

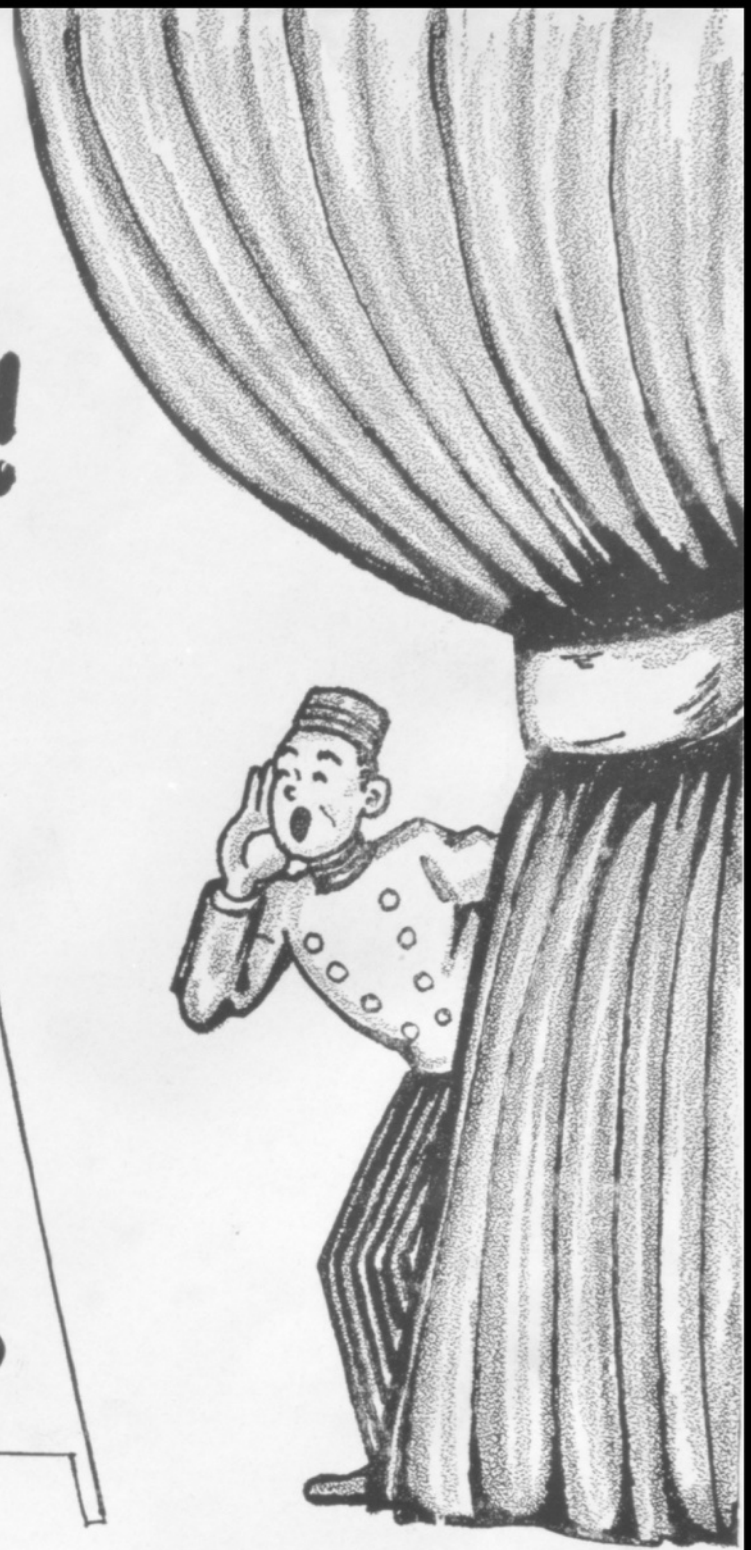


VIKING 1948





CURTAIN TIME!



Published by the Class of 1948
of
The Bronson Community Schools

The Stage is Set . . .



Foreword

With the completion of our high school days, we have assembled in this Annual the history and happenings of the past four years. Seldom can be found memories and friendships so deep and sincere as those during the school years of our lives.

The under-classmen, the reception, class plays, clubs, sports, and other activities are all recorded in this, our 1948 Viking, that they may be cherished and remembered as a dear part of our high school career in years to come.

—Eugene Niles.

Star Director



MARGARET THARP

Dedication

In appreciation and recognition of the integral part she represents in our high school lives, we dedicate our 1948 Viking to Margaret Tharp, our teacher and our friend.

For her remarkable work as advisor of the Hi-Times and director of our Senior Play as well as her patient work in the classroom, we wish to show our gratitude.

The impression she has made upon our lives will help us to meet life's challenges more courageously.

—Joan Hunsicker.



Prologue

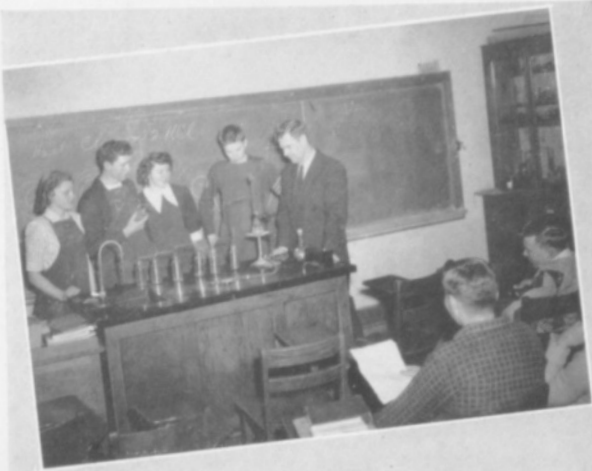
All the world's a stage,
And all the men and women are merely
players.

Shakespeare.

The Seniors of 1948 are graduat-
ing from high school to face star-
ring roles—to be given leading
parts as good citizens—to be the
main actors on the stage of the
world.

—RITA GEIGER.

Program



ACT I
The Classroom



ACT II
Music Maestro, Please



ACT III
In the Sports Arena



ACT IV
The Clubroom



LEFT TO RIGHT: Virginia Wotta, assistant business manager; Max Bucklin, business manager; Doyle Hoopingarner, co-editor; Elwyn Bodley, advisor; Sally Brink, associate editor; Joan Hunsicker, editor-in-chief.

The Authors of the Drama

Annual Staff

Work on the '48 Viking began in November soon after the Annual Staff was selected.

Much time was spent in planning the book and in engaging the photographers and engraver.

We are very grateful to the business men of Bronson for their generosity. Through the combined efforts of the Annual Staff, the Senior Class, and the Business Men, this book has been published for you, the students of B. H. S. We hope that it will serve as a happy reminder of your high school days.

—Sally Brink.



The Directors



ELWYN J. BODLEY

Superintendent

Mr. Bodley has been greatly responsible for the re-organization of our school district. President of the Michigan Association of Equalization of Schools and member of the Council of the Michigan Association of School Administration are just two of his many activities.

He has always shown a keen interest in students and student activities, and we of the senior class have enjoyed working with him as class advisor.

Principal

His work as principal at B. H. S., Head of the Agricultural Department and F. F. A., and Football Coach makes Mr. Hilton a busy man at school.

Out of school he is Vice-Chairman of the Branch County M. E. A. and Delegate to the Representative Assembly of the State M. E. A.

Mr. Hilton has been coaching football for the past eighteen years, and was coach at the time the Little "C" Conference was formed. We are especially proud of the fact that during the sixteen years of Conference football, Coach Hilton has coached eight championship teams.

—Clair Piatt.



CHARLES R. HILTON

Faculty



JAMES BOROUGH
Hey! !"
Junior High



DORA ANDERSON
"Everybody down."
English



MARJORIE CATHCART
*"All righ', let's have no
more of that."*
Junior High



VILLIAM B. STEWART
"Cut, Cut!"
Music Department



MARGARET THARP
"Are you tardy?"
Latin, Literature



STANLEY SWEET
"Time to get to work."
Shop



SIGARD SONNEVIL
"Come on fellows."
Shop



EUNICE MARTIN
*"Listen, while I talk
now."*
Home Ec., Junior High



RAY WORTMAN
*"Use your head instead
of your hands."*
Junior High



NOVA HAMILTON
*"Write your name on the
board."*
Commercial Dept.



MARGARET MASON
"Now class . . ."
Home Economics



GARETH HEISLER
*"May I have your
undivided attention?"*
Social Studies Dept.



CHARLES R. HILTON
*"Pipe down, let's get this
meeting over with."*
Agriculture Dept.



KENNETH CONLEY
*"Have you heard the lat-
est about my car?"*
Science, Mathematics

1948

Top Honor Students

RITA GEIGER Historian
DOYLE HOOPINGARNER . Valedictorian
JOAN HUNSICKER Salutatorian



Valedictory

OPPORTUNITIES

The opportunities that await our young men and women today exceed many times those that existed in this or any other country at any time in history. That is why I believe in American democracy.

Born Americans, especially young men and women of today, are inclined to take their blessings for granted. They fail to realize how greatly they are envied, not only for their material possessions, but for their opportunities by the youth of other countries.

Opportunities are unlimited in the fields of television, radar, chemical engineering, electronics, medicine, to say nothing of the opportunities that exist for advancement in the already established fields of business, education, industrial arts, and government.

Modern education, I sometimes think, makes things too easy for the young people of today. Boys and girls who have never had to work hard for anything are unprepared for the realities of life. They expect opportunity to open the door for them. They forget you've got to push! An important part of every student's training, in my opinion, is to accept tasks he doesn't like.

Only under world democracy, however can the world progress. Science cannot flourish in a concentration camp. It is no mere accident that America, the cradle of liberty, has also been the cradle of invention.

We who live under the Stars and Stripes enjoy the very essence of freedom: the right to work, play, study, worship, speak, listen,—the oppor-

Salutatory

DOORS TO THE FUTURE

Two great doors open to the Class of 1948 as they leave high school.

On one door are the words: **END OF FORMAL EDUCATION**. Through this door will pass those who have chosen to do away with text books and classroom instruction and go into various occupations. Inscribed on the other door are the words: **BEGINNING OF HIGHER EDUCATION**. This door will be opened by those who wish to further their knowledge by attending institutions of higher learning.

