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WESTOSHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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CELEBRATING

50 YEARS

OF EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION

In preparing the 50th Anniversary booklet, many people were helpful in its development. Eileen Sorenson as an original staff member, supplied Year Books and information from the first years. The pictures of the Smith farm and the newspaper articles were supplied by Jim Smith who was raised on that farm.

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Lastly, the advice and the typing of my wife Barbara made my job much easier.

Thank you to all of those whose help and encouragement made the project possible.

John R. Fleischer

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**50 YEARS AGO
GOOD OLD BLACK AND WHITE**

You could hardly see for all the snow,
Spread the rabbit ears as far as they go.
Pull a chair up to the TV set,
"Good night, David; Good night, Chet".
Dependin' on the channel you tuned,
You got Rob and Laura - or Ward and June.

It felt so good, felt so right,
Life looked better in black and white.

I Love Lucy, The Real McCoy's,
Dennis the Menace, the Cleaver boys,
Rawhide, Gunsmoke, Wagon Train,
Superman, Lois Lane,
Father Knows Best, Patty Duke,
Rin Tin Tin and Lassie too,
Donna Reed on Thursday night.
Life looked better in black and white;

I wanna go back to black and white.
Everything always turned out right,
Simple people, simple lives,
Good guys always won the fights.

Now nothin's the way it seems
In living color or on the screen.
I wanna go back to black and white.

In God they trusted, in bed they slept,
A promise made was a promise kept.
They never cussed or broke their vows;
They'd never make the network now.

But if I could, I'd rather be
In a TV town in the 50's.
It felt so good, felt so right,
Life looked better in black and white

I'd trade all the channels on the satellite
If I could just turn back the clock tonight,
To when everybody knew wrong from right.
Life was better in black and white.



THE BEGINNING



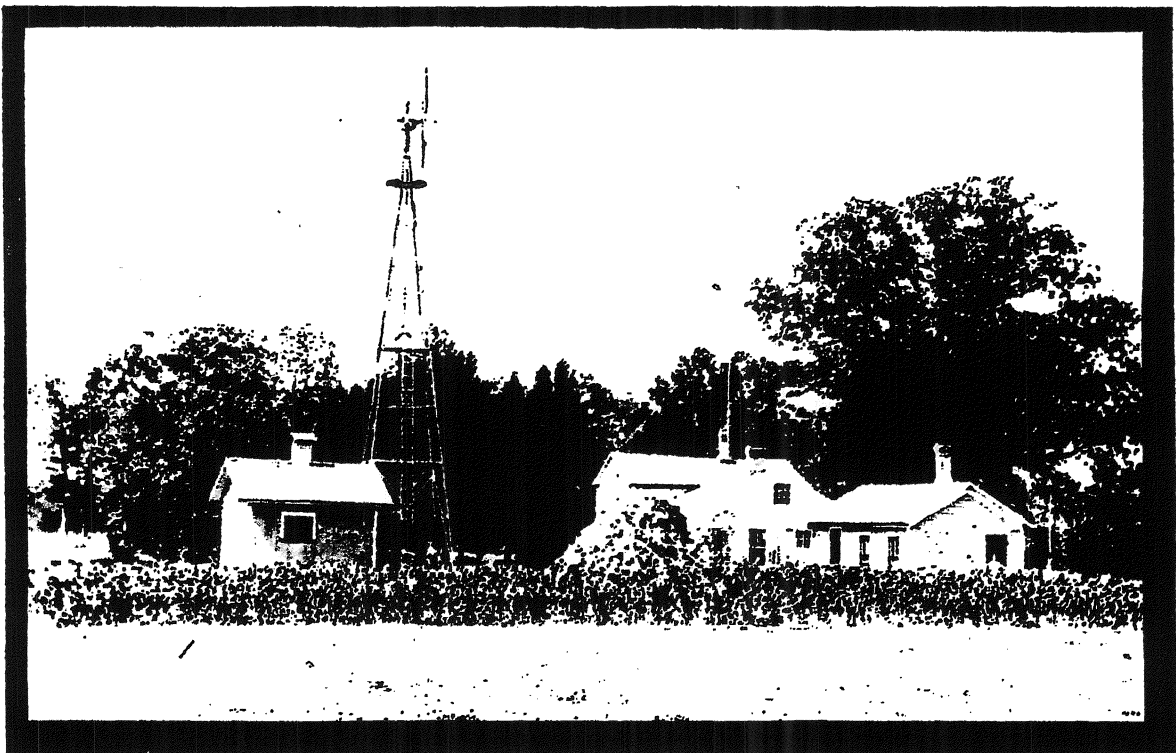
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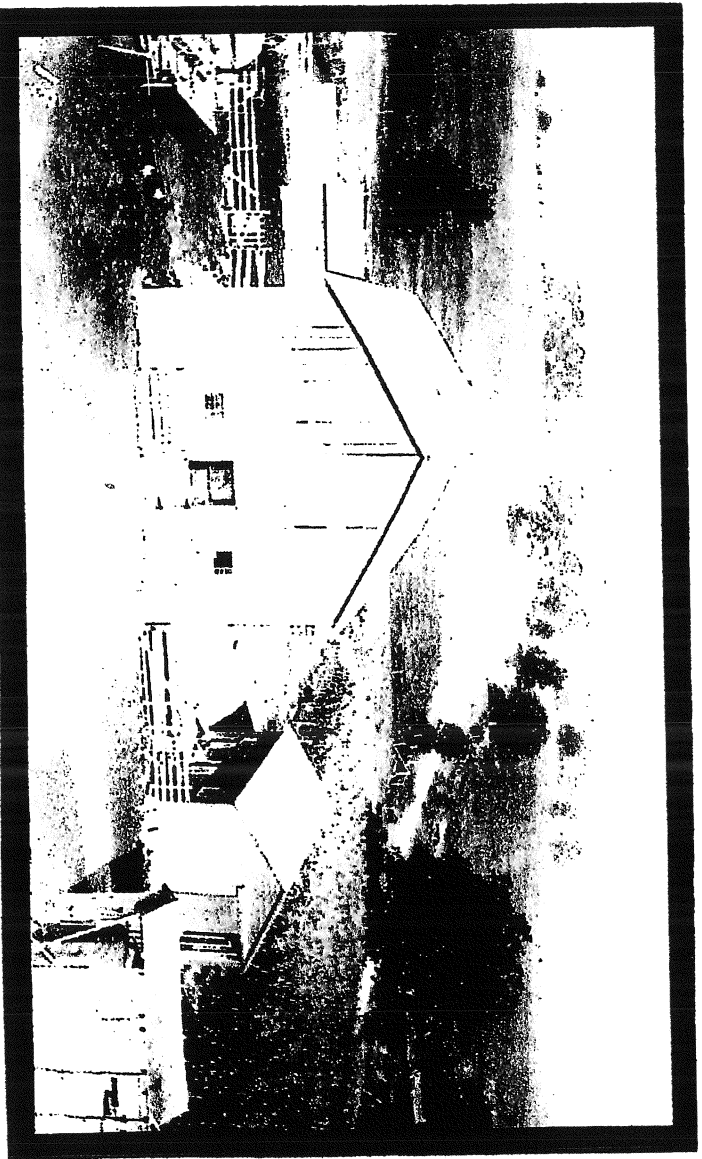
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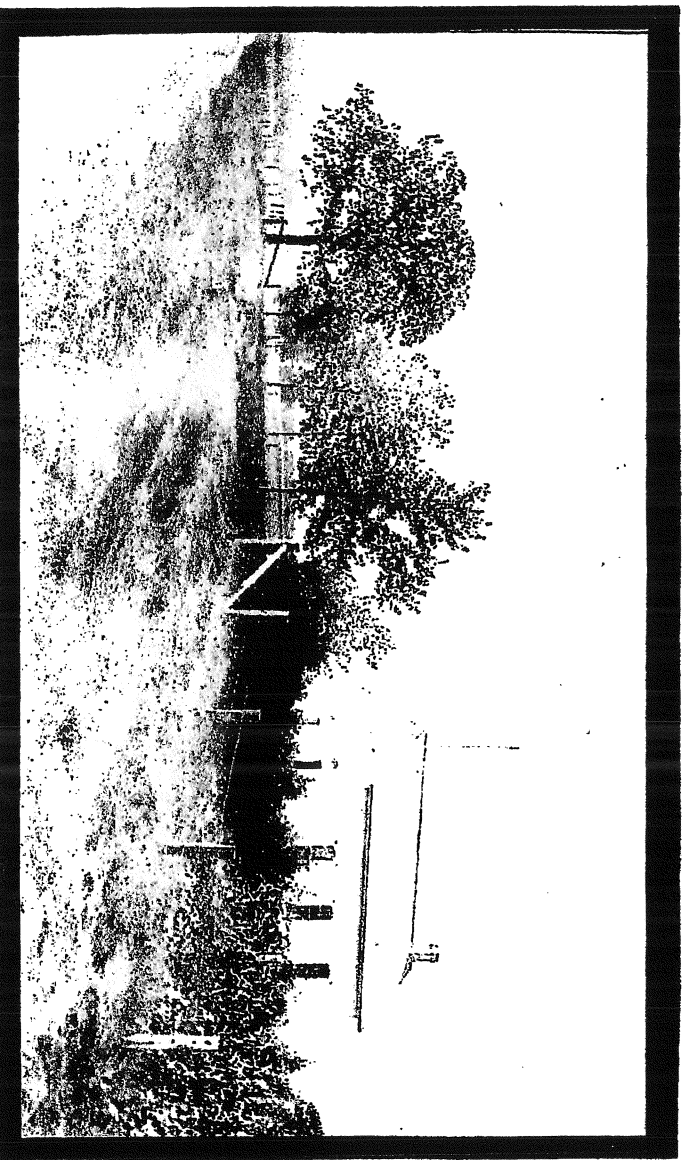
SMITH FARM - PRESENT FOOTBALL FIELD IN FOREGROUND



ANOTHER VIEW OF THE SMITH FARM



SMITH FARM LOOKING WEST
1910



BRASS BALL SCHOOL

Central puts down roots after shaky start

KENOSHA NEWS STAFF

PADDOCK LAKE — Central High School was born half a century ago in controversy, Floyd Holloway says.

He should know. He was a member of the delivery team.

"The school district didn't get formed out of love and friendship," Holloway said. "It was formed in controversy and confrontation. It was formed in conflict, much of it very unpleasant.

"There wasn't a beacon of light showing us the way, directing us on a very obvious course. It was a slow, steady grind. We pushed and pushed and pushed forward. There were not many times we could just sit back and relax. There was always a bigger problem ahead."

From the office of his Paris home overlooking a portion of the Kenosha County farm he has tended to for most of his 80 years, Holloway recently shared with the Kenosha News his memories of the formation of Central High School Joint District No. 1, now known as Central High School District of Westosha.

Holloway, one of only two surviving members of the district's first five-person board, didn't sugarcoat his reflections. He acknowledged there were plenty of people in the community who would have preferred more than 50 years ago that Wilmot remain the only high school in the western part of the county.

Yet through the effort of a committed group led by Bristol dairy farmer Horace Fowler, a new district was formed and Central High School was built, with the first students beginning classes there in the fall of 1952.

In the decades before, Kenosha County teenagers living west of what is now the interstate could attend a variety of high schools, including those in Wilmot, Kenosha, Burlington and Union Grove. By the late 1940s Wisconsin mandated that all land be attached to a specific high school district, and Wilmot officials succeeded in attaching to their district all but a sliver of western Kenosha County. That meant most teenagers in the western part of the county would attend Wilmot.

Holloway said many local residents were unaware of the change until after the attachment was accomplished. Once the realization started soaking in, he said, a movement began to right what many felt was a wrong.

"It was just a group of concerned people with no organized head at first," Holloway said. "Slowly the group grew in size, and people decided we had to get the land back out of the Wilmot district.

"Younger people think the intense competition between Central and Wilmot began on the athletic fields, but that's not where it started."

A referendum was held and the group was victorious, but the vote was immediately challenged in the courts and the result was voided on a technicality. Determined not to quit, the group pushed forward again and this time succeeded.

A school board was elected, consisting of Horace Fowler, Irving Halladay and Martha Seno. The board appointed a five-member building committee with Holloway as chairman. He said the group of eight met many times, often gathering in a Salem barbershop, conducting business during trimmings.

While the atmosphere for some of the meetings might have seemed casual, the topics for discussion were quite serious. Among the most pressing were constant financial woes.

Taxpayer money would be needed to pay tuition for district teenagers who were attending other high schools, to pur-

chase land, to fuel a building fund, to buy educational equipment and a fleet of buses, and to pay a principal, teachers, custodians and bus drivers. Folks were frustrated.

"Many people were very angry, and you couldn't blame them," Holloway said. "They attended Wilmot, they wanted their kids to attend Wilmot, it was closer for many of them, and they felt caught up in this thing. It was not an easy time."

The board purchased land on Highway 50 for the new school and hired Central's first principal, Allen Erickson.

Their first year 22 seniors enrolled in Central, along with 42 juniors, 77 sophomores and 89 freshmen. The school had 13 teachers.

Early in the process to create the new district, Holloway said he was warned by a Salem farmer to walk away from the struggle, that the long-term effects of the battle would be too damaging, that the fight was so controversial people would never forgive him for his part.

Now, half a century later, some hard feelings have remained, Holloway admits. He does not regret the role he played in creating the district or building the school, but he wishes the process would have been less hurried, less pressure-filled.

"I've always wondered why our creator didn't endow those who find themselves with responsibility for governing others in some capacity with more wisdom. So often it seemed there were no right answers. You just took the one that was the least wrong, and moved ahead," Holloway said.

New School Discussion Set Dec. 14

The future of the new central high school district's proposed building will be decided at a special district meeting in Bristol community hall Dec. 15 at 8 p.m. Voters will decide that night on the site and financing of the new school. The district school board also announced that the property favored by the district's building committee has been called "superior to anything else considered and exceeding the potentialities of almost any site known in the entire state," by A. L. Buechner, building supervisor of the state department of public instruction.

The property referred to includes approximately 60 acres on the south side of Hy. 50 near Padlock Lake.

5 Items on Agenda

Qualified voters of the district will deal with five major items on the Dec. 15 agenda. The first is to officially select the site.

Residents will also vote on whether to authorize the district board to purchase the approved site at a price not more than \$16,500. This amount would be paid out of the \$25,000 appropriated and levied at the Sept. 8 district meeting.

The school board will ask authority to make application for a loan of \$482,000 from the state trust funds, payable in 20 years in 20 approximately equal annual installments, with interest at the rate of two and a half per cent per year for the construction and equipping of the new school.

The voters will be asked to agree to sufficient taxes to pay the principal and interest of the loan from the state as it becomes due.

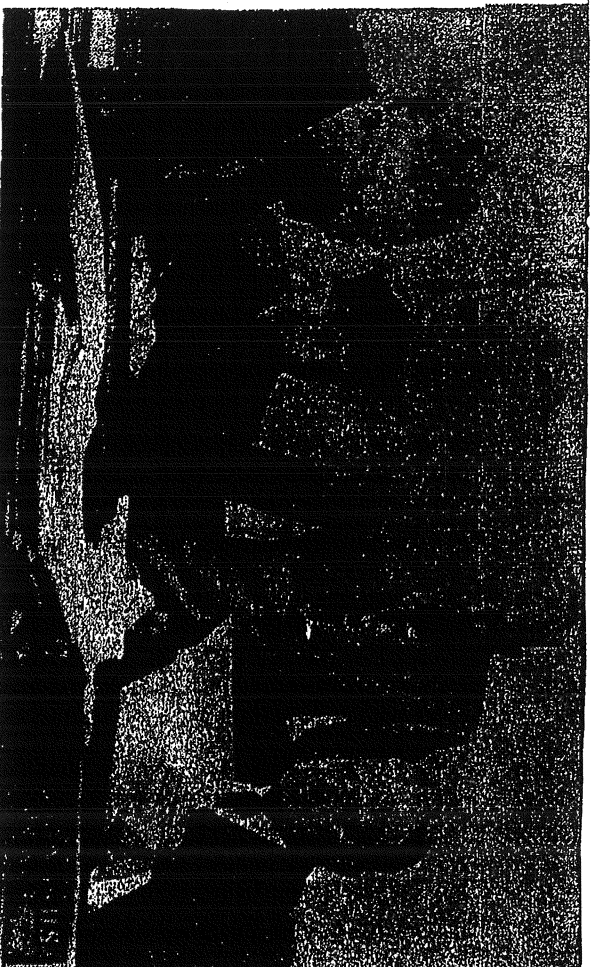
The last action on the agenda will be the passing of an initial resolution authorizing the district to issue \$482,000 worth of negotiable coupon bonds for the proposed construction and equipment.

Site Advantages Told

Lawrence Klomberg, 200 69th St., Kenosha architect who will work on the school with the Dralloy and Bralloy architectural firm of Rockford Ill., attended the recent meeting with Buechner and members of the school board and building committee.

Buechner, in a prepared report, listed the advantages of the proposed site. They included: Location at the geographical and population center of the district; natural beauty; good drainage; minimum amount of work necessary on land before beginning construction; ample room for expansion, outdoor recreational activity, and best plots for vocational agriculture, natural outdoor amphitheater and lagoon and ski slide opportunity for tree and nature study; and private park and picnic grounds for residents of the district.

Board and committee members discussed the possibility of adding a junior high school and a junior college to the property if city growth demands such developments.



SIGN FOR CENTRAL SCHOOL SITE.—The 60-acre site of the future \$482,000 Central high school was purchased by the district from the Smith estate of Salem yesterday afternoon. The property cost \$16,500. Cam Holladay, district clerk; Mrs. Martha Sema, district treasurer; Lester Smith, a member of the family selling the property; and Lynn Bannack, vice president of the Northwestern Loan and Trust company which is handling the Smith estate.

Purchase Site for New School

The site for the new Central high school on Hy. 50 near Padlock Lake was purchased by the district yesterday afternoon at a cost of \$16,500. The property includes approximately 60 acres.

The district also announced receipt of the final architect's report on the new \$482,000 Central high school. The school's floor plan was recently approved by the state. The property was purchased from the Smith estate of Salem. The transaction was com-

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pleted in the offices of the Northwestern Loan and Trust company at 2 p.m. yesterday. When first considered, the location was "deemed superior to anything else considered anywhere in the state."

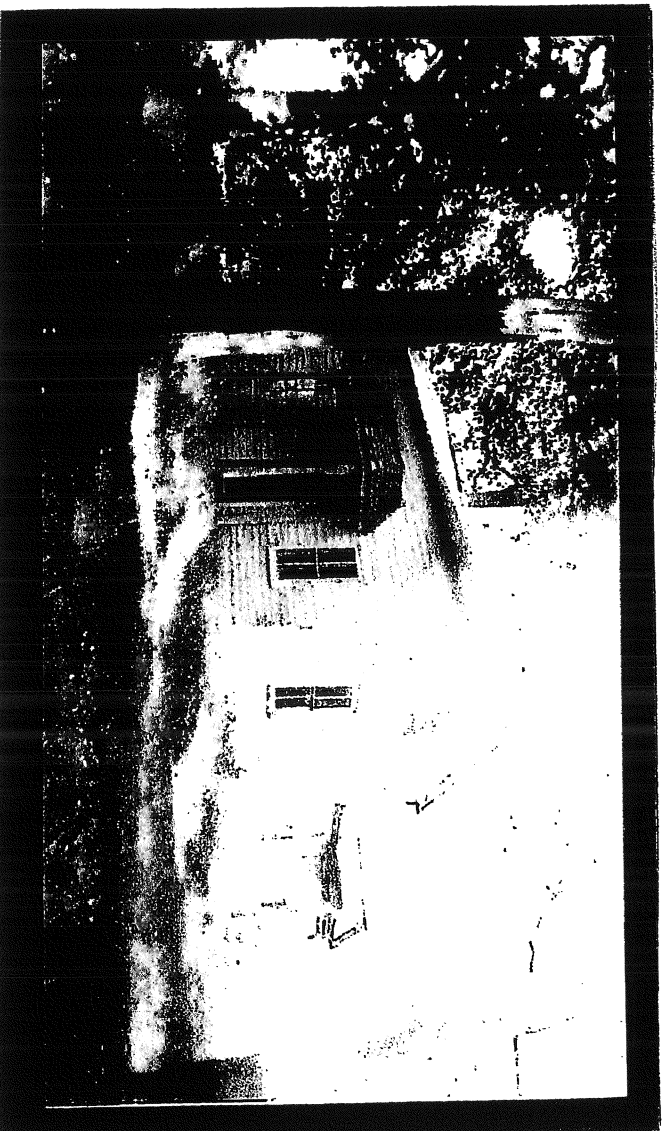
According to the architect's report, the finished structure "will be considered one of the most outstanding schools in the country. The building is a one story structure with large class rooms, small classrooms and recreational facilities, extended seating, parking lot, gymnasium and auditorium seating 2,000, and a stage and kitchen.

"The exterior wall will be faced with face brick as selected by the school board and will be backed up with eight inch lightweight aggregate concrete building units. Facing the lines the hallways, toilet and locker rooms.

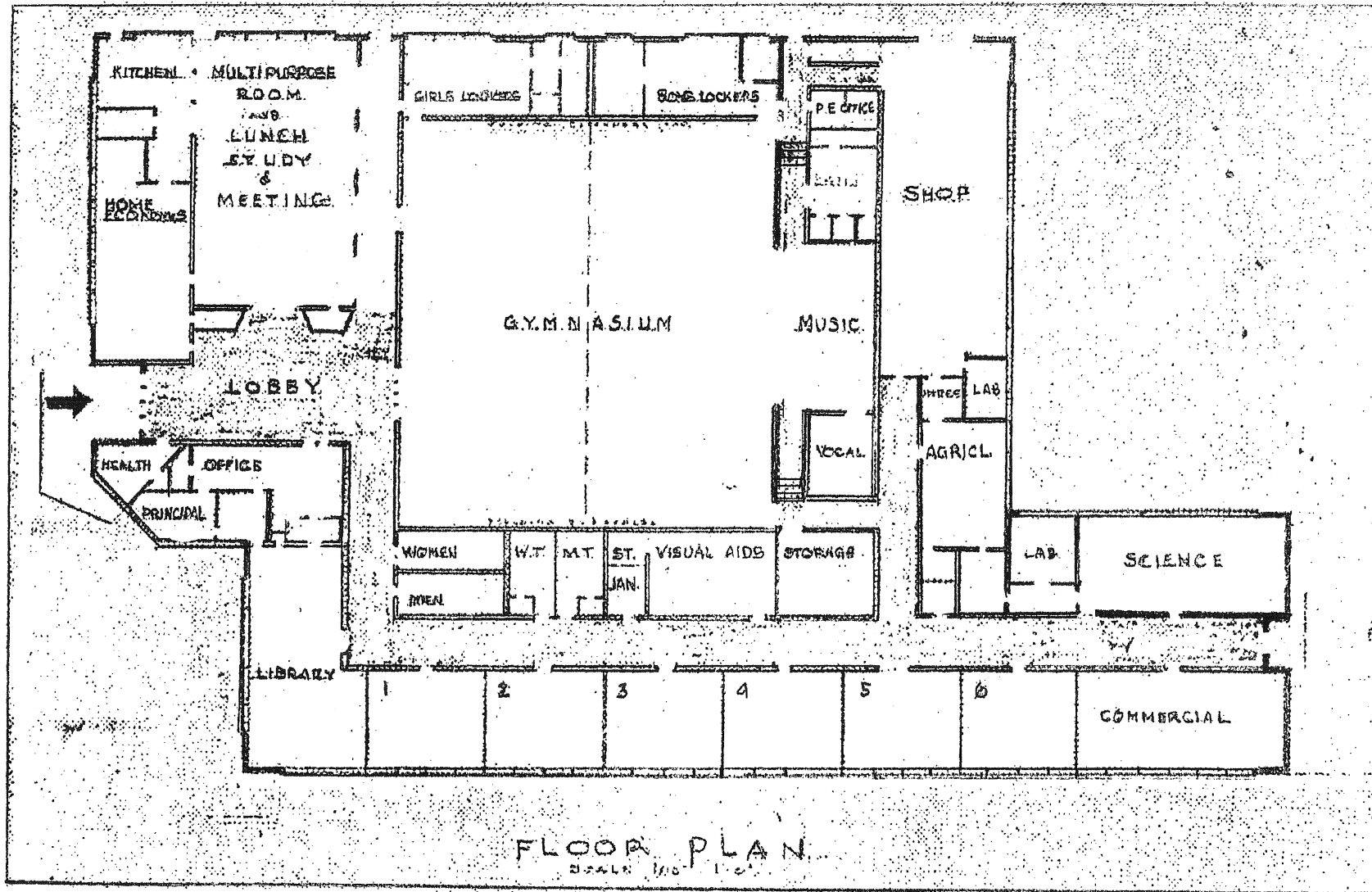
"The flooring will be marbleized asphalt. The over a concrete slab with a joist tunnel all the way around the outside for the insulation of floor and utility services to rooms.

"The ceiling will be acoustical tile on concrete or steel joist with insulation above. The roof will be of 50-year bonded built up tar and gravel.

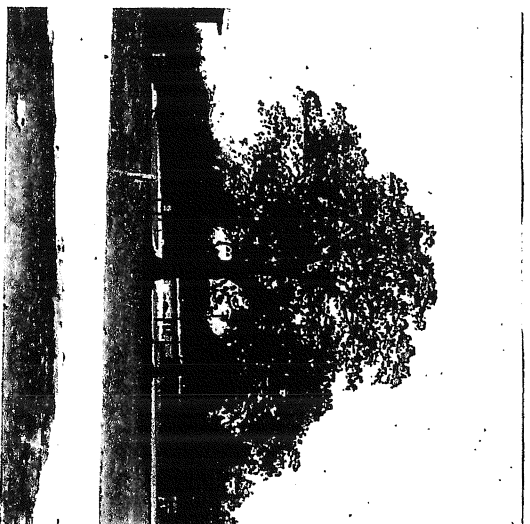
"The interior partitions will be lightweight aggregate block providing good acoustics. The roof framing over the interior walls will be supported on inside partitions to adapt room sizes to any future requirements."



