

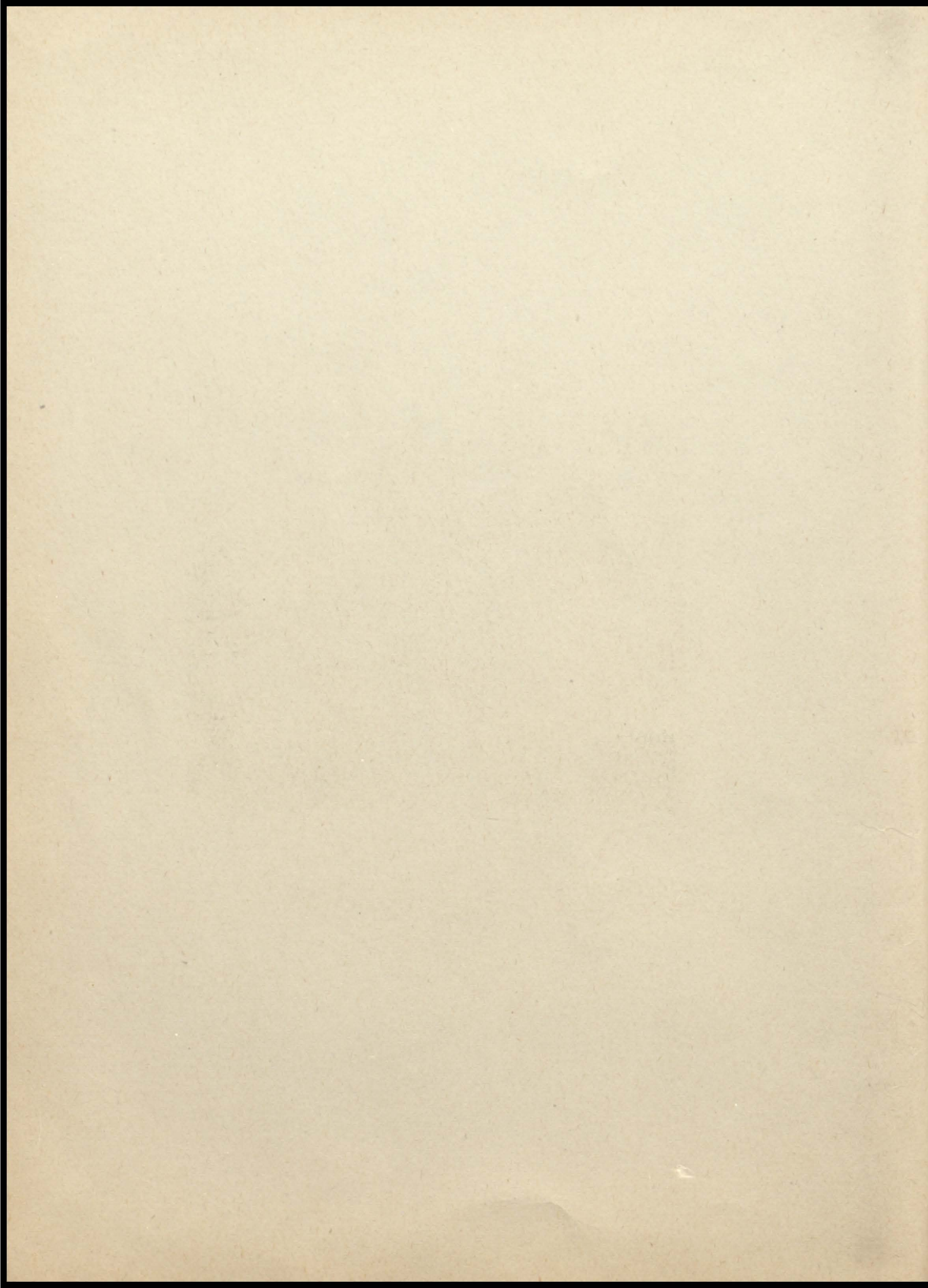
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1945

ECHO



BIGGSVILLE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL





BOARD OF EDUCATION

L. W. Larson; Clarence P. Gibb, Sec.; C. E. Bergren, Pres.; Mell R. Moody; Arthur Boyer.



Mary G. Roseberg, English



Glenna L. Zierker
Home Ec.



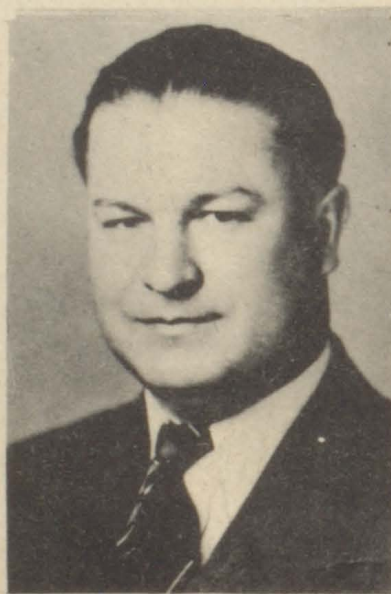
Jane Sloan, Commerce



Zeal Henry, Principal



S. H. Ingold, coach



C. L. Noble, agri.



F. J. Vorel, Music

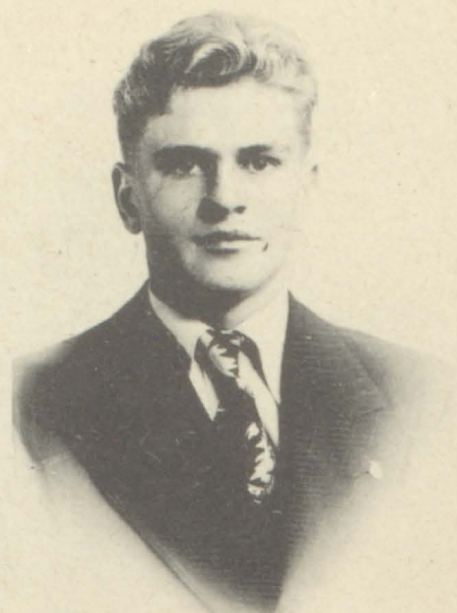


SCHOOL BUS



HOT LUNCH

Class Pres. 4; Class Vice-Pres.
1; Buzzer Reporter 2; Football 1;
Basketball 1; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4;
Class Play 3,4; Christmas Play
2,4.