The decision we make in passing through these doors will probably have as far-reaching effect upon our lives as any decision we will ever make.

Why do some choose the door marked **END OF FORMAL EDUCATION**? Some are tired of school books and feel that college would not further their vocational aims. Others do not have sufficient funds to permit them to foster higher education and so are anxious to establish themselves in industry, farming, secretarial work, homemaking, or the armed services.

Many wonder if the graduates are prepared for these positions. Since our school is not totally a college prep school, students who plan to end formal education with graduation prepare themselves in high school through the commercial, home economics, vocational agriculture, or shop courses. They have been given an opportunity to concentrate their studies on subjects which they enjoy and so prepare themselves for the future. It is a well known fact that many of our outstanding citizens have been able to

Continued

Valedictory

tunity to achieve our destiny—the chance to venture and to succeed. America offers a beacon of hope to light the paths of people everywhere in the dark aftermaths of war.

Granted, our democracy isn't perfect. We still have injustice to combat: racial discrimination, abridgements of civil liberties, and unfair political or economic practices wherever they exist. Racial discrimination is the greatest of these evils, especially in the south. There they don't allow the negroes to ride in the same section of the street car with the whites, and various means are used to deprive them of their vote. That's because our technology has outstripped our social progress.

History in the making is always a little blurred and out of focus; but we do progress. Americans now generally accept the proposition that they are concerned with their neighbors' welfare, and that the area of the neighborhood is constantly widening as modern science is shrinking the world. They recognize that they owe a duty to society, and people everywhere are assuming a more direct and active interest in the running of their own communities.

The United States today is even more the land of opportunity than it was fifty years ago. To keep it so, by maintaining and perfecting our democracy, should be the aim of every true American.

This poem further expresses my feelings for opportunity.

OPPORTUNITY

By BERTON BRALEY

*With doubt and dismay you are smitten
You think there's no chance for you, son?
Why, the best books haven't been written
The best race hasn't been run,
The best score hasn't been made yet,
The best song hasn't been sung,
The best tune hasn't been played yet,
Cheer up, for the world is young!*

*No chance? Why the world is just eager
For things that you ought to create
Its store of true wealth is still meagre
Its needs are incessant and great,
It yearns for more power and beauty,
More laughter and love and romance,
More loyalty, labor and duty,
No chance—why there's nothing but chance!*

*For the best verse hasn't been rhymed yet,
The best house hasn't been planned,
The highest peak hasn't been climbed yet,
The mightiest rivers aren't spanned,
Don't worry and fret, faint hearted,
The chances have just begun,
For the Best jobs haven't been started,
The Best work hasn't been done.*

—Doyle Hoopingarner.

Salutatory

reach their goals merely through their own initiatives.

A large percent of our class is opening the door which leads to the **BEGINNING OF HIGHER EDUCATION**. Behind this door the students will continue to study but on an enlarged and intensified scale.

Some have chosen college for cultural development, to obtain a good general understanding of the finer arts. Others are interested in securing technical knowledge in a specific field. All of them feel that higher education will prepare them to better fill their positions in their community and in the economic world.

Most of these graduates have been preparing for college since they were freshmen by taking the college preparatory academic requirements. Besides striving for good scholastic grades, they have conscientiously tried to develop such characteristics as accuracy, punctuality, good sportsmanship, and dependability; traits which are so important to the success of every individual.

Real scholastic competition will be encountered for the first time by many of our graduates when they enter college. With two and a half million students enrolled in colleges and universities in this land of ours, competition to reach the top is going to be more challenging than ever before.

Regardless of the door which we choose to open, there is a definite place for each of us—a place where our individual personality, our talents, and our ambitions can contribute to the happiness and prosperity of ourselves and all mankind.

—Joan Hunsicker.



Senior Trip

Tradition was disregarded when the class of '48 made plans for their Senior trip.

A Great Lakes trip aboard the U. S. S. Noronic was the unanimous choice of the Seniors. The trip was arranged for by Max Bucklin who was in charge of all trip plans.

The class (every member present), embarked from Detroit on May 9. The points of interest included Sarnia, Canada and Mackinac Island. A masquerade and a formal dance were held during the two nights which the group spent on ship. The class arrived back in Detroit on the afternoon of the 11th with each member full of glorious memories of their three-day cruise.

—Max Bucklin.

Board of Education



TOP ROW: Robert Ryan, Harold C. Card, Glen A. Martin; BOTTOM ROW: Harold Bucklin, Bertrum Ward

Student Council



SEATED: Charles Hilton, advisor; Virginia Wotta; Jean Keckler, treasurer; Leo Fischer, president; Doyle Hoopingarner, alderman-at-large; Patsy Littlefield; Rita Geiger, secretary.

STANDING: Victor Nowicki, Jack White, Charles Littlefield, Dick Stough, Betty Lawrence, Mary Brown, Kenneth Belote, Darrell Elanchar,.



ACT I *Celebrated Seniors*

Stars 1948



PAT DE PUY

Senior Play '48.
Choir '45, '46, '47, '48.
Basketball '45, '46.
Home Ec. Club '45, '46, '47.
Hi-Times '45, '46, '47, '48.
Class Secretary '48.

DIED HEART ATTACK



MARY FOSTER

Entered '47.
Junior 4-H Leader '48.
Hi-Times '48.
Senior Play '48.

DIED HEART



JOE ELLISON

Entered '46.
Football '46, '47.
Track '47, '48.
Baseball '47, '48.
Hi-Times '48.
Senior Play '48.
Basketball '47.

Killed?



SALLY BRINK

Entered '46.
Choir '47, '48.
Basketball '47, '48.
Hi-Times '47, '48.
Associate editor of Hi-Times '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.
Associate editor of '48 Viking.



RITA GEIGER

Class Vice President '45, '46.
Class President '47.
Student Council Secretary '47, '48.
Choir '46, '47, '48.
Hi-Times '46, '47, '48.
Co-Editor of Hi-Times '48.
Sextette '47, '48.
Basketball '46, '47, '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.
D. A.R. Pilgrim '48.



MARION BOGART

Choir '45, '46, '47, '48.
Sextette '46, '47, '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play, student director and prompter '48.

Fran



LEO FISCHER

Football '44, '45, '46, '47.
Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Alderman '45, '46, '47.
Student Council President '48.
Track '46.
Baseball '48.
Junior Play '47.
Hi-Times '47, '48.

DIED HEART



ROBERT KIBILOSKI

Football '44, '45, '46, '47.
Alderman '45, '46, '47.
Track '45.

*BARBARA
AND SUMMERS*



MELVIN LARIMER

Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Football '44, '45, '46, '47.
Baseball '47, '48.
Track '46, '47, '48.
Band '46, '47, '48.
Senior Play '48.
Junior Play '47.
Choir '47, '48.
Sextette '46, '47, '48.
F. F. A. '46.
Band Manager '48.
Assistant Band Manager '47.
Class Vice President '47.
Class President '48.

TRIBUN BAND LEADER



Seniors

Senior Officers

Left to Right

MAX BUCKLIN Vice-President
 PATRICIA DePUY Secretary
 MELVIN LARIMER President
 VIRGINIA WOTTA Treasurer
 ELWYN BODLEY Advisor

Senior History

Once upon an autumn day, in September 1944, a group of prospective Freshmen looked over the possibilities of Bronson High School. Thirty-seven enrolled, determined to make history. And make history, they did.

Setting the stage for the first act of their high school years as Freshmen, they were well represented in all activities and sports.

During their Sophomore year, the class presented a "Truth or Corny-quences" assembly, received a prize for their float in the Hallowe'en parade, and held many sandwich sales. They also started a precedent by being the first class to order their class rings while still in their Sophomore year.

As Juniors, the class of '48 really made it's debut. They sold refreshments at all home football and basketball games to boost their treasury. On December 19, a hilarious comedy, "Just Ducky," was presented by the class, netting them \$218. Their Junior-Senior Reception, held in the Spring, was based on a unique idea with "Candyland" as the theme.

After completing the first three acts of their high school careers, the class began it's final act as Seniors. Social activities began with a group

of Seniors presenting a program at a December P. T. A. meeting, and included their Senior play, and attending a meeting of the Women's Club on April 8.

Honor students were announced in February, with the top students having earned some of the highest averages ever made in B. H. S.

Disregarding tradition, the class enjoyed a boat cruise for their Senior Trip.

For a last bit of fun, the Seniors presented a memorable class day assembly.

Highlighting their many social events, the Seniors were guests of the Juniors at the Reception held on May 22.

In the customary caps and gowns, the Seniors began their exciting commencement week with Baccalaureate services.

And then, on the evening of May 27, the Seniors presented an encore to climax their high school careers, their commencement exercises. The graduates received their diplomas, recalling the many memories and the history they were leaving behind, and their justified motto, "Small but Mighty!"

Rita Geiger

Senior Snaps



JOAN HUNSICKER

Band '45, '46, '47, '48.
Basketball '45, '46, '47.
Choir '47, '48.
Sextette '47, '48.
Student Council Secretary '46.
Class Secretary '45, '46, '47.
Hi-Times '45, '46, '47, '48.
Co-editor of Hi-Times '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.
Editor-in-Chief of '48 Viking.



ALAN KALVIN

Band '45, '46, '47, '48.
Choir '47, '48.
Pep Band '48.
Basketball '47.
Baseball '47.

WAYNE WILSON

Football '45.

WILSON



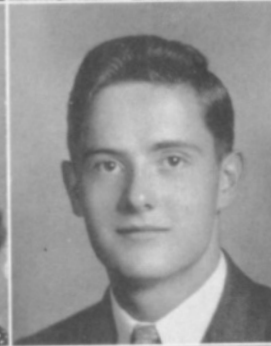
BETTY FAIRBANKS

Band '45, '46, '47, '48.
Choir '46.
Home Ec. Club '45.
Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Hi-Times '47, '48.
Junior Play Prompter '47.

JUNE AKINS

Home Ec. Club '47, '48.
Hi-Times '48.
Jr. 4-H Leader '48.

