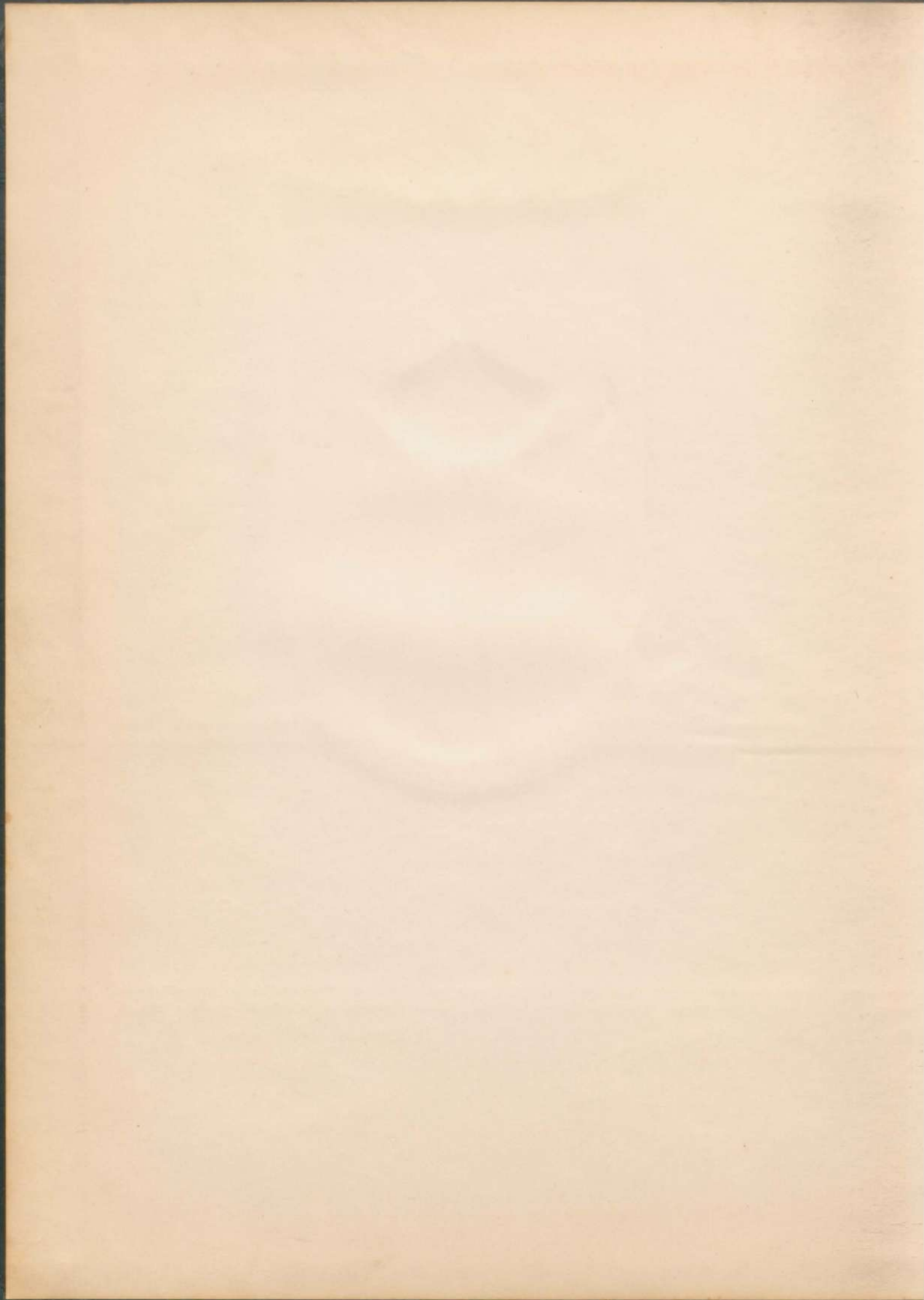
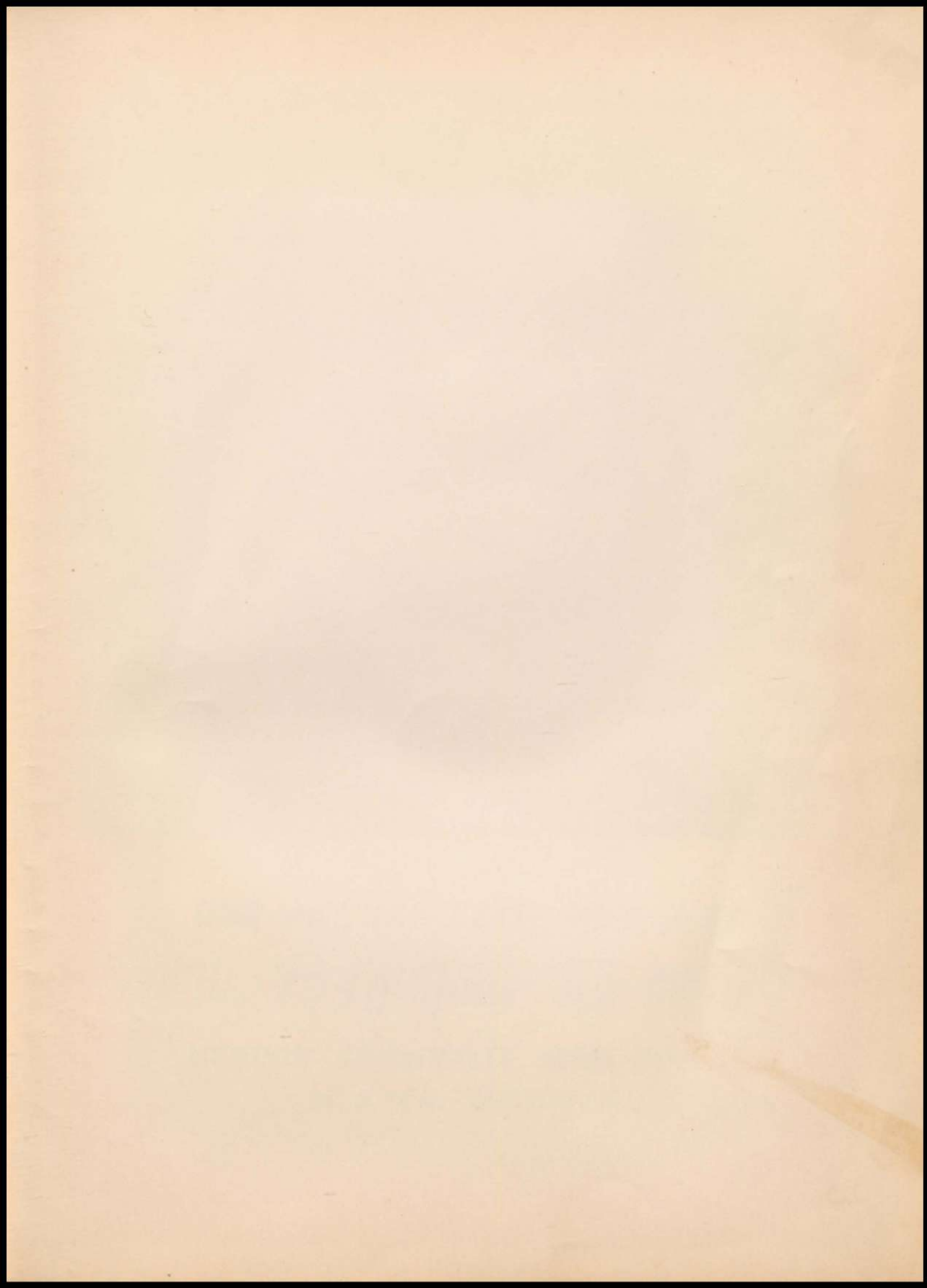


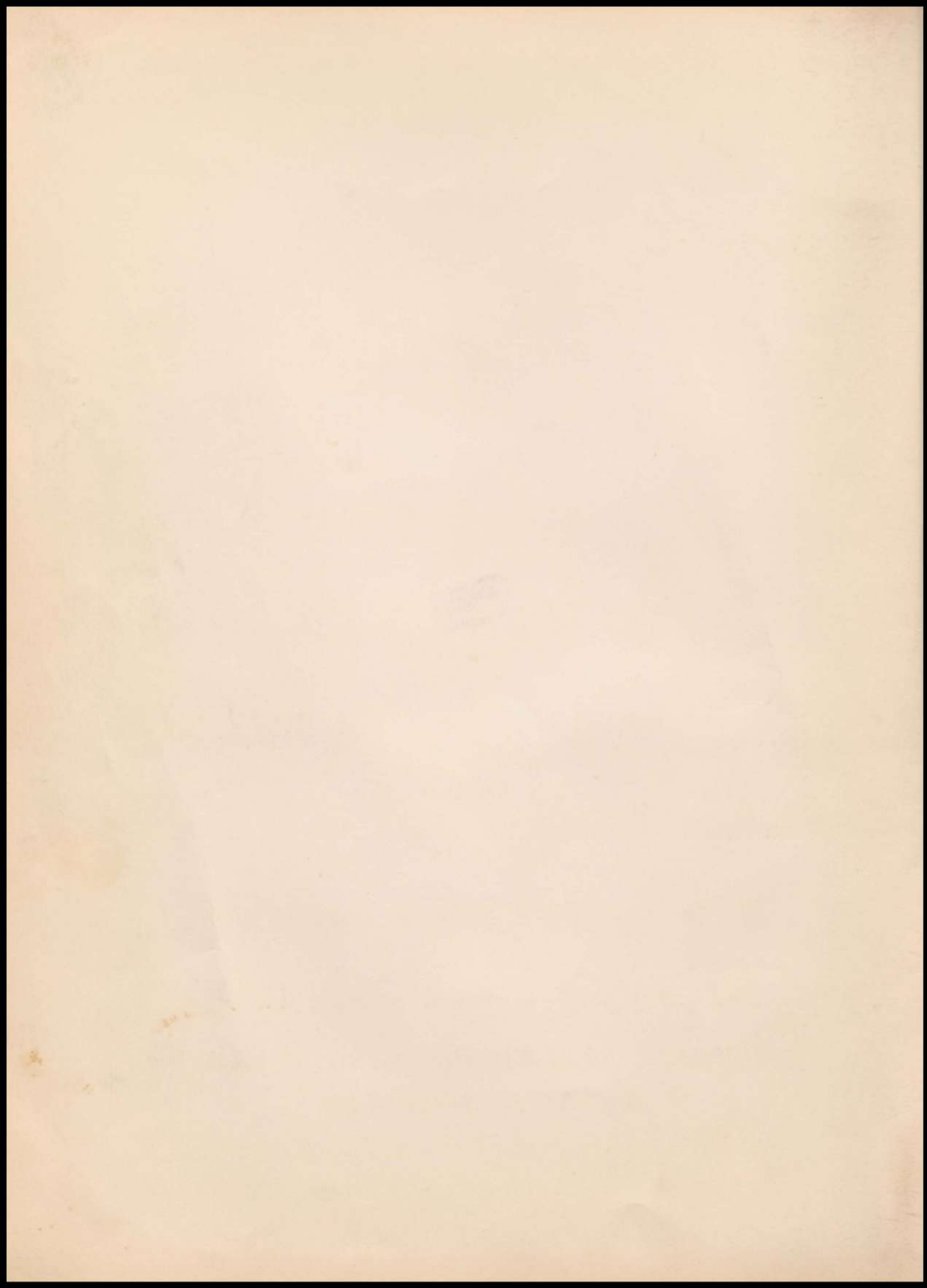


GREEN AND WHITE

1950









OUR ANNUAL STAFF PRESENTS
The 1950 Green and White
MENDON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
MENDON, MICHIGAN

Dedication



We, the Annual Staff, wish to dedicate the 1950 Green and White to our adviser, Mr. Fudge. It was due to his swell co-operation and encouragement that the last two annuals of M. H. S. have been, we are sure, the very best possible.

