Falcon

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BY THE
1954 FALCON STAFF
ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL
ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN
Consider time. How inexorable, inevitable, yet wise and knowing it is! Its seasons unfold their vaulted knowledge to us, leaving a treasury of memories and lessons. One is merely able to record the memories, as we have done, so that he may often recall the happenings of the year, this lifetime is miniature. The lessons, however, are the truly valuable gifts. We must use the benefits of these experiences wisely. We should find little time for remembrances, but constantly seeking the mysteries of the ages, let us look to the future!
Time has been gentle to our school. Each autumn, as the violently colored leaves settle on the terraces and tennis courts, it is evident that the school grows mellower with age. The serenity of snow, in the pines, in winter strengthens our fondness for the rugged building. Lazy students will attest to the warmth and luxuriance of the lawn in the springtime.

Though we shall soon move into an ultra-modern structure, there are few among us who will not have regrets upon leaving venerable, beautiful Rochester High.
In Memoriam

RODERICK IVENS

April 10, 1910    November 15, 1953

In future years students and graduates of R. H. S. will remember Rod Ivens as a guide and an inspiration. He enjoyed his chosen profession, and shared his knowledge willingly, always striving to help others. The manner with which he worked with his tools or at his bench left a lasting impression on all of us. He looked on life with quiet, understanding eyes; glorifying his profession and striving for attainment. This year he was called to the calm and mystic tomorrow by the master carpenter who knows and recognizes all perfection.

"Their noon day never knows
What names immortal are
'Tis night alone that shows
How star surpasseth star."
Schools are built of steel and concrete, tile and wood; they are built strong and durable; they withstand storms and tempest. Their steel girders reach toward the sky, proclaiming their mission to the youth of the land. Into these structures must go infinite effort and countless hours of planning and thought. Someone must take the initiative and instill into the people of the community its needs and aspirations.

To those who helped us realize the dreams of today for a better tomorrow; to those men and women who have worked so faithfully to make our new school a possibility, we dedicate this book,

THE 1954 FALCON

to

THE CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE

Our grateful thanks for the many hours spent in behalf of the students of Rochester Community Schools.
We hope that the pages of this book will be as familiar to the students as the varied contents of their lockers.

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After browsing through her past three yearbooks, Senior Jo Rewold anxiously awaits her last annual.
MR. DONALD BALDWIN
Superintendent

MR. HARLAN JOHNSON
Principal

School Board
The close relationship between the administration and students is portrayed in this photograph in which Mr. Baldwin is showing two interested students the blueprints of our new school. The students, school board, and administration worked in perfect harmony, this past year, to successfully achieve a "yes" vote on our school bond issue.

and Administration
Janice Marklewitz, one of many who have benefited from the High School's Student Employment Bureau, holds a good job at a local auto agency.

Dr. Falick and Mrs. Leonard, of the mental health department, give a sympathetic ear, sound advice, and practical help to any student with a problem.

School Services

Little do the pupils of R.H.S. realize how much their school does for them. School services, which are many and varied, enhance school life for everyone. Free bus service, good, inexpensive cafeteria fare, a thriving Student Placement Bureau, a capable trained school nurse, and the now famous mental health and guidance program known as the "Rochester Plan", have made our high school one of the most progressive in the state.

The Future Nurses take great delight in applying the "patch test" for T.B. to a somewhat dubious Freshman.
In years to come, graduates of Rochester High School will realize more than they do today, the value of many experiences which they had with the faculty. Our teachers are, without exception, a group of men and women devoted to their profession. Their workday does not end when school is out in the afternoon. They give, beyond the call of duty, their time and talents and kindly counsel. The students have found in them genuine friends, men and women who teach not only academic subjects, but who, by example, are proponents of understanding and helpfulness to everyone. Their teachings will remain deep in our hearts far into the future.
EDWARD CLAUS
Mathematics

HAROLD MILLER
English - Science

HAZEL PRITZEL
Commercial

ROBERT MIDDLETON
Agriculture

GEORGE TAYLOR
Commercial

EUGENE KONLEY
Physical Education
WILLAMENA RIBBINK
Commercial - Counselor

ELOISE TALLANT
English - Drama

RICHARD McGOWAN
Social Studies

RAY LAWSON
English

ROBERT NELSON
Audio - Visual Mathematics

MERVIN MACK
Industrial Arts
ERNESTINE MILES
Home Economics

HERBERT PETERS
English

GEORGE STRINGER
Social Living - Counselor

LEROY FELTON
Industrial Arts

ROLAND SEMBLE
Art
Fall
Registration

Registration day had begun. The summer had passed all too quickly, and a long line of impatient boys and girls stretched through the school hall to the gym, awaiting to officially start another school year. The gym itself was alive with the bustle and noise common to a large group of students hastily trying to condense all the gossip and news of an action-packed summer vacation into twenty minutes time. Counselors and teachers were busy making out schedules, giving tests, and processing nine hundred pupils, their future charges.

