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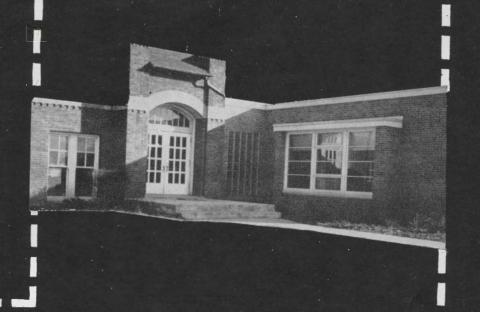
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### **DEDICATION**

To you, Mrs. Joy Clemow, our teacher and our friend, ever working with us and for us . . . to you, guiding light of our commercial department . . . to you . . . we gratefully and sincerely dedicate this 1953 "Tomahawk."

# OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL



okemos, michigan

### **FOREWORD**

Many years have passed since Okemos was a one-room school. The community has grown rapidly through the years, and with it our school has grown and changed in many ways. However, there are some things that never change. In our school life today, as in previous years, we still have the same needs for which there will never be substitutes.

We still need our teachers to guide and direct us; friends with whom to share our troubles and our joys; good sportsmanship with its numerous privileges for students; leadership for a democratic school life; and good citizenship, of which every school can be proud.

We all have certain idealistic dreams which we strive to live up to. Most of the things we think of today as hard, practical, and even indispensable were once merely dreams. Because of these dreams, and the countless opportunities around us, we can all reach unsurpassable creative joy and self-fulfillment.

It is with this thought that we present this "Tomahawk" to you. We believe that when you find the thing that you can do better than anything else in the world, only then will you possess happy personal relationships, peace of mind, and financial security. It is with this belief that we ask you the question you must ask yourself, "Where do I go from here?" In the following pages we give only a few examples of what your future may be.

Joyce Groh, Editor Mary D. Rood, Sponsor

### ADMINISTRATION



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### THE SCHOOL BOARD



DR. ERWIN J. BENNE Secretary of Board



MAYNARD EBERLY President



JOHN WHITMYER
Treasurer



WALTER SHELDON Trustee



MAX HOLLOWAY

Trustee

### SCHOOL BOARD

Hard at work behind the actual scenes of our school are the board members, who never receive enough recognition or appreciation for their long hours of assistance. We are sincerely grateful for every hour they have devoted to our school, and we thank each one of them for their generous help in such difficult times. It is through their time and efforts that our school has met the growing needs of the students.

### SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION







GEORGE H. RICHARDS Superintendent



JOSEPH W. ARASIM High School Principal



RONALD SAGE Principal – First Semester

### **TEACHERS**



JOY CLEMOW Ferris Institute, B.S. Commercial



LYLE WAKEMAN
Western Michigan College, B.S.
Grade School Principal
Eighth Grade Mathematics



ADDIE PRENTICE

Michigan State College, B.S.

Seventh Grade



MARY ROOD

University of Michigan, A.B.
Michigan State College, M.A.
English - Library



EDWARD C. KILEY
Michigan State College, B.S.
Government
Football and Baseball Coach



MARY JANE HODGINS
Michigan State College, B.S.
Commercial

### **TEACHERS**



MARJORIE BARNES Western Michigan College, B.S. Michigan State College, M.S.



JOHN VALO Michigan State College, A.B. University of Florida, M.A.



DONNA BIDDINGER Central Michigan College, B.S. Biology-Girls' Phys. Ed.



MARGARET BUCKWICK Michigan State College, A.B. Eighth Grade



Western Michigan College, B.M. Music-Art



ROLAND COOK Michigan State College, B.S. Agriculture



CHRISTENA SCHRAM Michigan State College, A.B. English-Speech

### **TEACHERS**



THELMA LAMB

Michigan State Normal College,
B.S.

Michigan State College, M.A.

American History

American Literature



ROBERT BAKER Michigan State College, B.S. Eighth Grade Basketball and Track Coach



CLIFFORD CLAYCOMB

Michigan State College, B.A.,
M.M.

Instrumental Music



RUTH M. YOUNGBLOOD
University of Michigan, A.B.
Seventh Grade



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Michigan State College, B.S.,
M.A.
Home Economics

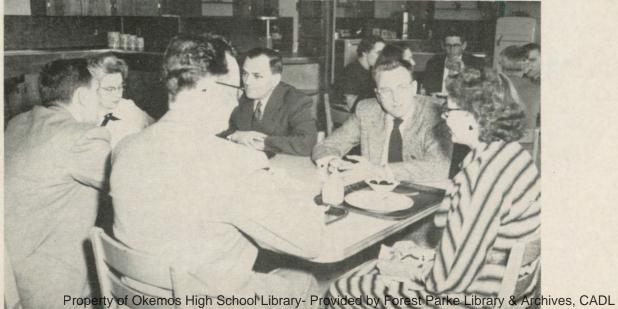


REBECCA W. CROCKER Greensboro College, A.B. Mathematics



The cherry pie was good! After all, teachers have to eat too!







Once again this year the Tomahawk was an all high project. It was discovered in the year before that this plan worked out well, so it was carried out in the same manner this year. Much credit should be given to every member of the staff who helped to make this year book possible.

Jean Avery, Senior Class Editor; Paul Roney, Business Manager; Jerry Snider, Advertising Manager; Charles Stevens, Circulation Manager; Joyce Groh, Editor-in-Chief; Mrs. Mary Rood, Sponsor; Dennis Avery, Sports Editor; Maxine Scheffer, Assistant Editor; Heather Webb, Activities Editor; Janet Drennan, Art Editor.

The yearbook staff also wishes to send a special thanks to Mrs. Rood. She has devoted many hours of time and effort to make this possible for the enjoyment of the student body. Her patience and understanding was greatly appreciated by us all.

We are very proud of the art work in this year's Tomahawk, and wish to thank Mrs. Anderson for her guidance and help.

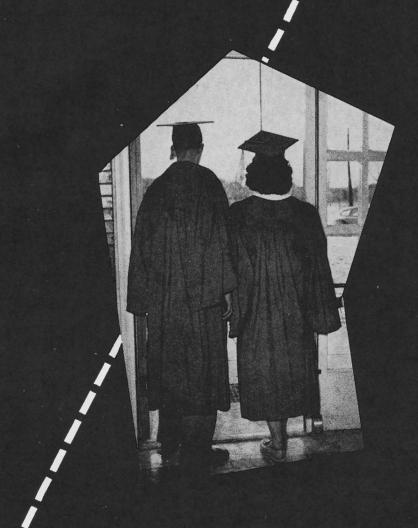
Not pictured on this page are Kay McNitt, Nancy Oswald, Jeanne Matthews, and Jack Voss.

Top Row: Virginia Irvin, Nancy Whitmyer, Carla Winter, JoAnne Seeley, Peggy Parker, Louise Brauner, Carol Casselman.

Bottom Row: Howard Sheldon, Richard Hartsuff, Gerry Rozan, Rebecca Ash.



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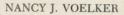


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PAUL E. RONEY "Paulie" The trouble with life is that there are so many beautiful women, and so little time.

Class President 1-4 Student Council 1-2, Vice President 3 Football 1-2-3-4 Varsity Club 2, Treasurer 4 Projection Club President 2-3 Wolverine Boys State 3 Yearbook 4 Track 1-4



The charm of her presence was felt where'er she

went. Bible Club President 3-4 Library Treasurer 2, President 3-4 G.A.A. Vice President 3 Play 4 Chorus 1 F.H.A. 1 Class Treasurer 3-4 Play Production 2-3



JANET R. DRENNAN

Let me have music dying, and I seek no more delight.

Yearbook 3-4 F.H.A. 1 G.A.A. President 3 Play 3 Play Productions 4 Chorus 1-2-3-4 Class Secretary 4 Policies Committee 3-4



HOWARD W. SHELDON "Howie"

To the superior man, patience is a necessary virtue.

