



THE TOMAHAWK

1953

One of the "Big Four" No. 3 Mel Swat

Another of the Big Four

Duane Sandall (No. 1)

Another of the (Big Four)

Russ Beech (No. 2)

Dick

you're a swell runner and a good football player. Good luck Dick

Tom

Best of luck. keep up that fast running or she might catch you.

Joyce

Good Luck at C.M. and have fun. Wendell Bates

Best of luck in the years to come. Bob Davidson

lots of luck to a swell quiet Bob Bobwork

Dick: Sure hope you will never forget all the fun we had in 5th hall. have a study hall. Best wishes always. Nanna '53"

Best wishes to a swell guy!! Charles H

Nice going "Slow & Steady" Dan

Lots of luck with girls in the future Margaret

To a great track star and a damn good friend "One of the little three" Jack Hillman

Baby car of future. yourself in future

Dick Ewing "53"

To a slow poke
"Bob" HA. HA.

Best of luck to a swell
pal.

Best of Luck
muddy 53

To my roommate
on two trips,
sound sleeper
"Dick"

Dick
Don't let the
eighth grad slow
you down.

Dick:
I hope
you will have
happiness and
success always.
You deserve it. You
will go a long way
with your abilities.
Be good and have fun.
Judy

Good Luck
Don't run
to fast
Don

Sols to Dick
to a real swell guy
John
Andrew

Dick:
Best of luck to
you. It has been
fun knowing you!
Beverly
"55"

Dick, best of
the best of
luck to you
always. I know
you will go
along with in
whatever you
do. Don't forget
fifth hour study
Hall last year.
Ray "53"

Have fun all
your life
Lots of luck in
the future
"Beverly" Dick

Lots of good luck....
with Jo Ann.
Malissa

I never knew you
to well before the
trip, but after that
it didn't take long
to know how happy
you are to come
in the years to come
Annette





TOMAHAWK

1953



Joy M. Clemow

DEDICATION

To you, Mrs. Joy Clemow, our teacher and our friend, ever working with us and for us . . . to you, guiding light of our commercial department . . . to you . . . we gratefully and sincerely dedicate this 1953 "Tomahawk."

OKEMOS TECH SCHOOL



okemos, michigan

FOREWORD

Many years have passed since Okemos was a one-room school. The community has grown rapidly through the years, and with it our school has grown and changed in many ways. However, there are some things that never change. In our school life today, as in previous years, we still have the same needs for which there will never be substitutes.

We still need our teachers to guide and direct us; friends with whom to share our troubles and our joys; good sportsmanship with its numerous privileges for students; leadership for a democratic school life; and good citizenship, of which every school can be proud.

We all have certain idealistic dreams which we strive to live up to. Most of the things we think of today as hard, practical, and even indispensable were once merely dreams. Because of these dreams, and the countless opportunities around us, we can all reach unsurpassable creative joy and self-fulfillment.

It is with this thought that we present this "Tomahawk" to you. We believe that when you find the thing that you can do better than anything else in the world, only then will you possess happy personal relationships, peace of mind, and financial security. It is with this belief that we ask you the question you must ask yourself, "Where do I go from here?" In the following pages we give only a few examples of what your future may be.

YOU MAY

JOYCE GROH, *Editor*

MARY D. ROOD, *Sponsor*

ADMINISTRATION



work in guidance-

THE SCHOOL BOARD



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Secretary of Board



MAYNARD EBERLY
President



JOHN WHITMYER
Treasurer



WALTER SHELDON
Trustee



MAX HOLLOWAY
Trustee

SCHOOL BOARD

Hard at work behind the actual scenes of our school are the board members, who never receive enough recognition or appreciation for their long hours of assistance. We are sincerely grateful for every hour they have devoted to our school, and we thank each one of them for their generous help in such difficult times. It is through their time and efforts that our school has met the growing needs of the students.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION



RONALD SAGE
Principal — First Semester



JOSEPH W. ARASIM
High School Principal



GEORGE H. RICHARDS
Superintendent

TEACHERS



JOY CLEMOW
Ferris Institute, B.S.
Commercial

Joy M. Clemow



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Western Michigan College, B.S.
Grade School Principal
Eighth Grade Mathematics



ADDIE PRENTICE
Michigan State College, B.S.
Seventh Grade



MARY ROOD
University of Michigan, A.B.
Michigan State College, M.A.
English - Library

Mary Rood



EDWARD C. KILEY
Michigan State College, B.S.
Government
Football and Baseball Coach

Edward C. Kiley



MARY JANE HODGINS
Michigan State College, B.S.
Commercial

Sally Hodgins

TEACHERS



JOHN VALO

Michigan State College, A.B.
University of Florida, M.A.
Shop

Donna Biddinger



DONNA BIDDINGER

Central Michigan College, B.S.
Biology—Girls' Phys. Ed.



MARJORIE BARNES

Western Michigan College, B.S.
Michigan State College, M.S.
Science



PATRICIA ANDERSON

Western Michigan College, B.M.
Music—Art



MARGARET BUCKWICK

Michigan State College, A.B.
Eighth Grade

Marg Buckwick



ROLAND COOK

Michigan State College, B.S.
Agriculture

Roland Cook



CHRISTENA SCHRAM

Michigan State College, A.B.
English—Speech

Christena Schram

TEACHERS



THELMA LAMB
Michigan State Normal College,
B.S.
Michigan State College, M.A.
American History
American Literature

*Best wishes,
Thelma Lamb*



ROBERT BAKER
Michigan State College, B.S.
Eighth Grade
Basketball and Track Coach

*Best in
every thing, Dick
It has been wonderful
to work with you
Coach Bob Baker*



CLIFFORD CLAYCOMB
Michigan State College, B.A.,
M.M.
Instrumental Music

Mr. Claycomb



RUTH M. YOUNGBLOOD
University of Michigan, A.B.
Seventh Grade



FRANCES MANTEY
Michigan State College, B.S.,
M.A.
Home Economics

*"Always do your best"
Frances Mantey*



REBECCA W. CROCKER
Greensboro College, A.B.
Mathematics



The cherry pie was good! After all, teachers have to eat too!



YEARBOOK STAFF



Top Row: Jim Woodruff, Margie Mouser, Carol Webb, Janet Henderson, Nikki Brauner.

Bottom Row: Annette Southwell, Judy Haga, Shirley Burch, Dorothy Fisher.



Jean Avery, Senior Class Editor; Paul Roney, Business Manager; Jerry Snider, Advertising Manager; Charles Stevens, Circulation Manager; Joyce Groh, Editor-in-Chief; Mrs. Mary Rood, Sponsor; Dennis Avery, Sports Editor; Maxine Scheffer, Assistant Editor; Heather Webb, Activities Editor; Janet Drennan, Art Editor.

Once again this year the *Tomahawk* was an all high project. It was discovered in the year before that this plan worked out well, so it was carried out in the same manner this year. Much credit should be given to every member of the staff who helped to make this year book possible.

The yearbook staff also wishes to send a special thanks to Mrs. Rood. She has devoted many hours of time and effort to make this possible for the enjoyment of the student body. Her patience and understanding was greatly appreciated by us all.

We are very proud of the art work in this year's *Tomahawk*, and wish to thank Mrs. Anderson for her guidance and help.

Not pictured on this page are Kay McNitt, Nancy Oswald, Jeanne Matthews, and Jack Voss.

Top Row: Virginia Irvin, Nancy Whitmyer, Carla Winter, JoAnne Seeley, Peggy Parker, Louise Brauner, Carol Casselman.

Bottom Row: Howard Sheldon, Richard Hart-suff, Gerry Rozan, Rebecca Ash.



-SENIORS-



-seek new horizons

Paul Roney



PAUL E. RONEY "Paulie"

The trouble with life is that there are so many beautiful women, and so little time.

Class President 1-4
Student Council 1-2,
Vice President 3
Football 1-2-3-4
Varsity Club 2, Treasurer 4
Projection Club President 2-3
Play 3
Wolverine Boys State 3
Yearbook 4
Track 1-4

SENIORS

NANCY J. VOELKER

"Nan"

The charm of her presence was felt where'er she went.

Bible Club President 3-4
Library Treasurer 2, President 3-4
G.A.A. Vice President 3
Play 4
Chorus 1
F.H.A. 1
Class Treasurer 3-4
Play Production 2-3



*Love & Luck!
You did a swell job
Nancy!*

JANET R. DRENNAN

"Jan"

*Let me have music dying,
and I seek no more delight.*

Yearbook 3-4
F.H.A. 1
G.A.A. President 3
Play 3
Play Productions 4
Chorus 1-2-3-4
Class Secretary 4
Policies Committee 3-4



Janet



HOWARD W. SHELDON

"Howie"

*To the superior man,
patience is a necessary virtue.*

J.E.T.S. 3-4
Yearbook 4
Play 3-4
Class Vice President 4
Citizenship Committee 4
Bulletin Board Committee 3

Howard Sheldon

MAX E. BENNE "Maxie"

A man's best friends are his ten fingers.

F.F.A. 2, President 3, Secretary 4
Varsity 2
Basketball 1-2-3
Football 1-2
S.R.A. 3, President 4
Play Productions 3
Play 4
Class Vice President 2



Max Benne

DENNIS E. PANNEBECKER

*What ever makes men
good Christians makes
them good citizens.*

Class Vice President 1
Football 1
Baseball 2-3-4
Basketball 1-2-3, Captain 4

*Good Luck
Dennis*



HEATHER WEBB "Tootie"

*If there were any more
like her the stock of halos
would give out.*

Class Secretary 3
S.R.A. 1-2-4
F.H.A. 1
Future Nursing 2
Play Productions 3-4
Chorus 1
D.A.R. Award Winner

Heather Webb

ELEANOR JEAN AVERY

"Jeannie"

*Thoughts are but dreams
till their effects be tried.*

Yearbook 4
S.R.A. 4
Assembly Committee Secretary 3, Chairman 4
F.H.A. 1
Play 3
Play Production 4
Chorus 1-4



*swell guy
Jeannie*

SENIORS



ALAN B. CUDWORTH
"Cuddles"

All great men in history were small—Caesar, Napoleon, and me.

