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Joanne Barton

THE SENIORS OF OKEMOS HIGH SCHOOL

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CLASS MOTTO

"Either find a path or make one."

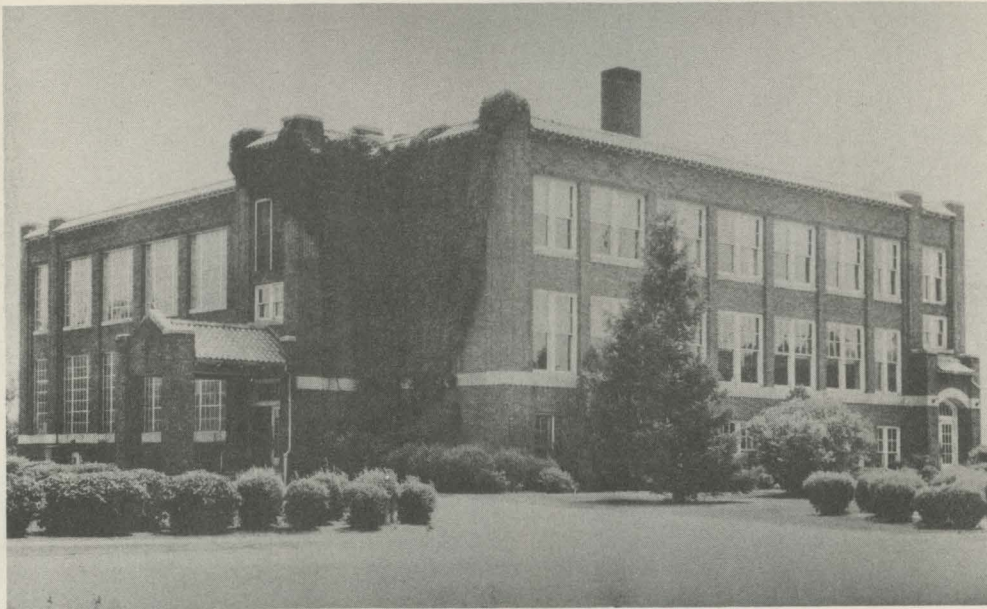
CLASS FLOWER

Carnation

CLASS COLORS

Pink and Silver

Our School



- OKEMOS HIGH -

Four years with you are ended,
It's time to say good-bye.
Though time and miles will part us,
We'll remember Okemos High.

To us you bring fond memories
Of teachers, fun, and friends,
Of sports, class rooms, and parties,
And good times without end.

By Mrs. Mary Rood

Dedication



PAUL PARKER PRETHER

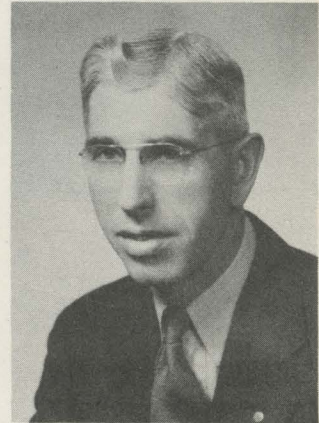
We, the Senior Class of 1949, dedicate this year-book to Paul Parker Prether, a true friend, whom we have known throughout our years of high school life.

Friendly, helpful, willing and cheerful, he has contributed to the pleasantness of our activities in Okemos High by smoothing the way, whenever it was possible.

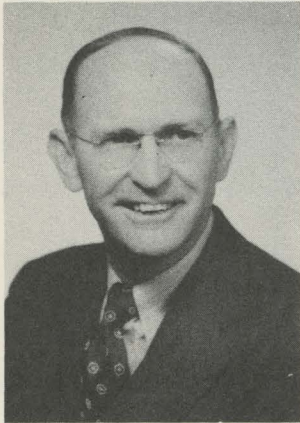
His friendly services will never be forgotten.



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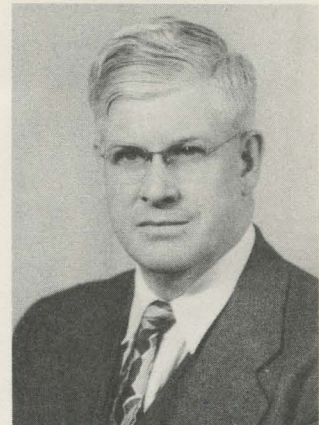
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The Board members congratulate the graduating Seniors and extend to them sincere good wishes for continued success in the future. They earnestly hope that the knowledge gained and the habits formed by the graduates while attending Okemos High School will help them to lead happy and useful lives.

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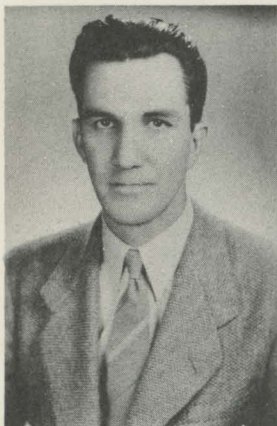
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 BOTTOM ROW: Claire Knysh, Thora Aldrich, Lora Van Hoesen, Grace Esdale, Ila Jo Clark, Vanietta Hammond.

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Charles H. Kornmeyer



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The Class Of 1949



Baby Pictures



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Class History

Early one morning in September, 1937, we started our schooling career. Forty-five uneasy children were waiting around anxiously, wondering what to do next. We still have eight of the original forty-five with us. They are: Doug Barnard, Ted Evert, Vivian Hadley, Joe Hovanesian, Roberta Kelly, Doug Richey, Ernest Southworth, and Valda Grettenberger.

In the second grade Vivian Hadley was out for a period of time, due to illness. For her we made a book of the pictures we had drawn, hoping this might cheer her up. At the beginning of this year Valda Grettenberger left for Grand Rapids.

The third grade was something we had been looking forward to. Now, when they had fire drills, we were permitted to go down the big round fire escape.

The fourth grade was a big event for us because we were going to be in the "big" school. Under the direction of Miss Way we gave our first production. It was a puppet show, for which we each made our own puppets. Our parents were the honored guests to the play "Scrooge". Jim and Harwood Hopkins, and Joe Travis joined our gang this year.

Valda Grettenberger came back in the fifth grade after having been away for three years. Wally Ruhland also joined us. This year Miss Robinson helped us put on several skits.

Going into the sixth grade was a big thing. Just think! We were half way through our schooling days. Our teacher for that year was Miss Taylor. This year Hilda and Gordon joined us.

Finally, in the seventh grade we were allowed to give an all-high party. This year we were allowed to have class officers for the first time. The only trouble was, they were changed too often, so that every one could be an officer. Again we put on a puppet show, "Jack and the Bean Stalk". Chuck Sawaya and Donald Webb joined the group at this time.

