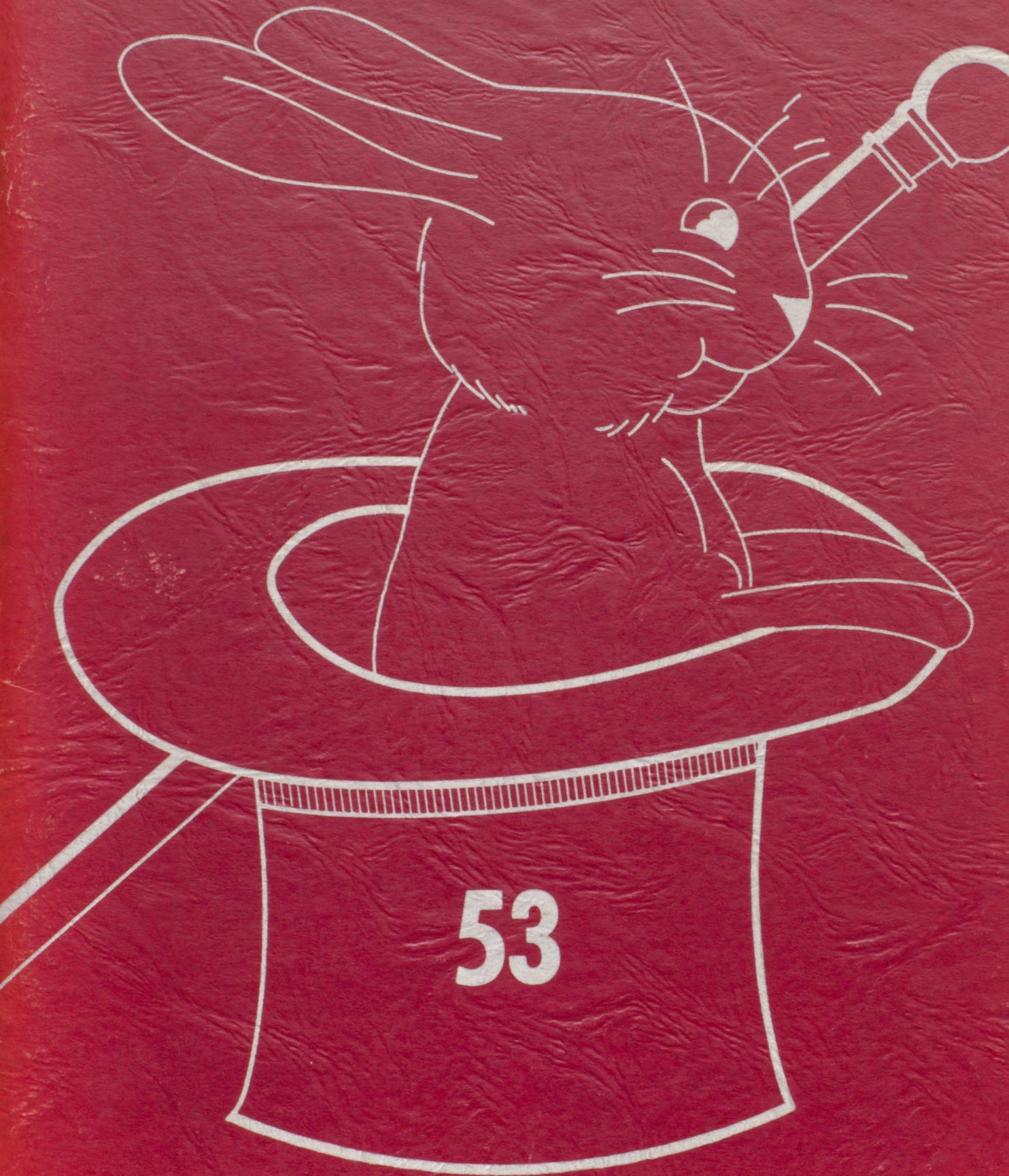
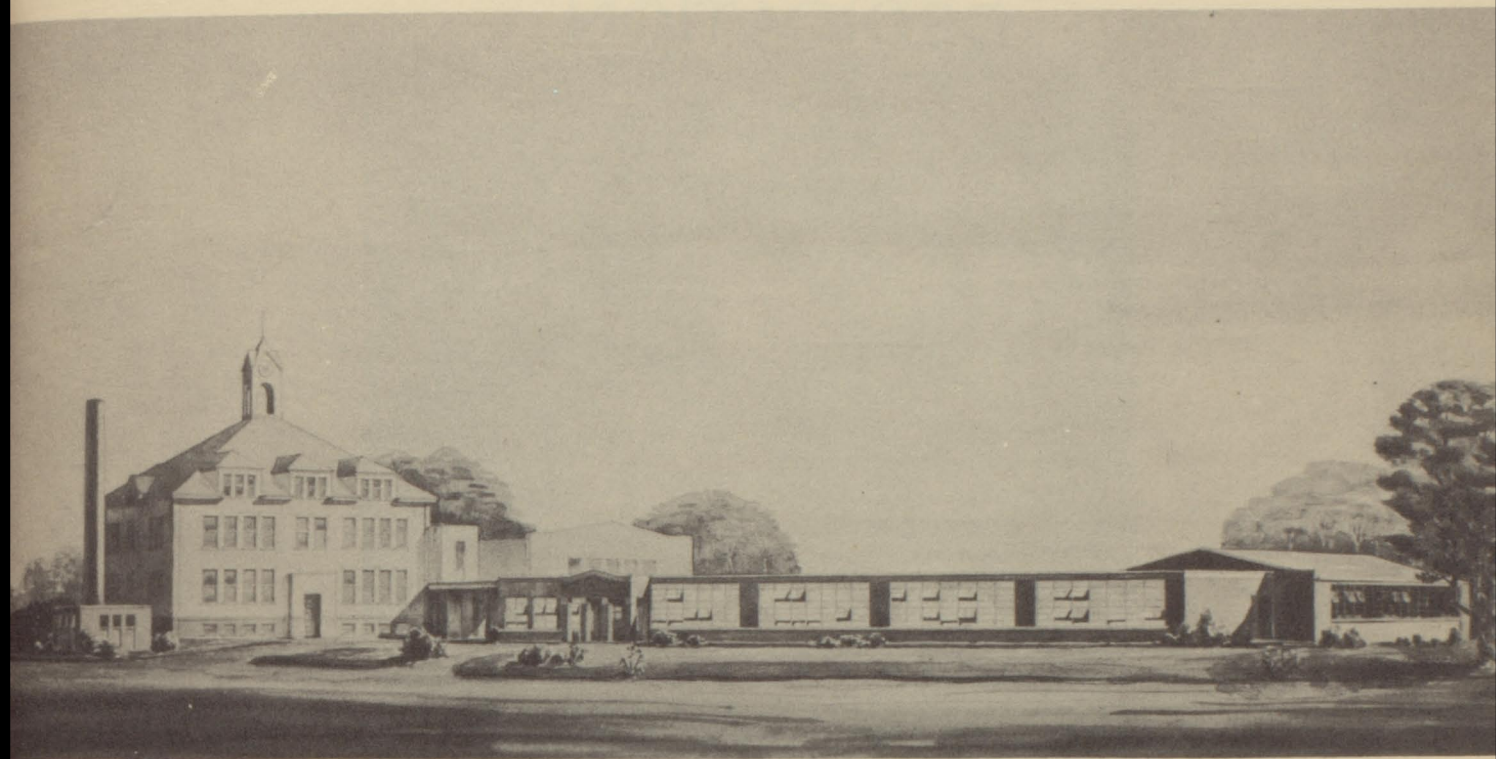


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COLON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
COLON, MICHIGAN

DEDICATION



W. H. JUDD

A scholar whose students excel,
A coach who makes athletes out of boys
And men out of athletes,
A standard bearer who holds
Honest sportsmanship
Above all desire to win.



HAROLD "BUTCH" HACKER

WILLIS KASDORF

These boys made outstanding records as pitchers in high school. Butch Hacker, now in service, is the property of the Chicago Cubs.

Congratulations

Administration



Mr. Manley VanVoorhees, Superintendent

Mrs. Doris Hagen, Secretary

Mr. W. H. Judd, Principal

Board of Education



Raymond Birch Frank Shellenbarger Charles Williams
Claude Oliver Doran Green



Faculty



Manley VanVoorhees: Superintendent; A.B., Hillsdale College; M.A., University of Michigan.

Earl Haight: Vocational Agriculture; B.S., Michigan State College.

James Woodward: Social Studies, Coach; B.S., Anderson College.

Melvin Flowers: Band, Social Studies; B.S., Western Michigan College of Education.

W. H. Judd: Principal, Science and Mathematics, Coach; B.S., Central Michigan College of Education; working for masters degree.

Wilma Ladyman: Home Economics; B.S., Western Michigan College of Education.

Flora Ams: Commercial, Social Studies; A.B., Olivet College.

Fredrica Jaffe: Librarian, English; A.B., Indiana University.

Margaret Gales: Art, History; B.S., Western Michigan College of Education.

Alice Grimes: Science and Mathematics: B.S., Western Michigan College of Education.

Virginia Ash: English and Latin; A.B., Kalamazoo College. (Insert left)

Jeanne Gascoigne: Vocal Music; A.B., Mazareth College. (Insert right)



Student Council

1st Row: W. H. Judd, advisor; Harold Belote, vice-president; Larry Kinter, president; Carol Wood, treasurer; Larry Bowerman; Carolyn Merrifield, secretary.

2nd Row: Allen King; Douglas Adams; Ronald Ward, reporter; Duane Fenner; Marilyn Perry.

The aim of the Student Council is to present to the Administration and to 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.



Yearbook Staff

1st Row: Carol Orchel, Art Editor; Allen King, Sports Editor; Leroy Miller, Ass't. Editor; Gloria Weiderman, Editor; Jerry Pattison, Business Manager; Marlene Wood, Band; Nancy Decker, Senior Play and Senior History; Richard Kane, Ass't. Business Manager and Ass't. Sports Editor.

2nd Row: Lorraine Noga, Chorus; Florence Merrifield, Y-Teens; Mrs. Virginia Ash, English Advisor; Marilyn Fenner, Activities; Karen Cupp, snapshot ass't.; Sylvia Bokhart, snapshots and photography; Janis Michael, Prom; Kathryn McKee, Junior Play; Gerald Nichols, baseball; Morris French, basketball and photography; Mary Good, Activities Ass't.; Ann Wattles, Latin Club; Mrs. Flora Ambs, Advisor; John Wickey, Ass't. Art Editor.

3rd Row: Arlon King, F.F.A.; Harold Belote, baseball ass't.; Roger Phelps, basketball ass't.; Larry Bowerman, Band ass't.; Ronald Ward, football; Sidney Abbott, football ass't.

Absent: Ass't. Art Editors--Edna Carpenter; Patricia Geering; and Gene Trine. Patricia Noga, Chorus.

Advertising: Art Class and Mrs. Margaret Gales.
 Typing Staff: Gloria Weiderman; Dale Eash; John Schull; Dona Hoekzema; Barbara Offenbecher; Barbara Bailey; Gaye Bradford.
 Proofreaders: Typing II Class. Page Mountings: Edna Carpenter; Jerry Pattison; James Ryan.



Library

Our staff of librarians are learning what a privilege it is to be trained in the use of the library, to know all the facilities for study, and to acquire a taste for good books. Under the direction of Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe, they are learning scholastic habits and passing them on to others.

Our library is growing, we now have 1500 books, 300 of which are fiction. We have six sets of encyclopedias. Among our new reference material are: A Comptons Pictured set, an Americana, and the World Book; A Webster's Geographic Dictionary; a Biographical Dictionary; a subscription to Current Biography; the National Geographic, bound in pamphlet form for each year; and forty-two subscriptions to current magazines. Twelve of these magazines are for reading table use in the high school library and thirty for room libraries and professional use. We also have 170 film strips for classroom use.



Mrs. Wilma Knecht



Mrs. Anna Smith



Mrs. Leila Frey



Miss Miriam Pearson



Mrs. Laura Frisbie



Mrs. Doris Flowers



Mrs. Lois Wattles

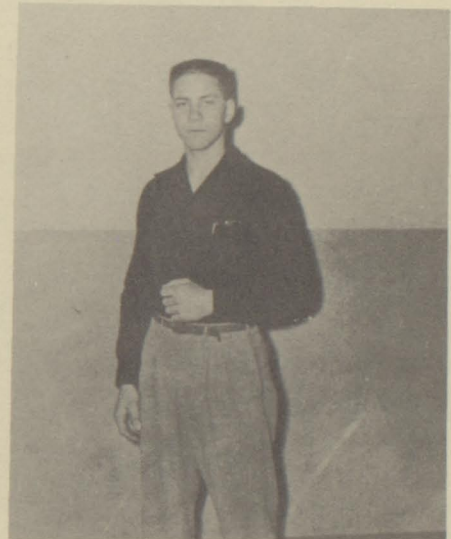
Mrs.
A. Godby



Mrs. Letah Farrand



F.F.A. District Contest
First Prize
Jerry Pattison
Harold Belote
Joe Hughes



F.F.A. District Contest
First Prize
James Helmer



COOKS:

Opal Thurston; Gloria Rhinesmith; Betty Lou Jacob; Miss Wilma Ladyman, advisor;
 Vera Shannon; Helen Wondergem; Mrs. Edna Ambs, cook; Mrs. Clara Bonham, cook.



