

WE THE SENIORS OF 1942

## **DEDICATE**

this Book

to

the Faculty of W. C. H. S. who has supported our enterprises; imparted their knowledge for our acceptance and benefit; understood our problems, and guided us to the best of their ability; and last, but by no means least, instilled the ideals of Democracy in our minds the better to prepare us to take our place in the world. To Mr. Martin in particular do we dedicate these efforts for showing us the possibilities of setting up a goal and refusing to acknowledge defeat until the goal is reached. May we fulfill the effort and confidences they have placed in us.

"May the Star Spangled Banner continue to wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."

### BACKWARD AND FORWARD

With a progressive community; a far sighted school board; an efficient faculty; an open minded student body; and the good record from the past years, Wright City is able to offer a building, a curriculum, transportation and a hot lunch facilities not generally found in a town of its size.

The building, a monument to progressiveness, became a necessity as the number of students grew from 5 to 135 over a period of about 15 years. But when we look back over the years and see the records of the graduates of W. C. H. S. as they come up against the problems of every day life, we realize that the sacrifices of Wright City and its citizens have not been in vain.

It is the enterprising citizenry of the small American communities that make our democratic ideals feasible, as opposed to the totalitarian principles of many foreign countries.

May our high school continue to function. May its teachers be inspired to put at the students command those facts and principles which make for happy, honest, clear thinking, straight-living citizens. May the students, both now and in the future, be able to look back over their school days as a time well spent—as a time in which they fitted themselves for whatever place they were to fill in the future.







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The Seniors wish to express our appreciation to the Board of Education for their untiring efforts on our behalf. Through your diligence our school ranks as one of the best. It was your foresight and cooperation which gave us the opportunity of receiving a background for our future aims and ambitions.





#### SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago, in September of 1938, we entered high school not knowing many in our class. The following class officers were elected: Maurine Hedeman, President; Bertina Prior, Vice-President; Blanche Stamer, Secretary-Treasurer; Wallace Ordelheide and Grace Symes, Student Council Members. Miss Louise Clough was chosen as our sponsor.

In 1938 only one new member was added to the class. They elected the following officers: Blanche Stamer, President; Maurice Hedeman, Vice-President; Grace Symes, Secretary-Treasurer; Bertinia Prior and Alger Williams, Student Council Members. Mr. Martin was their sponsor. Their social activities included several parties that year.

In 1940 this same group of students entered high school as Juniors. Their Junior Play "Introducin' Susan" was enjoyed by all who attended it. These officers represented the Junior Class: Grace Symes, President; Maurice Hedeman, Vice-President; Eileen Gerdeman, Secretary-Treasurer; Blanche Stamer and Alger Williams, Student Council Members. Miss Hunsley was their class sponsor.

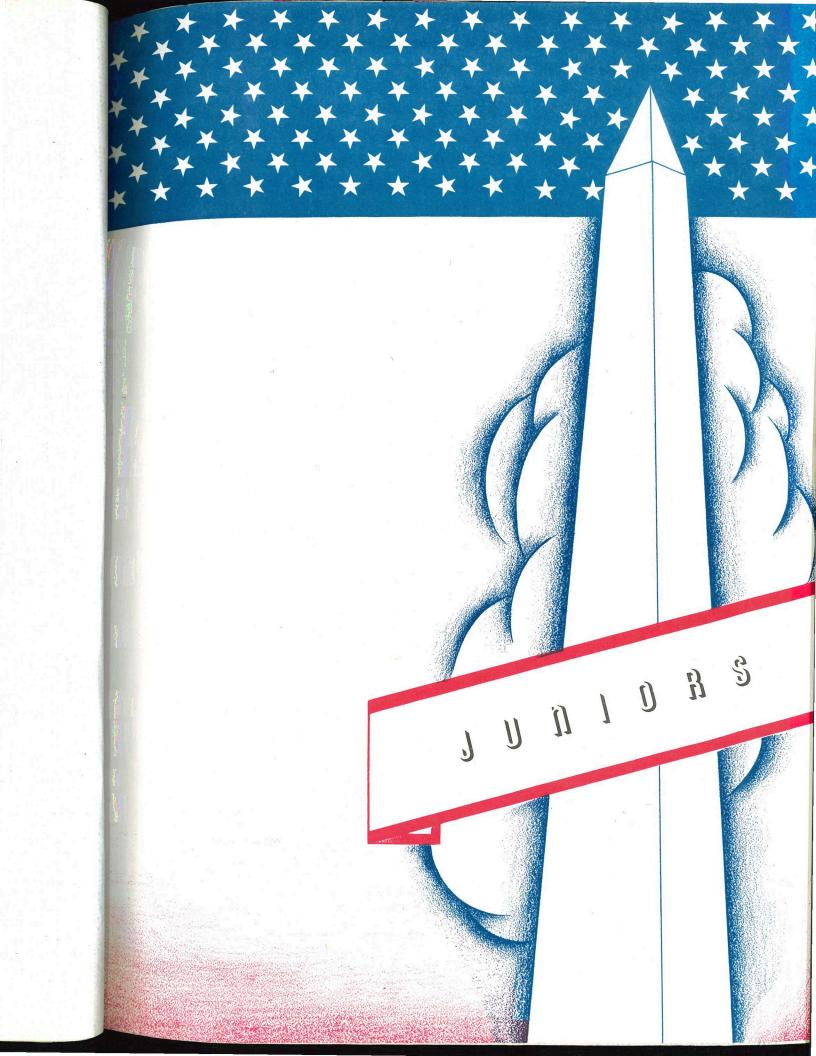
This year the Juniors gave the Seniors a lovely Prom centered around an "Evening in Paris". This Prom will always be remembered by both classes.