Baseball 3-4
Football 4
Band 3-4
Houghton Lake High School

Good luck to a small athlete making 53

MAXINE L. SCHEFFER

It's always time to talk.

Library 2-3-4
Yearbook 3-4
G.A.A. 3
Play Production 3-4
Home Nursing 2



MARION L. FICHTER

Love never dies of starvation, but often of indigestion.

Play 4
Play Production 3
Tumbling 3
Chorus 3-4
F.H.A. 1

Looks of look to a small man



Ralph Brown
RALPH BROWN "Bob"

Give me the young man who has brains enough to make a fool of himself.

Play 4
Jets 3-4
Band 1-2
Track 1-2-3-4
Bowling 3

JERRY A. SNIDER

The cover never tells what's inside.

Jets 3-4
Chorus 2-3
Band 1-2-3
Play 3
Play Production 4
Pep Band 3-4
Bowling 3
Yearbook 4

Jerry A. Snider



Is a great athlete,
Gloria

GLORIA L. SHAULL "Red"

Let us endeavor so to live that when we die even the undertaker will be sorry.

F.H.A. 1
Chorus 1
Play Production 3-4



CHARLES S. STEVENS
"Chuckie"

Everyone comes to him who waits; so why hurry.

Yearbook 3-4
Play 4
Track 1-2
Chorus 3-4
Play Production 3

DOROTHY L. FISHER
"Dot"

One should always be in love, that is the reason one should never marry.

S.R.A. 1
Assembly Committee 1
Play 4
Library 2
Yearbook 3-4
Chorus 3
F.H.A. 1

Bob Winkler



SENIORS



RICHARD L. HARTSUFF
"Dick"

His only labor is to kill time.

Football 2-3
Track 1-2-3
Play 3
Chorus 2-3
F.F.A. 2-3
Varsity 3
Class President 3
Stage Manager 3-4

MARGARET A. BLACK
"Maggie"

Everything happens to everybody sooner or later if there is time enough.

F.H.A. 1
G.A.A. Treasurer 3
Cheerleader 2
Band 1-2
Play 3-4
Assembly Committee Secretary 4
Play Production 4



JOYCE A. GROH "Nick"

When a woman is speaking to you, listen to what she says with her eyes.

Chorus 1-4
Play Productions 1-2-3-4
F.H.A. 1
Yearbook 3, Editor 4
Radio Reporter 4



JACK R. STILLMAN

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.

Football 2
Baseball 2-4
F.F.A. 3-4
Play Productions 3

KEITH PALMERTON

Jazz will last forever, as long as people will listen to it through their feet.

Football 1-2-3-4
Track 1-2-3-4
Tumbling 1-2-3
Chorus 3-4
Band 1-2-3-4
Class President 2
S.R.A. 1-2
Varsity Club 1
Pep Band 4



MARILYN L. BENNETT

"Lyn"

She burns the midnight oil but not always for study.

F.H.A. 1
Chorus 1-4
Class Secretary 2
Play 4
East Lansing High School 3



RICHARD E. NETZLOFF
"Dick"

All great men are dead and I don't feel so well myself.

F.F.A. 2-4, Secretary 3
Play Productions 3
F.F.A. Leadership Camp 2

EVELYN L. KOHLS "Evie"

Man has his will, but woman has her way.

F.H.A. 1
Tumbling 2
Yearbook 3
Play 3
Play Productions 4
Chorus 3-4



SENIORS

Duane Bell



DUANE C. BELL

*If a man keeps his trap
shut the world would beat
a path to his door.*

Football 1-4
Baseball 3-4
Play 4
Bowling 3
Band 1-2-3-4
Bulletin Board Committee
Play Production 3
Bible Club 4

Annette Southwell



ANNETTE E. SOUTHWELL

*I'm not denying that wo-
men are foolish; God made
them to match the men.*

F.H.A. 1
Chorus 1-4
Yearbook 4
Play Productions 1-2-3-4

HELEN M. SWAB

*During my life I have
lead many men—give me
the chance and I'll do it
again.*

Chorus 1, Treasurer 2, Secre-
tary 3, President 4
C.A.A. President 3
Yearbook 3
F.H.A. 1
Play 3
Play Production 4
Cheerleader 4



Doug Clark



DOUGLAS R. CLARK

"Doug"

*Experience is the name
everyone gives to his mis-
takes.*

Baseball 1-2-3-4
Football 1-2
Basketball 1-2-3-4
Varsity Club 1-2, Treasurer
3-4
F.F.A. 2-3-4
S.R.A. 3
Bible Club Vice President 3-4

RUSSELL D. BURCH

"Rus"

*The will of man is by his
reason swayed.*

Football 1-2-3-4
Basketball 1-2-3
Varsity Club 1-2-3-4
F.F.A. 3

Russ Burch



JUDITH A. HAGA "Judy"

*Her swimming puts walk-
ers to shame.*

Pattengill Junior High School
1
Eastern High School 2-3
Yearbook 4

MELVYN R. SWAB "Mel"

*Fond of fun, sports and
laughter, pleasure first and
business after.*

Football 1-2-3-4
Basketball 1-2-3-4
Baseball 1-3-4
Track 1-3-4
Varsity Club 4
F.F.A. 1-2-3-4
Athletic Association 4
Play Production 3

DELPHIAN D. MUND

"Del"

*Men are born to lie and
women to believe them.*

Pattengill Junior High School
1
Eastern High School 2
F.H.A. 3-4
Chorus 4
Play Production 3



*Lots of Luck to
a good friend
Mel*

SENIORS



STANLEY D. FAIR

"STAN"

The biggest fool hasn't been born yet.

F.F.A. 2-3, Vice President 4

Bible Club 3

Play Productions 3

*Stan of Fun
Gerry Rozan*



GERRY ROZAN "Gerry"

A rolling stone gathers no moss, but it gains a certain polish.

Campion Jesuit High School 2

Play Production 4

Football 1-4

Track 4

Varsity Club 4

Yearbook 3-4

DONNA BASSETT

A light heart lives long.

F.H.A. 1

Chorus 2-4

Library 1

Play 3-4



Donna Bassett

VIRGINIA M. IRVIN

"Ginnie"

The best way to keep your friends is not to give them away.

Cafeteria 1-4

Chorus 3-4

F.H.A. 1

Yearbook 4

Play Productions 4



Virginia

BETTY JEAN PENNER

"Betty"

Benefactors: One who makes two smiles grow where one grew before.

East Lansing 1

Chorus 3-4

G.A.A. 3

Cheerleader 3-4



Betty

CLIFFORD D. LINE "Dan"

Eat, Drink, and be merry for tomorrow we have a test.

Band 1, Vice President 2-3, President 4

Class Treasurer 1

J.E.T.S. 3-4

Bowling 3

Play 4

Projection 3-4

Play Production 3



DELORES A. DAVIDSON

It is well when one is judging a friend to remember she is judging you with the same godlike and superior impartiality.

Chorus 1-2-4

F.H.A. 1-4

Bible Club 3-4



Delores

ROBERT M. FARR "Bob"

A young man with a good appetite is always broke.

Baseball 2-3

Football 2-3-4

Varsity Club 4

Bowling 3

Play Productions 3-4

Cafeteria 4



Bob Farr

SENIORS



ROBERT L. LIEBY "Bob"

One of the secrets of happiness is to eat what you want and let the food fight it out inside.

F.F.A. 3-4
Shop Manager
Baseball 2-4
Play Production

Robert Lieby

GERALDINE M. TRAVIS

"Gerry"

The smaller the head the bigger the dream.

Chorus 1-2-3-4
F.H.A. 1
G.A.A. 3
Library 3
Cheerleader 3-4



Best of Luck Gerry

CARLA J. WINTER

"Carlie"

I can resist everything except temptation.

F.H.A. 1
Chorus 1-2
Yearbook 3-4
Library 4
Play Production 3-4
G.A.A. 3

Carla '63



THOMAS J. LOCK "Tom"

The love game is never called off because of darkness.

Grand Haven High School 1-2-3
Basketball 4
Football 4
Chorus 3-4

Thomas John Lock

Don H. Prentice

LE VON A. PRENTICE

Haste is a thing foreign to my nature.

Jets 3-4
J.E.T.S. 3-4
Bowling 3
Band 1-2-3-4
Class Vice President 3
Yearbook 4
Play 3-4
Projection 2-4



JOANNE M. SEELEY "Jo"

Love is like the measles; we all have to go through with it.

Chorus 1-2-3-4
G.A.A. 3
Library 3
Yearbook 4
F.H.A. 1
Play Production 3
Play 4

May you be a great success Jo



RICHARD E. EWING

"Dick"

Speed is the essence of all things.

Varsity Club 3-4
Football 1-2-3-4
Track 1-2-3-4
F.F.A. 2-3-4

DUANE A. RANDALL

"Crow"

I think I'm better than the people who are trying to reform me.

