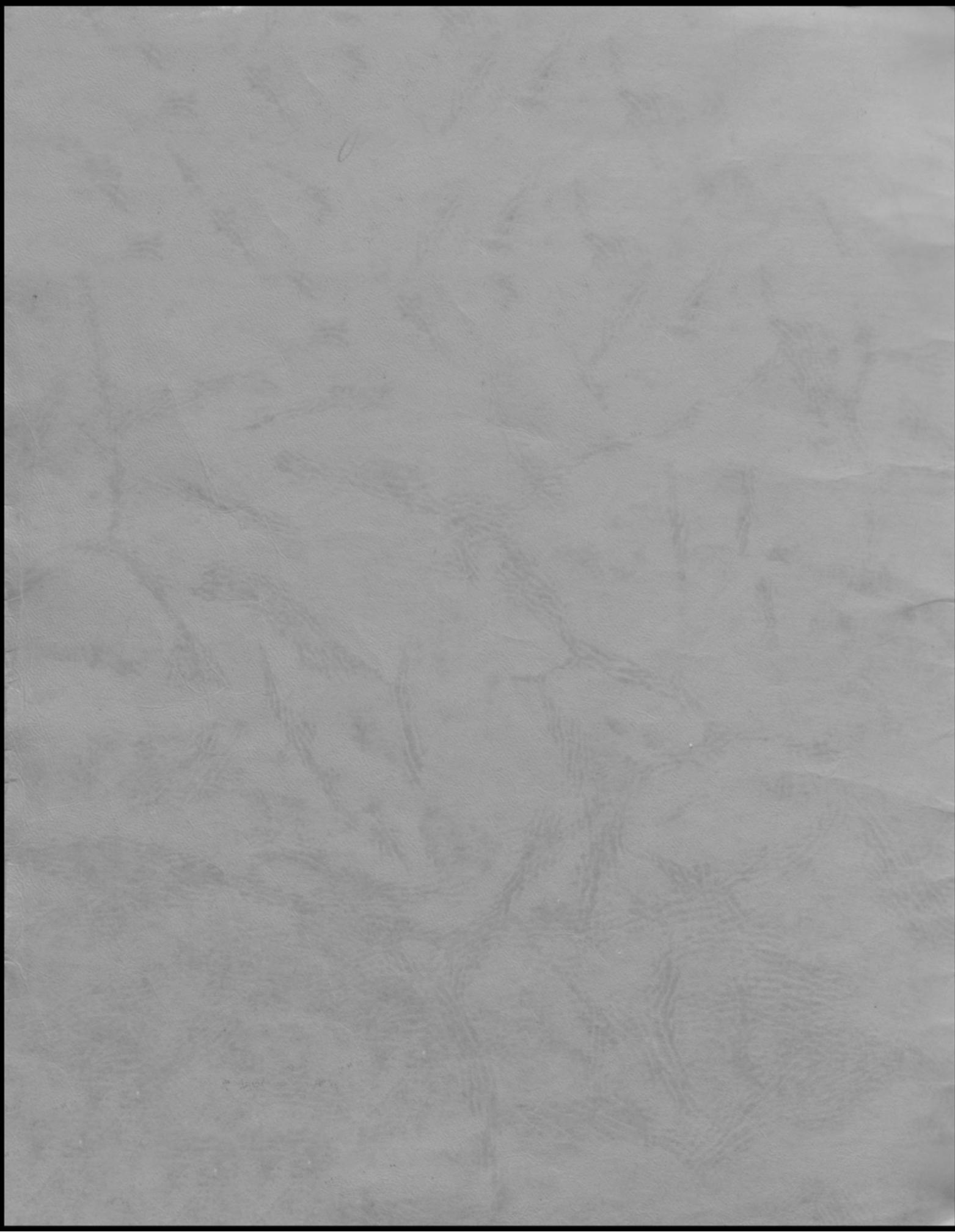


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TO OUR BOYS



The VIKING

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FOREWORD TO OUR ANNUAL

Dear Bill,

To inform you as to our school activities this year, the Viking of 1943 has been published.

Much hard work has been done this year to make the best of the opportunities which parents and teachers have made possible.

The right to free education is one of the many rights which you boys are fighting for, and in showing appreciation for this, efforts will be made to carry out the philosophy of Rudyard Kipling:

If you can fill each unforgiving minute
With sixty second's worth of distance run,
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my son.



TO ALL OUR BOYS IN SERVICE WHO ARE SO WILLINGLY
GIVING THEIR LIVES SO THAT WE OF BRONSON HIGH
SCHOOL AND STUDENTS EVERYWHERE MAY HAVE A
BETTER WORLD IN WHICH TO LIVE, WITH SINCERE AP-
PRECIATION, WE DEDICATE THIS ANNUAL

—Audrey Brailsford



SCHOOL SONG

When you're marching for old Bronson High,
You had better march like men,
For every mile you march with her,
You'll wish were eight or ten.
When you're marching for old Bronson High,
Your four years won't be long,
And then you'll wish you're back again,
To sing this marching song.

Marching for old Bronson High,
A royal road we tread,
Our hearts are beating higher and our blood runs red,
We're all young together and the best of life's ahead,
When you march for old Bronson High.

Fight for old Bronson; Bronson must win,
Fight to the finish; never give in,
Rah! Rah! Rah!
You do your best, boys, we'll do the rest, boys.
Fight for the victory. Rah! Rah! Rah!
Fight for old Bronson; Bronson must win,
Fight to the finish; never give in,
Rah! Rah! Rah!
You do your best boys, we'll do the rest boys,
Fight for the victory. Rah! Rah! Rah!

—Leona Mynhier.



Margaret Sharp

Principle
Sup.

Jessie E. Truesdell

MRS. HAMILTON—
"Ready for dictation!"

MR. WESTAWAY—
"You Seniors are very discourteous!"

MISS CATHCART—
"You stand in the corner!"

COACH HILTON—
"No privileges first 10 minutes!"

MRS. THARP—
"There's some extra bottles of milk!"

Mr. VAN DORAN—
"Don't forget to take your horn home!"

MRS. BORDON—
"Not so much undertone!"

MR. BODLEY—
"I know you boys will have to be going into the army soon."