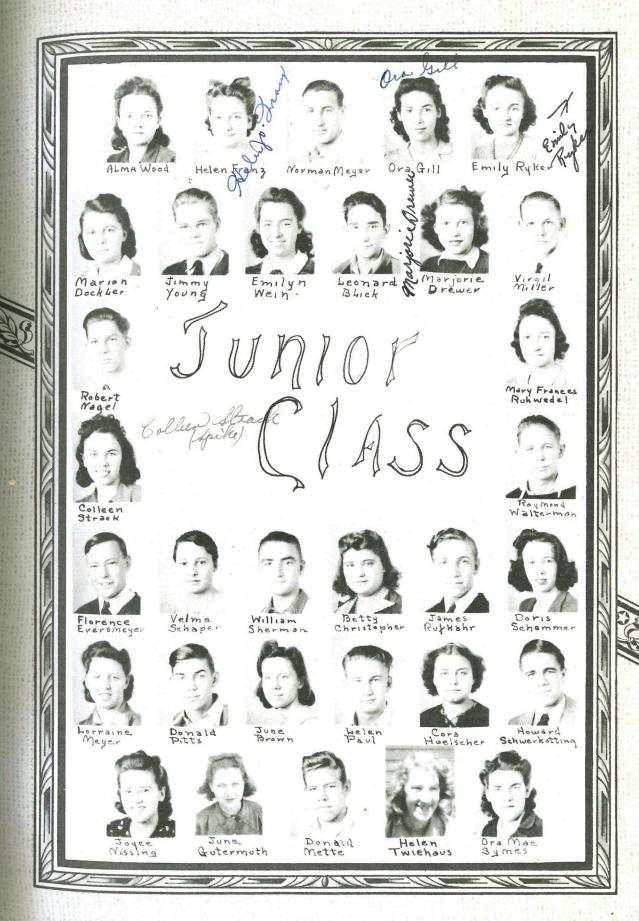
In 1941 everyone was well acquainted and entered high school as dignified Seniors. Their class officers were as follows: Alger Williams, President; Gwyn Waller, Vice-President; Grace Symes, Secretary; Virginia Shelton, Treasurer; Melba Schneider and Wallace Ordelheide, Student Council Members. Mrs. August Stamer was chosen our sponsor.

The class gave two plays, "The Mystery of the Third Gable", and "Bringing Up Mother".

An invitation party was given at which dancing and games were enjoyed by everyone present.

The Senior's sponsored various enterprises during the year in order to make at least \$300 to be used for a trip at the end of school. Many people thought this was an impossible amount to try to earn but we were able to show them that it could be done.





### JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

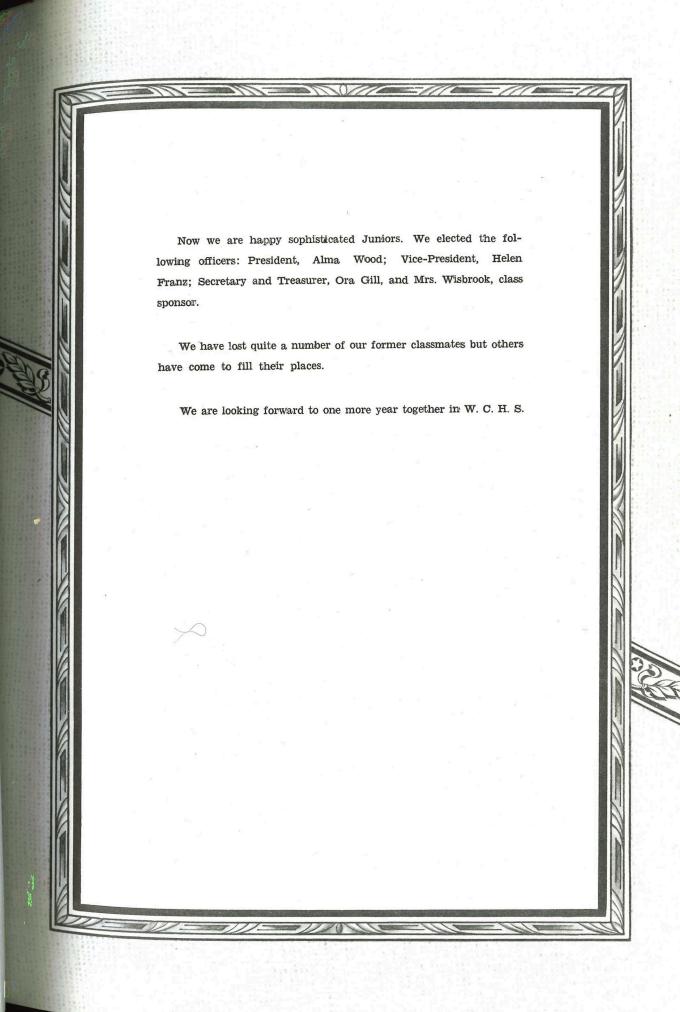
On September 6 thirty four green heads appeared in the halls of W. C. H. S. After roaming in the halls they assembled together with the upper classroom and arranged their schedule.

If anyone had happened to walk into the halls of W. C. H. S. during initiation week he would have seen the girls wearing different colored socks, gloves, sunbonnets, and their dresses wrong side out. The boys wore make-up, aprons, straw hats, pants legs above knees and both boys and girls wore a sign around their neck with "I Am a Nut. What Are You?" The initiation party was held on Friday night and we were fed bitter chocolate, raw eggs, and flour.

