

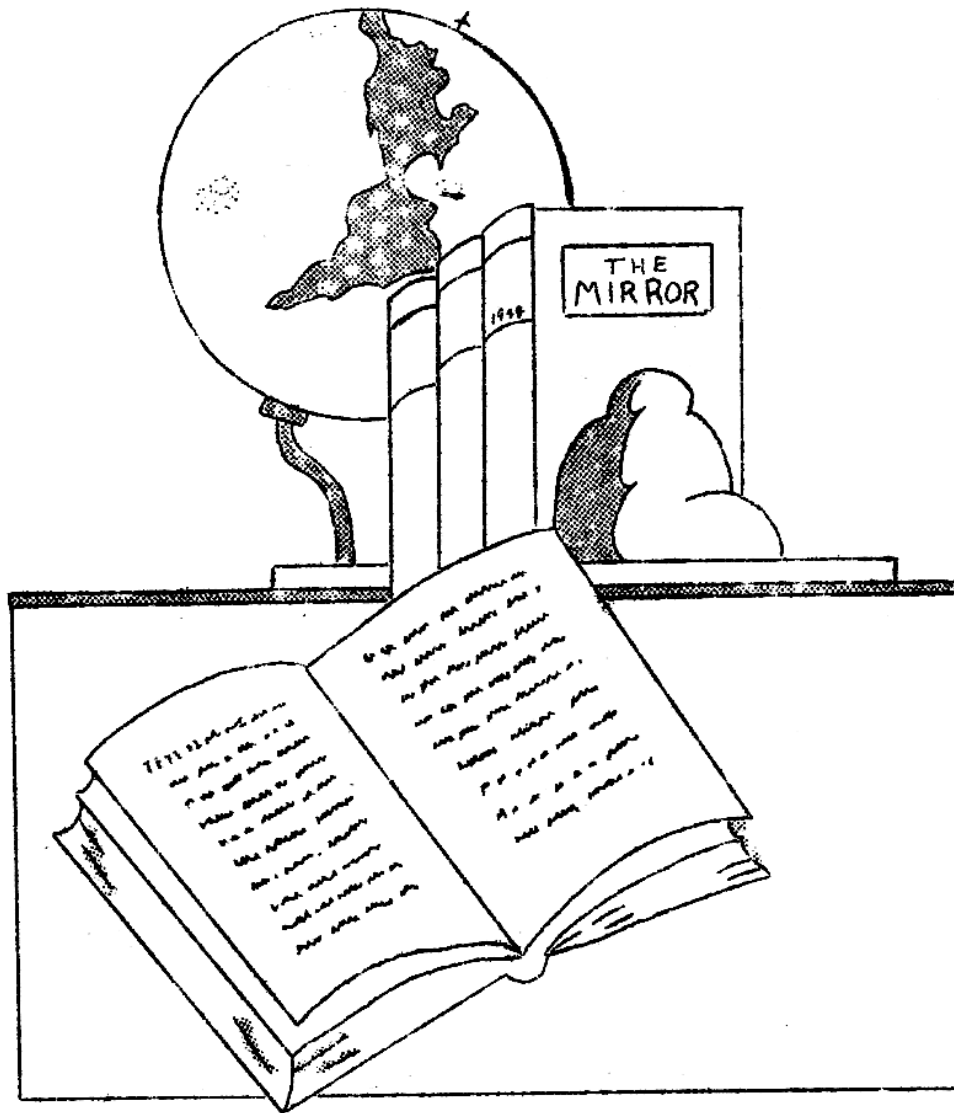
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NHS Class of 1954**



THE MIRROR

NICHOLS SCHOOL SONGS

HATS OFF TO N.H.S.

Nichols High School, hats off to thee;
To your colors true we shall ever be;
Firm and strong united are we
Rah! Rah! Rah! for N.H.S.
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! for marroon and white.

WE'RE LOYAL TO YOU NICHOLS HIGH

We're loyal to you Nichols High;
We're cheering for you Nichols High;
We'll back you to stand 'gainst the best
in the land
For we know you can fight Nichols High,
Rah! Rah!
We're loyal to you Nichols High:
We're proud of the name Nichols High;
Our team is our fame protector;
On boys for we expect a victory from you
Nichols High.

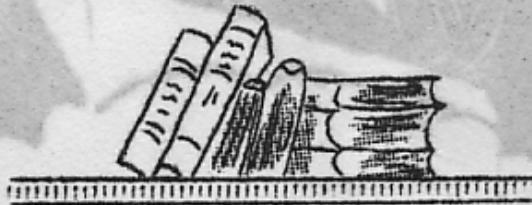
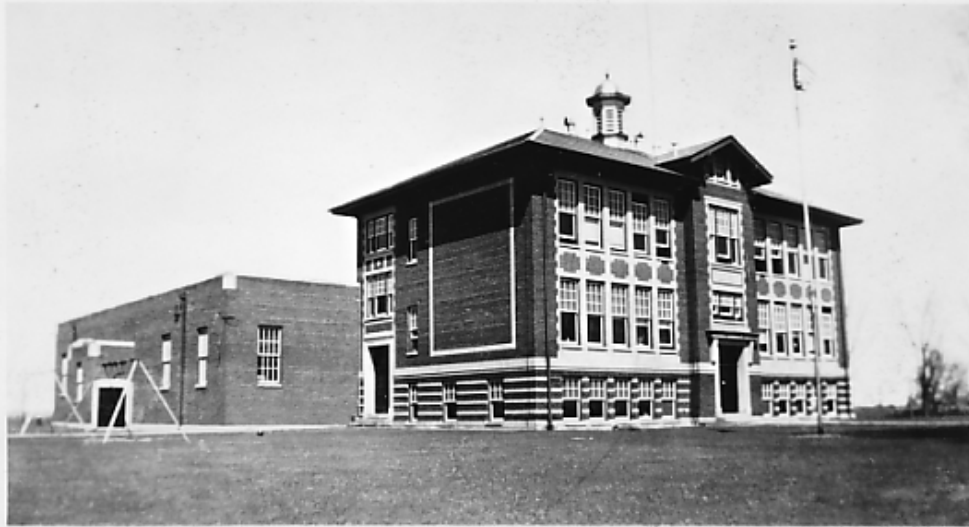


THE FORWARD

The time has come for us seniors to say farewell to the haunts of our high school days. It is with a touch of "sweet sadness" that we do so.

With the publication of this first N. H. S. annual, The 1944 Mirror, we hope to preserve some of the pleasant memories of our senior year of high school.

N.S.S.



THE BOARD OF
NICHOLS SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Walter F. Elder, Pres. W. R. Schmitt, Sec'y

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THE DEDICATION

We, the Mirror Staff of 1944, dedicate this book to Miss Mayme Foley. Her guiding hand will be long remembered by each student that she has taught. Her advice has often been sought and often helped its seekers during her thirty-four years of service to the Nichols community.

We hope that this book, The Mirror, will be a memorial to her years of faithful service.

ALUMNI SERVICE-ROLL

1922
Drew Mac Dougall-----Navy

1927
Elmer Norris-----Army

1928
Edward Wieskamp-----Army

1929
Raymond Bekker-----Army
Bernard Wieskamp-----Navy

1930
Archie Hillyer-----Navy

1931
Charles Fox-----Navy

1932
Lawerance Foley-----Navy
James Elder-----Army
Waldo Elder-----Navy

1933
Robert Poole-----Army
Ward James-----Army

1934
Lester Hillyer-----Army
Edwin Nash-----Army
Ralph Schmitt-----Navy

1935
Irvin Pike-----Navy
Carl Poole-----Army
Ben Swickard-----Navy

1936
Lloyd Hahn-----Army
John Loeb-----Army
Lester Pike-----Navy

1937
Ralph Neff-----Army

Marion Barnhart-----Army
Lawerance Harder-----Army
Jean Elder-----Navy
Virgil Vetter-----Navy
Louis Milder-----Army

1938
Loren Brown-----Army
Max Hanft-----Navy
L. B. Smith-----Army
Leo Hollenbeck-----Army
Charles Elder-----Navy

1939
Doris Meyers-----Army
La Vaughn Richter-----Army
Robert Hillyer-----Marines

1940
Clarence Wilkerson-----Army
Robert Borgstadt-----Navy
Donald Heizer-----Army
Almon Hillyer-----Army
Junior Stephens-----Navy

1941
Max Oostendorp-----Navy
Donald Meyers-----Marines
Donald Carter-----Navy
Robert Yedlik-----Marines
Clifford Braun-----Marines

1942
Alan Coon-----Navy
Earl Woolever-----Army
Elmer Harder-----Marines
Lee Cadogan-----Navy
Robert Ireland-----Army

1943
Richard Salemink-----Army

1944
John Crawford-----Navy



Left to right: Mrs. Tatge; Mrs. Kirchner;
Miss Wieskamp; Supt. Hedemann; Mrs. Place;
Miss Foley and Miss Elliott.

FACULTY

R. F. Hedemann, Supt.

B. A. Iowa State Teachers

M. A. University of Iowa

Experience in rural schools

Alpha Consolidated schools

Elgin High School

Nichols High School--4 years

Algebra I and II, Machines,
and Electricity

Mrs. Helen Tatge

I.S.C. at Ames

Pike #2

Atalissa

Conesville

Letts

Nichols--1 year

Junior High Room

Mrs. Callie L. Place, Prin.

B. A. John Fletcher College

M. A. Iowa University

Dexter High School, Prin.

Earlham High School

Douds High School, Prin.

Unionville High School, Prin.

and Supt.

Nichols High School--1 year

English, Speech, Government,
and Biology

Miss Mayne Foley

Cedar Falls

Iowa University

Nichols--34 years

Intermediate Room

Miss Alberta Wieskamp

Ottumwa Heights Jr. College

Iowa State Teachers College

Poole

Athens

Nichols--1 year

Primary Room and Grade Music

Miss Marjorie L. Elliott

B. A. Parsons College

Sharon High School

Nichols High School--2 years

Commercial courses, History,
and Sociology

Mrs. Edna Kirchner

B. A. Penn College

Somers High School

Nichols High School--3 years

Glee Club and Band (1944)



MR. HAZEN
OUR JANITOR

A janitor deserving of praise
Is Clevie of Nichols School;
There is so much work to do
He has no time to fool!

