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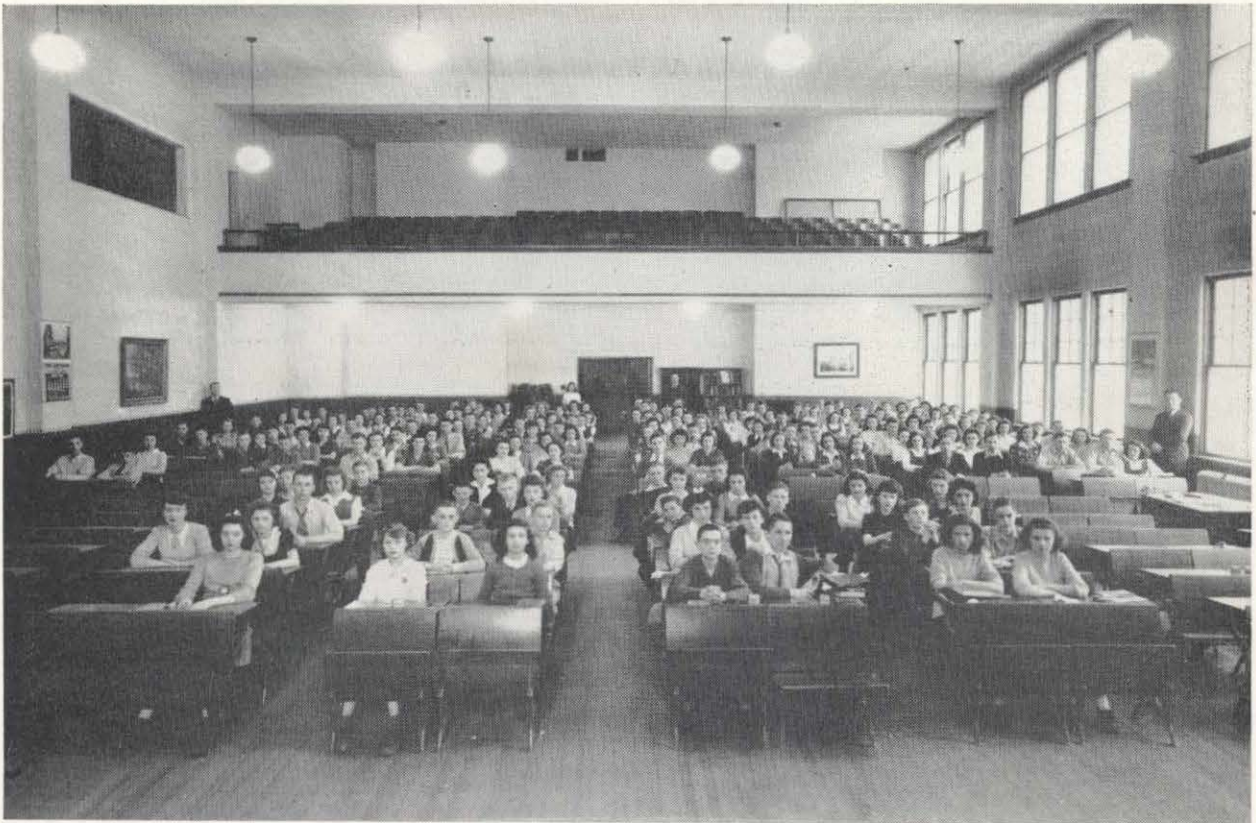
*Senior Class*

*of*

*1944*

*Presents . . .*

# *The Scout*



## *A Day in the Assembly*

- 7:30—Roy sweeps up buckshot, beans and paperwads left from the day before.
- 8:00—Mr. Burgeson arrives, oils and adjusts bell for the daily grind.
- 8:30—Ty Vanderkolk lumbers in.
- 8:59—Bell tolls. Roll is taken. Burgeson takes his morning gallop across the assembly.
- 9:01—Mr. Burgeson announces pie social at Gates' to raise money for bird baths for the South Sea Islanders. Will everybody come and please bring a pie?
- 9:30—Baker arrives.
- 9:55—Second period. Baker gets admittance slip after heated argument with Mr. Burgeson.
- 10:55—Third period. American History class goes to History room for morning nap.
- 11:49—Business Arithmetic class get set for the bell.
- 1:00—School convenes after short respite.
- 1:30—Mr. Willits makes the rounds, patting the gum chewers on the back.
- 1:55—Fifth period. Sociology class studies the downward trend of American Youth.
- 3:66—Sixth period. Physical Education class takes up Chapter II of "The Life of Charles Atlas."
- 3:55—School's out!!! 'Ray! Now for the Pool Hall.
- 4:00—Mr. Burgeson's chosen few gather together for a social hour. *No* refreshmments!

# Dedication

We, the class of 1944, dedicate this Scout to the following boys, now in the service of their country, whom we have known as schoolmates. They are fighting so that we may learn.

## CLASS OF 1944

Bob Behrms

Army Air Corps

## CLASS OF 1943

Daryl Beach	Navy	Rollin Osantowski	Navy
Thomas Birkel	Army	Raymond Pohl	Army Air Corps
Spencer Dorthy	Navy	Marvin Richards	Marine Corps
Ervin Humlicek	Navy Air Corps	Maurice Richards	Marine Corps
Robert Jones	Marine Corps	Ivan Shorney	Navy
John Keating	Marine Corps	Dale Spatz	Army
Francis Evans	Navy	Marvin Stier	Navy
George Knott	Army Air Corps	Elmer Vanous	Navy
Robert Kreizinger	Army Air Corps	Henry Willemsen	Marine Corps
Leo Milburn	Navy	Donald Wilson	Navy
Merlyn Muntz	Navy		

## CLASS OF 1942

Bill Armagost	Navy	Edward Michael	Army Air Corps
Leland Blackstone	Navy	David Powell	Army
Rodney Briggs	Army	Dale Proctor	Army
Robert Crocker	Navy	Leonard Rech	Navy
Tony Curda	Army	Elmer Rerucha	Marine Corps
John Daro	Army Air Corps	Allen Stearns	Navy
Norman Davis	Army	Tommy Vernon	Navy
Donald Dixon	Army	Calvin Walden	Navy
George Houdesheldt	Navy	Alan Wert	Army
Richard Humlicek	Army	Tom Wilson	Navy
Albin Janky	Army	Buford Wrede	Army
Harold Kozisek	Army	Donald Wrede	Army
Richard McElravy	Army Air Corps	Robert Zeilinger	Army
John McVay	Army Air Corps		

## CLASS OF 1941

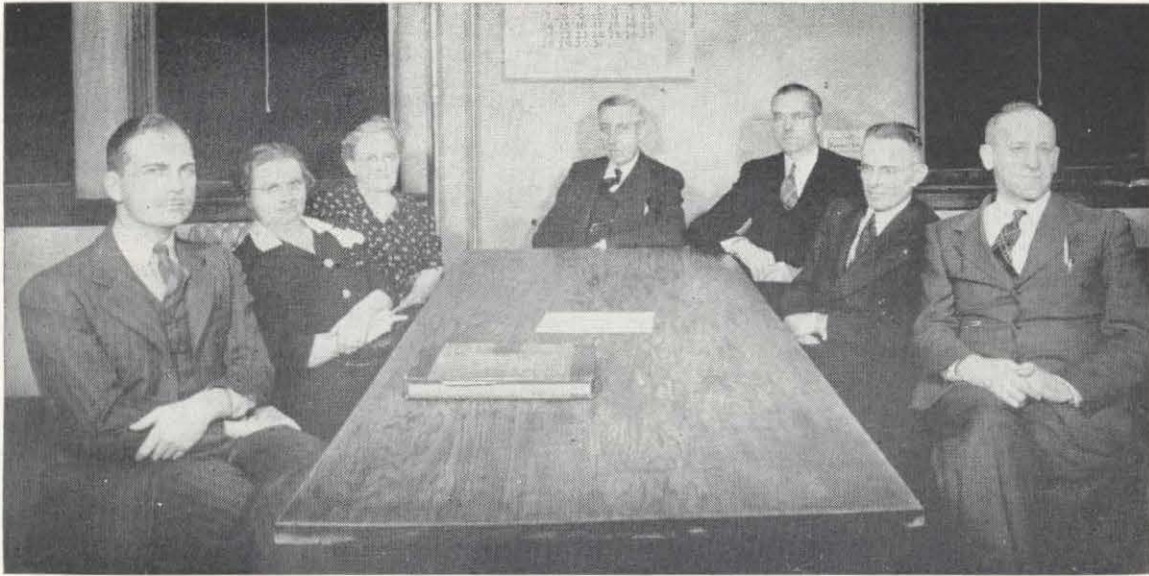
Bruce Ball	Marine Corps	Leonard Koziseck	Army
Fredric Bean	Army	Lawrence Kriz	Navy
Harold Brewer	Army	Bob Litjen	Army Air Corps
Harold Conrad	Army	Keith Manning	Army
Fred Coufal	Army	Ernest Micka	Army
Arthur Cuhel	Army	Marvin Mohler	Navy
Ivan Debaecke	Navy Air Corps	Jerry Okrina	Marine Corps
Charles Danaher	Army	Richard Onnen	Navy
Reynold Darnell	Navy	Sylvester Phillips	Navy
Richard Helgoth	Army	Robert Rutten	Army
Bill Hewit	Army Air Corps	Bob Spatz	Navy
Loran Hoeft	Army	Harold Taylor	Army
Lloyd Koza	Navy	Robert Young	Army

*In Memoriam*



In memory of Miss Edna Mae  
Collier, a teacher, a leader, and  
above all others, a molder of  
youth's minds.

## Board of Education



Left of Table—Harold Zinnecker, Mrs. Fred Stafford, Mrs. Vern Campbell

End of Table—A. V. Thomas

Right of Table—J. P. Young, Dr. Baker, Frank Mize

We take pride in recognizing the members of our Board of Education, who are actively interested in the welfare of the students. They are constantly endeavoring to assure all students the best in educational facilities.



Prominent in local and state affairs, Mr. Young, our superintendent, is ready and willing at any time to advise us all. His fine example inspires everyone.



For his sympathetic understanding of the troubles of prospective citizens, Mr. Burgeson ranks high. His excellent guidance will be cherished by every senior.

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Second: D. Loy, D. Pohl, V. Novell, M. Petrzilka, I. Roelandts, D. Sanley, T. Hinds, B. Moran, I. Humlicek, M. Nuebel, L. Curry, M. Ptacek, W. Glock

First: G. Humlicek, M. Schweser, B. Wilson, M. Nantkes, K. Hoffman, H. Treska, M. Davis, L. Powell, M. Pieters, M. Davis



Left to Right: M. Davis, B. Moran, D. Baker, B. Griffin, B. Wilson, M. Nantkes

## *Annual Staff Officers*

Editor .....	Bob Moran
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Art.....	Dan Pohl, Lillian Powell
Class Prophecy.....	Lujane Johnson, Lloyd Darrow
Calendar.....	Kate Hoffman, Irene Humlicek
Personals.....	Bob Drozda, Irene Roelandts
Class Will.....	Marilyn Schweser, Bob Behrns, Betty Vybiral
Class Play.....	Leola Heins
Organizations .....	Darleen Sanley
Music, Vocal.....	Dan Hook
Instrumental .....	Marcia Davis
Home Economics.....	Magdalen Ptacek
Dramatics .....	Blanche Kobza
Normal Training.....	Marie Neubel
Girl Reserves.....	Marcella Petrzilka
Pep Club.....	Vernetta Novell
Physical Education.....	Dick Birkel
Class Editors.....	John Schweser
Seniors .....	Eugene Lanspa
Juniors .....	Alice Richards
Sophomores .....	Gloria Humlicek
Freshmen .....	Don Loy
Typists.....	Mildred Pieters, Henrietta Treska



# Class of '44

## FRESHMEN

Reveille—September, 1940

General.....	President.....	Bob Moran
Lieutenant General.....	Vice President.....	Lujane Johnson
Major General.....	Secretary-Treasurer.....	Marilyn Schweser
Commanders in Chief.....	Sponsors.....	Miss Hahn and Mr. Schroeder

There were fifty-nine buck privates who answered the call to arms. Realizing that they had a lot of work to do in four short years, these "rookies" taking plenty of kibitzing from the noncoms, struggled feverishly at their tasks.

