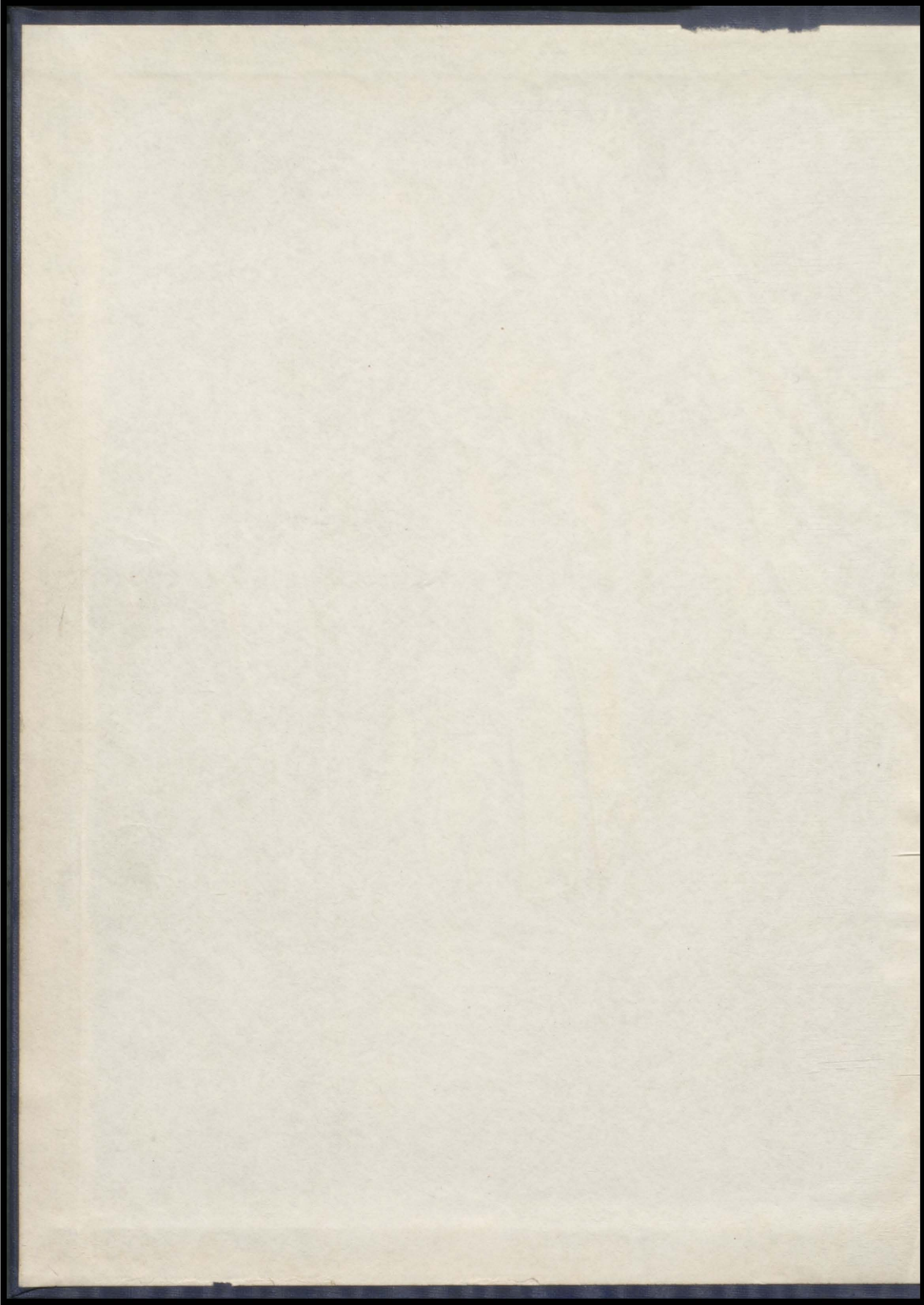
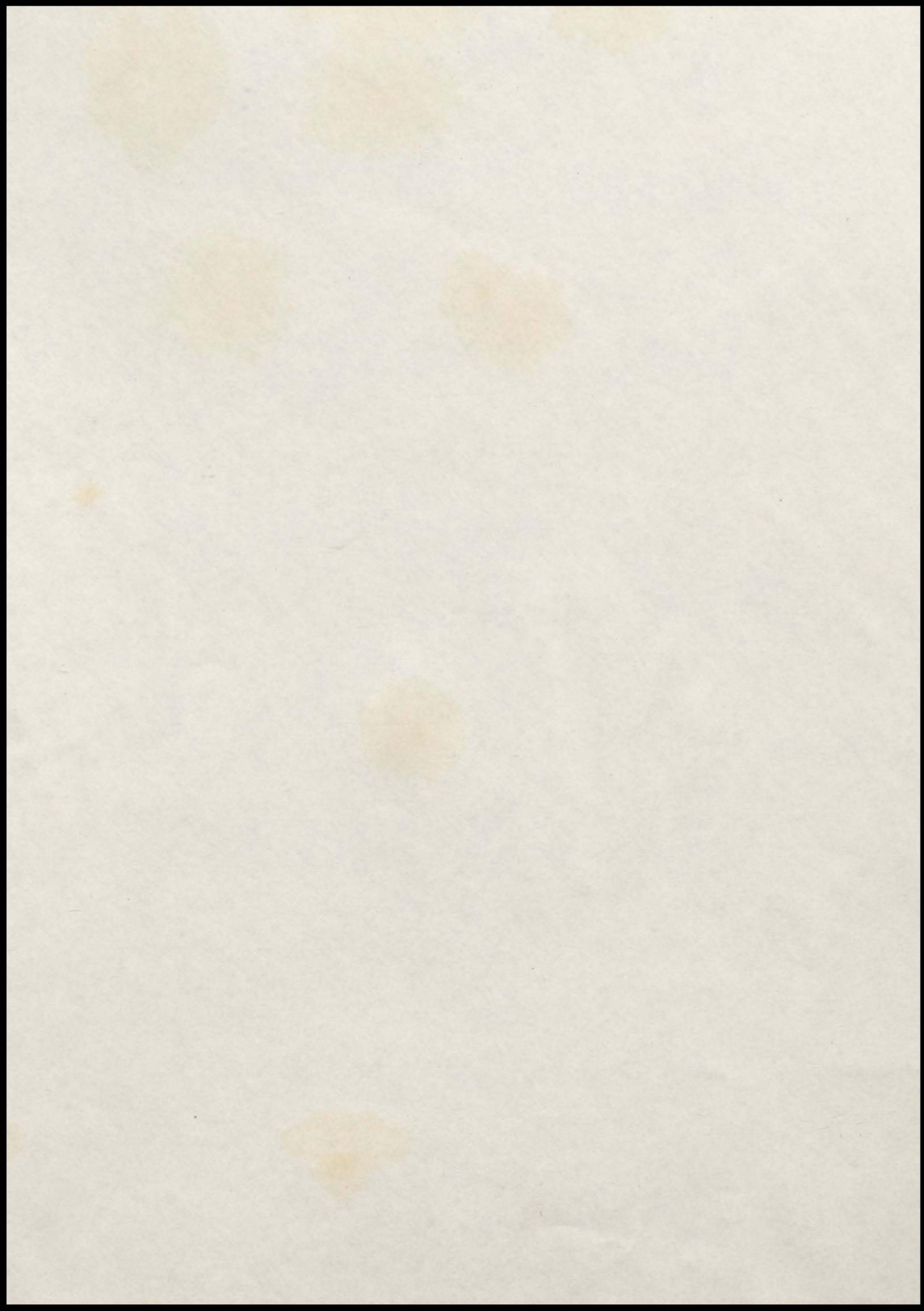


