



Tomahawk

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Foreword

There is a revolutionary change in the Yearbook this year—The “Tomahawk” is no longer a Senior project.

This year it was decided that the yearbook would be changed into an all school project with students from all high school classes participating. It was felt that this would relieve some of the pressure from the busy Seniors and arouse more interest in the book among the other students.

The staff was chosen through letters of application for different positions on the staff. Mrs. Rood, the Yearbook sponsor, talked over the qualifications of the applicants with a committee and the final choices were made.

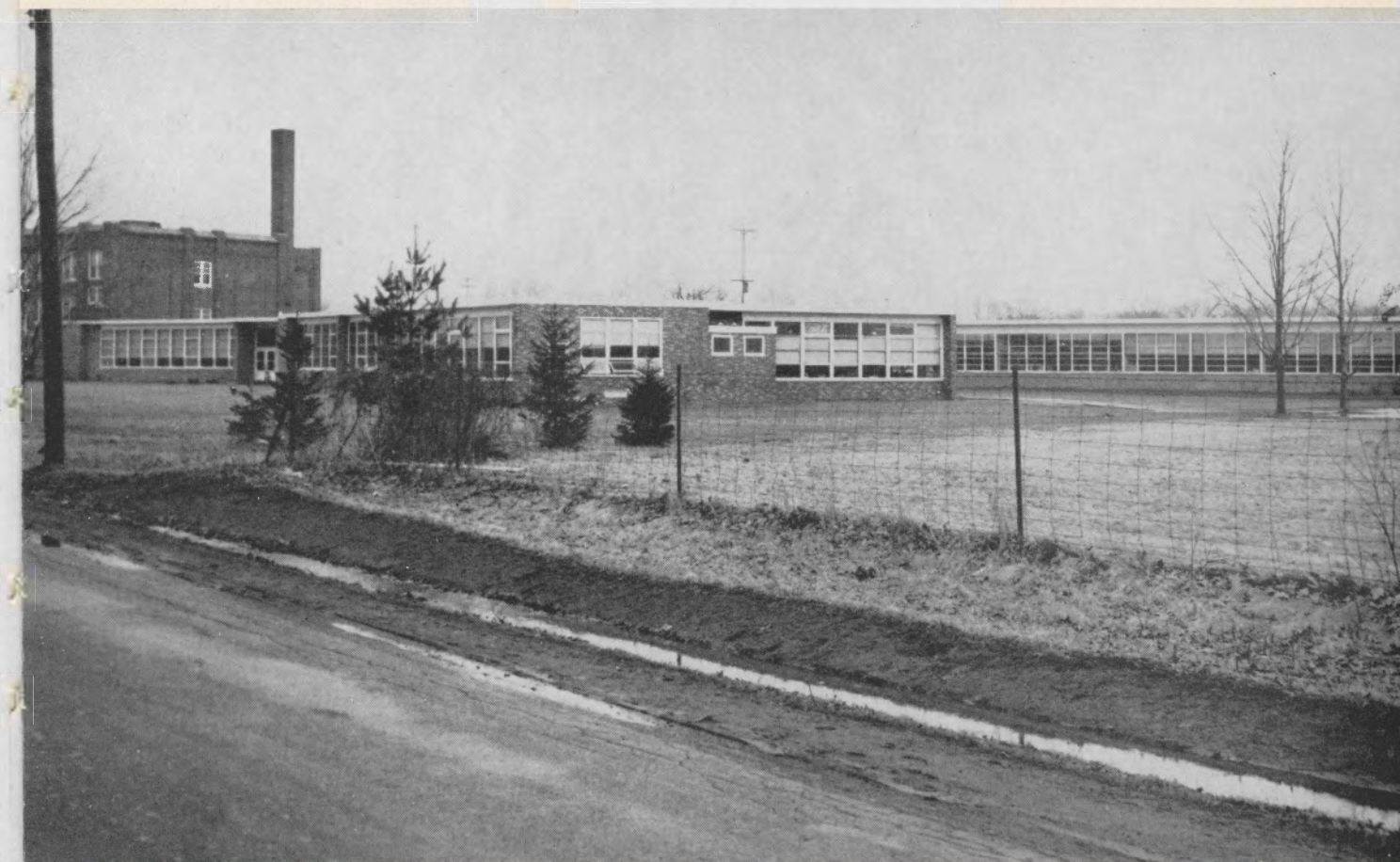
The staff is larger and organization was more difficult, but we feel that we have a fine and capable staff. As you read the “Tomahawk” you will find many contributions made by the underclassmen, which show promises of many good yearbooks yet to come under this new system.

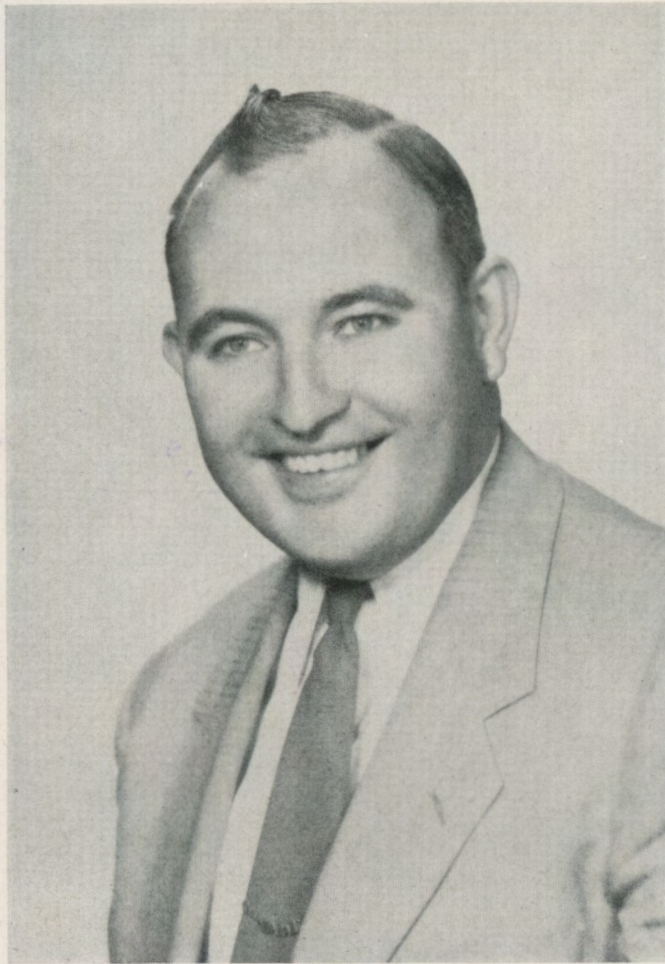
Don Shipley, *Editor*

Mrs. Mary Rood, *Sponsor*



Schola





GEORGE RICHARDS

Dedication

We, the students of Okemos High School, dedicate this book to you, Mr. Richards, our superintendent and friend. You have guided us and directed us in our school work, have been an understanding and sympathetic counselor in many of our personal problems, and have been a true friend to all. It is with sincere pleasure and affection that we dedicate this 1952 yearbook to you.

the

Senate





Mr. Walter Sheldon, Dr. Erwin J. Benne, Mr. Max Holloway, Mr. Maynard Eberly, Dr. Hollis Clark

The Senators

A school can be only as good as the administration and the people that shape its policies make it. They must have a sincere desire to see that the students' interests and needs are met as completely as possible, and that they have only the best. For this reason Okemos is fortunate to have a school board that works so diligently and unselfishly toward this goal. They give of their time and efforts freely. To them we give our grateful thanks.

The Caesars



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Superintendent
Western Michigan College, B.S.
Michigan State College, M.A.



RONALD SAGE
Principal
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University of Michigan, M.A.



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Seventh Grade - Assistant Coach



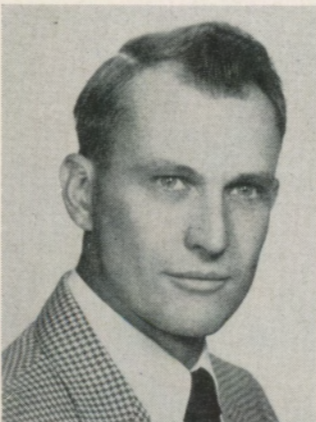
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Michigan State College, M.S.
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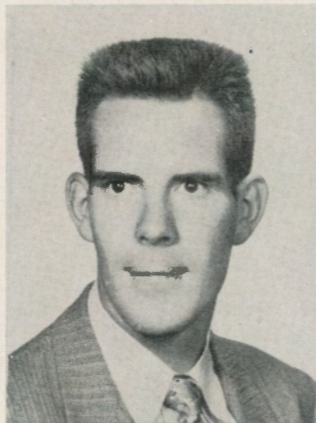
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American Literature



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Ferris Institute, B.S.
Commercial



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Michigan State College, B.S.
Agriculture



What teachers never have time to do!

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Second Row: Mrs. Lamb, Miss Mantey, Mrs. Rood, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Prentice.



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Mrs. Mary Rood	- - - - -	Sponsor



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Not Pictured: Jim Greenwood.

This year's staff was extremely large as a result of making the yearbook an all high school project. Because of the size of the staff and the changes that had to be made the job of administration became increasingly difficult. Therefore, a note of sincere appreciation for a tough job well done should go to its sponsor, Mrs. Rood.



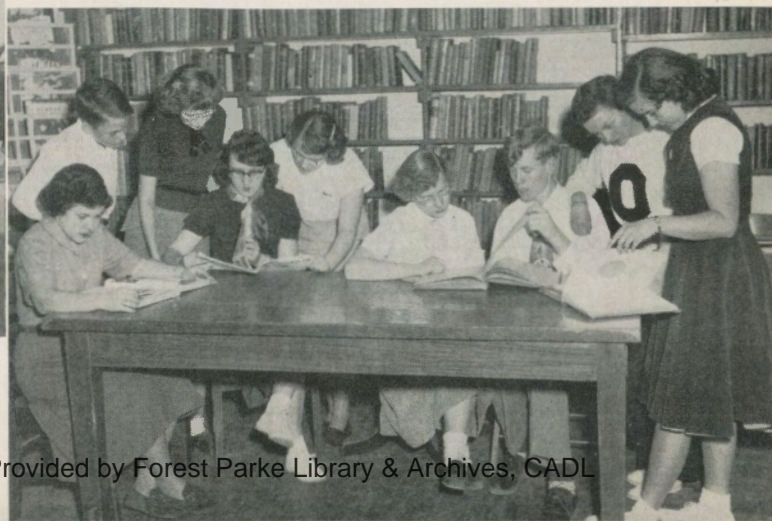
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Not Pictured: Dick Simzka.

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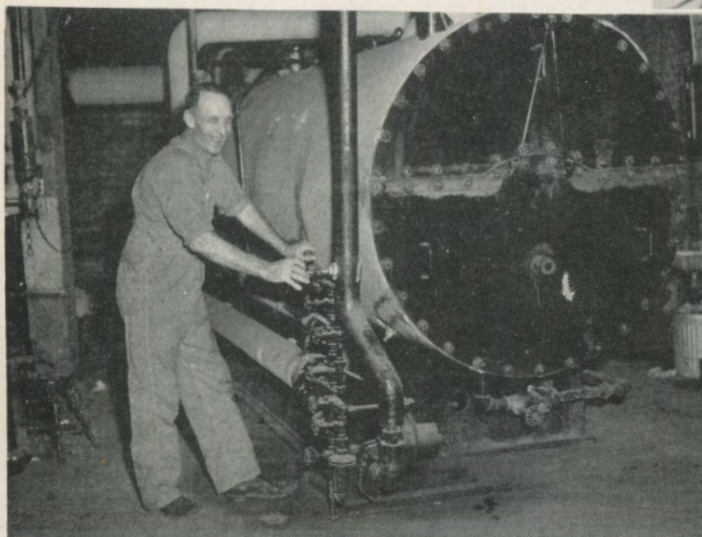


The way to a student's heart is through the "chow" line.

