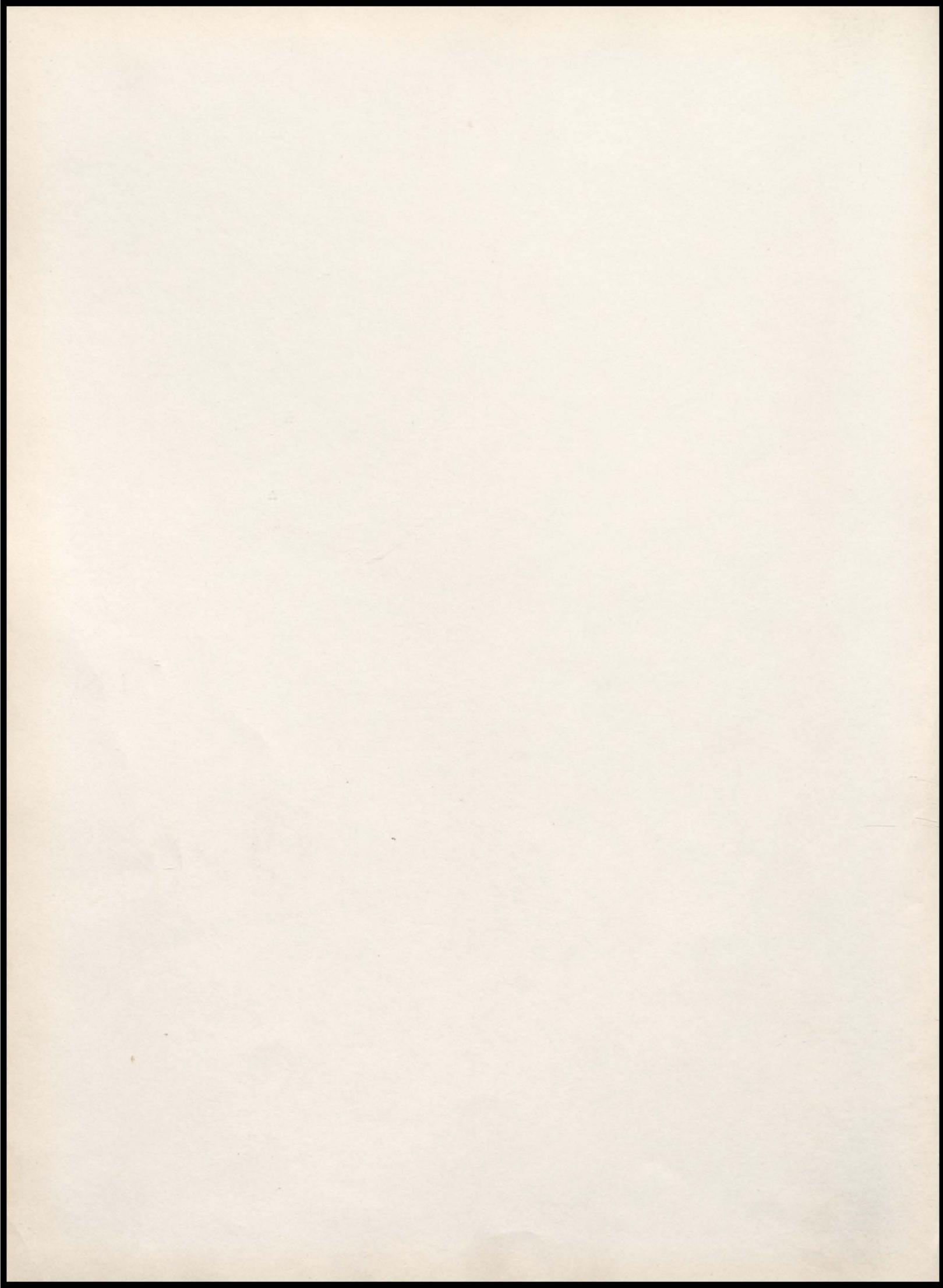


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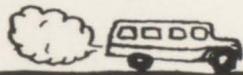


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Bement, Illinois

# FOREWORD

Seventy-five years ago this spring, Bement High School awarded its first diplomas to five young scholars. Since that time, three generations of pupils have received their first phase of education here. Many changes have taken place during these years in both the physical plant and the educational methods. We, the BIM staff, have tried to picture our school as it is today, and we present this book in honor of the alumni.



## ANNUAL STAFF

FIRST ROW: Sara Poling-Freshman Editor  
Barbara Hodam-Sophomore Editor  
Judy Redman-Activities Editor  
Wayne Hill-Junior Editor  
Jack Corum-Sports Editor  
Ron Laughlin-Activities Editor

SECOND ROW: Jim Fendley-Typist  
Karen Strack-Assistant Editor  
Jerry Stout-Editor  
Miss Houston-Advisor  
Bill Hannon-Layout Editor  
Irene Alexander-Typist

THIRD ROW: Sharon Morton  
Margaret Zoch-Hi-Lites Editors  
Ronald Durbin-Photographer  
Jim Yockey  
Bill Goodmon-Business Managers  
Jay Poling  
Evelyn White-Senior Editors  
Phyllis Shumard-Activities Editor

# 75TH ANNIVERSARY

## FIRST GRADUATING CLASS

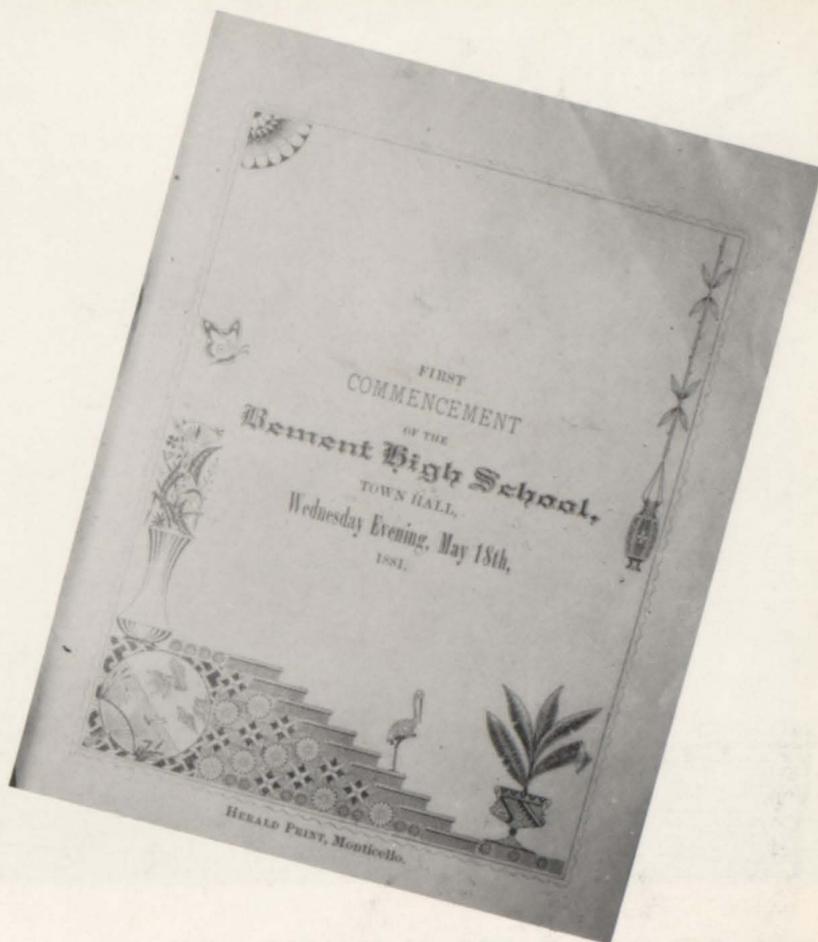
Geneva Dunn

May Newton

Anna Petitt

Eva Rosencrans

Lucy Sprague



## REVIEW OF THE YEARS

Pictured above is the program front of the first Bement High School Commencement. This year marks the diamond anniversary of that first graduation exercise. During those seventy-five years, one thousand four hundred and ninety-two graduates have received diplomas from Bement High.

The smallest graduating class was in 1891 when Fred Niles was the lone graduate. Fifty-four members made up the largest class in 1924.

Mrs. Edith Ruby-Burkes-Back is the oldest alumni yet living. A Decatur resident, Mrs. Back graduated from B.H.S. with four others in 1885. The youngest graduate at the present is Ronald Laughlin, President of the 1956 Senior Class.

Nineteen superintendents have served the Bement community. Sixteen of these were during the first forty-seven years with just three being employed during the last twenty-nine.

The first election of school officers was held one hundred years ago November 10, 1956. School was held from that time on, but not until 1881 did a class qualify for graduation.

The present high school building was put into use in the fall of 1920.



## BOARD of EDUCATION

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



# ADMINIS

## SECRETARY

Mrs. Louis Miller

# SUPERINTENDENT

MR. WALTER SLATER

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B.S., Illinois State Normal University  
M.S., University of Illinois

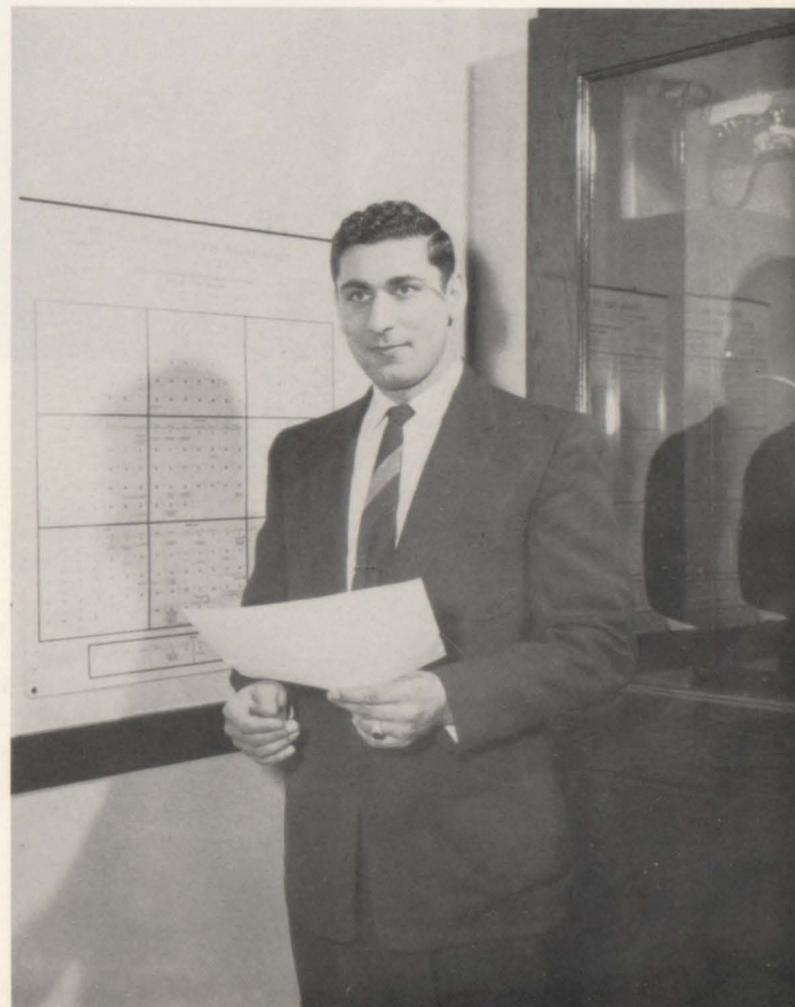


# TRATION

## PRINCIPAL

MR. DONALD WOODARD

Biology  
Social Science  
Basketball Coach  
Lerna High School  
B.S. in Ed., Eastern Illinois State College  
M. in Ed., University of Illinois





MR. JOSEPH BEARDEN

Instrumental Music  
Benton Township High School  
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Millikin University

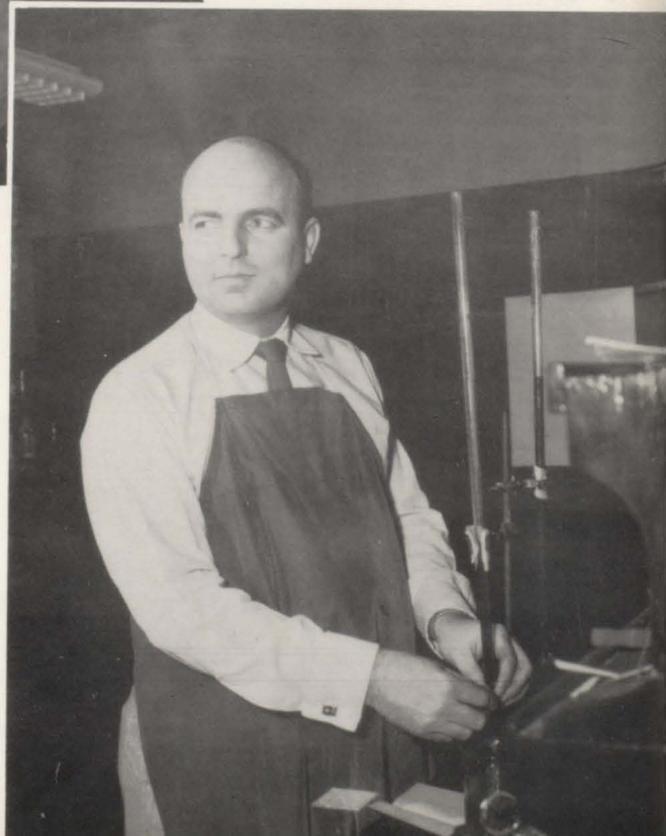


MISS BETTY FOWLER

Physical Education  
Biology  
Williamsville High School  
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Normal University

