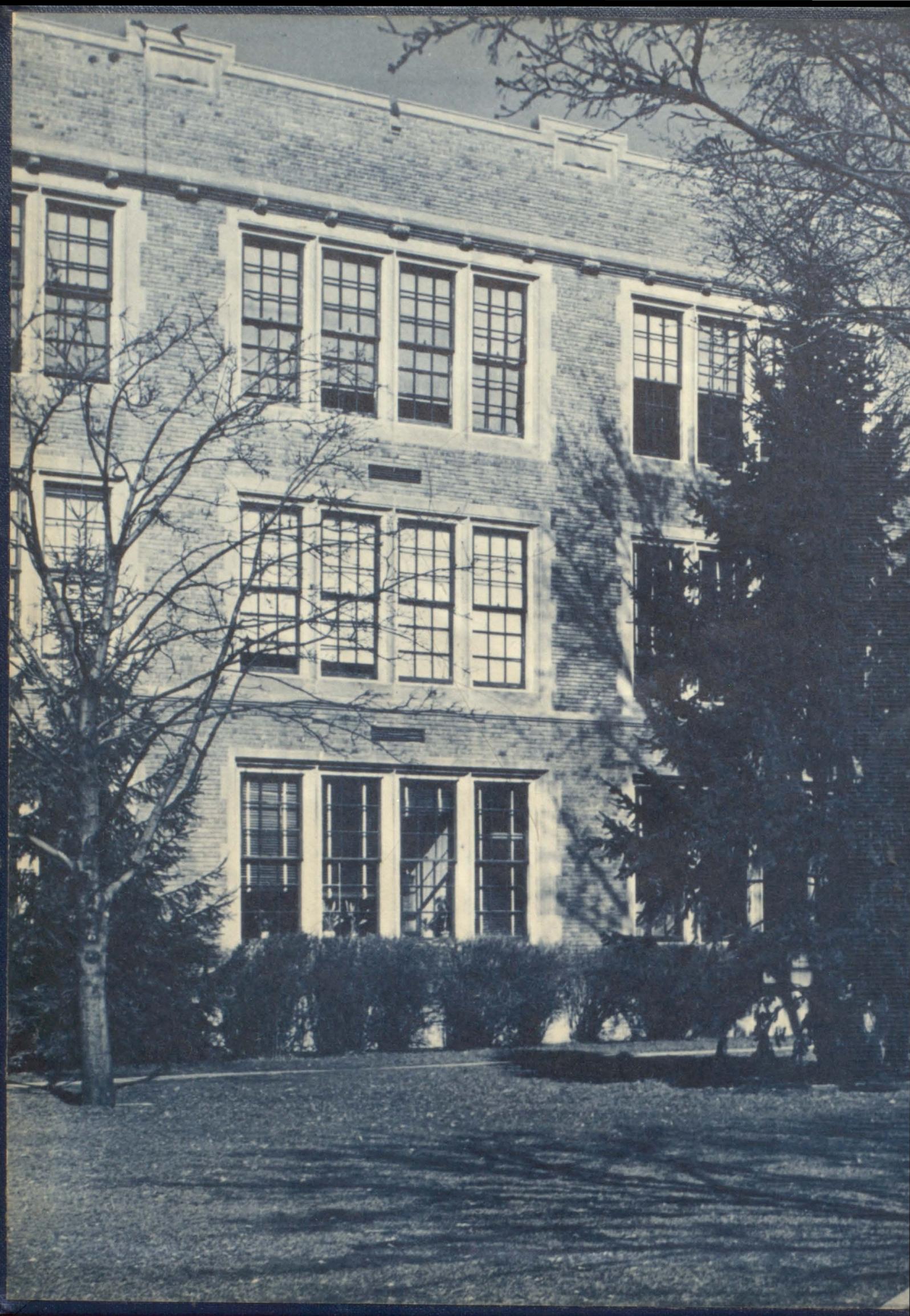


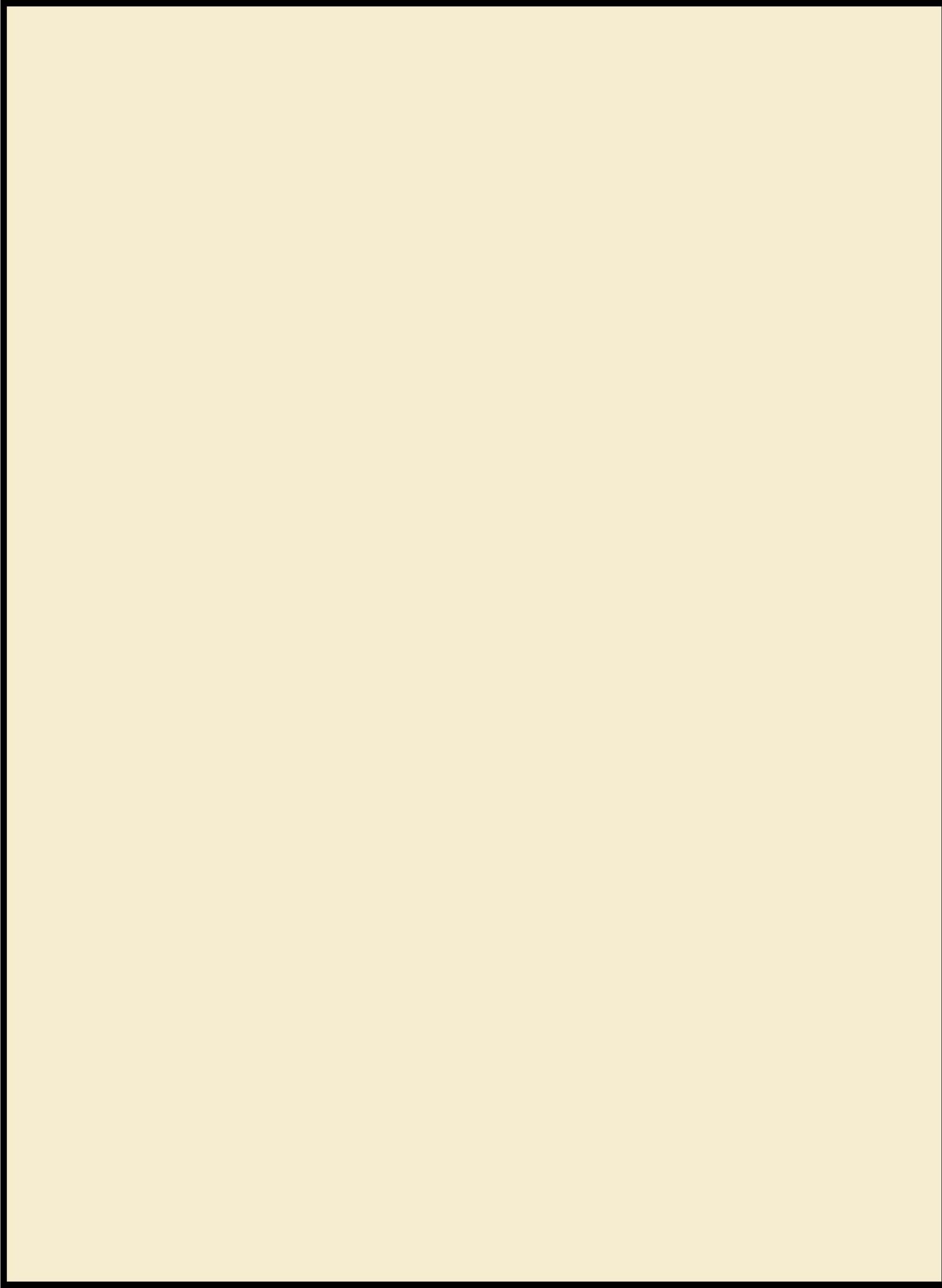
# The Oak 1953



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# *The Oak*



**ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL  
ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN**

**JUNE 1953**



Best of luck and don't  
forget those hectic years in  
class and I hope you are in  
cell no. 301. Sincerely James J. Mead.

We, the June graduating class of 1953, are proud to dedicate our Oak to you, Mr. Mead. All through our high school days Mr. Mead has been willing to help us through our many problems. Those of us who had him for English 5 will always remember the help we received from him on our many speeches. When the time finally arrived for our final ten minute speeches he was always willing to go all out in order to help us.

The many senior plays he helped sponsor would never had been a success without his patience in putting up with us. The few of us that had him for a homeroom teacher will always remember all the noise that went on during the P.A. announcements. He always has a kind word and smile for everyone. Because he helped to promote friendliness among the students and faculty, we are proud to give him the recognition which he so rightly deserves.

MR. JAMES MEAD

## Dedication



# Class Officers

ROBERT SHARP

President

No door will be locked before him, For he holds the key to leadership, persuasion, and personality.



GAIL McCLUSKY Sec'y.

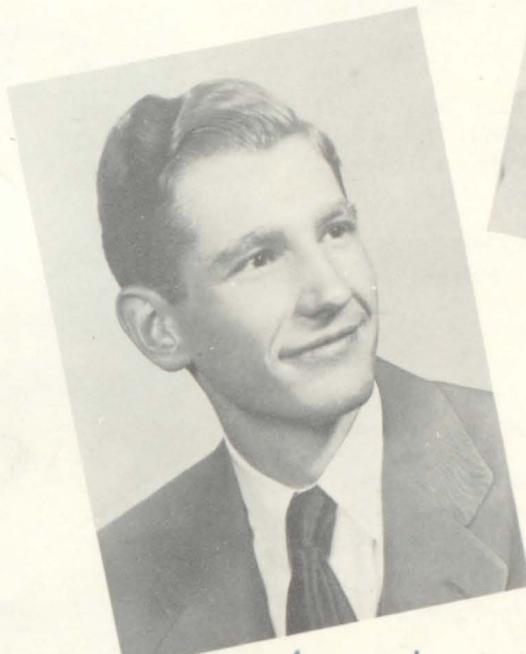
To determine her qualities on a scale; no one quite measures up to Gail.



ERIC MITTLESTADT, Treas.

Salutatorian

Knowledge is, indeed, that which, next to virtue, truly and essentially raises one man above another.



MONA JORDAN

Valedictorian

God has placed no limit to intellect and kindness.

LAWRENCE RATTNER,

Vice-President

Who mixed reason with pleasure and wisdom with mirth.



CLASS MOTTO:

We have crossed the bay;  
The ocean lies before us.

RON, any class would be dull without a swell fella like you. I've gotten a real kick out of knowing you. Keep smiling, mona

CLASS FLOWER:

White Rose

CLASS COLORS:

Blue and White



Savvy -  
Best of luck and all  
that of best to one  
that of best to one  
swell fella!  
Larry



*to the  
Sorority  
53*

LARRY ADAMS

He knows what he knows,  
And what he doesn't know  
he'll soon learn.

*Best wishes,  
Marilyn  
Adams*

MARILYN ADAMS

She's neither very shy nor  
very bold; but just a girl as  
good as gold.



MARLENE ALBERTS

Always full of fun, popular  
with everyone.

VIRGINIA ALCINI

Cheers to the nicest girl  
we know.

GARY ALLEN

He's good-looking and full  
of fun; his unique humor  
puts blues on the run.

MARGARET ALLEN

Welcome to any group.



LOUIS ALONZI

Once a friend, always a  
friend.

ROBERT ANSTED

He profits who knows how  
to please.



*Robert Ansted*



ROBERT ARNO

An occasional flash shows  
the humor within.

JO ANNE ARVIK

Real friends are our greatest  
joy.



RICHARD BALES

As good-natured a guy as  
you will ever find.

PATRICIA BALLARD

Quiet ways are always  
admired.

*Best of luck  
to a sweet guy  
See you at the  
Gathering  
53*

JAY BARBAS

Friends, Romans, Country-men, lend me your girls.

BRADLEY BARNES

Ambition, Ability, Success, A terrific threesome for Brad to possess.



ROBERT BARRETT

His eyes are dark and roving—Just a wolf in sheep's clothing.

*Best of  
luck in  
the future  
Bob*

ANN BARTED

Her pretty looks and pretty smile, are accentuated by dimples that beguile.



JUDITH BAUR

Small in size, but never shirking duty; A friendly girl, a swell girl is Judy.

AARON BELL

Always a smile for everyone, a soft-spoken gentleman.

JUNE BERTELL

A winning smile has June, As bright as the sun, as clear as the moon.



ROBERT BEYER

There's bound to be fun when Bob's around.

*Dahn Bjorkman*

DOUGLAS BILDSON

The less said—the more thought.

DAHN BJORKMAN

Once a gentleman, always a gentleman.



DONALD BLACKBURN

He's way out in front in any race he's in; In later life, we're sure he'll always win.



ROSEMARY BLAKE

A girl with quite charm.



RICHARD BLOOMFIELD

Love makes the world go round.

*Best of luck  
always. Barb*

ELIZABETH BOLTON  
Later life will treat her well.



CHARLES BRADLEY

A tall fellow, a fellow we all like.

HARRY BRATTON  
Good manners be your speed.

MARGARET BRENNAN

A woman's hair is her crowning glory.

CHARLES BRISTOL

A disposition gifted in few.



BARBARA BROWN

No one could be as nice as Barb.



MARGARET BROWN

Her winning ways have gained many a friend.



CAROL BUNDSHUH

A manner to be admired.

SONDRA BYAM

What is worth doing, is worth doing well.



RALPH CADGER

It's really worth your while to make the acquaintance of such a swell guy.

WILMA CALVIN

Good humor is goodness and wisdom combined.

BEVERLY CAVANAGH

Her virtues are her arts.

RICHARD CHURCH

Say little and listen much.

DANEEN CLAPP

The glass of fashion.

The mould of form.

The observed of all observers.

LYNDA CLAPP

A model of fashion creates a style; a model of pleasing manners creates in others a cheerful smile.



GLORIA COHRON

Love come one day and stole her heart away.

RONALD COLEMAN

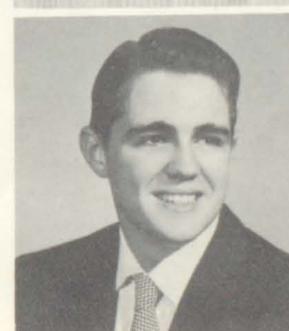
An enjoyable fellow with a ready wit.

HAROLD COLLAMER

And now, I joyfully take my leave.

LAUDRA COLLINS

It's a woman's privilege to change her mind.



MONETTE CLARK

Power rules, but love wins.

ALLAN CLAYTON

I am afraid of tomorrow, for I have seen yesterday and I love today.

EUGENE CLINES

Good will is the mightiest practical force.

MYRON COAN

It's not the class, It's not the clan, It's what he is, That makes the man.

Best of luck in everything  
from Ron



**ARNOLD CONDON**  
His equal?—He has no equal.



**WILLIAM COOPER**  
Worry never interferes with his thoughts.

**MARILYN CONGER**  
All words are pegs to hang ideas on.

**NORMA COUSINO**  
The art of appeal—to repeat without boring.

**ROBERT COWPER**  
Pleasure and leisure are words that I enjoy putting to use.

**BEVERLY CRAWFORD**  
A girl who does things most cleverly, will most likely be named Beverly.

**DONALD CREECH**  
Good ware sells itself.



**WILLIAM CUNNINGHAM**  
Tall, dark, and handsome; No one will dispute this matter.

**DONALD DAHM**  
All who see look down; All who know look up.



**ANNA DALLAFIOR**  
She walks in sheer admiration.

**STEPHEN DAUNCH**  
Talk about a good guy, that's Steve.



*Sets of Sues  
Sets of friends  
always.  
Bill*

KAY DAVENPORT

Blond locks, eyes so blue,  
Take one look and she  
impresses you.

