

THE MALLARD

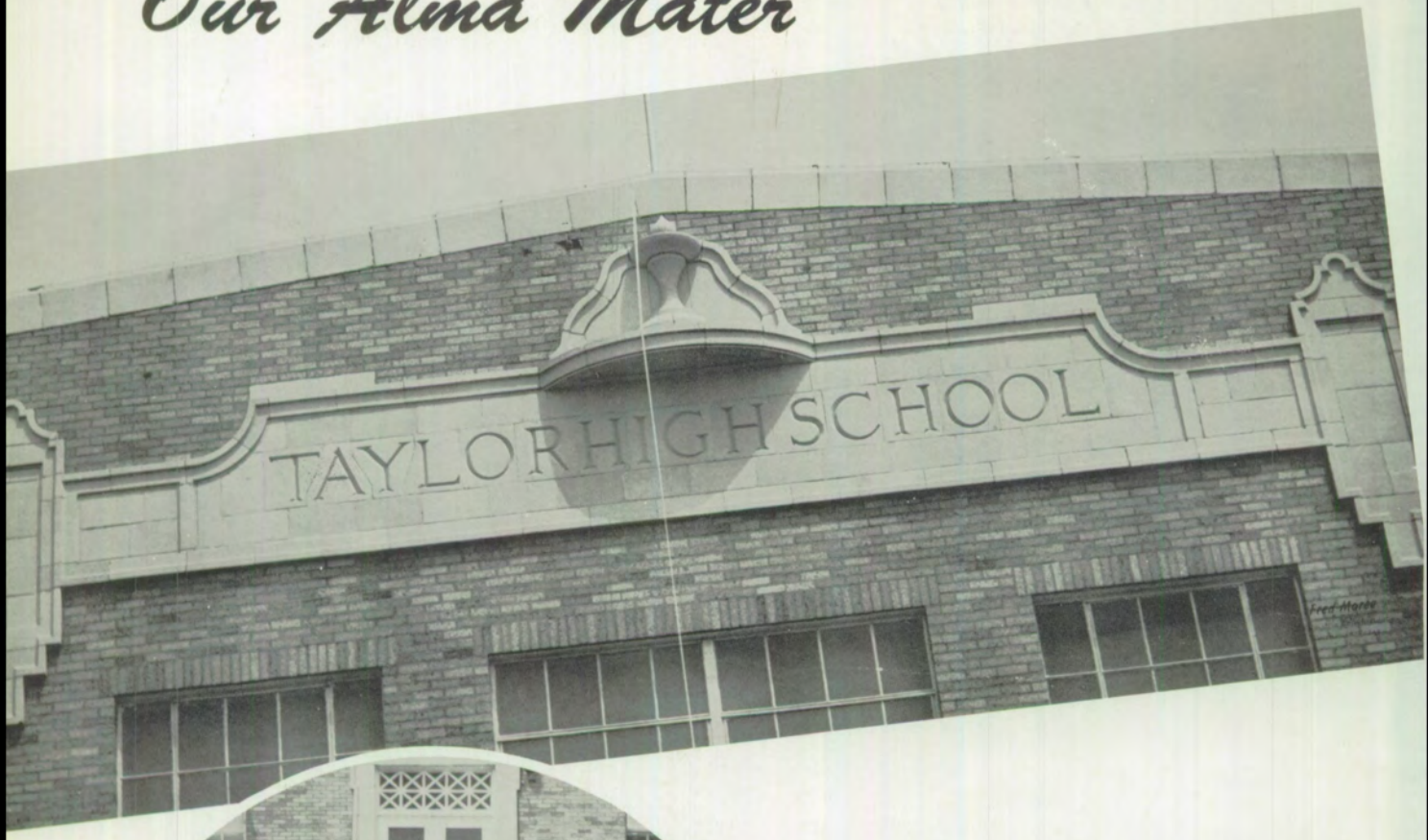
Dear Jimmy
I think you are a real nice girl and hope to follow in your foot steps in the Band
David Ansley

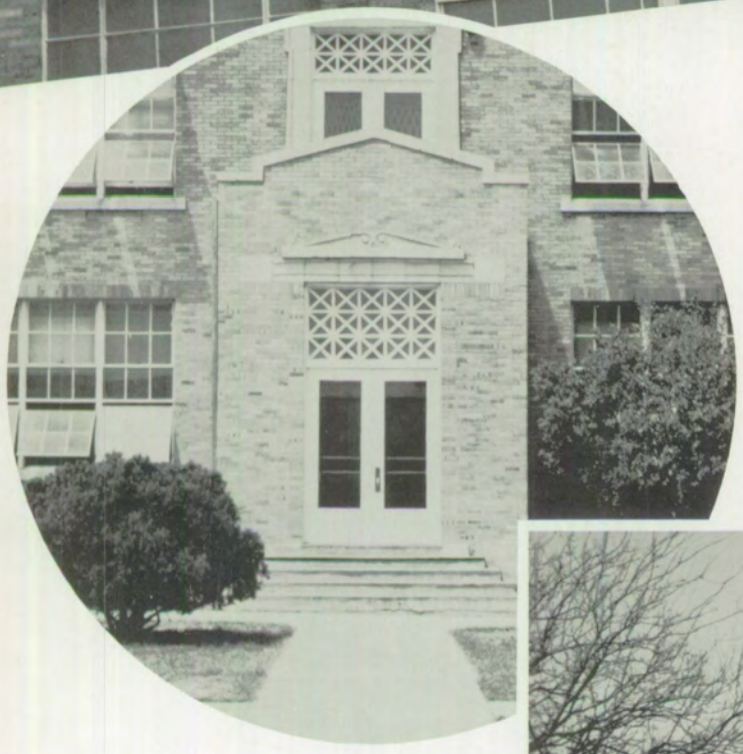


The Mallard 1957

TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL
Taylor, Texas

Our Alma Mater







Dedication



"With your co-operation, Taylor High School can become one of the most outstanding schools in Texas."

These words spoken by Principal Howard L. Oliphint at the first assembly of the year are a statement of his main goal throughout this, his first year at Taylor High, and for all years to come.

Co-operation--among the students and between the students and the faculty--Mr. Oliphint believes to be the basis of all success, whether it deals with sports, District Meet, or any other phase of school life.

Taylor High School is Mr. Oliphint's first concern. He's the first to praise our accomplishments and the first to try to help us correct our shortcomings. To make our school an outstanding one is his desire, and with his optimism and willingness to work, it is sure to go forward.

To you, Mr. Oliphint, who have taught us to look to the future, and to profit by our past mistakes, we dedicate The Mallard of 1956-57.

Foreword





Feet in school...hurrying and scurrying, fast and slow, going to classes and activities.
Feet in heels? They belong to teachers, who do their best to instruct.
Feet in loafers, propped on a chair? Their owner is talking to the person across the table...signifies study hall, of course.
Feet keeping time to the beat of the music, up, down, up, down. Where are they? Certainly, in the band hall.
Feet in white shoes, keeping time with the cadence count? The Greenjackets are marching along, 1-2-3-4.
Feet in track shoes, running hard and fast? Sports! And we've won again!
What, no shoes? Oh, yes, it's a sock hop.
Feet in dressy shoes? They're at a dance or a party having fun.
Feet heading home? Another day is finished.















MR. DON L. SMITH
Vice Chairman



MR. LOUIS J. KINCL
Secretary



MR. DELMER NICHOLS
Assistant Secretary

School Board

Because of the work of this year's very active Board, the O. L. Price School has a new auditorium-gymnasium, a modernized homemaking department and lunchroom, and an improved athletic field. Agriculture students have a new and attractive building for their class and shop work.



MR. JOE BURRUSS
Chairman

The Board sponsored the building of a large and convenient concession stand on the west side of Memorial Field and the improvement of the stand on the east side. The group also accepted the administration of the Melasky Fund.



DR. S. W. LEHMBERG

MR. HENRY PUMPHREY





MR. JOHN V. STILES



Congratulations and good wishes to the student body and teachers of Taylor High School for the far-reaching accomplishments that have been made during the current school year.

To the Seniors, may we convey a hope that the experiences in high school will challenge your best efforts toward a very constructive life as a citizen in the community.

J. H. Johnson

Superintendent

In school we form life-long friendships. But these are not ends, they are but means. These immediate benefits are great; nonetheless, they are incidental. The honors given you are priceless, as they evidence the respect and friendship of your fellow students; they are of real value only as they are true reflections of service rendered and distinction merited.

Our efforts are fruitful, our costs are justified, only if our principles form our character and thus are carried and exemplified outside the school. Nothing should make us forget that all our studies, our efforts, our advancements, are but to strengthen our lives.

With a true perspective, a proper purpose, steady accomplishment, genuine achievement, the value transcends any price we have to pay.

Howard L. Oliphant

Principal



Faculty





ROSS BALDWIN
Commercial Subjects

MRS. CHARLIE BOWERS
Language Arts







H. B. BUTLER
Music

MRS. ROY CAMBLIN
Latin, World History

JAMES COON
Industrial Arts





MRS. R. E. DOLAN
Commercial Subjects

BILL FORD
Coach and P.E.







JAMES GALBREATH
Coach, Mathematics,
American History

TOM GALBREATH
Vocational Agriculture

MISS MILDRED GOFF
P.E.







MRS. ETHEL HODGE
Librarian

MISS FLOY JONES
Homemaking

MR. CYRIL KEITH
Science

Faculty

MRS. FRANCES LEE
Language Arts

RUSSELL LEWIS
Band





MISS RUTH MANTOR
English, Journalism

MRS. EVELYN MORAN
Social Studies
Language Arts

MISS BEATRICE McKINLEY
English, Spanish











MRS. J. K. McWHORTER
Mathematics

MRS. JOYCE SALM
English







RICHARD SHERLEY
Junior High Principal,
Basketball Coach, P.E.,
Mathematics

BOB SHORT
Coach, P.E., Algebra

MISS MYRA SMYRE
Social Studies







PAT TONE
Drivers' Training,
Coach, P.E.

MRS. RALPH BACHMAYER
Office

MISS VELMA LOEVE
Office

Autographs



Seniors





GAYLE AHLGREEN

Always dressed as if she just stepped out of SEVENTEEN--Co-business manager of the COTTON BOLL--Sub-district President of MYF--Quiet, but loads of fun when with her "gang" of Senior pals--Favorite subject is a certain Southwestern student.

SARAH ANDERSON

President of Future Nurses and Library club--A real tease--Hard-working vice president of Luther League--Bound for TLC--Quiet, modest Sarah is a math and shorthand whiz, though you'd never hear it from her.



JEANETTE BACHMEYER

One of the Senior "shorties"--Always baiting, teasing, or laughing--Capably handled vice presidency of FBLA--A typing speed demon--Will make a fine secretary.

Seniors



ELOISE BRACKENRIDGE

"Brack"--Blonde beauty--Efficiently worked on two big jobs of COTTON BOLL editor and Greenjacket president--Witty columns in paper kept everyone entertained--headed for Texas.

CAROLYN BRAKER

"Red" or "Studebraker"--Always perfectly groomed --Naturally curly hair is the envy of all--Prefers Studebakers and a certain boy who drives a Golden Hawk--Secretary-treasurer of Greenjackets.

BARBARA BREZIK

Noted for brains--Active in church work, MYF president--Seldom seen not tickled about something--First drummer in the band--A real TCU-lover and Jimmy Swink-worshipper--Interested in homemaking, wants to be an interior decorator.