Track 1-4
Football 3-4
F.F.A. 3-4
Varsity 2



Duane Randall

SENIORS



BEVERLY MARRISON
DIETZ "Bev"

*Don't take life so seriously,
you'll never get out of this
world alive anyway.*

East Lansing High School 1-2

Bev Dietz

WARREN D. KLEIS

*About the only thing on a
farm that has an easy time
is the dog.*

F.F.A., Vice President 2,
President 4

Band 1

F.F.A. Leadership Training
Camp 2



GERALD D. ROOSA

"Jerry"

*I always get the better
when I argue alone.*

Track 1-2-3-4

Football 1-2-3-4

Basketball 2

Baseball 2

Varsity Club Secretary 4

Gerald Roosa



ELLARENE COPP "Elly"

*Few girls are as well
shaped as a good horse.*

F.H.A. 1-4

Band 3-4

Play Production 3-4

Chorus 1-3-4

Library 1-3-4

Bowling 3

"Elly"



RAYMOND E. JENKS

"Ray"

*What we are afraid to do
before men, we should be
afraid to think before God.*

Leslie 1-2-3

F.F.A. 4

Don Whitmyer



DONALD K. WHITMYER
"Don"

*Work is the greatest thing
in the world so we should
always save some of it for
tomorrow.*

Football 4

F.F.A. 2-3-4



GERALDINE P. BACKES

*It is good to be without
vice, but it is not good
to be without temptation.*

Good Luck

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

On June 7, 1953, fifty-five Seniors will have graduated, of which 22 started on the road to education in the little white frame school building. We will pass over the years in-between and meet them as Freshmen in high school. The officers that year were: President, Paul Roney; Vice President, Dennis Pannabecker; Treasurer, Dan Line; Secretary, Connie McClelland. Since they were the last class in Okemos to be initiated, the sophomores did a good job, but they were given a nice party afterwards. To stoke their treasury they put on a Stanley party in October, and a plastic party in November. They gave their first dance, called "Shamrock Swirl," with Ed Berry's orchestra furnishing the musical background. The Sophomore year got off to a roaring start under the leadership of Keith Palmerton, President; Max Benne, Vice President; Marilyn Bennett, Secretary; and Shirley Parker, Treasurer. This year they gave a semi-formal dance with the theme "Christmas Isle" and Herb Fox's orchestra. In April they put on "April Showers," decorating with paper flowers and umbrellas. In their junior year the first party was "Harvest Moon"; mood music was furnished by Jerry Warren's orchestra. To fatten their treasury they sponsored a series of paper drives. During the Christmas holidays, they sold cards and paper. Later on they put on a swiss steak dinner. "My Favorite Girl Friend" was their Junior play, under the direction of Miss Schram.

As it is the custom of each class to leave something to the school, the class of "53," along with the classes of "52" and "54," presented the school with a beautiful set of plywood props.

Much thought and preparation was used to make the Junior-Senior banquet a success. Yellow flowers and blue and silver place-cards carried out the theme of "Sentimental Serenade." For the first time it was held in the parlors of the Union Building on the campus of Michigan State College. After a delicious dinner, they danced to the music of Jerry Warren and his orchestra.

Paul Roney and Dennis Pannabecker were selected to attend Boys' State.

The class officers during the Junior year were: Richard Hartsuff, President; LeVon Prentice, Vice President; Heather Webb, Secretary; and Nancy Voelker, Treasurer. The Senior year was upon them before they realized it. They held the "Homecoming" dance at the first of the year. "One Mad Night" was the title of the play put on in the fall by the Seniors. Being a humorous mystery it filled the gym two nights in succession. Christmas trees and greens decorated the tables and gym for the Alumni banquet. Every member of the class participated in putting on a magnificent dinner for the Alumni.

To supplement their treasury, with visions of Washington, D. C., in their eyes, they sponsored a rummage sale. Suddenly May 10 was there, and they left for a wonderful six-day trip to Washington, D. C. Then, at last, Baccalaureate Sunday; and a week later Commencement with Edgar Guest as their speaker.

The officers for the Senior year were: President, Paul Roney; Vice President, Howard Sheldon; Secretary, Janet Drennan, and Treasurer, Nancy Voelker.

The Senior sponsors were Mrs. Clemow and Mr. Valo.

JEAN AVERY and HEATHER WEBB

JUNIOR PLAY



Standing: Gloria Shaull, Connie McClelland, Howard Sheldon, Helen Swab, Paul Roney, Jerry Snider, Gerald Roosa, Don Shipley, Miss Schram.

Seated: Donna Bassett, Richard Hartsuff, Jean Avery, Evelyn Kohls, Margaret Black, Janet Drennan.



"My Favorite Girl Friend," a laughable, romantic comedy. Given under the fine direction of Miss Schram.



SENIOR PLAY



Standing: Janet Drennan, Jean Avery, Margaret Black, Richard Hartsuff, Max Benne, Duane Bell, Charles Stevens, Ralph Brown, Donna Bassett, Nancy Voelker, Howard Sheldon, Miss Schram.

Seated: Dan Line, Jo-Anne Seeley, Delphian Mund, Marian Fichter, Dorothy Fisher, Marilyn Bennett, LeVon Prentice.



"One Mad Night," directed by Miss Schram, proved to be a great success. A mysterious farce, full of suspense with a little romance mixed in.



"SENTIMENTAL SERENADE"

For the first time in the school's history the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom was held away from the school itself. The growing numbers of Juniors and Seniors have made it necessary to find a larger place. In 1952 it was held in the parlors of the Union Building on the campus of Michigan State College. Yellow daffodils and blue and silver place cards decorated the tables for the banquet. Music for the dance was furnished by Jerry Warren and his orchestra. It was an unforgettable experience for all.



--further studies--?



--choose--

UNDERCLASSMEN



JUNIOR CLASS

Mike Sweeney *Jon Kreider*



Class Advisor
MRS. BARNES



President
MIKE
SWEENEY

Vice President
JON
KRIEDER



Secretary
CHARLENE
PEACOCK

Treasurer
PEGGY
PARKER



Class Advisor
MISS SCHRAM

The Junior year for the Class of '54 has been one in which its members have shown greater participation in high school activities than in former years. From the class roll of forty-six members, several have been active on the various student committees. Mary Elg, Dennis Avery, and Jerry Bosworth were on the Representative Assembly. Mary Aldrich served on the Bulletin Committee while Shirley Davidson and Joyce Tomlinson represented the class on the Citizenship Committee. Chuck Webb, working with the Assembly Committee, helped in the planning of better programs.

Encouraged by Shirley Burch, Kay Sweet, and other cheerleaders; Bob Davidson, Jon Kreider, Fred Buehler, Harold Greer, Mike Sweeney, Dennis Avery, Merrill Edwards, Chuck Webb, Jerry Bosworth, George Barr, Kyle Aldrich, and Glenn Bassett helped to bring several victories to the Chieftain teams.

Throughout the year the Juniors managed ice cream and baked goods sales to increase their treasury. On February 7 they served a ham dinner to raise more money.

Two events which the class had looked forward to with eagerness and pleasure were the Junior play, "Very Untruly Yours," and the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom, *Auf Wiedersehen*, which successfully closed the activities of their eleventh year.

Now the Class of '54 looks forward to assuming the responsibilities of leadership and the joys of accomplishment presented by the Senior year.

NIKKI BRAUNER

THE JUNIORS



JIM
DODGE

ROBERT
WELLS



MORRIS
REASON

FRED BUEHLER

MARY
ELG

PHYLLIS
McFARREN

GEORGE
BARR

ROBERT
DAVIDSON



SHIRLEY
BURCH

JUNE
COOLEY

BILL
LOWERY

JERRY
BOSWORTH

CHARLENE
HAGERMAN

BARBARA
GRANT



NANCY
WHITMYER

LOUISE
BRAUNER

JIM
KRANZ

JOANNE
CARVER

MARY
ALDRICH

THE JUNIORS



JONNINE
McKINLEY

HAROLD
GREER



DENNIS
AVERY

*Charles Webb
Best of Luck
to the best
Track man ever*

CHARLES
WEBB

HELEN
HAYS

BEVERLY
BELL

HOWARD
TRAVIS

CLAIR
ROBINSON



JOYCE
TOMLINSON

SHIRLEY
DAVIDSON

MERRILL
EDWARDS

GERALD
KWAST

JANET
HENDERSON

VIOLA
WILLITS



REBECCA
ASH

ANNA
THOMPSON

ELDON
BURLEY

KYLE
ALDRICH

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NIKKI BRAUNER

KAY SWEET

MARLENE PHILLIPS



SOPHOMORE CLASS



Treasurer
MARJIE MOUSER



President
KEITHA SHAULL



Secretary
SHIRLEY MAYNARD

The Sophomore class has a membership of fifty-three. The two sponsors are Mrs. Rood and Mrs. Hodgins, and there are two homeroom mothers, Mrs. Swanberg and Mrs. Ferrar. They have helped the class in their activities during the year.

The class officers are: President, Keitha Shaull; Vice-President, Carl Burch; Treasurer, Marjie Mouser; Secretary, Shirley Maynard; Representative Assembly, John Swanberg, Tom Murphy, and Keitha Shaull; Assembly Committee, Bill Nash; Citizenship Committee, Ed Weiss and John Grettenberger.

On September 30, the Sophomores gave a party for the Freshmen to introduce them to high school activities. It was in charge of Mr. Arden Peterson, whose parties are always popular with the students, and was highly successful.

The Sophomore class sold candy at football games and part of the basketball games to raise money for their treasury.

In November the class accepted an invitation from the Haslett Sophomores for a roller skating party at Lake Lansing.

For their Christmas project, the class helped buy lamps and decorations for a tree for the County Home.

The Sophomore class is looking forward to two more busy and successful years.

GEORGIA YEOMAN
MARJIE MOUSER



Vice President
CARL BURCH



Class Advisor
MRS. MARY ROOD

THE SOPHOMORES



TOM
MURPHY

JOHN
SWANBERG

ED
WEISS

BILL
NASH

CAROL
WEBB

MARGIE
COOPER



BEVERLY
BUTTERWICK

JIM
WOODRUFF

JEANIE
BALL

MORRIS
HOLLOWAY

CARL
BURCH

RONNIE
MURPHY



BOB
BABCOCK

LYLE
MORTON

NORMA
RHODES

GEORGIA
YEOMAN

JIM
FARR

ALLAN
PALMERTON



MAVOURNEEN
SWEENEY

JOHN
GRETTEMBERGER

HAROLD
REDMAN

Not Pictured

PATTY BARBER

CAROL BURCH

EUNICE HOPKINS



JOHN
ANDREWS

THE SOPHOMORES



ELIZABETH
HOPKINS

MARIE
JENKS

BONNIE
SIMS

BOB
HUGHES

BILL
ROBB

DON
KLEIS



CARL
FERRAR

KARL
BYINGTON

LEON
BACKUS

JEANETTE
EICHER

SHARON
FURGALA

KEITHA
SHAULL

Keitha



SHIRLEY
MAYNARD

MARJORIE
MOUSER

MARSHA
JANES

JERRY
TELLING

CLAUDE
EDWARDS

GORDON
PIPER

Jerry Telling

Gordon Piper



JACK
STEVENS

TERRY
PEASE

CLAUDIA
ROBERTS



BETTY
MARTIN

WENDELL
BATES





FRESHMAN



Class Advisors
MR. ARASIM, MRS. LAMB

The Freshman class is composed of fifty-one students who are sponsored by Mrs. Lamb and Mr. Arasim. Its homeroom mothers are Mrs. King and Mrs. Houghton.

