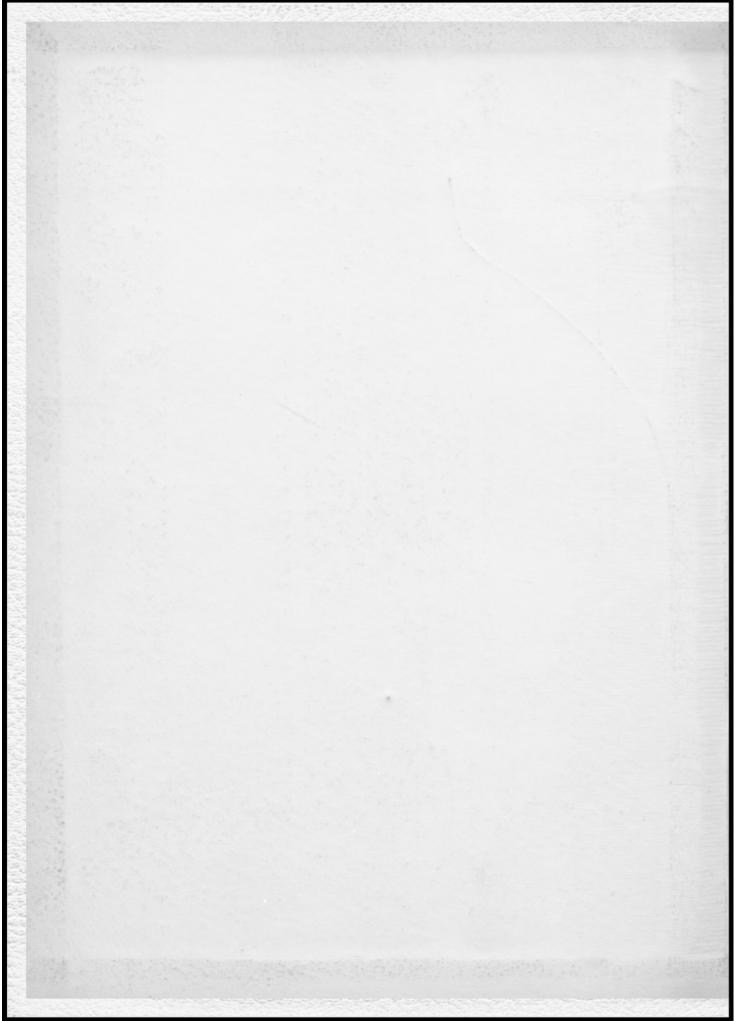
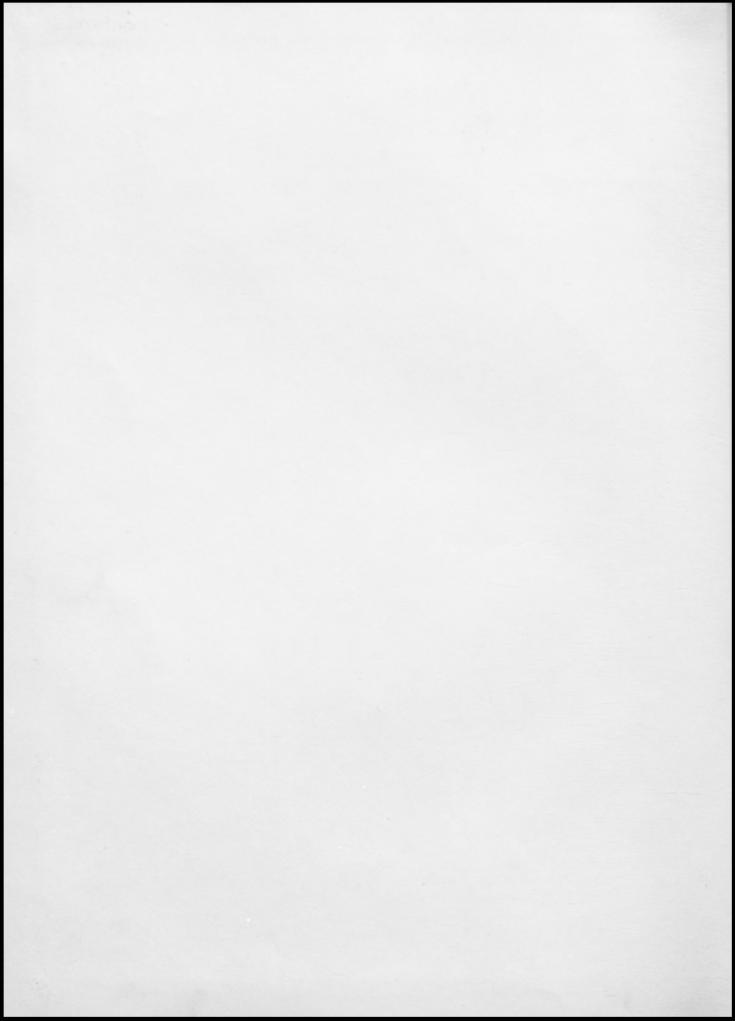
# MEMORIES 1954











#### MEMORIES

by Patty Andrews

Twelve long years--an eternity, it seemed to me The first grade child, I used to be. But oh! how fleeting, now they seem Almost like a nice long dream. "They are the best years of your life" We have often been told--Looking back they seem more precious than gold. Years filled with laughter, joy and delight And just a few heartaches, but skies were soon bright. How faithful our teachers, these many long years--Though I'm sure we often nearly drove them to tears. Especially in "study hall"--queer name for that place T'was in there that we really tried our dear teachers grace. What experiments we made in our "chem." laboratory How did they turn out? Well, that's another story! And the school sports--what a thrill it was to see

Among our many memories, these are just a few--In closing we'd like to add our appreciation true To dear parents, teachers, and friends like you!

The many times our team won the victory!





# Dedicate

We, the Seniors of 54, wish to didicate our annual to the community and especially to our parents. Through our school years, we have received support, both financial and spiritial, from our parents. Our appreciation is extended to the community for its help and understanding of our many problems. Now that we are going to continue our education on a basis of competition, we believe, we especially owe our gratitude to all who so greatly aided us in our process of growing up.

We

Phyllis Joan Fox

# **Board of Education**



Bertram B. Ward President





Laurence Wohlers Secretary



Robert Ryan Treasurer





Floyd Brauker Trustee



Bruce Kaufman Trustee

The Board of Education has the most important job around school. Their job is to set up the school's budget, to handle the teachers' salaries, take care of all the country schools, and do just about everything else you can think of.

The officers are as follows:

President -- Bert Ward Secretary -- Laurence Wohlers Treasurer -- Robert Ryan

They meet with Mr. Carpenter the second Wednesday evening of every month.

The Board of Education has cooperated with Mr. Carpenter in hiring all our teachers, and we think they have done a very good job. They take care of all our worries for us. No one can compete with them in the work they are doing. We are proud to have them with us.

Jeanne Wohlers

## Administration

Mr. George E. Carpenter has been superintendent of the Bronson Public Schools for the last three years during which time he has accomplished many outstanding objectives. This has been his 30th. year in the educational profession. His experience includes four years as principal and coach at Millington, nine years as county and school superintendent at Roscommon, six years as assistant superintendent at Walled Lake, and eight years as superintendent at Pigeon. He acquired his secondary education at Caro High School, his B.A. Degree at Central Michigan College, and M.A. Degree at University of Michigan.



George E. Carpenter Superintendent



Gareth Heisler Principal Mr. Gareth Heisler has been teaching in Bronson for eight years. He has been principal six of these years. Before coming to Bronson, he taught school one year in Indiana. Besides handling the many problems that arise in a day in high school and fulfilling his other duties as principal, he teaches social problems and commercial law. Mr. Heisler is also the Student Council advisor. He attended Manchester College in Indiana where he was granted his Bachelor of Science degree. His Master of Science degree was received in 1950 at the University of Michigan.

John Klemmer.

#### Office



Do we need a secretary? The answer is yes! Mrs. Marie Tracy has very efficiently filled this position. Not only do we depend on Mrs. Tracy for the keeping of our school records, but also for most of the other problems that arise during the school day.

She helps to see that everything goes smoothly, both in the high school and in the Anderson building. Besides her many activites in our school system, she also has proved herself a very active member of the community.

The seniors wish to extend their appreciation to "Marie" for her cooperation with us during our high school years.

> Sonya Palmatier. Ruby Jean Rubly.



John Klemmer ended his senior year with a 3.93 average, placing him first in his class, valedictorian. John has been active in many of the extro-curricular activities. He participated in varsity football, basketball, and baseball, served as both treasurer and vice-president of the Student Council, president of his class during his sophomore year, was a member of the band and speech club, preformed in both the Junior and Senior plays, and served as co-business manager of the Annual. He plans to attend Notre Dame College and major in business administration.

The honor of being salutatorian was given to Ruth Rierson, who had a final average of 3.89 points. Ruth was active in choir, double sextette, and band, preformed in both the Junior and Senior plays, served as co-business manager of the Annual, was class president during her Junior year. Ruth is going to attend Michigan State College, hoping to become a laboratory technecian.

Phyllis Fox was named historian, having a final average of 3.46 points. She was a member of the Hi-Times staff, in the cast of the Senior play, co-editor of stories for the Annual, a representative of the class in the Student Council during her freshman year. Her future plansare to become an airline hostess.

Ruth Joan Rierson

#### **Honor Students**



Top to bottom-J. Klemmer (Valedictorian), R. Rierson (Salutatorian), P. Fox (Historian)



DORA ANDERSON Librarian A.B., Kalmazoo College M.A., University of Michigan

"Everybody down, everybody quiet"



TED NICOLETTE Science Physical Education B. S., Western Michigan College M. S., Western Michigan College

"Okay, Let's go"



Faculty

NOVA HAMILTON Commercial Subjects B.S., Western Michigan College "Deposit your gum in the

basket"



EVERTON WORTMAN Mathematics B.S., Western Michigan College

"My bones tell me you're

wrong'



DORIS BRADLEY Homemaking B.S., Western Michigan College

"Let's quiet down, now"



PATRICIA CHISHOLM Social Studies and Speech A.B., Western Michigan College "All right, class"



ROBERT BRADLEY WILFO Vocational Shop Industr B.S., Western Michigan B.S., V College Colle "Oh, we do good work"



WIL FORD COHRS Industrial Arts B.S., Western Michigan College



ARIDEAN FRENCH English and Literature A.B., Western Michigan College "All right now"

CHARLES HILTON Agriculture B.S., Michigan State College "Pipe down, let's get this meeting over with"

### Faculty



RUDOLPH KAMISCHKE Mathematics and Science A.B., Michigan State Normal College M.A., Michigan State Normal College "I'm crushed"



CHARLES ATKOCUNIS Science and Social Studies Physical Education B.S., Western Michigan College "Shad-d-d Up"



MARJORIE CATHCART Literature and Mathematics Life Certificate Western Michigan College

"One thing at a time"



JOSEPH SINI A.B., North Central College, Illinois M.A., University of Michigan "Beans"



EUNICE MARTIN Homemaking B.S., Michigan State College

"I'm going to separate you girls, if you aren't quiet"

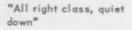


MARGARET THARP Literature and Latin A.B., Michigan State College

"Roll call, please"



WILLIAM FRENCH Social Studies A.B., Western Michigan College





BETTY WILSON English and Vocations Physical Education A.B., Central Michigan College 'Youse guys"



WILLIAM STEWART Vocal and Instrumental Music B.S., Manchester College, Indiana M.M., Michigan State College "Cut"

#### Annual Staff



Row 2 L. to R.: S. Palmatier, S. DeVor, F. Ross, M. Holt, B. Calhoun, L. Stebleton, R. Deranek, S. Harrison. Row 1 L. to R.: P. Kern, R. Rierson, R. Killian, E. Bidwell, J. Klemmer, P. Fox.

Annuals do not make themselves. It takes hours and hours of time, and a great deal of thankless effort to produce a year book.

To accomplish the feat this year, a staff of fifteen seniors was chosen by the Senior class sponsors and officers. They are as follows:

Co-editors: Richard Killian, Elizabeth Bidwell, Advertising: Sammy DeVor, Karl Hoffer, Keith Wohlers, Business: John Klemmer, Ruth Rierson, Story Editors: Paul Kern, Phyllis Fox, Photography: William Calhoun, Sonya Palmatier, Art Editors: Lillian Stebleton, Shirley Harrison, Sports Editors: Frank Ross, Roberta Deranek.

This year the Annual was a class project and the staff acted as directors. It is the Co-editors' job to oversee everything.

Soliciting for advertising is quite a job, because it all has to be done outside of school on the students own time.

It is up to the business managers to sell the Annual and take care of all the details dealing with the money angle.

