

# THE VIKING



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*LOOKS TO THE SCHOOL*

**VIKING**

*NINETEEN FORTY ONE*



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# *Y o u t h*

To the Community, School and to the Faculty of Bronson who have trod the path we are now pursuing and who have made so great a contribution toward the high standing of Bronson High School, and in earnest appreciation for all the help, consideration and patience they have given us in our four years of high school, We, the Class of '41, dedicate our annual "The Viking" with the hope that this record of our school life will recall pleasant memories of their school days.

*looks to the school for---*



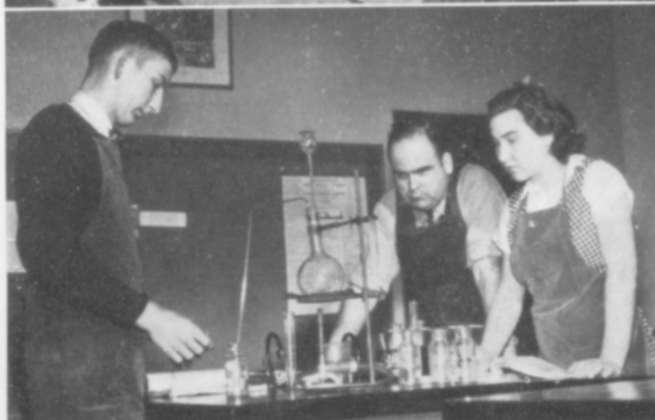
## INSPIRATION

Many times we have been inspired, by the challenge which we have received from our teachers and our studies, to do greater things, to conquer new worlds, to express our appreciation for the consideration we have received.



## ASSOCIATION

Here we have spent many happy hours—at work and at play. Our associations here during school hours have been pleasant, and we have found happiness in the companionship at our parties and other social gatherings.



## PREPARATION

Now that we are ready to go out into the work-a-day world we shall find that our twelve years have been spent in vain. On completion we are prepared to enter into the training for our chosen vocation and in many cases, into the vocation itself.

## DAILY LIFE AT BRONSON HIGH

Brr-ring! goes the eight-ten bell. Locker doors are slammed shut; last minute arrivals hurriedly pull out books and pencils; Freshmen, Seniors, all hurry in order to get to class before the tardy bell rings. Teachers, with their class books in hand, check the roll, making a note of the late-comers, and absentees—for this is a typical day at Bronson High School.

Let us take a look into some of the first hour classes. In the social science room is a class in vocations, which made its first appearance here at Bronson High this year. Mr. Stewart is the teacher of this group which studies all about various vocations. The main objective of this class is to aid Freshmen in preparing for and selecting their life work.

Here in the commercial room is the group of Seniors who make up the second year shorthand class. Their work, under Mrs. Hamilton, takes them into typing and other phases of commercial work as well. They are so well trained that they may secure an office job as soon as they finish high school if there are vacancies.

English and Latin are two of the classes held during the second hour. The English students learn grammar and construction. They take up a bit of journalism and a lot of library work under Miss Anderson. In their library work, they make themselves useful to the school, as well as helping themselves. Latin is the only foreign language taught here, and is taken usually by those who plan to go on to college for medical or teaching courses, and by others for its cultural background and its help in English.

Mr. Bodley teaches a class in geometry to Sophomore students in which they learn to apply the theorems and practices of geometry to actual daily use.

Social Problems and Civics are taught by Mr. Stewart. Civics is about the operation of our government. Current events are brought into discussion every day. This is a very argumentative class. Social Problems is an interesting subject, specializing in different problems of social life today and considering the best methods of meeting these problems.

The Home Economics Room is full of Freshmen girls, busy sewing different articles for their use. They also learn the basic fundamentals of cooking in which they practice the best methods. Caring for the sick is another fundamental learned by the girls.

The Freshman boys go to shop class taught by Mr. Leatherman at a new location this year. Here out of different kinds of materials, the boys learn to make practical things that are of use in every home, and they also learn the use of carpentry tools.

In the fourth hour Mr. Hilton teaches Horticulture. The farmer boys take this class where they learn about soils, animals, in fact, everything pertaining to the occupation of farming. This subject creates a love for country life.

The school band, under the direction of Mr. Ellis, practices in the gymnasium on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Marching is taken up by the band in autumn and spring when the weather permits. On the two days of the week the chorus voices may be heard practicing their tunes.

In the Home Economics room, girls are scurrying to prepare hot lunches on time. These are sold to the pupils and to teachers. The menus are well-balanced, the vitamins are all there, and they surely are appetizing.

There goes the noon bell! The locker doors slam again and most of the city students rush home for their lunches, while the rest eat at school. Some bring their own food from home, while the rest purchase hot lunches provided by the Home Economics Club. After luncheon, entertainment is provided in the form of table games, basketball, volley ball, ping pong, softball, and round and square dancing.

In the first hour after noon, Miss Anderson teaches biology, in which the students gain a knowledge of animal and plant life. Nature is wonderful if you know some of its interesting phenomena.

In the science room a class in physics,

taught by Mr. Westaway, is underway. Here the students study the branch of science which deals with the physical changes in matter. This is very interesting.

Mr. Stewart teaches consumer economics, an interesting subject, the fundamentals of which are used by everyone in his own life. Students are taught to buy and spend wisely.

In the eighth and last hour of the day some of the Senior boys meet in the Home Economics room for a class in boys' Home Economics. This is a new class started only this year and has thus far proved to be very helpful and enjoyable to the boys.

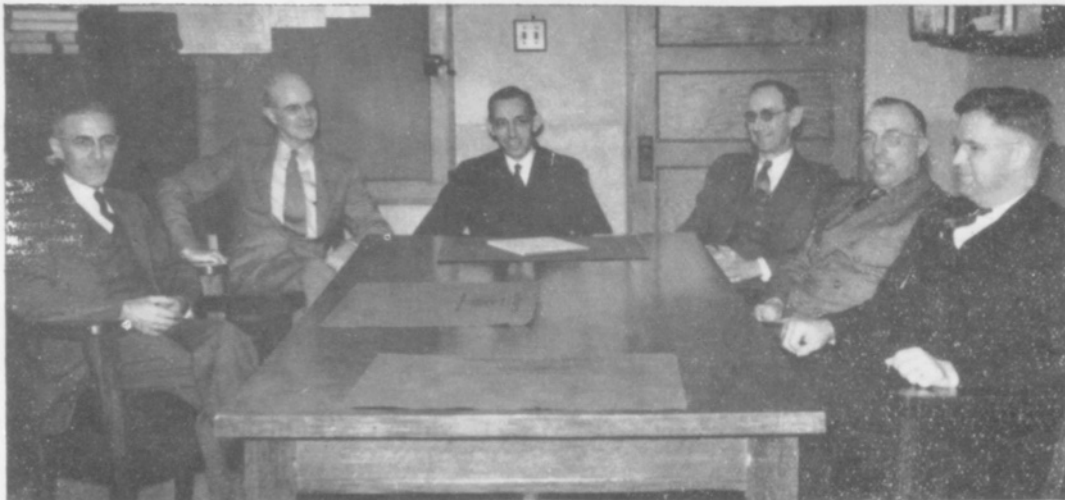
In the science room Mr. Westaway teaches a group of students the branch of science dealing with chemical changes of matter, called chemistry. He also demonstrates many of the laws of chemistry so that they are easier to understand.





**SUPT. ELWYN J. BODLEY**

"Did I ever tell you this story before"



**BOARD OF EDUCATION:** Robert Ryan, C. F. Moon, C. J. Holmes, Dr. J. A. Sommer, Glenn Martin, Supt. E. J. Bodley

Mr. Carl E. Stewart  
B. S. M. A.

"It's getting noisy in here"



Miss Louise Shepard, B. S.  
Smith Hughes Vocational Home Economics

"The bell has rung"



Mrs. Nova Hamilton  
State Life Certificate

"Everyone in your own seats, please"



Miss Dora Anderson  
B. A.

"Let's have it quiet in here"



Mr. Herman Ellis  
B. A.

"When you quiet down, we'll start in"



Miss Marjorie Cathcart  
State Life Certificate

"So what." "How about it"



Miss Jessie Truesdell  
B. S.

"Get right down to work"



Mr. Charles R. Hilton  
B. S.

"Review today, test tomorrow"



Mr. Alwyn Westaway  
B. S.

