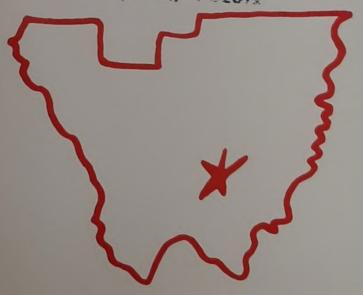
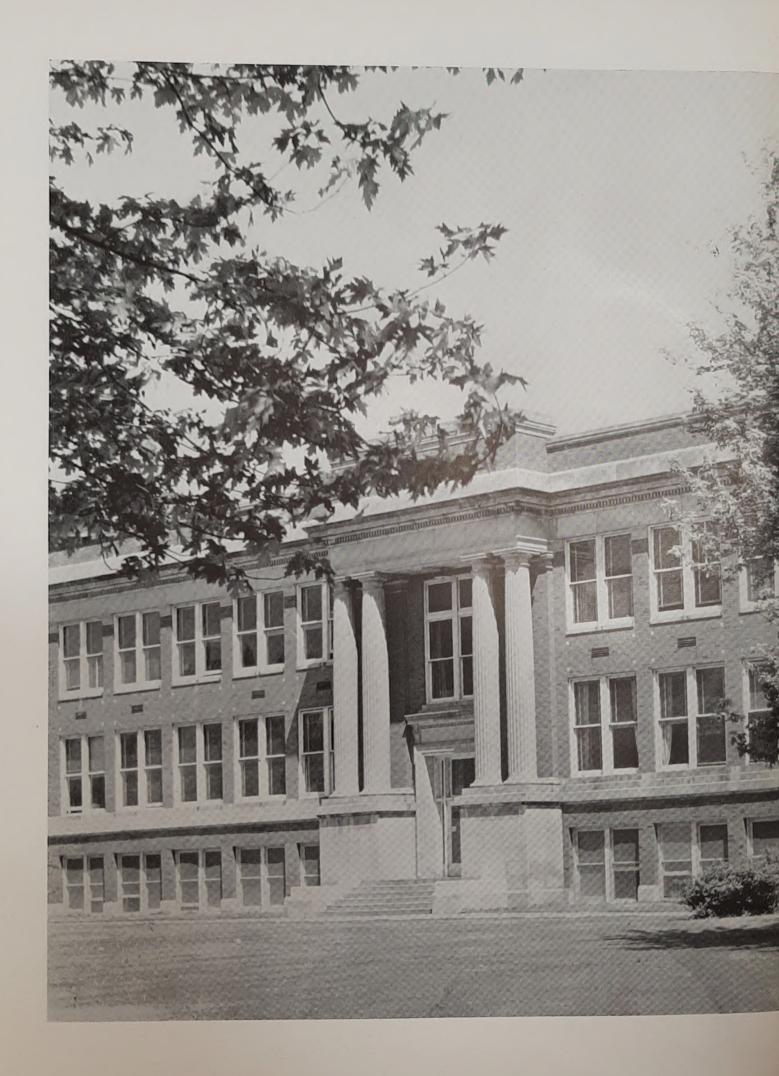


THE SCARAB - 1957

THE STORY OF THE RANGERS OF BCHS OF BENTON, ILLINOIS IN THE HEART OF ILLINOIS' FAMED LITTLE EGYPT . . .

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THE SCARAB...

The '56-'57 Scarab staff proudly presents the 1957 Scarab. Through this book we hope to bring to you the highlights of the school year; the year that Benton produced one of the best football and basketball teams it has ever seen; the year Chinese collars, bop shoes, hoop skirts, and Italian shirts became fads; the year we saw the political conventions and inauguration; and of course, the year the thing called Elvis Presley was introduced to the world.

Benton Consolidated High School • Benton, Illinois



A bird's-eye view of Benton.

Any area of great importance must have a center of activities. The center of all the important activities in "Little Egypt" is the capital, Benton. From throughout the entire area the populace focuses its attention toward this prosperous and successful city, which is located on a flat plain in the approximate geographical center of "Little Egypt."





A familiar sight to all of us.

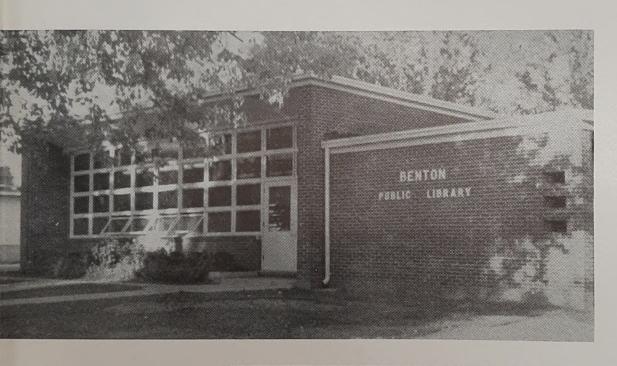
in the heart of Little Egypt . .

BENTON ...



the capital of "Little Egypt" and the seat of Franklin County . . .

In the city of Benton there are located two new modern buildings. These structures add to the integrity and prestige of Benton. We are proud to have as part of our city, the Franklin Hospital and the Benton Public Library, which serve our community efficently.







The great focal point of the education and much of the activity in Benton is the Benton Consolidated High School. Townspeople and area citizens look to this institution not only as a place where an education can be gotten, but also as a place of interesting and exciting activities. There is no doubt that BCHS is the center of activity.



Some townspeople put up new lights for the BCHS football field.



We even received a little pep from Benton citizens.



Benton alumni enjoy themselves at the annual homecoming dance.



Many gifts and services are donated by townspeople and various organizations, like this new flag, donated by the V.F.W.





Studies



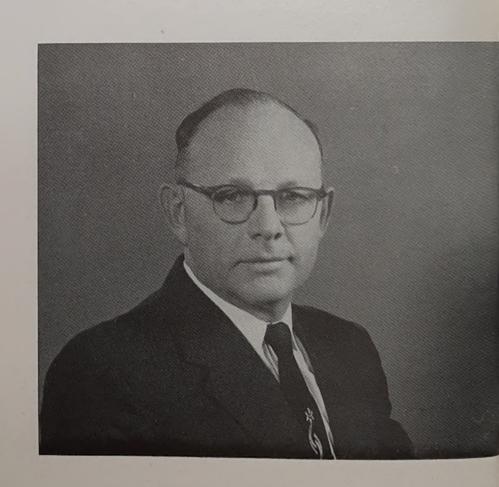
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B C H S ... STUDIES AND ACTIVITIES



Our efficient board of education was composed of the following pictured above: Ward Phillips, William F. Payne, Roy Spain, Fred Browning, W. C. Rice, secretary, Michael McCarty, president, and Sherman Whitlow who was absent when the picture was made.

Mr. Mundell ended his fourth year as principal of B.C.H.S. this year. He is always willing to take action for the good of the student body and to help us solve our problems.





Keeping records and trying to run the office at the same time is a tough job. How our registrar, Mrs. LaVerne Kenny, makes it through just one day is hard to tell. Our busy secretary and treasurer, Miss Joan Vincenti, keeps more records and handles all the money.



Mr. Mundell doing his routine work.











VERBAL ADKISSON: B.S., Southern Illinois University . . . H. M. AIKEN: B. S., University of Illinois . . . MARGARET ARMENTROUT: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University, M.A., University of

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University . . . RALPH E. DAVISON: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University . . . FLORENCE EDMONDS: A.B., Western State Teachers College, M.A., University of Kentucky.











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JANE KIRSCH: B.S., University of Missouri, M.A., University of Illinois . . . Louise Little: B. S., Library Science, Murray, Ky . . . Bettye Lofton: A.B., University of Kentucky

University, M.A., University of Illinois . . . Etna Morrison: A.B., University of Kansas, M.A., University of Michigan.











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inois . . . Ernest E. Shepard: A.B., University of Illinois, M.A., University of Illinois . . . Thera Stockton: B.S., Southern Illinois University.











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M.A., Columbia University . . . Bonnie Will-Hite: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University . . . JEANNETTE WILLIAMS: A.B., Augustana, M.A., University of Illinois.



Mrs. Jennie Mumbower, Mrs. Odie Clinton, and Mrs. Hazel Mumbower prepare a nourishing meal for the students.



First Row: Caleb Lowery, Felix Owens. Second Row: Davis Johnson, A. M. Britton, Die Blondi.

Cafeteria Staff

Thanks to the cafeteria staff, the students are provided with well-balanced hot meals.

Maintenance Staff

The order and cleanliness of BCHS are due to the fine work of the maintenance staff.

Mrs. Anna Hill, another member of the cafeteria staff, takes time out for a short breather.

Bus Drivers

The taxi-cabs of BCHS are the school buses. The efficient bus drivers see to it that the students have a way to and from school.

First Row: Felix Owens, Davis Johnson, Caleb Lowery, Charlie Randall. Second Row: Paul Knight, Falger Pearce, Amos Russel, Clarence Jones.





Mr. Rhodes, sponsor; Henry Andrews, treasurer; Tom Kays, president; Dick Rice, vice-president; Kendra Jones, secretary; Miss Morrison, sponsor.

seniors

The time has finally arrived. Now we are ready to start the adventure of fulfilling our ambitions. We have reached the point of no return. In years to come we will often recall the happy, carefree days at BCHS.

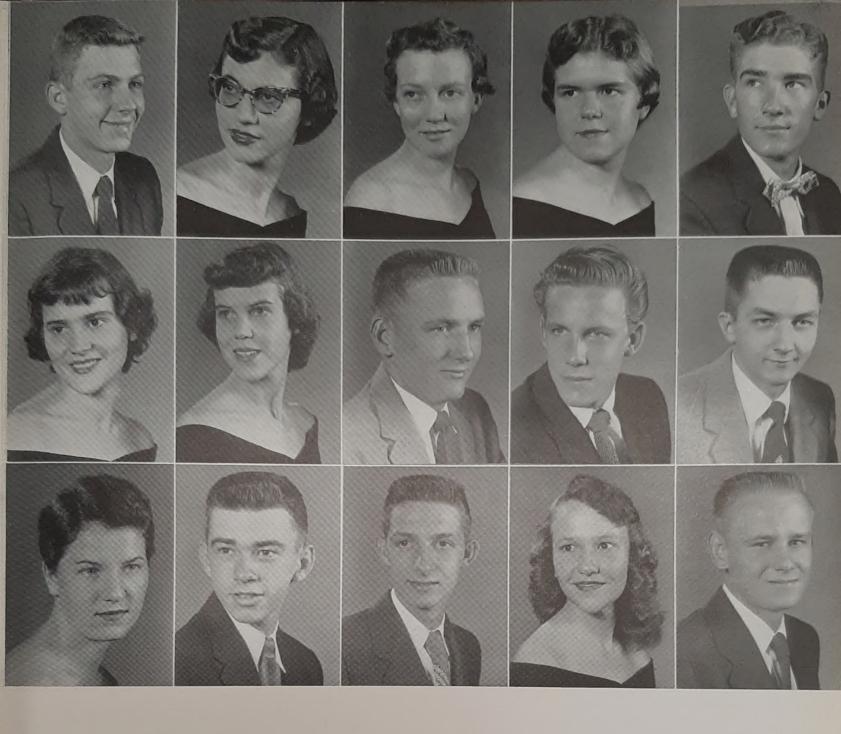


Sophisticated seniors?



Helen Adams: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Y.F.C. 2, 3; Pep Club 1; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . Sherry Anderson: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; F.B.L.A. 3; Pep Club 4; Art Club 4 . . . Henry Andrews: Football 1, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Track 3; Class Treasurer 4 . . . Lois Atteberry: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Council 1, 2; Class Secretary 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Board 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Echo 3, 4; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . Charles Bailie: Key Club 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3 . . . Curtis Baldwin: Band 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Linda Barnfield: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Y.F.C. 1, 2, 4; Spanish Club 2; F.N.C., record

secretary 3, vice-president 4; Art Club 4 . . . Charlotte Bartosik: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Echo 2; F.H.A. 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 4; Latin Club 3 . . . Phil Bauer: Key Club 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Paul Bayless: F.B.L.A. 3 . . . Nellie Bethel: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 2, treasurer 3 . . . Don Blake: St. Louis 1, 2; Football 3, 4; Track 3 . . . George Blalock . . . Judy Bonenberger: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Art Club 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Sue Briley: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Council 4; G.A.A. 1; F.H.A. 1, board 2, 3; History Club 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4.



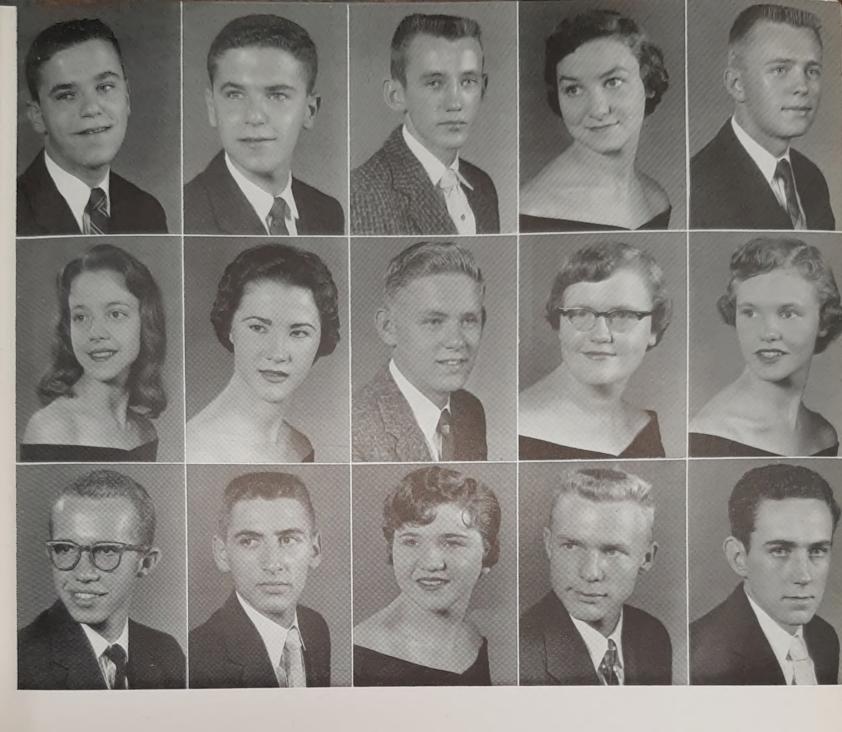
THOMAS BUCHANAN: McLeansboro 1; Band 1, 4; Hi-Y 2; Echo 2, 3; Speech Club 2; Latin Club 3; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . NAOMI CARLTON: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, vice-president 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, secretary 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Ruby Carter: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 2, 3 Judy Christenson: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Council 1, 3, vice-president 4; Latin Club 2; Speech Club 2, 3; Echo 1, 2; Homecoming Attendant 3, 4; Scarab Royalty 4; Student Council treasurer 4; Scarab 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; Pep Club 1, 4; Honorary Usher 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Teen Town Council treasurer 3, secretary 4; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Morris Clark: Youth for Christ

1, 2; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, vice-president 4 . . . CLEDA CLUCK . . . Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Pep Club 4 . . . BETTY COCKRUM: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 2; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . Bob Cockrum: Hi-Y 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Track 2, 3 . . . Jim Conner: Football 1, 2, 3; Track 2 . . . Harry Cook: Hi-Y 1; Track 1; Basketball 1, 2; Football 2 . . . Lila Cook: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Art Club 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Gordon Cook . . . Frank Davis: Band 1, 2, 3; Pep Band 4 . . . Judith Dillon: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . Fred Davis: Basketball 1.



