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## *Foreword*

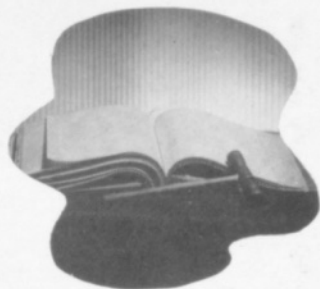
We, the seniors of the class of 1947, have spent many precious hours in an endeavor to bring to you this annual.

A beam of proudness shines on each of our faces, as we put forth our last effort in establishing this annual, which will be an everlasting representative of our class.

We wish to thank the Board of Education, our many teachers, and all those who have made sacrifices in making it possible for us to complete our graduation from Bronson Community School.

—Virginia Marie Sobeske

# *Order of Division*



*ADMINISTRATION*



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*CLASSES*



*SPORTS*



*ACTIVITIES*



*We . . . . .*

*Dedicate our*

*Viking*

*To*

*Elwyn J. Bodley*

our faithful friend and class advisor who, though pressed by seemingly more important duties, always turned a kindly ear to our problems, whether we approached him individually or as a group.

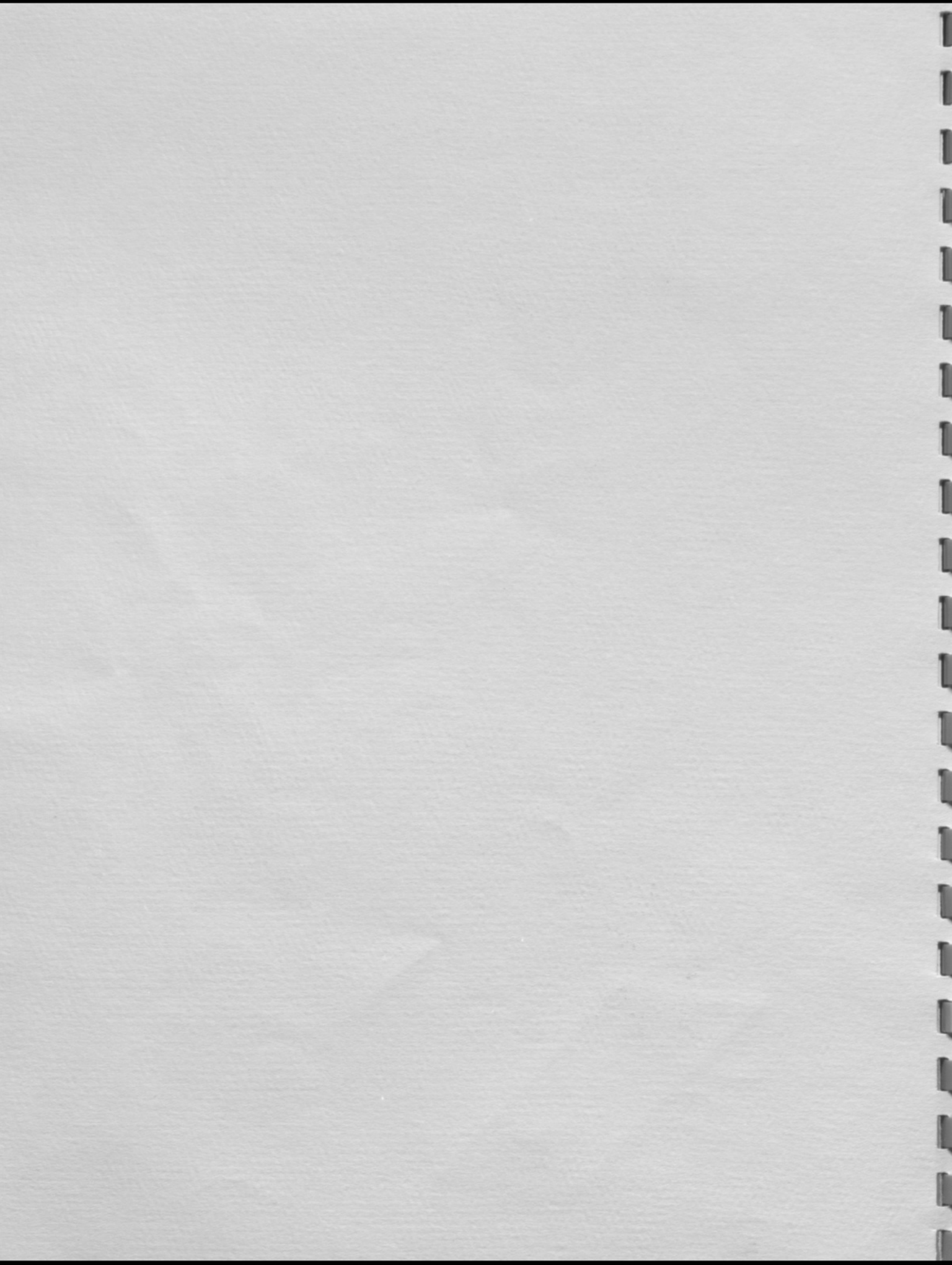
His patient and helpful attention encouraged us as we went on our way. We will not forget soon his smiling face.

Donna May Graham

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## *Board of Education*



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SECOND ROW: Dick Stough, Dave Horney, Bob Kibiloski, Mr. Hilton—Faculty Adviser, Leo Fischer, Ralph Burch, Marshall Rubley, Randall Andrews.



JOHN H. SMITH.  
Manchester College, Ind.,  
Northwestern University.  
*"... is it not?"*



CHAS. HILTON, B. S.  
Michigan State College  
*"Holy Keceee-nodden!"*

NOVA E. HAMILTON.  
Western Michigan.  
*"All gum in the waste  
basket."*



MARGARET D. SMITH.  
Bridgewater College, Va.  
*"Where's your notes?"*

STANLEY E. SWEET  
Wayne University.  
*"Grab that broom!"*



GARETH W. HEISLER.  
Manchester College, Ind., North-  
western University.  
*"Alright, let's settle down."*

MARGARET MASON.  
Bridgewater College, Va.  
*"Class—we've right much to do."*



DORA L. ANDERSON, B. A.,  
M. A.  
Kalamazoo College, University  
of Michigan.  
*"I said, 'The bell's rung'." ..*

WILLIAM B. STEWART, B.  
S.  
Manchester College, Ind.  
*"Never!"*



MARGARET E. THARP, B. A.  
Western Michigan College of  
Education, Michigan State Col-  
lege, University of Michigan.  
*"No privileges this period."*

JOHN McINTEER  
Yuba Junior College, Calif.,  
Chico State College, Calif.  
*"Fellozus!"*



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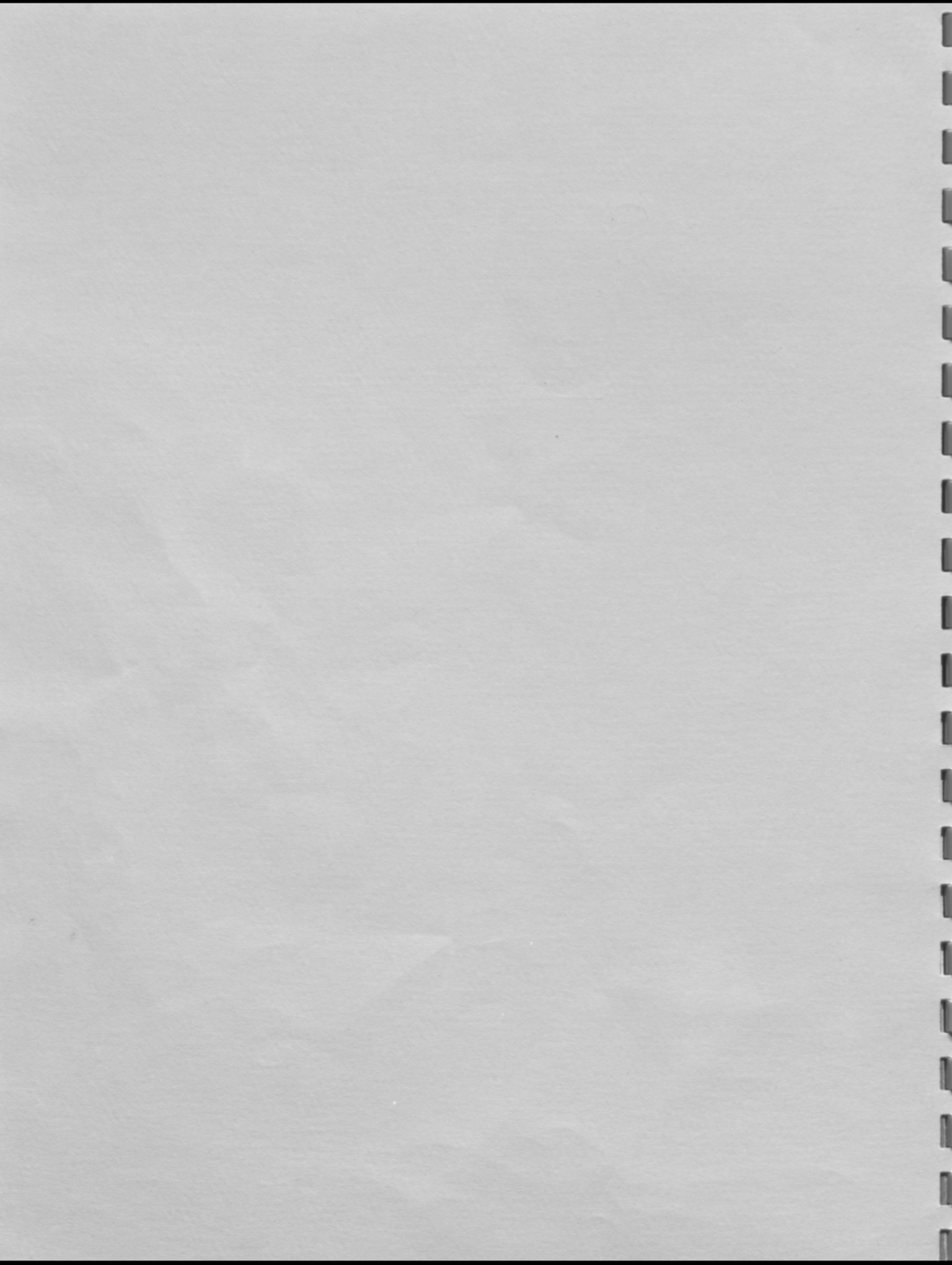
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# Class History

Early in the September of 1943, fifty-six exceedingly green girls and boys were ushered into the Bronson High School gymnasium to enroll upon one of the greatest adventures in life, going to high school. They were told about the Student Council, invited to participate in extra-curricular activities, and introduced to their teachers-to-be.

Under the capable direction of their adviser, Miss Dora Anderson, they elected Barbara Byers as their president; Peter Kaczynski, vice-president; and Pat Fitzgerald, secretary-treasurer. As aldermen, Mary Ann Lane and Marilyn Stough were chosen.

After their initiation party and during the course of the year, these innocent freshmen became better acquainted and more accustomed to high school routine and took part in many activities. Later in the year, Dale Hoard left the class, but Robert Johnson took his place.

When September rolled around again, fifty less inexperienced sophomores enrolled. During the last semester, Joan Spade joined them. Members of the class leaving that year were Arthur LaMontagne, Peter Kaczynski, Mildred Smith, Richard Thayer, and Robert Walthimire.

Mrs. Tharp was their adviser that year, and officers elected were: Barbara Byers, president; Robert Radford, vice-president, and Virginia Sobeske, secretary-treasurer. Marilyn Stough and Virginia Sobeske represented the class on the Student Council.

Again, many members of the class were active in other clubs and organizations. They held one sandwich sale and contributed generously to the Red Cross, Jive Hive Fund, and the Memorial Airport Fund.

"Mystery at Midnight" was the play picked by the juniors of '46 to be presented December 14. It was the first mystery play to be given for several years. The director and also adviser of the class was Mrs. Mary Jane Smith. Pat Fitzgerald was the junior president, with David Horney, vice-president; Tom Ripley, secretary, and Mary Lou Calhoon, treasurer. Tom Ripley and Donna Leatherbery were Student Council aldermen.

Newcomers to the class in '46 were Juanita Duncan, Shirley Donnell, and Vernettha Mercer. Again, the class was well represented on the honor roll, in sports, and in other non-academic activities.

A number of sandwich sales and the sale of refreshments at all home games filled out the treasury, thus making it possible for the juniors to give the annual Junior-Senior Reception. The gymnasium was decorated with willow and flowers, creating a beautiful spring-like effect.

Don Bodley, a licensed photographer, was featured in Sheila John Daly's "Tops Among Teens" column that year.

