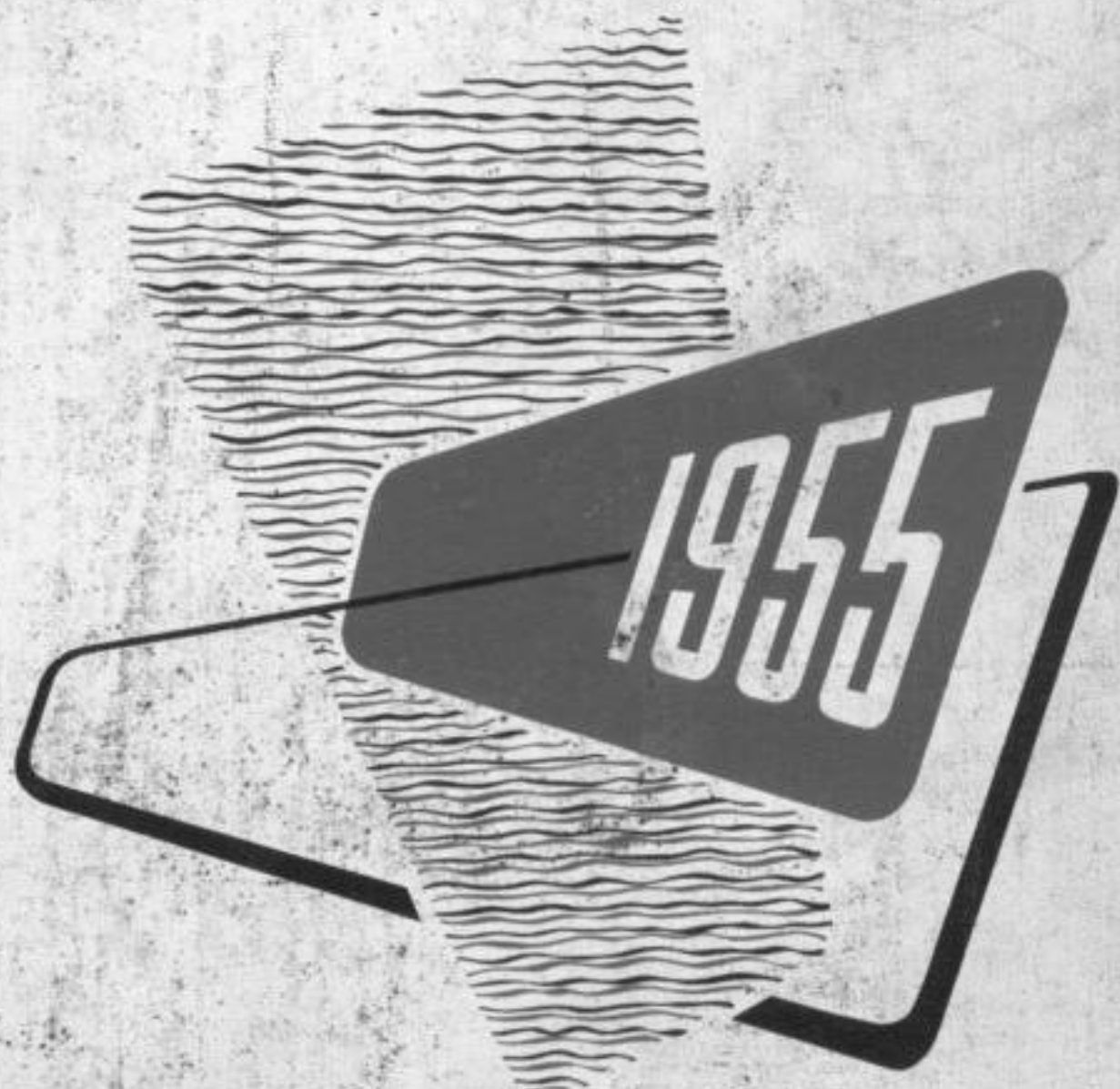


The Echo





This issue of Echo, which is being published by the class of 1955, is dedicated to Mr. Fay Barhitte, our superintendent. His encouragement and willing aid has always been a source of inspiration. In later years the students of Bentley will look back to the office of Mr. Barhitte as a comforting mainstay in the eddies of school life.

Dedication



MR. FAY E. BARHITE
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Elementary Principal

High School Faculty



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Commercial



MR. EUGENE BARKER
Music Director



MRS. JEAN CLARK
Home Economics



MR. RUSSELL CLARK
Football Coach -- Phy, Ed.



MR. BRUCE JACOBS
Shop -- Track Coach



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Art -- Math



MRS. B. KNICKERBOCKER
English



MR. FLOYD LONG
Science



MR. ALDEN McARA
Science -- Geography



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MR. GEORGE WALLACE
Football Coach -- History



MISS SHIRLEY WELLS
Girls' Coach -- History



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Mrs. J. Jacobs
Mrs. N. Jones
Mrs. H. Kluender



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RICHARD CALLESEN
Vice President