Many buck privates participated in athletics. Some were good enough to play on Mr. Haskin's "Wildcat" football team. Some played second team basketball. The buck privates came through with flying colors, winning the Central Six Freshman Relay.

They held a party at the canteen, excluding the higher ranking noncoms.

## SOPHOMORES

Reveille—September, 1941

General.....	President.....	Daniel Pohl
Lieutenant General.....	Vice President.....	Barbara Wilson
Major General.....	Secretary-Treasurer.....	Leola Heins
Commanders in Chief.....	Sponsors.....	Miss Hoffman and Mr. Schroeder

Fifty-six doughboys returned to camp promoted to private first class.

Many PFC's participated in band; Betty Vybiral and Lujane Johnson were majorettes in the marching band. They were also well represented in dramatics, girls glee, and choir.

The high school football team with the aid of the first class privates, went undefeated. Two PFC's lettered in football and three lettered in basketball.

All the PFC's enjoyed a party at the canteen.

## JUNIORS

Reveille—September, 1942

General.....	President.....	Kathleen Hoffman
Lieutenant General.....	Vice President.....	Bob Behrns
Major General.....	Secretary-Treasurer.....	Betty Vybiral
Commanders in Chief.....	Sponsors.....	Miss Hahn, Miss Conway, Mr. Semrad

Sixty proud corporals reported for duty, generous in giving advice to the privates. Corporals from several other camps were transferred here.

Seven corporals lettered in football, while five corporals earned letters in basketball. The corporals won the inter-class tournament with ease.

Corporals were also important in Pep Club, Girl Reserves, dramatics, choir, girls glee, and in the normal training class.

A banquet in honor of the sergeants was sponsored by the corporals. This was a gala affair, being held in the new Municipal Auditorium. The theme, Pan Americanism, was carried out adeptly.

## SENIORS

Reveille—September, 1943

General.....	President.....	Don Baker
Lieutenant General.....	Vice President.....	Milo Navratil
Major General.....	Secretary.....	Bill Gilmore
Brigadier General.....	Treasurer.....	Bob Moran
Commanders in Chief.....	Sponsors.....	Miss Nelson and Mr. Burgeson

The world seemed to be turning in the right direction for the corporals, because they were promoted to the rank of sergeants. These "top kicks," telling the lower ranking personnel what to do, really thought they had the world by the tail.

The sergeants were active in athletics and in activities. Five of them received honorable mention on the Central Six Honor Roll in football. One was mentioned on the Central Six Honor Roll in basketball. Many girls were outstanding in organizations and in Vocal work, receiving high honors in the District Music Contest.

The corporals feted the sergeants at a banquet in the David City Municipal Auditorium, February 3, 1944.

The play committee selected "Old Doc" by Jean Lee Latham for the class play. The play was given in the city auditorium, May 19, the first class play to be presented in the new auditorium.

The great day arrived, May 23, and after four long years of struggling, the sergeants received their diplomas, automatically rating them as second lieutenants.

## *Win the War In '44*

### **Don J. Baker**

"Baron" College Prep  
Was president of the  
Senior Class  
Wants to enlist in the  
Merchant Marine

### **Richard Birkel**

"Dick" General  
Was honorably mentioned  
on All-State football  
team  
Wants to pitch baseball  
for the Yanks

### **Benjamin Creech**

"Benny" General  
Was the smallest senior  
"Women, bahl!"

### **Norman Daro**

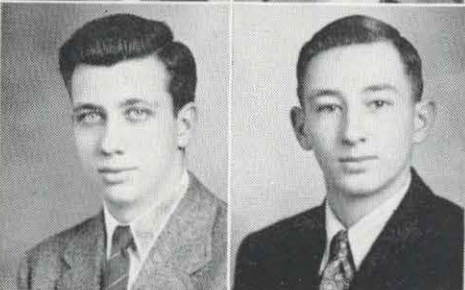
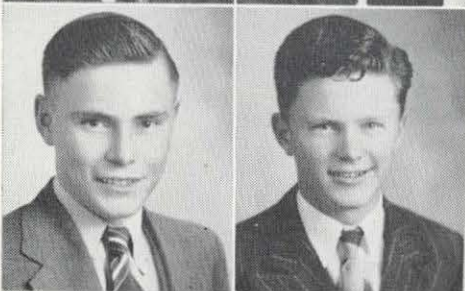
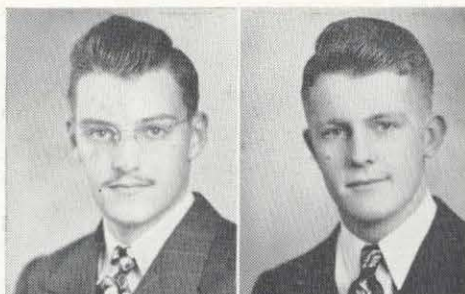
General Course  
Was the "Buffalo Bill"  
of David City  
Wants to get out of school  
and stay out

### **Marcia Davis**

"Davey" Commercial  
Wishes she could live  
in Schuyler  
Wants to become a nurse

### **Robert C. Drozda**

"Drozdie" General  
Was vaccinated with a  
phonograph needle  
Wants to see the world



### **Robert Behrns**

"Bunner" College Prep  
Was in Army Air Corps  
Reserve  
Was the first senior in  
the Armed Forces

### **Palma Brockevelt**

General Course  
Why worry about  
studying?  
Watched out the window  
for a certain car with  
two aerials.

### **Louise Curry**

"Curry" Commercial  
We hear of great men dy-  
ing every day, and I  
don't feel so good my-  
self  
Why do we need passes  
to leave the assembly?

### **Lloyd Darrow**

"Clarence" College Prep  
Was the school's jester  
Wants to enlist in the  
Merchant Marine

### **Mary Beth Davis**

"Bethy" College Prep  
Was the smallest senior  
girl—physically  
Well, can I help it if  
I don't grow?

### **Herbert Folkerts**

"Fizzie" General  
Was star egg hatcher  
at the hatchery  
Will develop into  
Willie Hoppe II

## Win the War In '44

### Bill Gilmore

"Doc" College Prep  
Was out of school more  
than he was in  
Working with the Navy  
now

### John Graybill

General Course  
Was model student—  
when out of school  
Wants to study radio

### Leola Heins

"Heins" College Prep  
Was one of the few per-  
oxide blondes in high  
school  
Was quite popular with  
Platz's Drug Store

### Kathleen Hoffman

"Kate" Commercial  
Wants to take nurses'  
training  
Well, I guess that's settled

### Irene Humlicek

"Queenie" Commercial  
Wants to be a PBX  
operator  
Was quite popular with  
the boys—or was it her  
car?

### Clarabelle Klein

Normal Training  
Was in Senior Class Play  
Will be glad to get back  
to Ulysses



### Wilma Glock

"Blondie" Commercial  
Would like to be left alone  
in second period as-  
sembly  
Will gladly reward any-  
one who can suggest  
an easy way to get her  
bookkeeping

### Bill Griffin

"Griff" College Prep  
Was business editor on  
Annual Staff  
Was star entertainer  
during study hall

### Thurman Hinds

"June" College Prep  
Was three-year-letter-  
man in basketball  
Will be a member of  
Uncle Sam's great army

### Daniel Hook

"Dan" Commercial  
Was outstanding member  
of choir for three years  
Wants to be an engineer

### Lujane Johnson

"Lu" Normal Training  
Was the only girl who  
patronized the cleaners  
practically every day  
Will have to change her  
attitude toward the Ma-  
rines

### Blanche Kobza

Normal Training  
Why don't you take me  
with you?  
Warns the girls about the  
big town of BRUNO!!!

## Win the War In '44

### Edward Koliha

"Eddy" General  
Was top hash-slinger  
at hotel  
Wants to wreck cars  
for a living



### Eugene Lanspa

"Gene" General  
Was member of the band  
for three years  
World's biggest pest



### Delia Leeper

"Dilly" General  
Well, that's what I said!!!  
Would like to have  
shorter assignments



### Bob Moran

"Moron" College Prep  
Was editor of the Annual  
Wants to stay out of  
trouble from now on



### Marjorie Nantkes

"Margie"  
Normal Training  
Went on a trip to Okla-  
homa to see her **brother**  
???????  
Wishes Bill Gilmore would  
quit pestering her in the  
assembly



### Milo Navratil

"Romeo"  
Normal Training  
Was originally from Loma  
Working with the  
"blue-jackets" now



### Vernetta June Novell

Normal Training  
Was the victim of mumps  
during March  
Went to Schuyler a lot!



### Marie Nuebel

Normal Training  
Was formerly enrolled in  
the Silverton, Oregon,  
High School  
Walked up and down the  
aisles with that certain  
friendly grin



### William Pernicek

"Bill" Normal Training  
Was very studious!  
Wants women to leave  
him alone



### Dorothy Peters

"Pete" Normal Training  
Well, what's the matter  
with me???  
Why can't I stay home at  
least one night a week?



### Marcella Petrzilka

"Pepper"  
Normal Training  
Well, the Shanahans can  
dance anyway  
What has she got that  
I couldn't have



### Mildred Pieters

"Milly" Commercial  
Wonders why **she** had to  
have mumps on sneak  
day  
Will never stop talking



## *Win the War In '44*

### **Daniel Pohl**

"Danny" College Prep  
Was honorably mentioned  
on Central Six Basket-  
ball Team  
"Women, never heard  
of them!"



### **Lillian Powell**

Commercial Course  
Won an art contest for  
one of her drawings  
Was about the quietest  
girl in school

### **Magdalen Ptacek**

"Maggie" Commercial  
Wonders if the lad from  
Prague is mad  
Won a scholarship to  
Wesleyan University



### **Irene Roelandts**

"Blondie" Commercial  
Wishes Miss Hoffman  
wouldn't look when she  
is talking to Milo  
Wants an office job  
in Omaha

### **Frank Sabata**

General Course  
Was originally from  
Bruno  
Working with the Navy  
now



### **Darleen Sanley**

"Lee" Commercial  
Was top editor of  
the Scoop  
Wants desperately to  
grow up

### **Shirlee Sargent**

"Sarge" Commercial  
Wants to go to  
Washington, D. C.  
Would like to get her  
lessons without studying



### **Leo Schaf**

General  
Was a whiz? in typing  
Why school?

### **John Schweser**

"Lefty" College Prep  
Was in Army Air Corps  
Reserve  
Wants to fly a P-38



### **Marilyn Schweser**

"Lynn" Commercial  
What's his last name?  
Was cheer leader for  
three years

### **Rita Smith**

"Reet" Normal Training  
Writes letters to her sol-  
dier boy friend in Kan-  
sas  
Was a cheer-up girl for  
those who felt blue



### **Pauline Stevens**

"Stevie"  
Normal Training  
Was a professional gum  
chewer in school  
Will probably go to the  
big city for a job

## Win the War In '44

### Marcel Svoboda

"Marcy" General  
Wanted to get out  
of school  
Will be carrying a pack  
on his back soon



### Henrietta Treska

"Henrie" Commercial  
Worry about men??  
Never!  
Why ask me about  
Johnny?