I.E.T.S. 3-4 Yearbook 4 Play 3-4 Class Vice President 4 Citizenship Committee 4 **Bulletin Board Committee 3** 

MAX E. BENNE "Maxie" A man's best friends are his ten fingers. F.F.A. 2, President 3, Secretary 4 Varsity 2 Basketball 1-2-3 Football 1-2 S.R.A. 3, President 4 Play Productions 3 Play 4 Class Vice President 2



HEATHER WEBB "Tootie" If there were any more like her the stock of halos

Class Secretary 3 S.R.A. 1-2-4 F.H.A. 1 Future Nursing 2 Play Productions 3-4 Chorus 1 D.A.R. Award Winner

would give out.



DENNIS E. PANNEBECKER

What ever makes men good Christians makes. them good citizens.

Class Vice President 1 Football 1 Baseball 2-3-4 Basketball 1-2-3, Captain 4



ELEANOR JEAN AVERY "Jeannie"

Thoughts are but dreams till their effects be tried. Yearbook 4

S.R.A. 4 Assembly Committee Secretary 3, Chairman 4 F.H.A. 1 Play 3 Play Production 4 Chorus 1-4



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ALAN B. CUDWORTH

"Cuddles"

All great men in history
were small—Caeser, Napoleon, and me.

Baseball 3-4

Football 4

Band 3-4

Houghton Lake High School

MAXINE L. SCHEFFER

It's always time to talk.

Library 2-3-4

Yearbook 3-4

G.A.A. 3

Play Production 3-4

Home Nursing 2



MARION L. FICHTER

Love never dies of starvation, but often of indigestion.

Play 4

Play Production 3

Tumbling 3

Chorus 3-4

F.H.A. 1



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RALPH BROWN "Bob"

Give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself.

Play 4

Jets 3-4

Band 1-2

Track 1-2-3-4

Bowling 3

JERRY A. SNIDER

The cover never tells what's inside.

Jets 3-4
Chorus 2-3
Band 1-2-3
Play 3
Play Production 4
Pep Band 3-4
Bowling 3
Yearbook 4



GLORIA L. SHAULL "Red"
Let us endeavor so to live
that when we die even the
undertaker will be sorry.
F.H.A. 1
Chorus 1
Play Production 3-4

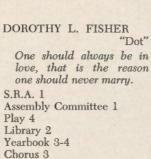


CHARLES S. STEVENS

"Chuckie"

Everyone comes to him who waits; so why hurry.

Yearbook 3-4
Play 4
Track 1-2
Chorus 3-4
Play Production 3





F.H.A. 1



RICHARD L. HARTSUFF
"Dick"

His only labor is to kill time.

Football 2-3
Track 1-2-3
Play 3
Chorus 2-3
F.F.A. 2-3
Varsity 3
Class President 3
Stage Manager 3-4





JOYCE A. GROH "Nick"

When a woman is speaking to you, listen to what she says with her eyes.

Chorus 1-4
Play Productions 1-2-3-4
F.H.A. 1
Yearbook 3, Editor 4
Radio Reporter 4



JACK R. STILLMAN

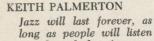
Nothing is really work unless you would rather be
doing something else.

Football 2

Baseball 2-4

F.F.A. 3-4

Play Productions 3



to it through their feet.
Football 1-2-3-4
Track 1-2-3-4
Tumbling 1-2-3
Chorus 3-4
Band 1-2-3-4
Class President 2
S.R.A. 1-2

Varsity Club 1

Pep Band 4



MARILYN L. BENNETT

"Lyn"

She burns the midnight oil but not always for study.

F.H.A. 1

Chorus 1-4

Class Secretary 2

Play 4

East Lansing High School 3



RICHARD E. NETZLOFF
"Dick"

All great men are dead and
I don't feel so well myself.
F.F.A. 2-4, Secretary 3
Play Productions 3
F.F.A. Leadership Camp 2

EVELYN L. KOHLS "Evie"

Man has his will, but woman has her way.

F.H.A. 1

Tumbling 2

Yearbook 3

Play 3

Play Productions 4

Chorus 3-4





DUANE C. BELL

If a man keeps his trap shut the world would beat a path to his door.

Football 1-4 Baseball 3-4 Play 4 Bowling 3 Band 1-2-3-4 Bulletin Board Committee Play Production 3 Bible Club 4



I'm not denying that women are foolish; God made them to match the men.

F.H.A. 1 Chorus 1-4 Yearbook 4 Play Productions 1-2-3-4



HELEN M. SWAB

During my life I have lead many men-give me the chance and I'll do it again.

Chorus 1, Treasurer 2, Secretary 3, President 4 G.A.A. President 3 Yearbook 3 F.H.A. 1 Play 3 Play Production 4 Cheerleader 4

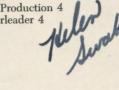


DOUGLAS R. CLARK

"Doug" Experience is the name everyone gives to his mis-

takes. Baseball 1-2-3-4 Football 1-2 Basketball 1-2-3-4 Varsity Club 1-2, Treasurer 3-4 F.F.A. 2-3-4

S.R.A. 3 Bible Club Vice President 3-4



RUSSELL D. BURCH The will of man is by his reason swayed. Football 1-2-3-4 Basketball 1-2-3 Varsity Club 1-2-3-4 F.F.A. 3



MELVYN R. SWAB "Mel"

Fond of fun, sports and business after.

Football 1-2-3-4 Basketball 1-2-3-4 Baseball 1-3-4 Track 1-3-4 Varsity Club 4 F.F.A. 1-2-3-4 Athletic Association 4 Play Production 3



JUDITH A. HAGA "Judy" Her swimming puts walkers to shame. Pattengill Junior High School

Eastern High School 2-3 Yearbook 4



laughter, pleasure first and

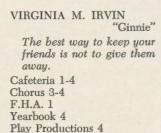
Men are born to lie and women to believe them. Pattengill Junior High School Eastern High School 2 F.H.A. 3-4 Chorus 4 Play Production 3

DELPHIAN D. MUND





STANLEY D. FAIR The biggest fool hasn't been born yet. F.F.A. 2-3, Vice President 4 Bible Club 3 Play Productions 3



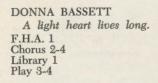


GERRY ROZAN "Gerry" A rolling stone gathers no moss, but it gains a certain polish. Campion Jesuit High School 2 Play Production 4 Football 1-4 Track 4 Varsity Club 4 Yearbook 3-4



BETTY JEAN PENNER "Betty" Benefactors: One who makes two smiles grow where one grew before. East Lansing 1 Chorus 3-4 G.A.A. 3

Cheerleader 3-4





ROBERT M. FARR "Bob" A young man with a good appetite is always broke. Baseball 2-3 Football 2-3-4 Varsity Club 4 Bowling 3 Play Productions 3-4 Cafeteria 4



Eat, Drink, and be merry for tomorrow we have a Band 1, Vice President 2-3, President 4 Class Treasurer 1 J.E.T.S. 3-4 Bowling 3 Play 4 Projection 3-4 Play Production 3

CLIFFORD D. LINE "Dan"

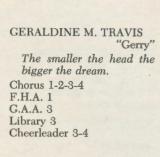


DELORES A. DAVIDSON It is well when one is judging a friend to remember she is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality. Chorus 1-2-4 F.H.A. 1-4 Bible Club 3-4





ROBERT L. LIEBY "Bob"
One of the secrets of happiness is to eat what you want and let the food fight it out inside.
F.F.A. 3-4
Shop Manager
Baseball 2-4
Play Production





CARLA J. WINTER

"Carlie"

I can resist everything except temptation.

F.H.A. 1

Chorus 1-2

Yearbook 3-4

Library 4

Play Production 3-4

G.A.A. 3





THOMAS J. LOCK "Tom"

The love game is never called off because of darkness.