On Commencement night, the Class of '47 witnessed the graduation of the Seniors, thinking about the next year when they would don

those somber-looking caps and gowns.

Early in the September of 1946, forty-five students enrolled for their senior year. Among them was an ex-serviceman, George Lemanski. Later, Victor Spade, another serviceman, and Chuck Unrig enrolled also. During the year, Joan Spade and Louis McManus left.

It has been a busy year so far, and there's more to come. Class officers elected were Milton Larimer, president; Pat Fitzgerald, vice-president; Virginia Sobeske, secretary, and Barbara Tice, treasurer. Donna Leatherbery was chosen by the student body to be president of the Student Council; with Tom Ripley, vice-president or alderman-at large; and David Horney, representative. Other presidential officers are Donna May Graham, president of the Home Economics club; and James Hollingshead, president of the F. F. A. Virginia Sobeske was chosen to be the D. A. R., representative, with Marilyn Stough and Pat Fitzgerald first and second alternates.

Soon after the first semester exams were completed, the seniors were notified that Donald Bodley was to be Valedictorian, Walter Green, Salutatorian, and Marilyn Stough, Historian. The remaining honor students were Robert Radford, Barbara Tice, Mary Lou Calhoon and Virginia Sobeske (tied), LaVallo Alger and Tom Ripley (tied), Donna May Graham, and Pat Fitzgerald.

On March 28, the senior play, "A Case of Springtime" was presented under the direction of Mrs. Tharp. It was a delightful comedy and netted \$200.

The seniors of physics class, accompanied by the juniors and seniors of chemistry class, enjoyed a field trip to Chicago, March 15-16, under the chaperonage of their teachers, Mr. Smith and Miss Mason.

In the spring of '46, one of the seniors' former classmates, M. C. Porter, was fatally stricken with spinal meningitis.

During all four years of their high school course, the members of the Class of 1947 have been well represented in band, Home Economics club, F. F. A., Hi-Times, Student Council, football, and girls' and boys' basketball. The last two years a few boys went out for baseball and track. There has been a large percentage of the class on the honor roll at all times.

Now, after choosing invitations, having pictures taken, completing annual plans, and ordering their caps and gowns, the seniors are gladly anticipating the forthcoming Junior-Senior banquet and reception, and their skip day. They are also awaiting class day assembly, baccalaureate, and then the last big show, commencement, with a great deal of eagerness.

Six of the forty-five graduates have been classmates for all twelve years. They are Eileen Helmert, Mary Ann Lane, Milton Larimer, Rhea Meyer, Robert Radford, and Bob VanHusan.

Like all graduating classes, the Seniors of 1947 have made their own bit of history at Bronson High and are justly proud of it.

—Marilyn Stough

# Class Officers

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President

MILTON LARIMER

*"I profess not to know how women's hearts are won and wooed."*

Football, '44, '45, '46, '47; F.A.A., '44, '45, '46, '47; Treasurer of F.F.A., '45; Vice-president of F.F.A., '46; Senior Play, '47.



Vice-president

PATRICIA FITZGERALD

*"She has found the road to happiness."*

President, '46; Secretary-treasurer, '44; Junior Play, '46; Home Economics Club, '44; Hi-Times, '44, '45, '46, '47; Hi-Times Co-editor, '47; Viking editor, '47.

H.W. YK

Secretary & D.A.R. representative

VIRGINIA SOBESKE

*"Cheerful, good-natured, always willing to do her part."*

Secretary-treasurer, '45; Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Home Ec. Club president, '46; Hi-Times, '45, '47; Alderman, '45; Sextette, '44, '45, '46, '47; Choir, '44, '46.



Treasurer

BARBARA TICE

*"Ready to work, and ready to play, ready to help wherever she may."*

Hi-Times, '47; Annual Staff '47.

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## Honor Students

Valedictorian

DONALD BODLEY

*"All sorts of knowledge doth he possess."*

Junior play, '46; Senior Play, '47; Band, '44, '45, '46, '47; Associate editor of Viking, '47; Sextette, '46, '47; Choir, '47; Hi-Times, '44, '45, '46, '47; Co-editor of Hi-Times, '47.



Salutitorian

WALTER GREEN

*"Even a genius makes mistakes."*  
F.F.A., '44, '45, '46, '47; Treasurer of F.F.A., '47.



Historian

MARILYN STOUGH

*"Quick, efficient, and very dependable."*

Junior Play, '46; Senior Play, '47; Hi-Times, '45, '46, '47; Associate Editor of Hi-Times, '47; Band, '44, '45, '46, '47; Treasurer of Band, '47; Associate editor of Viking, '47; Alderman, '44, '45.

# Seniors



**BILL SIKORSKI**

*"The secret of success is work, but who wants to know the secret?"*

F.F.A. '44, '45, '46; Track, '45, '46, '47; Baseball, '46, '47; Basketball, '46, '47; Football, '47.



**BARBARA BYERS**

*"Study makes some people wise, but it makes me otherwise."*

Band, '45, '46, '47; Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Basketball, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '45, '46 Class president, '44, '45; Secretary of Home Ec. Club, '46; Choir, '44;; Senior Play, '47; Junior play prompter, '46.



**ROBERT RADFORD**

*"Never leave until tomorrow what you can do today, and should have done yesterday."*

Junior Play '46; Senior Play '47; Band '44, '45, '46, '47; Sextette '46, '47; Chorus '47; Vice President of Class '45; Baseball '47; Track '47; Hi-Times '44, '45, '46, '47; Publicity agent for Band.



**JEANNE CRABILL**

*"A smile is as contagious as a yawn."*

Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Choir, '45; Hi-Times, '45, '47.



**PAUL LEMANSKI**

*"He never hurrys and nevery worrys."*

Junior Play, '46; Football, '44, '45, '47; Basketball, '44, '45, '46, '47; Baseball, '46, '47.



**BOB VAN HUSAN**

*"Not all small men have small minds!"*

Junior Play, '46; Senior Play, '47; F.F.A., '44; Football, '44, '45, '46, '47; Baseball, '46, '47; Basketball, '44, '45, '46, '47.



**MARY LOU CALHOON**

*"Life is short and so am I"*

Band, '46, '47; Basketball, '47; Senior play prompter, '47.



**JAMES HOLLINGSHEAD**

*"Bless the man who first invent-ed sleep."*

F. F. A., '44, '45, '46, '47; President of F. F. A., '47; Secretary of F. F. A., '46; Senior Play, '47.



**DONNA MAY GRAHAM**

*"In every way of life, scoring always counts."*

Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Home Ec. Club president, '47; Sextette, '46, '47; Choir, '44, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '44, '45, '46, '47.



**JEROME SMOKER**

*"A man is known by the company he keeps."*

Football, '44, '45, '46, '47; Basketball, '46; Baseball, '46; Hi-Times, '46, '47.

# Seniors



DEAN BROWN

*"When words are scarce, they're seldom spent in vain."*

F.F.A., '44, '45, '46, '47; Vice-president of F.F.A., '45, '47; Treasurer of F.F.A., '46; Football, '44, '45, '46; Basketball, '44, '45, '46; Baseball, '47; Track, '45.



EILEEN HEIMERT

*"Pretty to walk with; witty to talk with!"*

Junior Play, '46; Senior Play, '7; Home Economics Club, '47 '45, '46, '47; Band, '44, '45, '46, '47; Choir, '44; Hi-Times, '44, '45, '46, '47.



ALBERT LEMANSKI

*"Good sportsmanship is a merit attained by few."*

F. F. A., '44; Hi-Times, '44, '47; Football, '43, '44, '46, '47; Basketball, '44, '45, '47.



SHIRLEY DONNEL

*"I am always content with what happens."*

Hi-Times, '47.



RALPH CRABILL

*"I do not mind work—I sleep beside it."*

F.F.A., '44, '45, '46, '47; Track, '45.



ARTHUR ERNSBERGER

*"A friend to all he meets."*



MARY ANN LANE

*"Born with the gift of laughter."*

Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '47; Alderman, '44.



DAVID HORNEY

*"There's nothing like fun, is there?"*

Junior Play, '46; Senior Play, '46; Basketball, '44, '45, '46, '47; Baseball, '46, '47; Football, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '47; Alderman, '47; Vice-president of class, '46; Band, '44.



ELEANOR SMOKER

*"Sweet but shy!"*

Home Economics Club '44, '45; Chorus '44.



STANLEY SWIFT

*"The unspoken word never does harm."*

F.F.A. '44, '45, '46, '47.



# Seniors



EILEEN SHOOK

*"There's a little bad in every good little girl."*

Junior Play, '46; Senior Play, '47; Chorus, '44; Band, '45, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '47; Basketball, '44, '46, '47; Librarian of Band, '47.



THOMAS RIPLEY

*"He who can take advice is sometimes superior to him who can give it."*

F.F.A. '44, '45; Football '44, '45, '46, '47; Basketball '44, '45, '46, '47; Baseball '46; Track '45, '46; Secretary of Class '46.



ETHEL MOCK

*"She is gentle and of sweet disposition."*

Band '46, '47.



CHARLES UHRIG

(Enrolled in '47)

*"I stand at the verge of a great career! Won't someone push me off?"*

F.F.A. '44, '45, '46.



VERNETTA MERCER

(Enrolled in '46)

*"A merry heart that laughs at care."*

Home Economics Club '46, '47; Choir '46, '47; Senior Play '47.



JUANITA DUNCAN

(enrolled in '46)

*"If you want knowledge, you must toil."*

Basketball, '47; Basketball manager, '47; Choir, '47; Senior Play, '47; Home Economics Club, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '47...



EUGENE BURNHAM

*"Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers."*

Basketball, '47; Hi-Times, '44, '45, '46, '47; Color Guard, '45,



MARION NOWAK

*"Time and I against any two."*



LEONARD KOTZ: (enrolled in '46).

*"I find one fault in being tall—that if you trip, it's a long fall."*  
F. F. A., '46.



NORMA CHAPMAN

*"A blush is beautiful but sometimes inconvenient."*

Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Choir, '45; Hi-Times, '47.



# Seniors



JOHN GARMAN

*"He never lets his school work interfere with his education."*

F.F.A., '44, '45, '46; Basketball, '46; Football, '46, '47.



RHEA MEYER

*"A good disposition is more valuable than gold."*

Senior Play '47; Band '46, '47.



CLIFFORD GREEN

*"Ideas are like beards; men do not have them until they grow up."*

F.F.A., '44; Football, '46, '47; Baseball, '46, '47.



BARBARA DEPUY

*"I have always liked school—the vacation part of it."*

Basketball, '44, '45; Hi-Times, '44, '45, '46, '47; Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Choir, '44, '45, '47; tJunior play prompter, '46.

DONNA LEATHERBERY

*"My best friend is my Ford!"*

Junior Play, '46; Senior Play, '47; President of Student Council, '47; Hi-Times, '44, '46, '46, '47; Band, '45, '46, '47; Basketball, '44, '45, '46, '47; Alderman, '44, '46; Home Economics Club, '46; Annual Staff, '47.



MARSHALL RUBLEY

*"Too much thinking data consumes the spirits."*

F.F.A., '44, '45, '46, '47.



LAVALLO ALGER

*"With never a care beyond a day."*

Senior Play, '47; Home Economics Club, '44, '45, '46, '47; Hi-Times, '47; Basketball, '46, '47.



VICTOR SPADE

*"By far the best proof is experience."*

Football, '44. F.F.A., '44, '45, '46; Track, '45, '46; Baseball, '46; Basketball '46, '47; Football, '47.



# Valedictory

Today, as never before in the history of the world, we are looking for the password to international understanding and peace.

We have at our command, if we will only find it, the key to the abolition of social, racial, and religious strife.

That key is composed of one word: Brotherhood. In that one word lies the key to world friendship and peace, in that word lies the fate of the nations, the destiny of humanity.

To be workers for brotherhood, we must first of all believe in it. Defined as a willingness to give to others every right and dignity we claim for ourselves, brotherhood is essential to the fulfillment and perpetuation of American democracy. So long as any minority among us is not free, all of us are threatened. That belief is fundamental.

But you may have this question foremost in your mind: "Why do we of the United States have to get the brotherhood ball rolling?"

This is why: Looking at a cross section of the United States, what do we find?—Orientals, Philipinos, Mexicans, Indians, Negroes, Protestants, Jews, Catholics, Mormons, Baptists, and many, many, other races and creeds. That is why we must start the drive; we represent the world.

Instead of providing equal rights for the negro, we establish special separate churches and schools for them so we don't have to put up with them. We won't let them eat in the same restaurants with the whites, and they are even kicked out of barber shops. The negro is subjected to many indignities and then we wonder why they continue to rise up against us. The same thing holds true of the Japanese American, and the other minority racial and religious groups. They are good citizens of America and oftentimes even better than the average "native" American.