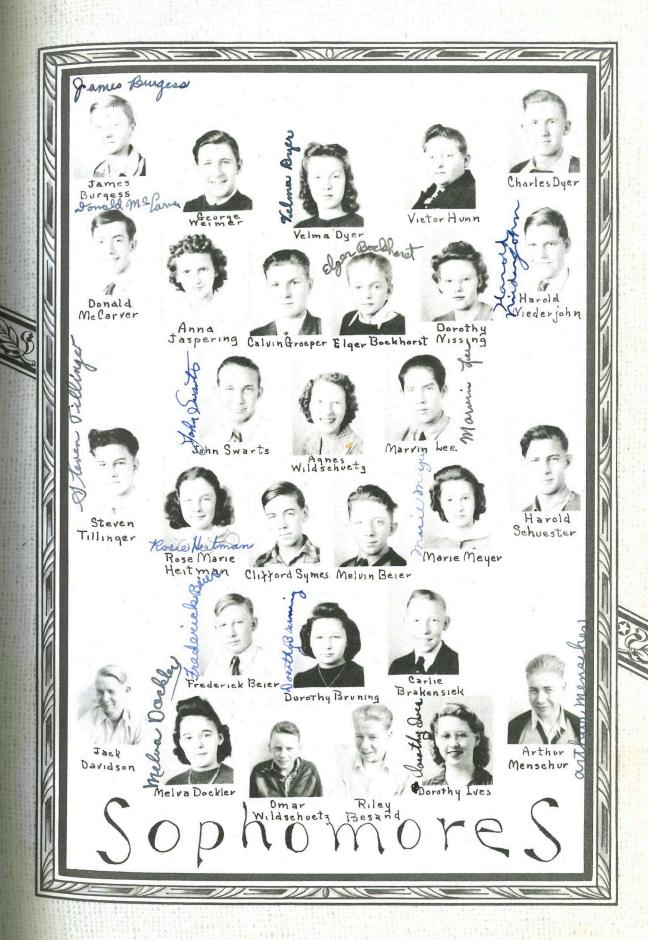
After several weeks this greeness wore off and the Freshmen were just as popular as the upper classmen. We find Juniors participating in every activity such as Basketball Track and Band.

As Freshmen we selected the following class officers: Robert Nagel, President; Jean Roth, Vice-President; Colleen Strack, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. Keller was elected class sponsor.

During our Sophomore year a good time was enjoyed by all. We had completely forgotten we were ever Freshmen and really initiated the Freshmen of 1940. We elected the following class officers: President, Colleen Strack; Vice-President, James Rufkahr; Secretary and Treasurer, Jean Roth, and Mr. Martin was elected class sponsor.







## SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

On September 6, 1940, thirty-eight verdant freshmen entered the halls of Wright City High School. With the help of Mr. Gooch, Superintendent, and Mr. Martin, Principal, we soon became friends with the teachers and upper classmen.

During the second week of school we were initiated. The Sophomores made us wear foolish things, but ended the week by giving us a fine party.

We elected our class officers the third week of school. The tollowing were our choice:

Leroy Starkey, President

Dorothy Nissing, Vice-President

Dorothy Ives, Treasurer

Calvin Groeper, Secretary

Jack Wiemer, Student Council Member

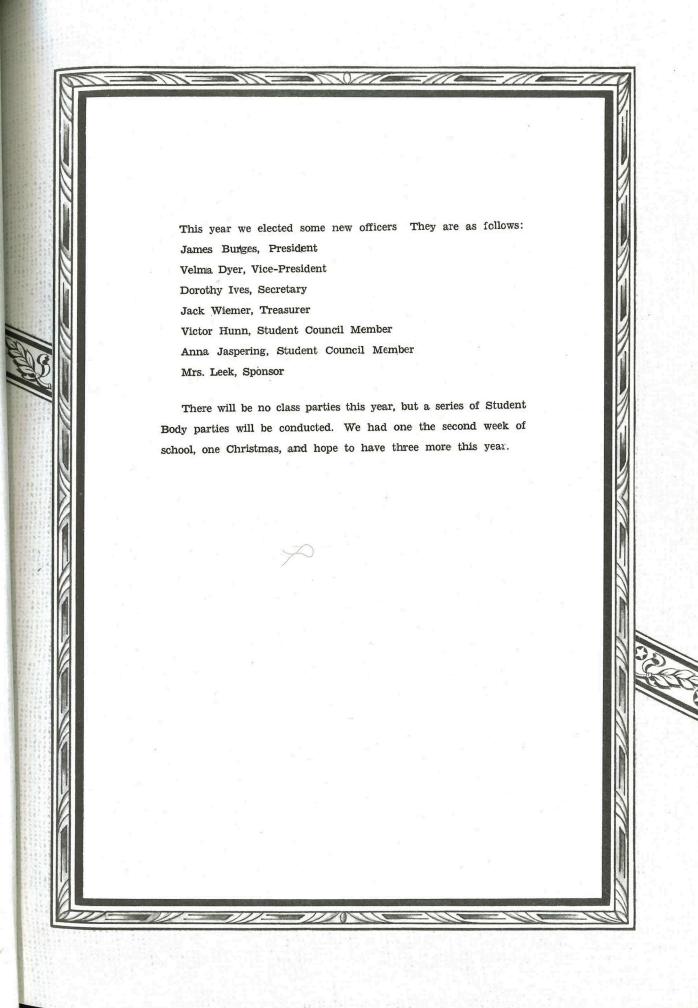
Shirley Ulrich, Student Council Member.

