

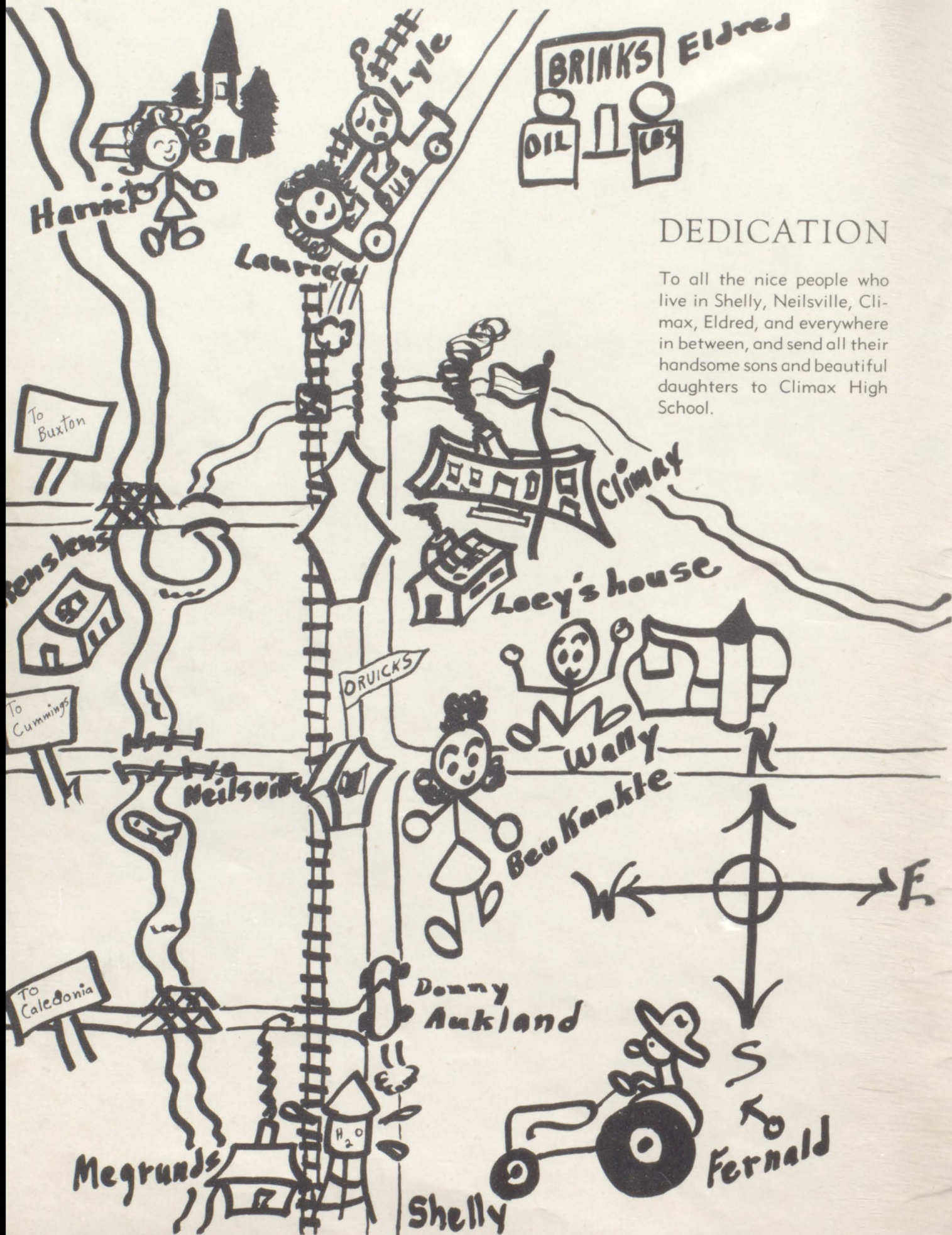




The VIKING

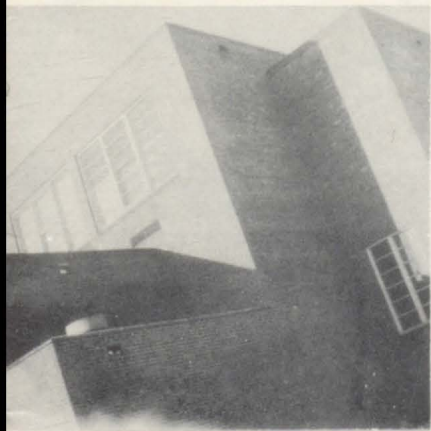


A record of the 1944-45 school
year prepared for you by the
students of Climax High.



DEDICATION

To all the nice people who live in Shelly, Neilsville, Climax, Eldred, and everywhere in between, and send all their handsome sons and beautiful daughters to Climax High School.





Meet CHARLIE the COMMUTER*

The curly-headed fellow that takes up most of this page is Charlie. With his slightly-dented lunch bucket, he is the symbol of the forgotten 87 percent — the bus riders. He knows what it is to shiver on an icy morning, waiting for the big yellow bus and he also knows what it is to miss it and to have to come on the train — or, worse still, to have to stay home. But don't feel too sorry for him because Charlie has a big advantage — the teachers can't make him stay after school.

*Note to Freshmen — In the dictionary to commute means to travel back and forth daily to work (Ed.—naturally!) in a city (Climax).

CONTAINING.....



Faculty



Classes



Activities



Sports



In this book you will find out what Charlie and his friends do between the time the bus lets them off and the time it picks them up again.

Climax Graduates and Former Teachers in the Service



1928

Walter Nelson

1930

Albert Silver

1931

Roy Peterson
Earl Swenson
Earnest Wollertson

1932

Telbert Thune
Earl Engelstad
Gunner Langhus

1933

Vernon Johnson

1935

George Howland
Russel Howland
Neilia Byrd

1936

Kermit Jacobson

1937

Sherman Bratager
Donald Christianson
Allan Howland
Terry Johnson (Killed in Action)
Allan Mauritsen
Arvid Strand
Philip Swenson

1938

Merle Aumundson
Grant Estenson
Ralph Jacobson
Morris Ostgaard
Harry Thompson
Oscar Vraa
Albert Flicke
Gordon Dale
Irene Klingman

1939

Henry Bjornrud
Gordon Christianson
Harvey Dale
Carl Gronberg Jr.
Irvin Thompson
Arnold Hoie
Neuton Carlson
Ralph Dale
LeRoy Orvick

1940

Lester Aumundson
Vance Gjelton
Earl Jacobson
Reuben Thompson
Ainsworth Wehus
Roy Lundby
James Mauritsen
Mona Hetland

1941

Alvin Berg
Clifford Grove
Milton Johnson
Gordon Oien
Terris Tendeland

1942

Walter Holm
Warren Sanderson
Charles Brokke
Vernon Rudd
Ervan Hestad
Earl Berg
Vernon Anderson
Irvin Ostgaard

1943

Ollin Tendeland
Robert Nelson
Duaine Howland
Gustav Oien
Morton Swenson
Alton Bunes
Donald McWilliams
Raymond Rustvold
Vernon Gramstad
Sydney Smith

1944

LeRoy Aumundson
Orrin Eidsmoe
William Burd
Delmer Glaserud
Lowell Rodal
Lloyd Wollin
Orrin Hanson

Teachers

Peter Sevrud
Melford Bruer
Jey Jechort
Harry Meyer
Paulus Heist

FACULTY



MINNEAPOLIS
BUSINESS COLLEGE

JANUARY 1945

3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13
17	18	19	20
24	25	26	27

FEBRUARY 1945

1	2	3
8	9	10
15	16	17
22	23	24

MARCH 1945

1	2	3
8	9	10
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29	30	31



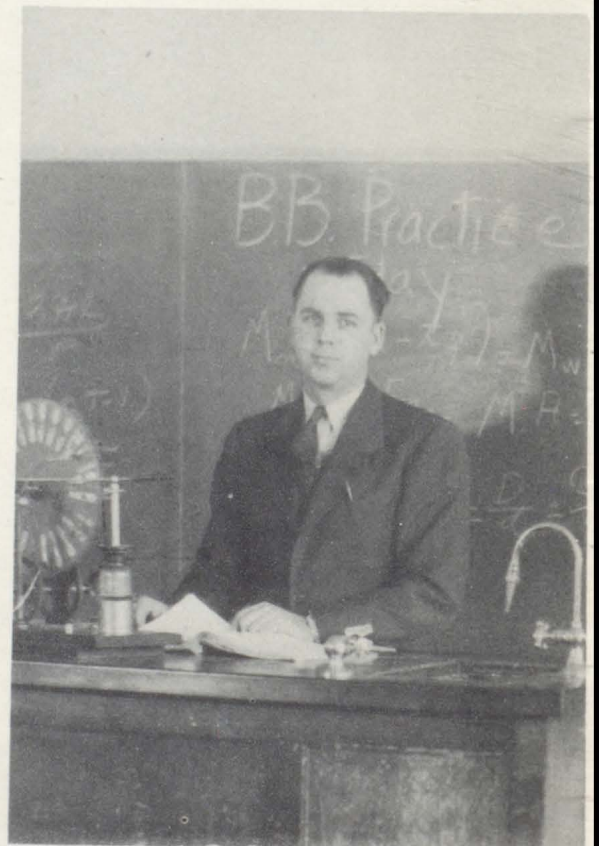
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Louis Letnes, Oscar Romo, Harry Larson, Gunder Bjaaland, Arnold Amundson, Gil Boyer

FACULTY

School activities were not as numerous this year because we have two teachers less than usual. Because of the war, our business and agriculture departments have been discontinued for a while. Thus, the teachers have had a harder job with more and larger classes, but they still smile and were peppy enough to play a basketball game against one of the girls' teams.

Concordia gave us Principal Ralph Miller (right) who is probably more familiar in his role as science and mathematics teacher or as the man who sits with the team and nibbles his fingernails at basketball games.



From Luther College comes Oluf Olsen, our efficient Superintendent who also doubles as social science and typing instructor.

From NDU comes gracious Rachel Anderson who teaches Biology, and six Home Economics classes — including one for boys!

Versatile is the word for NDU graduate Mrs. Kunkle who teaches Junior High history, geography, science, and English besides advising the eleventh grade.