Grand Haven High School 1-2-3

Basketball 4

Football 4

Chorus 3-4

LE VON A. PRENTICE

Haste is a thing foreign
to my nature.

Jets 3-4
J.E.T.S. 3-4
Bowling 3
Band 1-2-3-4
Class Vice President 3
Yearbook 4
Play 3-4

Projection 2-4





JOANNE M. SEELEY "Jo"

Love is like the measles;
we all have to go through
with it.

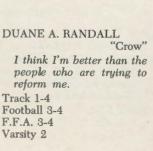
Chorus 1-2-3-4
G.A.A. 3
Library 3
Yearbook 4
F.H.A. 1
Play Production 3
Play 4



RICHARD E. EWING
"Dick"

Speed is the essence of all things.

Varsity Club 3-4
Football 1-2-3-4
Track 1-2-3-4
F.F.A. 2-3-4







BEVERLY MARRISON DIETZ "Bev" Don't take life so seriously, you'll never get out of this world alive anyway.

East Lansing High School 1-2

### WARREN D. KLEIS

About the only thing on a farm that has an easy time is the dog.

F.F.A., Vice President 2, President 4 Band 1 F.F.A. Leadership Training Camp 2



GERALD D. ROOSA

I always get the bette when I argue alone. Track 1-2-3-4 Football 1-2-3-4 Basketball 2 Baseball 2 Varsity Club Secretary 4



ELLARENE COPP "Elly"

Few girls are as well shaped as a good horse.

F.H.A. 1-4

Band 3-4

Play Production 3-4

Chorus 1-3-4

Library 1-3-4

Bowling 3



DONALD K. WHITMYER "Don"

Work is the greatest thing in the world so we should always save some of it for tomorrow.

Football 4 F.F.A. 2-3-4



RAYMOND E. JENKS
"Ray"

What we are afraid to do before men, we should be afraid to think before God.
Leslie 1-2-3
F.F.A. 4

GERALDINE P. BACKES

It is good to be without vice, but it is not good to be without temptation.



### SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

On June 7, 1953, fifty-five Seniors will have graduated, of which 22 started on the road to education in the little white frame school building. We will pass over the years in-between and meet them as Freshmen in high school. The officers that year were: President, Paul Roney; Vice President, Dennis Pannabecker; Treasurer, Dan Line; Secretary, Connie McClelland. Since they were the last class in Okemos to be initiated, the sophomores did a good job, but they were given a nice party afterwards. To stoke their treasury they put on a Stanley party in October, and a plastic party in November. They gave their first dance, called "Shamrock Swirl," with Ed Berry's orchestra furnishing the musical background. The Sophomore year got off to a roaring start under the leadership of Keith Palmerton, President; Max Benne, Vice President; Marilyn Bennett, Secretary; and Shirley Parker, Treasurer. This year they gave a semi-formal dance with the theme "Christmas Isle" and Herb Fox's orchestra. In April they put on "April Showers," decorating with paper flowers and umbrellas. In their junior year the first party was "Harvest Moon"; mood music was furnished by Jerry Warren's orchestra. To fatten their treasury they sponsored a series of paper drives. During the Christmas holidays, they sold cards and paper. Later on they put on a swiss steak dinner. "My Favorite Girl Friend" was their Junior play, under the direction of Miss Schram.

As it is the custom of each class to leave something to the school, the class of "53," along with the classes of "52" and "54," presented the school with a beautiful set of plywood props.

Much thought and preparation was used to make the Junior-Senior banquet a success. Yellow flowers and blue and silver place-cards carried out the theme of "Sentimental Serenade." For the first time it was held in the parlors of the Union Building on the campus of Michigan State College. After a delicious dinner, they danced to the music of Jerry Warren and his orchestra.

Paul Roney and Dennis Pannabecker were selected to attend Boys' State.

The class officers during the Junior year were: Richard Hartsuff, President; LeVon Prentice, Vice President; Heather Webb, Secretary; and Nancy Voelker, Treasurer. The Senior year was upon them before they realized it. They held the "Homecoming" dance at the first of the year. "One Mad Night" was the title of the play put on in the fall by the Seniors. Being a humorous mystery it filled the gym two nights in succession. Christmas trees and greens decorated the tables and gym for the Alumni banquet. Every member of the class participated in putting on a magnificent dinner for the Alumni.

To supplement their treasury, with visions of Washington, D. C., in their eyes, they sponsored a rummage sale. Suddenly May 10 was there, and they left for a wonderful six-day trip to Washington, D. C. Then, at last, Baccalaureate Sunday; and a week later Commencement with Edgar Guest as their speaker.

The officers for the Senior year were: President, Paul Roney; Vice President, Howard Sheldon; Secretary, Janet Drennan, and Treasurer, Nancy Voelker.

The Senior sponsors were Mrs. Clemow and Mr. Valo.

JEAN AVERY and HEATHER WEBB

### JUNIOR PLAY



Standing: Gloria Shaull, Connie McClelland, Howard Sheldon, Helen Swab, Paul Roney, Jerry Snider, Gerald Roosa, Don Shipley, Miss Schram.

Seated: Donna Bassett, Richard Hartsuff, Jean Avery, Evelyn Kohls, Margaret Black, Janet Drennan.





"My Favorite Girl Friend," a laughable, romantic comedy. Given under the fine direction of Miss Schram.



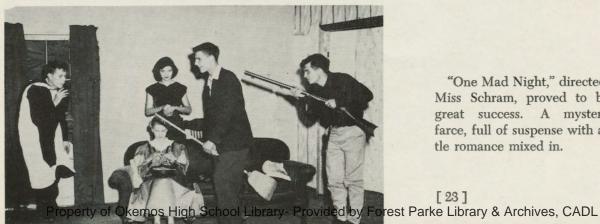
### SENIOR PLAY



Standing: Janet Drennan, Jean Avery, Margaret Black, Richard Hartsuff, Max Benne, Duane Bell, Charles Stevens, Ralph Brown, Donna Bassett, Nancy Voelker, Howard Sheldon, Miss Schram. Seated: Dan Line, Jo-Anne Seeley, Delphian Mund, Marian Fichter, Dorothy Fisher, Marilyn Bennett, LeVon Prentice.







"One Mad Night," directed by Miss Schram, proved to be a great success. A mysterious farce, full of suspense with a little romance mixed in.

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### "SENTIMENTAL SERENADE"

For the first time in the school's history the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom was held away from the school itself. The growing numbers of Juniors and Seniors have made it necessary to find a larger place. In 1952 it was held in the parlors of the Union Building on the campus of Michigan State College. Yellow daffodils and blue and silver place cards decorated the tables for the banquet. Music for the dance was furnished by Jerry Warren and his orchestra. It was an unforgettable experience for all.



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### JUNIOR CLASS



Class Advisor MRS. BARNES



President
MIKE
SWEENEY



Vice President JON KRIEDER



Secretary CHARLENE PEACOCK



Treasurer PEGGY PARKER



Class Advisor
MISS SCHRAM

The Junior year for the Class of '54 has been one in which its members have shown greater participation in high school activities than in former years. From the class roll of forty-six members, several have been active on the various student committees. Mary Elg, Dennis Avery, and Jerry Bosworth were on the Representative Assembly. Mary Aldrich served on the Bulletin Committee while Shirley Davidson and Joyce Tomlinson represented the class on the Citizenship Committee. Chuck Webb, working with the Assembly Committee, helped in the planning of better programs.

Encouraged by Shirley Burch, Kay Sweet, and other cheerleaders; Bob Davidson, Jon Kreider, Fred Buehler, Harold Greer, Mike Sweeney, Dennis Avery, Merrill Edwards, Chuck Webb, Jerry Bosworth, George Barr, Kyle Aldrich, and Glenn Bassett helped to bring several victories to the Chieftain teams.

