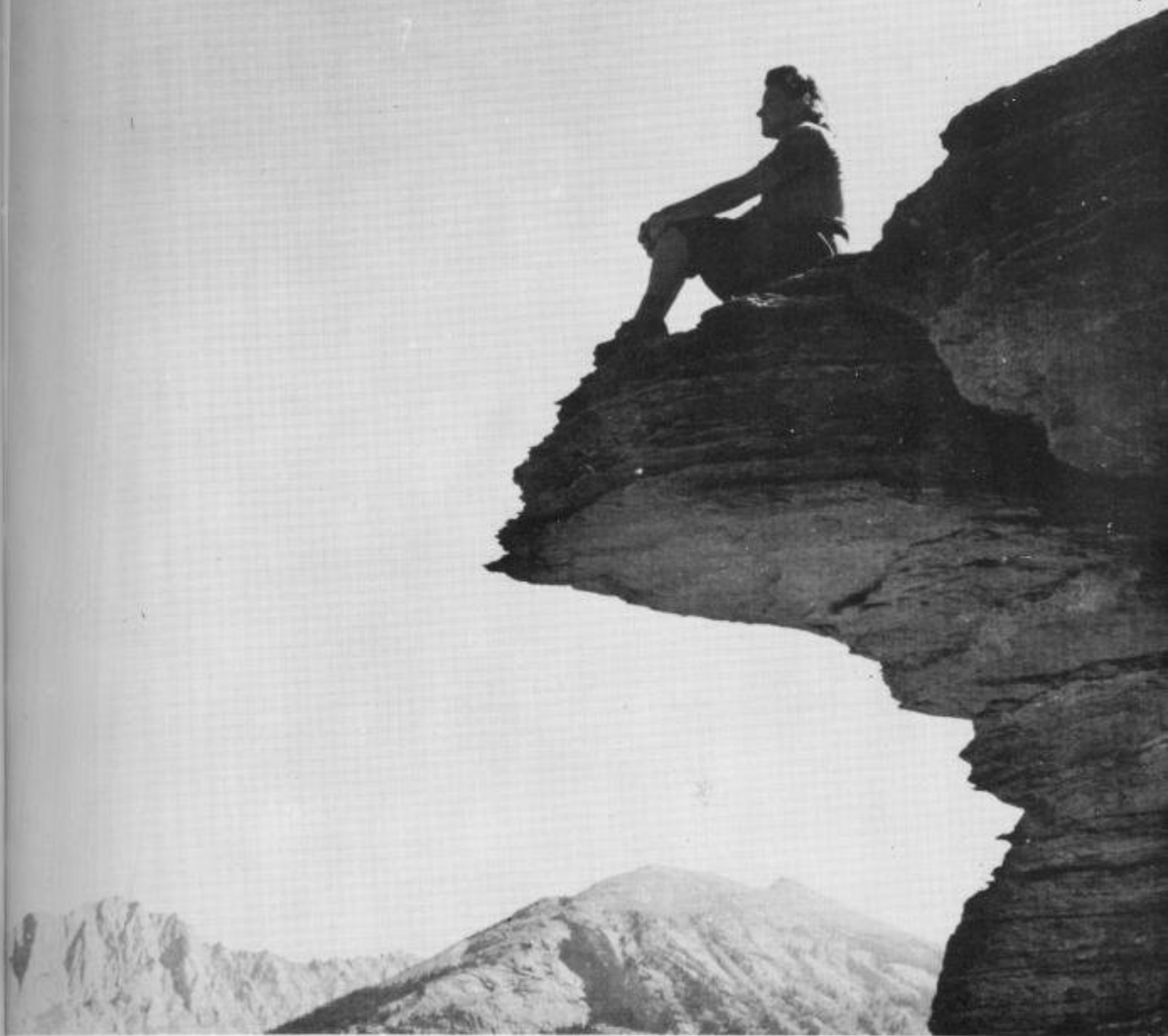




The Echo

1954



FOREWORD

As we look out into the World, we see many new hopes and new dreams. We realize, that soon, we are to leave Bentley High School. It is now the time for our yearbook. We hope that you will enjoy it as much as we enjoyed giving it to you. May many happy memories come to those who leaf through the pages of this book. May our work not be in vain. We give to you our book

----- The '54 Echo.



With respect and sincerity, we the Class of "54" dedicate this edition of the "Echo" to Mr. Martin Perono, who shows not only wisdom and strength as an advisor, but also understanding and sympathy as a friend.

Miss Dorothy Ringlien



In Appreciation to Miss Ringlein and Mrs. Kilburn whose kindness, friendship and understanding will be long remembered by the class of 1954 and all students of Bentley High School.

