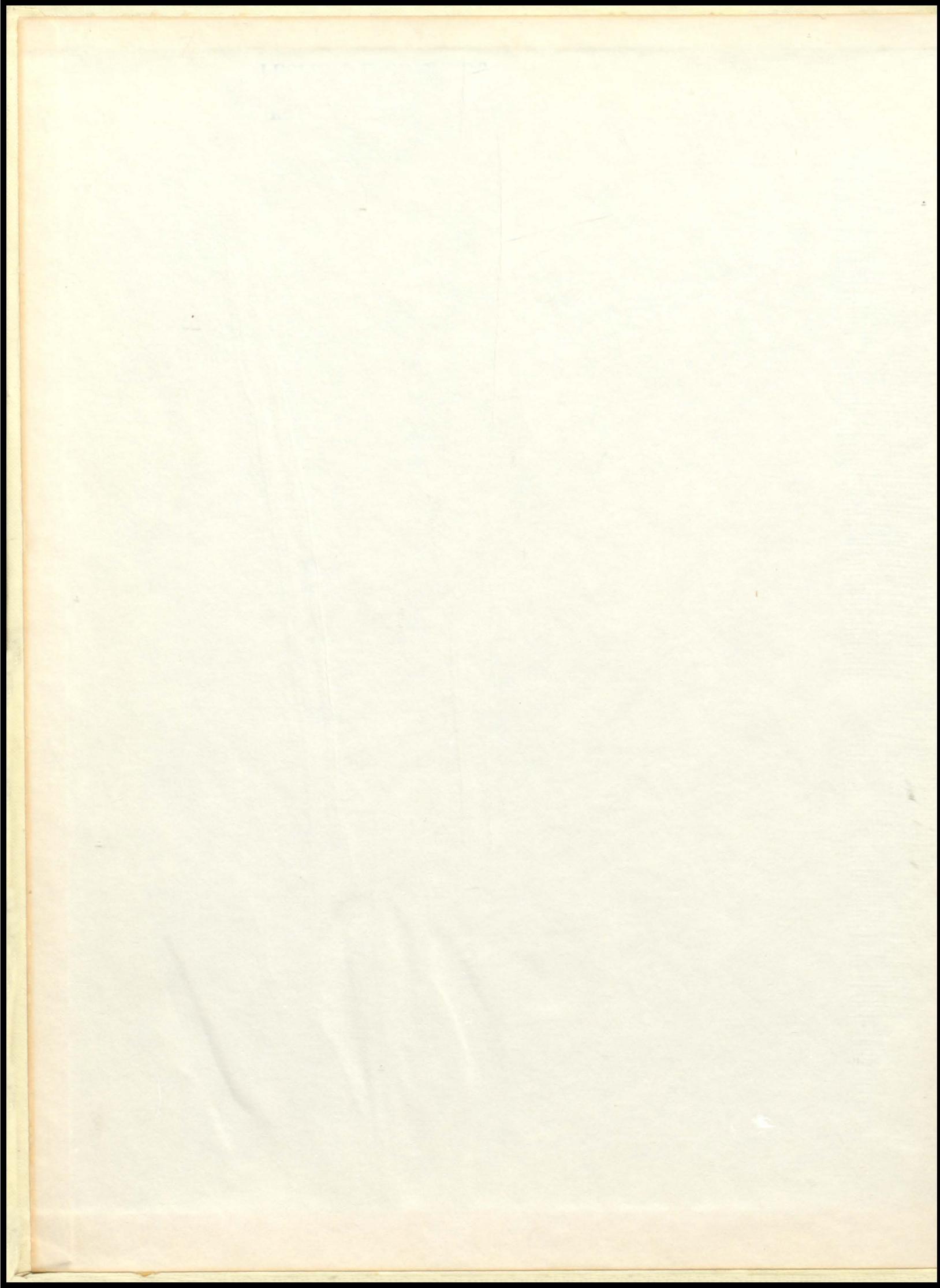
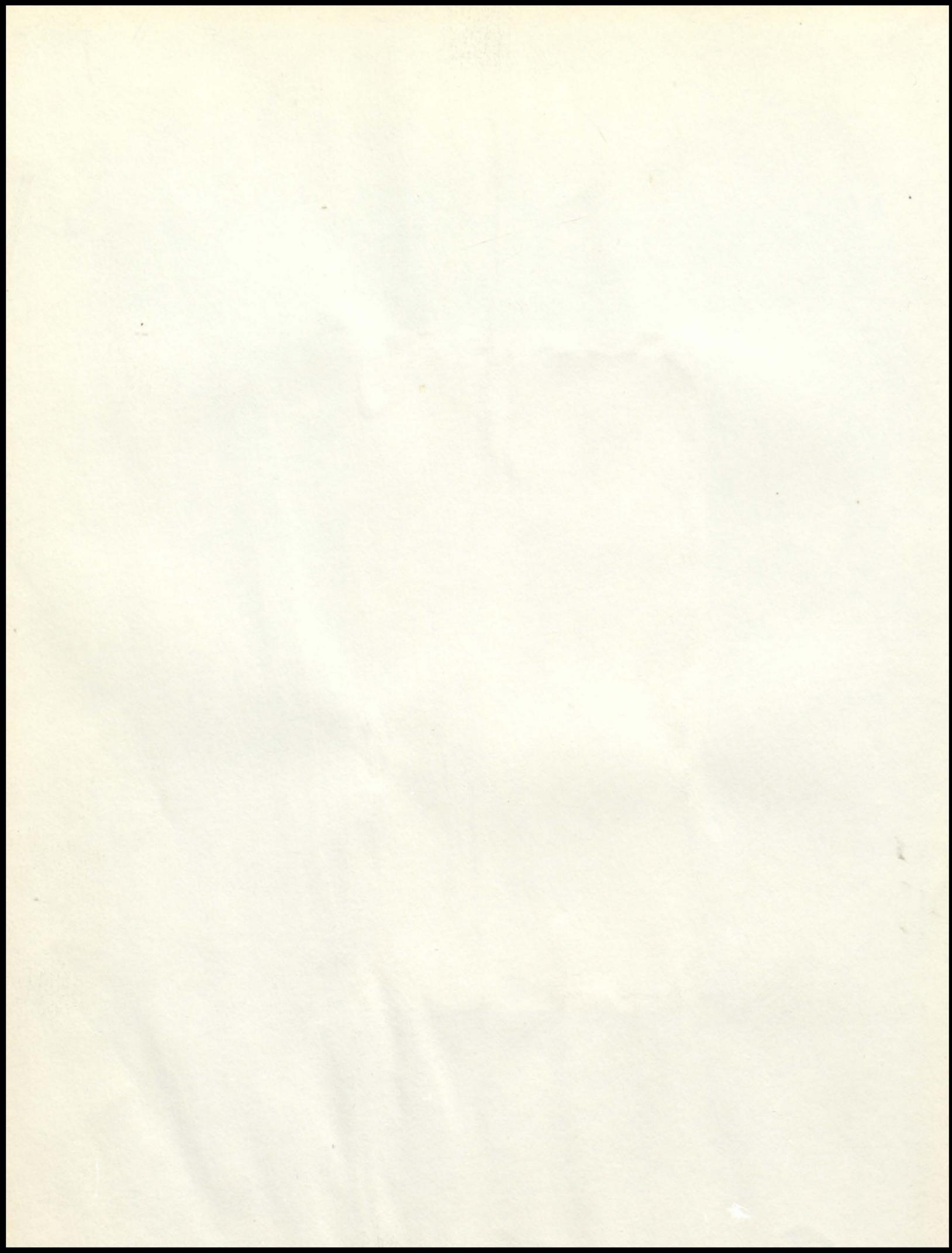
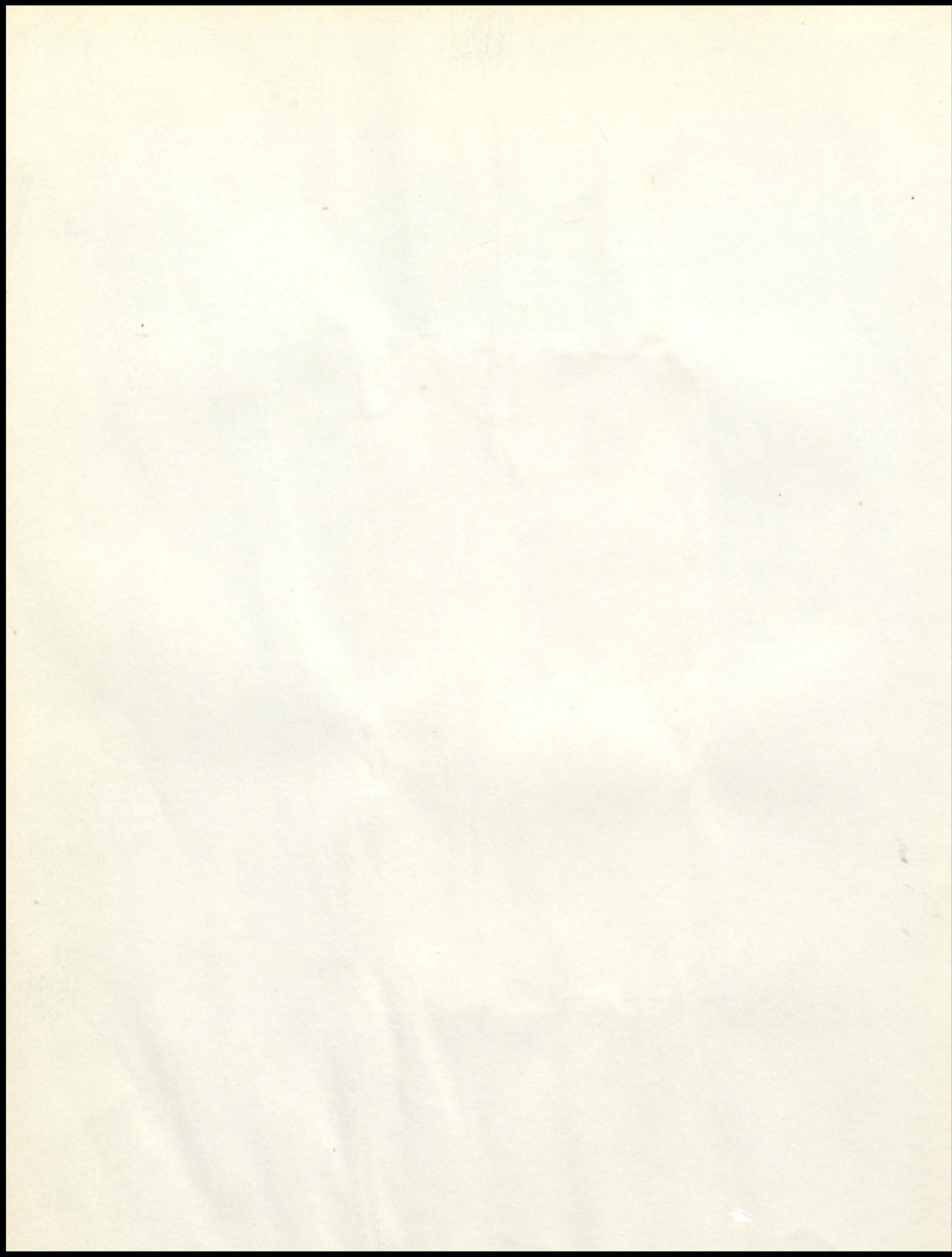


