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FIVE "CHEERS" FOR MONDON


THE "BIG" BRAIN FACTORY

THE BUNNY HOP LINE
THE "LITTLE" BRAIN FACTORY


"Leis begin where
 all schools usually begin with The.



## Administration

## School Board

SEATED: Mrs. Vera Ruggles, Secretary; Mr. Donald Custard, President; Mrs. Lucile Robinson, Trustee.
STANDING: Mr. Eugene Schmidt, Treasurer; Mr. Arthur Haas, Trustee; Mr, Robert Meggison, Superintendent.



Faculty
BETHEL SCHMIDT
Home Economics Physical Education Sponsors: Pep Club Cheerleaders F.H.A.

BERTHA BREYFOGLE
Englisk
Library
Sponsors: Sophomore Class


## Grade Teachers

FIRST ROW: Mrs, P. Harnden (Sub.), Mrs, P, Milhollin (2nd), Mrs, G. Phenicie (4th), Mrs, M,
Osgood (Kindergarten).
SECOND ROW: Mrs, G. Kline (Comb, 1-2-3), Mrs, J. Cooley (1st), Mrs, E. Price (Comb, 4-5-6),
Mrs, A. Smith (6th), Mrs. D. Hudson (3rd).
Mrs. E. Bloom (5th).



BUS DRIVERS: J. Millard. L. Phenicle
C. Hoffman, D. Feek, C. Bowdish
G. Cupp, J. Garman


HOT LUNCH HELPERS R. Mason P. Zinsmaster

## LIBRARIANS

L. Barnabee, A. Kroll, A. Bennett,

M, Batten, S, Adams, Mrs, Breyfogle

HOT LUNCH COOKS - I. Bolz, v, Blanchard


HOT LUNCH HELPERS
B. Copenhafer A. Kroll, P. Yeomans

MISIGAL CAPERS
P. Pride. B. Dentler, J. Crotser
N. Mattax, S. Shreve, S. Wagner

Mr, Rolfe (Advisor).




A LITTLE YOUNG AREN'T YOU
JOYCE???


A CLASS????
WHAT YOU LOOKING AT GIRLS? ?


SLEEP WELL, LINDA

CAREFUL HAROLD, THAT IS AUDREY'S HEAD



These are the
happiest individuals $S$ in school!! (?) ENIORs



## Class History

In our Freshman year we entered high school with seven new students. These were Dale Kline, Art Kline, Art Roberts, Pat Stone, Mary Hampton, Pat Barnett, Cornelius Bontrager, and Joe Yoder. Our officers for the year were President, Sharlene Batten; Vice-President and Student Council Representative, Jane Bucknell; Secretary, Mary Lou Ruggles; Treasurer, Harold Birr and our class advisor was Mrs. Weires. We were initiated into high school by the Sophomores who gave us a party which we returned. Coming into high school we were given a choice of subjects and many went out for extra curricular activities. The year ended with a picnic at Milhan Park in Kalamozoo.

During our Sophomore year we had the great fun of initiating the rreshmen. Our officers were President, Harold Bennett: Vice-President. Nancy Pippitt; Secretary, Jane Bucknell; Treasurer, Dick Foltz; Student Council Representative, Harold Biry and our class sponsor was Mrs. Fudge. During this year we lost several students. They were Art Roberts, Joe Yoder, Dale Kline, Don Bruecks, and Phyllis Dombroski. As money making projects we sponsored the "Snow Ball dance for the public. We also gave the M.E.A. Dinner which was a great success. Our class had fun selecting our class rings during this year. We ended the year with a picnic at Silver Beach in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

Our Junior year was' another big year as we received our class rings soon after school started. "Seventeen is Terrific" soon followed. This was our play and it was a success. "South of the Border" was the theme of the prom which we gave in honor of the Seniors. Two new students joined our class. They were Fred Airgood and Linda Flack. We lost Donna Happel, Roberta Howe, Joel Crabtree, Mickey Neal, and Pat Barnett. Our class officers were President, Mary Lou Ruggles; VicePresident, Mary Hampton; Secretary, Joan Schmitt; Treasurer, Sharlene Batten; and Student Council Representative, Harold Birr. Our class advisor was Mr. Rolfe. The year ended with a picnic at Milham Park in Kalamazoo.

We began our last year of high school with the loss of Mary Hampton and a new student, Alice Hanson. Our officers were President, Harold Bennett; Vice-President, Joyce Schmitt; Secretary, Mary Lou Ruggles; Treasurer, Linda Flack; and Student Council Representative, Joan Schmitt. Mr. Rolfe was our class advisor. Some of the big events of our Senior year were our Senior pictures, "If Mother Only Knew", which was our play, the prom (which everyone enjoyed), Senior trip, and a picnic at Milham Park which ended the year. The eight of us who have spent all of our school years at Mendon, along with the rest of the Senior class are sorry to be leaving. We hope that the future graduated will enjoy their school days as much as the class of 1955.