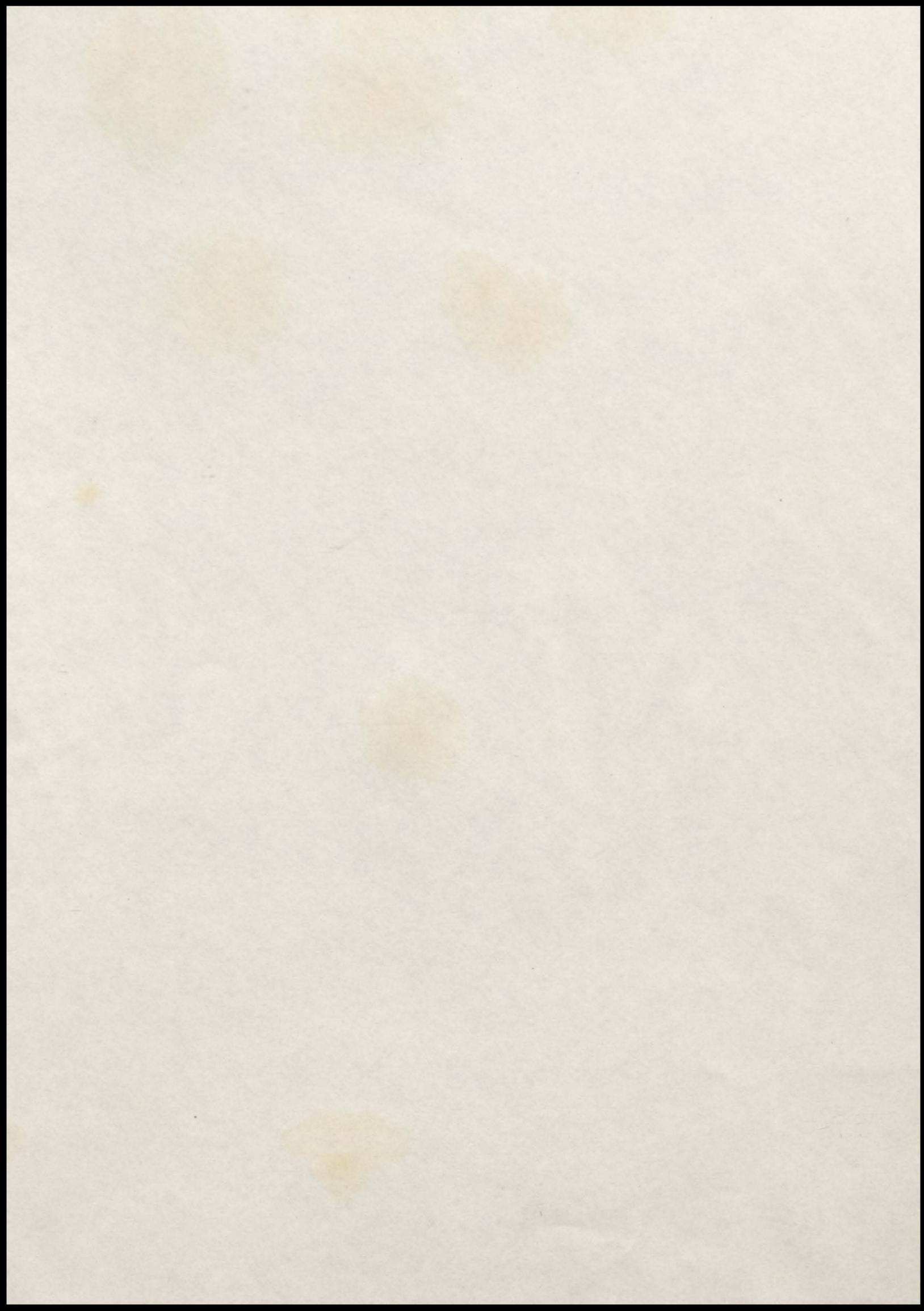
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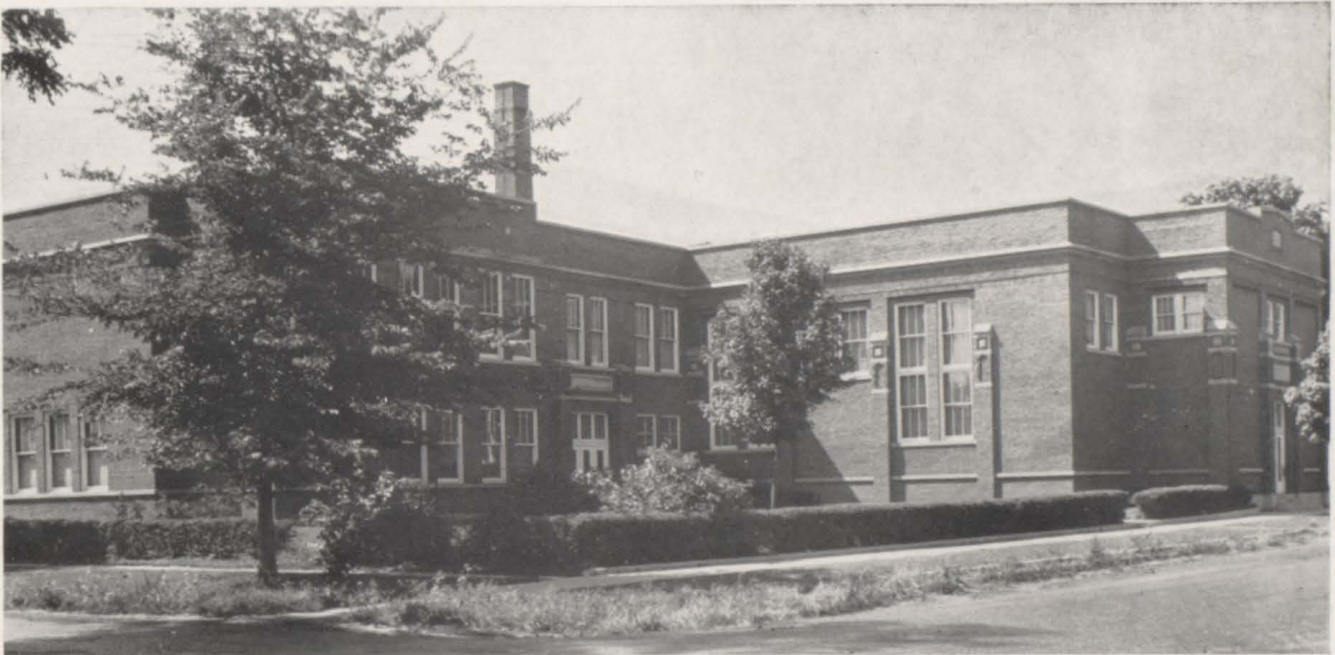


During the past four years, we have made exposures in life's studio of learning some of which developed into only blurred impressions, but most of which resulted in clear ideas that we will keep in our albums of knowledge. In this book, with the help of our good friend, Beto, and his camera, we are presenting to you some of the highlights of our last year at Betohi. We have focused the lens upon all phases of school life, both academic and social.

We believe the bits of high school life we have portrayed in this book will become cherished memories to those who glance upon its pages.

DEDICATION

Mr. Slusser, in his thirteen years of service at Bement Township High School and in this community, has built an institution of knowledge which rates among the highest. B. T. H. S. stands as a cultural monument to his success. For his fine dynamic leadership and his never-failing readiness to help us through the four years of our high school life, we wish to pay him tribute.



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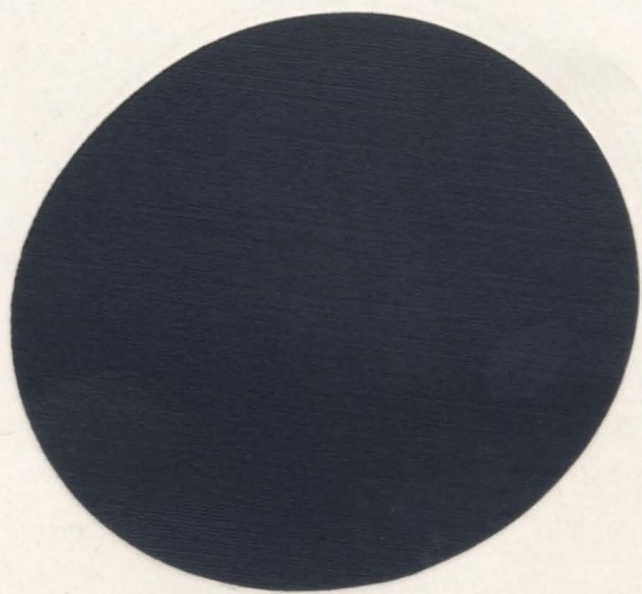


FEATURES



School









MR. SLUSSER—Superintendent

"Success in life is a matter not so much of talent or opportunity as of concentration and perseverance."

MISS SWAIM—Latin, English

"Behold our progress!"—
Hear the tramp of Rome . . .
The broken pillars of the Forum lie. . . ."



MISS ECKLUND—Mathematics

"If a man's wits be wandering, let him study the mathematics; for in demonstration, if his wit be called away ever so little, he must begin again."

MR. KOEPPING—Physical Education, Coach

"Victories that are easy are cheap—those only are worth having which came as the result of hard fighting."



MR. LAIRD—Social Science

"I don't care whether a man is a banker or a bricklayer; if he is a good banker or a good bricklayer, he is a good citizen."

MISS HOUSTON—English

"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man."



MISS PONDER—Home Economics

"The intention of every other piece of prose may be discussed and even mistrusted; but the purpose of a cookery book is one and unmistakable."

MR. HODAM—Agriculture

"The farther we get away from land, the greater our insecurity."



MR. KELLER—Music

"Music is a royal palace fit to meet the majesty of its demands."

MISS CHOYLE—Commerce

"Time that is lost is never found again."



MR. DAVIES—Science

"The science which we know today is but an echo of the eternal and incomprehensible 'music of the spheres' as heard and recorded by the minds of individual men."

MISS BUSICK—Secretary

"As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time."

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

In the year nineteen hundred thirty-six, a line of fifty-eight meek and bashful students entered the portals of B. T. H. S. We elected James Raglan, president; George Loudenback, vice-president, and Scotty Wilkinson, secretary and treasurer.

As sophomores, we elected the following officers: Scotty Wilkinson, president; Barney Slevin, vice-president, and Warren Hendrix, secretary and treasurer.

During our junior year we gave a class play, "Oh Susan." In return for a party given by the seniors, we gave them a Carnival Banquet. This year our class officers were Bud Warner, president; Marie Hampton, vice-president, and James Raglan, secretary and treasurer.

At last we reached the summit. Our activities were directed by Barney Slevin, president; Ralph Rose, vice-president, and Mary Belle Lefever, secretary and treasurer. We also presented another play this year. We enjoyed the usual parties and banquet.

Our class was well represented all four years in the various school activities—sports, music, clubs, dramatics, and social affairs.

Now we must part, each one to develop his own vocation to the fullest extent, but never forgetting his delightful days spent in old BETOHI.

BERNARD SLEVIN "Barney"

"Perhaps I am no student, but I have a way with the girls."

RALPH ROSE "Rosy"

"Smiles and giggles make his labors light."

MARY BELLE LEFEVER "Belle"

"Keep good company and you shall be of the number."

ROBERT STILL "Bob"

"I'll be merry, I'll be free,
I'll be sad for nobody."

JAMES RAGLAN "Dunc"

"Swing and sway the Raglan way."

MARGARET WINZENBURGER "Maggie"

"Wearing all that learning, lightly as a flower."

MARY CONLIN "Connie"

"I am resolved to grow fat and look young till forty."

MARY EMMA BRANDENBURG "Mary E."

"There are brighter dreams than those of fame, which are the dreams of love."

MARION GARDNER "Grinner"

"A million dollar smile."





AGNES HANNA "Aggie"
"When Irish eyes are smiling."

HOWARD MOORE "Hard"
"Give me a car to go see the girl."

MARIE HAMPTON "Butch"
"She did nothing in particular and did it well."



LEWIS BOYD "Buss"
"It's such up-hill work and it takes such a long time."

JEANNE RODGERS "Jeanie"
"A very merry, dancing, laughing maid."

GEORGE LOUDENBACK "Georgie"
"I sleep through class with open eyes."



MARY REDMAN "Madge"
"Changeful is a woman's mood, and varying with the day."

WARREN HENDRIX "Squawker"
"He's a pretty little fellow."

MARJORIE FUNK "Marge"
"I have a man in every port."



HARLEY DAY "H Day"
"I can't saw with a hammer."

LUCILLE HANNAN "Red"
"A quiet girl with many a curl."

ARTHUR SCOTT WILKINSON "Scotty"
"Teachers must be awful dumb, they ask so many questions."



JEAN BRITTENHAM "Scrigate"
"I have one weakness—boys."

ORVILLE WARNER "Hick"
"A weakness for bright colored hose."

BETTY HAINEY "Squeezies"
"Short and sassy this little lassie."



ROBERT DRISKILL "Bob"
"There is not a single moment in life that I can afford to lose."

DOROTHY BRUCE "Sport"
"Oh, I met the best-looking man!"