*The* **Oak**







# THROUGH ALL KINDS OF WEATHER



ROYAL OAK HIGH SCHOOL

ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN

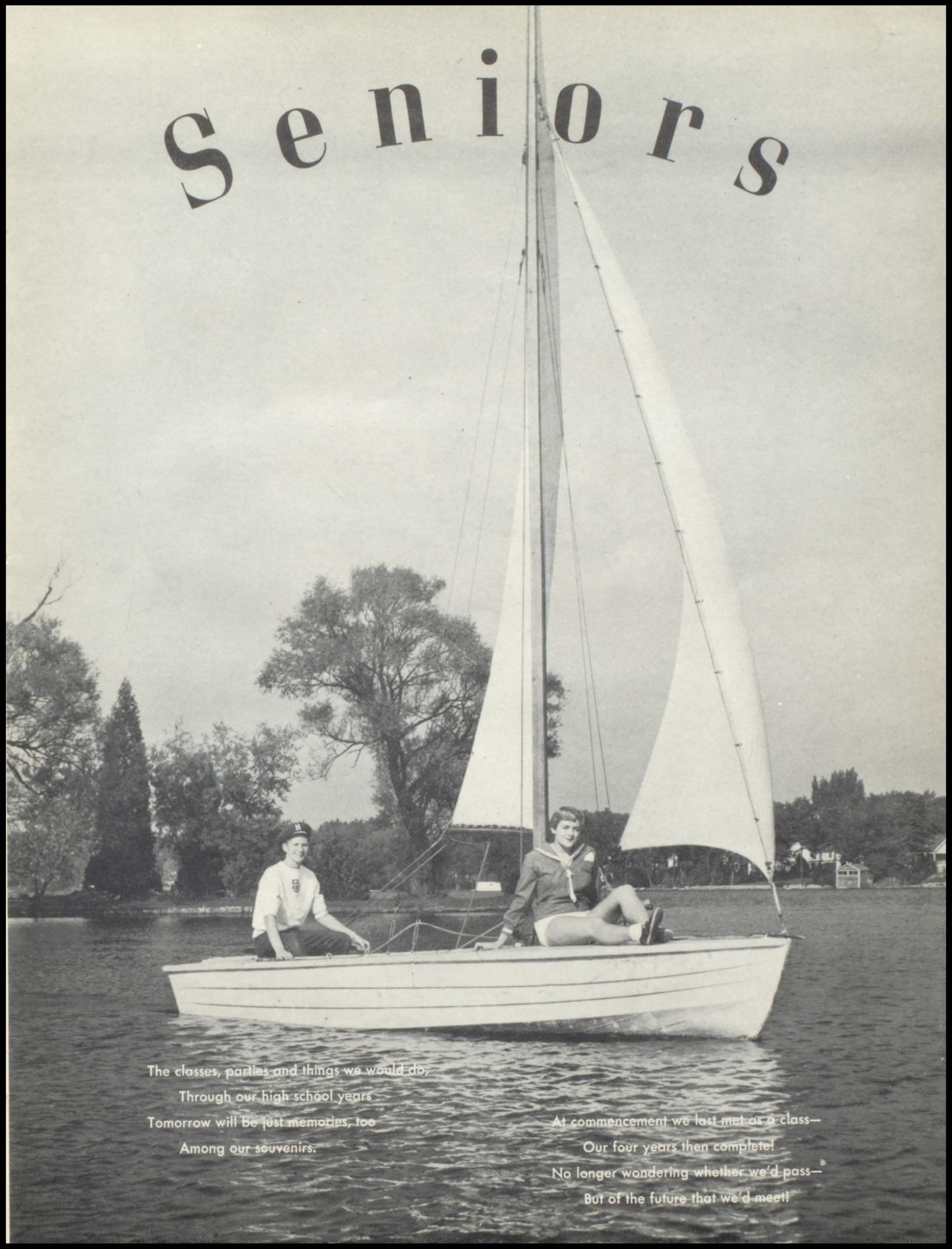


## DEDICATION

We, the senior class of January 1954, dedicate our book to Mr. Harold Gange. We think he deserves recognition in the service he has done for our school and class. He has not only helped us in our Sociology but he has, through his testing program, tried to help us find what we are best suited for in the future. We owe him a lot of thanks for this and we are proud to dedicate our book to him!



# Seniors



The classes, parties and things we would do,

Through our high school years

Tomorrow will be just memories, too

Among our souvenirs.

At commencement we last met as a class—

Our four years then complete!

No longer wondering whether we'd pass—

But of the future that we'd meet!



**JACQUELINE AHRENBERG**

Quiet and Sweet,  
A treat to meet.



**HARRY ANDREASEN**

It's true there are other fish in the sea,  
But they're not half so good a catch as he!



**MINERVA AYOUB**

Charming and fair,  
Such beautiful hair!



**SHIRLEY BAILEY**

Nice to know,  
Easy to like.

**THOMAS SAWYER, President**  
Leadership is the goal of all men!



**BETTE BARNETT**

This gal from Dixie,  
Is a cute little pixie.

**MARILYN BEARSS**  
Full of fun,  
Appreciated by everyone!



**PAUL BERTOLET**  
It takes a conscientious man to tell  
whether he's tired or just lazy.

**MARGARET BENNETT**  
Like pepper, all spice;  
But like sugar, very nice.



**EVELYN BIEHY**  
So quiet she hardly makes a sound,  
But a sweet person to have around.

**SHIRLEY STRATTON, Vice-President**  
Personality plus and patience a plenty!



**LEO BINGLEY**  
His solemn face conceals his great wit!





**CLARE BIRD**

His voice is always surrounded by laughter  
His nonsense quoted by others after.



**LOREN BOUDA**

Unpredictable, kind and bold,  
The Lord made him and threw away the mold.



**RONALD BOWN**

His red hair certainly isn't the only  
bright thing about him!



**JOHN BURT**

Take life easy—  
You only live once!

**GLORIA CARTER, Secretary**  
She's always as busy as a bee;  
She's quite a honey as you can see.



**BARBARA BURTON**

We can hardly believe it's true,  
That someone could be as wonderful as you.

**THOMAS CARLE**

The width of his shoulders is equaled  
Only by the size of his grin.



**WILMA CHANDLER**

Soft spoken and extremely nice.

**MARVIN CARTER**

He who says little is wise indeed.

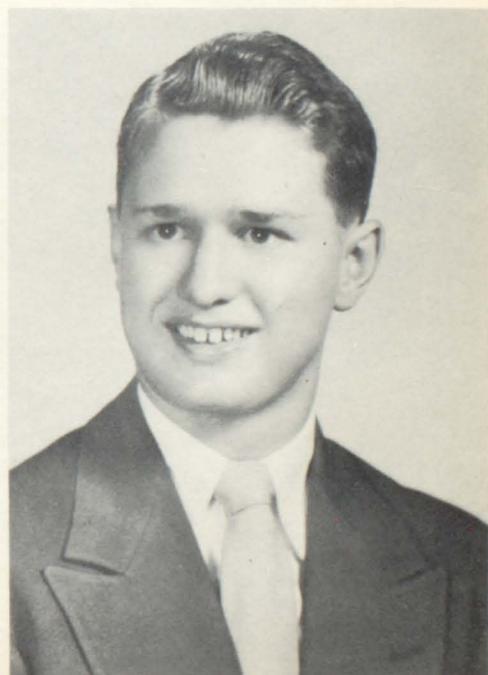


**NOLA COULTER**

She never speaks a word unkind,  
A girl like this is hard to find.

**DOUGLAS HOWE, Treasurer**

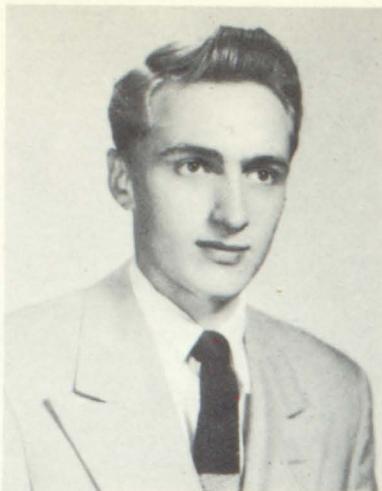
Always friendly, always gay,  
We hope he'll always be that way.



**JOYCE COWIN**

Intelligent, talented, and fair of face,  
Accompanied always by poise and grace.





**ROBERT COX**

I never dare to be as funny as I can.



**LLOYD DAVIES**

Life is too short to get serious.



**CARL DENNIS**

This we will always say,  
He has a very pleasant way.



**CAROLYN DODD**

Full of pep, full of fun,  
And she's always on the run!

**ELIZABETH WARE**, Valedictorian

She leads us all when it comes to books,  
And she's among the top with fun and looks.



**CHARLES EDWARDS**

Girls are never a problem to me.  
I can take them or let them be.

**CAROL FEHRENBACH**  
Life is only what you make it.



**FRED GOKEY**  
With racquet in hand,  
He's in command.

**DALE FURMAN**  
Sometimes nice—sometimes shy,  
But altogether a real nice guy.



**JAMES GREEN**  
I'm sure care is an enemy to life.

**SUSAN ESCHRIG, Salutatorian**  
Intelligence is a great asset to anyone.



**THOMAS HALL**  
We would walk a mile,  
Just to see his smile.





**PATRICIA HARE**  
Green eyes—red hair;  
She simply never has a care.



**FRANCES HARVEY**  
Silence is golden,  
But who wants gold.



**ROGER HASTY**  
Dancing makes life fun,  
From dawn till rising sun.



**LEROY HATMAKER**  
Love every moment you live, and  
You'll live every moment you love.

**MR. HAROLD GANGE**  
H. R. 206



**JACK HERRON**  
A good man nowadays  
Is hard to find.

RAYMOND HOPPER

Let me sing until I "flat" myself to death.

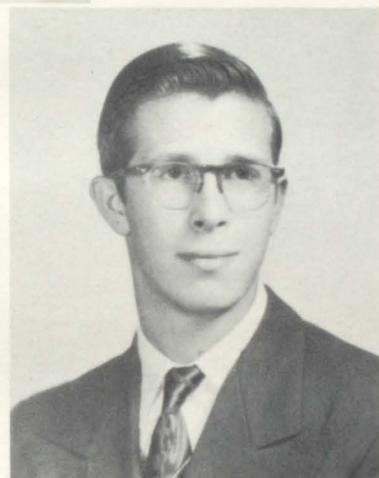


KATHLYN KAPANKA

Life isn't long enough to do  
all that I've planned.

JOYCE JANSEN

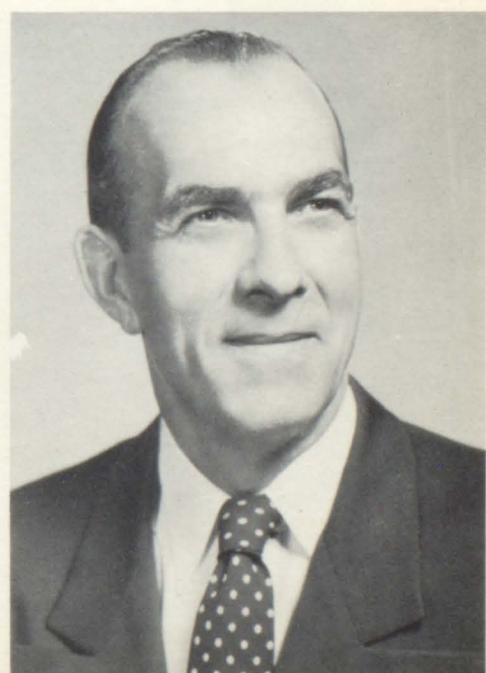
Possessor of a pleasing smile,  
Holder of a striking style.



CARROL KING

If intelligence were his only asset,  
He would still be extremely wealthy.

MR. S. TESSEM  
H. R. 212



JIM KING

Although his manners are most pleasing,  
It doesn't stop his constant teasing.





**MANFRED KORFF**

How can I stay away from trouble  
When it's always around me?



**MARILYN LAU**

One of ROH's cutest red mops;  
Always considered to be just tops!



**JAMES LAWLER**

Though he never has too much to say,  
He has a very kind and friendly way.

**ROBERT LESTER**

Tall, dark, and handsome, too,  
There are few to equal you.



**MRS. E. HOFFMAN**  
H. R. 307



**MARION LUKE**

Mild manners accompanied by  
a gentle heart.

**CAROLYN MacCOLEMAN**

Quiet but gay,  
We wouldn't want her  
Any other way.



**GAIL MASTA**

Never shy—never bold,  
She's really worth her weight in gold.

**GAIL MARVIN**

Greatness in its infancy  
She stands before the door of fame;  
Her paint brush is her key.



**ASTRID MATHISEN**

Cute as a bunny,  
Sweet as honey.

**MR. R. HURSH**  
H. R. 319



**INGRID MATHISEN**

Sunny in disposition and complexion,  
One-half of twin perfection.



JUDITH McARDLE

Happiness is the sunshine of her world.



BARBARA McGREGOR

As cute as her freckles,  
This lass has got class.



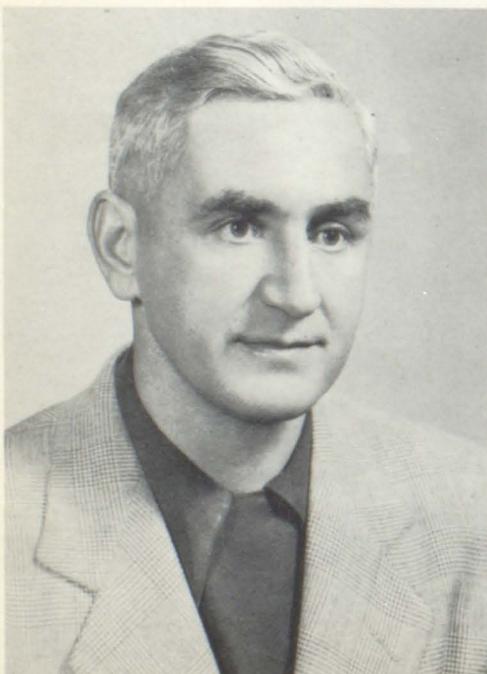
NANCY McLEISH

A girl who is very sweet,  
To know her is a treat.