MR. RICHARD MILLS

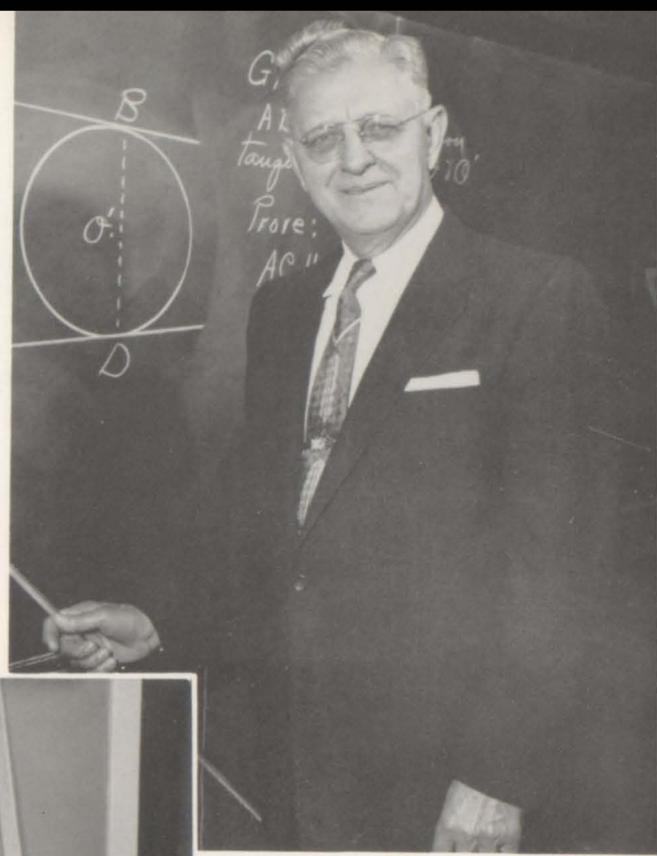
Science  
Football and Track  
Coach  
Sullivan High School  
B. in Ed., Eastern Illinois  
State College  
M. in Ed., University of  
Illinois



# ULTY

MR. H. E. SLUSSER

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High School-Central  
Normal, Danville,  
Indiana  
A.B. in Ed., Indiana  
University  
M.A. in Ed., University  
of Illinois



MISS DORIS FERRY

Home Economics  
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B.S., Northern Illinois  
State College



MR. JOSEPH FOSTER

Agriculture  
Lovington High School  
B.S., M.S., University  
of Illinois



MRS. EDNA M. HAMMOND

Business Education  
Martinsville, Ohio, High School  
B. S., University of Illinois



MR. CHARLES WAITY

Social Science  
Physical Education  
Baseball Coach  
Sheldon High School  
B. in Ed., Illinois State  
Normal University



MISS PEARL SWAIN

English  
Latin  
Warren, Indiana, High School  
A. B., Franklin College,  
Franklin, Indiana.

# ULTY

MISS CHARLOTTE GLENN

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Macon High School  
B.M. in Ed., M. M. in Ed.,  
Millikin University



MR. JAMES COLEMAN

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Algebra  
Oblong High School  
B. in Ed., Eastern Illinois  
State College  
M. in Ed., University of  
Illinois.



MISS ISABELLE HOUSTON

English  
Librarian  
Vandalia High School  
A.B., B.L.S., University  
of Illinois.

# CAFETERIA

Noon is marked by a rush to the cafeteria to enjoy the hot, appetizing meals prepared by this staff: Miss Clodfelter, dietician, Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Olinger, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Liestman, Mrs. Still.



# MAINTENANCE

Because of the efficiency of "Bunker" Hill, Superintendent of Maintenance (right), and his assistant, Mr. Rucker (left), we are always able to work in clean, comfortable surroundings.

# TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to and from school is provided by Mr. Lynn Crook and his competent staff of bus drivers. Making the runs each day are Mr. Woolridge, Mr. Welsh, Mr. Born, Mr. Phillips, Mr. Byron, Mr. LeCrone, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Crook.



# CLASSES



# CLASS

# OF

# 1956



RONALD LAUGHLIN: Football hero  
---Interested in engineering---Quiet  
-Wow!

Student Council 3, Vice-President 3;  
Annual Staff 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4;  
"B" Club 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Foot-  
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 2, 4.



JAY POLING: Quick mind and wit  
---Ready line of talk---A man with  
mirth that burst out unexpectedly.

Annual Staff 4; "B" Club 3, 4; Foot-  
ball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Base-  
ball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-President  
4.

SHARON MORTON: Ambition-  
teacher---Always knows what to say,  
and says it---At home anywhere---  
Busy as a bee.

Annual Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Presi-  
dent 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader  
2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-Presi-  
dent 2, Secretary 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3,  
4; Parliamentarian 4; Class Secre-  
tary-Treasurer 2, 4.

BILL GOODMON: Is Queen's King  
---"I 'pose so"---Makes a good ap-  
pearance---Fond of night life.

Student Council 1, 4, President 4;  
Annual Staff 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 3,  
4; Vice-President 3; "B" Club 3, 4;  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3,  
4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

PHYLLIS SHUMARD: Sings like a  
lark---Has the pep---Twirler---  
Never idle.

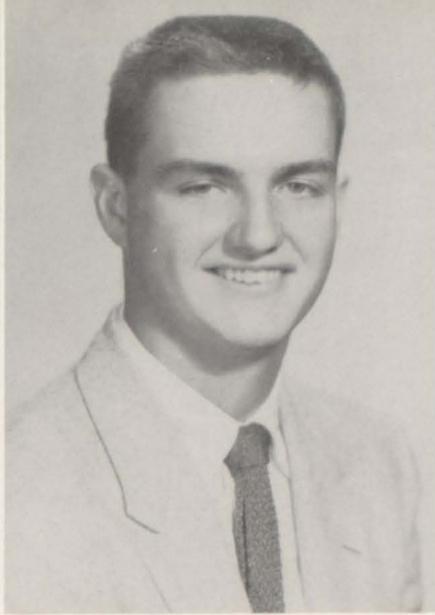
Student Council 1, 4, Secretary 4;  
Annual Staff 3, 4; News staff 1, 2, 3,  
4, Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3,  
4, Vice-President 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3,  
4; Secretary 4.





JUDY REDMAN: Monticello interests---Confusion reigns in her locker---Laughter comes easy for her.

Annual Staff 4; News staff 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Band 1,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Library Club 2.



BILL HANNON: "Haste makes waste"---Much artistic ability---Ivesdale-"Um Boy!"

Annual Staff 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4, Sentinel 2,3, Vice-President 4; "B" Club 2,3,4, Sergeant-at-arms 3, Vice-President 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2.



KAREN LUX: A lux girl---Secretary to Mr. Woodard---Talks a mile a minute.

Chorus 1,2; Band 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, President 4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4, Vice-President 3.

JIM YOCKEY: Jolly---Witty---"Yea, Milmine!"---"I heard at the store this morning---".

Student Council 4; Annual Staff 4; "B" Club 3,4, President 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Class Vice-President 2; Class President 3.

JERRY STOUT: "Pick me a tune you all"---Favorite Western singer-Jerry Stout---Good natured.

Student Council 2,4; Annual Staff 1,3,4, Editor 4; Chorus 4; Band 1,2,3,4; "B" Club 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Class Treasurer 1; Class Vice-President 3.



# CLASS

# OF

# 1956



JIM FENDLEY: Blond and fair---  
Ladies' man---Stumpjumper from  
Arkansas.

Annual Staff 4; "B" Club 4; Secre-  
tary-Treasurer 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Baseball 1, 2, 4.



EVELYN WHITE: Heart of gold---  
Always ready to help---Petite and  
sweet.

Student Council 2; Newsstaff 2; An-  
nual Staff 2, 4; Chorus 1, 2; F.H.A.  
1, 2, 3, 4, Public relations 3, Treas-  
urer 4; Library Club President 4; Class  
secretary 1.

SAM CLARK: Bunk's helper---  
Right on the job---Future Farmer---  
(Sigh) Those biceps!

Student Council 3; News staff 1, 2;  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F.  
F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; "B" Club  
1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class  
President 1.

IRENE ALEXANDER: Experienced  
soda jerk---Another gal who's altar  
bound---"Anyone for a joke??"

Annual Staff 4; News staff 2, 4; Chor-  
us 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Drum Major  
3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHN STRATER: H & M's for him  
---"Let's go to Cisco"---Ivesdale  
loyalist.

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





JIM WILDMAN: Always has a joke  
---Knowing him is appreciating him.

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, 4; "B"  
Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-  
ball 1, 2; Track 1, 3, 4.



PAT BYRON: What's Hershey without  
his bar? That's Pat without her car  
---Silence is her virtue.

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; F.  
H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.



DICK JONES: Terror of East Bodman  
Street---Everyone knows when he's  
around---Slender, tender, and tall.

Student Council 3; News staff 1;  
Chorus 1; Band 1, 2, 3; F. F. A. 3, 4;  
Football 1, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track  
2; Baseball 3.

MARGARET ZOCH: A wedding in  
June---Sweet---Sincere---Collector  
of poems.

Annual Staff 4; News staff 2; Band 1,  
2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Library Club 4;  
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4.

JACK CORUM: Super salesman ---  
Grocer---Confident---Will Succeed.

Annual Staff 4; News staff 2, 3; "B"  
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, Sec-  
retary 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basket-  
ball 1; Football Manager 1, 2, 3.



# CLASS OF 1956



SUE HINTON: Blonde bride to be  
---Pals with Irene---Bundle of energy.

News staff 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 1,2; G.A.A. 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4.



LARRY MEDARIS: Farmer to-be---  
Interests-Cars, basketball, girls---  
To argue is the spice of life.

Chorus 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4;  
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,  
4.

SALLY BORN: Sports minded---  
Especially fond of airplanes---My  
gal-Sal---Radiant locks.

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

JIM O'HARA: "Irish Eyes are Smil-  
ing" ---Keeps Ivesdale-Bement road  
hot---Easy going, likable chap.

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; "B" Club 2,3,4,  
Sergeant-at-Arms 4; Football 1,2,3,  
4; Class Vice-President 1.

VIRGINIA EADES: Studious---Al-  
ways a smile---Nimble fingers make  
her the commercial room whiz.

News staff 2,3,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4;  
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Library Club 2,3,  
4, Secretary 3.





LOREN PHIPPS



BOB RODGERS



## SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

On September 2, 1952, forty-one "not so bewildered" students became freshmen. This class was accustomed to the halls of B.C.H.S. since they were the first eighth graders to have some of their classes in the high school. At their first class meeting, they elected Sam Clark, president; Jim O'Hara, vice-president; Evelyn White, secretary; Jerry Stout, treasurer; Phyllis Shumard and Bill Goodmon, student council members.

In 1953, thirty-four sophomores reported for the first day of school. As officers they chose Ron Laughlin, Jim Yockey, and Sharon Morton for president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer respectively. Evelyn White and Jerry Stout were to represent the class as student council members.

On September 3, 1954, class officers were elected to lead the new upper-classmen. These officers were Jim Yockey, president; Jerry Stout, vice-president; Bill Goodmon, secretary-treasurer; Sam Clark, Dick Jones, and Ron Laughlin, representatives on the student council. On April 21, the juniors entertained the seniors at the traditional junior-senior prom, their theme being "Blue Hawaii".

In 1955, twenty-five students became serious-minded seniors. To lead them, they chose Ron Laughlin, president; Jay Poling, vice-president; Sharon Morton, secretary-treasurer; Jerry Stout, Bill Goodmon, Phyllis Shumard, and Jim Yockey, student council members.

This year proved to be a busy but happy one. To start the year, the class conducted a magazine sales to raise money for the publication of the BIM. The upper classes enjoyed two social events together. On February 14 the seniors entertained the juniors at a Valentine Party. The seniors boarded the "Show Boat" on April 23 where they were graciously entertained by the juniors at the prom.

On May 3, the class presented a hilarious performance of a mystery-comedy entitled "Ghost Parade."

The Baccalaureate service was held on May 27, followed by Commencement exercises on May 28. The Class of '56 had the distinction of graduating seventy-five years after the first Bement High School Commencement.

# PROPHECY

Hello, Mr. and Mrs. North and South America and all the ships at sea!