**SMITH FARM HOUSE
IN THE LATE 1940'S**



CENTRAL HIGH FLOOR PLAN—The Central high school board today revealed the final, state approved floor plan, above, of the new 300-student Central high school to be built on Hy. 50 near Paddock Lake. The plan provided for a gymnasium seating approximately 2,000; six classrooms; large science, commercial, and agricultural rooms; a shop; and a library near the main entrance for the use of the community. The plan is designed to simplify future expansion, lower right.



**THE
FIRST YEAR
1952 - 1953**



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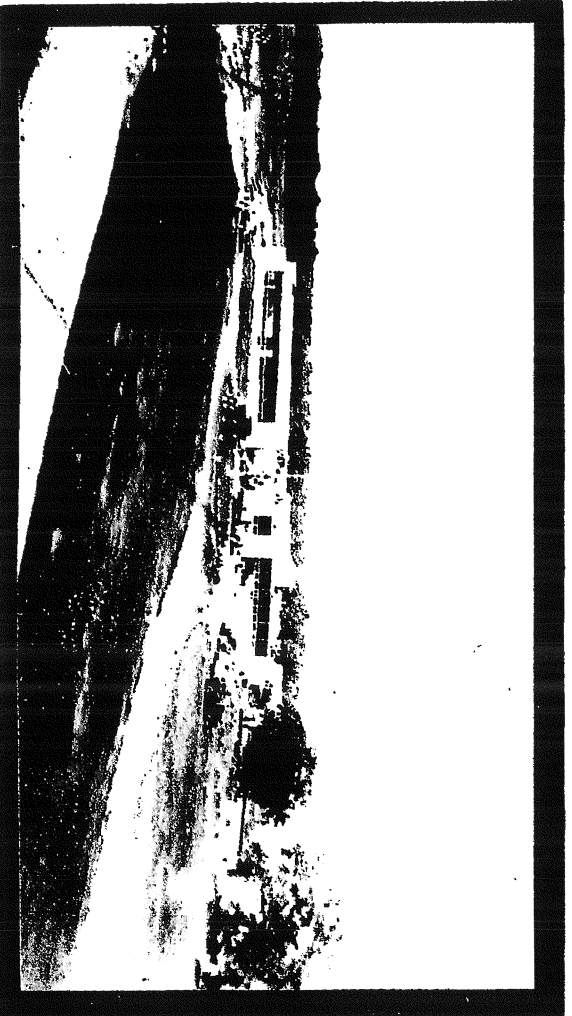
AT the cornerstone ceremonies conducted at the sight of the new school more than 300 residents for the Central district heard leaders of government and education praise the location and progress of the school. Municipal Judge Edward Ruetz introduced the speakers.

Rep. Lawrence Smith of Racine gave the opening address. He stressed that such schools are important in keeping alive the basic concept of the integrity of the individual.

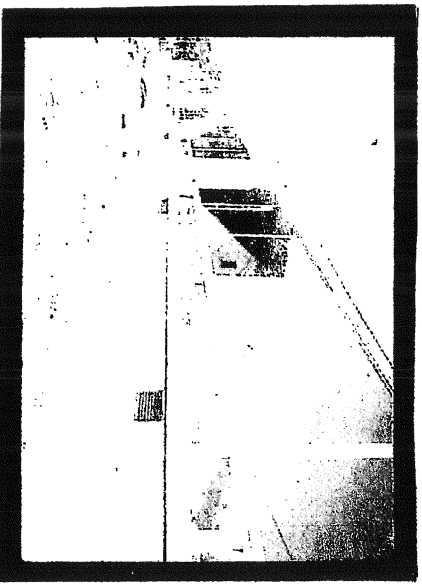
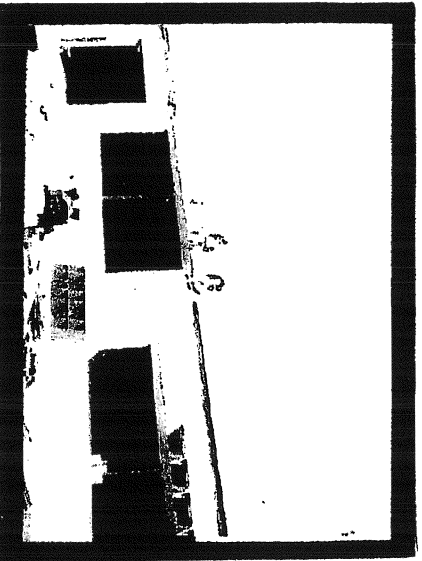
Mr. Willard Steinbach, school district electrician, sealed the documents in a copper box for placement in the cornerstone. Frank Zubeck, local general contractor for the school, handed the School Board Director, Horace Fowler, the trowel with which to spread the first bed of mortar for the stone.

The stone was moved into place, the documents were inserted and residents swarmed onto the stage to congratulate the school officials.

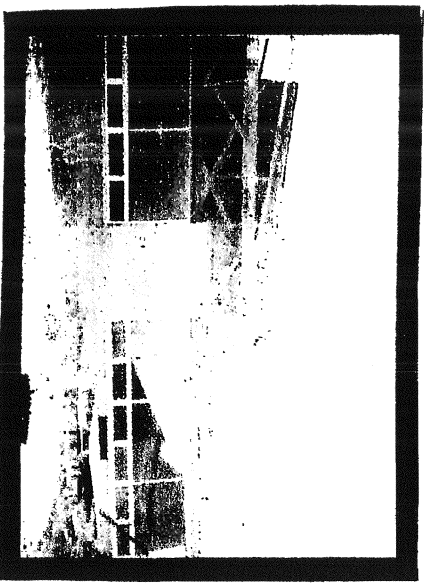
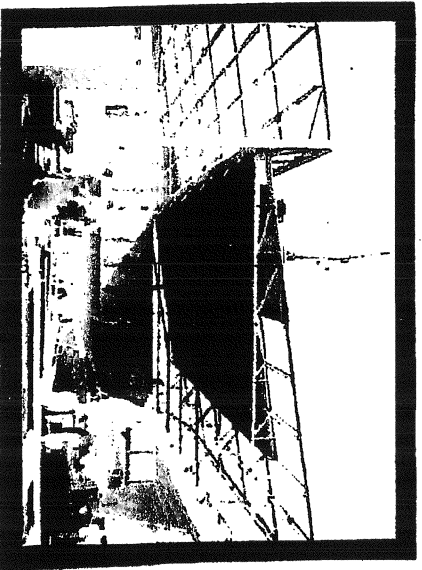




CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS



1952





MR. ERICKSON, principal of our new school was formerly of Oxfordville Public School where he was principal. Prior to that he was in the coaching field. Mr. Erickson went to Melrose High School; in 1839 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from River Falls and in 1949 he received his Master of Education from the University of Wisconsin.

When Mr. Erickson reported on the job, July 1, 1951, all there was in view of the school site was 80 acres of pasture and about 40 head of cattle. He purchased all of the equipment and instructional needs and in addition he had charge of the curriculum planning of the new high school.

We should all be aware of the wonderful job that Mr. Erickson has done.

We wish to thank him for making our senior year a very successful one. We also wish to thank him for the help and understanding he gave us.



ALLEN ERICKSON

Principal
River Falls S. T. C.
Bachelor of Science
University of Wisconsin
Master of Science

"I expect to pass through this world but once; any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass through this way again."



PRISCILLA BOOTH

Secretary
Kenosha High School

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you".



MARION AXTELL

Shorthand; Transcription;
Typing
Whitewater State Teachers
College

"All the world is a stage and all the men and women in it are merely players".



IRENE BOSMANN

English I
La Crosse State Teachers
College

"Life is real; life is earnest".



ELVIN CONWAY

Biology; Chemistry; Physics
University of Wisconsin

"The right way to kill time is to work it to death".



EILEEN DEETZ
Home Economics I, II, III, IV
Stout University
"Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you".



DAN KISSEL
Industrial Arts I, II, III, IV
Stout University
"All the great men are dead
and I don't feel very well
myself".



DANIEL DOONE
English II, IV; Latin
Loyola University, Ill.
"To err is human".

CLIFFORD PETERSON
Boys Physical Ed; Basketball
Coach; Football Coach
University of Wisconsin
"A quitter never wins, a
winner never quits".



JOSEPH FERRARO
English III; Civics I
Whitewater State Teachers
College
"To strive, to seek, to find,
and not yield".





MAURICE ROCKWELL
Music
Milton College
"He who laughs last,
laughs best".



CARL THOSTENSON
General Mathematics; Algebra
Beloit; University of Wisconsin
"Let's analyze this problem".



PHILLIP RONNERUD
Agriculture I, II, III, IV
River Falls
"He who studies diligently will
someday stand amongst kings".

LOUIS VALENTE
American History; Art; Social-
Economic Problems
Wisc. State Teachers College
University of Wisconsin
Marquette University
"Do unto others as you would
have them do unto you".



SHIRLEY SHRANK
Geometry; Physical
Education
University of Wisconsin
in Milwaukee
Wisconsin State Teachers
College
"When your face is towards
the light, the shadows fall
behind you".



THE WAY IT WAS THAT FIRST YEAR 1952 - 1953

When school opened in the fall of 1952 most of the classrooms were finished , but much was left to be done . We started school on Wednesday the first week in September . However , to give workmen more time we bussed the students on field trips for three days . The students were divided into three groups and each day they went to one of three places , American Motors , MacWhyte Wire Rope Co. , and the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago . These are the ones I remember , there may have been others .

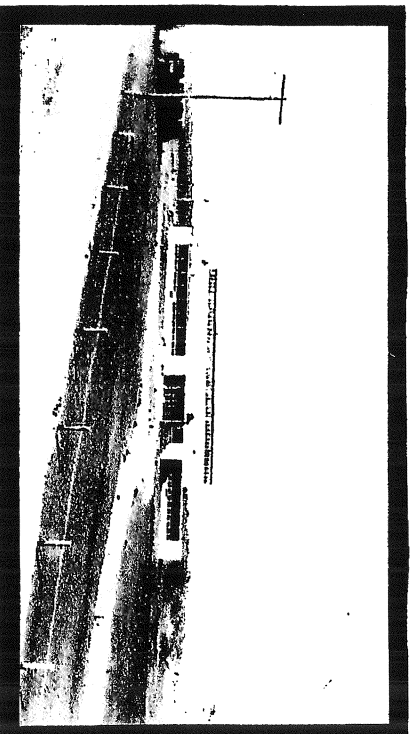
The cafeteria did not have a roof . The Home Economics room was next to the cafeteria and was not connected to the heating system while the office and other classrooms were . All the Home Economics equipment was in place , but nothing functioned as the plumbing and electrical hookups were not completed . I was not able to have any foods or clothing classes for two months so did units which did not require use of the laboratory , such as family living , nutrition , pre-natal and child care , money management , and clothing selection . We were comfortable in our room in September as the whole month was warm . October was too cold to remain in the Home Economics room so I spent October with my classes in the Chemistry laboratory . Mr. Conway's Chemistry class was stuck with only book work , too .

On November 2 we had a Halloween dance in the cafeteria on the cement floor with the stars overhead , still no roof .

We did get back into our Home Economics room in November as the workmen had hooked up the heat by then in our room . The stoves and sinks had been installed . I was finally able to have somewhat normal classes . Of course , there were still a lot of workmen around . Once in a while a workmen would pop in to do something .

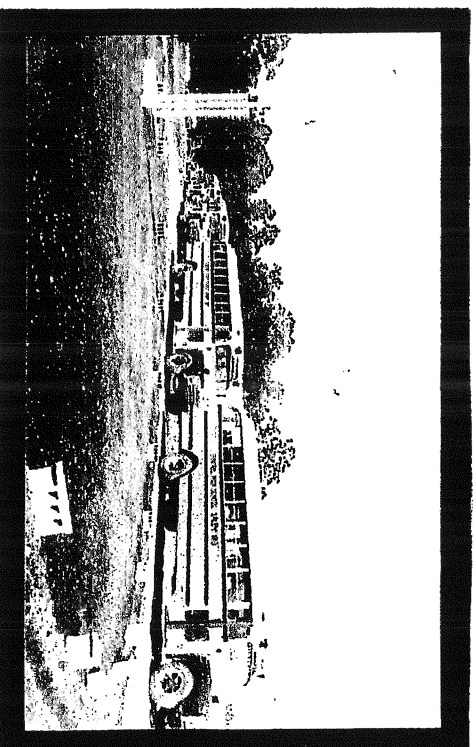
Eileen Beetz Anderson
the 1st Home Economics teacher

1952

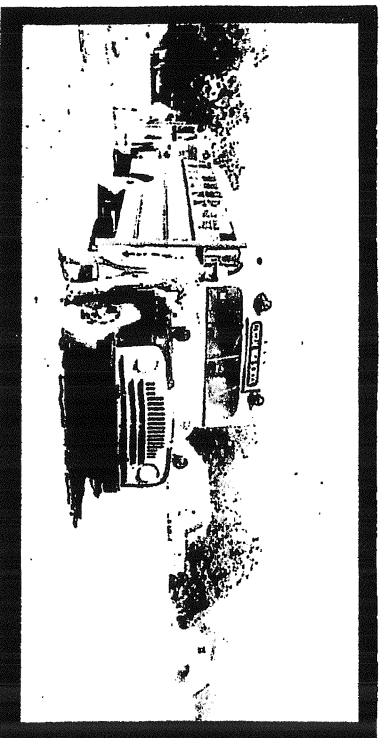


THE NEW SCHOOL
AND NEW BUSES

BUSES LINED UP
AND
READY TO GO



KENNY JOHNSON WAS
IN CHARGE OF BUSES



1952



THE FIRST CLASS OFFICERS AND ADVISORS

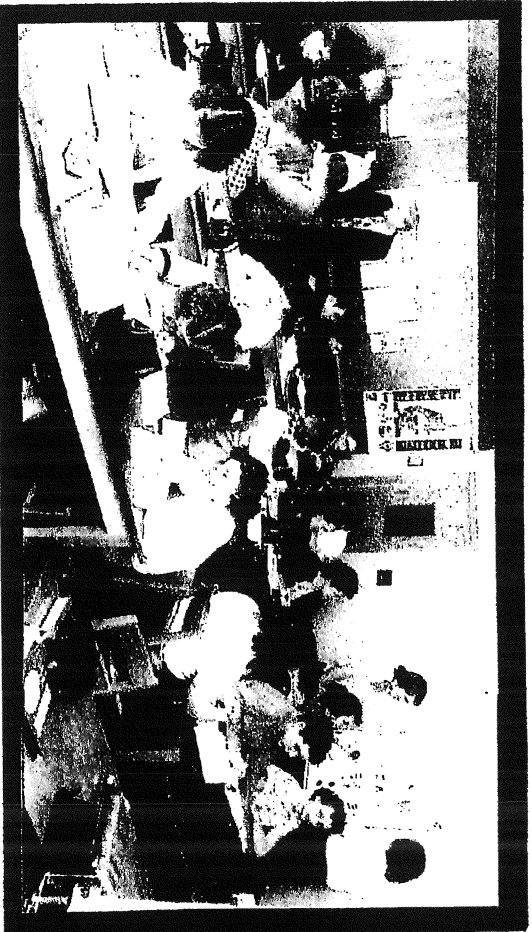
OUR FIRST class meeting was held in September and the following class officers were elected: Allen Reidenbach, President; Gail Noble, Vice-President; Betty Krahn, Secretary; and Gloria Gillmore, Treasurer. We chose Mr. Valente as our class advisor and Mr. Kissel was appointed as our assistant advisor.

A staff was elected to work on the all important job of putting out the annual. The staff is as follows: Editor, Gloria Gillmore; Assistant Editor, Betty Krahn; Business Manager, Gail Noble; Advertising Manager, Jeanne Skillings; Art Editor, Jim Kondelik; and Photographer, Vincent Stann.

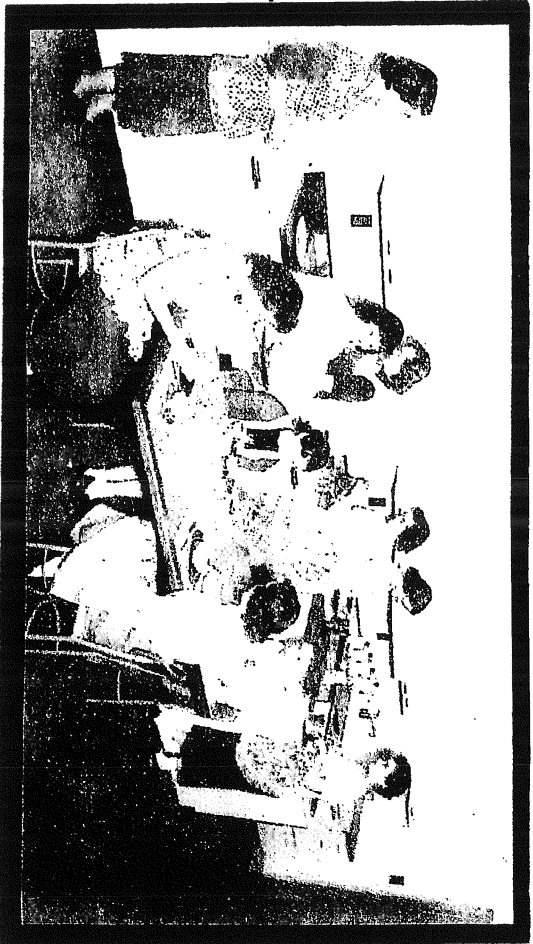
On December 12th, we received our Senior pictures. Everyone was well satisfied with them.

We are now looking forward to our formal, our class play and that big day of graduation.

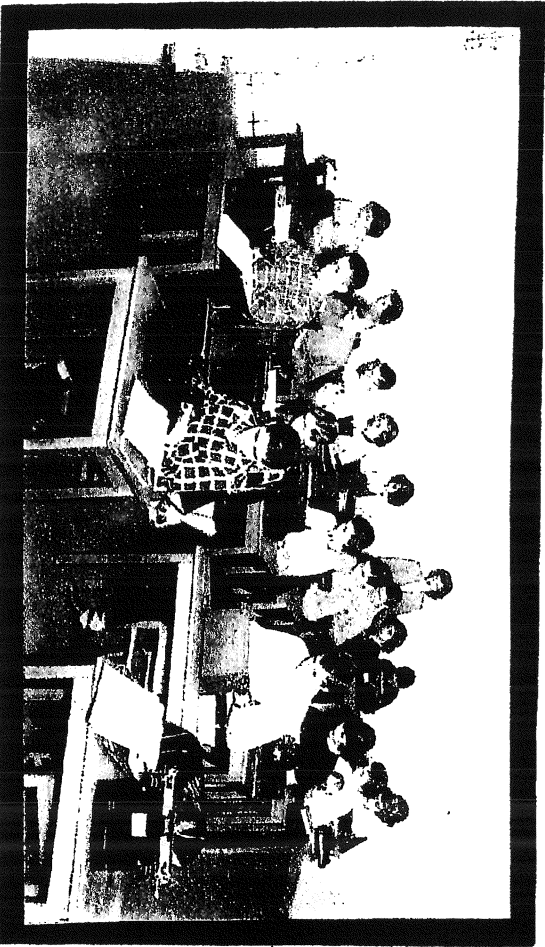
And now the class of '53 wishes to thank Mr. Erickson, Mr. Valente, Mr. Kissel, the rest of the faculty, and the entire student body for their help in making this a very profitable year. It will long be remembered and cherished by each and every one of us.



BIOLOGY
Mt. Conway



HOME ECONOMICS
Miss Deetz



TYPING
Miss Axtell

SEPTEMBER 1952 CHATTERBOX 1ST SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

CHATTERBOX



One of the first problems that confronts a new school is that of selecting a nickname. We solved that problem by placing a name box in the library. The students were asked to put the names they liked in the box.

A meeting was called of all the class officers to eliminate the names that were not appropriate. Three names were selected and put before the whole school to vote upon. They were: Bulldogs, Wildcats, and Falcons.

Falcons was chosen by a large majority.

How many of you really know what a falcon is? We'll tell you. It is smaller to a hawk in many ways. One main difference is that a falcon can be trained easier than a hawk.

The falcon is an attractive bird. It's a slaty blue above and a buffy white below, with blackish brown bars.

INTRODUCING

Central High School started out this first school year with a new principal, Mr. Erickson, formerly of Orfordville Public School (prior to that he was in the coaching field). Mr. Erickson went to Melrose High School; in 1939 he received his Bachelor of Science Degree from River Falls, and in 1949 he received his Master of Education from the University of Wisconsin.

He is married and has three children; Dave 10, Judy 8, and Karen 5 months.

When he reported on the job all there was in view of the school site was 60 acres of sod pasture and about 60 head of cattle. He purchased all of the equipment and instructional needs in addition he had charge of the curriculum planning of the new Central High School.

His desire is: He would like to see a wide participation in all extra-curricular activities, and that everyone should receive equal recognition.

Motto and philosophy of life:

I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any fellow-creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Our School

We have a new school,
And it is called Central.
We get our text books
With only a small rental.

Our teachers are helpful,
The principal too.
So you'll get along fine.
If you watch what you do.

Our lessons are hard
And sometimes seem long;
But if you buckle right down,
You won't get them wrong.

We're proud of our school.
We think it is swell!
So we'll all be on hand
When we hear the first bell.

Mary Ling
Freshman

THE SCHOOL IN PROGRESS

The Corner Stone of Central High School was put into place, on April 20. Many parents and students proudly witnessed the laying of the Corner Stone.

On Tuesday, September 2, the doors of the new school opened. The first two days were spent organizing the programs and activities of the 247 students. Educational tours were conducted during the remainder of the week.

The flag which had flown over the White House at Washington D.C. was presented to the school on September 7 by Congressman L. Smith. A dedication ceremony followed the raising of the flag. The people then took in the sights of the school.

School was dismissed for a half day on September 30, because of a teachers meeting.

After that, school really started rolling!

ED. BETTY KRAHN
ASS'T. ED. LENNY MADDEN

Old Geneva Road Landmark Gives Way to School Ground

Most folks won't ever miss the little white frame house. Whizzing along Hy. 50, drivers will gaze momentarily at the new high school up on the hill . . . and move on. Not a sign of the "old Smith place" at Paddock Lake will remain. In this way passes a homestead—almost unnoticed, like a bachelor dying in a foreign land.

Once it played a prouder role. The dwelling on old Geneva road was the center of life for three generations of Smiths. Before that it was the home of the Gadds, and before that the Fosters.

This week, a wrecking crew went to work with crowbars on its handhewn beams and studs. Between the studding they found evidence that the residence is well over 100 years old. Pasted inside the walls were copies of the "Southport Telegram," dated from 1845 to 1848.

Southport was Kenosha's name then, and C. L. Sholes—inventor of the typewriter—was editor and publisher of the Telegram. Sholes' paper was filled with political news in 1848, for a presidential campaign was on, just as it is now. Gen. Zachary Taylor, a war hero like Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, was one of the candidates.

Tar Barrels Blaze

Sholes, as you may judge from this partial account of a speech, could not be classed as a Taylor man:

"S. Lisle Smith, the great gun of Taylorism in Illinois, was advertised to speak to the people of Southport on behalf of the great No Face on Saturday evening last from the platform of the Durkee house. The night was beautiful, and a blazing fire of tar barrels attracted quite a crowd. After an unusual delay, Mr. Smith made his appearance and, holding on to the railing before him with both hands, made his bow and commenced his harangue."

But Sholes' words became mere wall insulation for the Foster home. Sheltered behind the siding, the papers yellowed but stayed intact for a century. Members of the wrecking crew turned them over to Frank J. Zoubek, Kenosha contractor working on the new Central high school.

Stage Coach Station

Long before the Civil War, the home was a stage coach station on the Geneva road, tells Lester "Ted" Smith. Smith, who was born in the home, now runs an electric shop not far away.

"It was one of the very first homes around here," he said.

Smith's father bought the home

and 60 acres of land in 1878, after moving here from New York state. Before that it was owned by J. C. Gadd, English-born farmer who later died en route back to his native land. The original owner, Ted Smith believes, was an old-time carpenter named Foster, who apparently bought the land from the government.

Stout oak logs were hewn by hand and notched to fit each other. Zoubek explained that the basement joists were "mortised and tenoned" together.

Stood Up Well

Despite its century-long existence, the house stood up remarkably well. Not a sag was noticeable in any of the three small rooms of the original section. "Bill" Taylor, one of the men tearing it down, commented that the lumber looked as smooth as if it had been machine-sawed.

While the ancient residence had to be torn to make way for the school grounds, an even older mark of the past still remains. It is an immense, perfectly-formed oak tree next to the homestead.

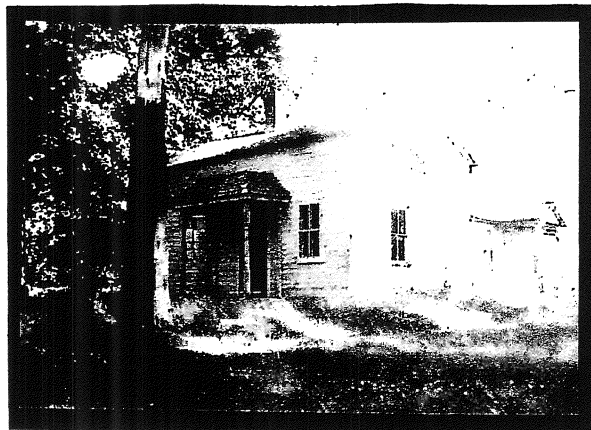
Smith claims that it is the largest oak tree in the state. "I've never seen one bigger, and neither has anybody else I know of." Measured Thursday at hip height, it had a girth of 13 feet, 10 inches.

Exactly how old the tree is no one knows. But Smith says his grandmother, who died in 1915 at the age of 84, told him it hadn't changed a bit since she came to the area to teach school. In 1915, Smith placed a flagpole atop the large tree, which still is there.