Robert Seymour



Bill Weir

Class Vice-Pres. 4; Football 1;
F.F.A. 1,2,4; Basketball 4; Track
4; F.F.A. Watchdog 4.

Class Secretary 4; Entered from
Media 3; Dramatics 2; G.A.A. 1,2;
Chorus 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3;
Home Ec. Club Pres. 4.



Stella Dean Vestal

Class Treas. 4; Student Council 2,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Pres. 3; Basketball 1; Track 4; Cheerleader 4; Chorus 1; Christmas Play 2,4; Class Play 3,4; Echo Staff 4.



Charles M^e Cheaney



Loren Allaman

Student Council 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Grain Judging Team 1; Band 1,2,3,4; District Solo Contest 1; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Bi-County Chorus 2,3,4; Operetta 1; Track 1,2; Class Play 3,4; Christmas Play 2; Echo Staff 4; Buzzer Staff 1,2,4.

Buzzer Reporter 4; Student Council 1,4; Class Vice-Pres. 2; Class Treas. 3; Softball 2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3,4; "B" Club 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Bi-County Band 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Chorus Pres. 4; Bi-County Chorus 2,3,4; District Solo Contest 1; Operetta 1; Student Council Treas. 4; Echo Staff 1,4; Buzzer Staff 2,4; Commercial Contest 3; Christmas Play 2; Class Play 3,4.



Jack Schweitzer

Student Council 1,2,4; Student
Council Pres. 4; Track 1,2; Band
1,2,3,4; Band Pres. 4; Bi-County
Band 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Bi-County
Chorus 2,3,4; Operetta 1; F.F.A.
1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Sec. 3; Grain
Judging Team 1; Echo Staff 4;
Buzzer Staff 1,2,4.



Charles Allaman



Darline Booten

Entered from Gladstone 3; Chorus
1,2,4; Dramatic Club 1; Home Ec.
Club 3; Class Play 3,4.

Entered from Gladstone 3; Chorus
1,2; Home Ec. Club 3,4; Home Ec.
Club Vice-Pres. 4; Class Plays
3,4.



Eleanor Borg

Class Pres. 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4;
Track 1,2,3,4; Softball 2,3,4;
"B" Club 2,3; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4;
Echo Staff 4; Class Play 4.



Ray Boyer



Entered from Gladstone 3; Chorus
1,2,4; Declam. 1,3; School Play
2; Class Play 3,4; Home Ec. Club
3,4; Echo Staff 4; Buzzer Staff 4.

Jane Clark

Class Treas. 2; Chorus 1; Home Ec.
Club 2; G.A.A. 2; Echo Staff 4.



Betty Hendrickson

Entered from Williamsfield 2;
 Class Pres. 2; Basketball 2,3,4;
 Softball 2,3,4; Track 2,3,4; "B"
 Club 2,3; Band 2,3,4; Bi-County
 Band 4; Band Vice-Pres. 4; Chorus
 2,3,4; Bi-County Chorus 2,3,4;
 Student Council Vice-Pres. 4;
 Echo Staff 4; Buzzer Staff 4;
 Commercial Contest 3; Class Plays
 3,4; Christmas Play 2.



David Henry



Pauline Meyer

Entered from Joy 1; Class Sec. 1;
 Class Sec. 3; G.A.A. 1; Chorus 1;
 Christmas Vespers 1; Class Play 3.

Football 1; F.F.A. 1,2,3.



Edwin Spicknall

Class Treas. 1, Home Ec. Club 2;
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Bi-County Chorus
2,3,4; Operetta 1; Band 1,2,3,4;
Bi-County Band 4.



Jean Verigan



STUDY HALL

SENIOR HISTORY

In the fall 1941, twenty-five freshmen, nineteen boys and six girls, entered B. H. S. The following officers were elected: Pres., Josephine Van Tine; Vice Pres., Bobby Seymour; Sec. and Treas., Jean Verigan. During the year the following members were lost, Ward Melvin, Marvin Jaynes, Edwin Johnson, Wendell Ray, Edward Boughton, Josephine Van Tine, Gloria Wheeler, and Mary Lou Wheeler.

Fifteen members returned in the fall of '42 and the class gained four new members, Betty Lou Cunningham, David Henry, Harry Ortery, and Harry McVey. The officers elected for the year were: Pres., David Henry; Vice Pres., Jack Schweitzer; Sec., Corinne Somerville; Treas., Betty Hendrickson; Student Council, Charles McChesney. Mr. Rankin was elected sophomore class sponsor.

In 1943, fifteen members returned for more education. The class also gained four new members, Jane Cleek, Darline Booten, Eleanor Borg, and Willa Dean Vestal. Officers elected for the year were: Pres., Ray Boyer; Vice Pres., Harry Ortery; Sec., Pauline Meyer; Treas., Jack Schweitzer; Student Council, Loren Allaman. As our junior play we presented "Patsy Strings Along." On May 3, we entertained the seniors at a banquet at the Hotel Burlington.

Back again in the fall of '44, every student began to enjoy those privileges in which only a senior can indulge. A new member, James Krow, was added to the class, but he was soon called into the navy. The following officers were elected: Pres., Bobby Seymour; Vice Pres., William Weir., Sec., Willa Dean Vestal; Treas., Charles McChesney; Student Council, Loren Allaman. Mrs. Rosebery was again chosen for our sponsor. In November the class journeyed to Galseburg to have their pictures taken. The senior play, a mystery comedy entitled "As The Clock Strikes" was presented on March 23.

SENIOR CLASS WILL

We, the Class of '45, are now making our last will and testament after working four years for diplomas. We are leaving our under-classmen our personal and most cherished abilities.

I, Eleanor Borg, do will and bequeath my visiting habits in study hall to Dorothy Alecock.

I, Darline Booten, do will and bequeath my red hair to Pat Gray.

I, Willa Dean Vestal, do will and bequeath my love for Bill Weir to Dorothy Kinkaid.

I, Pauline Meyer, do will and bequeath my ability to take shorthand to Betty Armstrong.

I, Jane Cleek, do will and bequeath my love for the soldiers and sailors to Betty Noble.

I, Betty Hendrickson, do will and bequeath my ability to tell stories to Dorothy Ravenscraft.