Bob Dorris: I-li-Y 2; Basketball 1; Track 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Kenneth Doty: Industrial Arts I, 2 . . . Donald Drew: Mt. Vernon 1, 2; Band 3; Football 3, 4 . . . HeLEN DREW: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 1, 2, 3, 4, treasurer 3; Girls Chorus 1, 3; Mixed Chorus 2; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Echo 3, 4, Exchange Editor 4; Pep Club 4 . . . HeLEN ED-WARDS: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Board 3, 4; Youth for Christ 1, 2, 3, 4, vice-president 3; Echo 2, 3, Co-Business Manager 4; Scarab 2, 3, 4; Photographer for Echo and Scarab 4; F.N.C. 3; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . Marlene Edwards: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Youth for Christ 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . JIM EVANS: Louisville, Kentucky 1 . . . JUDITH EZELL: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 3;

F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . Ed FALCOMATA: Hi-Y 3; D. O. Club 4; Football 3 . . . Barbara Fox: Glen Ellyn, Illinois 1, 2; Hi-Tri 3, 4; F.H.A. 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . CHARLENE FREEMAN: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 2, 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . JUDITH ANN FREEZE: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Echo 1, 2, 3, 4; Y.F.C. 1, 2, 3, secretary 4; F.B.L.A. 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Pep Club 4 . . . Robert GARIEPY: D.O. Club 4 . . . BETTY GEORGE: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Council 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 1, president 4; G.A.A. 1; Honorary Usher 3; History Club 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Homecoming Attendant 1; Pep Club 4 . . . JANETTA GLOVER: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; "Fortune Teller" 2; History Club 3, 4, secretary 4; Spanish Club 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4.



JIM GOLDWASSER . . . TOM GOLDWASSER . . . JIM GRAHAM: D.O. Club 4; . . . SHIRLEY GULLEY: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, secretary 3, president 4; F.H.A. 2, parliamentarian 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Claude Gunter: Chemistry Club 4; Golf 2, 3, 4 . . . Della Hammonds . . . Karen Hanagan: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1, 2, treasurer 3; Speech 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Honorary Usher 3; History Club 3; Debate Squad 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; Chemistry Club 4; Pep Club 4 . . . James Hansen: West Frankfort 1, 2 . . . Sue Hargis: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; "Fortune Teller" 2; Youth

for Christ 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; . . . KAYE HARGROVE: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; Echo 3, 4; History Club 3; Speech Club 4, treasurer 3; Pep Club 4; Latin Club 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . George Hatchett: Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Madrigals 1, 2; "Fortune Teller" 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Band 4 . . . John Dee Hatchett: History Club 3; F.B.L.A. 3, treasurer 4; Chemistry Club 4; Basketball 2 . . . Delores Helminski: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Youth for Christ 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Ben Higgerson . . . James House: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, treasurer 3; D. O. 4,



Louise Hungate: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.N.C. 3, 4; Latin Club 2; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Bob Jarvis: Projection Club 1; Track 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Sandra Jarvis: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, treasurer 4; Chorus 2; "Fortune Teller" 2; F.B. L.A. 3; History Club 3, treasurer 4; Y.F.C. 3, 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; Pep Club 4 . . . Donna Johnson: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Larry Dale Johnston: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Projection Club 2, 3; History Club 3; D.O. Club president 4 . . . Kendra Jones: Springfield 1; Hi-Tri 2, 3; Council 4; Echo 2, 3, News Editor 4; "Father Knows Best"

3; Scarab 4; Class Secretary 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Honorary Usher 3; Homecoming Attendant 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Lawrence Jones: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Cloyd Karnes: Spanish Club 1, 2, 3 . . . Tom Kays: History Club 3, 4; Golf 3; Student Council 1, 4; Class President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Larry Kent . . . Ivan Kern: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Hî-Y 2 . . . Dean King: Hi-Y 3; F.B.L.A. 4, vice-president 3 . . . Willis Baker King: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; . . . Deon Kirk . . . Margaret Kolisek: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2; F.B.L.A. 3; Pep Club president 4.



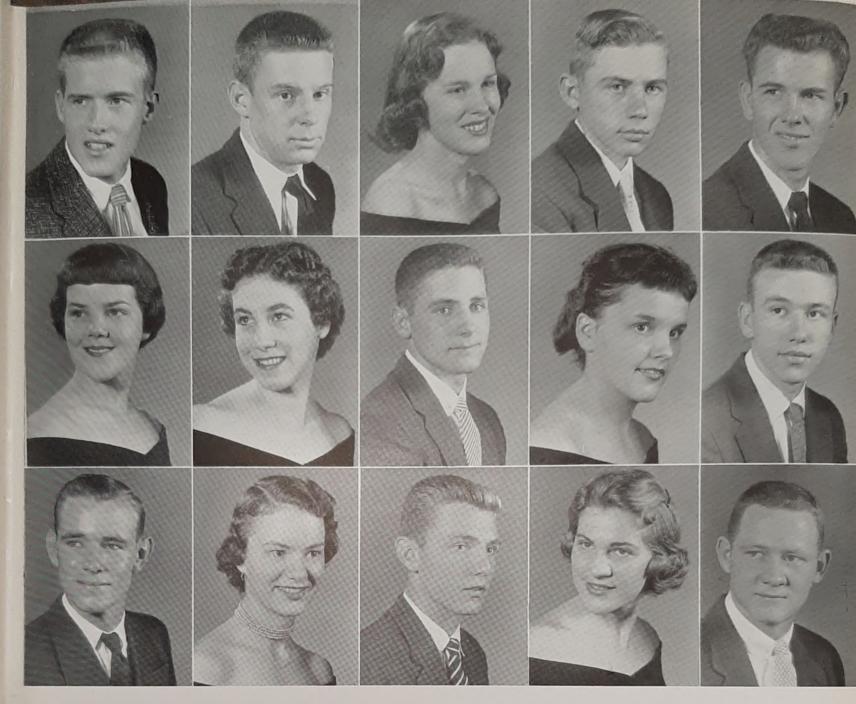
GAILVERNE KOPP: Salt Lake City, Utah 1; Hi-Tri 2, 3; Council 4; Latin Club 2; Echo 2, 3, 4; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2; Y.F.C. 3, 4, reporter 2; Thespians secretary 3, vice-president 4; Class Treasurer 3; History Club 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Honorary Usher 3; Debate Squad 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Shelby Kuykendall: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 1; Y.F.C. 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; "Fortune Teller" 2; Library Club 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . BARBARA LARKIN: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1; Speech Club 2, 4, treasurer 3; Thespians 3, clerk 4; Pep Club 1, 4; History Club 3; Echo 2, 3, 4, Copy Editor 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Honorary Usher 3 . . . Don LIPSEY: Spanish Club 2; History Club 3; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Judy Luechtefeld: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Y.F.C. 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; F.N.C. 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Don Mace: Hi-Y vice-president 3, chaplain 4; Key Club 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . Bob Martin: Projection Club 1; D.O. Club 4 . . . Deon McClerren: Hi-Y 2, 3;

History Club 3; Teen Town Council 3, 4; F.B. L.A. 3, co-president 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 2, 3 . . . Leon McClerren: Hi-Y 2, 3; History Club 3; Teen Town Council 3, 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4, co-president 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 2, 3 . . . Max McDonald: Hi-Y 2, 3; Projection Club 1; Golf 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, 4 . . . Barbara Mc-Endree: Hi-Tri 1, Council 2, 3, secretary 4; Y.F.C. 1, 2, president 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Speech Club 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Chorus Trio 4; Student Council 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Donna McKinnon: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; "Fortune Teller" 2; Spanish Club 1, 2, treasurer 3; Y.F.C. 1, 2, 3, treasurer 4; History Club 3, president 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Pep Club 4 . . . LARRY MELVIN: Speech Club 3, treasurer 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2 . . . Robert Mick: Hi-Y 3; Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Echo 3, 4; Thespians 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Scarab 4; Basketball 1 . . . RUTH MILLER: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4.



Tom MITCHELL . . . ROBERT MONTGOMERY: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . TERRY MOORE: Hi-Y 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . RICHARD MORTON: Projection Club 1 . . . CHARLES A. NAGRESKI: F.F.A. 1, secretary 2, vice-president 3, president 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; King of Farmer's Ball 4; State Farmer 3; Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4 . . . GLORIA ANN NEAL: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . MAUREEN NIX: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 3; Art Club 4 . . MELINDA NIX: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A.

1, 2, 3; Chorus 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . Judith Overturf: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; F.H.A. 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . Gale Pearce: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; D.O. Club 4 . . . Judy Pemberton: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 3 . . . Norah Jane Pemberton: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 2, 3, 4; "Fortune Teller" 2; Y.F.C. 2, 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Johnny Prior; D.O. Club 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2, 3 . . . Charlotte Raubach: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Everett Rhine: Granite City High School 2; Projection Club 1.



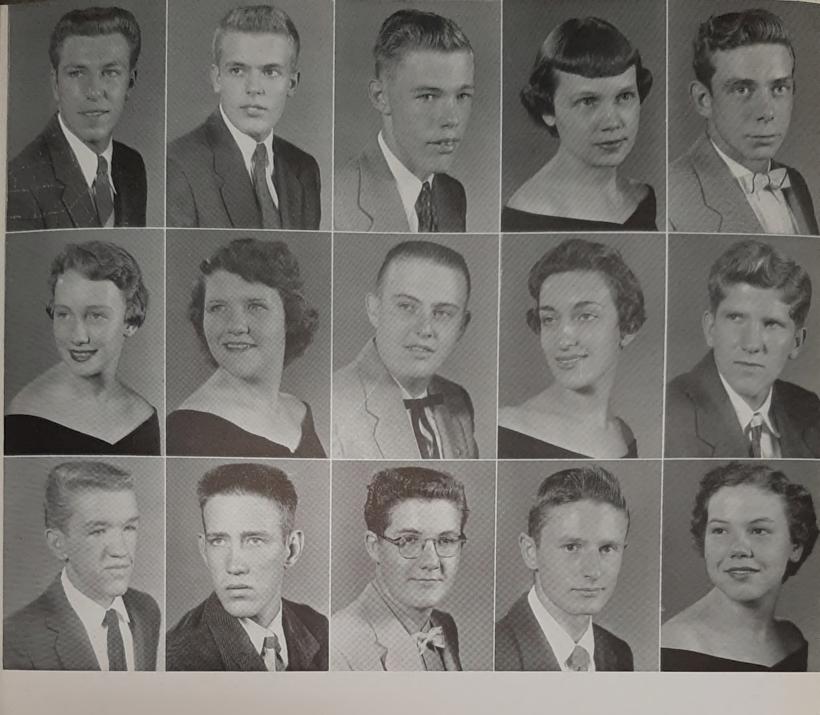
JIM RHODES: Hi-Y 1; Key Club 1, 2, 3, president 4; Latin Club 2; Class President 2; Boys State 1; Student Council 2, vice-president 3; Lions Banquet 2, 3; Chemistry Club vice-president 4; Scarab Royalty 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . DIOK RICE: Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2; Boys State 2; Lions Banquet 3; Chemistry Club 4; Student Council 4; Class vicepresident 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3 . . . Joyce Rice: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3 . . . Kenneth Richardson: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; D.O. Club 4 . . . Frank Roach: Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3 . . . Marilyn Roach: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club 1; Chorus 1, 2; F.H.A. 3, 4, Degrees chairman 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Barbara Roberson: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; G.A.A. 1; Y.F.C. 1, 2; "Father Knows Best" 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Pete Ross: Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Class President 1; Scarab Royalty 1, 2, 3, King 4; Boys State 2; Lions Banquet 1; Speech Club 4; Chemistry Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, co-captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3,

4... Judi Rutz: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 3; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Bob SANDERS . . . KEITH SANDERS: Hi-Y 3, president 4; Band 1, 2, 4, president 3; Thespians 3, 4, secretary 2, Best Thespian 3; Speech Club 4, treasurer 2, president 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Lions Banquet 3; Voice of Democracy winner 4; Track 1 . . . Annette Schram: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2, 3, secretary 4; Chorus 2; "Fortune Teller" 2; Latin Club 2; F.N.C. secretarytreasurer 3, president 4; History Club 3, vicepresident 4; Echo 3; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . JERE SHAW: Basketball 3; Track 3 . . . JANET Simkovich: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, secretary 4, majorette 1, 2, 3, drum majorette 4; F.B.L.A. 3, photographer 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Speech Club 3, 4; History Club 3; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . DICK SIMPson: Key Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1; Latin Club secretary 2; Student Council 1, secretary 3; Boys State 1; Chemistry Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.



DAVE SMITH: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3 . . . DEAN SMOTHERS: F.B.L.A. 4, reporter 3; Basketball 1 . . . JEAN SMOTHERS: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1; F.H.A. 1; Library Club 2, vicepresident 3, president 4; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . JANISE Somers: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4 . . . LEROY SPAIN: D.O. Club 4 . . . MERVIN SPILL-MAN: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3 . . . John Stelzriede: Spanish Club 1, 2; Band 1, 3, 4 . . . Fred Summary: Hi-Y 1, 2; Key Club 4, secretary 1, 2, 3; Speech Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Thespians 1, 2, vice-president 3, treasurer 4; Projection Club 1; Debate Team 1, 2; Class Vice-President 2; Student Council vice-president 2; Spanish Club 2; Echo 1, 2; "Father Knows Best" 3; Scarab Sports Editor 4 . . . Fred Summers: Hi-Y 3; Thespians 1, 2, 4, vice-president 3; Speech Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 1, 2; Projection Club 1; Spanish Club 2; Echo 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . MARY TAYLOR: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; G.A.A. 1; Projection Club 1;

Girls Chorus 1, 2; F.N.C. 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Pep Club 4 . . . Norma Sue Tennison: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . PHYLLIS THOMANN: Hi-Tri 1, 2, council 3, 4; Projection Club secretary 1; Teen-Town Council vice-president 1; Echo 1, 2, 3; Editor 4; Scarab 2; Speech Club 2, vice-president 3, 4; Thespians clerk 3, secretary 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4; Lions Honor Banquet 2, 3; Girls State 3; Class Vice-President 3; Student Council 3; "Father Knows Best" 3; Art Club 4; Pep Club 4; F.B.L.A. 4...GARY THOMAS: Hi-Y 1, 3, chaplain 2, treasurer 4; Latin Club 2; Y.F.C. 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; "Fortune Teller" 2; Lions Banquet 2, 3; Chemistry Club 4; Scarab 3, Editor 4; Echo 2 . . . MARGARET THOMASON: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 2; Y.F.C 1, 2; F.N.C. 4 . . . LINDA VAN LEER: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, treasurer 4; Pep Club 1, 4; Student Council 1; Latin Club 2; Speech Club 2, 3, 4; Thespians 3, 4; Scarab Royalty 1, Queen 4; Homecoming Attendant 1, 2, Queen 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; History Club 3; Echo 3, 4.