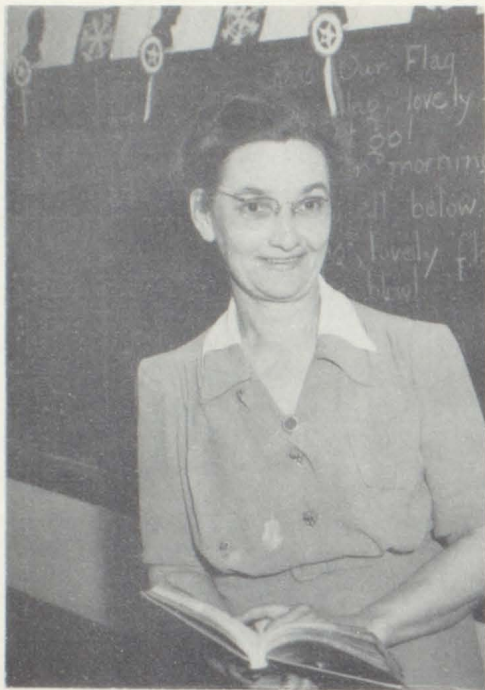


Smiling Betty Richards (left) comes from the University of North Dakota. She teaches English and history, advises the ninth grade and the year-book staff, and directs the chorus and the junior class play. That's quite a job for one person isn't it?



Concordian Mrs. Boucher (below) is a wonderful basketball player — just like her brother Bob. She is also our wonderful band director, English teacher, physical education teacher, tenth grade advisor, and directs the senior play.

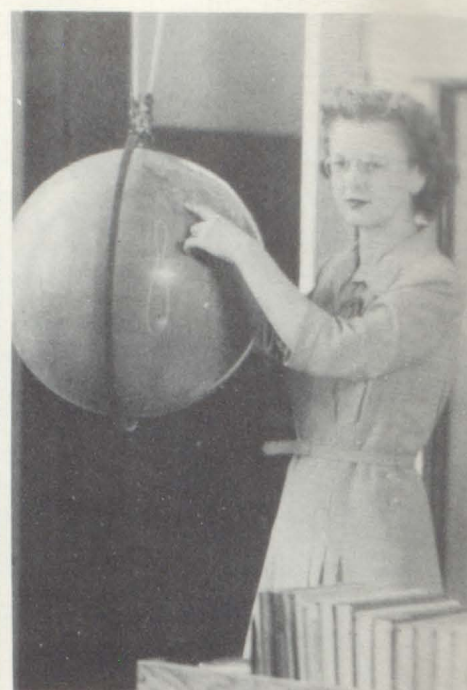




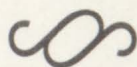
Miss Engh, the first and second grade teacher, has been an instructor in the Climax schools longer than any other teacher.



The answer to Miss Trattles' problem is 24, but don't tell the third and fourth graders — they are supposed to figure it out for themselves.



Miss Klementson teaches the fifth and sixth graders where their brothers and cousins in service are.



3:45 is Coffee Time





CLASSES



PRESIDENT—CLAY BRADY
 VICE PRESIDENT—MARGARET HANSON
 TREASURER—HARLOW THOMPSON
 SECRETARY—LAURICE JOBE

twenty-nine out of thirty-four tear-stained seniors
 come to school
 on a
 bus
 their solemn motto we finish to begin
 was chosen
 by
 smoothie clay brady
 and beejay renslen who can
 ack-sent-schu-ate the positive
 and vociferous laurice jobe
 and pianist oliver olson
 and bean-pole lawrence aker who always knows the difference between
 a sine
 and a cosine
 and associate editor mgt hanson
 who always associates with
 loquacious emma andringa and harriette grove who has a lot of
 procerity
 (you had better look it up, folks, we didn't know what it meant, either)
 and harlow thompson who sings and wears a yellow bow-tie
 and captain hilding hagen
 and popular wesley megrund who always has cough drops
 and speedy lyle grove
 and all the rest of the wonderful people
 who make up the
 gold-bricking
 senior class

SENIORS

Ruth Aalgaard, "Ruthie" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Class Secretary 1; Pep Squad 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Mixed Quartette 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Trio 3.

Lawrence Aker, "Lolly" . . . Chorus 1; Band 1; Basketball 4; FFA 3; Cyclone Sally 3.

Emma Andringa . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Trio 3.

Kathleen Bjorge . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Cyclone Sally 3.

Clay Brady . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Treasurer 1; President 4; Mixed Quartette 4; Yearbook Staff 4.

Lois Bratager . . . Pep Squad 2.

Kermit Bruun . . . Band 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 3.

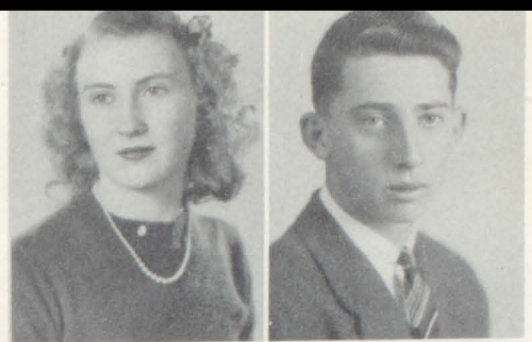
Hawley Eia . . . Chorus 3, 4; FFA 3.

Lois Estenson, "Loey" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Treasurer 3; Yearbook Staff 4.

Harriet Grove . . . Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Squad 2; Cyclone Sally 3.

Lyle Grove . . . Basketball 3, 4; FFA 3.

Hilding Hagen, "Dink" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; President 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Cyclone Sally 3.





Margaret Hanson . . . Chorus 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; President 2; Vice President 4; Cyclone Sally 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Student Librarian 3.



Fernold Holte . . . Band 1; FFA 3.



Laurice Jobe . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Secretary 4; Cyclone Sally 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Student Librarian 1, 2.



Shirley Kleven . . . Band 3, 4.



Mavis Knutson . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2.



Wesley Megrund, "Wessy" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Basketball 3, 4.

Dorothy Munter, "Dottie" . . . Chorus 4.

Vernon Nelson . . . FFA 3.

Gloria Nygaard

Oliver Olson, "Bate" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian 2, 3, 4; President 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Cyclone Sally 3; Yearbook Staff 4; Mixed Quartette 4; Valedictorian.

Beejay and Pete

Ramona Orvik, "Mona" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Student Librarian 4; Cyclone Sally 3.

Vernon Ostgaard . . . FFA 3.

Betty Jean Renslen, "Beejay" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Mixed Quartette 4; Trio 3.

Delores Sandbeck . . . Glee Club 1; Pep Squad 2.

Yvonne Sondrol . . . Chorus 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Pep Squad 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Band 2.

Helen Stortroen . . . Chorus 1; Pep Squad 2.

Anna Swenson

Bernice Thompson . . . Pep Squad 2.

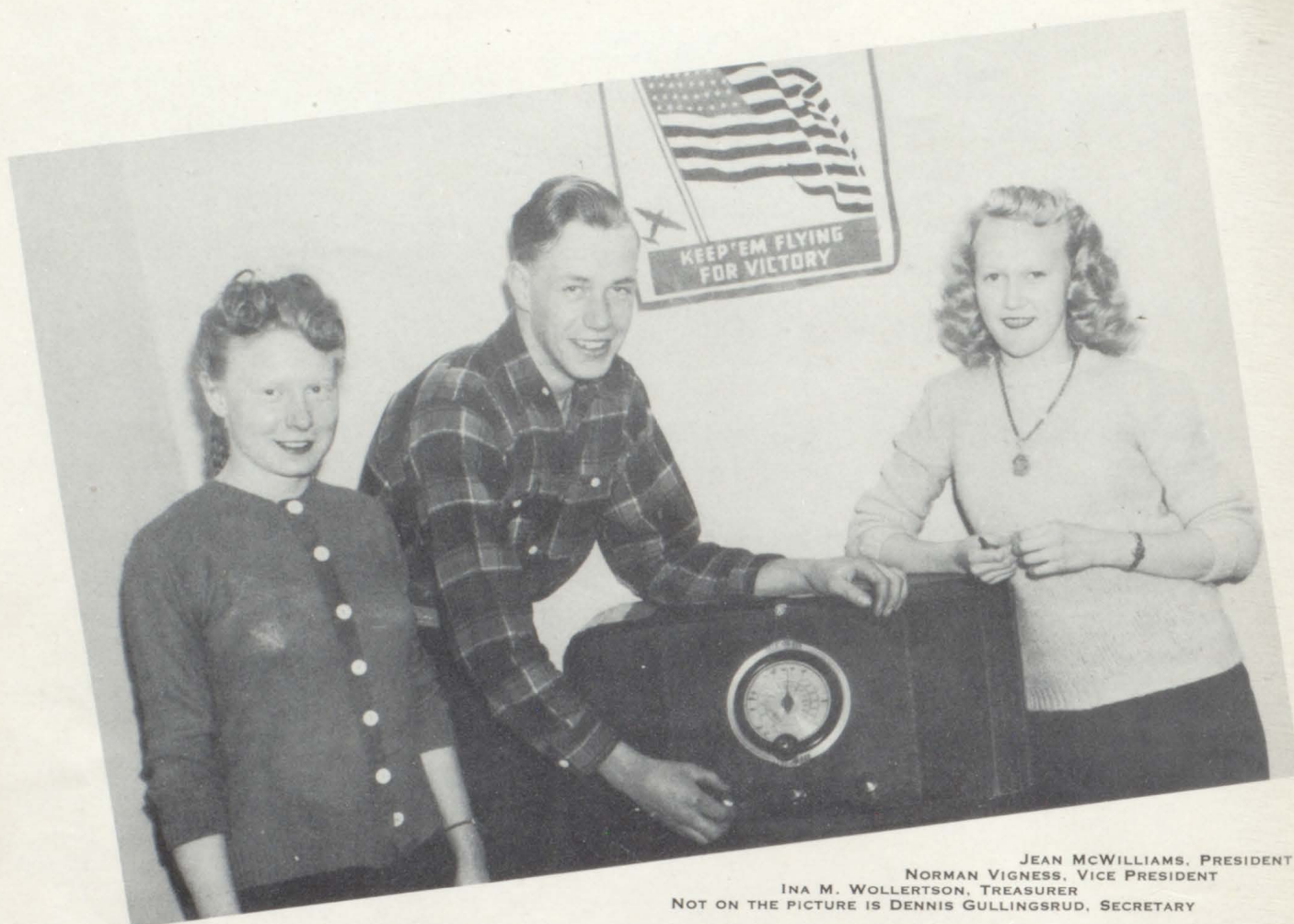
Harlow Thompson, "Tommy" . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Vice President 1; Treasurer 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Cyclone Sally 3; Salutatorian.

Joyce Thompson . . . Chorus 1.

Dorothy Ueland

Jean Wegge . . . Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Pep Squad 2; Vice President 3; Yearbook Staff 4.