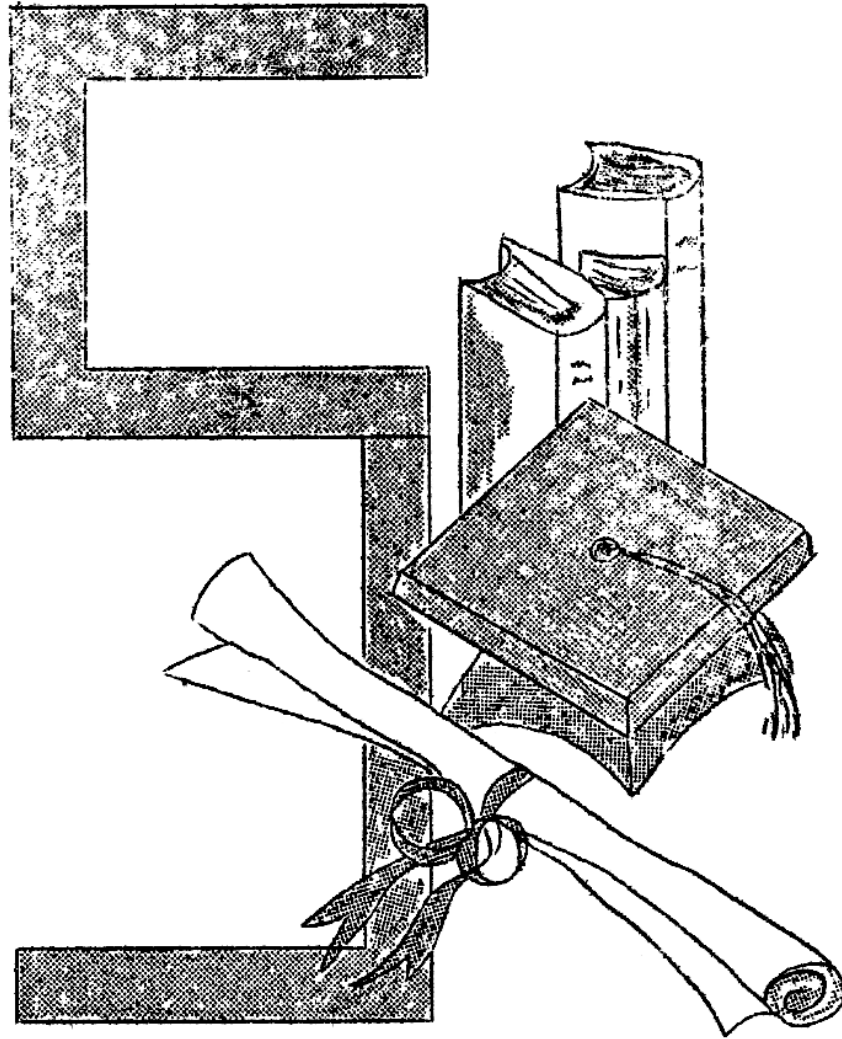
He's up by five in the morning,
And over to school long before eight;
And all our troubles to him we take--
He's one to appreciate!

If your dinner cannot be found,
Or if the clock is running slow--
One always goes to "Clevie"
For remedies he'll surely know!

He has so much to put up with,
So you should treat him nice;
Even when the school-house feels
Like a mountain covered with ice!

Since the amount of coal is limited,
The radiators are short on heat;
But as a first-class janitor,
Clevie just can't be beat!

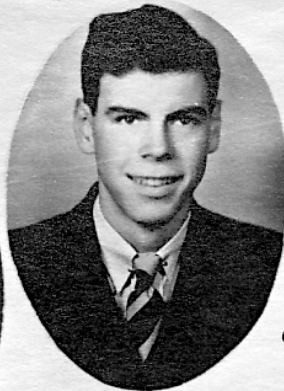
--G. Barber



PRESENTING SENIORS OF '44



CLARICE MILLER.



FLOYD L. PARK, SEC & TREAS.



GLORIA BARBER, V. PRES.



WILLARD ELDER, PRES.



GRACE MILLYER.



NIGEL ABBOTT.

Nichols High School
Nichols
Class
Iowa
of 1944
Barch Studio



R. F. HEDEMANN, SUPT.



WILLIAM G. HOLLENBECK.



MARY JANE PORTER.



ODETTA CARTER.



SHEILA FRIDLEY.



BETTY IRELAND.



MARY KAALBERG.



BETTY POOLE.



ALICE WOOLEVER.

MEET THE SENIORS

NIGEL ABBOTT--"Doc"

Born in Conesville, February 25, 1927. He lived there for 14 years and then came to Nichols during the mid-term of the eighth grade.

Nicholite Staff--2 years.

Printer, Circulation manager,

Plays--"Ready Made Family"

"The Poor Fish"

Basketball--2 years--guard.

Baseball

Band--4 years

Trombone and Bass

Part-time vocational experience at Clark's Garage.

Ambition--Army Air Corps Pilot.

Member of the Alpha Society.

GLORIA JEAN BARBER--"Beany"

Born in Hardy, Iowa, April 25, 1927. She started to school in Wilton but soon left there to attend school at West Liberty for seven years. She came to Nichols as an eighth grader and has completed her education in N.H.S.

Glee Club--2 years--soprano.

Nicholite Staff--3 years.

Town News and Freshman News.

Plays--"Ready Made Family"

"The Poor Fish"

Declam--2 years.

Class Officer--Vice-president of the senior class.

Served on the Junior Red Cross of the Victory Corps.

Basketball--4 years.

Mirror Staff--Feature Writer.

Part-time vocational experience at Shafer's store.

Ambition--Journalist.

Member of the Spartan Society.

ODETTA MARGUERITE CARTER--"Det"

Born about two and one-half miles east of Nichols, Iowa on December 11, 1927. She attended Penn Avenue Grade School, West Liberty, Iowa, Adams rural school and has finished High School in Nichols.

Basketball--4 years--guard and forward.
Glee Club--1 year--soprano.
Nicholite Staff--2 years.
Features, typist and news.
Plays--"Comin' Round the Mountain"
"Ready Made Family"
"Leave It To Joe"
"The Poor Fish"
Declam--1 year.
Ambition--To go to Business College.
Member of the Spartan Society.

JOHN ALLAN CRAWFORD--"Johnny"

Born in Fairfield, Iowa on June 7, 1925.
Attended school in Fairfield; then came to live near
Nichols where he attended country school for four
years. He entered Nichols High with the present
class.

Member of the Spartan Society
Plays--"Ready Made Family"
Ambition--To be a Yeoman in the U.S. Navy.
We think he may be very near to reaching this
goal for he is advancing in that very line.

WILLARD DUANE ELDER--"Willy"

Born in Nichols, Iowa, January 27, 1927. He
has lived here all his life. He has attended Nichols
school for all 12 years.

Basketball--4 years--forward and guard.
Band--6 years--trombone.
Glee Club--1 year--Tenor.
Class Officer--Vice-president----President
Freshman year Senior year.
Sophomore year
Junior year

Student Council Representative--Junior year.

Baseball--4 years.

Plays--"Life With Willy"
"Fixers, Inc."
"Ready Made Family"
"The Poor Fish"

Nicholite Staff--3 years.

Sports and Junior-Senior News.

Mirror Staff--Sports Editor.

Ambition--Officer in the Navy Air corps.

Member of the Alpha Society.

SHEILA JOANN FRIDLEY--"Shy or Link"

Born near Keswick, Iowa on May 16, 1926. She attended country schools and Muscatine school for five years. She entered Nichols as a fifth grader.
Basketball--4 years--guard and forward.
Band--4 years--Snare Drum.
Glee Club--2 years--Soprano.
Class Officer--Secretary for the sophomore year.
Nicholite Staff--3 years.
News, cartoonist, features; associate editor, senior year.
Declam--1 year.
Plays--"Ready Made Family"
"The Poor Fish"
Student Council
President, senior year
Cheer Leader---4 years
Correspondence Chaiman of Victory Corps.
Mirror Staff--Co-editor
Ambition--Attend Business College.
Member of the Spartan Society.

GRACE MAE HILLYER--"Gracie"

Born in Nichols, April 29, 1927. She attended here all 12 years of her school.
Basketball--1 year--forward
Glee Club--2 years--soprano.
Nicholite Staff--Assistant Circulation Manager
Mirror Staff--Make up editor.
Plays--"The Poor Fish"
Ambition--To be a nurse.
Member of the Spartan Society.

WILLIAM GRANT HOLLENBECK--"Red"

Born south of Nichols, June 23, 1926. He attended country school through eighth grade, entering Nichols as a freshman.
Band--4 years--Trumpet.
Basketball--4 years--guard.
Nicholite Staff--2 years
Printer
Plays--"Life With Willy"
"The Poor Fish"
"Ready Made Family"
"Fixers, Inc."
Baseball--4 years.
Student Council Representative--Sophomore year.
Ambition--Army Air Corps Bombadier.
Member of the Alpha Society.

ELIZABETH JANE IRELAND--"Bets"

Born in Marshalltown, Iowa, on February 9, 1927. She started to school in Farmington, Iowa; moved to Oakville in her 6th year. She came to Nichols in her second year of high school.

Band--4 years--Trombone and Drums.

Basketball--3 years--guard.

Nicholite Staff--2 years.

High School News Reporter and Typist.

Plays--"Hurray for Love"

"Ready Made Family"

"The Poor Fish"

Declam--1 year.

Class Officer--Sec-Treas., junior year.

Glee Club--2 years--accompanist.

Part time vocational experience at Shafer's Store.

Ambition--College education.

Member of the Spartan Society.

MARY GENEVIEVE KAALBERG--"Pete"

Born in Wapsie Township, about 4 miles northwest of Nichols on December 14, 1925. She attended Athens country school four years and Wild Rose school four years. She entered Nichols high as a freshman.

Basketball--4 years--guard; manager during her senior year.

Nicholite Staff--2 years.

Girls' Sports, Circulation manager and Typist.

Mirror Staff--Editor.

Plays--"Comin' Round the Mountain"

"Fixers, Inc."

"The Poor Fish"

Student director for "Life With Willy" and "You're Only Young Twice"

Junior Red Cross.

Part time vocational experience at Stych's.

Ambition--To attend Business School.

Member of the Alpha Society.

CLARICE ELIZABETH MILLER--"C.C."

Born at Onslow, Iowa on August 7, 1927, She moved to Nichols while a small babe and had lived here ever since. She has attended school here all 12 years.

Band--3½ years--Clarinet.

Plays--"Belle and Bill"
"Life With Willie"
"The Poor Fish"
Nicholite Staff--1 year.
Assistant Circulation Manager and Typist.
Red Cross General Committee.
Mirror Staff--Make-up Editor.
Student Council Representative--Sec., senior
year.
Ambition--To be a stenographer.
Member of the Spartan Society.

FLOYD LEROY PARK--"Fuzzy"

Born northeast of Nichols, December 8, 1925.
He has lived there all his life. He attended Poole
School for eight years.
Basketball--1 year--guard.
Baseball--2 years.
Class Officer--Sec.-Treasurer, senior year.
Plays--"The Poor Fish"
Negro Skit
Nicholite Staff--3 years.
Scout Reporter, Freshman-Sophomore Reporter
Business Manager.
Ambition--Officer in the Navy Air Corps.
Member of the Spartan Society.

BETTY JEAN POOLE--"Poole"

Born in Nichols, September 2, 1925. She has
attended Nichols school for 12 years.
Glee Club--2 years--soprano.
Nicholite Staff--3 years.
Features, and editorials.
Plays--"Ready Made Family"
"The Poor Fish"
"Leave It To Joe"
Ambition--To be a designer, flyer and Mrs. Bob
Harbit.

MARY JANE PORTER--"Jane"

Born in Conesville, August 14, 1925. She at-
tended 8 years at Lacey school; entered Nichols as a
freshman.
Basketball--4 years--forw
Captain during the senior year.
Band--3 years--Clarinet.
Glee Club--1 year--soprano,

Nicholite Staff--4 years.

Features; editor in senior year.

Class Officer--President, sophomore year.

Plays--"Ready Made Family"

"The Poor Fish"

Part time vocational experience at Kirchner's Store.

Ambition--To join the WAVES.

Member of the Spartan Society.

ALICE ESTHER WOOLEVER--"Al"

Born in Williamson, Iowa, August 27, 1927. She moved to Des Moines in 1932 and attended seven years at West Des Moines and two years at Roosevelt High. She moved to Nichols in 1942 and entered school as a Sophomore.

Basketball--3 years--guard.

Band--3 years--French Horn.

Cheer Leader--1 year.

Glee Club--2 years--alto.

Nicholite Staff--3 years.

Features.