MISS ANDERSON—
"No more privileges!"

MRS. DECKER—
"Get in your seat before the bell rings!"

MR. LEATHERMAN—
"Get to work, girls!"

MR. ELLIS—
Start over again!"

MISS TRUESDELL—
"Get rid of your gum!"

MR. STEWART—
"Get down to work!"





Richard McMahon, Trustee; C. J. Holmes, Secretary; Robert Ryan, Treasurer; Glenn Martin, President; C. F. Moon, Trustee.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A group of capable men comprise the Board of Education for the City of Bronson. The president, Glenn A. Martin, is very much interested in young people and their problems; secretary, C. J. Holmes, a life-long resident of Bronson is both efficient and reliable; treasurer, Robert Ryan, is remembered for his past experience as Postmaster of this city; Richard McMahon and C. Faas Moon, both are doing very fine work.

These men aim to keep our school in harmony with the times in order to prepare Bronson students for adult life.

Military Science, an activity recently added to the curriculum of Bronson High School, proposed and supported by the school board, is one of few such organizations in the high schools of Michigan.

—Eleanor Kolassa.

COMMANDING OFFICERS



School isn't quite the same with so many boys gone, but we carry on. The faculty is doing a swell job.



NON-COMS



The Seniors are ready to graduate and to take their place in re-constructing a world torn apart by war



CLIFFORD KIBILOSKI—
"Bless the man who first in-
vented sleep."

VIRGINIA NOWAK—
"Better late than never."



AUDREY BRAILSFORD—
"Stolen kisses are always the
sweetest."

KEITH TEEPLE—
"Quietly working onward."



LOWELL ROSENAU—
"Ready in heart and ready in
hand."

LEONA MYNHIER—
"Kiss the boys goodbye."



SHIRLEY ROBINSON—
"A smile as contagious as a
yawn."

FOREST SHUMWAY—
"A friend to all he meets."



GORDON PARADINE—
"You can never plan the fu-
ture by the past."

BEVERLY LAWRENCE—
"Speech is great, but music is
greater."



CHARLES KINTER—
"Even a genius makes mistakes."



GENE GREEN—
"Quiet power accomplishes what violent power cannot."



DONNA SHAW—
"She speaks, behaves and acts as she should."



LAMAR MODERT—
"Whatever is worth doin at all is worth doing well."



CARLIE RIFENBURGH—
"He'll find a way." (Home)



EDWINA HORKEY—
"First among her equals."



LOUISE CRISWELL—
"Her cheering ways drive away all pain."



FRANK PRINTKE—
"Let me not burst in ignorance."



RICHARD SHAFER—
"Not all small people have small minds."



FRANCES SEILER—
"I live in peace with all mankind."



HARLEY BOGART—
"He's a good egg that's hard to beat."

ELEANOR KOLASSA—
"Sing away sorrow, cast away care."



HELEN MAE SMOKER—
"Always be yourself."

DONALD FREDERICK—
"Worry and I have never met."



LAVON RIGG—
"Nothing worries me; least of all my work."

FRANCES KIBILOSKI—
"There's a little bad in every good little girl."



MARY ELLEN WOTTA—
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

WHITCOMB CRANSON—
"Changeable as a dollar bill."



GLENN SHUMWAY—
"Nothing is achieved before it is thoroughly attempted."

DORIS RICHHART—
"Red hair gets me down."



WANDA NOWAK—

"I could be better if I would,
but it's awfully lonesome be-
ing good."

MARIE CLOUSE—

"Good nature, good sense, are
ever joined together."

ALICE HOGMIRE—

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

RUTH WILSON—

"She that hath knowledge,
spareth her words."

GEORGE ADAMS—

"Drive on your own track."

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CLASS REUNION, MAY 27, 1953

Because of the psychological power of the Senior class, the Viking of 1943 reports the minutes of a class reunion held May 27, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by Shirley Robinson, a private clerk to a factory manager and former president of class; roll was read and each answered by naming occupation:

George Adams: Mechanic for the President's autoplane.
Harley Bogart: On my own farm.
Audrey Brailsford: Kindergarten teacher in New York City.
Marie Clouse: Absent.
Whitcomb Cranson: Navy Air Corps.
Mrs. Louise (Criswell) Hankins: Housewife on farm near Bronson.
Mrs. Gene (Green) Widener: Housewife living in Coldwater.
Don Frederick: Still in the Army, home on furlough right now.
Alice Hogmire: President's private secretary.
Mrs. Edwina (Horkey) Seiler: Farmer's wife near Bronson.
Clifford Kibiloski: Mechanic at Ford's.
Frances Kibiloski: Clerk in Macey's Dept. Store, New York City.
Charles Kinter: Working in the Douglas plant.
Eleanor Kolassa: Beautician, operating in Battle Creek.
Beverly Lawrence: Nurse in Leila hospital, Battle Creek.
Lamar Modert: Absent.
Leona Mynhier: Working in factory in Bronson.
Virginia Nowak: Nurse at Health Center, Coldwater.
Wanda Nowak: Absent.
Gordon Paradine: Working on a farm.
Frank Printke: Toolmaker at Bronson Tool & Die.
Doris Richhart: Absent.
Carlie Rifenburg: Farming it.
Lavon Rigg: Still in the Army Air Corps and having fun.
Lowell Rosenau: Home on furlough from Africa Missionary work.
Mrs. Frances (Seiler) Keeslar: Farmer's wife near Bronson.
Richard Shafer: President of the National F. F. A.
Donna Shaw: English Teacher in Grand Rapids Central.
Forest Shumway: Shop teacher in Bronson High.
Glenn Shumway: Chief Petty Officer in the Navy.
Helen Mae Smoker: Working in Treasury at Washington; D. C.
Keith Teeple: Foreman in General Motors at Detroit.
Ruth Wilson: Teaching music at Moody Bible Institute.
Mrs. Mary Ellen (Piatt) Wotta: Housewife in Bronson.

It was moved that we have another meeting in five years.

The following letters were read by Donna Shaw:

Dear Class:

I'm sorry I could not be with you but as you know my orphanage keeps me busy.

As ever,—Marie Clouse.

