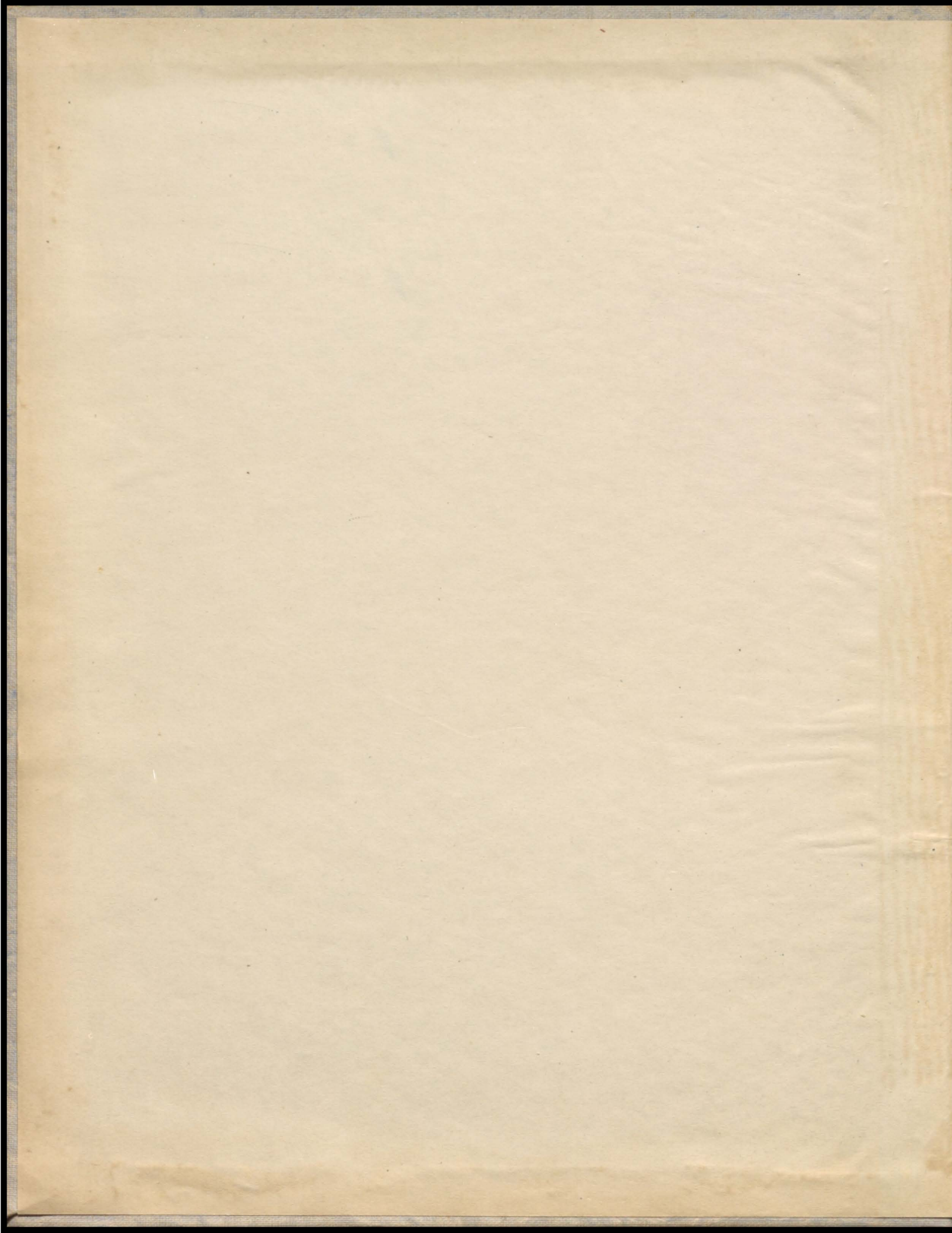




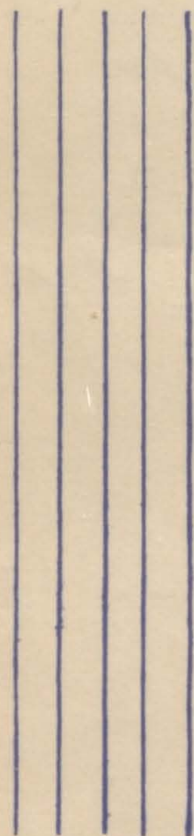
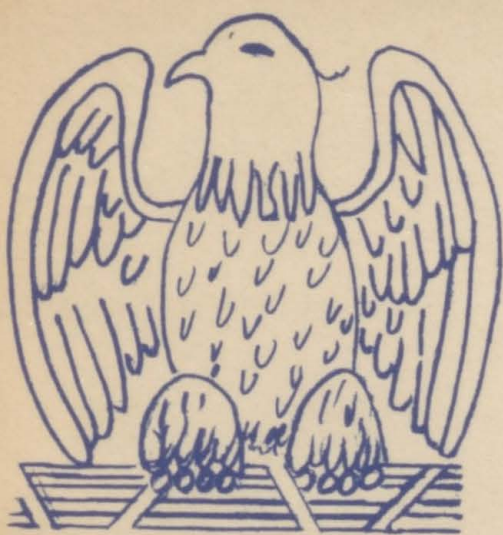
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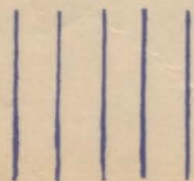


Dedication

In tribute to those who make it possible for our education and give their unfailing support in school activities--we, the Echo Staff, dedicate this publication of the Echo to the community of Biggsville. This dedication is made to show in some small measure the appreciation we feel toward the community for the opportunity afforded us to gain a high school education.

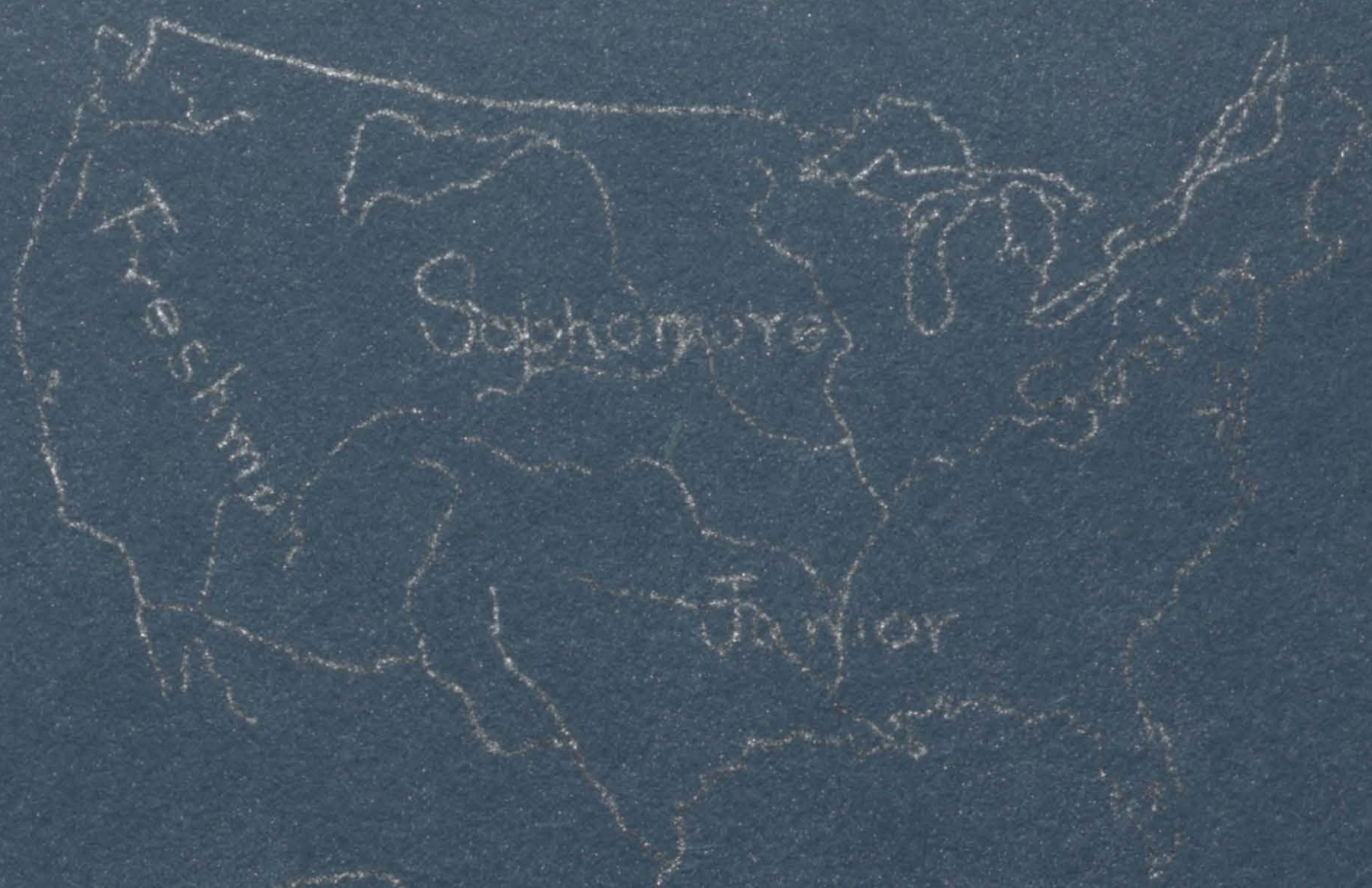


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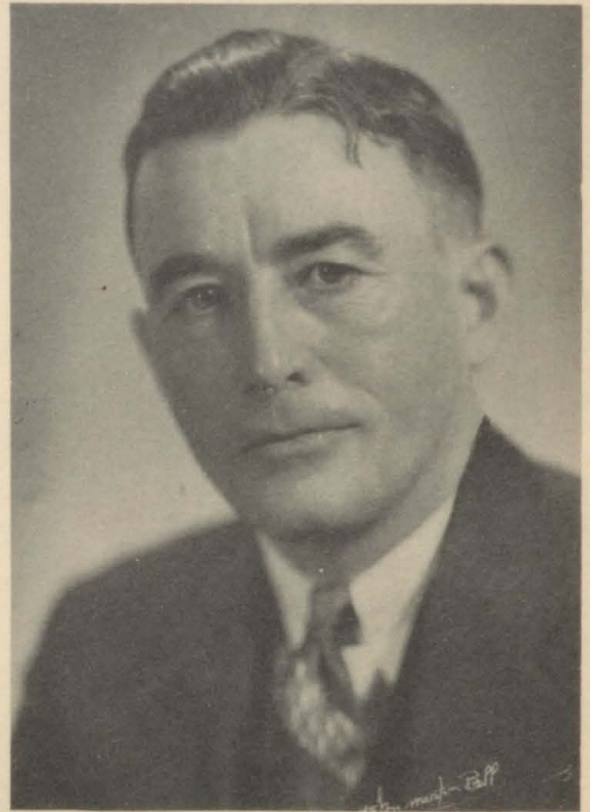


Classes

Supreme Court



C. E. Bergren
President



Clarence P. Gibb
Secretary



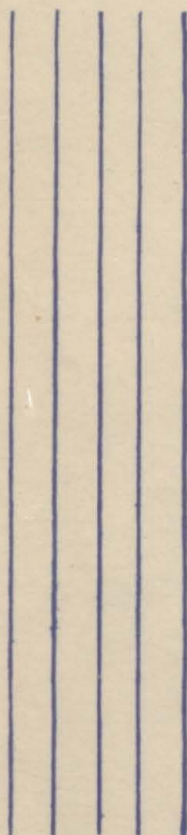
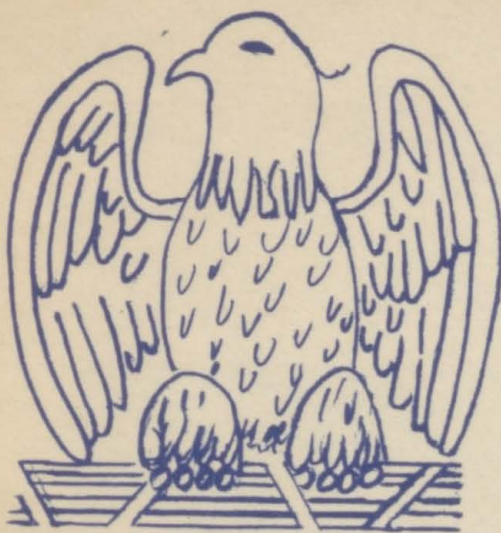
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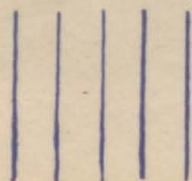
Leslie Larson



Arthur Boyer



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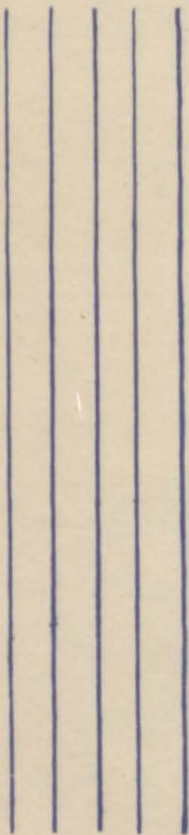
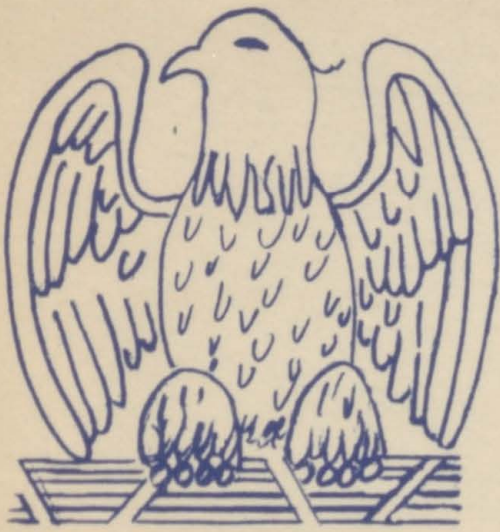
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Agriculture



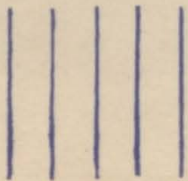
Glenna Kerker
Home Economics



Frank Vorel
Music



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Congress



Back Row: R. Kelly, S. Kelly, K. Henry, R. Davis, W. Larson, Mr. Ingold
Front Row: J. Forgey, D. Ravenscraft, M. Hughes, M. Renard, M. Downes, B. Milligan

The Student Council is like the Congress which represents the people in the national government. The Student Council makes the laws which govern the student body. They try to make better use of the resources within the school.

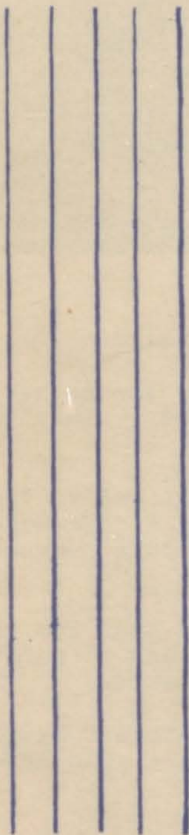
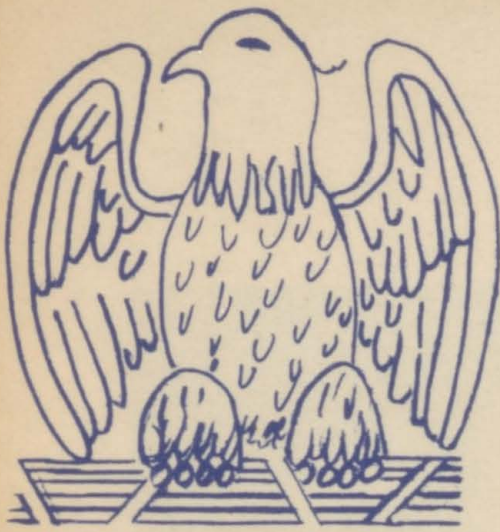
The officers of the Student Council are as follows: President--Stuart Kelly, Vice President--Karl Henry, Secretary--Mary Hughes, Treasurer--Maribeth Renard, F. F. A.--Roger Kelly, Music Department--Joan Forgey, Freshmen--Dick Davis, Sophomore--Marcia Downes, Junior--Wendell Larson, Senior--Dorothy Ravenscraft.

One of the main activities which the Student Council sponsored this year was the point system. This system enables any student to earn a school letter if he has 55 points in scholarship and 30 in two other divisions such as music, dramatics or athletics.

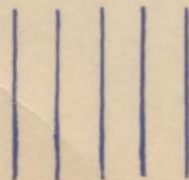
The Student Council has also decided to keep the study halls on a student basis. They have appointed a regular keeper and an assistant. The Student Council has also drawn up a set of rules to help them keep order.