Perhaps the tree—nature's monument—will still be growing when the high school becomes as old as the "Smith place." Before agreeing to sell his land for the school, Smith made one stipulation—the tree can't be cut down.



—Evening News Photo
HOMESTEAD REVEALS HISTORY—Copies of the "Southport Telegram" found in the old Smith home at Paddock Lake this week showed that the residence was built over a century ago. The landmark is being wrecked to make room for grounds of the new Central high school. Frank J. Zoubek, Kenosha contractor, examines crumbled shreds of newspapers pasted to a wall board. Also looking it over are, left to right, Fred Taylor and his brother "Bill."



INITIATION

The Freshman Initiation was held January 27th. It was given by the Sophomore Class.

A "grand march" throughout the school was held at 8:30 A.M. It was led by a cute little Freshman girl by the name of Ronnie Phieffer.

The wearing apparel consisted of girls wearing pajamas, man's hat, and carrying a baby bottle. They also had to wash their hair and not brush or set it.

The boys had to wear dresses, or skirts, earrings, neck scarf, an old woman's hat, and carry a doll.

The Freshman had to follow all Sophomore orders, unless they were to ridiculous. Billy Ziebell, Mavis Schmelling, Carole Stysko were some of the many Freshman that really got a going over and were good sports about it.

In the evening there was a dance held in honor of the Freshman open to the public. The music was provided by Mr. & Mrs. Schuld. There were circulars, mixers, polkas and waltzs, The lunch committee served donuts, pop, and candy.

The turn out was good and it was enjoyed by everyone.

FIRST GAME

The first game in the new gym was on Friday, January 23, 1953.

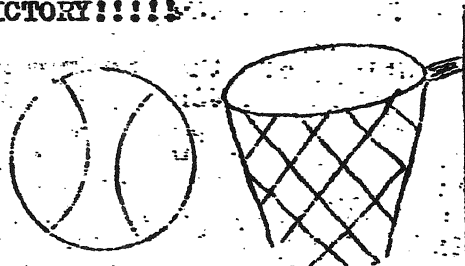
The workmen worked very hard and earnestly to complete the gym floor the week of the game. They also painted the walls and the ceiling. The ceiling is white, while the top part of the wall is light green, and the bottom part is dark green.

One of the workmen was injured quite seriously when he fell while working on the heating system. He was rushed to the hospital and is getting along quite well now.

For our first game, the "B" team played Burlington's "B" team and lost by merely five points.

The "A" team also lost to Burlington's "A" team, but we are looking forward to some wins now that the boys can have more practice on our own gym floor.

Let's all come the next game and cheer the boys on to a VICTORY!!!!!!



A SQUAD PLAYS FACULTY

Tonight is the big night we've all been waiting for. So let's see you all there.

At 6:45 the Salem Consolidated Grades challenge the Wheatland Consolidated Grades. This is their debut. Can't you just see those youngsters in future years. Good luck guys.

And now for the feature attraction, our fine varsity team meets the up and coming faculty. Just watch those spring chickens make those buckets. An then there's the A team speedsters. They'll surely win. They're our men.

Between the games there will be a collection for the March of Dimes. Lets all give something to the unfortunate.

1953 GRADUATION

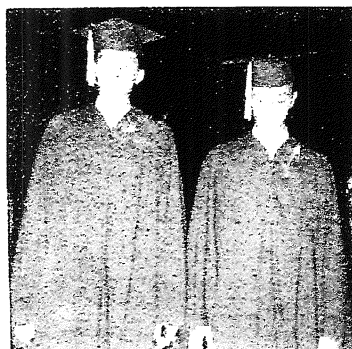


The first Commencement Exercises at Central High School, were held on June 5, 1953. The Commencement-Dedicatory Address was given that evening by G. E. Watson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Bethel A. Gillmore was valedictorian and gave her speech entitled "School Survey". The Central High School Mixed Chorus added to the program by singing two numbers. The Salutatory Address was given by Betty A. Krahn. Her topic was, "We, As The First Graduates". Horace B. Fowler, Director of the Board of Education, presented the diplomas to the graduates.

THE CLASS OF 1953

Ronald L. Albert
Jean A. Bolton
Judith A. Clark
Donna M. Duwell
Bethel Ann Gillmore
Gloria A. Gilmore
Nancy J. Greenwald
Jean A. Haun
James E. Kondelik
Betty A. Krahn
Darlene C. Lieffrig

Edna M. Milner
Gail V. Noble
Norma Grace Periman
Allen R. Reidenbach
Joan M. Sabin
Jeanne Lorayne Skillings
James A. Stadler
Vincent A. Stann
Phyllis Arlene Torrey
Pauline K. Wermeling
Betty J. Wienke





CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK PHOTO

Central's first seniors

The first class of Central High School seniors were, from left, top row: Donna Duwell, Edna Milner, Ronald Albert, Jim Kondellk, Vince Stann, Allen Reidenbach, James Stadler, Grace Periman; middle row, Pauline Wermeling, Joan

Sabin, Nancy Greenwald, Gloria Gillmore, Betty Krahn, Judy Clark, Bethel Gillmore; bottom row, Jeanne Skillings, Jean Bolton, Gail Noble, Darlene Liefbrig, Betty Wienke, Phyllis Torrey. Jean Haun is not pictured.

Central's first grads cherish senior year

KENOSHA NEWS STAFF
PADDOCK LAKE — Grace (Periman) Mathews, Edna (Milner) Streich and Phyllis (Torrey) Maginn consider a decision each made 50 years ago as one of the best of their lives.

Back then all three were local Kenosha County teens, two attending Wilmot High School and one at Burlington High.

With Central High School opening its doors for the first time in the fall of 1952, all three and 19 other kids decided to enroll for their senior year at the new school. By June of 1953, they had become Central High School's first graduates.

As Central celebrates its 50th anniversary this year — kicking off the festivities with a parade and community dance in conjunction with tonight's homecoming — those who charted the course as seniors half a century ago say they are proud to have been trailblazers.

"It was an awesome experi-

ence," Maginn said. "We were then and are now members of a very special group. It was an honor to be part of it. The pride is still there. It'll always be there."

Mathews agreed.

"That senior year was an adventure," she said. "I think we all felt pretty special. There were so few of us. We were all very proud of being the first graduates."

That first class of seniors was so small because upperclassmen who lived in the district were allowed to choose whether to enroll at Central or complete their education at the high school they already were attending.

For Maginn and Streich, friends since sixth grade, the decision was easy. Central was much closer, so their approximately three hours on the bus to and from Wilmot High would be a thing of the past. Wilmot also was overcrowded, something Central definitely was not.

Of course Central had some gaps to fill, they said. During their first weeks of school, students were dispatched to field trip after field trip as workers sought to complete construction. Central's first dance, the Turkey Trot around Thanksgiving 1952, was held in an all-purpose room that did not have a finished roof.

"We really danced under the stars," Maginn said.

Of the original group of 22 seniors, two have passed away. About eight of the alumni still live in or near Kenosha County. All have been invited as honored guests to the June 2003 graduation.

It remains to be seen if Streich and Maginn conform to the rules at this graduation ceremony. Fifty years ago they were warned not to toss their caps, but they let them fly anyway.

"Graduation was such a happy time," Streich said. "It was the end of a really exciting year."

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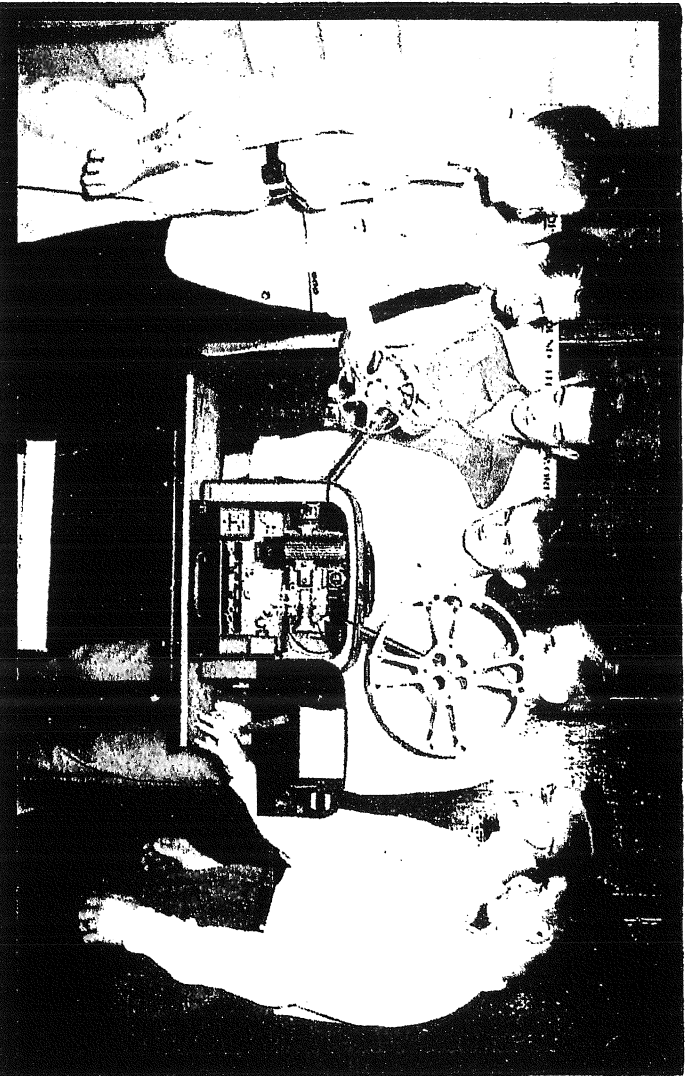


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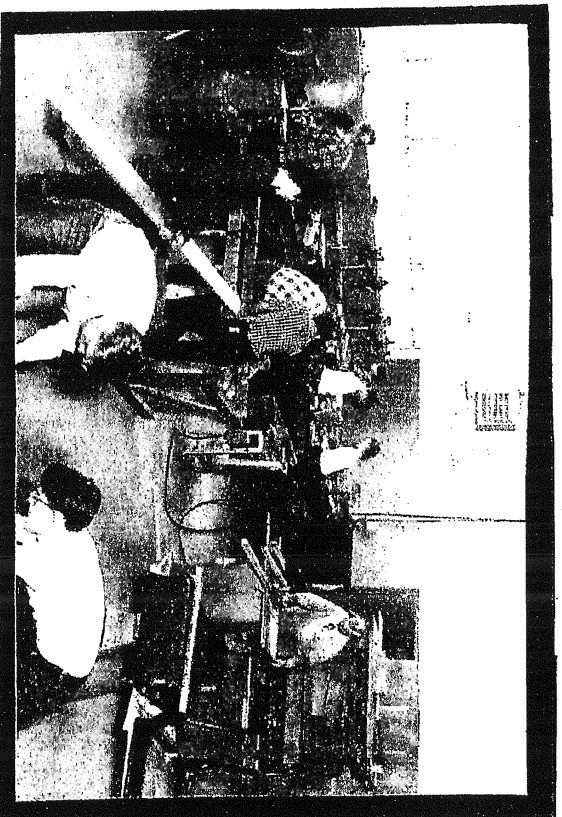


THE FIFTIES



PROJECTION CLUB
Learning about the
16mm projector

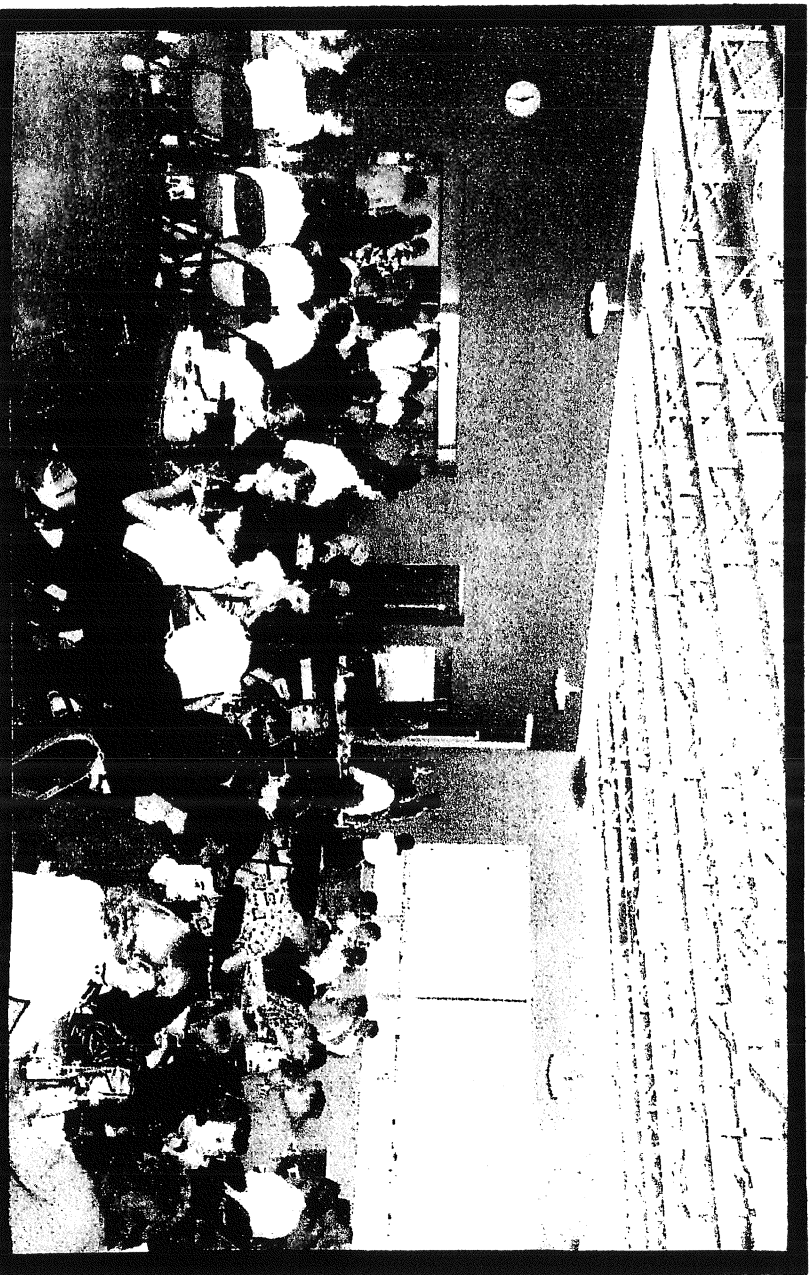
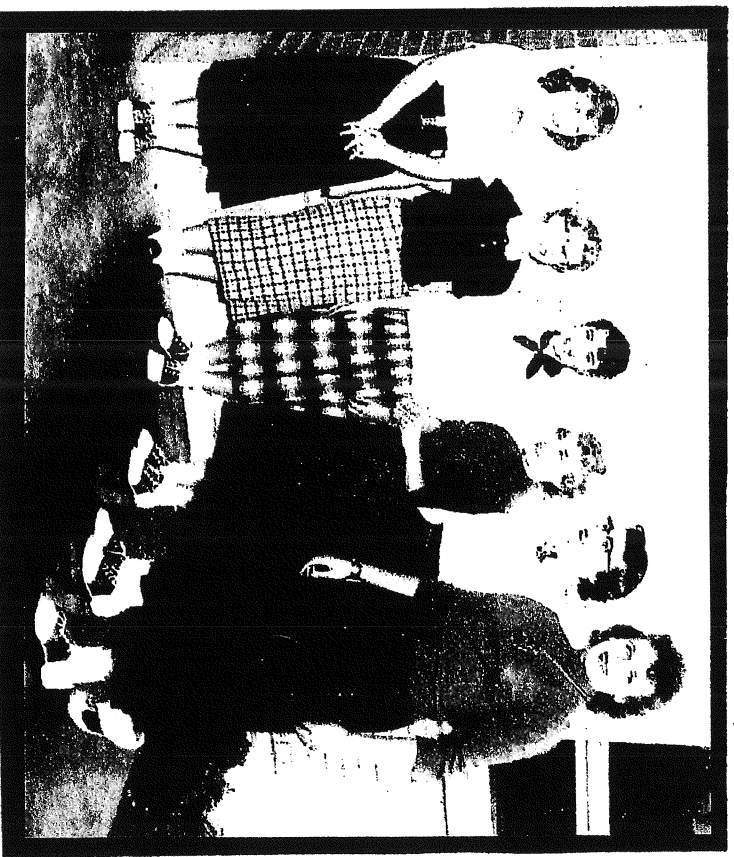
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INDUSTRIAL ARTS

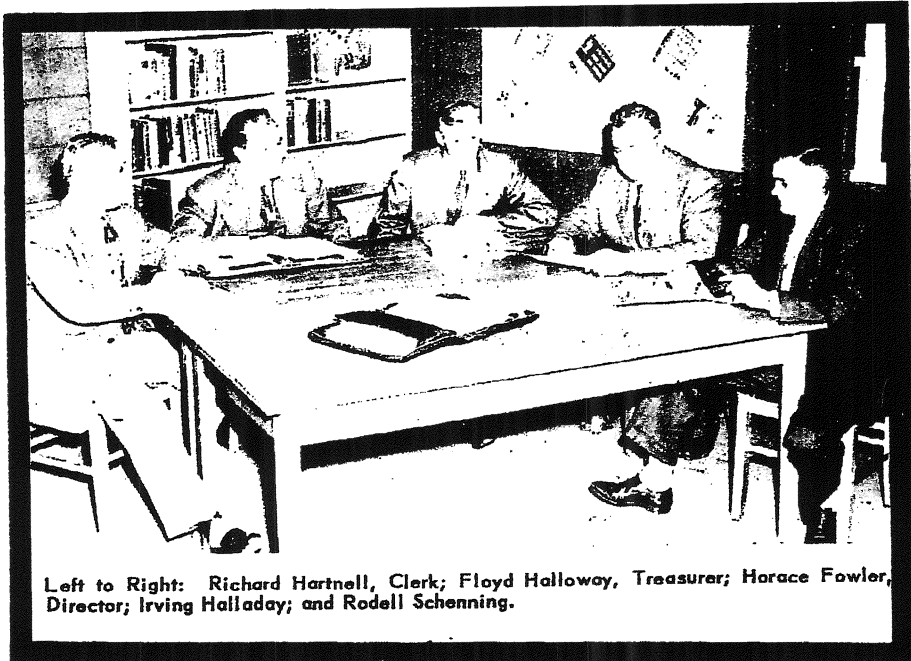
1954

BOBBY SOX
SADDLE SHOES
PENNY LOAFERS
NO SLACKS!



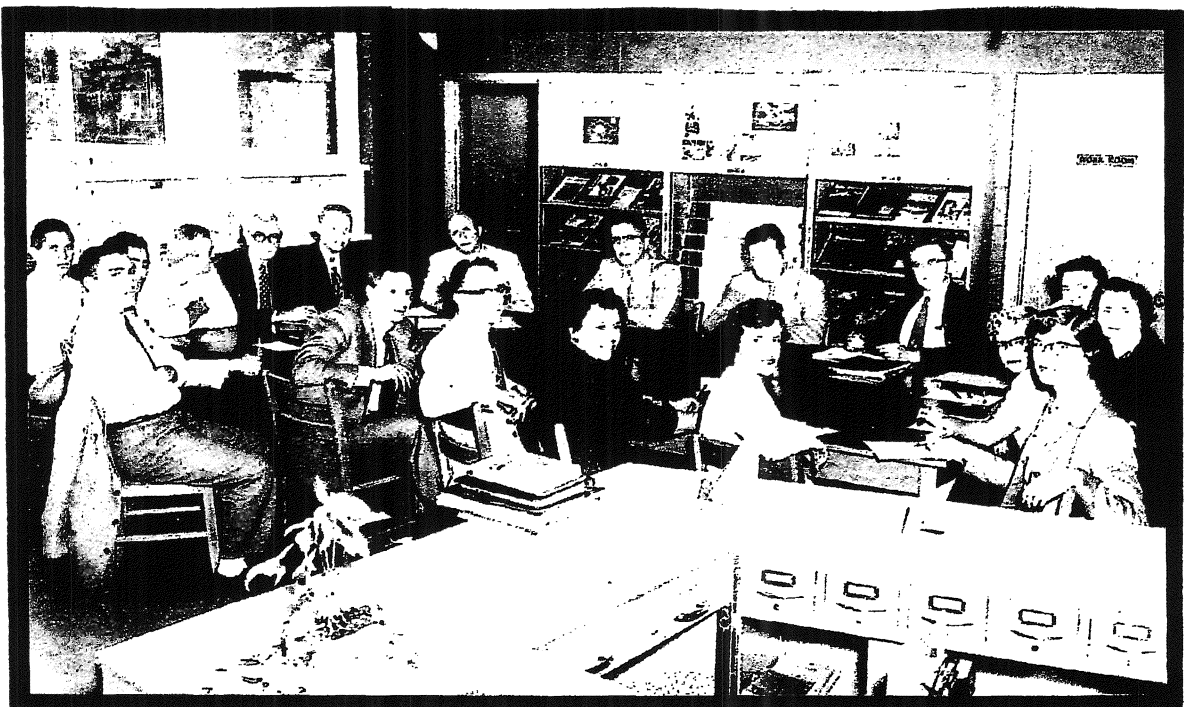
LUNCH IN THE ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

1955



Left to Right: Richard Hartnell, Clerk; Floyd Holloway, Treasurer; Horace Fowler, Director; Irving Halladay; and Rodell Schenning.

SCHOOL BOARD



FACULTY MEETING

1955



LIBRARY

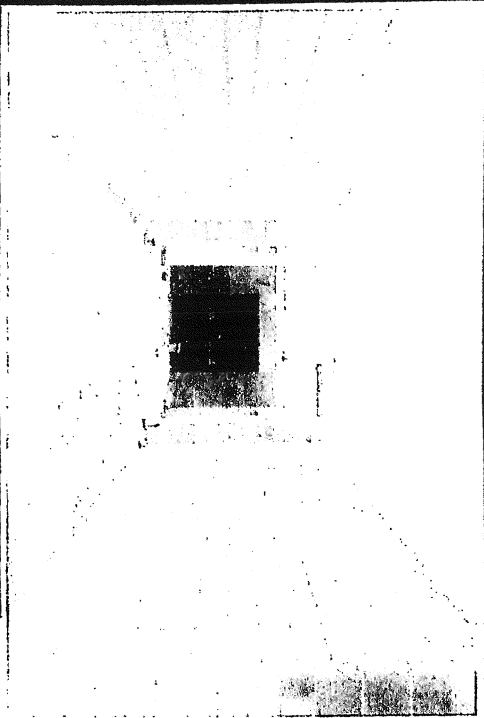
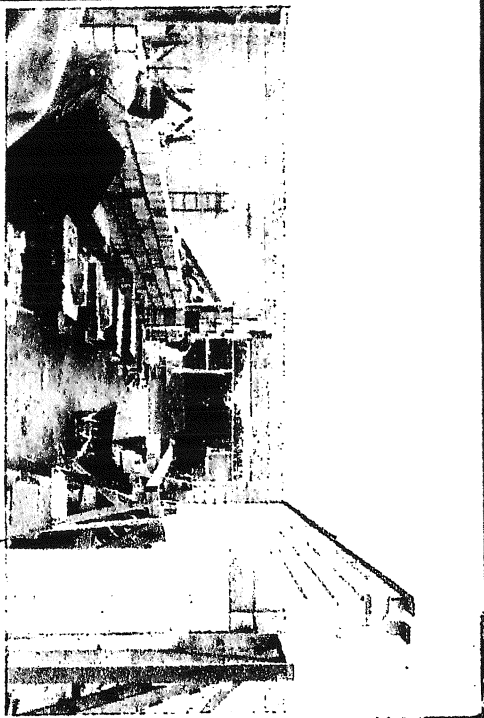


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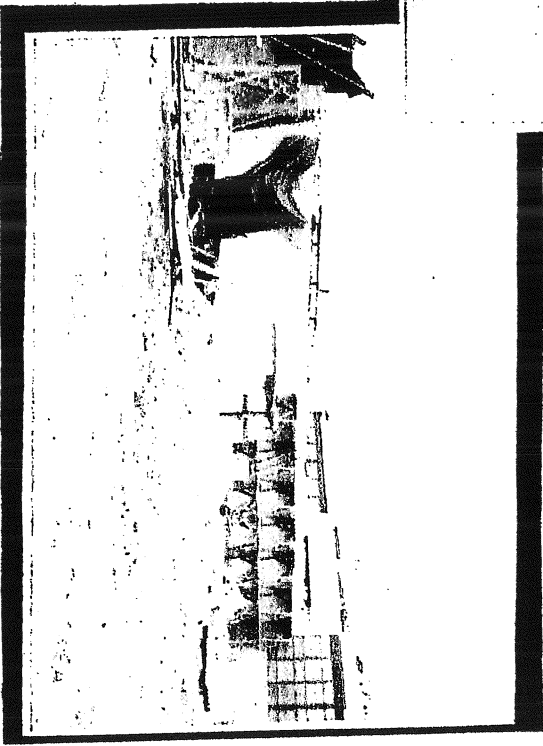


