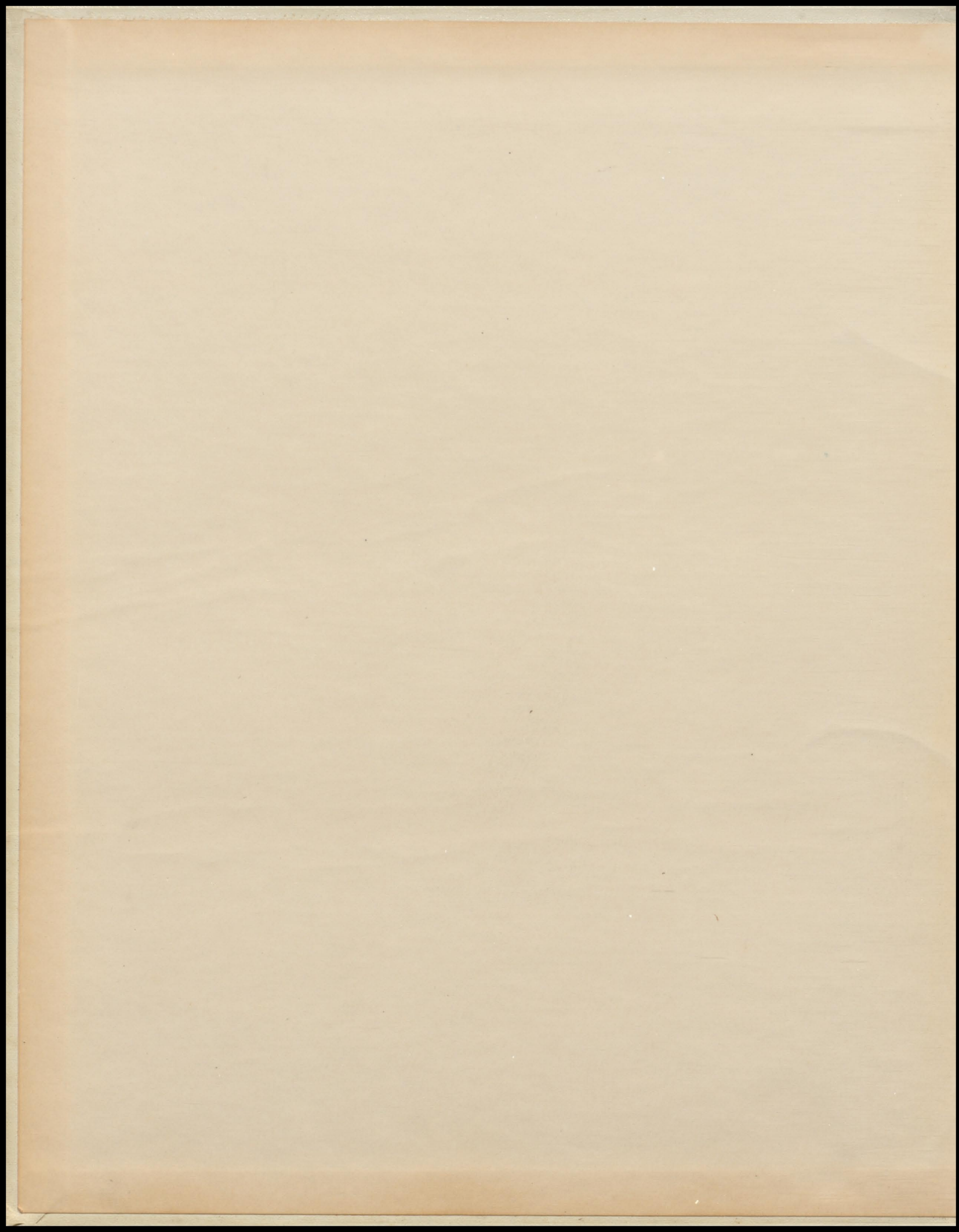
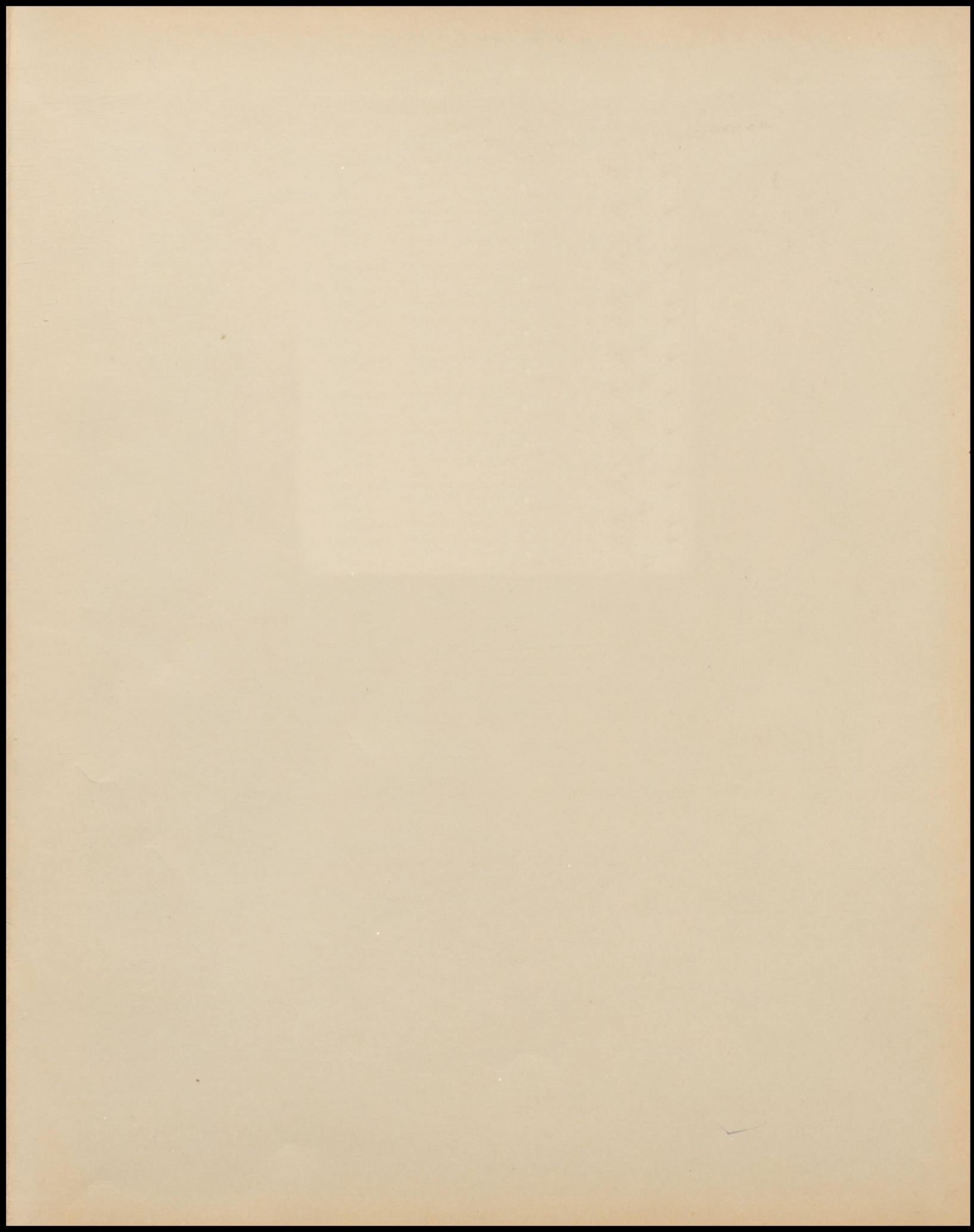
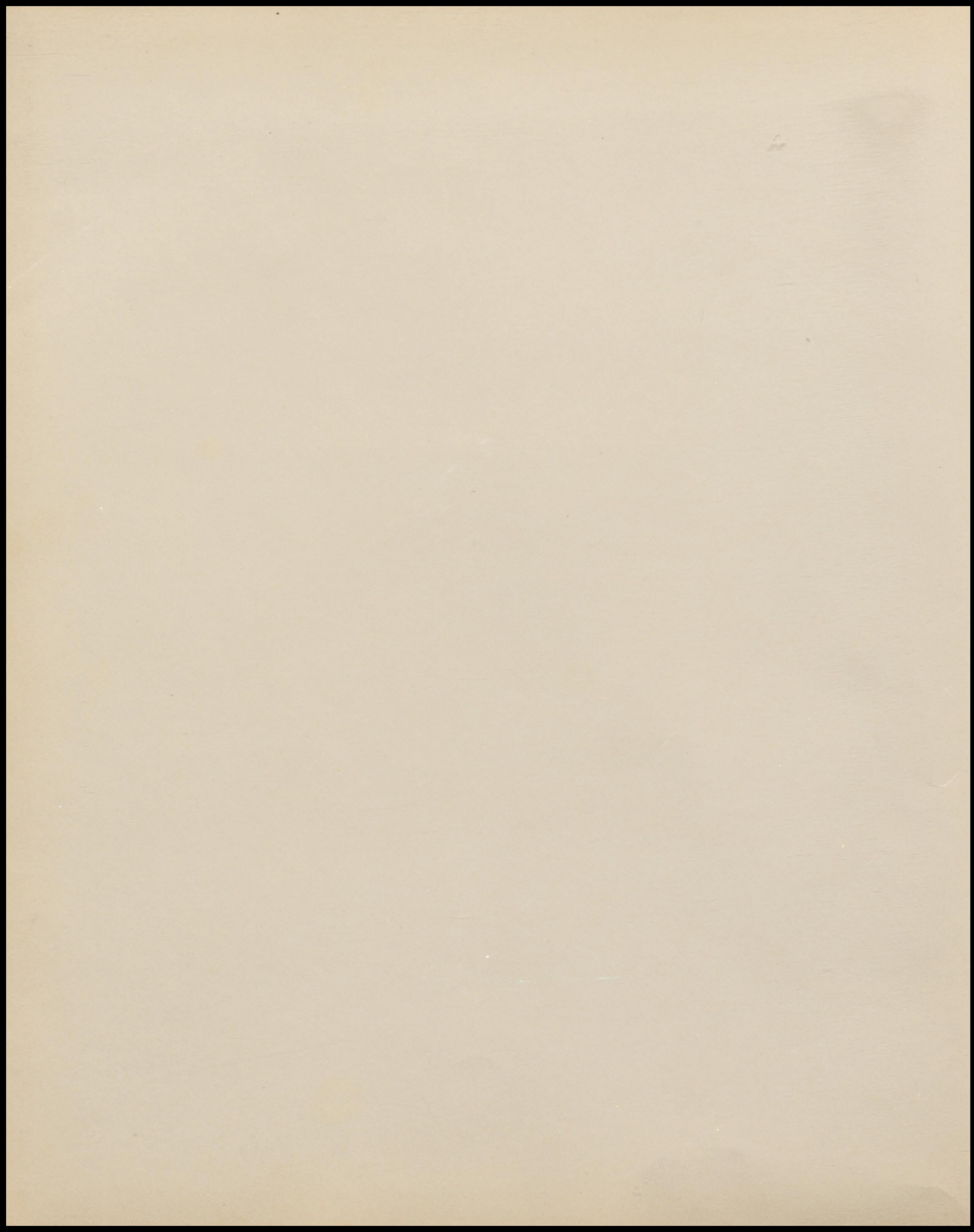



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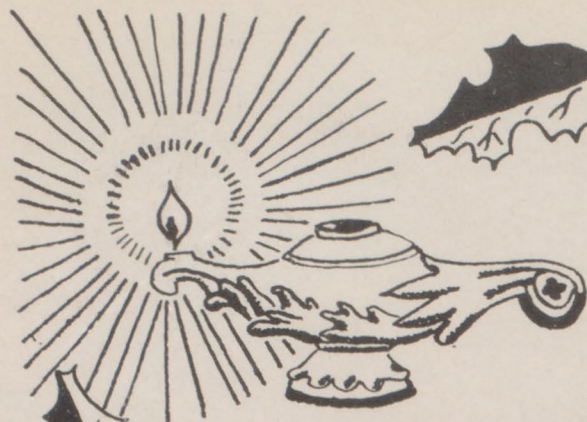


COLON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Colon, Michigan

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## Dedication

MRS. FREDRICA JAFFE



*In appreciation of the fine person you are and all the sincere help and friendship you have given to the students of Colon High school, we have chosen to dedicate this Annual to you. You have earned our heartiest thanks and gratitude because of all your hard work and faithfulness. Our four years in high school will be remembered with much deeper meaning because of you. May God's richest blessings be upon you always!*



Mr. W. H. Judd  
Principal



Manley Van Voorhees  
Superintendent

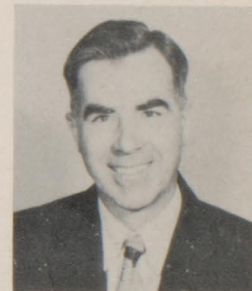


Miss Barbara Lewis  
Secretary

## *Administration*



Mr. Joseph Rockelein  
Board



Dr. George Hoekzema  
Board



Dr. Lawrence Watson  
President, School Board



Mr. Merle Farrand  
Board



Mr. Edward Davis  
Board



## Faculty

Miss Jeanne Gascoigne--Vocal Music and Art; A.B., Nazareth.