We hope that he will lend his helping hand in many future Green and Whites.

Administration



MR. ROBERTS
Superintendent



MR. MEGGISON
Superintendent



LEFT TO RIGHT: Don Kauffman, Merl Crotser, LaVerne Lee, Mr. Meggison, Joe Slaughter.



MR. WIER
Principal



MRS. COOLEY
Elementary Principal

Faculty



LOUIS ROBERTS
Degree, A. B., M. A., M. A.
Western Michigan College
University of Michigan
History
Superintendent



ROBERT C. MEGGISON
Degree, B. S., M. A.
Western Michigan College
University of Michigan
Algebra II
Superintendent



VICTOR WIER
Degree, B. S.
Western Michigan College
Mathematics
Agriculture
Principal
Student Council



EML ELLIS
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Michigan State
Grade Music
High School Band
Mixed Chorus
Glee Club
Shop



ROBERT THOMPSON
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University of Nevada
Western Michigan College
Social Science
Science
Coaching



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Faculty



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English
Latin II



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Degree, B. S.
Michigan State
Elementary
Home Economics
Physical Education
Eighth Science



WARREN FUDGE
Degree, B. S.
Ball State
Commercial
Seventh History
Hi-Lite
Annual



ANGIE FUDGE
Degree, B. S.
Ball State
English
Art
Literature



MRS. CAMPBELL, MRS. OSGOOD, MRS. BUTLER, AND MRS. COOLEY.
Grade Teachers

Class History

We, the Class of 1950, came into our first year of high school with 37 members, one of the largest Freshman Classes in the history of our school. This year we had a complete staff of new teachers. The class officers were: President, Dick Hesler; Vice-President, Ruth Happel; Secretary, Joyce Batten; Treasurer, Dick Batten; and Student Council Representative, Jerry Cupp. Mr. Dustin was our adviser for the first semester and Mrs. Schmidt for the second semester. We started off the year with a "bang" when the Sophomores initiated us with peppered pies and egg facials on Friday, the 13th. Alice Jeffers, Jim Wagner, John Wagner, and Clarence Miller joined our class during the year and Bob Truckey, Evelyn Dentler, Aletha Neal, and Bob Schabes left. We sponsored a hayride for the Sophomores and a dance for the public. At the Carnival we had charge of the food stand which turned out to be quite profitable for the Student Council. All in all, we had a very enjoyable Freshman year ending with a picnic at Long Lake.

We began our Sophomore year with 37 members in our class again. Our class officers were: President, Dick Batten; Vice-President, Eddie Birch; Secretary, Ruth Happel; Treasurer, Don Huff; and Student Council Representative, Jim Dentler. Mr. Bruch was our adviser. A chili supper was the only money making project during the year and this turned out to be very good for our treasury. Dick Hesler and Alice Jeffers left us during the year. We ended the year with a picnic at Milham Park in Kalamazoo where everyone had an enjoyable time.

In our Junior year, we began the school year with 32 members. Annabelle Howard, Arthur Clauss, Harold Dodgson, and Charles Millard left during the year. Phyllis Hoffman joined our class. The class officers elected were: President, Maurice Kuhlman; Vice-President, Jerry Cupp; Secretary, Maureen Carkenord; Treasurer, Yuvon Peek; and Student Council Representative, Eddie Birch. Our adviser was Mr. Thompson. We sponsored a bake sale, a roller skating party, and the selling of Christmas cards. Our big event of the year was the Junior play, "Wanted, A hero", which was a big success. The theme of the Junior-Senior Prom was "Stardust". The hall was decorated with blue crepe paper and stars. The picnic at the end of the year was held at Silver Beach in Benton Harbor, and St. Joseph.

In September 1949, we came back as a class to Mendon High for the last time. Our class officers were: President, Don Huff; Vice-President, Jim Dentler; Secretary, Ruth Happel; Treasurer, Marge Fuller; and Student Council Representative, Dick Batten. Eddie Birch and Betty Finkbeiner were also on the Student Council as President and Central Treasurer, respectively. Ruth Happel was chosen as our D. A. R. Pilgrim. Our play, "The Funny Brats", and a bake sale helped our treasury. Some of the other things we sponsored during the year were: A talent show, a dance, a movie, and another bake sale. Of the ten in our class who have gone to Mendon High since they began school, as well as the others in the class, we are sorry to be leaving and we hope that all of the students who will graduate in the future will enjoy their schooldays as did the members of the Class of 1950.

Senior Officers



DON HUFF
President



JIM DENTLER
Vice-President

CLASS COLORS
Blue And White

"THE ROPES OF THE PAST RING THE BELLS OF THE FUTURE"

CLASS FLOWER
Yellow Rose



RUTH HAPPEL
Secretary



MARGE FULLER
Treasurer

Seniors



HENRIETTA BARTON

"One can see at first sight all there is to her."
 Glee Club. 3, 4
 Girls' Club. 1, 3, 4
 Physical Education. 1, 2
 Librarian. 1, 4
 F. H. A. 1, 2, 4
 Treasurer. 4
 Band. 1

JOYCE BATTEN

"A good time and I are the best of friends."
 Band. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Physical Education. 1, 2, 3
 "The Funny Brats"
 Girls' Club. 4
 F. H. A. 1, 3, 4
 Vice-President. 4
 Class Secretary. 1



RICHARD BATTEN

"A sportsman through and through."
 Baseball. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Basketball. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Football. 1, 2, 3, 4
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 Student Council. 4
 Delegate to Boy's State. 3
 Class Treasurer. 1
 Class President. 2

JONNIE BOGUN

"Her ways are always the same; likeable."
 Librarian. 1
 Girls' Club. 3, 4
 Physical Education. 1, 2
 Hi-Lite Staff. 4
 F. H. A. 1, 2, 4



EDDIE BIRCH

"The world may go on without me, but I doubt it."
 Baseball. 1, 3, 4
 Football. 1
 "The Funny Brats"
 Student Council. 3, 4
 Student Council President. 2
 Class Vice-President. 2
 Delegate to Boy's State. 3
 Annual Staff. 3
 Hi-Lite Staff. 3, 4

DON BOYCE

"Worry once killed a man, I want to live."
 Football. 2, 3, 4
 Basketball. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Baseball. 1, 2, 4
 "Wanted, A Hero"



DOROTHY BOYCE

"Quiet to those who know her not, jolly to those who do."
 Girls' Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
 F. H. A. 1, 2, 4
 Physical Education. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Chorus. 1

MARY BUCKNELL

"An upright, downright, merry lass."
 Band. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Physical Education. 1, 2, 3, 4
 F. H. A. 1, 2, 4



Seniors



MAUREEN CARKENORD
 "Always alluring, always gay; nature made her just that way."
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 "The Funny Brats"
 Girls' Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 President 2
 Physical Education 1, 2
 Annual Staff 2, 3, 4
 Editor 4
 Choir 1
 Glee Club 2, 3, 4
 F. H. A. 1
 Class Secretary 3
 Pianist 4
 Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4



MAX COOPER
 "It's not what you do, it's what you get out of doing."
 Librarian 4
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4



JERRY CUPP
 "Laugh and the world laughs with you, study and you study alone."
 Football 1, 2, 3, 4
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 Student Council 1
 Class Vice-President 3



JIM DENTLER
 "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
 Football 2, 3, 4
 Basketball 3
 Student Council 2
 Class Vice-President 4



BETTY FINKBEINER
 "Generally speaking, she's generally speaking."
 Concord High School 1, 2, 3
 Class Secretary 1
 Class Treasurer 2
 F. H. A. 2, 3, 4
 Vice-President 2
 Song Leader 3
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 Librarian 2
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Cheerleader 1, 2, 3
 Girls' Club 4
 "Family Tree"
 "The Funny Brats"
 Pianist 4
 Central Treasurer 4



MARGE FULLER
 "Ever true to a task she has to do."
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Secretary 2
 Librarian 3
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 Girls' Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 F. H. A. 1, 2
 Secretary 1
 Chorus 1
 Glee Club 3, 4
 Hi-Lite Staff 3
 Annual Staff 3
 Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4
 Class Treasurer 4
 Physical Education 1, 2



RUTH HAPPEL
VALEDICTORIAN
D. A. R. PILGRAM
 "It's nice to be natural when you're naturally nice."
 Glee Club 3, 4
 Girls' Club 1, 3, 4
 Physical Education 1, 2
 Librarian 3
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 F. H. A. 1, 2
 Vice-President 1
 President 2
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Treasurer 2
 Class Vice-President 1
 Class Secretary 2, 4
 Annual Staff 1, 4
 Hi-Lite Staff 2, 3



PHYLLIS HOFFMAN
 "Her voice is a celestial melody."
 Hammond High 1, 2
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 "The Funny Brats"
 Girls' Club 3, 4
 Vice-President 3
 Librarian 4
 Annual Staff 4

Seniors



DON HUFF

"He has been places, seen things,
and what that boy doesn't know."
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
"Wanted, A Hero"
"The Funny Brats"
Class Treasurer 2
Class President 4
Band 1

MAURICE KUHLMAN

"As we grow serious, we are in
danger of growing dull."
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4
"Wanted, A Hero"
"The Funny Brats"
Choir
Band President 4
Class President 3



BILL MAHER

"If a line were straight he would
try to argue it crooked."
Football 1, 2, 3
Basketball 1, 2, 3
Baseball 1, 2, 3
Hi-Lite Staff 2
"Wanted, A Hero"
Band 1, 2

MARGARET ORNSTEDT

"When joy and duty clash--let duty
to to smash."
Girls' Club 4
Choir 1
Glee Club 3, 4
Physical Education 1, 2
Hi-Lite Staff 4
Editor 4
F. H. A. 1, 2, 4
Secretary 4



DICK REILLY

"I do not let my studies interfere
with my education."
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
"Wanted, A Hero"

