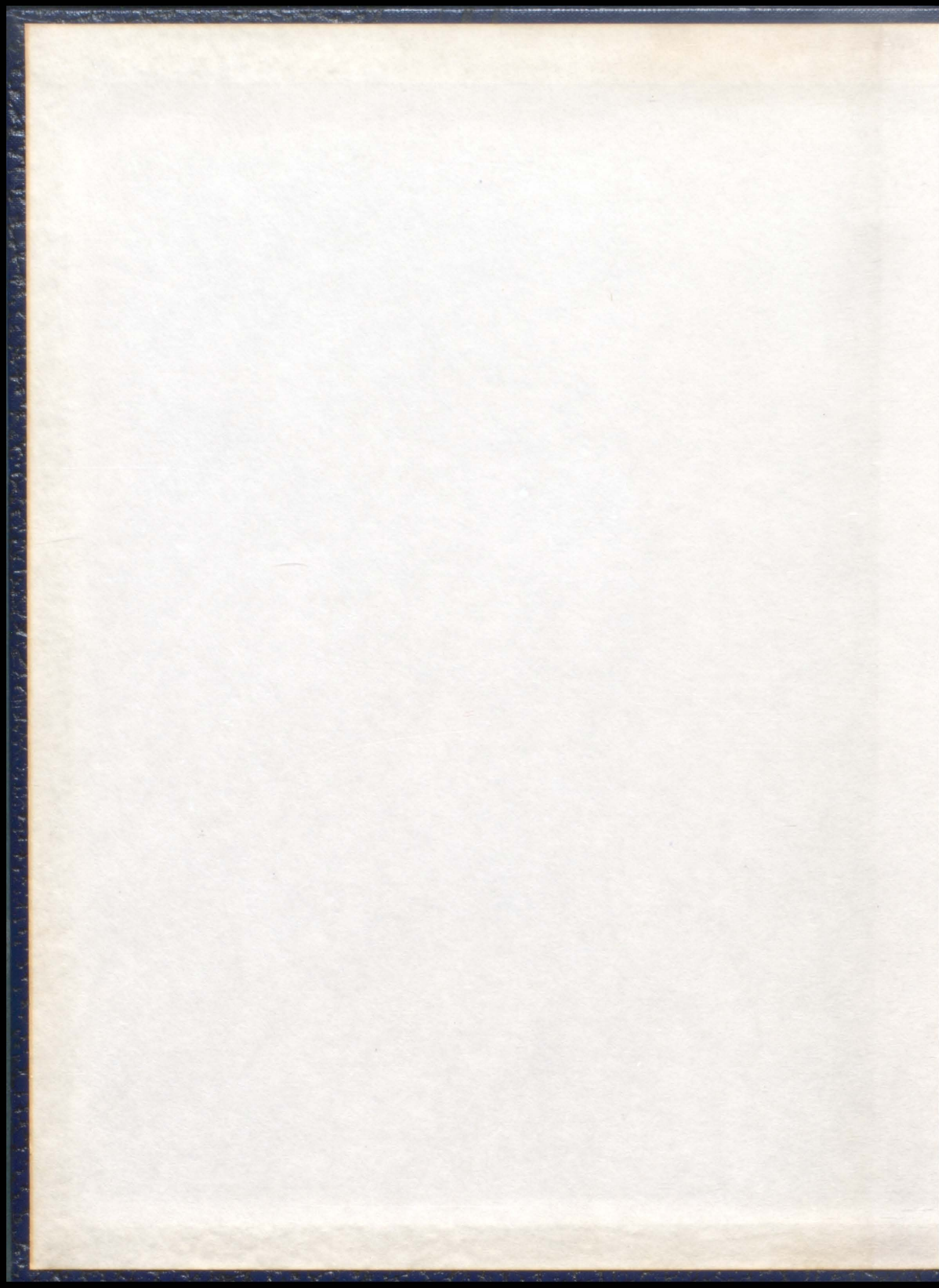
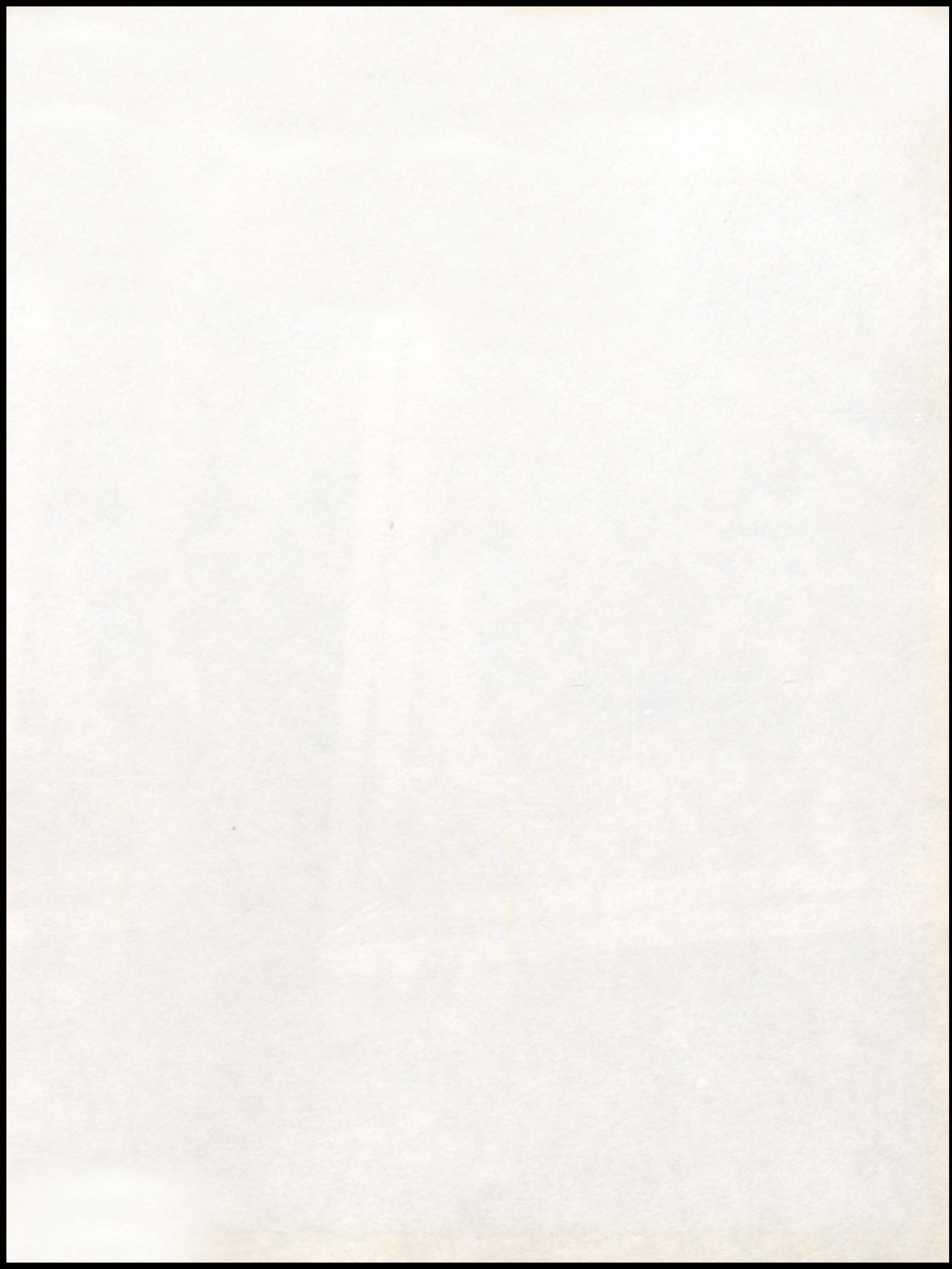


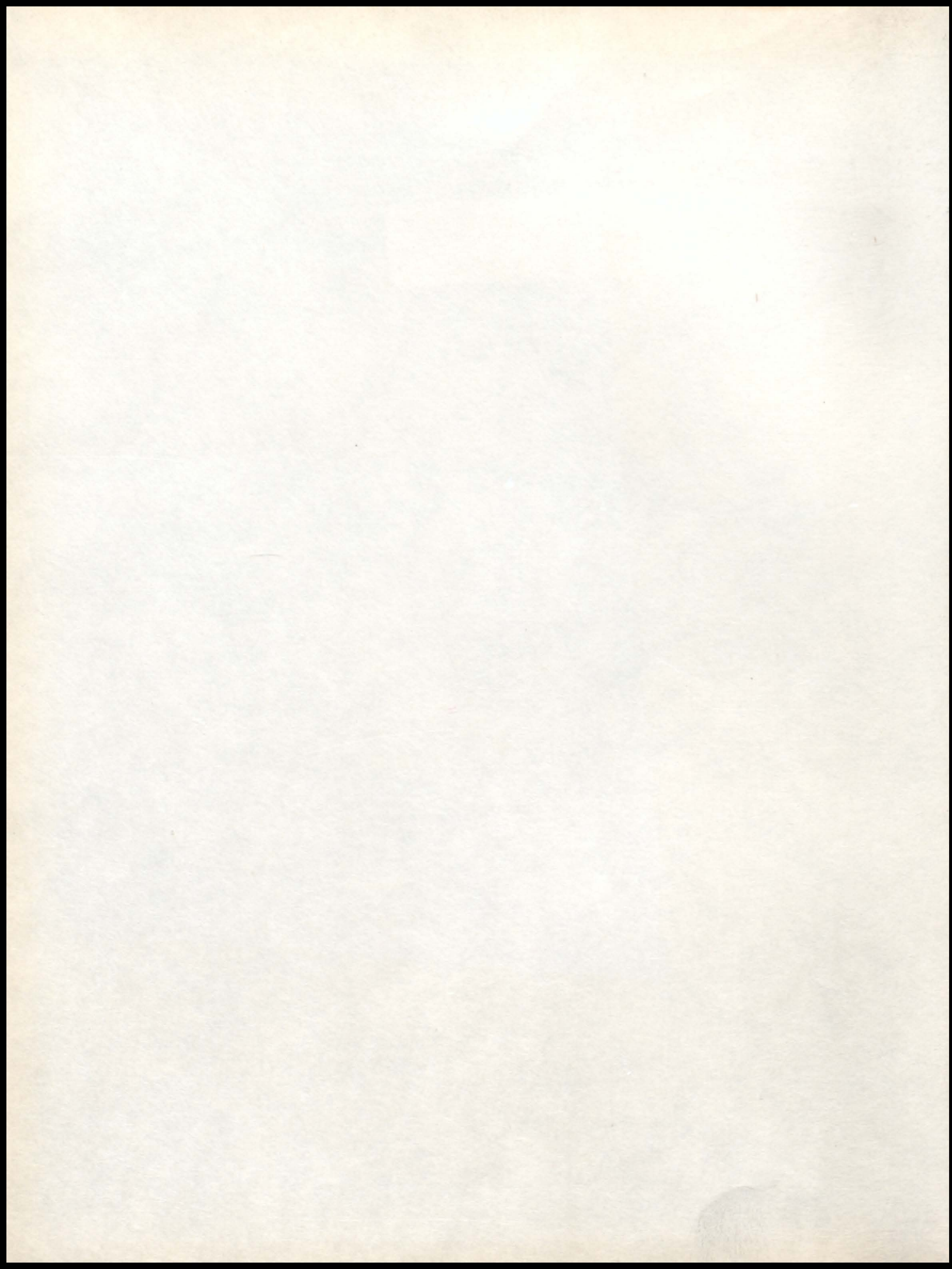


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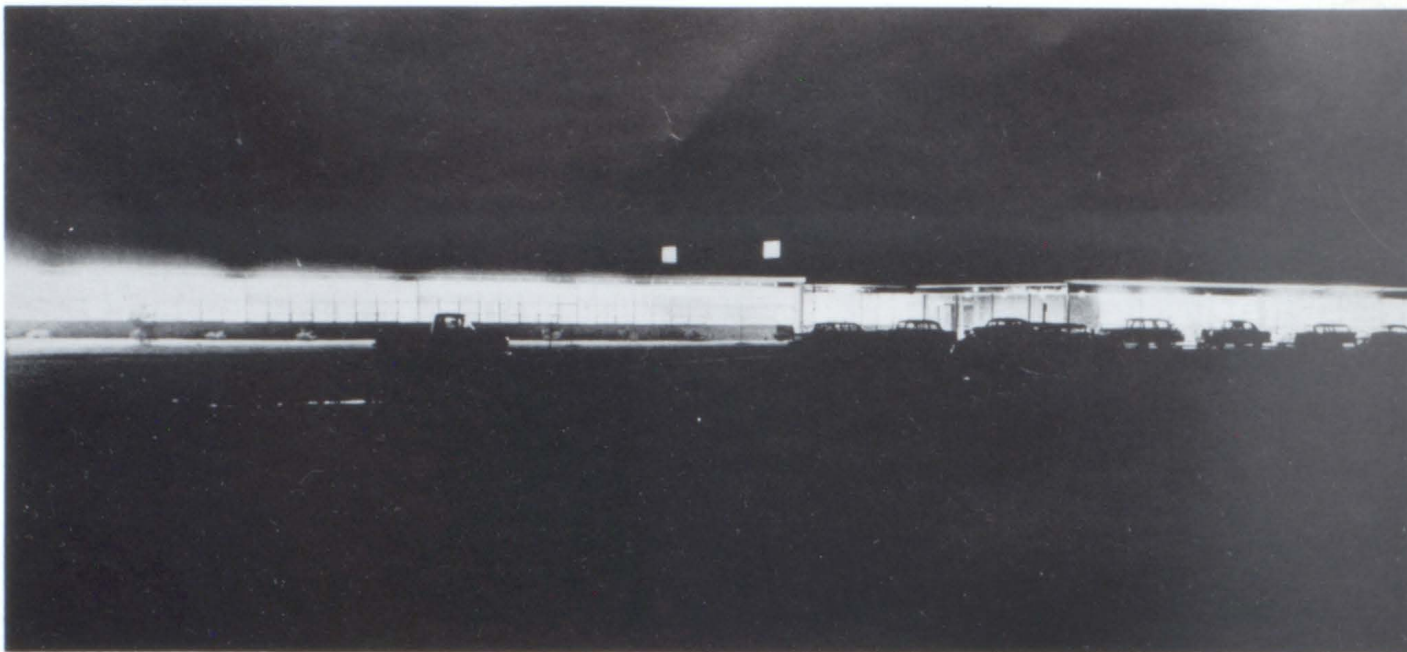
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Blissfield High School at night

Foreword

To the students of Blissfield High School:

The staff of the 1958-59 Elysium has endeavored to compile a record of one of the best years of your lives. We hope that the pictures we have collected and the words we have written will sometime in the future recall for you the days spent at B.H.S. and will again bring them fresh to your mind.



The new school aroused new student interest,

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Dedication



For his many years of uncomplaining service as our principal, Elysium advisor, counselor and friend, we, the Graduating Class of 1959, proudly dedicate this edition of the Elysium to Mr. Burdett Peebles.

We thank him for his ready, helpful suggestions, his understanding of our problems, and his loyal friendship to us, the students of Blissfield High School.

May this book be a worthy memorial for the many things which he has done for our school.



THE GROUND WAS BROKEN

On Dec. 8, 1957 the cornerstone of the building was laid. A sealed copper box containing copies of the 1957 Elysium and of the Blissfield Advance and historical papers pertaining to the school district was placed in the cornerstone.

Shown below (left to right) are Lee Smoll, 1957-58 Student Council president; Carl Knapp and Howard Driggs, trustees; Supt. Floyd Strayer; Herbert Hoenig, then president of the school board and William Thompson, trustee.

THE CORNERSTONE WAS LAID

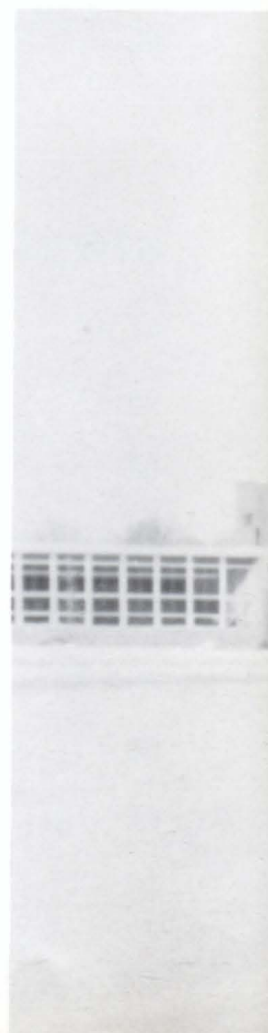


On May 14, 1957, construction was started on the new Blissfield Community High School Building.

Warren Holmes Company of Lansing, Michigan was the architectural firm which had drawn the plans and was to supervise the construction. The general contractor was Fred W. Entenman, Inc. of Toledo, Ohio.

'So Rich A Harvest' was the theme of the talk given by Rev. Dalton Bishop of the Methodist Church at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Shown at the left (left to right) are Carl Knapp, Robert Stutzman, Robert Thompson, board members and Russell Ruhl, Student Council president who watch as Herbert Hoenig, board president, turns the first shovel-full of dirt.



On Sunday, Oct. 26, 1958 a large crowd gathered in the beautiful new building for an 'Open House' and the dedication ceremony.

John Bartholomew, Student Council president, spoke in appreciation of the facilities which had been provided by the community.