Throughout the year the Juniors managed ice cream and baked goods sales to increase their treasury. On February 7 they served a ham dinner to raise more money.

Two events which the class had looked forward to with eagerness and pleasure were the Junior play, "Very Untruly Yours," and the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom, Auf Wiedersehen, which successfully closed the activities of their eleventh year.

Now the Class of '54 looks forward to assuming the responsibilities of leadership and the joys of accomplishment presented by the Senior year.

NIKKI BRAUNER

### THE JUNIORS



JIM DODGE

ROBERT WELLS



MORRIS REASON



FRED BUEHLER



MARY ELG



PHYLLIS McFARREN



GEORGE BARR



ROBERT DAVIDSON



SHIRLEY BURCH



JUNE COOLEY



BILL



JERRY BOSWORTH



CHARLENE HAGERMAN



BARBARA GRANT



NANCY WHITMYER



LOUISE BRAUNER



JIM KRANZ



JOANNE CARVER



MARY ALDRICH

### THE JUNIORS



JONNINE McKINLEY



HAROLD GREER



DENNIS AVERY



CHARLES WEBB



HELEN HAYS



BEVERLY BELL



HOWARD TRAVIS



CLAIR ROBINSON



JOYCE TOMLINSON



SHIRLEY DAVIDSON



MEHMILL



GERALD KWAST



JANET HENDERSON



VIOLA WILLITS

Not Pictured

NIKKI BRAUNER

KAY SWEET

MARLENE PHILLIPS



REBECCA ASH



ANNA THOMPSON



ELDON BURLEY



KYLE ALDRICH



### SOPHOMORE CLASS



Treasurer
MARJIE MOUSER



President
KEITHA SHAULL



Secretary
SHIRLEY MAYNARD

The Sophomore class has a membership of fifty-three. The two sponsors are Mrs. Rood and Mrs. Hodgins, and there are two homeroom mothers, Mrs. Swanberg and Mrs. Ferrar. They have helped the class in their activities during the year.

The class officers are: President, Keitha Shaull; Vice-President, Carl Burch; Treasurer, Marjie Mouser; Secretary, Shirley Maynard; Representative Assembly, John Swanberg, Tom Murphy, and Keitha Shaull; Assembly Committee, Bill Nash; Citizenship Committee, Ed Weiss and John Grettenberger.

On September 30, the Sophomores gave a party for the Freshmen to introduce them to high school activities. It was in charge of Mr. Arden Peterson, whose parties are always popular with the students, and was highly successful.

The Sophomore class sold candy at football games and part of the basketball games to raise money for their treasury.



Vice President CARL BURCH

In November the class accepted an invitation from the Haslett Sophomores for a roller skating party at Lake Lansing.

For their Christmas project, the class helped buy lamps and decorations for a tree for the County Home.

The Sophomore class is looking forward to two more busy and successful years.

Georgia Yeoman Marjie Mouser



Class Advisor
MRS. MARY ROOD

### THE SOPHOMORES



TOM MURPHY



JOHN SWANBERG



ED WEISS



BILL NASH



CAROL WEBB



MARGIE COOPER



BEVERLY BUTTERWICK



JIM WOODRUFF



JEANIE BALL



MORRIS HOLLOWAY



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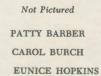
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MARJORIE MOUSER



MARSHA **JANES** 



JERRY TELLING



CLAUDE **EDWARDS** 



GORDON PIPER



JACK STEVENS



TERRY PEASE



CLAUDIA ROBERTS



BETTY MARTIN



WENDELL BATES



# **FRESHMEN**



HENRY VISGER



CARL RICHEY



CLARK HARRIS



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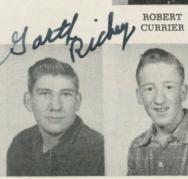


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DICK COOPER



GARTH RICHEY



**JERRY** COURTRIGHT



CAROL FRASER



ROBERTA BOVEE



SANDRA MONTAVEN



CAROL CASSELMAN



SHELBY GREER



JOAN RIDGE



ALLAN HOUGHTON



KENARD SNIDER



ALLAN WELLS

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#### EIGHTH GRADE



Sixty-five eighth graders began their year under the guidance of Miss Buckwick and Miss Biddinger. Class officers are: President, Joan Bratzler; Vice-President, Stuart Rueffer; Secretary, Alice Mouser; Treasurer, Ed Thomas; S. R. A., Jim Krieder, Carol Avery

In the fall the class had a welcoming party for the seventh grade and in February a pot luck was held honoring the parents of the eighth graders. They are looking forward to four more years of parties and accomplishments.



BETTY REINERTSEN



## EIGHTH GRADE



NICHOLS

LINE

## SEVENTH GRADE



The seventh grade started the school year with 59 students in the two home rooms. They took part in the magazine sales which proved a very successful project for them. They sold the most magazines. On Feb. 26th they held a

ALEX

PANSHIN

**JOHN** 

LAIRD

**JERRY** 

SHELTON

**JEAN** 

SPROWL

IRIS JEANE

PRENTICE

MARY JANE

DONALDSON

# SEVENTH GRADE



family night potluck supper in the gym and 175 people attended. The home room mothers of their class are Mrs. Jason and Mrs. Shelton. Their home room teachers are Mrs. Prentice and Mrs. Youngblood.



# IMPORTANT PEOPLE

What would we do without these two helpers?

No wonder the lunch line is so crowded. Our lunches are home cooked by our own mothers . . . and that makes it good!





What would happen if all of these men were sick one morning! Not much, that's for sure!

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# SCHOOL SCENES

When our girls finish home ec., they really know home ec.!

Everything and anything is learned in the clerical training class.



Chemistry can be fun, but watch out there . . . don't stand too close!

Here a woman has her own opinion in mathematics, too.

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## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

- September 5 Registration. Back to the grind.
  - 19 Football at Fowlerville. 14-7.
  - 26 Football Haslett H. 0-27.
  - 26 Homecoming Dance Seniors. What a dance!
  - 30 Sophomore-Freshman Party. Welcome, Freshmen.
- October 3 Football Williamston T. 32-8.
  - 4 Seniors Turkey Dinner. Boy, am I full!
  - 10 Football Dansville T. 19-0.
  - 10 Eighth grade party. Starting young.
  - 15 Journalism Day. Let's start the yearbook.
  - 16-17 M. E. A. No school. Time for a rest.
  - 17 Football Holt T. 6-13.
  - 24 Football Stockbridge H. 13-12.
  - 31 Football Leslie H. 28-6.
  - 31 Hallowe'en party. Watch out for the goblins!
- November 6 Father-Son Banquet. No girls allowed!
  - 7 Football Everett H. 14-13. Them Bums.
  - 20 Senior Play Matinee. Good work!
  - 21-22 Senior play. What actors!
  - 26 Basketball Leslie H. 55-29. Swell start!
  - 27-28 Thanksgiving No school. Thank goodness!
- December 5 Basketball Fowlerville T. 65-53. Ain't we good?
  - 8 Basketball Stockbridge H. 40-48. Can't always win.
  - 12 Dansville H. 75-52. Easy one.
  - 19 Holt T. 47-55. Share and share alike.
  - 19 Christmas Party. Too much treat.
  - 19 Christmas vacation. At last!
  - 27 Alumni Banquet. Welcome back, grads! Holiday tournaments, 1 out of 3. What fun!
- January 6 School resumes. Not again!!
  - 6 Williamston H. 58-57. Hot race.
  - 9 Haslett T. 48-47. Big let down.
  - 13 Pied Piper Puppets. Hi, Dan'l Boone.
  - 16 Leslie T. 54-47. Send up a rocket.
  - 20 Presidential Inauguration. TV yet!
  - 23 Fowlerville H. 58-39. Believe it or not!
  - 23 First semester ends. No school. That's over!
  - 30 Holt T. 43-53. Oh, well!

## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

- February 6 Williamston T. 42-50. Let's get on the ball.
  - 7 Juniors' Ham Dinner. Yumm, yumm.
  - 10 Mr. Sage leaves. Mrs. Arasim takes over.
  - 11 No school. Quick breather.
  - 13 Dansville T.
  - 13 Talent Show. What talent!
  - 18 Government Day at Mason. Seniors only.
  - 20 Haslett H. Those extra three minutes.
  - 24 P. T. A. Kummunity Kapers. Eee Gad!
  - 27 Holt Assembly.
  - 27 Stockbridge T.
- March 4, 5, 6, 7 District Tournament. Good luck, boys.
  - 11, 12, 13, 14 Regional Tournament. Still in the race?
  - 17 B. I. E. Day. No school. Teachers getting educated.
  - 18, 20, 21 Final tournaments. Those are over.
  - 26 Junior Play Matinee. No stage fright.
  - 27, 28 Junior Play. Real professionals.
- April 3 Easter vacation. Nice weather?
  - 6 Back to classes. Now for the finish line.
  - 24 Mother-Daughter Banquet. Girls' turn now.
- May 2 Junior-Senior Prom. It was heavenly.
  - 3 Day after the prom. My aching feet!
  - 8 Chorus concert. Just like birds.
  - 10 Seniors leave on trip. Steady, Jr's., Steady.
  - 16 Seniors return. Sleep, sleep, sleep.
  - 24 Senior Assembly. Kinda' corney!
  - 31 Baccalaureate. It's almost over.
- June 4 No school. This is it!
  - 5 Report cards. You pass?
  - 7 Commencement. So-long Seniors.
  - 8 Everything done. Kinda dull around school.

## WHAT IF . . . . .

Margaret Black became a commedienne?

Gerry Travis became a college cheerleader?

Jo Anne Seeley became a famous secretary?

Al Cudworth became a boat racer for Shafer's?

Janet Drennan became an artist?

Paul Roney became a Democrat?

Le Von Prentice wrote a joke book?

Ralph Brown was a scientist on Mars?

Judy Haga wrote love sonnets?

Dorothy Fisher had to always run a mimeograph?

Howard Sheldon became a Chinese valet?

Dick Netzloff were a rich farmer?

Bob Farr went to Paris as a chef?

Duane Randall played midget baseball?

Evelyn Kohls was a wealthy private nurse?

Jerry Snider became a poor engineer?

Dan Line wrote science fiction?

Keith Palmerton won fame with his uke?

Richard Hartsuff owned a Cadillac?

Ellarene Copp owned a horse ranch?

Joyce Groh became a TV celebrity?

Russ Burch were to teach Home and Family Living?

Virginia Irvin won more prizes selling cards?

Tom Lock became an opera star?

Our school suddenly grew smaller?

The Board of Education forgot to work for good policies?

Miss Schram became a Broadway play director?

Mr. Kiley forgot how to play football?

Mr. Claycomb didn't have a band?

Mrs. Clemow stopped braggin' about her class of '53?

Mr. Prether went on strike?

The kitchen help couldn't cook?

Mrs. Rood didn't have to worry about her yearbook?

Miss Mantey was to teach Ag class?

Mr. Arasim didn't have a new joke every day?

Mrs. Hodgins talked fast and furious?

Miss Buckwick taught shop?

Miss Biddinger became a pro basketball player?

Mr. Valo taught girls "homemaking"?

## WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF . . . . .

Don Whitmyer went on a strenuous diet?

Stanley Fair were to suddenly become quiet?

Warren Kleis quit working in the F. F. A.?

Melvyn Swab didn't tease Helen?

Doug Clark wasn't a hard worker anymore?

Dennis Pannabecker didn't always have an answer?

Marilyn Bennett went back to pigtails?

Gerry Backes wasn't a nice kid?

Nancy Voelker failed her last year?

Marion Fichter stopped being in "love"?

Jack Stillman liked all his teachers?

Max Benne didn't know parliamentary procedure?

Annette Southwell wouldn't wear her pretty earrings?

Bob Lieby got all "A's"?

Ray Jenks became a millionaire?

Maxine Scheffer ever stopped talking?

Gloria Shaull had blonde hair?

Delores Davidson wasn't friendly?

Donna Bassett didn't giggle?

Heather Webb wasn't "everybody's helper"?

Gerald Roosa stopped running?

Carla Winter resisted temptation?

Duane Bell didn't laugh at his teachers' jokes?

Dick Ewing couldn't run in track?

Helen Swab quit flirting?

Betty Jean Penner cut her hair?

Beverly Dietz wasn't always happy?

Charles Stevens never argued?

Jean Avery disliked children?

Delphain Mund wouldn't smile?

Gerry Rozan got a decent haircut?

Mr. Richards grew tall and skinny like Duane Randall?

Mrs. Anderson never sang again?

Mrs. Barnes blew up the chemistry lab?

Mrs. Lamb forgot how to talk?

Mr. Baker couldn't play basketball?

Mr. Cook taught shorthand?

Vickie and Millie couldn't type?

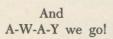
The seventh graders were quiet and orderly?

Is anyone watching the game?



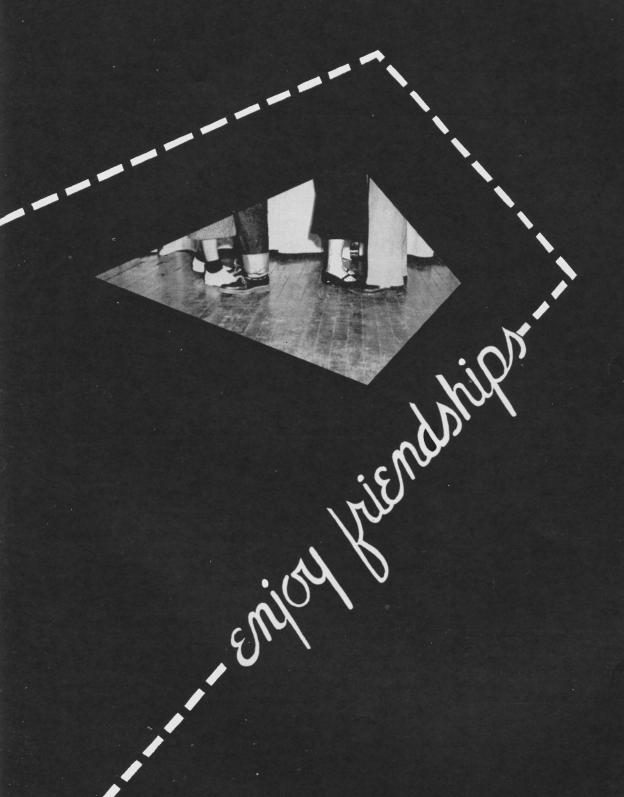


The most popular school activity.





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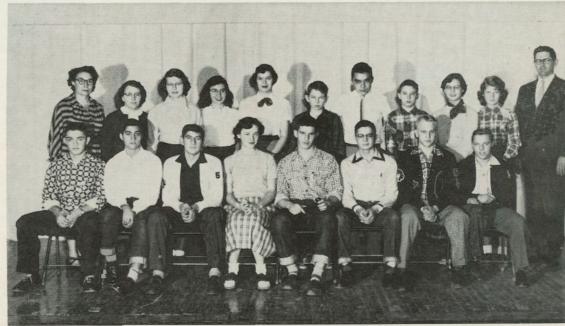
# ORGANIZATIONS

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#### STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY



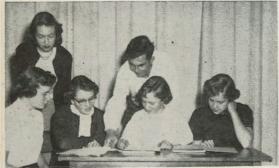
Charter Committee: Carl Ferrar, John Swanberg, Al Cudworth.





