



BLUE AND GOLD





DEDICATION





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As Seniors of 1952 we wish to dedicate our annual to the Seniors of 1953. We sincerely hope that you will graduate as a class that will be remembered by your teachers and friends as we wish to be remembered by them.

*Class of 1952*

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Grade Music**



SENIORS



# Seniors



PHILIP MARTIN

- Class President.....1-2-3-4
- Annual Staff Editor..... 4
- "Papa Proposes"..... 1
- "Oh! Didn't It Rain"..... 3
- Band..... 2-3-4
- Boys' Chorus..... 2-3
- Softball..... 1-2-3-4
- Basketball..... 1-2-3-4
- Track..... 1-2-3-4



VIOLA THORNTON

- Vice-President..... 1
- Secretary-Treasurer..... 2
- Student Council..... 3-4
- "Fathers' Bargain Day"..... 2
- "Oh, Didn't It Rain"..... 3
- Annual Staff.....4



BEVERLY PRAWL

- Treasurer..... 1
- Student Council..... 2
- Secretary..... 3
- Secretary-Treasurer..... 4
- Girls' Chorus..... 2-3-4
- Mixed Chorus..... 2-3
- Band..... 2-3-4
- "Papa Proposes"..... 1
- "Henry's Mail Order Wife"..... 2
- "Oh, Didn't It Rain"..... 3
- Cheerleader.....1-4
- Annual Staff.....4

CLASS ROLL

BEVERLY ARLENE PRAWL

PHILIP LEROY MARTIN

VIOLA RUTH THORNTON

CLASS FLOWER----- Yellow Rose

CLASS COLORS----- Lavender and Yellow

CLASS MOTTO--- "We Must Live In The House  
We Build. If It Is Without Character, We Are  
The Ones Who Suffer."

CLASS OFFICERS

President-----Philip Martin

Secretary-Treasurer----- Beverly Prawl

Student Council----- Viola Thornton

## Class History

In September of 1940 we girls in pigtails and the boys with slicked down hair made our entrance into Severance Grade School for the first time. We soon were made to feel right at home by our first grade teacher, Miss Barbara Lawhon. We enrolled this year with five pupils, Tommy Turley, Jimmy Neal, Warren Schriener, Kenneth Rice, and Beverly Prawl, but we were joined in March by Viola Thornton who came from Old Sixty District north of Troy.

The second grade was easier for us and we began to enjoy our school life. Our teacher this year was Mrs. Hilda Triplett from Denton and we had the same classmates.

We had a new teacher again in the third grade but we kept her for two years, she was Miss Nadine Atkin, of our home town. During the third grade we were still the same class but in the fourth grade we lost Warren Schriener and added Rosalie Ramsier from the Laverentz District.

We changed teachers again for the fifth and sixth grade. She was another home town teacher, Mrs. Hallie Peters. Since Laverentz District was consolidated during the fifth grade we were joined by Ticky Moyer, and also by LeDoit Meeks. During the sixth grade we gained Philip Martin and Willard Potter because Hooper's Ford District was consolidated. LeDoit Meeks moved with his folks to Wathena so we lost one.

Our next two years consisted of hard work as everyone knows exists in the seventh and eighth grades. We had a very fine teacher and enjoyed working for her, she was Mrs. Loren Whitmore from Denton. During these two years we lost Willard Potter, and Ticky Moyer moved with his folks to Topeka. It seemed we were always gaining boys but no girls so this year we took over and gained Geraldine Cluck from Bendena, Wanda Canter from Wathena, and Joan Halling from Halling School east of Severance. We also gained another boy Jerry

Severin from Denton. We passed out of grade school with flying colors due to gray hairs on our teachers part. Our big class of ten pupils graduated in May of 1948, Jerry Severin, Tommy Turley, Jimmy Neal, Philip Martin, Rosalie Ramsier, Viola Thornton, Joan Halling, Geraldine Cluck, Wanda Canter, and Beverly Prawl.