"Pipe down"



Mrs. Margaret Tharp  
B. A.

"May I see your excuse"



*Alwyn L. Westaway*

*Margaret B. Tharp*

# Seniors

Elaine Bawden  
"Self truth is the first secret  
of success."

Iva Belote  
"A quiet girl, but quite a  
girl."

Francis Bobay  
"Give me liberty or give me  
love."

Dale Cochensparker  
"I live in peace with all  
mankind."

Jane Coleman  
"She speaks, behaves and  
acts just as she should."

Elouise Fenner  
"Where there's a will, she'll  
make a way."

June Gibbons  
"I'm not as bashful as I  
look."

June Heckelman  
"Nothing is more useful  
than silence."

Doris Hillyer  
"Full of pep, full of fun;  
never quiet, always on the  
run."

Lula Howald  
"Small but mighty."

Ernestine Klavinski  
"She is always at her work,  
and no duty does she shirk."

Barbara Kolassa  
"I could be better if I  
would, but it's awful lone-  
some being good."





Stanley Kruszka  
"Quality goes clear"

Michael Kupiecki  
"Always be yourself."

Thelma Lampman  
"Cheerful, good-natured and true; she's always a valued friend to you."

Dorothy Langwell  
"A good disposition is more valuable than gold."

Lillian Luce  
"A woman's work is never done."

John Mahar  
"Aim high and hold your aim."

Betty Mitchell  
"She is jolly, good-natured and true, and her share always willing to do."

Donald Parsons  
"He's a good egg that's hard to beat."

Wava Parsons  
"Sing away sorrow, cast away care."

Kenneth Rifenburg  
"Clever, full of fun, a smile for everyone."

Rosebell Riggs  
"Not by her size, but by her disposition, she is judged."

Clark Roebuck  
"Whatever is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

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# Seniors

Elton Rubley  
"Quietly working onward."

Betty Russell  
"Good humor is one of the best dresses one can wear in society."

Joe Seiler  
"The unspoken word never does harm."

Clarence Snyder  
"Not too serious, not too gay, but a real good fellow in every way."

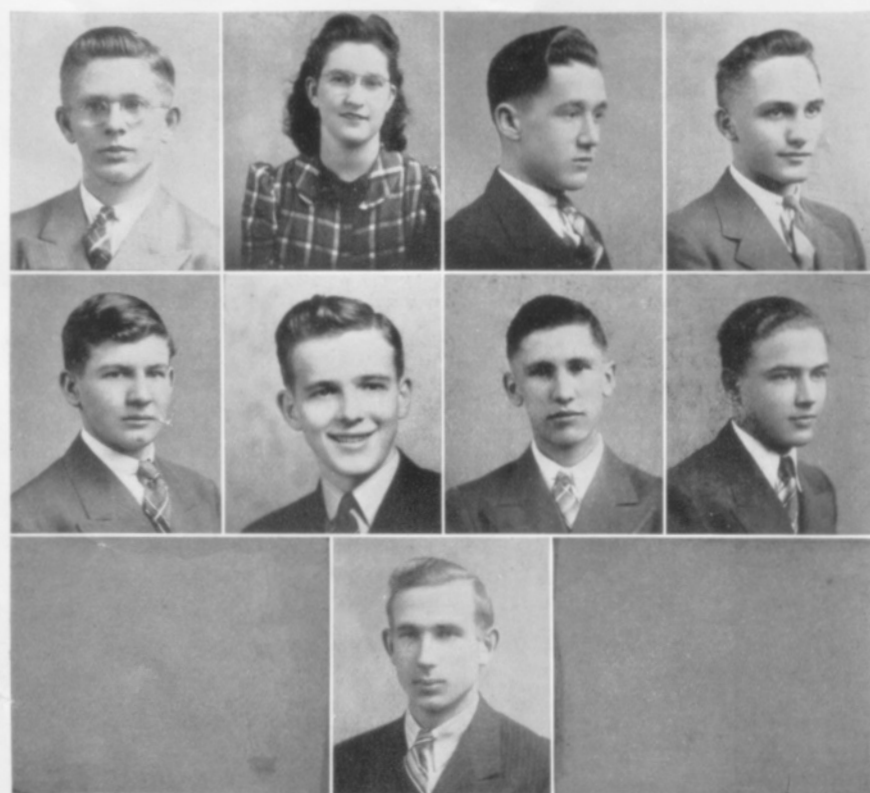
Cecil Tice  
"Men of few words are the best of men."

Duane Ward  
"I love to wind up my tongue, but I love to let it go."

Garth Wilber  
"When fun and duty clash, let duty go to smash."

Paul Wilson  
"A friend to all he meets."

Francis Yesh  
"Modesty is the color of Virtue."



## CLASS PROPHECY

Bronson, Michigan, June 3, 1951

Dear Betty Jean:

I am sorry that you were not able to attend the Alumni Banquet last night, as I know you would have enjoyed seeing all your old high school friends. But since you were the only one not present, I shall tell you about it.

Paul Wilson, who is on a furlough from his missionary work in Africa, was the main speaker of the evening. You certainly remember how well Barbara used to sing, don't you? Well, she has kept on and made singing a career. She flew in from New York, where she has just completed a four weeks' contract at the Metropolitan, in order to sing during the Alumni program. Garth Wilber, who is a tobacco auctioneer from West Virginia, acted as toastmaster for the evening. Iva Belote, June Heckelman, and Thelma Lampman, who are doing secretarial work, were also present. Elouise Fenner, you will remember, always said she wanted to be a secretary and marry the boss' son. Well, her wish came true alright and she didn't work for the boss either, his son. Jane Coleman left shortly after school was out in '41 and took up commercial art in Chicago. She had some of her beautiful drawings with her last night. Doris Hillyer, who has been for several years, a model, is now Mrs. Olan Martin. Wava Parsons has been a beauty operator and is now Mrs. David Greeley. They are living in a house trailer near a training camp in Louisiana. Stanley Kruszkka wanted to be President of the United States, as you remember. From all I hear, I do think we'll have a good President in a few years. Clarence Snyder is also studying for Vice-President and I think they'll run together. Won't that be great, a President and a Vice-President out of our class?

Clark Roebuck is superintendent of a tool and die making factory, and Dale Cochensparger is foreman of one of the rooms there. Elaine Bawden, who is supervisor of the nurses at the Health Center in Coldwater, and June Gibbons, who is the head of the maternity ward there, were also present. I suppose these two will interest you greatly, since you are a surgical nurse in Ann Arbor. Micheal Kupiecki, who you will remember, specialized in commercial work while in school, is now an accountant in Kalamazoo. Of course you have heard a lot about our famous aviator, Francis Bobay. He was present last night. Lillian Luce, who operated a beauty parlor in Bronson, is now keeping house for Francis Yesh, who is the president of a local factory here. Donald Parsons, Elton Rubley, John Mahar, Cecil Tice, and Joe Seiler, all F. F. A. boys while in high school, are all married and have beautiful farms of their own. They were present. Kenneth Rifenburgh, who is a famous artist, and Betty Jane Mitchell, who is a physical education teacher in Boston, were also present last night. Duane Ward, now a famous "door salesman" was here. By the way, about two years ago, he got his foot in the door and had it broken. Dorothy Langwell wanted to be an old maid, but she was one of the first to be married from our class. Maybe that's what she called being an old maid. Rosebelle Rigg, a famous dancer in New York, illustrated several numbers here. She is an excellent dancer. And last but not least is Lula Mae Howald, who is a beauty operator in Detroit.

The evening was spent with fun and laughter for all present. I am sure you will be disappointed greatly that you could not be present.

I had better close and go to bed as it is almost twelve and I'll have to go to work tomorrow.

Sincerely yours,  
Ernestine Klavinski

# CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Bronson High School, City of Bronson, State of Michigan, being of sane mind and memory, declaring this our last will and testament, do bequeath our most valued possessions as follows:

## SECTION I

To the Faculty, we leave our sincere appreciation for their unending patience; to the Juniors, we leave the honor and responsibility of being called Seniors and acting as such; to the Sophomores, we leave our virtue and methods of studying and rights to have all their lessons one hundred per cent; and to the Freshmen, we leave all knowledge that is of no use to us and hope it may help them in the future.