## Senior Class Will

We, the Senior Class of 1955, being of sound (?) mind and body do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

First: We leave to the Juniors all our old pencils, books, paper and erasers to be put to better use than we made of them.
Second: We leave nothing to the Sophomores; thev have everything they need.
Third: To the Freshmen we leave our shining examples with the hope that they will be as good a class as we were (just ask the teachers:).
Fourth: I, Fred lexas Airgood, leave my height, short hair, and basketball ability to Robert Gentry and my car and my little black book to Emerson Ladd.
Fifth: I, Marilyn Batten, leave my ability to roll with the bass drum to Sharon Batten and my old chewed up clarinet reeds to anyone fool enough to take them.
Sixth: I, Sharlene Batten, leave my quiet, pleasant personality to Karen Milhollin
to be put to use.
Seventh: I, Harold Bennett, leave my liking for football to Rodger Hughey.
Eighth; 1, Harold Birr, leave my bumps, bruises, and ambition to the 7 th and 8 th Grades coming up.
Ninth: I, Audrey Campbell, leave my ability to talk in third hour study hall to Marlene McCain.
Tenth: I, Jane Campbell, leave my loud checring voice to Betty Schmidt and my bubble gum to Jerry Dalman who gets it anyway.
Eleventh: I, Linda Flack, leave my cheerleading position to Phyllis Yeomans and my
shiny new Baritone Sax to Tom Fitzstephens to be handled with loving care.
Twelfth: I, Dick Foltz, leave my ingenious excuses for being tardy to Clifford Dick. Thirteenth: I, Raymond Griffith, leave my ability go get along with Mr. Mattson to Clark Huckendubler.
Fourteenth; I, Alice Hanson, leave my long eyelashes to anyone who knows how to use them.
Fifteenth: I, Max Knauss, leave my ability to get in agriculture class after the bell rings to anyone who thinks he can pick Mr. Locke's lock.
Sixteenth: I, Lonnell May, leave to my brother, Ray, the ability to get a girl.
Seventeenth: I, Nancy Pippitt, leave all my worries and headaches over the Hi-Lite to next year's Hi-Lite Staff with a bottle of aspirins.
Eighteenth: I, Mary Lou Ruggles, leave my cast to anyone who likes to collect
autographs.
Nineteenth: I, Joan Schmitt, leave my chair in Band to anyone who can get it and keep it.
Twentieth: I, Joyce Schmitt, leave my ability to scatter music to Linda Garman and my tired-out muscles from setting up Band to Helen Phenicie.
Twenty-First: I, Pat Stone, leave my laziness to Mr. Locke.
Twenty-Second: I, Phil Zinsmaster, leave all the dirty pots and pans in the cafeteria
to Ron Mason.
Twenty-Third: I, Maurice Nicholas, just want to leave.
We hereby appoint our Superintendent. Mr. Robert C. Meggis on as the executor of this our last will and testament in the faith that he will guard our trust with the patience and understanding that he has shown us through our high school years.

Signed: THE SENIOR CLASS
Witnesses: Nancy Pippitt and Linda Flack

Date: May 28, 1965
Event: Reunion, Class of '55
Place: Capistrano, California
The class of ' 55 has gathered on the shores of this renowned Pacific coast hamlet, to witness the return of the swallows, and to have their class reunion. The planning committee felt this set-up would enable the Class to kill two birds with one stone. The reunion banquet is being held in the world famed diner - The Swallow-Tail Inn. Let's look in and see who's seated at the banquet table.

First we see Harold Bennett - now a eminent metallurgical engineer. His recent discovery of an element - Benadium - has completely startled the world's greatest scientists. Bennett found this element in the seeds of a tangerine. Some 10,000 bushels of tangerines have been consumed by Bennett since his graduation.

The emcee for the evening and seated at Bennett's left is Dick Foltz. At present, he is the owner of a tin mine in Bolivia. He is also manufacturing robots by the thousands. No use has been found for these mechanical men - but at least it keeps his tin mines working. Next to tycoon Foltz is Fred Airgood. Fred in the past 10 years has been crusading the world in the cause of basketball and is the coach-owner of the only pygmy basketball team in the world.

Nancy Pippitt a reporter won acclaim last year when she did on-the-spot reporting of the fire in a rubber plantation in Brazil. Associated Press, fearing that she might not arrive at the scene in time, sent carloads of rubber tires to the plantation to keep the fires burning until Miss Pippitt could arrive. Occasionally Miss Pippitt turns to converse with Joyce Schmitt and Joan Schmitt who are working as industrial nurses in Aunt Jane's Pickle Factory.

Maurice Nicholas and Phil Zinsmaster are partners in a truck farm enterprise in Iowa. Phil has just sold his rights for a new hybrid, the pomato. This vegetable, a cross between a tomato and a potato, will be put on the world market for the first time. Then there is Marilyn Batten now a nurse whom Dr. Schwietzer has summoned to Tanganyika to work with him. She has already ordered her elephant which will be waiting to take her into the heart of the jungle when she arrives at Zanzibar next month.