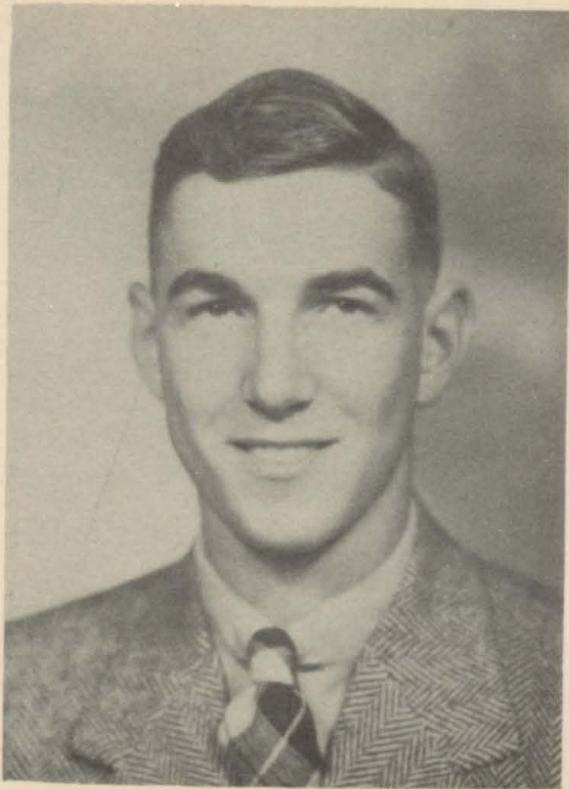
Other activities they have sponsored are: Running an eat stand at the annual baseball tournament, coke machine, and picture shows.

The Student Council, like the Congress of the United States, can accomplish much for the benefit of our school, if it has the cooperation of the student body.



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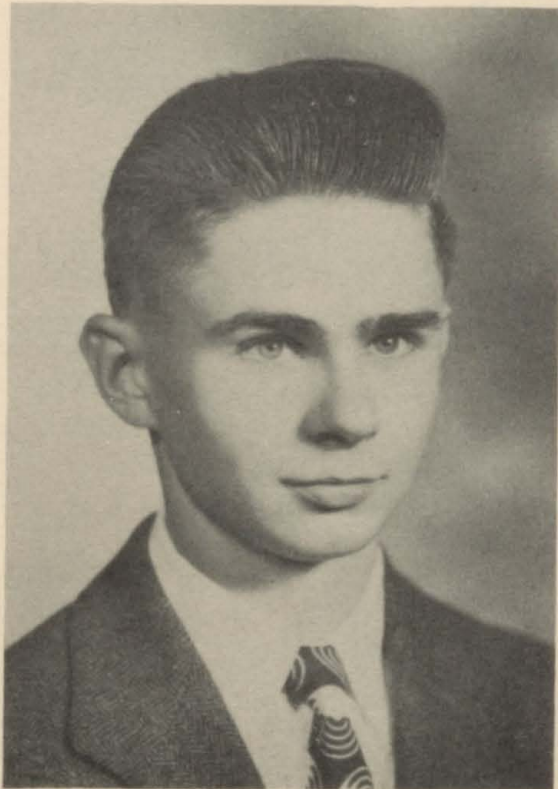


Bill Bigger

Class Pres. 4; F. F. A. Pres. 3; F. F. A. Watchdog 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Christmas Play 1, 2, 3; Bi-County Chorus 1; Buzzer Staff 4; Echo Staff 4; A Capella Chorus 4; Boy's Chorus 1, 3, 4.

Betty Noble

Class Sec. 4; Buzzer Editor 4; Echo Editor 4; Student Council Sec. 3; Ass't Echo Editor 3; Art Editor 1, 3; Pres. G. A. A. 2; Sec. Home Ec. Club 2; Commercial Contest 2; Class Pres. 1; Cheerleader 1; A Capella Chorus 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Bi-County Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. Chorus 3, 4; Band 4; Bi-County Band 4; Bi-County Declamation 2, 3; Class Play 2, 3, 4.

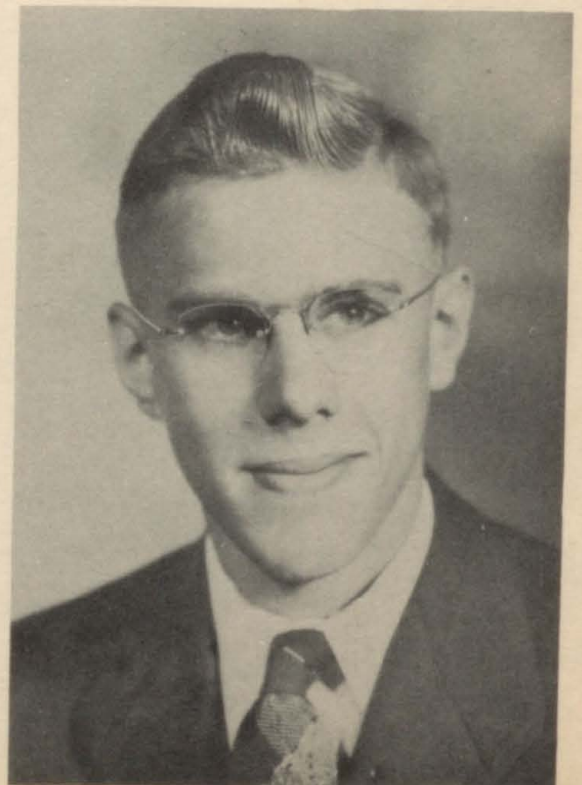


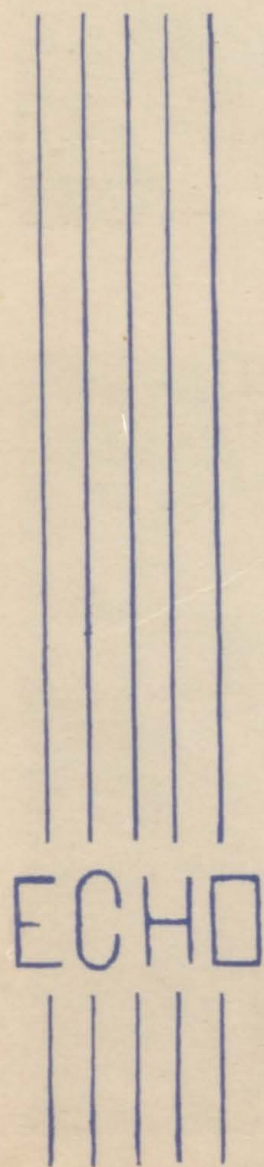
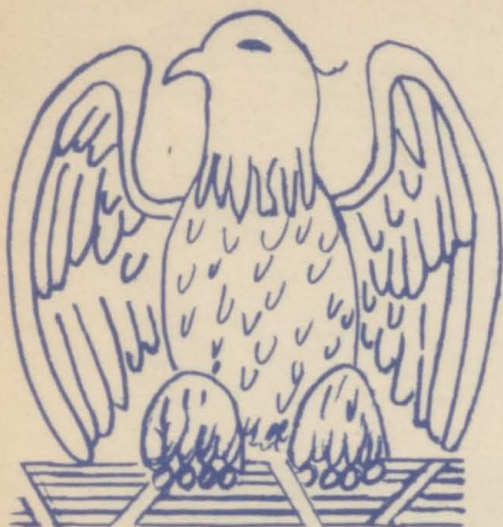
Joe Morris

F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Treas. 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; Bi-County Chorus 4; Bi-County Band 4; Class Play 3; Stage Manager Class Play 4; Class Treas. 4.

Dale Anderson

Softball 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Athletic Manager 4; Chorus 1, 4; Band 4; Class Play 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Sec. 3; Class Treas. 4; Bi-County Chorus 4; Bi-County Band 4; State Farmer's Degree 4.







Mary Hughes

Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; A Capella Chorus 4; Bi-County Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Bi-County Band 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Chorus Vice Pres. 4; Declamation 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; School Plays 1, 2, 3; Student Council Sec. 4; Editor-in-Chief of Echo 3; Echo Staff 4; Ass't Editor-in-Chief of Buzzer 4; Buzzer Staff 1, 3; Class Vice Pres. 1; Class Treas. 2; Winner of Co. Typing Contest 2; G. A. A. 1.

Maxine Day

Burlington 2; Class Play 3; Home Ec. Club 3, 4; Bi-County Chorus 3, 4; Ass't Manager and Prompter Class Play 4; Chorus 3, 4.

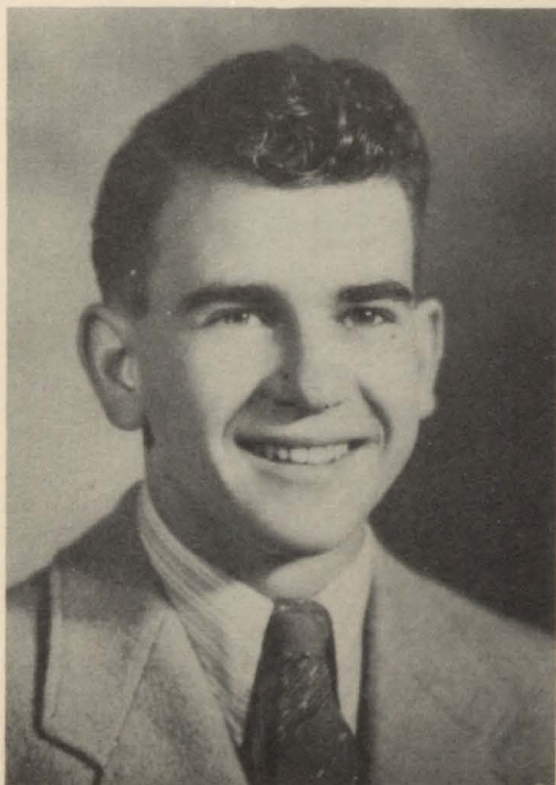


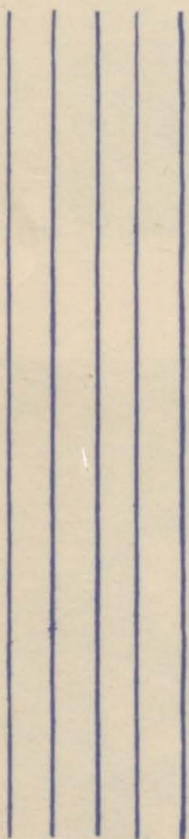
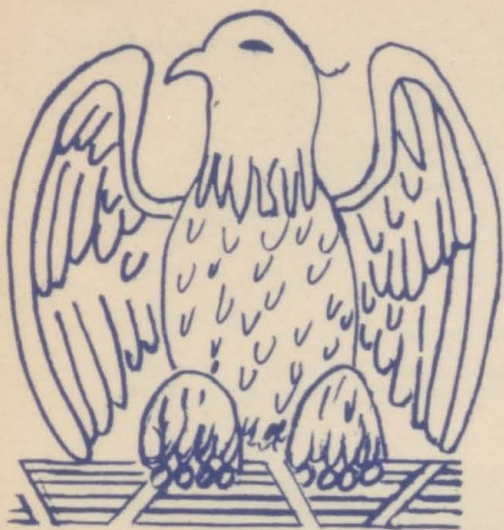
Jack Campbell

Keokuk 3; Basketball 3, 4; Track 3, 4.

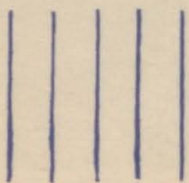
David Lipes

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 2, 3, 4; Chorus Pres. 3; Bi-County Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Bi-County Band 3, 4; Declamation Contestant 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Ass't Business Mgr. Buzzer 4; Boy's Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.





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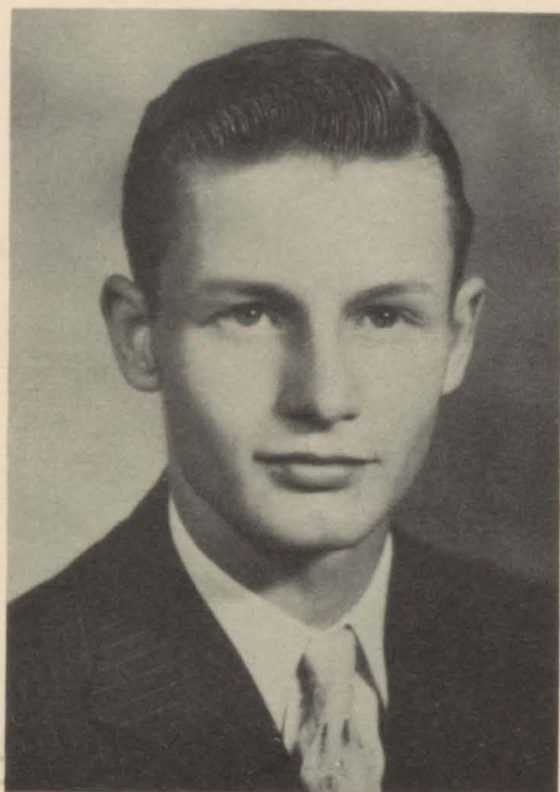


Dorothy Ravenscraft

Home Ec. Treas. 2; Echo Staff 4; Student Council 4;
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4; Class Treas. 3;
G. A. A. 2; Home Ec. Club 1, 2, 3; Bi-County Chorus 1,
2, 3.

Betty Armstrong

Student Council 1; Home Ec. Club Sec. 1; Class Vice-
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Class Play 2, 3; Home Ec. Reporter 4; Buzzer Editor 3;
Echo Staff 3, 4; Commercial Contest 2.

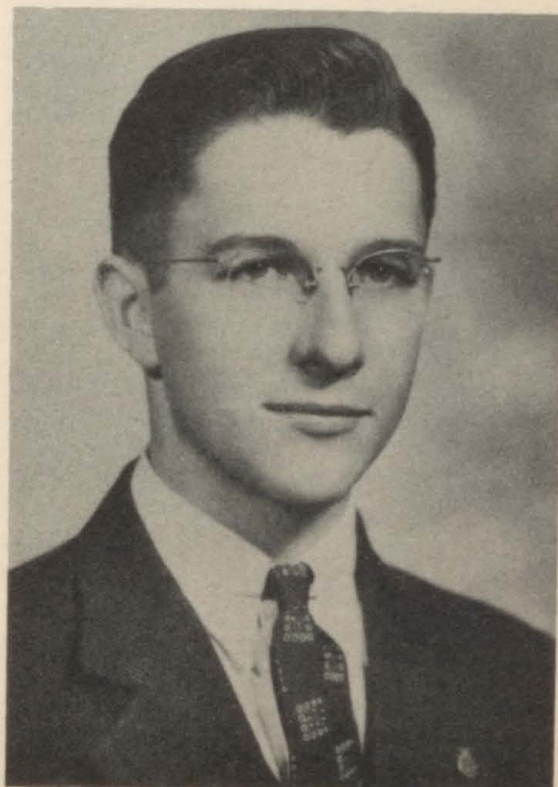


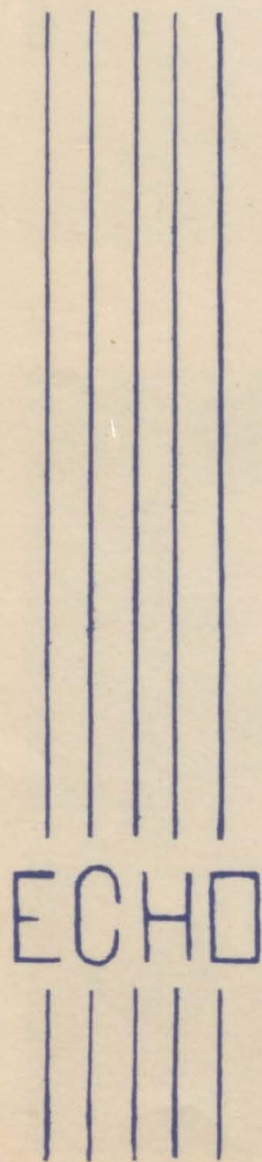
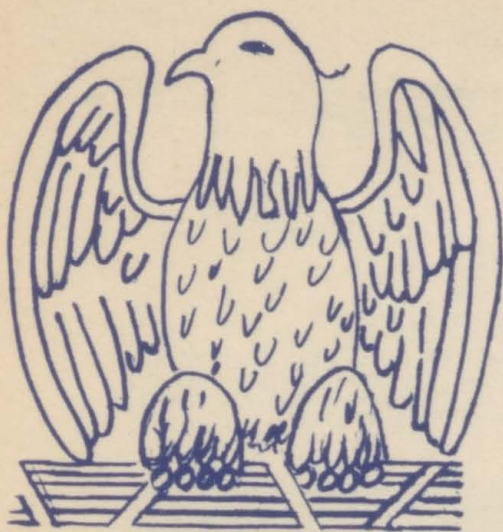
Ronald Patterson

Class Pres. 2; Band Pres. 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus
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3, 4; Bi-County Band 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Softball 1, 3, 4; Track 1; Echo Staff 3; Buzzer Staff
1, 4; "B" Club 2; Student Council 3; Boy's Chorus 1, 2,
3, 4.

Stuart Kelly

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Re-
porter 3; Class Sec. 2; Student Council Pres. 4; Class
Play 4; Christmas Play 3; Declamation Contestant 4;
Buzzer Humor Editor 3; Buzzer Art Editor 4; State Far-
mer's Degree 4.







Dorothy Kinkaid

G. A. A. 2; Class Play 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3;
Class Reporter 3; Home Ec. Club 3; Declamation 2; Echo
Staff 4.