I, David Henry, do will and bequeath my love for bangs to Jack Campbell.

I, Bob Seymour, do will and bequeath my girl toting jeep to "Button" Seitz.

I, Edwin Spicknall, do will and bequeath my journey west and north of Biggsville to Wendell Larson.

I, Ray Boyer, do will and bequeath my ability to lose weight to Leighton Lubke.

I, William Weir, do will and bequeath my big feet to Barbara Hughes.

I, Jack Schweitzer, do will and bequeath my ability to handle blondes to Ronald Patterson.

I, Loren Allaman, do will and bequeath my flirtatious ways with the girls to Stuart Kelly.

I, Charles Allaman, do will and bequeath my ability to keep pencils to Joe Morris.

I, Charles McChesney, do will and bequeath my favorite parking spots to Bill Bigger.

SENIOR PROPHECY

Time--1955!

The other day while visiting the public library I ran across a recent copy of the "Biggsville Buzzer." In it I discovered a few bits of news about the Class of 1945.

Charles Allaman is farming the old home place with his father.

Betty Hendrickson has had her ambition fulfilled and is now a secretary at some big firm in Chicago.

Having been successful in the trucking business, Edwin Spicknall is now owner of a fleet of three Ford V-8 trucks.

Jane Cleek has finished law school and is a senator from New York. Who could be a better secretary to her than Pauline Meyer with her excellent shorthand and typing ability?

Robert Seymour, a nationally known breeder of Angus cattle, has also been very successful.

Performing in the main ring of Barnum and Bailey's Circus, as a clown is Charles McChesney.

David Henry, still in the Navy, is commander of a little rowboat on the Mississippi.

I'm not at all surprised to find Eleanor Borg as a dress designer of the newest Paris fashions.

Loren Allaman, who became a movie producer, has just finished what he believes to be one of his greatest pictures.

After graduating from Nurses' Training School, Darline Booten is the head nurse in Mercy Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island.

Ha! Ha! What's this? Bill Weir is singing at the Stork Club in New York. Too bad he didn't go out for chorus in high school.

Jean Verigan is married and is living on a farm north of town.

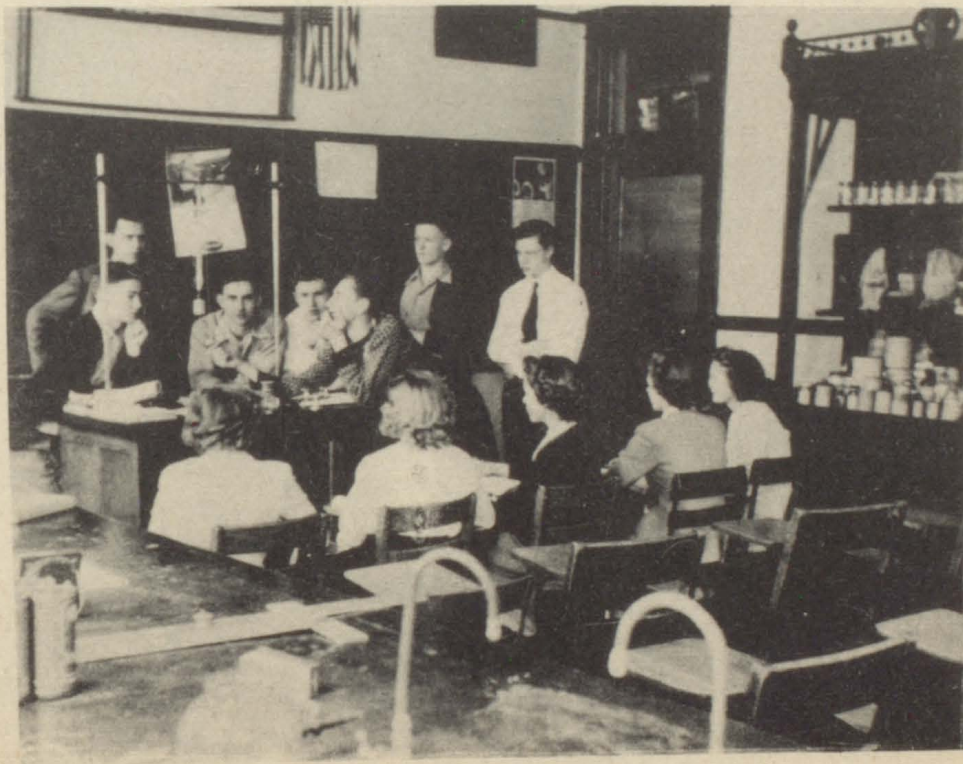
Guess Jack Schweitzer really liked the railroad. At least he's now section foreman on the C. B. & Q.

Willa Dean Vestal, who left Biggsville to go to business school in Detroit, Michigan, has graduated and accepted a job in that city.

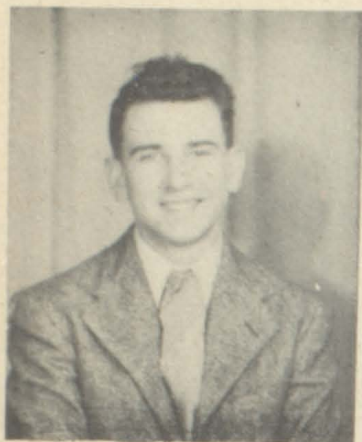
Can you imagine this? Ray Boyer is a coach at the University of Illinois.



