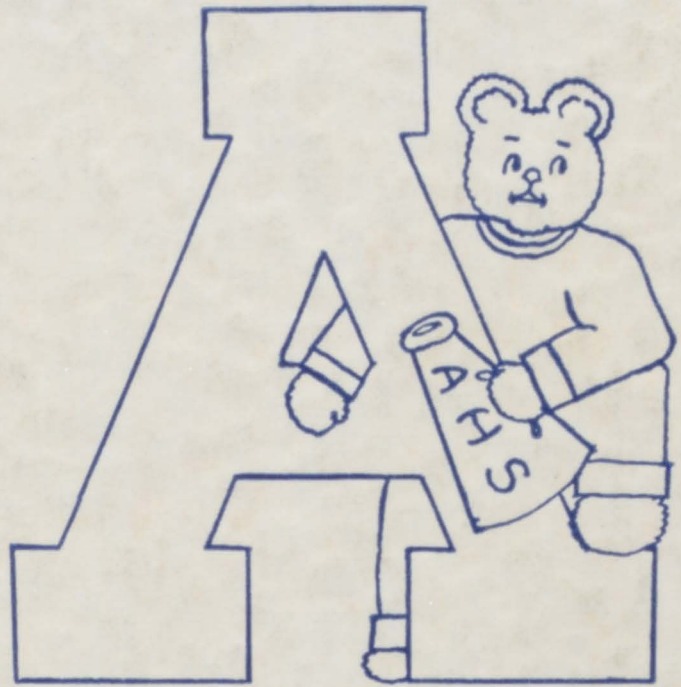
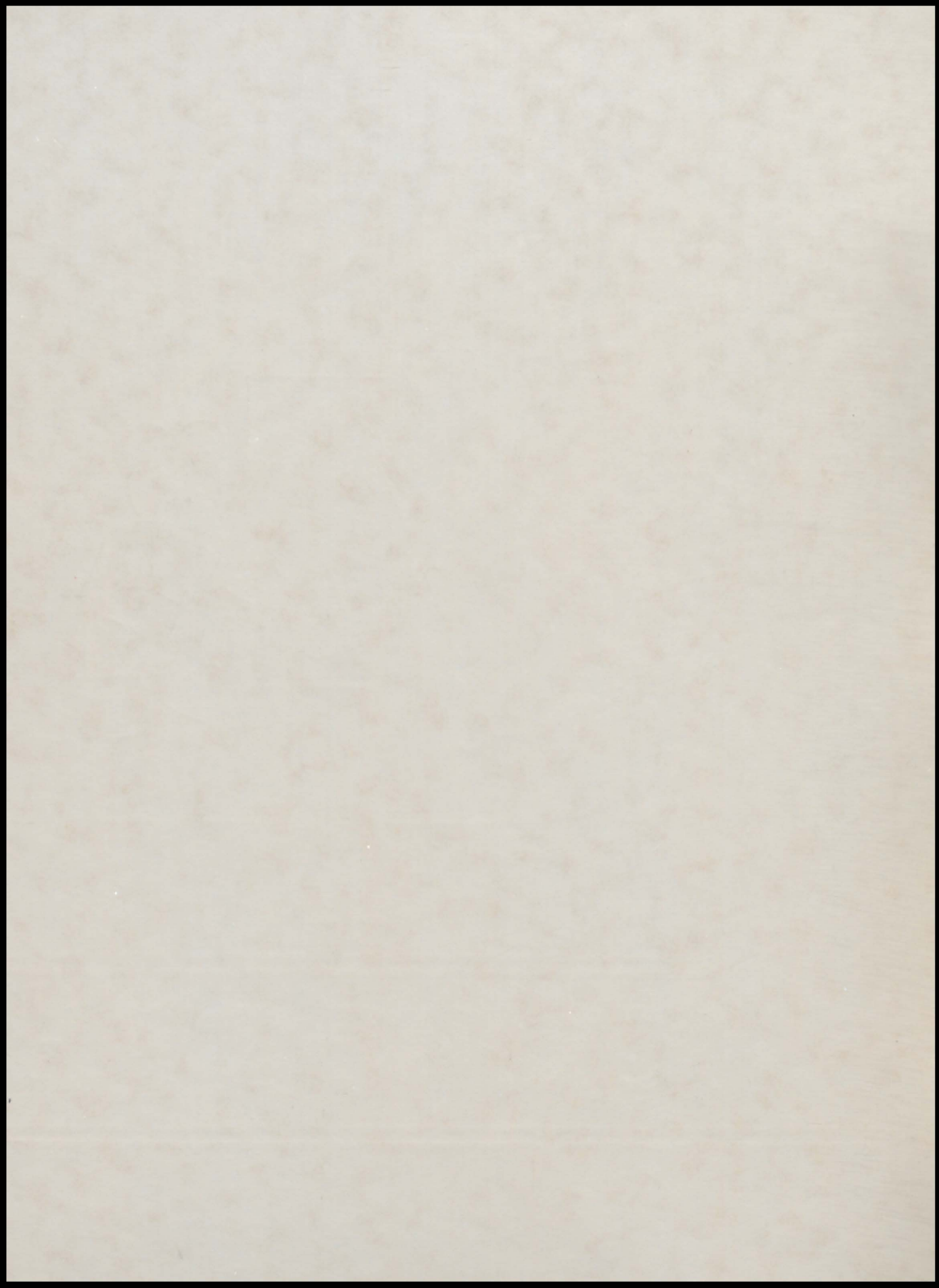
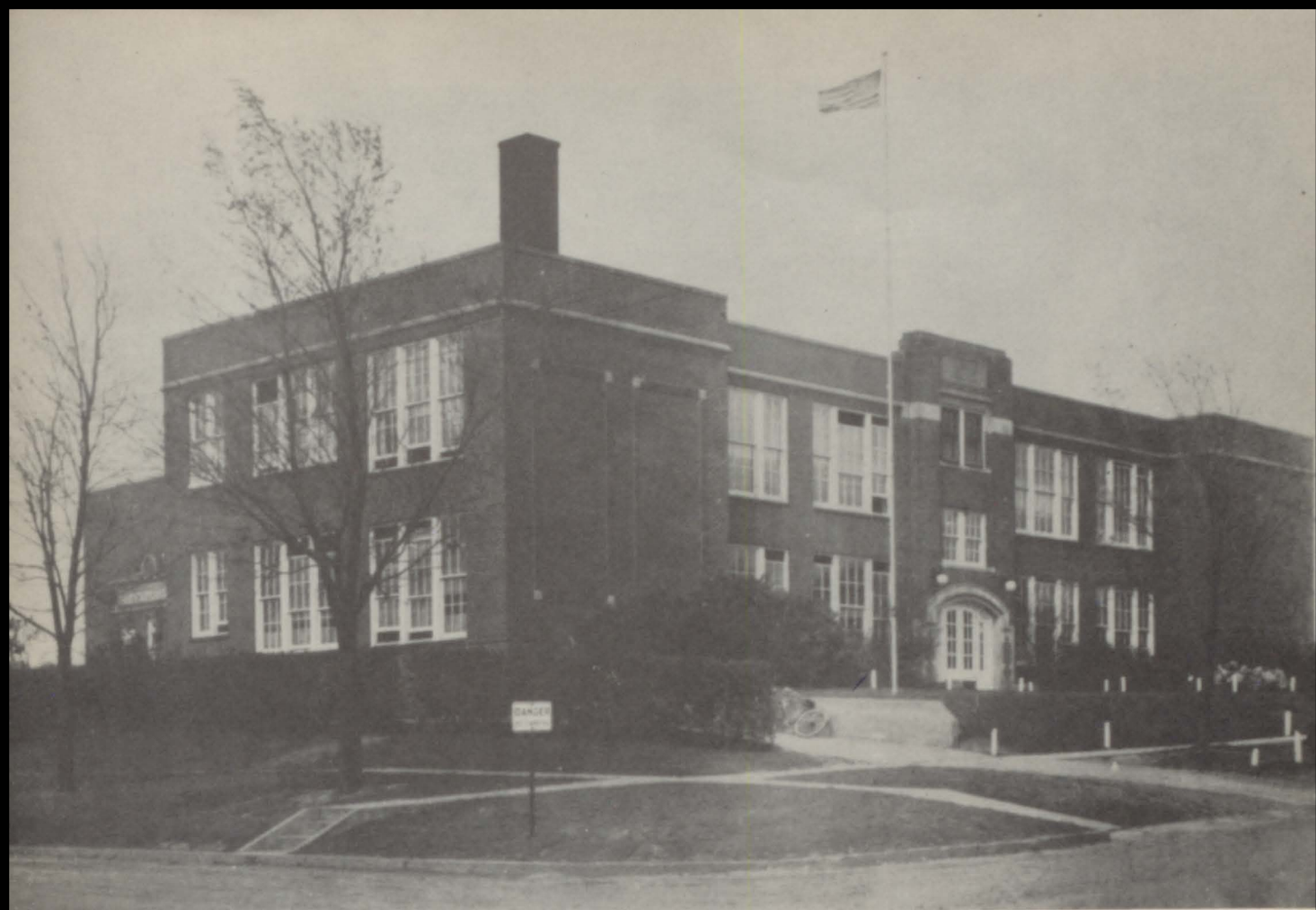


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This Is Our Story

of

Alcester High School

Alcester, S. Dak.

as pictured by

Cubette Staff of 1953-54



This Is Our Story

Just as a short story has a plot, characters, and local color; so in our book we have similar classifications. As we present our story of Alcester High School in 1953-1954, we hope you will enjoy it as much as you would a Bret Harte or O. Henry story, and that it will become one of the well-read books on your bookshelf.