We must conquer these prejudices now, before it's too late. We must continue to fight for the peace as we fought to win the war; for the races of the earth cannot stand another war . . . a war of atoms. That would solve all our problems of racial and religious prejudices . . . there would just be no race or religion to hold prejudice against.

In these few moments I have tried to show you how one word, if we believe in it, live it, and support it, can solve our social, racial, and religious strife, not only here in America, but throughout the world. For World Brotherhood is a Pattern for Peace. When we can look on all men as brothers instead of as a Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Negro, or Oriental, then we will attain true world harmony.

—Donald Bodley

# Salutatory

Are the farmers of the United States organized now? Can the farmers completely organize themselves? What would be the result of such an organizing of the food producers of the United States? These questions are of grave importance to all people living in rural areas and deserve considerable thought.

Do you think the farmers are now organized? The farmers are united to a certain extent at the present time, but they are not organized sufficiently to make them strong enough to press their demands. The farmer has been trying since the middle of the eighteenth century to form such an organization, an organization of farmers strong enough with sufficient prestige to be felt in economic circles. The first of these organizations was the Grange, organized in 1867. The producers' cooperatives are another strong farm organization. Whereas the Grange is a national organization representing all farmers regardless of the products grown, the cooperatives are concerned with specialties such as dairying. For this reason they have not been as strong politically as the Granges.

Can you see America's farmers completely organized? The farmers of America can organize completely if they are willing to sacrifice. The one thing each farmer must contribute is something to his independence. He must operate in cooperation with the membership. He cannot follow his own inclinations. Up to now, the American farmer has guarded jealously his independence. Trust-worthy leadership is essential to the success of any business, but more especially to a business representing a number of operators.

Some wonder what the result of such a union would be. A number of results would be inevitable. First, farm prices would be stabilized. Second, farm prices would be in keeping with those paid in industry and labor circles. Third, produce on the food market would be in more adequate supply. Fourth, quality of the products marketed would be improved. Fifth, the farm family with increased income would be an important purchaser in the channels of trade.

In summary, I truly believe that if the farmers want to have a union, they can. I also believe that cooperative operation will raise the standard of living for farm people. The farmers ideal is adequate food for all people. Cooperative farm organizations can help this ideal to become a reality.

—Walter Green

# Class Prophecy

The Seniors of Bronson High School have had the opportunity to participate in a very interesting experiment conducted by a prominent professor from the University of Michigan. His experiment was the first test of a recent invention called a **futurescope**. The machine was set for May 29, 1957, and the following data was recorded at the end of the individual testing of each member of the Senior Class:

LaVallo Alger—Laboratory Technician at Ford Hospital in Detroit. *H.W. 5K*

Don Bodley—Professor of science at the University of Michigan.

Dean Brown—Owner and Manager of the largest dairy in the U. S. *DRIVES TRUCK*

Eugene Burnham—Touring the world after making his first million. *DEAD PLANE*

Barbara Byers and Mary Lou Calhoon—Nurses at the Ford Hospital in Detroit. *H.W.*

Jeanne Crabill and Norma Chapman—Both married and living in Sturgis. *FACTORY*

Ralph Crabill—Owns large farm south of Coldwater. *H.W. 4K*

Barbara DePuy—Housewife living in Bronson. *DEAD*

Shirley Donnel—Doing secretarial work in Detroit.

Juanita Duncan—Married and living on a farm near Bronson. *DIV*

Pat Fitzgerald—Married and running "Pat's" Platter Parlor.

John Garman—"Big Time Operator."

Donna May Graham—Planning a concert tour to begin as soon as her job of teaching a Northern Indiana grade school is through for the summer. *Wife of Prof*

Clifford Green—Farmer living southeast of Bronson. *STURGIS*

Walter Green—Chief competitor of the Brown Dairy Farm. *DEAD*

Eileen Heimert—Manager of a chain of drug stores. *INDY*

James Hollingshead—Poultry farm north of Bronson. *DEAD*

Dave Horney—Chemical engineer for the DuPont Company.

Leonard Kotz—Tool-maker in Detroit.

Donna Leatherbery—Chief of staff at the Ford Hospital in Detroit. *BATTLE CREEK*

Paul Lemanski and George Lemanski—Pitcher and catcher for an American League baseball team. *D. STON*

Milton Larimer—Chief test driver for the Commercial Carriers Trucking Co., in Detroit.

Vernie Mercer—Married to flying instructor and living in Florida.

Ethel Mock—Missionary in Africa. *FACTORY*

Rhea Meyer—Dress designer in New York.

Marion Nowak—Factory worker at Douglas Co.

Robert Radford—Electrical engineer at the Ford Motor Company in Detroit.

Thomas Ripley—Pilot for T.V.A., Airlines with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Marshall Rubley—Farmer near Bronson.

Eileen Shook—Owner of Beauty Salon in New York. *TENDS BAR*

Bill Sikorski—Farmer living south of Bronson.

Eleanor Smoker—Secretary in Florida. *H.W. FARM*

Jerome Smoker—Civil engineer working in South America.

Virginia Sobeske—Housewife and doing secretarial work in Bronson.

Victor Spade—Owner of a roller skating rink in Battle Creek.

Marilyn Stough—Head of civil service department in Washington, D. C. *LANSING*

Stanley Swift—Industrial worker in Bronson.

Barbara Tice—Secretary in Bronson. *H.W.*

Charles Uhrig—Lt. Commander of the first atomic-powered destroyer. *DEAD*

Bob Van Husan—Manager of exclusive night club in New York.

The experiment was arranged and the date recorded by:

Robert Radford, Chairman

Dave Horney

Pat Fitzgerald

# Class Will

We, the Senior Class of Bronson High School, City of Bronson, State of Michigan, possessing a load of learning, are on a journey over rocks and hills of troubles, trying desperately to find a path to the Field of Success. Although we are of sound mind and memory, we are doubtful as to the outcome of our present journey, and therefore present this, our Last Will and Testament to wit:

- I, LaVallo Alger, will my ability to hold my temper to Alice Fry.
- I, Barbara Byers, will my dancing ability to Pearl Bailey.
- I, Dean Brown, will my farming ability to Alan Kalvin.
- I, Don Bodley, will my pull in the office to Leo Fischer.
- I, Eugene Burnham, will my height to Johnny Yesh.
- I, Mary Calhoon, will my shortness to Dolores Bogucki.
- I, Norma Chapman, will my ability to blush to Betty Warpup.
- I, Jeanne Crabill, will my ability to get along with the teachers to my sister, Joan.
- I, Ralph Crabill, will my position in the National Guard to anyone who is a big enough sucker to fall for their line.
- I, Juanita Duncan, will my position as manager of the girls' basketball teams to Earl Warren Brower.
- I, Barbara DePuy, will my ability to skip school to Joan Hunsicker.
- I, Arthur Ernsberger, will my ability to be seen and not heard to Bill Richhart.
- I, Pat Fitzgerald, will my ability to hook my man before I get out of high school to Helen Dunalski.
- I, John Garman, will my ability to mooch paper and pencils from Mr. Heisler to Morris Kolassa.
- I, Clifford Green, will my skill at playing pool to Dick Nowak.
- I, Walter Green, will my pull with Coach Hilton to Frank Buholtz.
- I, Donna May Graham, will my position as president of the Home Economics club to any fellow who thinks he can handle that many girls.
- I, Eileen Heimert, will my position as guard on the basketball team to Patsy Littlefield.
- I, Jim Hollingshead, will my pretended bashfulness to Dick May.
- I, David Horney, will my reserved seat in the balcony of the Tibbits theater on Family Night to Leon Blaski.
- I, Leonard Kotz, will my new car to John Gladstone.
- I, Mary Ann Lane, will my ability to work to Juanita Crabill.
- I, Milton Larimer, will my way with the women to Marvin Smoker.
- I, Donna Leatherbery, will my car to Max Bucklin, and hope he doesn't run the wheels off it.
- I, George Lemanski, will my stubbornness to Calvin Lilly.
- I, Paul Lemanski, will my position as floor sweeper at shop to Paul McClanahan.
- I, Vernie Mercer, will my make-up to Isabelle Bellman.
- I, Rhea Meyer, will my calm and placidness to Sally Brink.
- I, Ethel Mock, will my smallness to Luellen Honeywell.
- I, Marion Nowak, will my quietness to Melvin Larimer.
- I, Robert Radford, will my corny jokes to Lloyd Lilly.
- I, Tom Ripley, will my draft card to Doran Rubley.
- I, Marshall Rubley, will my shyness to John Seiler.
- I, Eileen Shook, will my scheme of graduating without studying to Don Hollister.
- I, Bill Sikorski, will my ability to pester people to anyone who thinks he can get away with it.
- I, Eleanor Smoker, will my slimness to Virginia Kruzka.
- I, Jerry Smoker, will my Dopey's Column to Doyle Hoopingarner.
- I, Virginia Sobeske, will my patience in waiting to Pat DePuy.
- I, Victor Spade, will my head of hair to Mr. Stewart.
- I, Marilyn Stough, will my ability to chew gum in Mrs. Hamilton's class and get away with it to Betty Fairbanks.
- I, Stanley Swift, will my excuses and make-up work to Bob Herman.
- I, Barbara Tice, will the right-handed slant of my left-handed writing to Rita Geiger.
- I, Chuck Uhrig, will my way with the teachers to Jonas Rigg.
- I, Bob VanHusan, will my height (?) to Art Chard.

Lastly, we leave our possessions not mentioned above to the faculty to dispose of as they see fit.

Signed, sealed and declared by the Class of '47 to be their last will and testament.

—Barbara Tice  
Mary Lou Calhoon  
Tom Ripley



# Senior Play



SEATED: Bob VanHusan, Eileen Heimert, LaVallo Alger, Vernettha Mercer, Donna Leatherbery, Eileen Shook.

STANDING: Juanita Duncan, David Horney, Barbara Byers, James Hollingshead, Milton Larimer, Rhea Meyer, Robert Radford, Marilyn Stough, Mrs. Tharp—director, Don Bodley.

On the evening of March 28, a fine crowd gathered in the Bronson High School gymnasium to see "A Case of Springtime" which was the title of the senior play, presented under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Tharp.

This year's senior play was a comedy, involving a teen-age magician, chinchillas, a bright yellow formal coat, unsuspecting P. T. A., ladies, and girl trouble.

Bob Parker (David Horney) gets in bad with the school principal, Mr. Abernacker (James Hollingshead) because, through him, Luella, the maid (Juanita Duncan) dyed his formal coat bright yellow. He also scratched his girl friend, Joan Abernacker (Barbara Byers) in his magic act during an assembly at school, and decides to skip school. But he is overheard impersonating his father and a doctor, by his parents (Don Bodley and Eileen Shook).

His sister, Betty (Marilyn Stough) and her friend Eddy Abernacker (Robert Radford) took Joan to a college dance, so his brother, Dicky (Bob Van Husan) with the help of Gwen (Eileen Helmert), who adores him, sets a booby trap (contrived of such reliable ingredients as heating pads, flypaper, pepper and a pin cushion). Of course, it isn't Bob's fault that his mother has invited some P. T. A., ladies (Vernie Mercer, Donna Leatherbery, LaVallo Alger) over for tea and they get caught in the trap. And to make matters worse, a plain-clothesman (Milton Larimer) comes snooping around about the rabbits Bob found and brought home and is raising in the cellar.

Bob's frenzied parents are prepared to really believe he has stolen the little pests but through the explanation of Miss Bright (Rhea Meyer) the lady from the zoo, that the rabbits are really chinchillas, he not only manages to extricate himself but comes out on top, practically a millionaire.

Clear profits of this play were \$200.

—Barbara DePuy



# Viking Staff



SEATED: Marilyn Stough—Associate editor, Pat Fitzgerald—Editor, Mr. Bodley—Adviser, Barbara Tice—Reservations.

STANDING: Don Bodley—Associate editor, Donna Leatherbery—Advertising.

Although there are many shortages again this year, with materials difficult to find and prices higher than ever, the Senior class of 1947 has endeavored to publish a much bigger and better annual than in years before. Tradition cannot be over-thrown by lack of material things.

As you pick up this year-book, you may notice the new post-war plastic cover and binding in the class colors. It contains many new ideas. The one the staff most proudly presents is division sheets displaying appropriate photographs instead of drawings or cuts.

All pictures were taken by Donald Bodley, and the printing was done entirely by the Bronson Journal. Pictures were engraved by the Fort Wayne Engraving Company. We would like to thank the Bronson Journal for doing such a wonderful job on our annual. It is appreciated very much.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation go to the business men of this city for their splendid financial support. Their aid meant more than words can tell. We are also grateful to the rest of the senior class for their whole-hearted co-operation in the writing of various articles for the 1947 Viking.