### Betty A. Vybiral

"Betts" Normal Training  
Why sure I like to go to  
Schuyler. Who doesn't?  
Was a majorette for  
two years

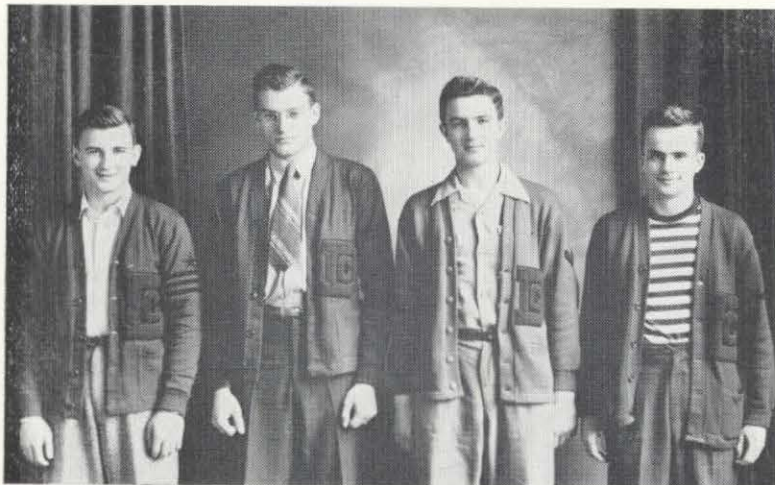


### Barbara Wilson

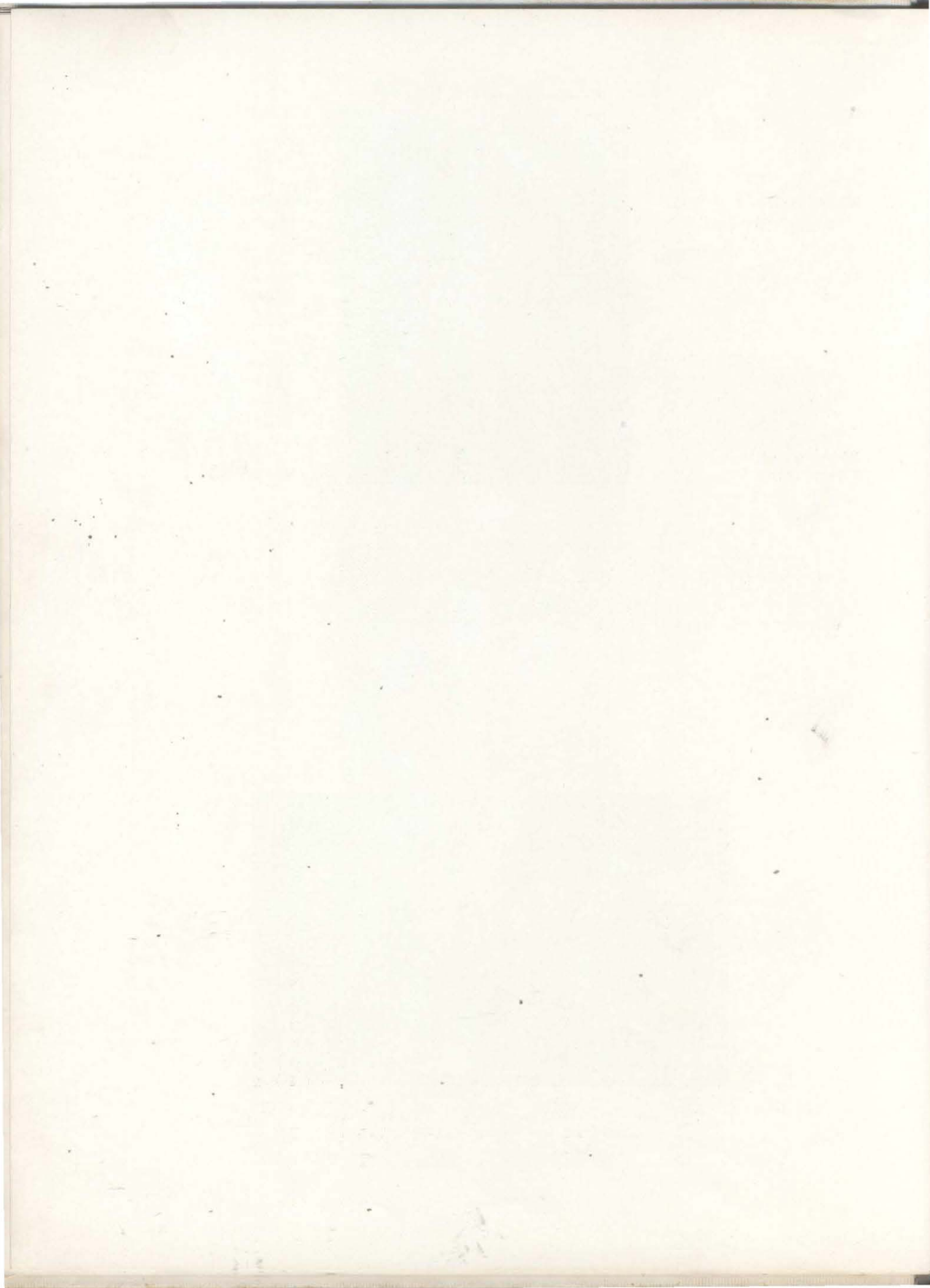
"Barb" Commercial  
Was "J. P.'s" one and  
only—stenographer  
Would rather study than  
go out; **unless** Bill  
dropped in



## Class Officers



Left to right: Bill Gilmore, Secretary; Don Baker, President  
Milo Navratil, Vice President; Bob Moran, Treasurer





# UNDER-GRADUATES



## *For Those Who Follow The Juniors*

On that long-awaited day, September, 1941, seventy-six green but "up and at 'em" freshmen started their four-year climb to their high school diplomas. To lead them through perhaps the most difficult year of all, when everyone watched their every move with that "how dumb you are" look in their eyes, were Mr. Pritchard and Miss Collier. These seventy-six greenhorns chose Harold McElravy as president, Alice Richards as vice-president, and Gene Smith as secretary-treasurer to act as student leaders.

The class amused themselves with two class parties. They went out of this uncomfortable year anticipating the day when they could look down upon *future* freshmen.

This day came! And seventy sophomores reported! To assist them with their trials and tribulations this year were Miss Hoffman and Mr. Barringer. As a student body they elected Lloyd Vanderheiden, president, Yarmel Troupe, vice-president; and Bob Gross, secretary-treasurer, to represent them.

The usual class parties were held. But wait—these class parties weren't the usual kind!—the sophomores really had f-u-n!!

The class was honored to have two lettermen in football and one in basketball. This year went along, and out as smoothly as the previous one. The sophomores looked ahead to being real upperclassmen the following year.

On September 6, 1943, fifty-nine *upperclassmen* reported to dear old D. C. H. S. Through this full but enjoyable year Miss Roos, Miss Henderson, and Mr. Bauman were on hand to solve the more difficult problems. Virgene Hansen, president, Kathleen Gilmore, vice-president, and Yarmel Troupe, secretary-treasurer, did a "bang-up" job of steering their classmates through a very arduous year.

The class entertained the seniors with the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, which proved both enjoyable and entertaining for all.

The class was again honored to have four football lettermen, as well as one letterman in basketball. We, the rest of the junior class are proud of you "fellas" and hope to see you right in there with the same spirit next year. We as a class are also proud to have in our midst two cheerleaders, two majorettes, and a vocalist.

We are looking forward to filling the shoes of the present day seniors and hope they fit us as well as they did the present graduating seniors.



## Junior Class



Top Row: H. Hansen, H. McElravy, H. Allen, G. Ball, E. Bauman, L. Darnell, C. Birkel, G. Kunkee, F. Grubaugh  
 Third: R. Darrow, M. Freschauf, B. Ficke, R. Gross, C. Fricke, L. Koza, H. Klingemann, S. Hanner, D. Northway  
 Second: D. Dixon, V. Hansen, M. Drozda, M. Glock, P. Lukassen, P. Jacobs, P. Matulka, K. Gilmore  
 First: D. Edwards, M. Clymer, M. Lawson, D. Brt, D. Baer, N. Marquis, L. Bokelman, D. Mohler, N. Lanspa



Top Row: R. Reinhardt, M. Willemsen, L. Vanderheiden, J. Ptacek, R. Rech, T. Vanderkolk, E. Smith  
 Third: G. Styskal, H. Sabata, B. Sargent, C. Thomassen, Y. Troupe, V. Zeilinger, L. Vanous  
 Second: N. Pelan, D. Pohl, V. Osantowski, J. Nozicka, J. Young, K. Powell  
 First: M. Ratkovic, L. Timms, V. Tenny, B. Rezac, N. Stier, D. Timms, M. Skoda

## *Sophomore Class*



Top Row: L. Brighton, B. Maule, W. Styskal, P. Schulz, N. Craig, M. Palik, D. Thomas, C. Soukup, C. Dale, A. Svoboda, D. Kovar, M. Cornell

Third: F. Miller, A. Ratkovec, B. McCracken, E. Svoboda, D. Proctor, W. Brunken, R. Policky, D. Fyfe, S. Kucera

Second: T. Stevens, R. Kovar, D. Lang, D. Van Bummel, B. Baer, D. Goosman, B. Deford, D. Wilson, I. Fricke

First: D. Powell, D. Sheets, M. Hill, G. Humlicek, W. Bartels, R. Knott, S. Sutton, A. Briza, M. Hladky, M. Schmidt, R. Karash

## *Sophomore Class History*

On September, 1942, there was an enrollment of forty-nine freshmen, twenty-seven girls and twenty-two boys. Their first class meeting was held soon after school started. At this meeting the following officers were elected: president, Wilma Bartels; vice president, Della Uhe; secretary-treasurer, Romona Knott. Their first party was held near Hallowe'en at which time the members became more acquainted. Their sponsors were Miss Collier and Coach Mosley.

On September 6, 1943, there was an enrollment of forty-four sophomores, twenty-four girls and twenty boys. At a class meeting which was held soon after school convened the following officers were elected: president, Charles Dale; vice-president, Bill McCracken; secretary-treasurer, Donald Proctor. A class party was held February 16, 1944. Their class sponsors were Miss Hoffman and Mr. Semrad.