Dedication

To you, Mr. Healy, we dedicate this book. So much a part of our story yourself, we felt constrained to dedicate our book to you.

We delight in your exuberant humor which always seems to make your classrooms so enjoyable. Not only do we derive pleasure from your humor, but we also honor you for the example which your life affords. The morals and principles you have taught us in our studies will linger long within our hearts.

And so, Mr. English Professor, we hope you will enjoy another short story, of a more humble type perhaps, but one written for the same purpose, . . . to be enjoyed . . . and dedicated to you!



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. . . . the powers that be self-confident seniors with their sentimental ways independent juniors who ignore seniors, tolerate sophomores, and date freshmen timid sophomores who relish heckling freshmen last, but certainly not least, the 44 freshmen--baffled, bewildered, and burdened down with books.



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. . . . classroom moments of inscribed angles, infinitives and gerunds, business letters, and microscopic organisms the whirl of organizations headlines and deadlines of publications the encores and glamour of dramatics.

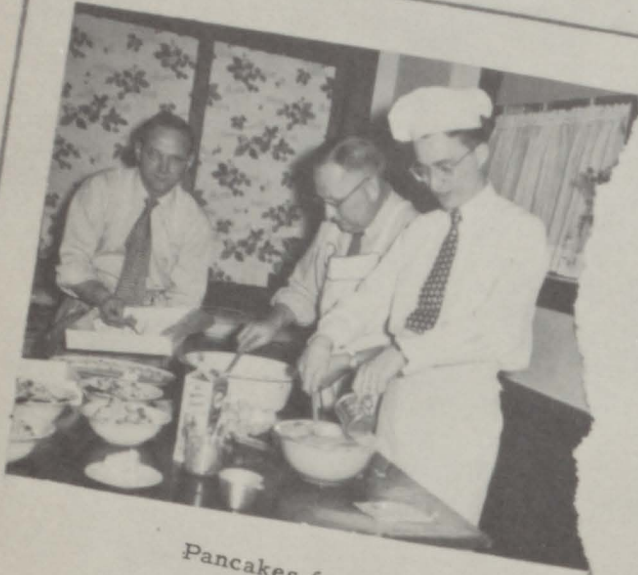


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. . . . royalty with its pomp and grandeur gruelling practice that brings victory to team and triumph for fans music with its charm and self-expression.

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Pancakes for the ladies.



Greetings in art.



Homecoming get-together.



Are we winning, Coach?



Characters

What would a story be like without characters? Likewise, what would AHS be like without Craig Harris and his unceasing laughter--Kathleen Farley and her liltin', tiltin' boogies--Mr. Healy and his four and five dollar words--or Stuart Leafstedt and his marvelous joking ability? These and 128 others give our story characters.



Board of Education

Seated: Vere Larson, Rev. M. D. Johnson, Donald Nygaard, Robert Anderson, chairman.
 Standing: Waldo K. Anderson, Richard Johnson, Lee Numsen.

Officials Who Guide Our Work And Play



Decisions concerning the maintenance of school property and equipment, the school budget, and faculty nominations, fall to the Board of Education. The board meets once a month to discuss these things along with other problems concerning Alcester public school.

With a big smile and a friendly attitude, Supt. Anderson is seen walking to and from his duties at school. Mr. Anderson came to Alcester from Ramona, S. D., and during his first year has promoted many changes.

A new organization formed among the teachers this year has been the CLEA. It compares to the state SDEA on a local level. Some of their social meetings have been a Christmas Party with the men serving pancakes, a Valentine party, and a picnic given by Mr. Anderson.

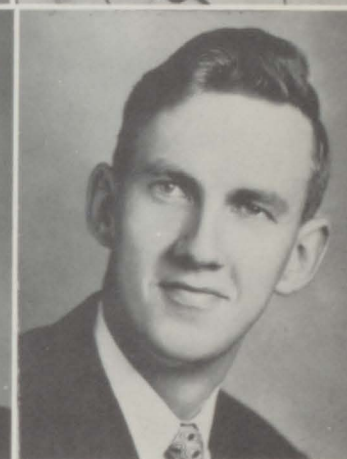
Supt. Waldo K. Anderson

Elsie Myrand
 Social Studies
 Dramatics

Ruth Huether
 Commercial
 Publications

Virginia St. Pierre
 Home Economics
 FHA, Athletics

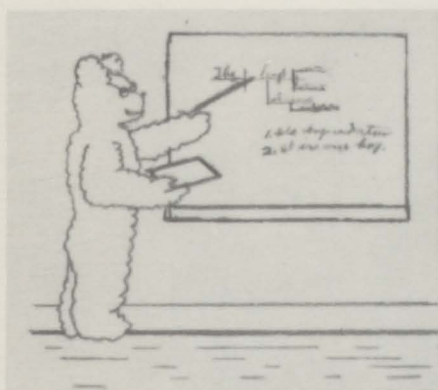




Merla Humphrey
 Grades 3,4,5
 E. R. Dobberstein
 Agriculture
 FFA

Wesley Duiker
 Grades 6, 7, 8
 Omar Bose
 Science
 Music

Marion Sternquist
 Grades 1,2
 Gerald Healy
 English
 Athletics



Begin In September And End In May

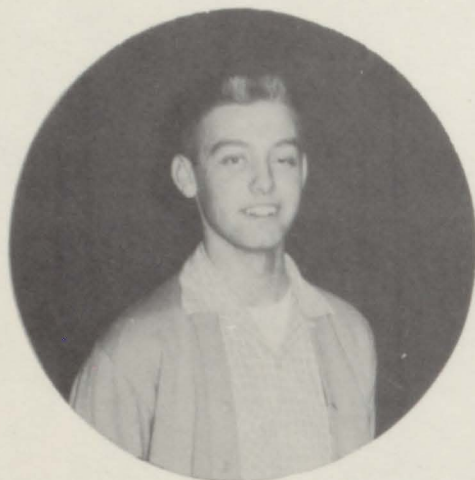
Oscar Newberg
 Custodian
 Mrs. Stanley Anderson
 Office Secretary

Locking and unlocking 32,480 doors, emptying over 2,000 waste baskets, and sweeping 32,320 feet of halls would make anyone tired--yet Oscar does all this in one school year!

Mrs. Anderson's day is a busy one, filled with duplicating papers, typing letters, answering the phone, addressing mail, and many other numerous tasks.



Council Voices Student Opinion In Group Activities



Art Swanson, student body president

As student body president, Art Swanson found many problems facing him for the 1953-54 school year. They were problems which concerned the school as a whole; such as: noon activities, school parties, milk selling, and royal festivities.

Art meets with the student council whenever a new or special issue comes up and through careful consideration all decide on what should be done. In this manner the students are well represented in the school government.



Standing: Larry Johnson, Lowell Wetrosky, Orlin Anderson, Mr. Anderson, Clark Anderton. Seated: Robert Abraham, David Nelson, Stuart Leafstedt, Art Swanson.



"Not At The Top, But Climbing"

FLOWER--Yellow Roses
 COLOR--Yellow and Orchid

OFFICERS

President-----Orlin Anderson
 Vice-President--Courtland Swenson
 Secretary-----James Leafstedt
 Treasurer-----Norene Lapour

Donald Abraham

Chorus; Basketball; Track; Cubette; Dakota; FFA, officer; Boys' quartette; Boys' Glee club; Homecoming attendant; "A" club; Football; Declam.

Orlin Anderson

FFA, officer; Track; Football; Band; Homecoming king; Class officer; "A" club; Dakota; Cubette; Basketball; Pep club.

Eli Andresen

Basketball; "A" club; Track; FFA.

Isabel Buom

FHA, officer; Cubette; Chorus, officer; Pep club, officer; Dakota; Vocal solo, Sextette, Mixed quartette; Declam; Junior play.

Jack Clementson

Football; Basketball; Track; Dakota; Cubette; Junior play; Band; Chorus; Boys' Glee club; Vocal solo; Brass ensembles; Instrumental solo; FFA; "A" club.

Elaine Evjen

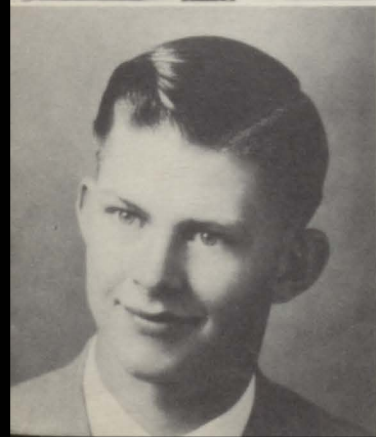
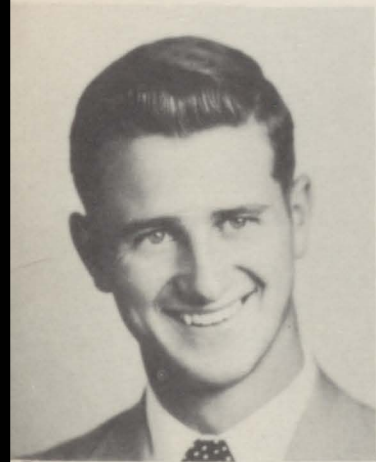
Pep club, officer; FHA, officer; Dakota co-editor; Homecoming attendant; Junior play; Head librarian; GAA; Chorus, officer; FTA, officer; Sweetheart.