TYPING CLASS



PHYSICS CLASS



David Lipes



Betty Armstrong



Dorothy Ravenscroft



Ronald Patterson



Dorothy Hinkaid



Dale Anderson



Margaret Borg



Bill Bigger



Jack Campbell



Madeline Day



Keith Dixon



Mary Louise Hughes



Stuart W. Kelly



Joe Morris



Betty Noble



Martha Leitz



Virginia West

JUNIOR NEWS

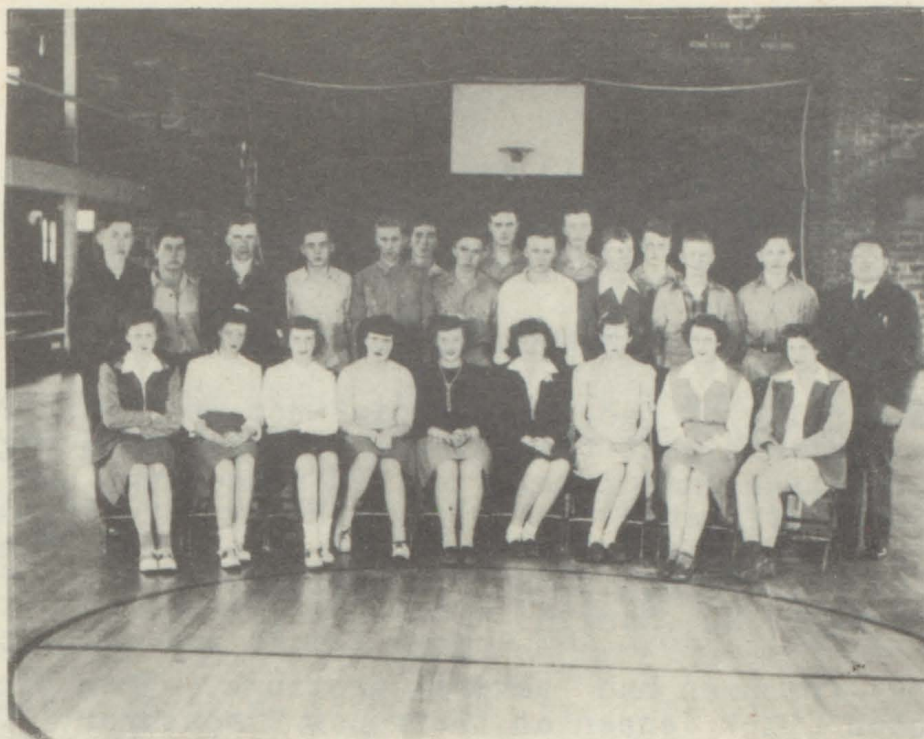
Biggsville High added nineteen new names to its enrollment sheet in '42. The following class officers were elected: Pres., Betty Noble; Vice-Pres., Mary Louise Hughes; Sec. and Treas., Mavis McDonald; Student Council, Betty Armstrong.

A few representatives went out for sports that year, and there were several freshmen in the chorus and band.

In the following year of '43 only fifteen of our original class returned but four new pupils were added making the same number of students as before. The second year the following officers were elected: Pres., Ronald Patterson; Vice-Pres., Betty Armstrong; Sec. and Treas., Mary Louise Hughes.

This year the class elected Mrs. Kerker, the Home Economics teacher, as their adviser. The following class officers were elected: Pres., David Lipes; Vice-Pres., Paul Van Meter; Sec., Betty Armstrong; Treas., Dorothy Ravenscraft; Student Council, Ronald Patterson.

This year the junior class produced "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" under Mrs. Rosebery's direction. The class gave the seniors a very good banquet. So far, during these three, long, hard years of studying, we juniors have suffered no ill effects.



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Front row: J. Forgey, L. Downes, B. Sterett, P. Gray, M. Mc Chesney, J. Bigger, M. Glenn, M. Renard, D. Jamison
 Standing: D. Stevenson, R. Kelly, W. Larson, B. Libby, V. Blake, C. Brown, P. Allen, H. Noble, P. Law, J. Smith, K. Henry, D. Jensen, D. Baylor, G. Ives, Mr. Vorel



FRESHMAN CLASS

Front row: F. Boyer, V. Ravenscraft, L. Smith, C. Martin, M. Downes, B. Milligan, B. Hughes, N. Day
 Standing: L. Lubke, M. Spangler, A. Britton, B. Spangler, J. Armstrong, A. Olson, L. Maxwell, C. Seitz, P. Boyd, E. Lipes, Mr. Henry

SOPHOMORE CLASS

In the fall of '43, twenty-nine not so green freshmen (at least that was what they thought) started to Biggsville High. The class immediately called a meeting and elected the following officers: Pres., Karl Henry; Vice Pres., Wendell Larson; Sec., Lorena Downes; Treas., Dick Henderson; Student Council, Meredith Shafer; Watch Dog, Daryl Baylor; Faculty Adviser, Mr. Rankin.

These freshmen had several meetings. When Dick left they elected Dick Jensen as their new treasurer. They had one party, a freshman-sophomore skating party at Burlington. Lorena Downes was elected as the sophomore Ag. Queen contestant. They lost four members during the year.

In the fall of '44, twenty-seven sophomores started again to Biggsville High. They gained three new members over the enrollment of last year but also lost one. They again called a meeting and elected the following officers to guide them through the year: Pres., Dick Jensen; Vice Pres., Doris Jamison; Sec., Maxine McChesney; Treas., Pat Gray; Student Council, Daryl Baylor; Faculty Adviser, Mr. Vorel. Four members were lost during the year but two new ones, Paul Allen and Betty Krow, were added.

The sophomores had several meetings. They enjoyed a freshman-sophomore skating party at Burlington and a hayrack ride to the covered bridge at Gladstone.

Hauer Noble was appointed sophomore Buzzer reporter. Maxine McChesney was the sophomore entry and the winner of the queen contest at the Ag. Carnival. Phillip Law was their entry for Ag. King.

FRESHMAN CLASS

On August 28, 1944, there were twenty freshmen, some scared, some shy, and all green, but not for long.

Initiation day was a great event. There were some awfully pretty girls (painted boys) but the girls felt comfortable because most of them liked to wear overalls anyway. The party in the evening was a real treat for everyone except Nedra Day and Marcia Downes who didn't like milk.

At the first meeting, the freshman class elected the following officers: Pres., Lee Maxwell; Vice-Pres., Ada Shafer; Sec. and Treas., Carita Martin; Student Council, Arthur Olson; Faculty Adviser, Mr. Henry. Class dues were set at twenty cents.

The first party was held in the gymnasium with a pot-luck supper. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely.

Three of the freshmen, Ada Shafer, Lavon Vestal and Eddie Lipes have moved. We surely hated to see them go, because only seventeen are left.

There are two boys in chorus and all of the seven girls seem to be musical. At least they show up for chorus practice. There are three freshman students in band.

Pep is not lacking in this year's class for at the beginning of the year there were two boys out for baseball, five out for basketball and five interested in track. In one game of basketball Pete Boyd made seventeen baskets, all that were scored but two.