EVELYN SELZER

"Although vanquished, she could
argue still."
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
"The Funny Brats"
Girls' Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1
Glee Club 2, 3, 4
Physical Education 1, 2
F. H. A. 1, 2
Treasurer 2



DICK STONE

"Never worry today, if you can put
it off until tomorrow."
"The Funny Brats."
Choir 4

JOYCE TAYLOR

SALUTATORIAN
"When there is anything to do, all
other count on you."
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
"Wanted, A Hero"
Girls' Club 1, 2, 3, 4
F. H. A. 1, 2, 4
Choir 1
Glee Club 3, 4
Physical Education 1, 2
Hi-Lite Staff 2, 3
Editor 3
Annual Staff 4





LEONE ADAMS, TAYLOR
 "Gladly a willing hand she will lend
 and to her work sincerely bend."
 Vicksburg Community High
 School. 1, 2, 3
 Dramatics Club. 2
 Glee Club. 2, 3, 4
 F. H. A. 2, 4
 Office Practice. 3



JIM WAGNER
 "Content to let the world drag on at
 its will."
 Choir. 4



LELA WILCOX
 "Every girl has her mischievous
 moments."
 Band. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Physical Education. 1, 2, 3, 4
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 Girls' Club. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Chorus. 1
 Hi-Lite Staff. 4

MARLENE ZINSMASER
 "Like a song, short and sweet,"
 "Wanted, A Hero"
 "The Funny Brats"
 F. H. A. 1, 2
 F. H. A. President. 1
 Physical Education. 1, 2
 Chorus. 1
 Glee Club. 3, 4
 Cheerleader. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Band. 1, 2, 3



JOAN NEAL
 "A sunny disposition is half the
 battle."
 Band. 1, 2, 3, 4
 Girls' Club. 2, 4
 F. H. A. 1, 2, 4
 Choir. 1
 Glee Club. 2, 3
 Physical Education. 1, 2
 Hi-Lite Staff. 3, 4

Prophecy

In the summer of 1963, I, having a small journalist position with the Reader's Digest, was instructed to do an article on "How the World Changes". After due consideration, I decided to use my own high school graduating Class of 1950 as a sampling. The logical place to start finding out what my former classmates were now doing was Mendon. Mendon, one time small village, is now one of the most promising towns in Michigan since the Stone Casket Corporation has made it world famous. Most of the success of the factory is due to the chief casket designer, Phyllis Hoffman.

As I started on my journey, I stopped at a gas station near the Michigan line. Who should I see, but Jerry Cupp followed by two little cups and saucers. I asked him about his wife, Lois. He said that she was home caring for their three weeks old triplets. I inquired where I could find a good restaurant and he told me to go to a place operated by Joyce Taylor and Betty Finkbeiner not far away. I took his advice and enjoyed a good dinner. The restaurant today was featuring "Joyce's Juicy Jams and Jellies". I spied Joyce and Betty and we had one of our old time gossip sessions. She told me that Marge Ornstedt had been previously working as head waitress, but had recently quit to marry one of her old flames from Three Rivers.

As I passed through another town, I noticed a group of cars gathered in front of the courthouse. My curiosity overcame me and I stopped to investigate. I peeked in the door just in time to see the Honorable Judge Birch swing his gavel down to call the court to order. It was Joan Neal pleading guilty to a summons of parking in front of a fire hydrant. I listened until I heard a familiar giggle outside the door. I looked up just in time to see Henrietta Barton leaving the door marked "Marriage Licenses". Meekly following behind her, was her better half-to-be. Upon leaving the building, I noticed a sign reading, "In person, tonight, 'The Three Windbags'" featuring that dynamic clarinet trio, Marge Fuller, Lela Wilcox, and Evelyn Selzer. I decided that I simply must have a new dress if I was to attend, so I stopped at the nearest clothing store. I went in and saw the owner, Maureen Carkenord Cupp. I asked her if she knew what had become of Joyce Batten. She said that she had married a soldier who had gone A. W. O. L. and Joyce was now living outside his camp where he was serving his time in the brig. The commanding officer at the time was Captain Jim Dentler.

I arrived at the concert that night just in time to run into Marlene Zinsmaster Bruecks, who said that her two children, Harry and Beverly, were just fine. A flash came over the loud speaker that went like this, "Detroit Tigers have just won the World Series, and the win is accredited to the famous athlete, Dick Batten." That was about enough for one night and on my way out, I ran into the janitor, Jim Wagner. In the morning, I started on my way once more. I passed a farm home and noticed the name R. Reilly on the mailbox. There was a big convertible parked in the drive. I thought that I would stop and visit my seemingly wealthy classmate, but when I stopped I found that the car belonged to Don Huff, now the County Agent. Don was trying to convince Dick to buy some new fangled airplane. I took this chance to ask them about Don Boyce. He said that he was now the manager of the Boyce Super Markets. I, also inquired about Max Cooper. They said that he had left only a few months ago to meet his Lonely Hearts sweetheart with whom he had been corresponding for nine years. He obtained the address through the Jonnie Bogun's Bureau for the lonely.

Feeling tired, I made my next stop at the Kuhlman Hotel. Inside I saw the manager, Maurice, sitting with his feet resting on a marble topped table, instructing the chief floor washer, Mary Bucknell, to hurry and get busy. I asked Maurice about Leone Taylor. He said that she and her husband now owned a nine hundred acre farm and were very busy. I inquired about Bill Maher. It seems that Bill had recently been sent to South Africa, after having joined an order of Monks. The last one on my list was Dorothy Boyce. I asked Maurice about her. He said that she was now the personal guardian of the Thompson youngsters since they had become so wealthy after an extra good season at the Thompson Resort.

This completed my work so I made plans to return to our home office in New York City.

Class Will

We, the Seniors of 1950, being sound of mind and body (of body anyway) wish this to be our last will and testament.

We, as a body, wish to leave our ability to run the school to the underdog Juniors. May they uphold our good (?) name.

Maureen Carkenord wills her long legs to Mary Gentry.

Phyllis Hoffman wills her eye glasses to Gerald Crotser.

Joyce Taylor wills her driving ability to anyone who has their insurance paid.

Eddie Birch wills his executive manner to "Hillbilly Decker."

Ruth Happel wills her chewed up sax reeds to Doris Knauss, and hopes she takes care of them.

Marge Fuller and "Evey" Selzer will gladly leave if you will only stop shoving.

Leone Taylor wills her husband catching ability to all the lonesome girls.

Dick Batten wills his football ability to Bob Beebe.

Bill Maher wills his build to Tom Howley. May he take good care of it.

Lela Wilcox wills her athletic ability to "Jo" Heiney.

Henrietta Barton wills her tendency to be short to Lyle Smalley.

Dick Reilly wills his ability to catch muskrats to Gene Bolz.

Jonnie Bogun wills her tendency to be quiet to Duane "Wildcat" Wilcox.

Marlene Zinsmaster wills her ability of diamond collecting to some unfortunate lover.

Max Cooper wills his energy to shave each morning to Isaac Kelly.

Dorothy Boyce wills her heart to Richard.

Jim Dentler wills his curly hair to Chris Bontrager.

Mr. Thompson wills his sense of humor to anyone who needs it.

Don Boyce wills his temper to David Wolford.

Jerry Cupp wills his beautiful legs to Clyde Barnebee. Hubba! Hubba!

Jim Wagner will just leave and is glad he is leaving.

Don Huff wills his manners to Jim Werner.

Betty Finkbeiner wills her little feet to Kathleen Reilly.

Maurice Kuhlman wills his big feet to Richard Clark.

Mary Bucknell wills her blushes to Agnes Hughes.

Joyce Batten wills her carving ability to Betty Kelly.

Dick Stone is taking everything with him. He says he needs it.

Joan Neal leaves her good disposition to anyone who flunked their finals.

Marge Ornstedt wills her silly moods to Edith Barkalow.

Seniors



1. Marge Fuller 2. Lela Wilcox 3. Bill Maher and Maureen Carkenord 4. Maurice Kuhlman 5. Joyce Taylor 6. Leone Taylor 7. Ed Birch 8. Margaret Ornstedt 9. Dick Stone 10. Dick Reilly 11. Phyllis Hoffman 12. Jim Dentler 13. Joyce Batten 14. Evelyn Selzer 15. Betty Finkbeiner 16. Ruth Happel 17. Henrietta Barton 18. Dorothy and Don Boyce 19. Mary Bucknell 20. Max Cooper 21. Marlene Zinsmaster 22. Jerry Cupp 23. Jonnie Bogan.



1. Gotcha!
2. Happy?
3. Burr!
4. Get out of my way!
5. Pals.
6. Don't push!
7. Hurry! I can't hold this pose much longer.
8. Hi!
9. What ya looking at?
10. Just happy!

11. Going for a stroll?
12. What's that you say Bill?
13. Who's the stranger?
14. Sunshine for sunshine gals.
15. Smile Jeanne Smile!
16. Peakie, how did you get there?
17. Say, Don how do you rate?
18. What ya looking at Don?
19. What a nice view.
20. Always did like blond hair.
21. Awk'!

Student Council



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Betty Finkbeiner, Ed Birch, Mr. Wier, Dick Batten, and Carolyn Robertson.
SECOND ROW: Ed Klaeren, Jim Osgood, Phyllis Schneider, and Max Harrison.

At the beginning of the school year, a committee and Mr. Wier got their heads together and carefully planned the entertainment program for the coming year. Each month, an appointed class, sponsored a program consisting of its own talent. To keep the students busy during noon hour second semester, a ping-pong tournament was sponsored and also dancing.

The most important event of the year was the Fall Carnival which proved to be a financial success much to the delight of our treasurer. The chairmen were Don Huff and Joyce Taylor. Next came the Christmas dinner with two diligent Seniors as chairmen, namely Lela Wilcox and Ruth Happel. At the end of our school year, we all enjoyed our annual school picnic.

We are proud of having the biggest honor in school by serving as a part of the school government. We have proved our purpose and we hope that the faculty and students next year will be as co-operative and show as much interest as they did this past year.

Annual Staff



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Bob Beebe, Joan Heiney, Maureen Carkenord, Joyce Taylor, and Carolyn Robertson,
SECOND ROW: David Wolford, Ed Klaeren, Mr. Fudge, Phyllis Hoffman, and Ruth Happel.

The Green and White Staff was very fine this year and we are sure there could not have been a more co-operative group. We had many new and unexperienced members on the staff.

We were sorry to lose our subscription editor, Carolyn Robertson, who was replaced by Betty Kelly.

We are all sure that this will be the best Annual so far, although, there has been many very fine ones preceeding our 1950 edition.

Its been swell working with such a fine staff, and we hope everyone enjoys reading the Annual as much as we have enjoyed putting it together.