BETTY ANN BRUECKNER

One of the Senior beauties: "Miss Alfalfa of '56," second in the "Miss Williamson County" contest, '56, Best-looking her Junior year--The Ag boys' favorite, too--Always smiling or laughing--Toots clarinet in the band.



DOUGLAS CLARK

Was one-man welcoming committee for our Yankee girl--Works after school at Brewster's Radio and TV--Manager of football team his Junior year--It's hard to find anyone who doesn't like friendly Doug.



Seniors

CAROL CRAFT

"George," "Gumdrop," "Crafty"--Brain of the Senior Class--Loves cats--Special talent is spelling--Representative to Girls' State, '56--Always smiling or joking.





SCOTTY DOLAN

Jolly red-head with a million friends--Has more "girlfriends" than any other boy around --Drives a hot rod when he can get it to run--Manager of football and basketball teams and most loyal Duck supporter you can find.





PEGGY EIBEN

Welcome addition to the '56 Junior class--Ring on her finger--In the "Miss Williamson County" contest, '56--Cute blonde, resembles Kim Novak --Treasurer of the FHA.

CAROLYN FALKENBERG

A real sporty gal: volleyball, tennis, baseball --Plans to be a nurse, was prexy of the Future Nurses her Junior year--Trombonist in the band --Has beautiful naturally curly hair.





DONALD GLASER

Wonderful sense of humor--Works at Melasky Drug Store--Bought white Ford by himself--Plays cornet in marching band and stage band--Luther League recreation director--Plays volleyball on District team--Studies hard, works hard.

GARRY GRAU

"Guppy"--End on the 1956 Duck football team--Loves sports in general: hunting, fishing, and especially golf--Active PYF member--Will be Texas Tech's gain next year.



ED GRIFFITH

"Moneybags"--A good math student, he'll probably be a banker like his dad--Kept class funds during that all-important Junior year--Fleet fullback for the grid team, high scorer on the basketball court--Likes to hunt, too--SMU-bound.

Seniors



EDWARD GRIMM

Basketballer with plenty of height--End for the Ducks of '56--Quiet, but when he says something, it's worth saying--Filling station worker--Always with best pal, Wilbert.

SARA LU HARKINS

Sparkling personality with smile to match--Tiny brunette--Vice president of Greenjackets--Bakes delicious cakes--Sports a Thrall jacket--Best ad salesman in Texas--Knows and speaks to everybody.

LORENE HATTERMAN

Busiest girl in the Senior Class--Student Council president, COTTON BOLL'S ace reporter, tireless worker for countless clubs--Famous for job as "stud" of the Junior-Senior, at which she reigned as Princess Snowflake--Campus benches, new honor roll system, National Honor Society--all are work of Council she led.





HENRY HOLUBEC

Carefree joker--Has helping hand for any task, from helping the cheerleaders collect bonfire material to helping the Greenjackets decorate the halls for Christmas--Known mostly as "Henry Hun"--Has lovely blue eyes--Southwestern-bound.

LEON JACOBSON

"Little Jake"--Co-captain of the 1956 Ducks and all-District guard--Voted Best-looking his Junior year, Most Athletic when a Sophomore--President of the choir first semester--Always singing some popular song of the day.





Seniors

DEANNA JOHNSON

"Martha" in the Senior play--Usually seen with a boy named Swede or laughing with pals, Barbara and Carolyn--Headed for Nixon-Clay--Always willing to help--Loves horses.





PEGGY JONES

"Cop's daughter"--Can be easily recognized by her long, naturally curly blonde hair--One of Elvis Presley's greatest fans--Will attend Nixon-Clay.





JACK KEEL

Chemistry genius--Loves science fiction--Baritone player in the band--Known for unusual hair styles --Always with Lee Joe and Gus in their English panel wagon.

NANCY KEMP

Our Yankee from Iowa--"Hey, you guys!" is her favorite call--Usually seen with Doug or with a gang of Senior girls--Peppy Nancy is always talking or joking with her many pals she's made in the short time she's been with us.





SARAH KUEMPEL

Infectious laugh--Has the time of her life wherever she goes--Wears a diamond ring from a boy named Kenny--Has beautiful clothes--Often seen spinning around town in "Aunt Mimie's" Chevvy or Buick.

DAVID McKEE

Always dressed like a "cool cat"--Likes fancy cowboy boots, too--Drives a partially dechromed yellow Plymouth--Likes to draw--Is interested in agriculture, will probably be a veterinarian.



MILDRED MACHU

Loves to dance--A great fan of hillbilly music, too--Favorite pastime is listening to KTAE--Seldom serious, always having fun --Grand disposition.

Seniors



GLADYS MALISH

Hard to find her without her best friend, Mildred, or not laughing about something--A cut-up in chemistry--Sings soprano in the choir--Life should be as much fun to all of us as it is to happy Gladys.

KENNETH MOEHNKE

Mechanical-minded--Putters around in old Ford filled with pals--Loves to dream up odd concoctions in chemistry--Seen mostly with his steady, Joyce.

BOBBY MUELLER

Great personality has won him countless friends --Especially admired by a blond Junior gal--The Ducks really missed Co-captain Louie's services when he was injured before the season opened--Seniors voted him first Top Crop--Shines in track, too; was member of District-winning '56 440 yard relay team.





CLEON NETTLES

Marvelous dancer--Better known as "Dolly" to his many friends--Returned to Taylor from Port Isabel--Tan Plymouth is always loaded with buddies--A real "slick" dresser.

LEE JOE PAVLIK

Master magician and comedian--Always in demand as an M.C.--Cornet player in band, was member of the famous Ravin' Moravians--Eighth Grade favorite--"Legs"--Always cutting up and cracking hilarious jokes.





Seniors

ESTHER PENN

Has a sweet, friendly smile for all she meets --Ideal disposition--Wonderful cook--Loves to sew--Quiet among strangers, but always joking with pals, Lupe and Arlinda.





JAN PLOWMAN

Has she got that spirit? Yeah, man!--First to be both Homecoming Queen and Miss THS--Proudest of all of that Georgetown jacket--FBLA prexy--"Little Eva."





CARL POLDRACK

Hard worker in shorthand and typing and at his job at the Taylor Press--Quiet and shy, but has a friendly smile for everyone--Has already preached at revivals and plans to be a minister.

RICKEY PSENCIK

Led Duck yells with real spirit his Junior and Senior years--Only boy homemaker in the FHA, who made him their beau--"A" team basketballer for three years, and co-captain his Senior year--Teen Den prexy--Always teasing and joking.





BARBARA PUMPHREY

"Pump"--Always being teased and taking it with a laugh--Reporter of FBLA--Brings to mind a good figure and beautiful sweaters and skirts--Will be livening up Southwestern next year--There's never a dull moment when good-natured Barbara Pump's around.

BOBBY RHOADES

"Prince Icicle" of the '56 Junior-Senior--Cowboy of the Senior Class--"Dusty"--Hard worker in Ag --Duck baseballer--Manager of '55 football team --Never seen to frown.



NANCY RYDELL

Voted Most Talented her Freshman year, and the title really fits her: she plays the clarinet and the piano, sings, sews, cooks-- A more ardent Aggie fan would be hard to find--Probably has world's most unusual laugh, which is heard quite often.

Seniors



EVELYN SCHAEFER

Our genuine homemaker, married since December, 1955--A hard worker in everything she does, from putting her home economics knowledge to work to studying diligently on shorthand--Good artist, too--Star volleyballer.





DON JAY SCHMIDT

Really tall!--Interested in Ag work--Never without best pal, Curtis--One of our hard-working farm boys--Blonde flat-top and quiet manner.

ROY SEGGERN

Industrious FFA president--Outstanding Chapter Farmer of 1955--Active member of Thunderbolts --Always winning lime runs in his '32 Chevvy-- Wearing moccasins was one of his favorite fads this year.

ARCHIE SEIGMUND

Three year letterman in football--Often called "Rocky" because of boxing ability, that won him second place in the Golden Gloves tournament of 1956--Track star, too--Likes one thing better than sports, and that's Elizabeth.



DOROTHY SHEPPERSON

One of the class's most honored members: Most Dependable as a Freshman, Most Active as a Junior, winner of the DAR award as a Senior--As a Sophomore she ruled the Latin Club, as a Junior her class, and as a Senior the Band--Coming from Arkansas seven years ago, she's still an Arkansas U. fan.



Seniors

LEONARD SHINN

Writer of "Duck Call" in the COTTON BOLL and third place winner in the state for the column--Active Student Council member, Junior and Senior years--Works at Dairy Queen--Known for hilarious imitations.





JESSE SILVA

Track star as mile runner: third in '56 Cotton Boll Relays and first in '56 District Meet with 4:58--Usually teasing or baiting--Perfect ducks and pretty shirts--Big brown eyes and friendly smile.





BETTY LU SUTTON

"Sutt"--Short and sweet--In "Miss Williamson County" contest, 1956--Another Georgetown lover--Hard-working Betty Lu was most enthusiastic worker on beautiful banquets of Speech Club, of which she was president, and FBLA, of which she was secretary--MYF prexy.

WILBERT VORWERK

Blonde, quiet, and good-looking--An outstanding Future Farmer, Area VII vice president--Guard on the Duck "A" string for two years--Active Luther League president





ELIZABETH VOSS

Beauty with poise to match--Known for good grooming and pretty clothes--Talented artist--Secretary of her class and the Spanish Club her Junior year--"Vossy."

JOHN WELCH

Duck halfback--Best looking as a Sophomore--Most Active as a Junior--Always immaculately groomed--Noted for Ford of unusual blue color--Favorite companion is a cute blonde Sophomore.



JO ANN WENTRCEK

Petite, cute blonde--Mischievous grin--Thoughts are at TLC with Tiger--Stayed in Taylor to graduate, though family moved to Austin.

Seniors



CHARLES WILKS

Parliamentarian of Student Council--Plays clarinet in concert band, was drum major of marching band, plays bass violin in swing band--Sings, too--Runs hurdles in track--Artist.

CURTIS ZIESCHANG

Lives on a farm, likes Ag work, will no doubt be a farmer, and a good one, too--Loves hillbilly music--Quiet, but has a nice smile for everyone --Drives a blue Chevvy.

WILLIAM ZSCHIESCHE

Quiet and smiling, but can do his share of teasing--Often seen at Dairy Queen in gray and salmon Chevvy, or maybe a pretty black Buick--Runs 440 yard relay in track--Was especially hard worker selling concessions as a Junior.