FRIEDA PINKERTON McMAHON

Now that she's a wife,  
How wonderful her life.

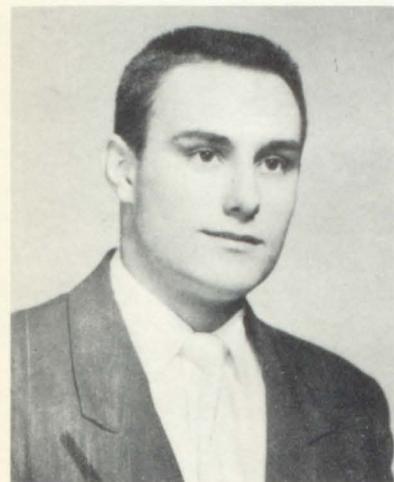


MR. W. MONTIE  
H. R. 321



ALBERT McROBERTS  
Life is just one big party.

**MARGARET MINNING**  
Those who know her best,  
praise her most.



**RICHARD NASH**  
Mr. Touchdown—R. O. H. S.

**JOSEPH MOYER**  
A man's man—Darn it!



**LEO NED**  
I don't believe in settling down.  
I live my life on a merry-go-round.

**MR. I. A. ROSEN**  
Publications Advisor



**JACQUELINE NOBLIT**  
The best way to lengthen the day, is to  
steal a few hours from the night.



**MURRAY PALMER**

On him we always put the blame,  
But we really like him just the same.



**SALLY PAUL**

Judge her not until you know her.



**DELORES PEDERSEN**

"Gentlemen prefer blondes"—  
Especially this one!

**MR. D. S. McDONALD**  
Senior Advisor



**HELENE POLYHRONOS**

Full of pep,  
Our Josie's hep.



**PAULINE PORTER**

There's a twinkle in her eye,  
Cause she's found the perfect guy.

**RAYMOND PRETE**

This guy is really on the beam,  
He is welcome on any team.



**FRED PROST**

It's no use to argue with me.



**BONNIE PRICKETT**

Bonny, as her name implies,  
Even for her tiny size.



**BEVERLY REID**

Terrific, talented, intelligent mind;  
Pretty, poised, and, oh, so kind.



**MISS MARY SMITH**  
Senior Counselor



**STREETER REMLEY**

Bluff will take the place of brains,  
If you have the brains to bluff.





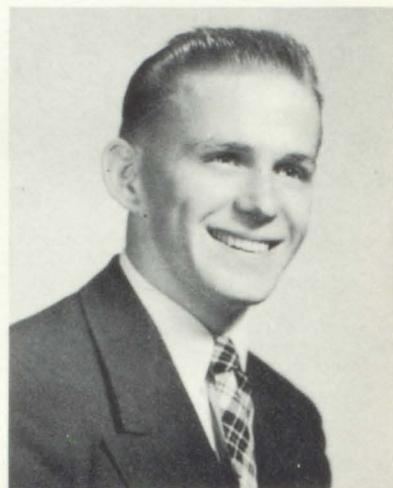
**HENRY RENDELL**

He talks but a little bit,  
But behind it all  
There's a lot of wit.



**JOANNE ROBERTS**

Tall, pretty, and neat;  
As a mate for Bob  
She can't be beat.



**THOMAS ROBERTSON**

From head to toe,  
He's always rarin' to go.

**DONALD ROBINSON**

He's a nice kind of a guy upon whom  
you can depend;  
Just the type that makes a perfect friend.



**JAMES C. COVERT**

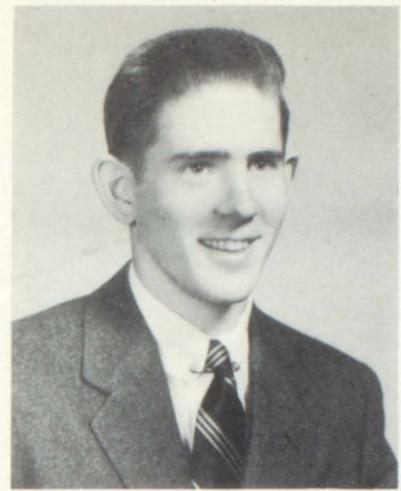
Superintendent of Schools



**DOUGLAS ROSS**

Born an individualist in every way,  
An individualist he will always stay.

**RICHARD ROSS**  
He shoots high  
And climbs higher!



**PAUL RUCKEL**  
Why study?  
The more you learn  
The more there is to forget!

**NANCY ROULETTE**  
A little bit of a girl  
With a lot of personality.



**PATRICIA RUSSELL**  
Her beauty is a treat,  
She simply can't be beat.

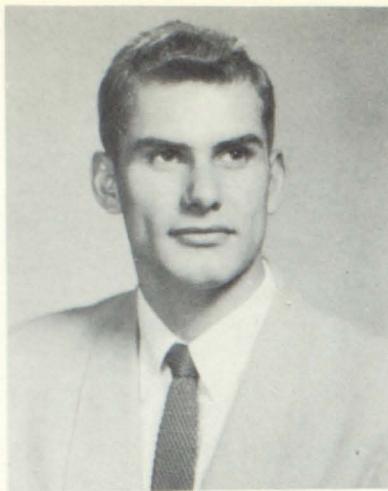


**EVELINO SARTOR**  
A jolly lad,  
Seldom solemn  
Always glad.



**MILES W. MARKS**  
Principal





**BRUCE SCOTT**  
Neptune's son!

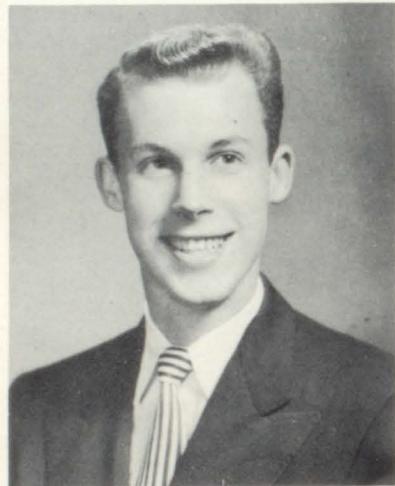


**NANCY SCOTT**  
A cute little gal,  
She's everybody's pal.



**CLARK SIST**  
He and his violin are quite a pair,  
When they're together, music fills the air.

**DONALD SMITH**  
Since life is only a folly,  
He couldn't resist from being jolly.



**ALBERT C. WIESE**  
Assistant Principal



**MARY LOU SMITH**  
Sugar and spice  
And everything nice.

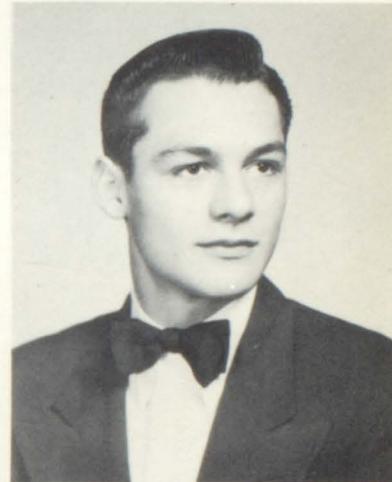
**CAROL STAFFORD**

Sweet, attractive kind of grace,  
Gentle of heart and fair of face.



**BERNARD SZWEC**

A world without a band is not a world.



**DONALD TROELSEN**

Quote: "That's the most—to say the least."



**LARRY TRUDELL**

Assist me up and in coming down  
I will shift for myself.

**NORMA CAMPBELL**  
Assistant Principal



**WINIFRED TRUFANT**

A generous smile and a friendly way!





**JOYCE UHLEY**  
Statuesque and tall,  
Admired by all.



**JOANNE VUILLEMOT**  
Just three little words—What a doll!



**JOAN VENTERS**  
The sweetest gal that  
one could know;  
That is why we like her so.



**MARILYN WAGNER**  
She is thrice blessed,  
With beauty, grace,  
and the gift of laughter.



**JOHN WALLACE**  
Why worry? It makes wrinkles!



**CAROL WHITE**  
Always happy, bright, and gay  
She'll drive the darkest clouds away.



**ANITA WICKERS**  
To be smart  
Is quite an art.



**JOYCE WILLIS**

She has many good qualities  
Among them sincerity.



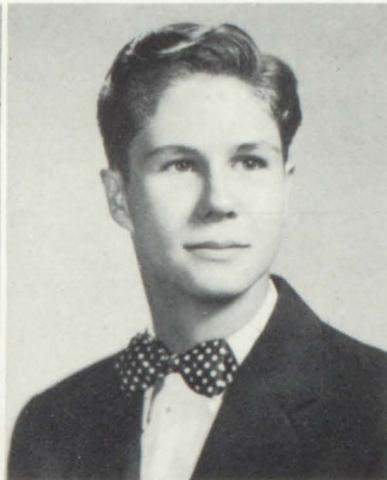
**JEAN ZEUNEN**

A figure to be admired by all.



**JUDITH WRIGHT**

So fine a disposition  
Could capture any position.



**FRANK YOHE**

Unassuming and unaffected,  
Never unhappy or dejected.

## CAMERA SHY

**RITA LA CAILLE**

A quiet girl is hard to find.

## CLASS MOTTO

The hardest part of getting to the top of the ladder,  
is getting through the crowd at the bottom!

## CLASS FLOWER

White Rose

**ROBERT YOUNGS**

He came, he saw, he conquered—  
All our admiration.

## CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

# S p o r t s

We had a successful football season.

We won almost every game  
For all our victories the one reason

Was the team that brought us fame.

"Raise high your voices with a rousing cheer.

Could be heard with every score;  
No matter if it was rainy or clear!

We were there rooting for more!

Our track team had done well at every meet—

Made the headlines every time!

The swim team got started without defeat;

We watched their victories climb.

Basketball opened with a thrilling game!

And we were cheering them through—  
Every triumph boosted their mounting fame;

They'll have lots more victories, too!





Left to right are 1st row, Streeter Remley, Bill Manser, Jack Stapleton, Chuck Edwards, Joe Moyer, Capt., Dick Nash, Capt., Hugh Conners, Fred Koenig, Tom Carle, Ray Prete; 2nd row, Jim Miller, Mgr., Frank Finney, Tom Roberts, Herb Johnson, Willis Yeamans, John Kaehler, Bill Owen, Jerry Kellstrom, Bill Bradford, Jack Drawbaugh; 3rd row, Larry McCullough, Bud Allen, Bob Kelley, Ron Bill, Don Marsh, Tom Hahn, Leon Blythe, Keith Wilson, Dick Pitcher, Charles Struble, Coach; 4th row, C. Yeramian, coach, Jim Manilla, head coach, Ed Bartz, Harry Andreasen, Dick Ulrich, Leonard Milke, Darrell Harper, Roy Soldan, Ivy Loftin, coach.

# FOOTBALL



# FOOTBALL

Royal Oak's 1953 football squad coached by Jim Manilla was Co-Border Cities League champs, winning 4, losing 1. Their 8-1 overall record was the best since 1935. Royal Oak was rated 8th among the top ten class A teams in Michigan. They boasted the top defensive unit in the state allowing their opponents 40 points while scoring 235 themselves. The team members gained a number of individual honors in the Detroit papers including Dick Nash's 2nd team All-State in the Detroit Times. Royal Oak's only loss came against Grosse Pointe 19-0.



Co-captains Joe Moyer and Dick Nash led Royal Oak's football team to the Co-Border Cities League Championship.





DON SMITH  
4 swimming



JOE MOYER  
3 football (capt.)



RAY PRETE  
2 football



HARRY ANDREASEN  
3 tennis (capt.)  
2 football



CHUCK EDWARDS  
3 football



FRED GOKEY  
3 tennis (capt.)



TOM ROBERTSON  
2 swimming



FRANK YOHE  
3 cross country



STREETER REMLEY  
2 football



BRUCE SCOTT  
2 swimming (capt.)



TOM CARLE  
2 football



TOM SAWYER  
1 golf  
3 swimming (mgr.)



DICK ROSS  
1 swimming (mgr.)



RICHARD NASH  
3 baseball  
3 football (capt.)

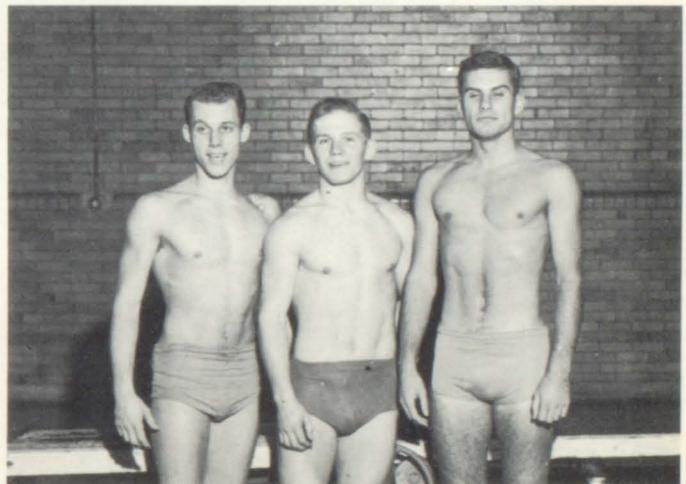


Tennis seniors are Fred Gokey, Harry Andreasen and Ron Fox.