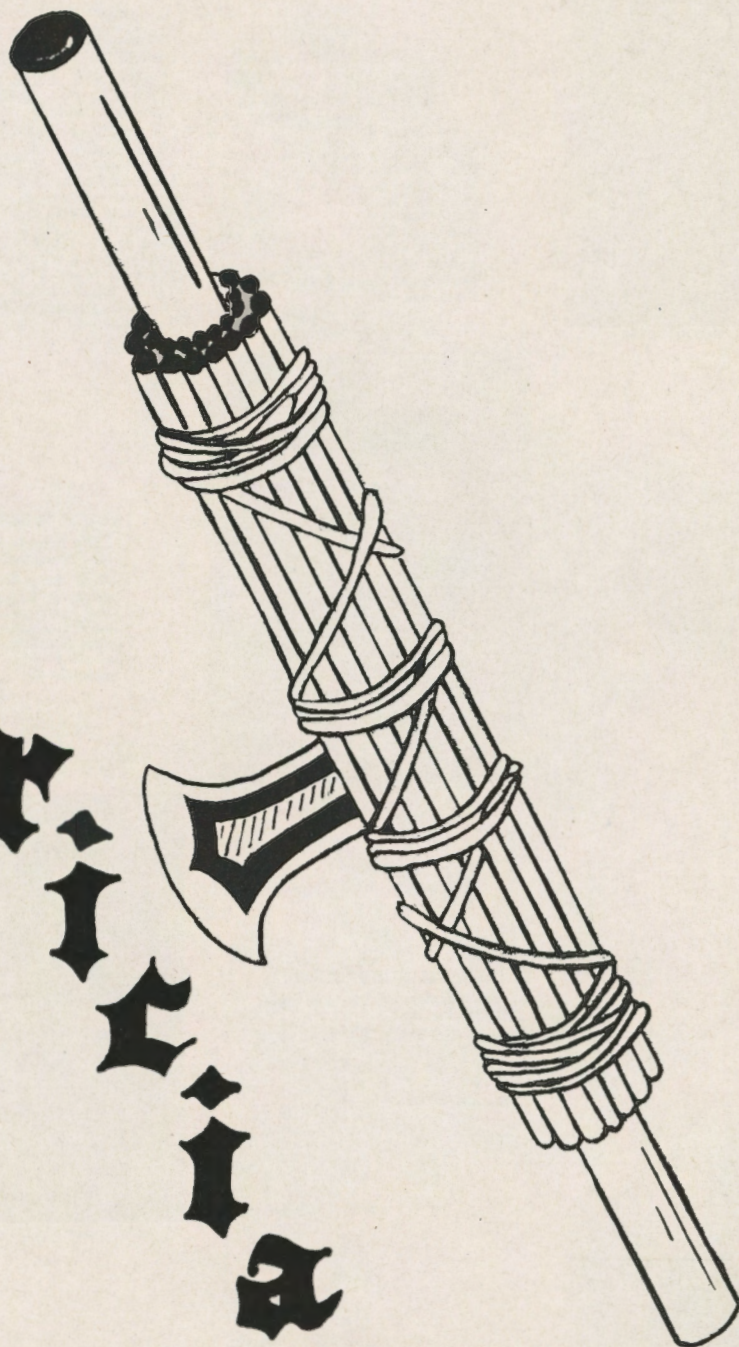
"Bread Line."



A good friend—Mr. Prether.
Mr. Richard's right hand man—Vicky Long.



Patricians





The Patricians

LARRY E. BOCKSTAHLER
"Bock"

"One part honor—one part wit, one part hustle, the rest pure grit."
Manual High School—1
Class President—3-4
Treasurer—2
Student Council—3
Golf—3-4
Bowling—4
J.E.T.S.—4
Talent Show—2-3-4
Wolverine Boys' State—3
Yearbook—4

LEROY WEBB "Doc"
"He that keeps his mouth and tongue, keeps himself from trouble."

J.E.T.S. President—4
Class President—2
Vice President—3
Student Council—2; Pres.—3;
Treas.—4
Assistant Stage Mgr.—3-4
Baseball—1-2-3
Basketball—1-2-3
Track—2-3-4
Football Mgr.—2-3
Talent Show—2-3-4
Wolverine Boys' State—3
Yearbook—4



JANICE WEBB "Jan"
"It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice."

D.A.R. Award—4
Treasurer—1
F.H.A.—1
Vice President—2
Home Nursing—2
Play—3-4
Yearbook—4

ELIZABETH ROBB "Betty"
"She seems quiet, yet one never knows."

Williamston High School—1-2-3
F.H.A. President—4
Library Vice President—4
Play—4
Yearbook Typist—4

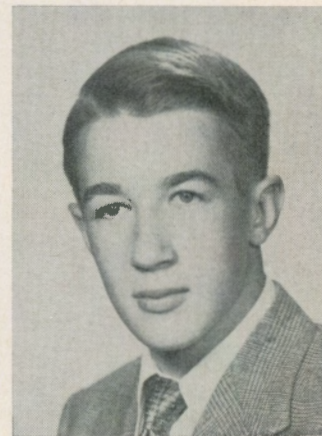


RICHARD SIMZAK "Zak"
"It's not the school—it's the Principal of the thing."

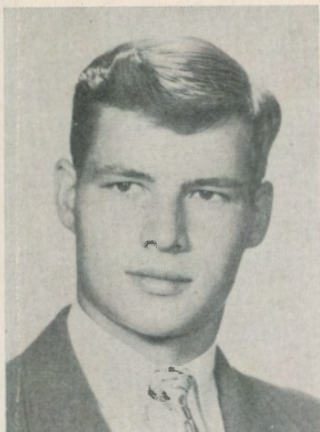
Pattengill Jr. High—1
Varsity Club—2; Pres. 4;
Treas.—3
Student Council—4
Library—4
Talent Show—3-4
Football—2-3-4
Basketball—2
Play—3-4
Yearbook—4

RONALD KOHLS "Chunky"
"Student, speaker, athlete, too: Is there anything he cannot do?"

Student Council President—4;
Treas.—3
Class President—1
Treasurer—2
Varsity Club—2-4; Treas.—3
J.E.T.S.—4
Football—1-2-3-4
Basketball—1-2-3-4
Track—1-2
Baseball Mgr.—1-2
Talent Show—3
Play—3-4
Wolverine Boys' State—3
Yearbook—4



The Patricians



RONALD DANA McDONALD
"Dee" "Mac"

"It used to take me all vacation to grow a new hide in place of the old one they flogged off me during school term."

Treasurer-4
Student Council-1-3
Varsity-2; Sec.-3-4
J.E.T.S.-4
Bowling Vice Pres.-4
Football-1-2-3-4
Basketball-1-2-3-4
Track-1-2-3-4
Baseball-1-2-3-4
Golf-3-4
Talent Show-3
Play-3-4

DONALD EDWARD
SHIPLEY "Don"

"On ships they call them barnacles; in radio they attach themselves to desks, and are called Vice Presidents."

Vice President-4
Varsity Club-2-3-4
Projection Club-3
Stage Mgr.-3-4
J.E.T.S. Vice Pres.-4
Bible Club-4
Band-4
Lab. Assistant-4
Football-1-2-3-4; Capt.4
Basketball-1-2-3-4
Baseball-1-2-3-4
Track-2
Wolverine Boys' State-3
Yearbook Editor-4



CLARE VANDER MEULEN
"Bubbles"

"A woman's mind is cleaner than a man's-she changes it more often."

Secretary-4
F.H.A.-1
Glee Club-2-3-4
Home Nursing-2
Nurse Club-3
Bible Club-4
Play-3-4
Yearbook-4



LOIS JEAN HAYS "Gabbie"

"Remember when you talk you only repeat what you already know; but if you listen you may learn something."

F.H.A.-1; Sec. 4
Home Nursing-2
Secretary-3
Glee Club-3
Bible Club Sec.-Treas.-4
Play-3-4
Yearbook Manager-4



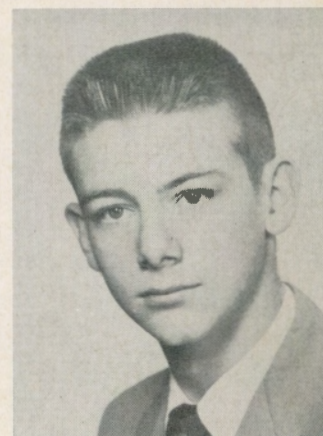
JIM M. GREENWOOD "Josh"
"Gentlemen prefer blondes, but take what they can get."

Projection Club-3-4
Varsity Club-4
J.E.T.S.-4
Assembly Committee-4
Talent Show-3-4
Sports Manager-2
Cheerleader-4
Play-3-4
Yearbook-4

RICHARD STETLER
"Dickie"

"A careful student, careful not to over do."

F.F.A.-2; Vice Pres.-3-4
Bowling-4
Talent Show-3
Baseball-1-2-3-4
Basketball-2-3
Track-2-3-4
Football-2



The Patricians

MILES A. CHURCH, JR.

"Junior"

*"He talks like a watch,
which ticks away minutes,
but never strikes the hour."*

Projection Club-2-3
J.E.T.S.-4
Library-3
Bowling-4
Varsity-4
Wolverine Boys' State-3
Football-1-3-4
Basketball-2-3-4
Baseball-2-3-4
Track-2-3-4
Yearbook-4

JOANNE BARTLOW "Jo"

*"Don't judge her by her
quiet manner."*

Home Nursing-2
Library-3
Bowling-4
F.H.A.-4
G.A.A.-4

BARBARA PIPER "Poodle"

*"She likes her brother and
other boys' brothers, too."*

F.H.A.-1
Assembly Committee-1-2
Library-2; Vice Pres.-3
Home Nursing-2
Talent Show-3
Cheerleader-1-2-3; Capt. 4
Play-3-4
Yearbook-4

DAVE ADAMS "Dave"

*"Early to rise and early to
bed makes a male healthy,
wealthy and dead."*

Pattengill Jr. High-1
Everett High-2
Glee Club-3
Talent Show-4
Football-4
Play-3-4
Yearbook-4

FRED THOMPSON "Fritz"

*"I am happy. What's wrong
with the rest of the world?"*

F.F.A.-2-3-4
Varsity-2
Talent Show-3
Projection Club-4
Baseball-1
Football-2-3
Play-3

LADONNA HICKEY

"Donnie"

*"It's foolish to think; let's
talk."*

F.H.A.-1-2
Home Nursing-2
Property Manager-3
Bowling Club-4
Talent Show-3

The Patricians



EVELYN BERNER "Bernie"
*"A friendly girl with a
 friendly smile."*
 East Lansing High School-1
 F.H.A.-2
 Home Nursing-2
 Glee Club-3
 Library-4
 Bowling-4
 Talent Show-3
 Yearbook Circulation-4

DALE GRETENBERGER "Grett"
"Who invented school?"
 4-H-1-2-3
 F.F.A.-4



GLENN EDWARD MASON "Skip"
*"The world can not live at
 the level of its great men."*
 East Detroit High School-1-2
 Sound Manager-3
 J.E.T.S.-4
 Projection Club-4
 Yearbook Advertising Editor-4



BONNIE BRUMM "Red"
*"I like work; it fascinates
 me; I can sit and look at it
 for hours."*
 F.H.A.-1
 Glee Club-2-3-4
 Library-3
 Bible Club-4
 Play-3-4



TWILA BOWSER "Cotton"
*"It is impossible to please
 the whole world and your
 father as well."*
 Pattengill Jr. High-1
 Library Club-3
 Home Nursing-3
 Bible Club-4
 G.A.A.-4
 Play-3

DUANE PHILLIPS "Dewey"
*"He's the quiet type-like
 Grand Central Station."*
 F.F.A.-2-3-4
 Basketball-2-3-4
 Track-3
 Talent Show-3



The Patricians



VIRGINIA RICHEY
"Ginnie Bug"
"It's fun to study—I bet!"
 Glee Club—1-3-4
 F.H.A.—1
 Home Nursing—2
 Library Club—3-4
 Talent Show—3



JIM VOELKER *"Smokey"*
"The whole of my life has passed like a razor—in hot water or a scrape."
 Secretary—2
 F.F.A. Treas.—2-3-4
 Bowling Club—4
 Basketball—2
 Track—2
 Football—2
 Play—3-4

SHOREE LUCK *"Shortie"*
"If she has anything to say, she says it; if she hasn't, she says it anyway."
 Glee Club—1-3
 F.H.A.—1
 Assembly Committee—1
 Home Nursing—2
 Library—3
 Cheerleader—3-4
 Play—4
 Yearbook Editor—4



RICHARD EUGENE
 DAVIDSON *"Dick"*
"A mighty good fellow with a heart as big as his frame."
 F.F.A.—2-4
 Bible Club—4
 Basketball—1-2-4
 Baseball—1-2
 Football—1-2-3
 Track—1



SUE DALE ROZAN *"Dale"*
"Why study? The more we study, the more there is to forget."
 F.H.A.—1-2
 Glee Club—2
 Make-Up—3-4
 Yearbook—4

BETTY ALDRICH *"Betty"*
"In thy face I see the map of honor, truth, and loyalty."
 F.H.A.—1
 Nurse Club—3
 Home Nursing—2
 Bible Club—4
 Play—3
 Talent Show—3



Senior Class History

The Senior Class of 1952 began their first year of high school under the direction of Mrs. Pinkepank and Mrs. Strouf. Soon after the year started they were initiated and then they were given a party. Their class officers were Ronnie Kohls, president; Jim Greenwood, vice president; LeRoy Webb, secretary; Janice Webb, treasurer.

The days passed rapidly and before long they were Sophomores. In the fall of this year they initiated the Freshmen and gave them a party just as their upper classmates had done for them. "The Little Brown Jug" was the theme for a very informal dance with Freddie's Blue Rhythm Boys furnishing the music. On April fourteenth the class worked together to make their first pasty supper a success. They made a sizable profit. LeRoy Webb was the Sophomore president; Janice Webb, vice president; Jim Voelker, secretary; and Larry Bockstahler, treasurer.