JEAN MCWILLIAMS, PRESIDENT
 NORMAN VIGNESS, VICE PRESIDENT
 INA M. WOLLERTSON, TREASURER
 NOT ON THE PICTURE IS DENNIS GULLINGSRUD, SECRETARY

twenty-eight of the thirty-one enthusiastic juniors
 ride to school
 on a
 bus
 their well-stocked treasury bulges with (take a deep breath)
 one hundred and fifty dollars and twenty-two cents
 largely due to
 the high-pressure salesmanship
 of bev ingwalson who not so long ago gaily departed
 to the fairer fields of california
 and the red-headed mcwilliamses who reign
 in the principal's office
 and flashing-eyed dorothy gramling who never squeaks on her
 clarinet and shed a tear when
 bob johnson joined the navy in spite of
 all the iwishihadstayedinhighschool advice he was given
 and dreamy-eyed gloria gilbertson
 and speedy forward denny gullingsrud who already owns a model a
 and sultry joyce sharpe
 and delores hauge and jean haugstad who say they aren't twins
 but they must be
 otherwise why would they wear the same
 kind of earmuffs?
 and all the other wonderful people who make up
 the well-behaved
 junior class.

JUNIORS

Norris Amundson — Chorus 1; Class Secretary 1; The Crazy Smith Family.

Willard Carlson, "Stogy" — Chorus 1; FFA 2; The Crazy Smith Family.

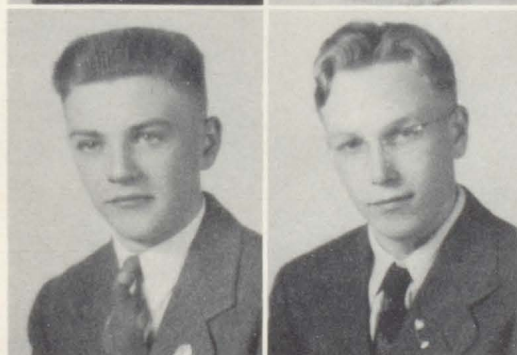
Amy Dale — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1.

Henrietta DeBoer, "Hank" — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1.



Gloria Gilbertson — Class Treasurer 1; Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 2, 3; Band 3.

Dorothy Gramling — Vice President 1; Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3; The Crazy Smith Family.



Dennis Gullingsrud, "Denny" — Class Secretary 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; The Crazy Smith Family.

Howard Hanson — FFA 2.



Delores Hauge, "Dolly" — The Crazy Smith Family.

Jean Haugstad — Pep Squad 1; Chorus 2.



Robert Johnson, "Bob" — President 2; Chorus 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; FFA 2.

Verna Kobbervig — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1.



Lorraine Koppang — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3.

Beverly Kunkel, "Bev" — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Band 3; Chorus 3.

Ralph Liekness

Elaine Lunos, "Looney" — Glee Club; Chorus 2, 3; Band 3; The Crazy Smith Family.

Marna Malmlov — Glee Club 1; Pep Squad 1.

Jean McWilliams — Vice President 2; Class President 3; Student Librarian 3; The Crazy Smith Family.

Joyce McWilliams — Student Librarian 2, 3.

Pearl Ostgaard — Glee Club 1.



Jeraldine Rarick, "Jerry" — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3.

Donna Satermoe — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 2, 3.

Joyce Sharpe — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Band 3; Student Librarian 3; Yearbook Staff 3; The Crazy Smith Family.

Fern Silver — Treasurer 2.

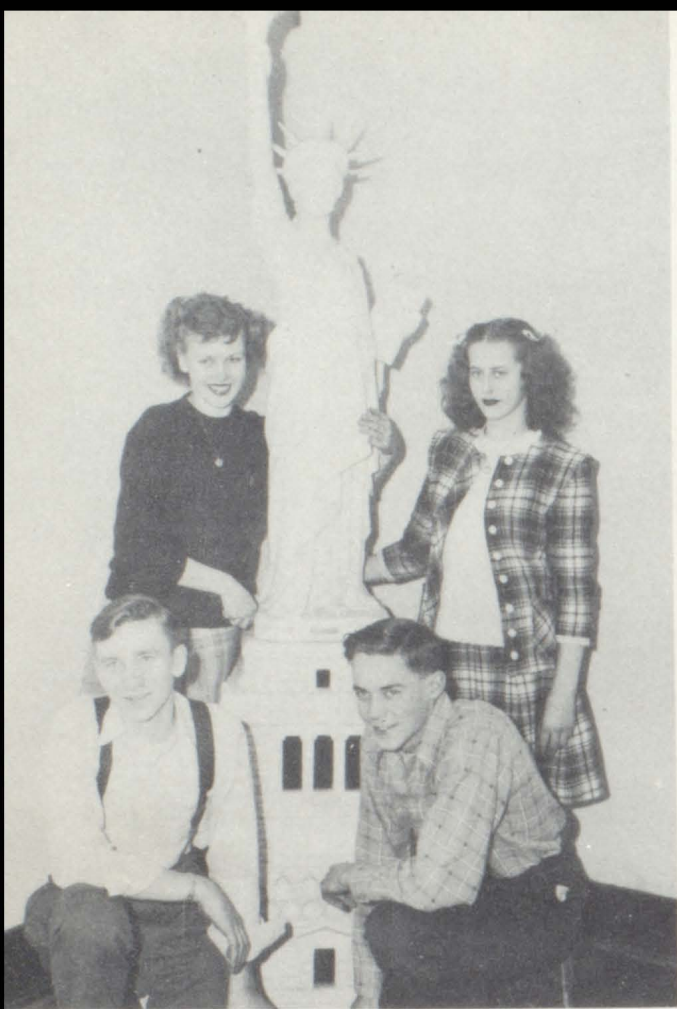
Arlene Smith — Pep Squad 1; Glee Club 1; Chorus 3.

Ina Mae Wollertson — Pep Squad 1; Treasurer 3; The Crazy Smith Family.



Additional Juniors

Robert Anderson
Donald Aukland
Helmer Dale
Vernon Helgeland
Myrdell Skalet
Norman Vigness



PRESIDENT HARRIS MEGRUND, VICE PRESIDENT DONNA KUNKLE,
SECRETARY BEVERLY BRADY, TREASURER CHESTER MAURITSON

SOPHOMORES

thirty-five of the thirty-seven rosy-cheeked sophomores
ride to school
on a
bus
they point with pride to
prexy harris megrund who capably manages the basketball team
and plays a mean game himself
and brawny glenn gramstad who was a first-fiver
and effervescent donna kunkle who is not a freshman
in spite of her jaunty green cap
and handsome chester mauritson who sings tenor and
executes breath-taking cartwheels, flips, and
stuff like that there
at bb games
and modest leatrice haugstad and tiny mavis rodal
who also cheer
and little jacky evje who blows the big sousaphone
we don't see how he does it, do you?
and wally gronberg who is still blond and irrepressible
after a year's vacation
and shirley wegge whose baritone virtuosity
amazes us
and kathryn ystebøe of the photogenic profile
and all the other wonderful people who make up
the illustrious
sophomore class



HANSTAD, BURD, VETTERN, TENDELAND, NELSON, KUNKLE, WAALE, RODAL, SATERMØE, ANDERSON,
GRONBERG.
M. BRADY, B. BRADY, HAUGSTAD, OLSON, ABRAMS, PETERSON, YSTEBØE, WEGGE, ORVIK, BERG.
RENSLAND, BJORNSTAD, AUKLAND, MAURITSON, DALE, JOHNSON, GRAMSTAD, MEGRUND, AKER, MUNTER,
EVJE, BROKKE, SONDROL.

FRESHMEN

thirty-three of forty-two (count 'em) freshmen
 come to school
 on a
 bus
 you probably bought your smart new
 monogrammed stationery
 from
 solveig hagen whose name rhymes with
 play and who surely does
 or famous orland thorson who is a farmer
 and is full of penicillen
 or posture-conscious ivan vraa who won
 a bb letter
 or bouncing lorraine brink the rooter
 (that means cheerleader, stupid)
 or donny aanenson who can play the piano
 or ivory-skinned beverly wollertson
 or glamorous verna aukland
 (see the flowers in her hair?)
 or sensational basketball player olga swenson
 who surprised us so
 or sweet little mardella liekness
 or mary lou bergeson who is likewise
 or prim ivadell hanson or blond prexy
 carolyn olson
 or any of the other wonderful people
 who make up
 the unpredictable
 freshman class.



PRESIDENT CAROLYN OLSON, VICE PRESIDENT IVADELL HANSON,
 SECRETARY IRIS AUKLAND, TREASURER DONNA SANDBECK.



BERGESON, AUMUNDSON, BERG, MOEN, PETERSON, KELLER, V. AUKLAND, VRAA, JEVNING, THORSON,
 BERGLAND, BJORNSTAD, FINSTAD, THORSON,
 UELAND, DRAGSETH, WOLLERTSON, SWENSON, GROSFIELD, RODAL, I. AUKLAND, HANSON, BRINK, LAR-
 SON, HAGEN, OLSON, MUNTER,
 LIEKNESS, SCHRAEDER, SANDBECK, BAKER, GUNDERSON, AANENSON, BURD, BANGEN, WEGGE, RARRICK,
 OSTGAARD.

THE EIGHTH GRADE



ESTENSON, AKER, JEVING, RUTOWSKI, DALE, GRAMSTAD, THORSON, GULLINGSRUD
SWENSON, OLSON, BIRKLAND, RENSLER, MONSON, GUNDERSON, BRUUN, BROKKE.

The eighth grade is a very unusual class. Every eighth grade boy is a scout (Howard is one too, but someone told him not to wear his uniform on the picture). But the girls are unusual too. They are considered the best dress-makers in school — just ask Miss Anderson.

—Joan Estenson.



DALE ALWAYS REMEMBERS HIS GOOD DEED



In all there's only seven of us,
But we can raise an awful fuss
If our assignments are too long
Or if we get our problems wrong.

Our studies only number seven,
But half the time we wish to heaven
That we weren't in this school today,
But out and gone, and far away.

We'll still be here five long years yet,
And all we'll do is sit and sweat.
I wonder why they make a fuss
To teach these things to kids like us.

But school has its bright side, too;
And working isn't all we do.
No, indeed, for we're not dead
We've parties, a club, and then Phy. Ed.