Esther Hartman

Dakota; Declam; FHA; GAA; Drill Team; Class officer; Librarian.

Margie Hongslo

Band; GAA; Drill Team; Declam; FHA.





Bonny Henry

Band, officer; Chorus, officer; GAA; Declam; FHA, officer; Dakota co-editor; Class officer; Junior play; Vocal solo; Homecoming queen; FTA; Pep club; Pep band; Vocal trio; Sweetheart attendant.

Earl Johnson

Band; FFA, officer; "A" club; Track manager.

Harry Johnson

Football; Basketball; Track; Cornet trio; Dakota; Cubette; Band; FFA; "A" club, officer; Boys' Glee club; Class officer; Chorus; Homecoming attendant; Vocal solo; Cornet trio.

Norene Lapour

Chorus; Drill Team; FHA, officer; Dakota; Class officer; Sweetheart attendant.

James Leafstedt

Football; Band; FFA; Chorus; Boys' Glee club; Dakota; Cubette; "A" club, officer; Track; Basketball manager; Class officer; Junior play; Cornet trio.

Beverly Leander

Declam; Band, officer; GAA; Chorus, officer; Cubette Ed.; Drill Team; Feature Ed., Sweetheart attendant. Class officer; Homecoming attendant; FHA, officer; One act play; Girls' State Rep.; Pep band; Minnie Larson Award; Junior play; DAR Rep.; Brass sextette; Instrumental and vocal solo; Drum majorette; Cheerleader; Vocal sextette.

Joanne Moberg

FHA, officer; Chorus; Declam; Class officer; Cubette; Junior play; Vocal solo; Pep club; Sweetheart attendant.

Amanda Lundberg

GAA, officer; Cubette; Librarian; FHA, officer; Dakota, business manager; Junior play; Pep club; FTA, officer.

Finished With Government, Sociology, And Thousand Word Themes,
'54

Seniors Look Ahead To The Futures Of Their Dreams

Bennett Nelson

FFA, officer.

Jerome Newberg

Basketball; Football, co-captain; Track; Cubette; Dakota; FFA; "A" club, officer.

Aileta Nylund

Band; GAA; Cubette; FHA; Pep band.

Viola Pearson

Drill Team; Dakota; GAA; Class officer; FHA.

Harold Ronning

Dakota; Cubette; FFA, officer; Basketball; Football; Boys' Glee club; Chorus, officer; Class officer; Junior play.

Arlene Swanson

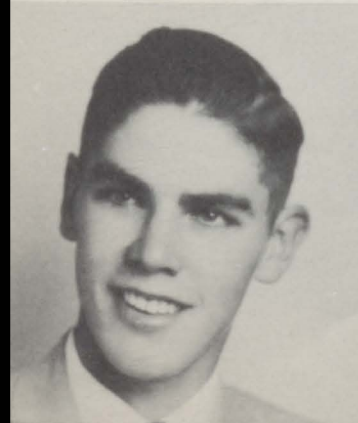
FHA; Pep club; Junior play.

Courtland Swenson

Band; Chorus; Class officer; Cubette photographer; Basketball; Boys' Glee club; Drum solo; Vocal solo, Piano solo; "A" club.

Arthur Swanson

FFA, officer; Chorus, officer; Vocal solo; Boys' quartette; Junior play; Mixed quartette; Basketball; Student body president; Football, manager; "A" club; Boys' State Rep.



Class of '55

Junior Class Plans For Banquet In Spring,



Robert Abraham Ramon Swanson Wendell Larson Duane Ludwig
President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer



Wayne Clark Karen Ramona
Anderberg Anderton Asbjeld Day



Steady now--careful !

Joyce Kathleen LaNiece Edwin
Eggen Farley Fickbohm Groon



As we patiently await our year for caps and gowns, we have been keeping the faculty busy. First was the hayride and the class play, "Mama's Baby Boy." Then many memorable moments were spent preparing for the Junior-Senior banquet. Now the time has come ! We are seniors at last!

Look Forward To Receiving Traditional Class Ring



Lorine
Hagen

Jane
Hebert

Lowell
Jacobson

Dean
Johnson

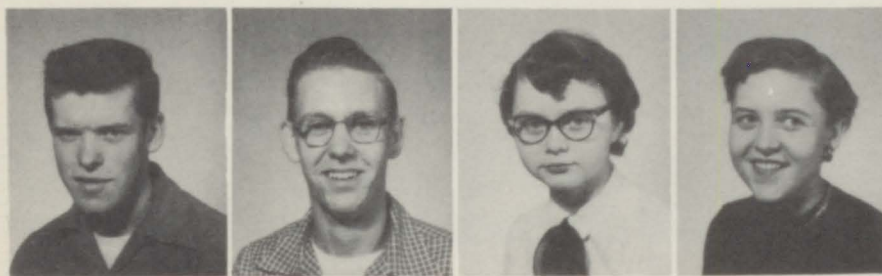


Janice
Lundgren

James
Nelson

Jacqueline
Nygaard

Miriam
Oie



Gaylerd
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Ronald
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Kathleen
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Lizabeth
Treiber



Florence
Voegeli

Donald
Wiberg

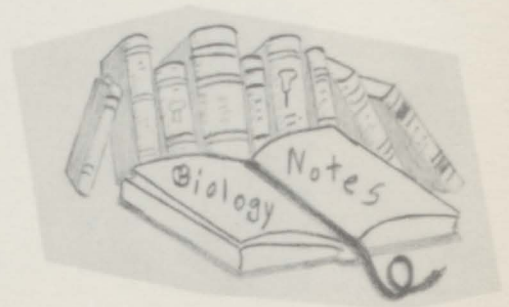
Class of '56 *Too Far From The Top, Too Late To Turn Back,*



Our sophomore year has been a busy one despite the fact that we have had no banquet or play to produce.

Biology was a new and varied experience for all of us, and many interesting times were spent viewing different specimens under the microscope.

Taking an active part in many activities this year has given us a broader understanding of Alcester High, and now we look ahead to the unforgettable moments that will come to us in our junior year.

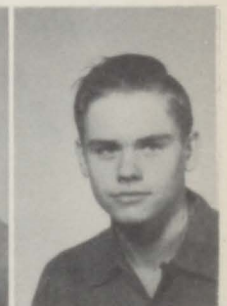


Lowell Wetrosky Mary Hebert Norma Jean Abraham
 President Vice-President Secretary-Treasurer

Sophomore boys have found Agriculture to be more challenging all the time in their shopwork and the various trips they took as judging teams.



Twila Baum JoAnn Clementson Marilyn Fickbohm Melvin Gabel Kent Hammerstrom Bernard Hansen



Jack Hemmelrick Beverly Hebrandson Henry Hummel Muriel Jacobson Marilyn Johnson David Lappegard

Sophomores Continue . . . Just Two Years They Lack!



Donowan
Larson

Mary Delle
Larson

Mona Lee
Larson

Stuart
Leafstedt

Raymond
Lundberg

Eldon
Newberg



Gorman
Nygard

Loree
Olson

Rodney
Olson

Lloyal
Saugstad

Connie
Schnose

Marla
Shuck



Jean Skinner
Joyce Skinner



Sandra Stene
Renee Stephens



Homemaking has had a great effect on the sophomore girls as they have made suits and dresses out of a finer quality material and more difficult pattern than those of their freshman year. They have also had the thrill of preparing large family dinners all by themselves; and with that, the enjoyable task of eating them!

Only Room 8 Holds Them All, As 44 Freshmen Answer Roll Call



David Nelson Bob Johnson Karen Ericson
 President Vice-President Sec.-Treas.

As the year began, we freshmen found ourselves picking up sticks for the Homecoming bonfire. Saved from initiation, we were instead treated to a roller-skating party by the sophomores.

The organization of a freshman chorus gave us a proud feeling, and we made our first performance at the winter concert.

So, after a busy year of getting acquainted with everyone and everything, we look ahead to when we will be "old hands" at this school business and not just "greenhorns."



Leroy Anderberg
 Leslie Anderson
 Beverly Anderton
 Bruce Costar



Miriam Day
 Marlys Dietrich
 Roger Eden
 Maeta Ekren



Coleen Farley
 Sandra Fiksdal
 Elaine Gabel
 Wesley Gunnare



Carol Hagen
 Karen Hagen
 Paul Hagen
 Virginia Hagen
 Marlene Hakl

Class of '57

Craig Harris
JoAnn Hummel
Neoma Hummel
JoAnn Lind



Marilyn Lind
Evelyn Lundberg
Larry Meadors
Jean Miller



Gene Numsen
Kathleen Nylund
Larry Olson
Roger Paulson



Russell Pearson
Marlene Quall
Marlys Ronning
Merland Rusten



Harold Sappingfield
Marvin Schempp
Greg Schumacher, Jr.
Sondra Toft



Dennis Treiber
Eugene Waag
Claude Williams
Terry Wyant



Each Desk Is So Full Of A Number Of Things,



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Row 1: Renee Trudeau, Leanne Anderson, Glenn Hongslo, John Repp, Bradley Tucker, Barbara Elving, John Larson, Peter Repp. Row 2: Mr. Duiker, Lana Skatrud, Renette Hammerstrom, Doreen Numsen, Eldora Shuck, Marlys Hongslo, Kristine Rabey, Robert Hummel, Renee Hammerstrom. Row 3: Curtis Anderberg, Karen Miller, Dorene Hansen, Nancy Bickett, Beverly Stene, Dennis Dean, Royce Lapour, Richard Stroshane.