In the fall of '48 we started on another journey of our education, high school. We had left only a class of seven since Jerry had gone back to Denton, Wanda back to Wathena, Rosalie with her parents to Highland, but we went into high school with a bang on initiation day. In the fall of '50 we had but six, Joan Halling had gone to Leona. Our Junior year was full of new duties and lots of fun too. We lost Jimmy Neal this term and Geraldine Cluck by marriage to James Clark of the U. S. Army. At last '52 has rolled around and we are working very hard to make sure that we graduate. There are but three of us now because Tommy Turley moved with his folks to Hoyt, Kansas. We wish to thank all our teachers who have helped us through these four years, Miss Pilcher and Mr. Oliver being with us all the way through. Miss Anna Jo Johnson helped during our Freshman and Sophomore days and Mrs. Kimble our Junior days. Our music teachers have been Mrs. Templin and Mr. Elder. We only hope the following classes will be larger and that dear old Severance High will carry on for years to come.



# Class Prophecy

## Twenty-Five Years From Now

**BEVERLY PRAWL:** As I see Beverly twenty-five years from now, she is living on a dairy farm in the central part of Wisconsin. She graduated from the University of Missouri with high honors. She met her husband and married him when she was twenty-five years old, while she was making a tour of the country finding out more about being a home economics teacher. They moved to Wisconsin early in their married life and bought a dairy farm. Beverly helps milk twenty-five cows a day and cooks for her family of five, "two boys and one girl," and works part time as a home economics teacher. She puts in fifteen hours a day with seldom any free time. Her only regret is that she is not twenty-five years younger.

**VIOLA THORNTON:** As I see Viola Thornton, she has married a millionaire from Oklahoma and is living in great luxury. She attends not less than five operas a week, goes to the beauty shop every day, has ten maids, and three little girls who are sent away to very elaborate schools in California. She is talking about getting a divorce from her husband because he will not let her take a trip to Kansas in her \$10,000 convertible.

**PHILIP MARTIN:** As I see myself, I am a very unsuccessful farmer in the mountains of Colorado. I own one hundred acres of worthless land and raise five bushels of corn to the acre. I was married at the age of twenty and have two sets of twins, all boys. They are ages twelve and ten years, and I intend to send them to one of the city schools one of these days. After I have retired from farming, "if I ever do," I will let my four boys support me the rest of my life.

# Senior Class Will

We, the Seniors of Doniphan County of Severance and State of Kansas, being of weak mind and unsound memory do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, hereby revoking any will heretofore made by us.

First:

I, Philip Martin will to the following people: My good looks to Johnnie Goodwin, my place on the ball team to Paul Coy, my president's seat to Philip Prawl, my personality to Donna Fuhrman, my shyness around the girls to Gary Martin, and my ability to learn to Gene Rush.

Second:

I, Beverly Prawl will to the following people: My slowness to Helen Simpson, my personality to Barbara Scott, my sleepiness to Betty Roland, my sudden burst of temper to Gary Martin, my typing ability to Paul Coy, and my good grades to Shirley Rush.

Third:

I, Viola Thornton will to the following people: My place as student council president to Bob Mink, my personality to Loleta Ptomey, my love for reading to Willard Potter, my intelligence to Edna Kitzel, my bashfulness around the boys to Virginia Gildersleeve, and my typing ability to Helen Simpson.

In witness whereof, we, the Seniors, the testators, have set our hand and seal here on this sixteenth of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two (1952).

\_\_\_\_\_ Seal

Signed, sealed, published, and declared as our last will and testament.

The Senior Class

Witnesses Viola Thornton  
Beverly Prawl  
Philip Martin



UNDERGRADS





## Freshman Class



**FRONT ROW:** Left to Right: Shirley Rush, Johnnie Goodwin, Virginia Gildersleeve.  
**BACK ROW:** Left to Right: Betty Roland, Barbara Scott, Loleta Ptomey.

## Sophomore Class



**FRONT ROW:** Left to Right: Donna Fuhrman, Helen Simpson.  
**BACK ROW:** Left to Right: Gene Rush, Willard Potter, Gary Martin.

## *Junior Class*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Paul Coy, Edna Kitzel, Bob Mink, Philip Prawl.

## *Senior Class*



LEFT TO RIGHT: Viola Thornton, Philip Martin, Beverly Prawl.



A fine cedar chest and a chest of drawers are displayed by Gene Rush and Robert Mink.