Juniors







ARLINDA BASULTO
CARROLL BRILL
BETTY BRUNKEN

Juniors





LARRY BURRUSS
DAVID BUTLER



ANNA CHALUPA



NINA RUTH CARTER





TIM DABBS
JEAN FECHNER







JANDELLE FOSTER
NANCY FRISKE
PAT GARNER

CARLYN GRAU
TOMMY HALL
NELLWYN HERMANN







Juniors

DAVID HERTZ
GUS HODON

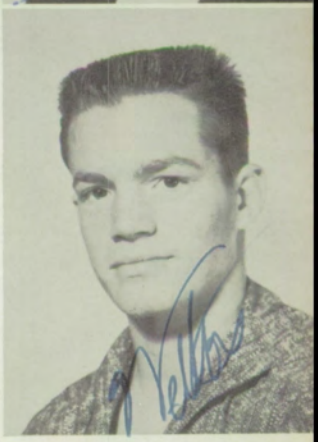






AUBREY HOUSE

WELTON HOUSE







GLORIA JORDAN
EVA KAATZ







KATHY KRUEGER
KENNETH KRUEGER
DONALD KUNZE







GINNY LANGFORD
ROBERT McALPINE
MARVIN McVAY

Juniors





ROBERT MAGER
MILTON MALY



LINDA MARES

KAYE MATTECK







LINDA MATTECK
ELAMARIE MENK







BARBARA MIKULENCAK
JANICE MIKULENCAK
SHIRLEY MINZENMAYER

BENNY MOEHNKE
GILBERT MOEHNKE
YVONNE MOTT







Juniors

DON NOVOSAD
JESSE O'CAMPO







FRANK PULKRABEK

FRANKLIN PULKRABEK







JEANETTE RAESZ
LONNIE RASCHKE







CLAUDETTE RAY
DIANE RICHARDS
ANITA RIETHMAYER







LUPE RUIZ
GENE SCHADE
CLAIRE SHAVERS





Juniors

LEROY SLADEK
JERLENE SORENSON



ALICE STRMISKA

DONNA VALENTA







PAUL WALLIN
BETTY LOU WOLF







VERNETTE WUTHRICH
GEORGE ANNE WYATT
JOE ANN ZIMMERHANZEL



Sophomores






Patricia Anderson
Ernest Ariola
Mary Baker
Emzy Barker





Roy Basco
Ruth Bernard
Alvin Berryhill




Carole Lee Bice
Helen Boudny

Sophomores




Larry Brinkmeyer
Wilbur Brinkmeyer





Jim Bob Brookshire
Nancy Bryan
Herbert Burnap






Alice Carrizales
Ronnie Cernosek
George Cummings
Ralph Czimskey

Virginia Dagerath
Claudia Day
Betty Doss
Wayne Falkenberg






Julie Faltesek
Vinc Faltesek
Judy Ford





Sophomores

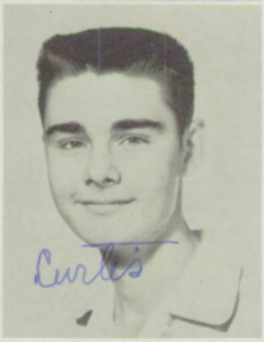
Pat Forrest
Virginia Fritz







Nancy Grimm
Carolyn Hammack


Charles Hanson
Curtis Hehman
Florene Hehman






Edward Hejl
Annette Heye
Barbara Kaatz
Yvonne Kautz






Howard Kiesling
Tommy Kovar
Sidney Kubala
Raymond Kunze





Dawn Lewis
Kay Lindell
Gene Love




Ken McConchie
E. J. McCullough

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Johnnie Matysek
Clarence Meiske





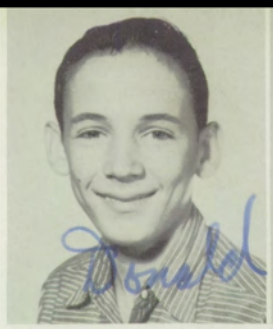
Lu Anna Moore
Bobby Mucha
Bonnie Mucha






James Naizer
Joe O'Campo
Wanda Ohlson
Bob Patterson

Donald Pavlik
Barbara Pfluger
Lois Poldrack
Wilford Preusse






Clarkie Pugh
Gene Raesz
Linda Rainwater





Sophomores

Jackie Remmel
Pat Rigdon







Barbara Rowe
Oittlie Scharschmidt





Herman Schoener
Nancy Sefcak
Tommy Sefcik






Donnie Smith
Robert Stiba
Jackie Stone
Pat Teer






Tommy Waggoner
Karen Wagner
Gloria Weeks
Bettye Wernli





Cara Wernli
Bobbie Wilson
Betty Jean Zurovetz

Sophomores

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Dear "Red" (II),

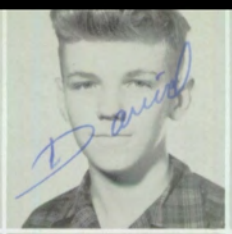
You've always been lots of fun - even if you did ditch us that time, but we needed the exercise anyhoo. Enjoyed hearing you all play in the Swing Band, + the Jr. Band, too. Now we're finally made it to T.H.S. & the Jr. Bands. I'm looking forward to plenty of good times in the next year. Best of luck always.

Love ya!
Jane



Freshmen




Nanette Adams
Carolyn Appel
Gladys Appel
David Arning
Linda Baldwin






Jerry Balusek
Johnnie Bartek
Joyce Ann Bartek
Norman Belicek





Eugene Bittner
Chrissy Blohm
Mary Francis Brown

Freshmen




JoAnn Burruss
Shirley Buzan



Janet Clack




Carolyn Cuba
Betsy Dabbs





Jimmie Davis
Raymond De La Rosa
Alice Faltesek






Wayne Finch
Jana Foster
Lana Foster
Carol Fox







Jim Fox
Karen Gerloff
Sharon Gerloff
Ewald Ging
Wayne Ging

Freshmen

Jeanette Guentzel
Jimmie Hays
James Heffernan
Harvey Hehman
Lloyd Hehman



Jerry Hodon
Lynn House
Gayle Johnson
Jeanette Kaatz



Dennis Kovar
Kay Kreidel
Frank Kropp



Kaye Kuempel
Bobby Limmer



Bonnie McLaughlin
Helen Machalicek



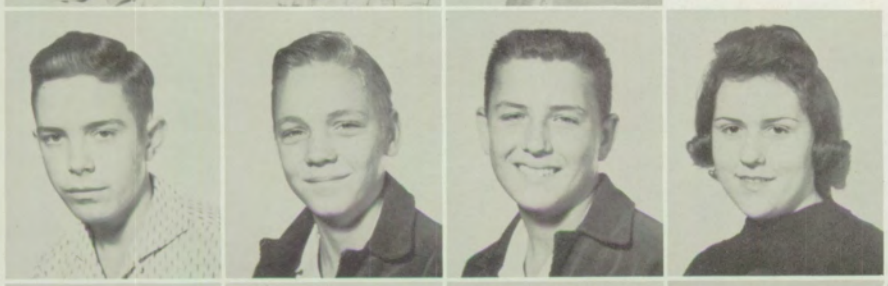
George Lock



Johnnie Frank Machu
Max Morosko
Phyllis Mathiews



Douglas Mikus
Glen Roy Moehnke
Robert Ray Moehnke
Alba Lu Peters



Betty Ann Polasek
Marilyn Psencik
Kelly Reimers
Ned Rhoades
Carolyn Rieger









Herbert Riethmayer
Henry Ripple
Helyne Robbins
Patricia Rohlack
Karen Rydell






Rudy Saenz
Aleen Safarik
Margie Schoener
Ruth Schroeder





Larry Seelig
Sandra Seelig
Richard Slagle

Freshmen




Archie Smith
Diane Smith



Geneva Smith

Jan Smith







Haywood Stanford
Franklin Stiba
Judy Swanson






Shirley Tomancak
Dorothy Travis
Larry Travis
Faye Dean Twidwell







Louis Wentrcek
Kenneth Wilson
Charles Wood
Yvonne Zeplin
Shirley Zuehlke

Eighth Grade



Seventh Grade





Favorites





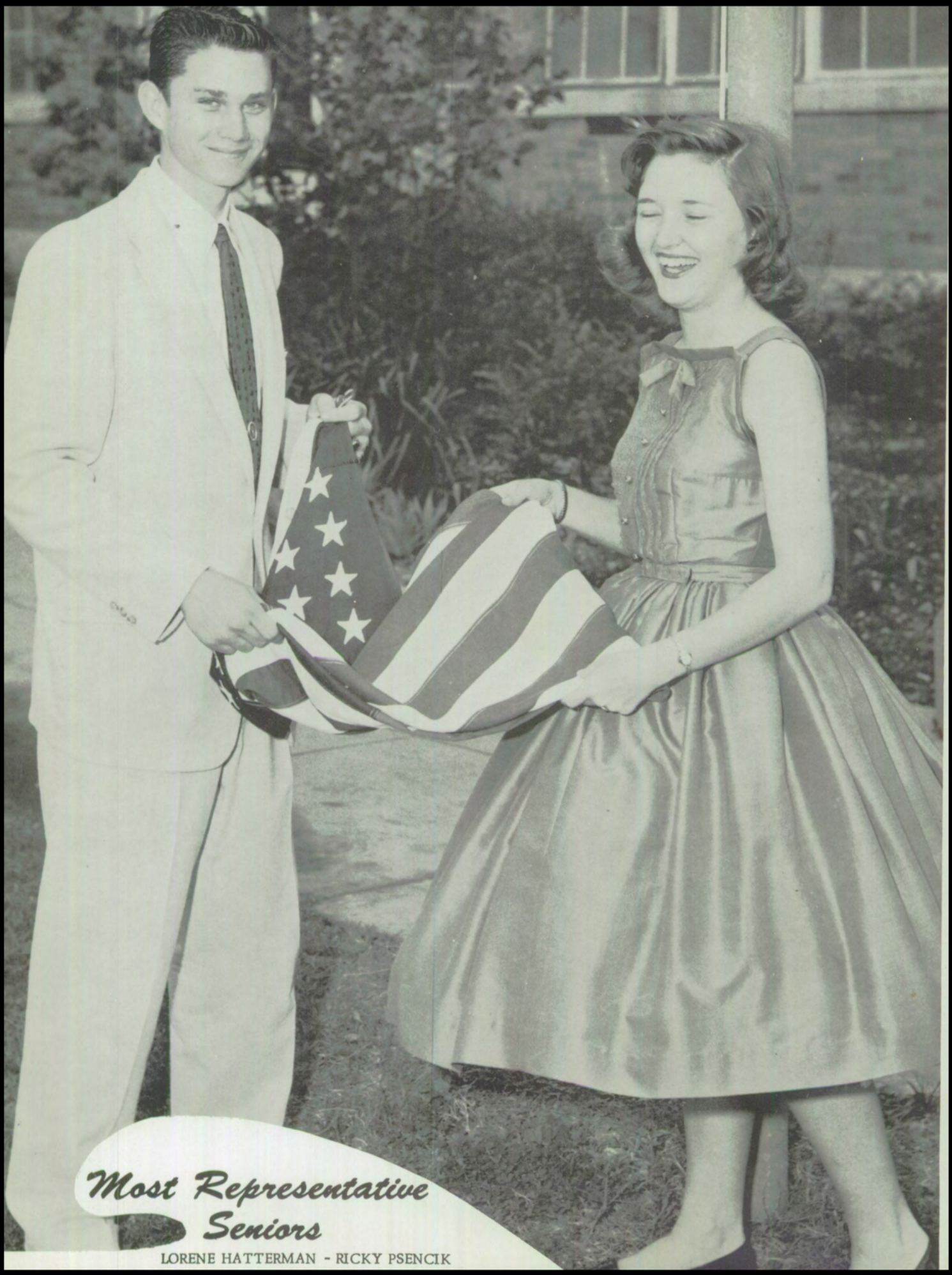
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JAN PLOWMAN