When they became Juniors their first party was the "Okemos Pow Wow" which was a combination square and social dance with canasta for students and guests. An Indian theme was carried through with feathers, blankets, and tepees. At the Halloween carnival they had the sale of ice cream and the cake walk. Another dance, the "Junior Jamboree," was a square dance led by the Copelands. Decorations were hatchets, a cherry tree, and silhouettes in keeping with George Washington's birthday. They had their second pasty supper; experience, hard work, and good advertisement made this one highly successful, especially financially, as they tripled the profits of the previous year. They worked very hard to make the Junior-Senior Banquet a success. A tropical motif was used for the "Hawaiian Cruise." The evening's entertainment consisted of a dinner and a formal dance. "The Late Mr. Early" was their Junior play. Under the direction of Miss Schram, the cast and the whole class made it an entertaining and worthwhile project. They sold ice cream, Christmas cards, and memo books to increase treasury funds. The class officers for the Junior year were Larry Bockstahler, president; LeRoy Webb, vice president; Lois Hays, secretary; Ronnie Kohls, treasurer. Their sponsors were Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Weaver.

The years went swiftly and before they realized it they were Seniors. They began the last year of high school with a "Homecoming Dance." Each class nominated a girl to represent it in the contest for "Homecoming Queen." Betty Robb, a Senior girl, was crowned queen. On Halloween night they had the cake walk and the spook house as their projects. November sixth was the date the Seniors, their parents, and the Seniors of '51 met with Mr. Bannister to see films and discuss a trip to Washington, D. C. The home and family living class furnished refreshments for a social evening. Two days after Christmas they served the annual Alumni Banquet. The gym was decorated with evergreens representing the holiday season. They chose "The Mad March Heirs" for their Senior play. It was a humorous play that received many compliments. The boys of the senior class had four scrap metal drives. This helped those wishing to rid themselves of old metal, and it also built up the class treasury. They sponsored another pasty supper on February fifth. Their parents and sponsors worked especially hard to help them out. At last they made their long awaited trip to Washington, D. C. After five enjoyable days at the nation's capital they returned home to end their high school careers. Their class officers were Larry Bockstahler, president, Don Shipley, vice president; Clare Vander Meulen, secretary; Dee McDonald, treasurer. They were guided under the good leadership of Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Sage during the Senior year. The homeroom mothers for their four years in high school were Mrs. Cassius Roosa, Mrs. Charles Piper for two years, and Mrs. Daniel Webb. Their Representative Assembly members for the high school years have been LeRoy Webb, Larry Bockstahler, Dee McDonald, Betty Aldrich, Ronnie Kohls, and Dick Simzak. Two members of the class have been elected as presidents of the Representative Assembly: LeRoy Webb and Ronnie Kohls. At last they leave high school and go out to other things. If they will remember their class motto, "In ourselves our future lies," the years before them will be as gratifying as the years they leave behind.

Janice Webb

The Amphitheater



Standing: Larry Bockstahler, LeRoy Webb, Lois Hays, Don Shipley, Jim Voelker, Twila Bowser, Clare Vander Meulen, Dick Simzak, Janice Webb, Ronnie Kohls, Glen Mason, LaDonna Hickey, Fred Thompson, Miss Schram.

Seated: Betty Aldrich, Jim Greenwood, Barbara Piper, Dave Adams, Dee McDonald, Bonnie Brumm.

The Junior Play

"THE LATE MR. EARLY"

Under the fine direction of Miss Schram, a very capable cast, assisted by the stage hands and property crew, made the Junior play a huge success. There is no doubt that the time and work put in by these people made possible a worthwhile show,



The Amphitheater

The Senior Play

"THE MAD MARCH HEIRS"

Another outstanding production by the class of '52!



Standing: Richard Hartsuff, Jim Voelker, Betty Robb, Ronnie Kohls, Clare Vander Meulen, Lois Hayes, Dick Simzak, Don Shipley, Betty Aldrich, LeRoy Webb, Twila Bowser, Miss Schram.

Seated: Dee McDonald, Shoree Luck, Dave Adams, Barbara Piper, Bonnie Brumm, Janice Webb.





Roman Banquet

1951 Junior Senior Banquet and Prom

"Hawaiian Cruise" was the theme of the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom held in the school gymnasium on the evening of Saturday, May 5, 1951.

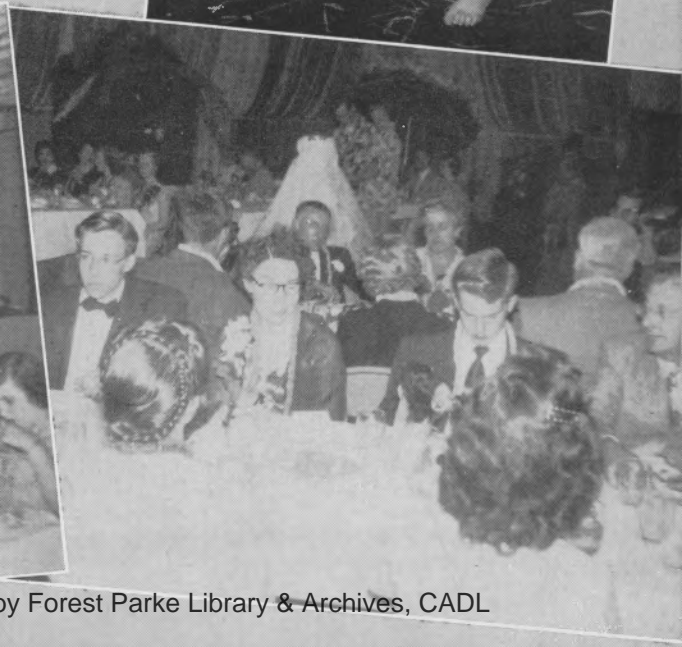
Voyagers embarked on the cruise on the S.S. Okemos, and when they descended the gangplank they were greeted by hula girls dressed in grass skirts. Traditional leis of the sun-kissed islands were presented as favors to the guests.

They chose native huts, palm trees, fish nets gaily decorated with tropical fish, mermaids, and an erupting volcano to transform the gym into a seashore for the affair. Brightly colored umbrella tables and groupings of bamboo furniture offered secluded rendezvous.

The luau was prepared by mothers of the Juniors. Sophomore boys, wearing gay Hawaiian shirts, served the guests seated at tables decorated with miniature hula dancers in a palm and seashell setting. Dinner music was furnished by a quartet from the Norman English studios.

Dee McDonald, acting as toastmaster, presented the Junior class president, Larry Bockstahler, who gave the welcome, and in turn the Senior president, Clarence Prentice, who gave the response. Other program numbers included toasts by Ronnie Kohls, Dick Simzak, and Mr. Richards.

Dancing to the music of Barney McCardle's orchestra in the blue light of a Hawaiian moon concluded the evening's festivities.





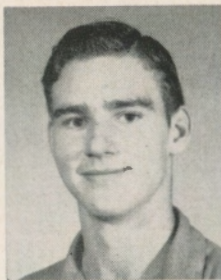


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Nancy Voelker



Richard Hartsuff



Heather Webb



Paul Roney



Max Benne



CLASS OFFICERS AND SPONSORS
Mrs. Clemow and Mr. Weaver



LeVon Prentice



Doug Clark

The Citizens

The Junior Class

Under the skillful guidance of Mrs. Clemow and Mr. Weaver, the class of 1953 began their Junior year with fifty-six members. During the year there was a loss of six members: Edward Abel, Laverne Allen, Vivian Backus, Edgar Cooley, Sandra McCullough, and Norman Murdock; and a gain of two: Margaret Black and Tom Lock.

President, Richard Hartsuff; vice president, LeVon Prentice; secretary, Heather Webb; treasurer, Nancy Voelker; and student council representatives Max Benne, Douglas Clark, and Paul Roney led the class during the year.

As money making projects the Juniors had the sale of ice cream on Wednesday and Friday noons, the very successful novelty booth at the carnival, paper drive, one rummage sale, and the selling of cards at Christmas time. Virginia Irvin was presented with a lovely gift for her efforts of high salesmanship by the Sunshine Art Studio.

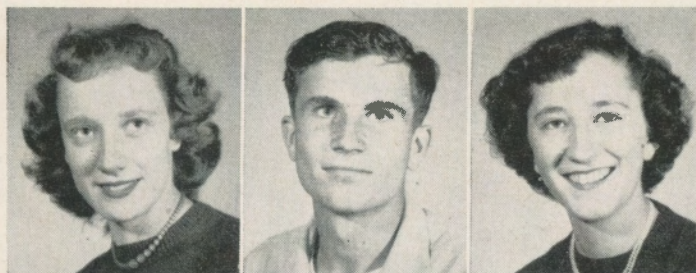
In the fall the Juniors presented "Harvest Moon," for which the music for dancing was supplied by Jerry Warren and his band.

At Christmas time the Juniors, under the chairmanship of Donna Bassett, made up a basket of food and presented it to a needy family.

The Junior play, "My Favorite Girl Friend," under the direction of Miss Schram, was presented to the public on two evenings in April.

This year the Juniors did something entirely new when they took the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom, "Sentimental Serenade," to the Union Building at Michigan State College. The music for the Prom was played by Jerry Warren and his seven-piece band.

With these achievements accomplished, the Juniors are looking forward to an enjoyable and successful Senior year.

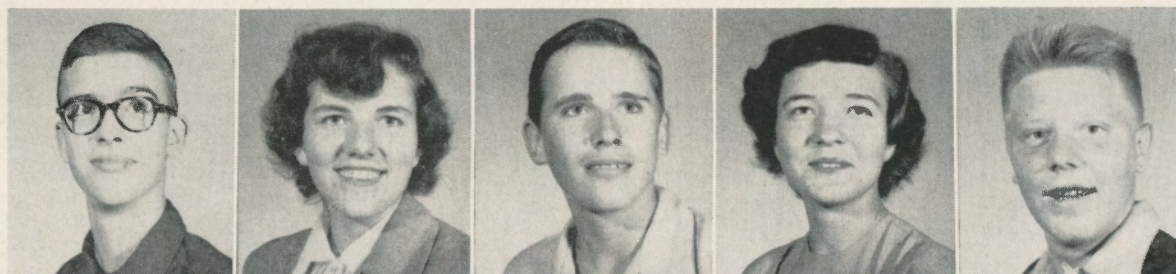


The Citizens

Dorothy Fisher

Duane Bell

Joanne Seeley



Robert Brown

Donna Bassett

Richard Netzloff

Delphian Mund

Robert Leiby



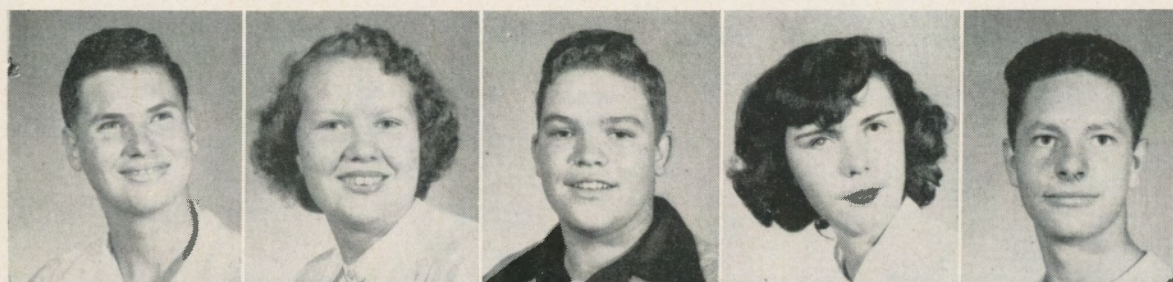
Thelma Parks

Gerald Roosa

Evelyn Kohls

Warren Kleis

Mary Roosa



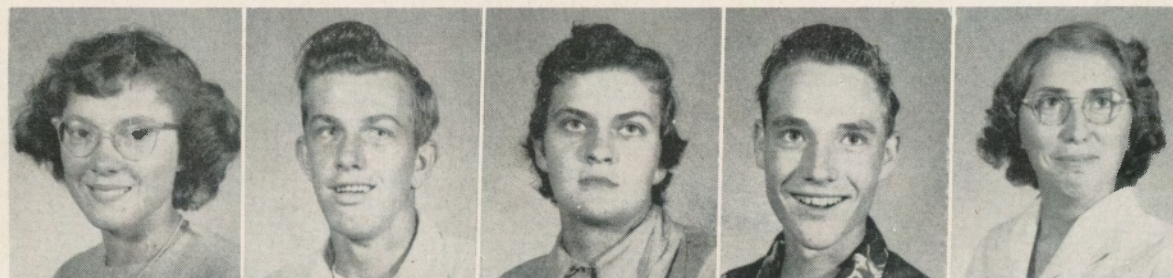
Howard Sheldon

Virginia Irvin

Don Whitmyer

Janette Hickey

Robert Farr



Ellarene Copp

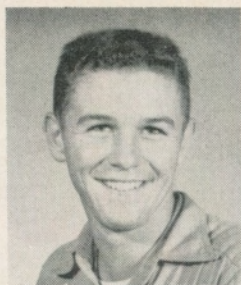
Orrin Hawkins

Geraldine Backes

Stanley Fair

Delores Davidson

The Citizens



Melvin Swab



Marion Fichter



Keith Palmerton



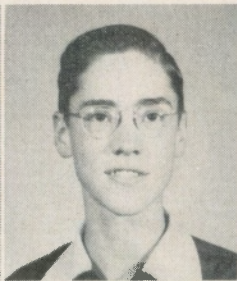
Gloria Shaull



Russell Burch



Betty Penner



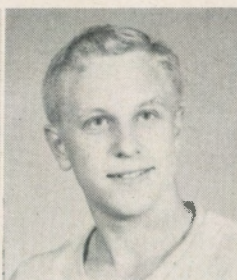
Dan Line



Joyce Groh



Annette Southwell



Dennis Pannabeck



Geraldine Travis



Duane Randall



Helen Swab



Maxine Scheffer



Charles Steyens



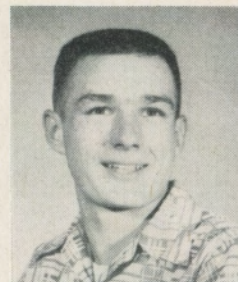
Carla Winter



Jack Stillman



Connie McClelland



Richard Ewing



Janet Drennan



Jerry Snider



Jean Avery

Not Pictured:

Margaret Black
Tom Lock
Beverly Marrison
Shirley Parker



The Tribunes



Class Officers: Charlene Peacock, Miss Schram, Sponsor, Jon Kreider, Bill Lowery, Mary Aldrich.