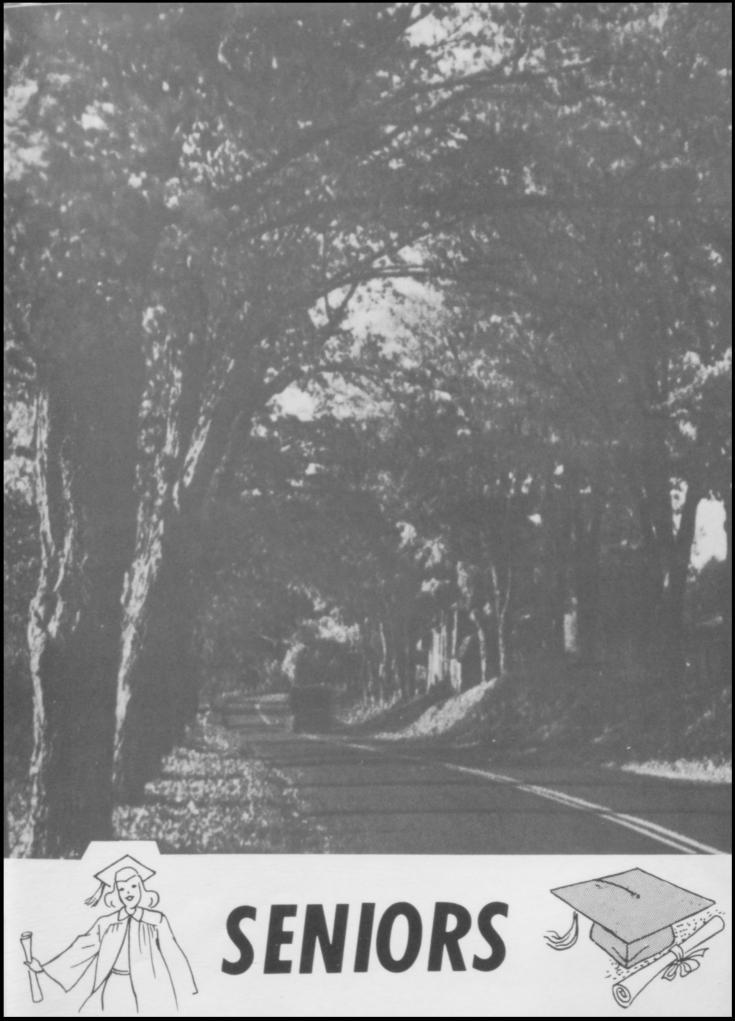
The story editors have a job getting all the stories and details in on time.

All the photographs were handled by Craine's Studios of Detroit, but it was the photography department's job to get a picture taking schedule set up that would not conflict with classes and other things.

The art department has carried out a rather clever theme, which took lots of time and imagination. Last, but not least, was the sports department, which had charge of all sports activities.

In closing, your co-editors would just like to say, "Thank you, class, for all the hard work you have done on thie Annual which they think is the best ever."

Elizabeth Bidwell



JOANN E HOLL ISTER Class Secretary 1,4 4-H 1 Hi Times 1,2,4 F. H. A. 1,2,3,4 D.A.R. 4



RICHARD HOVDA Choir 3, 4 Sextette 4 Varsity Basketball 1,2,3,4 Track 2 Class President 4 Vice President 3 Varsity Club 3,4

TOM DUKE Entered in '52 Intramural Basketball 3,4 F. F. A. 4 Hi Times 3





JUDY FIFER Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4 Girls Bowling 3,4 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Hi Times 1,2

LOIS MC NALL Basketball 1 F. H. A. 3,4 Hi Times 3



GENE KING Intramural Baseball 1 Intramural Basketball 1

JOHN WOTT A Baseball 1,2 F. F. A. 1,2,3



CHARLOTTE BLAIN Choir 4 Basketball 1,2,3 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Hi Times 1 GERALD BREWER Choir 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 1,2,3 Baseball 2,3 Football 2 Track 1,2,3



JANICE PASK Bowling 4 F. H. A. 1,2,3

PHYLLIS WALKER Band 1,2,3,4 Choir 3,4 Basketball 1 Bowling 3,4 Hi Times 3,4



DALE HART Bowling 3,4

LEONARD SIGNESKI Football 1,2,3,4 Varsity Basketball 1,2,3,4 Track 1,3,4 Baseball 1,2,3,4 Bowling 3,4 Varsity Club 2,3,4 Assembly Committee 3 Student Council Alderman 4 Hi Times 1,2,3

> DELORES LUTZ Choir 4 Basketball 1 F. H. A. 1,2



VERA BROWER Choir 2,3,4 Speech Club 4 F. H. A. 1,2



FRANCIS KRUSZKA Baseball 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 1 Football 1,2,3 Varsity Club 2 Hi Times 1,2 Assembly Committee 2 JEAN WOHLERS Choir 2,3,4 Sextette 4 Basketball 1,2 Bowling 3 Cheerleader 1,2,3



FRANKLIN ROSS Track 1,2,3,4 Football 1,2,3,4 Bowling 4 Intramural Basketball 4 Baseball 1,2,3,4 Varsity Club 2,3,4 Annual Staff 4 Assembly Committee 3 Junior Rotarian 3 F. F. A. 1,2,3,4 (President)

BOB MILLER Baseball 1 Football 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 4 Varsity Club 4



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MARY WEAVER Basketball 1,2 Bowling 4 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Hi Times 1,2

PHYLLIS HARTMAN Intramural Basketball 1,2 Girl's State 3 Speech Club 4 (Treasurer) Class Treasurer 2 Junior Play 3 Homecoming Queen Candidate 4 F. H. A. 1,2

> RICHARD KILLIAN Annual Staff 4 Assembly Committee 1





BARBARA SOBESKI Choir 4 F. H. A. 2,3 Class Secretary 2

ELEANOR BASH Entered 54' WILLIAM LOSINSKI Baseball 1,2





MARGARET KALVIN Band 1,2,3,4 Dance Band 1,2 Basketball 1,2 Hi Times 1,2,3,4 F. H. A. 1,2,3



GORDON ALBRIGHT Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4 Baseball 1,2 Track 1,2,3,4 Varsity Club 2,3,4 Junior Play 3

IRIS STULL Basketball 1 F. H. A. 1,2,3 . Speech Club 4 Hi Times 1,2



SHIRLEY HARRISON Bowling 3,4 Hi Times 1,2,4 Annual Staff 4 F. H. A. 2,3,4

PHYLLIS FOX Intramural Basketball 1,2 Hi Times 1,2,3,4 (Recorder) Student Council Alderman 1,2 Annual Staff 4 Speech Club 4 Student Teaching 4 F. H. A. 1,2,3



PAUL KERN Band 1,2,3 Choir 4 Varsity Basketball 1,2,3,4 Football 1,2,3,4 Baseball 2,3 Track 1,3,4 Bowling 3,4 Hi Times 2,3 Boy's State 3; Vice President 4 Alterman 2, 3; Recreation Committee 4 Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4 Student Council President 4

PATRICIA ANDREWS Choir 4 Basketball 1,2,3 Bowling 3,4 Speech Club 4 Class Treasurer 1 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Hi Times 1,2,3,4 Cheerleader 2,3,4 Student Teaching 4

RAYMOND KOSMERICK Band 1,2 Basketball 1 Football 1,2 Baseball 2 Bowling 3,4

RUTH HEINEMAN Basketball 1,2,3,4 Bowling 4 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Hi Times 1,2 Speech Club 4

KARL HOFFER Choir 1,2,3 Football 1,2,3,4 F. F. A. 1,2,3,4 Varsity Club 2,3,4



RONALD CRAMPTON F. F. A. 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 4 Football 1 Boxing 1

MARILYN KOSMERICK Choir 4 F. H. A. 2

WILLIAM WINGFIELD Band 1,2,3,4 Bowling 3 Class Vice President 1 Intrumural Sports 1,2,3



RUTH RIERSON Choir 1,2,3,4 Band 1,2 Sextette 3,4 Basketball 1,2 Hi Times 1,2 Annual Staff 4 Junior Play 3 Class President 3 NICK WHORLEY Choir 1,2,3 Band 1,2,3 Sextette 3 Football 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 1,2,4 Track 2,3,4 Varsity Club 3,4 Dance Band 2

PHYLLIS HIMES Intramural Basketball 1,2 F. H. A. 1,2 Hi Times 1 Speech Club 4



LOIS JEAN HUNSICKER Band 1, 2, 3, 4 Choir 1,2,3,4 Sextette 3,4 Basketball 1,2 Bowling 3 Drum Major 1,2,3,4 Hi Times 1,2,3,4 (Editor 4) Student Teaching 4 F. H. A. 1,2 Speech Club 4

MARVIN HOLT Choir 3,4 Football 1,2,3,4 Intramural Basketball 3,4 (Manager 4) Baseball 3 F. F. A. 4 Annual Staff 4

WILLIAM CALHOUN Band 2 Choir 1,2,3,4 Sextette 2,3,4 Varsity Basketball 2,3,4 Football 1,2,3,4 Track 2 Varisty Club 2,3,4 Baseball 2

LILL IAN STEBLETON Choir 3,4 Basketball 1,2 Junior Play 3 Student Teaching 4 Annual Staff 4 Student Council Alderman 4





Class Secretary 2,3 Junior Play 3

NATHAN COATS Band 1,2,3,4 Choir 1, 2, 3, 4 Sextette 3,4 Varsity Basketball 3,4 Football 1,2,3,4 Track 1,2,3,4 Varsity Club 3,4 Speech Club (President) 4

SAMMY DEVOR Basketball 1,2 F. H. A. 1,2 Hi Times 1,2,3,4 Annual Staff 4

RALPH SMOKER Intramural Basketball 1 F. F. A. 1,2,3



BETTY NUTT Bowling 3,4 F. H. A. 1,2

NORMA METZGER Speech Club 4



CARL WALKER Football 2,3,4 Varsity Club 4 F. F. A. 3

NORMAN DIXON Band 1,2,3,4 Choir 1,2,3,4 Dance Band 1,2 Intramural Basketball 1 Speech Club 4 Student Council Alderman 3 Class President 1 Junior Play 3

WANDA GREELEY Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4 Bowling 3,4 F. H. A. 1,2



NORMA WALKER Basketball 1 F. H. A. 1



KEITH WOHLERS Choir 1,2,3,4 Band 1,2,3,4 Sextette 4 F. F. A. 4 SONYA PALMATIER Choir 3,4 Basketball 1,4 Bowling 3,4 Annual Staff 4 Speech Club 4 F. H. A. 3,4



CURTIS BUTTERS Choir 1,2,3 Sextette 2,3 Varisty Basketball 1,2,3,4 Football 1,2,3,4 Track 1,2,3,4 Varsity Club 3,4 Vice President of Class 2 Speech Club 4 Junior Play 3

RONALD MODERT F. F. A. 1,2



ROLENE RIFENBURGH

SALLY SPADE Speech Club Secretary 4



SHARON HOARD Intramural Basketball 1,2 F. H. A. 1,2

JEANNE CONKLIN Entered 54' Speech Club 4



DEAN AKINS Baseball 1 F. F. A. 2 JANICE BARBER F. H. A. 1,2



GEORGE PHINNEY Intramural Sports 1,3,4 Varisty Basketball Manager 3,4

CHARLES COLLINS Band 3 Choir 3 Baseball 1,2 Football 4 Varsity Club 4 Intramural Basketball 1,2,3,4 Bowling 3,4 Speech Club 4



PHYLLIS HATHAWAY Band 1,2,3 Intramural Basketball 1 F. H. A. 1,2 Hi Times 1,2,3 Junior Play 3 Class Secretary 1 Student Council Secretary 4

JANICE VORCE F. H. A. 1,2,3,4 Hi Times 1,2,3



FRED SCHLAUTMANN Football 1,2,3 Boxing 1 F. F. A. 1,2,3

JOHN KLEMMER Band 1,2,3,4 Choir 3 Baseball 1,2,3,4 Football 1,2,3 Varsity Basketball 1,2,3,4 Bowling 4 Student Council 1,3,4 Speech Club 4; Class President 2 Varsity Club 3,4; Junior Play 3 Annual Staff 4 Hi Times 1,2 Boy's State 3; Dance Band 1,2



RUBY RUBLY Basketball 1,2,4 Assembly Committee 3 Junior Play 3 Speech Club 4 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Hi Times 1,2 MELVIN ALBRIGHT Football 1,2,3,4 Baseball 1,2 Intramural Basketball 1 Varsity Club 2,3,4 Boxing 1



LOIS DEAL Choir 4 F. H. A. 1 Hi Times 1,2,3 Class Treasurer 3,4 Athletic Treasurer 3

ELIZABETH BIDWELL Band 1,2,3,4 Choir 1,2,3,4 Sextette 4 Dance Band 1,2 Basketball 1,2 Hi Times 1,2 F. H. A. 1,2,3 Annual Staff 4 Junior Play 3



ROBERT LAUGHRY Band 1,2 Intramural Basketball 1,2,3 Football 1 Baseball 1,2,3,4 Bowling 3,4



MARY SHAW Band 1,2,3 Choir 1,2,3,4 Bowling 4 Basketball 1,2



We, the senior class of Bronson, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred fifty-four, do hereby will and bequeath the following items to the junior class: the title of Seniors; our sponsors, Miss Anderson, and Mr. Hilton; the best seats in assemblies; our lockers; and everything else we don't need.

To the sophomore class, we do will and bequeath our ability to loaf and look as though we're working.

To the freshmen class, we do will all textbooks in the hope they will find some use for them. (We didn't.)

To the junior high, we do will and bequeath our charming personalities.

To the faculty, we do will and bequeath our sincere gratitude for the help they have given us, and an apology for having wasted four years of their time trying to teach us something.

To Miss Anderson, we do bequeath any encyclopedias found in our lockers.

To Bronson High, we leave our pictures in the hall, all the old chewing gum under the desks, and the inspiring example of a perfect senior class.

As free individuals in sound mind, we do hereby will and bequeath our treasured possessions as follows:

I, Patty Andrews, leave nothing because I'm going to take my ability as a chemist and my engagement ring along.

I, Dean Akins, will my criticism of a certain teacher to Doug Bell.

I, Gordon Albright, bequeath my name "suckie" to Charlie Peter Selby.

I, Melvin Albright, leave my car to Henry Schlautmann if he can afford it.

I, Janice Barber, will nothing because I intend to take all of my belongings with me.

I, Eleanore Bash, will my ability to "Love Em and Leave' to Betty Wells.

I, Elizabeth Bidwell, leave to anybody the ability to have all the fun that I have had in high school and still stay in school.

I, Charlotte Blain, will my ability to drive on ice and not go in the ditch to Tom Kehoe.

I, Gerald Brewer, bequeath my ability to do better in school to somebody who needs it.

I, Vera Brower, will my natural red hair to Wanda Howard.

I, Curtis Butters, bequeath my trips to Coldwater three or four times a week to Northa Crabill.

I, Bill Calhoun, leave my position on the basketball team to "Butch" Ulrich.

I, Nathan Coats, will my ability to skip, more than I come to school and still graduate to Frank Fish.

