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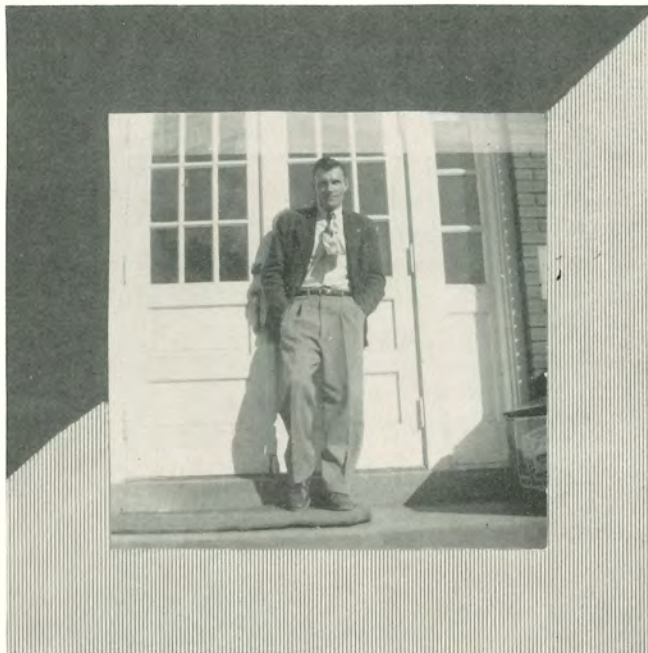
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The Annual Staff has in these few pages tried to capture some part of the work, the play, the seriousness and the gaiety which have made our high school days a magic time. We hope that as you turn through the pages of the "Bulldog" in years to come, it will bring the joy of reminiscence to all who remember the CLASS OF 1956.

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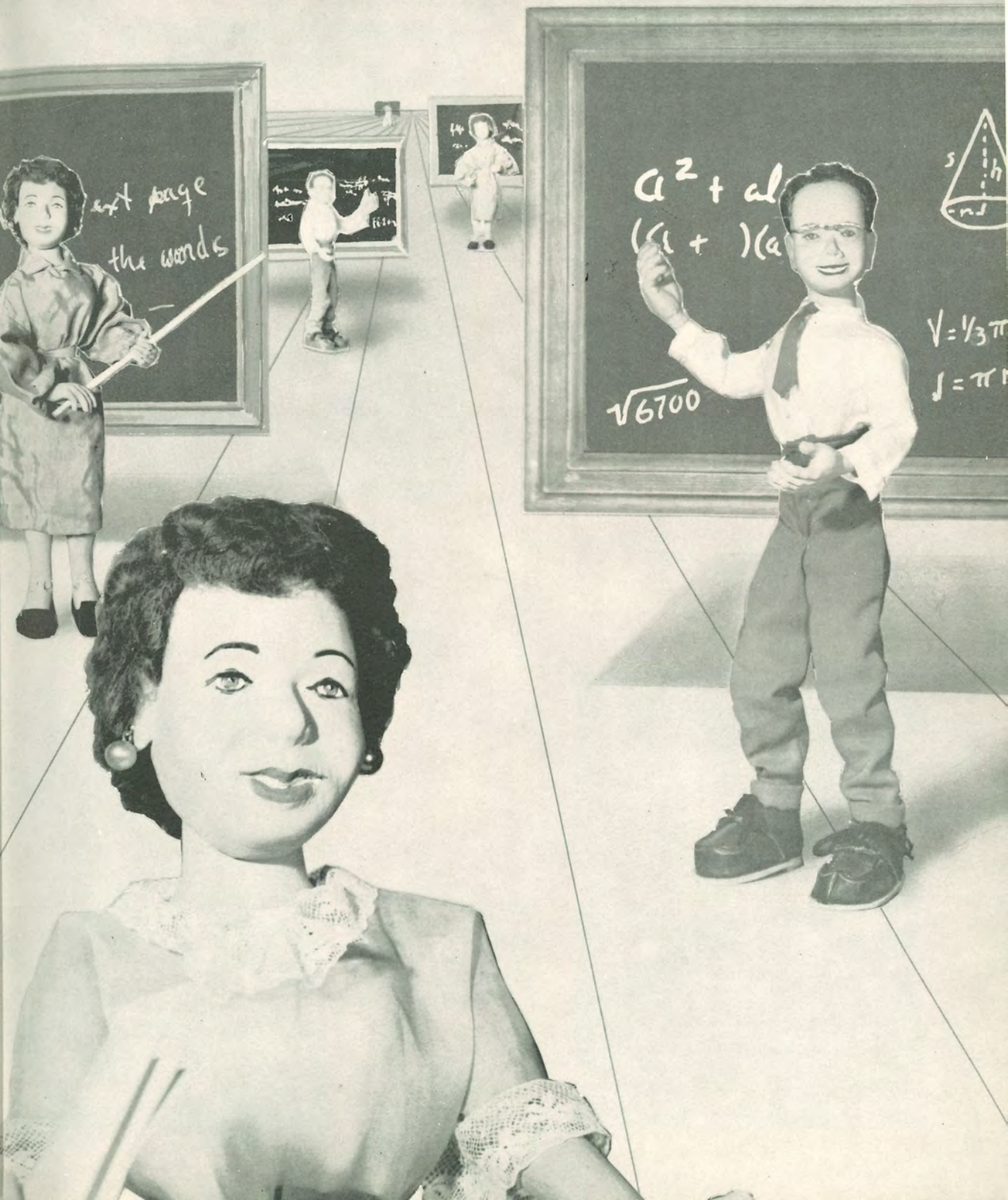
Dedication



WE, THE SENIORS OF 1956, WISH TO DEDICATE OUR ANNUAL TO
MR. WILLIAM D. FOOTE.

IN THIS WAY WE HOPE TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION FOR HIS
UNTIRING EFFORTS IN HELPING US WITH OUR VARIOUS PRO-
JECTS. MR. FOOTE HAS SERVED US WELL WITH HIS KIND
PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING. HIS THOUGHTFUL GUIDANCE
WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED BY US SENIORS AS MAKING OUR
LAST YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL SUCH A PLEASANT AND MEMORABLE
ONE. THANK YOU, MR. FOOTE.

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SENIOR HISTORY

CAROL GOFORTH, senior class president, has spent all of her school life in Leona Grade and High School. She was secretary and treasurer of her class during the freshman and sophomore years. In the junior year, Carol received the job of class president. All four years in high school have found Carol active in many school events. She has played in the band, sung in musical groups, taken part in sports, was a cheerleader for two years, Homecoming attendant, Apple Blossom Queen candidate, an honor-roll student, has had leading parts in school plays, and was artist on the school paper, and is an editor of the yearbook staff.

TOM PTOMEY, vice-president, has attended several different schools. He started this big event of going to school at Willow Springs. After going to Highland and Iola, Tom came to Leona when he was in the fourth grade. Tom has served as vice-president and as reporter of his class. Some of his activities include participation in track, baseball, and basketball; playing in the band, taking parts in school plays, and working on the yearbook staff.

THERESA MORRISON, secretary, came to us from Omaha at the start of her sophomore year. The office of reporter was given to Theresa that year, and last year she was secretary-treasurer. Theresa has been a cheerleader, taken part in sports, and was active in the music department. This year she was a Homecoming attendant, and was circulation manager on the school paper last year, and is on the yearbook staff this year.

MARILYN HANSON, treasurer for the seniors, has gone to the Leona Schools for all twelve years. During the other three years she has been president and secretary of her class. She has been active in many activities such as cheerleader for two years, Halloween Queen candidate at Hiawatha, county spelling bee contestant, editor of school paper, member of the yearbook staff, member of the basketball team and other sports, and has been an honor-roll student and has taken leading roles in the school plays.

DENNIS PTOMEY, senior class reporter, started to school in Highland. He then went to Willow Springs, Iola, and came to Leona when in the fourth grade. During his high school years, Dennis has been class vice-president and sergeant-at-arms. Dennis has been very active in track, baseball, and basketball. He has played in the band, taken parts in school plays, and is on the yearbook staff.

THE JOY OF BEING A SENIOR



The pride and joy of the "Seniors of '56"



They prove themselves worthy of a MIGHTY SENIOR!



A Freshie gets the TREATMENT!



Chlorophyll water soothes the feet, eh Larry??!



Looks like L.H.S. now has a BARBER. Who's next, please?



Scrubbing the steps with a toothbrush must be a little tiresome. Right!