Assembly Committee — Bottom Row: Arthur Brauner, Chuck Webb, Margaret Black, Carol Casselman.

Top Row: Bill Nash, John Maynard, Jean



Bulletin Board Committee: Mary Aldrich, Mrs. Anderson, Keitha Shaull, Mary Ellen Eberly, Duane Bell, Anne Warner.

The Student Representative Assembly is under the leadership of Max Benne, President; Dennis Pannabecker, Vice-President; Heather Webb, Secretary; and Dennis Avery, Treasurer. Standing Committees that have been functioning this year are the Election, Policy, Citizenship, Assembly, Charter, Bulletin Board, Budget, and Publicity committees.

They have successfully carried out several activities. Instead of having the Hallowe'en Carnival the Student Representative Assembly sponsored a fun night with each class responsible for some form of activity. At Christmas time, the Student Representative Assembly representatives held a party to make popcorn and candy for the rest of the students. They also decorated a large Christmas tree for the party.

During the fall they were hosts to the Ingham County League Student Council meeting. When officers were elected, Dennis Avery was elected Vice-President.

The Student Representative Assembly taxed each class this year to obtain operating expenses.

They have had a very good year and are looking ahead to a prosperous year during 1953-1954.

#### JUNIOR ENGINEER TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS

The J.E.T.S. (Junior Engineer Training for Schools) Club was organized last year with fourteen members. This year they have eleven members who are interested in many different branches of engineering, some of which are: electrical, metallurgical, mechanical, chemical and civil.

When they elected officers, the results were:

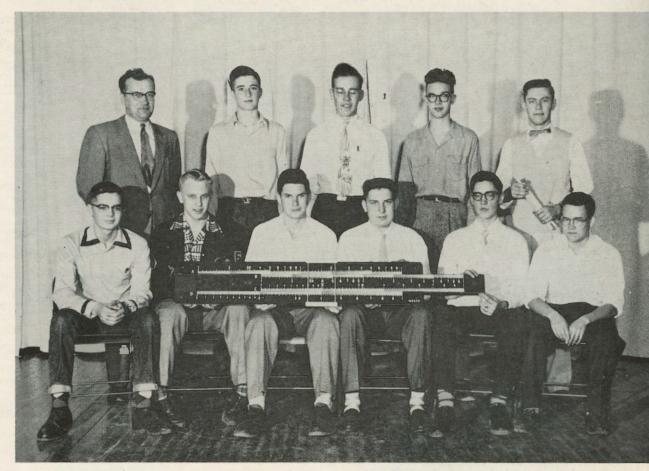
Jerry Snider	Captain (President)
Howard Sheldon	
LeVon Prentice	. Communications (Secretary)
Mr. Arasim	Jet Pilot (School Advisor)
Mr. R. J. Waalkes	Consulting Engineer, M.S.C.

Most of the meetings have been held on Monday night in the Math room. For entertainment they have had either a movie or an engineer (teacher or student) come out to talk to us from Michigan State College.

On Friday, March 6, they put on an assembly for the student body which showed some basic engineering and physics principles.

The J.E.T.S. Club has also taken some trips. They have gone to the Career Carnival which was held at M.S.C. and to the Engineering Exposition which was held there also. They have plans for a trip to the Oldsmobile Jet Plant in Lansing.

This club has been very profitable for its members.



Bottom Row: Dennis Avery, Dennis Pannabecker, Howard Sheldon, Ed Weiss, Dan Line, Jim Dodge. Top Row: Mr. Arasim, Bill Nash, LeVon Prentice, Ralph Brown, Jerry Snider.

#### LIBRARY

**OFFICERS** 

Sponsor MRS. ROOD

Vice President SHIRLEY BURCH

President
PEGGY PARKER

Secretary and Treasurer LOUISE BRAUNER





Janet Henderson, Maxine Scheffer, Ellarene Copp, Nancy Voelker.



Carla Winter, Kay Sweet, Becky Ash, Beverly Butterwick, Marie Jenks, Kay McNitt, Patty Barber, Carol Casselman, Nancy Whitmyer.

Not Pictured: Betty Martin, Georgia Yeoman, Jeanne Matthews.

The library has been greatly improved this year by the work of the Library Club. They hold a business meeting once every two weeks and the girls receive one-half credit a year for their work. They have done their best to make the library a better and more pleasant place to work in. The library greatly appreciated the generous donation of five boxes of books by Mrs. Edward Shipley. The Library Club also takes time for fun and has enjoyed parties through the year.



#### BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club under the leadership of the first and second semester officers gained new heights. The club motto is "Christ for Okemos" and the club verse is I Timothy 4:12.

One of the chief aims of the club is to spread the word of Christ and provide Christian fellowship for all.

Throughout the year the club has held a Hallowe'en, Christmas, and Valentine Party.



# **CHORUS**

The first purpose of the High School Chorus is to provide musical entertainment for the school and community. Their first performance, under the direction of Mrs. Anderson, was the Thanksgiving Assembly in November. During the Christmas season the chorus presented a concert for the High School. February brought a choral program for mothers and fathers at P. T. A., in April they sang music with an Easter theme for the High School, and in May they presented the Spring Concert.

Twenty out of 37 members are seniors and will sing their last performance as members of the group during graduation activities.



#### F.F.A.

The agriculture classes grew to forty-one members during 1952-53. Ag. III was included for those interested in further study in farming. Many approved methods of agriculture were demonstrated in a practical way in the class projects with corn, wheat, chicken, lamb, asparagus, and fruit.

The F.F.A. purchased a tractor for use on the school projects and for the boys to use on their gardens and home projects. It is also used by the school for maintaining the lawns, driveways, and athletic field.

In their effort to produce better farm products, they have won many prizes at the County Fair. Their Soil Conservation Exhibit also attracted much attention at the Fair.

Because of the encouragement and cooperation, the F.F.A. conferred the degree of Honorary Chapter Farmer on Superintendent George Richards.

The Ag. II class again attended the Livestock Show in Chicago and had a lot of fun.



Okemos F.F.A. exhibited at the Ingham County Fair in August, 1952. They won firsts in wheat, oats, and alfalfa. Here Ag. III class is looking over the honors which they won.



# F.F.A.





Ag II hauls dirt with the tractor which the F.F.A. purchased. The tractor was bought as a farm shop project by the members of the F.F.A.

In the fall of 1952 the F.F.A. put on an assembly for the high school which demonstrated many of the farm implements.





Ag I took a course in the care of the farm tractor. Here they are learning the principles of the internal combustion engine.



# F.H.A.

The F.H.A. Chapter was organized last year and officers were elected for the coming year. The program for this year was planned around the purposes set up by the State and National Associations for F.H.A. One of the chapter's activities was to go caroling at Christmas to the County Farm. Again this year the chapter sold candied apples as a money-making project. In February a Family Night was held for the members and their parents. Some members attended the regional meeting at Alma and learned ways of improving the chapter. Delegates were also sent to the State Convention at M.S.C. and Leadership Training Camp at St. Mary's Lake.

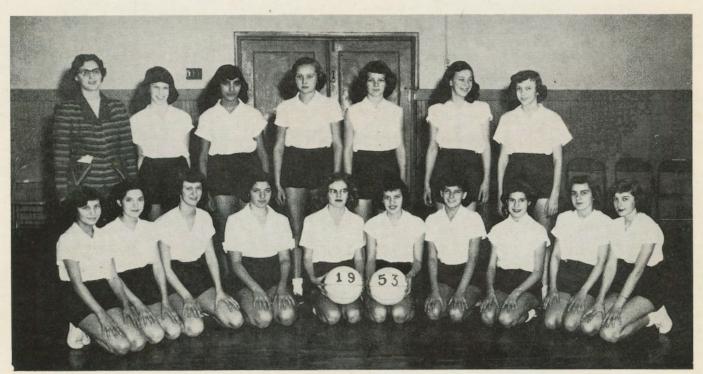




#### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bottom Row: Bob Davidson, Mr. Sage, Mr. Kiley, Mel Swab, Mr. Baker. Top Row: Allan Houghton, John Swanberg.