Shy junior high students, naïve freshmen, disillusioned sophomores, illustrious juniors, and self-confident seniors stood together; a conglomeration of youth, typical of any section of America. For some of them, school would be a grind, troubling and troublesome; but for most, a full and rewarding experience.
Sadie Hawkins Dance

Marryin' Sam, dressed fit to kill, presided in his booth and married all comers in a "rustic" ceremony.

Dogpatch, Al Capp's fantastic hill-country settlement, was recreated at this crazy shindig. Following past tradition, gals asked the guys and foot the bill for the evening's entertainment. Everyone came wearing his worse rags; each fellow sporting a corsage made by his girl. Marrin' Sam was swamped with starry-eyed couples, and the Dogpatch Circuit Court handed out more quick divorces in one night then Reno does in a year, but the divorcees got back in line to get married again. Caricatures of those perennial favorites, the Abner family, including Daisy Mae, watched in silent amusement from their places on the wall.

Straw hats and other "hill-billy" oddities abounded, along with happy smiles and youthful "highjinks."
VARITY SCORES

Rochester 6  Grand Haven 26
Rochester 27 Farmington 6
Rochester 27 St. Mary's 6
Rochester 13 Utica 0
Rochester 6 Berkley 20
Rochester 19 Lapeer 0
Rochester 18 Romeo 20
Rochester 32 Cranbrook 12

RESERVE SCORES

Rochester 13 Walled Lake 0
Rochester 0 Utica 6
Rochester 26 Berkley 13
Rochester 6 Lapeer 0
Rochester 32 Romeo 20

Football

Bob Missel
Right Tackle

Jerry LeBarre
Full Back
Roger Forbush
Quarterback
Pat Nunn
Center

Gilroy Witsoe
Right End

ROW 1: C. Montross, P. Nunn, D. Robertson, L. Witsoe, G. Quick, B. Missel, D. Alverson, G. Kleino, E. Cook
In the first game, the Falcons met class A Grand Haven, who later completed an undefeated season while playing some of the best teams in the state. Rochester lost that game by the score of 26-6, but by no means lost any pride in the defeat. The game's point came when Paul Dallaire ran 40 yards for Rochester's only tally. Then at the beginning of the second half Bob Missel's broken leg added tragedy to the event.

In the next game, the Falcons met and defeated Farmington 27-7. Don Robertson was the offensive standout, scoring two touchdowns, while Bussy DeBaene and Jerry LeBarre ripped the opposition's line apart on defense.

After making two brilliant exhibitions of ball playing at Halbach Field, the Falcons then played away at Mt. Clemens. There they defeated St. Mary's by the score of 27-6. Max Powell and Paul Dallaire each scored a pair of TD's.

Utica was the next victim of the Falcon power house. They went down by the score of 13-0, the winning touchdown coming early in the first quarter. Bussy DeBaene intercepted a lateral in the Chieftain's backfield and raced twenty-four yards for the six-pointer that proved to be the winning margin.

Rochester went down to defeat in the next game with the Berkley Bears. The final score was 20-6, a superb passing attack being the downfall for the Falcons that night.

In the next game Rochester played host to Lapeer and sent them home with a 19-0 defeat. Lapeer's downfall came when quarterback Roger Forbush sent three touchdown passes to Max Powell who made several brilliant plays through the evening.

Romeo was our next host, and the Bulldogs, playing inspired ball, overcame an eighteen-point Rochester lead and sent the Falcons back home suffering from disbelief and astonishment. The final score was 20-18.

In summing up the season it can well be said that it was successful. Although losing three games does not look successful on paper, Romeo was actually the only Class B team that defeated us, and that by only a two-point margin.
Jerry Dahlmann .. Center

Roger Perreault .. Guard

Bruce Jones .. Halfback

Don Robertson .. Halfback

Earl Kitchen .. End

Paul Dallaire .. Halfback

Dick Gray .. Center

Bob Missel, Tackle, and Max Powell, Halfback Co-captains

Gary Quick .. Guard

Arian Stone .. Tackle
Exercising a citizen's precious right.

It's only a false alarm!

Be careful what you turn--boys.

Campaign speaker uses persuasion.
Acting as a climax and main attraction to a semester of governmental study, Government Day combines work with pleasure and enables senior students to become an active part in governmental and civic affairs for a day. Participants in these affairs are nominated through government and English classes. Following nominations, an assembly for the student body is held and each candidate for office is required to give a campaign speech revealing his or her ideas concerning the desired post. After the excitement of the campaign, each student in grades seven through twelve votes for the candidate who they think is most qualified for the office. After elected students take office, they appoint various people to represent actual appointive posts in the school and town. Every job from the Superintendent of School to the Manager of Sewage Disposal is filled, and the elected students are shown the duties which their respective job entails. The experience of participation in Government Day is both educational and enjoyable.

Not "pinched" just on duty.

Rochester High students "get down to earth" in the Public Works Department.
Homecoming

Homecoming, a day of days, is a festive celebration held during the afternoon and evening of the final home football game. This gay, high-spirited occasion marks a tribute to the football team and culminates the season with a feeling of excitement. Afternoon activities include skits by the dramatics class, highlighted by the crowning of a king and queen selected by the students. Students then, rally for an organized parade that includes floats, costumes, and unison student yells. Evening festivities are made especially interesting by the game itself, and pre-game and half-time ceremonies. An after-game dance adds the final touch of an stimulating day.