AKINS



CALVIN LILLY

Entered '46.
Annual '48.

LILLY

DONALD SIKORSKI

F. F. A. '46, '47, '48.



PHYLLIS FITCH

Choir '48.
Home Ec. Club '45, '46, '47, '48.

FITCH

WANDA RIGG

Home Ec. Club '45, '46, '47, '48.
Choir '48.

*Bronson
Factory*



HOWARD WELLS

F. F. A. '47, '48.

*FARMER
BROOK*

LEONARD HERMAN

F. F. A. '46, '47, '48.

*Killed
himself*



VIRGINIA WOTTA

Annual Staff '48.
Junior Play Prompter '47.
Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Band '46, '47, '48.
Choir '45.
Hi-Times '47.
Class Treasurer '48.
Home Ec. Club '45, '47.
Home Ec. Club Treasurer '47.
Alderman '48.

*Sec.
Bronson*

MAX BUCKLIN

Football '44, '45, '46, '47.
Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Baseball '46, '47, '48.
Track '47, '48.
Hi-Times '47, '48.
Choir '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.
Assembly Committee Chairman '47.
Class Treasurer '47.
Vice President of Class '48.
Business Manager of '48 Viking.

*FARMER
DANSON*



CLAIR PIATT

Football '44.
Baseball '46, '47, '48.
Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.

*FARMER
BRONSON*

WANDA KIBILOSKI

Home Ec. Club '45, '48.
Junior Play '47.

*Died
of
Cancer
Colorado*



DALE SLISHER

Sextette '46, '47, '48.
Choir '47, '48.

*FARMER
BRONSON*

EUGENE NILES

Entered '46.
Football '46, '47.
Basketball '47, '48.
Sextette '47, '48.
Choir '47, '48.
Baseball '47, '48.
Track '47, '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.
Hi-Times '48.



ROSE MARIE SMOKER

Home Ec. Club '45, '47, '48.
Basketball '45.

DRAWN

BETTY LAWRENCE

Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Band '45, '46, '47, '48.
Hi-Times '47, '48.
Senior Play '48.
Junior Play '47.
Choir '48.
Alderman '48.



DOYLE HOOPINGARTNER

Choir '47, '48.
Sextette '46, '47, '48.
Band '45, '46, '47, '48.
Football '44, '45, '46, '47.
Basketball '45, '46, '47, '48.
Baseball '46, '47, '48.
Track '45, '46, '47, '48.
Hi-Times '48.
Co-editor of '48 Viking.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.
Class President '45, '46.
Student Council Treasurer '47.
Student Council Vice President '48.
Band President '47.
Choir Vice President '47.
Choir President '48.

PETER LAMPMAN

F. F. A. '46, '47, '48.
President of F. F. A. '48.



EUGENE PIATT

Football '44.
Choir '47, '48.

JONATHAN HOLMES

Football '44, '47.
Basketball '47.
F. F. A. '47, '48.
Junior Play '47.
Senior Play '48.



RICHARD NOWAK

Football '44, '45, '46, '47.
Basketball '46.
Track '45, '46, '47, '48.

Class Will

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

I, June Akins, will my quick ways, to Maxine Burch.

I, Sally Brink, will my freckles, to Beth Davis.

I, Marion Bogart, will my ability to get A's from Mrs. Hamilton, to Jeanette Himebaugh.

I, Max Bucklin, will my Dopey's column, to Miss Anderson.

I, Pat DePuy, will my happy high school days, to all the Freshmen.

I, Joe Ellison, will my working ability at shop, to Morris Kollassa.

I, Betty Fairbanks, will my devilishness, to the Blaski twins.

I, Leo Fischer, will my ability of always having an excuse, to Ronnie Hartman.

I, Phyllis Fitch, will my blonde hair, to Joan Machan.

I, Mary Foster, will my will I didn't will, to somebody who will need it.

I, Rita Geiger, will my left-handed tactics, including my left-hand fountain pen, to Inez Snyder.

I, Leonard Herman, will my special seat in Hilton's class, to anyone who deserves it.

I, John Holmes, will my part of Mr. Webster in the Senior Play, to Bill Richhart.

I, Doyle Hoopingarner, will my position as quarter-back on the football team, to Buzzy Littlefield.

I, Joan Hunsicker, will my height, to Esther Torry.

I, Alan Kalvin, will my speed (?), to Richard Robbins.

I, Bob Kibiloski, will my ability to drive around the streets on the school's time, to Earl Falk.

I, Wanda Kibiloski, will my silentness, at times, to Mary Ann Bilicki.

I, Peter Lampman, will my bashfulness, to M. N.

I, Melvin Larimer, will my place as tenor in Sextette, to "Red" Smoker.

I, Betty Lawrence, will my ability to argue with Mr. Hilton in Student Council, to Pat Littlefield.

I, Calvin Lilly, will my bashfulness, to Butch Ripley.

I, Russ Niles, will my carbuncle scars to Bill Austin, to be placed side by side with his scars earned during next year's football season.

I, Dick Nowak, will my safe driving ability, to anyone who wants a thrill out of life.

I, Clair Piatt, will my ability to attend school every day, to John Seiler.

I, Eugene Piatt, will my unruly hair, to Dick May.

I, Wanda Rigg, will my short legs, to Wylia Wanar.

I, Donald Sikorski, will my bashfulness, to Leon Blaski.

I, Dale Shishar, will my ability to sing, to Don Hollister.

I, Rose Marie Smoker, will my ability to get along with the teachers, to Barbara Kibiloski.

I, Virginia Wotta, will my ability to stick, to one guy for at least three years, to Garcille McDonald.

I, Howard Wells, will my weight, to Johnny Yesh.

I, Wayne Wilson, will my riding on No. 7 school bus, to Mr. Sweet who likes to ride with a good driver.

Signed, sealed, and published by the class of Nineteen Hundred Forty-Eight to be their last will and testament.

Pat DePuy.

Prophecy

This article was clipped from the society page of the May 27, 1958 edition of the *New York Times*. We thought it would be of interest to former Bronson High School students as to what the Class of 1948 is now doing.

—Rita Geiger.

Rita Geiger, editor of Harper's Bazaar, was hostess at a reunion for the Class of 1948 of Bronson High School, Bronson, Michigan, held at her penthouse in the Waldorf Astoria last evening. The party may be classified as one of the outstanding social events of the year. Every member of the class was present, some of them now being listed in the social register, noted political figures, and popular people of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Bucklin assisted her in entertaining the guests. Mrs. Bucklin will be remembered as the former Joan Hunsicker, who made her debut in Carnegie Hall a few years ago. Max is now head coach at the University of Michigan.

Chief chef at the Waldorf, Donald Sikorski, served a wonderful dinner, carefully planned by Wanda Kibiloski, who personally supervises all of the U. S. President's meals.

Sally Brink and Betty Lawrence poured coffee. Sally is superintendent of Occupational Therapists at Alcatraz, and Betty, formerly a nurse at Mayo Clinic, will leave for Africa next week to recruit student nurses.

The youngest President of the United States, Jonathan Holmes, III, was there, accompanied by the Secretary of the Treasury, Doyle Hoopinger, and the Secretary of Agriculture, Howard Wells.

Wayne Wilson, New York City Fire Chief, had to leave early as his assistance was needed at a fire.

Mary Foster, a chorus girl at the El Morocco, spent the evening discussing school days with June Akins, Phyllis Fitch, and Wanda Rigg. June has been the star soloist with the Metropolitan Opera for the last five years. Phyllis arrived on crutches. She suffered a fall last week while doing her tight rope act with the Ringling Brothers Circus. Wanda nearly missed the party, as she has been in Siberia on location for her latest movie, "Ice Box Inez."

The famed Dr. Eugene Russel Niles brought along several autographed copies of his latest book, "Simplified Physics for the Average Mind."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kibiloski (Rose Marie Smoker) had to leave early. Bob is the star center for the Detroit Lions, and had to rejoin his team. Rose Marie exchanged household hints with Mrs. Dwight Green, the former Pat DePuy, before she left.

Melvin Larimer, who now has his own radio show, "Pudge's Pandemonium," delighted the guests with several songs.

The successful stockbroker and millionaire, Leo Fischer, thrilled everyone with tales of his latest trip to the South Pole. Leo, who is said to be the most progressive man in the country, heads expeditions as a hobby.

Richard Nowak amazed his former classmates by speaking Russian fluently. He was recently appointed as our ambassador to Russia.

Betty Fairbanks and Joe Ellison were among the late arrivals. Betty, nurse and manager of the Red Head's Basketball Team, just returned from a nation-wide tour. Joe, who is the National Roller Skating Champion, had an engagement at Madison Square Gardens.

By popular request, Alan Kalvin played a trombone solo. He is first trombonist in the Philadelphia Philharmonic Orchestra.

Virginia Wotta and Marion Bogart arrived together. Virginia has refused many movie contracts to continue with her acting career on Broadway. Marion, the popular ballad singer, has just completed a tour of the Ozarks, gathering material for her new musical.

The Mayor of New York City, Dale Slusher, the Secretary of Labor, Gene Piatt, and the founder of "Lilly's Lectro-Planes," Calvin Lilly, reminisced over the memories of their Civics class days.

Owner of the Gushing Oil Wells in Texas, Peter Lampman, and owner of the world's largest dude ranch in Wyoming, Leonard Herman, fascinated friends with their western appearance.

Clair Piatt, president of the Trans-Continental Helio-jet-planes, offered all of the guests free transportation to their homes after the party.

Understudies

Junior Class



Left to Right:
 MARGARET THARP Advisor
 VIOLET MAJOR President
 MARJORIE NORTON Treasurer
 LaMAR TAYLOR Vice-President
 HELEN DUNALSKI Secretary

Numbering fifty-three, this was the largest Junior Class Bronson Community School ever had.

Juniors took active part in all of the extra-curricular activities.

Selling refreshments at games and presenting their Junior play comprised their efforts to enlarge their treasury.

Myron Ripley, LaMar Taylor, and Don Fowler were chosen for Boys' state and Jean Keckler was chosen for Girls' State by the class and faculty.

