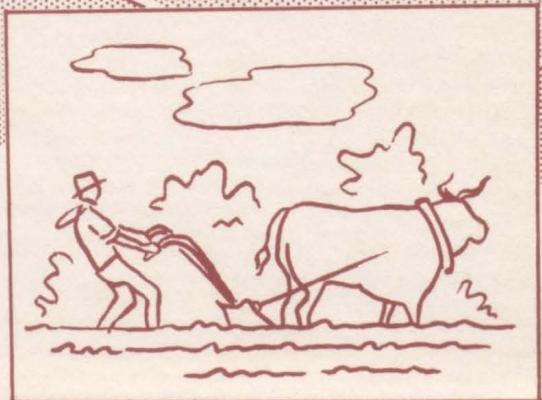
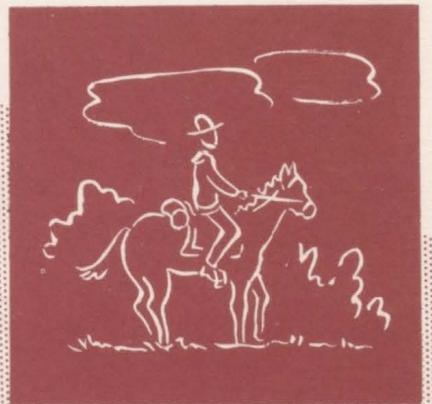
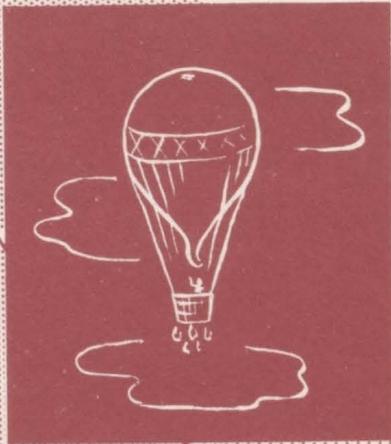
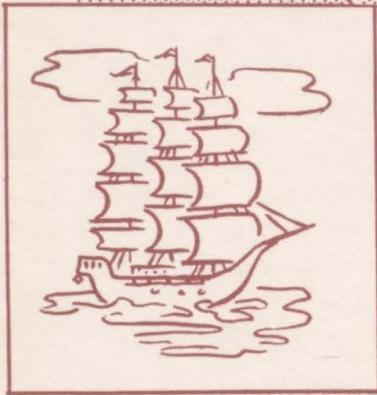
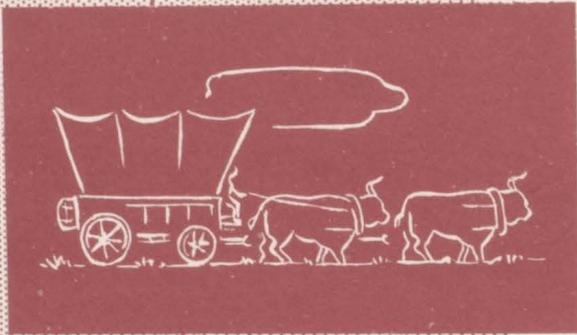
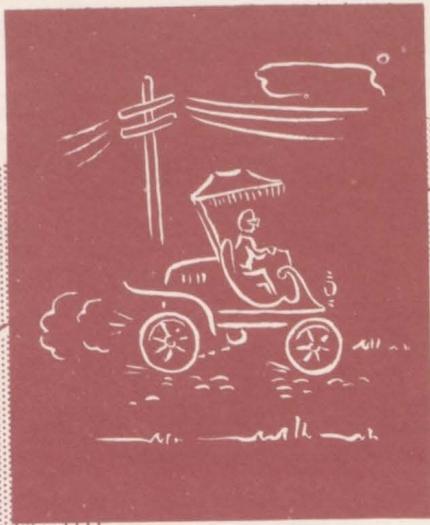
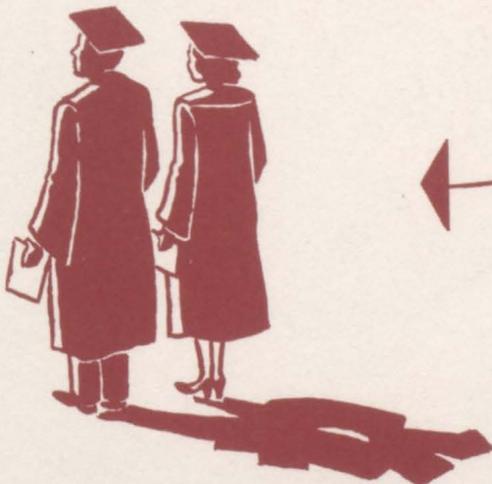
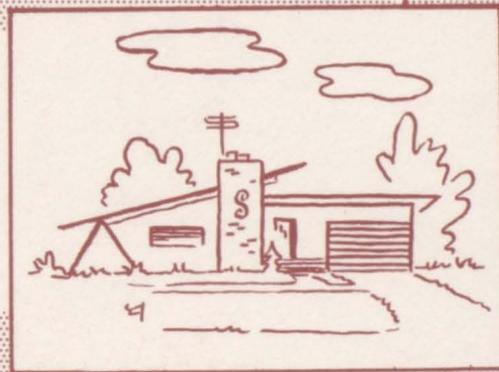
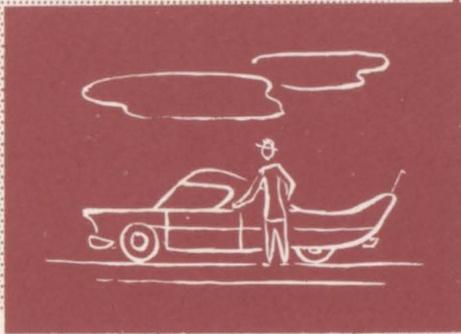
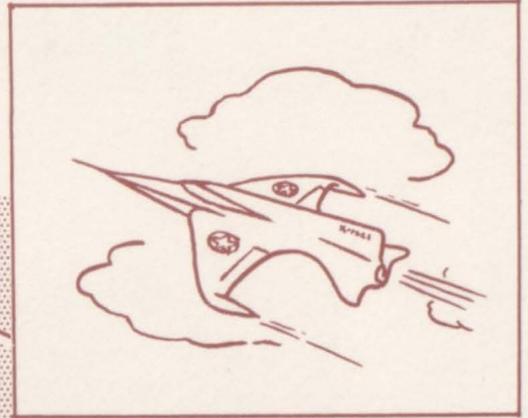
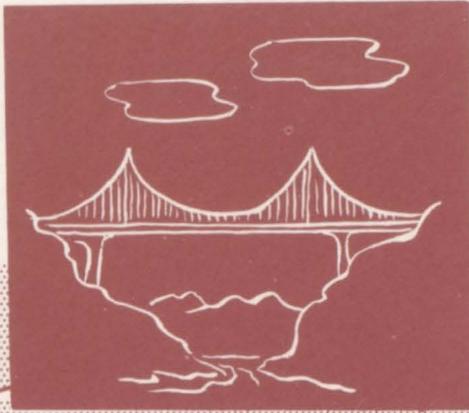


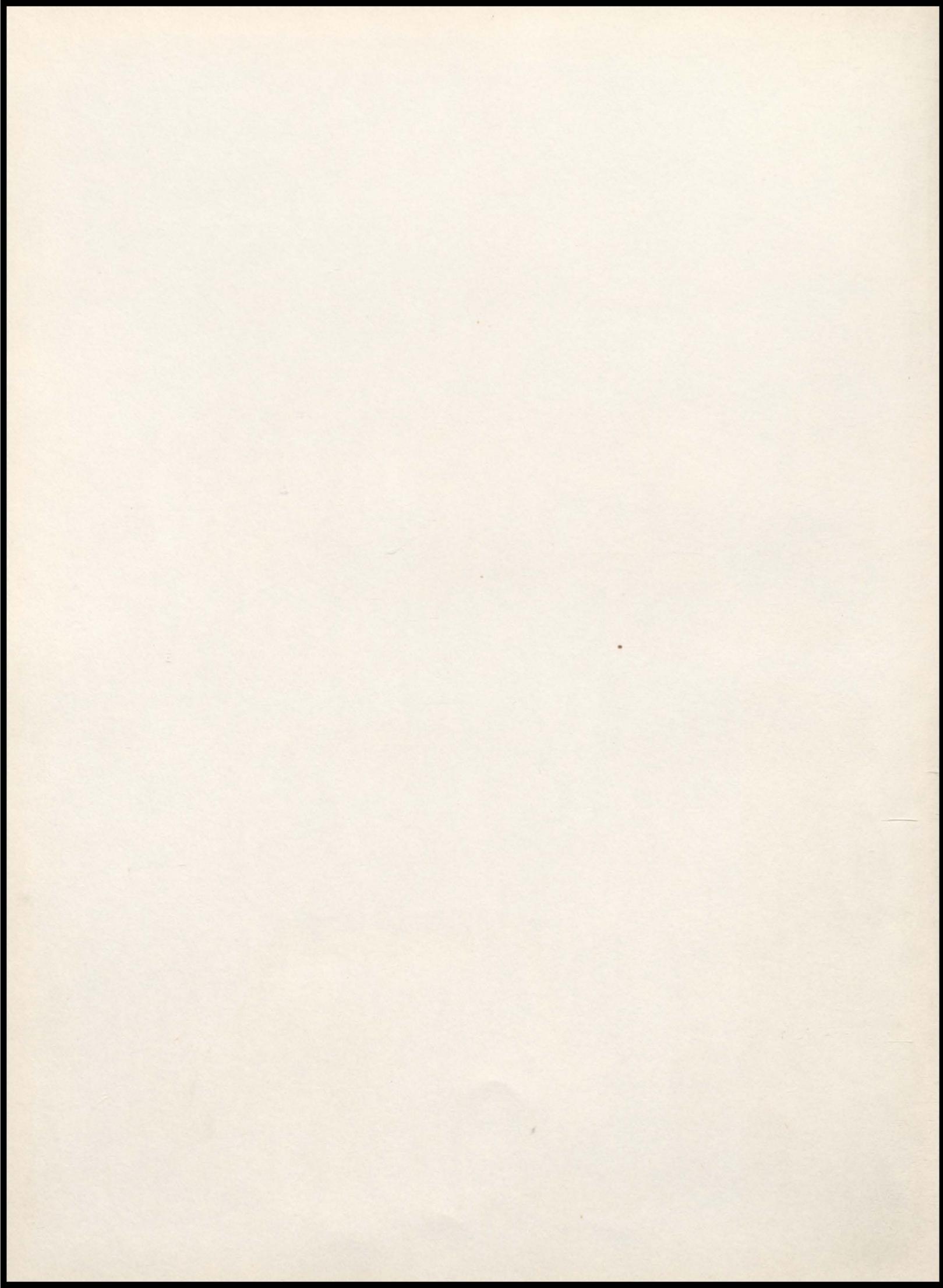
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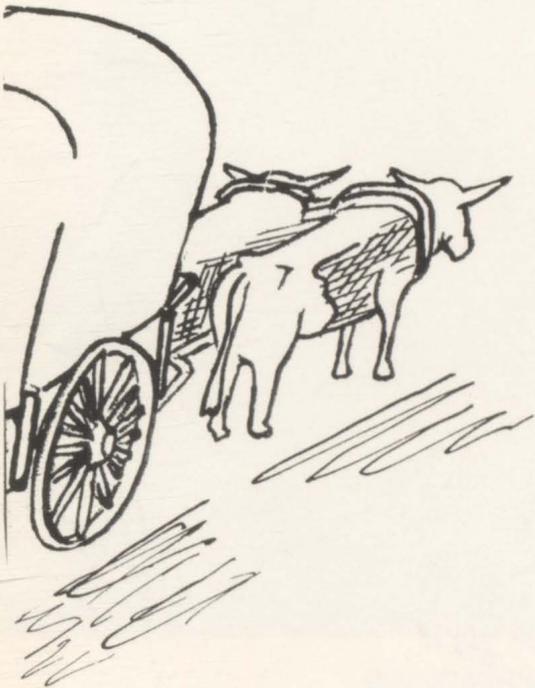
On the eve of Bement's centennial celebration, this book came into being. During these one hundred years, the educational opportunities have kept pace with other progress in our community. The 1955 BIM is a record of the memorable events of the school year. We have tried to capture some of the spirit of life in BHS hoping that it will remain real to us throughout the years.