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CHAPTER I

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SENIOR FOLLIES

On Friday evening, April 20, the senior class, with the help of its sponsor, Mr. Seaman, provided an evening of fun and entertainment for the Leona Community. The proceeds went toward financing the senior sneak trip that was to take us seniors away from the toil of school for a short, but much needed, vacation. (!!!!)

The evening started off promptly with a saxophone solo by Nancy Nesbitt. Following that was a girls' trio from D.C.C.H.S. They represented their school well. We were then honored with a vocal solo by little Larry Gene Smith, who attends our grade school. Following his solo the main attraction of the evening began--the senior play. We presented a one-act comedy with the generous help of several underclassmen. The cast of characters was as follows:

"DAD TAKES A REST CURE"

Harlow Lloyd, a patient- - - -	Dennis Ptomey
Butch, a painter- - - -	Jim Meidinger
Verna Lloyd- - - -	Marilyn Hanson
Miss Tilberry, a nurse- - - -	Dee Ann Seaman
Mr. Collinson, a father with frayed nerves--	Tom Ptomey
Sarah Collinson, his daughter- - - -	Carol Goforth
Agnes Collinson, his sister- - - -	Theresa Morrison
Charlie, a furniture mover- - - -	Leon Knecht
Dr. Deems, a specialist- - - -	William Libel

The play was presented quite well and following it we had two accordion solos by Vera Frakes from Denton. These added zip to the program. Mr. Charles Libel then sang a vocal solo and following his number, Mr. Softly, the principal from D.C.C.H.S., gave a touching chalk talk. The trio from D.C.C.H.S. furnished a background of appropriate music as Mr. Softly drew the portrait. This brought to a close the program. Walks for three beautiful cakes and a delicious pie followed, and then the drawing for a white decorated cake took place. The cake was donated by Hahnbaum's Bakery at Hiawatha; Connie Lambert was the lucky winner. Everyone then joined in for several games of bingo. Our lovely prizes were donated by Hiawatha merchants. A lunch consisting of sandwiches, pie, coffee, and pop brought this gala evening to a close. Thanks go to the L.H.S. students, our friends and neighbors who so generously contributed to our class fund, and especially to our mothers who helped us so much do the hardest part of the work. The net receipts amounted to \$71.16.

STRANGE THINGS TO COME

THERESA MORRISON is now top colonel of the U.S. Air Force Base at Clovis, N.M. Immediately after graduating from ol' L.H.S., she went to New Mexico where she fell madly in love with one of the high brass. Quite by accident she became an officer and today if you ever happen to be near Clovis you can hear her stern voice calling to the paratroopers, "JERONIMO", when it's time for each of them to jump.

We see that TOM PTOMEY has made quite a name for himself. If you ever happen to be near U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles, drop in, and if he has any time to spare, I'm sure he'll call you into the Professor of Atomic Science's Office where he presides. Yes, after leaving L.H.S. he graduated from Highland Jr. College and from there he really went places. Now with hardly enough time to eat, he is making his dream career of teaching come true in a big way.

MARILYN HANSON is now far from all of us. She is to be found in Paris, London, Rome, traveling from city to city playing for the most famous dignitaries of Europe. Yes, Marilyn is now a world-famed concert pianist. Her name appears often on the society page along with a picture of her famous fingers. It's even been rumored that she is to marry a nephew of the famous Liberace!!!

You'll be suprised to learn where DENNIS PTOMEY can now be found. At the White House, of all places! "Is he the President?" you ask, astounded. No, he's not President, but he has a very important position. You see his ambition was to do clerical work, and so after finishing college he became a very efficient man to have around. Now, as I said before, you can find him at the White House serving as private secretary to the President of the United States.

CAROL GOFORTH has really been around since she left L.H.S. After graduating from Highland Jr. College and K.U., Carol decided small town life just wasn't for her. She went to New York and worked as a private secretary. Even this was too dull for Carol who always liked adventure. Finally she bought a fire red jet, which caught the eye of all people, and took off. While out flying recently, over Topeka, she was forced to bail out. Guess who helped untangle her parachute--none other than Larry Blum, "Herkimier". You can take it from there!!!

SENIORS DECORATE FLOAT



In October 1955, the senior class under the direction of Mr. Foote decorated a car for the yearly Halloween Frolic at Hiawatha. Mr. and Mrs. Dick Delaney very generously lent us their Ford convertible for this tedious task. A suitable building in Hiawatha was provided for us in which to decorate the car, and work was begun about six days before the night of the big parade. Long, hard-working hours were spent on this project, but the results more than made up for it. Mr. Foote's talented hand led us through the task easily and his witty tongue kept our spirits high.

The long-awaited-for night was just as exciting as we had anticipated. The seniors and Mr. and Mrs. Foote rode in our float pictured above. This is really one event we will keep among our school day memories forever, I am sure.

Carol Lee Goforth

CLASS WILL

I, Thomas Hayden Ptomey, will my height to Jim Meidinger so he can make a bigger impression on the girls; my ability to go steady to Norma Jean Schoenfelder in the hope that she'll soon find true happiness; my ability to keep my class ring while in the process of going steady to Bud Lambert, who will probably really need this ability this time next year; and my quietude to Bill Larson, who needs it.

I, Marilyn Hanson, will my good grades to Larry Ptomey, who would greatly profit by them; my reserved manner to Deanna Schoenfelder to aid her in getting adjusted to high school life; my milking ability to Dee Ann Seaman to aid her in catching a farm boy; my spelling ability to Jerry Parker in the hope that he won't dumbfound his teachers so badly next year.

I, Carol Goforth, will my ability to pop my gum to next year's bookkeeping class in the hope you can get away with it more than I did; my ability as a cheerleader to Sharon Nigus so that she'll be able to make a big impression on Ernie; my short hair-do to Lu Etta Colley so she can have the new look; my rubber bumper to Arthur Adkins for his car in the hope that it will come in handy for him as much as he thought it did for me.

I, Theresa Morrison, will my ability to get American history without handy little notes to Leon Knecht in the hope that it will aid him in constitution next year; all of my important letters to Erma Lee Simmons in the hope that among them she will find someone of interest to her; my ability to drive into ditches to Judy Meidinger so she can test the family car out for power; my small feet to Dorothy Libel so she won't step on her current boyfriend's feet so hard when dancing so "dreamy".

I, Dennis Ptomey, will my position as captain of the basketball team to William Libel in the hope that he can do it justice when Homecoming rolls around; to Connie Lambert, my "grinning" personality so that she can have a winning way with the boys; to Nancy Nesbitt, my general math grades as she'll be more capable of conquering them than I was; and to Fred Knecht I will my old stamping grounds at school dances so that he'll be able to catch himself a steady. To help things along, I'll also throw in my ability to hit home runs which seem to have a way with girls!

To Mr. Foote, Denny and Tom will their rocket-like Chevrolet so that he can ride in a really keen car.

To Miss Tiffany, our shorthand teacher, Carol, Theresa, and Marilyn will a giant joke book in the hope that it will make up for our "WEEKS VACATION" early in the fall.

To Mr. Seaman, all of us seniors will the juniors so he won't be so lonely when we leave.

To Mrs. Sheda, we seniors will our research themes so that she'll have these masterpieces to cherish forever.

To the juniors, we will our bright ideas and clever schemes that we originated to get out of school to sell ads, cards, and for just plain fooling around in the hope that they will use them to their best advantage as we did.

SENIORS

SPEAK

After attending high school for four years, we seniors feel qualified to offer you poor, little underclassmen a bit of advice. HEAR YE, THE VOICE OF EXPERIENCE:

Our advice to history students is not to write little notes on your desks too much. We're afraid you might get your notes mixed up and flunk anyway!!

Bookkeeping students, we advise you not to pop your gum unless your teacher appreciates this little annoyance!

All future love-bugs, we advise you not to go to class in a romantic mood. It just doesn't seem to work!

All students should "BEWARE" of school projects that take you out of school and keep coming back to you throughout the school year as "VACATIONS"! this is very important to the juniors because when you are seniors, you're going to have to cope with such things!

1955 JR-SR PROM & BANQUET



And here we all are. THE JUNIORS AND SENIORS OF 1955!



The Scottish Aires Play For Our "Beautiful" Prom!



A gay time was had at the Prom by everyone.



21 guests were seated for our delicious banquet, which was served by the three sophomore boys and prepared by our kind mothers.



Mrs. Sheda, our very kind and thoughtful sponsor.



Our very fragrant wishing well center piece filled with fresh garden flowers.

SENIOR SNEAK

We five seniors and our sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Seaman, left Leona about 5 a.m. Thursday morning, May 4, for Lake Ozark, Missouri. Our station wagon was really packed with luggage and we had a good supply of food to help us through the day. Mrs. Seaman proved to be quite an actress and entertainer on our trip.