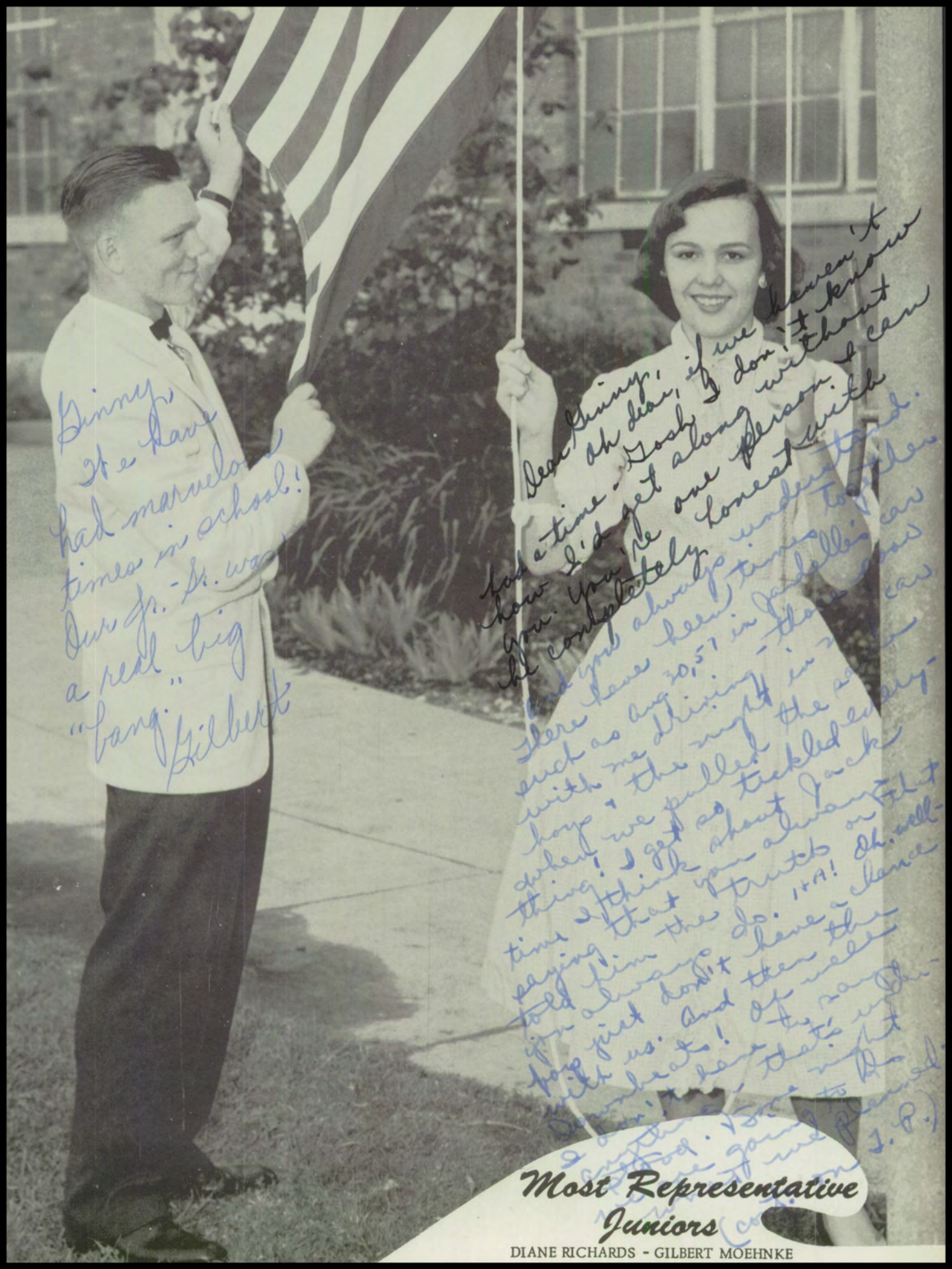
Mr. T. H. S.

JOHN WELCH



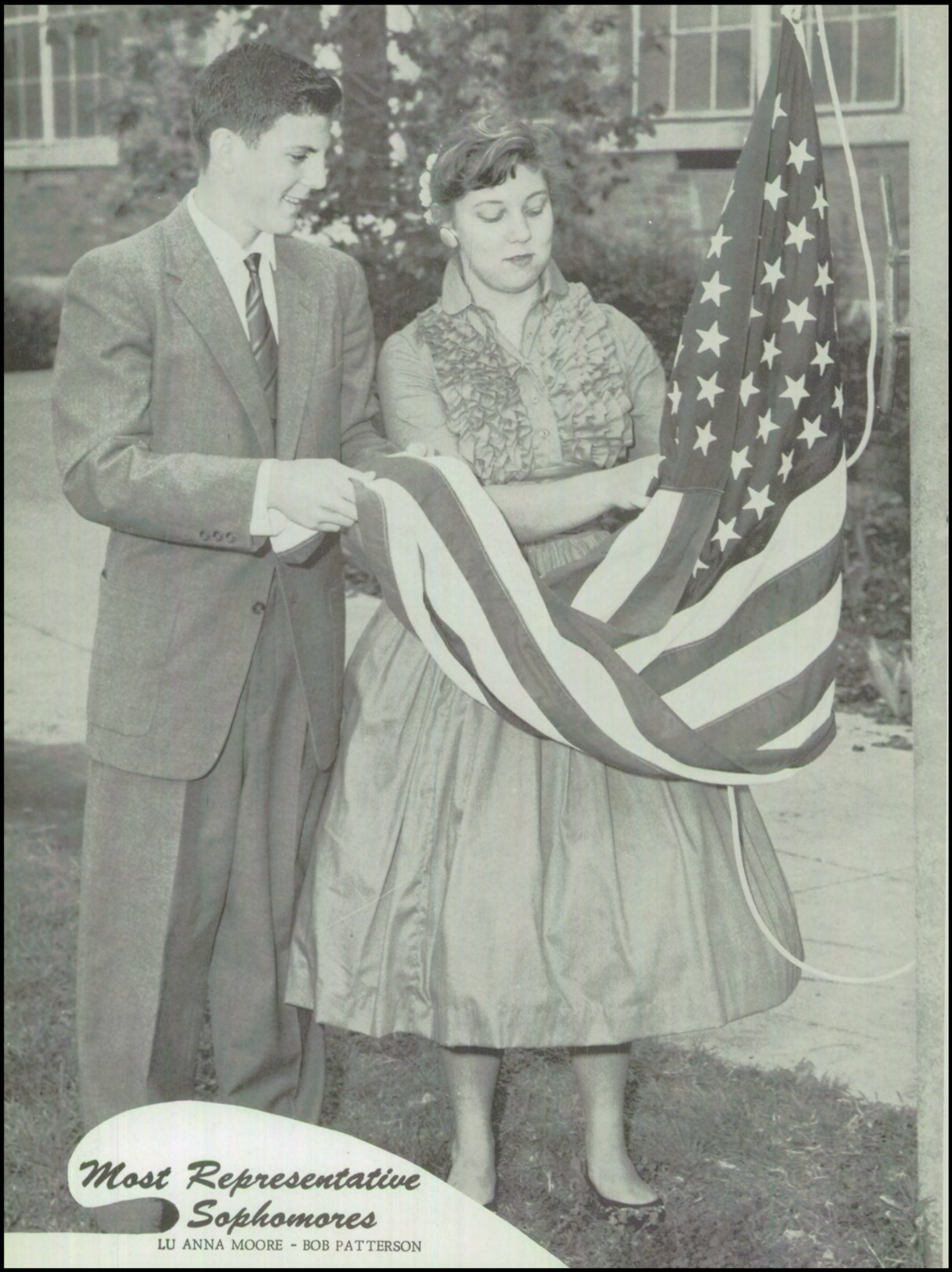
Most Representative Seniors

LORENE HATTERMAN - RICKY PSENCIK



Most Representative
Juniors

DIANE RICHARDS - GILBERT MOEHNKE



Most Representative Sophomores

LU ANNA MOORE - BOB PATTERSON



Most Representative Freshmen

Senior



Best-Looking

ELOISE BRACKENRIDGE

WILBERT VORWERK



Best Personality

BETTY ANN BRUECKNER

HENRY HOLUBEC

Favorites

Most Scholarly

CAROL CRAFT

ED GRIFFITH





Most Athletic

CAROLYN FALKENBERG

ARCHIE SEIGMUND

Junior



Best-Looking

KAYE MATTECK

PAT GARNER

Best Personality

SHIRLEY MINZENMAYER

LEROY SLADEK



Favorites

Most Scholarly

LINDA MATTECK

DAVID BUTLER





Most Athletic

VERNETTE WUTHRICH

DAVID HERTZ

Sophomore



Best-Looking

BARBARA PFLUGER

JIM BOB BROOKSHIRE

Best Personality

KAREN WAGNER

JOHNNIE MATYSEK



Favorites

Most Scholarly

VIRGINIA FRITZ

JACKIE STONE





Most Athletic

JUDY FORD

DONNIE SMITH

Freshman



Best-Looking

JANET APPEL

ROBERT RAY MOEHNKE



Best Personality

LINDA BALDWIN

GEORGE LOCK

Favorites

Most Scholarly

ALBA LU PETERS

RICHARD SLAGLE





Most Athletic

MARILYN PSENCIK

JAMES HEFFERMAN



Eighth Grade Favorites

NANCY HERMANN

BUDGIE FORD

Seventh Grade Favorites

JEAN HUGHES

BUZZY HERMANN





Organizations

Senior Class Officers



FIRST SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - JOHN WELCH
Vice President - - - - - - - - BARBARA BREZIK
Secretary - - - - - - - - - - - NANCY RYDELL
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - SCOTTY DOLAN
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - LEONARD SHINN
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - CHARLES WILKS
Sergeant-at-Arms - - - - - - HENRY HOLUBEC



SECOND SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - - BOBBY MUELLER
Vice President - - - - - - - - HENRY HOLUBEC
Secretary - - - - - - - - - BETTY LU SUTTON
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - CAROLYN BRAKER
Reporter - - - - - - - - CAROLYN FALKENBERG
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - - CHARLES WILKS
Sergeant-at-Arms - - - - BARBARA PUMPHREY

Junior Class Officers



FIRST SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - LINDA MATTECK
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - PAT GARNER
Secretary - - - - - - - SHIRLEY MINZENMAYER
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - GINNY LANGFORD
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - - - DAVID HERTZ
Parliamentarian - - - - - - KENNETH KRUEGER



SECOND SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - LINDA MATTECK
Vice President - - - - - - - GILBERT MOEHNKE
Secretary - - - - - - SHIRLEY MINZENMAYER
Treasurer - - - - - - - - - - - - - PAT GARNER
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - NELLWYN HERMANN
Parliamentarian - - - - - - KENNETH KRUEGER

Sophomore Class Officers

FIRST SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - DONNY SMITH
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - JACKIE STONE
Secretary-Treasurer - - - VIRGINIA DAGERATH
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - GEORGE CUMINGS





SECOND SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - - - - CLAUDIA DAY
Vice President - - - - - - - - - - - MARY BAKER
Secretary-Treasurer - - - VIRGINIA DAGERATH
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - - - CLARK PUGH
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - - - GENE RAESZ
Sergeant-at-Arms - - - - - - - TOMMY SEFCIK



Freshman Class Officers

FIRST SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - - - GAYLE JOHNSON
Vice President - - - - - - - - - JUDY SWANSON
Secretary-Treasurer - - - - - LINDA BALDWIN
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - CAROLYN APPEL
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - RICHARD SLAGLE



SECOND SEMESTER

President - - - - - - - - - - - - BOBBY LIMMER
Vice President - - - - - - - - - GEORGE LOCK
Secretary-Treasurer - - - - - GAYLE JOHNSON
Reporter - - - - - - - - - - - MARILYN PSENCIK
Parliamentarian - - - - - - - - - - - - JIM FOX



Members of the Taylor High Student Council who ran the city on March 1, are: Bobby Limmer, Patrolman; Charles Wilks, Fire Chief; Gilbert Moehnke, Commissioner; Jim Fox, Patrolman; Carol Craft, Corporation Judge; Jackie Stone, Patrolman; Milton Maly, Patrolman; Margie Schoener, Commissioner; Leonard Shinn, Police Chief; Carolyn Hammack, Commissioner; Virginia Dagerath, Patrolman; Carlyn Grau, Commissioner; Mary Baker, City Secretary; Lorene Hatterman, Mayor; and Diane Richards, City Manager.

