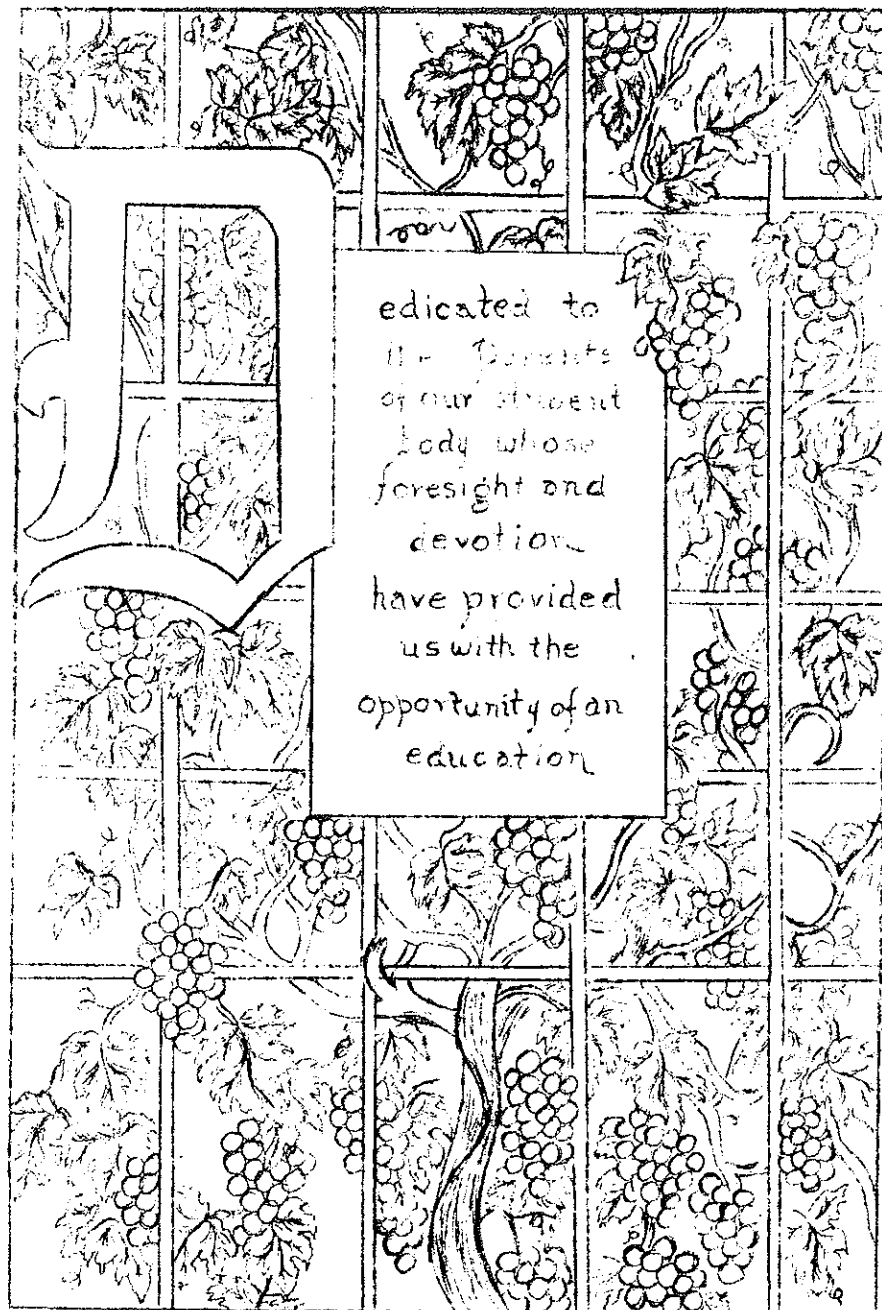


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HISTORY OF WRIGHT CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Progress has been the chief characteristic of Wright City High School from the very beginning. In 1922 the student body composed of three boys and two girls were provided with schooling facilities in the City Hall. In 1923 two rooms were added to the grade school building for the use of the High School. Another teacher was added that year, being paid by public subscription. It remained a second and third class school until 1930 it became a fully recognized first class school with a faculty of three teachers. In 1933 the fourth teacher was added, in 1937 the fifth, and the sixth in 1938. In 1922 only four units were offered by Wright City High School, while 1940 finds us offering twenty-nine and three-fourth units. Social Science, English, Mathematics, Vocational Agriculture, Commerce, Science, Home Economics and Music are the subjects now offered. These form a well balanced curriculum.

In 1922 the High School was being held in a one room rented building, but now, in 1940 we are privileged to have a thirty-five thousand dollar, fourteen room school building. The gymnasium was built in 1931, being paid for by public subscription. With the building of this gymnasium it allowed an opportunity for the advancement of both boys and girls athletics. The present thirty-five thousand dollar school building was built under the supervision of the W.P.A. A two thousand dollar bond issue was appropriated for the payment of it. The enrollment of Wright City High School is 105 at present. Of these 82 are non-resident students. These students are transported to and from school in three busses and one car.

May Wright City High School continue to progress as well in the future as it has in the past.

WRIGHT CITY HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM

The Wright City High School has offered the following curriculum for the use of the students of the school year, 1939-40. This curriculum not only is useful to the pupils from the standpoint of helping them in their future business life but also enables them to have subjects available that are required for college entrance. Although small in size, very few schools can compete in the wide opportunities that this high school offers in its curriculum.

ENGLISH

English I
English II
English III
English IV
Speech

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

Vocational Agriculture I
Vocational Agriculture II
Vocational Agriculture III
Vocational Agriculture IV

SCIENCE

Biology
General Science

HEALTH

Boys' Physical Education
Girls' Physical Education
Hygiene

HOME ECONOMICS

Foods
Clothing
Home Management
Home Nursing

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Citizenship
World History
American History
Missouri History
American Problems
High School Geography

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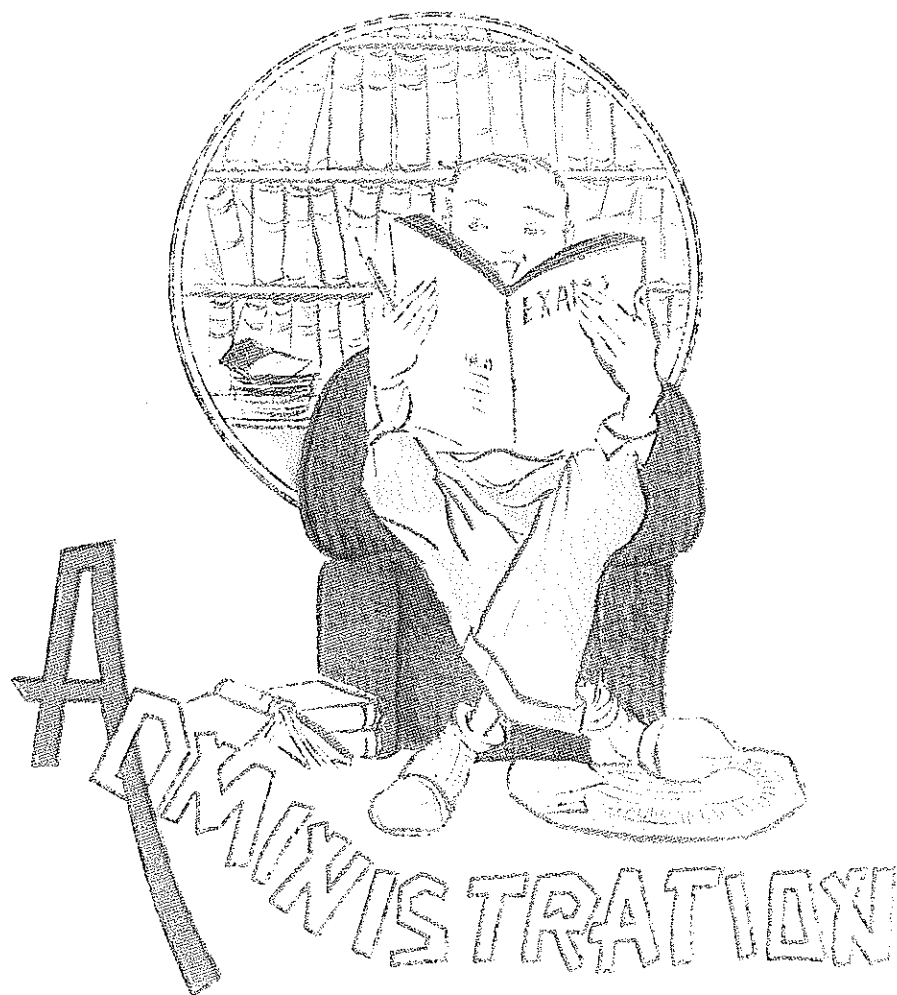
Band
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COMMERCE

Typing I
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Bookkeeping
Business Economics

MATHEMATICS

General Mathematics
Algebra I
Geometry
Advanced Mathematics
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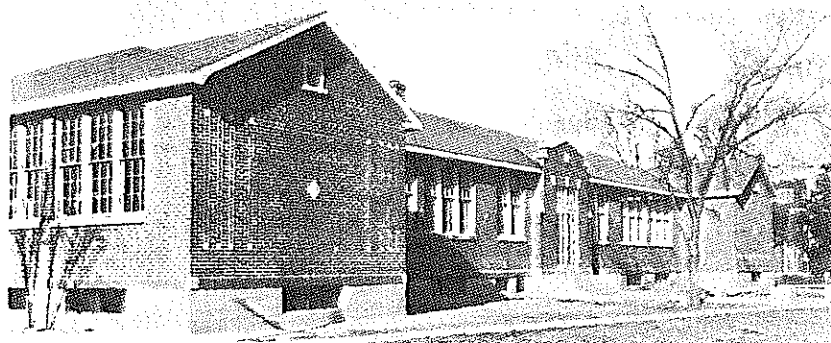
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Louise Clough