The Sophomore Class

The Class of '54 began this year with 55 members but lost Margie Abel, Pat Conklin, Shirley Grant and Fred Libcke from its membership. Included in the class roll were two new members: Joanne Carver and Gerry Rozan. The class was led and guided by Jon Kreider, president; Bill Lowery, vice president; Charlene Peacock, secretary; Mary Aldrich, treasurer; and sponsors, Miss Schram and Mrs. Barnes. Sophomore representatives to the Representative Assembly were Mary Elg, Fred Buehler and Phil Ray.

Participating in sports during the year were Kyle Aldrich, Dennis Avery, Glenn Bassett, Jerry Bosworth, Paul Breese, Fred Buehler, Jim Butterwick, Robert Davidson, Merrill Edwards, Harold Greer, Jon Kreider, Bill Lowery, Phil Ray, Morris Reason, Mike Sweeney, and Charles Webb. Howard Travis was a team manager and Kay Sweet was an active cheerleader.

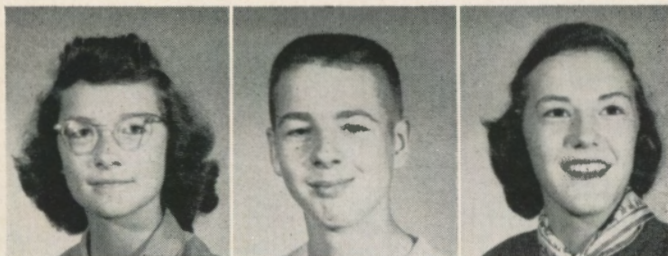
Social life for the Sophomores began with the Freshman Reception on October 2. Arden Peterson, State 4-H recreational leader, conducted the games and everyone had an enjoyable evening. Blue and silver was the color theme of the Sophomore Christmas formal, "Silver Bells," which climaxed the year's social events. From two large silver bells which hung in the center of the gym, silver streamers rippled to the balcony. Blue lights cast reflections on the silver ornaments and on the silver Christmas tree making it a blue and silver wonderland.

The class raised money for its treasury by conducting three booths at the carnival, and by selling at the football games and at part of the basketball games.

After completing a busy year, the Sophomores are looking forward to an exciting and active 1953.

JoAnne Carver





The Tribunes

Phyllis McFarren

Fred Buehler

Kay Sweet



Merrill Edwards

Viola Willets

Morris Reason

Anna Thompson

Gerald Kwast

Nancy Whitmyer



Delores Thomas

Charles Brown

Marlene Phillips

Mike Sweeney

Charlene Hagerman

Glenn Alden



Kyle Aldrich

Peggy Parker

Glenn Bassett

Janet Henderson

Jim Kranz

Mary Aldrich



Beverly Bell

Bill Lowery

Barbara Grant

Jon Krieder

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Jim Butterwick



Mary Lou Hoag



Robert Davidson



Rebecca Ash



Jerry Bosworth



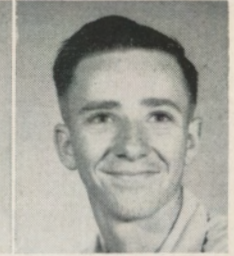
Helen Hays



Jim Dodge



June Cooley



Don Ellison



Howard Travis



Louise Brauner



Phil Ray



Shirley Burch



Harold Greer



Mary Elg



Jonnine McKinley



Eldon Burley



Nikki Brauner



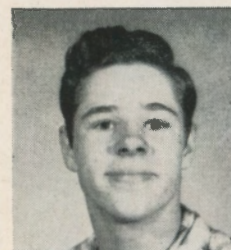
Dennis Avery



Shirley Davidson



Paul Breese



Charles Webb



Robert Wells



JoAnne Carver



Clair Robinson

Not Pictured:

Gerry Rozan
Charlene Peacock





President
Tom Murphy

Treasurer
Carl Burch
Secretary
Carol Ann Webb

Vice President
Keitha Shaull

The Freedmen

The Freshman Class

The Freshman class started the year with 56 students. Since then the following people have left: Melba Antcliff, Fred Huntley, Richard Bates, and Stanley Davis. However, one student, Marjie Mouser, has been added.

The Sponsors for the class are Mrs. Rood and Mr. Claycomb. The officers for the year have been as follows: Tom Murphy, president; Keitha Shaull, vice president; Carl Burch, treasurer; Carol Ann Webb, secretary. The representatives to the Representative Assembly were Dan Panshin, John Swanberg, and Keitha Shaull.

In October the Freshmen were given a reception by the Sophomores to welcome them into the high school life. It was a party of games and fun and everyone had a wonderful time.

At the carnival the Freshmen had the movies and conducted a parcel post booth for their money making projects.

In February, an all high school party, in the form of a square dance, was sponsored by the class. Everyone attending agreed that it was a great success and wished for more like them. The decorations for the party were certainly realistic and different. In order to create the "barn-like" background, a buggy and various kinds of harness were used. Added to this a real live calf attended and chaperoned the party from his own special pen.

The Freshmen are looking forward to three more busy and successful years together.

Keitha Shaull



The Freedmen



The Freedmen



Jim Farr



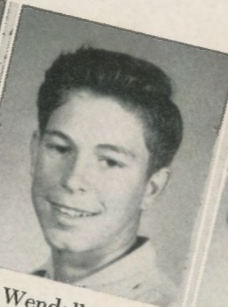
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Carol Burch



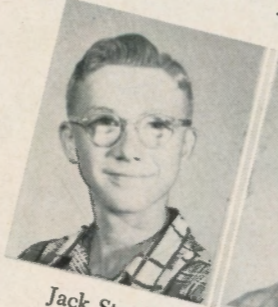
Don Kleis



Wendall Bates



Beverley Butterwick



Jack Stevens



Ronnie Murphy



Barbara Houdenshield



Allan Palmerton



John Swanberg



Jeanette Eicher



Dan Panshin



Harold Redman



Pat Barber



Gordon Piper



Carl Ferrar



Mavourneen Sweeney



John Grettenberger



Claude Edwards



Jeanne Ball



Paul Adams



Marsha Janes



Terry Pease



Tom Murphy



Keitha Shaull

Not Pictured:

Shirley Maynard
Lyle Morton

The Clientes The Eighth Grade



Russell Stevens

Jerry Roberts

Diana McDonald

Bruce Robinson

Arthur Sheldon

Nancy Oswald



Kay McNitt

Dorothy Travis

Kenard Snider

Garth Richey

Gloria Thayer

The Eighth Grade started the 1951-1952 school year with 44 members, but since then have increased to 46.

The sponsors for the Eighth Grade are Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Kelly. The officers are: president, Garth Richey; vice president, Dick Barnard; secretary, Roberta Bovee; treasurer, Beverly Stevens. The Student Council Representatives are Allan Houghton and Dick Barnard. The Assembly Committee Representative is Joanne Galbavi.

Starting in February, the Eighth Grade sponsored noon movies every Thursday. Later they increased the number and have had movies on both Tuesday and Thursday.



Russell Roosa

Beverly Stevens

Gordon Mason

Jeanne Matthews

Dennis Webb



George Voss

Jack Voss

Anne Warner

Darwin Moore

Imogene Shaull

Carl Richey

The Clientes



Carol Caselman

Deanna Hull

Allan Houghton

Sondra King

Phyllis Ellison

Dick Barnard



Marjorie Franks

Jerry Courtright

Shelby Greer

Audrey Furgala

Jerry Cairns

In the fall, a picnic was held at Ferguson Park. It was for just the eighth grade. Games were played after the hot-dogs and cider were eaten. In March a party was held in the gym for the Seventh Grade.

The Eighth Grade also sponsored a roller skating party at the Palomar. It was for the whole high school and was held in the fall.

Field trips were taken to the Lansing fire department and the water conditioning plant.

Carol Casselman

Not Pictured: Carol Fraser, Taya de Martelle, Walter Westcott



Shirley Furgala

Robert Bell

David Dreps

Judy Andrick



Bruce Klotz

Roberta Bovee

Nancy Greenshield

Marian Bosworth

Robert Currier

JoAnne Galbavi



Joe Ferrar

Nancy Voss

Tony Brocci

The Legions The Seventh Grade



Garry Hodges

Carol Avery

Jack Hagerman

Bonnie Andrus

Viola Backus

Vernon Alshire

Alice Burch



John Bratzler

Nona Bates

Forest Kenworthy

Sharleen Allen

Elaine Kalush

Ruth Ann Davidson

Marilyn Kay Bates



Norbert Janes

Joyce Essex

Leona Backus

Connie Emery

Robert Carpenter

Mary Kay Hogle

Mary Jane Donaldson



Melvin Holloway

June Brown

Jo Ann Bredahl

Charles Cummins

Joan Bates

Mary Ellen Eberly

Barbara Greer



Harry Cummins

Marilyn Hammond

Sharon Hughes

Jackie Ball

Not Pictured:

Mary Hopkins
Joy De Martelle
Shirley Rhodes

The Legions



Tim Willis

Janet Solomon

Jim Whitmore



Jack Weiss

Linda Nicholson

Bill Woolsey

Jackie Paty

Darwin Mund

Cecile Weinstein

Ralph Ohm



Stuart Reuffer

Joyce Swanberg

Jim Kreider

Janice Sims

John Markwart

Nancy Millar

Robert Lucks



Jerry Stevens

Alice Mouser

Jerry Van Atta

Melissa Line

Edward Thomas

Judy Sweeney

George Van Dusen



Kim Wilkins

Josephine Nichols

Robert Rhodes

Betty Reinertsen

Lawrence Voss

Beverly Yeoman

Robert Maynard

The Seventh Grade is divided into two groups this year because of the large number enrolled. Their teachers are Mrs. Prentice and Mr. Kiley, who have divided the classes between them. The class officers for the year have been: president, Jackie Paty; vice president, Alice Burch; secretary, Norbert Janes; treasurer, Ed Thomas.



Ann Spencer

Kalends

SEPTEMBER

- September 6 School opens.
14 Football, Fowlerville, here. 13-0. HUMPH!
21 Football, Perry, there. 7-6. Good old extra point.
28 Football, Williamston, here. 21-19. Extra point, safety.

OCTOBER

- October 4 Reserve football, East Lansing. Them bums!
5 Football, Dansville, here. 19-6. Us brutes.
8 Reserve football, Everett (Frosh).
12 Football, Holt, here. 27-0. Those brutes!
16 Reserve football, Haslett, here. A close one.
19 Football, Stockbridge, there. 25-13. Back in the groove.
23 Reserve football, East Lansing. Again?
23 Curtis Publishing Company Assembly. Useless Grant.
24 Pied Pipers Puppet show. Good, huh?
24 Football, Leslie, there. 27-0. My aching back!
25-26 MEA meeting. No school! Whoopee!
31 Halloween Carnival. What fun.

NOVEMBER

- November 2 Football, Haslett, there. 34-6. OH-H-h-h-h-h.
2 Senior pictures arrive.
5 Assembly—the Pattersons. What strength!
5 Reserve football, Williamston. Bring 'em on!
11-17 American Education Week. More of that?
16 Senior play matinee. At Last!
17 Senior Play.
30 Basketball, Leslie, there. The first game of the season.

DECEMBER

- December 1 P.T.A. dance.
7 Basketball, Fowlerville, here.
10 Eighth grade skating party. Some sore sitters?
12 Basketball at Stockbridge.
14 Basketball at Dansville.
15 Sophomore formal dance. "Silver Bells."
21 Basketball, Holt, here.
21 Christmas Vacation begins. Hurrah!
26-27-28 Holiday Tournaments.
28 Seniors Alumni Banquet.