Regal ceremonies mark the coronation scene.

Spirited Drum Major Clark opens the celebrations.

Fêtes of Combat amuse the court.

The Royal Pair view their subjects.
All Hail, the King and Queen.

The Royal Procession rolls by.

Huge Homecoming crowd spurs on the team.

Prize Winning Freshman Float--Little red school house bursts its seams.

Senior Float--The Falcon hangs the Panther as Seniors cheer.
Senior Play

Penryn Dodd
Mrs. Dodd
Sheriff Snyder
Wyatt Court
Doris
Perry Brown
Al Vogel
Jenny Jones
Storekeeper
Rusty MacGowan

Kenneth Rutherford
Shirley Allison
Kaye Swords
Robert Missel
Margie Coleman
Roger Forbush
Jerry Dahlman
Sally Anderson
Bob Potere
Mary Stemmer
Mr. Icebox

Bill Pickens
Williams
Mrs. West
Jean
A Masked Man
Malcolm
Klatowsky
Miss Smith
Voice of Radio Ham

Charles Mitchell
Walter Evanson
Georgeann Pearce
Marcia Ballagh
Roger Helm
Dennis Witsoe
Ed Koski
Sharon Blanchard
Gilroy Witsoe
Punch and cookies highlight the evening.

The Charity Ball, which took place on November 23, 1953, was one of the best dances of the year. The gymnasium, decorated in black and white, represented the theme, "Night and Day." This theme was carried out by the co-chairmen of the Ball, Judy Bachor and Joanne Mackey. Dave Andrea's orchestra furnished the music.

The Junior-Senior Girls sponsor this annual ball for the benefit of charity. It is the major project of the club and plans for it start soon after school begins in September. 

Charity Ball

Grand March is a review of beauty and interest.

Finishing touches are added near powder room door.

Co-chairmen Joan and Judy raise the ceiling.
Winter

Varsity Basketball

Max Powell Forward

Arlan Stone Center

Jerry Dahlmann Center

Don Robertson Guard

Earl Kitchen Guard

Roger Forbush Forward
Basketball Reserves


Rochester's flying Falcons completed one of the most successful basketball seasons in the history of the school, finishing a tough schedule with a 19-2 record. The most heart-breaking loss occurred in the Pontiac Gymnasium, when Rochester conceded to a much-improved Utica team, and saw her chances for the Regional Championship and state honors disappear in the noise and hubbub of a wildly cheering Utica rooting section. The Falcon downfall followed two wild and exhausting games, in which Rochester piled up a big lead and then saw it dwindle to nothing. In both cases the quintet managed a heroic rally, winning the first game with Mt. Clemens' St. Mary's by one point, and the second with Walled Lake by two. Up until the Utica defeat, the Falcons had been bumped out only once, in a mid-season game with St. Mary's which was evened up in the tournaments. In season play the Falcons, as shown by their record, proved more than a match for their opponents, and won most of their games.

Rochester 45
Rochester 46
Rochester 50
Rochester 44
Rochester 36
Rochester 54
Rochester 63
Rochester 66
Rochester 68
Rochester 55
Rochester 61
Rochester 68
Rochester 75
Rochester 56
Rochester 80
Rochester 59

Marine City 44
Utica 36
Romeo 43
Grand Blanc 34
Lapeer 31
St. Mary's 37
Oxford 43
Lake Orion 42
Marine City 36
Romeo 40
Cranbrook 40
Lapeer 42
Davison 72
Oxford 52
Keego Harbor 51
Lake Orion 31

Junior High Basketball
In every game played, this year's basketball team provided many opportunities for the students to give vent to their enthusiasm and cheering. This school spirit was so strong it overflowed into the community. Numerous townspeople followed the team in every game, through to the thrilling and exhausting final games of the tournament.
Fatigued Falcons "face the music" with penitent expressions and rest up for the second half.

District Champs

"Big Ar" stretches for the jump as The Falcons tangle with the Lake Orion Dragons.

Arlan again has the advantage, and probably will use it to push in two more points for the team.
P. T. A. fathers serve "chow" at the Christmas Dance.

The Christmas Dance was probably one of the most unusual affairs of the year, and certainly a high-light in our panorama of winter activities. Sponsored by the P.T.A., the dance was "dress," but did not require a formal corsage, thus considerably lessening the cost to everyone. The gymnasium was furnished cabaret style, and punch, sandwiches, and cookies were served by obliging "waiters."

One of the hottest student bands ever heard at R.H.S. provided the dancing and listening material. Ted Saunders and his quintet put on a top-notch performance, culminating in a jam session which rocked the walls and caused crazy reactions such as that pictured above. Strictly "gone" renditions of "When the Saints Come Marching" and "South Rampart Street Parade" had the spectators clamoring for more, and caused one avid fan to say --- "Mmm, Daddy-O, This is the Most!"
Combined choirs swell the Hallelujah Chorus.