Dear Class:

As I'm still across the ocean as an Army nurse, I will just send my congratulations to all.

—Wanda Nowak.

Dear Class:

My office work keeps me so busy I could not come. As you know I am now working at Victor Screw factory in Burr Oak.

Congratulations to all.

—Doris Richhart.

Lowell Rosenau read a telegram from Doctor Lamar Modert who is working on a great scientific achievement at Rockefeller Institute:

Greetings:

Too busy to even write.

—Doctor Lamar Modert.

It was moved and seconded we adjourn.

Donna Shaw, Secretary
Lowell Rosenau, Asst. Secretary

CLASS WILL

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

Section I—

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

- I, George Adams, leave my bashfulness to Rex Foglesong.
 - I, Harley Bogart, leave my position as a First Sgt. in Military Science to James Shaw.
 - I, Audrey Brailsford, bequeath my way with boys to Joyce Lane.
 - I, Whitcomb Cranson, leave my Dopey's column to Lyle Modert.
 - I, Louise Criswell, leave my beautiful voice to Bonnie Byers.
 - I, Donald Fredricks, bequeath my ability to make people laugh to Bill Thurber.
 - I, Gene Green, leave my basketball ability to Yolanda Austin.
 - I, Alice Hogmire, bequeath my ability to work and go to school at the same time to Mary Hurley.
 - I, Clifford Kibiloski, leave my ability to "mutch" pencil and paper to Mr. Stewart.
 - I, Frances Kibiloski, leave my sweet disposition to Jean Buholtz.
 - I, Charles Kinter, leave my ability to talk in class to Clyde Williams.
 - I, Eleanor Kolassa, bequeath my ability as Drum Major to Cora Jean Leatherman.
 - I, Beverly Lawrence, leave my place as captain of the "Whites" to Marjorie Shook.
 - I, Lamar Modert, leave my professor's knowledge to Johnny Williams.
 - I, Leona Mynhier, leave my ability to "Kiss the Boys Good-bye" to Nadine Kinter.
 - I, Virginia Nowak, bequeath my ability to catch a sailor to Betty Doll.
 - I, Doris Richhart, bequeath my red hair and temper to Gertrude Blaskie.
 - I, Wanda Nowak, leave my ability to write essays to Grace Wilson.
 - I, Gordon Paradine, leave my car keys in the responsible keeping of Bob Rosenau.
 - I, Frank Printke, leave all my books and make-up work to Gilbert Rubley.
 - I, Lavon Rigg, leave my shocking device to Mr. Bodley.
 - I, Carlton Rifenburgh, leave my blushes to Dick Belote.
 - I, Sh'rley Robinson, leave my position as president to Leonard Hankins.
 - I, Lowell Rosenau, leave my way with Shirley to Charles Tice.
 - I, Richard Schafer, leave my ability to go to the All-Hi parties to Paul Richhart.
 - I, Donna Shaw, leave my position as editor on the paper staff to Stella Jean Tharp.
 - We, Frances Seiler and Edwina Horkey, leave our dancing ability to Betty Anderson and Gladys Kyburz.
 - I, Glenn Shumway, leave my mathematical ability to Bob Goebel.
 - I, Forest Shumway, leave Donna Shaw to whoever thinks he can win her.
 - I, Marie Clouse, leave my long legs to June Crabill.
 - I, Ruth Wilson, leave my way with the teachers to David Losinski.
 - I, Helen Mae Smoker, leave all I don't know about shorthand to Doris Lane.
 - I, Keith Teeple, leave my winning way with girls to Keith Frederick.
 - I, Mary Ellen (Piatt) Wotta, leave my ability to get my man to Joann Garman.
- Signed, sealed, published, and declared by the Class of Nineteen Hundred Forty-three to be their last will and testament.

—Marie Clouse, Doris Richhart



Front row — Elliott, Kellett, Washburn, Smoker, M. V. White, Ernsburger, M. K. Kolassa, Ryan, Gibbons, Garman, B. Byers.
 Second row — L. J. Root, B. Rosenau, M. Shaffmaster, Reed, C. Williams, Hankins, M. Larimer, Bonnell, Guzy, Priest, G. Jones.
 Third row — Shook, G. Yesh, D. Lane, M. Bell, Thurber, D. Badder, Syc, Rubley, Hilton, M. Wilber, Albright, Blaski, G. Eddy.

CLASS OF 1944

The Class of 1944 began the school term this year with 40 students, four of whom have left. The class advisor was Mr. Alwyn Westaway. After his resignation Mr. Charles Hilton took over.

Three new members joined the class this year. They are Edson Post, from Sherwood; Katherine Kellett, from Orland, Indiana; and Thomas Mussloff, from Sherwood. The latter has left.

The following students dropped out: Ora Lampman, Thomas Mussloff, Alice Wilber, Joyce Spornhauer, and Ruth Fickle, who has gone back to Montgomery, Michigan, to finish her school year.

The class officers are Leonard Hankins, president; Charles Hilton, Jr., vice-president; Gertrude Blaski, secretary; Genevieve Eddy, treasurer.

"Student Queen" was the title of their play which was presented on December 18, 1942.

They have also sold refreshments at football, basketball and baseball games in order to raise money for the Junior and Senior Prom.

During the year the Juniors participated in football, basketball, baseball, sextet, chorus, and Hi-Times staff.

Class Flower—White Carnation.

Class Colors—Royal Blue and White.

—Edwina Horkey.



AT EASE



All students took an active interest in club activities, and many social gatherings this year. Whit was chosen president of the council.



Left to right — Shaw and Hogmire, Co-editors; L. Rosenau, Business Manager; Mr. Bodley, Adviser; Modert, Assistant Business Manager.

VIKING STAFF

In spite of the conditions of war, the Senior Class of Bronson has done its best in publishing the Yearbook of 1943.

Due to the shortage of paper, metal for engraving, and plastic bindings, we have reduced the size of our Yearbook and used staples in the binding of them.

The larger group pictures were taken by Miss Nina Horton and others by Donald Bodley. The engraving was done by the Fort Wayne Engraving Company and printed by the Bronson Journal Office.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to business men of th's city for their splendid financial support. Also our grateful thanks to the students who wrote and those who typed the various articles in this book.