Above: Fairies and elves plus mother makes an operetta.
Left: Reading for mother.

Of Marbles And Junk And Wadded Up Strings.

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Row 1: Myrna Solberg, Kay Edmunds, Betty Dobberstein, Rhoda Skatrud, Esther Bickett, Susan St. Pierre, Betty Williams, Beverly Andresen. Row 2: Sharon Westling, Colleen Deap, William Rabey, Robert Miller, Mavis Hummel, Sharon McKellips, Claudia Hammerstrom, Linda Trudeau, Mrs. Paul Humphrey. Row 3: Thomas Tucker, Eldean Anderson, Francis Peterson, Ronald DeWall, Donald Larson, Thomas Engebretson, Dennis Huddleston, Gordon Powell. Row 4: David St. Pierre, Gerald Powell, Bruce Johnson, James Hongslo, Del Ray Stephens, Harold Naeve, John Elving, Milton Williams, Eldean Montgomery. Not pictured: Calvin Wadell.

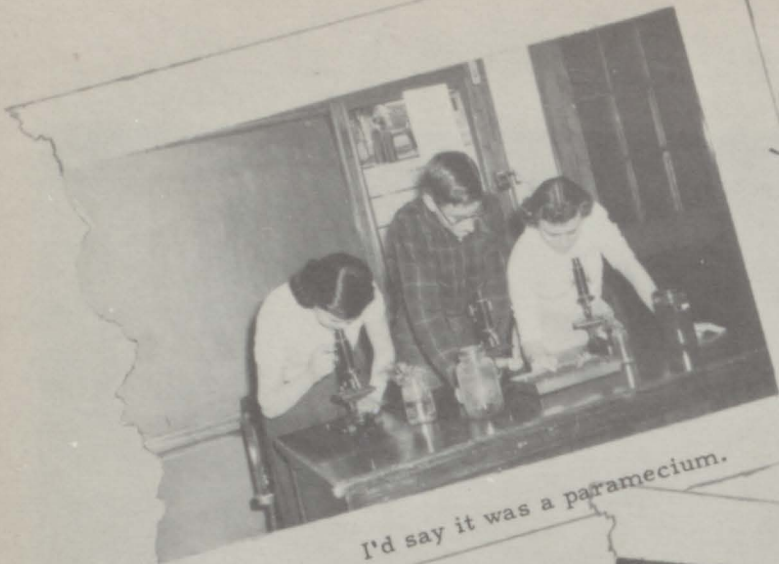
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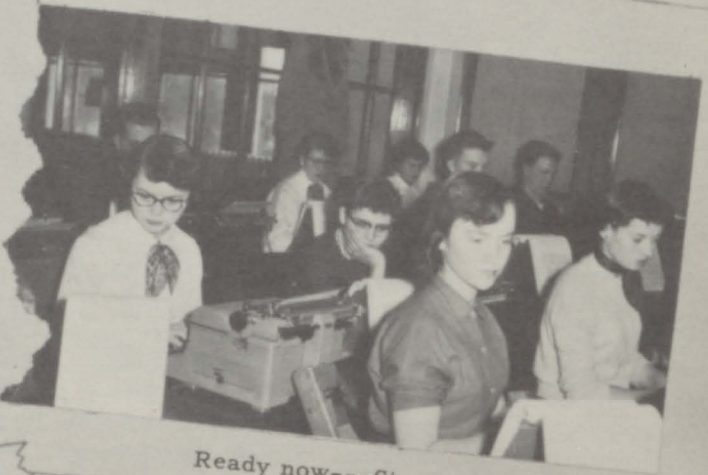
Row 1: Marlyn Dietrich, Cynthia Trudeau, Timothy Repp, Gary Hongslo, Arthur Dobberstein, Madeline Böse, Vicki Stubbs, Eugene DeWall, Donald Anderson. Row 2: Miss Sternquist, Marlene Hongslo, Linda Anderson, Sandra Edmunds, Gerald DeWall, Greg Hammerstrom, Curtis Arne, Carol Hafner, Eileen Lapour, Janet Wyant. Row 3: Gaylen Mulloy, Michael Gandrau, Loren Jacobson, Mary Sellers, Donald Mulloy, Janice Westin, Sandra Swenson, Kathryn McKellips, Leonard Elving. Not Pictured: Norma Williams, Shirley Broline, Gary Gevick.



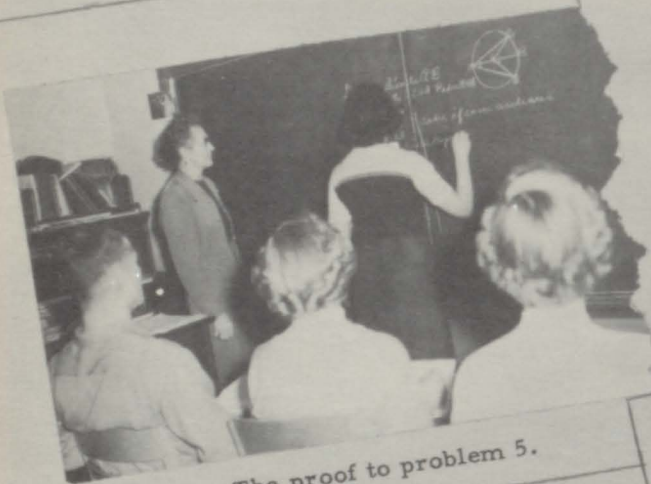
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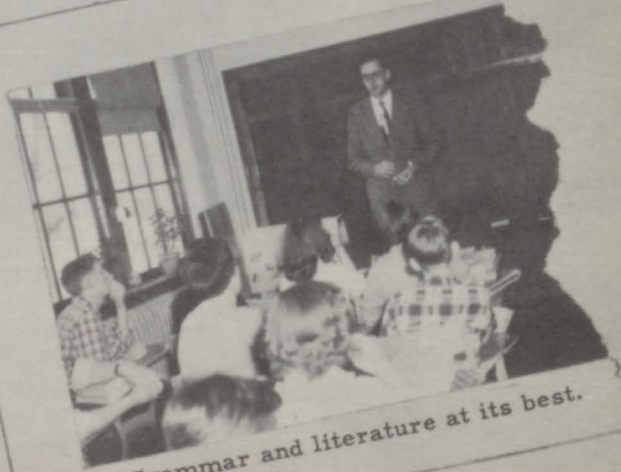
I'd say it was a paramecium.



Ready now---Start!



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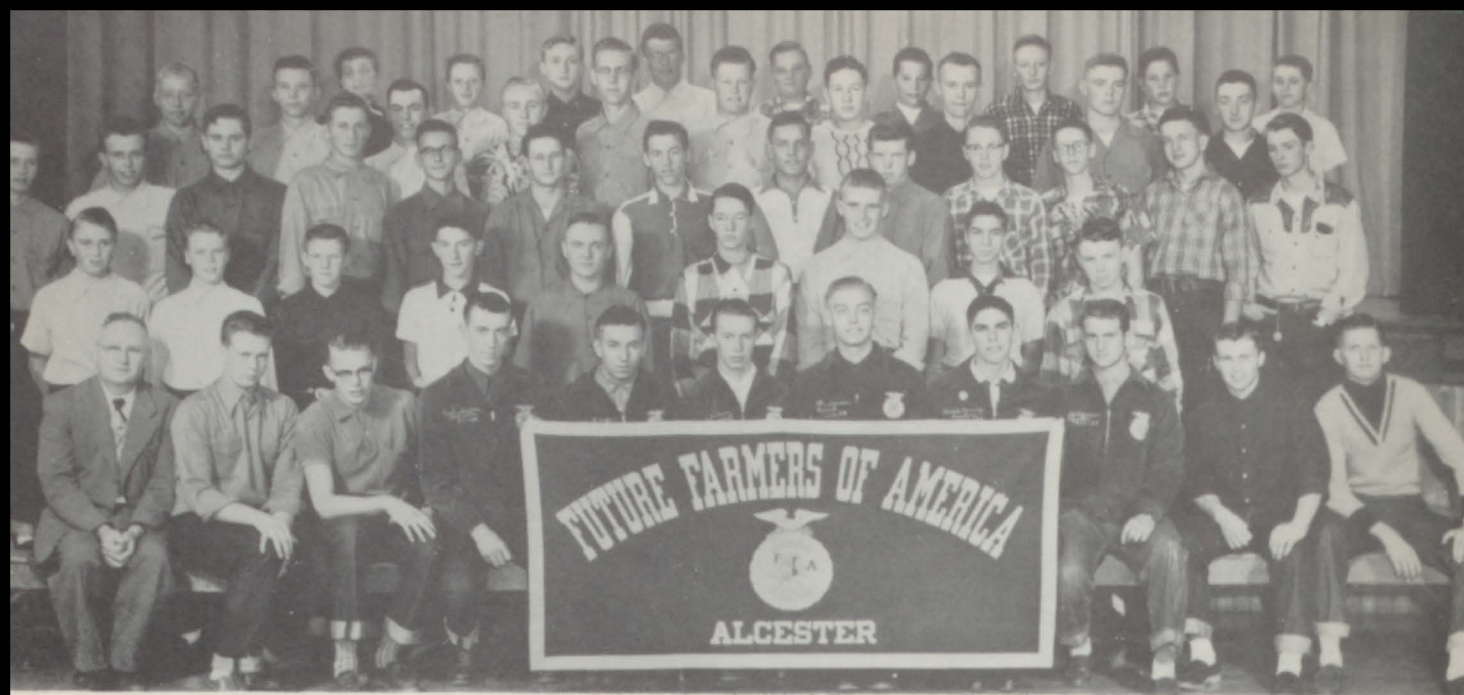


Grammar and literature at its best.