The annual Christmas Pageant provided a program of secular and sacred entertainment. Coordination of the stage presentation with choral arrangements by the massed choir and glee clubs provided a fine effect.

And the angel said unto them—

Glory to God in the highest

For unto you is born a Saviour
Madam ZaZa reads the future for Pat.

You wiggle and you waddle like a baby duck. Joan and Judy.

Hurry! Hurry! Side shows stupendous!

Lovely Hula Hands, Lovely Hula Girls.
Senior Carnival

Fun was had by everyone who attended this carnival. Basketball throws, dunking the teachers, testing your skill at the rifle range or the ping pong concession, and taking a spine-chilling trip through the House of Terror are some of the entertainment that was offered. When you felt tired, you could amble down to Joe's Cabaret and rest your weary self in the exotic atmosphere of old Sicily. When the fanfare was heard, however, everyone scampered back to the midway and saw a colorful variety show, featuring Soupy Sales. The Senior Carnival offered great entertainment to children of all ages.

Impatient girls await seances with Madame Za Za.

Senior President Jerry directs Carnival Capers.

Auntie Dee's pint size crooner, Richard Mack, entertains.

Costumed waiters and Happy Harry and his violin entertain patrons at Gypsy Joe's cabaret.

Homecoming Queen Joan crowns charming Carnival Queen Peggy.
The Magazine Drive, sponsored annually by the Student Council, is one of the biggest and most profitable money making projects held in school. Each year, the Crowell-Collier Publishing Company sends a representative to the school and he promotes the idea to the entire student body of selling the magazines published by his company. His promotion speech launches a drive that lasts for a period of seven to ten days. As a device to stimulate interest and enthusiasm, the council offers numerous prizes for high salesmen and the drive is climaxied by an all school assembly where the award winners are announced and presented with these prizes. The Magazine Drive not only brings the students together for a singular cause, but also offers opportunities in salesmanship and active competition which is so important in later life.

Joe Shields discusses campaign plans with students during lunch.
Final Exams

Students concentrate on examinations. Working toward a good mark, they garnish their labors with studious grimaces.

Teacher's life—correcting exam papers and training apprentice who excels in dropping pencils and blotting ink.

"Oh, my gosh!, "I didn't think it would be this bad." A typical remark from a typical Rochester pupil upon seeing his report card.
During the dismal cold winter season, the gym is kept warm and vibrating with the exuberance of youthful athletes. Both boys and girls used their noon hour to good advantage with strenuous games of basketball, volleyball, badminton, and ping-pong. There was also created an active league of novice bowlers.
Grand March finale gives an idea of J-Hop popularity.

This familiar foursome seems to have found the refreshments excellent, and the dance enjoyable.

Good music and romantic atmosphere—perfect background for "dancing cheek to cheek."

J-Hop

The J-Hop was, as usual, a great success. The dance was semi-formal and was outstanding for its fine decorations. Ted Saunders and his band put in a fine performance, swinging and swaying in a diversified program of hot and cool music. Parents and spectators watched from the balcony as the grand march, colorful and exciting, was executed. Young ladies, resplendent in multicolored gowns, displayed their charms in a pageant of beauty.
The Falcon thinclads had not begun their meet schedule as the Yearbook went to press, but judging from their creditable performance in 1953, when they clinched the Tri-County Trophy and established nine new school records for Rochester, the team will have a very good year. A squad of forty men, including eleven returning letter winners, provides plenty of working material for Coach Clute, who, as usual, has an optimistic outlook, and sees much versatility and talent in "his men."
A. Stone  Co-captain  Half mile

B. Barnes  Half mile

B. Potere  High hurdles

B. Smith  Mile

D. Peltier  Shotput

J. Dahlmann  Shotput
Baseball Team.

The baseball Falcons, with a strong returning force of last year's lettermen, are shaping into a fine squad, and have an excellent chance for a perfect season. Last year's team finished second in Tri-County, with a fair season, pulling six wins and four losses. Rochester's 1954 team will be built around a group of veterans, including Don Robertson in the starting pitcher's spot, Bussy DeBaene behind the plate, and Roger Forbush, Max Powell, Jimmy Stewart, and Earl Kitchen in the infield, covering third, shortstop, second and first, respectively. Outfielders will be recruited from the ranks of other lettermen, and from a promising group of players up from the Reserves.
Don Robertson, Pitcher.