Lake Ozark, located near Bagnell Dam, was a welcome sight to us. We arrived at one p.m. Thursday and were assigned to our rooms. Everyday a schedule was posted, and we had different tours to go on. The first day we took an hour cruise on Lake of the Ozarks and visited some of the souvenir shops. Our meals--the food was wonderful--were served at a restaurant across the street from our rooms. Thursday night we went downstairs to the "Barefoot Room," where we danced and had fun. The floor was covered with sawdust; none of us cared for that! We tried to learn to square dance. Everyone was very tired that night, so we went to bed early.

Friday morning we took off in the station wagon and went souvenir hunting. In the afternoon, our group was taken on an interesting tour of the power plant of Bagnell Dam. After returning from our tour, the manager of the motel where we stayed took us for a ride in his speed boat. Late in the afternoon we took a cruise on the lake which lasted over an hour. This was one of the highlights of our trip. None of us cared much about dancing in the sawdust, so we just "messed around" until it was time for the wiener roast. Every night about 11, a party was held on the beach.

Saturday was our last day, so we had to make the most of it. We went souvenir hunting again in the morning and visited "Dogpatch," and "Phantom Acres." In the afternoon we were scheduled for a tour of Stark Caverns, which are huge underground caves with many pretty formations in the rocks. We tried to get a sun tan but weren't very successful. Since Saturday night was our last night there, we took off for Camdenon, a town about twenty miles from Bagnell Dam. We wanted a place to dance, so we found a club and danced for about an hour. At nine o'clock we started back to Bagnell Dam. No one wanted to go to bed so early, so we went to the beach party.

Sunday morning there was a lot of confusion when we tried to get everything packed. It was quite a job to find room for all of our suitcases, souvenirs, and us in the station wagon. We girls took a boat ride while waiting for the boys to pack. (Quite a contrast, eh?) We arrived back in Leona about 5:30 p.m. Sunday, tired but happy after having such a good time.

Marilyn Hanson

BACCALAUREATE

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

SUNDAY EVE, MAY 13, 1956

SPEAKER	---	---	---	---	REV. CHARLES E. HENRY Congregational Church Hiawatha, Kansas
INVOCATION	---	---	---	---	Mr. Edward Reidel
MUSIC	---	---	---	Men's Quartet from Bellevue Mr. Gerald Wagoner Girls' Quartette Carol Lee Goforth	
BENEDICTION	---	---	---	---	Mr. Edward Reidel
PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL	---	---	---	---	Miss Inez Tiffany

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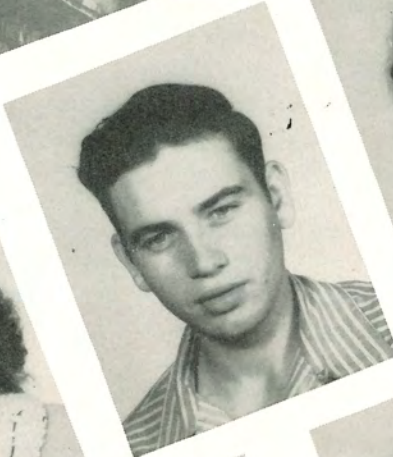
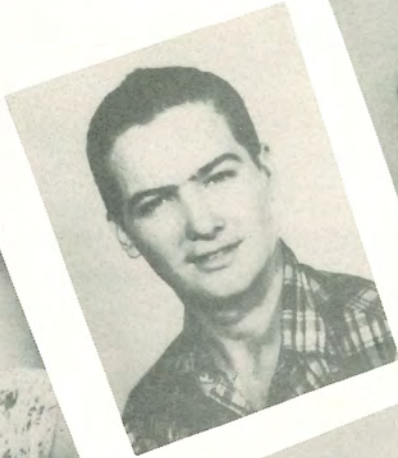
FRIDAY EVE, MAY 18, 1956

SPEAKER	---	---	---	---	MR. O. F. BARNARD
INVOCATION	---	---	---	---	Carol Lee Goforth
MUSIC	---	---	---	---	Girl's Glee Club Darlene Morrison Nancy Nesbitt
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS	---	---	---	---	Mr. Lawrence Meidinger Director, Board of Education
BENEDICTION	---	---	---	---	Marilyn Hanson
PROCESSIONAL AND RECESSIONAL	---	---	---	---	Miss Inez Tiffany

JUNIORS



Junior Class



LEFT TO RIGHT

Dee Ann Seaman
Leon Knecht
Judy Meidinger

Norma Schoenfelder
Gerald Parker
Erma Lee Simmons

Sharon Nigus
William Libel

JUNIOR HISTORY

CLASS OFFICERS

President- - - - - Judy Meidinger
Vice-President- - - - - William Libel
Secretary- - - - - Dee Ann Seaman
Treasurer- - - - - Sharon Nigus
Sponsor-----Mrs. Annalene Sheda

On eptember 7, 1953, nine freshmen entered L.H.S.: Carol Abbett; Judy Meidinger, Erma Lee Simmons, Erma Adkins, Jerry Parker, Leon Knecht, Naomi Erickson, Sharon Nigus, and William Libel. The most important event of our freshmen year was initiation. And BOY! were we initiated! Naomi, Judy, Leon, Erma Lee, Jerry, and William played in the band. During the second semester, Norma Jean Schoenfelder joined our class to raise the number to ten. She came to us from D.C.C.H.S. Three of us were on the honor roll: Naomi, Judy, Leon

Our sophomore year started off with a bang! All of our old class mates were back. First of all, we treated the students and faculty to a skating party at the Pony Express Skating Rink in St. Joseph. Judy, Naomi, Norma Jean, Leon, William, and Jerry played in the school band. The 4-H'ers of our class, Judy, Jerry, and Norma Jean, appeared in the Troy and Leona. In January, Carol Jean left us to attend school in Troy. Jerry and William went out for track and Jerry placed second in discus throw in the Little League Track Meet. Both the boys and girls played basketball. Honor-roll members were Judy, Leon, Sharon, and Naomi.

On September 4, 1955, we again entered school, but as juniors. During the summer, Naomi Erickson moved to Mission but Dee Ann Seaman moved to Leona so our enrollment was unchanged until Erma Adkins married Martie Rhyne of White Cloud in September. We were well represented in school activities. Dee Ann represented Leona in the Halloween Frolic at Hiawatha and was one of our cheerleaders; Judy was our Homecoming queen and Sharon, one of the attendants. Sharon, Judy, and Erma Lee published the school paper, the "Bulldog." In November all of us appeared in the play "Miss Jimmy." This was an exciting experience for us especially when the gun went off unexpectedly during practice and then goofed on the night of the play! High lights were receiving our class rings and planning the junior-senior banquet and prom. See another page for discussion of this BIG event. On the Honor Roll were Dee Ann, Judy, Sharon, and Leon. Now we wonder what our senior year holds for us.

MISS JIMMY

COMEDY IN THREE ACTS

WEDNESDAY EVE, NOVEMBER 16, 1955

(The Temperature--Five Above Zero!!)

Louise, a student at Brier Mt. College-DeeAnn Seaman
Florence, her roommate- - - - - Judy Meidinger
Catherine, a junior- - - - - Norma Jean Schoenfelder
Doris, a freshman- - - - - Erma Lee Simmons
Harriett, a senior- - - - - Sharon Nigus
Droopy, colored boy of all work- - - Jerry Parker
Miss Watkins, the Dean- - - - - Dorothy Ann Libel
Jimmy, a junior from State College- - Leon Knecht
Professor Frazier, English Instructor- William Libel
Director--Mrs. Annalene Sheda

"Miss Jimmy" was a lively comedy dealing with the adventures of Jimmy who enters the Brier Mountain College for Women in search of a dress for his initiation into a fraternity. The school is so exclusive the girls never have a chance to meet interesting young men. Jimmy is caught by the girls. To make sure there will be dates for the prom, the girls hold court and "try" Jimmy. He is held for ransom--a date for each girl. Everything would have worked out well but the arrival of the chief of police spoiled everything. Jimmy tries to escape while dressed as a girl, but only succeeds in getting himself locked in a closet. Louise frees him and wants to send him home in her trunk. Jimmy rebels. The English professor falls into the clutches of Miss Jimmy and is locked in a closet. He is rescued by Miss Watkins, dean of the College for Women. Droopy, the colored janitor, aids Jimmy when he is not looking for chickens for his farm. All worked out well--Jimmy was released but just had to return to see once more his helper, Louise. Ah! What a scene!!