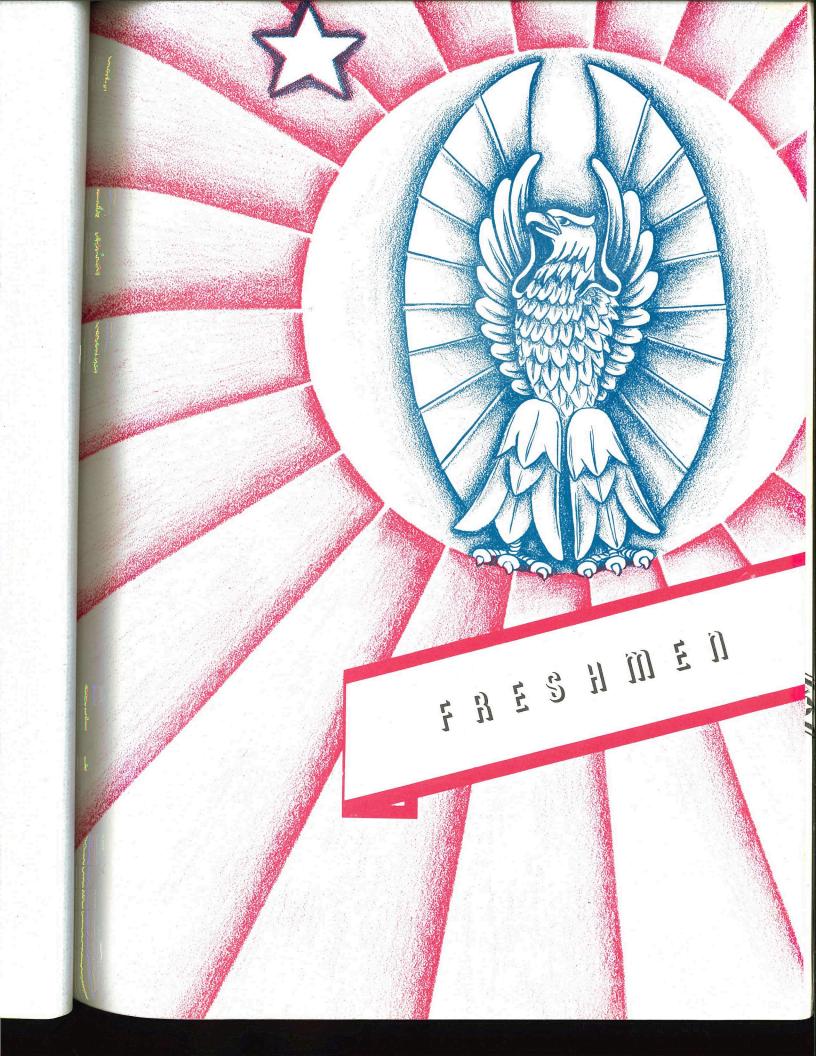
Mr. William L. Keller, Sponsor

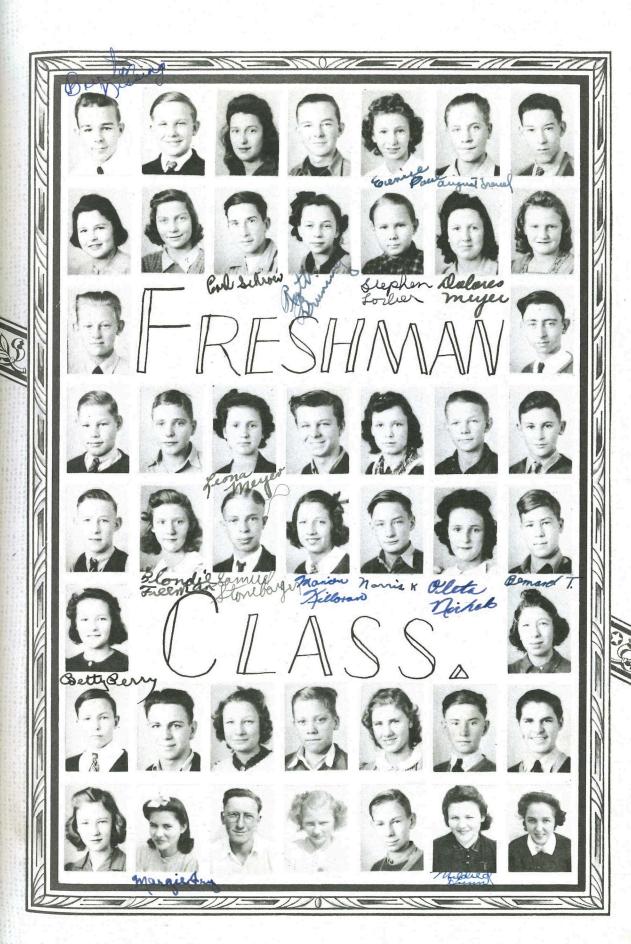
We had to replace some of them because of their leaving our school, but they all did their duty well.

We had a class party later on and all had a wonderful time. We learned to dance, play games, and mix with other people.

This year, 1942, we came back to meet many of our old friends and also many new ones. We were surprised but glad to see so many freshmen. We had about twenty-eight Sophomores so we didn't attempt to initiate them. Of course Mr. Martin advised us not to try it. But we had a student body party the second week of school which involved a small initiation process.







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FIRST ROW: Burton Nissing; Roger Brandes; Huetta Turpin; Wilbert Schmidt; Eunice Paul; August Treul; Joe Bartce.

SECOND ROW: Dorothy Welsch; Carleen Schaper; Carl Schroer; Ruth Bruning; Stephen Lorber; Delores Meyer; Mabel Wildschuetz.

THIRD ROW: Ambrose Duello; Richard Hunn.

FOURTH ROW: Billy Groeper; Leeman Dorman; Leona Meyer; Eddie Winter; Helen Hoelscher; Wilbert Lohman; Billy Bob Albers.

FIFTH ROW: Emmett Brakensiek; Virginia Freeman; Samuel Stoneborger; Marion Killoran; Norris Kleinschmidt; Oleta Nicholas; Bernard Twiehaus.

SIXTH ROW: Betty Perry; Doris Godt.

SEVENTH ROW: Leroy Eversmeyer; Gilbert Krueger; Florine Brown; Kenneth Mette; Arlene Burnam; Wayne Williams; Robert Dapron.

EIGHTH ROW: Doris Boachorst; Marjory Fry; James Carter; Laverne Duello; David Groeper; Mildred Hunn; Mabel Freese.

# FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

The Freshman class had 43 members enrolled in school during the current year. Mr. McKinsey was chosen advisor and the following officers were elected: Burton Nissing, President; Roger Brandis, Vice-President; Huetta Turpin, Secretary & Treasurer. Student Council members were Wilbert Schmidt and Mildred Hunn.

The Freshmen were initiated at the initiation party early in the fall at the Wright City Park. Besides participating in the all school parties, they joined the Sophomores in a joint party at the Gymnasium in the spring.

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# WRIGHT CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The attendance in the elementary school increased to seventy during 1941-42; thirty four in the lower grade and thirty six in the upper grade.

