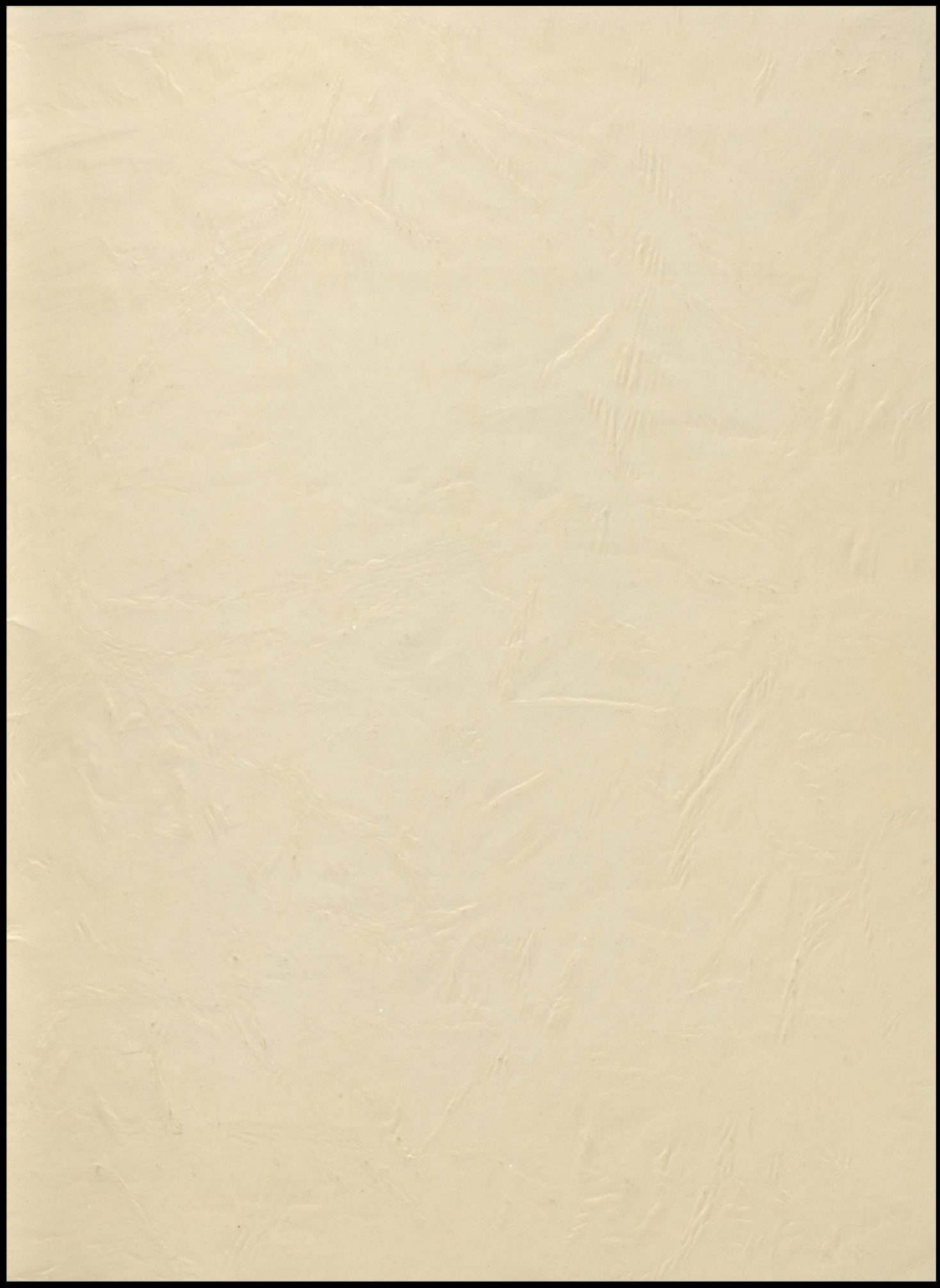


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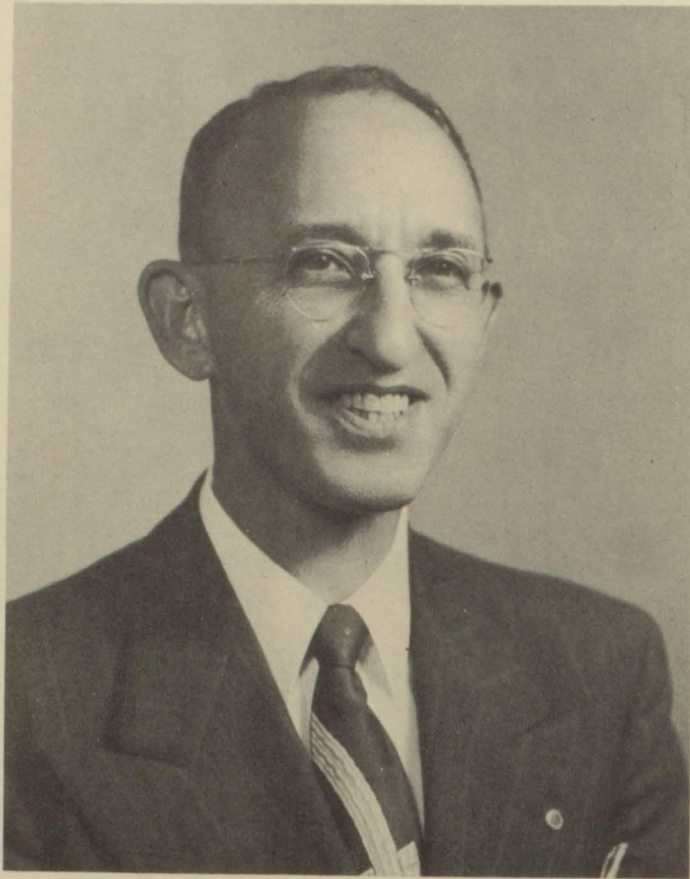




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COLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COLON, MICHIGAN

DEDICATION



ABRAHAM JAFFE

GIVING

A steady hand to point the way,
A firm resolve that does not sway,
An honest smile to light the day,
A welcome home that's here to stay.

He opened new and untried trails of courage and unlocked the doors to corridors of mental treasures, often mirrored on the mind and blossoming in new perfection in the heart.



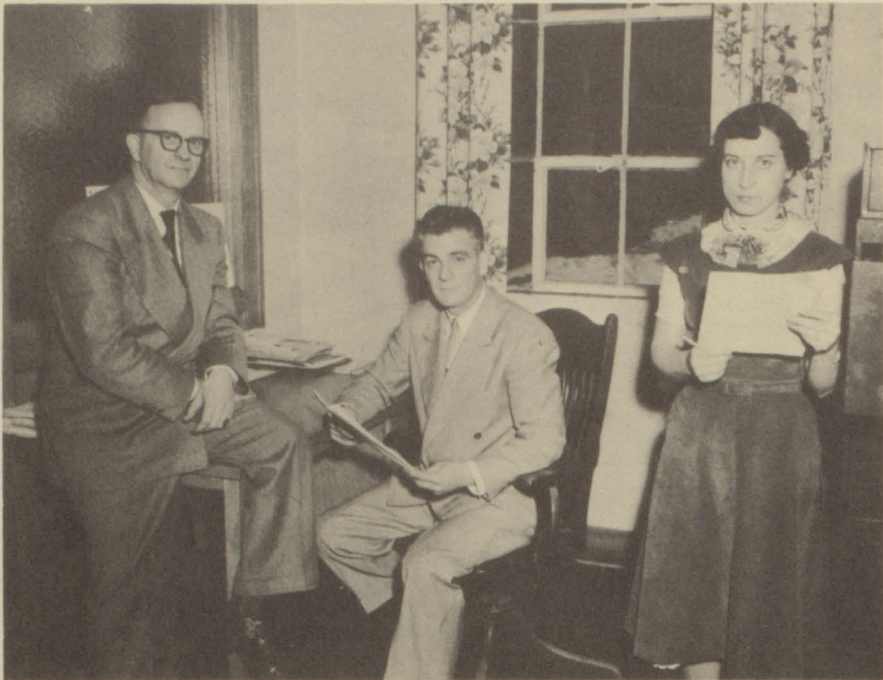
Colon High School

CLASS of 1951

- MONTÉ A. POWELL
- NORMAN C. DECKER
- VIOLET G. COATS
- JORENE J. CROY
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- RONALD E. DECKER
- ROGER H. DAVIS
- ROBERT R. SHARP
VICE PRESIDENT
- HARRY K. WAGNER
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- L. BURDETTE LEWIS
- NORMA R. RUSSELL
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- MARGARET E. JUDD
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- MARY ANN HAMMOND
SECRETARY
- M. LLOYD EASH
- JOHN W. MCKEE
- CHARLES R. THOMAS
- JOYCE A. WING
- ALICE M. IOBE
- W. H. JUDD
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- A. JAFFE
SUPERINTENDENT
- REX BEAN
ADVISOR
- N. RICHARD WEIDEMAN
- BARBARA M. CLIFFELL
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- LOUIS D. WEINBERG

MR. JAFFE'S LAST GRADUATING CLASS

Administration

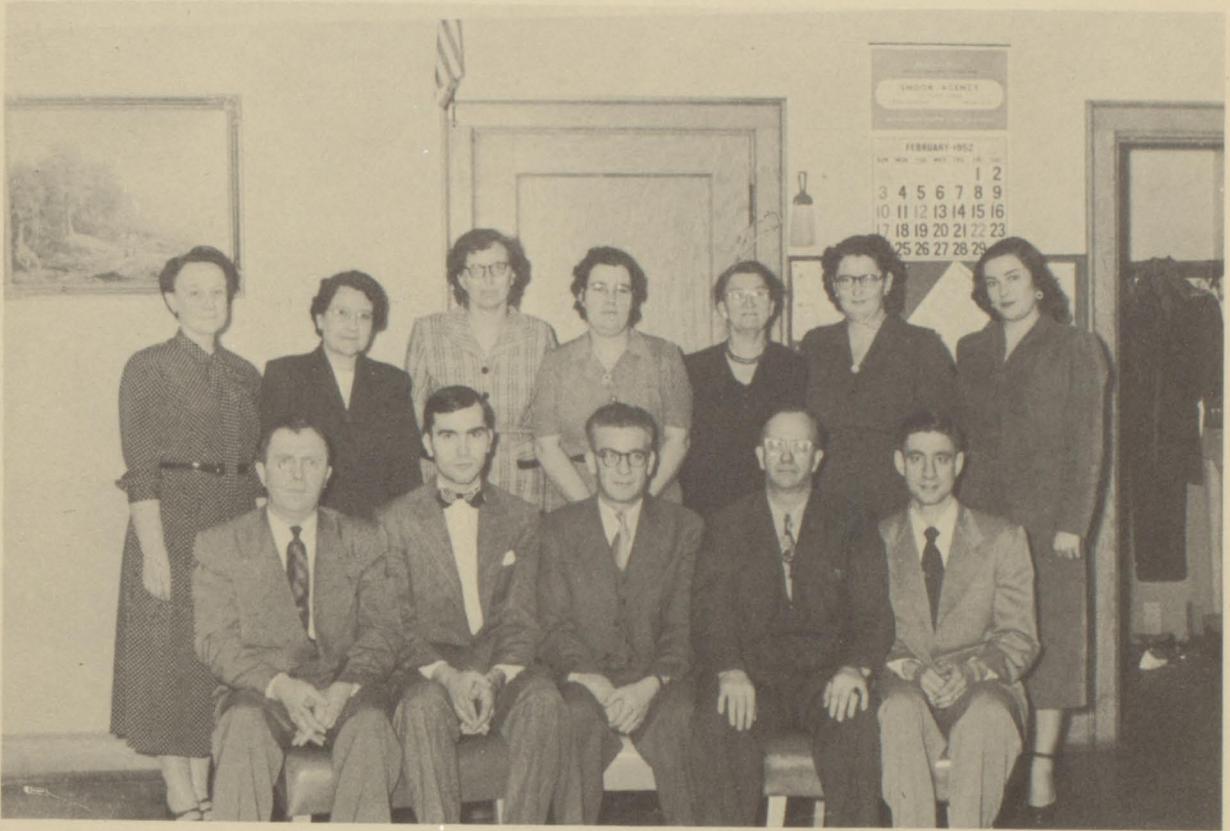


W.H. Judd, Principal Manley Van Voorhees, Superintendent Doris Perry, Secretary

Board of Education



Raymond Birch Frank Shellenbarger Charles Williams
Claude Oliver Doran Green



Faculty

Melvin Flowers: Band Leader extraordinary; Social Studies.