## *Freshman Class*



Top Row: B. Fricke, D. Onnen, G. Miratsky, T. Reinhardt, D. Robertson, P. Emerson, F. Mize, L. Kudlacek, L. Rathjen  
Third: D. Wilson, J. Bock, S. Brogan, G. Kovar, D. Loy, H. Graybill, L. Abbott, D. Vernon  
Second: D. Rathjen, A. Dolezal, D. Siedel, H. Kunkee, G. Johnson, J. Rummery, K. Morgan, S. Elliot, V. Kovar  
First: M. Locke, V. Vanis, L. Glock, M. Kilgore, N. Sabata, L. Goosman, E. Rerucha, R. Litjen, D. Hascall

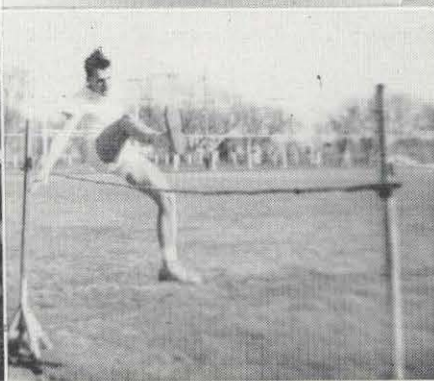
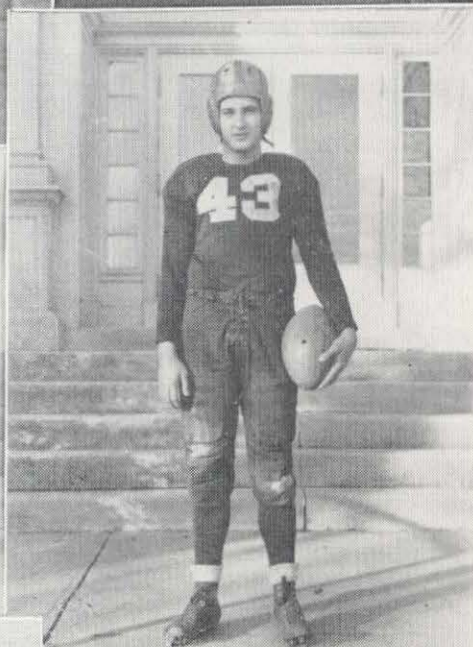
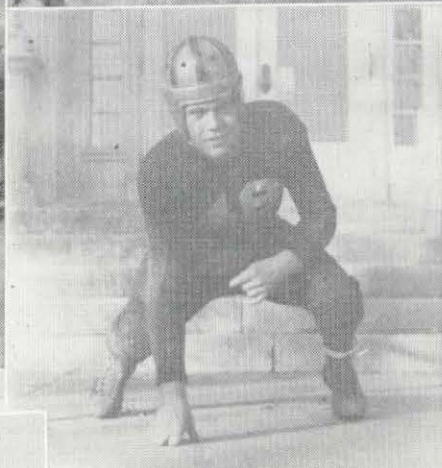
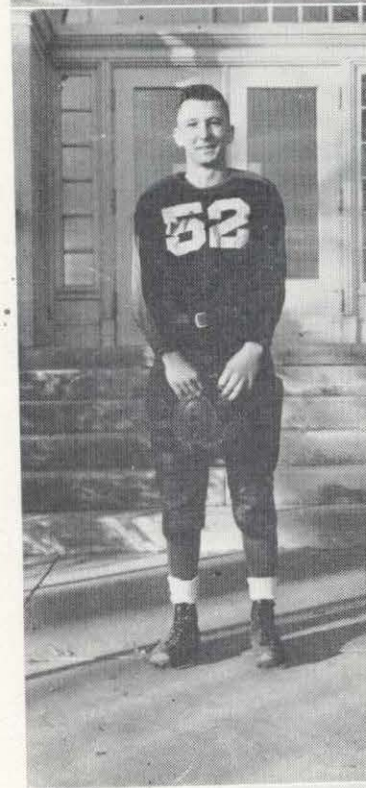
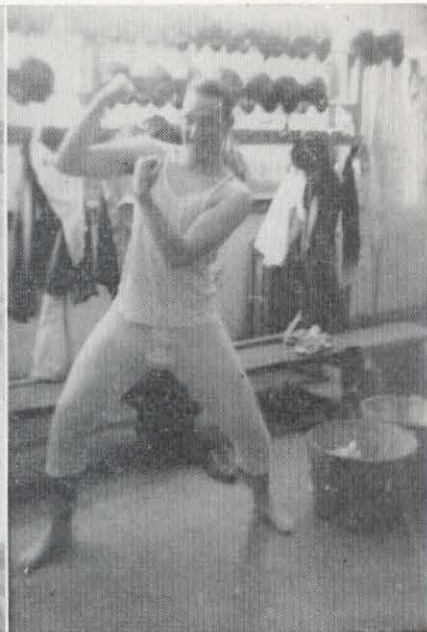
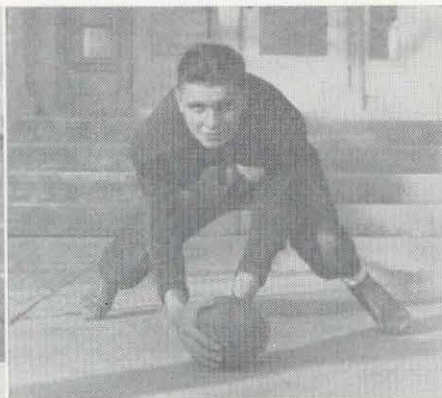
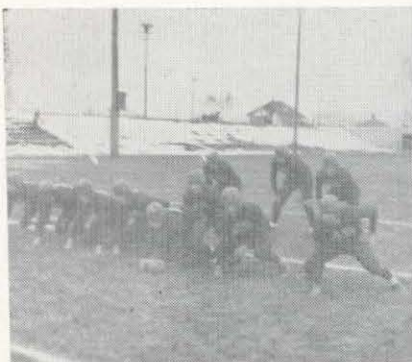
## *Freshmen Class History*

On September 7, 1943, bright and early in the morning, fifteen boys and twenty-four girls entered the portals of David City High School. They held a classmeeting the second week of school and elected the following officers: president, Dennis Vernon; vice-president, Don Loy; secretary-treasurer, Mary Ann Locke.

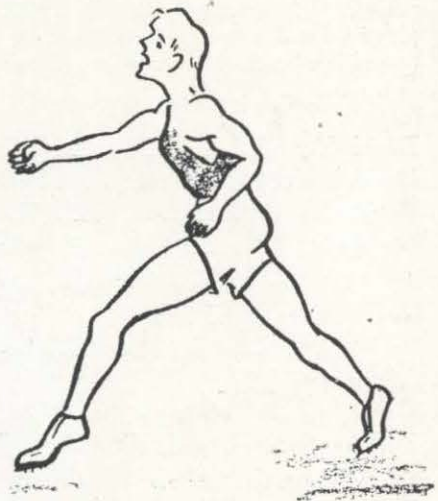
Considering their handicaps they were well represented in band, athletics, choir, and girls glee.

They held two class parties at which the members became better acquainted, and traded stories of how they had been humiliated by the upperclassmen.

Their sponsors the first semester were Miss Collier and Mr. Willits. Sponsors the second semester were Mrs. Rice and Mr. Semrad.



# ATHLETICS



# Football



Top Row: T. Vanderkolk, H. Graybill, B. Baer, D. Proctor, F. Sabata, L. Darrow, J. Graybill, B. Maule, T. Reinhardt, B. Deford  
 Second: B. Moran, D. Pohl, B. Griffin, L. Vanderheiden, H. Allen, J. Schweser, C. Birkel, D. Hook, G. Smith, B. McCracken, Coach Willits  
 First: H. McElravy, B. Behrns, H. Hansen, B. Gilmore, T. Hinds, D. Baker, B. Ficke, D. Birkel

## For Followers of Gridiron Battles

With only twenty-five men reporting for football, the 1943 squad was the smallest in many years. Returning were but seven lettermen: Dick Birkel, Bill Gilmore, Bob Behrns, Thurman Hinds, Dan Pohl, Herman Hansen, and Charlie Birkel. This made it necessary for Coach Willits to groom several new players for the vacant positions. The team was one of the lightest in the history of the school, but they turned in a creditable season consisting of 4 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie.

Following is the season's record:

David City 0.....	Fullerton 0	David City 0.....	Columbus 6
David City 18.....	Central City 0	David City 19.....	Seward 6
David City 19.....	Wahoo 0	David City 0.....	Aurora 6
David City 19.....	Schuyler 0		

The Scouts totaled 77 points and limited their opposition to three touchdowns, two of the three spelling defeat for David City.

Bill Gilmore was chosen honorary captain for the 1943 season, during which eighteen boys earned their letters.

Lettermen: Seniors: Dan Pohl, Don Baker, Bob Behrns, Dick Birkel, Thurman Hinds, John Schweser, John Graybill, Bill Griffin, Dan Hook, and Bill Gilmore.

Lettermen: Juniors: Harold McElravy, Lloyd Vanderheiden, Harold Allen, Bob Ficke, Herman Hansen, Eugene Smith, and Charles Birkel.

Sophomore Bill McCracken also made his letter, and is a promising backfield man.

When the Central Six All Conference Honor Roll was selected, five David City players were named. They were Bill Gilmore, Bob Behrns, Dick Birkel, Thurman Hinds, and Dan Pohl.

The senior football players leave school this year with a record of having won 27 games, lost 4, and tied 1 during the four years that they have been in high school.

#### Fullerton 0—David City 0

The first game of the season brought together two teams that were as yet not functioning as a unit. However, David City had a slight edge on Fullerton inasmuch as they were able to move within one foot of Fullerton's goal. The Scouts lost the ball on downs, thus failing to score. When the game ended the score was still 0-0, the only tie of the year.

#### Central City 0—David City 19

After one week of hard practice during which the flaws of the first game were remedied, the squad journeyed to Central City where they severely trounced the Bisons. David City's sharp blocking and tackling as well as their excellent team work made this the best game of the season. It is believed that Central City's sandburrs sparked the team for the remainder of the season!

#### Wahoo 0—David City 19

David City came very near letting Wahoo gain the upper hand early in the first quarter. David fumbled on their forty-yard line and Wahoo recovered. A pass to the five-yard line awakened the Scouts and a strong goal-line-stand enabled them to take possession of the ball on downs. A determined David City team then drove the ball back to their forty-yard line just as the quarter ended. Gilmore raced 40 yards on a faked naked reverse for the counter, and Baker drove off tackle for the conversion. Wahoo did not threaten for the remainder of the game and David again scored in the third quarter. In the last few minutes of the game Pohl scored on an end run.

#### Schuyler 0—David City 19

This was the most anticipated game of the year. Both teams were keyed to a high point but from the opening whistle it appeared that the Scouts were having everything their own way. David City had not been scored upon yet in the season and the team intended that it should not be changed. The result was that Schuyler suffered a great pounding throughout the game and gave up without a good fight.

#### Columbus 6—David City 0

After having gone undefeated and unscored upon in the previous four games, it was with great hopes that David City traveled to Columbus to meet the Discoverers. A fine drizzle soon made the dirt field a slippery morass, which prevented the two teams from using as much speed as they might have. During the second quarter Herman Hansen, who had kept David City in the game by his excellent punting, had the misfortune to dislocate his elbow and had to be removed. However, Bill Griffin, Herman's protege, turned in a fine game the remainder of the season at Hansen's tackle position. Columbus scored in the third quarter on a flat pass from Brock to Rood.

Fullback Dick Birkel was unable to play due to a leg injury received earlier in the season and this was a great handicap to the Scout's backfield.

#### Seward 6—David City 19

This was the second best game of the year played by David City. Another hard week of practice brought much sharper blocking and Dick Birkel's being moved to his old guard position enabled the line to open many holes for the Scout's backfield. The first quarter of the game was played on even terms, but at the beginning of the second period the Scouts took the offensive and kept it up for the remainder of the game. Gilmore plunged across for two touchdowns and Baker scored on a trick play which caught Seward completely unaware. This marked the third conference victory for David City.

#### Aurora 6—David City 0

As it had been for the past few years, the Conference championship was played for between David City and Aurora. David constantly threatened to score and approached Aurora's one foot line four times, only to fail in the attempt to go over for a touchdown. Aurora intercepted a pass on their own forty-yard line and ran it down to the Scout's thirty. A determined David City team held them, but on their last down, with but forty seconds left in the game, Aurora threw a very unorthodox pass and won the championship.