LINDA DAVISON

Take it easy, have your  
fun; and let the world  
flicker on.



PHYLLIS DENMAN

This world belongs to the  
energetic.

BRUCE DePEW

Wit, be my faculty, and  
pleasure my occupation.



DONALD DOSTER

My business and my art is  
to live and live well.

WILLIAM DOWHAN

Only a chosen few can dive  
as well as you.



RUTH DURHAM

Merit and good-breeding  
will make their way every-  
where.

ALAN DUTSCH

A voice as mighty as the  
mountains.



ALICE EDSALL

You are all those sweet  
things rolled up in one.



CAROLE ELLIOTT

A continual smile for  
everyone.



RAYMOND ELLIOTT  
Every inch a man.



MARY LOU ERICKSON  
The hand that hath made  
you fair hath made you  
good.

*Lots of luck  
Lots of keep  
Lots of fun  
Stew*

STEWART FALL  
What a guy!!

SUE FECHHEIMER  
You'll travel many a mile,  
to find as sunny a disposi-  
tion, as witty a mind.

MARGARET FETZER  
Not that I like work less,  
but fun more.



FREDERICK FINNEY  
No man has time to practice  
all he preaches.

LEONARD GELL  
He could break a dozen  
hearts—if he'd but give  
us a chance.



DALE GIERTHY  
The force of his own merit  
makes his way.

DONALD GMELIN  
Ambition has no rest for an  
energetic lad.

PRISCILLA GODDARD

She's a red-haired angel,  
but the devil's in her eyes.

CONSTANCE GORDON

Her air, her manners, all  
who saw admired.

ROSEMARIE GRANATA

She laughs, loves, and  
makes friends.

JERRY GRAVES

I am not on the roll of  
common men.



EUGENE GREEN

He had a tongue to per-  
suade.

BRYON GROBER  
The strong, silent type.



HELEN GUDEMOOS  
A true friend at heart.

*Best of luck  
to a good  
buddy  
Tom*

THOMAS GUNN  
Leisure nourishes the body  
and the mind.



JUDITH GUY

Her laugh is infectious—  
Her manner impetuous.

PAULINE HALL

The smile that won't come  
off.



RENE HAMEL

A man after our own heart.

ANN HARCOURT

Here's to the girl with the  
heart and the smile.

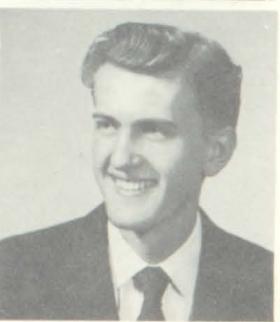
Best of luck  
Sandra



SANDRA HARTON

She is jolly, good-natured,  
and true.

Happy new year  
Maynard



JOANNE HAWK

Bright as the sun and lots  
of fun.

sets of luck to my  
yellow classmate  
Ken Heitman

KENNETH HEITMAN

Unassuming and unaffected  
—never unhappy, never  
dejected.

SAMUEL HILL

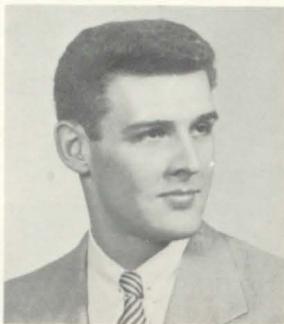
A genial manner, full of  
might, He's sure to be a  
woman's delight.

Best of luck  
Ken Hoyt



CARL HOYT

The better you know him;  
the better you like him.



RICHARD HUBER

Always happy, never sad,  
sometimes naughty, never  
bad.



JUANITA HUDSON

Only the good deserve the  
best.

Best always  
luck Carol

CAROL HUGHES

Variety is the spice of life,  
That gives it all its flavor.



SHIRLEY HUTTON

Quiet and nice to be with.

Best  
always  
Ken  
53

KENNETH IRWIN

Good looks and personality  
go with Ken.

MARY LOUISE JEWETT

Happy and gay—the right  
one for Kay.



Best of  
luck  
always.  
Carole  
'53

CAROLE JOHNSON

She wraps herself around  
your heart; her unusual  
kindness sets her apart.



CARL JOKELA

The greater man; the  
greater courtesy.

BETTY KAER

Sweet personality,  
Quiet in manner.



MARGARET KELLER

As merry as the day is  
long.

EDWARD KEMMIS

Although his manners are  
most pleasing; it doesn't  
stop his constant teasing.



DONNA KHOUBESSION

A loving heart is the truest  
wisdom.

JANE KIDLE

Brown hair and flashing  
eyes; here's pep in a  
snappy guise.



To a real  
sweet guy.  
Shannon  
'53

GAYLE KINARD

*Lots of Luck to  
a small kid  
Gayle Kinard*

She's always smiling  
always sweet; Her pep and  
dimples can't be beat.



SHANNON KIRKMAN

Shannon's got those flirting  
eyes; she's the one who  
will snag the guys.

*And wish I could  
have known you  
better. Best wishes  
Beth*

ERNEST KOSNAK

If joy and duty clash,  
Let duty go to smash.

ELIABETH KLIPPSTEIN

True to her word; her  
work; her friends.



NORMA JEAN KOVAL

Willing to please; always  
at ease.



HAROLD KUEHN

Nothing is impossible—  
nothing!

GAIL LA GASSA

Her smile is sunny, her  
heart is light; all those  
around her feel happy  
and bright.

YVONNE LARIME

A smart girl, of this there  
is no doubt; just one of  
those girls you can't do  
without.

ROBERT LEE

*With love to Bob*  
Eat, drink, and be merry for  
tomorrow comes the draft.

EDWARD KRECOW

Just enough learning;  
no more.

PATRICIA KRAMER

Style is the dress of  
thought.

CAROL KRUMBACK

Personality is the diamond  
that scratches every other  
stone.



JOSEPH LEITCH

The rule of my life is to  
make business a pleasure,  
and pleasure my business.

BEVERLY LESLEY

A merry heart maketh a  
cheerful countenance.



CONSTANCE LEVULIS

A friend may well be  
reckoned the masterpiece  
of Nature.

JAMES LIDDIE

Many a true word is  
spoken in jest.

MARJORIE LITTLE

Who pleasure gives shall  
joy receive.

RUTH LOCKWOOD

If a woman has long hair,  
it is a glory to her.

JOSEPH LOOMIS

Good-natured, an all around  
sport, a cheerful word for  
everyone.

*Dad, I'm swell, I'm gay*  
JAMES LOSEY

Silence is one great art of  
conversation. He is not a  
fool who knows when to  
hold his tongue.



JEANETTE MANKE

Kindness in a woman shall  
win love.

WILLIAM LOWE

Talent is that which is in  
man's power.

*Dad, I'm swell, I'm gay*  
DENNIS LYONS

A swell, swell guy in  
every way.

WILLIAM MacKELLAR

Much learning doth make  
thee mad.

ALETA MALIN

Happiness in a woman.



LYNN MARTIN

'Tis only noble to be good.

GAYLE MARSHALL

A merry heart doth good  
like a medicine.

MARCELLA MASON

A cute girl with an every-  
ready smile.

*Love Lynn*



lots of luck  
Bob



VIVIAN MATTSON

Pleasure is the only thing  
to live for; nothing ages  
like happiness.



JAMES McCAFFERTY

Likeable and easy going.

LEWIS McDANIEL

Just a good-looking guy  
out for fun.

MARGARET McINTOSH

Give me a spark of nature's  
fire—that's all the learning  
I desire.

PATRICIA McEWAN

In the sunshine of your  
smile; we see qualities  
that beguile.

JANICE McMONAGLE

The Luck of the Irish will  
never fail this pert colleen.



CAROLYN McNAIR

Nice to know; smiles all  
aglow.

ALBERT McROBERTS

A slow, steady voice with  
plenty of wit.



PATRICIA MERRELL

Politeness is to do and say  
the kindest thing in the  
kindest way.

ANTHONY MILKO

He that knows no guilt can  
know no fear.

ROBERT MINNICK

Gabriel is going to move  
over and let him carry on.

BEVERLY MURDOCK

Always dancing; always  
gay; cute, too, in her sweet  
little way.

CHRISTINE MYERS

Cute, Sweet, and Smart;  
These are perfect traits  
for a gal well-liked by  
all her classmates.

PATRICIA NAU

A wonderful girl, with a  
pleasing way; she's especially nice—the same every-  
day.



BEVERLY NOWAK

Friendships multiply joys  
and divide griefs.

MARILYN OEHLING

If a good face is a letter of  
recommendation, a good  
heart is a letter of credit.



JACQUELINE ORR

A gal like Jackie will never  
do wrong, if she keeps up  
her friendliness and her  
mellow song.

ALICE OSBORNE

As fair as the rays of the  
sun.



JOHN NELSON

*John Nelson*  
A man's true wealth is the  
good he does in this world.

ROBERT NELSON

Men like arrows go farth-  
est when they're the  
smoothest.

*good luck  
always al  
'53*

ALLEN NOLTON

One hour's sleep before  
midnight is worth three  
after.



ARLENE OWEN

Once a friend, she'll never  
let you down.



JOHN PAYNE

Knowing him is liking him.

PHILIP PAYNE

Say it with music.

*Philip Payne  
1953 ?*

GERALD PELUDAT

The mildest manner and the  
gentlest heart.

ANTHONY PAPAS

For a man by nothing is  
so well weighed as by his  
manners



DUANE PASTOR

Not too serious, not too gay,  
but a rare good fellow.



DIANNE PETTERSSON

To doubt her fairness were  
to want an eye.

PETER PETERSEN

Would be that a man is  
judged by his height.



JACQUELINE POLI

Dancing is the most beauti-  
ful of the arts and Jackie  
dances well all her parts.

MARY JANE POND

Vivaciousness and vitality  
constitute her personality.

PATRICIA POOLE

There lies a hidden  
language in her eyes.



RICHARD POTTS

The world and I are full  
of fun.

THOMAS POOLE

A wit, if not first, is the  
very first line.

*Lots of luck  
to a real swell  
guy. Dick*

AGATHA POYE

Life is not life at all  
without delight.



Good luck, Roy,  
You're a great  
guy. Only wish  
I'd gotten to know  
you better  
in high school.  
Be good.  
Aggie



EDWARD PURCILLY

The best man for any team.

*Best of luck  
to a swell  
guy.  
Judy*

*all the luck  
in the world.  
Ed.*

JUDITH REIMER

Her heart is as highstepp-  
ing as her feet.

SHERRY RICHARD

An attractive girl with a  
sparkle which is spirited,  
yet dignified.

*Good luck & Best  
wishes always  
Sherry*

CATHERINE RIDEOUT

She that was ever fair and  
never proud, Had tongue  
at will and yet was never  
loud.



SYLVIA RIDEOUT

A style all her own.

VIRGINIA ROGERS

A peppy gal; a quiet gal;  
In either mood she's still  
a pal.



LAWRENCE ROHN

Silently he gets around.

CARL RUBEL

A man who lends a great  
deal to any team.



best of luck  
through the years  
(Bonnie)



BEVERLY SANDRI

Good-natured and a friend  
to all.

BONNIE SANDRI

A quietness that is an  
asset to her gentle manner.



DONALD SCHAP

Everyday is ladies' day  
with me!

LOIS SCHROEDER

A dozen laughs; she makes  
everyone happy!

BARBARA SCOTT

A quality of sincerity is  
found in few.

Best of luck  
to you



MARION SHARRARD

Her hair of coal black; her  
shining hair is her asset.

For good luck bring  
in you eyes and  
let it give you

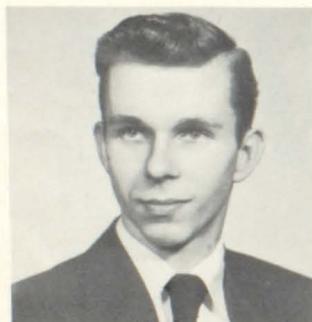
BARBARA JEAN SHAW

There's a sparkle of mis-  
chief in her eyes.



ERNESTINE SHEPPARD

And all that's best of dark  
and bright meet in her as-  
pect and her eyes.

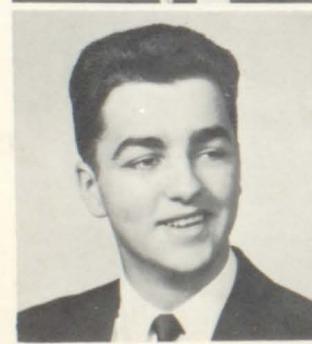


THOMAS SHERMAN

He started to sing as he  
tackled the thing that  
couldn't be done, and  
he did it.

LORRAINE SHIBILSKI

What would the world be  
like without song?



JOSEPH SHIELDS

A handsome guy; an  
agreeable guy too. A  
guy with such manners  
as to please you.

PATRICIA SINESIO

Nothing is impossible to a  
willing heart.

*Mary Small  
Jack Skitch*

JOHN SKITCH

A genial disposition brings  
its owner friends.



JEAN SLATTERY

A style all her own,  
a happy girl in tone.

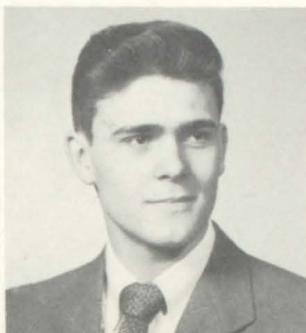
BARBARA SMITH

Quick on the downbeat.



BONNIE LOU SMITH

She laughs her troubles to  
sham.



MARGARET SMITH

I hear and say not much  
but think the more.

RONALD SMITH

His personality indicates his  
good qualities.



PATRICIA SNEED

Popular, without conceit,  
Pat has accomplished an  
unusual feat.

WILLIAM SNYDER

Cursed be he who moves  
my bones.

GORDON SPARKS

And future ages hear his  
growing fame.



HARRY STONEBURG

Boys will be boys.

DOROTHY STOWE

She always has a pleasant  
look.



COLLEEN SULLIVAN

Just as cute as you would  
want a girl to be, Colleen  
has a very pleasing  
personality.



JOAN SULLIVAN

She created her own  
individual style.

*To a new girl  
of our own*

PATRICIA SULLIVAN  
A girl with quiet charm.



BERNARD SZEWEC

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!  
I graduate.

IDELLA TAYLOR

A stranger she came; but  
friend she became.

RONNIE TAYLOR

Just to take life easy—  
that's wonderful!

THOMAS THOROGOOD  
A good deed for all.



WILLIAM TOLLES

The world needs a happy  
fellow.

DONNA TURNER  
Silent and sweet—here's  
her manner complete



SHARON TYLER

Fond of fun, life, and  
laughter; pleasure first;  
business after.

*We've had  
a lot of fun  
together. Best  
of luck always  
Carole*

CAROLE VERTREGT  
She turns her back on boys  
and runs backwards.



MARIE WAGNER

A gal of poise, loveliness,  
and fun.

JAMES WALLACE

A smile for every fellow  
and two for every girl.

JANE SHAW

True expression like the unchanging sun clears and improves whate'er it shines upon.

CLAUDIA WERNER

Entered here to learn, she'll go forth to serve.



GEORGE WESTFALL

To worry is folly; let's smile and be jolly.

*Best of luck  
George  
Westfall*

RICHARD WHEELER

Don't disturb my dream!



MARGARET WHITING

Could there possibly be anyone sweeter?

*Good luck  
and success  
Always  
from  
53*

FRANCES WILLIAMS

Let her own work praise her.



JEANETTE WILLIAMS

May she change nothing but her name.

*She never fails  
Mr. Paul of  
luck always*

SANDRA WILLIAMS

She sings a beautiful song.



