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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.


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 heapt of Little Egypt ..

## IBENTON



# the capital of "CLittle 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.



Benton citizens root for the leam at the game which gave us the co-championship

Benton alumni enjoy themselves at the annual homecoming dance.


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



Studies


Activities

## 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 studcnt bolly and to help us solve our prublems.



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

Illinois . . Emma Bradley: B.S., Western Kentucky State College . . . Kirby Browning: B.S. in Education, Southern Illinois University.


Ellen Burkhart: B.A., University of Wisconsin, M.A., University of Illinois . . . Frank Chamberlain: A.B., Millikin University
Lucille Craddock: B.Ed., Southern Illinois

University . . . Ralph E. Davison: B.Ed.,
Southern Illinois University . . . Florence
Edmonds: A.B., Western State Teachers College, M.A., University of Kentucky.


Gene Ernest: B.S., Southern Illinois University . . B. L. Finley: B.S., University of Illinois, M.S., University of Illinois . . . Howard Harris: B.S. in Liberal Arts, Southern Illinois University, M.S. in Education, University of

Illinois . . . Ray Hernzman: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University, M.A., University of Illinois . . J Janet Hooper: B.S., Middle Tennessee State College.


Jane Kirsch: B.S., University of Missouri, M.A., University of Illinois . . . Lourse Littie: B. S., Library Science, Murray, Ky . . . Bettie Lofton: A.B., University of Kentucky

John R. Miller: B.S., Southern Illinois University, M.A., University of Illinois Etna Morrison: A.B., University of Kansas, M.A., University of Michigan.


Lillian Mundell: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University, M.A., University of Illinois Dallas Rea: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University . . Claude Rhodes: B.S., Illinois State Normal University, M.A., University of Ill-
inois . . . Ernest E. Shepard: A.B., Univetsity of Illinois, M.A., University of Illinois . Thera Stockton: B.S., Southern Illinois University.


Glenn Trulove: B.Ed., Southern Illinois University, M.A., University of Michigan . . Marjorie Trulove: B.S., University of $1 l l$ inois, M.S., Southern Illinois University Mary Webb: B.S., University of Illinois,

M.A., Columbia University . . . Bonnte Willhite: 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.

## 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.


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

## 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.

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

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, secrelary; 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.


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Thomas Buchanan: McLeansboro 1; Band 1, 4; Hi-Y 2; Echo 2, 3; Speech Club 2; Latin Club 3; "Father Knows Best" 3 . . . Naomi Carliton: HiTri 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 2, vice-president 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3, secretary 4; Pep Club $4 \ldots$ 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 . . . Clbda 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 . . . Вов Соскrum: Hi-Y 2; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Track 2, 3 . . . Jim Conner: Football 1, 2, 3; Track $2 \ldots$ Harry Cook: Hi-Y 1; Track 1; Basketball 1, 2; Football $2 \ldots$. . 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 . . . Gondon 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: Hi-Y 2; Basketball 1; Track 3; Football 1, 2, 3, $4 \ldots$ Kenneth Doty: Industrial Arts I, $2 \ldots$ 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 Edwards: 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 Judrth 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: HiTri 1, 2, 3, 4; Council 1; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Board 1, president 4; G.A.A. 1; Honorary Ulsher 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 Hatohett: 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 Helminsk: 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 Higeerson 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, $4 \ldots$ 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, $4 \ldots$ 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 Том 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, $4 \ldots$ Larry Kent Ivan Kern: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; Hi-Y $2 \ldots$. . 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. I; Y.F.C. 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3; "Fortune Teller " 2; Library Club 3; F.B.L.A. 3, 4 . . . Barbara Larkin: HiTri 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, $4 \ldots$ 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; Histoty 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 MoDonald; Hi-Y 2, 3; Projection Club 1; Golf 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 2, 3, $4 \ldots$ Barbara McEndree: 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, $2 \ldots$ Robert Mrek: 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, $4 \ldots$ Richard Morton: Projection Club 1 ... Charles A. Nagreski: F.F.A. I, 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, $4 \ldots$ 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 . . . Judrth 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-Tii 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, $4 \ldots$. 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 Richardonon: F.F.A. 1, 2, 3; D.O. Club 4 ... Frank Roach: Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1,2; Track 1, 2, $3 \ldots$ 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-Tii 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 Simкоуich: 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, $4 \ldots$ Janise Somers: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4 Leroy Spain: D.O. Club 4 . . . Mervin Spillman: Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, $3 \ldots$ 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 VicePresident 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; Esho 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. $3 \ldots$ 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 Whitington ... 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, $4 \ldots$ Connie Wilkerson: Hi-Tri 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 3; Ayt Club 4; F.N.C. 4; G.A.A. $4 \ldots$. . Bob Williams: Track 2, 3, $4 \ldots$ Alan Willis: Hi-Y 3, 4; Projection Club 1; Latin Club 2; Echo 3, 4; Scarab 4; Speech Club $4 \ldots$ Gordon Woods Curtis Wolfr: 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