Footballers playing their last season for the Oaks are, first row, Dick Nash, Joe Moyer, Jack Drawbaugh; second row, Chuck Edwards, Harry Andreasen, Ray Prete, Streeter Remley and Tom Carle.

Also having their last season of football at Royal Oak are these boys who will graduate in June. They are 1st row: Jack Stapleton, Larry McCullough, Fred Keonig; 2nd row: Hugh Conners, Bill Manser, Bill Bradford.

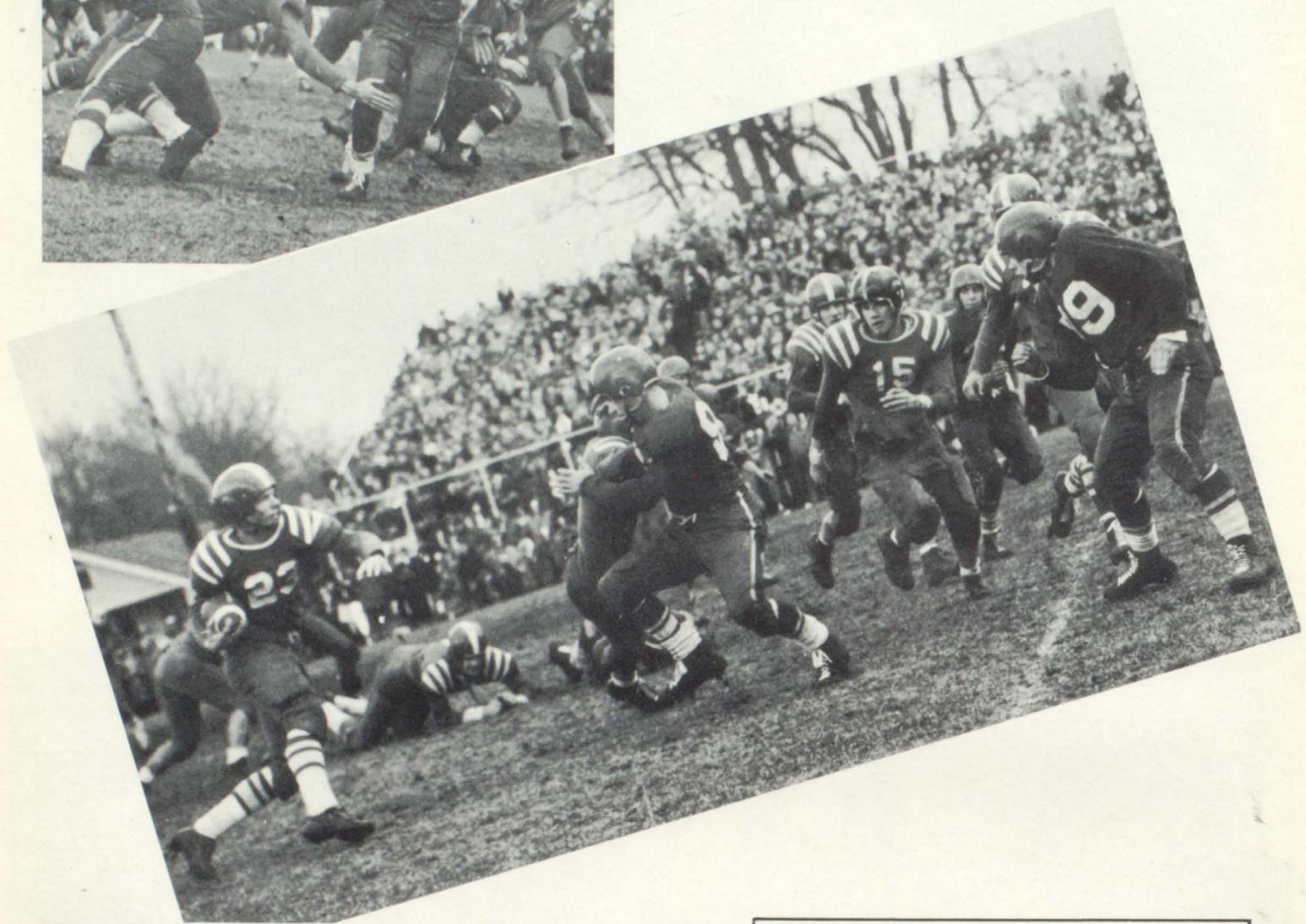


Don Smith, Tom Robertson, and Bruce Scott will be taking their last swim in the pool at the end of this semester.

LETTERMEN



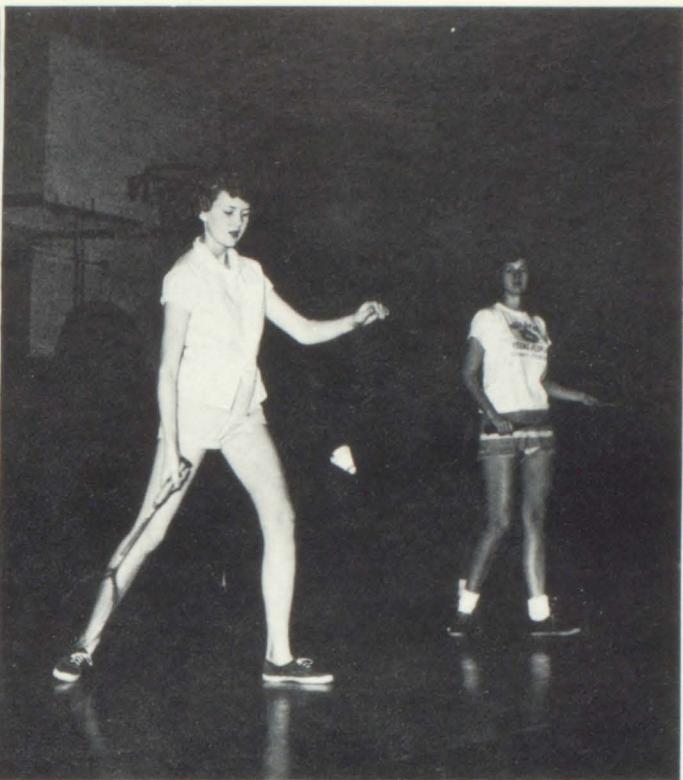
**ROYAL OAK** 28  
**BIRMINGHAM** 0



<b>SEASON RECORD</b>		
<b>ROYAL OAK</b>	<b>OPPONENTS</b>	
14	Hazel Park	0
0	Grosse Pointe	19
32	Wyandotte	0
19	Monroe	7
19	Fordson	7
21	Pontiac	7
35	Ferndale	0
67	Highland Park	0
28	Birmingham	0



What fun! She floats thru the air with the greatest of ease?

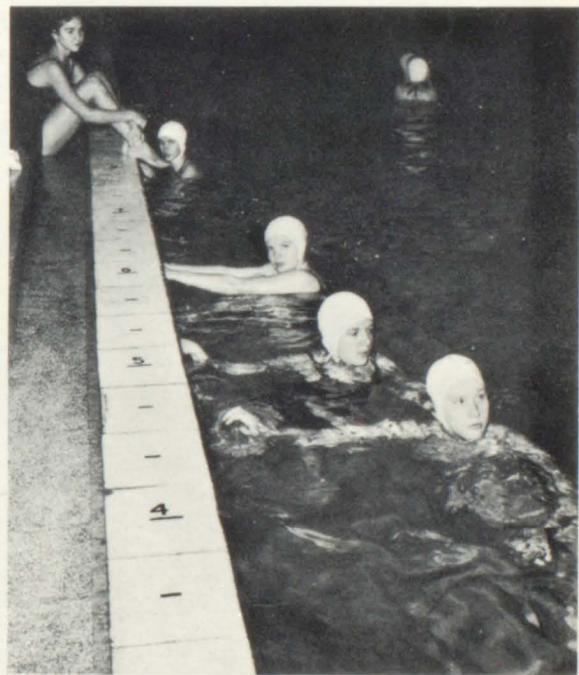


Man, dig that crazy birdie!



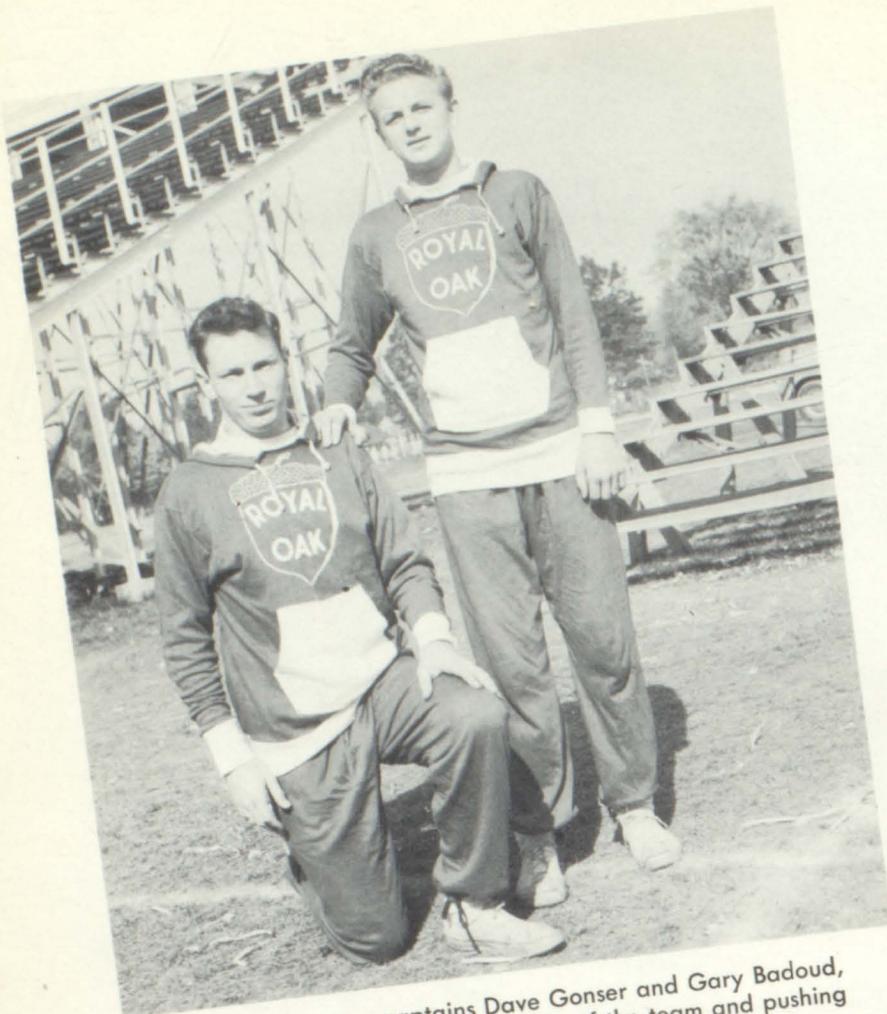
Gracefulness and beauty at its best?

## GIRLS' SPORTS



Water, water everywhere and beauties all around it!

# CROSS COUNTRY



Cross Country co-captains Dave Gonser and Gary Badoud, helped a lot in raising the morale of the team and pushing them on to victory.

Left to right, first row, Jerry Gonser, Don Otero, Dave Gonser, Gary Badoud, Frank Yohe, Ronny Jones; second row, Ron Winsauer, Jerry Steinard, Jerry Hendershot, Fred Thompson, Bruce Lowery, John York; third row, coach Bray, Gordon Kreiner, Bill Braenninger, Ken Winsauer, Dave Martin, Bruce Hollingsworth.