CAROL WILLS

It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice.

ANTHONY WILSON

Give me the simple pleasures of life. That's all I ask for.



BEVERLY WILSON

Lovely and delightful to know.

JENNY WILSON

Not too serious—not too gay—but very charming in her very original way.



JOAN WILSON

She'll always add to her list  
of friends.

LOIS WINDVER

Her voice was ever soft;  
her song clever; her looks  
cute; her personality  
sincere.



OWEN WINNIE

It isn't the size of the man  
in the fight that counts, it's  
the size of the fight in the  
man.

DIANE WOODARD

Fair tresses man's imperial  
race ensnare, and charm  
draws us with a single  
hair.

SHARON WOODARD

Women have only one role  
—their own charm.

BARBARA WOOLARD

Goodness in all it's glory.

SHIRLEY WORDEN

On any subject she's really  
hep; A cute girl just full  
of pep.

RICHARD WRIGHT

A regular guy we all agree.



PATRICIA WYZLIC

Modesty cannot be taught,  
it must be born.

*luck  
is well  
we get along*

HENRY ZURBURG

A man of great height and  
ability to match.



BARBARA ZWAR

Good nature is the proper  
soil upon which Virtue  
grows.

GERALD TOENNIGES

Live while you're living for  
you'll be a long time dead.

MRS. E. LAND  
HR—106

Having spent 35 years of teaching in Royal Oak, Mrs. Mina Land is going to be leaving us. Mrs. Land graduated from Lowell High School in Lowell, Michigan in 1903. She then attended University of Michigan and graduated from there in 1908.

She participated in quite a few activities while in college consisting of being active in dramatics and being on the staff of the Michigan Daily. She moved to Royal Oak in 1910. Before teaching in Royal Oak she taught in Lansing and in Highland Park. Entering Royal Oak she has taught mainly English and Latin.

She has also taken an active part as the sponsor of the Latin Club and has kept the club going. Most all of us will remember her and her classes and even though they were hard, we will have to admit we enjoyed them and the help she gave us in the years that she has been here.



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RICHARD BARROW  
Nothing succeeds like  
success.

DEAN FISHER  
That man lives happy who  
can say, "I have lived!"

RICHARD FRAUS  
Easy does it.

THELMA MARTIN  
There is no greater delight  
than to be conscious of  
sincerity on self-  
examination.

VELMA MARTIN  
"Tis only noble to be good.

SALLY PAUL  
A mind serene for  
contemplation.

IN MEMORY OF JERRY BRICKER



Mr. Burt Baird



Miss Ruth Kirk



Mr. Hessel Tenhave



Miss Evelyn Schulte



Mrs. Catherine Dyer



Mr. George Dyer



Miss Edythe Skinner

## Teachers Celebrate

In this year of 1953, Royal Oak High School passed another milestone in its history, its 25th birthday. To commemorate this silver anniversary, members of the Journalism class of the semester ending in January 1953, combined their talents and efforts with the Acorn Staff to publish a special anniversary issue of the Acorn.

This twelve-page edition was also dedicated to the first graduates of this high school. As reporters discovered, these 36 graduates had completed their high school education at Clara Barton, but it was from the present Royal Oak High School that they were graduated.

Fourteen teachers who have been with the high school during these 25 years expressed their opinions on the changes in students and in the high school itself. These fourteen are Mr. Hessel Tenhave, Miss Evelyn Schulte, Mr. Burt Baird, Mr. Don Cook, Miss Edythe Skinner, Mr. Leslie Edmunds, Mrs. Mina Land, Mr. George Dyer, Mrs. Catherine Dyer, Miss Ruth Kirk, Miss Eva Moore, Miss Hazel Geer, Miss Mildred Gibson, and Mr. Albert Wiese. It was generally agreed among them that students have changed and that ROHS isn't as huge as they once thought it to be.

It is quite possible that members of the June '53 graduating class will return to the high school to offer their services as faculty members as Miss Ruth Cowen, Mr. Bruce Feightner, Miss Marjorie Miller, Mr. Henry Garen, Mrs. Constance Crossman, and Mrs. Azola Wait have done. Stories on these graduates were carried in this issue.

Diplomas were handed to 8,995 seniors during this quarter of a century and of this number, six have achieved notable success in serving their community. ROHS is indeed proud of Mr. George Dondero, Mr. William Broomfield, Mr. Vern Horn, Mr. Frank McInnis, Mr. Owen Perkins, and Mr. John Muehl, also mentioned in the birthday edition.

The average Royal Oak High School student wonders what



Mr. Don Cook



Mrs. Mina Land



Mr. Leslie Edmunds



Miss Eva Moore



Mr. Albert Wiese



Miss Mildred Gibson



Miss Hazel Geer

## Silver Anniversary

the "good old days" of which his parents speak so fondly were really like. Thus a comparison of styles, popular songs, and current movies were included in this anniversary issue. In 1928, the flapper was the fashionable girl and knickers were worn by the boys who dressed in style. Jewelry and nail polish were taboo.

Movie stars such as Ronald Coleman, Eddie Cantor, and Clara Bow headed the box-office attractions at the theaters. In another twenty-five years, will there be another blonde billed as the second Marilyn Monroe?

Sports through the twenty-five years were also reviewed as were the other important events in the history of Royal Oak High School. Thanks are due to the Daily Tribune for the use of their files.

The cooperation and efforts of many people went into the making of this special issue. Started in November of 1952, the issue was first slated to be ready for distribution sometime in January. However, difficulties in receiving required information for the deadline made it necessary to set the date for April 24.

General publication was handled by Mary Lou Erickson and working under her were Carolyn Dodd, Judy Baur, Pat Sinesio, Brad Barnes, Cheryl Hubar, Lynne Clapp, Mona Jordan, Janet Landsberg, Marlene Cole, and Sondra Perkins. January 1953 graduates Emily Edmunds and Sharon Smith also assisted in the publication of this edition. The issue would never have become a reality without the ideas of Mr. I. A. Rosen, faculty advisor and Mr. Don Cook, the printer.

If all goes well, in another 25 years, Royal Oak High School will celebrate its golden anniversary as an institution of learning. Perhaps then the sons and daughters of the members of this June graduating class will publish another anniversary edition of the Acorn, laughing at what we call modern today as they deliver the paper door to door in their "flying saucers."



## Informals

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MRS. M. TOOT  
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MR. L. EDMUNDS  
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MISS M. ADAMS  
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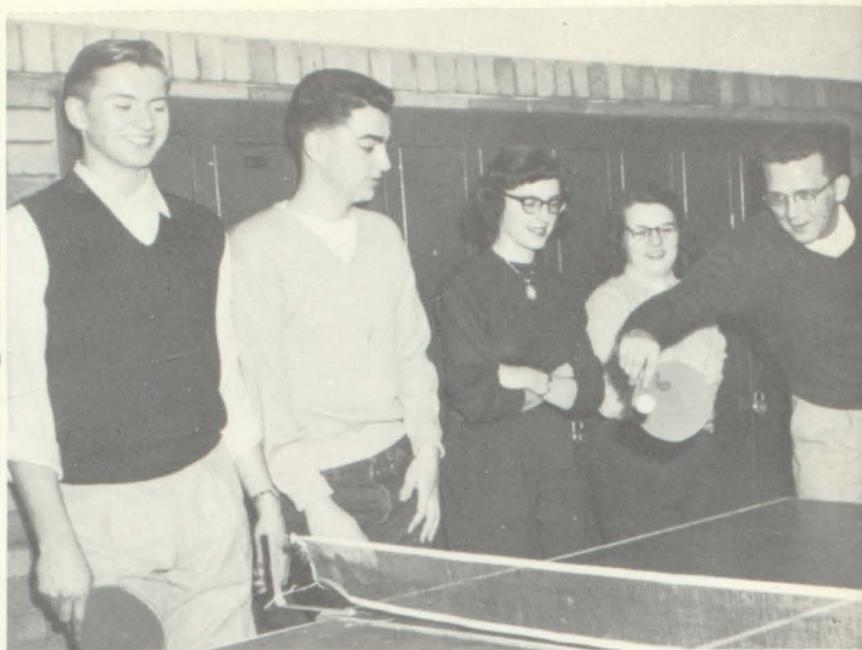


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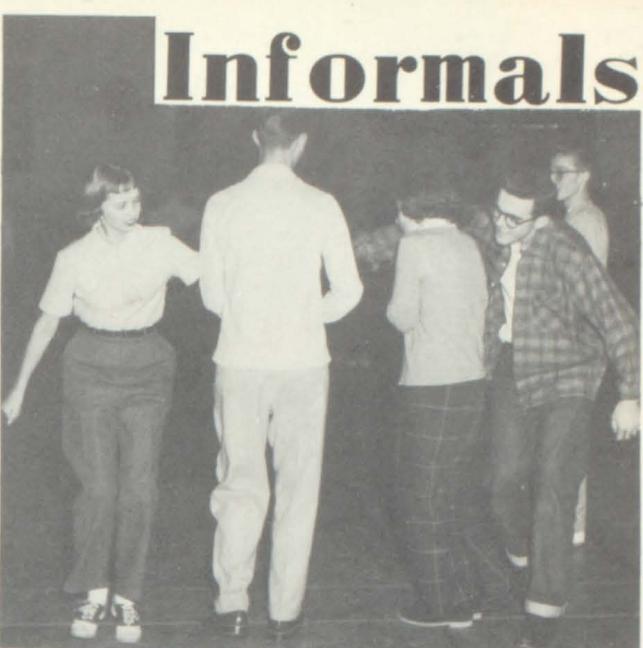
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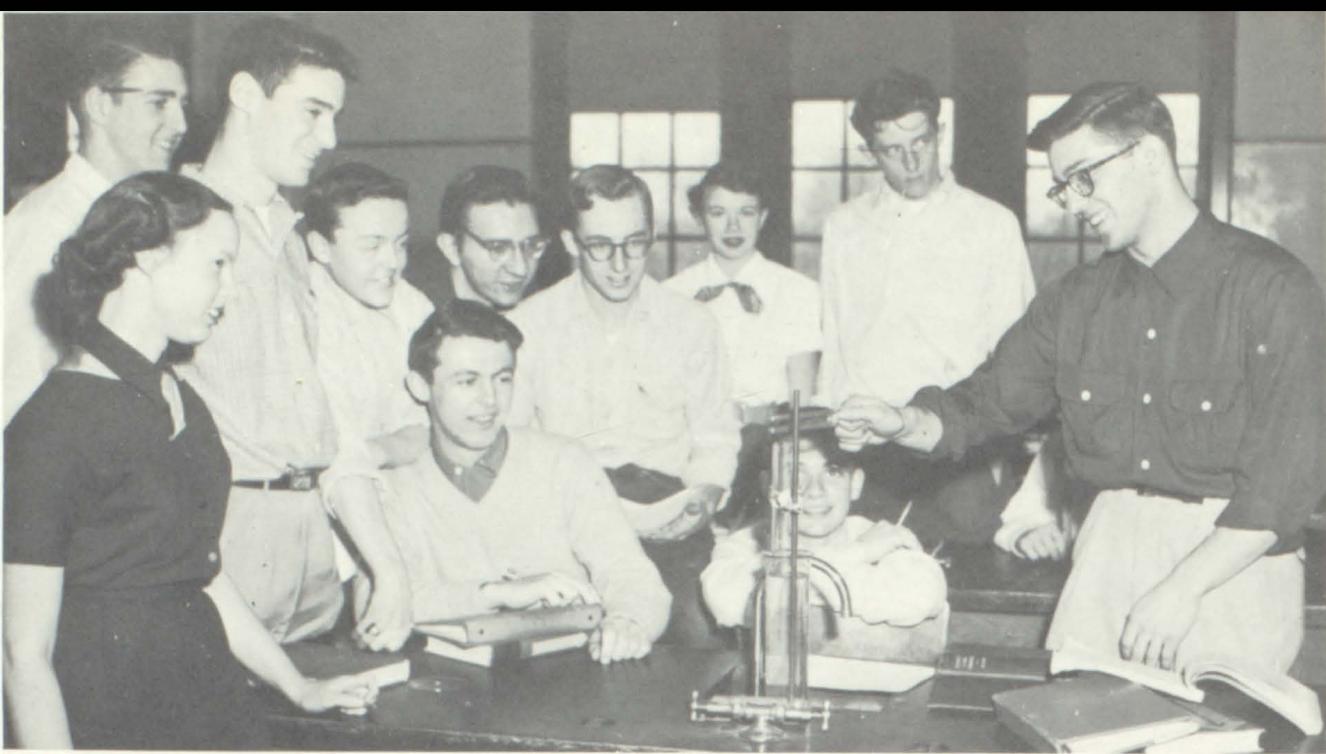
# Teachers

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# Informals





Bradley Barnes is hard at work trying to test the resonance of the tuning fork in Mr. Dyer's Physics 2 class. Making sure that he is sounding off right are, left to right, Sue Ellis, Larry Adams, Larry Rattner, Don Dahm, Dale Gierthy.

Mr. Montie is telling one of his hilarious stories to his English 8 class. Colleen Sullivan, Pat Newberry, Bev Dummit, Linda Davison, Aggie Poye, Maynard Hatch, Harold Collamer, Fred Finney and Don Bennett seem to think its funny.



Don Schap, Joe Loomis, Jenny Wilson and Jim Owens hiding behind the ring stand. Evidently something or someone interests Jim McCafferty more than the experiment.

Studying Miss Personality Plus is Phyllis Denman, Gary Allen, Al Nolton and Gail La Gassa. Miss Personality Plus is Carol Vertregt.

# 1 2 A C I a s s e s



Bookworms Carole Johnson, Jim Losey, Connie Sullivan, Larry Rattner and Yvonne Larime study a dictionary in Mrs. Young's advanced comp. class.





Bill Lowe and Ken Irwin are giving cues to Sharon Tyler, Dick Wheeler, Margaret McIntosh, Mary Jane Pond and Ruth Durham as they record their own "Soap Operas" in Miss Miller's advance Speech class. Harold Kuehn looks

on quietly while Marilyn Oehling fills in time-outs with a sparkling commercial. Maybe someday in the future this will become reality.

Pat Sinesio, Mary Lou Erickson and Bev. Murdock are trying to understand Mrs. Rowe's Spanish 4 posters.



Byron Grober, Connie Gordon and Chuck Bradley are looking on as Jim Wallace performs his experiments.