## Basketball



Top Row: L. Darrow, L. Vanderheiden, N. Craig, H. Hansen, Y. Troupe, G. Smith, Coach Willits  
Second: B. Maule, C. Birkel, J. Schweser, J. Ptacek, B. Ficke, B. McCracken, B. Moran, B. Deford, B. Baer  
First: M. Navratil, H. McElravy, D. Baker, T. Hinds, D. Pohl. Not in Picture: Bob Behrns

## Basketball

The basketball season opened with thirty-five boys reporting to Coach Willits, among whom were six lettermen: Dan Pohl, Thurman Hinds, Don Baker, Bill Gilmore, Harold McElravy, and John Schweser.

This year's team had a more successful season than any other team had been able to enjoy in ten previous years. Having a comparatively short team, Coach Willits worked to develop a smooth, fast-breaking squad to offset the disadvantage in height. The Scouts displayed this at the first of the season, but became more inconsistent as the season progressed. However, this temporary lull was overcome,

and the Scouts advanced to the stage where they were playing much better basketball than some scores indicate.

Guard Dan Pohl was selected on the Central Six All Conference Honor Roll.

The Senior lettermen this year were Don Baker, Bob Behrns, Dan Pohl, Thurman Hinds, Bill Gilmore, John Schweser, and Milo Navratil.

Junior Harold McElravy again made his letter.

In the County Tournament, the David City second team won the third place Class B trophy by defeating the Ulysses seconds.

Following is the season's record:

David City 35.....	Rising City	13
David City 24.....	Osceola	23
David City 33.....	Schuyler	35
David City 25.....	Ulysses	27
*David City 34.....	Seward	36
David City 31.....	Silver Creek	29
David City 22.....	Fremont	32
David City 28.....	Dwight	35
*David City 26.....	Fullerton	19
David City 41.....	Brainard	29
*David City 30.....	Central City	34
†David City 26.....	Ulysses	24

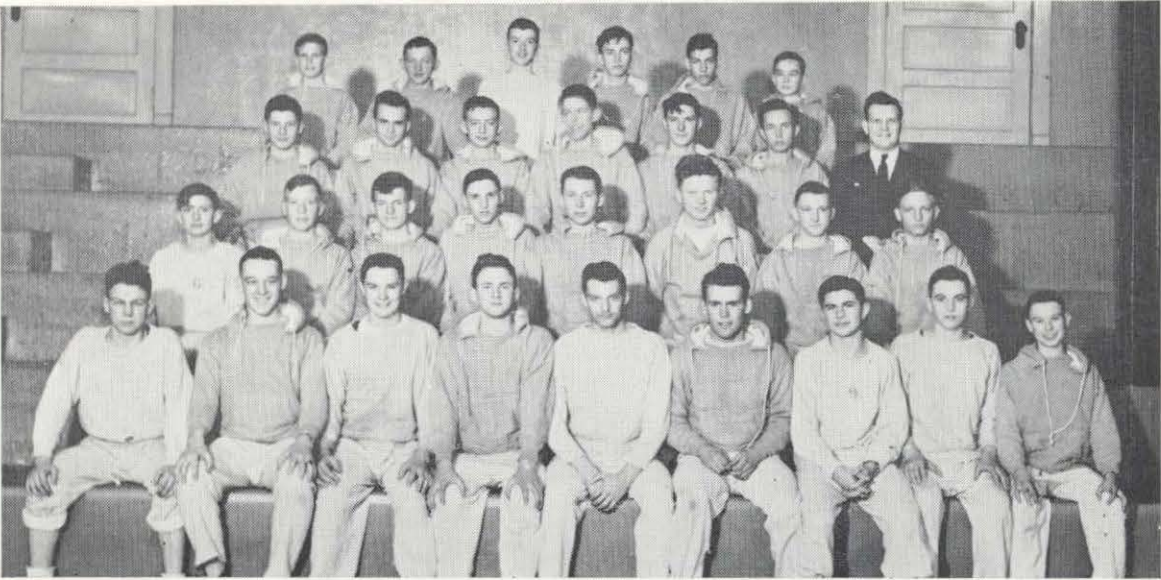
David City 14.....	Columbus	40
†David City 28.....	Rising City	25
†David City 13.....	Dwight	19
*David City 38.....	Auora	40
†David City 24.....	Assumption	25
*David City 24.....	Schuyler	31
David City 33.....	Wahoo	46
‡David City 39.....	York	56
Total	568	619

\* Conference games

† County Tournament games

‡ District Tournament games

## Track



Top Row: H. Graybill, R. Policky, G. Ball, Y. Troupe, B. Maule, D. Loy

Third: B. McCracken, B. Moran, G. Smith, C. Birkel, J. Ptacek, F. Miller, Coach Willits

Second: B. Baer, C. Soukup, D. Robertson, N. Craig, B. Fricke, L. Darrow, D. Pohl, T. Reinhardt

First: B. Ficke, H. Hansen, H. Allen, T. Vanderkolk, D. Baker, D. Birkel, H. McElravy, Lloyd Vanderheiden, B. Deford

## Track

A large group of willing but inexperienced boys reported to Coach Willits as track season opened. However, with some of the boys already showing promise, the track teams in the coming years will be leading contenders for many titles.

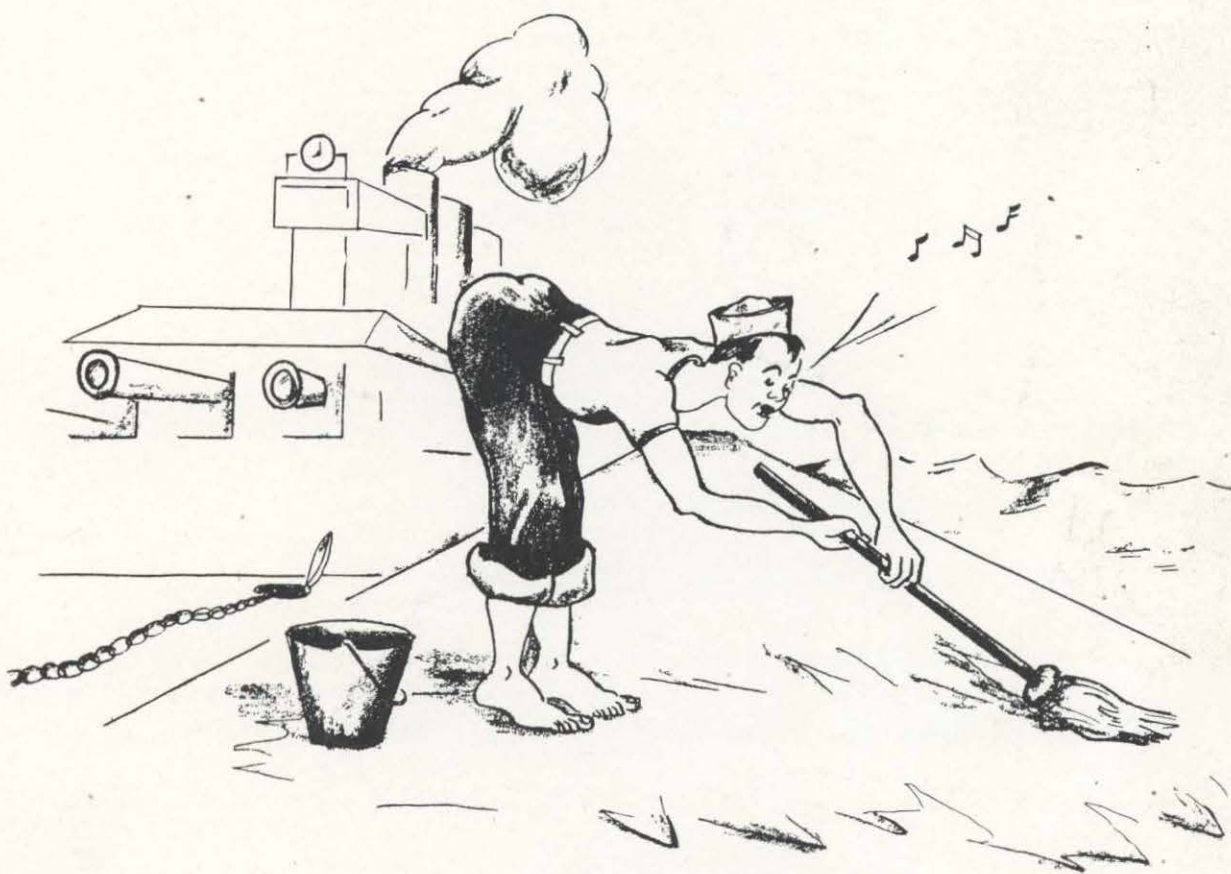
This year's track team has no returning lettermen, but the boys that are out for track promise to show up well in the following meets: Triangular meet at Seward April 14, Columbus invitational meet April 31, Quadrangular meet at David City April 26, and Central Six meet at David City May 3.

## Golf

Bob Ficke, Eugene Smith, Dan Pohl, and Bob Deford will represent David City in the Central Six golf meet at Seward, May 5.



# ACTIVITIES



"DOING A LITTLE EXTRA WORK"



## *Girl Reserves*



Top Row: P. Schulz, D. Kovar, I. Fricke, L. Koza, B. Kobza, K. Gilmore, L. Johnson, D. Sanley, S. Brogan, D. VanBummel, G. Kovar, L. Rathjen, P. Emerson, D. Rathjen, R. Darrow, C. Klein

Third: R. Reinhardt, S. Hanner, M. Nuebel, M. Petrzilka, M. Locke, N. Sabata, J. Nozicka, A. Briza, S. Sutton, L. Goosman, M. Hill, D. Northway, M. Ptacek

Second: G. Humicek, W. Bartels, D. Brt, K. Hoffman, D. Edwards, V. Tenny, M. Hladky, L. Abbott, R. Lijen, E. Rerucka, M. Pieters, N. Marquis

First: Miss Henderson, B. Wilson, R. Knott, M. Davis, V. Hansen, I. Humlicek, M. Schweser, L. Curry, D. Mohler, M. Glock, C. Thomassen

The Girl Reserves were sponsored by Miss Henderson. The cabinet consisted of Marilyn Schweser, president; Barbara Wilson, vice-president; secretary, Irene Humlicek; treasurer, Virgene Hansen. Other members were, Cora Lee Thomassen, Mary Beth Davis, Donna Hohler, Marjorie Glock, and Ramona Knott.

A "kid party" was held in the fall as a get together for all high school girls and to interest them in joining the Girl Reserves.

The David City Girl Reserves held a "stay at home conference" and invited the Girl Reserves from Columbus to attend.

The week before Valentine's day, each girl received daily, a five cent gift from her Heart Sister. A Valentine's party was held at the end of the week.

United States Defense Stamps were sold every Wednesday. Sales this year totaled \$3,767.70.

## *Pep Club*



Scout Boy

Scout Girl

In December the Pep Club sponsored the annual presentation of the Scout Girl and Scout Boy. Marilyn Schweser and Dan Pohl were chosen by the Pep Club and lettermen on the basis of scholarship, personality, and enthusiasm. They were awarded identification bracelets. The presentation was made during the latter part of a high school dance sponsored by the club. Previous to this dance, the girls entertained the athletic boys at a box social.

## *Pep Club*



Top Row: Miss Henderson, M. Freschauf, R. Darrow, R. Reinhardt, V. Osantowski, L. Johnson, D. Sanley, L. Curry,  
D. Mohler, S. Brogan, Mrs. Rice  
Second: M. Glock, M. Davis, V. Hansen, K. Gilmore, R. Knott, L. Abbott, R. Karash, V. Novell, I. Humlicek, K. Hoffman  
First: M. Davis, M. Drozda, B. Wilson, D. VanBummel, W. Bartels, G. Humlicek, D. Pohl, M. Nantkes, D. Baer  
Cheerleaders: N. Stier, Y. Troupe, M. Schweser

The Pep Club, with Miss Henderson and Mrs. Rice as sponsors, reorganized this year. The membership was based upon a percentage of the class groups, one-third of the senior girls being selected, one-fourth of the junior girls, one-fifth of the sophomore girls, and one-sixth of the freshman girls. Each member was selected by the vote of the girls in her class. The membership roll included thirty girls.