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 reception, and presented a comedy, "Money Mad."First Row: John Mitchell, president; Carolyn Moore, vice-president. Second Row: Mr. Aiken, sponsor; Jean Hewlett, treasurer; Beth Ann Reed, secrelary; Miss Adkisson, sponsor.



| Martha Adams | Brenda Bell |
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| Sidney Adams | Tom Bennett |
| Judy Aiken | Ivernia Bethel |
| Jeanne Anderson | John Bettis |
| Bruce Anderson | Larry Biggs |
| Lester Auten | Mary Biggs |
| Robert Bain | 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


| Patricia Connor | Ramona Davis |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rosalie Conti | Deloris Day |
| Mary Sue Crippen | Jewel Dempsey |
| Mary Ann Cunningham | Carl Dillon |
| Marlene Dann | Sandra Dillon |
| James Davis | James Doty |
| Phil Davis | Charles Durham |

Toni Eaton
Gloria Edmonds
Thomas Eovaldi
Joyce Eubanks
Wendel Eubanks
Stephen Fisher
Ronald Flach

Brenda Flatt
Paul Forsythe
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 Lípscomb Harry Livesay
Lillic 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
Carolyn Moore Judith Moore

Lyle Moore
Marie Moore
George Morris
Norma Morris


Suella Moss
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<br>Ronnie Pogoda<br>Robert Ponder<br>Marsha Price<br>Sandra Prowell<br>James Ragan<br>Leroy Rector

Beth Reed
Elsa Rice
Linda Rich
Sharon Roach
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; Betly Hall, vice-president; Dixie 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 sophomoresl

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

Linda Boyer David Braden Carolyn Bradley Marie Brandibas Sherry Britton

Larry Brown Carolyn Browning Aline Bruce Kenneth Bullington Richard Canada

Ronnie Cantrell Judie Carroll Marilyn Clinton Jackie Conner John Conner

Virgilene Conner
Sandy Crisp Billy Darnell Gladys Davis Terry Deiro

Dale Denham John Dixon Susan Donosky Paul Drew Jerrell Dungy



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

Kent Gregory Sharon Gulley Haskell Haithcoat Betty Hall Barbara Hammers

Loranne Harvey Shirley Head David Higgerson Sharon Hill Ray House

Carolyn Huffstutler Joann Hutchcraft $J i m$ Hutchens Kenneth Hutchens Darlene Ingram

Curt Ingram Nora Isaacs Buzzie Johnson Maxine Johnson Lindell Johnson

Faye Johnson Sue Johnson Ward Johnson Barbara Jones Laura Jones

Sheldon Jones
Norma Kerley Keith Kirk Joyce Knight Dixie Kondritz

Rhemm Kopp Jo Kaye Kraft Linda Kuykendall Glen Lang Coleen Lefler

Bill Lipscomb Darrell Lipsey Alfred Lynch Cecil Mandrell Janet Markel

Judy McCarty Judith McGuire George McIntosh Gary Miller Lindell Minor

Sharon Mitchell Henry Moore Phyllis Moore Judy Mosley Lavern Neal

Bill Noel James Pace Kathy Parris Larry Parrish Linda Pent

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Gene Pickard Ola Pinson Jerry Pirtle Ruth Ann Pritchett Iona Pulliam

