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## BEACON STAFF <br> BUSINESS STAFF

The Beacon Staff will endeavor to present a brief review of our 1954 year. You'll see scenes of daily school life, sports, and extra-curricular activities, and if you look close enough, you may find your own picture.

The BEACON CLUB STAFF of 1954 hopes that you will enjoy this years' annual as much as they have enjoyed putting it together. We feel that the book is one of the best is SCHS'S history and hope you will agree with us.

## BUT NOW---OFF ON OUR TOUR!



## At Was Fun Io Start 1953-54




## With All Our 7 riends



BANK OF STRONGHURST


BUS DRIVERS
It was through their efforts that the team, cheerleaders, and students were safely driven to out-oftown destinations in good weather and bad.



Math, Girls' P.E.
MRS. EVELYN FORD


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The spirit and friendliness at SCHS were tops again.


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Math, Social Science MR. CARL TINGLEY

## SENIOR POEM

Melvin goes out for music
Those keys he can really play, Who knows? Perhaps he'll be A concert saxophonist some day

Jack is quite a playboy
He flirts with all the girls;
He gives them all a chance
To go on his grand whirls.
There is a girl named Joyce
From up Oquawka way, You generally see her with Art Which brightens up his day.

Harry Billups is the Baby Face Harry and women have a mad race, When scores take a downward spin Harry always jumps in to win.

Lyman is a sailor boy With a girl in every port, But with Barbara breck in Carman He never fails to report.

Here's Bud Dillion, a ping-pong champ Always into mischief quite a scamp, The wit of chemistry class, Bud D. And now he's joined the Navy.

Here I see Theo Brewer
Lively and quite gay,
She'll always find that duties
Are not work, put play.
Bill was a cute one, When he looked Theo's way Away she would run-And jump in his Chevrolet.

And Barbara Pendleton Is always full of fun, She chases away Troubles As the gloom flees from the sun.

Merlin is our president.
The teachers he likes to tease, But just at examination time
The teachers he tries to please.
Joan is our cheerleader She's music-minded too; By smiling at that Junior boy She's won him through and through.

If ever down hearted, sad or blue Janet Filberth is the girl for you, Never a worry, trouble or care Sid seems the one to pay her fare.

Sidney is a man of culture As long as it is Agriculture, He expects to take his vows While he is raising and milking cows.

Donnie Good is quite a boy Standing in the corner is his main joy, He and Mrs. Alexander get along fine As long as he doesn't step over the line.

Roger Dowell is the smallest of our class He's quite a "little man"; He says he never thinks of girls Bigger "things" his thoughts do span.

Carol and Swede, they make quite a pair She's sitting here so I must take care, She won't write her own'. I asked her to So that leaves the work for me to do.

There's Rose Marie tried and true She giggles a lot, but works a lot too, You can trust that she'll come through anytime Except when it comes to writing a rhyme.

Lanny Ford came to us this year And he has brought us great cheer, He's very quiet and everyone's friend And we're glad he's here, his schooling to end.

Evalyn, whose hair is almost white Studies at school with all her might, We think Evalyn is lots of fun She never quits till her job is done.

Now Roger Jacobs has little to say But we're quite certain he'll see his day, So hold your hats 'n look out for the breez He's trying hard so we're sure he'll please.

Marilyn Anderson, better known as "Mert" Is the partner of guy named "von'", Her will to study is really nill
But so what...she's nice looking still.
Eddie Bowman is a jolly little pest
He comes to school to get his rest, He sleeps all day and plays all night
No wonder Mrs. Alexander thinks he's a fright.
Paul Ford's the name of this lad When Paul smiles, he makes the gals glad, His talents are varied, nothing he lacks He wants to be modern--not a sad sack.

The three year treasurer of our class Winnie Long, is the name of this lass, She's had good times and troubles too But time has passed and smilin come through.

Bobby Stimpson is the class clown As a crooner he goes to town, He lays them all in the aisles, you can bet He's going to outrank Crosby yet!!

Gladys Wilson is a blond, brown eyed Miss There's one thing we know and that is this, When she's out of school a nurse she'll plan to be And she'll spend her time at her studies, See?

V. Pres., Phillip Dillion


Treas., Winnie Long


Pres., Merlin Foresman


Advisor, Mr. Tingley


Sec., Gladys Wilson


Rep., Barbara Pendleton

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

CLASS MOTTO
Life Is What We Make It

## COLORS

Blue and Silver

## FLOWER

Red Carnation

## CLASS PROPHECY

On the evening of May 28, 1964, we find Mr. Carl Tingley, looking into a crystal ball, seeing the senior class of 54 , that he had so faithfully sponsored. Ten years ago he saw these 26 seniors graduate, and now he sees them at their chosen life work.

Merlin Foresman, who was the Pres. of the class is living in Washington D.C. serving as a public accountant for the government.

Marilyn Anderson, is now teaching English and speech at good old S.H.S. which is really a modern school now, all built new. Rooming with Marilyn is Rose Marie Brennan, also teaching at S.H.S. as a Home Economics teacher.

Leaving Stronghurst on the "Utech Cruiser 23 " we fly to Mars. Here we find our two jolly classmates Donald Good and Melvin Siverly. Donald is teaching the Marisian tribe missionary work and Melvin is teaching the $1,2,3 \mathrm{~s}$ about farming.

From Mars we fly to Pluto-Here Mr. Tingley reads a huge neon sign that says "National Neon Naciteers'", Janet and Sidney Dowell proprietors. Janet's maiden name was Filberth. The population of this city in Pluto now is 333 and believe it or not all their last names are Dowell.

On the Pacific Ocean we find Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips cruising in their new master cruiser which Bill just completed. Mrs. Phillips is the former Theo Brewer.