Harold Birr, industrial engineer, for the Otis Elevator Company - has won recogition for the new elevators he installed in the Pentagon - these elevators go side ways instead of up and down. Seated next to Birr in Miss Pat Stone. She is a protege of Lilie Dache. Miss Stone premiered her latest chapeaux in France - last month. It's gabardine beret with 2 tassels - one converts the hat into an umbrella, the other causes a pair of ear muffs to unfold on either side.

Max Knauss works for Bausch and Lamb. He is telling how he's credited with having ground the lens for the telescope on Mumby Hill, to Miss Stone. Next we see Lonnelly May and Ray Griffith, Lonnell has just completed some under water photography for Walt Disney. His film gives to the world, for the first time, the life cycle of the deep sea algae. Ray a test pilot for Boeing Air Craft, has won esteem for his non-stop flight around the world in a helicopter.

Also comparing notes, we find Jane Campbell and Linda Flack, Linda is a courr reporter for the U.S. Supreme Court. She is the only known reporter who can type with one hand and take shorthand notes with the other simultaneously. Jane is an appliance demonstrator for General Electric. She is on the west coast demonstrating a new General Electric productElectric roller skates.

Mary Lou Ruggles is a buyer in the dress department of Marshall Field's French room, sales reached an all time high last spring when she introduced a new dress fabric with detachable polka dots. Audrey Campbell is the proprietor of the C.C.C. - Campbells' Candy Citchens. Her lastest delicacy is lemon, peppermint fudge.


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MARY LOU RUGGLES
"With a crown of gold upon her head and eyes of deepest blue, she has a charming manner and proves a friend most true".

Class President 3, Secretary 4; HiLite 1; Cheerleader 3-4; Girls Club 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Pep Club 3-4; F.H.A. 1-2-3, Reginal Officer 1 ; Pep Band 1-2, Band 1-2-3-4; Annual 2-3-4, Co-Assistant Editor 3, Co-Editor 4; Junior Play; D.A.R.


## Seniors

## SALUTATORLAN

## HAROLD ARTHUR BENNETT

To have fun does not always mean to make noise".

Class President 2-4; Varsity Club 3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Ba sketball 2-3-4; Beseball 1-2-3-4, Little League Team at; Junior Play; Senior Play.

CLASS COLORS: "RED AND WHITE"

CLASS SONG: "BLUE MOON"


## FRED TEXAS AIRGOOD

"All the great men die, and I'm not well myself".
Berrin Springs 1-2
Varsity Club 3-4; Hi-Lite 4; Basketball 1-2-3-4;
Football 1-2-3-4; Little League Teams 3-4; Junior Play.

## HAROLD E. BIRR

"The athlete, the student, the man".
Class Treasurer 1; Student Council 2; Vice-President 3, President 4; Varsity Club 2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Captain 4; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Basketball 3-4; Little League Team 3-4; Junior Play; Senior Play.


## MARILYN BATTEN

"Calm and sweet, just grand to meet".
Girls Club 1-2; F.H,A. 1-2-3-4; Annual 1; HiLite 2-3-4; Pep Band 3-4; Band 2-3-4; Pep Club 3-4; Secretary 4; Senior Play.


SHARLENE BATTEN
"Eyes that sparkle, diamond blue, full of fun and kindness, too."

Class President 1, Treasurer 3; Pep Club 3-4; Girls Club 1-2, President 2; F.H.A. 1-2-3, Secretary 3; Annual 3.

North Carolina 1-2-3
Many Activites 1-2-3

LINDA FLACK
"May she never change except in name:"

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Centreville 1-2-3
Class Treasurer 4; Cheerleader 4; Pep Club 3-4; Senior Play.
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MAX L. KNAUSS
''If he works like he plays football, we'll see his name everywhere:"

Varsity Club 3-4, Secretary and Treasurer 4: Football 3-4; Basketball 1-3; Little League Team 3-4; Senior Play.

## RICHARD J. FOLTZ

"Once in a while I study but those times are few and far between:"

Class Treasurer 2; Bend 1-2-3-4; Annual 2; Hi-
Lite 3-4; Varsity Club 4; Football 1-2-3-4; Basketball 1-2; Junior Play; Senior Play .

## LONNELL MAY

"Openly quiet but he often fools us.
Basketball 2; Football 4.

RAYMOND G. GRIFFITH
"His idea of a perfect day, less work and more
play:"
Basketball 1-2; Little League Team 4; Senior Play.


## JOYCE SCHMITT

"'Ever helpful, ever kind, a finer girl you'll neves find:"

Class Vice-President 4; Student Council 4, Secretary and Treasurer 4; Girls Club 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; F.H.A. 1-2-3, Treasurer 2; Hi-Lite 1-2; Annual 3; Pep Band 1, Band 1-2-3-4, Librarian 3-4: Junior Play; Senior Play.


## NANCY ANN PIPPITT

"Her lessons were always done but she still found time for fun."

Class Vice-President 2; Student Council 2; Girls Club 1-2; Glee Club 2-3; Annual 3; Hi-Lite 2-3-4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor 4; Band 1-2-3; Junior Play; Senior Play.