Mirror Staff--Senior Class Editor.

Declam--1 year

Plays--"Life With Willie"

"The Poor Fish"

"Leave It To Joe"

Student manager of "Ready Made Family"

Piano accompanist--3 years.

Part time vocational experience at Kirchner's Store.

Ambition--To graduate from S. U. I.

Member of the Spartan Society.

THE SENIOR OFFICERS

President-----Willy Elder
Vice-president-----Gloria Barber
Secretary-Treasurer-----Floyd Park
Class Sponsor-----Mr. Hedemann

THE CLASS COLORS

Blue and Silver

THE CLASS FLOWER

The White Rose

THE CLASS MOTTO

Backbone; not Wishbone.



THE VALEDICTORIAN

William Hollenbeck

THE SALUTATORIAN

Alice Woolever

CLASS HISTORY

Although it is said-never look back, but always ahead-I think this is one exception. My memory is rather rusty, but I can't keep my mind from wandering back over the years I have just spent in that long but happy journey. As I look out the window of the plane, I can see little things that remind me of incidents that happened during the journey. This plane has been traveling for twelve years and there are only four persons are still on it that have been on it all twelve years. Three girls and one boy--Clarice Miller, Betty Poole Gracie Hillyer, and Willy Elder.

The girls are all red-heads. Willy has done pretty good to keep up, with so much fire around him for twelve years---twelve years---it doesn't seem like it was that long ago. The longer I think about it, the more clearly it becomes. Let's see-----

It was down in those backward hills of Kentucky where everybody was so green. Never got around or knew nothin'. Boy! We were a green bunch of tomatoes. In 1940, 'bout long in September, a big silver and green airplane named BACKBONE NOT WISHBONE landed in a cow-pasture. There were fourteen people in it. The plane had been traveling for eight years. There were eight passengers on it that had been on it all eight years. They were, besides Betty, Gracie, Clarice, and Willy; Max Morgan, Jeanette Hillyer, Ramon Hummel, and Donald Polman.

On their way to Freshman Town they had stopped at the Primary Jct., Intermediate Valley, and Grammar City to pick up and let off various passengers, making six more on the BACKBONE; NOT WISHBONE when it finally reached Freshman Town; namely, Nigel Abbott, Odetta Carter, Douglas Stephens, Gloria Barber, Sheila Fridley, and Eula Mae TePoole--making a total of fourteen. When they stopped at Freshman Town, they were looking for more passengers. There were only nine of us who had nerve enough to go with them. We were a little leery about it, but knew we'd get alot of worth while experience out of the journey if we went, so we did. I can remember very clearly now--There was Lavon Bonebreak, John Crawford, Mary Ford, William Hollenbeck, Mary Kaalberg, Bill Osborne, Floyd Park, Mary J. Porter, and Donald Tevorte who got on. That made twenty-three of us. Doug Stephens was pilot for that year and Willy Elder Co-pilot. Red Hollenbeck kept the records of our stops and time table and Donald Polman took in the money paid by the passengers. The incident I remember most plainly about this year was the day we stopped off at Cedar Rapids--a city in Iowa. Gee--we had

fun. If you don't believe me, just ask Betty and Red, or Odet and Willy. That year too, was the fatal year, I regret to recall that we lost our dear friend and classmate Donald Polman by death. That year was the worst. It had the hardest bumps and experiences in it. The next stop we made was Sophomore Vale. Mary Ford had jumped out when we went over the town of Muscatine and Eula Mae TePoole dropped out when we hit Nebraska. However, two new passengers, Betty Ireland and Alice Woolever got on when we rode into Oakalvillington and Dessel Moinesville--respectively. Mary Jane Porter was the pilot this year with Willy Elder as co-pilot. Sheila Fridley kept the records and took in the dough. It was this year we had the most fun, although after being in the plane for one year, we thought we were pretty smart and knew how everything should run. The incident I remember the most plainly of this year was the Picnic we had down in the timber, and it was REALLY a picnic. If you don't believe me, just ask Mary Jane Porter and Harry or Miss Morgan.

The next year we lost four passengers, diminishing our load to eighteen. Lavon Bonebrake, Jeanette Hillyer and Ramon Hummel had grown tired of airplanes and decided to go their own way by horse-back. Donald TeVorte fell out when we reversed our trip back to Illinois. Doug Stephens had been such a good pilot two years before, the crew decided they wanted him again, and so it was. Willy Elder was still co-pilot and Betty Ireland kept records and grabbed money. That was the year we had our first banquet, in honor of those gone before us. We had it in Hawaii, and OH BOY! You should have seen those hula-girls! Some of the men got curious and inquired about a few of their names. Joyce, Dolores, and Marguerite are the only ones I remember.

That year passed and we were sitting on top of the world. Then, at last---SENIOR VILLAGE---the stop we'd all been looking and waiting for! Bill Osborne and Max Morgan couldn't wait til the end of the trip so they got off in mid-air to see the rest of the world alone. Doug Stephens decided to take a bigger plane that year to get more experience, so he transferred to the "Wilton Potatoes" in September. We sure hated to lose him for he was on the crew TEAM we had, that competed with other teams like the "CONESVILLE BUG" or the "LONE TREE CORN STALK." By this time our country was in war and John Crawford was called to make a longer journey by boat. We all hated to see him leave, (especially Mary Kaalberg). I remember, we gave him a little party the night he left, and we all gorged on ice cream, pie and cocoa. Also, it diminished our class down to fourteen, and having only fourteen, broke down our goal we had set to complete our JOURNEY WITH MORE PASSENGERS THAN ANY OF THOSE JOURNEYERS--gone before us. Willy Elder finally worked himself up to pilot for this year and Gloria Barber assisted him. Fuzzy

(or Floyd Park) has kept the records and money.

It has really been a busy year. More things have gone wrong with our plane, and the passengers have gotten into more arguments on how to fix it than Fred Bush has whiskers.

We had our pictures taken this year, too, for memories sake. We all stopped off in Davenport to have it done. Gee--some of us thought our pictures were just terrible, but as I look back, if we'd only taken a look into the mirror, we might have realized that the reason we thought they were so terrible was that they looked so much like us.

About that time, we were all getting pretty tired of our journey. Some of us were even getting air-sick. We all wanted to land--the quicker the better. But now, our journey is almost completed. We have just been having a banquet,--in our honor this time--somewhere in a flower garden, that has brought me up to the present time. The plane is traveling faster and faster--in a hurry to get to its destination, but all the while it is getting closer and closer to the ground. It isn't taking us back to those backward hills of Kentucky where we started from but it is taking us far away from there to a much nicer and prettier place. The plane is gliding along smoothly now--not bumpy and rough like it was when we first started out. Into the future we are going. Our time is limited and it's now that we're all beginning to realize how much we're going to miss our companions of this journey. Even a few tears are being shed--but it's too late now, passengers, our plane is almost on the ground. As I look across the isle to the seat where Red is sitting, I can see him all curled up, probably in agony with worry over his speech he is to give just before we land. Poor boy--only I think Alice is in about just as much agony with worry over her speech. Don't worry about it too much kids, you've got a good start. The plane is losing altitude fast now and I can make out the trees and the houses on the ground very plainly--they look so strange and mysterious---especially when we think how we have to make our way alone among them.

When we land, some of us will probably leave the BACK-BONE; NOT WISHBONE slowly, rather hesitatingly and almost regretfully. Some of us will not go any further, but stop when we get off and make the rest of our lives in one of the houses I can see from here, close to where we land. But some of us will have just begun our journey for we will go on and on, wandering away from our landing point til we find what we want. In the meantime we will all tighten our safety belts and hope for all we're worth, that we make a safe landing.

THE SENIOR CLASS WILL

The 1944 Senior Class of Nichols High School, being of sound mind, memory, and understanding, do make, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament, in manner and form as follows, hereby revoking all wills, codicils, or testamentary instruments made by us at any time here tofore.

We, the seniors, have many outstanding possessions, good traits and characteristics which we feel are far more than our share; so we wish to pass them on to the following very deserving groups and individuals of N.H.S. We sincerely hope they to whom these things shall fall, will be thoroughly satisfied,

To the coming senior class we bestow our seats in assembly, the feeling of superiority that goes along with being seniors, our ability to gain favor with teachers, our good behavior, our intelligence (if there is any left over), and our varied talents,

To the next junior class we leave the standards of fun in producing the annual junior play and sponsoring the Jr.-Sr. Banquet,

To the present freshmen, who next year will don a more dignified look in the middle rows of the assembly as sophomores, we leave the privilege of welcoming the new freshmen.

To the green freshmen coming in, we leave our ability to get over bashfulness which accompanies that thought of suddenly becoming a High School Student. Now for our individual bequests:

I, Nigel Abbott, do hereby will and bequeath my beautiful wavy hair, to Roger Fridley, providing he doesn't miss out on as much sleep as I did putting it up at nights.

I, Sheila Fridley, do hereby will and bequeath my desk in the assembly to Mervin Milla, providing he doesn't have to have it sand-papered as often as I did!

I, Mary Kaalberg, do hereby will and bequeath my "A" in typing, to Margaret Hahn, providing she works as hard to get 50 words a minute as I did.

I, Betty Ireland, do hereby and bequeath my faithfulness to play the piano for the Girls' Glee Club, to Dolores Kaalberg, providing she never has to play "Come To The Fair" as

I, William Hollenbeck, do hereby will and bequeath my trumpet position, to Jack Saleminck, providing he will attend practices as much as I SHOULD HAVE.

I, Betty Poole, do hereby will and bequeath my story reading ability, to Vera Stalkfleet, providing she doesn't get questioned as to what she's reading during school time as much as I did.

I, Alice Woolever, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to make fouls in a basketball game, to Virginia Smith, providing she doesn't beat my record.

I, Clarice Miller, Do hereby will and bequeath my work as Mr. Hedemann's secretary to Marguerite Coon, providing she doesn't have to get rid of as many traveling salesmen, who appear in the office, as I did.

I, Willard Elder, do hereby will and bequeath my "Frank Sinatra" voice to Lyle Marine, providing he makes more girls "swoon" than I did!

I, Gloria Barber, do hereby will and bequeath my high school diploma to Jack Hanft, providing I get ONE!

I, Mary Jane Porter, do hereby will and bequeath my honor of Captain of the Girls' Basketball Team to my sister, Jeanne, providing she takes the few defeats with better sportsmanship than I did.

I, Floyd Park, do hereby will and bequeath my ability to get to West Liberty so often, even during gas rationing, to Neil Phillips, providing he doesn't have anything to do with one certain girl.

I, Odetta Carter, do hereby will and bequeath my seat in the back of the room to Bob Oostendorp, providing Virginia Smith sits in the front row.

I, Grace Hillyer, do hereby will and bequeath my pretty red hair to any one who's desire for it is greater than mine!

The fourteen seniors of N. H. S. do hereby will and bequeath the nine juniors to Mr. Hedemann, our class sponsor, providing they are able to have more class parties than we.

Signed: Gloria Barber
Witnessed: Miss Elliott
Willard Elder

SENIOR CLASS PROPHECY

The Senior Class of nineteen hundred and forty four, upon agreement, had decided to hold a reunion on May seventeenth, nineteen hundred and ninety four. This date was chosen because of its being the fiftieth anniversary of our Commencement.

The place designated for the reunion was Wheelchair, Arizona, chiefly because I, the president of the class, have resided here for forty four years because of my rheumatism and arthritis.