Mrs. Flora Ambs--Commercial; A.B., Olivet College.

Miss Alice Grimes--Science and Mathematics; B.S., Western Michigan College of Education.

Mrs. Virginia Ash--English and Latin; A.B., Kalamazoo College.

Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe--Librarian and English; A.B., University of Indiana.

Miss Helen Reesor--Home Economics; B.S., Michigan State University.

Mr. Manley Van Voorhees, Superintendent--A.B., Hillsdale College; M.A., University of Michigan.

Mr. Leroy Evarts--Mathematics and Driver Training; B.S., Western Michigan College.

Mr. Melvin Flowers--Social Studies; B.S., Western Michigan College of Education.

Mr. Robert Glazier--Biology and Coach; B.S., Western Michigan College.

Mr. James Devine--Shop and Coach; B.S., Western Michigan College.

Mr. Earl Haight--Vocational Agriculture; B.S., M.S., Michigan State University.

Mr. Bruce Loomis--Band and Social Studies; B.M., University of Michigan.

Mr. W. H. Judd, Principal--Science and Mathematics; B.S., Central Michigan College of Education; M.A., Western Michigan College.





*Grade  
Teachers*

Sitting: Mrs. Wilma Knecht, Mrs. Laura Frisbie, Mrs. Hilda Waltz,  
Mrs. Ila Baad.

Standing: Miss Miriam Pearson, Mrs. Margaret Gales, Mrs. Leila Frey,  
Mrs. Wava Evarts, Mrs. Audrey Godby, Mrs. Letah Farrand.

Absent: Mrs. Doris Flowers.

Sitting: Mrs. Esther Mumby, Miss Celeste Happel, Mrs. Janet Drake.

Standing: Mrs. Ruth Ambs, Mr. James Mingus, Mrs. Edith Fry.

Absent: Miss Clara Thrans, Mrs. Lois Wattles.

*Rural  
Teachers*





## *Student Council*

1st Row: Kay Parlin; Judith Decker, Vice-President; Janet McKee, President; Sue Sprowl, Secretary-Treasurer; Marilyn Perry, Reporter; Judith Carpenter.

2nd Row: Thomas Davis; Phillip Eberhard; Mr. Judd, Advisor; James Saxman; Thomas Loudenslager.

Mr. Van Voorhees, Advisor

The aim of the Student Council is to present to the Administration and to the School Board the students' viewpoint 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: Paul Lederman, freshman reporter; Shirley Fenner, artist; Wilma Woodworth, 8th grade reporter; Janet McKee, Editor; Douglas Adams, Business Manager; Bethel Stanton, snapshots; Julia McClish, senior history; Arlene Miller, class will.
- 2nd Row: Barbara Hagelgans, Advertising Manager; Marcia Stuart, senior history; Marilyn Farrand, sophomore reporter; Gula Taylor, junior play; Loretta Truckey, senior history; Marcella Shannon, senior history; Mitzi Holsinger, class will; Marilyn Perry, senior activities; Miriam Lederman, junior reporter; Mrs. Flora Ambs, Advisor.
- 3rd Row: Lee Sprowl, Asst. Business Manager; John Yoder, artist; Esther Oldenberg, senior activities; Mary Ellen Ward, snapshots; Jane Westendorf, Advertising Manager; Iva (Jean) Thurston, theme; Doris Steininger, theme; Diane Freeland, band; Carla Robbins, prom; Sandra Loudenslager, senior play.
- 4th Row: Gene Trine, art editor, sales manager; Thomas Fisher, asst. sales manager; Carl Hackenburg, F.F.A.; James Farrand, Asst. Advertising Manager; Thomas Penrod, basketball; James Lee, basketball; Roy Johnson, sports editor; Charles Ruge, asst. artist; Jerry Truckey, baseball.
- Absent: Mary Mesler, library; Betty Lungler, theme; Susie Mesler, theme; Carol Cupp, theme.



## News Staff

- 1st Row: Jeanette Thompson, copyist; Mitzi Holsinger, Feature Editor; John Yoder, Art Editor; Charles Ruge, Business Manager; Marilyn Perry, Asst. Editor; Sandra Loudenslager and Susie Mesler, Co-Editors; Esther Oldenberg, Asst. Editor; Edward Schrader, Business Manager; Judith Pokorny, Art Editor; Carla Robbins, Feature Editor; Diane Freeland, Band.
- 2nd Row: Phyllis Cutchall, copyist; Barbara French, copyist; Bethel Stanton, News Editor; Julia McClish, Joke Editor; Gula Taylor, F.T.A.; Marcia Stuart, Joke Editor; Miriam Lederman, junior reporter; Paul Lederman, freshman reporter; Wilma Woodworth, eighth grade reporter; Barbara Hagelgans, Exchange Editor; Loretta Truckey, Gossip; Arlene Miller, stencils; Mrs. Flora Ambs, Advisor.
- 3rd Row: Marcella Shannon, Gossip; Jane Westendorf, stencils; Doris Steininger, Special Reporter; Jean Thurston, copyist; Betty Lunger, stencils; Robert Fredenburg, mimeograph; Douglas Adams, typist; Carl Hackenburg, F.F.A.; John Miller, Sports Editor; Gene Trine, Sports Editor; James Blair, Sales; Jerry Truckey, mimeograph; Marilyn Farrand, sophomore reporter; Janet McKee, News Editor.

Since our Colon Hi News has grown in size and circulation, this year's Senior Class decided to have two editors and two assistant editors. This has given Sandra Loudenslager, Marilyn Perry, Susie Mesler, and Esther Oldenburg an opportunity to take turns in editing the paper. They have improved the editorials and spent more time in securing student opinions.

Gene Trine has been our color man at the mimeograph. Eddie Schrader, Marcella Shannon, Jerry Truckey, John Miller, Loretta Truckey, Robert Fredenburg, and John Yoder were the mimeograph staff. Judy Pokorny has been an excellent art editor. She kept the mimeograph room so orderly that everyone improved in their work. Carla Robbins wrote many clever feature articles. Mitzi Holsinger, Carol Cupp, Esther Oldenburg, Arlene Miller, and Doris Steininger were especially skillful in preparing stencils. Eddie Schrader and Charles Ruge were very instrumental in securing the many subscriptions for the paper and did a very good job of managing the financial end of it.



## Library

1st Row: Mary Trayling; Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe, Librarian; Mary Mesler; Rita Mast; Marilyn Perry.

2nd Row: Shirley Fenner; Jeanette Woodworth; Sandra Hughes; Patricia MacNeill; Kay Thornton.

The library is a material center which furnishes recreational and reference reading for students and teachers. In it are housed about 1800 books--fiction and non-fiction--and 340 film strips are cared for here. Of some 40 magazines ordered and processed by the library, 14 are kept there for the use of the pupils, and the remainder are delivered to the various teachers for their class-room use.

Assistant librarians are on duty almost every period of the day. They assist pupils in reference problems, keep the center orderly and neat, help process the books, and maintain good citizenship in the library. They receive one-fourth credit for a year's work, if they perform their duties creditably.

Because of the increasing of student enrollment, the library is very much in use and is proving to be more inadequate in size than it was last year.



## Cafeteria Staff

Julia Ware, Mary Yeatter, Ginger Bryan,  
Donald Coats, Kay Sprowl, Dickie Delp,  
William Koehl, Elida Cruz, Loretta Truckey,  
Kay Parlin, Marcella Shannon, Judy Pokorny.



## Cooks

Mrs. Louie Baumeister,  
Mrs. Cora Bonham



## Bus Drivers

Sitting: Erwin Hurley, Arthur Kane  
Reverend Leonard Steininger  
Rex Thrans  
Standing: Fluett King, James Hodges  
Gerald Stanton, Lynn Lytle  
Ray Miller  
Absent: Thomas Hughes



## Janitors

Ernest Ambs, Frank Hinkley  
Clare Bonham  
Absent: Sam Ambs





## Valedictorian

SANDRA LOUDENSLAGER

Band-4; Junior High Cheerleader-1; Librarian-1; Class Reporter-1; Student Council: Secretary-Treasurer-1; Pep Club-1; Future Teachers Club-1; Future Homemakers of America-1; Colon Hi News: Co-Editor-1; Reporter-1; Annual Staff: Finished Copy Typist-1; Senior Play Reporter-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Monitor-1; Gym Teacher-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Art Decorations, Prom-1; Accompanied Mayor on Mayor Exchange Day; Wolverine Girls State-1; Principal's Office-2; Latin Club-1; Student Assistant of Teacher-1.

"Character is the cornerstone of success."



## Salutatorian

BETHEL STANTON

Band-4; President-1; Solo and Ensembles-1; Student Bulletin-1; Asst.-1; Class Treasurer-1; Class Reporter-1; Student Council-1; Pep Club-1; Government Day-1; Colon Hi News: News Editor-1; Reporter-1; Annual Staff: Photographs-2; Latin Club Reporter-1; Junior Play-1; Senior Play-1; Monitor-1; Teacher's Assistant-1; Principal's Office-1; Pep Band-2; Factoryville Youth Group: President-1; Orchestra; Choir; 4H-8; President-1; Treasurer-1; Junior Leader-3; Reporter-1; Mayor Exchange Day-1.

"She will find a path, or make one."

## President

DOUGLAS ADAMS

Class President-5; Student Council-4; Pep Club-1; Annual Staff-2; Business Manager-1; Assistant Business Manager-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Monitor-2; Senior Play Cast-1; Football-4; Varsity Club-2; Future Farmers of America-4; Secretary-2; Chapter Farmer-3; International Dairy Show-1; State Farmers Week-2; Delegate, State Convention-2; State Soil Contest-1; Youth Center Committee-1.

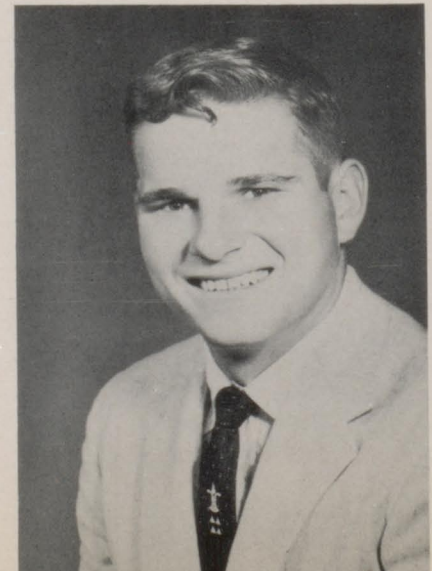
"To him nothing is impossible."

## Vice-President

JERRY TRUCKEY

Pep Club-1; Future Teachers Club-1; Colon Hi News: Mimeograph Operator-1; Annual Staff: Baseball Reporter-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Monitor-2; Football-2; Basketball-1; Baseball-3; F.F.A.-3; Gym Teacher-2; Football Manager-1; Basketball Manager-1; Baseball Manager-1; Varsity Club-2; President-1.

"His idea of a perfect day, less work and more play."







Honor Student

JANET MCKEE

Band-7; Library-1½; Student Council: President-1; Colon Hi News: News Editor-1; Y-Teens-1; Annual Staff: Editor-1; Co-Editor-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Senior Play: Prompter-1; Principal's Office-2; The Cafeteria Staff-1; Wolverine Girls State, Alternate; Grange-4; American Institute of Co-Operatives Delegate.  
"Who says love makes the world go round? Catch me, I'm getting dizzy."



