



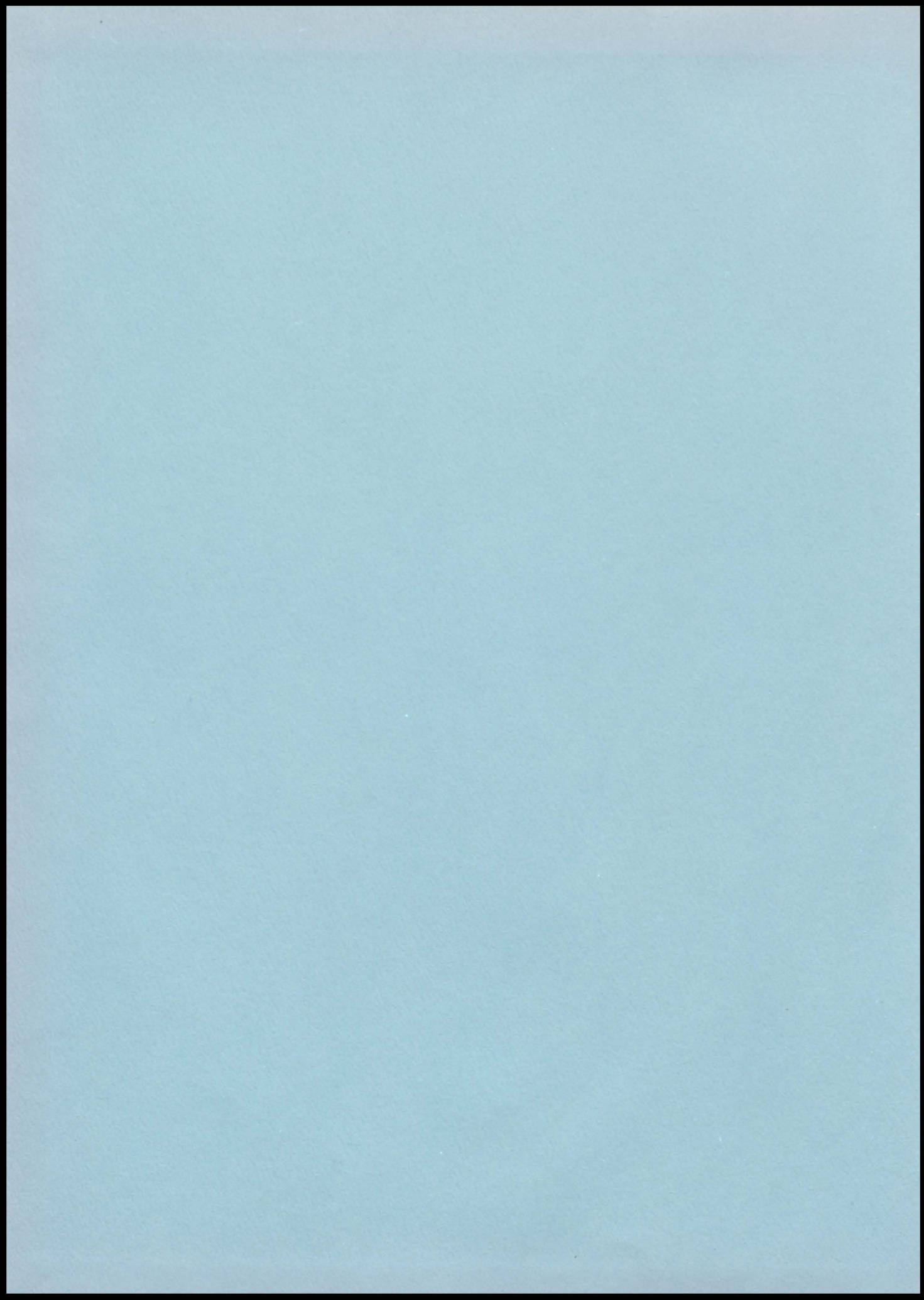
*The Viking*



1956









# THE 1956 VIKING

presented by the

**SENIOR CLASS**

**AND**

**VIKING STAFF**

of

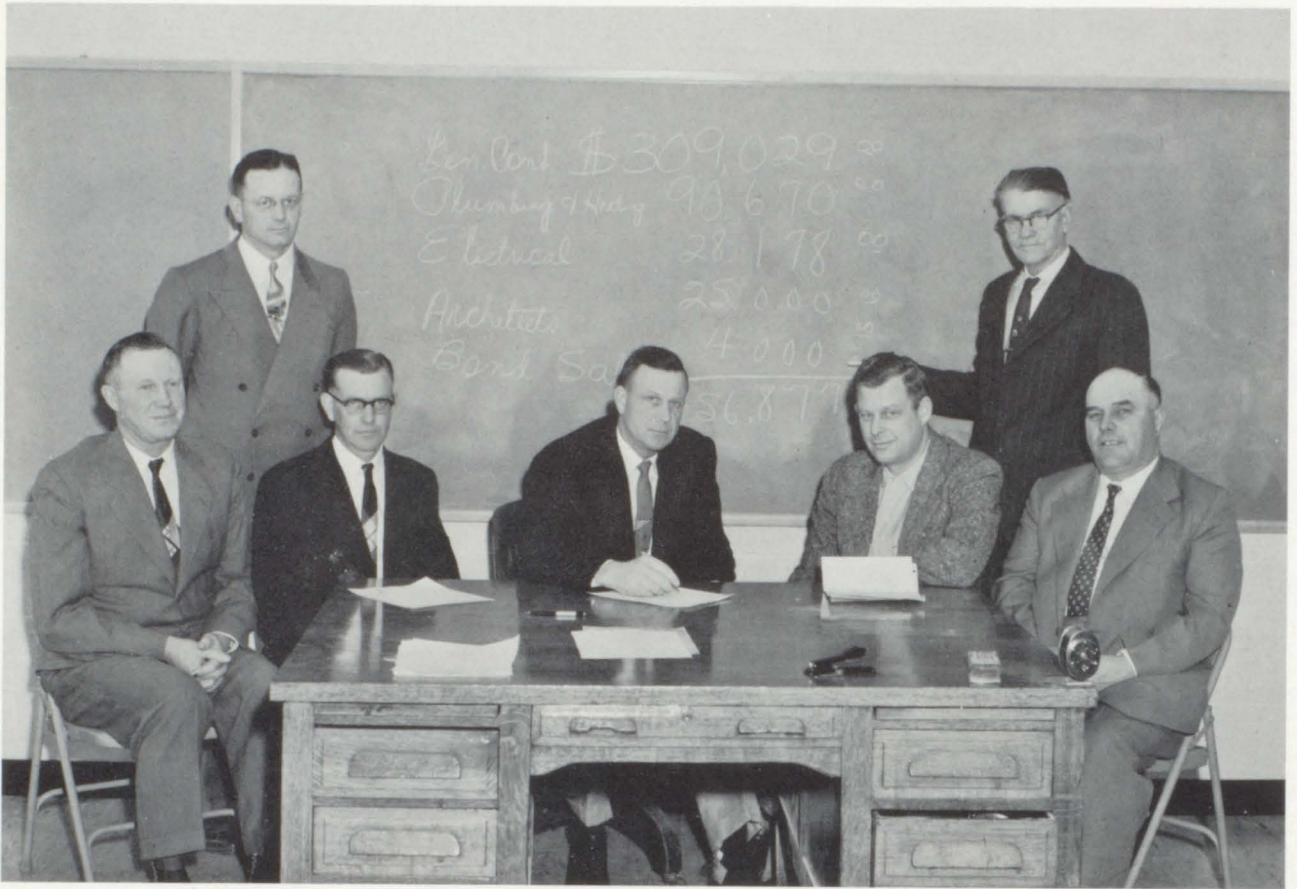
Climax High School  
Climax, Minnesota

## DEDICATION

To the people of the Climax community who had the foresight to realize the needs of better means of education for the present and future generations of our community, and who had the initiative to provide those facilities, and to the people of the neighboring communities who have helped provide temporary facilities and equipment, and to all those who have helped make these last two years enjoyable, we dedicate this Viking.



# BOARD OF EDUCATION



Knute Boe-Director, Elmer Larson- Advisory Committee Member, Orville Vang-Vice President, Arnold Amund-

son-President, George Keller-Clerk, Oscar Romo-Treasurer, Lewis Letnes-Director.

As you turned the cover of our yearbook, you saw the picture of our school burning on February 24, 1954. While the few remains were still smouldering the school board, pictured above, began making plans for temporary school facilities and drawing up plans for the new school. The same year a number of districts joined our district and the community unanimously approved of building a new school. The annual staff joins the entire student body in offering our thanks to the Board of Education and Superintendent Olsen for their untiring efforts. Throughout these pages you will notice the many steps that went into the construction of our school. Our new school is now completed, but it will continue to build and improve to meet the changing needs.



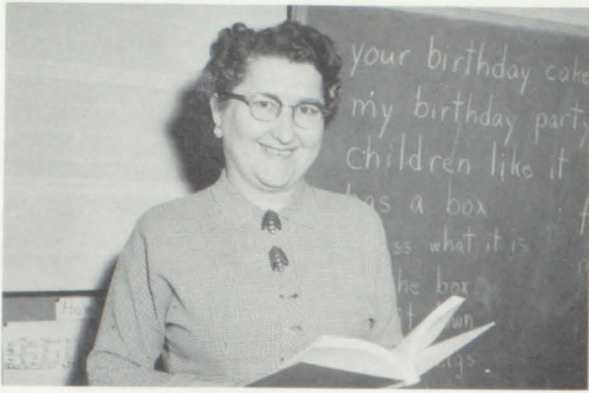
# FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION



SUPERINTENDENT O. T. OLSEN  
B. A. Luther College; M. Ed. University of North Dakota; Social  
Science.



PRINCIPAL D. J. BAKKE  
B. S. North Dakota Agricultural College; M. Ed. University of North  
Dakota; Math, Science, Music, Coach "A", Art.