Programs and recreational activities were enjoyed throughout the year by both pupils and parents. At Hallowe'en the lower grades enjoyed an afternoon party and the upper grades had a party in the evening.

At Christmas time a play "Uncle Sam's Christmas Party" was given in the school gym. On Christmas Eve the children went caroling. The money that was given was turned over to the Red Cross. For their Christmas treat the elementary pupils enjoyed a matinee show in Warrenton.

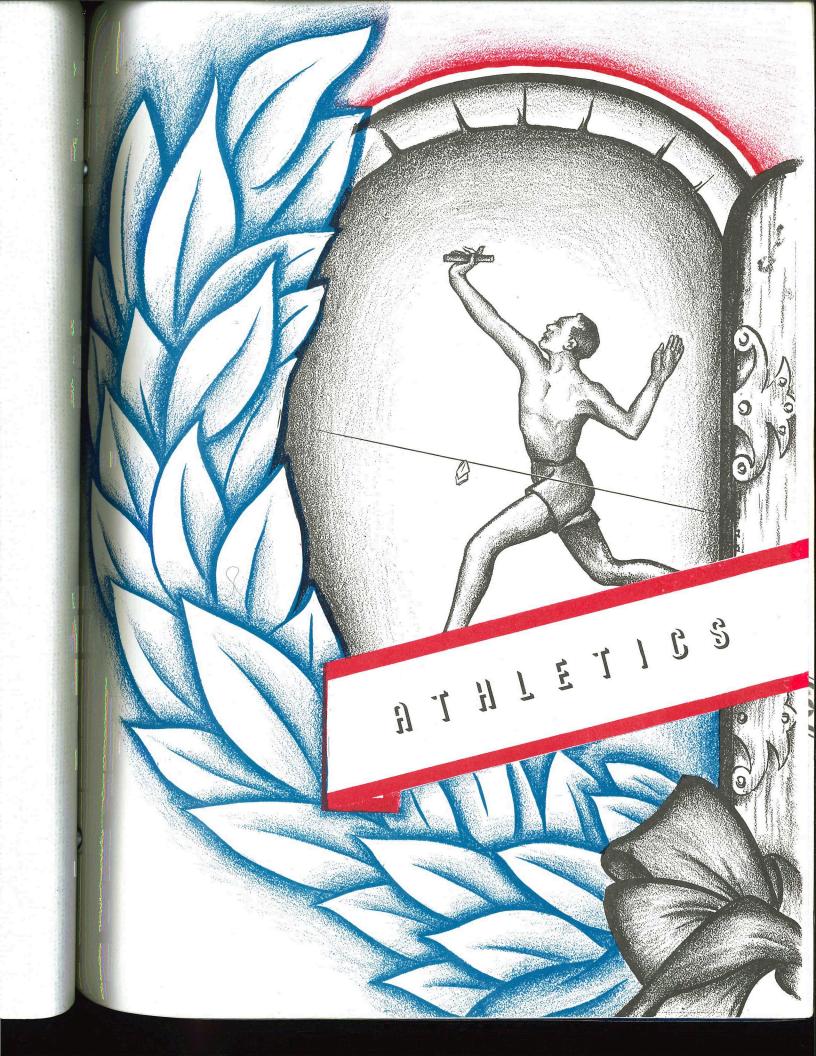
Scrap iron, newspapers, and magazines, were collected, weighing a total of three tons.

The Happy 4-H club consists of 36 members in the upper grade room. The girl's project was sewing and the boy's project was Woodwork I. Mr. Wendell McKinsey assisted the boys in their work.

The 4-H club members planted trees supplied by the State Conservation Commission for erosion purposes and for feeding the birds.

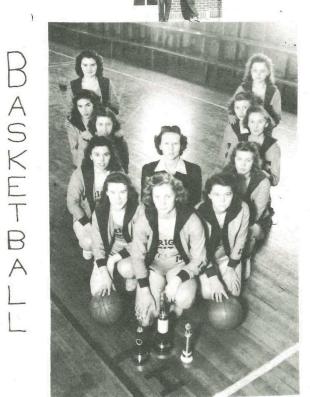
An exhibit of work done by the club was held in the Spring so that parents and friends of the members could see the work.

Twenty-six members joined the bicycle club which is connected with the "Cycle Trades of America," a safety league which promoted rules of safety for bicycle riders.