The girls elected for office were Barbara Wilson, president; Virgene Hansen, vice-president; Dorothy Pohl, secretary; Marjorie Nantkes, treasurer.

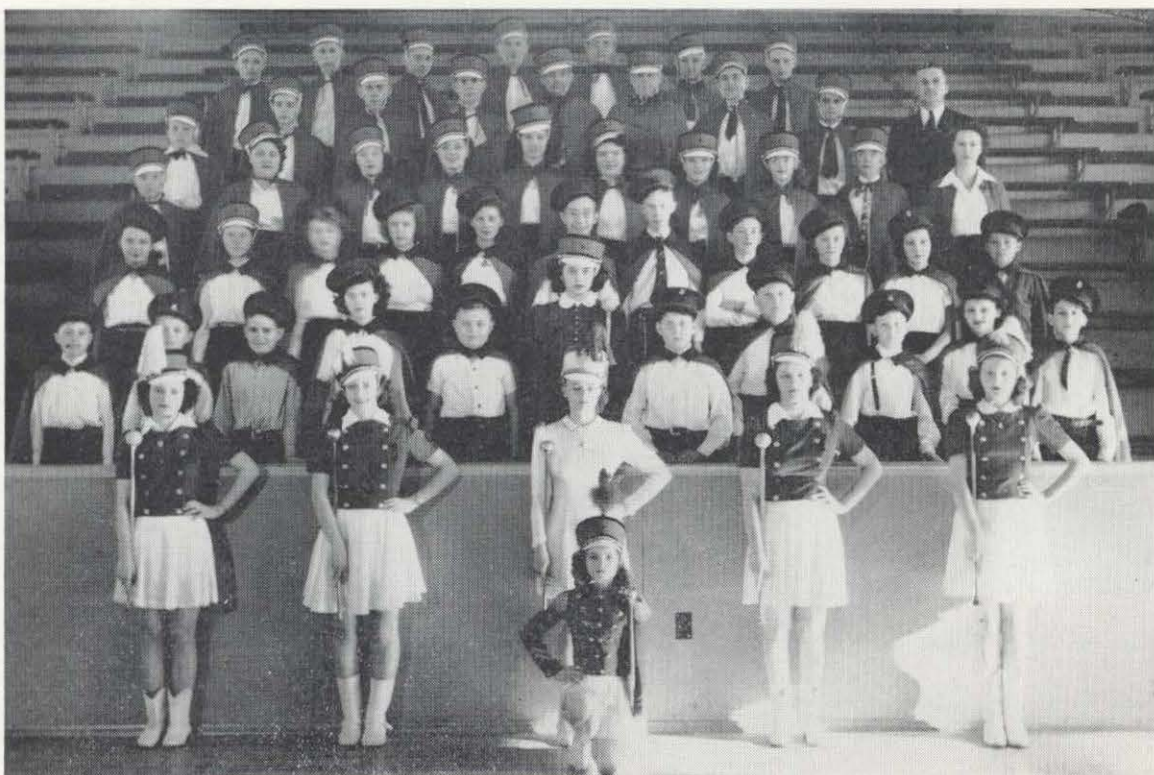
Cheerleaders, who were chosen by the vote of the Pep Club, were Marilyn Schweser, Naomi Stier, and Yarmel Troupe.

Activities included rallies, marching with the high school band, sponsoring concessions at the football and basketball games, and entertaining the athletic boys at Christmas.

The Annual Basketball Banquet was held in the City Auditorium on March 30. At this occasion the basketball boys and Coach Willits were honored. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Basketball Queen and King. Darleen Sanley was accorded the former honor and Milo Navratil the latter. The four attendants, Marilyn Schweser, Kathleen Hoffman, Irene Humlicek, and Dorothy Pohl, followed the king and queen through an improvised basketball. The banquet was made possible through the efforts of the Pep Club and their mothers.

Although the main purpose of the Pep Club is to incite enthusiasm among the student body for athletic occasions, it has proved a club of high ideals and achievement.

## *Band*



Top Row: T. Reinhardt, C. Fricke, F. Mize, L. Schaf, J. Ptacek, D. Pohl, D. Proctor  
 Fourth: J. Kucera, D. Vernon, G. Kunkee, G. Bauman, D. Baker, H. Hansen, H. McElravy, B. Moran, Mr. Semrad  
 Third: N. Muntz, G. Styskal, D. Brt, J. Nozicka, M. Ptacek, J. Schweser, B. Hasik, K. Baker, D. Loy Miss Willman  
 Second: D. R  thjen, M. Cornell, L. Goosman, P. Emerson, L. Rathjen, D. Thomas, D. Onnen, J. Rumery, D. Timms,  
 L. Timms, D. Bolton  
 First: F. McFarland, B. Lawson, J. Preston, W. Bartels, D. Young, L. Johnson, C. Bauman, A. McElravy, J. Armagost;  
 G. Humlicek, D. Lawson  
 Majorettes: B. Vybiral, V. Hansen, M. Davis, D. Vybiral, D. Sanley, J. Hinds

This year the band was under the supervision of Miss Willman for the first semester. The band added much color to the football games, marching at the halves under the leadership of Marcia Davis, who was ably assisted by seven other majorettes, including Joann Hinds, Darleen Sanley, Betty Vybiral, Lujane Johnson, Donna Vybiral, Bonnie Jenkins, and Virgene Hansen.

Mr. Wilfred Semrad led the band the second semester. This semester was highlighted with assembly appearances by the band. Two members participated in the District Music Contest, both receiving excellent for their efforts. The membership totaled fifty-one this year.

## Choir



Top Row: G. Bauman, F. Mize, N. Craig, G. Kunkee, B. Drozda, H. McElravy, L. Darrow, D. Hook, L. Schaf, L. Curry, M. Glock, Miss Willman  
 Second: J. Nozicka, R. Reinhardt, R. Darrow, A. Ratkovec, M. Davis, S. Sutton, A. Briza, S. Brogan, M. Schweser, D. Loy, D. Sanley  
 First: P. Jacobs, M. Ratkovec, N. Stier, L. Bokelman, S. Elliot, M. Davis, M. Schmit, R. Karash, D. Pohl, V. Hansen, C. Thomassen

The following are the officers of the choir: student directors, Darleen Sanley and Daniel Hook; president, Dorothy Pohl; vice-president, Marilyn Schweser; secretary, Louise Curry. There are forty-four voices in the choir this year. Our new director, Miss Willman, has given us a successful year. The choir had the opportunity of appearing in a Christmas program and various assembly programs. They also sang at Commencement. Cora Lee Thomassen is accompanist for Choir.

## Girls' Glee Club



Top Row: M. Willemsen, B. Sargent, C. Thomassen, A. Ratkovec, I. Fricke, R. Darrow, M. Freschauf, R. Reinhardt, G. Kovar, L. Rathjen, G. Miratsky, D. Rathjen, Miss Willman  
 Second: P. Jacobs, M. Schmit, B. Rezac, M. Skoda, L. Abbott, S. Brogan, A. Briza, S. Sutton, M. Hladky, M. Locke  
 First: M. Ratkovec, J. Nozicka, R. Karash, D. VanBummel, L. Bokelman, W. Bartels, R. Litjen, E. Rerucha, D. Pohl, L. Goosman

The Girls Glee Club officers are: president, Ruth Reinhardt; vice-president, Cora Lee Thomassen; secretary, Anita Ratkovec. The Girls Glee Club has thirty-eight voices this year. Under the expert guidance of Miss Willman, the Glee Club has experienced a successful year. They appeared in the Christmas program at the auditorium and at various assembly programs. They also appeared Commencement night. Dorothy Pohl is the accompanist for Girls Glee Club.

Several soloists and the girls' sextette represented the David City High School at the District Contest held in Fremont, April 14.

## Normal Training



Top Row: M. Navratil, R. Reinhardt, I. Johnson, B. Kobza, C. Klein, W. Pernicek  
 Third: M. Nuebel, G. Styskal, P. Stevens, M. Petrzilka, M. Nantkes  
 Second: M. Skoda, D. Brt, R. Smith, P. Matulka, D. Peters  
 First: N. Pelan, N. Lanspa, Miss Hoffman, L. Bokelman, V. Novell

The Normal Training Club consists of twenty-two juniors and seniors with Miss Hoffman as sponsor. Officers elected this year were Betty Vybiral, president; Donna Lee Brt, vice-president; Milo Navratil, secretary-treasurer; and Donna Vybiral, reporter.

The purpose of the club is to promote the interests of the members socially and professionally. Constructive activities are provided, such as making toy animals, weaving flower pot holders, and making word cards. After meetings, suppers are enjoyed by all in attendance. A chili feed, fried chicken dinner, and a taffy pull are among the many enjoyable social events this year.

## Home Economics



Top Row: L. Rathjen, P. Emerson, D. Wilson, P. Shulz, I. Fricke, L. Brighton  
 Third: S. Elliot, D. Rathjen, D. Sheets, D. Goosman, W. Styskal  
 Second: L. Kudlacek, D. Siedel, A. Dolezal, M. Hill, D. VanBummel, A. Ratkovec  
 First: D. Hascall, S. Brogan, V. Vanis, Miss Henderson, D. Fyfe, D. Powell

The vocational home economics program of today consists of more than cooking and sewing. All phases of home-making are studied by the girls. Special attention has been given to planning three meals a day, remaking old clothes, making cotton dresses, planning victory gardens, and participating in Red Cross first aid.

First year students served at the Basketball Banquet, while the second year students served at the Junior-Senior Banquet and the Board of Education Dinner. In the spring a tea was given for incoming freshmen. Membership this year totals fourteen sophomores and thirteen freshmen.

## *Dramatics*



Top Row: K. Gilmore, M. Willemsen, H. Allen, D. Sheets, B. Kobza, L. Koza  
 Third: M. Clymer, C. Thomassen, M. Glock, S. Hanner, A. Ratkovec, D. Mohler  
 Second: D. Dixon, D. Pohl, N. Stier, D. VanBummel, A. Briza, S. Sutton, M. Hladky  
 First: W. Bartels, G. Humlicek, R. Knott, Miss Nelson, M. Schmidt, R. Karash, M. Cornell

The dramatics department is divided into two sections, the beginners, which is open to all students above the freshman year, and the advanced class, which is for students who have had one or more years of training in dramatics. There are eighteen students in beginning dramatics and eight in advanced dramatics.

The dramatics department of 1943-44, under the direction of Miss Nelson, presented many successful readings, plays, and skits for the high school assembly and city organizations. The advanced presented "Blind Rosa" a Christmas play, as part of the Christmas vesper service in the City Auditorium. The annual one-act play program was given in the first part of May in the high school auditorium.

## *Physical Education*

Under the direction of Coach Willits, the boy's physical education program featured some changes this year. The football season was conducted as the physical education program in the fall of the year. The boys out for football were allowed to start practice at three o'clock in the afternoon, an hour earlier than usual. This procedure was continued throughout the basketball and track season as well. Boys who did not wish to engage in competitive sports were allowed to take their physical education an hour earlier in the afternoon.

During the winter and in early spring, a program of intramural sports was added. Among these sports were calisthenics, boxing, and volleyball which gave this program, so vital to the war effort, extra zest.

A total of sixty-seven boys took the course, including twenty boys from the seventh and eighth grades.