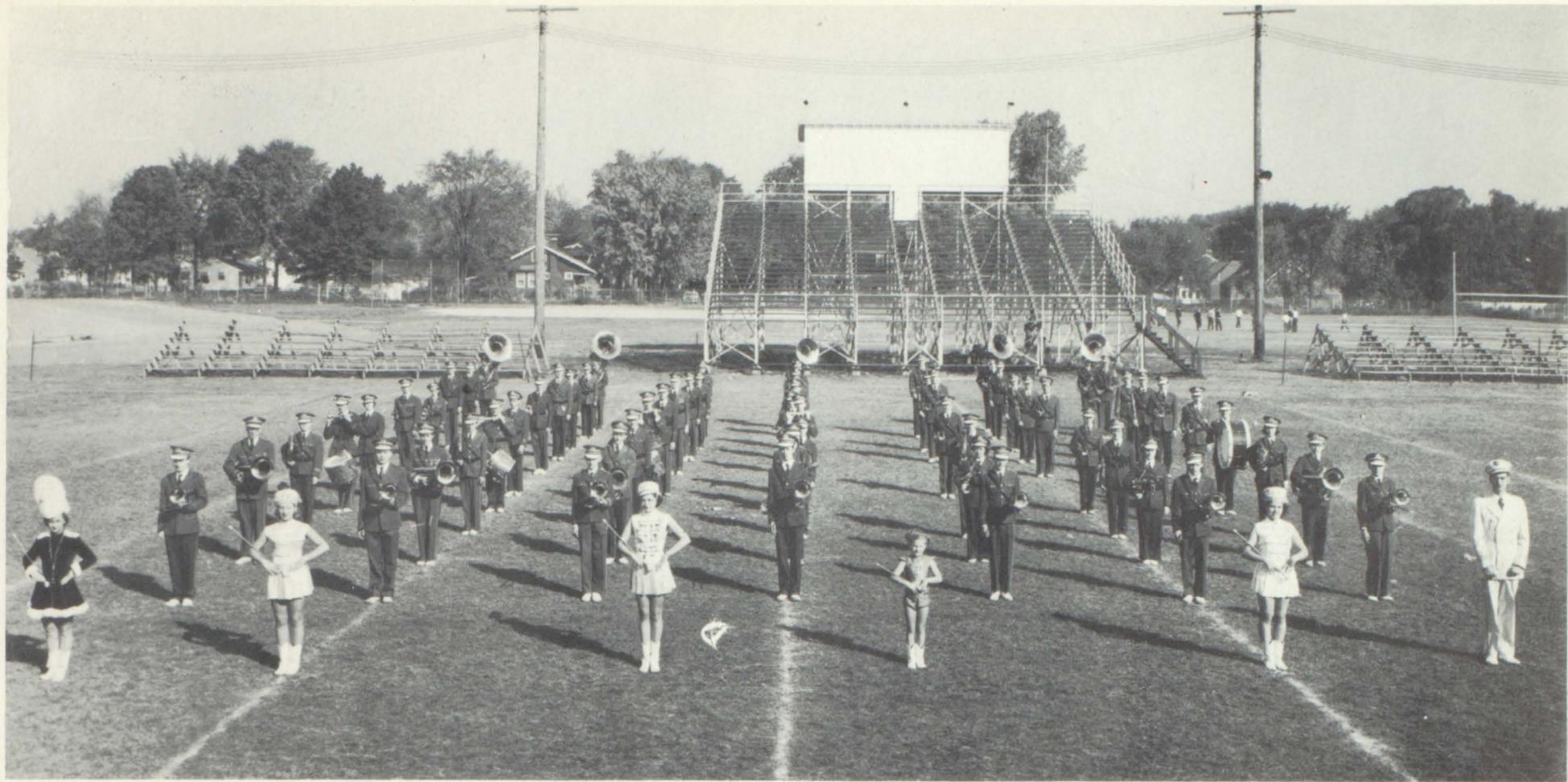
Out practicing their laps are left to right, Jerry Gonser, Gary Badoud, Jerry Steinard, Don Otero, Dave Gonser and Frank Yohe.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Limbering up exercises are "enthusiastically" performed by part of the cross country squad.

Peddling the bicycle to build muscles is a difficult "feat," but the Oaks valiantly try.





## R.O.H.S. BAND

The band was a familiar figure on the football field this fall. As they marched down the field with their red and blue uniforms on, they made a very colorful appearance. At half time, they put on a very entertaining performance by forming different symbols for the music they were playing. This made a good impression. Besides playing for football, part

of the band has participated in the pep assemblies which has helped a lot in raising our school spirit. The band also has outside activities and most of their fine achievements is due to the directing of Mr. Garen. We can all be proud of the band and its progress.



## MAJORETTES

Striking a pretty pose are Judy Arnold, Carol Kimmel, Inez Hullinger, Sharon Jones and Shirley Baker who take time out to give us a pretty smile before beginning their hard work of marching up and down Cass field.

Barbara Baltzly, Nancy Rogers, Joan Logan, Marge Barnhart, Janet Ammerman, Joanne Good, Kay Cawthorne (right to left) are practicing their cheers which they enthusiastically show us at all the games. These pert little cheerleaders have done a lot of work to boost school spirit and deserve a lot of credit.

## CHEERLEADERS



# classes

With civics and Latin and English one  
We started our freshman year  
The homework never seemed to get done!  
Algebra never seemed clear!  
We were learning to study more and more  
Forty weeks spent on the text!  
But still when we reached algebra 4—  
Didn't know the value of "X".

We were sophomores next in Biology  
With humorous Mr. Strain.  
While circles and squares in geometry  
Kept all our minds on a plane.  
We thought of careers and courses to take—  
As the year drew to a close;  
And learned what decisions we had to make  
In order to reach our goals.

As juniors we were beginning to know  
More of U. S. History;  
And about mixing things with H<sub>2</sub>O—  
Found us then in Chemistry!  
Some had to leave our class along the way.  
Others were joining us, too!  
We still found that there could be time for play  
In spite of the work to do!

Our senior year we will best remember,  
With government, soc., and trig.  
Graduation drew near with December—  
For those marks we had to dig!  
In senior comp we had learned to compose—  
The work we didn't regret.  
In English 8 we had been studying prose;  
(That year we'll never forget!)



# SENIOR

How to prepare for your future is not as easy as you might think. Harry Andreasen already knows how to present that all important ring. Ron Bown and Jim Lawler both know how to put that Toni Look in any girl's hair. Doug and Manfred aren't doing bad either.



Miss Kirk's grade book proves interesting to her trigonometry students. Tom Robertson, Loran Bouda, Marvin Carter, Liz Ware, the Ross twins, Leo Bingley, and Streeter Remley do not all share the same glee or sorrow, but tomorrow's tests may be better. They hope.



Left to right, Jan Spiller, Norm Ott, George Lyons, Ron Gross, Smith Cliffton, Francis Cohron, Mike Reynolds, Jerry Frincke, Cliff Whitfield, Jerry Smith, Lester Johnson, Dick Yerian, Dick Thoms, all look on as Bill Manser and Bob Grundeman disprove a physics formula.

Why do these things happen?? Mr. Rathsburg's Chemistry class is about to find out—or will they???? Left to right they are Jim King, Streeter Remley, Tom Carle, Leo Bingley, Don Smith, Mr. Rathsburg, Gib Stuve, Ray Hopper and Liz Ware.



"And so that's why," says Joyce Cowin to Mr. Montie's English class. Left to right they are Nancy Borglum, Marilyn Wagner, Jean Zeunen, Delores Pedersen, Nancy Roulette, Dick Zickel, Tom Sawyer, Terry Owen, Neva Sawyer and Randy Johnson.



How dry Advanced Comp. can be!!!! say left to right, Harry Andreasen, Gloria Carter, Tom Robertson, Bob Youngs, Doug Ross, Shirley Bailey, Margaret Bennett, Leo Bingley, Ron Bown, Bob Lester, Carolyn Dodd, Chuck Edwards, Cap Chastain, Don Robinson, Nancy Roulette, Dick Ross, Winnie Trufant, Liz Ware and Don Smith.

## CLASSES



"What did you think of the Russian situation in 1906? Patient Fred Prost is asked by Bob Cox acting as Doc. Busily observing are Joan Moore, Sunny Mathisen, Marilyn Wagner, Gene Hamilton, Paul Bertolet.

## SENIOR



Operation "Broken Nose". Left to right, Tom Sawyer, Nancy Scott, Clare Bird, Don Troelson, Marilyn Bearss, Ray Hopper, Jim King, Barbara McGregor, Margaret Mining, Joanne Vuillemot—object: Joe Moyer.



Left to right, Lloyd Davis, Dale Furman, Chuck Edwards have come to the conclusion that this is the last draw!!!

At the right, Miss Kirk's trigonometry class watches Don Smith prove that a square has more than 3 acute angles. Jim Glaspie, Nadine Branning, Dick Coleman, Cynthia Deeds, Chuck Edwards, Ron Bown, Jim King, Marilyn Lau, Joe Moyer, Don Troelson, Don Robinson, Don Rowe, Roger Schroeder, JoAnne Nederlof don't agree.



At left, How to run these new machines is a problem for this office machines class but the odds are right.

## CLASSES

Below, Gail Marvin shows Tom Sawyer, Joan Venters, Clare Bird, Marilyn Bearss and Jim Green her drawings of Abraham and Samson in Mrs. Crossman's Bible History class.



Below, the image isn't too clear, but they'll see the light someday, these Physics inmates hope.



At left, Selling pens is no problem for Mr. Robinson's retail class; just put the price low enough.



Upper left, the first hour advanced speech class is getting its cue to start a broadcast. They are from left to right Carolyn Brill, Nadine Branning, Arlene Gibson, Gib Stuve, Lester Johnson, and Rodger Hasty.



Upper right, the people in Mr. Rathsburg's Chemistry class seem to believe in chemical hairwashings. They are Ann Waldo, Dorothy Harrington, Art Gneiser, Hugh Conners, Mike Reynolds, Ken Foster, Barbara Baltzly, Betty Fries, Teddy Wicktor and Earl Spohn.



At the right is a typical government class under the direction of Mrs. Miller. The people who seem to be completely engrossed in their study are Beverly Bell, Ron Gross, Joanne Campbell, Betty Tyrrell, Gene Carline, Saundra Daunch, Beverly Krogman, Andy Dickson, Pete Eckel.

## C L A S S E S

At the right Miss Moore's English class is trying to learn the basis of their fears. The smiles on their faces show that they have found some reasons which they think "could never have happened to them."





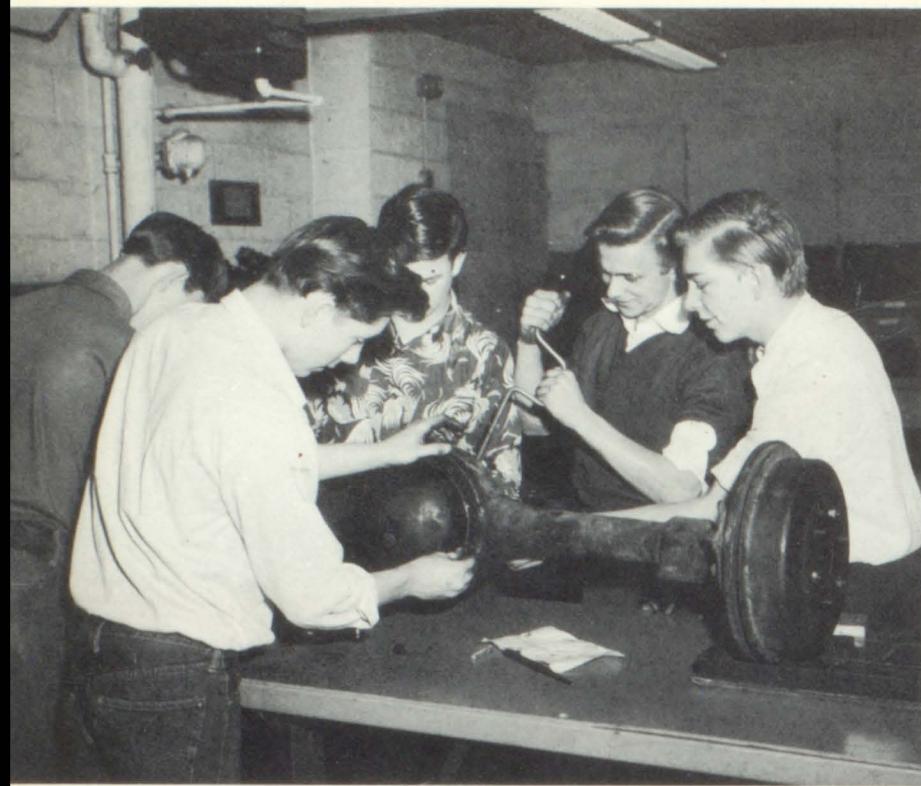
Upper left Mr. Rhead, exchange teacher from England, and Teddy Wicktor are shown "shaking hands across the tea" as the American History class looks on.

Upper right Nancy Rogers is burning the stack of Algebra books aided by Jack Ross, Margie Barnhart, Charlene Allen, Jim Knister, and Ben Lewis as the rest of the class tries to help.

Left Mr. Montie's English class seems to be listening very closely to what he has to say. By the smiles on their faces it is very likely that Mr. Montie is telling and acting out one of his many jokes. This picture looks suspicious since most of the time Mr. Montie's classes can be found bagging peanuts.