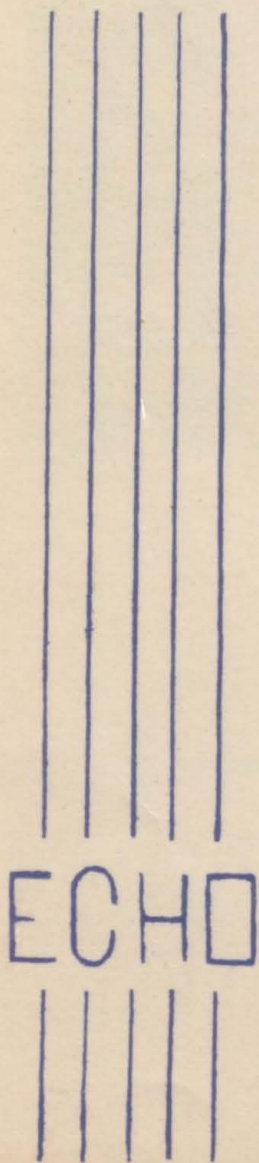
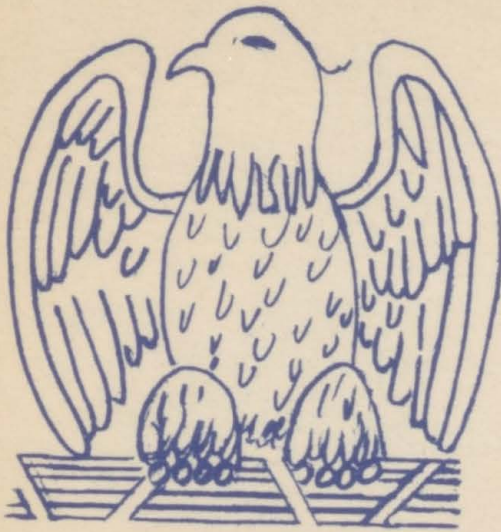
Martha Seitz

Gladstone 2; Home Ec. Treas. 4; G. A. A. 2; Home Ec.
Club 2, 3, 4.



Virginia West

Burlington 1, 2; Chemistry Club 1, 2; Home Ec. Club
3, 4.



Senior Class History

In the fall of '42 nineteen new pupils entered the doors of Biggsville High. Like the early eastern colonies this class was "green but growing." At the first class meeting the following officers were elected: Pres., Betty Noble; Vice-Pres., Mary Louise Hughes; Sec. and Treas., Mavis McDonald; Representative to Congress, Betty Armstrong; and Mr. Noble as advisor.

One party was held during the year which was an all school Halloween party.

The following year fifteen students filed into classes. The class officers were as follows: Pres., Ronald Patterson; Vice-Pres., Betty Armstrong; Sec. and Treas., Mary Louise Hughes; and Mr. Vorel as advisor.

A one act play entitled "The Ring and the Look" was put on by some of the class members.

There were eighteen pupils to report back as juniors. The following class officers were elected: Pres., David Lipes; Vice-Pres., Paul Van Meter; Sec., Betty Armstrong; Treas., Dorothy Ravenscraft; Representative to Congress, Ronald Patterson; and Mrs. Kerker as advisor.

In November the class presented a play entitled "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" which proved to be a big success.

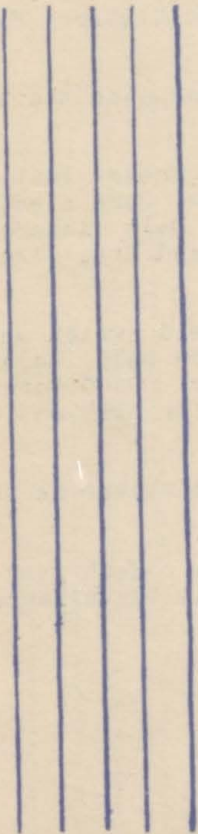
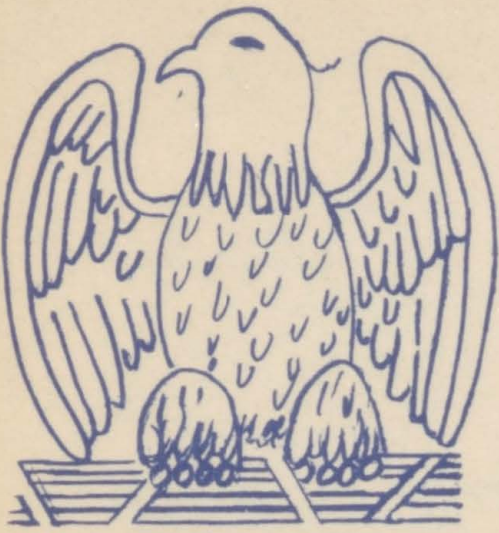
On April 28, the Junior and Senior Banquet was held at Hotel Burlington and the theme was Mexican.

This year sixteen classmates entered the doors of Biggsville High for their last year of high school education. At the first class meeting the following officers were elected: Pres., William Bigger; Vice-Pres., Joe Morris; Sec., Betty Noble; Treas., Dale Anderson; Representative to Congress, Dorothy Ravenscraft; Reporter, Ronald Patterson; and Mrs. Glenn as advisor.

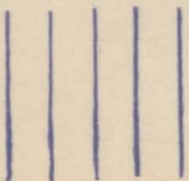
The seniors have been busy with many activities. Two parties were held which were a hamburger fry and a hay rack ride. During the basketball tournaments that were held here the seniors sold hot dogs and pop to help increase the contents of their treasury. On October 12 the seniors had their pictures taken by Mr. Burch from Davenport. The senior play entitled "The Visitor" was given May 2.

The class chose pink and white carnations as their flower and blue and silver as their colors.

The class of '46 has grown each year, inch by inch, not sideways, but up. Each year the class has gathered strength to push on. Now this class will scatter, but all the classmates will remember the years spent at Biggsville High.



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Senior Class Prophecy

Class of '46 Holds Reunion

May 17, 1956, (AP) Biggsville High School Class of 1946 held their second five-year picnic at Crapo Park, Burlington, Iowa. The program was in charge of the former class advisor, Mrs. Ed. Glenn. After the program a social hour was enjoyed during which each of the fifteen class members related what they were doing.

Anderson is farming with his Dad near Stronghurst. He takes an annual six weeks' course at Iowa State on "Care and Maintenance of the Family Automobile."

A graduate of Macomb College is Betty Armstrong. She is teaching commerce at Nebo and is also bookkeeper in the office of the principal, Neal Henry.

The former class president, W. C. Bigger, is leading a merry bachelor's life at his 400 acre farm northwest of Biggsville. This successful farmer states that his high school education stands as a shining example to the world for he is also President of the 13th National Bank of Gladstone.

Jack Campbell raises pink elephants at East Moline. Once each year he makes a trip to Alaska for new specimens.

Maxine Day, after taking a complete course in Business Management, is now in partnership with the owner of Larson's Ford Garage.

Dr. M. L. Hughes, B. A., M. S., is head professor at Dutch Row. During the summer she teaches advanced courses in bookkeeping.

Operating a flying classroom between remote Eskimo villages in the Antarctic is Stuart Kelly.

The former Miss Dorothy Kinkaid, after graduating from Galesburg Cottage Hospital, is now chief matron at the Burlington Hospital. She is also chief patron during her yearly vacations.

David Lipes is singing at Carnegie Hall with F. J. Vorel's symphony band. He attended Knox College after serving three years in the Army of Occupation.

Head engineer in the control room of radio station KBUR is Joe Morris. He also reports that he was instrumental in installing television in this station and is the leading star in the week-day serial "She Got Her Man."

After working out an apprenticeship in the office of the "Henderson County Journal," the former Miss Betty Noble is now Editor of a county wide chain newspaper.

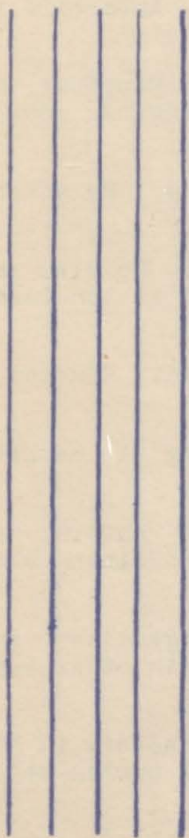
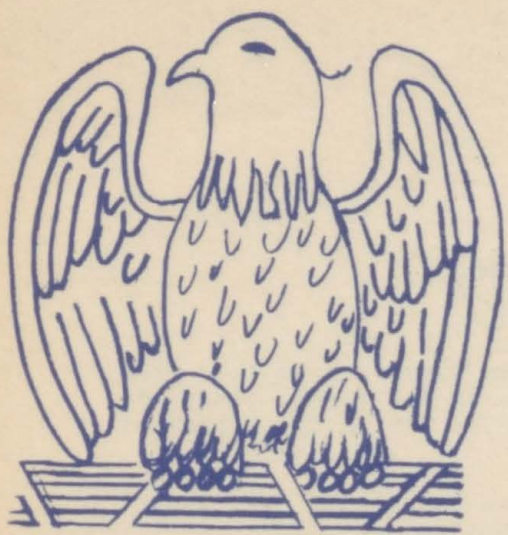
Coach Patterson, after being a star himself at Western, reports taking his basketball squad to the State Tournament three years in succession.

As a housewife south of Biggsville, the former Dottie Ravenscraft is putting her three years of Home Ec. to practice. She works in the control tower of the adjoining airport in her spare time.

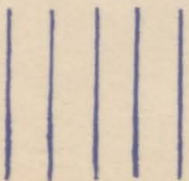
Martha Seitz is proprietor of a hot dog stand $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Biggsville. She opened up chain stands in Oquawka, Gladstone, and Rozetta. She has expanded in other ways too--she's gained 85 pounds.

Virginia West is advancing to success at her job at the Sheaffer Pen Factory in Ft. Madison. She has just made an amazing invention--a fountain pen that will run on water for five years.

At the end of the program the entire group was entertained by a song and dance duet by the two Ed. Glenn children.



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Senior Class Wills

We, the Senior class, do will and bequeath our happy-go-lucky year to the Class of '47.

I, Joe Morris, do will and bequeath my ability to skip school to Karl Henry.

I, Bill Bigger, do will and bequeath my green Ford, labeled for rent, to my family of girls.

I, David Lipes, do will and bequeath my curly hair to Iona Tee.

I, Martha Seitz, do will and bequeath my ability to cook hot dogs to Jane Bigger.

I, Dottie Ravenscraft, do will and bequeath my cherished seat in Seymour's Flying Hornet to Betty Sterett. Hope she doesn't fall too hard.

I, Dale Anderson, do will and bequeath my skill in placing moles on teachers' chairs to Irene Stevenson.

I, Stuart Kelly, do will and bequeath my ardent affection for Alumni girls to Jim Smith.

I, Maxine Day, do will and bequeath my pug nose to Martha Ann Hignight.

I, Betty Noble, do will and bequeath my editorship of the Echo to Maribeth Renard.

I, Mary Hughes, do will and bequeath my report card to Roger Kelly.

I, Ronald Patterson, do will and bequeath my technique for winning blonde's affection to Delbert Drake.

I, Dorothy Kinkaid, do will and bequeath my humorous ways to Ivan Jones.

I, Betty Armstrong, do will and bequeath my modesty to Hauer Noble.

I, Jack Campbell, do will and bequeath my crew haircuts to Betsy McCabe.

I, Virginia West, do will and bequeath my streamlined figure to Barbara Hughes.

M O T T O

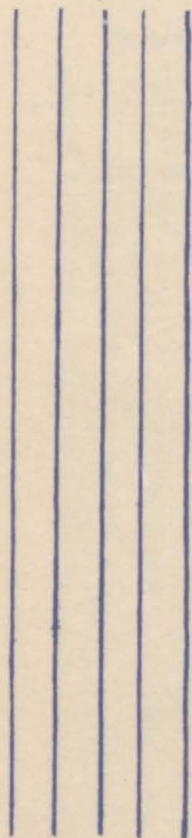
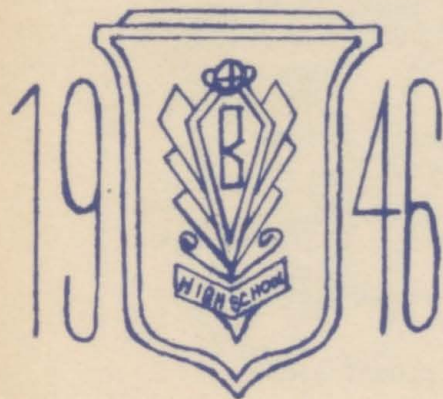
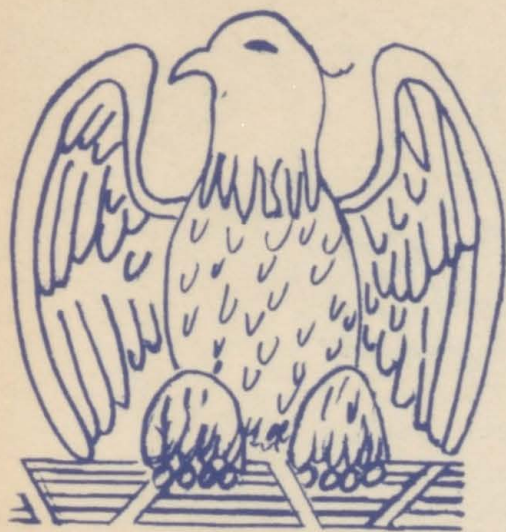
"The door to Success is labeled 'Push.'"

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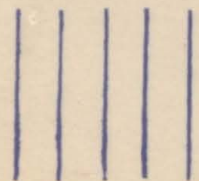
Pink and White Carnations

C O L O R S

Blue and Silver



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Back Row: Mr. Vorel, A. Olson, B. Simpson, L. Lubke, C. Seitz, V. Hutchinson, J. Armstrong, L. Maxwell, Mr. Ingold.

Front Row: V. Ravenscraft, C. Martin, B. Milligan, M. Downes, L. Smith, S. Bowman, N. Day.

The class of 1948 represents the Northern Section of the country, especially the Mid-West, with its farms and growing industry.

At the first Freshman class meeting they elected the following officers: President--Lee Maxwell, Vice President--Ada Shafer, Secretary and Treasurer--Carita Martin, Representative to Congress--Arthur Olson.

Lee Maxwell was also chosen as reporter to the Biggsville News Letter. Mr. Henry was elected sponsor for the class.

At initiation, the freshman was instructed to carry a paddle and have each senior autograph it. After signing the paddle, the senior would use it on the freshman. Initiation therefore was quite hard on them, but they became full fledged high school students.

No dishes, arms or legs were broken at the first all-freshman social gathering. The party was held in the gym. The evening was spent playing games and eating a pot luck supper. The freshman and sophomore skating party, held in Burlington, was the next main event of the year.

Vallie Ravenscraft was Ag. Queen Contestant, and Eddie Lipes was King Contestant.

During the year three members moved away and Billy Simpson joined the class. Two boys, Lee and Pete, represented the freshmen in the "Services of War."

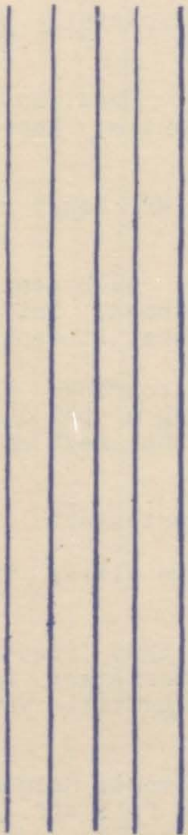
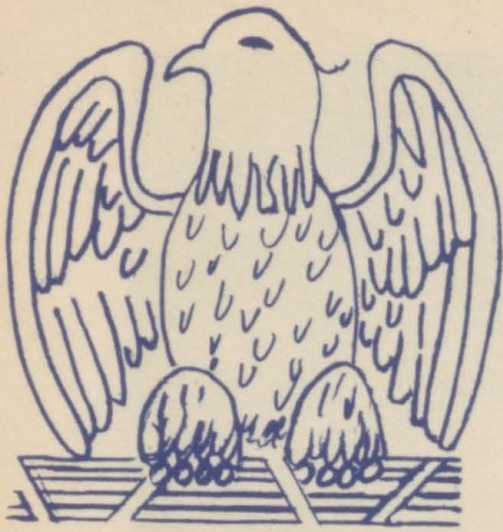
In 1945 sixteen Yankees returned to B. H. S. At the first meeting, they elected Pete Boyd, President, Jim Armstrong, Vice President, Barbara Milligan, Secretary and Treasurer, Marcia Downes as "Congressional Representative." Nedra Day was Biggsville News Letter Reporter. For sponsors they chose Mr. Vorel and Mr. Ingold.

Arthur Olson suffered the only casualty on the hay rack ride the sophomores held at the first of the year. The tractor took a jog in the road abruptly and Art fell off. A delicious picnic supper was held in the park at the junction after which they journeyed to the covered bridge at Gladstone.