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Treasurer

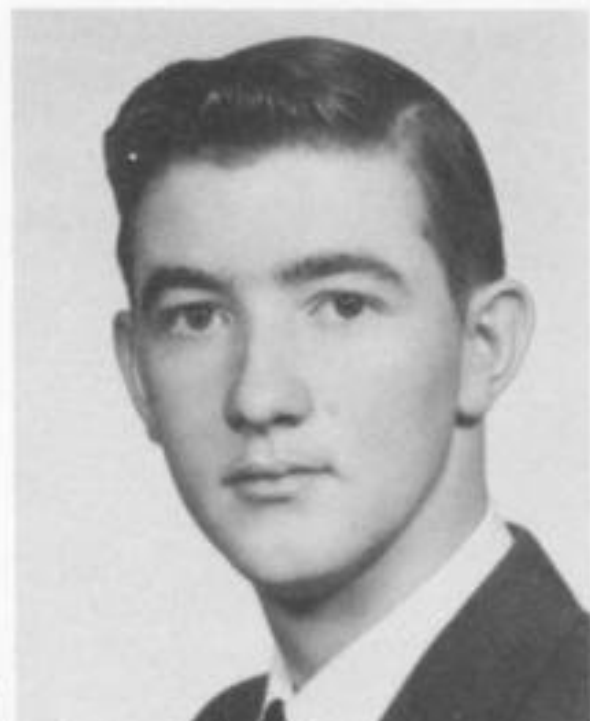


MRS. FLORENCE KILBURN
Class Sponsor



MARITA HORNE
Assistant Treasurer

Congratulations Seniors from the Kearsley Plumbing and Heating Company.





BONNIE FINCH

"Willing to lend a helping hand and give whatever a friend demands."

Hall Monitor 1; Library 1,2,3,4; Band 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Glee Club 1,2; Paper Staff 4.



ALAN GARWOLD

"A knowledge seeker and diligent worker, he has no time for women."

Yearbook Staff 4; Class Play 3,4; Football 2; Band 2,3,4; Hall Monitor 1; Paper Staff 4.



CONNIE GILFILLIAN

"Business before pleasure always."

Glee Club 1; Class President 1; Yearbook Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.



BOB GILL

"Hark, I hear a tardy bell!"
Class Play 4; Yearbook Staff 4.



RAY HAMILTON

"What's the use of studying?"
Hall Monitor 3; Paper Staff 4.



RITA HORNE

"Pep is the sunshine of my heart."
Field Hockey 1; Library 1; Basketball 1; Class Play 3,4; Softball 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,3,4; Yearbook Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.



TOM HOWAY

"Hath he not an innocent look."
Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,
3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4.



JAMES KATONA

"I make no man's creed but my
own."



KAY KISSENGER

"A young man that blushes is
better than one who turns pale."
Class Play 4; Band 2,3,4.



CAROL LAWERENCE

"Demure, but hardly bashful."
Basketball 2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,
2,3; Cheerleading Captain 2,3;
Track 2,3,4; Field Hockey 2;
Speedball 4; Glee Club 1,2,3;
Class Play 3,4; Yearbook Staff 4;
Hall Monitor 4.



RICKARD MARTIN

"A man is not measured in
inches."
Band 1,2,3; Visual Aids 1,2.



FLORENCE McCLURE

"Why aren't they all Contented
like me."
Yearbook Staff 4; Class Play 4.

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NANCY McGAUGHEY
 "A merry heart goes all the way."
 Librarian 1,2,3; Hall Monitor 3;
 Yearbook Staff 4; Girls State 3.



ROBERT MITCHELL
 "He finds pleasure in doing things."



CARLA MODINE
 "What I promise to do, I'll do."
 Yearbook Editor 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Field Hockey 1,3; Softball 3; Student Council Secretary 3; Librarian 1,2,3,4; Library Club President 3; Class Secretary 4; Class Play 3,4.



AUDREYANN MOFFAT
 "I chatter, chatter as I go."
 Newspaper Staff 4.



CHARLES MONROE
 "An equal mixture of humor and good sense."
 Yearbook Staff 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 3; Student Council 3; Class Play 3,4; Class President 4; Hall Monitor 3.



JOAN QUALLS
 "Perfection Personified."
 Glee Club 1,2,3; Yearbook Staff 4; Class Play 4; Hall Monitor 2.

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BETH REDBURN

"Our 'Hurricane Girl', follow pleasure and there will be pleasure."

Field Hockey 1,2; Softball 1,2; Basketball 3,4; Track 1,2; Basketball Team Captain 4; Varsity Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Librarian 1,2; Yearbook Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.



DAVID ROAT

"It is excellent to have a giant's strength."

Band 2,3; Yearbook Staff 4.



MILDRED ROAT

"Quietness is best."

Glee Club 1; Class Play 4.



IVA JEAN SMITH

"I've lived, I've loved, I'm satisfied."

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain Basketball Team 4; Field Hockey 1; Track 1,2; Softball 1,2; Glee Club 1; Class Play 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Hall Monitor 4.



DON STOWERS

"Skilled in every manly sport."

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; Class Play 4; President of Student Council 4; Paper Staff 4.



GORDON STREETER

"A good fellow among fellows."

Football 1,3; Class Play 4; Carnival King 4; Class Vice President 3; Basketball 1.

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CAROL SWANSON

"Nothing succeeds like a nice personality."

Basketball 1,2,3; Reserve Cheerleader 2; Track 2; Field Hockey 2; Hall Monitor 4; Yearbook Staff 4.



BILL SWEET

"What matters if we be happy?"
Basketball 1,2; Yearbook Staff 4;
Class Play 4; Hall Monitor 2.



GEORGE VICKERMAN

"Hold the fort, I'm coming."
Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4;
Yearbook Staff 4; Paper Staff 4.



NELSON WOOLEY

"Thinking is but an idle waste of thought."

Basketball 1,2,3.

The Senior Class of 1955 has had a very busy year. The big objective of the Senior Class was to raise money for the Class trip to New York City in May.

Some of our money raising activities were selling Christmas cards, Stanley Products, Stationery, Class Pins, and running the Candy Counter. We also sponsored a Bill Lamb Disc Jockey Dance, and paper drives, and the Senior Play.