Hi-Lite



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Jeanne Robertson, Lela Wilcox, Marge Ornstedt, Sarah Wolfe, and Mary Maher.
SECOND ROW: Doug Riley, Nancy Hughey, Phyllis Hitzeman, Jonnie Bogan, Ed Birch, Mr. Fudge, Gene Crabtree, George Mansmith, Phyllis Burkett, Nancy Lomison, and Carol Lomison.

The Hi-Lite Staff has worked very hard to make the paper a success this year and we hope the student body enjoyed the issues.

Students who served on the staff were as follows: Editor, Margaret Ornstedt; Assistant Editor, Gene Crabtree; Business Manager, Eddie Birch; Band Reporter, Lela Wilcox; The nosey reporters for the alley cat and hit parade, Nancy Lomison, Jeanne Robertson, and Betty Kelly; High school and grade news reporters, Joan Neal, Nancy Hughey, and Phyllis Hitzeman; Sports, Gene Crabtree; Artists who put beauty to the paper, Phyllis Burkett and Doug Reilly; The printers, Chris Bontrager, George Mansmith and Jonnie Bogan.

The staff also wishes to thank the Typing II Class for typing the stencils.



UNDERCLASSMEN



Juniors



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Eva Beebe, Arlene Dodgson, LaDoris Gilmore, Eleanor Cooley, Jean Tompkins, Edith Barkalow, Betty Kelly, Katheryn Kuhlman, Agnes Hughes, and Paul Knauss.

SECOND ROW: Helen Billiau, Gene Bolz, David Wolford, Isaac Kelly, Sylvia Kline, Doris Merrick, Joan Heiney, Phyllis Burkett, Carolyn Robertson, LaWayne Timm, Jim Truckey, and Mr. Fudge.

THIRD ROW: Otto Decker, Duane Wilcox, Richard Stickney, Richard Zierle, John Mitchell, Bob Beebe, Gene Crabtree, George Mansmith, and George Klaeren. Gladys Stone was absent.

Thirty-one Juniors entered the doors of M. H. S. in the fall of 1949, with Mr. Fudge as our adviser.

Projects that were successfully undertaken were: baked-good sales, skating parties, candy sales, and selling of Christmas cards. Our Junior play helped our treasury balance considerable.

Our class was well represented in the Band, Glee Club, Hi-Lite Staff, Annual Staff, Girls' Club, F. H. A. and all sports.

The Prom, which our class gave for the Seniors, was an unforgettable event.

We concluded the year with the school picnic. After that tired day of enjoyment, we parted by saying, "See you again next year as Seniors." We hope.

Our class officers were: President, Gene Crabtree; Vice-President, LaDoris Gilmore; Secretary, Otto Decker; Treasurer, George Klaeren; and Student Council Representatives, Gene Crabtree, and Carolyn Robertson.

Sophomores



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Kathleen Reilly, Sarah Wolfe, Doris Knauass, Judy Lee, Jeanne Robertson, Nancy Lomison, Janet Gage, Betty Yeomans, and Maureen Bennett.
SECOND ROW: Pete Lagoni, Dave Huff, Mildred Timm, Imogene Hamminga, Wesley Neal, Joe Zinsmaster, Tony Collins, Mary Maher, Virginia Cooley, and Mr. Ellis.
THIRD ROW: Andrew Kline, Robert Taylor, Richard Hitzeman, Dale Conrad, Marlen Hetmansperger, Bob Flath, Dave Reading, Jim Osgood, and Clyde Barnebee.

We Sophomores have been going strong with Mr. Ellis as our adviser. We sponsored the cake walk at the Carnival and also, put on a play as our assembly program for the high school on Friday, January 27. The name of it was the "Mock Wedding." We got our class rings and are proud of them. We have enjoyed our Sophomore year and hope that the remaining years will be as enjoyable.

The class officers were: President, Pete Lagoni; Vice-President, Marlen Hetmansperger; Secretary, Virginia Cooley; Treasurer, Robert Flath; and Student Council Representative, Jim Osgood.

Ninth Grade



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Nancy Kaiser, Vivian Barkalow, Kleo Yeomans, Barbara Nutt, Carol Lomison, Joyce Crotser, Nancy Reading, Ellen Finkbeiner, Sally Vorac, and Ed Klaeren.

SECOND ROW: Harold Osgood, Herbert Avery, Lois Richman, Helen Stone, Winna Bogun, Rose Mary Roberts, Marjorie Timm, Nancy Bucknell, Jack Campbell, Jerry Batten, Jerry Pattison, Jimmy Gilbert, Gary Huff, John Neal, and Mrs. Mumby.

THIRD ROW: Clair Wright, David Crotser, Ken Huckendubler, Bob Hackenburg, Lyle Smalley, Gerald Crotser, Tom Howley, Bob Hoover, and Ronald Stickney.

ABSENT: Ralph Davidson and Mary Gentry.

With a very successful year behind us, we the present ninth graders of Mendon High School entered the biggest adventure of our lives--High School! Our class officers for the year were: President, Kenneth Huckendubler; Vice-President, Jerry Batten; Secretary, Lyle Smalley; Treasurer, Bob Hoover; Student Council Representative, Ed Klaeren, and of course our capable adviser, Mr. Mumby.

We started off with thirty-six in our class. At the first of the year we gained Ellen Finkbeiner from Concord and Nancy Reading from Ligonier, Indiana. Although we gained two, we lost one. Tom Howley left us in the middle of the year.

Our first project of the year was a candy sale, September 14. This was very successful and added a reasonable amount to our rapidly growing treasury. March 15, later in the year, we had another one which was equally successful. Our class participated in sports, cheerleading, Band and Glee Club.

We have had a marvelous year with lots of good times, working together for that one goal, our Senior year

Eighth Grade



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Henrietta Hamminga, Phyllis Hitzeman, Nancy Hughey, Mary Jane Huckendubler, Irene Bohm, Jeannette Wagner, Norma Finkbeiner, Phyllis Schneider, and Elizabeth Martin.
SECOND ROW: James Werner, James Maher, Polly Sturdavant, Dolores Holroyd, William Varner, Alice Avery, Nancy Sand, Richard Clark, and Mrs. Schmidt.
THIRD ROW: Dough Reilly, Jim Barnebee, Bill Smith, Gary Motz, Joe Slaughter, Ronald Blanchard, LaVerne Blankenship, and Roger Steinbarger.
ABSENT: Chris Bontrager, Roger DeHoff, Elizabeth Miller, and Jim Stahl.

The officers for 1949-'50 were: President, James Barnebee; Vice-President, Ronald Blanchard; Treasurer, Joe Slaughter; Secretary, Douglas Reilly; and Student Council Representative, Phyllis Schneider. Our class adviser was Mrs. Schmidt.

We had a candy sale November 16 which was successful. Our entertainment included a wiener roast and a Christmas party. The wiener roast was at Mrs. Schmidt's house. At the Christmas party we exchanged gifts and Mrs. Schmidt furnished refreshments for the party.

Our King and Queen for the Carnival, Gary Motz and Norma Finkbeiner, won first place at the Carnival. For winning, the Student Council gave the class treasury \$10 and each 8th grade student a free ticket to the Climax football game.

Seventh Grade



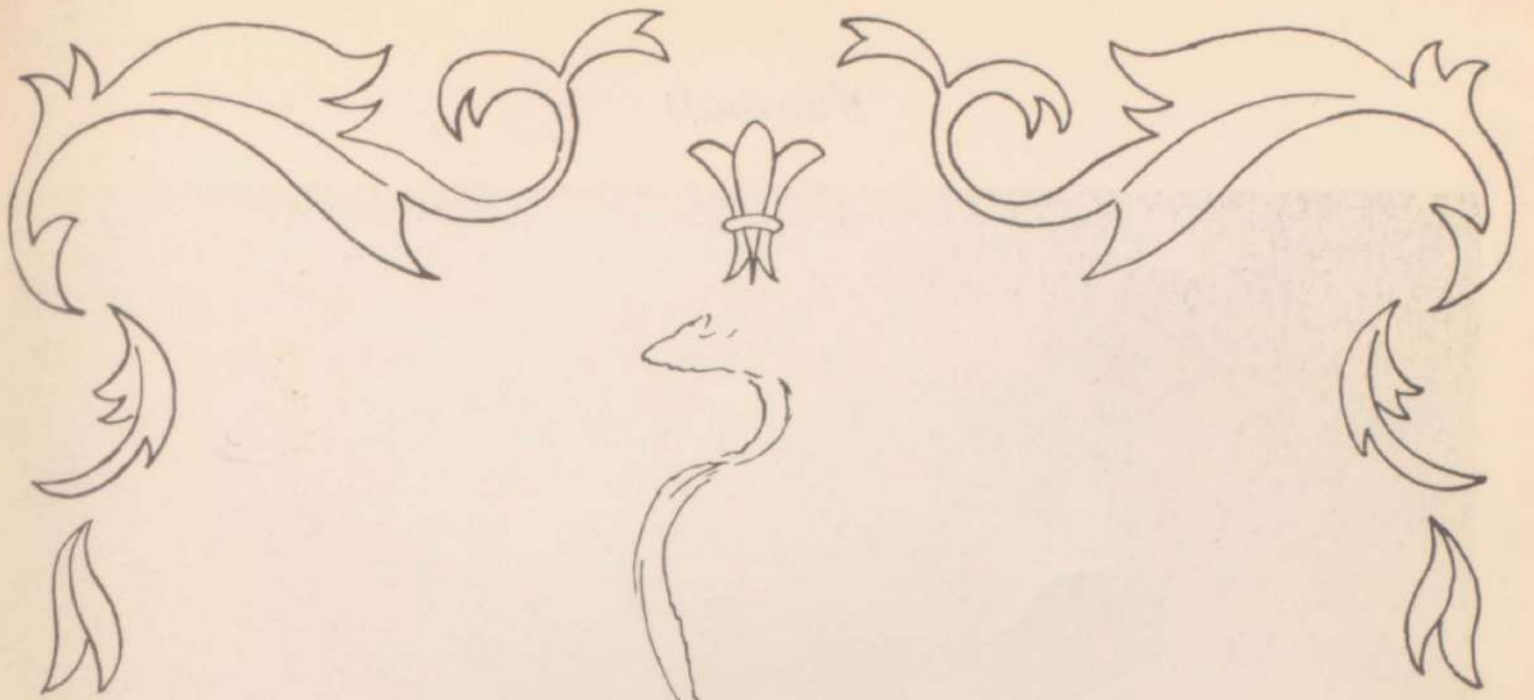
FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Max Harrison, Harold Bennett, Dick Foltz, Max Knauss, Phillip Zimsmaster, Joel Crabtree, Michael Neal, Tommy Dise, and Donna Happel.
SECOND ROW: Sharlene Batten, Jane Bucknell, Mary Lou Ruggles, Aletha Alber, Joyce Schmitt, Audrey Campbell, Audrey Hoover, Marilyn Batten, Betty Gregory, Roberta Howe, and Mrs. Fudge.
THIRD ROW: Maurice Nicholas, Harold Birr, Brona Lou Haberman, Nancy Pippitt, Phyllis Dombroski, Joan Schmitt, Charles Robertson, and Don Brueck.
ABSENT: Polly Bontrager.