Mrs. Florence Kilburn



YEARBOOK STAFF

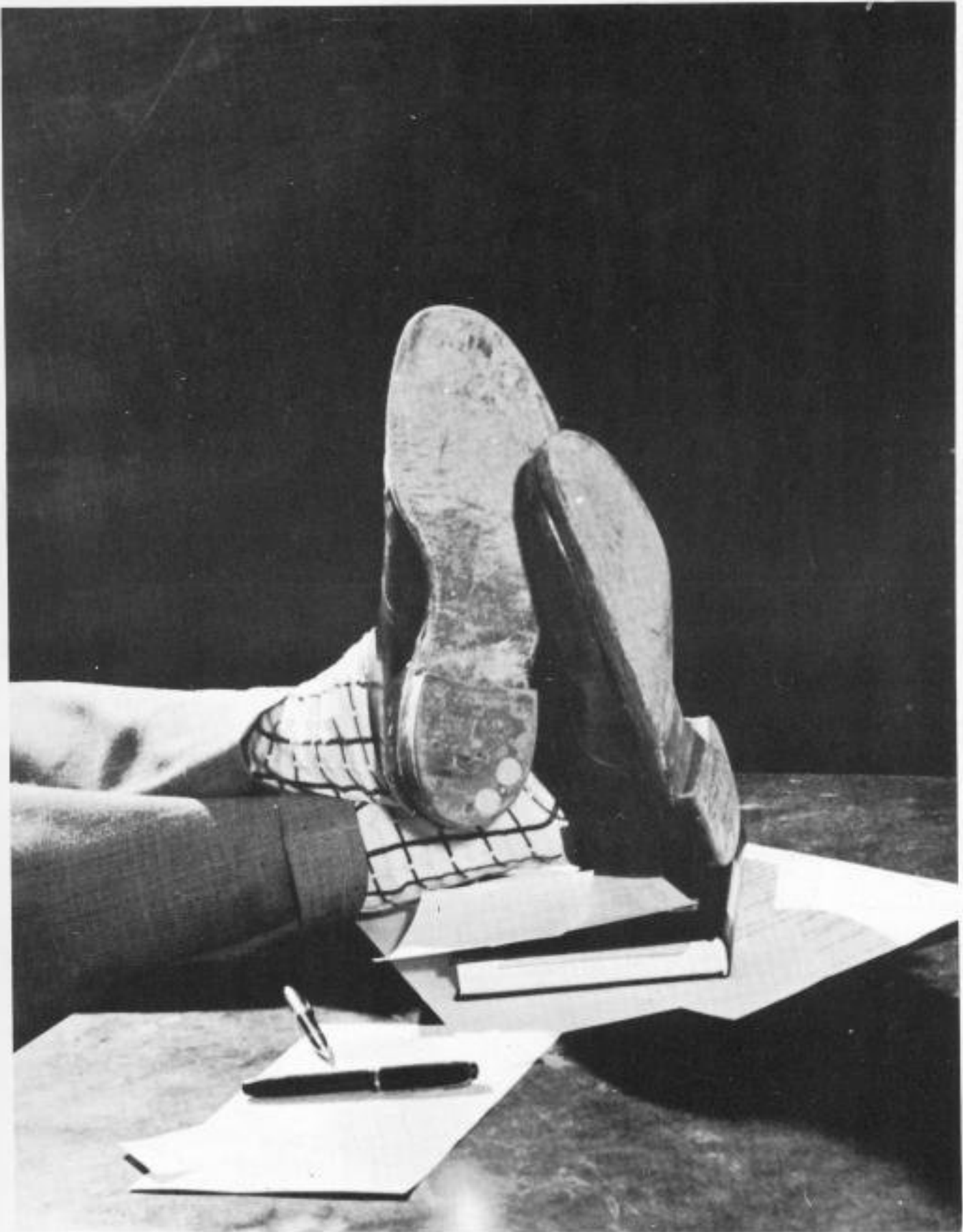


SEATED: D. Neil, J. Quinlan, E. Draper, J. Dyer, A. Stebbins, G. Fallis, B. Mumford. STANDING: D. LaDuke, B. Meeks, J. Walton, C. Blackhurst, M. LeClaire, A. Ives.

NEWSPAPER STAFF



SEATED: Miss Ringlien, C. Coates, J. Walton, J. Quinlan, A. Ives, B. Meeks, P. Hoffman, J. Vickerman. STANDING: W. Tarno, C. Blackhurst, L. Anderson, J. Dyer, B. Mumford, G. Fallis, D. Neil, M. LeClaire. Missing from this picture is E. Birdwell.



**ADMINISTRATION
AND
FACULTY**



MR. FAYE BARHITTE

Superintendent



MRS. JONES

Grade School Principal

Teaches Art and Singing



MR. JOHN R. MIKULICH

High School Principal

Teaches Math

Athletic Director and Coach



MRS. CLARK
Home Economics



MR. CLARK
Math Teacher
Sports Teacher



MR. JACOBS
Shop Teacher



MRS. KILBURN
Art Teacher
Math Teacher



MISS RINGLEIN
English Teacher
Glee Club Teacher
Latin Teacher



MR. PERONO
Math Teacher
Driver Training Instructor



MR. BAKER
Commercial Teacher



MISS WELLS
8th Grade Teacher
Girls Coach



MR. WALLACE
High School Coach
History Teacher



MRS. KNICKERBOCKER
7th Grade Teacher



JOHN TALBOT
Band Instructor



MR. LONG
Science Teacher

MRS. COMMET - Kindergarten

MRS. KRUPA - Kindergarten, Second Grade

MRS. SULLIVAN - First Grade

MRS. KITCHEN - First Grade

MRS. BURGESS - Second Grade

MRS. McCOMBS - Second Grade



MRS. PETTENGILL - Third Grade

MRS. SIPLE - Third Grade

MRS. ANDERSON - Fourth Grade



MRS. BOYD - Fourth Grade

MRS. WEBSTER - Sixth Grade

MRS. SMITH - Sixth Grade



MRS. KLUNDER - Sixth Grade



Teachers missing from this page are:
Mrs. Olds - First Grade; Mrs. Reidel -
5th Grade; Mrs. Spaulding - 5th Grade.



THE SENIORS



LEE ANDERSON
"Lee"

"A big strong silent man is he"
Hall Monitor 1; Football 2, 3, 4.



DAVID ATHERTON
"Dave"

"Patience is a virtue, possess
it if you can"
Basketball 1; Hall Monitor 2;
Senior Play 4.

HAROLD E. BIRDWELL
"Eddie"

"Ernest and Decided Convic-
tions"
Yearbook 4; Band President 4;
Senior Paper 4.



LARRY AVERY
"Larry"

"Courageous and Independent
Nature"

CHARLES BLACKHURST
"Chuck"

"Worry and I have never met"
Paper Staff 4; Student Council
2, 3; Hall Monitor 1, 2; Senior
Play 4; Vice President 1; Presi-
dent 2; Yearbook Staff 4.



CAROL COATES
"Carol"

"Pep and fun rolled into one"
Field Hockey 2, 3, 4; School
Paper 4; DAR Good Citizen 4;
Secretary 3, 4; Class Play 4.





NANCY DECHMANN
"Nan"

"Willing and able is she"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 1, 3.



ELAINE DRAPER
"Elaine"

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance"

Field Hockey 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Library 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Senior Play 4; Track 2.

JOHN DYER
"John"

"A sense of humor behind that clever brain"

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Class President 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; King Candidate 3.



RODNEY DRAPER
"Rodney"

"What I promise, I'll do"

Senior Play 4; Hall Monitor 2.

GENE FALLIS
"Gene"

"Sportsmanship personified"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; School Paper 4; Yearbook 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; King Candidate 1.



JON GRAHN
"Jon"

"Happy go lucky is he"

Basketball 1, 2, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Student Council 4; Hall Monitor 4.





FLOYD GROOMS
"Floyd"

For he's a jolly good fellow"

Football 2, 3; Basketball 1; Sergeant of arms 4.



CARL GUSIE
"Gus"

"An Ideal friend"

Student Council 1; Vice President 2, 4; Senior Play 4.



THOMAS HOCKIN
"Tom"

"Laugh and the world laughs with you."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Football 3; Hall Monitor 1, 2.

PATRICIA HOFFMAN
"Pat"

"Ambition Plus"

Student Council 1; Senior Play 4; Paper Staff 4; Librarian 1; Glee Club 1; Girls State 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Principal Secretary 4.



JAMES HORNE
"Jim"

"Always ready to join in fun."

Basketball 1; Football 2.

ALVA MAE IVES
"Alva"

"Always be yourself"

Librarian 1, 2; Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Hall Monitor 1; School Paper 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Student Secretary 4.





M. WILLIAM KATONA
"Bill"

"Liberality is not giving large-
ly but wisely."

Football 1, 2; Basketball 1; Sec-
retary 2.



RUSSELL KLINE
"Russ"

"Men of few words are the
wisest."

Basketball 1; Track 2.



MARGARET KOVACS
"Maggie"

"Always busy and happy is she."

Glee Club 1; Library 4; Stu-
dent Secretary 4.

DARRELL LaDUKE
"Duffy"

"Kindness, like grain increases
by sowing."

Yearbook Staff 4.



MARLENE LeCLAIRE
"Marlene"

"Good deeds ring true"

Track 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4;
Yearbook Staff 4; Paper Staff
4; Student Secretary 4.



LEO McCLURE
"Leo"

"Nice and natural, naturally
nice"

Hall Monitor 2.