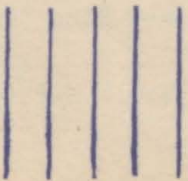
During the year Pete Boyd, Frances Boyer, and Don Smith left the class and Sarah Bowman and Vernon Hutchinson became new sophomores.

This year Barbara Milligan was Ag. Queen Contestant and Jim Armstrong was King Contestant.

Lee, Clyde and Pete fought in the main battles of the second team this year. Earlier Lee and Pete played softball.



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Back Row: P. Law, P. Allen, W. Larson, K. Henry, C. Brown, V. Blake, D. Stevenson, H. Noble, J. Smith

Second Row: Mrs. Kerker, D. Baylor, D. Alecock, L. Downes, J. Forgey, D. Jensen, D. Montroy, L. Baughman, R. Kelly, Mrs. McFerren

Front Row: D. Jamison, P. Gray, B. Sterett, J. Bigger, M. McChesney, M. Glenn, M. Renard

Twenty-nine green freshmen entered Biggsville High in the fall of '43, to add to what they thought was their enormous knowledge. The class soon called a meeting and elected the following officers: President, Karl Henry; Vice President, Wendell Larson; Secretary, Lorena Downes; Treasurer, Dick Henderson; Student Council, Merideth Shafer; Watch Dog, Daryl Baylor; Faculty Advisor, Mr. Rankin. This first year the class had one party, a freshman-sophomore skating party at Burlington.

The class started its sophomore year in the fall of '44 with 27 members. They called a meeting and elected the following officers: President, Dick Jensen; Vice President, Doris Jamison; Secretary, Maxine McChesney; Treasurer, Pat Gray; Student Council, Daryl Baylor; Faculty Advisor, Mr. Vorel. That year the class had a number of meetings and three parties, a freshman-sophomore skating party at Burlington, a hayrack ride to the covered bridge at Gladstone, and a sleigh ride.

Being the second oldest class enrolled in Biggsville High the Junior Class is proud to bear the name of "The South" in our Echo.

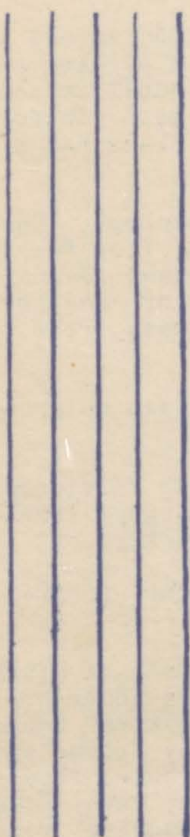
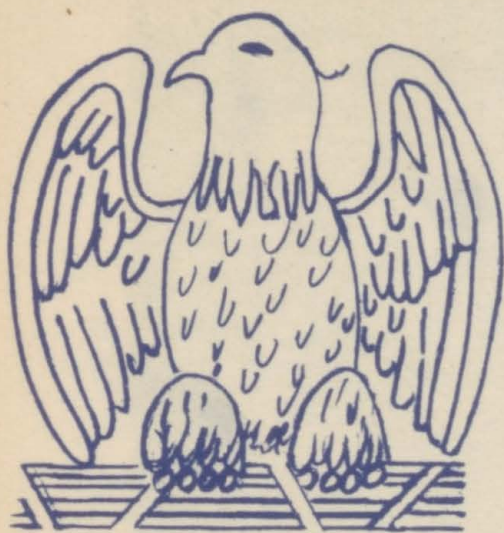
At our first class meeting this year 26 members chose the following officers: President, Vernon Blake; Vice President, Mildred Glenn; Secretary, Joan Forgey; Treasurer, Daryl Baylor; Student Council, Wendell Larson; Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Kerker.

True to the custom each year the Junior class produced a play, "Moonlight for Herbert", under the direction of Mrs. McFerren.

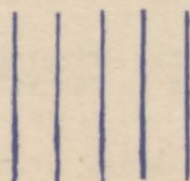
This year the annual Junior Senior Banquet was held in the Banquet Hall of Hotel Burlington on May 8. The dining room was beautifully decorated by the Juniors under Mrs. Kerker's supervision. A large May Pole had been set up just behind the speakers' table and streamers of many colors ran the entire length of the room. The May Day theme was carried out in the seven individual tables decorated with candles, nut cups, flower baskets in pastel tints of green, blue, pink, yellow and orchid. Snapdragons, sweet peas and daisies made up the centerpieces. Clever programs emphasizing May Day Memories were given to each one present. After a delicious turkey dinner the following program was presented by Vernon Blake who acted as toastmaster: Welcome--Vernon Blake; Response--Bill Bigger; Solo, "Without A Song", Jim Smith; Trio, "Will You Remember", Doris Jamison, Mildred Glenn and Pat Gray; "Pulling Together," Mr. Henry; Solo, "Summertime," Joan Forgey; Quartet, "I Had a Dream Dear" and "Ain't That A Shame," Wendell Larson, Phillip Law, Karl Henry, Jim Smith.

The evening ended when all juniors and seniors and their guests and the faculty attended the Palace Theatre where John Payne and Maureen O'Hara were starring in "Sentimental Journey."

During the last few high school years there have been low spots and high spots, but everyone has enjoyed his high school days so far.



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Back Row: E. Moffitt, A. Lubke, I. Jones, L. Campbell, L. Slagle, J. Patterson, R. Davis, D. Drake, B. Armstrong, H. Alecock.

Front Row: L. Nunn, S. Boughten, N. Hurka, A. Day, L. Johnson, M. Hignight, B. McCabe, N. Henry, D. Welch, I. Stevenson.

The West is thought of as the youngest part of the country and the freshmen are the youngest in the school, at least they felt that they were when they started to Biggsville High School last fall. The first thrill of starting was mingled with anxiety at the thought of the coming initiation.

When the day arrived the poor freshmen struggled through it, suffering the humiliating tasks the seniors gave to them. Delbert, as a red headed Indian, and the diaper kids will long be remembered by B. H. S. The night initiation was shocking in more ways than one. Each Freshman was fed his share of the feast which was "hot blood" and "cold worms." The upper classmen and the faculty seemed to enjoy seeing the poor "Freshies" suffer.

Officers were elected and Lyle Slagle was chosen President, Vice President--Lee Campbell, Secretary-Treasurer--Nancy Henry, Representative to Congress--Richard Davis, and Biggsville News Letter Reporter--Arba Lubke.

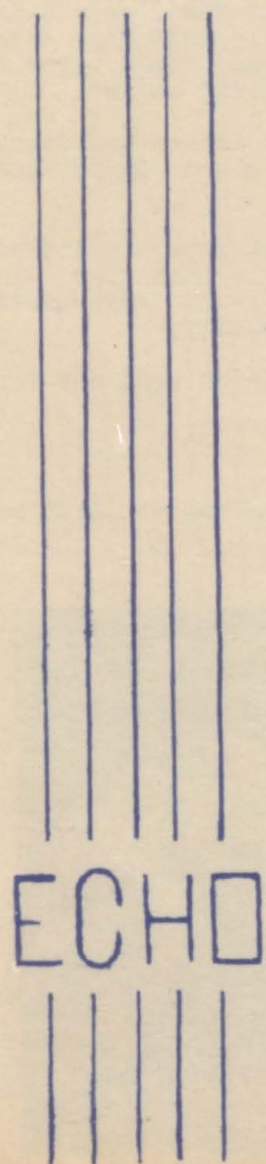
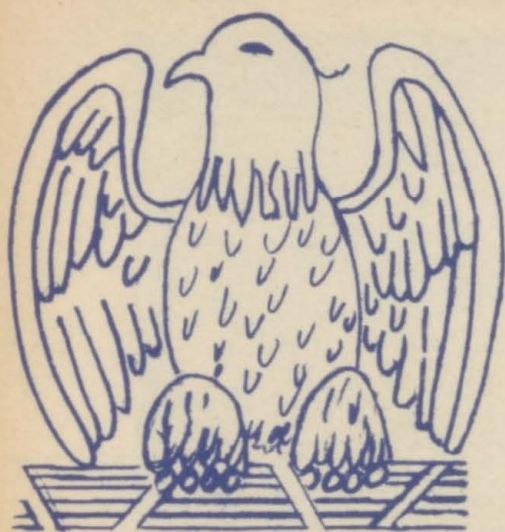
The class has had three parties this year. Mr. Noble, the class advisor, furnished refreshments and a committee planned several games for a Gym party early this year. In September a weiner roast was enjoyed in the timber back of the athletic field. Afterwards we went to the Gym. In October the hayrack ride to Ivan's was a trifle chilly.

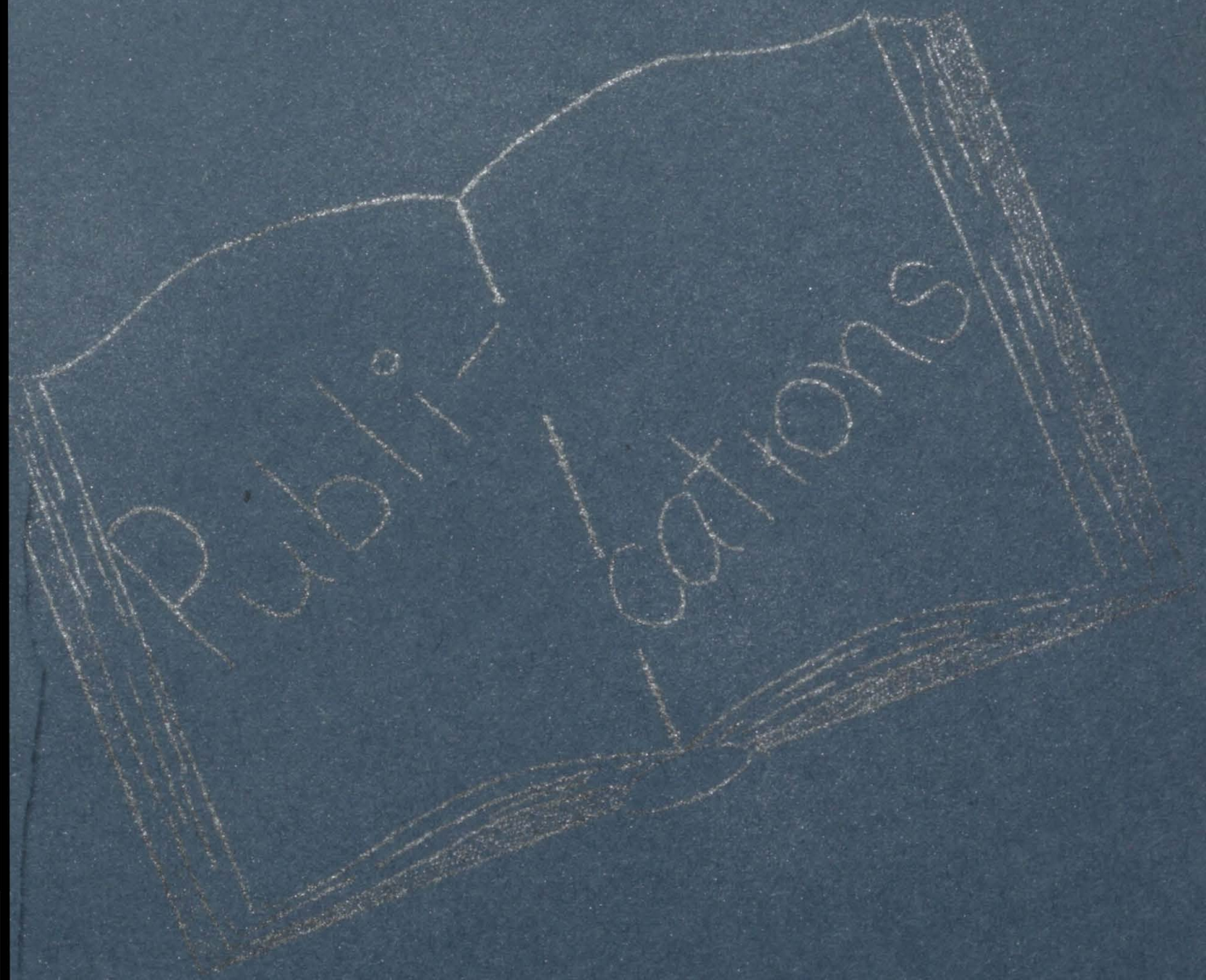
Eight boys went out for basketball this year and did very well. Seven went out for track also.

Chorus was a popular activity with many freshmen joining.

The class agrees that it has been a great adventure being freshmen but it will be more exciting to be sophomores.







Congressional Record



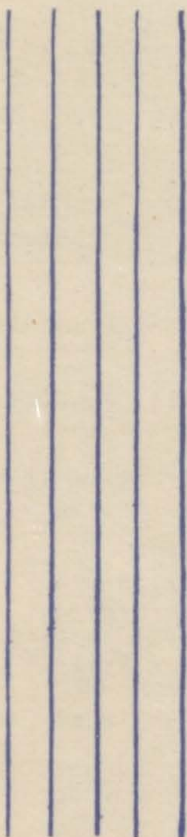
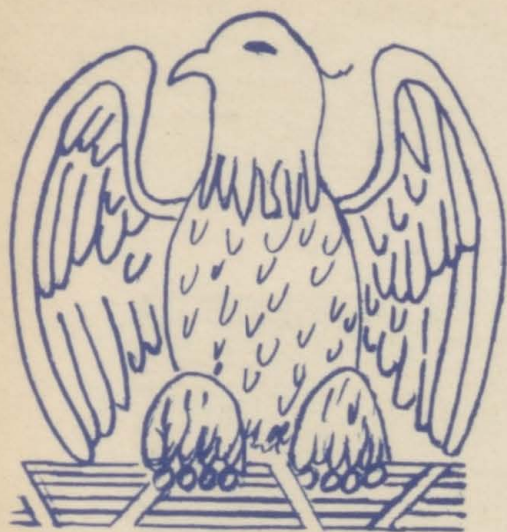
Standing: Mrs. McFerren, N. Day, W. Larson, D. Welch, H. Noble, B. Armstrong, B. Bigger, D. Kinkaid, S. Kelly, Mrs. Glenn

Sitting: P. Law, J. Forgey, D. Ravenscraft, M. Hughes, M. Renard, B. Noble, L. Downes, K. Henry

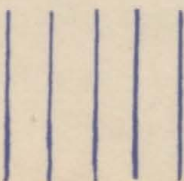
Once more the annual Echo is being published but with an entirely different theme. The general plan is "The National Government." The student council chose the following officers:

Editor-in-chief	Betty Noble
Assistant Editor	Maribeth Renard
Business Manager	Karl Henry
Assistant Business Manager	Roger Kelly
Girls' Athletics	Joan Forgey
Boys' Athletics	Bill Bigger
Future Farmers	Phillip Law
Music	Mary Hughes
Dramatics	Lorena Downes
Commercial	Betty Armstrong
Home Economics	Dorothy Ravenscraft
Pictures	Stuart Kelly
Senior News	Dorothy Kinkaid
Junior News	Hauer Noble
Sophomore News	Nedra Day
Freshman News	Dorothy Welch
Student Council	Wendell Larson

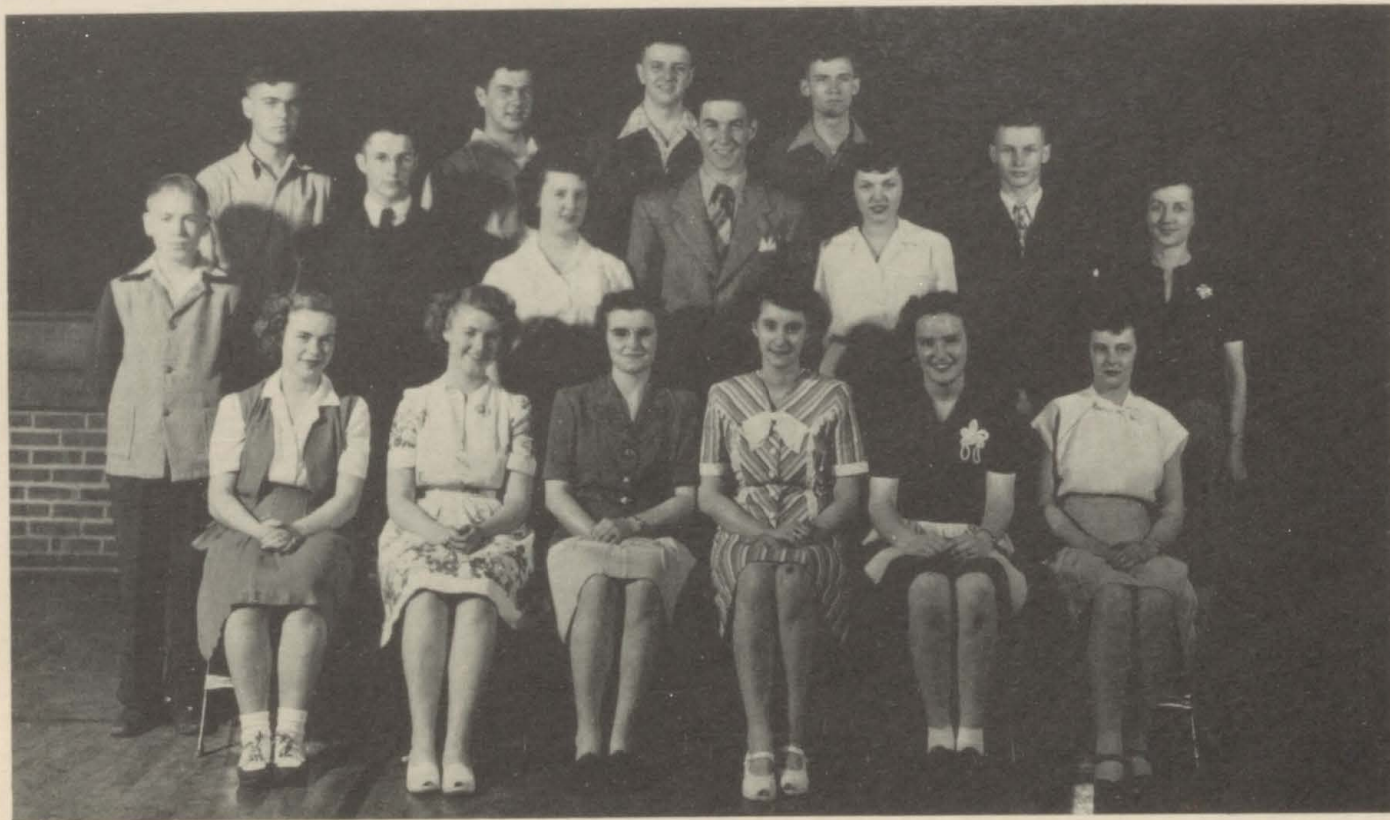
We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the kind and patient assistance given to us by Mrs. Glenn and Mrs. McFerren in publishing our year book. Also we wish to thank the business men and the various school organizations who contributed toward our Echo Fund.