I, Charles Collins, will my ability to walk a mile and not get tired and out of breath to Beverly Nelson.

I, Ronnie Crampton, will my subscription of "Hot Rod" magazine to Miss Chisholm and Miss Wilson.

I, Jeanne Conklin, will my height to Charles Atkoconis, all four feet-eight and one half inches of it.

I, Lois Deal, leave my place as a Joy-Girl to any girl who thinks she can run around with them and still stay out of trouble.

I, Reberta Deranek, bequeath my ability to ruin a perfectly good joke to Jim Lane and Bill Ritter.

I, Sammy DeVor, will a certain animal by the name of "Herman" to Marilyn Nowicki. I'll keep "Pinky" for myself.

I, Norman Dixon, will my ability to stay away from the teachers to Ray Lanier, Denny Davidson, and Don McClish.

I, Tom Duke, Leave to some up-and-coming basketball player my height.

I, Judy Fifer, will my ability to control my emotions toward my boy friend in public to Carol Ann Pierce.

I, Phyllis Fox, will my ability not to be interested in boys to Ellelia Hanna.

I, Wanda Greeley, will my ability to throw a fast ball in bowling to Ruth Hofert.

I, Shirley Harrison, will a truck to Mr. Atkocunis, so he won't have to go to Kalamazoo to hit one.

I, Dale Hart, bequeath my height to Lyn Ulrich.

I, Phyllis Hartman, leave a basket to Anne Littlefield to carry her books in so she won't drop them down the stairs.

I, Phyllis Hathaway, will to Marilyn Nowicki, my ability to look into a person's eyes instead of staring a hole through him while his back is turned and I sincerely hope she'll put it to good use.

I, Ruth Heineman, will my ability to get a traffic ticket in Coldwater and not have to pay for it to Kay Sommerlotte.

I, Phyllis Himes, bequeath my ability to have goods looks, without using one-half inch of make-up to Slyvia Bidwell.

I, Sharon Hoard, will my ability to go with the same guy for four years and never have to walk home to Beverly Nelson.

I, Karl Hoffer, leave my ability to say Hi' instead of Howdy' to Miss Wilson.

I, Joanne Hollister, leave a pawn shop address to the Seniors of "55". You'll need it.

1, Marvin Holt, bequeath a pair of roller skates to Beverly Nelson so she won't have to walk on the way home.

I, Josh Hovda, will my name "Teddy Bear" to anyone who wants to live it down.

I, Lois Jean Hunsicker, will my twirling ability to Darian Wiler, future drum major of the University of Michigan Band.

I, Margaret Kalvin, will my ability to keep things to myself and not tell everything I know to anyone who abuses this virtue.

I, Paul Kern, will my ability to take out a girl and not make her walk to Northa Crabill.

I, Richard Killian, leave my ability to behave on the bus to Rolland Vallance.

Will

I, Gene King, will my Crosley to Allen Bidwell so he can take his best girl out.

I, John Klemmer, will my thick, wavey, kinky hair to the priviledged few of the faculty who as it seems have lost something along the way.

I, Marilyn Kosmerick, will my smallness to Jerome Marz.

I, Raymond Kosmerick, bequeath Chas. Selby and Doug Bell, one case of Carlings Bottle caps so they can keep out of trouble.

I, Fran Kruszka, will my ability to go to school for four years without getting slapped to Henry Schlautmann.

I, Bob Laughry, leave Doug Bell twelve beagles to shoot at will.

I, Bill Losinski, will Coach Hilton my corny jokes so he will have some new jokes to tell the Agi boys.

I, Delores Lutz, will my natural blond hair to all "proxeys."

I, Lois McNall, bequeath my ability to get along with Miss Anderson to Mable Hoard.

I, Norma Metzger, will my ability to keep out of trouble with Miss Anderson to Gorden Lilly. Maybe then she won't have to get a new paddle right away.

I, Bob Miller, will to Miss Anderson a slab of oak to make a new paddle.

I, Ronnie Modert, will all my trouble with cars to Earl Modert.

I, Betty Nutt, leave my ability to keep from talking in study hall to Connie Polczynski and Diane Smoker.

I, Sonya Palmatier, bequeath my ability to stay single to all the engaged junior girls.

I, Janice Pask, will my ability to get along with people to anyone that needs it.

I, Junior Phinney, will Charlie Bill Selby a pack of invisible cigaretts so he can smoke in public.

I, Rolene Riffenburg, leave my freedom of English class to all those poor little hard working Sophomores.

I, Ruth Rierson, will my smile to Mr. Atkocunis.

I, Franklin Ross, will my ability to run the half mile to Beverly Nelson.

I, Ruby Jean Rubley, will my ability of going out with a fellow and not having to ask him to take me out to Jean Lutz and Beverly Nelson.

I, Fred Schlautmann, leave all of my jobs from Mr. Bradley to my brother.

I, Mary Shaw, will my ability to get along with Mr. Kamischki to Bruce Kalom.

I, Ralph Smoker, will to anyone my car who thinks he or she can keep it running.

I, Barbara Sobeski, leave to Sylvia Bidwell, my ability to keep my mouth shut at the right times. She can sure use it.

I, Sally Spade, bequeath my weight to Anne Littlefield.

I, Lenonard Signeski, will to all the hairless teachers of B.H.S. one toothless comb providing they use it equally.

I, Lillian Stebleton, will my personality of always saying the wrong thing at the wrong time to anyone.

I, Iris Stull, leave my ability not to draw quick conclusions to Gloria Herman.

I, Janice Vorce, bequeath my trips to shop to Joan Keesler maybe she can find someone else.

I, Carl Walker, will my ability to get along with Freshman girls to Johnny Calhoun.

I, Norma Walker, will my ability to get along with boys to Ellelia Hanna, who needs it very much.

I, Phyllis Walker, will my likes and dislikes of conceited people to Nancy Blain.

I, Mary Ann Weaver, leave the first day of hunting season to anyone who likes to hunt.

I, Nick Whorley, will Paul Kern's Chevy to Mr. Nicolette as I think he can use the spare parts.

I, Bill Wingfield, bequeath my ford to anyone who wants to walk.

I, Jean Wohlers, bequeath my brother Leroy to Edith Ann Calhoun. She can make better use of him than I could.

I, Keith Wohlors, will Mr. French all of my natural, curley hair.

I, Johnny Wotta, will my seat in civics class to Henry Schlautmann.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the Class of '54 to be their last will and testament.

Patricia Andrews Phyllis Fox Paul Kern

# Prophecy

On whom do you suppose Louella Parsons was giving the scoop over the radio last night? None other than the witty class of '54.

The first familiar names to catch our attention were those of Raymond Kosmerick, Bill Losinski, Robert Miller, and Fred Schlautmann, who are diving for technicolor jelly fish. Giving them competition is another accomplished field is Bill Wingfield, George Phinney, and Dean Akins christening their discovery of a jet propelled raft.

The glaring headlines of the Hodunk Gazette, edited by Richard Killian, blare out the exciting news that vivacious Sally Spade has just replaced Marilyn Monroe and will be starring with Richard Hovda in "Lolipops for Two." Another replacement is Westinghouse's Betty Furness by Jean Wohlers.

The world's most noted playboy, Ronald Crampton, has just netted over a million with the selling of those much heard about "Greasless Pigs." I guess that will make his most recent toy, Norma Metzger, overjoyed.

While not surprised over Ronnie's good fortune, we were astonished to hear of the recent death of "Red Hot Mama", Sophie Tucker. However, she is being replaced by Elizabeth Bidwell.

Here's the marriage news. Phyllis Hartman and Tom Duke, the spinister and the hermit, are to be united in the not so near future. Phyllis Hathaway, Judy Fifer, Phyllis Walker, and Joanne Hollister are the brides of the week. The ceremonies were performed by the Reverend Charles Collins.

As these names were batting on our eardrums, we pulled our chairs closer and closer to the radio. There were many celebraties with whom we are well acquainted.

Fran Kruszka is practicing with the Detroit Tigers. He is trying to replace Trucks as pitcher. His ardent fan, Sammy DeVor, is always cheering him on, even at practices. Waterboy for State's championship football team is Marvin Holt, and helping him carry the buckets is Wanda Greeley. The title will be decided Friday night when Shirley Harrison and Betty Nutt, the light weight wrestlers, meet at Madison Square Garden. Gordon Albright is now teaching a girls' Physical Education class at Yale with Eleanore Bash as his model student.

And now for businesses recently started.

Franklin Ross, with his shining glory as an example, is now operating a Beauty Shoppe in Paris with Ruth Rierson as a steady and also a special customer.

This should interest all you fashion wise women. Curtis Butters' Grand Opening of his lingerie shop, The Lacy Unmentionables, will be Easter, '65. All styles will be shown to their best advantages by Karl Hoffer and Ronald Modert. The Lane Bros. store has recently been changed to Wotta and Smoker Inc. Lois Deal, manager of the unemployment office, says that Nathan Coats is becoming a permanent fixture. Sharon Hoard and Phyllis Himes are the owners of the new "Arf-Mew Motel." If any of your pets aren't sleeping well nights send them to the motel for real comfort.

If any of you listeners would care to have your portrait painted, the different and unique style of Sonya Palmatier will satisfy you. With each portrait you receive an autographed picture of Lois McNall. You will be greeted with a friendly smile from Vera Brower, receptionist.

Margaret Kalvin's "Buy Wrong" store, where you always buy right, is having a special sale on grimy grits and smell-free onions. Patty Andrews is also in business with Margaret. Patty now has on the market, the new giant economy size "Crunchy Hersheys." Your kids will love the Hersheys. (The candy bars we are referring to.) Gerald Brewer and Norman Dixon will entertain your children while you shop.

# Prophecy

Here's the news you have been waiting for, the Broadway Hits!

The smash hit, "The Curtain That Didn't Rise" starring Bill Calhoun, popular vocalist, is still trying its best to fill the first row. Although the curtain didn't rise, it had a dependable curtain puller, Charlotte Blain.

As usual the Funiety, managed and viewed every night by Bob Laughry, was filled to capacity Monday night for their annual "Everything Goes" show. First on the program was the tapping feet and flying hands of Marilyn Kosmerick, Delores Lutz, Barbara Sobeski, and Roberta Deranek.

Next, Iris Stull and Janice Barber doing their interpretation of the principal interest of Hawaii, (the Hula). The star attraction of the evening was Mary Ann Weaver and Ruby Jean Rubley performing the "Dance of the Snakes." John Klemmer and Leonard Signeski, who were as near the stage as possible, said the dance was exceptionally well done. The delicate voices of Janice Vorce and Norma Walker were calling "Candy, gum,...."

If you happen to be driving through the deserts of Arizona, you may hear the cry of "going my way" from Janice Pask and Rolene Riffenburg who were stranded there three years ago.

Let's see what's new on the campuses.

Lois Jean Hunsicker, coed at P. U. State, gave a detailed description of the exciting escapade in which Nick Whorley and Keith Wohlers blew up the girls dorm, just experimenting. Mary Ann Shaw says all the girls are real gone over the new Chemistry Professor, Dale Hart. We laughed when we heard Paul Kern, the wheel of P. U. is raising worms for the indigestion of future freshmen.

On the farm front, we hear that Ruth Heineman is being helped on her 600 acre flea farm by Lillian Stebleton and Carl Walker. They say she raises some astonishingly brilliant fleas.

In a similar catagory is Jeanne Conklin, running the Norton Dwarf and Midget farm.

And now our sympathy to Gene King, Dare Devil Motorcyclist, at the Germ Center, who has just been operated on by the noted brain surgeon, Melvin Albright, and his assistant, Phyllis Fox, famous toenail specialist. We hope his intestines will successfully expand once again.

As you can see, all have done well for themselves, and if this happened in ten years, what could happen in twenty?

Phyllis Fox Patty Andrews Paul Kern Josh Hovda







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#### PATTY Class History

In September 1950, 89 freshmen enrolled, this being the biggest class on record. This was the class of '54. Under the wing of Miss Anderson, we learned the rules of parliamentary procedure in class meetings, consideration for other people's property, and how to follow B. H. S.'s motto of always being a lady or a gentleman. Next came the terrifying event of the freshmen initiation. After being tarred and feathered, given shocks, walking the plank, and bobbing for apples, we became the full fledged class of '54. Considering we were only freshmen, we had the responsibility of decorating the gym for All-Hi parties and furnishing a floor show. We also received recognition for a splendid job. Receiving first prize for our Halloween float was another accomplishment.

During our Sophomore year, we obtained funds for our long awaited senior trip by sandwich sales. We also presented an assembly for the High School. A large number of our boys were privileged to play Varsity sports and to share the championships. We were encouraged and advised by Mrs. Hamilton and Mr. Hilton. The high light of the year was the detailed duplication of a Roman banquet with the school board as honored guests. This was presented under the supervision of Mr. Berriman.

As juniors, we had an exceptionally memorable year. Due to the fact that our senior year was quickly approaching, we began trying to increase our funds. We did this by selling refreshments at all home games. On November 21, 1952 a three act comedy, "Down to Earth," was presented to a capacity crowd, under the very capable direction of Miss Patricia Chisholm. Another unique idea was a carnival under supervision of our advisors, Mrs. Tharp, Mr. Berriman, and Mr. French. It was presented in the school with all the earmarks of a true carnival. Some of the highlights were "Spill Bobo," "A Night Club," and "Basketball Toss." Our funds were also increased with the aid of cupcake sales and an all-our scrap and paper drive. The most spectacular event of the year was the prom. The delicious dinner was served at the Alderman-Luce Memorial Home. Then, everyone journeyed to the auditorium where they were surprised to see the gym converted into a star lit sky with the main emphasis being on our theme "Stairway to the Stars."