In the eighth grade we widened our education by going on many field trips. Miss Locher, who was also our teacher in the seventh grade, helped us to appreciate more things in nature. That was the year we put on our first all-high dance. We thought that was really an accomplishment. One thing we cannot forget is when the class refereed the wrestling match between Gordon and the teacher.

Our freshmen year started out with a bang, with the addition of Ronnie Long to our gang. First, we were initiated by the sophomores. They made us wear night shirts and gowns. That year we were full of pep and mischief. Our class wanted to do something big, right off, so we stuck our foot into it by putting on a pancake supper. It was a huge success, even if we do say so ourselves. That year we put on another roller skating party at the Palomar.

We entered the tenth year with high hopes of success, so we put on another pancake supper. In the fall of the tenth year we initiated the freshmen, and Boy! was that fun! Shortly after the initiation, we gave a party, Gobble Hobble. With lots of work, we turned out a party that was a big success.

In our eleventh year we were joined by Joyce Donnell, Pat LaVoy and Roberta Kohls. We gave two parties, Heart Beat and a Sadie Hawkin's dance. In the spring of the year we gave a play. The name of the play was "Junior Prom." With a cast of twelve and a lot of help from everyone in our class, we think we put on the best play in the history of Okemos High School. This, we realize was due, in a large part, to the skillful and willing guidance of our director, Miss Schram. Next came the Prom, which was a dinner and dance in honor of the seniors. The theme "Moon Dreams," was carried out with a large yellow moon shining through the sky of blue and silver streamers. The side walls were also of blue and white streamers with silver stars dazzling on them. Dancing was enjoyed to the dreamy music of Bob Shinberg and his Orchestra.

We started the twelfth grade with a party full of fun and food. Some boys in our class dressed in girl's formals and did a very effective dance. This party, "Night Club '49", was a very big success.

Next came our senior play, "Those Websters." We all had a wonderful time working on it, and giving our last production, again under the direction of Miss Schram.

In February our yearbook went to press. All of our free time was spent in getting the material for our pages together. We are especially grateful to Mrs. Rood, who so willingly directed the publication of this book, and for the many hours she spent working with us on it.

On May 22, we went on our trip to Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada, accompanied by our sponsors Mrs. Clemow and Mr. Dunn.

For the four years of our high school days, Mrs. Clemow has been a helpful, understanding sponsor. She has been responsible for our many successes and good times. We owe her much and thank her for her guidance. We also thank Mr. Dunn for the help he has given us during our senior year.

Mr. Monroe, another cooperative sponsor for three years, left us at the end of last year. Tonight is the climax of twelve years of work and pleasure together. As we each go our way and make our own history, we will look back on Okemos High School with fond memories.

Roberta Kelly

Douglas Richey

Seniors

VIVIAN HADLEY

"I know my wants. Now watch me get him."

Vice President-2
Glee Club-1
F.H.A.-1,2,3,4
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4



ARTHUR "TED" EVERT

"A quiet man, but quite a man."

Student Council-3
Football-2
Basketball-2,3,4
Baseball-2,3,4



JOYCE DONNELL

"No saint perhaps, but then the very best of girls."

Library Club-4
Glee Club-1
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4

Joyce Donnell



JOSEPH "JOE" HOVANESIAN

"All great men are dead. I'm not feeling well myself."

President-4
Varsity Club-2,3,4. Sec.-4
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2,4
Baseball-2
Track-3,4
Wolverine Boys' State-3



CHARLES "CHUCK" SAWAYA

"There are two sides to every question: my side and the wrong side."

Varsity Club-2,3,4. Pres.-4
Library Club-4. V.Pres.-4
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2
Track-2,3,4



"WALLY" RUHLAND

"You can talk her into anything, almost."

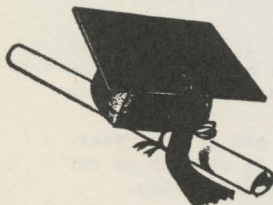
Vice President-3
Secretary-1
Student Council-1,2
F.H.A.-1,2,4
Glee Club-1
Band-1,2
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4
D.A.R. Award



GORDON "GORDIE" DELAMARTER

"A smile is currency in any country."

President-1
Vice President-4
Student Council-4. V.Pres.-4
Varsity Club-3,4
F.F.A -2,3,4. Treas.-3
Football-1
Basketball-1,2,3,4
Baseball-2,3,4
Track-1,2,3,4



Seniors

HARWOOD "HOPPY" HOPKINS

"If your sleep interferes with your work, quit your work."

Hi Y-3
Football-3. Manager-2
Basketball-2,3
Baseball-2,3
Track-2



ROBERTA KOHLS

"An innocent face, but you can never tell."

F.H.A.-4
"Those Websters"-4



HILDA TAYLOR

"She is busy all the time raising cain--and it's not sugar."

Secretary-2
Community Council-4
Glee Club-1
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4
F.H.A.-1,2,3,4. V.Pres.-2.
Treas.-3, President-4
Cheerleader-2,3,4



DONALD "PROFESSOR" WEBB

"I will speak ill of no man and speak all the good I know of everyone."

Band-2,3
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4



DOUGLAS "DOUG" RICHEY

"I'm grown up, almost."

Treasurer-4
Varsity Club-3,4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2,3,4
Baseball-2,3,4
Track-2,3,4



VALDA GRETTEBERGER

"Ready and willing to do her part."

Library Club-4. Pres.-4
Glee Club-1
F.H.A.-1,2,3
Properties for both plays



RONALD "RONNIE" LONG

"It isn't work that worries me, it's women."

Secretary-4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2
Track-2,3,4

Seniors

JAMES "JIM" HOPKINS

"Sink or swim, but I'd rather float."

F.F.A.-2,3,4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2,3,4
Baseball-2,3,4



LOUISE SHERMAN

"Speak out, hide not thy thoughts."

F.H.A.-1
Senior Play Properties



ROBERTA "BERT" KELLY

"If silence were wealth I'd be a pauper."

Treasurer-3
Student Council-1
F.H.A.-1,2,4
Glee Club-1
Band-1
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4



JOSEPH "JOE" TRAVIS

"Not that I love studies less, but fun more."

Varsity Club-3,4
"Those Websters"-4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2,3,4
Baseball-2,3,4



PATRICIA "PATTI" LA VOY

"Mischievous shines in her eyes."

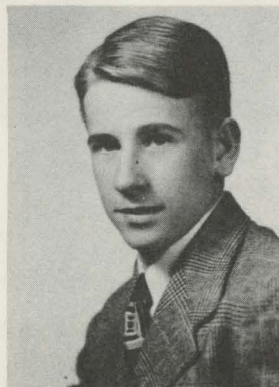
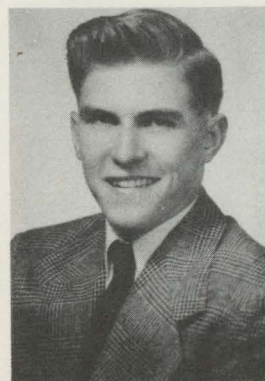
Library Club-4
Student Council-4



DOUGLAS "DOUG" BARNARD

"His heart is like a trolley, always room for one more."