The Athletic Association is a committee that was formed this year for the purpose of handling the funds of the Varsity Club. All expenditures and disbursements for athletic purposes are handled through this club. It is composed of the principal, the coaches, a Varsity Club representative, Student Representative Assembly representative, and two members from the student body at large.



# G.A.A.

Bottom Row: Alice Burch, Jackie Paty, Jackie Ball, Elaine Kalush, Peggy Parker, Alice Mouser, Judy Sweeney, Melissa Line, Beverly Yeoman, Connie Emery.

Top Row: Miss Biddinger, Joe de Martelle, Janet Solomon, Josephine Nichols, Nancy Miller, Betty Reinertsen, Marilyn Hogle.



# BAND

The school band has grown to the extent of 72 members in the senior group and an overall total of 189 instrumentalists in the grades four to twelve.

They have studied various compositions throughout the year equal to senior A schools and above.

The musicians performed at many functions including district and state solo and ensemble contests, plus trips to further their education in music appreciation.

The director tries to combine good, wholesome fun with a direct approach to being good citizens and musicians who will later on contribute to their community the values that make an art valuable to our way of life.

They wish to thank one and all for all the contributions in helping them toward their goals of buying new uniforms and increasing their musical knowledge.

# JUNIOR BAND



# CHEERLEADERS

DIANE McDONALD SHIRLEY BURCH GERALDINE TRAVIS HELEN SWAB KAY SWEET





## PEP BAND

The Pep Band has continued its activities from last year by supplying lively music at pep meetings and games. The Pep Band has been a large factor in boosting our school spirit to its peak. At games their stirring music aroused the spirit of all the spectators and often led to a larger cheering section.

# **MAJORETTES**

The Okemos Majorettes have accomplished a lot this past year. They have marched in the Armistice Day Parade in Lansing, twirled at pep meetings and games. They also marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Lansing.



#### VARSITY CLUB



Bottom Row: Paul Roney, Treasurer; Dick Ewing, President; Jerry Roosa, Secretary; Harold Greer, Vice President.

Top Row: Faculty Advisors, Mr. Sage, Mr. Kiley, Mr. Baker.

The Okemos Varsity Club started out the year by electing the following officers: Dick Ewing, President; Harold Greer, Vice-President; Gerald Roosa, Secretary; and Paul Roney, Treasurer. Under this new leadership, plus the help of the sponsors Mr. Kiley, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Sage, they set up a program of activities for the coming year. Some of these activities included the initiation of new members into the club, going to a hockey game in Detroit, selling school emblems, taking in the state basketball finals, and many other various events.

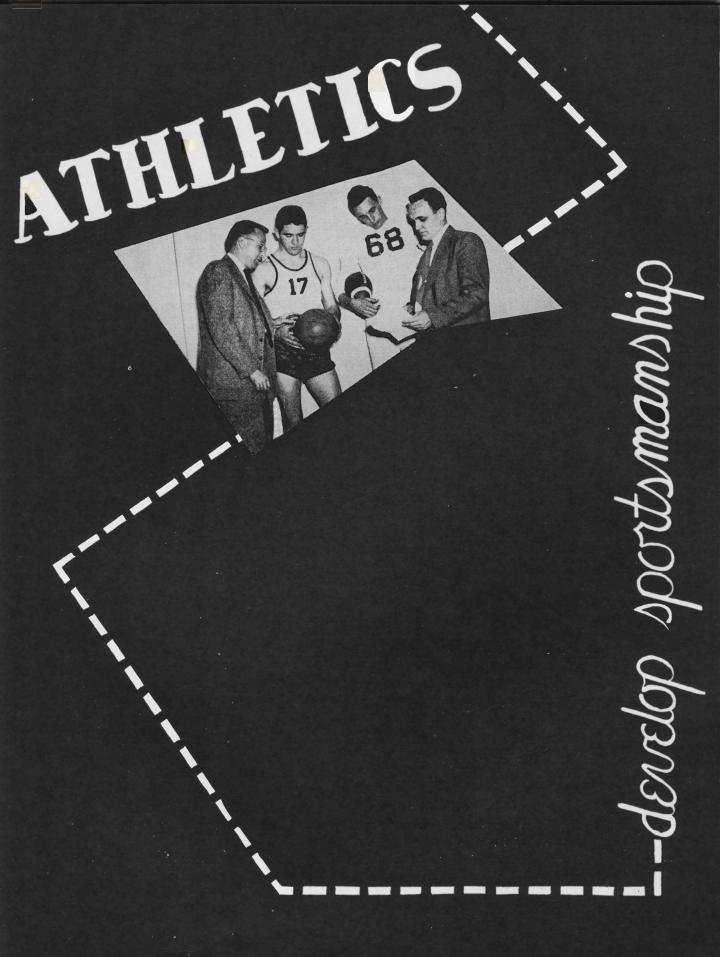
The club's twenty members have worked hard to get the club on its feet again and have had a lot of fun doing it.

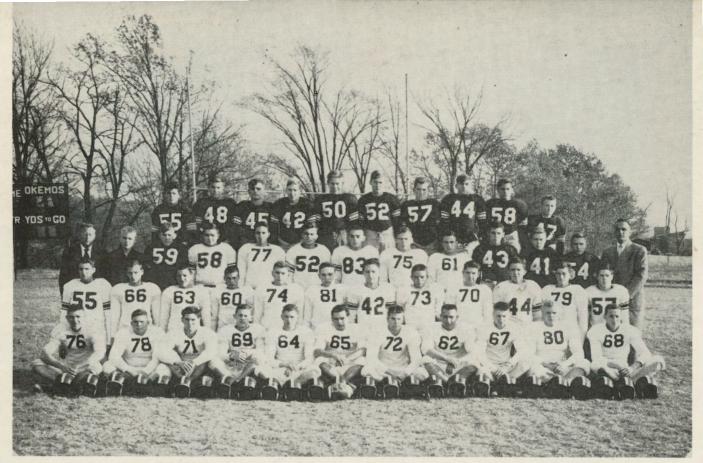


Bottom Row: Bob Farr, Jerry Roosa, Paul Roney, Dick Ewing, Russ Burch, Mel Swab, Gerry Rozan, Doug Clark.

Middle Row: Mr. Baker, Kyle Aldrich, Harold Greer, Bud Burch, Merrill Edwards, Harold Redman, John Grettenberger, Mr. Kiley, Mr. Sage.

Top Row: George Barr, Terry Pease, Wendall Bates, Jon Kreider, Mike Sweeney.





Front Row: Harold Greer, Don Whitmeyer, Merrill Edwards, Keith Palmerton, Melvyn Swab, Dick Ewing, Gerry Roosa, Russ Burch, Gerry Rozan, Paul Roney, Duane Randall.

Second Row: George Barr, Tom Lock, Carl Burch, Mike Sweeney, John Grettenberger, Kyle Aldrich, Robert Farr, Glenn Bassett, Harold Redman, Leon Backus, Wendell Bates, Charles Webb.

Third Row: Coach Baker, Manager Morris Holloway, Allan Wells, Dennis Avery, Terry Pease, Duane Bell, Jerry Bosworth, Allan Cudworth, Gorden Piper, Bob Hughes, David Dreps, Dick Barnard, Coach Kiley.

Fourth Row: Ronnie Murphy, Robert Bell, Jim Woodruff, Russell Roosa, Dick Cooper, Allan Houghton, Carleton Bennett, Garth Richey, Claude Edwards, Dennis Webb.

# FOOTBALL 1952

Okemos opened the season against Fowlerville and won the game 14-7 by scoring two touchdowns in the final two minutes of the game.