While on the Pacific Coast, the vision that comes now into the crystal ball is that of Roger Jacobs. He is the manager of "Jacobs Creative Mustache Salon" in Los Angeles.

Seems like everyone is out here in L.A. Mr. Tingley is now getting an eye-full of entertainment in one of the snazzy nightclubs. These two singers are none other than Bobbie Stimpson and Roger Dowell. It is a rumor Roger has finally got up nerve to send a diamond back to the Home Ec. teacher in S.H.S. and she excepted too.

Bongo, bongo, bongo, and off we go to the Congo. Warner Brothers have chosen this region as a setting for that movie of all movies "The Girl Of My Dreams" starring that sensational breathtaking blonde headed actress, Jerry Stevens, known to us as the former Joan Stevenson.

Goodness, what have we here, someone sick? Phillip Dillon in a Naval Hospital in San Diego. Phillip had a bad case of pnuemonia but is almost well now. He deserves a rest after all his hard work as Lieutenant. His wife, the former Winnie Long, took leave from her work at the Davison Motor Co. in Stronghurst, and flew to San Diego to be with him.

While in San Diego, Winnie also had a nice visit with our classmate, Gladys Wilson, who is head nurse in that hospital.

Our crystal ball now brings into focus a football game. The score is Trojans 40 Rams 0 . The coach looks pretty well pleased and why shouldn't he be when he has a team like the Trojans. By the way, his name is Harry Billups.

I see one of the rooters of this football game is pretty excited too. Seems to be a good friend of Harry's. Why, look who it is, our friend Art Davison. I hear his new "Plantation Super Ford" is really a car. Arthur is Pres. of the Davison Motor Co. and has really made a good business and money too.

Mr. Tingley takes another long look into his crystal ball and this time he sees a vast track of land known as "SunnyKnoll Farm", owner Lyman White. Lyman just returned a couple of years ago from Naval officers duty and is now raising Registered Angus. Lyman contributes the accuracy in keeping the books and other business duties to his wife, who once answered to the name of Barbara Pendleton.

Evalyn Spencer has made quite a business for herself. She is running a darling little dress shop in Burlington, Iowa. She is designing and making quite a number of the most popular dresses in her shop.

Out in Denver, Colo. we find Jack Evans. Jack attended college 4 years and is now manager of Hotel Denver. His biggest pride is that of his 20 chorus girls. Naturally, he's not married as he can't decide which blonde or brunette he wants.

The crystal ball brings us back to Stronghurst, II1. Here we find the remaining four seniors of the 54 class.

Eddie Bowman is a bus driver here in Stronghurst. His route includes Broadway, Elizabeth St. and Evergreen Drive.

On Broadway St. we find Paul and Lanny Ford partners in business, managing the 6 story Peasley Implement Co.

Last but not least we see Carol Larson who has been happily married for 9 years. She keeps busy taking care of her family and her most modernistic home which was voted the most beautiful house in the state in this years "Home Contest."

Mr. Tingley journeyed far and wide and learned many new things. As he took his last gaze into the crystal ball he hopes that soon all the seniors may get together for a reunion. His last message till then is:

HAPPY TRAILS TO THE 1954 S.H.S. GRADUATES.

## THE SENIORS

In September 1950, thirty-three seniors started to SCHS. Our Valentine Dance was held each year to make money for our class trip. We also sold candy from the candy machine for three years, and the last year we had the candy machine. We won second place with our homecoming float, "It Won't Be A Bed Of Roses For Alexis," our junior year. Our senior year we won third place with our float, "We're Laying For G \& O.
Homecoming candidates our freshman year were Marilyn Anderson and Sidney Dowell; sophomore year; Janet Filberth, Paul Ford; Junior year; Joan Stevenson, Merlin Foresman; senior year and the winners; Carol Larsson and Jack Evans. Miss Popularity contestants were: freshman year, Winnie Long, attendant, Jack Evans; sophomore year, Carol Larson, attendant Sidney Dowell; junior year, Janet Filberth, attendant, Harry Billups; senior year and the winner, Rose Marie Brennan, attendant, Paul Ford.


MARILYN ANDERSON
Girls Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Mixed Chorus $1,2,3,4$ Bi-County 1,2,3 District $1,2,3,4$ Wilco 4 Vallev 4
Speech 1,3,4 Bi-County 1,3,4 District 4 Valley 4
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4
G.A.A. 3,4

Vice President 4
Beacon Club 4 Class Play 3
Homecoming Candidate 1 Senior Octet 4 Commercial Club 3,4 Librarian 3 Newspaper Staff 3


ROSE MARIE BRENNAN
Class President 2
F.H.A. 1, 2,3,4

Historian 4
Vice Pres. 2
Secretary 3
Sec. 9 Prjt. Ch. 3
National Convention 3
Girls Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Mixed Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Bi-County 1,2,3,4
Wilco 2,3
Valley 4
District $1,2,3,4$
Senior Octette 4
Senior Quintett 4 Miss Popularity 4
Commercial Club 4


HARRY BILLUPS
Football 1,2,3,4 Letterman 1,2,3,4
Basketball 1,2,3,4
Letterman 2,3,4
Track 1,2,3
Letterman 1,2,3
Band 1,2
District Solo Contest 2
State Solo Contest 2
Carnival Attendent 3
Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 4
Block "S'" 1,2,3,4


THEO BREWER
G.A.A. 3, 4
F.H.A. 1, 2,3,4

Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 4


## GLADYS WILSON

Class Sec. 4
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 Reporter 4
G.A.A. 3,4