President-2
Student Council, Pres.-4
Varsity Club-3,4. Treas.-3
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2,4
Baseball-2,3,4
Track-2,3,4



ERNEST "ERNIE" SOUTHWORTH

"A great man--he admits himself."

Treasurer-1
Varsity Club-3,4
"Junior Prom"-3
"Those Websters"-4
Football-2,3,4
Basketball-2,3,4
Baseball-2,3,4
Track-3,4
Wolverine Boys' State-3

Class Prophecy

As I walked out of my office, I dreamed happily of what the next two weeks would have in store for me. Those two weeks, by the way, are made up of my annual vacation allotted to me by my employers, the Academy Aircraft Corporation. On my first day of leisure, I found myself sitting in Carnegie Hall in New York patiently waiting for the grand opening of the opera, "Cleopatra." At last the moment arrived and the curtain rose, revealing the leading lady of the play. To my astonishment, Cleopatra was being portrayed by Roberta Kohls, who was a classmate of mine in Okemos High School.

As I watched the play and talked to Roberta afterwards, I decided to take my company-owned jet plane, and trace down the achievements of the remaining nineteen members of my class. I had quite a job discovering where all my classmates were located, but finally I laid out a tour to visit my friends.

My first visit was a local call where I found Wally Ruhland counting hundred-dollar bills, while she told me of her marriage to a rich banker.

Next, I made a short hop to Washington, D. C., where I saw Roberta Kelly redecorating the President's office, and observed Joe Travis as head waiter at a Senatorial banquet.

Following this, I proceeded to fly to Hollywood, where I discovered Gordon Delamarter and Joyce Donnell madly taking pictures at Warner Brothers' Studio. They are, at the present time, producing "The Mad Cowboy," starring Harwood Hopkins.

From here I piloted my plane to Lansing where I found Ernest Southworth acting as Ronnie Long's lawyer. Ronnie had shot a buck deer out of season. It is here that we found Louise Sherman as the District Attorney's stenographer.

I then visited Okemos, where I intended to interview Ted Evert, but first I stopped in at Frank's Gas Station and found Jim Hopkins still trying to win free games off the pinball machine. I then proceeded to see Ted, whom I found sitting in the office of his undertaking business under a plaque reading "Home Sweet Home."

While in Ted's office, I glanced at a newspaper named "The Williamston Gazette," and to my surprise it is being edited by Vivian Hadley. I then looked at the advertisement section and saw where my old classmate Joe Hovanesian is selling Push Button Combines to farmers.

My next subject was at Albion College, where I found Valda Grettenberger as Dean of Home Economics and Doug Richey as coach of their basketball team. Also there at Albion I discovered Donald Webb was president of the college.

I then boarded my jet plane and winged my way to Paris, where, I was told, Chuck Sawaya was residing. After a fruitful search, I finally found him judging a beauty contest at Pat La Voy's weight lifting school.

While in Paris I decided to go on a sightseeing tour of the glamorous city. On this tour I glanced at a billboard and saw a familiar face. Immediately I decided to trace down another old friend, and at the end of my search I discovered Hilda Taylor, acting as a model for a fashion artist.

After some merry hellos and goodbys, I boarded my plane and within a few hours I found myself at my home in New York happily reviewing the accomplishments of (in my estimation) the best class ever to graduate from Okemos High, the class of "49."

Douglas Barnard

Class Will

We, the Seniors of Okemos High school in the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine, being of sound mind and body, do hereby, publish this as our last will and testament.

First, We direct that all our just debts and expenses be fully paid by the Board of Education, as soon as conveniently may be, after we leave.

Second, We give our thanks to our instructors for being patient with us through our school days. We give our special thanks to our sponsor, Mrs. Glemow, for her guidance through our four years of high school and to our co-sponsor, Mr. Dunn, for his help during our senior year. Last, but not least, to Mrs. Rood for her help in directing the publication of our year-book.

As our token of gratitude to the underclassmen, we leave these things to help them complete their high school career.

- I, Douglas Barnard, will my liking for girls to Lyle Blackledge
- I, Gordon Delamarter, leave my girls to the rest of you lucky boys.
- I, Joyce Donnell, will my curls to Dick Benne.
- I, Ted Evert, leave my grave diggers ability to Alfred Kornmyer.
- I, Valda Grettenberger, leave my willingness to work to George Warren.
- I, Vivian Hadley, will my ability to get a man to Barbara Seeley.
- I, Harwood Hopkins, leave for my ranch.
- I, Joe Hovanesian, will my love for teachers to Russel Burch.
- I, Roberta Kohls, leave my southern accent to next year's hopefuls.
- I, Pat LaVoy, will my lively trot to the track team.
- I, Ronnie Long, leave all my favorite sayings to Curt Travis.
- I, Douglas Richey, will my long gears to Bob Murphy.
- I, Wally Ruhland, will my best marks to help out Bill Dyer.
- I, Charles Sawaya, take everything with me.
- I, Louise Sherman, will my quietness to the Freshmen boys.
- I, Ernest Southworth, will my liking for sports to Jim Clark.
- I, Jim Hopkins, leave my ability to be quiet to Janet Copp.
- I, Hilda Taylor, would like to leave some weight wherever I can get rid of it.
- I, Joe Travis, will my place on the basketball bench to Mackie Black.
- I, Donald Webb, will my ability to play the piano to Dave Oberlin.
- I, Roberta Kelly, leave my bright red blush to Benny Guile.

Signed, sealed, published and declared as the last will and testament of the class of '49 in the presence of all of us and in the presence of all of you here on this thirty-first day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

Signed Ernest Southworth
Testator

Class Trip



The seniors and their sponsors, Mrs. Glemow and Mr. Dunn, left Sunday morning, May 22, for the senior trip to Toronto. A chartered Greyhound bus took them to Detroit, where they boarded the S. S. Noronic at 11 a.m. and started their three day cruise.

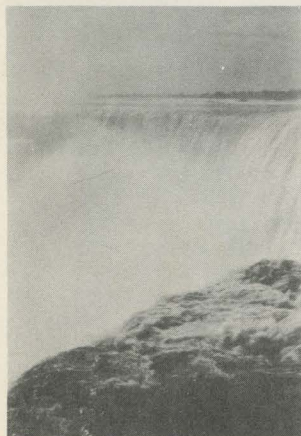
The Detroit skyline and the huge Ambassador Bridge provided a thrilling view as the afternoon entertainment program began to get underway. Dinner was served as the boat was passing the Livingston Channel and entering Lake Erie. Dancing and entertainment, which included "Army-Navy Games" kept everyone busy during the entire evening.