JIM WEST: Hi-Y 2, 3; Speech Club 3, president 4; Chemistry Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 . . . SAM WHITE: Hi-Y 2, 3, secretary 4; F.B.L.A. 3 . . . Bobby Whitlow: Projection Club 1; Basketball 1 . . . Earla Sue Whittier Hammond: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; F.B.L.A. 3; Art Club 4 . . . Basil Whittington . . . Carolyn Whittington: Hi-Tri Council 1, 2, 3, president 4; F.H.A. 1, treasurer 2, secretary 3, projects chairman 4; Lions Banquet 2, 3; Scarab 3, business manager 4; Echo 3, 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Scarab Royalty 2, 3; Homecoming Attendant 2, 3; Farmer's Ball Queen 4; Teen Town Council treasurer 1; Honorary

Usher 3 . . . Barbara Wilcox: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 3; F.B.L.A. 4 . . . Jerry Wilcox: Hi-Y 1; History Club 3; Spanish Club 3, 4 . . . Connie Wilkerson: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3; Art Club 4; F.N.C. 4; G.A.A. 4 . . . Bob Williams: Track 2, 3, 4 . . . Alan Willis: Hi-Y 3, 4; Projection Club 1; Latin Club 2; Echo 3, 4; Scarab 4; Speech Club 4 . . . Gordon Woods . . . Curtis Wolff: F.F.A. 1; D.O. Club 4 . . . Louis Wozniak: Latin Club president 2; Lions Banquet 2, 3; Student Council 3, president 4; Key Club 3, 4; "Father Knows Best" 3; Class President 3; Chemistry Club president 4; '56 Marshal; Golf team 1 . . . Deloris York: Enfield High School 1, 2; Hi-Tri 3, 4; F.H.A. 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4.



The big event - the juniors get their class rings.

The three years since we first entered the halls of BCHS have all been exciting years, but next year will be the one we have strived for.

We successfully entertained the seniors at the reception, and presented a comedy, "Money Mad."

juniors

First Row: John Mitchell, president; Carolyn Moore, vice-president. Second Row: Mr. Aiken, sponsor; Jean Hewlett, treasurer; Beth Ann Reed, secretary; Miss Adkisson, sponsor.





Martha Adams
Sidney Adams
Judy Aiken
Jeanne Anderson
Bruce Anderson
Lester Auten
Robert Bain

Brenda Bell
Tom Bennett
Ivernia Bethel
John Bettis
Larry Biggs
Mary Biggs
Nita Billingsley

Donald Blair
Kenneth Bolen
Jeanette Booten
Clarice Brown
Richard Browning
Donna Buchanan
Bob Buntin

Hilda Bybee Cordell Cairel Elaine Cairel Jim Carson Dorothy Carter Carroll Clinton Phyllis Cole

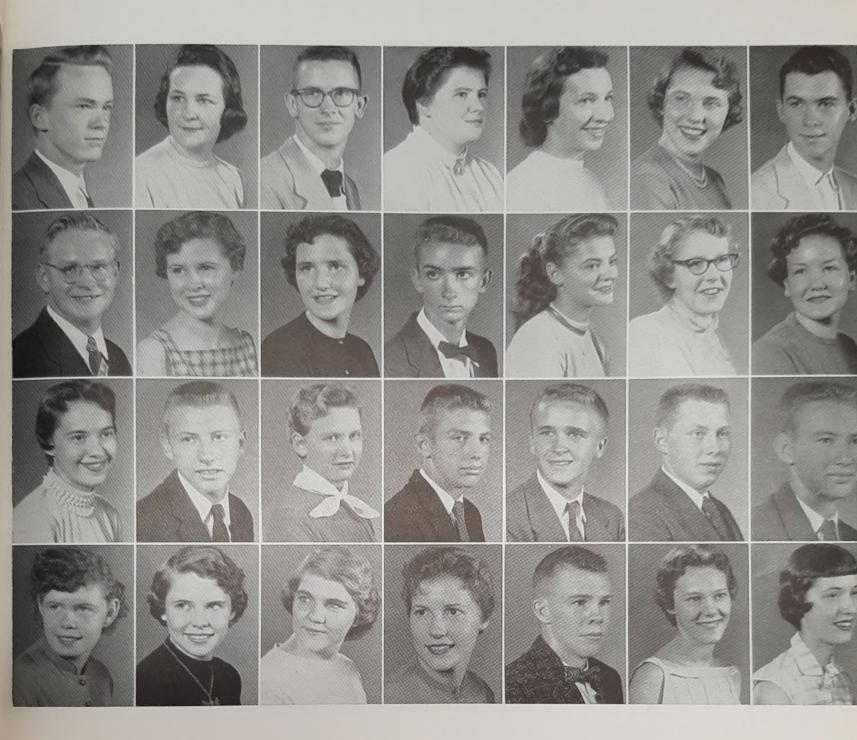


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James Davis
Phil Davis

Ramona Davis
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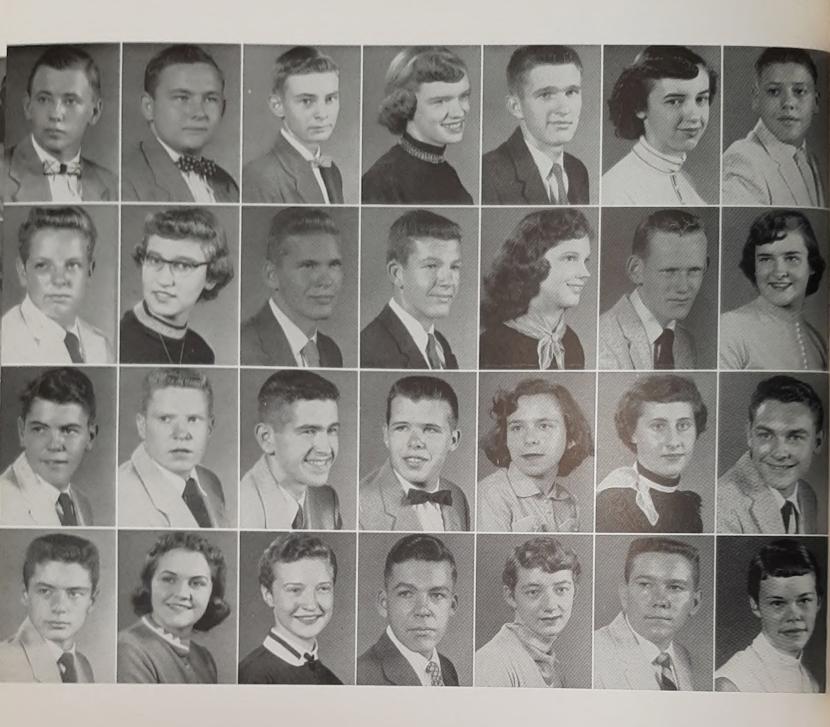
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Brenda Flatt
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Sherry Fowler
Sharon Fredette
Patricia Freeman
Joyce German
Ruth Ann Gibbs



James Glenn Cindy Goessman John Gray Patricia Gunter Bonnie Harmon Kay Harris James Hawkins Raymond Hays
Evelyn Hedges
Juanita Hefner
Joe Herbert
Jean Hewlett
Joyce Holman
Mary Hughes

Floriene Hungate Kenneth Hungate Roberta Hungate Joe Hutchcraft John Jilek Robert Johnson Eddie Jordan Elizabeth Joy
Jean Kern
Myrna Kistner
Myrna Knight
Bill Lamb
Kaye Lampley
Carolyn Launius



Joe Lenard Stanley Lenard William Lewis Paula Lipscomb Harry Livesay Lillie Loman William Luster Vernon Mandrell
Brenda Manion
Carl Martin
George Martin
Rena Martoglio
Jerry McBride
Vanita McCommons

Donald McKinnon Ronnie McLain Ronald McLaren Roy McMahon Norma McPherson Gay Meadows Charles Minor

John Mitchell
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Lyle Moore
Marie Moore
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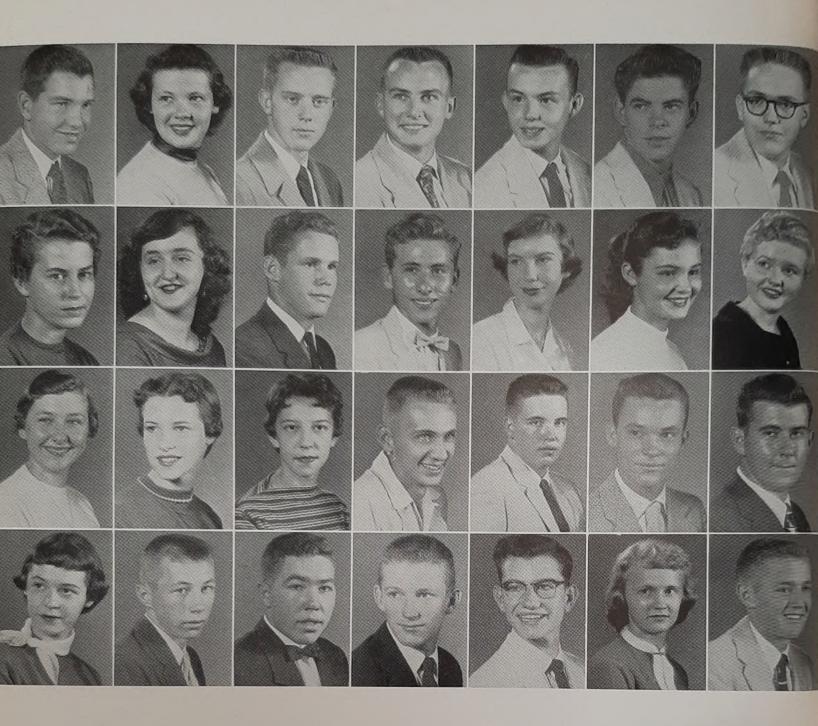


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Billy Murphy
Barbara Neal
Ralph Neal
Ruth Neal
Jim Norman
Judy Nowikowski

Nettie Parris
William Payne
Ralph Pearce
Julia Phillips
Norma Phillips
Ronald Phillips
Richard Piercy

Dixie Piggott
Ronnie Pogoda
Robert Ponder
Marsha Price
Sandra Prowell
James Ragan
Leroy Rector

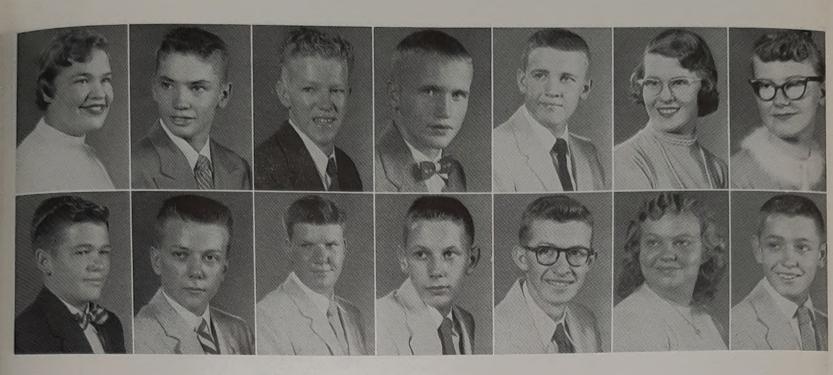
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Elizabeth Robson
James Roberson
Richard Rodenbush



Merrill Rose Merilee Saxe Estel Schram Jack Schram Leroy Scroggins Jerry Semon Jake Seymour Sandra Seymour
Billie Shaw
Larry Sims
Larry Sink
Helen Smothers
Yolanda Smothers
Mary Sneed

Karen South
Carolyn Spain
Marilyn Stevens
Nick Stewart
Thomas Stewart
Phillip Sullivan
Robert Summers

Roberta Summers
Bill Tasky
Charles Tate
Robert Taylor
Arnold Tennant
Carolyn Thomason
Bill Tiberend



Ida Townley
Gerald Upchurch
Nelson Vaughn
John Vise
David Walker
Nancy Waller
Anne Webb

Dick Whittington
William Whittington
Delmar Wiggs
Jerry Wiggs
Daniel Wilkerson
Lorene Williams
Burton Wills

Jolly Juniors





First Row: Phil Bailie, president; Eddie Simpson, secretary. Second Row: Miss Willhite, sponsor; Betty Hall, vice-president; Dixle Kondritz, treasurer; Mr. Miller, sponsor.

sophomores

We are the fun-loving, girl loving, boy loving, rock and rolling sophomores. We have discovered what it means to study, and we have developed interests in practically every phase of school activity. We are no longer silly, but jolly.



Silly sophomores!