The class presented a beautiful bouquet of mums to Mrs. Sheda in appreciation of her work as director of the play.

Musical Numbers Between Acts

Vocal Solo - - Carol Goforth
Piano Solo - - Phyllis Ditzfeld

JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET & PROM

On Friday, April 27, the juniors were host to the seniors with a banquet and prom at the Redmon Hotel in Hiawatha. The theme of the banquet was "Hitch your Wagon to a Star." The table was cleverly decorated with small wagons--and naturally, they were hitched to a star. The napkins were decorated with five stars, which were symbolic of our five senior stars. After a delicious meal, the program was given. It consisted of toasts, the usual prophecy, which was very humorous, and a quiz, which proved that our senior stars weren't too bright. Theresa Morrison sang "Swinging on a Star," which was in keeping with our theme. The guests included the members of the faculty and the members of the board of education and their wives.

After the lovely banquet, the room was made ready for dancing. Everyone in the high school and guests attended the prom. You should have seen it!! It was really a beautiful sight--the girls in their whirling formals and, of course, the boys were needed to make it a perfect picture--one we will all remember. Many pictures were taken so we know we shall have many pleasant reminders as the years go by.

Sammy Newton's Band from Hiawatha furnished the dance music and added much to the enjoyment of the evening. Almost every one present had a song dedicated to him!

At 11:30 the festivity was brought to a close. We hope the evening of April 27, 1956, will long be remembered by the senior class as it will be by the junior class. Mrs. Annalene Sheda was the sponsor of our junior class.

Judy Meidinger

SOPHOMORES



SOPHOMORE HISTORY

OFFICERS

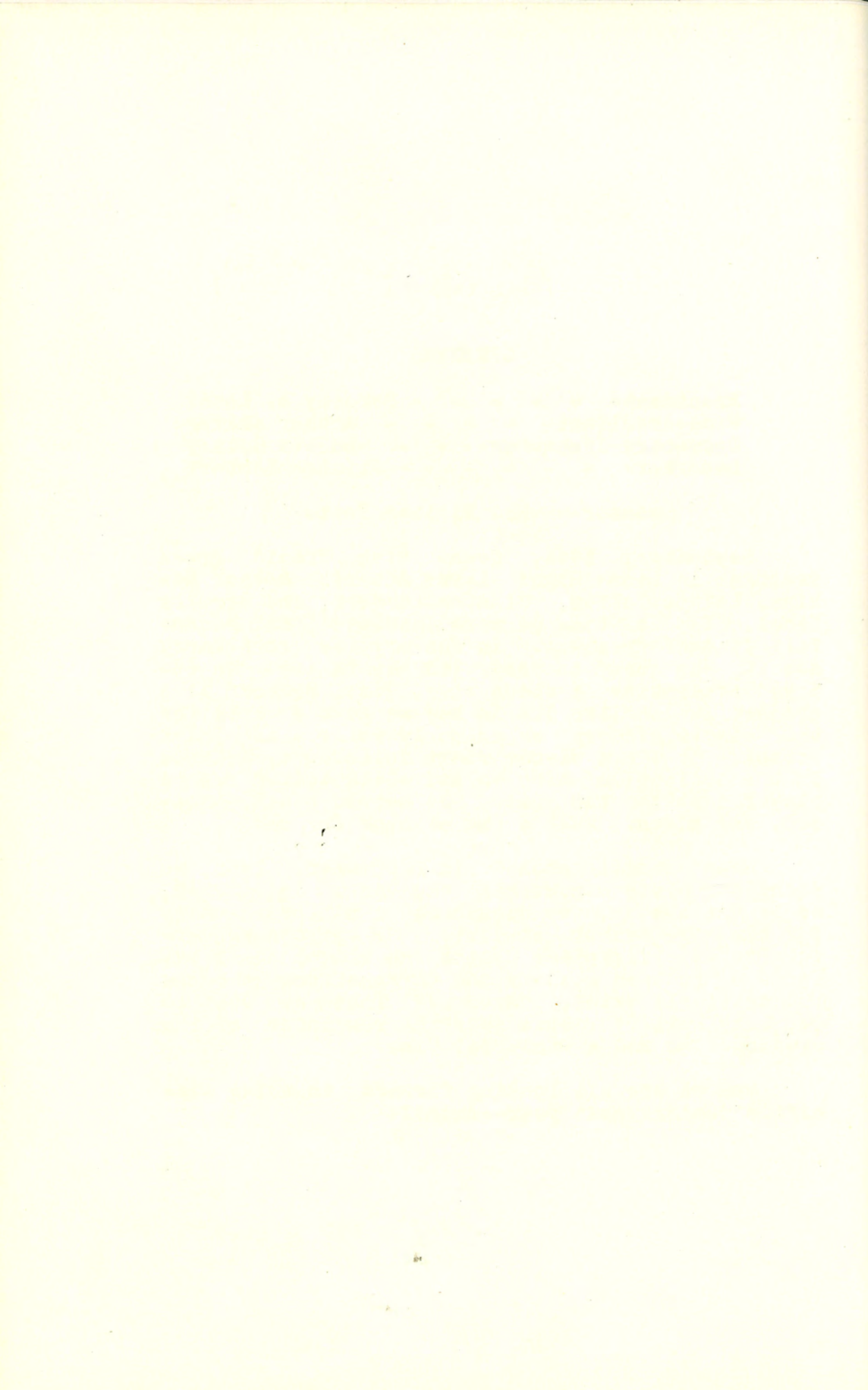
President- - - - - Dorothy A. Libel
Vice-President- - - - - Arthur Adkins
Secretary-Treasurer- - - - - LuEtta Colley
Reporter- - - - - Clinton Lambert

Sponsor----Mr. William Foote

September, 1954, found five "real" green freshmen in Leona High: Larry Abbett; Arthur Adkins, LuEtta Colley, Clinton Lambert, and Dorothy Libel. In due time we were initiated and became full fledged freshmen. In January we lost Larry Abbett, who moved to Troy with his family. We enjoyed presenting a class play, "Call Hector" as a project in English I. In May we gave a party for the eighth graders as an early welcome into high school. It was a wiener roast followed by a dance in the auditorium which we had decorated. A record player supplied the music. We served punch, cookies, and mints. What a big evening for us.

When school opened in September, 1955, we found our class membership the same. In October, as is the custom, we sponsored a Halloween party for the high school students. We built a wonderful (to us) fireplace behind the school building. There we roasted wieners and marshmallows and drank pop until all cried, "Enough!" Then we went to the City Hall to dance away the remainder of the evening. We had a wonderful time.

Now we are all looking forward to being dignified juniors next year--Ahem!!!



FRESHMEN



FRESHMAN HISTORY

OFFICERS

Larry Ptomey- - - - -President
Fred Knecht- - - - -Vice-President
Connie Lambert- - - - -Secretary
Nancy Nesbitt- - - - -Treasurer
Deanna Schoenfelder- - - - -Reporter

Miss Tiffany---Sponsor

On September 7, 1955, six GREEN freshmen enrolled in the Leona High School. We were Larry Ptomey, Fred Knecht, Deanna Schoenfelder, Nancy Nesbitt, Jim Meidinger, and Connie Lambert. It was new to all of us, but we soon got used to high school and liked it quite well.

On the evening of September 15 the seniors met us with slips of whitepaper which warned us that initiation would be the following day. At last the BIG day was at hand. Early the next morning six freshmen came to school dressed in odd costumes as the seniors had requested. The boys were dressed in one piece bathing suits, bathing caps, women's hose held up with garters, engineer boots, and an onion suspended around their neck. The girls were equally as comic in shorts, men's work shirts worn backwards, hose, high heels, an onion necklace around their necks, and with their hair tied in the back in a knot. Of course, the seniors met us at the door with a supply of lipstick to finish us! We had to use doll buggies to push our books to class, and everytime we saw seniors, we had to bow and say, "I'm a Green Freshman," and give them a piece of home-made fudge! That evening the seniors gave us a wonderful party at which we freshmen performed many stunts. A dance and refreshments were our reward. It was a thrilling day for all of us. We will never forget it.

Then on March 6, 1956, Bill Larson, who came from California, joined us. That increased our enrollment to seven--a lucky number, we hope!!

We are all looking eagerly forward for our sophomore year.



Arthur Adkins

Dorothy Libel



Bud Lambert

LuEtta Colley



Connie Lambert
Jim Meidinger
Nancy Nesbitt



Larry Ptomey
Deanna Schoenfelder
Freddie Knecht



ACTIVITIES



L.H.S. HAS MANY ACTIVITIES



Homecoming is a gala event that is looked forward to each year. This year Judy Meidinger was elected queen of the 1956 Homecoming. Sharon Nigus & Theresa Morrison were attendants.