Plot

Just as stories have characters, they also have a plot. The plot of our story holds one's interest from September until May with its interesting classrooms of biology, English, typing, history, and etc., accompanied by the adventuresome dramatic productions, publications, and organizations. These series of incidents work to unfold the plot of our story.



Row 1: Advisor Mr. Dobberstein, J. Leafstedt, J. Newberg, Treas. E. Johnson, Sen. B. Nelson, V. Pres. O. Anderson, Pres. A. Swanson, Sec. H. Ronning, Rep. D. Abraham, L. Johnson, J. Clementson. Row 2: D. Treiber, L. Meadors, L. Olson, W. Gunnare, H. Sappingfield, B. Costar, C. Harris, R. Lundberg, G. Nygard. Row 3: C. Anderton, S. Leafstedt, D. Lappegard, R. Abraham, L. Saugstad, H. Hummel, J. Hemmelrick, L. Wetrosky, G. Olson, B. Johnson, G. Numsen, R. Eden, M. Gabel. Row 4: R. Swanson, D. Johnson, D. Ludwig, D. Wiberg, R. Olson, E. Groon, J. Nelson, R. Olson, E. Newberg, R. Pearson. Row 5: M. Schempp, L. Anderson, D. Nelson, W. Larson, R. Paulson, G. Waag, G. Schumacher, M. Rusten, P. Hagen.

Top: Dudes from Kansas City. Bottom: Oh yes, we study too! Getting ready for a picnic?

Learning To Do



FFA officers--Art, Orlin, Earl, Harold, Bennett, and Don--were a happy bunch with their ten gallon hats, canes, and eyes half closed as they returned home from their trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, where they spent one week.

National FFA Week was observed in February, and during that week the boys presented an assembly program to the student body.





Row 1: Adv. Mrs. St. Pierre, M. Hongslo, J. Lind, K. Ostlund, L. Fickbohm, Parl. A. Lundberg, Treas. B. Henry, Sec. K. Asbjeld, Pres. M. Jacobson, V. Pres. J. Hebert, Mus. Leader I. Buum, Rep. K. Farley A. Swanson, V. Pearson, E. Hartman, J. Eggen. Row 2: B. Leander, J. Skinner, A. Nylund, T. Buum, S. Stene, B. Anderton, M. Ronning, M. Hakl, N. Hummel, F. Voegeli, J. Nygaard, L. Hagen, C. Farley, M. Quall, E. Gabel. Row 3: M. Lind, C. Hagen, M. Dietrich, L. Olson, B. Herbrandson, M. Larson, J. Lundgren, E. Evjen, R. Stephens, R. Day, E. Lundberg, M. Hebert, J. Clementson, K. Nylund, S. Fiksdal. Row 4: M. Ekren, M. Johnson, M. Larson, K. Hagen, M. Day, M. Fickbohm, N. Abraham, J. Skinner, K. Ericson, J. Hummel, J. Miller. Row 5: M. Oie, C. Schnose, V. Hagen, S. Toft, M. Shuck, L. Treiber, N. Lapour.

Toward New Horizons

Honor was bestowed upon the FHA when past president, Jackie Nygaard, was elected first vice-president of the state organization. The election was held at Huron and six girls and Mrs. St. Pierre attended the event.

As a result of the Round Robin Visitation Program, Hudson's FHA girls were guests at one of our regular meetings, and we enjoyed an afternoon with the Canton FHA.

Another Mother-Daughter banquet was sponsored on March 11, and in April several rural eighth graders were again invited to a tea and social hour in the gym.

The meeting of the FHA will now come to order..

As we work, we play.



This is such a surprise!



Row 1: J. Eggen, V. Pearson, E. Hartman, M. Johnson, Head Librarian E. Evjen, Asst. Librarian J. Lundgren. Row 2: B. Herbrandson, K. Hagen, M. Day, V. Hagen, M. Lind, Advisor Miss Myrand. Row 3: N. Abraham, A. Lundberg, J. Hebert, M. Larson.



*If you're longing now for laughter
 Just take along a book.
 If it's Romance that you're after,
 Why, take along a book!
 If adventure seems to hold you,
 If tales of love unfold you,
 Just remember what we told you,
 To take along a book.*

Books--The Tools We Build With

Library

A librarian on duty finds herself checking books, magazines, and dictionaries in and out for most of the period. Each has a turn at dusting shelves and bookcases and also seeing that the 22 up-to-date magazines obtained by the school are kept in order.

The library room had its face lifted this year as its woodwork was painted from brown to a bright blue-green.



Whether it's for research or just for finding a good book to read on a winter night, the card files in the library are an immense aid to students.

The right book found, a librarian is then on hand to check it out.

Declam Students

Row 1: M. Dietrich, K. Hagen, C. Hagen, J. Clementson, B. Herbrandson, J. Miller. Row 2: B. Leander, E. Evjen, M. Oie, C. Farley, M. Jacobson, Director Miss Myrand. Row 3: B. Henry J. Moberg, I. Buum, J. Nygaard.



Talent Plus Hard Work Brings A Journey To State

An unusually successful year was seen by Alcester's declam students. Beverly Leander, dramatic student, won a superior rating in the district contest with her reading, "Elnora." She also took first place at the regional and went on to be

a contender in the State contest at Pierre. There she won an excellent rating.

At the Tri-Valley contest, Elaine Evjen won a first in poetry and JoAnn Clementson received an honorable mention in her humorous reading.



Local Contest Winners

Joanne Moberg, poetry. Jackie Nygaard, oratory. Bonny Henry humorous. Beverly Leander, dramatic.

Seldom does one find a person as patient as Miss Myrand, AHS declam director. Listening to fifteen different girls say their pieces around ten different times would make most of us bored. Yet she listens with the same attentiveness each time and always has a helpful suggestion to offer.

Curtain Going Up!

. . . . On "Mama's Baby Boy"

Under the direction of Miss Myrand, the Junior class presented its annual play, "Mama's Baby Boy." Co-starring in this year's production were Karen Asbjeld and Don Wiberg as a middle-aged widow and widower who found that marriage for money isn't the answer. Other members in the cast included Clark Anderton, Kathleen Ostlund, Jackie Nygaard, Janice Lundgren,

Ramona Day, Lorine Hagen, Kathleen Farley, Wendell Larson, and Ramon Swanson.

Weather proved to be a contender in the presentation, as the season's most severe ice storm prevented the usual Thursday and Friday night performances. As a result, the play was given on Friday and the following Monday night.

Top: "We're looking for 'Mama's Baby Boy.' "
Bottom: The cast takes a bow.

Top: For money or love? Bottom: "Lawsy Master Shepherd. . . your clothes!"



Right: Smiles of approval come as business managers view a poster made to boost their sales. Far right: Decisions upon decisions must be made by the editors and art editor as they mold plans for a successful yearbook. Bottom: Many hands make efforts easy.



The 1954 Cubette staff united their efforts early in the school year to meet deadlines in order to get the yearbook in the hands of its readers before school ended. Each member of the staff was responsible for the arranging of a page in the yearbook. This took much time and effort on the part of the members and on the editors as well. But the time passed quickly and soon all deadlines were gone and material for the yearbook was on its way to the printers.

Some of the duties of the business staff are collecting ads, selling subscriptions, and this year they sponsored an amateur program in the fall for the purpose of raising extra funds for the Cubette.



Cubette Staff Aims At Spring Delivery

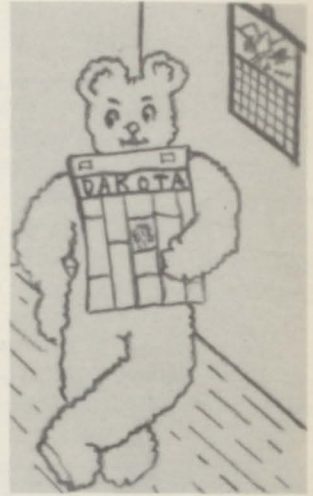
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The Dakota



Row 1: D. Ludwig, D. Abraham, B. Henry, E. Evjen, B. Leander, K. Farley, K. Asbjeld. Row 2: P. Hagen, K. Hagen, V. Hagen, J. Miller, M. Hakl, C. Hagen, N. Lapour, M. Shuck, S. Toft, Adv. Miss Huether. Row 3: M. Hebert, B. Herbrandson, M. Jacobson, I. Buum, J. Hebert, R. Day, J. Hummel, S. Fiksdal, J. Skinner. Row 4: L. Johnson, B. Johnson, J. Clementson, A. Swanson, H. Ronning, J. Leafstedt, L. Olson.



Editorial Staff

Many hours were spent each month issuing Alcester High's paper, "The Dakota." Stories were first assigned and deadlines posted by the editors Bonny Henry and Elaine Evjen. Then each member wrote his story which was later checked and rewritten by the editors. On the Friday afternoon of printing day, Elaine, Bonny, and Miss Huether went to the printing office to work with the Heath brothers for final layout and printing.