A flag pole, a gift of the Class of 1957 was dedicated by Mrs. James Hoenig, president of the class.

Superintendent Floyd Strayer presented Dr. Roland Strolle of Western Michigan University who gave the dedication address.



THE BUILDING WAS DEDICATED

New High School Building Is Completed

A DREAM WAS REALIZED - BLISSFIELD'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING





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(Left to Right)



F. J. STRAYER
Superintendent

Administration

The new high school building was the realization of a goal which came after years of planning and hard work. A great many people of the community spent much time and effort working with the school board, administration, teachers and the architect to make this goal a reality.

The administration and teachers strove throughout the year to make the best use of the building and facilities which had been provided.



BURDETT PEEBLES
Principal

SECRETARIES

Miss Luke

Mrs. Clement

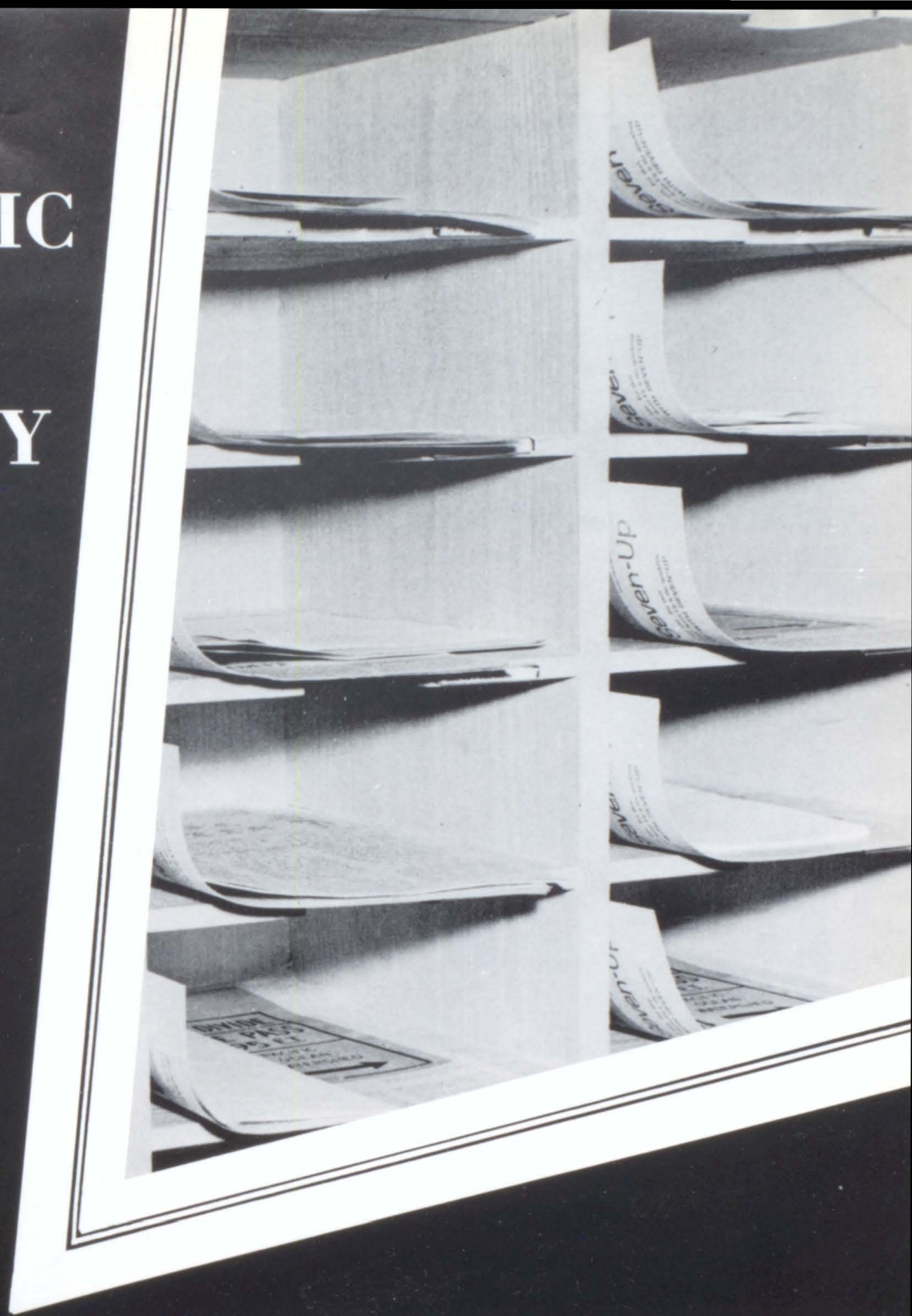
Mrs. Rinehart

(Left to Right)

Mr. Strayer was assisted in his office by Miss Vada Luke and Mrs. Greta Rinehart. Mrs. Jane Clement was the high school secretary.



ACADEMIC AND FACULTY



The new building with its modern facilities, spacious rooms, and brighter halls has enabled the teachers to do a better job of teaching and guiding students.

"A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
-Henry Adams



S. Cory awaits her turn as Mrs. Kafer counsels L. Kerentoff on college plans.



MRS. HELEN KAFER
M. A., University of Michigan,
English and College Counseling.

English

The English courses were divided into two divisions this year, academic and general. The academic courses were intended for those students going on to college and those who were interested in a more thorough study of English. The general courses were designed for those students who did not feel the need for intensive study in grammar.



Mr. Boff lectures his Freshman English class.



Mr. Jourdain gives his Junior English Literature class a better understanding of Shakespeare by playing MacBeth.



MR. JACK JOURDAIN
M. A., Michigan State University, English, World History, and World Geography, Newspaper Advisor, Freshman Advisor.



MRS. MARY JANE McCOLL
B.A., Hillsdale College, En-
glish and Spanish, Spanish Club
Advisor, Freshman Advisor.



D. Young, B. Klump and Mrs. McColl admire a collection of
Mexican articles brought back from Mexico by Eva Sanchez.

Language and Speech

The language courses offered this year were Spanish and Latin. Spanish students studied the language, customs, and countries of Spanish speaking peoples. In the Latin classes the language, mythology, and ancient Roman civilization were studied.

The Speech course was designed to develop oral skills and to train the students to speak effectively.

MR. RICHARD BOFF
B.A., University of Notre
Dame, English, Sopho-
more Advisor.



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



E. Henning, K. Kendall and D. Miller lead a panel discussion
in speech class.



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



MR. VIRGIL EISENMANN
B. S., Eastern Michigan,
Mathematics, Senior Ad-
visor.

Mathematics

Blissfield High School offered six mathematics courses ranging from general mathematics to solid geometry.

One year of mathematics was required for graduation. Those students who wanted a practical course in advanced arithmetic took general math. Those who wished to take more math in high school chose algebra their first year. Plane geometry was offered to sophomores. Those students who planned to go into engineering or scientific fields were able to take a year of advanced algebra, a semester of solid geometry and one of trigonometry.



Mr. Rupp explains the solution of an advanced algebra problem to J. Garino.

Mr. Eisenman and S. Daniels admire a model made by a member of the geometry class.



C. Flaherty asks Mr. Lew's help with an algebra problem.





MR. PAUL DAVIS
M.A., University of
Michigan, Science,
Bible Club Advisor,
Junior Advisor, Science
Club Advisor.



MR. ROBERT STOVER
B.S., Hillsdale College,
Biology, Science Club
Advisor, Freshman Ad-
visor.

Science

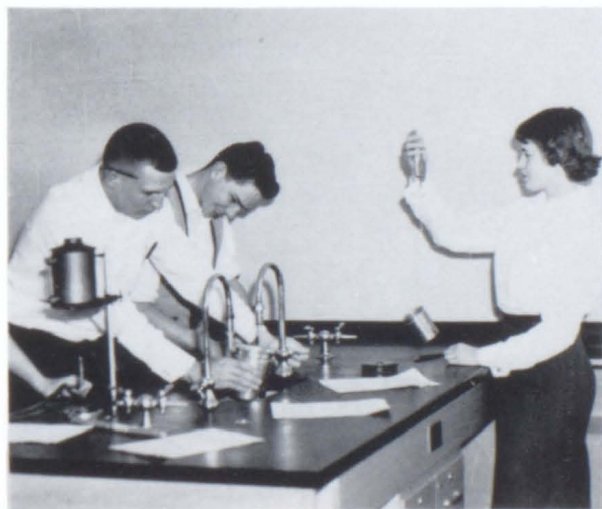
Blissfield High School offered four courses in science: general science, biology, chemistry, and physics. General science provides a science background for the students and a basis for further science courses. Biology is aimed toward acquainting the students with their natural surroundings and gaining knowledge of the functions of the human body. Chemistry and physics help the students to understand and appreciate the chemical, physical, and scientific aspects of their environment and the role of science in the development of civilization.

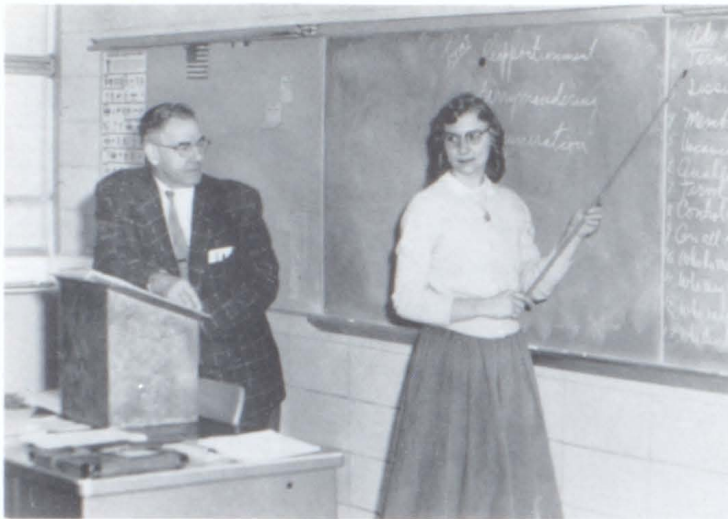
BELOW: C. Ploehn and M. Rittner dissect a frog in biology class.



ABOVE: K. Isley, and L. Ifland do a chemistry experiment involving neutralization.

BELOW: D. Ebright, P. Rodesiler, M. Flaherty, and S. Gould find the heat of fusion of ice in Physics.





B. Bierley explains some important points to civics class.



Mr. Jourdain looks on as World Geography students locate point on globe.



MR. WALLACE RIDGLEY
M. A., University of Michigan, Social Studies, F. T. A. Advisor, Senior Advisor.

Social Studies

Taking advantage of their new classrooms, teachers tried to impress upon their students the importance of social studies in everyday life. The sociology class, in addition to their usual classroom activities, toured the State Hospital at Ypsilanti. This experience added to their understanding of social problems.



MR. JOHN SWAIN
B. S., Hillsdale College, Social Studies, Assistant Football Coach, Varsity "B" Club Advisor, Junior Advisor, Baseball Coach.



Mr. Swain and students discuss the scrapbook, an interesting project in American History.



Mr. Potter explains world problem to World History students by use of a world map.



Mrs. Culhane helps R. Burgermeister while D. Marcus awaits assistance.



M. Phipps has short hand notes checked by Miss Yoder in Stenography II.



MRS. MARY CULHANE
B.S. in Ed., Central
Missouri State College, Com-
mercial, Future Nurses Club
Advisor, Senior Advisor.

Commercial

The Commercial Department offers general business, typing I and II, stenography I and II, and bookkeeping. Some of the subjects covered in general business are insurance, taxes, distribution of goods, investments and opportunities in business. Bookkeeping gives the students the knowledge necessary to keep systematic records for personal or business use. The new individual, adjustable typing desks added much to the typing room this year.



MISS MARJORIE YODER
B.S., Bowling Green State
University, Commercial, Soph-
omore Advisor.



Typing I students learn the fundamentals of typing.



L. Zimmerman gets help in bookkeeping from Mrs. Culhane.



MISS ADABELLE SHINABARGER
B. S., Michigan State University,
Homemaking, F. H. A. Advisor,
Junior Advisor.

Homemaking

The homemaking department was much larger this year to accomodate the number of students taking the courses. New facilities were also provided including a washer and dryer, ironer, cut out tables, sewing machines and completely new kitchen units.

Miss Shinabarger, one of the new teachers, taught three courses to students from all grades. In the first course the girls were introduced to good grooming, the preparation of foods, and sewing. Grooming was emphasized to a greater degree in the second course together with menu planning and sewing. The third course offered more advanced instruction in all phases of homemaking.

Besides the subjects mentioned the girls also studied consumer buying, baby sitting, and furnishing a home among other topics.



J. Betz, K. Miller, and L. DeGroff wait patiently as B. Frinkle carves the roast under the supervision of Miss Shinabarger.

Second year home economics girls learn the art of making a skirt.



Music

The music department was expanded greatly both in space and facilities. The new band room was especially equipped for band rehearsals and practice rooms were provided for individual and ensemble practice.

The Band Boosters, made up of parents of the band members, sponsored many projects throughout the year, using the money for new instruments and new uniforms. They also provided four scholarships to Interlochen, the National Music Camp.

The two choruses, open to all students interested in singing, gave pleasure to those who simply enjoyed singing and training to those who intended to continue with vocal music.

The library, adjacent to the study hall, included an office and workroom, and a small conference room for special study. It was available to all students for reference work, study, and reading for enjoyment.

Library

MRS. DAPHNE ONOFRIO
A. B., Western Michigan
University, Librarian, Senior
Advisor.



MR. DAVID C. McCOY
M. Mus., University of Mich-
igan, Band and Chorus, Junior
Advisor.



Counseling

MR. WALTER GEIST
M. A., Michigan State
University, Counselor,
Junior Advisor.



LIBRARIANS

BACK ROW: M. Netcher, D. Hlavacek, J. Buchanan,
P. Neyrinck. FRONT ROW: S. Schall, P. Faust, M.
Ybarra, E. Edgar, B. Edgar, Mrs. Onofrio.





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

Vocational Agriculture

Four courses are offered in agriculture. Farm Crops, the freshman Ag. subject, teaches all phases of growing farm crops. The sophomore subject, Animal Husbandry, teaches the care and management of animals. In Soils, the Ag. boys learn the care, judging, and management of the soil. Farm Management, teaches the general management of a farming program.

Boys who complete the four agricultural courses are well trained in agriculture and have a good background for farming as a vocation.

In Drivers' Education, a one semester course, students learn how to be better and safer operators of automobiles. It is taken as close to students' sixteenth birthdays, the age at which a driver's license can be obtained, as possible.

Thirty hours of classroom instruction and six hours of actual supervised driving practice are required to obtain a driver certificate.



K. Kendall, B. Fisher, D. Andrews test soil in Ag. class.

Driver Education

BELOW: Mr. Potter tests R. Ebright on glare recovery.



MR. EUGENE POTTER
B. Ph. , Northland College,
Driver Ed. , World History,
Reserve Football Coach,
Sophomore Advisor, Varsity "B" Club Advisor.



General Shop Farm Shop

A general shop and a farm shop were provided in the new building giving ample space for all kinds of shop instruction. Three General Shop courses are given. In Shop I the fundamentals of shop work are taught and small projects are made in which skills with hand tools are gained.

In Shop II and III more advanced skills are taught and larger projects are made using both wood and metal. Power tools are used extensively in both of these courses. Shop III was offered for the first time this year.

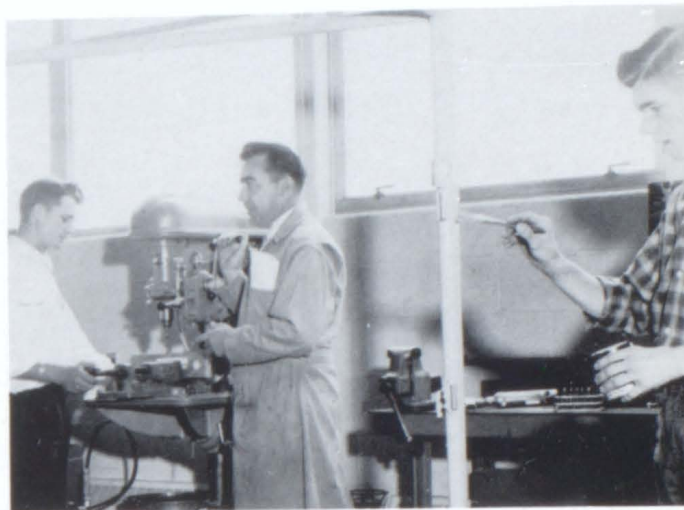
Also offered for the first time was a course called Farm Mechanics. In this course welding, fundamentals of gasoline engines, the repairing of farm machinery and the construction of farm equipment was taught.

Plans were also made to further develop the shop program next year.