James Woodward: quiet, steady leadership; Social Studies; Coach.

Manley Van Voorhees, Superintendent: a genius at creating the important task for every student; always cheerful, considerate, and dependable.

W. H. Judd, Principal: firm, scholarly, his students excel; Mathematics and Science; Coach.

Earl Haight: Agriculture; diligent and progressive.

Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe: Librarian; co-operative, cultured, and discreet.

Mrs. Flora Amb: patient, friendly, able, and industrious; Commercial-History.

Mrs. Virginia Ash: capable organizer; generous and public spirited; a mother to the students; English and Latin.

Mrs. Margaret Gales: In His Service; versatile and calm; Art.

Miss Alice Grimes: world-traveled; Science and Mathematics; recognized in Public Relations.

Miss Wilma Ladyman: amiable leader, alert and understanding; Home Economics.

Miss Jeanne Gascoigne: Vocal Instructor; Glee Club; Operettas; Dramatics; enthusiastic and inspiring.



Student Council

1st Row: Larry Kinter, treasurer; Allan King, vice-president; Charles Nystrom, president; Carolyn Merrifield, secretary; W. H. Judd, advisor.

2nd Row: Ellen Swift, Mary Good, Richard Kane, Ronnie Ward, Duane Fenner, Tom Johnson.

The aim of the Student Council is to present to the Administration and the School Board the students' viewpoints on planning new customs or changing old ones. It is a clearing-house for all student problems and acts as a mediator in this field. It also acts as a board of control for regulating school functions, and it has the power to act as a jury when requested.



Annual Staff

1st Row: Larry Kinter, asst. business mgr.; Hugh Frisbie, business mgr.; Robert Nelson, editor; Gloria Weideman, asst. editor; Esther Eicher, head typist.

2nd Row: Mrs. Virginia Ash, English advisor; Ellen Swift, activities chairman; Dale Thrans; advertising mgr.; Peggy Van Deventer, snap-shot chairman; Nadine Michael, art editor; Mrs. Flora Ambs, annual advisor.

Typists: Marlene Hetletvedt, Peggy Van Deventer, Nadine Michael; Cora Lucas; Theresa Buchner.

Advertising Sales: Rosalie Leamon and Deloris Wondergem.

Reporters: Band, Carolyn Merrifield; Sports, Allan King; FFA, Leonard Burnham; Prom, Sylvia Bokhart; Latin Club, Nancy Decker; Junior play, Beverly Taylor; Senior play, Dolores Denney; Colon Hi News, Marjorie Nystrom.

Advertising Art: Art Class and Mrs. Gales.

Our aims in publishing an annual have been to provide a permanent record, to gain a broader outlook on the school system, to keep our standards high, to acquire executive ability, and to learn to do detail work of a precision nature. We have learned some new things about lithography, art, photography, and typing.

We have a staff of assistants whom we hope will benefit by our experience and do a better job next year.



Library

Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe, Librarian

1st Row; Carol Ann Jacobs, Marlene Hetletvedt, Rosalie Leamon, Phyllis Case,

2nd Row: Ethal Trefry, Carol Schrader, Sylvia Bokhart, Marlene Wood, Carol Munger, Margie Williams, Marjorie Nystrom.

Judith Mumby

Ellen Swift

Our librarian, with her staff of trained student librarians, conducts one of the most helpful departments in our school. Teaching is done along every line where help is requested; classes are taught in how to use the library; and assignments in actual class work in various subjects are taken into the library and taught by her. In addition, tutoring, securing materials, explaining their uses, and locating information are done under her supervision.

Our librarian organized the present library which contains over 1000 carefully selected books and 160 film strips.



Alumni

1st Row: Patricia Burke, Alumni secretary; Miss Alice Grimes, secretary-treasurer, educational fund; Jay Peters, legal advisor, educational fund, inset.

2nd Row: Jerry Davis, president, educational fund; Wilfred Wing, Alumni Vice-president; Calvin Wagner, Alumni president; Rose Jackson, treasurer, Alumni.

Colon now has an Alumni Educational Fund. Under the capable planning and dispatch of Miss Alice Grimes and her committee, over a thousand dollars was raised last year. The grateful appreciation of the student body is extended to Miss Grimes for her thoughtfulness and care and for the excessive time and effort she has given.

At the Alumni meeting last June, Mr. Jerry Davis was elected president of the educational fund to succeed Miss Grimes. Plans are now under way to increase the fund each year and to select the best manner of handling the money.

We wish to give special recognition to the following high contributors: Vern French, in memory of his wife, Mildred French, class of 1902; and Mrs. Lucy Wilder Strunk, who died last summer.

Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe



Cooks

Mrs. Edna Ambs, cook; Betty Lou Jacobs; Barbara Wehrly; Miss Wilma Ladyman, advisor; Mrs. Cora Bonham, cook; Nancy Nichols; Doris Hackenburg; Phyllis Case.

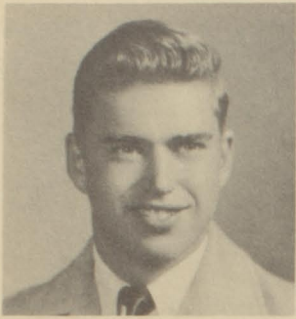


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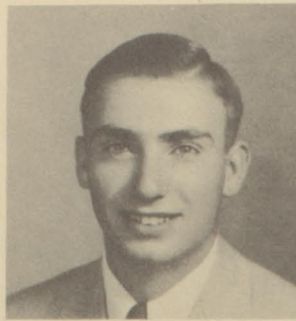
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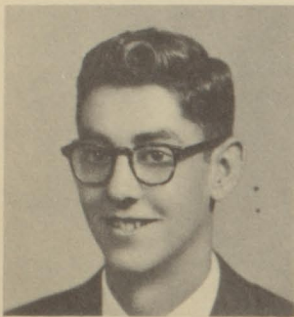
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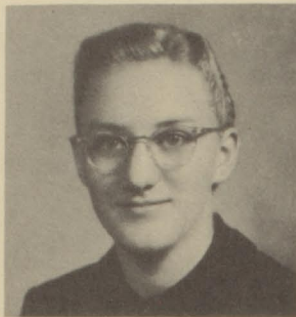
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Theresa Buchner



Leonard Burnham



Anna Carpenter



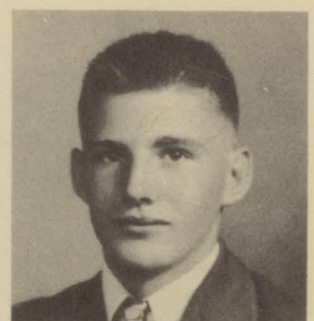
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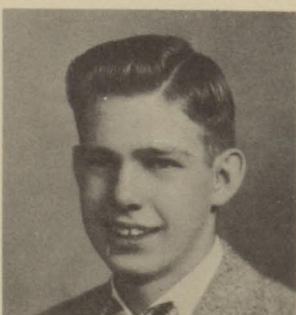
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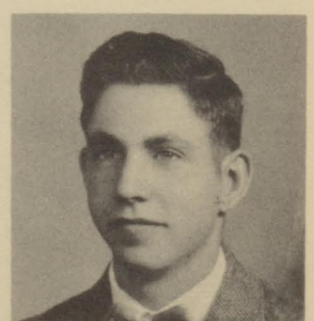
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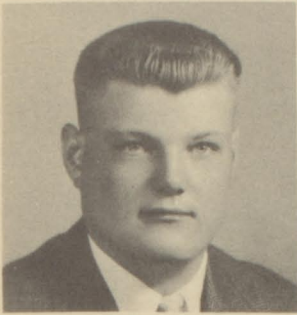
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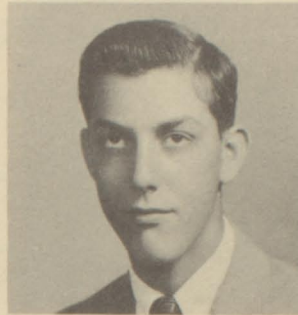
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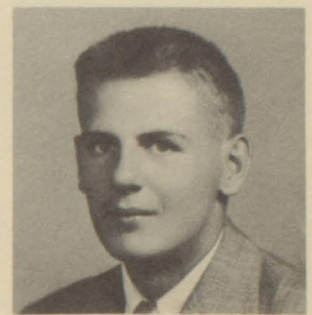
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Ivan Kasdorf



Rosalie Leamon



Cora Lucas



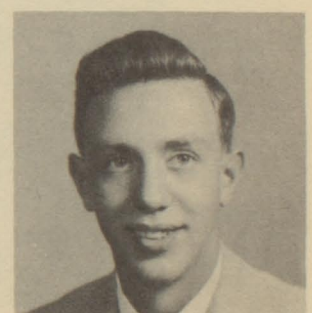
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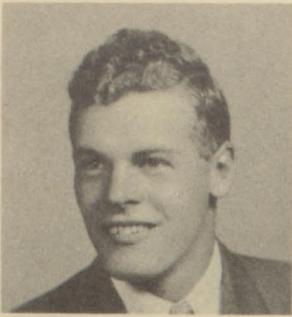
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Carol Munger



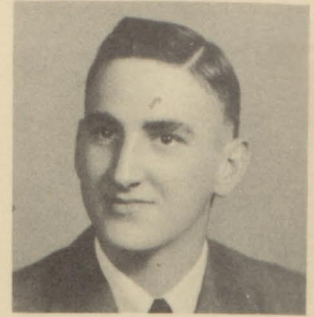
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Charles Nystrom



Marjorie Nystrom



Robert Saxman



Doris Stuart



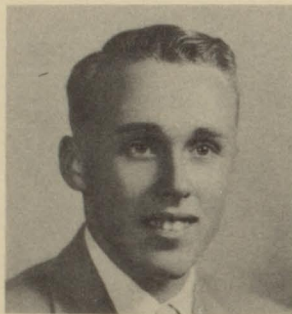
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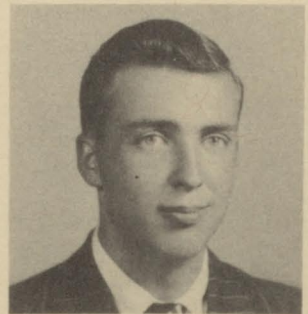
Dale Thrams