Last, but not least, comes this-our senior year, the busiest and most exciting year of all. With all. With all thoughts of our five days in Washington in mind, we planned many various activities such as a Penny Supper, magazine and baked goods sales, and the sale of Christmas cards. Fourteen of the seventy-seven graduates have been classmates for 12 years: Bill Wingfield, Phyllis Fox, Nathan Coats, Iris Stull, Nich Whorley, Margaret Kalvin, Robert Laughry, Ruth Rierson, Phyllis Walker, Janice Vorce, Lois Hunsicker, Judy Fifer, Phyllis Hartman, and Phyllis Hathaway. In the various extra-curricular activities, the class of '54 has participated with excellent records in all cases. Now we are approaching the final phrase of our high school career which includes our baccalaureate commencement services.

As the class of 1954 leaves, we take with us all our cherished memories of our four short years in B. H. S. We will treasure the friends we have make and our many good times, but we will also be branching out into wider horizons. So we just wish to express our gratitude to the teachers, advisors, and to all those who have made our four years of high school memorable ones.

> Phyllis Fox Paul Kern

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# UNDERGRADUATES

The junior class has had a very prosperous year and had \$833.33 in the treasury by January. They are seventy-six in number and each one has worked hard to make this a successful year. The juniors have had scrap drives, cake raffles, game refreshments, and various other endeavors to make money for that long awaited day, the senior trip.

Our sophomores are very promising as every six weeks they turn up someone with an all-A record. They hit a little hard luck, for the class of '56 was the first class not allowed to have sandwich sales. They came up fighting though, and made money in spite of it all.

The "green" little freshmen are no longer green to the ways and whys of B.H.S.. We didn't get a chance to welcome them in with an old-fashioned initiation; but, never-the-less, we enjoyed having them one of us, and we wish them the best of luck in their future three years.

Well, on to the junior high. Now, I'm undecided what to write. You know how it is. When you get to be a senior and strut around the halls with your head up in the air, you never notice anyone like a junior high student, at least not until you get knocked out of the way by a streak of them heading for a class. Then they're noticed, but not too pleasantly. We have one hundred and sixty-three in junior high this year and we wish every one of them many happy memories of this year and years to come which are spent in our alma mater, B. H. S.

Patty Andrews



Row 1 L. to R. - J. Merchant, S. Edgington, Lane, J. Marz, J. Comstock, J. Pulaski, Row 2 L. to R. - J. Keeslar, N. Himebaugh, Long, R. Greene, M. Burnside, J. Bilicke, W. Ratkowski.

Row 3 L. to R. - L. Ulrich, B. Ritter, D. Rubley, L. Palmatier, J. Williamson, B. Kalon R. Wiler, D. Hollister.

Row 4 L. to R. - L. Goshorn, G. Bowerman, F Foerster, W. Perry, D. Rice, M. Rohloff, J. Keckler.

Row 5 L. to R. - D. Hogmire, M. Smith, J. Norton, D. Smoker, L. Coler, D. Vorce.

#### Juniors



#### OFFICERS

#### L. to R.

Treasurer J. Marz President J. Lane Vice President Secretary ADVISORS Mr. French Miss Wilson

M. Albright S. Edgington

#### **GROUP II**

Row 1 L. to R. - M. Parsons, A. J. Alleshouse, C. Selby, J. Clemens, C. Markley, R. Lanier, J. Uhrig.

Row 2 L. to R. - C. Monroe, K. Behnke, G. Lilly, B. Hoyt, R. Hathaway, D. Ross, C. Kubasiak,

Row 3 L. to R. - D. Bell, L. Webster, C. Christensen, C. Grindle, D. Davidson, T. Kehoe, G. Miller, J. Clemens.

Row 4 L. to R. - W. Wanar, D. McClish, P. Smoker, M. Kupiecki, E. Rasey, P. Cuyler, R. Krzyzanski, B. Dixon.

Row 5 L. to R. - H. Schlautmann, C. Rumsey, R. Kibiloski, J. Calhonn, A. Bidwell, D. Garman, R. Pelmear, G. Snyder.



#### **GROUP II**

Row 1 L. to R. - T. Worthington, R. Hofert, W. Howard, D. Alleshouse, D. Rifenburgh, A. Evens, A. Smoker, S. Lines.

Row 2 L. to R. - R. Smoker, D. Gump, R. Brewer, R. Guisinger, J. Burch, C. Polczynski, J. Stevens, C. Pearce, J. Rierson, J. Martin. Row 3 L. to R. - C. Camfield, T. Smith, B. May, A. Mock, B. Goebel, C. Polczynski, M. Nowicki, F. Ross, K. Wright, W. Merriman.

Row 4 L. to R. - J. Sobeski, R. Jones, R. Rippe, J. Sweet, R. Vallacne, J. Lanier, R. Sherman, J. Laughry, D. Croy, F. Fowler. Row 5 L. to R. - J. Arundel, W. Fair, L.D. Mynhier, A. Fowler, D. Travis, J. Nowak, R. Williamson, C. Bertsch, H. Hughes.





#### OFFICERS

#### L. to R.

Treasurer Vice- President President Secretary Beery (Absent) Houghton Himebaugh Paul

ADVISORS Mrs. Tharp Mr. Kamischke

#### Sophomores



#### GROUP 1

Row 1 L. to R. - R. Byers, S. Green, J. Houghton, P. Himebaugh, M. Paul, N. Blain. Row 2 L. to R. - E. Cain, B. Wells, L. Webster, K. Wohlers, N. Hopkins, G. Waldron. ROW 3 L. to R. - D. Metzger, S. Lampman, A. Schlautmann, D. Ross, B. Horkey, J. Green, F. George.

Row 4 L. to R. - S. Smoker, M. Goshorn, A. Kotz, E. Dixon, L. Cain, S. Hollister, J. Walker, D. Lewis.

Row 5 L. to R. - J. Barczak, E. Modert, E. Hanna, R. George, M. Hovda, G. Cuyler, K. Somerlott.



Row 1 L. to R.- M. Barnes, E. Calhoun, D. Wilson, R. Calhoun, D. Wiler, L. Wood, V. Smith, S. Heanni.

Row 2 L. to R. - S. Strohm, J. Webster, Z. Bronowicz, G. Herman, D. Wielgos, M. Malove R. Pask, R. Brewer.

Row 3 L. to R. - J. Fennell, F. Pierson, R. Cruz, V. Reynolds, S. Tefft, C. Kibiloski, D. Sebalj, J. Nowicki, R. Rubley.

Row 4 L. to R. - B. Martin, J. Greene, J. Placatka, D. Hoover, D. Perry, J. Kelley, N. Weber, J. Brinkman, J. Blair, R. Deal. Row 5 L. to R. - B. Butters, S. Lane, R. Colpetsir, J. Nutt, J. Wiler, R. Ritter, P. Easler, S. Anderson, R. Bullock, P. Tefft.

#### Freshmen



#### OFFICERS

#### R. to L.

- Advisor Vice President President Advisor Standing Treasurer Secretary
- Mrs. E. Martin R. Calhoun D. Wiler Mr. William Stewart L. Wood
- D. Wilson

#### GROUP 2

Row 1 L. to R. - L. Luce, B. Gump, C. Alderman, J. Lutz, J. Sikorski, B. Sikorski, S. Smoker, M. Yesh.

Row 2 L. to R. - J. Nelson, G. Anderson, J. Modert, I. Rumsey, P. Ratkowski, R. Nowak, D. Herman, P. Rakoczy.

Row 3 L. to R. - R. Bogucki, G. Walker, K. Sikorski, A. Metzger, D. Merriman, M. Wanar, B. Myers, L. Sielken, J. Wright.

Row 4 L. to R. - N. Copeland, P. Hovda, L. Kern, J. Houghton, J. Long, A. Cary, P. La Batt, J. Czuberki.

Row 5 L. to R. - J. Losinski, J. Wiard, D. Yesh, L. Wohlers, D. Davis, D. Davis, E. Sobieski.





Row 1 L. to R. - S. Neihardt, B. Nelson, B. Cary, N. Cattell, D. Conklin, G. Bidwell. Row 2 L. to R. - D. Van Pelt, L. Dow, R. Greene, T. Pearce, A. Keeslar, A. Luginbill. Paw 3 L. to R. - C. Comstock, E. Norton, A. Kirkum, M. Metzger, P. Miller, N. Goshorn, J. Waldron.

Row 4 L. to R. - K. Bash, J. Wright, S. Ward, P. Wells, J. Hopkins, C. Burch, S. Prough, S. Metzger.

Row 5 L. to R. - C. Kirkum, C. Wagner, L. Jones, J. Behnke, H. Hughes, O. Armstrong, S. Bowerman, D. Kruszka.

#### **Eighth Grade**

#### OFFICERS

#### L. to R.

- N. Cattell B. Cary D. Conklin B. Nelson
- President Vice President Secretary Treasurer

#### ADVISORS Mr. Nicolette Mrs. French





#### GROUP II

Row 1 R. to L. - M. Elliget, P. Nowicki, D. Snyder, C. Keeslar, S. Keeslar, N. Cole. Row 2 R. to L. - J. Green, B. Green, S. Bidwell, C. Mc Clish, M. Hoard, B. Green. Row 3 R. to L. - A. Sullivan, M. Laughry, J. Lilly, R. Hoyt, E. Chard, D. Shiery, B. Crabill. Row 4 R. to L. - B. Wells, H. Card, J, Minch, A. Walker, K. Wilson, G. Mosser, W. La Batt. Row 5 R. to L. - D. Auten, J. Babbitt, W. Williams, E. Perrin, R. Kreienbrink, D. Vorce, M. Pugli.



Row 1 L. to R. - A. Littlefield, V. Wing, U. Hartman, G. Gair, S. Calhoun, B. Luce, L. Ulrich, B. Kaufman, J. Markley, S. Rumsey. Row 2 L. to R. - T. Kubasiak, J. Gibbons, B Strong, W. Metzger, E. Cruz, J. Baker, L. Sebalj, S. Jasper, J. George, B. Carpenter. Row 3 L. to R. - K. Paul, C. Hasdal, A Reichard, B. Sweeting, J. Albright, E. Crabi B. Porter, S. Cary, K. Miller. Row 4 L. to R. - D. Tefft, I. Miller, G. Decker, J. Pelmear, N. Fair, S. Auten, R. Meyer, J. Haenni, J. Reed, B. Cranson. Row 5 L. to R. - M. Van Aken, F. Barclay, F Copeland, J. Czajkowske, R. Herman, J. Will H. Fair, L. Armstrong, M. Lutz.

#### Seventh Grade

#### OFFICERS

#### R. to L.

- Secretary President Vice President Treasurer
- G. Fair B. Luce S. Calhoun L. Ulrich

Miss Chisholm Mr. Atkocunis



#### GROUP 2

Row 1 L. to R. - G. Burnside, D. Heineman, W. Smee, J. Van Pelt, S. Van Husan, T. Modert, B. La Batt, P. Brewer.

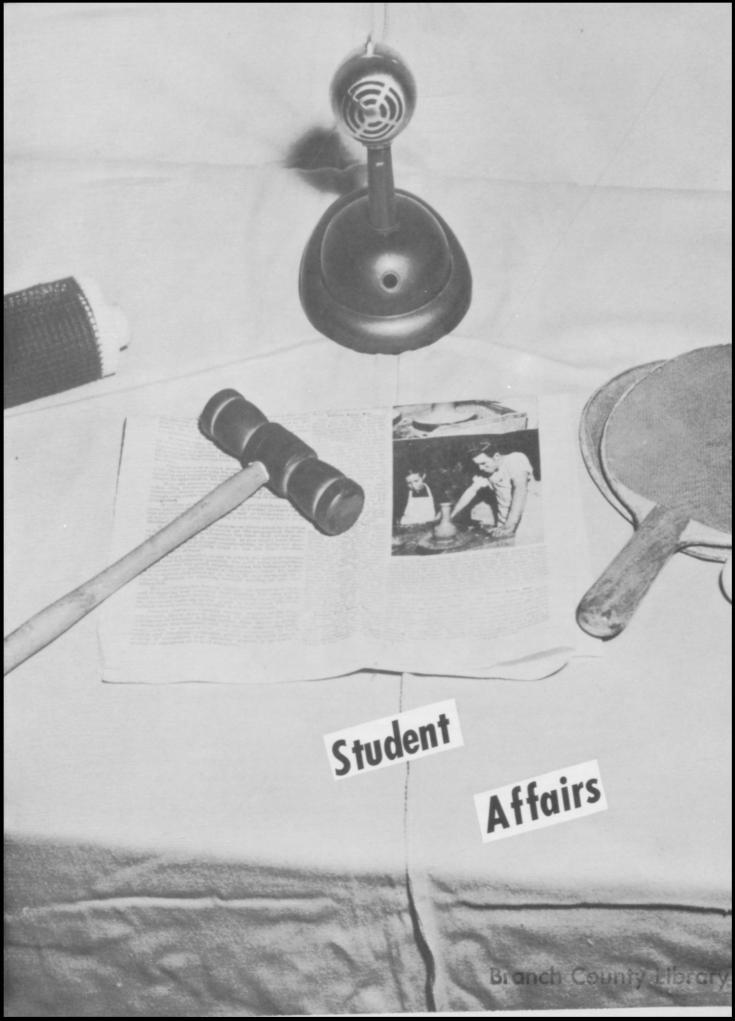
Row 2 L. to R. - B. Modert, M. Persails, B. Cronkhite, R. Persing, R. Himes, L. Bridge, G. Wright, J. Crum.

Row 3 L. to R. - K. Evens, L. Goshorn, B. Strong, J. Hoffer, B. Sieger, J. Davis, D. Dancer, C. Andrews, P. Merriman.

Row 4 L. to R. - J. Garman, S. Rinehart, B. Booth, R. Behnke, R. Schafer, G. Whorley, A. Fifer, J. Williamson.

Row 5 L. to R. - K. Carpenter, J. Bowerman, B. Wing, G. Lawton, V. Bowerman, L. Bercaw, B. Barfell, J. Merriman, N. Herman.