MRS. MURIEL MC CAULEY  
1st Grade  
Mayville State Teachers College



MISS DORIS MERGENTHAL  
2nd Grade  
Concordia



LELAND ELLINGSON  
English, Physical Education, Driver's  
Training  
Concordia



GEORGE NORNES  
Agriculture  
North Dakota Agricultural Co



MRS. LILA WALGREN  
3rd and 4th Grades  
Moorhead State Teachers College



MRS. ELMA OLSEN  
Physical Education  
St. Olaf





MRS. CHARLOTTE LETNES  
History, English, Library  
University Of North Dakota



JEROME KNAPP  
Typing, Law, Math  
University of North Dakota



MISS ELLA CONDIFF  
5th and 6th Grade  
Moorhead State Teachers College



MRS. BETTY DEITZ  
Home Economics  
North Dakota Agriculture College



DENNIS MICKELSON  
History, Civics  
Concordia



ART VRAA  
Science, Biology, Drivers Training, Coach  
Concordia



"Clean'em"  
 Marcus Aas  
 Ivan Vraa



"Cook'em"  
 Grace Aas  
 Cora Berg  
 Oli Monson

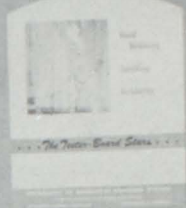


"Peel'em"  
 DuWayne Rarick  
 Glen Dale  
 Ivan Vraa  
 Royal Hanson  
 Chester Mauritsen  
 Avis Christopherson

# SENIORS

TAFLIN TRIO

CLIMAX BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



# SENIORS



Annette Thune - Secretary, Darlene Gordon - President, Janice Tonder - Vice President, Noel Estenson - Treasurer.

MOTTO: "We can because we think we can."

COLORS: Black and White                      FLOWER: Red Rose

In the fall of '52 twenty five bashful, green freshmen entered Climax High School. Our first social event was initiation by the sophomores. During the school day we wore outlandish outfits and at the evening party we were subjected to branding, eating worms, and various other initiation tortures.

After the February fire classes were held in various city buildings. In the spring of our sophomore year eight students from our class were chosen to serve the junior-senior banquet.

The magazine sales drive beginning the junior year filled many gaps in the treasury. In the spring the losers gave the winners a picnic dinner and then we spent the rest of the day at the lake. "The Girl Next Door", despite two cancellations, was finally staged and was considered by many the best ever presented. The class was happy and especially proud of the elaborate setting on which we had worked so hard. After the performance the cast enjoyed a celebration of steaks in Grand Forks. Due to our heavy schedule we gave the annual junior-senior banquet the same week as the play. We drew up plans for an outside "Garden of Friendship" setting, but these were changed by sudden windy weather.

This fall our class was very proud to have Noel Estenson and Darlene Gordon elected "Campus King and Queen." After Christmas vacation we resumed classes in our new building.

During the past years we have been well represented in all phases of activities as the following pages will tell. The class of '56 will be remembered in the annals of Climax High.



BRUCE AMUNDSON

"Every man has a perfect right to his opinions provided they agree with mine."  
Band 1,2,3,4; Quartet 3; Librarian 1; Vice President 3; President 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3; Secretary 4; Glee Club 1,4; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Judging Team 1,2,3,4; Secretary 2; Vice President 3; President 4; Camera Club 1; Declam 4; "C" Club 2,3,4; Football 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 1; Class President 1,2; Secretary 3; "The Girl Next Door" 3; "Three Blind Dates" 4; Carnival Committee 3,4; King Candidate 3; Annual Staff 4.

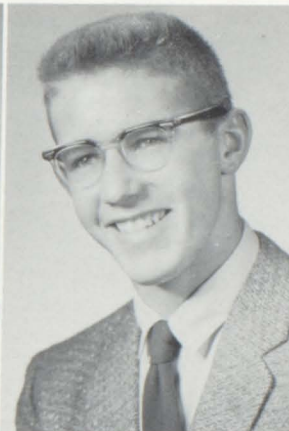
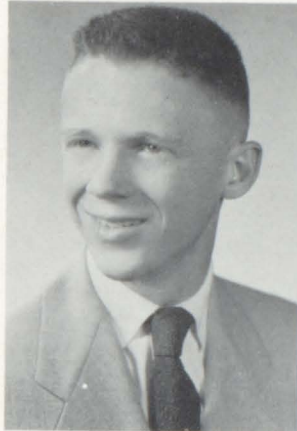


DARLENE BEYERS

"She would stop Saint Peter's roll call to ask a question."  
Transfer from Wahpeton, North Dakota, Chorus 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; F.H.A. 3,4; G.A.A. 4; F.T.A. 4.

KENNETH BOE

"Ambition has no rest; I must have rest."  
Band 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Judging Team 2,3,4; Camera Club 1; Football 4; Class Treasurer 1; "The Girl Next Door" 3; Annual Staff 4.



JAMES CAYLER

"It's great to be in love."  
Chorus 4; Glee Club 4; F.F.A. 1,2; Football 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2.

RODNEY COOPER

"Eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we study."  
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Camera Club 1,2; Annual Staff 4.



NOEL ESTENSON

"Here I am you lucky women."  
Band 1,2,3,4; Manager 3,4; Librarian 2; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Glee Club 1,4; F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Treasurer 2; President 3; Reporter 4; State Vice President and District President 3; Judging Team 1,2,3,4; State Farmer; Camera Club 2; Declam 4; "C" Club 3,4; Football 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; Track 1,2; Class Vice President 1; Class Treasurer 4; "The Girl Next Door" 3; "Three Blind Dates" 4; Carnival Committee 3; Carnival King 4; Annual Staff 4.

DARLENE GORDON

"Great women are dying and I don't feel so well myself."  
Band 2,3,4; Secretary - Treasurer 4; Pep Band 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; President 4; Librarian 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Vice President 3; Triple Trio 2; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Song Leader 4; State Degree; G.A.A. 1,2; Pep Club 2; Class President 4; "Girl Next Door", Student Director 3; "Three Blind Dates" 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 4; Carnival Committee 4; Carnival Queen 4.

JOAN GROVE

"If our world is what we make it, mine will be full of fun."  
Chorus 1,2,3,4; Librarian 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 4; "Three Blind Dates", Student Director 4.





FERN LETNES

"I want what I want when I want it."  
Band 1,2,3,4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Pep Band 1; Chorus 1,3,4; Librarian 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Librarian 1; Vice President 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; President 3; State Degree; State Committee 4; F.F.A. Chapter Sweetheart 3; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Reporter 1; Camera Club 1,2; Declam 2,3,4; Pep Club 2; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Captain 3; Class Treasurer 2; "The Girl Next Door" 3; "Three Blind Dates" 4; Carnival Committee 3; Carnival Queen Candidate 3; Annual Staff 4.

MARY JANE MANOLE

"I'm learning a lot, but school interferes."  
Band 1,2,3; Chorus 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Library Staff 3; Declam 2,3; "Let Me Grow Up" 3.



DAVID MONSON

"An athletes needs are few; food, sleep, aspergum, and a few girls will do."  
Band 1,2,3,4; President 2; Vice President 4; Pep Band 4; Student Director 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3; Glee Club 1,4; Trombone Solo 2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2; Judging Team 1,2; Camera Club 1,2; President 1; "C" Club 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Class Vice President 3; "Girl Next Door" 3; "Three Blind Dates" 4; Carnival Committee 2,4; Annual Staff 4.

CLYDE MOEN

"If fame comes after death, I'm in no hurry for it."  
Transfer from Caledonia, North Dakota; F.F.A. 4.



WELLINGTON NELSON

"Better to get up late and be wide awake then, than to get up early and to be asleep all day."  
Transfer from Grand Forks, North Dakota; F.F.A. 4; Camera Club 2; "C" Club 3,4; Football 3,4.



MERLYN NETTUM

"I stand on the brink of a great career, somebody push me off."  
Transfer from Caledonia, North Dakota; F.F.A. 4.



ANITA SCHWARTZMAN

"Big oaks from little acorns grow, but I'm not a nut."  
Chorus 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; F.H.A. 1,2,3; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Library Staff 3; Class President 2.

LOLA ROGNLIE

"Whatever Lola wants, Lola gets."  
Band 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3; Pep Band 4; Chorus 1,3,4; Vice President 3; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Clarinet Quartet 3; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3; State Degree; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3; Pep Club 2; Camera Club 1,2; Declam 2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Class Secretary 1; Class President 3; One Act Play 1; "Girl Next Door" 3; "Three Blind Dates" 4; Annual Staff 4; Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow.





ORIS SEMELING  
 "Why hurry? Rome wasn't built in a day."  
 Band 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Vice President 2.



ANNETTE THUNE  
 "Often burns the midnight oil, but not for study."  
 Band 1,2,3,4; Librarian 4; Pep Band 1,4; Chorus 1,2,3,4;  
 Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Clarinet Quartet 3; Solo 4; F.H.A.  
 1,2,3,4; State Degree; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; President 4;  
 F.T.A. 1; Pep Club 2; Class Secretary 4; "Three  
 Blind Dates" 4; Carnival Queen Candidate 2.

JANICE TONDER  
 "For what she dares to dream  
 of, she dares to do."  
 Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,4;  
 Chorus 1,2,3,4; Glee Club  
 1,2,3,4; Triple Trio 2; Ac-  
 companist 2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,  
 2,3,4; State Degree; G.A.  
 A. 1,2,3,4; F.T.A. 1,3,4;  
 Secretary 3,4; Declam 4;  
 Pep Club 2; Cheerleader  
 2,3; Class Secretary 2;  
 Class Vice President 4;  
 "The Girl Next Door" 3;  
 "Three Blind Dates" 4;  
 Library Staff 4.



CAROL VANG  
 "Watch it! She's loaded!"  
 (P.S. That is with a cam-  
 era.)  
 Band 1,2,3,4; Pep Band 1,  
 4; Student Assistant Di-  
 rector 4; Chorus 1,2,3,4;  
 Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-  
 ple Trio 2; F.H.A. 1;  
 G.A.A. 1,2; Pep Club  
 2; "Three Blind Dates"  
 4.