Student Council

LORENE HATTERMAN
President



Supervising the buying and painting of benches for the campus... Sponsoring a very successful Homecoming, complete with the first parade and the largest dance attendance ever...Sending delegates to Conference in Killeen and Forum in Kerrville, and, most important of all, being the first THS Council to send representatives to the State Convention.

DIANE RICHARDS
Vice President



MARY BAKER
Secretary



MR. OLIPHINT
Sponsor



Originating a new Honor Roll system...Proclaiming Cat and Rat Day...Setting up a National Honor Society chapter for Taylor High...Encouraging District Meet participation...Helping Junior High prepare to set up a Council...Co-sponsoring Twirp Week with the Teen Den and contributing an all-school play party to the fun.



Exes talk over old times at the Homecoming Dance in the gym.



Carlyn Grau, Jackie Stone, and Carol Craft finish the benches.



On the morning of March 18, Taylor High was populated by Rats...

but what a change in the afternoon when everybody became a Cat!





March 28-30 was a wonderful time for Taylor High's first delegates to the convention of the Texas Association of Student Councils, held this year at Ball High in Galveston. The lucky four were Lorene Hatterman, Carol Craft, Bobby Limmer, and Leonard Shinn, accompanied by Sponsor, Mr. Oliphint, posing here with the Gulf and the sea wall as backgrounds.



Candidates in the Council election, Richards, Schoener, Dagerath, Moore, Hermann, Krueger, Grau, Stone, Baker, and Moehnke consult with President Lorene Hatterman about contest rules.





CARLYN GRAU
Vice President-Elect



GILBERT MOEHNKE
President-Elect



VIRGINIA DAGERATH
Secretary-Elect

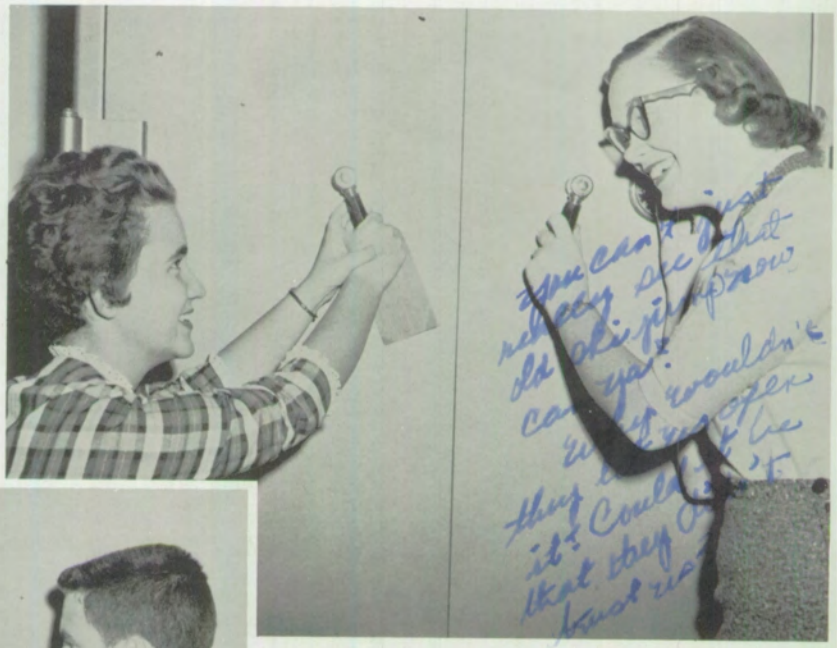
Mallard Staff



Linda Matteck, Assistant Editor, and Carol Craft, Editor, pause to see if all pictures have been taken for the '57 Mallard.



Assistant Photographer Aubrey House and Photographer Carroll Brill check their equipment and pictures.



Business Manager Sara Lu Harkins eagerly waits for her assistant, Claire Shavers, to open the safe so they can deposit their latest receipts.



Artist Charles Wilks illustrates one of his ideas for his helper, Larry Burruss.

National Honor Society



Gayle Ahlgreen



Eloise Brackenridge



Betty Brueckner



Anna Chalupa



Carol Craft



Betty Doss



Jean Fechner



Carlyn Grau



Ed Griffith



Lorene Hatterman



Kenneth Krueger



Linda Matteck



Elamarie Menk



Bob Patterson



Dorothy Shepperson



Jackie Stone



Charles Wilks



Virginia Fritz



The National Honor Society of Taylor High School was organized in May, 1957. It is an organization for outstanding students in the secondary school and is the highest honor that can be conferred by the school. Requirements for membership are scholarship, character, service, and leadership. The Mallard proudly presents these students as the charter members of the National Honor Society of Taylor High School.

Advisor - MISS RUTH MANTOR



H. B. BUTLER
Director



LU ANNA MOORE
Accompanist



Choir



Lu Anna Moore, Dawn Lewis, Mildred Machu, Gladys Malish, Johnnie Bartek, Alice Faltesek, Peggy Jones, Dorothy Travis, Claudia Day, Jeanette Guentzel, Betty Lu Sutton, Kay Kridel, Joyce Bartek, Phyllis Matthews, Betsy Dabbs, Carolyn Cuba, Sarah Kuempel, Mary Brown, Jean Fechner, Jo Ann Wentrecek, Sara Lu Harkins, Jan Plowman, Leon Jacobson, Gus Hodon, James Hefferman, Jimmy Davis, David Butler, Archie Seigmund, Kenneth Moehnke, Douglas Clark, Leonard Shinn, and Charles Wilks.

Choir Officers



Leon Jacobson
President First Semester
Sergeant-at-Arms Second Semester



Archie Seigmund
President Second Semester
Treasurer First Semester



Leonard Shinn
Vice President First Semester



Sarah Kuempel
Secretary First Semester
Vice President Second Semester



Jan Plowman
Secretary Second Semester



Sara Lu Harkins
Librarian First Semester
Treasurer Second Semester



Jo Ann Wentreck
Librarian Second Semester



Jimmy Davis
Reporter First Semester



Douglas Clark
Reporter Second Semester



Gus Hodon
Sergeant-at-Arms First Semester



Johnnie Bartek

Soloists

Jean Fechner

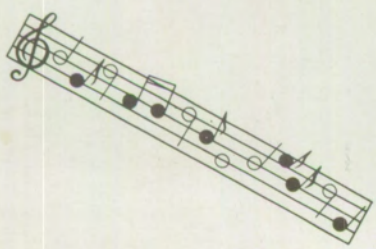




Sara Lu Harkins

Sarah Kuempel
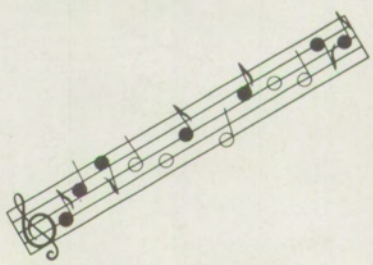






Phyllis Matthews



Charles Wilks



Cotton Boll Staff



The battle for the big stories is on...reporters Carolyn Braker, Peggy Jones, and Nancy Kemp begin receiving assignments from Editor Eloise Brackenridge.



MISS MANTOR
Sponsor





Gayle and Lorene won first place as a team at Regional Meet. Gayle also took individual top honors and went on to State, where she won fourth. She also got a second place in ILPC individual competition, and Lorene received a third.



Leonard Shinn, writer of Duck Call, helps Carol Craft, football reporter, check the last game's statistics, while Photographer Aubrey House prepares to snap them.



Carolyn won a second place in ILPC individual competition.



Business Managers Gayle Ahlgreen and Lorene Hatterman start totaling the paper's assets and liabilities.



Leonard's column, Duck Call, was rated third in the state by THSPA.

Taylor Junior-Senior

High School



Drum Major, Charles Wilkes; and Twirlers, Linda Mares, George Anne Wyatt, Kaye Matteck, Barbara Pfluger.

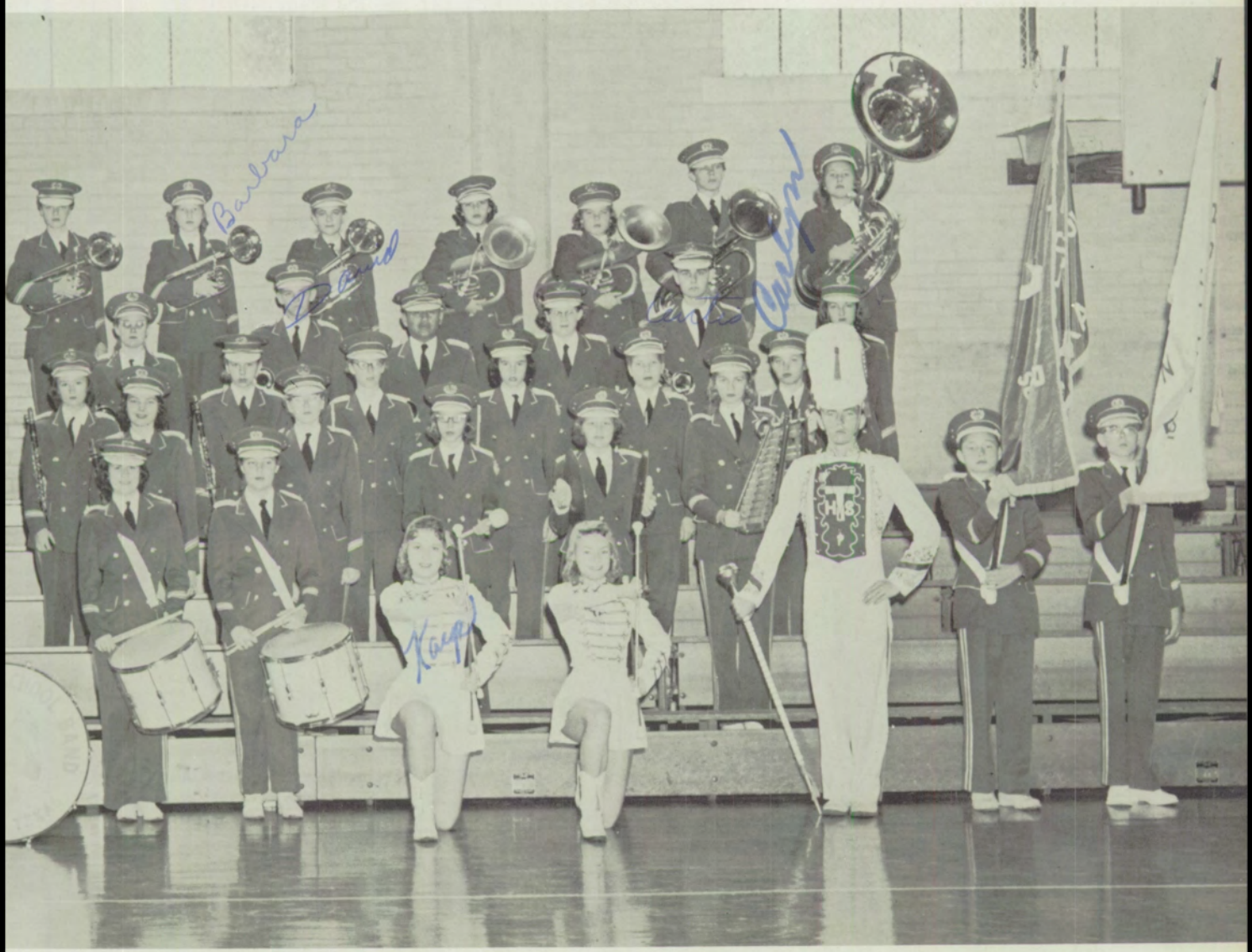
Band Department

Senior



Lewis, House, Mr. Lewis, Mares, Wyatt, Brezik, Lewis, Peters, Moore, Matteck, Pfluger, Wilks, Youngblood, Merschbrock, Rydell, Rainwater, Cuba, Teer, Wagner, Wernli, Brueckner, Rydell, Rainwater, Stroud, Mucha, Grimm, House, Dagerath, Guentzel, Appel, Walker, Adams, Blohm, Fox, Hayes, Schirpik, Grau, Pavlik, Pavlik, Glaser.