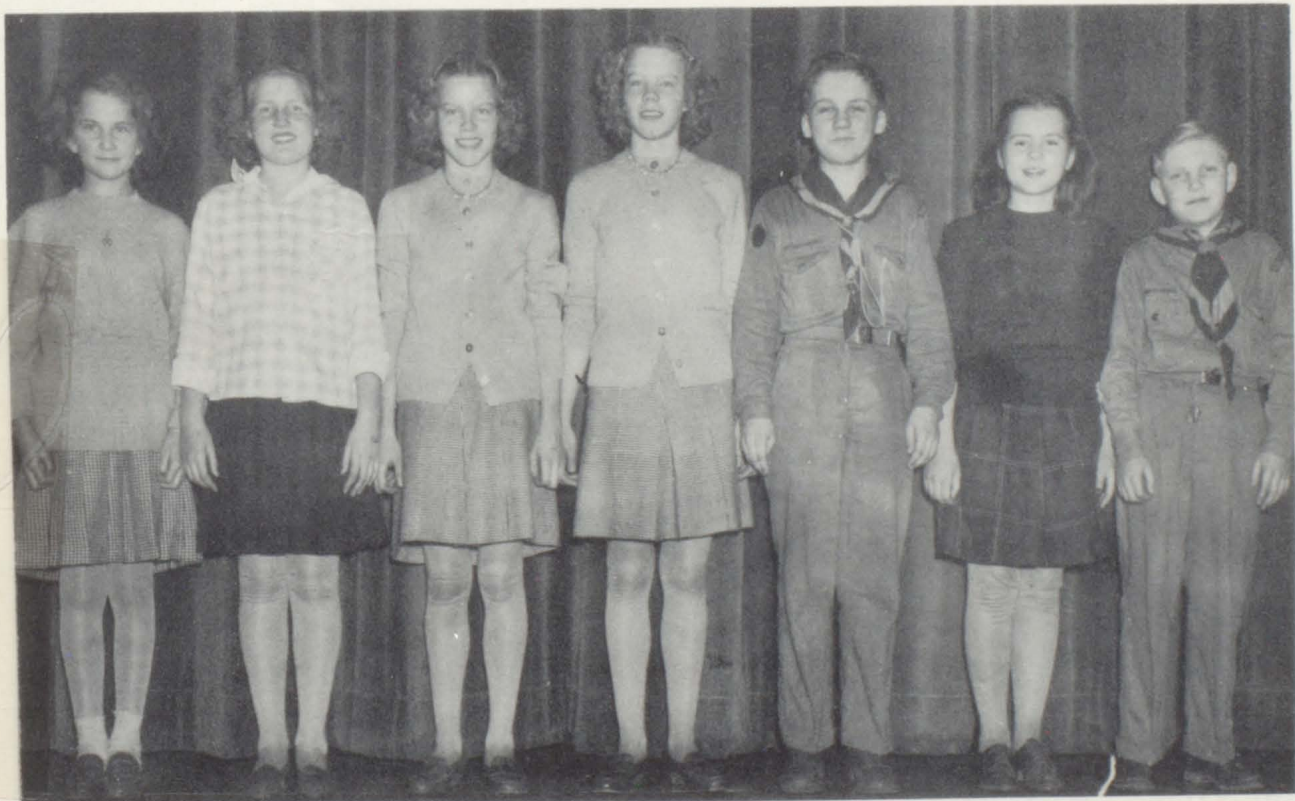
I suppose we'll all be glad some day
When we're done and on life's way.
But just for now, let's have three cheers
'Cause we've been here just seven years.

— DICK LETNES.



POET LAUREATE

THE SEVENTH GRADE



RARICK, KOBBERVIG, ANDREA OLSON, EVANGELINE OLSON, LETNES, ANDERSON, BRUUN





THE FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADES



STRID, STORTROEN, KOPPANG, ERICKSON, HANSTAD, AKER, BAKER, OSTGAARD.
OSTGAARD, THORSON, WAALE, DALE, VANG, MELING, GULLINGSRUD, JEVING, THORSON, MISS KLEMENTSON.

THE THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES



GRAMSTAD, STROMMEN, GROVE, STORTROEN, BROKKE, CHRISTOPHERSON, LETNES.
PETERSON, AKER, LUNAS, ESTENSON, OLSEN, MISS ENGH.

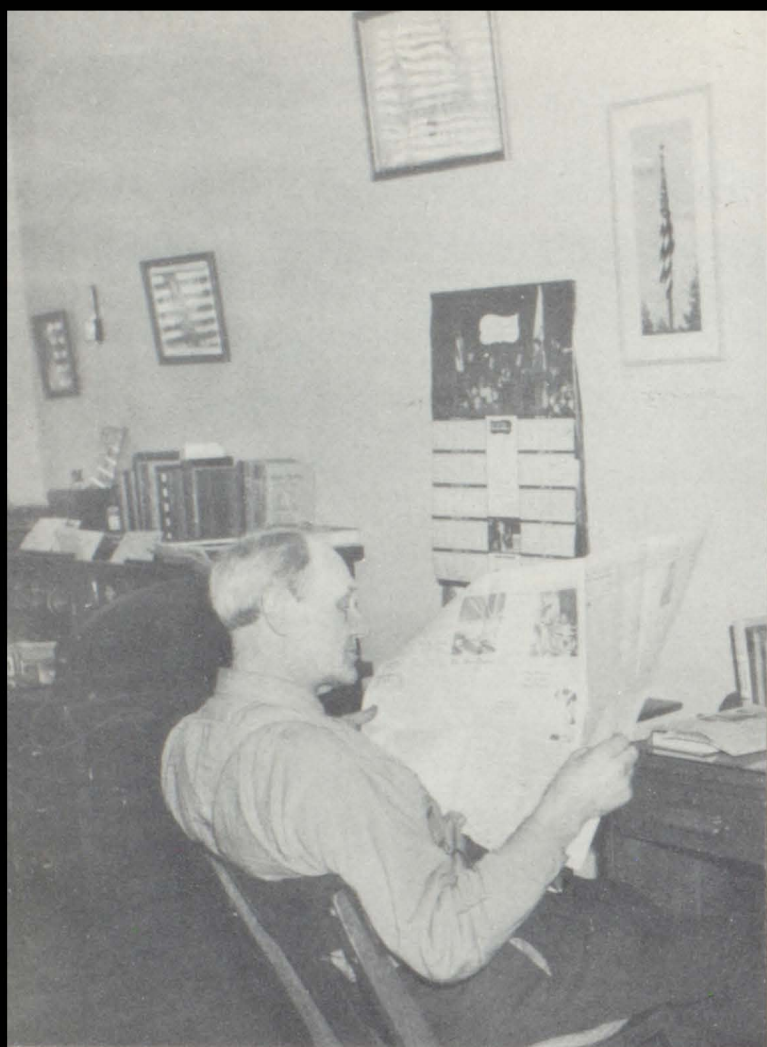
THE FIRST AND SECOND GRADES



AMUNDSON, THORESON, BOYER, OSTGAARD, GUNDERSONS (JANICE, JANET), PETERSON, MISS TRATTLES, CHRISTOPHERSON, LUNOS. ESTENSON, GROVE, THUNE, ROGNLIE, KOPPANG, LETNES, BERG, THORESON, BOE.



FRESHMAN HOME EC. GIRLS GAVE A VALENTINE PARTY FOR MISS TRATTLES' ROOM.



Our shining, well-kept school is that way due to the patient efforts of kindly Carl Gunderson, caught at the left in a moment of relaxation, and genial Orland Jevning (below), who, besides driving the bus and working at school, has time to raise a family of basketball players.





ACTIVITIES



THE PEP BAND PLAYED AT EVERY GAME



SLIPHORN SECTION

1st Cornets

Chester Mauritson
Shirley Kleven
Frances Birkland

2nd Cornets

Carolyn Olson
Lorraine Koppang

3rd Cornets

Berdell Berg
Dennis Brokke
Donna Kunkle

1st Clarinets

Dorothy Gramling
Harlow Thompson

2nd Clarinets

Kermit Bruun
Harriette Grove
Joyce Sharpe

3rd Clarinet

Mary Lou Bergeson

Basses

Kathleen Bjorge
Jack Evje
Kathryn Ystebøe

1st Trombone

Lois Estenson

2nd Trombone

Jean Wegge

3rd Trombone

Kathleen Peterson
Joan Estenson

Alto Horn

Solveig Hagen
Gloria Gilbertson
Beverly Kunkle

Alto Saxophone

Ruth Aalgaard
Laurice Jobe

Tenor Saxophone

Ramona Orvik

Baritone

Shirley Wegge

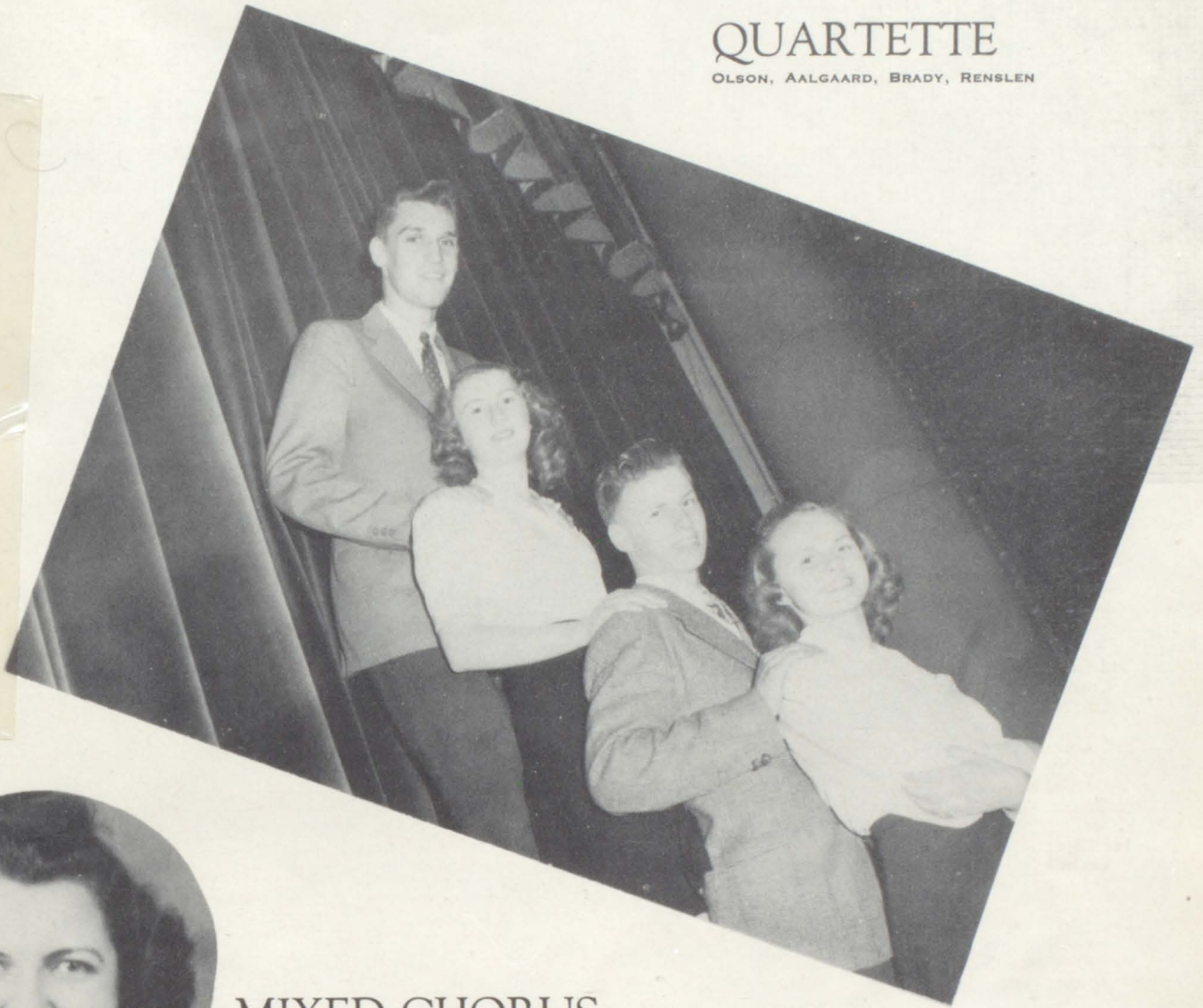
Drums

Clay Brady
Oliver Olson
Betty Jean Renslen
Mavis Rodal
Harold Finstad
Elaine Lunos



QUARTETTE

OLSON, AALGAARD, BRADY, RENSLEN



MISS BETTY RICHARDS

MIXED CHORUS

BACK ROW: H. HAGEN, W. MEGRUND, D. MUNTER, H. THOMPSON, EIA, GULLINGSRUD, H. MEGRUND, JOHNSON.