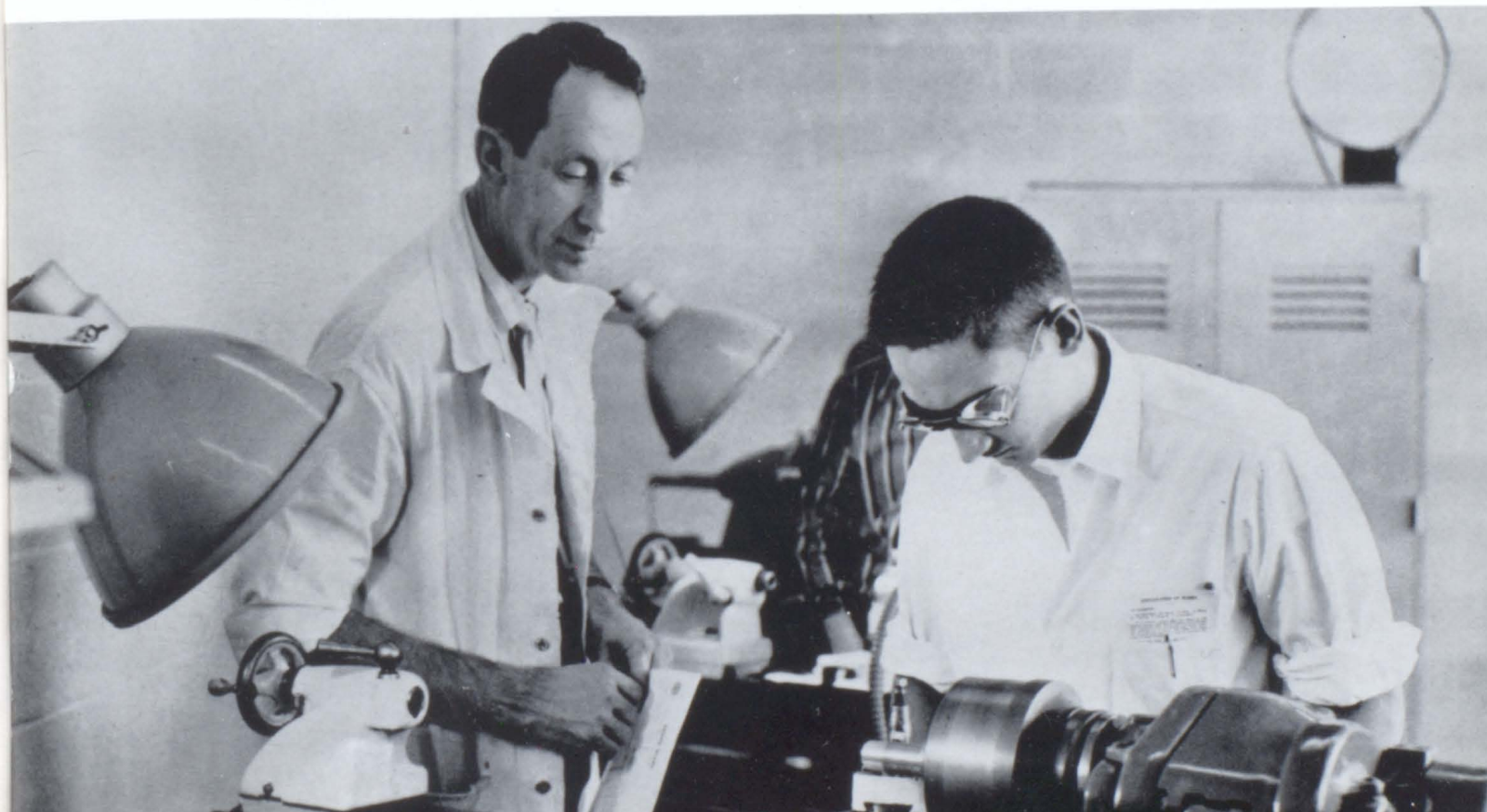
BELOW: Mr. Williams watches as Bill Mitchell machines a metal cylinder.

MR. ADRIAN WILLIAMS
B. S., Western Michigan Uni-
versity, Industrial Arts, Fresh-
man Advisor.

MR. DAVID CUFF
(No Picture)
M. A., Eastern Michigan
College, Industrial Arts,
Sophomore Advisor.



ABOVE: Mr. Cuff discusses drill press operation with Ken Kendall as Bob Bierley paints a metal tubing frame.





Miss Ferry referees a game of girls' basketball.



Mr. Hepinstall leads physical education boys in jumping jacks.



MR. ROBERT LEW
M. Ed., University of Toledo,
Athletic Director, Algebra,
Physical Education, Varsity
"B" Club Advisor, Freshman
Advisor.

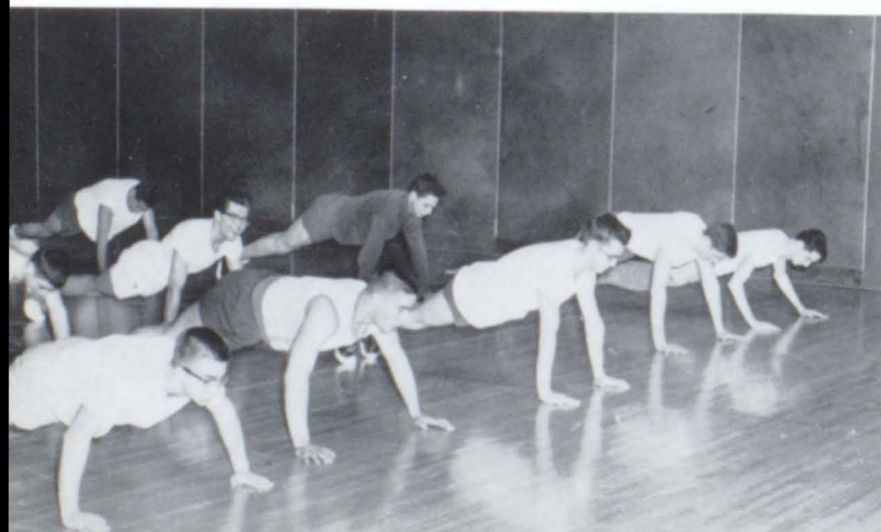


MISS JANICE FERRY
B.S., Adrian, Physical Educa-
tion, Junior Class Advisor.



MR. JACK HEPINSTALL
B.S., Michigan State Univer-
sity, Physical Education, Head
Football Coach, Sophomore Ad-
visor, Varsity "B" Advisor.

Boys keep physically fit by doing push-ups.



Physical Education

The new gymnasium was divided in-
to two sections by a folding partition
thus allowing both girls and boys to take
physical education. This was the first
time in many years that girls were able
to take gym since in the past there had
been a lack of facilities.



The cafeteria staff, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. Yurnikl prepare for the noon rush.



Mr. Stover, Mr. Williams, Mr. Rupp, Mr. Potter and Mr. Eisenman wait for their buses to load. There were six other drivers.



Students enjoy hot lunches in the new cafeteria.

Earl Wolverton explains the operation of a large buffing machine to Lee Flores and Russell Neuman.

Special Services

A vital part of the school system was the special services performed by the kitchen staff who prepared and served hot lunches, the janitors who had charge of the maintenance of the building, and the bus drivers who brought in students from the rural areas.



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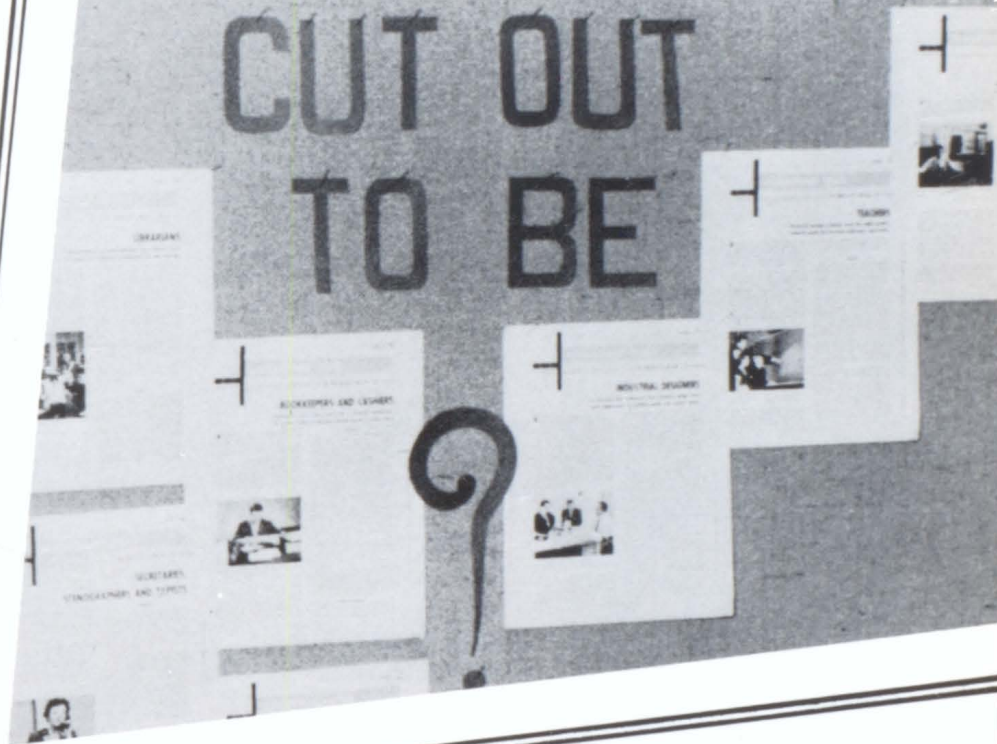
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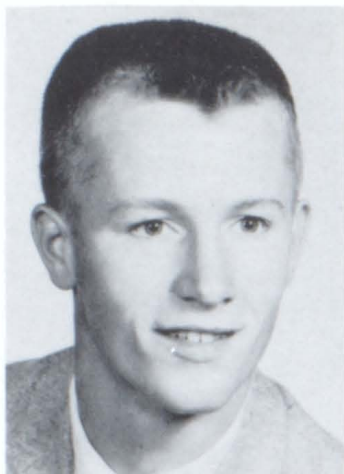
BHS SENIORS WHAT ARE YOU CUT OUT TO BE



"For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well-lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of hope. "

-Unknown

The members of the class of 1959, the first class to graduate from the new school, were better taught and better able to decide their future because of the facilities and opportunities made possible by the new building.



DAVID ANDREWS
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 4; Student Council 4; Vice-President 4; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Class Secretary 3; President 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2.



JAMES PAVELKA
Student Council 4; Lettermen's Club 1,2,3,4; Class Vice-President 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Homecoming King 4; Co-Captain of Football Team 4. All L.C.A.A. 1st team Football 4.



SHERRY ADRIAN
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1,4; Latin Club 1,2,4.



EILEEN BERGER
(Below Left)

DAVID BAILEY
(Below)
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2.



MRS. CULHANE



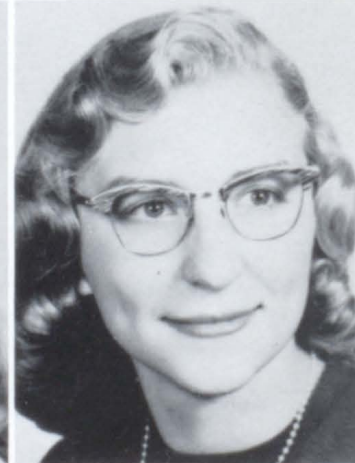
MRS. ONOFRIO

Washington Chosen

The Class of '59 left for Washington D.C. on May 4 and returned on May 8. They enjoyed many beautiful and educational sight-seeing trips. Some of the things they saw included the White House, Bureau of Printing and Engraving, Capital Building, Smithsonian Institute, The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Mount Vernon, the Lincoln Memorial, and many more interesting places in and around the Nation's Capital. In addition, the seniors also visited Annapolis, home of

MARJORIE BIERLEY
Chorus 4; F.H.A. 2,4; Paper Staff 4.

BETTY BIERLEY
Chorus 1,2,3; Paper Staff 4; Bible Club 3,4; Senior Play.





MR. EISENMANN



MR. RIDGLEY

For Senior Trip

the U.S. Naval Academy.

Their free time was spent in shopping for souvenirs, taking pictures, visiting famous buildings, and sight-seeing.

Cinerama was a new experience to many of the seniors.

In addition to being educational, this trip also gave the seniors more confidence and a feeling of being able to take care of themselves.

Every minute of the trip was immensely enjoyed by all, even the long tiring train ride.

ROBERT BIERLEY
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Science Club 4; Baseball 2,3.

LEWIS BEAGLE
F.F.A. 3,4; Science Club 2.

SHARON DUNBAR
Band 2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3; Paper Staff 4; Class Secretary 4.



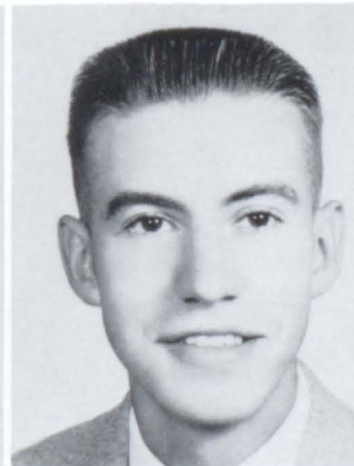
ROSEMARY
BURGERMEISTER
Band 1,2,3,4; Paper Staff 3,4; Bible Club 1; Science Club 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Senior Play; Class Treasurer 2,4.



RALPH BREITNER
F.T.A. 3,4; Elysium Staff 3,4; Letterman's Club 3,4; Track 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2.

KAY BROWNELLER
(Below Right)

MARION BURKHART
F.F.A. 1,2,3; Science Club 2.





KEITH BOWMAN
Northeastern High,
Springfield, Ohio; Chor-
us I; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4,
President 3; Student Coun-
cil 3; Senior Play; Track 1.



JOHN BARTHOLOMEW
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Elysium
Staff 3,4; Student Coun-
cil 2,3,4, President 4;
Lettermen's Club 4; Class
President 2,3; Junior Play
Football 1,2; Track 1,2,
3,4.



NELSON CLOUGH
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Letter-
men's Club 3; Senior
Play; Football 2,3; Sen-
ior Play.



DAVID BRIESCHKE
Senior Play.



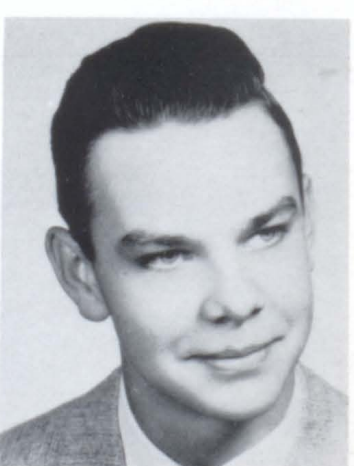
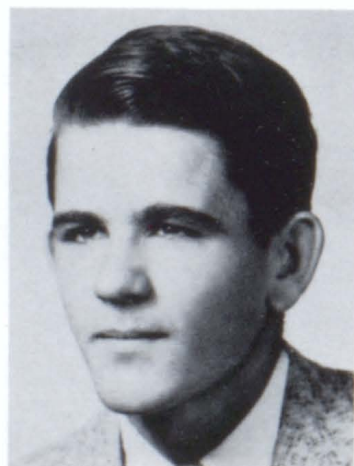
SHERRIE CORY
Band 1,2,3,4; F.N.A. 4;
Paper Staff 4; Bible Club
1,2,3,4; Latin Club 1,2,
3,4, Vice President 4;
Science Club 2,3,4; Class
Treasurer 1; Junior Play;
Senior Play; Cheerleader
2,3,4.

RICHARD COOPSHAW
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1; Basketball 1,2.

MARLENE CRANE
Chorus 1,2,3; F.H.A.
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sium Staff 3,4; Assist-
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Council 1; Bible Club
4; Science Club 2,3,
4; Class Treasurer 3.

LINDA CLOUGH
Chorus 1,2,3,4; F.H.A.
1,4; Senior Play.

DUKE EBRIGHT
Science Club 4.



Seniors Work Hard

Car washes, the senior play, a chili supper, and the selling of Blissfield Ad-
vance subscriptions were the seniors'
four money making projects. In addition
to these, the seniors were in charge of
Homecoming for 1958-'59. The Home-
coming dance was the first to be held in
the new cafeteria.

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JAMES FOJTIK
Baseball 1.



CONNIE FICK
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 4;
Paper Staff 4; Bible Club
4.



JO ANN FROST
Chorus 1,2,3; Paper Staff
3,4; Bible Club 3,4; La-
tin Club 1,2,3; Science
Club 2,3.



JOAN EISENMMANN
Chorus 1,3,4; F.H.A. 1;
F.N.C. 4; Paper Staff
4; Bible Club 2,3,4; La-
tin Club 2,3; Junior Play.

To Finance Trip

The first money making project to be carried out was a very successful car-wash held in December. In addition to the four big projects mentioned, the seniors sold refreshments at one football game and at two basketball games. They also entertained the student body at two dances in addition to the Home-coming dance.

SALLY FASHBAUGH
Chorus 1; F.N.A. 1,2,3,
Vice-President 3; Paper
Staff 2,3,4, Editor 4; Bi-
ble Club 2,3,4; Latin
Club 1,2,3,4, President
2,3; Science Club 2,3,4.

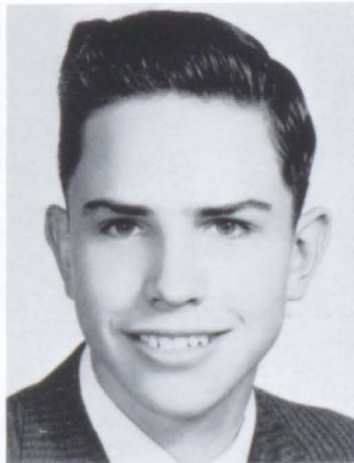


RONALD CRIST

MICHAEL FLAHERTY
Catholic Central 1,2; Paper
Staff 4.