## Our Hot Lunch Program



## Industrial Arts

Instructed by Mr. Oliver



## Cooks

Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Wilcox

Last in line: High School



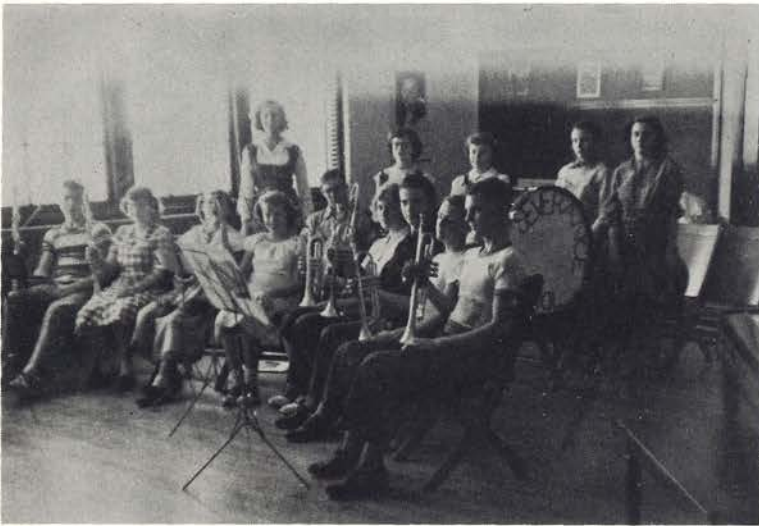
First in line: Primary Room

## Music



### Girls' Chorus

Girls' Chorus, Left to Right: Shirley Rush, Donna Fuhrman, Beverly Prawl, Helen Simpson, Edna Kitzel, Loleta Ptomey, Barbara Scott, and Virginia Gildersleeve.



This is our band and it is composed of both grade and the high school boys and girls. It is directed by Mrs. Elder.

### Band

### Marching Band

This is our band marching in the 1951 Apple Blossom Festival held in St. Joseph, Missouri. It is directed by Mrs. Elder.