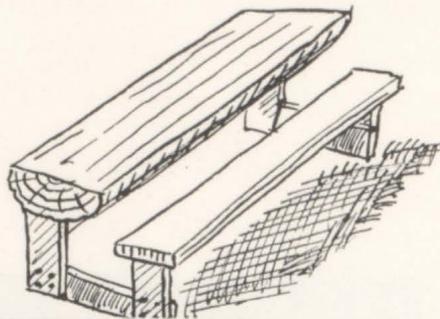


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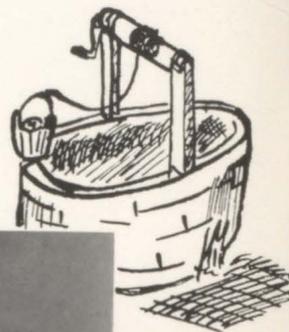
"We the surface broad surveying, we the virgin
soil upheaving, Pioneers! O Pioneers!"

These lines by Walt Whitman typify the thoughts
and deeds of the hardy settlers of Bement. It is to
them, a few against the wilderness who became the
fathers of today's great agricultural industry, that
this book is respectfully dedicated.





In the last one hundred years of educational progress, the school system and buildings have changed from the rural, one room "little red schoolhouse" to today's community unit district with its large modern buildings which are equipped with every educational facility available.



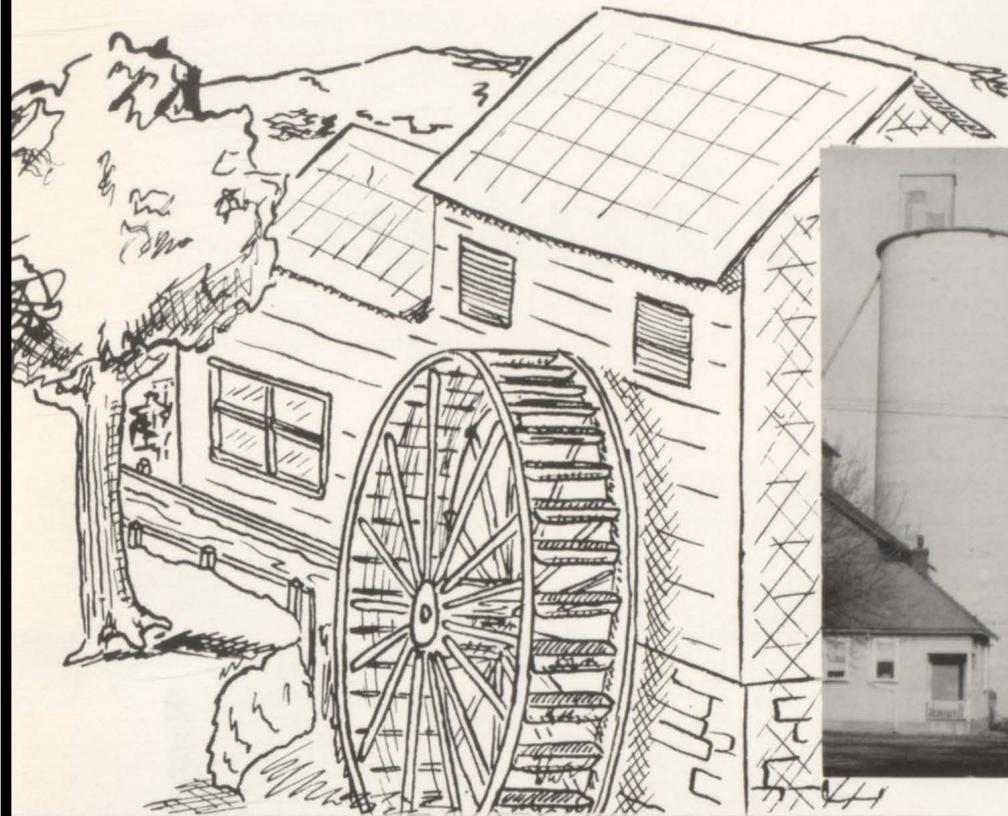
The water tower is a familiar sight to all of us. Just by turning a faucet, you can have your choice of hot or cold water. This is a far cry from the days of the "old oaken bucket".



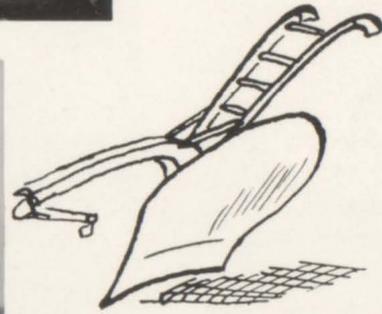
The Bryant Cottage, a historical landmark, links us to the past and the days of Lincoln, whose words, "Can the World endure half slave and half free?", provide the theme for our Centennial celebration.



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Farmers of today rely heavily upon the modern machinery, buildings, and procedures used by the cooperative elevator companies. Gone forever are the long hauls over muddy roads (with horses and wagon) to the mill where grinding was done.



The power of fifty horses has replaced the toil of the single man plowing with his horse. Today's modern tractor enables the farmer to turn the soil almost without effort.

The pioneers of yesterday often had no places of worship but the open air or someone's house. Our community is indeed fortunate to have today many friendly churches of various demoninations.



Administration



FIRST ROW: Mr. Howard Lamb, Mr. Ralph Moery, Jr., Mr. Charles Tabaka, Mr. Albert Harshbarger.
SECOND ROW: Mr. A. E. Bodman, President; Mr. Charles Lefever, Secretary; Mr. Russell Rodgers.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The sincere appreciation of the students is extended to these citizens who are willing to contribute time and thought to making our school one of the best. During the past hundred years, there was always someone who freely gave time, effort, and thought in behalf of bettering our educational system. Today we are fortunate in having a board of seven competent members who are vitally interested in the development of education in the community.

MR. WALTER SLATER, superintendent of Community Unit No. 5, has the responsibility of organizing and carrying out the educational program of the community. In addition to his administrative duties, he teaches a class in physics.

Mr. Slater not only gives academic advice to the students, but takes a personal interest in them all.

The class of '55 wishes to thank him for his friendly counsel.



MISS JANET McCOLLUM competently and cheerfully performs her duties as office secretary.

MR. DONALD WOODARD, our principal, is a very busy man! In addition to his daily chores as principal, he teaches civics, economics, and world geography. Later in the day, you will find him in the gym, coaching basketball.

We feel that Mr. Woodard has been a definite asset in helping us plan our high school years. We will always remember this helpful guidance.



FACULTY

MR. WILLIAM CHANDLER, football and track coach, teaches World History and American History. Boys' physical education is also supervised by Mr. Chandler. Other duties are those of being advisor to the Sophomore class and to the B-Club.

MISS PEARL SWAIM is the teacher of Latin and Freshman and Sophomore English. Her duties as advisor include those of helping the school paper's staff and the Freshman class.

MR. THOMAS HENSLEY conducts an experiment on distillation. This is his first year of teaching at Bement High. His classes include chemistry, biology, and general science. He is a Freshman class advisor.



FACULTY

MR. RICHARD MILLS is here explaining the intricacies of an algebra problem to a student. He conducts classes in practical mathematics, algebra, and trigonometry. In addition to his teaching, Mr. Mills is assistant football and basketball coach, baseball coach, and advisor to the B-Club.



MISS BETTY FOWLER demonstrates the proper method of drawing a bow. She is physical education teacher for all high school and upper grade school girls. Miss Fowler is faculty advisor to the G. A. A. and the Sophomore class.



MISS ISABELLE HOUSTON, who teaches third and fourth year English, has the job of advising the Senior class in their activities. These include the annual and the senior play. She is also high school librarian.



FACULTY

MR. JOE FOSTER has charge of the classes pertaining to agriculture. Four years are taught, but each varies in its material. Mr. Foster is F. F. A. and Junior class advisor.



MISS CHARLOTTE GLENN directs all choral groups including the three choruses and the sextette and octet. In addition to her high school activities, she is music teacher for all grade school pupils in the area.



MISS MARJORIE JOHNSTONE teaches all three years of home economics. She is also kept busy by the tasks called for in being F. H. A. and Junior class advisor.



FACULTY

MISS ARLENE RITTENHOUSE is showing these girls some of the operations of a typewriter. She teaches all commercial courses, including secretarial practice, bookkeeping, typing, and shorthand. She is also one of the Junior class advisors.



MR. JOSEPH BEARDEN, our new band instructor, has charge of both grade school and high school musicians. He is advisor of the Senior class and, as his hobby is photography, he is the sponsor of the Camera Club. The flash of his camera is seen at many scholastic events.



MR. JAMES COLEMAN explains the features of a new lathe in our shops. Primarily a teacher of industrial arts, Mr. Coleman teaches an algebra class too. He is advisor to the Junior Class.





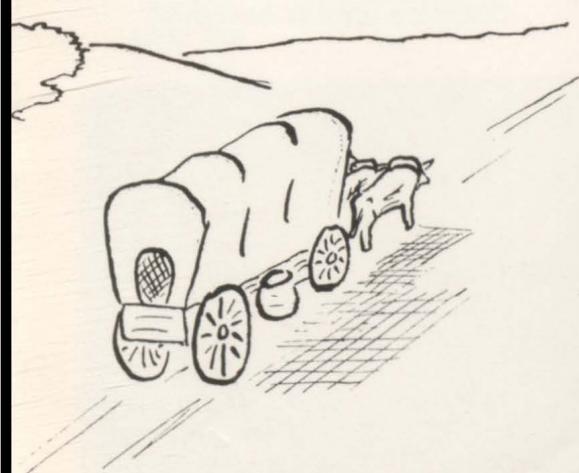
A welcome break comes at noon when it is time for a hot lunch served in the cafeteria in the grade school basement. The women who plan and prepare the delicious meals are, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Olinger, Mrs. Liestman, Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Still, Mrs. Scott, Miss Clodfelter. Miss Clodfelter is also the school nurse.

We owe the sparkling and attractive appearance of our school to our superintendent of maintenance, Mr. Hill (left). His assistant Mr. Rucker (right) has charge of the building at night.



There is quite a difference between the modern, dependable school busses which bring us to school and the transportation of a hundred years ago. Headed by Mr. Crook, the competent men who drive our busses are, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Phillips, Mr. Miles, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Crook, Mr. Bell, Mr. Byron, Mr. Foran.

Classes





LOUIS STRACK---September
20 ---"Lou"---Conversationalist
extraordinary---Bright future as a vet.



SHIRLEY LINDSTROM---July
17---A sunbeam doesn't make
much noise---best of scholars
---give her a job and she'll do
it well---heart of pure gold---
"What do you think?"

CLASS

STAN COURSON---February
17---The women disturb me
not!---A flash at football---
An organizer---Shy smile to
remember.

DON BURGESS---November
29---"Burge"---Sly sense of
humor---Thinks it over---
Distinctive style of expression.

NANCY McCOLLUM---March
2---Not a friend for a day,
but a friend always. ---Radiant
smile matches her personality
---Musician and willing helper.



SIMONE DRAKE---August 30
 ---Gingery hair with a temper
 to match---"Moon"---a walk
 in the rain---"Go, go, go!"
 ---Unpredictable.



OF 1955

DAVE GOODMAN---June 19
 ---Math and mischief---Fu-
 ture builder of bridges---Way
 with the women---"What are
 we 'posed to do now?"



MARY KAY STOERGER ---
 September 9---When there's
 mischief brewing, she's doing
 the stirring!---"Toe" ---
 "Where's Jackie?"---Such
 smiles!

SANDRA McVICKER---Feb-
 ruary 13 --"Sandy"---Dreams
 under lock and key---"Oh / no!"
 "Angel in white" to be---
 Loves life.



CHARLES HELM---November
 15---"Charlie"---A whizz on
 the basketball floor---Let the
 world go as it may, I will take
 it anyway---Ambition unde-
 cided.



JACQUE ZINDAR---May 22
 ---Petite and sweet---"Jackie"
 ---"Where's Toe?"---As hard
 to catch as the waiter's eye!



DAVE LIVINGSTON---Jan-
 uary 12---Determined individ-
 ualist---"Liv"---In order of
 preference: cars, airplanes,
 and girls--ye old editor

CLASS

NANCY ALLISON---Septem-
 ber 6---Looks innocent, but
 you never can tell!---You're
 either her "bebe" or her "buddy"
 ---Secret and self-contained

LOIS FLEMING---May 21---
 Will power to stick to those
 studies---Plans to teach---
 Daydreams---Harasses poor,
 innocent males!

DAVE GALLIVAN---July 17
 ---Strange mixture of quiet-
 ness and laughter---That old
 Irish smile---Just has fun liv-
 ing---"Lulu"



PATTY DOYLE---July 24---
 I chatter as I go and I go on
 forever---Queen of the ball
 ---"Am I late?"---Future of
 interior decorating.