The Carnival king and queen crowns were won by Seniors--Gordon and Zetha. We sponsored a shooting gallery at the Carnival.

Non-money raising activities were Class Night and the producing of the school paper, the Senior Scribe.

We were the honored guests at the Junior-Senior Dinner Dance sponsored annually by the Junior Class as a farewell to the Seniors.

Senior Activities

Compliments of the Senior Class from the Belsay Lumber Company.



~SENIORS~
and how they
grew







Junior Class Officers



President - Alan Dyer



Vice President - Charles Bond

This school year the Juniors have sponsored many of the more successful dances, paper drives and the Junior play.

The Junior-Senior Dinner Dance was one of the outstanding activities of the year as was the Junior Prom. This year has been the Junior Class's most successful year.

Junior Activities



Secretary - Alice Skranz



Treasurer - Nancy Hewig



Sponsor - Miss Ringlein

Compliments of Bob Dewsbury

Juniors



Top Row: Beverly Acha, Carl Alberts, John Barniske, Bill Barnum, Charles Blanchard, Barty Brown. Second Row: Carol Ann Brown, Carol Joy Brown, Bob Bruzewski, Pat Campbell, Leonard Cannon, Carol Christensen. Third Row: Helen Coates, Wanda Colling, Ellen Cook, Alan Dyer, Norman Faught, Lee Garber. Fourth Row: Dan Gatlin, James Glasco, Ernestine Gould, Judy Grahn, Fred Gusie, Pat Harrison. Fifth Row: Wayne Hatch, Nancy Hewig, David LeClair, Gary McGee, Helen Mitchell, Jack Morton.

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TOP ROW: Bernard Pasco, Robert Ripka, Carol Roche, Neigel Sadler, Alice Skranz, Gary Stevens. SECOND ROW: Marjorie Stowers, Betty Tarno, Betty Lou VanPelt, Leo Vickerman, Darriel Wheaten, Leroy Wilmot.



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Sophomore Class Officers



Camilla Zajdlik
President

This year the Sophomore Class had the pleasure of initiating the Freshmen into high school. Some of the other activities they have sponsored are bake sales, and dances after home basketball games.

At the Carnival, they were very successful with their movies and other concessions: the gum drop tree, marriage booth, and the carmel apple stand.

Class Activities



Gary Gifford
Vice President



Beverly Egts
Secretary



Ruth Kovacs
Treasurer



Mr. R. Clark
Sponsor

Congratulations to the Senior Class from Reszka's Super Market.

Sophomores



Top Row: Jere Aldred, Bill Anslow, Ruth Balzer, Clarence Barnum, Larry Baucus, Kay Borton. Second Row: Joanne Bruzewski, Connie Burley, Eldon Card, Ruth Coates, Bonnie Comman, Dale Conn. Third Row: Janis Coon, Helen Coplin, William Cuneaz, Stewart Currie, Jim Devine, Pat Draper. Fourth Row: Delores Dunham, Beverly Egts, Joan Ernest, Pat Finch, Gary Gifford, Barbara Glanton. Fifth Row: Charlotte Glasco, Sandra Goetz, Duane Hodges, Jerry Horne, Lorne July, Denise Kauertz.

Sophomores



Top Row: Lois Kissenger, Ruth Kovacs, Wanda Kruse, Howard LaDuke, Salonge Lockwood, Patricia Middleton.
 Second Row: Rose Mitchell, Adella Moore, Pat Nearing, Mary Nennstiel, Joan Paquet, Delbert Pemberton.
 Third Row: Ernie Pickard, Hazel Richards, Marilyn Richardson, Alice Roat, George Roberts, Lynn Soule. Fourth
 Row: Carrilee Sternaman, Thelma Sweet, Frankie Timer, Barbara Townsend, Dick Williamson, Velma Wilson.
 Fifth Row: John Winstanley, June Wooley, Camilla Zajdlik.

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Freshmen Class Officers



Chuck Vickerman
President



Larry Wheaton
Vice President



Jackie Lane
Secretary

The Freshmen started out the year by being initiated into High School by the Sophomores. After dressing up in costumes all day they were treated to a party in the evening. The class activities consisted of selling booster badges and a Recreation Night. At the carnival they had a Kangaroo Court, the Basketball Throw, and novelty selling.

Freshmen Activities



Brian Brown
Treasurer



Mrs. J. Clark
Sponsor



Miss S. Wells
Sponsor

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Freshmen



TOP ROW: Joyce Alberts, Paul Alexander, Jerry Anslow, Pat Barr, Shirley Booth, Phyllis Bowman. SECOND ROW: Brian Brown, Nancy Brown, Shirley Burley, Charlene Burns, Marlene Burns, Norma Carrell. THIRD ROW: Terry Chatfield, Chestina Cokely, Julius Cook, Sammy Coplin, Martha Currie, Robert Day. FOURTH ROW: Delores Denz, Luella Dyer, Pearl Dyer, Gladys Eden, Janice Fallis, Lolita Florence. FIFTH ROW: Robert Friday, Carol Gierok, Linda Gosha, Edward Gould, Virginia Guelde, Roy Hall.

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Freshmen



Barbara Hamilton, David Harrison, Carolyn Hoskins, Carol Howard, Nancy Hutton, Don Johnson. Second Row: Tom Johnston, Eugene Keefer, Pat Lakey, Jackie Lane, Sandra Lockwood, Tom Matchett. Third Row: David McGee, Joanne McMurray, Geraldine Monroe, Ada Moore, George Nennstiel, Jo Ann Overton. Fourth Row: Janice Payne, Mary Penrod, Ivola Press, Sandra Rathburn, Gail Renshaw. Fifth Row: Beverly Richardson, Gary Richardson, Margie Riddle, Harold Roat, Florence Robinson, Shirley Rollf.