BETTY MEEKS
"Betty"

"May she never change except
in name"

Student Secretary 4; Field Hoc-
key 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2,
Library 1, 2, 3, 4; Yearbook Staff
4; Paper Staff 4; Senior Play 4;
Class Play 4; Hall Monitor 1,
2, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Basketball
1, 2; Softball 1; Basketball
Manager 3.



GRACE MITCHELL
"Grace"

"Simplicity is the hardest of all
things to be copied"

Softball 1, 2, 3; Hall Monitor 1.



ELMER MOORE
"Elmer"

"Quiet bashful boy is he."

Hall Monitor 1.

ROBERT MUMFORD
"Bob"

"I'll say little and think more"

Hall Monitor 1; Yearbook Staff
4; Paper Staff 4; Class Play 4.



DUNCAN NEIL
"Duncan"

"A quiet, helpful guy liked by
all"

Track 2; Hall Monitor 1, 4;
Paper Staff 4; Yearbook Staff 4;
Basketball 2.

RAYMOND PUGMIRE
"Ray"

"Go 'way girls, I have no time
for you"

Basketball 1; Hall Monitor 1, 3.





RICHARD SMITH
"Dick"

"Nothing succeeds like a nice personality."

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2; Glee Club 1.



CAROL SMITH
"Carol"

"Sweet and demure, a real friend."

Speedball 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Track 2; Hall Monitor 1.



JEROME QUINLAN
"Jerry"

"Strive and strive and success will be yours."

Paper Staff 4; Yearbook 4; Basketball 4; Senior Play 4.

ANITA STEBBINS
"Anita"

"A light heart lives long."

Glee Club 3, 4; Library 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Hall Monitor 3.

BARBARA SWANSON
"Barb"

"Tries to attain the unattainable."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1; Field Hockey 1, 2; Student Council 1; Senior Play 4; Student Secretary 4; Hall Monitor 1; Principal's Secretary 3.



WANDA TARNO
"Wanda"

"But to see her is to love her."

Field Hockey 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2; Treasurer 1, 2; Paper Staff 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Librarian 1, 2, 3; Band 3, 4; Student Secretary 4.





JOAN VICKERMAN
"Joannie"

"A little mite of dynamite"

Class Play 4; Class President 1;
Secretary 2; Hall Monitor 4;
School Paper 4; Student Secretary 4; Librarian 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2, 4.



CHARLES VIERS
"Chuck"

"None but himself can be his parallel"

Basketball 3, 4; Hall Monitor 2.



JACQUILINE WALTON
"Jackie"

"Happy, industrious, laughing and gay, she stays that way from day to day"

Hall Monitor 1; Softball 2, 3; Basketball 3, 4; Field Hockey 3, 4; Treasurer 3, 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Senior Play 4; Class Play 4; Student Council 3; Track 3; Student Secretary 4.

ADELE WESSON
"Adele"

"Honest and good"

Majorette Teacher 3, 4; Majorette Leader 4; Librarian 2.



JACK POPE
"Jack"

"He's a favorite around the town, Never lets worry get him down"

Newspaper Staff 4; Class Play 4.





William Aldred
Jack Armstrong
Larry Atherton
Shirley Barnett
Carolyn Beam
James Birdwell

Bob Bolinger
Prentis Bond
James Budd (Treasurer)
Richard Callesen
Zetha Eden
Wayne Fairchild

Bonnie Finch (Treasurer)
Mae Ellen Garling
Allan Garwold
Jeanette Gilbert
Bob Gill
Raymond Hamilton

Marita Horne
Thomas Howay
James Katona
Larry Katur
Raymond Kissinger
Carol Lawrence

Duane Love
Richard Martin
Nancy McGaughey
Florence McClure
ZoEllen McFall
Robert Mitchell

Carla Modine
Zudrey Moffatt
Charles Monroe
Joan Qualls
Beth Redburn
David Roat

Mildred Roat
Iva Jean Smith
Gordon Streeter (Vice Pres.)
Don Stowers
Carol Swanson (Secretary)
William Sweet

George Vickerman
Sandra Wells (President)
Nelson Wooley



JUNIORS

Missing From This
Page: Harriet Yott

Carl Alberts
Gary Alexander
John Barniske
Charles Blanchard
Charles Bond
Carole Ann Brown



Carol Joy Brown
Robert Bruzewski
Pat Campbell
Leonard Cannon
Carol Christensen
Helen Coates



Wanda Colling
Ellen Cook
Bill Devine
Alan Dyer
Wayne Eden
Jerry Evans



Lee Garber
Connie Gilfillan
Daniel Glasco
James Glasco
Ernestine Gould
Judy Grahm



Fred Gusie
Pat Harrison
Nancy Hewig Treas.
Judy Hulbert
Sharon Lane
David LeClaire



Gary McGee
Dianna Middleton
Helen Mitchell
Jack Morton
Juanita Neil
Bernard Pasco



Robert Ripka, Sec.
Neigel Sadler
Alice Skranz, Pres.
Gary Stevens
Marjorie Stowers
Betty Tarno



Bette Lou VanPelt
Leo Vickerman
Dolores Walton
Danny Wheaton
Georgia Whiting



Missing from this page are: B. Barnum, N. Faught, C. Roche, D. Gatlin, B. Cogswell.

SOPHOMORES



Jere Aldred 1st Row
 Ruth Balzer
 Clarence Barnum
 Larry Baucus
 Kay Borton
 Joanne Bruzewski
 Connie Burley

Eldon Card 2nd Row
 Ruth Coates
 Dale Conn
 Janis Coon
 Helen Coplin
 Bill Cuneaz
 James Devine

Patricia Draper 3rd Row
 Donna Drow
 Delores Dunham
 Joan Ernst
 Patsy Finch
 Gary Gifford
 Barbara Glanton

Charlotte Glasco 4th Row
 Sandra Goetz
 Duane Hodges
 Jerry Horne
 Billy Howard
 Denise Kauertz
 Lois Kissinger

Ruth Kovacs, Treasurer 5th Row
 Wanda Kruse
 Howard LaDuke
 Solenge Lockwood
 Patricia Middleton
 Gloria Mielcarek
 Rose Mitchell

Adella Moore 6th Row
 Betty Moore
 Mary Nennstiel
 Jack Newton
 Joan Paquet President
 Bonnie Pasco
 Delbert Pemberton

Florence Pemberton 7th Row
 Ernest Pickard
 Alice Roat
 George Roberts
 Lynn Soule
 Carrielle Sternaman V. P.
 Barbara Stevens

Thelma Sweet 8th Row
 Lois Tear
 Frankie Timer
 Barbara Townsend
 Barbara Tyler
 Dick Williamson
 Jack Winstanley

Camilla Zajdlík Sec. 9th Row

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 are: J. Andrews, L.
 Anslow, J. Wooley,
 B. Egts, C. Swade,
 K. Porter,

FRESHMEN

8TH GRADE



FIRST ROW STANDING: Left To Right; Mr. Long, David Harrison, Gerry Anslow, Carolyn Hoskins, Louella Dyer, Phyllis Bowman, Paul Alexander, Edward Gould, Tom Matchett, Dave McGee, Bob Walsh, Robert Sloan, Tom Johnston, David Bostater, Mary Penrod, Patricia Lakey, Dolores Denz, Marlene Burns. SECOND ROW: Left To Right; Barbara Hamilton, Sandra Rathburn, Janet Denz, Marlene Burns. THIRD ROW: Left To Right; Barbara Hamilton, Sandra Rathburn, Janet Denz, Marlene Burns. FOURTH ROW: Left To Right; Julius Cook, Gary Richardson, David Reed, Harold Roat, Clinton VanWagnor, Jerry Olds, Paul Newton, Joe Rundal, Roy Hall.