Members of American Legion veterans On-the-spot program has been discontinued with the expiration of the program on October 31. Miller of the Veteran Ad-



berstein and Mrs. St. Pierre, advisors. who participated were Beverly Brandson and Miriam Oie. A first place rating in humorous writing by Bonny Henry, who's piece was "The Eves," Jo- has degrees in Or- of South Da- s of previo- t year at P- se has a v- pet peeve- y Anderso- cy as offic- rease in En- increase of- blic Schools- gust 31 wit- school has- 3. The fresh- 44 student- has 32 mem- brs 24. des, the pri- intermediat- igh 26. With- ncrease of- :00 cul- Buses On-

Clothing

The FFA

Strives To Keep Students Posted



Recording income or outgo, Amanda?

Business Staff

A busy organization of the Dakota has been the business staff. To maintain a sound financial status, members spent their time collecting ads from local business men and selling subscriptions to students. Besides this, they had the job of circulating each edition by folding for distribution and wrapping for mailing. Business manager Amanda Lundberg was responsible for the financial operations of the staff as well as preparing all ads for final print.



Would you like an ad this month?



Standing: Robert Abraham, Donowan Larson, Lowell Wetrosky, Russell Pearson, Gene Numsen, Karen Ericson. Seated: MaryDelle Larson, Janice Lundgren, Don Wiberg, Amanda Lundberg, Miriam Oie, Stuart Leafstedt, Florence Voegeli, Miriam Day.

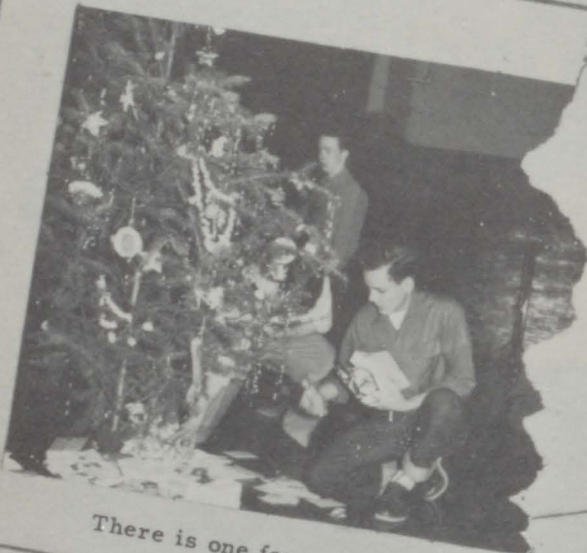
This Is Our Story



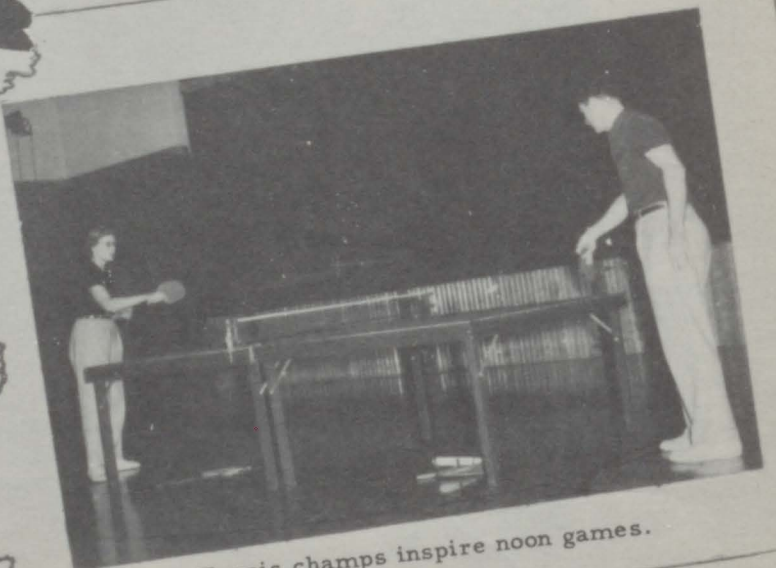
You just have to know how.



A song with a cheer.



There is one for everyone.



Tennis champs inspire noon games.



Local Color

Local color is the factor that marks a narrative as having happened in some special place as it reveals the traits of the place and its people.

Alcester High students have the peculiarities of wearing three-cent boosters for a game....of crowning a king and queen in October and a sweetheart in February....of wearing blue and gold....and of practicing a cornet trio in the shower room. In these can be seen our local color.



Queen Bonny Henry and King Orlin Anderson.

Memories That Linger

Homecoming! A day planned for weeks and remembered months after. First there was the "arm-breaking" snake dance which commenced Thursday night. Then Friday brought the colorful parade of floats. Remember while we listened to the band play "The Thunderer," Mother Nature answered and caused a steady downpour of rain to fall? In spite of this, however, the parade proved to be a success.

Due to the weather, we saw our king and queen crowned the following Friday night. At this time, Mrs. Marie Anderson presented a plaque to student body president, Art Swanson, in memory of her daughter, Joyce. This plaque was then presented to Queen Bonny, and will be presented to each homecoming queen hereafter.

Following the crowning ceremony, fans saw the Cubs win a glorious victory over Hudson, bringing to an end another AHS Homecoming.

Mrs. Marie Anderson with memorial plaque.

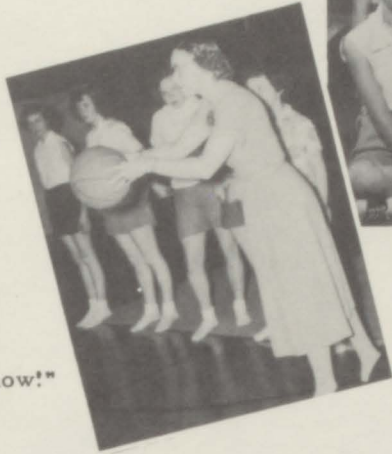
King and attendants: Larry Johnson, David Lappergard, David Nelson, Orlin Anderson, Dean Johnson.

Queen received plaque from prexy.

Queen and attendants: Beverly Leander, Bonny Henry, Kathleen Farley, Carol Hagen, Marilyn Johnson.

Education --

Physical And Vocational



"Watch closely now!"



GAA. Row 1: M. Fickbohm, J. Lind, J. Hebert, E. Hartman, V. Pearson, Row 2: J. Skinner, E. Lundberg, F. Voegeli, J. Skinner, M. Oie, M. Hongslo, S. Toft. Row 3: M. Hebert, M. Quall, E. Gabel, Adv. Mrs. St. Pierre, A. Lundberg, M. Lind, M. Shuck.

"It's a beautiful day--lets go for a hike," suggest the GAA students as roll is called. If not this, the girls will get their exercise from softball, basketball, volley ball, or calisthenics under the able leadership of Mrs. St. Pierre.

The FTA is a newly organized program for students who are interested in becoming teachers in the near future. The name of the organization is the General Beadles FTA and it is under the direction of Mr. Anderson. The officers were installed in a candlelight ceremony at a PTA meeting.



"1-2-3 down."



FTA. Row 1: V. Pres. K. Farley, Pres. J. Nygaard, Sec.-Treas. A. Lundberg, Parl. E. Evjen, Hist. Twila Buum. Row 2: M. Larson, M. Fickbohm, B. Herbrandson, M. Jacobson, B. Henry. Row 3: Advisor Mr. Anderson, L. Olson, S. Stene, J. Skinner, L. Saugstad.

Fans Follow Exciting Triumphs As Cubs



Practice makes painful.



Row 1: K. Hammerstrom, L. Meadors, D. Nelson, B. Hansen, L. Anderberg, R. Johnson, C. Harris, G. Olson. Row 2: R. Olson, C. Anderton, S. Leafstedt, R. Abraham, H. Ronning, L. Jacobson, R. Olson, E. Newberg, J. Hemmelrick, R. Swanson. Row

The Alcester Cubs had a successful football season in 1953, finishing fourth in the conference. Coach Healy guided his thirty football trainees through many hours of grueling practice to see the team gain power as the season progressed. Eight seniors formed a good foundation on which to build the team. They were Don Abraham, Orlin Anderson, Jack Clementson, Larry Johnson, James Leafstedt, Jerome Newberg, Harold Ronning,

and Art Swanson. "Shorts" Anderberg repeatedly thrilled fans as he led the team in carrying the pigskin across the goal line. Jerome Newberg, senior, and "Shorts" Anderberg, junior, were players selected for the Tri-Valley All-Conference team. The grid season ended with a triumphant note as the Cubs earned an inspiring victory from the favored Hudson Trojans.



Offensive Line-up

Ends: Jerome Newberg, Dean Johnson. Center: James Leafstedt. Backs: Jack Clementson, Wayne Anderberg, and Larry Johnson.

End Season With Commendable Record



3: Manager W. Larson, W. Anderberg, D. Abraham, D. Lappegard, J. Newberg, A. Swanson, D. Johnson, J. Leafstedt, J. Clementson, D. Wiberg, D. Ludwig, O. Anderson, L. Johnson, Coach Healy.



The Cubs' most ardent fans.

Top: Clementson hangs on for a sure tackle.
Bottom: Swanson interrupts a Jefferson gain.

Won 4 -- Lost 2 -- Tied 1

Alcester

13
41
0
8
32
25
19

Opponents

Jefferson-13
Meckling-12
Wakonda-27
Viborg-27
Irene-24
Gayville- 0
Hudson-14





Row 1: M. Jacobson, J. Nygaard, M. Hebert. Row 2: M. Shuck, J. Skinner, K. Ericson, S. Stene, J. Hebert, J. Leafstedt. Row 3: B. Henry, R. Stephens, L. Meadors, R. Olson, B. Leander, E. Johnson, K. Asbjeld.