JANUARY

- January 7 Back to school. How sad.
9 Basketball at Williamston.
11 Basketball, Haslett, here.
16 Seventh grade Bohemian Supper.
18 Basketball, Leslie, here.
18 First Semester ends. Whew! That's over with.
21 Second Semester begins.
25 Basketball at Fowlerville.
27 Freshman Party.
29 Big Baby Review. It was the NUTS!
31 Talent show assembly.

Kalends

FEBRUARY

- February 1 Basketball at Holt.
5 Pasty Supper, by Seniors. Was it good!!
8 Basketball, Williamston, here.
14 Dansville Talent show here.
15 Basketball, Dansville, here.
22 Basketball at Haslett. Woe is me!
29 Basketball, Stockbridge, here. Still third place.

MARCH

- March 4 Ham Dinner by Sophomores. We like these school dinners.
5-6-7-8 District Basketball Tournament.
12-13-14-15 Regional Basketball Tournament.
12 Assembly.
18 Haslett Assembly, here.
19-21-22 State Basketball Tournaments.
20 Haslett Assembly, here.

APRIL

- April 4 Junior Play matinee. Wheel!
5 Junior Play.
14-18 Spring Vacation. A breather! Wonderful Spring!
21 Back to school. Last lap.
22 Fowlerville, here—baseball, we mean.
29 Leslie, here.

MAY

- May 17 Regional Track Meet.
24 State Track Meet.
25 Seniors leave for Washington. Juniors take over.
30 Memorial Day. We like holidays.

JUNE

- June 1 Baccalaureate. Now we don't like to see it end.
3 Class Night.
5 Commencement.
5 Teachers Day. No School. Look out tomorrow.
6 Report cards—Summer vacation begins. Did you pass? Easy, Huh!
7 Goodbye. It was a nice year!

Do You Remember When?

Jim Greenwood made the lead in his pencil glow red-hot in physics class?

Barbara Piper took her baths in the Red Cedar River (forcefully)?

Dick Ewing lost his pants in the football game?

Mr. Sage played Maggie in the Big Baby Review?

Jim Voelker pulled Duane Phillips three miles after a storm flooded their motor while fishing at Houghton Lake?

Jim Voelker and Roy Webb went to Argentine, Michigan, and had to have Jim's dad go after them when they were caught in a snow storm?

Dick Stetler, Jim Heathman and Duane Phillips were soaked in a storm after breaking a motor boat propeller in Houghton Lake?

Duane Phillips and Jim Voelker were up on Houghton Lake with Jim's '38 Dodge, when the wheels locked and they skidded for twenty feet leaving a black mark right in the middle of town?

Dick Simzak couldn't say anything in Mrs. Lamb's class?

Duane Phillips squirted Mr. Richards, Mr. Murdock, and Mr. Norman Dunn at the lunch tables with his squirt gun?

Mr. Knysh took the shop bus on a field trip and they all went swimming?

Duane Randall had his trousers taken from him, forcefully, for throwing rotten apples while making cider at the orchard?

Mrs. Kelly was teaching algebra and she stated that unlikes couldn't be added. Jim Greenwood contradicted with the statement that houses and boats could be added to make houseboats?

Margaret Black forgot her skirt in the talent show skit?

Jim Greenwood threw out part of the radio in the Talent show.

Russell Burch answered the downstairs phone, "Michigan State Police Department," when Bob Lewsader called Shoree Luck, and he hung-up and called again with the same answer from Russ. Then the operator called and he answered Michigan State Police Department to her?

Vicki Long had her typewriter on stencil, and she thought it was broken so she called Mrs. Clemow to fix it. She did.

Keith Palmerton and Paul Roney were rolling the shot put down the tunnel and Mr. Prether made them stop?

Dick Davidson had the race with the train, and who won?

After Miss Broberg, the student teacher in English Lit., had Betty Aldrich read a poem, she asked some one what they got out of it. The immediate reply was "an earache!"

Mrs. Rood asked what a sentence was and a bright young Freshman said "A term in Jail"?

The Freshmen got the buggy half way into the gym for their square dance and it got stuck in the doorway and they had to take it apart?

The Eighth Grade took to lowering books out the window on the curtain cords?

Can You Imagine?

Can you imagine the Pep Band without any pep?
Dick Simzak without something to say?
Mr. Richards losing his appetite?
Larry Bockstahler disliking music?
The school going a year without being robbed?
Jim Greenwood without a radio?
Dee McDonald quitting sports?
Dale Rozan without gum in her mouth?
Mrs. Clemow not bragging about her Juniors?
Mrs. Lamb without her voice?
Mr. Claycomb obeying all speed limits?
Paul Roney thin as a rail?
Mrs. Rood six feet tall?
Mr. Prether not liking kids?
Heather Webb without a smile?
Duane Phillips with blonde hair?
Nancy Voelker with E's on her report card?
Clare Vander Meulen with short hair?
Ellarene Copp without a horse?
Roy Webb going steady?
Dick Simzak without a girl around?
Mr. Sage cracking a funny joke?
Dick Stetler president of the Representatives Assembly?
Mrs. Fox teaching boys phys. ed.?
Keith Palmerton without his bee-bop?
Dick Ewing with a girl friend?
Jim Greenwood going ten feet without "that hot-rod Ford"?
Dick without Lois?
Roy Webb becoming a great poet?
Dick Simzak being serious?
Mr. Sage (Maggie) catching up with Jiggs?
Eldon Burley's Ky-ak floating?
Shakespeare without Mrs. Rood?
Mr. Eicher without a smile for everyone?
Mrs. Lamb advocating science fiction?
Mrs. Clemow chewing gum?
Our Superintendent and social studies teacher gambling? Guess who won?
Dennis Pannabecker swearing a blue streak?
Don Shipley with straight hair?
Okemos having a dry track for spring training?
Everyone having his work done on time?
Completely quiet study halls?
Howard Sheldon dressing sloppily?
Peggy and Shirley Parker being fat and heavy?
John Swanburg being a problem child to teachers?
Bob Brown and Dan Line giving up on science fiction stories?
Max Benne forgetting how to plow?
Howdy Travis tall as Doug Clark?
A dull American history class?
Teachers receiving a \$5000 yearly salary?
Girls that don't giggle?
Miss Schram not coaching a play?
The Sophomores not talking?
JoAnne Carver without her violin?
The English teachers reading comic books?



Typing Class



Study Hall

School Scenes

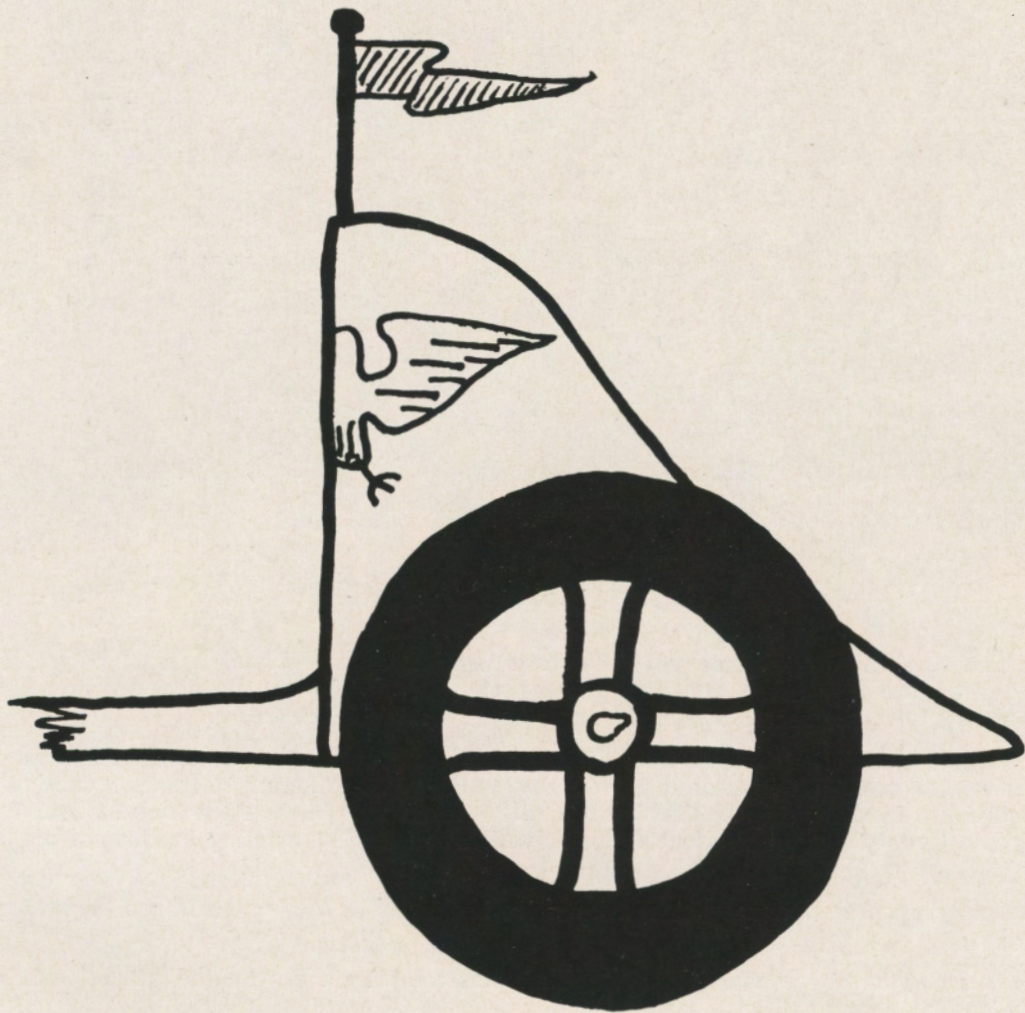
Chemistry



Speech Class



Phys. Ed.



circus maximus

The Consuls



Representatives at work.

Representatives Assembly

For the first time in two or three years the Representatives Assembly is a legal body. It has been very active under the new name and new constitution. The officers for this year are Ron Kohles, president; Paul Roney, vice president; Mary Elg, secretary; Roy Webb, treasurer.

Representatives were sent to Holt in the fall of 1951 to a county league student council convention such as Williamston and Holt sponsored at Williamston the previous spring. Okemos invited other schools to come to Okemos in the spring of 1952 for a similar convention. Okemos also took the initiative in forming the Ingham County League Student Council, which had its first meeting in Okemos on January 31, 1952.

The Assembly sponsored a magazine sales drive in the fall of 1951 and will use the money for band uniforms.

The Assembly appropriated money for the Christmas treat by a tax on the grades' earnings at the Halloween Carnival.

Two very important items that the Assembly produced as a service to the students of the school were the student handbooks and the activities ticket. Much work was done on these two projects during last summer's vacation by the student body and by representatives.

Due to a lack of funds there will not be a student handbook printed for next year.

The activities tickets didn't go over as well as they had hoped, but next year they will have some major changes, and will be better than ever if the Assembly decides to have them again.

The Assembly is a member of the National Association of Student Councils. It obtains materials from the Association which are very helpful in solving problems that are presented to the Assembly.

A great deal of credit should go to the Assembly for their fine work in coping with the study hall problem.

As the Assembly is in the school for the purpose of serving the students and faculty, it is our suggestion that you use it whenever necessary. The Assembly always recognizes suggestions in the suggestion box. If they can, they act on them; if they can't, they give them to someone that can.

This has been a very good year in which much experience was gained by the Assembly. Next year's Assembly is up to the students electing representatives. Do your best to help.



The Builders

Standing: Jerry Snider, Mr. Sage, Glenn Mason, Jerry Roosa, Dee McDonald, Bob Brown, Howard Sheldon, Mrs. Kelly, Ron Kohls, LeVon Prentice, Dan Line.

Seated: Larry Bochstahler, Don Shipley, LeRoy Webb, Jim Greenwood.

Junior Engineer Training for Schools

The "Junior Engineer Training for Schools Club" was organized this year at Okemos High.

This club introduces to its 14 members the different types of engineering and the future outlook of the many fields of engineering.

An election of officers was held at the second meeting. The outcome of the election was as follows:

Roy Webb—Captain or President
 Don Shipley—First Officer or Vice President
 Jim Greenwood—Communications or Secretary
 Larry Bockstahler—Navigator or Treasurer
 Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Sage—Jet Pilot or Advisor (School)
 Mr. Bloomquist—Consulting Engineer

A program of interesting speakers and movies has been brought to the club every Thursday evening by the program committee which is headed by Don Shipley. Some of the fields of engineering brought to the club were mining, electrical, chemical, metallurgical, architectural, and civil engineering.

Librarii



OFFICERS

President
Nancy Voelker
Vice President
Betty Robb
Secretary
Maxine Scheffer
Treasurer
Joanne Seeley

The Librarians of the School work toward one goal—to provide a better library for students and teachers. There are 18 members this year with their sponsor, Mrs. Rood. Meetings are held once a week and one-half credit is received for a year's work. Fun is mixed with work, too, for through the year the club holds parties and enjoys working and playing together.