The Junior-Senior Prom was given in honor of the Seniors on May 22. The beautifully decorated gym, the delightful banquet and dance afterwards was enjoyed by everyone present. Thanks and good luck to the Senior Class of 1949.

—Virginia Wotta.

Left to Right:

FIRST ROW: Isabelle Bellman, Dorothy Fry, Mary Ann Billeki, Alverta Mercer, Pearl Ann Losinski, Joan Yesh, Marjorie Norton.

SECOND ROW: Doran Rubley, John Seiler, Betty Warpup, Joyce Bucklin, Luellen Honeywell, Lloyd Lilly.

THIRD ROW: John Yesh, Lee He'mert, Robert Jones, Robert Herman, Earl Brower, LaMar Taylor, Leason Modert.

FOURTH ROW: Earl Falk, Leonard Smith, Donald Fowler.



FRONT ROW: Valeda Kelso, Mary Ellen Conaway, Helen Dunalski, Violet Major, Alice Fry, Jean Keckler, Mary Edna Graham, Jeanette Himebaugh.

SECOND ROW: Dorothy Hollister, Donald Hollister, Dorothy Wotta, Maxine Burch, Roger Yesh, Jonas Rigg, Mary Jane Voorus.

THIRD ROW: Joyce Rubley, Leslie Herman, Richard May, Marvin Smoker, Jack White, Morris Kolassa.

FOURTH ROW: Richard Stough, Frank Buholz, Arthur Chard, Myron Ripley, Robert Speck.

ABSENT: Dolores Bosucki, Dale Cook, Mary Lou Cook, Johnny Gladstone, Betty Hoffer, Margaret Knauss, Joan Machan, Florence Rinehart, Barbara Kissman.



Supporting Cast

Sophomore Class

The large Sophomore Class lost no time this year in making itself known around school.

Their interest in sports was displayed on the gridiron early in the season and continued throughout the year.

Members of Band, Choir, Home Ec. Club, Hi-Times, Sextette, and other activities include Sophomores.

Sandwich sales, a cider and donut sale, and a dance after a basketball game were among their many projects to raise money to bolster up their treasury.

They presented an hilarious comedy assembly for the High School in March.

This class shows much promise for the future.

Motto: Today Decides Tomorrow.

Class Color: Blue and Gold.

—Mary Foster.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Jane Hunsicker President
 Betty Smoker Secretary
 Eleanor Davis Vice President
 Marguerette Rossetter Treasurer
 Nova Hamilton Advisor



FRONT ROW: Patsy Littlefield, Phyllis Lunsford, Vivian Mead, Nancy Potter, Norma Pabst, Joan Crabill, Inez Snyder, Sally Filkins, Elizabeth Torrey.

SECOND ROW: Barbara Ross, Violet Grindle, Richard Boyd, Mary Kolassa, Wendell Green, Richard Burnside, Mary Deal, Wanda Boyd.

THIRD ROW: Donald Brown, Kenneth Belote, Gloria Rzepka, Ralph Burch, Aubrey Holt, Jack Barr, Priscilla Tritch, Patsy Wingfield, Barbara Kibiloski.

FOURTH ROW: Leon Blaskie, David Croy, Maynard Greeley, Bill Cuyler, Bill Ward, Gerald Rossetter, Franklin Garman.



FIRST ROW: Marguerette Rossetter, Betty Smoker, Lurlene Kinter, Carolyn Klemmer, Garcille McDonald, Eleanor Davis, Jane Hunsicker, Patricia Rifenburg.

SECOND ROW: Ramona Nettleson, Imo Gene Porter, L. D. Keller, Virginia Kruszka, Dean Stevenson, Anna Mae Green, Dolla Mae Heineman.

THIRD ROW: Thomas Francisco, Raymond Blaskie, Edward Frohrip, Jerry Rissman, Paul Stemen, Kenneth Jowsay.

FOURTH ROW: Melvin Schragg, Dean Grindle, Walton Lane, Burtis Lash, Bill Richhart, Bill Austin.

ABSENT: Richard Akins, Janet Blaskie, Clifford Ditmar, Irene Kirby, Shirley Snyder.

Future Players

Freshman Class



Left to Right:

Dora Anderson Advisor
 Angeline Blaskie Secretary
 Nataline Kinter Vice President
 Randall Andrews Treasurer
 Richard Robbins President

One of the largest Freshmen classes on record was enrolled in Bronson High School last September.

The freshmen contributed much to Athletics as well as Band, Choir, Home Ec. Club, Sextette, Hi-Times, and Student Council.

The class gave generously to the various charity drives which were staged during the year.

The class of '51 presented their All-Star Assembly Program on February 19. The program included a variety of entertainment with each member of the class taking part.

Good luck to this fine class during their high school future.

—Alan Kalvin.

FIRST ROW: Janean Honeywell, Alice Selby, Betty Bohacz, JoAnne Bawden, Betty Nelson, Nataline Kinter, Janet Adams, Mary Ann Kregger.

SECOND ROW: Marie Rice, Clarence Monroe, Max Haylett, Richard Behnke, James Nowak, Ernest Harmon, Julian Bilicki, Bill White, Betty Reed.

THIRD ROW: Delmar Dove, Irvin Swift, Charles Bailey, Alvin Losinski, Victor Nowicki, Clifton Rasey, Earl Goshorn, Donna Shaffer.

FOURTH ROW: Charles Somerlott, Janet Kostielny, Dale Mitschelen, Leo Hoard, Ross Hart, Richard Robbins, Carl Bogart, Richard Rubley, Wylla Wanar, Lois Parsons.



FIRST ROW: Verda Gump, Virginia Nagle, Dorothy Laughry, Betsy Hilton, Frances Gigowski, Angeline Blaskie, Beth Davis, Glenda Fair, Sarah Metzger, Esther Torrey, Roger Smoker.

SECOND ROW: Allan Alleshouse, Charles Littlefield, Jack Riegler, Robert Gump, John Wasikowski, Max Wells, Clyde Milliman, Marvin Signeski.

THIRD ROW: Nancy Fair, Margaret Graham, Allen Shcup, Ambrose Sikorski, Marvin Papke, Larry Taylor, Marilyn Green, Ronnie Hartman, Richard Byers.

FOURTH ROW: Mary Harrison, Goldie Wilson, Jean Hollister, Randall Andrews, Alvin Shaw, Harvey Whitcomb.

ABSENT: Richard Bowerman, Rolland Barclay, Harold Collins, Arnold Foster, James Krienbrink, Richard Red, George Richardson, Lyle Wiser.



FIRST ROW: Robert Anderson, Buck Jones, Max Hilton, Terry Marz, Norman Heineman, Keith Wilber, Norman Mock, Constance Wilson, Bonnie Forker, Edna Switzer, Harriet Sikorski, Betty Albright, Emelyne Lane.

SECOND ROW: Lewis Uhrig, Jerry Boyd, Raymond McMurtree, Junior Losinske, Mary Brown, Erma Dehoff, Margaret Kehoe, Donna McIntyre, Marjorie Ball, Dola Mae Hart, Doris Boyd.

THIRD ROW: Ted Kosmerick, Walter Lowinski, Vernon Kingsley, Dean Amos, Barbara Washburn, Henry Schragg, Philip Hoard, Marilyn Cox, Kenneth Marshall, Shockey Meek, Lester Green, Clara Mae Vorce.

FOURTH ROW: Maxine Woodcox, Barbara Blain, Betty Savage, Alice Hoard, June Buholz, James Hoyt, Roland Sikorski, Marshall Skinner, Robert Belote, DeWayne Wiler, Keith Tracy, Patty Porter, Joan Fifer.
 ABSENT: Joyce Davis, Carolyn Harrison, Lillian Lampman, Valda Parker, Ellen Swift.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Dola Hart	Secretary
Max Hilton	Treasurer
Jerry Boyd	President
Margaret Kehoe	Vice President
Marjorie Cathcart	Advisor

Eighth Grade

Probably the greatest contribution that the Eighth Grade offered the school was its Safety Patrol organization. They have done a remarkable job to help prevent accidents on our busy highway and round-about the school.

Besides this, the boys and girls of the Eighth Grade have taken active part in Sports, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Band, and Student Council.

Their social activities included the Initiation Party given for the Seventh Graders at which they took a hayride to the Scout Camp for a pot-luck supper around the campfire. The Seventh Graders were conducted down "Spook Trail" to complete the initiatory party. A Box Social and a Movie Party were held during the year to celebrate the birthdays of Eighth Graders. An enjoyable trip concluded a happy and successful year in Junior High.

Leadership has been outstanding in the drives for the Christmas Seal Sale, March of Dimes, and Junior Red Cross.

Through splendid co-operation and good organization, they have shown a marked progress and achievement. True to their motto, they hope to go ever onward thru high school with high scholastic rating and worth-while social achievements.

Class Colors: Blue and Gold.

Class Flower: Golden Gladiola.

—Jonathan Holmes.



FRONT ROW: (Left to right) Tommy Norton, Donald Crull, Jacob Dove, Norita Wilkins, Margaret Rissman, Phyllis Blain, Carol Summers, Jeanne Conklin, Charlotte Foster, Betty Haylett, Becky Rubley, Donald Piatt, Bob Hilton, Darrell Blanchard.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Martin Crabill, Betty Metzger, Charlotte Rubley, Harold Shaw, Beth McCracken, Lois Rice, LeRoy Bontrager, Donald Behnke, Kay Weldon, Doreen Grindle.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) Robert Meyer, Irene Bodley, Kenneth Duncan, Ralph Forker, Virginia Van Pelt, Judy Wanar, Alice Wilson, Vivian Kirby, Lawrence Maxwell, Gordon Bowerman, Virgil Harman, Lawrence Kinter.

FOURTH ROW: (l to r) Roberta Bullock, Eva Hoyt, Mary Lou Keller, Rolland Kotz, Jerry Shoup, Gerald Hollister, Gine Mast, Allyn Niles, Vern Haywood, Bill Fifer, Roger Adams, Leonard Hoard, Jimmie Mast.

ABSENT: Robert Kreienbrink, Edwin Reed, Gearldine Schragz, Geraldine West.