WARREN METCALF "Cisero"
"A bachelor to convert is no light matter."

LEO DOYLE "Sleepy"

"The early bird catches the worm, but who wants the worm anyway?"

LUELLA WIGGINS "Bill"

"Permit me to talk about myself."

WILLIAM PROCTOR "Bill"

"Good stuff comes in little packages."

GERTRUDE NORBERG "Gertie"

"They think too little who talk too much."

BARBARA STOUT "Bobby"

"Gossip is as natural to women as breathing."

LENA MAE CORNELIUS "Lee"

"Never idle a moment, but thrifty and thoughtful of others."

ROLLA VAN MATRE "Rollo"

"I claim my life is an open book, but like others, I hope the readers will skip a few of the pages."

CECELIA MONAGHAN "Siceily"

"Too much rest itself becomes a pain."

HELEN PORTER "Cotton"

"They say I talk like a book."

BETTY JANE DOTY "Patrick"

"It is her nature to bloom into song as it is a tree's to leaf itself in April."

JULIA McCULLOUGH "Jude"

"Judge not a book by its cover."

KENNETH FISHER "Kenny"

"Saw you the girl? I must possess her."

IRENE FLENNIKIN "Rene"

"A blush is the color of virtue."

EMILY ALICE VANCE "Em"

"Let no man deceive you with vain words."

GLORIA LARSON "Lary"

"A quaint little lady."

FRED LUX "Bud"

"Brother, I'm a sinkin'."

MARJORIE BOGUE "Marge"

"I love its gentle warble,
I love its gentle flow,
I love to wind my tongue,
I love to hear it go."

CHARLES RAY "Stub"

"Where there's a lady in the case, all else must give place."



JUNIORS...



First Row: D. Lamb, Comerford, Camden, Lane, Poundstone, Marker, Scott, Lamkin, Turney, Moery.

Second Row: Petersen, Clarice Lieb, Clara Lieb, Forcum, Appelt, Shepherd, Kitson, Camp, Adams, Ryan, Curfman.

Third Row: Fleming, Wright, Morgan, Evans, Lux, M. Lamb, Gallivan, Probus, Ard.

Fourth Row: Fay, Wallace, Silver, Hendrix, Warren.

Fifth Row: Foran, Schuh, Romack, Clark, Larimore.

Upon entering high school, not being familiar with high school routine, we were vigorously "ha-ha'd" for several weeks until we became accustomed to the procedure. We elected Herb Schuh, president; Bill Hendrix, vice-president; Barbara Camp, secretary, and Bob Scott, member of athletic board of control.

In '38, we entered our Sophomore year with much more confidence. The officers elected were: Earl Poundstone, president; Fred Evans, vice-president; Paul Morgan, secretary, and Wilmer Foran, athletic board of control member.

Resolving to accomplish something better, we entered school as juniors in '39. As officers, the class elected Mildred Marker, president; Earl Poundstone, vice-president; Evelyn Lamkin, secretary, and Bob Scott, athletic board of control member.

The Junior Class was proud to have many participants in football, basketball, and band.

Our class presented the Junior Class play, "Sunbonnet Jane of Sycamore Lane," on November 14. We worked very hard preparing it and were awarded for our efforts by having a record crowd.

The juniors, at the request of the seniors, attended the ghost-haunted cornfield arranged in the gym on Halloween.

Later in the year, the juniors were hosts and hostesses at the annual Junior-Senior Banquet. The scheme displayed the romanticism of the regular Hawaiian beach.



... SOPHOMORES

When we first entered B. T. H. S. in the fall of '38, we considered ourselves sophisticated, but soon we found that our upper classmen thought we were just like all other freshmen, "green." After we had missed a few classes, we settled down and began to feel at home. We selected as our class officers the following: Bob Loudenback, president; Mary Morgan, vice-president; Nadine McKee, secretary; Bob Burgess, athletic board of control member. We had several parties including a wiener roast.

At the beginning of our second year we began to realize how much we had advanced since the previous year. We had class elections and as our officers we elected: Nadine McKee, president; Jack Funk, vice-president; Eleanor Ann Lefever, secretary; Bob Burgess, athletic board of control member.

Our class was well represented in sports. Rosy Boyd helped manage the football team, and made his share of baskets in basketball. Bob Burgess made himself known by his touchdowns in football. Bob Loudenback played both basketball and football. We chose as our Homecoming Queen, Mary Foran. We worked faithfully on our float but were not able to win first prize as we did in our freshman year.

Our class was represented among the cheer leaders by Nadine McKee and Margaret Slevin.

In our first two years of high school we have enjoyed ourselves, and we hope we have contributed our part toward keeping B. T. H. S. the school we are proud of.



First Row: Bruce, B. Day, Ray, Slevin, Shantz, Lefever, Burgess, McKee, J. Funk, Camden, Zook, Pruitt, Auth, M. Lamb, Loomis.

Second Row: Flemmiken, Hamman, B. Funk, Vaughn, Coffin, Morgan, Wright, P. Day, M. Foran, G. Lindstrom, Shumard, Root, Schuman, L. Lamb.

Third Row: K. Hinton, Smith, Redman, Defore, Hannon, Kirk, Sebens, Boyd, Crim, J. Hinton, Roberts, Warren.

Fourth Row: Weber, Flavin, Shepherd, Reeves, Haynes, J. Lindstrom, Eckstein.

Fifth Row: J. Foran, Poling, Loudenback, Fair, Reed, Cahill.



FRESHMEN...



First Row: Kirkland, Lamb, Slevin, Hill, Brown, Auth, Proctor, Taylor, Smith, Slusser, Phalen, Fish.

Second Row: Nichols, Fristoe, Poundstone, Raglan, McCullough, Ball, Bowyer, Spelbring, Farrell, Landis, Luttrell, Jordan.

Third Row: Reeves, Wildman, Comerford, Ellis, Moore, Wiggins, Jones, Tatman, Evans.

Fourth Row: Gardner, W. Foran, Vincent, Lincicum, Camden, Medaris, Fairbanks.

Fifth Row: M. Foran, Knapp, B. Foran, Shirley, Loomis, Gulliford.

In the fall of 1939 the Bement Township High School marked a turning point in the lives of forty-eight boys and girls who were enrolled as freshmen. At first there was some difficulty in getting to the right class room at the right time, but, proving ourselves an unusually intelligent group, we soon overcame these troubles and could no longer be distinguished from our upper classmen.

An example of our superior intelligence was revealed in the election of our class officers who were as follows: Betty Proctor, president; Lois Auth, vice-president; Billy Brown, secretary-treasurer; Paul Taylor, member of the athletic board of control.

Our first gathering, outside of regular classes, was a wiener roast, held at the Forest Preserve Park. Later we enjoyed a party at the school building.

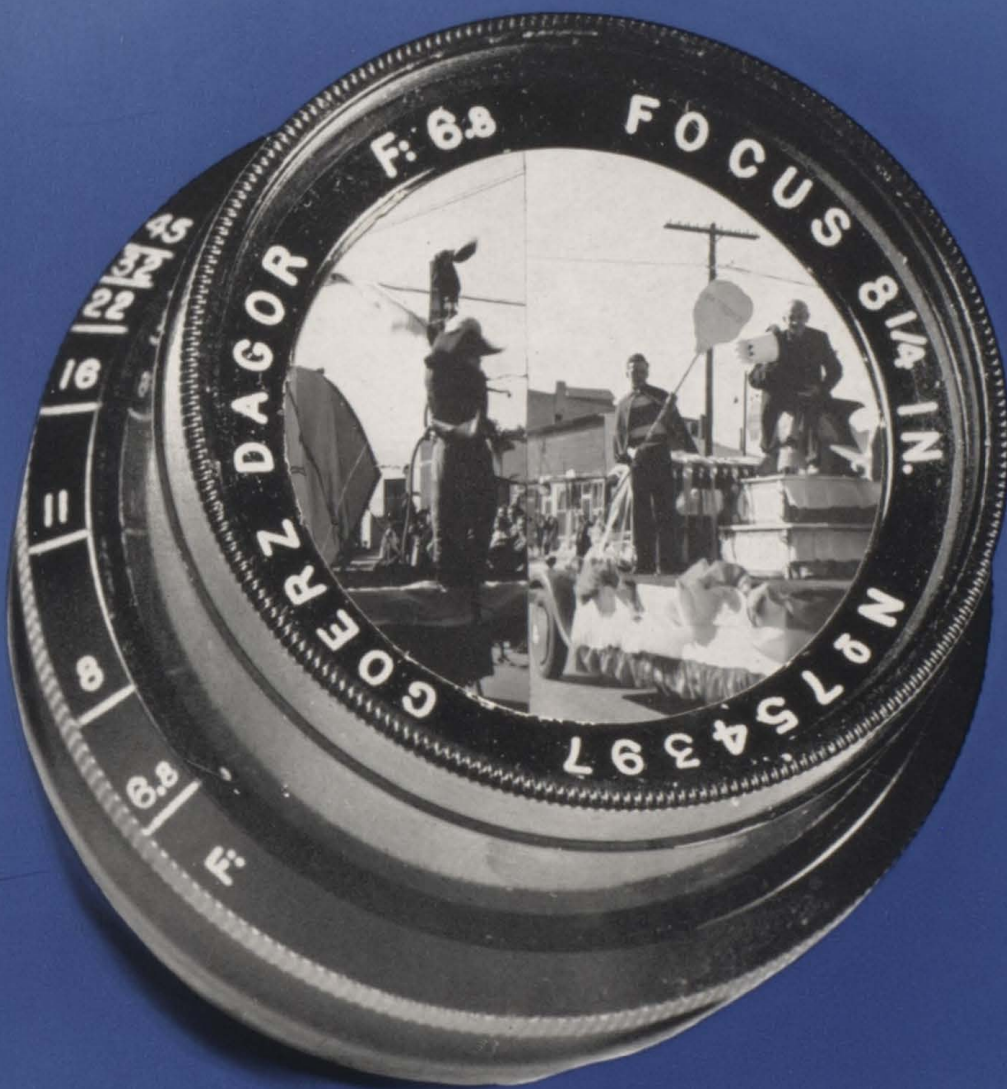
With the help of Miss Swaim and Mr. Laird we labored long on our homecoming float, which proved a great success, and, as a satisfactory result, was awarded first prize. We elected Edna Raglan as our candidate for homecoming queen and were very proud when she was crowned.