Band



Langford, Butler, Shepperson, Schier, Scharschmidt, Arning, De La Rosa, Langford, Hehman, Wilson, Finch, Fechner, Kubala, Falkenberg, Berryhill, Kovar, Sefcak, Johnson, Berryhill, Raschke, Buzan, Burnap, Keel, and Robbins.

Stage Band



Karen Wagner, Nancy Rydell, Aubrey House, Bettye Wernli, Betty Brueckner, Donald Glaser, Dorothy Shepperson, Ginny Langford, Jean Fechner, Carolyn Falkenburg, Alvin Berryhill, Virginia Dagerath, Dawn Lewis, Charles Wilks.



MR. RUSSELL LEWIS
Director

Band Officers



Carlyn Grau, Secretary; Nancy Rydell, Treasurer; George Anne Wyatt, Parliamentarian; Betty Ann Brueckner, Vice President; Dorothy Shepperson, President; Jean Fechner, Librarian.

Junior Band



Walker, Plowman, Navarro, Meyer, Dupree, Langford, Hayes, Shirpik, Saenz, Jenkins, Cook, Lindquist, Bice, Moerbe, Raschke, House, Vera, Almazon, Schier, Berryhill, Burnap, Stroud, Rainwater, and Wilson.

Beginning Band



Kaiser, Kincl, Barron, Jonas, Moerbe, Merschbrock, Dupree, Love, Volney, Rivera, Lewis, Bice, Otis, Moehnke, Lawson, Boedeker, Moehnke, Biehle, Worley, Walton, Mucha, Young-

F.B.L.A.













JEANETTE BACHMAYER
First Vice President



JAN PLOWMAN
President



MRS. DOLAN
Sponsor



LORENE HATTERMAN
Second Vice President

F. B. L. A. Officers



BETTY LU SUTTON
Secretary



NELLWYN HERMANN
Treasurer



BARBARA PUMPHREY
Reporter



FRANKLIN PULKRABEK
Parliamentarian

F. B. L. A. Winners



CAROL CRAFT
First place winner in spelling contest at State F.B.L.A. Convention.



LORENE HATTERMAN
State Convention
Delegate



JANDELLE FOSTER
First place winner in public speaking at State Convention.

Latin Club



President
LU ANNA MOORE



Vice President
NANCY BRYAN



Secretary-Treasurer
BOBBIE WILSON



Sponsor
MRS. ROY CAMBLIN

Sending toys to Southside at Christmas... Selling gas at Zak's to make money for banquet...Planning, decorating, and attending banquet honoring Paris and Helen.



Mrs. Camblin, sponsor; Moore, Hatterman, Wernli, Anderson, Heye, Fox, Wernli, Swanson, Bryan, Wilson, Matteck, Burruss, Dagerath, Shepperson, Brezik, Wilks, Psencik, Anderson, Boudny, Kaatz, Chalupa, Craft, Slagle, House, Fechner, Brill, Maly, McAlpine, Garner, Brookshire, Smith, Rowe.

Los Vecinos



Teer, Zurovetz, Lindell, Brackenridge, Miss McKinley, Baker, Hammack, Wagner, Rydell, Carrizales, Peters, Robbins, Rydell, Johnson, Appel, House, McLaughlin, Pumphrey, Adams, Bartek, Foster, Baldwin, Foster, Arning, Brueckner, Silva, Grau, House, McConchie, Sefcik, Welch, Cernosek, Pugh, Shinn, Patterson, Clack, Forrest, Buzan, Smith, Shavers, Smith, Harkins, Hertz, Burruss, Voss, Smith, Lock, O'Campo, Ariola, O'Campo, Schoener, Hermann, Bartek.

KAY LINDELL
President



MARY BAKER
Vice President





CAROLYN HAMMACK
Secretary

Watching new members perform hilarious stunts at October initiation...Having chili supper as money-making project in January...Dressing in native costume at annual banquet in March, with Bob and Kay reigning as King and Queen...Presenting assembly, April 12, observing Pan-American Week...Attending P.A.S.F. Convention in Austin in April, with Bob, Betty Jean, and Linda as delegates...Contributing to Community Chest, March of Dimes, Red Cross.



JOHN WELCH
Parliamentarian



NANCY RYDELL
Reporter



DAVID HERTZ
Sergeant-at-Arms



SARA LU HARKINS
Song Leader



MISS McKINLEY
Sponsor



DAVID HERTZ
President

MARY BAKER
Vice President



GILBERT MOEHNKE
Secretary-Treasurer



Math Club



LUANNA MOORE
Reporter



COACH SHORT
Sponsor



KENNETH KRUEGER
Sergeant-at-Arms



Holubec, Novosad, Welch, Pavlik, Jacobson, Rydell, Glaser, Ahlgreen, Brueckner, Sutton, Brezik, Craft, Richards, Langford, Ray, Hermann, Shepperson, Brackenridge, Bryan, Matteck, Hertz, Grau, Minzenmayer, Pfluger, Wuthrich, Harkins, Moore, Shavers, Lewis, Baker, Dagerath, Wernli, Doss, Wernli, Teer, Naizer, Silva, Shinn, Wilks, Krueger, Burruss, Garner, Moehnke, Hammack, Dolan, Coach Short.

Future Teachers of America



JEAN FECHNER



AUBREY HOUSE

This club was completely re-organized in December, 1956, with only two members from last year's group, Betty and Jandelle. During Public Education Week in March, all the officers presented a radio program over Radio Station KTAE, in the form of a panel discussion on "Phases of Teaching."



LANA FOSTER



SHIRLEY MINZENMAYER



CARA WERNLI
Reporter



GILBERT MOEHNKE
Vice President



BETTY BRUNKEN
President



JANDELLE FOSTER
Secretary-Treasurer



NANCY BRYAN
Parliamentarian



JANA FOSTER



LUANNA MOORE



MR. BALDWIN
Sponsor



MR. KEITH
Sponsor

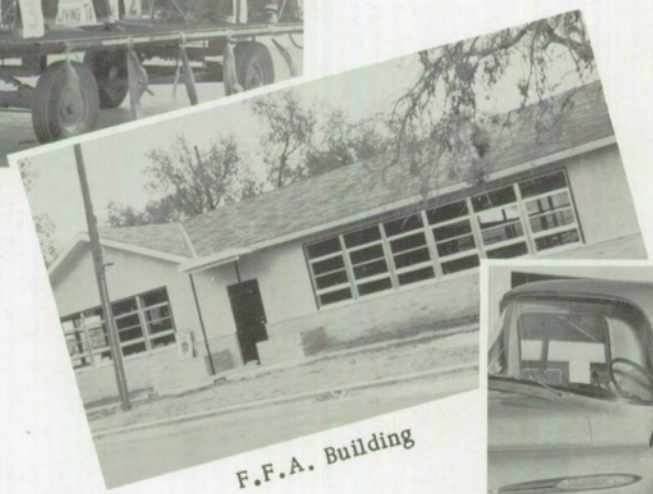
Future Farmers of America



F.F.A. Sweetheart
BETTY BRUECKNER



Parade preceding
annual Stock Show



F.F.A. Building



Presentation of new truck
to Taylor Chapter



Veep
SCHADE



Secretary
ZSCHIESCHE



Treasurer
KRUEGER



Reporter
BARKER



Sentinel
McVAY

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



President
SEGGERN



Second Veep
BRINKMEYER



Parliamentarian
HANSON

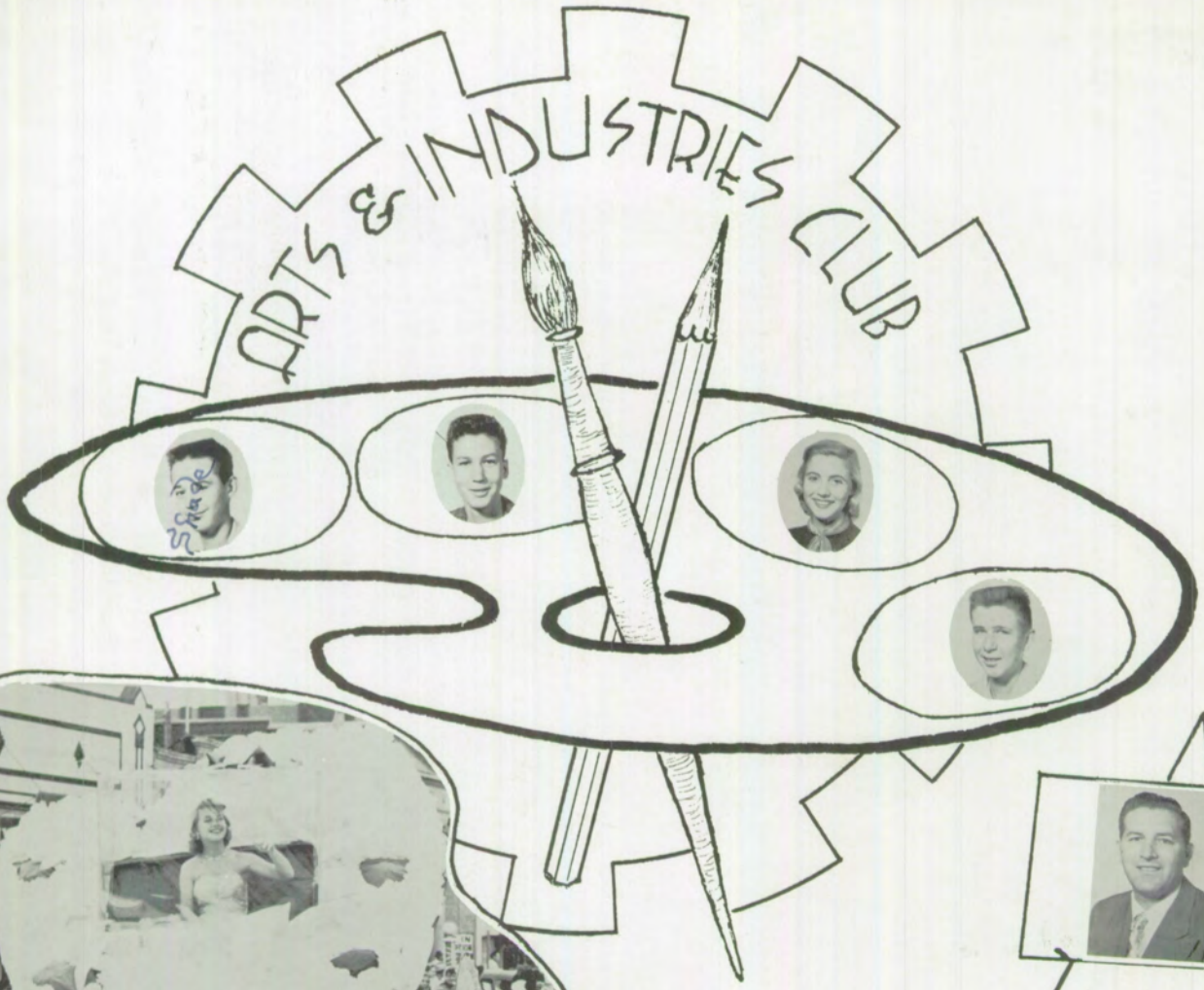


Sponsor
GALBREATH



Third Veep
MOEHNKE




ARTS & INDUSTRIES CLUB


EXIT
FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



Nina Carter

Queen of Arts and Industries Club



MISS JONES
Sponsor

BARBARA BREZIK





BETTY ANN BRUECKNER

Co-Presidents



RICKEY PSENCIK
F.H.A. Beau

Future of Homemakers of America



KAYE MATTECK
Vice President

Going to the State Fair in Dallas...Sending Christmas cards and sacks of candy to McCloskey Veterans' Hospital...Presenting a skit at District meeting, sending representatives to Area meeting, and sending Margie Schoener and Jeanette Guentzel to the State Convention...Observing F.H.A. Week...Buying a red rose bush for the grounds...Having a picnic in the park.