The class officers are: President, Bruce Robinson; Vice-President, Allan Houghton; Secretary, Jeanne Matthews; Treasurer, Marianne Bosworth; and Representative Assembly members, Dick Barnard, Garth Richey, and Kay McNitt.

Nancy Oswald and Clark Harris represent the class on the Citizenship Committee, Carol Casselman on the Assembly Committee, and Paul Wright on the Policies Committee.

Eleven Freshman boys went out for football and six for basketball.

The class has had three money-making projects this year. They were magazine sales and selling at half of the games. The class was willed the pasty supper which has always been popular among students and parents.

On September 30th the Freshmen were invited to a reception given by the Sophomore class. The party was based on a hunting theme. Name cards were given to students when they arrived. For most of the games, students were divided into groups according to the animals on their name cards.

Because of the past year's events and accomplishments, the class of '56 has a good start toward a successful high school career.

KAY McNITT.
NANCY OSWALD

FRESHMEN



HENRY
VISGER



CARL
RICHEY



CLARK
HARRIS



JOANN
GALBAVI



NANCY
OSWALD



DEANNA
HULL



KAY
McNITT



JEANNE
MATTHEWS



DOROTHY
TRAVIS



PAUL
WRIGHT



WALTER
WESTCOTT



GORDON
MASON



CARLTON
BENNETT



ROBERT
BELL



DAVID
DREPS



BRUCE
KLOTZ



DENNIS
WEBB



AUDREY
FURGALA



MARIANNE
BOSWORTH



ANNE
WARNER



SANDRA
KING



PHYLLIS
ELLISON



MARJORIE
FRANKS



GILBERT
HEILMAN



WAYNE
HAWKINS



REX
GLYNN

Dick Barnard

FRESHMEN



ARTHUR
SHELDON



DICK
BARNARD



JACK
VOSS



DIANA
McDONALD



TAYA
deMARTELLY



MOYNETTE
REYNOLDS



PATSY
BUTTERWICK



SUE
BREESSE



IMOGENE
SHAULL



RONALD
FOOTE



GEORGE
VOSS



RUSSEL
ROOSA



ROBERT
CURRIER

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BRUCE
ROBINSON

VIRGINIA
KELLER

LYLE
DAVIS

Dick Cooper



DICK
COOPER



GARTH
RICHEY



JERRY
COURTRIGHT



CAROL
FRASER



ROBERTA
BOVEE



SANDRA
MONTAVEN

Sandra Montaven



CAROL
CASSELMAN



SHELBY
GREER



JOAN
RIDGE



ALLAN
HOUGHTON



KENARD
SNIDER



ALLAN
WELLS

EIGHTH GRADE



JACK
WEISS

NANCY
MILLER

ALICE
MOUSER

ELAINE
KALUSH

FOREST
KENWORTHY

JOE
FERRAR



JUDY
SWEENEY

LARRY
VOSS

JIM
KREIDER

JOEY
deMARTELLY

JACKIE
PATY

JANET
SOLOMON



JOHN
BRATZLER

MARILYN
BATES

SHIRLEY
VELDMAN

KIM
WILKINS

MORRIS
PILLARS

JERRY
VANATTA



SANDRA
COURTRIGHT

NONA
GATES

LEONA
BACKUS

GARY
HODGES

CONNIE
EMERY

BEVERLY
YEOMAN



TONY
BROCCI

BILL
WOOLSEY

STUART
RUEFFER

CECILE
WEINSTEIN

RUTH
DAVIDSON

ALICE
BURCH

Sixty-five eighth graders began their year under the guidance of Miss Buckwick and Miss Biddinger. Class officers are: President, Joan Bratzler; Vice-President, Stuart Rueffer; Secretary, Alice Mouser; Treasurer, Ed Thomas; S. R. A., Jim Krieder, Carol Avery.

In the fall the class had a welcoming party for the seventh grade and in February a pot luck was held honoring the parents of the eighth graders. They are looking forward to four more years of parties and accomplishments.



BETTY
REINERTSEN

ANN
SPENCER

EIGHTH GRADE



JERRY
STEVENS



JOHN
MARKWART



JOYCE
SWANBERG



JOAN
BATES



JANICE
SIMS



NANCY
VOSS



SHIRLEY
RHODES



SHARON
HUGHES



JERRY
CAIRNS



JACK
HAGERMAN



MARILYN
HOGLE



JUNE
BROWN



BOB
CARPENTER



DARVIN
MUND



GEORGE
VAN DEUSEN



BONNIE
ANDRUS



CAROL
AVERY



MARY ELLEN
EBERLY



JOANN
BRED AHL



JOYCE
ESSEX



MARILYN
HAMMOND



JIM
WHITMORE



BOB
MAYNARD



BOB
LUCKS



TIM
WILLIS



ED
THOMAS



NORBERT
JANES



JACKIE
BALL



SHARLENE
ALLEN



VIOLA
BACKUS

Not Pictured

LINDA
NICHOLSON

MARY
HOPKINS

LYLE
FOSTER

CHUCK
CUMMINS

DONNA
REID

BARBARA
GREER

SUSIE
GRIGGS

HARRY
CUMMINS



MELISSA
LINE



JOSEPHINE
NICHOLS

SEVENTH GRADE



GARY
COOPER

JIM
CURRIER

CHARLES
SOWER

SUSAN
MARTIN

BRUCE
SWAN

DOROTHY
NELSON



VALADA
COURTRIGHT

STEPHEN
BOSWORTH

DENNIS
JASON

CAROL
HOGLE

KAY
BRATZLER

VERNA
FISHER



JOYCE
McINTYRE

BETTY
SHOWERS

MARILYN
PRINDLE

BILL
DIETZ

BOB
ALESHERE

TIM
KISSE



TED
WARNER

SARA JO
REED

LORA
RATHBONE

DUANE
ROBERTS

DOUGLASS
VOSS

JERRY
LARGENT



IRIS JEANE
PRENTICE

MARY JANE
DONALDSON

JEAN
SPROWL

ALEX
PANSWIN

JOHN
LAIRD

JERRY
SHELTON

The seventh grade started the school year with 59 students in the two home rooms. They took part in the magazine sales which proved a very successful project for them. They sold the most magazines. On Feb. 26th they held a

SEVENTH GRADE



NANCY
HULL

LINDA
EBER

JULIE
BECK

DAVID
ELLINWOOD

BOB
BUTCHER

DICK
DICKENSON



DONALD
KECK

JOHN
HAGA

GERRY
GRANT

PHYLLIS
ROBERTS

MARTHA
PARISIAN

MARY ANN
VISGER



BILL
STUMP

BEVERLY
GLYNN

ROBERTA
ROGERS

SUE ANN
TELLING

JIMMY
SCHEIDT

RALPH
KORNELY



ARTHUR
BRAUNER

CLAYTON
FURGALA

SANDRA
CREGO

NANCY
HENDERSON

KENNETH
ELLISON

ALAN
HARVEY



NANCY
HOPKINS

BARBARA
BELL

KATHLEEN
CURRIER

MELVIN
HOLLOWAY

DAVID
CARDONE

family night potluck supper in the gym and 175 people attended. The home room mothers of their class are Mrs. Jason and Mrs. Shelton. Their home room teachers are Mrs. Prentice and Mrs. Youngblood.



IMPORTANT PEOPLE

What would we do without these two helpers?

Mr. Washington
Marie Nichols
Shirley Bennett
Leslie Oswald

Dishwasher
Boosa

No wonder the lunch line is so crowded. Our lunches are home cooked by our own mothers . . . and that makes it good!



What would happen if all of these men were sick one morning! Not much, that's for sure!



SCHOOL SCENES

When our girls finish home ec., they really know home ec.!

Everything and anything is learned in the clerical training class.



Chemistry can be fun, but watch out there . . . don't stand too close!

Here a woman has her own opinion in mathematics, too.



THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

- September 5 Registration. Back to the grind.
19 Football at Fowlerville. 14-7.
26 Football — Haslett H. 0-27.
26 Homecoming Dance — Seniors. What a dance!
30 Sophomore-Freshman Party. Welcome, Freshmen.
- October 3 Football — Williamston T. 32-8.
4 Seniors Turkey Dinner. Boy, am I full!
10 Football — Dansville T. 19-0.
10 Eighth grade party. Starting young.
15 Journalism Day. Let's start the yearbook.
16-17 M. E. A. — No schcol. Time for a rest.
17 Football — Holt T. 6-13.
24 Football — Stockbridge H. 13-12.
31 Football — Leslie H. 28-6.
31 Hallowe'en party. Watch out for the goblins!
- November 6 Father-Son Banquet. No girls allowed!
7 Football — Everett H. 14-13. Them Bums.
20 Senior Play Matinee. Good work!
21-22 Senior play. What actors!
26 Basketball — Leslie H. 55-29. Swell start!
27-28 Thanksgiving — No school. Thank goodness!
- December 5 Basketball — Fowlerville T. 65-53. Ain't we good?
8 Basketball — Stockbridge H. 40-48. Can't always win.
12 Dansville H. 75-52. Easy one.
19 Holt T. 47-55. Share and share alike.
19 Christmas Party. Tco much treat.
19 Christmas vacation. At last!
27 Alumni Banquet. Welcome back, grads!
Holiday tournaments, 1 out of 3. What fun!
- January 6 School resumes. Not again!!
6 Williamston H. 58-57. Hot race.
9 Haslett T. 48-47. Big let down.
13 Pied Piper Puppets. Hi, Dan'l Boone.
16 Leslie T. 54-47. Send up a rocket.
20 Presidential Inauguration. TV yet!
23 Fowlerville H. 58-39. Believe it or not!
23 First semester ends. No school. That's over!
30 Holt T. 43-53. Oh, well!

THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

February 6 Williamston T. 42-50. Let's get on the ball.