Sec.-Treas. 3
Record. Sec. 4
Beacon Club 4
Commercial Club 3,4
Newspaper Staff 3
Librarian 1, 2,3
Class Play 3,4
Girls Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Mixed Chorus $1,2,3,4$ Bi-County 1,2,3,4
Wilco $1,2,3$
Valley 4
District 1,2,3,4
Sextet 3,4
Mixed Octet 3,4


EDDIE BOWMAN
Football 1,2,3,4
Letterman 4
Block "S" 4
Beacon Club 4
Track 1,2,3,4
Commercial Club 3,4


PHILLIP DILLION
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3,4
Boys Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Bi-County $1,2,3,4$
Wilco $1,2,3$
District 1,2,3,4
Valley 4
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4

Reporter 3
President 4
State Convention 2,3
Parl. Procedure 2, 3, 4
State F.F.A. Chorus
Beacon Club 4
Commercial Club 3,4
Class Play 3
Class Officer 4


SIDNEY DOWELL
Football 1, 2, 3,4
Letterman 2, 3, 4
Basketball 1,2,3
Track 1, 2, 3,4
Letterman 3,4
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4

Sentinel 2
Land Judg. Contest 3,4 Block "S'" 2,3,4
Beacon Club 4
Carnival Attendent 2 Homecoming Attendent 1 Commercial Club 3,4


## J ANET FILBERTH

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3,4
G.A.A. 3,4

Homecoming Candidate 2
Carnival Candidate 3
Cheerleader 2
Drum Majorette 2,3
Girls Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4 Bi-County 1,2,3,4
District 1, 2, 3,4 Wilco 1,2,3 Valley 4
Newspaper Staff 3
Beacon Club 4 Art Editor 4
Speech 3
Bi-County 3
Commercial Club 3,4


ROGER DOWELL
F.F.A. 1, 2,3,4

Reporter 2
Secretary 3,4
State Convention 3
Librarian 3
Boys Chorus 3
Mixed Chorus 3,4
Beacon Club 4
Art Editor 4
Commercial Club
Class Play 4,
Mixed Octet 3, 4


JOHN EVANS
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3,4 Sentinal 3 Vice President 4 Basketball 1,2
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Letterman 2, 3,4
Track 1,2,3,4
Letterman $1,2,3,4$
Block "S" 2,3,4
Carnival Attendent 1
Homecoming King 4
Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 4


## LANNY FORD

Terre Haute
F.F.A. 1,2,3

Sentinel 1,3
Class Play 1,3
Athletic Manager 1,2,3
T-Club 1,2,3
Boys Chorus 3
Transferred to:
Stronghurst
F.F.A. 4

Land Judging School 4
Block "S" 4
Athletic Manager 4
Beacon Club 4
Commercial Club 4


PAUL FORD
Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Letterman 2,4
Basketball 1, 2, 3,4
Letterman 3,4
Track 1,2,3,4
Letterman 2, 3,4
Class President 1
Class Secretary 2
Carnival Attendent 4
Homecoming Attendent 2
Beacon Club 4
Commercial Club 3,4
Block "S" 2, 3,4

## CLASS WILL

We, the Seniors of " 54 ", of Stronghurst High School, knowing that it is about the end of our reign of seniorhood, will the following to members of the student body and faculty.

To the Juniors, we will our Senior dignity and class co-operation.

To the Sophomores, we will our importance and ability to handle underclassmen.

To the Freshmen, we will our ability to get along with faculty members.
To the Faculty, we will the patience they have shown us during our four years at old S.H.S.

Individual assets are willed in the remaining paragraphs to responsible parties:
I, Melvin Siverly, do will and bequeath my neat appearance to Chester Gooding.
I, Gladys Wilson, do will and bequeath my will power to Marlene Newman.
I, Barbara Pendleton, do will and bequeath my soprano voice to Nancy Kemp.
I, Roger Dowell, do will and bequeath my height to Greg Carlson.
I, Donald Good, do will and bequeath my bathtub to Terry Musser to sail in.
I, Phillip Dillon, do will and bequeath my flat-top hair cut to Sammy Bolander.

I, Lyman White, do will and bequeath my ability to remain calm and hold my temper to Volney Evans.

I, Roger Jacobs, do will and bequeath my mustache to anyone with nerve to grow one.
I, Harry Billups, do will and bequeath my ability to "Love em and leave em", to Chalmer Good.

I, Art Davison, do will and bequeath my interest in Fords to Nancy Peasley.
I, Carol Larson, do will and bequeath my interest in the Sante Fe Railroad to Nancy Herriott.
I, Evalyn Spencer, do will and bequeath my quiet ways to Marjorie Annegers.


## MERLIN FORESMAN

Homecoming Attendent 1
F.F.A. 1, 2,3

Pres. 3
Parl. Proc. Contest 2,3
Class President 4
Sec-Treas. 1
Basketball 1,2
Track 1,2,3,4
Commercial Club 3,4
Block "S"' 1, 2, 3,4
Football 1, 2, 3,4
Letterman 1, 2, 3, 4
Beacon Club 4


## ROBERT STIMPSON

Football 1, 2, 3,4
Letterman 2, 3,4
Basketball Manager 1. 2,3
Boys Chorus 3,4
Mixed Chorus 4
District 3,4
Quartet 3,4
Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 4

CAROL LARSON
Band 1,2,3,4
Chorus 1,2,4,
District Contest Chorus 1,2,4
District Contest Band 1, 2, 3,4
District Contest Solo 4
G.A.A. 2, 3,4
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4

District Contest
Clarinet Quartet 1, 2, 3, 4


DONALD GOOD
Mixed Chorus $1,2,3$
Boys Chorus $1,3,4$
Bi-County 1,2,3,4
Wilco $1,2,3$
District 1,2,3,4
Valley 4
Football 3,4
Letterman 4
Beacon Club Humor Editor Commercial Club Block "S'" 4 Librarian 2,3 Speech 4 District 4 Football Manager 2