Peg Van Deventer



Ansel Wattles



Tracy Weinberg



Margie Williams



Deloris Wondergem

Honors and Services

- MARJORIE NYSTROM: Valedictorian. Editor, Colon Hi News; Latin Club; D.A.R. Pilgrim; librarian, 2 yrs.
- NADINE MICHAEL: Salutatorian. Band, 4 yrs.; drum majorette, 2 yrs.; Chorus 2 yrs.; Operetta, 2 yrs.; Junior play cast; Senior play cast; Annual Art Editor; teachers' secretary; class reporter; school artist; Y-Teen-member, 4 yrs.; president; program chairman; queen's court; 4-H Leader; delegate to White House Youth Conference. "Deanie."
- CHARLES NYSTROM: Class president, 5 yrs.; Student Council--president; vice-president; member, 5 yrs.; Athletics--Football, varsity, 2 yrs.; reserves; Basketball--reserve squad; Baseball, 2 yrs.; Athletic Association, assistant treasurer; ticket salesman, 2 yrs. FFA--member, 2 yrs.; secretary; delegate; Leadership Training Camp, Battle Creek; public speaker, Battle Creek; delegate, White House Youth Conference; Senior play cast; honor student. "Chuck"
- ROBERT NELSON: Intermediate Band; Editor, Annual; radio recorder; sports recorder; sports reporter; monitor, 2 yrs. Honor Student. "Bob."
- MARLENE HETLETVEDT: Chorus, 2 yrs.; Operetta, 2 yrs.; pianist and accompanist; Band, 4 yrs.; reporter. Student Council, 2 yrs.; secretary. Co-editor Colon Hi News; office secretary; Prom toastmistress; teachers' secretary; Senior play cast. Honor Student.
- ANNA CARPENTER: Latin Club; teachers' secretary; monitor; librarian, 2 yrs.; Honor Student.
- DALE THRAMS: Vice-president, 3 yrs.; Band 3 1/2 yrs.; advertising mgr. Annual Staff; business mgr.; Junior play; Basketball--reserves, 3 yrs.; Football, mgr., 3 yrs.; Baseball, varsity, 3 yrs. "Peewee." Honor Student.
- ESTHER EICHER: Junior play cast; Latin Club, 2 yrs.; Colon Hi News, art editor; Annual Staff, head typist; school artist; teachers' secretary; office secretary; monitor. Honor Student.
- JUDITH MUMBY: Band, 4 yrs.; Chorus, 2 yrs.; Junior play cast; Senior play cast; class secretary; librarian, 2 yrs.; Y-Teen-member, 4 yrs.; queen's court; secretary, 2 yrs.; Colon Hi News, typist; Asst. Band editor; teachers' secretary. Honor Student. "Judy."
- DORIS STUART: Band, 3 yrs.; Carnival queen; Latin Club--president, secretary; Operetta, 2 yrs.; Chorus, 2 yrs.; class secretary-treasurer. Honor Student.
- ROBERT BELOTE: Junior vice-president; Junior Carnival king; Baseball--3 yrs.; Football, varsity, 4 yrs.; Baseball, reserves; FFA, member 2 yrs.; treasurer; Basketball, manager.
- JACK BENNETT: Usher Club, 2 yrs.; Junior play cast; Senior play cast; Baseball; Football, 3 yrs.; FFA, member, 2 yrs.; reporter.
- THERESA PERRIN BUCHNER: Band, 4 yrs.; Chorus, 2 yrs.; Colon Hi News Staff; Annual Staff; Junior play cast; monitor; Operetta, 2 yrs.; teachers' secretary.
- LEONARD BURNHAM: FFA, president, 2 yrs.; FFA News, advisor; Football, varsity 2 yrs.; reserves, 1 yr.; Basketball, varsity, 3 yrs.; Baseball, varsity 1 yr.; reserves, 1 yr. "Burdie."
- DOLORES DENNEY: Band, 4 yrs.; Latin Club, 2 yrs.; Chorus; Capt., Volley Ball Team; Senior class reporter; Latin Club reporter; Annual reporter. "Dolly."
- DORIS DENNEY: Band, 4 yrs.; Latin Club; Capt., Volley Ball Team; Senior play.
- IRVEN EICHOLTZ: Football, varsity, 2 yrs.; Baseball, varsity, 3 yrs.; Basketball, varsity, 1 yr.; reserves, 3 yrs.; FFA, member, 1 yr.
- LEON FRENCH: Football, varsity, 2 yrs.; reserves, 1 yr.; football manager, basketball manager; FFA, member, 2 yrs.; monitor.
- PEGGY VAN DEVENTER: Band, 4 yrs.; Chorus, 2 yrs.; Junior play; Senior play; Colon Hi News; Student Council; ~~Chess~~ leader, 4 yrs.; Y-Teens, 4 yrs., reporter; Operetta, 2 yrs.; librarian, Annual Staff; Jr. reporter; teachers' typist.

HUGH FRISBIE: Baseball, varsity, 4 yrs.; Basketball, varsity, 1 yr.; reserves; 3 yrs.; Football, varsity, 4 yrs.; Junior play cast; Senior play cast; class treasurer, 2 yrs.; Prom toastmaster; business mgr., Annual; Colon Hi News.

ROBERT GRAMS: Baseball, 1 yr.; FFA, member, 1 yr.

LYMAN GROTH: FFA, member, 2 yrs.; Football, varsity, 2 yrs.; reserves, 1 yr.; Baseball, reserves, 1 yr.; manager, 1 yr.; Band, 2 yrs.; Senior play cast.

ROBERT HARTMAN: Chorus, 2 yrs.; Band, 4 yrs.; Baseball, 2 yrs.

MARY HUGHES: Chorus, 2 yrs.; Operetta, 1 yr.; Home Ec Fashion Show; librarian.

KENNETH JACKSON: Football, 1 yr.; FFA, member, 2 yrs.; Senior play; "Ken."

IVAN KASDORF: Basketball, varsity, 2 yrs.; reserves, 2 yrs.; Baseball, varsity 3 yrs.; teachers' secretary; FFA News Staff; FFA typist; Senior play cast.

ROSALIE LEAMON: Glee Club, 4 yrs.; Chorus, 2 yrs., president; Operetta, 2 yrs.; Junior play; Annual--reporter, Adv. agent, sales; Ushers Club, 2 yrs.; Colon Hi News; librarian, 2 yrs.; head librarian; Latin Club; teachers' secretary.

CORA LUCAS: Carnival queen; class secretary; Colon Hi News; Latin Club, 2 yrs.

CAROL MUNGER: Usher, 3 yrs.; head usher; Chorus, 2 yrs.; Band, 3 yrs.; Senior play cast; Junior play cast; Latin Club, 2 yrs.; librarian, 1 yr.; monitor.

ROBERT SAXMAN: FFA, member, 2 yrs; FFA, Basketball, 2 yrs.; FFA News Staff; Junior play cast; Senior play cast; Football, reserves, 2 yrs.; Baseball, 2 yrs.

ANSEL WATTLES: Band, 4 yrs.; FFA, 1 yr.; Annual, photography committee.

TRACY WEINBERG: FFA, member, 2 yrs.; reporter, 2 yrs.; FFA News, Editor; Band, 3 yrs.; Chorus, 2 yrs.; radio announcer; Junior play cast.

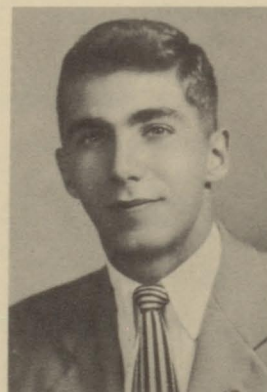
MARGIE WILLIAMS: Band, 4 yrs.; Junior play cast; Chorus, 2 yrs.; Y-Teens 4 yrs.; librarian; Latin Club, 2 yrs.; Senior play cast.

DELORIS WONDERGEM: Chorus, 4 yrs.; Colon Hi News; Annual, advertising and sales agent.



Vernalee Henry

Graduates at Mio,
Michigan



Jules Abbott

Joined the Marines
in February

Senior Class History

The class of '52 started out with forty-six members as "Freshies." The first class officers elected were Charles Nystrom, president; Dale Thrams, vice-president; Doris Stuart, secretary-treasurer; and Peg Van Deventer, Student Council member. Leonard Burnham and Nadine Michael were chosen candidates for the Carnival king and queen. Audra Babcock left us during the last semester.

We accepted our initiation stunts willingly and completed the task of scrubbing the front sidewalk and steps with our toothbrushes, soap, and water. The girls wore long underwear, and the boys wore baby clothes and carried bottles. About a month after we recovered, we gave the Sophomores a return party. Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe was our advisor.

Our sophomore year found us forty-two studious "kids" ready for the long climb to become Juniors. We elected Charles Nystrom as our president; Bob Belote, vice-president; Maxine Hawver, secretary; Jules Abbott, treasurer; Marlene Hetletvedt, Student Council member; and Nadine Michael, reporter. Walter Noga, Jack Kime, Charlene Lamb and Esther Rodgers left us during the last semester. Richard Davis and Doris Stuart were our candidates for Carnival king and queen. Incidentally, they won. In the month of October, we initiated the Freshies of '53. Miss Wilma Ladyman was our advisor.

As we entered our junior year, Charles Nystrom again took over the duties of president. Dale Thrams was vice-president; Judy Mumby, secretary; Hugh Frisbie, treasurer; Marlene Hetletvedt, Student Council member; and Peg Van Deventer, reporter. Omer Bontrager, Richard Davis, and Betty Droke did not enroll in 1950. Richard Day, Jim Kelley, and Joyce Burnham left us during the first semester, and Cora Lucas joined us the last semester.

On November 8, we gave our Junior Play, "Good Night Ladies," directed by Mrs. Virginia Ash. Dolores Denney was our candidate for Hallowe'en queen and served on the queen's court. For our Junior-Senior Reception, the gym was decorated with a Paris version of "Stairway to the Stars." Bob Belote and Cora Lucas were our candidates for Carnival king and queen. Mrs. Flora Ambs was our class advisor.

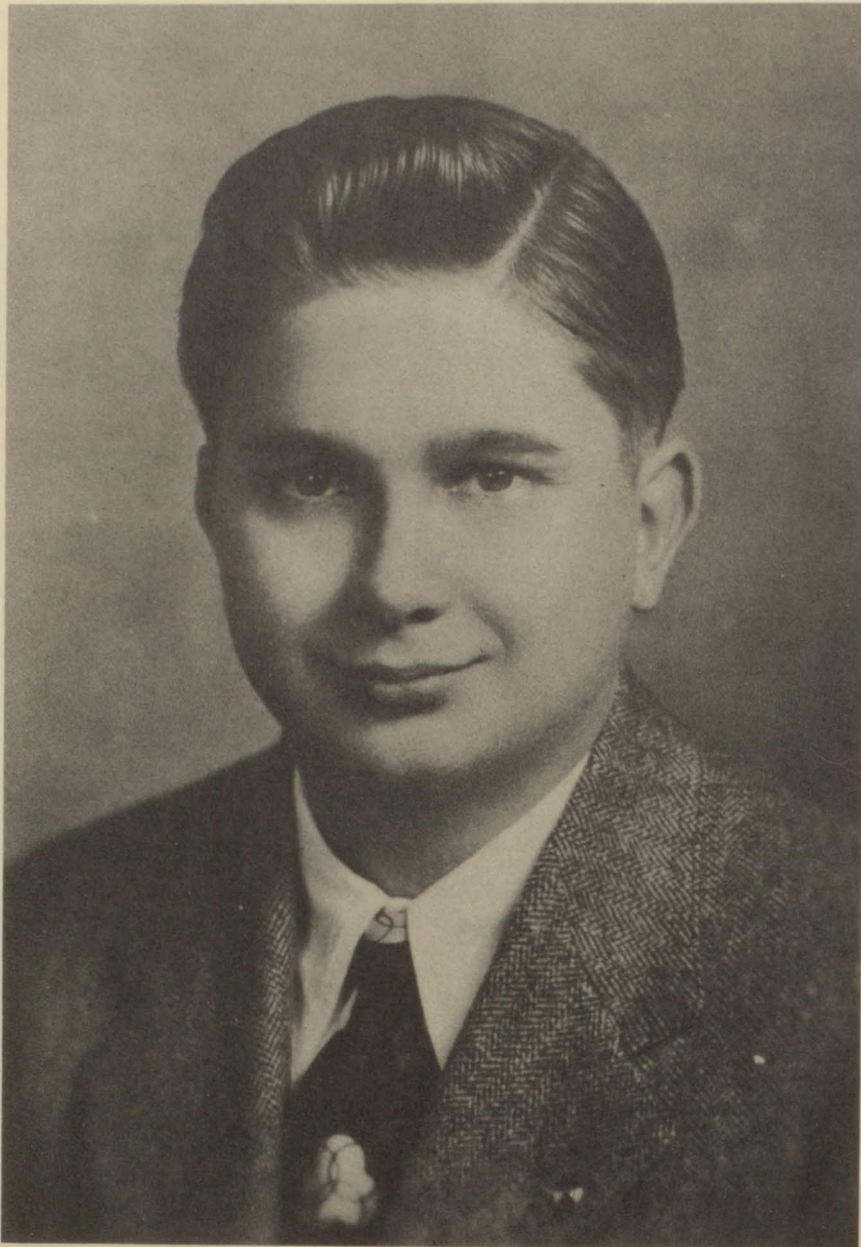
We began our senior year with thirty-nine students. Ellen Swift, Eileen Claspell, Vernalee Henry, and Gordon Jackson came to us at the beginning of the year. Charles Nystrom was given the honor of serving as president for the fourth time. Dale Thrams repeated as vice-president. Other officers were Eileen Claspell, secretary; Hugh Frisbie, treasurer; Ellen Swift, Student Council member; and Dolores Denney, reporter. Cora Lucas was our Hallowe'en queen. Marjorie Nystrom was our D. A. R. Pilgrim. Maxine Hawver did not enroll for the senior year. Before the semester was over, Eileen Claspell left us, and Cora Lucas replaced her as secretary. Gordon Jackson also left us. Vernalee Henry returned to her home in Mio at the close of the first semester. During the last semester, Jules Abbott, who began school with us in the Kindergarten, joined the Marine Corps.