Signed:

Alice Hogmire
Donna Shaw
Co-Editors

Lowell Rosenau, Business Manager
LaMar Modert, Asst. Business Mgr.



Joseph Brown *David Lane* *Carl* *Bill* *Conroy*
 Front row — Leonard P. Lane, Colpeters, Horney, Housicker, Deal, B. Byers, Holmer, R. Rosenau.
 Second row — B. Jones, Calvin, Larimer, Leatherberry, Fitch, Warpupp, B. Ward, Strangle, Filkins.
Bobby *Albert* *Alvin* *Betty* *Sally*

JUNIOR BAND

This year the Junior and Intermediate Bands have had the opportunity to study under two different directors, Mr. Herman Ellis, for the first part of this school year, and Mr. Donald VanDorn, who took his place the first of January.

There are twenty-five members in the Junior and Intermediate Bands combined.

The Junior Band members are required to pass seventy tests before they are admitted into the Intermediate Band. To be admitted into the Senior Band they must complete, or nearly complete, a book and also there must be a vacancy in the Senior Band for their particular instrument.

Under Mr. Ellis' direction the Junior and Intermediate Bands gave a concert in early December, just before Mr. Ellis left.

—Beverly Lawrence.



First row — J. Seiler, R. Wilson, Radford, Austin, Burley, Lawrence, Ferguson, Riggs, Ryan, E. Collyer, McIntyre, Aldrich.
 Second row — Nowicki, Ward, Bell, Smith, B. Watson, Kibiloski, Bidwell, McClughen, Horkey, Tharp, White, Mr. Van Doren.
 Third row — Criswell, D. Lane, Mynhier, McCracken, Buhofz, McManus, Kibiloski, Burnside, Honeywell, F. Seiler, Hoopingarner, T. Piatt, Lowinski.

CHORUS AND SEXTET

With a group of thirty-six high school students, Mr. Herman Ellis, the music director, assembled an all-girl chorus for the year of 1942-43. The chorus was divided into three groups,— first soprano, second soprano, and alto.

Since this was Mr. Ellis' last appearance here, the band and chorus presented him with a ring as a remembrance of Bronson High School. He resigned to become an instructor in a technical training school for the Air Force.

Mr. Donald VanDoren from White Pigeon, joined the faculty, to take Mr. Ellis' place.

After not having chorus for about a month, the group started out with several new songs with which they put on an assembly for the school on March 9. The songs selected were "I'll See You Again" and "I Love Life." Another chorus and band concert was given in April.

Doris Lane accompanied the chorus for the entire year.

—Frances Kibiloski.



Sextette, left to right — Criswell, Lawrence, Ferguson, Wilson, Austin, Bell, at the piano D. Lane.

The Bronson High School Girls' Sextet has had another successful year and has entertained many people with its songs.

One of the big events for the girls this year was the Band and Chorus Concert in December. The songs the girls sang at the concert were "The Lord's Prayer" and "Moonglow."

—Louise Criswell.



Front row — Tice, M. V. White, W. Cranson, Mr. Stewart, B. Modert, Blaskie, Henshaw.
 Second row — M. Kruszka, G. Yesh, H. Radford, C. Kinter, L. Rosenau, Reed, Hoopingarner, R. Keeslar.

Barbara Tice
Charles Kinter
Lowell Rosenau
Walter Reed
Doyle Hoopingarner
Robert Keeslar

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council has almost completed its seventh year. The Council teaches students democratic government functions and gives opportunities for real practice in carrying out school projects. The aim of the Student Council is to encourage students to become active in school government and build up a high moral and academic standard.

One value of our Student Council is to introduce new students each fall into a group with the older members; this gives newcomers more knowledge of all the activities of the school. The larger part of the student body participates in council affairs. This year about ninety-five percent of the student body are active members. The Council is financed on a dime-a-week for the first semester, but a large percentage of the students paid in full for the school year and got a discount.

Activities taking place were assemblies, All-Hi parties, a ping pong tournament, Hi-Times paper, noon-hour program, athletic activities, and many other incidentals. One of the most successful features is the noon-hour program which helps the country students pass the noon hour quickly and socially. There are games in the study hall for anyone who cares to play, ping-pong, and dancing. This year the students were privileged to have Mrs. Talitha Reynolds come every Wednesday noon to teach round dancing.

The 1942-43 officers are: "Whit" Cranson, president; Lamar Modert, vice-president; Lowell Rosenau, alderman-at-large; Mary Virginia White, secretary; Gertrude Blaski, treasurer; and the following aldermen: Charles Kinter, Walter Reed, Geraldine Yesh, Martha Kruszka, Helyn Radford, Mary Jean Henshaw, Robert Keeslar, Barbara Tice, and Doyle Hoopingarner.

—Whit Cranson



*Front row — Kolassa, Lawrence, Robinson, Mrs. Tharp, V. Nowak, Shaw, Brailsford.
Back row — Modert, Bogart, Kibiloski, L. Rosenau, Printke, Cranson.*

SENIOR PLAY

"Spring Fever," a farce by Glenn Hughes, was the play presented by the Class of '43, Friday, April 16, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Tharp.

The cast consisted of Ed. Burns (Frank Printke), a chemistry student; Vic Lewis (Lowell Rosenau), an artist; Vivian George (Shirley Robinson), Vic's "steady"; Howard Brant (Whitcomb Cranson), a student whose diploma depended on his getting his term paper in on time; Anne Purcell (Audrey Brailsford), Howard's "heart-beat"; Mr. and Mrs. Purcell (Lamar Modert and Virginia Nowak), who, upon arriving at the college, find no place to stay; Mrs. Sprangler (Donna Shaw), the landlady; Lou Herron (Eleanor Kolassa), a newspaper girl and girl friend of Ed. Burns; Prof. Bean (Harley Bogart), the prof that flunked Howard; Aunt Maude (Beverly Lawrence), Howard's aunt from California; and Dr. Dixon (Clifford Kibiloski), the president of the college. In the end Aunt Maude persuades Prof. Bean to accept Howard's term paper.

—Wanda Nowak.