Fourth Row:

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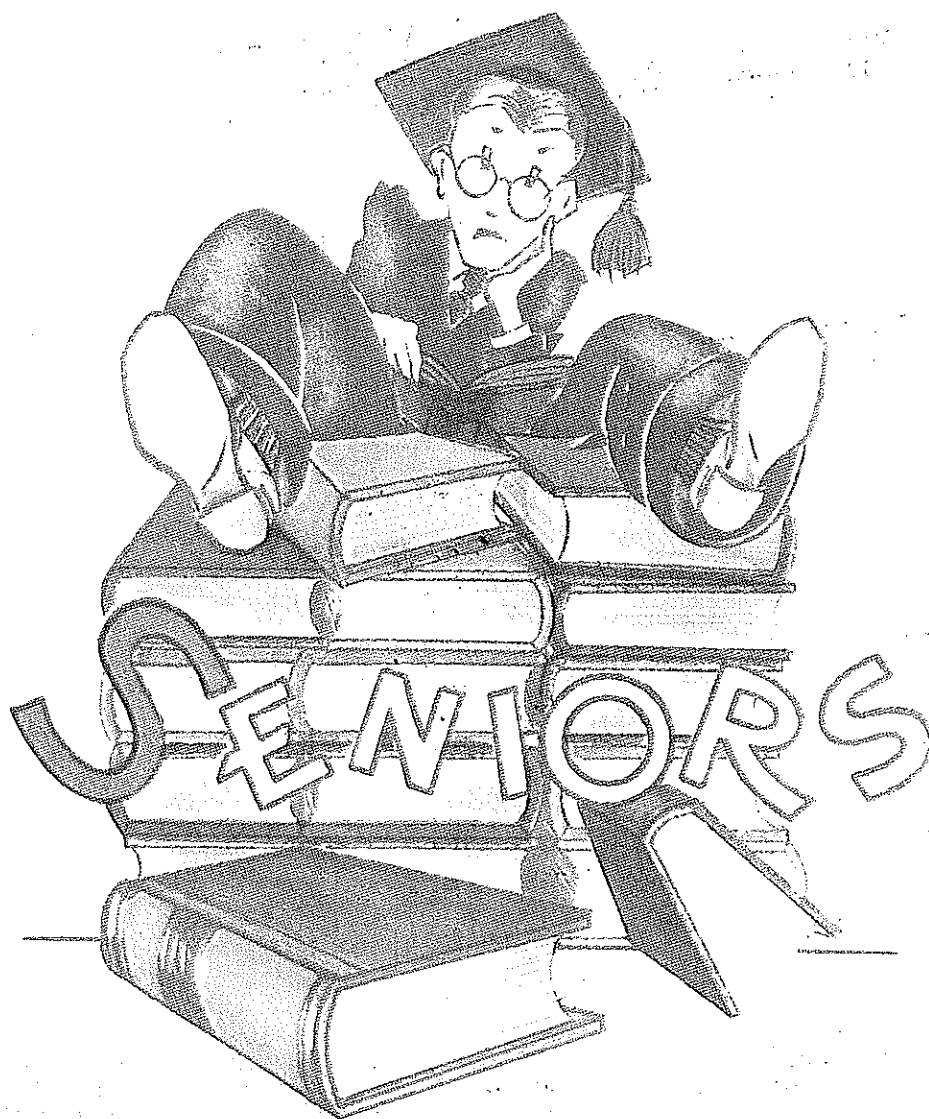
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wonderful
Eleanor C. C.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education is the backbone of the Wright City High School. They have made the advancement and betterment of education in Wright City their chief aim and are continually working toward that goal. The students, teacher, and staff sincerely thank the Board for their faithful service to W.C.H.S.

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SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

As the fourteen dignified young people filed in and seated themselves for Commencement exercises it was very plain to everyone that they were all thinking of the same thing, (what is that old saying about "great minds running in the same channel?") Yea, they were all thinking of that memorable day, away back in 1936 when they crept into those ancient walls of that wonderful old building known as Wright City High School, trying to keep out of the way of those envied seniors, who seemed to know just what to do.

They finally banded together and elected Fern Black for president; Wilma Huelsman, vice-president, Norma Katterjohn, secretary-treasurer; Helen Almeling became Student Council member and Miss Ida Mae Nowols, sponzor. This got them better acquainted and they tried their best to show that they were high school kids.

Those were some happy days, now that we think back over them. Remember when Howard Kennedy saw the carpenters putting up a big board on the new building (which was erected in 1937) and he said to one of his teachers, "Is that the school board they're putting up there now?" We didn't laugh, we didn't know any better either.

Those kids may have been green then, but nevertheless, they won four work-day awards in a row. They turned out some good track and basketball men. They produced a very successful play "Here Comes Charlie", (in which Mary Ann Scanland played the part of "Charlie" perfectly. There were also many good typists and musicians in that class. And don't forget that Junior-Senior prom in 1939, it was lovely with a Japanese setting.

In this class as in most classes, some of those freshmen did not graduate here, others came in the last year or two to take their places. Wilbert Dautenhaun and Fern Black finished their high school work in other schools, but Elmer Hargis, Edna Nichols, Nelson Auer, Virginia Duebbert, Tribbey Nickerson, and Norman Nissing came in to give us a total of 14 for graduation.

SENIOR CLASS HISTORY (con't)

As we Seniors walk out of here tonight, out into the world, with our old school song pushing us forward as it always has, we feel a sort of sadness in our hearts for our old high school. We also feel grateful for the friends and the happiness that that old school gave us. I am sure that every Senior here tonight feels that there is no other school and no amount of valuable experience that could have given us what good old W.C.H.S. has given us.

As we walk out in our caps and gowns tonight, with our friends all about us, we would just like to say "Good-bye, Wright City High School, we have enjoyed your hospitality."

COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Thursday, March 28--Senior Play.

The Seniors presented "Here Comes Charlie", an outstanding comedy, in the school gymnasium.

Friday, May 10--Junior-Senior Prom.

The Juniors were hosts for the annual Junior-Senior Prom.

Sunday, May 12--Baccalaureate Services.

Reverend J. L. Nickerson of Wright City, Missouri delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at the Methodist Church.

Monday, May 13, and Tuesday, May 14--Senior Trip.

The Seniors spent two days at Bagnell Dam. They traveled by bus and stayed over-night at tourist cabins.

Thursday, May 16--School Picnic.

Friday, May 17--Commencement Exercises.

Reverend A. E. Katterjohn of Wright City, Missouri delivered the Commencement Address on Friday evening.

CLASS WILL

We, the Senior Class of Wright City High School, County of Warren, State of Missouri, being sound of mind and body, by scant majority, and desiring to dispose of our property do on this day in the year of our Lord, May 17, 1940 declare this our last will and testament.

EDNA NICHOLS--Edna leaves her giggles to Emilyn Wein and her ability to struggle with the mimeograph to Betty Blick.

IRENE JOHNSON--Irene leaves her dependability to the 1940-41 Freshmen Class.

NORMAN NISSING --Norman leaves his speaking ability accompanied by rocking motion to Emmons Jaspering.

LOTTIE BRAKENSIEK--Lottie leaves her fifty words a minute in typing to James Swarts. He can't even talk that fast.

MARY ANN SCANLAND--Mary Ann leaves her "few words and quiet nature" to Jean Roth who is also too bashful for words.

TRIBBEY NICKERSON--Tribbey leaves his 2 a.m. bugaling to Gwyn who goes to bed at ten and bequeaths his bewitching powers of teachers and girls to Florence Eversmeyer.

GARNELLE SCHAPER -- Garnelle leaves her hip length braids to Joan Martin who is trying hard.

WILMA HUELSMAN--Wilma bequeaths her sweet smile, mid-night oil, and "E's" to William Turner--Hope they help, Bill!

NORMA KATTERJOHN -- Norma leaves her "flaming tresses to Jean Roth and sweet disposition to everyone.

ELMER HARGIS--"Baby" wills his harem to Oscar who has one but no one can say Oscar is a one woman man.

HOWARD KENNEDY--Howard bequeaths his executive powers to "Pistol" who is small but mighty.

GEORGE DAVIS--Mickey wills nothing to nobody at no time. Why should he leave the school anything?

VIRGINIA DUEBBERT--Virginia leaves her sense of humor and bright remarks to Lelan Paul who is too, too shy.

NELSON AUER--Nelly leaves his captainship to the most able man--Anyway its all "such a bore."

JUNIOR CLASS

(Reading from left to right) Front Row--James Brun-
ing, Darline Hageman, Esther Linnert, Ruby Kennedy,
Dorothy Reinhardt, Corrine Welch, Paul Golterman,
Center Row--Margaret Ruhwedel, Joan Martin, Berniece
Schmidt, Ruth Hollenbeck, Marcella Conway, Betty
Schmidt, Iva Symes, Alberta Kamphoefner, Lorene
Brandes. Back Row--Miss Margaret Robinson, Sponsor,
Arthur Wildschuetz, Junior Davis, Oscar Waltermann,
Lloyd Jaspering, William Turner, Emmaons Jaspering,
James Swarts.

SOPHOMORE CLASS

(Reading from left to right) Front Row--Wallace
Ordelheide, Grace Symes, Eileen Gerdeman, Betty
Elick, Alger Williams, Zeno Waltermann. Center Row--
Virginia Brandes, Esther Strack, Bertinia Prior,
Glenn Nissing, Gwyn Waller, Calvin Schaper, Melvin
Schlueter. Back Row--Glenn Ramsey, Charles Thor-
oughman, Norman Ryan, Blanche Stamer, Frederick
Gerdeman, Maurice Hedeman, Alfred Stone.