JANICE WEGGE  
 "Her mind is occupied with  
 studies and other cares,  
 mostly other cares."  
 Band 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3;  
 Pep Band 4; Chorus 1,2,3,  
 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4;  
 Librarian 2; Accompanist  
 2,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4;  
 President 4; State Degree;  
 State Committee 4; G.  
 A.A. 1,2; Pep Club 2;  
 Cheerleader 4; Class  
 Treasurer 3; "Girl Next  
 Door" 3; "Three Blind  
 Dates" 4; Carnival Com-  
 mittee 4; Carnival Queen  
 Candidate 1; Annual Staff  
 4.



# JUNIORS



Sonja Engen - Treasurer, Helen Folstad - Vice President, Marlys Spokely - Secretary, Robert Morken - President, Vernon Roninggen - Reporter.

In the fall of '53 we entered Climax High School for our first exciting year in high school. For initiation we had to wear green pointed dunce caps. At the big party in the evening, as usual, we were really tortured!

In our sophomore year it was our turn to torture the freshmen, which we did gleefully. Seven boys and seven girls were chosen to serve for the junior-senior banquet in the spring.

We began our junior year by having a member of our class chosen as the first Homecoming Queen of Climax. Our junior play and the junior-senior banquet were also held.

We are now 37 active juniors participating in band, mixed chorus, boys' glee club, girls' glee club, F.F.A., F.H.A., F.T.A., G.A.A., baseball, basketball, track, and football. Our class is proud of its record and we will continue to progress.







Marlys Bjorge  
Bruce Brokke  
Patty Brokke  
Shirley Dybing  
Sonja Engen



Roger Estenson  
Sharon Evenson  
Helen Folstad  
Warren Foss  
Aldine Gray



Marjorie Hanson  
Elizabeth Holland  
Judith Jacobson  
Faith Johnson  
Sonja Johnson



Allen Koppang  
Marlene Larson  
Merlyn Malme  
Harland Morehart  
Robert Morken



Sharon Nelson  
Leslie Nesvig  
James Olsen  
Geraldine Peterson  
James Peterson



Ralph Peterson  
Nancy Quirk  
Virginia Ranten  
Vernon Roningen  
Marlys Spokely



George Taus  
Ray Thune  
Maxine Vettern  
Curtis Wegge  
Vern Wegge



Jovonne Wollertson  
Juneal Wollertson



# SOPHOMORES



Eileen Hartman-President, Ronald Semeling-Vice President, Gary Monson-Treasurer, Beverly Quirk-Secretary.



Brent Amundson  
David Aukland  
Audrey Bjorge  
Carol Braaten  
Myron Bratager



Luverne Eidsmoe  
Bonnie Gilbertson  
Eileen Hartman  
Darlene Hettervig  
Betty Larson



Ronald McCauley  
Arnold Moen  
Gary Monson  
Barbara Morken  
Arlin Munter



Phyllis Odegard  
Beverly Quirk  
Ardys Reel  
Jeanine Rogenes  
James Rowley



Olga Sandvik  
Ronald Semeling  
Dianne Tonder  
Kay Vang  
Not pictured-Floyd Aure



# FRESHMEN



Earl Hedde-Treasurer, Rand Rogenes-President, Margaret Jahnke-Vice President.



Laura Beltz  
Betty Beyers  
Christie Braaten  
Dorothy Braaten  
Richard Burd



Carol Christopherson  
Antoinette Davidson  
Richard Estenson  
David Gilbertson  
Kenneth Grove



Gail Grove  
Betty Gunderson  
Earl Hedde  
Priscilla Hughes  
Margaret Jahnke



Vernon Larson  
Loretta McCauley  
Ruth Merkens  
Ronald Nesvig  
Marjorie Odegard



Rand Rogenes  
Virgil Sistas  
Jerry Vang



## EIGHTH



1ST ROW, left to right: Gary Hanson, Bruce Larson, Donald Hemming, La Dell Lomsdahl, Norman Engen, Gail Sondreal, Larry Hanson, Joyce Quirk, Brent Larson, Mrs. Charlotte Letnes, advisor. 2ND ROW: Marshall Cooper, Patsy Thompson, Nancy Evenson, Sherry Amundson, John Lian, La Mae Lomsdahl, Barbara

Hartman, Truman Johnson, Sandra Cameron. 3RD ROW: Dennis Taus, Eunice Grove, Sandra Severson, Judith Larson, Roger Holland, Robert Braaten, Mylan Moen, Darrel Peterson, Cameron Gray. Not pictured; Dallas Stortroen.

## SEVENTH



1ST ROW, left to right: Rodney Spokely, Russell Nelson, Wayne Thompson, Duane Evenson, Marilyn Larson, Janice Moen, Karen Larson. 2ND ROW: Omer Gunderson, Carol Johnson, Curtis Merkins, Viola Nelson, Ronald Peterson, Ruth Holland, Judy St. Germaine.

3RD ROW: Sherilyn Abrams, Estelle Semeling, Katherine Homstad, Kent Peterson, Wayne Dybing, David Sondreal, Linda Davidson, Jerome Knapp, advisor.

## GRADES SIX AND FIVE



1ST ROW, left to right: Bobby Brokke, Allan Peterson, Kenneth Hartman, Jackie Erickson, Dennis Thune, Donald Braaten. 2ND: Miss Condiff, Marsha Keller,

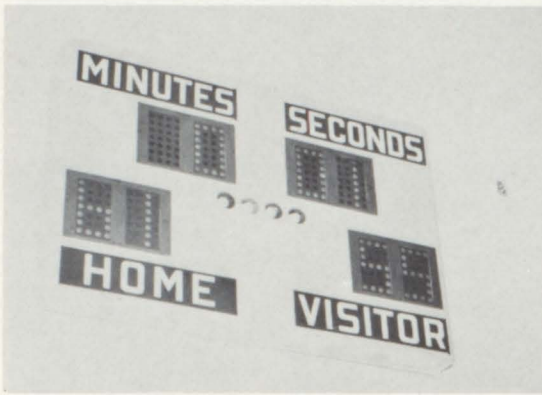
Jerry Larson, Stanford Erickson, Janice Thompson, Patricia Johnson. Not pictured: Duane Lomsdal.



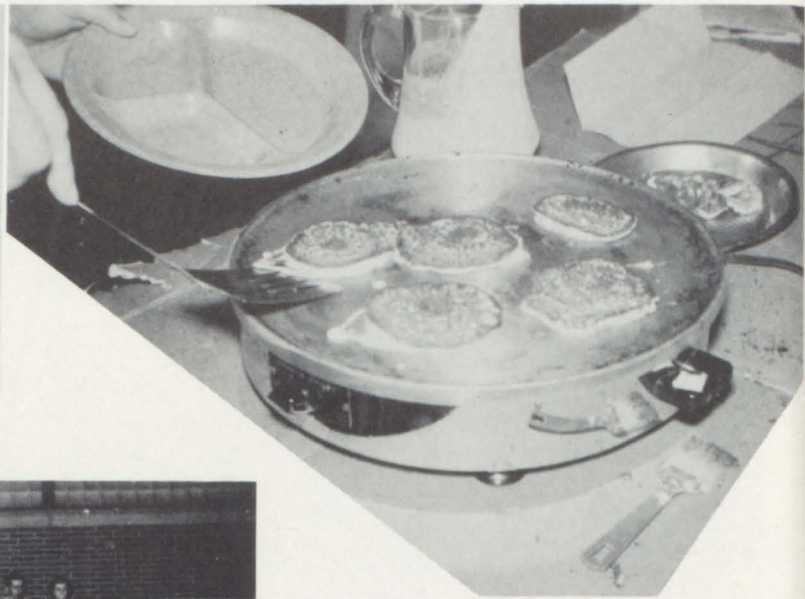
1st ROW, left to right: Claudia Hanson, Ivadelle Abrams, Sherman Stortroen, Leon Vetter, Jeanne Evenson, Linda Larson. 2nd: Marlys Rotvold, GERAL-

dine Homstad, Lionel Estenson, Jeffrey Nesvig, Reuben Gordon. 3rd: Miss Condiff, Dorothy Evenson, Thomas Letnes, Robert Lian, Robert Peterson.

## REMEMBER?



"You tell 'em board, you got our score."



"Burned on the outside, raw in the middle."



"Practice makes perfect. Man-do we need practice."



"Punkin and his pancakes."