Curtis Adams Linda Alexander Linda Armstrong David Bailey Philip Bailie

Carolyn Baldwin Marilyn Baldwin George Bauer Karen Beardsley Phyllis Beatty

Carolyn Beaty Marshall Bigham Ronnie Bixler Frank Bobiak Linda Bolen

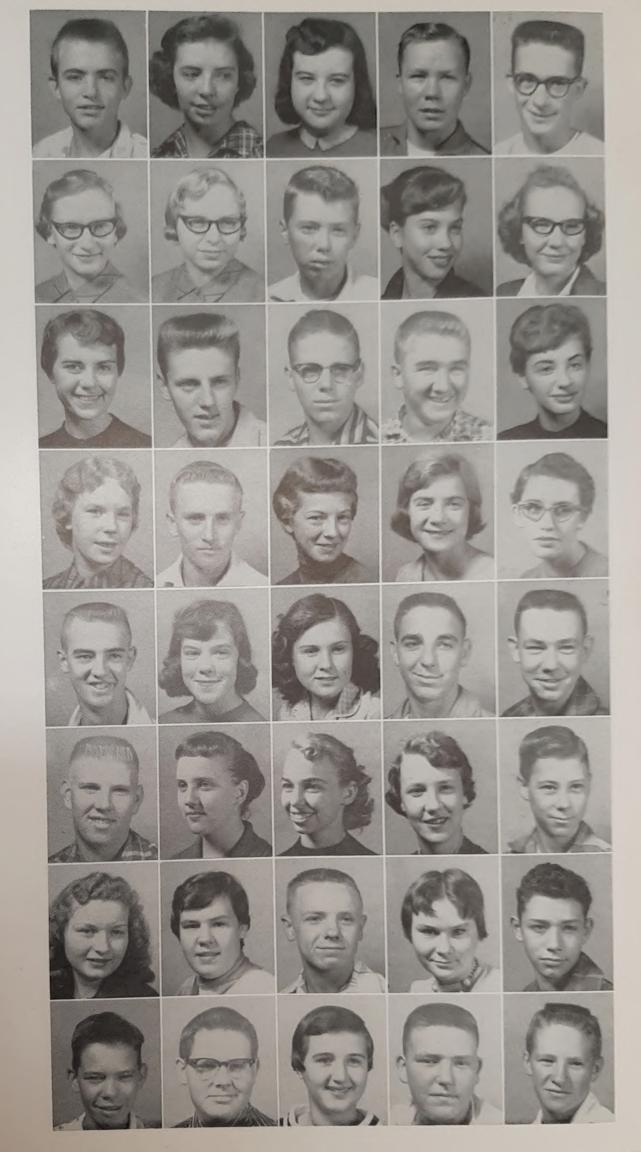
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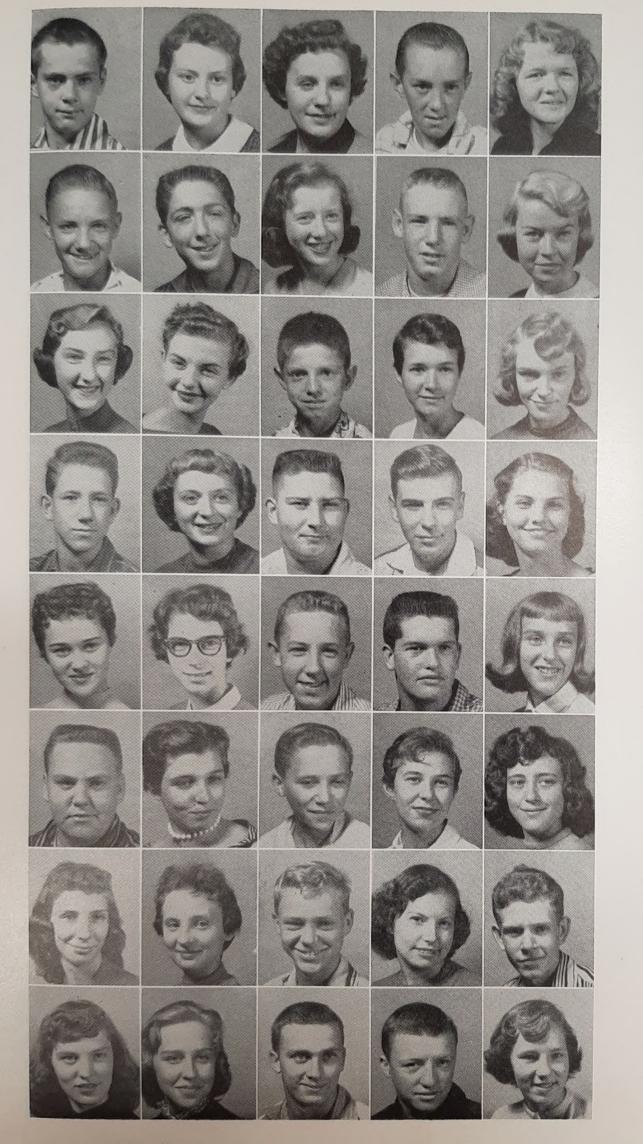
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Larry Durham Jane Eldridge Shirley Elkins Norman English Jeanne Epps

Charles Erwin Larry Eubanks Linda Evans Jeff Ferguson Marcia Fields

Judy Finley Brenda Fisher Denver Fisher Judy Fisher Barbara Fitzgerald

Bob Flatt Annette Frailey Raymond Freels David Freeman Judy Galloway

Judy Gifford Ellen Gilliam Nealy Glenn George Glover Christina Good

Kent Gregory Sharon Gulley Haskell Haithcoat Betty Hall Barbara Hammers

Loranne Harvey Shirley Head David Higgerson Sharon Hill Ray House

Carolyn Huffstutler Joann Hutchcraft Jim Hutchens Kenneth Hutchens Darlene Ingram Curt Ingram Nora Isaacs Buzzie Johnson Maxine Johnson Lindell Johnson

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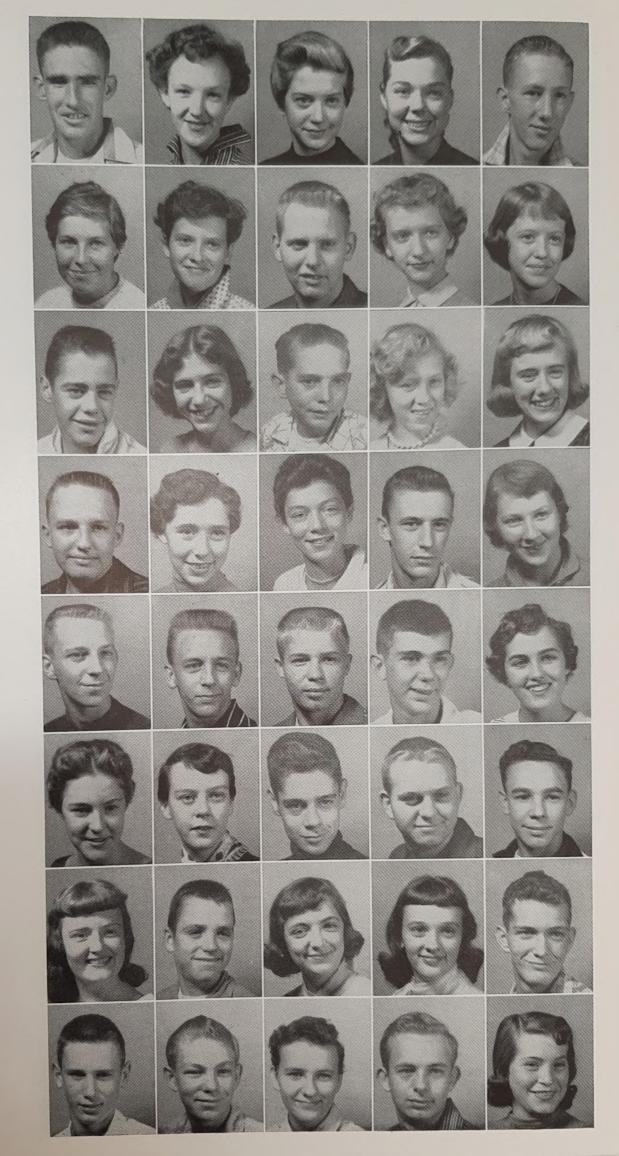
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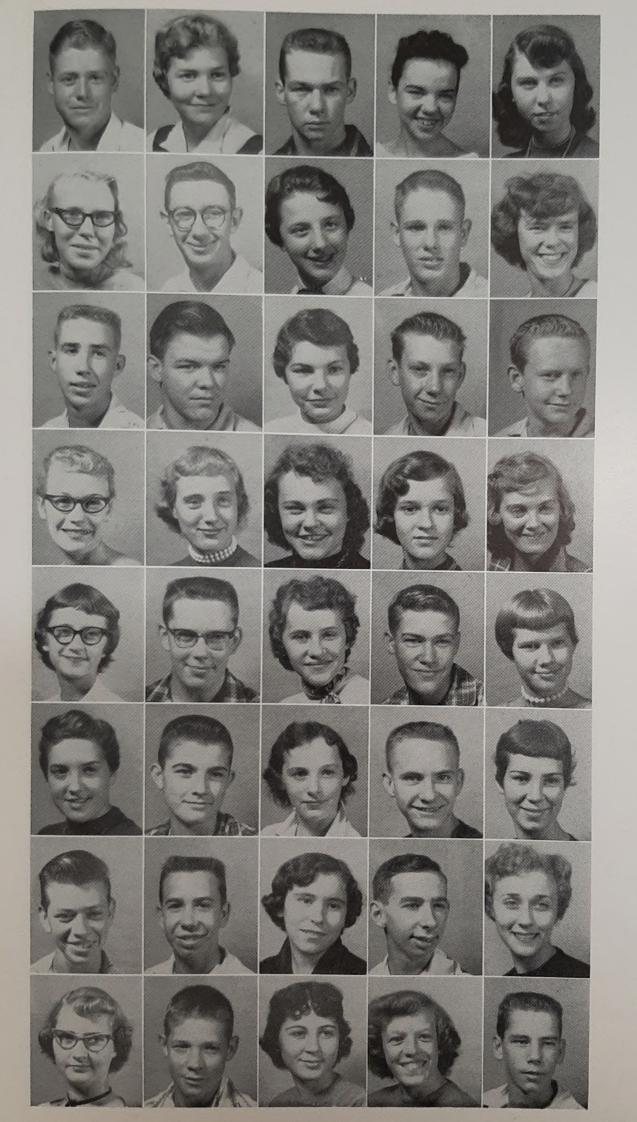
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Sharon Mitchell Henry Moore Phyllis Moore Judy Mosley Lavern Neal

Bill Noel James Pace Kathy Parris Larry Parrish Linda Pent





Gene Pickard
Ola Pinson
Jerry Pirtle
Ruth Ann Pritchett
Iona Pulliam

LaVern Pullum Bob Reed Eleanor Rice Gerald Rice Verlia Rich

James Richardson David Roberson Helen Rockich Jerry Rone Gary Ross

Nicki Ross Gloria Schleicher Nancy Schulz Barbara Sears Doris Shockley

Lynda Simmons Eddie Simpson Brenda Sink Donald Smith Joyce Smith

Robbie Sneed Larry Spencer Beverly Stewart Rudy Stowers Phyllis Stull

James Sullivan Daniel Summers Donna Summers James Summers Margaret Summers

Shirley Summers Victor Tasky Betty Taylor Sandra Taylor Curtis Tennison Ronald Terry Mary Lou Thomas Rita Threlkeld Carolyn Todd Marvin Upchurch

Joan Valli Eldon Wade Sue Walker Darlene Wallace George Warren

Irena Warren Jay Webb Kaye Webb Linda Webster Joe West

Marvin Whittington Alice Wiggs Evan Willis Phyllis Winemiller Ruth Skelton



Sophomores — all play, no work!





Mr. Heinzman, sponsor; Virginia Milton, vice-president; Karen Nix, secretary; Jim Bain, president; Judy Baker, treasurer; Miss Loften, sponsor.

freshmen

The job of adjusting to the new routine of high school has finally been accomplished. We are proud to be a part of such a fine group of classes. We have had a gay and carefree year and had our annual class party which was really entertaining.

The girls can't help itl



Barbara Adams
Doris Aiken
Genevieve Awmiller
Jim Bain
Paul Baln
Judy Baker
Meridy Baker

Ronnie Baker Jeffrey Barlow Sue Barnfield Lavern Barnfield Nancy Bauer Cecil Bennett Jim Bennett

Philip Bennett Darleen Bethel Ronnie Betine Judy Bixler Robert Blake Kenneth Bozovich Donna Braden

Leroy Brandhorst Wilda Bridges Charles Briley Gary Bruce Glenna Bryant Linda Bullington Carolyn Buntin

Larry Burgess Velma Burns Martha Busiere Leslie Carter Robert Chapman Judy Clark Kenneth Cluck

Betty Cochrane Edna Cole Donald Conner Robert Conner Richard Conti Gloria Coolock Albert Cox

Anna Mae Darnell Darleen Darnell Mike Davis Juanita Davis Judy Davis Paul Davis Phyllis Davis

Paul DeGroff Ronald Dethrow Beverly Dillon Ronald Dixon Martha Duckworth Glenn Dunn David Eldridge

James Eldridge
Darwin Epps
Jerry Eubanks
Lendall Fisher
Bobby Fitzpatrick
Karen Fitzpatrick
Phillip Foster





Richard Freese David Giacone Richard Glover Carol Goff Charles Grammer Charles Grayson Kathryn Gulley

Mary Ellen Gulley Shirley Gulley Ivan Gunter Janet Hale Wanda Hall Ruth Hall Margie Hammers

Beatrice Hammon Linda Hartman Esther Hays Billy Hedges Bobby Hedges William Hefner David Hines

Larry Hobbs
Retha Holder
Donald Hopkins
Jeanne Horning
Clifford Houseworth
Brenda Hughes
Teddy James

Robert Jilek Nancy Johnson Nathan Johnson Jerry Johnston Paula Jones Brenda Kearney Darla Kent

Jesse Kent Raymond Ketteman Arlen Kimball Daniel Kimmel Joe Kimmel Kay Kirleis Phillip Knight

Willie Lampley
Billy Lampley
Donald Larson
Bonnie Legendre
Larry Lewis
Gordon Mandrell
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Jim Manion
Donald Martin
Lula Bell McCann
Tom McClearin
Wayne McClendon
Gerald McClintock
Joyce McClintock

James McCoy Roberta McDuffy Carroll McEndree Harvey McKeown James McLaren Robert McMahon Robert Melvin Pat Mick David Miller Virginia Milton Mary Monroe Gerald Moore Jerri Moore Sharon Morris

Roger Mundell Larry Nagreski Richard Neal Karen Nix Larry Odom Janet Overturf James Parrish

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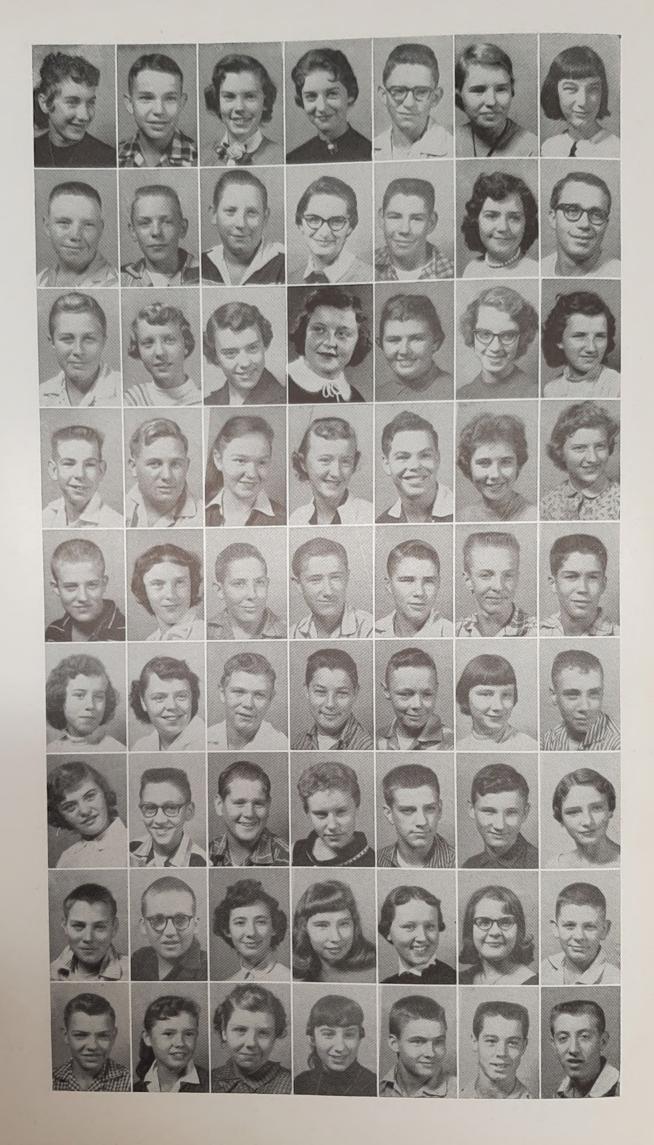
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Albert Smith Joseph Smith Joyce Smith Joan Smith Sandra Smith Linda Smothers Lindell Smothers

Ralph Sneed Villa Sneed Carolyn Spencer Carmen Spillman Floyd Sullivan Eddie Summers Leslie Summers





Pauline Summers
James Swofford
Linda Talley
James Tate
Jean Taylor
Carol Tedeschi
Barbara Tedrow

Brenda Thomas Gary Thomason Barbara Thrane Sue Threlkeld Angie Trapper John Tucker Robert Tucker

Barbara Upchurch David Watkins Ramona Wertz Larry Wiggins Charles Wiggs James Wilcox William Wilcox

George Williams Mike Williams Phyllis Wilson Jerry Wooten Tommy Young



Carl Whittington

In Memoriam

The void created by the death of Dick Whittington is one that will never be quite filled. The members of the *Scarab* staff, and we are sure we reflect the feelings of the entire student body, wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Dick's family.