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Freshmen



Top Row: Joe Rundell, Ronald Ruggles, Barbara Savonne, Ken Shields, John Skyrme, Gloria Smith. Second Row: Janice Smith, Winfield Swigert, Janet Tokar, Don Torr, Richard VanFleet, Marlene VanPelt. Third Row: Clinton VanWagoner, Chuck Vickerman, Charlene Wallace, James Walton, Carol Wells. Fourth Row: Dallas Whittenger, Pat Winstanley, Connie Young.



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Eighth Grade



FIRST ROW, left to right: W. Bollinger, B. Armstrong, L. Hennman, L. McAra, J. Swartz, S. Sare, C. Pemberton, S. Avery, N. Morton, J. Beauchamp. SECOND ROW: G. Roberts, G. Wright, L. Beals, B. Glanton, P. Pulley, P. McLeod, L. Tarno, C. Oglesbee, B. Stewart, H. Chemo. THIRD ROW: D. Duby, H. McClure, P. Oberlink, J. Devine, B. Walsh, D. Brown, G. Fray, J. Tyler, L. Riddle, M. McGee.

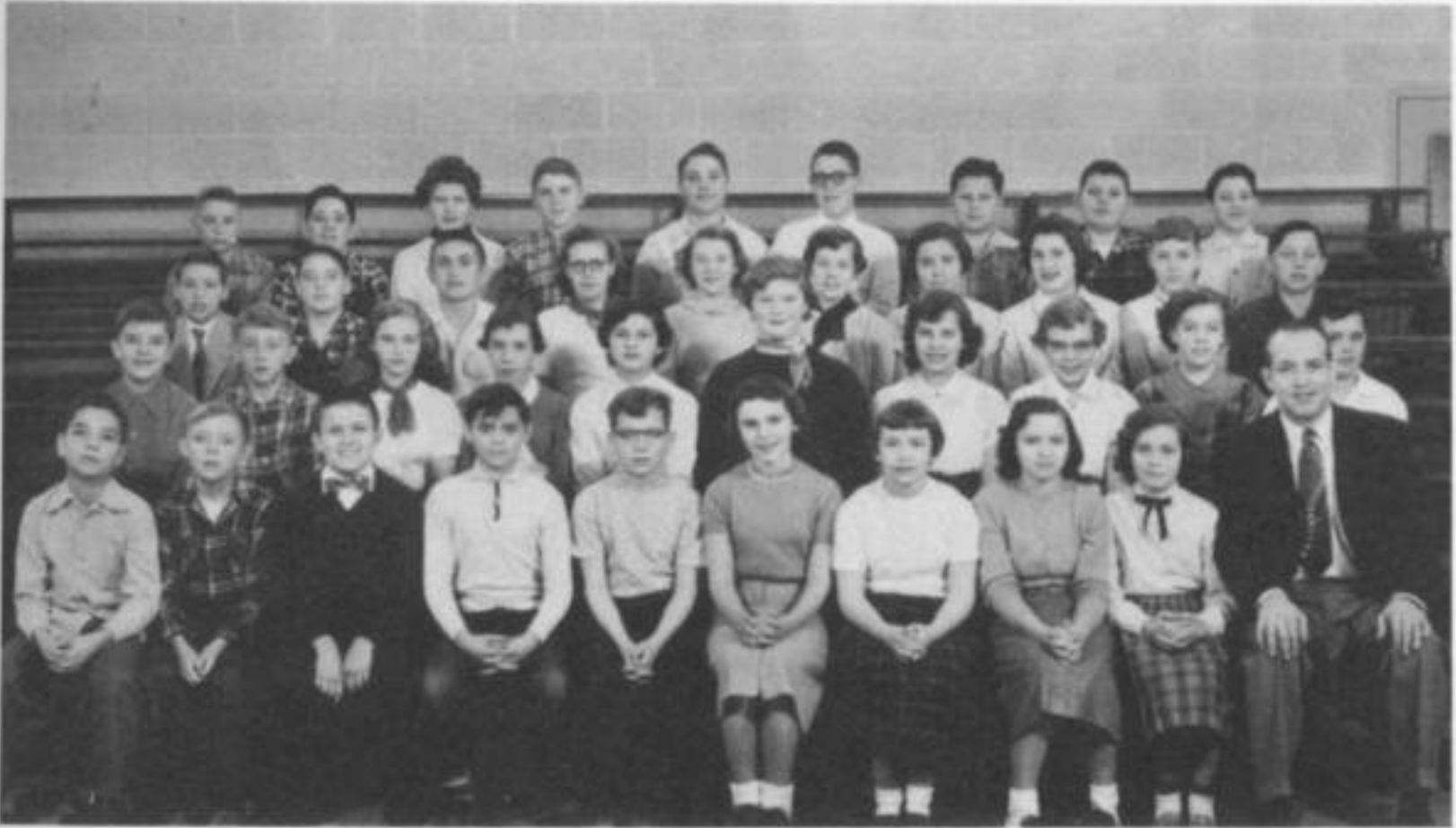
Eighth Grade



FIRST ROW, left to right: T. Holser, G. Richards, S. Doty, R. Stewart, N. McClure, C. Oglesbee, R. Denz, J. Lane, D. Aldred, L. O'Guinn, E. Lane, D. Green. SECOND ROW: D. Meeks, H. McClure, E. Tear, L. McGaughey, D. Roat, J. Nobles, D. Roat, D. Campbell, I. Fishburn, C. Doty, S. Benedict. THIRD ROW: D. Bruzeske, R. Young, R. Richardson, M. Wooley, R. Pickard, N. Dyer, D. Tiami, K. Draper, M. Bond, C. Taggart, Mrs. Knickerbocker.