On this day I was wheeled out to the porch to look over my four rose gardens and then back to the house. As I looked at a picture taken a few years back, it brought back memories. One tantalizing memory that I recall is the one when I was 28. A group of 500 old maids and invalids had voted me, Willy Elder, as the most eligible bachelor in Arizona. This is all I shall tell you about my thoughts at that time for my guests had started to arrive.

The first to come was Gracie Hillyer Morgan. Grace had married Donald two years after she graduated. She had changed, but for fifty years after our graduation, she hadn't really shown much age. This was probably due to the fact that she had been the proud discoverer of OIL PACKS FOR AGING BEAUTIES. This oil dip when applied correctly helped to rid one of graying hair, wrinkles on the face, and dull, sallow complexions. Grace certainly talked a lot. Why, for fifteen minutes she hadn't taken a deep breath. After she retired to her room I sat there waiting for Joseph, my bachelor butler to wheel me to the veranda where I was going to wait for the rest of my guests.

Gee, it was nearly nine o'clock, I wondered where they could be! Oh, there came someone. My, but she looked old --oh, for a minute I didn't recognize her--it was Mary Jane walking along with the aid of a cane. Immediately she began to talk about her husband and the quadruplets whose names were Ned, Ted, Jed, and Harry. They were fourteen years old that month. Her husband had sold their farm north of Wilton and they were residing in a small town near Durant. She looked good; only a few gray hairs marked her with worry as she fidgeted around. She soon retired with Joseph showing her to her room.

Mary Jane had no sooner disappeared into the house when a taxi cab pulled up in front and the driver, a lady, got out and walked toward me. Well, if it wasn't Mary Kaalberg!

She said she had been driving for Talis Cab Co. for years and still was the record holder from Denver to Chicago. She had aged a little bit but was still spry. This she proved as she pushed Joseph into a closet and locked the door. At this the sound of crashing bottles could be heard for Joseph had stepped into the case of imported Russian Vodka which I was holding on reserve for that special occasion. Oh, well, perhaps we could locate something just as good.

We had just finished cleaning up the mess when I heard strains of music coming up the path. Yes, it was music from a swing band. And just as everyone suspected, there came Alice Woolever and Betty Ireland leading their all girl swing band, even though both of them were nearing the 70 mark. The music was modern jive. I asked Alice to have them play an old, old time favorite. Yes, sir! There it was--that old popular melody, The San Fernando Valley, with the hep cat step. Betty played the piano dischords and Alice was the warbling dischord. The downbeat voted them to be the answer to the Lost Chord, for sure.

As we all gathered on the veranda drinking tomato juice cocktails, an elderly man came up the drive in a buick sedan. Well, well, it was Floyd Park that stepped forth--and we could still recognize him after all those years, even if he did weigh about 250 pounds and was only five feet seven inches tall. Floyd owned a string of hotels known either as Floyd's Stop Inn or Park Here. Floyd married his high school sweetheart from West Liberty, and they had a boy who is now 39 and a girl who is now 37--both married.

Floyd stepped aside just in time for a sleek maroon chevrolet coupe to stop in front of the drive and out stepped a smartly dressed red head. That one glance was all that we needed to know that she was the designer of the famous Hip Curve with the Slipping Zipper Seam. We found out from her conversation that her high school engagement had been broken all because of a little misunderstanding over a play practice incident.

We all went out into the yard for a fast game of croquet--all except me, of course, I still persisted in staying in my wheelchair. We had finished one game and were starting another only to be interrupted when a Lt. of the U. S. Navy, a Lt. of the Army Infantry and a good looking farmer walked up. We knew instantly who they were--yes, there were Bill Sims of the Army, Lee Cadogan of the Navy and Darrell Yocum, the farmer extraordinary, all looking for Miss Odetta Carter. Yes, it is true, they had all been jilted by her and had spent their lives together trying to run her down. We told them to wait for she surely would soon be there so

they joined in a game of chess with me.

We just got started when Joseph came with a telephone message saying that a Mister William Hollenbeck wished to speak to me. Red said that he and Doc were together and they would be over as soon as possible.

It was nearly noon before Clarice and Sheila put in their appearances from California where they had currently been showing in pictures. Sheila was the star in the comedy, "Darling, You Can't Marry But One." Clarice had been starring as Barksdale's Field Leading 'Old Lady." Although age was creeping up on the two, they were still well liked in pictures. Sheila and Clarice were both working for the M. G. F. Studios. The title for Maggie's Glamorous Females.

The two told some interesting tales and nobody noticed the car coming up the drive with a sign stating it was from the insane asylum. Then up the steps hurried Odetta Carter. She said that this was the last place she thought Darrell, Lee and Bill would follow her to, but that was a mistake, she had to take them along with her--Bill on one arm, Lee on the other and Darrell following like a little dog at her heels.

There were nine girls present, only one was missing, that was Gloria, nobody ever heard of her after school was out, but we just supposed she would come. Another telephone call came from Red--this time saying Doc and he had chanced to advance two blocks and in an hour would be there. While waiting, Gloria finally arrived. She hadn't shrunk any--still 6 feet three and very thin. Gloria had organized a basketball team of ladies 60 years old and over; that they were to go on tour the next year meeting all comers of women's teams this age. They were known as the Basketball Review since 1944.

During the conversation with Gloria another phone call came from Red--this time asking me to come down and help get Doc to the celebration. We all hopped into a station wagon and rode down to get them. Red said that Nigel was the editor of the Narcotic News Gazette and that he was the official tester. We picked them up and returned to my home, where we spent the rest of the day telling experiences and playing checkers.

THE CLASS OF '444

Each year some member of the class,
Is picked to write the "POEM,"
This year the burden fell to me,
So I guess that I'll just show 'em.
These verses I've written aren't the best,
'Cause I've composed them just for fun;
So don't get mad at anything said,
After all, "What's done is done."

NIGEL ABBOTT

There are many nicknames for a certain lad
Who goes to Nichols High;
Nigel is sweet and can't be beat,
The girls just look at him and sigh.

GLORIA BARBER

The girl who rated the tallest boys,
Is known as "Glory B."
She sure picked on the Junior Class---
That's easy for us to see.

ODETTA CARTER

Odetta's greatest desire
Is just to be a wife.
She says if she gets what she wants---
She'll have Bill for the rest of her life.

WILLARD ELLER

Willy's quite the lad, all right;
And a swooner--crooner, too.
He's Frank and Bing all rolled into one;
Now don't you think it's true.

SHEILA FRIDLEY

Sheila has two nicknames,
Either "Shy," or "Link" you see.
Her greatest desire is to be a typist
And to sit on her boss's knee.

THE CLASS OF '44

GRACE HILLYER

There are four red-heads in our class,
And one of them is Grace.

She's cute and shy and rarely seen
Without a smile on her face.

WILLIAM HOLLENBECK

Red is a friend of everyone,
He's full of laughs and cheer;
His personality is full of charm
And he's liked both far and near.

BETTY IRELAND

Betty's another student,
And quite a pretty lass;
She rates with all the kids at school
And 'most nearly heads her class.

MARY KAALBERG

We all have our lovers far and near;
They bring us happiness and joy,
And everyone knows who Mary loves--
It's a sweet little Navy boy.

CLARICE MILLER

Silver wings are quite all right;
At least says Clarice Miller.
The ones she has are Wimpy Neff's,
He's her killer-diller.

FLOYD PARK

Floyd is short and has curly hair;
He really gets around.
He's learned to dance and also sing,
And West Liberty's his favorite town.

BETTE POOLE

Bette Poole, the lucky young girl,
Wears a diamond on her finger;
And after school is out this year
We bet the wedding will not linger.

ALICE WOOLEVER

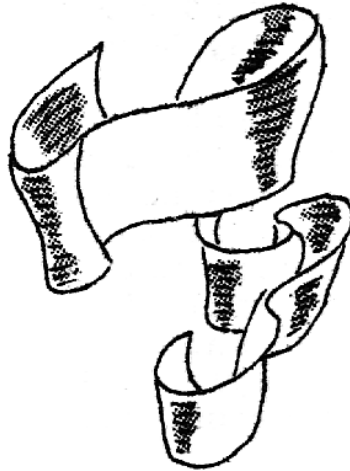
We all have our ambitions
Sometimes three or four;
But Alice's greatest ambition
Is clerking in Kirchner's store.

MR. H EDEMANN, OUR SPONSOR

Our sponsor, Mr. Hedemann,
Has put up with us all these years;
So don't you think to him
We should wish a bit of good luck and cheer!

MARY JANE PORTER

I have no plans for the future,
But right now, what I should do,
Is learn to write good poetry,
I think this reeks,--don't you?



Motor Cop: "Hey, you! Don't you hear me say 'pull over'?"

Willard Elder: "Why, I thought you said, 'Good afternoon, Senator?'"

Motor Cop: (smiling) "Yes, isn't it a warm day, Senator?"

Employer: "So you want a job, eh? Do you ever tell lies?"

Gloria: "No, but I can learn."

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The seniors presented their class play, "The Poor Fish," on April 25th. It was an amusing comedy with a story taking place in a Rest Cure Sanatorium. The story opened with Miss Arlington employing Mariposa as her household maid. They were interrupted by the screams of the nervous patient, Margaret, who had been sent there by her employer, Mr. Fish, for a rest. Gossipy Ella Shayne was in the rest cure trying to find causes of all her imaginary ailments.

Sue and Billy Bickford came to the rest cure for financial reasons. The large home was given to them by their Aunt Lucy and they were going to try and make a little money by fixing it up. Miss Arlington eagerly mistook them for a nurse and an orderly and commandeered them to their duties which they bewilderedly obeyed. Francine Fayton came to the house in order to get water for her stalled car and saw Sue, an old friend of hers. When Francine broke into tears, Sue proceeded to ask questions and found out that this was to have been Francine's wedding day if it had not been for her superstitious fiance, Sylvester Fish, Jr., who had postponed the wedding for a WHOLE day because it was Friday the 13th.

Later in the day Sylvester Fish and his friend, Dr. Aubrey Nutt came to the home to look it over--Sylvester's uncle had given it to him and he thought it would be an ideal place to bring Francine after their honeymoon. It was then that Sylvester and Francine met, unexpectedly. Just as she was getting over her tearful siege, and was forgiving Sylvester. Margaret entered and started talking about how Mr. Fish was so kind to be paying all her expenses. Francine, thinking it was Sylvester she was talking about, turned against him again.

Billy rushed into the room to say that there had been an accident and that a lady had been injured. He also said that her name must be Mrs. Sylvester Fish because there was a letter addressed to that name in her purse.

Things turned even more against Sylvester when it was believed that he was to blame for Billy being found unconscious; but in reality Billy had drunk a glass of malted milk with sleeping potion in it that Miss Arlington had prepared for one of the patients.

Justis, the detective, came in to warn them that there was a criminal loose. She refused to believe him 'til she ran across Randall Chase in her home. She mistook him for the counterfeiter because he seemed to answer all the quali-

fications with large sums of money and old clothes. He had two ladies with him--one a plump and prissy Warda Jewel, who went about spraying and disinfecting her way through life with an atomizer; the other was a sweet business-like lady named Lola Paine. Sylvester was bewildered by all these events and tried weakly to make Francine believe him innocent. She almost believed him 'til Mrs. Fish--the lady in the accident--came rushing down and throwing her arms around Sylvester's neck crying, "My husband! At last I have found you."

All through the play Miss Arlington had mistaken identities. She thought Dr. Nutt was the expected Dr. Stark. She gave him no chance to explain otherwise, so in the third act she was greatly 'taken-a-back' when she received a telephone call from the real Dr. Stark saying that he couldn't be there. This threw her suspicion of the criminal from Randall Chase to Dr. Nutt.