## SECTION II

I, Elaine Bawden, leave my jolly disposition and physic book to Donna Shaw. I, June Gibbons, bequeath my giggles to Phyllis Tice.

I, Iva Belote, bequeath my basketball ability to Anna Lemanski.

I, Francis Bobay, leave "Lamoine" to any one who can get her.

I, Dale Cochensparger, leave my quietness to Frank Printke.

I, Jane Coleman, leave my position as President of the Student Council to Richard Yesh. I, Elouise Fenner, leave the honor of being Valedictorian to the most worthy.

I, June Heckelman, leave my ability to study to Ethen Swift.

I, Doris Hillyer, bequeath my slender figure to Alberta Diebel.

I, Lula Mae Howald, leave my dancing ability to Marjorie Shook.

I, Barbara Kolassa, leave my ability to sing to Wanda Nowak.

We, Ernestine Klavinski and Betty Jean Russell, leave our everlasting friendship through high school to June McDonald and Doris Guzy.

I, Stanley Kruszka, leave my blushing to Jeannette Peruski.

I, Micheal Kupiecki, leave my ability to do mathematics to Edwina Horkey. I, Joe Seiler, leave my bashfulness to Dwight Green.

I, Thelma Lampman, leave my typing ability to Evelyn Klavinski.

I, Dorothy Langwell, leave my chubbiness to Francis Seiler.

I, Lillian Luce, leave my position as President of the Home Economics Club to Louise Criswell.

I, John Mahar, leave my way with the girls to Whitcomb Cranson.

I, Betty Jane Mitchell, leave my ability to read books in class to Carlie Rifenburgh.

I, Donald Parsons, leave my manly figure to Chuck Hilton, Jr.

I, Wava Persons, leave my ambition never to have a curl out of place to Shirley Lane.

I, Rosebelle Rigg, give my smiles to Dorothy Monroe.

I, Kenneth Rifenburgh, bequeath my ability to build airplanes to Paul Borton. I, Clark Roebuck, bequeath my editorship of the Viking to LaVerne LaMontagne.

I, Elton Rubley, leave my "good marks" ability to Dale Hankins.

I, Clarence Snyder, leave my ability to be a good baseball player to "Wishy" Kostielny.

I, Cecil Tice, leave my ability to grow up to Victor Cook.

I, Duane Ward, leave my strong physique to Leland Smart.

I, Garth Wilbur, leave my boastfulness to Victor Bolley.

I, Paul Wilson, leave my "going-with-girls" ability to Bill Guzy.

I, Francis Yesh, leave my football playing ability to Keith Teeple.

Lastly, we leave all our possessions not mentioned above to our last sponsor, Mr. Bodley.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the Class of  
Nineteen Hundred Forty-one to be their last will and test-  
ament.  
Betty Jean Russell

## VALEDICTORY

Everyone has a goal which some day he wishes to attain. How to reach this goal is another thing.

If in early life you start doing things by putting forth your best efforts you will not find tasks so hard when you get out into the world. If, though, you must be forced to do your task, you will lack initiative later on in life.

One should be independent. He should not have to be told to do everything but do his tasks of his own free will. No one is going to tell you later just what to do and how to do it. If you do not start relying upon yourself now, when will you?

One should not give up easily at the task he is doing and allow his ambition to die. "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" is an old saying, but if applied, it will work effectively as ever in bringing you close to the goal.

A person who shows little enthusiasm for what he is doing will not be likely to succeed in that endeavor and will find it hard to reach his goal.

Opportunity is not likely to seek you out. You must meet it half way. If you fail to do so it will not come so close the next time.

So if you want success, you must put forth your best efforts in what you are doing. Whether you are the highly paid executive or the ditch digger, do your work in your very best manner and some day you are likely to reach the goal that is in your mind. At least you will have the satisfaction of remaining true to your ideals and ambitions and perhaps you will have paved the way for the success of another who follows you.

Do not allow anything to turn you aside from these ambitions. Edgar A. Guest has very vividly expressed the spirit with which you should face the future in the following lines:

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle, replied  
That 'maybe it couldn't', but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so 'till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a  
grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it."

—Elouise Fenner

## SALUTATORY

This then is the end! Today we stand here and again say "Here Endeth." Here endeth our high school days, companionships that have grown dear with the passing years, rivalries that have spurred us on to achievement.

We have traveled together now for four years, knowing the same triumphs and the same defeats; experiencing the same joys and the same disappointments. Together we have looked forward for four years to this day, and now that it is come we say with pleasure—and with sadness "Here Endeth."

So, today marks for us an end—and a beginning. But regardless of what this beginning is, whether we step forth into business, into college, or into home-making, this day marks the birth of new ideas; new interests; new associations and new experiences.

But perhaps the greatest change of all of us who graduate here today can be summed up in these words: "Here endeth restraint; here beginneth freedom."

But if we are to be actually free, we must learn one important lesson. Real freedom never consists in mere release from old limitations; freedom is the positive substitution of inward self control for external restraints.

Today marks for us the end of old laws and restrictions. But what of the freedom that is beginning? Will it lead us into disaster because of our own lack of self control; or shall we know the true freedom that comes with a stable sense of values and sound judgment?

Here endeth the old! Here beginneth the new! A new world lies before us, replete with opportunities—and with temptations. Our life has been placed in our own hands to do with as we will. The choice is ours! In John Oxenham's words:

"To every man there openeth  
A Way and Ways and a Way,  
And the High Soul climbs the High Way  
And the Low Soul gropes the Low  
And in between on the misty flats  
The rest drift to and fro.  
But to every man there openeth  
A High Way and a Low,  
And every man decideth  
The Way his Soul Shall go."

—Micheal Kupiecki

## JUNIORS

Class Motto—"Where there is a will, there is a way."

Class Colors—Blue and Yellow

Class Flower—Yellow Rose

Class Officers—

President, Grace Calhoun; Vice-President, Doris Guzy;  
Secretary, LaMoine Bidwell; Treasurer, LaVerne LaMontagne

As Juniors, the Class of 1942 started with 64 students, including Christine Herman, Richard Coward, and Evelyn Harker who were new in Bronson High. At the close of the first semester, however, Richard Coward moved to Lapeer. Mr. Hilton acted as their class adviser.

During the year several members of the class were very active in the various sports of the school, such as football, basketball, and baseball. On both the football and basketball teams, Juniors were in the majority. Many girls, as well as boys, won letter awards in basketball. Quite a number of students were representatives on the Hi-Times staff and in the Senior Band.

On December 20, 1940, several students participated in the class play, "Elmer, The Youngest," as a means of raising money for the annual reception. At intervals through the year, sandwich sales were held, and also pop, candy, and pop corn were sold at football games and also at basketball games as a means of increasing their funds.

The class is looking forward to becoming Seniors and of being the largest class Bronson High School has ever graduated.

—June Gibbons

Front row: Alberta Kibiloski, Margaret Keesler, Alice Bogucki, Mary J. Herman, Dorothy Monroe, Evelyn Harker, Carol June Heimert, Barbara Shaw, Phyllis Tice, Anna Lemanski, Jeanette Perucki, Doris Guzy (Vice President), LaMoine Bidwell (Secretary), Betty Pennell, LaVerne LaMontagne (Treasurer).  
Second row: Geraldine Hoskins, Donna D. Baldwin, Evelyn Klavinski, Christine Herman, Marian Larimer, Harriett Gilbert, Libbie Tice, Helen L. Smith, Caroline Lane, Alberta Diebel, Martha Mae Kibiloski, Joannetta Priest, Grace Calhoun (President), June McDonald, Dorothy Kibiloski.  
Third row: Valentina Jasper, Shirley Lane, Virginia Ludwick, Donald Selby, Bill Coleman, Landis Teeple, Eugene Smoker, Richard Yesh, Mr. Hilton, Dwight Green, Lawrence Hurley, Stella Adamski, Mary Sours, Joyce Elliott, Louise Bailey.  
Fourth row: Fabian Wotta, Donald Fair, Irvin Kelly, Malcolm Crabtree, Dale Hankins, Aloysius Kostielny, Frank Barkowski, Bruce Redmond, Dale Walton, Victor Bolley, Victor Cook, John Smith.  
Not shown: Jackie Stewart, Ethan Swift.



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## SOPHOMORES

### Class Officers—

Audrey Brailsford, president; Shirley Robinson, vice-president; Forrest Shumway, secretary; and Mary Ellen Piatt, treasurer.