Gown of Glory

CAST

Jerry Dahlmann
Joanne Mackey
Joan Mason
Margie Coleman
Ed Batchelor
Roger Forbush
Ernie Reschke
Gilroy Witsoe
Carole Hinze
Pat Norman

Rev. David Lyall
Mary Lyall
Lucy Lyall
Faith Lyall
Jeremy Lyall
Ninian Ross
Mr. Dilling
John Harvey
Peggy McDonald
Minnie Masters

Ray Pasternak
George Lindquist
Adelle Pineau
Janet Maitrott
Joan Griffin
Dave Arscott
Sally Anderson
Walter DeBaene
Gordon McAllister
Judy Bachelor

Josiah Hunt
Colonel Harrison
Mrs. Farraday
Mrs. Crombie
Mrs. Bellamy
Oliver Coates
Mrs. Jenkins
John Jenkins
Mr. Ross
Mrs. Ross
Spring Play
Spring Activities

The signs of spring are unmistakable. Ask any teacher who has tried to teach a drowsy, restless, and lovelorn class. The warm days irresistibly beckon students outside. Some lie lazily on the cool, new grass, while others take to strenuous sports such as track, baseball, and tennis. The younger children make a tremendous hubbub while playing jacks, kickball, jump rope, and marbles. At this time, the graduating class is inevitably affected by the dread disease, "senioritis." Their daily reveries consist of visions of the banquet, trip, prom, and the graduation exercises. Certainly this season of awakening is among the most delightful of the year.
Organizations
Falcoln Yearbook Staff

Early fall found thirty-seven students busy working on this, the 1954 Falcon. Through the combined efforts of the various staffs, a picture story of the school year is presented. The business staff has "hit an all time high" in the selling of advertisements and subscriptions. All students, in grades nine through twelve, interested in any phase of this publication are urged to become members of this group.

Editors

The high school newspaper staff is composed of students who are interested in journalism. These reporters receive experience in this field by interviews and attendance at various activities. In addition to writing the news, they sell and check advertising, and distribute the papers on the day of publication.


Switchboard

The girls who operate the switchboard in the Board of Education office are chosen from grades ten through twelve. Necessary requirements are high scholastic standing, a pleasing personality, pleasant voice, and a willingness to donate their time to their school. No credit is given to these students for their services. They receive instructions from representatives of the Bell Telephone Company and see films on office etiquette and courtesy. Switchboard operators receive points toward the National Honor Society.

This organization, whose main goal is to establish better relationships among its members, includes girls from the eleventh and twelfth grades. Their main project is sponsoring the Charity Ball, the first formal dance of the year. Profits from this dance are used for charitable purposes.


The Student Council, a representative group of students from grades 7-12, is the highest form of student government, whose purpose is to promote activities and school policies for the general welfare of the student body. A representative or an alternate from third hour classes represents the students at the bi-weekly meetings. The committees meet on alternating Thursdays.

Activities of the group are varied. Among those performed this year were: sponsoring Homecoming activities, after game dances, exchange assemblies, the student work day for new schools, and the magazine drive.
A record of the sales was tabulated daily by members of the Student Council. The total sales reached $4,200 of which the council received about $1,250.
Cadet Band


INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The Instrumental Music Department is comprised of three groups—the Beginners Band, students who have had no previous experience; Cadet Band, the intermediate group who has completed one year of acceptable work in the first department; Varsity Band, the more advanced students and the highest position obtainable.

Each year the Cadet Band stages a concert. All other instrumental activities are done by the Varsity Band. Among their numerous appearances, were football games, including U. of M. game and Detroit Lions game, December Day Parade, Christmas Parade, annual concert and commencement activities.
Beginners Band


Band

Senior Girls' Glee Club


VOCAL MUSIC

The Choir, Girl's Glee, and the Boy's Glee are the groups that comprise the Vocal Music Department. All students in grades 9-12 are eligible for membership in the Glee Clubs. Choir membership indicates successful completion of one year of Glee Club work plus the added requirement of a vocal test. The purpose of these groups is to give musical training to the student and a greater opportunity for public performance.

The entire department participated in the following programs:

- Dec. 17: Christmas Concert
- Mar. 16: District Festival
- April 13: Easter Cantata "The Holy City"
- June 3: Spring Sing
- The Choir also sang at:
  - Oct. 1: Fall Honors Assembly
  - Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Chapel Service
  - April 13: Easter Chapel Service
  - June 13-17: Commencement Activities

In addition to the regular vocal classes various ensembles are organized for the more advanced students. The sextette and minorettes proved to be popular entertainers at the Senior Carnival and Play.

Choir

Senior Sextette

Melody Minorettes


Boys' Chorus
The vocal music department organized this club to help students understand and appreciate all types of music. This understanding is made possible through the use of records and discussions. Most of these programs centered around classical and jazz music by the use of a high-fidelity record player.

Music Appreciation

Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls’ Glee Club

If you are a second year art student, able to bear responsibility, and have fair ability in this field, you are qualified to become an art club member. Projects this year were ceramics, posters, and murals. Conversation, during their monthly meetings, centered around any complications that arose during the month. An art exhibit is held each spring to display the work done during the year. This year pottery was sold by the members.

A kiln purchased with funds donated by the dramatics and music departments placed the making of pottery as the year’s highlight.

Art Club

An active interest in any or all fields of science is necessary in order to become a member of this group. Any person, in high school, who is willing to undertake a scientific project, with a desire to delve into advanced scientific methods, is welcome. Special programs have been planned around the study of the radio.