When we came into the 7th grade this year, things were strange to us and we had to move from one room to another for the first time. Our class sponsor is Mrs. Fudge and we are much indebted to her for her help.

We had a fish pond at the Carnival and had a successful candy sale, and bake sale. Our candidates for the King and Queen were Harold Bennett and Sharlene Batten.

Our class has about eight members in the Band and many of them are looking forward to being in the Glee Club next year.

Our officers were as follows: President, Donald Brueck; Vice-President, Jane Bucknell; Treasurer, Mary Lou Ruggles; Secretary, Joyce Schmitt; and Student Council Representative, Max Harrison.



ATHLETICS



Football



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Richard Hitzeman, Jim Dentler, Richard Stickney, John Mitchell, David Wolford, Dick Batten, Dale Conrad, Wesley Neal,
 SECOND ROW: Mr. Thompson, Jerry Pattison, Jerry Batten, Gary Huff, Jim Gilbert, Don Boyce, George Klaeren, Jack Campbell, John Neal, David Huff,
 THIRD ROW: Gene Crabtree, LaWayne Timm, Bob Flath, Tom Howley, Jerry Cupp, Dick Riley, Don Huff, Jim Osgood, Ed Klaeren, Marlin Hetmansperger.

Under the fine coaching of Mr. Thompson, Mendon won its first undisputed football championship in the history of the high school and went through the schedule undefeated. The team played good, hard football and well deserved to win the title.

While five Seniors graduated last year, there were still 26 out in the fall. The following received major awards: Don Boyce, Dick Batten, Dick Reilly, Jim Dentler, Don Huff, Jerry Cupp, Dick Stickney, George Klaeren, Junior Neal, Gene Crabtree, John Mitchell, and LaWayne Timm.

The leading ground gainer this year was Junior Neal with an 8.3 yard average. George Klaeren was highest in scoring with 96 points. The prospects for next year are good and we should have another strong team.

The scores for the 1949 season, were:

Laingsburg	6	Mendon	28	Tekonsha	13	Mendon	39
Schoolcraft	18	Mendon	26	Marcellus	28	Mendon	44
Starr				Burr Oak	0	Mendon	45
Commonwealth	32	Mendon	48	Climax	6	Mendon	30
Centerville	14	Mendon	32				

Varsity Basketball



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Don Huff, Bob Flath, Dick Reilly, George Klaeren, Dick Batten, and Richard Stickney.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Thompson, Don Boyce, Maurice Kuhlman, John Mitchell, Jerry Cupp, Gene Bolz, and Ronald Blanchard.

In December of 1949, Mendon started its fourth season of basketball, and still without a gym. Centerville again was generous enough to allow the team the use of their gym for practice one night each week. The rest of the practice was done on the tennis court.

The team played without the help of three Seniors who graduated, last year, namely; Gene Batten, Ray Lagoni, and Allen Beebe. The competition was as tough as ever and the team found it hard to win from schools with so much practice behind them.

There were eleven on the varsity this year; They were: Don Huff; Jerry Cupp, George Klaeren, Dick Stickney, Gene Bolz, John Mitchell, Dick Batten, Bob Flath, Dick Reilly, Don Boyce, and Maurice Kuhlman. Mr. Thompson was the coach.

Reserve Basketball



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Duane Wilcox, Bob Hoover, Ed Klaeren, Marlen Hetmansperger, Richard Hitzeman, Clyde Barnebee, and Tom Howley.
 SECOND ROW: Mr. Thompson, Jerry Pattison, Jerry Batten, Dave Huff, Bob Hackenberg, Jim Osgood, Gary Huff, Jimmy Gilbert, Jack Campbell, and Ronald Blanchard.

The reserve basketball team had a very successful season. They won eight and lost three games up to January 25. This was a very impressive record, especially for a team that is under the handicap of not having a gym. They played very good ball and should help to give Mendon a good varsity team in a year or so. Mr. Thompson coached both the reserves and varsity this year.

Below were the scores up to January 25.

Centerville	25	Mendon	27	*Centerville	15	Mendon	19
Constantine	37	Mendon	21	*Burr Oak	15	Mendon	18
Tekonsha	22	Mendon	23	*White Pigeon	29	Mendon	22
Burr Oak	29	Mendon	37	Centerville	21	Mendon	11
Schoolcraft	29	Mendon	32	White Pigeon	16	Mendon	23
Climax	16	Mendon	28	Constantine	26	Mendon	17
Tekonsha	13	Mendon	32	Tournaments*			

Baseball



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Jim Osgood, Bill Maher, Don Huff, George Klaeren, Dick Reilly, Bob Flath, Richard Hitzeman, Dick Batten, Ed Birch, and Jerry Cupp.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Thompson, John Mitchell, Duane Wilcox, Max Cooper, Jim Dentler, Paul Knauss, Jim Truckey, Dale Conrad, Gene Crabtree, Richard Stickney, Dave Huff, and Jerry Pattison.

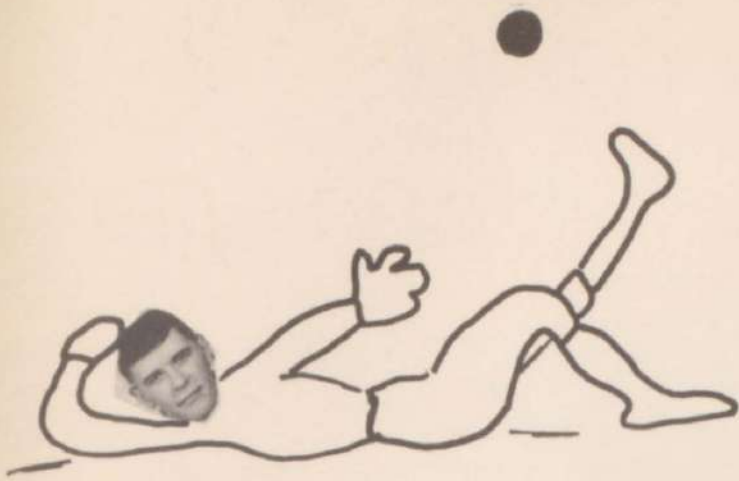
Mendon was left with little experience this year after losing seven Seniors from last year's team. Nevertheless, they played good ball and showed much improvement by the end of the season. They won four games and lost five in the St. Joseph County League. Mendon maintained two teams which gave more boys a chance to participate.

Ed Birch was highest in batting with a .380 average, and Dick Batten second in that department with a .349 average. Dick, also, did most of the pitching which was a very creditable job. Others who helped with the pitching were: Maurice Kuhlman, Jim Dentler, and John Mitchell. George Klaeren lead in scoring runs with a total of 14. Jerry Cupp, Dick Batten, and Ed Birch collected the most hits with 17 a piece.

Those who received varsity letters were: Richard Stickney, Jerry Cupp, Dick Batten, Jim Dentler, Allen Beebe, Dick Reilly, John Mitchell, Ed Birch, George Klaeren, Dale Conrad, Dick Hitzeman, and Maurice Kuhlman.

Mr. Thompson did the coaching assisted by Mr. Wier.

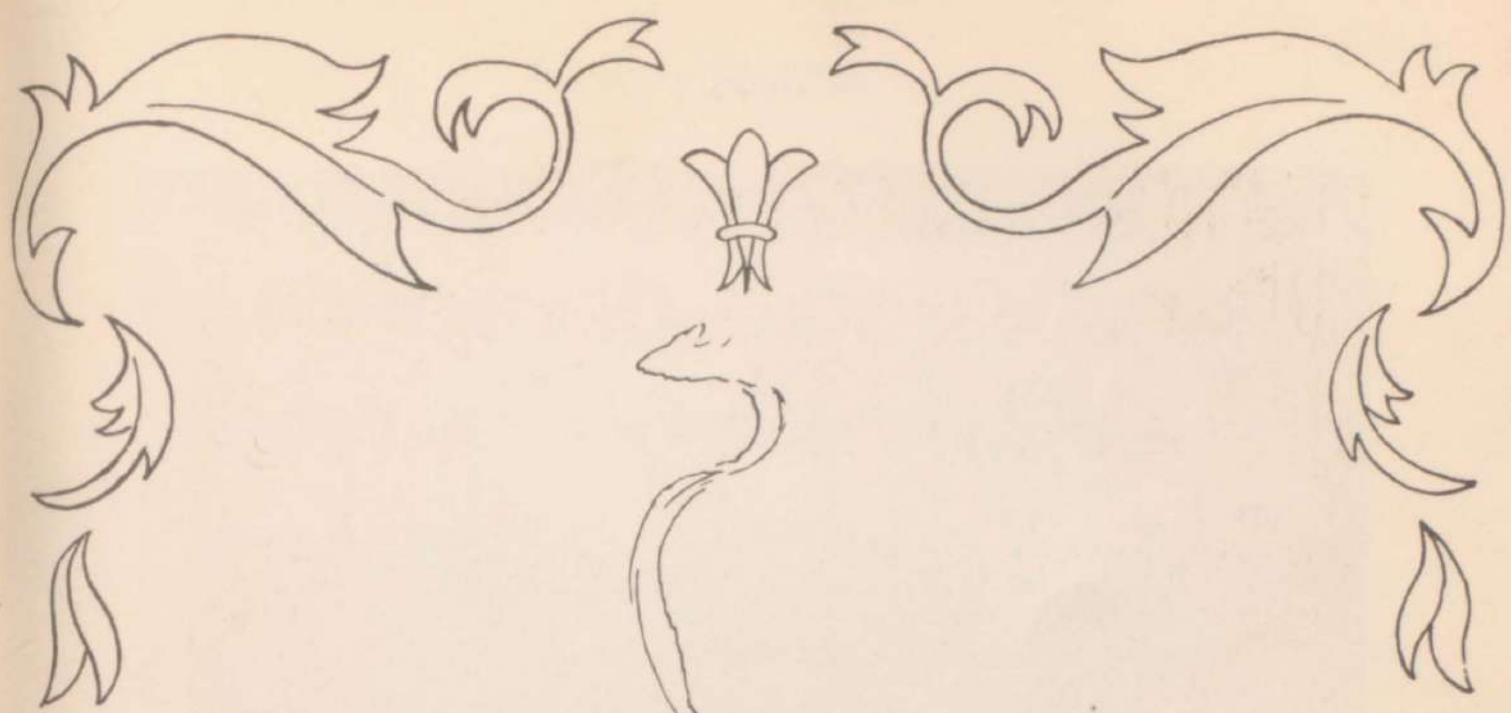






1. Pals!
2. A little vulgar.
3. Good game!
4. Hanging around.
5. Toughie!
6. Final award.
7. Tough game?
8. Rooters!
9. Proud?