May this annual bring back many delightful memories in years to come.

Editor—Pat Fitzgerald

Assistant Editors—Marilyn Stough

Donald Bodley

Sales Manager—Barbara Tice

Advertising Agent—Donna Leatherbery

# *Times Past*

## *Junior Play of '46*



SEATED—Dave Horney, Eileen Heimert, Paul Lemanski, Pat Fitzgerald, Bob Van Husan, Eileen Shook.

STANDING—Don Bodley, Robert Radford, Marilyn Stough, Donna Leatherbery.

## *Reception of '46*

"Greenwood Terrace" was the theme that was observed as the guests walked into the beautifully decorated dining room at the high school auditorium on Saturday, May 25, 1946.

The room was decorated with snowballs, yellow and purple iris, and willow boughs, making a very appropriate spring setting.

A delicious, tasty dinner of baked ham, escalloped potatoes, and all the other fine delicacies that go with this type of menu, was prepared and served by the ladies of the Eastern Star.

During the intermission, while the banquet room was being transformed into a ballroom, the guests were entertained by a movie in one of the classrooms.

The music was furnished by Johnny Barnes and his orchestra, and called the dancers into the ballroom where they spent the remainder of the evening in gay enjoyment.

It will always remain as an outstanding event in the memories of our high school days.

—Clifford Green

# Senior Band Box

- LaVallo Alger—"All By Myself"  
Donald Bodley—"My Gal Sal"  
Dean Brown—"Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries"  
Eugene Burnham—"Managua Nicaragua"  
Barbara Byers—"Chicago"  
Mary Lou Calhoon—"It's the Talk of the Town"  
Norma Chapman—"Linda"  
Jeanne Crabill—"Guilty"  
Ralph Crabill—"Stone Cold Dead in the Market"  
Barbara DePuy—"Sentimental Reasons"  
Shirley Donnel—"The Gypsy"  
Juanita Duncan—"I Don't Know Enough About You"  
Arthur Ernsberger—"Bury Me Out on the Lone Prairie"  
Patricia Fitzgerald—"Open the Door, Richard"  
John Garman—"Don't Be a Baby"  
Donna May Graham—"My God and I"  
Clifford Green—"Choo Choo ch'Boogie"  
Walter Green—"White Christmas"  
Eileen Heimert—"Do I Worry"  
James Hollingshead—"Night and Day"  
David Horney—"Just a'Huggin' and a'Chalkin' "  
Leonard Kotz—"Gal in Calico"  
Mary Ann Lane—"Heart Aches"  
Donna Leatherbery—"If I Lucky"  
Paul Lemanski—"Cuddle Up a Little Closer"  
Albert Lemanski—"Oh, But I Do"  
Milton Larimer—"His Feet's Too Big For The Bed"  
Ethel Mock—"My Dreams Are Getting Better All The Time"  
Rhea Meyer—"Bless You"  
Vernettha Mercer—"I'll Close My Eyes"  
Marion Nowak—"Zip a Dee Doo Da"  
Robert Radford—"What Do They Do On A Rainy Night in Rio?"  
Tom Ripley—"I'm Always Chasing Rainbows"  
Marshall Rubley—"No One Will Ever Know"  
Eileen Shook—"Let's Go Back and Kiss the Boys Goodnight Again"  
Bill Sikorski—"Every Time I Go to Town, the Boys Get to Kicking My Dog Around"  
Eleonor Smoker—"Anniversary Song"  
Jerome Smoker—"To Each His Own"  
Virginia Sobeske—"I Don't Know Why"  
Marilyn Stough—"Roly Poly"  
Stanley Swift—"My Philippino Baby"  
Victor Spade—"On the Sunny Side of the Street"  
Barbara Tice—"How Are Things in Glocca Mora"  
Charles Uhrig—"Little Brown Jug"  
Robert VanHusan—"Sooner or Later"

## Skip Day

Due to their limited treasury, the Seniors followed the same pattern on their skip day as did last year's graduating class. Early Friday morning, on the 10th day of May, they boarded buses bound for the "Windy City", Chicago.

Their first destination was the world's largest hotel, the Stevens. After checking all baggage, they were taken on a conducted tour by the Grey-line Sightseeing Service. This tour included Marshall Fields store, the Chicago Board of Trade, the Stockyards, Chinatown, the Aquarium and Planetarium, the Museum of Science and Industry, and the Tribune Tower.

Friday night everybody had their pick of the shows in town, and later the Class of '47 dropped onto their luxurious beds with sighs of weariness. However, Saturday morning found them bright and gay and ready for more. Their free time on Saturday afternoon was spent in shopping or more sight-seeing. Arriving in Bronson Saturday night, they stumbled off the buses and agreed (sleepily) that being a Senior is OK!

# Senior Snaps





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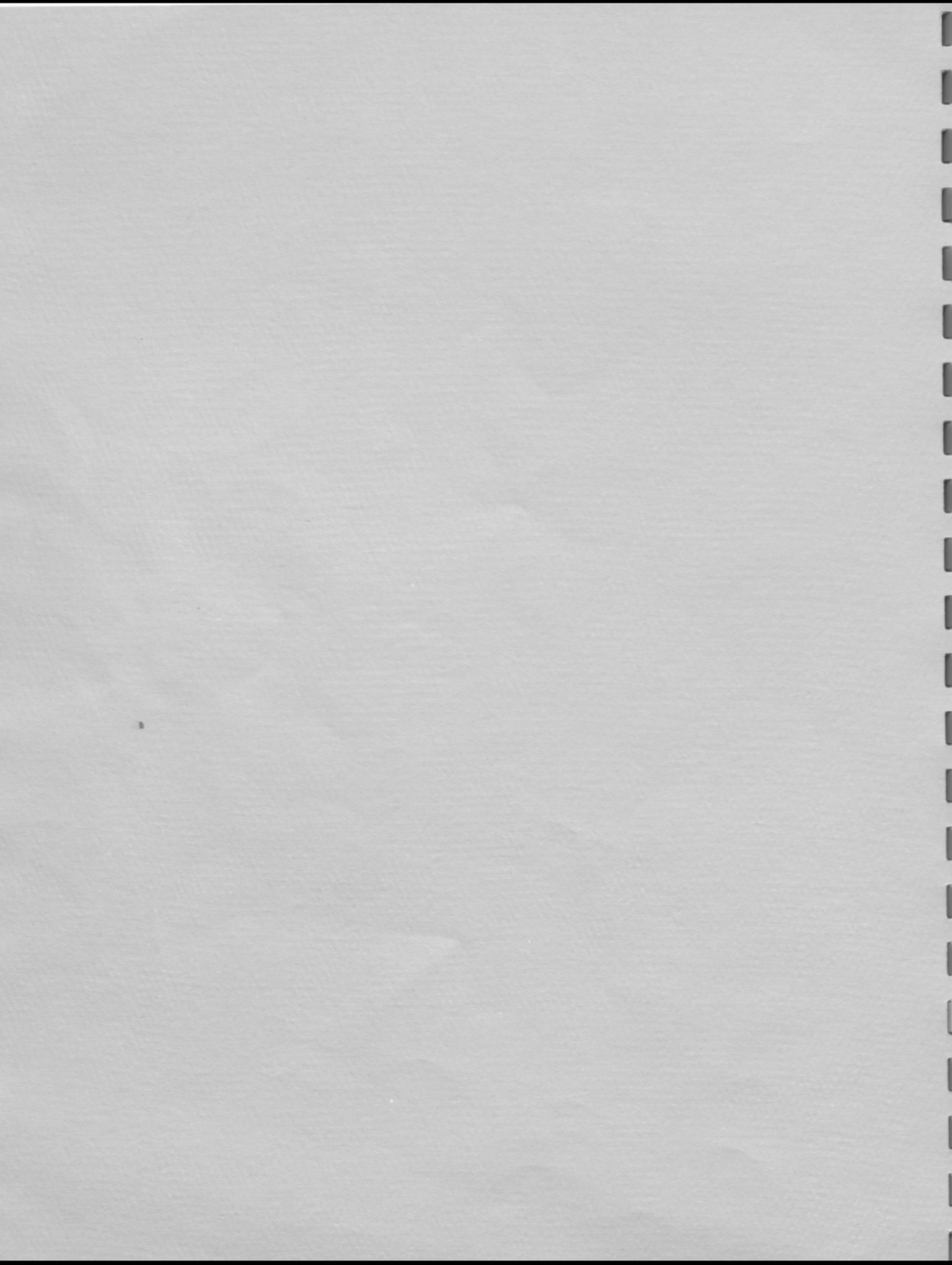
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# Next In Line

With the aid and direction of their adviser, Mr. Gareth Heisler, the Junior class has proven to be very successful.

Two of their members dropped out during the year. They were Shirley Bawden and Burton Hawkins. They were replaced with two new members who enrolled later in the year, Leonard Herman and Catherine Milton. This leaves a total number of thirty-six.

During the year the Juniors were well represented in football, boys' and girls' basketball, Home Economics Club, F. F. A., double sextette, band, choir, and Hi-Times. Several students have received awards for their fine sportsmanship and musical ability.

They have a large participation in basketball. The following girls were out for basketball: Sally Brink, Betty Fairbanks, Rita Geiger, Joan Hunsicker, Betty Lawrence, and Virginia Wotta. The boys that participated including the first, second, and third teams, are: Max Bucklin, Billy Joe Ellison, Leo Fischer, Jonathan Holmes, Doyle Hoopingarner, Russell Niles, Richard Nowak, Alan Kalvin, Melvin Larimer, Paul McClanahan, and Eugene Piatt.

Marion Bogart, Rita Geiger, Doyle Hoopingarner, Joan Hunsicker, Melvin Larimer, Russell Niles, and Dale Slischer are the Juniors that help make up the double sextette.

"Just Ducky" was the title of the play presented before a large audience by the class on December 19. It can be proudly said that it proved to be very successful. The play netted \$218 which was put into the class treasury for



SEATED: Melvin Larimer—Vice President, Mr. Heisler—Adviser, Rita Geiger—President.

STANDING: Joan Hunsicker—Secretary, Max Bucklin—Treasurer.

future use. The play was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Heisler.

They sold refreshments at all home football and basketball games in order to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom which took place on May 24, 1947 in honor of the Seniors.

The Juniors that were chosen to hold class offices have capably fulfilled their duties all through the year.

The class motto is "Small but Mighty!"

—Eleanor Smoker



FIRST ROW—June Akins, Betty Fairbanks, Rose Marie Smoker, Virginia Wotta, Pat DePuy, Sally Brink, Betty Lawrence, Wanda Rigg.  
 SECOND ROW—Doyle Hoopingarner, Bob Kibiloski, Leo Fischer, Marion Bogart, Cathrine Melton, Phyllis Fitch, Wanda Kibiloski, Alan Kalvin, Dale Slischer, Howard Wells.  
 THIRD ROW—Kalvin Lilly, Donald Sikorski, Russell Niles, Jonathan Holmes, Wayne Wilson, Dick Nowak, Billy Joe Ellison, Clair Piatt, Eugene Piatt, Burton Hawkins, Leonard Herman.  
 ABSENT—Peter Lampman, Paul McClanhan.

# Coming Along



Helen Dunalski—Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Stewart—Adviser, Dorothy Wotta—President, Jean Keckler—Vice President.

One day in September, the Class of '49 began the school year with sixty-seven students enrolled. They ended the year with sixty-three. Their class adviser was William B. Stewart.

There were four members who dropped out. They were: Dale Johnson, who went to another school; Robert Barr, who joined the Army; Jacob Fuller, who moved to Georgia, and Arlon Colpetersir, who dropped out.

The Sophomore class was well represented in extra-curricular activities. Members of the class served on the Student Council, Hi-Times staff, Home Economic Club, Boys' and girls' basketball teams, band, sextette, choir, and in baseball. Leonard Smith was the only member of the class to win a major award in football.

Their class assembly was in the nature of a mock wedding, with Bob Speck as the bride and Doran Rubley as the groom. It provided many a laugh for the rest of the student body.

The class added to their treasury by having several sandwich sales during the year.

The class shows much promise of success in future years.

Dean Brown



FIRST ROW: Betty Hoffer, Alice Fry, Joyce Bucklin, Violet Major, Delores Bogucki, Luellen Honeywell, Maxine Burch, Barbara Rissman, Betty Warpup, Florence Rhinehart, Juanita Crabbill, Mary Lou Cook, Joan Machan, Pearl Ann Losinski.