Mrs. Rice had charge of the girls' physical education. Their program included calisthenics, and intramural sports. There were twenty girls in the class.



# "Old Doc"

By Jean Lee Lathem

Directed by Myrtle O. Nelson

Dr. John Hillary—"Old Doc".....	Don Baker
Dr. Robert Hillary—"Bob".....	John Schweser
Pa Brown.....	Lloyd Darrow
Ma Brown.....	Marilyn Schweser
Margaret Burns.....	Louise Curry
Dick Burns.....	Bob Moran
Janet Martin.....	Marcia Davis
Mr. Hepple.....	Benny Creech
Dr. Edmond Brand.....	John Graybill
Helen Brand.....	Barbara Wilson
Mary Selby.....	Clarabelle Klein
Mrs. Rossi.....	Blanche Kobza
Mrs. Cronin.....	Mildred Pieters
Mrs. Mellon.....	Darlene Sanley
Lois Warner.....	Marjorie Nantkes
Student Directors.....	Mary Beth Davis, Lujane Johnson
Business Managers.....	Irene Humlicek, Bob Drozda
Stage Manager.....	Bill Griffin

Place: The action of the play takes place in the living room of "Old Doc's" home in a small town.

Time: The present. Spring.

Old Doc Hillary expects his son Bob to come home from medical school to practice with him. But Young Doc has been offered a rich and easy big-city practice with Dr. Brand—and also a chance to marry his daughter, Helen.

Young Dr. Hillary is not quite sure what to go though, because he is in love with his home-town girl, and he doesn't have nerve to tell his father that he isn't going to practice with him.

The girl from his home-town breaks off her engagement when she hears of his plans, so Bob goes off on a trip with the Brands without facing his father. When Bob leaves, he leaves a note, and when his father reads it, he suffers a stroke.

After this incident, Ma Brown takes things in her hands. She fakes a telegram to Old Doc, that makes him think Young Doc is taking over the home-town practice after all, and Old Doc dies, happy in that belief.

Young Doc has no intention of doing any such thing—and says so when he hears what Ma Brown has done.

Then, in a compelling scene of great emotional force, Ma shows Young Doc what half a century of practice with the home folks has meant in human lives saved. It's up to Young Doc to choose his practice—and his wife!

## Calendar

- Sept. 6—School began with most of the assembly desks unoccupied.  
 14—And already one of those faculty parties.  
 17—We tie Fullerton 0-0 in first game of season.  
 21—What the girls "go for"—first game of season.  
 24—That's better—18-0 over Central City.  
 28—Normal Trainers started parties early this year!
- Oct. 8—That long awaited game with Schuyler—and we trampled them 19-0.  
 18—And another Normal Training party.  
 19—Faculty party.  
 20—Our second team proves its worth over Columbus 12-6.  
 22—Columbus first team gets even and beat us 6-0 for our first defeat of the season. How it rained!  
 27—We roll over the Seward team 19-6.  
 28—Teachers' Convention and a two-day vacation. Boy, we needed it!
- Nov. 1—What fun they have! Those Normal Training parties!  
 3—Another party? No, this time it's Home Ec.  
 5—Mr. Rice from Lincoln School of Commerce speaks.  
 8—Dr. Ragan speaks to the boys about C. A. P.  
 11—That Aurora! Slides over us in last few minutes with one touchdown.  
 15—They've gone Roman on us. A Latin party with Miss Schwerin.  
 16—Girls treat boys! Sadie Hawkins dance.  
 29—Normal Training party. And we thought they were through for a while.
- Dec. 7—Girl Reserves eat. Pot Luck supper.  
 8—Faculty forgets pupils long enough for a party of their own. With a real Santa Claus!!  
 10—We "show" Rising City in our first basketball game by winning 35-13.  
 13—Pep Club girls give box social and dance for football boys. Scout Girl—Marilyn Schweser. Scout Boy—Dan Pohl.  
 14—Two parties! Home Ec and a backward party for the Freshman Class.  
 15—We just top Osceola by one point.  
 17—And Schuyler just tops us by two points.  
 Graduate of '36, Lt. Howard Welte speaks to the assembly about the Aleutian Islands.  
 20—Not-to-be-forgotten Normal Trainers have Christmas party.  
 21—Ulysses wins 27-25.
- AT LAST—CHRISTMAS VACATION!!!
- Jan. 7—Seward wins by two points. Two is our unlucky number.  
 14—The worm has turned! We win over Silver Creek 31-29.  
 19—Time out for another faculty party.  
 21—We score on Fremont, but not for 'long. They win 32-22.  
 25—Must still be resting from the Fremont loss. Dwight wins 35-28.  
 26—We have Health Day. Not much school. We should have more of them.  
 27—Related Arts class held a party. The I. Q. Test was given.  
 28—The boys were out to win; they did. David took Fullerton by 26-19.  
 31—13 Seniors take illegal sneak day. Study hall for 6 hours.
- Feb. 18—Sophomores got brave and had a party.  
 24—Business and Professional Women entertain senior girls. (Ladies for one night!)  
 29—Former teacher, Lt. George Haskins, tells of army life.  
 Leap Year faculty party with Lt. and Mrs. George Haskins as guests.
- Mar. 8—Mr. Rockwell, an N. B. I. representative, talked to pupils interested in continuing in school.  
 13—Mr. Joe Fettes of the State Department of Vocational Education showed two war films of England to the assembly.  
 15—Army-Navy Test given. This really made the boys think (for once).  
 17—Girl Reserves sponsored St. Patrick's Hour Dance after school.  
 21—Strange, everybody smiling and dressed up. Oh, yes! Annual pictures were taken.  
 27-28—Regent's exams. Pupils taking them are exhausted.  
 29—Commercial Club entertained football boys.
- Apr. 1—No school today . . . April Fool! The joke's on you. It's Saturday.  
 4-5-6-7—Holy Week. Ministers of David City spoke to the students.  
 13—Did you ever see such luck—report cards!  
 14—No more pool playing and card games for Mr. Willits. No, sir. He got caught and has to stay home to take care of Junior.
- May 1—April is over.  
 2—Miss Nelson presented a one-act play program.  
 5—Don Baker gave a speech denouncing the women. He would have been eighteen years old May 19.  
 12—Only one more week for Seniors to do their devilish acts.  
 19—Senior Class play, "Old Doc."  
 21—Baccalaureate.  
 23—Commencement. Free at last. Now we know how the slaves felt!

## Class Will

We, the Class of '44 of the David City High School, in the County of Butler, State of Nebraska, being of extremely sound mind, and almost supernatural memory, and considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore make, ordain, and publish, and declare this to be our last will.

First we order and direct that our executor, herein afternamed, since we leave no outstanding debts, shall dutifully and faithfully perform all of the bequests hereinafter named.

Second, to the faculty of David City High, we give and bequeath all our knowledge of the troubled sea of life, that they may pilot each frail and precious charge to harbor, and anchor it safely in the ranks of seniors.

Third, to the Juniors we give and bequeath this bit of advice—never let your studies interfere with your high school education.

Fourth, to the Sophomores we give our ability to laugh at the freshmen.

Fifth, to the Freshmen we give and bequeath courage to hear with patience and resignation, all the unjust abuses and burdens heaped upon them by unfeeling teachers; until they may one day call themselves Seniors.

Don Baker wills his cultivated and fertilized "cookie-duster" to Harold McElravy.

To Neal Craig goes Bob Behrn's long list of female associates since Bob is making new ones by now.

Dick Birkel leaves one "he-man" stature to Duaine Lang. Oh! those shoulders!!

Palma Brockevelt wills her ability to listen to Miss Hoffman, talk to Delia and Rita, and yet study shorthand—all at the same time, to anyone who can keep up the pace.

Benny Creech donates his "towering" height to Franklin Mize.

Louise Curry and Marcia Davis bequeath their Schuyler interests to Kathleen Gilmore and Naomi Stier—if they ever happened to make it past Octavia. (That we have to see!)

The diminutive stature of Mary Beth Davis, she leaves to Lucille Brighton.

Norman Daro leaves his Wild West paraphernalia to another Beau Brummel, Denny Vernon.

Lloyd Darrow wills his miniature frame to Lowell Glock.

To Dick Robertson, Bob Drozda leaves his "Nixon Special" haircut.

"Herb" Folkerts wills his "ever-victorious" pool cue to Don "Hacksaw" Loy.

Bill Gilmore and Barbara Wilson will their love-making during school to any couple *dumb* enough to accept it.

Wilma Glock leaves her "rose petal" blush to Mary Ann Locke, who could use it.

John Graybill his knowledge of microphones and radios to Miss Nelson, who will need it for some explanations in next year's Senior English classes.

A burned out Ford motor of Bill Griffin's goes to Lloyd Vanderheiden—just to help out a poor Cheve!

Leola Heins bequeaths her shyness in Senior English to Alice Richards.

"June" Hinds leaves his girl to Cora Lee Thomassen . . . Well, he doesn't want her to date out!!

Katie Hoffman wills a newly acquired Bohemian accent to Gladys Styskal to aid in the development of hers.

Irene Humlicek leaves all her David City male associates to her sister, Gloria. The grass is greener over Dwight-way, isn't it?

Rosemary Litjen falls heir to Marjorie Nantkes' line or machine-gun-chatter.

Milo "Short-shot" Navratil leaves his ability to play basketball and wave at the girls at the same time to Bill McCracken. (As if he needs it!)

Vernetta Novell wills her motto, "Speech is silver; silence is golden," to Wilma Bartels, who really doesn't need it(?).

Marie Neubel leaves a well modulated voice to George Ball, who is trying to be a replica of Wendell Willkie.

Herman Hansen is given by Lillian Powell her artistic ability, so that he will have something worth while to erase from the class room walls.

Magdalen Ptacek wills her ability to entertain Mr. Burgeson during 5th period assembly to Alice Briza.

Danny Pohl leaves his ability to disregard all feminine wiles and stick with C. A. P. to Don Thomas who is somewhat disappointed in love at present.

Marcy Petrzilka leaves her third period telephone calls to Helen Sabata.

Dorothy Peters wills her back seat in the assembly to any future, fortunate senior. (The teachers can't see that far back!)

Mildred Pieters bequeaths her Lincoln interest to Doris Northway. (An old flame never dies, Doris!!)

William Pernicek wills his wishful thinking of women to Tyler Vanderkolk who, we are sure, will do more than merely *think*!

Irene Roelandts leaves her daily letters from a certain Marine to Joyce Nozicka, who needs only one more to make her correspondence an even 100.

Darleen Sanley leaves her "compact" (ahem!) to Ramona Knott.

Shirlee Sargent wills a battered shorthand book to Ramona Darrow, who seems to be very much interested in a business course.

Marilyn Schweser leaves a package of henna rinse to all her friends who call her "Red".

To Bill Maule goes Leo Schaf's continual talking in algebra.

John Schweser wills his job of reading meters to anyone who likes to work in the dark. (Don't all apply at once, fellows!)

Pauline Stevens hands to Charlie Birkel the ability to herd a Model A down the road, he will surely need it next year.

Henrietta Treska wills her way with Tony Roubal to several junior boys who as yet aren't able to show their draft cards. Pity!

Rita Smith leaves her letter-writing during assembly periods to Doris Mae Baer.

Even though she is pretty busy with the marines, Betty Vybiral found time to will a battered baton to "Jinx" Osantowski.

Frank Sabata leaves his ability to act as if he knows what Mr. Bauman talks about in class, to Yarmel Troupe, who thinks he knows it all.

Lujane Johnson wills a certain unexcused absence for a trip to Omaha back to Mr. Burgeson because she didn't want it in the first place.