MAINTENANCE:

Paul Stewart
 Dennis Ely Ernest Ambs

Seniors



Valedictorian



John Wickey
 Valedictorian
 Colon Hi News 1
 Art Editor 1
 Annual Staff 1
 Ass't. Art Ed. 1

Salutatorian



Carolyn Merrifield
 Salutatorian
 Band 5
 President 1
 Solo-Ensembles 2
 All Star Band 1
 Class President 1
 Cheerleader 4
 Cheerleaders' Clinic
 Student Council 4
 Secretary 2
 Treasurer 1
 Annual Staff 1
 Latin Club 2
 Secretary 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Co-Editor 1
 Y-Teens 4
 President 2
 Secretary 1
 Treasurer 1
 4-H Club 2
 Ag Dept. Sec'y. 1
 Queen's Court 2
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 D.A.R. Pilgrim
 Wolverine Girls State



Jerome Pattison
 Honor Student
 Football-Varsity 2
 Basketball-Varsity 1
 Monitor 1
 Annual Staff 2
 Business Mgr. 1
 Treasurer 1
 Typist 1
 Page Mounting 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Business Mgr. 1
 Treasurer 1
 Stencils 2
 Band 1
 F.F.A. Member 3
 Green Hand 1
 Chapter Farmer 1
 Coaching Teams 1
 Softball
 Basketball
 Committee Chair. 2
 News Staff 1
 Demonstrations 2
 1st District 1
 (Trophy)
 Junior Play
 Business Mgr.
 "Jeffy" "Jerry"



Marlene Wood
 Honor Student
 Band 5
 Reporter 1
 Solo-Ensembles 2
 All Star Band 1
 Cheerleader 4
 Librarian 3
 Colon Hi News 1
 Joke Editor 1
 Annual Staff 1
 Y-Teens 4
 Vice-Pres. 1
 Chorus 1
 Operetta 1
 4-H Club 2
 Cheerleaders Clinic
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 "Woodie"

Seniors

Honor



Nancy Decker
 Honor Student
 Class Secretary 3
 Y-Teens 4
 Bus. Mgr. 1
 Program Ch. 1
 Latin Club 2
 Secretary 1
 Chorus 1
 Operetta 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Feature Ed. 1
 Annual Staff 2
 Monitor 1
 Librarian 1
 Ushers Club 2
 Queen 1
 Queen's Court 1
 Junior Play Cast
 "Red" 1

Lawrence Kinter
 Class President 2
 Student Council 2
 President 1
 Treasurer 1
 Choir 2
 Double Sextet 2
 Band 2
 Football-Varsity 3
 Baseball-Varsity 2
 Track 2
 Colon Hi News 2
 Editor 1
 Reporter 1
 Bronson Paper 2
 Annual Staff 1
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 Wolverine Boys
 State
 "Larry" 1

President Activities



Barbara Offenbecher
 F.H.A. 3
 Y-Teens 3
 Chorus 2
 Operetta 1
 Glee Club 1
 Track 2
 Latin Club 1
 Cheerleader 2
 Ushers Club 1
 Class Reporter 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Stencil Typist 1
 Annual Typist 1
 Band 1
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 Dramatics Club
 "Cooky" 1

Sarah Hildebrand
 Honor Student
 Chorus 3
 Operetta 2
 Y-Teens 4
 Treasurer 1
 Program Ch. 1
 Ushers Club 4
 Head Usher 1
 Librarian 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Exchange Ed. 1
 Typist 1
 Teachers' Sec'y 1
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 Senior Program Ch.



Seniors

Dale Eash
 Honor Student
 Colon Hi News 1
 Mimeograph
 Operator 1
 Head Artist 1
 Latin Club 2
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast

Gloria Weiderman
 Band 4
 Solo-Ensembles 2
 Y-Teens 4
 Vice-President 1
 Reporter 1
 Office Secretary 1
 Teachers' Sec'y. 2
 Annual Editor 1
 Ass't. Editor 1
 Chorus 2
 Operetta 2
 Monitor 1
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 Prom Toastmistress
 "Weide"



Gerald Nichols
 Football-Varsity 2
 Baseball-Varsity 4
 F.F.A. Member 3
 National
 Convention 1
 F.F.A. News 1
 Green Hand 1
 Chapter Farmer 1
 Class Treasurer 2
 Student Council 1
 Monitor 1
 Annual Staff 2
 Colon Hi News 1
 Gossip Editor 1
 Junior Play Cast 1
 Senior Play Cast 1
 "Jerry"

Morris French
 Baseball-Varsity 3
 Basketball-Varsity 2
 Football-Varsity 3
 Class Vice-Pres. 4
 F.F.A. Member 3
 President 1
 Vice-Pres. 1
 Conventions
 National 1
 State 1
 Speech Contest 1
 Training Camp 1
 Green Hand 1
 Chapter Farmer 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Sports Editor 1
 Annual Staff 2
 Basketball Ed. 2
 "Morrie"
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast



Sylvia Bokhart
 Annual Staff 2
 Colon Hi News 1
 Feature Ed. 1
 Latin Club 2
 President 1
 Librarian 3
 Y-Teens 4
 Vice-Pres. 1
 Class reporter 1
 Chorus, Operetta 1
 Usher Club 1
 Monitor 3
 Office Secretary 1
 Teachers Secretary 2
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast
 "Bogie"

Gaye Bradford
 Band 8
 District Ensembles 3
 State Solo 1
 Y-Teens 1
 Monitor 1
 Usher Club 3
 Colon Hi News 1
 News Editor 1
 Typist 1
 Annual Typist 1
 Teachers' Sec'y. 2
 Operetta 1
 Glee Club 1
 Junior Play Cast
 Senior Play Cast



Joseph Swonk
 Basketball-Varsity 1
 Football-Varsity 1
 F.F.A. Member 3
 Leadership Camp 1
 Vice-Pres. 1
 Green Hand 1
 Chapter Farmer 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Co-Editor, Sports 1
 Toastmaster 2
 Prom 1
 F.F.A. Banquet 1
 Junior Play Cast 1
 Senior Play Cast 1

Seniors

Marilyn Fenner
 Y-Teens 3
 Treasurer 1
 Chorus 2
 Operetta 2
 Glee Club 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Proof reader 1
 Annual Staff 1
 Class Treasurer 1
 Junior Play Cast



Dona Hoekzema
 Band 5
 Solo-Ensembles 2
 Chorus 2
 Operetta 2
 Y-Teens 3
 F.H.A. 2
 Latin Club 2
 Colon Hi News 1
 Stencil Typist 1
 Mimeograph 1
 Operator
 Junior Play Cast

Kenneth Robbins
 Colon Hi News 1
 Artist 1
 Annual 1
 Printing 1
 Junior Play
 Stage Manager



Richard Hartman
 Baseball-Varsity 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Reporter 1
 Junior Play
 Stage Manager 1
 "Hood"

Barbara Bailey
 Honor Student
 Latin Club 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Typist 1
 Teachers' Sec'y. 1



John Schull
 Student Council 1
 Promptor
 Junior Play 1
 Senior Play 1
 Colon Hi News 1
 Mimeograph 1
 Operator

Seniors

Class History

The class of '53 started out with twenty-seven members as "Freshies." The class officers elected were: Carolyn Merrifield, president; Morris French, vice-president; Nancy Decker, secretary; Marilyn Fenner, treasurer; and Donald Clipfell, Student Council member. Geraldine Noga and Joan Goodrich left us during the first semester. Our candidates for Carnival king and queen were Nancy Decker and James Mast. Somehow we suffered through initiation. The boys wore girls' shorts and baby hats and carried baby bottles. The girls wore gunny sacks and old heavy work shoes. Mrs. Virginia Ash was our advisor.

Our sophomore year found us twenty-eight in number having gained Beverly Taylor, Dorothy Calendar, and Jerry Pattison. Before the year was out, we lost Barbara Offenbecher, Dorothy Calendar, and James Mast. We elected as our president, Carolyn Merrifield; Morris French, vice-president; Louise Drumhiller, secretary; and Joseph Swonk, treasurer; John Schull was our Student Council member. Morris French and Carolyn Merrifield were our candidates for the Carnival king and queen, and Nancy Decker was our candidate for the Hallowe'en queen, serving on the queen's court. In the month of October, we initiated the Freshies of '54. Miss Wilma Ladyman was our advisor.

As we entered our junior year, Larry Kinter joined us making us twenty-seven in number again. Larry Kinter was elected president; Morris French, vice-president; Nancy Decker, secretary; Gerald Nichols, treasurer; and Beverly Taylor, reporter; Carolyn Merrifield was Student Council member. During the year, Robert Case and Gene Blair left us, Gene to join the Navy. On November 2, we gave our Junior play, "Love is Too Much Trouble," directed by Mrs. Virginia Ash. We had joy and not trouble in putting it on, and we remember gratefully all that Mrs. Ash did for us and her patience with us. Carolyn Merrifield was our candidate for the Hallowe'en queen and served on the queen's court. Nancy Decker and Gerald Nichols were the candidates for Carnival king and queen. For our Junior-Senior Reception, the gym was decorated with a version of "Moonlight on the Seashore." Mrs. Flora Ambs was our class advisor.

We began our senior year with twenty-two students. We tried hard to live up to our new name. We all had to work to keep the Colon Hi News on schedule. The Annual was a big undertaking too. Mr. Flowers and Larry Kinter kept us all busy the first semester so that we had all the money earned for our senior trip and turned our concessions over to the Juniors the first of February.

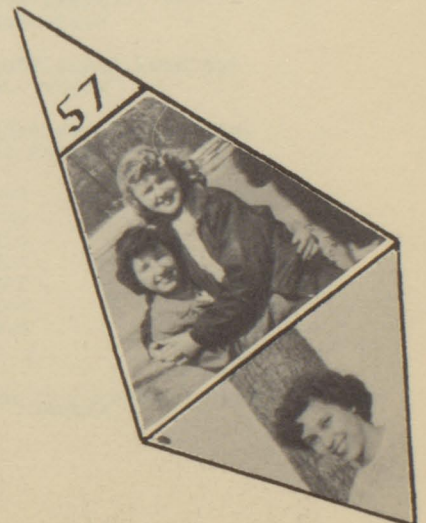
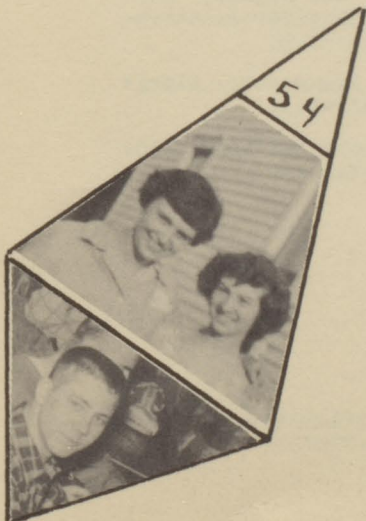
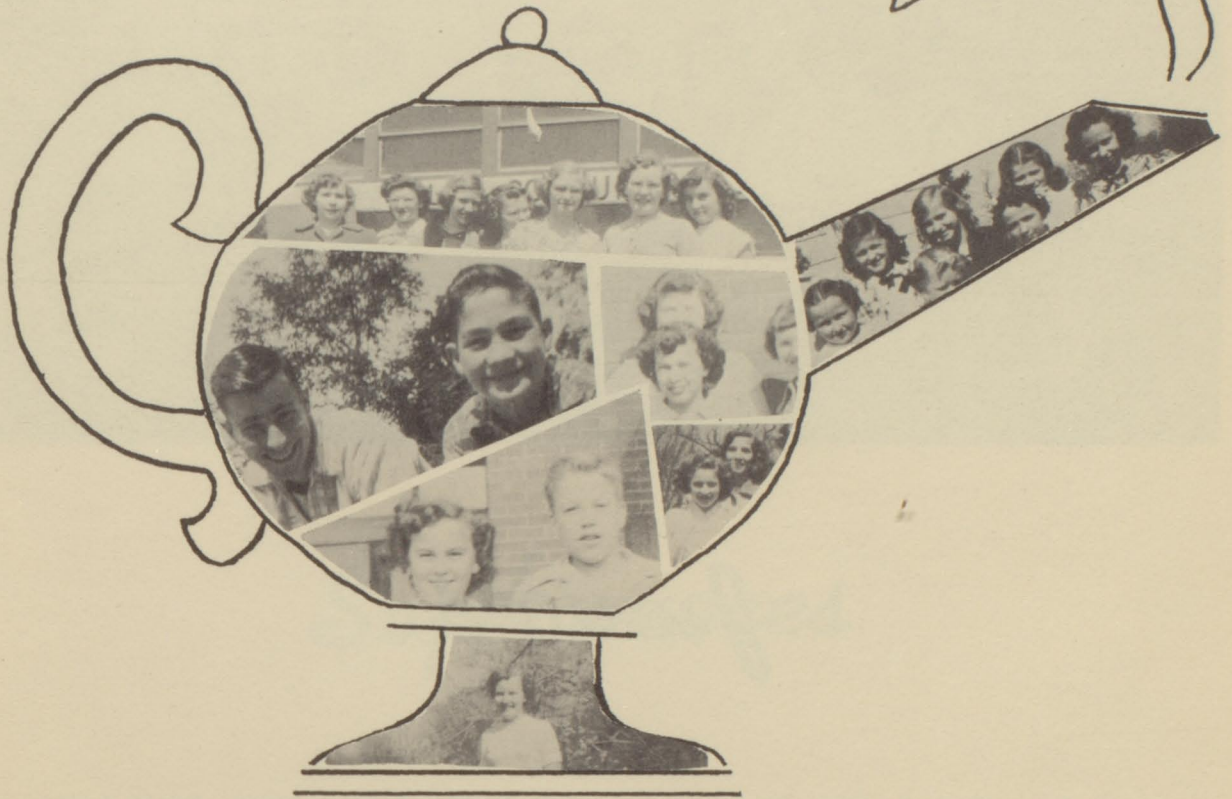
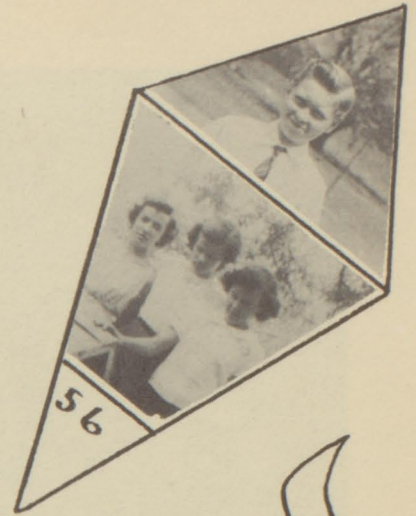
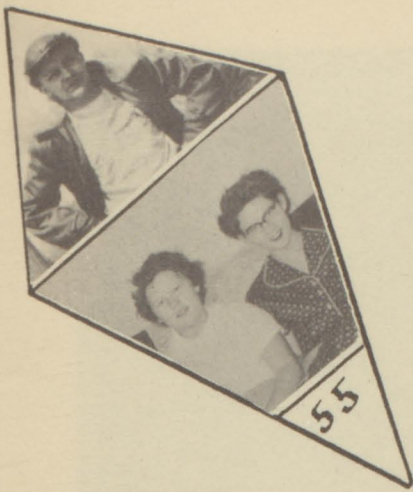
Barbara Offenbecher returned to the fold again, Jack Johnson and Barbara Bailey also joined us. Mildred Jackson and Beverly Taylor did not return. Jack Johnson left at the end of the first semester. Larry Kinter was again elected president; Morris French, vice-president; Nancy Decker, secretary; Gerald Nichols, treasurer; Sylvia Bolhart, reporter, and Carolyn Merrifield, Student Council member. Nancy Decker was elected Hallowe'en queen and Carolyn Merrifield was chosen DAR PILGRIM. Our senior play, "That's Our Boy" was directed by our class advisor, Mr. Melvin Flowers.