7 Juniors' Ham Dinner. Yumm, yummm.

10 Mr. Sage leaves. Mrs. Arasim takes over.

11 No school. Quick breather.

13 Dansville T.

13 Talent Show. What talent!

18 Government Day at Mason. Seniors only.

20 Haslett H. Those extra three minutes.

24 P. T. A. Kummunity Kapers. Eee Gad!

27 Holt Assembly.

27 Stockbridge T.

March 4, 5, 6, 7 District Tournament. Good luck, boys.

11, 12, 13, 14 Regional Tournament. Still in the race?

17 B. I. E. Day. No school. Teachers getting educated.

18, 20, 21 Final tournaments. Those are over.

26 Junior Play Matinee. No stage fright.

27, 28 Junior Play. Real professionals.

April 3 Easter vacation. Nice weather?

6 Back to classes. Now for the finish line.

24 Mother-Daughter Banquet. Girls' turn now.

May 2 Junior-Senior Prom. It was heavenly.

3 Day after the prom. My aching feet!

8 Chorus concert. Just like birds.

10 Seniors leave on trip. Steady, Jr's., Steady.

16 Seniors return. Sleep, sleep, sleep.

24 Senior Assembly. Kinda' corney!

31 Baccalaureate. It's almost over.

June 4 No school. This is it!

5 Report cards. You pass?

7 Commencement. So-long Seniors.

8 Everything done. Kinda dull around school.

WHAT IF

Margaret Black became a comedienne?
Gerry Travis became a college cheerleader?
Jo Anne Seeley became a famous secretary?
Al Cudworth became a boat racer for *Shafer's*?
Janet Drennan became an artist?
Paul Roney became a Democrat?
Le Von Prentice wrote a joke book?
Ralph Brown was a scientist on Mars?
Judy Haga wrote love sonnets?
Dorothy Fisher had to always run a mimeograph?
Howard Sheldon became a Chinese valet?
Dick Netzloff were a rich farmer?
Bob Farr went to Paris as a chef?
Duane Randall played midget baseball?
Evelyn Kohls was a wealthy private nurse?
Jerry Snider became a poor engineer?
Dan Line wrote science fiction?
Keith Palmerton won fame with his uke?
Richard Hartsuff owned a Cadillac?
Ellarene Copp owned a horse ranch?
Joyce Groh became a TV celebrity?
Russ Burch were to teach Home and Family Living?
Virginia Irvin won more prizes selling cards?
Tom Lock became an opera star?
Our school suddenly grew smaller?
The Board of Education forgot to work for good policies?
Miss Schram became a Broadway play director?
Mr. Kiley forgot how to play football?
Mr. Claycomb didn't have a band?
Mrs. Clemow stopped braggin' about her class of '53?
Mr. Prether went on strike?
The kitchen help couldn't cook?
Mrs. Rood didn't have to worry about her yearbook?
Miss Mantey was to teach Ag class?
Mr. Arasim didn't have a new joke every day?
Mrs. Hodgins talked fast and furious?
Miss Buckwick taught shop?
Miss Biddinger became a pro basketball player?
Mr. Valo taught girls "homemaking"?

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IF

Don Whitmyer went on a strenuous diet?
Stanley Fair were to suddenly become quiet?
Warren Kleis quit working in the F. F. A.?
Melvyn Swab didn't tease Helen?
Doug Clark wasn't a hard worker anymore?
Dennis Pannabecker didn't always have an answer?
Marilyn Bennett went back to pigtails?
Gerry Backes wasn't a nice kid?
Nancy Voelker failed her last year?
Marion Fichter stopped being in "love"?
Jack Stillman liked all his teachers?
Max Benne didn't know parliamentary procedure?
Annette Southwell wouldn't wear her pretty earrings?
Bob Lieby got all "A's"?
Ray Jenks became a millionaire?
Maxine Scheffer ever stopped talking?
Gloria Shaull had blonde hair?
Delores Davidson wasn't friendly?
Donna Bassett didn't giggle?
Heather Webb wasn't "everybody's helper"?
Gerald Roosa stopped running?
Carla Winter resisted temptation?
Duane Bell didn't laugh at his teachers' jokes?
Dick Ewing couldn't run in track?
Helen Swab quit flirting?
Betty Jean Penner cut her hair?
Beverly Dietz wasn't always happy?
Charles Stevens never argued?
Jean Avery disliked children?
Delphain Mund wouldn't smile?
Gerry Rozan got a decent haircut?
Mr. Richards grew tall and skinny like Duane Randall?
Mrs. Anderson never sang again?
Mrs. Barnes blew up the chemistry lab?
Mrs. Lamb forgot how to talk?
Mr. Baker couldn't play basketball?
Mr. Cook taught shorthand?
Vickie and Millie couldn't type?
The seventh graders were quiet and orderly?

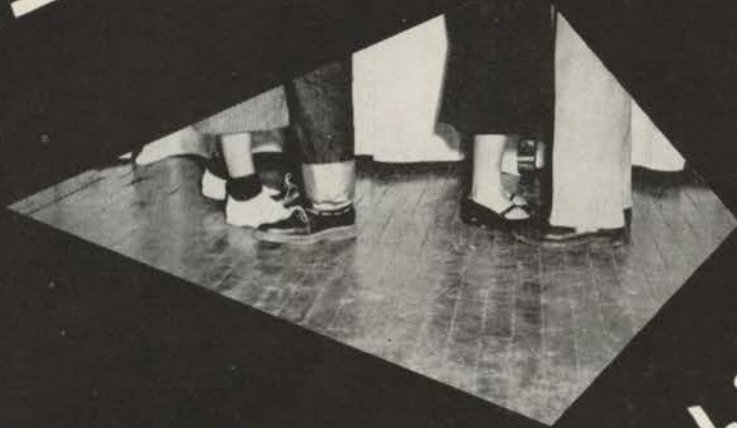
Is anyone watching the game?



The most popular school activity.

And
A-W-A-Y we go!





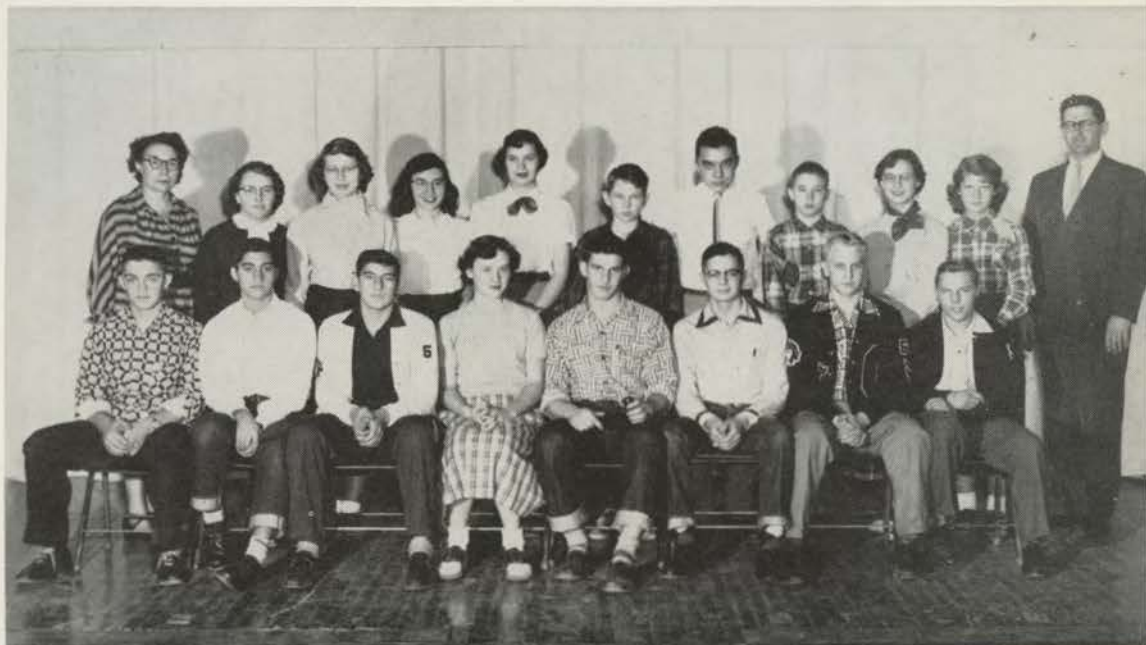
enjoy friendships

ORGANIZATIONS

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY



Charter Committee: Carl Ferrar, John Swanberg, Al Cudworth.



Assembly Committee — Bottom Row: Arthur Brauner, Chuck Webb, Margaret Black, Carol Casselman.
Top Row: Bill Nash, John Maynard, Jean Avery.



Bulletin Board Committee: Mary Aldrich, Mrs. Anderson, Keitha Shaull, Mary Ellen Eberly, Duane Bell, Anne Warner.

The Student Representative Assembly is under the leadership of Max Benne, President; Dennis Pannabecker, Vice-President; Heather Webb, Secretary; and Dennis Avery, Treasurer. Standing Committees that have been functioning this year are the Election, Policy, Citizenship, Assembly, Charter, Bulletin Board, Budget, and Publicity committees.

They have successfully carried out several activities. Instead of having the Hallowe'en Carnival the Student Representative Assembly sponsored a fun night with each class responsible for some form of activity. At Christmas time, the Student Representative Assembly representatives held a party to make popcorn and candy for the rest of the students. They also decorated a large Christmas tree for the party.

During the fall they were hosts to the Ingham County League Student Council meeting. When officers were elected, Dennis Avery was elected Vice-President.

The Student Representative Assembly taxed each class this year to obtain operating expenses.

They have had a very good year and are looking ahead to a prosperous year during 1953-1954.

JUNIOR ENGINEER TRAINING FOR SCHOOLS

The J.E.T.S. (Junior Engineer Training for Schools) Club was organized last year with fourteen members. This year they have eleven members who are interested in many different branches of engineering, some of which are: electrical, metallurgical, mechanical, chemical and civil.