#### Student Council



Standing L. to R.: E. Crabill, J. Rierson, G. Cuyler, L. Stebleton, M. Burnside, L. Signeski, P. Hovda, Jr. Houghton, J. Lane.

Seated L. to R.: G. Heisler (Advisor), P. Hathaway (Sec.), P. Kern (Pres.), J. Klemmer (Vice-Pres.), S. Edgington (Tres.).

The 1953-54 Student Council has just completed eighteen years at Bronson, and it has always promoted good citizenship among the students.

Despite a late start and raise in price, the Council had a fair membership. The Student Council has held All-Hi parties; and, for the first time, sponsored sock dances after home basketball games. They have sold sweatshirts with Viking head and school name on them, set up cheerleaders code, headed the noon recreation program, helped the formulation of the Burr Oak Student Union constitution, and held the Viking Review.

Five representatives attended the Citizenship Conference at Ann Arbor, bringing back many suggestions that were used by the Council, such as the sale of sweatshirts for a money making project.

Elections are held in the fall in the same manner as state governor, with campaign speakers and final election by students. The aldermen (two members from each class) are elected by the classes.

The meeting are held every Monday with the president in charge and with an advisor present.

#### **Hi Times**



Row 3 L. to R.: K. Wilson, J. Hollister, J. Walker, C. Pearce, J. Martin, P. Walker, P. Andrews, D. Perry. Row 2 L. to R. S. Harrison, C. Camfield, R. Hofert, J. Stevens, M. Paul, S. DeVor, R. Deranek, C. Andrews. Row 1 L. to R.: J. Sini, (Advisor) P. Kern, L. Hunsicker (Editor), W. Perry, P. Fox (Recorder)

The Bronson Hi-Times had a fine year under the supervision of Mr. Sini, who was new to our teaching staff this year.

Many other changes were made in the school paper this year besides the supervisor. Instead of having an editor-in-chief and various co-editors, the staff all worked together, with Lois Jean Hunsicker acting as chairman at the meetings, which were held every Friday at 4:00. At these meetings, the staff discussed ways in which the columns could be improved and changed, and perhaps a new column was added. Also, the "Student of the Week" was chosen. The Student of the Week was a new idea, and went over very well with all the Hi-Times readers.

The biggest improvement was that, instead of having all the extra work and confusion of printing and setting up the paper, it was done for us by the Bronson Journal. Thanks to the cooperation of Mr. Burgess, a one-half page of our town paper was devoted entirely to the Hi-Times. Not only did this make things easier for the staff, but also enabled us to have pictures taken of the various events.

The staff, as a whole, worked hard to produce a fine news section for all High School students as well as adults to enjoy. In spite of the new ideas, which were put over, much time was saved. They tried to cover all activities instead of just a few. Club news, sports events, dances, editorials, the literary page, and social activities, are just a few of the things covered by them.

Much of our success is due to the wonderful supervision which Mr. Sini gave us. Most of his supervision was in the form of advice rather than demands, yet without him it would have been impossible to keep things running smoothly on schedule.

We would like to wish next years staff good luck and hope their ideas are well received as ours were. Sammy DeVor.

#### **Assembly Committee**



Row 2 L. to R.: J. Davis, N. Coats, D. Kehoe, S. Neihardt, G. Herman Row 1 L. to R.: D. Davidson. M. Cathcart (Advisor) G. Sini (Advisor) K. Somerlott.

The Assembly Committee is composed of a representative from each class in the high school and junior high. This year, the committee is under the capable leadership of Mr. Joseph Sini. Representatives from each class are as follows: seventh grade, Janet Davis; eighth grade, Stanley Neihart; freshman class, Gloria Herman; sophomore class, Kay Somerlott; junior class, Denny Davidson; senior class, Nathan Coats.

Kay Somerlott is secretary of the committee. The purpose of the committee is to secure suitable programs for the student body for the coming year.

This year, the students greatly enjoyed an assembly on crime and another one on magic. These assemblies were paid assemblies but others throughout the year were not.

Assemblies of a more religious nature were given on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter featuring talks by local minsters.

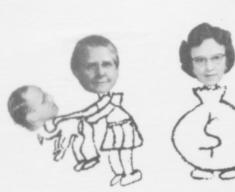
The senior class wishes to thank the Assembly Committee for their good work, keeping everyone at school entertained, amused, and informed.

Nathan Coats.

















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# Seniors Snaps





#### Band



Row 1 - L. to R. - P. Walker, M. Hovda, F. George, M. Wanar, J. Wright, J. Bowerman, S. Van Husan, K, Wohlers, J. Walker, C. Camfield V. Smith,

Row 2 - L. to R. - L. Uldrich, A. Sullivan, M. Pugli, P. Cuyler, J. Minch, S. Hollister, B. Kalom, K. Wolhers, M. Albright, J. Williamson, B. Dixon, G. Cuyler, E. Bidwell, C. Pearce, B. Nelson, D. Kehoe, S. Edgington.

Row 3 - L. to R. - S. Tefft, S. Ward, B. Kaufman, S. Auten, B. Cary, L. Wood, D. Sebalj, B. Wingfield, J. Clemens, R. George, D. Auten, L. Uldrich, E. Calhoun, D. Butters, J. Martin, D. Wielgos, C. Markley, N. Weber, C. Wagner, J. Calhoun, N. Coats, J. Marz. Row 4 - L. to R. - Mr. Stewart (Director), W. Perry, D. Forrester, S. Lane, L. Hunsicker, J. Klemmer, N. Dixon

To get the band under way in the fall, it is the usual procedure to have a marching band. This year, the marching band consisted of 67 members. It participated in many events such as fairs, marching festival, and football games.

The marching season came to a close at the last football game. After that event, the band becomes a concert band, considerably smaller than the marching band, Fifty-nine students enrolled in the concert band. Events for the band included the Christmas concert, spring concert, basketball games, and contest.

Members of the band have the wonderful privilege of having a new band room which has helped the band a great deal, as it provides comfort, a vast amount of space, and helpful equipment, including the tape recorder and stroboconn.

The custom, each year, is to present awards to individuals earning them. Major awards are given to students in the band for three years, and minor awards to students in the band two years.

Many times ensembles are formed, some of which are entered in the contest; others are used to play f or various social events, when asked.

The last two years the surrounding schools in Michigan have organized an All Star Band consisting of musicians from the schools. Last year, Bronson sent a group of individuals to this conference which was held at Three Rivers and this year at Niles. Two bands are formed, an A-B band and a C-D band according to each school's classification. This is a wonderful experience for a student, as well as fun.

The seniors who are members of this year's Bronson High School Band, under the direction of William B. Stewart, wish to express their gratitude to him for making the band such a one that it is a pleasure form them to participate in it, and they are proud to be a member of the organization.

Margaret Kalvin

#### Choir



Row 1 - L. to R. - M. Kosmerick, N. Himebaugh, V. Smith, L. Palmatier, C. Blain, B. Sobeski, R. Rierson, S. Palmatier, M. Shaw, B. Deranek, J. Martin, M. Paul, P. Walker, S. Edgington, P. Easler, R. Nowak, B. Sikorski, J. Sikorski.
Row 2 - L. to R. - R. Byers, J. Walker, C. Kibiloski, R. Calhoun, L. Hunsicker, J. Wohlers, C. Camfield, V. Brower E. Rasey, L. Stebleton, E. Bidwell, D. Lutz, L. Coler, D. Hogmire, J. Williamson, W. Ratkowski, C. Pearce, F. George, J. Lutz, P. Andrews.
Row 3 - L. to R. - E. Calhoun, L. Beery, B. Kalom, M. Kupiecki, M. Hovda, M. Albright, J. Kelley, B. Butters, D. Travis, B. Calhoun, P. Kern, G. Albright, S. Lane, R. Hovda, S. Hollister, D. Smoker, J. Keckler, L. Deal, J. Stevens.
Row 4 - L. to R. - J. Clemens, K. Wohlers, D. Davidson, D. McClish, B. Dixon, M. Holt, N. Dixon, C. Grindle, G. Brewer, N. Coats, D. Bell, G. Lilly.

It was in the middle of October when many of the students of Bronson High were leaving study halls and meeting with Mr. William Stewart the choir director, to sing up and down the scale and chords. This was the tryouts that determined whether they were to sing in the choir.

From these students, an a cappella choir of seventy-four voices was chosen. This group then met two times each week throughout the school year.

The first appearence of the choir was at the dedication of the new addition to our school. Several seasonal selections were sung.

The choir entered a float, "Frosty the Snowman", in the Christmas parade. The choir, divided into two groups, then sang appropriate selections during the parade.

The big event of the year was the Annual Christmas Concert. The theme, "Signs of Christmas", was carried out by small groups of members from the choir and double sextette with the band furnishing the back ground music. The highlight of the program was a candlelight processional composed of the choir and sextette. It was followed by several Christmas selections sung by the choir and sextette.

The choir also presented an operetta which was held in place of the Annual Spring Concert.

Mary Shaw

#### Majorettes

Nancy Blain Carol Pearce Kay Somerlott









Lois Jean Hunsicker DRUM MAJOR

"Left-Right-Left-Right!" Yes, this is the familiar beat of the Bronson Band twirling's and drum major. Early in the fall, they start pacing out the beats for their annual shows during the football season and for the fairs. As basketball season approached, the twirlers were seen twirling at the halftime of the basketball games.

Four of the girls formed their own drill team and had a dance and "pom pom" routine. These girls appeared in exhibitions at the Coldwater and Centerville Fairs as well as at the Homecoming basketball dance.

As Drum Major, Lois Hunsicker is completing ten years of service in our band. She carries much of the responsibility of the performance on the football and exhibition fields.

All of the majorettes display fine twirling ability as can be proved from the fine ratings they receive at the various contests, and the community of Bronson can be proud of it's twirling rank.

Lois Jean Hunsicker

Marcia Pugli Shirley Hollister Beverly May







#### Sextette



Row 1-L. to R.- L. Hunsicker, R. Rierson, J. Wohlers, E. Bidwell, J. Williamson, J. Martin. Row 2-L. to R.- J. Clemens, K. Wohlers, W. Calhoun, D. Davidson, R. Hovda.

Music! Music! Music! As third period on Tuesday and seventh on Thursday arrives, the music room becomes a small opera house, -no really it's only the sextette practicing for their many engagements.

Although the group got a late start this year, they were kept very busy the rest of the year.

Their repertoire includes religious, classical, popular music, and the group have a lot of fun working out different rounds. Some of this year's favorites were "You'll Never Walk Alone," "The Orchastra Song", and the religious numbers.

The organization not only appears for the Bronson community, but for the surrounding areas as well. The famous words of the members are, "Do We Eat?"

Next year's sextette will be made up of many new faces, as eight of the twelve members are seniors this year.

Those graduating are as follows: Sopranos, Jean Wohlers, Ruth Rierson, Lois Jean Hunsicker; Alto, Elizabeth Bidwell; Tenor, Keith Wohlers; and the entire bass section, Bill Calhoun (our solist), Nathan Coats, and Richard Hovda.

Our thanks go to the school, Mr. Stewart, and our community for helping us to make this another successful year.

Lois Jean Hunsicker

#### Junior Band



Row 1-L. to R.- A. Walker, R.A. Hoyt, S. Bowerman, L. Meyer, B. Pennell, N. Cole, N. Bawdish, J. Kehoe.

Row 2-L. to R.- B. Green, O. Armstrong, K. Wilson, J. Chapman, P. Himes, S. Smith, J. Fitch, L. Wilbur, R. Auten, L. Case, W. Bonnell, L. Cadman, R. Stewart, A. Keesler, D. Van Pelt. Row 3-L. to R.- J. Babbitt, R.A. Ward, C. Miller, D. Peck, C. Laughrey, J. Fair, P. Easler.

The junior band, under the direction of Mr. William B. Stewart, started this year in the new band room. This up-to-date music department helped them to progress splendidly.

There are thirty members in the junior band this year. The pupils range from the sixth grade through the nineth grade. The sixth graders come from Anderson School to the band room three times a week, and the seventh through nineth graders meet four times a week. Some of last year's members were promoted to the senior band in order to make room for the new members.

Instruments played are numerous and include flutes, cornets, clarinets, trombones, baritones, saxaphones, and drums.

This spring they participated in the Instrumental concert, and did a fine job.

The junior band accompanied the senior band to the contest at Hillsdale in March. This is done so the pupils will understnad all the musicianship required to be able to compete in such contests, and to see what they, themselves, will be participating in after a few years. This procedure should encourage practices, and help the band in many ways.

Phyllis Walker



Row 1 L. to R.: L. Mynhier, J. Fowle Holt, R. Pelmear, D. McClish, C. Colli Row 2 L. to R.: T. Nicolette (Line Co Sobeski, R. Hathaway, J. Arundel, A. Butters, C. Hilton (Coach).