This is Jim Wildman, your friendly commentator, with an around the world round-up of the news on a pleasant day in March, 1970....Hollywood....It is rumored that actress Peg Zoch and her manager, Jim Yockey, are asking a ten thousand dollar raise from Paramount.... Springfield....Governor Sharon Morton has announced that Jerry Stout will be her Lieutenant Governor if she runs again in 1972. Stout is well known as a Democratic leader....Texas.... Word was received here of the purchase of the King Ranch by Dick "Tex" Jones. "Tex" says, "Ah'll manage that ranch all by mahself"....St. Louis....Jim Fendley has just been named president of the Wabash Railroad and is planning to give Bement a celebration similar to the one given when he was a boy....Jack Corum, that sensational pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, is receiving friends and fans at a large grocery store he has started. This is his third store so far....St. Louis....Bill "The Mauler" Hannon will wrestle Jim "The Tank" O'Hara tonight at the International Amphitheater....Paris....Here it is! The latest from Paris! Phyllis Shumard and Irene Alexander have tied for the International Twirling Championship for the third straight year....New York....Famed critic, Sam Clark, was quoted as saying, "I compare the oratorical ability of Virginia Eades only to that of Henry Clay and Daniel Webster"....Chicago....The judge for the International Livestock Exposition announced that Larry Medaris of Piatt County has won the grand championship with his Black Angus steer, Ferdinand....Ivesdale....Nurses Karen Lux and Patti Byron were awarded the silver star for bravery shown in their work in the recent Wabash train wreck....Los Angeles....Sally Born, first woman to break the sound barrier, said today in a statement to the press that she owes her success in flying to her mechanic, John Strater. Strater, a modest man, says, "She flies 'em, I just fix 'em!"....Philadelphia....It was announced today that an Illinois housewife, mother of four, has won the "Mother of the Year" contest. She was formerly Sue Hinton of Bement....Boston....Judy Redman, famed marriage counselor, has disclosed some of her views on marriage in her latest book entitled LOVE AND MARRIAGE, to be published this spring....South America....Engineers Ron Laughlin and Bill Goodmon have announced the completion of plans for the fifty billion dollar dam for the Amazon River. The river will supply tremendous horsepower for South America.... Chicago....Jay Poling and Evelyn White are planning a series of articles to be published sometime in June in their paper, "The Daily Star." These articles will conduct a scathing attack on the slums in Chicago.

That is all the news for now. This is Jim Wildman signing off for station BIM operating at 5,000 kilocycles throughout the Bement area.

# WILL

- I, Jay Poling, leave my stature to Tony Redman.
- I, Jerry Stout, will my prize winning flat top to Ron Robbins.
- I, Bill Hannon, bequeath my ready wit to Jeanabelle Lash.
- I, Irene Alexander, will my sparkler--What am I saying! Marilyn Smith, Frances Pierce and Bob Tracy may have my gift of gab.
- I, Sally Born, leave my dexterity for jerking sodas at Hill's to Winnie Poling.
- I, Sam Clark, bequeath my position as leading hitter on the baseball team to one-hit Wayne Hill.
- I, Jack Corum, will my loyalty to the Cardinals to Gene Holloway. The Yanks will never rise again!
- I, Virginia Eades, leave my position in the commercial room to all aspiring secretaries such as Louise Born, Pat Westray, and Nancy Musick.
- I, Jim Fendley, bequeath my southern drawl to Madonna Foran and Shirley Shonkwiler.
- I, Dick Jones, will my blue suede shoes to Dave Hill. I think he is the only one who hasn't stepped on them.
- I, Bill Goodmon, will my lady killing techniques to Dave Keller and Junior Kirby. Watch out, girls!
- I, Jim Wildman, leave my Ford to Ron Durbin. He can use it for test runs.
- I, Pat Byron, will my economy with words to Mary Jo Ardnt and Phyllis Redman.
- I, Phyllis Shumard, bequeath my vivacity to Glen Spearman and Tom Brittenham.  
Add it it what they have and they will really move around.
- I, John Strater, will my seat on the Ivesdale Special to Mike' Gallivan and Ellen Hannon.
- I, Larry Medaris, will my mid-morning siestas to Barney Camden. Ho Hum!
- I, Sue Hinton, will half of my silence to Linda Doyle.
- I, Jim O'Hara, will my ability to leave Ivesdale at 8:30 and make it to school on time to Jim Kirwin.
- I, Ron Laughlin, will my mathematical mind to Karen Strack. She doesn't really need it.
- I, Margaret Zoch, will my woman's intuition to Sarah Woodcock and Ruth Pembroke.
- I, Jim Yockey, will my beaming smile to Donna Sebens, Carleen McCullough, and Larry Durbin.  
There is plenty to go around.
- I, Karen Lux, will my contact with the office to Richard Westfall and Lester Jamison.
- I, Sharon Morton, will my affection for dark haired men to Mary Swaim, Judy Tempel, and Lela Ard.
- I, Evelyn White, leave my extensive vocabulary to Alyeen LeCrone and Becky Morris. Do you "dig" me?
- I, Judy Redman, will my saxophone to Wilma Hinton. Blow, horn, blow!

# JUNIOR CLASS

On September 2, forty-one juniors organized by electing Wayne Hill, president; Karen Strack, vice-president; and Wilma Hinton, secretary-treasurer. Linda Doyle, Winifred Poling, and Junior Kirby were elected to the Student Council. Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Slusser, with the assistance of Miss Ferry and Mr. Foster, were the class advisors.

Throughout the year most of the class activity was directed toward raising money for a prom. This money was made by picking up corn, having a bake sale, and running a concession stand at football and grade school basketball games.



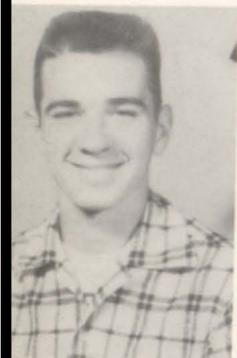
Wayne Hill

Karen Strack

Wilma Hinton

Linda Doyle

Winifred Poling



Robert Camden

Alyeen LeCrone

Mary Jo Arndt

Ronald Durbin



Emery Kirby, Jr.

Shirley Shonkwiler

Donna Sebens

Glenn Spearman



Frances Pierce

Carleen McCullough

Jeanabelle Lash

Marilyn Smith



Becky Morris

Tony Redman

Ellen Hannon

Gene Holloway

Larry Durbin

Lela Ard

David Keller

Judy Tempel



Nancy Musick

Ronald Robbins

Sarah Woodcock

David Hill



Lester Jamison

Pat Westray

Mike Gallivan

Louise Born



Madonna Foran

Tom Brittenham

Phyllis Redman

Richard Westfall



Bob Tracy

Mary Swaim

Jim Kirwan

Ruth Pembroke



# SOPHOMORE CLASS

September 1, 1955, was the start of what proved to be an exciting and enjoyable year for the Sophomore class of thirty-six students.

On September 2, they elected the following people to lead them through their second year at B.H.S.: Joe Rittenhouse, president; Tom Yeske, vice-president; Loren Bowen, secretary-treasurer. Bill Glennon and Allen Mardis were chosen to represent them on the Student Council. Miss Fowler and Mr. Mills, class advisors, gave able assistance throughout the year.

"Make Mine Music" was the theme of their class party on March 9. Everyone present spent a gay evening dancing, playing games, and eating.

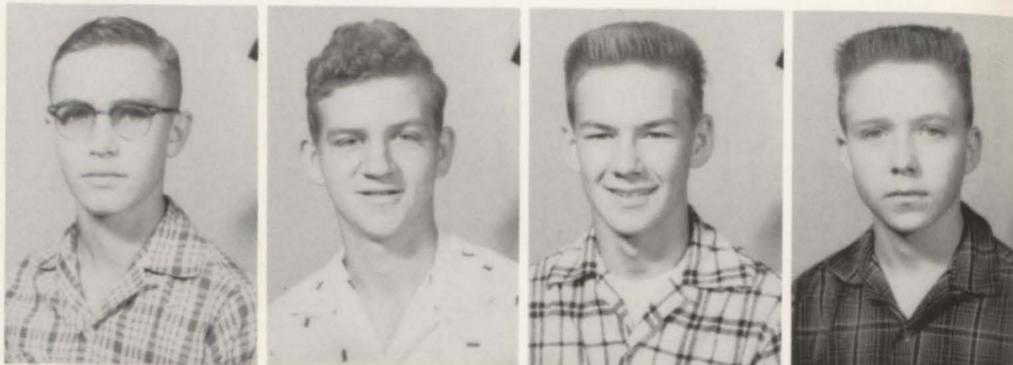
The class of '58 are looking forward to next year when they shall be upperclassmen!

Joe Rittenhouse

Tom Yeske

Loren Bowen

Allen Mardis



Bill Glennon

Judy Strohl

Susie Kurr

Nancy Shumard



Laverne Helm

Sharel Ater

Drusilla Bolsen

Marian Troxell



Janice Kitson

Sandra Larimore

Lynda Fallon

David Fuqua



Nayda Harris

Don Fogerson

Barbara Hodam

Norman Blickem



Larry Morton

Nancy Bolsen

Russell Fritz

Ruth Bom



Lynda Defore

Ed Tracy

Lani Drake

Steve Tracy



Billy Pryor

Sandra Clark

Karl Harper

Patty Coon



Ethel Dick

Tom Langston

Alice Moore

Bob Ferguson



# FRESHMAN CLASS

Thirty-nine freshmen began classes at Bement High on August 31, 1955.

The first class meeting was held on September 2, and the officers for the year were elected. Bob Morris was chosen president, with Joe Sapp, vice-president and Ann Wilkinson, secretary-treasurer. Penny Pope and Don Livingston were chosen to be the representatives on the Student Council.

Miss Swaim and Mr. Waity, the class advisors, helped throughout the year.

The class party, which was enjoyed by all, was held in the old gym on April 6.

Bob Morris

Joe Sapp

Ann Wilkinson

Penny Pope



Carolyn Clifton

Larry Wildman

Martha Hinton

Don Livingston

Bill Rodgers

Betty Morris

Dean Fogerson

Sharon Perkins

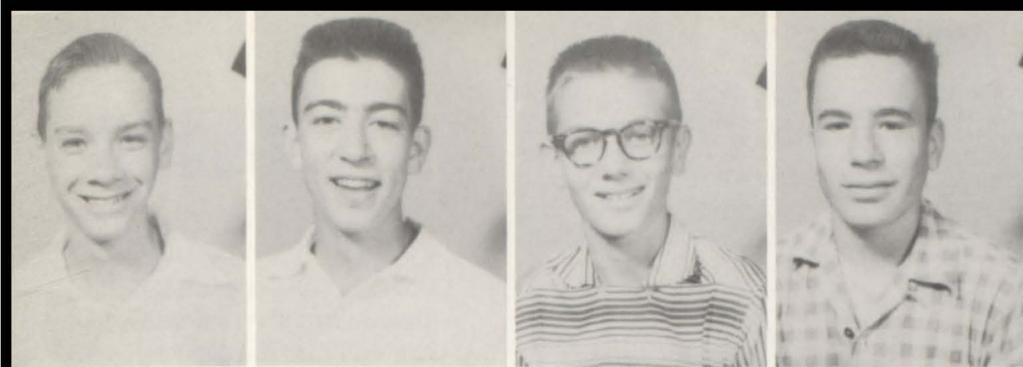


Judy Cozad

Glenn DePew

Pat Scott

Joe Coon



Larry Taylor  
Mike Harshbarger  
Larry Musick  
Jim Cooper

John Summar  
Anita Dinsmore  
Bob Wood  
Carol Allen



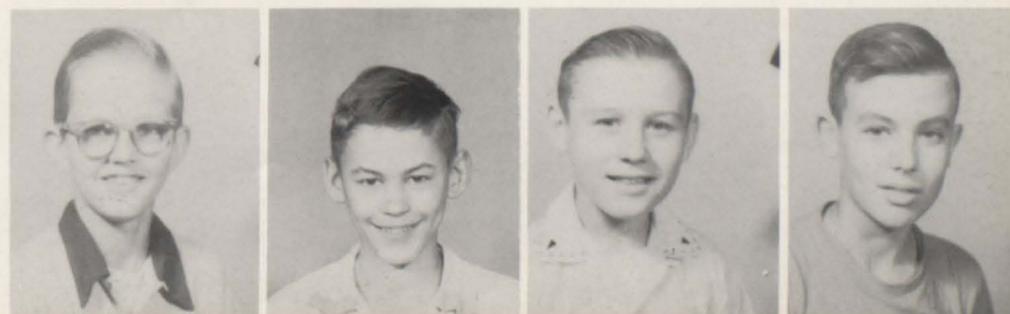
Sara Poling  
Ronald Eades  
Barbara Fairbanks  
Billy Lash

Ray Pruitt  
Patty Bales  
Lee Price  
Carolyn Brady



Virginia Clark  
Bud Shonkwiler  
Peggy Westray  
David DeFore

Jimmy Ater  
Jimmy Mudd  
Billy Fritz  
Richard Harper



# CLASS

As we begin a tour of our classrooms, we find Miss Houston's English students beginning to realize that there are more to newspapers than the comics. Any future journalists here?