RICHARD GLASER
Lettermen's Club 3,4; Foot-
ball 2; Track 2,3,4; Bas-
ketball 1,2,3,4.

ROBERT FISHER
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Jr. Treas-
urer 2, Jr. Vice-President
3, Jr. President 4; Student
Council 2; Lettermen's
Club 3,4; Football 1,3,4;
Basketball 1,2; Baseball 1.





SANDRA GOULD (Right)
Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1,
2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4,
Treasurer 3; F.N.C. 1,
2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4;
Student Council 4, Sec-
retary 4; Science Club
2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2,
3, 4; Class Secretary 1,
2.



BARBARA FLETCHER
(Left)
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1, 4;
Latin Club 1.



DORIS FAUST
(Above Left)
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4;
F.H.A. 4.

DARRELL FIGY (Left)
Lettermen's Club 4;
Football 1; Baseball
1, 2, 3, 4.



CHARLES HAHN (Left)
Bible Club 3, 4, Treas-
urer 4; Lettermen's Club
1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3;
Track 2.

RONALD HARRIS
(Below Left)
Track 3.

SHARLENE HORKY
Band 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2,
3, 4.

HOWARD HAAS
Chorus 2; Paper Staff 1,
2, 3; Student Council 2;
Science Club 2, 3, 4;
Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4;
Junior Play; Football 3,
4; Track 2; Baseball 1.



PATRICIA HOLTZ
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

ELEANOR GREENWALD
Chorus 4; Senior Play.





MARY LEE JACOBSON
(left)
Elysium Staff 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, President 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Junior Play; Senior Play.



HOWARD JOHNSON
(Right)
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



ELOISE KASTEL
(Above Right)

"Our Miss Brooks"



GAIL KNISEL
Band 3; Chorus 1, 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.N.C. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Latin 2; Science Club 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Reserve Cheerleader 2.

KENNETH KENDALL
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.



LARRY KERENTOFF
Band 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4; Bible Club 4; Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play; Baseball 1, 2.

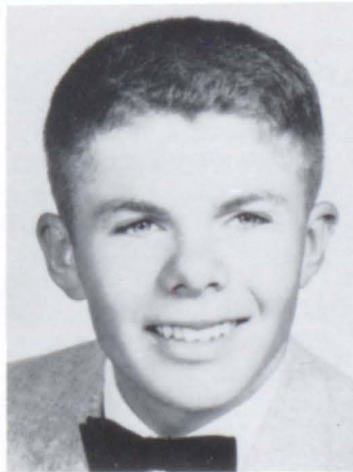
BETTY LUEGGE
(Below Right)
Paper Staff 4; Bible Club 2, 3; Science Club 2.

ELAINE LOVELAND
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 4; F.N.C. 1; Paper Staff 3, 4; Bible Club 2, 4.



LARRY IFFLAND
Football 1, 2.

LARRY LIPP
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Basketball 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.





LEE ELLEN MALONEY
(Right)
Chorus 1; F.T.A. 4;
Paper Staff 4; Bible
Club 2, 4; Science
Club 2, 4.



LINDA LIPS
(Above Left)
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4,
Secretary 2; Paper Staff 4;
Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4;
Treasurer 4; Bible Club 3, 4;
Class Vice-President 1.



JANET MARKS (Left)
Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Pa-
per Staff 4; Bible Club 1, 2, 3,
4, Treasurer 3; Latin Club 2,
3; Junior Play.

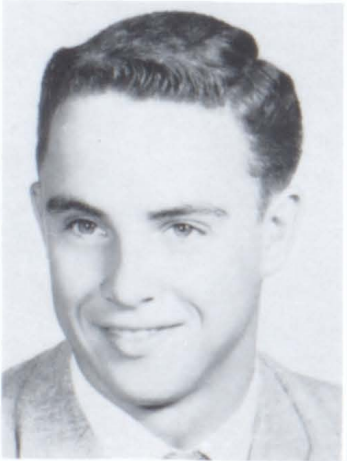
GERALD MASON
(Below Left)
Bible Club 1; Track 1.



ROBERT MARLATT
(Left)
Lettermen's Club 2, 3,
4; Baseball 2, 3, 4.



DOUG MILLER
(Below Left)
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Letter-
men's Club 2, 3, 4;
Football 2, 4; Track 1,
2; Basketball 2, 3; Base-
ball 3, 4.



RON McVICKER
(Left)
Chorus 1, 2, 3; F.T.A.
4; Latin Club 1, 2; Let-
termen's Club 3, 4; Ju-
nior Play; Football 2, 3, 4.

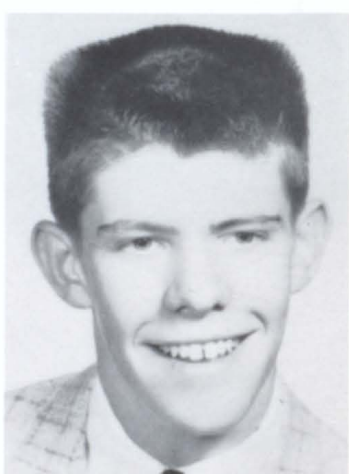


MARJORIE MITCHELL
(Right)
Paper Staff 1; Senior
Play.



PAUL NEVER (Below)
Band 1, 2, 3; F.F.A. 1,
2; F.T.A. 4; Bible
Club 4; Latin Club 1,
2; Senior Play; Football
1, 2, 3.

Seniors





BRENDA PALMER (Left)
Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President
4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; F.H.A.
1, 2, 3, 4, President 3;
F.N.C. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secre-
tary 4; Elysium Staff 3,
4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; La-
tin Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Re-
serve Cheerleader 2; Sen-
ior Play.



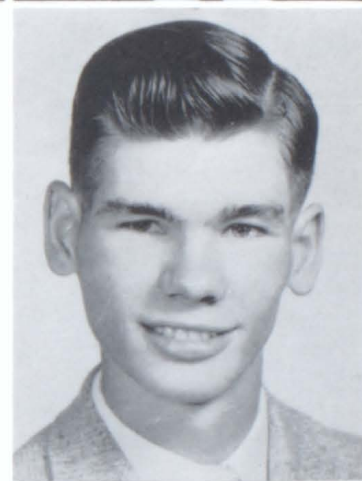
SANDRA PORTER (Right)
Chorus 1; F.H.A. 1;
F.N.C. 1.



DAVID PEEBLES
(Above Right)
Band 1, 2; Elysium Staff 3, 4;
Student Council 1, 3; Jets'
Club 3, 4; Lettermen's Club
3, 4; Class President 1; Junior
Play; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track
1, 2, All L.C.A.A. 1st Team;
Football 4.

LLOYD PHILIPS
(Right)
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play;
Senior Play.

GERALD RAYMOND
(Below Right)



Class of 1959

JANET PETEE (Below)
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1,
2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2; F.N.C.
2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, Presi-
dent 4; Elysium Staff 3, 4,
Editor 4; Latin Club 1, 2,
3, 4, Secretary 3; Science
Club 2.



RICHARD PRICE (Right)
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Lettermen's
Club 2, 3, 4; Football 4;
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

MARION ROBERTSON
(Below Right)
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A.
1, 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4;
Bible Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Science Club 2; Junior
Play 3.



DAVID RICKER
(Right)
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Letter-
men's Club 4; Baseball 2,
3, 4.

MARLYN PHIPPS
(Left)
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper
Staff 4; Latin Club 1.





RONALD ROHRBACK
(Above)
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Letter-
men's Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Class
Vice-President 2.



PAUL RODESILER (Left)
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Letter-
men's Club 2, 3, 4; Class
Vice-President 3; Foot-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1,
2, 3, 4; Football Co-Cap-
tain 4; All L.C.A.A. 1st
Team - Football 4.



EVA SANCHEZ (Right)
Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1;
F.H.A. 1, 2; Paper Staff
3; Spanish Club 2, 3, 4,
Treasurer 2; Senior Play.

Seniors

SANDRA SHERMAN
(Below)
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper
Staff 1; Bible Club 1;
Latin Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



CAROL SAYERS (Above)
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A.
1; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Presi-
dent 4; Paper Staff 4;
Student Council 4; Bible
Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

The seniors certainly appreciated the help and guidance that they got from the new counselor, Mr. Geist. At the beginning of the year Mr. Geist with the help of Mrs. Kafer set up a schedule, giving each senior a chance to have an interview with Mr. Geist. He and Mrs. Kafer were kept very busy answering questions, solving problems, securing college entrance blanks, and helping the students apply for scholarships. By counseling the students he helped students choose their future occupations and pick training best suited to their needs.



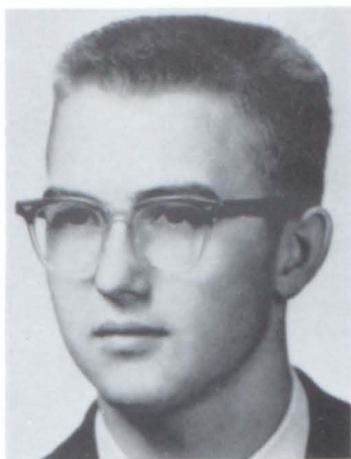
KAREN STOCK (Below)
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A.
1, 2, 3; Science Club 2,
3, 4; Junior Play; Senior
Play.



HERBERT SPIEGEL (Left)
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

LEE SILVERHORN
(Right)
Elysium Staff 3, 4; Bible
Club 3, 4; Science Club
2; Lettermen's Club 3, 4;
Senior Play Basketball 1,
2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2.





RONALD SVESTKA (Left)
Elysium Staff 3; Paper
Staff 4; Lettermen's Club
3,4; Junior Play; Foot-
ball 3,4; Baseball 3,4.



SUSAN STREET (Right)
Chorus 1,2,3; F.H.A.
I; F.T.A. I; Paper
Staff 1,3,4; Spanish
Club 1,2,3; Science
Club 1,2.



JUDY STUDENKA (Above)
F.H.A. I; Paper Staff 3,
4; Latin Club 1,2,3,4;
Senior Play.

DELORES TRUMBULL
(Below)
Fayette, Ohio 1,2; Band
1,2; Chorus 1,2,3,4;
Paper Staff 2,4; Bible
Club 2,3,4; Senior Play.



BEVERLY YURNIKL
(Below)
Chorus 1, Elysium Staff
4; Science Club 2,3,4.

Class of '59

The members of the Class of '59, looking into the future, chose many different walks of life.

Many of the class members applied to colleges while some of the boys stayed near Blissfield to engage in farming. Other classmates decided that their interest lay in the field of nursing, while some entered the commercial world. Several students decided to get married soon after high school while many boys entered the service to complete their training and fulfill their armed forces obligation as soon as possible.



ANN WELLNITZ (Above)
Chorus 2,3; F.H.A. I, Paper
Staff 4; Bible Club 2,3,4;
Latin Club I; Science Club
2,3,4.



EMILY YBARRA
(Left)
Chorus 3,4; F.N.C. I.



LARRY ZIMMERMAN
(Right)
F.F.A. 2,3,4.





CAROL SAYERS
Valedictorian

Carol Sayers, with a 2.97 scholastic average had the honor of being Valedictorian, while Sally Fashbaugh achieved a scholastic average of 2.88 and was named salutatorian. Both girls were very active in school activities. In her senior year, Carol was President of the F.T.A. and a member of the Student Council and Science Club. Sally was editor of the school paper, and participated in the F.N.C. and Latin Club.



SALLY FASHBAUGH
Salutatorian

Senior Honors



SHERRIE CORY
D.A.R. Good Citizen

This years "Top Ten" were not only very good students but were also active in school activities.

Sherrie Cory was chosen D.A.R. Good Citizen by her classmates and the faculty. She was one of those honored at a tea at the Croswell House in Adrian. She later attended a state meeting of the D.A.R. in Detroit.

Three senior boys, Paul Rodesiler, Dave Peebles, and Jim Pavelka were chosen for the All-L.C.A.A. Football First Team, and Ralph Breitner was named to the All-L.C.A.A. Basketball Second Team. Paul and Jim were elected Football Co-captains while Ralph and Jim were chosen Basketball Co-captains.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Paul Rodesiler, Dave Peebles, Ralph Breitner, Jim Pavelka.



TOP TEN: Sitting: Judy Studenka, Carol Sayers, Sally Fashbaugh, JoAnn Frost. STANDING: Sherrie Cory, Sandy Gould, Dave Peebles, Betty Bierley, Joan Eisenmann, Mary Lee Jacobson.

UNDERCLASSMEN



"If youth be a defect, it is one that we outgrow only too soon".

-James Russell Lowell

The class of 1959 envies the underclassmen who will have the opportunity and privilege of going to school in the new building for at least one more year.



Mr. Peebles, Karen Glaser, Chuck Bakus, Doug Case, and Tom Barratt discuss dates for Junior dances.

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Doug Case

VICE PRESIDENT

Chuck Bakus

SECRETARY

Karen Glaser

TREASURER

Tom Barratt

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Mr. Davis

Miss Shinabarger

Miss Ferry

Mr. Swain

Mr. Geist

Mr. McCoy

Juniors Win Float Contest

Highlighting the year for the juniors was the honor of having a junior, Joan Walters, elected Homecoming Queen. Their float, a jungle scene, won first place in the float contest.

Other activities which kept the juniors busy were selling at football and basketball

games, planning for the Junior-Senior banquet, presenting the Junior Play, and receiving their class rings.

In the spring their activities centered around preparing for the big event of the year, the Junior-Senior Banquet.



Charles
Bakus



Dennis
Bangerter



Thomas
Barratt



Jerry
Bates



Marilyn
Bateson



Jerry
Berry



Karen
Bettis



Fred
Birdsell



Janice
Buchanan



Donna
Case



Douglas
Case



Judy
Clark



John
Clegg



Alice
Clements



Kay
Coleman



Richard
Culhane



James
Darish



Jill
Delker



Betty
DeMille



Joseph
Demusky



Bonnie
Edgar



Michael
Fashbaugh



Phyllis
Fink



David
Fischer



Carolyn
Fisher



Barney
Flaherty



Sandra
Ford



David
Franklin



James
Garno



Norman
Gentz



Karen
Glaser



Mary Jane
Goetz



Talton
Gordon



LouAnn
Gubbe



Thomas
Hall



Bonnie
Helzer



David
Hillard



Jerry
Hinshaw



Carl
Hoag



Alice
Houttekier



Kent
Hull



Eugene
Henning



Karen
Isley



James
Jackson



Beverly
Johnson



Jared
Karl



Barbara
Klauda



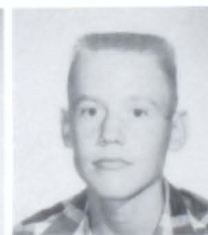
Ronald
Klauda



Dana
Knaggs



Karen
Knapp



James
Knisel



Eugene
Knoblauch



Lois
Knoblauch



Theresa
Krix



Linda
Landis



Trudy
Lang



Diane
Long



Christine
Lonski



Loren
Maierle



Denise
Mann



Donald
Marcus



Nancy
Marine



Paul
Martinez



Nancy
Mehan



Joe
Michael



Howard
Miller



William
Mitchell



Sebastian
Moestl



Linda
Neuman



Vicki
Nichols



Sandra
Parker



John
Pavelka



Marie
Payden



Patricia
Petee



Larry
Peters



Vivian
Pfeifer



Joanne
Polakowski



Linda
Rathbun



Russell
Reiser

Class of 1960



Barbara
Rodesiler



Sandra
Rose



George
Ross



Marian
Saylor



Karen
Schaedler



Sandra
Schall



Dorothy
Sheldon



Doris
Shipman



Carol
Sieler



Eugene
Smith



Joe
Smith



Neil
Smith



Carolyn
Spiegel



Georgine
Stone



Elizabeth
Stutzman



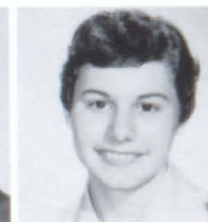
Jeannine
Stutzman



Arlene
Swanson



Janis
VanBuren



Kay
VanLoocke



James
Waigle



Jerry
Walters



Joan
Walters



Mary
Warren



Kathy
Wegner

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Sue Daniels

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Darlene Young

ADVISORS

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Mr. Rupp

Miss Yoder

Mr. Cuff

Mr. Potter

Mr. Boff



Jeff Ehlert, Darlene Young, Bill Mason, and Sue Daniels look over the many Blissfields trophies.

Sophomores Serve At Banquet

Actively participating in school affairs throughout the year the sophomores sponsored two all-school dances.

In the fall the class presented their float with the theme "Stairway to the Stars". It portrayed a staircase leading up to three large blue stars. Seated in front of the stard was

the sophomore candidate, Mildred Bowman.

Later in the year many members of the class served at the Junior-Senior banquet under the supervision of the juniors.

Toward the close of the year they ordered their class rings to be delivered early the next year.