## LaVern Pullum

 Bob Reed Eleanor Rice Gerald Rice Verlia RichJames 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 workl



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

## freshmen

The girls can't help it


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

Ronnie Baker Jeffrey Barlow Sue Barnfield Lavern Barnfleld 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 Buntín

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 Larry Mandrell

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

Ronnie Parrish Brenda Payne Evelyn Payne Janice Payne Phyllis Payne Karen Phillips Linda Phillips

Charles Piazza Frank Piercy Betty Pinson Linda Price Harl Prior Myrna Ray Mary Rea

Dave Rhodes Brenda Rice Ronald Rice Donald Rich Dale Richardson Melvin Richardson Curtis Richerson

Beverly Roach Barbara Rowe Bobby Sanders Larry Sanders Thomas Saxe Kathryn Schram Robert Schwartz

Joyce Shaw Michael Sevenski Gary Simmons Gayla Simpson Ronnie Simpson Ronnie Sink JoNita Slawickey

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

Ralph Sneed Villa Sneed Carolyn Spencer Carmen Spillman Floyd Sullívan 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 Whiltington

## 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


Jim Rhodes, activities


Gary Thomas, editor


Louie Wozniak, genius


Pete Ross, king


Dick Simpson, athlete


Keith Sanders, speaker


Don Mace, co-captain


Linda VanLeer, queen


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 Royally

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, fealure editor, and sports editor are Kenneth Bolen and Eddie Simpson, Judy Christenson, and Fred Summary.


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

Helen Edwards, photog rapher, 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.


Pol Mills, Mary Walker, and Lindo Lipscamb 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 starms 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 presentec 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 Whiltington, president; Miss Armentrout, sponsor; Barbara McEndree, secretary. Second Row: Judy Christenson, vice-president; Linda Van Leer, Ireasurer.

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 Pritchell, Marilyn Baldwin, Carolyn Baldwin, Betly 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 Whiltington, 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, spon sor, 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, Jeanelte Boolen. Second Row: Roberta Hungate, Esther Hays, Pat Mick, Norma Kerley, Linda Evans, Sue Walker, Betty Hall, Brenda Fisher, Marie Brandibas. Third Row: Sandy

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 Milfon, Carolyn Moore, Jerry Pirlle, Dick Rice. Standing: Betly Hall, Nicki Ross, Robert Taylor, Louie

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.

## 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 Baver, 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, Janel Simkovich, Larry Nagreski, Merilee Saxe, Roberia 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, Gearge 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 Milion, Carolyn Bealy, 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, Koren Phillips, Phyllis Thomann, Janella Glover, Sue Hargis. Third Row: Phyllis Wilson, Caral Tedeschi, Kay Kirleis, Nita Billingsley, Beatrice

Hammon, Mary Rea, Barbara McEndree, Myrna Knighs, Judy Moore, Suella Moss, Norah Pemberton. Fourth Raw: 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, pianisl; 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, Belty George, Sharon Fredette, Ruth Ann Pritchelt. Second Row: Miss Webb, Jo Kaye

Kpaft, Karen South, Carolyn Whittinglon, Helen Edwards, Kaye Lampley, Merilee Saxe, Shirley Gulley, Earla Whitlier, 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 Whitlington.


First Row: M. Roach, S. Gulley, S. Kuykendall, B. FlatI, S. Fredeffe, 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,


First Row: L. Alteberry, 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. Hewleff, 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 Rows B. Lamb, D. Lipsey, D. Smothers, D. King, G. Hatcheft, H. Smothers, P. Cole.