Our senior play, with Miss Jeanne Gascoigne as director, was "Cheaper by the Dozen." We presented the Senior Carnival on April 25. Our senior trip was scheduled for Washington, D.C. Mr. James Woodward, our senior advisor, and his wife accompanied us. We earned the money for our trip by candy sales, bake goods sales, skating parties, dances, a movie at the Avalon, penny suppers, the sale of Magi pins, and our two plays.

Our class was the first class to publish an Annual in twenty-three years. We joined with the Student Council in making changes in the established order of the Junior-Senior Reception. We graduated in forest green and white gowns rather than the usual royal blue. Our class colors were forest green and white, our class flower was the gardenia, and our class motto was "Today We Follow, Tomorrow We Lead."

Our Commencement speaker was Dr. Willis Dunbar of Western Michigan College of Education, and our pastor, who delivered the Baccalaureate sermon, was the Reverend Andrew Christopherson of the Baptist Church.

In Memoriam



DALE THRAMS

Senior Honor Student

Died March 1, 1952



UNDERCLASSMEN



Juniors

1st Row: Nancy Decker; Mildred Jackson; Jerome Pattison; John Wickey; Marilyn Fenner; Gaye Bradford; Carolyn Merrifield.

2nd Row: Mrs. Flora Ambs; Sylvia Bokhart; Marlene Wood; Gloria Weiderman; Sarah Hildebrand; Dona Hoekzema.

3rd Row: Larry Kinter; Gerald Nichols; Joe Swonk; Morris French; Richard Hartman; John Schull; Dale Eash; Kenneth Robbins.

President.....Larry Kinter
 Vice-president.....Morris French
 Secretary.....Nancy Decker
 Treasurer.....Gerald Nichols
 Student Council...Carolyn Merrifield
 Reporter.....Beverly Taylor
 Advisor.....Mrs. Flora Ambs



Sophomores

- 1st Row: Harold Belote; Helen Masters; Nancy Nichols; Patricia Noga; Linda Bowerman; Judy Swonk; Ilene Swift; Doris Hackenburg; Gloria Rhine-smith; Mary Good.
- 2nd Row: Lillian Williams; Janis Michael; Carol Schrader; Daisy Mae French; Barbara Wehrly; Kathryn Mc Kee; Edna Carpenter; Velma Bontrager; Phyllis Case; Lorraine Noga; Miss Wilma Ladyman.
- 3rd Row: Richard Hill; Jack Barker; Joe Hughes; Richard Nichols; Max Eberhard; Maxine Harrison; Allan King; Arlon King; James Ryan; Gloria Moyer; Leslie Schrader; Betty Lou Jacob.
- 4th Row: John Nystrom; Leroy Miller; Duane Green; Lyle Ware; Jerry Baughman; Robert Oliver; Oliver Parlin; Lynn Ross; John Yeatter; Bernard Saxman; Clarice Higgins; David Taylor.

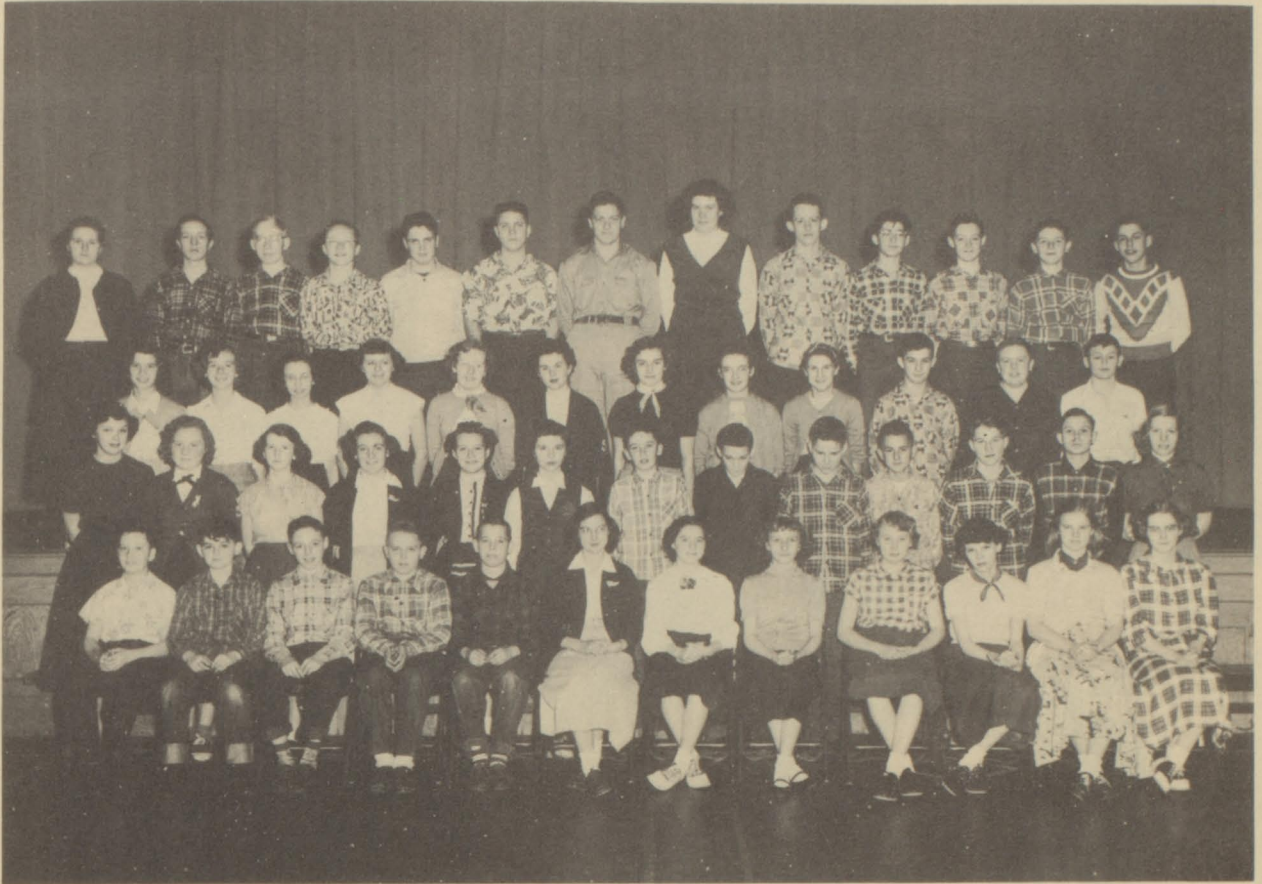
President.....Allan King
 Vice-president.....Arlon King
 Secretary.....Leroy Miller
 Treasurer.....John Nystrom
 Student Council.....Mary Good
 Reporter.....Patricia Noga
 Advisor.....Miss Wilma Ladyman



Freshmen

- 1st Row: Larry Campbell; Ann Wattles; Donna Teeple; Carol Wood; Helen Wondergem; Vera Shannon; Mary Lou Thrams; Marna Taylor.
- 2nd Row: Larry Bryan; Joyce Heath; Florence Merrifield; Marion Nystrom; Laura McClish; Ethal Trefry; Sydney Abbott.
- 3rd Row: Carol Jacob; Nancy Quinn; Duane Fenner; Junior Drumhiller; Earl Eicher; Constance Ash; Allen Decker; Kenneth Long.
- 4th Row: Milton Letts; Wanda Inman; Edna Stewart; Richard Kane; Dale Soper; Kenneth Inman; Thomas Fredenburg; Paul Wagaman; Sheila Bond; Carol Orchel, absent.

President.....Richard Kane
 Vice-president....Florence Merrifield
 Secretary.....Carol Wood
 Treasurer.....Paul Wagaman
 Student Council.....Duane Fenner
 Reporter.....Ann Wattles
 Advisor.....Mrs. Virginia Ash



Eighth Grade

1st Row: Marden Hinkley; Charles Draime; Lee Belote; Dawayne Holtz; Gerald Thrams; Viola Drake; Sharon Wehrly; Marilyn Abbott; Rae Bradford; Alice Stuck; Lillian Salter; Beverly Weinberg.

2nd Row: Sandra Stuck; Roberta Osbon; Wilma Warkentine; Elizabeth VanVoorhees; Lillian Hinkley; Linda Frink; Kenneth Hurley; Donald Oliver; Gerald Truckey; Bill Teadt; William Truckey; Richard Walters; Marcia Templin.

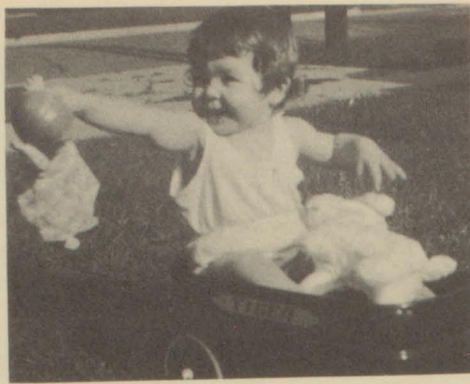
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4th Row: Elsie Hostetler; John Jackson; Lee Webb; Roger Phelps; Richard Lucas; James Hilmer; Milton Henry; Barbara Brandt; Richard Bower; Peter Hoekzema; Ronald Ward; Larry Bowerman; Thomas Johnson.

President.....Ronald Ward
 Vice-president.....Roger Phelps
 Secretary.....Jo Anne Swonk
 Treasurer.....Viola Drake
 Student Council.....Thomas Johnson
 Reporter.....Patricia Geering
 Advisor.....Miss Alice Grimes



Margie



Peg



Sarah



Dick



Flo



Dee and Helen



Arlon, Allen, Peg, Joan, Hugh



Ken and Maxine



Dave, Morrie, Jon, Jules, Ar, Al,
Carolyn, Joan, Peg, Rhoda.