JEANETTE BACHMEYER
Secretary



PEGGY EIBEN
Treasurer



CLAIRE SHAVERS
Historian, Pianist



DONNA VALENTA
Public Relations



PEGGY JONES
Song Leader



LORENE HATTERMAN
Parliamentarian





President
BETTY LU SUTTON

THETA SIGMA CHI



Sponsor
MRS. SALM



Veep
BETTY BRUNKEN

Secretary-Treasurer
GAYLE AHLGREEN





Reporter
JANDELLE FOSTER

Parliamentatian
ELOISE BRACKENRIDGE





Green Jackets



Ahlgreen Bachmayer Brackenridge Braker Harkins Hatterman Johnson










Jones


Kemp


Eiben


Kuempel


Plowman

Senior Members


Miss Goff
Sponsor


Sutton


Voss

Future Nurses



ANDERSON
President

Making nut cups for McClosky Veterans...Sewing cancer bandages. Attending State F.N.A. Convention in San Antonio, March 30...Giving a party for mothers...Spending a weekend at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin ...Working on Saturdays at the local hospitals.



FALKENBURG
Veep

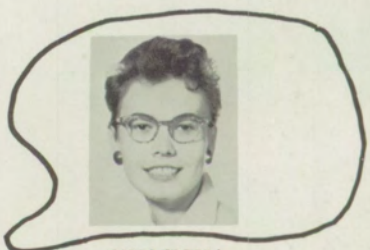




MENK
Secretary



GOFF
Sponsor



STRMISKA
Reporter


SAN GABRIEL
RIVER



Sports

Football





COACH SHERLEY





COACH GALBREATH



COACH SHORT



COACH TONE



Co-Captain
BOBBY MUELLER



Head Coach
BILL FORD



Co-Captain
LEON JACOBSON

Lettermen


LARRY BURRUSS


PAT GARNER


GARRY GRAU


EDDIE GRIFFITH


EDWARD GRIMM


TOMMY HALL


DAVID HERTZ


WELTON HOUSE


KENNETH KRUEGER


EUGENE LOVE


JOHNNY MATYSEK


ROBERT McALPINE


MARVIN McVAY


JAMES NAIZER


DON NOVOSAD


GENE RAESZ


TOMMY SEFCIK


ARCHIE SEIGMUND


ARCHIE SMITH


DONNIE SMITH


WILBERT VORWERK


JOHN WELCH

Basketball





RICHARD SHERLEY
Coach

ED GRIFFITH
Captain



SCOTTY DOLAN
Manager



RICKY PSENCIK
Captain





GARNER



GRAU
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HEFFERNAN



HERTZ



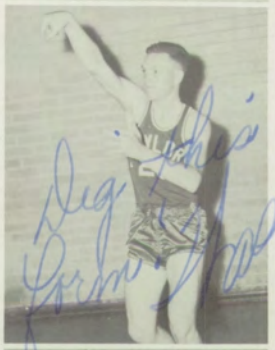
MATYSEK



MEISKE

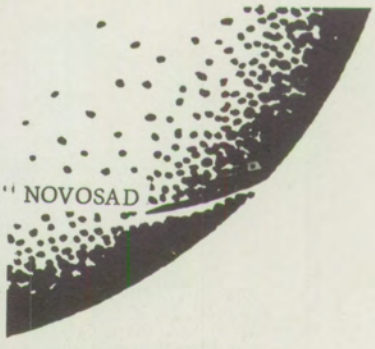


ED GRIFFITH
All Tournament - Georgetown Tournament. Chosen outstanding player in district by opposing coaches.



MOEHNKE





NOVOSAD



RAESZ
SMITH





STIBA

Track



District Winners



BOBBY MUELLER
Captain

COACH SHORT





ARCHIE SEIGMUND
Captain



DONNIE SMITH

State Contestants



JESSIE SILVA



ED GRIFFITH
District High-Point Man

Baseball



First row: Garner, O'campo, Meiske, Moehnke, Naizer, Davis, O'campo, Hertz. Back row: McAlpine, Burruss, Rhoades, Holubec, Pulkrabek, Ariola, Falkenberg, Smith, Smith, Welch, and Galbreath, Coach.

Cheerleaders



Leading the yells for the Ducks during the '56 season were Senior Cheerleader Rickey Psencik and Junior Cheerleaders Gilbert Moehnke and Shirley Minzenmayer.

Volleyball

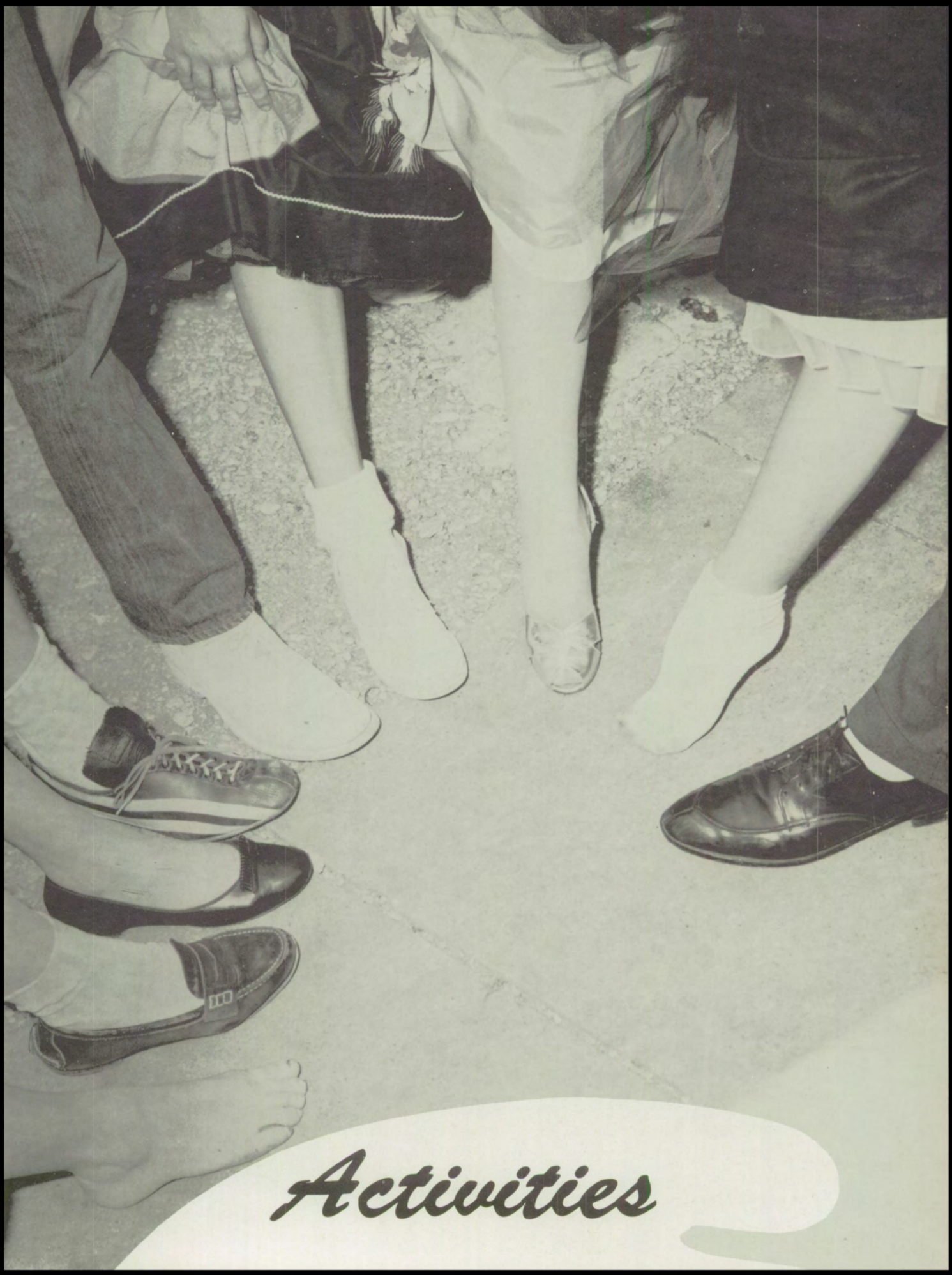


Carol Fox, Vernette Wuthrich, Aleen Safarik, Evelyn Schaefer, Jean Fechner, Jackie Remmel, Lois Poldrack, Cara Wernli, Judy Ford, Marilyn Psencik, Carolyn Falkenberg.

Tennis



Johnnie Matysek, Larry Burruss, Henry Holubec, Jimmy Davis, Larry Seelig, Dennis Kovar, Geneva Smith, Gayle Johnson, Marilyn Psencik, Vernette Wuthrich, Cara Wernli, Judy Ford.



Activities

Beginning of School Brings Football Games



On the first day of school, September 5, Student Council President Lorene Hatterman introduces to the student body the new principal, Mr. H. L. Oliphint, who outlines his hopes and plans for the coming year.





Honoring their dads, the Ducks smashed Round Rock 57-7 on October 12.



As usual, the annual encounter with the Georgetown Eagles called for extra pep.

Yelling in the halls between periods...





a huge bonfire...and the "grave" on the west side of the building, made by the cheerleaders, manifested the spirit of the Ducks.

Homecoming

Taylor vs. Belton November 9



Queen Jan Plowman



Queen candidates anticipate election.



Football Co-captain Bobby Mueller crowns Jan in Homecoming assembly as other candidates, each presented with a mum, look on.



Greenjackets, Pep Band, and kids generate pep at pre-game bonfire.



Candidates are recognized, Jan presented with red roses at game half-time.

Basketball Ends — Track Begins



Ducks leave the court joyfully after defeating Georgetown 63-51 on February 8 to avenge an earlier 51-50 loss to the Eagles.



Players' families sit in section marked "Ma, Pa, and Kids" at first annual Basketball Appreciation Night, February 19. Ducks lost 66-65 to Belton.



Spectators and teams watch a running of the high hurdles at the largest schoolboy track meet in Texas, Taylor's Cotton Boll Relays. Forty-one teams entered this year.



Mr. Cliff Welch, president of the Ex-Lettermen's Club, presents the First Place trophy to the Brady team. Taylor tracksters made their best showing ever, taking Seventh Place.