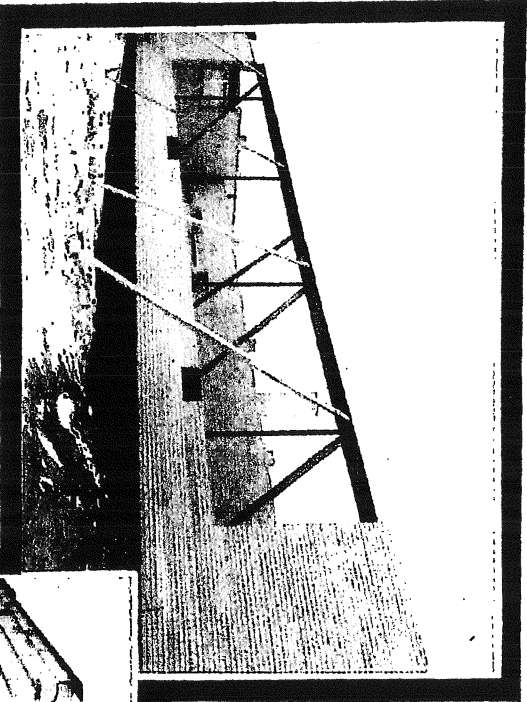
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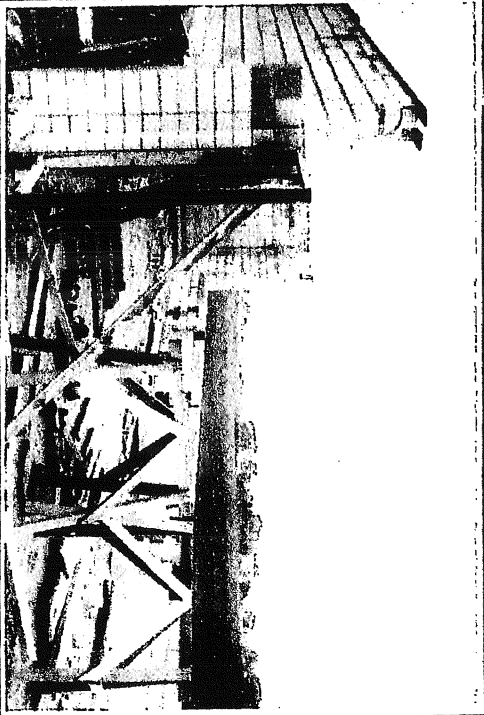


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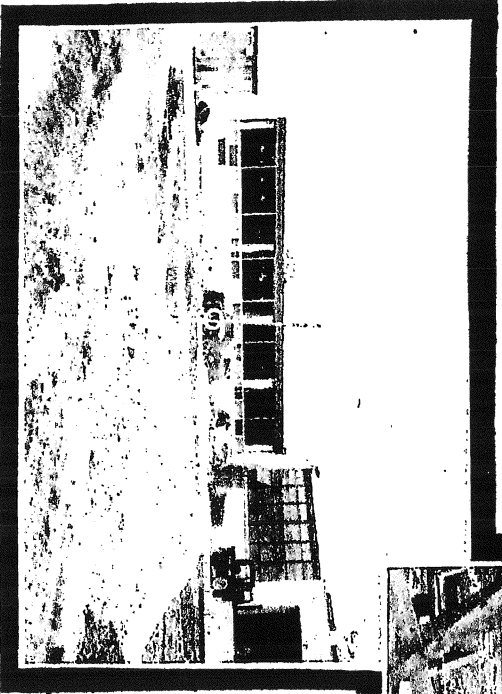


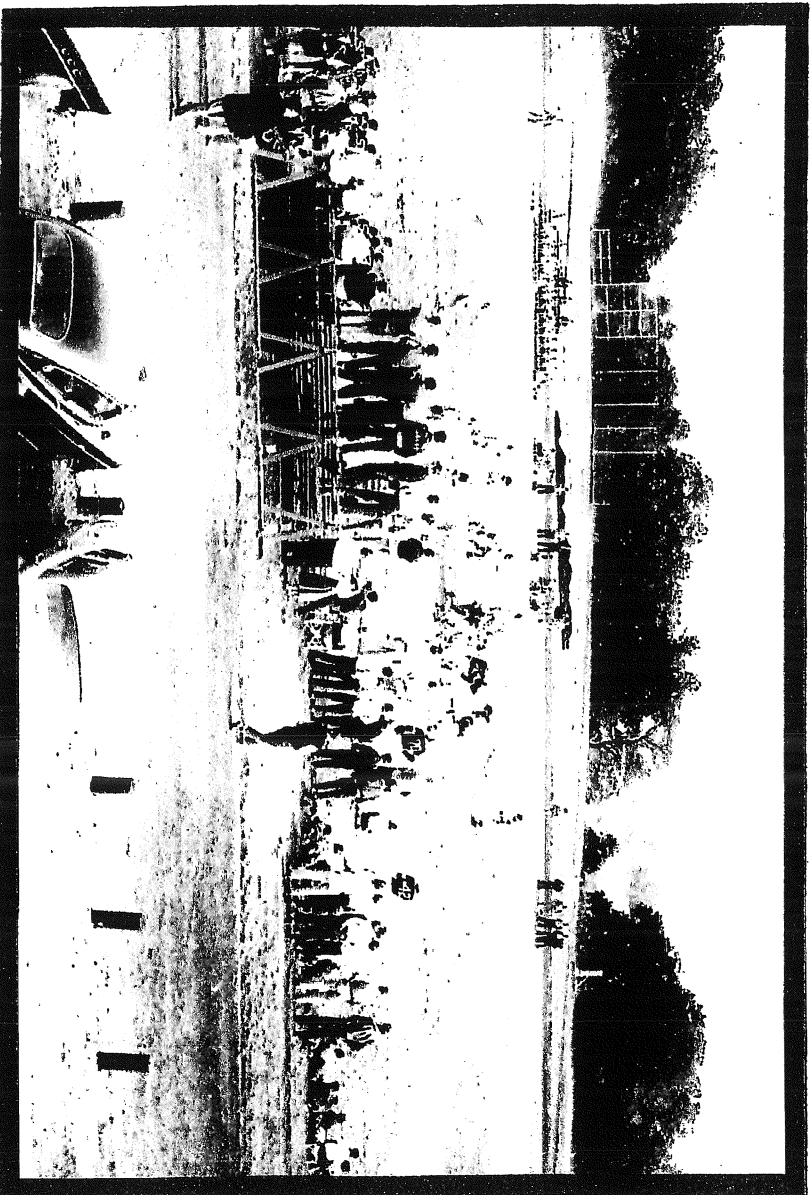


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WEST END





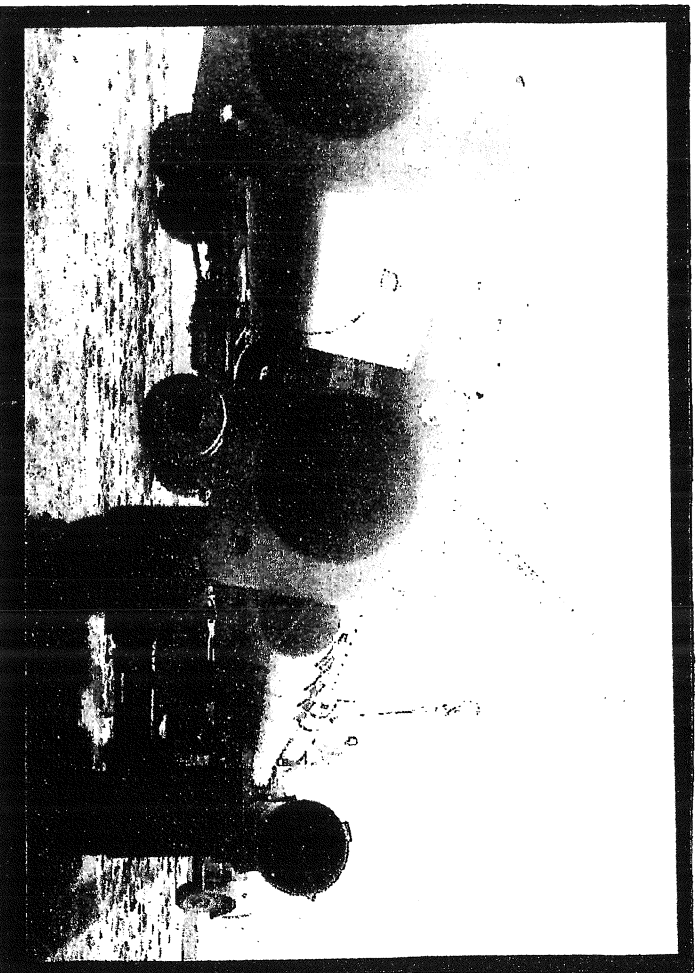
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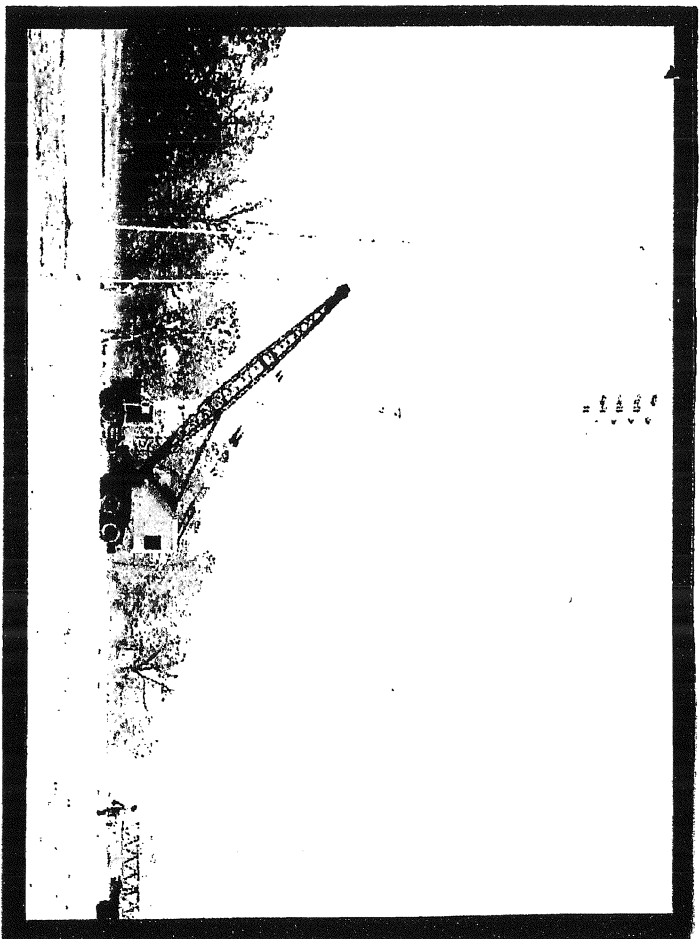


Lights would not
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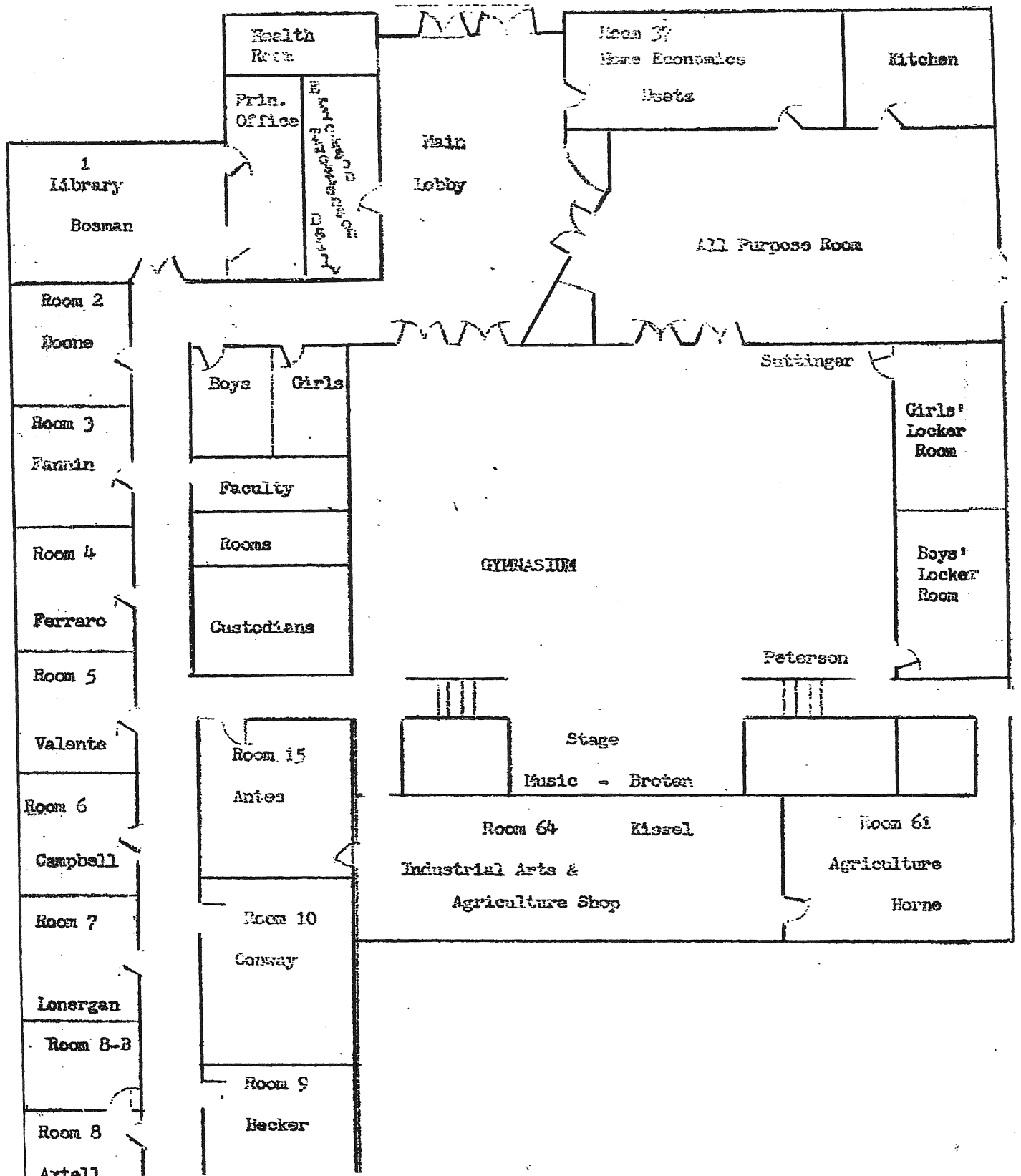


SUMMER OF 1957

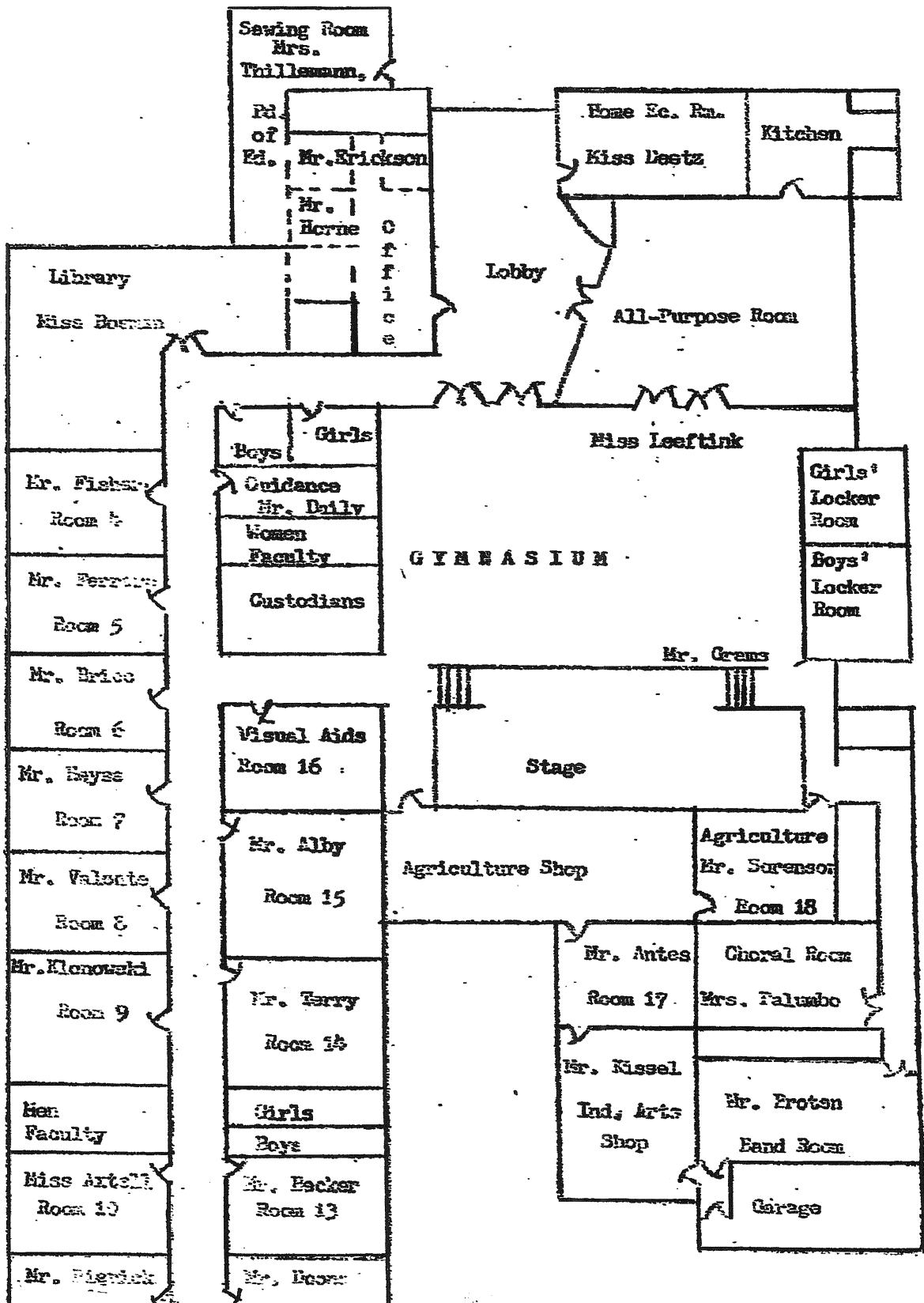


LIGHTING THE FOOTBALL FIELD

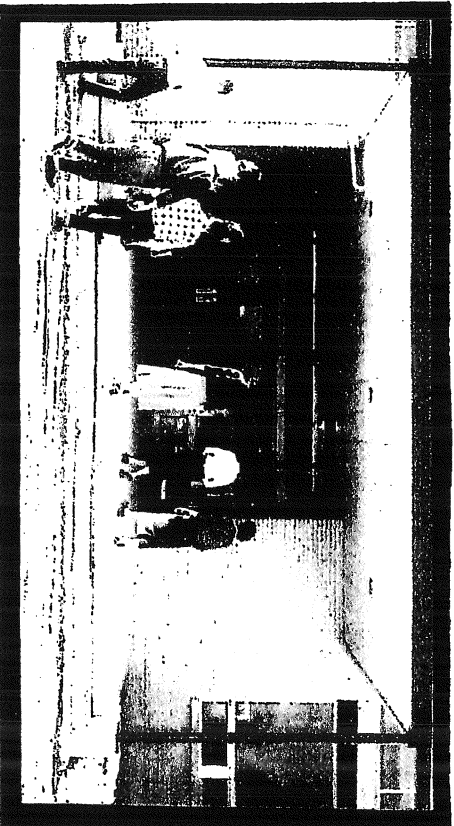
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FLOOR PLAN 1952-1956



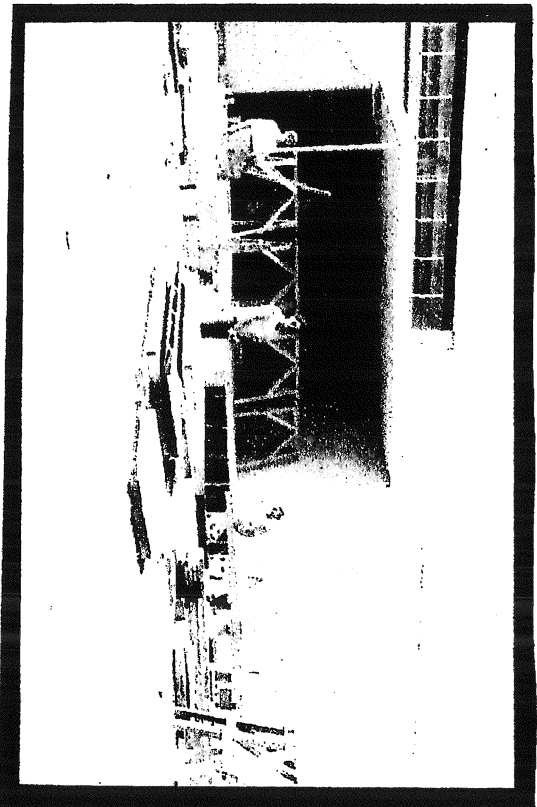
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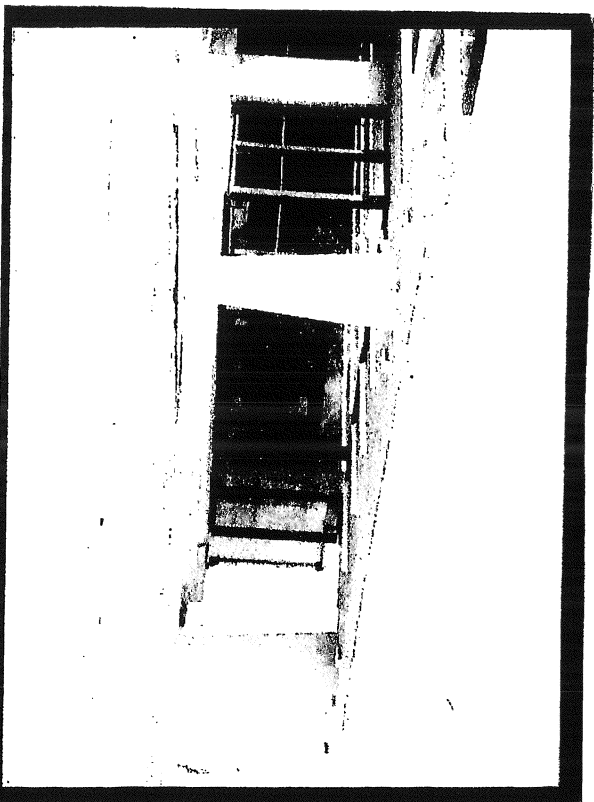
FRONT ENTRANCE



1952



1957



Central High School History
FALCON LOYALTY

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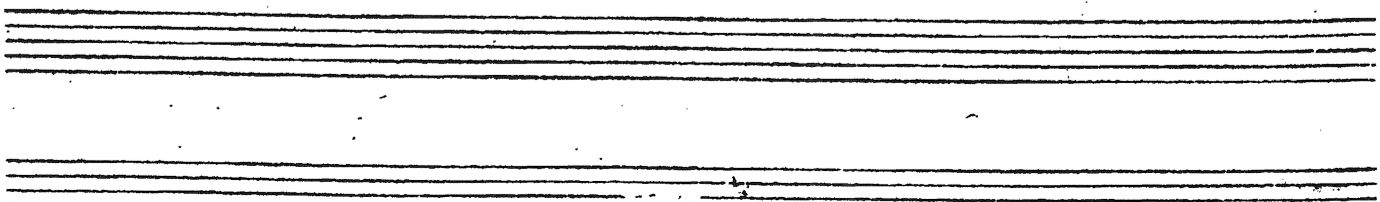
Fond mem'-ries of the past will in our lives hold fast

Friend - ships live in our hearts tho' some-day we'll part (we'll part)

Songs of our loy-al-ty Cen-tral we sing to thee,

Our bright-est days will be our days at Cen-tral High-

Keep Fal-con Loy-al-ty so it may ne-ver die.



GROOMING CODE 1950's and 1960's

GENERAL GROOMING

Much publicity has been given in the past two years to teen-age delinquency involving gang fights, drinking bouts, and smoking vices, centering around groups of teen-agers who usually are wearing black leather jackets with gaudy insignias, heavy boot shoes, "Elvis Presley" haircuts, form-fitting levis and numerous other outlandish fads of dress and grooming.

Although these things in themselves are innocent, their adoption has very often brought about an attitude undesirable in the extreme. This has been expressed by unconventional and unacceptable behavior. There is a saying, "Proper dress promotes proper conduct". In other words, it is not the abnormal haircut that is bad; it is the attitude that it produces that is bad. It is not the black leather jacket and the high boots that are bad; but rather it is the attitude they produce.

In order to comply with the desirable standards of other schools, the Board of Education has adopted the following policies January 28, 1957 to be observed in order to attend Central High School or any of its school sponsored activities at home or away. These policies will be effective February 11, 1957

1. Boys will wear belts at all times (no low slung trousers).
2. Only crew cut or regulation haircuts are acceptable (no duck-tail hairdos or sideburns).
3. There shall be no slacks worn by girls at any school sponsored function unless otherwise stipulated.
4. The regulation 6-inch laced shoe or oxford of non-marking soles and heels shall prevail at all times (no outlandish cleats or hob-nails on footwear).
5. No jacket or garment bearing "out of school" club insignias will be worn at school or at any school sponsored function.
6. Blue denims or levis are not acceptable at any school sponsored function (exclusive of the regular school day).