Seated, Pat Freeman, Kay Harris, Janet Simkovich, Naomi Carlton. Standing: Miss Lofton, John D. Hatchett, Leon McClerren, Mrs. Williams.
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, §. Hargis, D. York, S. Fowler.

## 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 Lipscamb, 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.

## Speech Club

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

First Row: Mary Biggs, Brenda Fisher, Barbara Fitzgerald, Judie Carroll, Anne Webb, Phyllis Thomann, vice-president; Koren 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

## Thespians




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 Stewort, Rhemm Kopp, Bill Payne, Richard Rodenbush, George Warren.

## $\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$

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 Hutcheraft, Shirley Summers. Second Row: Brenda Flaft, Sharon Fredelte, Kaye Lampley, Pat Freeman, Judy Nowikowski, Marsha Price, Gailverne Kopp, Barbara McEndree,

Jo Nita Slawickey. Third Row: Linda Barnfield, Judy Freese, Donna MeKinnon, Sandy Dillon, Barba:a 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 Slockton.


First Row: Phillip Foster, Philip Bennelt, Larry 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 Haithcoal, Jim Roberson, Carroll Clinton, Larry Hobbs, Curt Richerson, Larry Mandrell, Leslie Summers, Leroy Brandhorsi, Don Conner. Fourth Row: Gerald Upchurch, Tom Bennell, Robert Montgomery, Bake King, Jack Schram, Melvin Neal, Sam Wilson, Robert Chapman, Ronnie Pogoda, Bill Lamb, John Beltis, Cordell Cairel, Ronald Dixon, Lawrence Jones, Mr. Finley.

## F.F.A.

The Future Farmers of America is an o-ganization 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 fivehundred other Illinols schools.



First Row: Linda Barnfield, Brenda Bell, Lila Cook, Connie Wilkerson, Sidney Adams, Sherry Anderson, Maureen Nix, Jerry McBride, Jean Hewleft, 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, Betly Hall, Lynda Simmons, Darlene Ingram, Marie Brandibas. Third Row: Karren Beardsley, Shirley Summers, Judy McCarly, 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 Armentroul. Fifth Row: Ward Johnson Nealy Glenn, Jerry Pirtle, Rhemm Kopp, David Bailey, Bill Noel, Bill Lipscomb. Sixth Row: Buz Jones, Phil Baille.


First Row: Annelte Schram, Janella Glover, Donna McKinnon, Sandra Jarvis. Second Row: Kathy Parris, Marlene Dann, Brenda Manion, Pal 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.

## 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.

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



First Row, Don Mace, Bob Mick, Jim Rhodes, Charles Durham, Bur. ton Wills. Second row: Dick Simpson, Robert Taylor, Dave Walker, Dick Rice, Lovie Wozniak, Pete Ross, Fred Summary. Third Row John Jllek, 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 bas ketball tournament, after game dances, and various work for the high school,
The purpose of the club is to develope initiative and Ieadership, 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; secretarytreasurer, Arnold Tennant.

First Row: Arnold Tennant, Jim Rhodes, Lovie Wozniak. Second Row: Dick Simpson, Karen Hanagan, Rober! Taylor, Gailverne Kopp, Charles Durham, Third Row, Pete Ross, Jim West, Dick Rice, Pat Gunter. Fourth Rowt Kenny Hun-
gate, Claude Gunter, John Halchelt, 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, Janel Simkovich, Paula Jones, Sharon Fredetle, Eleanor Rice, Marilyn Roach. Second Row: Kaye Lampley, Barbara Sears, Norma Kerley. Third Row: Judy Nowikowski, Janetta Glover, Donna McKinnon, Norah Pemberton, Anne Webb, Myrno Kistner, Pal Gunler, Linda Evans, Darlene Ingram, Linda Price, Judy Galloway. Fourth Row: Kay Harris, Carolyn Moore, Mary Cunningham, Vanita McCommons, Pal Freeman, Brenda Flall, Ramona Davis, Jeanne Anderson, Mary Biggs, Paula Lipscomb, Barbara Roberson, Sherry Fowler, Jean Kern, Mary Manroe, Sandra Smith, Brendo Payne. Fifth Row: Barbara Upchurch, Marsha Price, Jo Kaye Kraft, Annette Frailey, Barbara Jones, Joan Valli, Sherry Anderson, Martha Adams, Toni Ealon, Barbara Fitzgerald, Betty Hall, Gladys Davis, Jackie Conner, Robbie