SECOND ROW: Joan Yesh, Mary Edna Graham, Marjorie Norton, Isabelle Bellman, Joyce Rubley, Joan Seiler, Don Hollister, Dick Stough, Dale Cook, Leason Modert, Doran Rubley, Dorothy Hollister, Jeanette Himebaugh, Dorothy Fry, Alverta Mercer, Mary Ann Bilicke, Peggy Kanauss.

THIRD ROW: Roger Yesh, LaMarr Taylor, Marvin Smoker, Morris Kolassa, Frank Buholz, Jack White, Grover Crabill, Myron Ripley, Arthur Chard, Earl Falk, Robert Speck, Leonard Smith, Robert Jones, Lee Richard Hiemert, Leslie Herman, Earl Warren Brower, John Yesh.  
ABSENT: Pearl Bailey, Mary Canaway, Don Jowler, John Gladstone, Valeda Kelso, Richard May, Jonas Rigg, Mary J. Vorce, Robert Herman.



# Just Beginning

Sixty-four hopeful-looking freshmen enrolled at Bronson High School this year. So far, four have left. They are as follows: Max Lilly, James and Waunita Garnes, and Joan Stetler. The class had one addition, Frank Tripp.

Bronson High's Class of '50 had representatives in football, basketball, baseball, F. F. A., band, and Home Economics Club. They all contributed 100 per cent during the Red Cross drive. The class had a seventy-five percent membership in the Student Council.

They were initiated on September 27. After a mock wedding, they were allowed to dance or play games.

Their assembly was greeted with roars of laughter. The day of a typical freshman was portrayed and all the teachers were aptly impersonated.

The new type of school system caused Bronson to have one of the largest freshmen classes



Jerry Rissman—Vice President, Miss Anderson—Adviser, Ronald West—President, Party Wingfield—Secretary-Treasurer.

in the history of the school.

—Eugene Burnham



FIRST ROW: Kenneth Jowsay, Tom Francisco, Wendell Green, Don Brown, Ralph Burch, Melvin Schragg, Kenneth Belote, Richard Burnside, L. D. Keller.

SECOND ROW: Imogene Porter, Violet Grendell, Sally Filkins, Patsy Littlefield, Shirley Snyder, Ramona Nettelman, Wanda Boyd, Elizabeth Torry, Barbara Ross, Alice Smith, Betty Smoker, Mary Deal, Virginia Kruska.

THIRD ROW: Bill Austin, Margurette Rossetter, Jane Hunsicker, Anna Mae Green, Vivian Mede, Priscilla Tritch, Gloria Rezepka, Mary Kolassa, Barbara Kibiloski, Juanita Garnes, Norma Pabst, Carolyn Klemmer, Inez Snyder, Joan Crabill, Lurline Kinter, Patricia Rifenburg, Jannet Blaske, Eleanor Davis, Paul Steeman.

FOURTH ROW: Richard Boyd, Burtis Lash, David Croy, Raymond Blaske, Leon Blaske, Aubry Holt, Bill Richart, Clifford Ditmer, Manard Greely, Bill Cuyler, Walter Lane, Gerald Rossetter, Bill Ward, Richard Akins, Franklin Garman, Edward Frohriep, Dean Grendel.

# Junior High



SEATED: Margaret Kehoe—Vice President, Mr. Borough—Adviser, Keith Tracy—President.  
STANDING: Mary Barkowski—Treasurer, Maxine Woodcox—Secretary.

The junior high Eighth grade had an enterprising and successful year. Their activities included a variety of sports, parties, activities, participation in several money-making projects, and they were successful in enlarging their class treasury. Their Student Council alderman was Randall Andrews and their news reporters were Janeane Honeywell and Betsy Hilton.

The class colors selected were French blue and gold. The flower chosen was the white carnation. The class motto is "The Workers of Today Are the Leaders of Tomorrow."

The sport activities carried on by the Eighth grade boys were mainly basketball and softball.



JAMES L. BOROUGH  
Western Michigan.  
"Shut up!"

The basketball team was very successful. The girls' sole sport was softball, although there were quite a few girls out for cheerleading.

The main party of the year was an initiation party for the Seventh grade. Honoring the American Indian, the party was centered around a teepee and campfire in the back school yard. A good time was enjoyed by all attending. The class also sponsored a hay ride.

There were a large number engaged in varied activities. There were a large number in Junior and Senior band and the class had a 100% membership in the Junior Red Cross.

Activities to raise money for the class treasury were highly successful. This success is one of the outstanding examples of how this class intends to carry on throughout their four years of Senior high school.

—Bill Sikorski



FIRST ROW: Joyce Wiler, Betsy Hilton, Goldie Wilson, Janet Adams, Glenda Fair, Beth Davis Marylyn Green, Nataline Kinter, Mary Harrison, Dorothy Larghry, Sarah Jane Metzger.  
SECOND ROW: Charles Littlefield, Lary Taylor, Harvey Whitcomb, Randall Andrews, Susanne Troyer, Janeane Honeywell, Lois Parsons, Wylla Wanar, Alice Selby, Jo Ann Bawden, Nancy Fair, Allan Shoup, Jack Reigle, John Wasikowsik, Richard Byers.

THIRD ROW: George Richardson, Clyde Milliman, Clarence Monroe, Earl Goshorn, Irvin Swift, Harold Collins, Richard Bowerman, Richard Robbins, Ross Hart, Leo Hoard, Clifton Rosey, James Kreinbrink, Marvin Papke, Max Wells, Earnest Harmon.

ABSENT: Charles Adams, Allen Alleshouse, Charles Bryie, Arnold Foster, Ronnie Hartman, Jean Hollister, Betty Nelson, Charles Somerlott, Lyle Wisner.

# Junior High



MARJORY A. CATHCART  
Western Teachers College.  
"Break that game up."

Fifty Seventh graders began the school year 1946-1947 with Mr. James Borough as their class adviser. During the year, three of their members left but five enrolled later, making the total fifty-two.

Their class motto was "What We Do We Do Well" and their class flower was the red rose. Their Student Council representative is Max Hilton.

The Seventh grade gave two parties this year. The first was an initiation party; the second, a hay ride. The Safety Patrol has been very active with Mix Hilton as Captain, and Lieutenants Dewayne Wiler, Jerry Boyd, Phillip Hoard, and Marshall Skinner.

Among the many activities held this year,



SEATED: Chuck Somerlott—Vice President, Miss Cathcart—Adviser, Ronnie Hartman—President.

STANDING: Betty Nelson—Treasurer, Jean Hollister—Secretary.

one was basketball which Mr. Borough coached. The team won three of the six games played with Quincy, Union City, and Reading.

The Eighth grade is eagerly looking forward to next year when they will be full-fledged high school students.

—Marion Nowak



FIRST ROW: Barbara Blain, Marjorie Ball, Valda Parker, Connie Bercaw, Dola Hart, Harriet Sikorski, Ellen Swift, Emelyne Lane, Marylyn Cox, Donna Rae McIntyre, Patty Porter.

SECOND ROW: Vernon Kingsley, Dewayne Wiler, Doris Boyd, Bonnie Forker, Betty Savage, Alice Hoard, June Buholz, Joyce Davis, Barbara Washburn, Joan Fifer, Erma Dehoff, Mary Brown, Edna Swiger, Keith Wilbur, Wesley Quimby.

THIRD ROW: Terry Marx, Louis Urhig, Kenneth Hatfic'd, Robert Belote, Curtis Hawkins, Dean Amos, Henry Schragg, Marshall Skinner, Rolland Sikorski, Phillip Hoard, Lester Green, Jerry Boyd, Raymond McMurtrey, Norman Mock, Kenneth Marshall, Max Hilton, Robert Anderson, Buck Jones.

ABSENT: Joyce Adams, Carolyn Harrison, James Hoyt, Lillian Lampman, Clara Mae Vorce.

# Here 'N There





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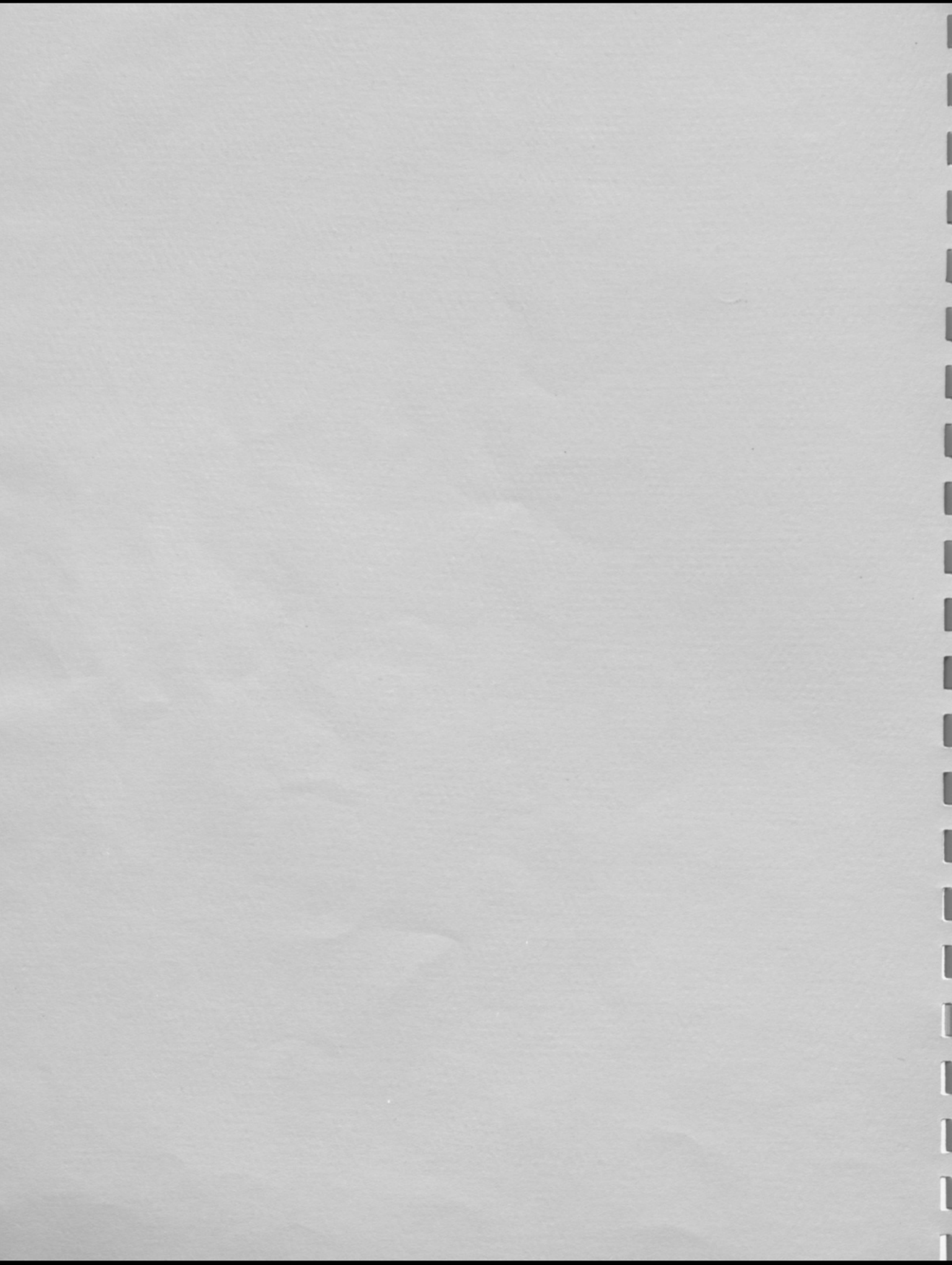
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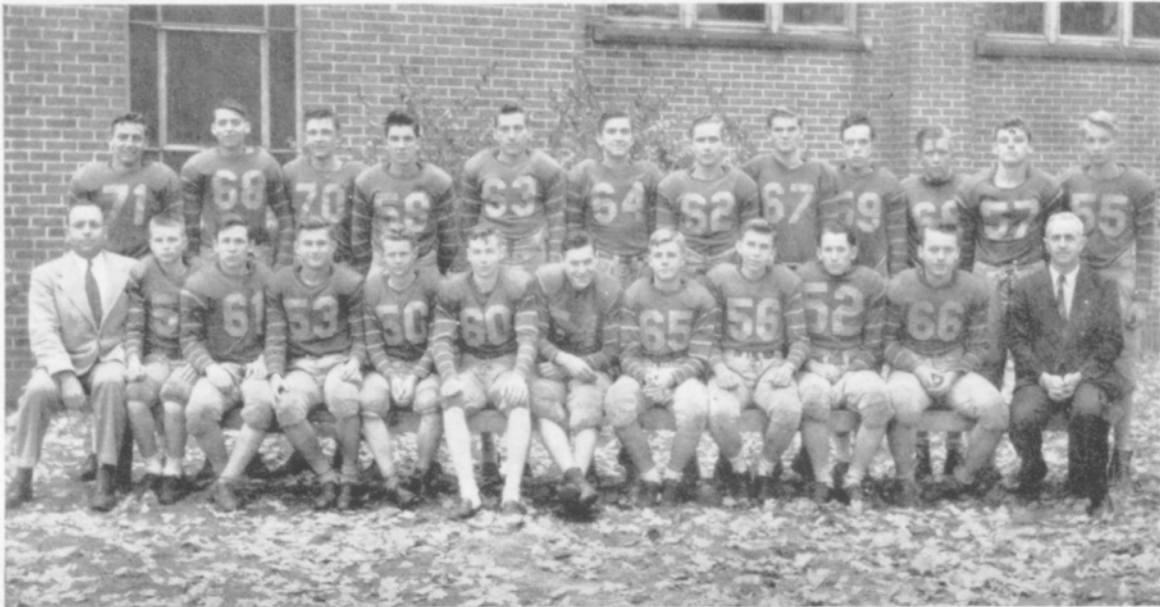
# Cheer Leaders



Patsy Littlefield, Dorothy Fry, Pearl Ann Losinski, Inez Snyder, Betsy Hilton.