Front row — Shook, Washburn, B. Smoker, M. V. White, Gibbons, Garman, Byers, Elliott.
Back row — Miss Baker, Thurber, Reed, C. Williams, Hankins, B. Rosenau, Bonnell, Hilton.

JUNIOR PLAY

"Student Queen" was the title of the clever high school comedy presented by the Junior class on December 18, 1942, under the direction of Miss Isabelle Baker. Chuck Wentworth (Walter Reed), who was allergic to bananas but seemed to have all the answers, with the help of Miss Driscoll (Bernadine Smoker), a cosmetic saleswoman, changed Elizabeth (Marjorie Shook), the least lovely girl in the high school, to the loveliest one.

Doris (Bonnie Byers), the little sister of the Loring family, was very "snippy." Her brother Bob (Charles Hilton), was the leader of the gay crowd, Evangeline (Joyce Spornhauer), Patty (Joann Garman), Marlene (Betty Gibbons), Hal (Clyde Williams), and Mac (Maurice Bonnell), all of whom liked to gather at the Loring home.

Elizabeth didn't seem to mix with the crowd nor they with her. Mrs. Loring (Maybelle Washburn) tried to get Elizabeth acquainted with the crowd while working in the Loring home, and John Hawkins (Bill Thurber), Elizabeth's father, whose business was farming, tried to encourage his daughter.

Bob, Doris, Evangeline, Patty, Marlene, Hal, and Mac, were the committee appointed to select a student queen to be a partner for the King (Leonard Hankins). The committee, to spite Diana (Mary Virginia White), elected Elizabeth to be the queen. George Benson (Bruce Rosenau) head of the school board, and Miss Haley (Phyllis Elliott), a teacher, were both determined that George Benson's daughter, Diana, was to be queen.

Elizabeth did become a very beautiful queen with the help of Chuck Wentworth, who seemed to be a very close friend at the close of the play.

—Forest Shumway.



Front row — Larimer, Bogart, Charles Hilton, Hankins, Hilton.
Back row — Guzy, Shafer, Badder, Wilber.

F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is the national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture. Organizations are found from Maine to Hawaii and from Washington to Puerto Rico.

The F. F. A. was first set up in the state of Virginia in the year 1928. As years passed, the organization spread from one state to another. Now it is all over the U. S. and is also found in some foreign countries.

The purposes of the organization are:

1. To encourage and practice thrift.
2. To create and nurture a love of country life.
3. To develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership.
4. To participate in cooperative effort.
5. To encourage improvement in scholarship.
6. To create more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations.
7. To encourage members to improve the farm home and its surroundings.
8. To provide and encourage the development of organized rural recreational activities.
9. To participate in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture.
10. To strengthen the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work.

Officers are: Leonard Hankins, president; Charles Hilton, vice-president; Richard Shafer, treasurer; Myron Larimer, secretary; Harley Bogart, representative. Other members are Frank Printke, William Guzy, David Badder, Monroe Wilber. Fellows that will soon become green hands are Robert Kolassa, John Hardy, Robert Goebel, and Rex Fogle-song.

—Harley Bogart.



Front row -- P. Richhart, Hogan, D. Losinski, J. Shaw, B. Calhoun, J. Williams, T. Keily, J. Supianoski, Hardy, M. Best, B. Sobeski.
 Second row -- Mrs. Decker, Guernsey Burnside, I. Nowicki, Y. Smith, G. Green, N. Riggs, W. Vreeland, B. Laughery, Collyer, Hurley, Keckler, M. Bekoski, R. M. Kibiloski, Efner.
 Third row -- R. Doll, D. Belote, B. Kolassa, H. Bidwell, McClougan, M. A. Kibiloski, Skinner, J. Horkey, P. Davis, B. Goebel, K. Fredrick, D. Badder.
 Fourth row -- Foglesong, Honywell, D. Eddy, N. Tice, Kruszka, McCracken, Slisher, Hoopingarner, L. Kibiloski, Brenner, Lawrence, Tillotson, Austin, Radford, S. McManus, J. Lane, H. Piatt.

CLASS OF 1945

The Sophomore class began the year with sixty-five members. This is the largest class in the history of Bronson High School. Joyce McClughen, Juanita Vreeland, and Robert Wells have since joined the class; while Dorothy Rau, Gertrude Porter, Walter Yesh, and Donald Lane have left.

The class officers are: president, Bob Doll; vice-president, Laddie Kibiloski; secretary, Mary Ann Kibiloski; treasurer, Norma McCracken; class adviser, Mrs. Louise Decker.

The following boys who were out for football got honorary awards: Dick Belote, Wendell Brenner, Bob Doll, Harry Piatt, Paul Richhart, Laddie Kibiloski, and John Williams. Those who received honorary mention are: Robert Kolassa and Maurice Skinner.

They have a large participation in basketball. The following girls were out for basketball: Yolanda Austin, Betty Doll, Georgia Green, and Mary Hurley.

The boys that participated are: Wendell Brenner, Bob Doll, John Williams, Rex Foglesong, Keith Frederick, Bob Calhoun, Dick Belote, and Harry Piatt.

Barbara Lawrence and Yolanda Austin are in the Sextette.

The Sophomore class has had a few sandwich sales to raise the funds in their treasury.

They also have a large participation in the Hi-Times, band, chorus, and Home Economics Club.

The Sophomore class put on an assembly which was a Major Bowes program.

Class Colors—Blue and Gold

Class Motto—"Together We Stand"

—Gene Green.



June Crabill

Front row — Keesler, C. Tice, Foote, Hoard, K. Yesh.
Second row — Miss Anderson, J. Seiler, Nowicki, E. White, H. Kyburg, Tharp, Aldrich, Lowinski, Sobeski, M. Vreeland, D. Piatt, Fuller, E. Collier.
Third row — G. Wilson, D. Rifenburgh, G. Lemanski, P. Lane, Waller, Buholz, J. Bidwell, Henshaw, T. Piatt, McDonald, Burley, Leatherman, Beloski, R. Yess, Spade, Garberick.
Fourth row — R. Rosenau, R. Bell, R. Byers, Ward, Meyers, McIntyre, Crabill, B. M. Jones, Ferguson, Derrickson, Johnson, Vaughn, Anderson, R. Kibiloski, B. Davis, N. Kinter, Nettelman.