**Geometry class is composed of Sophomores.  
Instructed by Mrs. Oliver.**



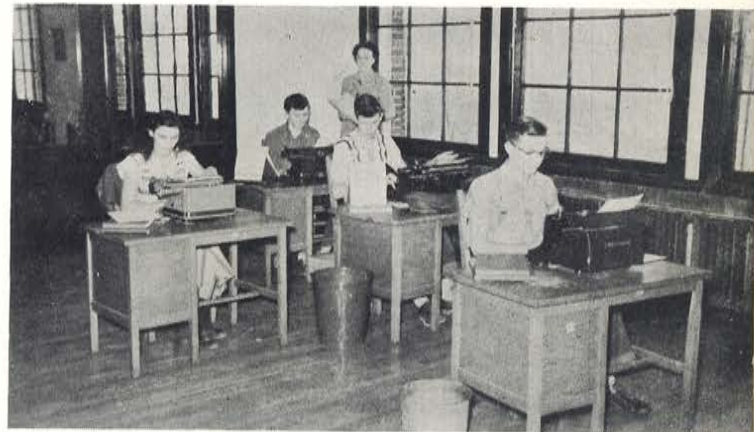
**GEOMETRY CLASS**



**Entire student body and faculty of  
Severance High assembled in study  
hall.**

**STUDENT BODY**

## *General Science*



**Typing One is composed of four Juniors.  
Instructed by Miss Pilcher.**

## *Typing Class*

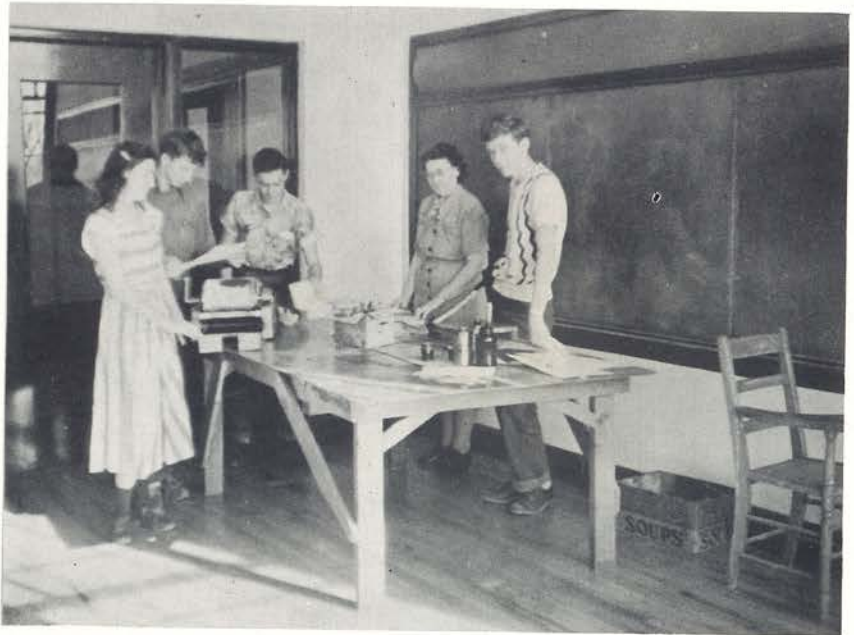


**General Science is composed of all Freshmen.  
They are being instructed by Mrs. Oliver.**



LEFT TO RIGHT: Gene Rush, Viola Thornton, Betty Roland, Bob Mink.

## *Student Council*



## *Paper Staff*

LEFT TO RIGHT: Edna Kitzel, Paul Coy, Philip Prawl, Miss Pilcher, Bob Mink.