FIRST ROW STANDING: Left To Right; Charlene Burns, Eugene Keefer, Larry Isaacson, Ken Shields, Terry Chatfield, Don Torr, Bob Day, Don Johnson, Sammy Coplin, Larry Wheaton, Charles Vickerman, Winfield Swaggart, Brian Brown, Jim Walton, Dallas Whiting, George Nennstiel, Ronald Ruggles, Dick VanFleet, Janice Payne. SECOND ROW: Left To Right; Jackie Lane, Shirley Burley, Janis Smith, Janice Fallis, Marlene VanPelt, Nancy Hutton, Joyce Alberts, Joanne McMurry, Janet Tokar, Ivola Press, Connie Young, Chestena Cokley, Pat Winstanley, Miss Wells. THIRD ROW: Left To Right; Lucille Pidgeon, Sandra Lockwood, Norma Carrell, Linda Gosha, Anita Dechmann, Nancy Brown, Gladys Eden, Charlene Wallace, Patty Evans.

7TH GRADE



FIRST ROW STANDING: Left To Right; Darlene Green, Gerry Wright, Larry Tarno, Leslie Beals, Beverly Glanton, Jack Tyler, Peggy Pulley, Mary McGee, Pat Oberlink, Janice Swartz, Penny McLeod, Sandra Sari, Rosemary Denz, Janice Bowman. SECOND ROW: Left To Right; Gerald Roberts, Neal McClure, Dan Bruzewski, Julie Nobles, Linda McGaughey, Deanna Roat, Lavona O'Guinn, Willie Bolinger, Danielle Taimi, Donna Campbell, Sharon Johnston, Harold McClure, Bobby Stewart, Nancy Hockins.



FIRST ROW STANDING: Left To Right; Carol Taggart, Carla Doty, Henry Chemo, Harry McClure, Christine Pemberton, Jim Duby, Janet Devine, Lawrence Hinman, Sharen Avery, Bruce Armstrong, Karen Draper, Mrs. Knickerbocker. SECOND ROW: Left To Right; Ruth Pickard, Murlene Bond, Ellen Tear, Mary Wooley, Diana Aldred, Daryl Meeks, Tommy Holser, Ronald Isaacson, Joe Lane, Richard Young, Norman Dyer, Paul Andrus, Darrol Roat.





FIELD HOCKEY



STANDING, Left to Right: C. Coates, C. Christensen, W. Colling, E. Eraper, A. Skranz, B. Glanton, C. Modine, L. Kissinger, Coach, Miss Wells. SECOND ROW: R. Coates, C. Zajdlik, M. Stowers, B. Meeks, P. Finch, J. Ernst, W. Kruse. THIRD ROW: J. Walton, W. Tarno, A. Ives.

SOFTBALL



Left to Right: C. Coates, C. Smith, J. Walton, B. Redburn, M. Stowers, A. Skranz, P. Harrison. STANDING: Miss Wells, Coach.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



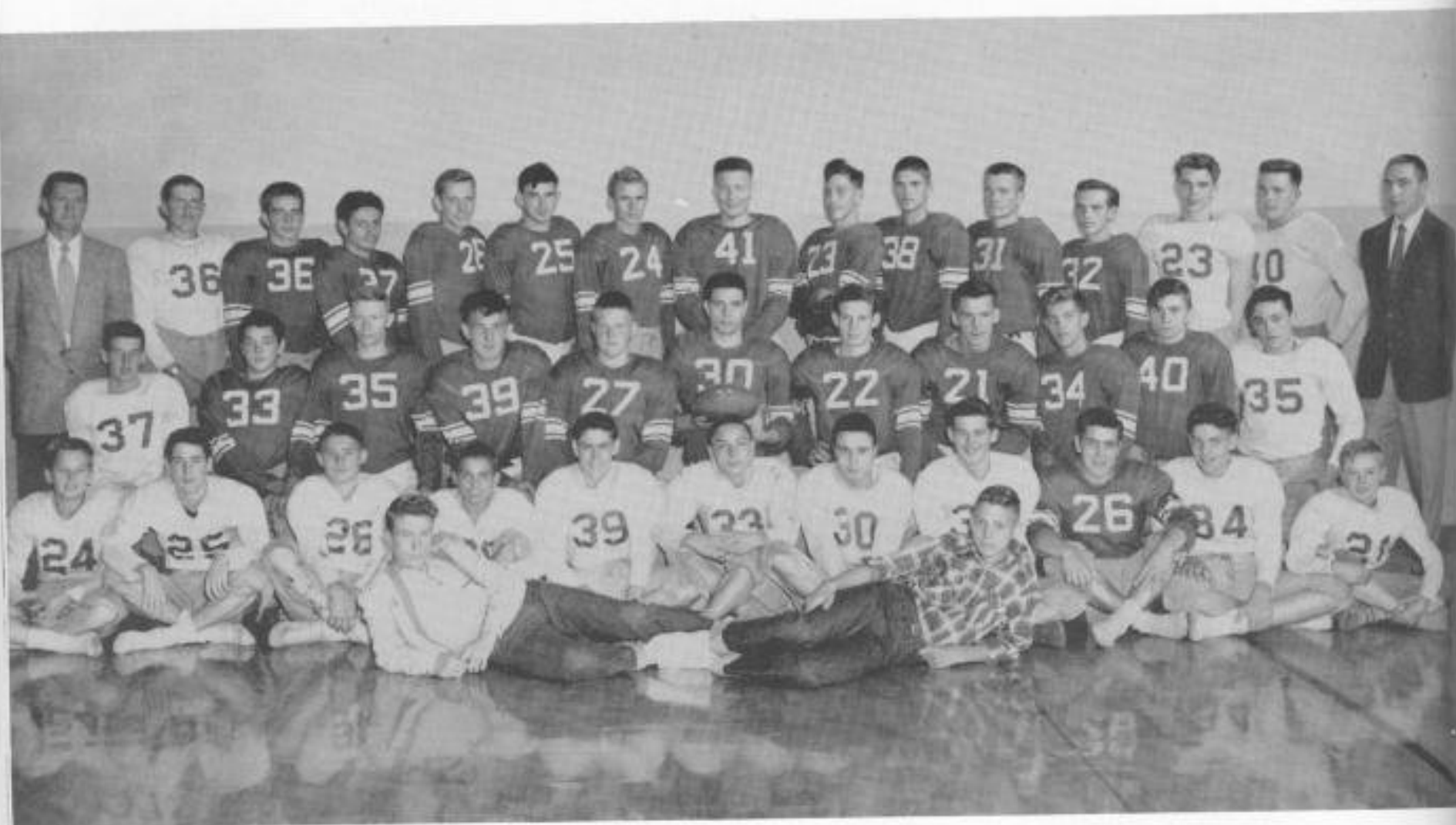
FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Jacquie Walton, Pat Harrison, Barbara Glanton, Beth Redburn, Barbara Swanson, Iva Smith, Lois Kissinger, Joan Ernst. SECOND ROW: Miss Wells, Coach, Alice Skranz, Marjorie Stowers, Wanda Tarno, Sandy Goetz, Sandy Wells, Nancy Hewig, Carol Swanson.