Patricia
Anger

Dennis
Bailey

Melvin
Baird

James
Bartholomew

Linda
Bates

Robert
Beard

Larry
Berger



Judith
Betz

Mildred
Bowman

Sally
Brieschke

David
Brubaker

Carol
Bunting

Lois
Cline

Larry
Clough



Juanita
Creech



Charlotte
Cuer



Susan
Daniels



Luann
DeGroff



Joseph
DeLoach



Suzanne
DeLoach



Nancy
DeSeranno



Judee
Dressler



Rosalie
Ebright



Kathryn
Ehinger



Jeffrey
Ehler



Betty
Fashbaugh



John
Fatchett



Paul
Fetzer



Carl
Fletcher



James
Filipek

Sophomores



Joyce
Fink



Armando
Flores



Richard
Flores



Robert
Flores



Thomas
Frohnapfel



Arlene
Gafner



Mary Ann
Gamo



Jeannette
Gentz



Kathleen
Gibbons



Robert
Goetz



Sharon
Goetz



Lloyd
Goll



Arthur
Gonzales



Rebecca
Gordon



Diane
Grof



Mary
Haas



Laurene
Hades



James
Harper



Sharon
Harsh



Madelyn
Henning



Donna
Hlavacek



Kenneth
Iffland



Mary Ann
Iffland



Nancy
Jackson



James
Jennings



Vivian
Johnson



Melvin
Kerentoff



Barbara
Klump



Darwin
Knaggs



Lynn
Koester



Joe
Labenne



Mary
LaFollette



Carol
Landis



Gloria
Lindsay



Janet
Luce



Barbara
Luegge



Peggy
Mann



Carol
Marine



Ronald
Marks



Nemencio
Martinez



Margaret
Mason



Willard
Mason



Rosaleen
McCollum



Marsha
Mead



Karen
Miller



David
Neuman



Nancy
Neuman



Richard
Neyrinck



Dewey
Nine



Richard
Noll



Beverly
Ondrovick



Barbara
Owens



Diann
Papenhagen



Diane
Pavelka



Judith
Pieh



Carol
Pifer



Shirley
Pirkle



Carol
Ploehn



Robert
Pooley



Richard
Ricker



Elaine
Ries



Melvin
Rittner



Nancy
Roberts



Loann
Robertson



Sharon
Robertson



James
Rohrbach



Anne
Rowland



Ruben
Sanchez



Millie
Sanderson



Evelyn
Sayler



Carol
Schaedler



Thomas
Schneider



Suzanne
Schwager



Eileen
Seager



Delano
Seegert



Linda
Sell



Gary
Sinclair



Walter
Slusarski



Diana
Smith



Janiece
Smoll

Class of 1961



Lynn
Southward



Joann
Spreeman



Suzanne
Stateler



Gay Jean
Staup



Susan
Stock



Eleanor
Thompson



Stanley
Tipton



Thomas
Tonneberger



James
Uckele



Charles
Urban



Albert
VanCoppnolle



Larry
VanLoocke



Wayne
Van Nieuwenhze



Ronald
VanStienkiste



Carol
Vescelius



Robert
Warner



Lawrence
Wotring



Mary
Ybarra



Darlene
Young



Mary
Yumikl



Donald
Zimmerman





Elaine Bell, Neil Jentoff, Ralph Staup, and Paul Anderson examine a display prepared by Shop and Ag. classes.

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Elaine Bell

TREASURER
Ralph Staup

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Mrs. McColl
Mr. Lew
Mr. Stover
Mr. Jourdain

Freshmen Become Part of B.H.S.



Paul
Anderson



Theresa
Andrews



Marilyn
Bartholomew

The designing and constructing of a homecoming float was the major freshman class project of the year. The float's theme was a football field with a goal post at each end and in the middle, seated atop a giant football, was the freshman candidate, Elaine Bell.

During the year the freshmen sponsored one all-school dance and a class party. They also sold refreshments at two basketball games.



Germaine
Beagle



Gerald
Beagle



James
Beard



Elaine
Bell



Larry
Bennett



Dennis
Bierman



Richard
Billington



Larry
Bischoff



John
Bishop



David
Blouch



William
Braun



Arthur
Brenke



Mary Lou
Brenke



Keith
Brieschke



Ruth
Broadwater



Donald
Brown



Marcia
Brown



Duane
Buchanan



Thomas
Burkhart



David
Butts



Kenneth
Callendar



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Cole



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Colyer



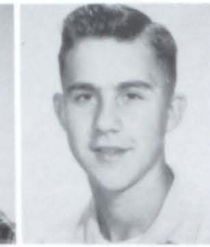
Robert
Coudron



Class of 1962



Francis
Cousino



Lawson
Crane



Peter
Demusky



Madeline
DeNudt



Sandra
Dunbar



Susan
Dettman



Eugene
Dunn



Ethyl
Edgar



Karson
Edgar



Mary
Fatchett



Alvin
Faust



Patricia
Faust



Keith
Fick



Gladys
Figy



Gary
Fischer



Douglas
Fisher



Dwight
Fisher



Cecilia
Flaherty



Donna
Fletcher



Donald
Follis



Michael
Frye



Ronald
Frye



John
Goetz



Lynn
Goetz



David
Good



Esther
Grant



Mary
Green



Patricia
Gritzmaker



Malvira
Harrington



Rebecca
Hart



Patricia
Hartman



James
Helmer



Jerry
Helzer



Bernard
Henricks



Herbert
Hockins



Dixie
Horvath



John
Houttekier



Laura
Howard



Brenda
Hull



Janet
Iffland



Lynette
Jacobs



Sara
Jennings



Neil
Jentoft



Merle
Karl



Gary
Kastel



Deanna
Knapp



Walter
Knierim



Karen
Knisel



Bonnie
Knoblauch



Merle
Koester



Sharon
LaFollette



Mary
Lathrop



Robert
Lips



Janet
Loar



Kenneth
MacBeth



Caren
Maierle



Sharen
Maierle



Harriet
Marks



Richard
Miller



Ronald
Montgomery



Margaret
Netcher



Mary Lou
Neyrinck



Patricia
Neyrinck



Quentin
Nichols



Kathleen
O'Bryan



Marjorie
Raymond



Cathie
Reynolds



Charlene
Ries



Janet Kay
Ries



Judith
Robertson



Kenneth
Robertson



Henry
Rodriguez



Kevin
Rost



Raymond
Ruhl



Karen
Rule



Mary
Sawyer



Douglas
Schaedler



Robert
Schaedler



Suanne
Schall



Victor
Schroeder

Freshmen



Linda
Schwartz



Betty
Schwartzwalder



Linda
Seegert



Opal
Sherman



Marie
Shipman



Roscoe
Shirley



Leroy
Sieler



John
Solis



Mickey
Somes



Ralph
Staup



Philip
VanBuren



Jerry
Villegas



Thomas
Waigle



James
Warner



Jean
Warren



Judith
Waterbury



Frederick
Wegner



Suzanne
Weinlander



Robert
Westgate



Ferenz
Whitman



John
Wilber



Ronald
Wohlgamuth



Patricia
Yetter

ACTIVITIES



Mingle occasional pleasure with your care,
that you with courage any task may bear.
-Cato

The Class of 1959 envies the underclass-
men who will have the opportunity and priv-
ilege of going to school in the new building
for at least one more year.

F.H.A. Helps Needy Children



FRONT ROW: D. Sheldon, M. Saylor, C. Bunting, S. Ford, J. Walters, J. Van Buren, J. Stutzman, G. Stone, Miss Shinabarger. SECOND ROW: N. Mehan, O. Sherman, D. Faust, L. Lips, J. Loar, S. Daniels, R. Burgermeister, J. Case, J. Betz, E. Saylor, J. Delker, E. Grant, N. Neuman, E. Ries, S. Lafollette. THIRD ROW: J. Robertson, G. Beagle, M. Robertson, P. Fink, E. Loveland, D. Grof, S. Dettman, E. Thompson, R. Gordon, C. Landis, K. Coleman, T. Lang, P. Faust, J. Gentz, S. Stock, C. Lindsay. FOURTH ROW: M. Lafollette, S. Adrian, D. Mann, P. Anger, M. Haas, P. Petee, G. Figy, L. Jacobs, D. Fletcher, L. Knisel, S. Schwager, S. Dunbar, S. Pirkle, R. Ebright, L. DeGroff, S. Robertson, L. Neuman. FIFTH ROW: B. Fletcher, M. Neyrinck, L. Cline, N. Roberts, C. Pifer, R. McCollum, B. Frinkle, K. Schaedler, M. Garbo, M. Fatchett, K. Isley, B. Klauda, L. Clough, M. Greene, M. Yurnikl, J. Fink, C. Vescelius, M. Goetz. SIXTH ROW: J. Spreeman, M. Bierley, E. Stutzman, A. Clements, L. Knoblauch, S. Gould, V. Pfeifer, K. Bettis, V. Johnson, L. Papenhagen, B. Johnson, K. Ehinger, G. Knisel, J. Dressler, K. Knapp, J. Petee, C. Ries, G. Fick, S. Horky.



The goal of the Future Homemakers, "To Build a Better Tomorrow," was carried out by the members through their many activities. At the December meeting the girls brought gifts for needy children which were distributed throughout the community. A bake food sale was held in January as a money making project. The members went to Michigan State University during Farmers Week, spending the day touring the campus and enjoying a style show presented by the home economics department. A roller skating party sponsored by the F.F.A. was enjoyed by the girls, who in return invited them to an ice skating party.

The club was led by Sandy Ford, with Marian Saylor, vice president; Joan Walters, secretary; and Dorothy Sheldon, treasurer. Miss Shinabarger, the new home-making teacher, was their advisor.

J. Walters, D. Sheldon, M. Saylor, G. Stone examine new FHA jackets.

F.F.A. Promotes Interest In Farming



FRONT ROW: J. Bartholomew, J. Darish, P. Marks, P. Rodesiler, R. Fisher, D. Andrews. SECOND ROW: Mr. Venema, Advisor; R. Pooley, K. Robertson, R. Coudron, E. Knoblauch, D. Fisher, F. Wagner. THIRD ROW: A. Faust, D. Bierman, D. Zimmerman, P. Demusky, N. Gentz, H. Spiegel, L. Crane, L. Bischoff, D. Bailey, H. Johnson. FOURTH ROW: S. Tipton, J. Ehlert, L. Lipp, L. Goll, K. Hull, H. Miller, J. Demusky, D. Ricker, R. Ricker, R. Rohrback, R. Warner. BACK ROW: L. Phillips, K. Bowman, J. Karl, K. Kendall, P. Fetzter, N. Clough, D. Bailey, L. Zimmerman, R. Shirley, L. Beagle, J. Walters, R. Bierley, A. Brenke.

This year the F.F.A. members strived for leadership co-operation, and citizenship.

Advised by Mr. Venema, the chapter members were very active during the 1958-59 school year.

Some activities were conducting a farm pest drive, a parent and son banquet in the spring, participating in a parliamentary procedure team, and a farm forum contest.

To finance their activities the members sold garden seeds, basketball and football programs, and rented 14 acres of land on which they tried new methods of raising corn.

Officers were Paul Rodesiler, president; Robert Fisher, vice president; Paul Marks, secretary; Dave Andrews, treasurer; Jim Darish, reporter; and John Bartholomew, sentinel.



D. Andrews, K. Kendall, and R. Rohback discuss repairing of a tractor.



FRONT ROW: S. Daniels, M. Haas, C. Bunting, L. Rathbun, J. Petee, B. Palmer, M. Mead. SECOND ROW: O. Sherman, M. Sawyer, L. Seegert, S. Cory, T. Andrews, A. Swanson, D. Smith, Mrs. Culhane. THIRD ROW: M. Love, J. Spreeman, C. Maierle, D. Hlavacek, M. Fatchett, J. Smoll, L. Knoblauch, M. Garbo, D. Pavelka, C. Landis. BACK ROW: J. Pieh, S. Gould, J. Eisenmann, S. Fashbaugh, S. Brieschke, C. Fisher, G. Knisel, C. Reynolds, S. Robertson, S. Schwager.

FNC Explores Nursing As A Career

A home nursing course was the major project of the Nurses Club this year. Mrs. Donald Granzow instructed the girls in a different phase of nursing each month. At the November meeting she gave a demonstration on the preparation and use of several types of bandages. The girls then attempted to apply the bandages to each other. In January a demonstration of bed care including giving a bath, changing linen, brushing teeth, and making a patient comfortable was given.



FNC members enjoy refreshments after meeting.

The Future Nurses were led by Janet Petee. Other officers included Linda Rathbun, vice president; Mary Haas, treasurer; Carol Bunting, recording secretary; and Brenda Palmer, corresponding secretary.



The game of "Murder" lent excitement to FNC.



Advisor, Mr. Ridgley, and President, C. Sayers, plan a future meeting.

Carol Sayers led the Future Teachers Club with Mr. Ridgley advising the group. Other officers included Beverly Johnson, vice-president; Pat Petee; secretary; Vivian Johnson, Treasurer.



Members discuss the possibility of presenting the play "Me a Teacher".

The purpose of the F.T.A. was to promote an interest in the profession and help members prepare for this occupation.

The members participated in many projects such as: putting displays in the display case, and attending an MEA Conference at Ypsilanti. The Girls Training School and other educational institutions were visited during the year. Special parties like the Christmas party and the Valentine party were enjoyed by all.

F.T.A. Studies Teaching Profession

FRONT ROW: P. Petee, B. Johnson, C. Sayers, V. Johnson, Mr. Ridgley. SECOND ROW: D. Young, E. Seager, A. Gafner, J. Spreeman, P. Anger, S. Maierle, H. Marks. THIRD ROW: L. Maloney, J. Stutzman, K. Schaedler, C. Ploehn, G. Knisel, B. Rodesiler, M. Garbo, P. Mann.





SEATED: L. Jacobson, B. Palmer, L. Silberhorn, J. Bartholomew, J. Petee, M. Crane, R. Breitner. STANDING: D. Sheldon, K. Glaser, G. Stone, P. Petee, E. Knoblauch, D. Case, R. Klauda, R. Culhane, B. Flaherty, J. Stutzman, B. Yurnikl, Mr. Peebles. PHOTOGRAPHER: D. Peebles.

Elysium Records Year In New School

J. Petee, editor, and M. Crane, assistant editor, check copy sheets.

It was the aim of the Elysium Staff to provide a record of the first year in the new building. An attempt was made to show as many views of the building as possible, both inside and out, and to show in pictures the development of the building from the ground breaking to the dedication.

Views of all phases of school life, social, athletic, and academic, were included. Pictures of the different subjects being taught were used to portray the academic program.

Juniors, P. Petee and K. Glaser, learn to draw up pages.





FRONT ROW: Mr. Jourdain, Advisor; L. Neuman, News Editor; J. Frost, Feature Editor; S. Fashbaugh, Editor; S. Street, Art Editor; B. Rodesiler, Exchange Editor; R. Svestka, Sports Editor; R. Burgermeister, Production Manager. SECOND ROW: O. Sherman, L. Lips, S. Cory, C. Lonski, M. Bateson, M. Goetz, D. Mann, C. Sayers, K. Wagner. THIRD ROW: S. Dunbar, E. Loveland, B. Ondrovick, M. Robertson, S. Robertson, B. Luegge, L. Jacobson, L. Gubbe, B. Klump, D. Pavelka, M. Sayler, S. Parker. FOURTH ROW: L. Maloney, Typing Head; S. Sherman, K. Isley, J. Marks, C. Fick, M. Phipps, L. Clough, S. Gould, M. Bierley, A. Wellnitz, M. Mitchell, K. Schaedler, J. Studenka. FIFTH ROW: B. Fashbaugh, J. Walters, D. Trumbull, T. Barrett, L. Kerentoff, C. Bakus, F. Birdsell, M. Flaherty, B. Bierley, J. Smoll, J. Pieh, J. Eisenmann.

"Sugar Scoop" Changed to "Royal Jester"

Sally Fashbaugh was chosen editor of the 1958-59 school paper, with Tina Lonski as assistant editor. The name of the paper was changed from "The Sugar Scoop" to the "Royal Jester." Some of the popular features of the paper were the editorials, which contained letters from students and view-points of teachers, A. Wellnitz, J. Frost, and S. Fashbaugh look over feature assignments.

"Through the Key Hole," and crossword puzzles. By increasing the amount of art work the staff added much to the appearance of the paper. The paper was sold to the student body for 50 cents a semester or 5 cents a copy.

Elaine Loveland keeps fingers flying as she types a stencil.





FRONT ROW: Mr. Peebles, S. Gould, J. Bartholomew, D. Andrews, L. Lips. SECOND ROW: M. Koester, P. Clements, C. Sayers, R. Ebright, S. Tipton, P. Anger, E. Bell, J. Polakowski, J. Helmer. THIRD ROW: Jim Bartholomew, T. Barrett, P. Marks, C. Bakus, J. Pavelka, D. Schaedler, J. Smith, B. Mason, J. Michael. ABSENT: D. Case.

Council Publishes Student Directory

John Bartholomew led the student council with Dave Andrews as vice president; Sandy Gould, secretary; and Linda Lips, treasurer. The student directory and the forming and adopting of the rules for Homecoming were two of the many projects completed by the student council.

Doug Case, a member of this year's council, was elected president of Region 3 Student Government Organization which included Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw, and Jackson counties.

Probably the most important contribution made by the Student Council was the assistance they gave students in adjusting to the new building and procedures.





FRONT:
R. Burgermeister
S. Cory
BACK:
S. Gould
K. Glaser
J. Walters
P. Anger

Cheers! Cheers! Cheers!

The cheerleaders and their new advisor, Miss Janice Ferry, had a busy and successful year. In addition to their usual practice sessions the girls made posters advertising each game and prepared the pep meetings which were presented in the afternoon before each game.