MARILYN PERRY

Band-1½; Junior High Cheerleader-1; Librarian-2; Class Reporter-1; Student Council-2; Reporter-1; Colon Hi News: Asst. Co-Editor-1; Typist-1; Stencils-1; Annual Staff-2: Typist-1; Reporter-1; Cover Design Committee-1; Senior Activities-1; Junior Play: Business Manager-1; Monitor-1; B.Y.F.: President-1; Secretary-Treasurer-2; Latin Club-1; Gym Teacher-1; Prom-1; Church Work: Choir-5; Nursery Class Teacher; Orchestra; Special Music Chairman; Primary Department Pianist.  
"A true heart removes obstacles for others."

## Class Officers

SUSIE MESLER

Class Secretary-2; Colon Hi News: Co-Editor-1; Home-Coming Queen-1; Court-1; F.H.A.-2; Annual Staff: Theme Committee-1; Monitor-1; Principal's Office-1; Youth Center Committee-1; Halloween Court-2; Prom-1; Athletic Association Secretary-1;  
"She may be small, she may be quiet; but when it comes to fun, she's just a riot."

MARCIA STUART

Band-4; Junior High Cheerleader-1; Class Secretary-1; Class Treasurer-1; Colon Hi News: Joke Editor-1; Annual Staff: Class History-1; Monitor-1; Senior Play-1; Principal's Office-2; Pep Band-1; 4H-7; Secretary of S.S. Class. "I could be better if I would, but it's awful lonesome being good."



Honor Student





JAMES BLAIR

Librarian-2; Government Day Discussion Leader-1; Colon Hi News: Editorials-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Teachers' Assistant-1; Future Teachers Club-1; Young Peoples President-1; Tract-1; Soloist-1; Church Choir-1; Student Teachers Association-1.  
"The harder I try the gooder to be, the worser I am."



Honor Student

CAROL CUPP

Band-9; Pianist-1; Y-Teens-2; Future Homemakers of America-2; Colon Hi News: Exchange Editor-1; Stencils-1; Annual Staff: Theme-1; Monitor-1; Art Decorating, Prom-1. "Women are made to be loved, not understood."



PHYLLIS CUTCHALL

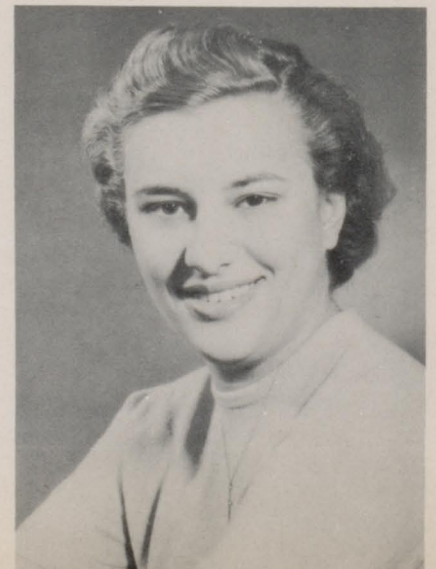
Future Homemakers of America-3; Colon Hi News: Typist-1; B. Y. F.-1; Art Decorating, Prom-1. "May she never change except her name."

BARBARA FRENCH

Cheerleader-1; Class Reporter-1; Pep Club-1; F.H.A.-2; Colon Hi News: Typist-1; Junior Play: Prompter-1; Crusaders Youth Group-1; Do or Die for Christ Club-1; Gym-1; Glee Club -4; Secretary-Treasurer-1; Quartet -1; Operetta-1; Choir-1; Softball Team-1; Halloween Queen-1; 4-H-1.  
"Her heart is like the moon;  
There is always a man in it."

BARBARA HAGELGANS

Librarian-1; Y-Teens-2; F. H. A.-4; Colon Hi News: Exchange Editor-1; Annual Staff: Advertising Manager-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Teacher's Assistant-1; Ushers Club-3; Poppy Poster Contest-1; Prom-1; 4-H Club-7; Secretary-Treasurer-2; Reporter-1.  
"Once I thought nights were made for study, but now I know differently."





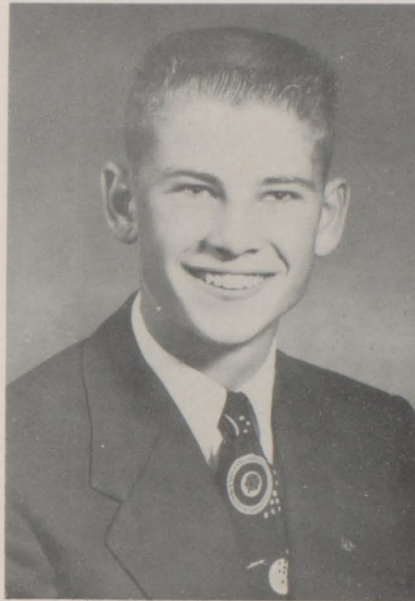
MITZI HOLSINGER

Cheerleader-1; Class Treasurer-1; Future Homemakers of America-3; Colon Hi News: Feature Editor-1; Annual Staff: Class Histories-1; Art Decorating, Prom-1. "If at first you don't succeed, try again --then give up; no use being a fool about it."



BETTY LUNGER

Librarian-1; Colon Hi News: Stencils-1; Annual Staff: Introductory Pages-1; Monitor-2; Prom-1; Ushers Club-2; F.H.A.-1; Girls Athletic Association-1; Future Homemaker of Tomorrow. "A little bird looks to the beautiful Home of Tomorrow, yes, a blue bird."



GEORGE MAYER

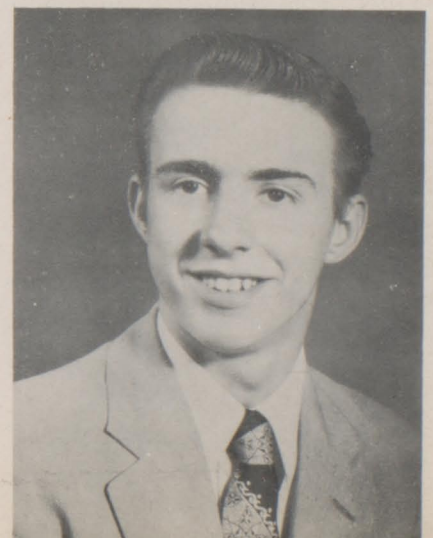
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JULIA MC CLISH

Colon Hi News: Joke Editor-1; Glee, Club-2; Operetta-2; Future Homemakers of America-1; Annual Staff: Class History-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Superintendent's Office-1. "Sometimes I sit and think, most of the time I just sit."

JOHN MILLER

Junior Play Cast-1; Football-1; Basketball: Varsity-1; Reserves-2; Pep Club-1; Colon Hi News: Hit Parade-1; Mimeograph-2; Cafeteria Staff-1; Sports-1; Future Teachers Club-2; Poppy Poster Contest-3; First and Second Prize. "Generally speaking, he is generally speaking."





ARLENE MILLER

Colon Hi News: Stencils-1; Annual Staff: Class Will-1; Wesleyan Methodist Youth Group-1; President of Wesleyan Methodist Crusaders Class; Prom-1; 4-H Club-1; Pep Club-1.  
 "Size does not judge the worth of a package."



Honor Student

ESTHER OLDENBURG

Band-7; Quartet-2; Colon Hi News: Assistant Editor-1; Annual Staff: Senior Activities-1; Junior Play: Assistant Business Manager-1; Glee Club-1; Operetta-2; State Festival-1; Church Orchestra-3; Choir-2; Future Homemakers of America-3; 4-H Club-1; Teacher's Assistant-1.  
 "Diligence, honesty, faith and accomplishment grow in her presence."



CARLA ROBBINS

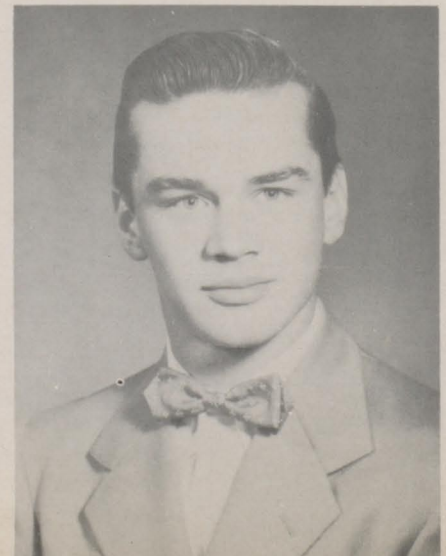
Future Teachers Club-1; President-1; Colon Hi News: Feature Editor-1; Glee Club Reporter-1; Copyist-1; Annual Staff: Prom-1; Theme-1; Monitor-1; Senior Play Cast-1; M.Y.F.-1; Glee Club-1; Reporter-1; Operetta-1; State Festival-1; Latin Club-1; Art Committee-1; Class Literary Genius.  
 "It's not what you do, it's what you get away with."

JUDY POKORNY

Cheerleader-2; Class Secretary-1; Future Teachers Club-1; Colon Hi News: Art Editor-1; Cafeteria Staff-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Monitor-1; Teacher's Assistant-1; Gym Teacher-1; Mimeograph Operator-1; Poppy Poster Contest-1, second place; Art Decorating, Prom-1. "Her art is a measure of her skill and understanding."

CHARLES RUGE

Elmhurst Woman's Club Art Exhibits; Red Cross Art Exhibits; Advertising Manager for Carnival in York School; Painting accepted for Exhibit by York School in 1957; Colon Hi News Staff: Business Manager-1; Annual Staff: Artist-1; Advertising Artist-1. "Not too serious, not too gay--just a swell guy in every way."





EDWARD SCHRADER

Band-5; Colon Hi News: Business Manager-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Y.P.C.A.-5; Baseball-3; Baseball Manager-1; F.F.A.-4; Greenhand-1; Chapter Farmer-3; Soil Judging-1; Cattle Judging-1; International Livestock Show-3; Farmers Week-2; Committee Member-3; Gym Teacher-1; Mimeograph Operator-2; Poppy Poster Contest-1; First Place; Church Work-4; Art Decorating, Prom-1; 4-H Club-6; Vice-President-2; Tractor Maintenance-2. "Uses Class as a resting place."



MARCELLA SHANNON

Librarian-1; Future Teachers Club-1; Y-Teens-1; F.H.A.-2; Colon Hi News: Gossip-1; Junior Play-1; Senior Play-1; Glee Club-2; Operetta-1; State Festival-1; Cafeteria Staff-1; Ushers Club-3; Annual Staff; Class History-1. "Man came first, and she's been after him ever since."



DORIS STEININGER

Colon Hi News: Special Reporter-1; Annual Staff: Theme-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Monitor-2; Church of God Youth Group: President-1; Vice-President-1; Song Leader-1; Prom-1; Gym Teacher-1; Glee Club-1. "It's better to love one little boy lots, than lots of boys little."

RICHARD THOMAS

Monitor-1; F.F.A.-3; Secretary of Public Relations-1; Chapter Farmer-1; State Farmers Week-1; 4-H-2. "A careful student, careful not to overdo it."

JEANETTE THOMPSON

Pep Club-1; Future Homemakers of America-2; Colon Hi News: Typist-1; Junior Play Cast-1; Senior Play Cast-1; Young Peoples Youth Group; Prom Toastmistress-1; Gym Teacher-1; 4-H Club-1; Rod-Reel and Archery Club-1; Glee Club-2. "I can resist everything except temptation."





JEAN THURSTON

Future Teachers Club-1; Y-Teens-1; F.H.A.-3; Colon Hi News: Typist-1; Annual Staff: Theme-1; Free Methodist Youth Group-2; Superintendent's Office-1; Art Decorating, Prom-1; Glee Club-3.  
"Happy-go-lucky, fair and free,  
nothing there is that bothers  
me."



ORVILLE GENE TRINE

Class Vice-President-3; Pep Club-1; Colon Hi News: Sports Editor-1; Mimeograph Operator-2; Mimeograph Artist-2; Annual Staff: Artist-1; Advertising-1; Sales Manager-1; Junior Play-1; Senior Play-1; FFA-4; Greenhand-1; International Dairy Show-2; Football-2; Baseball Squad-1; Basketball Reserves-1; Varsity Club-2; Secretary-Treasurer-1; Basketball Statistician-1; Football Statistician-1; Prom Toastmaster-1; Poppy Poster Contest-1; Mechanic-2.  
"He has made precision work an art  
And a science."