GIRLS TRACK



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Jacquie Walton, Marjorie Stowers, Carol Lawrence, Iva Smith, Betty Meeks. SECOND ROW: Carol Swanson, Sandy Wells, Miss Wells, Coach, Marlene LeClaire, Alva Ives.

Bentley	13	Utley	6
Bentley	6	Swartz Creek	21
Bentley	27	Mt. Morris	0
Bentley	0	Linden	20
Bentley	12	Hoover	0
Bentley	27	M. S. D.	6
Bentley	12	Montrose	6
Bentley	6	Mandeville	13



FIRST ROW: Left To Right; Chuck Vickerman, and Tom Matchet. SECOND ROW: John Barniski, Neigal Saddler, Carl Brock, Norman Faught, James Glasco, Robert Ripka, Bill Anslow, Dick Hetherington, Duane Love, Delbert Pemberton, Howard La Duke. THIRD ROW: Clarence Barnum, Jack Winstanley, Jack Armstrong, Robert Bruzewski, Carl Alberts, Gene Fallis, Bill Barnum, Dick Callesen, Tom Howay, Wayne Fairchild, Leonard Cannon. FOURTH ROW: Mr. Clark, Coach, George Vickerman, Danny Glasco, Kenneth Bowman, Dale Conn, Lee Anderson, Sandy Aldred, John Dyer, Chuck Monroe, Bob Bolinger, Don Stowers, Gordon Streeter, Dick Williamson, Danny Wheaton, Mr. Wallace, Coach.

Our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Powell for the use of his field for our home games.

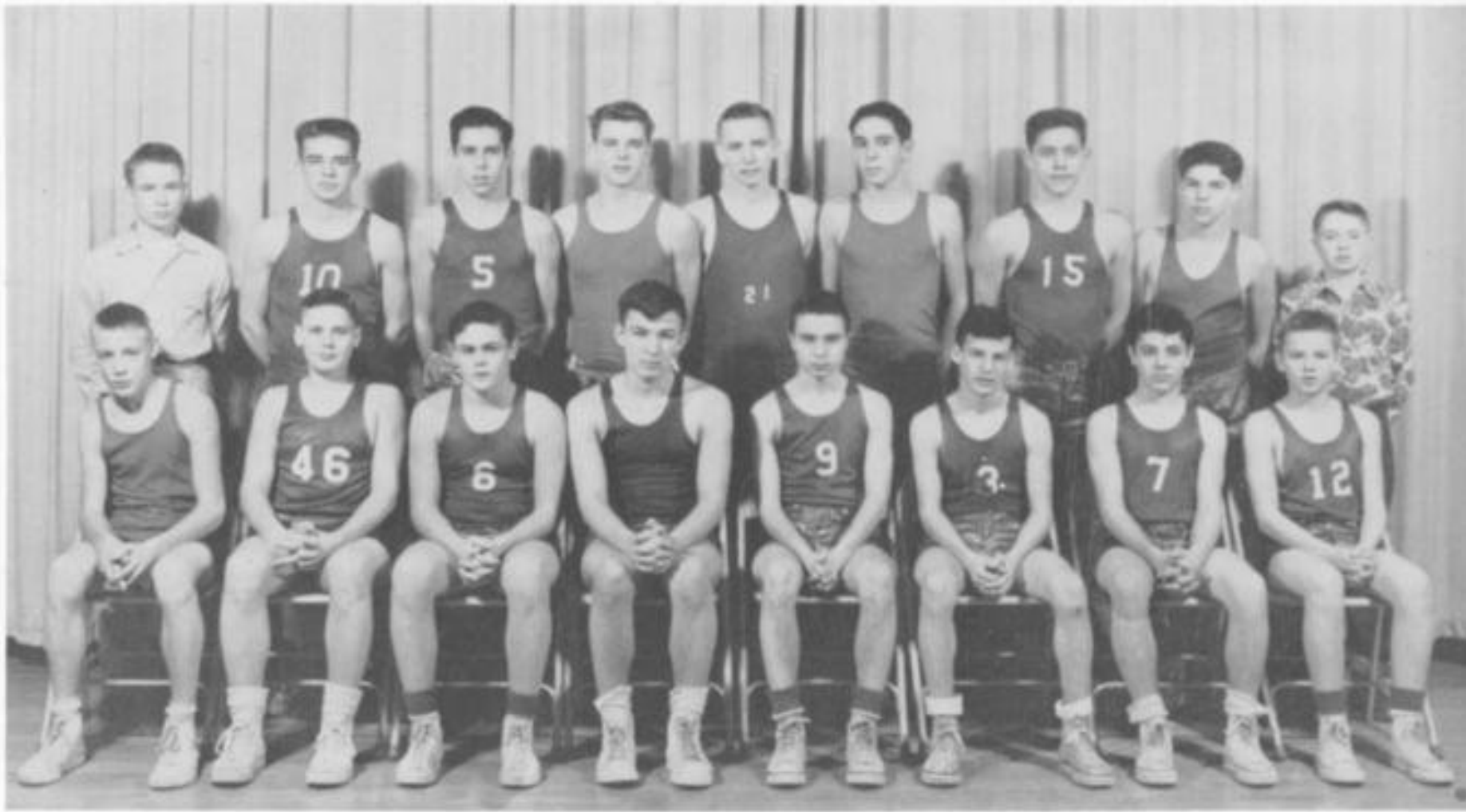
VARSITY BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: William Bolinger, Robert Ripka, Bill Barnum, Jon Grahn, Tom Howay, Jerry Quinlan, Tom Hockin, Jack Armstrong. SECOND ROW: Gene Fallis, Nelson Wooley, Don Stowers, John Dyer, Bob Bolinger, Bill Aldred, Chuck Viers, Mr. Mikulich, Coach.

LEAGUE GAMES	WE		THEY
Bentley	34	Swartz Creek	27
Bentley	34	Montrose	33
Bentley	30	Mandeville	29
Bentley	44	Mt. Morris St. Mary	47
Bentley	56	Hoover	40
Bentley	42	Montrose	41
Bentley	27	Mandeville	45
Bentley	50	Mt. Morris St. Mary	53
Bentley	56	Hoover	43
NONLEAGUE GAMES			
Bentley	25	Beecher	48
Bentley	33	St. Matthews	47
Bentley	49	Sacred Heart	48
Bentley	44	Flint St. Mary	45
LEAGUE PLAY-OFF			
Bentley	30	Mt. Morris St. Mary	38
POSITION PLAY-OFF			
Bentley	39	Dye	47
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT			
Bentley	46	Sacred Heart	47

RESERVE BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Dave LeClaire, Alan Dyer, Leonard Cannon, Bob Bruzewski, Bill Anslow, Clarence Barnum, Jack Winstanly, John Barniske. SECOND ROW: Charles Vickerman, Danny Glasco, Lee Garbor, Dick Williamson, Dale Conn, Eldon Card, Chuck Monroe, Delbert Pemberton, Howard La Duke.