Little Janet and Billy Simmons carried the beautiful crown on a white satin pillow. They nearly stole the show!



Dennis Ptomey captain of the basketball team, was the queens' escort.



A very successful informal Homecoming Dance was held after the HOMECOMING GAME. Denton & Severence were our special guests; also we had several other guests from neighboring towns.



Another big occasion for L.H.S. students was the Sweetheart Hop which was sponsored by the Leona Teen-Town. Carol Goforth & Dennis Ptomey reigned as King & Queen over the dance.



This is a view of the beautifully decorated dance floor. In the very center of the picture you can see the cleverly decorated thrones.



Dennis & Carol leading the coronation procession to the seats of honor. Six girls made a path for the procession to go through.



Janie Ruch and Gary Janicke carried the gorgeous crowns made of red velvet, rhinestones, sequins, and pearls. Aren't they cute?



Dennis & Carol on their thrones right after being crowned. Judy Meidinger crowned Dennis and William Libel, Carol

MORE ACTIVITIES



Dee Ann Seaman, a junior, was our 1956 Candidate for the Hiawatha Halloween Frolic. She represented L.H.S. well.



Carol Goforth, a junior at the time, was our 1955 candidate for the Apple Blossom Festival at Troy. It's a big honor to be chosen by your school to represent them.



Norma J. Schoenfelder, a Junior, represented L.H.S. as Harvest Queen at St. Joe. This is a new opening for L.H.S. girls.



The Junior Class Paper Drive was held in March & April. This drive was held to raise money for the Jr.-Sr. Banquet & Prom.



Many interesting things were in the large array of paper that was collected. Note arrow!



Cheerleaders for this season were (L. to R.) Dee Ann Seaman, Carol Goforth, Marilyn Hanson. Dee Ann is a junior and Marilyn and Carol are seniors. It takes hard work to be a good cheerleader, but it's worth it!!!



Here is another pose of the girls going through one of their many yells.



This is part of the Pep-Club with the cheerleaders. We received many compliments on the appearance of the cheering section.



This is the girls' glee-Club with our teacher, Miss Tiffany. Many enjoyable song fests were held during the year.

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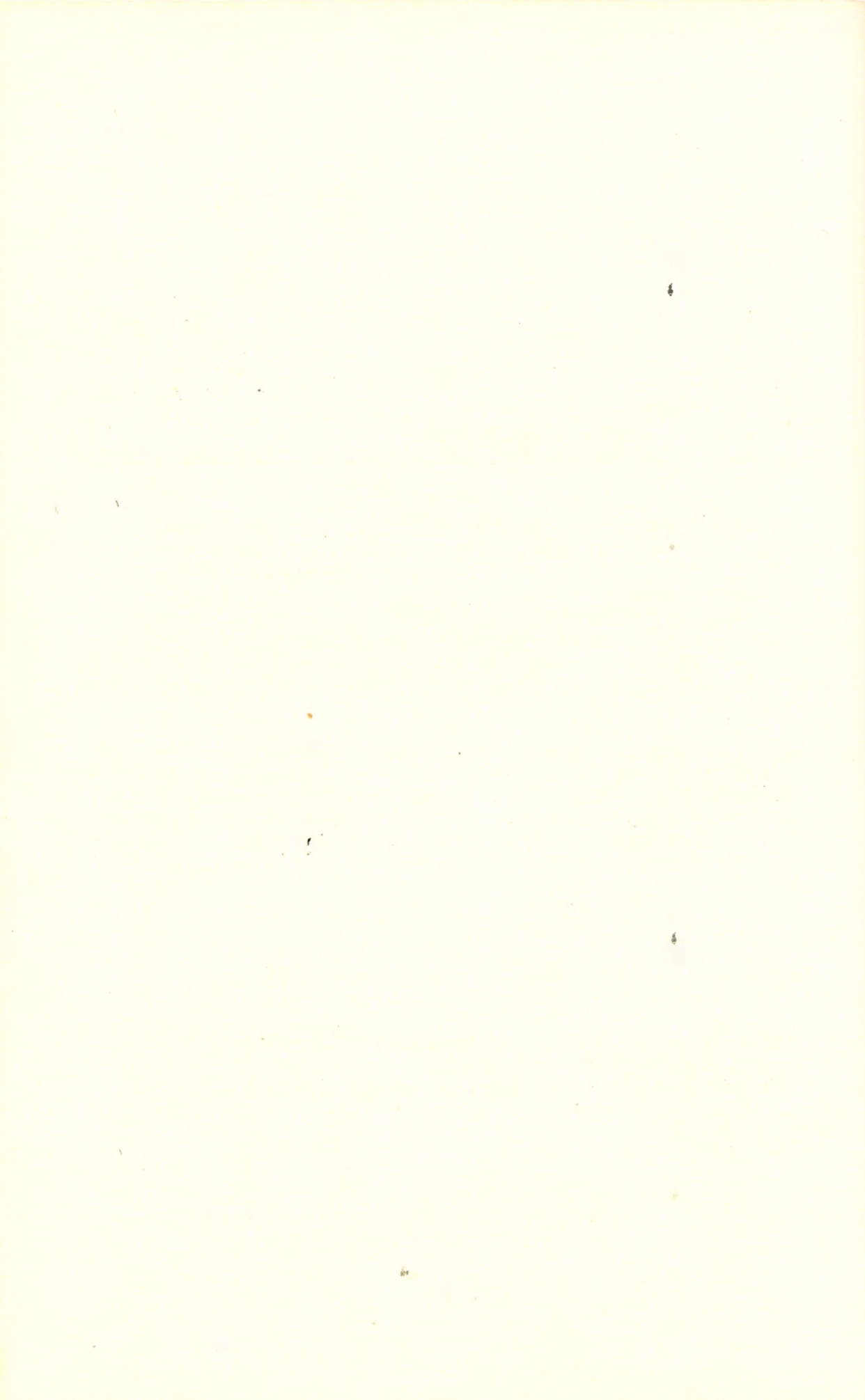
May 18, 1956

Our school newspaper, Leona Bulldog, was published each six weeks with a special Christmas edition. The class was composed of four girls the first semester--Judy Meidinger, Sharon Nigus, Erma Lee Simmons, and Norma Jean Schoenfelder--but only three during the second semester; Norma Jean withdrew. These girls did an excellent job. You should see our student body "devour" every word of this "newsy" paper! Our hope is that it holds as much interest for all our readers!

We thank our subscribers for their interest and we thank the merchants of Leona who supported in such a big way the yearbook for 1956. The school newspaper receives no financial help from the sale of these advertisements, but since both are school projects, we try to show our appreciation by carrying the ads in the paper as well as in the yearbook.

THE STAFF

Editors	---	---	Judy Meidinger Sharon Nigus
Artist	---	---	Erma Lee Simmons
Advisor	---	---	Mrs. Annalene Sheda



WE STUDY & RELAX



Citizenship Class with Mr. Foote, their teacher. This class is composed of Freshman and Sophomores.



Billy Larsen, a new student, comes to us from California as a Freshman.



The Seniors with their sponsor, Mr. Seaman. We had many of these private little meetings as our Senior Sneak drew near!?!?



The two Senior boys and Mr. Foote talk over a small Psychology problem. Hope it's not serious, boys!



This is little Brenda Drake. Her mother, Ula May Simmons Drake, was a former student of L.H.S. Brenda now has a baby sister named Carla. She lives on a farm north of Leona.



This is the north route loading up for the homeward trip. The busdriver, Norman Ptomey, has been a faithful friend to all of the students at Leona.