Lillian



Flo and Carol



Deanie



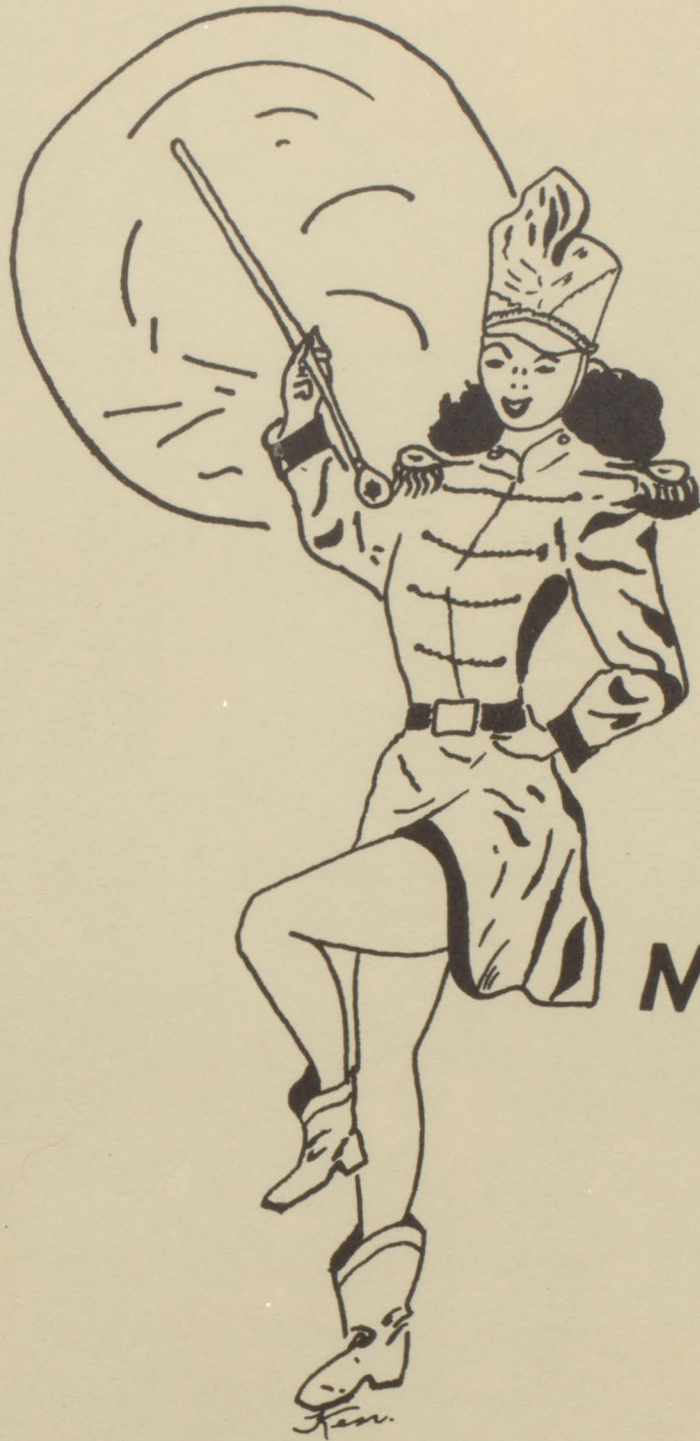
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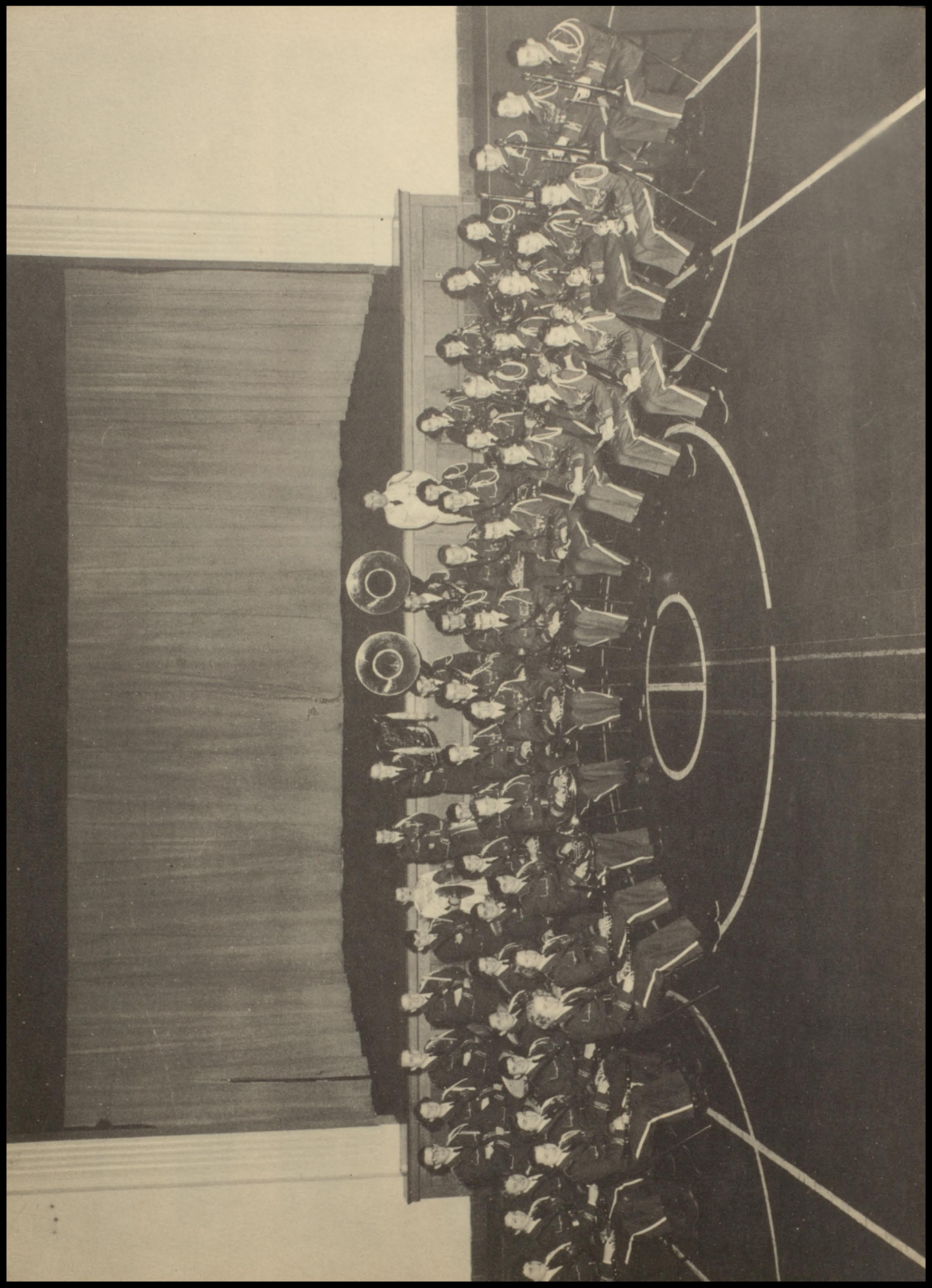
Hugh and Peg



Larry



MUSIC



Band

1st Row: Gaye Bradford, Nadine Michael, Theresa Buchner, Gloria Moyer, Marlene Wood, Carolyn Merrifield, Florence Merrifield, Carol Cupp, Ann Wattles, Marlene Hetletvedt.

2nd Row: Judy Mumby, Peg Van Deventer, Allan King, Richard Hill, Mary Good, Dale Thrans, Carol Wood, Arlon King, Ronald Ward, James Ryan, Tracy Weinberg, Lyman Groth, Robert Oliver, Marden Hinkley, Lee Webb, Marilyn Abbott, Roger Phelps, Kathryn McKee, Doris Stuart.



Janice James

3rd Row: Dona Hoekzema, Carol Schrader, Rae Bradford, Leslie Schrader, Robert Hartman, Connie Ash, Margie Williams, Karen Cupp, Gloria Weiderman, Janice Michael, Jerry Baughman, Lynn Ross, Richard Kane.

4th Row: Larry Kinter, Doris Denney, Ansel Wattles, James Frisbie, Charles Draime, Janice James, Lillian Williams, Carol Mungen, Mr. Melvin Flowers, Director.



Nadine Michael

Band

The Colon High School Band is an organization of great interest to the student body and to the community. About one-third of the high school students are members. With their gay red and white uniforms, decorated with medals earned in past performances, they make a striking picture. They always add to the spirit and enthusiasm of any function which they attend. It is a real joy to be a member and to participate in the many occasions which add so much to a student's feeling of achievement.

During the school year, the band is associated with school activities and occasional services such as Memorial Day. During the summer months, the band presents a series of open-air concerts for the community, which are well attended. The contributions received at these Wednesday evening concerts are used for refreshments for the band members.

The band is under the direction of Mr. Melvin Flowers, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Western Michigan College of Education and has been with us for sixteen years. Mr. Flowers organized the band and has raised it to its present high standing. He has been assisted by the Band Parents Club. This club was first organized in 1938 with Mrs. Ellis Lake as president. After being inactive for several years, the club was re-organized in 1948. Mr. Robert Mumby was elected president at this time. Money was raised for the purchase of the new uniforms and instruments. At the present time, Mr. Edwin Hill is president of the organization.

Among this year's activities was a performance at the St. Joseph County Fair at Centreville, September 24, on which occasion the band received an A plus rating. This exhibit included marching formations of "Hi," a cake, a barrel, a cross, and a clock. The same exhibition was given at the South Western Michigan Band and Orchestra Marching Festival, at Coldwater, on October 19, where an A rating was awarded.

On February 23, the band participated in the District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Kalamazoo; on March 28, in the District Band and Orchestra Festival; on April 5, in the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Jackson; and on April 26, the State Band and Orchestra Festival was held at East Lansing.

Student-leaders for the year were Dale Thrans, president; Doris Stuart, vice-president; and Marlene Hetletvedt, reporter.

Carolyn Merrifield, Annual Reporter

District Solo and Ensemble Festival at Kalamazoo February 23

Firsts: Trombone Trio, Dick Kane, Jerry Baughman, Lynn Ross; Brass Octet, Mary Good, Richard Hill, Arlon King, Ronnie Ward, Jerry Baughman, Lynn Ross, Larry Bowerman; Cornet, Ronnie Ward; Trombone, Dick Kane.

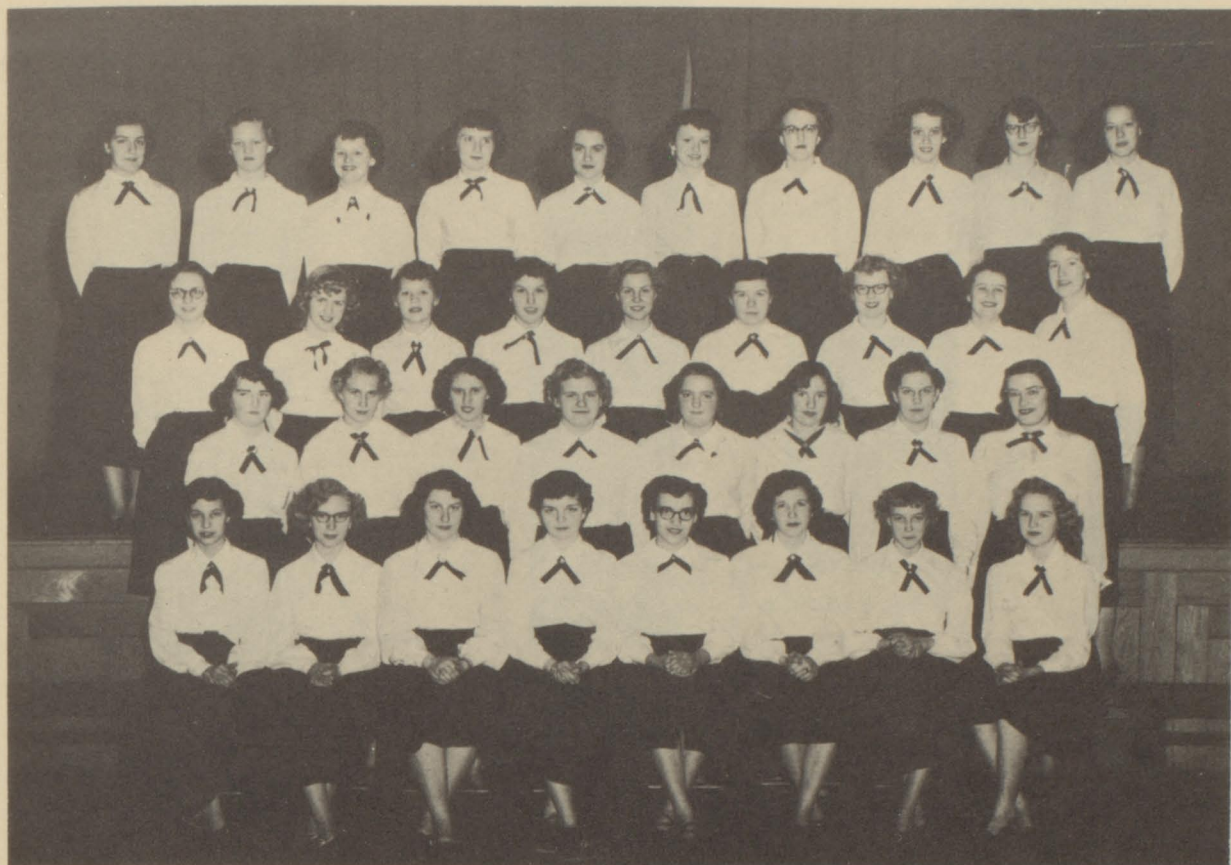
Seconds: Brass Quartet, Carol Wood, Gloria Weiderman, Jim Ryan, Lynn Ross; Clarinet, Gaye Bradford; Cornet, Richard Hill.