13 YEAR CLUB



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Elaine Draper, Jacquie Walton, Chuck Blackhurst, Jon Grahn, Ray Pugmire, Carl Gusie, Barbara Swanson, Joan Vickerman. SECOND ROW: Alva Mae Ives, Floyd Grooms, Bob Mumford, Lee Anderson, Gene Fallis, Betty Meeks.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



Left to Right: Nancy Hewig, Marjorie Stowers, Sandra Wells, Beth Redburn, Georgia Whiting.



HEAD CHEERLEADER
Carol Lawrence

RESERVE CHEERLEADERS



CENTER: Deanna Middleton. BACK, Left to Right: Patsy Finch, Barbara Glanton, Adela Moore, Camilla Zajdlik, Wanda Kruse.

GLEE CLUB



FIRST ROW: P. Finch, K. Borton, B. Stevens, C. Lawrence, C. Sternaman, S. Lockwood, P. Middleton, J. Wooley. SECOND ROW: C. Young, B. Townsend, D. Kauetz, J. Bruzewski, J. Qualls, Z. McFall, B. Moore, D. Dunham, C. Beam, R. Balzer. THIRD ROW: C. Coply, H. Coates, M. Penrod, B. Tarno, L. Soule, S. Goetz, E. Draper, D. Walton, A. Skranz, C. Modine, P. Draper.



FIRST ROW: A. Coates, G. Mielcarek, P. Winstanley, S. Lockwood, P. Campbell, A. Moore, C. Zajdlik, S. Barnett. SECOND ROW: L. Tear, J. Paquet, C. J. Brown, F. Pemberton, C. Burley, B. Egts, F. Robinson, D. Middleton, B. Savon, A. Roat. THIRD ROW: R. Kovacs, B. Glanton, A. Stebbins, J. Coon, M. Stowers, N. Dechmann, H. Mitchell, W. Kruse, J. Grahn, J. Tokar, E. Cook.

SENIOR BAND



The Senior Band, Mr. Talbot, Director, and Majorettes.

MAJORETTES



Left to Right: Mary June Mansfield, Donna Campbell, Carla Dory, Carrilee Sternaman, Rosemary Denz, Julie Nobles, Murlene Bond, Leader, Adle Wessen. CENTER: Terry Holser.

LIBRARY



STANDING, Left to Right: C. Coates, R. Kovacs, N. McGaughey, T. Sweet, S. Barnett, J. Bruzewski, B. Finch, G. Whiting, A. Moore. SEATED, Left to Right: B. Glanton, C. Modine, A. Skranz, C. Roche, M. Stowers, N. Hewig, A. Stebbins, E. Draper, M. Kovacs.

STUDENT COUNCIL



STANDING, Left to Right: J. Barniski, J. Budd, J. Grahn, B. Mumford, C. Monroe, T. Matchett, C. Vickerman, J. Winstanley. SEATED, Left to Right: C. Modine, D. Walton, W. Kruse, J. Vickerman, N. Brown, T. Holser, M. E. Garling, C. Burley, P. Oberlink, L. Dyer.

SENIOR PLAY CAST



STANDING: Left To Right; Director Mr. Perono, J. Quinlan, C. Gusie, C. Blackhurst, J. Dyer, R. Draper, D. Atherton, Assistant Director, Miss Ringlien. SITTING: Left To Right; A. Ives, B. Swanson, A. Stebbins, J. Walton, E. Draper, B. Meeks, P. Hoffman.

PROP MEN



STANDING: Left To Right; B. Katona, L. Avery, B. Mumford, F. Grooms, J. Horne, G. Fallis, M. LeClaire, D. LaDuke. SITTING: Left To Right; J. Neil, C. Coates, A. Wesson, J. Vickerman, S. Wells, M. Kovacs, C. Neil, D. Neil.

CLASS PROPHECY

July 25, 1960

My dear Adele,

I was sorry to see that you couldn't make it to the class reunion last week at Lansing. I guess training horses and Brittany Spaniels is quite a busy and tiring hobby.

I thought I would write you this letter and let you in on a little of the news about our old class of 1954.

The reunion was scheduled for July 18th at Bob Mumford's home at Lansing. As you probably know, Bob was the Democratic Senator of our state, but he was ousted from office because of his Republican ideas.

I arrived at Bob's home about 1:30 in the afternoon. That old 1953 Bentley Drivers' Training Car just isn't what it used to be.

The doorbell was answered by the butler who looked very familiar, but I couldn't place him. He informed me that Bob was out on the terrace with another of the guests whom I later learned was Rodney Draper. I'm sure you remember Rodney. He is the one that Bob Mumford used to pick on all the time in school. This pestering usually ended in a brawl involving Lee Anderson. Well--Rodney is now a boxer. I watched him vigorously jumping rope and beating the living day-lights out of a punching bag suspended from a tree limb. He has a scheduled fight with Rocky Marciano and has been picked the fighter most likely to be knocked out in the first 5 seconds of the fight.

The butler interrupted to say that a Miss Elaine Draper had arrived and he thought that she might be ill. Elaine was the one that was so quiet, and when she did talk, she squeaked like an uncoiled door. When we entered the house, a noise that sounded like a hurricane blowing over the Gulf of Mexico practically hit us in the face. It wasn't a hurricane and Elaine wasn't ill. She was promenading back and forth before a large mirror screeching at the top of her lungs. She informed us that she was a singer at the Pizza House and the only way she could get a leave from her job was to practice singing. That was just what she continued to do.

Rodney finally joined the rest of us in the living room. We chatted about world events for a while and then the butler announced Carl Gusie.

Carl joined in the conversation and we learned that he was in a fight and lost all but his two front teeth, so he has a job in a donut factory making the holes in donuts.

Jon Grahn, Floyd Grooms and Tom Hockin joined the party a little later but they never mentioned their jobs or what they had been doing in the last six years. It wasn't until Private Detective Russell Kline arrived that we found out the details. Russell told us that Floyd, who runs Floyd's Fresh Fish Market as a front, also manufactures transmissions for the cars they pick up off the street. Jon Grahn, who used to spend most of his time bumping the dents out of his own car, has of late been bumping them out of the cars Floyd repairs. Tom just paints and resells the cars. I didn't know whether to believe him or not until I caught Floyd trying to remove the transmission from my car and making an attempt at filing the serial numbers off the motor. Seems he brought a new transmission and enough paint to re-do the whole car. Floyd likes his work immensely with one exception. This I learned was the fact that Jon and Tom held out on the profits and he didn't get his usual share. We found Tom and Jon counting money out by the garage. Seems they just sold Bob Mumford's car for him, although Bob didn't know it. They netted \$900 from it and Jon and Tom took \$400 apiece, but were generous enough to let Floyd have the remaining \$100. I thought it was mighty fair of them myself.

CLASS PROPHECY CONT'D

Detective Kline put out a general alarm on the car and we returned to the house.