Congratulations to the Seniors from the Michigan Soft Water Company.

Seventh Grade



FIRST ROW: Left to right: G. Felger, E. Webb, B. Bowles, B. Wiselogle, B. Winstanley, D. Taimi, C. Hall, J. Stadlberger, S. Atkinson, Mr. McAra. SECOND ROW: T. Williamson, W. Voce, B. Wells, P. Tice, S. Youngs, P. Weaver, L. Coon, B. Kissenger, D. Wilson, D. Meeker. THIRD ROW: R. Ziegler, C. Beals, W. Wooley, J. Byrer, E. Walker, J. Terry, P. Wilson, L. Wilson, S. Tanner, D. Durbin. FOURTH ROW: W. Vickerman, G. Brown, P. Brown, D. York, G. Stebbins, J. Stowers, R. Uptigrove, A. Shurter, R. Matchett.

Seventh Grade



FIRST ROW: Left to right: J. Barnett, M. Burpee, I. Cassell, J. Conn, K. Smith, L. Alexander, N. Hall, S. Campbell, J. Blow. SECOND ROW: D. Barniske, D. Cuneaz, G. Crisi, J. Brown, D. Brian, R. Drake, J. Bean, R. Devine, M. Smith. THIRD ROW: W. Swigert, R. Bacon, D. Austin, E. Dyer, G. Swigert, J. Brock, F. Colby, J. Barnes, R. Smith, G. Brock. FOURTH ROW: H. Tyler, D. Smith, J. Dues, B. Bare, C. Coates, R. Berry, V. Berry, Mr. Long.

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Seventh Grade



First Row, Left to right: S. Howell, P. Pursell, R. Ogdin, S. Neal, T. Montague, J. Petrik, J. Pickard, A. Richardson, B. Savonne. Second Row: J. Fournier, T. Phelps, V. Grayden, J. Sellers, K. Eden, M. McMullin, M. McLeod, J. Hammon, J. Miller, J. Powers, J. Shields. Third Row: W. Teach, J. Pratt, R. Fergeson, C. Meder, S. Johnston, M. Hempton, S. Methven, D. Grooms. Fourth Row: S. Roberts, G. O'Dell, H. Escue, B. Pickard, D. Morris, B. Roche, S. Glasco, P. Pemberton.

Thirteen Year Club



Front: Mildred Roat, Carol Swanson, Shirley Barnett. Back: Jim Budd, Larry Atherton, Ray Kissenger, Prentis Bond, Alan Garwold, Don Stowers, Bob Mitchell, Wayne Fairchild, Jack Armstrong, Dick Martin.

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Football



FIRST ROW: Left to right: J. Anslow, L. July, M. Miller, G. Richardson, K. Shields, D. Whittenger, D. Torr, J. Walton, B. Brown. SECOND ROW: T. Holser, Manager; J. Horne, L. Cannon, D. Conn, R. Bollinger, D. Stowers, B. Aldred, D. Pemberton, P. Nearing, C. Barnum, J. Stowers, Manager. THIRD ROW: Coach Wallace, R. Bruzewski, C. Bond, G. Vickerman, C. Monroe, R. Callesen, C. Vickerman, B. Anslow, J. Winstanley, Coach Clark. FOURTH ROW: Coach Jacobs, T. Howay, J. Armstrong, J. Barniske, D. Love, B. Barnum, L. Wheaton, R. Ripka. FIFTH ROW: C. Van Wagner, T. Matchett, S. Coplin, H. Roat.

Track



FIRST ROW: Left to right: Bob Bruzewski, Dick Callesen, Don Stowers, Bill Anslow. SECOND ROW: Mr. Jacobs, Charles Bond, Jack Winstanley, Don Johnson.

Varsity Basketball



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Bob Bruzewski, Jack Armstrong, David LeClaire, Bill Barnum, Charles Bond, Tom Howay, Robert Ripka. SECOND ROW: Don Johnson, Dale Conn, Don Stowers, Bob Bollinger, Tom Matchett, Dick Callesen, Coach Mikulich.

Reserve Basketball



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Larry Wheaton, Charles Vickerman, Jerry Horne, Jim Walton, Ken Shields, Clarence Barnum, Jack Winstanley, Bob Day, David Harrison. SECOND ROW: Larry Baucus, Bill Anslow, Don Davis, Sam Coplin, Eldon Card, Delbert Pemberton, Gary Gifford, Brian Brown, Clinton Van Wagner, Coach Wallace.

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Baseball



First Row, Left to right: Prentis Bond, Neigel Sadler, Bill Barnum, Charles Bond, Tom Howay, Bob Ripka. Second Row: Chuck Vickerman, Jack Armstrong, Dick Callesen, Dale Conn, George Vickerman, Jack Morton, Wayne Fairchild, Coach Mr. Clark.

Girls Track



First Row, Left to right: Camilla Zajdlik, Pat Finch, Beverly Egts, Kay Borton. Second Row: Carol Lawrence, Marjorie Stowers, Wanda Kruse, Coach Miss Wells.