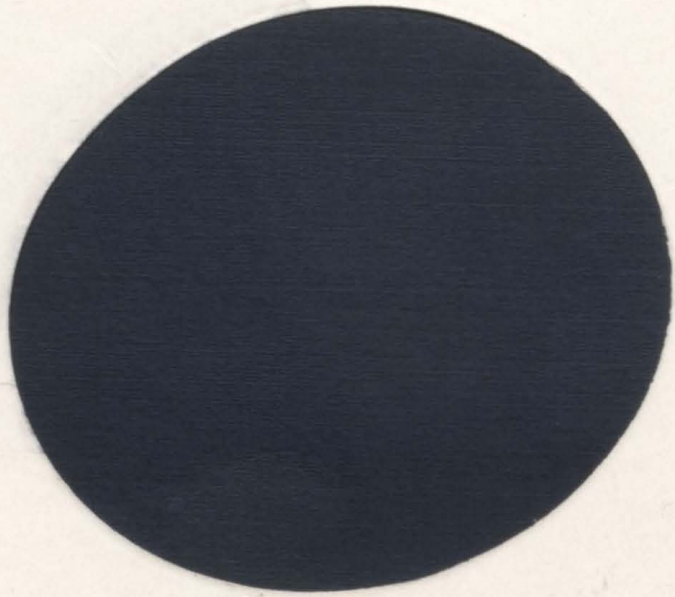
The members of the freshman class were also prominent in the various athletic and musical activities of the school.

As the years pass and our knowledge is increased, we expect to show the Bement Township High School just how much talent, good sense, and good luck entered into the school with the freshmen of 1939.



Activities







ANNUAL STAFF...



The Annual Staff held its meetings every Thursday at 4 o'clock. Let's look through the camera lens at one of their past meetings. We find everything very informal and pleasant, and it resembles a photographer's studio.

In the studio we find the head photographer (or editor), Jimmy Raglan, who supervises the work with the aid of his assistant, Margaret Winzenburger. At this time they are helping the class reporters, Ethel Fuqua, Bill Hendrix, Ruby Fuqua, and Mary Redman, arrange their work just as you arrange the setting for a picture.

The club reporters, Dorothy Bruce and Robert Driskill, are showing the typists, Mary Brandenburg and Bud Warner, how to arrange their material, while Betty Doty and Fred Lux are catching every detail to put into their feature section.

The sports writers, George Loudenback and Charles Ray, are like photographers ready to snap pictures. When they begin to work, nothing bothers them.

Mary Conlin and Ralph Rose have just sold another annual. They are enjoying their best, also.

It is now 5 o'clock, so everything is put away, and everyone is laughing and joking as they leave the building.

First Row: Warner, Conlin, Driskill, Redman, Hendrix, Morgan.

Second Row: Brandenburg, Winzenburger, Lux, Doty, and Bruce.

Standing: Raglan, Houston, Koepping, Rose, Ray, Loudenback.



...NEWS STAFF

On any Tuesday morning during the year, you could hear the clicking of the typewriter in the English room. If you were to have gone in, you would find them preparing their weekly newspaper which was printed in a section of the Bement Register.

Everyone was supposed to be at the meeting by 8:15. Naturally, a few were always a little late, getting personals or finding out the score of the game we had won the night before.

The material had to be completed by 9 o'clock. This included writing the articles and checking through them for errors of any kind. After this was completed, the adviser, Miss Houston, the editor of the paper, or her assistant checked it through for sentence construction and misspelled words. Then if everything was perfect, the words were counted to be sure that all of the allotted space in the paper was filled. At the end of the third hour the business manager took the material to the Register office, and at 4 o'clock the other business manager and the editor went up to proof-read.

Although their work wasn't easy, the members of the staff were well rewarded by the joy they derived from seeing their articles in print.



First Row: Probus, Conlin, Brandenburg, Winzenburger, Shantz, Kitson, Wallace.

Second Row: Raglan, McKee, Houston, Rose, Fisher, Redman, Lamkin, Lamb, Ray.



A CAPELLA CHOIR...



The A Capella Choir of B. T. H. S. is made up of thirty-seven students from all four classes of our school. This chorus is to instruct those students who desire vocal training and also to entertain and to represent our school in the choral contests. The chorus has regular rehearsals on Thursday and Friday mornings at 8:15. The students receive one-fourth credit per year for this course. The chorus assists in presenting a Band-Chorus concert every year. They entered the District Chorus Contest at Bement on March 23 and received a first division rating, thus winning the right to compete in the State contest at the University of Illinois on April 19-20. The voices of the chorus are seven first sopranos, four second sopranos, six first altos, five second altos, three first tenors, three second tenors, four first basses, and five second basses.

VOCAL SOLO

Mary Conlin entered the District Solo contest in Monticello on March 9. She sang "Dream" by Bartlett, and received a second division rating.

BEMENT HOST TO CONTESTANTS

The District Band and Chorus contest on March 23 was transferred from Monticello to Bement because of a severe epidemic of measles and mumps in Monticello. This contest was a big event for Bement with twenty-two hundred high school students being entered in the contest. The contests were held in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches and the grade and high schools.

First Row: Keller, Brandenburg, Farrell, E. Raglan, Ray, Lamb, Camp, Slusser, Winzenburger, Hill, Sebens, Lux, Loudenback, Shirley, Shepherd, Driskill, Warner, Clark, J. Raglan.

Second Row: Fristoe, Camden, Lefever, Ryan, Turney, Foran, Moery, Funk, Conlin, Hampton, Vance, Scott, Knapp, Wilkinson, Tatman, Wildman, Fleming, Fairbanks, Medaris.



...GIRLS CHORUS

The Girls' Chorus is made up of twenty-eight members of all the classes of the school. These girls have two rehearsals a week, held the fifth period on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The voices of the chorus are sixteen sopranos and twelve altos. This class is entirely for the instruction of those girls who desire it. They do not enter in choral contests but receive credit for the year's work. Some of the songs the girls sing are "Sylvia" by Oley Speaks; "Oh Sweet Mystery of Life" by Victor Herbert; "Lullaby" by Brahms, and "By the Waters of Minnetonka," Lieurance.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Just before the school was dismissed for the holidays, the student body was entertained by a Christmas program presented by a group of students. "The Gift Magnificent," a song and story service by Dorothy Schman Sumereau, was presented on Friday afternoon, December 22. Helen Sebens did the reading parts and a special chorus was picked from the contest chorus to do the singing parts. The chorus was attired in white robes and carried white burning candles in keeping with the holiday spirit. The chorus was joined by the entire student body and teachers in the singing of several Christmas Carols after the service. Those in the chorus were: Sopranos, E. A. Lefever, Barb Camp, Virginia Lux; altos, M. Winzenburger, M. Funk, Peg. Moery; tenors, R. Driskill, B. Fleming, Earl Medaris; basses, S. Wilkinson, J. Raglan, Robt. Loudenback; accompanist, Emily Vance. The program was followed by the distribution of treats to everyone.



First Row: Vaughn, Lefever, Camden, Smith, P. Day, Lieb, Conlin, Probus, Ryan, Brandenburg, Moery, Turney, Ray, Foran.

Second Row: Lux, Funk, B. Day, Camp, Allison, Redman, Coffin, Keller, Lamb, Winzenburger, Vance, Sebens, Wright, Flenniken, Hampton.



MIS. MUSIC...



Eugene Wallace, saxophone solo, first division rating.

Robert Loudenback, sousaphone solo, first division rating.

Barbara Camp, piano solo, second division rating.

Peggy Moery, French horn solo, first division rating.

Helen Bruce, flute solo, first division rating.

BOYS' OCTET

A group of boys from the A Capella Choir formed this octet. They helped entertain at the Piatt County Teachers' meeting in Monticello on December 4, 1939, and at the Farmers' Institute which was held at the B. T. H. S. Those in the group were Bill Fleming and Bob Scott, first tenors; Lloyd Shepherd and Ralph Clark, second tenors; Scotty Wilkinson and Bud Warner, baritones; Robert Loudenback and Jim Raglan, basses.

BOYS' QUARTET

These boys were members of the Boys' Octet. They helped entertain along with the octet. They also sang for the Monticello Community club. The boys sang numbers such as "The Story of the Tack" and "The Story of the Bee." Those in the quartet were Bill Fleming, first tenor; Lloyd Shepherd, second tenor; Scotty Wilkinson, baritone; and Jim Raglan, bass.

SOLOS AND ENSEMBLES

These people entered the District Solo contest at Monticello on March 9, and received the following ratings:

French Horn Quartet: Peggy Moery, Mildred Marker, Bob Scott, Burton Tatman—first division rating.

Clarinet Quartet: Barb Camp, Margaret Winzenburger, Emily Vance, Ruth Lamb—first division rating.

Cornet Trio: Robt. Driskill, Lois Jean Ryan, Jim Roberts—first division rating.

Ann Lefever: saxophone solo—second division rating.



...BAND

The band is an organization of fifty-nine high school and grade school students. It has four officers: George Loudenback, president; James Raglan, vice-president; Peggy Moery, secretary-treasurer; and Betty Turney, librarian. The band has three rehearsals a week, which are held the fifth period on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. There are three divisions of the band: the marching band, the basketball band, and the concert band. The marching band supplies music at the football games, the basketball band at the basketball games, and the concert band gives a concert and plays at the band contest. The band goes attired in purple and white uniforms and presents a very striking appearance. The former records of the B. T. H. S. bands have been very impressive. The 1939-40 band gave the annual concert on March 19 and went on to win a first division rating in the District Band concert at Bement on March 23.



The instrumentation is as follows:

Bb clarinets: Camp, Winzenburger, Vance, Lamb, A. Smith, Turney, S. Fisher, Fairbanks, Landis, Sebens, Kirk, L. Smith, Coffin, Medaris, Ray, M. McPherson, C. Bogue, Loomis; Eb clarinet: M. Lamb; alto clarinet: Raglan; bass clarinet: Postlewait.

Cornets: Driskill, Ryan, Roberts, Brown, Shepherd; French horns: Moery, Marker, Scott, B. Funk, Tatman; Trombones: G. Loudenback, M. Funk, K. Fisher, A. Lefever, Slagle, J. Kellar, B. Burgess; Oboe: Hill.

Bassoon: M. Bogue; Basses: R. Loudenback, Clark, Evans; Tympani: Wilkinson; Drums: Wilkinson, Proctor, McManus, W. Lamb; Bass drum: Kirkland; Accordion: Auth; Flutes: Bruce, W. McPherson, Lincicum.