ROGER JACOBS
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4

Beacon Club 4
Commercial Club 3,4



WINNIE LONG
Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4

Secretary 2
Vice Pres. 3
President 4
G.A.A. 3,4

Vice-Pres. 3
Sec.-Treas. 4
Girls Chorus 1, 2,3,4
Mixed Chorus 1,2,4
Bi-County 1, 2, 3, 4
Wilco 1,2,3
Valley 4
District $1,2,3,4$
Newspaper Staff 3
Commercial Club 3,4
Girls Quintett 4
Beacon Club 4 Class Play 3
Carnival Candidate 1


BARBARA PENDLETON
Class Reporter 2,3,4
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3,4

Song Leader 2
Pres. 3
Parl. 4
G.A.A. 3,4

Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 3,4
Asst. Editor 3
Editor 4
Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Girls Chorus $1,2,3,4$
District 1, 2,3,4
Wilco 1,2,3
Valley 4
Bi-County 1, 2,3,4
Girls Sextet $1,2,3,4$
Senior Octet Accompanist 4
Junior Claṣs Play 3

I, Merlin Foresman, do will and bequeath my football suit to Eddie Siens. "Lets hope he grows this summer".

I, Bill Phillips, do will and bequeath my basketball shoes to coach to keep the basketballs in.
I, Rose Marie Brennan, do will and bequeath my giggle to Diana Mae Hoffiditz.
I, Eddie Bowman, do will and bequeath my ability to get along with Miss Juers to Janet Lefler:
I, Paul Ford, do will and bequeath my ability to hold one girl to Bill Waddill.
I, Sid Dowell, do will and bequeath my size to Allen Waterman.
I, Marilyn Anderson, do will and bequeath my sister to Bob Bunt.
I, Winnie Long, do will and bequeath my long black hair to Larry Hetrick.
I, Theo Brewer, do will and bequeath my ability to "Break Em To Lead" to Betty Hustead.
I, Bobbie Stimpson, do will and bequeath my ability to get along with Mrs. Alexander to Paul Mattson.

I, Jack Evans, do will and bequeath my loving ways to Garland Lefler and hope he uses it to a good advantage.

I, Janet Filberth, do will and bequeath my willingness to believe anything you say to Eldon Avery.

I, Joan Stevenson, do will and bequeath my blond hair to Jerry McIntire who adores it.
I, Lanny Ford, do will and bequeath my ability to be an energetic student manager to Charles Bell.

## WITNESSES

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MELVIN SIVERLY
Mixed Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Boys Chorus 1, 2,3,4 Bi-County 1,2,3,4 Wilco 1,2,3 District 1,2,3,4 Valley 4
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3,4 Treas. 3
State Convention 3
State F.F.A. Band 3
Parl. Procedure 2,3,4
Band 1,2,3,4
Saxaphone Quartet $1,3,4$ District 1, 3,4 State 1
Boys Quartet 4
Mixed Octet 3,4
Class Play 3,4
Newspaper Staff 3
Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 4


## WILLIAM PHILLIPS

Track 1, 2, 3, 4
Letterman 3
Boys Chorus $1,2,3,4$
Wilco $1,2,3$
Bi-County 1, 2, 3, 4 Valley 4
Commercial Club 3,4
Beacon Club 4


JOAN STEVENSON
Band 1,2,3
Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Mixed Chorus 1,2
Cheerleader 2,3,4
Junior Class Play
Homecoming Attendant 3
Beacon Club 3,4
Commercial Club 4
Class Vice President 1
F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4

Reporter 3
Vice-President 4
G.A.A. 3, 4

Octet 4
Sextet 1,2,3,4
Clairnet Quartet 1,2,3
Senior Class Play


## ART DAVISON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4
Letterman 2,3,4 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Letterman 2,3,4 Class Officer 1,3 Beacon Club 3,4 Band 1,2
Commercial Club 3,4 Block "S" 2,3,4


EVALYN SPENCER
F.H.A. 1,2

Parlimentarian 2
Beacon Club Reporter 4 Commercial Club 3,4


## LYMAN WHITE

Football 2, 3,4; Ltmn. 3,4
Basketball 1,2,3
Track 1,2,3,4
Mix. Cho. Boys' Cho.

Dis. 1,2,3,4; Wilco $1,2,3$
Bi-County 1,2,3,4
Valley 4; Boys' Quartet 1, 2, 3, 4
Trumpet Solo 1; Dist. 1
Trumpet Trio 1,2,3,4; Dist. 1,2,3, Class Officer 1,2
Newspaper Staff Ed. 3
Band 1,2,3,4; District 1,2,3,4
Mixed Octette 3,4
FFA 1,2,3,4; Officer 2,3,4
Parl, Proc. Contest 2, 3, 4
Beacon Club 4; Speech 4; Dist. 4
Class Play 3,4; Comm'l Club 3,4


Pres., Roxana Harvey


Vice Pres., Viola Schroeder


Sec'y., Nancy Peasley


Treas., Bob Bunt

## JUNIOR HISTORY

At the beginning of our freshmen year we had 29 enroll to SCHS. Our homecoming candidates for our freshmen year were Nancy Peasley and Volney Evans. Betty Hustead was a contestant for the carnival title, "MISS POPULARITY" and honored our class by winning. Bill Waddill was her attendant.