Seventh Grade

"If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well." This is the motto which has carried the Seventh Graders through their first year in Junior High School.

The Seventh Grade as well as the Eighth, has been active in Safety Patrol work. With Bob Hilton as captain and lieutenants, Kenneth Duncan, Jerry Hillister, Bill Fifer, Martin Crabill, and Rolland Kotz, they have done much to promote safety in our school.

The Seventh Graders showed keen interest in Basketball and Football as well as Band, Scouts, and our Student Government.

Sandwich sales proved a successful method of enlarging the treasury of this ambitious class.

The big party of the year was a Valentine Party at which everyone received a valentine and enjoyed a good time.

With one successful year of Junior High behind them, this class is eagerly looking forward to being the "Senior" class of Junior High next year.

Class Motto: "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well."

Class Flower: Red Rose.

—Howard Wells.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Roberta Bullock	Secretary
Allyn Niles	Treasurer
James Borough	Advisor
Virginia Van Pelt	Vice-President
Beth McCracken	President



ACT II *Music Maestro, Please*



Twirlers

VIRGINIA WOTTA

LURLENE KINTER

JOAN CRABILL

LOIS JEAN HUNSICKER

JANET ADAMS

Adding to the color and sparkle of the High School Band are the twirlers. They appeared with the band at all marching engagements this year, and did solo twirling at many of the basketball games.

As Drum Major, Virginia Wotta carries much of the responsibility of the performance of the band. She has done a fine job as Drum Major for the past two years.

Lurlene Kinter, Joan Crabill, and Lois Jean Hunsicker as Majorettes displayed fine twirling abilities throughout the year, as evidenced in their rating at the many twirling contests, and their snappy performances with the band. Janet Adams was accepted as the fourth Majorette during the second semester.

Bronson High is proud of its twirlers and the part that they play in its Marching Band.

—Marion Bogart.

Band



WILLIAM B. STEWART

The first performances of the Marching Band were presented at the Coldwater Fair on September 10 and 13. At the Centerville Fair on September 20 they gave a pageant entitled, "John and Mary Go to the Fair," with unique formations and music. The band was awarded first place for this exhibition.

The Band marched at all the home football games and made one guest appearance on the Quincy gridiron at which time they joined with the Quincy band for clever formations. On the home field their shows included a lighted baton twirling exhibition.

The S. W. M. B. O. A. Festival at Sturgis was one of the big events of the year.

A Christmas Concert was presented on December 19. May 7 was the date of the contest Concert presented by the band.

The band was awarded first division rating at State Contest last year and continued their fine record at District Contest this year.

The Band members were very proud of their new uniforms which they received in time for the Christmas Concert. The uniform drive was sponsored by band parents.

Much credit for the success of the Bronson H. S. Band goes to our director Wm. B. Stewart who has worked untiringly and diligently in producing a fine organization.

—Joan Hunsicker.

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Joan Hunsicker, Betty Lawrence, Nataline Kinter, Irene Bodley, Alice Wilson, Charlotte Rubley, Beth McCracken.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Patsy Wingfield, Goldie Wilson, Nancy Fair, Marilyn Cox Patsy Littlefield, Allyn Niles, Mary Deal, Alice Fry, Violet Major, Donna Rae McIntyre, Jane Hunsicker.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) Carolyn Klemmer, Ambrose Sikorski, Eva Hoyt, Phyllis Lunsford, Charles Littlefield, Tommy Norton, Vernon Kingsley, Norman Mock, William Wingfield, Margaret Kalvin, JoAnn Eawden, Victor Nowicki, Richard Robbins, Joyce Bucklin.

FOURTH ROW: (l to r) Doyle Hoopingarner, Priscilla Tritch, Randall Andrews, Melvin Larimer, Dean Amos, Gerald Rossetter.

FIFTH ROW: (l to r) Donald Brown, Buck Jones, Robert Meyer, Sally Filkins, Bill Ward, Glenda Fair, Janet Adams, Lurlene Kinter, Virginia Wotta, Joan Crabill, Lois Jean Hunsicker, William Stewart, Director: Leason Modert and Roger Adams, Color bearers.



Choir

The Minstrel Show which was presented on April 2 was the highlight of this year's performances of the seventy-voice high school choir under the direction of Mr. Wm. Stewart. "I'm a Lonely Little Petunia in an Onion Patch," "Red River Valley," and "Dry Bones" were a few of the songs featured.

The other program at which the choir delighted a large audience was the Christmas Con-

cert presented on December 19 in collaboration with the band. Besides an appropriate Medley of Christmas Carols with band accompaniment, the group sang, "Beautiful Savior."

The choir was a voluntary organization and met twice a week to rehearse.

The choir was just one of the many activities which we enjoyed while in high school.

—Eugene Piatt.

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Betsy Hilton, Ramona Nettleman, Beth Davis, Sally Filkins Dorothy Laughry, Angeline Blaskie, Ralph Burch, Gene Piatt, Dale Mitschelen, Doyle Hoopingarner, Max Facklin, Eugene Niles, Dale Slisher, Leason Modert, Randall Andrews, Clarence Monroe, Lloyd Lilly, Alvin Shaw, Richard Bucklin, Betty Smoker, Pat Littlefield, Betty Nelson, Margaret Graham.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Betty Warup, Marion Bogart, Rita Geiger, Garcille McDonald, Betty Lawrence, Priscilla Tritch, Mary Ellen Conaway Carl Bogart, Bill Ward, Richard Robbins, Bill Cuyler, Alan Kalvin, Myron Ripley, Melvin Larimer, Janean Honeywell, Mary Edna Graham, Sarah Jane Metzger, Nancy Fair, Natalie Kinter, Glenda Fair, Jane Hunsicker, Wanda Rigg.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) Luellen Honeywell, Sally Brink, Carolyn Klemmer, Betty Jane Bohacz, Joan Hunsicker, Pat DePuy, Janet Kostielny, Phyllis Fitch, Inez Snyder, Joan Crabill, Lois Parsons, Mary Kolassa, Violet Major, Lurlene Kinter, JoAnn Bawden, Pearl Ann Losinski, Marguerette Rossetter, Eleanor Davis, Isabelle Bellman, Phyllis Lunsford, Barbara Ross.



The Double Sextette is completing its second successful year under the direction of Mr. Wm. Stewart.

The group this year has enjoyed singing for the Christmas Concert, Kiwanis Club, P. T. A., and Rotary Club besides numerous out-of-town engagements. Its record of thirty performances last year was equaled or surpassed this year.

Nataline Kinter and Joan Bawden, sopranos; Bill Austin, tenor; and Richard Robbins, bass, were welcomed to the sextette this year.

The Seniors who will be missed, and who will miss the enjoyment of singing with the Sextette next year are Joan Hunsicker, Marion Bogart, Rita Geiger, altos; Melvin Larimer, Dale Slisher, tenors; and Doyle Hoopingarner and Russ Niles, basses.

—Dale Slisher.

Sextettes



FIRST ROW: (left to right) Nataline Kinter, JoAnne Eawden, Violet Major, Joan Hunsicker, Rita Geiger, Marion Bogart.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Doyle Hoopingarner, Eugene Niles, Richard Robbins, Melvin Larimer, Dale Slisher, ABSENT: Bill Austin

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Priscilla Tritch, Charles Littlefield, Randall Andrews, Donald Brown, Bill Ward, Joan Hunsicker, Betty Fairbanks, Jane Hunsicker.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Alan Kalvin, Gerald Rossetter, Violet Major.



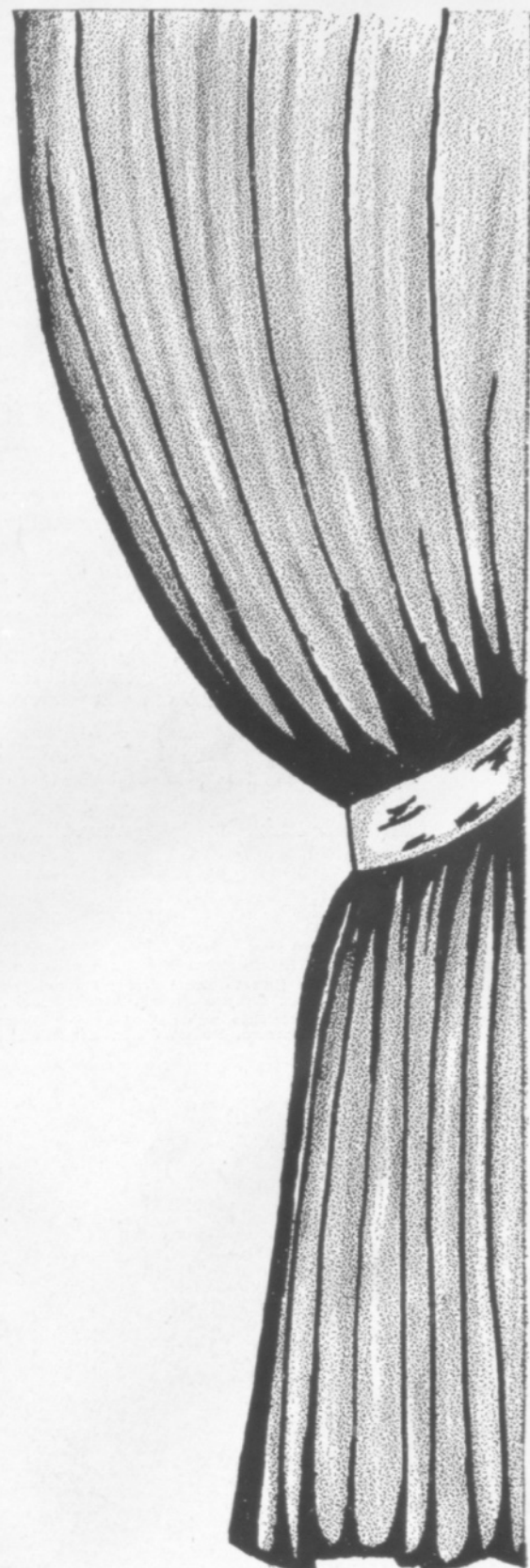
Pep Band

Something new was added to the school spirit when a Pep Band was organized this year. Eleven Band members were selected by Mr. Wm. Stewart to form the first Pep Band in this vicinity.