Right:

Ellarene Copp
Dick Simzak
Virginia Richey
Shirley Burch
Jonnine McKinley



Left:

Mary Lou Hoag
Shirley Parker
Mrs. Rood
Evelyn Berner
Geraldine Travis
Peggy Parker
Mary Elg
Louise Brauner
Janet Henderson
Mavourneen Sweeney



Larry Bockstahler at the piano.

Front Row: Mrs. Anderson, Delores Davidson, Ellarene Copp, Joanne Seeley, Bonnie Brumm, Mary Rossa, Janet Drennan, Dorothy Fisher, Charles Stevens, Gerry Travis, Twila Bowser, Clare VanderMeulen, JoAnne Carver.

Back Row: Mary Lou Hoag, Virginia Irvin, Betty Penner, Helen Swab, Richard Hartsuff, Keith Palmerton, Tom Lock, Jerry Snider, Chuck Webb, Evelyn Kohls, Keitha Shaull, Mavourneen Sweeney, Charlene Peacock.

Ars Musica

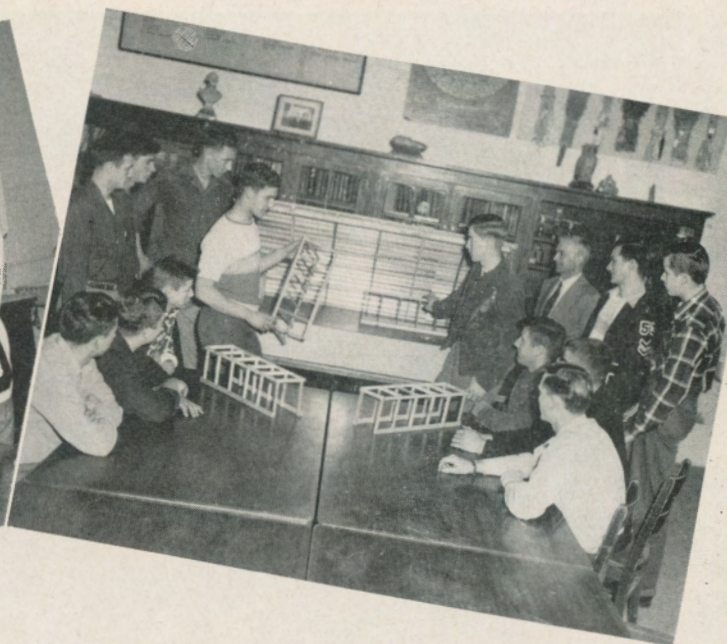
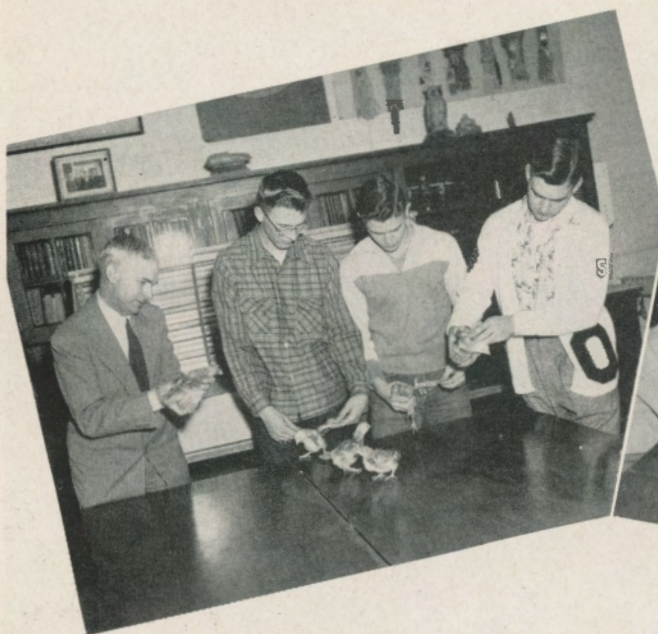
Chorus

Singing is fun! If you don't believe it just listen to the Chorus some day enjoying themselves. There is a large group this year and they have given some fine performances. It is good to see and hear the boys in the chorus. Under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Anderson they are really "making music."

The officers of the group are: JoAnne Carver, president; Charlene Peacock, vice president; Helen Swab, secretary and treasurer; Joanne Seeley and Evelyn Kohls, librarians.

If it's fun to sing inside, it's twice as much fun to sing beside the winding Cedar on a nice spring day.





F.F.A.

The Agricola

With an increase from 16 to 33 members the F.F.A. has been very active this year. The officers of the organization are: Max Benne, president; Warren Kleis, vice president; Richard Netzloff, secretary; Jim Voelker, treasurer; Dick Ewing, sentinel; Stanley Fair, reporter.

A list of the many activities of the F.F.A. for this year would include the following: Sending the officers to Higgins Leadership Training Camp in April, and taking care of Clarks orchard last year, and selling the fruit to make money with which they continued their activities.

Warren Kleis and Max Benne won the district demonstration contest on the proper way to dry hay, on February 19, 1952.

During Thanksgiving vacation the Ag. II class went to Chicago to attend the International Livestock Exposition.

The grain exhibits at the Ingham County Fair were highly successful for the Okemos boys this year as they won the silver award in the "Chicken of Tomorrow" contest.

The boys also put on a program for the high school and the P.T.A.

In view of the above activities the F.F.A. feels that they have really done their share in contributing to the school and the community in the past year.





F.F.A. BOYS AT WORK

Top Row: Eldon Burley, Jim Kranz, Richard Netzloff.

Second Row: F.F.A. chicks, Lyle Morton, Max Benne.

Third Row: Dale Grettenberger, Doug Clark, Robert Wells.

Household Goddesses



Mrs. Robb, Helen Hays, Delphian Mund, Marjie Mouser, Connie McClelland, Betty Robb, Lois Hays, Keitha Shaull, Beverly Bell, Carol Ann Webb, Miss Mantey.

F.H.A.

The Okemos chapter of the Future Homemakers of America organized their club with nineteen members. The following officers were elected: President, Betty Robb; vice president, Connie McClelland; secretary, Lois Hays; treasurer, Marjie Mouser; historian, Keitha Shaull; parliamentarian, Delphian Mund; reporter, Beverly Bell; song leader, Helen Hays; assistant song leader, Carol Ann Webb. Their chapter advisor is Miss Mantey and their chapter mother is Mrs. William Robb. They made it their goal at Christmas time to make someone happy. To carry it out, they had a caroling party to three local hospitals. They are planning a picnic in May with the F.F.A. as guests. They have made and sold candied apples as a money making project. They nominated Keitha Shaull as their candidate for state treasurer and sent delegates to the State F.H.A. convention in March. Delegates will be sent to the state F.H.A. Leadership Training Camp in June. This will be held at St. Mary's Lake.



Norma Jean Rhodes, Eunice Hopkins, Bonnie Sims, Marsha Janes, Barbara Houdenshield.



Mary Elg, Carlene Hagerman, Barbara Grant, JoAnne Carver, Janet Henderson, Delores Davidson.



Temple of Vesta

Bible Club

The Bible Club, one of the school's newest clubs, has a membership of 52. The officers are: President, Nancy Voelker; vice president, Doug Clark; secretary-treasurer, Lois Hays. The sponsors for the club are Mr. Roland Cook and Mr. Vern VanHonel. Their activities for the year have included a Christmas party, a banquet, and a large fun-spiration with four other Bible clubs in this area.

Boys' Bowling



Seated: Dan Line, Dee McDonald, Jerry Snider, Richard Hartsuff, Bob Brown.

Standing: Duane Bell, Bob Farr, LeVon Prentice, Melvyn Swab, Phil Ray, Tom Lock.

Ars Musica



Band

This year the band is a chartered club in Okemos High. Their officers are as follows: Jerry Snider, president; Keith Palmerton, vice president; Mary Elg, secretary-treasurer; Morris Holloway and Ralph Ohms, managers.

This year the band played in the Big Baby Review sponsored by the P.T.A. They also played at the Okemos High Talent Show. In both of these activities the band did a fine job.

On February 19, 1952, the band attended the Band Festival at the University of Michigan. On this trip they learned many new ways to become the band that Okemos is so proud of.

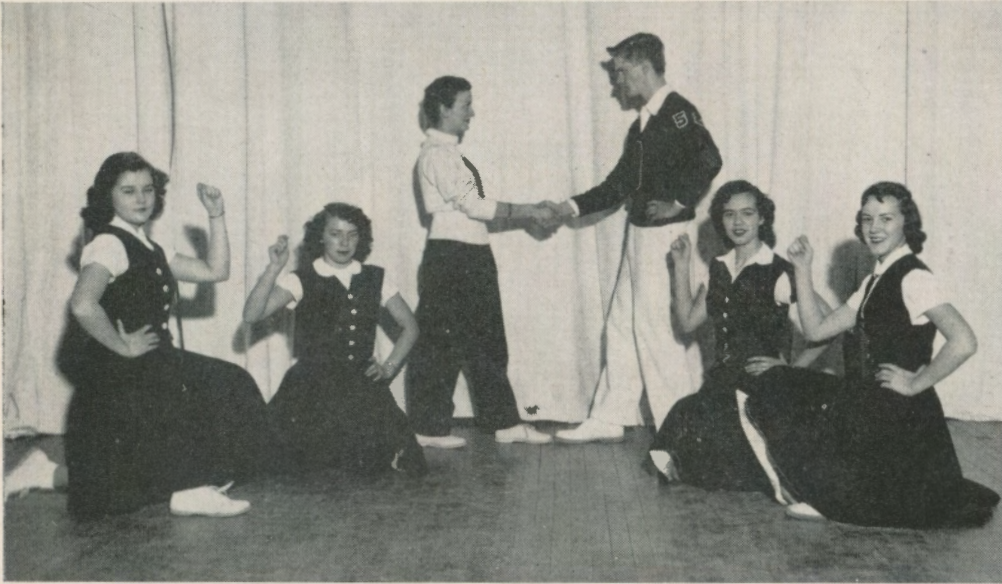
Okemos received many honors in the Music Festival at Charlotte this year. Jerry Snider received a "B" rating and JoAnne Carver, John Swanberg, Carl Ferrar, and Tom Murphy received "A" ratings.

A great deal of interest has been shown in the band this year under the leadership of Mr. Claycomb. There are really three bands—the regular high school band, a junior band and a cadet band.

Many students are having individual instruction, so that we really expect a mighty fine band in the future with all these younger folks taking such an active interest.



The Performers



Shoree Luck
Geraldine Travis
Barbara Piper
Jim Greenwood
Betty Penner
Kay Sweet



Pep Band

This year a Pep Band was formed which consisted of advanced band members. This Pep Band immediately became a hit with the students. The football games were not complete without the Pep Band to raise their spirits to new peaks. It has been the main attraction at the Pep Meetings and has encouraged the team to do their best in basketball and football.

Cheerleaders

Starting out this year with a loud "Yea Team," Barb Piper, Shoree Luck, and Kay Sweet had three other members join them on the cheering squad: Gerry Travis, Betty Penner, and Jim Greenwood. These cheerleaders have worked to the best of their ability to keep our student body and fellow sportsmen happy and full of pep through the year.



Girls' Bowling



First Row: Shirley Burch, Helen Swab, Connie McClelland.