Alto saxophones: Wallace, A. Lefever; Bb tenor saxophone: Stout; Baritone: Fleming, K. Burgess, Fristoe; Soprano saxophones: Barnhart, Lux.

Director
A. R. Keller

Student Director
Scotty Wilkinson



HOME ECONOMICS...



President.....Marjorie Funk
 Vice-President.....Marybelle Lefever
 Secretary.....Alice Fristoe
 Treasurer.....Luella Wiggins
 Sponsor.....Miss Ruth Ponder

Motto: Our club must grow and glow and go
 And we must help to make it so.

The Home Economics club began its regular meetings in September with the officers mentioned above presiding. Their meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month. At each of these meetings, one of the members would lead a discussion on some topic of mutual interest.

Initiation, of course, was soon celebrated. The freshmen who were initiated did everything from smelling rotten eggs to doing imitations of circus people. After the ridiculous fun, a formal candlelight service was held, and the girls were told the aims and ideals of the club.

At Christmas time the Home Economics girls and the Ag boys had a "Get Together" party, and each group contributed half of the expenses.

In came the new year which was Leap Year. Since this comes only once every four years, the girls decided to celebrate in a big way, so they had a Leap Year party to which each girl invited a boy. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing.

The girls closed their club season with an April Fools' party for the mothers.

First Row: Doty, Fristoe, Lefever, Funk, Wiggins, Cornelius, Schuman, Vaughn.

Second Row: R. McCullough, Bowyer, Spelbring, Ray, Auth, Foran, Turney.

Third Row: J. McCullough, M. Redman, Day, B. Redman, B. Funk, Nichols, Smith, and Ponder.

Fourth Row: Curfman, Comerford, Lamb, Defore, Allison, Fish.

Fifth Row: Petersen, Lane, Lux, Brittenham, Wright, and Phalen.



... F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in the public schools throughout the United States. In 1939 there were 200,000 members in 6,000 vocational agriculture departments throughout the United States, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico. The purpose of the organization is to develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership. In order to do this the boys are encouraged to assume responsibilities and learn to express themselves before a group. All meetings are conducted with a strict observance of parliamentary procedure.

The local chapter fosters better projects, promotes scholarships, and provides for recreation in the way of organized games. It stimulates an interest in judging contests, father and son banquets, and other things of interest to farm boys. Among these activities is an annual party with the Home Economics department.

The F. F. A. department in Bement is composed of forty-four members from all four classes of high school. The officers in the local organization are Harley Day, president; George Loudenback, vice-president; Charles Ray, secretary; William Hendrix, treasurer; and Rolla Van Matre, club reporter. This club has been active in B. T. H. S. for nine years. The emblem of the club is neatly engraved upon a small bronze pin. Most of the members wear these pins to signify their membership in the Future Farmers of America.



First Row: Taylor, W. Hendrix, Van Matre, B. Hendrix, Day, Ray, G. Loudenback, Proctor, Burgess, Funk, K. Hinton, Hodam.

Second Row: Wildman, Ellis, Morgan, Lindstrom, Crim, M. Foran, Wright, Shumard, Jones, Medaris, Lincicum.

Third Row: Slevin, Warner, Fay, Fair, Cahill, Reed, Wiggins, J. Hinton, Gulliford.

Fourth Row: Schuh, W. Foran, Haynes, Flavin, B. Foran, Romack, Loomis.

Fifth Row: J. Foran, Moore, B. Loudenback, Fisher, Poling, Larimore.



LATIN CLUB...



President.....Pauline Day
 Vice-President.....Helen Sebens
 Secretary.....Margaret Farrell
 Treasurer.....Ethel Fuqua
 Sponsor.....Miss Swaim

The Latin club was organized at the beginning of the second semester, and the members held their meeting on December 18. At this meeting, the officers were elected, dues were set at fifteen cents a semester, and it was agreed that they would hold their meetings from 8:15 to 9:00 o'clock the first and third Mondays of the month. There were twenty-three members belonging to this club.

The meetings were divided into three parts which were: businss, discussion, and games.

A new topic and leader was chosen for each meeting, so that as many members as possible could lead one of the discussions. The subjects that were chosen were ones which were very educational as well as interesting to the Latin students. Some of the topics which they discussed at their meetings were "Gods and Goddesses," "Roman Burial and Funeral Services" and "Roman Families."

At the end of the meetings, one of the members would lead the group in different games. In all the games played, the members had to use many Latin words. This was very interesting to them, and also helped them considerably in their Latin classes.

First Row: Loomis, McKee, Lamb, Hill, Sebens, Day, Fuqua, Farrell, Shantz, Slusser, Raglan, Pruitt.

Second Row: Jordan, Landis, M. Lamb, Ball, Tattman, Poundstone, Slevin, Smith, Hannon, Lindstrom, Swaim.



... G. A. A.

President.....Lena Cornelius
Vice-President.....Betty Doty
Secretary and Treasurer.....Dorothy Bruce

Peppy! That's the word for the G. A. A. of B. T. H. S. On September 12, thirty-four athletically-minded girls held their first meeting. During that month the girls had a wiener roast. That was the picnic where Miss Ponder and Miss Ecklund imitated Louis and Pasteur. Later in the year, the freshmen were initiated into the organization with a kid party. Some girls even went so far as to have braids and imitation freckles.

Another great event was the week at Camp Kiwanis where Miss Ponder learned just how much some of her girls knew about the preparation of food. The week-end was spent in hiking, swimming, tennis, and eating.

The girls have participated in many activities such as basketball, volleyball, picnics, soccer, baseball, stunt nights, and play days sponsored by the G. A. A. organizations of other towns. From these they have developed such traits as cooperation, quick thinking, and self-confidence. Candy selling was their money-making scheme.

On the whole, everyone is for the G. A. A.



First Row: P. Day, Poundstone, Ball, H. Bruce, Farrell, Bowyer, Raglan.

Second Row: Smith, Camp, Kitson, B. Day, Cornelius, D. Bruce, Ray, M. Slevin, Foran.

Third Row: Ecklund, Porter, Nichols, Klump, Coffin, Slusser, R. Lamb, J. Slevin.

Fourth Row: Adams, Winzenburger, Shantz, Lane, M. Lamb, Wright, Hill.



SENIOR CLASS PLAY

"Spring Fever" was the three-act farce given by the Senior class of 1940. The comedy is the portrayal of college students' difficulties prior to their commencement. The action takes place in Mrs. Spangler's rooming house at Brookfield college. The cast was as follows: Howard Brant, a senior at Brookfield college, Jimmy Raglan; Vic Lewis, an art student, Charles Ray; Anne Purcell, Howard's heart interest, Margaret Winzenburger; Vivian George, Vic's heart interest, Dorothy Bruce; Ed Burns, a chemistry student, Billy Proctor; Lou Herron, a journalism student, Betty Doty; Mrs. Spangler, the landlady, Mary Redman; Dr. Dixon, president of Brookfield college, George Loudonback; Maude Corey, Howard's spinster aunt from California, Marjorie Bogue; Professor Virgil Bean, of the Zoology department, Scotty Wilkinson; Phoebe Purcell, Anne's mother, Mary Belle Lefever; Henry Purcell, Anne's father, Warren Hendrix.



HI TRI

The girls of B. T. H. S. were initiated into the State Hi Tri League this year. The ceremony, which was very beautiful, was performed in the gymnasium by the Sullivan Hi Tri girls.

All of the girls belonged to the same club, but they divided into smaller groups for their discussion periods. These periods were held every Wednesday during the school day, so that all the girls could attend. A different leader was chosen to lead each meeting which was conducted as a round-table discussion.

The ideals which the league stands for are fair play, courtesy, kindness, loyalty, consideration, sportsmanship, friendliness, and truthfulness.

The girls have enjoyed these meetings immensely, and are very grateful to their teachers for helping with them.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The Junior class of 1940 presented on November 1, 1939, the three-act comedy, "Sunbonnet Jane of Sycamore Lane." The action of the play is centered on the young and fun-loving heroine, Jane Jasper. The setting is on a farm in Indiana. The cast was as follows: Sunbonnet Jane, Mildred Marker; Miranda Jasper, Jane's aunt, Kathryn Probus; Grace Jasper, another aunt, Dorothy Petersen; Ollie Dinklebury, a school teacher, Betty Adams; Nola Miller, neighbor girl, Lois Jean Ryan; Crystal Cluett, Jane's cousin, Barbara Camp; Schuyler Pell, Crystal's boy friend, Don Romack; Toby Simpkins, neighboring boy, William Hendrix; Jason Gouch, the man with a grouch, Fred Evans; Douglas Smith, hitch-hiker, William Fleming; Marion Marsh, gentlewoman, Virginia Lux.