The Pep Band was on hand to strike up a march at all the out of town football games, and most of the basketball games and pep meetings. Their spirited rendition of the "Fight Song" always seemed to add vigor to the crowd and team.

—Betty Fairbanks.





ACT III *In the Sports Arena*



CHARLES R. HILTON

Football Champs

Bronson Vikings retained the championship title this year by finishing the season as number one team in the Little "C" Conference.

The Little "C" teams were very evenly matched this year. This made each game interesting to the spectator and a challenge to the team.

An inexperienced line in addition to the unusual temperature (95° F) probably contributed to the Vikings first and only defeat of the year. A practice game with Three Rivers Reserves helped to give the team experience.

The outstanding game of the season came when the Vikings met at Reading. Reading at that time being the only undefeated team in the Conference. An eighty-yard run gave Bronson the lead from the beginning. The game stood

6-0 until late in the third quarter when a Reading pass connected for a touchdown. The extra point gave them a 6-7 lead.

With four minutes remaining Bronson recovered a fumble and with a series of end runs marched for a touchdown. The extra point put the Vikings in the lead 13-7.

Nine seniors who will not be seen on the B. H. S. gridiron again are: Bob Kibby, Dick Nowak, ends; Joe Ellison, John Holmes, tackles; Leo Fischer, Russ Niles, Halfbacks; Doyle Hoopingarner, quarterback; Melvin Larimer, fullback; and Max Bucklin, center.

Good luck to the team of next year.

—Max Bucklin.

FIRST ROW: (left to right) Max Bucklin, Doyle Hoopingarner, Charles Hilton, coach; Leo Fischer, captain; Eugene Niles.
 SECOND ROW: (left to right) James Borough, coach; John Seiler, Bill Austin, Melvin Larimer, Billy Ellison, Robert Kibiloski, Bill Cuyler, Jonathan Holmes, Richard Nowak, Frank Buholz, Leonard Smith, Don Fowler, Frank Pustay, coach.
 THIRD ROW: (left to right) Earl Brower, Roger Yesh, John Gladstone, Jerry Rissman, Richard Stough, Jack Barr, Myron Ripley, Jack White, Frank Garman, Robert Jones, Kenneth Belote.



Varsity Players



FIRST ROW: (left to right) Leo Fischer, captain; Charles Hilton, coach; Max Bucklin.

SECOND ROW: (left to right) Jonathan Holmes, Eugene Niles, Doyle Hoopingarner, Robert Kibiloski, Melvin Larimer, Billy Ellison, Richard Nowak.



JAMES BOROUGH

Boys Basketball

After getting off to a bad start, the Bronson Vikings basketball team finished the year with a record of 9 wins against 7 losses. This was only done when the team won 5 out of their last six games. The Vikings tied for fifth with Union City in the Little "C" Conference.

The Vikings were defeated in the District Tournament at Athens by a score of 18 to 16.

The second team had a very impressive record of 12 wins and 4 losses. This points toward a good team in the future for the Bronson fans.

The players lost through graduation are Melvin Larimer, Doyle Hoopingartner, Clair Piatt, Max Bucklin, and Eugene Niles.

FINAL SCORES

Bronson	20	Sturgis (R)	17
Bronson	24	Reading	29
Bronson	37	Union City	24
Bronson	28	Athens	44
Bronson	23	Homer	31
Bronson	33	Jonesville	35
Bronson	33	Litchfield	22
Bronson	32	Quincy	22
Bronson	24	Reading	29
Bronson	32	Union City	37
Bronson	29	Athens	15
Bronson	33	Homer	38
Bronson	44	Jonesville	36
Bronson	40	Litchfield	21
Bronson	47	Sturgis (R)	32
Bronson	36	Quincy	29

—Doyle Hoopingartner.

FRONT ROW: (left to right) James Borough, coach; Clair Piatt, Doyle Hoopingartner, Eugene Niles, Max Bucklin, Melvin Larimer, Gareth Heisler, coach.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Richard Stough, LaMar Taylor, Myron Ripley, Jack White Marvin Smoker, Leo Fischer.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) John Yesh, Bill Austin, Donald Fowler, Aubrey Holt, Jack Barr, Victor Nowicki, L. D. Keller.

FOURTH ROW: (l to r) Jerry Rissman, Leo Hoard, Richard Robbins, Charles Somerlott.





C. PIATT
FORWARD



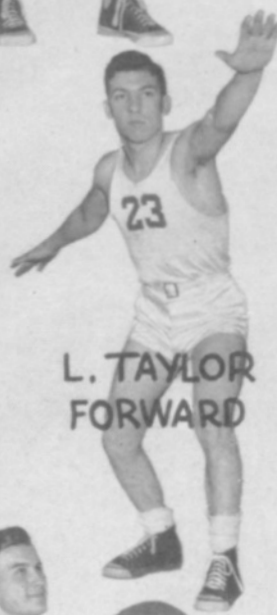
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M. BUCKLIN
FORWARD



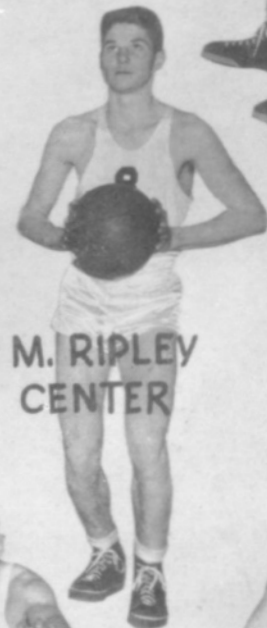
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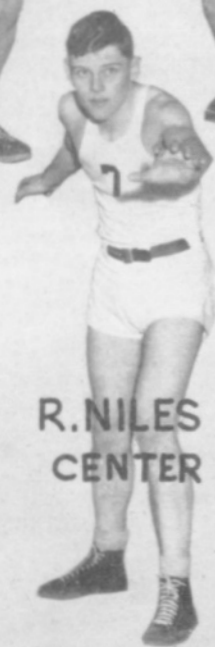
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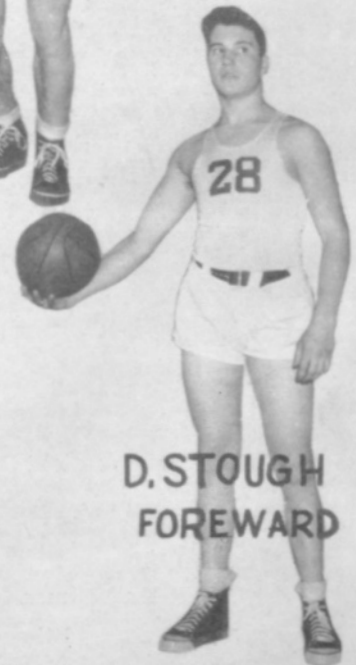
D. HOOPINGARNER
FORWARD



J. WHITE
CENTER



R. NILES
CENTER



D. STOUGH
FORWARD

Basketball

FIRST ROW: James Borough, coach; Ambrose Sikorski, Clyde Millman, Larry Taylor, Richard Byers, Roger Smoker, Alvin Shaw, Gareth Heisler, coach.

SECOND ROW: Ronnie Hartman, Marvin Signeski, Bill White, Rondall Andrews, Harvey Whiteomb, Richard Behnke, Charles Littlefield.

THIRD ROW: Jack Riegler, Don Frown, Max Haylett, Dale Mitschelen, Allen Shoup, Richard Boyd.

FOURTH ROW: Paul Steman, Charles Bailey, Bill Ward, Ross Hart, Gerald Rossetter, Richard Rubley.



FIRST ROW: Charles Hilton, coach; Max Hilton, Jerry Boyd, Norman Mock, Robert Anderson, Raymond McMurtrie, Terry Marz, Norman Heineman, James Borough, coach.

SECOND ROW: Tommy Norton, Vernon Kingsley, Keith Wilber, Deam Amos, Shockey Meek, DeWayne Wiler, Walter Lowinski, Keith Tracy, Lester Green.

THIRD ROW: Martin Crabill, Philip Hoard, James Hoyt, Marshall Skinner, Robert Meek, Kenneth Marshall, Donald Behnke, Donald Piatt, Jacob Dove, Donald Crull.

FOURTH ROW: Rolland Kotz, Leonard Hoard, Gerald Hollister, Jerry Shoup, Billy Fifer, Jimmie Mast, Verene Haywood, Allyn Niles, Kenneth Duncan, Larry Kinter, Bob Hilton, Lawrence Maxwell.



Twenty-eight Eighth Graders and twenty-two Seventh Graders comprised the Junior High basketball squad.

Under the able coaching of Mr. Borough and Mr. Hilton the boys learned many basketball fundamentals which will prove valuable to them in future basketball games.

The boys had a grand time and displayed fine sportsmanship in their games.

FINAL SCORES

Junior High, 9 vs. "C" Squad, 11

Junior High, 14, vs. "C" Squad, 8

Eighth Grade, 22 vs. Seventh grade, 2

Eighth Grade, 20 vs. Seventh Grade, 9

—Leo Fischer.

Cheerleaders

This year's cheerleaders did a fine job of leading the fans in cheering the teams on with a high fighting spirit. They took care of all the yell sections at both football and basketball games.

The girls had charge of the pep meetings, which are held before every game, and arranged the activities and new yells which were presented at them for the Student Body.

They attended all of the games played at other schools, boosting the moral of the home team and fans.