"Labor omnia vincit"---  
These beginning Latin students sometimes think that no amount of labor can conquer this foreign language. There's nothing like two languages to confuse the boys, eh girls?



What's in the making here?  
These farm shop boys would be handy helpers for a farmer in need of anything from a hog house to a wagon hitch.



# ROOMS

The cameraman caught these history students somewhere between Columbus and the Battle of the Bulge. "Oh, those dates-they'll be the death of me yet!"



Eggs, flour, milk, just a dash of salt--ah-perfect! These future homemakers were quick to learn that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

"X's" don't mean kisses to this freshman Algebra class. Mathematics is painstaking work. One slip, and a whole problem must be reworked.



# CLASS

Robin Hood never had it so good! These sharp lasses in P.E. class have a real eye for the target. Whirrr...--Bulls-eye!



No complicated apparatus could frighten this chemistry-minded group. Looks like they might be whizzing up an atomic bomb.



These biology students pour over a long list of scientific names before venturing into the laboratory. They're real "cut-ups," especially on frogs.



# ROOMS

Those sounds floating down the hall--? No, it's not a riveting machine--Just the sounds made by the busy fingers of the secretarial practice class as they fly over the typewriter keys.



The physics class is puzzling over the science of electronics. A truly shocking study! This class must shine in quality, not quantity.

Now we're back in the industrial arts-ag shops at the "North Pole." Mr. Coleman shows the boys how to plane a pretty board and emerge with five fingers per hand.



# CLASS- ROOMS

"One -- and two -- and three!" Mr. Bearden gives the downbeat for another instrumental number. We could stay in this room all day and just listen.



Music is fun when the mixed chorus, under the direction of Miss Glenn, get together for a few favorite songs.



Our tour ends in study hall where we find the student body intently listening to the round-up of coming events. Hasn't this trip been fun?!

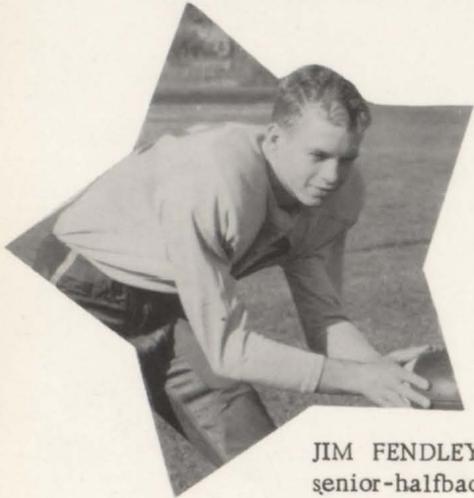


# SPORTS





Captain RON LAUGHLIN  
senior-fullback



JIM FENDLEY  
senior-halfback

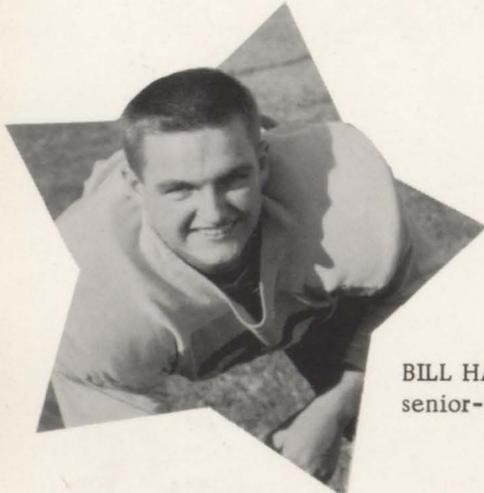


JERRY STOUT  
senior-guard

# FOOT

## RECORD

0	Farmer City	12
0	Monticello	13
0	Atwood	14
21	Arthur	7
7	Cerro Gordo	14
13	Unity	25
13	Sullivan	32
7	Tuscola	25



BILL HANNON  
senior-tackle



JIM O'HARA  
senior-tackle



JAY POLING  
senior-end



BILL GOODMAN  
senior-guard



JIM YOCKEY  
senior-center



LARRY DURBIN  
junior-fullback



MIKE GALLIVAN  
junior-guard



JIM WILDMAN  
senior-tackle

# BALL

## SCORING

	TD	PAT	TP
Glen Spearman	4	3	27
Ron Laughlin	2	2	14
Barney Camden	1	2	8
Bob Ferguson	1		6
Russ Fritz	1		6



BARNEY CAMDEN  
junior-halfback



GLEN SPEARMAN  
junior-halfback

## BULLDOGS

FIRST ROW: D. Hill, Ferguson, Brittenham, Bowen, Jamison, Kirby, W. Hill. SECOND ROW: Jones, Fendley, Poling, O'Hara, Goodman, Yockey, Stout, Hannon, J. Wildman, Laughlin, Phipps. THIRD ROW: Coach Mills, Morton, L. Durbin, Sapp, Gallivan, Harshberger, Rodgers, R. Fritz, Spearman, Coach Waity. NOT PICTURED: Camden.





DAVE HILL  
junior-quarterback



LARRY MORTON  
sophomore-center



RUSSELL FRITZ  
sophomore-end



WAYNE HILL  
junior-quarterback



BOB FERGUSON  
sophomore-quarterback



JOHN SUMMAR  
freshman-guard

#### MANAGERS

Carl Harper, Ron Durbin, Ron Robbins,  
Jim Ater.





FIRST ROW: Harper, Sparling, Pruitt, Ferguson, R. Fritz, Livingston, Lash, Defore, B. Fritz. SECOND ROW: Taylor, Rittenhouse, Rodgers, Fuqua, Tracy, Harshbarger, Summar, Sapp, Bowen. THIRD ROW: Coach Waity, L. Wildman, Morton, Cooper, Price, Mardis, Shonkwiler, Morris, Coach Mills.

#### BULLPUPS

Under the direction of Coach Waity, the Bullpups had a very successful season, winning five and losing only one. Tuscola, Atwood, Arthur, Cerro Gordo and Sullivan were victims of the Bullpups. Monticello claimed the only victory from them. The Bullpups rolled up a total of 77 points for the season while holding the opposition to a scant 38. These boys will be counted upon heavily during the next two years to bring varsity victories home.

#### FOOTBALL BANQUET

The Lions Club sponsored the annual football banquet Monday, December 5, 1955, in the old gymnasium.

After the invocation by Reverend West, a delicious three course swiss steak dinner was served. The Toastmaster, Mr. Strayer, introduced the guest speaker, Chuck Studley, assistant football coach at the University of Illinois. With Mr. Studley were George Walsh, Jim Minor, and Rudy Seigert who were members of the 1955 Illinois football team.

Coach Waity then presented emblems to sixteen members of his Bullpup squad. Varsity letters, presented by Coach Mills, were received by nine seniors, five juniors, three sophomores, and one freshman.

Glen Spearman and Barney Camden were introduced as Co-Captains for the 1956 season. Retiring captain, Ron Laughlin, captured the outstanding tackler and best blocking awards for the second consecutive season.

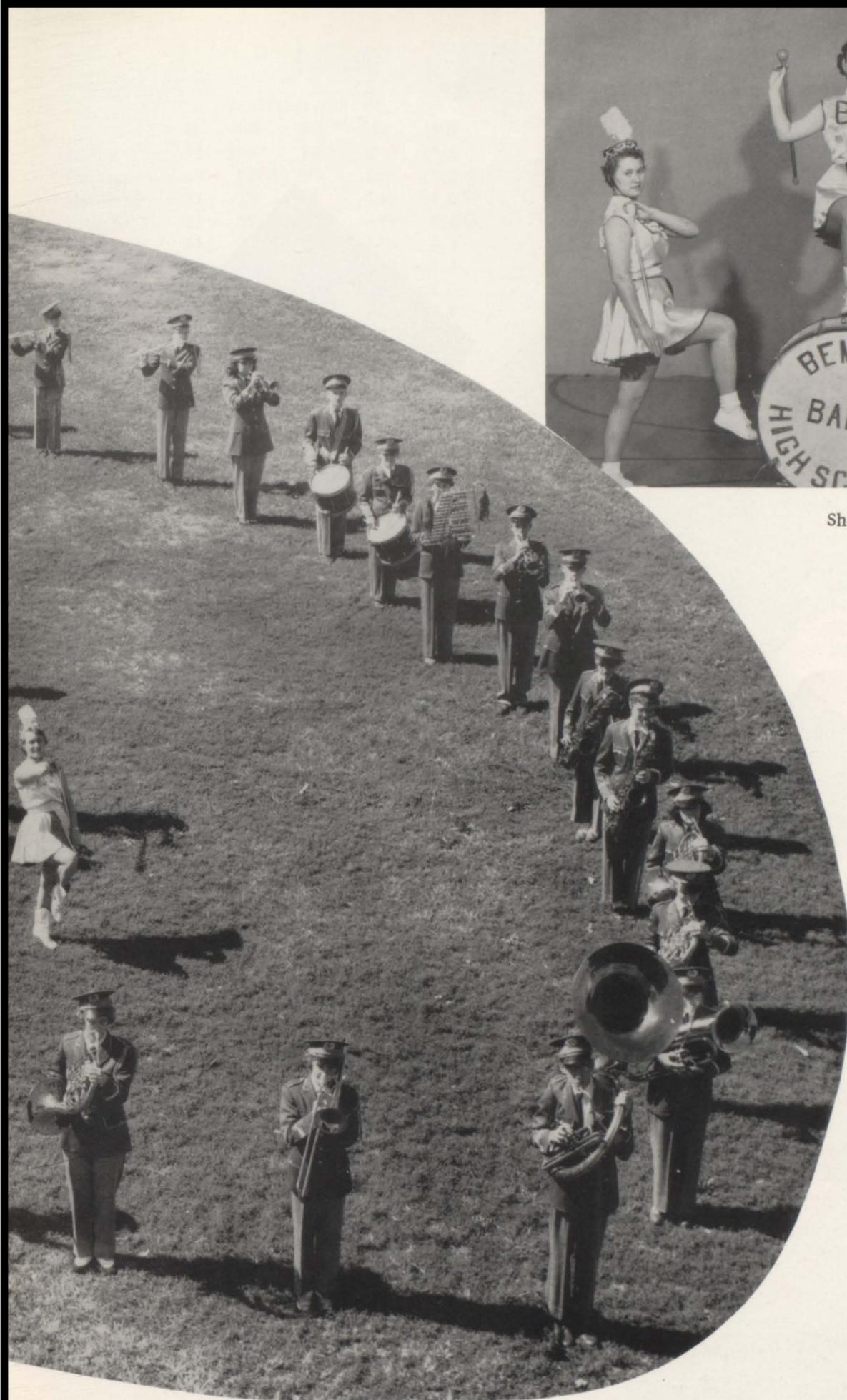
The evening was completed with a movie of the Illinois-Michigan game.



# MARCHING BAND



The Marching Band as it appeared each night at the Centennial pageant.



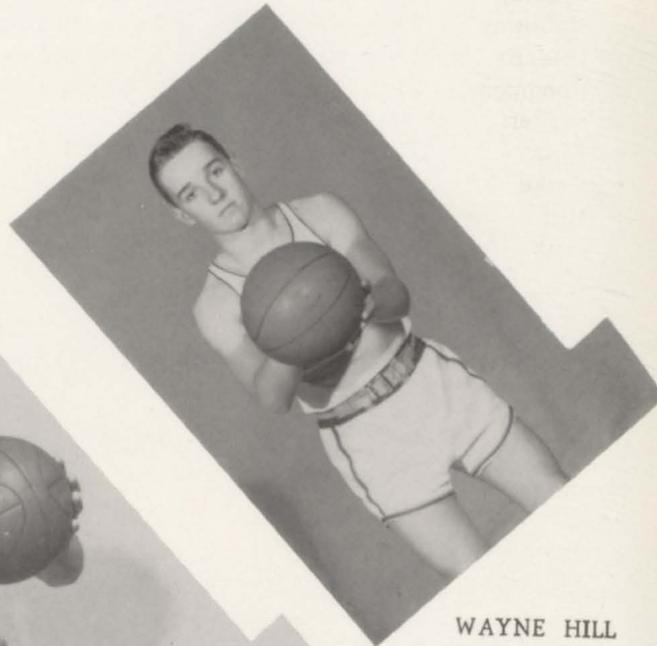
Shumard, Alexander, Drake

# BASKETBALL

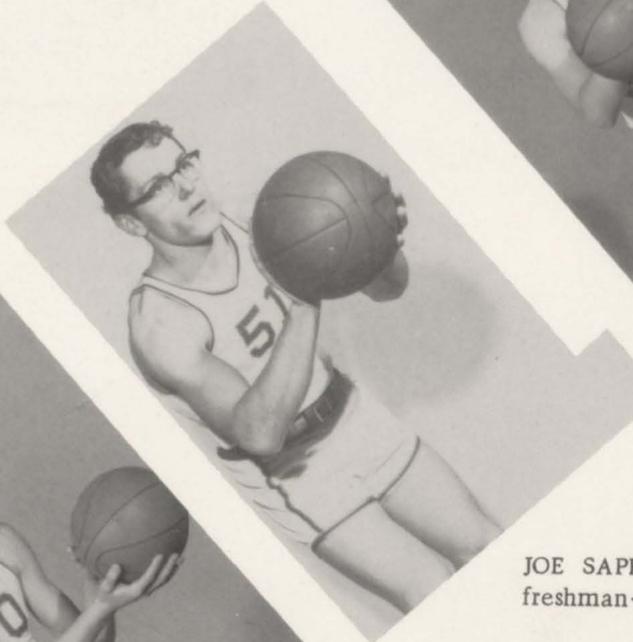
## RECORD

56	Argenta	54
43	Deland-Weldon	45
46	Cerro Gordo	59
38	*Sullivan	49
61	Atwood	45
65	*Oakland	59
69	*Tuscola	72
55	*Atwood	53
53	*Arthur	49
51	Unity	46
65	Farmer City	86
48	*Arcola	83
56	Arthur	63
39	Mansfield	53
74	*Cerro Gordo	79
80	Mt. Zion	78
65	*Monticello	71
70	*Newman	94
36	Lakeview	74
70	*Villa Grove	72
49	Unity	62