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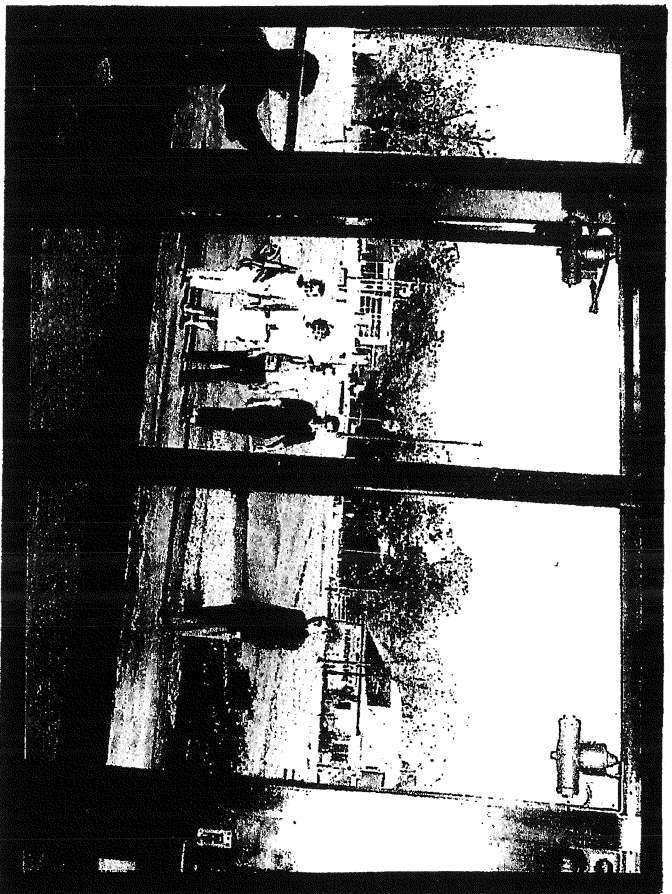
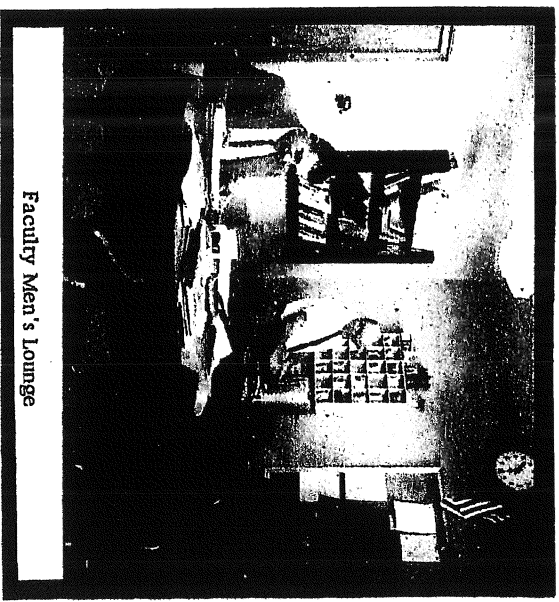
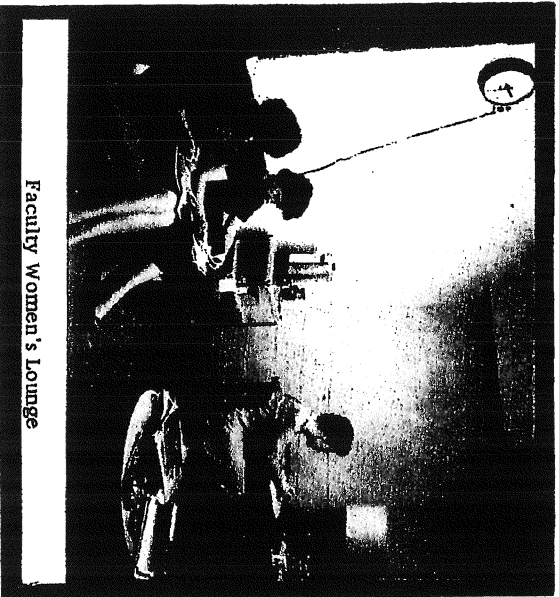




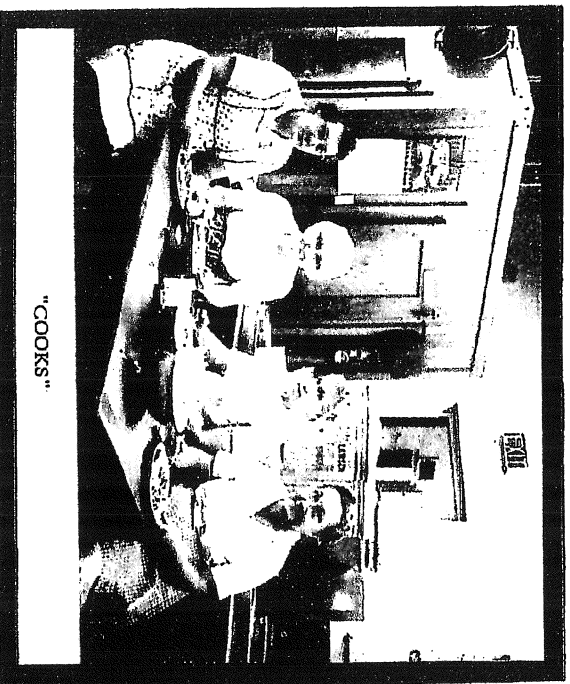
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1963 - 1968

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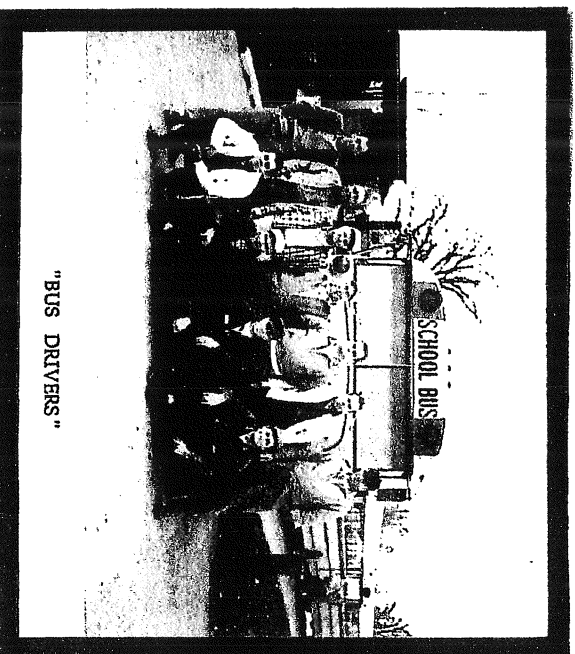
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"COOKS"

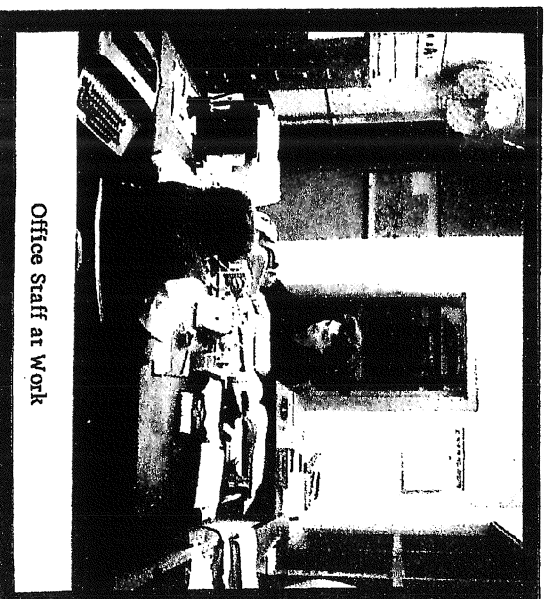


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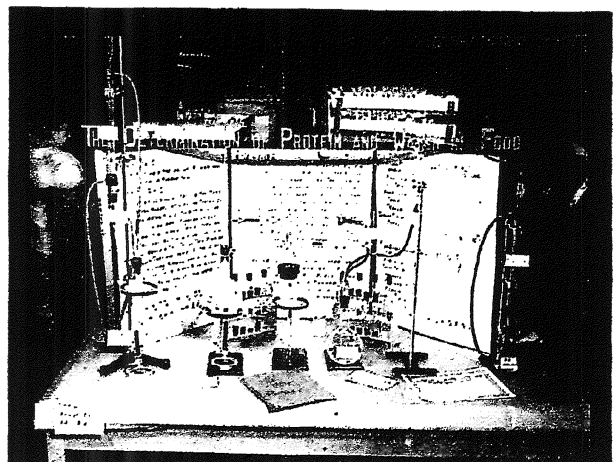
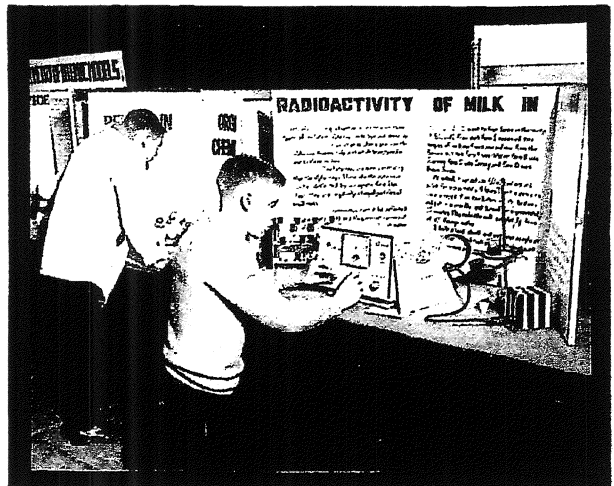
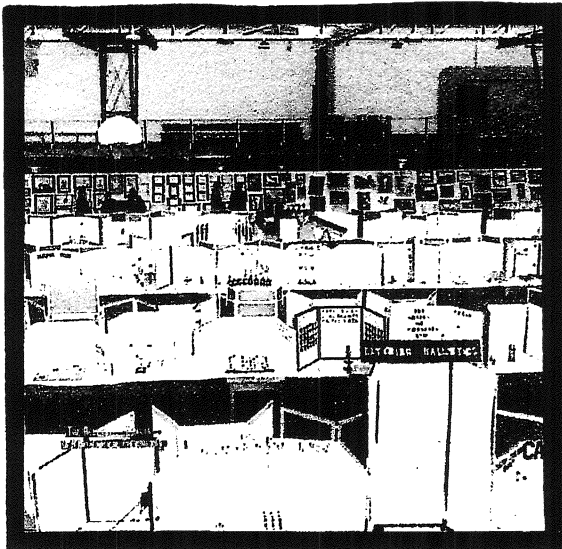
"BUS DRIVERS"

1964



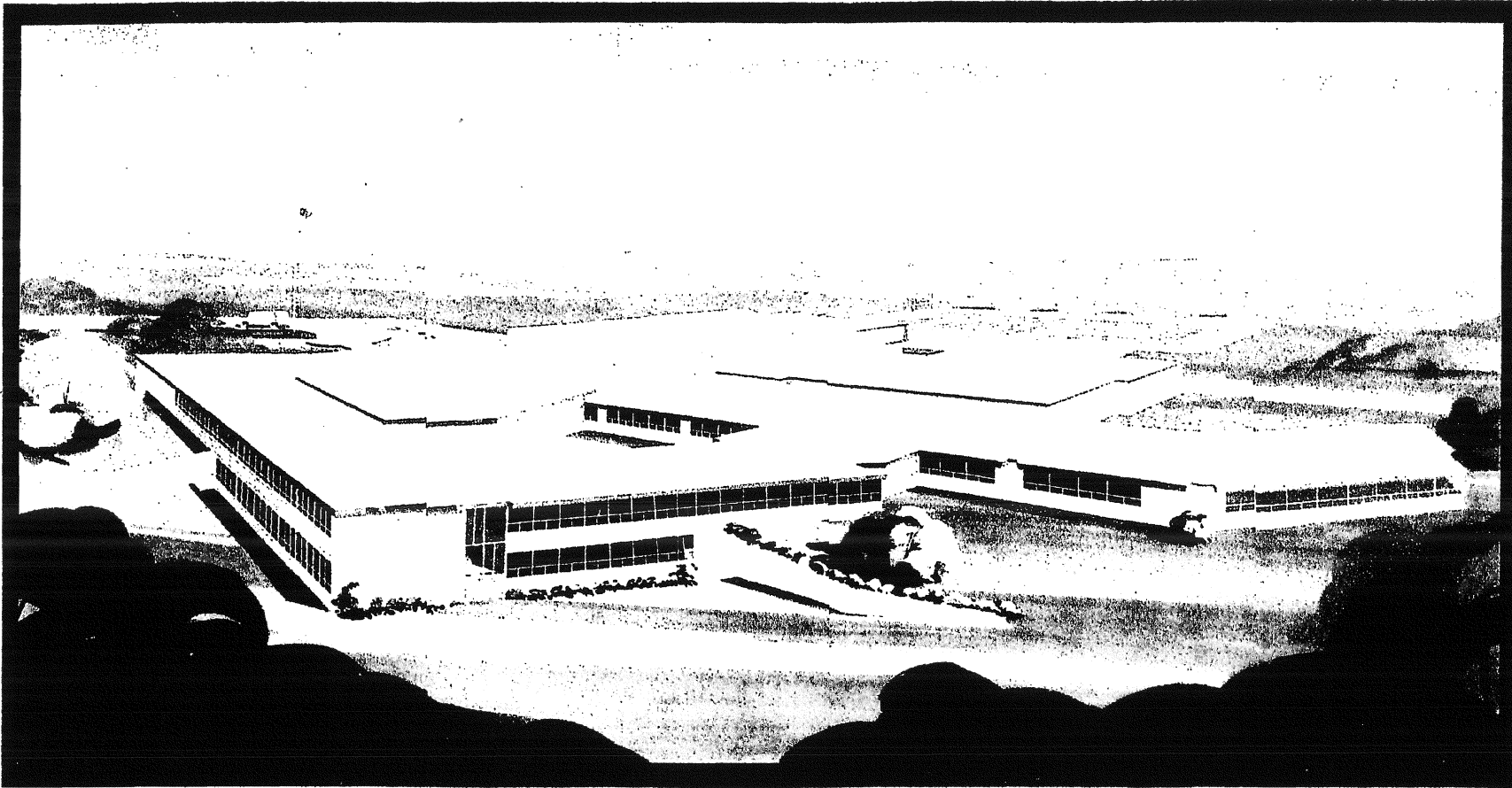
Office Staff at Work

SCIENCE FAIR (1964)



FOR THE FIRST TIME
AN ART EXHIBIT WAS
ADDED ALONG THE
SOUTH BLEACHER
WALL

1964

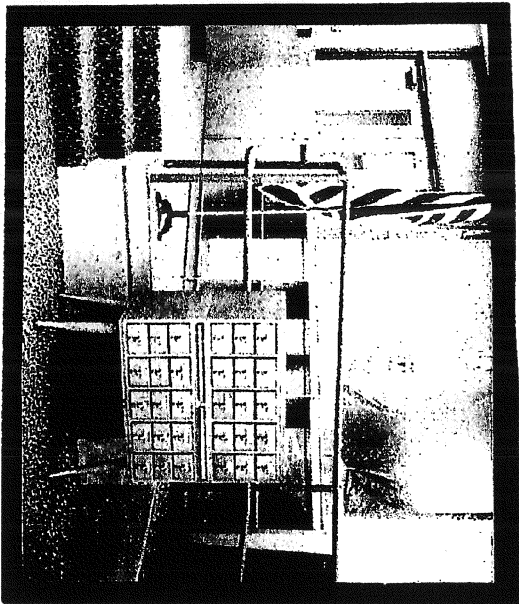
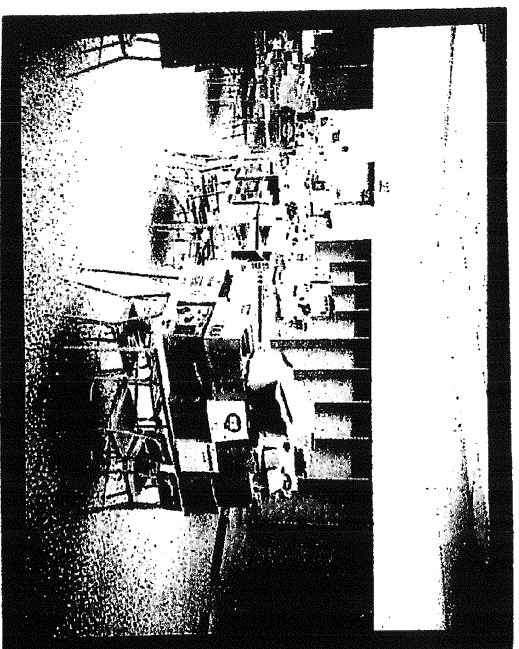


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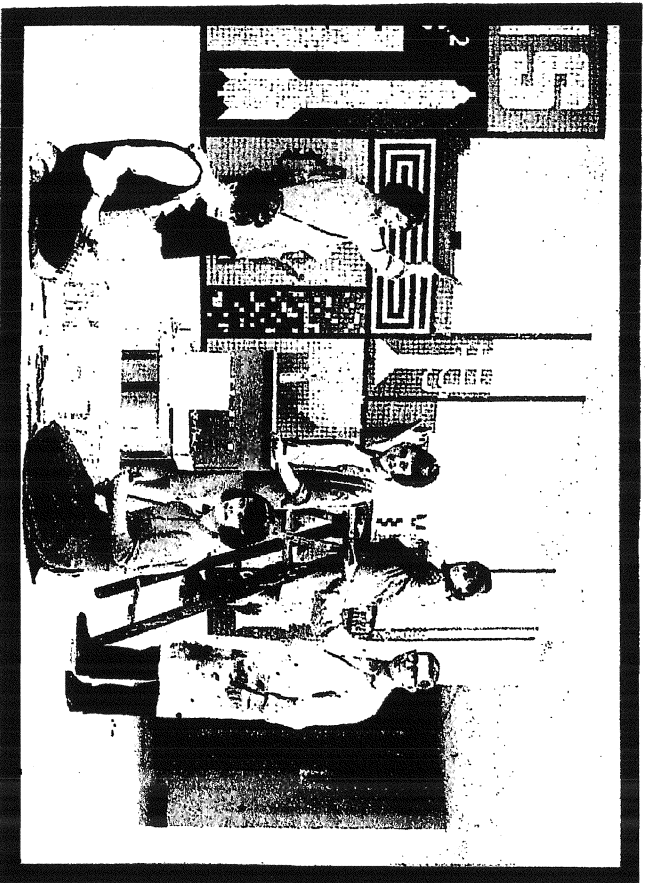


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STUDY HALL

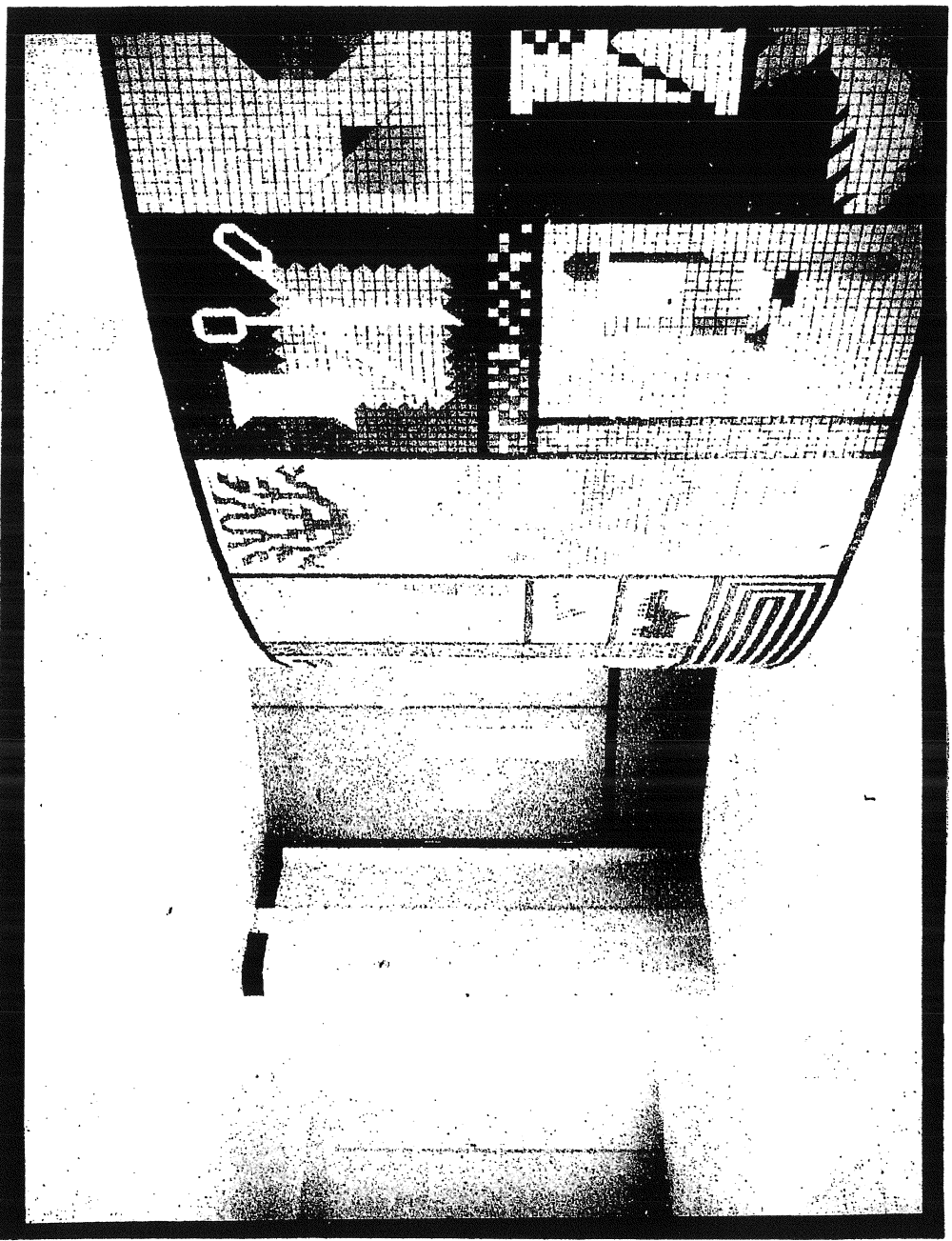


MOVING INTO
THE NEW LIBRARY



1966

THE ART DEPARTMENT
CREATED A MOSIAC FOR
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THE STUDY HALL.



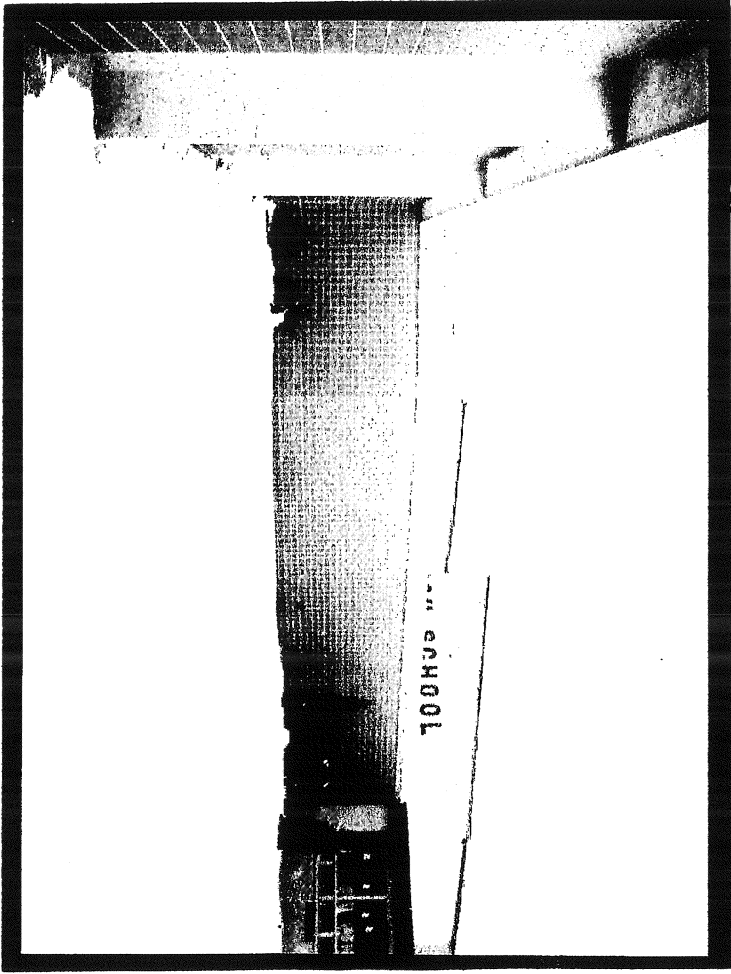
1966

HOME COMING

Our homecoming game was played against the Union Grove Broncos. The Central Falcons took its first homecoming win in 5 years, winning 7-6.

It was rainy and wet but Bill Ivy managed to slip down the field to score the winning touchdown. The victory put everyone in a happy mood for the homecoming dance after the game. It was held in the new study hall. The theme "Autumn Moon" featured a crescent moon throne floating on a cloud of angel hair for the queen Mary Wagner. Bill Ivy was chosen by the football team to reign as king after a hard evening of work on the field.