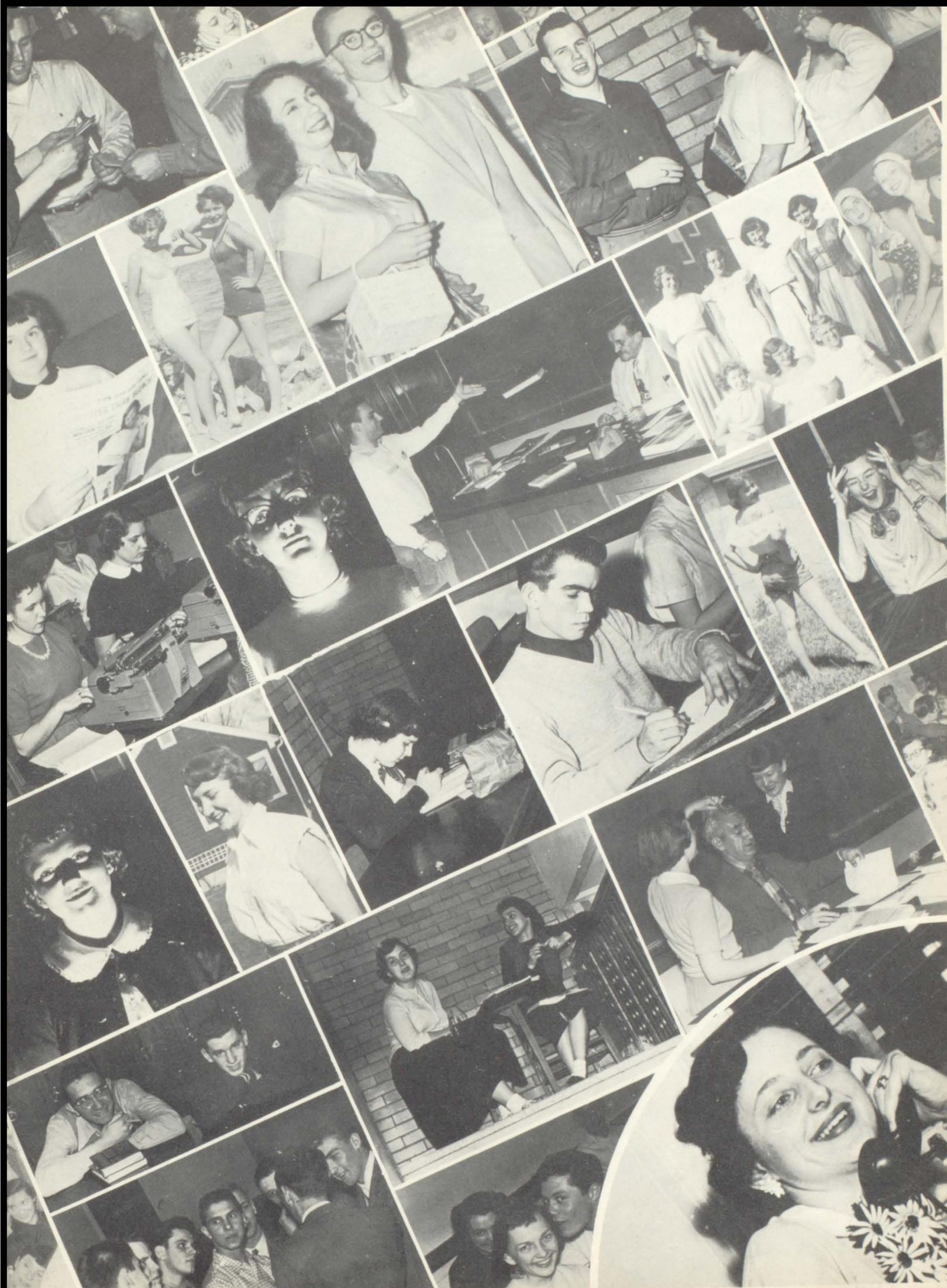


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Are you sure that is right, Rene? ? Larry seems to have found something wrong. The on-lookers are, from left to right, Bob Mayo, John Nelson, Rene Hamel, Larry Rattner, Harold Kuehn and Ronald Coleman.





# CLASSES

With the "Oak" as a log, we, the June 1953 graduating class, stand at the prow of a ship which is moving forward into new unknown waters. At this point we have accomplished only one goal. We have crossed the bay. As all of us scan the pages of our log, we recall what a pleasant trip we have made.

It seems like only yesterday that we boarded this huge and wonderful ship, the S.S. Royal Oak High School, as freshmen. Many of us meekly crept about its corridors and found ourselves unsteady as we started on our trip across the bay. We had to develop strong sea legs.

Then we were raised in rank to sophomores. The promotion felt good. Now we were becoming more sure of ourselves, and we know for sure that we felt a year older and, yes, maybe a year wiser. We had the makings of good sailors. By this time most of us had begun to chart a course to be followed in the future and began to think about the trip ahead of us on the water beyond the bay.

Another year brought another promotion, and we became known as juniors. We roamed the decks with assurance and felt like old sea hands. Each of us was preparing to follow the course we had chartered by taking instruction in the necessary subjects. Showing that we were proud to be a part of the crew of this ship, we sported our newly-acquired class rings.

This year we became top-ranking crew members, seniors. We enjoyed more parties and activities together. Some made reservations on other vessels which would be boarded when the bay had been crossed. We took inventory of the crew and found that some had left the ship

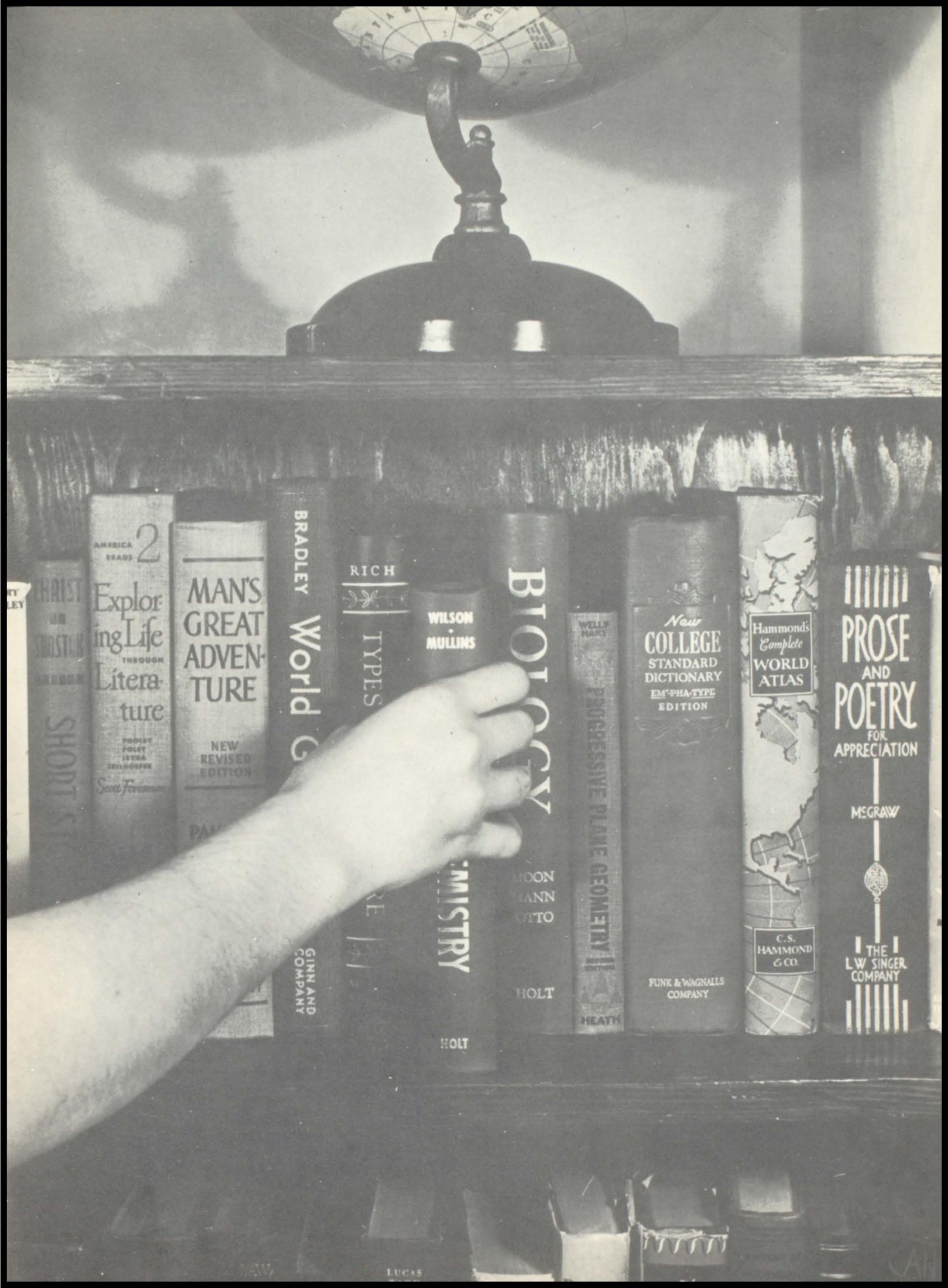
and some new members had boarded at mid-stream.

Some of our class ventured ahead of the ship to explore what lies ahead; some stand on the top deck, eagerly scanning the horizon; some look neither behind nor ahead, but rejoice at their small journey's end; some hung onto the stern and were dragged along with the rest of the crew; some are swimming to reach the ship in time.

It was not always smooth sailing. We'll all admit that the water was a little choppy during exam week, but when exams were over we felt that the weather for sailing was better.

Soon we realized that the trip in this ship was coming to an end. The crew enjoyed its outing on the senior trip. It gave us a chance to test our sea legs. Convocation arrived and those among us who had crossed the bay with flags flying were rewarded. At Baccalaureate, prayers were offered to aid each of us in following our individual courses and reaching our appointed goals. Commencement marked our last night together as a class on the S.S. Royal Oak High School. We received our diplomas, certificates of our service on the good ship.

Now we have completed our four year journey. With the knowledge we have acquired from our instructors and guides as compasses and life jackets, we each board different ships to convey us on the courses that we have chosen. The anchors of these ships are lifted, and the sails are unfurled. We have left our out-grown shells by the unrelenting sea. Pictured next is our class. We have crossed the bay. The ocean lies before us.



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Tom Sawyer is trying desperately to explain our foreign policies with other countries, in Mrs. Miller's 1st hour Government class. Listening intently to his forceful manner are Sue Eschrig, Tom

Hall, Gene Hamilton, Nancy Roulette, Pat Russell, Marilyn Wagner, Barbara McGregor, Carol White, Dick Wright, Delores Meraw, Clark Sist, Margaret Minning, Mary Smith, Marilyn Lau.



Above, Mrs. Miller's Government class is busily underlining their American Observers. Engrossed in this work are, left to right, Jackie Annesser, Nola Colter, Marilyn Bearss, Carl Dennis, Sue Eschrig and Margaret Bennett. Below, Tom Carle looks rather relaxed reading to four girls: Marilyn Wagner, Joyce Cowin, Barbara McGregor, and Delores Peterson.



Streeter Remley and Jim King are measuring plane surfaces; Barbara Burton and Liz Ware in Miss Kirk's first hour Solid Geometry class.





Hubert White is explaining to Shirley Rife, Judy Roxey and Hugh Dorris the trip he is going to take around the world.

Miss Moore's English 6 files seem to be confusing to Keith Foster, who cannot find his envelope for appraisal. It looks as if Keith is in for a rough time if he doesn't succeed before the bell rings.



Above: Miss Gibson's algebra 4 class is busily doing their daily work. Shown are Richard Thombs, Ethel Snyder, Diane Usab and Connie Salmon. Below: Mrs. Rowe's Spanish 4 students are looking at what is new in Spain, left to right: JoAnne DeGrow, Valerie Leverton, Dick Coleman and Bill Duncan.



On-lookers are Judy Chadman, Marilyn McDonald, Larry Hellers, Dot Herrington, Barbara Tamberino, George Lyons, and Val Leverton.



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Do you think you can get it together boys? ? ? Dave Sparks and Dick Dudley are trying desperately to put together a motor (or something) in Mr. Light's 3rd hour auto shop class.

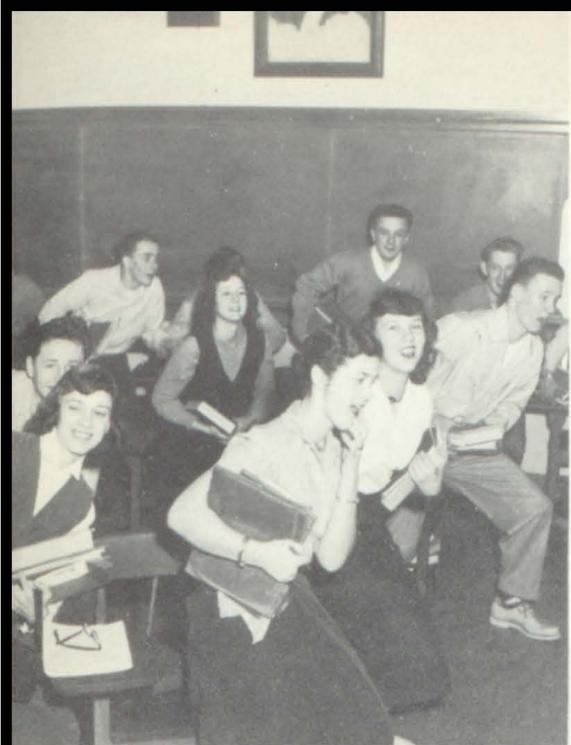


What is that you are trying to say? ? The students of Mr. Mead's 1st hour English five class are learning how to pronounce their vowels. Using Mr. Mead's "hand motion" and his strange new language, phonetics. Listening earnestly but not quite understanding the sounds of the vowels and the motions involved are Shirley Redington, Willis Yeaman, Kathy Rayburn, Joanne Sturmer, Joanne May, and Ruth Hoblet.



Learning to read and understand the maps in Mr. Baird's United States History class appears to be keeping some of the students busy these days. They seem to look at the maps and wonder where to begin. Karen Leary has at last found the place they are looking for. From left to right, they are John Prochazka, Betty Wilson, Dale Paten- aude, Karen Leary and Jim Kramer.

Miss Gibson is trying to teach Algebra 3 the right way by pounding it into the heads of her students. What are you afraid of Barbara Locke? Miss Gibson is harmless because at least you have your book open which shows that you are trying. Those looking on are, from left to right, Evelyn Smith, Willis Yeaman, Karen Jensen, Barbara Locke and Evelyn Field.



School's out, School's out, Mr. Johnson lets the fools out. Too bad they have to come back tomorrow. Those in a rush are, left to right, Beverly Collins, Marge Bradshaw, Bernard Schwan, Sandra Strawn, Sandra Edmond, Wayne Wright, Keith Wilson, Fred Mester, Jerome LaFountain, Doug. Marsh.



John Kaehler seems to know all the answers in Miss Schulte's Geometry 2 class. In fact, he's such a whiz he was chosen to explain this difficult problem to Rosalie Derk, Shirley Krupkovich, Robert Kaehler and Phil Irvin. Think he'll teach them anything at all? ? ?



It won't bite, says Mr. Tenhave jokingly to his 7th hour Biology class consisting of 10A's. Listening to him but not quite ready to believe him are, left to right, Joyce Korbus, Sue Hill, John York, Nowana Maynard, Janet Smith, Jerry Ranney, and Gretchen Nordstrom.

## 10A Classes

Using an Acorn as an example of writing style, these Journalism 1 students are trying to get into the swing of writing like veterans. Holding the paper with her back to the camera is Judy Sherwin, and the rest are, left to right, Shirley Tenney, Donna Daniels, Jane Sherwood, and Pat Borgman.



Romelda certainly makes a cute Silas Marner! These students in Mr. Rosen's English class are portraying the tavern scene of Silas Marner. Left to right are Herb Johnson, Mike Myers, Romelda Waldon, Pat Ginter, Bev. Terry, and Mike Reynolds. (Notice Mr. Rosen's note to his 7th hour class!)