# Champs



FIRST ROW: Assistant Coach Smith, Myron Ripley, Jerome Smoker, Doyle Hoopingarner, Bob Van Husan, Tom Ripley, Bill Sikorski, Frank Buholtz, Max Buchlin, Billy Joe Ellison, Louis McManus, Coach Hilton.

SECOND ROW: Albert Lemanski, Paul Lemanski, Clifford Green, Milton Larimer, Dick Nowak, Leo Fischer, Bob Kibiloski, Paul McClanahan, Marshall Rubley, John Smith, Russ Niles, John Garman.

After ending up in second, tied for third, and third place, the preceding three years, the 1947 football squad made the top and gained the championship title in the Little "C" conference.

This year's squad had good size and were well experienced. There were ten major lettermen back from the 45-46 team. The losses to the team by graduation are: George Lemanski, Fullback; Tom Ripley and John Garman, Ends; Clifford Green and Milton Larimer, Tackles; Jerry Smoker and Bill Sikorski, Guards; Paul Lemanski and Bob VanHusan, Halfbacks.

Membership on the All Conference team was well-dominated by the Champion Bronson Vikings. They were: George Lemanski, Center; Tom Ripley, End; and Bill Sikorski, Guard.

The important game of the season was with Jonesville, which made it possible for Bronson to play for the Championship game. In this game

George Lemanski made the tying touchdown with Russ Niles kicking the extra point, making the score 7-6.

In the Championship game, Quincy recovered a fumble on Bronson's 20 yard line and went all the way for a touchdown. Their try for the extra point was blocked. In the second quarter, Bronson came battling back to score, with Lemanski carrying the ball and Niles converting the extra point to make the score 7-6. Quincy was stopped the rest of the game while Bronson made another touchdown led by Lemanski. The extra point was kicked by Niles to make the final score 14-6.

Bronson 19-Athens 0    Bronson 6 Union City 0  
 Bronson 19-Litchfield 0    Bronson 19-Reading 6  
 Bronson 7-Jonesville 6    Bronson 0-Homer 2  
 Bronson 14-Quincy 6

—Bob VanHusan



# Champs



Bob Van Husan;  
*Half-back*



Albert Lemanski  
*Full-back*



Paul Lemanski;  
*Half-back*



Milton Larimer;  
*End*



Tom Ripley;  
*End*



Louis McManus;  
*Guard*



Clifford Green;  
*Tackle*



Jerome Smoker;  
*Guard*



John Garman;  
*End*



Bill Sikorski;  
*Tackle*



Marshall Rubley  
*Tackle*

# Vikings



FIRST ROW: Bob VanHusan, Max Bucklin, Coach Smith, Melvin Larimer, Marshall Rubley—Manager, Tom Ripley, Clair Piatt.  
SECOND ROW: Russell Niles, David Horney, Paul Lemanski, Albert Lemanski, Doyle Hoop- ingarner, Leo Fischer.

Coach John Smith, in his first year as basketball coach at Bronson, made the Viking cagers a strong team in the Little "C" Conference. The boys played sixteen games this year, winning nine while losing seven. They also played four tournament games and won the consolation trophy in the conference.

Filled with the determination to win, the boys played a hard basketball season. Scoring was led by Paul Lemanski, who was elected honorary captain, with David Horney and George Lemanski the play makers.

The boys who will graduate are: David Hor-

ney, George Lemanski, Paul Lemanski, Tom Ripley, and Bob VanHusan.

The season's record was as follows:

Bronson 13, Quincy 23; Bronson 35, Jonesville 37; Bronson 26, Union City 25; Bronson 26, Reading 23; Bronson 26, Litchfield 36; Bronson 44, Athens 24; Bronson 32, Jonesville 30; Bronson 31, Union City 22; Bronson 31, Reading 35; Bronson 29, Athens 27; Bronson 24, Homer 24; Bronson 28, Quincy 34; Bronson 33, Burr Oak 26; Bronson 25, Colon 27; Bronson 48, Burr Oak 35; Bronson 22, Colon 48.

—Jerome Smoker



FIRST ROW—John Yesh, Coach Smith, Dick Stough, Marshall Rubley Manager, L. D. Keller.  
SECOND ROW—Alan Kalvin, John Gladstone, LaMarr Taylor, Bill Sikorski, Myron Ripley, Paul McClanhan.  
THIRD ROW—Jerry Rissman, Jack White, Bill Austin, Marvin Smoker.

# Vikings



Captain  
Paul Lemanski;  
*Center*



Doyle Hoopingarner;  
*Forward*



Russell Niles;  
*Forward*



Max Bucklin;  
*Center*



Clair Piatt;  
*Forward*



Leo Fischer;  
*Forward*



Melvin Larimer;  
*Guard*



David Horney;  
*Guard*



Bob Van Husan;  
*Forward*



Albert Lemanski;  
*Forward*



Tom Ripley;  
*Guard*

# Vi-Queens



FIRST ROW—Rita Geiger, Betty Fairbanks, Barbara Byers, Donna Leatherbery Eileen Heimert, Birginia Wotta, Betty Lawerence.

SECOND ROW—Juanita Duncan, Manager, LaVallo Alger, Alice Fry, Dorothy Wotta, Eileen Shook, Joan Hunsicker, Sally Brink, Dorothy Fry, Coach Hamilton.

November 19 once again saw the girls' basketball season start. Under the able guidance and supervision of Mrs. Nova Hamilton, the girls were promised an exciting season of basketball.

Forty girls turned out this year, and because of this unusually large number, the girls were divided into certain days of practice. First year basketball girls were taught the fundamentals of the game. This included right and left hand shooting, pivoting, figure-eight passing, foul shooting, and other principles of basketball. These preliminary instructions were met with enthusiastic interest and a few girls were able to participate in the big games because of this training.

The second squad included girls who are on first or second team. This squad is composed of Juniors and Sophomores, who will carry on for the girls who graduate this spring.

For the second time in two years, the girls participated in inter-scholastic games. And, as in the two years previous, were undefeated. The schedule was as follows:

Bronson 20—Athens 12

Bronson 19—Union City 13

Bronson 24—Union City 10

Bronson 34—Athens 12

To close the basketball season, the girls organized class teams. The Juniors emerged victorious over all the games played and the Seniors were runners-up, with the Sophomores winning the consolation award.

The last game of the season was also the last game for the following Seniors: Donna Leatherbery, Eileen Heimert, Eileen Shook, Barbara Byers, LaVollo Alger, Mary Lou Calhoon, and Juanita Duncan, who acted as manager.

These girls are confident that their places in basketball will be ably filled, and that the Vi-queens will be undefeated in many seasons to come.

The girls in basketball wish to express their heartiest thanks to Mrs. Hamilton for her untiring patience and expert advice.

—Juanita Duncan



# Vi-Queens



Donna Leatherbery;  
*Forward*



Betty Fairbanks;  
*Guard*



Barbara Byers;  
*Guard*



Betty Lawrence;  
*Forward*



Eileen Heimert;  
*Guard*



Virginia Wotta;  
*Forward*



Sally Brink;  
*Forward*



Rita Geiger;  
*Guard*

# Junior High Basketball



FIRST ROW—Jerry Boyd, Duane Wiler, Keith Tracy, Max Hilton, Vernon Kingsley, Raymond McMurtrey.

SECOND ROW—Kenneth Hatfield, Lester Green, Kenneth Marshall, Phillip Hoard, Norman Mock, Terry Marz, Keith Wilbur.

Junior Vikings' Basketball was established by several games with other Junior High basketball teams. The seventh and eighth grade teams showed every sign that they will make basketball history for Bronson High school in coming years. The boys worked very hard under the direction of Mr. Borough, who should be congratulated on taking such an interest in the Junior High boys, for basketball is a very good way to help teach the boys good sportsmanship.

The eighth grade, a little more alert, won four and lost two. They defeated Union City twice, while splitting the games with Reading and Quincy.

The seventh grade, a little less experienced, showed more speed in competing with their opponents. They won three and lost three. The combined seventh and eighth grade team has a perfect record to their credit. They won five and lost none.

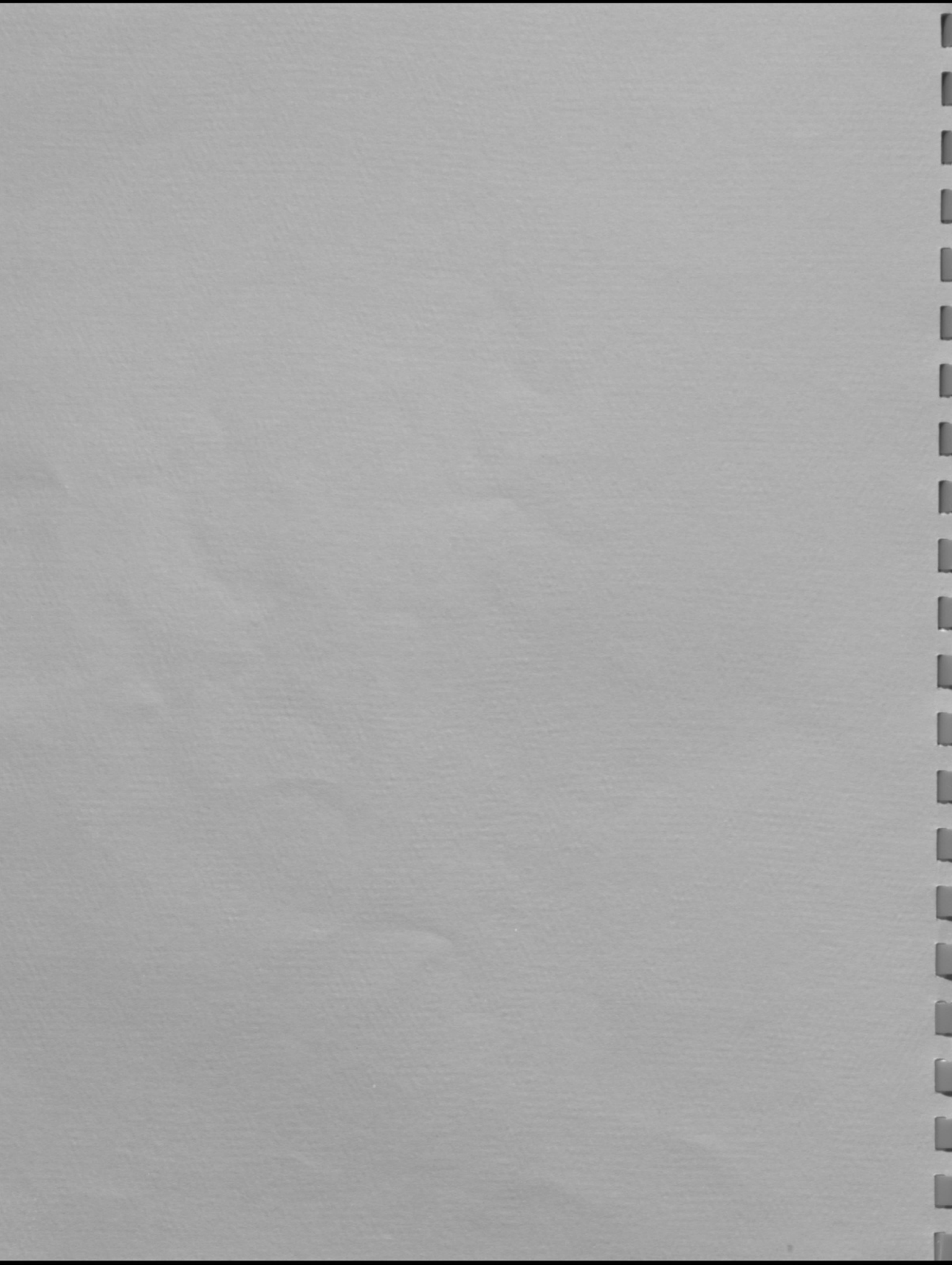
—Paul Lemanski



FIRST ROW: Harold Collins, Chuck Somerlott, George Richardson, Richard Robbins, Leo Hoard, Ross Hart, Charles Littlefield, Ronnie Hartman.