THIRD ROW: B. KUNKLE, MUNTER, J. WEGGE, R. ORVICK, JOBE, GRAMLING, KELLER, S. WEGGE, PETERSON, E. SONDROL, E. LUNOS, A. SMITH, J. HAUGSTAD.

SECOND ROW: S. HAGEN, BERG, SHARPE, ESTENSON, BRINK, ANDRINGA, KOPPANG, AALGAARD.

FRONT ROW: C. OLSON, MUNTER, M. BRADY, I. HANSON, LIEKNES, RODAL, M. HANSON, BJORGE, MISS RICHARDS, B. BRADY, GILBERTSON, RARICK, RENSLEN, BAKER.



CLASS OF 1944

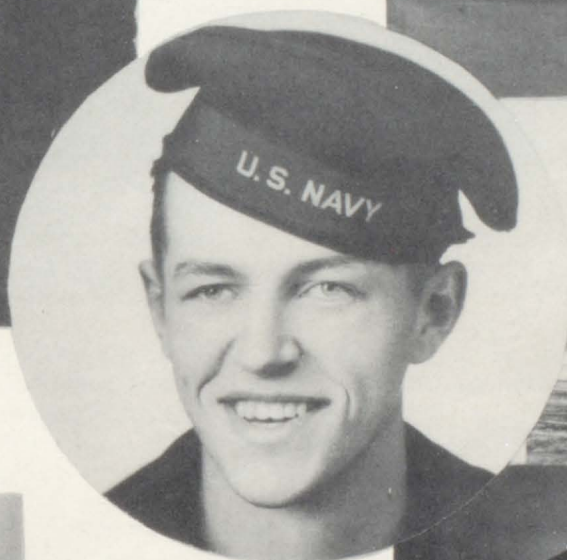
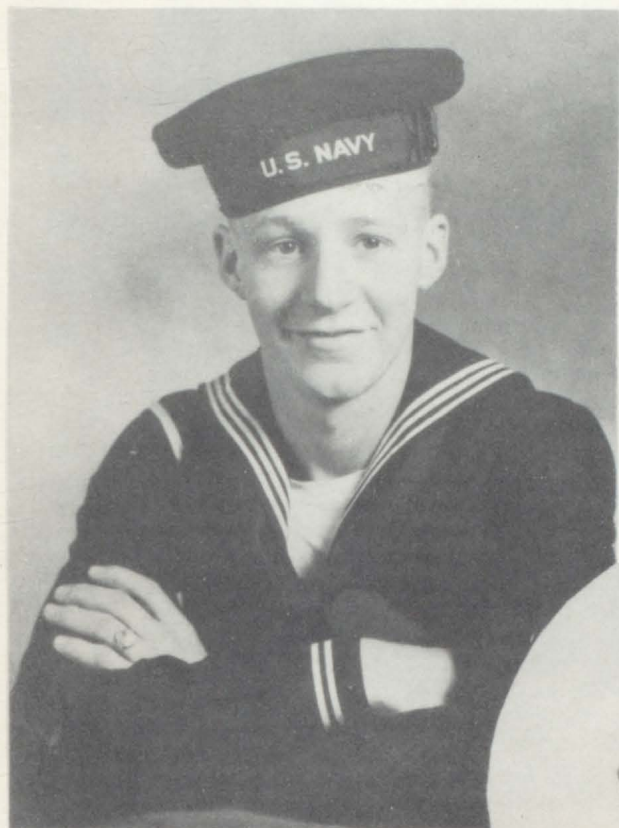


TRONNES, AUMUNDSON, GULLINGSRUD, DEBOER, BERG, VRAA, HANSON,
MITSVEN, M. BURD, HETLAND, M. AKER, D. AKER, GROSFIELD, SMITH, NYGAARD,
EIDSMOE, W. BURD, RUTKOWSKI, HESTAD, GLASERUD, BRAMSETH, RARRICK, RODAL, WOLLIN.

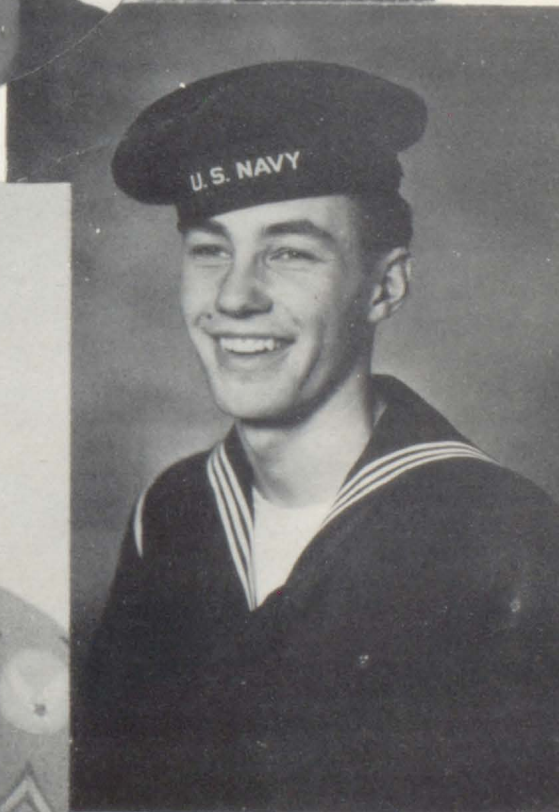
The friendly class who left us last year have already found a place in that "world" our teachers try to prepare us for.

BILL BURD, LLOYD WOLLIN, "PUGGY" GLASERUD and "TIN CAN" AUMUNDSON have all traded their baggy pants for Navy uniforms. ORRIN EIDSMOE is training for the Paratroops. LOWELL RODAL is in the Army Air Corps. ORRIN HANSON has just entered the service. ELOISE RUTOWSKI is learning even more than she knew at Moorhead Teachers'. CLARA HESTAD is studying at the same city at Concordia College. MADELINE RARICK and TERRY TRONNES are attending business college in Fargo. OPAL BRAMSETH, MARGARET AKER, and GLO ARDELL GROSFIELD are still working at home. CLARINE HETLAND is learning to take temperatures at St. Luke's Hospital, Duluth, Minnesota. DORIS AKER is selling Woolworth's Miscellany in Great Falls, Montana. LAWRENCE BERG, BILLY DEBOER and ARTHUR VRAA are home front soldiers on the farm. VERNON GULLINGSRUD is loading the potatoes that he picked last fall at a local warehouse. DAGMAR SMITH and GRACE MITSVEN are in domestic service in Fertile and Halstad respectively. AVIS NYGAARD is doing house work too, but because she is married. And shhhh! Don't tell anybody — but MARY BURD is working in the Secret Service in Virginia.

Here are the graduates in uniform who have visited us.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, TOP, DELMER GLAS-
RUD, LLOYD WOLLIN; MIDDLE, LEROY
AMUNDSON, WALTER HOLM; BOTTOM, DON
MCWILLIAMS, LOWELL RODAL, WILLIAM
BURD.





OLIVER OLSON, Editor



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L I B R A R I A N S

OLSON, SHARPE,
JEAN AND JOYCE
MCWILLIAMS,
ORVICK



"No man can serve two masters" would be a good slogan for the harried student librarians, who would like to please both the teachers who want the library quiet and the students who want to study together. In addition to their library duties one period each day, they have organized a club, and as such have donated to the library a subscription to Coronet Magazine (See it on the picture?).



**Our
Library**



We caught them during practice of the junior play to be given after Easter. The senior play will be given in May.

CAST

Ma Smith.....Jean McWilliams
Pa Smith.....Vernon Helgeland
Tony.....Dennis Gullingsrud
Betty.....Delores Hauge
Buddie.....Willard Carlson
Aunt Bella....Dorothy Gramling
Sally.....Elaine Lunos
BarbaraJoyce Sharpe
Prof. Slattery..Norman Vigness
Dick.....Norris Aumundson
Stewart.....Helmer Dale
Julie.....Ina Mae Wollertson

IT WON'T HURT

WILLIE: I'LL GET YOU IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!