This year a new club was organized with the supervision of the cheerleaders, which was known as the Pep Club. The members participated in pep skits and were seated together at games. They made use of special hand motions which made the cheers more effective.

After each game refreshments, furnished by the Lettermen's Club, were served by the cheerleaders to members of the home and visiting teams and coaches. On Father's Night the parents of the team were guests.

Blissfield was the hostschool for the annual L.C.A.A. cheerleader's banquet this year. After the dinner all of the cheerleaders went to the gym where each squad presented their favorite cheers and pep skits.



D. Pavelka, M. Neyrinck, M. Bowman, R. Ebricht,
C. Bunting, E. Bell.



FRONT ROW: O. Sherman, J. Robertson, K. Schaedler, J. Pieh, S. Cory, P. Mann, G. Beagle, J. King, L. Seegert, J. Goetz. SECOND ROW: T. Andrews, P. Petee, L. Goetz, T. Burkhardt, M. Smith, C. Landis, M. LaFollette, M. Lathrop, M. Brown, P. Hartman, Mr. Geierman. THIRD ROW: J. Studenka, S. Sherman, S. Fashbaugh, A. Rowland, T. Petee, C. Bunting, L. Jacobson, S. Robertson, M. Haas, G. Figy, S. Schwager. FOURTH ROW: J. Clegg, D. Miller, K. Gibbons, J. Michaels, J. Uckele, J. Waigle, L. Kerentoff, T. Barratt, J. DeLoach, D. Noll, B. Palmer, K. Reynolds, J. Wilbur.

The Latin club, under the direction of a new sponsor, Mr. A.J. Geierman, was again active. Some of the activities included Christmas caroling, a fashion show, and the state convention at Ann Arbor. One important accomplishment of the club was the writing of a constitution.

The annual Roman Banquet, held in the spring, was served according to Roman custom. The members, who reclined as they ate, were dressed as ancient Romans. They were served by prospective Latin students posing as slaves.

Leading the club were Judy Pieh, president; Sherrie Cory, vice-president; Karen Schaedler, secretary; and Peggy Mann, treasurer.



Caveman, Roman, and Indian--all in a Latin club style show.



Caroling is more fun when it's cold.



FRONT ROW: P. Yetter, M. Ybarra, D. Young, J. Helmer, Q. Nichols, J. Helzer, R. Clegg, S. Stateler, B. Hull. SECOND ROW: Mrs. McColl, Advisor; C. Flaherty, D. Mann, T. Lonski, V. Nichols, E. Seager, L. Jacobson, J. Delker, K. Glaser, M. Bateson. THIRD ROW: M. Yurnikl, R. Ebright, B. Ondrovick, S. Street, D. Hlavacek, M. Fatchett, B. Fashbaugh, C. Shaedler, L. Sell, S. Deloach, E. Sanchez, M. Haas. FOURTH ROW: J. Rohrback, K. Rost, R. Marks, G. Sinclair, L. Maierle, B. Mason, D. Schaedler, K. Calender, D. Blouch, R. Neyrick, M. Baird, R. Ruhl.

"To learn more about Spanish customs, language, and people", the purpose of the Spanish Club, was carried out by the members through various activities. Lee Jacobson led the club as president with Eva Sanchez vice-president; Karen Glaser secretary; Marilyn Bateson, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Jane McColl, advisor.

The club's vice president, Eva Sanchez, spent Christmas vacation in Mexico; therefore at the January meeting she showed pictures of Mexico and told the club of her visit.

In the spring the annual Spanish banquet was held. The members enjoyed many kinds of Spanish food and all agreed they had a wonderful time.



Lee Jacobson takes a swing at the Spanish pinata.



Eva Sanchez tells of visit to Mexico.

Jim Pavelka Leads "B" Men



FRONT ROW: L. Lipp, R. Glaser, C. Hahn, R. Rohrback, R. Price, R. Fisher, D. Andrews, R. Goetz, J. Michael. SECOND ROW: Mr. Hepinstall, J. Harper, J. Hinshaw, R. Svestka, D. Peebles, D. Miller, T. Hall, D. Case, R. Coopshaw, Mr. Potter. THIRD ROW: Mr. Lew, R. Marks, D. Bangerter, J. Waigle, T. Schneider, R. McVicker, T. Gordon, K. Kendall, B. Marlatt, J. Bartholomew. FOURTH ROW: J. Ehlert, P. Rodesiler, H. Haas, L. Silberhorn, C. Bakus, Jim Pavelka, John Pavelka, R. Breitner, B. Mason, J. Smith, P. Marks.

The 1958-1959 Lettermen's Club was led by the following officers: Jim Pavelka, president; Paul Rodesiler, vice president; Doug Miller, secretary; and Doug Case, treasurer. The advisors for the club were the coaches--Mr. Lew, Mr. Hepinstall, Mr. Swain, and Mr. Potter.

The club co-sponsored Father's Night at the Clinton football game, helped sell season tickets for the home basketball games, and sold pop corn at the home basketball games.

This year the club supplied refreshments to the home and visiting teams after the home football and basketball games. The club also brought the track record board into the new school and made flags of rival schools to hang in the gym.



Lettermen, P. Rodesiler and R. Svestka sell popcorn to Hudson cheerleader.



Coach Hepinstall with Bob Fisher and Paul Rodesiler plan season ticket drive.

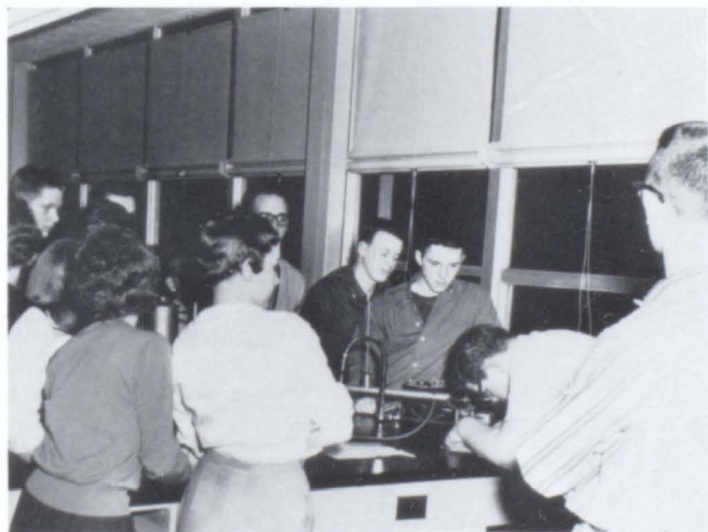
Keith Bowman Leads Science Club



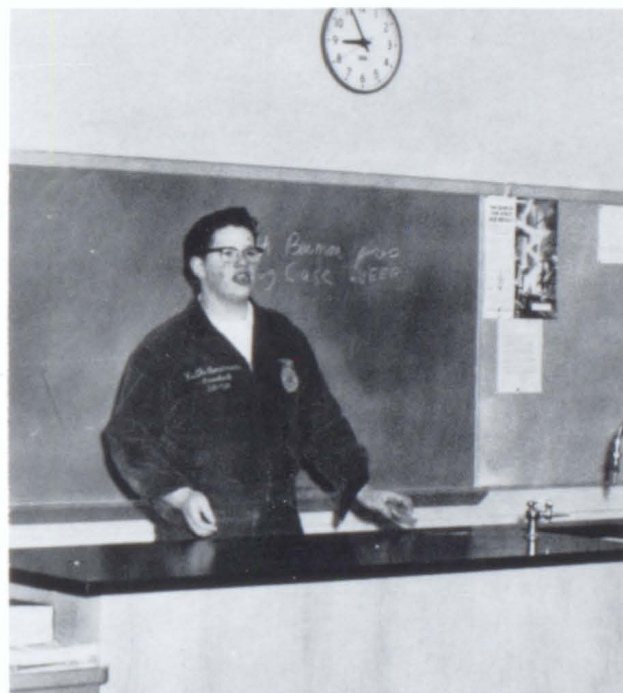
FIRST ROW: Mr. Stover, J. Polakowski, R. Burgermeister, D. Mann, P. Anger, T. Lang, S. Cory, J. Case, Mr. Davis. SECOND ROW: K. Glaser, L. Maloney, C. Sayers, M. Crane, K. Isley, C. Bunting, L. Cline, C. Lonski, G. Stone, J. Delker. THIRD ROW: J. VanBuren, L. Knoblauch, J. Frost, K. Gibbons, K. Stock, C. Fischer, B. Palmer, B. Yurnikl, S. Gould, A. Wellnitz, A. Rowland. FOURTH ROW: D. Seegert, B. Bierley, D. Case, J. Hinshaw, J. Waigle, D. Bailey, D. Culhane, L. Maierlex, J. Uckele, D. Peebles, J. Michaels, J. Clegg.

After getting off to a late start the Science Club organized efficiently. The club was led by Keith Bowman with Doug Case acting as vice president and Joanne Polakowski as secretary-treasurer. The members decided to meet every two weeks in the science rooms. The club was advised by Mr.

Paul Davis, chemistry and physics teacher and Mr. Robert Stover, biology teacher. Many experiments, demonstrations, and talks were given by members of the chemistry, physics, biology, and general science classes at the meetings. The club also planned a tour for late spring.



Members take part in demonstrations.



Keith Bowman, president, conducts meeting.

Bible Club Sponsors Devotions



FRONT ROW: M. Bateson, S. Daniels, C. Sayers, J. Walters, M. Saylor, J. Hinshaw, C. Hahn, L. Lips, T. Lang, E. Saylor, C. Sieler. SECOND ROW: P. Fink, S. Cory, A. Swanson, J. Robertson, M. Robertson, L. Maloney, G. Stone, L. Cline, B. Luegge, L. Neuman, S. Mairle, B. Klump, E. Seager, Mr. Davis. THIRD ROW: M. Goetz, K. Glaser, G. Lindsay, J. Fink, C. Mairle, B. Frinkle, A. Wellnitz, C. Fick, M. Crane, E. Clough, S. Robertson, P. Anger, J. Marks, N. Marine. FOURTH ROW: J. Eisenmann, B. Fashbaugh, C. Bunting, L. Knoblauch, J. Frost, K. Isley, B. Colyer, B. Rodesiler, R. Warner, K. Knapp, J. VanBuren, L. Rathbun, L. Sell, S. Sherman. FIFTH ROW: G. Knisel, V. Pfeifer, K. Gibbons, B. Palmer, D. Horvath, L. Mairle, L. Kerentoff, L. Silberhorn, J. Waigle, D. Papenhagen, K. Bettis, C. Ploehn, D. Trumbull, B. Bierley, J. Smoll.

Morning devotions which were given over the P.A. system was one of the major activities of the Bible Club this year. The members also presented a Thanksgiving program for the students. The speaker was Rev. Elton Trumbull of the Zion United Brethren Church who spoke on the topic, "Being Thankful". Under the supervision of the Bible Club a Christmas program was held. The band and choruses participated.

The club was led by Jerry Hinshaw with Lee Silberhorn, vice president; Marian Saylor, secretary; Charles Hahn, treasurer; and Joan Walters, song leader. The club was advised again this year by Mr. Paul Davis.

J. Van Buren gives morning devotions.

Bible Club Officers, L. Silberhorn, J. Hinshaw, J. Walter, M. Saylor, C. Hahn, discuss plans for meeting.



Girls Chorus



FRONT ROW: Mr. McCoy, M. Bateson, J. Loar, J. Robertson, M. Saylor, M. Sawyer, S. Maierle, H. Marks.
SECOND ROW: K. Rule, K. Knisel, C. Maierle, J. Stutzman, K. Schaedler, M. Bowman, B. Klump, S.
Schwager, D. Shipman. THIRD ROW: L. Knoblauch, J. Van Buren, M. Green, M. Shipman, S. Jennings, C.
Ries, L. Howard, J. Smoll, D. Pavelka.

Chorus Concerts Enjoyed By Many

FRONT ROW: E. Ybarra, B. DeMille, E. Seager, S. Weinlander, M. Robertson, M. Goetz, C. Spiegel, S.
LaFollette, D. Faust. SECOND ROW: B. Klauda, K. Glaser, S. DeLoach, B. Owens, M. Henning, M.
Bierley, G. Stone, S. Dettman. THIRD ROW: M. Phipps, K. Isley, J. Eisenman, S. Schall, E. Greenwald,
D. Trumbull, L. Clough, J. Walters, S. Sherman. FOURTH ROW: L. Goetz, R. Miller, L. Maierle, Mr.
McCoy, Fred Birdsell, Ronald Frye, K. Fick.



Mixed Chorus



B.H.S. Band Serves

FRONT ROW: S. Cory, R. Burgermeister. SECOND ROW: N. Jentoft, McCoy, G. Lindsay, M. Fashbaugh, D. Carroll, M. Brown, K. Reynolds, S. Daniels. THIRD ROW: J. Dressler, S. Brieschke, J. Petee, R. Klauda, C. Sayers, J. Pieh, B. Rodesiler. FOURTH ROW: D. Mann, K. Calendar, B. Palmer, J. Smoll, P. Petee, K. Gibbons, M. Bartholomew, L. Kline. FIFTH ROW: S. Moestl, S. Dunbar, E. Sanchez, J. Ries, R. McCollum, D. Knapp, K. O'Brien, M. Denudt. BACK ROW: J. Garno, K. Wagner, T. Tonneberger, K. Glaser, J. Delker, N. Mehan, K. Schaedler.



BAND COUNCIL

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JUDY PIEH	Head Librarian
KAREN ISLEY	Social Chairman
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TINA LONSKI	Publicity Chairman

School And Community



FRONT ROW: S. Horky, C. Landis. SECOND ROW: D. Long, C. Schaedler, D. Culhane, L. Bischoff, J. Marks, J. Maierle, G. Fischer. THIRD ROW: D. Young, L. Gubbe, T. Lonski, L. Knoblauch, C. Fisher, S. Pirkle. FOURTH ROW: B. Klump, K. Isley, D. Smith, M. Harrington, M. Henning, M. Yurnikl. FIFTH ROW: H. Marks, A. Gafner, P. Gritzmaker, L. Peters, L. Kerentoff, D. Fischer, P. Mann, A. Rowland. BACK ROW: J. Wilbur, L. Sell, B. Fashbaugh, B. Colyer, J. Waterbury, M. Lathrop, K. Knapp, F. Wagner.

Under the guidance of the new band director, Mr. David McCoy, the band experienced a very successful year. Led by the Band Council the members adopted a system of merits and demerits which governed them.

The major activities of the band included performing half-time shows at the football games, participating in the District and State Solo and Ensemble Festival and the District Band Festival, and presenting three concerts for the community. The members enjoyed all the work they put into making the band a success.



Practice makes perfect.



CAST: FIRST ROW: S. Cory-Jane; L. Kerentoff-Ted; B. Palmer-Miss Brooks; L. Silberhorn-Hugo; G. Knisel-Rhonda; K. Bowman-Mr. Wadsworth. SECOND ROW: Mr. Gierman-Director; J. Studenka-Miss Finch; D. Trumbull-Miss Audubon; P. Never-Martin; E. Greenwald-Faith; B. Bierley-Silvia; D. Brieschke-Stanley. THIRD ROW: K. Stock-Marge; E. Sanchez-Elaine; L. Clough-Elsie; M. Mitchell-Doris; L. Jacobson-Mrs. Allen.

"Our Miss Brooks"

A typical classroom was the scene of the annual senior play, "Our Miss Brooks". Miss Brooks, an English teacher, finds herself in trouble when the school principal, takes the class play from the music teacher, and hands it over to her. Missing band instruments and basketballs add to the difficulty and hilarity of the situation. Then one of the main characters in the play has an attack of appendicitis. Miraculously all is righted in the end. An excellent blend of comedy and romance made the senior play one of the finest.



Miss Brooks scolds students for behavior after play practice.

Sound effects make the play.

Make up--something new for the boys.



SEATED:
L. Neuman
J. Michael
L. Maierle
L. Peters
J. Polakowski

STANDING:
Mr. Geierman
M. Sayler
K. Isley
K. Schaedler
A. Clements
K. Knapp
M. Payden



'Brother Goose' Is Loose

Jeff, a beginning architect, has taken on the task of maintaining a home for his younger brother and two sisters. His role as Mother Goose (or rather-Brother Goose) appears almost hopeless.

However--with the help of Peggy, who came to sell lingerie and stayed to sell herself as a member of the family,--the story has an "and they lived happily ever after" ending. Hy doesn't make the All-American team and Carol doesn't win the limerick contest, but Wes makes a hit with Eve, the girl next door, and Jeff's career starts an upward climb.

Jeff	L. Maierle
"Brother Goose"	
Carol	K. Knapp
Wes	J. Michael
Hyacinth.	J. Polakowski
Helen.	K. Schaedler
Who quits	
Peggy.	M. Sayler
Who comes to the rescue	
Eve	A. Clements
A Southern charmer	
Sarah	K. Isley
A colored maid	
Lenore	M. Payden
Who has plans	
Mrs. Trimmer	L. Neuman
Of the Wee Blue Inn	
Truck driver	L. Peters
Who is plenty mad	

Hy demonstrates football techniques.

Mr. Geierman shows how to do a scene.





THE ROYAL COURT: Paul Rodesiler, Sandy Gould, Chuch Bakus, Elaine Bell, Doug Schaedler, Mildred Bowman, Sherrie Cory, Queen Joan and King Jim.

Jim Pavelka Elected King



Paul Rodesiler presents Queen Joan with red roses.