OF 1955

ROBERT JEFFERS---June 24
 ---Easy going and good na-
 tured---"Bob"---Daily habit;
 a milkshake---"Fame and For-
 tune" are synonymous with
 "hard work."



FRANCES DICK---December
 6---"Dicky"---The door to
 success is labeled PUSH---
 future teacher---"Where's
 your news article?"

BEVERLY CORUM---May 2
 ---Neat and shiny as a pearl
 ---"Bev"---"Why can't they
 all be contented like me?"---
 True friend.



SANDRA PRIMMER---June 28
 ---"Sandy"---Quiet? That's
 what you think! Blue eyes
 with an inner glow---A good
 pal to have around.



MARILYN TIMME---Hums the
Hit Parade---"Tim"---This
gal is up on the current events!
---March 29---"Hi-ya, kid."
Nurse-to-be.



FRANCES KURR---"Fran"---
Active in G. A. A. ---Good
sport---Fine cook---July 13---
"Oh shoot!"

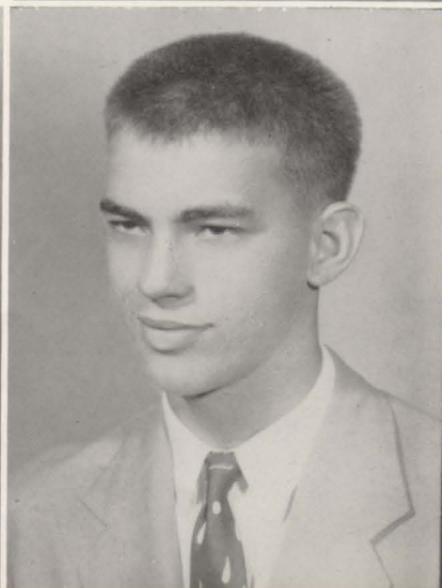
ELIZABETH McCABE---Thinks
the out-of-doors is best---
"Liz"---July 11---"Speech is
great, but silence is greater."
---Favorite spot: commercial
room.

LOUISE MUNDY---All good
things come in small packages.
---"Louisa"---September 20
---"Oh, dam!"---Ambition -
to be a librarian.

GLENN BOLSEN---Takes life
as it comes---Never do to-
morrow what you can put off
until day after tomorrow! ---A
good natured grumble for every
tick of the clock---June 1.



BARBARA MARSHALL---"Barb"
---Outdoor, Athletic, and All
American---July 13---Never
tires of basketball and baseball
---P. E. teacher-to-be.



SENIOR HISTORY

In 1951, Mr. Slater gave the starting signal for forty-three pioneers who came thundering into Bement High, all eager to make a place for themselves in the new community of BCHS. Here opportunity awaited them and they joined the rush for knowledge, enjoyment, and experience. Not one of them knew what lay ahead of him in the next four years, but all were raring to find out.

First they had to organize; for in the new territory, organization was the only chance for survival among the seniors, juniors, and sophomores. Their head teamster (president) was Louie Strack and his right hand "gal" (vice-president) was Shirley Lindstrom. The Miss who took care of the financial and other official matters was Simone Drake, while Sandra McVicker and Dave Livingston sat in on the student council.

This two fisted freshman bunch managed to throw one hoe-down and join in on many of the activities of the school such as F.H.A., G.A.A. and F.F.A.

Yes sir, pardner, they managed to stay the winter on this prairie and they still had thirty-nine members in their wagon train.

They planned to be democratic, so they elected a whole new slate of "big-wigs" in their sophomore year with Don Burgess as President and Dave Goodmon as Vice-President. Lois Fleming was Secretary-Treasurer and Junior Woodcock and Nancy Mc Collum were on the council. The fifty two'ers had a rip-roarin' party in November.

By this time the junior pioneers really had a foothold on this homestead. Their executive officers for that year were Dave Goodmon, President; Stan Courson, Vice-President; Jacque Zindars, Secretary-Treasurer. Nancy Allison, Louie Strack, and Dave Livingston served on the council.

During the football and basketball seasons, this thriving band worked hard in concession stands in order to give the seniors a Prom in April which turned out to be "April in Paris."

In November the seniors gave them an old-fashioned square dance.

Once again the class of '55 held an election for president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and council members. Those elected were Shirley Lindstrom, Stan Courson, Louie Strack, Sandra McVicker, Simone Drake, and Don Burgess in order of office. Yes, their senior year was underway.

Being well established and accustomed to their new way of life, the seniors decided to edit a yearbook. They had learned that all good things take work and money, so they sold magazine subscriptions and managed concessions at basketball games.

The seniors were breaking away from their pioneer pattern of life and getting new ideas! During February they presented the juniors with a night club party which was held in the "Green Room" of "Club '55."

In May, all twenty-six seniors began to get the wanderlust. New horizons were beckoning the Centennial class of '55 who were rolling on, not together as a class, but united in spirit.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

NANCY ALLISON--Chorus 1,2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Secretary 4; G.A.A. 1,2; Football Cheerleader 3,4; Basketball Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Queen Candidate 4; Student Council 3.

GLENN BOLSEN--Band 1,2; Drum Ensemble 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Grain Judging 2,3; Fat Stock Judging 3; Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2; Baseball 3; "B" Club 4.

DON BURGESS--Band 1,2,3,4, President 3, Vice-President 4; Brass Quartet 1,2,3; Baritone Solo 1,3; Hungry Five 3; Dance Band 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice-President 4; Soil Judging 2; Fat Stock Judging 3; Annual Staff 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1; Track 1,2,3; "B" Club 1,2,3,4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Homecoming Escort 4; Class President 2; Student Council 3,4, President 4.

BEVERLY CORUM--F.H.A. 4; Library Club 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Pep Club 1,2.

STAN COURSON--F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, President 4; Fat Stock Judging 2; Grain Judging 3; Annual Staff 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 2,3,4; "B" Club 2,3,4; Homecoming Escort 4; Class Vice-President 3,4.

FRANCES DICK--F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Treasurer 3; News Staff 1,2,3,4, Editor 4; Library Club 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Camp 2, President 4.

PATTY DOYLE--Chorus 1,2,3; Octet 1,2,3; Vocal Solo 1,2,3; Band 1,2,3,4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Dance Band 4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Degrees Chairman 3, Recreation Chairman 4; Camera Club 4, Vice-President 4; News Staff 2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; G.A.A. 1,2; Football Cheerleader 2,3,4; Basketball Cheerleader 3,4; Homecoming Queen 4.

SIMONE DRAKE--Chorus 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; News Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 4; L.O.V. 2,4, Vice-President 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Camp 1; Football Cheerleader 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Student Council 4; Class Secretary-Treasurer 1.

LOIS FLEMING--Moweaqua-First Semester 1; Chorus 1,2,3; Girls' Sextet 3; Band 1,2,3,4; Clarinet Quartet 1,2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Degrees Chairman 4; Annual Staff 4; Football Cheerleader 2; Basketball Cheerleader 2; Pep Club 2; Class Secretary-Treasurer 2.

DAVE GALLIVAN--F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Beef Judging 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,3,4; Baseball 1,2; "B" Club 2,3,4.

DAVE GOODMON--Band 1,2,3,4, President 4, Vice-President 3; Brass Quartet 3; "Hungry Five" 3; Dance Band 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Fat Stock Judging 1; Grain Judging 2; Soil Judging 2; Annual Staff 4; Football 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 2,3; Track 2; "B" Club 3,4, Vice-President 4; Homecoming Escort 4; Class Vice-President 2; Class President 3.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

CHARLES HELM--F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Fat Stock Judging 3; Annual Staff 4; Football 1; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3.

ROBERT JEFFERS--Chorus 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Reporter 4; Grain Judging 2,3; Fat Stock Judging 3; Soil Judging 4; Football Manager 1; "B" Club 1, 2,3,4.

SHIRLEY LINDSTROM--F.H.A. 2,3,4, President 4; Annual Staff 1; G.A.A. 4; Pep Club 1; Class Vice-President 1; Class President 4.

DAVE LIVINGSTON--Band 1; Annual Staff 2,3,4, Editor 4; Basketball 1,2; Student Council 2,3.

BARBARA MARSHALL--News Staff 4; G.A.A. 2,3,4.

ELIZABETH McCABE--Chorus 1; Band 1,2.

NANCY McCOLLUM--Chorus 1,2,3,4, President 4; Sextet 1,2,3,4; Vocal Solo 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4, Librarian 1,2,3,4; All-State Band 3; Camp 3,4; Instrumental Solo 1,3; Mixed Clarinet Quartet 1,2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff 4; Football Cheerleader 2; Pep Club 1; Queen Candidate 4; Student Council 2,4.

SANDRA McVICKER--Chorus 1,3; Octet 1; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice-President 4; News Staff 1,2,3,4, Editor 4; Annual Staff 4; L.O.V. 2; Football Cheerleader 2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Queen Candidate 4; G.A.A. 1,2,4; Student Council 1,4, Secretary-Treasurer 4.

LOUISE MUNDY--Chorus 1,2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 2,3,4; G.A.A. 1, Vice-President 1; Pep Club 1,2.

SANDRA PRIMMER--Chorus 1,2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 3,4.

MARY KAY STOERGER--Ivesdale 1,2; Chorus 3,4; Library Club 4; Annual Staff 4; L.O.V. 4, Secretary 4; News Staff 4; G.A.A. 3,4, Camp 3, Secretary-Treasurer 4.

LOUIS STRACK--F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Reporter 2,3; Dairy Team 1; Grain Judging 1,2; Soil Judging 2; Annual Staff 4; State Latin Contest 3; Football 1,2,3,4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 2,3; "B" Club 2,3,4, President 4; Homecoming Escort 4; Student Council 3; Class President 1; Class Secretary-Treasurer 4.

MARILYN TIMME--F.H.A. 1,2; News Staff 4; Library Club 3,4; G.A.A. 2.

JACQUE ZINDAR--Ivesdale 1,2; Chorus 3; F.H.A. 4; News Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Library Club 4, President 4; G.A.A. 3,4, Camp 3, Point Chairman 4; Class Secretary-Treasurer 3.

SENIOR PROPHECY

June 1, 1975

Ah, yes! Bement's wheels of progress have really rolled during this twenty years since the Centennial Class of 1955 graduated! Bragging? Why of course not!

If you don't believe me, just look around. Good time to do so since the super highway connecting Bement, Ivesdale, and Milmine is being dedicated today. Probably most of the old "grads" will be coming back for the celebration. It's about time for Louise Mundy, first lady mayor of Bement, to start the ceremony. Here she comes now with Dave Goodmon, engineer of the highway, and Louie Strack, his psychiatrist and chief concrete mixer.

The parade's started! There's that high stepping Patty Doyle leading the band! And over there are Miss Houston and Mr. Bearden selling peanuts! Next in the stream of stars I see Dave Livingston, president of General Motors, in his red Jaguar. Seated next to him is "Daredevil" Drake, chief test pilot. In the back seat are Sandy McVicker, nurse of the company, and her closest co-worker, Glenn Bolsen, undertaker.

Let's see. Next on the program is Nancy McCollum, Metropolitan Opera star. I hear she "yodels" almost as well as those "Melodious Milmine Mariners," Stan Courson, Marilyn Timme, and Lois Fleming. Yes, they finally took the big step--and moved to Milmine.

"The Gettysburg Address" recited by Frances Dick's first graders and "Hickory--Dickory--Doc" from Mary Kay Stoerger's English IV pupils. Yes, sir, there's really been lots of progress made in the old Alma Mater since Don Burgess became superintendent! However, I think Shirley "Bring 'Em In Alive" Lindstrom, truant officer, should receive most of the credit.

See that cowboy over there? That's ol' Charlie Helm. He owns half of Texas now; Barb Marshall owns the other half. In their spare time they coach the B.C.H.S. basketball team that has beaten Monticello twenty years straight.

Over there in that stunning bird cage hat designed by Sandra "Fifi" Primmer is Jacque Zindar, Bement's Hedda Hopper. Next to Jacque is Elizabeth McCabe, her secretary, who takes five hundred words per minute in shorthand. Jacque talks faster and faster and faster these days, you know!

Let's walk on down the street to Beverly Corum's restaurant and have some of that nationally known "Strawberry and Sardine Special" prepared by her equally famous cook, Frances Kurr. Robert Jeffers, shrewd business man, has made a fortune by setting up an Alka-Seltzer stand on the door step.

Next door to the cafe is the studio of famous baby photographer, Dave Gallivan. His steadiest customer is Nancy Allison, mother of twenty-five.

See what I mean, friend? I'm not bragging! Progress and the Class of '55 walk hand in hand!