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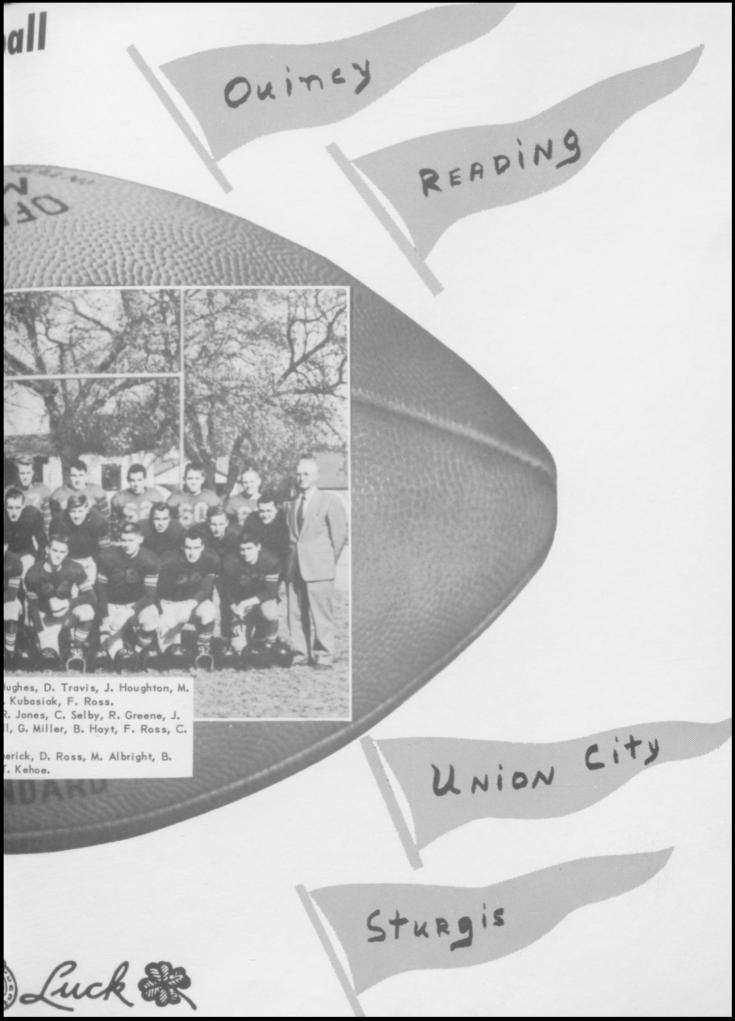
ATHENS

JONESVILLE

Litchfield

Row 3 L. to R.: N. Coats, P. Kern, R. Miller, G. Nowak, L. Signeski, B. Call





Football

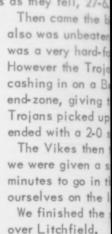
In their last years of Football, the Vikings of Bro the win-lost column. They have won 18, lost 2, an loss to this record, being runner up to the unbeater

Returning lettermen from the previous year were: Albright, Paul Kern, Marshall Parsons, Duane Ros houn. Backfieldmen: Nathan Coats, Chas. Selby, Highlights of the season were:

The Vikings started the season off right by knock The next Friday, they downed a spirited Union C The Northmen then traveled to Reading where the proved too much for the Rangers as they fell, 27-6.



BOB MILLER





MELVIN ALBRIGHT

COACH CHARLES HILTON

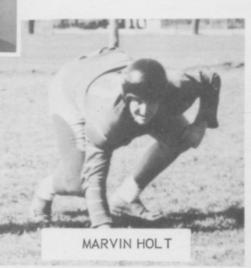
There goes the whistle! The twentyfourth football season has started for Coach Charles Hilton. During the past twenty-four seasons, he has compiled a very impressive record of approximately 126 wins and 24 losses and 11 ties. Also he has been Athletic Director during that time.

This year, in accordance with what seems to be a habit with the Coach, Bronson had a very successful year with six wins and one loss to Homer who came out on top of the Little "C" Bronson was second.

Down through the years as "pilot" he has stuck with his single-wing style of play with very good results.

In the future we wish "Coach" the best of luck.

Curtis Butters



RTIS BUTTER



LEN SIGNESKI

son High School have compiled an excellent record in tied 2. So the team of '53 added 6 more wins and 1 tomer squad.

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Len Signeski

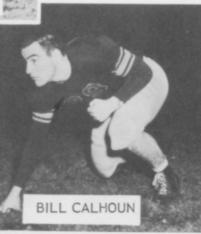


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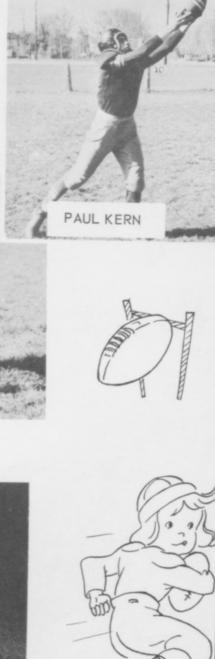




Graduates









CHARLES COLLINS

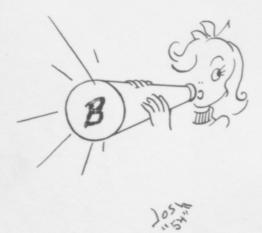


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Varsity

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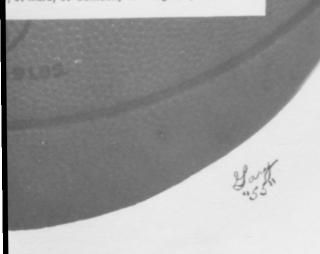




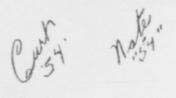


Basketball

. Butters, N. Coats, L. Mynhier, P. Kern. , J. Marz, J. Calhoun, J. Houghton, W. Calhoun,









JOHN CALHOUN

This was Mr. Nicolette's fifth year at Bronson High and a very successful one. Having coached Varsity Basketball for three years, he has a fine record of one championship and two second place teams.

He was assistant coach and is coaching baseball this spring for his second year.

Mr. Nicolette has also been very active in organizing the Varsity Club, something that is fairly new to Bronson High. Karl Hoffer



TOM KEHOE

Varsity

COACH TED NICOLETTE

Ted Nicolette returned as coach and successfully drills aside to rob the team of three games.

Terriers 32 -- VIKINGS 28..... Friday night, Dece opener of the 53-54 season. The defending Little "C" C Trojans 55 -- VIKINGS 40..... On the evening of D damper on the fiery Bronson rally. Homer took off in the

Calhoun paced Bronson with 13 and 11 respectively. Comets 56 -- VIKINGS 53 . . . . . . . Tuesday, December

Comets and we returned home quietly with another loss. Rangers 45 -- VIKINGS 75.....December 18th. the time in four starts to belt Reading on their own court. H the big wheel on the offense. He riddled the nets for 13

Maroons 33 -- VIKINGS 88. . . . . . The opening ballgo they handed Union City a defeat here January 8th. Orioles 31 -- VIKINGS 59. . . . . . In an exciting game

won over the Orioles with a reasonable score. The game Indians 26 -- VIKINGS 75....Bronson fans were p piled up a 42-14 halftime lead. Three of the Vikes came Johnny Calhoun and Chuck Selby 13 apiece.

Terriers 51 -- VIKINGS 65. . . . . . Tuesday, January 26 them a blow to their Little "C" Conference pennant hope

Trojans 39 -- VIKINGS 52.... On the evening of Jc the unbeaten on their own court by a fast flying Bronson Indians 30 -- VIKINGS 74.....February 5th. found upset early by taking a 37-15 halftime lead and coasted t

the offense with 25 and 21 counters apiece. Orioles 29 -- VIKINGS 53.....Although the scare 12th. was one of the most exciting of the year, due to the Calhoun was injurned in the third quarter but Brother Bil Rangers 35 -- VIKINGS 47....At Bronson, on Febr.

period deficit. Maroons 33 -- VIKINGS 73. . . . . . February 19, the Vike stops at Union City, but the Vikes offensive power really quarter. Bill Calhoun topped the scoring with 25 points.

Comets 29 -- VIKINGS 54....Bronson wound up at Jonesville Friday night February 26, on our home court. put them in an undisputed second place.

Tournaments: Sturgis Trojans 47 -- Bronson VIKINGS: found the Bronson fans at the Sturgis gym all but to see ment play. But, the powerful Vikes put up a wonderful b joyed in the beginning when they were in front 5-2. High with 14 counters.

Dick Hovda and Bill Calhoun were chosen as co-captain High point man for this season was Jerome Marz who co place with 176 and brother John next with 151. Charles (

JOHN KLEMMER

LAWRENCE MYNHIER (B - Squad)



NATHAN COATS

JERRY HOUGHTON

NORTHA CRABILL

led his system into the squad, but Lady Luck stepped

ember 4th. and Litchfield came to Bronson for the Conference Champions, fell in its opening contest. December 11th. the loss of veteran Jerome Marz put a first period and lead all the way. Marz and Bill

15th. and Bronson invaded Jonesville to meet the

e Vikes offensive power unleashed itself for the first Hovda clicked up front netting 13 points but Marz was 3 fielders and a brace of free throws for 28 points. a me of the year 1954 ended favorably for the Vikes as

e at Quincy Friday night, January 15th., the Vikings at Quincy Friday night, January 15th., the Vikings was decisively Bronson's from the beginning. Hever alarmed Friday night January 22, as the Vikings oup with double figure scores. Marz hooped 17, and 6 th. we evened an old score at Litchfield and dealt as by winning.

a nuary 29th., Homer was knocked from the ranks of quintet.

us at Athens where the Vikes insured against an to Victory. John Calhoun and Jerome Marz topped

was seldom even close, this game played on February e unusual type of ball the Quincy team played. John came thru with 25 tallies for the Vikes.

a lary 16th., Reading never recovered from a 17-3 first

a is led only 9-4 and 25-15 at the end of the first two , asserted itself with a 27 point splurge in the third

i willing season of Little "C" ball by defeating This was the 11th. straight win for the Vikings and

17 Wednesday, March 3, despite the bad weather Their favorite team eliminated from district tournaattle even to the end. Their biggest lead was enscoring for the game was done by Johnny Calhoun

i is for this season.

ntributed 288 points. Bill Calhoun came in second jelby made 122 and Dick Hovda and Tom Kehoe 70.

Bobbie Deranek



Basketball



The managers of the varsity basketball team this year were Junior Phinney and Marv Holt, while the reserve manager was Richard "Tiger" Rubley. These boys were kept very busy all season, putting up and taking down the tipping rim, polishing balls, and doing many other odd jobs. Our thanks go to them for a fine job.

Len Signeski

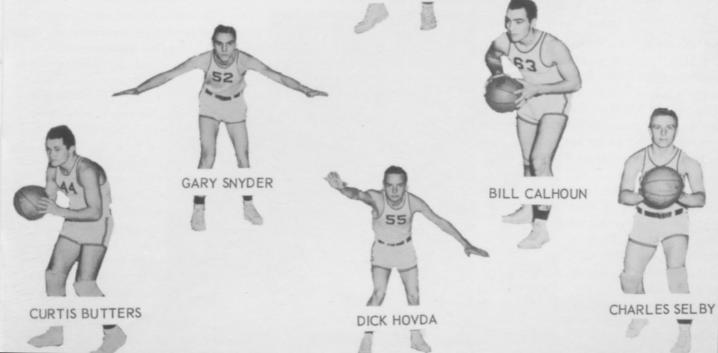


LEONARD SIGNESKI



L. to R.- M. HOLT, JR. PHINNEY

Managers



#### 3" Squad



L. to R. - R. Brewer; R. Brewer; P. Hovda; L. Kern; P. LaBatt; J. Arundel; A. Carry; D. Wiler J. Sweet; D. Davis; J. Long; J. Sobeski Center - L. to R. - J. Houghton; J. Nowak; D. Yesh

#### "B" Squad

The "B" squad came through very successfully again this year under the careful direction of coach, Mr. Charles Atkocunis. They had an impressive season of 13 wins and 3 loses. They scored 610 points to their opponents 428, giving them an average of 38.1 points per game to their opponents average of 26.7 points per game.

The team was made up of sophomores and freshmen, with most of their strenght coming from Rex Brewer (high point man), Darian Wiler, L. D. Mynhier, Jerry Nowak, and Jim Sobeski. With a "B" squad like this the future looks very bright for next year's "A" squad.

This was Mr. Atkocunis's second year with the "B" squad, we all wish him more in the future. Karl Hoffer.



Coach Charles Atkocunis

This year marks the end of two years of successful teaching and coaching for Mr. Atkocunis. Upon his graduation from Western Michigan College, he came to Bronson to teach for the first time. He also has charge of Track, Freshman Football, B-Squad and the Boy Scouts. With all the extra activities, he still finds time to teach Commercial Law, Social Problems, History, Biology and Health. As for his coaching ability, last year's track team was second in the conference meet, and his B-Squad is currently tied for the first place. For those who wish to find Mr. Atkocunis, all they have to do is look up, way up, because he is the tallest teacher on the staff, with a booming six feet four inches to his credit. I am sure that in the future he will continue to bolster his fine scholastic record. Good Luck Mr. Atkocunis!

Nick Whorley

#### Varsity Cheerleaders



L. to R.- N. Himebaugh, D. Lutz, K. Somerlott. Center- P. Andrews

It is Monday and the last bell has rung and nearly everyone has gone up to Foy's or have gone home. But, far off in the gym. is heard the dound of running and jumping, then a scream and shouts. Has someone been hurt or maybe a frail gal has seen a little mouse and been frightened half to death. The sound grows low, then it comes again, louder than before. It sounds like a whole troup now. Maybe we had better investigate this and really find out what's going on.

Well, I'll be----, it's just our cheerleaders with their coach, Miss Betty Wilson, practicing for the next game.

They practice every Monday and Thursday after school.

This is the first year that the girls have had a coach, and they are all very greatful for the wonderful help they have received from her. They have learned new cheers, also new motions to use with the old ones.

For the first time this year, we have special reserve cheerleaders, who consist of Rosemary Calhoun, Marilyn Paul, and Judy Kay Martin. Their outfits are made up of purple torador pants, weskits, and blouses with cute bow ties.

The varsity cheerleaders are Patricia Andrews, Jean Lutz, Nancy Himebaugh, and Kay Somerlott. Purple jumpers with gold blouses make up their outfits, which are new this year.

The girls have done a splendid job of cheerleading this year, and I don't believe that the students could have been able to carry on without them, Congratulations girls!

Roberta Deranek.



#### **'B'' Squad Cheerleaders**

L. to R.- R. Calhoun, M. Paul, J. Martin



#### **Recreation Committee**



Row 1 L. to R. - P. Kern, J. George, D. Snyder, M. Holt, D. Davis.

The Recreation Committee was formed with the idea of providing a Youth Center for the community. The location suggested for this center was the Alderman-Luce Memorial Home with the permission of the V. F. W. (Veterans of Foreign Wars).

The committee is made up of members from grades seven through twelve (pictured above).