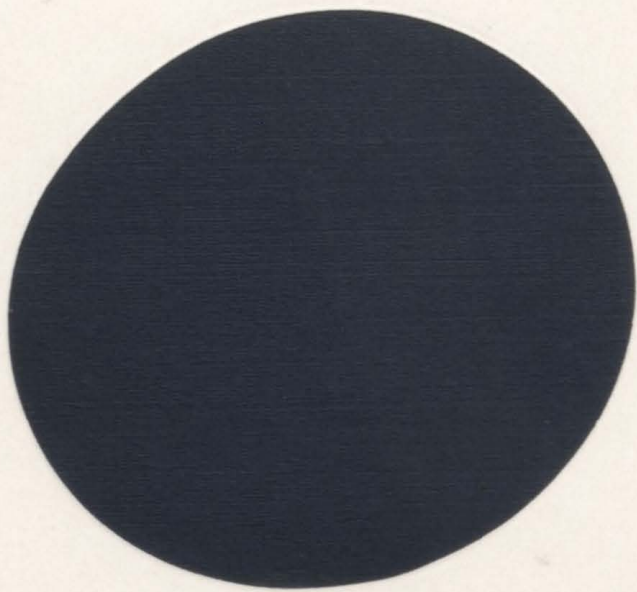


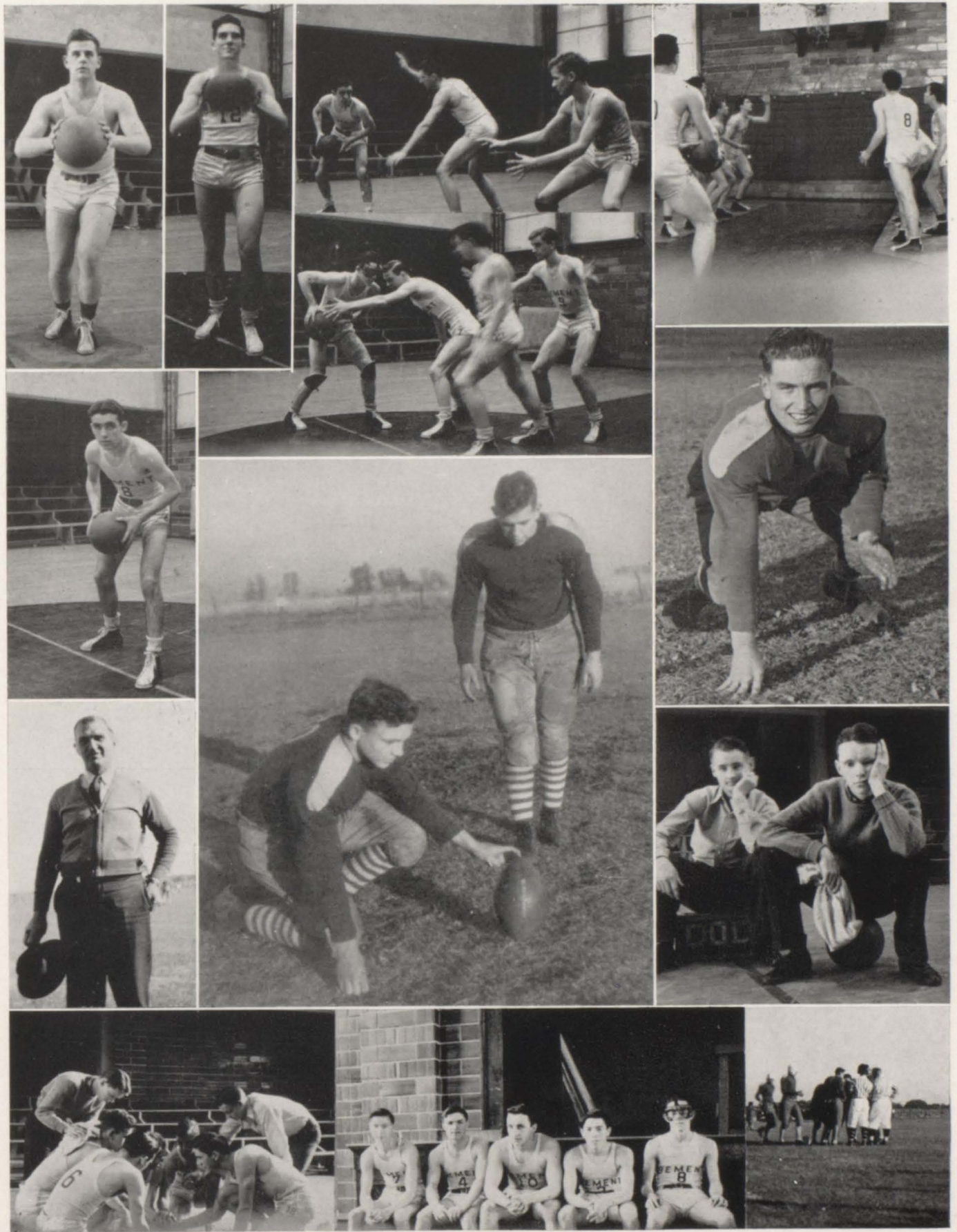
BOYS DISCUSSION GROUP

The boys of the high school have also formed a club for the purpose of carrying on discussions on various problems which are not covered in our regular class room subjects. The boys are divided into four groups: seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen. These groups meet one period a week with their class advisers and discuss those problems which are considered most important by the members of the group. Each discussion group has a program committee and a chairman. The chairmen of the groups were as follows: seniors, George Loudonback; juniors, Bill Silver; sophomores, Robert Loudonback; freshmen, Richard Knapp. These chairmen conduct the meetings according to parliamentary law and direct discussion on the subjects selected by the program committee.

Athletics







FOOTBALL...



Front Row: Slevin, Burgess, Clark, Schuh, Silver, Fisher, B. Foran, B. Boyd, Van Matre, Hendrix, Loudenback.

Second Row: Laird, Ray, Poundstone, Scott, Reeves, Wallace, H. Moore, Still, Raglan, Rose, Gullivan, Wright, Koepping.

Third Row: H. Boyd, Luttrell, Taylor, Camden, Weber, Eckstein, M. Warren, R. Warren, A. Moore, W. Foran, Wiggins, Gulliford, Proctor.

Coach Ernest Koepping, with our capable new assistant, Ray A. Laird, developed the best football team Bement has had in the past three seasons.

Playing an eight-game schedule, the purple won three, tied three, and lost two.

The season opened September 23 at St. Theresa. The purple battled hard and won 6 to 0.

The following week, September 29, Bement journeyed to Arcola and lost their first conference game, 18 to 0.

The Bulldogs battled to a 0 to 0 tie with Atwood in our annual homecoming game October 12.

On October 20, the purple lost a hard fought game to Sullivan 6 to 0.

Coach Koepping's boys pulled a mild upset November 2 by defeating a favored Newman eleven, 7 to 6.

November 10 found the Bulldogs battling to another 0 to 0 tie with the Bronchos.

The annual turkey day game at Monticello, November 23, was turned from what the sages thought would be a push-over into a sparkling victory for the Purple and White to the tune of 13 to 7.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

On November 28, two hundred football fans gathered in the high school gym to pay tribute to Coach Koepping and his hungry Bulldogs. "Fuzzy" Suthard, athletic director of Millikin university, was the principal speaker.



... BASKETBALL

On November 28 the squad began practice. After two weeks of hard work, the Bulldogs opened the season with a blood-warming victory over Arthur. Following two easy victories over Villa Grove and Deland, the Purple lost a one-point decision to Atwood. A temporary let-down followed and the Bulldogs lost their next three games. A victory over Mansfield broke the jinx and the Purple were off on a four-game winning streak. Lovington, Hammond, and Tuscola's powerful quintets fell before the Bulldog's mighty pace. On February 6, following the Okaw Valley tournament, Cerro Gordo's Bronchos defeated the local five for the third time in as many starts.

The following Friday the Bulldogs smashed a cocky Monticello five before losing another close contest to Atwood. In the last scheduled game of the season the Purple easily rolled over Oakland and they were all set to make their glorious bid in the Decatur regional.



TOURNAMENT PLAY

A determined Bement five took the floor in the Decatur Regional and won their first contest by scoring 57 points and completely humiliating a confident Mt. Auburn outfit. In their second contest the Bulldogs fought a huge Decatur five to a standstill for three quarters but went staggering into heroic defeat when they were unable to withstand a Decatur uprising in the last three minutes.

First Row: H. Boyd, Silver, Day, Slevin, Fisher, Proctor, Scott.

Second Row: Koepping, Gallivan, Loudenback, Still, L. Boyd, Clark, Laird.

Third Row: Rose, Taylor, Shumard, Ray, Gulliford, Wilkinson.



BETOHI'S VARSITY BASKETBALL SQUAD

Of the some forty boys who were out on both basketball squads, the following ten carried the burden of the varsity games.

BARNEY SLEVIN, senior—Sparkplug of the Bement team. Was noted for his clever dribbling, deceptive passing, and accurate shooting. Barney, proclaimed by many as one of Central Illinois' outstanding players, was by far the Okaw's most brilliant. He was Bement's leading scorer and second high in the Okaw.

"BUSS" BOYD, senior—"Buss" was a good floor man and a very capable defensive player. He was an excellent rebounder and probably the calmest player on the team.

"KENNY" FISHER, senior—When he was "hot" he was a dangerous long range shot. "Kenny" also was an asset to the offense and defense because of his rebounding ability.

ROBERT STILL, senior—After overcoming an attack of "fumble-itis" Bob came into his own in the latter part of the season to turn in some excellent jobs at center.

ROBERT SCOTT, junior—Bob was a clever ball handler and dribbler who was wiry enough to slip away from his man. He was an experienced player, consistent scorer, and second highest on the squad.

ROBERT LOUDENBACK, sophomore—Although only a sophomore, "Bob" was the tallest boy on the squad and played enough to earn his letter. Because of his size he was able to "rough" it up and should prove valuable to the team next season.

BILL SILVER, junior—Although not a regular, Bill was clever and fast enough to earn a berth on the squad. We are sorry that Bill will not be here next year. We wish him well in his next school.

BILL PROCTOR, senior—The shortest man on the squad had enough offensive and defensive ability to be relied on as a substitute.

HARLEY DAY, senior—He had enough grit and competitive spirit to play with the first ten. "H" fooled many a player with his left-handed technique.

HAROLD BOYD, sophomore—"Rosy" was quick as a flash and an accurate shot who will come in handy next season.

TRACK

The first practice of the 1940 track season began March 15. Evidently some interest has been created among the boys because twenty-three candidates reported. This interest should bring some interesting results. Several meets were participated in. The team was composed chiefly of underclassmen; therefore we could not expect too much this year. But in the future these boys should put Bement among the leaders in the Okaw's spring sport.

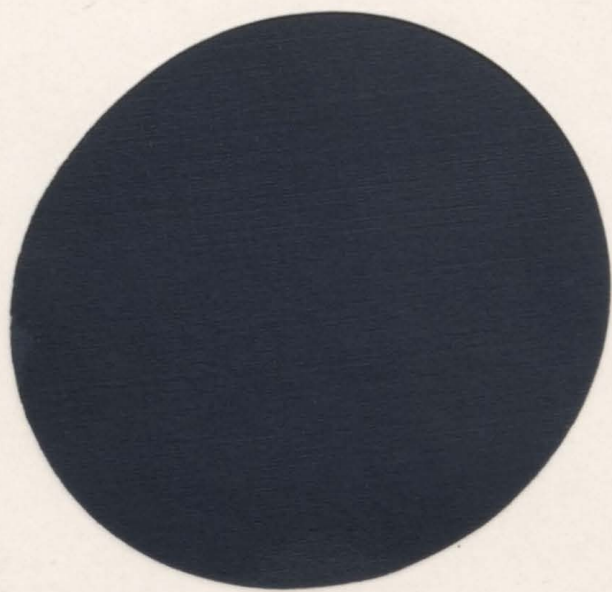
MANAGERS

Although the "bally-hoo" goes to the players, let's not forget the boys behind the scenes who do all the dirty work. They are the victims of the team's reactions after defeat and of their high spirits after victory. It takes a lot of grit to be a manager, and Bill Proctor and "Rosy" Boyd had enough of it to stick with the football team, while Scotty Wilkinson and Ralph Rose took over the managership of the basketball team. Good work, boys, you really did a swell job.



