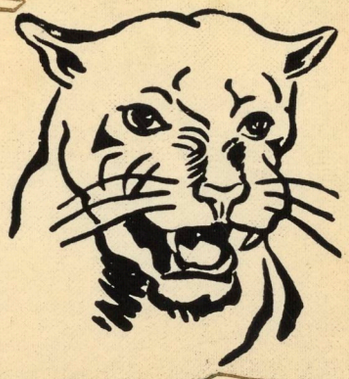
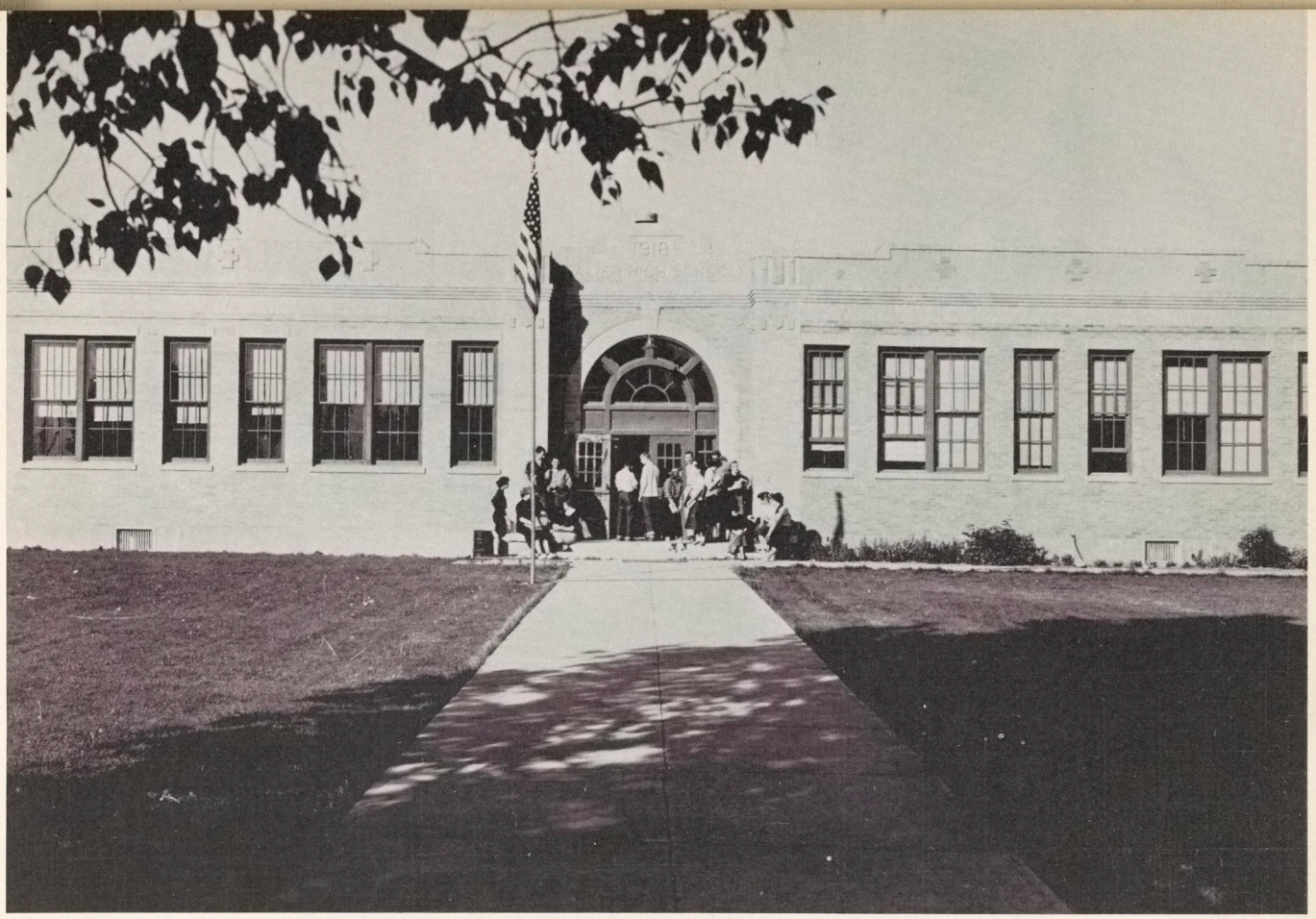
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Valier, Montana