Our senior trip, which was scheduled for Washington, D.C. and New York, was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Flowers. We earned our money for the trip by selling magazines, candy, cookies; with bake goods sales, dances, movies at the Avalon, penny suppers, and our two plays. We graduated in royal blue and white gowns, those being our class colors. Our class flower was the red rose and our class motto was "The Ropes of the Past will Ring the Bells of the Future." Our Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Reverend Womer Bailey, the father of Barbara Bailey, graduating honor student of our class.

Among our senior honors, Jerry Pattison and his team for demonstrating raising dairy calves won first place at the district contest at Vicksburg, bringing home the trophy. Jerry Nichols won the bronze medal for parliamentary procedure, taking 4th place.



Underclassmen





Juniors

- 1st Row: Helen Masters; Nancy Nichols; Ilene Swift; Kathryn McKee; Judith Swonk; Daisy Mae French; Mary Good; Janis Michael; Harold Belote.
- 2nd Row: Ass't. Advisor, Mr. James Woodward; Richard Nichols; Joe Hughes; Lorraine Noga; Doris Hackenburg; Maxine Harrison; Arlon King; Carol Schrader; Gloria Rhinesmith; Mrs. Flora Ambs, Advisor.
- 3rd Row: Edna Carpenter; Leslie Schrader; Allan King; Betty Lou Jacob; Gloria Moyer; James Ryan; Jack Barker; John Nystrom; Leroy Miller.
- 4th Row: Barbara Ash; Lillian Williams; Lynn Ross; Bernard Saxman; Oliver Parlin; Robert Oliver; Lyle Ware; Jerry Baughman; Norman Foster.

CLASS OFFICERS

President..... Allan King
 Vice-President..... Arlon King
 Secretary..... Leroy Miller
 Treasurer..... John Nystrom
 Student Council..... Harold Belote
 Reporter..... Barbara Ash

Absent: Patricia Noga; Linda Bowerman; John Yeatter; Duane Green.



Sophomores

- 1st Row: Donna Teeple, Ann Wattles, Vera Shannon; Marna Taylor; Helen Wondergem; Joyce Heath; Laura McClish; Carol Orchel.
- 2nd Row: Miss Wilma Ladyman, Ethal Trefrey; Carol Ann Jacob; Nancy Quinn, Marion Nystrom; Larry Campbell; Florence Merrifield; Duane Fenner.
- 3rd Row: Kenneth Long; Jack Burle; Sidney Abbott; Junior Drumhiller; Allan Decker; Larry Bryan; Robert Trayling; Carol Wood.
- 4th Row: Sheila Bond; Edna Stewart; Phillip Mast; Dale Soper; Richard Kane; Ethel Mathewson; Connie Ash.

President.....Carol Wood
 Vice President.....Richard Kane
 Secretary.....Donna Teeple
 Treasurer.....Paul Wagaman
 Student Council.....Duane Fenner
 Reporter.....Mary Lou Thrams
 Advisor.....Miss Wilma Ladyman

Absent: Earl Eicher; Brian Hargreave; Mary Lou Thrams; Thomas Fredenburg; Paul Wagaman.



Freshmen

1st Row: Charles Draime; Marden Hinkley; Dawayne Holtz; Viola Drake; Wilma War-kentine; Roberta Osbon; Elizabeth VanVoorhees; Norma Carr; Kenneth Hur-ley.

2nd Row: Mr. Judd; Beverly Weinberg; Linda Frink; Marilyn Abbott; Rae Bradford; Jo Anne Swonk; Joanne Blair; Lillian Hinkley; Patricia Geering; Mrs. Virginia Ash, advisor.

3rd Row: William Teadt; Roger Phelps; Karen Cupp; Barbara Lane; Barbara Lewis; Rosella Johnston; Marcia Templin; Richard Walters; Donald Oliver.

4th Row: Kenneth Decker; James Frisbie; Richard Lucas; Lee Webb; Ronald Ward; Peter Hoekzema; Richard Bower; James Helmer; Larry Bowerman; William Miller; Wayne Smith.

President.....Larry Bowerman
 Vice President.....Kenneth Decker
 Secretary.....Jo Anne Swonk
 Treasurer.....Karen Cupp
 Student Council.....Ronald Ward
 Reporter.....Elizabeth VanVoorhees

Absent: Edna Yoder; Albert Saxman; Ralph Parlin; Lee Belote; Barbara Brandt; Richard Bonham; Dennis Brew.

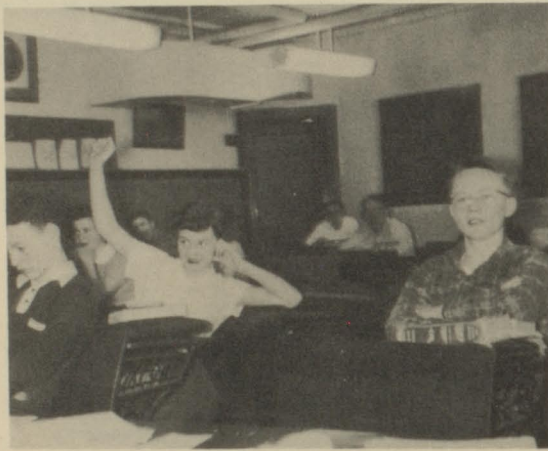
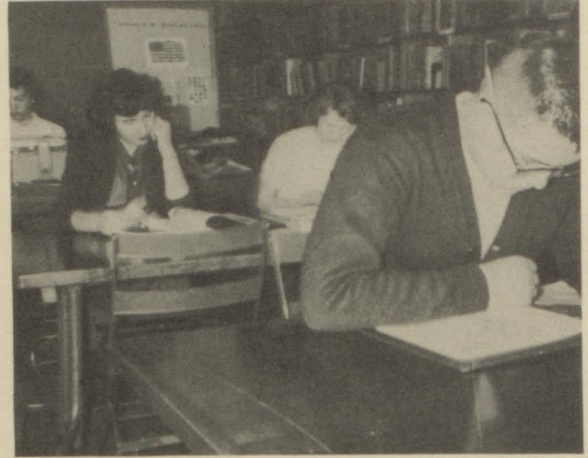


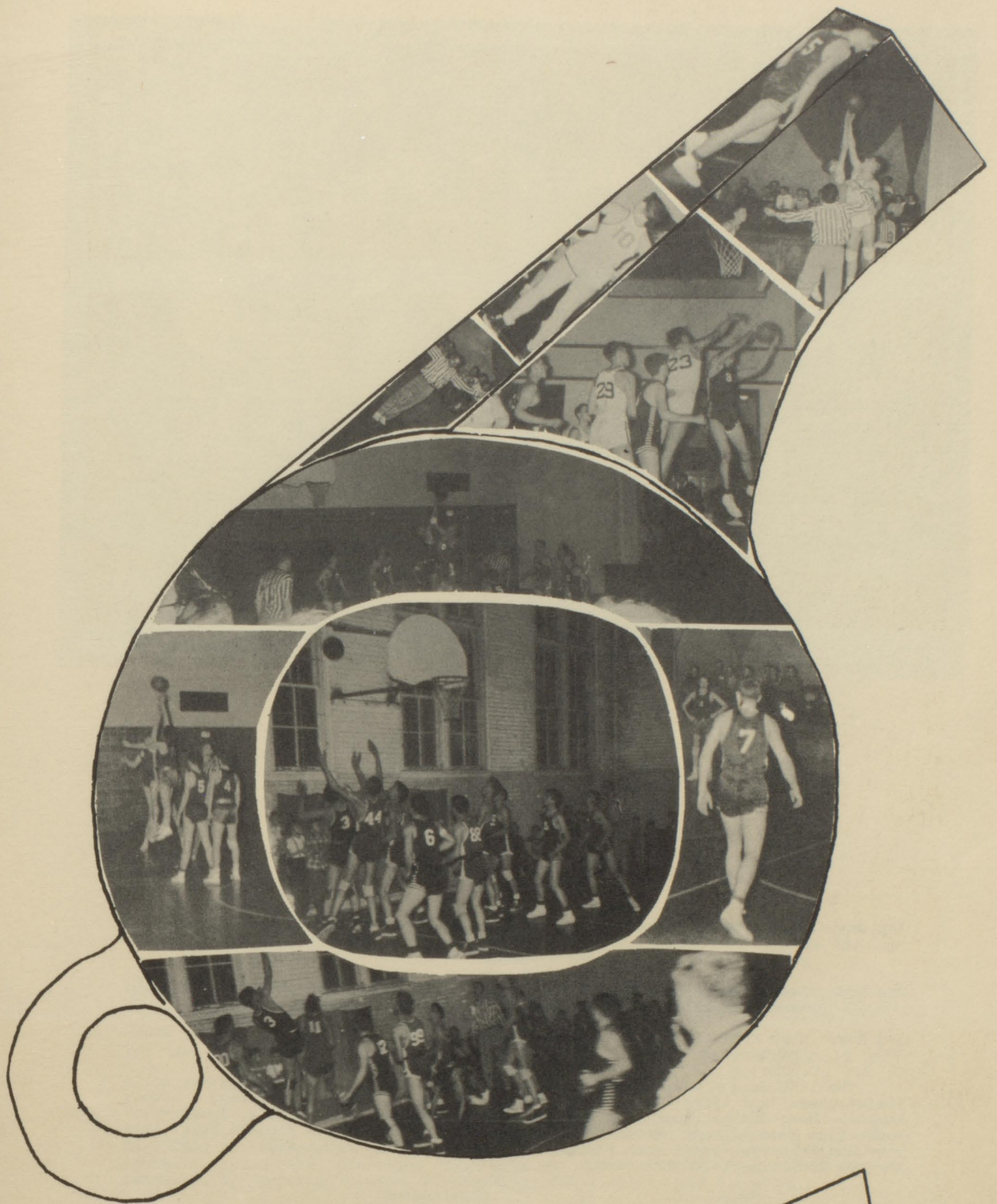
Eighth Grade

- 1st Row: Norma Shaw; Julia McClish; Janet McKee; Bethel Stanton; Susan Mesler; John Miller; Robert Fredenburg; Marsha Stuck; Robert Wetzels; Gerald Thrams.
- 2nd Row: Mrs. Margaret Gales; Donald Church; Frederick Yoder; Marcella Shannon; Sandra Loudenslager; Marcia Stuart; Opal Thurston; Loretta Truckey; Barbara Hagelgans; Janet Teeple; Miss Alice Grimes, Advisor.
- 3rd Row: George Mayer; Phillip Fredenburg; Junior French; Cynthia Bailey; John Yoder; Larry Thornton; Phyllis Geering; Jean Thurston; Jane Westendorf; Carol Cupp.
- 4th Row: Esther Oldenberg; David Trine; Jerry Truckey; Thomas Johnson; James Baum; Lynn Moyer; Edward Schrader; Gene Trine; Ernest Eicher; Douglas Adams.