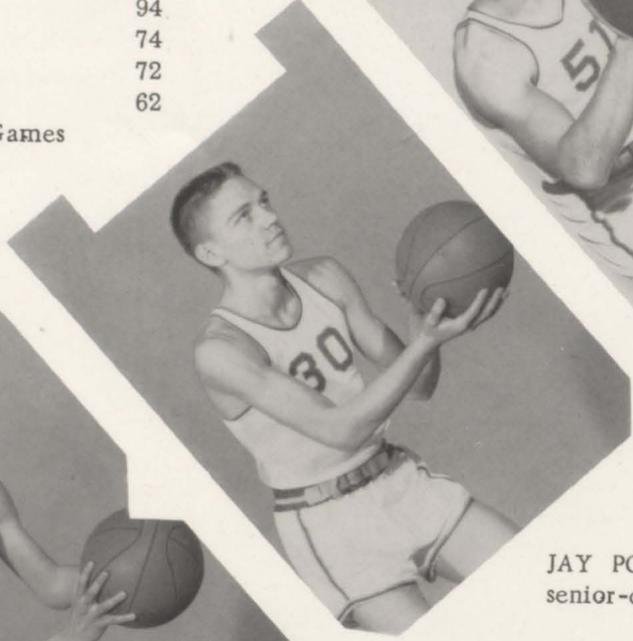
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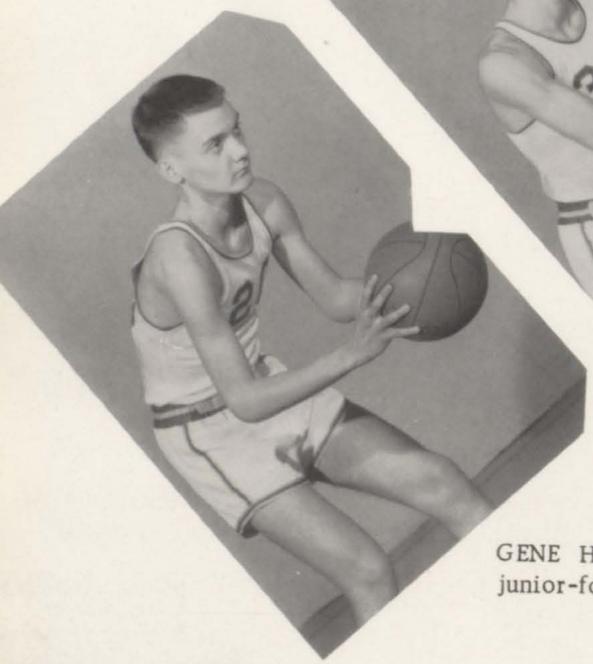
WAYNE HILL  
junior-guard



JOE SAPP  
freshman-forward



JAY POLING  
senior-center

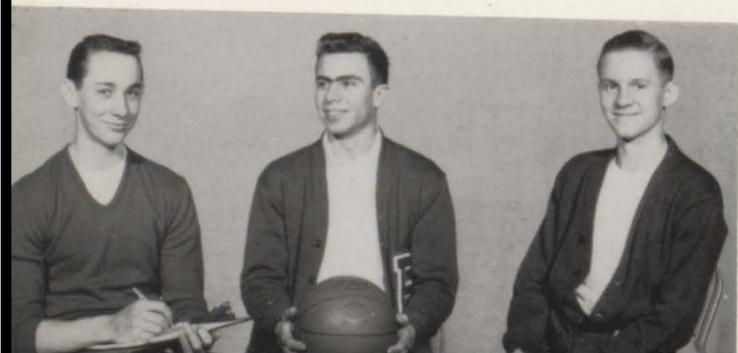


GENE HOLLOWAY  
junior-forward

At the annual basketball potluck held on March 27, Jim Fendley and Jay Poling received the most valuable player award. Gene Holloway was presented the free throw shooting award for the .764 percentage he compiled during the season.

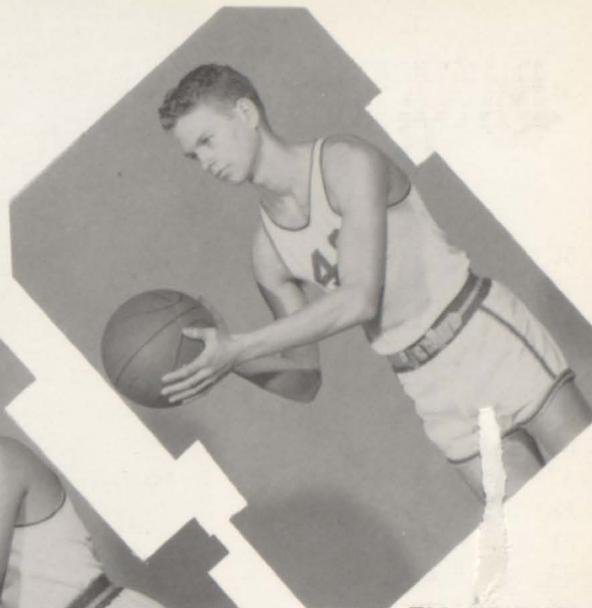
## MANAGERS

Keller, Clark, Durbin

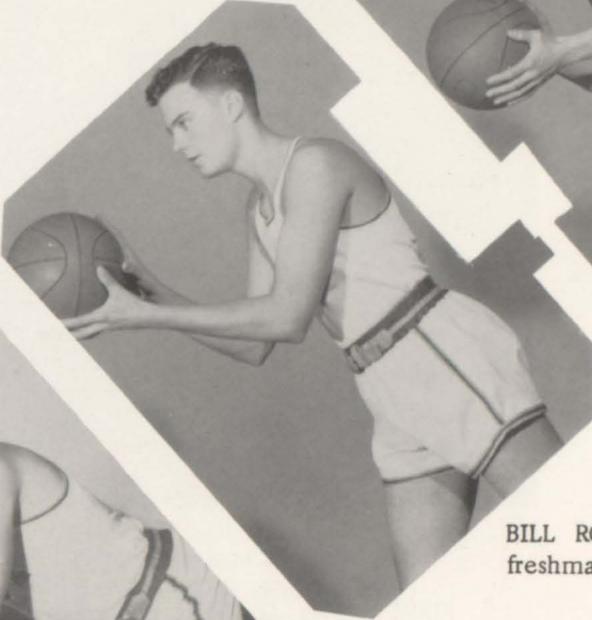


SCORING

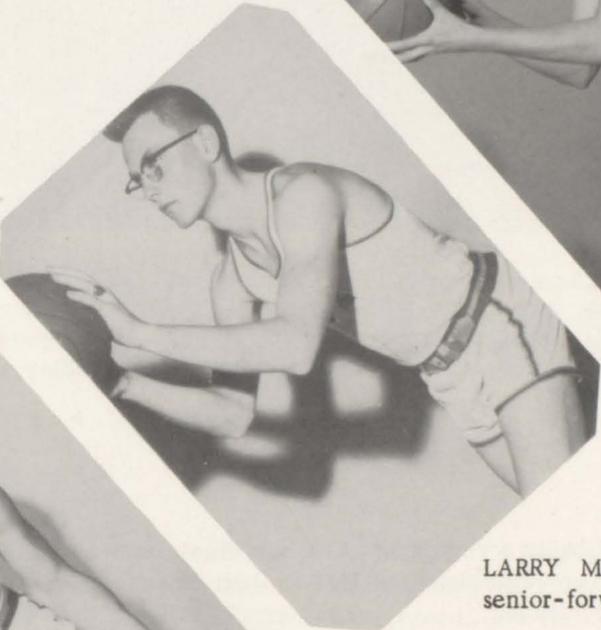
	G	FG	FT	TP	AVG.
Poling	21	105	63	273	13.0
Fendley	20	82	96	260	13.0
Holloway	21	79	52	210	10.0
Medaris	21	59	61	179	8.5
Goodmon	21	67	35	169	8.1
Rodgers	9	9	10	28	3.1
Sapp	15	15	10	40	2.7
Yeske	6	2	5	9	1.5
Hill	14	5	10	20	1.4
Fritz	5	0	1	1	0.2



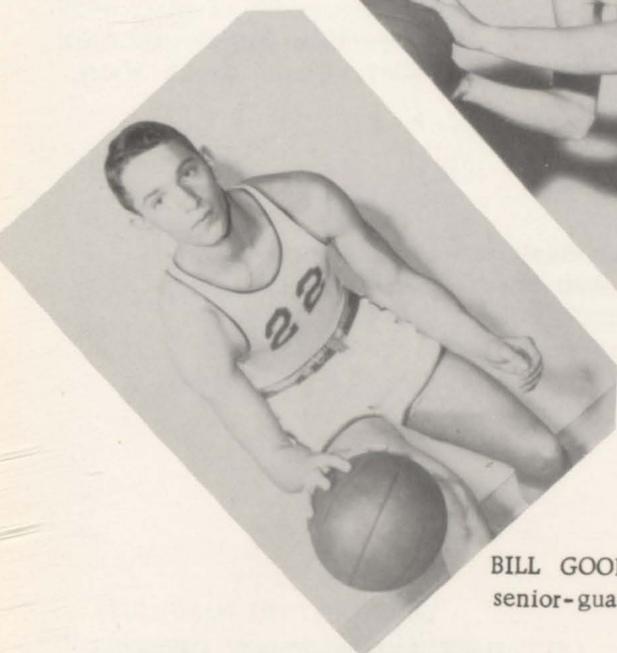
JIM FENDLEY  
senior-guard



BILL RODGERS  
freshman-center



LARRY MEDARIS  
senior-forward



BILL GOODMON  
senior-guard

The Bullpups got off to a slow start as they lost their first eight ballgames. Their first victory was over Arthur. Other regular season wins were accomplished at the expense of Farmer City, Mansfield, and Cerro Gordo. In the annual Cerro Gordo Freshman-Sophomore Tournament the Bullpups knocked off Monticello 55-52 and then stopped a good Atwood team 60-51 for the championship.

FIRST ROW: B. Fritz, S. Tracy, Harshbarger, E. Tracy, B. Tracy, Rodgers, Morris. SECOND ROW: Coach Woodard, Hill, R. Fritz, Ferguson, Yeske, Shonkwiler, Harper, Coach Waity.



# B A S E B A L L



## VARSITY

FIRST ROW: D. Hill, Spearman, Corum, Bowen, Fritz, W. Hill, Kirby. SECOND ROW: Stout, Goodmon, Poling, Medaris, Holloway, Fendley, Clark, Coach Waity.

The baseball squad showed signs of being a very good team, but didn't quite have a winning season. The Bulldogs won 3, lost 5, and tied 1. They were defeated 11-8 in their only tournament game by Unity. The Bullpups lost their only game to Sullivan.

## BULLPUPS

FIRST ROW: R. Fritz, Coon, B. Fritz, Shonkwiler, Bowen. SECOND ROW: Cooper, Sapp, Harshbarger, Rodgers, Taylor, Coach Waity.



## LETTERMEN AND BATTING AVERAGES

	AB.	H.	R.	AVG.
Sam Clark	30	13	10	.433
Junior Kirby	5	2	1	.400
Glen Spearman	20	8	13	.400
Bill Goodmon	28	10	7	.357
Russ Fritz	7	2	5	.286
Larry Medaris	8	2	3	.250
Jack Corum	17	3	10	.180
Jay Poling	22	3	8	.137
Jim Fendley	15	2	1	.133
Jerry Stout	24	3	3	.125
Wayne Hill	17	2	7	.118
Gene Holloway	22	0	2	.000

# T R A C K



FIRST ROW: Coach Mills, Lash, Ater, Cooper, B. Fritz, Wildman, Coon. SECOND ROW: Gallivan, \*Ferguson, \*Robbins, \*Fendley, \*Laughlin, \*Tracy, \*R. Fritz. THIRD ROW: \*Durbin, \*Harshbarger, \*Sapp, \*Morris, \*Rodgers, \*Spearman, Phipps.