At this time the detective received a call saying the criminal had been apprehended. Now all were relieved of the suspicion. Mariposa, seeing Justis, cried, "My husband!", and after straightening out their difficulty left happily to go to their home.

The climax came when elderly Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Fish, Sr. came upon the scene. Mrs. Fish was a lovable, but very temperamental, old lady who could be so sweet one minute and so angry the next with her adoring husband. He was continually saying something accidentally to hurt her feelings. They had just been married four days and each had had a half interest in the home where they came to spend their honeymoon. Everyone thought Mrs. Fish to be another of Sylvester's wives until Sylvester, Sr. appeared again to straighten them out. It is then that Sue recognized her as Aunt Lucy, and Sylvester recognized Mr. Fish as his uncle Sylvester. That cleared up most of the troubles, and when the lady of the accident appeared and revealed her real identity as Miss Fletcher instead of Mrs. Fish, it ended the **mystery**. Sylvester and Sue found themselves in a loving embrace to make a happy ending.

THE CAST

Florence Arlington---Rest Cure operator-----Alice Woolever
 Mariposa Smith-----her maid-----Mary Kaalberg
 Margaret Matters-----a patient-----Clarice Miller
 Ella Shayne---suffer of a number of ailments---Odetta Carter
 Warda Jewel---has a germ-spraying mania-----Betty Ireland
 Sue Bickford----Suddenly made a nurse-----Gloria Barber
 Billy Bickford---her brother-----Wayne Hazen

Sylvester Fish----"The Poor Fish"-----Neil Phillips
 Dr. Aubrey Nutt-----his pal-----William Hollenbeck
 Francine Payton-----a jilted bride-----Bette Poole
 Grace Fletcher----accident victim-----Grace Hillyer
 Lola Payne-----an inventive young lady-----Virginia Smith
 Justis Smith----a detective-----Robert Kaalberg
 Randall Chase-----a wealthy man-----Floyd Park
 Mrs. Sylvester Fish---lady with a temper---Mary Jane Porter
 Sylvester Fish, Sr.---her adoring husband-----Nigel Abbott
 Director-----Mrs. Place



BACCALAUREATE

Christian Church-----8:00 p.m.-----May 14, 1944
 Processional-----Mrs. Edna Kirchner
 "March of the Noble" by Frederick Keats
 Invocation-----Reverend Francis Kohler
 Violin Solo-----Miss Kathleen Kaalberg
 "Pal e Moon"
 Hymn 132-----Audience
 Scriptur e Reading-----Reverend Horace Ireland
 Sermon-----Reverend Horace Ireland
 "A Song of Peace"-----From "Finlandia" by Jean Sibelius
 Boys' Glee Club
 Benediction-----Reverend Francis Kohler
 Recessional-----Mrs. Edna Kirchner
 "Priests March" by Felix Mendelssohn

NICHOLS HIGH SCHOOL
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 1944---8:00 p.m.---HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1944 CLASS ROLL

Nigel Abbott	William Hollenbeck
Gloria Barber	Betty Ireland
Odetta Carter	Mary Kaalberg
John Crawford	Clarice Miller
Willard Elder	Floyd Park
Sheila Fridley	Bette Poole
Grace Hillyer	Mary Jane Porter
Alice Woolever	

THE PROGRAM

Processional-----Mrs. Edna Kirchner
Invocation-----Reverend Ireland
Vocal Solo-----Joyce Borgstadt
 "Wake, Love, 'Tis Spring"
Salutatory Comments-----Alice Woolever
Valedictory Comments-----William Hollenbeck
"When Twilight Weaves"-----Beethoven
 Girls' Sextette
Address-----Dr. Marcus Bach
Presentation of Class of 1944-----Supt. R. F. Hedemann
Presentation of Diplomas-----Walter F. Elder
Benediction-----The Reverend Father Vogel
Recessional-----Mrs. Edna Kirchner

CLASS FLOWER
White Rose

CLASS COLORS
Blue and Silver

CLASS MOTTO
Backbone; not Wishbone.

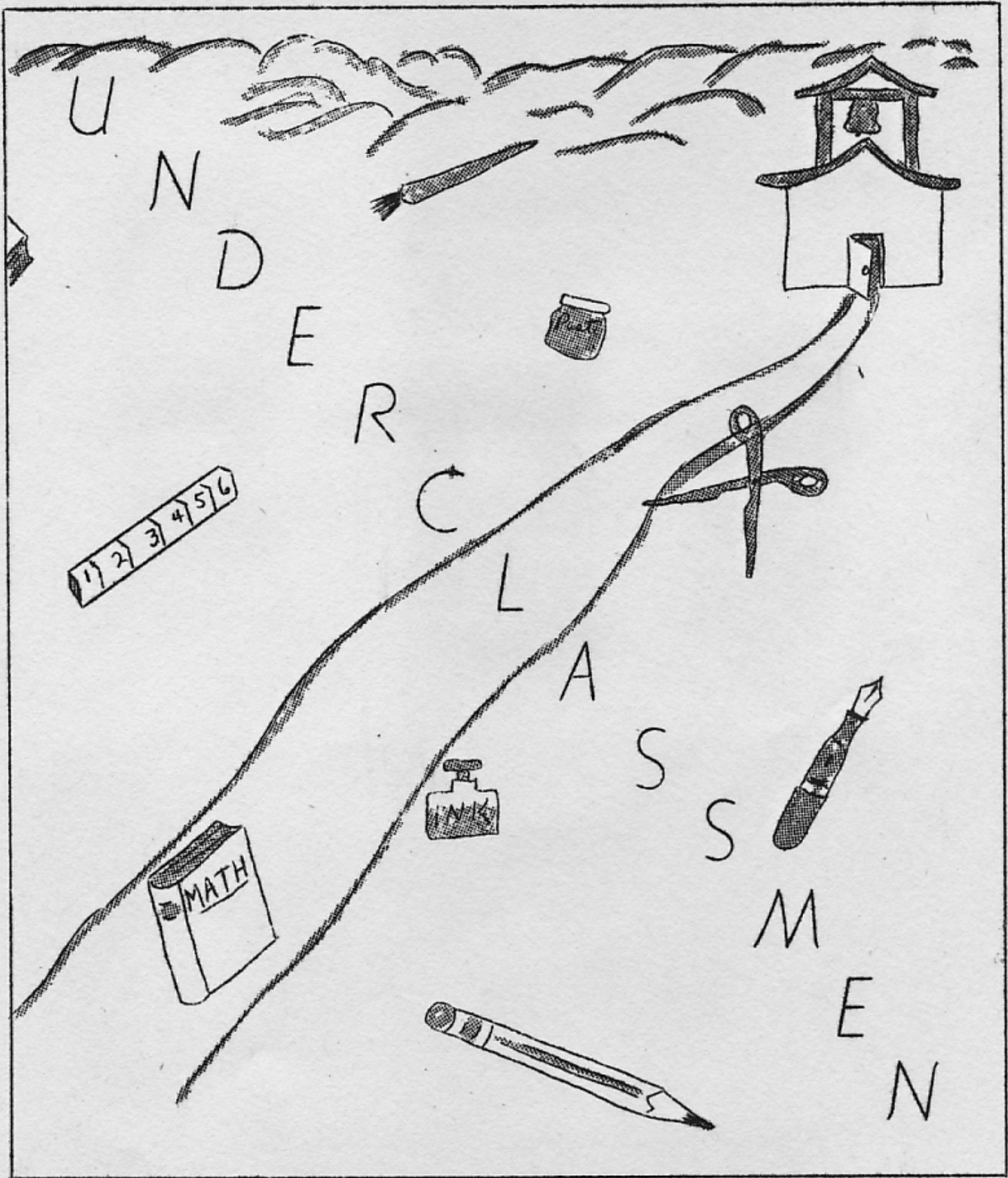


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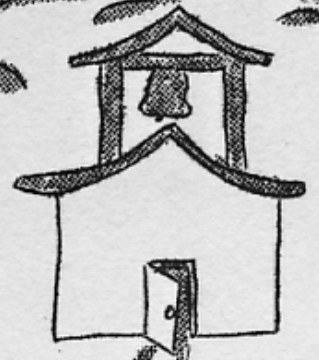
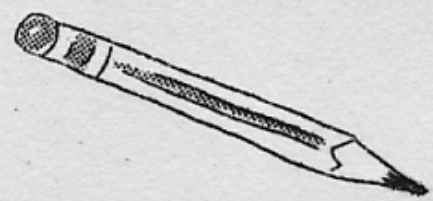
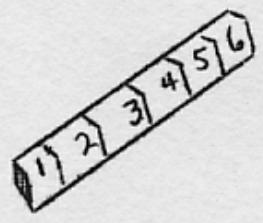
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First Row: J. Borgstadt; Mrs. Place, class sponsor; Virginia Smith.
 Second Row: D. Kaalberg; M. Coon; M. Hahn; Margaret Ireland.
 Third Row: M. Mills; Warren Porter; Neil Phillips. Absent: Robert Oostendorp.

JUNIOR OFFICERS

President-----Neil Phillips
 Vice-president-----Robert Oostendorp
 Secretary-Treasurer-----Virginia Smith
 Class Sponsor-----Mrs. Place

CLASS HISTORY

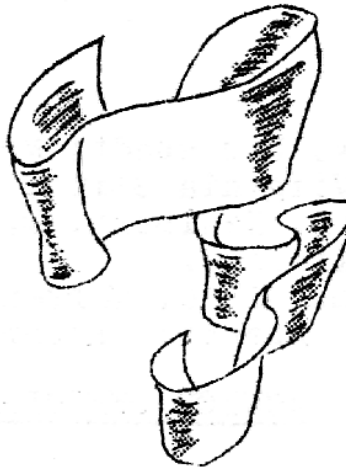
The Junior class entered NHS in the fall of 1941. At that time there were ten members; Joyce Borgstadt, Junior Barber, Donald Morgan, Mervin Mills, Margaret Hahn, Margaret Ireland, Marguerite Coon, Warren Porter, Robert Oostendorp, and Dolores Kaalberg. At the beginning of the second semester Virginia Smith came from Cosgrove. There were no entrants during the sophomore year, but last summer we lost Donald Morgan and Junior Barber. At the beginning of the junior year Neil Phillips moved in from Lorimor, Iowa, and we have just the same number that we started with. We hope we can all stay together until graduation.

During our three years in high school we have been busy in both the curricular and extra-curricular activities. However, this year has proved our busiest and most interesting one of the three. We had our class play, "Gallopig Ghosts,"

last fall; and this spring found us working on the plans for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet at which we served as the traditional hosts' class.

We also have given our share of parties; and we have been guests at several parties. This last January 28, we were invited with the seniors and a few community young people to attend the LITTLE THEATER at Iowa City to see the play, "Junior Miss."

We are looking forward to our senior year and its activities.



Nigel: "Pard'n me stranzher--wherezh other side uva shtreet?"

Red: "Why, right over there."

Nigel: "Thash what I thought, but I wuz ghust over there and they shed it wuz over here."

Miss Elliott: "What was the former ruler of Russia called?"

Billy: "The csar."

Miss Elliott: "What was his wife called?"

Billy: "The csarina."

Miss Elliott: "And what were their children called?"

Billy: "Csardines."