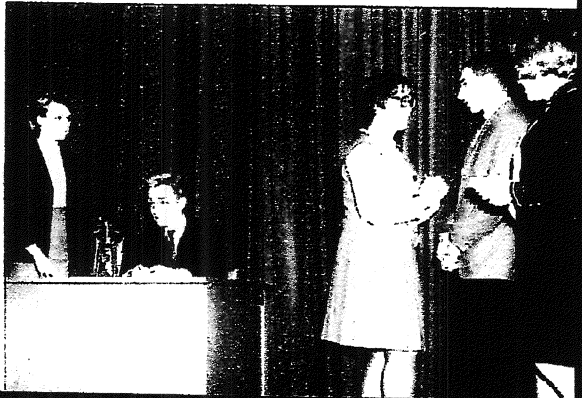


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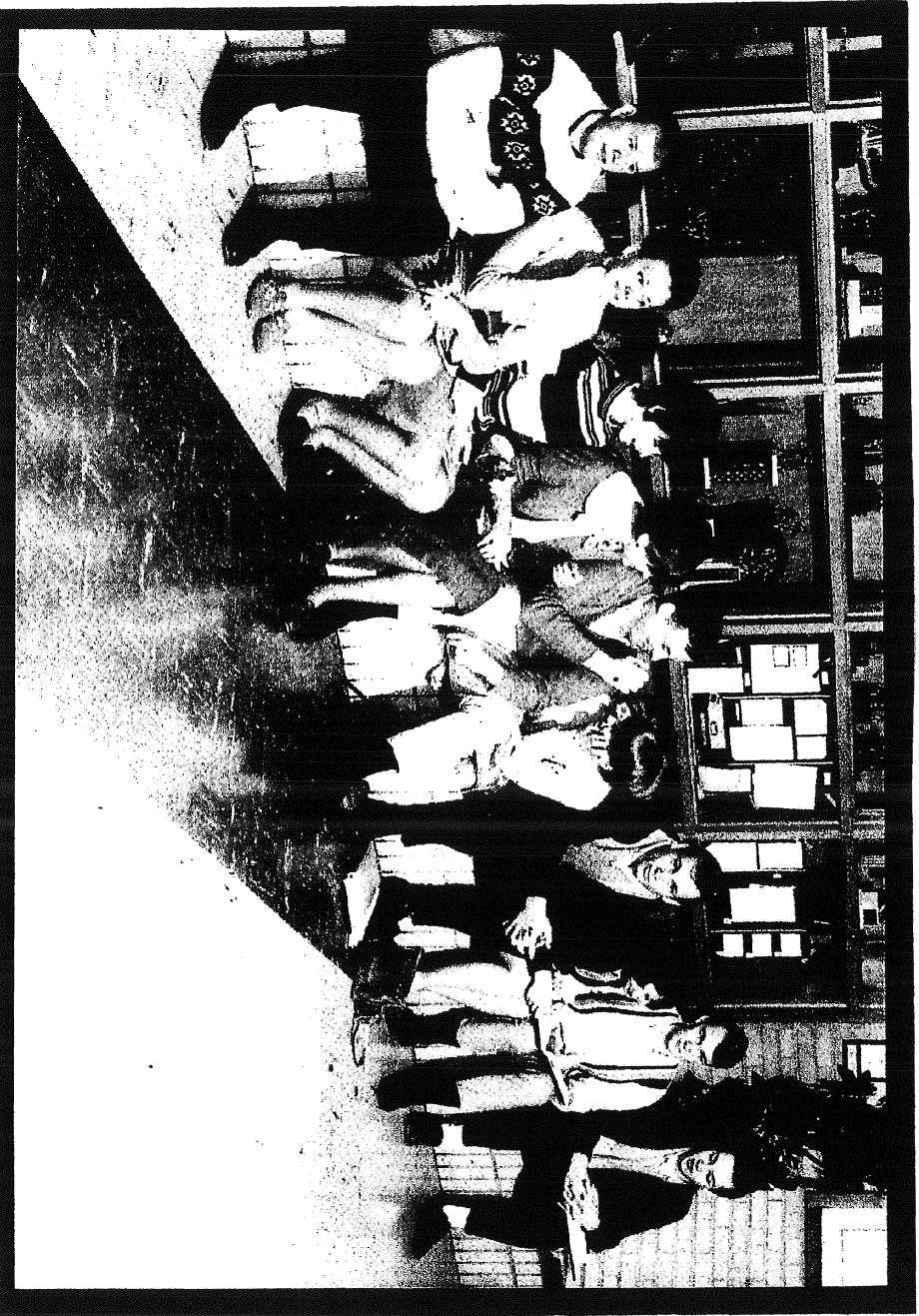
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Swinging High

General Director, Mr. Havel; Song Director, Mr. Lunde; Band Mr. Stevens



THE FIRST MUSICAL AT CHS



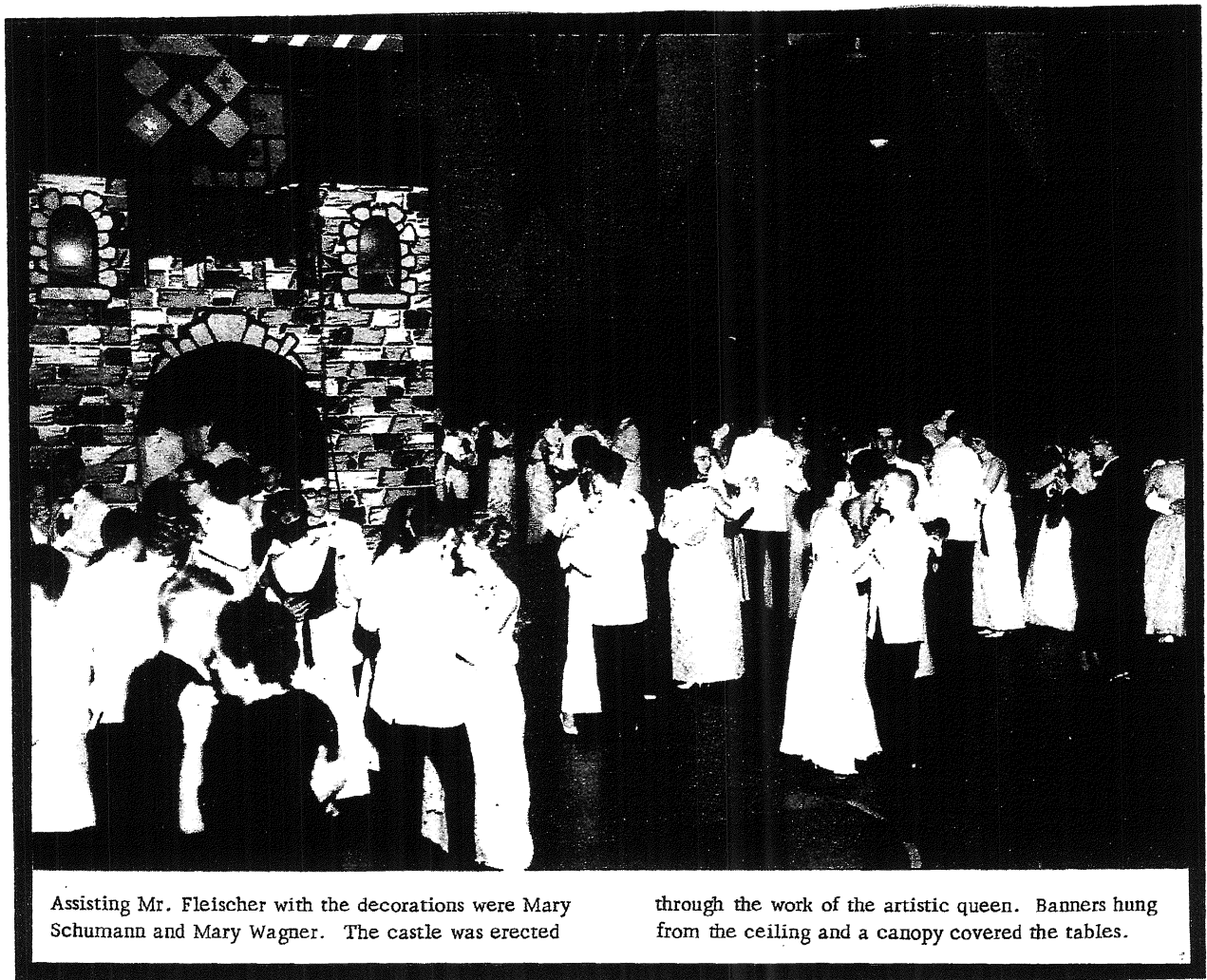
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STUDY HALL (nap time?)

1966 JUNIOR PROM

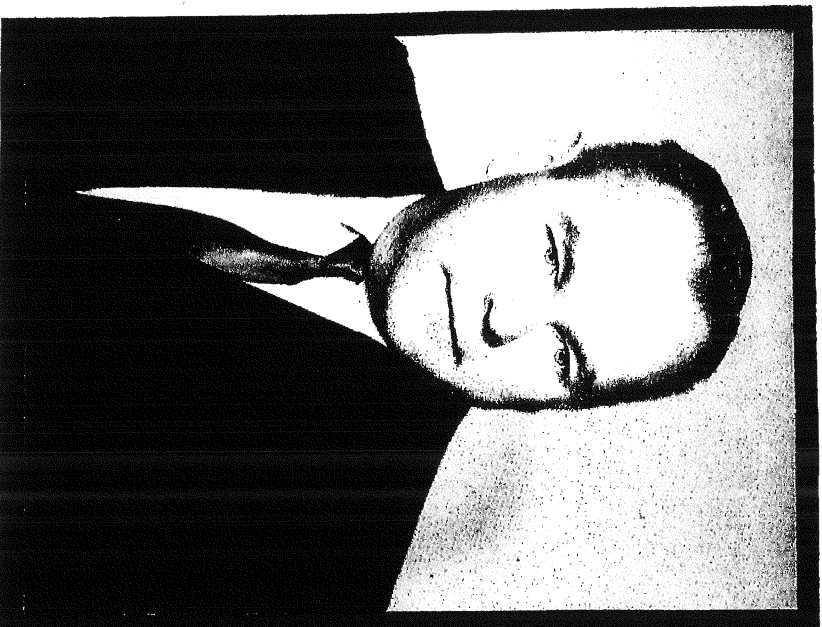


Assisting Mr. Fleischer with the decorations were Mary Schumann and Mary Wagner. The castle was erected

through the work of the artistic queen. Banners hung from the ceiling and a canopy covered the tables.



THE
SEVENTIES
&
EIGHTIES



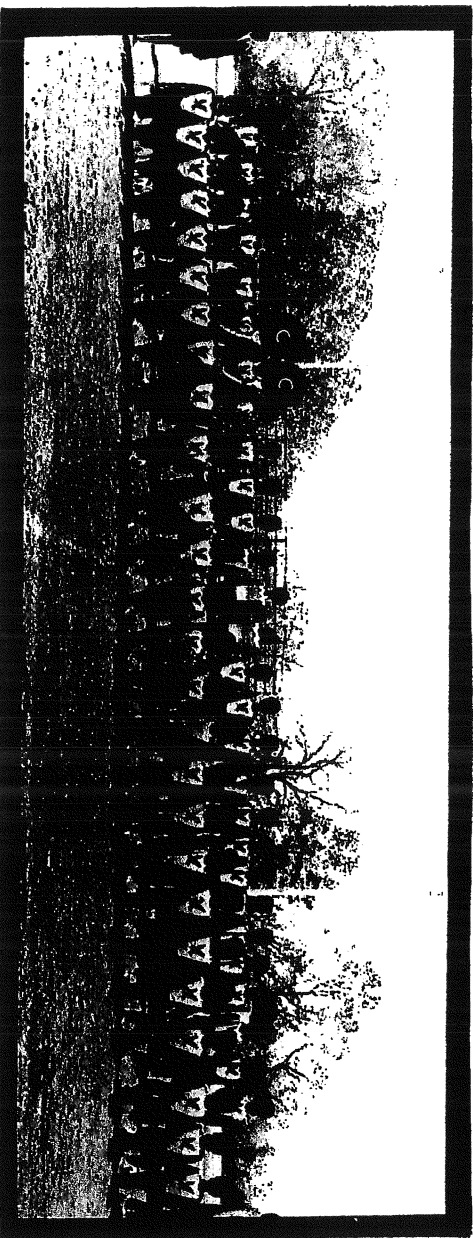
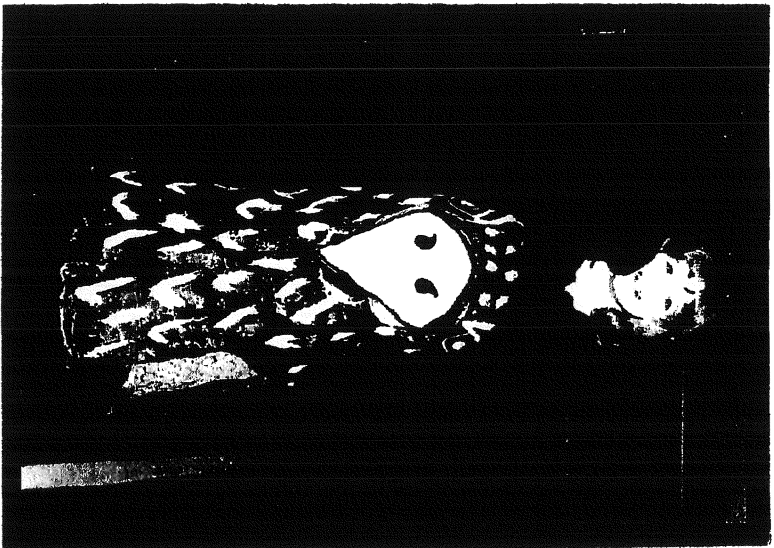
VAUGHN SORENSON

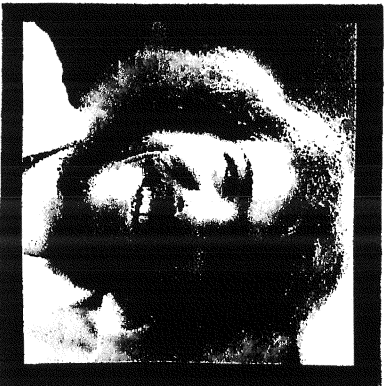
DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

1969 - 1989

1973 - 1974

SUPPORTING OUR
ATHLETIC TEAMS



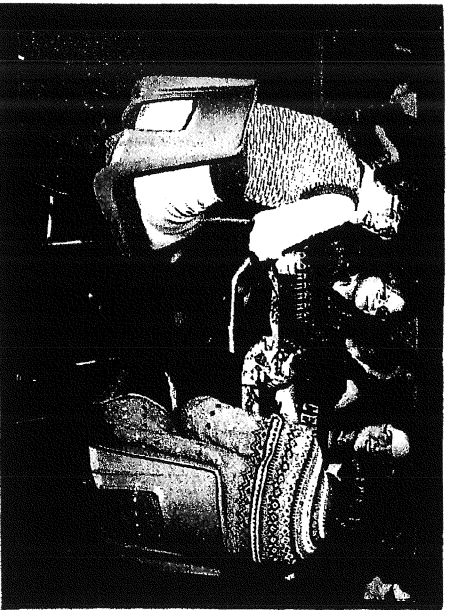
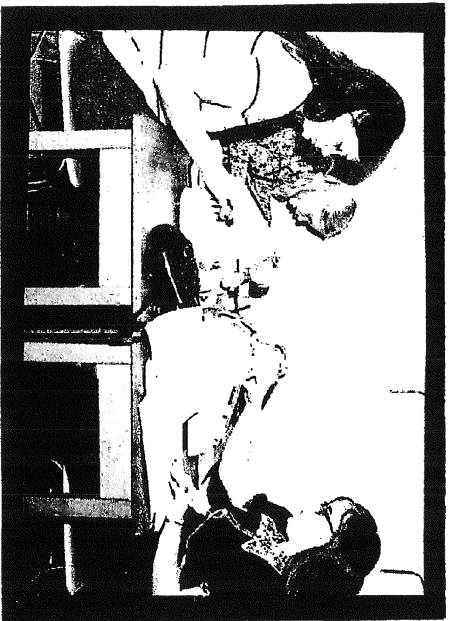
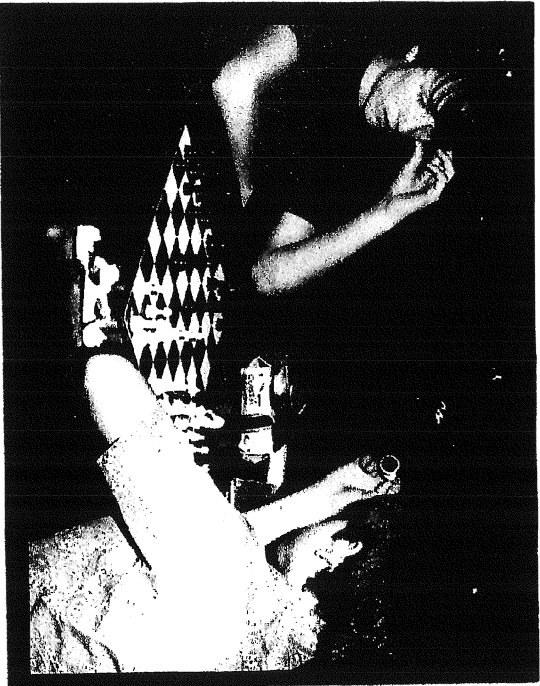


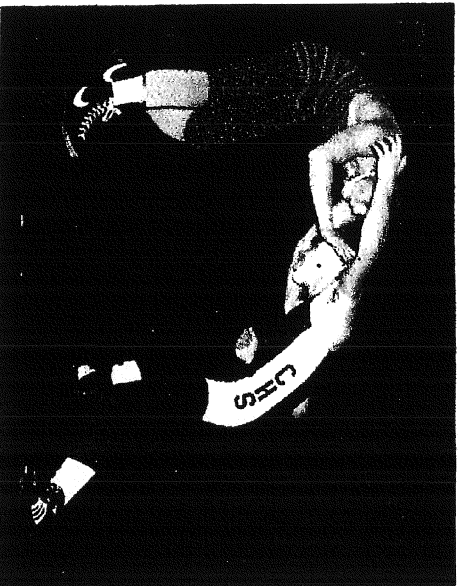
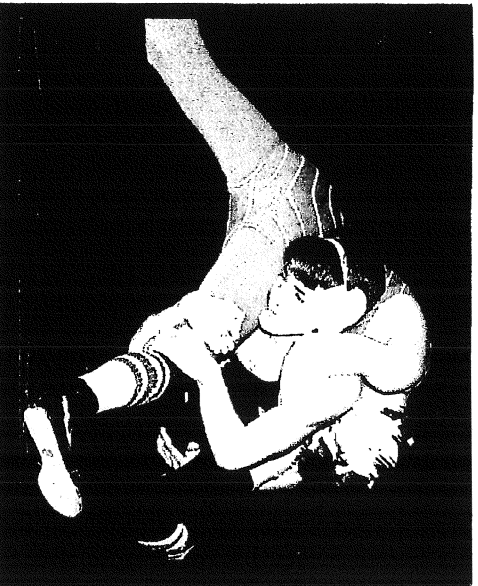
1973 - 1974

*The Search for
Individuality*

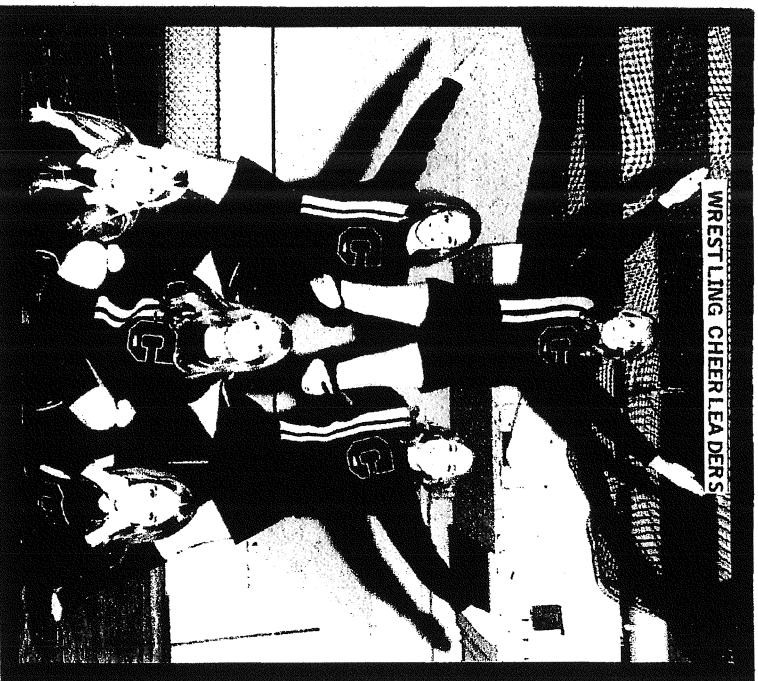


A Typical Day
At CHS Consisted
of Fun And Work



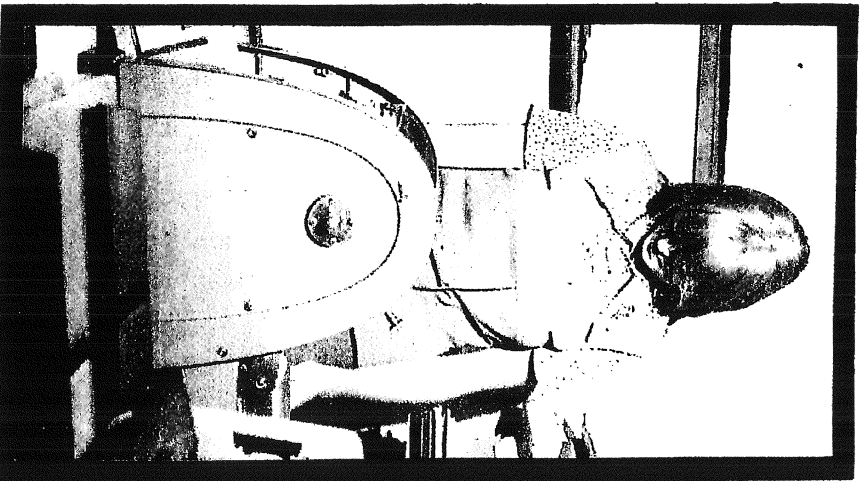


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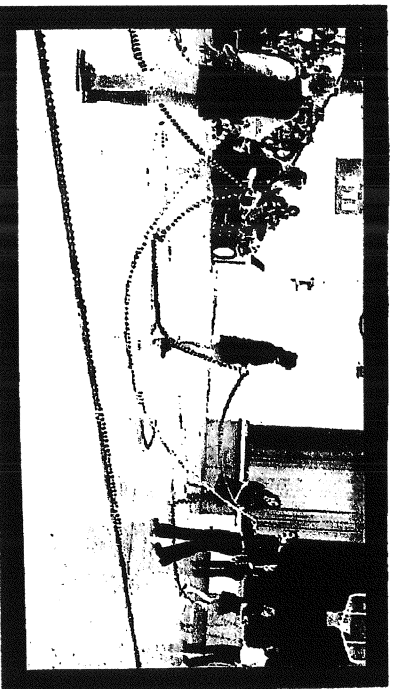


COACH SCHLAGEL SHOUTS ENCOURAGEMENT

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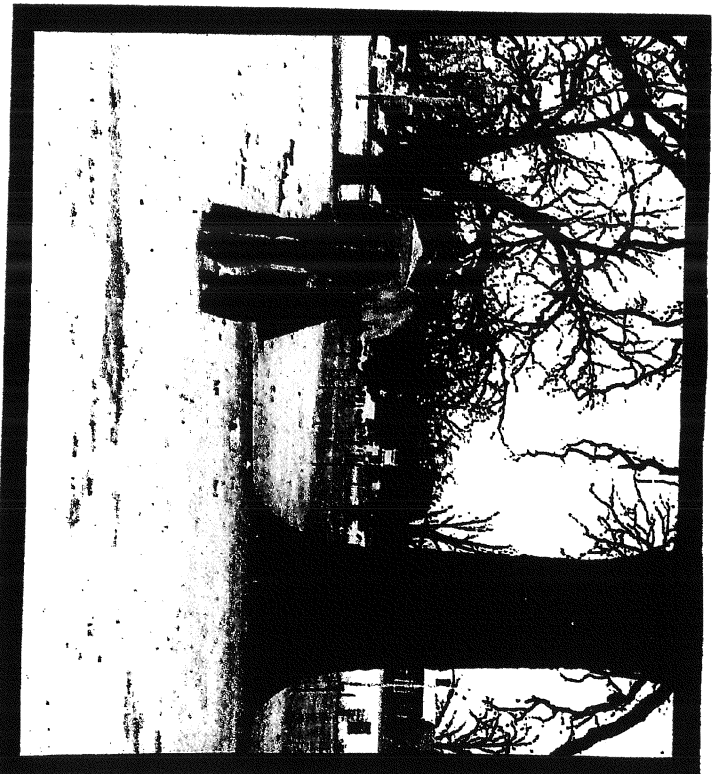
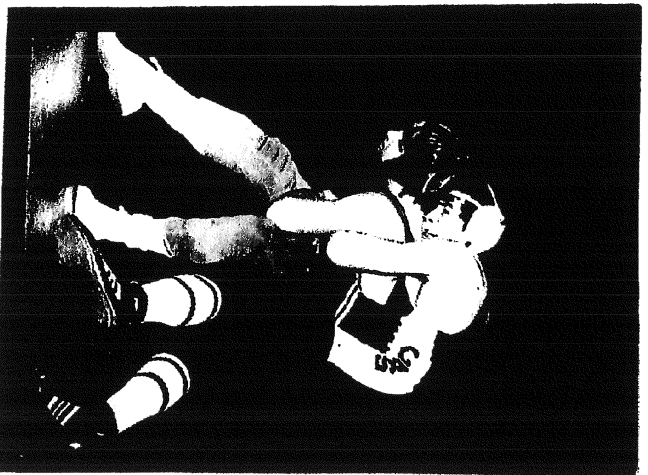


DITTO MACHINE



SPIRIT CHAIN

Raised \$350 for St. Jude's
Children's Hospital



1975



New coach sparked
football team spirit
and second place tie

Coach of the Year.