Thirds: Mixed Clarinet Quartet, Carolyn Merrifield, Gaye Bradford, Marlene Wood; Nadine Michael; Jr. Clarinet Quartet, Coleen Phelps, Esther Oldenburg; Christie Freeland; Rae Bradford; Baritone saxophone, Margie Williams; Twirler, Virginia Kay Hill.

Fourth: B-Flat Quartet, Peg Van Deventer, Dona Hoekzema, Gaye Bradford, Allan King.



Eileen Claspell
Graduates at Muncie,
Indiana



Girls Glee Club

- 1st Row: Nancy Nichols, Helen Masters, Rosalie Leamon, Linda Bowerman, Ellen Swift, Carol Wood, Vera Shannon, Helen Wondergem.
- 2nd Row: Judy Swonk, Daisy French, Laura McClish, Ilene Swift, Barbara Wehrly, Joyce Heath, Deloris Wondergem, Miss Jeanne Gascoigne.
- 3rd Row: Marilyn Fenner, Marna Taylor, Patricia Noga, Marian Nystrom, Doris Hackenburg, Phyllis Case, Maxine Harrison, Ethal Trefry, Clarice Higgins.
- 4th Row: Carol Ann Jacobs, Gloria Moyer, Lorraine Noga, Connie Ash, Nancy Quinn Sheila Bond, Sarah Hildebrand, Lillian Williams, Wanda Inman, Edna Stewart. Absent Members: Mary Lou Thrans, Donna Teeple, Beverley Taylor.

The Glee Club and Band gave a Christmas concert which included tableaux portraying scenes from the Bible. Two broadcasts were given over WSTR. "Slip of the Slipper" was the Operetta chosen for the annual production.



Mrs. Frisbie



Miss Pearson



Mrs. Wattles



Mrs. Flowers



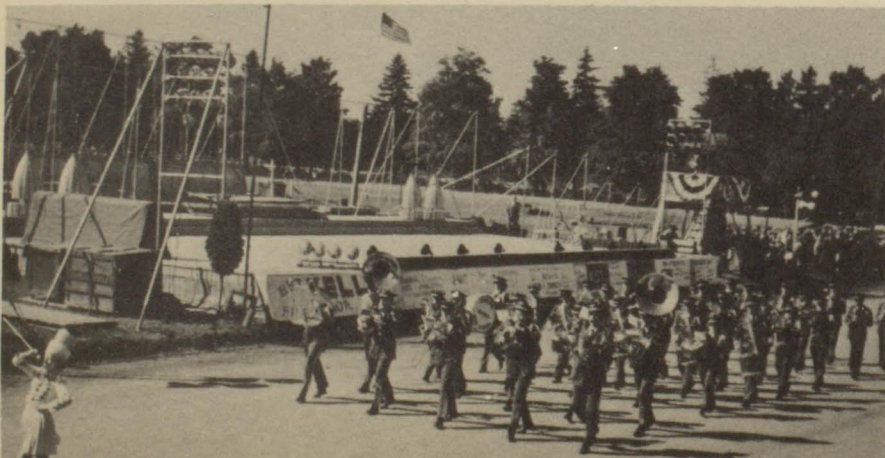
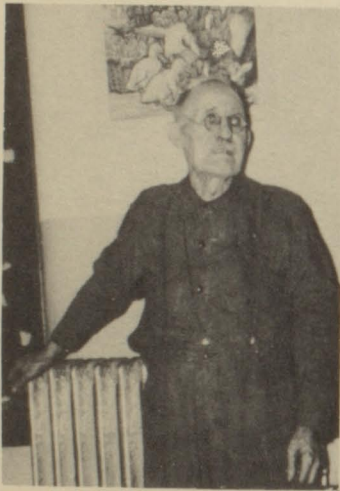
Mrs. Leila Frey
recognized as an M.E.A. leader.



Mrs. Smith



Mrs. Knecht



SPORTS



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Baseball

1st Row: Leslie Schrader, Chuck Thoms, James Ryan, Allan King, Arlon King, Jack Barker, Jerome Pattison, Gerald Nichols, Irven Eicholtz, Coach W. E. Judd. Managers, in front, Oliver Parlin, Lyman Groth.

2nd Row: Ivan Kasdorf, Morris French, Robert Sharp, Norman Decker, Monte Powell, Durwood Heath, Ronnie Decker, Robert Oliver.

3rd Row: Hugh Frisbie, Harry Wagner, Jerry Baughman, Robert Saxman, Robert Belote.

The 1951 season brought three victories for the team. They lost three games by a close margin and had only one loss by a wide margin. Gerald Nichols and Leslie Schrader were the leading pitchers on the squad. The leading hitters were Robert Sharp, Norm Decker, Monte Powell, and Harry Wagner. Their average was .400 or better. These four and Chuck Thoms graduated in June and they will not be around for the team in 1952.

Colon	7	Constantine	10
Colon	9	White Pigeon	4
Colon	7	Schoolcraft	6
Colon	5	Mendon	6
Colon	2	Centreville	10
Colon	6	Marcellus	8
Colon	8	Burr Oak	3



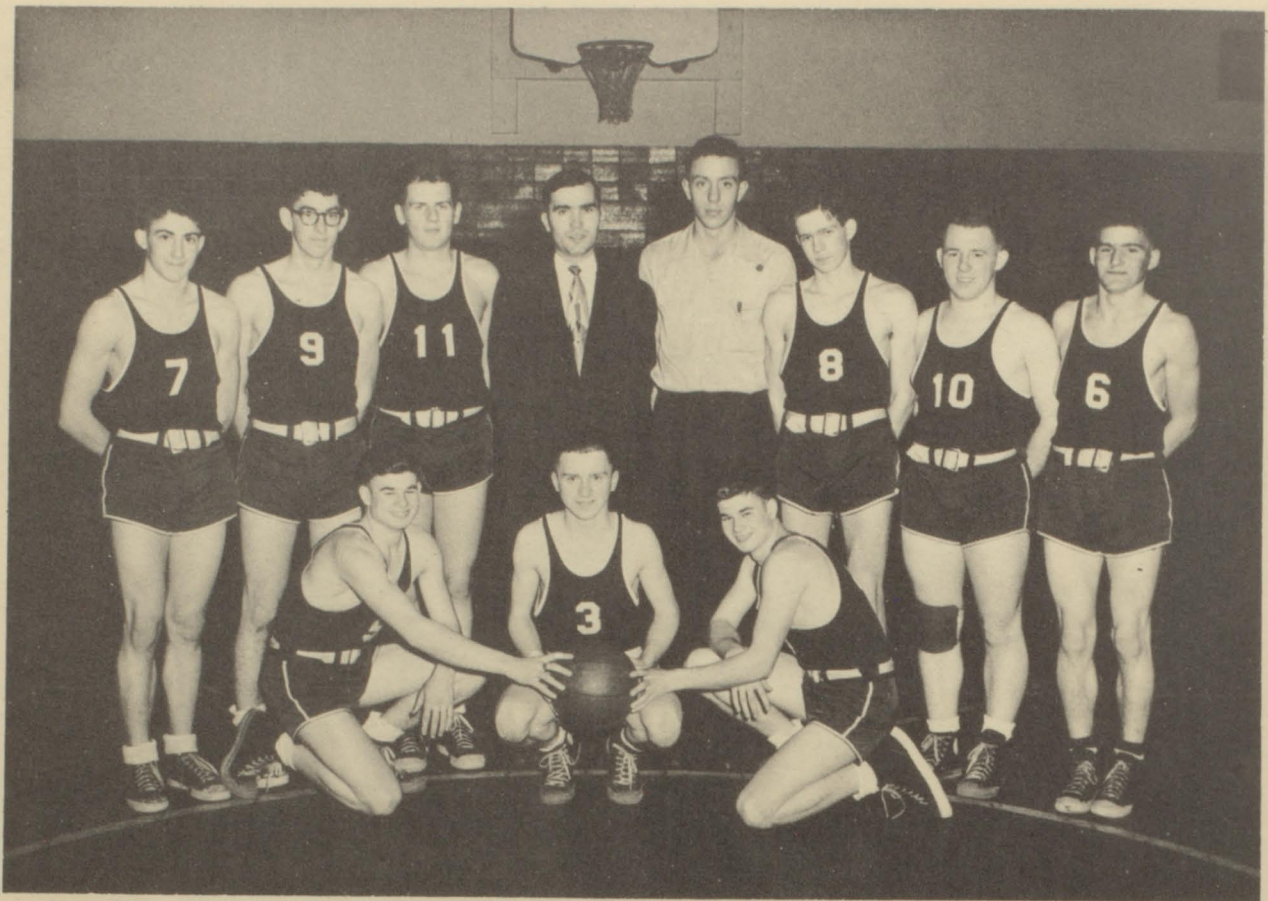
Football

- 1st Row: Irven Eicholtz, Jerome Pattison, Arlon King, Sydney Abbott, Jack Barker, Harold Belote, Junior Drumhiller, Richard Nichols, Allan King.
- 2nd Row: Leon French, Larry Kinter, Jules Abbott, Charles Nystrom, Richard Kane, Jerry Baughman, Lyman Groth, James Ryan, Robert Belote, Morris French.
- 3rd Row: Coach W. H. Judd, John Nystrom, Tom Fredenburg, Kenneth Inman, Hugh Frisbie, Joe Swonk, Gerald Nichols, Leslie Schrader, Allen Decker, Coach James Woodward.

The 1951 eleven showed lack of experience at the beginning of the season, but improvement with each game. They reached their peak in winning from Constantine, 19-0, and placed third in the Bi-River Valley League.

Seniors on the team were: Jules Abbott, Robert Belote, Irven Eicholtz, Hugh Frisbie, Lyman Groth, and Charles Nystrom. Underclassmen that were regulars were: Morris French, Richard Kane, Allan King, Arlon King, Jerry Nichols, Richard Nichols, James Ryan, Leslie Schrader, Jerry Pattison, and Larry Kinter.

Colon	0	Bronson	38
Colon	6	Union City	26
Colon	6	Edwardsburg	14
Colon	19	Constantine	0
Colon	7	White Pigeon	26
Colon	0	Sturgis "B"	7



The basketball boys whole-heartedly dedicate this page to their long-time friend, Carlton Scott.

Varsity Basketball

1st Row: Arlon King; Jerome Pattison; Allan King.

2nd Row: Morris French; Leonard Burnham; Ivan Kasdorf; James Woodward, Coach; Robert Nelson, manager; Hugh Frisbie; James Ryan; Irven Eicholtz.

The Colon Magi basketball team had a poor record this year by losing thirteen games and winning three. Although the record was poor, the attitude and spirit of the boys was excellent. The seniors on the squad this year were Ivan Kasdorf, Irven Eicholtz, Hugh Frisbie, and Leonard Burnham. Next year much is expected from the remaining boys due to the experience they gained this year.