SENIOR WILL

I, SANDRA PRIMMER, will my ability to stay out of trouble to Lawrence Brady and Gene Clifton.

I, CHARLIE HELM, will my perfect driving record to Patsy Byron.

I, BEVERLY CORUM, will my secret loafing place at Hill's to Irene Alexander.

I, DAVE GALLIVAN, will my title of "Ivesdale Romeo" to Johnny Strater.

I, SIMONE DRAKE, will my long, long legs to Bobby Rodgers.

I, SANDY McVICKER, will my pug nose to Jim Wildman.

I, JACQUE ZINDAR, will my jangled nerves and constant chatter to Sally Born and Evelyn

White.

I, DAVE GOODMON, leave the battered Plymouth to brother Bill.

I, LOIS FLEMING, will a year's supply of clarinet reeds to Karen Lux.

I, GLENN BOLSEN, leave the "Beetle" and twenty gallons of gas to little Jack.

I, FRANCES KURR, will my shy, retiring ways to Larry Medaris.

I, PATTY DOYLE, will my meager wardrobe to Dick Jones. All he has to do is shrink a

little!

I, STAN COURSON, will my football ability to Sharon Morton. Hold that line!

I, MARY KAY STOERGER, will my sparkling wit to Bill Hannon.

I, ELIZABETH McCABE, will my spot in the commercial room to Virginia Eades.

I, MARILYN TIMME, will my place in fourth hour girls' P. E. to Jay Poling and Loren

Phipps. Won't they have fun?

I, DON BURGESS, will my Monticello territory to Jim O'Hara. It's high time he left Ivesdale!

I, DAVE LIVINGSTON, leave a bottle of aspirins to next year's editor, Jerry Stout.

I, LOUIE STRACK, will my corny jokes to Jim Yockey. Mine with his, we should make the movies!

I, NANCY McCOLLUM, will my long, black locks to Jim Fendley and Peggy Zoch.

I, LOUISE MUNDY, will my class time snoozes to Ron "Bright Eyes" Laughlin.

I, BOB JEFFERS, will my higher position at Kintner's to Jack Corum and Phyllis Shumard.

I, NANCY ALLISON, will my honor as "first engaged senior" to Lenna Schwartz.

I, FRANCES DICK, will my "up at dawn" tendencies to Sam Clark.

We, SHIRLEY LINDSTROM and BARB MARSHALL, leave our stead-fast friendship to Susie Hinton and Judy Redman.

We, the Senior Class of 1955, will our good luck and best wishes to Bement in its next one hundred years of community life. Happy Centennial!



JUNIOR CLASS

The first week of school proved to be very busy for the new upper-classmen. On September 3, we elected our class officers who were Jim Yockey, President; Jerry Stout, Vice-President; Bill Goodmon, Secretary-Treasurer; and Sam Clark, Dick Jones, and Ron Laughlin, Representatives to the Student Council. Jerry Stout was elected as Assistant Editor on the annual staff. The juniors were under the capable guidance of Miss Rittenhouse, Miss Johnstone, Mr. Coleman, and Mr. Foster.

On November 10, a class meeting was held to discuss the all-important Junior-Senior Prom. Several money-making ventures were decided upon. The juniors had

Ronald Laughlin
Bill Goodmon
Jim Yockey
Jerry Stout



Dick Jones
Sharon Morton
Irene Alexander
Sam Clark



Bill Hannon
Evelyn White
Jack Bolsen
Sue Hinton



Jay Poling
Larry Medaris
Lenna Schwartz
Jim O'Hara





John Strater
Patsy Byron
Jim Wildman
Virginia Eades



Jim Fendley
Karen Lux
Lawrence Brady
Judy Redman



Jack Corum
Peggy Zoch
Bob Rodgers
Phyllis Shumard



Madeline Hardimon
Gene Clifton
Sally Born
Loren Phipps

charge of the food concession at all home football games and the concession at two home basketball games. We also sold novelties at the homecoming game and to the students during that Homecoming Friday noon. All in all, we raised enough money to entertain the out-going seniors at a fine prom on April 23.

The class was very proud of all members who participated in the various club activities, the music department, and sports.

This year has been a successful one for the juniors. We're all looking forward to an even more successful senior year. See you then!



SOPHOMORE CLASS

September 1, 1954 marked the beginning of what proved to be a very enjoyable and exciting year for forty-two sophomores. To guide us through our second year of high school, we chose Wayne Hill, President; Karen Strack, Vice-President; and Winifred Poling, Secretary-Treasurer. These very reliable students, along with the able assistance of our class advisors, Miss Fowler and Mr. Chandler, did a magnificent job of making the year a smooth and well planned one. The "voice of the sophomores" was expressed by Becky Morris and Mary Jo Arndt, our Student Council representatives.

We think our class made a fine showing in all extra-curricular activities. Many of our boys fought their hearts out on the football field, basketball court, baseball diamond,

Mary Jo Arndt
Karen Strack
Wayne Hill
Winifred Poling
Becky Morris



Tony Redman
Frances Pierce
Mary Swaim
Shirley Shonkwiler
Mike Gallivan



Alyeen LeCrone
Junior Kirby
Lela Ard
Glenn Spearman
Marilyn Smith



Gene Holloway
Carleen McCullough
Mary McCabe
Phyllis Redman
David Hill





Richard Westfall
 Donna Sebens
 Louise Born
 Opal McCabe
 Ronnie Robbins



Linda Doyle
 Bob Tracy
 Wilma Hinton
 Larry A. Durbin
 Madonna Foran



Ronald Durbin
 Jeanabelle Lash
 Patricia Westray
 Nancy Musick
 Don Fogerson



Sarah Woodcock
 Lester Jamison
 Ruth Pembroke
 Larry Lee Durbin
 Ellen Hannon



Robert Camden

and track. Some of them received letters as a reward for their efforts. The sophomores were well represented in band, chorus, and all other school organizations.

Dancing hearts and flying arrows set the scene for our class party, held on the eve of February 15. All present spent a gala evening dancing, playing games, talking, and eating.

We sophomores, now ready to step up to the third rung of the high school ladder, are awaiting with great anticipation our chance to be upperclassmen!



FRESHMAN CLASS

The Freshman Class of 1955, thirty-seven strong, entered Bement High on September 1.

On September 3, we elected the following officers to lead us through the year: Barbara Hodam, President; Tommy Yeske, Vice-President; Janice Kitson, Secretary-Treasurer. Student Council representatives were Lani Drake and Bill Glennon. Willing guidance was given to us in our first high school year by our advisors, Miss Swaim

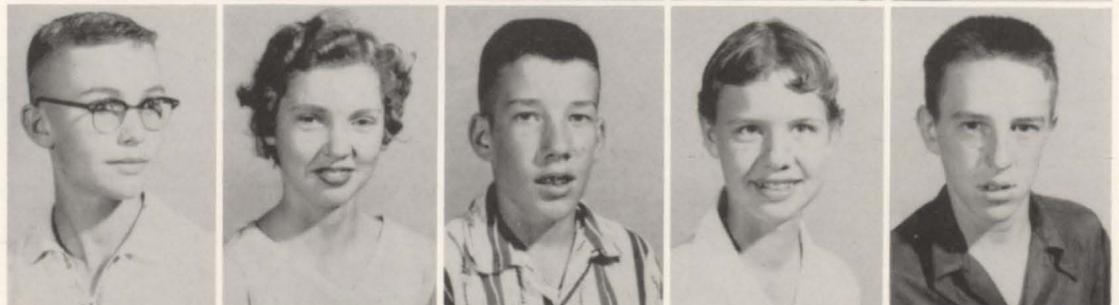
Bill Glennon
Janice Kitson
Barbara Hodam
Tommy Yeske



Carol Primmer
Carl Harper
Nancy Bolsen
Allen Mardis
Patty Coon



Joe Rittenhouse
Marian Troxell
Steve Tracy
Alice Moore
Ronald Eades

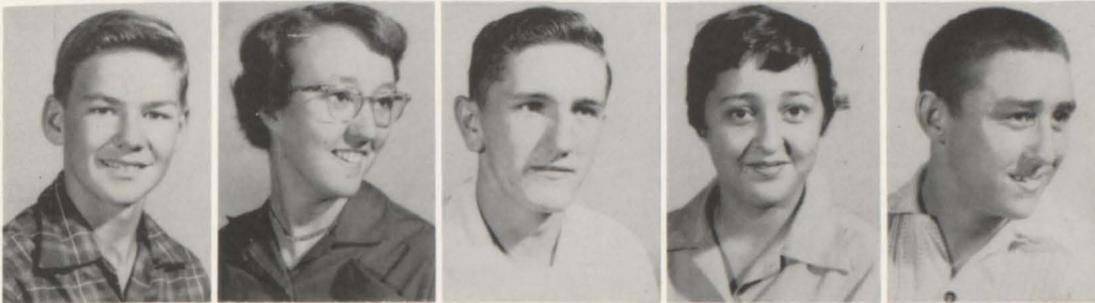


Gloria Varner
Bob Ferguson
Judy Strohl
Paul Smith
Laverne Helm





Ruth Born
Stanley Dawson
Susie Kurr
Russell Fritz
Ethel Dick



Loren Bowen
Drusilla Bolsen
Wilson Sapp
Lynda Defore
Jim Defore



Sandra Clark
Charles Woodcock
Nayda Harris
Larry Morton
Nancy Shumard



Ed Tracy
Sharel Ater
Howard Fair
Sandra Larimore
Billy Pryor

NOT PICTURED:
Lani Drake
Norman Blickem
Dave Fuqua

and Mr. Hensley.

There was active participation from the freshmen in athletics and all organizations throughout the year. We also entered into the social life of the school by attending the all-school parties. March 11 was the date we chose to try our hand at entertaining, when we held the freshman class party in the old gym.



SCHOOL DAZE



Time out for lunch...



"Did you make your timed writing?"

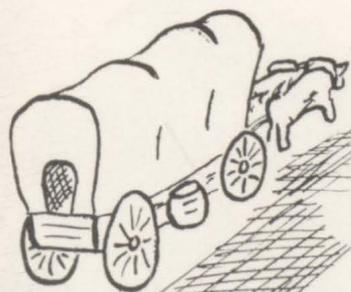


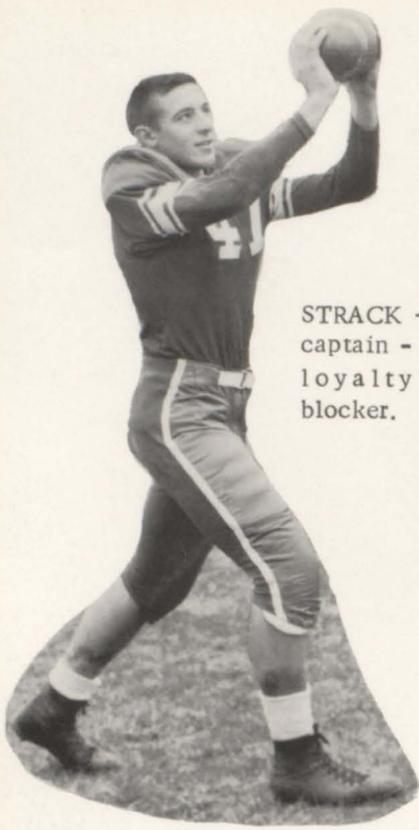
Our favorite line...



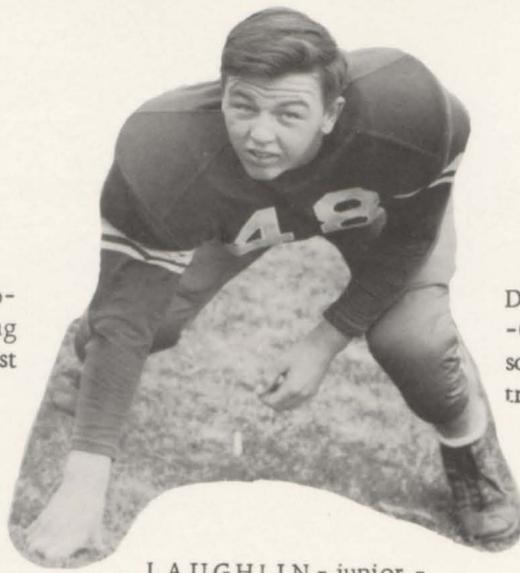
"The meetings for today are..."