They have met several times during the year with members from the various organizations such as the Rotary Club, Woman's League, Kiwanis, Woman's Club, and the different Church groups. The members of the clubs and organizations have met at different homes around Bronson. They have heard talks from the director of the Youth Center from Sturgis, Mr. Kribs, who has been director at Sturgis for eight years. He stated how the Youth Center was supported and also said that the teen-age members had taken over the running of the Center, and were doing excellently, requiring very little supervision.

The Committee planned for a youth Center set up on the basis of the Sturgis Center with recreations such as dancing, card playing, and ping-pong.

Many thought that, if Sturgis and other surrounding communities could set up and run a Center successfully, Bronson could also operate one equally as well.

We believe with the co-operation of the community, this Yourth Center could be accomplished. This project is a needed asset to Bronson because everyone in the Community will be benefited by it. We sincerely hope in latter years we can boast of our modern upto-date Youth Center.

Paul Kern

# **Future Faculty**



James Nicolette Coach





Kent Kamishke Science



Richard Cohrs General Shop



Thomas Nicolette Coach



Candice & William Bradley Vocational Home Ec. & Shop

Joseph Sini English



Jackie French Social Studies



Robert, Larry & Donald Stewart Music



Janice Heisler Principal

#### Speech Club



Row 1 L. to R.: R. Hathaway, B. Dixon, N. Himebaugh, L. Palmatier, B. Kalom, D. McClish, C. Markley, N. Dixon. Row 2 L. to R.: I. Stull, P. Himes, N. Metzger, S. Palmatier, L. Hunsicker, P. Fox, C. Collins. Row 3 L. to R.: V. Brower, J. Conklin, C. Butters, R. Heineman, P. Andrews, J. Guernsey. Row 4 L. to R.: P. Hartman (Treas.) N. Coats (Pres.) Sally Spade (Sec.) R. Rubley (Vise. Pres.) P. Chisholm (Advisor.)

The Bronson High School Speech Club, under the supervision of Miss Chisholm, was organized November 23rd of this school year. It's purpose is to promote speech interests of the students and to bring about a clearer understanding of speech.

The speech class of this school year and the seniors who were enrolled in class last year will go down on the records as charter members of the Bronson High School Speech Club. Nancy Blatter, Gerd Frühlling, Ted Kosmerick, Helga Müller, Karsten Prager, Harry Smoker, Betty Sweet, and Sylvia Thomas will be known as honorary members.

Offices of the club include the following: president, Nathan Coats; vice-president, Ruby Jean Rubly; secretary, Sally Spade; treasurer, Phyllis Hartman; parliamentarian, John Klemmer; programs committee, Lois Jean Hunsicker, Don McClish, and Nancy Himebaugh. Meetings are held in the agriculture room the second Monday of each month.

During the year, this group has presented a number of programs for various organizations in the city and country. These programs have included panel discussions, monologues, and one act plays.

It was decided to present one evening of three one act plays as a springtime event. The objective of this endeavor was to enlarge the physical aspects of the speech department.

Miss Patricia Chisholm.

#### Varsity Club



L. to R. Row 1: R. Kosmerick, C. Collins, G. Albright, L. Signeski, M. Parsons, P. Himebaugh, D. Butters, A. Bidwell, F. Ross, M. Albright, and W. Calhoun.

Row 2: R. Hathaway, J. Nowak, R. Laughry, N. Whorley, C. Butters, T. Kehoe, P. Kern, N. Coats, R. Hovda, J. Klemmer, R. Miller, F. Ross.

Row 3: J. Sobeski, Ja Houghton, W. Hoyt, J. Marz, G. Lilly, R. Kibiloski, C. Kubasiak, N. Crabill, G. Miller, D. Ross, C. Selby, J. Guernsey, R. Green.

The Varsity Club was started three years ago; and, since then, it has been fairly inactive until last year, when the organization put on a dance. They also sponsored a basketball raffle and a football raffle.

During the first year of organization, the club ordered purple and gold jackets for the members, thus adding an air of distinction to the club.

To become a member, a boy has to earn a letter in Varsity competition in track, football, baseball, or basketball. But this is not the only requirement. The boy joining the club must go through a period of initiation, where by he is required to do any odd jobs for any member who requests it of him, or pay a much more severe penalty. He is, also, required to pay a small sum for dues.

Since its beginning, the club has been under the supervision of Mr. C. R. Hilton and Mr. T. A. Nicolette, who are-incidentally-in the capacities of athletic director and head line coach respectively.

In the future, it is certain that the Varsity Club will become better known, as they have planned a number of activities which will bring them to the public's attention.

#### **F.F.A**.



Row 1 - L. to R.: M. Holt, D. Hollister (V. Pres.) G. Lilly, Mr. C. R. Hilton (Advisor), F. Ross (Pres.), D. McClish (Rep.), M. Parsons (Sec.), A. Bidwell. Row 2 - L. to R.: M. Malovey, D. Davis, K. Wohlers, B. Hoyt, R. Guisinger, J. Clemens, F. Ross, L. Berry

R.Byers Row 3 - D. Herman, P. La Batt, L. Goshorn, B. Smoker, A. Fowler, R. Vallance, J. Fowler, H. Hughes, T. Duke, Row 4 - L. to R.: K. Sikorski, D. Croy, W. Fair, R.Killian, D. Garman, A. J. Alleshouse, T. Kehoe, L. Wohlers, R. Crampton, J. Brinkman.Absent: K. Hoffer (Treas.)

The Future Farmers of America has been busy with various activities during the last year. In August, fourteen members, Coach Hilton, and Mr. Heisler journeyed throughout Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri, with the final destination being Hannibal, Missouri.

Three of the officers, President Franklin Ross, Vice-President Duane Hollister, and Secretary Marshall Parsons went to officer's training camp at Clear Lake near Battle Creek with Mr. Hilton, their advisor. The Treasurer, Karl Hoffer; Reporter, Don McClish; Sergeant-at-arms, Allan Bidwell; and Sentinel; Tom Kehoe, were unable to attend.

The one big project the F. F. A. undertook was to further the county "rat campaign" throughout the Bronson District. Other projects were the glove sales, the annual "Father and Son" banquet, and the completion of personal projects.

The club members are divided into eight different committees. They are supervised farming, cooperation, community service, leadership, earnings, and savings, conduct of meetings, scholar-ship, recreations, and general. Each boy is on one committee.

At the opening and closing of F. F. A. meetings, the officers take up a position under the club symbols in the following manner: Reporter, stationed under the flag, Treasurer, stationed at the picture of Washington, Advisor, stationed at the statue of owl, Vice President, stationed by the plow, President stationed under the rising sun.

Franklin Ross.

#### F.H.A.



Row 1 L. to R.: M. Rohloff (Reporter), J. Keckler (Historian), B. Horkey (Sec.), D. Hogmire (V. Pres.), L. Palmatier (Pres.), S. Smoker (Tres.), L. Coler (Piano), J. Rierson (Song Leader).

Row 2 L. to R.: L. Luce, N. Himebaugh, K. Wohlers, C. Alderman, J. Lutz, N. Hopkins, J. Sikorski, S. Smoker, B. Sikorski.

Row 3 L. to R.: Mrs. Bradley (Advisor), D. Ross, M. Yesh, L. McNall, D. Alleshouse, E. George, R. Hofert, W. Ratkowski, J. Bilicke, C. Kibiloski.

Row 4 L. to R.: A. Schlautmann, R. Nowak, J. Williamson, M. Burnside, D. Wilson, J. Nowicki, J. Green, C. Camfield, S. Palmatier.

Row 5 L. to R.: P. Ratkowski, D. Merriman, C. Polczynski, M. Nowicki, P. Smoker, M. Kupiecki, D. Kehoe, C. Polczynski, A. Evens, D. Smoker.

Absent: J. Hollister, S. Harrison, J. Vorce.

The Future Homemakers of America, nation-wide in scope, is an incorporated, nonprofit, youth organization. Any pupil enrolled in the secondary school who is taking, or has taken homemaking in junior or senior high school may be a member.

The National F.H.A. was organized in 1945. The Home Economics Branch of the Office of Education and the American Home Economics Association are our co-sponsors, and the home economics sections of the American Vocational Association and the National Education Association work in cooperation.

Our main goal is learning to live better today in order that the homemaking pupils' lives and those of their families may be better tomorrow.

Each summer, there is a national convention where new officers are elected and installed, and a program is set up. Then, the states and their districts carry this program back to their local chapters.

The purposes of the club are to promote an appreciation of and joy in homemaking, to develop each girl into a worthy member of both her home and her community, to further international good will, to cultivate whatever tendency toward leadership the girl may have, and to inspire her with an interest in home economics.

The club motto, which is, "Toward New Horizons," expresses the purposes of the organization. It's emblem signifies that the future homes of America are in the hands of its youth. The flower is a red rose.

The F.H.A. Creed states that, as future homemakers, the girls are ready to face the future with the hope that they may build homes where goodness and fairness will prevail, Mrs. Doris Bradley

#### **Girls' Bowling**



Row 1 L. to R.: A. Schlautmann, N. Hopkins, C. Burch, Miss Wilson (Advisor) J. Williamson, M. Hovda, N. Himebaugh, N. Blain, N. Cattell, D. Conklin.

Row 2 L. to R.: R. Heineman, M. Weaver, P. Walker, P. Andrews, R. George, P. Nowicki, D. Snyder, C. Long, S. Bidwell, S. Strohm.

Row 3 L. to R.: J. Fifer, J. Pask, R. Hofert, L. Wood, D. Rifenburgh, S. Lampman, M. Paul, S. Tefft, K, Somerlott, G. Cuyler.

Row 4 L. to R.: R. Bullock, B. May, J. Burch, B. Nelson, S. Lines, A. Evens, W. Greeley, B. Nutt, J. Walker, S. Harrison.

Row 5 L. to R.: M. Nowicki, M. Shaw, S. Palmatier, J. Stevens, C. Pearce, J. Wright, P. Easler, M. Wanar, R. Calhoun.

The day is Wednesday. The time is nearing four. Suddenly, within the school, a bell rings. From the door erupts the students lead by groups of girls. These girls head for parked cars, jimp inside, and away go the cars. Do you wonder what's happening? Come along with me and let's find out. We follow the cars to a long, low building on the outskirts of town. Going inside we hear a conversation like this. "Quick, get a blue ball!" "Size six shoes, please." "Honestly Marilyn, wait till you hear what she said!" Through the confusion we see Miss Wilson. Drawing nearer, we hear her saying, "Please be careful of the cigerette stands girls, you knocked three over last week." E ight alleys, with five girls on each, are quickly filled. A girl stands at the starting line. There she goes! Wow! What a curve! I'm speaking of the ball, and it hits with a crash, knocking nine pins out of commission. The last one tilts crazily. Wringing her hands, the girl shouts, "Fall, darn you, fall!" It's now nearing six o'clock and the alleys are emptying. The games are ending. Nameless thoughts are running through the heads of girls whose teams, forced to spot the other team, have lost by a few pins. As they leave the building we hear plans being made for next Wednesday. when, oh boy, watch out!

Shirley Harrison.

#### **Boys' Bowling**



Row 1 L. to R.: J. Lane, C. Collins, P. Kern, F. Schlautmann, L. Signeski, B. Dixon.
Row 2 L. to R.: L. Ulrich, T. Pearce, L. Goshorn, B. Myers, D. Foerster, B. Martin.
Row 3 L. to R.: R. Cruz, E. Cain, M. Pugli, C. Markley D. Hovda, R. Kosmerick, L. Sielken.
Row 4 L. to R.: F. Ross, D. Bell, D. Wiler, B. Laughry, J. Lanier.
Row 5 L. to R.: C. Grindle, G. Snyder, J. Houghton, M. Holt, R. Pelmear, H. Schlautmann, L. P. Mynhier.

Last fall, a group of Bronson High School boys from grades seven through twelve united to organize a junior bowling league under the supervision of Don McIntyre and Olan Martin. Officers were elected, and eight teams were formed.

The league was run under the A. J. B. C. (American Junior Bowling Congress) rules. The teams were sponsored by Rotary, Kiwanis, Jaycee, Clints' Barber Shop, and Southern Michigan Tool and Die. The group was known as the Viking league.

Officers are as follows: Paul Kern, President and Ted Kosmerick, Secretary and Treasurer for the second time. Team captains and teams are Fred Schlautmann (Kiwanis Gold), Gerry Synder (Kiwanis Blue), Leonard Signeski (Rotary Red), Bill Myers (Clints' Barber Shop), Barny Dixon (Southern Michigan Tool and Die), Le Roy Goshorn (Rotary Blue), Jim Lane (Jaycee No. 2), and Richard Foerster (Jaycee No. 1).

This year's full regular season with time out for holidays and tournaments of other leagues, provided a much greater amount of competition due to the large number of boys that participated in it.

Charles Collins. Richard Killian. Dale Hart.

### **Junior Play**



Standing-L. to R.- P. Chisholm (Director), D. McClish, W. Perry, P. Smoker, J. Williamson, L. Coler, D. Hogmire, J. Keckler, L. Palmatier, S. Edgington, D. Rice, D. Bell, D. Rubley, R. Lanier, W. Wanar. Seated-L. to R.- N. Himebaugh, D. Davidson.

"Glamour Boy," a delightful comedy in three acts was chosen by the Junior class as their play for this year. It was shown to the public at the Bronson High School auditorium, November 20, at 8 p. m. under the direction of Miss Patricia Chisholm.

Sixteen boys and girls made up the cast of "Glamour Boy." The title character, Chauncy Jay Mooney, known as Peewee, is an under-sized, under-loved boy. In direct contrast is Gregory (Flash) Horner, the star high school athlete. Flash's girl friend, Georgia Belle Roberts, is the high school charmer. Miss Davis is the attractive office secretary.

Clarissa Green is a typical high school girl, as is Audry Nelson. Roxanne Towner is the newsminded editor of the school paper and Perry (Corky) Williams, is the president of the High Honor Club. Miss Prescott, is Chauncy's English teacher, and Mr. Garfield is the high school principal. J.C. Roberts is the father of Georgia Belle, and Mrs. Mooney, Chauncy's mother.