Science Club


Varsity Club

The Varsity Club is an organization composed of boys who have earned a minimum of one varsity letter for their achievement in one of the four major sports at Rochester. The Club is active in sponsoring dances after games and is interested in the betterment of athletic facilities. During the recent year the members constructed a scoreboard, which is placed at the baseball field, and were responsible for marking base paths with chalk before games. Also, they have enjoyed frequent visits to sport events.

Conservation Club

Activities of this organization are many and varied. In co-operation with the adult education, these students sponsor the Wildlife Series and have created an interest throughout the community in this activity. Other programs have been field trips, hikes, a visit to the Sportsman Show and Bird Sanctuary. Each year this group sponsors the Sadie Hawkins Dance and uses the proceeds to purchase equipment, such as binoculars, to be used on field trips.

Service Club
This group boasts of no treasury and of its services to school and community for charitable purposes. Members of this organization are happy to render free service to any group when the funds are to be used for charity. Some organizations receiving their services are Kiwanis Club for March of Dimes Campaign and Christmas Parade, P.T.A. Sweetheart's Ball, and ushering at school events such as plays, concerts, and Commencement Activities.


G.A.A.

G.A.A. - Action and sportsmanship are the highlights of this organization and these girls, ranging from grades 9 through 12, have had an exceedingly active year. Any girl interested in sports can find something of interest in one of these various groups, such as basketball, bowling, softball, archery, tennis, and ping-pong. She may ally herself with the group in which she has specific interest and with as many groups as she chooses.

Cheerleaders

Members of the cheerleading squad are selected through an elimination contest, judged by chosen faculty and members of the student body. Any student in grades seven through twelve may try out for a place on the squad. This group, by planning and organizing pep meetings, promotes good sportsmanship and unified cheering.
"Ready projection?"
"Ready, Mr. Nelson."
"Roll 'em!"

Audio-Visual is probably one of the most improved departments in the school, offering a wide variety of visual aids for all classes. Scheduling has been improved, and student projectionists find that, through technical instructions and tests given by Mr. Nelson, they have gained a thorough knowledge of their machines, and are able to do a professional job of showing a picture.
The Future Teacher’s Club, sponsored by the Rochester Education Association, is chartered with the national organization. In addition to the regular bi-weekly meetings, each member of the group cadet-teaches three times a week. The year’s activities began with five girls attending the State meeting at St. Mary’s Lake. This was followed by an initiation ceremony, at which time six members received their pins. Other club functions were serving at the M.E.A. banquet, meeting other F.T.A. groups at a tea given at a recruitment program by the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, and a banquet for the teachers who have worked with the club.

F. H. A.

F. H. A., a national organization, is open to any girls who are enrolled or have been enrolled in a Home Economics class. Its members are prepared to assume the responsibilities of home and family life. The club has participated in Regional, State, and National conventions and in the summer work camp.
Future Nurses

The F.N.A. provides any high school student, who maintains better than average scholastic and citizenship grades, experience in the medical field. These students donate their services in the high school nursing office by weighing and measuring, applying first aid, testing vision and assisting in any other health project.

The future nurses visited the Henry Ford Hospital and attended gatherings of other future nurses from various parts of Michigan. At a special ceremony, held at the end of the year, qualified members received a future nurses' pin.

F. F. A.

This group cooperated closely with the National and State Organization. The Rochester Chapter of the F. F.A. developed agricultural leadership, cooperation and good citizenship. With two representatives attending the National Convention at East Lansing, the group feels they were well represented in agricultural affairs.

Not to be out-done in social affairs, these boys enjoyed a hay-ride, a roller skating party, basketball, a spring camping trip, and raising funds through a concession at all home football games.
National Honor Society

Facts to be considered for membership in the National Honor Society are scholarship, leadership, service, and character. In order to be considered as a candidate, one must have a "B" or better average, a citizenship average of at least "2", and be in the upper third of the graduating class.

A permanent record is being kept of all students, grades 9-12, on their services to the school.
Underclassmen
Junior Class

J. Bachor       W. Bellas    R. Belyea    R. Barbier    J. Bastedo    E. Batchelor    P. Bishop
J. Burkhard     S. Cain      G. Carrie    H. Chechack    E. Clark    V. Clark    P. Cocroft
                S. Cole      G. Crissman
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The Junior Class began the year by having a car wash. Later, they made a float for the Homecoming Parade and for the new school campaign, sponsored several after game dances, promoted a curb painting project, and sponsored the annual J-Hop.

Prose and poetry try the memories of these American Literature students.
Money raising projects of this class were selling Christmas cards and sponsoring after game dances. They also entered a prize winning float in the Homecoming parade.
Mr. Felton shapes careers in industrial arts.
The intricacies of two dimensions are ably taught by Mister Rogers in his Soph. Geometry Class.
Activities of this class have consisted of adopting a Korean War Orphan, after school canteens, and a winning Homecoming float.
Mrs. Holman gets her Frosh English classes off to a good start.
The Frosh bone up on their algebra.
Eighth Grade

S. Aemisegger  P. Alverson  B. Anderson  N. Anderson  J. Applegate  M. Armstrong  A. Arnold  D. Austin

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Treas. R. Kronick  V. Pres. S. Ruffner

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These pupils are learning social studies by experience.
Mr. Koczman teaches his eager, young students the workings of science.
Following in the footsteps of the upperclassmen, seventh and eighth grades have sponsored dances for their group, basketball and baseball teams, a hayride, and a roller skating party.
Fundamental knowledge is the spring board to success.
The school’s staff of secretaries, bookkeepers, and clerical workers is the unsung force which is responsible for the mountain of paperwork and accounting so essential to the efficient operation of a modern school system.