In September 1939, forty-nine Freshmen enrolled for their first year of high school, with Miss Anderson as their class adviser and guide.

In their Freshman year the following six students dropped out of the class: Bette Belote, Alpha Dietrich, Waldo Jones, George Thompson, Arnold Swift, and Harold Smith.

In the Fall of 1940 forty Sophomore students enrolled. Mr. Stewart was appointed their advisor for this year.

They mourned the loss of Paddie Lou Lane, who died during the Summer. Harold Gillette went to another school. Later in the year they lost Donald Richart, who joined the United States Navy, Barbara Spence, and Robert Carpenter.

They were responsible for one of the most successful All-Hi parties of the season, which was held on January 31.

They entered a float in the Hallowe'en parade and received a prize for it, and they received first and second prizes for private cars.

—Barbara Kolassa

Front row: Betty Bidwell, Leona Myhnier, Donna Shaw, Louise Criswell, Mary E. Piatt, Audrey Brailsford (President), Wanda Nowak, Doris Richart, Marjorie Eberhard, Eleanor Kolassa, Nellie Stewart.  
Second row: Beverly Lawrence, Marie Clouse, Orpha Rossetter, Gene Green, Ruth Wilson, Shirley Robinson (Vice President), Virginia Nowak, Edwina Horkey, Frances Seiler, Frances Kibiloski, Helen M. Smoker.  
Third row: Leland Smart, Pat Keiley, Richard Schafer, Whitcomb Cranson, LaVon Riggs, Forrest Shumway, Carlie Rifenburgh, Lamar Modert, Keith Teeple, Harley Bogart.  
Fourth row: Donald Richart, Clifford Kibiloski, Elwood Langwell, Frank Printke, Mr. Stewart, Lowell Roseneau, Glenn Shumway, George Adams, Galen Swift.  
Not shown: Phyllis McClellan.



LOUDENS' DEPARTMENT STORE

RED AND WHITE STORE



Front row: Barbara Soncrant, Judy Slingerland, Vivian Ryan, Betty Gibbons, Joanne Garman, Martha Bell (Vice President), Bonnie Byers (Treasurer), Mary V. White, Alice Wilber, Ellen Record.  
 Second row: Maybelle Washburn, Doris Lane, Marjorie Shook, Phyllis Elliott, Gertrude Blasky, Ora Lampman, Mary C. Kolassa, Geraldine Yesh, Bernadine Smoker, Genevieve Eddy, Joyce Spornhauer.  
 Third row: Paul Borton, Charles Hilton, Gilbert Rubley, Matthew Albright, Monroe Wilber, Clyde Williams, Myron Larimer, Miss Anderson, Maurice Bonnell, L. J. Root, Gordon Jones.  
 Fourth row: Florian Syc, Arthur Jennings, Leonard Hankins (President), Joe Szafranski, Billy Guzy, Bruce Roseneau, Wendell Priest, John Buholtz, Mervin Crabill, Irvin Papke, David Badder.  
 Not shown: Margaret Ernsberger, Irene Monroe, Walter Reed, Billy Thurber.

## FRESHMEN

On September 3, 1940, forty-seven green Freshmen entered Bronson High with Miss Dora L. Anderson as their class adviser. Those who dropped out during the year were Dickie Belote, Donald Bidwell, and Robert Early. Delores Eddy entered late but dropped out again because of illness. Students who entered later were Ellen Record and Judy Slingerland.

Several boys were active in athletics. Seven boys were out for football. Six of those seven won emblems, while the seventh, Bruce Rosenau, won a minor award. The six boys who won emblems were Leonard Hankins, Charles Hilton, Gordon Jones, Myron Larimer, Clyde Williams, and Bill Guzy. The boys who went out for basketball and received awards were Clyde Williams, Myron Larimer, Bill Guzy, Paul Borton, Charles Hilton, Leonard Hankins, and Arthur Jennings. Several boys went out for the team in baseball.

One girl, Maybelle Washburn, went out for basketball.

Myron Larimer and Walter Reed were selected by the class as Aldermen in the Student Council. The class took part in the nickel-a-week plan. They were allowed under the plan to take part in athletics, attend all home games, receive all regular issues of the high school publication, the "Hi-Times", attend all parties, and attend all assemblies.

—Elton Rubley

## JUNIOR HIGH

Motto—"Marching Along Together."

Colors—Red and White.

Seventh Grade Class Sponsor—Jessie

Eighth Grade Class Sponsor—Marjorie

The Junior High has experienced a very successful year. The eighth grade were officially initiated on September 1st.

One of the major events was the visit to the library where the classes selected their quota of books.

In the Hallowe'en parade the Eighth grade presented their float, "God Bless America." The float was sponsored to defray expenses for the parade. The float was a success and netted the amount needed for the parade.

Two interesting field trips were conducted to the new post office.

A grand Christmas party was presented. The group presented an original play, "The Last of the Mohicans," an AAA play, "In The Best of Times."

The group assisted the Community project. They donated and holly berries and provided chimney.

The Junior High presented Junior and Senior Dancing, Ping-pong, and were played by the Junior High athletes.

The Library presented "Air" featuring programs with valuable information.

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Bolley, Lois McIn  
Second row: M  
Barbara Burle  
Third row: M  
Hardy, Don  
Supianowski  
Fourth row: M  
Cathcart  
Arlene  
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## EVENTS

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 took on the Freshmen's faces, 5th; City  
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 30th.

nd; Football game at Union City,  
 a films; Band Mothers Pot Luck,  
 om the country, 10th; Football  
 Football game at Homer, 16th;  
 Football game, Reading here,

F. F. A. Boys' Social, 1st-  
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 31st.

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## JUNIOR PLAY

Cast of Characters: Elmer Gardner, Richard Yesh; Mel Gardner, Malcomb Crabtree; Luigi, Dwight Green; Vonny, Alberta Kibiloski; Carrie, Joyce Elliot; Anne, Grace Calhoun; Dr. Arthur Markham, Dick Coward; Mrs. Gardner, Dorothy Monroe; Sybil Roberts, Marian Larimer; Lance Abernathy, Fabian Wotta; Martha, Christine Herman; Judge Daily, Donald Fair; Shanover, Bruce Redmond.

A three act comedy, entitled "Elmer, the Youngest," was presented by the Juniors Friday, December 20, before a large audience. It revealed a talented class and showed much work and cooperation.

The play was successfully directed by Miss Baker.

Elmer, who has just finished high school is absorbed in directing the destinies of two of his sisters, Anne and Carrie. Anne is engaged to marry a doctor, but Elmer is sure she is in love with Lance Abernathy, a childhood playmate. So he sends for Lance and he and Luigi do some careful plotting, but Carrie, knowing of his schemes, interferes. Carrie and Elmer battle between themselves. Not until the wedding ceremony is in progress does Elmer's scheme work.

—Doris Hillyer

## SENIOR PLAY

On Friday night, April 4, the Class of '41 presented their play "College Daze." The play concerned Hartdale, a typical little college town, and the action took place at "Ma Mitchell's Coffee Shoppe." This provided a unique setting which was cleverly and attractively worked out.

Harold "Duke" Duquet is the heir of Hartdale's greatest benefactor, a small-town boy who went to New York and became wealthy. "Duke" is required to graduate from Hartdale before he can come into the estate. Just out of a swanky Eastern prep school, he is thoroughly disgusted with the prospect of life at Hartdale. He hits upon the ingenious scheme of changing identities with Slim Wiggins, a shy, gangling, country youth from Corn Hollow, Nebraska, who is trying to work his way through college. "Duke" becomes Slim, and Slim is required to act the part of a dashing young millionaire from the East.

The characters were: Duke, Duane Ward; Ma, Elouise Fenner; Slim, Francis Yesh; Shirley, Elaine Bawden; Lana, Lillian Luce; Bill, Clark Roebuck; Poodles, Lula Mae Howald; Ella Rose, Betty Jane Mitchell; Vivian, June Gibbons; Ossie, Micheal Kupiecki; Mr. Victor, Garth Wilber; Pete, Donald Parsons.

—Garth Wilber

## ICE CARNIVAL

The City of Bronson held its Third Annual Ice Carnival on January 30. Since weather conditions were very favorable for good ice, the carnival was a great success, attracting over a thousand spectators.