LORETTA TRUCKEY

Y-Teens-1; Future Homemakers of America-2; Colon Hi News: Gossip-1; Annual Staff: Class History-1; 4-H Club-2; Ushers Club-3; Operetta-2; Glee Club-2; State Festivals-1; Cafeteria Staff-1. "Men are the spice of life, so make mine spicy."

JANE WESTENDORF

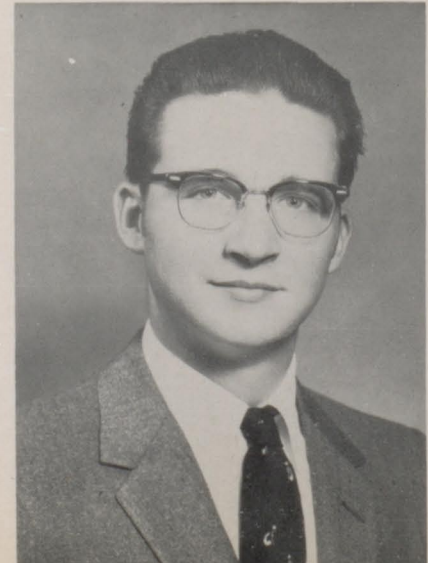
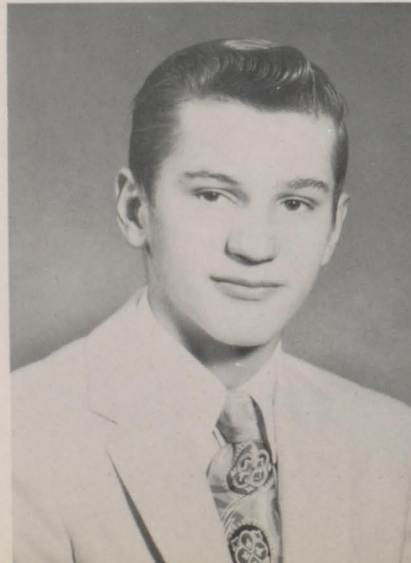
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"She turns her back on men,  
and then runs backward."

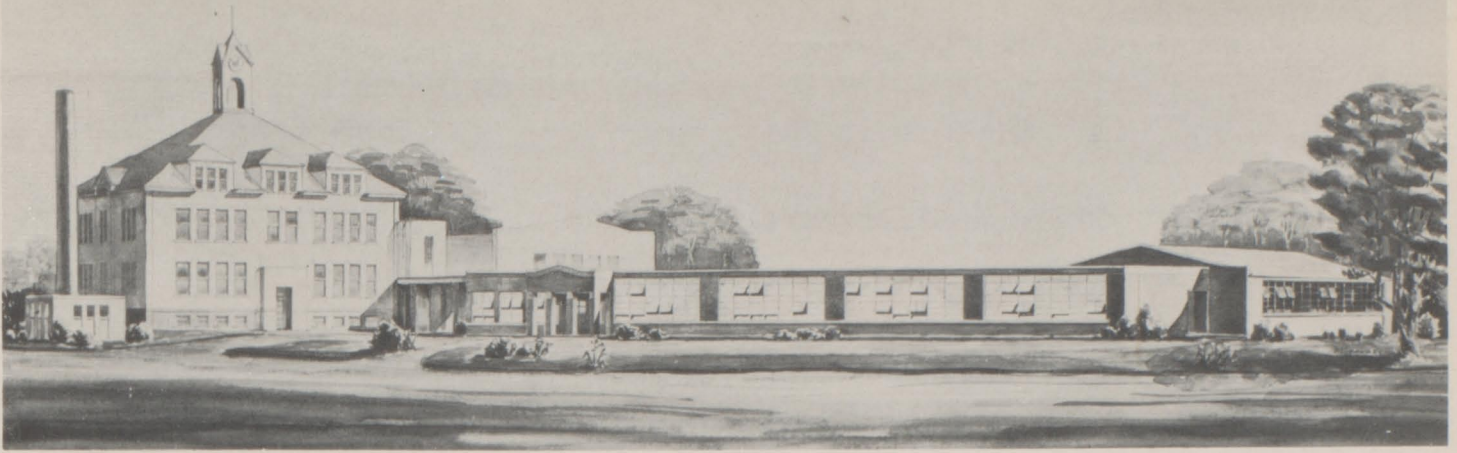
BILL VAUGHN

Basketball Reserves-1; Basketball Manager-1; F.F.A.-2; Greenhand-1; 4-H Club-9; State Exhibits-4; Stage Manager, Senior Play-1; Stage Manager, Junior Play-1. "Disturb me not as I sleep, for I am dreaming of great things."

JOHN YODER

Colon Hi News: Assistant Art Editor-1; Mimeograph Operator-1; Annual Staff: Artist-1; F.F.A.-4; Secretary, Community Service Committee-1; Recreation Committee-1; Co-operative Activity Committee-1; State Farmers Week-1; International Dairy Show-1; 4-H Club-2; Poppy Poster Contest-1; Prom-1. "Women are for the birds. Tweet! Tweet!"





## Senior History

The class of '57' started out with forty-two frightened little Freshies. Our officers were: President, Douglas Adams; Vice-President, Gene Trine; Secretary, Judy Pokorny; Treasurer, Marcia Stuart; Reporter, Sandra Loudenslager; and Student Council, Bethel Stanton. We lost James Clark.

Initiation day brought on some amazing sights. Everyone wore something different. Decorated in anything from onions to diapers, we paraded the streets. Our daily deeds were washing the white line through main street with tooth brushes and shining shoes. As soon as everyone had recuperated we gave the sophomores a return party. Mr. Flowers was our advisor.

Thirty-five faithful souls started out as sophomores. Our officers were: President, Douglas Adams; Vice-President, Gene Trine; Secretary, Marcia Stuart; Treasurer, Mitzi Holsinger; Student Council, Thomas Johnson; and Reporter, Gerald Thrums. We lost Chris Schwartz, Gerald Thrums, Judy Blanchard, and Monafae Overstreet. We gained Richard Thomas from Churubusco, Indiana, Betty Lunger from Sturgis, Michigan, and Doris Steininger from Ovid, Michigan. Susie Mesler was our candidate for Halloween Queen. Mrs. Ash was our advisor.

We started our junior year with thirty-four members. Douglas Adams was elected President again. His officers were: Gene Trine, Vice-President; Susie Mesler, Secretary; Bethel Stanton, Treasurer; Marilyn Perry, Reporter; and Sandra Loudenslager, Student Council. During the year we gained Barbara French from Bellevue, and Jeanette Thompson from Climax. We lost Wendell Allen and Marcia Schrock.

Our junior play, "The Able Miss Cain," was directed by Mrs. Virginia Ash. April 30, 1956, we published our first issue of the Colon Hi News. We sent Sandra Loudenslager to Wolverine Girls State.

For our Prom we chose a "Moonlight Bay" theme. Lighthouses at each end of the gym, on the stage, ships with gay colored sails, and mist across the floor created a romantic atmosphere, while huge bouquets of gorgeous flowers lent a festive air. Our advisors were Mrs. Flora Ambs and Mrs. Jaxie Miller.

Our senior officers were: Douglas Adams, President; Jerry Truckey, Vice-President; Susie Mesler, Secretary; Marcia Stuart, Treasurer; Bethel Stanton, reporter; and Marilyn Perry and Janet McKee, Student Council members.

Mrs. Ash directed our senior play, "Ghost Wanted." Sandra Loudenslager was our D.A.R. Pilgrim. Janet McKee was President of the Student Council and Editor of the Annual. Sandra Loudenslager, Susie Mesler, Marilyn Perry, and Esther Oldenburg were editors of the Colon Hi News. Jane Westendorf was 4th of July Queen; Susie Mesler, Home-Coming Queen; and Barbara French, Halloween Queen. Carla Robbins was President of the Teachers Club and Jerry Truckey of the Varsity Club. Douglas Adams was Football Captain. Jane Westendorf was Head Usher; Marcia Stuart was majorette. James Blair and Bethel Stanton were on the County Planning Committee for Government Day. Mr. Judd was our advisor.

Our senior trip was scheduled for Washington, Baltimore, and Virginia. We chose green and white for our class colors and the green carnation for our class flower. "The higher we climb, the broader the view" was our motto.

# Class Will

We, the undersigned, do hereby testify that this is our last will and testament. Being of sane mind (you may not believe it, but we have proof) and sound body, the Class of 1957, of Colon High School, Colon Township, St. Joseph County, the State of Michigan, revoke all other wills, bequests, and all other forms of like nature heretofore made by us.

We, the seniors, will to Mr. Flowers, the hope that he can pound Econ through the juniors' heads and still crack jokes; to Mrs. Ambs, a pair of magnetic scissors which she cannot lose; to Mrs. Ash, a baseball bat, she will need it with the classes she has coming. To Mr. Judd, we will the promise that after June 4, we will never again skip school and forge those silly excuses; to Mrs. Jaffe, a medal for having such an even temper; and to Mr. Haight, the 1957 Ag. Class and a bottle of aspirin; to Mr. Loomis, a hope that the new schoolhouse will be completed by 1960. To all of our teachers, we will our thanks for bearing with us and our problems through these past four years.

To the Junior Class, we will our books, our initialed seats, (and also the gum under them), the ability to give a good play, and to go into debt as only Seniors can. To the Sophomores, we leave our clean, roomy lockers and the ability to walk around the halls without passes. To the Freshmen, we leave fond memories of Mr. Judd's busy office, our A's in Citizenship, and semester test marks, corny jokes, and our satisfaction in life.

I, Douglas Adams, will my ability to stay out of trouble to Mike Davis. I, James Blair, will my good marks in Economics class to Tom Webb. I, Carol Cupp, will my first chair in band to Phyllis Taylor. I, Phyllis Cutchall, leave nothing, as I am going to take it all with me. I, Barbara French, leave a box of soap and a rag to Larry Belote for his car.

I, Barbara Hagelgans, will my ability to get to class on time to Ronald Ash. I, Mitzi Holsinger, will all the fun of being a Senior to next year's Seniors. I, Sandra Loudenslager, will the good marks on my report card to Miriam Lederman; and if she doesn't need them, she can give them to someone who does. I, Betty Lunger, will my ability to chew gum in Economics class to Colleen Phelps. I, George Mayer, will my brains to David Hoekzema.

I, Julia McClish, will my conceit to anyone with an inferiority complex. I, Janet McKee, will my clean locker to Judy James and Barbara Kane. I, Susie Mesler, will my office as secretary of the Senior Class to anyone who wants it. I, John Miller, leave my hound dog to Mike Davis. I, Arlene Miller, will my name as "shorty" to anyone who wants it. I, Esther Oldenburg, will my height to Lee Sprowl. I, Marilyn Perry, will my ability to play the accordian to Kenneth Brandys. I, Judy Pokorny, will to Karen Case the ability of getting her papers in on time.

I, Carla Robbins, don't have anything to will except my Elvis Presley pictures and I'm keeping those. I, Charles Ruge, hereby bequeath a quiet study hall to Jim Farrand. I, Edward Schrader, will my temper to Margaret Pooler. I, Marcella Shannon, will my temper to Kay Parlin. I, Bethel Stanton, will my ability to run the "ditto" machine to anyone who wants a full time job (without pay). I, Doris Steininger, will my name as "preach's daughter" to Colleen Phelps.

I, Marcia Stuart, will my ability to sputter to Barbara Kane. I, Richard Thomas, will my class dues and my books to anyone who will take them. I, Jean Thurston, will my name as "hillbilly" to Floyd Humphries. I, Jeanette Thompson, will my ability to spell words as they have never been spelled before, to Shirley Stewart. I, Gene Trine, will my interest in sports to all those who haven't any interest in sports. I, Loretta Truckey, will my boyfriends to Janice Truckey. I, Jerry Truckey, will my ability to type to "Boner". I, Bill Vaughn, leave my ability to skip school and get away with it to Maurice Bonham. I, Jane Westendorf, will my looks to Bob Quinn so he can get as many tips as I did. I, John Yoder, will my quietness to Bill Barker.

In witness whereof, We, Senior Class, the testator, have set our hand and seal here to, this 31st day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven.