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Speedball



First Row, Left to right: L. Dyer, D. Dyer, C. Cokley, P. Winstanley, J. Lane, C. Hoskins, S. Rathburn, A. Moore, C. Lawrence. Second Row: S. Rollf, I. Smith, R. Coates, M. Stowers, B. Glanton, C. Wallace, Coach Miss Wells. Third Row: L. Kissinger, P. Barr, D. Walton, A. Skranz, W. Wilson, D. Dunham.

Softball



First Row, Left to right: A. Moore, P. Finch, C. Christensen, W. Kruse, L. Kissenger, J. Ernest, C. Zajdlik. Second Row: A. Skranz, R. Coates, B. Glanton, M. Stowers, Coach Miss Wells, P. Harrison, D. Dunham, P. Campbell.

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Girls Basketball



FIRST ROW, Left to Right: Adella Moore, Lois Kissinger, Carolyn Hoskins, Jackie Lane, Iva Smith, Lee Dyer, Carol Lawrence. SECOND ROW: Sandra Rathbun, Barbara Glanton, Pat Harrison, Alice Skranz, Nancy Hewig, Sandra Goetz, Margie Stowers, Beth Redburn, Wanda Kruse, Coach Miss Wells.

Varsity Cheerleaders



From left to right: Pat Finch, Adella Moore, Wanda Kruse, Beth Redburn, Marjorie Stowers, Nancy Hewig.

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Student Council



Seated, Left to right: Carolyn Hoskins, Adella Moore, Ramona Richardson, Judy Grahn, Shirley Barnett. Second Row: Douglas Grooms, Dennis Smith. Third Row: Jim Budd, Chuck Vickerman, Tom Matchett, Robert Ripka, Larry Tarno, Jack Winstanley.

Librarians



Seated, Left to right: Barbara Glanton, Adella Moore, Ramona Richardson, Linda McAra, Marilyn Richardson. Standing: Janice Swartz, Pat Draper, Ruth Kovacs, Pat Neering, Thelma Sweet, Bonnie Finch, Carla Modine, Joanne Bruzewski, Nancy Hewig, Ellen Cook, Pat Harrison.

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Yearbook Staff



Seated, Left to right: Carla Modine, Editor; Marita Horne, Connie Gilfillian, Joan Qualls, Beth Redburn, Bonnie Finch, Iva Smith. Standing: Florence McClure, Shirley Barnett, Carol Swanson, Richard Callesen, Jim Birdwell, George Vickerman, Alan Garwold, Charles Monroe, Prentis Bond, Jim Budd, Nancy McGaughey.

Newspaper Staff



Seated, Left to right: Carla Modine, Marita Horne, Connie Gilfillian, Editor; George Vickerman, Beth Redburn, Bonnie Finch, Advisor Miss Ringlein. Standing: Ray Kissinger, Alan Garwold, Don Stowers, Charles Monroe, Jim Budd, Robert Ripka.

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Band



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

Glee Club



FIRST ROW: Mr. Barker, Dolly Dyer, Chestena Cokley, Pat Barr, Pat Winstanley, Ellen Cook, Connie Burly, Carol Gierock, Lee Dyer, Florence Robertson. SECOND ROW: Gladys Eden, Carol Joy Brown, Shirley Burley, Linda Gosha, Ruth Coates, Lois Tear, Carol Ann Brown, Kay Borton, Beverly Egts, Pat Finch. THIRD ROW: Pat Evans, Solange Lockwood, Pat Middleton, Delores Denz, Martha Currie, Alice Roat, June Wooley, Barbara Townsend, Helen Coates, Betty Tarno. FOURTH ROW: Judy Grahn, Helen Mitchell, Lynn Soule, Sandra Goetz, Ruth Balzer, Joyce Alberts, Janice Coon, Denise Kauertz.

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Majorettes



From left to right: Mary June Mansfield, Donna Campbell, Dolly Dyer, Rosemary Denz, Pat Winstanley, Murlene Bond.

Reserve Cheerleaders



From left to right: Camilla Zajdlik, Jackie Lane, Lee Dyer, Carolyn Hoskins, Barbara Glanton.

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F. H. A. Club



First Row, Left to Right: Sponsor Mrs. Clark, L. Soule, B. Townsend, J. Paquet, C. Zajdlik, A. Skranz, P. Campbell, C. Christensen, B. VanPelt, J. Lane, M. Burns. Second Row: D. Walton, C. Brown, E. Cook, D. Dunham, P. Finch, B. Egts, J. Overton, C. Hoskins, W. Kruse, K. Borton, J. Payne, S. Lockwood. Third Row: C. Burley, D. Kauertz, J. Coon, M. Richardson, J. Wooley, R. Coates, P. Bowman, N. Hutton, G. Renshaw, J. Tokar, I. Press, S. Rollf. Fourth Row: L. Florence, P. Middleton, A. Roat, R. Balzer, C. Burns, C. Young, V. Guelde, J. Fallis, N. Brown, C. Wallace, S. Rathburn, S. Booth.

Senior Play Cast



First Row, Left to Right: Jim Budd, Mrs. Kilburn, Advisor; Jim Birdwell, Marita Horne, Alan Garwold, Mrs. Clark, Advisor; Richard Callesen. Second Row: Florence McClure, Carla Modine, Mildred Roat, Joan Qualls, Prentis Bond, Bob Gill, Shirley Barnett. Third Row: Bonnie Finch, Ray Kissenger, Charles Monroe, Don Stowers, Gordon Streeter, Iva Smith.

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Class Will

We, the Class of 1955, in 41 individual and distinct parts, being about to pass out of the sphere of education, in full possession of a crammed mind, welltrained 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 here-to-fore made, or mayhap, carelessly spoken, one to the other, as the thoughtless wish of an idle hour.