Dedication



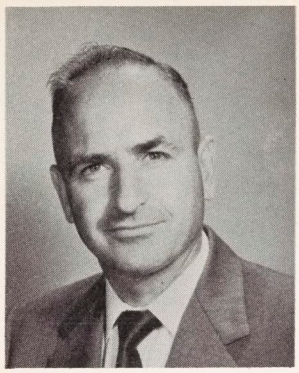
VERN R. PETER

We, the Class of '57, dedicate our annual to Mr. Vern R. Peter, one who has long deserved the honor. He has done more for our class than we can ever repay. This dedication is only a small token to show our appreciation.

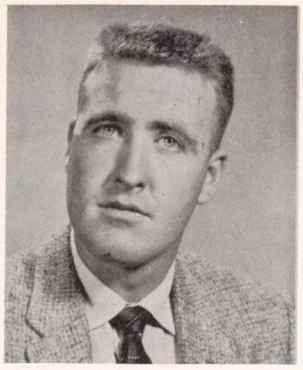


Rhyme in the sky is the theme of our book.
Turn all the pages and take a good look.
See your friends, enemies, and old flames too.
And teachers who did their best for you.

Faculty



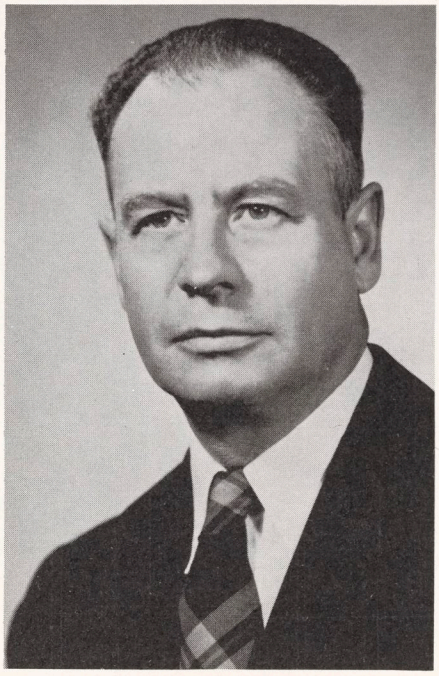
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Grade School Principal



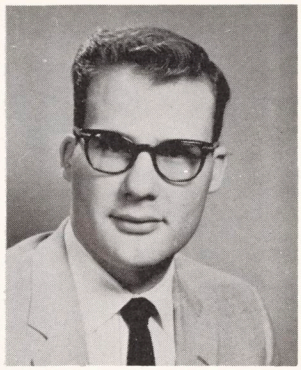
JERRY McCARTHY, B. A.
American History, World History,
Speech, English



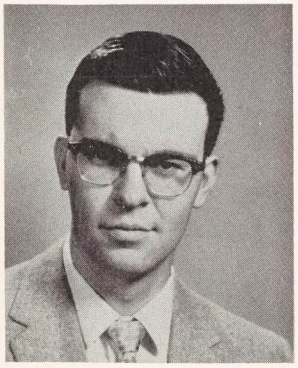
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Home Economics 1 and 11



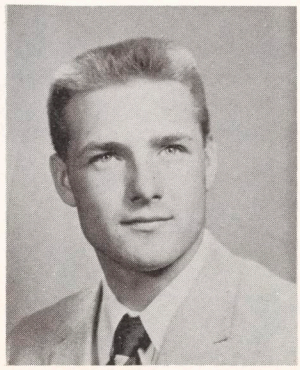
G. E. COX
Superintendent of Valier Schools
American Government, Family Relations