Reading music by bonfire light after the snake dance, appearing on television over Sioux Falls, playing in concerts and at festivals, and a "must" at basketball games, describes our busy high school band.

Symphonies And Marches By The Band

Left: M. Dietrich, M. Jacobson, C. Swenson, J. Miller, and M. Shuck represented AHS as instrumental soloists at regional contest. Below: Young men with the horns are J. Leafstedt, S. Leafstedt, and L. Johnson.





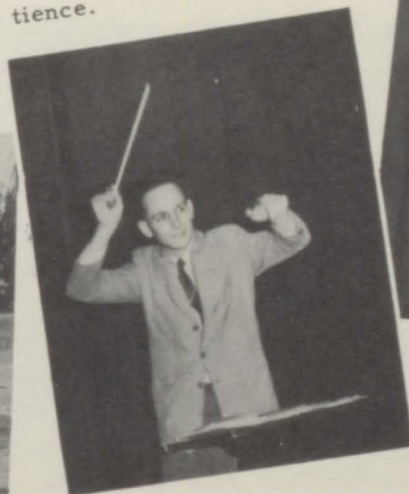
Row 1: R. Day, J. Lundgren, A. Nylund. Row 2: L. Johnson, D. Johnson, S. Leafstedt, M. Fickbohm, M. Day, L. Hagen, M. Dietrich, M. Larson. Row 3: J. Miller, B. Herbrandson, L. Olson, K. Farley, J. Clementson. Standing: Director Mr. Bose, O. Anderson, C. Swenson, L. Jacobson, K. Waddell.

Turns AHS Into A Music Land

The guitar that played its way to beauty by taking first prize.



Our bands quality is readily enriched by Mr. Bose's patience.



Get in step with Beverly Leander.

Just Give Us A Song To Sing

Soloists

Practice pays off when soloists of AHS bring home three firsts from the regional contest at Vermillion. Arthur Swanson, Courtland Swenson, and Isabel Baum received the three first. Larry Johnson, Bonny Henry Joanne Moberg, and Beverly Leander each placed second; and Lorine Hagen placed third.



Arthur Swanson, Bass; Larry Johnson, Bass; Courtland Swenson, Baritone.



Bonny Henry, Contralto; Joanne Moberg, Contralto; Beverly Leander, Mezzo-Soprano; Lorine Hagen, Soprano; Isabel Baum, Contralto.

Freshman Chorus

The freshman chorus became a new feature in music this year. Organized by Mr. Bose, practice was held every Wednesday and Friday, and the winter concert saw them making their debut with pastel colors for the girls and white for the boys. "Sing Noel" was heard by the audience as thirty-two members raised their voices in song.

Row 1: Director Mr. Bose, S. Toft, E. Lundberg, J. Hummel, M. Dietrich, K. Ericson, S. Fiksdal, C. Hagen, K. Hagen, V. Hagen, M. Lind. Row 2: M. Ronning, C. Farley, J. Miller, M. Hakl, M. Day, B. Anderton, M. Ekren, K. Nylund, M. Quall, J. Lind. Row 3: L. Olson, G. Schumacher, D. Nelson, L. Anderberg, R. Eden, C. Harris, D. Treiber, M. Schempp, W. Gunnare, M. Rusten, L. Anderson, P. Hagen.





Is my collar on straight?

Row 1: J. Clementson, M. Larson, M. Shuck, F. Voegeli, J. Skinner, L. Hagen, M. Jacobson, B. Herbrandson, J. Eggen, I. Baum, E. Evjen, B. Henry, J. Skinner. Row 2: M. Hebert, M. Fickbohm, N. Lapour, B. Leander, R. Day, M. Larson, N. Abraham, M. Oie, R. Stephens, K. Asbjeld, J. Hebert, T. Baum, J. Moberg, Director Mr. Bose. Row 3: L. Olson, M. Johnson, C. Anderton, D. Abraham, R. Abraham, W. Larson, D. Larson, B. Hansen, J. Nygaard, J. Lundgren, K. Farley. Row 4: L. Saugstad, S. Leafstedt, L. Wetrosky, K. Hammerstrom, J. Leafstedt, R. Swanson, D. Johnson, C. Swenson, A. Swanson, R. Olson, H. Ronning, E. Newberg, J. Hemmelrick, L. Johnson.

For Music Can Charm One's Soul

Mixed Chorus

With a song in their hearts, the fifty-one-voice chorus contributed their part in the winter concert by singing such songs as "Summertime," "I Wonder As I Wander," and other favorites. Special solos, trios, and echo quartet arrangements were effectively worked into the regular numbers, thrilling the hearts of the many that listened.



Three Little Maids:
Lorine Hagen, Ramona Day, Jo-Ann Clementson

Community Building And New Suits

Add Zest To Hardcourt Season



"Let's go get 'em boys."

Alcester's Cubs ended the basketball season with a fine record of 17 wins and 8 losses. In conference standing they attained second place and were runners-up in the Tri-Valley Tournament.

Hudson's Invitational tournament spelled victory for Alcester as the Cubs claimed first place after defeating Viborg and Irene. Losing to Hurley and to Hudson, the Cubs came out with fourth place in the district.

A big surprise to the team and their fans was the receiving of new white suits. Use of the new community building for the last few games permitted many more fans to watch the Cubs in action.

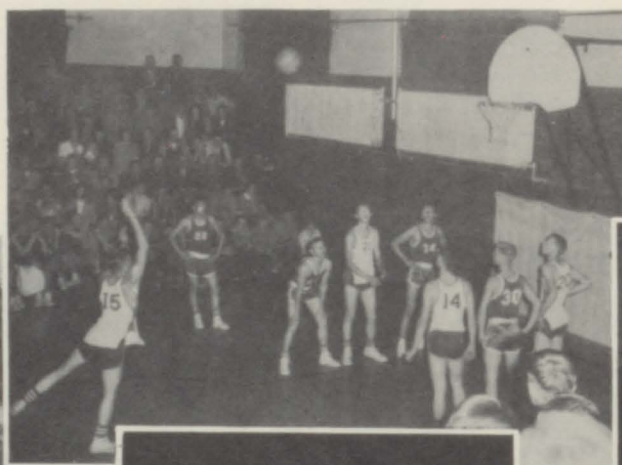
The "B" team went on record as undefeated, and Coach Healy treated the boys to an oyster stew.

Alcester	Opponents	
43	Hawarden	40
56	Gayville	37
32	Volin	36
51	Wakonda	38
51	Jefferson	40

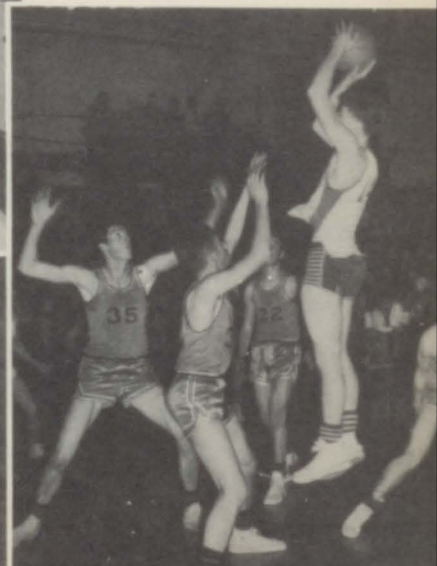
Alcester	Opponents	
44	Viborg	55
60	Meckling	37
50	Emery	52
45	Lennox	48
43	Beresford	45
52	Hudson	40

Alcester	Opponents	
51	Wakonda	41
53	Hawarden	37
80	Irene	48
38	Beresford	28
50	Hudson	40
63	Elk Point	44

Bottom: A "tip-off" in the Alcester-Wakonda game.



Top Center: He shot a ball into the air. . . .



"B"
T e a m

Managers Don Wiberg
and James Leafstedt.



Row 1: D. Ludwig, R. Swanson, S. Leafstedt, D. Lappegard, K. Hammerstrom, J. Hemmelrick.
Row 2: R. Olson, B. Hansen, B. Johnson, R. Pearson, R. Olson, B. Costar, C. Anderton, T. Wyant.
Row 3: P. Hagen, C. Williams, W. Gunnare, L. Meadors, E. Groon, G. Numsen, D. Treiber, D. Nelson, Coach Healy.

Victories For "B" Team Bring Oyster Stew

Row 1: Coach Healy, C. Swenson, D. Johnson, E. Andresen, J. Newberg, A. Swanson, D. Abraham, L. Anderberg. Row 2: D. Larson, W. Anderberg, E. Newberg, R. Abraham, L. Jacobson.

"A"
T e a m



Assemblies And Corn Picking And Letters Of "A"



"A" Club

Furthering the interest in athletics, promoting good sportsmanship, and improving the athletic standards of Alcester High School are the aims of the "A" Club. Monthly meetings are held at the members' homes. It is an honorary organization for lettermen earning letters in football, basketball, track or as managers. Lettermen are considered worthy of representing the club and school.

Special activities this year have included explaining the rules and violations of both football and basketball to the student body, and the lettermen also took up the project of picking up corn last fall to supply their treasury with a little extra cash.

"This is how we do it," as explained by J. Newberg, Mr. Healy, C. Swenson, D. Abraham, J. Clementson, and E. Andresen at the basketball assembly.