Colon	29	Union City	56
Colon	31	Burr Oak	58
Colon	33	Constantine	34
Colon	17	White Pigeon	23
Colon	41	Mendon	40
Colon	32	Schoolcraft	35
Colon	30	Centreville	45
Colon	24	Burr Oak	76
Colon	36	Schoolcraft	38
Colon	44	Constantine	32
Colon	46	Union City	65
Colon	35	White Pigeon	45
Colon	30	Sturgis "B"	50
Colon	32	Marcellus	48
Colon	44	Mendon	43
Colon	24	Centreville	53



Reserve Team

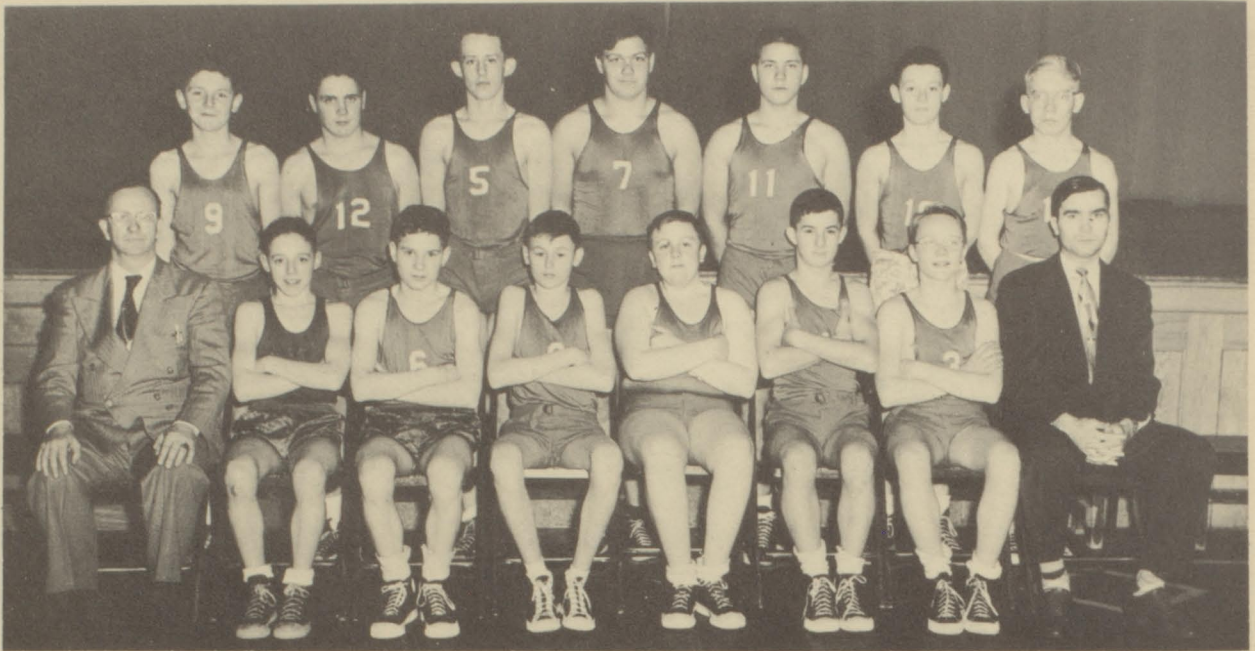
1st Row: Jack Barker; Junior Drumhiller; Leslie Schrader; Larry Kinter.

2nd Row: Lee French, manager; John Nystrom; Kenneth Inman; Richard Kane; Robert Oliver; Jerry Baughman; Richard Hartman; Joseph Swonk; Coach W. H. Judd.

Win or lose the Reserves were always out doing their best, fighting down to the last whistle. They had ten wins and seven losses during the season. Richard Hartman, Larry Kinter, and Dick Kane moved up on the varsity at mid-semester.

Colon	21	Union City	19
Colon	42	Burr Oak	20
Colon	33	Constantine	18
Colon	29	White Pigeon	27
Colon	45	Mendon	15
Colon	55	Schoolcraft	39
Colon	15	Centreville	26
Colon	21	Centreville (Tour.)	26
Colon	34	Burr Oak	13
Colon	31	Schoolcraft	24
Colon	42	Constantine	19
Colon	15	Union City	25
Colon	36	White Pigeon	37
Colon	26	Sturgis "B"	32
Colon	41	Marcellus	17
Colon	28	Mendon	30
Colon	26	Centreville	33

Eighth Grade



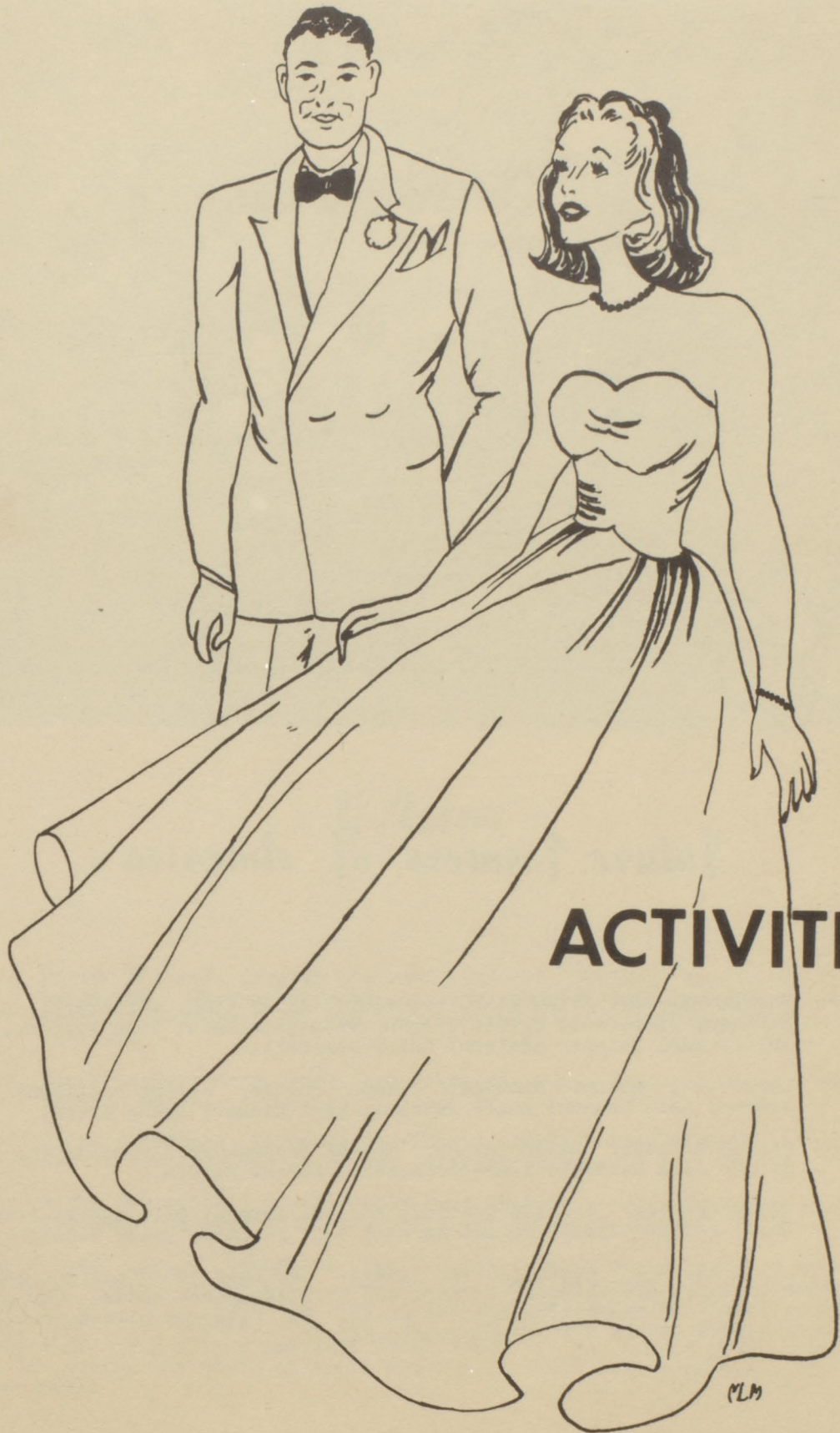
1st Row: Coach W. H. Judd, Lee Belote, Jerry Truckey, Wayne Smith, James Frisbie, Kenneth Decker, Roger Phelps, Coach James Woodward.

2nd Row: Larry Bowerman, Richard Lucas, Milton Henry, James Helmer, Ronnie Ward, Lee Webb.
Richard Bower

Cheerleaders

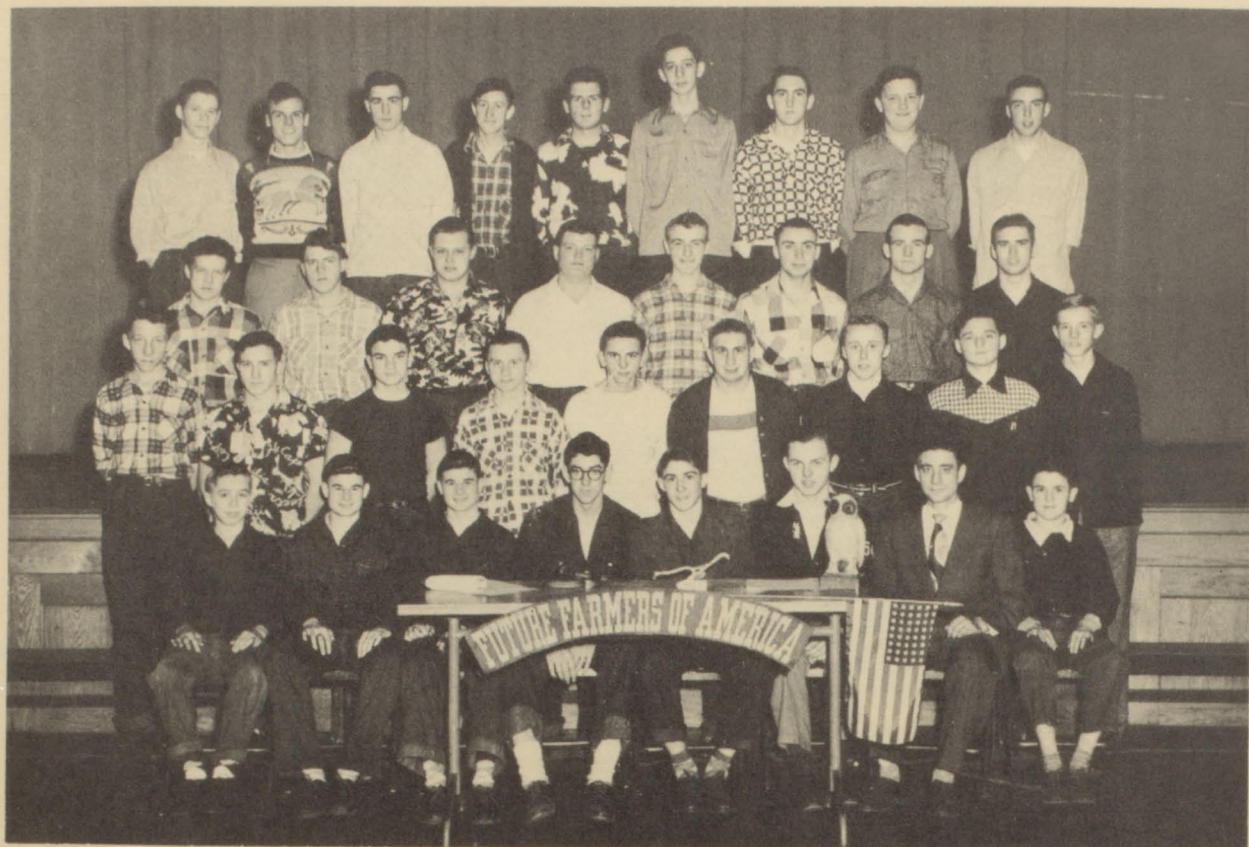


Mary Good, Sophomore; Carolyn Merrifield, Junior; Peg Van Deventer, Senior; Florence Merrifield, Freshman; Marlene Wood, Junior



ACTIVITIES

PLM



Future Farmers of America

- 1st Row: Harold Belote; Arlon King, reporter; Allan King, secretary; Leonard Burnham, president; Morris French, vice-president; John Nystrom, treasurer; Earl Haight, advisor; Larry Campbell.
- 2nd Row: Lyle Ware; Richard Nichols; Joseph Hughes; Jerome Pattison; Duane Fenner; Leon French; Ansel Wattles; Earl Eicher; Duane Green.
- 3rd Row: Gerald Nichols; David Taylor; Thomas Fredenburg; Lyman Groth; Joseph Swonk; Jack Bennett; Kenneth Jackson; Robert Belote.
- 4th Row: Oliver Parlin; Charles Nystrom; Bernard Saxman; Dale Soper; Ivan Kasdorf; Robert Oliver; Robert Saxman; John Yeatter; Tracy Weinberg.