Sports

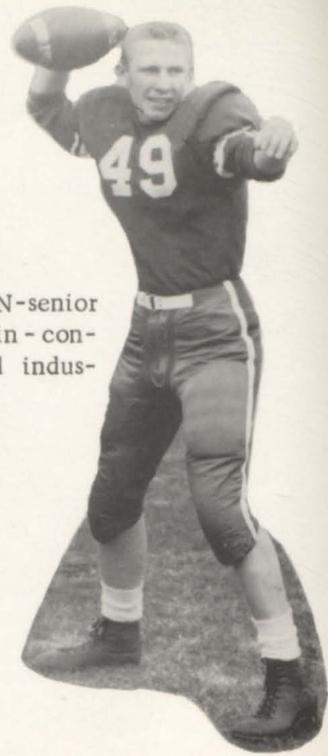




STRACK - senior - co-captain - E - inspiring loyalty - voted best blocker.

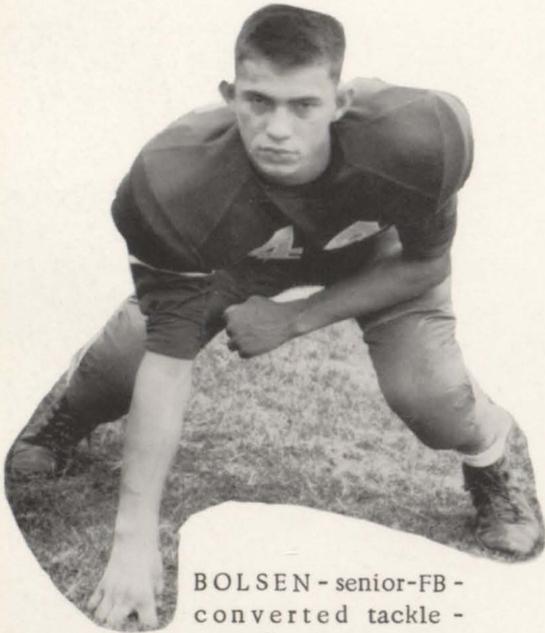


LAUGHLIN - junior - captain-elect - G - voted best blocker - leading tackler.



D. GOODMAN - senior - QB - co-captain - conscientious and industrious.

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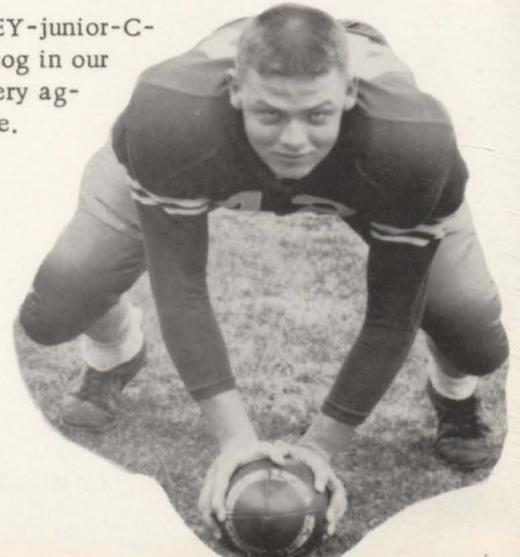


BOLSEN - senior - FB - converted tackle - ground gainer.



B. GOODMAN - junior - G - leading line backer - good blocker.

YOCKEY - junior - C - main cog in our line - very aggressive.





GALLIVAN-senior-G-
light linebacker but
one of our hardest
tacklers.



HANNON -
junior-T-one of
our biggest men-good blocker.



BURGESS-senior-HB-
hot contender for
Okaw scoring lead-
smart-fast.

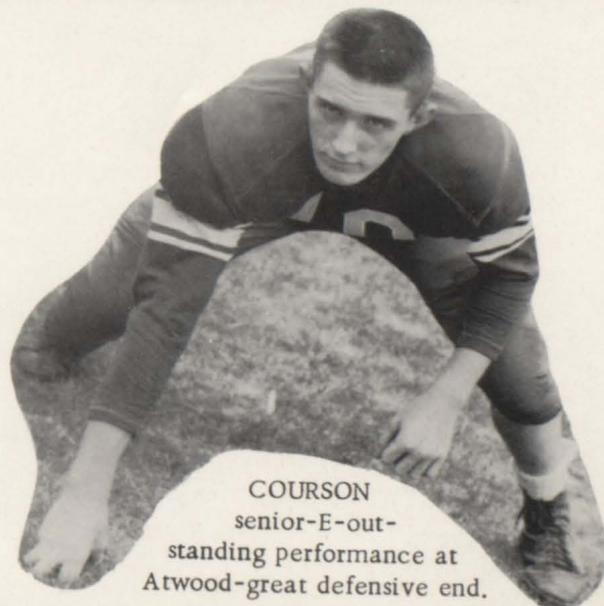


SEASON'S SCORING

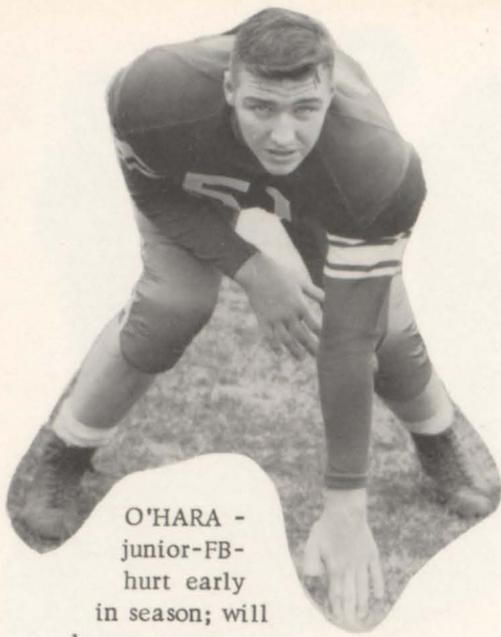
B - 7 - Farmer City	- 13	Burgess	- 61
U - 12 - Monticello	- 7	Strack	- 13
L - 13 - Arcola	- 44	Courson	- 7
L - 0 - Villa Grove	- 13	Spearman	- 7
D - 12 - Sullivan	- 6	Goodman	- 1
O - 12 - Leroy	- 27		
G - 21 - Cerro Gordon	- 33		
S - 12 - Atwood	- 18		

BULLPUPS

This year's Bullpups squad was one of the largest we have had. They ran into tough luck in their schedule, playing six and winning only one. However, the boys showed promise of being a big help to future varsity teams.



COURSON
senior-E-out-
standing performance at
Atwood-great defensive end.



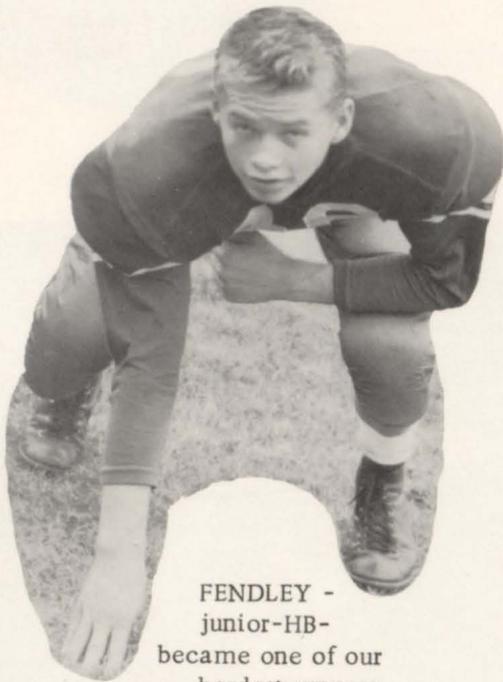
O'HARA - junior-FB-hurt early in season; will be asset next year.



POLING-junior-E-best prospect as pass receiver.



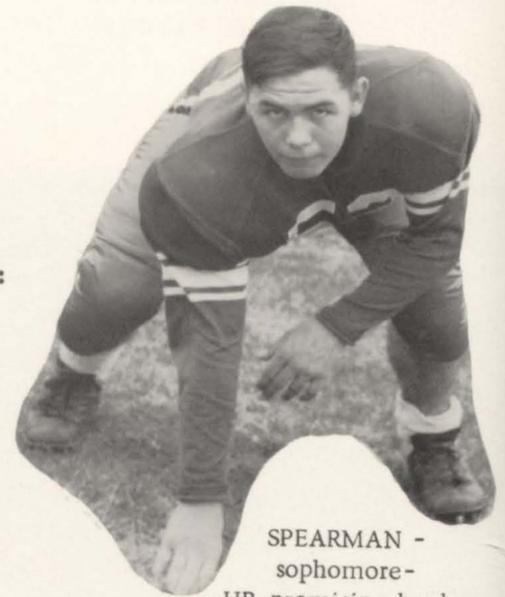
CAMDEN - sophomore-HB-good runner and pass defender.



FENDLEY - junior-HB-became one of our hardest runners.

LETTERMEN NOT PICTURED:
DEFORE, STOUT.

SQUAD MEMBERS NOT PICTURED:
WILDMAN, PHIPPS.



SPEARMAN - sophomore-HB-promising back-hard runner and tackler.

BULLPUPS

FIRST ROW: Spearman, Gallivan, L. A. Durbin, Camden, Sapp, DeFore, Morton, L. L. Durbin, Hill.
SECOND ROW: Coach Chandler, Bowen, Rittenhouse, E. Tracy, Fuqua, Woodcock, Kirby, Mardis, Coach Mills. THIRD ROW: Pryor, D. Hill, S. Tracy, Ferguson, Fair, Eades, Fritz, Glennon.



CHEERLEADERS

FRONT TO REAR: L. Drake, P. Doyle, McVicker (left), Allison (right), L. Doyle, S. Drake.



MANAGERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Corum, R. Durbin, Robbins, Clark.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

On Monday, November 29, 1954, at 7:30 P.M., the annual Football Banquet was held in the old gymnasium. The invocation was given by Reverend Fleming. The menu consisted of swiss steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, lima beans, and cold slaw. Pumpkin pie with whipped cream was served for dessert.

The Toastmaster, Mr. Slusser, introduced Jack Allan, head football coach at Millikin University. With Mr. Allan was Dick Cramer, football captain-elect of the 1955 Millikin team. Mr. Allen gave a very interesting and inspiring talk on sportsmanship.

After this, Mr. Mills awarded the Freshman-Sophomore emblems. Then Mr. Chandler awarded the football letters. Those receiving letters were seniors: Stan Courson, Dave Gullivan, Louis Strack, Don Burgess, Glenn Bolsen, and Dave Goodmon; juniors: Jim Yockey, Jay Poling, Ron Laughlin, Bill Hannon, Bill Goodmon, Jim O'Hara, Jerry Stout, and Jim Fendley; sophomores: Glenn Spearman, Jim DeFore, and Robert Camden.

As he received his letter, it was announced that Ron Laughlin had been elected captain of the 1955 football team. He also received the leading tackler award and shared the blocking award with Louis Strack.

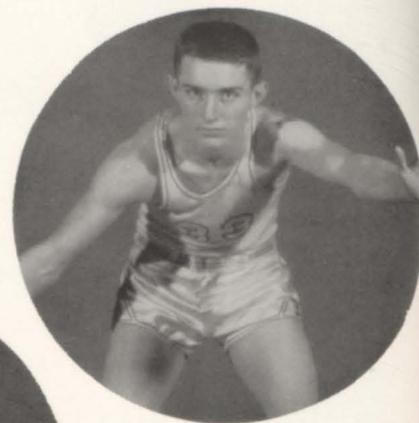
After the awarding of letters, movies of the 1954 Millikin home football games were shown.