VICTOR SIGNORI, B. S.
Algebra, Science, General Math



PATRICK DEEVY, B.S.
English, Biology,
Mechanical Drawing



RAY WADSWORTH, B. S.
Chemistry, Geometry, Algebra II, Drivers
Training



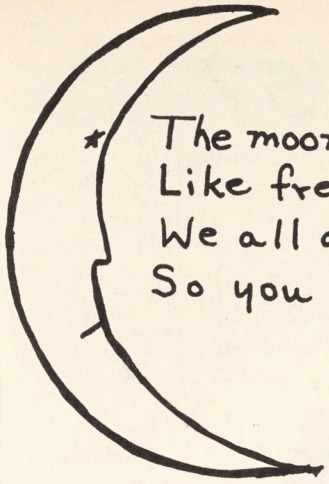
DON STUEBER, B. M.
Band and Chorus



MRS. J. A. TIDYMAN, B. A.
Spanish, Latin, English

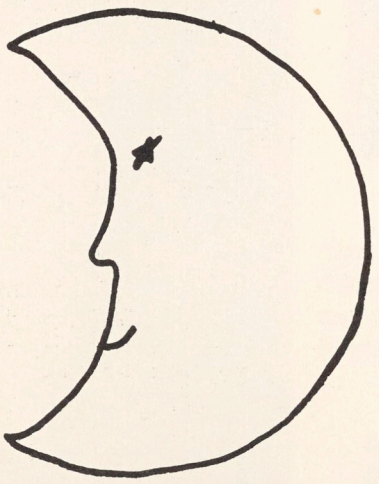


KENNETH KAY, B. A.
Bookkeeping, Typing, Shorthand

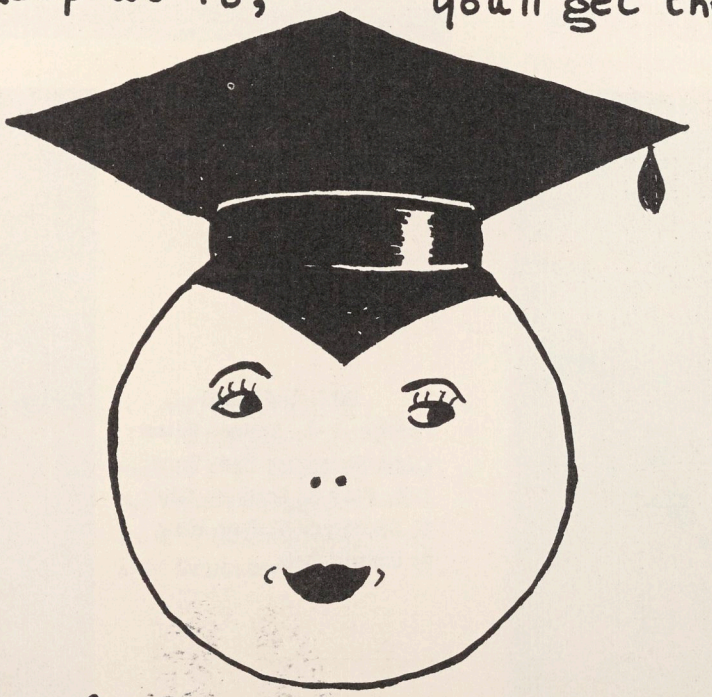


The moon's first quarter
Like freshmen is new.
We all are young once,
So you will grow too!

The half moon is
growing
Like sophomores,
you see
In two more years
Mighty seniors
they'll be!

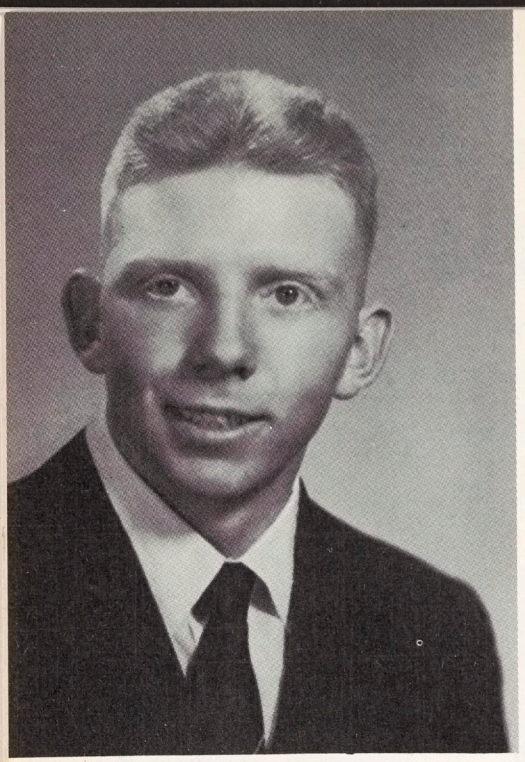


When in its third quarter, the moon's almost mature
So, juniors, keep at it, you'll get there, I'm sure!