President.....Douglas Adams
 Vice-President.....Gene Trine
 Secretary.....Sandra Loudenslager
 Treasurer.....Marcia Stuart
 Student Council.....Marilyn Perry
 Reporter.....Janet Teeple
 Advisor.....Miss Alice Grimes
 Asst. Advisor.....Mrs. Margaret Gales

Absent: Mona Fae Overstreet; Carla Robbins.





Sports



Baseball

1st Row: Jerry Pattison, Leslie Schrader, Allan Decker, James Ryan, Robert Trayling, Jack Barker, Arlon King, Harold Belote, Coach W. H. Judd; (managers) Oliver Parlin, John Nystrom.

2nd Row: Ivan Kasdorf, Allan King, Irven Eicholtz, Joseph Swonk, Morris French, Gerald Nichols, Larry Kinter, Jerry Baughman.

3rd Row: Hugh Frisbie, Tracy Weinburg, Kenneth Robbins, Richard Hartman, Richard Kane.

The 1952 season was a fairly successful one. The team won four games while losing three and tying Constantine for second place in the St. Joseph county league. Lost to the team this year by graduation are Hugh Frisbie, Tracy Weinburg, Ivan Kasdorf, and Irven Eicholtz. We have nine letter winners back this year and hope to have a much stronger team. The home games will be played on the new baseball field this year.

Colon	2	Constantine	3
Colon	2	White Pigeon	1
Colon	6	Marcellus	7
Colon	3	Mendon	8
Colon	13	Centreville	6
Colon	16	Burr Oak	3
Colon	17	Schoolcraft	2



Football

1st Row: Larry Kinter; Thomas Fredenburg; James Helmer; Richard Kane; James Ryan; Allan King; Morris French; and Arlon King. Managers: Marden Hinkley; Lynn Ross.

2nd Row: Coach W. H. Judd; Harold Belote; Allan Decker; Jack Barker; John Nystrom; Joseph Swonk; Junior Drumhiller; Kenneth Decker; Joseph Hughes; Coach James Woodward.

3rd Row: Lee Belote; Ralph Parlin; James Frisbie; Larry Bowerman; Ronald Ward; Gerald Nichols; Jerry Pattison; Richard Lucas; William Miller. Not in the picture are: Jerry Baughman and Richard Nichols.

The Colon High School team fought through a tough eight-game schedule with very little glory. There were many injuries and other things that came up to take away the full strength of the team. A new league has been formed for the next football season and the teams that make up this schedule are: White Pigeon, Centreville, Burr Oak, Mendon, Constantine, Schoolcraft, and Marcellus.

*Colon.....7	Union City.....12	*Colon.....7	Sturgis "B".....12
*Colon.....0	North Adams.....12	Colon.....14	Edwardsburg....46
Colon.....0	Constantine.....25	*Colon.....14	Camden Frontier..6
Colon.....6	White Pigeon....30	*Colon.....7	Marcellus.....34

*NON LEAGUE GAMES



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

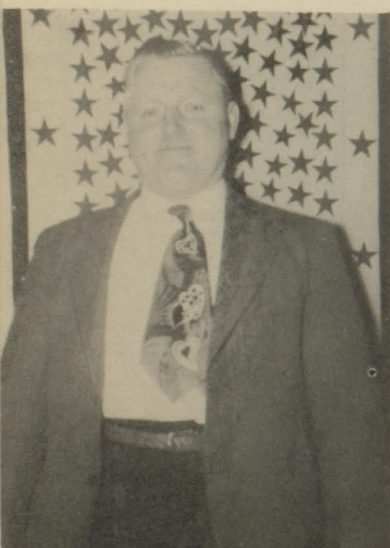
Varsity Basketball

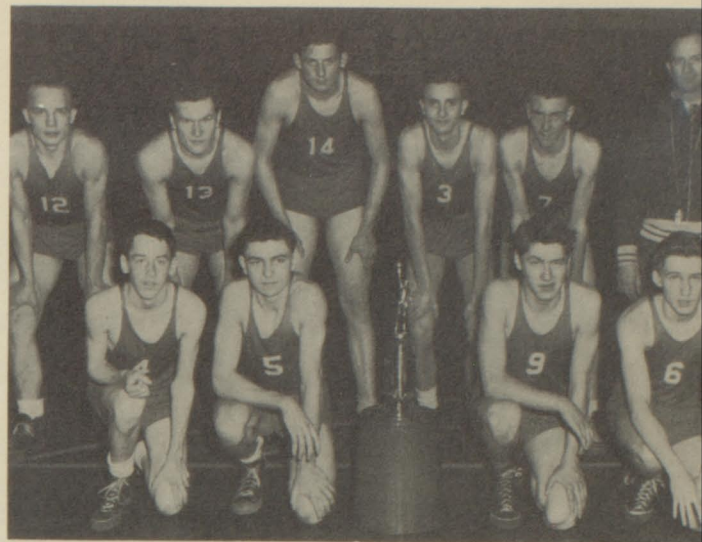
1st Row: Jerry Pattison; Allan King; Arlon King; James Ryan; Lawrence Kinter.

2nd Row: John Nystrom, manager; Leslie Schrader; Morris French; Richard Kane; Phillip Mast; Joseph Swonk; Jack Barker; Mr. James Woodward, Coach.

The 1953 basketball season opened with thirteen players. Three seniors, eight juniors, and two sophomores made up the team. Morris French, Joe Swonk, and Jerry Pattison are seniors leaving the team; Allan King, Arlon King, and Leslie Schrader will be ineligible because of their age. The boys showed a fine spirit throughout the season. There were 4 games won and 11 games lost. Win or lose, they fought a good fight.

Colon	21	*Union City	19
Colon	27	White Pigeon	61
Colon	35	Burr Oak	35
Colon	20	Centreville	59
Colon	32	*St. Charles	60
Colon	28	Schoolcraft	64
Colon	40	Mendon	29
Colon	36	Constantine	39
Colon	59	White Pigeon	86
Colon	44	Burr Oak	58
Colon	47	Centreville	70
Colon	22	*St. Charles	58
Colon	57	Schoolcraft	77
Colon	56	Mendon	74
Colon	54	*Union City	46
Colon	63	Constantine	49
4 wins	1 tie	11 losses	*NON-LEAGUE

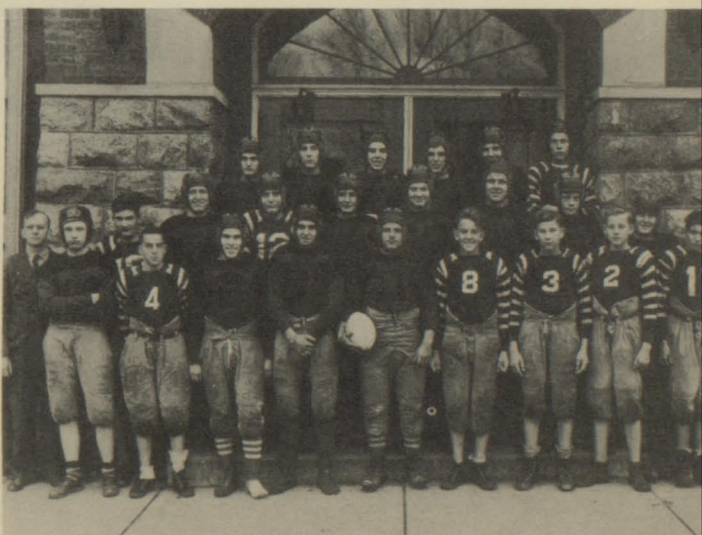
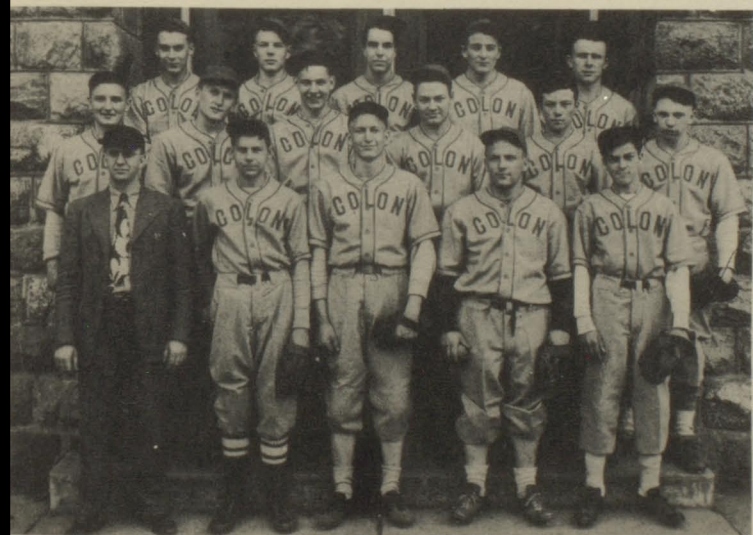


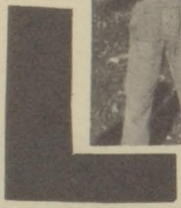
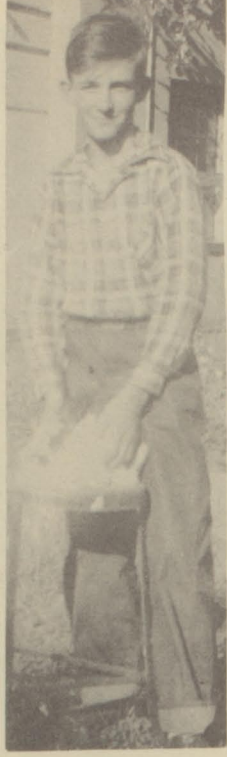
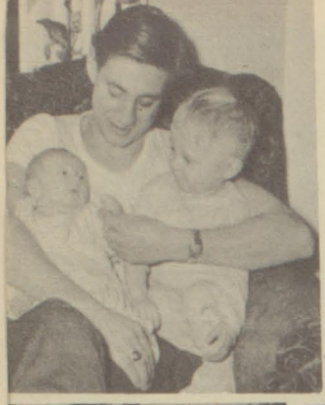