FRESHMAN CLASS

(Reading from left to right) Front Row--Richard
Arand, Velma Schaper, Virgil Miller, Jean Roth,
Alma Wood, Alva McVey, Junior Rector, Elphine Rector,
Center Row--Billy Pope, Emilyn Wein, Jeannette
Boenker, Mary Frances Ruhwedel, Raymond Waltermann,
Kenneth Gerdeman, Emily Ryker, Cora Hoelscher,
Grace Stonebarger, William Sherman. Back Row--Ruth
Koelling, Helen Franz, Florence Eversmeyer, James
Rufkahr, Donald Pitts, Lelen Paul, Robert Nagel,
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Joyce Nissing.

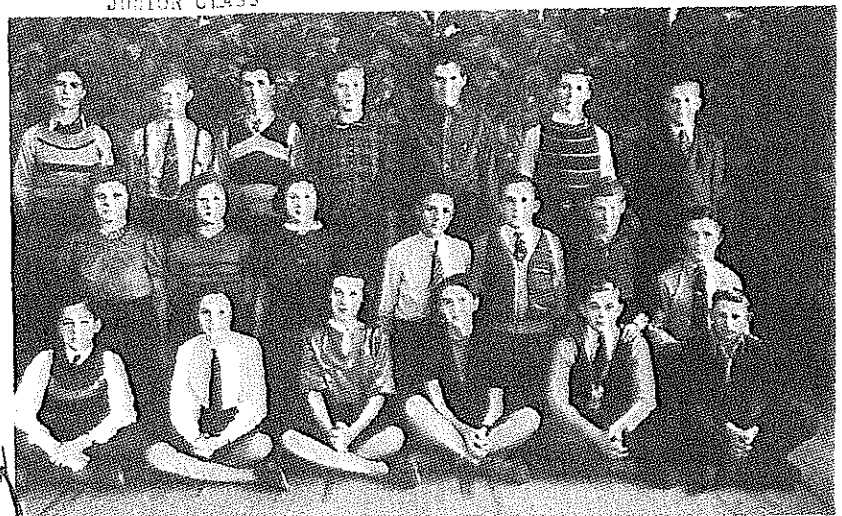
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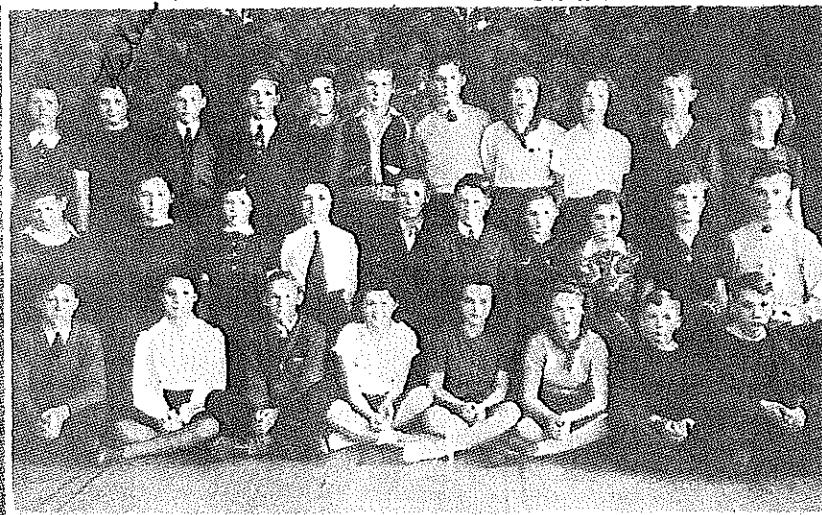
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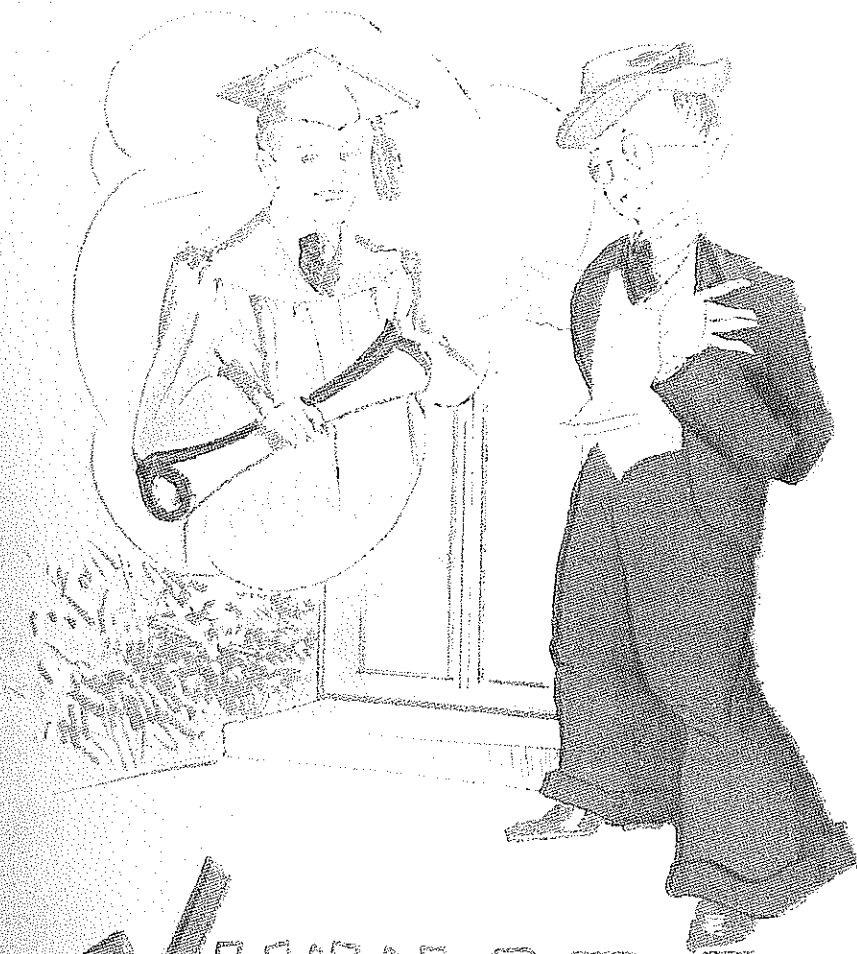


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SOPHOMORE CLASS





JUNIORS

JUNIOR CLASS

September 1937

Spring? St. Patricks Day? Someone spill green ink?--no its just those freshmen.

One week later.

Circus Parade? Masquerade?--no it's initiation week.

They are green but we think they'll come out of it, at least we hope so. Remember how they got lost in the old school building, and all the erasers they threw and all the trouble they were in most of the time? Notwithstanding, it was not long before they developed into what could be called a class. The little ones elected as their President Mary Belle Bolliger; Vice-president, Paul Goltermann; Secretary-Treasurer, Joan Martin; Student-Council members, Margaret Jane Ruhwedel and Berniece Schmidt; Class Sponsor, Mr. Edward Krueger.

One memorable incident of the year was the red pepper so generously administered to them by that Sophomore Class at the Initiation Party.

The second week of the 1938-39 school year they partook of revenge for the terrible dose. The poor Freshmen!

The Sophomores of '38-39 continued to show the Upper-classmen they "could do it" by again placing some of their members on the Basketball and Track squads and the play casts.

The class elected the following officers: Oscar Waltermann, President; Ralph Ryker, Vice-president; Margaret Jane Ruhwedel, Secretary-Treasurer; Student-Council member, Berniece Schmidt; and Mr. Wm. Keller, Class Sponsor.

Now, in this year of 1939-40, we, The Juniors, are the outstanding class of W.C.H.S. Selected as our class officers were Tom Davis, President; Berniece Schmidt, Vice-president; Secretary, Alberta Kamphoefner; Treasurer, Iva Symos; Student-Council Representatives, Marcella Conway and Ralph Ryker; Class Sponsor, Miss Margaret Robinson.

Some of the most valuable of the Basketball men are Juniors, an excellent play, "Button! Button!", was produced by the Juniors, and last, but not the least, Thomas Davis and Berniece Schmidt, Juniors, were elected King and Queen of Wright City High!!!



SOPHOMORES

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

The Sophomore class of 1940 entered High School on September 6, 1938. If, by any chance, some one had passed by and looked into the Study Hall they would have believed their eyes were playing tricks on them. It looked like spring instead of fall with twenty-four green Freshmen in the room.

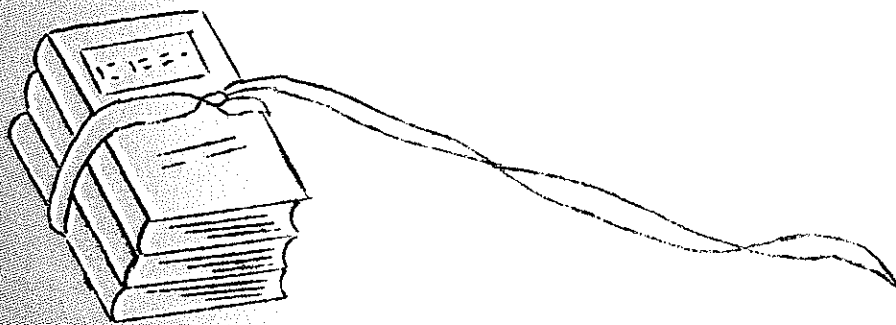
Scarcely were they acquainted when they elected class officers. The following were chosen: Maurice Hedeman, President; Bertinia Prior, Vice-President; Blanche Stamer, Secretary-Treasurer; Wallace Ordell and Grace Symes, Student Council members. Miss Louise Clough was chosen sponsor.