BASKETBALL

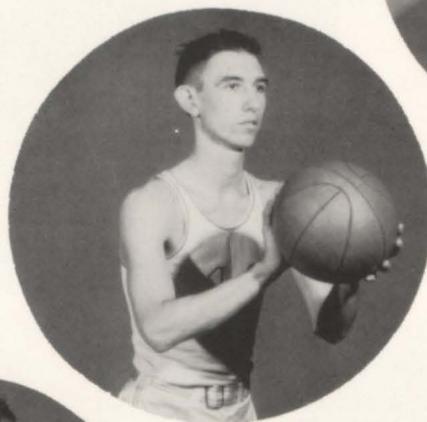
SEASON'S SCORING

BEMENT	OPPONENT'S	
60	Mansfield	61
66	Deland-Weldon	77
42	Cerro Gordo	58
57	Sullivan	74
39	Atwood	36
60	Oakland	44
40	Argenta	61
53	Tuscola	34
37	*Cerro Gordo	45
42	Atwood	46
48	Arthur	62
58	Farmer City	69
44	Arcola	46
45	*Monticello	65
54	Cerro Gordo	72
45	Unity	66
68	Lovington	80
50	Monticello	69
50	Newman	80
46	Lakeview	72
49	Mt. Zion	48
64	Villa Grove	69
79	*Unity	72
58	*Champaign	72

* Denotes Tournament Games



STAN COURSON
Senior - Forward



CHARLES HELM - Senior - Guard



GENE CLIFTON - Senior - Forward



BILL GOODMON - Junior - Guard





DAVE GOODMAN - Senior - Guard

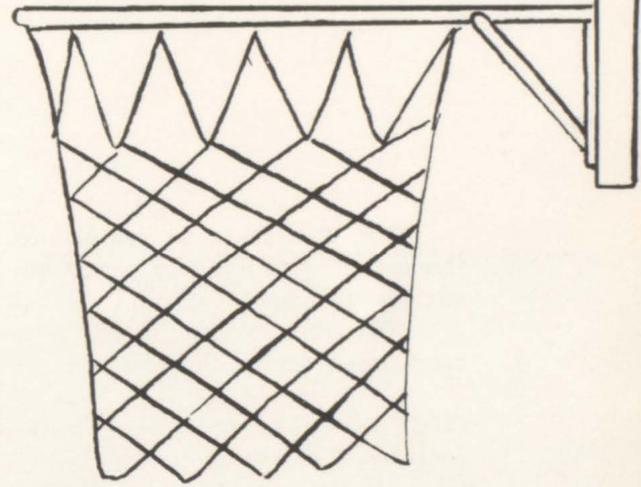


LOUIS STRACK - Senior - Center



JAY POLING - Junior - Forward

	F. G.	F. T.	T. P.
Louis Strack	93	96	282
Dave Goodman	121	61	303
Bill Goodman	48	41	137
Stan Courson	48	37	133
Jay Poling	67	73	207
Gene Clifton	32	17	81
Charles Helm	33	23	89
Jim Fendley	2	5	9
Larry Medaris	1	1	3
Wayne Hill	1		2
Gene Holloway		3	3
Jerry Stout		2	2



B -- TEAM

FIRST ROW: B. Tracy, Holloway, Sapp, Medaris, Jones. SECOND ROW: Coach Woodard, Fenley, E. Tracy, Blickem, Gullivan, Coach Mills. THIRD ROW: D. Hill, Fritz, Ferguson, Stout, Yeske, W. Hill, Glennon.



MANAGERS
SAM CLARK RONALD DURBIN



B-TEAM CHEERLEADERS
LEFT TO RIGHT: Wilma Hinton, Lani Drake, Linda Doyle.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS
LEFT TO RIGHT: Simone Drake, Nancy Allison, Sharon Morton, Patty Doyle.



B-CLUB

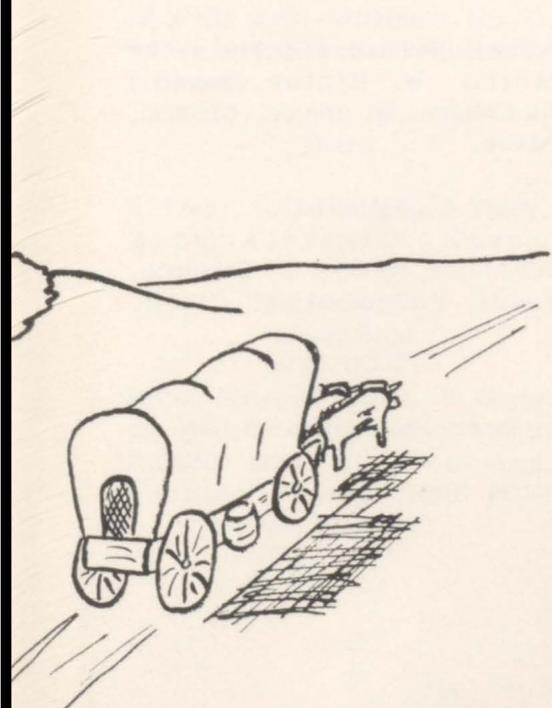
The B-Club is an organization made up of varsity letter winners, advised by Coaches Mills and Chandler. Any one who has won a letter is free to join. Every Friday, the members wear their letter sweaters to school.

The club decided to hold a social event at the park each spring. A whirlpool bath was made by a committee from the club to be used by the athletic department in future years.

FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Coach Chandler, Strack, President; D. Goodman, Vice-President; Burgess, Secretary-Treasurer; Hannon, Watch Dog; Coach Mills. SECOND ROW: Spearman, Clark, Stout, Robbins, D. Gallivan, Laughlin, W. Hill, Corum. THIRD ROW: DeFore, Yockey, Jeffers, O'Hara, Poling, G. Bolsen, B. Goodman, Durbin, Courson.



Activities





The band, thirty-eight strong, is composed of both grade school and high school musicians. They began a new year of musical activities under the direction of Mr. Bearden, who began his duties as Band instructor here this year.

Soon after the first meeting of the band, new officers were elected as follows: President, Dave Goodmon; Vice-President, Don Burgess; Secretary-Treasurer, Patty Doyle. Nancy McCollum, Becky Morris, Alyeen LeCrone, and Wilma Hinton volunteered to act as music librarians.

The band lent pep and enthusiasm to the school spirit by play-



WOODWINDS

Stout, J. Redman, P. Doyle, Becky Morris, W. Hinton, Strohl, McCollum, M. Hinton, Glennon, Moore.

TRUMPETS

Bob Morris, Robbins, D. Goodmon, Jones, Ferguson, S. Clark.

PERCUSSION

L. Doyle, Holloway, Scott, Jeffers.



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ing at the football games and the pep meetings.

Our musicians took part in the Piatt County Music Festival, which was held December 3, at Monticello. On December 21, the combined band and chorus presented the Christmas concert. The band completed the year by participating in the Spring Concert and playing for Commencement.

DANCE BAND

The Mellotones made their debut at an all-school dance on November 9. This was followed by other appearances on such occasions as P.T.A., Coke Dances, and school parties.

CLARINETS

FIRST ROW: Morton, Fleming, S. Hinton, L. Born, LeCrone, Hodam.
SECOND ROW: Wilkinson, Lux, D. Bolsen, R. Durbin, Speltz, D. Livingston.

BRASS

B. Tracy, Slater, Burgess, S. Tracy, Zoch, Alexander, Knapp.

MELLOTONES Dance Band

FIRST ROW: S. Morton, P. Doyle, W. Hinton, Stout, Becky Morris.
SECOND ROW: D. Goodman, Robbins, Burgess.
THIRD ROW: L. Doyle, Mr. Bearden.





FIRST ROW: Morton (Pianist), Rodgers, W. Hill, S. Clark, Spearman, D. Hill, Miss Glenn (Director).
 SECOND ROW: Yeske, S. Goodmon, R. Durbin, Sapp, Medaris, Holloway, Robbins, Kirby.

CHORAL

FIRST ROW: Miss Glenn, McCollum, Strohl, J. Redman. SECOND ROW: W. Hinton, S. Morton, Hodam.



The Bement High School chorus is made up of three distinct choral groups, Girls' Chorus, Boys' Chorus, and Mixed Chorus. The thirty-eight members are directed by Miss Glenn.

The chorus officers are President, Nancy McCollum; Vice-President, Sam Clark; Secretary-Treasurer, Bill Goodmon. Sharon Morton and Becky Morris are pianists for the group.

The activities of the chorus for this year included the Music Festival, Christmas Concert, and the Spring Concert.

Members of the chorus entertained at a local Lions Club meeting early in the year. Later on, the Sextette sang at a district meeting of the Lions in Champaign.

The Sextette and Octet performed at various community activities throughout the year.



FIRST ROW: Miss Glenn, Moore, Stoerger, LeCrone, Morris. SECOND ROW: Robbins, R. Durbin, Kirby, S. Clark.

GROUPS

FIRST ROW: Miss Glenn, Kitson, P. Shumard, W. Hinton, S. Morton, Gundy, N. Shumard, Troxell, Morris. SECOND ROW: LeCrone, J. Redman, Coon, Hodam, Larimore, S. Clark, Shonkwiler, Sebens. THIRD ROW: Strohl, N. Bolsen, Byron, McCollum, Stoerger, Foran, Hardimon, Ater, Moore.





FIRST ROW: Clark, Rittenhouse, Eades, Morton, Yeske, Rodgers. SECOND ROW: Kirby, Brady, Strater, Phipps, Laughlin. THIRD ROW: B. Tracy, E. Tracy, Helm, Medaris, Jones, D. Gallivan. FOURTHROW: O'Hara, Strack, J. Bolsen, Sapp, D. Goodmon, G. Bolsen, Yockey.



OFFICERS

FIRST ROW: Courson, President; Burgess, Vice-President; Clifton, Secretary. SECOND ROW: Hannon, Sentinel; Wildman, Treasurer; Jeffers, Reporter; Mr. Foster, Advisor.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The Future Farmers of America is a national, state, and local organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in the public schools throughout the United States.

Local club projects for this year were to repair Bement's Welcome signs and to donate ten dollars to the Christmas Basket fund. In January, a film on farm safety, a year around project, was shown.

The boys feel that this has been a successful year in accomplishing the main purposes of the organization - developing competent agricultural leadership from the regular work of the classroom and gaining experience through individual projects.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

The F.H.A. started the year by choosing Mrs. Walter Slater for their chapter mother. Their first activity was a weiner roast at the park for all the old and prospective members. Later in the fall, several of the girls attended the annual House of Delegates meeting in Champaign.

F.H.A. week was observed by selling homemade cookies, candies, and candy apples during the noon hour each day. In addition, an F.H.A. display was set up in the window of the American Legion Hall. A Mother-Daughter potluck was held in the school cafeteria to round out the week.

"Good Grooming" was the theme for initiation day. Both initiates and old members came to school dressed in their Sunday best.

The F.H.A. can say with pride that this was a most successful year.

OFFICERS

FIRST ROW: Allison, Secretary; McVicker, Vice-President; Lindstrom, President. SECOND ROW: White, Public Relations; Fleming, Degree Chairman; Sebens, Treasurer; P. Doyle, Recreation Chairman; Miss Johnstone, Advisor.

FIRST ROW: Kitson, L. Drake, P. Shumard, N. Shumard, Westray, Hannon, McCollough. SECOND ROW: Woodcock, Mundy, C. Primmer, Coon, Corum, W. Hinton, Musick, Troxell. THIRD ROW: Gundy, S. Morton, J. Redman, Shonkwiler, LeCrone, L. Doyle, S. Hinton, Larimore. FOURTH ROW: Kurr, F. Dick, Alexander, Zindar, Byron, R. Born, S. Clark, Varner. FIFTH ROW: Timme, Zoch, N. Bolsen, Hardimon, McCollum, E. Dick, Hodam, Pembroke. SIXTH ROW: Foran, S. Primmer, S. Born, Lux, D. Bolsen, L. Born, S. Drake, Morris.





ANNUAL STAFF

The BIM was brought to you this year through the effort of the following students: **FIRST ROW:** Zindar, Activities; Stout, Assistant Editor; P. Doyle, Features. **SEATED:** S. Drake, Senior Editor; P. Shumard, Junior Editor; Miss Houston, Advisor; Livingston, Editor; Stoerger and McCollum, Typists. **STANDING:** McVicker, Senior Editor; Courson, Activities; L. Strack, Sports; Ferguson, Freshman Editor; Fleming, Activities; Burgess, Sports; K. Strack, Sophomore Editor; Allison, Features; Helm and O. Goodmon, Business Managers. The staff appreciates the fine camera work done by Mr. Bearden.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, consisting of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen, all of whom are selected by their classmates, is an active organization which constitutes our student government. Under the leadership of the faculty advisor, Mr. Woodard, this group sponsors many helpful and entertaining events. Among these are the coke dances, all-school parties, the Christmas party, and the homecoming festivities. Members of the student council are: **FIRST ROW:** Mr. Woodard, Burgess, President; Laughlin, Vice-President; McVicker, Secretary-Treasurer; S. Drake, McCollum. **SECOND ROW:** Jones, Clark, Arndt, Morris, L. Drake, Glennon.





NEWSTAFF

The Bulldogs Bark, a weekly publication, is written and edited by student journalists. The staff members are as follows: **FIRST ROW:** Zindar and Stoerger, Typists; Strack, Assistant Editor; F. Dick, Editor; Miss Swaim, Advisor; Marshall, Typist. **SECOND ROW:** LeCrone and W. Hinton, Sophomore Editors; Woodcock, G.A.A. Reporter; P. Shumard, Junior Editor; S. Drake, Features and News; Timme, Senior Editor; J. Redman, Business Manager; McVicker, Features and News. **THIRD ROW:** Spearman and Robbins, Freshman-Sophomore Sports Reporters; J. Bolsen and Corum, Varsity Sports Reporters; D. Bolsen, Strohl, and Hodam, Freshman News; Morris, Features and News; P. Doyle, Senior Editor.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club, under the supervision of Miss Houston, is a group of students who have volunteered to keep the library attractive and functional. At the monthly meetings, interesting and educational programs relating to books and libraries were presented. **FIRST ROW:** Stoerger, Sebens, Vice-President; Miss Houston, Zinder, President; Moore, Strohl. **SECOND ROW:** Poling, Timme, Primmer, Mundy, O. McCabe, Corum, Phipps, Dick, M. McCabe. **NOT PICTURED:** Virginia Eades, Secretary.