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The night of November the eleventh found the Junior Class in a dither. They were getting ready for the presentation of that annual event, the junior play. The title of the play was "Gallopig Ghosts," a mystery-comedy in three acts by William E. Jones.

This engaging play proceeded by leaps and bounds from comedy to hair-raising chills and thrills and back to comedy again. It never ceased to be grand entertainment.

Miss Barton was a lovely old lady who was too proud to accept assistance from her wealthy nephews. Instead she lived on the old family estate left her by her father. With her were her begrudging, fault-finding cousin, Melinda Todd, and the twin mischief makers, Pat and Phil, the children of her late brother.

On her birthday Dick Barton, her wealthy nephew, decided to fool her into taking some money that she sorely needed.

He brought his wife, Berkeley, and a girl named Goldie Jenkins, who was posing as Madame Dupre, a clairvoyant, to visit his aunt. The reason for the clairvoyant act was to make Miss Barton accept a sum of money from Richard equal to the amount his grandfather was to have hidden somewhere in the house before he died. Richard was going to hide it and have Madame Dupre locate it by a seance, thus trying to make Miss Barton believe it was the lost gold.

But the clairvoyant that Dick had hired was in cahoots with a crook and she made plans of her own. Phil and Pat discovered the plot and decided to do a little ghost-raising themselves. They concocted Geraldine, a wierd apparition and appeared at unexpected moments to scare the wits out of people (sometimes on purpose--and then again accidentally!!) So Madame Dupre found herself being pursued by ghosts instead of raising them herself.

Money, rocks and ghosts were found most everywhere, and it was almost the case of too many ghosts spoiling the plot until in the third act things began to happen thick and fast to unwind the novel mystery.

Tom, Richard's brother; Marie, Tom's fiancee and an incessant talker; Steve, Pat's ghostly boyfriend; and Albert, Madame Dupre's accomplice--all contributed much in the line of wierd screams, groans, faints and ghosts.

All in all it was hilarious---and, incidentally they found the real money!!

The cast was as follows:

Miss Elizabeth Barton-----	Margaret Hahn
Richard Barton-----	Neil Phillips
Thomas Barton-----	Mervin Mills
Philip Barton-----	Billy Phillips
Patricia Barton-----	Margaret Ireland
Berkeley Barton-----	Dolores Kaalberg
Mrs. Melinda Todd-----	Marguerite Coon
Marie Farrell-----	Joyce Borgstadt
Stephen Dykes-----	Robert Oostendorp
Madam Dupre-----	Virginia Smith
Albert-----	Warren Porter

STAGE CREW

Prompters-----	Clarice Miller
	Roger Fridley
Stage Manager-----	Jack Salemink
Director-----	Miss Elliott

THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior Banquet was a very pretty pre-graduation affair on Thursday evening, May 4, at the Nichols High School Gymnasium. The gym had been transformed into a gorgeous flower garden highlighted by a canopy of streamers in the senior class colors, blue and silver. A fish pond proved the main attraction. The Juniors, as hosts and hostesses, with their class sponsor, Mrs. Place, carried out the theme of the banquet with appropriate table decorations of artificial flower nut cups, daisy-headed men and women place cards and programs of paper butterflies. Small tables set for four were arranged in the form of the letter "N". Centerpieces were of white and blue carnations.

The program was as follows:

Toastmaster---	the president of the Junior Class---	N. Philips
Willard Elder----	the Class Prophecy; and the Class Will.	
Mary Jane Porter----	composed and read the Class Poem	
Alice Woolever----	wrote and read the Senior History	
Margaret Hahn-----		The Welcome
Odetta Carter-----		The Response
Margaret Ireland-----		Perfume as Influence
Floyd Park-----		Beauty as Character
Betty Ireland-----		Root as Personality
Sheila Fridley-----		Stem as Reputation
Mr. Hedemann-----		Flowers as Standards

Musical entertainment was furnished by the Junior Quartette, by Dolores Kaalberg at the Piano and Joyce Borgstadt's solo.



First Row: V. Kirchner; R. Fridley; W. Hazen;
L. Marine; R. Kaalberg; R. Kirchner.

Second Row: Miss Elliott, sponsor; L. Polman;
J. Porter; K. Kaalberg; and V. Stalkfleet.

Absent: Charles Perkins.

SOPHOMORE OFFICERS

President-----Louise Polman
Vice-president-----Roger Fridley
Secretary-Treasurer-----Wayne Hazen
Class Sponsor-----Miss Elliott

CLASS HISTORY

We, the sophomore class, have eleven members. During our Freshman days our class enrollment consisted of sixteen members. Due to various reasons several students dropped from NHS before this year. They were Eugene Cadogan, John Hillyer, Virginia Donovan, Vera Morgan, and Russell Stephens. Russell and Vera moved from Nichols during the past summer.

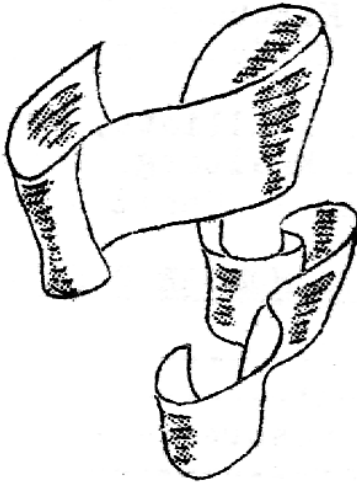
On Wednesday, September 9, 1942, our Freshman class met with our sponsor, Miss Elliott, to elect officers for our first year. Wayne Hazen was chosen to head our group with Kathleen Kaalberg serving in the position of vice-president; Jeanne Porter filled the office of secretary; and Ralph Kirchner very efficiently took charge of our meager funds after being elected to the treasurer's office.

The courses taught us during the Freshman year were

mathematics, English, industrial arts, science, and home economics. This year we have been struggling with English, business training, world history, algebra, speech and machines.

During these two years we haven't kept our noses rubbed off on the grind stone, but we have tried to keep "Jack from becoming a dull boy with nothing but work, so we have been hosts as well as guests at skating, dancing, and theater parties. We have also participated in the various activities of the school.

We are nearing the half way mark of our High School career--and it has been fun--so we are looking forward to our junior year, or the third lap of the great race for that diploma.



The transport was shoving off for the Orient. The two girls were waving goodbyes from the Dock. "I think it's a shame; to have to send all those nice marines to China," said Jeanne. "What will they do there?"

Louise: "What'll they do! Haven't you ever been out with a marine?"

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The Teacher was testing the power of observation of a class. Slapping a half-dollar down on the desk, Mrs. Place said suddenly: "What is that?"

Instantly Dick called up from the back of the room: "Tails."

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"Those who like other people are always likable people."---Selected.



Row One: Velma Marine and Billy Phillips.

Row Two: Jack Hanft; Miss Elliott, sponsor;
and Jack Salemink.

FRESHMEN OFFICERS

President-----Jack Salemink
 Vice-president-----Jack Hanft
 Secretary-----Billy Phillips
 Treasurer-----Velma Marine
 Sponsor of the class-----Miss Elliott

CLASS HISTORY

Our Class of 1947 set sail on the High Seas of NHS with a crew of only four to man the S. S. FRESHMAN. Later on we were joined by Marlyn Whitmer for a short time before he moved to Muscatine.

Jack Salemink was elected to the Captaincy by our mates. Admiral Jack Hanft and Wave Recruit Velma Marine gave him added assistance in keeping the course well charted. Chief Petty Officer Billy Phillips was entrusted with keeping our ship's Log.

At the docks we were given some hopes of proving our abilities when we were assigned to fill in the ranks beside our sophomore classmates. This has been an inspiration to us all year and our hard, earnest battling of the educational winds has put us ahead many times.

Our crew has been riding the waves of the extra-curricular activities too. We participated in the Glee Clubs, the Band, Dramatics, and Sports.

Some high lights of this first cruise were the Freshmen Initiation, September 30; and the Theater Party in honor of the sophomores.



Mrs. Tatge: "Burt, do you know what the little mouse does?"

Burt: "Naw."

Mrs. Tatge: "That's right."



Wayne: "What awful luck. I had it on the tip of my tongue, and now it's gone."

Kathleen: "Oh, never mind. Think hard. It will come back."

Wayne: "Oh, no, it won't. Thinking won't bring it back, it was a stamp."



FRESHMAN INITIATION !!!

Jack Hanft, Neil Phillips, Billy Phillips, Miss Elliott, sponsor, Velma Marine, Jack Salemink.

FRESHMAN INITIATION

September 30 will stand out in the Freshmen's, new student's and new faculty members' minds for awhile for it was this eventful day that the Student Council set aside to initiate them into the Nichols School Organization.

The Freshmen and Neil Phillips were instructed to appear in school the following day with a few necessities for the initiation. Billy Phillips had to appear wearing his clothing backwards and to wear plenty of rouge. Velma Marine was instructed to wear high heels, a long evening dress, smoke a corn-cob pipe, and also wear plenty of make-up. Later in the day she and Billy were wed in "Holy Matrimony" during a mock-wedding to last for the day.

Jack Hanft came strangely bedecked as a sunbonnet girl carrying a huge rope from class to class. Jack Salemlink appeared attired as a flapper in short dress and high heels.

Neil Phillips came dressed as the gum chewing tap dancer of the silent films; with an onion round his neck.

In the evening the entire student body turned out to be entertained by these new performers. They were also favored by the singing of Mrs. Place, dancing of Miss Norris and Miss Wieskamp, and an imaginary baseball game composed of the initiated people.

Following the program they were welcomed into the group and refreshments were enjoyed in the home economics room of the school.



Mr. Hedemann: "Velma, find Iceland on the map."

Velma: "Here it is."