## Seventh Grade



KEITH GEORGE



NANCY KERR



ALVA SCOTT



STEPHEN HIGGINS



DAVID GOAD



KATHERINE SCOTT

## Eighth Grade



HELEN NEAL



SHIRLEY HIGGINS



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SALLY KERR



DARLENE HUSS

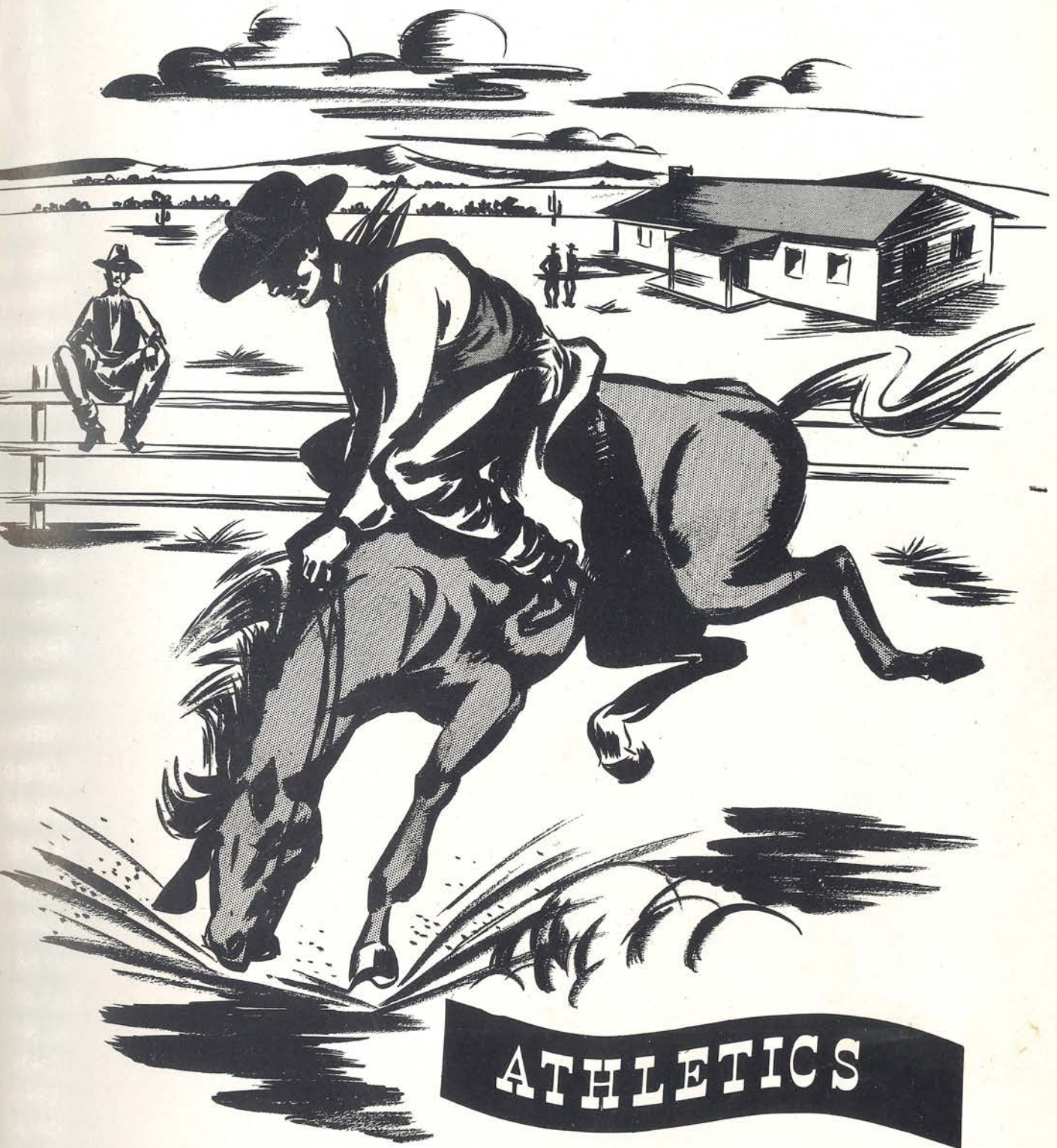


PHILIP ROLAND



PHYLLIS ROLAND





ATHLETICS





**BASKETBALL SQUAD**  
Philip Martin  
Gene Rush  
Johnnie Goodwin  
Bob Mink  
Philip Prawl  
Willard Potter  
Paul Coy  