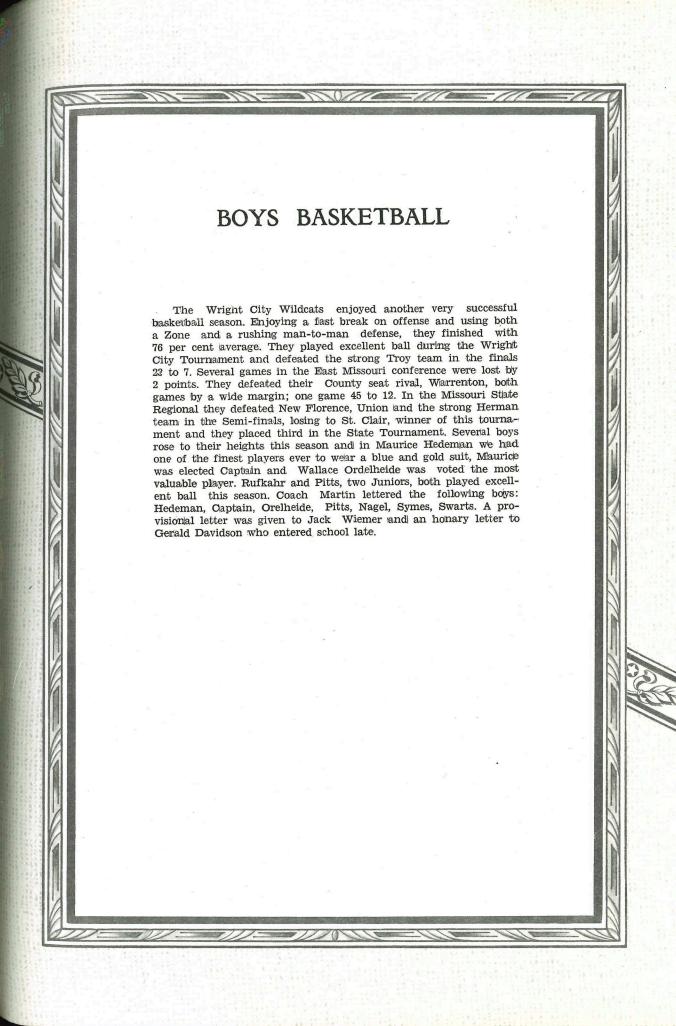


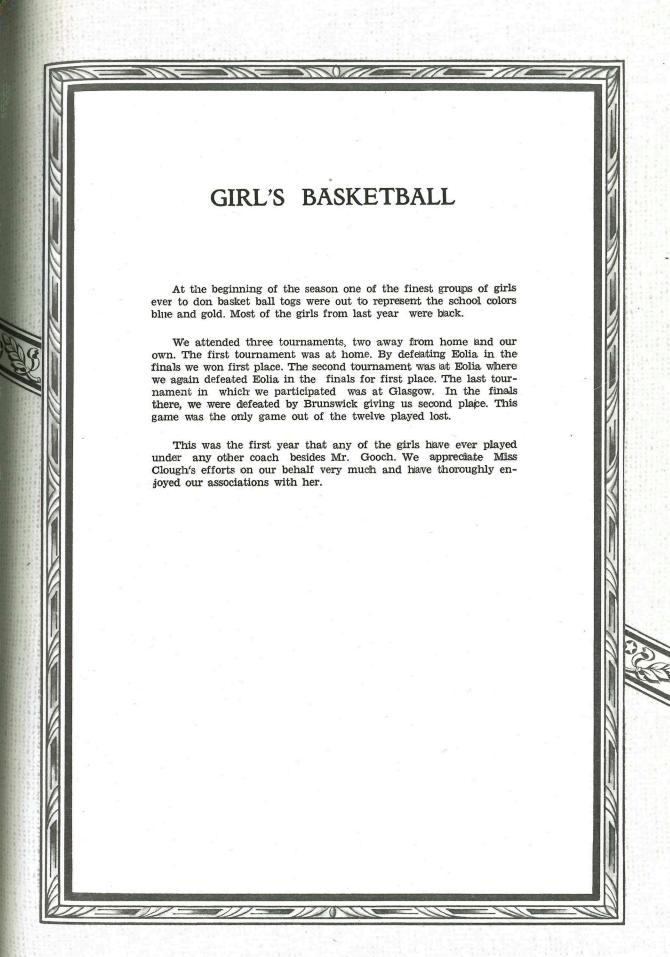
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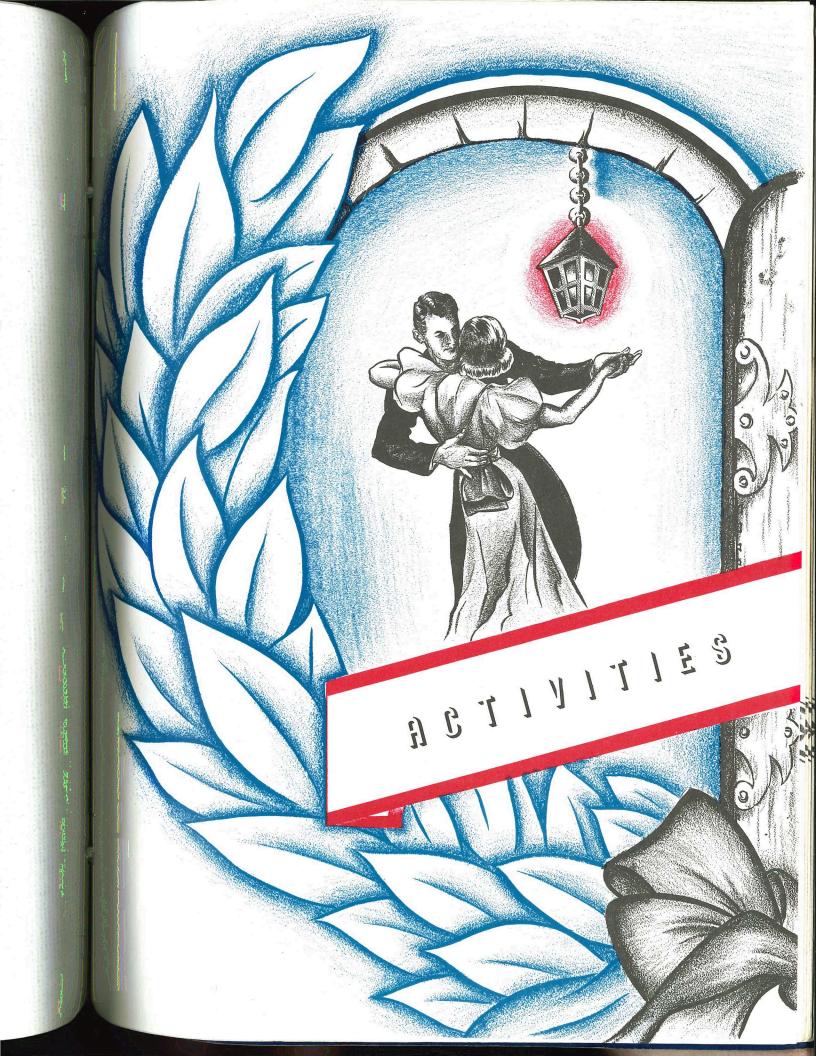
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#### HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics subjects in the Wright City High School are being taught this year in accordance with the new program set up by the State Departmen of Education.

The aim of the new curriculum is to develop the subject matter in such a way as to educate the girl for home and family living.

The goods set up for Home Economics I are the developing of personality and the improving of personal appearance; the solving of the problems of clothing through the selection, construction and care of clothing; and the planning, preparing, and serving of food for health and enjoyment.