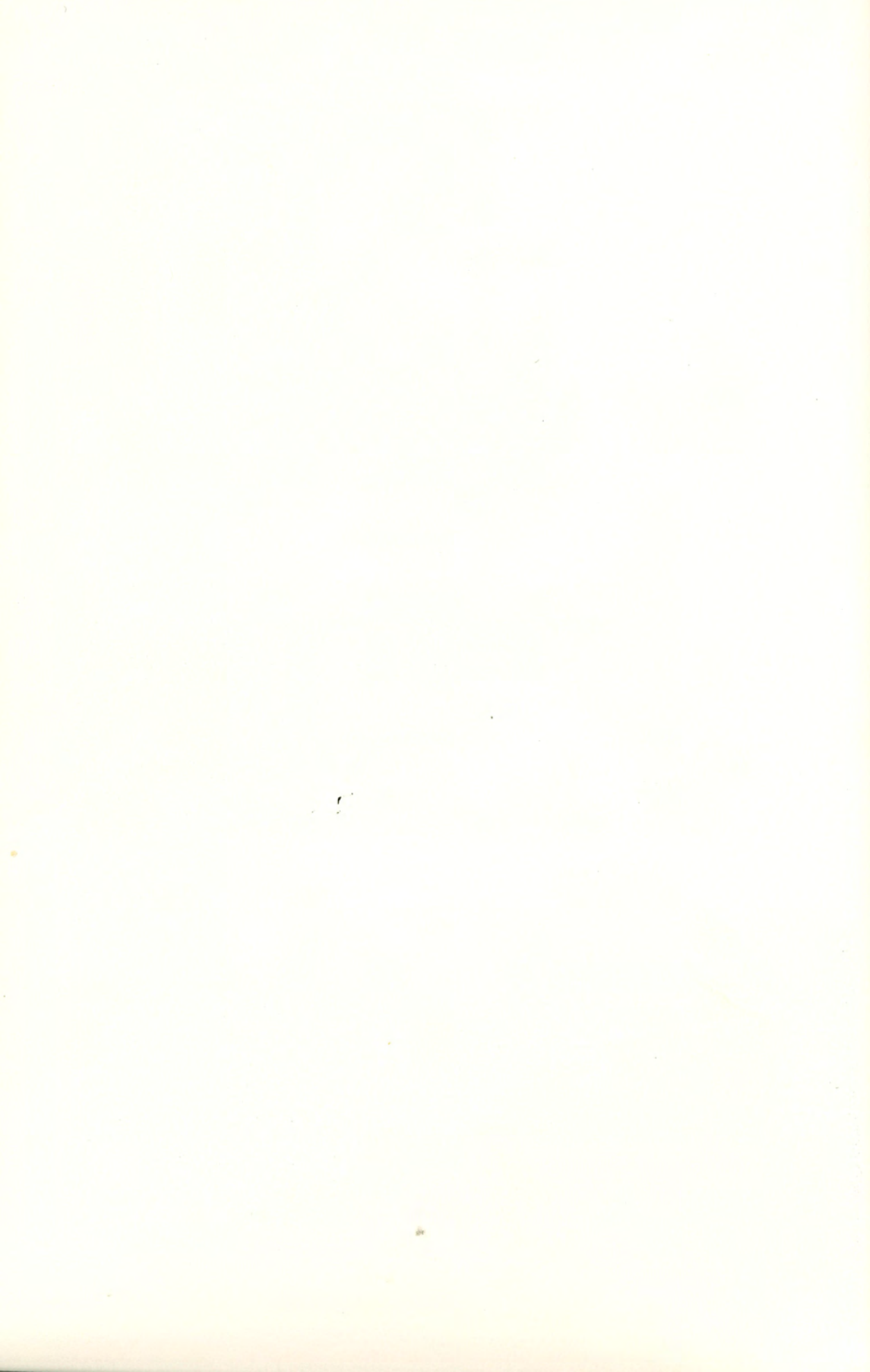
The newest rage among the boys of L.H.S. is old self-decorated hats. Clever, huh?!!



Pals! Although sometimes Leon is a pest, this happens to not be one of those times!



Just a couple of sophomore girls who still have a little of that "Freshie Green" left in them.!!!



A PEEK IN OUR CLASSROOMS



"Advanced Algebra Class"
Sophomores & Juniors with
Mr. Seaman, instructor.



Our dear Ol' Sam!
L.H.S. would be quite
dreary without the
antics of "Sambo"!!



"Typing II Class"
Junior girls with Mrs.
Sheda, instructor.



"English II Class"
Sophomores and Mrs.
Sheda is the instructor.



"World Geography Class"
Freshman & Sophomores with
Mr. Seaman, instructor.



"Psychology"
Seniors with Mr. Foote,
instructor. (Just acting
like a Freshie! That's all!)



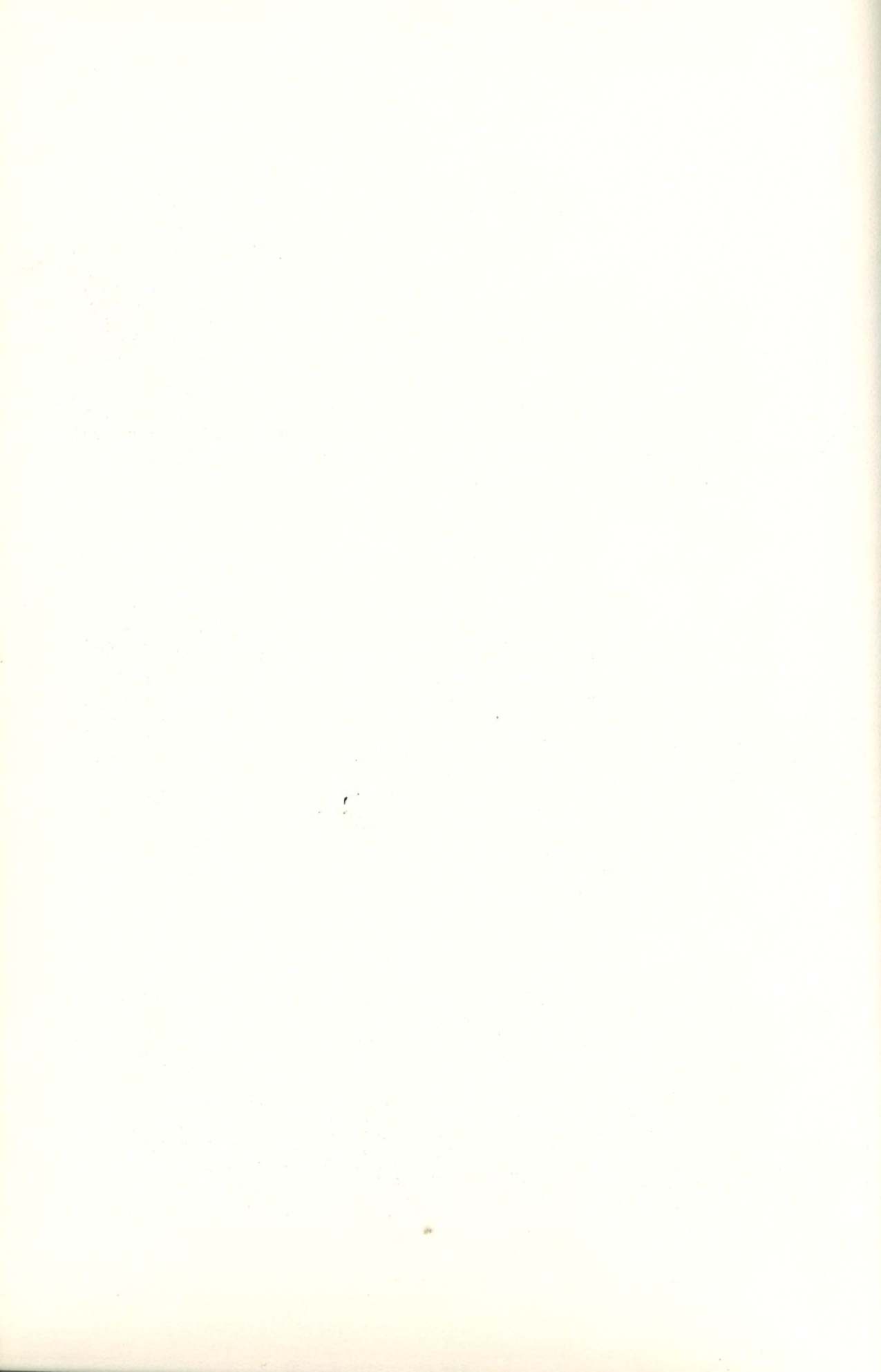
"Bookkeeping"
Juniors & Seniors with
Miss Tiffany, instructor



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Sophomores & Junior and
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Senior Class girls with
Miss Tiffany, instructor.



A PEEK AT L. H. S. STUDENTS



Drinking again, eh?



The favorite pastime around L. H. S. !!!



L. H. S. has lots of these!
Not bad, huh?



Just acting like normal, healthy "Freshies"!



Relaxing after eating a hearty meal!



A new student is welcomed!?



Say-Y-Y-Y-Y!!!



Just eating cream puffs!
Um-m-m-m Good!



"Young love-birds"

OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music is a big high light in our school. It seems to be enjoyed by all. Nearly all the students have participated and have gained a knowledge of music.