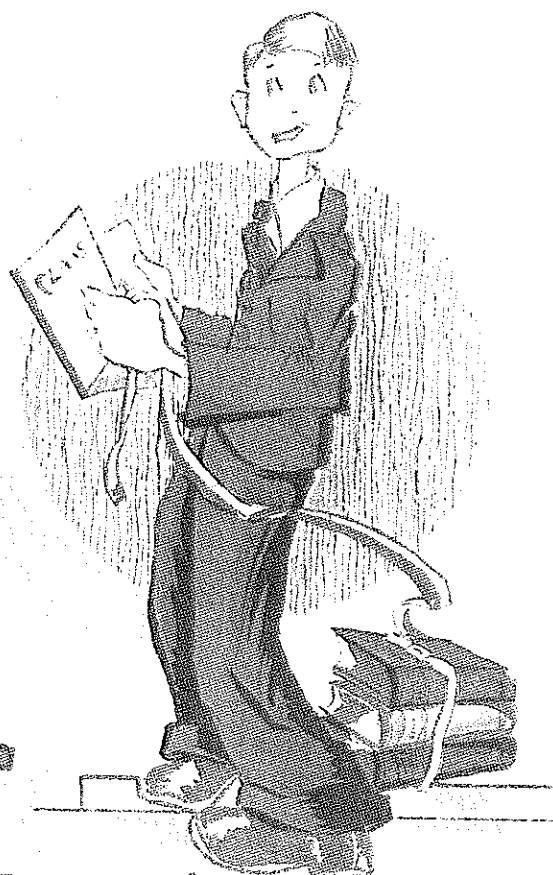
During the year their social activities included a class theatre party, an invitation scavenger hunt, and the initiation party.

In 1939 the same class again enrolled with the addition of one member. They elected the following class officers: Blanche Stamer, President; Maurice Hedeman, Vice-President; Grace Symes, Secretary-Treasurer; Bertinia Prior and Alger Williams, Student Council members. Mr. Martin was chosen sponsor.

The Sophomores are well represented in extra-curricular activities having members participating in band, debate, orchestra, basketball, and track.

Even now they are looking forward to the time they will become W.C.H.S. Seniors.





FRESHMEN

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

On September 6, 1939 thirty-four green heads belonging to thirty-four green Freshmen appeared in the halls of Wright City High School.

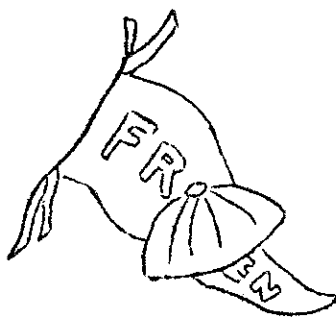
Following the example of upper classmen they had a class meeting and chose the following officers: Robert Nagel, President; Jean Roth, Vice-President; Colleen Strack, Sec.-Treas.; Mr. Keller---Sponsor; Alma Wood and Alva McVey, Student Council members.

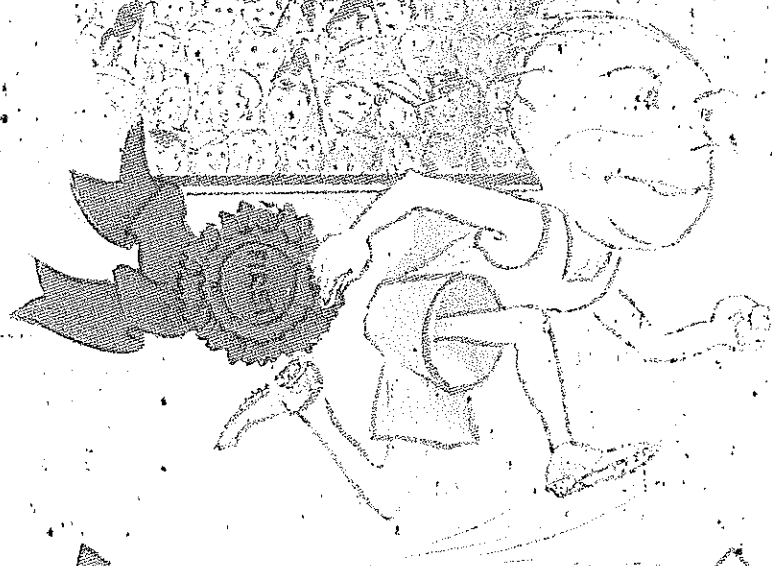
The second week of school was initiation week. The girls were seen wearing no make-up, bonnets, different colored socks, dresses wrong side out and gloves while the boys wandered about with apron hats, shirts backwards and carrying canes. All wore a card with the inscription on it, "I'M A NUT. WHAT ARE YOU?"

On Friday of the same week they were initiated by the Sophomores into W.C.H.S. by eating raw eggs bitter chocolate, breathing flour and walking on planks.

The Freshmen became active in school work and are now participating in various activities such, as Band, Orchestra, Glee Club, Basketball & Track.

At this time the green has all worn off and they leave it to the "Freshman Class" of 1940-41.





ATHLETICS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

(Reading from left to right) Front Row--Joan Reth, Mary Ann Scanland, Alma Wood. Center Row--Alberta Kamphoefner, Iva Symes, Bertinia Prior, Betty Blick. Back Row--Mr. Gooch, Coach, Helen Twiehaus, Eileen Gerdeman, Blanche Stamer, Betty Schmidt.

GIRLS' TRACK

(Reading from left to right) Front Row--Nadine Daniels, Lorna Haverkamp, Mary Ann Scanland, Dorothy Reinhardt, Lottie Brakensiek. Center Row--Vera Kjar, Mildred Bockhorst, Blanche Stamer, Idele McCreery, Alberta Kamphoefner. Back Row--Mr. Gooch, Coach, Iva Lee Symes, Betty Burney, Flora Lee, Erna Prigge.

BOYS' TRACK

(Reading from left to right) Front Row--Glenn Ramsey, Donald Pitts, Melvin Schlueter, James Rufkahr, James Bruning, Calvin Schaper. Center Row--Wallace Ordelheide, James Swarts, Norman Nissing, Emmons Jaspering, Maurice Hedeman, Nelson Auer. Back Row--Lloyd Jaspering, Oscar Waltermann, Elmer Hargis, William Turner, George Davis, Mr. Martin, Coach.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

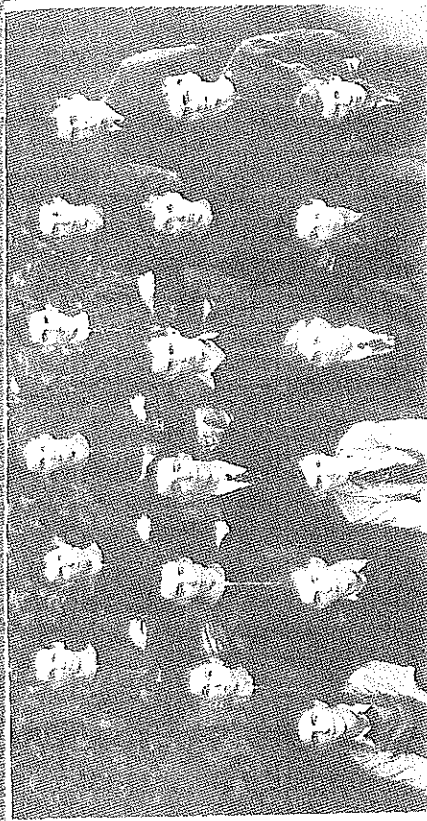
(Reading from left to right) Sitting--Wallace Ordelheide, Lloyd Jaspering. Kneeling--Maurice Hedeman, Oscar Waltermann, James Swarts. Standing--Mr. Martin, Coach, George Davis, Elmer Hargis, William Turner, Nelson Auer.

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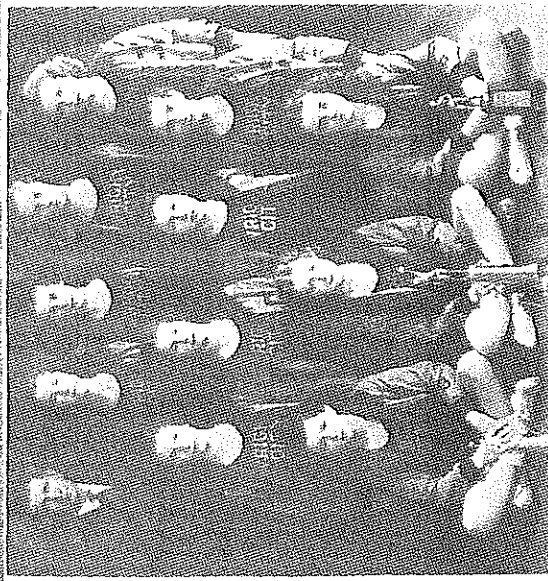
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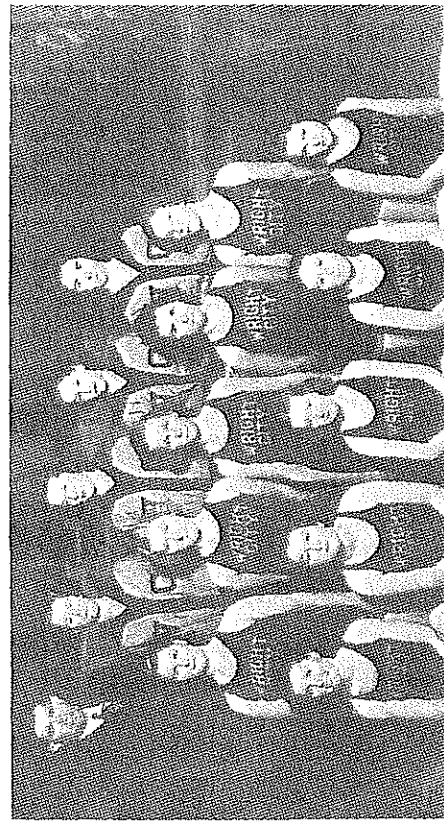
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GIRLS' BASKETBALL



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BOYS' BASKETBALL

The Wright City Boys had the most successful season in the history of the school. They started off rather slowly, defeating Silex 27 to 11. Then after winning six games in succession, they lost to Warrenton in our tournament, but went on to defeat Troy for third place. In this tournament they began to click as they should. The next tournament was at Bowling Green where our boys defeated Bellflower, Brashear and New London, but lost to Warrenton by 2 points, having missed 16 free throws. In the next tournament, the boys went to Monroe City and played in their first tournament finals for several years. They defeated Rennesslear, New London, Shelbina but lost in the finals to Madison by 3 points. On January 24, they went to the strong Troy Tournament and played Desloge (a team that went to the state) but were defeated 26 to 30; in the second game Cape Girardeau defeated the Wildcats 32 to 37. On February 1 and 2 the Wildcats went to the "C" Club Tournament at Central College and came back as champions with beautiful belt buckles. They defeated Pilot Grove, St. Clair, winners of Franklin County Tournament, and the strong Fayette Team. In the Boone's Trail Tournament, they returned as champions, defeating Louisiana 38 to 8; Howell, 38 to 17 and Silex, in the finals, 32 to 16.