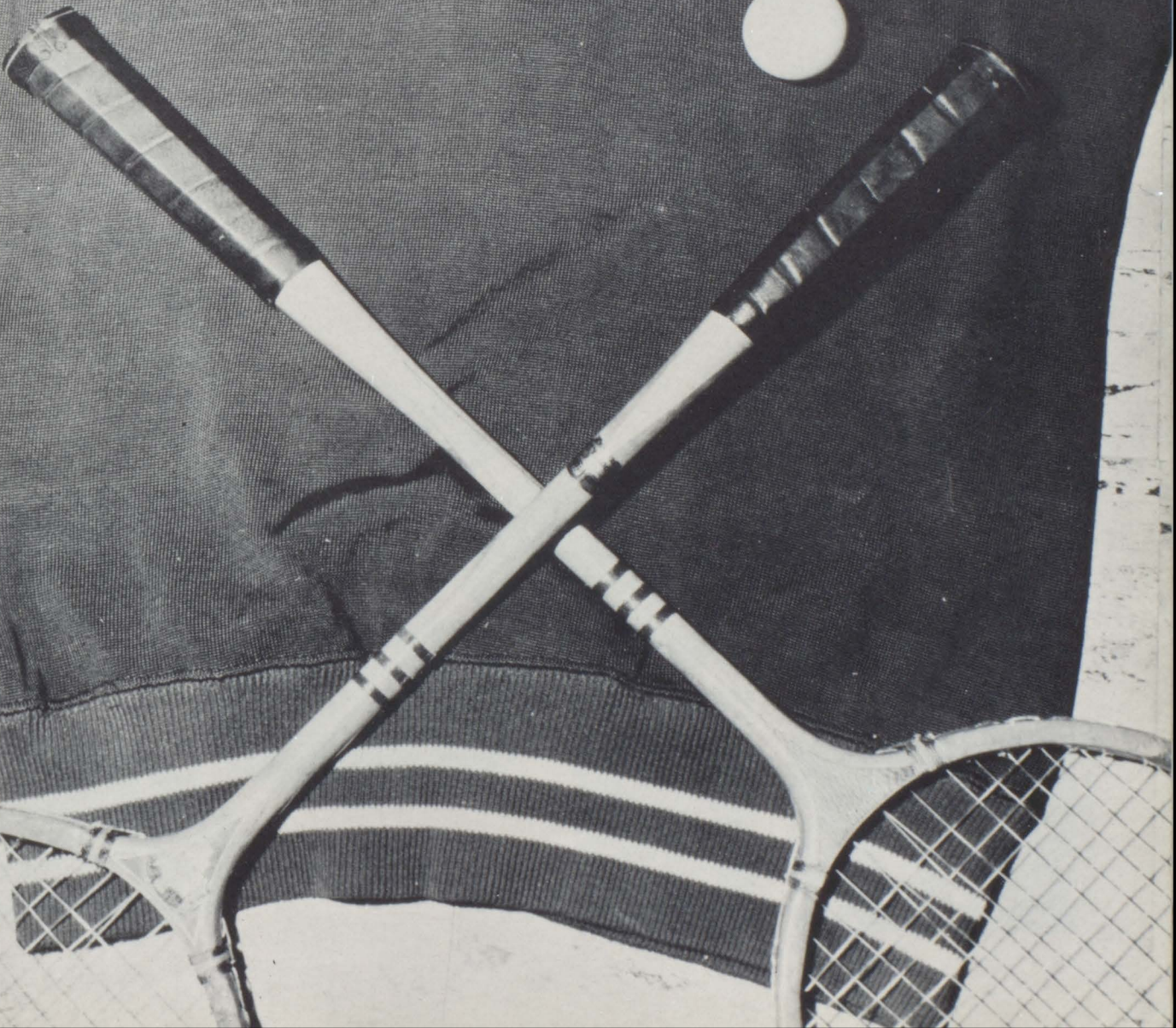


"Forever champs. We're always on the ball."



# ATHLETICS

VIKINGS





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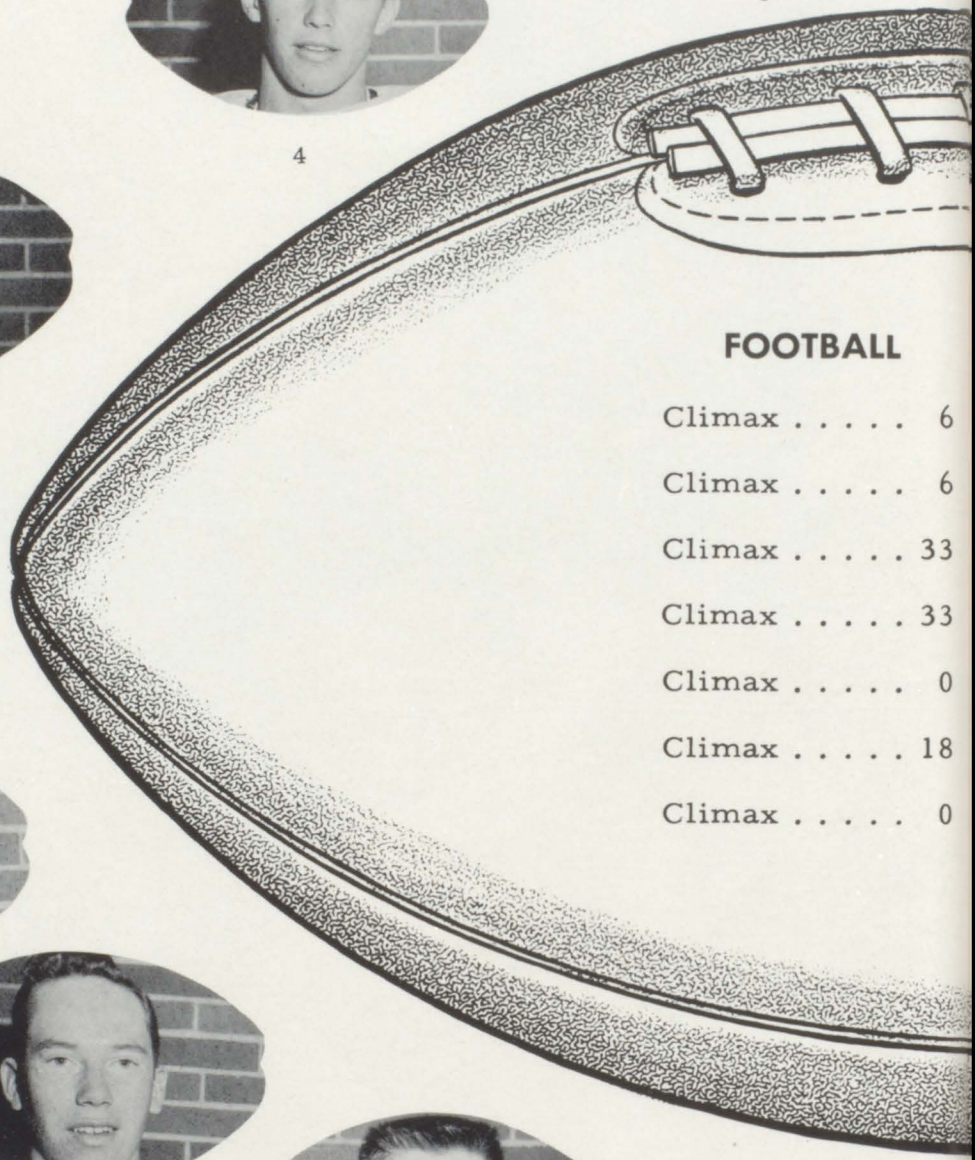
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### FOOTBALL

Climax . . . . .	6
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Climax . . . . .	18
Climax . . . . .	0

- 1. Nesvig
- 2. J. Peterson
- 3. R. Peterson
- 4. Cayler
- 5. Boe
- 6. Aukland
- 7. Amundson
- 8. Brokke
- 9. Roningen
- 10. Bratager
- 11. Thune
- 12. Taus
- 13. Monson
- 14. Nelson
- 15. Morken
- 16. V. Wegge
- 17. C. Wegge
- 18. McCauley
- 19. Foss
- 20. Rogenes





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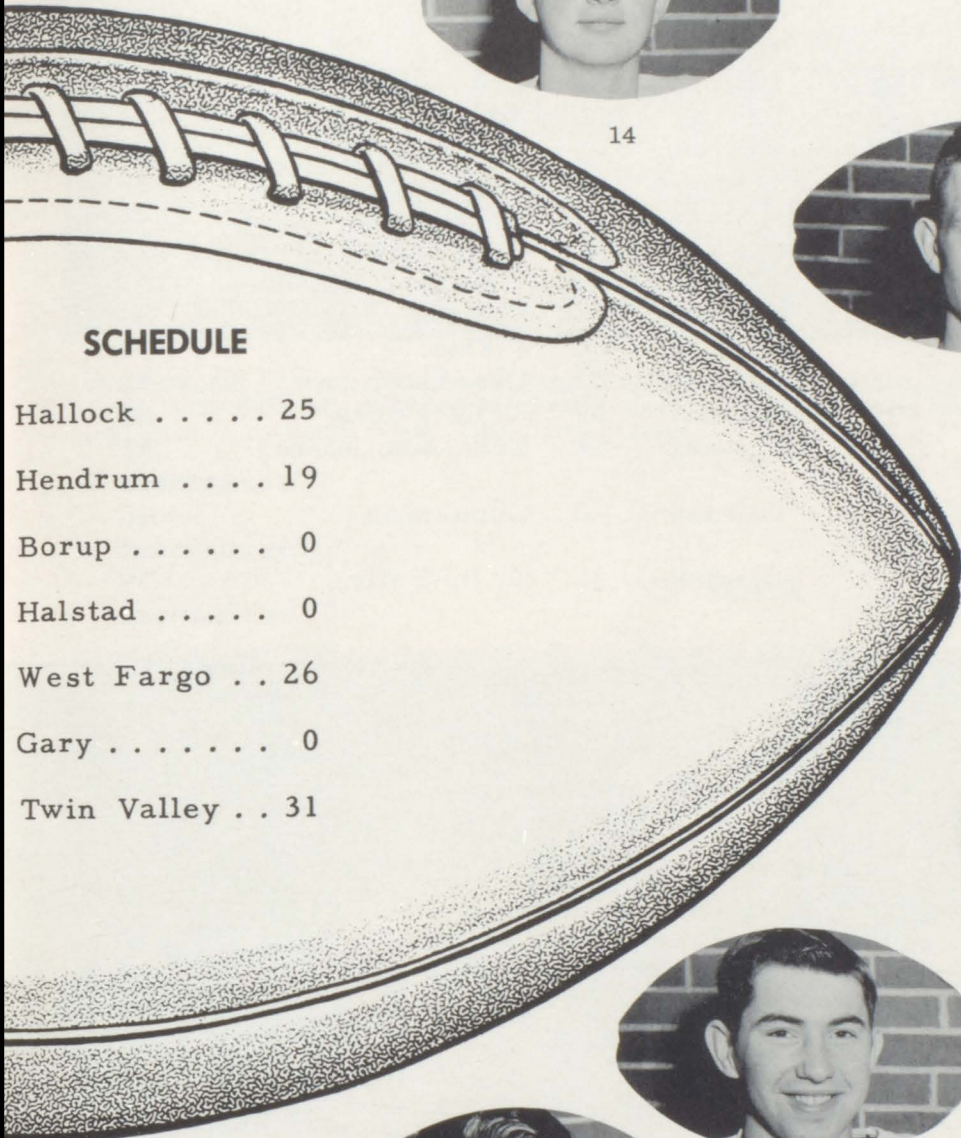
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Coach . . . . . Art Vraa  
Mgr. . . . . David Gilbertson