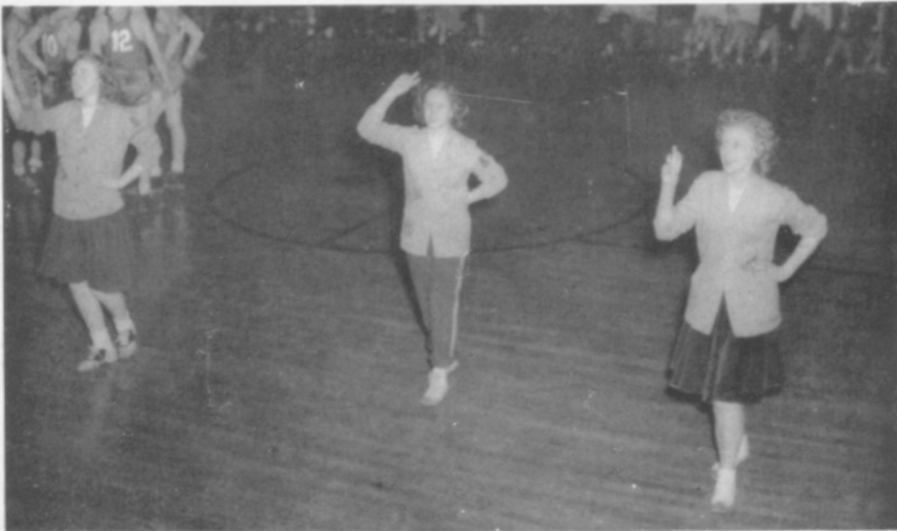
The Student Body gives three cheers for the girls who led the cheers.

—Wanda Kibiloski.

INEZ SNYDER

BETSY HILTON

PEARL ANN LOSINSKI





NOVA HAMILTON

Girls Basketball

On December 1, fifty-three girls reported for the first basketball practice. Due to the large number of participants, the group was divided into two sections, one practicing the second period, and the other the sixth period of every school day.

For the third time in the past three years, the Vi-Queens played interscholastic games. Due to a new law, they were allowed to play only one game a week, therefore the girls had no second team. The Varsity team was composed of five Seniors and one Junior.

Filled with determination to add more victories to their record of twelve consecutive wins in three seasons, the girls played fast ball, adding five more wins and one tie to their record. They still remain undefeated in interscholastic basketball.

New purple suits, trimmed with gold, were ordered for the Vi-Queens, and arrived in time for their third game.

Seniors who will be missed on the Varsity team next year are Betty Lawrence, Sally Brink, Virginia Wotta, Betty Fairbanks, and Rita Geiger. At the end of the season, Betty Fairbanks was elected honorary Captain by the girls.

Mrs. Nova Hamilton again ably coached the team to a successful season as she has done in the past. Jane Hunsicker aided the group by serving as Manager.

The season's record was as follows:

Bronson, 25—Union City, 16

Bronson, 16—Athens, 13

Bronson, 9—Union City 9

Bronson, 17—Athens, 13

Bronson, 20—Athens, 14

Bronson, 25—Union City, 24

—Betty Lawrence.

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Jane Hunsicker, manager; Rita Geiger, Sally Brink, Dorothy Wotta, Betty Fairbanks, Betty Lawrence, Virginia Wotta, Nova Hamilton, coach.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Patsy Littlefield, Sally Filkins, Inez Snyder, Carolyn Klemmer, Norma Pabst, Jean Keckler, Alice Fry, Barbara Rissman, Dorothy Fry.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) Beth Davis, Betsy Hilton, Nancy Fair, Patricia Rifenburg, Janet Adams, Joan Yesh, Marie Rice, Virginia Nagle.

FOURTH ROW: (l to r) Glenda Fair, Marilyn Green, Anna Mae Green, Mary Ann Kregger, Natalie Kinter, Lois Parsons, Betty Nelson, Eleanor Davis, Marjorie Norton, Betty Smoker, Elizabeth Torrey.





**BETTY FAIRBANKS
FORWARD**



**DOROTHY WOTTA
GUARD**



**VIRGINIA WOTTA
FORWARD**



**BETTY LAWRENCE
GUARD**



**RITA GEIGER
GUARD**



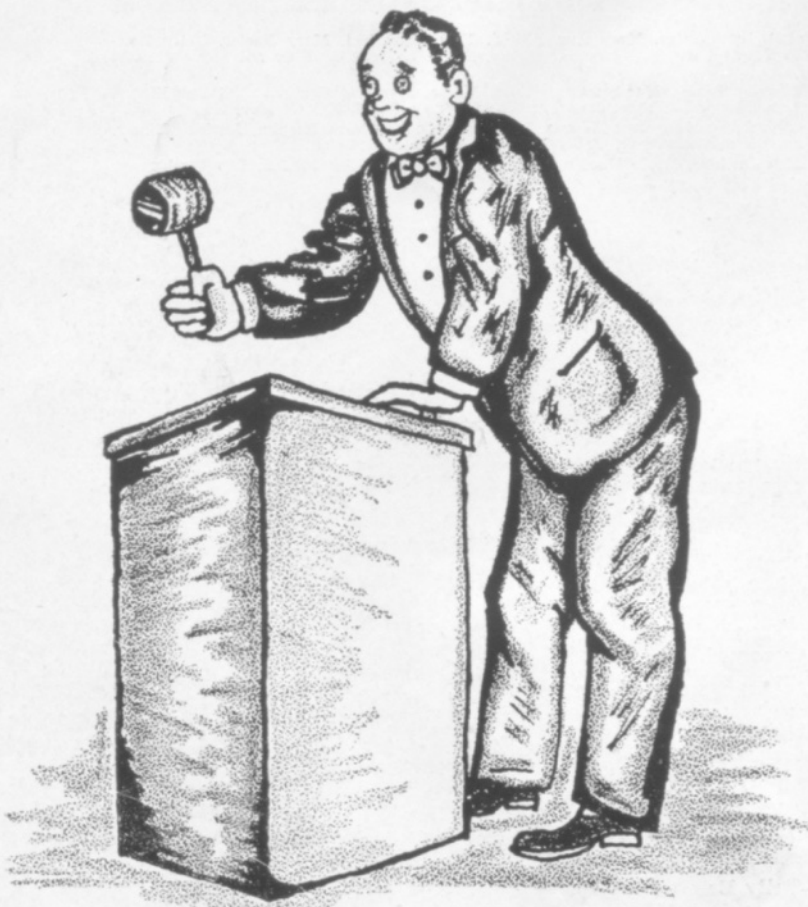
**SALLY BRINK
FORWARD**



**JANE HUNSICKER
MANAGER**

Snaps





ACT IV *The Clubroom*

Hi-Times



FRONT ROW: (left to right) June Akins, Mary Ann Bilicki, Helen Dunalski, Mary Foster, Betty Lawrence, Sally Brink, Margaret Tharp (advisor), Joan Hunsicker, Pat Littlefield, Rita Geiger, Joyce Rubley, Valeda Kelso.
 SECOND ROW: (l to r) Priscilla Tritch, Marilyn Cox, Violet Major, Margaret Graham, Nataline Kinter, Betsy Hilton, Barbara Rissman, Margaret Kehoe, Jane Hunsicker, Wanda Boyd, Kay Weldon, Phyllis Blain.
 THIRD ROW: (l to r) Norma Pabst, Margaret Knauss, Mary Lou Cook, Gloria Rzepka, Lurline Kinter, Betty Fairbanks, Pat DePuy, Carolyn Klemmer, Patsy Wingfield, Anna Mae Green.
 FOURTH ROW: (l to r) Max Bucklin, Doyle Hoopingarner, Eugene Niles, Billy Ellison, Leo Fischer.

Hi-Times

In order to acquaint the students with journalism, the Bronson Hi-Times was organized in 1935 as a member of the National Scholastic Press Association.

For the past nine years Mrs. Margaret Tharp has been the Hi-Times advisor. By her help the Hi-Times has received three state Certificates of Merit in the field of Tuberculosis Control and in 1943 received the National honor award. Also in '43, '44, '45, '46, and '47, the Hi-Times received the All-American rating from N. S. P. A.

The staff of 38 members do all the work of writing, counting, typing and mimeographing.

The paper is published every two weeks and distributed to the students and teachers. It is also exchanged with other schools from all over the country.

—Sally Brink.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Margaret Tharp Advisor
 Joan Hunsicker Co-Editor
 Rita Geiger Co-Editor
 Sally Brink Associate Editor

Home Economics Club

The Home Ec. Club under the leadership of Miss Mason and Mrs. Martin have completed a successful year with sixty-two members.

The girls had many good times together and received good experience in home making.

The girls entertained their mothers at the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on November 18. Several new members received formal initiation that evening.

The Scout Camp was the scene of an outdoor picnic which the group enjoyed on October 7.

The girls showed off their ability to bake cakes when they sponsored a Cakewalk in February.

Dinners for various organizations were prepared and served by the Home Economics Club during the year.

—Rose Marie Smoker.

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Dorothy Fry, Rose Marie Smoker, Pearl Ann Losinski, Mrs. Martin, Mary Lou Cook (Vice President), Margaret Knauss (President), Maxine Burch (Secretary), Helen Dunaiski (Treasurer), Margaret Mason (Advisor), Joan Crabill, Sally Filkins, Angeline Blaskie, Betsy Hilton, Beth Davis.
SECOND ROW: (l to r) Mary Deal, Margaret Graham, Dorothy Hollister, Anna Mae Green, Betty Warpup, Mary Ann Kregger, Phyllis Fitch, Alice Fry, Mary Ann Bilicki, Barbara Kibiloski, Joan Yesh, Phyllis Lunsford, Mary Jane Voorus, Joyce Rubley.
THIRD ROW: (l to r) Wanda Kibiloski, Marie Rice, Glenda Fair, Jean Hollister, JoAnn Bawden, Nataline Kinter, Nancy Fair, Dorothy Laughry, Garille McDonald, Lurlene Kinter, Eleanor Davis, Janet Adams, Vivian Mead, Wanda Boyd, Luellen Honeywell, Betty Nelson, Isabelle Bellman, Sarah Jane Metzger.
FOURTH ROW: (l to r) June Akins, Valeda Kelso, Wanda Rigg, Janean Honeywell, Mary Edna Graham, Lois Parsons, Mary Ellen Conaway, Jean Keckler, Wylla Wanar, Betty Jane Bohacz, Janet Kostielny, Carolyn Klemmer, Mary Kolassa, Alverta Mercer, Fetty Reed, Patsy Littlefield, Betty Smoker, Jeanette Himebaugh.