COACH RUDY STEINER



CROSS COUNTRY

1975

CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

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V O C A T I O N A L

E D U C A T I O N

B U I L D I N G

Opened October 1, 1975

Open House,
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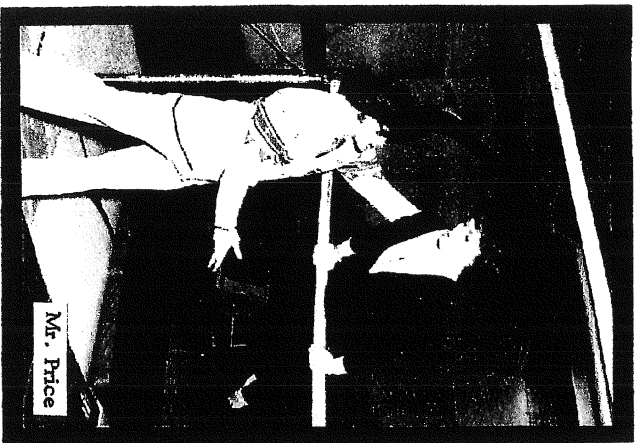
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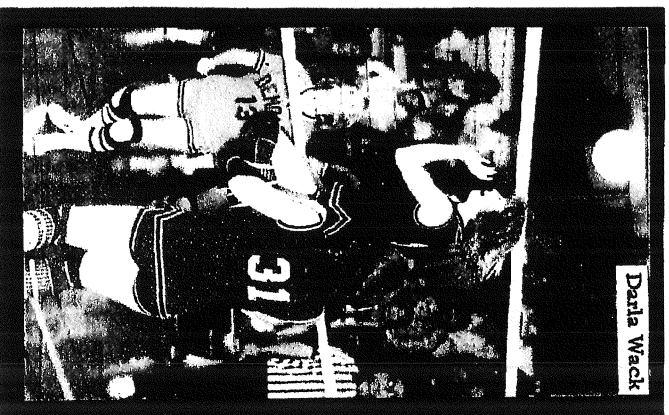
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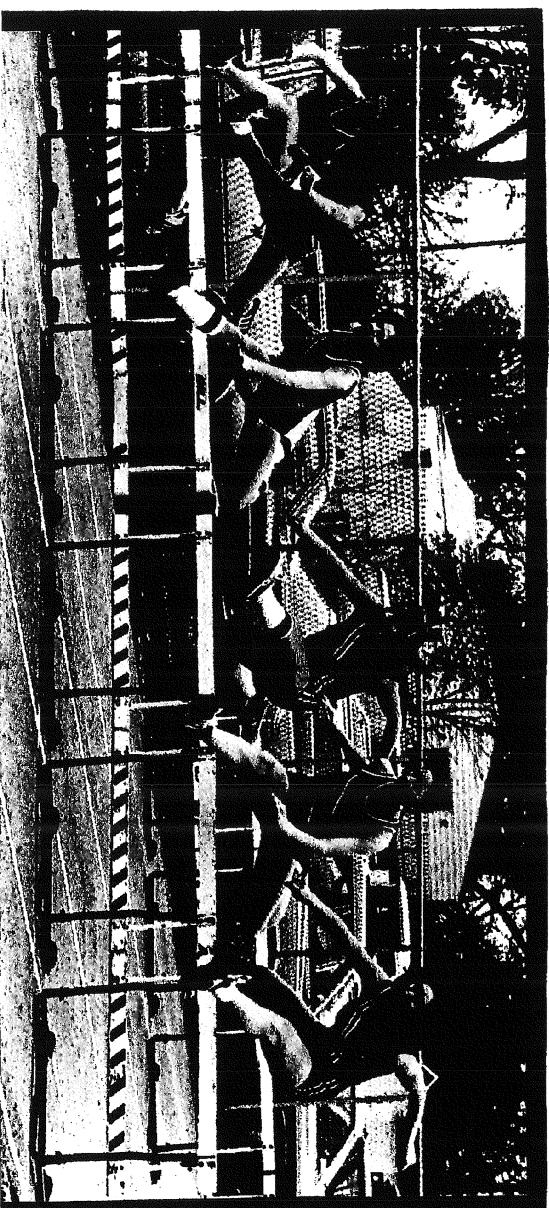
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1978 - 79

GIRL'S ATHLETICS



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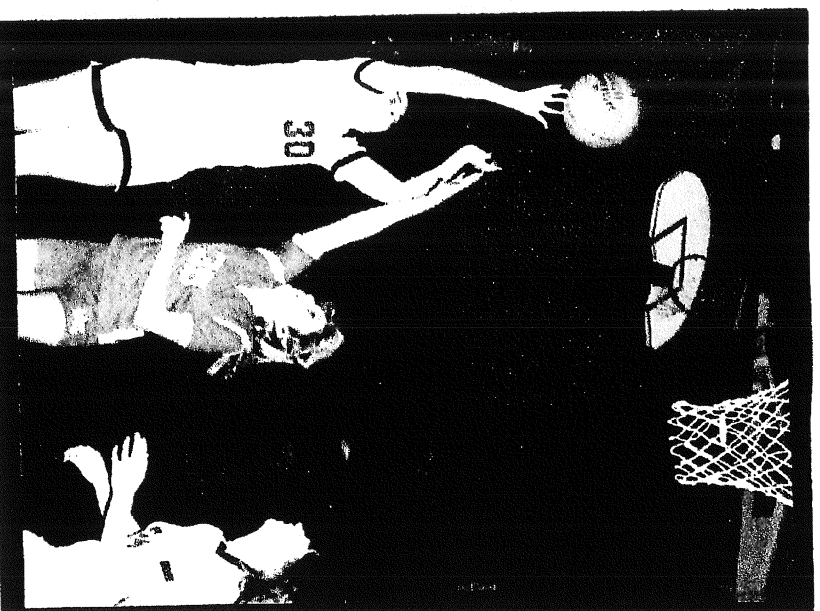


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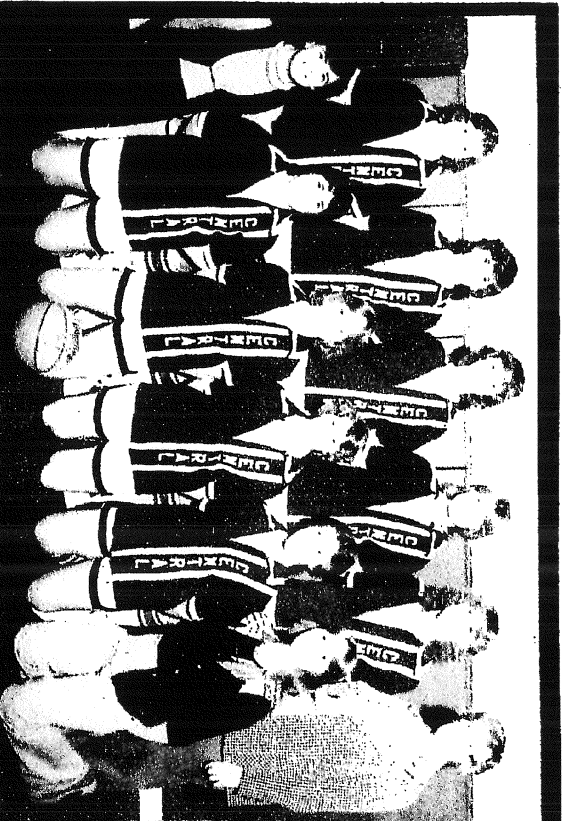


**TRANSPORTATION SUPERINTENDENT
WAYNE GRIFFITHS**

**bb girls take
championship**



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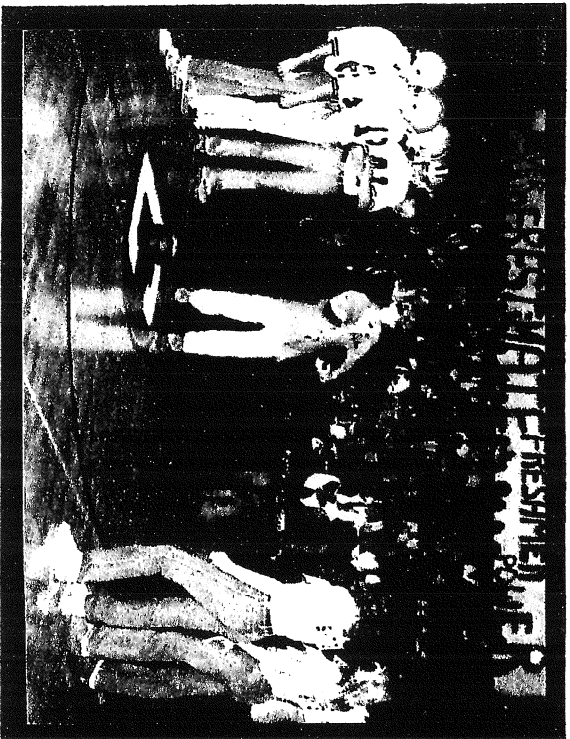
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Sail On Class Of '81

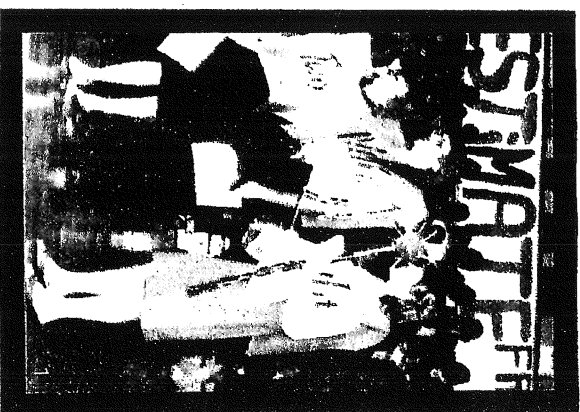


1. Kim Ressel and Pete Terry were Mistress and Master of Ceremonies. 2. Mike Nelson sang "Poems, Prayers, Promises". 3. As a tradition after the ceremony, the graduates tossed their caps. 4. Greg Sorensen presented the Valedictory Address.





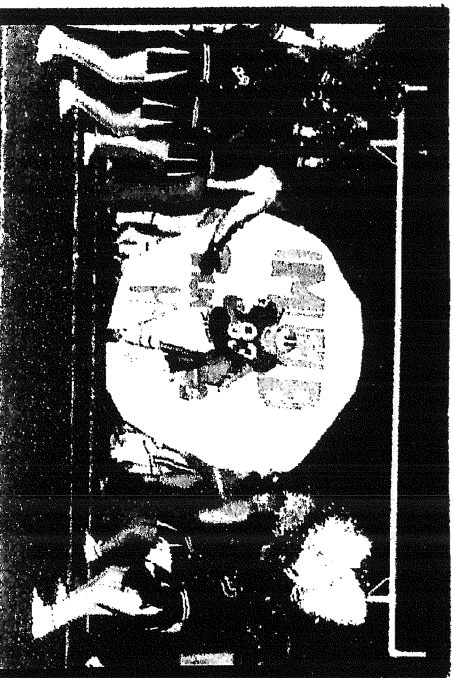
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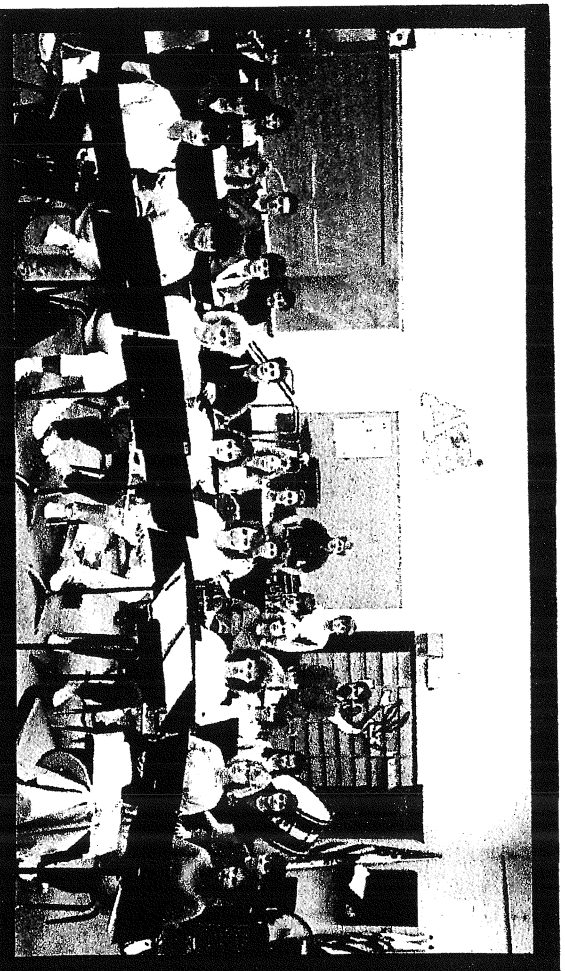


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HOME COMING
GAME





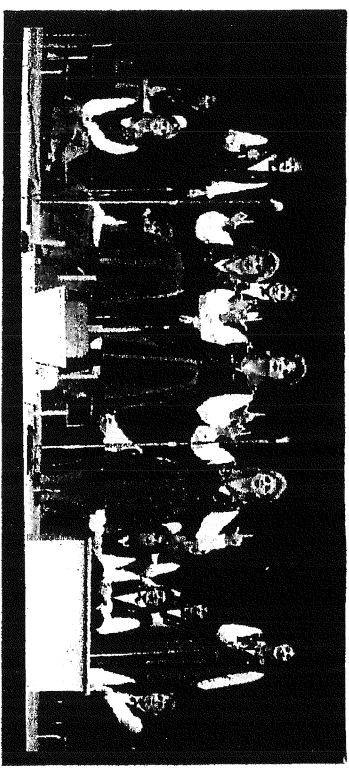
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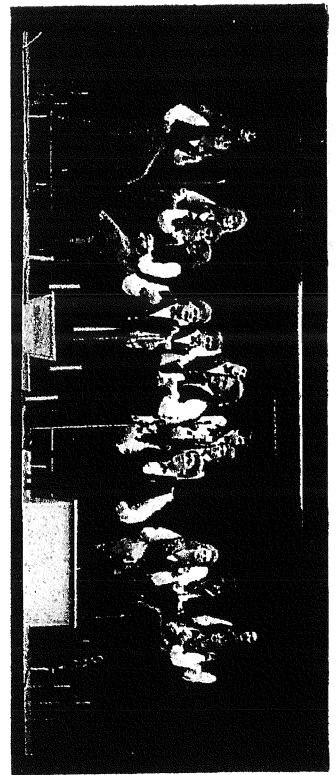
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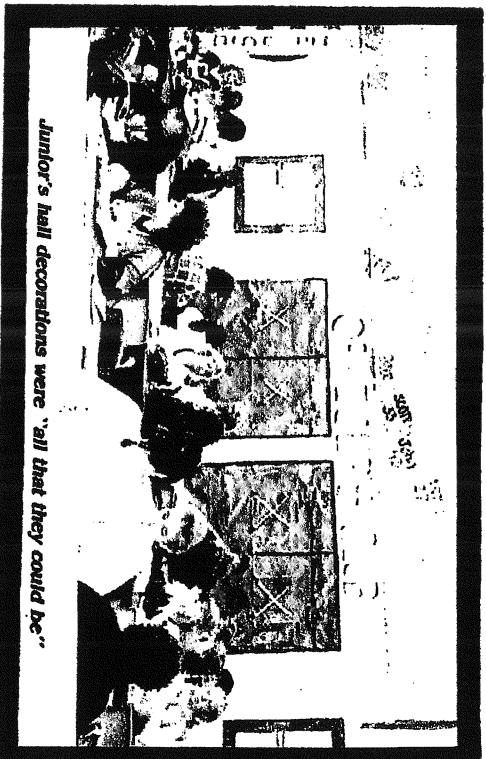


Junior servants show their loyalty to their masters

SLAVE DAY

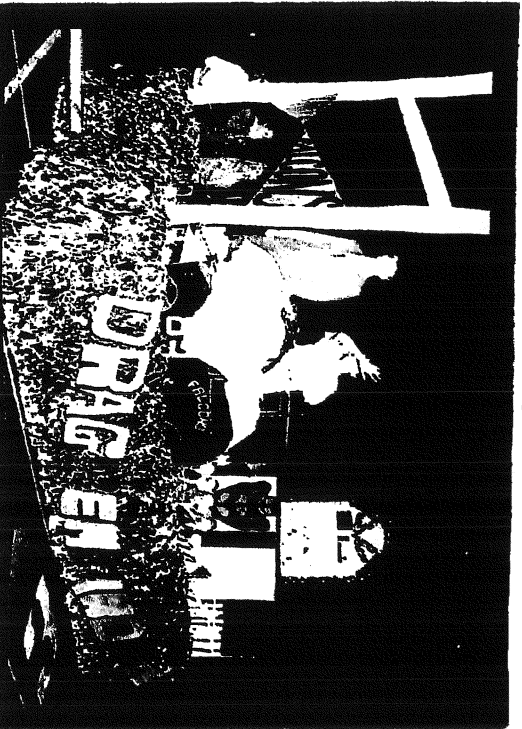
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HOMECOMING



Junior's hall decorations were "all that they could be"

HALL DECORATIONS



FLOATS

BASEBALL WENT TO STATE

Outstanding pitching and timely hitting were the key ingredients behind the success of the 1988 Varsity Baseball team. The Falcons captured the Conference Championship with a 5-2 defeat over Whitewater and a 10-1 conference record.

Ending the regular season with a 15-1 record, the team headed into Regional action. The team met their challenge shutting out state ranked Racine Horlick 11-0 and Kenosha Tremper 3-0,

Competition. Rob Polewaczyk pitched the complete game and also gave the Falcons an early 1-0 lead with a lead-off homerun. Brett Kaddatz added a lineshot to right center RBI double and Tim Cates blasted a two run homer to left.

Polewaczyk struck out five and allowed only four hits. The win at state was Coach Krebbiels' 100th of his career at Central. In the semi-final game, Central fared an excellent Monroe pitcher



"Rankings mean absolutely nothing in baseball. As far as our win-loss record, I think the team has done outstanding." — Coach Krebbiel.

sending them on to Wausau for the State Finals.

Central made school history winning its first baseball game in State

and were stimated 7-0. The Falcons finished the year with a 19-2 overall record and some great memories.

PLAYOFFS

Scoreboard Regionals:

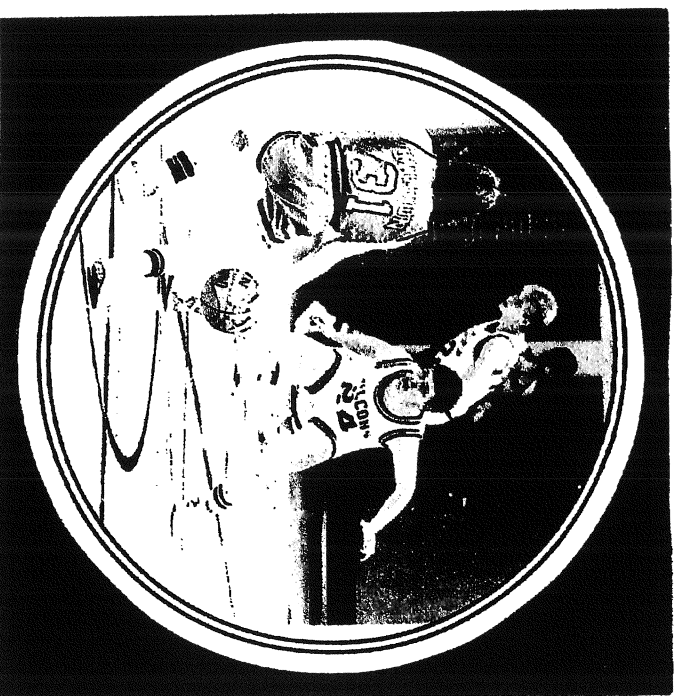
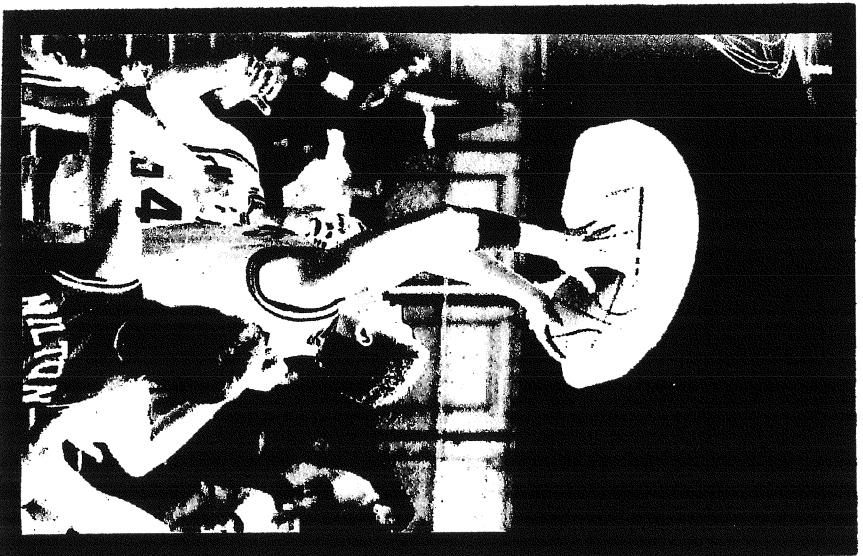
Badger	7-2	W
Burlington	6-3	W
Sectionals:		
Racine Horlick	11-0	W
Kenosha Tremper	3-0	W
State:		
LaCrosse Central	4-3	W
Monroe	0-7	L



Coach R. Krebbiel

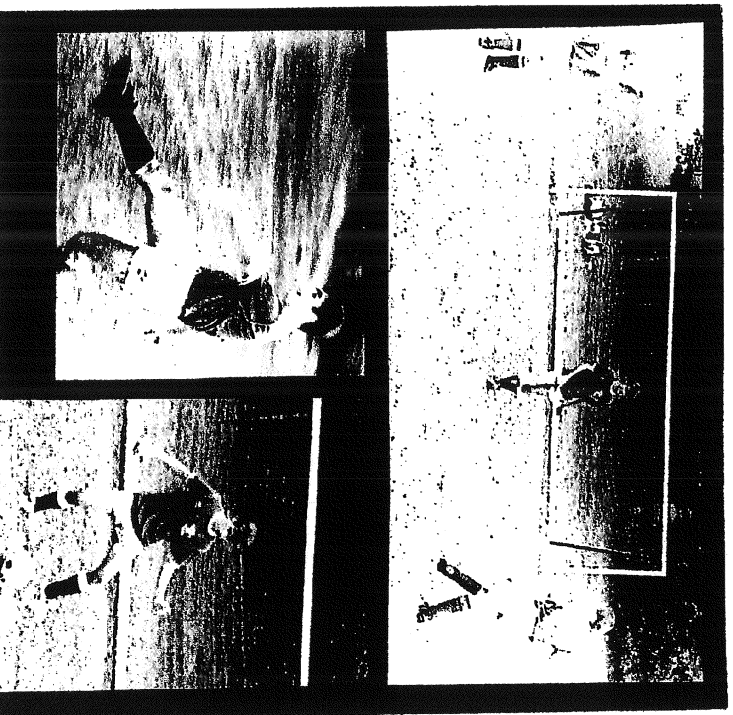


1989



BOYS BASKETBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPS

FIRST YEAR FOR SOCCER AT CHS





THE NINETIES



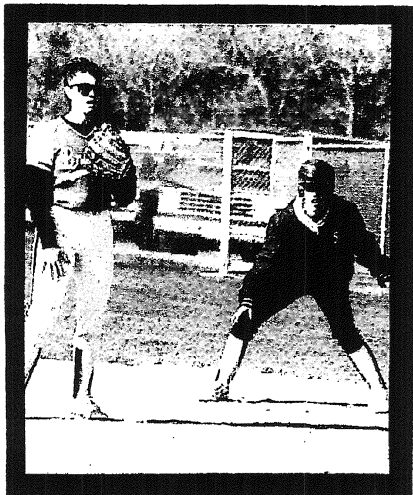
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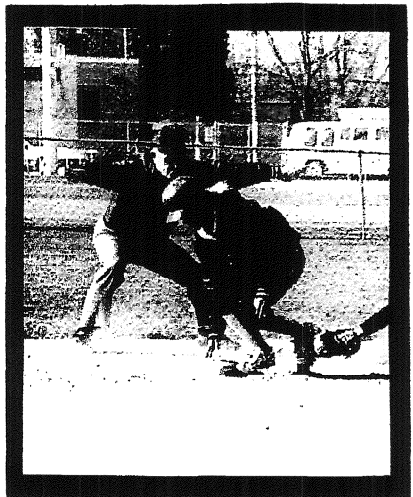
1990 - 1999

1990

SOFTBALL



The 1990 girls softball team had an overall stupendous season. They were only one run away from going to the state tournament, but they did win the Southern Lakes Eastern Division Title going undefeated. They were also the regional champions and the sectional runner-ups, losing to Milton 6-5 in 9 innings. The Falcons overall record this year was an exciting 17-4.



Wilmot
Badger
Waterford
Burlington
Union Grove
Badger
Union Grove
Wilmot
Waterford
Burlington
Milton

Opp.	CHS
1	8
2	16
0	12
2	13
0	15
1	11
3	9
1	6
11	12
1	10
5	2



VARSIITY-Row 1: Ann Kratowicz, Sandy Sheldon, Raquel Kerkman, Carlyn Goetluck. Row 2: Pam Nys, Amy Gillmore, Dena Durkin, Alice Johnson, Tina Tindol, Nikki Bloss. Row 3: Coach Allison, Tonya Pawlowski, Danielle Kammerzelt, Michelle Driesel, Michelle Kerkman, Keri Weidman, Beth Riddle, Paula Raduenz.

Volleyball CAPTURES State Title

"Winning the state championship was the best way possible to end our high school career, and we all worked together to make it a reality." — Amy Foulke

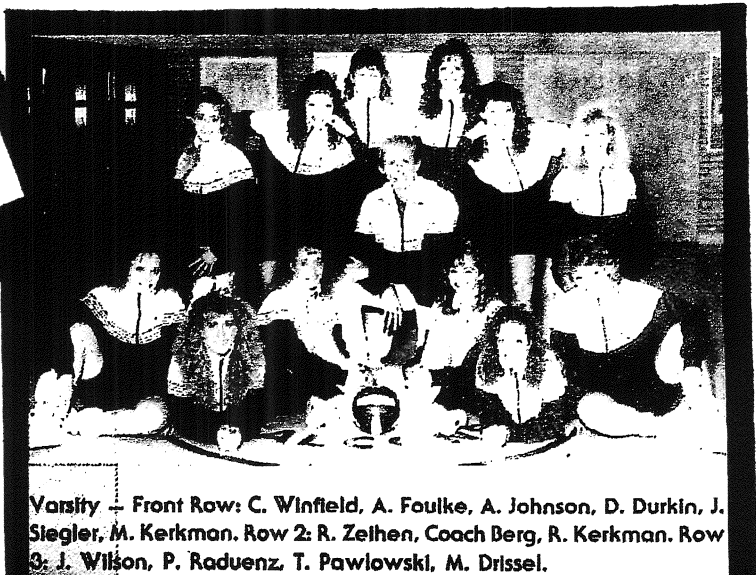


The varsity volleyball team was the 1989 state champs. The team's record was 91 wins and 7 losses. The team received first place in conference with an undefeated record. It was a rough season for the team because of sprained ankles, appendicitis, and mono. That didn't stop the Falcons. They won the Carthage College tournament, received 2nd place at the Milwaukee Bay View tournament, and first at the Whitefish Bay Dominican tournament. Patti Raduenz was then moved up from the JV team.