A selection of songs by the primary room opened the Christmas program on the evening of December 22: Nancy Jean Nesbitt played a saxophone solo, "Silver Bells," followed by a vocal solo, "The Birthday of a King," by Carol Goforth. The girls glee club sang "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen" and "The First Noel." An operetta, "The Christmas Carol," was presented by members of the grade school.

Carol Goforth and Phyllis Ditzfeld gave musical numbers between acts of the junior play in November. At the Senior Follies, Larry Gene Smith sang "Ee" and Nancy Nesbitt played "Tea for Two" on her saxophone.

The music department of both schools furnished the program for the April meeting of the P. T. A. Those on the program: a group of songs by the primary room; clarinet solo by Linda Louma; trumpet solo, "Gaiety Polka," by Mike Libel, cornet solo, "Medley of Airs," by Bill Janicke, a group of vocal selections by the intermediate room, vocal solo, "Song is Sweet," by Phyllis Ditzfeld, vocal duet, "I Would That My Love," by Carol Goforth and Dorothy Libel, vocal solo, "Alice Blue Gown," by Nancy Nesbitt, "Massa's in the Cold, Cold Ground," "Road to Mandalay," and "Gypsy Love Song" by the girls glee club, a vocal solo, "Some Sunday Morning" by Lu Etta Colley.

The girls' quartette composed of Betty Knecht '55, Darlene Morrison '55, Carol Goforth '56, and Theresa Morrison '56 represented Leona at the Apple Blossom Festival at Troy.

Theresa Morrison

OH! THOSE TEENAGERS!



Dee Ann hasn't seemed to have found out this principal about tight skirts! We'll have to clue her in, eh, Girls???



The Navy is "strictly for the birds" when it comes to carrying one of those bags around!!



Some of the ways we pass the noon hour is really interesting! They don't look like highschool students, do they?!



No wonder the supplies disappear out of the rest room so fast! What wasteful girls!!!



Like Mother, like daughter! Too bad you can't afford shoes!



All boys should have a car, and what better car could you find than a jeep like "Mabelline"? "Mabelline" seems to like the snow, eh William???



All L.H.S. students love to



Care to go for a little

WHAT'S

THIS??



WOW!



WRONG INTERPRETATION!



OOPS!



HIS PAST CAUGHT HIM!



CUPID!



ALWAYS IN THE AIR!



AIN'T LOVE GRAND??



ARF! ARF!



OUCH!!



Really! Mr. Foote!
What will your wife say?!?!



GEE!



WAKE UP!

COON HUNTING 'TILL MIDNIGHT!



BYE!



The love-bug itch! "It happened that way, moving west!"

THIS AND THAT



The team and their Coach, Mr. Foote.



The Three Musketeers!!



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A scene from the 1954-'55 Junior-Senior Play under the direction of Mrs. Sheda.



The 1954-'55 Constitution Class visits the State Capitol at Topeka, Kans.



Another scene from the 1954-'55 Junior-Senior Play.



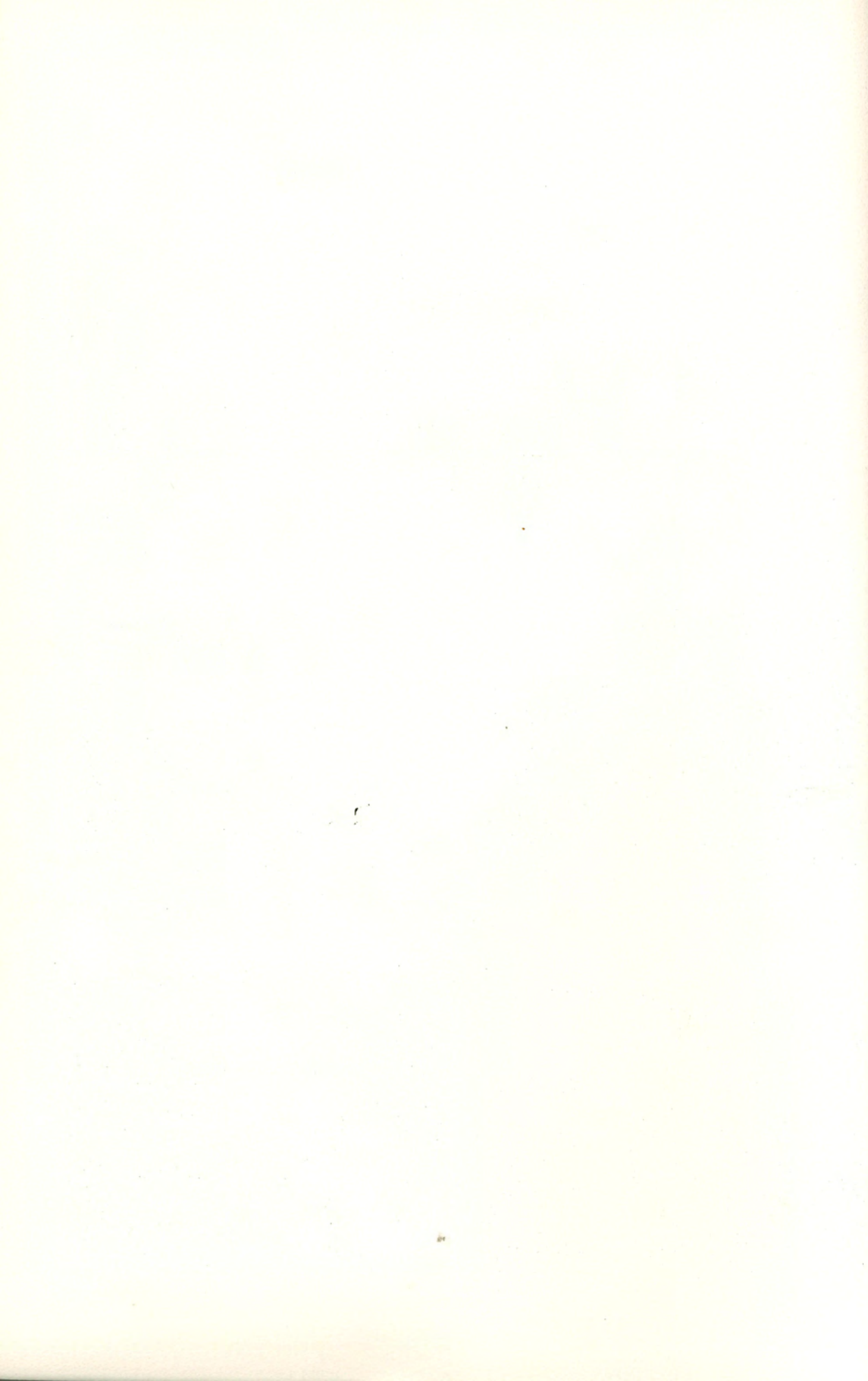
We celebrate the New Year with a formal dance in the gym. (1955)



Posing atop "old Abe" while visiting the State Capital!



Practice Makes Perfect?!



ODDS AND ENDS



"Happy New Year!"
Michael Meidinger was our baby new year at our annual New Year's dance.



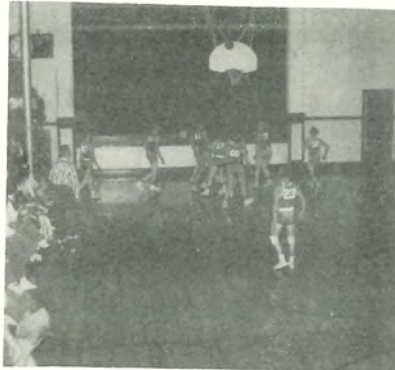
We wonder who this is that's snoozing during class periods! Are you really that ill, Dee-Dee???



Our favorite cooks. From the looks of those slacks it must be cold, eh gals?



Physical Education girls with their coach Mr. Foote. It's too bad that we can't show you this in color! Eh, Mr. Foote?!



A scene from one of our exciting? basket+ball games. Leona is playing Bendena. Although we lost we were with our boys all the way!!



Just a bunch of L.H.S. kids Lounging around before a soft ball game.