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Biggsville News Letter



Back Row: H. Noble, R. Kelly, D. Jensen, K. Henry

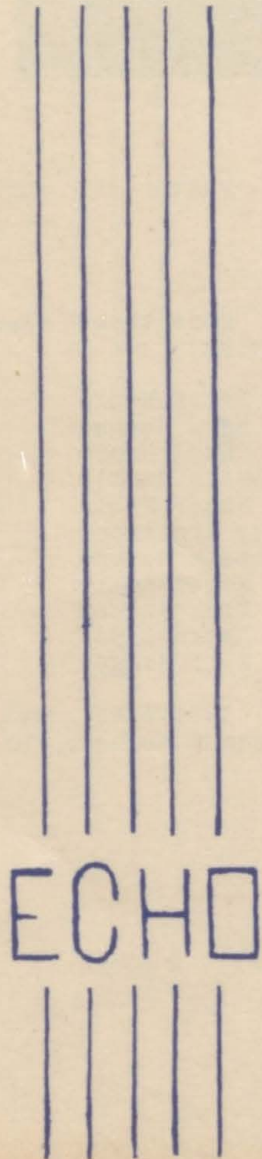
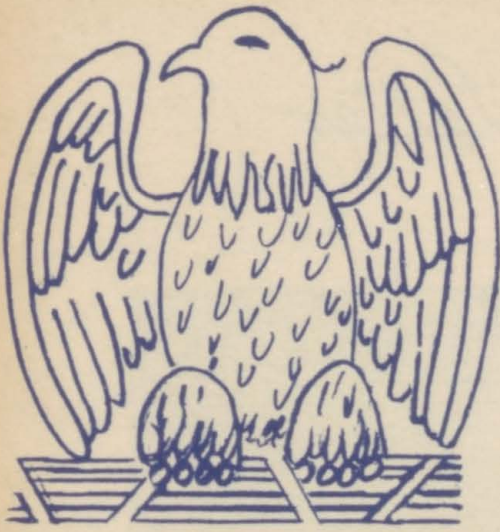
Second Row: A. Lubke, S. Kelly, B. Armstrong, B. Bigger, J. Bigger, R. Patterson, Mrs. Glenn

Front Row: N. Day, B. Noble, M. Hughes, M. Renard, C. Martin, L. Downes

The students and surrounding community have enjoyed our newspaper more than ever this year. The following officers were elected to perform the various duties:

Editor-in-chief	Betty Noble
Assistant Editor	Mary Hughes
Athletic Reporter	Karl Henry
Humor	Carita Martin
Future Farmers	Hauer Noble
Home Economics	Betty Armstrong
Music	Maribeth Renard
Art Editors	Stuart and Roger Kelly
Business Manager	Dick Jensen
Assistant Business Manager	David Lipes
Alumni News	Bill Bigger

We wish to thank Betty for the interesting editorials that were published each month. We also wish to express our sincere appreciation to all other staff members for the fine spirit of cooperation which has existed throughout the year.





Voices of America





I HEAR B. H. S. SINGING

The spirit of America marches forward to the sound of music. Listen! Can you "hear B. H. S. Singing"?

As the mixed chorus was open to all students, there were 53 voices in the mixed chorus this year. This was a great increase in membership. The chorus chose the following officers this year: President--David Lipes, Vice President--Mary Hughes, Secretary and Treasurer--Betty Noble.

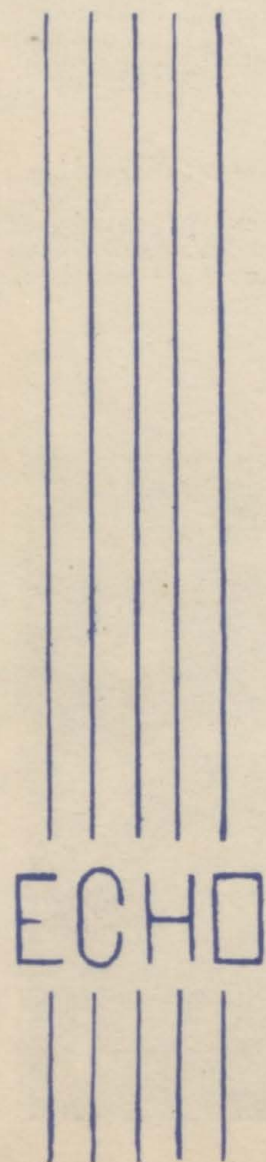
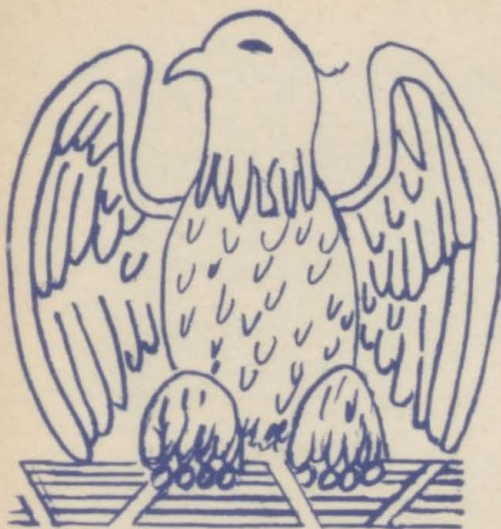
With the help of community talent the chorus presented Handel's Messiah at Christmas. Solos were taken by David Lipes, Mary Hughes, Joan Forgey, Karl Henry, Ronald Patterson, and Lorena Downes. At the Spring Concert the chorus again sang. The girls blossomed out in formals of many colors. The concert selections were: "Land of Hope and Glory", "Kathryn's Wedding Day", "The Hiking Song", "Shortin'n Bread", "Come To The Fair", "Bells of St. Mary's", and "Dark Water."

The whole chorus represented the school in the Bi-County Music Festival at Roseville.

The A Capella chorus, a select group of juniors and seniors, was a new organization for this year. There were 25 voices. The chorus decided that all girls should have white formals for its appearances. The selections were: "Listen to the Lambs", "Beautiful Savior", "Vanka Tanka", "Ifca's Castle", and "Fireflies."

All in all the chorus group enjoyed a very successful year.







The Military Band of Biggsville entertained the local populace on Biggsville's "5th Avenue", purchased uniforms of patriotic color, and traveled far and wide with the "Army and Navy" of B. H. S. during the year of '45 - '46.

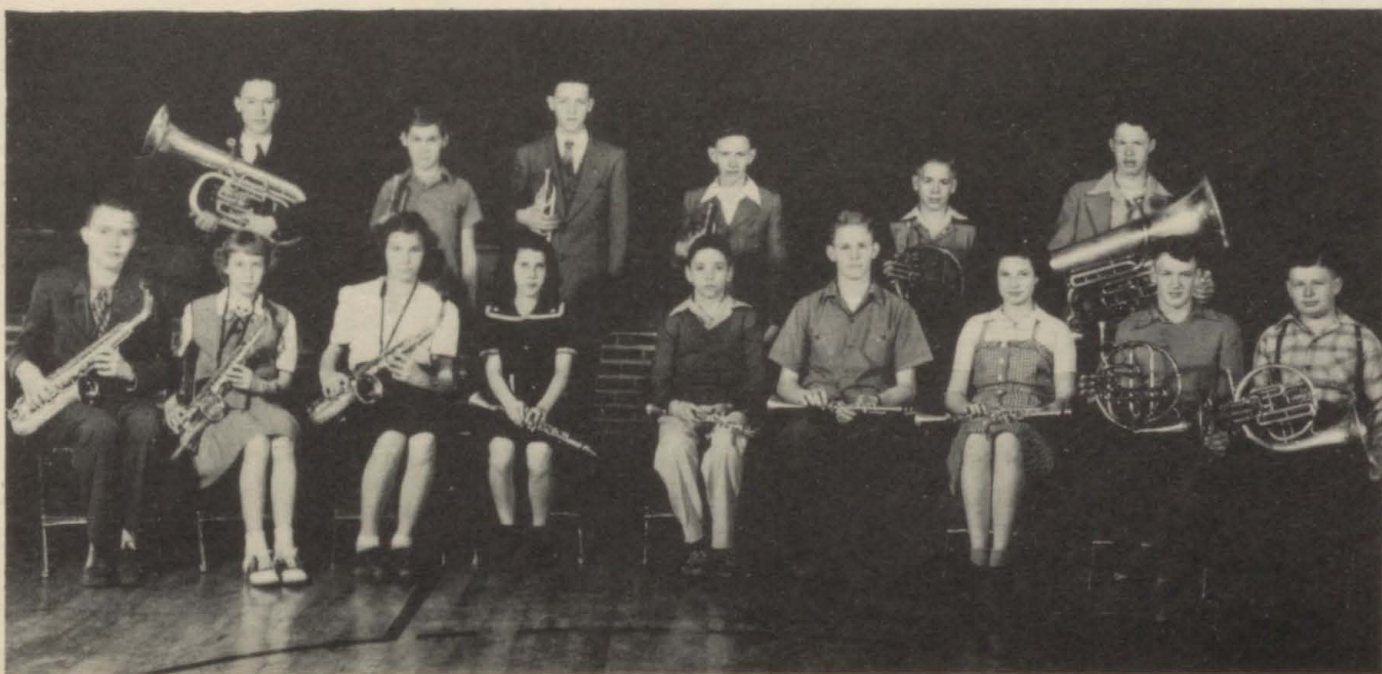
The talented members numbered 28 this year. During the hot summer season when the people of the community yearned to gather on the "5th Avenue" for an evening of restful entertainment, the band rendered many sonorous chords. The band's summer appearances yielded financial fruits which enabled it to purchase distinctive uniforms. Red coats of military fashion are worn with white trousers, while the red caps bear the musical lyre.

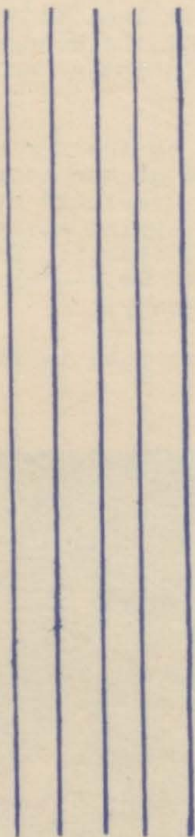
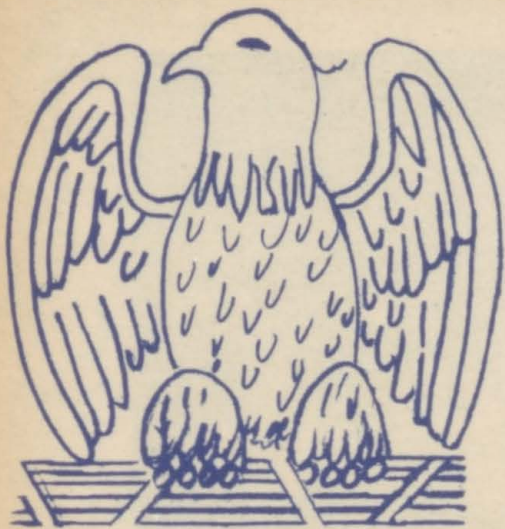
At the beginning of the school term the band chose the following officers: President--Ronald Patterson, Vice President--Dick Jensen, Secretary and Treasurer--Karl Henry.

During the school term the band backed its Department of War, the athletics, to its utmost ability, traveling far and wide with the fighting "Army and Navy." At the Henderson County Teachers Institute this musical group also entertained the principals and teachers of the schools.

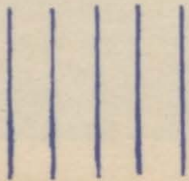
The Military Band made its formal appearances for the year of '45 - '46 at the Spring Concert and at the Bi-County Festival. The following selections were played at the local Spring Concert: "Ballet Music from Rosemunde" by Schubert, "Student Prince Overture" by Romberg, "Argentina Overture" by Bucktel, "Marcha 3De Febrero" by Roncal, "Stepping Along" by Goldman, "Magic Flute" by Mozart, "Hall of Fame Concert March" by Olivadoti. The features were: Trombone Solo--"Gaiety Polka" by Mildred Glenn, Alto Sax Solo--"Blue Danube" by Nedra Day, Tuba Solo--"Rocked In The Cradle of the Deep" by Karl Henry.

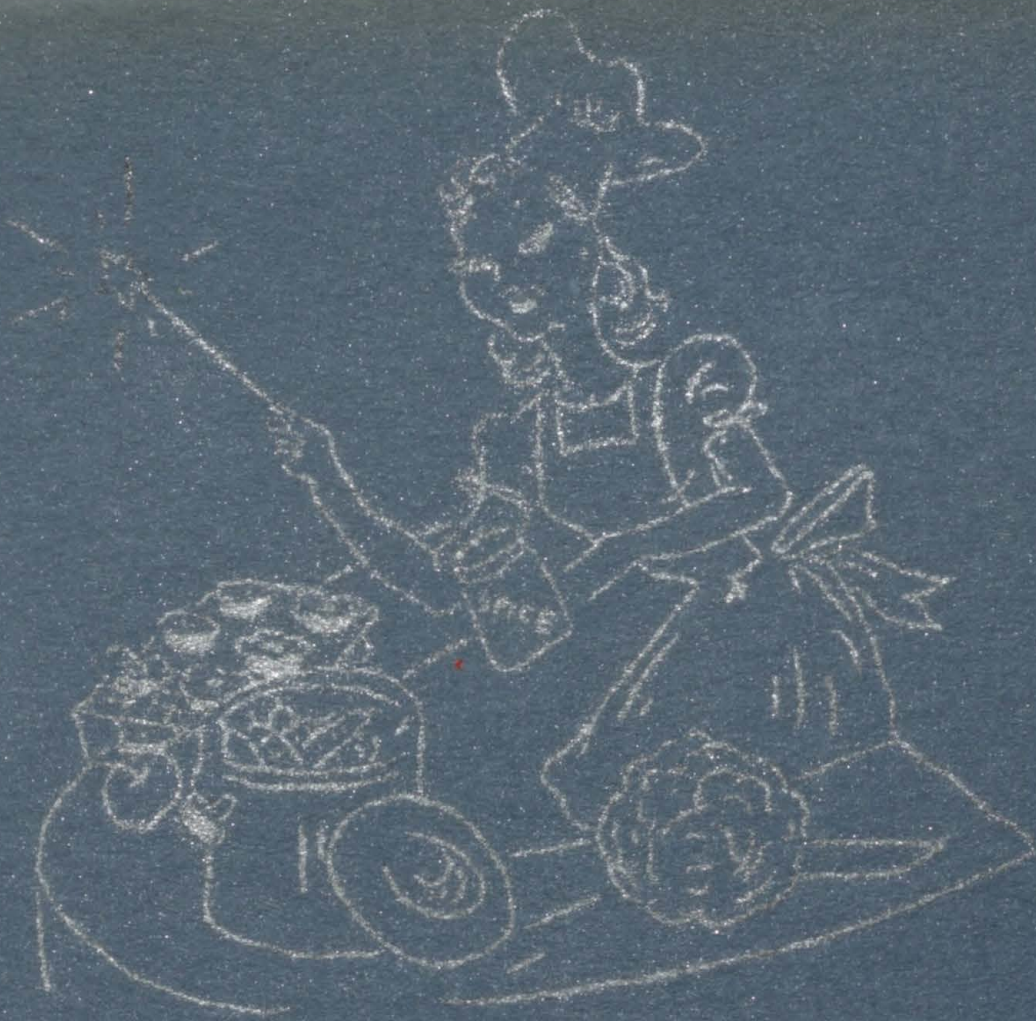
The band feels that in the year of '45 - '46 it has made more progress than in any previous year.