Brightest of all is the seniors' glow;
Tho' we worked hard to get here, we all hate to go!

Class of '57



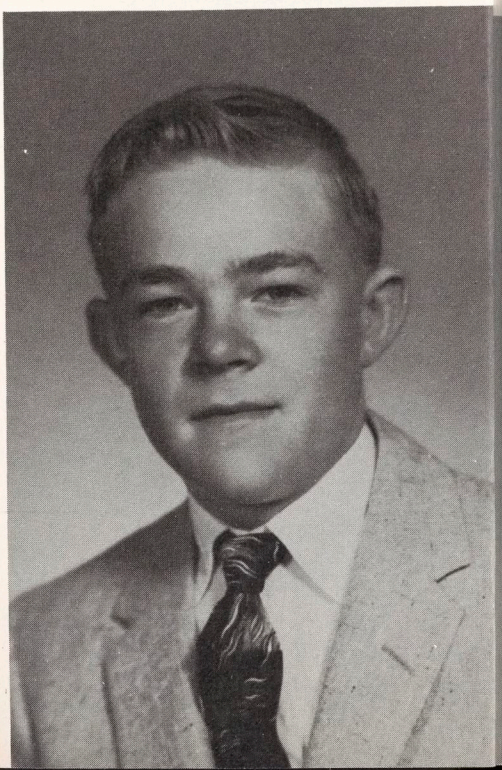
IVAN DOIG
Play 3; FFA 1-2; Track 3-4; Student Council 3; Panther Paw 2; "V" Club Secretary 4; Football 3-4; Class President 4; Honor Society 2-4; Panther 1-4.



JANICE CHRISTIAENS
Cheerleader 4; Tumbling 1-2; Pep Club and Chorus 1-4; Play 3; FHA 1-4, Historian 3, President 4; Panther Paw 2-3; Twirling 3-4; Class Vice President 4; Valatones 4.

LUCILLE BROPHY
Panther Paw 2-3; Twirling 1-4; Majorette 3-4; Chorus 4; FHA 2-4, Officer 4, State Delegate 3; Panther 2-4; Pep Club 1-4, Officer 4; Play 3.

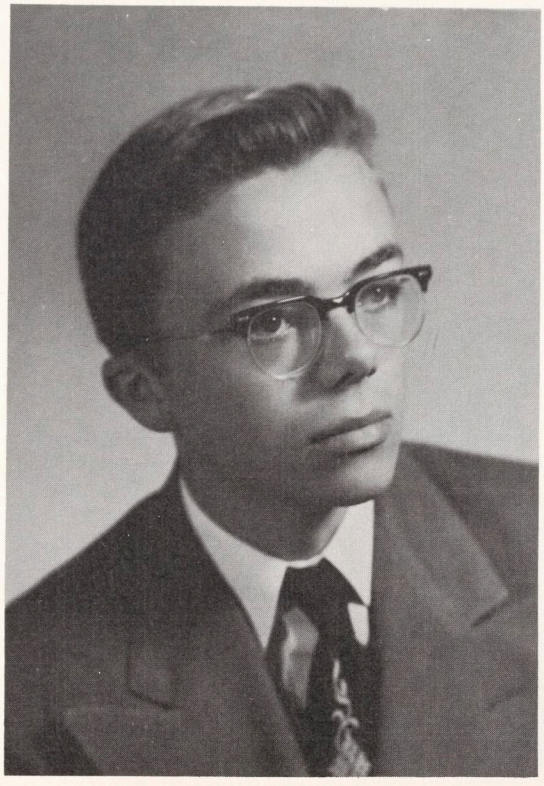




BILL RAPPOLD
Panther 1-4; Annual Editor; Class Secretary 3-4; Band 1-4; Play 3; Science Club 4, Secretary 4; Pow Wow 3; Chorus 2-3.