Carl "Dicky" Whittington, 16, drowned at Lake Benton in an accident Friday evening, March 15.



Outstanding Seniors

Again this year, the faculty, principal, and the office staff were asked to vote for ten seniors whom they considered outstanding. This year, because of a tie, eleven seniors were selected. Rather than have a run off, we have pictured all eleven outstanding seniors.



Carolyn Whittington, leader



Judy Christenson, personality



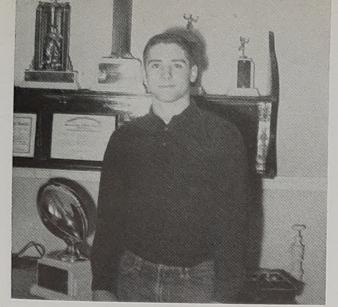
Gary Thomas, editor



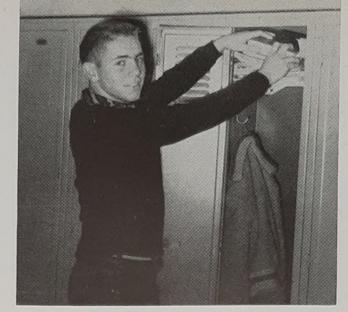
Jim Rhodes, activities



Louie Wozniak, genius



Pete Ross, king



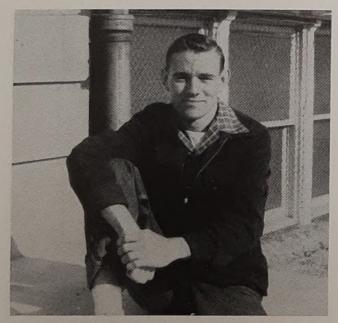
Don Mace, co-captain



Dick Simpson, athlete



Linda VanLeer, queen



Keith Sanders, speaker



Phyllis Thomann, worker







King and Queen, Pete Ross and Linda Van Leer



Seniors, Judy Christenson and Jim Rhodes

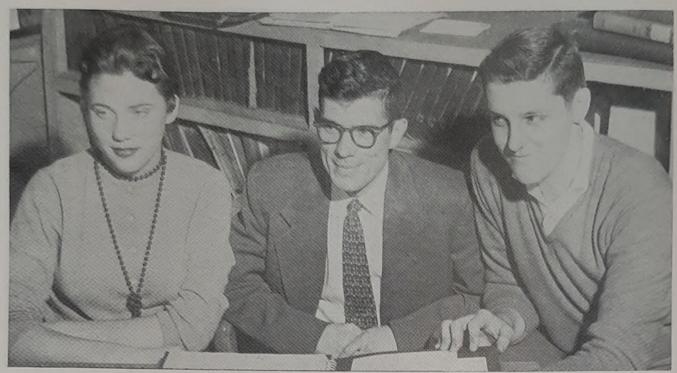
Juniors, Pat Freeman and John Mitchell

Scarab Royalty

The Scarab proudly presents its 1957 Scarab Royalty, chosen by the student body. The king and queen were chosen by the entire student body, but the attendants were chosen by their classes. The king and queen are Pete Ross and Linda Van Leer, and the attendants are: seniors, Judy Christenson and Jim Rhodes; juniors, Pat Freeman and John Mitchell; sophomores, Ruth Ann Pritchett and Phil Bailie; and freshmen, Carol Goff and Jim Bain.

Sophomores, Ruth Pritchett and Phil Bailie Freshmen, Carol Goff and Jim Bain





Kay Harris, assistant editor, Mr. Browning, sponsor, and Gary Thomas, editor, pause for a photograph.

1957 Scarab

This is it! This is what you've waited for — and what we've wondered at times whether you would get. At last, after months of photographing, writing copy, proofreading, and a thousand and one other details involved in producing a yearbook, you have this, the finished product, in your hands.



Assistant feature editors, feature editor, and sports editor are Kenneth Bolen and Eddie Simpson, Judy Christenson, and Fred Summary.



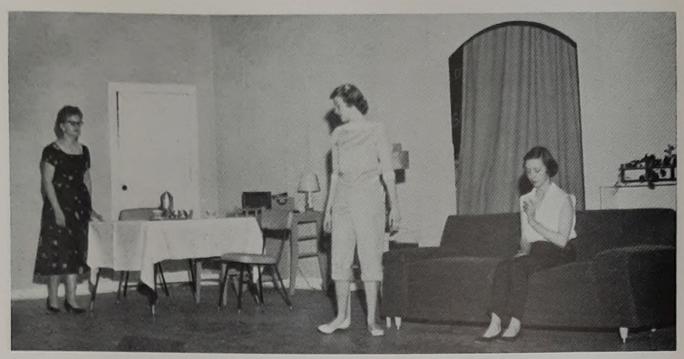
Other editors of the Scarab staff are Kendra Jones, senior editor; Meridy Baker, freshman editor; Karen South, junior editor; Karen Nix, freshman editor; Judy Mc-Carty, sophomore editor; and Bob Mick, senior editor.

Helen Edwards, photographer, Paula Lipscomb, artist, and Pat Freeman, sales manager.





Carolyn Whittington, business manager, briefs ad solicitors Gladys Davis, Marcia Fields, Sharon Fredette, and Mary Ann Cunningham on the art of salesmanship.



Pat Mills, Mary Walker, and Linda Lipscomb in a scene from Men Are Like Streetcars.

Men Are Like Streetcars

The Senior play of 1955-56, Men Are Like Streetcars, was presented Friday evening, April 27, 1956. The main action of the play took place in the living room of the Mason home. The events in the play were based on the life of Maudie Mason, and her troubles with her friends—particularly her

boy friends.

There were sixteen seniors in the cast. The play was under the direction of Mr. John R. Miller. Miss Verbal Adkisson and Mr. Ray Heinzman were the class sponsors. The set was prepared by the members of the Speech III Class.

As Dwight Sneed listens, Linda Lipscomb talks herself into trouble,

Pat Mills storms across the stage as Paul Bryant and Linda Lipscomb look on.







Some members of the junior play cast help each other apply make-up.

Money Mad

The Junior play, *Money Mad*, was presented on November 15 and 16. The play was a three act comedy about two fathers who were "money mad."

The credit for the fine presentation of the play goes to two casts. One cast performed Thursday

evening and Friday afternoon, and the other cast presented the play Friday evening.

The play was directed by John R. Miller, and the junior class sponsors were Miss Verbal Adkisson and Mr. H. M. Aiken.

"Ok, gang, let's give with the jive."



Bill Payne has more on his mind than just college — namely Gay Meadows.





Hi-Tri

First Row: Carolyn Whitlington, president; Miss Armentrout, sponsor; Barbara McEndree, secretary. Second Row: Judy Christenson, vice-president; Linda Van Leer, treasurer.

The Hi-Tri, an organization to which all the girls in school belong, is one of the most active groups in school. It influences its members toward a more mutual friendship.

The officers for the year of 1956-57 are: president, Carolyn Whittington; vice-president, Judy Christenson; secretary, Barbara McEndree; and treasurer, Linda Van Leer. Miss Armentrout is the sponsor.



First Row: Retha Holder, Karen Nix, Karen Phillips, Pat Mick. Second Row: Ruth Ann Pritchett, Marilyn Baldwin, Carolyn Baldwin, Betty Hall. Third Row: Roberta Summers,

Kay Harris, Carolyn Moore, Gloria Edmonds. Fourth Row: Sue Briley, Gailverne Kopp, Kendra Jones, Phyllis Thomann.



First Row: Helen Drew, Lois Atteberry, Carolyn Whittington, Linda Van Leer, Sharon Fredette. Second Row: Paula Lipscomb, Gailverne Kopp, Helen Edwards, Kaye Hargrove.

Echo

This year the paper had three editors. Tom and Jim Goldwasser were the editors earlier this year but had to move away. Phyllis Thomann was then chosen editor, and Kendra Jones was appointed news editor. Other staff editors are: feature editor, Judy Aiken; sports editor, T. L. Eovaldi; copy editor, Barbara Larkin; and exchange editor, Helen Drew. Miss Burkhart is the sponsor.



First Row: Gay Meadows, Barbara Larkin, Lynda Simmons, Judie Carroll. Second Row: Richard Rodenbush, Rhemm Kopp, Ruth Ann Neal, Gladys Davis. Third Row: Eddie Simpson, T. L. Eovaldi, Larry Sims, Tom Stewart.



Kendra Jones, copy editor, Miss Burkhart, sponsor, and Phyllis Thomann, editor, check over the Echo to see if it's ready for the students to read.



First Row: Beth Reed, Rita Threlkeld, Naomi Carlton, Shirley Gulley, Sandra Jarvis, Annette Schram, Jean Hewlett, Jeanette Booten. Second Row: Roberta Hungate, Esther Hays, Pat Mick, Norma Kerley, Linda Evans, Sue Walker, Betty Hall, Brenda Fisher, Marie Brandibas. Third Row: Sandy

Crisp, Janice Payne, Mary Gulley, Sue Barnfield, Darlene Ingram, Kathryn Schram, Shirley Gulley, Jean Kern, Carolyn Thomason. Fourth Row: Joyce Holman, Miss Bradley, Jane Eldridge, Carolyn Browning, Phyllis Stull, Phyllis Payne, Louise Davis, Martha Duckworth.

G. A. A.

The officers of the Girls' Athletic Association are: president, Shirley Gulley; vice-president, Naomi Carlton; secretary, Annette Schram; treasurer, Sandra Jarvis. The girls' P. E. instructor, Miss Bradley, is sponsor.

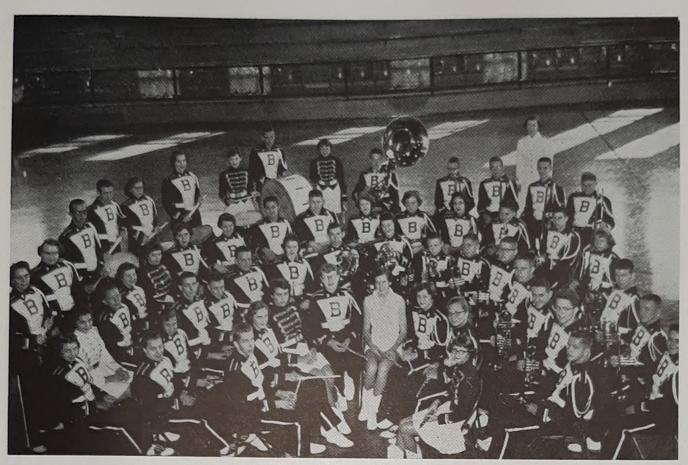
Seated: John Mitchell, Jim Bain, Ronnie Simpson, Phil Bailie, Virginia Milton, Carolyn Moore, Jerry Pirtle, Dick Rice. Standing: Betty Hall, Nicki Ross, Robert Taylor, Louie

Student Council

The officers are: president, Louie Wozniak; vice-president, Robert Taylor; secretary, Roberta Summers; treasurer, Judy Christenson. Miss Kirsch is the sponsor.

Wozniak, Judy Christenson, Roberta Summers, Miss Kirsch, Kay Harris, Barbara McEndree, Nancy Bauer, Tom Kays.





First Row: T. L. Eovaldi, Judy Finley, Carolyn Beaty, Anne Webb, Virginia Milton, Esther Hays, Martha Duckworth, Lynda Simmons. Second Row: Mary Crippen, Donna Buchanan, Frank Davis, Bob Schwartz, Rhemm Kopp, Annette Schram, James Summers, Helen Edwards, Tom Saxe, Kenny Bolen, John Dixon, John Stelzriede, Larry Wiggins, Charles Downey, Larry Durham. Third Row: Donna Braden, Janet Simkovich, Larry Nagreski, Merilee Saxe, Roberta Summers,

Jo Kay Kraft, Jane Eldridge, Richard Rodenbush, Raymond Freels, Brenda Hughes, Janice Payne, Mary Biggs, Donald Larsen, Arlen Kimball, Judy Bixler, Jerry Wooten, Bill Darnell, Bob Blake. Fourth Row: Ruth Gibbs, Judy Luechtefeld, George Hatchett, Leslie Summers, Glenna Bryant, Ruth Skelton, Linda Bolen, George Warren, Barbara Upchurch, Tom Stewart, Ronald Flach, Ralph Pearce, Miss Hooper, Larry Lewis, Larry Biggs.

Band

The Benton High School Band is one of the most active organizations in school. The band has fifty-six members this year.

Among their many activities this year are: performing at games, marching in parades, giving concerts, and participating in contests.

The officers of the band are: president, T. L. Eovaldi; vice-president, Richard Rodenbush; secretary, Janet Simkovich; treasurer, Roberta Summers. Miss Hooper is the band director.



First Row: Linda Bolen, Lynda Simmons, Barbara Upchurch. Second Row: Virginia Milton, Carolyn Beaty, Roberta Summers, Janet Simkovich.



First Row: Helen Adams, Linda Evans, Norma Kerley, Linda Boyer, Buzzie Johnson, Lucy Schram, Brenda Sink, Charlene Freeman, Judy Gifford. Second Row: Barbara Adams, Jean Taylor, Marlene Dann, Linda Smothers, Martha Busiere, Jerri Moore, Retha Holder, Karen Phillips, Phyllis Thomann, Janetta Glover, Sue Hargis. Third Row: Phyllis Wilson, Carol Tedeschi, Kay Kirleis, Nita Billingsley, Beatrice

Hammon, Mary Rea, Barbara McEndree, Myrna Knight, Judy Moore, Suella Moss, Norah Pemberton. Fourth Row-Donna McKinnon, Shirley Summers, Phyllis Stull, Rita Threlkeld, Judy Mosely, Roberta McDuffy, Rena Martoglio, Maxine Johnson, Judy McGuire, Gloria Schleicher, Linda Armstrong, Margie Hammers, Colleen Lefler, Annette Frailey.



Girls Trio: Donna McKinnon, pianist; Barbara McEndree, Linda Boyer, Judy Moore.

Chorus

Miss Hooper should be commended for her fine work since she unexpectedly had to take Miss Phillips' place this year as chorus director. Under her direction the chorus presented programs for various civic organizations throughout the year. The Chorus, with forty-six girls and ten boys, worked hard all year to be a part of B.C.H.S.