SECOND ROW: Irvin Swift, Larry Taylor, Marvin Papke, Harvey Whitcomb, Coach Borough, Randall Andrews, Richard Byers, Jack Reigle, Clarence Monroe.

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# Calendar

## September—

- 3—Two hundred and eight sun-tanned individuals enroll.
- 10—Upper three grades are getting acquainted with all the new teachers.
- 13—Band marches at Coldwater Fair.
- 20—Beat Athens in first football game.
- 21—Band get "A" rating at Centerville Fair.
- 26—Senior pictures taken.
- 27—All had fun initiating Frosh.

## October—

- 2—Talk on "Manners" by John Delavaux.
- 4—Beat Litchfield.
- 5—Duck season opened—"Where are all the fellows?"
- 9—Jonesville lost to us.
- 10-11—Vacation by courtesy of the Michigan Education Association.
- 14—First Student Opinion poll.
- 15—Pheasant season opens.
- 18—Beat Union City.
- 24—Band went to Benton Harbor for marching contests—Did you ever see such rain!
- 25—Reading lost to us—Pretty good record!
- 31—Townspople sponsored dance and parade for Hallowe'en celebration.

## November—

- 1—Little too much braggin'! Homer won!
- 6—Home Ec. Club sponsored annual Mother-Daughter Banquet.
- 8—Beat Quincy.
- 10—American Education Week starts.
- 14—Football awards given in assembly.
- 15—Deer hunting season opens—Coach Hilton went (he said) but we wonder!
- 18—Activity periods begin.
- 19—Junior play tickets went on sale.
- 20—Football squad guests of Rotary Club. Hot Lunches start.
- 22—Sadie Hawkins party—"Lots of fun!"
- 23—Twenty-five Home Ec. girls attend Regional meeting at Kalamazoo.
- 27—Eighth grade assembly.
- 28—Thanksgiving recess starts.

## December—

- 6—Quincy trimmed us in first game of cage season.
- 9—School begins again—"My, that was a long vacation, thanks to John L."
- 10—Seniors got proofs—"Let's see yours!"
- 11—AAA trophy presented in assembly.

17—Lost to Jonesville.

18—Farewell assembly for Harry.

19—Junior play—"We have to admit—it was pretty good!"

20—Finally, a winner—Union City was the victim.

Music assembly and talk by Reverend Niles—Band awards given.

24—Assembly.

25—Christmas vacation begins. Whoopee!!

## January—

2—School again—Quite a number of sparklers made their debut at the New Year.

Mrs. Hamilton returns with broken arm.

3—F. F. A., party.

5—Virginia Sobeske chosen D. A. R. representative.

7—Girls' season starts with victory over Union City.

8—Movie in assembly.

10—Game here with Reading.

13—Cramming starts.

14—Lost to Litchfield.

15-16—Semester headaches (exams).

17—No school.

Beat Athens.

19—Beat Jonesville.

20—Did you notice Mrs. Hamilton toting her flat iron?

24—Beat Union City.

28—Girls win another victory over Union City opponents.

29-30—Conference Basketball Tournament at Quincy.

30—Farmers' Day program in gym.

## February—

1—Won consolation trophy at Quincy.

4—Lost at Reading.

6—That hilarious Sophomore assembly. Athens there.

11—Licked Burr Oak on their home floor.

14—Beat Homer in a "love"ly game.

Betty was in a "trance" at the assembly—must have been the magician!

16—Brotherhood Week begins.

18—Colon beat us.

20—Those girls are pretty good—They beat Athens this time.

Student Brotherhood assembly—Mrs. Shafer speaks.

21—Lost to Quincy.

2—Beat Burr Oak again.

# Calendar

- 26—Assembly.
- 28—Doggone! Colon licked us.

## March—

- 3—Work on annual getting fast and furious.
- 6-7-8—District Basketball Tournament at Sturgis.
- 8—Sextettes audition at WOWO.
- 11—Boxing Tournament sponsored by FFA. Freshmen assembly.
- 14—Spring Concert by Music Department. The "ether episode"—Tom was "out like a light"—must have been a "Red" light.
- 15-16—Science Department trip to Chicago —'Nuf said!
- 17—St. Patrick's Day.
- 20—P. T. A., Supper. Reverend Linden at assembly. F. F. A., representatives went to Lansing Jim came back State Farmer.
- 21-22—District Band Contest at Kalamazoo.
- 24—Viking Revue.
- 25—Swell movie in assembly. Home Ec. girls didn't quite make it to Lansing.
- 28—Scientific magician in the Senior Play, "A Case of Springtime" informed audience that "rabbits need exercise!"

## April—

- 1—Easter assembly by Reverend Russell King—He spoke to lots of "April fools"!
- 2-3-4—Easter vacation.
- 8—Open House at Shop.
- 10—All-Hi party. Seniors had physical exams at Coldwater.
- 11—Another one-day vacation because of Teachers' Institute.

- 12—Sextettes sing at WOWO.
- 15—Viking goes to press.
- 16—Another movie in assembly.
- 17—Play baseball game with Litchfield here.
- 18—Little Theatre Group presents a play.
- 18-19—State Solo and Ensemble Contest at Ann Arbor.
- 22—Baseball with Homer. (Lost)
- 24—Played Quincy there. (Won) Rev. Linden at Central School.
- 25—Home Ec. Club party.
- 28—Faculty assembly.

## May—

- 1—Play Athens.
- 2—All-High Party.
- 8—Played at Jonesville.
- 9—All Music assembly.
- 10-11—Skip Day. Juniors discovered what a "wonderful" feeling it is to be a Senior!
- 13—Game with Union City.
- 15—Play Reading.
- 17—Band attended colorful Tulip Festival at Holland.
- 20—Played Jonesville.
- 23—Caps and gowns arrived just in time for Senior assembly—"Didn't they look dignified?"
- 24—Junior-Senior Reception. It was very "sweet"!
- 26-27—Baccalaureate.
- 26-27—Second semester exams. That spring fever really told on us!
- 28—Vacation for some, but what a day for the Seniors!
- 29—Commencement! That's all!

—Mary Ann Lane

# Music Makers

Bronson High School senior band has increased in number since last year. It consists of forty-two members, under the direction of William B. Stewart. The band will lose six members this year by graduation—Donald Bodley, Donna Leatherbery, Rhea Meyer, Ethel Mock, Robert Radford, and Marilyn Stough. Although they are losing many, they are hoping to have some new members by next fall.

The band opened this year's fall season by going to the Branch County Fair at Coldwater. They then went to Centerville's St. Joseph Fair, where they took part in the contest in marching and playing. They received a first rating in marching and playing.

The next time the band played in public was at the football games. They played at every home game. The night before the last football game with Quincy, the band took a trip to Benton Harbor where they competed in a marching contest with several other bands. Although it rained rather hard, it did not prevent the bands from marching. Bronson took second division.

About this time of the year, Mr. Stewart gave out Major and Minor awards at a musical assembly. Those receiving Major awards for being in the band for four or more years were: Robert Radford, Doyle Hoopingarner, Joan Hunsicker, Donald Bodley, Marilyn Stough, Eileen Heimert, Betty Fairbanks, and Betty Lawrence. Those receiving Minor awards, having been in the band two or three years, were: Eileen Shook, Billy Ward, Alan Calvin, Donna Leatherbery, and Barbara Byers.

During the basketball season, the band played at every home game, including the girls' games. After the basketball season, the band's next public appearance was at their spring con-



Lois Jean Hunsicker, Joan Crabill, Lurlene Kinter, Virginia Wotta.

cert, held March 14. A week later, March 21, the band went to Kalamazoo for the District contest. There they took a second division. At the State Contest in Ann Arbor they were awarded a First Division rating, the only Little "C" band at the Festival to receive this "superior" rating. This was the first time in the history of the school band to receive such a rating at the State Festival. The band is also planning on going to the Tulip Festival held at Holland this spring. There is also a possibility that they may play at a Bluegill Frolic. This completes the year 1946-47 for the Bronson High School Band.

—Ethel Mock



BAND OFFICERS—Manager, Doyle Hoopingarner; Secretary, Joan Hunsicker; Treasurer, Marilyn Stough; Student Director, Don Bodley; Publicity, Robert Radford; Director, Wm. B. Stewart.

# Junior Band

## JUNIOR BAND



FIRST ROW — Ambrose Sikorski, Johnny Klemmer, Beth McCracken, Tommy Norton, Jimmy Herman.

SECOND ROW — Charlotte Rubley, Jane Fitzsimmons, Ann Fitzsimmons, Marvin Smoker, Richard Boyd, Robert Anderson, Gordon Sikorski, Margaret Kelvin, Billy Wingfield, Donald Piatt.

THIRD ROW—Paul Goodman, Nicholas Whorlev, Wyllis Walker, Julie Ann Lippick, Paul Kern, Junior Phinney, Mr. Stewart—Director, Vernon Kingsley, Allen Niles, Victor Nowicki, Joan Bawden.



## DOUBLE SEXTETTE

FIRST ROW—Donna Mae Graham, Violet Major, Helen Dunalski, Joan Hunsicker, Marrion Bogart, Rita Geiger.

SECOND ROW—Mr. Stewart—Director, Dale Slisher, Melvin Larimer, Russell Niles, Doyle Hoopingarner, Don Bodley, Robert Radford.

## CHOIR



FIRST ROW—Juanita Duncan, Joyce Bucklin, Donna Mae Graham, Mary Edna Graham, Mary Kolassa, Peggy Knauss, Betty Warpup, Mary Ann Lane, Mary Ellen Canaway, Marrion Bogart, Rita Geiger, Marguerette Rossetter, Director—Mr. Stewart.

SECOND ROW — Vernettha Mercer, Helen Dunalski, Violet Major, Allen Kalvin, Richard Boyd, Doran Rubley, Billy Ward, Joan Hunsicker, Sally Brink, Lurlene Kinter.

THIRD ROW—Bill Austin, Dale Slisher, Melvin Larimer, Russell Niles, Kenneth Cuyler, Leo Fischer, Doyle Hoopingarner, Bud Radford.

ABSENT—Don Bodley.



## *Band*

Pupils in the Junior Band range from the fifth grade through the ninth grade. There are twenty-six members this year. Students from the Parochial school are included in the band for the first time.

As all of last year's members were promoted to the Senior Band in order to make room for the new members, Mr. Stewart has a completely new Junior Band this year. Instruments played are numerous and include a flute, a number of cornets, clarinets, trombones, baritones, saxophones, and drums.

The Junior Band accompanied the Senior Band to the state contest at Ann Arbor this spring. They observed the quality of musicianship required to be able to compete in such a contest and saw what they will be participating in after a few years. This should encourage practice and help the band in many ways.

—Marshall Rubley

## *Sextette*

A very successful and enjoyable year has been completed by the combined sextette, six girls and six boys, under the instruction of music director William Stewart.

Although the group first met just for the love of singing, they harmonized so well that the double sextettes were soon organized. Their talent was soon acknowledged by the school as worthy of recognition. Since then, their ability has been highly appreciated by our local and county organizations.

Through the year, they have sung at Rotary, Kiwanis, and Women's Clubs, a Sunday School convention, the Farmer's Day program and all of the Band Concerts as well as other special occasions. This spring, they achieved, by audition, the honor of singing over radio station WOWO at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

One of the members of the girls' sextette, Virginia Sobeske, was compelled to leave the organization at the end of the first semester. Her place was filled by Violet Major.

At the close of the year, three members, Donna May Graham, Robert Radford, and Donald Bodley, graduate, thus making it necessary for new talent to be discovered for the coming year.

—Rhea Meyer

## *Choir*

Soon after the school term opened in September, thirty-two students enrolled in the senior high school choir under the direction of Mr. Stewart. The choir is composed of nine sopranos, ten altos, six tenors, and seven basses. They have two special numbers this year, "Let Us With Gladsome Voice" and "Send Forth Thy Spirit."