All in all, it was a season in which we can all feel very proud of our team. In the Boone's Trail Conference they ended up with 100 per cent (8 victories), and in the East Missouri Conference they won 4 and lost 4. On February 16, the Wildcats defeated our county rival---Warrenton, 21 to 23, a feat which had only been accomplished once before in the history of our school, and that was on our court--not theirs.

Elmer Hargis made the All-Star Team at Fayette. The letter men are Captain Nelson Auer, George Davis, Elmer Hargis, Oscar Waltermann, William Turner, Maurice Hedeman, James Swarts and Lloyd Jaspering. The boys placed six trophies on the shelves of the trophy case in the hall for which the whole school is indeed proud.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

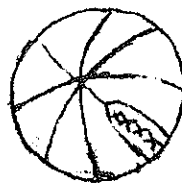
The squad reporting at the first call last fall was the smallest and most inexperienced ever to begin a season for the Blue and Gold. In search for a nucleus around which to build a team, only two letter girls were available with half that number forming the total regulars left from the previous season. One other regular joined the ranks some six weeks later.

Hard work and determination showed results from the beginning. The season's record, while not quite equalling the standards maintained by past teams, does continue the habit of showing more victories than defeats, in winning thirteen games while dropping seven for a percentage of 650.

Three trophies were won for Wright City High School by the ladies during the past season; second place in the home tournament and third place in both the Howell and Silex Tournaments.

A glance over the squad members shows only two seniors among the group. This should place Wright City High School back at the top for the coming seasons. The following ten year record will convince you that the Wild Cats are top rankers.

YEAR	WON	LOST	TIED	PERCENTAGE
1931	16	5	0	767
1932	16	2	0	889
1933	16	5	1	767
1934	18	9	0	667
1935	25	2	0	926
1936	26	2	0	929
1937	24	3	0	889
1938	28	1	0	966
1939	15	5	1	750
1940	13	7	0	650
Total	197	41	2	827



GIRL'S TRACK

The 1939 Wild Cats were champions of both the East Missouri Conference and the Boone's Trail Conference. In dual meets the girls easily defeated Wentzville 51-17 and Montgomery City 54-1/3-16 2/3.

The line up for the year found the following girls winning letters:

Dashes-Erna Frigge, Iva Lee Symes;

Relay-Iva Lee Symes, Betty Burney, Flora Lee, Erna Frigge;

High Jump-Betty Burney, Blanche Stamer;

Broad Jump-Betty Burney, Erna Frigge;

Base Ball Distance-Vera Kjar, Blanche Stamer, Nadine Daniel;

Base Ball Accuracy-Vera Kjar, Nadine Daniel;

Basket Ball Distance-Vera Kjar, Idele McCroery, Blanche Stamer.

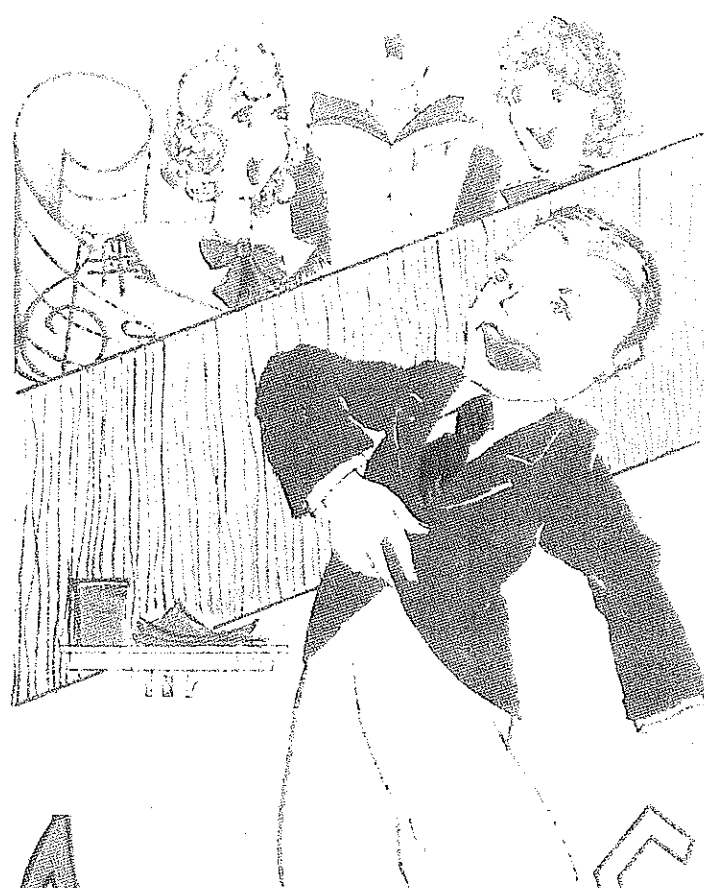
Conference Scores

Boone's Trail--Wright City 49 Wentzville 23
Howell 14.

East Missouri-Wright City 42 Jonesburg 21 Howell--
14 Elsberry 5 Warrenton 4.

BOY'S TRACK

This year due to bad weather conditions, most of our dual meets have been canceled. The prospect this year is very good. We are planning on sending a full team to Elsberry for the East Missouri Track Meet. In the Dashes we will have Oscar Waltermann and Nelson Auer. In the Distance Runs our star is William Turner. Auer and Davis will participate in the Jumps along with Waltermann in the Broad Jump. Emmons Jaspering has been coming along very nicely in the Discus. Davis and Waltermann should turn out to be excellent hurdlers. Hargis will be running the 440 yd. Dash. We are striving to make track one of the major boy's sports, to rank with our basketball team.



ACTIVITIES

LOWER GRADE ROOM

(Reading from left to right) Sitting: Barbara Kentch, Hugh Turpin, George Robben, Norma Prior, Allen Kentch, Ann Keller, Wendell Gooch. Kneeling: Grace Smith, Mary Williams, Betty Twichaus, Nelson Seger, Winston Schreckengast, Junior Bueneman, Billy Anthony. Standing: Hazel Hoelscher, Glenn Cafer, Melna Bueneman, Lindsay Mittler, Fred Tillinger, Otis Symes, Sylvester Kentch, Helen Anthony, Harry Lee Schreckengast.

UPPER GRADE ROOM

(Reading from left to right) Sitting: Mildred Faye Litche, Yvonne Stamer, Joan Turpin, Mary Catherine Buchanan, Lloyd Bruning, Dwayne Johnson, Center row: Harold Mueller, Victoria Kentch, Huetta Turpin, Marion Killoran, Doris Godt, Norris Klineschmidt, Billy Groeper, Floyd Bruning, Back row: Walter Kentch, Kenneth Koelling, Betty Jean Owens, Bernard Twichaus, Johnny Swarts, Steven Tillinger, Clifford Symes.

JUNIOR PLAY CLASS

(Reading from left to right) Sitting: Joan Martin, Margaret Jane Ruhwedel, Corinne Welch, Alberta Kamphoefner. Standing: Miss Robinson, Sponsor, Oscar Waltermann, Lloyd Jaspering, Arthur Wildschuetz, Junior Davis, Paul Golterman.

SENIOR PLAY CAST

(Reading from left to right) Sitting: Elmer Hargis, Wilma Huelzman, Virginia Duebbert, Norman Nissing. Standing: Miss Louise Clough, Lottie Brakensiek, Norma Katterjohn, Howard Kennedy, George Davis, Mary Ann Scanland, Nelson Auer.