First Row: Beth Reed, Lois Atteberry, Marilyn Roach, Eleanor Rice, Vanita McCommons, Betty George, Sharon Fredette, Ruth Ann Pritchett. Second Row: Miss Webb, Jo Kaye

Kraft, Karen South, Carolyn Whittington, Helen Edwards, Kaye Lampley, Merilee Saxe, Shirley Gulley, Earla Whittier, Mrs. Craddock, Carolyn Moore.

F.H.A.

The officers of the club are: president, Betty George; vice-president and Section II president, Sharon Fredette; secretary, Vanita McCommons; treasurer, Eleanor Rice; parliamentarian, Shirley Gulley; publicity chairman, Kaye Lampley; recreation chairman, Ruth Ann Pritchett; degrees chairman, Marilyn Roach; historian, Carolyn Moore; projects chairman, Carolyn Whittington.



The highlight of F.H.A. Charm Week was the crowning of the Charm Queen, Brenda Payne.



The Farmers Ball was climaxed by the crowning of Charles Nagreski and Carolyn Whittington.



First Row: M. Roach, S. Gulley, S. Kuykendall, B. Flatt, S. Fredette, G. Meadows, M. Price, M. Cunningham, K. Lampley, L. Loman, M. Sneed. Second Row: B. McEndree, D. McKinnon, P. Thomann, H. Drew, D. Buchanan, T. Eaton, B. Roberson, L. Cook, J. Overturf, B. Cockrum, R. Miller,

C. Goessman. Third Row: N. Tennison, B. Wilcox, L. Williams, J. Luechtefeld, B. Fox, J. Holman, R. Hungate, D. Carter, R. Conti, J. Booten, C. Brown, I. Townley, J. Moore, H. Adams. Fourth Row: M. Nix, J. Rutz, M. Edwards, S. Hargis, D. York, S. Fowler.



First Row: L. Atteberry, K. Hargrove, B. Larkin, C. Whittington, K. Jones, G. Kopp, J. Christenson, C. Raubach, S. Briley, G. Edmonds, J. Glover, D. Helminski. Second Row: B. Harmon, C. Thomason, S. Seymour, S. Dillon, J. Nowikowski, M. Kistner, J. Smothers, B. Reed, N. Phillips, J. Hewlett, J. Hefner. Third Row: L. Hungate, J. Ezell, M. Crippen, R. Neal, C. Moore, C. Freeman, J. Dempsey, B. Bell, M. Stevens, D. Day, R. Davis. Fourth Row: M. Saxe, J. Dillon, R. Summers, J. Kern, B. Neal, S. Moss, R. Martoglio. Fifth Row: B. Lamb, D. Lipsey, D. Smothers, D. King, G. Hatchett, H. Smothers, P. Cole.

Seated: Pat Freeman, Kay Harris, Janet Simkovich, Naomi Carlton. Standing: Miss Loften, John D. Halchett, Leon McClerren, Mrs. Williams.

F.B.L.A.

At the beginning of the year the F.B.L.A. held their initiation and installation of the following officers: co-presidents, Deon and Leon McClerren; vice-president, Kay Harris; secretary, Naomi Carlton; treasurer, John Hatchett; reporter, Pat Freeman; photographer, Janet Simkovich. Mrs. Williams and Miss Loften are the sponsors.





First Row: Brenda Fisher, Norma Phillips, Jean Kern, Mary Biggs, Merilee Saxe, Barbara Larkin, clerk; Linda Van Leer, Gay Meadows, Karen Hanagan, Paula Lipscomb, Anne Webb, Pat Connor, Jeanne Anderson. Second Row: Fred Summers, John Gray, Steve Fisher, T. L. Eovaldi, Keith Sanders, Fred

Summary, treasurer; Phyllis Thomann, secretary; Gailverne Kopp, vice-president; Kenny Bolen, president; Mr. Miller, sponsor; Jake Seymour, Richard Rodenbush, Tom Stewart, Harry Livesay.

Thespians

First Row: Mary Biggs, Brenda Fisher, Barbara Fitzgerald, Judie Carroll, Anne Webb, Phyllis Thomann, vice-president; Karen Hanagan, Janet Simkovich, Kaye Hargrove, Gailverne Kopp, Linda Van Leer, Gay Meadows, treasurer; Barbara Larkin, Paula Lipscomb. Second Row: Linda Boyer, Buzzie Johnson, Dixie Kondritz, Pat Connor, Merilee Saxe, Lillie

Speech Club

Loman, Harry Livesay, Alan Willis, Jim West, president; Fred Summary Kelth Sanders, Larry Melvin, secretary; John Gray. Third Row: T. L. Eovaldi, Tom Stewart, Jake Seymour, Jo Kaye Kraft, Barbara Sears, Joann Hutchcraft, Carolyn Browning, Pete Ross, Richard Rodenbush, Mr. Miller, sponsor; Fred Summers, Kenny Bolen.





First Row: Keith Sanders, Larry Sims, Sam White, Gary Thomas, Don Mace. Second Row: Eddie Simpson, Ralph Pearce, Richard Browning, Jim Roberson, Mr. Shepard.

Third Row: Kenny Bolen, Jake Seymour, Tom Stewart, Rhemm Kopp, Bill Payne, Richard Rodenbush, George Warren.

Hi-Y

The officers are: president, Keith Sanders; vicepresident, Larry Sims; secretary, Sam White; treasurer, Gary Thomas; chaplain, Don Mace. The sponsor this year is Mr. Shepard.

Youth for Christ

The officers are: president, Barbara McEndree; vice-president, Sharon Fredette; secretary, Judy Freese; treasurer, Donna McKinnon; pianist, Nita Billingsley; song leader, Roberta Summers; reporter, Ruth Neal. Miss Stockton acted as sponsor.



First Row: Sue Hargis, Nita Billingsley, Vanita McCommons, Helen Edwards, Jo Kaye Kraft, Linda Armstrong, Joann Hutchcraft, Shirley Summers. Second Row: Brenda Flatt, Sharon Fredette, Kaye Lampley, Pat Freeman, Judy Nowikowski, Marsha Price, Gailverne Kopp, Barbara McEndree,

Jo Nita Slawickey, Third Row: Linda Barnfield, Judy Freese, Donna McKinnon, Sandy Dillon, Barbara Neal, Ruth Neal, Roberta Summers, Merilee Saxe, Jean Kern. Fourth Row: Helen Drew, Judy Dillon, Joan Smith, Retha Holder, Karen Phillips, Marlene Dann, Linda Smothers, Miss Stockton.



First Row: Phillip Foster, Philip Bennett, Carry Sanders, Henry Moore, Bob Buntin, Bill Payne, James Richardson, Kenny Bolen, Morris Clark, Charles Nagreski, Billy Darnell, Robert Jilek, Clifford Houseworth, Melvin Richardson, Gerald Moore, Lendall Fisher. Second Row: Tommy Saxe, David Watkins, Kenneth Bozovich, David Hines, Jack Cook, Jim Pace, Jay Webb, Dale Richardson, Ronnie Sink, Jim Hutchens, Gene Pickard, Lindell Minor, Kenneth Bullington, Larry Nagreski, Jerry Rone, Richard Neal, Larry Odom. Third

Row: John Conner, Donald Smith, Kenneth Cluck, Ronald Cook, Jerrel Dungy, Richard Browning, Haskell Haithcoat, Jim Roberson, Carroll Clinton, Larry Hobbs, Curt Richerson, Larry Mandrell, Leslie Summers, Leroy Brandhorst, Don Conner. Fourth Row: Gerald Upchurch, Tom Bennett, Robert Montgomery, Bake King, Jack Schram, Melvin Neal, Sam Wilson, Robert Chapman, Ronnie Pogoda, Bill Lamb, John Bettis, Cordell Cairel, Ronald Dixon, Lawrence Jones, Mr. Finley.

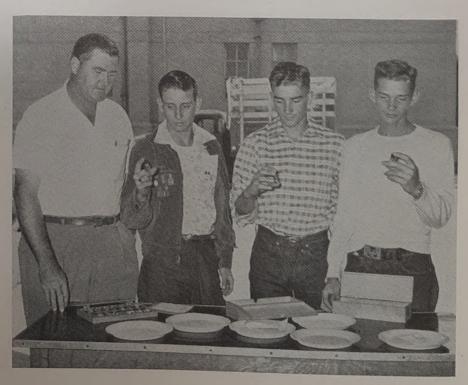
F.F.A.

The Future Farmers of America is an organization composed of boys enrolled in vocational agriculture. Their motto is, "Learn by Doing."

Members are taught to weld, do wood-work, and make machine repairs in the new shop, which is being used for the second year. The members also have projects to work on at home.

The officers are: president, Charles Nagreski; vice-president, Morris Clark; secretary, Kenny Bolen; treasurer, James Richardson; reporter, Bill Payne; sentinel, Bob Buntin. Mr. Finley is the sponsor.

BCHS was honored this year by having the Illinois Champion Grain Judging Team. Jerry Ruemmler, Morris Clark, and Lawrence Jones, shown here with the F.F.A. sponsor, Mr. Finley, received this championship in competition with more than five-hundred other Illinois schools.





First Row: Linda Barnfield, Brenda Bell, Lila Cook, Connie Wilkerson, Sidney Adams, Sherry Anderson, Maureen Nix, Jerry McBride, Jean Hewlett, Paula Lipscomb, James Glenn, Betty Taylor, Myrna Kistner, Earla Whittier, Judy Bonen-

berger. Second Row: Miss Stockton, Sponsor; Bill Darnell, Dale Denham, Jesse Acuff, Helen Rockich, Janet Markel, Phyllis Winemiller, Phyllis Thomann, Pat Gunter.

Latin Club

The officers for 1956-57 are: president, Jeff Ferguson; vice-president, Linda Kuykendall; secretary, Terry Deiro; treasurer, Gladys Davis. Miss Armentrout is the sponsor this year.

Art Club

The officers are: president, Jerry McBride; vice-president, Paula Lipscomb; secretary, Jean Hewlett; treasurer, James Glenn.



First Row: Jeff Ferguson, Linda Kuykendall, Terry Deiro, Gladys Davis. Second Row: Marcia Fields, Colleen Lefler, Betty Hall, Lynda Simmons, Darlene Ingram, Marie Brandibas. Third Row: Karren Beardsley, Shirley Summers, Judy McCarty, Barbara Sears, Sharon Mitchell, Judie Carroll,

Susan Donosky. Fourth Row: Rosalie Conti, Elizabeth Joy, Joan Valli, Nicki Ross, Carolyn Beaty, Brenda Flatt, Kaye Hargrove, Miss Armentrout. Fifth Row: Ward Johnson, Nealy Glenn, Jerry Pirtle, Rhemm Kopp, David Bailey, Bill Noel, Bill Lipscomb. Sixth Row: Buz Jones, Phil Bailie.



First Row: Annette Schram, Janetta Glover, Donna Mc-Kinnon, Sandra Jarvis. Second Row: Kathy Parris, Marlene Dann, Brenda Manion, Pat Gunter, Anne Webb, Jeanne

History Club

Membership in the History Club is limited to those who are taking World or American History. Anderson, Cindy Goessman. Third Row: Mr. Shepard, Richard Browning, Ralph Pearce, Roy McMahon, Tom Kays, Kenny Hungate, Donald Blair, Joe Lenard, Frank Payne.

The officers are: president, Donna McKinnon; vice-president, Annette Schram; secretary, Janetta Glover; treasurer, Sandra Jarvis. The sponsor is Mr. Shepard.

Myrna Kistner, Pat Connor, Jean Smothers, Mrs. Little, Judy Baker, Carol Goff, Sue Barnfield.

Library Club

Members of the Library Club are assistants and serve one or more hours a day in the library. They are most efficient in the art of library science with the help of Mrs. Little.

The officers are: president, Jean Smothers; vice-president, Pat Connor; secretary, Judy Baker; treasurer, Carol Goff.





First Row: Don Mace, Bob Mick, Jim Rhodes, Charles Durham, Burton Wills. Second row: Dick Simpson, Robert Taylor, Dave Walker, Dick Rice, Louie Wozniak, Pete Ross, Fred Summary. Third Row: John Jilek, Charles Nagreski, Pete Auten, Charles Bailie, T. L. Eovaldi, Jake Seymour, Mr. Rea.

Key Club

The Key Club is an organization for boys sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. Its main activities this year included intramural basketball tournament, after game dances, and various work for the high school.

The purpose of the club is to develope initiative and leadership, to provide experience in living and working together, to serve the school and community, and to co-operate with the school principal.

The sponsor is Mr. Rea, and the officers are: president, Jim Rhodes; secretary-treasurer, Charles Durham.

Chemistry Club

The Chemistry Club is one of the newest clubs at BCHS. Students with the highest averages in Physics and Chemistry may belong to the club if they are interested in preparing themselves for college chemistry or for a field in which chemistry is involved. Mr. Harris, who helped organize the club, is the sponsor of the Chemistry Club.

The officers are: president, Louie Wozniak; vice-president, Jim Rhodes; secretary-treasurer, Arnold Tennant.

First Row: Arnold Tennant, Jim Rhodes, Louie Wozniak. Second Row: Dick Simpson, Karen Hanagan, Robert Taylor, Gailverne Kopp, Charles Durham. Third Row: Pete Ross, Jim West, Dick Rice, Pat Gunter. Fourth Row: Kenny Hun-

gate, Claude Gunter, John Hatchett, Judy Freese, Cindy Goessman. Fifth Row: Mr. Harris, Jake Seymour, Lester Auten, Tom Stewart, Bill Payne.





First Row: Lois Atteberry, Brenda Fisher, Gay Meadows, Evelyn Payne, Janet Simkovich, Paula Jones, Sharon Fredette, Eleanor Rice, Marilyn Roach. Second Row: Kaye Lampley, Barbara Sears, Norma Kerley. Third Row: Judy Nowikowski, Janetta Glover, Donna McKinnon, Norah Pemberton, Anne Webb, Myrna Kistner, Pat Gunter, Linda Evans, Darlene Ingram, Linda Price, Judy Galloway. Fourth Row: Kay Harris, Carolyn Moore, Mary Cunningham, Vanita McCommons, Pat Freeman, Brenda Flatt, Ramona Davis, Jeanne Anderson, Mary Biggs, Paula Lipscomb, Barbara Roberson, Sherry Fowler, Jean Kern, Mary Monroe, Sandra Smith, Brenda Payne. Fifth Row: Barbara Upchurch, Marsha Price, Jo Kaye Kraft, Annette Frailey, Barbara Jones, Joan Valli, Sherry Anderson, Martha Adams, Toni Eaton, Barbara Fitzgerald, Betty Hall, Gladys Davis, Jackie Conner, Robbie

Sneed, Janet Markel, Sherry Britton. Sixth Row: Judy Fisher, Linda Armstrong, Gloria Schleicher, Sharon Gulley, Ellen Gilliam, Maxine Johnson, Sharon Mitchell, Shirley Summers, Barbara McEndree, Shirley Gulley, Helen Drew, Naomi Cailton, Betty George, Merilee Saxe, Jane Eldridge. Seventh Row: Brenda Bell, Jewel Dempsey, Marilyn Stevens, Karen Hanagan, Gailverne Kopp, Kendra Jones, Barbara Larkin, Nancy Bauer, Judy Baker, Carol Goff, Myrna Rea, Judy Freese, Deloris Helminski, Jeanette Booten, Ida Townley. Eighth Row: Kaye Hargrove, Judy Christenson, Linda Van Leer, Carolyn Whittington, Sue Walker, Marie Brandibas, Pat Mick, Phyllis Wilson, Barbara Tedrow, Shirley Gulley, Beverly Roach, Rosalie Conti. Ninth Row: Cleda Cluck, Judy Luechtefeld, Barbara Fox, Phyllis Stull, Judy Finley, Carolyn Browning.