The F.F.A. has been organized two years. We have thirty-eight members, twenty-five of which are chapter farmers and thirteen green hands. Our chapter project was four and one-half acres of wheat. We have won high honors in our livestock exhibits at the St. Joseph County Fair.



Y-teens

- 1st Row: Nadine Michael, program chairman; Marilyn Fenner, treasurer; Gloria Weiderman, vice-president; Carolyn Merrifield, president; Judith Mumby, secretary; Peg Van Deventer, reporter; and Miss Wilma Ladyman, advisor.
- 2nd Row: Nancy Decker; Mary Good; Vera Shannon; Marna Taylor; Barbara Wehrly; Kathryn McKee.
- 3rd Row: Carol Schrader; Florence Merrifield; Ethal Trefrey; Carol Ann Jacobs; Sylvia Bokhart; Gloria Moyer; Constance Ash.
- 4th Row: Betty Lou Jacobs; Sheila Bond; Dona Hoekzema; Sarah Hildebrand; Margie Williams; Marlene Wood; Lillian Williams; Wanda Inman.

The Y-teens are a branch of the Y.W.C.A. The U and I Club of Colon are the sponsors for our local club. During the month of October, we held our initiation with a very beautiful and effective candle-light ceremony. For our Christmas party, we joined with the FFA. The Y-teens were active in selling Christmas seals and giving presents to shut-ins in and around Colon. We had a Mothers Tea during the month of April and a picnic for new members who will join us in the Fall.



News Staff

Mrs. Virginia Ash, Advisor

1st Row: Peggy Van Deventer, typist; Marlene Hetletvedt, Co-Editor; Marjorie Nystrom, Editor; Rosalie Leamon, typist; Esther Eicher, art editor; and Judy Mumby, typist.

2nd Row: Deloris Wondergem, typist; Theresa Buchner, typist; Ivan Kasdorf, typist; Tracy Weinberg, typist; Cora Lucas, typist; Nadine Michael, Co-Art Editor; and Mrs. Flora Ambs, typing advisor.

In November, 1938, the Colon High News was started. Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe was the advisor in this momentous undertaking. The first paper was very small with only two pages, but now it has six or eight. It has won three certificates of Honor from the Michigan Tuberculosis Association for its work in the School Press Project. The paper is now published every month and has 161 subscribers. This includes the twelve schools with which it is exchanged.

The Seniors are the publishers of the paper, the class members acting as reporters. Each member of the staff has had special work on the operation of the mimeoscope and the mimeograph. Near the end of the school year, the Junior class elect their staff and are given the opportunity to publish one issue of the News. This enables them to be better prepared for the work they will undertake as Seniors.

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"Stairway to the Stars" was the theme presented by the Junior Class in honor of the Seniors at the Junior-Senior Reception. The gym was changed into a fairyland of flowers with tall stairways, softly glowing with colored lights, at each side of the gym. Large lighted stars in blue and gold were placed at the top of the stairways and lilacs banked the sides. The bleachers were converted into a hillside garden with flagstone steps leading to a backdrop of stars and a lighted moon. A shining stairway adorned the stage with the Senior motto, "Forward Ever, Backward Never."

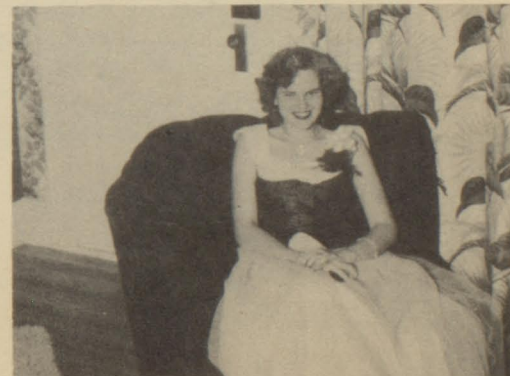
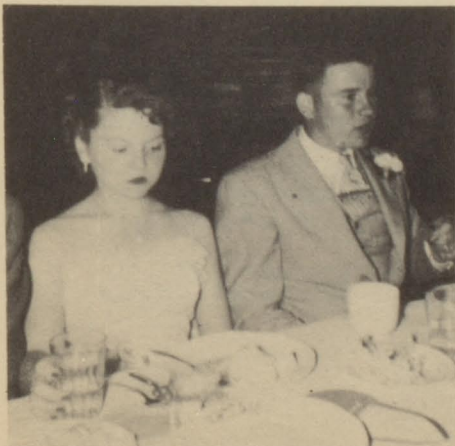
How everyone enjoyed the chicken dinner prepared by Miss Ladyman and the Home Ec girls!

Marlene Hetletvedt and Hugh Frisbie, with keen repartee, filled the honored chairs of Toastmistress and Toastmaster.

Charles Nystrom, Junior President, welcomed the Seniors and urged them to climb the stairways to stars of achievement. Harry Wagner responded as Senior President. Rosalie Leamon and Maxine Hawver sang the theme song, "Stairway to the Stars." Esther Eicher gave a toast to the Seniors. Doris Stuart played "Esterleide," (Little Star) on the saxophone. Hugh and Marlene gave a skit on the romances of the faculty. Carol Munger rendered "Stardust" on the glockenspiel. A poem, "O, Lovely Star" was done by Nadine Michael. The program closed by the Juniors singing "The Stars Will Remember."

Favors, made by the Juniors, were miniature lace and feather hats and purses for the girls and top hats and bill folds for the boys. Pictures of girls and boys and the program in the form of paper money were inside the purses and bill folds. The hats were worn during the dance which followed.

Sylvia Bokhart, Annual Reporter





Senior Play

1st Row: Hugh Frisbie, Ivan Kasdorf, Charles Nystrom, Robert Saxman, Margie Williams, Doris Denney.

2nd Row: Miss Jeanne Gascoigne (director), Kenneth Jackson, Carol Munger, Jack Bennett, Lyman Groth, Peg Van Deventer, Irven Eicholtz, Nadine Michael, Marlene Hetletvedt, Ellen Swift. Judy Mumby, absent.

"Cheaper by the Dozen" fitted the Seniors like a tailor-made garment. Brimful of humor, packed with meaning, and founded on fact, it depicted the life of an efficiency expert and his twelve growing children. Organization, regimentation, and factory methods spiced the existence of these deeply loved kiddies. They enjoyed it all and somehow survived the great tragedy of losing the founder of their system of life.

A well-filled auditorium was delighted with the interpretation under the direction of Miss Jeanne Gascoigne on April 4.



Junior Play

1st Row: Nancy Decker, Marilyn Fenner, Carolyn Merrifield, Gaye Bradford, and Sylvia Bokhart.

2nd Row: Larry Kinter, Morris French, Gloria Weiderman, Sarah Hildebrand, and Mrs. Virginia Ash, director.

3rd Row: Dona Hoekzema, Joseph Swonk, Jerry Nichols, Dale Eash, and Marlene Wood.

"Love is Too Much Trouble" was the entertaining play presented by a vivid cast of characters selected from the Junior class. The play featured several college students who were involved in arrangements for their prom. The action took place in a college eating place affectionately known as the "Poison Pot." How to finance the prom became a campus problem. Trouble really started when the boys accidently gave their professor neutralization pills. Therein lay a tale of many delightfully humorous tangles and incidents.

The play was presented at the Colon High School Auditorium on November the second, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Ash.

Latin Club



1st Row: Nancy Decker; Carolyn Merrifield, secretary; Doris Stuart, president; Sylvia Bokhart.

2nd Row: Anna Carpenter; Marjorie Nystrom; Esther Eicher; Mrs. Virginia Ash, advisor.

3rd Row: Margie Williams; Carol Munger; Dona Hoekzema; Dale Eash.



Usher Club

1st Row: Nancy Nichols, Rosalie Leamon, Carol Wood, Janice Michael, Carol Schrader, Lorraine Noga.

2nd Row: Barbara Wehrly, Doris Hackenburg, Gaye Bradford, Ethal Trefry, Superintendent Manley Van Voorhees.

3rd Row: Nancy Quinn, Sarah Hildebrand, Carol Munger, (head usher), Lillian Williams, Wanda Inman.

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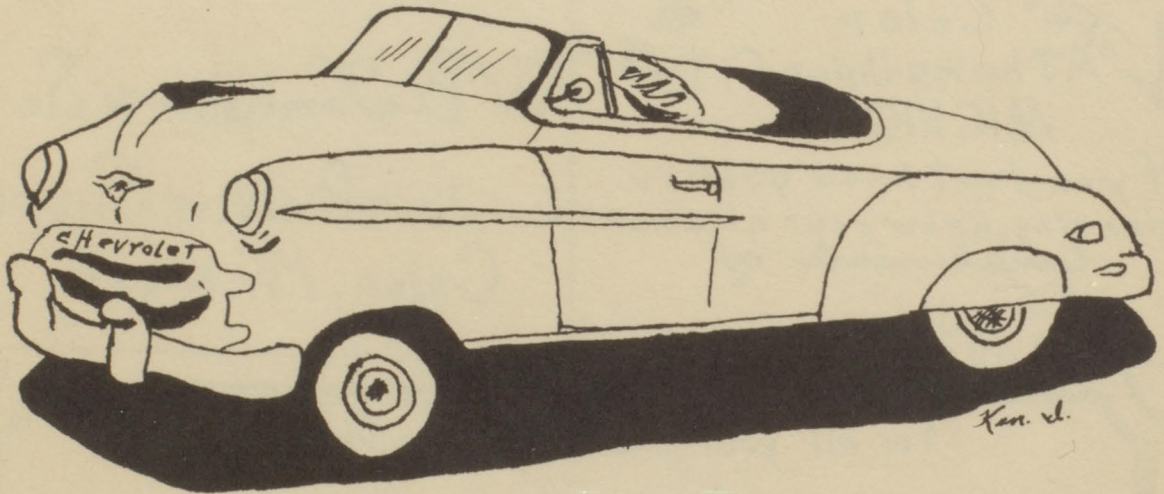
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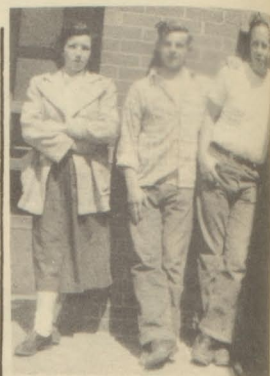
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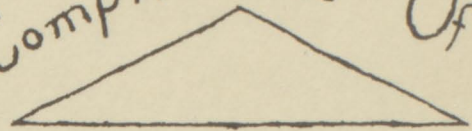
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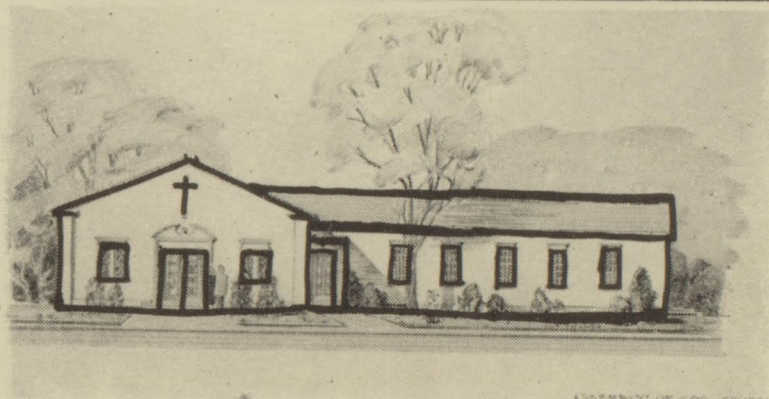
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