Below Mr. Loukusa has called on Doug Towns to point out the route Santa Claus takes every year on his trip around the world. Marcia Wittmer, Joe Vestrand, and JoAnn Vuillemot are trying to act interested in what he has to say.



At the left: This car has a good chance of being a hot rod with Stewart Barrows, Allen Simpson, Belvon Smith, Dick Tilton, Robert Woudstra, all rearranging the differential.

## CLASSES

Below center are Mike Reynolds, Ron Gross, Bob Katsive, Evelyn Field, Fred Koenig, Max Strause, Ron Winsauer, Reyn Campbell, and Gary Badoud who are studying hard to be mathematicians.

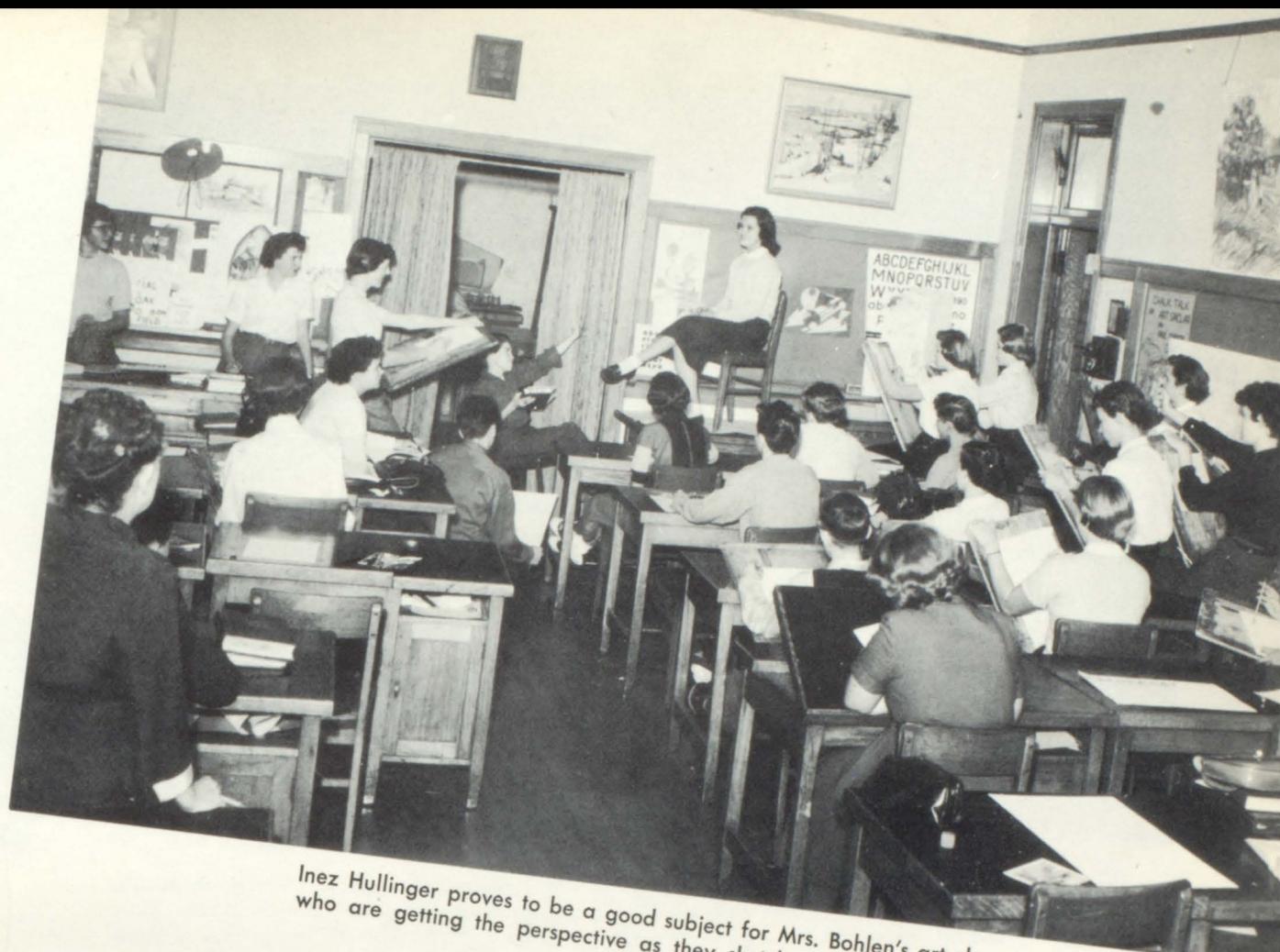


"And this is my final opinion" says Sue Pickard while Fred Mester, Sue Boschma and Herb Johnson are patiently listening during Miss Cowen's English class.



Above: Mrs. Toot's Government class dragnet for desperate criminals and have caught a few.





Inez Hullinger proves to be a good subject for Mrs. Bohlen's art class, who are getting the perspective as they sketch this fetching model.

## CLASSES



Mrs. I. Schulte gives a nonchalant appearance as her Geometry class uses every angle, even begging, to get good marks!



Pampering their English teacher Mr. Rosen are 10B's, Carol Gilleo, Barbara Jackson, Sharon Pagels, Nancy Grilli, Judy Nelander, Judy Sewell, Janice Jordan, Beverly Greer and Florence Rivard, Don Hindman, Louis Harris and Bob Branton seem to object.



Mr. Strain's Biology is taking in the different phases of biology. Mixing chemicals, investigating rocks, and even feeding fish seem to be among their many interests. They will all agree that these small items don't include anything that you really have to learn in Biology. Most of it, they will probably admit, comes from the book.

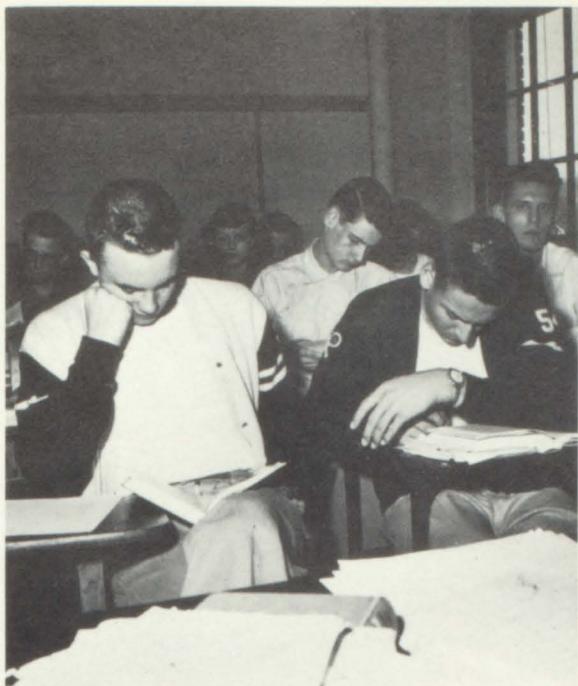
## SLAVING...

Mr. Kolas is hung (er . . . hanged) by his English class as one student reads the last rights (rites).



Sherry Hood takes a whack from Apache Dancer Fred Mester, in French class. Watch that technique, Fred!!!!





Jim Burns and Cap Chastain are busy learning their government before Mrs. Miller gives one of her daily quizzes. This is probably the hardest either one of them has studied since they have been in school. They have not got a choice.

Rosen's journalism class 6th hour spends its "leisure" time studying the better literature which he has scattered through the room. By the smiles on their faces you wonder what kind of literature they've found.

## ... STUDENTS

This Spanish class is giving a fine serenade to Pat Stevens who is sitting on the window sill. The fella's dragged out their sombreros and musical instruments for the occasion. They really make quite a chorus!



# Activities

"Where's the party tonight?" was the usual question  
As the weekend rolled around.  
No need to wait long for a suggestion—  
Something could always be found!

The Thanksgiving Dance was a big event!  
Thanks to the P. T. A.  
From freshmen to seniors, everyone went . . .  
'Twas successful in every way!

"Our Miss Brooks" had been given December 3rd.  
It had a delightful cast!  
Was a big success you no doubt heard . . .  
The tickets really sold fast!

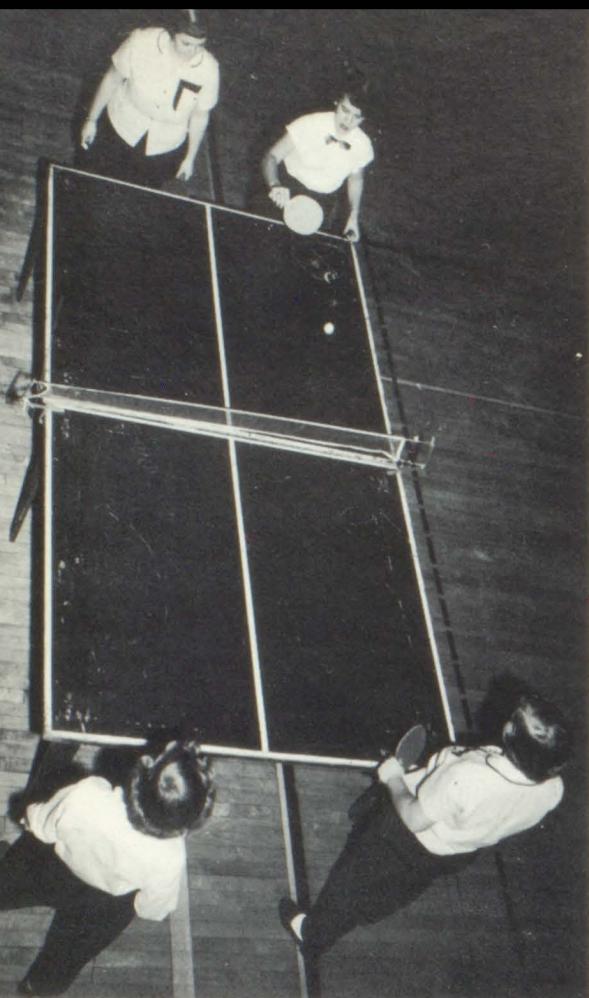
The magazine drive meant a lot to us.  
We had sold from door to door!  
The choir'll go to Chicago by bus;  
For we reached our goal and more!

Some of us were staying 'til 5:30 each night  
To meet the Oak's deadline date!  
As for getting the Acorn out all right—  
Some more of us, too, stayed late!

For a little adventuring on the sly  
To the haunted house we'd steal . . .  
Curiosity! That was the reason why  
This adventure seemed so real!

The fun and frolic we regarded with zest—  
But how we used to cram!  
Studying 'til two we remember best  
To pass that final exam!





The other main activity besides square dancing that goes on at the senior parties is ping pong. Here four of the senior girls try their hand at it. They are Sunny Mathisen, Margaret Minning, Mystery Girl, and Bunny Mathisen.

## CANDID CAMERA

Barbara Tamberino, Janet Beuhmier, Ann Reynolds, and Pat Davis, seem quite interested in who the new fellow is who just walked by, but one girl seems more interested in the cameraman.



While some of the seniors watch the goings on out on the floor, Miss Friedrick is busy telling Mrs. Hoffman a good story.



Bagging peanuts in Mr. Montie's English class seems to have become a habit. Here Neva Sawyer, Dick Daniels, Joyce Cowin, Gloria Carter, and Margaret Bennett attempt to bag a few in between eatings.

"You just can't square dance all the time," say these kids who are resting before they go on the floor for another try. They seem to find just as much enjoyment in watching the others as they do in taking part.



# CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Upper Right—Who are you concentrating on, Barb? Barb Burton, Shirley Stratton, and Joyce Jansen sit this one out.