Carl Gusie was talking about Larry Avery and we were all wondering what happened to him after graduation. I'm sure you remember Larry. He is the one who used to lift Carl off the ground with one hand and then drop him. We didn't have to wonder very long for Larry came swooping down from a tree in the yard. He entered the house and after several Tarzanic yells, he informed us that is now playing Tarzan in the movies. He gets most of his practice by swinging from tree to tree in the city park. He also told us to look him up sometime because he practically lives with the birds. In fact, he says he usually shares a nest with a couple of sparrows.

I decided to go out onto the terrace for a little fresh air. When I opened the door, I knocked the butler down and almost gave him a black eye. I certainly knew the butler but I couldn't place him. It was bothering me. Besides, I couldn't figure out why he kept peeking at us through key holes and around corners. He certainly was a nosey person, to say the least.

Out on the terrace, I found Margaret Kovacs. She was busy learning her lines for the program series on Life With Luigi where she plays Rosa.

Nancy Dechmann, Gene Fallis and Dave Atherton joined us on the terrace. Nancy, believe it or not, is a writer. Not a writer in a truly literary sense, but more as a statistician. Seems she is rewriting the Kinsey Report. She claims someone has to undo what he has already done. Gene Fallis, as you know, always wanted to be a football player at the University of Michigan. He didn't make the team as a football player but he does enjoy his job as water boy for the team. Dave Atherton runs a gas station on the corner of Dort Hwy. From what we hear, Dave is doing well in his business and seems to be making quite a bit of money at it. We learned, though, that his gasoline is one part gas and three parts water. Dave says his supply doesn't run out quite so quickly this way.

We joined the other guests in the living room only to find that John Dyer was busy dictating to Marlane LeClaire, his secretary. John is busy writing a Dyer Dictionary carrying all SLANG-UAGE in the United States and its possessions. Marlene became his secretary after a tiring experience of chasing rats in a brewery. Seems it was cheaper to have Marlene chase them than to buy a cat and feed it.

Bill Katona and Jim Horne joined in our merrymaking. Bill Katona passed out cards for his thriving business. The card read "Willie's Drop Shop" or "Willie's Stiff Shop". We Embalm You While You Wait. Bill's undertaker's business is quite prosperous.

Jim Horne brought his banjo with him. He is the one who used to sit in bookkeeping class and moo like a cow. He has a job with Phil Spitalny's all girl orchestra, and plays the banjo. He played a couple of numbers for us and if the orchestra sounds anything like Jim's banjo playing, I'll never understand how the band became so successful.

Several of the guests began to ask about the butler. No one knew who he was. Several times I caught him watching us from around corners and watching what was going on. But he always excused himself and hurried away.

Joan Vickerman was the next arrival at the party. She was dressed in an outfit from the Latin Quarter in New York City. She has a job as cigarette girl there. She was so enthusiastic about her job though, that she brought her cigarettes with her and tried to sell them at the reunion.

Do you remember Alva Mae Ives, Adele? She was the one with the great gift of gab. Well, she came to the party and as usual, she was talking about something. This time it was about her job. It seems she has finally attained the position of Manager of Robinson's credit department

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and she brought the credit books with her because there have been no entries since she became manager. She says that the state auditors will be at the store some time in the near future and she thought it might be nice if she would bring the books up to date for once.

Ed Birdwell and Wanda Tarno were married shortly after school was out. They have a little mission down by Flint River. Wanda says that they have frequent visits from some of our classmates and that she keeps pretty well up to date on what they have been doing.

I know even in this length of time, you couldn't have forgotten Jack Pope. He was the ladies' man of the class. Jack is a confirmed bachelor and has a business all his own manufacturing ladies' lingerie which he sells to big department stores. In his travels, Jack met Dick Smith whom you remember was married before we graduated. He has twelve kids and claims that he has to work all three shifts at the A. C. in order to feed and clothe them. He still claims that someday he is going to get a Cadillac.

Anita Stebbins, Betty Meeks and Charles Viers, I found out in the kitchen, eating as usual. Anita Stebbins told me she plays Beulah on radio and television. She says she is working on the idea of marrying Bill in real life, and that it's working out just fine.

Betty Meeks was, on the other hand, cooking up something, as usual, with that familiar looking butler. I didn't know what it was but, knowing Betty, anyone will be able to guess. Betty plays the series of Life With Elizabeth and My Little Margie on television. The parts suit her very well, don't you think?

Charles Viers is a referee for midget wrestlers. He doesn't look the same anymore and I'm quite sure you wouldn't recognize him on the street. He usually ends up in the wrestling match himself in worse condition than the contestants.

I'm sure, Adele, that you will remember Leo McClure. He's the one that used to sleep most of the time in class. Leo is now a professor at the University of California where he teaches "How To Avoid Insomnia". He's been quite successful except that I found him in a corner in the library fast asleep.

And, of course, you remember Raymond Pugmire. He was the one who never said anything to the girls. Well, the poor guy was arrested for bigamy in up-state New York, but is out of jail on bail posted by Robert Mumford so that he might attend the reunion.

Pat Hoffman has ended up in an Old Maids' Boarding House. She said something about belonging to the OMA which turned out to be the Old Maids' Anonymous Club. I'm not sure, but I think it is in some way connected with the AAA, Alcoholics Anonymous Club of America.

You should have seen Charles Blackhurst. He was dressed in tails and had a large stove pipe hat on top of his head. He carried several cigars in his pocket and was smoking one of them. Charles is the mayor of Flint. He ran on the Do It Ticket---Do it when you feel like it and when the city has enough money.

Lee Anderson drives a covered wagon from town to town selling some kind of snake oil for Hamady Brothers. He was in Lansing at the time of the reunion so he stayed over a week. The only catch was that we all had to buy a bottle of snake oil and I'm still wondering what I'm going to do with the stuff when it's only good for taking away chewing tobacco odors.

Duncan Neil arrived at the reunion rather late but said he had a patient that couldn't wait. The patient turned out to be Carol Smith. Duncan Neil is a psychiatrist and has been treating Carol for some time. It seems Carol runs an airport limousine service at Seeley's old airport. There isn't an airport there any more but Carol likes to think so.

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Duffy LaDuke and Jerry Quinlan arrived at the reunion just in time for the annual poker game. After it was finished, Fingers LaDuke, who had lost money, paid off the others with counterfeit bills that Jerry Quinlan ran off on his printing press.

Elmer Moore subdivided his farm and made a million dollars. He is quite a play boy now and from all we gathered, he had just bought a lot of stock in General Motors.

Barbara Swanson plays the trombone in the Salvation Army band and was escorted to the reunion by them. They played a few numbers and then left. Barbara and Jim Horne got together and with their playing and Elaine's singing, we had quite a bit of music.

Do you remember the class sponsor, Mr. Perono? He bought out Bentley High School and turned it into a brewery where he processes his own brew. He gave Mr. Mikulich the gym and that is where you can find him every day--just polishing the floor and playing basketball.

We took count of the people at the reunion and discovered that we still were missing two members, Carol Coates and Grace Mitchell.

Grace arrived a few minutes later. She drove a large semi-truck loaded with cages of kangaroos and wallabies. She couldn't bear to leave them in Australia for a week, so she packed them, crates and all, and shipped them to Lansing, Michigan. She ended up by giving them to us as gifts.