\* Denotes letter winners

The track team did a fine job this year. In the Paris Relays Bement surprised many schools to bring home the second place Class B trophy. The Freshman 880 relay team also brought a trophy home as they broke a school record and a Paris Relay record. The Bulldogs captured 7th place in the Okaw Meet.

Other school records were broken as Jim Fendley broke the pole vault record, going 10 ft. 3 in. The Varsity distance medley relay team also broke the school record.

## RECORD BREAKERS

FRESHMAN 880 YD. RELAY  
Harshbarger, Rodgers, Sapp, Morris  
1:44.4 min.

VARSITY DISTANCE MEDLEY RELAY  
Harshbarger, Robbins, Laughlin,  
Ferguson  
8:25 min.

POLE VAULT  
Fendley  
10 Ft. 3 in.



# B - CLUB

FIRST ROW: Coach Waity, Fendley, Secretary-Treasurer; Yockey, President; Hannon, Vice-President; Coach Mills. SECOND ROW: Spearman, Clark, O'Hara, Watchdog, W. Hill, D.Hill. THIRD ROW: Fritz, Ferguson, L. Durbin, Kirby, Corum. FOURTH ROW: Robbins, Laughlin, Wildman, Stout, Morton. FIFTH ROW: Gallivan, Goodman, Camden, Poling, R. Durbin.



The "B" Club is an organization of varsity letter winners which promotes athletics in the high school.

This year they purchased an engraved plaque containing our school's track records and the names of the boys who set them.

The club entertained at a Western party on March 23.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Drake, Morton, Doyle, W. Hinton.

## CHEER-LEADERS



The enthusiasm of these seven girls kept the cheering section lively at both the football and the basketball games.



"B" TEAM CHEERLEADERS  
Pope, M. Hinton, Clifton

# ACTIVITIES



# STUDENT COUNCIL



STANDING: Goodmon, President. FIRST ROW: Glennon, Mardis, Yockey, Stout, Vice-President; Shumard, Secretary-Treasurer. SECOND ROW: Livingston, Pope, Mr. Woodard, Advisor; Kirby, Doyle, Poling.

The Student Council had an active year sponsoring the all-school social events. Among these were coke dances held after several home football and basketball games. In October they efficiently planned and directed the Homecoming activities.

At Christmas time this group planned an all-school party. A grab bag, pantomimes by grade school children, group singing, musical numbers by a faculty trio, and a visit from Santa Claus furnished the gaiety in the assembly. Old Santa read his letters from Janice the Joker, Romeo Ron, and William the Glennon. The party then adjourned to the old gym where everyone enjoyed dancing to music of the Mellotones.

To close the school year, the Council sponsored an all-school picnic held at the Forest Preserve Park.





FIRST ROW: Pat Westray, Hannon, Gallivan, Junior Editors; Alexander, Shumard, Senior Editors. SECOND ROW: Kitson, Features and News; Ard, G.A.A. News; Spearman, Robbins, Varsity Sports; Harper, Freshman-Sophomore Sports; Dick, G.A.A. News; LeCrone, Features and News. THIRD ROW: Arndt, Features and News; Bales, Peg Westray, Scott, Freshman Editors; Clark, Ater, Strahl, Moore, Sophomore Editors; Hinton, Features and News.

Mr. Purcell shows Becky Morris, Business Manager, what happens to the school news when it reaches the linotype machine--Looking on are Miss Swaim, Advisor; Barb Hodam, Assistant Editor; and Karen Strack, Editor.



The three typists, Virginia Eades, Carleen McCullough, and Mary Swaim, prepare to type the next edition.



# FUTURE FARMERS of AMERICA

## OFFICERS

Mr. Foster, Advisor; Rodgers, Reporter; Hannon, Vice-President; Clark, President; Strater, Secretary; Wildman, Treasurer; Bolsen, Sentinel.



The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of boys who have taken vocational agriculture and have farm projects.

On December 3, the F.F.A. boys went to Chicago for their annual trip to the International Livestock Exhibition.

Guest speakers attended some of the meetings and gave the boys advice about getting started in farming.

The chapter sponsored a fire safety program that was put on in front of the assembly by Mr. Bob Rodgers from the Farm Bureau. They also helped to promote safe driving day by putting stickers on cars in this area.

FIRST ROW: Kirby, Laughlin, Yeske, Redman, Wood, Pruitt, Lash. THIRD ROW: Wildman, Eades, Brittenham, Phipps, Jones, Musick. FOURTH ROW: O'Hara, B. Tracy, Kirwan, E. Tracy, Keller, Yockey, Rittenhouse.



# FUTURE HOMEMAKERS of AMERICA

## OFFICERS

FIRST ROW: W. Hinton, Degree Chairman; J. Redman, Recreation Chairman. SECOND ROW: White, Treasurer; Zoch, Vice-President; Lux, President; Shumard, Secretary. THIRD ROW: Doyle, Public Relations; Hodam, Historian; Miss Ferry, Advisor; Morton, Parliamentarian.

The Future Homemakers of America had a busy and successful year. Mrs. Walter Slater was the chapter mother for the second consecutive year.

A formal initiation was held at night with the mothers as guests. Punch and cookies were served after the initiates had given a short skit contrasting the old-fashioned home appliances to the modern appliances.

In observance of F.H.A. week, a bake sale was held in the lower hall at school. Each member wore something red and white, the organization colors.

A bake-sale uptown, a bake sale at school, and the sale of aprons and pin cushions for Christmas gifts were other money-making projects. During the year, various demonstrations were given to the group by homemakers and members of the organization.

FIRST ROW: M. Hinton, Hannon, Clifton, Troxell, Peggy Westray, McCullough, Pope. SECOND ROW: Kitson, Musick, Betty Morris, Brady, Drake, S. Hinton, P. Redman, Fairbanks, Pat Westray. THIRD ROW: Coon, Shonkwiler, Larimore, V. Clark, Varner, Kurr, Sebens, Byron, LeCrone. FOURTH ROW: Pembroke, S. Clark, Becky Morris, Ater, R. Born, Dick, Perkins, Alexander, Foran. FIFTH ROW: N. Bolsen, Bales, Eades, S. Born, Harris, D. Bolsen, L. Born, Dinsmore, Defore.



# LATIN CLUB



FIRST ROW: Arndt, Secretary-Treasurer; Glennon, President; Miss Swaim, Advisor; W. Poling, Vice-President; S. Poling. SECOND ROW: Hodam, Moore, Harris, Scott, Wilkinson. THIRD ROW: Mardis, Durbin, Harshbarger, Holloway, W. Hill.

At the monthly meetings the members of the Latin Club presented interesting and informative programs about Roman life.

On initiation day the new members attended school in Roman garb. That evening the club enjoyed a Roman banquet.

The librarians had a busy year checking books in and out to their fellow students. The members made many colorful and interesting book displays throughout the year. At each meeting a group of librarians were prepared to carry on a panel discussion. On May 10 the students visited the University of Illinois library.

FIRST ROW: Eades, Westray, Zoch, White, President; Miss Houston, Advisor; W. Poling, Vice-President; Swaim, Secretary. SECOND ROW: Hinton, Larimore, Pembroke, Bolsen, Foran, Shonkwiler, Sebens, McCullough, S. Poling, Arndt, Clifton.



# LIBRARIANS



Ferguson, Bowen, Mardis, Vice-President; Mr. Bearden, Advisor; Holloway, President; Durbin, Secretary-Treasurer; Corum.

The Kamera Klub met every other Thursday evening in the Chemistry laboratory. Their meetings consisted of demonstrations in different phases of photography by Mr. Bearden. At one meeting Mr. Robert Strongman, a photographer from the Decatur Herald and Review staff, showed some slides and gave a talk on photography.

This year the group sponsored the display of photographs which were the 1955-56 winners in the National High School Photographic Contest.

## KAMERA KLUB

## DANCE BAND

The Mellotones entertained at various school functions throughout the year. They also presented a program at the Piatt County Teachers Institute held at Bement on March 5. The members of this musical group are: FIRST ROW: Hinton, Redman, Stout, Livingston, Becky Morris, SECOND ROW: Moore, Strohl, Born, Lux, Shumard (Soloist). THIRD ROW: Clark, Bob Morris, Robbins, Tracy, Doyle, Morton, Mr. Bearden (Director).





FIRST ROW: Clarinets: Morton, Born; Bass Clarinet: Strohl; Oboe: Lux. SECOND ROW: Clarinets: Hodam, D. Livingston, S. Hinton, Wilkinson, D. Bolsen, Durbin, A. LeCrone, Clifton. THIRD ROW: Trombone: B. Tracy, V. Livingston; Baritones: Proctor, Slater; Cornets: Driskill, Ferguson, Robbins, Bob Morris, Clark; French Horns: Zoch, Knapp. Director: Mr. Bearden.



FIRST ROW: Flutes: McCollum, L. LeCrone, Glennon, Moore. SECOND ROW: Baritone Saxophone: W. Hinton; Tenor Saxophone: Becky Morris; Alto Saxophones: Harper, Siders, Redman, Stout; Flutes: Scott, M. Hinton. THIRD ROW: French Horn: Alexander; Bass Horns: S. Tracy, Harshbarger, Brittenham; Bass drum: Holloway; Snaredrum: Ball; Tympani: Doyle.

# CHORUS

## BIMETTES

Hodam, Morton, W. Hinton, Redman,  
Strohl, Ater, Miss Glenn.



## BAND AND CHORUS

The band and chorus attended the Annual Piatt County Music Festival held at Weldon in December. These musical groups united to give a Christmas Concert. On April 7, the groups attended District Contest at Leroy where both placed second.

In May the combined organization gave a Spring Concert. At this concert the Arion award was presented to Jerry Stout. The chorus sang at the Baccalaureate Service to finish the year. The band played for Commencement.

## GIRLS' CHORUS

FIRST ROW: Peggy Westray, M. Hinton, P. Redman, Coon, Tempel, Kitson, P. Shumard, Miss Glenn, Director. SECOND ROW: V. Clark, Larimore, Sebens, W. Hinton, S. Clark, Wilkinson, Arndt, Clifton. THIRD ROW: Byron, Scott, J. Redman, Bolsen, Hodam, Foran, Bales, Shonkwiler, Troxell. FOURTH ROW: LeCrone, Moore, Strohl, Eades, Poling, Dinsmore, Ater, Morris, Morton.





### OCTET

FIRST ROW: Moore, Troxell, Le-Crone, Morris, Miss Glenn. SEC-  
OND ROW: Durbin, Medaris, Rob-  
bins, Kirby.

The Octet sang at the Christmas Concert and for the Woman's Club.

The Sextet took part in the Christmas Concert. In March, they attended the District Contest at Lakeview where they placed superior or first. On May 5, they went to State Contest at MaComb where they received an excellent rating. Their last appearance was at the Spring Concert.

### BOYS' CHORUS

FIRST ROW: Miss Glenn, Director; Lash, Clark, Musick, Morton, Pianist. SECOND ROW: D. Hill, Stout, Wood, W. Hill, Spearman. THIRD ROW: Brittenham, Goodmon, Durbin, Medaris, Robbins.





FIRST ROW: M. Hinton, Hannon, Morton, Secretary-Treasurer; Miss Fowler, Advisor; Shonkwiler, President; Westray, Pope. SECOND ROW: Troxell, Kitson, W. Hinton, Coon, Sebens, Drake, Tempel, Ard, Clifton. THIRD ROW: Kurr, Pembroke, Scott, Dick, Wilkinson, S. Poling, Hodam, Varner, Larimore. FOURTH ROW: Morris, Strohl, Defore, W. Poling, D. Bolsen, Lux, Bales, N. Bolsen, Moore, Ater.

## GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Girls' Athletic Association met every Tuesday evening after school to enjoy various sports; namely, basketball, volleyball, softball, badminton, and tumbling.

"Cloud Club" was the theme for a party held in October for the eligible members and their guests.

The girls sponsored a playday in the fall for surrounding schools and participated in similar events at the University of Illinois and Arthur.

Judy Tempel and Sarah Woodcock were chosen to attend G.A.A. camp at Lake Bloomington June 3-10. Lela Ard and Linda Doyle were named as alternates. Lela attended in Judy's place.

Here we see the G.A.A. girls enjoying an evening of softball. This is one of the many interesting and invigorating sports in which the girls participated each week.



# HI-LITES





## CALE

### September

1. School began! Students assigned classes.

New faces on the faculty were:

Mr. Waity--Social Science

Miss Ferry--Home Economics

Mr. Slusser--Mathematics

Mrs. Hammond returned to accustomed position in the Commercial department.

2. Class officers elected.

8. Seniors plunged into magazine sales.

9. Election of football cheerleaders.

15. Building cleared quickly at first fire drill in spite of directional mix-ups.

16. Football season began with game at Farmer City.

26. Jack Corum topped all-time high magazine sales!

27. Student Council started social whirl with all school party.

### October

4. F.H.A. officers attended House of Delegates meeting at Farmer City.

8. G.A.A. girls played hostess at G.A.A. Playday to neighboring "kin"--other G.A.A. members, of course.

12. 1955 Queen Candidates elected!