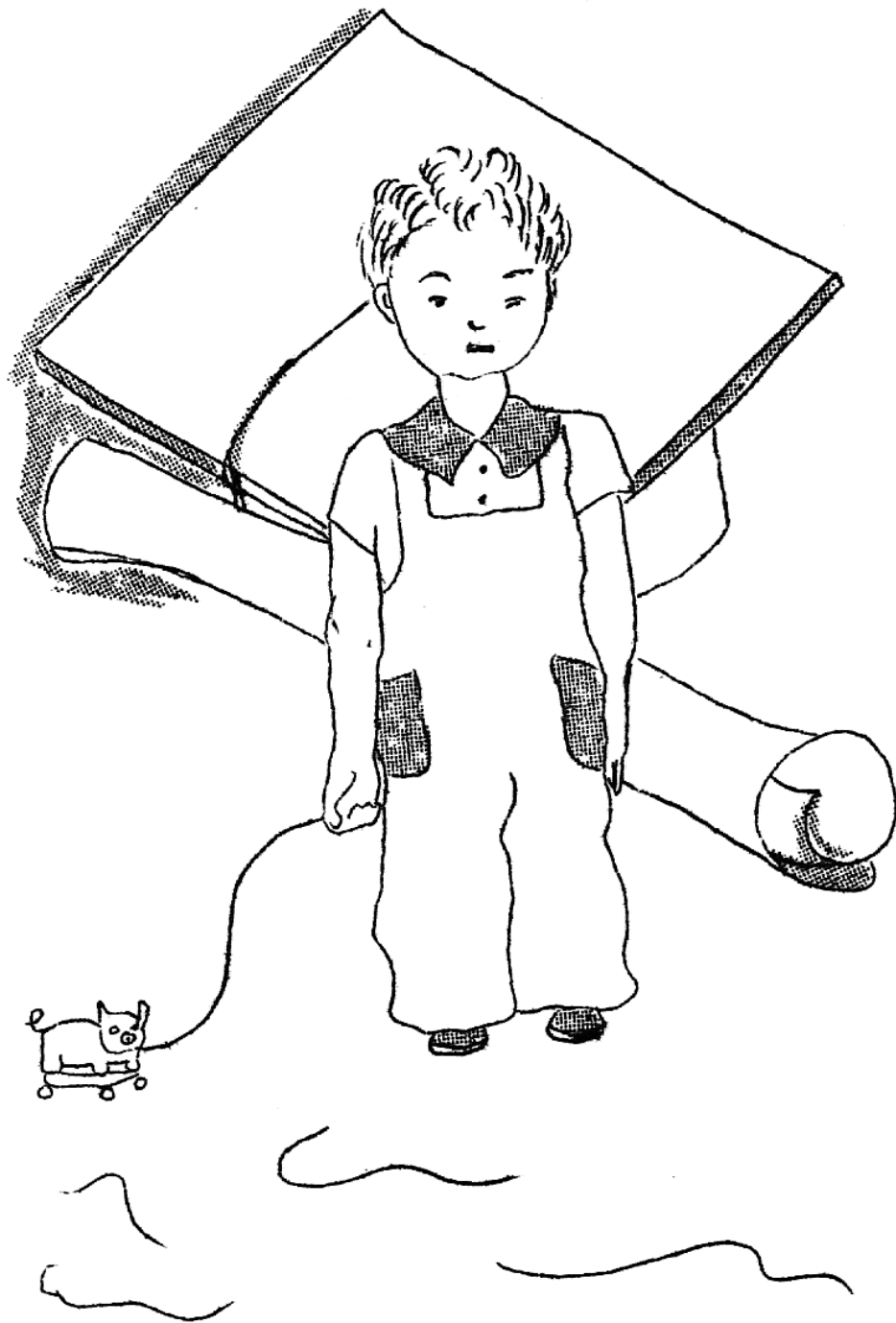
Mr. Hedemann: "Now Jack H., tell me who discovered Iceland."

Jack H.: "Why, Velma did."

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"What kind of people are the laziest? Why the tallest, because they lie longest in bed."

THE GRADES



JUNIOR HIGH



THE JUNIOR HIGH ROOM

Mrs. John Tatge-----Teacher

First Row: LeRoy Polman, Burt Carter, Carl Thirty-
acre, George Stych, Jr., Leona Bixby, Dorothy
Chelf, Donald Coon, Willard Salemink,
and Arlen Fridley.

Second Row: Rachel Ireland, Albert Polman, Bob Os-
borne, Irene Grim, Kenton Mills, Donald Chelf,
Bruce Kirchner, Keith Mills, Patricia
Kaalberg, and Mrs. Tatge.

INTERMEDIATE



THE INTERMEDIATE ROOM

Miss Foley-----Teacher

First Row: Charles Newton, Joy Coon, Rita Stych,

Karen Lea Chown, and Paul Stych.

Second Row: Darlene Polman, Victor Mills, Miss

Foley, Freddie Lou Chown, and James Porter.

PRIMARY



THE PRIMARY ROOM

Miss Wieskamp-----Teacher

First Row: Gaylord Hadley, George Smith, Eddie Place, Gene Wieskamp, Marlene Hysell, Jeanette Stych, Mary Jane Sutton, Kathleen Polman, and Patty Swickard.

Second Row: Roger Ewald, Janice Coon, Bobby Fridley, Orma Darlene Chelf, Naomi Wieskamp, Karlene Salemink, Jackie Renshaw, and Miss Wieskamp.




NICHOLS BOY SCOUTS

Mr. Hedemann---Scoutmaster

First Row: Burt Carter, George Stych, Jr., Donald Coon, Donald Chelf, Keith Mills, and Mr. Hedemann.

Second Row: Virgil Kirchner, Wayne Hazen, Jack Salemink, Robert Kaalberg, and Billy Phillips.



ACTIVITY

NICHOLS HIGH SCHOOL 1944 ACTIVITY CALENDAR.

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 6--School started.
7--Elected class officers and society officers.
8--Elected Nicholite Staff.
9--Student Council officers elected.
Freshmen elected to societies.
17--Party for John Crawford.
Baseball game with Riverside--there.
21--Baseball game with Riverside--here.
24--Baseball game with Conesville--there.
27--Seniors had pictures taken in Davenport.
28--Sophomore-Freshman Party.
29--Alpha play cast chosen.
30--Freshmen Initiation.

OCTOBER

- Oct. 1--Baseball game with Conesville--here.
15--Alpha-Spartan Play (School Festival)
29--Spartans had party for the Alphas.

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 10--Cheerleaders chosen.
11--Armistice Day Program.
Jr. Play--"Gallopig Ghosts."
25-26--Thanksgiving Vacation.
30--Basketball game with Springdale--here.

DECEMBER

- Dec. 3--Basketball game with Conesville--there.
7--Basketball game with Lone Tree--here.
10--Basketball game with Atalissa--there.

- Dec. 16--Faculty Christmas Party.
 21--B.B. St. Mathias and Wilton (Girls)
 23--Miss Elliott's party for B.B. Girls.
 24--Christmas Program; Vacation began.

JANUARY

- Jan. 7--Basketball game with Springdale--there.
 11--Dr. Bonsall Assembly; B.B. Lone Tree--there.
 12--Semester tests began.
 14--Basketball game with Atalissa--here.
 18--B.B. Wilton (Girls); St. Mathias--there.
 21--Basketball game with Riverside--here.
 26-29--Muscatine Co. B.B. Tournament--here.
 31--Basketball game with Riverside--there.

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 1--Hurrah! One hour's vacation. Teachers' Meet.
 9-12--Girl's Sectional Tournament.
 15--St. Mary's Basketball--there.
 18--Conesville Basketball--here.
 25--St. Mathias Basketball--here.
 28--Juniors and Seniors went to see "Junior Miss"

MARCH

- Mar. 1-4--Boys' Sectional B.B. Tournament, Tipton.
 10--Miss Norris became Mrs. Tatge.
 21--Junior Speech Class Assembly Program.

APRIL

- Apr. 5--Mr. and Mrs. Crabtree visited School.
 6--Junior High Shower for Mrs. Tatge.
 10--Faculty Shower for Mrs. Tatge.
 13--Parkinson Musical Assembly.
 25--Senior Play--"The Poor Fish".
 28--Speech Class One-act plays.

MAY

- May 2--Riverside Baseball game--here.
 4--Junior-Senior Banquet.
 11--Senior-Senior Skip-Day.
 14--Baccalaureate.
 16--Semester Tests.
 17--Commencement.
 18--School and Home Day.
 19--Good-bye High School, says the Senior.
 Alumni Banquet.
 20--Annuals appeared--We hope!



THE NICHOLITE STAFF

Editor-in-Chief-----	Mary Jane Porter
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Editorialist-----	Bette Poole
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Assistant-Junior Business Manager-----	Neil Phillips
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	Betty Ireland
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	Kathleen Kaalberg
Grade News Reporter-----	Margaret Hahn
Community News Reporters-----	Gloria Barber
	Jack Salemink
Faculty Advisor-----	Miss Elliott



First Row: S. Fridley; M. Kaalberg, co-editors;
D. Kaalberg; M. Ireland.

Second Row: Miss Elliott, advisor; G. Barber;
C. Miller; A. Woolever; B. Poole; B. Ireland;
G. Hillyer.

Third Row: J. Borgstadt; W. Hazen; J. Hanft;
Willy Elder and Mary Jane Porter.

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Junior Class Reporter-----	Joyce Borgstadt
Sophomore Class Reporter-----	Wayne Hazen
Freshman Class Reporter-----	Jack Hanft
Sports Editor-----	Willard Elder
Feature Editors-----	Gloria Barber
	Bette Poole
Grade Reporter-----	Mary Jane Porter
Make-up Editors-----	Clarice Miller
	Grace Hillyer
Photographer-----	Betty Ireland
Art Editor-----	Margaret Ireland
Faculty Advisor-----	Miss Elliott



First Row: Velma Marine; Sheila Fridley.

Second Row: Clarice Miller; Wayne Hazen;
and Dolores Kaalberg.

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

President-----Sheila Fridley
Vice-president-----Wayne Hazen
Secretary-Treasurer-----Clarice Miller
Junior Member-----Dolores Kaalberg
Freshman Member-----Velma Marine
Faculty Advisor-----Mr. Hedemann

At a meeting of the high school assembly on September 22, Sheila Fridley was elected to the honorable position of president of the NHS Student Council.

At their first meeting this year the Student Council voted to have the Freshman Initiation take place on September 30. On the appointed day the new members of the student body were duly initiated along with the three new faculty members.

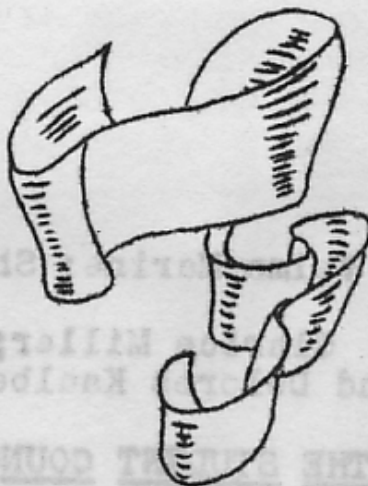
On November 3 the Student Council held try-outs and an election for cheer-leaders and substitutes. Sheila Fridley and Margaret Ireland were chosen for the regular cheer leaders with Joyce Borgstadt as the alternate.

December 24 found the Student Council busy putting the last touches on the Christmas program which was given that afternoon at 1:30.

At a called meeting on the same day the council voted to buy an amplifying set that was being offered for sale. Following Christmas vacation, it was bought and installed.

The council also recommended new mirrors for the girls' dressing rooms. These also were purchased and put up.

Early in April the Parkinson Percussion Instrument collection was demonstrated at school in an assembly program. It was sponsored by the council.



CHEER LEADERS



Left to Right: S. Fridley; M. Ireland; J. Borgstadt.

THE LITERARY SOCIETIES

Nichols High School boasts two literary societies which are kept quite busy during the school year. They keep the school spirit running high with their contests and competitive ventures. Some of these have been the Nicholite subscription contest which was held early last fall; the school carnival plays and bingo stands; tickets sales campaigns and many class contests.

These two societies are the Alphas and the Spartans. The name Alpha comes from the Greek language and means first or the beginning. The name Spartans came from the once important group of Romans by that name. As new students enter our school, they are chosen to membership in one of these societies.

A Nicholite subscription contest was featured again this year, as has been the custom of years previous, and the Alphas came out ahead by selling 46 subscriptions to the Spartans' sale of 45. The losers, Spartans, were hosts to the Alphas at a party in the gymnasium. They used the Halloween theme, and to gain entrance everyone was required to come masked. The decorations added much to the atmosphere of the setting. Corn shocks, eerie lighting, pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, bats flying around and even the weird coffin containing the corpse impressed the very queer group of people who inhabited the place. Entertainment consisted of a scavenger hunt, dancing and games. Refreshments were served in the Home Ec room. It was an outstanding entertainment of the year.

This year the school Festival or carnival was sponsored by the two societies. It was also conducted on the basis of a contest. A ticket sales contest for the festival was won by the Alphas over the Spartans by a big margin. However, during the evening, the Spartan Bingo stand did a momentous business and the Alphas fell behind. In the check-up the next day it was proven that the Spartans triumphed by a margin of \$6.50.