At the beginning of the year 1952 we had 24 sophomores. Our candidates for homecoming were Betty Hustead and Jerry McIntire. Our carnival contestant for "MISS POPULARITY" was Janet Lefler. She honored us for the second straight year by winning the title. Bob Bunt was her attendant. Betty Hustead and Nancy Peasley were elected cheerleaders.

The start of 1953 found 22 juniors at SCHS. Our officers were:

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { President }- \text {-Roxana Harvey } \\
& \text { Vice Pres. - Viola Schroeder } \\
& \text { Sec'y }-- \text { Nancy Peasley } \\
& \text { Treas. }-- \text { Bob Bunt } \\
& \text { Advisors }-- \text { Mrs. Alexander } \\
& \text { Coach Johnson } \\
& \text { Mrs. Lewis }
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Again this year Betty Hustead and Nancy Peasley were elected cheerleaders. Our homecoming candidates were Marjorie Annegers and Bill Ross. Our contestant for "MISS POPULARITY" was Nancy Peasley. Her attendant was Wayne Bundy.
Bill Ross, Eldon Avery, Bill Waddill, Bob Bunt, Volney Evans, Jerry McIntire, Wayne Bundy, and Jack Phillips were active members on the basketball team.

Jerry McIntire, Volney Evans, Bill Waddill, Eldon Avery, Bill Ross, Wayne Bundy, Richard Mynatt and Keith Mynatt, were active members on the football team.

Our class sponsored the following activities: A bake sale, a round and square dance, sold food at Schroeders Sale, and got first place in the magazine sale.


## JUNIORS

TOP ROW: Marjorie Annegers, Eldon Avery, Bob Bunt, Wayne Bundy, Volney Evans, Mary Jane Foresman.
SECOND ROW: Roxana Harvey, Betty Hustead, Janet Lefler, Jo Ann Lopp, Janet Marshall, Paul Mattson.
THIRD ROW: Keith Mynatt, Richard Mynatt, Kenneth Mosher, Terry Musser, Nancy Peasley, Jack Phillips.
BOTTOM ROW: Jerry McIntire, Bill Ross, Viola Schroeder, Bill Waddill.
SPONSORS: Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Johnson.

V. Pres.


Pres.
Treas.


Reporter


Sec'y

## SOPHOMORES

TOP ROW: Charles Bell, William Bowen, Carol Sue Combites, Marjie Cook, Verna Lee Dixon, Rodney Ford, Dixie Gray.
SECOND ROW: Nancy Herriott, Larry Hetrick, Deanna Mae Hoffeditz, Carol Hulett, Joyce Humes, Gary Jarvis, Kenneth Jarvis.
THIRD ROW: Kendall Knutstrom, Ronnie Johnson, Garland Lefler, Phillip Leinbach, Al David Limback, Marlene Newman, Donald Morris,
BOTTOM ROW: Nancy Norwood, Dickie Peasley,
SPONSORS: Allen Utech, Evelyn Ford.


Sec'y

V. Pres.


Treas.


Reporter


Pres.

## FRESHMEN

TOP ROW: Shirley Avery, Eugene Anders, Guy Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Sam Bolander, Ruth Ann Booten, Janes Carmean, Gregory Carlson.
SECOND ROW: Roger Dillon, Eugene Donaldson, Patty Ford, Tom Goff, Chalmer Good, Diana Grisby, Larry Gittings, Charles Hustead.
THIRD ROW: Nancy Kemp, John Layman, Ruth Ann Long, Gary Lauver, Mary McGee, John Peterson, Jerry Rehling, Elmer Spencer.
BOTTOM ROW: Eddie Siens, Doug Taylor, Bob Waddill, Allen Waterman, Edith Waterman, John Wood.


CHEMISTRY CLASS
Teacher: Mr. Johnson

## We had our serious moments


W. E. TERRY LUMBER CO.


Study comes before classes, at least, it should!
STUDY HALL
Teacher: Mr. Tingley


GIRL'S PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS


AG. CLASS
Teacher: Mr. Utech



Teacher: Mrs. Alexander


Teacher: Miss Juers


GENERAL SCIENCE CLASS
Teacher: Mr. Utech


HOMEMAKING CLASS
Teacher: Mrs. Lewis


DRIVER TRAINING CLASS
Teacher: Mr. Layman


MRS. EVEMEYER

LIBRARIANS

P.E. CLASS



HOMECOMING
Donald Morris, Marjie Cook, Jack Evans, Carol Larson, Bill Ross, Marjie Annegers, Chalmer Good, Deane Grigsby.

## With Our Extra-Curricularactivities

## HOMECOMING

There were approximately 600 people in attendance at the game. About 300 people crowded into the gym to dance and witness the crowning of the queen and king, who were Carol Larson and Jack Evans.

A snake dance was held on Thursday night, followed by school yells and songs on the public square with the school band furnishing the music. The snake dance culminated with a bonfire ans more school yells and songs at the school and the burning in effigy of a G \& O football player.

Friday afternoon the various floats paraded through town and back to school to await the parade between halves at the game.

The game was won by a large score.


## F. H. A.

TOP ROW: Janet Lefler, Shirley Avery, Nancy Kemp, Dianne Grigsby, Carol Sue Combites, Ruth Ann Booten, Nancy Anderson, Mary Jane Foresman, Theo Brewer, Carol Larson, Ruth Ann Long.
SECOND ROW: Marilyn Anderson, JoAnne Lopp, Marjorie Annegers, Viola Schroeder, Marlene Newman, Carol Hulett, Patty Ford, Janet Marshall, Betty Hustead.
THIRD ROW: Mrs. Lewis, Janet Filberth, Marjie Cook, Dixie Gray, Joan Stevenson, Willie Long, Nancy Peasley, Gladys Wilson, Rose Marie Brennan, Barbara Pendleton.