Sneed, Janel Markel, Sherry Britlon. 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 Calton, Betty George, Merilee Saxe, Jane Eldridge. Seventh Row, Brenda Bell, Jewel Dempsey, Marilyn Stevens, Karen Hanagan, Gailverne Kopp, Kendra Jones, Barbara Larkin, Nancy Baver, 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

Firsf 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 Hatchell.



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, Belly

Hall, Bienda Thomas, Barbara Tedrow, Meridy Baker, Belly Pinson, Linda Hartman, Jo Nita Slawicky. Fourth Row: Judy Luechtefeld, Louise Hungate, Joyce Eubanks, Laura Jones, Joyce German, Judy Galloway, Caroletta Williams, Connie 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; secretarytreasurer, Nicki Ross; recording secretary, Lynda Simmons. Miss Adkisson is the adviser and Mrs. Florence Bartoletto is the school consultant.


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## 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 Bailie, Pete Ross, Don Mace. Second Row: Fred Kays, Burton Wills, Don Blair, Bob Cock rum, Eli Brandibas, Bob Dorris, Robert Taylor, John Mitchell,

Gearge Martin, Jim West, Ronnie Mclain, Dave Walker. Third Rows 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, monager.


## Football

## Champs 1956

Pete Ross and Phil Baver fight for ground against Carmi.
'All right, boys, here's our next playl'


## 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.


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.

Pele Ross, in the clear, on his eighly yard touchdown run against Centralia.



## Senior



Dick Simpson, cenfer
Dick Rice, guard
Elvin Hewlett, tackle

Charles Bailie, tackle
Mervin Spillman, end
Max McDonald, guard



Don Mace, co-capfain, fullback
Jim West, end
Larry Melvin, halfback

## Squad



Phil Baver, 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, Dovid Bailey, Rhemm Kopp, Larry Brown, Jeff Ferguson, Victor Tasky. Second Row; Bill Lipscomb, Lavern Neal, Gary Miller, Raymond Freels, Cecil Mandrell, George War-

## 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
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.
romped over Metropolis, 34-6, and crushed a strong Herrin crew, 240.

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 MeMahon, Kenneth Bozovich, Nathan Johnson, David Watkins. Second Row: Richard Freese, Gary Thomason, Mike Williams, Lavern Barnfield, Larry Mandrell, Dick

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## Sports Scores, 1956-57

VARSITY BASKETBALL

|  | BENTON | THEY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Christopher | 60 | 68 |
| West Frankfort | 55 | 53 |
| Mt. Vernon | 44 | 66 |
| Carbondale | 33 | 64 |
| McLeansboro | 55 | 61 |
| Marion | 53 | 60 |
| Herrin | 51 | 79 |
| *ollinsville | 46 | 74 |
| *Litchfield | 56 | 70 |
| Centralia | 53 | 56 |
| Harrisburg | 74 | 77 |
| Johnston City | 68 | 50 |
| West Frankfort | 46 | 89 |
| Mt. Vernon | 26 | 34 |
| Du Quoin | 51 | 64 |
| Carmi | 56 | 64 |
| Marion | 45 | 57 |
| Herrin | 44 | 82 |
| Eldorado | 81 | 52 |
| Harrisburg | 64 | 68 |
| Centralia | 62 | 77 |
| Murphysboro | 47 | 63 |