When they elected officers, the results were:

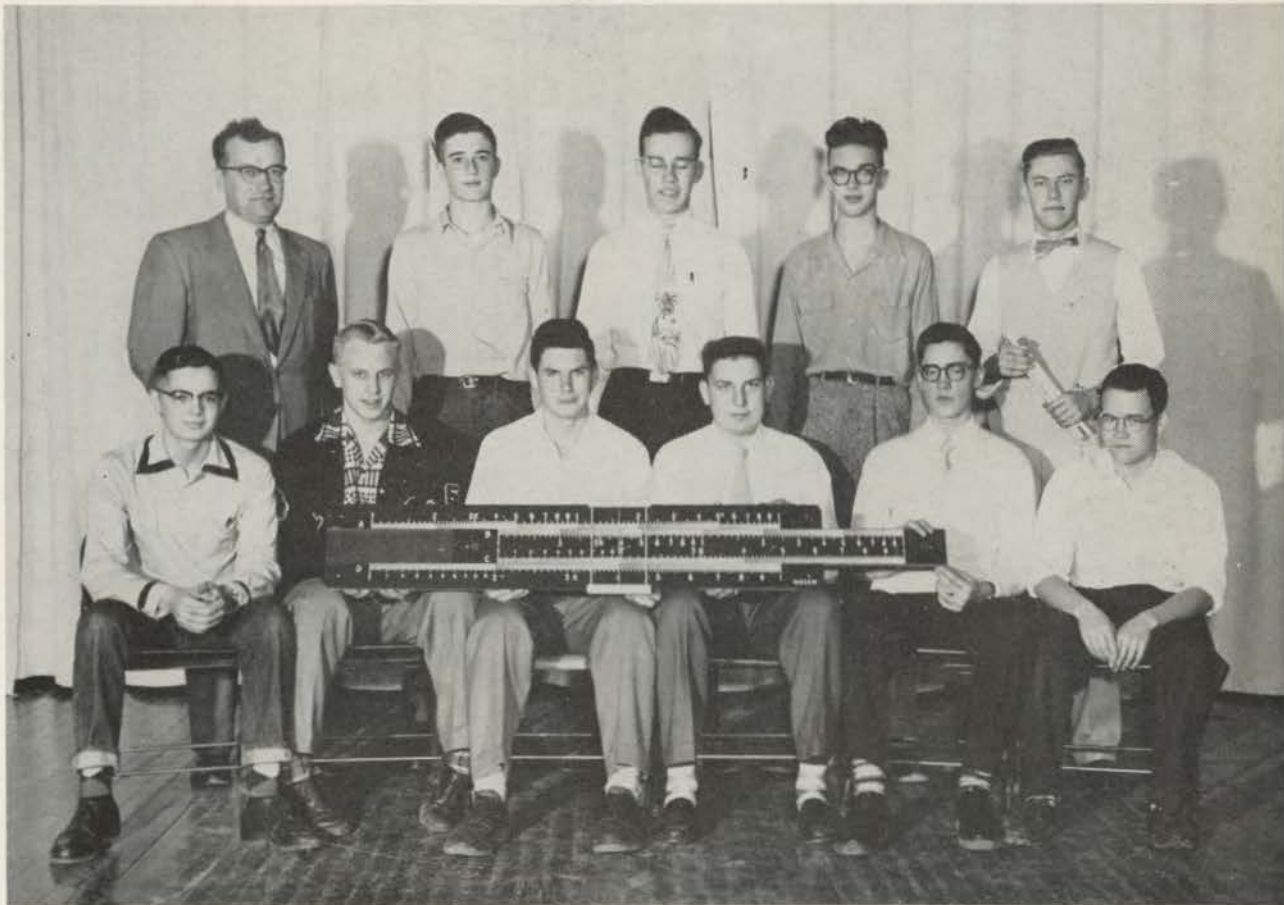
Jerry Snider	Captain (President)
Howard Sheldon.....	First Officer (Vice-President)
LeVon Prentice.....	Communications (Secretary)
Mr. Arasim.....	Jet Pilot (School Advisor)
Mr. R. J. Waalkes.....	Consulting Engineer, M.S.C.

Most of the meetings have been held on Monday night in the Math room. For entertainment they have had either a movie or an engineer (teacher or student) come out to talk to us from Michigan State College.

On Friday, March 6, they put on an assembly for the student body which showed some basic engineering and physics principles.

The J.E.T.S. Club has also taken some trips. They have gone to the Career Carnival which was held at M.S.C. and to the Engineering Exposition which was held there also. They have plans for a trip to the Oldsmobile Jet Plant in Lansing.

This club has been very profitable for its members.



Bottom Row: Dennis Avery, Dennis Pannabecker, Howard Sheldon, Ed Weiss, Dan Line, Jim Dodge.

Top Row: Mr. Arasim, Bill Nash, LeVon Prentice, Ralph Brown, Jerry Snider.

LIBRARY

OFFICERS

Sponsor
MRS. ROOD

Vice President
SHIRLEY BURCH

President
PEGGY PARKER

Secretary and Treasurer
LOUISE BRAUNER



Janet Henderson, Maxine Scheffer, Ellarene Copp, Nancy Voelker.



Carla Winter, Kay Sweet, Becky Ash, Beverly Butterwick, Marie Jenks, Kay McNitt, Patty Barber, Carol Casselman, Nancy Whitmyer.

Not Pictured: Betty Martin, Georgia Yeoman, Jeanne Matthews.

The library has been greatly improved this year by the work of the Library Club. They hold a business meeting once every two weeks and the girls receive one-half credit a year for their work. They have done their best to make the library a better and more pleasant place to work in. The library greatly appreciated the generous donation of five boxes of books by Mrs. Edward Shipley. The Library Club also takes time for fun and has enjoyed parties through the year.



BIBLE CLUB

The Bible Club under the leadership of the first and second semester officers gained new heights. The club motto is "Christ for Okemos" and the club verse is I Timothy 4:12.

One of the chief aims of the club is to spread the word of Christ and provide Christian fellowship for all.

Throughout the year the club has held a Hallowe'en, Christmas, and Valentine Party.



CHORUS

The first purpose of the High School Chorus is to provide musical entertainment for the school and community. Their first performance, under the direction of Mrs. Anderson, was the Thanksgiving Assembly in November. During the Christmas season the chorus presented a concert for the High School. February brought a choral program for mothers and fathers at P. T. A., in April they sang music with an Easter theme for the High School, and in May they presented the Spring Concert.

Twenty out of 37 members are seniors and will sing their last performance as members of the group during graduation activities.



F.F.A.

The agriculture classes grew to forty-one members during 1952-53. Ag. III was included for those interested in further study in farming. Many approved methods of agriculture were demonstrated in a practical way in the class projects with corn, wheat, chicken, lamb, asparagus, and fruit.

The F.F.A. purchased a tractor for use on the school projects and for the boys to use on their gardens and home projects. It is also used by the school for maintaining the lawns, driveways, and athletic field.

In their effort to produce better farm products, they have won many prizes at the County Fair. Their Soil Conservation Exhibit also attracted much attention at the Fair.

Because of the encouragement and cooperation, the F.F.A. conferred the degree of Honorary Chapter Farmer on Superintendent George Richards.

The Ag. II class again attended the Livestock Show in Chicago and had a lot of fun.



Okemos F.F.A. exhibited at the Ingham County Fair in August, 1952. They won firsts in wheat, oats, and alfalfa. Here Ag. III class is looking over the honors which they won.



F.F.A.



Ag II hauls dirt with the tractor which the F.F.A. purchased. The tractor was bought as a farm shop project by the members of the F.F.A.

In the fall of 1952 the F.F.A. put on an assembly for the high school which demonstrated many of the farm implements.



Ag I took a course in the care of the farm tractor. Here they are learning the principles of the internal combustion engine.



F.H.A.

The F.H.A. Chapter was organized last year and officers were elected for the coming year. The program for this year was planned around the purposes set up by the State and National Associations for F.H.A. One of the chapter's activities was to go caroling at Christmas to the County Farm. Again this year the chapter sold candied apples as a money-making project. In February a Family Night was held for the members and their parents. Some members attended the regional meeting at Alma and learned ways of improving the chapter. Delegates were also sent to the State Convention at M.S.C. and Leadership Training Camp at St. Mary's Lake.





ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Bottom Row: Bob Davidson, Mr. Sage, Mr. Kiley, Mel Swab, Mr. Baker.

Top Row: Allan Houghton, John Swanberg.

The Athletic Association is a committee that was formed this year for the purpose of handling the funds of the Varsity Club. All expenditures and disbursements for athletic purposes are handled through this club. It is composed of the principal, the coaches, a Varsity Club representative, Student Representative Assembly representative, and two members from the student body at large.



G.A.A.

Bottom Row: Alice Burch, Jackie Paty, Jackie Ball, Elaine Kalush, Peggy Parker, Alice Mouser, Judy Sweeney, Melissa Line, Beverly Yeoman, Connie Emery.

Top Row: Miss Biddinger, Joe de Martelle, Janet Solomon, Josephine Nichols, Nancy Miller, Betty Reinertsen, Marilyn Hogle.



BAND

The school band has grown to the extent of 72 members in the senior group and an overall total of 189 instrumentalists in the grades four to twelve.

They have studied various compositions throughout the year equal to senior A schools and above.

The musicians performed at many functions including district and state solo and ensemble contests, plus trips to further their education in music appreciation.

The director tries to combine good, wholesome fun with a direct approach to being good citizens and musicians who will later on contribute to their community the values that make an art valuable to our way of life.

They wish to thank one and all for all the contributions in helping them toward their goals of buying new uniforms and increasing their musical knowledge.