CLASS OF 1946

For the first time in the history of Freshmen, the Class of '46 can proudly boast of having shown their loyalty and cooperation to the school in being the only class of Junior and Senior High to be paid up one hundred percent in the Student Council dime-a-week plan.

Barbara Burley, president; Ramon Shafer, vice-president; and Bertha Davis, secretary-treasurer, have capably fulfilled their duties as class officers for this year. Chosen as the Student Council representatives for their class were Mary Jean Henshaw and Bob Keeslar.

Four members of the class were given special recognition by having their names placed on the honor roll, and fourteen deservingly received honorary mention.

During this school year, the Frosh, with a present membership of fifty-eight, have been a group of very sportsminded students. They, as a whole, have participated in every sport activity presented through out the school this year.

The class was honored to have one of its members, Bob Rosenau, receive a major award for football. Ten others having participated in the football program, received minor awards.

Six boys and five girls participated in basketball. Ten took archery, twelve chorus, and fourteen took band, with Ruth Meyer and June Crabill being promoted to the Senior band.

The class showed their affection and appreciation to their worthy adviser, Miss Dora Anderson, by presenting her with a birthday gift, for the many hours she spent in helping them through their first year of senior high school work.

—Virginia Nowak.



First row — Shook, B. M. Jones, Wotta, R. Wilson, D. Shaw, Mrs. Tharp, D. Richhart, Byers, Ferguson, N. Kinter, McIntyre, Henshaw.
Second row — B. Lawrence, E. Kolassa, F. Seiler, E. Horkey, Robinson, Clouse, Brailsford, V. Nowak, Mynhier, McDonald, Hunsicker, Stough, T. Piatt, J. Bidwell, Hardy, L. Rosenau.
Third row — N. Tice, H. M. Smoker, Elliot, Buholz, S. McManus, Hilton, Cranson, Modert, Radford, Brenner, Austin, Tillotson, D. Losinski, Aldrich, Tharp, Shaffmaster.

HI-TIMES

When the Bronson Hi-Times was first organized in 1935, the members of the staff prepared the articles for publication and the Bronson Journal printed their material. This paper was awarded second honor rating by the National Scholastic Press Association, of which the Hi-Times has always been a member.

In 1938 Mr. Bodley conceived the idea of mimeographing and the staff took over the full responsibility of the publication of the Hi-Times. This resulted in a marked drop in expenses. Of course, this added new responsibilities to the Hi-Times advisor, Mrs. Tharp, as well as the other members of the staff, but through their mistakes and experiences an improved paper has resulted.

Though no time is given in the school schedule for this work and there is no course given in journalism, staff work is a co-curricular activity for which elective credit is given.

Backed by the Student Union, the Hi-Times is given to members, and is sent by the Board of Education to rural schools in the community, and to nearby high schools. Materials for the publication are provided by the Board of Education.

Our Hi-Times, for the past two years has received first honor rating from the National Scholastic Press Association in comparison with schools our size. The Hi-Times was also selected to represent Michigan in a National Competition of papers supporting the Tuberculosis Association Christmas Seal Program.

With our staff of fifty, including two editors and two assistant editors, we have tried to back the War effort by news items, editorials, features and cartoons on different projects in which the school could participate, and have also supported community projects of various types.

Our aim has been to give the public an idea of what we do in school and to uphold the ideals of Bronson High.

Doris Richhart.



First row — B. Byers, Lawrence, Fairbanks, B. M. Jones, Hunsicker, McManus, Lawrence, Burley, Austin, Tillotson, Lawrence, Leatherman, Heimert.
Second row — E. Kolassa, Stough, Bodley, McCracken, Shook, Skinner, R. Radford, Slisler, Myers, R. Byers, Cranston, L. Kibiloski, N. Kinter, Hoopingarner, Mr. Van Doren.
Third row — Root, McIntyre, M. Bell, Wilson, Horney, Hoopingarner, Derrickson, Brenner, Radford, Modert, Ward, R. Bell, J. Lane, Crabill, Shumway.

SENIOR BAND

At the beginning of the school year, the band, under the direction of Mr. Herman Ellis, got underway. Their first appearance was made at the 4-H fair in Coldwater. After winning a first division rating in concert playing, the band gave a marching exhibition and pageant, called "Uncle Sam in Review," at the Centreville fair.

The band played at the football games this year as usual. Later in the year they gave an evening concert, the last under Mr. Ellis' direction. He left to become an instructor in the Army Air Corps at Madison, Wisconsin. Mr. Ellis, who had been with the band for the last four and one-half years, saw a steady increase and improvement.

At the beginning of the second semester, Mr. Donald VanDoren came as the school band director. Under his direction the band is still going ahead.

The band will have no spring contests this year because of the war.

An assembly program was presented this spring by both band and chorus. The size of the band at present is 35 members.

—Lamar Modert.



Twirlers — Crabill, Kolassa, Leatherman.



Front row — Kyburg, Nowicki, J. Seiler, H. M. Smoker, B. Byers, Mrs. Decker, F. Seiler, L. Criswell, Aldrich, McIntyre, Lowinski.
Second row — B. Anderson, Y. Smith, Burnside, V. Nowak, P. McDonald, E. Horkey, G. Yesh, Shook, J. Lane, B. Laughery, M. E. Sobeski.
Third row — D. Losinski, B. M. Jones, D. Piatt, Henshaw, H. Bidwell, Bekoski, F. Kibiloski, R. M. Kibiloski, J. Nowicki, Dalphe, M. K. Kolassa.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

With a membership of about 36 girls, the Home Economics Club organized with Mrs. Louise Decker as adviser. It was decided to continue with the purpose of developing friendship, cooperation, and understanding among the girls; to promote interest in Home Economics; and to be of service to the school and community. This year the Home Economics Club girls have participated in the War effort by making things for the Junior Red Cross.

The girls elected Frances Seiler, president; Bonnie Byers, vice-president; Helen Mae Smoker, treasurer; and Louise Criswell, secretary.

The club had an initiation party for the new members; also a banquet and formal initiation to which the girls invited their mothers.