# *Undergrads*





*Sophomores*



*Juniors*

*Class Officers*

*Freshmen*

*Eighth Grade*





## *Juniors*

1st Row: Mrs. Flora Ambs, Advisor, Miriam Lederman, Kay Parlin, Gula Taylor, Lee Sprowl, Thomas Fisher, Judith James, Judith Decker, Phyllis Miller, Miss Reesor, Asst. Advisor.

2nd Row: Gale Snow, Kathie Kanaley, Barbara Kane, Margaret Jackson, Rita Hacker, Joyce Soper, Joan Hug, Rosalie Burnham, Margo Green, Kay Thornton, Margaret Pooler, Laura (Christie) Freeland, Barbara Noga.

3rd Row: Shirley Stewart, Karen Case, Diane Johnson, John (Jack) Truckey, Paul Lane, Thomas Webb, Carl Lucas, Earl Trine, Leon Scritchfield, Floyd Humphries, Mary Robbins, Jobanna Robinson, Mary (Colleen) Phelps.

4th Row: Roy Johnson, Carl Hackenburg, James Farrand, Ronald Baker, William Barker, Kenneth Broker, Jack Burnham, Marx Straw, James Lee, Richard Dennison, Larry Belote, David Hoekzema.

ABSENT: Ronald Ash.

President.....	Tom Fisher
Vice-President.....	Lee Sprowl
Secretary.....	Judith James
Treasurer.....	Gula Taylor
Student Council.....	Judith Decker
Student Council.....	Kay Parlin
Reporter.....	Miriam Lederman
Advisor.....	Mrs. Flora Ambs
Asst. Advisor.....	Miss Helen Reesor



## *Sophomores*

1st Row: Sharon Rhinesmith, Marilynn Farrand, Judith Carpenter, Diane Freeland, Robert Weaver, Thomas Penrod, Shirley Wagner, Phillip (Jerry) Eberhard, Shirley Fenner, Eva Cruz.

2nd Row: Mr. Melvin Flowers, Advisor, Edna Bontrager, Rita Davenport, Bessie Pesti, Sharon Hovis, Selma Kasdorf, Priscilla Thompson, Janice Truckey, Mary Trayling, Mary Ellen Ward, Rita Mast, Sandra Hughes, Mary Yeatter, Sally Mayer, Sandra De Hoff, Barbara Masters, Thomas Ashbrook, Mr. Bruce Loomis, Asst. Advisor.

3rd Row: Barbara Green, Joseph Wickey, Jerald Boals, Michael Davis, William Bova, William Esseltine, William Ward, Erwin Shannon, Charles Van Deventer, Bruce Keeler, Howard Decker, Jack Barton, James Thompson, Joyce Allen.

4th Row: Mary Louise Mesler, Richard Hagelgans, Raymond Saxman, Ronald Wing, William Summers, Roger Herman, Gerald Oldenburg, Martin Bordner, Ronald Truckey, Robert Roach, Richard Mathis, Richard Janes, Francisco Jenkins, Edward Westendorf, Bonnie Bonnell.

Absent: Patricia Long, Mary Yoder.

President.....Thomas Penrod  
 Vice-President.....Robert Weaver  
 Secretary.....Shirley Wagner  
 Treasurer.....Diane Freeland  
 Student Council.....Judith Carpenter  
 Student Council.....Jerry Eberhard  
 Reporter.....Marilynn Farrand  
 Advisor.....Mr. Melvin Flowers  
 Asst. Advisor.....Mr. Bruce Loomis



## *Freshmen*

- 1st Row: Leanna Overholt, Phyllis Jackson, Beverly Masters, Phyllis Long, Sue Sprowl, Larry Mac Neill, Freddie Decker, William James, Ann Davis, Thomas Loudenslager, Paul Lederman, Julie Miller, Susan Van Deventer, Esther Cruz, Marie Overholt.
- 2nd Row: Mrs. Virginia Ash, Advisor, Carol Ryan, Charlene Hacker, Helen Harrison, Barbara London, Susan Snook, Rebecca Byrns, Rita Wing, Anna Barrett, Leta Stanton, Julia Ware, Ronna Schaeffer, Bessie Vaughn, Jeanette Woodworth, Sally Sanford, Shirley Hovis, Mr. LeRoy Evarts, Asst. Advisor.
- 3rd Row: Mary Stuart, Phyllis Taylor, Martha Carlisle, Sandra Thrasher, Ruth Ann Thrans, Diane Brandys, Patricia Lewandowski, Mary Ann Hughes, Sandra Swonk, Nancy Roach, Marjorie Blackman, Lamoine Cutchall, Joyleen Snyder, Phyllis Wolfe, Gloria Baum.
- 4th Row: Darrel Saxman, Bruce Hurley, James Kline, Roger Allen, Barry Case, William Wagner, Arden Hettletvedt, Rudolph Jenkins, Fredrick Frey, Thomas Ross, James Trine, Larry Soper, Louis Westendorf, Dale Barton, Douglas Belson.
- 5th Row: Larry French, Richard Eash, Gary Iobe, Richard Ruge, Erwin Kent, Craig Freeland, Leslie Van Vorst, David Hildebrand, Paul Miller, Gary Parlin, Larry Miller, Kenneth Brandys, Charles Holcomb.  
Absent: Robert Jackson, Gerald Diekman, Larry Sanford.

President.....William James  
 Vice-President.....Fred Decker  
 Secretary.....Ann Davis  
 Treasurer.....Larry MacNeill  
 Student Council.....Thomas Loudenslager  
 Student Council.....Sue Sprowl  
 Reporter.....Paul Lederman  
 Advisor.....Mrs. Virginia Ash  
 Asst. Advisor.....Mr. Leroy Evarts



## *Eighth Grade*

- 1st Row: Miss Alice Grimes, Advisor; Karen Himes, Wilma Woodworth, James Saxman, Kay Sprowl, Ruth Ann Schwartz, Frances Van Voorhees, Roger Decker, Thomas Davis, Frances Hersog, Mr. Earl Haight, Asst. Advisor.
- 2nd Row: Barbara Burle, Linda Kline, Edna Overholt, Patricia MacNeill, Ann Hagegans, Ginger Bryan, Louise Jordan, Barbara Schwartz, Iva Yoder, Elida Cruz.
- 3rd Row: Lorna Groth, Anita Mayer, Susan Decker, Judith Johnson, Beverly Van Vorst, Janet Motter, Lorena Dunn, Karen Brandt, Louise Shultz, Beverly Truckey, Katherine Cunic, Sandra Crapo.
- 4th Row: Lyman Freeland, Donald Coats, Larry Roach, Ronald Schwartz, Larry Wagner, Leroy Barton, Barry Mumby, Charles Smith, Larry Lane, Ronald Summers, Alfred Crapo.
- 5th Row: Lewis Balyeat, Clifton Bonnell, William Boals, Roger Long, Richard Delp, Maurice Bonham, Raymond Hall, Robert Orchel, Sherman Thompson, William Koehl, Gary Phelps.
- Absent: James Cossairt, Earl Hoffman, Elnora Miller, Mary Olney, Eli Schwartz, Ida Yoder, Kenneth Yoder, Tobias Yoder.

President.....Ruth Ann Schwartz  
 Vice-President.....Frances Van Voorhees  
 Secretary.....Kay Sprowl  
 Treasurer.....Roger Decker  
 Student Council.....Thomas Davis  
 Student Council.....James Saxman  
 Reporter.....Wilma Woodworth  
 Advisor.....Miss Alice Grimes  
 Asst. Advisor.....Mr. Earl Haight



# Sports





# Baseball



- 1st Row: John Truckey, Larry Belote, Richard Bower, Roger Phelps, Gerald Truckey, John Boyd, Jack Barton, Manager.
- 2nd Row: Edward Westendorf, William Barker, Richard Hagelgans, Thomas Penrod, George Mayer, Raymond Saxman.
- 3rd Row: Mr. Lawrence Starr, Assistant Coach; Robert Roach, Robert Weaver, Gerald Oldenburg, Ronald Wing, Howard Decker, Phillip Eberhard, Mr. Harold Lakin, Coach. Insert: Ronald Ward

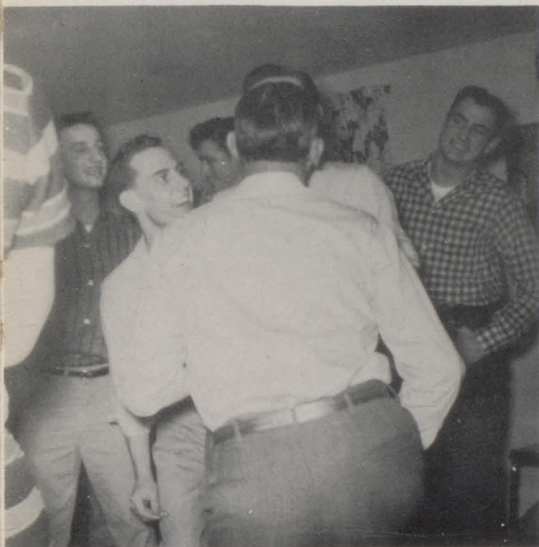
The Colon High School Baseball team of 1956 was the brightest spot in athletics for the year. The team was composed of boys who, for the two previous years, had played very good ball, but had been forced to share the championship both years. It was evident from the start of the season that they had had enough of this sharing. It was the championship or bust this year since the team was composed of mostly seniors.

The team showed this undaunted will to win by posting a perfect season of 9 wins and no losses. The team was paced by such mainstays as Roger Phelps and Ron Ward, the two pitchers who shared the mound duties; Jerry Truckey who worked behind the plate and was outstanding at bat; John Boyd and Dick Bower who were mainstays in the field and supplied timely power at the plate. Others included such fine lowerclassmen as Roy Johnson, John Truckey, Larry Belote, and Raymond Saxman. There was also a fine group of Freshmen who showed definite signs of developing into very good ballplayers. Harold Lakin was the coach and Lawrence Starr was the assistant coach.

Colon	11	Burr Oak	0
Colon	14	*Union City	0
Colon	25	White Pigeon	2
Colon	12	Mendon	0
Colon	2	*Union City	1
Colon	5	Constantine	0
Colon	8	Schoolcraft	4
Colon	8	Marcellus	3
Colon	9	Centerville	6

\*Non-League Games







## *Football*

1st Row: Larry French, Jack Truckey, Carl Lucas, Robert Roach, James Farrand, Phillip (Jerry) Eberhard, Douglas Adams, Captain, Thomas Penrod, Raymond Saxman, Freddie Decker, Larry Miller.

2nd Row: Assistant Coach, Mr. Robert Glazier, George Mayer, Thomas Fisher, David Hildebrand, William Barker, Martin Bordner, James Lee, Richard Dennison, Charles Van Deventer, Robert Weaver, Thomas Webb, Coach, Mr. James Devine.

3rd Row: Jerry Truckey, Manager, James Trine, Craig Freeland, Ronald Wing, Howard Decker, Gerald Diekman, Gerald Oldenburg, Thomas Loudenslager, William James, Assistant Manager.

Absent: Roy Johnson

Our football squad started out with a new coach, James Devine, and rough opposition. James Devine brought some new tactics with him and it took a while for the boys to catch on. We lost three straight games before we could work the kink out. The boys worked hard and with the coach cracking down, they began to pick up after the third defeat.

Our team had a few greenhorns that came along slow at first, but they picked up after hard drilling. Our Magi season ended with a 4 win, 4 loss record. The future aspects of the team look very good for next year. We have almost the whole team coming back with only the loss of two boys.

The top three scorers were John Truckey with 37 points, Larry French with 36 points, and Larry Miller with 28 points. The squads total yardage gained by rushing was 2,226. Yards gained by passing were 384. We scored 166 points against our opponents, who scored 105 against us. Nineteen out of 43 passes were completed for an average per cent of 44.

Colon	0	Union City	27
"	7	Marcellus	26
"	6	Constantine	20
"	0	Mendon	7
"	30	Schoolcraft	0
"	39	Burr Oak	6
"	39	White Pigeon	6
"	45	Centerville	14



*Homecoming*





## *Varsity Basketball*

1st Row: John (Jack) Truckey, Roy Johnson, Carl Lucas, Fred Decker, Raymond Saxman,  
 2nd Row: Mr. Robert Glazier, Head Coach; James Lee, William Barker, Robert Roach,  
 Thomas Penrod, Orville Gene Trine, Manager; Gerald Truckey, Manager.