The Blissfield-Hudson game on October 24, 1958 was chosen for the annual Homecoming activities.

The candidates for King and Queen were nominated by the football squad. They were Freshmen: Doug Schaedler and Elaine Bell; Sophomores, Jeff Ehlert and Mildred Bowman; Juniors, Chuch Bakus and Joan Walters; Seniors, Jim Pavelka and Sandy Gould.

The senior candidate, Jim Pavelka and junior Joan Walters were elected by the student body and were crowned Homecoming King and Queen for 1958 at the dance which followed the game. Sherrie Cory, representing the cheerleaders, crowned King Jim and Paul Rodesiler, football co-captain, crowned Queen Joan. The traditional bouquet of roses were presented to Her Majesty by Paul Rodesiler on behalf of the football team.

Floats prepared by the four classes and one club added a new interest to Homecoming this year. The themes of the floats were as follows: Freshman, "Teen-Age Queen"; Sophomore, "Stairway to the Stars"; Junior, "Hold Those Tigers"! Senior, "Girl of My Dreams".

In addition to the class floats the Future Homemakers of America presented a float which carried out the club motto "Toward New Horizons". All the floats were very well done and represented many hours of hard work.

A committee of merchants were chosen to judge the floats. The junior float "Hold Those Tigers" was chosen to receive the prize of \$15.00. Due to the weather conditions the floats were not shown until the Blissfield - Clinton game the following week.



FOUR BLISSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL BEAUTIES:
Elaine Bell, Sandy Gould, Mildred Bowman
and Joan Walters.

Joan Walters Chosen Queen

QUEEN JOAN and KING JIM



Day By Day

SEPTEMBER

- 3 School Opened
- 19 Dundee (there)
- 26 Pittsford (there)

OCTOBER

- 3 Morenci (here)
- 9-10 M.E.A. Conference
- 10 Onsted (there)
- 17 Addison (there)
- 18 Band Night
- 24 Hudson (here)
- Assembly Program

NOVEMBER

- 7 Summerfield (there)
- 20-21 Senior Play
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Vacation

DECEMBER

- 5 Pittsford (here)
- 12 Morenci (there)
- 16 Onsted (here)
- 17 Band Concert
- 19 Addison (here)
- School Closes for Christmas Vacation

JANUARY

- 5 School Resumes
- 9 Hudson (there)
- 16 Clinton (there)
- 20 Summerfield (here)
- 23 Pittsford (there)
- End First Semester
- 26 Second Semester Begins
- 29 Assembly Program
- 30 Morenci (here)
- 31 District Solo and Ensemble Festival

FEBRUARY

- 3 Tecumsch (here)
- 6 Onsted (there)
- Teachers' Institute
- 13 Addison (there)
- 17 Hudson (here)
- 20 Clinton (here)
- 23 Band Concert
- 24 Hillsdale (there)
- 26 Cheerleaders' Banquet
- 28 Band Festival at Hillsdale

MARCH

- 21 State Solo and Ensemble Festival
- 27 Easter Vacation

APRIL

- 3 Monroe-Grosse Ile (track-there)
- 8 Morenci (track-there)
- 10 Tecumseh (baseball-here)
- Tecumseh (track-there)
- 10-11 Junior Play
- 13 Hudson (track-there)
- 14 Morenci (baseball-here)
- 18 State Band Festival (Jackson)
- 20 Assembly Program
- 21 Bedford (baseball-there)
- 22 Summerfield (track-there)
- 24 Chorus Concert
- Hillsdale (track-there)
- Summerfield (baseball-there)
- 27 Dundee (track-there)
- 28 Onsted (baseball-here)

MAY

- 1 Pittsford (baseball-there)
- 2 Band Concert
- 3-8 Senior Trip
- 5 Adrian (track-there)
- 9 U. of M. Day
- 11 Tecumseh (baseball-there)
- 13 L.C.A.A. Track Meet
- 15 Addison (baseball-here)
- 16 Junior-Senior Banquet
- 19 Sand Creek (baseball-there)
- 22 Clinton (baseball-there)
- 31 Baccalaureate

JUNE

- 4 Commencement
- 5 School Closes



The south wing seems lifeless when void of student life.

S P O R T S



"The ground-work of all happiness
is health."

-Leigh Hunt

The new gym and locker
facilities offered much to the
athletics programs, which will
be further improved by the ad-
dition of athletic fields to be
constructed on the new site.



FRONT ROW: A. Flores, J. Elhert, B. Goetz, J. Michael, P. Rodesiler, Jim Pavelka, J. Harper, R. Svestka, D. Price. SECOND ROW: Manager, R. Ruhl; R. Marks, D. Andrews, K. Kendall, J. Fatchet, T. Schneider, D. Case, D. Miller, B. Fisher, J. Hinshaw, D. Peebles, Manager, J. Bishop. THIRD ROW: Coach Hepinstall; N. Smith, J. Darish, J. Karl, H. Haas, B. Mason, D. Schaedler, John Pavelka, J. Smith, R. McVicker, D. Bangerter, P. Martinez, J. Helzer.

Blissfield Finishes Third In

Bob Fisher tackles player as Addison and Howard Haas come up to help Paul Rodesiler.



The Blissfield Royals finished the 1958 season with five wins and three losses. Their L.C.A.A. record was four won and three lost which placed them in third place in the league standing. Blissfield tallied 116 points while their opponents scored only 53 against them.

The varsity squad was composed of twelve seniors, ten juniors, eleven sophomores and two freshmen. Fullback Jim Pavelka and tackle Paul Rodesiler were chosen as co-captains for the 1958 season.

After this year football games will no longer be played at Ellis Playground as they have been since football was played at Blissfield but will be played on a field to be developed at the new high school site. This will be a definite convenience as the field will be close to the locker rooms.

Jim Pavelka was chosen by the opposing schools as first team L.C.A.A. fullback. Jim played on offense as well as defense doing a fine job on both. He was second in scoring for the Royals and also co-captain.

Paul Rodesiler was chosen first team L.C.A.A. tackle coming through consistently with fine playing every game. He was also chosen by his teammates as co-captain.

Dave Peebles, guard, was selected on the first team L.C.A.A. also. Dave in approximately one-half of the nine games took the role of quarterback, while still turning in a fine job at guard.

Each school nominated three backs and three linemen. The schools in the league then voted by ballot to select the team.



Coach Jack Heppinstall and co-captains, Jim Pavelka and Paul Rodesiler.

LCAA With Five Won - Three Lost

Bob Fischer is stopped after catching pass.



Jeff Elhert is tackled after gain.





Doug Miller skirts right end as Dave Andrews heads downfield for block.

Blissfield Becomes Member

The 1958-59 school year was the last year Blissfield competed in the Lenawee County Athletic Association. At the end of the 1957-58 school year the school board met and decided to drop out of the L.C.A.A. They voted to join and were accepted by a new league which was being formed consisting of class "B" and "C" schools. Because of the schools involved, the change will give Blissfield the competition they have lacked. The schools were somewhat farther away, but Blissfield will play schools of their size in contrast to the class "D" and "C" schools they were playing in the old league.

The league will consist of: Flat Rock, Milan, Ypsilanti-Lincoln, and Dundee who were previously in the Huron Valley League. The other teams will be Grosse Ile, Airport, Tecumseh and Blissfield.

Bob Fisher stops Clinton player after short gain.



In their first L.C.A.A. game Blissfield traveled to Pittsford. Jeff Elhert sparked the Royals by scoring three touchdowns, leading them to a 33-6 victory.

The first home game saw the Morenci Bulldogs at Blissfield. The rugged defensive playing by the Royals largely contributed to their victory. The only scoring was done in the second quarter by right half Jeff Elhert following a 20 yard run. Blissfield, with their defensive plays stopping the Bulldogs, went on and finished the game victoriously 6-0.

Addison Panthers beat the Blissfield Royals by a score of 12-6 turning Blissfield's mistakes to their advantage.



Jeff Elhert eludes tackler for yardage.

Of New Athletic League

Blissfield cheerleaders keep spirit high.



On a rainy night, which hampered both teams, the Hudson Tigers beat the Royals by a score of 27-7. This loss gave Blissfield a 3-3 record.

The Royals went to Onsted for their fourth game. In the second period the Royals tightened up and covered a bobbled punt putting them on the two yard line. In two plays Dave Andrews went over for the touchdown. The extra point failed. Just before the end of the second half the Wildcats scored and made the decisive extra point, winning the game 7-6.

Blissfield snapped back from a three game losing streak to beat the Clinton Redskins 20-7. Fullback Jim Pavelka scored two touchdowns to give Blissfield the needed margin.

In the last game of the year the Blissfield Royals went on a scoring rampage against Summerfield, scoring 42 points while holding their opponents scoreless.



FRONT ROW: J. Helmer, R. Flores, R. Sanchez, J. Uckele, D. Bierman, G. Beagle. SECOND ROW: R. Noll, D. Billington, B. Coudron, A. Gonzales, K. Robertson, G. Kastel. THIRD ROW: R. Clegg, J. Rohrback, H. Hockin, M. Baird, G. Sinclair, W. Knierim, K. Brieschke, Coach Potter. FOURTH ROW: P. Van Buren, R. Staup, D. Seegert, P. Anderson, P. Fetzer, D. Blouch.

Reserves Win Three and Lose Three

The Blissfield Reserves, Coached by Eugene Potter, played six games gaining valuable experience and confidence for future play on the varsity squad.

Reserve Coach Eugene Potter and Co-captain, Ruben Sanchez and Jim Uckele.



Led by Co-captains Ruben Sanchez and Jim Uckele, the Blissfield reserves played well in all games. Their play was especially outstanding against the Adrian J.V.'s who outweighed them considerably. The Blissfield Junior Royals held the determined Adrian eleven to thirteen points while scoring six for themselves.

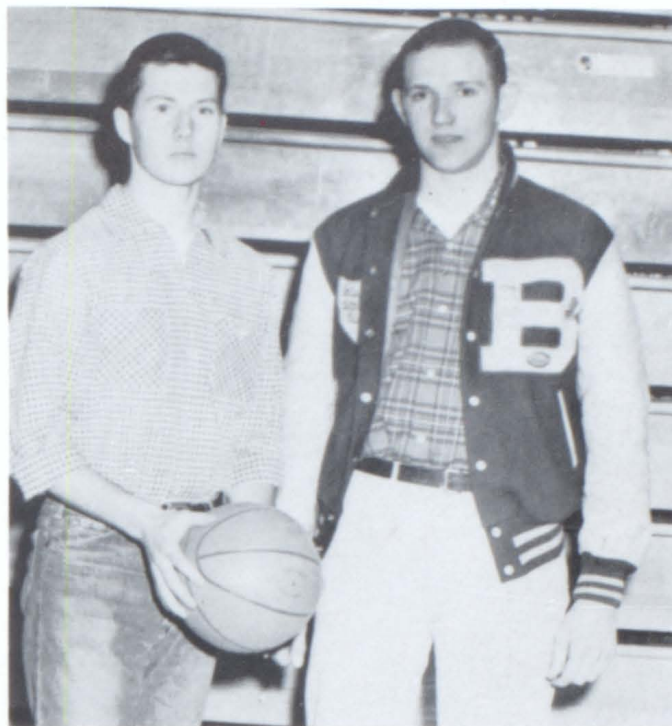
The Reserves ended the season with three wins and three losses.

During the 1958 reserve football season the Junior Varsity squad scored a total of seventy-two points while holding their opponents to forty-six. The reserves played six games, winning victories over reserve teams from Addison, 35-7; Onsted, 6-0; and Morenci, 25-0. They lost to Hudson, 20-0; Tecumseh, 6-0; and Adrian, 13-6.

The 1958-59 Blissfield Royals were again coached by Robert Lew. Although the records of the past two basketball seasons have not been very impressive, Mr. Lew's record in previous years has been outstanding. Mr. Lew has coached at Blissfield for twelve years. In those twelve years Blissfield has won three L.C.A.A. championships, two District Tournaments, and has gone to the Regional Tournament once.

Blissfield's Junior Varsity was coached by Jack Hepinstall for the second year. Coach Hepinstall and his reserve squad had a very impressive record of thirteen wins and three losses, giving them a first place tie with Onsted.

Blissfield, for the first time, played host to the District Tournaments in the new gym. The teams competing in the tournament were: Blissfield, Monroe Catholic Central, Tecumseh, and Bedford. The Tecumseh Indians were the District Champions.



Co-Captains: R. Breitner and Jim Pavelka

Royals Tie For Sixth Place In L.C.A.A.

Pavelka takes a jump shot



The Blissfield Royals ended the season with a league record of four wins and fourteen losses and an over-all record of four wins and sixteen losses. Lack of experience and height hampered the Royals as was evident in many games. Although they lost over two-thirds of their games, many of the losses were by close margins. Of their last three games of the season the Royals won two. A great deal of satisfaction came from the defeat of Hudson, a long-time rival, on the home floor by a score of 51-50. Further satisfaction was gained through the defeat of Clinton, by the lopsided score of 65-29, giving the Royals their second win in a row.

The team was composed of four seniors, three juniors, and four sophomores. At the end of the season Ralph Breitner was chosen as a member of the L.C.A.A. All-County Second Team. He was Co-captain along with Jim Pavelka.



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: R. Price, Mgr., T. Hall, Jim Pavelka, Coach Lew. SECOND ROW: T. Frohnepfel, Mgr., J. Waigle, R. Breitner, (No. 42). THIRD ROW: R. Glaser, D. Case (with ball) W. Mason, L. Silberhorn, R. Sanchez (No. 14). BACK ROW: W. Van Nieuwenhze, R. Marks, D. Bangerter.

Blissfield Wins Four And Loses Twelve



Blissfield	61	Pittsford	33
"	29	Morenci	48
"	39	Onsted	55
"	43	Addison	60
"	39	Hudson	53
"	37	Clinton	41
"	53	Summerfield	52
"	43	Tecumseh	49
"	52	Pittsford	58
"	47	Morenci	52
"	34	Onsted	52
"	43	Addison	90
"	51	Hudson	50
"	65	Clinton	29
"	44	Hillsdale	77
"	34	Summerfield	53
"	47	Bedford	78

Dick Glaser shoots from the corner



BACK ROW: J. Wilber, K. Iffland, J. Rohrback, J. DeLoach, G. Sinclair, K. Brieschke, L. Koester.
 SECOND ROW: J. Bishop, D. Blouch, J. Fatchett, P. Anderson, B. Goetz, D. Billington. FRONT
 ROW: Mr. Hepinstall, J. Uckele, J. Smith, D. Schaedler, John Pavelka, M. Baird, D. Neuman.

Junior Varsity Has 13-3 Record

Blissfield	41	Pittsford	21
"	38	Morenci	24
"	51	Onsted	47
"	81	Addison	34
"	52	Hudson	27
"	49	Clinton	48
"	42	Summerfield	49
"	60	Morenci	40
"	67	Tecumseh	53
"	45	Onsted	53
"	72	Pittsford	48
"	33	Addison	30
"	46	Hudson	44
"	80	Clinton	26
"	47	Hillsdale	68
"	54	Summerfield	49



Joe Smith lays one up.



Glaser shoots a hook-shot lay-up



Joe Smith and John Fatchett wait for ball

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Tom Hall drives in for a lay-up



Jim Pavelka gets two points



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"After-word"

As the end of the school year draws near and as we forward our last few pages of material, we, the members of the Elysium staff, look back on the year 1958-59 and hope that we have recorded the year so well that as you turn these pages you will recall with pleasure the many tasks completed, the memorable events which happened and the last-friendships made.