Pep Club

First Row: Larry Wiggins, John Dixon, Larry Durham, Kenny Bolen. Second Row: T. L. Eovaldi, Rhemm Kopp, Frank Davis. Third Row: Richard Rodenbush, Raymond Freels, Larry Lewis.

Pep Band

Fourth Row: George Warren, Leslie Summers, Tom Stewart, George Hatchett.





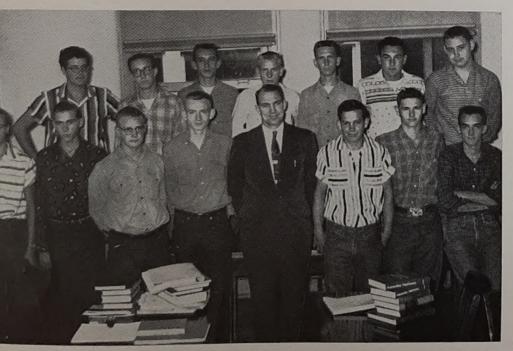
First Row: Annette Schram, Linda Barnfield, Lynda Simmons, Nicki Ross. Second Row: Darlene Ingram, Marlene Dann, Linda Smothers, Anne Webb, Pat Gunter, Linda Evans, Norma Kerley, Pat Mick, Villa Sneed. Third Row: Miss Adkisson, Karen Beardsley, Linda Kuykendall, Betty

Hall, Brenda Thomas, Barbara Tedrow, Meridy Baker, Betty Pinson, Linda Hartman, Jo Nita Slawicky. Fourth Row: Judy Luechtefeld, Louise Hungate, Joyce Eubanks, Laura Jones, Joyce German, Judy Galloway, Caroletta Williams, Cannie Wilkerson, Margaret Thomason. Fifth Row: Mary Taylor.

F.N.C.

The Future Nurses Club was organized to help students take a personal interest in the different phases of health.

The officers are: president, Annette Schram; vice-president, Linda Barnfield; secretary-treasurer, Nicki Ross; recording secretary, Lynda Simmons. Miss Adkisson is the adviser and Mrs. Florence Bartoletto is the school consultant.

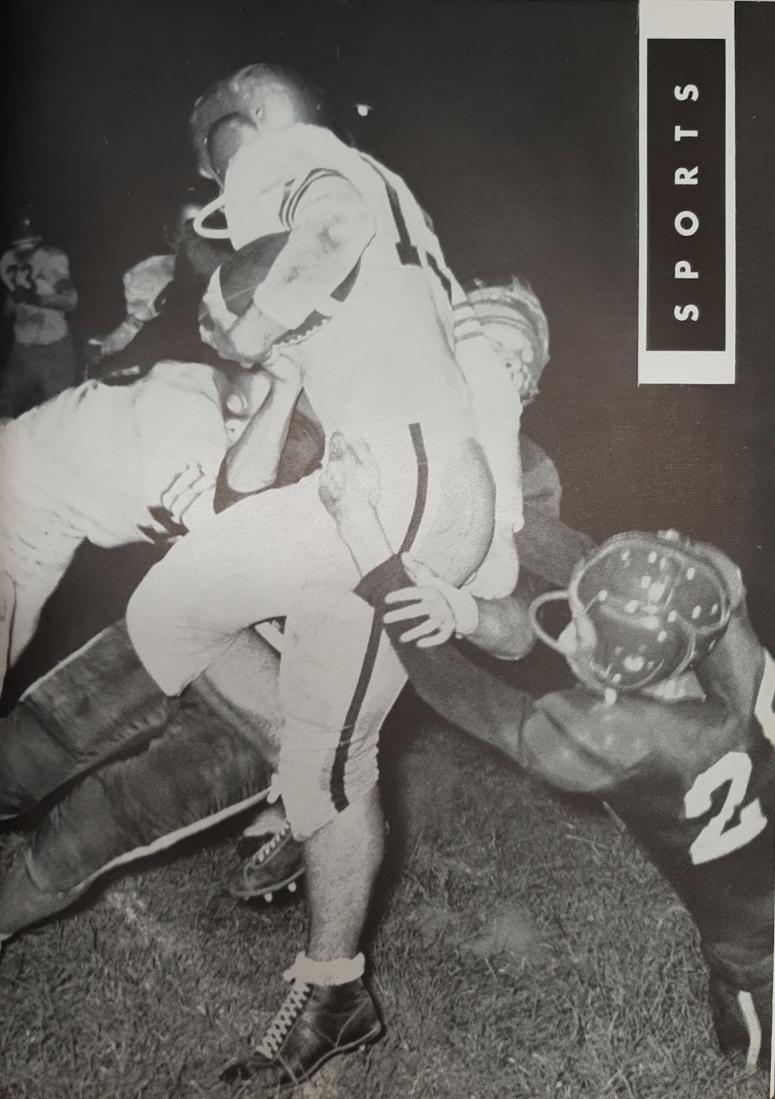


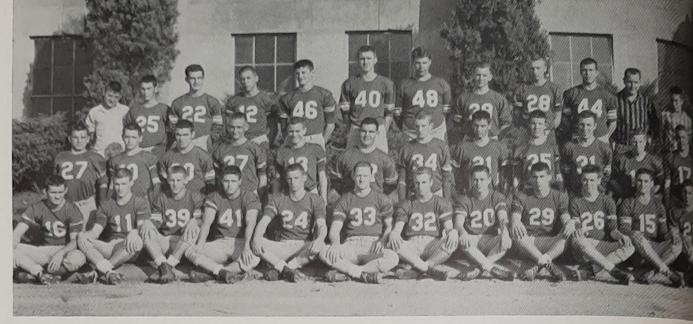
First Row: John Vise, Kenny Richardson, Raymond Hays, Larry Johnston, Mr. Rea, John Prior, Gale Pearce, Eddy Falcomata. Second Row: Curtis Wolff, Bob Martin, James Graham, Paul Forsythe, Leroy Spain, Charles Minor, Robert Gariepy.

D. O. Club

The Diversified Occupations Club was organized this year. The members choose a job which will help them make a living after they graduate from high school and work on this job each afternoon.

The officers are: president, Larry Johnston; vice-president, Leroy House; secretary-treasurer, John Prior. Mr. Rea is the sponsor.





First Row: Larry Melvin, Jim Rhodes, Mervin Spillman, Elvin Hewlett, Dick Rice, Dick Simpson, Don Blake, Max McDonald, Dave Smith, Charles Ballie, Pete Ross, Don Mace. Second Row: Fred Kays, Burton Wills, Don Blair, Bob Cockrum, Eli Brandibas, Bob Dorris, Robert Taylor, John Mitchell,

George Martin, Jim West, Ronnie McLain, Dave Walker. Third Row: Albert Smith, manager; Don Drew, Arnold Tennant, Bob Jarvis, Martin Mazzei, Harry Livesay, Delmar Wiggs, Joe Lenard, Kenny Hungate, Roy McMahon, Tom Kays, Larry Burgess, manager.



Pete Ross and Phil Bauer fight for ground against Carmi.

Football Champs 1956

"All right, boys, here's our next play!"



Varsity

The fighting Rangers got off to a flying start by defeating Carmi 27-0. Then came the Rangers' first, and probably most important conference game, Centralia. Centralia finally managed to hold Benton to a 13-13 tie. The Rangers then invaded Marion and defeated them 26-20 for Benton's first conference victory. The next game offered a setback for Benton with the Rangers losing, their only loss, to a strong Danville team 26-6. The Rangers, plagued with injuries, defeated Herrin 26-19. Cairo was Benton's next opponent with the Rangers defeating the previously undefeated Pilots 26-20. The Rangers continued on the winning road by defeating Eldorado 33-13. During the Armistice holidays, the Rangers traveled to Harrisburg where they played a real thriller and defeated a strong Harrisburg team 12-0. Then came the most important game of the year against West Frankfort, Benton defeating 13-6. With this victory, the Benton Rangers became Co-Champs of the South Seven Conference.

"Hold it right there, buddy!"





Coaches Trulove, Ernest, and Davison, the men behind the team.

The victorious Rangers triumph over their new title, South Seven Co-Champs, after their decisive victory against West Frankfort.





Freshman-Sophomore Cheerleaders: Eleanor Rice, Brenda Fisher, Evelyn Payne, and Paula Jones.

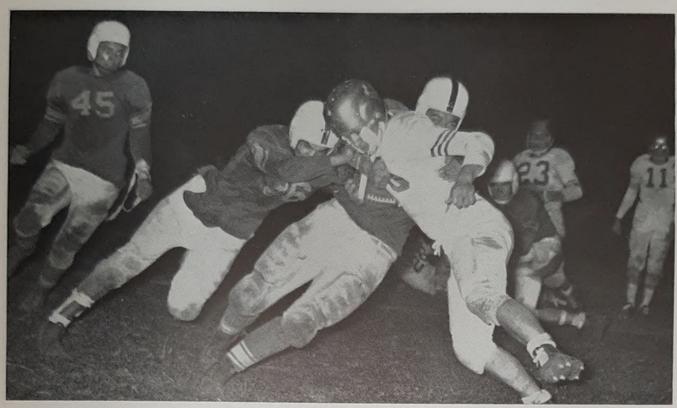
Benton Loyalty

On this page are the people responsible for the "go" spirit which was maintained at every athletic event of the year. Everyone holds in their hearts the memory of the stirring strains of "Benton Loyalty." "B-E-N-T-O-N, Benton" echoes through the gymnasium and hovers over the football field. Never before have Ranger fans responded so highly and with such ovation to the lead of the cheerleaders in the maroon and white.

Even the rain didn't dampen the spirit of the hard-working, lively bunch, though their uniforms sometimes came out looking rather brown at the knees as a result of doing antics in the mud.



Varsity Cheerleaders: Lois Atteberry, Marilyn Roach, Sharon Fredette, Janet Simkovich, and Gay Meadows.



Larry Melvin runs into a strong wall of resistance.

All Conference Team

Benton placed a total of twelve players on the South Seven All Conference Team. Elvin Hewlett, right tackle, was the only Benton player gaining recognition on the offensive team.

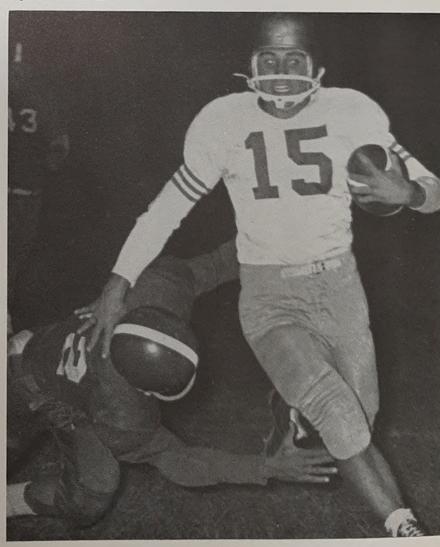
On the defensive team, Dick Rice was named left end, Elvin Hewlett, left tackle, Dave Smith, left guard, and Don Mace, linebacker.

The second offensive team named Mervin Spillman left end, Dick Simpson, center, Dick Rice, right guard, Jim Rhodes, quarterback, Pete Ross, left halfback, and Don Mace, fullback.

On the second defensive team, Larry Melvin was named halfback and Jim Rhodes, center.

Dick Simpson received honorable mention, defensive, as center, and Phil Bauer, end, Don Blake, tackle, and Larry Melvin, halfback, received honorable mention, offensive.

Pete Ross, in the clear, on his eighty yard touchdown run against Centralia.



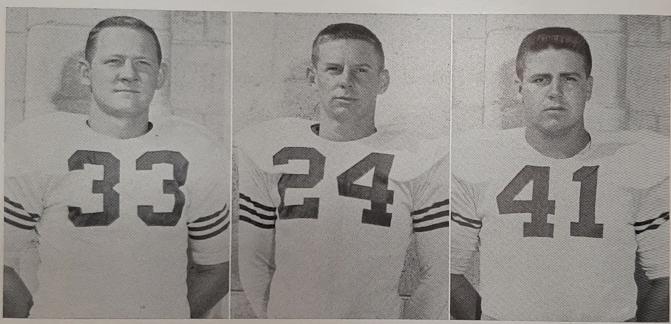


Jim Rhodes, quarterback

Dave Smith, tackle

Pete Ross, co-captain, halfback

Senior



Dick Simpson, center

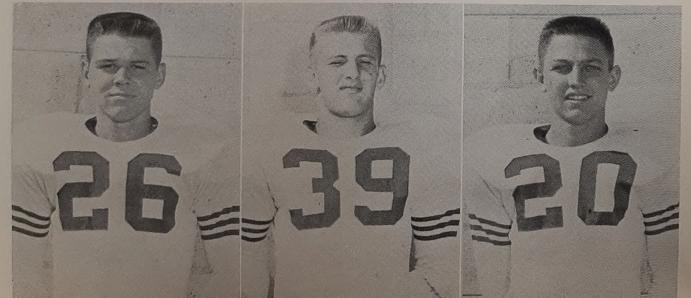
Dick Rice, guard

Elvin Hewlett, tackle

Charles Bailie, tackle

Mervin Spillman, end

Max McDonald, guard



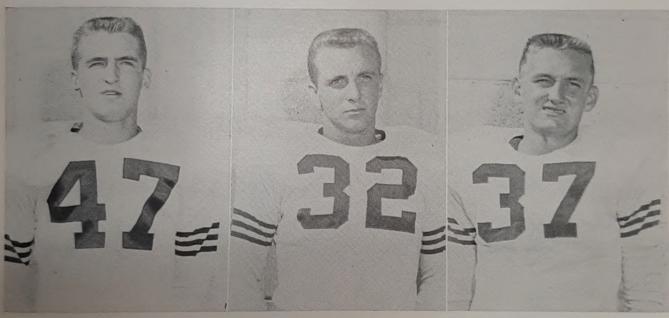


Don Mace, co-captain, fullback

Jim West, end

Larry Melvin, halfback

Squad



Phil Bauer, end

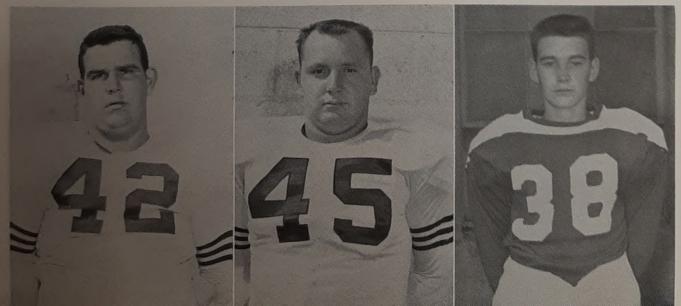
Don Blake, tackle

Bob Cockrum, end

Bob Dorris, center

Tom Kays, tackle

Donald Drew, quarterback





First Row: Kenny Hutchens, Joe West, Terry Deiro, Alfred Lynch, David Bailey, Rhemm Kopp, Larry Brown, Jeff Ferguson, Victor Tasky. Second Row: Bill Lipscomb, Lavern Neal, Gary Miller, Raymond Freels, Cecil Mandrell, George War-

ren, George Glover, Buz Jones, Dan Summers. Third Row: Albert Smith, manager; Dave Braden, Larry Durham, Curt Ingram, Ward Johnson, Jerry Rone, Phil Bailie, Jerry Pirtle, Larry Burgess, manager.