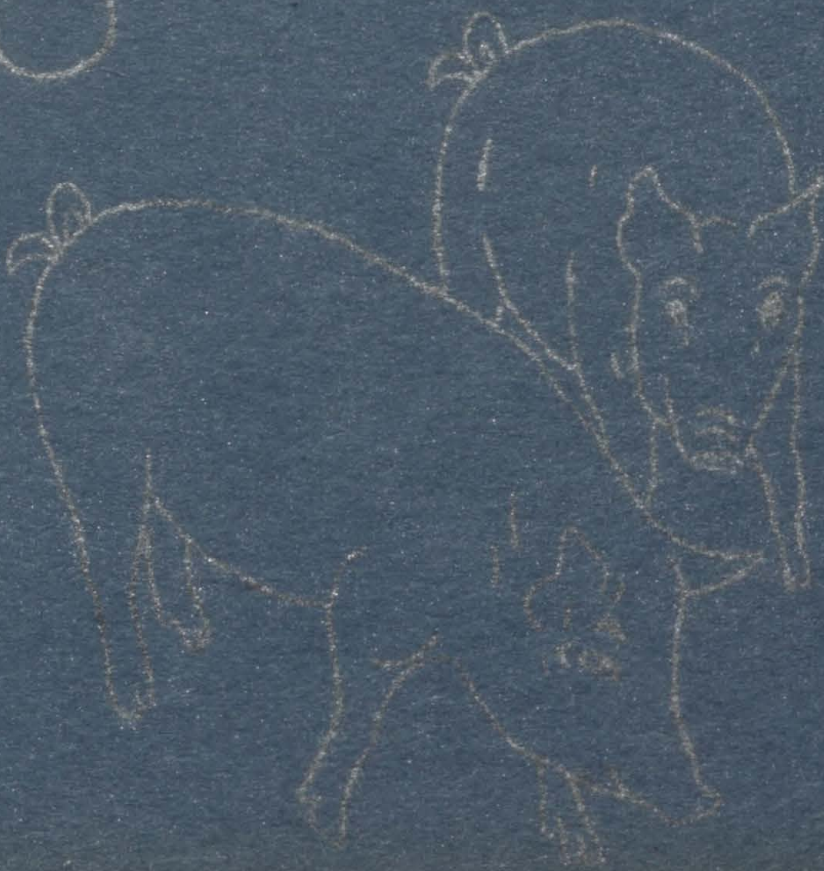


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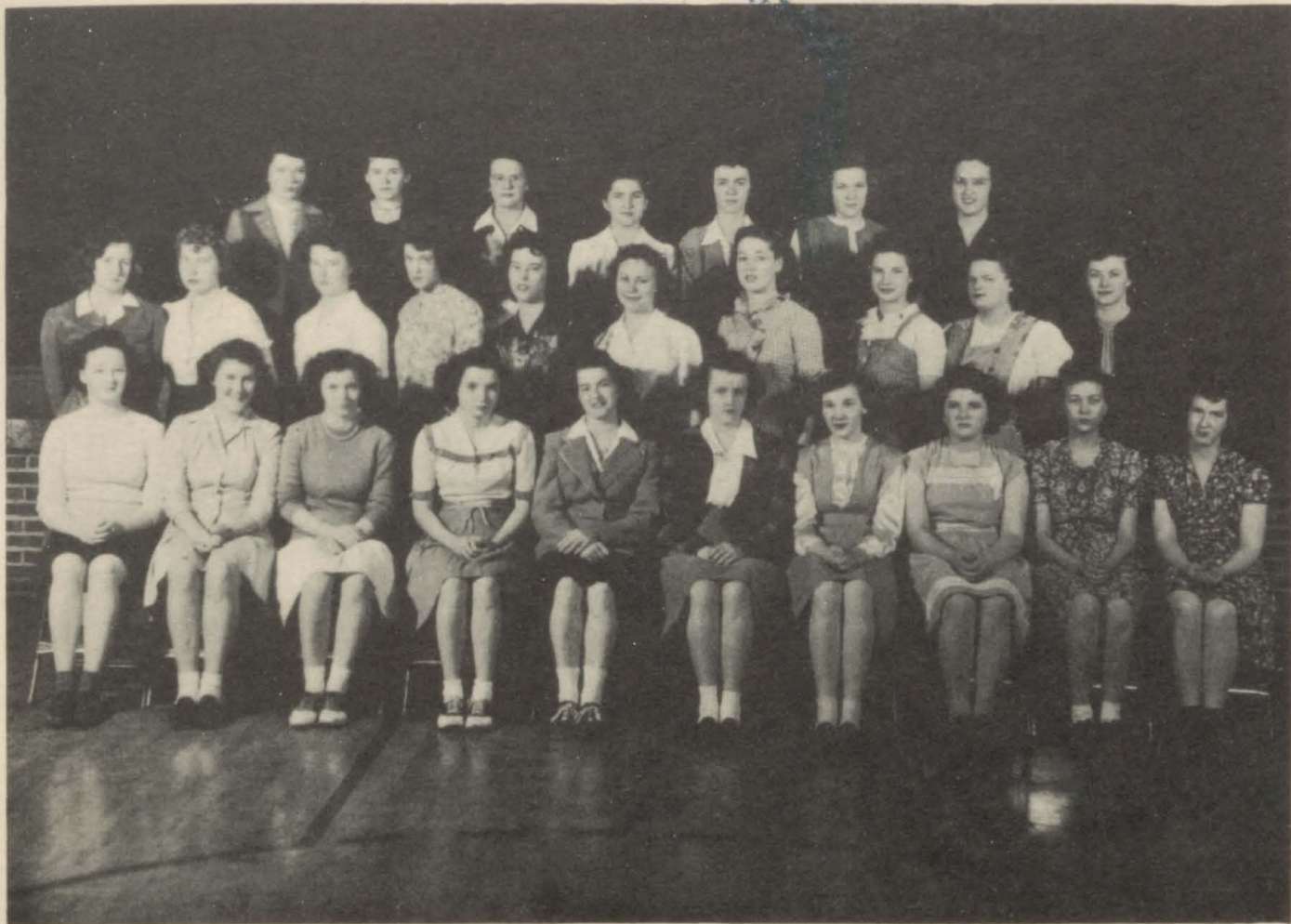




Organizations



Home Extension Department



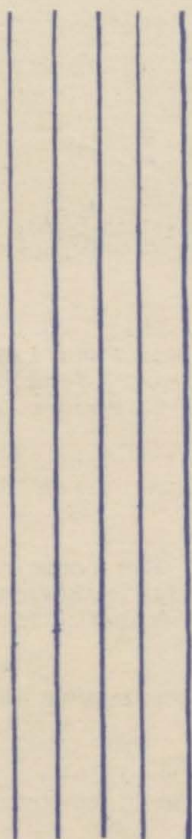
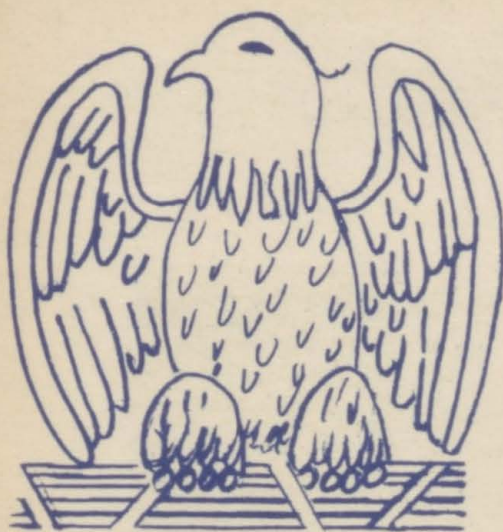
The Home Extension Club began its successful and eventful year by electing the following officers: President--Margaret Borg, Vice President--Nancy Henry, Secretary--Carita Martin, Treasurer--Martha Seitz, Representative to Congress--Barbara Milligan.

Though the Home Extension undertook many big and important tasks, without a doubt the highlight of the year was on November 9 when the girls helped the Ag. Department for the first time with their annual carnival.

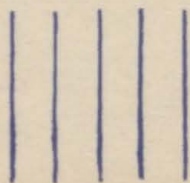
In December the girls entertained their mothers with a Christmas tea. The room was gaily decorated with a tree and scattered about the room were candles and holly. Several games were played after which the mothers received lovely gifts, made by the skillful fingers of their daughters.

Once again the Agriculture Department was aided by the club as the girls prepared and served the F. F. A. Banquet.

A part of the money earned during the year was used to purchase a new table lamp for the department. The fund was completely exhausted when the club members went to Hotel Burlington on May 3 for dinner and later to the theatre.



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Department of Agriculture



Back Row: A. Lubke, I. Jones, H. Alecock, B. Armstrong, C. Seitz, R. Kelly, C. Brown
 Second Row: E. Moffitt, D. Baylor, P. Allen, J. Armstrong, H. Noble, D. Lipes, A. Olson
 V. Hutchinson, L. Lubke, Mr. Noble
 Front Row: R. Davis, D. Drake, W. Larson, J. Morris, P. Law, B. Bigger, B. Simpson,
 D. Stevenson, S. Kelly, D. Anderson

The Department of Agriculture, under the direction and teaching of Secretary of Agriculture, Charles L. Noble, accomplished the purposes of vocational agriculture in the class of 1945-1946.

The Biggsville Chapter of the Future Farmers of America organized early in the school year of 1945-1946. The following officers were elected to carry on the functions of the chapter: President--Phillip Law, Vice President--Daryl Baylor, Secretary--Wendell Larson, Treasurer--Joe Morris, Reporter to Biggsville News Letter--Hauer Noble, Member of Congress--Roger Kelly.

The officers and advisor attended the F. F. A. officers' training school held in Monmouth. They had charge of opening one of the business sessions.

There are 27 members in the local F. F. A. carrying 50 agricultural projects. Total profits from projects for the year equalled \$11,157.72 divided between the following projects: hogs, \$5,447.03; beef, \$3,673.50; poultry, \$7.82; sheep, \$434.61; crops, \$286.14; and dairy \$16.18. Fair premiums for the year totaled \$518.25.

Each year the chapter selects a project champion. This year Robert Seymour was selected for this honor. His name has been engraved on a plaque in recognition of his outstanding project work. Bob graduated in the Class of '45.

The source of revenue for the treasury was the selling of Funk's garden seeds and putting on a carnival. The garden seeds netted a profit of \$12 and the carnival \$80. The money was used to defray expenses during 1945 and '46.

Miss Betty Armstrong was elected queen of the F. F. A.-Home Ec. carnival and Joe Morris was elected King. Both were duly crowned by Phillip Law.

The Chapter held monthly night meetings at the Agriculture room in the High School. Ping pong and basketball tournaments were held.

Parents and sons gathered on March 8 for the F. F. A. Banquet. This banquet was put on by the F. F. A. boys in honor of their mothers and fathers. The banquet marked the climax of the Department program of the classes of 1945-1946.



ECHO

Hollywood

THEATRE



and
Broadway

Junior Class Play



The Juniors chose as their class play this year "Moonlight for Herbert." They presented it on November 16, 1945, before a full house. The play was directed by Mrs. Darel McFerren.

Dana Thomas, the playwright, had his own ideas about a typical American family and skillfully put his ideas into a play.

Like most American families the Rains family had their troubles, and, at most times had more than their share.

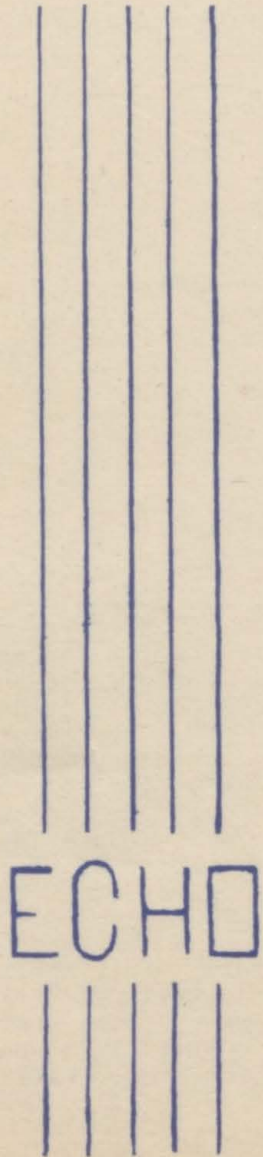
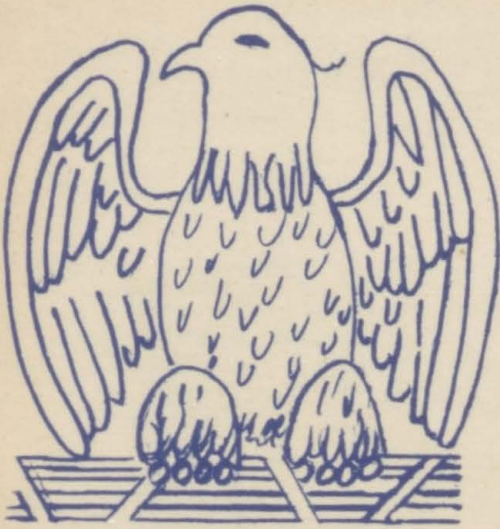
Herbert and his buddy, Vincent, decided to build a float to display in the Regatta Day Parade in spite of the fact that a wonderful opportunity to make good in music is at Herbert's door. The boys dressed to represent Mr. Tierney, a successful but slightly crooked contractor and Mr. Farnsworth, the high school principal, shaking hands over the new school building which Mr. Tierney was to build in the near future. When the building fell apart unexpectedly during the parade the boys hung up a sign saying "Excuse the catastrophe; our glue was inferior." Mr. Tierney immediately stormed over to see Mr. Rains, who was also a successful contractor, and accused him of planning this float for the boys so it would look as if Mr. Tierney was using inferior materials for the new schoolhouse. Mrs. Ellington-Lewis, an aristocrat and music patroness, saves the day by proving to everyone that Mr. Tierney is using inferior materials.

The Cast

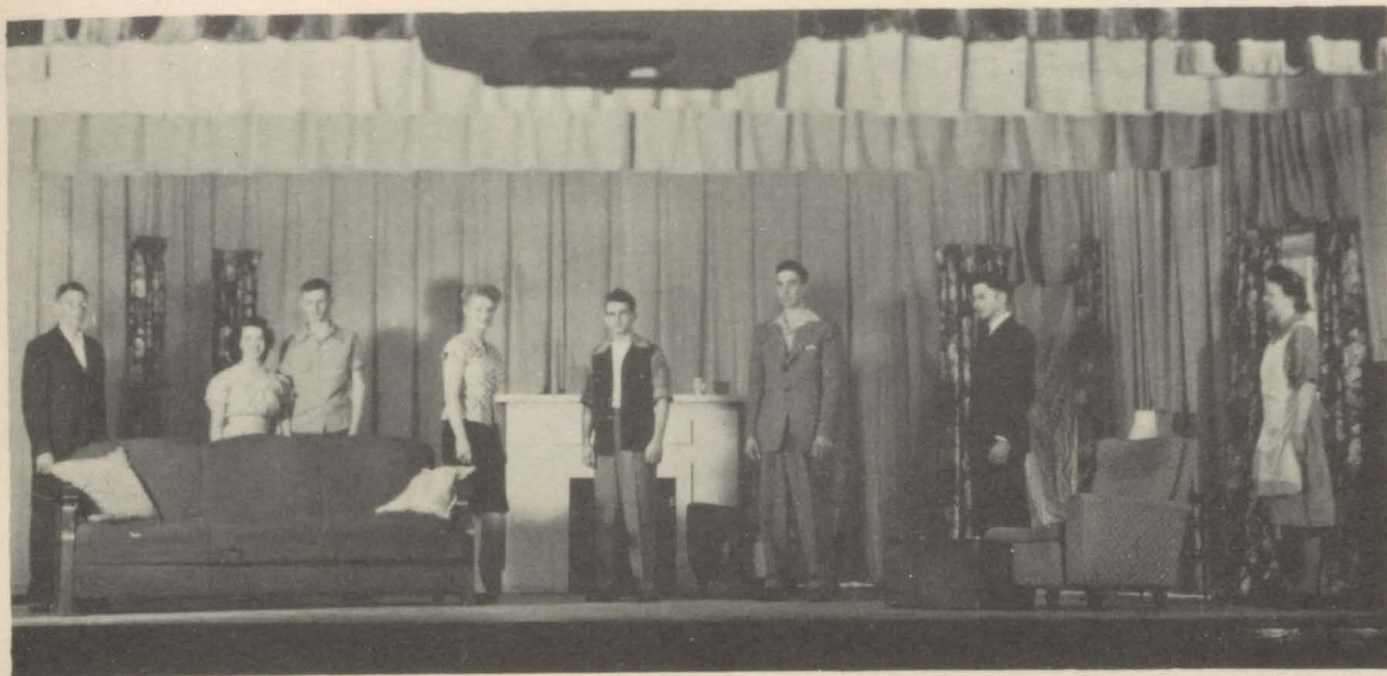
Herbert- - - - -	-youthful genius-	- - - - -	-Paul Allen
Beverly- - - - -	-his sister-	- - - - -	-Doris Jamison
Margaret Rains - - - - -	-his mother-	- - - - -	-Jane Bigger
Sidney Rains - - - - -	-his father-	- - - - -	-Karl Henry
Vincent Farnsworth, Jr.- - - - -	-a neighbor's son-	- - - - -	-Dick Jensen
Vincent Farnsworth, Sr.- - - - -	-high school principal-	- - - - -	-Wendell Larson
Mr. Tierney- - - - -	-successful contractor-	- - - - -	-Don Stevenson
Miss Hepplewhite - - - - -	-music teacher-	- - - - -	-Pat Gray
Felix Heidler- - - - -	-famous music critic-	- - - - -	-Hauer Noble
Mrs. Ellington-Lewis - - - - -	-music patroness-	- - - - -	-Joan Forgey
Jean Bressart- - - - -	-niece of Mrs. Ellington-Lewis-	- - - - -	-Maxine McChesney
Mrs. Tracy - - - - -	-a housewife-	- - - - -	-Iona Tee
Julia Arnold - - - - -	-town's leading realtor-	- - - - -	-Lorena Downes

Production Staff

Stage Managers- - - - -	-Vernon Blake, Hauer Noble
Costume and Wardrobe- - - - -	-Maribeth Renard, Betty Sterett
Properties- - - - -	-Louise Baughman, Betty Krow
Assistant to Director and Prompter- - - - -	-Mildred Glenn
Business and Publicity- - - - -	-Daryl Baylor, Roger Kelly
House Manager - - - - -	-Phillip Law



Senior Play



For their play the Seniors presented the mystery drama "The Visitor" on May 2, 1946, under the direction of Mrs. Derel McFerren.