JUNIOR BAND



CHEERLEADERS

DIANE McDONALD
SHIRLEY BURCH
GERALDINE TRAVIS
HELEN SWAB
KAY SWEET

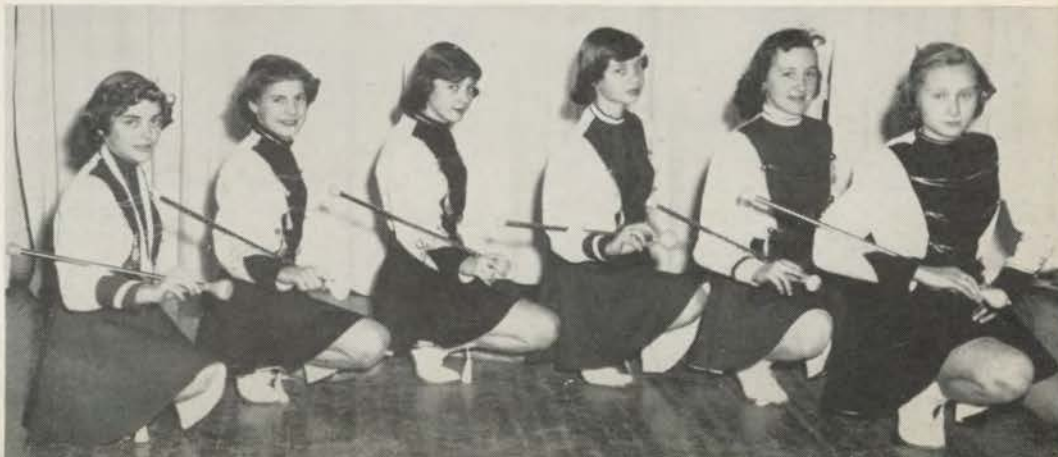


PEP BAND

The Pep Band has continued its activities from last year by supplying lively music at pep meetings and games. The Pep Band has been a large factor in boosting our school spirit to its peak. At games their stirring music aroused the spirit of all the spectators and often led to a larger cheering section.

MAJORETTES

The Okemos Majorettes have accomplished a lot this past year. They have marched in the Armistice Day Parade in Lansing, twirled at pep meetings and games. They also marched in the Memorial Day Parade in Lansing.



VARSITY CLUB



Bottom Row: Paul Roney, Treasurer; Dick Ewing, President; Jerry Roosa, Secretary; Harold Greer, Vice President.
Top Row: Faculty Advisors, Mr. Sage, Mr. Kiley, Mr. Baker.

The Okemos Varsity Club started out the year by electing the following officers: Dick Ewing, President; Harold Greer, Vice-President; Gerald Roosa, Secretary; and Paul Roney, Treasurer. Under this new leadership, plus the help of the sponsors Mr. Kiley, Mr. Baker, and Mr. Sage, they set up a program of activities for the coming year. Some of these activities included the initiation of new members into the club, going to a hockey game in Detroit, selling school emblems, taking in the state basketball finals, and many other various events.

The club's twenty members have worked hard to get the club on its feet again and have had a lot of fun doing it.

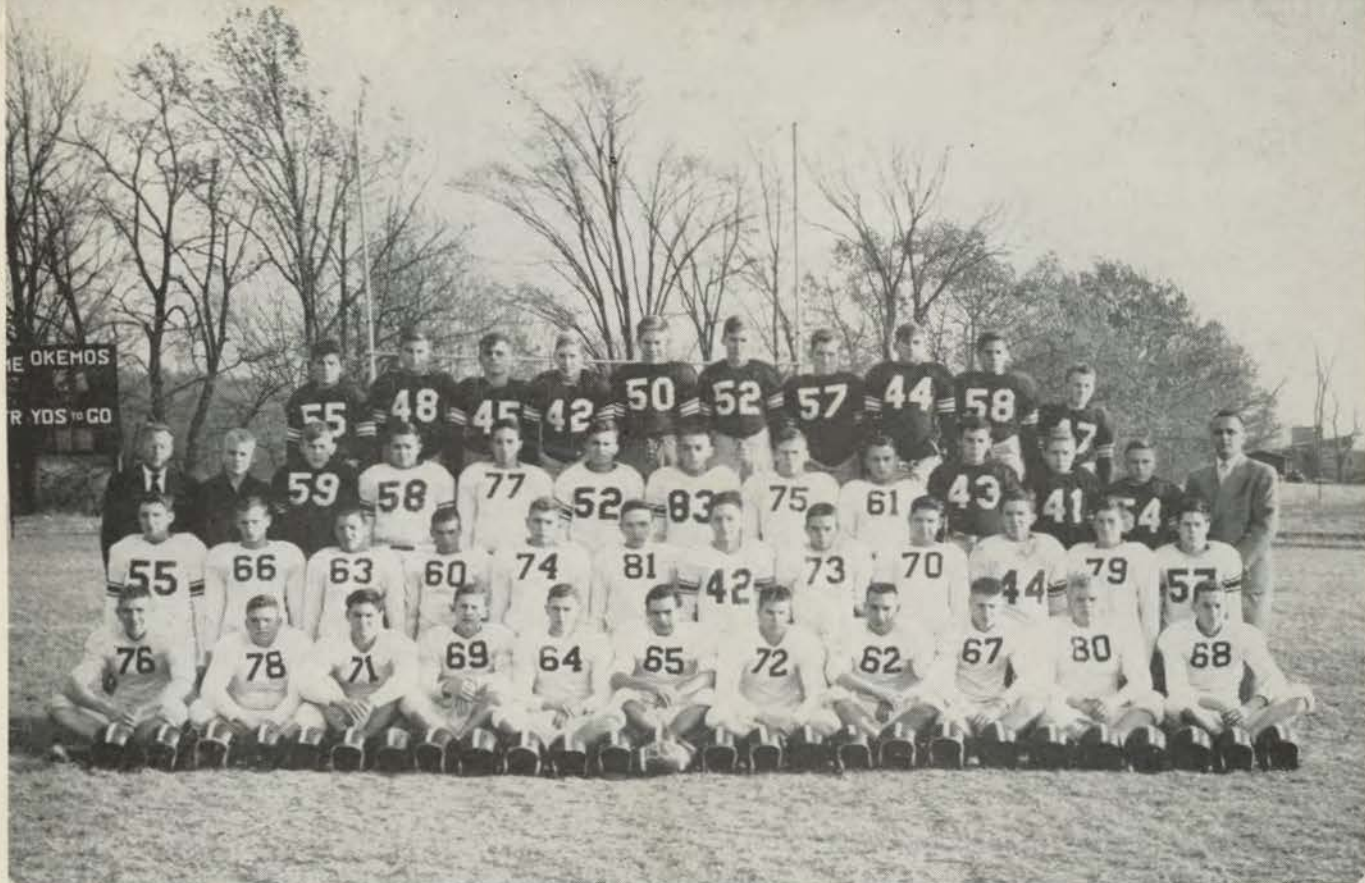


Bottom Row: Bob Farr, Jerry Roosa, Paul Roney, Dick Ewing, Russ Burch, Mel Swab, Gerry Rozan, Doug Clark.
Middle Row: Mr. Baker, Kyle Aldrich, Harold Greer, Bud Burch, Merrill Edwards, Harold Redman, John Grettenberger, Mr. Kiley, Mr. Sage.
Top Row: George Barr, Terry Pease, Wendall Bates, Jon Kreider, Mike Sweeney.

ATHLETICS



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Front Row: Harold Greer, Don Whitmeyer, Merrill Edwards, Keith Palmerton, Melvyn Swab, Dick Ewing, Gerry Roosa, Russ Burch, Gerry Rozan, Paul Roney, Duane Randall.

Second Row: George Barr, Tom Lock, Carl Burch, Mike Sweeney, John Grettenberger, Kyle Aldrich, Robert Farr, Glenn Bassett, Harold Redman, Leon Backus, Wendell Bates, Charles Webb.

Third Row: Coach Baker, Manager Morris Holloway, Allan Wells, Dennis Avery, Terry Pease, Duane Bell, Jerry Bosworth, Allan Cudworth, Gordon Piper, Bob Hughes, David Dreps, Dick Barnard, Coach Kiley.

Fourth Row: Ronnie Murphy, Robert Bell, Jim Woodruff, Russell Roosa, Dick Cooper, Allan Houghton, Carleton Bennett, Garth Richey, Claude Edwards, Dennis Webb.

FOOTBALL 1952

Okemos opened the season against Fowlerville and won the game 14-7 by scoring two touchdowns in the final two minutes of the game.

The next week Haslett downed the Chiefs 27-0, but the following week Okemos came back for a 32-8 victory over Williamston. This victory trail was lengthened by Okemos' defeat of Dansville 19-0.

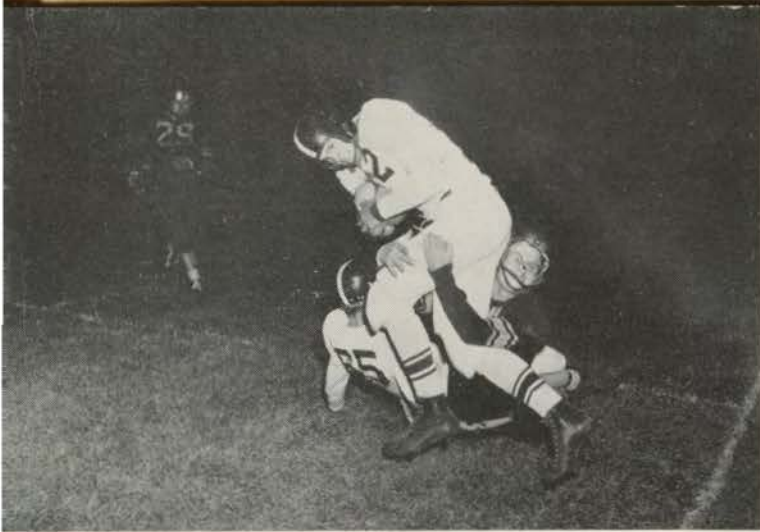
Holt defeated the Chiefs the next week, 13-6, in a hard-fought game marked by cold weather, fumbles, and spectacular plays.

The Stockbridge Panthers invaded Okemos and the Chieftains clubbed 13-12 in a close, hard-fought game.

The Leslie Blackhawks were the next to fall prey to the Okemos hunters. They went down to a 28-6 defeat as Mel Swab passed for three touchdowns, lateraled for the other, and kicked the extra points.

Everett was the season's last opponent and the Capitol Circuit team was lucky to get a 14-13 decision.

This gave the team a 5-3 season's record, and earned them second place in the Ingham County League with a 5-2 slate against league opponents.



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SENIOR SHORTS

These men have played their last game for Okemos, but they will be remembered for the fine work they have shown in their plays.

DUANE BELL—Specializing in defensive work, he was usually the first man through the enemy line.

RUSSELL BURCH—The hardest driving back on the team, and a fine defensive end, Russ excelled on plays through the line.