Gary Martin

## *Basketball Participants*



Severance Boys vs. White Cloud Boys



Captain In Action: Philip Martin

Time Out For Rest



## Cheerleaders



From Left to Right: Loleta Ptomey, Donna Fuhrman, Beverly Prawl

## Fight, Team Fight



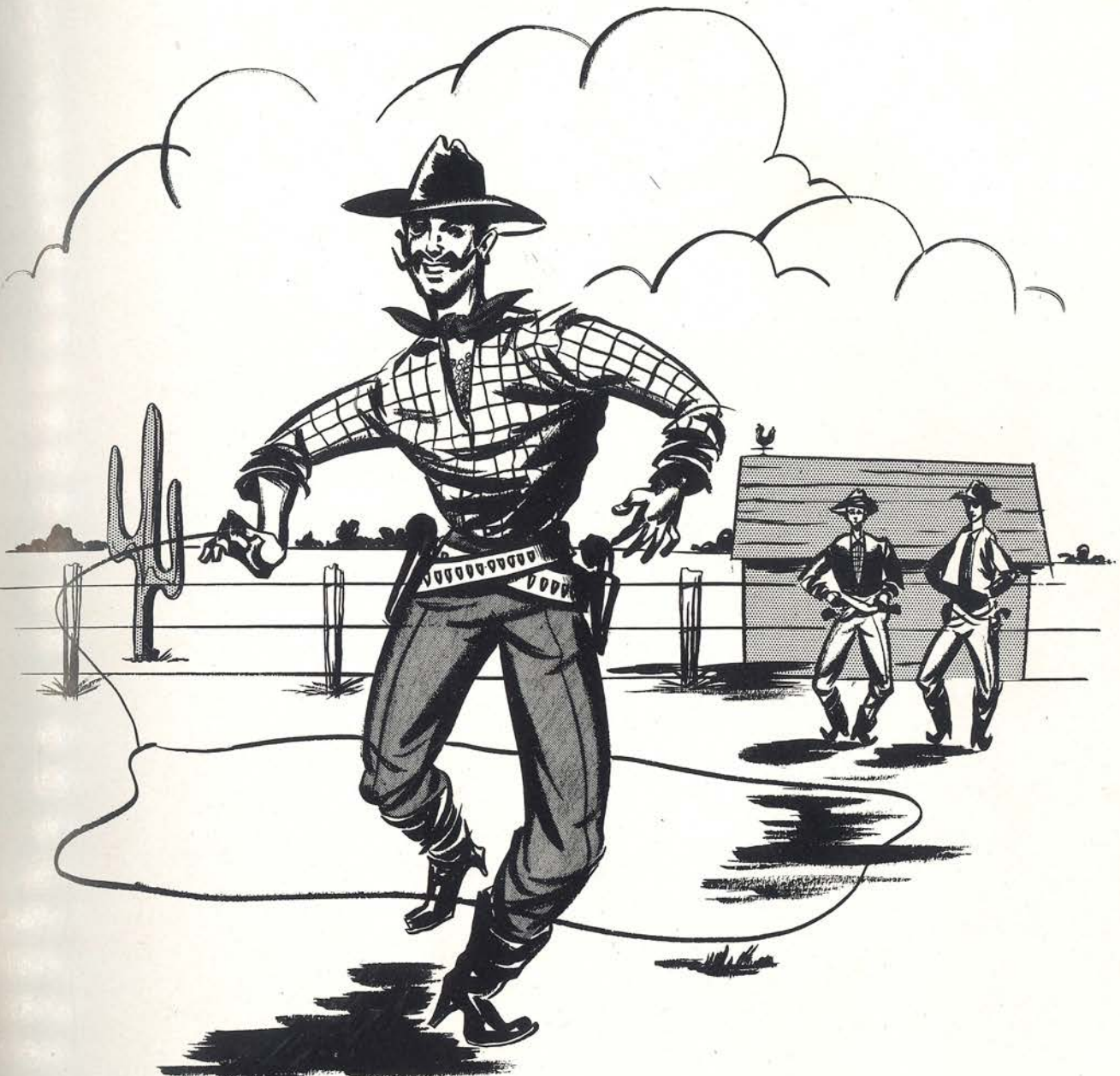
Clockwise: Viola Thornton, Beverly Prawl, Betty Roland, Barbara Scott, Loleta Ptomey, Virginia Gildersleeve, Donna Fuhrman, Shirley Rush, Edna Kitzel, Helen Simpson.