Features







SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Marjorie Bogue—Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. Play 1; Junior Play; Hi-Tri Officer 4; Home Ec. 1.

Lewis Boyd—B. B. 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; B. Club 3, 4; F. F. A. 3.

Mary Brandenburg—Glee Club 3, 4; L. O. V. 2; State Latin Contest 2; Betohi Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Hi-Tri Officer 4.

Jean Brittenham—Glee Club 1, 2; G. A. A. 1; Home Ec. 2, 3, 4.

Dorothy Bruce—G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. Secretary and Treasurer 4; Home Ec. 1, 2; Home Ec. Pres. 2; Style Show 1; Junior Play; Annual Staff 4; Betohi Staff 4.

Mary Conlin—Glee Club 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. Play 2; Home Ec. 1; G. A. A. Instruction Camp 2; Betohi Staff 3, 4; Hi-Tri Vice-President 4; Vocal Solo Contest 4; Annual Staff 4.

Lena Mae Cornelius—Home Ec. 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. V.-Pres. 2; Home Ec. Convention 3; Ag. and Home Ec. Play 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. Play 3; G. A. A. State Camp 2, 3; G. A. A. Pres. 4; Christmas Program 1.

Harley Day—Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Secretary 2; F. F. A. Vice-President 3; F. F. A. President 4; Judging 1, 2, 3.

Betty Doty—Home Ec. 1, 2, 3, 4; Style Show 1, 2; Christmas Play 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Annual Staff 4.

Leo Doyle—Ivesdale St. Joseph School 1, 2; Choir 1, 2; Football 1; Basketball 2; Bement High School 3, 4; Football 3.

Robert Driskill—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2; Operetta 1, 2; Violin Ensemble 3; All State Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4; District and State Solo Contest 4; L. O. V. 2; Annual Staff 4.

Kenneth Fisher—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Athletic Board of Control 1; B Club 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Betohi Staff 4; Chairman of Christmas Program 4.

Irene Flenniken—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; State Contest Chorus 3.

Bob Foran—Football 2, 3, 4; Letterman 3, 4; Track 3; L. O. V. 1, 2.

Marjorie Funk—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club President 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. Play 2; Orchestra 1; Operetta 2.

Marie Hampton—Chorus 4; String Ensemble 3; Jr. V.-Pres. 3.

Agnes Hanna—Choir Play 1, 2; Bement High School 3, 4; Glee Club 3.

Lucille Hannon—Bement High School 3, 4; Style Show 3; Home Ec. 3.

Betty Hainey—Glee Club 1, 2, 3; State Chorus Contest 3; Home Ec. Club 1; Junior Play.

Warren Hendrix—Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; B Club 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dairy Judging Team 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Sec'y 2; Class Sec'y 2.

Gloria Larson—Home Ec. Club 2; Style Show 2.

Mary Belle Lefever—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Secretary 1; Style Show 1, 3; Home Ec. Treasurer 2; Home Ec. Vice-President 4; Hi-Tri President 4; Senior Class Secretary 4.

George Loudonback—Glee Club 1, 2; Operetta 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Special Orchestra 1, 2, 3; Ensemble 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dairy Judging Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Discussion Club President 4; Christmas Program 1, 2; Betohi Staff 3; Annual Staff 4.

Fred Lux—Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 2; L.O.V. Club 2; Annual Staff 4.



SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Julia McCullough—Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3; Hi-Tri Secretary 4; Style Show 2.

Warren Metcalf—Glee Club 2, 3; F. F. A. 3; L. O. V. 3.

Cecelia Monaghan—Home Ec. Club 2.

Howard Moore—Football 1, 3, 4; B. B. 2; Track 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

Gertrude Norberg—Home Ec. Club 2; Style Show 2.

Helen Porter—Glee Club 1, 2; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. Play 2, 3; G. A. A. State Instruction Camp 1, 2; L. O. V. 2; Betohi Staff 3, 4.

William Proctor—Football 3; B Club 3, 4; Football Manager 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

James Raglan—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; All State Chorus 3, 4; Operetta 1, 2, 3; Band 3, 4; Band Vice-President 4; Class President 1; Class Secretary 3; Junior Play; Oratorical Contest 1; L. O. V. Club 2, 3; Betohi Staff 4; Christmas Program 3, 4; Football 4; Basketball 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Spring Festival 1, 2.

Charles Ray—Beginning Orchestra 1, 2; Violin Ensemble 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Treas. 3; F. F. A. Sec'y 4; Ag. Home Ec. Play 3; Member of Athletic Board of Control 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Basketball Manager 3; B Club 3, 4; Betohi Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

Mary Redman—Glee Club 2; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Style Show 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Betohi Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

Jeanne Rodgers—Ivesdale St. Joseph School; Freshman Play; Sophomore Play; Junior Play; Bement High School; Chairman of Senior Division of Hi-Tri.

Ralph Rose—Senior Class Vice-President; Football 4; B Club 4; Basketball Manager 4; Betohi Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.

Barney Slevin—Glee Club 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Football Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; B Club 3, 4; B Club Vice-President 3; Class Vice-President 2; Class President 4.

Robert Still—Basketball 1, 3, 4; Football 4; Track 1, 2, 3; B Club 4.

Hollis Stout—Glee Club 2, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; L. O. V. 2; Home Ec. Club 2; Betohi Staff 2, 3; Annual Staff 1.

Emily Vance—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Secretary 2; Ensemble 1, 3, 4; Orchestra 1; G. A. A. 1, 2; G. A. A. Play 1; Home Ec. Club 2; Christmas Play 4; L. O. V. 2.

Rolla Van Matre—Glee Club 1; Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1; B Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 4.

Luella Wiggins—G. A. A. 1, 2, 4; G. A. A. Play 1, 2; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Ec. Play 1, 2, 3; Home Ec. Club Treasurer 4; Hi-Tri Financial Secretary 4.

Arthur Scott Wilkinson—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Operetta Orchestra 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1, 2; All-State Chorus 3, 4; Band President 3; String Ensemble 3; Solo Contest 2; Class President 2; Class Secretary 1; Basketball Manager 4; Junior Play; Christmas Program 2, 3.

Margaret Winzenburger—Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 2, 3; Operetta Orchestra 1; All-State Chorus 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 1; Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Solo-Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4; Clarinet Quartet 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 4; G. A. A. Play 1, 2, 4; Junior Play; L. O. V. Club 2; Annual Staff 4; Betohi Staff 4; Christmas Program 3, 4; Spring Festival 1, 2.



CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Bement Township High School, do hereby make this our last will and testament:

- I, Emily Vance, bestow my gracefulness upon Martha Lane.
- I, Betty Hainey, will Betty Adams fifteen pounds.
- I, Buss Boyd, will my black hair to Cotton Wright.
- I, Rollo Van Matre, bestow my speech-making ability to all the juniors.
- I, Warren Metcalf, will my vocabulary to Ralph Clark.
- I, Marge Bogue, will my interest in dark-headed athletes to Inza Forcum.
- I, Mary Brandenburg, will my coveted place in the Three Musketeers to Barbara Camp.
- I, Jean Brittenham, will my love for school to William Hendrix.
- I, Mary Conlin, will my ability to ask "far-fetched" questions to Mid Marker.
- I, Lena Mae Cornelius, will my love for the boys to Virginia Lux.
- I, Harley Day, will my pleasure in teasing Miss Ecklund to all students.
- I, Dorothy Bruce, will my "gift of gab" to Wilmer Foran and Ruby Fuqua.
- I, Betty Doty, will my eating ability to Marjorie Lamb.
- I, Leo Doyle, will my ear for swing to Maxine Appelt.
- I, Robert Driskill, will my fiddling ability to Clarice Leib.
- I, Marion Gardner, will my spunk and smile to Doris Lamb.
- I, Kenneth Fisher, will my custody of a sophomore girl to anybody that will assume the responsibility.
- We, Irene Flennikin and Bob Foran, will our quiet dispositions to Leo Poundstone.
- I, Marge Funk, will my affection for a Hammond Romeo to Kate Probus.
- I, Marie Hampton, will my ambition to become a barber to Don Romack.
- I, Agnes Hanna, will my flashing black eyes to Evelyn Lamkin.
- We, Lucille Hannon and George Loudenback, will our red hair to "Sis" Kitson.
- I, Warren Hendrix, will my liking for a certain Irish lassie to Bill Fleming.
- I, Gloria Larson, leave my timidity to Mary Camden.
- I, Mary Belle Lefever, will my cleverness in Home Ec. to Fred Evans.
- I, Fred Lux, will my booming voice to Wyvonne Comerford.
- I, Julia McCullough, will my studious nature to James Ard.
- I, Cecelia Monaghan, will my place in the assembly to Clara Leib.
- I, Howard Moore, leave "Sis" Kitson under the protection of Floyd Larimore.
- I, Gertrude Norberg, will my military technique to Woody Gallivan.
- I, Helen Porter, leave my Texas Cowboy to Leola Curfman.
- I, Bill Proctor, will my ability to toot my own horn to Carl Faye.
- I, Jimmy Raglan, will my social graces to the new senior class.
- I, Stub Ray, will my "stand-in" with Miss Ponder to Bob Scott.
- I, Mary Redman, leave my fiery temper to Paul Morgan.
- I, Jeanne Rogers, leave my fancy dancing steps to Eugene Wallace.
- I, Ralph Rose, leave my "giggles" to Richard Warren.
- I, Barney Slevin, will my Irish blarney to Herb Schuh.
- I, Bob Still, leave my lankiness to Lois Jean Ryan.
- I, Hollis Stout, leave my gypsy colors to "Peg" Moery.
- I, Luella Wiggins, will my "three V's" to Betty Turney.
- I, Scotty Wilkinson, will my knack for writing songs to Dorothy Petersen.
- I, Margaret Winzenburger, leave my interest in the U. of I. to Mary V. Shepherd.