ARLENE JACOBSON
Chorus and Tumbling 1-2; Panther 1-4, Editor 4; Carnival Queen Candidate 3; FHA and Pep Club 1-4; Play 3.

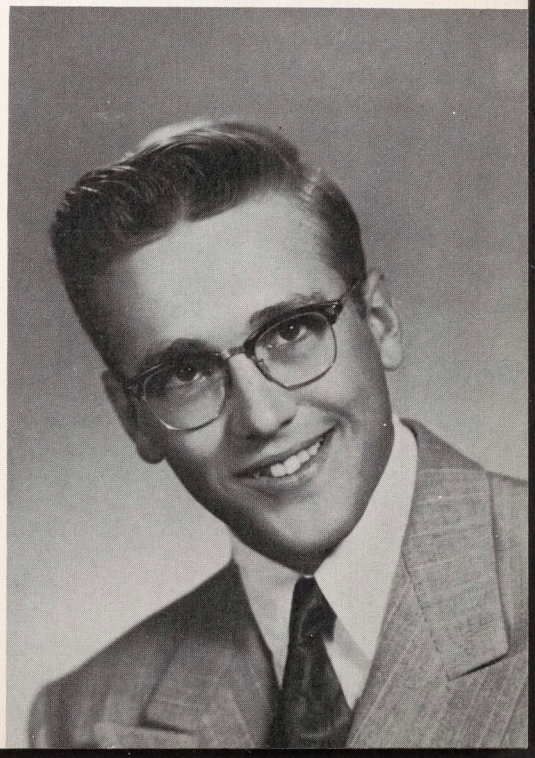


DENIS BONNET
Class President 1; Science Club 3-4, Treasurer 4; Honor Society 2-4, President 3; Basketball 1-4; Boys' State 3; Panther 1-4; "V" Club 3-4; Play 3.

WAYNE ARNST
Panther Paw 2-3; Camera Club 4; FFA 1; Student Council President 4; Football Manager 1; Class President 2; Honor Society 3-4, Vice President 3; Boys' State Alternate 3; Track 4; Basketball 3, Manager 4; Panther 1-4; Science Club Vice President 4; Play 3.



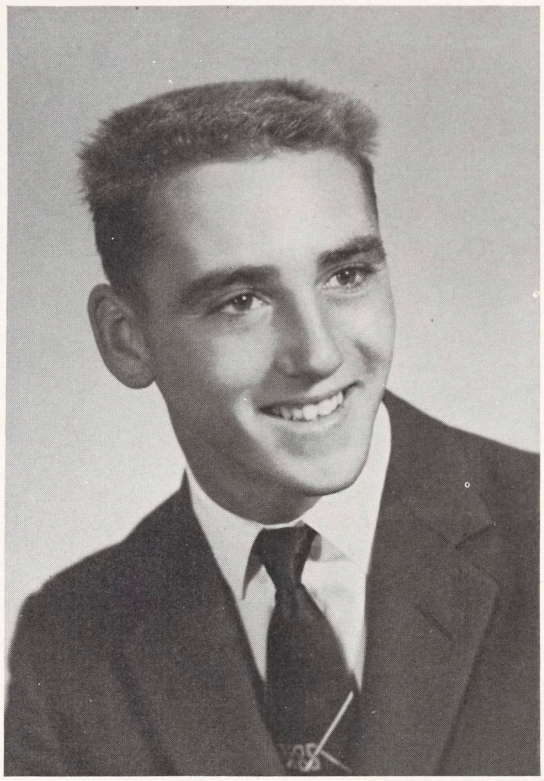
ANTOINETTE WIDHALM
Panther 1-4, Editor 4; Pep Club 1-4; Girls' State 3; Honor Society 2-4, Secretary 3.





NONA BEAUDRY

Dance Band 4; Pep Club 1-4, Officer 4; Girls' State Alternate 3; Honor Society 3-4, President 3; FHA 1-4, Officer 4; Play 3; Carnival Queen Candidate 4; Business Manager of Annual; Science Club 4; Class President 3; Band, Chorus, and Valatones 1-4; Panther 1-4; Senior Sketches 4.