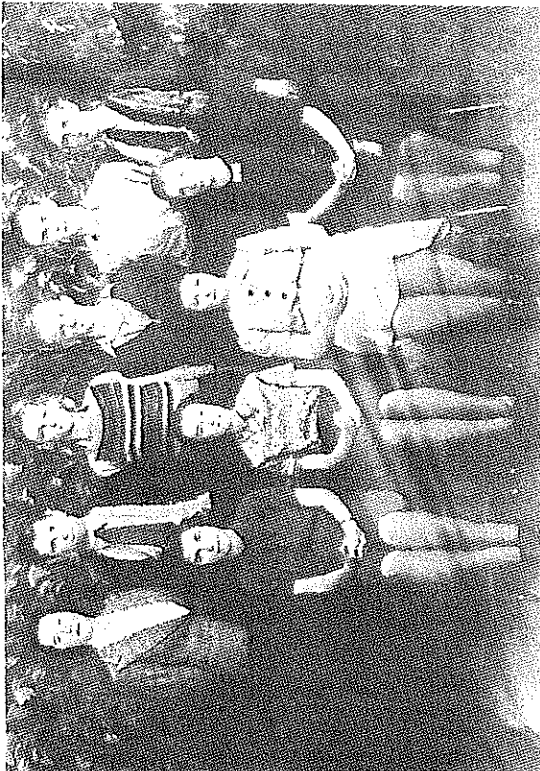
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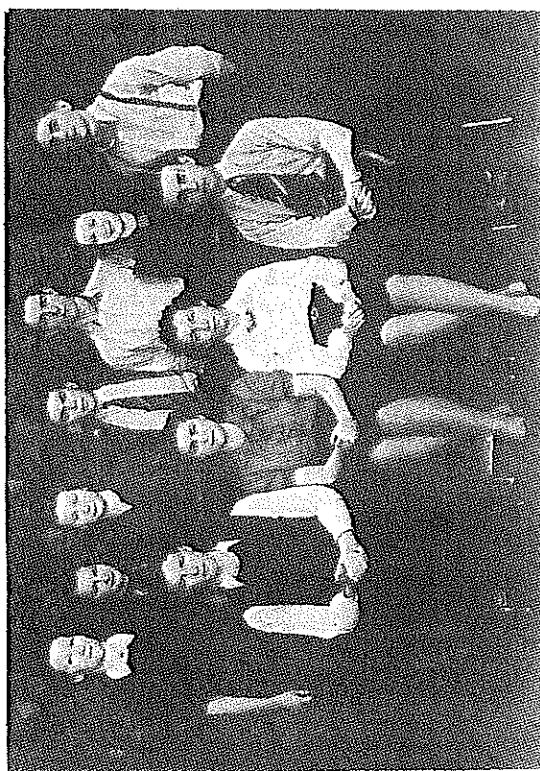
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UPPER GRADE ROOM



PRIMARY ROOM



PRIMARY ROOM

At the beginning of the year the Primary Room had an enrollment of 24. At the end of the term the enrollment was 28.

A rhythm band was organized under the direction of Miss Cisco. They made two public performances.

Observance was made of each holiday during the year. For Valentine's Day, a post office was made.

In the unit on Holland a Dutch village was built. A play was written and presented.

State Reading Circle Certificates were awarded to the following pupils: Grade 1: Wendell Gooch, Ann Koller, Norma Lee Prior, and Allen Kentch; Grade 2: Billy Anthony, Nelson Seger, Junior Bueneman, and Mary Margaret Williams; Grade 3: Betty Jean Twichaus, Grace Smith, Glenn Cafer, and Lindsay Dale Mittler; Grade 4: Melna Jean Bueneman, and Helen Anthony.

UPPER GRADE ROOM

The Upper Grade Room has gained four new pupils this year, bringing the enrollment to 24.

In the fall a collection of bird nests, bird houses and drawings of birds were shown at the Harvest Festival. At a Parent Teachers' Meeting, a colonial village made by the fifth and sixth grade was displayed. Notebooks and other displays were shown at the Spring Festival at Warrenton.

The library was organized under the Pupils' State Reading Circle Plan and students earned Reading Circle Certificates for passing required tests.

First Aid was studied and a health program was carried out during which various health tests were given and a first aid cabinet built and equipped.

On holidays the lower grade room went into partnership for their celebration. A Christmas program "In the Court of Santa Claus" was given. A Halloween parade was held and ended with a party at the school. Prizes were awarded to Yvonne Stamer and Helen Anthony.

HI-POINTS OF THE YEAR

<u>September</u>	Freshmen and Sophomore Initiation Party
<u>October</u>	Harvest Festival Silex Basketball Team Here
<u>November</u>	W.C.H.S. Basketball Tournament Teachers' Meeting at St. Louis Bowling Green Tournament Senior Hay Ride
<u>December</u>	Wentzville Basketball Team Here Parent Teachers' Moving Picture Show Hawk Point Basketball Team Here Monroe City Tournament Junior Play Christmas Party
<u>January</u>	Warrenton Basketball Team Here Howell Basketball Team Here Howell Tournament Troy Basketball Team Here Troy Tournament Elsberry Basketball Team Here
<u>February</u>	"C" Club Tournament at Fayette Wentzville Basketball Team Here Debate At St. Charles Hermann Basketball Team Here Regional Meet in Washington
<u>March</u>	Debate at St. Charles Debate at Fulton Silex Tournament Senior Play
<u>April</u>	Music Concert Work Day F.F.A. Initiation Police Circus F.F.A. Banquet Track Meet at Wentzville Spring Festival at Troy Boone's Trail Track Meet Alumnae Banquet East Missouri Track Meet Freshmen and Sophomore Party
<u>May</u>	Junior Prom Baccalaureate Senior Trip School Picnic Commencement

JUNIOR PLAY

On the blustery night of December 13 in the Evangelical Church the Junior Class presented a comedy "Button, Button" by Maurice Clark. Junior Davis played the part of a young man known as Button Alexander Woodhouse whose socially prominent family considered him slightly unbalanced. He tries to limit his ambition to easy chairs, good food, and homely philosophy, but there are conflicting forces around him--a wealthy woman with hobbies, (Alberta Kamphoefner) an antique collector, (Iva Lee Symes); a modern poetress, (Joan Martin); and the golf player, (Oscar Waltermann), but finally he finds the worst thing to his peace of mind is a pretty housemaid, (Margaret Jane Ruhwedel); with whom he elopes at the end.

Other supporting players were: Emery--Paul Golterman; Al--Lloyd Jaspering; Ed--Arthur Wildschuetz; and Maude--Corrine Welch.

The play was coached by Miss Margaret Robinson, sponsor of the Junior Class.

SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class of 1940 presented the farce act farce-comedy, "Here Comes Charlie" on March 28 of the year.

Howard Kennedy played the role of Larry Elliott, a young broker, who was jolted to find that he had taken a girl to raise. Charlie (Mary Ann Scanland) arrived from Arkansas accompanied by Uncle Aleck Twiggs (Elmer Hargis) like herself, a true product of the Ozarks. Farcial situations develop from the sound blunders of the new arrivals. In order to save Larry from farther embarrassment, the pair departed only to return after some months, very changed.

The supporting cast included Lottie Brakensiek, Larry's aunt; George Davis, Larry's pal; Wilma Huelsmann, a society matron; Norma Katterjohn, Larry's fiancée; Nelson Auer, a bored play boy; Virginia Duebbort, an Irish maid; and Norman Nissing, an Irish policeman.

The play was coached by Miss Louise Clough, Senior Class Sponsor.

FOODS

Front Row (Reading left to right) Virginia Duebbert and Wilma Huelsmann. Back row (Reading left to right) Miss. Louise Clough (instructor), Corrine Welch, Dorothy Reinhardt, Esther Strack, Lottie Brakensiek.

CLOTHING

Front Row (Reading left to right) Cora Hoelscher, Darlene Hagemann, Jeannette Boenker, Velma Schaper Mary Ann Scanland. Back Row (Reading left to right) Berniece Schmidt, Margaret Jane Huhwedel, Marjorie Drewer, Marcella Conway, Garnelle Schaper, Norma Katterjohn, Ruth Koelling, Betty Schmidt, Grace Stonebarger, Helen Twiehaus. (Standing) Miss Louise Clough (instructor), Colleen Strack, and Alberts Kamphoefner.

VOCATIONAL AG: (STUDYING)

Front Row (Reading left to right) Maurice Hedeman, Elmer Hargis and Nelson Auer. Second Row, left to right) Melvin Schlueter, Billy Pope, Virgil Miller Third Row left to right; James Ruffkahr, Wally Ordelheide, James Swarts, Gwyn Waller, Elphine Hector and Calvin Schaper. Back Row left to right Glenn Nissing, Emmons Jaspering, Arthur Wildschuetz and Charles Thoroughman. Back Row standing left to right; James Bruning, Lloyd Jaspering and Mr. William Keller, Instructor.

VOCATIONAL AG: (WORKING)

Boys in this picture are: George Davis, Charles Thoroughman, Glenn Nissing, Elmer Hargis, Arthur Wildschuetz, Wally Ordelheide, Emmons Jasperings, Glenn Ramsey, Zeno Katterman, Nelson Auer, Alger Williams, Frederick Gerdeman, Melvin Schlueter, Calvin Schaper, and Mr. William Keller, Instructor.



FOODS CLASS



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VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE CLASS



VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE SHOP

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

DEPARTMENT: Our Future Farmers started into vocational agriculture with two excellent basement rooms. They needed bulletin boards, tools, tables, cabinets, a library, and all the necessary things needed for a good ag. dept. Our boys worked hard with Mr. Keller, and one by one each piece of equipment was constructed, finished, and set in place. We partitioned the north hall, and built equipment needed for a good blacksmith shop. We built many other things for our school and homes. All of our tools are of the best quality made, and we are proud of our cases, tables, library, pictures, and files.

CLASS - SKILLS - SUPERVISED PROJECTS: To "Learn from the Success and Failure of Others" is one of our slogans. Each boy carefully studies the right methods and skills used to properly manage his home, crops, and livestock. He cultivates skill in farm shop, out on field trips, and in demonstrations; then he puts his knowledge to test in a project on the farm under Mr. Keller's supervision. At present our boys have developed many good projects in livestock, crops, etc. Now we are working toward more forage and better pasture crops, more sheep, and more dairy for our community.