I, Rita Horne, wish to leave to Wanda Colling and Pat Campbell my hidden talent. May they have better luck in finding it than I have had.

I, Dave Roat, wish to leave to Charles Blanchard my physique.

I, Carla Modine, wish to leave to Judy Grahn my gift of gab. May she never be out talked.

I, Iva Jean Smith, wish to leave to Margie Stowers my basketball uniform. May she never have to sit down in it.

I, Audrey Moffatt, wish to leave to Helen Mitchell my title as "Best Arguer".

I, Bill Sweet, wish to leave to Gary Stevens my CAREFUL driving habits. May he never exceed the speed limit.

I, Nancy McGaughey, wish to leave all of my romances to Ellen Cook and Carol Roche.

I, Ray Hamilton, wish to leave my happy-go-luck disposition to Neigel Sadler.

I, Tom Howay, wish to leave my way with the girls to Bill Barnum.

I, Jim Birdwell, wish to leave all of my pep and spirit to Alan Dyer.

I, Prentis Bond, wish to leave all of my good marks to my brother, Charles Bond.

I, Bob Bolinger, wish to leave my ability to say the wrong thing at the wrong time to Jim Glasco.

I, Nelson Wooley, wish to pass on the basketball fouls left to me last year to Lee Garber.

I, Ray Kissinger, wish to leave all of my admirers to LeRoy Wilmont.

I, Sandra Wells Blackhurst, wish to leave all of my old boy friends to Deanna Middleton and Ernestine Gould. May they have a good time.

I, Joan Qualls, wish to leave my title as "Quietest Girl in the Class" to Carol Ann Brown.

I, Larry Atherton, wish to leave my ever ready chuckle and unchanging personality to David LeClaire.

I, Bob Mitchell, wish to leave my unconcern for sports to Jack Morton.

I, Mildred Roat, wish to leave to Carol Joy Brown my quiet ways.

Class Will

I, Shirley Barnett, wish to leave my flashing smile to Pat Harrison and Helen Coates.

I, Carol Swanson, wish to leave my always neat appearance to Delores Walton.

I, Bonnie Finch, wish to leave my Senior treasurer's job to Nancy Hewig. May she always have plenty of aspirins handy to cure the head-aches she is sure to get.

I, Carol Lawrence, wish to leave my acting ability to Carol Christensen.

I, Gordon Streeter, wish to leave my charming personality to Barty Brown.

I, George Vickerman, wish to leave my position on the candy counter to Jerry Evans. May he never eat too much profit.

I, Beth Redburn, leave my phone number to Betty Lou VanPelt. May the phone ring all the time.

I, Don Stowers, wish to leave my athletic ability to Fred Gusie.

I, Bill Aldred, wish to leave my "catty clothes" to Danny Wheaton.

I, Connie Gilfillan, wish to leave to Alice Skranz my crying towel. May she wail with every test.

I, Florence McClure, wish to leave to Betty Tarne my short stature.

I, Charles Monroe, wish to will my automobile troubles to John Barniske. May he have bigger ones.

I, Dick Callesen, wish to leave to Wayne Eden my geometry books. May there never be a figure that puzzles him.

I, Jim Katona, wish to leave my ability to stay away from girls to Bob Bruzewski.

I, Jim Budd, wish to leave to Gary McGee all of my excess money. May he spend it more conservatively than I have.

I, Wayne Fairchild, wish to leave my title as "Class Pest" to Carl Alberts.

I, Jack Armstrong, wish to leave to Bob Ripka something, but I forget what it is. May he have better luck remembering it than I have had.

I, Dick Martin, wish to leave my great strength to Norman Faught.

I, Bob Gill, wish to leave my expert driving ways to Dan Gatlin.

I, Zetha Eden, wish to leave my personality to Beverly Acha.

I, Duane Love, wish to leave to Leo Vickerman my curly hair.

We, the Senior Class, wish to leave to Mr. Mikulich a bottle of aspirins and a gift certificate to St. Joseph's Hospital for a double shot of penicillin.

Class Prophecy

This is your Bentley TV reporter Alan Garwold taking you to the dedication ceremonies of Bentley's new fifty thousand dollar athletic field. Half of the money was generously donated by the faculty of Bentley and the other half by the prosperous class of '55. Most of the class members are here and as our cameras focus upon them I will give you a brief idea of what they have been doing these ten years since leaving Bentley.

Jim Budd, our rising young architect, designed our new athletic field. It is the first free form shaped playing field in the nation. Football rules will have to be altered to accomodate the three goal posts instead of the conventional two.

Beth Redburn is still working at Uncle Dudleys. She now owns half interest and her noon hour pep meetings (admission one box top) are quite an innovation.

Bob Gill and Nelson Wooley are partners in a yearbook advertising agency. Their many contacts made while gathering yearbook ads proved to be quite an asset in the founding of the company.

Sandra Blackhurst, Chuck and their nine children are here to put on a baseball demonstration during the ceremonies.

Iva Jean Smith is happily married and living on a dairy farm near Mt. Morris. Scorning modern machinery, Iva hand milks her herd of eighty cows daily. She says it is a great muscle builder.

Bonnie Finch, our state treasurer, is here today also. After making a fortune in the wholesale candy business she entered politics on the prohibition ticket.

Gordon Streeter, Bentley's gift to the ladies, is doing well in Hollywood as the long awaited second Valentino. We hear from reliable sources that he has a swimming pool shaped like Marilyn Monroe.