"The Crazy Smith Family"



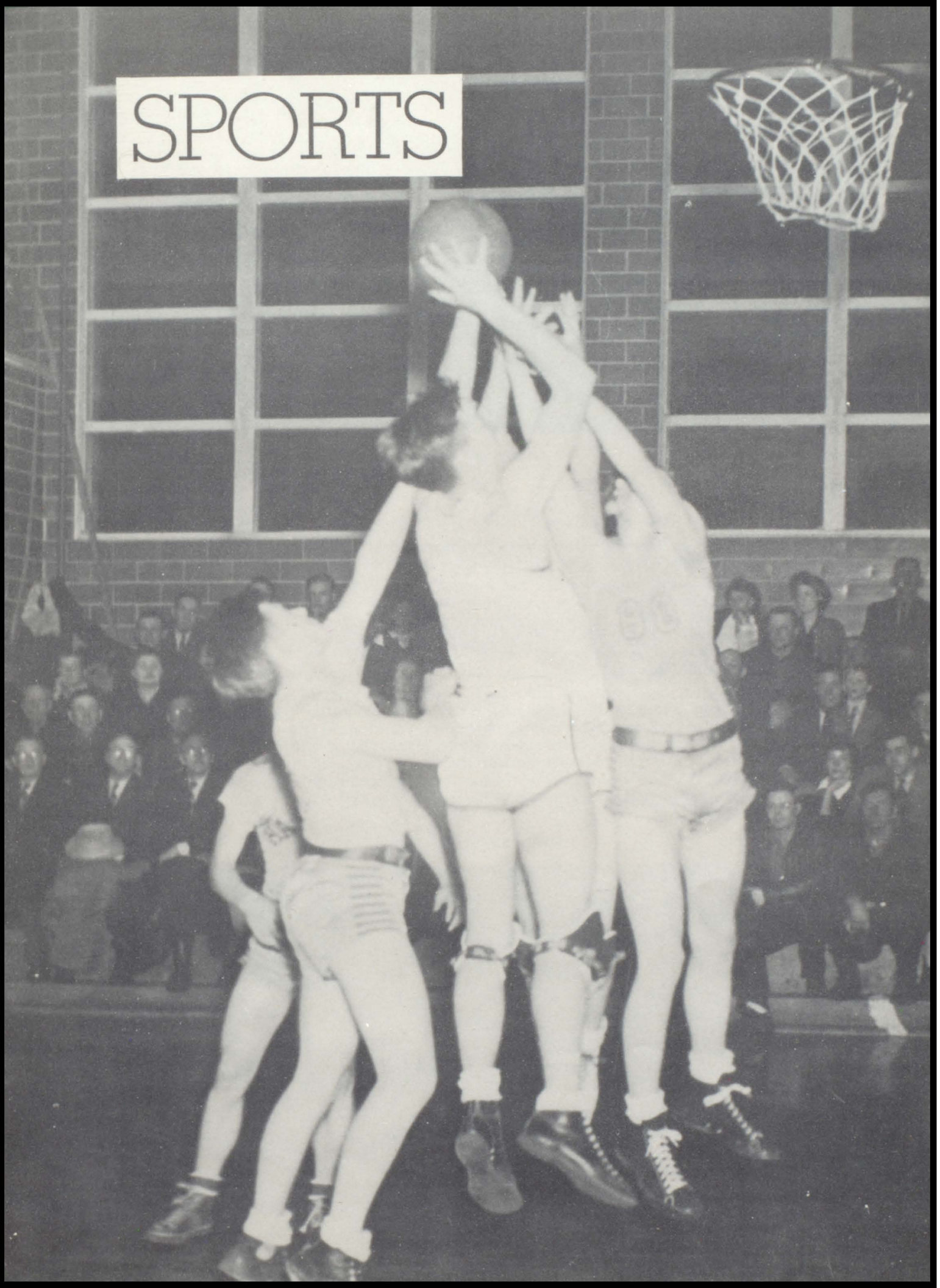
The leads
Joyce Sharpe
as
Barbara Wetherly



Dennis Gullingsrud
as
Tony Smith

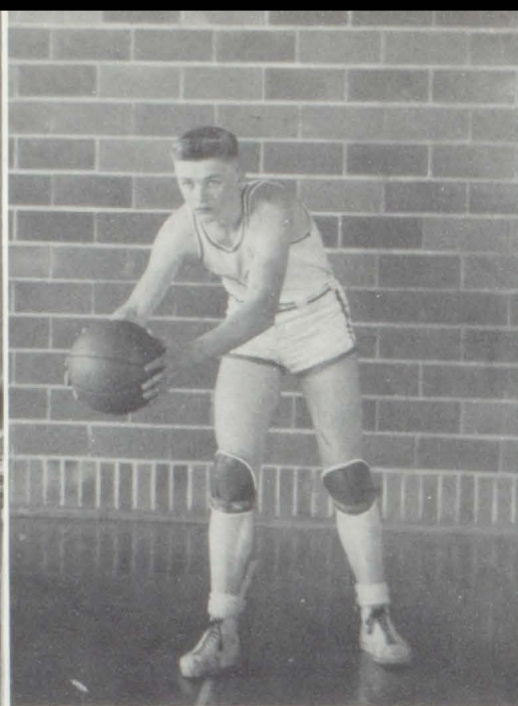


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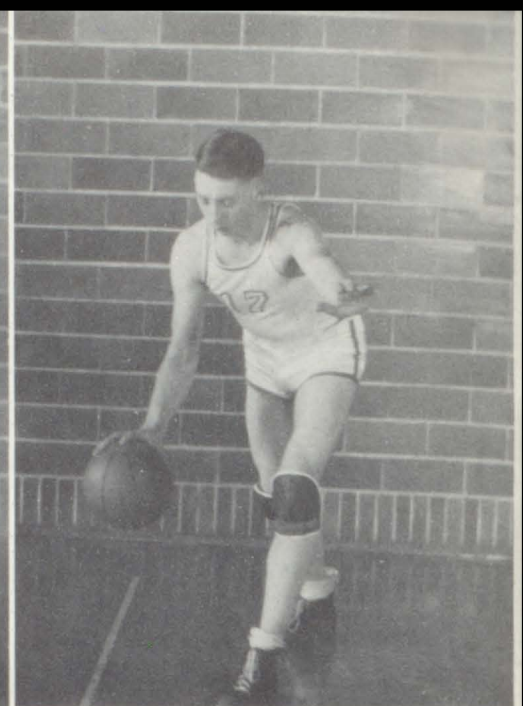




COACH MILLER



DENNIS GULLINGSRUD



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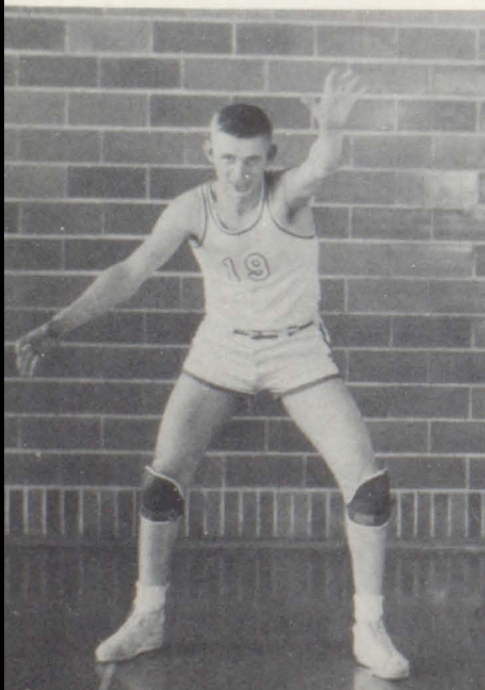
BASKETBALL

The Vikings wound up the season with a record of ten wins and eight losses. They scored 524 points against their opponents' 467.

Opening with an impressive victory over the Hillsboro Burros 44-9, they lost the next game to the powerful Green Wave from East Grand Forks 34-18, but made up for it by defeating the Crookston Pirates 29-25. We lost the next game to Fisher 35-30. Playing with a depleted team the Climax cagers lost to the Crookston Aggies 44-29. The following night the Vikings beat the Warren Ponies 32-26. In the final pre-Christmas game Red Lake Falls won 22-21.

After the holidays the Vikings defeated the Hendrum five 36-32. The Crookston Pirates proved invincible on their home court winning 29-20, and East Side proved they deserved top rank in the district as they won 39-21. Climax was ahead at halftime but they could not stop them in the third quarter. Halstad was defeated by a comfortable margin 36-27. Climax scored eleven points in the last three minutes as they downed Warren for the second

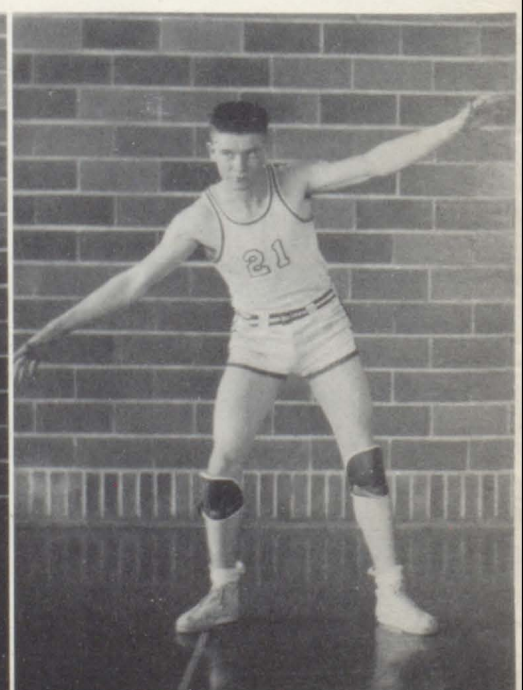
ROBERT JOHNSON

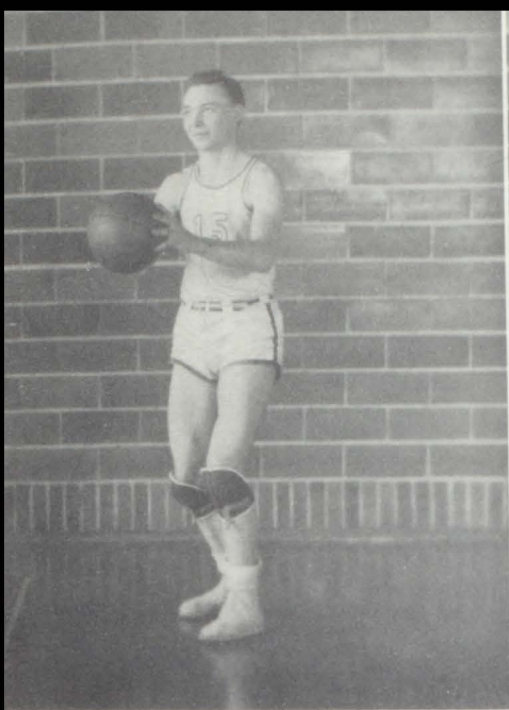


CLAY BRADY

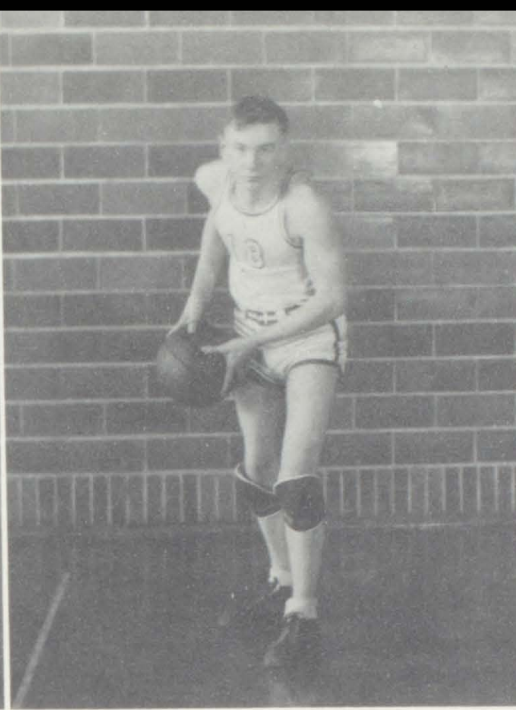


GLENN GRAMSTAD





HARLOW THOMPSON



WESLEY MEGRUND



HARRIS MEGRUND (MANAGER)

time 27-24. In a series of games at the Northwest School the Vikings wolved Fisher 25-11, but went down at the hands of the Aggies the following night 17-14. They wound up their season with three decisive victories — over Halstad, 29-20, Hendrum 42-22 and Hillsboro 38-22.