Sharing in family and community life is stressed in Home Economics II. Family relationship and making the most of family resources are discussed. Advance work in foods and in clothing construction is given. Our home and its furnishings and the home care of the sick are studied as related units.

At the conclusion of the two years program in Home Economics a girl should have acquired the foundations for becoming a good homemaker.

# DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

The Vocational Agriculture Department attempts to serve the present and prospective farmers of the community. Adult farmers from an area with a radius approximately—eight miles attended an evening school which met once each week from November until March. Students making work in the all-day class represent an area with a radius of about twelve miles. Every student who is interested in farming and can arrange for facilities for "learning by doing" through some kind of project work is eligible for work in the department.

During the 1941-42, thirty-three students enrolled and thirty-one completed the year. These students are carrying out fifty-three productive projects and hope to increase by at least fifty per cent the reported project income of \$1283.09 for the year 1940-41.

The nationally recognized organization for the Ag. department is the Future Farmers of America. Officers for this year were: President, Maurice Hedeman; Vice President, Gwyn Waller; Secretary, Wallace Ordelheide; Treasurer, Glenn Nissing; Reporter, James Rufkahr. The traditional festivity of agriculture students throughout the entire state, Barnwarmin', was imagurated by our chapter this year. F. F. A. members and their dates enjoyed an evening of games, dancing, and refreshments in the gymnasium which was decorated to fit the occasion. Barnwarmin' will be used to add to the chapter loan fund.

Plans are now in the making for the first Vocational Ag. Livestock show and sale which will be held in Wright City with several adjoining departments participating. This show is sponsored jointly by the Wright City Chamber of Commerce and the Vocational Ag. department and will be held in the early fall.

The Chamber of Commerce has also offered an award of a purebred gilt to the boy who does the most outstanding work in Vocational Agriculture during the present year. The annual Father and Son Banquet was held in April, at which time the fathers of the Ag. boys and a few invited persons were guests of the chapter.

Vocational Ag. boys have one pledge in common—to produce as much food as possible as efficiently as possible in their project programs, to introduce the most efficient farming methods into the community, and to do all within their power to hasten the victory of the "Red, White and Blue."

## SPFECH CLASS PLAY

The Speech Class of 1941-42 presented their play "Funny Phinnie", in the High School Gymnasium on April 7th.

The play was a three act farce in which Amos (Norman Meyer) runs his wife's laundry, but his heart is set upon entering the garter business. Phinnie, (Gerald Davidson) who has a failing record in every job he ever tackled, drops into the office of the laundry and inspires Amos with a grand idea. He hires Phinnie to run—and ruin—the laundry business for him so he will be free to enter the garter business. But Phinnie makes a howling success as a laundry deliver, and business zooms. To get rid of him, Amos and Richard (James Rufkahr) pull a mean trick. They make him think his beloved Ruby (Huetta Turpin) has a wooden leg. But Phinnie is in love, and Phinnie is persistent and at last he and his Ruby go into a rapturous though awkward, clinch and all ends shinning as a newly-laundered shirt.

Supporting roles were: Ella—Colleen Strack; Millicent—Marion Killoran; Amos's wife—Betty Christopher; Genevieve—Carolyn Anderson; Glusksman—Jimmy Young; Clara—Betty Blick.





### COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

WINNING A PLACE IN BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, our Commercial Department offers six courses covering information used in modern business administration.

The rules and the fundamentals of shorthand writing, with a small amount of speed building is taught in the Beginning Shorthand Class. The advanced Shorthand Class is introduced to a unit on personality of the stenographer, emphasizing a study of character, neatness, office dress, manners, and adaptability as well as consistent training in speed and accuracy in writing and transcription.

In the Bookkeeping Class the training consists of the complete bookkeeping cycles, columnar journals. personal bookkeeping, and partnership accounting. The 20th Century Bookkeeping text is used in addition to—Potter, R. J. Collings, and French and Breen Partnership Practice Sets.

The course in Beginning Typing is conducted to satisfy the personal needs of a student with a typewriter, teaching the use and care of the machine, special characters, tabulations, letter and manuscript writing. The Advanced Typing course includes instruction in handling office correspondence, invoices, telegrams, mimeographing, and legal work, as well as meeting the National Education Association standards in speed, accuracy, and skill. The students enrolled in both Typing classes are awarded certificates provided by the Sanford-Brown Business College and the National Commercial Contests.

And last but not least, a course in General Business Economics is offered, the training consisting of daily life problems in the business world.

#### MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This year marks the third year in the life of the Wright City High School Band. In 1931 the band began its career with fifteen members. It has grown in two years to an organization of thirtytwo members, all of which one better-than-laverage players.

The band this year has undertaken many new and difficult tasks. In October, they attended a Pan-American festival celebration held at Bowling Green, Missouri, and did street marching for the first time. Although this group was not the largest there, it made its share of music and was highly complimented.

The annual trip to the East Missouri Conference Festival was made to Hermann, Missouri in March. Again the band was complimented on the splendid work they had done on the music played by the massed band of one hundred twenty-seven members from five schools.

In April the longest and most important journey of the year was made. The trip to the district contest at Kirksville was the outstanding event in the year's work and was the trip looked forward to with the greatest antimation. In addition to the band's participation in the contests, Mary Franciss Ruhwedel, solo clarinetest, entered the clarinets solo contest and the clarinet quartet composed of Mary Frances Ruhwedel, Betty Owens, Anna Jaspering and Helen Anthony entered the woodwind ensemble contest.

In April the annual spring concert was given and the bland was assisted by the grade school music department in a program presented in the high school gymnasium.

Each year the music department grows in size and in ability. It is indeed wonderful thing to be able to see children learn something which not only help them be happier in school, but also helps them form a beautiful and intelligent vocation or avocation for the years need of them after school days are long past.