## Girls' Physical Education



Severance Girls vs. Elwood Girls





**ACTIVITIES**







ALL DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO

## Initiation



AREN'T WE CUTE?



WHY DO YOU HAVE TO TAKE MY PICTURE?



PEEK-A-BOO



THE LADY WITH FOUR HANDS

## *“The Green Freshmen”*



WHAT A BEAUTIFUL VIEW



## Carnival Time

KING AND QUEEN  
 Philip Martin,      Shirley Rush,  
 Senior                  Freshman

BINGO

## Carnival Queen



## Carnival Concessions



Winner of basket of groceries, Mrs. Joe Scott;  
 Philip Prawl, Master of Ceremonies.

NOVELTIES



The school board passing out treats on the eve of our Christmas program.  
Mr. Joe Rush, Mr. Albert Fuhrman

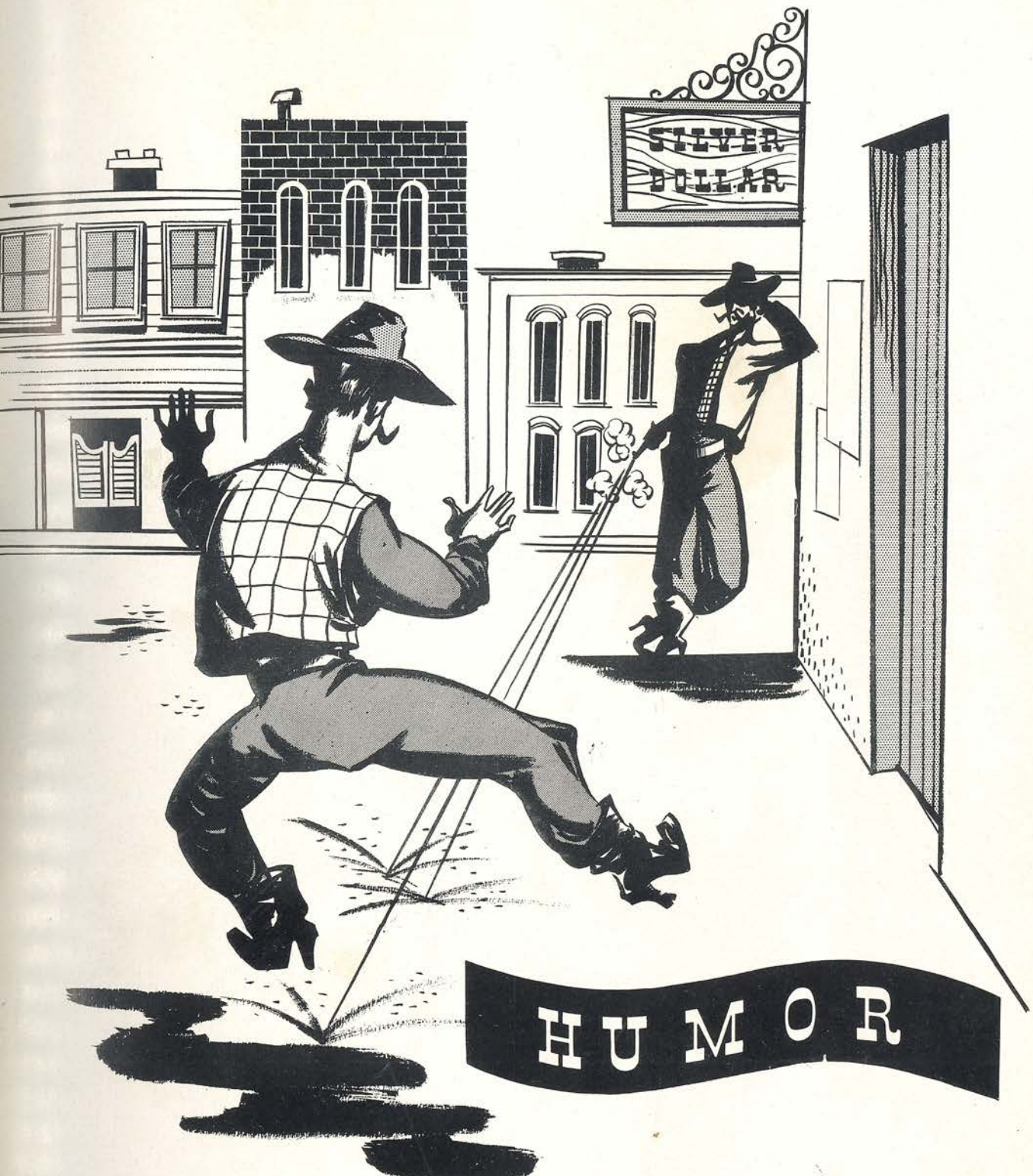


Santa Claus holding Leonard Rush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rush.

## *Here Comes Santa Claus*



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HUMOR





# Fun Page



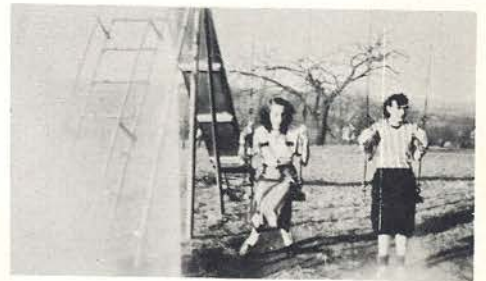
MONKEYS IN THE TREE



LOOK AT THE BOY HELPING THE GIRLS SEW



WINTER SCENE FROM STUDY HALL



DON'T YOU GIRLS EVER GROW UP



THE STREET WALKERS



AIN'T WE SWEET



THE BUS IS LOADED, LET'S GO

## BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

### January-----

- 2. Edna Kitzel
- 21. Willard Potter
- 26. Greta Pilcher

### February-----

- 10. Beverly Prawl
- 12. Johnnie Goodwin
- 17. Leota Elder
- 23. Mr. Oliver
- 26. Virginia Gildersleeve