Figure skaters were present from Battle Creek and Jackson. Ron Overmyer of Jackson, popular figure skater and barrel jumper, was present. A group of figure skaters from Battle Creek, known as the "Skating Family," gave a fine demonstration of figure skating.

There were also races for boys and girls, and the winners received bronze medals.

The Carnival was sponsored by the Rotary Club, The Commercial Club, and the High School. Special assistance was given by the City of Bronson and its employees, Bronson Co-Ops., Michigan Bakeries, Inc., Davis Jewelry, Bronson Journal, B. H. Diebel and "Hap" Collins.

—Francis Bobay

## STUDENT COUNCIL

For the fifth year, the Student Council of Bronson High School has undertaken to sponsor student activities and to further cooperation between school and community.

Through student activity fees, the Student Union has financed the school publication, the "Hi-Times;" six high school parties; several outstanding assembly programs; a noon-hour program which included dancing, ping-pong, and other sports; and a ping-pong tournament. It also sponsored the Third Annual Ice Carnival, which was financed by the local Rotary and Commercial Clubs. The Student Union was also largely responsible for creating interest in square dancing among the students, and made arrangements for them to have nationally known dancing teachers with them.

Standing committees for the year were: Athletic Committee, Stanley Kruszka, chairman, Clark Misenar, and Eleanor Kolassa; Assembly Committee, Betty Mitchell, chairman, Paul Wilson, Shirley Robinson, Dorothy Monroe, Victor Bolley, Doris Lane, and Helen Radford. Mr. Westaway was faculty adviser of both these committees.

This year's Council officers were: President, Jane Coleman; Vice-President, Clark Roebuck; Secretary, Grace Calhoun; Treasurer, Phyllis Tice; Aldermen, Stanley Kruszka, Senior; Doris Guzy and Richard Yesh, Juniors; Virginia Nowak and Whitcomb Cranson, Sophomores; Walter Reed and Myron Larimer, Freshmen; Mary Jane Bolley, Eighth grade; and Roy Bell, Seventh grade. Mr. Stewart, as faculty adviser, has proved capable and always dependable during the year.

—Jane Coleman

Left to right: Whitcomb Cranson, Mary J. Bolley, Phyllis Tice, Treasurer; Stanley Kruszka, Clark Roebuck, Vice President; Jane Coleman, President; Grace Calhoun, Secretary; Myron Larimer, Walter Reed, Doris Guzy, Roy Bell.  
Standing: Richard Yesh, Mr. Stewart, Virginia Nowak.



BRONSON REEL COMPANY

## HOME EC. CLUB



Seated: Elouise Fenner, Louise Criswell, Miss Shepard, advisor; Lillian Luce, president; Wava Parsons. First row: Elaine Bawden, Alice Bogucki, Anna Lemanski, Alberta Kibiloski, Barbara Soncrant, Bonnie Byers, Carol J. Heimert, Judy Slingerland, Margaret Ernsberger, Phyllis Tice, Dorothy Monroe, Doris Guzy, Evelyn Harker, Dorothy Langwell. Second row: Caroline Lane, June McDonald, Alberta Diebel, Edwina Horkey, Frances Seiler, Marjorie Shook, Virginia Nowak, Frances Kibiloski, Bernadine Smoker, Louise Bailey, Geraldine Yesh, Betty Russell, Helen M. Smoker.

Flower—White Carnation

Color—Blue and White

Motto—Work to Win

The Home Economics Club was organized in 1938, under the direction of Mrs. Hansen, for the purpose of developing friendship, co-operation, and understanding among the girls in Bronson High School; to promote interest in Home Economics; and to be of service to the community.

This year the club was under the direction of a new adviser, Miss Louise Shepard, who comes to us from her home in Remus, after teaching two years in Farwell. She is a graduate of Michigan State College and has brought along many good ideas. With Miss Shepard's help the club has been led by Lillian Luce, President; Wava Parsons, Vice-President; Elouise Fenner, Secretary; and Louise Criswell, Treasurer.

During the year the club has sponsored many money making projects, as well as various enjoyment programs. Their most outstanding adventure for money making was the Hot Lunches, which netted them well over \$50. Their enjoyments were: On October 25 and 26, Lillian Luce, Wava Parsons, and Elouise Fenner represented the club at the State Conference held in Detroit; November 15, they sponsored an All-Hi party for the Student Council; on December 5, they entertained their mothers and the faculty at a Mother-Daughter Banquet with a very impressive candlelight initiation service.

These are just part of the various activities in which the club took part, and some of the things to which future members can look forward.

—Lillian Luce

## FUTURE FARMERS

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture. The organization is found from Maine to Hawaii and from Washington to Porto Rico; in fact there are chapters in 47 of the 48 states of the Union and in the two territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico.

Its emblem is made up of five symbols, the owl, the plow, and the rising sun within the cross-section of an ear of corn, which is surmounted by the American eagle. Upon the face of the emblem appear the words, "Vocational Agriculture" and the letters "F. F. A." The owl is symbolic of wisdom; the plow is the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil; the rising sun is emblematic of progress and the new day in agriculture; the cross-section of the ear of corn is indicative of the national organization, as is also the American eagle.

The purposes of the organization are:

1. To supplement the regular systematic instruction offered to students of vocational agriculture.
2. To encourage organized recreational activities among students of vocational agriculture.
3. To promote and improve scholarship.
4. To promote thrift among students of vocational agriculture.
5. To improve the rural home and its surroundings.
6. To create and nurture a love of country life.
7. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farm occupations.
8. To encourage co-operative effort among students of vocational agriculture.
9. To strengthen the confidence of the farm boy in himself and his work.
10. To develop competent, aggressive, rural agricultural leadership.

—Don Parsons

Front row: Donald Parsons, Cecil Tice (President), Landis Teeple (Treasurer), Garth Wilber, John Mahar, Joe Seiler, Mr. Hilton, John Smith, Galen Swift, Richard Schafer, Dwight Green (Vice President).  
Second row: Dale Walton, Elwood Langwell, Bruce Redmond, Frank Printke, Lowell Roseneau, Forrest Shumway, Dale Hankins (Secretary).  
Not shown: Ethan Swift, Harley Bogart.



JACK LANTZ, PLUMBING and HEATING

R. R. ROBINSON, ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES



Front row: Ketty Johnson, leader; Priscilla Lane, Carol J. Heimert, Patsy McDonald, Sheila McManus, Norma McCracken, Helen Radford.  
 Second row: Barbara Lawrence, Joyce Lane, Joyce Potter, Peggy Tillotson, Lois McIntyre, Thelma Piatt, Yolanda Austin, Julie Aldrich, Joan Hunsicker.  
 Third row: Barbara Soncrant, Barbara Burley, Shirley Robinson, Audrey Brailsford, Betty Mitchell, Doris Lane.

## GIRL SCOUTS

The Bronson Girl Scouts are divided into two groups, Seniors and Intermediate. Each group has its own leader and officers, but some joint meetings are held. Ketty Johnson and Jerry Wolfe lead the Intermediate group assisted by Helen Radford as Troop Scribe and Lois McIntyre as Troop Treasurer. Rosalyn Westaway and Mary Donaldson head the Senior group assisted by Shirley Robinson, president, and Audrey Brailsford, secretary-treasurer.

Both troupes worked together during the summer of 1940 on the Outdoor Cook Badge and again during G'rl Scout Week in October. Four main events took place during that week, a window display, a float in the Hallowe'en parade, a Hallowe'en party with the Catholic girls as guests, and attending the Baptist Church in a body on Girl Scout Sunday.

In November they went on an overnight camping trip at the Phillins' cottage at Matteson lake and again in April.

With the money earned from the pancake supper and cakewalk that were given, some were able to buy their uniforms.

On April 26 they were the guests of the Sturgis Girl Scouts in an All Scout Day program.

The Intermediate group worked on any badge they wished to or needed to, to finish their Second Class work. Four have completed their badge work and received their Second Class Badges.

The Senior group's work was centered around the Arts and Crafts field, namely: weaving, soap carving, rug making, etching glass and sewing. One of the main events of their year was a scavenger hunt party with a number of Boy Scouts as guests.

—Betty Jane Mitchell

## BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America have been a very active organization in the United States since the early 1900's and have grown steadily from that time until now.