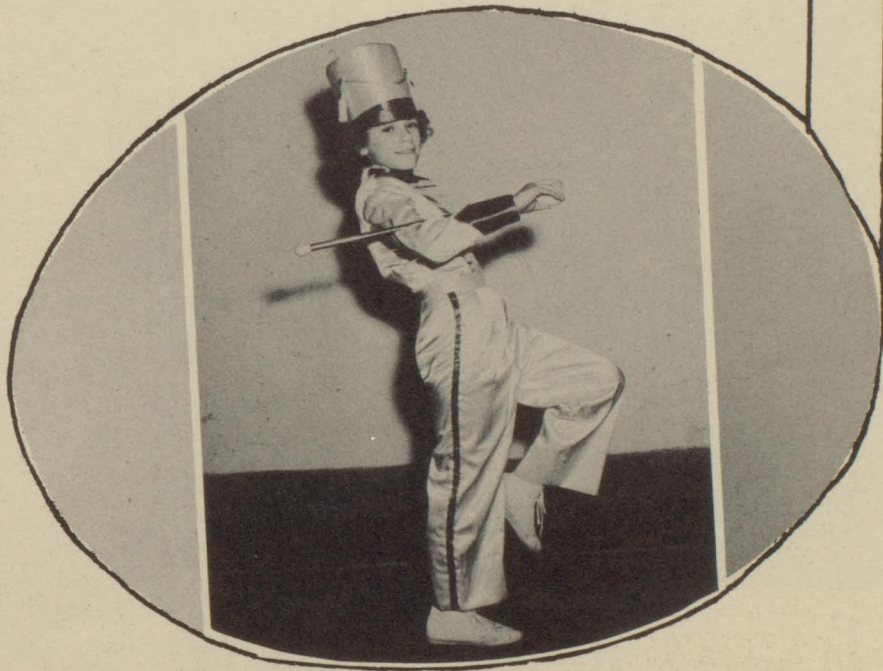
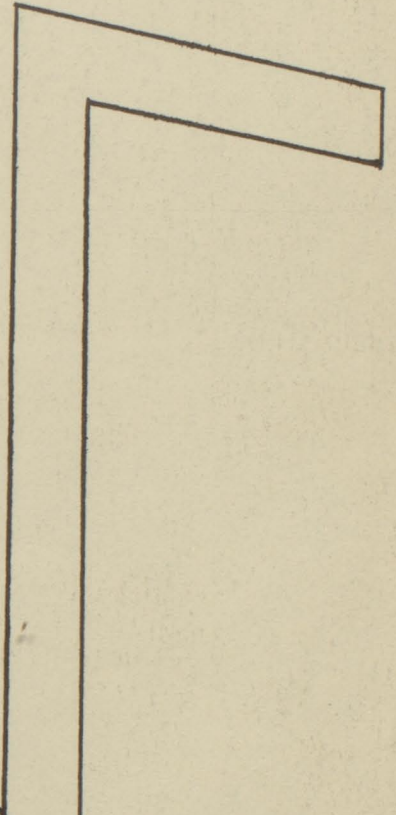
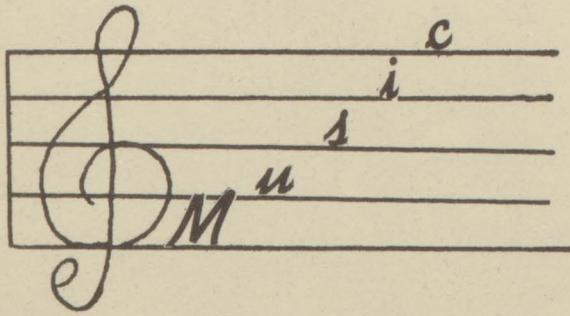
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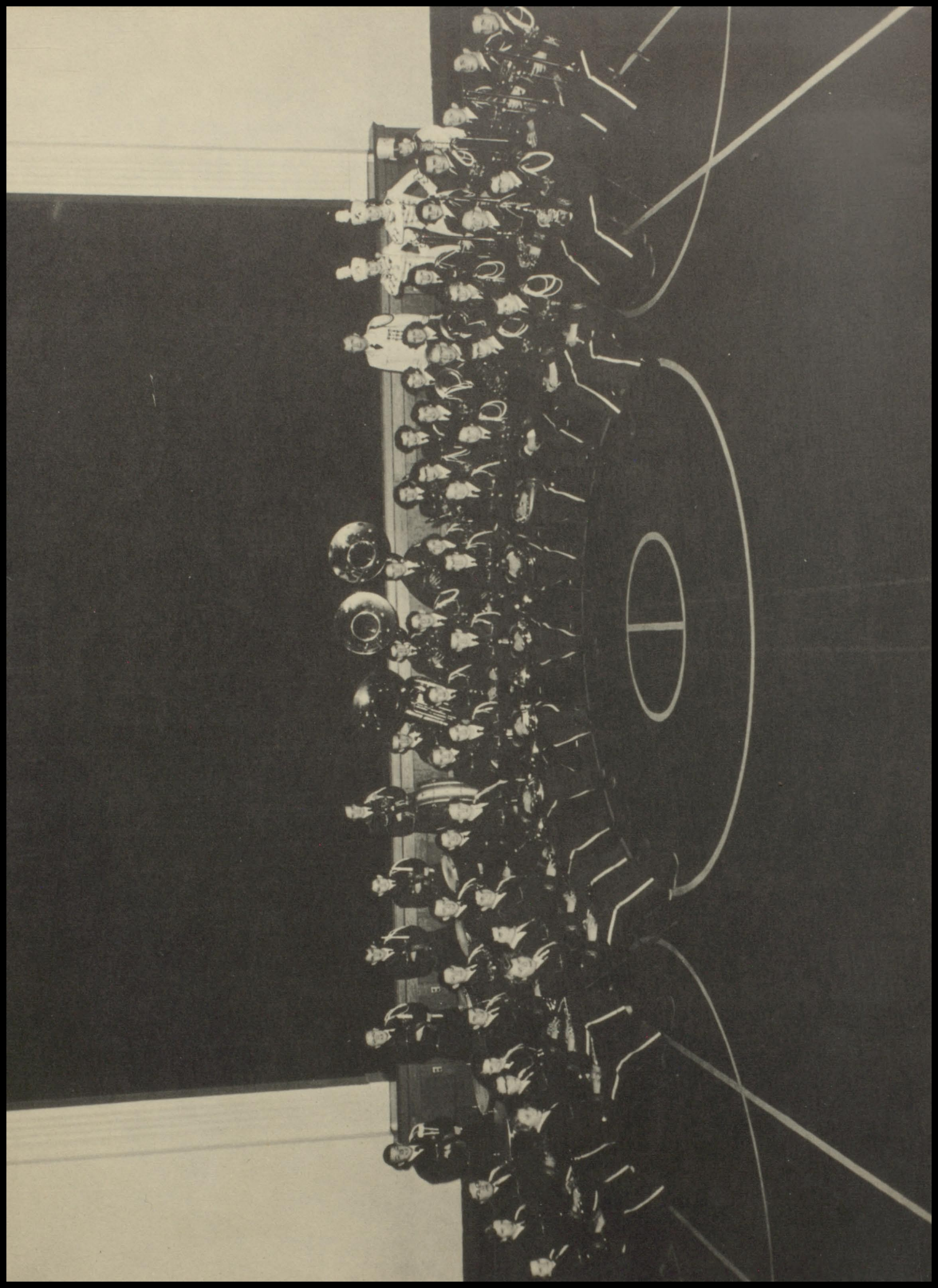
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Colleen Phelps





Reserve Basketball

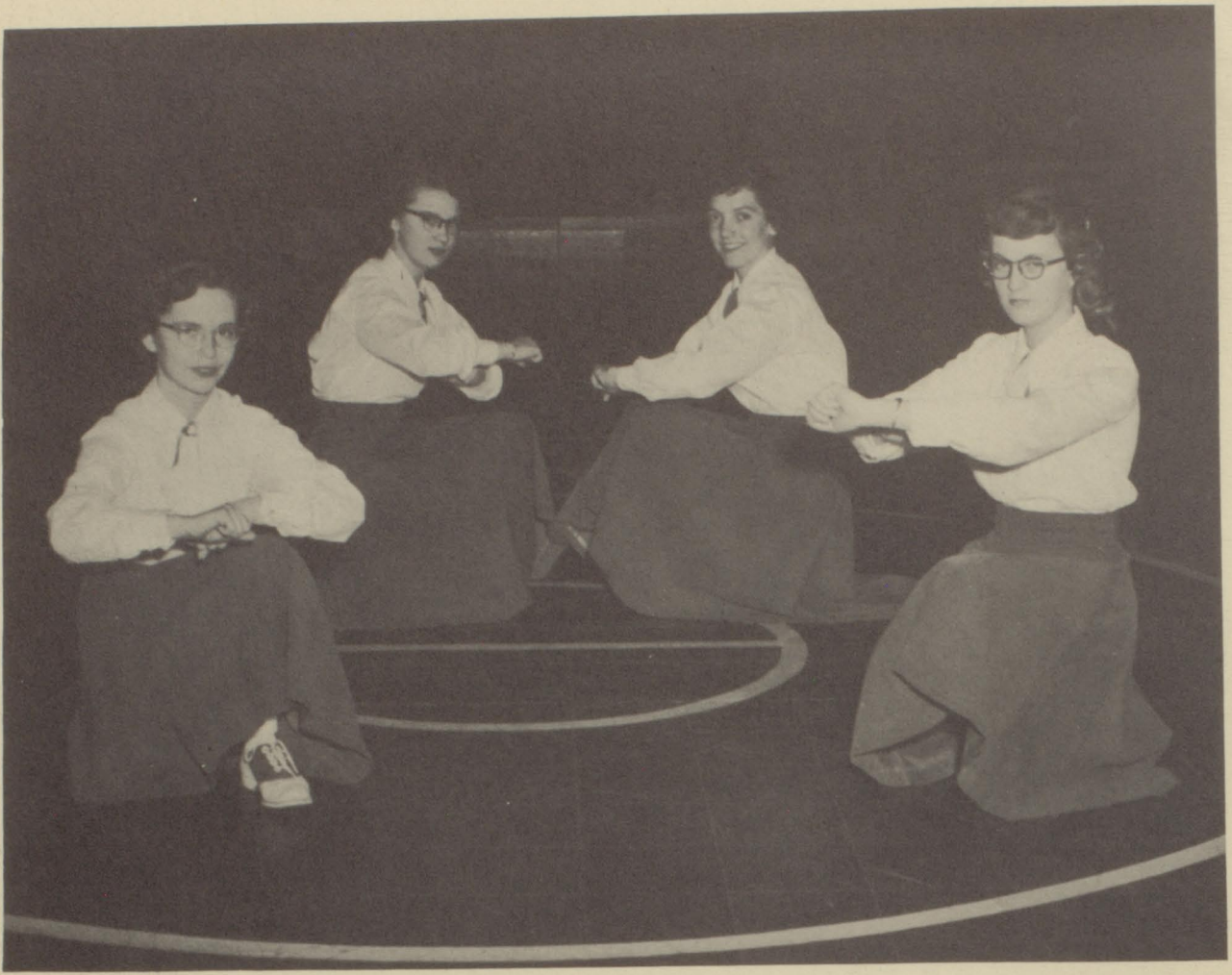
1st Row: Kenneth Decker; Roger Phelps.

2nd Row: John Nystrom, manager; Richard Lucas; Ronald Ward; Richard Bower; James Helmer; Allan Decker; James Frisbie; Mr. W. H. Judd, Coach.

The reserve team was made up of eight freshmen and one sophomore. They won 8 games and lost 8. This group of boys has made considerable improvement during the season. If they continue to improve as they have done during this winter, the prospects for a future championship team are quite encouraging. They played very good basketball for a freshman team; if they stay with the game, their chances are good.

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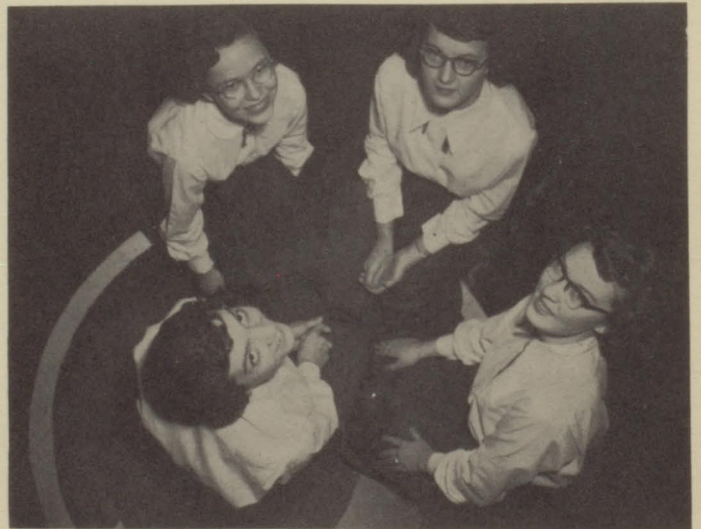


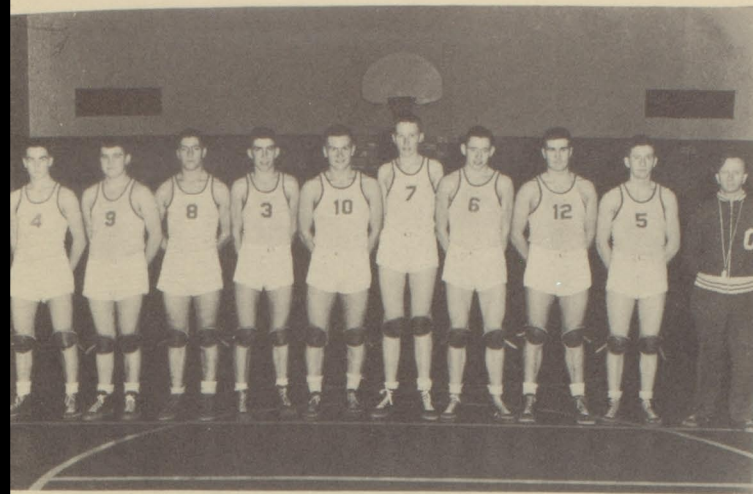
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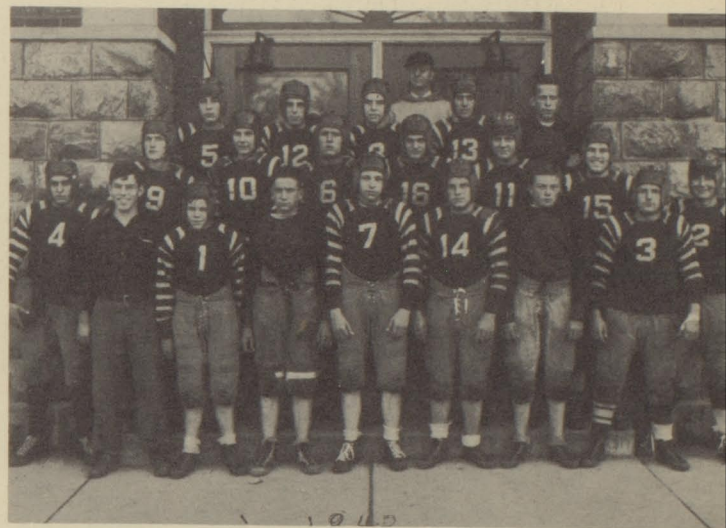
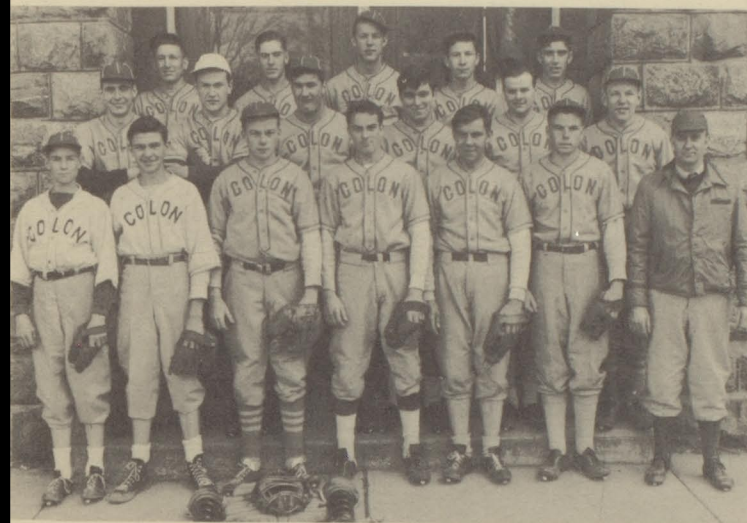