### SCHEDULE

Hallock . . . . .	25
Hendrum . . . . .	19
Borup . . . . .	0
Halstad . . . . .	0
West Fargo . . . . .	26
Gary . . . . .	0
Twin Valley . . . . .	31



# BASKETBALL

## SCHEDULE 1955-1956

Climax	43	Crookston A.C.	40
Climax	37	Crookston	54
Climax	46	Warren	45
Climax	50	Halstad	62
Climax	59	Fisher	48
Climax	64	Hendrum	30
Climax	46	Sacred Heart, E.G.	35
Climax	61	Red Lake Falls	47
Climax	55	Hendrum	34
Climax	47	Crookston A.C.	33
Climax	50	Ada	34
Climax	49	Fertile	52
Climax	48	Sacred Heart, E.G.	45
Climax	54	Hillsboro	55
Climax	61	Warren	37
Climax	60	Red Lake Falls	61
Climax	72	Halstad	84
Climax	60	Fisher	67
Climax	61	Crookston	55
Climax	54	E. G. Forks	49
Climax	68	Red Lake Falls	51
		Tournament	
Climax	40	Crookston	46
		Tournament	
Climax	33	T. R. Falls	39
		Tournament	



Left to right: George Taus, Leslie Nesvig, Bruce Amundson, David Monson, James Cayler, Vern Wegge, Roger Estenson, Robert Morken, Brent Amundson, Noel Estenson, Ray Thune, Ralph Peterson, Coach-Mr. Bakke.

## "B" TEAM



1ST ROW, left to right: Coach - Mr. Vraa, Norman Engen, Richard Estenson, Rand Rogenes, David Gilbertson, Dick Burd, Dennis Taus. 2ND: Curtis Wegge,

David Aukland, Gary Monson, Roger Estenson, Robert Morken, Ronald Nesvig, Bruce Brokke, Leslie Nesvig.

## "C" TEAM

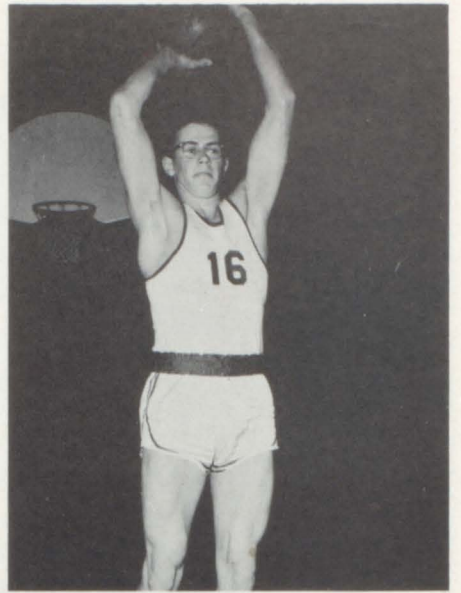


1ST ROW: left to right: Rodney Spokely, Gary Hanson, Kent Peterson; Cheerleaders-Barbara Hartman, Bruce Larson, Joyce Quirk; Mylan Moen, David Sondreal, Ronald Peterson, Brent Larson, Coach - Mr.

Ellingson. 2ND: Norman Engen, Johnny Lien, Earl Hedde, Dick Burd, David Gilbertson, Ronald Nesvig, Rand Rogenes, Richard Estenson, Dennis Taus, Virgil Sistad, Larry Hanson, Timmy Cooper, Cameron Gray.



NOEL ESTENSON  
JAMES CAYLER



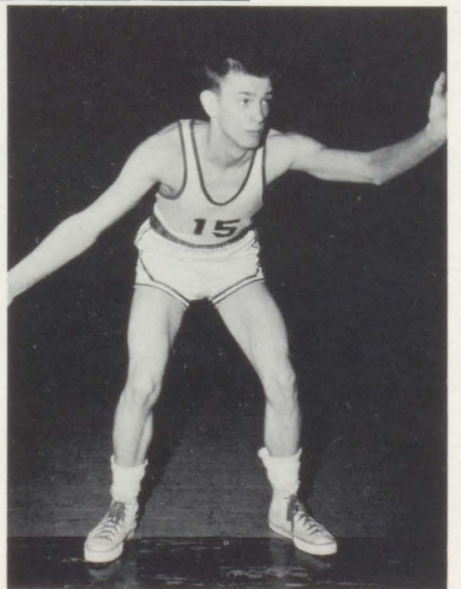
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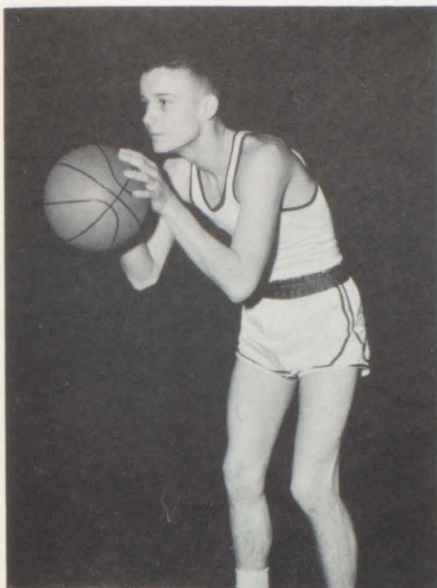


DAVID MONSON

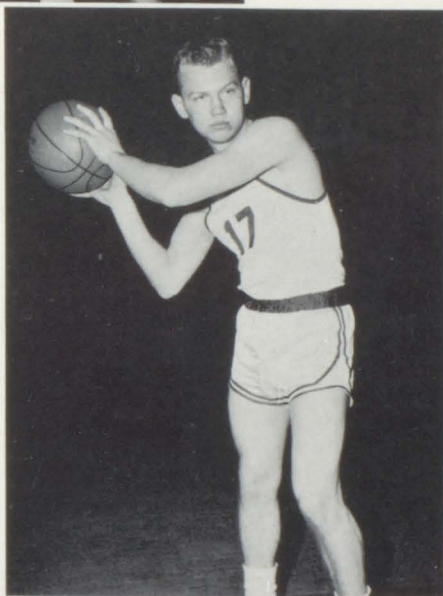
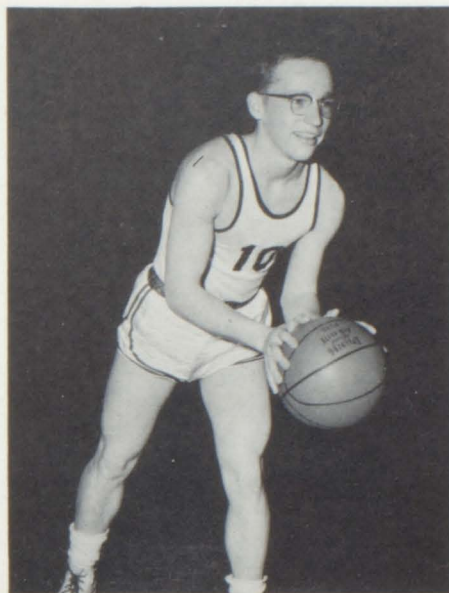


BRUCE AMUNDSON  
GEORGE TAUS

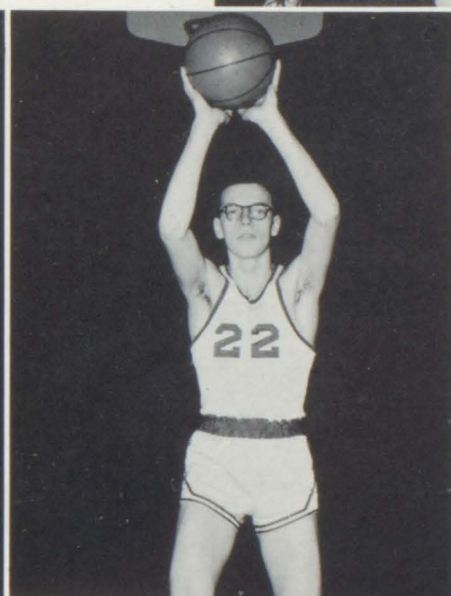




BRENT AMUNDSON  
RALPH PETERSON



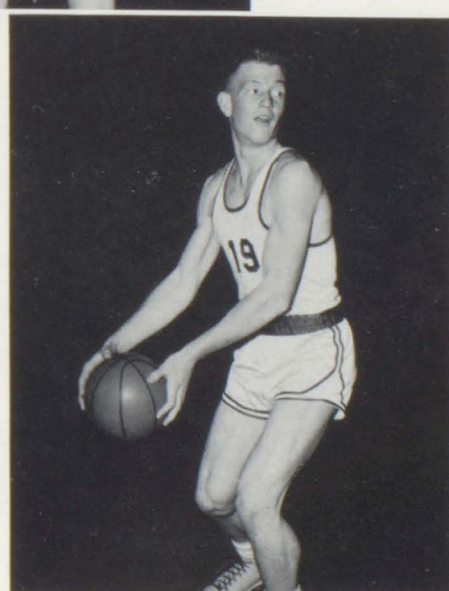
RAY THUNE



ROGER ESTENSON



LESLIE NESVIG  
ROBERT MORKEN





## CHEERLEADERS

### "A" TEAM

Janice Wegge, Fern Letnes,  
Marjorie Hanson, Sharon  
Evenson, Elizabeth Holland,  
Lola Rognlie.

## CHEERLEADERS

### "B" TEAM

Annette Thune, Diane Tonder,  
Patty Brokke.



## STUDENT MANAGER

Vernon Roning



"Legs, but they are always men's."

# BASEBALL



1ST ROW, left to right: Dennis Taus, Kent Peterson, Ralph Peterson, Rand Rogenes, Bruce Amundson, George Taus, Ray Thune, Ronald McCauley.  
2ND: Coach - Mr. Ellingson, Earl Hedde, Myron Bratager, Ronald Nesvig, Vern Wegge, Gary Monson, David Monson, Brent Amundson.



What's your strategy, coach?



Pregame warmup.