FARMERS EVENING SCHOOL: Two such schools have been held in our department for adult farmers'. Field trips, demonstrations, and other activities were included.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA: Our F.F.A. chapter has carried out a splendid record of activities during its short life. We have our charter and all the equipment necessary for a good chapter of F.F.A. We initiated Missouri's first of a series of chapter radio programs over KMOX last year, took teams and entered stock in state show and contests at Columbia and St. Louis, and attended the American Royal Show in Kansas City. We wind up this year with our second "Fathers and Sons Banquet", a "Steak Fry" and a "Fishing Trip".

OFFICERS: Maurice Hedeman, President
Elmer Hargis, Vice Pres. Nelson Auer, Secretary
Melvin Schlueter, Treas. George Davis, Reporter
Lloyd Jaspering, Watchdog Mr. Keller, Advisor

HOME ECONOMICS

Forty-one girls were enrolled in the four Home Economics classes this year as compared with seventeen when the course was first offered four years ago. This should somewhat indicate the growth of interest in the department.

Foods was taught by the unit. Planning the breakfast, the luncheon, the dinner, and special occasions were the units considered this year. From day to day, the principles of cookery were studied and laboratory practices carried on. At the conclusion of each unit of work, each girl was placed in a group and required to plan, prepare, and serve the meal with special stress being placed on management and etiquette.

This year the Foods class also had some experience with quantity cookery by planning, preparing, and serving a Valentine banquet for the local Chamber of Commerce.

Two new electric sewing machines were added to the equipment for the Clothing laboratory this year. In the belief that the selection of clothing is becoming more and more important, a great deal of time was devoted to the study of fabrics, the principles of design and of color in connection with the actual work.

Improvement was noted in the personal appearance of each girl as a result of her application of principles of design and of color in connection with the actual construction work.

Home Nursing instruction was given to help prepare young women for the lives that lie before them, since the homemaker is the nurse when illness comes. Care of the body in health, the symptoms and home treatment of disease, and First Aid comprised the year's course.

Home Management, as the title implies, gave a better understanding and appreciation of the many problems of the homemaker.

This course consisted of a study of the material home, the successful family, the management, and the family as a personal problem.

DEBATE

(Reading from left to right) Blanche Stamer, Mary Ann Scanland, Miss Robinson, Norman Nissing, Joan Martin, Bertinia Prior.

STUDENT COUNCIL

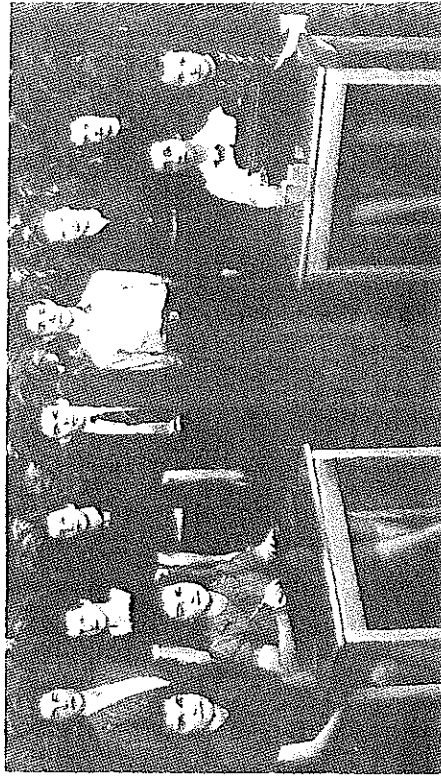
(Reading from left to right) Sitting--Norma Katterjohn, Virginia Duebbert, Wilma Huelsman, George Davis. Standing--Alma Wood, Alger Williams, Bertinia Prior, Elmer Hargis, Marcella Conway, Ralph Ryker, Alva McVey.

YEAR BOOK STAFF

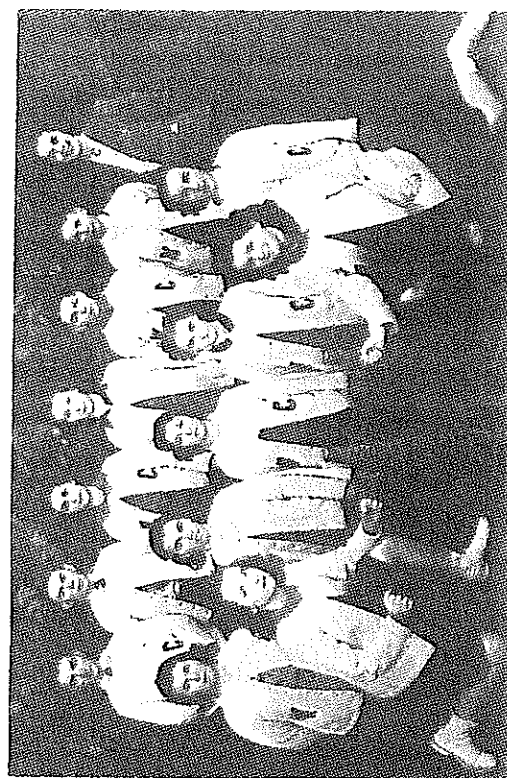
(Reading from left to right) Seated--Joan Martin, Wilma Huelsman, Virginia Duebbert, Lottie Brakensiek. Standing--Miss Robinson, Sponsor, Berniece Schmidt, Alberta Kamphoefner, Howard Kennedy, Geo. Davis, Norma Katterjohn, Mary Ann Scanland.

PEPPERETTES

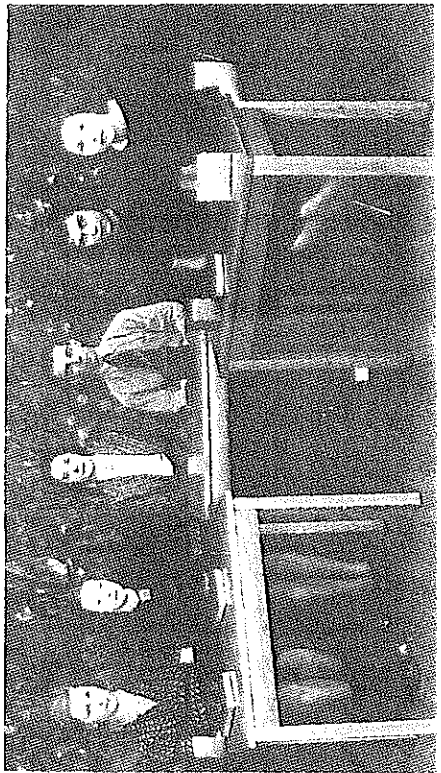
(Reading from left to right) Kneeling--Corrine Welch, Alma Wood, Colleen Strack, Esther Linnert, Emily Ryker, Jean Roth, Darline Hageman. Standing--William Sherman, Howard Kennedy, Wilma Huelsman, Norma Katterjohn, James Bruning, Raymond Waltermann, Miss Robinson, Sponsor.



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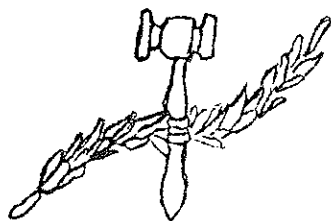
STUDENT COUNCIL

DEBATE

The Debate Squad this year was made up of the members of the speech class. The teams were: Affirmative: Joan Martin and Bertinia Prior. Negative: Mary Ann Scanland, Blanche Stamer, Tribbey Nickerson, and Norman Nissing. The teams were coached by Miss Robinson.

The National High School Debate subject this year was: "Resolved, That the Federal Government Shall Own and Operate the Railroads."

The Squad held two practice debates with the debaters at St. Charles High School--one on February the first at Wright City and one on February twenty-third at Westminster College at Fulton, Missouri in the sectional meets. Both Affirmative and Negative teams won. Then on March the twelfth, they were entitled to enter the district meet at Kirksville, but on account of bad weather were unable to attend.



THE STAFF

The Year Book Staff is composed of members of the student body. Their selection was determined largely by their outstanding work along literary lines. I express my appreciation in acknowledgment of their splendid work and cooperation. We, as the Staff, hope that this Year Book will really and truly stand as a memorial to the many achievements of the passing school year. It has been our aim to publish a Yearbook worthy of its name--Wildcat Echoes.

--Editor

THE STUDENT COUNCIL

The aim of the Student Council, which is composed of student representatives, is to provide an organization for the purpose of settling various problems that come before the school and to create a strong self-government. The first Student Council was organized in 1931-32. Since, then, each year has witnessed the organizing of a Student Council in Wright City High School, and each has been a success.

This year the student body elected the following officers and student representatives:

President: Virginia Duebbert

Vice-President: George Davis

Secretary-Treasurer: Wilma Huelsman

Senior Representatives: Norma Katterjohn
Elmer Hargis

Junior Representatives: Marcella Conway
Ralph Ryker

Sophomore Representatives: Bertinia Prior
Alger Williams

Freshmen Representatives: Alva McVey
Alma Wood

Faculty Sponsor: Prof. Gooch

PEPPERETTES

The Pepperettes are an organization in school whose chief function is to promote pep and good sportsmanship at the athletic events. It is made up of a voluntary group of boys and girls. The officers this year were:

President: Wilma Huelsman

Vice-President: Norma Katterjohn

Secretary-Treasurer: Edith Wood

Yell-Leaders: Nadine Snavelly-Alfred Stone
Colleen Strack-Grace Symes
Alma Wood-Jean Roth

The main functions for the year were; first, purchasing sweaters and letters for each member of the organization; second, holding pep assemblies before several of the big games; third, attending all basket ball games; and lastly, leading our team by the triumphal cry "Our team is red hot!"

ORCHESTRA

(Reading left to right) Emily Ryker, Ruth Hollen-
beck, Grace Symes, Berniece Schmidt, Wilma Huels-
man, Lottie Brakensiek, Howard Kennedy, Ruby Kenn-
edy, Velma Schaper, Joan Martin, Mary Frances Ruh-
wedol, Junior Davis, Garnelle Schaper, Mary Ann
Scanland, Tribbey Nickerson, Margaret Ruhwedol,
Miss Eleanor Cisco, Instructor.