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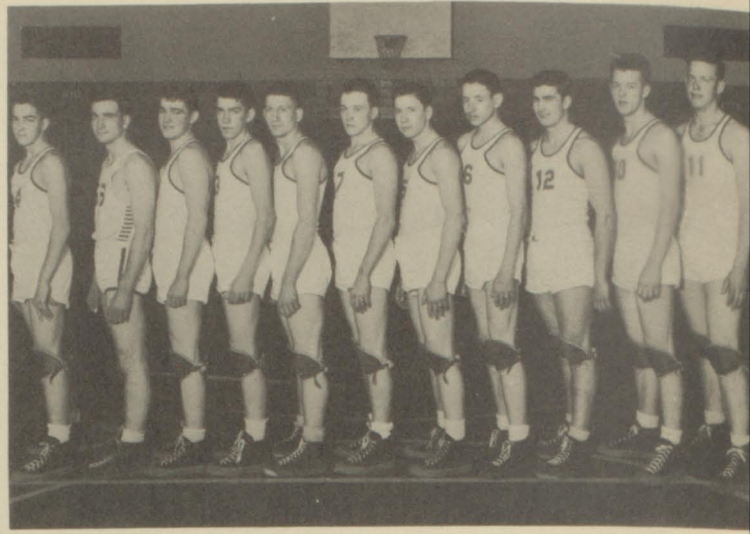
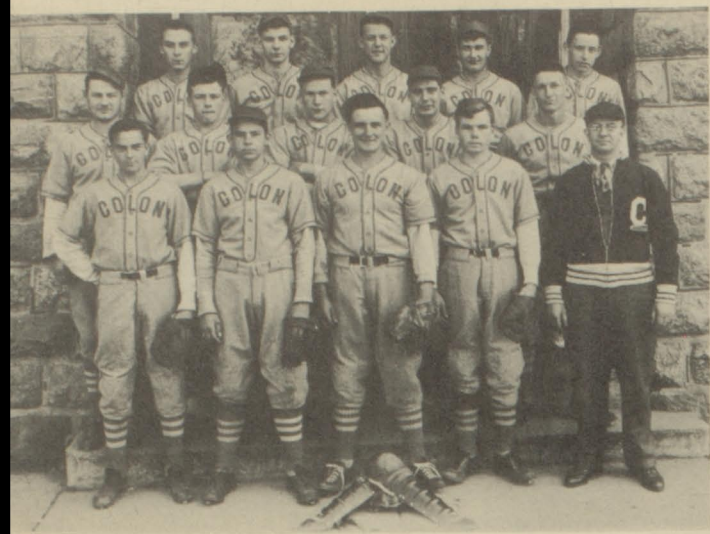


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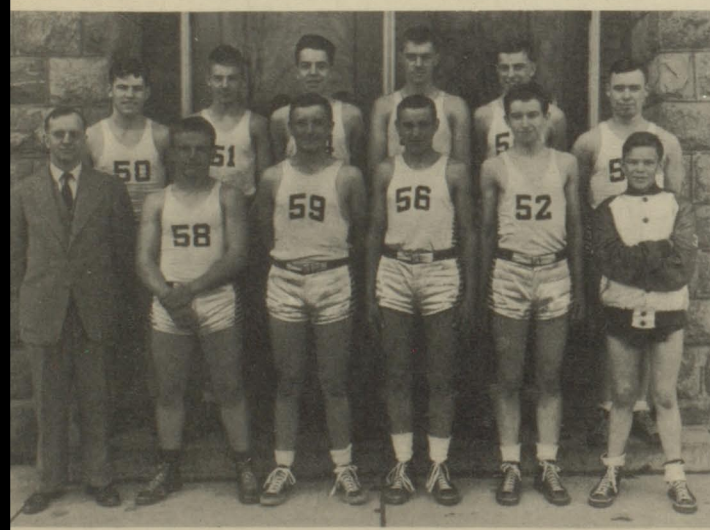




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Teams



Band

1st Row: Gaye Bradford; Dona Hoekzema; Allan King; Gloria Moyer; Viola Drake; Marcia Stuart; Elizabeth VanVoorhees; Gula Taylor; Sandra Loudenslager; Florence Merrifield; Carol Cupp.

2nd Row: Rae Bradford; Esther Oldenburg; Mary Good; Arlon King; Ronald Ward; James Ryan; Marden Hinkley; Duane Holtz; Kenneth Hurley; Robert Oliver; Marilyn Abbott; Carolyn Merrifield; Marlene Wood; Lee Webb; Beverly Weinberg; Roger Phelps; Kathryn McKee.

3rd Row: Janet McKee; Marcia Templin; Kenneth Long; Larry Kinter; James Frisbie; William Teadt; Charles Draime; Lillian Williams; Phillip Mast; Leslie Schrader; James Helmer; Karen Cupp; Linda Frink; JoAnne Swonk; Gloria Weiderman; Janis Michael; Barbara Kane; Jerry Baughman; Larry Bowerman; Lynn Ross; Richard Kane; Director Melvin Flowers; Majorettes-Carol Wood, Carol Schrader; Twirlers-Colleen Phelps; (absent) Christie Freeland.

Absent from picture: David Trine; Ernest Eicher; Arthur (Lynn) Moyer; Jobana Robinson; Judith Decker; Norma Shaw; Judith Carpenter; Barbara Offenbecher.

The Colon High School Band under the direction of Mr. Melvin Flowers is made up of 60 members. The bright red and white uniforms decorated with medals earned in past performances help to make the Band a happy organization. The band members are associated with many school and outside activities such as Memorial Day, Baccalaureate and Commencement, football games, and Band Day, which was held at Kalamazoo this year.

During the month of September, a political campaign was reviewed by the Band at the St. Joseph County Fair. The words IKE, ADALAI, and VOTE were conveyed by marching formations to interest all people in the coming election. A QUESTION MARK was presented to get the people to consider which one they were going to vote for. At the conclusion UNCLE SAM appeared to remind us that no matter which one became president, we would still be under a democracy. The same performance was given at the Southwestern Michigan Band and Orchestra Marching Festival at St. Joe, where a rating of "A" was earned by the Band.

On February 21, the District Solo and Ensemble Festival was held at Kalamazoo where the following band members participated, receiving first and second ratings as indicated:

Firsts: Solos--Trombone, Dick Kane; Clarinet, Gaye Bradford. Trio--Richard Kane; Lynn Ross; Jerry Baughman. Brass Quartet--Richard Kane; Ronald Ward; Lynn Ross; Arlon King.

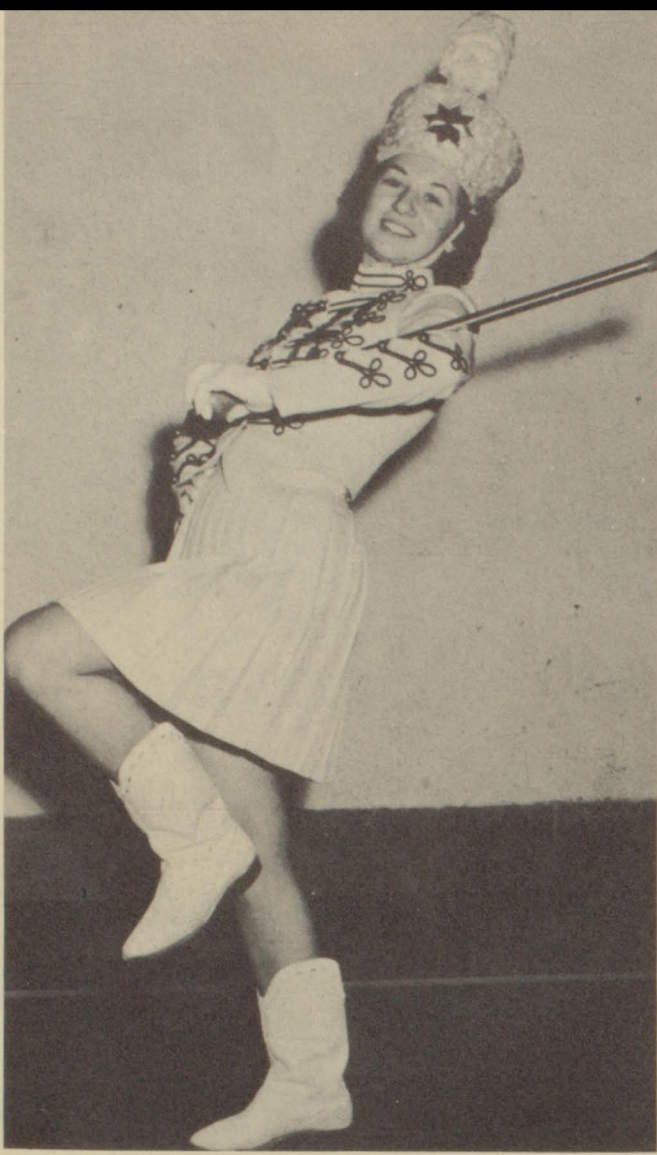
Seconds: Sextet--Leslie Schrader; Gloria Weiderman; Gloria Moyer; Ronald Ward; Lynn Ross; James Ryan. Brass Quartet--Carol Wood; Marden Hinkley; Jerry Baughman; Larry Bowerman. Cornet Quartet--Mary Good; Carol Wood; Arlon King; Marden Hinkley. Brass Quartet--Janis Michael; Jerry Baughman; Ronald Ward; Arlon King.

All those among the above, who earned first ratings entered the State Solo and Ensemble Festival held at the University of Michigan on March 28. Before this event, the Band entered the District Band and Orchestra Festival at Mendon on March 20.

Band Officers
 President: Carolyn Merrifield
 Reporter: Marlene Wood

Marlene Wood, reporter





Carol Schrader



Carol Wood

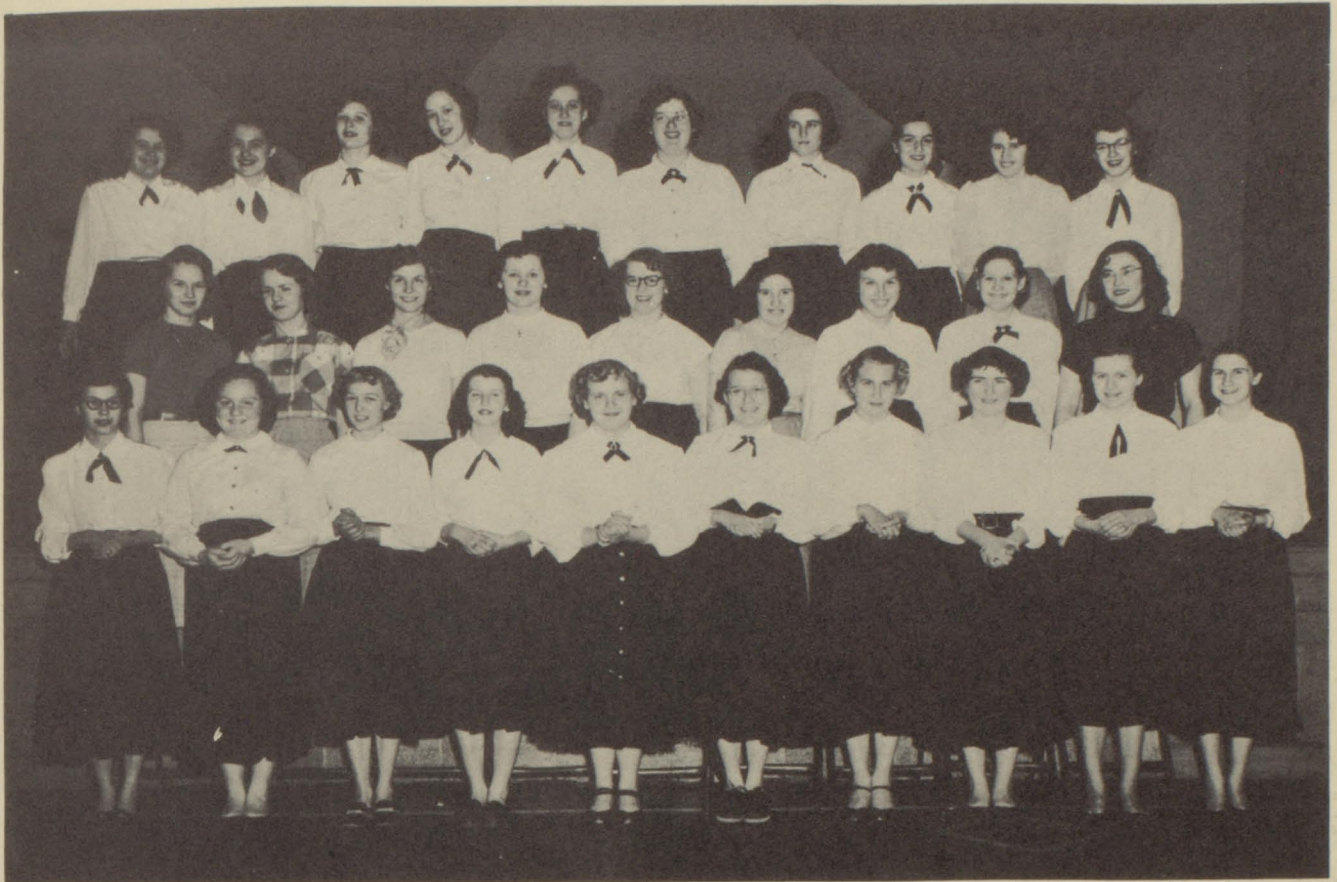
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1st Row: Ilene Swift, Nancy Quinn.