Climax defeated Warren 47-23 but was unable to beat Fisher in a heart-breaking game in the sub-district tournament; the Vikings outscored the Flyers 12-7 the final quarter but were unable to overtake the Fisher lead.

Climax partisans were deliriously happy when the team beat Crookston 24-20 in the first night of the district tournament. They held the Pirates to only two points in the second half. In the semi-finals Thief River defeated Climax 41-35 and in the consolation game Fisher defeated the Vikings 32-30 in the last of their long series (five games!), socring the winning basket in the last 5 seconds.

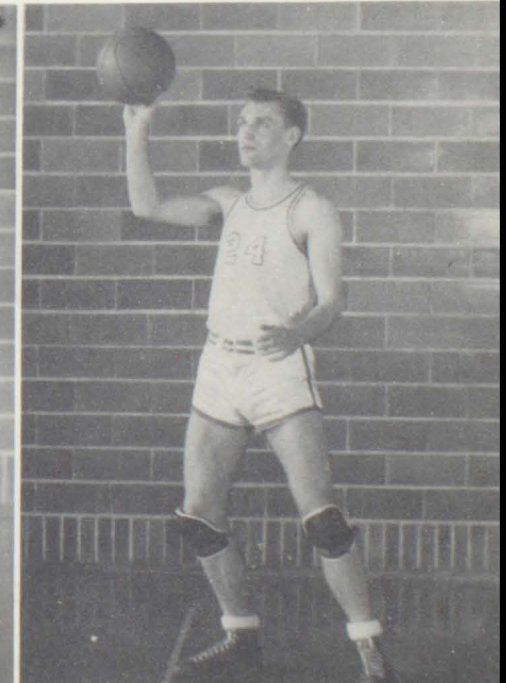
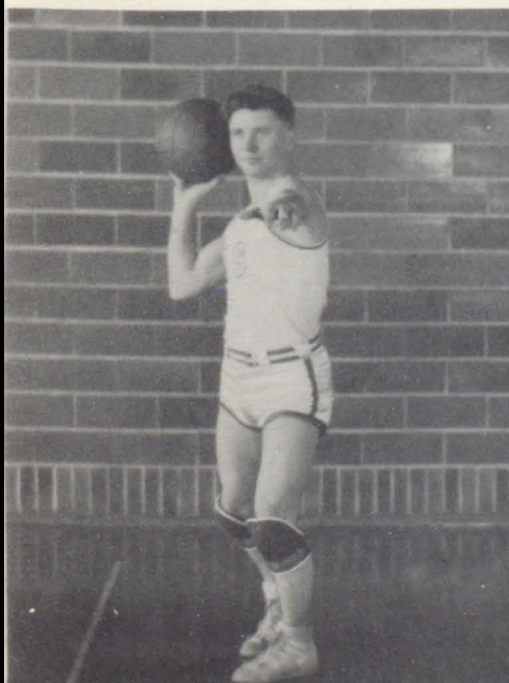
—Harlow Thompson



LYLE GROVE

CAPTAIN HILDING HAGEN

OLIVER OLSON



Sophomores

BACK ROW:
BERG
VETTERN
PETERSON
OLSON
ORVICK
B. BRADY
M. BRADY
FRONT ROW:
WAALE
RODAL
HAUGSTAD
KUNKLE
NELSON
TENDLEND



Girls' Intramural Basketball

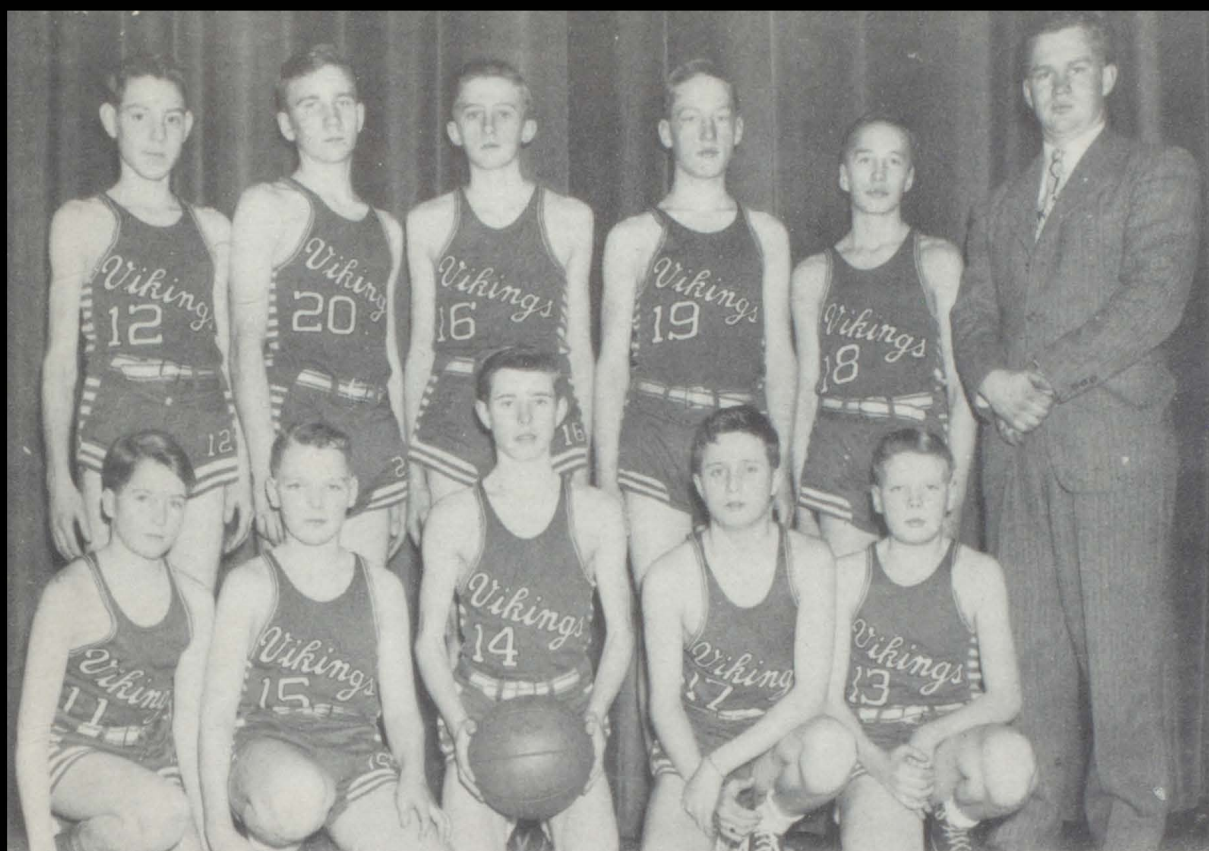
To judge by the squeals and giggles, the girls had just as much fun playing as the spectators had watching the preliminary games they played.

The girls had a tournament of their own and played the junior and senior teams, but the determined freshmen won.



Freshmen

BACK ROW:
HANSON
BRINK
AUKLAND
OLSON
AUKLAND
FRONT ROW:
LIEKNES
BAKER
HAGEN
WOLLERTSON
SANDBECK



BACK ROW:
JEVNING
MEGRUND
AKER
BJORNSTED
COACH VRAA
FRONT ROW:
SWENSON
OLSON
BROKKE
AKER
GUNDERSON

Bee Team

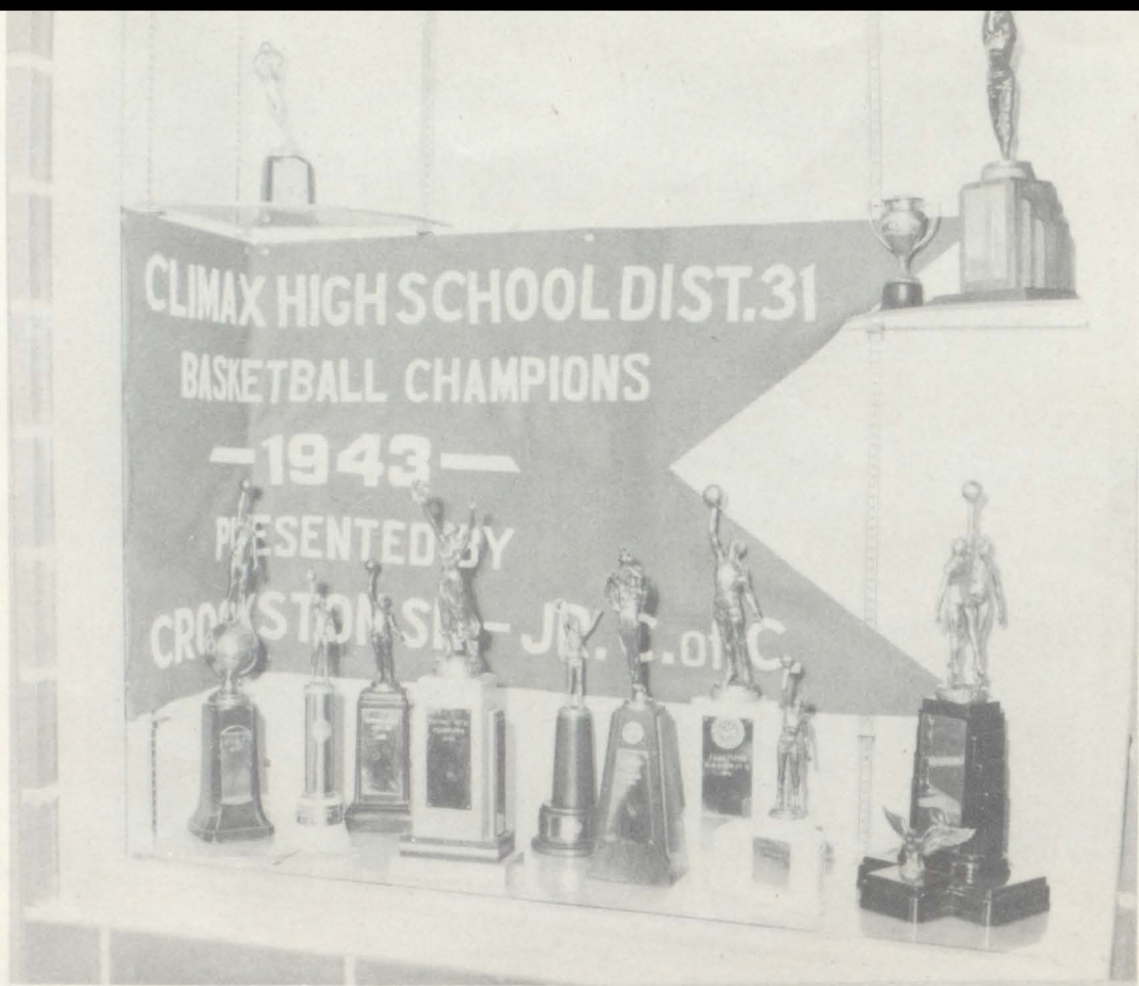
With the enthusiastic coaching of Art Vraa, one of last year's starting guards, the Bees having played five scheduled games, with Fisher, Halstad, Northwest Aggies and the Greater Grand Forks second team.