10. High jump!
11. Top cheerleaders.
12. Apprentices?
13. Fight Team! !
14. A basket, maybe?
15. Just around.
16. Foul!
17. OUR GYM! !
18. Touchdown!



ACTIVITIES



Chorus



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Nancy Hughey, Norma Finkbeiner, Phyllis Hitzeman, Helen Billau, Henrietta Hammings, Henrietta Barton, Ellen Finkbeiner, Nancy Reading, and Virginia Cooley.
 SECOND ROW: Phyllis Hoffman, Maureen Bennett, Marge Ornstedt, Judy Lee, Eleanor Cooley, Joyce Crotser, Irene Bohm, Helen Stone, Nancy Lomison, Agnes Hughes, and Polly Sturdavant.
 THIRD ROW: Phyllis Schneider, Joyce Batten, Jeanne Robertson, Betty Kelly, Rose Mary Roberts, Jeanette Wagner, Leone Taylor, Doris Merrick, Phyllis Burkett, and LaDoris Gilmore.



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Edith Barkalow, Vivian Barkalow, Winna Bogun, Jean Thompkins, Lois Richman, Nancy Kaiser, Betty Finkbeiner, and Maureen Carkenord.
 SECOND ROW: Sally Vorac, Marge Fuller, Carol Lomison, Delores Holyrod, Carolyn Robertson, Jonnie Bogun, Marlene Zinsmaster, Doris Knauss, and Mr. Ellis.
 THIRD ROW: Mary Maher, Sarah Wolfe, Kathleen Reilly, Katheryn Kuhlman, Ruth Happel, Joyce Taylor, Evelyn Selzer, Barbara Nutt, and Nancy Sand.

Mixed Chorus



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Richard Clark, Bill Varner, Nancy Sand, Marlene Zinsmaster, Nancy Reading, Helen Stone, Ellen Finkbeiner, Roger Steinbarger and Jim Maher.
 SECOND ROW: Marge Fuller, Evelyn Selzer, Jean Thompkins, Ruth Happel, Polly Sturdavant, Agnes Hughes, Kathryn Kuhlman, Jeanette Wagner, Joyce Crotser, Virginia Cooley, Irene Bohm, LaDoris Gilmore, Sally Vorac, Maureen Carkenord, and Betty Finkbeiner.
 THIRD ROW: Joe Slaughter, Clair Wright, David Crotser, Bob Beebe, Leone Taylor, Doris Merrick, Phyllis Burkett, Delores Holyrod, Carolyn Robertson, and Jim Barnebee.
 ABSENT: Mary Henry, and Gladys Stone.



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Nancy Hughey, Norma Finkbeiner, Phyllis Hitzeman, Helen Billiau, Henrietta Hammings, Henrietta Barton, Carol Lomison, Phyllis Schneider, Jonnie Bogun, and Paul Knauss.
 SECOND ROW: Mary Maher, Joyce Batten, Betty Kelly, Phyllis Hoffman, Maureen Bennett, Marge Ornstedt, Eleanor Cooley, Jim Wagner, Nancy Kaiser, Lois Richmond, Bill Maher, Winna Bogun, Edith Barkalow, Vivian Barkalow, and Mr. Ellis.
 THIRD ROW: Marlen Hetmansperger, Tony Collins, Maurice Kuhlman, Gene Bolz, Kenneth Huckendubler, Dick Stone, Clyde Barnebee, Joyce Taylor, Barbara Nutt, and Rose Mary Roberts.

Glee Club

The direct aim of our Glee Club was not centered around our annual Christmas concert, but around the value and importance of vocal instruction.

In the future years, those instructions should increase their importance, but we should also realize the privilege and advantages of them now.

We performed before the student body several times and held a spring concert.

We wish to thank Mr. Ellis for his patience and for helping us through the past year in all of our activities including our annual Christmas concert which was held at Leonidas, December 21, 1949.

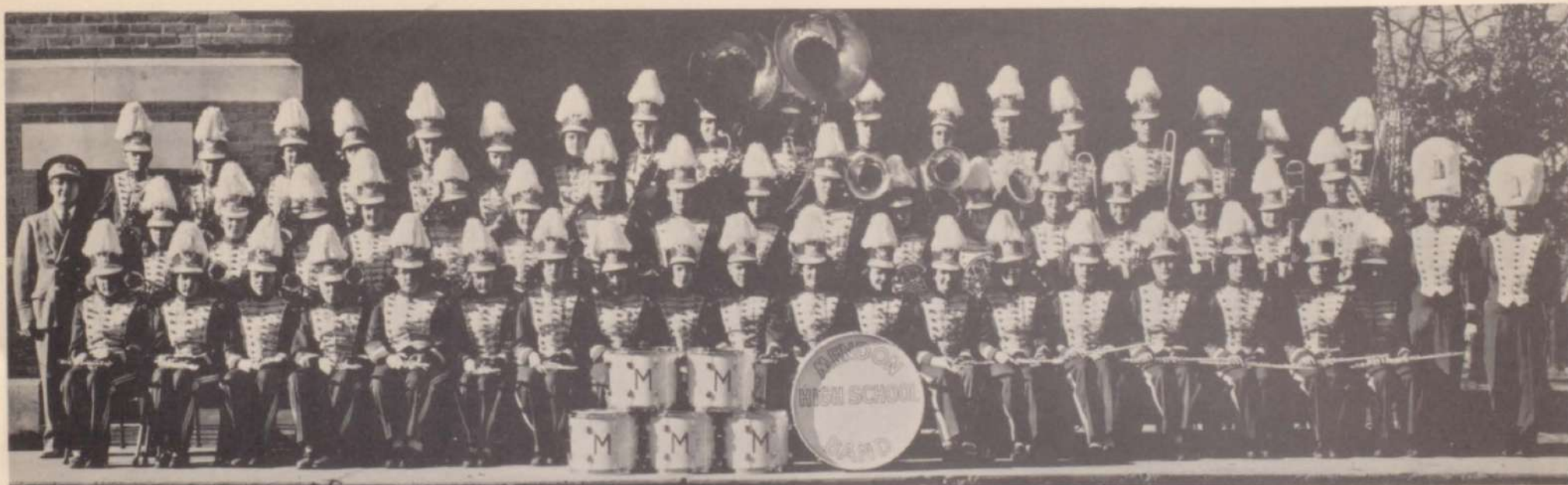
Mixed Chorus

This is the first year Mendon has had a mixed chorus. We have sang for assembly programs. There are about seventy-five students in the chorus and we met every Tuesday and Thursday.

The mixed chorus has given the boys an opportunity to develop their vocal talents. It has also given the girls experience in singing with the male voices.

A generous amount of interest has been shown amongst the members of the chorus and we thank Mr. Ellis for leading us through the year. We hope that next year's mixed chorus will be as attentive as the one this year.

Band



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Marge Timm, Joan Heiney, Jim Barnebee, Ronald Blanchard, Nancy Pippitt, Sarah Wolfe, Phyllis Schneider, Mary Jane Huckendubler, Tony Collins, Nancy Kaiser, Marge Fuller, Evelyn Selzer, Lela Wilcox, Joyce Taylor, Betty Finkbeiner, Joan Schmitt, Sally Ann Vorac, and Barbara Nutt.

SECOND ROW: Mr. Ellis, Alice Avery, Dick Foltz, Tommy Dise, Lois Richman, John Neal, Ellen Finkbeiner, Clyde Barnebee, Gene Bolz, Jack Campbell, John Mitchell, Joyce Crotser, Judy Lee, Maureen Carkenord, Katheryn Kuhlman, Joyce Batten, Mary Maher, Maurice Kuhlman, Eleanor Cooler, and Carol Lomison.

THIRD ROW: Herbert Avery, Mary Lou Ruggles, Mary Bucknell, Jane Bucknell, Doris Knauss, Ruth Happel, Bob Beebe, Bob Hoover, Marlen Hetmansperger, Duane Wilcox, Otto Decker, Max Cooper, Ken Huckendubler, Jim Osgood, Joe Slaughter, Norma Finkbeiner, and Virginia Cooley.

There was the shrill sound of the drum majorette's whistle, the drum rolled-off and the M. H. S. Band stepped off into a busy and full 1949-'50 school year.

The first engagement after a busy summer program was the State Fair in Detroit. There we received a beautiful trophy, as well as having a good time. Next came the County Fair where we received two first divisions to our credit. Football games came once a week and the band was out front spurring our championship team on to victory. The marching season was climaxed by the S. W. M. B. O. A. Marching Festival in Niles. Here again we received a first division rating. At this time a party was held in our honor at Sturgis.

Our march music was then changed to concert work. Also, a Christmas party was held for the band and band parents at the Masonic Hall, December 23. The band participated in the Annual Band and Glee Club Concert, December 22, at Leonidas. Many of the members took part in the solo and ensemble contest during the year. Here again Mendon brought home high honors. Our next event was the district band contest held in March at Kalamazoo. After the Tulip Festival at Holland, the signal to halt was given. Now the Seniors sadly said good-bye to the band they had worked in and enjoyed so much in the past.

The command for attention is given and the band now salutes their director, Mr. Emil G. Ellis. To him goes the honor of our achievements along with much gratitude from the band members.

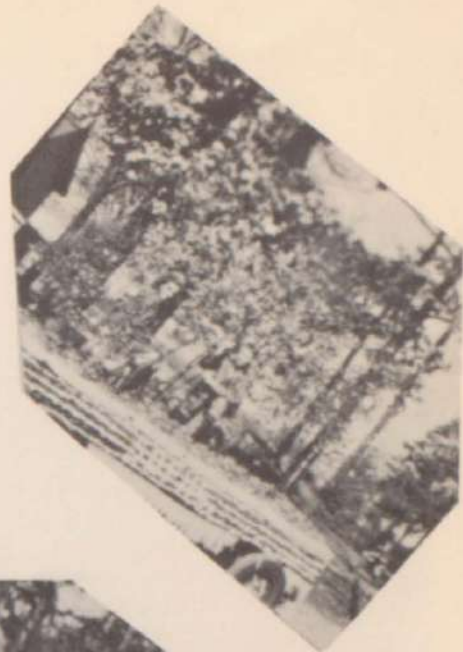
Girls' Club



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Ellen Finkbeiner, Carol Lomison, Mary Maher, Virginia Cooley, Nancy Lomison, Joyce Crotser, Betty Kelly, Henrietta Barton, Janet Gage, and Sylvia Kline.
SECOND ROW: Nancy Reading, Lela Wilcox, Marge Fuller, Judy Lee, Jeanne Robertson, Katheryn Kuhlman, Agnes Hughes, Betty Finkbeiner, Nancy Bucknell, Winna Bogun, Lois Rikhman, Helen Stone, Evelyn Seizer, Joan Heiney, Joyce Batten, Phyllis Hoffman, and Mrs. Fudge.
THIRD ROW: Kathleen Reilly, Eleanor Cooley, Sarah Wolfe, Carolyn Robertson, Phyllis Burkett, Joyce Taylor, Dorothy Boyce, Maureen Carkenord, Ruth Happel, Jonnie Bogun, and La Doris Gilmore.