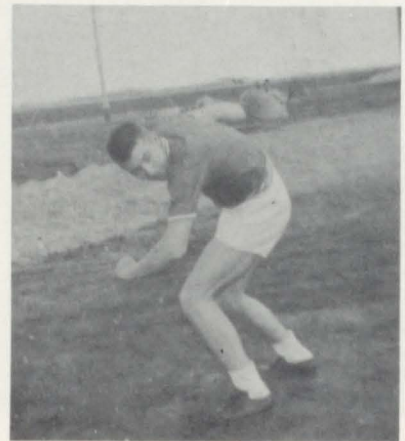
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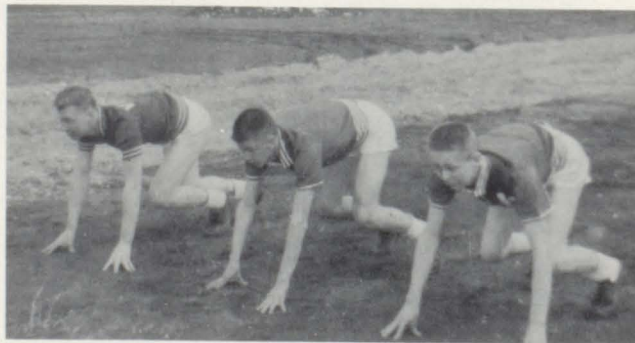
1ST ROW, left to right: Curtis Wegge, Ray Thune, George Taus, Ronnie McCauley, Ralph Peterson. 2ND: Coach-Mr. Vraa, Noel Estenson, Robert Morken, Vern Wegge, Arnold Moen, Kenneth Grove.



Robert Morken



Vern Wegge



Ray Thune, George Taus, Curtis Wegge





# ACTIVITIES

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# MIXED CHORUS



1ST ROW, left to right: Carol Christopherson, Darlene Beyers, Annette Thune, Sonja Engen, Marlus Spokely, Janice Tonder, Judy Jacobson, Loretta McCauley, Marjorie Hanson, Sharon Evenson, Jovonne Wollertson, Betty Larson, Dianne Tonder. 2ND: Olga Sandvik, Laura Beltz, Betty Gunderson, Virginia Ranten, Jeanine Rogenes, Sharon Nelson, Darlene Hettervig, Patty Brokke, Barbara Morken, Carol Braaten, Juneal Wollertson, Elizabeth Holland, Marjorie Odegard, Margaret Jahnke. 3RD: Mr. Bakke, Priscilla

Hughes, Gail Grove, Janice Wegge, Joan Grove, Carol Vang, Aldine Gray, Lola Rognlie, Phyllis Odegard, Helen Folstad, Darlene Gordon, Fern Letnes, Luverne Eidsmoe, Kay Vang, Ronald McCauley, Betty Beyers. 4TH: Allen Koppang, Richard Estenson, Leslie Nesvig, Merlyn Malme, Gary Monson, Roger Estenson, Vern Wegge, Brent Amundson, James Cayler, David Monson, Vernon Roningen, Noel Estenson, Bruce Amundson, David Aukland, Bruce Brokke, Ray Thune.

Our vocal groups, under the direction of Mr. Bakke, are comprised of the mixed chorus, the girls glee club, and the boys glee club. The mixed chorus and the girls glee club took part in both the district and regional music festivals singing "Be Thou Not Still" and "Sing Praise Unto God" respectively. The accompanists for these groups are Janice Tonder, Helen Folstad, and Janice Wegge.

New risers for our organizations were presented to us by the Climax Band Mothers.



## GIRLS GLEE CLUB



1ST ROW, left to right: Darlene Beyers, Judy Jacobson, Sonja Engen, Marlys Spokely, Janice Tonder, Annette Thune, Diane Tonder, Betty Larson, Jovonne Wollertson, Nancy Quirk, Eileen Hartman. 2ND: Carol Christopherson, Laura Beltz, Sharon Nelson, Joan Grove, Aldine Gray, Fern Letnes, Patty Brokke, Beverly Quirk, Kay Vang, Maxine Vetterm, Elizabeth Holland, Helen Folstad. 3RD: Betty Beyers, Loretta McCauley, Phyllis Odegard, Jeanine Rogenes, Vir-

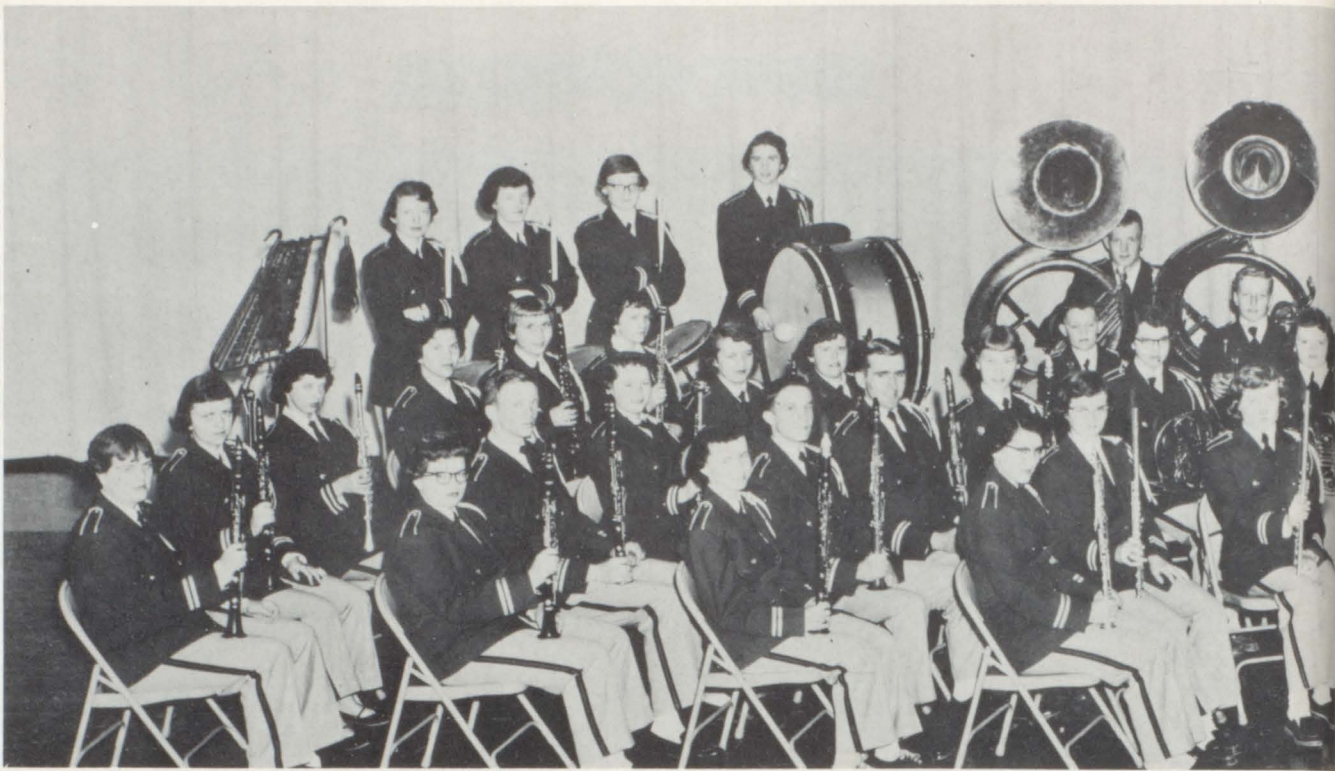
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## BOYS GLEE CLUB



1ST ROW, left to right: Ray Thune, Merlyn Malme, Vernon Roningen, Bruce Amundson, Noel Estenson, David Aukland, Richard Estenson. 2ND: Mr. Bakke, Curtis Wegge, Allen Koppang, Ralph Peterson, Bruce

Brokke, Leslie Nesvig, George Taus. 3RD: Brent Amundson, Gary Monson, James Cayler, Roger Estenson, Vern Wegge, Robert Morken, David Monson.



**DIRECTOR**

Mr. Kenneth Langbell

**BAND MOTHERS' CLUB**

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 Recording Secretary . . . . . Mrs. Lloyd Rognlie  
 Financial Secretary . . . . . Mrs. Manfred Folstad  
 Treasurer . . . . . Mrs. Orin Monson





## BAND

Our sixty-one piece band, under the direction of Mr. Langbell, is one of the most outstanding musical organizations in this area.

During our five years we have received "A" ratings in the District Music Festivals and State Area Contests. This year, for the first time, we played and exchanged concerts with Warren.

The Band Mothers have purchased many new instruments and music risers this year.

We are very grateful to Mr. Langbell and the Band Mothers for their fine work.

### OFFICERS

Director - K. O. Langbell, President - Bruce Amundson, Vice-President - David Monson, Sec'y-Treas. - Darlene Gordon, Band Manager - Noel Estenson, Librarians - Annette Thune, Helen Folstad.

### PERSONNEL

CLARINETS - Annette Thune, Bruce Amundson, Noel Estenson, Lola Rognlie, Carol Braaten, Dorothy Braaten, Kenneth Boe, Carol Christopherson, Marilyn Larson, Judy Jacobson, Katherine Homstad, Eunice Grove, Jeanine Rogenes, Margaret Jahnke, Carol Johnson, Toni Davidson. OBOE - Luverne Eidsmoe. FLUTES - Darlene Hettervig, Sonja Engen, Sharon Evenson, Phyllis Odegard. BASS CLARINET - Fern Letnes. SOPRANO SAX - Dianne Tonder. ALTO SAX - Kay Vang, Nancy Evenson, Jovonne Wollertson, Betty Larson. TENOR SAX - Helen Folstad, Ray Thune, Sandra Severson, Betty Gunderson. BARITONE SAX - Aldine Gray. CORNETS - Allen Koppang, Carol Vang, Gary Monson, Bonnie Gilbertson, David Sondreal, Richard Estenson, Dennis Thune. MELLOPHONES - Patty Brokke, Marlys Spokely, Elizabeth Holland, Sherry Amundson, Marjorie Odegard. BARITONES - Juneal Wollertson, Bruce Brokke, Vernon Roninggen. TROMBONES - David Monson, Barbara Morken, Janice Tonder, Arnold Moen, Roger Estenson, Judy Larson, Cameron Gray. BASSES - Oris Semeling, Robert Morken, Vern Wegge. PERCUSSION - Janice Wegge, Darlene Gordon, Sharon Nelson, Marjorie Hanson.