## JOAN SCHMITT

"A good head and a good heart:"
Class Secretary 3; Student Council 4; F,H.A, 1-2-3 Girls Club 1-2; Glee Club 1-2; Hi-Lite 1-2; Annual 2-3; Band 1-2-3-4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Betty Crocker Homemakers Award.

## PATRICIA STONE

"Life is just one darn thing after another."
Girls Club 2; Glee Club 1-2; F.H.A. 1-2.

PHILLIP EUGENE ZINSMASTER
"Everbodys friend, nobodys enemy."
Varsity Club 3-4; Football 1; Baseball 1-2-3-4; Junior Playr Senior Play.


FIRST ROW: Jane Campbell, Joyce Schmitt, Joan Schmitt, Nancy Pippitt,
SECOND ROW: Audrey Campbell,
THIRD ROW: Phillip Zinsmaster.
FOURTH ROW: Maurice Nicholas, Richard Foltz, Harold Birr.
ABSENT: Sharlene Batten, Mary Lou Ruggles.

## Now-1955

Then-1948



FIRST ROW: J. Campbell, J. Schmitt, J. Schmitt, R. Howe, M, Ruggles, N. Pippitt, ADVISOR:

SECOND ROW: F. Airgood, H. Bennett, P. Zinsmaster, D. Foltz, A. Campbell, H. Birr. Mrs. Mattson


## "SEVENTEEN IS TERRIFIC"

"Seventeen is Terrific", the Junior play of 1954 revolved around Chuck Allenby (Harold Bennett) in a life and death struggle to make $\$ 5.00$ to take Ginny (Audrey Campbell) to the Spring dance. It was a very entertaining play, put on by an energetic group of students, the Juniors, who all agree "Seventeen is Terrific".

PHIL DON'T SNEEK UP ON NANCY:


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FIRST ROW: N. Pippitt, J. Schmitt, J. Schmitt, L. Flack, A. Campbell, M. Batten, H. Bernett, SECOND ROW: R, Griffith, P, Zinsmaster, M, Nicholas, F. Airgood, H. Birr, R, Foltz, M, Knauss. ABSENT: Mrs, Mattson, Advisor.
' IF MOTHER ONLY KNEW "

Janet Maxwell $\qquad$ Audrey Campbell Aunt Mary------------------Marilyn Batten Connie------------------------- Joyce Schmitt Betty Lou------------------------ Linda Flack Bernadine---------------------- Joan Schmitt
 Herculas Nelson-------------- Harold Bennett John Maxwell---------------------Harold Birr Gladys Gooch-----------------Nancy Pippitt Charles "Brains" Barke--------- Max Knauss Dr. Jeffry Gooch--------- Phillip Zinsmaster Badge Burns--------------------- Fred Airgood Cops---------------------- Maurice Nicholas Raymond Griffith


HAROLD YOU ARE A REAL CUTE GIRL.
"BRAINS" KNAUSS PROVES HIS POINT.



FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE CLASS PARTY
ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE PROM


CAN THIS BE EVELYN F. ???

NICE WHITE SHIRTS YOU BOYS HAVE;

EIGHTH GRADE HOME EC CLASS
OUR 1955 FOOTBALL CAPTAIN
THREE GREAT PALS

F.H.A. INITLATES NEW MEMBERS



WORKING IN CONCESSION STAND.

Our Junior year has been full of fun and many activities. Class rings arrived and we soon noticed many new "steadies" around school. We have had bake sales, a skating party, cake raffles, candy sales, paper drive, sold wrapping paper, Junior play, cake walk at carnival, and concession stands for our money making propositions The highlight of our Junior year was the prom.

## Juniors

FIRST ROW: P. Yeomans, P. Barkalow, I, Richman, M, DeCola, B, Conenhafer, D, Crotser, SECOND ROW. H, Phenicie, J. Oxender, J. Schneider,
J. Wright, P, Feister, M, Brouwer, S, Chartrand, P. Pride, A. Kroll, B, Schmidt,

THIRD ROW: A. Bennett, C. Hicks, Mr. Ellinger (Advisor).
ABSENT:
C. Dick, C. Huckendubler, J. Dalman, E, Ladd, L. Wagner, E. Griffith, B, Spence, R. Mason. D. Pearson, R, Gentry.
H. Turner, M, Mitchell, C. Krontz,



THIS IS NO BEAUTY CONTEST TOM.

The spirited Sophomore Class started the year by initiating the Freshman students, and giving them a party. Cake raffles and candy sales together with many other money making schemes, have made our treasury grow. We have ordered our class rings, and we are looking forward to receiving them in our Junior year.


## Sophomores

FIRST ROW: C. Klein, S, Shreve, J. Wolfe, N, Mattax. J. Hedges, L. Barnebee, J. Crotser, A. Alber, E, Feltz.
SECOND ROW: P. Androsky, R, Maher, M, Hughes, L. Decola, H, Birr, B. Hamminga, J. Bennett,
J. Howe, S. Roberts, Mrs. Brevfon'e (Advisor).