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The Senior Class presented their first play "Mystery of the Third Gable", on March 17. It was a mystery drama in three acts. The action taking place in an old, gray house, with three gables. Judge Sherwood, who has been the deciding factor in some cases against fifth columnists,—has sought this place so he can have peace and quiet. He finds everything but peace and quiet in this place where the ace of clubs keeps appearing unexpectedly; where something or someone is occupying the third gable; where the housekeeper apparently knows more than she tells; where the housekeeper apparently knows more than she tells; where he himself is kidnapped. Those in the play were the Judge, (Frederick Gerdeman); his wife (Elleen Gerdeman) their son (Alger Williams); Their daughter (Blanch Stamer); his secretary (Betty Blick); another secretary (Carolyn Anderson); the stranger (Maurice Hedeman); the housekeeper (Grace Symes); her son (Zeno Walterman): detective Simpson,—(Calvin Schaper).

Their second play was "Bringing Up Mother"; a comedy, presented April 29th. It is the story of an ambitious mother from the west trying to snare a titled Englishman for her daughter. The daughter isn't interested and prefers a pureblooded American boy back home. The comedy is heightened by two typical wild and wooly western characters having romantic entanglements with two highbrows from Englich society. However, as all good stories end, each one decides that he or she would be better content with a person from his own country-"and they all lived happily ever after."

#### JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

The Junior Class of 1941-42 presented their class play, "Don't Take My Penny" in the High School Gymnasium on February 4th.

The play, a three act comedy, was one in which Penny Pringle (Marjorie Drewer), a sweet young miss was practicing and preparing herself to be chosen as the ideal girl to play the steller role in the movie version of a popular novel. Penny gives up tennis tournametns; ignores the ex-child star Sally (Alma Wood) who is also a maid with a purpose; her boy friends Kerry and Greg (Jimmy Young and Norman Meyer) as well as her self-sacrificing older sister Mavis (Emily Ryker) who has small parts in radio. But the boys confer with Gram (Helen Franz) and decide to outfit Penny and her friend Joanna (Ora Gill) by posing as the great author and a brunete model. A riotous scene follows with this mockery, and matters are made still more hilarious when Dad (Donald Pitts) brings home Harrison Day (Leland Paul) the real author. At the close the ex-child star chooses farm life, Penny enters tennis tournaments, Mavis, is chosen the star, and Gram has given Mother (Marion Dockler a piece of her mind for neglecting her family in order to give lectures on raising a familyy.

Supporting roles were: Norman- Robert Nagel; Mark- James Rufkaher; Monsieur Henri-Leonard Blick; Claire-Velma Schaper; Elsie-Coleen Strack; Lucile-Mary Frances Ruhwedel; Red-Raymond Walterman.



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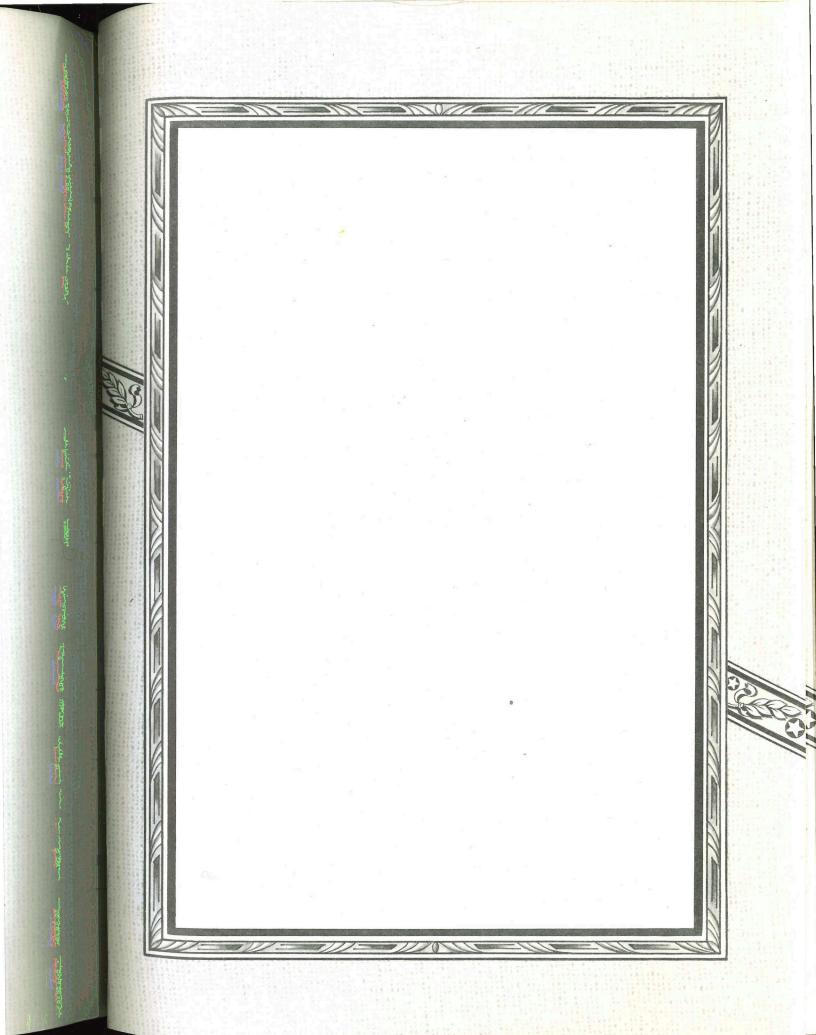
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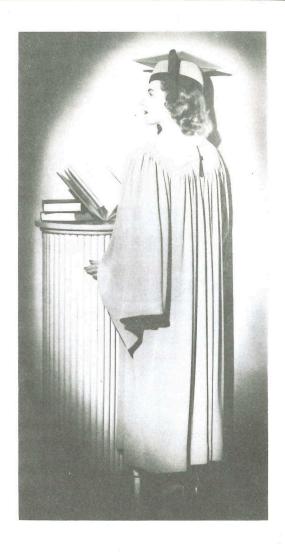
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