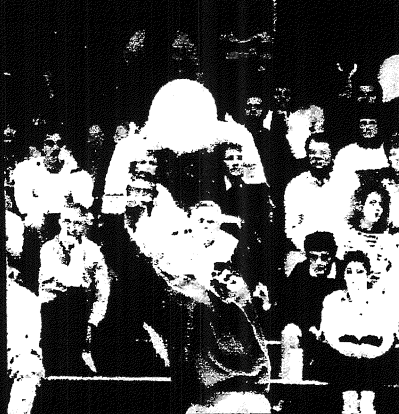
The team was at Regionals with a record of 3 wins and 0 losses. Advancing to

Sectionals, the team was champions again with a record of 3 wins and 0 losses allowing them to advance to the state tournament at Oshkosh. With the support of many fans the Falcons came home with the state title. "This team has fulfilled my dreams as a coach. Our team goal was to make it to state, but these girls wanted to win it. This is something that will give these girls a memory that will last a lifetime," commented Coach Charlie Berg.

The team received a very huge welcome home from the community and friends for a great job.



Varsity — Front Row: C. Winfield, A. Foulke, A. Johnson, D. Durkin, J. Stegler, M. Kerkman. Row 2: R. Zeihen, Coach Berg, R. Kerkman. Row 3: J. Wilson, P. Raduenz, T. Pawlowski, M. Drissel.



With smiles and open hearts, C.S.I. singers welcome listeners to a brilliant sendoff show.

C.S.I. (front) Nikki Brown, Amy Sainsbury (second) Jenny Hooper, Michelle Burke, Melissa Ward, Lauren Ruch, Julia Dickson, Dany Faneay, Jan Sapers, Hilky Flamingo, Chris De... (back) ...



Senior Brenda Burke and junior Jason Volakakis kick their heels high as they perform in "A Christmas Season in Moscow."



singing in MOSCOW

CENTRAL SWING, INC.

by Erin Milligan

Departing O'Hare Airport at 2:30 p.m. Friday, December 25, 1992, Central Swing, Inc. were about to venture on a once in a lifetime experience.

Six days and six nights in Moscow, Russia was the plan for C.S.I. members over Christmas vacation. After spending months fundraising for the event, they set out to show Moscow the extraordinary singing and dancing talents of Central's students.

Packed with rehearsals and performances, Central students managed to find time for touring the city and all of its great history. Many students enveloped the whole cultural experience by trading garments with Russians for souvenirs. Their hearts

were never far from home though, as they made stops at the Russian McDonald's and danced the night away on New Year's Eve at a Russian Disco playing American music.

After coping with some uncomfortable accommodations, the group was grateful to return to CHS at 4:00 p.m. on January 1, 1993. Welcomed by many friends and family members, this elite group had done it all.

CHORALIERS

by Heather Lawson

Highlighting their year, the Choraliers performed at the Madrigal Feast in December. Dressed in the garb of Renaissance times, the Choraliers served a five-course meal to the members of Con-

cert Choir, a variety of guests, and King Sigmund Kolano. Entertainment completed the evening with the perfectly orchestrated vocalists of Central's Choraliers.

CONCERT CHOIR

by Carrie Mich

Having to audition to participate, the Concert Choir presents the best talents of Central High School. These talents were taken to UW-Whitewater this year for a clinic in which the students were able to listen and perform with choirs from various schools around the state. After growing musically, this fine group made appearances throughout the year including the Madrigal Feast in December.

Using a toss around to the ground, junior Andy Hirschick sets the ball ready for the split.

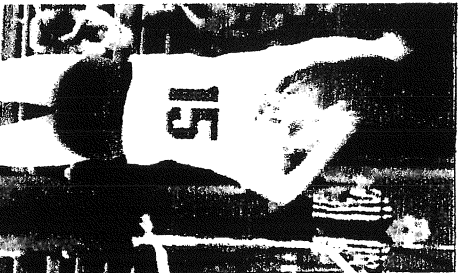
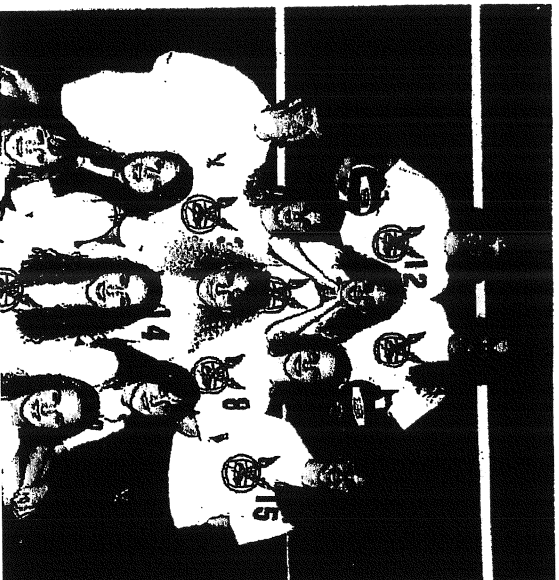


photo by Heider Photography

Senior Courtney Smith's reaction after play of perfection.



photo by Heider Photography



SUPPORTERS: (front) Jeff Ivon, Steve Christyman, Richard Mathison, (second) Paulman, Chris, James Whittegrain, (back) Curtis Mouton, (back) Curt Kauer, Ted Koshorn, Steve Dampson, Major Eckert, (back) Auralie, Tom (back) James Mathison, Paul Thiele



UNIVERSITY: (front) James Doherty, Tom Hinesman, James Hill, Steve Christyman, (second) Steve Doherty, (second) Courtney Smith, Curtis Hill, Paul Christyman, Curt Hill, Tom Hines, Jeff Hill, Ted Koshorn, Major Eckert, Auralie, Tom

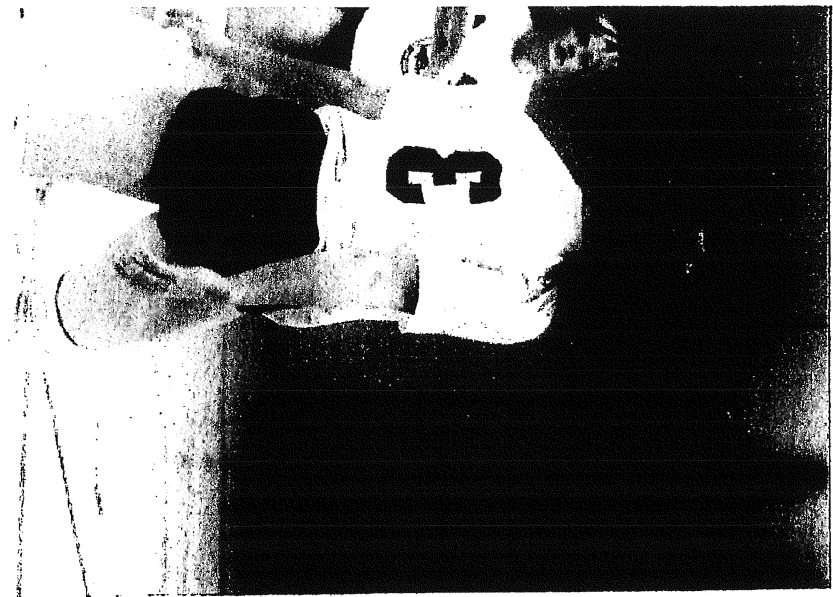
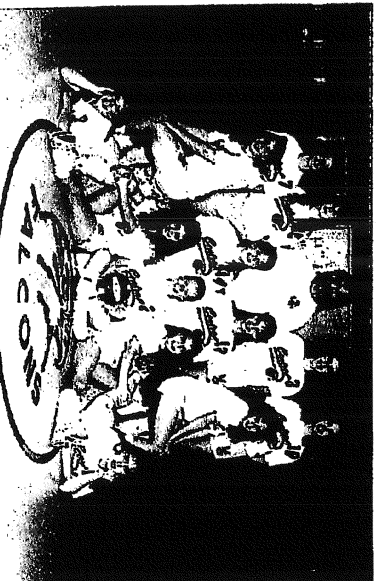


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PERSONNEL: (front) Thomas David, Brady Rhoads, Brady Wilson, Justin Smith, (second) Curt Kauer, Richard Kuhn, Sammie Jahn, Galtene Stenerson, (back) Scott Whittegrain, Jimmy Wilson, Curt Krings, Tobias Swader, Tony Eckert

Expanding Central, expanding minds

by Carrie Mich

photo by Ron Anshury

Central is on its way to expanding and improving our education. With special education classrooms will also receive a new location.

the students of Central were asked to make some small sacrifices. One of these sacrifices was giving up the use of the freshman hall, which left the remaining corridors crowded and harder to get to classes on time. The students also had to get use to sounds of drilling as well as various other construction noises during

Time

So, when will these new facilities be ready

the start of the new building, we will be guaranteeing a better learning environment for the students of Central High. Due to the lack of public support for the new building, the administration was forced to scale down their previous plans and settle for a \$2.9 million project consisting of 18 new classrooms. These much-needed additions will be used for science, math, art, and social studies. The library as well as the

for use? Everyone hopes that the answer to this question is "soon". If all plans proceed as scheduled, the new facilities will be ready for use by the start of the new school year.

to

some of their classes. With the cooperation of everyone,

Build

Central's new building can be something all of us can be proud of.



photo by Wendy Hansen

photo by Ron Anshury

At the official ground-breaking ceremony for Central's new addition, a select few are given the honor of taking the first step to expanding minds.

A New Addition

GROUND BREAKING FOR NEW ADDITION

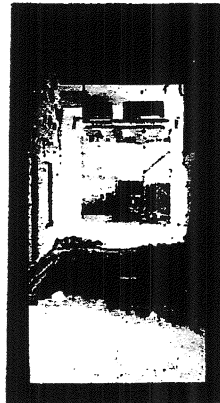
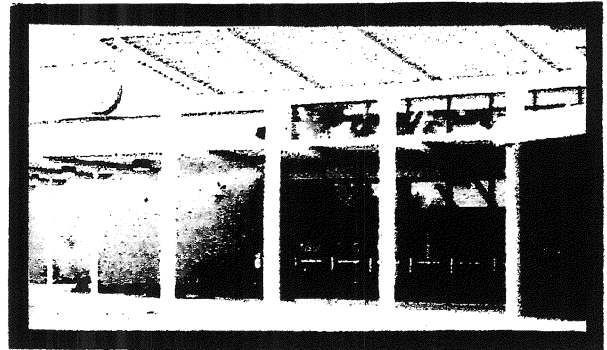


With shovels in hand, department heads and administration break the ground for the new addition to the school.

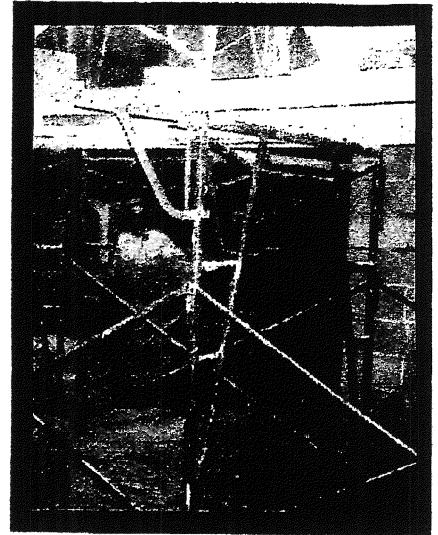
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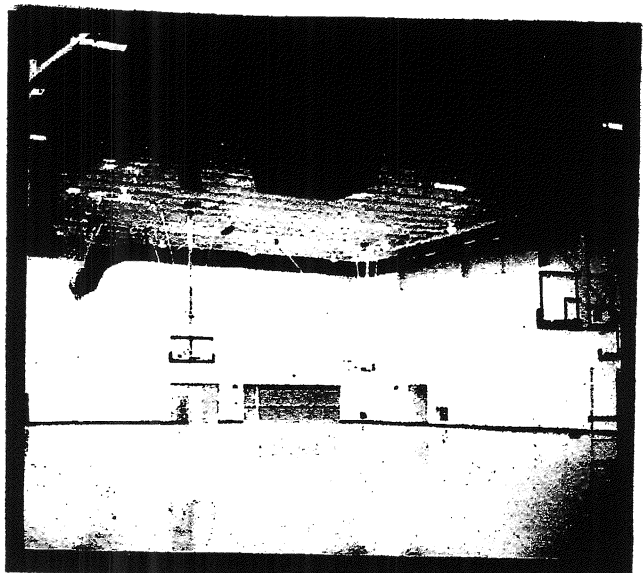
CONSTRUCTION BEGINS



OLD HEALTH
HALLWAY



NEW CAFETORIUM
UNDER CONSTRUCTION



NEW GYM

1995 – 1996

Madrical Feast

an enchanting evening

by keli jo lenz

If one saw jousting, jesters jesting, lords and ladies dancing they might think they were at The renaissance Faire or Medieval Times and Tournament. But, once again, community members could see all this action in Central's all-purpose room. For the holiday tradition, Central's choirs took them back to a time of chivalry and romance. Madrigal Feast included eating a multiple course meal, singing, and skits including even a jester. It was a feast to remember the way things used to be and compare how they are in the present day.



The combined choirs stand together to perform at the Madrical Feast. All decked out in their unique costumes, the choirs are as interesting to watch as they are to hear.



Mr. Nichols escorts Madam Schroeder into the night's festivities. They were the King and Queen of the enchanting evening.

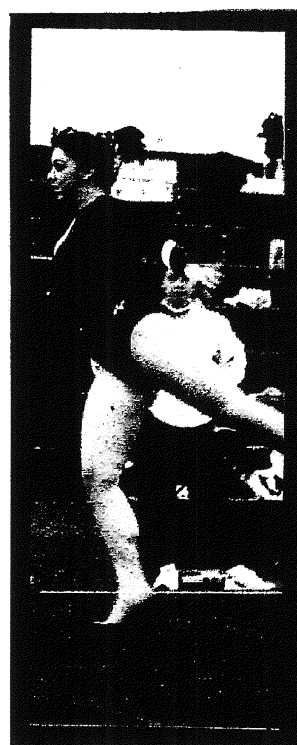
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Gymnastics

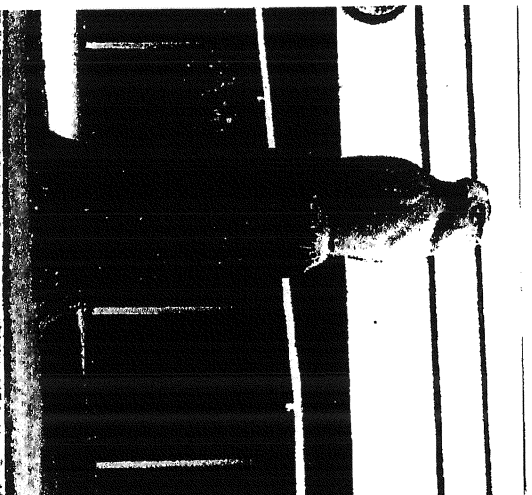
a return trip to state

by kelli jo lenz

Having high hopes for a conference championship was on the minds of all the gymnasts during the season. After sweeping the conference with no problem, the road to state began to appear closer than ever. With strong leadership from many of the teams seniors, they competed at the state tournament, finishing with a very impressive second place.



VARSITY: (front) Rachel Brunner, Amanda Bless, Sharon Datt, Jill Clark, Tiffany Campbell, Lauren Campbell (back) Asst. Coach Stephanie Bohr, Andrea Beyer, Lisa Long, Tristram Kopelke, Coach Bill Price



THE

MILLENNIUM

50 YEARS

1952 - 2002

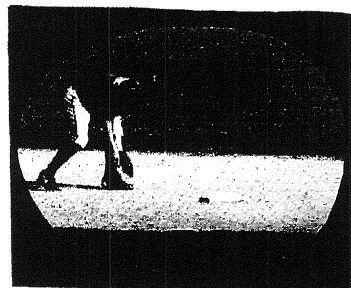
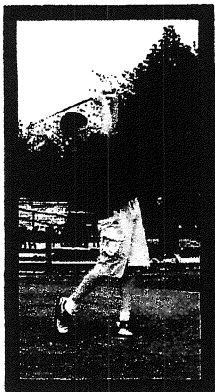


DOUG POTTER

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

2000 -

2000 - 2002



The newly selected members of NHS

Academic Decathlon

Studying is a necessity for this group of hard-working individuals. They are tested on six different academic areas: math, science, english, economics, art, and music. These nine students compete against over 120 different schools, all of which try to represent Wisconsin at Nationals. The team had an excellent season. "I'm very proud of them," says advisor Mrs. Berns.



Shauna Lee

Anniversary Essay

The fiftieth anniversary of Central High School signifies many different things to many different people. Some of the alumni recall fond memories of football games, school plays or practical jokes that they succeeded in carrying out. However, when I think about the history of the school and put it into perspective in my own school career, the image that best relates to the anniversary image is that of the Central High School Marching Band. After all, anniversaries celebrate triumphs, hardships, cooperation and anticipate a future that is even brighter than the present, regardless of the anniversary being that of a married couple or of a place of learning.

The Central High School Marching Band was formed during the 1950's, when my grandmother attended Central. Looking back upon those performances at the football games, she recalls the vibrant sounds that filled the air, the big puffy hats, the precision of the marching style, and the drum majorette leading the band proudly. Alumni of the band during those years remember the nights of sitting at football games at which mouth pieces froze because it was so cold outside and marching around the perimeter of the cafeteria during Homecoming week. Those were days in which the band was based upon the ideals of precision and pride.

However, when my mother attended Central during the mid-1970's, the marching band ceased to exist. The students participating in the band program focused more and more on their concert style. They traded in their uniforms for concert attire, leaving traditions that were forever to be associated with marching in the history books.

This year, the school board of Central High School hired an instructor to teach the fundamentals of marching. Those of us in Marching Band quickly learned that marching meant lifting your knees and pointing your toes, and did not remotely resemble the style that we had adopted over the last few years. Some of us took on new roles as leaders and others of us learned to play instruments that we had never considered playing before. Yet, through all the confusion and frustration that was exhibited at times during the season, those of us in the marching band joined together to create something that had been left behind years ago by people who most of us never knew: pride in marching.

The marching band was a great endeavor this year, but there are still improvements that need to be made. I am glad to say that I have faith in the underclassmen who wish to remain in the band for their high school careers because they will resurrect the magic that once existed within the tradition and pride of the Central High School Marching Band that existed over a half of a century ago.

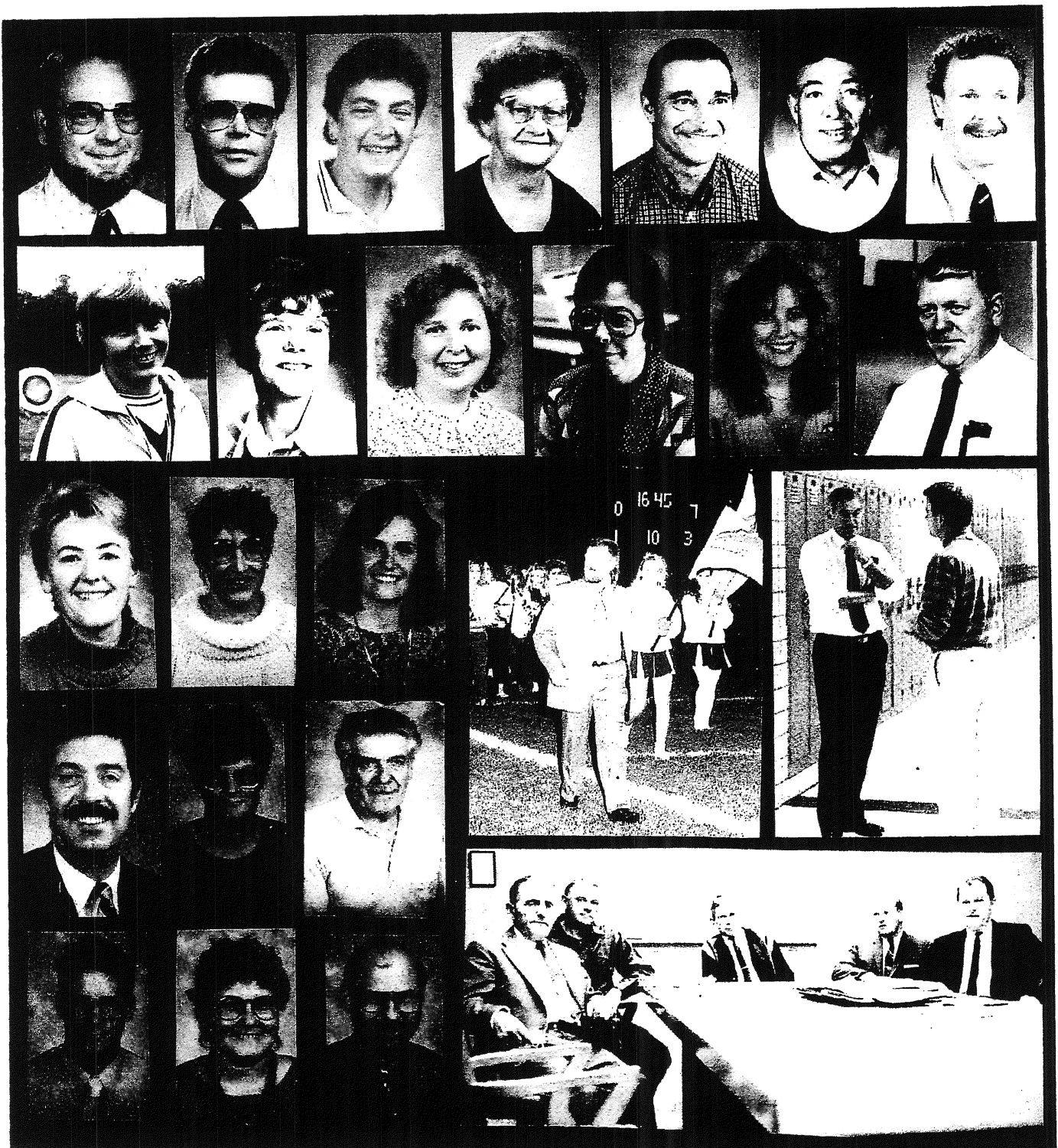
These are some of the people who have enriched the lives
of our young people over the last 50 years.



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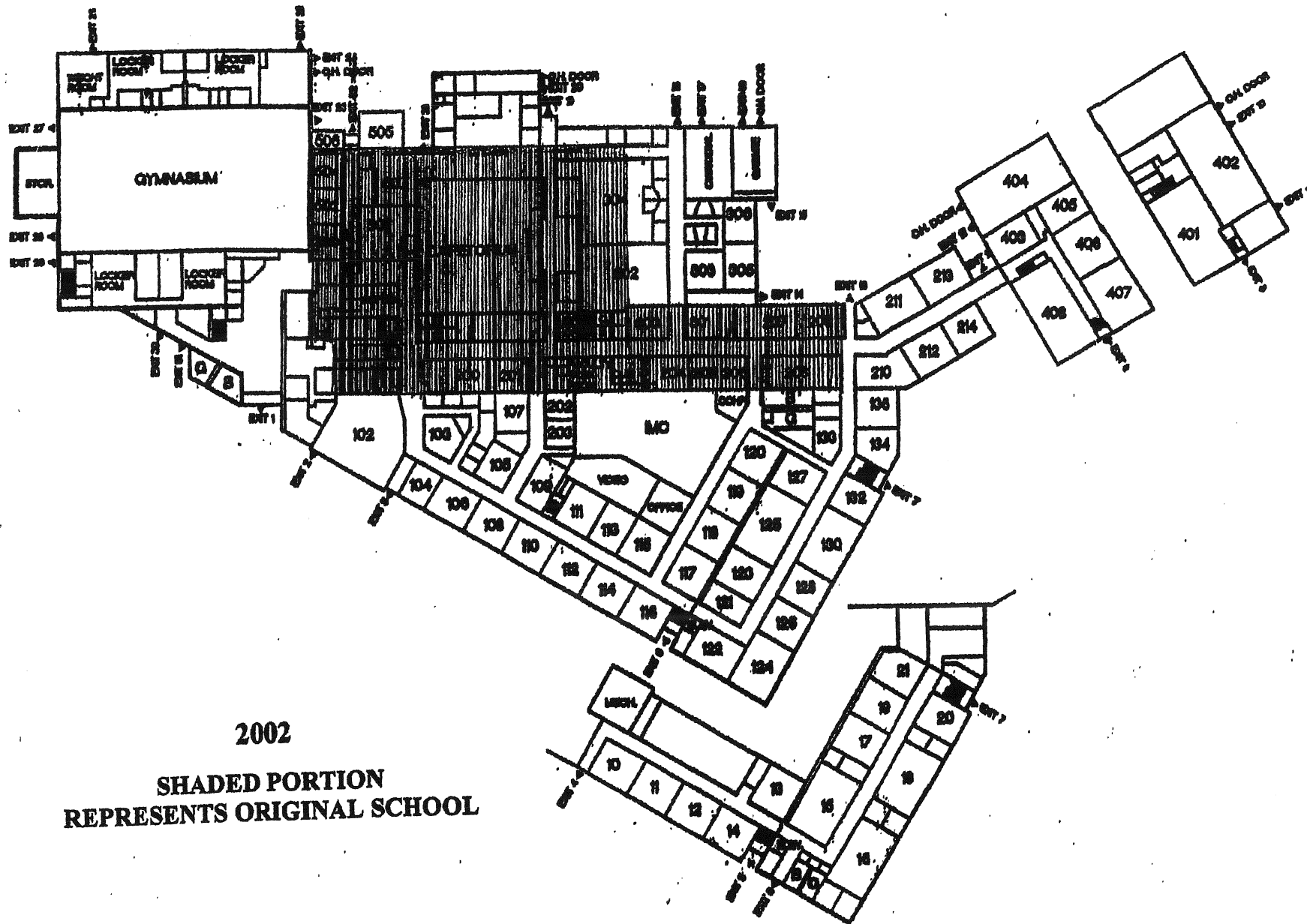
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SHADED PORTION
REPRESENTS ORIGINAL SCHOOL

School Song

Go you Falcons
Go you Falcons
Keep your hearts aflame!
Do your best for Central High School,
Glorious is her name, U-RAH-RAH!!
Go you Falcons
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Keep your colors true!
Fight on to victory,
We're all for YOU!!
HIP-HIP-CHEERIO,
COME ON TEAM LET'S GO!!
(repeat)