THIRD ROW: C. Haupton, K, nugney, J, knodes, D, McClish, R, Yeomans, J. Fryling, K,
ABSENT: Batten, T: Pride, T. Fitzstephens, J. Chartrand, J. Bennett. S. Batten, N. Taylor.



FIRST ROW: M, McCain, J. Fryling, B, Kaiser, B, Cooley, K, Milhollin, L, Lafler, R, Anderson, E. Barton, D. Oxender.

SECOND ROW: J. Lee, L. Garman, S. Mangold, C. Ellis, C. Huff, S. Blanchard, B, Smith, S. Adams.
THIRD ROW :
ABSENT:
S. Kline, D. Happel
G. Feister, T. Ruggles, E. Binkley, J. Heath, R, May, J. Fitzatephens, T. Spence,
L., Goudy, D. Truckey, H, Richmond, D. Phenicie, R. Mansmith.
E. Bontrager.

Freshmen

MR. WALLACH, ADVISOR



> FIRST ROW: C. Millard, R. Mumby, P. Rouh, J. Kline, N. Snyder, B. Heister, J. Bennett, R. Davenport, V, Gage.
> SECOND ROW: D. Hochstetler, V. Crotser, S, Millard, S. Wagner, B. Ellis, A. Foltz, S. Baker G. Smalley, J. Takas, S. Truckey, B. Warner, B. Dentler, M, Yeomans, D. Pride, R. Howe.

> THIRD ROW: D. Kauffman, R, Ross, C. Swihart, K. Wright, L. Snyder, P. Sand, G. Adams, L. Millard, D. Stump. J. Sampsell, D. Johnson, J. Brouwer, P. Haas, J. Hover, S.
> ABSENT: M, Batten, D. Bontrager, H, Richards, S. Wagner,

## Eighth Grade

We all hope our future years in high school will be as much fun as our eighth grade. A going away party for Marilyn and Doug Raber was given by our class, and we also had a Christmas party. We have class members taking part in band and little league sports. Our treasury has been enlarged this year by several candy sales.




MR, LOCKE, ADVISOR

Our first year "upstairs" was full of new experiences and hard work. We have started to build up our treasury by having candy sales. We have class members in the Senior band and in Junior band. The boys play on the little league baseball, football, and basketball teams. Four of our girls are little league cheerleaders.


THERE'S A BIG DEAL PENDING HERE,




OUR EDITOR - JANE


THE INSEPARABLES HELEN JOYCE

## STEVE FITZTHOMAS?

THOSE BOBBING APPLES



THE BANQUET WAS A DELIGHT.

Junior-Senior Prom
Buenas veces: Senoritas hermosasy senores bonitos:: The prom given to last year's graduating class by the Seniors of 1955 featured a Mexican touch with the theme "South Of The Border". The dance was held amidst a setting of large sombreros, desert cactus, and under a balloon-filled sky. Senor Larry Rolfe's orchestra supplied the music which was enjoyed by all. Preceding the dance a dinner was served. The Juniors honored the Seniors, and the Sophomores served.
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L. FLACK, M. BATTEN, J. CAMPBELL, S, BATTEN, J. SCHMITT, N. PIPPITT,


F.H.A. INFORMAL INITLATION

F.H.A. WINTER SPORTS PARTY AT ECHO VALLEY


PIE EATING CONTEST WINNERS


PRIMPING FOR THE BAND CONTEST

/ Here you found excitment which made your,CHOOL fall!!




HOME-COMING QUEEN \& COURT Betty Copenhafer (11), Edna Barton (9). Nancy Mattax (Queen (10), Alice Hanspn (12).

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## Student Council

The Student Council, under President Harold Birr, provided fine entertainment throughout the year. The Rhythm Aces drew the biggest hand of any of the assembly programs. We also enjoyed the Hawaiian music by the Galvanos and the sound effects by the Allens. Noon movies helped the treasury. as did the skating party. The Ping-pong tournament provided much interest and excitement.

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EDITOR AT WORK


## Annual

The Green and White Staff has endeavored to place within the bindings of this yearbook a summary of the actions and thoughts of the past year. We have worked hard to produce an annual the school will be proud to own. Joanne W olfe, Shirley Shreve and Jane Campbell collected the advertising. Helen Birr, Joyce Bennett and Mary Grace Hughes did the art work. Jane Campbell and Mary Lou Ruggles were the editors.


SNIPPING AND PASTING
J. Bennett
J. Campbell

SEATED:
STANDING:
ABSENT:
J. Dalman, J. Wolfe, J. Oxendar (Ass't Editor), J. Campbell (Co-Editor), H, Birr, M, Hughes, Mr, Matts on (Advisor).
E, Feltz, J. Bennett, S. Shreve.
N. Taylor, M, Mitchell, M, Ruggles (Co-Editor).



FIRST ROW:
SECOND ROW
Batten, J. Hedges, J Schnelier.
Batten, J. Hedges, J. Schneider.

THIRD ROW : ABSENT: B. Warner, I, Richman, N, Mattax.