The next week Haslett downed the Chiefs 27-0, but the following week Okemos came back for a 32-8 victory over Williamston. This victory trail was lengthened by Okemos' defeat of Dansville 19-0.

Holt defeated the Chiefs the next week, 13-6, in a hard-fought game marked by cold weather, fumbles, and spectacular plays.

The Stockbridge Panthers invaded Okemos and the Chieftains clubbed 13-12 in a close, hard-fought game.

The Leslie Blackhawks were the next to fall prey to the Okemos hunters. They went down to a 28-6 defeat as Mel Swab passed for three touchdowns, lateraled for the other, and kicked the extra points.

Everett was the season's last opponent and the Capitol Circuit team was lucky to get a 14-13 decision.

This gave the team a 5-3 season's record, and earned them second place in the Ingham County League with a 5-2 slate against league opponents.



THE MAIL MUST GO THROUGH.

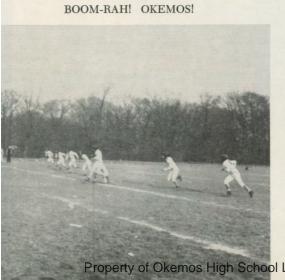


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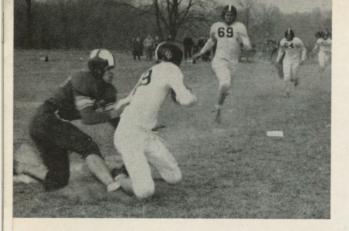


TEAMWORK!

RAPID RICHARD RIDES AGAIN!



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#### SENIOR SHORTS

These men have played their last game for Okemos, but they will be remembered for the fine work they have shown in their plays.

DUANE BELL - Specializing in defensive work, he was usually the first man through the enemy line.

RUSSELL BURCH - The hardest driving back on the team, and a fine defensive end, Russ excelled on plays through the line.

ALLAN CUDWORTH - A fierce tackler, he was the team's best linebacker.

DICK EWING – The fastest man on the team and a fine broken field runner, Dick was a big factor in the team's fine showing this season.

ROBERT FARR – He was always out working and only the players know the value of pressure from behind.

TOM LOCK - Tom was always pushing the first-stringers for a starting berth, and kept them on their toes.

KEITH PALMERTON – This was Keith's third year as starting guard. Though light, he was the team's fastest lineman, and he used this to good advantage.

DUANE RANDALL - The harder the catch was for anyone else, the easier it was for this tall end to make.

PAUL RONEY – He was the biggest man on the team, and a fine tackle. He could always plug his hole or open anyone else's.

GERRY ROOSA - A big, fast halfback, Gerry could be counted on in a pinch.

GERRY ROZAN – The starting center, Gerry could always be counted on to do his job. He was a good blocker and a hard tackler.

MELVYN SWAB – He was the quarterback, passer, and extra point kicker, and he did a fine job at all three.



#### BASKETBALL.



The Okemos Chiefs started the season off with a bang, beating Leslie 55-29. They kept up the pace when they played Fowlerville, beating them 65-53, before losing to Stockbridge, 40-48, in the next game. They found the basket again against Dansville, smothering them with a score of 73-52. They were then beaten by Holt, 47-55.

In the Holiday Tournaments they were beaten by Everett, 31-50, and they defeated Boys' Vocational School, 55-43. DeWitt then put the Chieftains out of the tournament by defeating them in a close game of 53-50.

Back in league play again, they skinned by Williamston, 58-57, and then lost to Haslett,

The team won its next two games, beating Leslie, 54-47, and Fowlerville, 58-39, but then they ran up against two teams who were out to scalp them and they lost to Holt, 43-53, and Williamston, 42-50.

The team seemed to lose its touch against Dansville, when they were defeated by a score of 54-72, but they played inspired ball the next week, and were beaten by only two points by supposedly superior Haslett, 53-55.

In the last game of the season, the team lost to Stockbridge, 51-58, and the next week the same team eliminated them from the tournaments, 28-37.

Harold Greer was the team's top pointmaker. He tossed in 266 points in 18 games, for an average of 14.8 points per game.



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#### RESERVE BASKETBALL

Front Row: Carl Burch, Ronnie Murphy, John Swanberg, Dick Barnard, Bob Hughes, Carl Richey. Back Row: Coach Kiley, Garth Richey, Carlton Bennett, Dick Cooper, George Voss, Bill Nash, John Grettenberger.

The Little Chiefs got off to a rather slow start this season, losing five of their first seven games, but they improved in the second half of the campaign and came out with a record of 7 wins and 7 losses. The scores were as follows:

Okemos 21	Leslie 54	Okemos 54	Leslie 47
Okemos 52	Fowlerville 41	Okemos 67	Fowlerville 31
Okemos 54	Stockbridge 56	Okemos 55	Holt 58
Okemos 39	Dansville 32	Okemos 75	Williamston 55
Okemos 31	Holt 34	Okemos 65	Dansville 36
Okemos 37	Williamston 48	Okemos 54	Haslett 58
Okemos 48	Haslett 57	Okemos 65	Stockbridge 44

Carl Burch was the team's leading scorer with 193 points in 14 games, for an average of 13.8 points per game.

#### BASEBALL



Front Row: Merrill Edwards, Lyle Davis, Melvyn Swab, Russell Burch, Dana McDonald, Allan Cudworth, Dennis Pannabecker.

Bottom Row: Coach Dunn, Miles Church, Don Shipley, Dave Adams, Jon Kreider, Morris Holloway, Manager.

Okemos was slow at the start of its 1952 baseball schedule. They dropped their first game with Fowlerville 12-2.

The next game they really hit their stride but lost a tied game 5-4, with Leslie.

During the next two games, Okemos was in one of those unpredictable slumps that hits every baseball team. They lost to Holt, 11-5, and to Stockbridge 12-4.

May 8 saw a hard-fought battle between Okemos and Williamston with Williamston coming out on top with a 3-2 victory.

Every player on the team ate their "Wheaties" on May 13 and they walloped their rival, Haslett, in a 14-10 triumph.

The last game of the season was another close one. Dansville squeezed out a 3-2 victory over Okemos in a hard hitting and close pitching battle.

#### TRACK



Bottom Row: Danna McDonald, Keith Palmerton, Richard Hartsuff, Russell Burch, Gerry Roosa, Richard Ewing, Miles Church.

Top Row: Coach Weaver, Merrill Edwards, Dennis Avery, Robert Davidson, Terry Pease, Melvyn Swab, Danny Panshin, Charles Webb.

The 1952 Okemos High track team had the most outstanding and record-breaking year that any previous track team has ever had. This fact was proven by their winning or placing high in all the dual and tri-team meets. Many records were broken this year by individuals and also by the relay teams.

Speedy Dick Ewing broke two records this year. The new 100 yd. dash record is 10.1 and the new 220 yd. dash record is 22.7 seconds. Dick hopes to cut down this record next year.

Dick Hartsuff ran hard and broke the 880 yd. run record in two minutes and seven seconds.

The half-mile relay team, composed of Davidson, Roosa, McDonald, and Ewing, broke the record by a run of one minute, three seconds.

Gerry Roosa kept adding points to the team by breaking the 440 yd. run tape at nearly every meet. Gerry tied the school record and hopes to break it this year.

The track team ended its season by winning the Ingham County Championship. This meet was held at Howell and was the first track meet to be held at night under lights in Ingham County. The team also placed high in the regional and state track meets.

The track team deserves a lot of credit for their wonderful record, and their next year promises to be as outstanding.



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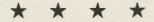
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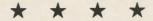
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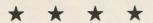
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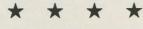
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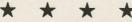
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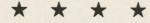
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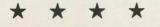
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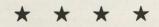
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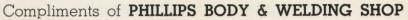


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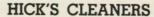
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