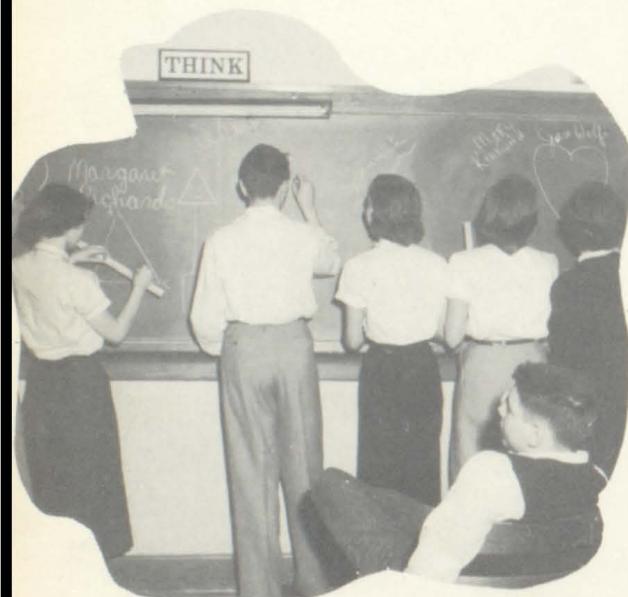
All these students are trying very hard to find a pleasant and pleasing book that would fit their individual personalities from the many books Miss Skinner has collected for her students thru the years she has been teaching. Left to right they are Wayne Bryant, Sue Fishman, Mary Kirkwood and Dick Wilkes.



Exclaiming over the death of Stalin are Mrs. Toot's World History class consisting of 10B's, left to right, Bill Kashovty, Marjorie Furman, Keith Snider, Bill Owen, Janet Vuillemot.

## 10B Classes

Margaret Ferris smiles as she looks through the microscope at the little wiggling molecules and as the rest of the students look on they wonder with smiles on their faces, what they will see through that little hole. The students who are looking on over her shoulders are, left to right, John Hall, Mickey Beigler, Mary Ann Kirkwood, Joan Kearns, Keith Snider, and Bob Benedict.



Mrs. Hoffman's Geometry 1 class consisting of 10B's are busily doing their geometry. They are from left to right, Margaret Richards, John Hall, Jeannie Grayson, Mary Kirkwood, and Jean Wolfe.





Dave O'Connor is showing his good manners by introducing Sharon Smith to her classmates Nancy Stickel and Bill Terbeck. They're all in Mr. Johnson's 9A Civics class.



No doubt, the looks of bewilderment on these students faces are resulting on their concentration of Mrs. Hoffman's sign, "THINK." If these students continue with math, they'll see more signs later. They are, from left to right: Elaine Hawarth, Gloria Dawkins, Bill Hessling, Margaret Kay, Carole Englert, Carol Eaton.

## 9A Classes

Giving a speech in Mr. Kolas' English 2 class needs a great deal of expression, and this is illustrated very well by the picture below. Watching Bonnie Dean present her speech to the class are, left to right, Jeffery Jeffery, Ray Hill, and Vincent Circos. But don't let their looks of contentment fool you; they have to give a speech next and they're only waiting patiently.



Glad that the boys have made up are Nancy Sullivan and Sharon Pagels. The boys are Jerry Rex and Eugene Zyphi.



# SPORTS

Now that the winter sports have drawn to a close, and the spring sports are on their way, the Royal Oak students will probably think back about the various Royal Oak sports thrills that took place from January to June.

First we will probably remember the success of the swimming team. How can we forget the natators very fine record of seven wins against only two losses and one tie. The two losses that we did have were to the powerful Fordson tank team. Even though we did lose to Fordson we put up a good fight during those meets. Losing was no disgrace because Fordson went on to be the 1953 state high school champs at the state meet held at East Lansing.

Royal Oak was tied for third with Ann Arbor in the state meet which was nothing to be ashamed of by any means. The Rolay Oak relay team of Pete Eckel, Bruce Scott, and Tom Law took first place honors. Eckel was second in his specialty, the 50 yard free style. Tom Law and Don Blackburn finished third and fourth respectively in the 100 yard backstroke. Bruce Scott was fourth in the 200 yard breaststroke. During the season Royal Oak's relay team of Butch Stock, Law, and Eckel broke a state record with a time of 1:20.2. This state record was within .3 of a second away from the all-time national high school record. After Captain Stock graduated in January, Don Blackburn and diver Bill Lowe were elected captains for the remainder of the season. Included in the victories was an impressive 51-33 victory over Detroit Redford. This was especially pleasing because Redford was crowned as the Detroit city champs after the RO natators defeated them.

Now we will look at another winter sport which was not so successful in its season but still drew cheers from the Royal Oak fans. This is our basketball team. The five man team dropped eleven games while winning only four. The team was young, though, and more can be expected from them next season. Two of the outstanding players, both seniors, were Bob

Sharp and Don Gmelin. Bob netted 253 points, including 20 points in the 86-46 regional loss to the class A champs, Fordson. Don didn't net quite as many shots but he benefitted the team a great deal on the floor.

Spring sports were then getting into full swing. Baseball, tennis, golf and track shaped up their teams. They all expected to have a successful year under the leadership of captains Bob Sharp for track, Harry Andreason and Fred Gokey for tennis, Lynn Martin for baseball and Lou McDaniel for golf. They have hard competition to beat in order to be successful teams, so we just had to wait and see!

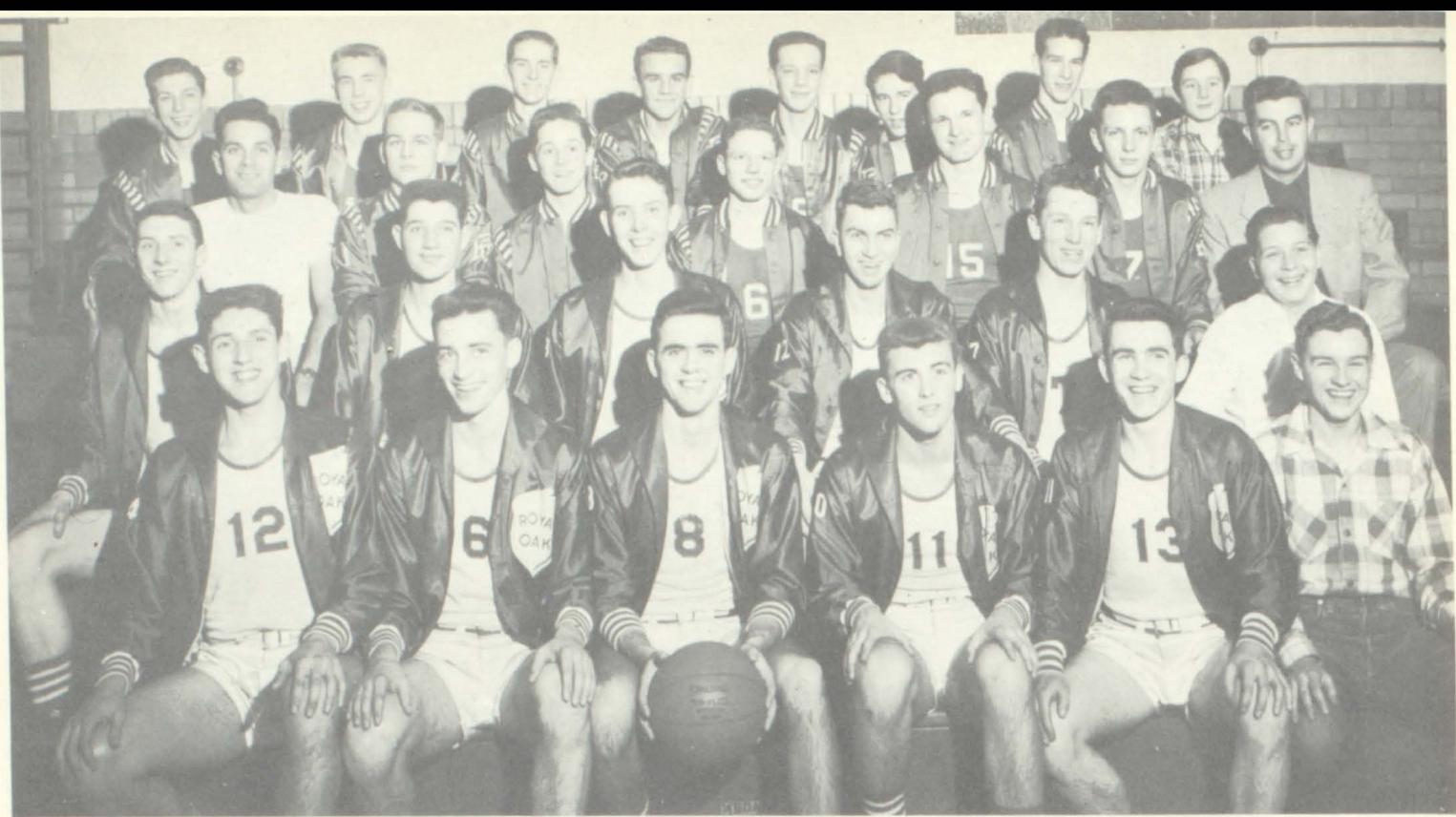
The boys weren't the only sports minded group in the school. The GAA held a badminton tournament March 13, for all the schools and Royal Oak was only tied by Grosse Pointe. The deadlock with Grosse Pointe came in February. The GAA girls have done a lot of work in the swimming department such as plan a water show for the Royal Oak Carnival. Not only in badminton and swimming but also in basketball the girls excelled. A basketball tournament was held with Kingswood GAA this term, and Rolay Oak GAA participated.

A strange thing in the way of sports happened at Rolay Oak this year. Entering the pool in a care-free way some Friday was no longer safe to either boy or girl. For the first time in Rolay Oak history, mixed swimming and gym classes were held. You may shudder at first but it seems that they were enjoyed by all who participated.

After the completion of our spring sports we will be ready to start again in the cycle of activity which seems to be most enjoyed by the student body and faculty—vacationing.

Sports have taken a big hand in making any school, whether the teams win, lose, or draw. The memories of the lessons which a student learns in school may tend to slip his mind from time to time, but the thrills and excitements which he experiences at the sports events will be lasting.





1st row: K. Foster, R. Sides, B. Sharp, J. Drawbaugh, D. Gmelin, M. Tyrell, manager; 2nd row: D. Zickel, B. Kelly, D. Rowe, H. White, D. Gonser, D. DuBois; 3rd row: J. Manilla, coach; D. Coleman, B. Allan, F. Finney, B. Adams, J.

Gonser, D. Bray, coach; top row: B. McColl, B. Grundeman, R. Barr, D. Ulrich, B. Owens, A. Bromley, L. Blyth, T. Starr, manager.

## B a s k e t b a l l

Royal Oak High School's 1952-53 basketball team played a lusterless season by winning but four games while losing eleven. Bob Sharp was the captain and led the Oaks scoring with 233 points in the fifteen game season. Bob also scored 20 points as the R.O. cagers lost 86-46 in the regionals to later state champs, Fordson. The RO victories were over Monroe, twice; Wyandotte, and Detroit Cooley. Cooley opened the season and proved an easy 49-39 victim of the Oak's attack.

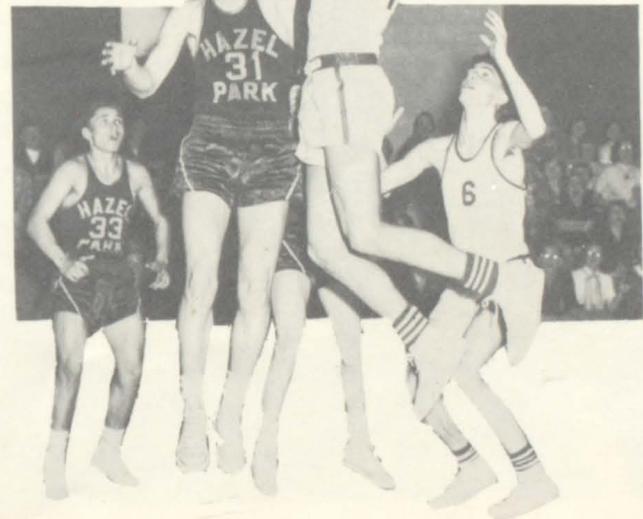
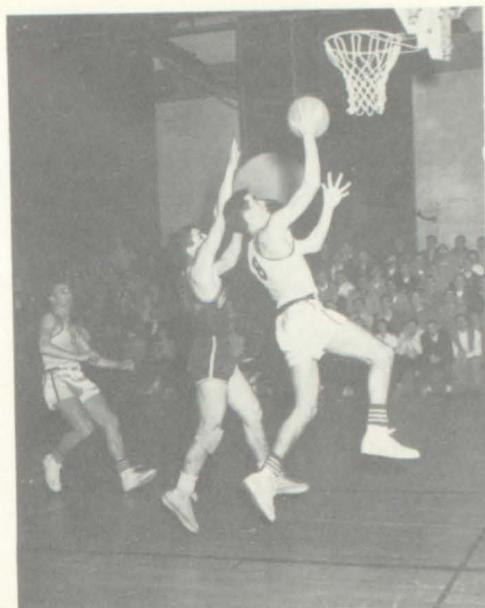
After losses to Western, 63-72, and a 48-56 loss at Grosse Pointe, the Oak's won their record game by out-playing Monroe 57-47. Sharp hit for his highest point total of the year in a losing cause in their 54-55 loss to Denby. Bob scored 26 points. Losses to Wyandotte, 38-44; Highland Park, 41-58; Fordson, 44-58; arch-rival Ferndale, 42-47; and powerful Grosse Pointe, 44-60; preceded their third win of the year. Sharp, Roger Sides, and Don Rowe with 20, 10, and seven points respectively, paced the Oak's in their close 51-48 decision at Monroe.

The second Wyandotte game followed the Monroe victory. The Oak cagers won their fourth and last win of the 1952-53 year. The score was R.O. 51, Wyandotte 44, with Don Gmelin, Sides, and Sharp netting 14, 12, and 11 points respectively. Hazel Park pinned back R.O. by the score of 55-48 on the strength of a 20 point last period.

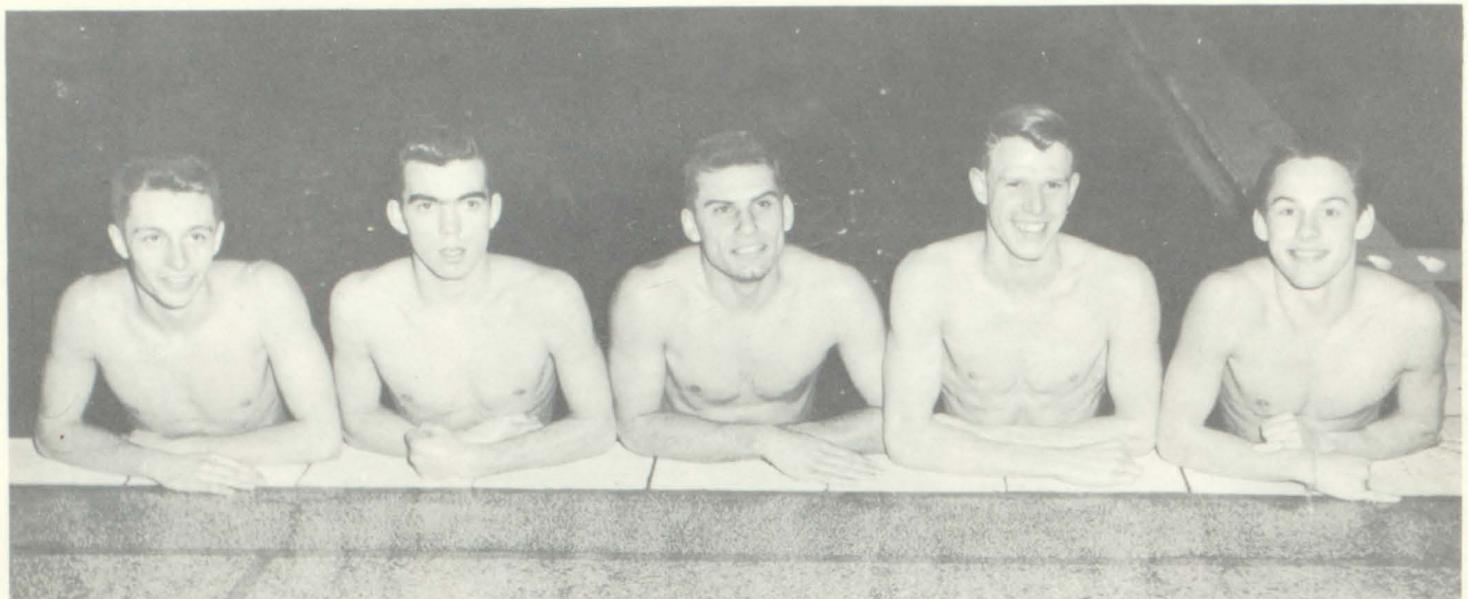


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57	RO	Monroe	47	51	RO	Wyandotte	44
54	RO	Denby	55	48	RO	Hazel Park	55
38	RO	Wyandotte	44	47	RO	Highland Park	62
41	RO	Highland Park	58	48	RO	Fordson	61
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Smile boys! Lining up for the beauty contest are: left to right, Pete Eckel, Bill Lowe, Bruce Scott, Don Blackburn and Tom Law. Pete Eckel was second in the 50 yard freestyle at the state meet. Bill Lowe is our top diver. Bruce Scott

was fourth in the 100 yard breaststroke. Don Blackburn and Tom Law placed fourth and third respectively in the 100 yard backstroke.