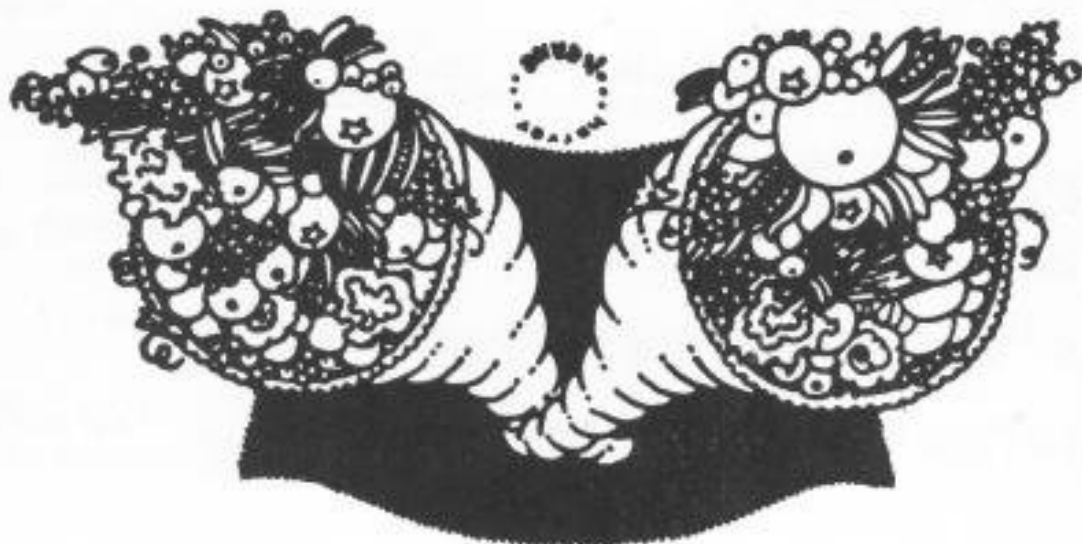
Betty Meeks sat in a corner laughing with the butler. This butler was puzzling everyone at the reunion, for no one actually knew who he was. Betty finally broke down and let us all in on the news. The butler was none other than Carol Coates. She said she took the job of buttl'in' for Bob because she didn't like working for Bill Katona at the Undertakers' shop.

Well, Adele, with everyone accounted for, I will close my letter to you. As for myself, I spend my time cleaning the vats at Mr. Perono's brewery. Jim told me we couldn't be married until I made enough money and I'm still working.

Well, take care of those horses, Brittanies, your husband, and yourself and drop me a line or two when you get the chance. Better still, when you get a chance, take the next boat from Galapolos Island and spend a couple of weeks at my home.

Remaining,

Jacquie Walton



CLASS WILL

We, the Class of 1954, in 41 individual and distinct parts, being about to pass out of this sphere of education, in full possession of a crammed mind, well trained memory, and almost superhuman understanding, do make and publish this, our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills or promises by us at any time heretofore made, or mayhap, carelessly spoken, one to the other, as the thoughtless wish of an idle hour.

- I, Carol Coates, wish to leave my pleasing personality and flashing smile to Carol Lawrence. To Sandra Wells, I leave my short stature.
- I, Dick Smith, wish to leave my "catty" clothes to Bill Sweet. May he have as good luck in getting a wife as I have.
- I, Alva Ives, wish to leave my gift of gab to Shirley Barnett. May she never be out-talked.
- I, Lee Anderson, wish to leave my everlasting job at Hamady Brothers to Duane Love.
- I, Tom Hockin, wish to leave my fouls in basketball to Nelson Wooley. May he never be so bruised.
- I, Wanda Tarno, wish to leave my basketball uniform to Florence McClure.
- I, Carol Smith, wish to leave my short hair style to Harriet Yott.
- I, Jack Pope, wish to leave my little black book to Jim Birdwell.
- I, Grace Mitchell, wish to leave my marks in bookkeeping to Audrey Moffatt.
- I, Larry Avery, wish to leave my great strength to Larry Atherton.
- I, Eddie Birdwell, wish to leave my position as study hall teacher to Ray Hamilton.
- I, Chuck Blackhurst, wish to leave all my jokes to Chuck Monroe.
- I, Rodney Draper, wish to leave my position on the candy counter to Ray Kissenger. May he never eat too much profit.
- I, Gene Fallis, wish to leave my athletic ability to Wayne Fairchild.
- I, Nancy Dechmann, wish to leave all my romances to Bonnie Finch.
- I, Marlene LeClaire, wish to leave my Navy uniform to Rita Horne.
- I, Jim Horne, wish to leave my physique to Dick Martin.
- I, Anita Stebbins, wish to leave my giggles to Mildred Roat and Carolyn Beam.
- I, Adele Wesson, wish to leave my baton to Carla Modine.
- I, Raymond Pugmire, wish to leave my quiet ways to Bill Aldred.
- We, the senior class, wish to leave to Mr. Mikulich a can of Glo-Coat. May the gym floor always shine.

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- I, Joan Vickerman, wish to leave my easy going temper to Beth Redburn. May she always be easy to get along with.
- I, Chuck Viers, wish to leave my slow driving to Bob Gill. May he never exceed the speed limit.
- I, Elmer Moore, wish to leave my unconcern for sports to Don Stowers.
- I, Carl Gusie, wish to leave my baby blue eyes to Bob Bolinger.
- I, Duncan Neil, wish to leave my geometry books to Gordon Streeter. May there never be a figure that puzzles him.
- I, Jacquie Walton, wish to leave my naturally curly hair to Iva Smith. May she someday wear long curls.
- I, Pat Hoffman, wish to leave all Mr. Mikulich's untyped reports to Zetha Eden.
- I, Margaret Kovacs, wish to leave my diet sheet to Joan Qualls. May she lose excess weight fast.
- I, Bob Mumford, wish to leave my Republican vote to Jim Budd. May he keep up with my record to out talk the Democrats.
- I, Floyd Grooms, wish to leave my ever ready chuckle and unchanging personality to Prentis Bond.
- I, Leo McClure, wish to leave my ability to get eight hours sleep a day to Jim Katona. May he never have to sleep at night.
- I, Jon Grahn, wish to leave all my admirers to Alan Garwold.
- I, Duffy LaDuke, wish to leave my new Ford to Dave Roat. May he always drive it as carefully as I have.
- I, Russel Kline, wish to leave my title as the quietest boy in the class to Tom Howay.
- I, John Dyer, wish to leave my ability to say the wrong thing at the wrong time to Dick Callesen.
- I, David Atherton, wish to leave my job at the A. & P. to George Vickerman.
- I, Bill Katona, wish to leave all the Chevies I've had in the past to Jack Armstrong. May he always keep them running.
- I, Jerry Quinlan, wish to leave my title as "Best Arguer" to Bob Mitchell.
- I, Barb Swanson, wish to leave my liking for a serviceman's uniform to my sister Carol. But I prefer to keep the men in them.
- I, Elaine Draper, wish to leave my good attendance record to Nancy McGaughey.
- And I, Betty Meeks, wish to leave all my arguments with Mr. Baker and Mr. Perono to Jeanette Gilbert. May she always win out.