The same evening each of the societies sponsored a one-act play. The Spartans' play was entitled "Leave It to Joe" and was directed by Mrs. Place, their sponsor. The Alphas had chosen "Fixers, Inc." and was presented under the direction of Miss Elliott, the Alpha sponsor. Both plays were good ones and required the cooperation of both students and sponsors. The casts were as follow:

Spartans' "LEAVE IT TO JOE"

Eddie Palmer-----Billy Phillips
Joe Billerbeck-----Ralph Kirchner
Mrs. Grace Palmer-----Odetta Carter
Miss Otelia Huff-----Bette Poole
Hugo Welch-----Robert Kaalberg
Blanche Palmer-----Alice Woolever

Alphas' "FIXERS, INC."

Bill Wilson----President of Fixers, Inc.-----Willard Elder
Hank Johnson----His vice-president-----William Hollenbeck
Evelyn-----their secretary-----Mary Kaalberg
Helen-----Bill's Fiancee-----Kathleen Kaalberg
Mr. Oglevie Thorpe---a hen-pecked husband----Charles Perkins
Mrs. Oglevie Thorpe---the hen-pecking wife----Virginia Smith

ALPHA OFFICERS

President-----Willard Elder
Vice-president-----Virginia Smith
Secretary-Treasurer-----Joyce Borgstadt
Sponsor-----Miss Elliott

MEMBERS

Nigel Abbott	Margaret Hahn	Kathleen Kaalberg
Willard Elder	Margaret Ireland	Lyle Marine
William Hollenbeck	Mervin Mills	Charles Perkins
Mary Kaalberg	Neil Phillips	Jeanne Porter
Joyce Borgstadt	Virginia Smith	Vera Stalkfleet
Marguerite Coon	Roger Fridley	Jack Salemink

SPARTAN OFFICERS

President-----Wayne Hazen
Vice-president-----Bob Oostendorp
Secretary-Treasurer-----Betty Ireland
Sponsor-----Mrs. Place

MEMBERS

Gloria Barber	Betty Poole	Robert Kaalberg
Odetta Carter	Mary Jane Porter	Ralph Kirchner
Sheila Fridley	Alice Woolever	Virgil Kirchner
Grace Hillyer	Dolores Kaalberg	Louise Polman
Betty Ireland	Bob Oostendorp	Jack Hanft
Clarice Miller	Warren Porter	Velma Marine
Floyd Park	Wayne Hazen	Billy Phillips



First Row: R. Fridley; N. Phillips, B. Phillips, J. Sale-
mink, and V. Kirchner.

Second Row: B. Ireland, Mrs. Kirchner, instructor, G. Hill-
yer, B. Poole, A. Woolever, M. Ireland, and V. Marine.

Third Row: D. Kaalberg, M. Coon, S. Fridley, V. Smith,
J. Borgstadt, W. Elder, K. Kaalberg, and C. Miller.

Fourth Row: B. Kaalberg, L. Marine, W. Hazen and W. Hollen-
beck.

Girls' Glee Club

Betty Ireland, Accompanist

Betty Poole
Virginia Smith
Grace Hillyer

Marguerite Coon
Margaret Ireland
Sheila Fridley
Kathleen Kaalberg

Velma Marine
Alice Woolever
Joyce Borgstadt
Gloria Barber

Boys' Glee Club

Willard Elder
Neil Phillips
Charles Perkins

Wayne Hazen
Jack Salemink
Virgil Kirchner

Billy Phillips
Roger Fridley
Robert Kaalberg

Band

Dolores Kaalberg
Kathleen Kaalberg
Lyle Marine
Willard Elder
Robert Kaalberg

Clarice Miller
Red Hollenbeck
Nigel Abbott
Betty Ireland
Alice Woolever

Joyce Borgstadt
Sheila Fridley
Velma Marine
Margaret Ireland
Virgil Kirchner

THE VICTORY CORPS

During November of this year, all the students who were interested in having a Victory Corps and helping with it had a meeting to elect officers. They were as follows:

President-----Dolores Kaalberg
Vice-president-----Mary Jane Porter
Sec.-Treasurer-----Odetta Carter

Soon after, the officers held a meeting and appointed those interested, as the chairmen of various committies, They were as follows:

Library Com.-----Margaret Hahn
Letter Writing Com.-----Sheila Fridley
Gardening Com.-----Lyle Marine
Farm Aid Com.-----William Hollenbeck
Red Cross Com.-----Betty Poole
Salvage Com.-----Floyd Park
Stamp & Bond Com.-----Virginia Smith

The Victory Corps is functioning quite well under these leaders. There have been several drives for scrap, and the students bought \$24.00 worth of bonds and stamps during the school year. The Junior Red Cross has quite a few members and they are doing very good work.on their assignment.

GETTING OUT A PAPER

Getting out a paper is no picnic.

If we print jokes, folks say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety.

If we publish things from other papers, we are too lazy to write.

If we don't print contributions, we don't show proper appreciation.

If we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

Like as not some fellow will say we purloined this from another paper.

We did--and we thank him.



Miss Elliott, Chaperone; S. Fridley; J. Porter; M. J. Porter, Captain; J. Borgstadt; co-capt; Gloria Barber; A. Woolever; Mr. Hedemann, Coach. Grace Hillyer; M. Coon; L. Polman; M. Kaalberg; Odetta Carter; D. Kaalberg and Betty Ireland.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The Nichols High School Girls' basketball team ended the 1943-1944 season with a record of 15 victories and 2 defeats. The two defeats were close games, the first one was with Lone Tree which was revenged later in the year; the second major defeat came from the hands of a fast Tiffin team. The Tiffin defeat came in an overtime in the Sectional Tournament at Solon.

The girls scored 689 points for an average of 40.5 points per game while the opponents scored only 452 points for an average of 26.5 points for each game.

The first team consisted of:

MARY JANE PORTER, a senior forward and captain of the squad. She was the fastest forward on the team, scoring 71 field goals and 49 free throws for 191 points.

GLORIA BARBER, the other tall senior forward, played good basketball all year. She used her height to score 54 field goals and 16 free throws for 124 points.

JEANNE PORTER, the tall sophomore forward, played a good brand of offensive basketball, breaking through for 147

field goals and 53 free throws for 347 points. This total is one of the highest scored by a girl from this school in one season. It was during the Sectional Tournament game with Sharon High that she made 39 of the 62 points. She has averaged about 21 points per game this season.

SHEILA FRIDLEY, a small senior guard whose size provided a handicap made up for it with the use of her speed. She proved to be a standout on defense.

ALICE WOOLEVER, another very aggressive senior guard, handled her position well all year. She too was short, but showed lots of fight, hence her many fouls.

JOYCE BORGSTADT, the junior guard, proved to be good at ball handling and rebound work. She too was aggressive and made several fouls.

The rest of the squad was composed of: Louise Polman, sophomore; Dolores Kaalberg, junior; Odetta Carter and Grace Hillyer, seniors--substituted at forward. Mary Kaalberg and Betty Ireland, seniors; Marguerite Coon, junior; and Louise Polman, sophomore--substituted at guard.

The scores for the girls' games were:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>SCORES</u>	
			<u>NICHOLS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>
November 26	Alumni	Here	27	21
30	Springdale	Here	28	20
December 3	Conesville	There	51	31
7	Lone Tree	Here	22	28
10	Atalissa	There	25	12
21	Wilton Jct.	Here	45	15
January 7	Springdale	There	46	10
11	Lone Tree	There	39	36
14	Atalissa	Here	35	20
18	Wilton Jct.	There	28	25
21	Riverside	Here	47	14
31	Riverside	There	53	25
February 18	Conesville	Here	52	38

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

January 26	Conesville	Here	50	29
29	Wilton Jct.	Here	44	38

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

February 10	Sharon Center	Solon	62	29
11	Tiffin	Solon	35	37

BASEBALL



BOYS' BASEBALL

Mr. Hedemann----Coach

First Row: Nigel Abbott, William Hollenbeck, Charles Perkins, Willard Elder, Wayne Hazen and Roger Fridley.

Second Row: Floyd Park, Ralph Kirchner, Mervin Mills and Mr. Hedemann, coach.

Absent: Robert Oostendorp.



FIRST ROW: Mr. Hedemann, coach; Wm. Hollenbeck; N. Abbott; W. Porter; W. Hazen; W. Elder; and Roger Fridley, student basketball manager.

SECOND ROW: V. Kirchner; F. Park; C. Perkins; N. Phillips; and R. Kirchner.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball team ended the season with 10 victories and 10 defeats for an average of .500. The team met with many handicaps during the year with injuries and illness heading the list.

Although not playing a good consistent type of basketball, the quintet did look good on some occasions in beating good teams such as Conesville, Lone Tree, St. Mathias and St. Mary's.

In a Red Cross benefit the team dressed up as girls and played the N.H.S. Girls' team--the Muscatine County Champs--for a mythical "County-county Championship" title. The boys won the contest by a score of 35 to 25 after rolling to a 16 to 5 lead in the first quarter. From then on it was an exhibition game for the crowd with the "new girls" doing a lot of horsing around. The whole team participated to give the crowd a show.

The boys scored a total of 622 points for an average of 31 points per game; their opponents scored 666 points for an average of 33 points per game.

The first team consisted of the following boys:

NO. 14--WAYNE HAZEN--5' 11".

Wayne was the sophomore forward and CAPTAIN of the team. He scored a total of 70 points on 24 field goals and 22 free throws even though he missed part of the season with a broken arm. He used an effective right handed push shot for chief offensive threats.

NO. 12--WILLY ELDER--5' 9".

Willy was a senior forward who took high honors for the third straight year with 279 points on 112 field goals and 55 free throws. This total was good for a 17 point average --the second straight year with this average. He could shoot a hook shot with either hand.

NO. 4--WILLIAM HOLLENBECK--5' 8½".

"Red" was a senior guard. He scored only 15 points, but he played the back court on defense. He shot with his left hand on close ups, and made some good long shots.

NO. 5--BOB OOSTENDORP--6' 2".

Bob was a junior center. He scored 37 field goals and 18 free tosses for a total of 82 points. He used a pivot shot with either hand. He played a good rebound game with his height proving a great advantage.

NO. 3--WARREN PORTER--6' 2".

"Henry" was a junior guard. He scored 79 points--most of them coming during the last part of the season. He shot left handed. His height also proved a great advantage to the team.

NO. 9--NIGEL ABBOTT--5' 10".

"Doc" was another senior guard who played as a substitute and as a regular. He scored but 10 points but played a good defensive game.

The remainder of the squad who saw plenty of action included Ralph and Virgil Kirchner, sophomore forwards; Charles Perkins, sophomore guard; and Floyd Park, senior guard.

The scores of the games were:

			<u>SCORE</u>		
<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>NICHOLS</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	
November	26	Alumni	Here	35	20
	30	Springdale	Here	27	19
December	3	Conesville	There	29	43
	7	Lone Tree	Here	26	25
	10	Atalissa	There	24	33
	21	St. Mary's	Here	39	34
January	7	Springdale	There	33	18
	11	Lone Tree	There	33	39
	14	Atalissa	Here	20	34
	18	St. Mathias	There	30	43
	21	Riverside	Here	25	37
	31	Riverside	There	34	48
February	15	St. Mary's	There	39	35
	18	Conesville	Here	33	32
	25	St. Mathias	Here	32	39

COUNTY TOURNAMENT

January	26	St. Mathias	Here	40	24
	27	Atalissa	Here	14	16

SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT

March	1	Springdale	Tipton	51	44
	2	Durant	Tipton	28	38