## There Wras Never a Dull Moment

The FHA have sponsored the following activities during the year: Parent \& Daughter Get Acquainted Night, two bake sales, Jean \& Gingham Dance, Parent \& Daughter Banquet, Officers Training School, FHA \& FFA Caroling Party, FHA \& FFA Hayrack ride and Weiner Roast, FHA Year Book Meeting and Chile Supper, FHA Public Chile Supper, and the initiation of the freshmen.

Our Chapter mothers for the past year have been Mrs. Winnie Long, Mrs. Ralph Newman, senior and junior chapter mothers respectively.



TOP ROW: Lanny Ford, Sidney Dowell, Dick Peasley, Ronnie Johnson, Eugene Donaldson, Volney Evans, Richard Mynett, Jerry McIntire, Chalmer Good, Sam Bolander, Eugene Anders. MIDDLE ROW: Larry Gettings, Donald Morris, Kendall Knutstrom, Roger Dillon, Rodney Ford, Garland Lefler, Melvin Siverly, Terry Musser, Kenneth Jarvis, Charles Bell, Roger Jacobs. BOTTOM ROW: Mr. Utech, Lyman White, Bill Ross, Jack Evans, Wayne Bundy, Roger Dowell.

This years' program of activities are being carried out under the leadership of the following officers:

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& \text { Pres. - .-. - Phillip Dillion } \\
& \text { Vice Pres.- }- \text { Jack Evans } \\
& \text { Sec'y - ..... Roger Dowell } \\
& \text { Treas. - .-. Wayne Bundy }
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Reporter--- Lyman White<br>Sentinel - - - Sidney Dowell<br>Advisor - . . - Allan L. Utech

Our chapter received second place in the Section IV Parlimentary Procedure Contest last year.
We were represented at the state convention held on the campus of Illinois University, Urbana, Ill. Roger Dowell, Bill Ross, and Phillip Dillon attended this convention, and the last named received his State Farmer Degree.

The Sectional Fair was held at Stronghurst last year and will be held here again this year. We had nearly $100 \%$ of our members showing at the fair. We expect to be even better in our percentage this year.

This year we are selling Funk's garden seeds.
Our initiation was held for Chapter Farmers in Sept. and the Greenhand Initiation was in Nov. There were nine new chapter farmers and eight new greenhands.

We are helping plant trees this year on the Lyman Ross farm near Olena, Ill. Bill Ross is having this as a project in his FFA work. We helped plant several thousand trees last year. This years' project was selling Christmas trees. Trees that were cut and not sold were given away.


## MISS POPULARITY AND ATTENDANTS

Nancy Norwood, Nancy Peasley, Patty Ford, Paul Ford, Jerry Rehling, Wayne Bundy, Kendall Knutstrom. Miss Popularity, Rose Marie Brennan.

## ROSE MARIE BRENNAN MISS POPULARITY For 1953-4

At the annual school carnival sponsored by the Beacon Club, and directed by Mrs. Inez Alexander, Rose Marie Brennan walked off with the title of "Miss Popularity."

Rose Marie was attended by Paul Ford. The banner was presented to her by Miss Janet Lefler, winner of the title last year. The winner of the banner represents our school as being outstanding in school activities, good sportsmanship, loyalty, and the desirable personality traits.

Lyman White acted as Master of Ceremonies and conducted the drawings just before the procession took place.

Miss Brennan was attended by Nancy Anderson, attendant, Jerry Rehling; Nancy Norwood, attendant, Kendall Knutstrom; Nancy Peasley, attendant, Wayne Bundy.

The Rhythmaires of Raritan furnished the music for the square dance, and Mr. George Brewer was the caller.



## BEACON CLUB

TOP ROW: Melvin Siverly, Marilyn Anderson, Lanny Ford, Merlin Foresman, Arthur Davison, Paul Ford, Sidney Dowell, Bobbie Stimpson, Evalyn Spencer, Roger Jacobs.
MIDDLE ROW: Rose Marie Brennan, Theo Brewer, Gladys Wilson, Carol Larson, John Evans, Donald Good, Roger Dowell, Janet Filberth, Winnie Long.
SITTING: Lyman White, Joan Stevenson, Nancy Peasley, Barbara Pendleton, Harry Rae Billups, Eddie Bowman, STANDING: Mrs. Alexander.



## GAA

We received points for letters for doing the following: bowling, hikes, playnights and rollerskating. This year to get a letter one had to have 75 points and everything had to be an organized activity.

We had a spaghetti supper to make money. We had a snowball formal dance and sold pencils with our basketball schedule on them.

Mrs. Evelyn Ford was our advisor the first semester, and Mrs. Norma Evemeyer was our new advisor the second semester.

CARLSON'S DEP'T STORE

## GAA

TOP ROW: Mary McGee, Shirley Avery, Dixie Gray, Mary A. White, Nancy Norwood, Nancy Anderson, Nancy Herriott.
SECOND ROW: Janet Lefler, Edith Waterman, Ruth A. Booten, Ruth A. Long, Carol S. Combites, Dianne Grisby, Marjie Cook.
THIRD ROW: Patty Ford, Nancy Kemp, Janet Filberth, Theo Brewer, Marlene Newman, Carol Larson.
FOURTH ROW: Joan Stevenson, Marilyn Anderson, Deanna M. Hoffeditz, Marjorie Annegers, Nancy Peasley, Mary Jane Foresman, Betty Hustead.
BOTTOM ROW: Viola Schroeder, Roxana Harvey, Janet Marshall, Jo Ann Lopp, Mrs. Ford, advisor, 1st. semester, Barbara Pendleton. NOT SHOWN IN PICTURE. Winnie Long.