Bill Sweet also lives in California where he has built the Sweet-Sweet Sauerkraut factory.

Florence McClure and Mildred Roat liked their parts in the Senior play so much they decided to be teachers and are now on the Bentley faculty. Florence teaches girl's gym and Mildred's specialty is driver training.

Audrey Moffatt, Michigan director for Stanley Products arrived in an orchid Cadillac. I understand she works on a high commission.

George Vickerman, the chief mattress tester for the Peerless Mattress Company, decided upon his vocation while sleeping through the Junior Play.

Ray Kissinger, our famous second papa Dionne, is the proud father of quintuplets. Dr. Carla Modine and Dr. Connie Gilfillan were in attendance.

We all miss Wayne Fairchild's quiet humor at this gathering, but the lead dog of his dog team died and Wayne couldn't replace him in time to make the trip down from the Arctic where he operates his trap line.

Ray Hamilton is doing well financially since he patented his "Hamilton No-Strip Transmission".

Shirley Barnett has made a success of her old maid's home, we hear. She has influenced many girls with her "I hate men" slogan.

Bill Aldred, the noted efficiency expert has just arrived by helicopter. He never wastes a second of his time.

Prentis Bond is known as the "Friendly Undertaker". His company motto, "We'll get you at the end" is really getting results.

Carol Swanson is wearing a striking outfit of pink mink, a product of her

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Class Prophecy Continued

own dress designing firm. She has become the company's best advertisement.

Bob Bolinger has made a name for himself as a member of the Detroit Lions. He has replaced Les Bingaman on the line and is doing an excellent job.

Our class millionaire, Larry Atherton, arrived in his Jaguar sports car. The parking lot business proved to be very lucrative.

Tom Howay looks well rested. Of course, he should. All day he sits on his porch at his tobacco farm in Tennessee and watches his crop grow.

Dick Martin has taken time off from writing his memoirs to be with us today. His new book is titled "Ernie and Me". He is praised for his perfect English usage.

Zetha Eden has finally arrived. We were afraid she couldn't be back from Europe in time. She has been traveling extensively with her Indian prince husband. She is rated as one of the top fashion models, you know.

Chuck Monroe has gone into the malted milk business. His foaming malts are a great hit with teenagers.

Dave Roat is advertising Geritol, "for tired blood" on television. Among his pleased customers are Dick Martin, Bill Aldred and Jim Katona.

Carol Lawrence has followed in the footsteps of her aunt, Gertrude Lawrence and is now the sensation of Broadway.

Rita Horne, our roller skating champion, has married the owner of a chain of roller rinks, so she can now skate free in practically any city she visits.

Don Stowers found his life work in teaching. He is on the faculty of Vassar College teaching Ballet Dancing.

Nancy McGaughey is still selling jewelry at the Vogue. She says she feels like a queen amid all the jewels every day---so what more could a girl want?

Bob Mitchell has his own television show, sponsored by Arthur Murray. His newest dance is named the "Bentley Bounce" in honor of this great occasion.

Jim Katona has become a wrestler. I hear his fan mail is tremendous. The ladies really like the leopard skin suit Kave Man Katona wears in the ring.

Joan Qualls is also quite athletic now. Her professional name, Madame Zoo-Zoo, is well known to viewers of Super Circus where she performs as the strong woman weight lifter.

Dick Callesen is now an eminent attorney. His last brilliant case was the freeing of a teenager accused of climbing towers in a state park.

Jim Birdwell is here with his twenty-two piece orchestra from the Hotel New Yorker in New York City. He became attached to the hotel while there on his senior trip and he recently added it to his hotel chain. I'm sure that you've heard of his advertising slogan. "Make your nest in Birdwell's best."

Jack Armstrong couldn't be here today, the warden at Jackson refused to let him out. Poor guy---he has five more years to serve for bigamy. He married six women without bothering to get divorces. When the love bug bit him it really bit hard!

Mrs. Kilburn has taught her last year at Bentley. After inventing radiant heated bleachers for the new athletic field, she is going to retire on her income and write her book, "Nervous Disorders of Senior Sponsors" or "How to Grow Old Ungracefully".

It has been wonderful seeing everyone today. After Mr. Barhitte dedicates the field we are all going on a picnic at Rumph's park. Until then, I will turn this microphone over to another announcer. Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.

Class History

In September of 1951 our class enrolled in Bentley as Freshmen. Mr Bachman, our sponsor, saw us through our Freshmen troubles from the initiation and party to our class trip to Walled Lake. Jim Budd was our able president.

Then, in September of 1952, our call became Sophomores. Mr. Bachman again was our class sponsor, and helped with the initiation of Freshmen and the Formal Dance. Our class had the honor of giving the King, Prentis Bond, to the carnival. Our president was Richard Beldin. We lost Carol Wallace and Earl Eddy that year.

In 1953 Mrs. Kilburn became our class sponsor and we became Juniors. Our president was Sandra Wells and we had dances, a play and the Junior-Senior Banquet. We lost Norma Tear, Pat Hoffman, Marvin Laouke, Louie Anderson, Joel Swatzel, Dick Beldin, Carol Brown, Jerry Meder, Art Burdick, Larry Katzur and George Thomas; but we gained Vickie Grooms.

Finally, in 1954, with Mrs. Kilburn as our sponsor, we became Seniors. With Chuck Monroe as our president, we had many activities. Zetha Eden and Gordon Streeter became Carnival King and Queen. We lost Harriet Yott, Vickie Grooms, and Jeanette Gilbert, but we gained Connie Gilfillan. We ended the year with a five day trip to New York.