FIRST ROW: P. Shumard, Ard, Woodcock, Marshall, Troxell, L. Drake, Kitson. SECOND ROW: J. Redman, Larimore, Morton, S. Kurr, Varner, Moore, W. Hinton, S. Hinton. THIRD ROW: Sebens, LeCrone, Strack, Morris, Hodam, Foran, Ater, L. Doyle, Shonkwiler. FOURTH ROW: N. Bolsen, Lindstrom, F. Kurr, D. Bolsen, S. Drake, Poling, Hardimon, E. Dick.

G.A.A.



OFFICERS

F. Dick, President; Lux, Vice-President; Miss Fowler, Stoerger, Secretary-Treasurer; Zindar, Point Chairman.

The Girls' Athletic Association holds its meetings every Tuesday after school. The forty members, under the competent leadership of Miss Fowler, enjoyed softball, basketball, tumbling, and volleyball throughout the year.

A Fall Reversal dance, sponsored by the G.A.A., was held in November. Then, in March, the new gymnasium was the scene for the annual Demonstration Day. Representatives from Bement attended G.A.A. Play-days at Normal University and the University of Illinois in the spring.

The members all thought this was one of the most successful and best planned years they have ever had.



P. Doyle, Holloway, Mardis, Ferguson, Mr. Bearden, Ater, Westray,
Mr. Mills, R. Durbin, Corum.

KAMERA KLUB

This newly organized group has met with great success under the guidance of Mr. Bearden, with Mr. Mills assisting.

The officers of this new club are Gene Holloway, President; Patty Doyle, Vice-President; Pat Westray, Secretary-Treasurer; Ronald Durbin, Reporter. One of their projects was a portfolio of pictures taken around Bement. Their photo displays in the assembly were very eye catching. Members of the club gained skill in various branches of photography and are anticipating a thriving future for this new club.

LATIN CLUB

The Latin Club is composed of eleven students who wish to further their study of Latin. Their advisor is Miss Swaim. At each meeting, a program is presented about some part of the Roman life; for example, Roman amusements and homes.

The motto of the L.O.V. Club is "Labor Omnia Vincit" which means, "Labor Conquers All."

This group chose the following officers to lead them through a successful year: Bill Glennon, President; Simone Drake, Vice-President; Winifred Poling, Treasurer; Mary Kay Stoerger, Secretary.



FIRST ROW: Glennon, S. Drake, Stoerger, Poling.
SECOND ROW: Ater, Harris, Moore. THIRD ROW: Miss Swaim, Holloway, R. Durbin, W. Hill.



Homecoming



Courson, Allison, McVicker, Goodmon, Doyle,
Strack, Siders, Fendley, Brittenham,
McCollum, Burgess.





On October 22, 1954, B.H.S. celebrated its twenty first consecutive homecoming.

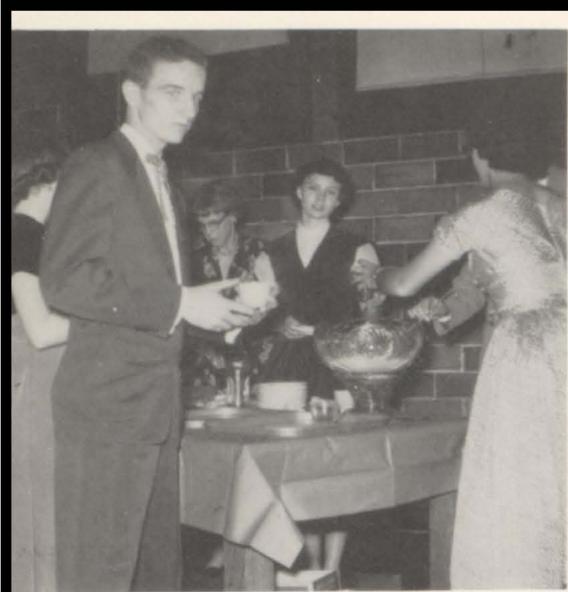
Between classes all morning, cheers could be heard echoing through the halls of the high school.

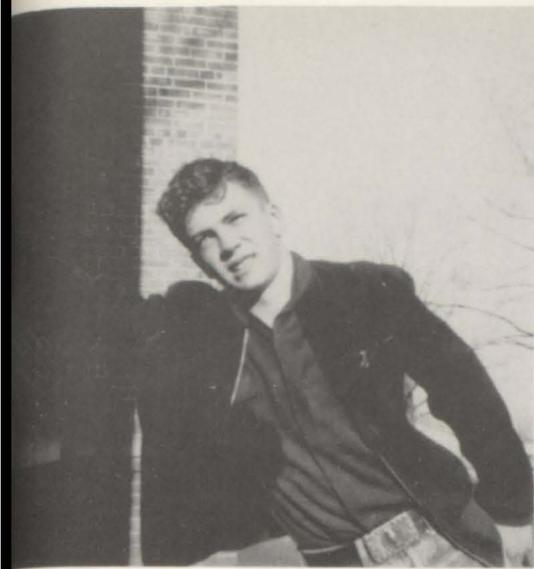
School was out at one-thirty for the parade, which was led by the cheerleaders and the student body. The queen candidates, dressed in their formals, followed on the purple and white float. The band, football players, and decorated cars brought up the rear.

With the playing of the Grand March, the four attendants, Louis Strack, David Goodman, Stanley Courson, and Don Burgess, took their places at the beautifully decorated throne in the new gym. At that moment, the spotlight shone on Nancy Allison in blue and lavender lace. Then came Nancy McCollum wearing light blue. Sandra McVicker followed in a turquoise formal. After a trumpet fanfare, Patty Doyle, the Homecoming Queen, entered wearing a kelly green formal. Carrying the traditional purple and white train were Carol Siders and Angela Brittenham. Dennis Fendley was the crown bearer.

At the throne, Louis and Dave, the co-captains, placed the crown of white rose buds and purple rosettes upon the queen and kissed her cheek. After the crowning, the queen and her court led the Homecomers to the old gym where everyone danced to the music of Paul Douglas till midnight. Thus ended another memorable homecoming.







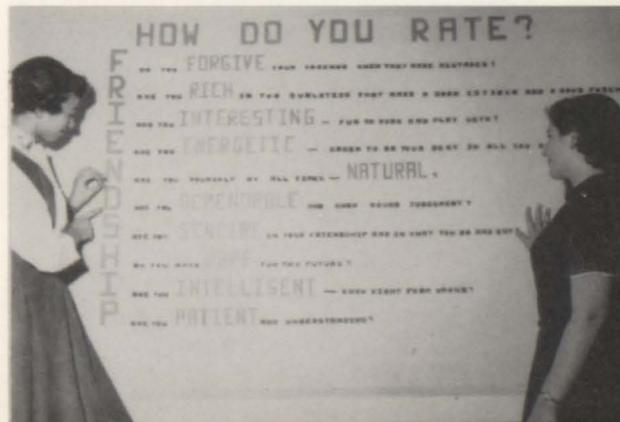
SCHOOLS CALENDAR

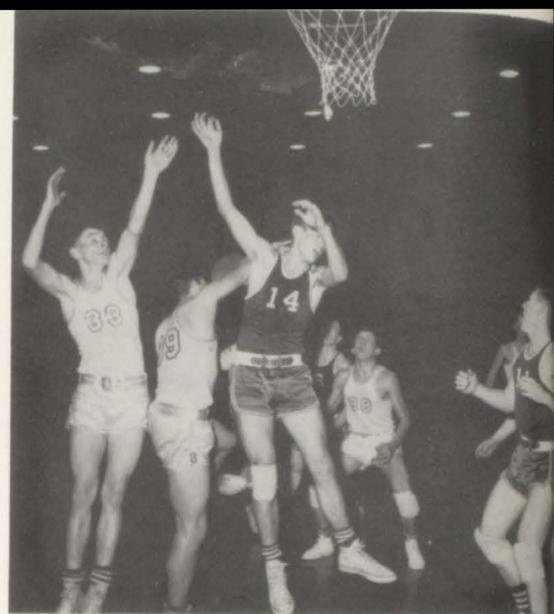
SEPTEMBER

- 1 Vacation over -- all good things must come to an end.
- 2 Classes get off to a good start by electing officers and student council members.
- 6 Vacation again--Labor Day.
- 10 The student body elects the six football cheerleaders.
- 17 Seniors launch magazine drive to finance yearbook.
- 24 Bulldogs whip Monticello on the Bement gridiron. Victory Coke Dance.
- 27 Assembly program. Magic by Bobo.
- 30 Senior photographs and football pictures taken.

OCTOBER

- 6 Work on yearbook gets under way. Staff meets to organize.
- 8 Out of school again! Teachers attend meeting in Champaign.
- 11 Election of queen candidates starts preparations for Homecoming.
- 12 Time for play! Student council sponsors first all school party.
- 14 First six-weeks report cards distributed - Nuff said.
- 15 Big day! Out for the afternoon to cheer the Bulldogs to victory at Sullivan. A senior party in the evening. Magazine sales winners entertained.
- 19 Juniors take University of Illinois tests for two days.
- 20 Kamera Klub organized.
- 21 Homecoming bon-fire and pep rally.
- 22 Homecoming!
- 28 Daughters entertain Mothers at F. H. A. pot-luck.





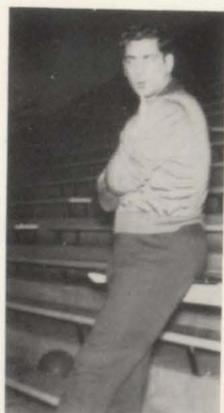
SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER

- 3 F. H. A. holds bake sale each noon during the week. Candy and cookies for all.
- 6 Cheerleaders attend clinic at Bloomington.
- 8 F.F.A. initiation. Handsome farmers for a day.
- 9 More fun! Another Coke Dance.
- 11 A school holiday--Armistice Day.
- 17 Captain Harry, a traveler and surveyor in the Far East, shows pictures of jungle life.
- 19 G. A. A. honors new members at an autumn party. Students elect basketball cheerleaders.
- 25 Out for Thanksgiving vacation. No over-eating, please.
- 27 First signs of Christmas - F. H. A. girls start sale of Christmas ear rings.
- 29 Football boys and cheerleaders honored at annual banquet.
- 30 Basketball starts. Lots of enthusiasm at first pep meeting.

DECEMBER

- 1 Buy an Annual! Seniors start selling them today.
- 3 Musicians spend the day at Monticello practicing for County Music Festival in the evening.
- 6 Teachers go to institute... but they'll be back.
- 7 Senior pictures arrive. Did everyone smile?
- 10 F. H. A. girls make merry at a Christmas party.
- 21 The music department presents their annual Christmas concert.
- 22 Alumni are guests at a Coke Dance after the Tuscola game.
- 23 Christmas vacation begins with gift exchange and Christmas party.





CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 3 Back to school. Semester exams to look forward to!
- 13 Here they are! Everyone hit the books.
- 19 Senior Home Ec. class visits a furniture and a jewelry store and lunches in Decatur. Pep Club holds first meeting.
- 24 Bulldogs lose to Monticello in the opening game of Okaw Valley Tournament.
- 28 Kamera Klub's display of their photographic efforts attract student interest in the library.
- 31 Money is the objective. Seniors sell candy and pop at grade school basketball game.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Seniors entertain Juniors at a party in "The Green Room" of "Club '55."
- 2 Sandra McVicker and Louis Strack are recipients of D. A. R. and S. A. R. awards.
- 3 Organized hub-bub takes over while year-book pictures are taken.
- 9 The Home Economics department is visited by supervisor from state vocational office, F. H. A. initiates new members. Fashion models for a day. Coke Dance after Monticello game.
- 11 Homecoming Queen represents B. H. S. at Villa Grove's Sweetheart Dance.
- 15 Sophomores have a gay time at a "Sock Hop."
- 21 Seniors sell refreshments for three nights at Grade School Tourney.
- 24 Beginning of noon hour volleyball tournament creates enthusiasm.
- 25 End of six weeks period. Time's running out.
- 26 Representatives of Library Club attend District Student Librarians meeting in Paxton.
- 28 Mr. Slater goes to meeting of educators in St. Louis.