The class is going full speed ahead to next year and thinking of 1948 especially.



Freshman Initiation





Left to Right: B. Armstrong, C. Martin, J. Cleek, M. Hughes
B. Noble, L. Downes, A. Olson, R. Patterson, B. Liby, L. Allaman,
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R. Boyer, B. Hendrickson, Miss Sloan.

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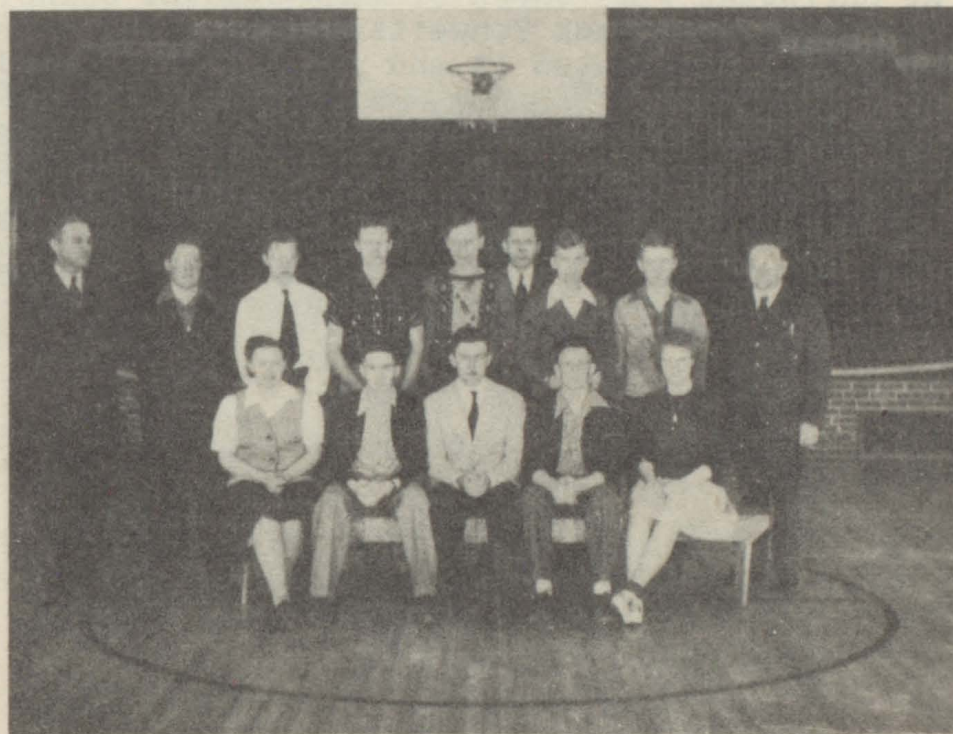
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STUDENT COUNCIL

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B. Noble
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McChesney, Mr. Ingold, K. Henry, D. Baylor, Mr. Vorel

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is an organization which gives the students a part in the school government, a feeling of responsibility and a chance to make better use of the resources within the school.

The officers of the Student Council are as follows: Pres., Charles Allaman; Vice-Pres., David Henry; Sec., Betty Noble; Treas., Jack Schweitzer; F. F. A. Charles McChesney; Music Department, Karl Henry; Freshman, Arthur Olson; Sophomore, Daryl Baylor; Junior, Ronald Patterson; Senior, Loren Allaman.

The activities which the Student Council sponsored this year have included the 4th war bond drive to which the student body donated twenty-five dollars. The council established a program in which the students could have noon hour recreation. A series of pictures was ordered for which the students paid twenty cents per movie.

During the March of Dimes the Student Council sponsored a drive raising about twenty dollars within the school.

At Christmas time three of the Student Council members Charles McChesney, Jack Schweitzer, and David Henry, got a Christmas tree, decorated it and put it in the study hall.

Also assembly programs were scheduled by the council for every other Monday. Each organization within the school was to sponsor a program.

They also arranged a schedule outlining the exits from each room in the school building in case of fire. The students were informed of the escape rules at a special assembly.

The Student Council also appointed Loren and Charles Allaman to raise and lower the flag each day.

The Student Council has an office to the left of the study hall; the walls are going to be painted green. There will be a couch, library table, folding chairs, bookcase, rug, draperies, and pictures.



FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



F. F. A. BANQUET

F. F. A.

The Biggsville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America organized early in the school year of 1944-45. The following officers were elected to carry out the functions of the chapter: Pres., William Bigger; Vice-Pres., Bob Seymour, Sec., Dale Anderson; Treas., David Lipes; Reporter, Stuart Kelly; Watch Dog, William Weir; Representative to Student Council, Charles McChesney.

Each year the chapter selects a project champion. This year David Hill was selected for this honor. His name has been engraved on the plaque for his outstanding project work. The basis of this selection is the grades, money made from projects, including money won as premiums at fairs, interests and accomplishments in F. F. A. work, completeness and neatness of record book, and initiative shown in care of project.

The members of the Biggsville Future Farmers Chapter and their entries in the sectional fair at Aledo were as follows: Dale Anderson--beef and poultry, William Bigger--swine, Roger Kelly--beef, poultry, and potatoes, Stuart Kelly--beef, poultry, and garden, Charles McChesney--beef, sheep, and hogs, Page Randall--beef, poultry, and sheep, Dean Ricketts--swine, Donald Smith--swine, Bob Seymour--beef and David Hill--swine. Total of all entries was 47. Premium money won totaled \$227.50. This total was second in the section of four counties, including 16 schools. In addition to the money won in the F. F. A. show, considerable sums were won in the Junior and Open classes.

The Agriculture classroom has been completely redecorated and a new county map showing the farms and the names of their owners has been added to the equipment of the department. Several new farm shop reference books have been purchased for the agriculture library. A new bulletin board 4' by 6' is to be hung in the classroom for the convenience of the students in posting new items and pictures of rural interest.

Total profits for the year 1943-44 equalled \$8,815.66, divided between the following: Hogs, \$4,757.34; Beef, \$2,768.82; Sheep Projects, \$863.36; Poultry Projects, \$391.59; and Garden Projects, \$34.55. Income from shows netted the boys a total of \$844.90 in addition to the above profits. Projects for next year now total 45.