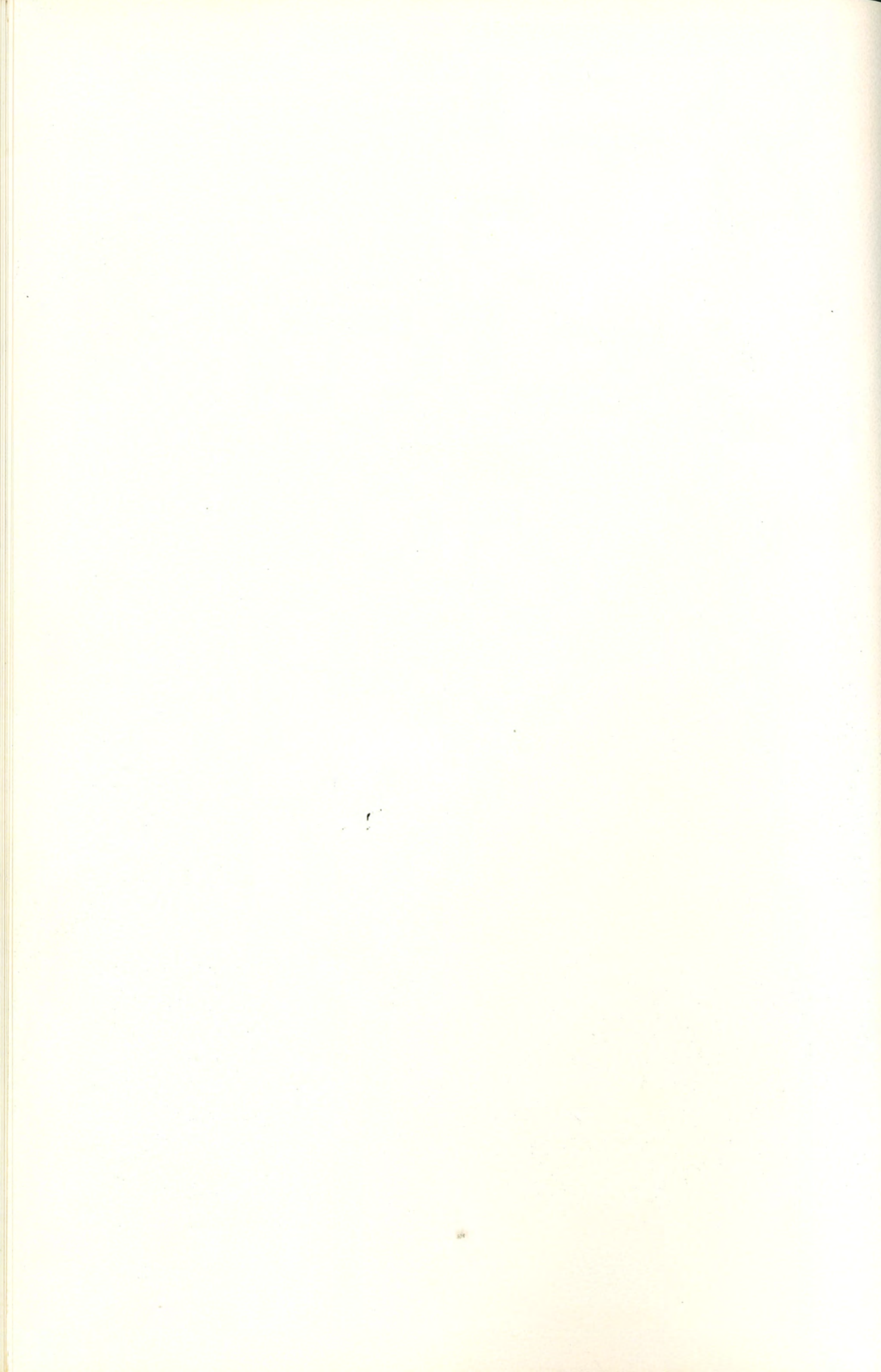
It looks as if Leon goofed! Or do you just like to sit by your American History teacher?



A very dim scene from the 1955 Junior Play.



One of the "torrid Love Scenes" from the Junior Class Play! Eh, L.K??



ATHLETICS



BULLDOG ACTION

When our athletic season opened this school year, we had the pleasant experience of meeting our new coach; Mr. William D. Foote, who came to us from Marshall, Missouri.

The season opened with softball. Our boys began the season with enthusiasm. Although we were unable to win all of our games, we came through with flying colors. One very exciting game was played with Bendena. In this game we lost by only one point. We won over Willis and White Cloud and lost to Everest and D. C. C. H. S. We didn't do well in the tournament but our sportsmanship was always evident.

Following the softball season came basketball. Our boys were very eager for the season to open, and when it did they entered it with lots of pep. Although we had a poor season we had loads of fun and enjoyed playing our neighboring schools. The tournaments added excitement to the season and although our team came close to victory, we just couldn't conquer the score margin. The boys who will return next year are looking ahead and dreaming of victories.

The boys participating in athletics were Dennis and Tom Ptomey, Leon and Fred Knecht, William Libel; Gerald Parker, Bud Lambert, Arthur Adkins, Larry Ptomey, and Jim Meidinger.

As spring approached the track season came into view. We entered three meets, and Leona made a fine showing in all three. On April 12, we participated in the Highland Invitational meet, where Tom Ptomey placed third in pole vault and third in high jump; William Libel, third in the mile run; Leon Knecht, third in the javelin throw and fourth in shotput; Dennis Ptomey first in javelin, second in pole vault, second in broad jump, fourth in 440-yard dash. In the Little League Meet, in Wathena, Tom Ptomey won third in pole vault; William Libel tied for fourth in the mile run; Leon Knecht, fourth in javelin; Dennis Ptomey, first in pole vault and javelin, second in broad jump. After such a fine showing, L. H. S. was eager to try its luck at the County Track Meet on May 8. Here they met keen competition and Dennis Ptomey brought home second place in javelin and third place in pole vault. The boys are proud of their season and are eager to try again next year.

Carol Lee Goforth

RAH! RAH! BULLDOGS!



Our Bulldogs! Bud Lambert, Gerry Parker, & Arthur Adkins are not pictured. These three boys were a big asset to our team.

Another picture of our favorite team. Gerry Parker is not shown. Mr. Foote, their coach, stressed sportsmanship!



Dennis Ptomey, Senior, a strong guard on our Bulldog's team. This is Dennis's 4th year of high school athletics. He is also a prominent member of the L.H.S. track team.

An action shot of the boys in practice. They spent many days going through much the same procedure as is shown above.

Leon Knecht, Junior, was also a very strong guard on our basketball team. Leon had the honor of being high-point man for our team several times.



Tom Ptomey, Senior, was an outstanding forward. Like his brother he is also quite active in track.

An action shot of Dennis taking a warm-up shot preceding one of our big games.

William Libel, Junior, was another one of our strong forwards. Along with these boys, we also had equally good players.

NEW CLUB -- MORE FUN

The Leona High School girls entered this fall with high hopes of an exciting basketball season. Soon, they organized a Pep Club to boost our school. The first meeting was called to elect officers: Judy Meidinger, president; Sharon Nigus, vice-president; Theresa Morrison, secretary; Deanna Schoenfelder, treasurer; and Norma Jean Schoenfelder, reporter. A constitution was drawn up and approved by all the members. It was decided that the dues would be 50¢ for the year. The uniforms consisted of green permanently pleated skirts and white sweaters with the Bulldog emblem. Many new yells were introduced at meetings held during the year and the vim and vigor produced by the cheerleaders added much pep to these yell fests.

The afternoon of the first game of the season, the Pep Club sponsored a pep rally. The student body attended this rally and had a real exciting time. Because of rain, this rally had to be held in the gymnasium.

One of the main Pep Club activities was sponsoring the Homecoming game with D.C.C.H.S. At the half of the game the Big moment arrived for the coronation of the not-yet-revealed queen, who had been chosen from three elected candidates. The Pep Club girls marched in and made an aisle for the candidates to come through. They were met at the foot of the stage by their escorts and then proceeded to the stage. When Queen Judy Meidinger was revealed, the cheerleaders gave fifteen rah's for her majesty. A homecoming dance was held after the game with D.C.C.H.S. as our special guests. Music was supplied by a record player and several hours of enjoyment were spent dancing.

The student body elected Marilyn Hanson, Carol Goforth, and Dee Ann Seaman as cheerleaders for the season. For their costumes, the girls chose white corduroy skirts with green corduroy inserts. These skirts featured a tight bodice with a full flare from the hips down. Heavy kelly green pull-over sweaters with a V-neck were worn over white tailored blouses. Dee Ann, Carol, and Marilyn, respectively, wore an L, an H, and an S on their sweater fronts to form the initials of our school. Megaphones with L.H.S. on them were worn on the backs of their sweaters. White bucks and anklets completed these effective costumes. These girls labored to work up new yells to add a change of pace to the new season. Their pep and coordination provided a big boost in the spirits of our team and school. With the help of the Pep Club, a very fine showing indeed was the result. Also, colorful green and white pom-poms added much to the cheering section. These pom-poms were made and financed by the Pep Club. Their crisp fluffiness put a gay touch to the cheers. What a year of pleasure we've had this first year of the club.



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