Several members attended the group meeting in Kalamazoo; Frances Seiler as official delegate; Bonnie Byers, representative of the club.

The club, together with the Future Farmers, continued the annual Community Fair. Hot lunches were continued, from which the club makes its money. A successful spring party was held to which Union City, Reading, Quincy, and Coldwater Future Farmers and Home Economics Clubs were invited.

Regular bi-weekly meetings consist of round-table discussion, movies, parties, and refreshments.

Frances Seiler.

SCOUTS

The Boy Scout meetings were held during the summer of 1942 under the supervision of their new Scoutmaster, Charles Hilton. The boys were organized as messengers for "blackouts" and they have also been studying First Aid, which will help them very much if any accident should occur while they are present.

—Carlton Rifenburg.

The Girl Scouts, under the direction of Doris Lane, have been very active in doing their part in the War effort.

At the beginning of the year they sold Cadet Cards to earn money which was used to buy two flags, a Girl Scout flag and an American flag.

They are now working on Junior Red Cross projects, making slippers, scrapbooks, and afghans.

Waste fats and grease are being collected by them and turned over to the government.

The girls are sponsored by the P. T. A. of the Bronson High School.

—Mary Ellen Wotta.



COL. ORAL E. CLARK

MILITARY SCIENCE

Early in the school year of 1902-03, a group of male students in the Bronson High School organized themselves into a cadet military company. To this organization they gave the resounding name: "Bronson Public School Military Company."

Mr. Oral E. Clark, Class of 1903, whose only qualifications were his interest in military history and his once having taken a candidacy examination for a cadetship at the United States Military Academy, was appointed Captain and instructor.

The present World War II has brought upon us the necessity of a more serious preparation to overcome our enemies. Therefore, in the fall of 1942, acting under the advice of the Board of Education, Supt. Bodley reactivated "The Bronson Public School Military Company" under the name, "Company A, First Battalion of Cadets, Bronson Public School" and the following rules were made to govern the conduct of the course. It is to be elective for male students of the high school, but the course, having been entered, must be continued to completion. Parents' or guardian's consent must be presented. Junior High students must also have Mr. Bodley's consent. The members must be physically fit. It is not necessary, but it is best to buy a text book. No aliens will be permitted to pursue the course.

Colonel Oral E. Clark, United States Army, retired, formerly the Cadet Captain Clark referred to above, had offered his services, which were accepted. Principal Charles R. Hilton is assistant instructor of the course.

When the company was organized, the officers were as follows:— Captain Lowell Rosénau commanding the company; Charles E. Kinter, First Lieutenant, executive office; First Sergeant Clifford Kibiloski, foreman; Frank J. Printke, First Lieutenant, commanding the first platoon, with Sergeant Carlton Rifenburg as the platoon sergeant and Sergeant Forest Shumway as the platoon guide; Donald E. Frederick, Second Lieutenant, commanding the second platoon, with Sergeant Glenn M. Shumway as platoon sergeant, and Sergeant Richard C. Shafer as the platoon guide. The following men were sergeants in charge of squads: first platoon, first squad, Hugh W. Cranson; second squad, Harley R. Bogart; third squad, LaVon W. Rigg; second platoon, first squad, Edson L. Post. The corporals of the squads were Clyde H. Williams, Myron Larimer, William Guzy, Gordon L. Jones, Maurice Bonnell, and David A. Badder, respectively.

The uniforms for the group are blue washable suits with the insignia designating their rank.

—Donald E. Frederick.

FIRST AID

For the first time, Bronson High School offered First Aid courses to all Junior High boys and girls and to all Senior High girls that were interested.

These classes were under the direction of Miss Jessie G. Truesdell and Mr. Carl E. Stewart, who were authorized by the American Red Cross to teach these courses.

Miss Truesdell taught the Junior High boys and girls and the Juniors and Seniors in high school. The following were awarded cards for their remarkable work they did during the course of Junior First Aid: Donald Bodley, Charles Bawden, Shirley Bawden, Leland Bidwell, Jean Crabil, Norma Jean Chapman, Max Engler, Leo Fischer, Betty Fairbanks, Lillian Fuller, Allan Ferguson, John Garman, Shirley Holtz, Doyle Hoopingarner, David W. Horney, Eileen Heimert, Gail J. Jones, Alan Kalvin, Betty Lawrence, Melvin Larimer, Milton Larimer, Paul McClanahan, Geraldine Perrieve, Clair Platt, and Robert Radford.

The Juniors and Seniors are: Gertrude Blaskie, Audrey Brailsford, Helen Bidwell, Bonnie Byers, Marie Clouse, Louise Criswell, Genevieve Eddy, Margaret Ernsberger, Phyllis Elliott, Betty Gibbons, Gene Green, Mary Alice Guernsey, Frances Kibiloski, Eleanor Kolassa, Mary Kathryn Kolassa, Beverly Lawrence, Leona Mynhier, Virginia Nowak, Doris Richhart, Vivian Ryan, Donna Shaw, Bernadine Smoker, Helen Mae Smoker, Marjorie Shook, Maybelle Washburn, Mary Virginia White.

Mr. Stewart taught the Freshmen and Sophomores. The Freshmen given cards at the end of the course were: Julia A. Aldrich, Barbara Burley, June Crabil, Bertha Davis, Dolores Dalphe, Sandy Ferguson, Mary Jean Hanshaw, Blanche Marie Jones, Nadine Kinter, Gladys Kyburz, Helen Louise Kyburz, Priscilla Lane, Dorothy Losinski, Dorothy Mae Lowinski, Patsy McDonald, Lois McIntyre, Dolores Nowicki, Thelma Piatt, Joan Seiler, Mary E. Sobeske, Stella J. Tharp, Evelyn White, and Grace Wilson.

The Sophomores were as follows: Yolanda Austin, Margaret Bykoski, Betty Doll, Dolores Eddy, Beverly Greeley, Georgia Green, Arlene Heckleman, Donna A. Hoopingarner, Mary Hurley, June Keckler, Florentine Kibiloski, Mary Ann Kibiloski, Rose Marie Kibiloski, Martha Kruszka, Barbara Lawrence, Joan Nowicki, Virginia Slisher, Peggy Tillotson, Juanita Vreeland, Betty Watson, and Cora Jean Leatherman.