The annual carnival netted a profit of \$75. This money has been used to purchase a \$100 War Bond. In addition to this contribution to the war effort, the individual members and their adviser have purchased \$2500.50 worth of stamps and war bonds and are doing everything in their power to help the war effort.



Left to right: W. Vestal, V. Ravenscraft, F. Boyer, D. Ravenscraft, M. Seitz, B. Milligan, D. Kinkaid, M. Borg, J. Cleek, E. Borg, V. West, M. Day
 Standing: Mrs. Kerker, C. Martin, M. Downes, and L. Smith

HOME EC. CLUB

The Home Economics Club was organized in September and the following officers were elected:

President.	Willa Dean Vestal
Vice President	Eleanor Borg
Secretary.	Frances Boyer
Treasurer.	Barbara Milligan
Student Council.	Dorothy Kinkaid

Some of the activities of the Home Economics Club during the year of 1944 and 1945 included serving sandwiches, pop, and ice cream at the Henderson County Softball Tournament and sponsoring an all school masquerade party at Halloween. During December the club made Christmas gifts for their mothers and the gifts were presented at a tea held December 20 in the Home Economics Department. At the KMBS Basketball Tournament the girls served coca cola and hot dogs.

In January the girls served food at Vestal's sale. March 9 they served the F. F. A. Banquet.

Part of the money earned from these projects was used to secure a speaker, Dr. Irving Garwood of Macomb, for our assembly program. Some of the funds were spent on a party for the Home Economics girls which included dinner at the Hotel Burlington and a movie.



HOME ECONOMICS CLASSES





SENIOR PLAY
 "As the Clock Strikes"



SENIOR PLAY

For their play the seniors presented the mystery comedy "As The Clock Strikes," on March 23, 1945.

Nick Bolton, ruined financially, has nothing left but his country place. Endeavoring to keep this, he persuades six paying guests to spend the summer with him. Continued rain puts them in a bad humor and, influenced by Madge Keating, they decide to leave.

Three people realize Nick's predicament--William, the family servant; Nancy, Nick's fiancée; and Alec Manchester, who is writing a play about a theft on a house party. Alec suggests detaining the guests until it clears by means of a game, and he offers a prize to the one who can steal some beads from Nancy's neck without being detected. Realizing that this is impossible, Nancy arranges with Nick to hide her beads.

But, during the night, both plans mysteriously miscarry. An unknown person, deciding to play a game of his own, chloroforms Madge Keating, steals her real pearls, and as the clock strikes three, carries her downstairs to the sofa.

Various incidents cast suspicion upon each person in the play, the situations being further complicated by the unexpected arrival of a stranger, Lucius Dreer, begging shelter from the storm.

The unknown continues his game, and the next night chloroforms Madge again. At the end of the ensuing arguments, Madge discovers her pearls back in their proper place--around her throat. At the same instant, the morning sun comes out, and quarreling stops. Nobody knows who stole the pearls or who replaced them but with the clearing of the storm nobody cares.

However, the audience knows it was William. He has succeeded in keeping Nick's guests for the summer and saving his house. With the curtain it is obvious that happy days are in store again for Nick Bolton.

THE CAST

Nick Bolton.	David Henry
William.	Loren Allaman
Alec Manchester.	Jack Schweitzer
Nancy Arnold	Eleanor Borg
Madge Keating.	Darline Booten
Mrs. Randolph.	Jane Cleek
Jim Keating.	Bob Seymour
Sam Randolph	Charles McChesney
Lucius Dreer	Ray Boyer

Production--Betty Hendrickson, William Weir, Edwin Spicknall, Charles Allaman

Publicity--Willa Dean Vestal, Jean Verigan, Pauline Meyer



JUNIOR CLASS PLAY
 "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn"



JUNIOR PLAY

For their play this year the juniors decided to dramatize Mark Twain's immortal story, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." They presented it on October 27, 1944, at 8:00 before a delighted audience.

The play, of course, could not give the complete story. The playwright, Charles George, begins the play when Huck Finn arrives at the Phelps' plantation after his voyage down the Mississippi on a raft.

Aunt Sally and Uncle Silas are expecting a visit from Tom Sawyer. They haven't seen Tom since he was a tiny boy, as he has been reared in St. Petersburg by Aunt Polly. Huck arrives at the Phelps' home in search of Jim, a negro boy, who is being held a prisoner. Aunt Sally and Uncle Silas mistake Huck for Tom and he isn't given a chance to explain. Then Tom arrives and he agrees to pose as his half-brother, Sidney. This leads to many amusing complications.

It would be fairly easy for the two boys to free the captured Jim but no! Huck and Tom must use their imaginations to concoct an elaborate escape. In the process they have the household in terror as weird things start to happen.

But Jim escapes and Tom is wounded by the pursuing Sheriff. About this time Aunt Polly decides to pay the Phelps' a call. Then there is fun galore, for the masquerade the two boys have been enacting comes to a hilarious end.

THE CAST

Huckleberry Finn.	David Lipes
Tom Sawyer.	Ronald Patterson
Jim	Paul Van Meter
The Sheriff	Joe Morris
Silas Phelps.	Dale Anderson
Sally Phelps.	Mary Louise Hughes
Ella Mae Phelps	Betty Noble
Aunt Polly.	Betty Armstrong
Mammy	Margaret Borg
Gee Gee	Maxine Day
Mrs. Damrell.	Dorothy Kinkaid
Mrs. Hotchkiss.	Virginia West

Stage Manager--Bill Bigger

Ushers--Stuart Kelly, Martha Seitz, Dorothy Ravenscraft



Girls' Chorus



Boys' Chorus



MIXED CHORUS



BAND

GIRLS' CHORUS

Girls' chorus this year numbered twenty-three. At the Christmas concert the girls sang "Carol of the Birds." They wore their formals and looked very nice in them. For the Spring concert the girls sang "Amaryllis," "The Years at the Spring," and the "Cuckoo Clock." They sang "The Years at the Spring" again as the individual number for the Bi-County Festival.

BOYS' CHORUS

Boys' chorus was the largest it has been for a number of years. The first of the year there were only twelve members but later in the year five new boys were added, finally bringing the total to seventeen. The boys' chorus sang "Hark, the Vesper Hymn is Stealing" at the Christmas concert. For the Spring concert the boys sang "Keep in de Middle of the Road," "We's a Listenin'," and "Down South."