The Girls' Club started with a "bang" at the beginning of the year. The officers were as follows: President, Eleanor Cooley; Vice-President, Ellen Finkbeiner; Secretary, LaDoris Gilmore; and Treasurer, Nancy Lomison. Our adviser was Mrs. Fudge. This year we tried a new theory of which we selected the following girls to represent their class and tell of the coming events to their class. They were as follows: Seniors, Joan Neal, and Marge Fuller; Juniors, Betty Kelly, and Gladys Stone; Sophomores, Jeanne Robertson, and Judy Lee; Freshmen, Joyce Crotser and Nancy Bucknell.

The object of the organization was to give parties in which the high school and public was invited and turn the money over to the Student Council. In return, we wanted only recreation for ourselves and friends. We have enjoyed the club and hope next year will be even a more prosperous one.



Junior Play



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Marlene Zinsmaster, Dick Reilly, Ruth Happel, Don Huff, Jerry Cupp, and Marge Fuller.
SECOND ROW: Phyllis Hoffman, Bill Maher, Joyce Taylor, Maurice Kuhlman, Don Boyce, Lela Wilcox, and Mrs. Mumby.

Our Junior Class Play, "Wanted, A Hero", was a huge success and brought a very welcome addition to our treasury. The play centered around the romance of Bertram Weeks (Don Huff), a timid tenderfoot, and Barbara Young (Ruth Happel), a wealthy young girl from New York. The setting was a dude ranch in Arizona, owned by the Dudley's, Henrietta (Joyce Taylor) a tall, sharp spoken woman and Jim (Bill Maher) a henpecked, little man. Sally Dudley, their daughter, (Marge Fuller) had a crush on Bill Hicks (Jerry Cupp), a cowboy from Manhattan. Two boarders at the ranch were Jane Christian, (Marlene Zinsmaster) and Bessie Palmer (Lela Wilcox) who were having the time of their lives learning the ways of the west. Rain In The Face, (Don Boyce and due to an accident, also played by Dick Batten) a tall, handsome Indian, who helped with the chores around the ranch, made love to Jane in his crude manner. Hulda, the Dudley's maid (Phyllis Hoffman), annoyed all by her off-key singing. Barbara's father, Hubert Young (Maurice Kuhlman), was a robust banker. He received quite a shock when he found out that the man he surmised to be Barbara's fiance was Sam Banks (Dick Reilly) whom Barbara hates. All is well that ends well and if the audience enjoyed it as much as the cast did in presenting it, it was not done in vain. Much credit goes to our director, Mrs. Mumby.

Senior Play



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Don Huff, Marlene Zinsmaster, Joyce Batten, Ed Birch, Maureen Carkenord, and Betty Finkbeiner.
SECOND ROW: Evelyn Selzer, Phyllis Hoffman, Dick Stone, Max Cooper, Maurice Kuhlman, and Mrs. Mumby.

Under the direction of Mrs. Mumby, our hilarious Senior play held its crowd in rip-roaring laughter for a run of four nights.

"THE FUNNY BRATS", a comedy by Jay Tobias, fit the Seniors to a T. The audience could see the characters fit themselves into their separate parts, as if made for them.

This comedy takes place in a room of the Gresham ranch, one sunshiny afternoon in the merry month of May. The brats take over from beginning to end in a merry-go-round of trouble for the poor family caught in between. Is it fun to have three girls in love with only one of them? Ask Tom, he was in this predicament. And a busy body aunt trying to make a love match between her widowed niece and a well-to-do-X-sweetheart also caused a riot. The family's servant, Aurora and her lover Boogerface add to the confusion along with Loren, a book collector, who finds himself in love with Sylvia, but to bashful to speak up. As life goes, things finally work out with a happy ending for all.

Again we wish to express our thanks to Mrs. Mumby and her wonderful work with all of us. With her constant helping our play became a good one.

F. H. A.



FRONT ROW: (Left to Right): Henrietta Barton, Janet Gage, Carol Lomison, Betty Kelly, Joyce Batten, Nancy Lomison, Phyllis Burkett, and LaDoris Gilmore.
SECOND ROW: Nancy Reading, Ellen Finkbeiner, Marge Ornstedt, Winna Bogan, Helen Stone, Leone Taylor, Silvia Kline, Lois Richmond, and Mrs. Schmidt.
THIRD ROW: Kathleen Reiley, Sarah Wolfe, Judy Lee, Jeanne Robertson, Joyce Taylor, Betty Finkbeiner, Dorothy Boyce, and Jonnie Bogan.

The Future Homemakers of America this year was composed of Homemaking Classes I, II, and III girls. The meetings were held twice a month, one during class hours and the other in the evening. Mrs. Schmidt was our adviser and Mrs. T. Lee our Chapter Mother.

We were very proud that Ellen Finkbeiner was voted one of the national delegates and will be able to go to Kansas City in the spring. Our main duty now is to provide the money for Miss Finkbeiners' trip.

Our officers were as follows: President, Joan Neal; Vice-President, Joyce Batten; Secretary, Margaret Ornstedt; and Treasurer, Henrietta Barton.



Reminiscing 1949

1949

September

Wednesday 14--Freshman candy sale (Yummy, Yum, Yum!)

Friday 16--Mendon (28) vs. Laingsburg (6) (Nice going.)

Friday 23--Mendon (26) vs. Schoolcraft (18) (Revenge and top game.)

Wednesday 28--9th grade wiener roast (Hot dogs! :)

Friday 30--Mendon (48) vs. Starr (32) (All were men!)

October

Friday 7--Senior Pictures (The truth at last.)

Friday 7--Mendon (32) vs. Centerville (14) (Keep up the good work!)

Saturday 8--Senior bake sale (Did someone say cake?)

Thursday 13--Senior candy sale (More food!)

Friday 14--Mendon (38) vs. Tekonsha (14) (Yea, team!)

Thursday 27--Junior roller skating party (Floor burns!)

Friday 28--Mendon (45) vs. Burr Oak (0) (We sure showed them!)

Saturday 29--Carnival (Exciting!)

November

Friday 4--Mendon (30) vs. Climax (6) (Cold as h___ heck! :)

Saturday 5--Band Party (Camp Fort Hill)

Friday 11--Movie (Dark, wasn't it?)

Wednesday 16--8th grade candy sale (Oh, goodies!)

Saturday 19--Junior Bake Sale (Big success!)

Tuesday 22--Immunization clinic (Ouch!)

Wednesday 23--Senior class program ("Little Red Schoolhouse")

Thursday 24--Thanksgiving (Ate too much!)

Friday 25--Thanksgiving vacation (We slept late.)

Tuesday 29--Girls' Club meeting (Initiation!)

Wednesday 30--7th grade candy sale (La-de-da!)

December

Tuesday 6--Mendon (12) vs. Constantine (51)

Wednesday 7--Senior play ("The Funny Brats")

Thursday 8--Senior play (Big success!)

Friday 9--Senior play (What happened to the door?)

Saturday 10--Senior play

Tuesday 13--Teachers club party

Wednesday 14--9th grade candy sale (Goody, goody!)

Friday 16--Mendon (34) vs. Tekonsha (49)

Friday 16--Junior Class program (And the band played on!)

Monday 19--Band party (I bet they had fun.)

Tuesday 20--Mendon (22) vs. Burr Oak (61)

Wednesday 21--Christmas program (Good program.)

Thursday 22--Christmas dinner (More food!)

Thursday 22--Girls' Club Dance (Good dance.)

Friday 23--Vacation begins (Oh, joy!)

January

Tuesday 3--Vacation ends (How sad!)

Friday 6--Mendon (23) vs. Schoolcraft (56)

Tuesday 10--Mendon (34) vs. Climax (35)

Wednesday 11--Ann Arbor (We heard music.)

Friday 13--Movie Mendon (22) vs. Tekonsha (27) (Keep trying!)

Wednesday 18--Mendon (26) vs. Centerville (59)

Thursday 19--Exams (Sad story.) County Tournaments (Yea, reserves!)

Friday 20--County tournaments (Reserves beat Burr Oak.)

Saturday 21--County tournaments (Too bad boys!)

Reminiscing 1949

1949

February

- Tuesday 1--Cherry pie baking contest (Ruth H. and Joyce T.)
- Tuesday 1--Mendon (33) vs. Constantine (66) (Better luck next time.)
- Thursday 10--Senior dance at Leonidas (More fun!)
- Thursday 17--Junior skating party (My poor--wish I had a pillow!)
- Thursday 24--Girls' Club meeting (What! A meeting?)
- Friday 25--Mendon (25) vs. Colon (55) (What happened?)
- Saturday 26--Solo and ensemble contest at Bangor (Good going kids!)
- Monday 28--Movie (Oh! These movies!)

March

- Tuesday 1--Play previews (P. T. A.)
- Wednesday 2--Tournaments (Mendon 32, Athens 30. We won!)
- Thursday 3--Tournaments
- Thursday 17--Junior Play
- Friday 18--Junior Play (Nice going!)
- Saturday 19--Junior Play (Wanted, A Hero) (Big success.)
- Thursday 24--New band uniforms arrived. (WOW!. Aren't they pretty!)
- Friday 25--District band contest at Kalamazoo. (We got a first.)
- Thursday 31--Skating party (Just rolling along.)

April

- Tuesday 5--Mendon (4) vs. Athens (4) (Yea team!)
- Monday 11--Mendon (0) vs. Vicksburg (21) (How did that happen?)
- Tuesday 12--Mendon (3) vs. Galesburg (12) (We'll still back them!)
- Thursday 14--Mendon (1) vs. Schoolcraft (4) (Better luck next team.)
- Tuesday 19--Mendon (16) vs. Marcellas (5) (See I told ya so!)
- Wednesday 20--Mendon (7) vs. Tekonsha (8) (Pretty close!)
- Wednesday 20--Home Economics went to Kellogg's and Posts (Corn flakes!)
- Thursday 21--Dance at Leonidas (Swing that pretty girl!)
- Friday 22--Mendon (6) vs. Centerville (8) (What happened!)
- Saturday 23--Band Festival at Ann Arbor (Third place.)
- Monday 25--Mendon (6) vs. White Pigeon (14) (Can't win that way.)
- Monday 25--Movie and A'Capella Choir (Listen to that pretty singing.)
- Wednesday 27--Mendon (12) vs. Climax (7)
- Friday 29--Mendon (6) vs. Burr oak (5)

May

- Monday 2--Mendon (4) vs. Constantine (9)
- Thursday 5--Mendon (2) vs. Schoolcraft (7)
- Friday 6--Mendon (1) vs. Colon (8) (Too bad boys!)
- Saturday 7--Prom (Stardust) (Nice going Juniors!)
- Tuesday 10--Mendon (4) vs. Centerville (2) (What luck? ?! !)
- Wednesday 11--Glee Club Concert (Wish we all could sing.)
- Wednesday 11--Mendon (15) vs. Marcellus (16) (Close call!)
- Thursday 12--Mendon (1) vs. White Pigeon (10) (Come on boys!)
- Monday 16--Mendon (12) vs. Tekonsha (2) (Nice going!)
- Tuesday 17--Mendon (14) vs. Burr Oak (10) (Keep up the good work.)
- Friday 20--Mendon (4) vs. Constantine (3) (Yea team!)
- Saturday 21--Holland Tulip Festival (First place. Oh! Those tulips!)
- Monday 23--Mendon (2) vs. Climax (4) (Better luck next time.)
- Tuesday 24--Mendon (1) vs. Colon (2) (They were just lucky.)
- Tuesday 31--Final Exams (Tough! !)