Row 1: D. Lappgard, Vice-Pres. D. Ludwig, O. Anderson, W. Anderberg, J. Newberg, Pres. D. Johnson. Row 2: Mr. Healy, D. Abraham, E. Johnson, E. Andresen, Sec.-Treas. J. Leafstedt. Row 3: L. Johnson, C. Swenson, A. Swanson, J. Hemmelrick. Row 4: W. Larson, R. Abraham, L. Jacobson.





Row 1: Cheerleaders: J. Nygaard, R. Day, B. Leander, J. Clementson. Row 2: S. Toft, M. Shuck, M. Lind, K. Nylund, Treas. I. Buum, Pres. E. Evjen, Sec. J. Miller, V. Pres. K. Asbjeld, J. Lind, E. Lundberg. Row 3: J. Skinner, M. Hebert, K. Ericson, M. Jacobson, N. Abraham, T. Buum, S. Stene, M. Ronning, J. Moberg, A. Swanson, F. Voegeli. Row 4: C. Hagen, M. Day, B. Anderton, L. Olson, B. Herbrandson, M. Johnson, K. Hagen, A. Nylund, J. Skinner, M. Oie. Row 5: L. Hagen, B. Henry, J. Hummel, M. Larson, M. Fickbohm, C. Farley, A. Lundberg, M. Ekren, R. Stephens, J. Hebert, H. Hummel. Row 6: L. Johnson, O. Anderson, M. Dietrich, V. Hagen, S. Fiksdal, M. Hakl, M. Larson, M. Schempp, J. Lundgren, L. Wetrosky, L. Saugstad, L. Olson.

Boosters And Bus Rides And Learning New Yells

Pep Club

Alcester's school spirit was lifted this year as students signed up to become members of the Pep Club. One of the club's main projects was making booster emblems. Students were kept guessing each time as to what type of booster they would see. Curiosities were well satisfied as the committees came up with such clever emblems as Whip Wakonda, Pluck Eagles, Start-tle Comets, or Hammer Hudson.



Above: While fans are calm, the Pep Club sells. Left: I'll take a booster. . .with the pin!



Four energetic personalities led in cheering the Cubs to victory. The cheerleaders in their blue and gold uniforms have been doing excellent work in leading the supporters. Besides the old familiar yells, the girls have introduced several new ones.

Color has been added to the games by the marching of the drillteam and twirlers at the halftime. The girls are sporting new uniforms this year,--blue jumpers and gold sweaters for the drillteam, and fur-trimmed gold uniforms for the twirlers.

Pepper And Spice

CHEERLEADERS. Row 1: J. Nygaard, J. Clementson, Row 2: R. Day, B. Leander.

These Little Girls Are Made Of

DRILLTEAM. Row 1: L. Hagen, F. Voegeli, S. Toft, Mrs. St. Pierre, S. Fiksdal, K. Ostlund, V. Hagen. Row 2: N. Hummel, K. Hagen, J. Hummel, M. Hakl, L. Fickbohm, J. Skinner. Row 3: M. Larson, N. Abraham, M. Johnson, C. Farley, E. Gabel, J. Lind. Row 4: M. Oie, C. Hagen, M. Ekren.



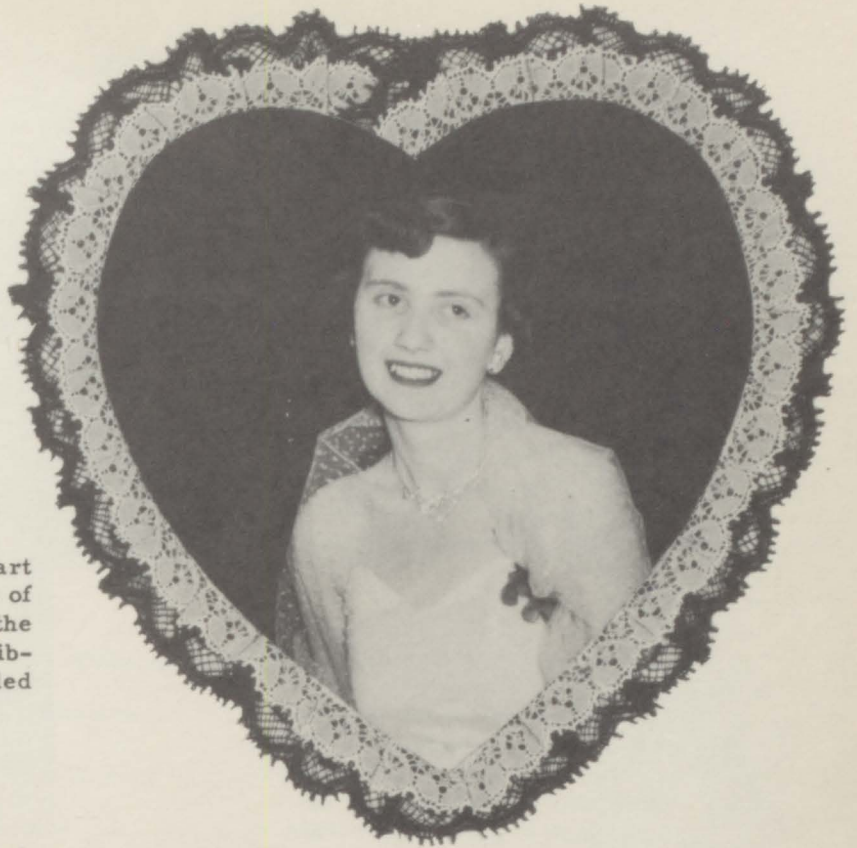
TWIRLERS. B. Anderton, K. Nylund, M. Hebert, S. Toft.



Let Me Call

You Sweetheart . .

Spectators at Alcester's Sweetheart game saw a variety of talent as girls of the drillteam humorously portrayed the tunes that grandmother used to sing. Gibson girl dresses and derby hats added much reality to the performance.



Her Attendants

Norene Lapour
Joanne Moberg

Beverly Leander
Bonny Henry

"Our Sweetheart," Elaine Evjen.

Then to the strains of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," the four attendants made their appearance in colorful formals under the spotlight. The last to appear was our lovely queen, Elaine Evjen, dressed in a formal of white. After the crowning ceremony, the queen and her "ladies" took their seats upon a throne and joined in cheering for Alcester as the Cubs downed Elk Point by a 63-44 margin.

"I can't afford a carriage."



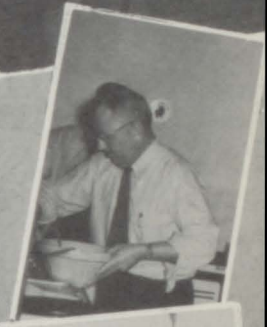
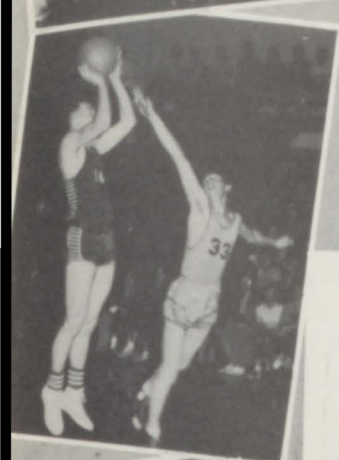
As Spring Cometh . . .

With spring comes the thought of track, the Junior-Senior banquet and Career Day. Track is the main sport in the spring. Jerome Newberg achieved entrance in the state track meet in high jumping. . . . The annual Tri-Valley Conference Career Day was held with Alcester host. All the seniors of the schools in the Tri-Valley Conference attended the sessions. . . . The Junior-Senior banquet was held in the Alcester Baptist church with "Travel" as its theme. Some of the room decorations of the banquet were a lighthouse and a deck of a ship. Boats, airplanes and cars were centerpieces for the tables.



1. Future plans are guided at Career Day.
2. Who shall the winner be?
3. Behind the scenes of the banquet.
4. Stewardesses and porters.
5. Gang-Plank Quartet.
6. Bring on the "grub" and lets eat.
7. A lighthouse to guide our travels.

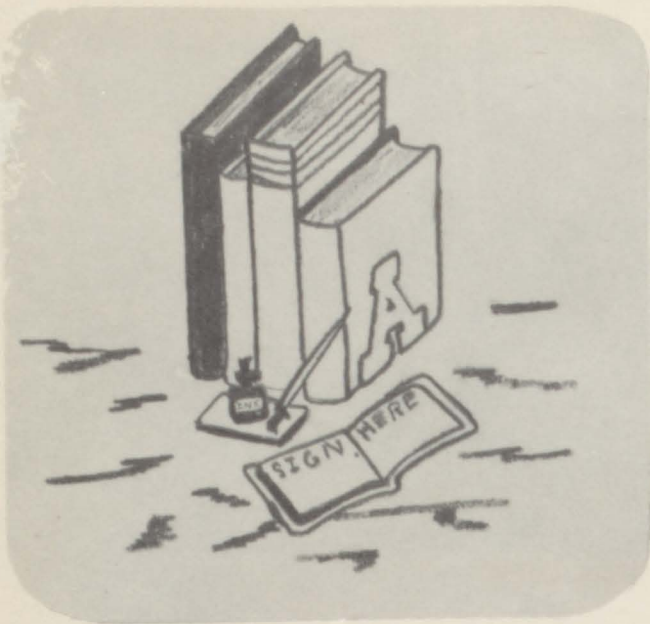




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