## Swimming

Royal Oak's crack swimming aggregation finished its 1952-53 tank season holding second place in the Border Cities League and third place in the state meet finals. Under the coaching of Art Solow, and captained by Don Blackburn and Bill Lowe, the natators posted a 7 won, 2 lost, and one tied record in the BCL competition. Ann Arbor and RO both took 29 points at East Lansing for a third place tie. Both losses of the season were at the hands of the powerful Tractors from Fordson. The tie was on Feb. 6 at Grosse Pointe.

Tom Law and Pete Eckel could be counted on for points every meet. Eckel's fastest time of the year came in the

season's final meet of the year against Fordson. He set an RO pool record and only missed the state record by .2 seconds when he sped the 50 yards in 23.8. They also came through again at East Lansing—Eckel taking second in the 50 yard freestyle, and Law placed third in the 100 yard backstroke, followed by Blackburn in fourth. Bruce Scott, who capably took over the breaststroke duties when Stock left, placed fourth in the 100 yard breaststroke, and RO's medley relay team of Law, Scott, and Eckel was first. Diver Bill Lowe, and backstroker Don Blackburn, along with Rene Hamel, all graduate in this June's class.



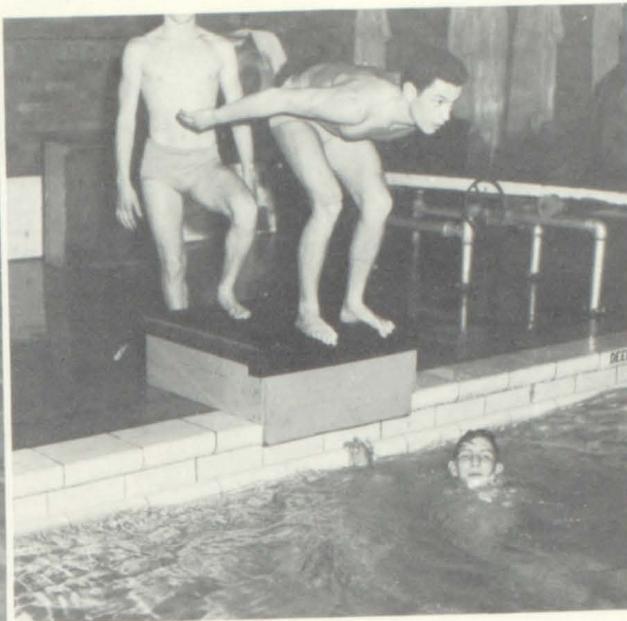
Bill Lowe seems to be flying high as he does a one and one-half summersault pike. He was co-captain of this year's swimming team.

The breast-stroke seems to be a lot of fun to many people, but by the expression on Bruce Scott's face it must be a little harder than we think.





Watch out boys or you will sink. The floating foursome are Tom Robertson, Don Smith, Jim Burns, and Roger Schroeder, who are all juniors.

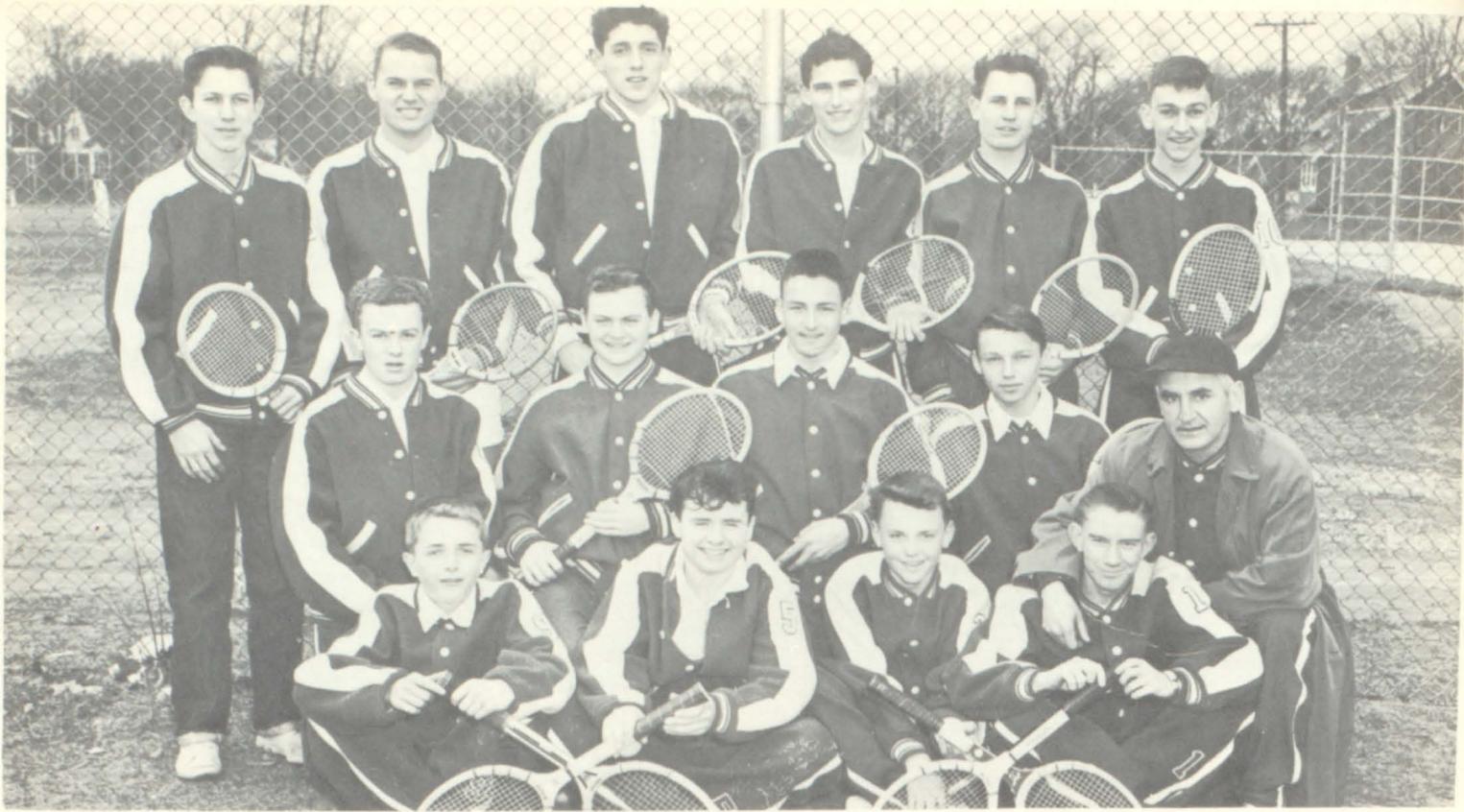


Ready, on your mark, Go! and one of our up and coming sophomore swimmers, Earle Spohn, dives into the water. Watching admiringly from the water is Jim Johnson.

## Swimming

1st row: T. Robertson, R. Hamel, D. Blackburn, B. Lowe, B. Eckel, R. Schroeder, J. Burns; 3rd row: A. Solow, coach; Scott, D. Smith; 2nd row: E. Spohn, D. Platt, T. Law, P. R. Seaman, J. Johnson, B. James, T. Sawyer, manager.





Left to right, first row: Jay Lyon, Jim Gilespie, Ron Fox, Fred Gokey, Jerome LaFountain, Murray Renfrew, Cappy Chastain, Phil Willman, Eldon Smith, Harry Andreasen, Keith Foster, Bob Lester, Hugh Dorris, Don Calder.

## Tennis

## Golf

Left to right: Tom Sawyer, Hugh Conners, Coach Stange, Louis McDaniel, John Lofgren, Dick Zickel, Ray McDaniel, Bo Grundaeman, Don Rowe, Joe Leitch.



# Baseball



Pitcher Dick Nash whips a fast ball across the plate.



Senior players on the varsity baseball team this year are Dick Nash, Lynn Martin, and Sam Hill.



Sam Hill, outfielder, snags a high line drive.

Lynn Martin, third baseman, is catching a throw from the outfield.





Included in the track team are: Top—Coach Stange, Bill Burton, Doug Kerr, Ken Livingston, Streeter Remley, Ron Jones, John York, Dave Gonser, Ron Winsaur, Carl Rubel, Bob Sharp, and Coach John Wilson. Middle—Dave Muhn,

Joe Moyer, Roger Sides, Don Otero, Jerry Hendershot, John Kaebler, Jim Miller, and Jerry Gonser. Bottom—Gordon King, Fred Leonard, Dick Ulrich, Milton Tyrrell, Gary Badoud, Gerry Steiner, Dave Morrison and Bob Hill.

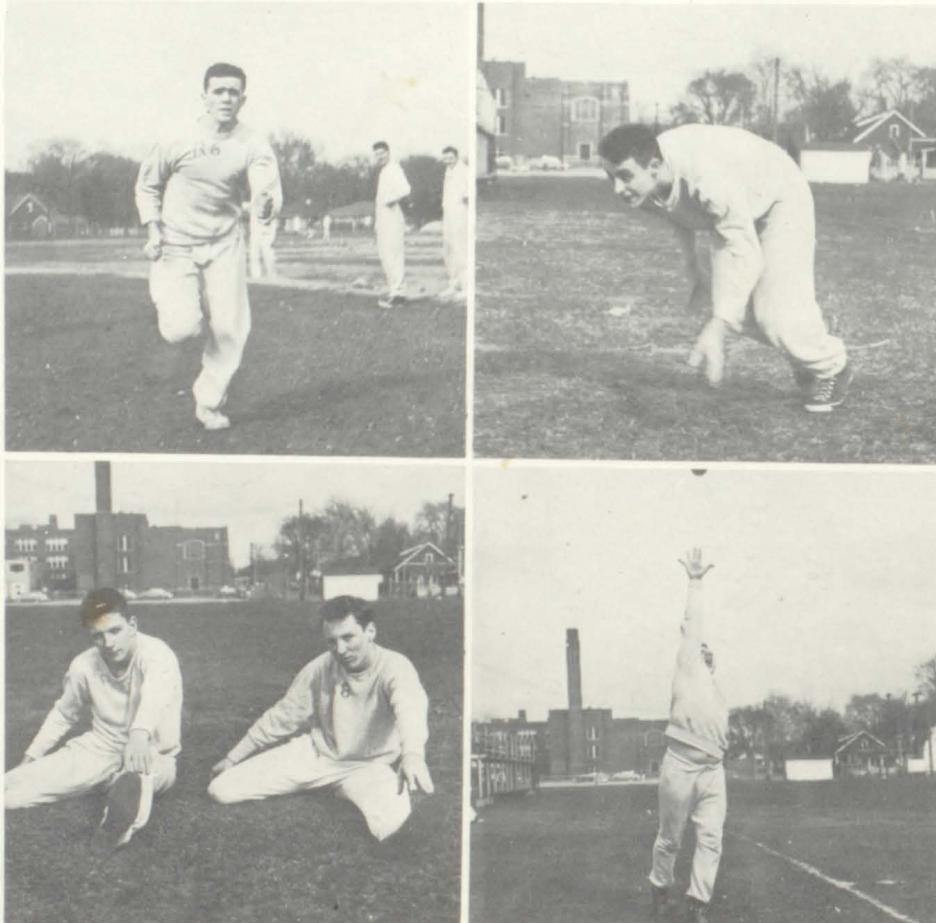
## Track

Bob Sharp looks awfully exhausted after running a few laps around the new track during practice.

Pete Eckel is practicing his start offs so we can expect fast take-offs from Pete this season.

One, two, three, stretch! !! as Jim and Dave Gonser limber up their leg muscles in practice.

Carl Rubel put a lot into the shot put throw as he tries his best to break the record.





To the right are Dot Harrington and Joyce Brandenstein, who are the champion doubles team in the school.

Left to right, all reaching for the basketball, are Bonnie Snyder, Nancy McKibbon, Sue Fishman and Joyce Brandenstein.

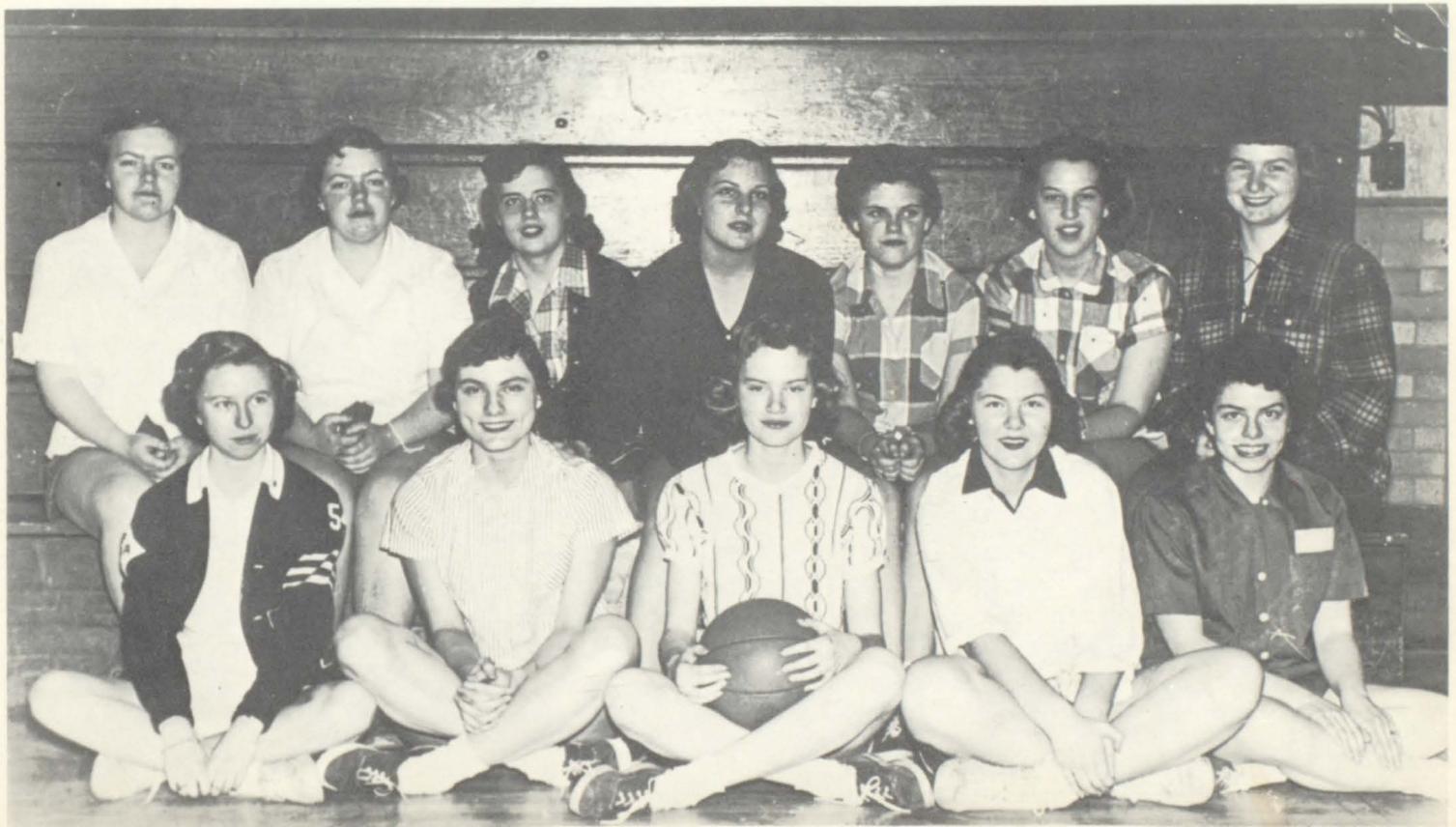
Swinging hard are Sue Fishman and Pat Silvernail, the top doubles team in their gym class.