During the course of the year, the choir appeared in several assemblies, the annual spring concert, and at the County Teachers Institute at Coldwater.

The group has highly enjoyed singing together and will regret losing five seniors from the group. The five are: Donna May Graham, Vernie Mercer, Mary Ann Lane, Donald Bodley, and Robert Radford.

—Milton Larimer

# Hi-Times Staff



Marilyn Stough—Associate editor, Pat Fitzgerald—Co-editor, Mrs. Tharp—Advisor, Don Bodley—Co-editor.

The Bronson Hi-Times was organized in 1935 and is a member of the National Scholastic Press Association.

Mrs. Margaret Tharp has been the Hi-Times adviser for the past eight years. During that time, the Hi-Times has received three state Certificates of Merit for participation in the project on Tuberculosis Control, and in 1943, earned

a National honor award. To qualify for the T. B. project, the school paper published editorials and special articles on "How Christmas Seal Funds are Used to Improve the Health in My Community" and "Why Nations Should Work Together for Tuberculosis Control". These articles were written up by Patricia Fitzgerald, Marilyn Stough, and Donald Bodley.

The Hi-Times also received the All-American rating in '43-'44 and '45-'46, from the NSPA, which is the highest rating that can be bestowed upon any high school newspaper.

The Hi-Times staff has 42 members. They do all the work of writing, typing, and mimeographing. The paper is given to every student at school, to the Board of Education, and it is sent to rural schools in the district, to neighboring high schools in the state, to many out-of-state schools and to service men and women who are Bronson High School Alumni.

The aim of the Hi-Times is to back school and community projects, give students an idea of journalism, and to acquaint people with Bronson High and its program.

—George Lemanski



FIRST ROW: Betty Lawrence, Dean Amos, Leo Fischer, Max Bucklin, George Lemanski, Dave Horney, Terry Marz, Joan Hunsicker.

SECOND ROW: Mary Ann Bilicki, Janean Honeywell, Betsy Hilton, Patsy Littlefield, Jane Hunsicker, Violet Major, Peggy Kanauss, Donna Leatherbery, Sally Brink, Barbara Byers, Rita Geiger, Barbara Rissman, Shirley Donnel.   #   #

THIRD ROW: LaVallo Alger, Geraldine Knapp, Norma Chapman, Mary Ann Lane, Jean Crabill, Eileen Shook, Tom Ripley, Robert Radford, Helen Dunalski, Eileen Heimert, Barbara DePuy, Donna Mae Graham, Juanita Duncan, Virginia Sobeske.

ABSENT: Eugene Burnham, Jerry Smoker, Pat DePuy, Betty Fairbanks, Virginia Wotta, Joyce Davis.

# Junior Play



SEATED: Rita Geiger, Joan Hunsicker, Max Bucklin, Betty Lawrence, Mr. Heisler—director, Marrion Bogart, Melvin Larimer, Wanda Kibiloski.

STANDING: Jonathan Holmer, Mrs. Heisler—assistant director, Sally Brink, Doyle Hoopingartner, Leo Fischer, Russell Niles.

Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Heisler, the Junior Play, "Just Ducky", was presented in the high school auditorium on December 19. Virginia Wotta and Betty Fairbanks were prompters.

The plot surrounded Betty Lou Maxwell (Betty Lawrence) and Bernadine Smith (Sally Brink), who are a couple of questions and problems rolled into one. Mr. Maxwell (Jonathan Holmes) has just been chosen as the head of a citizens' committee, Connie Maxwell (Joan Hunsicker) and Craig Moore (Max Bucklin) have just left for the show, and everything is fine until Betty Lou and Bernadine get the idea of writing a letter to Vester Blayne (Wanda Kibiloski), love-lorn editor of the evening paper.

To make it more exciting, they say the writer is 14 and in love with a man of 44 who has three teen-age children. The letter wasn't published. Instead, Miss Blayne calls on Mrs. Maxwell (Rita Geiger) and tells her the complete story, which no one believes except nosey Aunt Mary (Marion Bogart).

Worse yet, Mr. Moore (Leo Fischer), chairman of the citizens' committee and Del Marshall (Doyle Hoopingartner), a newspaper reporter, drop in for an interview with Mrs. Maxwell. The girls think it is the county "marshal" coming to arrest Betty Lou, so into a huddle they go, deciding Betty Lou would just have to plead insanity. With the help of little brother, Wilbur (Melvin Larimer) and his friend, Hercules (Russ Niles), they make the men think the whole family is "nuts", but after a free-for-all and lots of laughter, all ends well.

The play was a tremendous success and added \$218 to the class treasury.

—Eileen Heimert

# Home Economics Club



SEATED: Miss Mason—Assistant Adviser, Helen Dunalski—Vice President, Donna Mae Graham—President, Mrs. Smith—Adviser.  
STANDING: Jean Keckley—Secretary, Virginia Wotta—Treasurer.

The Home Economics club, consisting of sixty girls under the sponsorship of Mrs. Margaret Smith and Miss Margaret Mason, has been very successful with the following officers: president, Donna Mae Graham; vice-president, Helen Dunalski; secretary, Jean Keckler; and treasurer, Virginia Wotta.

The Home Economics club is in charge of the Hot Lunch program. Mrs. Ed Ward was

the cook hired this year. The cook oversees the girls, and helps with cooking and dishwashing. The girls devote their time and effort to make it successful. Also during this time the girls become better classmates and learn co-operation. Throughout the club year, the girls have served various dinners.

The one main event of the year was the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet held November 6. A candle-light ceremony was conducted and thirty new members were initiated into the Home Economics club.

On November 23, twenty-four girls attended the Regional Home Economics Convention at Kalamazoo.

On April 25, the F. H. A., and F. F. A., sponsored a party for the Union City, Coldwater, and Quincy F. H. A., and F. F. A., of Branch County.

Six delegates were chosen from the club to attend the conference at Michigan State College on March 25 and 26. They were: Helen Dunalski, Mary Ann Bilicki, June Akins, Jeanette Himebaugh, Sally Filkins and Vernie Mercer. Some took part in the various talent shows. The Historian chose to represent Bronson at East Lansing was Mary Ann Bilicki.

—Vernie Mercer



FIRST ROW: Alice Fry, Valeda Delso, Betty Smoker, Mary Ann Bilicki, Joan Yesh, Lurline Kinter, Alice Smith, Barbara Ross, Shirley Snyder, Ramona Nettleman, Imo Gene Porter, Patsy Littlefield, Sally Filkins, Eleanor Davis, Joan Crabill.

SECOND ROW: Marguerette Rossetter, Anna Mae Green, LaVallo Alger, Geraldine Knapp, Inez Snyder, Rose Marie Smoker, Jean Crabill, Mary Ann Lane, Eileen Shook, Gloria Rzepka, Virginia Kruzka, Betty Warpup, Joyce Rubley, Wanda Boyd, Wanda Rigg, June Akins.

THIRD ROW: Barbara Byers, Phyllis Fitch, Carolyn Klemmer, Mary Kolassa, Margaret Knauss, Mary Lou Cook, Waunita Ganes, Doloris Bogucki, Maxine Burch, Luellen Honeywell, Patsy Wingfield, Barbara Kibiloski, Janet Blaskey, Vivian Mead, Mary Ellen Conaway, Joan Machan, Mary Deal, Eileen Heimert.

ABSENT: Barbara DePuy, Juanita Duncan, Mary Edna Graham, Jeanette Himebaugh, Barbara Rissman, Mary Jane Vooras, Vernie Mercer, Juanita Crabill, Mary Alice Jones, Alberta Mercer, Catherine Melton, Pearl Ann Losinski, Dorothy Fry.



# F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America, or the F. F. A. as it is commonly known, is the national organization of, by and for, boys studying vocational agriculture in public secondary schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-political, farm youth organization of voluntary membership, designed to take its place along with other agencies striving for the development of leadership, building of a more improvement of country life.

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SEATED: President—James Hollingshead, Advisor—Mr. Hilton, Vice President—Dean Brown.  
STANDING: Sentinel—Myron Ripley, Secretary—Dick Stough, Treasurer—Walter Green,  
Reporter—Jonathan Holmes.



FIRST ROW: John Seiler, Don Hollister, Butch Ripley, Burton Hawkins, Leonard Smith  
SECOND ROW: Stanley Swift, Milton Larimer, Jonathan Holmes, Don Sikorski, Ralph Crabill,  
Dale Cook.

# Scouts



## BOY SCOUTS

FIRST ROW: Donald Piatt, Duane Wiler, Ronnie Hartman, Charles Littlefield, Max Hilton, Kenneth Marshall.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Borough Scout Master, George Richardson, Charles Somerlott, Bill Austin, Bill Cuyler, Jerry Rissman, Dean Amos, Keith Tracy.



## CUB SCOUTS

FIRST ROW: Junior Finney, Paul Goodman, Bill Wingfield, Paul Kern, Robert Laughry, Nickey Whorley, Charles Collins.

SECOND ROW: Bob Hilton, Martin Crabill, Donald St. Clair, Raymond Kosmeric, Nathan Coats, Johnny Gurnsey.



## GIRL SCOUTS

FIRST ROW: Carolyn Klemmer, Patsy Wingfield, Betsy Hilton, Janet Adams, Wylla Wanar, Betty Nelson, Nancy Fair, Ruth Rierson, Inez Snyder, Priscilla Tritch.

SECOND ROW: Marylyn Cox, Donna Rae McIntyre, Jane Hunsicker, Patsy Littlefield, Barbara Kibiloski, Joyce Davis, Joan Fifer, Dorothy Largity, Sally Filkins, Wanda Boyd, Assistant Leader—Miss Mason.

THIRD ROW: Margaret Rissman, Phyllis Blain, Kay Weldon, Irene Bodley, Judy Wanar, Doris Boyd, Phyllis Hartman, Janis Vorce.

# Reception

Had you been there, you would have walked through the door with these words above your head: "Through these portals pass the sweetest people on earth!" Once inside, you would have seen the wonders of the beautiful make-believe world of "Candyland."

After the groups of formally dressed girls and boys entered the door, giant peppermint sticks, gum-drop trees, huge lollypops, and mounds of candy cotton which looked like sugary spider webs, greeted their eyes.

This make-believe candyland was the proud presentation of the Junior class of Bronson High School as a last farewell to the graduating Senior class.

The Junior-Senior reception was held in the high school gymnasium on May 24. The banquet was also held in the gym. The menu included chicken with all the trimmings, and pie a la mode for dessert. Mr. Bodley, Milton Larimer, the Senior class president, and Rita Geiger made the after-dinner speeches. Music for dancing was provided by Guy Fitzsimmons and his orchestra.

The Seniors extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to the Junior class for all the time and effort spent in preparing the 1947 Junior-Senior reception.

—Jeanne Crabill

## All Hi Parties

There were four All-Hi parties given during the year of 1946-1947. The first was the freshmen initiation held on September 27, at which the freshmen were duly initiated into senior high school. They were asked to introduce themselves and a mock wedding was held before they were considered a part of the senior high school student body. Dancing and games ended this hilarious evening of fun.

On Sadie Hawkins day, November 22, many Dogpatchers came to town for their annual evening of fun. There were costumes of all kinds, several Daisy Maes and Li'l Abners. Many contests were held and prizes given. At the stroke

of twelve, the Daisy Maes and Li'l Abners went back to Dogpatch to wait for another Sadie Hawkins day.

A dress-up party was held on the 10th of April, with dancing as the main feature of the evening. Another dress-up party was held on May 2. The gym was decorated in a spring theme. This party ended the All-Hi parties for the year and was the last one of all for the Seniors. The Student Council has always done a fine job of giving parties for the students, and at least one or two will always remain in the memories of Seniors long after graduation.

—Shirley Donnel

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The activities of the Bronson Chapter were confined mostly to their seed sales and boxing program.

The two delegates sent to the state-wide meeting of all chapters in good standing were Richard Stough and Jonathan Holmes. This year, James Hollingshead was sent to the state convention with the delegates to be raised to the degree of State Farmer.

permanent agricultural organization, and the

Most of the boys served on at least one of the numerous committees appointed this year. The chapter is always run by school boys enrolled in vocational agriculture, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Hilton, their advisor.

The National Emblem of the F. F. A. is composed of five minor emblems which have certain symbolic meanings. They are: the owl, symbolic of wisdom and knowledge; the rising sun, emblematic of progress and the new day that will dawn when all farmers are trained and have learned cooperation; the plow, the symbol of labor and tillage of the soil; and the cross-section of an ear of corn, representative of common interests. The American flag at the station of the reporter and the pictures of Washington and Jefferson at the station of our treasurer are not included on the National emblem.

—James Hollingshead

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