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

|  | BENTON | THEY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| West Frankfort | 54 | 62 |
| Harrisburg | 43 | 36 |
| Christopher | 42 | 30 |
| Christopher | 59 | 16 |
| Johnston City | 36 | 46 |
| Harrisburg | 41 | 39 |
| West Frankfort | 43 | 63 |
| Sesser | 62 | 50 |
| Sesser | 60 | 32 |
| Sesser, 2nd five | 42 | 9 |
| Jh'ston City, 2nd five | 37 | 9 |
| Johnston City | 45 | 46 |

Won 8, Lost 6

## SOUTH SEVEN STANDINGS <br> VARSITY FOOTBALL

| Benton | Won 5 |  | Tied 1 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Centralia | Won 5 |  | Tied 1 |
| Marion | Won 3 | Lost 3 |  |
| Herrin | Won 3 | Lost 3 |  |
| Mt. Vernon | Won 2 | Lost 3 | Tied 1 |
| Harrisburg | Won 2 | Lost 4 |  |
| West Frankfort | Won 0 | Lost 4 | Tied 1 |
| *Denoles | Centralia Tournament |  |  |

VABSITY FOOTBALL

|  |  | Hey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Carmi | 27 | 0 |
| *Centralia | 13 | 13 |
| *Marion | 26 | 20 |
| Danville | 6 | 26 |
| *Herrin | 26 | 19 |
| Cairo | 26 | 20 |
| ${ }^{*}$ Mt. Vernon | 20 | 0 |
| Eldorado | 33 | 13 |
| * Harrisburg | 12 | 0 |
| *West Frank | 13 |  |

Won 8, Lost 1, Tied 1
FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

|  | BENTON | THEY |
| :--- | :---: | ---: |
| Marion | 0 | 21 |
| Murphysboro | 0 | 14 |
| Valier | 40 | 0 |
| Harrisburg | 28 | 0 |
| Johnston City | 35 | 0 |
| Herrin | 7 | 28 |
| Centralia | 0 | 54 |
| Christopher | 14 | 26 |
|  | Won 3, Lost 5 |  |
|  |  |  |

FROSH-SOPH FOOTBALL

|  | BENTON | THEY |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Eldorado | 13 | 7 |
| Centralia | 6 | 55 |
| Marion | 14 | 27 |
| Metropolis | 34 | 6 |
| Herrin | 24 | 0 |
| West Frankfort | 0 | 13 |
| Mt. Vernon | 6 | 40 |
| Metropolis | 20 | 12 |
| Harrisburg | 21 | 0 |
|  | Won 5, Lost 4 |  |

FROSH-SOPH BASKETBALL BENTON THEY

| Christopher | 37 | 31 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| West Frankfort | 40 | 61 |
| Mt. Vernon | 52 | 71 |
| Carbondale | 53 | 54 |
| McLeansboro | 60 | 65 |
| Marion | 73 | 50 |
| Herrin | 57 | 74 |
| Centralia | 46 | 58 |
| Harrisburg | 47 | 49 |
| Johnston City | 66 | 49 |
| West Frankfort | 39 | 60 |
| Mt. Vernon | 41 | 67 |
| Du Quoin | 75 | 44 |
| Carmi | 74 | 59 |
| Marion | 78 | 58 |
| Herrin | 56 | 70 |
| Eldorado | 64 | 54 |
| Harrisburg | 66 | 60 |
| Centralia | 65 | 87 |
| Murphysboro | 61 | 50 |
|  | 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, 77-74 and 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 Baver, Roy McMahon, Jim Rhodes.

"Gel that ball I"

## 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 ball's high, and hopes are high.

"The leam's in a huddle


Pete Ross, guard
Jim West, center



Jim Rhodes, forward

Dick Simpson, forward




Our Coaches, Trulove, Ernest, and Davison, discuss some basketball stralegy.

## 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,
Brown, Terry Deiro, Ward Johnson, Jeff Ferguson. Jerry Pirtle, Dave Braden. Second Row: Joe West, Larry
 Fredette, and Marilyn Roach.

## 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,

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

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 MeMahon, 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.


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


Nothing like a few laps around the football field to keep in shape.
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