Polishing up on their water ballet techniques, these girls are trying their best to stay in line.

## Girls'

## Sports

As usual we have another winning team, the girls' basketball team, topping all the rest in school. Left to right, Dotte Harrington, Joyce Brandenstein, Barbara McGregor, Sandy Cavanagh, Janet Lansberg, Ingrid Mathisen, Astrid Mathisen, Sue Pickard, Bonnie Snyder, June Stimson, Pat Silvernail and Sondra Byam.



# ACTIVITIES

As those last weeks of high school drew to a close and senior activities crowded out all traces of homework, we all looked toward the future and the world outside the class room, and dreamed the dreams of tomorrow's successes. Yet, that last day when we walked the corridors for the final time and grasped that final glimpse of the old school, faded pictures of all the fun we had had flashed before our eyes.

We remembered those days, when we got out of our classes to decorate for the dances, and then the dances themselves, Lit and Commencement; that wonderful Easter concert and the Anniversary issue of the Acorn. We recalled the trip to Mackinac, that was taken despite all rumors to the contrary, and the sittings for the senior pictures. We remember the senior finals (Oh! how could we forget!) and the Class Night dinner & program, when the more talented among us performed, the cries of protest that went up when the senior play was called off, and always the senior parties scattered throughout the semester.

We recalled those classes and teachers who were our favorites and that unfinished homework for those who weren't; that fight to get up the down stairway and that last minute rush down the hall. We remember those open houses where everyone came, and the slumber parties where noboy slept. We recalled the small talk over malts at Dan's and the pizza at Mario's.

We remembered those hours spent after school while working on the Acorn and the Oak and the noise and ice cream that accompanied rushes to meet the deadlines. We remembered the clubs, with their crazy initiations, each striving to outdo the others in dreaming up more fantastic feats for initiates to perform—doing the Charleston in the front hall and polishing the traditionally dirty shoes of the older members—and the water ballet show, with its near professional swimmers.

We remember the planning, rushing and confusion and finally the satisfaction of putting on a school carnival, the first in twenty years, with its television advertising and jubilant queen; and

how everyone stuffed themselves with pop and pop corn, hot dogs and Sloppy Joes, candy and ice cream, and the wonderful variety show and all the fun we had playing miniature golf.

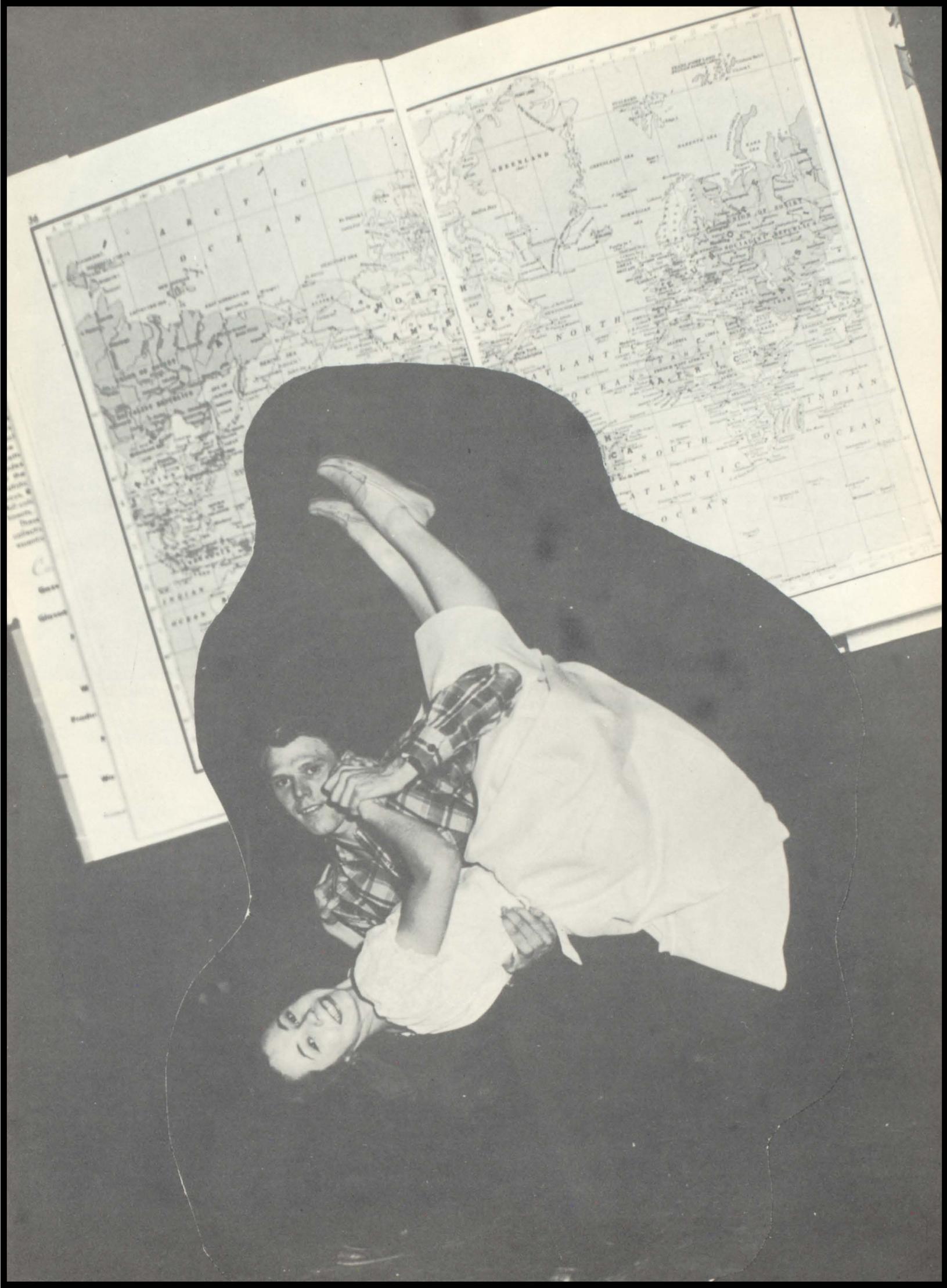
And we remembered convocation, when the more honored among us walked to the stage to receive their awards and baccalaureate when for nearly the last time we gathered together as a class. Finally came commencement. And suddenly we weren't students anymore but graduates ready to go out and serve.

Then scenes from our earlier high school days flashed before our mind; the first day of school when cautiously and a little fearfully, we explored the vastness of the school and looking up into the faces of those higher classmen, marveled at the sureness of their smiles, and ducked when we heard that dreaded "Hey, Freshie." We remembered those first final exams and how, determining to pass them, we studied long into the night, only to find out they weren't as bad as everyone claimed. And the Roman Banquet, when we tripped all over our togas trying to get those "Romans" served, and then discovered that the food was gone when we sat down to eat.

We remembered those first efforts of the newly-formed debate team, when defeat seemed so frequent and victory so rare; but they didn't finish so badly in the end and a new precedent was established which we sincerely hope continues.

We remembered that semester when the school was on two shifts and everyone you knew seemed to be on the other shift; and the Spanish club fiestas and mad scramble for candy after the pinata was broken; and those hectic days when the Future Teachers club members took over the classes.

These were both the traditional club and school activities and the ones which we helped to establish; these were the experiences of our high school days, pleasures of the past. And though we know the future holds new ones just as exciting and just as much fun, somehow they will never seem the same.



# S e n a t e



These members of the Senate's publicity committee seem to be enjoying their job. Left to right are: Dick Daniel, Gloria Allston, Yvonne Larime, Norm Larson, Sally Kernen, and Clare Bird.



Working hard on the Carnival are Pat Russell, Jim Stephens, Joyce Malin, Sondra Byam, Bud Beck, and Judy Baur. All took a big rest after the affair was over.

The Senate's progress was shown in its promotion of an all-school carnival. Led by Mrs. Blough, the Senate undertook other projects including an All-School party, starting an agenda, and putting out a bi-weekly newspaper. The officers are Yvonne Larime, vice-president; Clare Bird, treasurer; Claudia Arnold, secretary; Al Bamsey, president,

and Pat Russell, parliamentarian. Other Senators are Sondra Byam, Judy Meyer, Judy Baur, Rosalie Olejniczak, Sally Kernen, Gloria Allston, Shirley Forrest, Randy Johnson, Joyce Malin, Bev Terry, Tom Robertson, Dick Ulrich, Jim Losey, Norm Larson, Fred Mester, Bud Beck, Mike Welch, Jim Stephen, and Dick Daniel.





First Row, left to right: Inez Hullinger, JoAnne Campbell, Garnett Osgood, Clark Sist, Nell Fogo, Karen Broderick, Claudia Carmichael. 2nd row: Jack Lewis, Ronald Smirnoff.

Bruce Lowery, Ray Gentry, Milton Tyrrell, Henry A. Garen, director.

## Orchestra

The officers of the orchestra are as follows: Clark Sist, president; Milton Tyrrell, vice-president; Inez Hullinger, secretary-treasurer; Jack Lewis and JoAnne Campbell, librarians; Bruce Lowery, chairman.

The ROHS orchestra followed their time-honored tradition again this year by playing Elgar's renowned "Pomp and Circumstance" at graduation exercises.



Busily working on the Names and Quotes along with the Wills and Prophesies for the June Oak are, left to right, Judy Reimer, Christine Myers, Daneen Clapp, Pat Ballard, and Ann Barteld.



**Oak**

**Staff**

Planning the P.A. announcements and posters plus figuring up designs for the different pages are, left to right, Mona Jordan, Marge Little, Jim McCafferty, and Sandy Harton.

These girls seem to be working terribly hard on the 12B pages of the Oak. This laborious group consists of, left to right, Elizabeth Ware, Barb McGregor, Margaret Bearss, and Gloria Carter.



Another group of contributors to the Oak was this group on the 12A pages. Left to right, they are Chuck Bristol, Kay Davenport, Carol Krumback, Carol Johnson, and Connie Emery.

Busily preparing material for the June 1953 yearbook is the Oak Staff Editorial Board (left to right), Marilyn Bearss, Barbara Burton (Assistant Editors), and Gail McClusky, Judy Baur, and Jane Kidle



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The reporters from the Acorn are filing the papers into File No. 13 (the wastepaper basket). They are Pat Sinesio, feature editor; Connie Locke, Marlene Cole, and Janet Landsburg, reporters, and Mona Jordan, business manager.

## Acorn Staff

Busily proofreading the Acorn are five of the staff members who consist of, left to right, Helen Gudemoos, Judy Patton, Sue Fechheimer, Mary Lou Erickson and Dale Franz.



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Don't Ruth Mittelstadt and Judy Baur look busy as they rush to get their stories done on time. Assisting Ruth is Gordon Ruscoe and next to Judy is Walter Allan, who is helping in the rush.



The reporters in this picture seem to be writing as if their lives were at stake. They are, left to right, Lois Windver, Carol Thompson, Jim Hawkins, John Lofgren, Karen Hanson, and Carolyn Preish.



Our school has a very fine paper, the Acorn, in which many of the students are very active. Left to right, back row, Marlene Cole, Barbara McClelland, Jim Coulter, Roger Mumbrue, Carolyn Preish, Gordon Ruscoe, Jim Hawkins, Walter Allan, Dale Franz, Connie Loock. Second row: Lois Windver, Sondra Perkins, Janet Landsberg, Judy Patton, Karen Hanson, Carol Thompson, Mona Jordan, Ruth Mittelstadt. First row: Mary Lou Erickson, Helen Gudemoos, Bradley Barnes, Sue Fechheimer, Pat Sinesio, and John Lofgren.

Bradley Barnes is trying to rule the Acorn Staff into shape by using the iron hand method. This is a fine method, left to right, Sondra Perkins, Jim Coulter, Barbara McClelland and Roger Mumbrue, think.





## Band

ROHS is known throughout the state for many outstanding things and among these is our band, which helps keep the school spirit up at football games and basketball games.

The ROHS band played for all the football games, the Lions game, last December, and they had a concert April 15. This yearly concert is sponsored by the band boosters. The proceeds from the concert went to the fund for sending two students to the National Music Camp at Interlochen; also, the fund provides for two students to go to Wayne University and summer band school.

There are two different bands: one is the varsity, and the other the prep training; both being marching bands. The pep band, which received new jackets this semester, is made up of students who enjoy music enough to take off from their own time to play for basketball games and pep assemblies.

The traditional idea of having officers in an organization is also carried out in the band. The officers are Franchot Shein, president; Maynard Hatch, vice president; Judy Reimer, secretary; David Muhn and Bill Collins are librarians; Douglas Cook is set-up chairman, and Michael Myers, publicity manager.

The man who is responsible for the success of the ROHS band is the leader, Mr. Al Garen, who has been directing the band for the last four years. Working under Mr. Garen as student director is Judy Guy.

The band boosters, who are greatly responsible for the future of the band also sponsor a summer band. The majorettes who march along with the band are: drum major Judy Reimer; Judy Arnold, Sharon Jones, and Barbara Sabo, majorettes.

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## A Capella

Royal Oak High School's A Capella Choir has had a busy year. Let's take a look at what they've done from September until June.

Their first engagement was the Senior Tea in October. Next on the program was the annual Christmas recording at CKLW which was heard on Christmas Eve at 9:05 p.m. In quick succession came the Christmas Concert, which was given twice, the Christmas program for the student body and the annual caroling at the Wayne Oakland Bank.

January came and with it Commencement and Baccalaureate, both in which the Choir participated.

This term started off with a bang. On the first day of the new term the choir members and their director G. Bruce Feighner gave a program for the PTA. Next on the agenda was the District Festival for all schools in this district which was held here in our auditorium. The choir was rated by the judges to be qualified to go on to the State Festival in May.

The choir participated in an Easter Concert of Sacred music on March 29. They provided music for the Senior Tea in April and went on to the State Festival in May. Clara Barton Junior High School and Jane Adams Junior High School both invited our choir to sing for

them. Mr. Feighner feels that singing at the junior high schools was one of the most important things the choir did, as these students are the future music students of Royal Oak High School.

Then in June, once again, came Commencement and Baccalaureate in which the choir took part. Besides singing as a group the choir splits into smaller groups and also goes out as soloists. The groups or soloists sing at different community groups and churches.