MIXED CHORUS

For a small school Biggsville has a large number out for chorus work. More than half the school is participating. At the Christmas program the chorus sang "Silent Night," "Lost in the Night," with solo by Joan Forgey, "Hark Now O Shepherds," "Carol of the Bells," "Three Kings," and "Jingle Bells." At the Spring concert the chorus sang "Stodola Pumpa," "Oh Suzanna," "America, My Wondrous Land," "Hospodi Pomiliu," and "Now is the Month of Maying." As in previous years a selected group sang as representatives of the school in the large mass chorus at the Bi-County Festival held this year in Biggsville with Mr. Vorel directing.

BAND

The band this year has thirty-four members in it. Eight are from grade school and the rest are in high school. This year the band decided to have uniforms of some kind. Each member secured either white skirts or white pants and red sweaters. This is an improvement over previous years. For the Christmas concert the band played "Choral," "Adoramus Te," "Panis Angelicus," "Till We Meet Again," and several Christmas Carols with different members of the band leading. They were Jean Verigan, Loren Allaman, Charles Allaman, David Henry, and Jack Schweitzer. At the Spring concert the band played "The Thunderer," "A Bit of Ireland," "His Honor," "Bells Across The Meadows," "The Traveler," and "Trombone Swing" with solo parts taken by the trombones of Mildred Glenn, Barbara Hughes, and Wendell Larson. "Trumpeters Three" included a trumpet trio composed of Jack Schweitzer, Charles Allaman, and David Henry. At the Bi-County Festival this year something new was added--a mass band. All the band members enjoyed playing in this very much. The members feel that the band is the best it has been for a number of years and they hope to keep it that way.



SOFTBALL

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Biggsville opened the season with Little York at Biggsville. The Red Devils won an easy victory, 15 to 2. For the second game Biggsville travelled to Oquawka where they were defeated by a strong Oquawka team 7 to 0, although each team collected seven hits.

The next softball battle was at Little York. After getting off to a good start by collecting six runs in the first inning, Biggsville hit a slump and Little York tied the score in the fourth inning. From there on it was one sided with Biggsville winning 23 to 6. The last two innings were played in a soaking rain.

Kirkwood was the next opponent on the home diamond. Holding Kirkwood to three hits, Biggsville defeated them 5 to 1. "Revenge is often sweet." This was the case in the return game with Oquawka. Again holding their opponents to two hits, Biggsville defeated Oquawka, 2 to 0.

The return game with Kirkwood was the only extra inning game of the year. Biggsville collected two runs in the second inning and Kirkwood matched them in the third. The score remained tied until the end of the game. In the first extra inning each team collected one run. Then in the third extra inning, Biggsville collected four runs to win, 7 to 3. Gladstone, the next opponents, were defeated 14 to 2.

Travelling to Terre Haute a few days later Biggsville received their worst defeat of the year by a score of 13 to 1. Terre Haute's batting eye was very keen that day, collecting ten hits to Biggsville's two.

The following Monday, Terre Haute came to Biggsville and again defeated our Red Devils but it was a much different game. Although Biggsville out batted Terre Haute, 7 to 4, Terre Haute won 4 to 3.

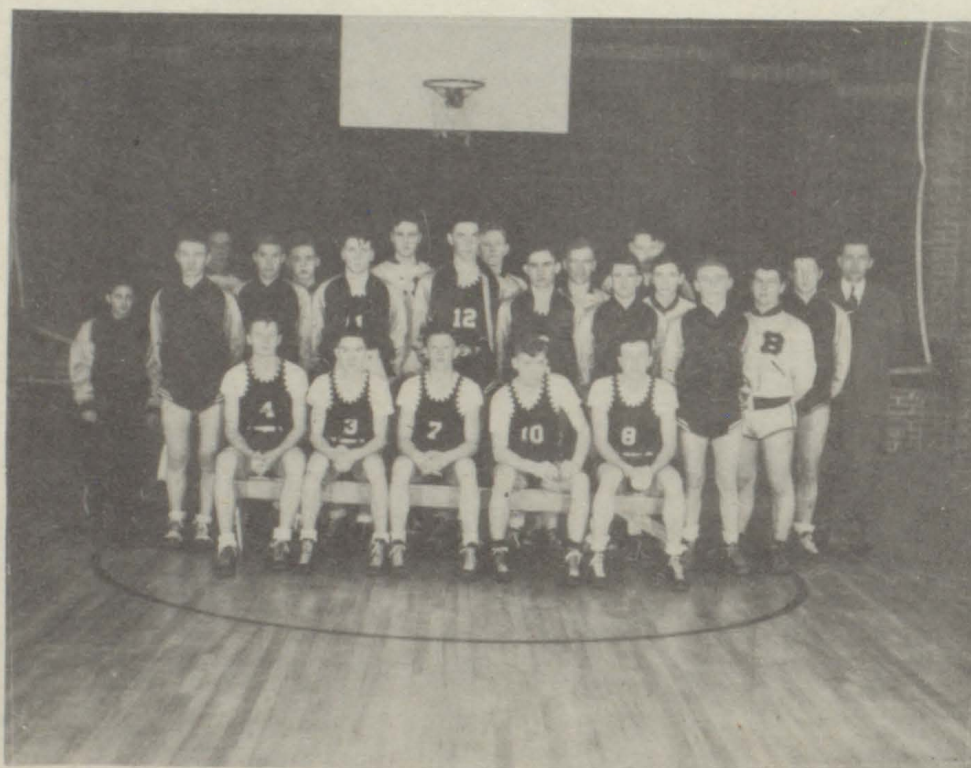
In the second annual invitational softball tournament held at Biggsville, Terre Haute won first place honors by defeating Little York, 16 to 6, and then Kirkwood 15 to 2, and Biggsville in the finals 6 to 4. Biggsville won second place by defeating Gladstone in the first game 10 to 9, and Oquawka, 13 to 3.

Thus, Biggsville softball squad ended the season with eight wins and four losses.