The second day Port Colborne, Ontario, was passed at the entrance to the Welland Canal, and the boat began the interesting trip to Lake Ontario. The ship was lowered several hundred feet during the hours spent in the huge locks. After leaving the canal, the afternoon was spent cruising across Lake Ontario. An early dinner was served to allow maximum time at Canada's Queen City, Toronto. The Exposition Grounds, where each year the famous Toronto "Worlds Fair" is held, as well as the famous shopping centers, drew many students. Also of interest was the Casa Loma, the huge Castle built on a high hill over-looking Toronto.

Returning to the ship, another evening of fun and entertainment was provided as the ship cruised Lake Ontario towards the Welland Canal. At the entrance of the Welland Canal, on the third day, the boat was anchored and students were allowed to go on shore where buses met the group and transported them to Niagara Falls for a full day of sight-seeing in that beautiful spot. Special buses met the students at the Rainbow Bridge Terminal for the trip back to the ship at Port Colborne, at the Lake Erie entrance of the Welland Canal.

Dinner was served as the cruise ship pulled out into Lake Erie. There was a gala evening of entertainment and dancing on this, the last night aboard ship. The Amateur Night Show was presented. Prizes were given and there was great fun for everyone.

On Wednesday forenoon the boat arrived in Detroit carrying a tired and happy group of seniors. Here they found the Greyhound bus waiting to take them on the last stretch homeward.



Prom



On May 1, 1948, the juniors honored the seniors with a very gay and enjoyable Banquet and Prom. The theme, "Moon Dreams", was carried out with a large yellow moon shining through a sky of blue and silver streamers. The side walls were also of blue and white streamers with silver stars dazzling on them.

A delicious dinner was served to over one hundred students, faculty, board of education and guests. The tables were beautifully decorated with spring flowers and silver stars.

Nestled among palms and flowers, on the stage, with a background of sparkling stars, Bob Shinberg and his orchestra furnished dreamy music for dancers.

Junior Play



"JUNIOR PROM"

Hilda Taylor, Ernest Southworth, Susan Willis, Chuck Sawaya, Wally Ruhland, Bob Benson, Vivian Hadley, Joe Hovanesian, Joyce Donnell, Don Webb, (Roberta Kelly, Doug Barnard - not pictured).

Senior Play



"THOSE WEBSTERS"

STANDING: Jim Hopkins (Stage Manager), Ernest Southworth, Wally Ruhland, Joe Travis, Joyce Donnell, Doug Barnard, Chuck Sawaya, Don Webb, Pat LaVoy (Properties), Valda Grettenberger (Properties), Gordon Delamarter (Stage Manager).

SITTING: Roberta Kelly, Hilda Taylor, Joe Hovanesian, Roberta Kohls, Vivian Hadley, Miss Christena Schram (Director).

Undergraduates Snaps



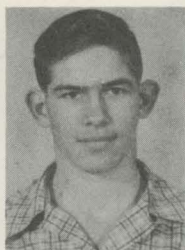
Underclassmen



Junior Class



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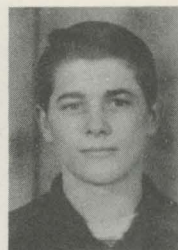
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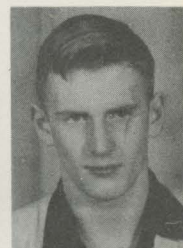
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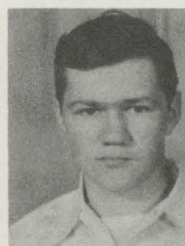
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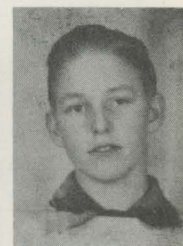
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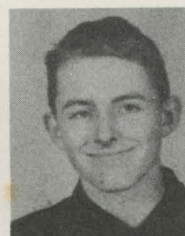
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Juniors History

The class of 1950, began their junior year with thirty members. Three girls, Joyce Madzia, Helen Johnson, JoAnn White, and one boy, John Thayer left the class during the summer. Charlotte Powell and George Hirvela joined this year, but George soon left.

The class was organized with the following officers: President, Trella Wieland; Vice President, Kenneth Pannabecker; Secretary, Rosalee Arend; Treasurer, Marilyn Schulz; Student Council Representative, Dick Benne; Social Chairman, Donna Page; and Assembly Representative, Esther Ellis. The class sponsor was Miss Sehram and the co-sponsor was Mrs. Rood.

Kenneth Pannabecker was chairman of the ice-cream sales held during the noon hour, which helped to finance the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom.

The Halloween Carnival was a big success and a lot of fun. The ice cream booth and the cake-walk added to the evening's enjoyment.

On February 12, 1949, the juniors sponsored an all-high Valentine party with students from Williamston High School as guests. The entrance to the gymnasium was through a large red heart. On the stage curtains was a large heart outlined in silver containing a cupid, which carried out the theme, "Cupid's Holiday". Music for dancing was furnished by the "Five Sharps and A Flat", a high school orchestra. Refreshments of ice-cream, cup cakes, and cokes were sold throughout the evening. The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the Queen chosen from the following candidates: Eighth Grade, Geraldine Travis; Freshmen, Claire Vander Muelen; Sophomores, Pat Schepperley; and Juniors, Trella Wieland. The winner of the contest, the "Queen of Hearts", for the evening was Geraldine Travis.

The junior play was presented in April and was a real success. Several talented actors and actresses were discovered.

The Junior-Senior Banquet and the Junior-Senior Prom climaxed the year's activities. The juniors entertained the seniors, Board of Education, and faculty to a banquet dinner on Friday evening, May 6. The following evening, the seniors, guests, Board of Education, and faculty were guests at a very lovely Prom.

Thus closes a very enjoyable year with high hopes for a successful and happy senior year.

Sophomore Class



TOP ROW: B. Titus, G. Warren, J. Clark, H. Antcliff, V. Long, B. Simoneau, R. Sheldon, J. Whitman, B. Seeley, S. Bosworth. **THIRD ROW:** D. Brady, L. Patenge, B. Guile, R. Murphy, M. Black, D. Grettenberger, J. Eichmeier, J. Brewbaker, J. Stevens, C. Southworth, J. Hargis, G. Higbie. **SECOND ROW:** D. Mead, J. Estelle, W. Abel, G. Bennett, B. Bennett, D. Roosa, B. Richey, R. Klotz, B. Worthington, L. Lowery, E. Kohls, L. Longanecker, J. Whitmyer. **FRONT ROW:** Mr. Smeltzer (co-sponsor), N. Hicks, B. Algate, C. Andrus, R. Kelly, P. Schepperley, J. Everett, J. Sweet, E. Wright, F. Wilson, M. Worthington, V. Ohm, Mrs. Kelly (sponsor).