The Lettermen's Club

The members of the C club have just returned with smiles and empty pocket-books from the State High School League Tournaments. The trip is the climax of a year's activity, most of which was raising money. They sold Viking insignia, basketball schedules and played a benefit game with Fisher, winning 29 to 24.



FRONT ROW:
OLSON
HAGEN
GULLINGSRUD
BRADY
BACK ROW:
MEGRUND
THOMPSON





THEY CHEERED . . .



APPRENTICES LORRAINE BRINK,
LEATRICE HAUGSTAD, MAVIS
RODAL

. . . AT EVERY GAME BUT ONE (WARREN—65 MILES AWAY)

CHEERLEADERS

BELOW: KATHLEEN BJORGE, CHESTER MAURITSON, RUTH AALGAARD



WARTIME AT CHS

"Ouch! my back!" was the battle cry which echoed throughout the surrounding community last fall as an army of students from Climax High marched into the potato fields to harvest large crops.

School work delayed while the students were working as harvest hands. Mr. Miller hasn't recovered yet from the writer's cramp acquired writing out all the make-up slips.

During the season we picked 79,196 bushels, which, at an average rate of 10¢ per bushel, earned us \$7,919.60. There appeared at once scores of new sweaters and watches and coats. But all our money was not spent for luxuries. We have earned the right to fly the coveted "Schools at War" flag which is presented to schools in which 90% of the students have purchased War Bonds.

BOB JOHNSON: NEILSVILLE'S GIFT TO THE NAVY



KATHLEEN AND GERALDINE PETERSON TOGETHER OWN \$10,000 IN WAR BONDS



RUTH AND GLORIA PICKED THEIR SHARE





DOUBLE FEATURE

Seven sets of twins is quite a bit for one school, isn't it? In the group picture below, starting at the top, you can find the Thompsons, the big Thorsons, the Bradys, the McWilliamses, the little Thorsons, the Olsens, and the Gundersons. (Don't ask us which is which, because we can't tell them apart, either.) At the left we caught Jean and Joyce McWilliams, who are secretaries to the principal. At lower left we see Janice and Janet Gunderson, who every morning get special overshoe service from Janitor Carl (no relation) Gunderson; and at center are the Olsen twins who are the best bike riders in town.



Home Economics Department



PATRONS

SHELLY

Shelly Farmers Co-op. Creamery Ass'n — Makers of Land O'Lakes Sweet Cream Butter.

Brady Mercantile — Quality Merchandise.

Shelly Meat Market — If you want it we have it.

Peterson Biddick Co. — H. J. Oien, Mgr.

Hanson Hardware — Best Quality Merchandise.

Carl's Place — The place to meet your friends.

J. A. Estenson — You have tried the rest; now try the best.

Malme Hardware and Implement Co. — For standard merchandise, visit us.

ELDRED

St. Anthony Elevator Co. — Top prices for your grain.

Farmers Elevator — Market your grain at the Farmers Elevator.

Brink Oil Company — More miles per gallon.

Mykelby Cafe — A square deal and a square meal.

Fredrikson's Grocery — We solve your eating problems.

CROOKSTON

Samuel's Studio — The official VIKING studio.

Wallace Drug Co. — Largest drugstore in Northwest Minnesota.

Crookston Drug — Kindest greetings to a fine graduating class.

New York Store — Join the well dressed parade.

NIELSVILLE

Orvick's Cafe — Drop in for coffee.

Recreation Parlor — Join your friends at "Eddie's".

Sparrow's Cafe — Ready to please you.

P. J. Kunkle — Auto service and fine repair.

Swanson's Service Station — Mobilgas products.

Palmer Sharpe — Acetylene Welding.

CLIMAX

E. K. Bakke — Buy War Bonds and Stamps at your local post office.

Alfred Wollertson — Top prices for your cream.

The Corner — Where good friends meet and eat.

Sis's — For refreshments.

Gunder Bjaaland — General Blacksmithing and Welding.

Climax Grain Co-operative — Fair service for all.

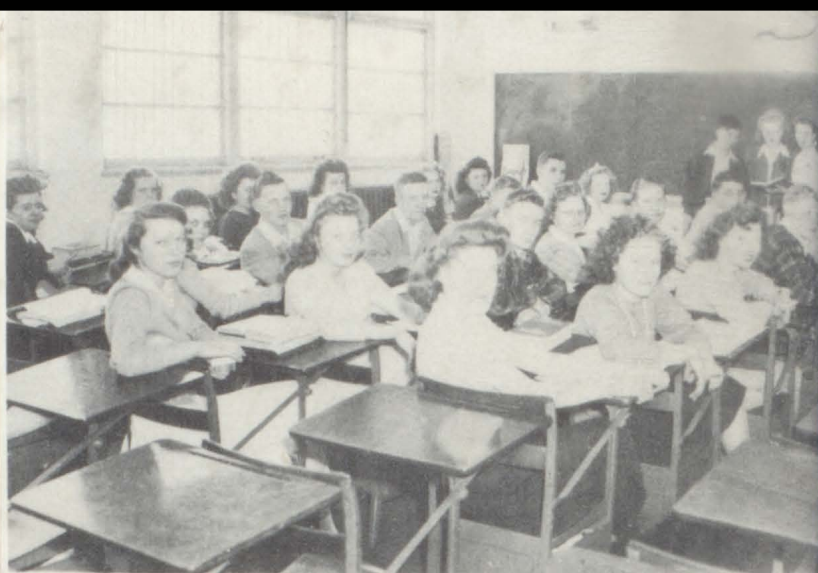
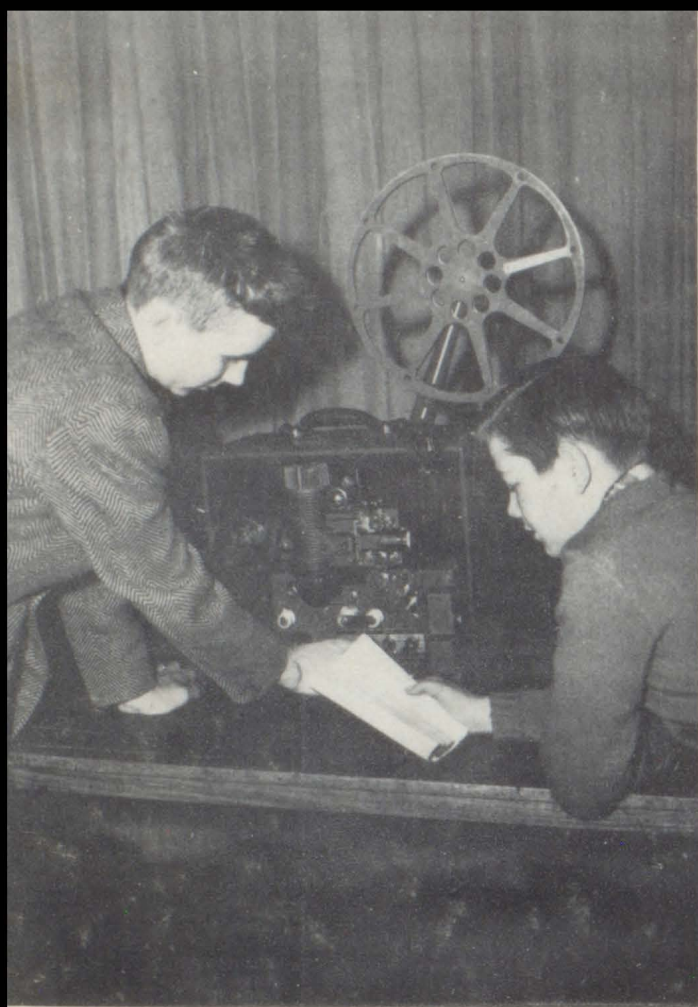
Farmers Union Oil Co. — Buy and sell the Co-op. way.

Ireland's Lumber Yard — Buy and Save.

Dewey Johnson — Everything for the table.

J. A. Estenson — Your OUR FAMILY Store.





WALLY WATCHES HARRIS FIX THE MACHINE FOR OUR WEEKLY MOVIES TOP: SENIOR ASSEMBLY. BOTTOM: JUNIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY

By the time you read this page, you have seen the 1945 VIKING in its brand-new dress. I hope you like all of the many changes that we have effected. This is, by the way, the first Climax yearbook since 1942. We have worked on the assumption that you would rather look at pictures than read articles, and we have unblushingly used ideas from the collection of school annuals we keep in the lower right-hand drawer of our big desk.

Our thanks to Charles "Bun" Odden of Holt's for his patient advice and instruction; to Irving Bank of Samuel's Studio for most of our photography; to J. P. Normann of Crookston for the shots of the basketball games; to Cooper's, Scherling's, Aalgaard's, Voss, and Samuel's Studios for the Junior and Senior pictures; to Mr. Harry Imai of the Dacotah Photo-Engraving Company for our cover design; to Arthur Vraa for letting us use his copy of the 1944 graduation picture; and to all those who brought us pictures.

Bouquets to capable Margaret Hanson, associate editor; to Hawley Eia and Lawrence Aker for their work on the Servicemen List; to sports writer Harlow Thompson; to Kathleen Borge, Betty Renslen, Lois Estenson, and Jean Wegge for their untiring efforts, night after night; to all the rest of the staff, and to the whole Senior Class.

Much thanks also to Miss Richards and Mr. Olsen for letting us use our own ideas, odd as they seemed.

Before you shut the book, turn back to page 47 and read the list of our patrons. These are the men who are always willing to reach down into their own pockets to cover the deficit for any number of activities at the high school.

We have all worked hard since last October—during study periods, classes (don't tell) and any time we could find between basketball games—so we are happy to be finished. It has been a lot of fun, though, hasn't it? Remember how we nearly knocked you over the head to make you buy a copy? Remember how we got out of classes when the photographer came? And do you recall how mean we were not to let you see the pictures?

Well, it's all over, now, and I am all set to pull down the top of the desk and shut up our big, sunny office.

So long. Tomorrow I join the Navy.

— Oliver Olson.