20. Homecoming festivities ushered in with bonfire and snake dance.

21. Excitement--Homecoming!

26. Seniors received prizes and certificates from magazine sales.

### November

1. Oh, that Weatherman! Home Ec. room substituted for park for wiener roast given winning magazine sales team by losers.

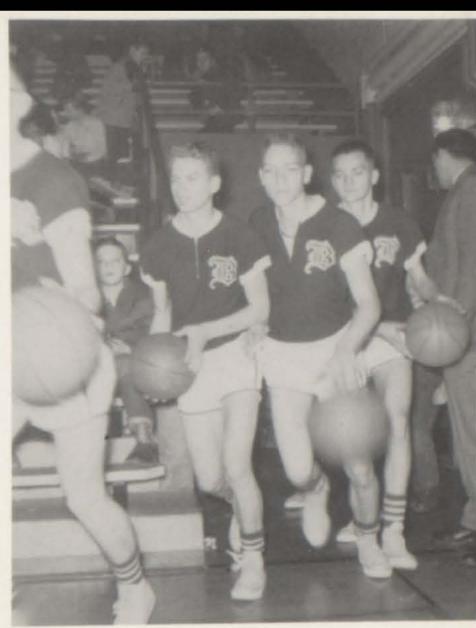
11. No school--Armistice Day.

16. Basketball cheerleaders elected--Rah, Rah!

18. G.A.A. girls entertained guests at "Cloud Club".

25,26. School dismissed for Thanksgiving. Hurray!

29. Basketball season began. Bement beat Argenta in double overtime!



# NDAR

## December

2. Piatt County Music Festival held at Weldon. Band and Chorus participated. Guest conductor Mr. Sheuward from University of Illinois.
5. Harrah! No school again. County Teachers' Meeting.
5. Football banquet terminated football season.
9. Christmas spirit began to spread. F.H.A. held annual Christmas party.
15. Big turnout for annual Christmas concert. Mr. Robert Taylor guest conductor.
21. Santa and "helpers added gaiety to Christmas party. No school until next year.

## January

2. First school day of New Year.
3. F.H.A. initiation. Mothers witness evening ceremony.
18. DAR and SAR awards presented to Sharon Morton and Jerry Stout, respectively.
- 19, 20. Last minute cramming done. Students rocked brains on semester exams.
27. Seniors made selection of graduation invitations.
30. Busy day! Blankenburg representative snapped group pictures for the Annual.
31. Annual sales began!

## February

9. Poultry and grain judging held at Blue Mound.
10. Mr. Foster gave awards to the F.F.A. boys who participated in yesterday's judging.
14. Valentines Day! Seniors honored juniors with a party celebrating St. V. day.
21. F.F.A. and F.H.A. joined forces, finances, and wits for an evening of fun and gaiety.
28. Rahl Rahl Rahl! Last pep meeting of the year.

## March

2. Intramural wrestling champions determined in matches before student body.
5. No school. Another County Teachers' meeting--this time here. Sextet and Mellotones furnished music.
9. Sophomore party.





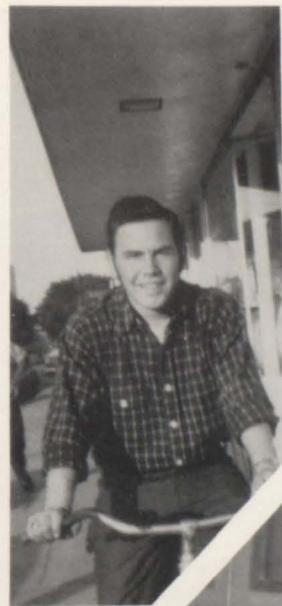
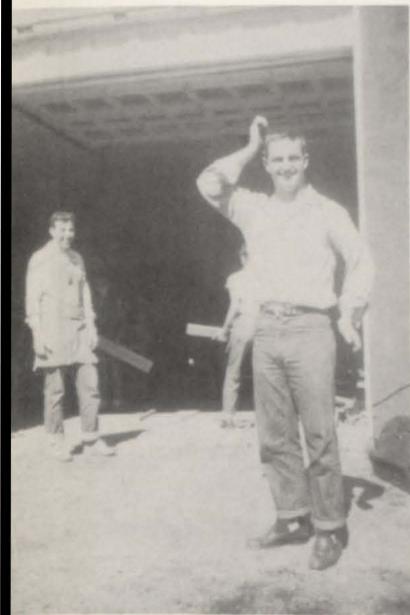
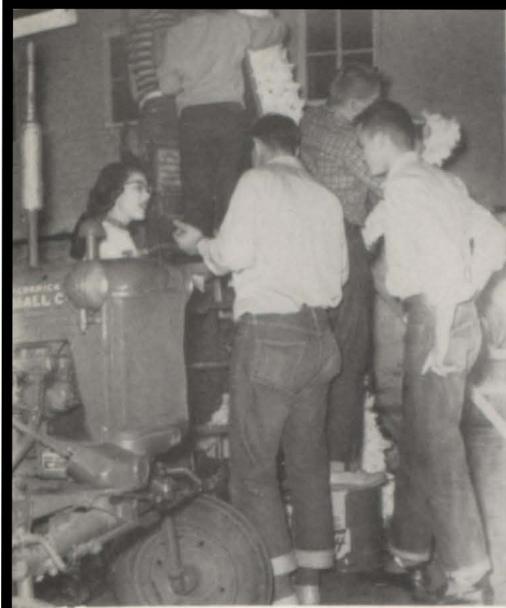
# CALENDAR

April

10. F.H.A. held Bake Sale to raise finances.
13. Fire prevention demonstration held as assembly program.
15. Student council staged last all-school party.
19. F.F.A. boys enjoyed play night.
23. "Active" "B" Club held "bang-up" party for their dates.
30. Good Friday holiday--no school!
4. Vacation over--students buckled down to last "lap".
6. Lots of food at Freshman class pot luck.
9. Several seniors attended college visiting day at Normal.
14. Paris Relays! Bulldogs placed second in class B.
17. Senior visiting day at Eastern.
21. Junior-Senior Prom huge success.
26. Unusual assembly. Safe driving demonstration employing students, faculty, and police force.
27. White robes and golden crowns were the garb of Latin Club initiates.

May

28. F.H.A. rally at Champaign.
1. Play matinee for grade school.
3. The Ghost Parade"--hilariously presented by Seniors to large audience.
- 4-5. State music contest at Macomb! Bement participants did well.
10. U. of I. library proved interesting to student librarians and seniors.
15. Appreciative audience enjoyed Spring Concert, Jerry Stout awarded Arion Medal.
18. Awards presented to Latin contestants and G.A.A. girls.
23. Missing--twenty-five heads! Seniors granted four day leave before graduation.
24. Baccalaureate practice.
27. Baccalaureate services.
28. Commencement climaxed school year.
29. Picnic!



# HOMECOMING

The theme for Homecoming on October 21 was "Swinging on a Star."

On Thursday evening several members of the student body assembled at the athletic field for a bonfire and pep session. The evening was climaxed with a snake dance through Main Street.

Friday noon found the cheerleaders and many of the students parading the halls in an attempt to spread the winning spirit for the coming game. The junior class added to the excitement with their sale of novelties.

Friday afternoon the entire school participated in a parade around town. Highlighting the parade were the queen candidates riding elegantly upon the beautiful float. The football squad followed in Jim Yockey's truck.

During the half time of the Bement-Unity football game, the queen candidates again appeared on the float. As the band played "When You Wish Upon a Star", the float was drawn to the center of the field where each candidate was introduced by Bill Glennon.

Following the Homecoming game, the crowd gathered in the new gymnasium for the coronation. All were tense as the attendants, Ronald Laughlin, Bill Goodmon, Jim Yockey, and Jim Fendley, took their places around the throne. At the appointed moment, the three Princesses, Sue Hinton, Phyllis Shumard, and Margaret Zoch, marched down the white carpet to join their escorts. Then Sharon Morton, the 1955 queen, entered and took her place upon the throne. Ronald Laughlin crowned her Queen Sharon.

After the coronation, the royal court led the way to the old gym where everyone enjoyed dancing to the music of Paul Douglas. So ended another memorable Homecoming celebration.





THE QUEEN AND HER COURT

FIRST ROW: Sue Hinton, Claudia Medaris, Sharon Morton, Patty Redman, Bill Fleming, Phyllis Shumard.  
SECOND ROW: Bill Goodman, Jim Yockey, Margaret Zoch, Ron Laughlin, Jim Fendley.



# INTRAMURAL CHAMPS



BADMINTON - Born, Robbins



WRESTLING - FIRST ROW: Pryor, Fritz. SECOND ROW: Morris, Durbin, Hannon, Keller, Spearman.

The intramural and noon hour activities, under the direction of Mr. Mills, were an interesting feature of this year's recreation program.

An exciting volleyball tournament lasting for nearly two months ended in a battle between the Robins and the Crows for Championship. The Crows won. Following the volleyball tournaments, wiffle ball was started. Lasting for only three weeks, it was won by the Wrens. Mixed badminton doubles were organized next with one hundred four participants. Wrestling was a part of the P.E. program during the winter. In March the class winners wrestled for the division Championships. At the absence of other scheduled activities, there was often dancing in the old gym.

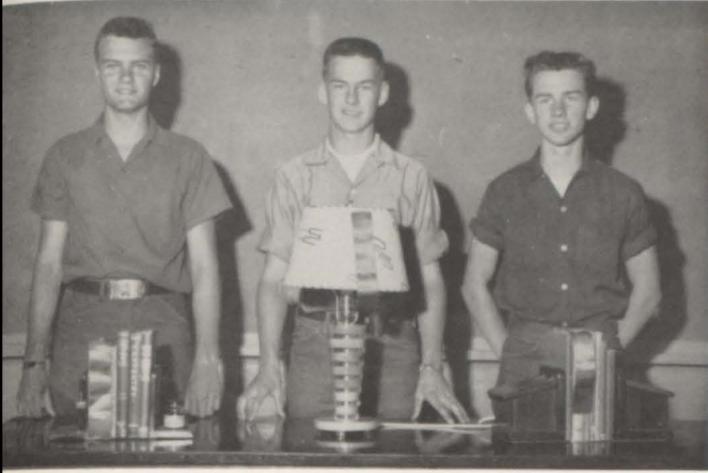


WHIFFLE BALL - FIRST ROW: Shumard, Redman, Born, Varner. SECOND ROW: Spearman, Rodgers, Fendley, Wood, Hill.



VOLLEYBALL - FIRST ROW: Defore, Betty Morris, Fallon, Doyle. SECOND ROW: Yeske, Jones, Poling, Bob Morris, Harper.

# CONTESTANTS



## INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Bill Rodgers, Loren Bowen, Bill Morris



## LATIN

Barbara Hodam, Wayne Hill, Allen Mardis, Bill Glennon.



## GRAIN

FIRST ROW: Larry Medaris, Tom Brittenham. SECOND ROW: Larry Musick, Don Livingston. NOT PICTURED: Larry Wildman, Jack Bolsen.



## POULTRY

FIRST ROW: Ronnie Eades, Ed Tracy. SECOND ROW: Junior Kirby, Bob Rodgers. NOT PICTURED: Dave Keller.

## LAND

FIRST ROW: Sam Clark, Bill Hannon. SECOND ROW: Ray Pruitt, Don Livingston. NOT PICTURED: Jim Wildman.

## DAIRY

FIRST ROW: Sam Clark, Bill Lash, Jim Kirwan. SECOND ROW: Bob Wood, Bob Tracy, Junior Kirby.



## FAT STOCK

FIRST ROW: Tom Brittenham, John Strater, Bill Hannon. SECOND ROW: Larry Morton, Bob Rodgers, Joe Rittenhouse.



# CONTESTANTS



**MEDIUM VOICE**  
Phyllis Shumard  
Second in District Contest



**BIMETTES**  
Barbara Hodam, Sharon Morton,  
Wilma Hinton, Judy Redman, Judy  
Strohl, Sharel Ater. Second in  
State Contest.



**MEDIUM VOICE**  
Judy Redman  
Third in District Contest



**PIANO**  
Drusilla Bolsen  
Third in District Contest



**LOW VOICE**  
Virginia Eades  
Second in State Contest



**VOCAL ENSEMBLE**  
FIRST ROW: Wayne Hill, Dave  
Hill, Sam Clark, Jerry Stout. SEC-  
OND ROW: Ronald Robbins, Ronald  
Durbin, Larry Medaris, Bill Good-  
mon. Second in State Contest.



**FLUTE DUET**  
Alice Moore, Bill Glennon  
Second in District Contest



**TWIRLING**  
Lana Drake  
Third in District Contest

# CONTESTANTS



**TYMPANI**  
Linda Doyle  
Second in District Contest



**CLARINET TRIO**  
Judy Strohl, Ann Wilkinson, Barbara  
Hodam. First in State Contest.



**BASS HORN**  
Steve Tracy  
Third in District Contest



**OBOE**  
Karen Lux  
Second in District Contest



**CLARINET TRIO**  
Don Livingston, Alyeen  
LeCrone, Drusilla Bolsen  
Second in District Contest



**CLARINET QUARTETTE**  
Sharon Morton, Louise Born, Karen  
Lux, Judy Strohl. Second in Dis-  
trict Contest.



**CORNET**  
Ronald Robbins  
Second in District Contest



**FLUTE**  
Alice Moore  
First in State Contest



## JUNIOR - SENIOR

On the warm, spring evening of Saturday, April 21, the seniors boarded the "River Queen", better known as the old gym, to be graciously entertained by the juniors.