S O P H O M O R E S

September, 1947 found fifty freshmen entering high school with high hopes. Sponsors were Mrs. Ruth Kelly and Miss Phyllis Collins. Officers were Carlene Andrus, President; Sheila Cummins, Vice President; Joyce Sweet, Secretary; Joanne Brewbaker, Treasurer; Bob Worthington, Student Council; Jerry Burch, Building and Grounds.

Then, to shatter their self-assurance, came freshmen initiation on October 3, but to make up for it, the sophomores treated them to a party that evening.

In the fall, they sponsored an All-High Roller Skating party; in the spring an all-high square dance, the "Hill-Billy Hop."

September, 1948 found fifty sophomores, a little more certain of themselves. Their sponsors were Mrs. Ruth Kelly, Mr. Robert Smeltzer, and Mr. Walter Knysh. They elected Nancy Hicks, President; Lloyd Lowery, Vice President; Ruth Sheldon Assembly Committee; Benny Guile, Community Council.

The class initiated the freshmen on September 24, and entertained them at a party that evening.

On December 20, they sponsored "Winter Wonderland", a semi-formal Christmas dance with Ed Berry's orchestra furnishing the music. Guests were the class sponsors, and Mr. and Mrs. Hicks as patrons. The gym was well disguised with bells descending from the ceiling, and pine boughs fastened all around the balcony. A picket fence set off the stage, where the orchestra was seated. Red, blue, and green spotlights, the stage footlights, and the Christmas tree lights gave sufficient illumination. The dance was a huge success.

The boys in the class put on a pancake supper on February 5, and had a good crowd.

The class of '51 is looking forward to their junior and senior years with a great deal of anticipation.

Good luck
in the future.
Patti.

I was one onest!
Miss P. Piper
Freshman Class Student teacher



TOP ROW: D. Rozan, B. Piper, P. Hopkins, F. Thompson, J. Greenwood, V. Richey, J. Bartow, L. Hayes, R. Stetler, M. Darling, J. Irwin. SECOND ROW: G. Willits, D. Shipley, N. Kranz, L. Webb, R. Davidson, A. Kornmeyer, J. Voelker, D. McDonald, L. Hickey, D. Phillips, R. Hadley, R. Hartsuff. BOTTOM ROW: Mrs. Strouf (co-sponsor), V. Backus, B. Aldrich, M. Roosa, H. Titus, C. Vander Muelen, J. Webb, B. Brumm, R. Kohls, S. Luck, V. Furgala, M. Church, P. Tossy, Mrs. Pinkepank (sponsor).

FRESHMEN

The class of '52 started their high school struggle towards the top on September 8, 1948. The sponsors were Mrs. Pinkepank and Mrs. Strouf. Class officers for the year were elected as follows: Ronald Kohls, President; James Greenwood, Vice President; Janice Webb, Treasurer; LeRoy Webb, Secretary; Dana McDonald, Student Council.

The class is quite pleased about their sudden growth. Last year there were twenty-four students, this year there are thirty-seven students.

The first major event of their high school career was the initiation which was dreaded, but the party afterwards was well worth the trouble. Boy! But what they will do to the freshmen next year!

The annual Halloween Carnival was the next big affair of the year. The class voted to have the basketball throw as their project. The afternoon arrived, the basket was set up--but, no net could be found! What happened? Did they give up? I should say not. They hurriedly set up a "Milk Bottle Throw" which proved to be a great success.

In the sport's field, freshmen fellows are already on the reserve teams, and before they graduate they hope to make big headlines for Okemos High.

Angel
Titus

"Best of Luck"
Clare Vander Muelen
"52"

Handwritten notes in blue ink, including the name "Patti" and other illegible scribbles.

V. S. Furgala

Eighth Grade



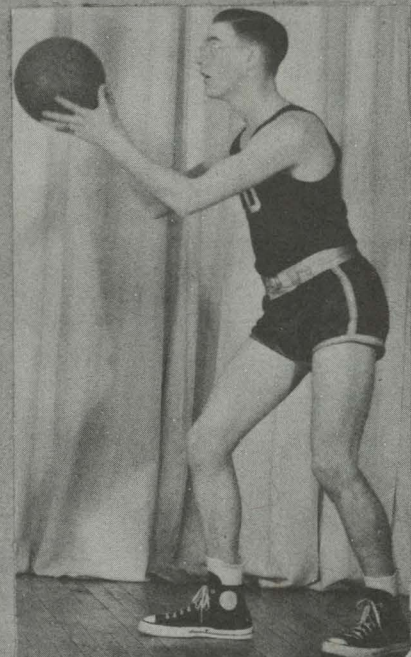
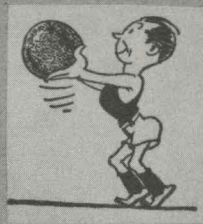
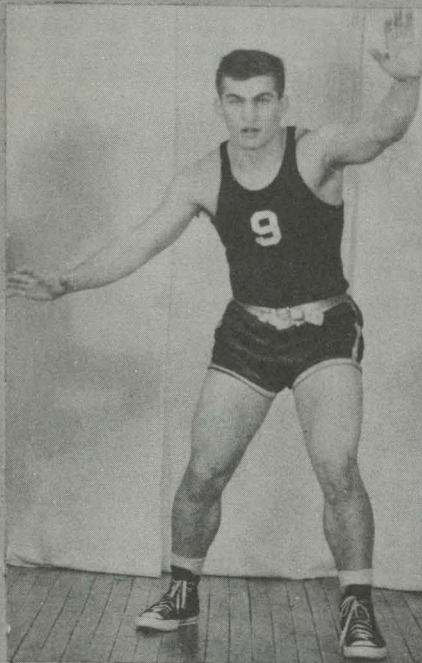
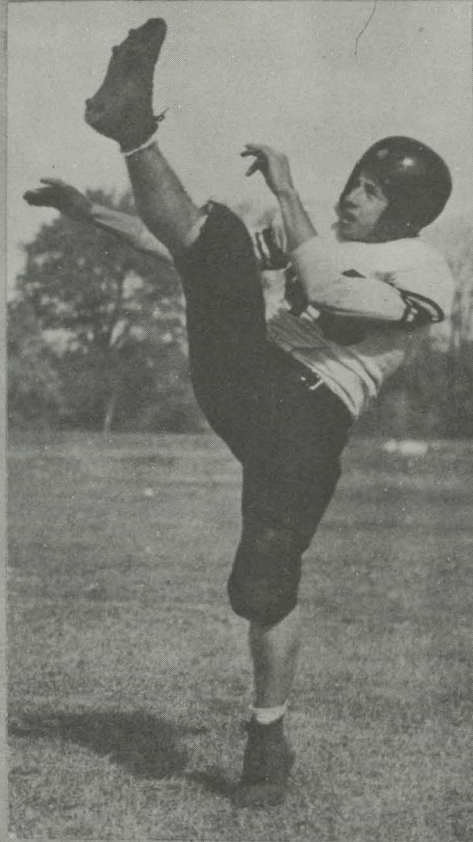
TOP ROW: R. Netzloff, C. Hargis, J. Hickey, P. Abel, J. Drennan, D. Fisher, J. Avery, C. McClelland, M. Bennett, E. Abel, R. Brown, N. Murdock, E. Cooley. THIRD ROW: C. Winter, E. Kohls, M. Black, J. Seeley, T. Parks, D. Line, H. Sheldon, O. Hawkins, G. Travis, V. Backus, V. Irvin, D. Whitmyer, R. Farr. SECOND ROW: M. Scheffer, D. Davidson, D. Fannabecker, R. Ewing, G. Rozan, K. Palmerton, G. Roosa, D. Bell, M. Swab, M. Benne, G. Shaull, H. Swab, D. Sperry. FRONT ROW: A. Southwell, N. Voelker, P. Roney, D. Randall, J. Snider, R. Burch, R. Davis, S. Aleshire, D. Clark, G. Johnson, J. Stillman, C. Drew, J. Groh, H. Webb, Mrs. Lamb