Future Farmers of America



FIRST ROW: (left to right) Charles Hilton, advisor; Donald Hollister; Leonard Herman, Reporter; Peter Lampman, President; Donald Fowler, Secretary; Richard Stough, Vice-President; Leslie Herman, Treasurer.
SECOND ROW: (l to r) Alvin Shaw, David Croy, Ralph Burch, Clifford Ditmar, Richard Behnke, Howard Wells.
THIRD ROW: (l to r) Richard Byers, Robert Herman, Myron Ripley, Donald Sikorski, Aubrey Holt, Wendell Green.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization. In order to become a member one must be enrolled in a vocational agriculture class and must have plans made for a supervised farm project.

The Bronson Chapter of the F. F. A. have sponsored various activities during the year. The boys honored their fathers at the annual Father and Son Banquet. A tobogganing party, and a boxing tournament were other activities of the F. F. A.

Don Fowler and Leslie Herman were Bronson delegates to the State F. F. A. Convention.

—Peter Lampman.

Boy Scouts

Girl Scouts

FRONT ROW: (left to right) Dorothy Corson, Thelma Weldon, Carol Matthews, Marie Paul, Margaret Mason, Jane Coleman, Scout Leaders.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Phyllis Blain, Gretchen Cuyler, Irene Bodley, Julie Ann Leppich, Judith Wanar, Kay Weldon, Ruth Rierson, Margaret Rissman.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) Jean Rierson, Clara Mae Vorce, Patsy Smoker, Pat Kosmerick, Emelyne Lane, Lois Jean Hunsicker, Phyllis Hartman.

FOURTH ROW: (l to r) Roberta Bullock, Lorretta Smoker, Marilyn Cox, Margaret Ann Kehoe, Donna Rae McIntyre.



FRONT ROW: (left to right) James Borough, Scout Master; Max Hilton, Ronnie Hartman, Allyn Niles, Keith Tracy, DeWayne Wiler, Gerald Hollister, John Guernsey, Allan Shoup.

SECOND ROW: (l to r) Charles Collins, Paul Kern, Dean Amos, Bill White, Charles Bailey, Jerry Shoup, Ted Kosmerick, Bill Fifer, Charles Littlefield, Darrell Blanchard.

THIRD ROW: (l to r) Junior Finney, Nathan Coates, Bobby Hilton, Walter Lowinski, Victor Nowicki, Jack Barr, Jerry Rissman, Donald Platt, Marvin Signeski, Martin Crabill.



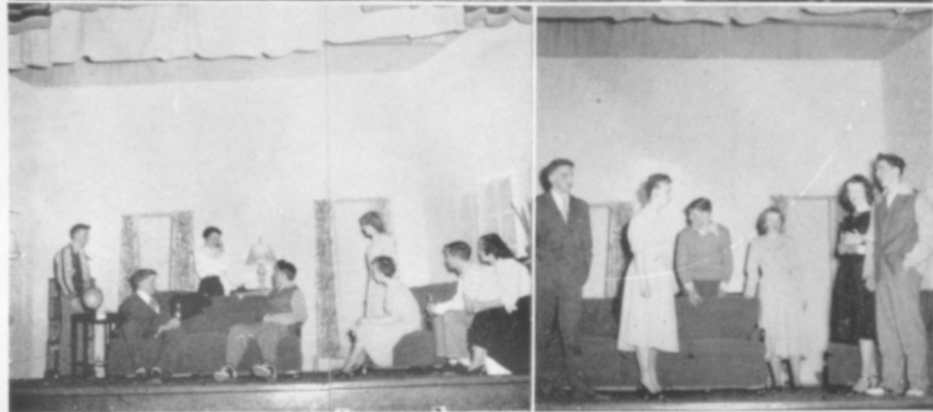
Senior Play

STANDING: Max Bucklin, Billy Ellison, Melvin Larimer, Sally Brink, Marion Bogart, student director, Margaret Tharp, director.

SEATED: Joan Hunsicker, Jonathan Holmes, Rita Geiger, Mary Foster, Russ Niles, Pat DePuy, Betty Lawrence, Doyle Hoopingartner.



Play Snaps



"Those Websters" was the play presented by the Senior Class on March 17 and 20. It was a sparkling three-act comedy centering around Bill Webster and his troubles with history, football, and girls.

The cast was selected for the play by Mrs. Margaret Tharp who also acted as director. Marion Bogart assisted in directing and prompting.

To promote ticket sales the class was divided into teams and the drive proved so successful that the play was given on two nights.

Through the cooperation of every member of the class the play was a tremendous success.

Junior Play

Under the direction of Mr. Heisler the Juniors presented their class play, "The Crazy Smith Family," on December 9 to a large audience.

The story was about Tony Smith, a sensational football player, sought after by many colleges. Tony planned to go to State College with Barbara, his steady, but when a rival college sends out their most potent glamour girl to attract Tony, sparks begin to fly. The whole family experienced some mighty funny situations before all was straightened out.

The presentation was a big success and added \$224 to the class treasury.

—Calvin Lilly.

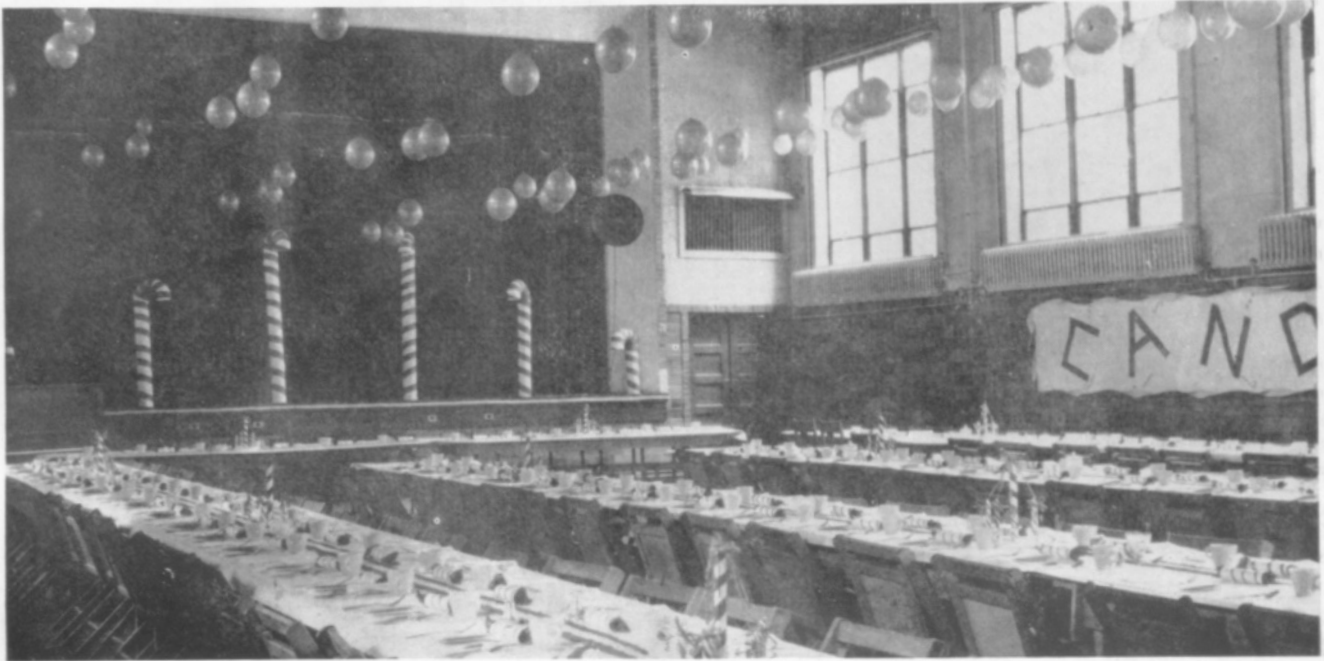


FIRST ROW: Jeanette Himebaugh, LaMar Taylor, Violet Major, Richard Stough.

SECOND ROW: Johnny Gladstone, Barbara Rissman, Margaret Knauss, Mary Ann Bilicki, Gareth Heisler, director.

THIRD ROW: Donald Fowler, Jack White, Myron Ripley.

Candyland Memories of 1947



Prom

Candyland was the theme of the Junior-Senior Reception which was given in honor of the Class of '47 by the Class of '48 in the school gym on May 24, 1947.

The guests were ushered through a candy cane arch into a land of sweets. Giant tiered candy canes, connected by red and white streamers, centered with a fragrant bouquet of white lilacs, adorned the balcony ledge. The curtains of the stage furnished a background for more candy canes. A sign, proclaiming "Candyland" in large red letters, bordered with ice cream cones, suckers, and sweets, covered the south wall. A false ceiling of red balloons gave the impression of floating cinnamon balls. The basketball hoop was cleverly transformed into a huge ice cream cone.

A delicious dinner of escalloped chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, cabbage salad, rolls, cherry pie, and coffee was served on attractive tables, centered with May Poles constructed of candy canes.

Melvin Larimer, as master of ceremonies, introduced Mr. Elwyn Bodley, Rita Geiger, president of the Junior class, and Milton Larimer, president of the Senior class, who were the speakers of the evening. Vocal numbers were given by Mr. James Skinner. Billy Ward gave several accordion selections.

After dinner, the guests enjoyed a movie while the gym was converted into a dance floor. The couples enjoyed dancing to the music of Guy Fitzsimmons and orchestra. During the intermission, Mr. Darwin Swain intrigued the guests with his magic feats.

—Betty Lawrence.

Assembly Committee

The Assembly Committee under the leadership of John Yesh, president, and Mr. Wm. Stewart, advisor, was responsible for the fine assembly programs which were presented throughout the year.

Several movies were shown during the year and in addition, each class had charge of one assembly at which they presented a variety of amusing programs. The Western Michigan College Choir under the direction of Dr. Carter gave an outstanding concert for one of the main programs of the year.

The preparation of the year's programs requires much thought and planning and we of the Student Body salute the Assembly Committee for their efforts.

—Eugene Niles.

FIRST ROW: (left to right) Joan Hunsicker, Eugene Niles, John Yesh, William Stewart (advisor), Marjorie Norton, William White.
SECOND ROW: (l to r) Jerry Rissman, Maxine Woodcox, Angeline Blaskie, Carolyn Klemmer, Bobby Hilton.



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