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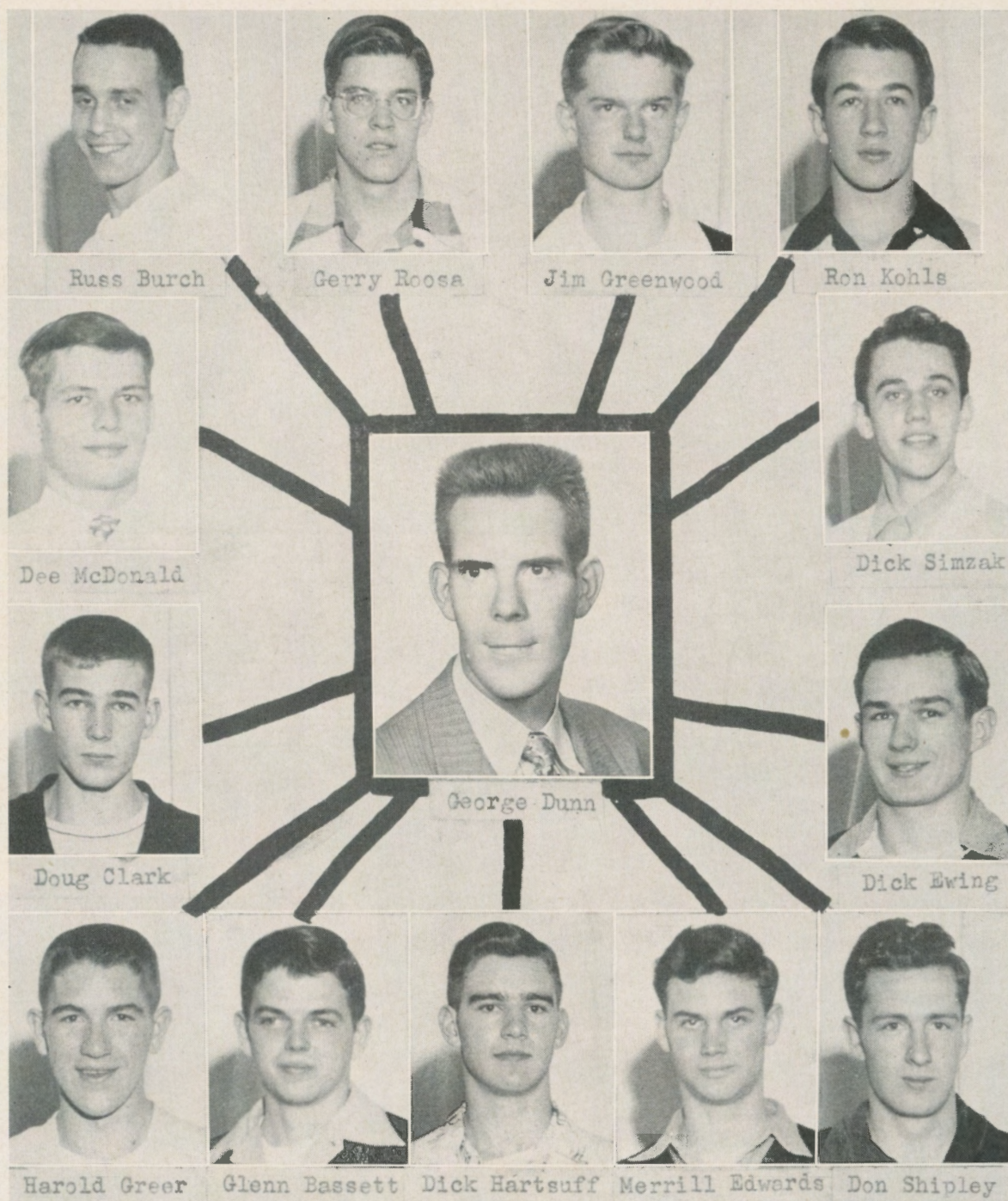
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First Row: June Cooley, Sharon Furgala, Marsha Janes, Marjie Mouser, Beverly Butterwick, Jeanette Eicher, Carol Ann Webb.

Second Row: Ellarene Copp, Beverly Stevens, Dorothy Travis, Helen Swab, Shirley Maynard, Margaret Black, Connie McClelland, Barbara Houdensfield, Deanna Hull, Shelby Greer, Taya De Martelle, Diana McDonald.

Top Row: Carol Burch, Shirley Burch, Joanne Seeley, Norma Jean Rhodes, Audrey Furgala, Nancy Greenshield.



The Gladiators

Okemos Varsity Club

The Varsity Club started the year with fifteen members and ended with thirteen. George Dunn was the sponsor of the organization. Officers of the club were: Dick Simzak, president; Dick Ewing, vice president; Dee McDonald, secretary; and Doug Clark, treasurer. Under the newly formed Representative Assembly, the club's charter was accepted by the Charter Committee. Activities carried out during the year included the development of a golf team, candy sales in April, All-Sports Nite, and the All-Sports Banquet. The year proved to be an interesting and profitable one for all of the members.

Entertainers

The Tumbling Club

What started as a simple noon recreation period for a few of the boys in O.H.S. is now a chartered club. We remember when the boys first got underway with their organization. Using the stage as their gym they faithfully practiced tumbling stunts most every noon. Then some of our



girls got interested in the idea, and decided to try a hand in tumbling themselves. Thus, the Tumbling Club was formed. With the help of Mr. Weaver, their instructor, the club gradually grew into a chartered one. Now it has its own constitution and by-laws. So far the Tumbling Club has performed at the 1951 Talent Show, the P.T.A., and at one basketball game. The club holds its regular practices

on Tuesdays and Fridays at noon and their business meeting on Monday noon. Peggy Parker is president and Shirley Parker assists her as secretary and treasurer.

Bottom: Claude Edwards, Terry Pease, Richard Wass, Wendell Bates, Glenn Bassett, Merrill Edwards, Keith Palmerton.

Second Row: Josephine Nichols, Shari-
leen Allen, Marjorie Cooper, Peggy
Parker, Shirley Parker.

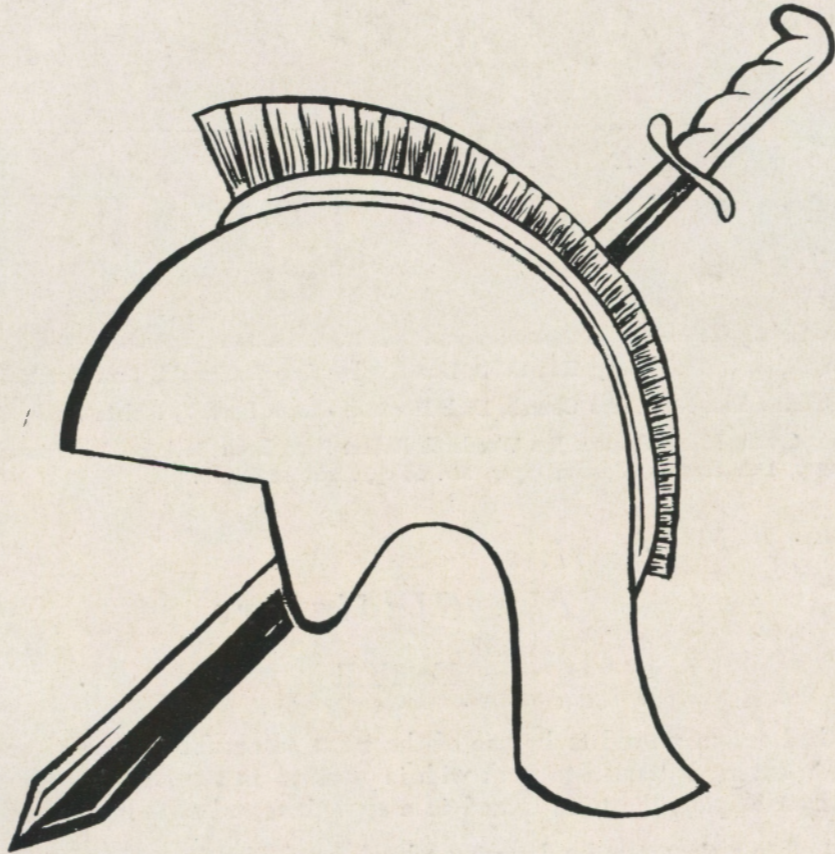
Third Row: June Cooley, Melissa
Line. Coach, Mr. M. Weaver.







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Bottom Row: Merrill Edwards, Paul Roney, Ron Kohls, Don Shipley, Dee McDonald, Russ Burch, Dick Ewing.

Middle Row: Kyle Aldrich, Phil Ray, Miles Church, Dick Hartsuff, Duane Randall, Melvin Swab, Glenn Bassett.

Top Row: Mr. Dunn, Coach, Morris Reason, Jim Woodruff, Robert Farr, Leon Backus, Mr. Weaver, Freshman Coach, Jim Farr, Dennis Avery, Bob Hughes, Gordon Piper, Mr. Kiley, Assistant Coach.

The Gladiators

Football

The 1951 football season proved to be one of the most successful in several years. Coach George Dunn had twelve returning lettermen to work with in addition to several other up and coming players. Led by Captain Don Shipley, the team turned in a season's record of four won and four lost.

The squad got off to a slow start by dropping a hard fought battle to Fowlerville, 13-0. First game tension seemed to be the trouble as the Gladiators took advantage of several Okemos misques to win a 13-0 decision.

The next week found the Chiefs at Perry beginning a winning streak that was to last for three weeks. Perry scored early in the first quarter but could not stop a last period scoring drive that gave the Indians their first victory.

Williamston was the next to fall to the Chiefs. Okemos scored 21 points in the third quarter to win 21-19. It was tackle Paul Roney's safety that spelled the difference.

Dansville, after defeating Holt, bowed to the Indians 19-6.

Holt invaded the following Friday to break the winning streak. The Rams cashed in on an intercepted pass and pushed across the goal twice more to win 27-0.

The Chiefs got back in the winning column when they traveled to Stockbridge. Dick Ewing scampered across twice while Dee McDonald and Russ Burch each contributed one to edge Stockbridge 25-13.

Short Shots

PHIL RAY, a Sophomore, played regular end on offense and defensive halfback. Phil is a good, all around player and has shown great ability. He has two more seasons remaining in his high school career.

PAUL RONEY is the big man on the squad. He weighs 215 lbs. and stands 5' 10". Paul was a constant threat to all of our opponents. He has weight and power and knows how to use it to good advantage. He turned in his best performance at the Williamston game when he scored the game winning safety.

GERRY ROOSA played mostly at offensive halfback. Although Gerry didn't start, he was of considerable value to the team. He is big, fast, and has drive. Against Dansville he ran 20 yards for a touchdown. His experience and ability should win a starting berth for him next year.

DON SHIPLEY was chosen as Captain for the 1951 squad. In addition to his duties as center he did the punting and kicked the extra points, including the winning point against Perry. Don scored a total of 4 extra points this year. Don is a 6' 1" senior and weighs 160 lbs.

DAVE ADAMS, a Senior, was used mostly as a defensive lineman but he also saw action as a defensive halfback later in the season. Dave weighs 148 lbs. and stands 5' 10".

MELVYN SWAB is another hard running back, but even showed up better on defense. He is a sure tackler and can be counted on to break up the opponent's plays. Mel had his best night against Williamston.

RUSS BURCH, 5' 10"—165 lb Junior, has been one of our hardest hitting backs for the past three years and should be at his best next year. Russ had his day when he caught two touchdown passes in the Williamston game. He has scored a total of 24 points this season. Russ played at the defensive end position.



RICH EWING, 150 lb scatback, scampered across the goal line for a total of 30 points. His fast, deceptive running was a constant threat to each team we faced. He caught a pass in the Haslett game and sped 85 yards for a touchdown. He scored twice in the Stockbridge game and twice in the Dansville game. Dick is a relatively light man to play at fullback but has proven capable of the job.

RON KOHLS, a Senior and a light but efficient man in the tackle spot against men heavier than himself. He played both offense and defense. Though not always a line buster, he was always dependable in plugging his hole.

DICK SIMZAK saw action at nearly every position, including guard, tackle, and offensive backfield. Dick is fast, well-built and is adaptable to several positions. Dick, a Senior, weighs 146 lbs. and is 5' 8".

HAROLD GREER played regular at right end. Although he is a Sophomore, he has shown great ability both on offense and on defense. Hal is probably the team's best down field blocker. He should experience even better seasons in the future.

DICK HARTSUFF proved to be one of our mainstays on offense. He could always be counted on to open up the line for the ball carrier. Dick stands 5' 10" and tips the scales at 160 lbs.

DEE McDONALD shifted from end to quarterback this year. "Mac" has speed and deception. He proved this in the Stockbridge game when he ran 40 yards for a touchdown and gained a total of about 80 yards. Dee is a 6 footer and weighs 160 lbs.

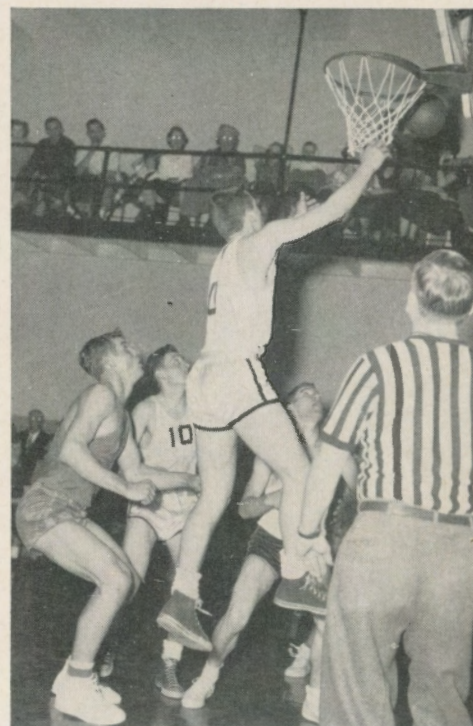
KEITH PALMERTON is the fastest lineman on the squad. Although comparatively small (5' 10"—145 lbs.) he knows how to use his weight to the best advantage. Keith will be a Senior next year and should have his most successful season.