David Cunningham, who thought he had drowned his step-son, Bud Owen, was greatly surprised and a little bothered when Bud came home 3 years later.

David knew that all of his wife's money was to go to her son, Bud, when she died so he thought that by getting rid of Bud that Judith, his wife, would change her will so he would inherit the money.

Joe Willard, Bud's friend had been accused of trying to drown him. Ellen Wood, who was in love with Joe, knew who really did it but she kept it a secret. Only she, Bud, and David knew.

Finally after an attempt to kill his wife and also to prove that Bud was not his real step-son, David was convicted of being the real villain.

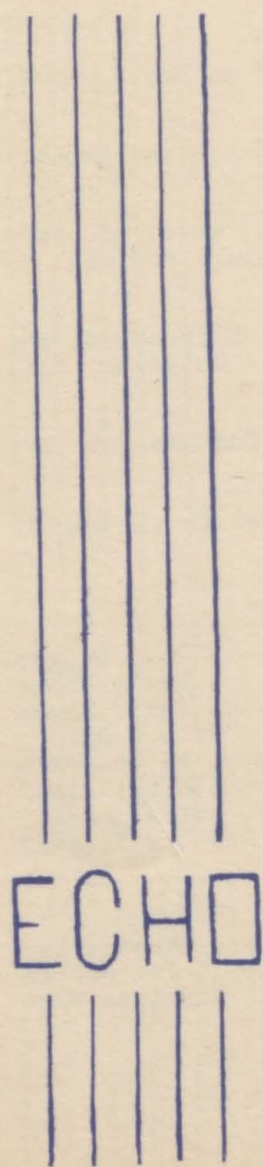
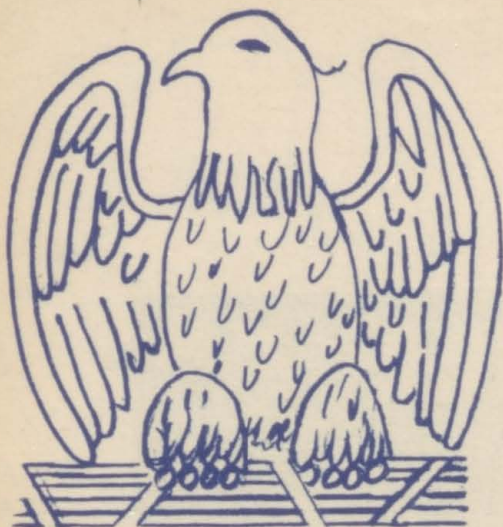
Walter Dawson, the wastrel uncle and Elizabeth, the whining maid added to the comedy of the play.

THE CAST

David Cunningham-	- - - - -	-the irascible step-father-	- - - - -	- - - - -	Bill Bigger
Judith Cunningham	- - - - -	-frantic mother-	- - - - -	- - - - -	Betty Noble
Bud Owen-	- - - - -	-son or imposter?	- - - - -	- - - - -	David Lipes
Walter Dawson	- - - - -	-the wastrel uncle-	- - - - -	- - - - -	Dale Anderson
Ellen Wood-	- - - - -	-in love with Joe--also in on a secret-	- - - - -	- - - - -	Dorothy Ravenscraft
Joe Willard	- - - - -	- Bud's embittered friend	- - - - -	- - - - -	-Ronald Patterson
Mack Burrell-	- - - - -	- ex-police chief	- - - - -	- - - - -	-Stuart Kelly
Elizabeth	- - - - -	- the whining, annoying maid	- - - - -	- - - - -	Dorothy Kinkaid

PRODUCTION STAFF

Assistant Director-	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	-Maxine Day
Stage Managers-	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Jack Campbell, Joe Morris
Properties and Wardrobe	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	Martha Seitz, Virginia West



Declamation Contestants

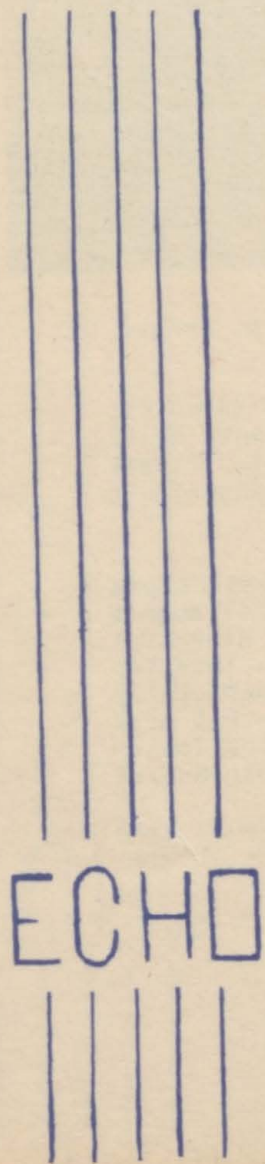
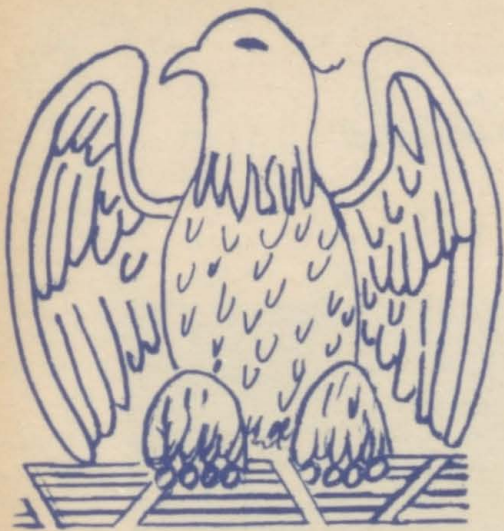


Left to Right: D. Stevenson, S. Kelly, M. Hughes, M. Renard, D. Jensen, P. Gray, Mrs. McFerren.

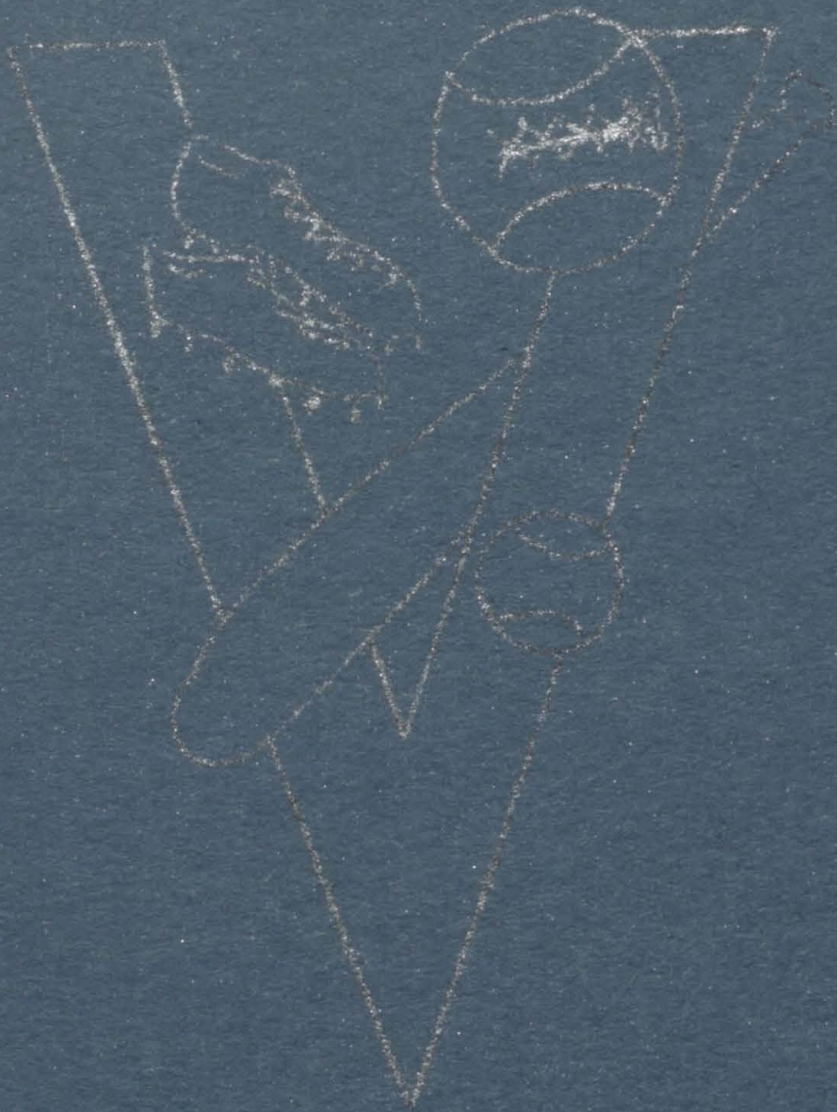
The preliminary contest in humorous declamations was held March 21, 1946. Dick Jensen placed first and represented us at the Bi-County Music Festival and Declam Contest at Roseville where he placed first. Stuart Kelly received second and Maribeth Renard placed third. The contestants and their readings were as follows:

The Education of Hyman Kaplan-	- - - - -	-David Lipes
The Wedding-	- - - - -	Mary Louise Hughes
The Proposal -	- - - - -	-Don Stevenson
Henrietta the Eighth -	- - - - -	-Iona Tee
The Education of Hyman Kaplan-	- - - - -	Stuart Kelly
The Duchess in Action-	- - - - -	-Pat Gray
George Washington Slept Here -	- - - - -	-Dick Jensen
The Wedding-	- - - - -	-Maribeth Renard

It was a very close contest all the way through. The contestants were skillfully trained by Mrs. McFerren, English and Speech instructor.



Department



of War



The softball season opened last fall with 25 boys reporting for action under command of Mr. Ingold as Secretary of War.

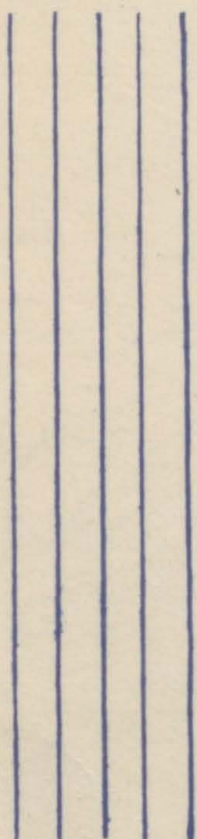
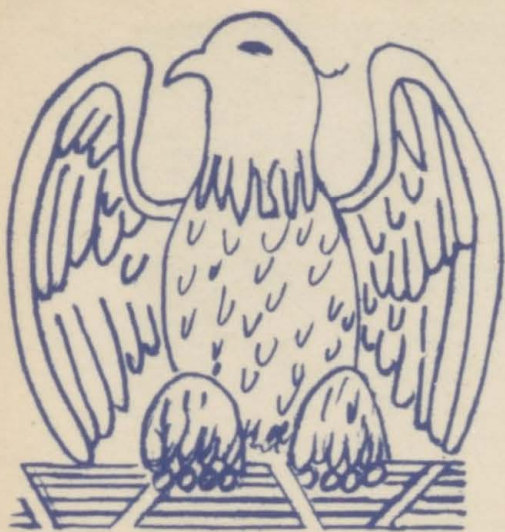
This was the third year for the invitational softball tournament held at Biggsville. This was Biggsville's chance for "Sweet Revenge" when they defeated Oquawka 5 to 4. Biggsville was behind 1 run when they started the last inning but the game ended in favor of Biggsville.

Biggsville had a very good season this year with no defeats in scheduled or tournament games. Biggsville loses three Senior players this year but the prospects look very good for the coming year.

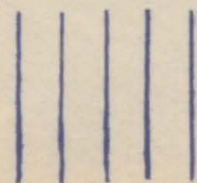
Biggsville scored 135 runs to the opponents 40, the season ending with 11 victories and no defeats.

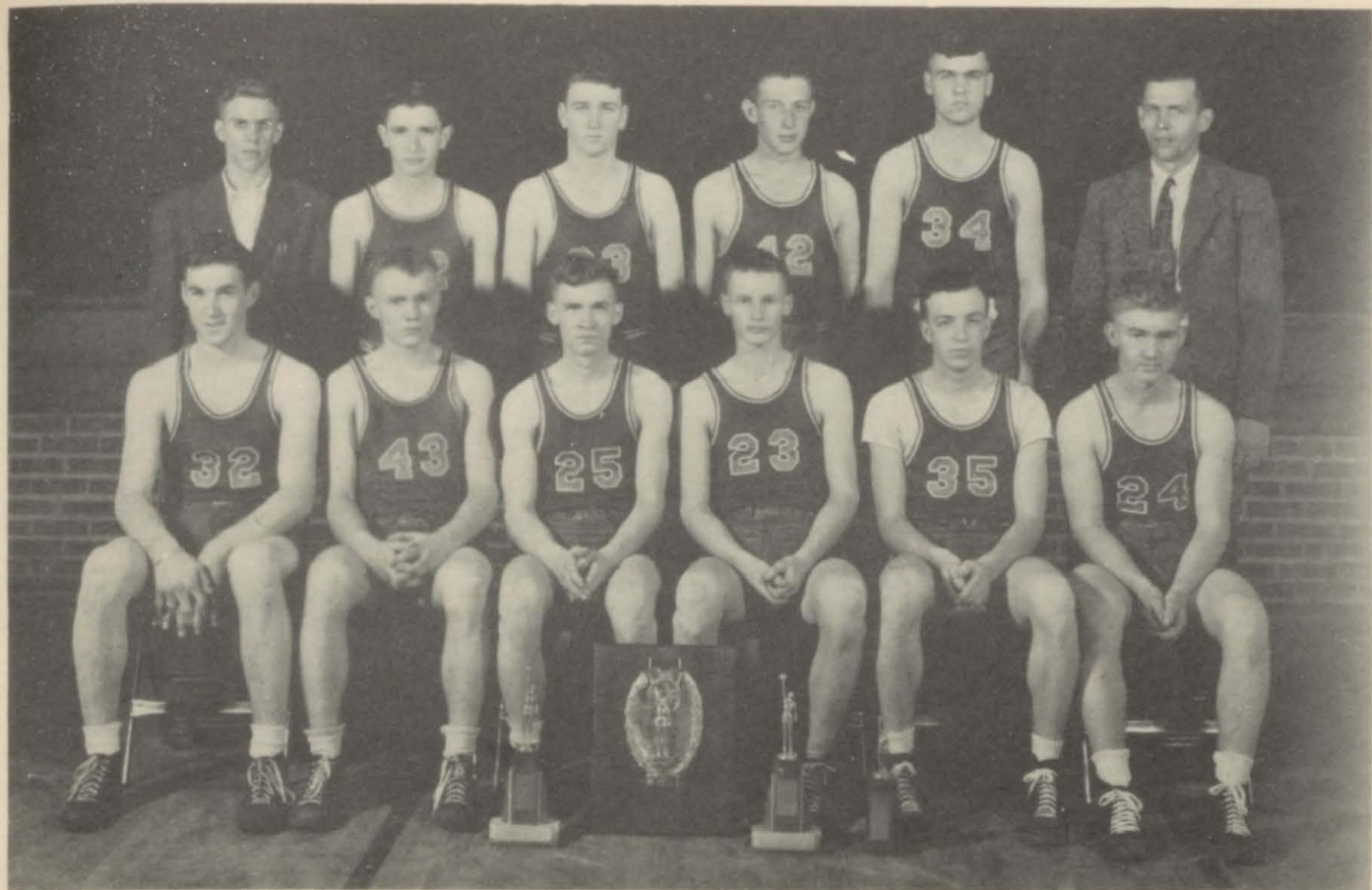
Biggsville	10	Little York	5
Biggsville	6	Terre Haute	1
Biggsville	24	Kirkwood	0
Biggsville	16	Little York	5
Biggsville	17	Kirkwood	3
Biggsville	11	Gladstone	4
Biggsville	10	Oquawka	4
Biggsville	17	Oquawka	3
Biggsville	12	Gladstone	7
Biggsville	7	Little York	4
Biggsville	5	Oquawka	5





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On November 5, twenty-eight enlisted boys reported for basketball. After two weeks of hard training Mr. Ingold, Secretary of War, was able to pick his first and second squads.