Our basketball team started out this season with a new coach, Mr. Robert Glazier. We had a rough season, coming out on the losing end. There was only one return letter man, Roy Johnson, on the team. The rest of the team were greenhorns. Another disadvantage was that the team was lacking in height. The future looks very bright for we are not losing any varsity players, also, Coach Glazier has given us the courage to fight on with the team next year.

Colon	42	Union City	80
Colon	43	Marcellus	47
Colon	45	Schoolcraft	101
Colon	54	Mendon	51
Colon	42	Constantine	62
Colon	57	White Pigeon	80
Colon	54	Burr Oak	57
Colon	44	Centreville	59
Colon	43	Marcellus	55
Colon	43	Schoolcraft	80
Colon	45	Mendon	51
Colon	60	Constantine	69
Colon	43	White Pigeon	66
Colon	62	Burr Oak	63
Colon	37	Centreville	57

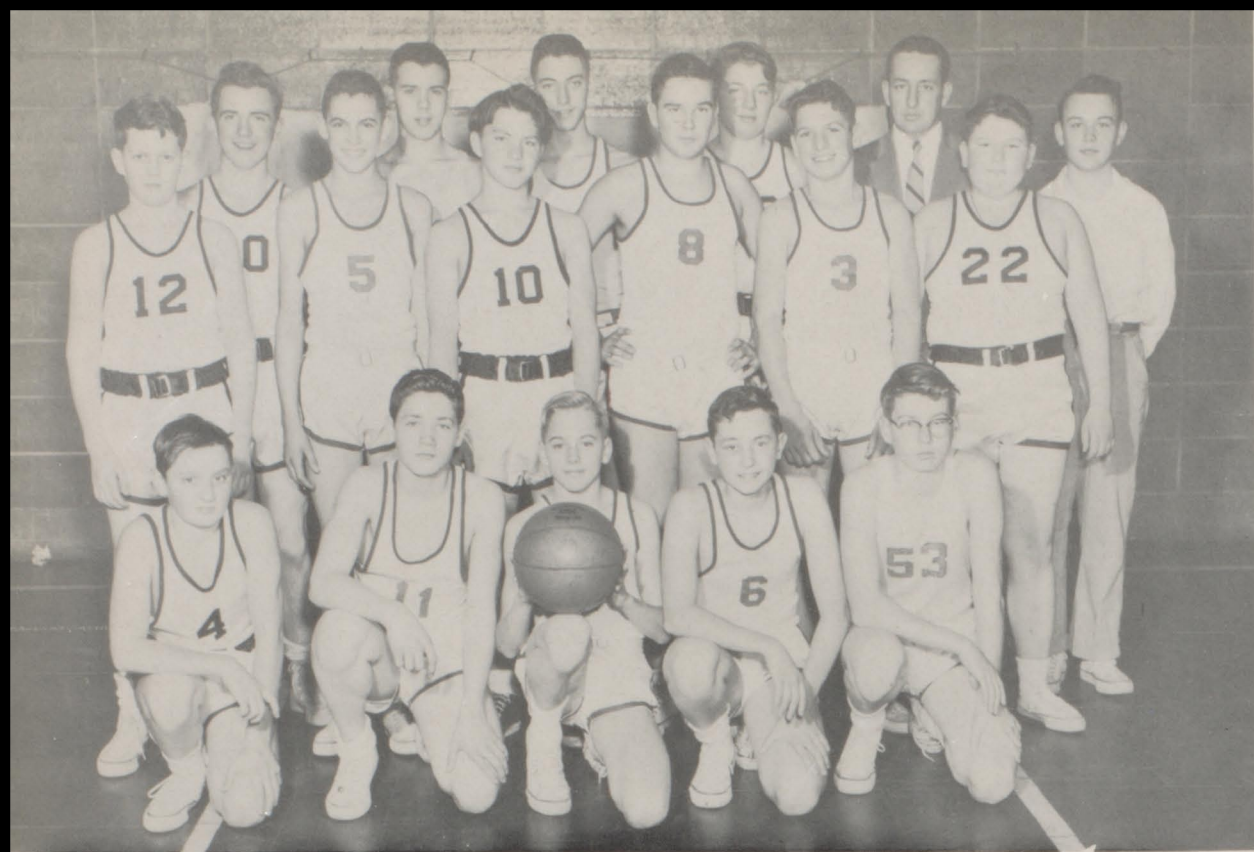


## *Reserve Basketball*

- 1st Row: Fredrick Frey, Manager; William James, Larry Miller, Phillip (Jerry) Eberhard, Raymond Saxman, Larry Mac Neill, Thomas Loudenslager, Manager.
- 2nd Row: Coach James Devine, Rudolph Jenkins, Jack Barton, Richard Mathis, Ronald Wing, William Wagner.
- 3rd Row: David Hildebrand, Gerald Oldenburg, Martin Bordner, Howard Decker, Barry Case.

The basketball reserve team was made up of Freshmen with the exception of four Sophomores. Many of the teams we played had boys with more experience. Although we have not always been the winners, we have gained a lot of experience, and we have an outlook for developing into a stronger team. Coach Devine has built a team from raw material; he has inspired the boys with spirit and fight.

Colon	32	Union City	40
Colon	30	Marcellus	28
Colon	23	Schoolcraft	36
Colon	43	Mendon	34
Colon	27	Constantine	35
Colon	33	White Pigeon	37
Colon	33	Burr Oak	39
Colon	35	Centreville	38
Colon	36	Marcellus	19
Colon	16	Schoolcraft	40
Colon	28	Mendon	32
Colon	44	Constantine	26
Colon	33	White Pigeon	40
Colon	41	Burr Oak	42
Colon	43	Centreville	36



## 8th Grade

1st Row: Larry Lane, Larry Roach, Roger Decker, Larry Wagner, Lyman Freeland.

2nd Row: Thomas Davis, James Saxman, Norman Yoder, Dick Delp, Charles Smith, Barry Mumby.

3rd Row: Maurice Bonham, Sherman Thompson, William Koehl, Robert Orchel, Mr. Glazier, Coach; Gary Phelps, Manager.

1st Row: Judy Decker, Ann Davis, Judy Carpenter, Marilyn Farrand.

2nd Row: Judy James, Diane Freeland.

## Cheerleaders



# Activities





## Marching Band

- 1st Row: Marcia Stuart, Janet McKee, Selma Kasdorf, Shirley Hovis, Barbara London, Gary Phelps, Michael Davis, Shirley Fenner, Priscilla Thompson, Judith James, Patty MacNeill, Jobanna Robinson, Judith Carpenter, Shirley Wagner, Laura (Christie) Freeland.
- 2nd Row: Rita Mast, Judith Decker, Phyllis Wolfe, Leta Stanton, Dale Barton, Fred Frey, Mary (Colleen) Phelps, Ann Davis, Mary Stuart, Katherine Cunic, Julia Ware, Rita Wing, Sally Mayer.
- 3rd Row: Barbara Green, Gula Taylor, Ann Hagelgans, Sue Sprowl, Larry MacNeill, Rudolph Jenkins, William Wagner, Virginia Hill, Thomas Davis, Bethel Stanton, Susan VanDeventer, Roger Decker, Mr. Bruce Loomis, Director.
- 4th Row: Marilyn Farrand, Diane Freeland, William Esseltine, Jack Barton, Mary Traying, Margo Green, Esther Oldenburg, Carol Cupp, Barbara Kane, Phyllis Taylor, Sharon Hovis, Sandra Hughes, Mary Ellen Ward.

The 1956 Colon High marching band consisting of fifty-one members was a very active organization. Under our new director, Mr. Loomis, we played and put on marching exhibitions at all the home football games.

A second division rating was received at the Class C marching festival. Participating in the largest mass band in the world at Ann Arbor, we had a very enjoyable time. The last marching activity was Tag Day on November 3, which was to raise money for equipment needed.

Band officers for this year are:

Captain:.....Bethel Stanton  
 Lieutenant:.....Marcia Stuart  
 Sec. and Rep:.....Diane Freeland





## Concert Band

- 1st Row: Ann Davis, Laura (Christie) Freeland, Esther Oldenburg, Gula Taylor, Judith Carpenter, Kathy Kanaley, Julia Ware, Diane Freeland, Phyllis Taylor, Carol Cupp.
- 2nd Row: Janet McKee, Marilyn Farrand, Beverly VanVorst, Susan Van Deventer, Sue Sprowl, Phyllis Wolfe, Mary Stuart, Judith Decker, Barbara Green, Leslie VanVorst, Richard Mathis, Selma Kasdorf, Sandra Hughes, Mary Colleen Phelps, Jobanna Robinson.
- 3rd Row: Shirley Wagner, Richard Hagelgans, Ann Hagelgans, Shirley Hovis, Kathy Cunic, Rita Wing, Patricia MacNeill, Bethel Stanton, Virginia Kay Hill, Thomas Penrod, Raymond Saxman, Gerald Oldenburg, Leta Stanton, William Esseltine, Fred Frey, Charles (Bill) Wagner, Thomas Davis, Phillip Eberhard, Mary Ellen Ward, Dale Barton, Roger Decker, Jack Barton, Martin Bordner, Gary Parlin.
- 4th Row: Rita Mast, Priscilla Thompson, Gary Phelps, Shirley Fenner, Michael Davis, Sally Mayer, David Hildebrand, Mr. Bruce Loomis, Director.
- Absent: William Bova, Barbara London.

A Christmas Concert was presented to the public by the fifty-seven members of the 1956-57 Concert Band. Several members of the band went to Kalamazoo for the solo and ensemble contest. The following people won honors: Ann Davis--2nd, Virginia Hill--1st, Mary Ellen Ward--2nd; Clarinet Quartette--(Ann Davis, Christie Freeland, Esther Oldenburg, Marilyn Farrand)--2nd. A band clinic was held in our school on February second in which other county bands participated. Mr. Clifford Lillya, Mr. John Mohler, and Mr. Jack Riddle directed the clinic. Many sectional practices and whole band practices were held preparing for the contest at White Pigeon where one meeting of the Southwestern Michigan Band and Orchestra Festival was held.

# Majorette

Mary Colleen Phelps



# Twirlers

Laura (Christie) Freeland  
Marcia Stuart



## Glee Club

- 1st Row: Esther Cruz, Gale Snow, Carol Ryan, Martha Carlisle, Barbara French, Secretary-Treasurer, Gula Taylor, Mary Ann Hughes, Rita Davenport.
- 2nd Row: Francis Hersog, Rebecca Byrns, Barbara Green, Kay Thornton, President, Joan Hug, Rita Hacker, Sandra Thrasher.
- 3rd Row: Elida Cruz, Karen Himes, Joyleen Snyder, Anna Barrett, Bessie Pesti, Gloria Baum, LaMoine Cutchall, Eva Cruz.
- 4th Row: Karen Case, Diane Johnson, Jean Thurston, Joyce Soper, Rosalie Burnham, Carla Robbins, Reporter, Mary Robbins.
- Absent: Margo Green, Susan Snook.

Glee Club activities opened in October with a skating party at the Blue Plaza. We had a Halloween party to welcome the new members. The Christmas season was opened with a Yule-tide party at which we exchanged gifts. Guests were invited. We ended the season with the combined Glee Club and band concert.

During the second semester, the Glee Club's study and practice centered around the spring concert and State Festival, which took place in Lansing. There was a mass assembly of all the Glee Clubs from the state of Michigan to present a very enjoyable concert. A very successful year was ended with a picnic planned for our members. At the High School picnic, letters and honor awards were given.



*Soloists*

Virginia Hill, Mary Ellen Ward  
Phyllis Wolfe



*Soloists*

Betnel Stanton,  
Ann Davis

*Clarinet Quartet*

Ann Davis, Esther Oldenburg  
Marilynn Farrand, Christie Freeland



*Glee Club Trio*

Bessie Pesti, Rita Davenport,  
Martha Carlisle.



*Senior*



*Babies*





## *Future Teachers Of America*

1st Row: Marilynn Farrand, Sandra Hughes, Gula Taylor, Mrs. Jaffe, Advisor; Carla Robbins, Rita Mast, Selma Kasdorf.

2nd Row: Sandra Loudenslager, Mary Robbins, Kay Thornton, John Miller, Rosalee Burnham, Joyce Soper, Karen Case, Mary Yeatter.