WINNIE LONG, Bookkeeper
Davison Motor Sales
ROSE MARIE BRENNAN, Clerk Bank of Stronghurst


## COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT ORGANIZE COOPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Business Education Department, in cooperation with the Stronghurst Business Community is offering a work experience program to its students.

Pupils take their regular high school courses during one half of each day. The remainder of the day is spent working in an office. For their job training and laboratory experiences the student receives training wages commensurate with beginning salaries in their chosen occupations. As they receive instruction and experience, their training wages may be advanced in line with their progress and abilities.

PUPILS ELIGIBLE for the Program. SENIORS. One year of typing, one semester of bookkeeping, and one semester of office practice. Students must have above average grades in the business subjects, and at least average grades in all other subjects. Also students accepting work must maintain their school subject grades, taking all tests and completing all work recommended by the instructor.

AGREEMENT. Students accepting work must agree to work on Saturdays, extra days available, and for at least one year after they are graduated from high school.

GRADES: The business teacher gives the employer certain forms to fill in at regular periods, rating the student according to attitudes and efficiency. The teacher collects these forms and together with the work and attitudes of the student at school, a grade is determined.

Winnie Long and Rose Marie Brennan have been granted permission to take part in this program, and they work at Davison's Motor Sales and the Stronghurst Bank respectively. The Department is hoping these girls do a far better than average job, the reason being that the Board of Education and the Administrator will approve the departments continuing its work experience program.


## JUNIOR PLAY

The Junior Class presented as its play "Clementine."
Roxana Harvey played the part of Clementine, a tomboy who later changed into an attractive young lady. Bob Bunt was Clem's father, and Jo Ann Lopp was her mother. Bill Waddill portrayed Hank (the girls really pursue him) and Jerry McIntire lends some immortal lines as Pete, the ladies' man. Terry Musser played the part of the unexcitable handyman, Abe.

Janet Lefler as Ann was responsible for teaching Clementine oratorical techniques. Nancy Peasley and Marjorie Annegers breeze their way through the parts of Cathy and Jane Ann, respectively.

Ken Mosher played Buzzy, afflicted with hay fever and Viola Schroeder was Miss Pringle, the battle ax from next door. Mary Jane Foresman is Bertha, the maid.


TOP ROW, LEFT: Melvin Siverly, Don Good, Lyman White, Roger Dowell, Art Davison, Mr. Tingley. bOTTOM ROW, LEFT: Marilyn Anderson, Theo Brewer, Barbara Pendleton, Rose Marie Brennan, Joan Stevenson, Gladys Wilson, Carol Larson.


SENIOR PLAY CAST

## CHARACTERS

| Dr. Allenby | Melvin Siverly |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mrs. Wagner (Grandma). | Rose Marie Brennan |
| Hannah Hawks | Gladys Wilson |
| Chuck Allenby | Lyman White |
| Barbie Allenby. | Barbara Pendleton |
| Janie Allenby | Joan Stevenson |
| Billie Allenby | Roger Dowell |
| Patsy Gardner | Theo Brewer |
| Nancy Pomeroy. | Carol Larson |
| Hugo Jarvis | Don Good |
| George Bennet | Art Davison |
| Ginny Grant.. | Marilyn Anderson |

## Synopsis

Dad, worried about his aching feet and active family; flurried Gram, trying to bring them up right; the maid with the ten matrimonial-bureau sweethearts, and the teen-age group: Chuck, the guy who struggles against fate for lovely Ginny; Nancy, who hopes sophisticated Hugo may sometime look herway; George, who gets tongue-tied around pretty Barbie; the boy sleuth, Billie, and his pal, Patsy; Janie, who wants to become school cheerleader and who's apt to go into a contortion and yack out some wild gibberish on the order of sis, Boom, bah!


VALENTINE DANCE


MARILYN ANDERSON, 2nd Extemporaneous Speaking

DONALD GOOD, 3rd Original Oration

LYMAN WHITE, 3rd Radio Speaking


NANCY KEMP, 4th Oratorical Oration


## SPEECH

Six contestants were entered in speech work this year. In the IHSA District contest at Table Grove, Ill. on Feb. 27, three of these students placed and will represent our szhool at the IHSA District contest at Peoria. If these people place they will enter the IHSA State contest at Champaign.

DISTRICT CONTESTANTS WERE

Freshmen:
Nancy Kemp
John Wood
Sophomore:
Mary Alice White
Seniors:
Marilyn Anderson
Donald Good
Lyman White

Speech
Oratorical Oration
Comedy Play Reading

Extemporaneous Verse Reading

Place
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Extemporaneous Speaking
2nd
Original Oration 3 rd
Radio Speaking
3 rd

## BI-COUNTY CONTESTANTS WILL BE

Freshman:
Ruth Ann Booten

Nancy Kemp
John Wood
Sophomores:
Carol Hulett
Marlene Newman
Juniors:
Marjorie Annegers
Bob Bunt
Senior:
Marilyn Anderson

Speech
Extemporaneous Verse
Reading
Oratorical Oration
Radio Speaking

Dramatic Play Reading
Comedy Play Reading

Original Monologue
Original Oration

Extemporaneous Verse Reading

On March 13, the following students entered the Sectional Speech Contest in Peoria: Marilyn Anderson, Lyman White and Donald Good. Lyman had the distinction of being the only student from this speech district to place.


## MIXED CHORUS

Janet Lefler, Sidney Dowell, Janet Filberth, Melvin Siverly, Barbara Pendleton, Phillip Dillon, Mary Alice White, Bobbie Stimpson, Nancy Norwood, Bill Bowen, Dixie Gray, Roger Dowell, Rose Marie Brennan, Bob Bunt, Margie Cook, Lyman White, Gladys Wilson, Bill Phillips, Winnie Long.