Fresh-Soph Team

The Benton Ranger fresh-soph football squad initiated the 1956 football season with a 13-7 victory over Eldorado. Then the Rangers suffered their worst defeat of the season, absorbing a 55-6 romp at the hands of Centralia. The young Rangers suffered a second consecutive loss of the season as they fell behind and never could catch up with the Marion Wildcats, losing 27-14. Benton then

romped over Metropolis, 34-6, and crushed a strong Herrin crew, 24-0.

In a rugged contest of rivals, the Rangers lost a close game to the West Frankfort Red Birds, 13-0. The Rangers suffered several injuries in the West Frankfort contest, and as a result, were beaten the following week by the Mt. Vernon Rams, 40-6.

The Rangers had only two remaining games and needed victories in both for a 5-4 season record. They were victorious in both counts, edging Metropolis, 20-12, and crushing Harrisburg 21-0.



First Row: Charles Briley, Charles Grayson, Roger Mundell, Robert McMahon, Kenneth Bozovich, Nathan Johnson, David Watkins. Second Row: Richard Freese, Gary Thomason, Mike Williams, Lavern Barnfield, Larry Mandrell, Dick

Conti, Paul DeGroff, Gary Bruce, Lindell Smothers. *Third* Row: David Giacone, Robert Jilek, Ronnie Simpson, Jim Bain, Dave Rhodes, Curt Richerson, Gary Simmons.

Sports Scores, 1956-57

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VARSITY BASKETBALL			VARSITY FOOTBALL		
	BENTON	THEY		BENTON	THEY
Christopher	60	68	Carmi	27	0
West Frankfort	55	53	*Centralia	13	13
Mt. Vernon	44	66	*Marion	26 6	20
Carbondale	33	64	Danville *Herrin	26	26 19
McLeansboro	55	61	Cairo	26	20
Marion	53	60	*Mt. Vernon	20	0
Herrin	51	79	Eldorado	33	13
*Collinsville	46	74	*Harrisburg	12	0
*Litchfield	56	70	*West Frankfort	13	6
Centralia Harrisburg	53 74	56		on 8, Lost 1	, Tied 1
Johnston City	68	77			
West Frankfort	46	50 89	FRESHA	MAN FOOT	
Mt. Vernon	26	34	Marian	BENTON	THEY
Du Quoin	51	64	Marion	0	21 14
Carmi	56	64	Murphysboro Valier	40	0
Marion	45	57	Harrisburg	28	0
Herrin	44	82	Johnston City	35	0
Eldorado	81	52	Herrin	7	28
Harrisburg	64	68	Centralia	0	54
Centralia	62	77	Christopher	14	26
Murphysboro	47	63		Won 3	3, Lost 5
			FROSH-S	FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL	
		BENTON THEY			
			Eldorado	13	7
EDECLIMANI DACVETDALI			Centralia	6	55
FRESHMAN BASKETBALL			Marion	14	27
	BENTON	THEY	Metropolis	34	6
West Frankfort	54	62	Herrin	24	0
Harrisburg	43	36	West Frankfort	0	13
Christopher	42	30	Mt. Vernon	6	40
Christopher	59	16	Metropolis Hartisburg	20 21	12
Johnston City	36	46	Tattisbuig		5, Lost 4
Harrisburg	41 43	39 63	EDOCH CO		
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Jh'ston City, 2nd		9	Mt. Vernon	52	71
Johnston City	45	46	Carbondale	53	54
***************************************	Won 8, Los	st 6	McLeansboro	60	65
			Marion	73	50
			Herrin	57	74
			Centralia	46	58
			Harrisburg	47	49
SOUTH SEVEN STANDINGS VARSITY FOOTBALL			Johnston City	66	49
			West Frankfort	39	60
Benton	Won 5	Tied 1	Mt. Vernon	41	67
			Du Quoin	75	44
Centralia	Won 5	Tied 1	Carmi Marion	74 78	59 58
Marion	Won 3 Lost 3		I-lerrin	56	70
Herrin	Won 3 Lost 3		Eldorado	64	54
Mt. Vernon	Won 2 Lost 3	Tied 1	Harrisburg	66	60
Harrisburg	Won 2 Lost 4		Centralia	65	87
West Frankfort	Won 0 Lost 4	Tied 1	Murphysboro	61	50
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West Frankfort Won 0 Lost 4 Tied 1 *Denotes Centralia Tournament

61 Won 9, Lost 11

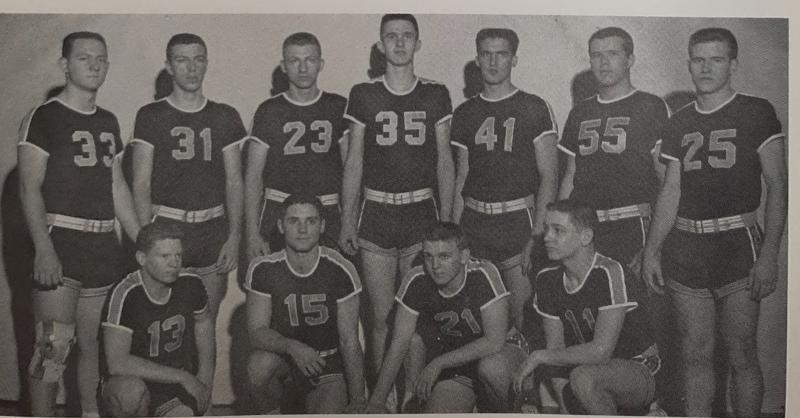
Big Dave stretches for the ball.

Varsity Basketball

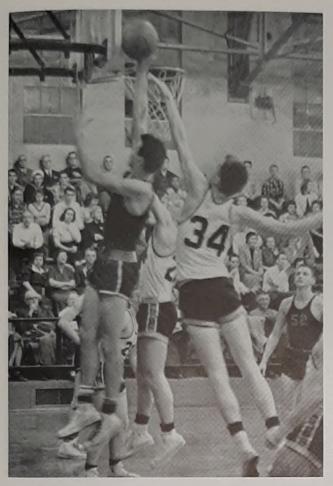
The Benton Rangers were defeated by Christopher, a long standing rival, by a score of 68-60. In another rivalry contest, Benton stopped a last minute rally and defeated the state ranked West Frankfort Red Birds 55-53. However, in the second contest with West Frankfort, Benton had a cold night and was defeated, 89-46.

In other conference competition, Benton lost to Mt. Vernon twice, 66-44 and 34-26, Marion twice, 60-43 and 57-45, Herrin twice, 79-51 and 82-44, Centralia twice, 56-53 and 77-62, and Harrisburg twice, 77-74and 68-64.

In non-conference play, the Rangers won two games and lost eight. They ran away from Johnston City and crushed Eldorado with a blistering offensive attack. In addition to the defeat by Christopher, Benton's losses included a 64-33 crushing by Carbondale, a narrow 61-56 edging by McLeansboro, a trimming by DuQuoin, 64-51, a 64-56 thriller to Carmi, and a shellacking by Murphysboro.



First Row: Ronnie McLain, Pete Ross, Dave Walker, Burton Wills. Second Row: Dick Simpson, Jim West, Kenny Hungate, Harry Livesay, Phil Bauer, Roy McMahon, Jim Rhodes.



"Get that ball I"



The ball's high, and hopes are high.

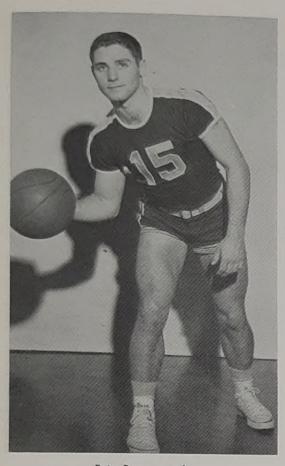
Regional Tournament

The regional tournament, which was held at Benton this year, was won by West Frankfort. Teams participating in the tournament were West Frankfort, Zeigler, Johnston City, Galatia, Benton, Sesser, Christopher, and Woodlawn.

In the opening rounds, West Frankfort defeated Zeigler 58-44, Johnston City defeated Galatia 57-51, Benton defeated Sesser 56-46, and Christopher defeated Woodlawn 60-58. In the second round, West Frankfort defeated Johnston City 78-52, and Benton defeated Christopher 80-58. In the final round, the Rangers were beaten by the West Frankfort Red Birds. The score was 91-48.



"The team's in a huddle . . ."

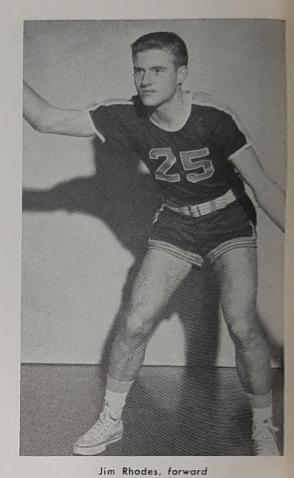


Pete Ross, guard

Jim West, center

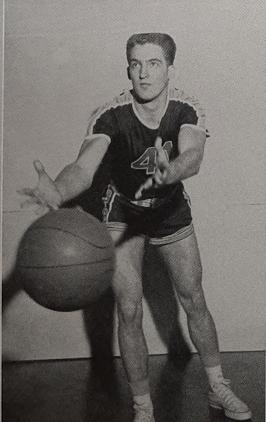
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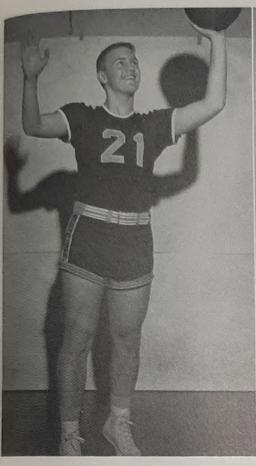


Dick Simpson, forward









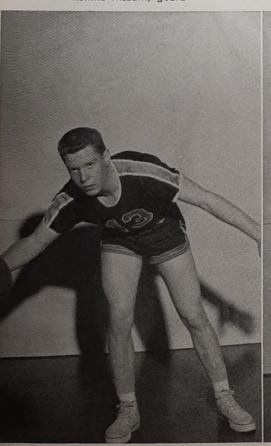


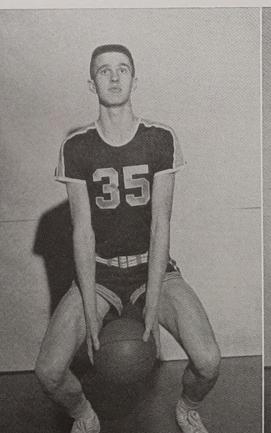
Dave Walker, guard
Ronnie McLain, guard

Burton Wills, guard
Harry Livesay, center

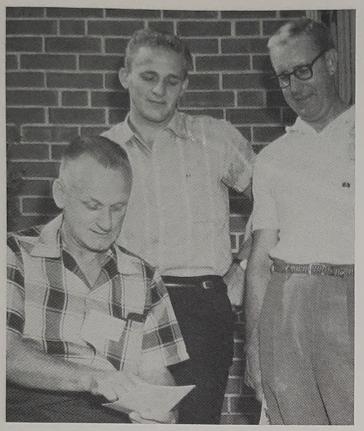
Kenneth Hungate, forward

Roy McMahon, forward









Our Coaches, Trulove, Ernest, and Davison, discuss some basket-ball strategy.

Fresh-Soph

The Benton Ranger Freshmen-Sophomore basketball team opened the 1956-57 season with a comeback victory over Christopher, 37-31.

The Rangers then dropped four in a row, losing to West Frankfort, 61-40, Mt. Vernon, 71-52, Carbondale, 54-53, and McLeansboro, 65-60.

After stomping Marion, the Rangers dropped three, one to Herrin, 74-57, Centralia, 58-46, and Harrisburg, 49-47, before they gained their next victory by crushing Johnston City, 66-49. After that, Benton was beaten by West Frankfort, 60-39, and Mt. Vernon, 67-41.

The Rangers closed out the season in high style, winning six out the last eight contests. The wins were over DuQuoin, 75-44, Carmi 74-59, Marion, 78-58, Eldorado, 64-54, Harrisburg, 66-60, and Murphysboro, 61-50. The losses were to Herrin, 70-56, and Centralia, 87-65.



First Row: Phil Bailie, James Richardson, Victor Tasky, Jerry Pirtle, Dave Braden. Second Row: Joe West, Larry

Brown, Terry Deiro, Ward Johnson, Jeff Ferguson.



Lois Atteberry, Gay Meadows, Janet Simkovich, Sharon Fredette, and Marilyn Roach.



Paula Jones, Eleanor Rice, Brenda Fisher, and Evelyn Payne.

Freshmen

The young Rangers began the season with a 62-54 loss to West Frankfort, and then opened a three game winning streak by defeating Harrisburg 43-36 and Christopher 42-30, and 59-16 the second time. After a defeat by Johnston City,

46-36, the Rangers for the second time defeated Harrisburg 41-39. In turn, West Frankfort crushed us with a 43-63 defeat, and Benton crushed Sesser three games in succession, 62-50, 60-32, and 42-9. In the last two games with Johnston City, Benton won the first, 37-9, and Johnston City won the other, 46-45.



First Row: Eddie Summers, Harvey McKeown, Curt Richerson, Tommy Saxe. Second Row: Jim Bain, Larry Lewis, Joe Kimmel, Robert Chapman, Roy McMahon, Gary Thomason, Leslie Summers.



Jim Richardson clears the bar as his track mates look on.

Track 1956

The Benton Rangers' track team enjoyed a good 1956 season. In their first meet, the Rangers chalked up 125 points to crush Johnston City and Sesser. The Rangers then trimmed Marion in a dual meet, 77-46, placed third in the county meet, fifth in the West Frankfort relays, tenth in the Herrin relays, and fifth in the South Seven

Conference meet.

The hurdle relay team of Jim Rhodes, Ralph King, Pete Ross, and Ed Fredette, shattered the standing record in the hurdle event with a time of 57.6 seconds.

In the district track meet Ed Fredette qualified for the state meet and became the second Ranger in BCHS history to put the shot over fifty feet.



Bauer, Rhodes, King, and Melvin prepare the lane for the pole vault event.



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