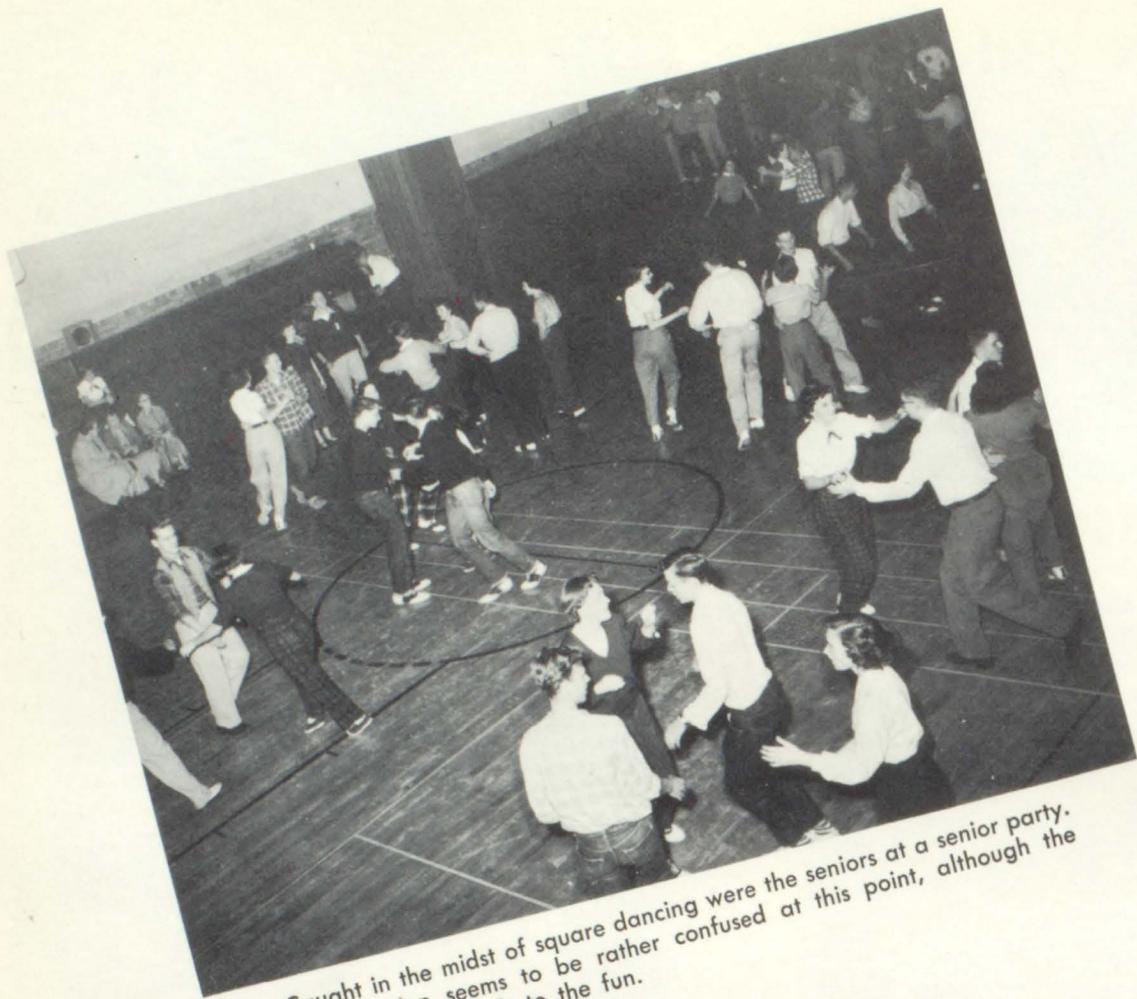


Center Right—Honest? Joann Vuillemot doesn't look too convinced at what JoAnn Nederlof's telling her. Looking off into space are Dick Thoms, Murray Renfrew and Joyce Malin.

Lower Right—Swing that partner! These are eight of the many students that attend the senior parties. They all have found that this is one of the best ways of enjoyment.

Lower Left—Pat Stevens enjoys her lunch while Betty Jensen and Ruth Hoblet discuss the latest news. Pat and Betty are waiting desperately for someone to buy an Oak Tag.





Caught in the midst of square dancing were the seniors at a senior party. The situation seems to be rather confused at this point, although the confusion only adds to the fun.

## SENIOR

Smile pretty!!!



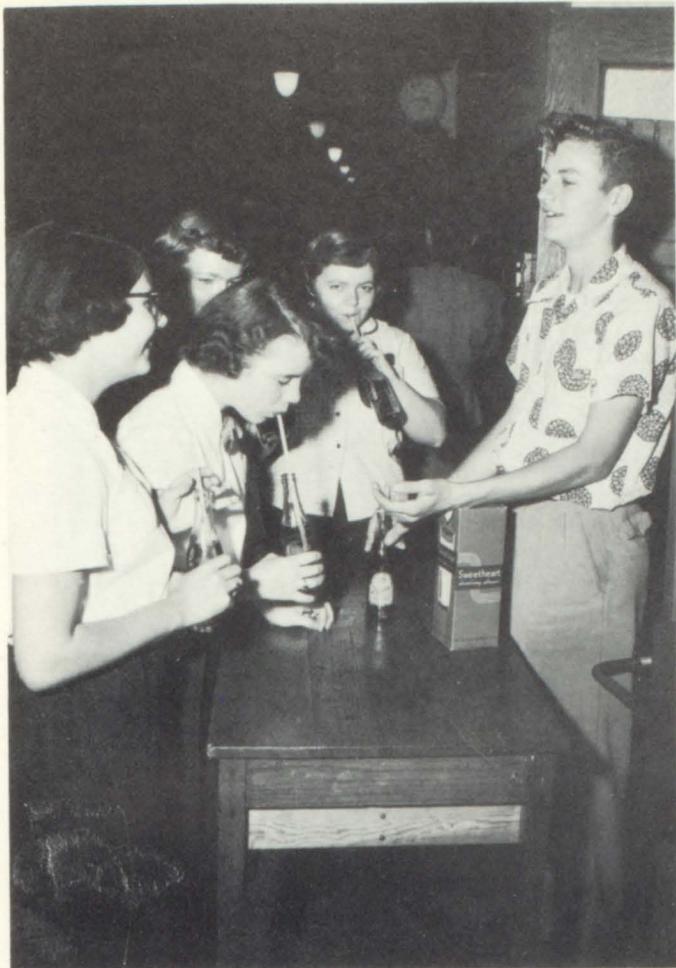
(Pop) eyes right!!



Resting, girls?



Catch that technique!!



Gary Badoud is kept busy at the pop stand during intermission. Everyone uses this spot to gain renewed strength to continue the strenuous activity of square dancing. They are left to right, Winifred Trufant, Margaret Minning, Sunny and Bunny Mathisen and Gary.



It's not only raining but pouring at the Senior Tea, and Mr. Feighner "fills 'er up."

Dig that technique as Dave Gonser and Karen Johnson, take part in the social dancing. Cap Chastain is learning in the background.



## SHENANNIGANS

Go, man, go!!!



Dig that crazy bunny-hop!!!





Mr. Montie's English class gives a demonstration of the greatest enterprise of the year, "Gathering of the Nuts." Included are left to right, Hugh Conners, Keith Foster, Bruce Borrie, Judy Guest, Cheryl Hubar and Dick Coleman.

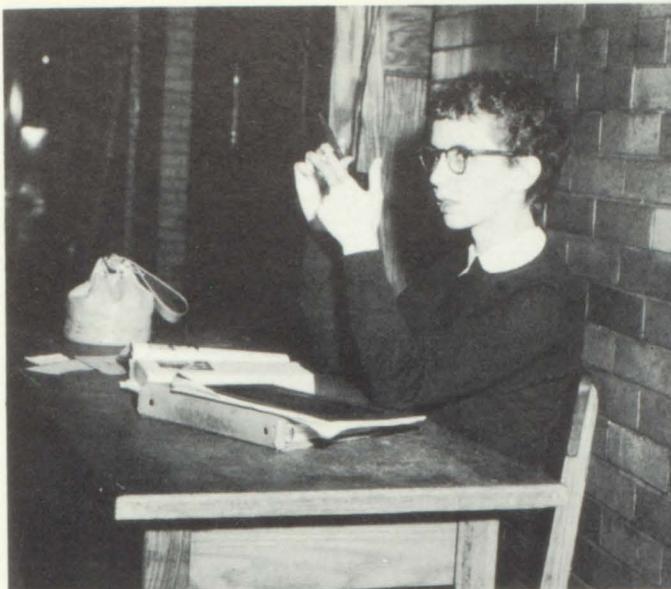
## SENIOR

Valerie Leverton and Betty Hill "Speak no Evil?" as they walk through the halls at noon.



Now, keep your chin up, Mike Birta says to Ben Lewis as Don Rowe intently studies his "fudged" cards.





"And when I finish with my fingers I'll start on my toes," says Nancy Roulette as she tries to figure out her sociology.

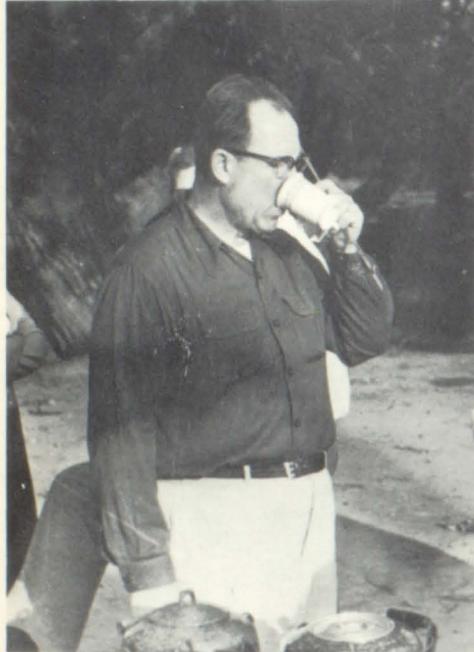


Mr. McDonald gingerly hands out the tea as the seniors go partying in their high heels.

## ACTIVITIES

Trying to get the magazine drive tallied right are Dick Daniels and Pat Russell; Chuck Edwards and Ray Prete are supervising and trying to give a little advice.





## FACULTY INFORMAL

Upper left; Try and get out of that one Gange!!

Upper center; You're darn Tootin'!!

Upper right; What a ladies' man?

Left; A little bit of  $H_2O$ .

Lower left; Lonely little petunia in an onion patch!

Lower center; Boy I'm hungry!

Lower right; Well, it's this way!!





Upper left—Second childhood?

Upper right—Poker or lunch?

Right—Help! These American Women

Far right—"On top of Old Baldy"

Lower left—"My Wild Irish Rosie"

Lower right—Old Fashion Get-together!





I've heard that line before.

## OFF GUARD



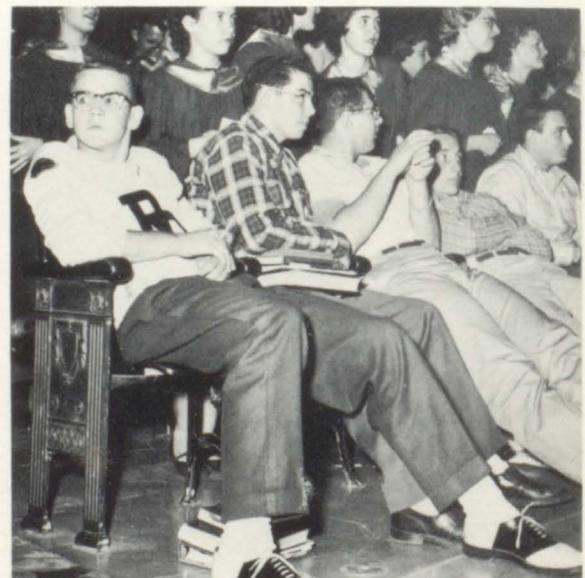
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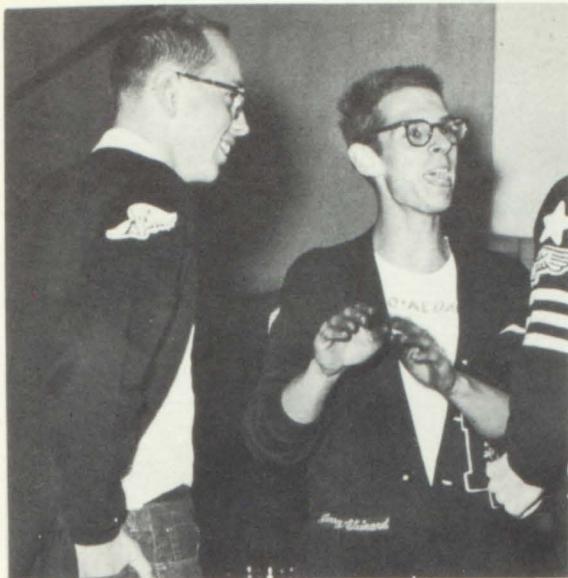
Punkin Head.



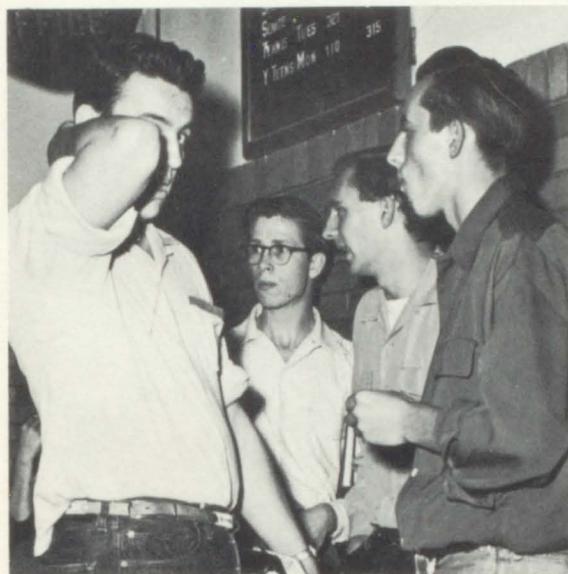
See how it's done, Girls.