VARSITY

R. Patterson, D. Henry, J. Schweitzer, K. Henry, J. Smith,
Mr. Ingold



BASKETBALL SQUAD

Front row: R. Patterson, D. Henry, J. Schweitzer, K. Henry,
J. Smith

Standing: E. Lipes, D. Baylor, J. Campbell, D. Anderson, B.
Liby, L. Maxwell, H. Noble, B. Bigger, J. Armstrong, R.
Boyer, W. Larson, D. Lipes, Bill Weir, C. Seitz, P. Boyd, R.
Kelly, S. Kelly, Mr. Ingold

BASKETBALL

Basketball season began the first of November with Biggsville playing at Roseville. The varsity was defeated 43-32 but the second team kept it from being a clean sweep for Roseville by defeating them 23-19. Biggsville's next game was played at Terre Haute where the varsity won by score of 53-38. The seconds were defeated 24-20.

In a hard fought game played at home, Biggsville made a clean sweep over Kirkwood by defeating their varsity 29-26 and their seconds 30-10. The Red Devils next travelled to Stronghurst, and height was a deciding factor in the 53-31 defeat handed there. Biggsville seconds again upheld the honor of the school by defeating Stronghurst 18-13. In an afternoon game at Biggsville, Alexis was defeated in a hard fought contest 39-33. In the following game with Oquawka the varsity lost a heartbreaker 33-29. Again the seconds won 14-10.

The annual KMBS tournament was held in Biggsville this year. A powerful Stronghurst team walked off with 1st place by defeating Biggsville 65-32 and Media 30-22. Biggsville received 3d place trophy by defeating Kirkwood 28-23. The first game after Christmas was in Kirkwood where after trailing most of the game Biggsville went ahead in the last two minutes to win 26-21. Biggsville seconds won 21-10.

In a return game with Terre Haute Biggsville varsity won 39-36, but Terre Haute's seconds won by a close score of 19-16.

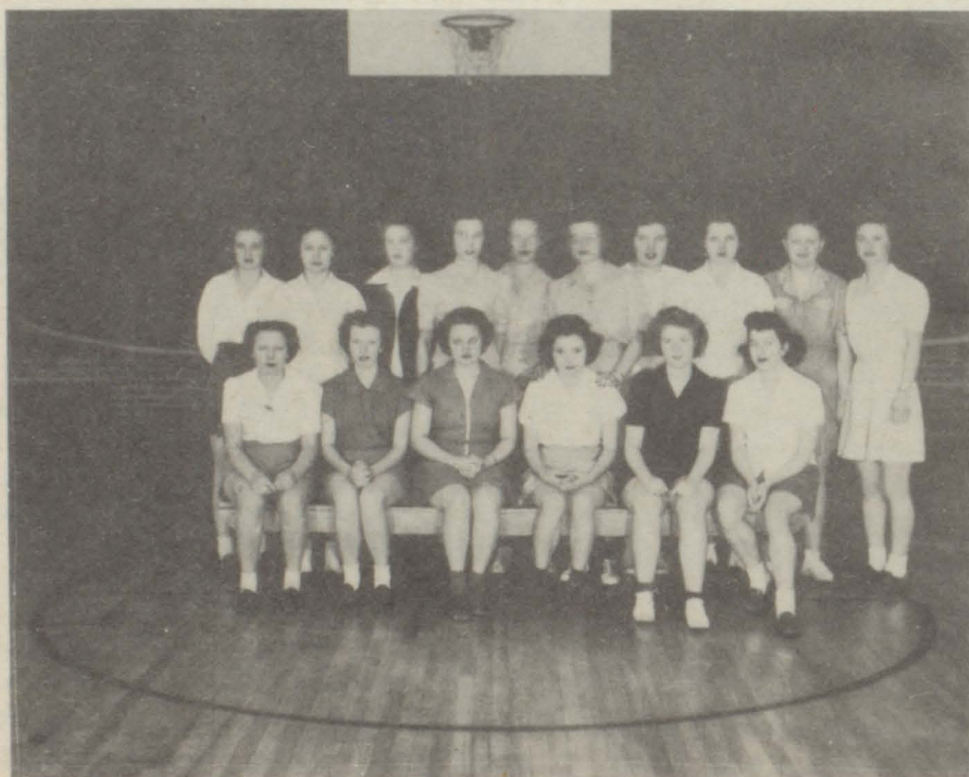
In the Bi-County held at Alexis this year, Biggsville had little success. Biggsville's lightweights defeated Media 19-9 and then lost to Roseville 34-24. Biggsville's heavyweights were badly beaten by Roseville 42-5. In their first game the varsity was defeated by Media 47-33.

Immediately following Bi-County, Little York, in a game here, suffered a defeat by Biggsville's second team 36-15, and the varsity won 62-16. In a return engagement with Oquawka, Biggsville won 20-18 and 43-33 but Media defeated our varsity 34-23 while our seconds won 31-14.

In the District tournament held at New Boston, Biggsville won "Sweet Revenge" for their loss of last year by defeating New Windsor 43-33. Having won in the district, Biggsville was entitled to play in the regional tournament at Aledo. In a very hard fought game with Viola, Biggsville took a defeat of 27-21.



Front row: D. Jamison, V. Ravenscraft, F. Boyer, N. Day, B. Hughes, L. Downes
 Standing: J. Forgey, B. Milligan, M. McChesney, M. Downes, L. Smith, J. Bigger, B. Sterett, M. Renard, P. Gray, C. Martin, M. Glenn, Mrs. Kerker



Front row: B. Hendrickson, E. Borg, W. Vestal, M. Seitz, B. Noble, D. Ravenscraft
 Standing: D. Booten, M. Day, B. Armstrong, V. West, M. Borg, M. Hughes, J. Cleek, P. Meyer, D. Kinkaid, Mrs. Kerker

GIRLS ATHLETICS

In the fall the girls enjoyed playing softball. When winter weather started the class had to turn their activities to the inside. Some of the sports the group took part in were volley ball, basketball, kickball, and relays.

The Freshman and Sophomore classes met the second period every Wednesday, and the Juniors and Seniors the first hour on Wednesdays.

On March 14, the two classes participated in an exciting volley ball tournament. It was a fair game with the exception of a few disagreements and collisions. The Junior and Senior classes defeated the Freshmen and Sophomores with a score of 38 to 36.

When the warm weather arrived this spring the girls took pleasure in hikes to sections near town.

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