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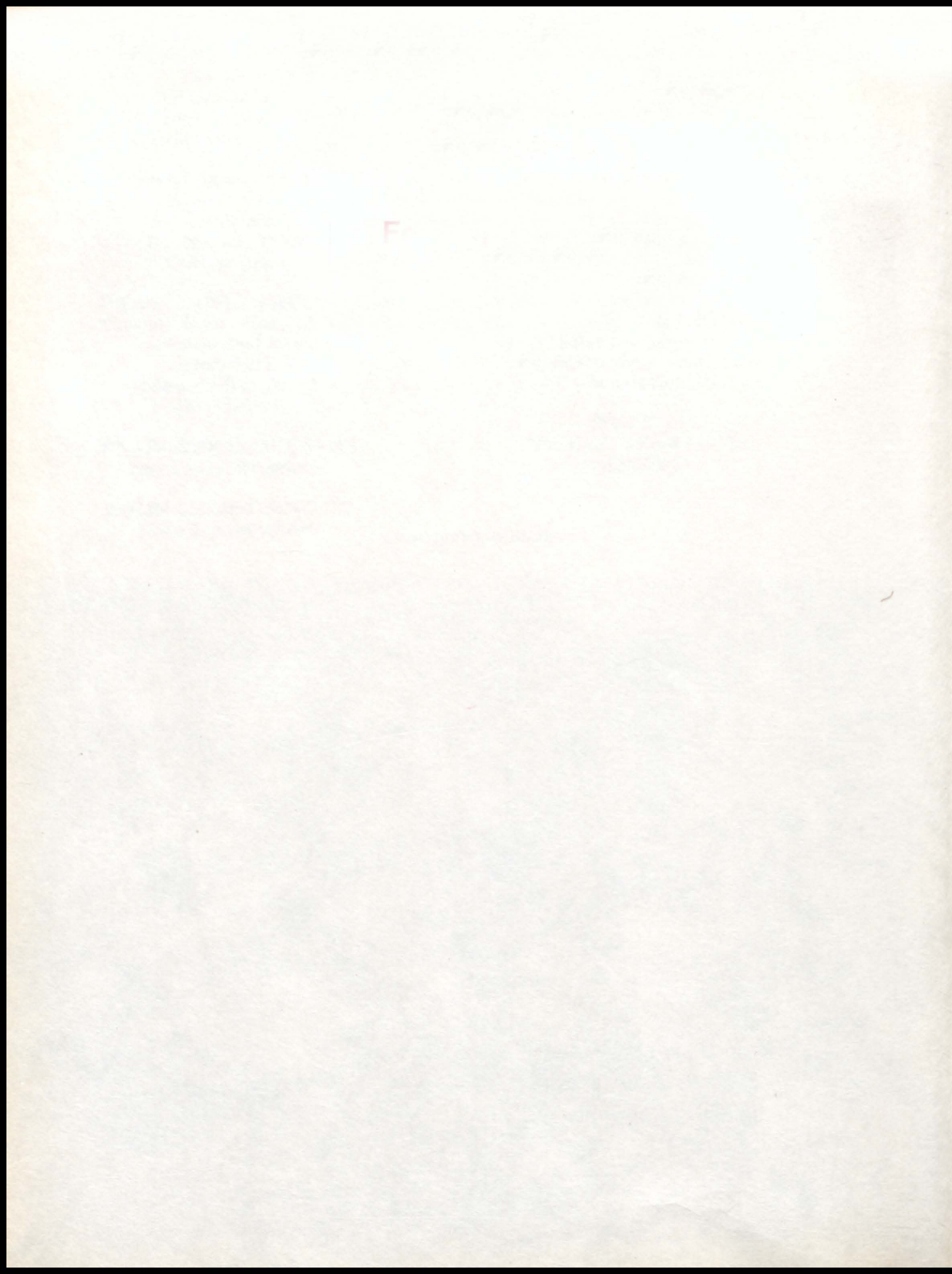
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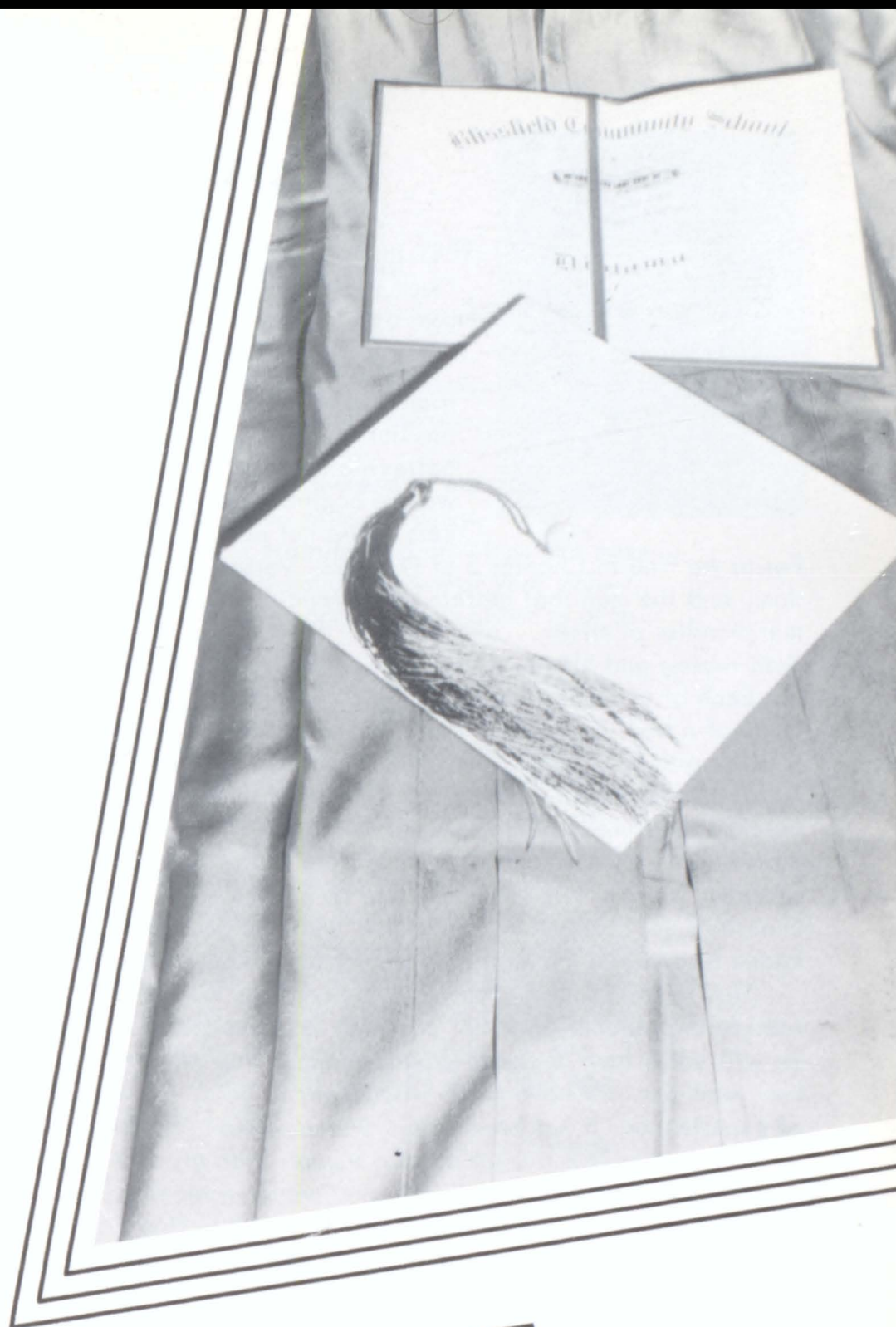
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VALEDICTORY

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

As we, the Class of 1959, look back over our four years of high school we realize that our primary purpose, although it has not always been apparent, has been to obtain knowledge, believing that knowledge would lead us to future success. Now we are beginning to realize that knowledge...and even success...are not enough, unless it is accompanied by wisdom.

For as we find in Chapter 3 of Proverbs, Verses 13-15: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver...and the gain thereof than fine gold. She (wisdom) is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her."

Each of us can be compared to a rose that, in our high school days, has reached the stage of a bud. In this bud form, we have been acquiring knowledge as nourishment for the healthy growth of ideas, attitudes and skills. And as the bud one day develops to full flower, so we look forward from graduation to the time when the talents that we have so carefully nurtured, begin to open to the full bloom of success. The size and quality of the bloom will vary for each of us according to the way the bud has grown. We all want to succeed, but we will remember that honor and wisdom will lie in doing well whatever we choose to do...or are chosen to do. What we are and hope to be will be largely determined by whether we maintain and further nourish our skills and attitudes in life.

This is not the end of the growing process, but the opening of the flower. By now we realize that education is not confined to books alone...that much of knowledge from now on will come from personal experience and from parents and friends, who often are our best teachers. We have much wisdom yet to gain, for wisdom comes from an accumulation of experiences. It has been said, "Make wisdom your provision for the journey from youth to old age, for it is a more certain support than all other possessions."

We have enjoyed the security that we have received from others in our growing stage. Now, as we look out into the future, we want to find a self-made security. Our greatest security will come from our inner security...a realization that our lives are in the hands of God.

It has been a privilege to be a senior of Blissfield High School, but it is a greater privilege to be a senior who has obtained a share of wisdom and honor for his or her school. We wish to thank our teachers and parents for their efforts and sacrifices during our school years. We will always be grateful for their help. And through their help, each of us is determined to become that perfect rose...and with God's help, we shall arrive at our highest goals.

Carol Sayers

SALUTATORY

It is with great pleasure that we, the class of 1959, welcome you to our class night. We appreciate your presence because it symbolizes your interest as a member of the Board of Education or the Faculty, a parent, or as a friend of the class. Our graduation is a triumph not only for the graduates but also for you who have made it possible.

Some may think that this week marks the end of our responsibility in acquiring an education when it really marks the beginning of a life time of learning and growing. We have taken freely during the past four years--and before--of your money, time, interest, and hopes; and now the opportunity is given to us to repay the investment which you made in us.

There have been many times, I am sure, when you have found us rebellious and ungrateful, but growing is always a painful process, and with each step we have taken in the direction of adulthood, we have left the paths of childhood security, never to be retraced.

Although we often do not express the gratitude which we feel, we wish to thank all of you for the sacrifices which you have made and for the guidance and understanding which you have given to us.

It is my hope, that in future years, we may fulfill your dreams in whatever field we may enter, whatever the tasks given us to complete. Whatever our position in life, may a teacher be able to say with pride, "I had him in my class," or for a parent to declare, "That's my son or daughter," or for anyone to say simply, "I am proud to know that person." It is then that you will be repaid and feel the satisfaction of a job well done.

Sally Fashbaugh





Rev. Dalton Bishop delivered the sermon for Baccalaureate.



Joan Eisenmann and Judy Studenka gave the prophecy at Class Night.

First Class Graduates

Baccalaureate Services for the Senior Class were held in the high school gym May 31, 1959.

The processional was played by Barbara Klump.

The invocation, scripture, and benediction were given by Reverend Alfred Price of the Blissfield United Brethren Church.

The high school chorus presented special music.

A most interesting Class Night program "This Is Your Life, Class of 1959" was presented by the senior class. The script was written by the top ten students, scholastically, under the direction of Mrs. Kafer.

The invocation and benediction was given by Reverend Elton Trumbull. The Salutatory was given by Sally Fashbaugh and Valedictory by Carol Sayers. Introductions were made by Jo Ann Frost.



Principal Burdett Peebles awarded the good citizenship medal to Paul Rodesiler.



Keith "Ralph Edwards" Bowman was master of ceremonies for Class Night.



Dr. Harvey Hahn spoke on "That Extra Something" at Commencement.

From New High School

Keith "Ralph Edwards" Bowman was master of ceremonies.

The Class of 1959 was represented by Dave Andrews. Ralph Breitner gave the commercial. The will, prophecy, and giftatory were presented by members of the senior class.

Commencement exercises were held in the Blissfield High School gymnasium.

The invocation and benediction were given by Reverend Otto Hood. The address was given by Dr. Harvey C. Hahn, Minister of the United Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio. His topic was "That Extra Something."

Superintendent F. J. Strayer presented the diplomas and Principal Burdett Peebles presented the awards. Paul Rodesiler was awarded the good citizenship medal.

The program included music by the high school band and a coronet solo by Douglas Miller.



Superintendent F. J. Strayer congratulated Dave Andrews on receiving his diploma.



Middies march to class at the Annapolis Naval Academy.



Mrs. Culhane, Mrs. Onofrio



Goodbye! See you soon.

Senior

Eighty-eight Seniors expectantly boarded the B and O Dieselliner Ambassador, Sunday at 7:25, which sped them to their destination, Washington.

Monday morning a sight seeing tour included Washington Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, Tombs of the Unknown Soldiers, Christ Church, and Mount Vernon. That evening they toured the Congressional Library, National Archives Building, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Pentagon Building, and the National Airport.



Ron Crist consumes a giant strawberry shortcake as Howard Haas looks on.



"What the heck's the deal?"



Mr. Strayer, Mr. Eisenman, Mr. Ridgley.



The White House

Trip

Later in the week the seniors visited the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, White House, Pan American Union, U.S. Capitol Building, Supreme Court, Smithsonian Institute, F.B.I., and the National Cathedral.

The trip concluded with a visit to Annapolis, Maryland, where they inspected the U.S. Naval Academy.

Thursday evening they boarded the train, homeward bound, remembering their trip as one of the most interesting experiences they have ever had in all their years of high school.



Hurry up with the food! We're starved!



Oh migosh! We're lost. Let's see. I think we came this way.



Seniors dine at the "Old Club" in Alexandria.



Guests entered through a lovely garden.



Mr. Peebles opens his 'General Store'



Casey's Cafe

As the juniors, seniors, and faculty strolled through a formal garden they came upon a street scene from the "Gay 90's." The Rupp and Potter livery stable, saloon, Swain's barber shop, and post office represented the gas light era. At the far end of the street was a wishing well.

The dance was held at Casey's Sidewalk Cafe. The guests entered Casey's through a gateway in a wrought iron fence surrounded by flowers.

Dr. Raymond Bowers of Hillsdale College entertained the guests with many delightful stories.

During the banquet the Harmony Esquires, a barbershop quartet, provided an atmosphere of the "Gay 90's" with songs of that period.



Forks to the left. Spoons to the right. Ron.



Waiters and waitresses: J. Rohrback, B. Klump, M. Kerentoff, D. Young.



Food! at the Royal Jester--Elysium staff party.



Home Ec. girls model their dresses at the P.T.A. style show.



A. Rowland and P. Mann represent two Roman characters at the Latin banquet.



At the roman banquet, members of the Latin Club are served by a Roman slave.



Carol Sayers receives the Arian Award from Director David McCoy at the annual band banquet.



Lois Knoblauch presents a lovely corsage to Mrs. McCoy from the band members.



TOP ROW: Mr. Lew, Coach; F. Whitman, K. Kendall, R. Klauda, John Pavelka, Jim Pavelka, J. Waigle, J. Bartholemew, H. Haas, R. Flores. MIDDLE ROW: Tom Frohnapfel, Manager; J. Harper, J. Michael, T. Hall, B. Fisher, L. Koester, D. Seegert, D. Fischer, R. Sanchez, J. Garno, Manager. FIRST ROW: J. Warner, J. Ehlert, A. Flores, R. Rohrbach, J. Jennings, D. Andrews, R. Warner.

Royals Win Track and

Coach Robert Lew's track team again captured the L.C.A.A. crown by winning the county meet at Tecumseh. This made eight consecutive years that Blissfield has taken the meet. The margin between Blissfield and the second place school was 7 1/2 points. This year depth was a big factor in the Royal's decisive victory. The team captured only 3 firsts while 8 seconds, 2 thirds, 1 fourth, and 4 fifth places were taken. High scorers for Blissfield were sophomore Jeff Ehlert with nine points, Ron Rohrbach with eight and one half; Jim Pavelka with eight; Dave Andrews and John Pavelka with five points each.

The following seniors lost through graduation were: Dave Andrews, 880 relay, low hurdles; John Bartholomew, medley relay, 440 yd. dash; Bob Fisher, medley relay, 440 yd. dash; Howard Hass, shotput; Ken Kendall, mile run, shotput; and Ron Rohrbach, high jump, 440 yd. dash, 880 yd. relay. At the regional meet at Ann Arbor, Blissfield had 5 trackmen place. They were: Jim Pavelka, 5th in the shotput; Jeff Ehlert, 5th in the 100 yard dash; Jim Jennings, tied for 5th in the pole vault; Dave Andrews, 3rd in the low hurdles; and Tom Hall, tied for 4th in the high jump.



COACH LEW

TRACK SCOREBOARD FOR 1959

Team	We	They	Team	We	They
Monroe	54	55	Adrian	55 1/2	53 1/2
Morenci	80	29	Hillsdale	41	67
Tecumseh	35	74	Summerfield	93	16
Hudson	49 1/2	59 1/2	Adrian	66 1/2	47 1/2
Ypsi-Lincoln	51	58			



TOP ROW: Mr. Swain, Coach; D. Franklin, P. Rodesiler, C. Bakus, W. VanNeiuwehnze, P. Marks, B. Mason, D. Carroll, Manager. MIDDLE ROW: D. Price, R. Ricker, R. Marks, B. Mitchell, D. Miller. FRONT ROW: D. Ricker, R. Svestka, L. Lipp, D. Figy, J. Hinshaw, B. Marlatt.

Baseball Championships

The Blissfield High School baseball team coached by Mr. John Swain successfully defended their title by winning the L.C.A.A. baseball championship for the second year in a row. Their league record was six wins and one loss and their overall record was ten wins and two losses. The team was composed of nine seniors, four juniors, and four sophomores.

The outstanding pitcher on the team was Chuck Bakus, a junior who pitched 70 innings, struck out 97 men, and won 9 and lost 2. Wayne VanNeiuwehnze, a sophomore who pitched 14 innings, struck out 19 men, and won 1 and lost 0, and Dave Franklin, a junior who pitched 6 innings and struck out 9 men comprised the rest of the pitching staff. The leading hitters on the squad were Dave Ricker, .450; Larry Lipp, .431; Paul Marks, .428; Bob Marlott, .348; and Ron Marks, .302. The team scored a total of 83 runs for the season and held their opponents to 27 runs.

The nine seniors of the championship team lost through graduation were Dave Ricker, Larry Lipp, Paul Marks, Bob Marlatt, Dick Price, Doug Miller, Darrell Figy, Paul Rodesiler, and Ron Svestka.

BASEBALL SCOREBOARD FOR 1959

Team	We	They	Team	We	They
Bedford	4	7	Pittsford	3	1
Tecumseh	5	1	Onsted	13	3
Hudson	14	0	Tecumseh	3	2
Morenci	7	2	Sand Creek	13	1
Bedford	22	1	Clinton	18	6
Summerfield	11	0	Addison	2	3



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Bakus throws one in.



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Coach Swain talks with
Paul Rodesiler.



Ron Rohrbach wins the
440 yd. dash.

Jim Pavelka gets ready to
throw the shot.



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