Mrs, Breyfogle (Advisor), C. Ellis,"S, Adams, C. Huff, J. Bennett, L, Barnebee,
R. Maher, J. Rhodes, D. Foltz, F. Airgood, T. Pride, R, Hughey, T, Fitzstephens.
B. Hamminga, S. Wagner, J. Stump, S. Batten, S. Truckey.

## Hi-Lite

Our school paper, the Hi-Lite, has been very popular with the students. Nancy Pippitt, the editor, has spent many hours along with her staff collecting information and writing articles. The Hi-Lite contains humorous, interesting articles, sports events, club news, student interviews, jokes, and high school gossip.


MEETING THE DEADLINE
J. Rhodes
N. Pippitt
R. Maher
J. Chartrand
T. Pride


FIRST ROW: L., Garman, S. Mlllard, J. Osender, A. Foltz, M, Yeomans, P, Pride, J. Schmitt, SECOND ROW: C. Millard, M, Batten, E, Barton, H. Phenicie, P. narkaiuw, N, Mattax, D. Foltz, J. Hedges, J. Crotser.

THIRD ROW: E, Feltz, K, Milhollin, D. Bowdish, L. Millard, J. Campbell, E, Ladd, C. Fross, T. Ruggles, J. Schmitt, B. Moughton, P. Haas, D. Oxender, J. Takas, I, Richman, B. Cooley, D. Kauffman.

FOURTH ROW: J. Lee, S, Baker, J. Wolfe, L. Barrebee, S, Shreve, J. Crotser, R, Maher, J. Wright, Mr, Rolfe (Director), D. Stump, J. Fryling, L. Flack, S. Chartrand, P. Androsky, R. Huckendubler, C. Huckendubler, L. Penn, L. Garman, J. Dalman.

ABSENT: S. Wagner, N. Taylor, J. Schneider, B. Kaiser, M, Ruggles, D. Pride, S, Batten.

## Band

OUR BAND DIRECTOR Mr, Rolfe


BAND LIBRARLANS
The marching band with Barbara Cooley as drum major has had a very busy but successful year. The band entertained at the St. Joseph County Fair, and performed at the football games. A first division was received at the marching contest held in Three Rivers. Band Day at the University of Michigan with the Michigan vs Iowa game was full of fun and excitement.

Our concert band has been very active this year. A Christmas concert was given by the band which was greatly appreciated by all who attended: Mr. Meretta from Western Michigan College spent a morning working with us. Students from our organization participated in the solo and ensemble festival. We also had six members appear with the "All-Star Band" at Dowagiac. Many sectional and practice sessions were held when the band was preparing for the contests. We wish to thank Mr. Rolfe for his untiring efforts, services and helpful guidance in making this a successful musical year.
J. Schmitt, L. Garman
J. Campbell



MRS, CROSTER, CHAPTER MOTHER

The members of the Future Homemakers of America with Jane Campbell as President have had a very active and enjoyable year. Both the formal and informal initiations were full of fun and excitement. A style show which featured many lovely clothes and girls proved very entertaining. Skating and tobogganing amusement and sport for all attending an outing at Echo Valley. We sponsored a bake sale to raise funds, and we co-sponsored the "Hog Growers Dinner" with thePep Club. A trip to Grand Rapids was very enjoyable with one girl running for state office.

FIRST ROW: N. Mattax, L. Barnebee, J. Oxendar, E, Feltz, N, Snyder, B, Warner, V. Gage. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Schmidt (Advisor), C. Huff, 1, Richman, P, Pride, H, Birr, J. Bennett, ABSENT: $\quad$ P. Wagner, S. Truckey, M. Batten, N. Taylor, S. Batten.


victory cake

The Pep Club was or ganized for the purpose of promoting good sportsmanship, school spirit, and to help the cheerleaders in putting on skits for the team and the amusement of the students. Our club started out as a small organization in the 1953-1954 school year, taking the place of the Girls' Club. The membershir has increased, much to the gratification of the cheerleaders, during this past year. We helped pay for the new cheerleader uniforms. We earned money by sponsoring a cake raffle and serving a dinner for the "Hog Growers".


## Pep Club

FIRST ROW: S, Kline, L, Laffler, B, Cooley, J. Oxender, M, Batten, E. Feltz, K, Milhollin, D. Oxender.
Mrs, Schmidt (Advisor), C. Huff, L, Flack, N, Mattax, D. Crotser, J. Lee, S. Blanchard, J. Hedges, L. Barnebee, J. Campbell.
SECOND ROW:
THIRD ROW:
ABSENT:
M, Ruggles, N. Taylor, H, Turner.



KNEELING: L. Wagner,
STANDING: R, Gentry, M, Knauss, H, Bennett, R, Hughey, R, Foltz, R, Maher, E, Griffith, H,
Birr, Coach Ellinger, F. Airgood, E, Ladd, J. Fryling, R. Batten, C, Huckendubler,
ABSENT:
D. McGlish, B. Spence, T. Fitzstephens, P. Androsky.

ABSENT: P. Zinsmaster, D. Pearson.