June

- Wednesday 1--Final Exams (Hope we passed.)
- Thursday 2--Graduation (Goodbye Seniors.)
- Friday 3--School is out (Band picnic and award night. Big day!)

Popular

BEST LOOKING GIRL

Maureen Carkenord	'50
Agnes Hughes	'51
Nancy Limison	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Phyllis Schneider	'54
Janie Bucknell	'55

BEST LOOKING BOY

Dick Batten	'50
Richard Stickney	'51
Bob Flath	'52
Bob Hackenburg	'53
Doug Reilly	'54
Don Brueck	'55



MOST POPULAR GIRL

Joyce Batten	'50
Betty Kelly	'51
Nancy Lomison	'52
Carol Lomison	'53
Norma Finkbeiner	'54
Janie Bucknell	'55

MOST POPULAR BOY

Ed Birch	'50
George Klaeren	'51
Tony Collins	'52
Jack Campbell	'53
Jim Werner	'54
Don Brueck	'55

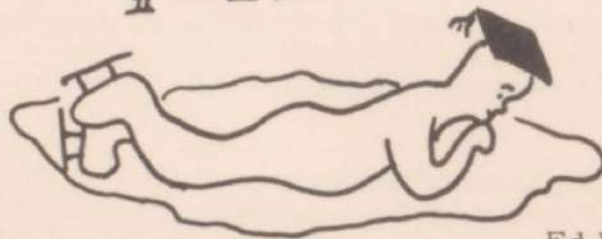


MOST ATHLETIC GIRL

Lela Wilcox	'50
Betty Kelly	'51
Betty Yeomans	'52
Mary Gentry	'53
Nancy Hughey	'54
Sharlene Batten	'55

MOST ATHLETIC BOY

Dick Batten	'50
George Klaeren	'51
Junior Neal	'52
Jerry Batten	'53
Ronnie Blanchard	'54
Don Brueck	'55



DREAM GIRL

Marlene Zinsmaster	'50
Agnes Hughes	'51
Nancy Lomison	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Phyllis Schneider	'54
Joan Schmitt	'55

DREAM BOY

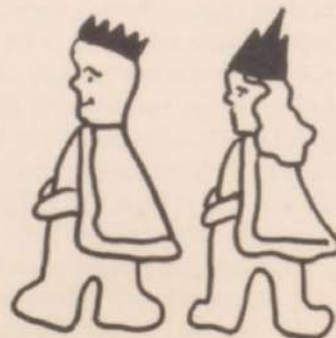
Ed Birch	'50
Richard Stickney	'51
Bob Flath	'52
Bob Hackenburg	'53
Doug Reilly	'54
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CLASS QUEEN

Maureen Carkenord	'50
Betty Kelly	'51
Virginia Cooley	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Norma Finkbeiner	'54
Sharlene Batten	'55

CLASS KING

Don Huff	'50
Dick Stickney	'51
Dick Hitzeman	'52
Jerry Batten	'53
Gary Motz	'54
Harold Bennett	'55



Election

GIRL WITH BEST H. S. SPIRIT

Maureen Carkenord	'50
Betty Kelly	'51
Virginia Cooley	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Nancy Hughey	'54
Audrey Campbell	'55

BOY WITH BEST H. S. SPIRIT

Don Huff	'50
George Klaeren	'51
Richard Hitzeman	'52
Jerry Batten	'53
Jim Werner	'54
Don Brueck	'55

MOST TALKATIVE

Bill Maher	'50
Gladys Stone	'51
Tony Collins	'52
Ed Klaeren	'53
Richard Clark	'54
Joel Crabtree	'55

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

E. Birch - D. Huff	'50
John Mitchell	'51
Carolyn Robertson	'51
Jeanne Robertson	'52
Clair Wright	'53
Phyllis Schneider	'54
Harold Bennett	'55

BEST PERSONALITY

Betty Finkbeiner	'50
Betty Kelly	'51
Jeanne Robertson	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Phyllis Schneider	'54
Joyce Schmitt	'55

CLASS PRIMPER

Ed Birch	'50
Bob Beebe	'51
Gladys Stone	'51
Nancy Lomison	'52
Nancy Reading	'53
Phyllis Hitzeman	'54
Audrey Campbell	'55

NEATEST GIRL

Maureen Carkenord	'50
Carolyn Robertson	'51
V. Cooley - J. Lee	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Phyllis Schneider	'54
Joyce Schmitt	'55

NEATEST BOY

Ed Birch	'50
Bob Beebe	'51
Richard Hitzeman	'52
Ken Huckendubler	'53
Doug Reilly	'54
Don Brueck	'55

BEST MANNERED GIRL

Betty Finkbeiner	'50
Betty Kelly	'51
Jeanne Robertson	'52
Ellen Finkbeiner	'53
Phyllis Schneider	'54
Joyce Schmitt	'55
Joan Schmitt	'55

BEST MANNERED BOY

Don Huff	'50
Gene Crabtree	'51
David Reading	'52
Jerry Batten	'53
Doug Reilly	'54
Harold Bennett	'55





1. Smack!
2. Pretty car
3. "But Mother!"
4. What fun
5. Going to church
6. Smarty!

7. Good game?
8. You don't say?
9. Relaxing?
10. Need a little shade?
11. What, the Class of '50?
12. Come on in, the water's fine!

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Cooks



MISS GENEVIEVE OLNEY
Secretary



ASA FULLER
Janitor

BUS DRIVERS
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Harry Fuller, Oren Wagner and Gilbert Foster.
SECOND ROW: Dan Kauffman, Harry Eickhoff,
Clarence Hepner, and Lee Huff.





1. Um pa um pa
2. Well---
3. Loosing something Carolyn?
4. Sing it pretty gals
5. Whose that following Lela?
6. Blow gang blow
7. "I said quiet"
8. Oooh!

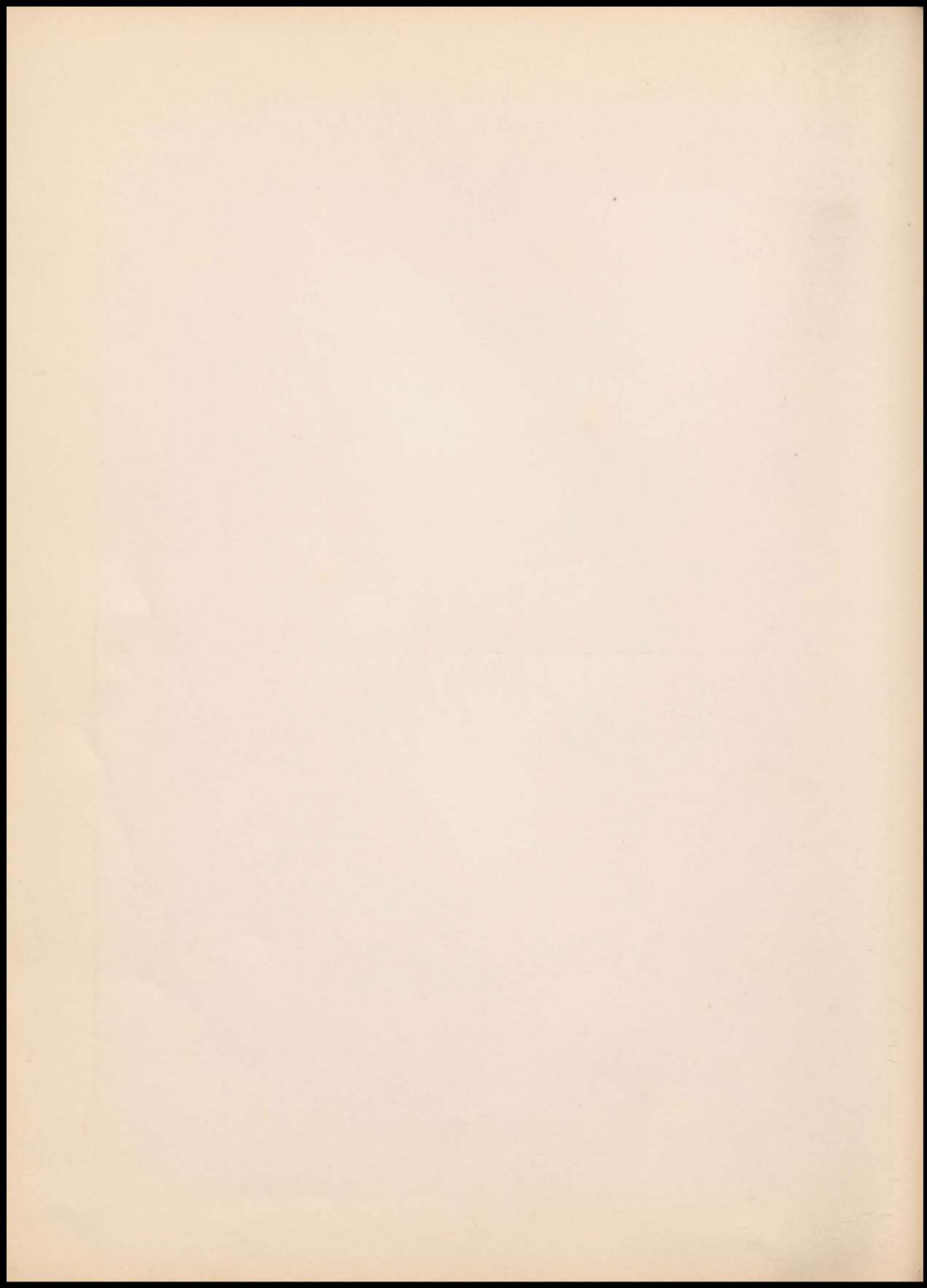
9. Stop pushing
10. Thinking kids?
11. Forget your lines, Bill?
12. Big smile
13. Whose being married?
14. Easy Pete
15. Sit down!





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