### March-----

- 3. Betty Roland

### April-----

### May-----

- 22. Philip Martin

### June-----

### July-----

- 15. Paul Coy
- 19. Philip Prawl

### August-----

- 15. Gene Rush
- 29. Barbara Scott
- 29. Shirley Rush

### September-----

- 25. Donna Fuhrman
- 26. Bob Mink

### October-----

- 9. Viola Thornton
- 11. Mrs. Oliver
- 28. Gary Martin
- 29. Helen Simpson

### November-----

- 27. Loleta Ptomey

### December-----



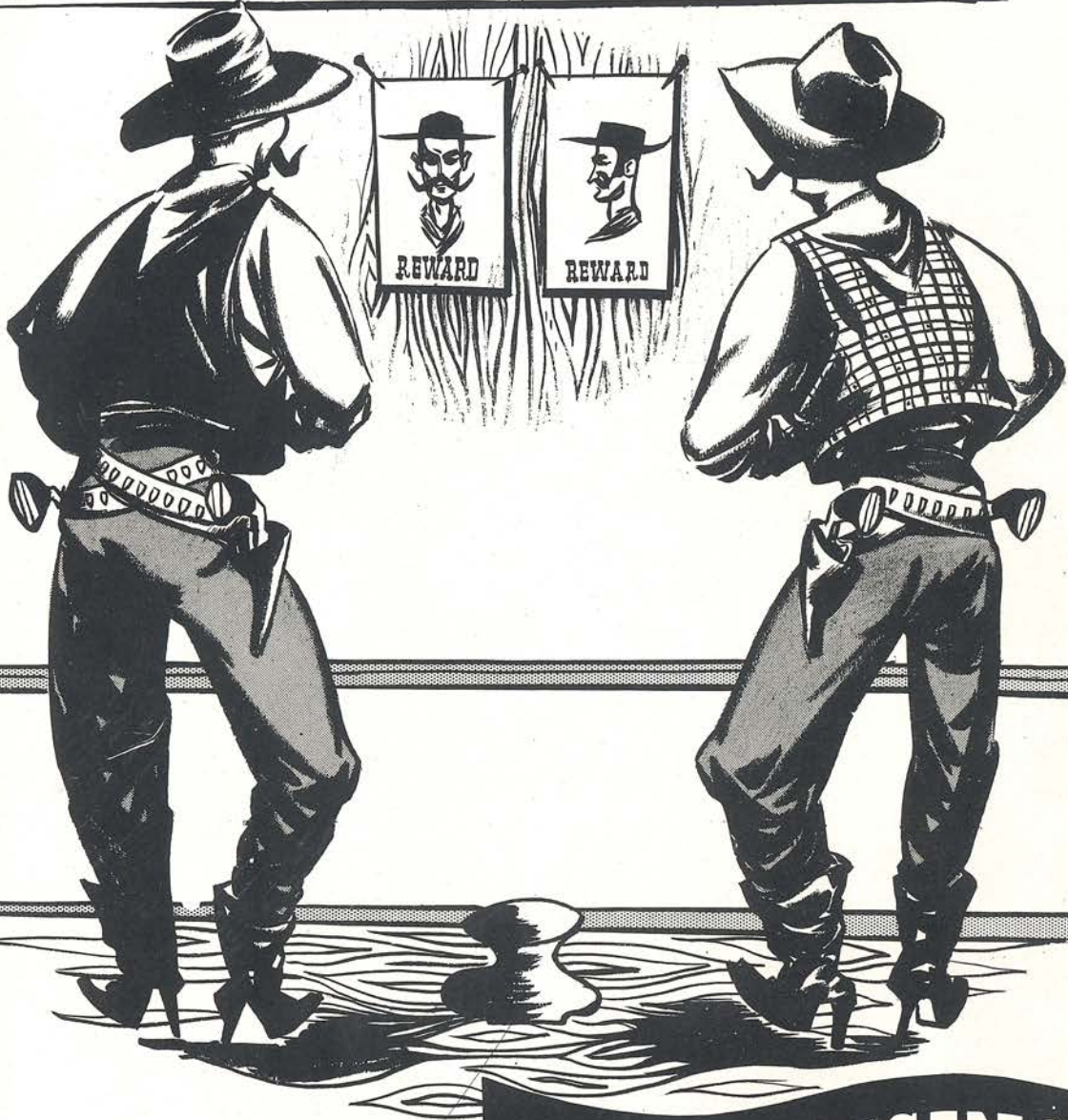
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