2nd Row: Carol Ann Jacob,
Helen Wondergem.

3rd Row: Barbara Ash,
Lillian Williams





Glee Club

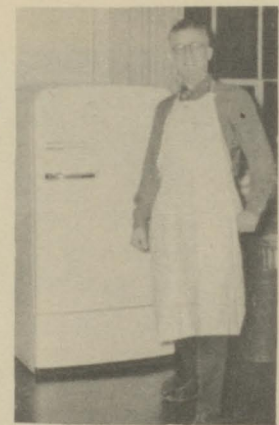
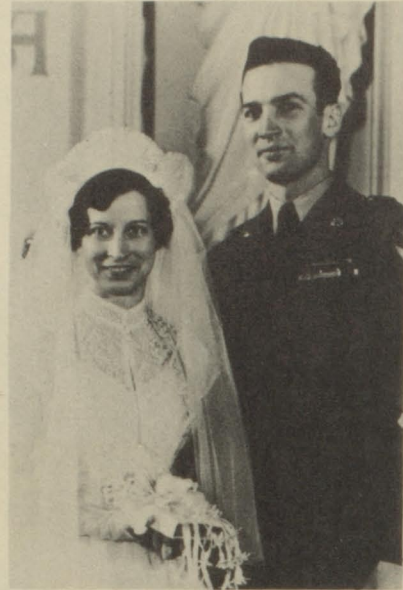
1st Row: Nancy Nichols; Roberta Osbon; Vera Shannon; Wilma Warkentine; Ilene Swift; Lillian Hinkley; Daisy Mae French; Judith Swonk; Karen Cupp; Barbara Lewis.

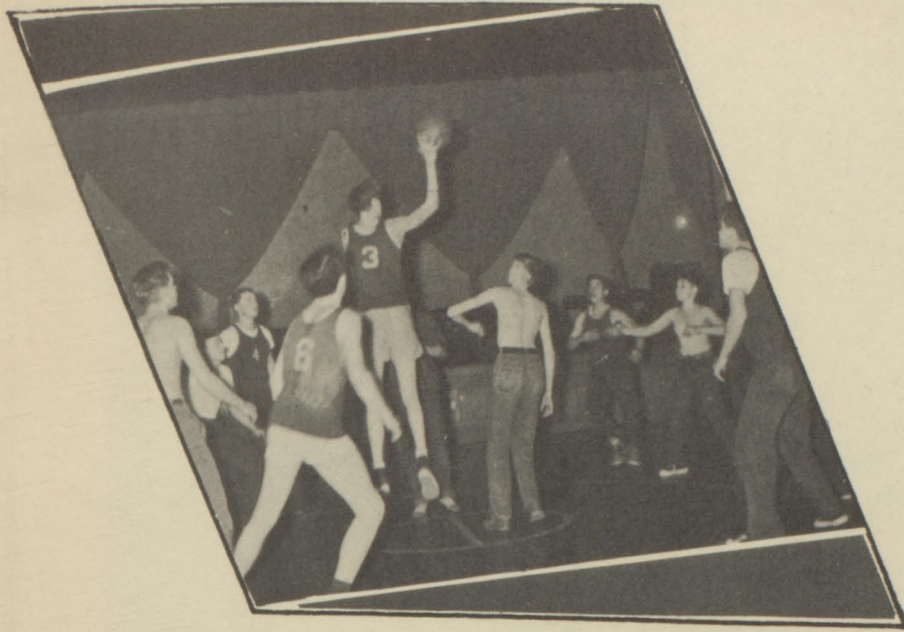
2nd Row: Helen Wondergem; Marna Taylor; Doris Hackenburg; Lorraine Noga; Maxine Harrison; Joyce Heath; Marion Nystrom; Joanne Blair; Miss Jeanne Gascoigne, voice instructor.

3rd Row: Ethal Trefrey; Nancy Quinn; Barbara Ash; Edna Stewart; Lillian Williams; Ethel Mathewson; Dona Hoekzema; Carol Ann Jacob; Laura McClish; Barbara Lane.

The Colon High School Glee Club presented their annual operetta "Slip of the Slipper," December 9, at the High School Auditorium. The operetta cast consisted of: Cinderella, Helen Wondergem; Countess de Sourberry, Nancy Quinn; Prunella, Barbara Offenbecher; Clarabella, Carol Jacob; Prince Frederick, Dona Hoekzema; Fairy Godmother, Lillian Williams.

The annual Christmas program was presented jointly by the Glee Club and the Band, opening with a candlelight procession by the Glee Club and featuring Christmas carols, accompanied by the Band. A concert was given before the assembly in February and another public concert in April. The sextet participated in all these performances.



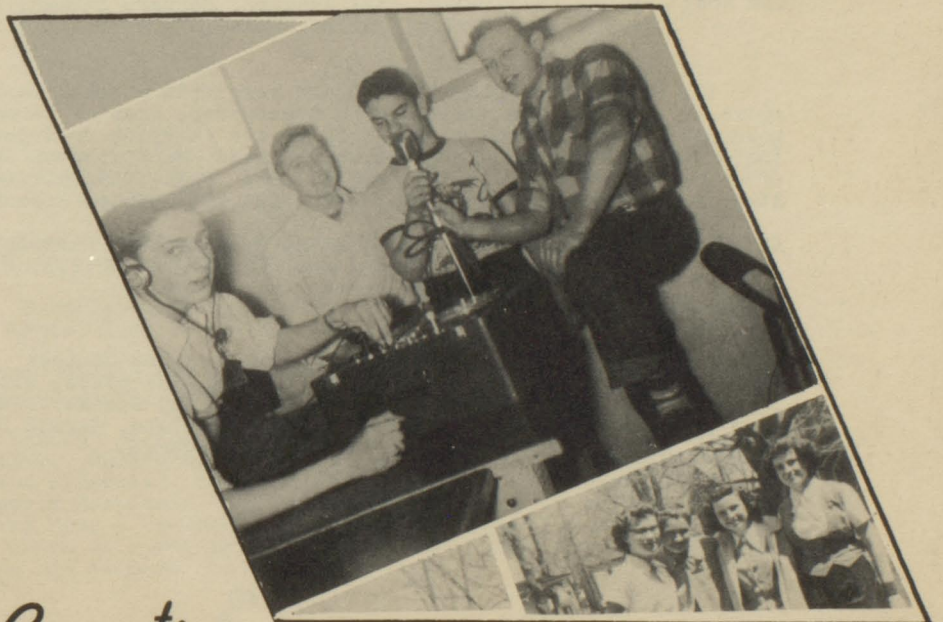


Activities

F.F.A.



Sodalist



Cross Country



Future Farmers of America

- 1st Row: Harold Belote; John Nystrom; Joe Swonk; Allan King; Morris French; Arlon King; Mr. Earl Haight, advisor.
- 2nd Row: Richard Bonham; Dawayne Holtz; Albert Saxman; William Teadt; Ralph Parlin; Donald Oliver; Wayne Smith.
- 3rd Row: Richard Walters; Larry Campbell; Richard Nichols; Joseph Hughes; William Miller; Richard Lucas; Duane Fenner; Jerry Pattison; Gerald Nichols.
- 4th Row: Thomas Fredenburg; Paul Wagaman; Bernard Saxman; Dale Soper; Robert Oliver; Oliver Parlin; Norman Foster; James Helmer; Duane Green.

The F.F.A. has entered its third year with a total membership of forty-five, thirteen of which are green hands; twenty-two, chapter farmers; and thirteen, post-graduates. Thirty-four of our chapter are carrying on Supervised Farming Programs, including two hundred and twenty-eight head of livestock and eighty-seven acres of crops. The net project income to date is \$11,959.24. Leonard Burnham won the State Soil and Water Management Award and the Chapter Star Farmer Award.

ACTIVITIES: National Convention, State Convention, District Contest, Leadership Training Camp, Parent and Son Banquet, F.F.A. and Y-Teen party, seed sale, barn dance, scrap-paper drive.

Winners in the District Contest

Demonstration team for raising dairy calves--1st place, with trophy--Jerry Pattison, leader; Harold Belote; Joseph Hughes. Top speaker--James Helmer, 1st place. Parliamentary Procedure: bronze medal, 4th place, Gerald Nichols, leader; Earl Eicher; Duane Green; Larry Campbell; Paul Wagaman.



Y-Teens

- 1st Row: Nancy Decker, business manager; Gloria Weiderman, reporter; Florence Merrifield, secretary; Marlene Wood, vice-president; Carolyn Merrifield; Sarah Hildebrand, treasurer; Kathryn McKee, program chairman.
- 2nd Row: Miss Wilma Ladyman, advisor; Kay Osbon; Marilyn Abbott; Rae Bradford; Linda Frink; Viola Drake; Donna Teeple.
- 3rd Row: Marna Taylor; Beverly Weinberg; Barbara Lane; Patricia Geering; Karen Cupp; Barbara Lewis; Rose Johnston.
- 4th Row: Carol Schrader; Gloria Moyer; Sheila Bond; Lillian Williams; Sylvia Bokhart; Betty Lou Jacob; Mary Good.

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 Thanksgiving, we made favors for the Sturgis Hospital. The Y-Teens were active in selling Christmas seals. In January we held a co-operative party with the F.F.A. We had a Mothers Tea during the month of April to which the U and I Club were also invited. A picnic was held for the new members who will join in the fall.



News Staff

1st Row: Dale Eash, mimeograph operator and head artist; Jerry Pattison, business manager; Larry Kinter, editor; Carolyn Merrifield, co-editor; Dona Hoekzema, stencil typist; Sylvia Bokhart, feature editor; Nancy Decker, feature editor; Marlene Wood, gossip editor.

2nd Row: Marilyn Fenner, proof reader; Barbara Bailey, typist; John Schull, mimeograph operator; Mrs. Flora Ambs, typing advisor; Morris French, sports editor; John Wickey, art editor; Gerald Nichols, gossip editor; Mrs. Virginia Ash, advisor; Gaye Bradford, news editor; Sarah Hildebrand, typist.

Absent: Barbara Offenbecher, stencil typist.

The Colon Hi News staff has had a thoroughly enjoyable time publishing the high school paper. Our own office with a mimeograph, mimeoscope, a complete set of tools, colored ink, and a co-operative staff has helped us to learn the essentials of newspaper work.

Our publication has been under the management of Larry Kinter and Carolyn Merrifield. John Schull and Dale Eash have done a professional job at the mimeograph. Dale Eash, assisted by John Schull, has been very successful in precision art work in multi-colors. Morris French and Joe Swonk have prepared unusual sports articles. Dona Hoekzema and Barbara Offenbecher have been exacting and faithful in preparing the stencils through many difficult assignments; and their finished work has been commendable.

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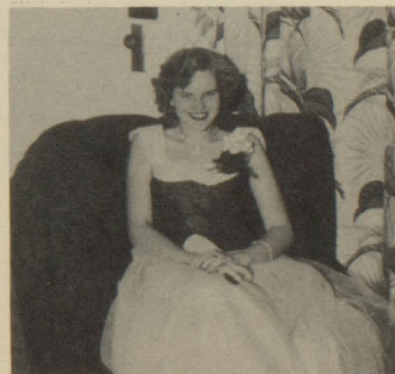
On a shining day in May, long awaited by the Juniors for the wonderful trips after flowers, the Good Ship Colon High came to rest in the gym. The English Channel and bluebirds over the White Cliffs of Dover could be seen in the distance. A silver boat of shining proportions braved the high sea wall. From the shore, a lighthouse gleamed a merry welcome to all. The senior banner, "Today We Follow; Tomorrow We Lead," flew through green and white ribbons. The guests were met on deck by two handsome sailors, Leroy Miller and Jack Barker.

The dining room was beautifully decorated in green and white in honor of the senior passengers. The nut cups were in the form of sailboats, and the menu cards sported a saucy seagull on their covers. A floral piece in the shape of a clock in front of the stage illustrated the song, "Now is the Hour," sung by the quartette. Dale Eash gave the opening prayer after which a delicious dinner, prepared by the Juniors' mothers was served by the Sophomore girls, who dressed in sailor hats and white aprons. The kitchen staff was ably assisted by Jerry Baughman and Lynn Ross as errand boys.