Orchids to the hardworking ladies of the cafeteria, who manage consistently to provide good, wholesome, appetizing meals despite handicaps of time, space, equipment, and provisions.

Supplementary cafeteria help is provided by students, who prove to be hard working, courteous, and helpful.
Seniors
SHIRLEY ALLISON

ILEEN ALWARD

SALLY ANDERSON

LESLEI ARIS

JAMES ARNOLD

MARCIA BALLAGH

ROBERT BARNES

JOAN BEATTY

ROLAND BERG

HAROLD BLANCHARD

SHARON BLANCHARD

ROBERT BORST

SHIRLEY is always found with a book in her hand and a smile on her face. ILEEN has the power to captivate many by her graceful manner and winsome smile. SALLY'S love of culture adds to her sophisticated personality. In years to come, LYNN will reap the benefits of the hours he did not squander in high school.

JIM believes in reaping what he sows. Small, dainty MARCIA has two famous trademarks, her cheery greeting and her charming smile. To BOB, the measure of a man's life is its fullness, not its length. Although attractive JOAN is new to Rochester, she has rapidly gained many friends.

ROLAND is never less relaxed when he is at leisure. HAROLD'S car is his commanding interest. The unpredictable antics and ready wit of vivacious SHARON are a delight to her friends. BOB'S veneer of silence covers a most surprising personality.
In DORIS'S quietness there is charm. JIM enjoys his trumpet, Chryslers, and lasting friendships. Likeable CAROL has a flair for fashions and men. HARRY is a pool shark with a violin complex.

JOHN is mischievous and gay to those who know him, quiet to those who do not. MARION has the mildest manner and the gentlest heart. MARGIE is a very talented and congenial girl. To DONALD, fond of fun and laughter, pleasure comes first.

Time moves on, and so must we all, to strange places and new friends. As the graduating class retraces its steps through its high school years, it pauses at each successful project. They remember with pride the profitable sale of wax and pennants, the making of floats for the Homecoming Parades in 1952 and 1953, and the sponsoring of many enjoyable dances. Each member of the class fondly recalls the amount of hard work spent in making successes of the J-Hop, Senior Play, and Senior Carnival. Incidentally, the senior athletes have left behind them splendid sport records. They shall never forget the Senior Banquet and Prom, the eventful boat trip to Chicago, and the sentiment-filled graduation exercises.

Though the passage of time is inexorable, the years shall have difficulty dimming the delightful memories of the 1954 Seniors.
The officers of the senior class are (first row) Jerry Dahlmann, Secretary Connie Mair, (second row) Treasurer Pat Gray, and Vice-president Ken Rutherford.

With her sparkling eyes and gift for small talk, MARGIE seeks to attract men. Amicable, EARL enjoys frequent trips to the Northland and the golf links. JOYCE'S sincerity and wit are only part of her southern charm. Being senior class president is only one example of JERRY'S ability.

PAUL'S deceiving studious appearance hides his aptitude for athletics. Copper-haired PENNY gains her objectives by femininity. NANCY has a gentle smile and a certain reserve, which may be due to her being in love. RALPH'S reserved, likeable personality is surpassed only by his willingness to aid others.
When the roll is called up yonder, DIANA will be late. Petite PEGGY has an intangible something which can only be described as sweet.

WALTER is dependable and firm in what he believes is right. Anyone knowing JACK can vouch for his friendliness and industrious traits.

AL has few equals in the manly arts of playing pool and poker. MARVIN reads, marks, learns, and inwardly digests. MARY JO is an artist at the keys. "I never saw a man I didn't like," is typical of ROGER'S friendliness.

Short and muscular, DON is known as the "Oklahoma Kid." Good-natured ED is a welcome addition to any group. The sweetness reflected in PAT'S face is evidence of her pleasant ways. DALE'S pleasing disposition wins him comrades wherever he goes.
DAVE will be liked by everyone wherever he goes. JO'S personality has established for her a close circle of friends. JANET is always true to her word, her works, and her friends. TOM is an interesting mixture of sense and nonsense.

ROGER is an angelic evangelist with a touch of whimsy. LOU has a pleasing personality with looks to match. BARBARA always tends to her duty in a quiet, unobtrusive way. SANDRA always has advice and a friendly word for everyone.

No audience is too small or occasion too trivial for impetuous GLORIA to entertain. In his quiet way, JACK has made many friends. GERALDINE is quiet in a crowd, but a favorite among her friends. Just the sort of guy to know, RUSS is true to his convictions.
GEORGE'S spirits shine through him. CARL'S driving ambition is off set by his tendency for mischief. ED is one of diversified hobbies and interests. JOHN is possessed of integrity and intelligence.