ALLAN CUDWORTH—A fierce tackler, he was the team's best linebacker.

DICK EWING—The fastest man on the team and a fine broken field runner, Dick was a big factor in the team's fine showing this season.

ROBERT FARR—He was always out working and only the players know the value of pressure from behind.

TOM LOCK—Tom was always pushing the first-stringers for a starting berth, and kept them on their toes.

KEITH PALMERTON—This was Keith's third year as starting guard. Though light, he was the team's fastest lineman, and he used this to good advantage.

DUANE RANDALL—The harder the catch was for anyone else, the easier it was for this tall end to make.

PAUL RONEY—He was the biggest man on the team, and a fine tackle. He could always plug his hole or open anyone else's.

GERRY ROOSA—A big, fast halfback, Gerry could be counted on in a pinch.

GERRY ROZAN—The starting center, Gerry could always be counted on to do his job. He was a good blocker and a hard tackler.

MELVYN SWAB—He was the quarterback, passer, and extra point kicker, and he did a fine job at all three.



BASKETBALL



The Okemos Chiefs started the season off with a bang, beating Leslie 55-29.

They kept up the pace when they played Fowlerville, beating them 65-53, before losing to Stockbridge, 40-48, in the next game. They found the basket again against Dansville, smothering them with a score of 73-52. They were then beaten by Holt, 47-55.

In the Holiday Tournaments they were beaten by Everett, 31-50, and they defeated Boys' Vocational School, 55-43. DeWitt then put the Chieftains out of the tournament by defeating them in a close game of 53-50.

Back in league play again, they skinned by Williamston, 58-57, and then lost to Haslett, 47-59.

The team won its next two games, beating Leslie, 54-47, and Fowlerville, 58-39, but then they ran up against two teams who were out to scalp them and they lost to Holt, 43-53, and Williamston, 42-50.

The team seemed to lose its touch against Dansville, when they were defeated by a score of 54-72, but they played inspired ball the next week, and were beaten by only two points by supposedly superior Haslett, 53-55.

In the last game of the season, the team lost to Stockbridge, 51-58, and the next week the same team eliminated them from the tournaments, 28-37.

Harold Greer was the team's top pointmaker. He tossed in 266 points in 18 games, for an average of 14.8 points per game.





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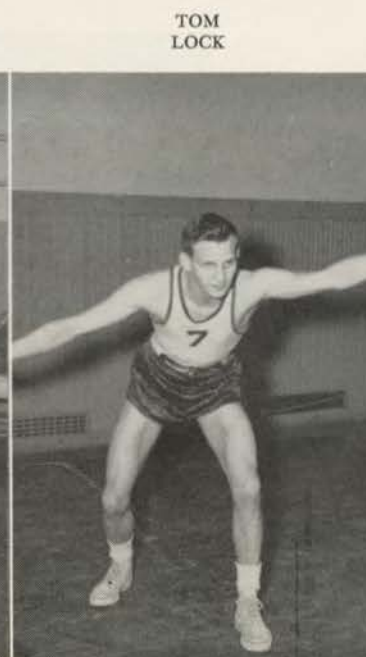
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BURCH



RESERVE BASKETBALL

Front Row: Carl Burch, Ronnie Murphy, John Swanberg, Dick Barnard, Bob Hughes, Carl Richey.

Back Row: Coach Kiley, Garth Richey, Carlton Bennett, Dick Cooper, George Voss, Bill Nash, John Grettenberger.

The Little Chiefs got off to a rather slow start this season, losing five of their first seven games, but they improved in the second half of the campaign and came out with a record of 7 wins and 7 losses. The scores were as follows:

Okemos.... 21	Leslie 54	Okemos.... 54	Leslie 47
Okemos.... 52	Fowlerville ... 41	Okemos.... 67	Fowlerville ... 31
Okemos.... 54	Stockbridge ... 56	Okemos.... 55	Holt 58
Okemos.... 39	Dansville 32	Okemos.... 75	Williamston .. 55
Okemos.... 31	Holt 34	Okemos.... 65	Dansville 36
Okemos.... 37	Williamston .. 48	Okemos.... 54	Haslett 58
Okemos.... 48	Haslett 57	Okemos.... 65	Stockbridge ... 44

Carl Burch was the team's leading scorer with 193 points in 14 games, for an average of 13.8 points per game.

BASEBALL



Front Row: Merrill Edwards, Lyle Davis, Melvyn Swab, Russell Burch, Dana McDonald, Allan Cudworth, Dennis Pannabecker.

Bottom Row: Coach Dunn, Miles Church, Don Shipley, Dave Adams, Jon Kreider, Morris Holloway, Manager.

Okemos was slow at the start of its 1952 baseball schedule. They dropped their first game with Fowlerville 12-2.

The next game they really hit their stride but lost a tied game 5-4, with Leslie.

During the next two games, Okemos was in one of those unpredictable slumps that hits every baseball team. They lost to Holt, 11-5, and to Stockbridge 12-4.

May 8 saw a hard-fought battle between Okemos and Williamston with Williamston coming out on top with a 3-2 victory.

Every player on the team ate their "Wheaties" on May 13 and they walloped their rival, Haslett, in a 14-10 triumph.

The last game of the season was another close one. Dansville squeezed out a 3-2 victory over Okemos in a hard hitting and close pitching battle.

TRACK



Bottom Row: Danna McDonald, Keith Palmerton, Richard Hartsuff, Russell Burch, Gerry Roosa, Richard Ewing, Miles Church.

Top Row: Coach Weaver, Merrill Edwards, Dennis Avery, Robert Davidson, Terry Pease, Melvyn Swab, Danny Panshin, Charles Webb.

The 1952 Okemos High track team had the most outstanding and record-breaking year that any previous track team has ever had. This fact was proven by their winning or placing high in all the dual and tri-team meets. Many records were broken this year by individuals and also by the relay teams.

Speedy Dick Ewing broke two records this year. The new 100 yd. dash record is 10.1 and the new 220 yd. dash record is 22.7 seconds. Dick hopes to cut down this record next year.

Dick Hartsuff ran hard and broke the 880 yd. run record in two minutes and seven seconds.

The half-mile relay team, composed of Davidson, Roosa, McDonald, and Ewing, broke the record by a run of one minute, three seconds.

Gerry Roosa kept adding points to the team by breaking the 440 yd. run tape at nearly every meet. Gerry tied the school record and hopes to break it this year.

The track team ended its season by winning the Ingham County Championship. This meet was held at Howell and was the first track meet to be held at night under lights in Ingham County. The team also placed high in the regional and state track meets.

The track team deserves a lot of credit for their wonderful record, and their next year promises to be as outstanding.

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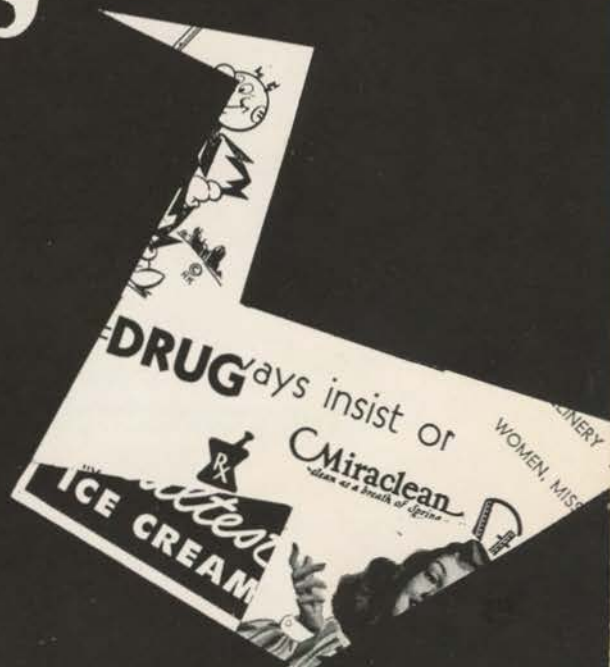
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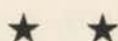


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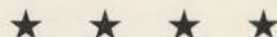
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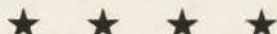
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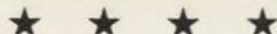
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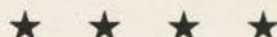


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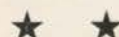
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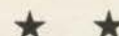
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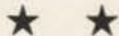
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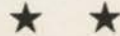
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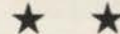
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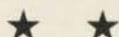
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certainly the nicest guy I
sure did ever know.
"Good Luck"
Jo Ann

Lots of luck in the
future. It sure has
been swell playing
sports with you
"Harold Green"
"54"

Dick
I'll always
remember the good
times we had on
the trip. It's been
wonderful knowing
and working with
you. Best of Luck Always.
Jerry
"53"

You're one boy that
will be hard to beat -
in any way.
Marge Bucknick

Good luck
with Jo Ann!
Janet
Solomon

To the best
athlete and sportsman
of Okemos High School!
Jerry Borworth
"54"

It has been a pleasure
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and in the summer at
the college. Have fun
but be good.
Dick Hartopp.

Best of Luck
to the best track
star in Okemos
Weather

Dick,
I never got
to know you too
well, but from what
I do know you're the
top. Good Luck!!
All success to Jack
you in your high
running
don't run to far.
Virginia

I have enjoyed working
with this class so much.
Joy Clemon

Dick
Loris is one of
the most wonderful
track runners Akemas
has ever had, and probably
ever will. Lots of luck
to you and your family
"54"

Too real sweat guy.
W. Eva Peggy

O mind
I don't
leave and
school, be sure
the funny girl who
front of you. Sandra

Best wishes to
a young man who will
be a great man if he wants
Hodgins

Dick
I'm glad to have
you in the same
class as you. Is
big and good but
about the revision
How

I got a lot of luck
to one of the
best athletes
Akemas has
ever known.
Paul

Have fun in the
future. If I know
you will.
Sue Breese
"56"

I wish you
all the best
and luck
Dick

It's certainly been nice
to know you all through
the 12 years and I hope
someday I'll have a house
that can keep up with your
speed. Best of luck and
you're a lot of fun
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It's been great pleasure
to know a great guy
like you. Good luck.
Dick Cooper