Second Place trophy goes to Brenham.

Banquets, Banquets, and More Banquets



At the Football Banquet on January 17, outgoing Co-captains Bobby Mueller and Leon Jacobson pose with next year's captains, Don John Novosad and Kenneth Krueger.



Mr. Allen Menke, personnel director of ALCOA, speaks at the F.B.L.A. Banquet on January 28.



Neil Harris from Georgetown, Third Place winner at the F.B.L.A. Talent Show, provides entertainment along with his accompanists.



At the F.F.A. Banquet, February 20, Gene Schade is named Outstanding Chapter Farmer and Bobby Limmer, Outstanding Greenhand. Dr. R. G. Garrett and "Dusty" Rhoades receive Honorary Chapter Farmer awards. President Roy Seggern poses with them here.

Romans and Latin Americans Feast





Bob Patterson and Kay Lindell reign as king and queen.



Senors and senoritas in native costume gather at Spanish Village, March 29.



Speakers are Southwestern University students, Bolivian Zalles, Filipino Ocerro.



Slaves bow to Helen and Paris, rulers of Latin Banquet, April 26.



Gods, goddesses, and citizens keep slaves on the run.



Horse in center of floor carries out Trojan War theme.



Skit on the Judgment of Paris shows deities are all too human.

Moonlight and Roses



Producing a Junior-Senior requires plenty of money, and this is how it's made... selling concessions at football games.



Hanging balloons for the beautiful ceiling.



Pasting on roses.



Working on the lighting.





At last all the work is finished, and Juniors and Seniors spend the late hours of March 14 in a dreamland of Moonlight and Roses.

District, Regional, State Contestants



Left to right: Anderson, Wuthrich, Sutton, Brueckner, Kemp, Brackenridge, Grau, Brunken, Mikulencak, Raesz, Foster, Day, Poldrack, Wernli, Moore, Kautz, Doss, Lewis, Wernli, Shepperson, Matteck, Swanson, Zurovetz, Bryan, Remmel, Craft, Brezik, Fritz, Schaefer, Richards, Zuehlke, Schoener, Hammack, Falkenberg, Griffith, Patterson, Butler, Grau, Novosad, McCullough, Raesz, Kiesling, Garner, Moehnke, House, Wilks, House, McAlpine, Stone, Maly, Cernosek, Krueger, McConchie, Burnap, Hanson were Taylor's representatives to District Meet.



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DISTRICT FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Wuthrich, Tennis Singles; Ford, Wernli, Doubles; Griffith, Golf; Doss, Zurovetz, Girls' Debate; Stone, Burnap, Boys' Debate; Moehnke, Number Sense; Patterson, Extemporaneous Speaking; Swanson, Junior Declamation; Anderson, Brueckner, Day, Mikulencak, Raesz, Schaefer, Remmel, Poldrack, Moore, Kautz, Wernli, Fritz, Falkenberg, Matteck, Girls' Softball. Not Shown: Marilyn Psencik, Junior Tennis Singles.

REGIONAL FIRST PLACE WINNERS: Ahlgreen and Hatterman - team; Ahlgreen - individual, Journalism. Other Regional contestants were Sutton and Bryan, who won Third Places in Shorthand and Typing, respectively, at District Meet.

Taylor High Shows Its Talent



Hilarious M.C.'s Lee Joe Pavlik and Henry Holubec introduce the three acts on the talent assembly on November 1.



The Four Jills won First Place in the Thorndale Talent Show and Fifth Place in the F.B.L.A. Talent Show.



Pat "Liberace" Garner also played at the Junior-Senior.



The Taylor Teens became a virtual institution at Taylor High this year, singing at almost all banquets, winning First in the F.B.L.A. Show, appearing on TV.



Freshman Richard Slagle performs at the F.B.L.A. Show --and wins Fourth Place.

Marilyn Psencik, considered semi-professional because of her singing experience, provides extra entertainment at the F.B.L.A. Talent Show.





Puddin Hermann sings her well-known rendition of "Blue Moon" at the Junior-Senior.

This and That



For the first time, proud Senior Greenjackets sport sweaters for their four years of membership.



FALL

Band jackets are nothing new, but Senior members still beam when they first wear them.



Kenneth Krueger and Leon Jacobson are selected All-District Tackle and All-District Guard, respectively.



WINTER

Greenjackets decorate the traditional tree in front of the superintendent's office.





SPRING

Twirp Season rolls around, and as an added attraction the Student Council sponsors an all-school play party on May 10. Active games such as Flying Dutchman were played by everyone and a volleyball tournament, won by the Junior Class team, is held.

Kid Day



After fortifying themselves with lunches, eager kids rest a minute before beginning their noon recess play.



All lined up for Red Rover.



Hold that line!



Flying Dutchman is next.



Gotta get back first!



Tired kiddies still have enough energy to smile during sixth period.

CLASS MOTTO
"We build the ladder by which we rise"
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Class Day



Henry Holubec and Lee Joe Pavlik are M.C.'s for Class Day program.



Sara Lu Herzer opens the program with "For All We Know."



William Zschiesche, Eloise Brackenridge, Rickey Psencik, Betty Lu Sutton, and Lorene Hatterman read the history.



Carol Craft, Henry Holubec, Bobby Rhoades, Betty Brueckner, and Barbara Brezik foresee a bright future for the class.



Charles Wilks, Dorothy Shepperson, Nancy Rydell, Leonard Shinn, Gayle Ahlgreen, and Carolyn Falkenberg read the Last Will and Testament of the Class of '57.



Senior Class President Bobby Mueller presents the traditional Senior Torch to Linda Matteck, Junior Class President.

Senior Day





At park in Seguin, where majority of May 17 was spent, Seniors enjoy playing in the pool, lounging in the sun.



Monkeys? No, Senior boys climbing one of the trees in the park at Seguin.



Pedal boat riding on Guadalupe River was a favorite pastime.



On way back, Seniors stop at San Marcos to see underwater attractions...



... at El Mat in Austin to eat.

Credit Where Credit Is Due



Next year's Student Council officers take oath administered by Secretary Mary Baker in assembly, May 24.



Six girls receive their Chapter Homemaking Degrees.



I.L.P.C. awards and work of entire COTTON BOLL staff are recognized by Miss Mantor.



Professional sponsors of Future Nurses Club present members with pins for hospital work.



Cara Wernli and Johnnie Matysek receive the Patterson Tennis Cups from Mr. Claude Patterson.



District First Place Winners in tennis receive sweaters.



Gayle Ahlgreen receives slide rule for being best Senior science student.



Donald Glaser receives First Place, Barbara Brezik Second, Carol Craft Third in V.F.W. essay contest.



Jandelle Foster was THS's representative to Girls' State, held in Austin, June 10-19.

Ending and Beginning



Nellwyn Hermann opens the program by singing.

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Processional - - - - - - - - - - Claire Shavers
Invocation - - - - - - - - - - Bobby Mueller
"I Shall Not Pass Again This Way"
Nellwyn Hermann
Introduction of Speaker - - - Howard Oliphint
Address - - - - - - - - - - Dr. L. D. Haskew
Presentation of Class - - - - Howard Oliphint
Presentation of Diplomas - - - T. H. Johnson
Presentation of Awards - - - - T. H. Johnson
Taylor High School Song



Dr. Haskew urges Seniors to live full lives.



Carol Craft, valedictorian, receives scholarships and trophy. She also received the Hyman Melasky Award.



Sarah Anderson, the outstanding rural student, received the Elmore Torn Award.



Salutatorian of the class, Barbara Brezik, receives trophy and scholarships also.



Ed Griffith and Lorene Hatterman receive the Danforth Awards. Ed also received scholarship to Church-Related Schools as high point boy; Lorene also received P.T.A. Award.



Dorothy Shepperson received the D.A.R. Award.



George Lock receives the A. M. House watch.



H. B. Butler leads final singing of school song.

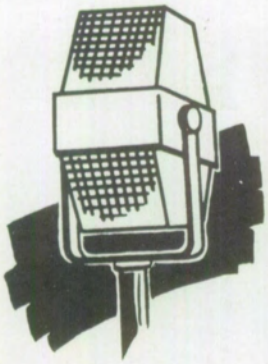
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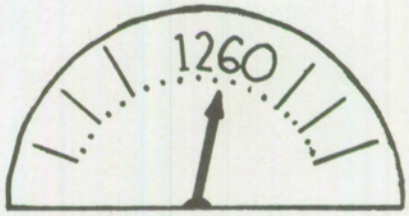
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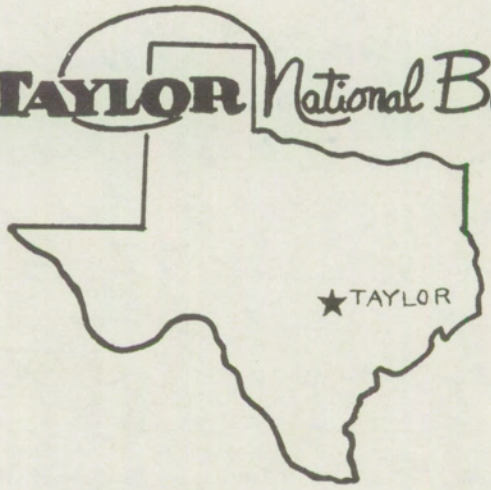
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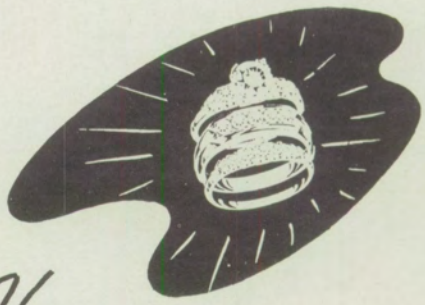
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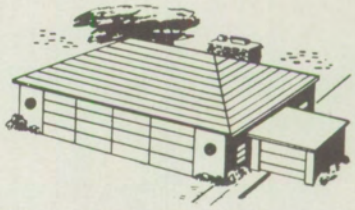


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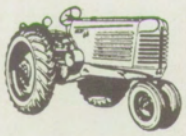
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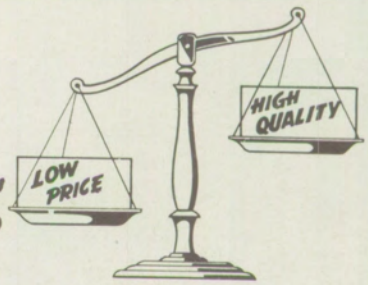
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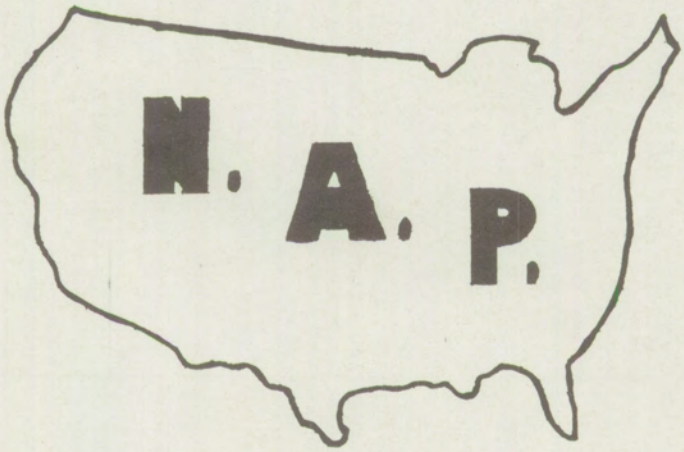


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