SENIOR CLASS (Seal)



SENIOR WHO'S WHO

Girl		Boy
Emily Vance	Best Looking	Buss Boyd
Marjorie Bogue	Most Popular	Barney Slevin
Dorothy Bruce	Most Witty	Fred Lux
Margaret Winzenburger	Most All-Around	Warren Hendrix
Luella Wiggins	Most Peppy	Billy Proctor
Margaret Winzenburger	Most Musical	Scotty Wilkinson
Lena Cornelius	Most Athletic	Buss Boyd
Mary Brandenburg	Most Scholarly	Robert Driskill

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THINGS WE CAN'T FORGET

Billy Burr Brown's scout medals.	Richard Knapp's interest in the Townsend Act.
Frank Ellis' shaved head.	Mary Brandenburg's good grades.
Lloyd Luttrell's easy going way.	Betty Doty's big appetite.
Paul Taylor's mischief.	Miss Houston's play directing.
Mr. Laird's way with the women.	Bob Driskill and his violin.
Bob Burgess' football playing.	Marion Gardner's friendliness.
Norma Kirk and her Bobby.	Lucille Hannon's red curls.
Bob Loudenback, our Don Juan.	George Loudenback's trombone.
Margaret Slevin's prattle.	Mr. Davies' ties.
Carl Fay's curly hair.	Nadine McKee's executive ability.
Miss Swaim's amicable personality.	Jim Raglan's wink.
Woody Gallivan's dancing.	Barney Slevin's "out of tune" singing.
Earl Poundstone's cheer leading.	Lois Auth's flirting.
Bobby Scott's basketball playing.	Miss Ponder's strictness.
Eugene Wright's light hair.	
Mr. Hodam's jokes.	



POEMS

"Away back when"—in the third grade to be exact—the thoughts of some of our seniors turned to poetry. Even though the spelling isn't the same as we use today, no doubt here is evidence of genuine talent blossoming at an early age. We are expecting great things from the class of '40.

I like hie up the trees to climb,
To drive horses 2 or 3 at a time,
To play baseball,
7 or 8 games at a time.
by Robert Driskill.

MY PET CALF

My pet calf is black and white,
He plays all night,
With all his might
She has two mates,
With whom she has dates
My pet's mother is red and white,
And I love her with all my might.
by Billy Proctor.

THE SPRING BIRDS

The birds in spring The children go out to play
Always do sing On the bright sunny day.
The robin says cheer up! The birds sing
The wren says get up! In the nice warm spring.
by Emily A. Vance.

THE SWINGS

When I am swinging over the wall
As I almost look like I am ready to fall,
I see the earth, I see the sky,
I see little children,
Like they're ready to cry.
by Lena Mae Cornelius.

MY DOLL HOUSE

I have a little doll house,
When I am feeding my doll
I saw a little house
I screamed for ma
Ma didn't come
Then I screamed for pa
Pa came in an instant
Then there was nothing to do.
by Marjorie Bogue.

PUSSY CAT

As I was going down the street,
Who do you suppose I met.
I met a little pussy cat.
Looking, staring at my hat.
by Dorothy Bruce.

THE PUSSY WILLOW

Wake you little pussy willow.
Spring is here you know.
So wake, you little dear.
I love to see you right here.
Come! you little pussy willow come!
by Jean Brittenham.



CALENDAR

- Sept. 4 Lights! Camera! Action! The camera starts rolling and the first picture is Mr. Slusser making his usual speech to the Freshmen.
- Sept. 15 Sunny weather so we take pictures of Betohi politicians talking up their candidates for class elections held the eighth hour.
- Sept. 18 Night exposure. Mr. Field visits Miss Ecklund.
- Sept. 19 The mercury soars so Mr. Slusser dismisses school early.
- Sept. 23 We get a picture of our first football game at St. Teresa. A good picture! We won!
- Sept. 26 Senior and Freshman wiener roasts at the res. A comic picture—Miss Swaim falling across the R. R. track. She hobbled to school on crutches the next day.
- Sept. 30 G. A. A. attends play day at Monticello.
- Oct. 5 Old Man Weather spoils the sophomore's treasure hunt but they frolic at Betohi instead.
- Oct. 6 Mr. Davies takes his biology class to the zoo in Chicago.
- Oct. 11 A picture of the "mob." All school wiener roast and pep meeting. Bob Driskill, a member of staff, was taken to the hospital.
- Oct. 12 Lots of pictures today. Our Homecoming game with Atwood. 0-0. After the potluck supper, Edna Raglan was crowned Homecoming Queen at the dance sponsored by the P. T. A.
- Oct. 17 Shantz learns in chemistry how to find percentage.
- Oct. 23 We were informed today to keep the corridors clear or pay the penalty.
- Oct. 25 A verbal picture of what a real winter is like. Dr. Greist gave us a talk on Alaska.
- Oct. 26 Pictures taken for the annual. A beautiful lot of models.
- Oct. 27 Seniors given Juniors a Halloween party. Did we scare 'em!
- Oct. 30 Dancing clubs organized.
- Nov. 3 The teachers go to school so they can keep up with students.
- Nov. 5 In an impressive ceremony the Sullivan girls initiated the Betohi girls into the Hi-Tri League.
- Nov. 8 Dr. Talbot from Decatur showed us some moving pictures on T. B.
- Nov. 10 We held our own with Cerro Gordo in a football game. It ended 0-0.
- Nov. 14 Junior play. A successful performance. They rolled them in the aisles.
- Nov. 17 A coming-out party. Our Freshmen were the debs. The Bulldogs bowed before the powerful Tuscola eleven.
- Nov. 20 Miss Swaim evidently has the secret to keeping that youthful appearance. Mr. Laird mistook her for one of his pupils and told her to sit down and be quiet.
- Nov. 23 WE BEAT MONTICELLO 13-7 in the Thanksgiving football game.
- Nov. 28 Football boys honored at the Football Banquet. Much rejoicing over the Thanksgiving day victory.
- Dec. 2 Another comic picture—the football boys eating! Several friends gave them a turkey dinner.



CALENDAR

- Dec. 8 Home Ec. and Ag. party. As the usual write-up is—"A good time was had by all."
- Dec. 12 Basketball game with Arthur. We came out on top 32-29. Mr. Laird won't have his Choyce this year but he will before five years, so say the teachers.
- Dec. 18 Surprise every day this week. First day teachers sang "Silent Night."
- Dec. 19 Ann Lefever read us a Christmas poem in the assembly. We won a basketball game from Deland.
- Dec. 20 Mr. Laird makes puppets so he had a few of them perform for us this morning. One of our feature editors, Fred Lux, was taken to the hospital.
- Dec. 21 Jim Raglan, Bill Fleming, and "Hick" Warner "strutted their stuff" and sang "Jolly Old Saint Nicholas."
- Dec. 22 Opportunity knocks! Everyone sang "Oh Little Town of Bethlehem." Arter Santa Claus gave us treats, we went to the "gym" to the annual Christmas program.
- Dec. 29 Basketball tournament at Cerro Gordo. We placed second.
- Jan. 2 Back to school with lots of New Year's resolutions—to be broken.
- Jan. 5 Cerro Gordo came over to play basketball with us. Victory for them.
- Jan. 9 We are hosts to the Newman basketball team.

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- Jan. 18 Why all the gloomy expressions? Oh! First day of semesters.
Jan. 22 We start a new roll of film. We're back at the same old grind again. Mary Conlin asked Mr. Davies what makes it snow.
Jan. 23 Our basket shooters took Hammond to the tune of 27-26.
Jan. 26 Lady Luck was with us again. We beat Tuscola, too. The "Purples" of the senior class, having won the annual sales drive, were entertained by the "Whites."
Jan. 31 First game of Okaw Valley tournament. The Black and Gold took the Purple and White.
Feb. 6 Basketball (some said it was football) game with Cerro Gordo.
Feb. 8 The Boy Scouts came to school in full dress in honor of National Boy Scout Week.
Feb. 14 Valentine Day. We didn't see any hearts floating around.
Feb. 19 The Seniors were asked to sign their names the way they want them on their diplomas. Won't be long now!
Feb. 20 Mr. Davies came to school "decked out" in a new suit.
Feb. 23 The girls showed the boys how they would do the dating. The Home Ec. girls gave the boys a Leap Year party.
Feb. 28 Bement won the first game in the District tournament from Mt. Auburn 57-53.
Feb. 29 The Purple tossers had Decatur worried until the last minutes of the second game of tournament. Although we didn't play in the third game, we were proud of our team.

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- March 9 Solo and ensemble district contest. Fourteen entries—10 firsts, four seconds.
- March 13 Mr. Hodam fed the members of his evening school. The teachers cooked.
- March 14 The radio was brought into the assembly so that we could listen to the ball game. The basketball boys attended the state tournament.
- March 15 A couple of Indians from the United States Zoological society brought some snakes to school and gave us a show. Miss Swaim was supposed to act as assistant but fortunately the Indians didn't need one. A Capella choir sang for the assembly.
- March 18 Miss Ecklund is making costumes. Could it be her Easter outfit?
- March 20 Band and chorus gave public concert. Scotty Wilkinson featured as composer-conductor.
- March 22 Surprise! The District Band contest was changed from Monticello to Bement. Rush! Excitement everywhere!
- March 23 District Band and Chorus contest. About 2000 students flock to Bement.
- March 25 We have to clean up after the big day!
- March 26 G. A. A. Stunt night.
- March 28 The prospective B club members sang "Oh Johnny" in swing time before the assembly. No wonder we didn't recognize it.

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- March 29 Everyone at the all-school party agreed that it was great.
April 1 Home Ec. girls entertained their mothers with April Fool fun.
April 6 Solo and Ensemble State contest in Peoria. Six firsts.
April 7 John's birthday. 52 years young.
April 9 Start tryouts for Senior play. All of us had our ears tested.
April 11 Athletic letters presented to nine basketball boys, two managers, and seven cheer leaders.
April 12 The Senior play cast was announced.
April 19 State Band contest at Urbana. Farmer City and Newman track meet.
April 23 Atwood guests of Bement in dual track meet.
April 24 Seniors were guests of Juniors. The banquet was a great success.
April 30 Frosh and Sophs test their track ability in meet at Champaign.
May 3 Seniors are given a T. B. test.
May 10-11 District track meet at Monticello.
May 14 Okaw Valley track meet at Monticello. Most important is the starting of Senior Week. Home Ec. girls hold style show.
May 17 Seniors present the three-act comedy, "Spring Fever."
May 18 Why are so many people carrying home a book tonight? Oh, it's the 1940 Betohi just "hot off the press."
May 19 Baccalaureate sermon preached by Reverend P. L. Arnold.
May 20 Class night. We got a glimpse of the future and past.
May 21 We've come to the end of the roll. Commencement night.

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