At ease, boys.



Now, it was this way!!



Got an itch?



Is it good?



Is that your homeroom that's on the top?

## SNEAKY SNAPS



"I will leap upon these little wretches and tear them limb from limb!"



1-2-3-4



But I'm hungry.



Mmmm boy! these crowded classrooms.



Who, Me?



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That's the way it's done!!



You don't say!



Now, say pickles!!



Don't give me any of your lip.



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I wouldn't believe it!!!



Oh, yeah!!



Don't you dare!



I No-wana!



Now, it seems to me . . .



MMMMmmmm, Good!



Gayl Martin pushes magazine sales in homeroom 315. Left to right are Jane Lauer, Phil Eckert, Bob Buelter, George Denison, Dick Miller, Linda Kayes, Ruth Wickham, Rosalie Jump and Ruth Telford.

"And then I gave him a left jab," says Dick Bacik to Bob White, who appears interested.

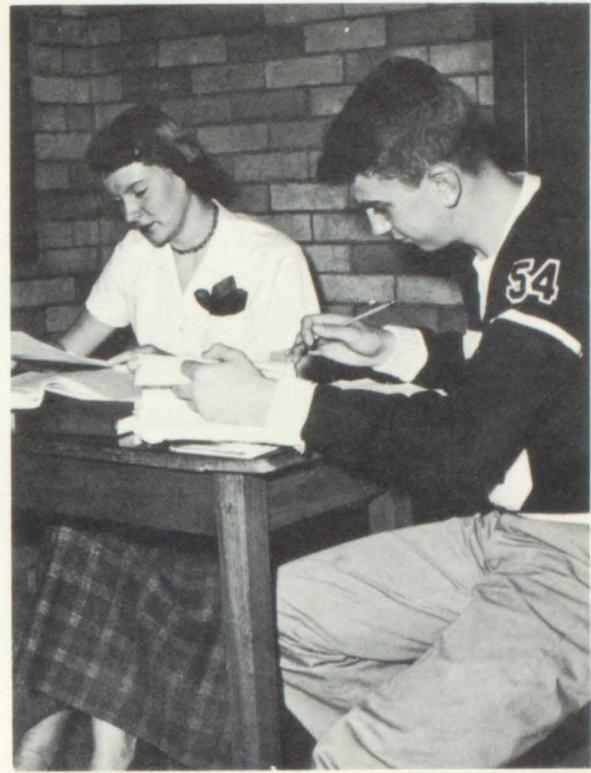


That must have been funny, because Judy Guest and Sandy Mills gave that special Pepsodent smile.





Herb Johnson seems to have monopolized all the conversation with Mary Lou Smith.



Betty Fries is intent on her homework and so is Hubert White, a strange thing at R. O. H. S.

The all-school party brings them out in droves, but the girls still have to dance with themselves "as the boys look on!"





The publicity committee completes its plans as Arlene Gibson, Pat Russell, Claudia Johnston, Lois Sample, Judy Meyer and Beverly Terry go over the posters.



Senate activity committee talks over its magazine drive. Left to right are Clyde Beck, Lester Lunsky, Shirley Forrest, Sally Kieran, Joyce Malin and Jim Stephen.

Seated are the officers of the Senate, Earl Spohn, Treasurer; Shirley Forrest, Secretary; Allen Stillwagon, President; Pat Russell, Vice President; Fred Mester, Parliamentarian; Standing are, Barbara Burton, Jim Stephen, Beverly Terry, Dick Daniels, Daisy Miller, Claudia Johnston, Sally Kieran, Clyde Beck, Joan Coulton, Al Bamsey, Judy Meyer, Lester Lunsky, Arlene Gibson, Dick Ulrich, Joyce Malin, Lois Sample, Gerry Frincke.



## STUDENT SENATE

The Senate in our school is the student governing body. It is a place where the students are given a chance to voice their opinions. Many bills are passed during the year and are brought up before Mr. Marks which enables him to understand some of the feelings of the students and the things they would like to do or have done. Their annual magazine sale has raised money for many new additions to the school. The senate also put on the Thanksgiving assembly, with the help of others, which is held every year in one of the theaters in Royal Oak. They have charge of the lunch patrol and are doing their best. We are one of the few schools that have a student government and I think we all should be proud of the way it has succeeded!



Mr. Feighner keeps the Girls' Choir busy rehearsing, as the intentness on their faces shows.

## VOCAL MUSIC

The music departments in our school consisting of Girls' Glee, Boys' Choir, Girls' Choir, and A Cappella which is mentioned later, have contributed a great deal to the reputation and spirit of our school. Every year the school looks forward to the fine performances put on by these three groups.

The Christmas Concert and Spring Concert are the two main events in which the music department co-operates as a whole. In the regional festival we have rated among the top. Members of these groups and the students of the high school feel that much of the recognition gained by these groups is due to the fine direction of Mr. Bruce Feighner.

Do, re, mi, fa, so goes the Boys' Choir during practice time.



Key belles of the Girls' Choir are Dixie Dooley, Pat Marinacci, Margaret Bennett and Joanne Vuillemot.





"I'm Gonna Wash that Man Right Out of My Hair" isn't the title of the Girls' Choir song, but it'll do.



The A Cappella waxed informal by singing "Jingle Bells" during September.



The magic hand appears in the right hand corner and the Boys' Choir follows faithfully.

## A CAPPELLA

The A Cappella choir is headed this semester by Loren Bouda as its president. The other officers include Nancy Scott, secretary, Bruce Scott, treasurer, and Don Smith, sergeant-at-arms. There are 95 members in the choir of whom 12 are graduating seniors. Our choir has been chosen to sing at the national biennial convention of the Music Educators National Conference in Chicago. This was quite an honor since there were only two High School



Heading the Boys' Choir as officers are from left to right: Dick Zickel, Ben Lewis, Bill Sternberg, Jim Green, and Marion Baker, accompanist.



A Cappella Choir's officers are: Loren Bouda, president, Bruce Scott, vice-president, Nancy Scott, secretary, and Don Smith, sgt.-at-arms.



## CHOIR

Choirs chosen throughout the nation. The choir will leave for Chicago on March 29, 1954. That afternoon enroute they will sing at the Niles High School. At 10:30 the next morning the choir will sing for the convention, and will arrive home by midnight the same day. Besides their trip they have contributed a lot to our school and I think we should be proud of them!



The A Cappella Choir is having a little relaxation before Mr. Feighner cracks the whip to start them on again with their rehearsal.

# ACORN



Looking the Acorn situation over standing from left to right are: Linda Kayes, Rose Ellen Cohen, Elaine Hansen; seated are Donna Daniels, Shirley Tenney, and Doris Griswold.



Enjoying the Acorn from left to right are: Jane Sherwood, Gertrude Fetzer, Sherry Hood, Virginia Voigt, Carolyn Preish and Judy Arnold.

Playing games on "Mr. Rosie" are the Acorn Staff members Cheryl Hubar, Judy Patton, Jim Coulter, and Dale Franz.



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At the right planning the latest Acorn are Ruth Mittelstadt, Gordon Ruscoe, John Lofgren, Barbara McClelland and Sondra Perkins.

The Acorn Staff assembled for once are seated left to right, Gordon Ruscoe, Jane Sherwood, Cheryl Hubar, Ruth Mittelstadt, Sondra Perkins, Barbara McClelland, John Lofgren; standing, Gertrude Fetzer, Judy Arnold, Dale Franz, Linda Kayes, Carolyn Preish, Elaine Hansen, Virginia Voight, Sherry Hood, Rose Ellen Cohen, Shirley Tenney, Donna Daniels, Judy Patton, Jim Coulter, and Doris Griswold.





The January 1954 Oak staff. They are front, left to right; Edith Perrich, Jan Spiller, Barb Burton, Gloria Carter, Margaret Bennett, Nancy Roulette; 2nd row; Liz Ware, Sahdy Mills, Pat Rocheleu, Diane Paradis, Cheryl Hubar, JoAnn Vuillemot, Barbara McGregor, Pat Stevens; Last row; Dick Ross, Betty Fries, Joyce Jansen, Marilyn Lau, Judy Guest, Joann Nederlof, Clare Bird, Carolyn Dodd, and Tom Sawyer.



# OAK STAFF

Left: Editor Barb Burton, and Asst. Editors, Betty Fries, Edith Perrich, and Dick Ross are discussing the plans for the January Oak.

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Ha! Ha! Ha! I've got a good one—as the names and quotes and wills and prophecies committee think of fiendish things to say about each other. Left to right, they are; Diane Paradis, Joyce Jansen, Marilyn Lau, Nancy Roulette and Barb McGregor.



"Of course, I bought my Oak," says Pat Stevens to Carolyn Dodd along with Margaret Bennett, Tom Sawyer, and Liz Ware. "Did you?"

Looking over the loot are from left to right; Joyce Malin, Pat Rocheleau, Shirley Forrest, and Marilyn Bearss, business manager.



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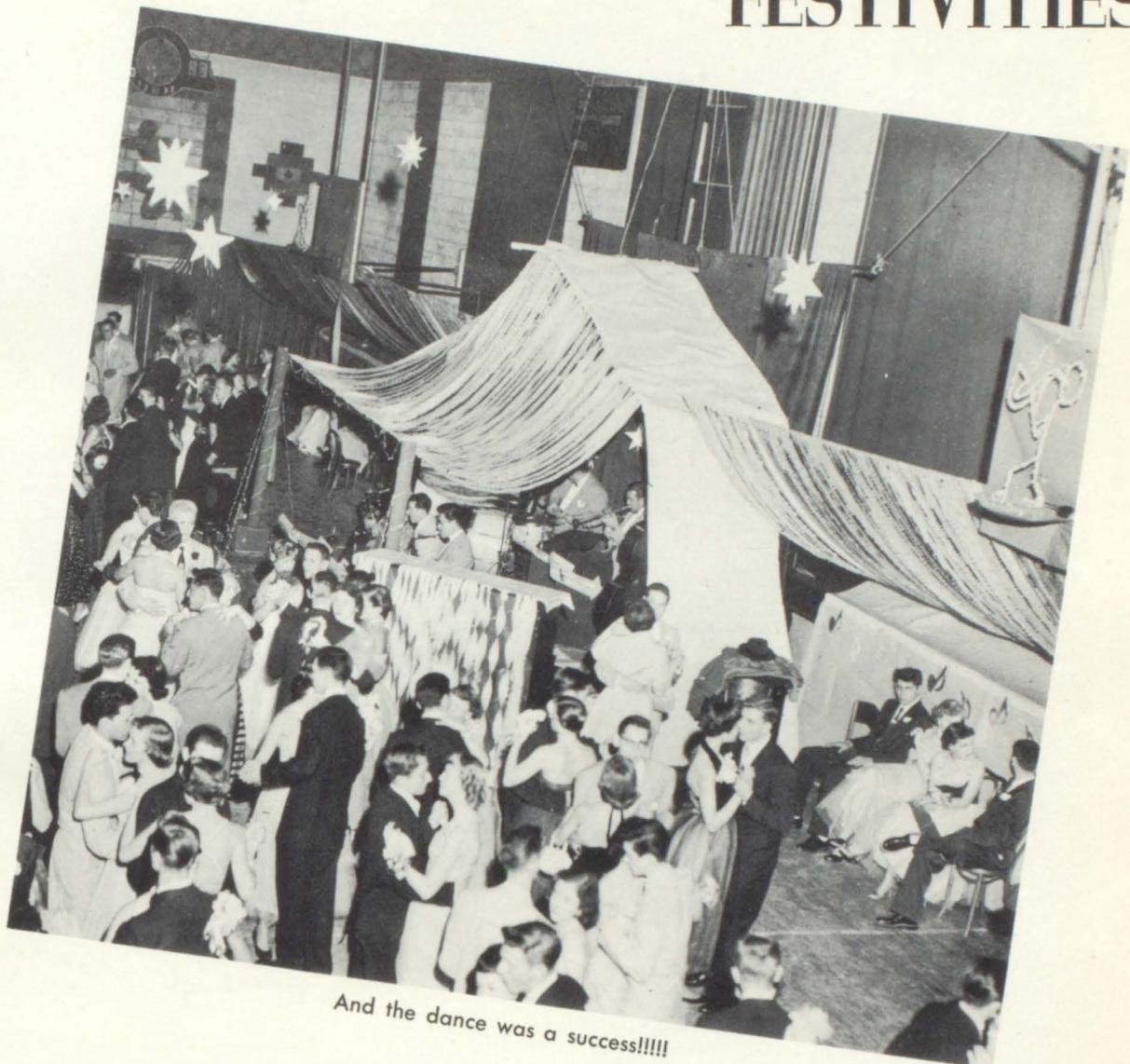


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