Seventh Grade

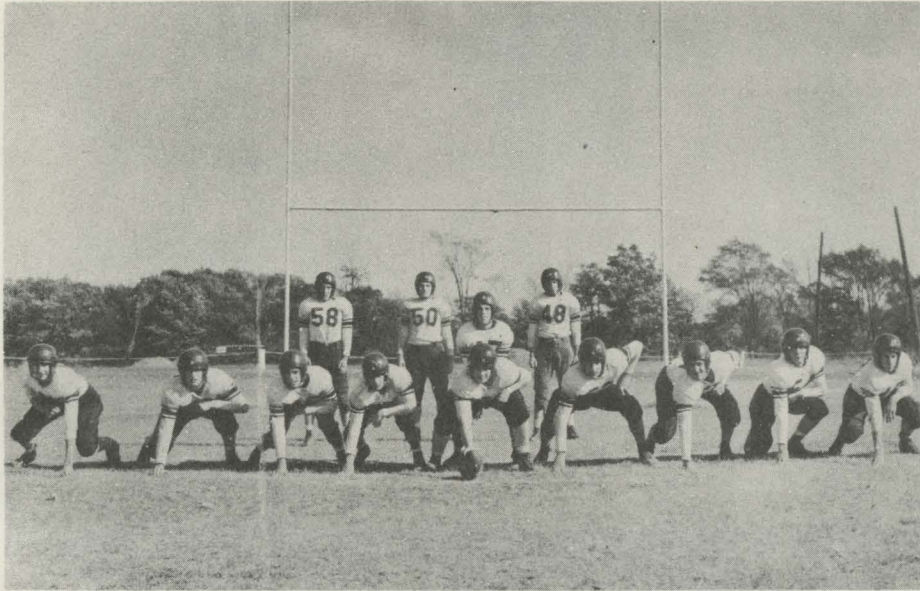


TOP ROW: S. Miller, H. Travis, G. McGowan, R. Hoag, R. Davidson, D. Avery, J. Kreider, W. Lowery, J. Bosworth, J. Dodge, L. Brauner, J. Cooley. THIRD ROW: G. Alden, D. Ellison, S. Burch, B. Grant, S. Davidson, B. Bell, J. McKinley, C. Hagerman, J. Henderson, M. Drew. SECOND ROW: M. Abel, M. Reason, M. Phillips, C. Webb, P. Ray, F. Buehler, P. Ayres, H. Farr, P. McFarren, M. Hoag, N. Brauner. FRONT ROW: M. Elg, A. Thompson, M. Davis, K. Sweet, P. Conklin, B. Hollen, H. Greer, S. Grant, P. Titus, C. Peacock, R. Ash, N. Whitmyer, Mrs. Van Hoesen.

Sports



Football



BACKFIELD: Jim Hopkins, Joe Hovanesian, Bob Murphy, Ronnie Long. **LINE:** Douglas Richey, Kenneth Pannabecker, Joe Travis, Jim Sherman, Jan Estelle, Chuck Sawaya, Glen Bennett, Bob Worthington, Ernest Southworth.

FOOTBALL

The 1948 football team was composed mostly of seniors, although there will be a few lettermen returning next year.

This team was definitely handicapped by the loss of Doug Barnard, the quarterback, early in the season. Doug had to leave the squad because of an injury. Late in the season, Coach Richards discovered a new quarterback in Joe Travis, who filled the spot very efficiently for the last part of the season.

Other members of the backfield were: "Fleet Footed" Long, left half; "Hopper" Hopkins, right half; and "Bull Em Over" Hovanesian, fullback. Senior members of the line were "Stickey Fingers" Southworth, end; "Charger" Sawaya, tackle; and "Mow Em Down" Richey, end.

All in all, the 1948 football season was very successful with Okemos ending tied for second place. With a little luck (which we didn't have), this team could have been the toughest ball club in the league.

We, the Senior boys, wish to express sincere thanks to Coach Richards for his patience and wisdom in guiding us throughout our entire high school football career

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 17	Okemos	7	Fowlerville	6	H
Sept. 24	"	7	Haslett	6	H
Oct. 1	"	0	Williamston	21	T
Oct. 8	"	20	Dansville	7	T
Oct. 13	"	7	Holt	26	T
Oct. 22	"	0	Stockbridge	6	H
Oct. 29	"	13	Leslie	7	H



Basketball

George
 J. Richards



TOP ROW: Coach Richards, B. Murphy, B. Hadley, B. Guile, D. Shipley, R. Kohls, H. Hopkins,
SECOND ROW: H. Antcliff, C. Travis, D. McDonald, B. Bennett, R. Davidson, L. Lowery, G.
 Bennett, M. Black. **BOTTOM ROW:** B. Prether, D. Barnard, G. Delamarter, J. Hovanesian, D.
 Richey, E. Southworth, T. Evert, J. Hopkins, D. Benne.

B A S K E T B A L L

The basketball team of '48 and '49 had a very good season with seven wins and seven losses. With only two players from last year's team graduating, it looked like there would be a veteran team back. However, two more members moved away, leaving only three letter men to return. These were Doug Richey, Gordon Delamarter, and Ernest Southworth. Others were added to the squad and have worked in fast to help make it a successful season.