CHORUS

(Reading left to right) Sitting: Norman Ryan, Joan
Martin, Alma Wood, Tribbey Nickerson, Margaret Ruh-
wedol. Kneeling: Emilyn Wein, Jean Roth, Emily Ry-
ker, Ruby Kennedy. Standing: Helen Franz, Virginia
Brandes, Iva Symes, Esther Linnert, Miss Eleanor
Cisco, Instructor.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

(Reading left to right) In the foreground: Howard
Kennedy, Joan Martin, Irene Johnson, Ruth Hollen-
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James Swarts, Esther Linnert, Darline Hageman,
Berniece Schmidt. 4th Row: Edna Nichols, Marcella
Conway, Ruby Kennedy. Standing: Miss M. Robinson

BAND

(Reading left to right) sitting: Mary Frances Ruh-
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elheide, Ruby Kennedy, Junior Davis, Velma Schaper,
Alger Williams, Margaret Ruhwedol, James Swarts,
Tribbey Nickerson, Gwyn Waller. Standing: Miss
Eleanor Cisco, Joan Martin, Berniece Schmidt, Grace
Symes.



BAND



COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT



ORCHESTRA



CHORUS

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Wright City High School is most fortunate to have the interest and talent of so many of its students in its music department.

The band, a new organization this year, consists of sixteen members, most of whom had little training previous to this year's work. The first appearance of this group was at the first basketball game of the season. They played for all the home games, including the tournament, and also made two out-of-town trips with the team, one to Howell, Missouri, and one to Warrenton, Missouri. The first appearance of the band in concert was before the Wright City Chamber of Commerce on the night of February 13th. This program was received with praise and much comment was expressed on the work done in such a short time. The band appeared in a joint concert with the orchestra on the night of April 5th. This program was in the form of a spring concert and will be an annual affair. The band in its entirety took part in the East Missouri Band Concert held at Troy, Missouri on April 13th.

The orchestra, while not a new organization, has made good progress this year and has done outstanding work in the department. This group consists of sixteen members, most of whom are above average in their musical ability. The first appearance of the orchestra was one month after school began when they played a Concert at the Harvest Festival. They played for the Junior play and appeared in the spring concert with the band.

The mixed chorus consisting of fourteen members is a new feature this year and has done good group work in the short time they have sung together. Again, they are young in experience and have a long way to go before their goal is reached.

Ensembled groups of the Music Department consist of a brass quartet composed of two B flat Cornets, E flat Alto Horn and Baritone, and a Clarinet Trio. The brass quartet performed at the Spring Concert and also took part in the program for the Festival held at Troy. The clarinet trio consisting of three B flat Clarinets performed at the Spring Concert.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

Fifty-one students have been enrolled in classes in the Commercial Department this year. At any period of the day, some of these students can be found working in the glass-caged office rooms down at the west end of the hall, a few may be seen taping the keyboards, or cleaning the machines, or someone with his notebook, feverishly writing — or — while others are scratching their heads over Mr. John Doe's statement of Profit and Loss.

"Now Is the Time for All Good Men"

In the Beginning Typing Class, the course is taught to satisfy the personal needs of a student with a typewriter. He is taught the use of the machine and units in caring for the machine, special characters, tabulation, letter writing and manuscript work. While in the Advanced Class, speed and skill are emphasized. Advanced office problems are introduced, such as: handling office correspondence; telegrams; legal work and invoices. In both of these classes the students are awarded certificates provided by Sanford-Brown Business College and the National Commercial Contests for speed and accuracy work.

For the first year of shorthand study, the student is taught the rules and fundamentals of shorthand writing. While the second year of training is mainly based on speed and accuracy of both writing and transcription of material taken from dictation. A unit is also introduced on the personal aspects of the stenographer; her personality, neatness, dress, adaptability, and character. This year, a short one-act play was presented to the P.T.A. showing the importance that personality can play in employment.

Assets - Liabilities = Proprietorship

This is the equation upon which the bookkeeping class bases all of its problems. They are taught the complete bookkeeping cycle plus columnar journals, personal bookkeeping and partnership accounting. Seven national unit tests must be passed by the student with the addition of the completion of the Potter, R. J. Collins, and French and Breen, Partnership, Practice Sets.

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

The membership of the 1939-40 P.T.A. was 73. The officers until February were as follows: Mrs. August Stamer, President; Mrs. Wm. Huelsman, Vice President; Miss Malinda Nobbmann, Treasurer; and Miss Louise Clough, Secretary. The officers, elected in February were Mrs. Silas Smith, President; Mrs. E. W. Bueneman, Vice President; Mrs. James Buchanan, Treasurer; and Miss Ruth Lovell, Secretary.

The organization contributed \$10.00 for the Harvest Festival prizes and has purchased kindergarten chairs for the Primary Room. A Bake Sale will be given by the P.T.A. in April and they are planning to buy equipment for the school to serve between 70 and 80 persons. During the school year the organization has sponsored several interesting programs.

LIBRARY

The Library Department of the high school is operated to furnish proper reading material for the pupils. Under the direction of Idele McCreery, a number of students are in charge.

Those in charge are: Betty Blick; Iva Lee Symes; Colleen Strack, ass't.; Betty Schmidt; Mary Ann Scanland, ass't.; Blanche Stamer; Dorothy Rinehart, ass't.; Lorene Brandes; Esther Linnert, ass't.; Bertinia Prior; Norma Katterjohn; Norman Nissing, ass't.

HARVEST FESTIVAL QUEEN

On the warm night of October 6, 1939, Miss. Wilma Huelsman, a senior of W.C.H.S. was crowned, queen of the Harvest Festival. She was crowned by Miss Marcelle Stamer, retiring queen.

Her attendants were: Blanche Stamer, Viola Dwyer, Mildred Godt, Mildred Hageman, and Carol Golterman. This was the second year of the Wright City Harvest Festival, and Miss Huelsmann was the second high school student that has won the honor of being crowned queen.

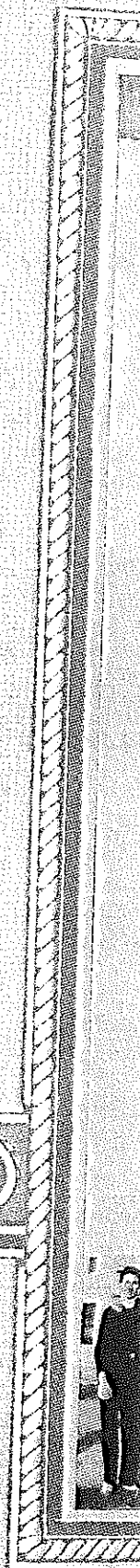
POPULARITY KING AND QUEEN OF W.C.H.S.

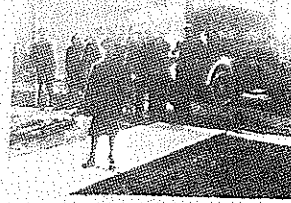
During the month of February, the members of the Yearbook Staff sponsored a "Popularity Contest" for the benefit of the publication of the yearbook.

The four classes had the privilege of nominating three members apiece, and then the six most popular were chosen by the school. The candidates running were: George Davis, Nelson Auer, Berniece Schmidt, Junior Davis, Alma Wood and Wilma Huelsmann.

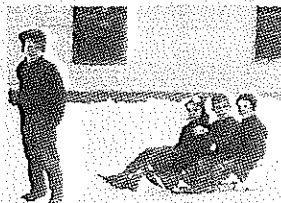
One cent was charged for each vote. Six tall cans were placed in the hall into which the students could drop their money. Bitter contest arose between the students in rivalry for their favorite candidates. The campaign was a hot and furious one, but at the end Berniece Schmidt and Junior Davis were elected as the "Popularity King and Queen of W.C.H.S."

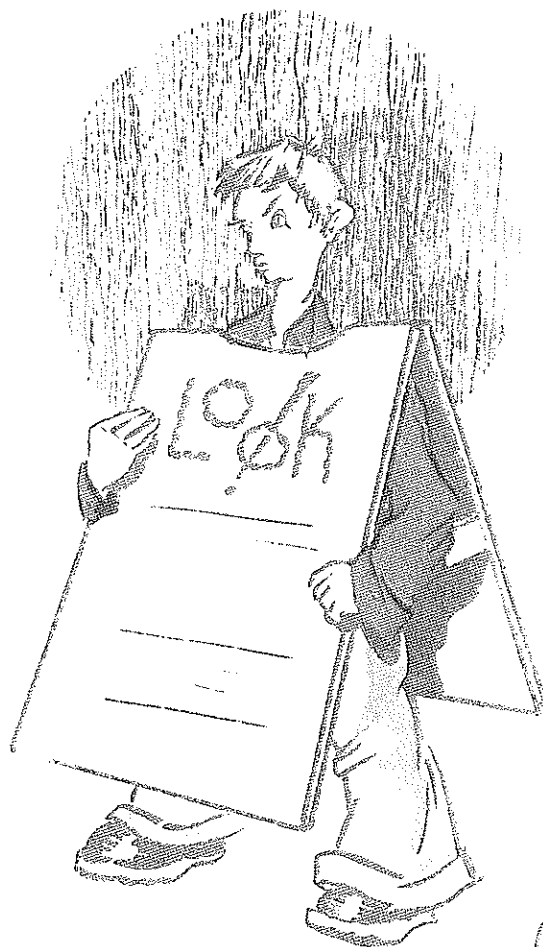
These two students are both members of the Junior Class, Orchestra and Band. Berniece is a member of the Yearbook Staff and Junior is the president of the Junior Class. Also they are both high in scholastic standing and are exceedingly popular with the student body.





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