SR. F. H. A. - 1ST ROW, left to right: Aldine Gray, Joan Grove, Marlys Spokely-Reporter, Helen Folstad-Historian, Janice Wegge-President, Bonnie Gilbertson-Vice-President, Marjorie Hanson-Secretary, Beverly Quirk-Treasurer, Darlene Gordon-Song Leader, Priscilla Hughes, Gail Grove. 2ND: Lola Rognlie, Darlene Hettervig, Carol Braaten, Betty Larson, Jovonne Wollertson, Marjorie Odegard, Sharon Nelson, Luverne Eidsmoe, Betty Beyers, Barbara Morken, Fern

Lettnes. 3RD: Phyllis Odegard, Annette Thune, Maxine Vetter, Virginia Ranten, Juneal Wollertson, Sharon Evenson, Sonja Engen, Jeanine Rogenes, Toni Davidson, Elizabeth Holland, Loretta McCauley. 4TH: Mrs. Dietz-Advisor, Janice Tonder, Judy Jacobson, Darlene Beyers, Olga Sandvick, Patty Brokke, Nancy Quirk, Eileen Hartman, Dianne Tonder, Marlene Larson, Carol Christopherson.

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA



JR. F. H. A. - 1ST ROW, left to right: Karen Larson, Carol Johnson-Song Leader, Ruth Holland-Historian, Sandra Severson-Secretary, Barbara Hartman-Treasurer, Sherry Amundson-Vice-President, Nancy Evenson-President, Estelle Semling. 2ND: Janice Moen, Marilyn Larson, Joyce Quirk, Judy St. Germain, Linda Davidson, LaDell Lomsdahl, LaMae Lomsdahl. 3RD: Mrs. Dietz-Advisor, Gail Sondreal, Patsy Thompson, Viola Nelson, Sandra Cameron, Katherine Homstad, Eunice Grove, Judith Larson.

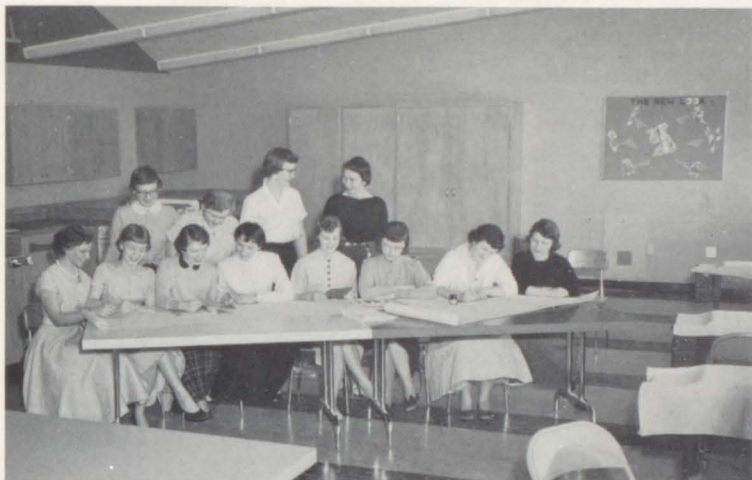
The Climax Junior and Senior Chapters of the F.H.A. have a combined membership of 70 girls.

Some of the activities carried on during the year included: serving for banquets, selling lunch at basketball games, staging a pancake supper with the F.F.A., holding hobo days, and settling-up numerous displays in down-town store windows.

Sixteen girls attended the state convention in Minneapolis, together with Mrs. Lester Tonder, Senior Chapter Mother, Mrs. Bernard Quirk, Junior Chapter Mother, and Mrs. Betty Dietz, Chapter Advisor. Eleven of these girls received the State Homemaker Degree.

Fern Letnes was chairman of the State Degree Committee. She also served as toastmistress at the convention banquet.

Phyllis Odegard and Sonja Engen will attend the National Convention being held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, July 2-6. Two girls will also be sent to the F.F.A. - F.H.A. Camp at Lake Arrowhead this summer.



### STATE DEGREE WINNERS

1ST ROW, left to right: Helen Folstad, Lola Rognlie, Marjorie Hanson, Maxine Vetterm, Janice Tonder, Marlys Spokely, Sharon Nelson, Elizabeth Holland. 2ND: Darlene Gordon, Nancy Quirk, Mrs. Dietz, advisor, Janice Wegge.



# JUNIOR PLAY

## "NO BOYS ALLOWED"

Mr. Midnight, a prowler . . . . . George Taus  
Rita Baxter, giving a slumber party . . . . . Maxine Vetter  
Jane Baxter, her sister . . . . . Virginia Ranten  
Victrola, the Baxter's maid . . . . . Aldine Gray  
Fred Dana, in bad with Rita . . . . . Curtis Wegge  
Leroy Doyle, Fred's pal . . . . . Ray Thune  
Edwina Cook, Rita's best friend . . . . . Marjorie Hanson  
Belinda Elliot, Rita's rival . . . . . Sharon Evenson  
Nada Owens, a boy-hater . . . . . Marlys Spokely  
Patsy Farrel, who loves to eat . . . . . Nancy Quirk  
O'Brien, an officer of the law . . . . . Vernon Ronnigen  
Keith Garland, Fred's rival . . . . . Allen Koppang  
Garvey Smith, Keith's man Friday . . . . . Ralph Peterson  
Mrs. Dana, Fred's mother . . . . . Faith Johnson  
Director . . . . . Mrs. Letnes  
Student Director . . . . . Sharon Nelson  
Property Manager . . . . . Vern Wegge  
Stage Manager . . . . . Leslie Nesvig  
Business Manager . . . . . Sonja Engen  
Make-Up . . . . . Juneal Wollertson  
Sound Effects . . . . . Patty Brokke  
Lights . . . . . Robert Morken





# SENIOR PLAY

## "THREE BLIND DATES"

Mr. Dave Ellis, advertising agent . . . . . Noel Estenson  
Mrs. Anna Ellis, his wife . . . . . Janice Wegge  
George Ellis, their son . . . . . David Monson  
Katy Ellis, their daughter . . . . . Janice Tonder  
Neil Olson, George's "colleague" . . . . . Bruce Amundson  
Katy's girl friends:  
Ada Clark . . . . . Annette Thune  
Cora Ridgely . . . . . Darlene Gordan  
Helen Woods . . . . . Fern Letnes  
Janet Smith . . . . . Lola Rognlie  
Tessie Adams . . . . . Carol Vang  
Director . . . . . Mr. Ellingson  
Student Directors . . . . . Joan Grove, Darlene Beyers  
Lighting . . . . . Oris Semeling, Kenneth Boe  
Curtains . . . . . Rodney Cooper, Wellington Nelson  
Stage Managers . . . . . Lola Rognlie, James Caylor  
Ushers . . . . . Merlyn Nettum, Clyde Moen



# GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



1ST ROW, left to right: Eileen Hartman, Darlene Beyers, Annette Thune, Helen Folstad, Faith Johnson, Darlene Hettervig, Priscilla Hughes, Marjorie Odegard, Barbara Morken, Fern Letnes, Carol Christopherson. 2ND: Toni Davidson, Elizabeth Holland, Janice Tonder, Judy Jacobson, Olga Sandvik, Nancy Quirk, Patty Brokke, Dianne Tonder, Marlene Larson, Sharson Evenson. 3RD: Sharson Nelson, Geraldine

Peterson, Marjorie Hanson, Shirley Dybing, Phyllis Odegard, Jeanine Rogenes, Beverly Quirk, Maxine Vetter, Virginia Ranten, Juneal Wollertson, Sonja Engen. 4TH: Jovonne Wollertson, Betty Larson, Marlys Spokely, Luverne Eidsmoe, Sonja Johnson, Kay Vang, Bonnie Gilbertson, Aldine Gray, Joan Grove, Gail Grove, Lola Rognlie, Carol Christopherson.

## "C" CLUB



1ST ROW, left to right: Ronald McCauley, Ralph Peterson, James Peterson, Bruce Amundson, Vernon Roningen, Leslie Nesvig, Ray Thune, George Taus. 2ND: David Aukland, Bruce Brokke, Noel Estenson,

Myron Bratager, Robert Morken, Warren Foss, David Monson, Brent Amundson. 3RD: Mr. Bakke, James Cayler, Vern Wegge, Wellington Nelson, Clyde Moen, Kenneth Boe, Mr. Ellingson, Mr. Vraa.

# FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA



1ST ROW: Olga Sandvik, Dianne Tonder-President, Darlene Beyers-Treasurer, Janice Tonder-Secretary. 2ND: Sonja Johnson, Betty Beyers, Mr. Olsen, Gail Grove, Joan Grove-Vice President.

# LIBRARY STAFF



1ST ROW: Sharon Nelson, Joan Grove, Helen Folstad, Faith Johnson, Virginia Ranten. 2ND: Eileen Hartman, Maxine Vetter, Janice Tonder, Marjorie Hanson, Mrs. Letnes, Judy Jacobson, Marlys Spokely, Nancy Quirk.



# DECLAMATION



1st ROW, left to right: Lola Rognlie, Fern Letnes, Faith Johnson, Kay Vang. 2nd: Toni Davidson, Noel Estenson, Mr. Mickelson, Coach; Bruce Amundson, Janice Tonder, Eileen Hartman.

# JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET



"ISLAND OF WAIKIKI"

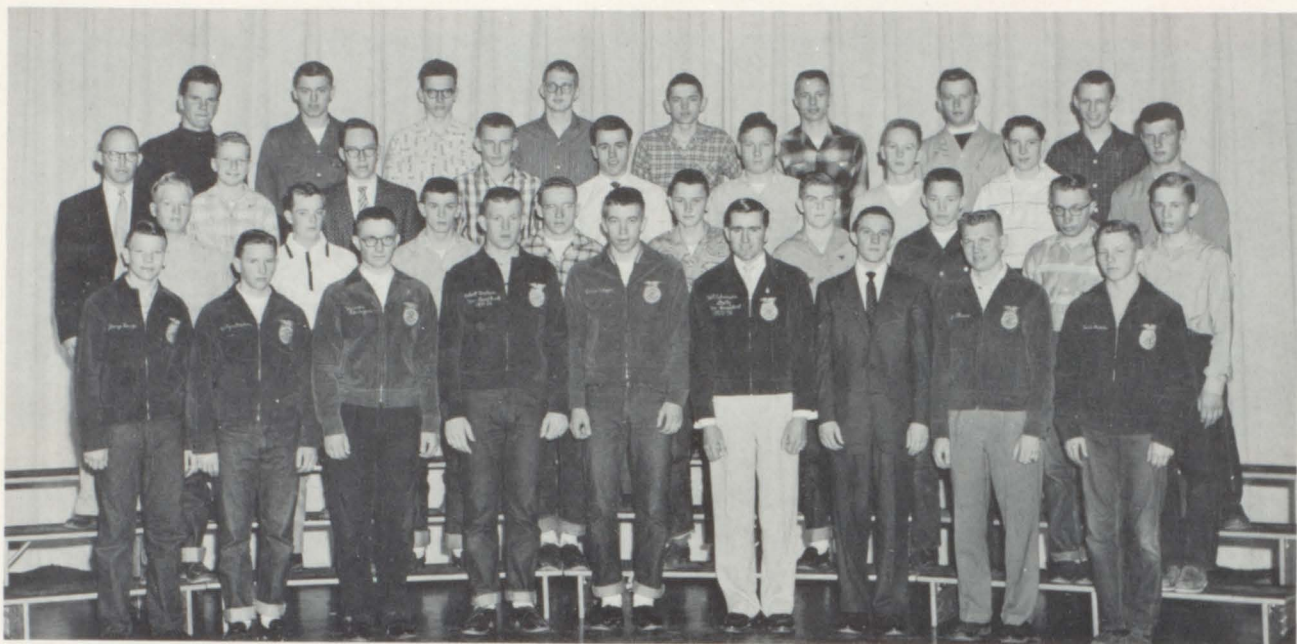
# GRADE OPERETTA



## TOM TIT TOT



# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



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Peterson, Vernon Larson. 3RD: Mr. Nornes-Advisor, Richard Estenson, Bruce Brokke, Ronald Nesvig, David Aukland, James Olson, Curtis Wegge, Merlyn Malme, Harlan Morehart. 4TH: Warren Foss, Clyde Moen, Roger Estenson, Wellington Nelson, Arnold Moen, Myron Bratager, Merlyn Nettum, Leslie Nesvig.

The Climax F.F.A. Chapter recently has been recognized for its outstanding performance in F.F.A. activities in District I. This district, consisting of thirty schools, has an area bounded by Ada on the south, Bemidji and Blackduck on the east, the Canadian line on the north, and the Red River on the west.

During the past six years our chapter has won eighteen championship plaques in district and state contests and has raised eleven boys to the highest F. F. A. degree in Minnesota, the State Farmer Degree. We have also had two of the eight District Star Farmers plus four state officers and six district officers.

Members of the Climax Chapter showed livestock in St. Paul at the largest F.F.A. livestock show in the world. We also had four members and our advisor attend the National F.F.A. Convention.

We have been financing our chapter by projects such as our gilt ring which consists of three sows and six gilts. Other fund raising projects have been a pancake supper, concessions stand at basketball games, and profits from twenty acres of land rented from Ted Morken.

The F.F.A. and their sister organization, the F.H.A., exchanged parties this year. We of the F.F.A. gave them a sleigh riding party and in return a square dance party was given by the F.H.A.

The Climax F.F.A. Chapter held its twentieth anniversary banquet May 11. This was the first F.F.A. banquet held in the new school. With us were all the past members holding State Farmer Degrees, all honorary members, members from the state department, and, of course, all parents as well as other distinguished guests.

The accomplishments of the judging teams this year are as follows: Dairy, 1ST in Minnesota State Fair; Land Use, 1ST in district; Potato, 1ST in Red River Valley; Tractor Driving, 1ST in district; General Livestock, 3RD in district; Crops, 4TH, in district.

## STATE FARMERS



Kenneth Boe is honored as being District Star Farmer of 1956 on the basis of his outstanding record of supervised farming. Kenneth has been chairman of our supervised farming committee and has been a member of the livestock judging team for three years.



Robert Morken has served as chapter secretary and vice-president, and he is now serving as district secretary. He has been a member of the general livestock judging team for two years. Both Robert and Kenneth have shown outstanding livestock exhibits at the district and state shows.

## JUDGING TEAMS

### POTATO TEAM

Richard Estenson  
Ray Thune  
Vernon Roningen

### LAND USE TEAM

Noel Estenson  
Vernon Roningen  
Bruce Amundson

### DAIRY TEAM

Allen Koppang  
Carl Ostgaard  
Pernell Swenson  
George Taus

### GENERAL LIVESTOCK TEAM

Kenneth Boe  
Robert Morken  
Ralph Peterson

### DISTRICT TRACTOR DRIVING CONTEST-Bruce Brokke



This official F.F.A. emblem was made by Ivan Vraa, a former member of our chapter. He constructed it from pieces of various colored tile. We believe this emblem, which is located in the entrance to Mr. Nornes' office, is the only one of its kind. The F.F.A. wishes to thank Ivan for a fine job.

# HOMECOMING ROYALTY



1st ROW: Marjorie Odegard, Karen Larson, Patsy Thompson. 2nd: Beverly Quirk, Sonja Engen - Queen; Darlene Gordon.

# CARNIVAL ROYALTY



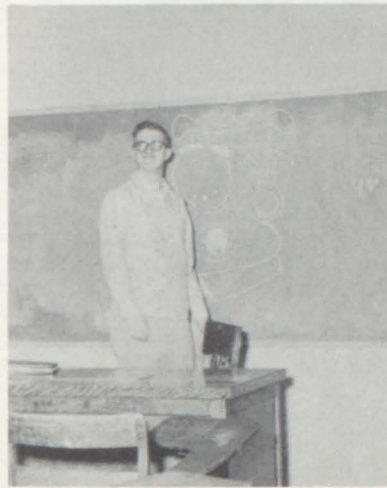
Noel Estenson - King; Darlene Gordon - Queen.



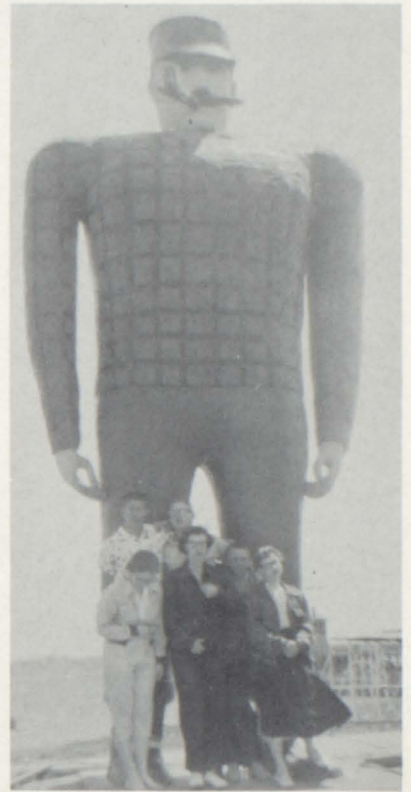




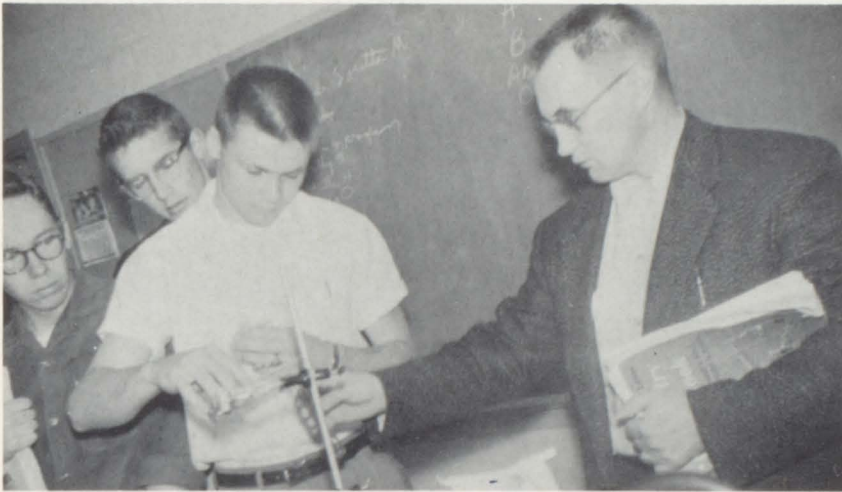
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Which is which?



Gordy's Lumberjack.



What did we discover this time?



Business or pleasure?



"Daddy-o" or Robin Hood?







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1st ROW, left to right: David Monson, Fern Letnes, Bruce Amundson, Lola Rognlie. 2nd ROW: Noel Estenson, Janice Wegge, Mr. Nornes, Wellington Nelson, Kenneth Boe. NOT PICTURED - Rodney Cooper.

Bruce Amundson . . . . . Editor  
 David Monson . . . . . Assoc. Editor  
 Fern Letnes . . . . . Feature Editor  
 Noel Estenson . . . . . Sports Editor  
 Wellington Nelson . . . . . Artistry  
 Janice Wegge . . . Business Manager  
 Rodney Cooper . . . . . Advertising  
 Lola Rognlie . . . . . Advertising  
 Kenneth Boe . . . . . Photography  
 Mr. Nornes . . . . . Advisor

The Viking Staff wishes to thank everyone who has contributed toward the success of this annual. We express special appreciation to Mr. Nornes, our advisor.



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