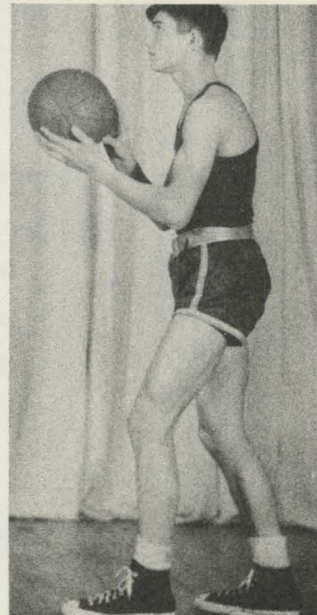
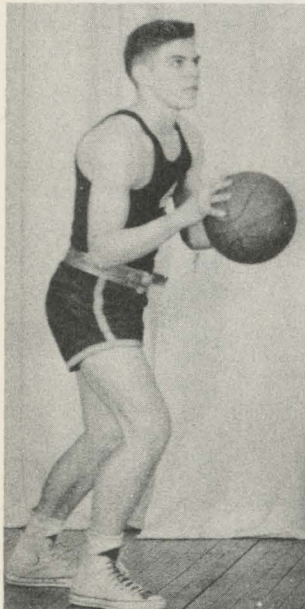
Doug Richey turned in some high point games, scoring 30 and 31 points at both Stockbridge games.

During the Christmas vacation the team played in a tournament of eight teams, and finished in fourth place.

Seven of ten players will leave the team this year. They are: Doug Richey, Ernest Southworth, Gordon Delamarter, Joe Hovanesian, Ted Evert, Doug Barnard and Jim Hopkins. This leaves only three first team players, but there are many prospects on the second team that will work in fine.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Leslie	56	Okemos	31
Potterville	37	Okemos	48
Fowlerville	44	Okemos	57
Stockbridge	43	Okemos	53
Holt	36	Okemos	50
Williamston	24	Okemos	50
Haslett	72	Okemos	26
Dansville	45	Okemos	37
Leslie	56	Okemos	38
Fowlerville	30	Okemos	41
Stockbridge	40	Okemos	55
Holt	33	Okemos	32
Williamston	43	Okemos	49
Haslett	63	Okemos	39
Dansville	42	Okemos	37



Baseball



TOP ROW: Coach Richards, J. Travis, T. Madzia, M. Black, B. Murphy, C. Travis, L. Lowery, B. Worthington, B. Dyer, H. Hopkins, J. Hopkins, B. Guile, B. Bennett, H. Antoliff, J. Estelle, J. Heppinstall. **FRONT ROW:** G. Higbie, D. Richey, D. Barnard, B. Benson, D. Houghton, D. Hicks, J. O'Berry, L. Brown, C. Sawaya, T. Evert, E. Southworth, L. White.

BASEBALL

In the spring of 1948, Coach Richards had twenty-six boys out for baseball. It looked as if they were going to have a good record, but they ran into some tough luck. They lost some close games though the team fought hard to win. At the end of the season the team average was a little above .500--winning seven and losing six.

During this season they had three boys hitting above .300: Doug Barnard, .540; Ernest Southworth, .400; and David Hicks, .321. Jack Heppinstall, a student teacher, helped the team in some of their weaknesses.

SCHEDULE



Okemos	12	Haslett	7
"	4	Fowlerville	5
"	20	Dansville	2
"	2	Williamston	3
" (Reserve)	6	Williamston (Reserve)	7
"	4	Holt	6
" (Reserve)	14	Haslett (Reserve)	3
"	0	Leslie	5
" (Reserve)	5	Haslett (Reserve)	4
"	7	Lansing "B"	1
"	2	Stockbridge	1



Track



TOP ROW: Coach Richards, M. Black, J. Sherman, B. Roosa, H. Irwin, T. Evert, J. Heppinstall. FRONT ROW: J. Thayer, B. Prether, D. Benne, B. Dyer, E. Southworth, D. Barnard, D. Richey, C. Sawaya, L. Brown, R. Long, L. White.

T R A C K

In 1948 Okemos's track team had a very successful year, with our Medley Relay team, Dick Benne and Joe Hovanesian qualifying for the State meet. The feature of the year was Hovanesian's shotput heave of 42 feet 7½ inches, which is now the new school record. After such a successful year, the entire team is looking forward to even better records in 1949.

INTER-CLASS MEET: Won by the Juniors--61 points.

Shot Put	Hovanesian	41'9"	New Record	Junior
Pole Vault	Prether	7'6"		Sophomore
High Hurdles	Burch	22.3		7th Grade
100-Yard Dash	Benne	11.0		Sophomore
Mile Run	Brown	5:46		Senior
440-Yard Dash	Dyer	60.5		Sophomore
Low Hurdles	Delamarter	26.0		Junior
Broad Jump	Delamarter	18'2"		Junior
High Jump	Delamarter	4'6"		Junior
880-Yard Relay		1:50.7		Sophomores
880-Yard Run	Brown	2:39		Senior
220-Yard Dash	Barnard	24.6		Junior
Medley Relay		3:23.8		Juniors

TRIANGULAR MEET--AT OKEMOS:

Okemos	83
Haslett	41
Dansville	28

HASTING RELAY:

1-Mile Relay	2nd Place
2-Mile Relay	7th Place
880-Yard Relay	3rd Place

REGIONAL MEET--AT FLINT: Team total--13 points. Placed 5th.

Medley Relay			2nd Place
Shot Put	Hovanesian	42'1"	2nd Place
220-Yard Dash	Benne	23.6	3rd Place
100-Yard Dash	Barnard	10.9	5th Place
880-Yard Relay Team		1:42.7	5th Place

COUNTY MEET--AT MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE:

Broad Jump	Delamarter	19'3.5"	2nd Place
Shot Put	Hovanesian	42'7.5"	1st Place
High Jump	Delamarter	18'6"	3rd Place
440-Yard Dash	Brown, Dyer		4th and 5th Place
220-Yard Dash	Benne		5th Place

STATE MEET--AT MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE:

Medley Relay Team	Southworth, Thayer, Long, Dyer		7th Place
Shot Put	Hovanesian	41'1½"	
220-Yard Dash	Benne		7th Place

Varsity Club



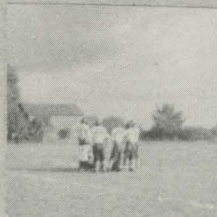
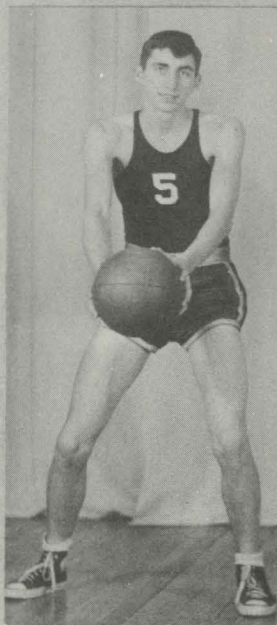
BACK ROW: Bob Worthington, Gordon Delamarter, Doug Richey, Jim Sherman, Doug Barnard, Harwood Hopkins. FRONT ROW: Ernest Southworth, Treas; Joe Hovanesian, Sec.; Coach Richards, Sponsor; Chuck Sawaya, Pres.; Joe Travis, V. Pres.