The Future Teachers Club, which was organized in the school year of 1953-54, elected as officers this year: Carla Robbins, President; and Gula Taylor, Secretary-Treasurer.

The purposes of the club are: to encourage young people to enter the teaching profession; to gather specific information about opportunities in various fields of teaching; to encourage our young people to cultivate in themselves the qualities of personality and character which are foundations of successful teaching.

Our faculty advisor is Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe. No specific project has been undertaken this year, but several of our members are helping teachers in various departments.



## Office Workers

1st Row: Mr. Judd, Principal; Sandra Loudenslager; Susie Mesler; Jane Westendorf; Mr. Van Voorhees, Superintendent.

2nd Row: Julia McClish; Marcia Stuart; Janet McKee; Jean Thurston; Rita Mast; William Barker; Thomas Ashbrook; Janice Truckey; Sally Sanford; Gula Taylor; Bethel Stanton.

The office help works in either the Principal's or the Superintendent's office. They mark attendance, answer phone calls, and do any errands that need to be done.

Two senior girls work in the Principal's office for credit. Jane Westendorf prepares the eligibility lists before every game. She also prepares the summary sheets for attendance of the whole school, which are sent to the County Superintendent's office. Susie Mesler keeps the attendance books after Sandra Loudenslager has collected and assembled the data. These duties require a great deal of time.

Jane has worked in the office for 3 years, Sandra and Janet for two years, and Tom, Bethel, Jean, Marcia, Julia, Susie, Rita, Bill, Gula, Janice, and Sally for one year.

# Prom

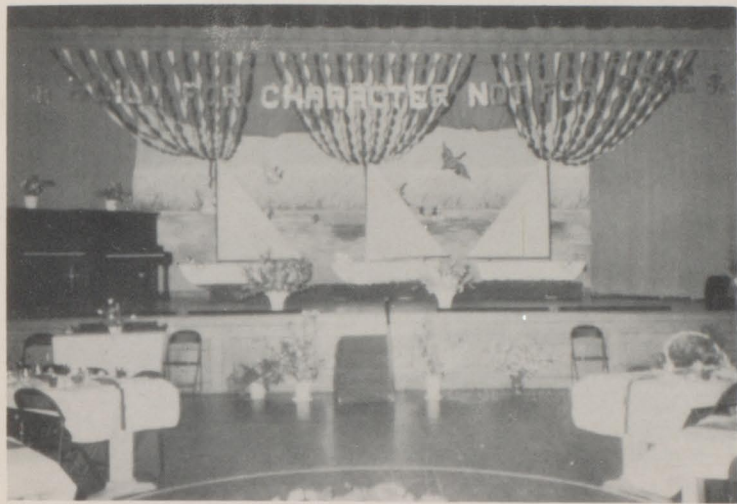
May 19 was an evening long to be remembered by all the Seniors and Juniors of "56". From nine until twelve, couples danced to theme music pertaining to "Moonlight Bay," beautifully played by the Drifters. Lighthouses at each end of the gym, on the stage, ships with gay-colored sails, and mist across the floor created a romantic atmosphere. Huge bouquets of gorgeous flowers lent a festive air. The Senior motto "Build for character, not for fame," hung across the stage in silver letters.

The Seniors, Juniors, Faculty, and Schoolboard members attended the delicious banquet prepared with the help of our Mothers and Mrs. McLaughlin. The dinner was served by the sophomore girls, who were dressed in navy skirts, white blouses and sailor caps. The menu consisted of such dishes as: Sea Gull and Dressing, Breakers and White Caps, Neptune's Favorite, Sea Foam a la Mermaid's Delight, and Treasure Chest.

The following program was presented by the vivacious and clever repartee of our toastmistress, Nymph (Jeanette) Thompson, and Toastmaster, Neptune (Gene) Trine. The invocation was offered by Asteroid (Bethel) Stanton. Mermaid (Marilyn) Perry played an accordian solo. The welcome speech to the seniors was given by King Fish (Doug) Adams. Sea Horse (Dick) Lucas gave the response. A vocal duet was rendered by Star Fishes (Doris) Steininger and (Jean) Thurston. Sea Lionesses (Mitzi) Holsinger and (Marcia) Stuart played a piano duet. The class poem was written and delivered by Shark (Carla) Robbins. Porpoise (Barbara) French sang a solo of the deep blue sea. A "Toast" was served by Deep Sea Diver (Sandra) Loudenslager. A Barber Shop Sextet crept out of the program into the misty night; the singers were Octopi (Jerry) Truckey, (Phil and Bob) Fredenburg, (Gene) Trine, (Dick) Thomas, (Doug) Adams, and (John) Miller. The Theme Song, "Moonlight Bay," filled the night with magic as the School of Whales lifted their voices in song. One more number, the High School Song, burst forth from the School of Whales, and the program, long to be remembered, was brought to a close.

We had a wonderful evening and we hope you did too.





*Prom*





## Senior Play Cast

1st Row: Douglas Adams, Doris Steininger, Bethel Stanton, Sandra Loudenslager, Jeanette Thompson, Gene Trine.

2nd Row: James Blair, Gerald Truckey, George Mayer, Edward Schrader, Mrs. Virginia Ash, Director; Marcella Shannon, Carla Robbins, Marcia Stuart.

On the Friday night of November 11, as the audience leaned tensely forward in their seats, the curtains were slowly drawn to show the living room of the Stormgay house on Ramshead Rock, and the story slowly unfolded.

"Ghost Wanted" was the name of that three-act mystery-comedy.

The action takes place on an island off the coast of Maine where Mrs. Stormgay, better known as Granny Kate, lives with her two grand-daughters.

When Granny Kate starts delving into voodooism and even brings a Professor and his mysterious assistant, Madame Zolga, in to help her look for a zombi, her grand-daughters, Gale and Ginger, advertise in the newspaper for a ghost to help them cure Granny Kate of looking for zombis. Jeffrey Hall and Hugo Bromley, two handsome lads from Portland, came to fill this position. But before they get a chance to throw a scare into Granny Kate, a real zombi appears and scares them all.

But finally the Professor and his assistant turned out to be F.B.I. agents, the zombi was identified as a real flesh-and-blood man, and everybody was happy.



## Junior Play

- 1st Row: Shirley Stewart, Judith James, Diane Johnson, Gula Taylor, Kathie Kanaley, Jobana Robinson.
- 2nd Row: Rosalee Burnham, Joyce Soper, Floyd Humphries, Paul Lane, Margo Green, Mrs. Virginia Ash, Director.
- 3rd Row: James Farrand, Carl Hackenburg, William Barker, Ronald Baker, Richard Denison, Earl Trine, Carl Lucas.

On the evening of April 5, "Hillbilly Weddin'," a three-act comedy was presented by the Junior Class, under the capable direction of Mrs. Virginia Ash. An appreciative audience expressed their approval of a well-done performance.

When Maw Belsnickle decides it is time to marry off two of her daughters, she elects Paw Belsnickle to get the husbands for them. He finds this a difficult task, because Ceelie, the older and dirtier of the two, is so homely that no member of the male sex will consent to matrimony with her and Bonnie Mac, the bookworm, has no interest in "gettin' hitched."

In the midst of Paw's husband chasing, Ronald Maxwell and his aunt arrive at the Belsnickle home. Due to car trouble, they must seek shelter at the cabin. Both Bonnie Mac and Ceelie take a likin' to the handsome stranger. Bonnie Mac keeps her adoration secret. Ceelie, however, demands that Paw capture Ronald Maxwell for her. She utterly refuses to marry anyone else. It's all a merry mix-up from here on! With the help of his gun, Paw finally forces Ronald to the altar with Ceelie. Just in the nick of time, Bonnie rescues Ronald, and Ceelie finds a husband who really wants her.



## Pep Club

- 1st Row: Marilynn Farrand, Ann Davis, Diane Freeland, Judith James, Judith Carpenter, Judith Decker.
- 2nd Row: Coach James Devine, Advisor; Barbara Kane, Mary Ellen Ward, Mary Stuart, Jobanna Robinson, Rita Mast, Margo Green, Arlene Miller, Shirley Hovis, Nancy Roach, Sandra Hughes, Mary Colleen Phelps.
- 3rd Row: Mr. W. H. Judd, Joyleen Snyder, Rita Wing, Ronna Schaeffer, Patricia MacNeill, Phyllis Wolfe, Lorena Dunn, Barbara Masters, Mary Yeatter, Sharon Hovis, Joyce Allen, Carol Ryan.
- 4th Row: Paul Miller, James Farrand, Janet McKee, Bethel Stanton, Sandra Loudenslager, Mary Trayling, Laura (Christie) Freeland, Priscilla Thompson, Kathy Kanaley, Susan Van Deventer, Sally Sanford, Mary Ann Hughes, William Barker.
- 5th Row: Larry Miller, Kenneth Broker, Charles Holcomb, Kenneth Brandys, Earl Trine, Carl Lucas, John (Jack) Truckey, Thomas Loudenslager, Tom Fisher, James Lee, Orville Gene Trine.
- Absent: Mr. Van Voorhees, John Miller, Gerald Truckey, Roy Johnson, Margaret Pooler, Gale Snow, William Ward, Larry French, Gerald Deikman, Fred Decker, Larry Mac Neill, William James, David Hildebrand, Thomas Davis, Douglas Adams.



## *Ushers Club*

1st Row: Betty Lunger, Jobanna Robins, Barbara Noga, Mrs. Fredrica Jaffe, Advisor.

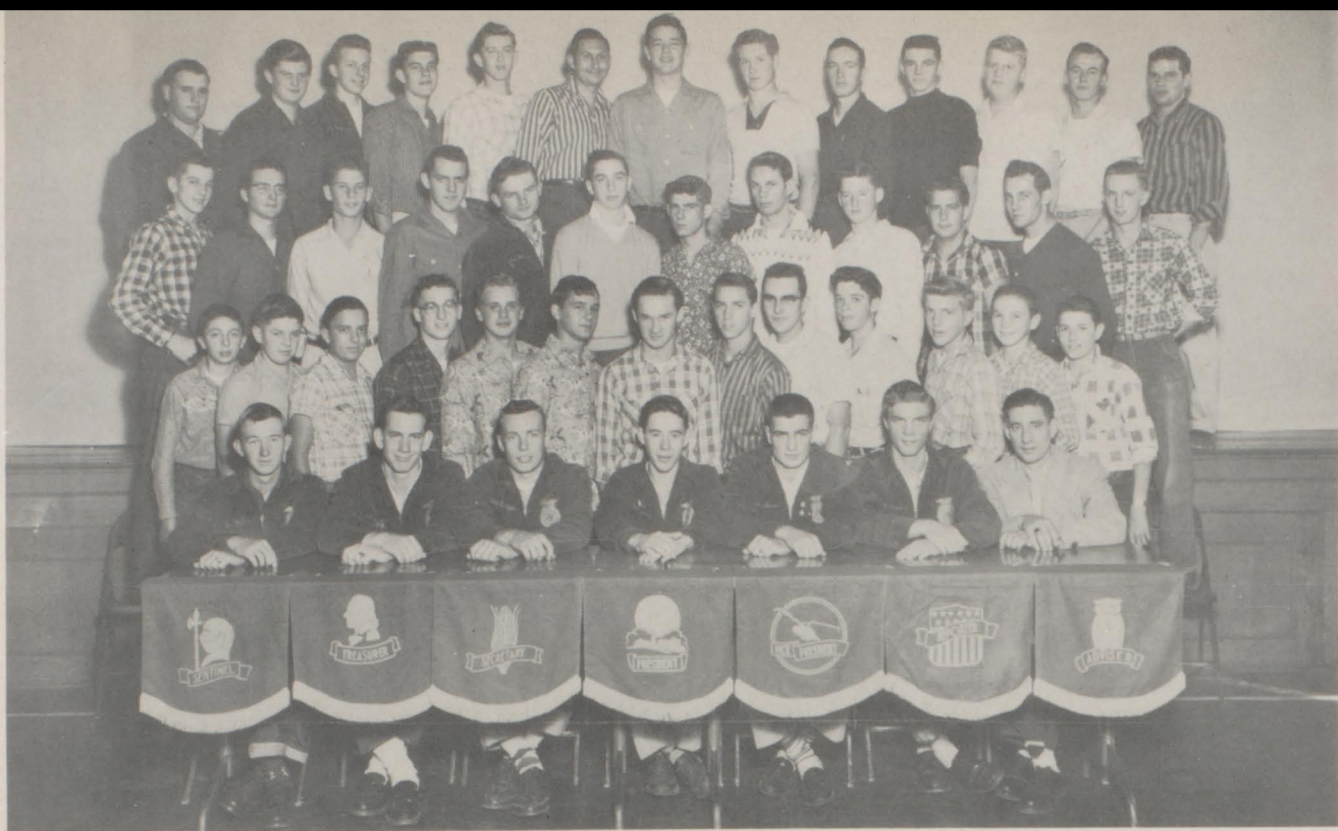
2nd Row: Barbara Hagelgans, Jane Westendorf, Kay Parlin, Loretta Truckey.