OUR SCHOOL SONG

Love and honor to Bement
Our high school fair and grand,
Joyfully we sing thy praises
Over all the land.

Rah! Rah! Rah!

Alma Mater, now we hail thee
With loyal hearts and gay;
To thee we pledge our fair allegiance
Forever and a day.

Tune: "Wave the Flag"



SCHOOL CALENDAR

MARCH

2. Last pep meeting. Bement vs. Unity in the Regional Tournament . . . We beat Unity!
3. Campaign the victor in tournament battle.
4. F. H. A.--F. F. A. Party--"School days" theme.
7. Teachers attend Workshop.
9. Strack chosen most valuable player and Honorary captain by basketball squad.
11. Freshman party--greenhorn gaiety. Senior play books ordered.
12. Solo and ensemble music contest at Argenta. We came home with four firsts. G. A. A. play day.
15. Basketball potluck given by the mothers of the players. Mr. T. O. White, speaker.
20. G. A. A. demonstration. An evening of basketball, volley ball, tumbling, and dancing.
22. Spring blizzard--No school!
23. Senior play cast announced! Juniors choose class rings.
24. First play practice, cookies, and pop at Miss Houston's.
25. Badminton partners chosen for the tournament. Frances Dick informed that she won the P. T. A. scholarship. Sandra McVicker accepted at Wesley Memorial Hospital for training.
29. Musemobile pays us a visit.

APRIL

1. Seniors choose invitations.
2. District Music Contest in Argenta. Band and Chorus participate.

APRIL

7. Easter vacation!
12. Unusual Assembly Program--Charles King leads students as mass chorus.
14. Seniors visit Eastern State College.
15. Chapin High Band plays at assembly. Nancy McCollum presented Arion Award at Spring Concert.
18. Illinois Normal College Visitation Day.
21. Rhythm Aces delight students at assembly program.
23. Junior-Senior Prom.

MAY

4. Livestock judging contest. Final dress rehearsal for Senior play.
5. Seniors present "Little Women."
6. Urbana Relays.
7. Thirteen girls represent Bement at F. H. A. Rally at Fisher High School.
11. Librarians and several Seniors visit U. of I. Library.
12. F. H. A. Style Show.
13. F. H. A. install new officers--State Latin contest in Chicago.
17. Noon hour shower for Miss Johnstone.
18. G. A. A. and trackmen received awards. Yearbooks given out!
19. Senior Week begins. Baccalaureate practice.
22. Baccalaureate Service.
23. Graduation practice.
24. Semesters for underclassmen.
25. Semesters over; school out at noon. Commencement Exercises.
26. High school picnic.
27. F. H. A. girls to Chicago at 3:30 a.m.

T R A C K



FIRST ROW: *Robins, Wildman, *Fendley, *Strack, *Burgess, *Laughlin. SECOND ROW: Spearman, L. L. Durbin, *Camden, *D. Gallivan, M. Gallivan, Rodgers, Coach Chandler.

Bement's track squad scored four points in the Okaw-Valley meet this year. An outstanding achievement of the 1955 team was that of breaking two Bement High School records in the 880 relay and 880 sprint medley.

*Denotes lettermen

The Bulldog nine broke the losing streak by winning two games this season. The record for the Varsity was two won and seven lost. The Freshman-Sophomore team lost both of their games.

FIRST ROW: D. Hill, Glennon, Bowen, Ferguson, Strater, Jones, Corum. SECOND ROW: Coach Mills, *Stout, *B. Goodmon, *Bolsen, *D. Goodmon, *Courson, *Poling, *Clark. THIRD ROW: Holloway, *W. Hill, *Kirby, Medaris, *Woodcock, Fritz, DeFore.

B A S E B A L L



CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: Fogerson, Camden, S. Clark.
FRONT ROW: Kirby, T. Redman. NOT
PICTURED: R. Eades.



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CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: T. Redman, Fritz, Bowen,
Rittenhouse, D. Gallivan. NOT PICTURED:
Laughlin.

CHAMPIONSHIP VOLLEYBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: Courson, Bolsen, Brady. FRONT
ROW: T. Redman, S. Tracy, Yeske.





BATON SOLO

L. Drake

Second in District Contest

LATIN
 K. Strack (Superior in Sectional).
 W. Hill, B. Glennon (Superiors in
 State), L. Strack (Superior in Sec-
 tional).



CONTESTES



VOCAL SOLOS

L. Fleming, N. McCollum, J. Redman,
 (Seconds in District Contest), P. Shumard,
 (Second in State Contest).



SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Second in State Contest: W. Hinton, B. Morris,
 J. Redman, J. Stout, (Solo, Second in Dis-
 trict Contest).



DAIRY

Second in Sectional Contest. Standing: G.
 Bolsen, B. Tracy, Kirby. Seated: Helm,
 Morton (First Individual), Sapp, (Tenth In-
 dividual).



GRAIN

Third in Sectional Contest. Standing: J.
 Bolsen, Jeffers, B. Hannon. Seated: Medaris,
 Courson (Fourth Individual), G. Bolsen.



Jim Fendley: First in Senior High Woodworking Division, ISNU Industrial Arts Roundup.



DRUM SOLO
L. Doyle
Third in District Contest

TANTS



CLARINET QUARTETS

Second in District Contest. First Row; S. Morton, K. Lux, (Solo, Second in District), L. Fleming, N. McCollum. Second Row: S. Hinton, B. Hodam, A. LeCrone, J. Strohl.



DUETS

Clarinet-Flute: Second in State Contest - A. Moore, (Solo, Second in District Contest), S. Morton. Clarinet: Second in State Contest - B. Hodam, L. Born.



POULTRY

Third in Sectional Contest. Standing: D. Gullivan (Ninth Individual), Rodgers, Clifton. Seated: Helm (Fifth Individual), Jones, E. Tracy (Ninth Individual).



FAT STOCK

Standing: Rodgers, Jones, E. Tracy. Seated: Medaris, Clifton, Burgess.



PROM

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AND PROM

On the evening of April 23, 1955, the Seniors were entertained by the Juniors.

The setting was that of Blue Hawaii. Murals covered the walls of the gym, and the stage was hidden by a large mural of a volcano. Seven hundred stars sparkled in the false ceiling in which was centered a yellow moon. Two native huts housed the food and orchestra.

After all were seated, Jim Yockey welcomed the guests and Shirley Lindstrom gave the response. The "Luau" was served in Buffet style, after the invocation by Jerry Stout. Pineapple juice appetizers, baked ham, turkey, harvard beets, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet potatoes baked in orange shells, buttered corn, buttered peas, green beans, pineapple and cottage cheese salad, relishes, and strawberry parfait pie made up the menu.

Entertainment after dining was furnished by a Junior mixed octet which sang several Hawaiian songs. A quartet of Junior girls also sang and after a "trip" to Hawaii via colored slides, Lani Drake danced the Hula.

Dancing began at 8:30 to the music of Bob Kruzan and his orchestra. Promptly at 11:30 p.m., music with a Hawaiian theme ended an evening of delightful memories.





"LITTLE WOMEN"

SENIOR PLAY

Curtain call for the senior class play, "Little Women," was at 8:00 P.M. on May 5, 1955.

The play was a dramatization from the beloved novel by Louisa May Alcott. The old fashioned parlor of the March home in Concord, Massachusetts, supplied the setting for the entire play. The members of the cast were:

Meg	Sandra McVicker
Jo	Jacque Zindar
Beth	Nancy McCollum
Amy	Lois Ann Fleming
Mrs. March	Mary Kay Stoerger
Mr. March	Dave Livingston
Aunt March	Simone Drake
Hannah Mullet	Patty Dole
Mr. Laurence	Bob Jeffers
Laurie	Don Burgess
John Brook	Dave Goodman
Professor Bhaer	Louis Strack
Neighbor Girls	Barb Marshall
	Frances Dick
	Shirley Lindstrom
	Nancy Allison



BACCALAUREATE

May 22, 1955

8:00 p.m.

Processional "The Heavens Resound"
Mixed Chorus
Invocation Reverend David Scates
"God So Loved the World" Stainer
Baccalaureate Address Reverend D. Ross Fleming
"A Faithful Shepherd is My Lord" Nagel
Recessional Mixed Chorus

COMMENCEMENT

May 25, 1955

8:00 p.m.

Overture, "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral" Wagner
Processional, "Land of Hope and Glory" Elgar
Invocation Reverend Clyde West
Salutatory Address Shirley Lindstrom
"The Year's At The Spring" Cain
Girls' Sextette

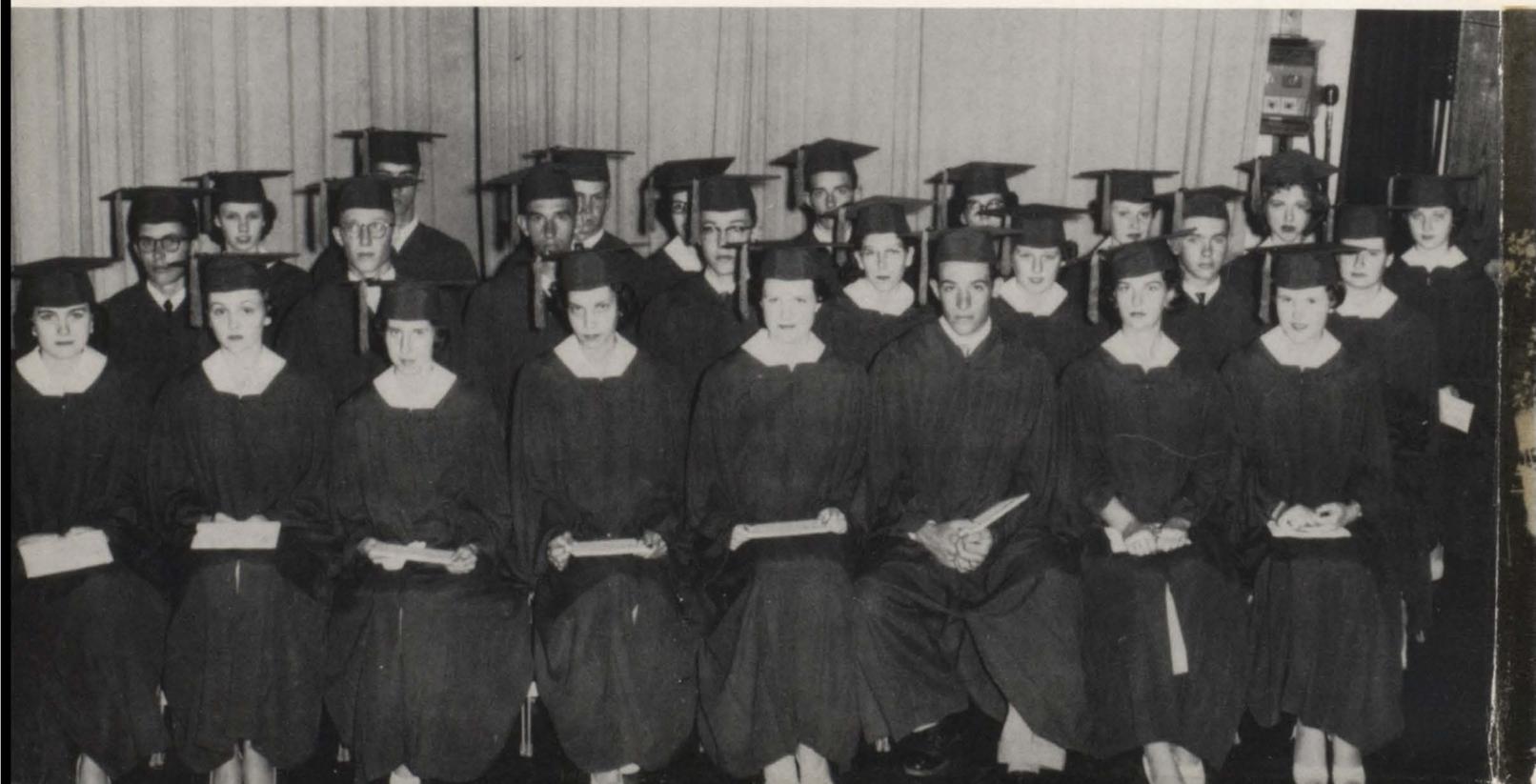
Lois Fleming
Sandra McVicker
Simone Drake

Patty Doyle
Mary Kay Stoerger
Jacque Zindars

Address Otis Keeler
State Department of Public Instruction

"A Perfect Day" Bond
Nancy Mc Collum

Valedictory Address Louis Strack
Presentation of Class Donald Woodard
Presentation of Diplomas Walter Slater
Benediction Reverend Clyde West





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