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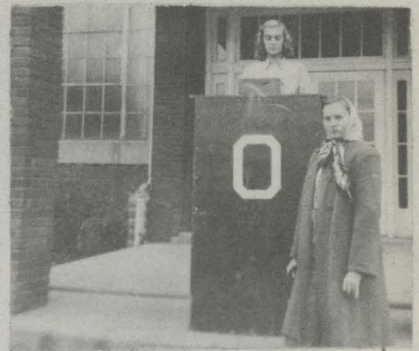


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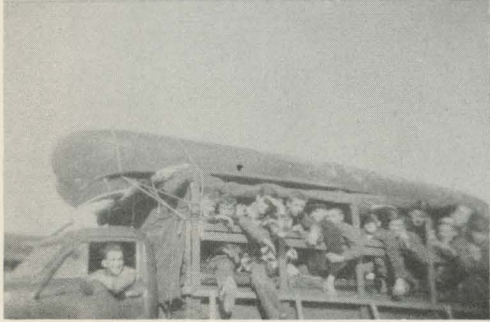
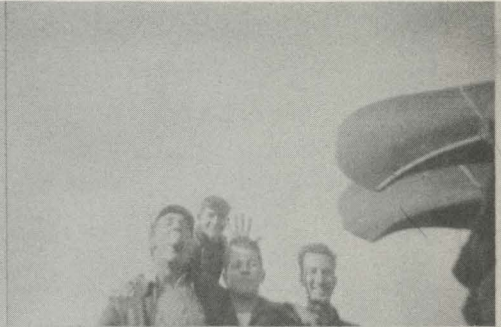
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Memories



Activities



Student Council



TOP ROW: John Krider, Dana McDonald, Duane Randall, Norma Burch, Barbara Seeley, Billy Lowery. FRONT ROW: Robert Worthington; Gordon Delamarter, Vice Pres.; Doug Barnard, Pres.; Mr. Murdock, Sponsor; Joan Everett, Sec.; Dick Benne, Treas.; Pat LaVoy.

Library Club



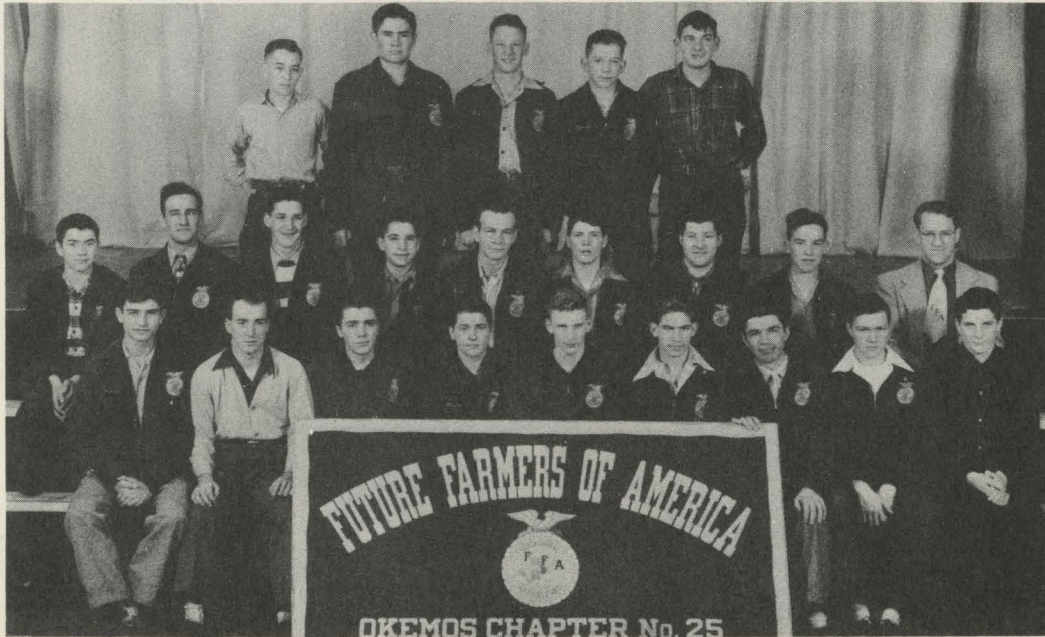
TOP ROW: Betty Simoneau, Vickie Long, Jennie Whitman, Virginia Ohm, Joyce Donnell, Joanne Brewbaker, Marilyn Schulz, Pat LaVoy, Mary Alden. FRONT ROW: Mrs. Rood, Sponsor; Rhoda Kelly, Chuck Sawaya, Valda Grettenberger, Lois Patenge. SITTING: Carlene Andrus, Frances Wilson.

F. H. A.



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F. F. A.



TOP ROW: Gary Higbie, Roy Klotz, Ben Bennett, George Warren, Bruce Richey. SECOND ROW: Mackie Black, Glenn Bennett, Don Roosa, Bob Murphy, Robert Worthington, Howard Antcliff, Lorris Longanecker, Jack Whitmyer, Mr. Elmore. FRONT ROW: Gordon Delamarter, Jim Hopkins, Joe Travis, Curtis Travis, Dick Benne, Jim Sherman, Erwin Kohls, Hugh Irwin, Berman Prether.

Glee Club



TOP ROW: Janet Copp, Evelyn Swab, Erwin Kohls, Joanne Cooper, Geraldine Arnold, Phyllis Travis.
SECOND ROW: Pat Shiplety, Lois Patenge, Lorene Nelson, Virginia Richey, Shoree Luck. BOTTOM ROW: Barbara Seeley, Carol Southworth, Lois Hagerman, Norma Burch, Katherine Buehler, Mrs. Strouf.

Band




TOP ROW: Jonnine McKinley, Nancy Hicks, Max Benne, Marcia Drew, Dennis Avery, Marilyn Davis.
SECOND ROW: Jerry Snyder, Edgar Cooley, Bob Davis, Ralph Brown, Jerry Bosworth, Dan Line, Norman Murdock, Keith Palmerton, Clair Robinson, Kay Sweet. BOTTOM ROW: James Clark, Helen Swab, Fred Buehler, Cynthia Drew, Susie Bosworth, Ruth Sheldon, Mrs. Strouf.

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