## Varsity Club

POT-LUCK DINNER SO BOYS EAT, EAT, EAT.



FIRST ROW:
SECOND ROW:
THIRD ROW:
J. Schneider, M. Androsky, J. Lomison, L. Hamilton, N. Custard, J. Adains, B, Anderson.
:Ar, Locke (Advisor), W. McCloud, D. Cook, J. Wolfe, L. Flack, J. Kelly, R. Rhodes, R. McNeal.
J. Crabtree, S, Stoldt, C. Goudy, J. Dalimen, E, Ladd, D, Foltz, M, Haas, W. Garvey, J. Stump.

Our Safety Patrol has tried to keep our school free from danger and promote good will among the students. They patrolled the street corners by the school during Safety Week. They see that the students keep to the right on the stairways, and they try to eliminate loitering in the halls. We are especially appreciative of the help given by the grade school students.

TRAFFIC JAM! WANTED, SAFETY PATROL BOY.


## Safety Patrol



## SEPTEMBER

## 7--Back to school

17--F ootball game - Climax here
21--School day at County Fair
24--Beat Burr Oak in football
29--Sophomore candy sale

## OCTOBER

1--Tie game with Schoolcraft
1--Freshman initiation
2--Freshman-Sophomore party
6--Freshman candy sale
7--Senator Homer Fergusen here
8--Football game Marcellus here
$9--$ Band Day at the U. of M.
15--Defeated Constantine there
16--Sophomore bake sale
20--M.S.C. Journalism Day
22--Defeated White Pigeon here Varsity Club cake raffle
23--Senior bake sale
25--Assembly - Rhythm Aces
27--F.H.A. informal initiation
28--Junior candy sale

## NOVEMBER

2--Seventh Grade candy sale
5--Football game at Colon
6--Varsity club carnival
10--Senior chili supper
13--Freshman bake sale
16--Ninth Grade skating party
19--F.H.A. formal initiation
23--Reverend Miller - Thanks giving recess
30--First basketball game at Tekonsha

## DECEMBER

3--Basketball game at Colon
4--Senior play - "If Mother Only Knew"
10--W hite Pigeon here for basketball
13--Sophomore Christmas party
14--Constantine played here
16--Elementary School Christmas party
17--Lost our first game at Marcellus
19--Christmas Band Concert
21--Junior Class skating party
24--Christmas vacation begins

## JANUARY

1--Band Parents dance
3--Back to school
5--Took group pictures for annual
7--Defeated Schoolcraft here Pep Club cake raffle
8--Junior bake sale
12--Freshman candy sale
14--Defeated Burr Oak there

JANUARY (Continued)
19--Served dinner for Little Brothers
20--Centerville basketball game here
Junior cake raffle
F.H.A. Dance

Cherry pie baking contest
22--B and Parents dance
25--Colon here for basketball game
Varsity Club cake raffle
28--Solo and ensemble contest
$30-$-Dr. Fleming talks on Nepal

## FEBRUARY

9--Freshman candy sale
11--Marcellus played here - we won Sophomore cake raffle
13--All-Star Band at Dowagiac
14--Junior candy sale
15--Schoolcraft hands us second loss
16--F.H.A. exchange party
17--Sophomore candy sale
18--Burr Oak played here Varsity Club cake raffle Annual sponsored dance
22--Eighth Grade candy sale
25--Band wins FIRST division in contest held at Kalamazoo. Mendon wins share of the St. Joe Valley basketball title by defeating Centerville. Seas on's record 14-2
26--F.H.A. bake sale Band Parent's dance

## MARCH

1-4 Basketball tournament at Sturgis
8--Senior skating party
9--Freshman candy sale
10--Don Weage - Assembly program
22--Sophomore candy sale
23--Student Council skating party
24--F.H.A. box social
25--M.S.C. Junior mixer - Dr. Guy Hill
APRIL
2--Junior play - "A Case For Springtime".
7--Junior candy sale
8--Baseball gets under way - Burr Oak here.
9--Annual paper drive
10--Easter
12--Sophomore skating party
$15--$ Baseball at Colon
16 --State Band Contest at the U. of M.
22--Baseball at Schoolcraft
29--Constantine here for baseball
30--Junior car wash

## School Calendar-cont'd.

MAY
2--Sorenson - Assembly program
4--F.H.A. style show
6--Centerville for baseball
14--Marcellus here for baseball Junior-Senior Prom
16--Annual Skating Party
19--Baccalaureate services
20--Play White Pigeon there
22--Senior trip begins
25--Senior trip ends
26--Graduation
$27-$-School is out for the year.


SENATOR HOMER FERGUSEN


FRESHMAN INITLATION

PIE EATING CONTEST AT THE VARSITY CARNIVAL



BAND PARENTS' SPONSORED DANCE

ALL-STAR BAND MEMBERS



STUDENT MANAGERS - L, GARMAN, R, RHODES

Sport Snaps


LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STARS
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AT COLON IN SEASON OPENER


MENDON WINS OVER MARCELLUS

PRACTICE SESSION - WHAT'S IN THE BAG?