—Helen Mae Smoker.



We sure missed you on the team this year, even
this, we've had a fair record.



Front row — Jones, Hilton, Hankins, Williams, Reed, Brenner, Guzy.
Second row — B. Rosenau, L. Rosenau, Rifenburg, Kibiloski, Cranson, Printke, Kinter, Belote.
Third row — Lemanski, Skinner, R. Rosenau, Foglesong, Sobeski, Coach Hilton.
Fourth row — Hardy, B. Kibiloski, R. Yesh, Johnson, D. Rifenburg, K. Yesh.

FOOTBALL

The end of the 1942 football season brought a new champion to the Little "C" Conference. After holding the championship consecutively from 1937 through 1941, Bronson was forced to relinquish its hold on first place to Jonesville. Bronson began its reign as champion by sharing the title with Jonesville in 1937, and then winning it undisputed for the next four years.

With a nucleus of five Seniors, one Jun'or, and one Sophomore letter winners in 1941, Coach Hilton had a hard job ahead of him when the season opened. But with his fine planning and coaching he was able to put a team on the field that, though they lost the championship, never lost a game.

Those boys that played their last year of football for Bronson in the line were Carlie Rifenburg, Lowell Rosenau and Clifford Kibiloski; in the back field, Whitcomb Cranson, Charles Kinter, and Frank Printke. Clifford Kibiloski was elected honorary captain for the season.

Since Coach Hilton came to Bronson in 1932, Bronson has held the championship five years, Athens two, Union City one, Quincy one, and Jonesville one. The latter also shared one year with Bronson.

With the exception of two years out of the eleven, Bronson has never been lower than second place.

The season's schedule follows: Bronson 18, Athens 0; Bronson 20, Litchfield 0; Bronson 18, Union City 6; Bronson 6, Jonesville 6; Bronson 39, Reading 0; Bronson 7, Homer 0; Bronson 0, Quincy 0. Bronson totalled 108 points in the seven games, and the opponents, 12 points.

Lowell Rosenau.



*First row — Brenner, Coach Hilton, Kinter, Cranson, Davis.
Second row — Doll, Printke, Williams, Hilton.*

BASKETBALL

The Little "C" league decided last fall not to play basketball on Championship basis.

Each school was given permission to make up a schedule with nearby schools in order to eliminate long driving and save tires and gasoline.

As a result, Bronson played two games each with Colon, Union City, Quincy and Burr Oak. This resulted in Bronson's winning two games and losing six.

Bronson took part in the district tournament at Sturgis and were eliminated by Colon. The score was: Colon, 36; Bronson, 16.

Those receiving major awards were: Whitcomb Cranson, Frank Printke, and Chas. Kinter, seniors; Charles Hilton and Clyde Williams, juniors; Wendell Brenner, Perry Davis and Robert Doll, sophomores.

Those playing on the second team squad were: John Williams, Dick Belote, John Hardy, Keith Frederick, Rex Foglesong, David Rifenburg, Eugene Johnson, Harry Piatt, Joe Supianoski, Frank Bekoski, Robert Byers, and Robert Kibiloski.

Scores were as follows: Colon 29, Bronson 18; Burr Oak 20, Bronson 22; Union City 17, Bronson 26; Quincy 23, Bronson 20; Colon 21, Bronson 19; Burr Oak 20, Bronson 22; Quincy 27, Bronson 12; Union City 26, Bronson 14.

—Charles Kinter.



First row — Hurley, B. Doll, Georgia Green, Gene Green, Mrs. Hamilton, B. Lawrence, Wotta, Leatherberry, Shook.
Second row — Heimert, P. Lane, N. Kinter, T. Piatt, G. Wilson, D. Piatt, Austin, Burley.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Under the coaching of Mrs. Nova Hamilton, the girls' basketball season started September 29. They had only two practices a week until the middle of December, when they began daily practice.

Because of the gas rationing, the girls participated only in intramural games this year. They played four games on the local floor, preliminary to the boys' games. Two teams were selected, known as the "Blues" and the "Whites."

The "Whites" were the following: Beverly Lawrence, captain; Mary Ellen Piatt, Donna Leatherberry, Barbara Burley, Yolanda Austin, Marjorie Shook, Dora Piatt, and Grace Wilson.

The following made up the "Blues": Gene Green, captain; Georgia Green, Mary Hurley, Nadine Kinter, Joyce Lane, Betty Doll, Thelma Piatt, and Eileen Heimert.

The girls wish to express their appreciation to Mrs. Hamilton for her patience and untiring effort in working with them. They extend to her their heartiest thanks.

Shirley Robinson.



*Front row — Guzy, Hilton, Hankins, Jones, Doll, Belote.
 Second row — Brenner, Williams, Shumway, Cranson, Kinter, Coach Hilton.
 Third row — Wilber, Larimer, Thurber, Lemanski, Kibiloski, Sobeske.
 Fourth row — Hardy, Albright, Badder, Horkey, Yesh, Badder, Foglesong.*

BASEBALL

In line with the plans of the Little "C" Conference, Bronson has decided to discontinue baseball as a championship sport for the duration.

Bronson has not planned on any games as yet, but, due to the fact that Coach Hilton feels the opportunity should be given the boys for some spring sport, he has started baseball practice.

The practicing is done during the noon hour so as to give the boys a chance to work after school in places where they can help their country.

Boys who are taking part are Charles Kinter, Whitcomb Cranson, Robert Doll, Charles Hilton, Clyde Williams, Richard Belote, William Guzy, Rex Foglesong, Myron Larimer, William Thurber, Wendell Brenner, Leonard Hankins, Robert Kibiloski, Gordon Jones, Bud Sobeske, Paul Richhart, George Lemanski, John Hardy, Matthew Albright, David Badder, Dean Badder, and Frank Bekoske.

—Lowell V. Rosenau.

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Rosa Meyers + Bronson Frank Meyers

Myron L. Ripley Bronson, Mich. #7
Betty Warcup Route #1 Marie E. Gage R.F.D. #1

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Well, Bill, there's our year at Bronson Hi, we've had a good time. Hoping that Peace comes soon and that we'll meet again.

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