Clarabelle Klein leaves her male tormentor, Louis Vanous, to Shirley Sutton, who should know how to cope with boys of that type by now.

Bob Baer gets Edward Koliha's job in the hotel. Bob looks as if he would make a good "hash slinger."

Blanche Kobza wills her patience with the whims of Miss Hoffman to Nadine Lanspa, who will need it no doubt.

Delia Leeper wills her calm behavior and ability to study to Rosemary Karash. (These Sophomores!)

Dan Hook wills his singing ability to Glen Kunklee—another fellow crooner.

Gene Lanspa bequeaths his witty remarks to Bob Ficke. "Brother, He needs them"!!)

"Bootblack" Bob Moran leaves his chair in Nixon's barber shop to anyone who can't find any other job, and is looking for a legitimate place to loaf.

The builders of this will—you can hang us if you catch us.

And we do hereby constitute and appoint our sponsor, Mr. Burgeson, sole executor of this, our last will.

In witness whereof, we the class of 1944, the testators do set our hands and seal on this document on the twenty-third day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

## *Class Prophecy*

Time—1965

Place: A luxurious suite in the famous "Nav-ratil-Koliha" Hotel in Washington, D. C.

The candidate for the Non-progressive Party, Lloyd Darrow, is engaged in conversation with his campaign manager, Lujane Johnson. At the moment, they are deeply engrossed in his fan mail from their former classmates.

(Mr. Darrow has been a well-known political figure ever since he shook the hand of Wendell Willkie when he spoke in David City in the Spring of '44.)

*Lujane:* Ah, at last, Mr. Darrow, I have run across a letter from dear old Bruno. Now who in the world can this one be from? Shall I read it aloud to you, or shall I relate to you its contents?

*Lloyd:* Don't bother me with all the minor details. Who is it from?

*Lujane:* It's from your old friend, A. T. Hinds. He mentions that his brother-in-law, Danny Pohl, and he are major generals in the infantry. Ha, ha, this is really a good one; he says that Danny is now the uncle of triplets: Sherry, Tom, and Jerry.

*Lloyd:* There doesn't happen to be a letter there from Leavenworth?

*Lujane:* Just a minute and I'll try to find it among all of these others. Why, yes, here is one from our old classmate, Bob Behrns. He doesn't say whether he is in the "Fort" or the "Prison" down there. He says that he is still at Leavenworth learning to be a general. . . . He's a corporal!

*Lloyd:* It seems to me that he was in Leavenworth for a while back in '44. Is there anything else of interest?

*Lujane:* Here are a few from David City. Some of our school pals and gals stayed at dear old

David City. We thought it was a pretty dead town when we lived there. This is from Clarabelle Klein who says she is still enjoying country school teaching. This must be her twentieth year of it.

*Lloyd:* After twenty years she ought to know whether she enjoys it or not. What else does she say?

*Lujane:* Well, she has finally decided to marry Herbert Folkerts since he is fairly well established at Johnson's Super Hatchery. (That was a deliberate plug by Lu.) Twenty years have taught him quite a bit. He even knows the difference between a white leghorn and an austra-white now.

*Lloyd:* Funny things happen these days; just look at me. Read the others, Lu.

*Lujane:* Right! What do you know? Here's one from that pest of a fellow who used to sit behind me in the assembly, Bob Drozda.

*Lloyd:* Drozda? What does he say?

*Lujane:* Nothing more than I expected. He is now sole owner of Schweser's Store. He says that he has even expanded the store quite a bit, with branch stores in Abie, Dwight, and Bruno.

*Lloyd:* Drozda had a good head on him. But the question was—whose was it? I ought to have a letter from Baker here. I get one from him almost every week.

*Lujane:* Where is he?

*Lloyd:* Oh, didn't you know? He is up Yukon way selling hot-water bottles to the Eskimos. He found himself a cute little Indian wife and now has ten papooses!

*Lujane:* Ha, ha! I heard that Frank Sabata was up there too. He is back in the states now selling North Pole Oil Stock to all Harlem.

*Lloyd:* John Graybill is repairing the radios of the natives in Belgian Congo! Some of these classmates of ours are doing a little bit out of the ordinary.

*Lujane:* Here is a letter from Barbara Wilson. She says her husband, Bill, is running a *second-hand-store*, specializing Model-T's. Darleen Sanley is editor of the paper that was once called the "Banner". John Schweser is working as a private pilot part-time and the rest of the time on W. P. A.

*Lloyd:* Say, that looks like the even scrawl of Marilyn Schweser on that letter. Let me have it.

*Lujane:* All right! Here's a letter from Henrietta Treska. She and William Pernicek are in partnership running a dairy just outside of Bruno. Of all the letters you have from old classmates! I didn't realize there were so many when I was sorting them from the business and political correspondence. I'm surprised that so many of your old classmates are supporting you. They're probably playing safe and writing to both you and Griff so that no matter

who is elected president they will get the fullest benefit possible.

*Lloyd:* Listen to this! Marilyn Schweser took up nursing during the war and became so interested in medical work that she became a veterinarian. She used to be deathly afraid of snakes and gory messes. I would like to see her wrestle a horse around on the operating table. She says she is feeling fine and doing a great business. She also states that Bob Moran is trying to buy the old Manning building that she is located in. He seems to think that it is good luck to have his office in there since he's running for mayor.

(A knock is heard at the door and Miss Johnson answers it.)

*Lloyd:* Why, Bill Griffin, I haven't seen you since . . . since . . . since . . . (Oh, how absent-minded of me!) since yesterday! How's my worthy opponent today?

*Lujane:* It's certainly funny that out of the millions of people in this country they should pick out two people from D. C. to run against each other.

*Lloyd:* Have you seen the hostesses?

*Griff:* No, I haven't. From the way you said that it must be someone I know.

*Lujane:* Kate Hoffman and Leola Heins!

*Griff:* Well! I'll have to go down to see them right away. (Hmm! Especially Kate!)

*Lloyd:* What was that you said?

*Griff:* Oh! Nothing. (Griff leaves.)

*Lujane:* Oh, look! Here's a picture of Palma Brockevelt. She states in her letter that she is an official Ford tester at the Ford plant in Detroit. She drives Fords over ramps and turns them over to see if they are all right. She learned how to do that with her father's car when she was still in high school. She says that Louise Curry and Marcia Davis are engineering the building of an orphanage for the homeless hoboes that come through David City on the "Flying Freight Trains".

*Lloyd:* Look here! Dorothy Peters pledged me her wholehearted support!

*Lujane:* It's nice to know someone will vote for you.

*Lloyd:* She has settled down on a farm and is raising a special breed of Poland China's. These letters certainly are interesting. We really should be out campaigning, but this is easier. Let Griff get a few more votes. He still can't defeat a Darrow!

*Lujane:* That's what you think.

*Lloyd:* Hey, look at this one. It's from Arabia. Now who do I know in Arabia? . . . It's from Eugene Lanspa. He has just finished settling a dispute over the big oil pipe line over there and, above all things, he's got a harem.

*Lujane:* And to think I used to talk to that polygamist! He is just as "whacky" as Dick Birkel, who is making stacks of money running a frog farm. I guess that's quite a business; frog legs are such a delicacy.

*Lloyd:* Did you see in the paper today that Lillian Powell has just returned from abroad where she has been learning to draw "Superman" for the "New York Celestial Ball"?

*Lujane:* No, I didn't. But I did see that Daniel Hook has become a professor of English at Cornucopia College, one of the biggest in the world.

*Lloyd:* It's nice to know that so far, all in our class have led successful lives. Let's read some more of those letters. They have been stacked up for months. By the time we read all we'll know "Who's Who" as well as president. These new voting machines certainly are wonderful. You just stick your year's poll tax receipt in the slot along with your vote, and the vote is automatically radioed to Washington. Norman Daro invented it through his study of radio-teletype.

*Lujane:* Let's read one more letter and then go to the movie uptown.

*Lloyd:* O. K. I'll read this one. It's from Irene Humlicek. She's secretary to Professor B. A. Vybiral of Creech College, and she says Wilma Glock is the new typing teacher. Well, I bet Irene can rule any ornery boy in school with an iron hand.

*Lujane:* She used to rule you with a paper one. If she would have ever connected with any of those books she swung at you, you wouldn't be here today.

*Lloyd:* She did have a rather violent temper, didn't she? I'm surprised at Creech's endowing a college. Imagine! A multi-millionaire right on his own farm!

*Lujane:* That movie over there ought to be good. It's called "Love Me Today," co-starring Leo Schaf and Pauline Stevens.

(Sometime later as Lloyd and Lu are just entering the theater.)

*Lloyd:* I almost got slugged by the line of people back of me while I was talking to the cashier! Mildred Pieters!

(After the movie, in the same hotel suite as above.)

*Lujane:* That was an excellent picture. It was nice to see Marie Neubel again, but I don't think she made a very good cab driver. Nobody put that mail box in the back seat with us, and she almost drove us right into Sargent's Cafe.

*Lloyd:* That cafe certainly is a "classy" place. Imagine! Ten dollars cover charge!

*Lujane:* (Turning on the radio.) Did you hear that? You are ten thousand votes ahead of Griffin. Let's open some more letters. Here's one from Blanche Kobza. She says that she and Delia Leeper joined the "Wacs" at the same time Vernetta

Novell did, and they're teaching soldiers how to dance at Fort Leavenworth.

*Lloyd:* This one is silly. Mary Beth Davis is one of those female mailmen, only she uses a motor-scooter. Smart girl.

*Lujane:* That ought to be just the thing. Incidentally, do you know who that was sitting in front of you in the movie?

*Lloyd:* No, but I wish he would keep track of his shoes. I didn't get to see Schaf throw the villain off the cliff because that guy was looking for his shoe.

*Lujane:* That was Marcel Svoboda.

*Lloyd:* It was?!! I wonder why I didn't recognize him.

*Lujane:* He is the owner of "Around-the-World Freight Company."

*Lloyd:* He must be doing pretty well. What ever became of Marjorie Nantkes?

*Lujane:* That's one of the strangest things. She was with her friend, Marcella Petrzilka, and they both went to a bargain counter. The police haven't been able to find a trace of them. They suspect one of the clerks wrapped them up and sold them for mannikins, or whatever you call them.

*Lloyd:* That certainly is strange. Women seem to go mad at bargain displays. Magdalen Ptacek disappeared too, didn't she?

*Lujane:* Yes, but they found her. She studied so hard at Wesleyan, after she left high school, that she had a lapse of mind and wandered away. She was finally found in David City trying to start over in school again.

*Lloyd:* It would be nice to start again. We used to think a person would have to have a lapse of mind to want to go back to school.

*Lujane:* Well, well! Here's the last letter. It's from Irene Roelandts, who is now a business secretary. She's about to hook a man, but she doesn't say who. Her friend, Rita Smith, is still teaching school.

*Lloyd:* Tune in the radio to see if the votes have been tabulated yet.

*Radio Announcer:* May we repeat, ladies and gentlemen: "The final tabulation of the votes for president are: 62,500,000 for the Non-progressive candidate, Lloyd Darrow, and 62,500,001 votes for the Bureaucrat candidate, Bill Griffin. The new president of the United States is Bill Griffin." (click)

*Lujane:* Lloyd, where are you going?

*Lloyd:* I'm going to Alaska to find an Indian squaw and settle down just like Baker. Imagine! Defeating me by just one vote! And I'll bet anything it was your vote!

(He puts the radio above his head and starts chasing his campaign manager, Miss Johnson.)

(Author's note: We are all exceptionally sorry that we didn't have enough tall, dark, senior boys to "marry up with the women." We assume that in the future all of you may be either happy spinsters or happily married.)

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