There are a great number of people who do not know all of the things Scouting does for boys. When a boy starts out as a Scout, one of the first things he must do is to memorize a set of rules governing his behavior, character, and loyalty. Next he is taught the principles of First Aid which are now among the most valuable things anyone can know. The Scout also must earn and save a small amount of money, he must be able to build a fire with two matches, cook a meal over an open fire without any cooking dishes. As he advances he must learn to swim, be able to walk 14 miles, learn something about nature and the use of outdoor camping equipment. All of this you can see gives the boy a number of things he does not get in school or in his home.

The Boy Scouts of Bronson meet every Monday night at seven o'clock during the school year and arrange to have several meetings out of doors when the weather is good. Also for the past few years they have held a week-end camp at some lake.

Bert Ward has been Scout Master for the past three years and has been very much interested in the work the Scouts have been doing. Olan Martin is the Assistant Scout Master and helps Mr. Ward instruct the boys in their work. The Patrol Leaders are Wendell Brenner, Whitcomb Cranson, Kenneth Roebuck, and Charles Hilton. The Senior Patrol Leaders are Walter Reed and Clark Roebuck, who have charge of Troops 83 and 84.

The American Legion on Monday, April 7, took over the job of sponsoring Scouting and all meetings are being held at the Legion Home.

—Clark Roebuck

Front row: Billy Coats, Kenneth Roebuck, Charles Hilton, Paul Borton, Robert Calhoun, Roy Bell.  
Second row: Duane Garberich, Robert Byers, Myron Larimer, Wendell Brenner, David Rifenburg.  
Third row: Kenneth Rifenburg, Olan Martin, Carlie Rifenburg, Gordon Jones, Whitcomb Cranson, John Hardy, Clark Roebuck.  
Fourth row: Bertram Ward, leader; Duane Ward, Aloysius Kostielny, Walter Reed.





Front row: Peggy Tillotson, Paul Borton, Betty Jane Mitchell, Doris Guzy, Pat Keiley, Doris Lane, Martha Bell, Lois McIntyre, Barbara Shaw.  
 Second row: Barbara Burley, Yolanda Jean Austin, Beverly Lawrence, Norma McCracken, Bruce Derrickson, Audrey Brailsford, Wanda Nowak, Victor Bolley.  
 Third row: Maybelle Washburn, Barbara Lawrence, Betty Fairbanks, Cora J. Leatherman, Clark Roebuck, Shirley Robinson, Robert Byers, Whitcomb Cranson, Glenn Shumway, Clyde Williams, Walter Reed, Paul Wilson, Eugene Smoker, Duane Ward.  
 Standing: Kenneth Rifenburgh, Mary J. Ward, Lamar Modert, Helen Radford, Donald Selby, Helen L. Smith, LaVerne LaMontagne, Carol June Heimert.

## SENIOR BAND

This year's High School Band of 45 members has been the largest in the history of Bronson High.

Their first engagement was last Fall at the Coldwater 4-H Club Fair.

First division rating in marching and a second division in concert was received by the band at the Centerville Fair.

The fine maneuvers of the band were features of all the home football games except the Armistice Day game and of two basketball games.

The band entered the district and state contests this Spring and received a first division at the district and a fourth at the state.

Two concerts were presented this year by the band, the Winter concert which was held December 12, and the spring concert March 26.

The entire Music Department appeared at the annual Spring concert, including the Junior Band, Tonette Band, the Grade School and Junior High vocal groups, and the Senior High Chorus.

The following soloists entered the state contest: Martha Bell, oboe; Robert Byers, piano; Paul Borton, piano and clarinet; Mary Joan Ward, drums and marimba; Doris Lane, piano; Duane Ward, trombone; Norma McCracken, piano.

Mary Joan Ward and Doris Lane entered the National Contest which is quite an honor for a musician.

—Paul Wilson

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## JUNIOR BAND

The membership in the Junior Band has been larger this year than in former years. Since several have been promoted to Senior Band, the membership has been reduced from thirty-five to twenty-three.

To gain promotion members have 128 tests to pass, including solos with complement, and ensembles.

They still have a convenient plan of renting instruments. This gives students who have no instrument the opportunity to learn to play one.

The main activity of the year in which they all participate is their public concert. It was presented this year on March 26, in the gymnasium.

—Dorothy Langwell

Front row: Wendell Priest, George Elmer, Joan Hunsicker, Sheila McManus, Bonnie Byers, Roy Bell, Joyce Lane, Norma J. Chapman, Avon Wilson, John Gladstone, Ruth Myer, Jonathan Holmes, Richard Whitehead, Dale Hoard, Carlie Rifenburgh, Forrest Shumway.  
Second row: Eileen Heimert, Priscilla Lane, Betty Lawrence, Betty Gibbons, Donald Bodley, Monroe Wilber, Mary Virginia White, Wendell Brenner, Bonnie Bolley, Harry Piatt, David Rifenburgh, L. J. Root, Marjorie Shook, Ruth Wilson, Billy Coats, Alan Calvin, Robert Radford.  
Not shown: Cora Jean Leatherman, Myron Larimer.





Front row: Margaret Keeslar, Mary J. Herman, Evelyn Klavinski, Joanetta Priest, Mary V. White, Vivian Ryan, Alice Bogucki, Anna Lemanski, Elaine Bawden, Rosebell Rigg, Eleanor Kolassa, Nellie Stewart, Beverly Lawrence, Martha Bell.  
 Second row: Monroe Wilber, Paul Borton, Wanda Nowak, Marian Larimer, Virginia Ludwick, Harriett Gilbert, Valentina Jasper, Marjorie Shook, Betty J. Mitchell, Betty J. Russell, Joyce Elliott, Libbie Tice, Doris Lane.  
 Third row: Elouise Fenner, Betty Pennell, Ruth Wilson, Grace Calhoun, Marie Clouse, Frances Kibiloski, Louise Bailey, Judy Slingerland, Louise Criswell, Genevieve Eddy, Jeanette Perucki, Gilbert Rubley, L. J. Root.  
 Fourth row: Geraldine Hoskins, Donna D. Baldwin, Arthur Jennings, Forrest Shumway, Paul Wilson, Clifford Kibiloski, Leonard Hankins, Keith Teeple, Lamar Modert, Alberta Kibiloski, Alice Wilber.  
 Not shown: Myron Larimer, Phyllis McClellan, Irene Monroe, Nellie Stewart, Joyce Spornhauer.

## CHORUS

As the school term opened in September, 56 students enrolled in the Senior High Chorus under the direction of Mr. Ellis, who has been here for the past three years. On December 12, the Chorus gave a joint concert with the Band here at the high school. Later, they presented another concert.

The personnel of the class is as follows: Elaine Bawden, Alice Bogucki, Louise Criswell, Joyce Elliot, Genevieve Eddy, Elouise Fenner, Harriet Gilbert, Mary Jane Herman, Valentina Jasper, Evelyn Klavinski, Eleanor Kolassa, Margaret Keeslar, Anna Lemanski, Virginia Ludwick, Marian Larimer, Phyllis McClennan, Irene Monroe, Betty Jane Mitchell, Alice Wilber, Jeanette Perucki, Joanetta Priest, Betty Pennell, Rosebelle Rigg, Vivian Ryan, Nellie Stewart, Joyce Spornhauer, Libbie Tice, Mary Virginia White, Judy Slingerland, sopranos; Betty Jean Russell, Martha Bell, Donna Dora Baldwin, Louise Bailey, Marie Clouse, Grace Calhoun, Geraldine Hoskins, Doris Lane, Marjorie Shook, Ruth Wilson, altos; Lamar Modert, Maurice Bonnell, Paul Borton, Leonard Hankins, Arthur Jennings, Clifford Kibiloski, Myron Larimer, Gilbert Rubley, L. J. Root, Keith Teeple, Paul Wilson, Monroe Wilber, Forest Shumway, baritones.

The Chorus has had a very good accompanist in Wanda Mae Nowak.

—Rosebelle Rigg

## BASKET MAKERS



Front row—Hurley, Fair, Selby, Coach Hilton.  
Back row—Yesh, Walton, Wotta, Kinter.

The Bronson cagers of 1941-42 got off to a good start by defeating Quincy in the first game. Playing hard throughout the season, with luck often against them, they tied Athens for third place in the Little "C" Conference.