Soloists from the choir participated in the District Festival for Soloists in March and also in the State Festival in April.

Every summer a number of students go to Interlochen Music Camp, but this summer a group will also be going to Michigan Normal College, where another camp will be in session.

This semester's officers were: Tom Sherman, president; Sandy Williams, secretary; Jerry Peludat, treasurer, and Ed Krecow, sergeant-at-arms.

All in all, our school can be proud of the A Capella Choir and the showing it has made for the Royal Oak High School.



## Boys' Choir

As president of the boys choir is Don Bennett, Secretary is Owen Wennie, Myron Coan is Treasurer and Jay McCormick is the Sergeant-at-Arms. In girls choir Bette Barnett takes the president's seat; Margaret Bennett is secretary; treasurer is Gail McCluskey and Judy Guest is Sergeant-at-Arms.

## Girls' Choir

Both the Girls and Boys Choir have been doing a great job. The first showing they made this semester was in the Easter Concert, and they were a great success. In the District Festivals both choirs were ranked with three yesses and they went on to the State Festivals, which were held at Michigan State College, May 8.



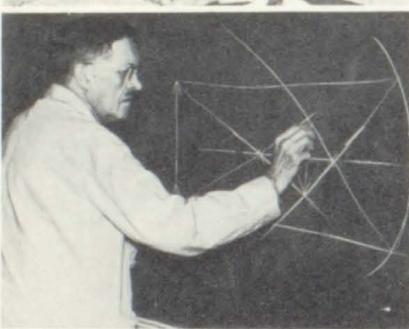
After 35 years of service in Royal Oak High, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer are leaving. Mr. Dyer was a graduate of Caro High School in Caro, Mich. He attended Michigan State for one year and spent his last three years in Albion. While in college he was an honor student in science and participated in football as the captain of the team.

Graduating from college in 1913 he majored in physics and math, then taught school in Aurora and Kankakee, Ill. His attention was diverted at this time to a better school, so he entered Royal Oak in 1918. Mr. Dyer had enough work to keep him busy his first years at Royal Oak, teaching botany, physics, chemistry, and general science, as well as coach of the football, baseball and basketball teams. He contributed also to the school by being the athletic director until 1933, the senior class advisor from 1926-1944 and the first debating coach.

In 1942 Mr. Dyer changed Catherine Gunn's name to Mrs. Dyer. Mrs. Dyer graduated from Brown City high school. She took an examination for a teachers certificate. Then she taught for five years in rural schools in Sanilac county. She decided she would go to college about this time so she entered Michigan State Normal in Ypsilanti and stayed there two years. Then she too sought one of the better schools and came to Royal Oak to teach mathematics in 1918.

In 1925 she got her A.B. degree from the U. of M. and in 1932 she secured her master's degree from Columbia University. Being the Dean of Women from 1929-1934 and being the Senior advisor since 1922 has added to her service to the school.

The Dyer's have nine grandchildren and this keeps them quite busy. We will all miss their counselling and teaching which has helped us as well as countless others.



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The office staff at Royal Oak has been very helpful toward the people of the school. They have become an important part of the school curriculum. Left to right, they are

Vivian Molnar, Mrs. Rousch, Miss Weir, Mrs. Rousseau, and Mrs. Branchard.

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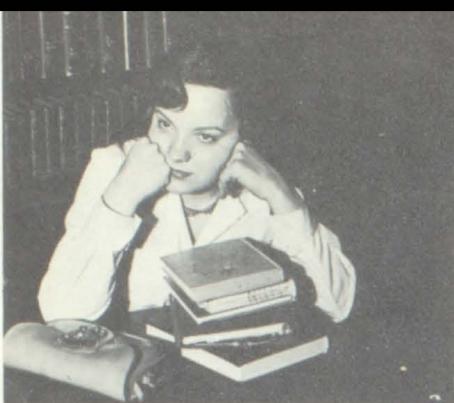
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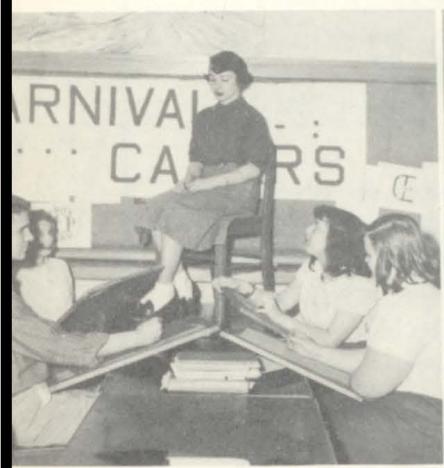
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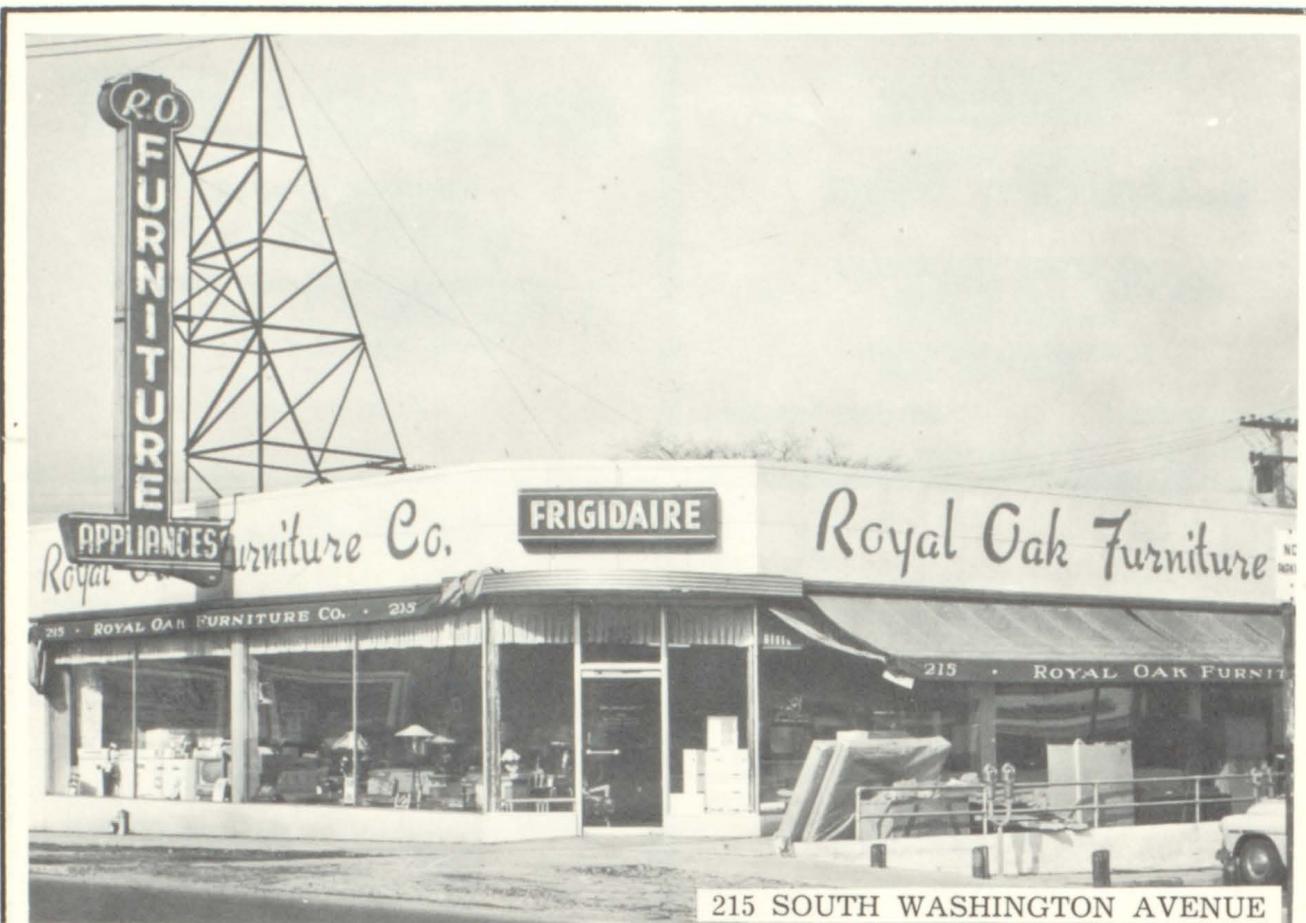
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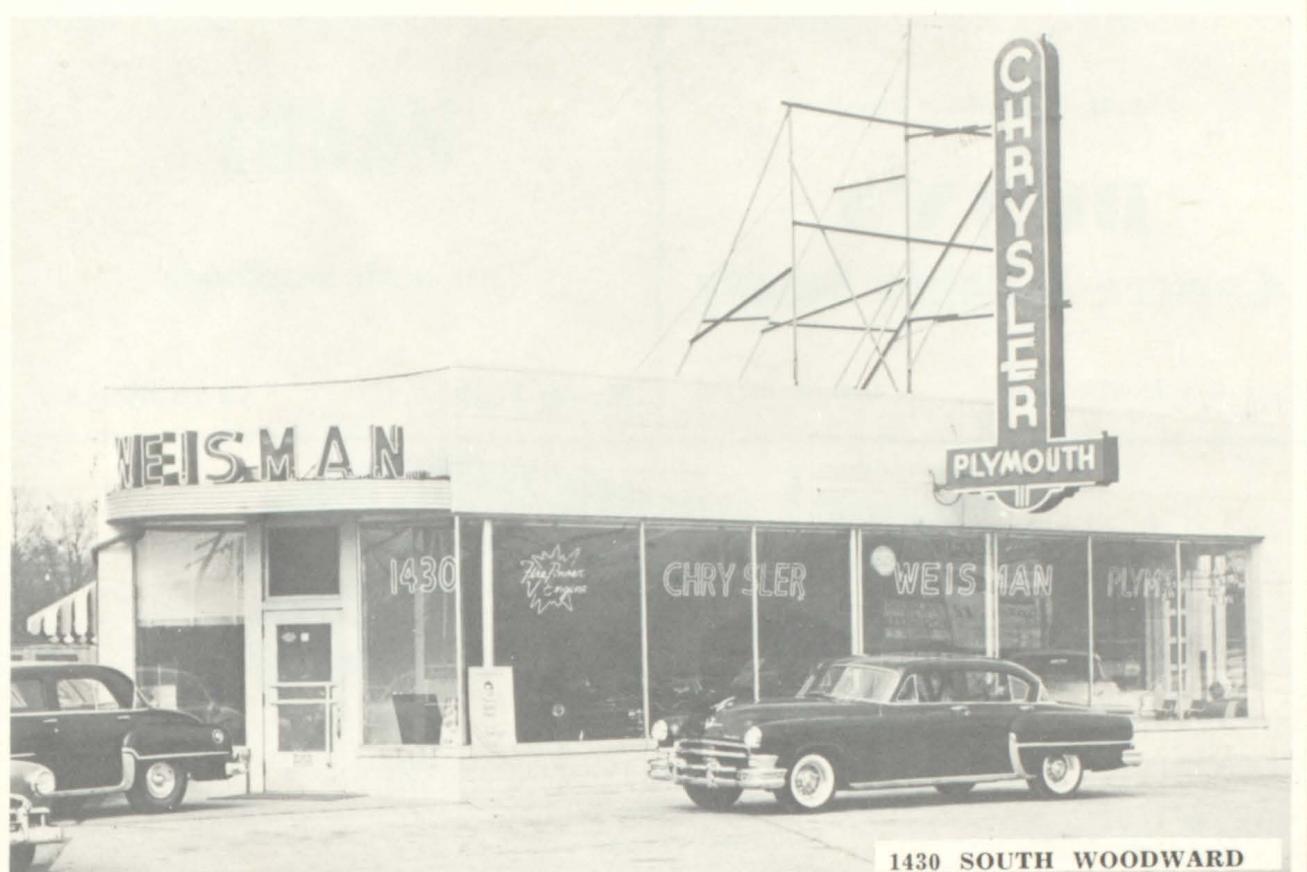


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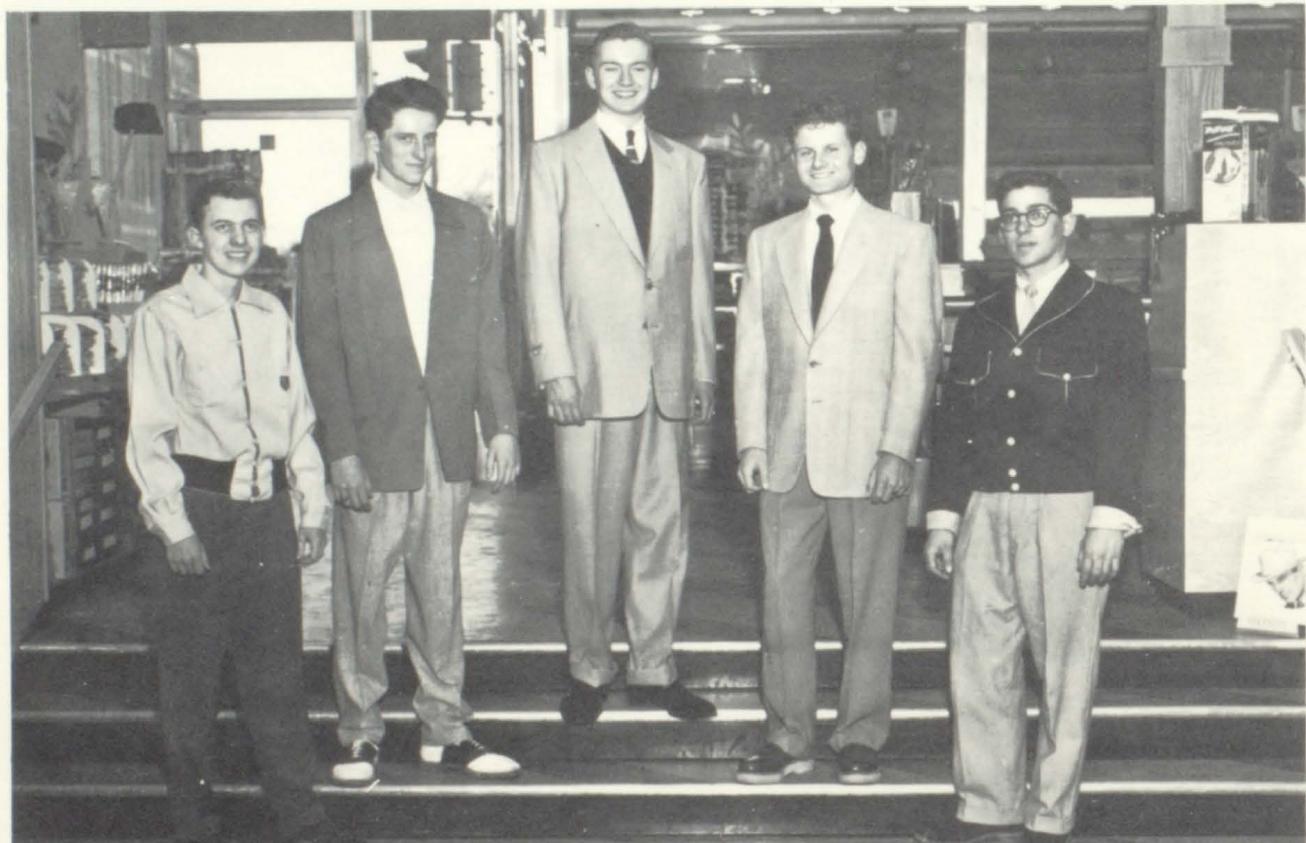
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