Following the theme, "Moonlight on the Seashore," the program was expertly piloted through gales of laughter by Toastmistress Gloria Weiderman and Toastmaster Joe Swonk. The program they presented was as follows: Welcome, Larry Kinter and Morris French; Response, Charles Nystrom; Poem, "Boat Love," Sylvia Bokhart; Song, "Harbor Lights," Junior Class; Skit, Gloria Weiderman and Joe Swonk; Toast, Morris French; Vocal Solo, Larry Kinter; Reading, Marlene Wood; Vocal quartette, "Now is the Hour," Dona Hoekzema, Nancy Decker, Marlene Wood, Sylvia Bokhart; Vocal Solo, "White Cliffs of Dover," Melvin Flowers.

Music during the dinner hour and for dancing was furnished by the Four Downbeats.

Adapted from a news item by Marlene Hetletvedt
Class of '52





Senior Play

"That's Our Boy" was the title of the three-act comedy presented by the Senior class on November 5, with Mr. Melvin Flowers as director. Walter Greer, our boy, had a near-tragedy in his life when a dancing school upset his sand-lot football schedule. Black Friday blew a tornado of trouble over Walter when the biggest real estate deal in years fell into his father's hands. Hildegard Kirk decided to buy the Mason Mansion. To help cinch the sale, Walter's mother agreed with Mrs. Kirk that Walt should go to dancing school with her son, Cecil. It was the kiss of destruction with the sand-lot gang to be seen with a girl or at a girls' party. But his mother insisted! How Walter wanted to dry up and blow away! Would the gang razz him! That Cecil! What a drizzling drip!

When Cecil got a black eye, Walter's younger sister, Lynn said that Walter planned to give Cecil a black eye. Jane, the girl next door, tried to help by saying it was Cecil's fault, that they were fighting over her. Mrs. Kirk was furious and had Walter arrested. The judge believed in holding the parent with the juvenile delinquent, so father went to jail too. Finally, Cecil turns out to be a regular fellow and gets Walter and his father out of jail; everything is settled and the family goes back to normal living.



Junior Play

- 1st Row: Jack Barker; Gloria Moyer; Allan King; Arlon King; Janis Michael; James Ryan.
- 2nd Row: Robert Oliver; Carol Schrader; Kathryn McKee; Judith Swonk; Joe Hughes.
- 3rd Row: Nancy Nichols; Lorraine Noga; Duane Green; Jerry Baughman; Patricia Noga; Daisy Mae French. Barbara Ash, absent. Mrs. Virginia Ash, Director, absent.

"The Brain Storm" was the three act comedy presented by the Junior Class. The play featured several college students and was centered around Willoughby Adams and his conscience, "Inner Willy." Willoughby, having led a sheltered life with his three maiden aunts, had become a spineless creature. He had the makings of an athlete, but he insisted that he came from a "long line of fainters." His - three-aunts decided college life was too strenuous for their frail boy and insisted he return to his home town, but a reporter tried to encourage Willoughby to stay and become a hero. Inner Willy tortured the poor fellow constantly. Inner Willy finally disappeared when Willoughby had shed his shackles at last.

The play was presented at the Colon High School Auditorium, March 13, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Ash.

Latin Club



1st Row: Reporter, Jack Barker; President, Richard Kane; Secretary, James Ryan; Gloria Moyer.

2nd Row: Kathryn McKee; Edna Carpenter; Lillian Williams; Kenneth Long; Ann Wattles; Helen Masters.



Usher Club

1st Row: Lorraine Noga, Carol Wood, Janis Michael, Mary Lou Thrams.

2nd Row: Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe, advisor; Sarah Hildebrand, head usher; Viola Drake.

3rd Row: Lillian Williams; Carol Ann Jacob; Carol Schrader.

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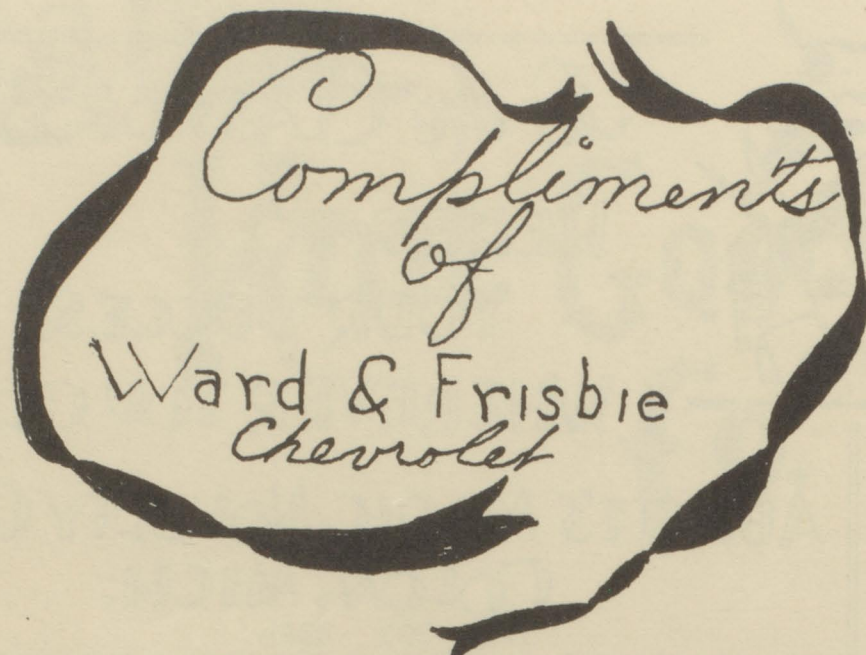
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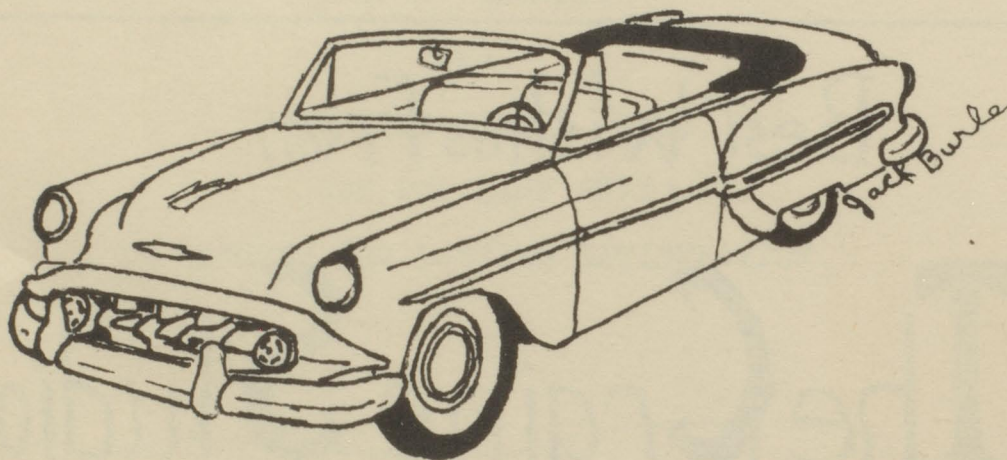
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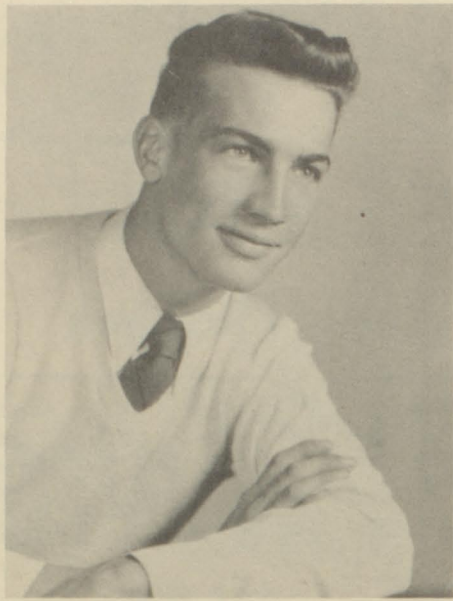
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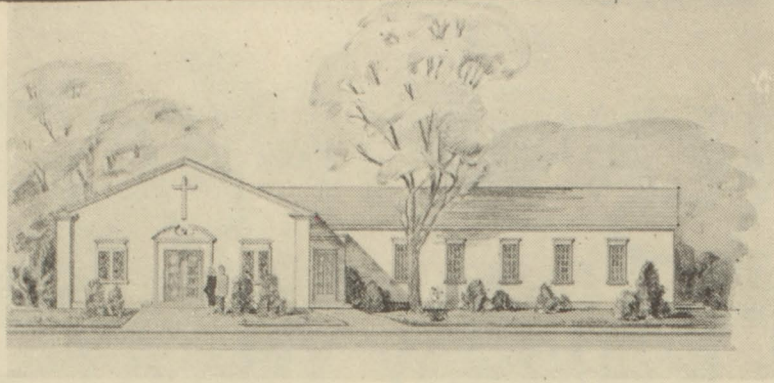


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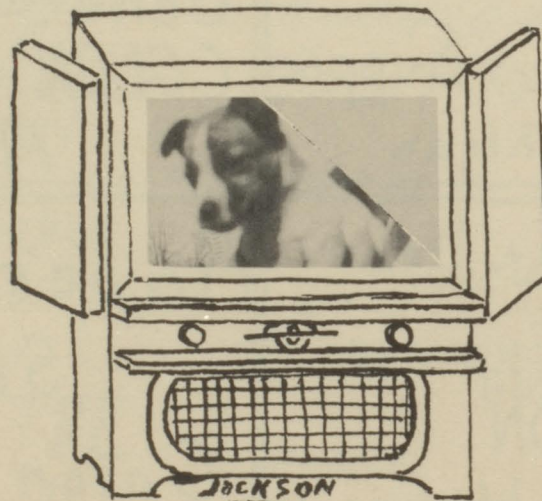
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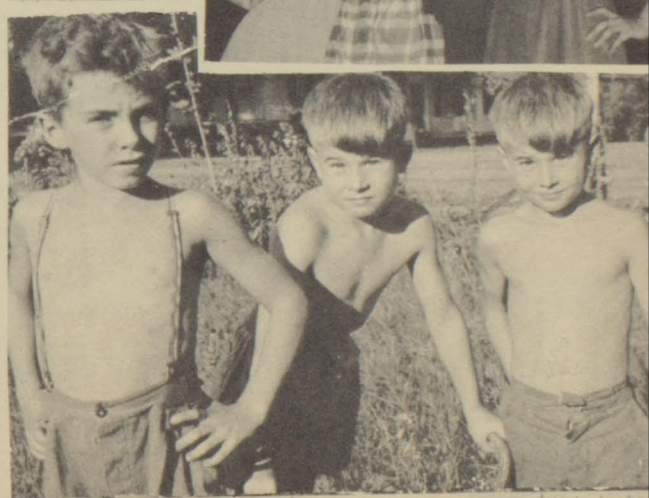
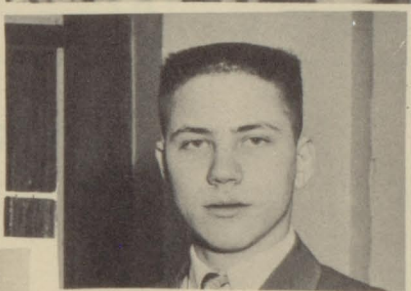
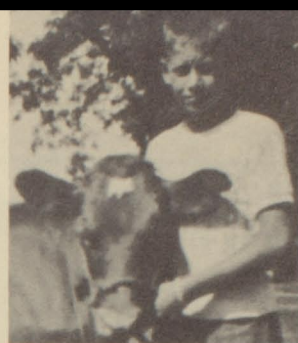
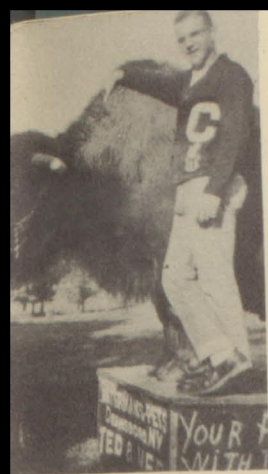
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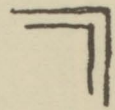
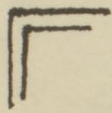


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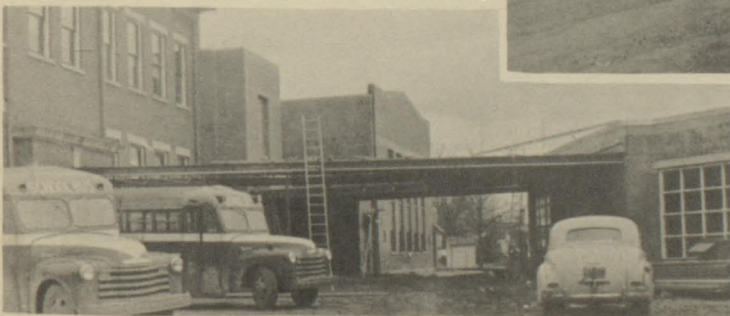


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