The Sphere Throwers

Varsity Basketball

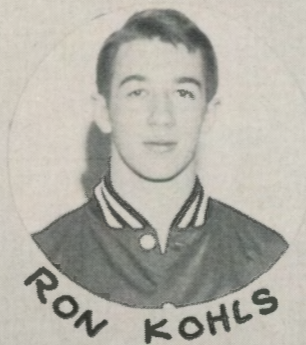
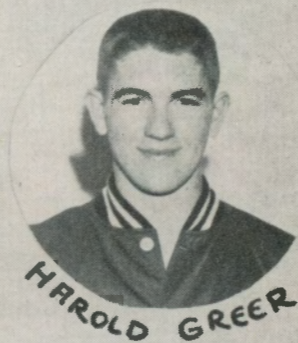
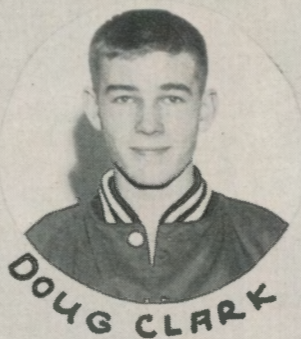
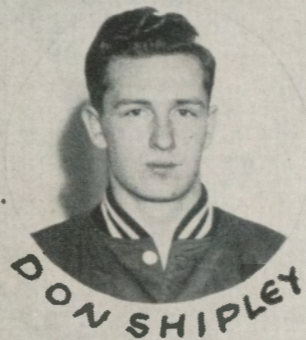


The Okemos High basketball team got off to its best start in years. With several experienced players leading the way, the Chieftains won their first four games. They beat Leslie, 33-32; Fowler-ville, 48-34; Dansville 40-32; and Stockbridge 40-36 in an overtime game. Then an experienced Holt team ran over them. In the Greater Lansing Holiday Tournaments, Okemos just didn't seem to get started and lost games to Everett, Boys Vocational and DeWitt.

Back in league play after the holidays, Okemos was beaten in a close game by Williamston, 42-39, before they got back in the win column by beating Haslett 39-40 in one of the hardest fought games of the year. They then smothered Leslie, 51-33. After that the Chieftains dropped a game in the last minute of play to Fowlerville, 54-52, and another to Holt, 75-44. The determined Chieftains bounced back to beat Williamston, 56-47, and Dansville, 48-38, before losing another to Haslett, 38-28. The Chiefs clinched third place in the Ingham County League by beating Stockbridge, 60-49.

Dee McDonald, captain of the basketball team, set a new scoring record of an unofficial 602 points in three years of varsity competition. He scored a total of 239 points in 17 games this season for an average of 14 points per game.







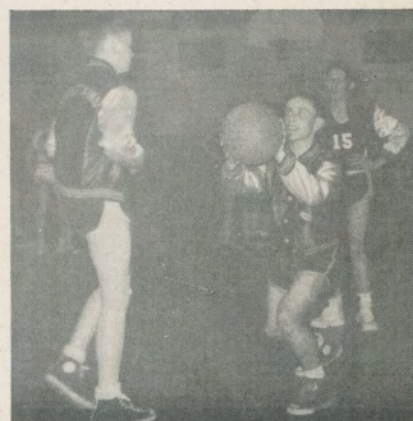
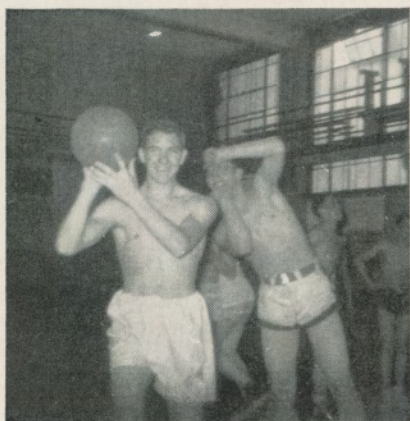
Kneeling, left to right: Bob Davidson, Harold Redman, Ronnie Murphy, Gordon Piper, and Carl Burch.

Standing, left to right: Mr. Kiley, Coach, Chuck Webb, John Grettenberger, John Swanberg, Bill Lowery, Jon Krieder, Fred Buehler, and Morris Holloway, Manager.

The Sphere Throwers

Reserve Basketball

This year's reserve team has turned out several good prospects for future varsity teams. They didn't win all of their games, but they improved as time went on. The reserves turned in a season record of eight games won and six lost. Two victories were won from each of three teams; Leslie, Dansville, and Fowlerville. Other games won include the Williamston and Haslett games.



The Marathon Runners

Track



Front Row: Jerry Roosa, Richard Ewing, Duane Phillips, Charles Webb, Richard Hartsuff, Glenn Bassett, Kyle Aldrich, Edgar Cooley.

Second Row: Coach Weaver, Russell Burch, Roy Webb, Charles Stevens, Miles Church, Dee McDonald, Ralph Brown, Keith Palmerton.

The 1951 Okemos High track team had a year that is outstanding in Okemos history. They proved this by the number of dual and tri-team meets that they won or placed high in. In every meet the team was always in there running, jumping, vaulting, and hurdling to the best of its ability.

They did a fine job in the week-end meets. The medley relay team members each won three medals in last year's competition. They placed first in the county meet, second in the regionals, second in the I.C.-C.C. meet and fifth in the state meet. The team also set the school record for the medley relay at two minutes, forty seconds.

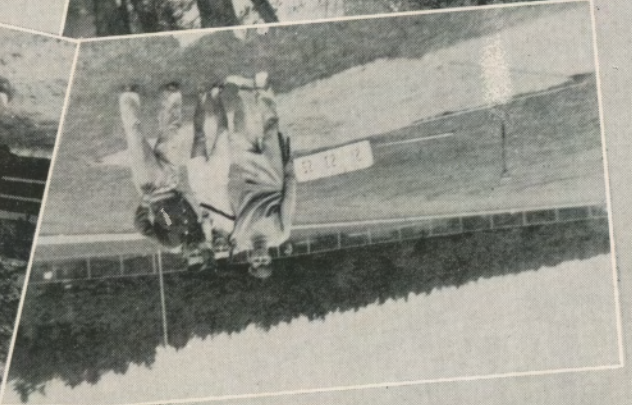
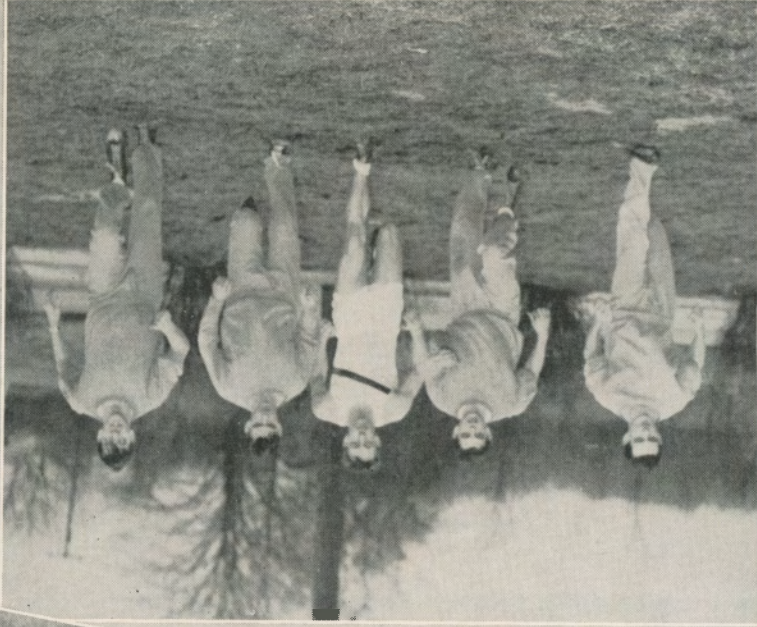
Some of the individual track team members set some outstanding records, too.

Dee McDonald set the school record in a hurdle event, when he finished the 180-yard low hurdles at 22.2 seconds.

Dick Ewing did a marvelous job for the team in the 100-yard dash and the 220-yard dash as he won the county meet, the I.C.-C.C. meet and placed sixth in the State meet in the 100-yard dash.

Jerry Roosa almost always broke the tape for the team in the 440-yard dash and he won the county meet for us. However, he ran into very hard luck in the State meet, as they were waiting for him and boxed him in.

The track team deserves a lot of praise for their 1951 season and everyone will be rooting for them in 1952.





Front Row: Doug Clark, Don Shipley, Jerry Roosa, Dennis Pannabecker, Phil Ray, Dee McDonald.

Second Row: Edgar Cooley, Paul Breese, Dennis Avery, Bob Farr, Bill Lowery, Jon Krieder, Jim Butterwick.

Back Row: Coach George Dunn, Charles Webb, Kyle Aldrich, Roy Webb.

The Sphere Hitters

Baseball

The 1951 Okemos High baseball team finished the year with a two won and five lost record for the season.

The season opener saw Fowlerville's nine outhit the Chiefs 6-3.

Dansville's long ball hitting came in handy for them as they won by a slight score, 3-1.

The able pitching of Bob Coppernal held us down very well at Leslie, 11-2.

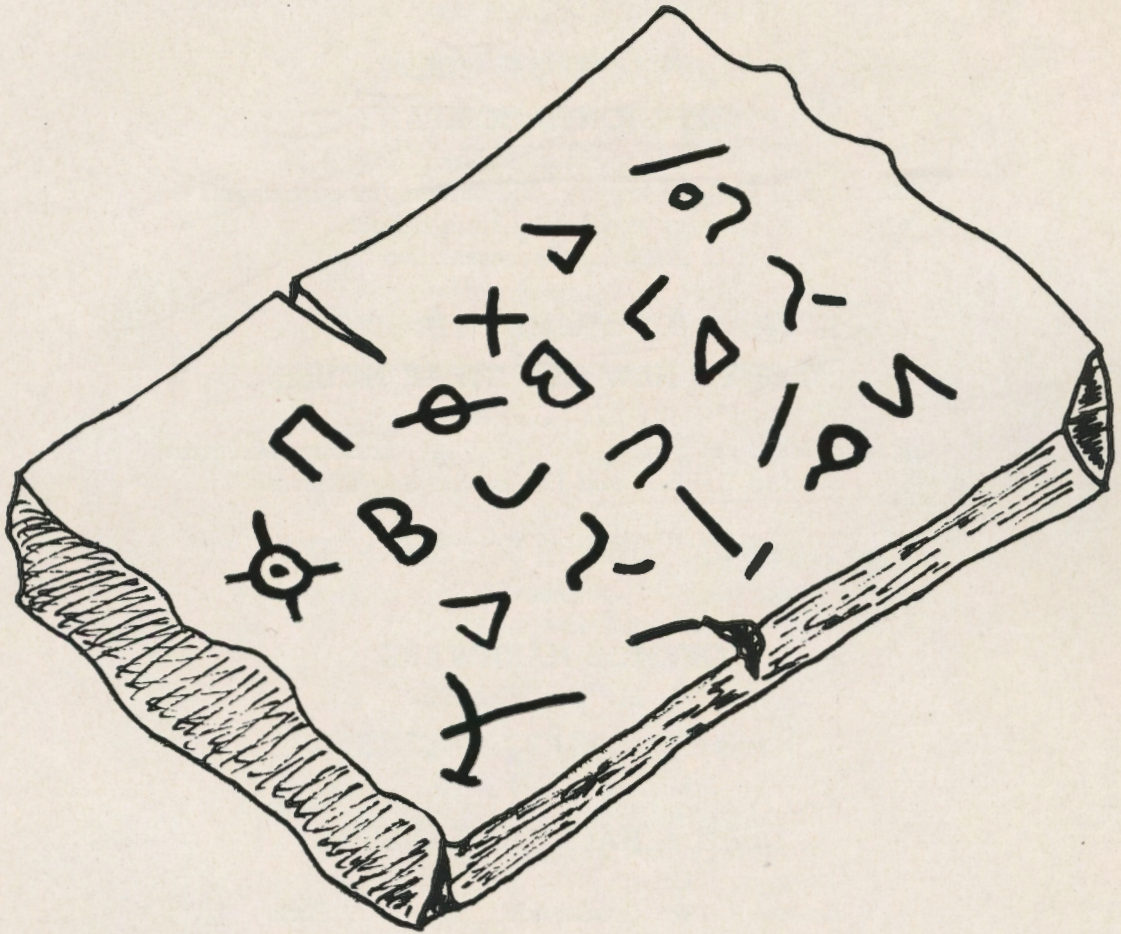
In a slam-bang, knock-down, drag-out, nip and tuck game we finished on top of Holt by a score of 13-12.

The following week Stockbridge gave us a poor reception, as they won 14-2.

Finally seeing our way straight in the Williamston game we come home boasting a good night, 14-3.

The next week, however, found us striving hard only to come home from Haslett on the short end of an 8-2 decision.

Our season totals for runs scored was 37 against 57 for our opponents. In 1952, however, with some polished fielding and a few strong batsmen, we should be able to see our way to a majority of wins for the season.



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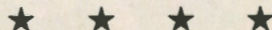
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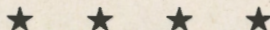
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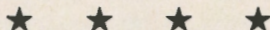
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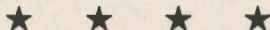
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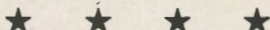


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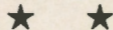
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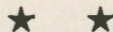
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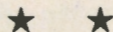
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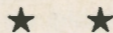
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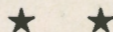
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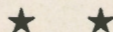
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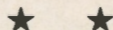


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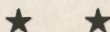


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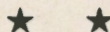
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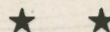
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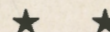
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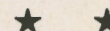


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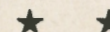


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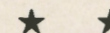


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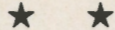
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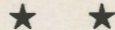


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