A saying that is typical of fair-haired DALE is, "Up in the morning and down at the farm." HAROLD amuses his friends with his unpredictable answers. FRANK will always speak his piece. JIM has the ability to come up with the right answer.

Mr. Stringer is pointing out the vital organs of "Josephine" to his social living class.
Bob and George are demonstrating the forces of gravity and friction to the interested students of physics.

To JOAN, it is better to be a good listener than a good talker. MARY LOU loses her timidity at Bill's Barn. JOANNE is pleasant and versatile. Her genuine interest in others contributes to CONNIE'S understanding personality.

JAN'S sincere interest in everyone has won her many friends. AUDREY goes her merry way with a pleasant "hello" and a friendly smile. JIM'S goal will be attained through his quiet effectiveness. Amusing and with an often sharp remark, DOUG'S naive appearance is misleading.
BOB, whose current interest is a "Classic Pierce Arrow Phaeton" is a roller skater of exceptional ability. Glimpses of BOB'S courage and sincerity are observed through his boisterous and jovial manner. A person's misinterpretation is CHUCK'S manifestation. MOAK, rotund captain of the "Potato Pickers" delights in wrestling and racing.

EFFIE'S easy going ways indicate a calm unassuming personality. JERRY'S dazzling smile captivates people, his witticisms amuse them. CAROLE'S exuberant personality is matched by her fondness for friends. Mental virtue plus a winning manner are characteristics that will attain large rewards for WARREN.

DIANE'S giggle is infectious. With a devilry in his eyes, wiry CHUCK has a colorful remark for every occasion. PAT'S disposition is as sunny as her hair. GEORGEANN has an intense desire for learning.
ROGER'S jolly appearance and the loss of his front teeth are sources of amusement to his fellow athletes. AGNES is a likeable brunette who has made many lasting friendships. NANCY'S gayety and cheerfulness are stimulating. Barely as long as his trombone, STU rarely misses playing ball during the noon hour.

Mechanically minded, an impetuous spirit, and a deep friendliness are characteristics of JAY. MAX is in his glory with women, westerns, and poker. A man of strong will, BOB'S loyalty and generosity are beyond reproach. GARY has a smile for everyone and a bit of wit at the opportune moment.

According to ELSIE, man's best friend is a horse. JO'S industrious habits and dependable character win the respect of her fellow workers. DON is modest, sincere, and respected by all. If silence were golden, MADELINE would be rich.
Students of the senior English class seem amused by Lynn's composition.

THOMAS est parvus vir cum magnis libris. (TOM is a little man with great books.) DON is an ambitious guy with a southern drawl. Great forethought and sagacity make KEN a man of extreme dependability. BETTY always appears gentle and pleasant.

AL is an H. I. T.—honest, industrious, and trustworthy. Her happy-go-lucky manner makes LOIS very easy to get along with. Proficient with the baton, SANDRA is a true friend who brightens up everyone's day. KIP'S independent quality has merit.
The government class is invaluable in aiding students to become fine citizens.

Outdoorsman and naturalist, BILL is a man of vast knowledge and keen mind. Modesty and devotion are JOYCE'S keynote. wholesome and possessed of perseverance and ambition, VERLYN casts a mean rod. DELORES is silent and reserved.

NANCY'S humble yet conscientious air reflects her sterling quality. JOAN is a queen in every respect. HELEN'S mannerisms are fascinating. DONNA possesses that rare combination of sweetness and capability.
JO may appear silent, but silence is golden. Modest, JOHN never burdens others with his problems. Versatile MARY may dance her way through life. JIM is a fun-loving fellow who will never be without friends.

BLANCHE appears to be quiet, but behind that calm there is a storm. Rangy, easy-going athlete, ARLAN shines on the basketball court. A dependable senior, GERALD finds much enjoyment in art. OLLIE'S presence commands attention.

GLEN is a happy combination of mischief and sincerity. MARY LOU will long be remembered for the warmth of her smile. JO'S blushing adds to her charm. BILL can adapt himself to any situation whether it be serious or gay.
DICK is a likeable fellow who exemplifies intelligence. MARGARET is spiritual, musical, and a very true friend. PAT'S benign personality reflects her natural self. JOYCE speaks kind words and hears kind echoes.

JOAN is happiest when participating in sports. There is good in everyone, according to MARILYN'S philosophy. JACK'S good humor is an inward quality. BARBARA is an example of southern charm to the "nth" degree.

Artistic GILROY'S brushes and paints will bring him fame. FRANCES is a true blond who is known for the quiet faithfulness with which she does her duties. Easy-going and hearty, ED is a man of the soil. CARL backs up his beliefs and his friends in any situation.
This is not our book alone. Only through your good-will and financial aid in purchasing our "star ads" were we able to make our way toward a "star." Our paramount memory in this book will be of you who so graciously helped us to make it possible. Only through your willingness and assistance have we been able to devote so much space to pictures of "school memories."
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