## Choruses

The high school choruses presented a fine Christmas Cantata entitled "Night in Judean Hills." The soloists were Barbara Pendleton, soprano; Gladys Wilson, alto, Janet Lefler, soprano; Bobby Lee Stimpson, tenor; Roger Dowell, tenor; Bob Bunt, baritone; Melvin Siverly, bass. They will participate in the following music festivals: Valley, and Bi-County.


## GIRLS' CHORUS

Marilyn Anderson, Shirley Avery, Rose Marie Brennan, Ruth Ann Booten, Carol Sue Combites, Margie Cook, Patty Ford, Dixie Gray, Diane Grigsby, Nancy Heriott, Deanna Mae Hoffiditz, Betty Hustead, Janet Lefler, Marg Magee, Marlene Newman, Barbara Pendleton, Edith Waterman, Mary Alice White, Nancy Anderson, Janet Filberth, Nancy Kemp, Ruth Ann Long, Winnie Long, Nancy Norwood, Nancy Peasley, Joan Stevenson, Gladys Wilson.


## BOYS' CHORUS

Eugene Anders, Jerry Rehling, Bill Phillips, Donald Good, Bobbie Stimpson, Allan Waterman, John Layman, Bob Bunt, Jimmy Carmean, Sid Dowell, Charles Hustead, Gary Lauver, Douglas Taylor, Melvin Siverly, Bob Waddell, John Woods, Paul Mattson, Bill Bowen.


## ACCOMPANISTS

Nańcy Heriott, Mary Alice White, Nancy Norwood.

SAXOPHONE QUARTET


CLARINET QUARTET


## BAND

TOP ROW: John Peterson, Marjie Cook, Lyman White, Bob Bunt, John Wood, Phillip Leinbach, Greg Carlson, Al David Liembech, Terry Armstrong,
SECOND ROW: Mariam White, Carol Hulett, Carol Larson, Nancy Heriott, Bob Waddill, Melvin Siverly, Eddie Siens, Dwight Nortrup, Terry Leinbach, Bill Bowen.
THIRD ROW: Nancy Norwood, Trudi Dowell, Marian Hulett, Mary Ann Nolen, Donnie Bunt, Bob Miller, Roger Dillon, Terry Musser.
BOTTOM ROW: Mary Alice White, Marlene Newman, Gay Carlson,. Sharon Armstrong, Mary Cook, Deanna Mae Hoffiditz, Maida Peterson, Suzanne Hoffiditz.


## MUSIC

The music department had seventeen solo and ensemble entries in district contest. Seven people received frist place. They were: Marjie Cook, piccolo; Barbara Pendleton, girls high voice, girls ensemble I, girls ensemble II; Carol Larson, clarinet; Bob Bunt, boys low voice; Marjie Cook, girls medium voice. There were eight that placed second and they were: mixed ensemble, saxophone quartet; coronet trio; Carol Hulett, baritone saxophone; Janet Lefler, girls medium voice; Shirley Avery, girls high voice; clarinet quartet; Deanna Mae Hoffiditz, flute; two thirds; Mary Alice White, piano; and the boys ensemble.

The Pep Band played at all home football games. They also marched in the homecoming parade and played at the snake dance the evening before. The band presented two school concerts, one in October and one in January.

The Staff of the 1954 Beacon wishes to thank the business men of Stronghurst who have helped to make this book possible by their donations. It urges the student body of the Stronghurst High School to show its appreciation by patronizing these merchants.


We were especially proud that $\& C H \&$
Enjoyed a successful Season.


Betty Hustead, Joan Stevenson, Nancy Peasley, Ruth Ann Booten BUDS T. V.



JUNIOR VARSITY


## SCHEDULE

## Opponents They

BI-COUNTY TOURNAMENT VARSITY

| Media | 57 | S.H.S. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Roseville | 55 | S.H.S. |
|  | JUNIOR VARSITY |  |
|  | 50 | S.H.S. |

VALLEY TOURNAMENT VARSITY
Biggsville
63 S.H.S.
DISTRICT TOURNEY

|  | Bardolph 60 SCHS <br> G \& O 55 SCHS | 62 |  |
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## FOOTBALL SQUAD

TOP ROW: Lanny Ford, Larry Hetrick, Lyman White, Paul Ford, Jack Evans, Bill Waddell, Sidney Dowell, Bill Ross, Jerry McIntire, Coach Johnson,
MIDDLE ROW: Donald Good, Eldon Avery, Bobbie Stimpson, Volney Evans, Merlin Foresman, Arthur Davison, Harry Billups.
BOTTOM ROW: Wayne Bundy, Keith Mynatt, Ronnie Johnson, Donald Morris, Eddie Bowman, Richard Mynatt, Bob Waddell.


## VARSITY SQUAD

Jerry McIntire, Wayne Bundy, Harry Billups, Bill Ross, Jack Phillips, Bob Bunt, Bill Waddell, Paul Ford, Arthur Davison, Volney Evans, Eldon Avery, Lanny Ford, Coach Johnson.


Senior Float

F.F.A. Float-First Prize

F.H.A. Float


Homecoming Queens and Kings



Harry Rae Billups


All dressed up


How's the water



Thats What You Think

Oh My Hair

11.


BABY PICTURES

1. Janet Filberth
2. Roger and Sidney Dowell
3. Merl in Foresman
4. Art Davison \& Harry Billups
5. Evalyn Spencer
6. Janet Filberth
7. Marilyn Anderson
8. Joan Stevenson
9. Bill Phillips
10. Theo Brewer
11. Barbara Pendleton



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