MENDON AT SCHOOLCRAFT

HUDDLE STRATEGY



SCORES OF GAMES


Tekonsha
Colon
Schooleraft
Constantine
Three Rivers
Centerville
Marcellus
White Pigeon
Burr Oak
Centerville

## Baseball



Our baseball team had a very successful year. Mendin was tied for first place with Burr Oak, White Pigeon, and Colon. Ron Blanchard had the most hits of the year followed by Roger Hughey.


FIRST ROW: P. Zinmaster, H. Bennett, P. Androsky, R, Mc Clish, R, Hughey, T, Fitzstephens, Student Manager-L, Garman.
Student Manager-R, Rhodes, R, Maher, E, Griffith, H. Birr, L. Wagner, E, Ladd, F, Airgood, R, Batten, Coach Ellinger.
R. Blanchard.



WAY TO GO HAROLD'S (BIRR and BENNETT).

SCORES OF GAMES

## Climax

Burr Oak Schooleraft Marcellas Constantine White Pigeon Centerville Colon

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## Football

Our football team under the very capable direction of Coach Ellinger was tied for second place with Schoolcraft. We beat White Pigeon, last year's, defending champs. Harold Birr lead our team as a very competent captain. Max Knauss received an award for the most improved player. We were proud to have Harold Birr and Mac Knauss on the Class D "All-Star" team of Southwestern Michigan. Bill Spence was chosen by his fellow teammates as next year's captain.

FIRST ROW: J. Bennett, S, M, H, Richmond, P, Androsky, J. Rhodes, C. Hampton, T. Ruggles, J. Fitzstephens, R, Rhodes, S, M,

SECOND ROW: L. Garman, S.M., T. Fitzstephens, L. Goudy, F. Alrgood, H. Birr, L. Wagner, E. Griffith, J. Fryling, R, Batten,

THIRD ROW: H. Bennett, D. Pearson, M, Knauss, R. Hughey, R, Maher, R. Mc Clish, W, Spence Coach Ellinger.



FIRST ROW: SECOND ROW:
D. Phenicie, T, Ruggles, J. Bennett, H. Richmond, G. Feister, J. Rhodes, J. Fryling, J. Fitzstephens, T. Spence, I. Pride, D. Truckey, T. Fitzstephens, Coach Ellinger.
ABSENT:

Mr. Mattson has performed a very competent job of coaching the spirited Reserve team. The team was made up of all new fellows this year. Although they lacked height and experience, they were a very eager and enthusiastic ball team.

SPIRITED ACTION AT A HOME GAME.



FIRST ROW: H, Bennett, R. Batten, E, Griffith, E, Ladd, P, Androsky. SECOND ROW: Coach Ellinger, R, Hughey, F. Airgood, L. Wagner, H. Birr, R, Maher.

The Mendon "Green Hornets" have had a very successful year. They have provided many spectators with thrills and excitement. Fred Airgood set a new gym record with 39 points. Mendons ' victory over Marcellus was the most exciting game of the season. For this victory the fellows were rewarded with a beautifully decorated cake. New "warm-ups" and basketball uniforms added color and class to our championship team.

## Varsity Basketball



Cheerleaders
We started the year with six cheerleaders but Mary Lou Ruggles broke her leg at the White Pigeon football game so we had to cheer the rest of the year without her. For our football uniforms we wore V-necked sweaters ond green corduroy slacks. During the football season we decorated the goal posts, made decorations and sponsored a cake raffle.

We had to get new basketball uniforms and we decided to have them custom made. They were made of green and white reversible corduroy skirts with white corduroy blouses. We wore megaphones on the front of our blouses. The Pep Club, Varsity Club and the Student Council helped us to pay for the uniforms. During the basketball season we sponsored pep sessions, decorated the halls and gym and led the cheers at all the games. We wish to thank the student body, faculty, Pep Club and Varsity Club for the support they gave us this year.

FIRST ROW:
B, Cooley, S, Shreve.
SECOND ROW: J. Wolfe, L. Flack, I, Richman. ABSENT: M. Ruggles.


MENDON'S OWN TALENT PERFORMING

## Pep Band

Mendons' Pep Band is made up of earnest, eager students who display their enthusiasm by giving an inspiration to the team, students, and townspeople. We are all very pleased with this peppy organization.

## FIRST ROW: J. Oxender, M. Batten, L. Garman, H. Phenice.

SECOND ROW: D. Kauffman, D. Pride, L. Penn, J. Dalman.
THIRD ROW: J. Crotser, J. Lee, Mr. Rolfe (Advisor), D, Foltz, J. Hedges, J. Crotser, S. Chartrand, J. Campbell.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Ellinger, H. Bennett, R. Maher, E, Ladd, F. Airgood, H. Birr, E. Griffith,
R. Batten, R. Hughey, P. Androsky.

I. Richman, L. Flack, B. Cooley, S. Shreve, J. Wolfe.



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    STANDING: P. Haas, C. Hlckb, T. Pride, L. Garman, L. Penn, J. Bennett,