The team got off to a good start but met with near disaster when sickness overtook them. The K.M.B.S. was held at Stronghurst this year. Biggsville downed Kirkwood in the opener but was edged out by Stronghurst in the finals.

This was the first year for the county tournament which was held at Biggsville. Both varsity and second team squads were entitled to participate. Both Biggsville teams advanced to the finals but were pushed out by Stronghurst teams.

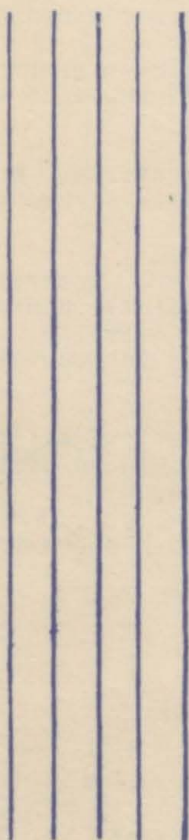
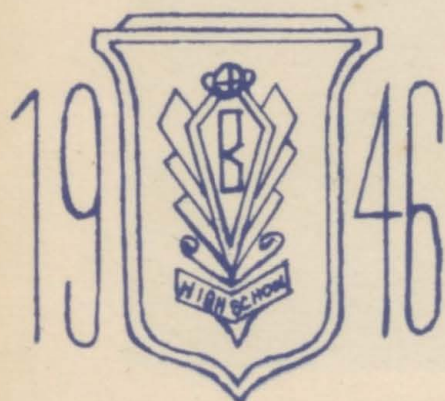
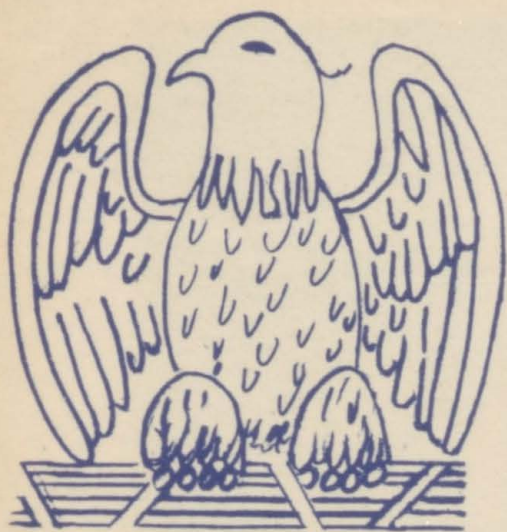
It was Biggsville's turn to be host to the Bi-County tournament this year. Roseville walked home with all honors. Both Roseville's heavies and lights defeated Alexis heavies and lights. Then Roseville defeated Biggsville in the varsity division. Roseville won the free-throw trophy with Biggsville second. The grand trophy was awarded to Roseville with Media receiving the tournament ball as second place winner.

This was the second year for Biggsville to win the district tournament. They defeated New Windsor in the finals by a score of 37 to 33. Biggsville then advanced to the regional held at Joyl There they were stopped by Sherrard in the opening game.

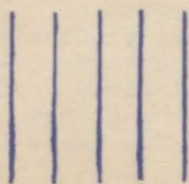
The season ended with 15 wins and 9 losses. Biggsville loses two varsity players this year, Captain Ronald Patterson and Bill Bigger.

Players	FG	FT	TP
Patterson	25	22	72
Bigger	52	31	135
Smith	96	39	231
Law	88	41	217
Henry	88	33	209

Biggsville 51	Terre Haute 26	Biggsville 36	Oquawka 44
Biggsville 20	Roseville 30	Biggsville 44	Kirkwood 18
Biggsville 52	Little York 21	Biggsville 32	Alexis 25
Biggsville 67	Kirkwood 13	Biggsville 32	Roseville 52
Biggsville 27	Stronghurst 38	Biggsville 23	Stronghurst 40
Biggsville 22	Media 24	Biggsville 46	New Boston 25
Biggsville 38	Alumni 28	Biggsville 40	Seaton 34
Biggsville 54	Wataga 50	Biggsville 37	New Windsor 31
Biggsville 45	Wataga 29	Biggsville 35	Sherrard 41
Biggsville 31	La Harpe 47	Biggsville 38	Kirkwood 14
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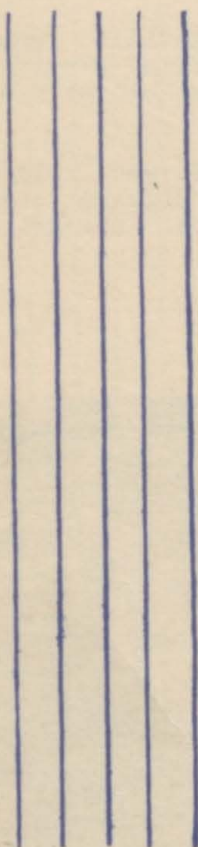
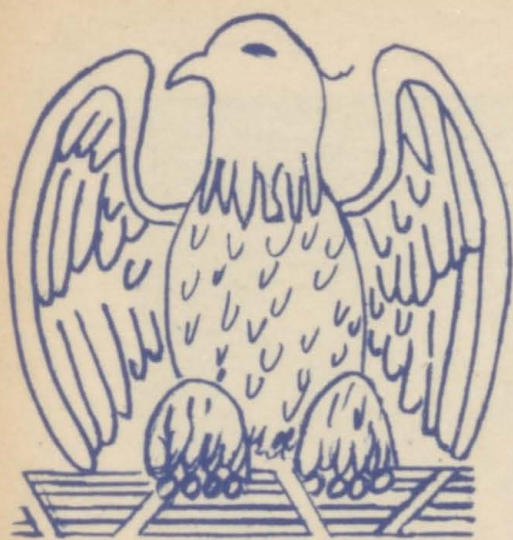


The Biggsville track season opened with a triangular meet with Kirkwood and Seaton at Biggsville. Biggsville won with 72 points. Kirkwood was second with 48 points. Seaton was last having 42 points. Biggsville then traveled to Alexis where they were invited to attend an invitational meet. They placed sixth with eleven schools participating.

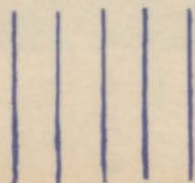
The next meet was at Media between Roseville, Media, Kirkwood, and Biggsville. Roseville was first with 92 points. Media came out second having 75. Biggsville was third with 74. Kirkwood was last with 21 points. The next meet was the Bi-County held at Media this year. Roseville easily won this.

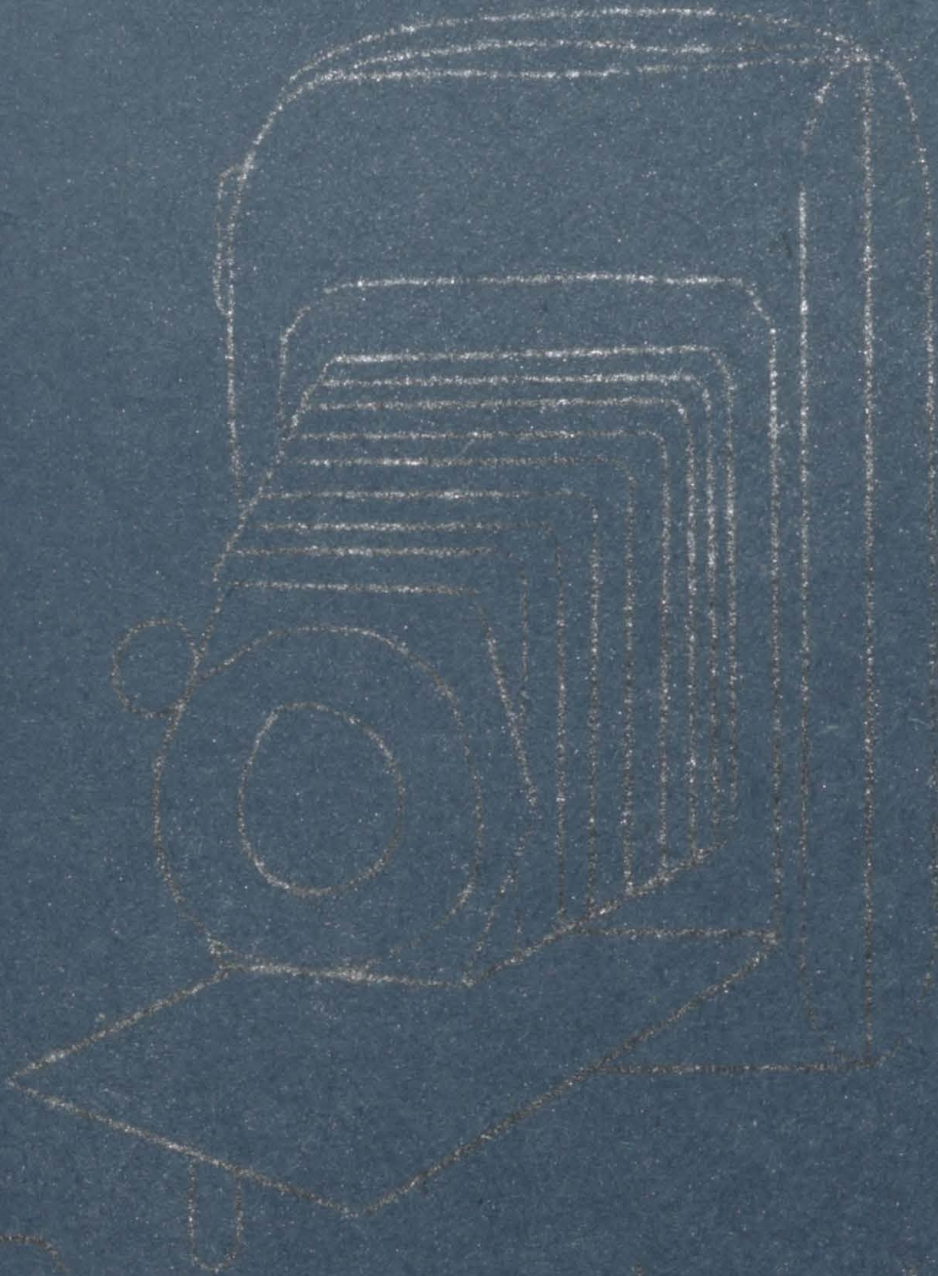
The County meet was organized this year after a few years lapse. It was held at Media. Stronghurst was first with Media second. Oquawka was third and Biggsville was fourth. Law of Biggsville was high point man of the meet with 19½ points. Biggsville also set a new record in the varsity relay.



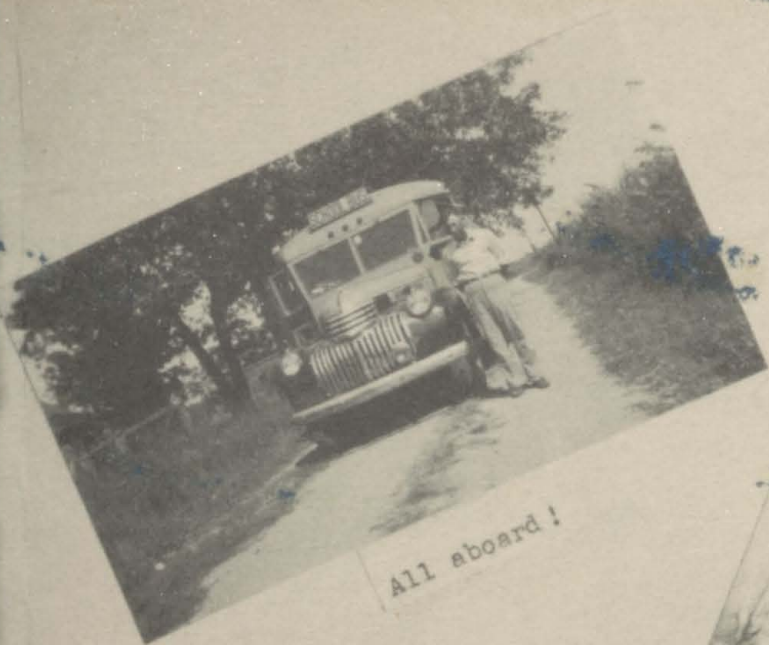


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Snapshots



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Our gang!



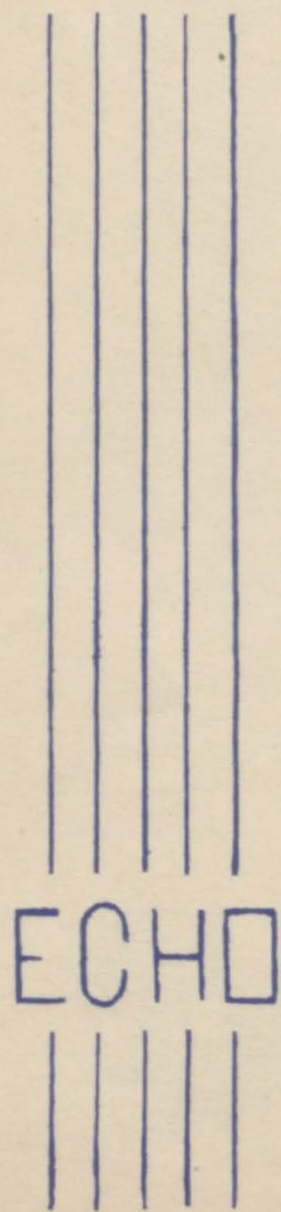
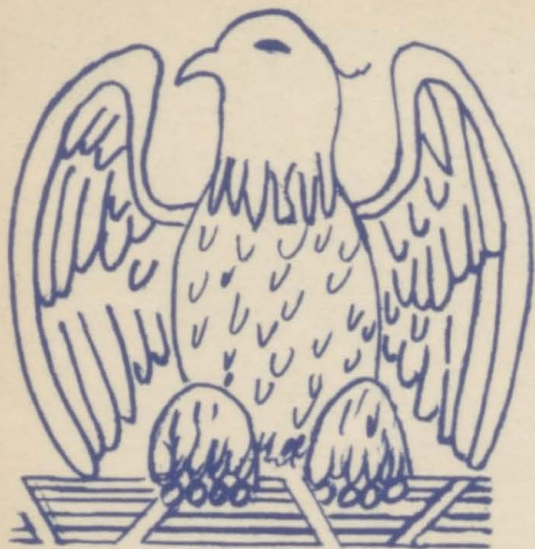
How you've grown!



Four little maids!



Destination uncertain!





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Hubba ! Hubba !



Dottie & Mart !



Macomb !



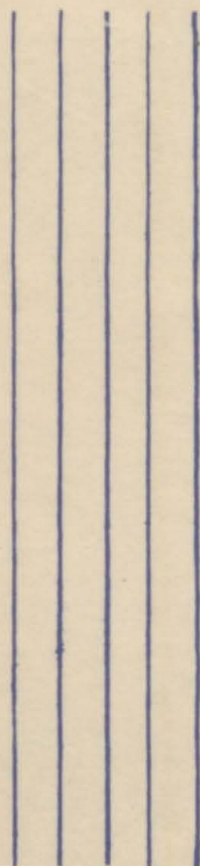
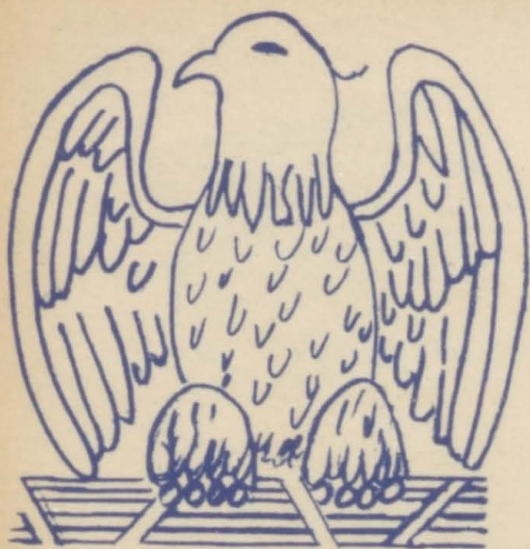
Aren't we cute?



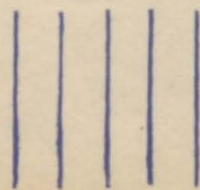
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