ABSENT: Marcella Shannon

The Ushers Club is organized each year for the purpose of furnishing ushers for such events as plays, concerts, and commencement activities. Our club now numbers twelve members with Jane Westendorf as head usher and Barbara Hagelgans as co-head usher. The new comers to our regular ushers are Jobanna Robinson, Kay Parlin, and Barbara Noga. As our substitutes, we have Judy Decker, Christie Freeland, and Shirley Stewart, who may be ushers in the following year. Jane Westendorf has had three year's experience, and Marcella Shannon and Loretta Truckey have had two years experience.

Becoming a member is voluntary, and the choice of ushers is dependent upon experience, with preference given to upper-classmen. Members of the club, who usher not less than five times during the year in a satisfactory manner, earn a seven-inch block C. A seven-inch block C, with bars for each year's service, is awarded at the end of the senior year.

Meetings of the club are held preceding each school event requiring ushers. Mrs. Jaffe is the advisor.



## Future Farmers Of America

1st Row: Earl Trine, James Lee, Thomas Fisher, Lee Sprowl, Carl Lucas, Carl Hackenburg, Mr. Earl Haight, Advisor.

2nd Row: Bruce Hurley, Paul Lederman, Joseph Wickey, John Truckey, Robert Fredenburg, Gerald Boals, Robert Lane, Larry French, Robert Weaver, Richard Eash, Dale Barton, Barry Case, James Kline.

3rd Row: William Vaughn, John Yoder, George Mayer, Leslie Van Vorst, Erwin Shannon, Gary Parlin, Charles Holcomb, Erwin Kent, Douglas Belson, Thomas Ross, Douglas Adams, Richard Thomas.

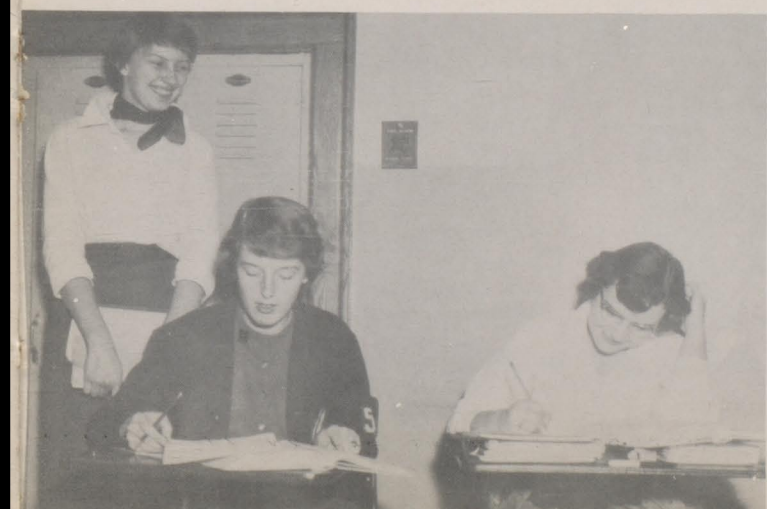
4th Row: Leon Schritchfield, Richard Janes, Richard Hagelgans, Roger Herman, Jack Burnham, Ronald Baker, Robert Roach, Edward Schrader, John Jackson, Raymond Saxman, Paul Miller, Orville (Gene) Trine, Gerald Truckey.

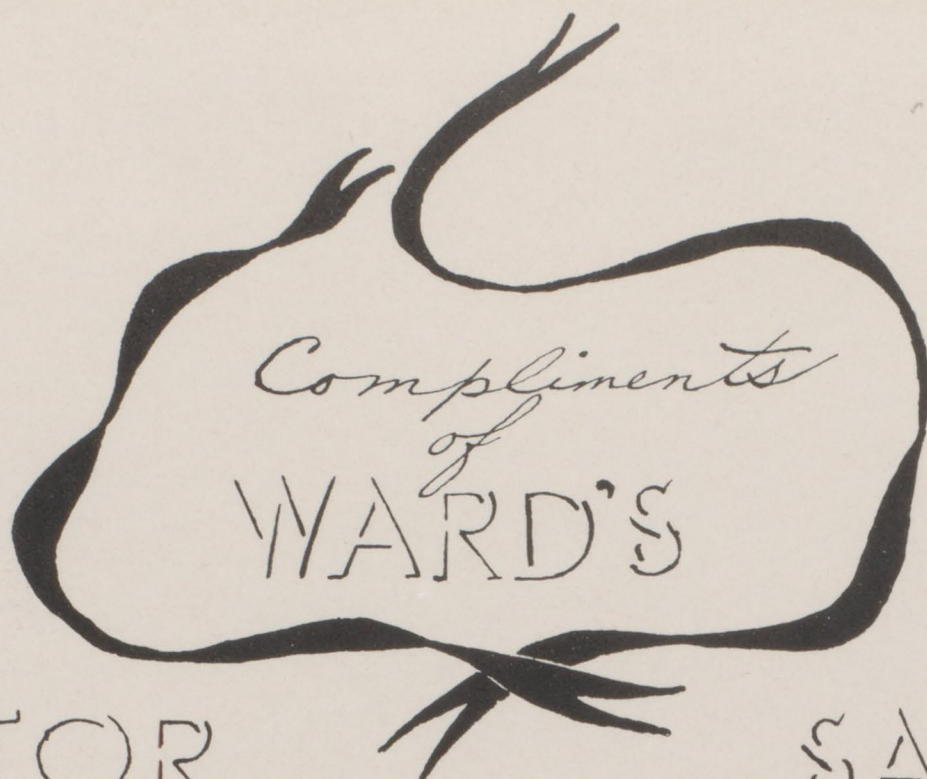
OFFICERS: President, Lee Sprowl; Vice-President, Carl Lucas; Secretary, Thomas Fisher, Treasurer, James Lee; Reporter, Carl Hackenburg; Sentinel, Earl Trine, Advisor, Mr. Earl Haight.

ABSENT: Norman Yoder, Gary Iobe, Gerald Diekman, Robert Jackson.

The F. F. A. has entered its seventh year with a total membership of 51, 26 of which are green hands, 23 chapter farmers, and 8 postgraduates, 4 of which are state farmers. There are five honorary chapter farmers: Frank Damon, Edwin Hill, W. H. Judd, Manley Van Voorhees, and Carleton Scott. Thirty-six of our chapter are carrying on supervised farming programs, and other projects, including 57 ownership projects, 180 improvement projects, and 1186 supplementary projects. This year's net income from these projects was \$10,391.86. The chapter received a silver award for being one of the top 30 of 240 chapters in the state. James Helmer received the degree of state farmer for outstanding F.F.A. work. He is now a State Vice-President of the F.F.A.

ACTIVITIES: District Contest: Public Speaking, Richard Janes, first.  
 Demonstration Team, Ronald Baker and Erwin Shannon, first.  
 Farm Forum: Robert Roach, Roger Herman, Gerald Diekman, Robert Weaver, Bruce Hurley, first.  
 Parliamentary Procedure: Lee Sprowl, Carl Hackenburg, William Vaughn, John Yoder, Paul Miller, James Kline, second.

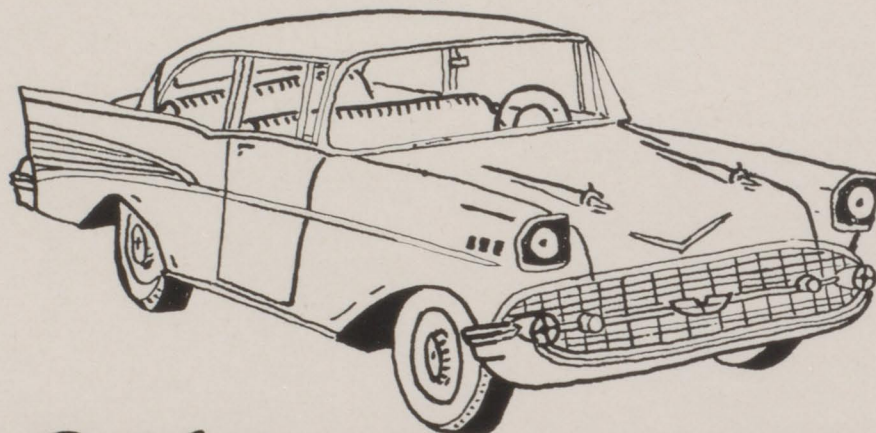




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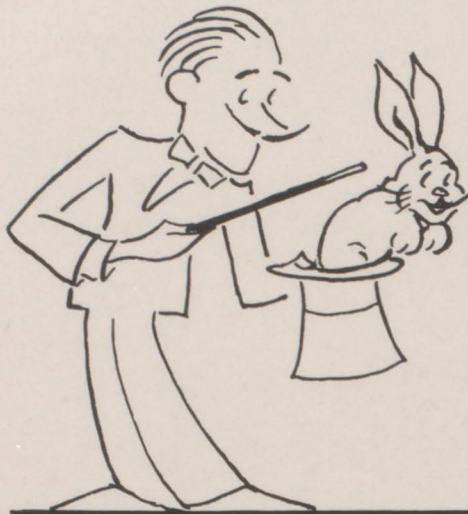
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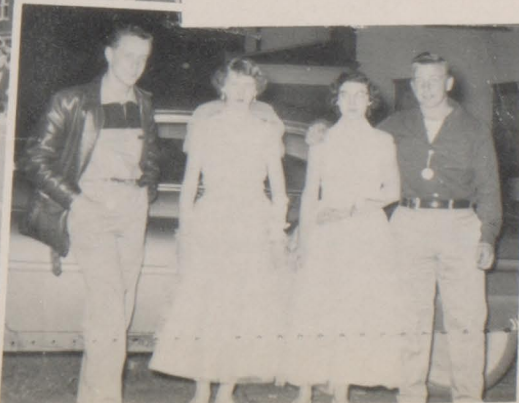
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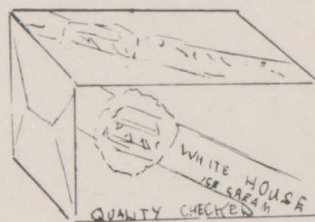
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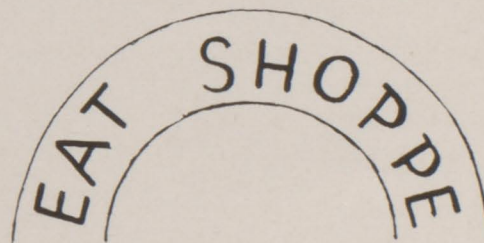
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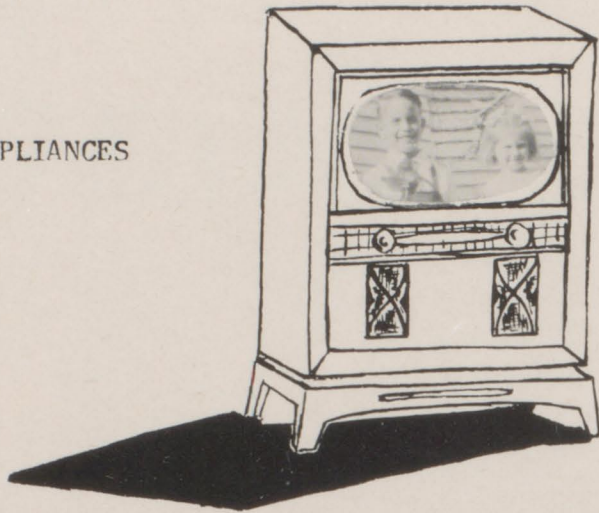


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