Throughout the room, beautiful decorations, accented by gaily colored formals, carried out the Showboat theme. The stage was converted into the deck of a showboat, upon which the program took place. Colorful murals covered the other three walls, and in one corner of the room was a southern garden. The scene was topped by a false ceiling of interwoven blue crepe paper adorned with silver stars.

After all were seated, Wayne Hill welcomed the guests in a spirit of true southern hospitality, and Ron Laughlin gave the response for the seniors.



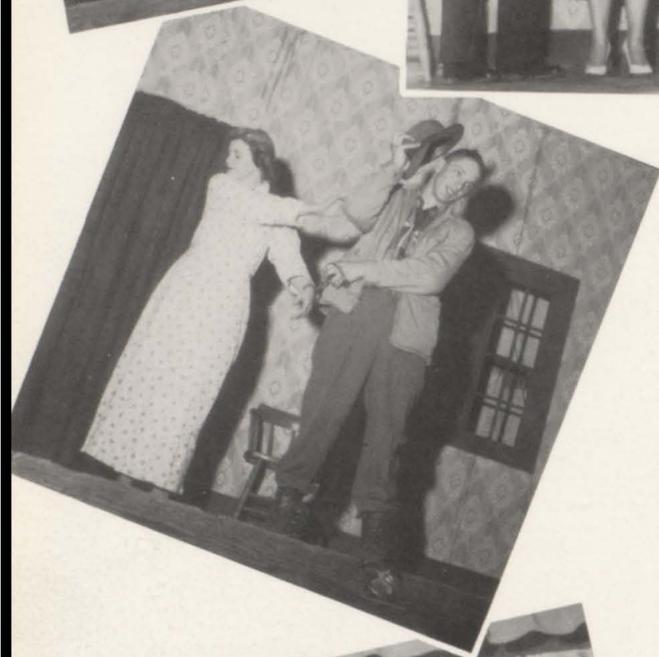


## BANQUET and PROM

Following the invocation by toastmaster Glen Spearman, a typical southern dinner consisting of a mint julep appetizer, fruit jello salad, baked ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn meal muffins, relishes, and lime sherbet, was served. Between courses of the dinner, a showboat stage show was presented, featuring a song by a quartet of junior boys, a pantomime of "Old Man River" by Junior Kirby, and a glimpse into the past of the seniors by Gene Holloway.

At the completion of the dinner and stage show, three hours of dancing to the smooth music of Don Lawrence and his orchestra concluded the wonderful night of southern entertainment.





# SENIOR CLASS PLAY

On May 3, 1956, at 8:00 PM, the seniors presented their class play.

Littleboro was a busy place when a motion picture company and a vaudeville team came to town. The office of the Imperial Hotel was the scene for all the action in the presentation of Katherine Kavanaugh's "The Ghost Parade". The members of the cast were:

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|---------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Aleck Smart         | ..... | Jerry Stout     |
| Ted Lewis           | ..... | Jim Fendley     |
| Rastus              | ..... | Jack Corum      |
| Abe Higgenbottom    | ..... | Larry Medaris   |
| Absolom Hawkes      | ..... | Jay Poling      |
| Ann Watkins         | ..... | Sharon Morton   |
| Mamie Rose Callahan | ..... | Phyllis Shumard |
| Matilda             | ..... | Sue Hinton      |
| Jonas               | ..... | Sam Clark       |
| The Pest            | ..... | Margaret Zoch   |
| Claudia             | ..... | Karen Lux       |
| Flo                 | ..... | Sally Born      |
| Miss Abigail Jones  | ..... | Irene Alexander |
| The Sheriff         | ..... | Bill Goodmon    |
| Billy Lamont        | ..... | Virginia Eades  |
| Hiram Hawkes        | ..... | Jim Yockey      |

# BACCALAUREATE

May 27, 1956

Processional . . . . .	Praise Ye The Father
Invocation . . . . .	Rev. Clyde West
"Oh Lord, Speak Now Within Me" . . . . .	Sullivan
Baccalaureate Address . . . . .	Rev. David Scates
"The Heavens Are Telling" . . . . .	Beethoven
Recessional . . . . .	Mixed Chorus



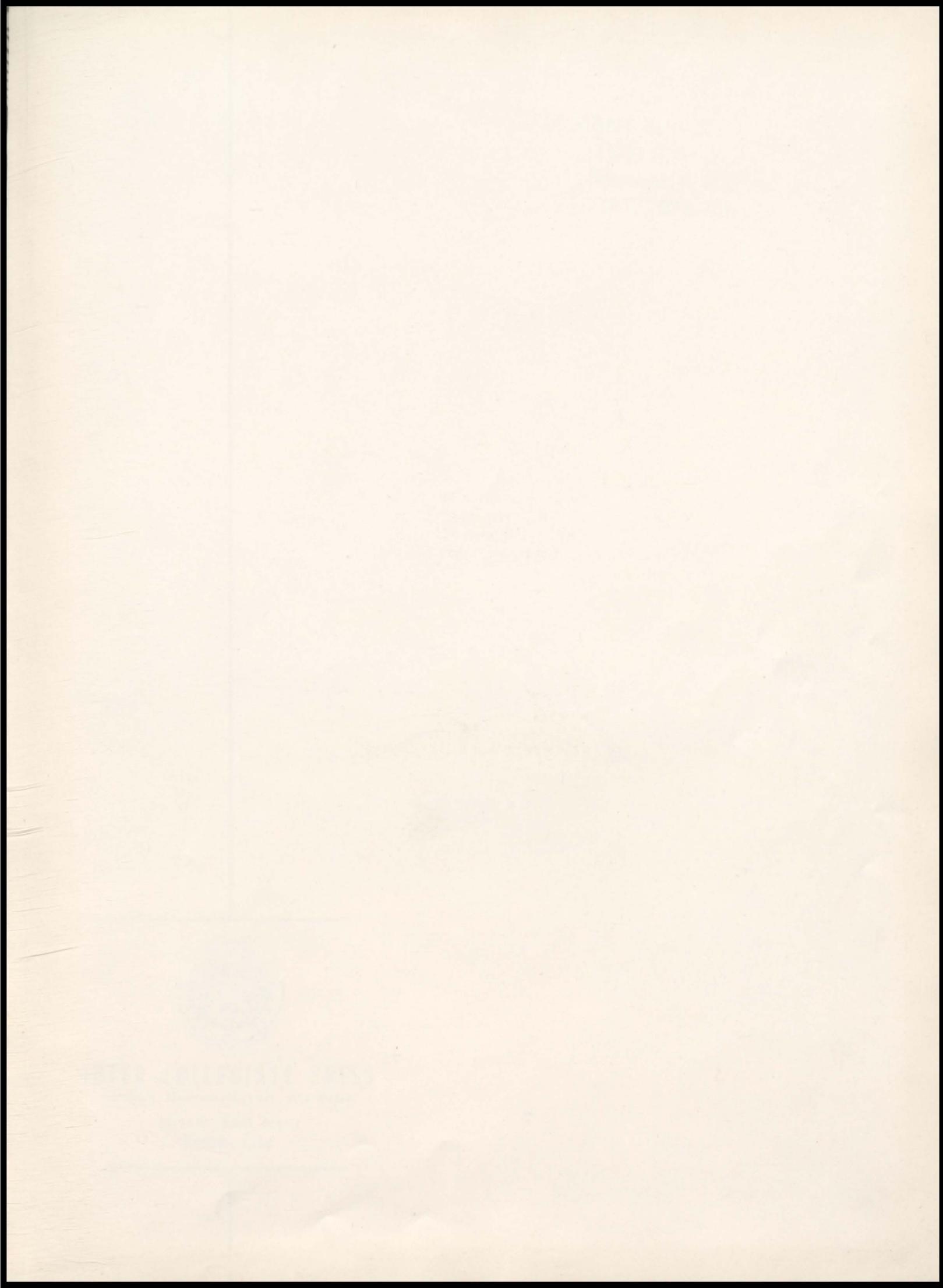
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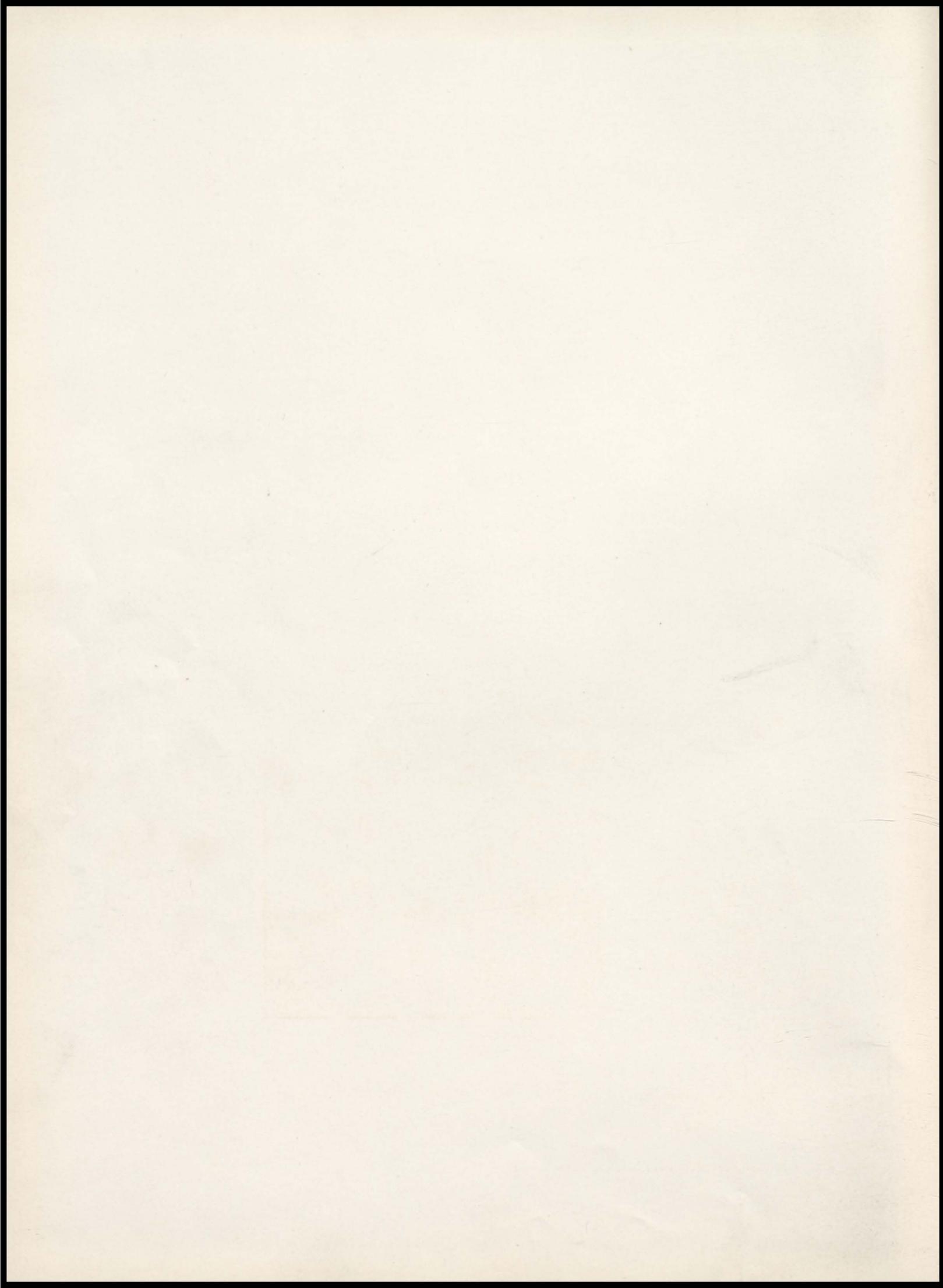
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Overture, Meditation from "Thais" . . . . .	Massenet
Processional, Triumphal March from "Aida" . . . . .	Verdi
Invocation . . . . .	Rev. D. Ross Fleming
"You'll Never Walk Alone" . . . . .	Phyllis Shumard
Salutatory Address . . . . .	Ronald Laughlin
"Roadways" . . . . .	Quartet
"America, My Own" . . . . .	Senior Chorus
Address . . . . .	Eastern Illinois State College
Valedictory Address . . . . .	Dr. Glenn H. Seymour
Presentation of Class . . . . .	Sharon Morton
Presentation of Diplomas . . . . .	Donald Woodard
Benediction "The Lord's Prayer" . . . . .	Virginia Eades
	Malotte

To you, oh, Alma Mater,  
Our loyalty we give;  
This be your pride and honor:  
You taught us how to live.









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