On February 17 the team played at Quincy in the Conference Tournament. After losing their first tournament game, they came back to beat Union City and Athens to win the Consolation Trophy.

At the District Tournament in Sturgis, Bronson lost out to Colon by a score of 34 to 25. Bronson scored 20 of their 25 points in the second half.

Six players are graduating in June. Those receiving major awards were: Laurence Hurley, Fabian Wotta, Richard Yesh, Don Fair, Don Selby, Dale Walton, seniors; Charles Kinter, junior. Those given minor awards were: Frank Printke, Whitcomb Cranson, juniors; Chas. Hilton, sophomore; Chub Brenner and Bob Doll, freshmen. The second team, losing their four games, hope to be more successful next year. Those on the second team were: Don Fredricks, Leonard Hankins, Rex Foglesong, Walter Reed, Bill Guzy, Clyde Williams, John Hardy, Joe Supianoski, John Williams, and Bob Calhoun.

Scores of the games are as follows:

Bronson 23, Quincy 19; Bronson 18, Reading 20; Bronson 21, Litchfield 20; Bronson 25, Athens 14; Bronson 15, Union City 18; Bronson 34, Colon 24; Bronson 12, Quincy 18; Bronson 42, Union City 31; Bronson 52, Litchfield 28; Bronson 18, Colon 31; Bronson 17, Athens 16; Bronson 33, Reading 37.

—Richard Yesh



Front row—Nowak, Piatt, Brailsford, Bidwell, Robinson, Green  
 Second row—Mrs. Hamilton, Lawrence, Shook, Doll, Guzy.  
 Third row—Austin, Hurley, G. Green, Kolassa.

Early in the Fall of 1941 Bronson girls interested in basketball began preliminary practice in order to be more successful in their games during the cage season. Although the goal aimed at was not quite attained, the team was successful in winning five of the eight games played. Bronson's total score was 141 against their opponents' 111.

Those participating, under the coaching of Mrs. Nova Hamilton, were LaMoine Bidwell, Captain; LaVerne LaMontagne, seniors; Mary Ellen Piatt, Shirley Robinson, Audrey Brailsford, Gene Green, Wanda Mae Nowak, and Beverly Lawrence, juniors; Mary Cathrine Kolassa and Marjorie Shook, sophomores; Mary Hurley, Betty Doll, Georgia Green, and Yolanda Austin, freshmen. The first seven named comprised the first team. Doris Guzy faithfully executed the duties of manager for her third season.

To close the basketball season, the girls organized class teams. Junior High took part with the four upper grades. The Juniors emerged as the winners of all the various games played and the Seniors were the runners-up. The Freshman-Sophomore team won the Consolation.

The basketball squad wishes to express their appreciation to Mrs. Hamilton for her patience and untiring efforts in working with them. They extend to her their heartiest thanks.

The schedule for the season follows:

Bronson 20, Quincy 22; Bronson 20, Athens 9; Bronson 18, Litchfield 14; Bronson 17, Union City 5; Bronson 13, Quincy 27; Bronson 21, Union City 7; Bronson 21, Litchfield 12; Bronson 10, Athens 15.

—LaMoine Bidwell

## SEXTETTE

With three of last year's members still here, the Sextette started off fairly well this year. The first public appearance was made at the Band-Chorus Concert on December 12. The afternoon of the concert they appeared before the Woman's Club. Later appearances were P. T. A. Founder's Meeting, Methodist Church Family Night, and the Spring Concert of the entire Music Department of B. H. S.

With four members remaining they have a good foundation for next year's Sextette.

The Sextette includes: Elaine Bawden and Betty Jane Mitchell, first sopranos; Grace Calhoun and Louise Criswell, second sopranos; Ruth Wilson and Martha Bell, altos.

Betty Jane and Elaine will be lost through graduation but with four experienced members next year, great accomplishments are expected of them.

—Elaine Bawden

Ruth Wilson, Martha Bell, Grace Calhoun Louise Criswell, Betty J. Mitchell, Elaine Bawden, Wanda Nowak (pianist).





Ernestine Klavinski, Kenneth Rifenburgh, Mr. Bodley, Clark Roebuck, Betty J. Russell.

## YEAR BOOK

Editor-in-chief, Clark Roebuck; Assistant Editor, Ernestine Klavinski; Business Manager, Kenneth Rifenburgh; Assistant Manager, Betty Jean Russell; Daily Life at B. H. S., Stanley Kruszka; Class Will, Betty Jean Russell; Valedictory, Elouise Fenner; Salutatory, Micheal Kupiecki; Class Prophecy, Ernestine Klavinski; Junior Class, June Gibbons; Sophomore Class, Barbara Kolassa; Freshman Class, Elton Rubley; Junior High, June Heckelman; Calendar of Events, Wava Parsons; Junior Play, Doris Hillyer; Senior Play, Garth Wilber; Ice Carnival, Francis Bobay; Student Council, Jane Coleman; Home Economics Club, Lillian Luce; F. F. A., Donald Parsons; Girl Scouts, Betty Jane Mitchell; Boy Scouts, Clark Roebuck; Senior Band, Paul Wilson; Junior Band, Dorothy Langwell; Chorus, Rosebelle Rigg; Sextet, Elaine Bawden; Yearbook, Kenneth Rifenburgh; Hi-Times, Thelma Lampman; P. T. A. News, Iva Belote; Skip Day, Cecil Tice; Football, Francis Yesh; Boys' Basketball, Duane Ward; Baseball, Clarence Snyder; and Girls' Basketball, Lula Mae Howald.

We, the Class of 1941, wish to take this opportunity to thank the merchants and business men of our city for their generous assistance and co-operation.

—Kenneth Rifenburgh

## HI-TIMES STAFF

For the fifth consecutive year the students of Bronson High School have edited and published the "Bronson Hi-Times," a bi-weekly newspaper. It is a member of the National Scholastic Press Association, from which it has received a second honor rating.

At first printed locally, for the past two years the paper has been mimeographed at school. The entire process is taken care of by students with the advice of a faculty member, Mrs. Tharp. This year forty students make up the staff, which is larger than before. Ernestine Klavinski and Jane Coleman are co-editors; Betty Jean Russell, business manager, in charge of mimeographing; and Mary Ellen Piatt, circulation manager.

The "Hi-Times" is financed by the Student Union as a part of the activities plan. All participating members, about ninety per cent of the student body, receive copies.

The "Hi-Times" has been distributed free to surrounding rural schools and local business houses in order to acquaint them with the many activities of Bronson High School. The circulation is now 350.

Some of the staff members and Mrs. Tharp attended the Second Annual Southwestern Michigan High School Press Conference at Western State Teachers College in Kalamazoo on December 7, 1940.

One evening at a P. T. A. meeting the staff, together with Mrs. Tharp, gave a demonstration of how the paper is set up for publication.

—Thelma Lampman

Front row: Barbara Bolley, Audrey Brailsford, Mary Ellen Piatt, Mrs. Tharp (advisor); Ernestine Klavinski, Jane Coleman, Co-editors; Norma McCracken, Nellie Stewart, Eleanor Kolassa, Virginia Ludwick. Second row: Betty Pennell, Jeanette Peruski, Shirley Robinson, Fabian Wotta, Leland Smart, Lowell Rosenau, Olan Martin, Caroline Lane, Alberta Diebel, Doris Lane, Harriet Gilbert. Third row: June Gibbons, Wanda Mae Nowak, Barbara Kolassa, Joannetta Priest, Thelma Lampman, Elouise Fenner, Beverly Lawrence, Libbie Tice, Elaine Bawden, Barbara Shaw. Fourth row: Marie Clouse, Donna Shaw, Betty Russell, Lillian Luce, Dorothy Kibiloski, Phyllis Elliott, Betty Mitchell, June Heckelman, Ruth Wilson.



## P. T. A.

### Aims:

To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, and community.

To raise the standards of home life.

To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of childhood and youth.

To bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child.

To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

### Officers for 1940-1941:

Superintendent .....	Elwyn J. Bodley
President .....	Mrs. George Brailsford
Vice President .....	Mrs. Lynn Ward
Secretary .....	Mrs. J. Don Coats
Treasurer .....	Mrs. Nova Hamilton
Historian .....	Mrs. B. H. Diebel

The organization held a Founders' Day meeting, the Annual Penny Supper, a meeting honoring the Girl and Boy Scouts and their activities, and a picnic made up the last meeting of the year.