Miss Higgins is a member of the faculty. Miss Thorndyke, chairman of the autobiography contest and the NBC announcer and a "Life" photographer round out the cast.

The action of the story takes place in the principal's office of Oakville High School. The hero, Chauncy, is in danger of failing an English course, taught by the not-so-beloved Miss Prescott. Writing an autobiography of his own colorless life is the only thing that can save him; but to do so, he feels, would be too humiliating. What did Chauncy do? Just what anyone would have done. He went into the dream world of his imagination and became, on paper, the self-appointed "Glamour Boy" of the school. The outcome of his autobiography's being printed in a magazine contest made this an entertaining play for both young and old.

Patty Andrews

# Senior Play



Row 1 - - M. Weaver. Row 2 - L. to R. - - P. Hathaway, M. Kosmerick, L. Hunsicker. Row 3 - L. to R. - - R. Rierson, P. Andrews, P. Fox, R. Deranek. Row 4 - L. to R. - - N. Dixon, K. Wohlers, C. Butters, N. Coats, P. Kern, J. Klemmer, C. Blain, Mrs. Tharp (director), E. Bash.

On the evening of April 9, 1954, the senior class presented "Strictly Formal," a comedy in three acts. The play, centering around a group of teen-agers and their typical problems, took place in the living room of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cutler. (John Klemmer and Phyllis Fox.)

Others in the cast were: Jane (who had no date for the dance) Ruth Rierson Sally (Janes best friend) Pat Andrews Jim (Sally's boy-friend) Paul Kern Rose Tilton (who has the mumps) Roberta Deranek Mrs. Tilton (her mother) Eleanor Bash Josie Tilton (her kid sister) Mary Ann Weaver Elroy (who likes to put the shot) Nathan Coats George (whom Jane is sweet on) Curtis Butters Marcia (a triple-threat from New York) Phyllis Hathaway Cindy Collins (a girl with ideas) Lois Jean Hunsicker Marilyn (who is after Elroy) Marilyn Kosmerick Lt. Bob Cunningham ( of the Air Force) Keith Wohlers Agnes (the maid of allwork) Charlotte Blain

#### Mr. Ahern (a Neighbor) Norman Dixon

Of course all ended happily for everyone as teenage problems usually do. A lot of credit and appreciation go to Mrs. Tharp, who directed the play, and to the rest of the class who all worked hard to make it a huge success.

## Girls' Gym Class



Boys' Gym Class



### **Student Teachers**



Seated-L. to R.- L. Stebleton, P. Andrews

Miss Andrews, will help you children in a moment. No, Miss Fox is not going to correct papers today. Yes, Miss rlunsicker did tell you to study your number drill. Miss Stebleton will need three helpers to help her to remove the art work from the board. These are all things you would overhear from the teacher, Mrs. Klemmer if you visited the second grade room.

Something very different this year has been added to the Seniors' course of study. Girls who were interested in student teaching, with the able aid of Mrs. Klemmer, were able to try their skill at this profession. Each girl gave up from one to three study halls a day for this course. They were able to understand the children's habits and personalities.

Of course, there were the holiday parties to help celebrate, also. Each girl was invited to help with the serving of the refreshments and certainly the enjoyment of eating them, too.

We sincerely hope this practice can be continued permnently because it was both educational and enjoyable.

Phyllis Fox





The girls who work each period in the office this year are 1st period--Joanne Hollister, 2nd period--Marla Albright, 3rd period--Vera Brower, 4th period--Phyllis Ann Hathaway, 5th period--Elizabeth Bidwell, 6th period--Roberta Deranek, 7th period--Ruby Rubley, and 8th period--Charlotte Blain.

The girls have proved to be very efficient "secretaries" as they go about their various duties.

The girls perform many different tasks such as taking dictation, typing letters, answering phone calls, typing tests, and aiding the teachers in various other ways.

This does not give any extra credit or a grade; but it does prove to be very helpful to each of the girls because every one of them realizes that experience is the best teacher.



Standing-L. to R.- J. Hollister, C. Blain, E. Bidwell, R. Rubley, M. Albright. Seated-L. to R. - R. Deranek, V. Brower, P. Hathaway.

Phyllis Ann Hathaway





L. to R.- J. Rierson, K. Somerlott, P. Hartman, D. Ross, Z. Bronowicz, J. Keckler, N. Himebaugh, R. Rubley (Queen)

Something new was added to Bronson's social activities this year. It was the Homecoming game and dance held in the gymnasium, February 12, and sponsered by the Varsity and F.H. A. Clubs. The main attraction was the Homecoming Queen and her court.

The F. H. A., F.F.A., Varsity Club, Speech Club, and each of the four grades chose a girl to represent them as a candidate for Homecoming Queen. These girls were selected on their ability to speak in public, pleasing personality, neat appearence, and poise.

Each of the eight candidates gave a short talk at the pep meeting the afternoon of the Homecoming. The students then cast their vote for the girl they felt was best qualified for the honor.

At halftime of the game the lucky girl's name was announced, and the lovely queen was Ruby Jean Rubley, the Varsity Club's candidate. She was crowned by the Varsity Club president and given a dozen roses. Her court consisted of Zenia Bronowicz who represented the freshman class, Delores Ross, sophomore class, Joan Keckler, Junior class, Phyllis Hartman, senior class, Jean Rierson, F. H. A. Club, Kay Somerlott, F. F. A. Club, and Nancy Himebaugh, Speech Club.

Later that evening at the dance, the Queen and basketball team captain, Richard Hovda, led the Grand March.

It was a wonderful evening which will long be remembered. The students are eagerly looking forward to next year's Homecoming.





## Cafeteria

As you can see, the cafeteria has been remodeled and is now complete with an automatic dishwasher, new ovens, small freezer, milk cooler, automatic garbage disposal, pie case, tray slide, new cupboards, and many other helpful and time-saving devices.

Best of all, so the kids say, is the selling of ice cream bars between classes.

The cafeteria, under the direction of Mrs. Muriel Brower, serves an average of 200 students a day, including those from the Anderson Building. TTo show their appreciation, everyone co-operates with "Ma," as everyone affectionately calls Mrs. Brower.

Joanne Hollister



Mrs. Brower

### Custodians

The Janitors this year were Glenn Stroup, Clyde Wingard, Henry Blain, and Ed Ward as maintenance man.

Last year, the janitors got double duty because of the new Anderson Elementary School that was built; but this year, they had even more work because of the new gym, new hallways and all the new class rooms to clean up.

We should compliment these men on their fine job of keeping our school clean.

Leonard Signeski.

### **Bus Drivers**



L. to R. E. Ward, G. Stroup, C. Wingard, and H. Blain.



L. to R.: H. Taylor, T. Ripley, C. Hawley, F. Somerlott, I. Lungsford, W. Bridge, V. Deal.

We have in our present school system, fourteen buses, twelve of which were purchased in the last three years.

There are thirteen bus drivers which are divided into two groups, those who drive to the elementary schools, and those who drive to the high school.

The drivers responsible for the elementary schools are as follows: Wilma Carpenter, Don Herman, Henry Russell, Harvey Nagel, Forrest Williams, and Allan Stough. Those driving to the high school are: Fay Somerlott, J. L. Riply, Herman Taylor, C. J. Hawley, I. W. Lunsford, Vern Deal, and Walter Bridge.

Seven of the thirteen drivers make two trips daily. Each day the buses cover 936 miles and transport 692 students.

During the past seven years the bus drivers have made an excellent safety record.

We are truly very proud of our drivers and our fleet of buses. They have proved to be safe, economical, and efficient. Eleanore Bash

### Safety Patrol



Row 1-L. to R. - A. Luginbill, A. Reichard, R. Meyer, S. Rumsey, C. Hasdal, L. Dow, S. Calhoun, J. Markley, R. Hollister.

Row 2 - L. to R. - C. Andrews, K. Carpenter, K. Miller, W. Williams, D. Shiery, G. Bidwell, R. Greene, G. Burnside, D. Van Pelt, H. Card.

Row 3 - L. to R. - B. Crabill, D. Heineman, H. Fair, J. Czajkowski, L. Armstrong, D. Otto, J. Pelmear, J. Reed, F. Barclay, B. Wells.

Row 4 - L. to R. - D. Vorce, J. Merriman, G. Mosser, K. Wilson, J. Williamson, L. Goshorn, G. Whorley, A. Kirkum, E. Chard, R. Schafer.

In this year's annual, the members of the senior class are very proud to tell you about their safety patrol.

This year's safety patrol is the first one in many years to receive the A. A. A. Safety trophy, an award which is presented for excellence in safety work. This trophy was presented by the Safety Club of Michigan at an assembly last November.

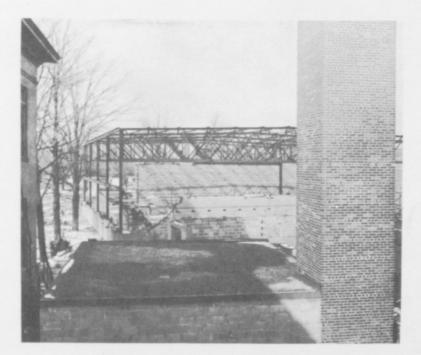
The leader for the past three years has been Mr. E. E. Wortman. He has been leader of the boys for the past three years and has worked with them for the past six.

Poster's furnished by the A. A. A., are placed in the halls and in most of the rooms. They are read to the students, as many students as have the posters brought to their attention are called contacts. At the end of the school year, the contact points are totaled. At the close of the 1953-1954 school year, the points amounted to more than 30,000 contacts per month.

It is the opinion of the seniors that everyone should give the past, present, and future patrol boys of Bronson High School a vote of thanks for the efficient job they have done in protecting the elementary school children, the students of the junior and senior high schools and even the faculty members from injury resulting from traffic accidents.

Norman Dixon

## "Year of Progress"



The school year of 1953-1954 will mark a mile-stone in the history of the Bronson Community Schools, for this year the dreams of the past have become a reality. The addition to our high school has been completed, parts of the old building have been reconditioned, and as many improvements made to the rural schools as finances would permit.

The time and effort of the Board of Education and Superintendent Carpenter have been given unstintingly in order to provide the very best educational facilities possible at this time. Consequently, we now have new and modern housing and equipment for our Music, shop, and Agricultural departments as well as one of the best gymnasium-auditoriums in this part of Michigan. The previous gymnasium has been converted into a study hall, the old study hall partitioned into two nice classrooms, new floors laid in the old building, and a new fire escape added as well as many other minor improvements. We are also now very proud of our school cafeteria as it was completely renovated and all new stainless steel equipment added during the past summer. This addition and the many improvements which were formally dedicated on November 22, will make possible a better instructional program in every department of our high school.

However, regardless of the tireless effort of the Administration, nothing could have been accomplished without the financial support and cooperation of you, the residents of our school district. It is our hope that you will share the pride that we feel in our accomplishment and that you will remember that these buildings are intended to serve not only the boys and girls but also the adults of our community.

To everyone who has helped in any way to bring about the fulfillment of our plans, we express sincere appreciation. We trust you will continue your fine support as we look with confidence to the future.

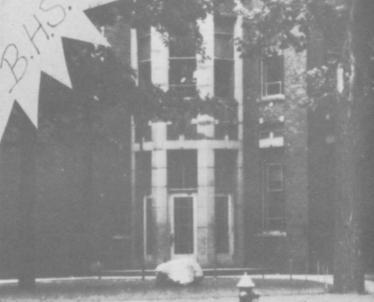
Mr. Carpenter

# Class



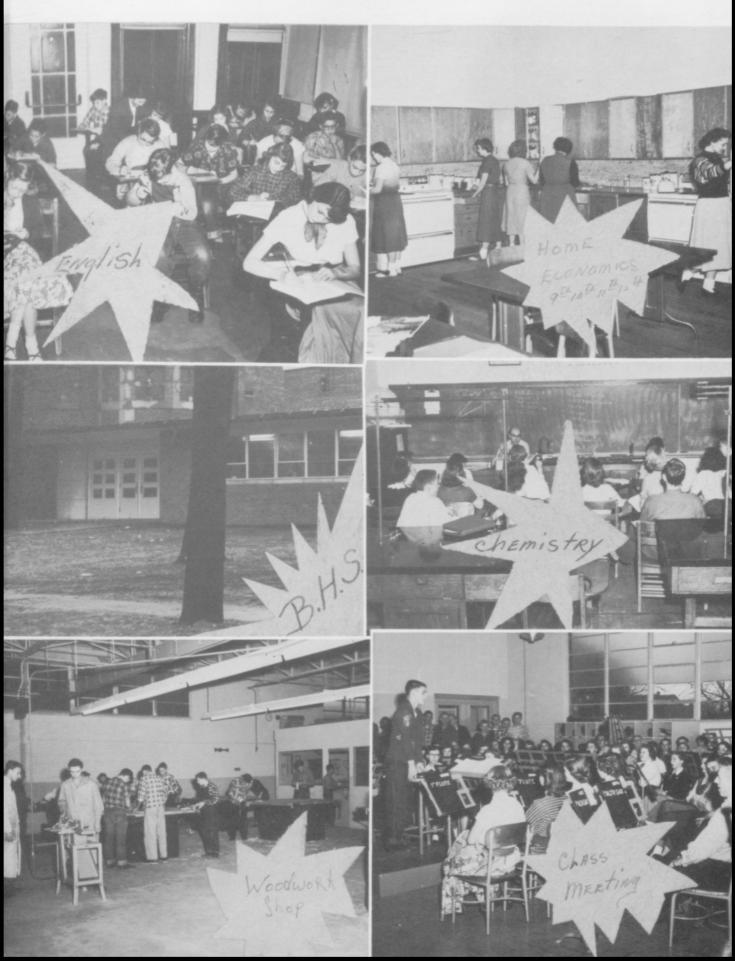








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