During 1940, this organization recognized at its meetings: Parent Week, sponsored by the Pre-School Mothers' Club; Annual Hallowe'en Frolic, sponsored by the Rotary Club, Commercial Club, and the P. T. A.; Armistice Day; Christmas Holiday Season.

—Iva Belote

## SKIP DAY

Listen! Did you hear what I heard on the morning of May 12? Well, it was nothing serious, just a group of 30 Seniors hurrying around for fear of getting left at home.

The Seniors skipped off this year for a two-day tour of Chicago, arriving at the Stevens Hotel at 10 o'clock. They registered and were assigned large airy guest rooms which overlooked Grant Park and the lake front.

They then motored to Marshall Field's where they had lunch. They continued on their tour by bus along Chicago's famous Michigan Avenue, into Lincoln Park to visit the Zoo. After returning they retired to their rooms to freshen up for dinner served in the Coffee Shop.

Several evening parties to the movies or dinner dance places were arranged following a coast to coast broadcast at one of the large radio network auditoriums.

Tuesday morning, following a good night's rest at the Stevens they continued their sight-seeing tour with their first stop at the Chicago Board of Trade. They were then taken to the Municipal Airport and continued on to the Union Stockyards. After viewing the vast expanse of livestock pens, slaughtering and meat-packing operations, they stopped for lunch at Swift's Cafeteria.

The afternoon was open for the Seniors to do their shopping or to attend the ball game, meeting in time for dinner at six o'clock. They were soon on their way home, arriving in Bronson at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, a happy but "broke" and tired group of 1941 Seniors.

—Cecil Tice



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PERRY C. BECK, M. D.

FLEETWING SERVICE STATION

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Front row: Wotta, Yesh, Ward, Captain Roebuck, Snyder, Coleman, Selby.  
 Second row: Redmond, Parsons, Hankins, Crabtree, Mahar, Printke, Cook.  
 Third row: Teeple, B. Roseneau, Barkowski, L. Roseneau, Walton, Smith, Coach Charles Hilton.

## FOOTBALL

After enjoying supremacy in the Little "C" loop for the third consecutive year, the Champion Bronson Vikings were not expected to retain the football championship this year.

Although Coach Hilton had only four lettermen around whom to build his squad, he did his usual good job of it. Around these four men the coach moulded another of his championship teams. The four veterans were Don Parsons, a tackle; Bill Coleman, a center; and Fabian Wotta and Francis Yesh, halfbacks. This team was said to be one of the fastest ever to represent Bronson.

Through the co-operation of the City Council and Board of Education, a plan was devised for financing the lighting of Greenwald Park for athletic contests. The Consumers Power Company employees co-operated splendidly in hurrying the construction of the system on the football field to get it ready for our first game with Litchfield.

During the season the team had to fight for every game, being outweighed by most of the conference teams. The only mar of our record was a 7-7 tie with Union City. Our highlight of the season was the game with Reading, played at Bronson under the lights. The Vikings were given one chance in five to win. By a combination of speed, skill, co-operation and fight, the Vikings came out on the long end of a 25 to 7 score thus handing the Reading Rangers a rather one-sided defeat.

Those lost to the team this year by graduation include John Mahar, Don Parsons, Clark Roebuck, who was selected captain, and Clarence Snyder, Duane Ward and Francis Yesh.

The scores of the 1940 games were: Vikings 7, Litchfield 0; Vikings 18, Athens 0; Vikings 7, Union City 7; Vikings 32, Sturgis "B" 0; Vikings 26; Homer 0; Vikings 25, Reading 7; Vikings 25, Jonesville 6; Vikings 12, Quincy 0. Total points were Vikings 152, opponents 20.

—Francis Yesh

## BASKETBALL

For the basketball season of 1940-41 the Vikings finished in third place in the Little "C" Conference with seven wins and three losses.

Bronson competed in the Fourth Annual Conference Tournament this year but was eliminated after losing to Quincy on Tuesday evening, February 18, and again to Reading on Wednesday evening, February 19, by a very narrow margin.

Colon also eliminated the Vikings at the District Tournament in Sturgis by a very narrow margin. There were two Bronson boys chosen for the Class "C" All-District team, Clark Roebuck and Fabian Wotta.

Donald Selby was elected honorary captain for the season of 1940-1941.

Major awards were presented to the following: Seniors, Roebuck, Ward; Juniors, Selby, Fair, Wotta, R. Yesh, Hurley, and Walton. A minor award went to Frank Printke, Sophomore; and emblems to Kostielny, Smith, Cranson, Kibiloski, Smart, Borton, Hankins, Hilton, Jennings, Larimer, and Williams.

Throughout the current season the Vikings displayed the finest sportsmanship in all games in which they competed.

—Duane Ward

Front row: Roebuck, Wotta, Fair, Ward, Selby.  
Second row: Coleman, Yesh, Walton, Printke, Hurley, Coach Charles Hilton.





Front row: Redmond, Printke, Wilber, Yesh, Green, Wotta.  
 Second row: Roebuck, Selby, Snyder, Fair, Coach Charles Hilton.  
 Third row: Roseneau, Szafranski, Crabtree, Cook, Williams, Hilton.  
 Fourth row: Albright, Larimer, Syc, Hankins, Jones, Smart.  
 Not shown: Ward.

## BASEBALL

With 38 candidates out for baseball, the largest turnout in recent years. Bronson High School looked forward to another successful baseball season. With five veterans from the 1940 Championship team returning, the prospects for another Championship team were promising. The veterans from last year were: F. Wotta, p.; D. Fair, lf.; D. Selby, c.; D. Green, 2nd.; C. Snyder, cf. Graduation last year left the following positions open: rf.; ss.; 1st.; and 3rd. The players who filled these positions are D. Yesh, C. Roebuck, L. Hurley, F. Printke and G. Wilber.

The Vikings went to Union City for the first game and won by a score of 4-2. They then went to Athens and were defeated by a score of 6-5. The Quincy team then came to Bronson for opening day at Greenwald Park and they were defeated by the score of 6-2. The Athens team came here on May 9. The Vikings were out to avenge an earlier defeat suffered at Athens and defeated the Indians by a score of 6-3. The Vikings then went to Colon for a non-conference game and defeated the Colon team by a score of 4-3. The Union City team came to Bronson on May 16 and were defeated 12-2. On May 22 the Vikings went to Quincy for an all important game which was to decide whether or not Bronson was to stay in a tie for first place in the Western Division of the Conference. The Vikings won 3-1. —Clarence Snyder

The remaining games are as follows:

May 24—Athens, there

May 26—Conference Track and Baseball Championship game at Union City

May 29—Colon, here

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

Twenty-four girls responded to the activity of basketball. Of these, fifteen were former players and nine were out for the first year.

The girls started off the season victorious by winning from Union City. They lost their next four games, one each to Litchfield and Athens and two to Quincy.

The girls practiced hard between games and finally took Athens, a team that had not been defeated for several years, and also Union City.

June Gibbons was chosen honorary captain for the season and Doris Guzy, manager.

The inter-class tournament games were started with the Freshmen winning from the Junior-High. The Juniors and Sophomores followed with the Sophomores winning over the Juniors. The tournament ended with the Sophomores and Seniors playing and the score turning out a tie.

The Varsity team loses seven Seniors through graduation, but has a very promising looking group coming up next year.

Major awards were presented to the following: June Gibbons, Doris Hillyer, Lula Mae Howald, Iva Belote, Shirley Robinson, LaMoine Bidwell and Wanda Mae Nowak. Minor awards went to Gene Green, Audrey Brailsford, Elouise Fenner, Betty Jane Mitchell, Barbara Kolassa and LaVerne LaMontagne. A manager's award went to Doris Guzy. Honor awards were given to Beverly Lawrence, Mary Ellen Piatt, Evelyn Harker and Anna Lemanski.

The girls wish to extend their heartiest thanks to Mrs. Hamilton for her help and guidance throughout the season.

—Lula Mae Howald

Front row: Belote, Fenner, Howald, Gibbons (Captain), Hillyer, Kolassa, Mitchell.  
Second row: Coach Nova Hamilton, Nowak, Piatt, Green, Robinson, Bidwell, Brailsford, Guzy (Manager).  
Third row: Lemanski, Lawrence, Harker, LaMontagne.



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