BUTCH LAUFFER

Football Captain 4; Chorus and Band 1-4; Heisey 3; Football, Basketball, Track 1-4; FFA 1-3, Reporter 2, Sentinel 1.

GLORIA DEVINNEY

Honor Society 2-4; Girls' State 3; Pep Club 1-4; Panther 1-4; Staff 3-4; Play 3; Chorus and Valatones 1-4; FHA 1-4.





BARBARA BOWMAN

Panther 1-4; Pep Club 1-4; Tumbling 1-2; Chorus 1, 3, 4; FHA 1-4; Play 3; Panther Paw 2-3.

PATTI PALIN

Girls' State Alternate 3; Carnival Queen Candidate 2; Co-editor of Annual; Play 3; Panther 1-4; FFA Sweetheart 3; Class Officer 1; Dance Band 4; Peanut Queen 3; Honor Society 4; FHA 1-4, Officer 1-3; Band 1-3; Pep Club, Chorus and Valatones 1-4.





GLENN COLLINS

Chorus 3; Boys' State 3; Track 3-4; Panther 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Football 2-4; Projectionist Club 3-4; FFA 1; Pep Club 3; "V" Club 3-4; Play 3.

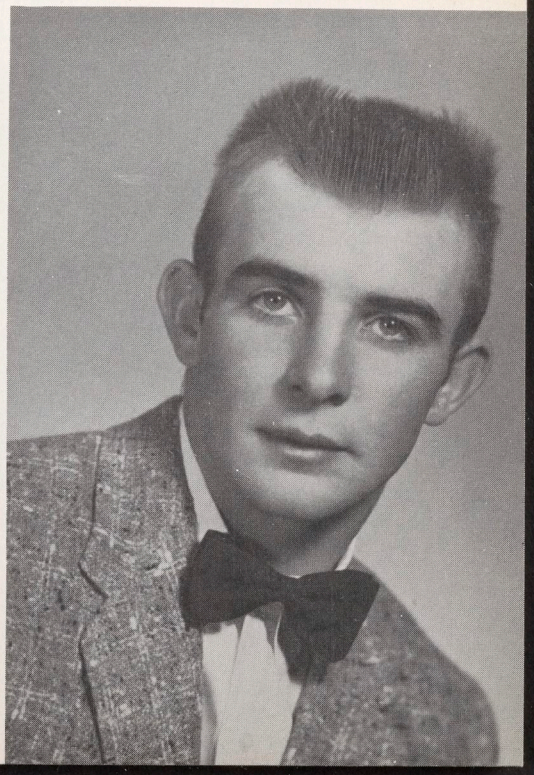
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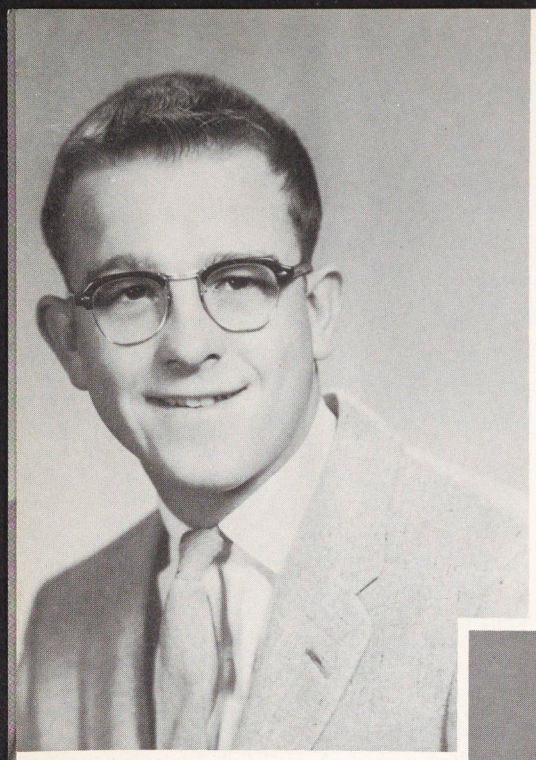
"V" Club 3-4, President 4; Student Council 1; FFA 1-3, Vice President 2-3, Sentinel 1; Football and Basketball Captain 4; Projection Club 3-4; Track 3; Football 1-4; Basketball 2-4.



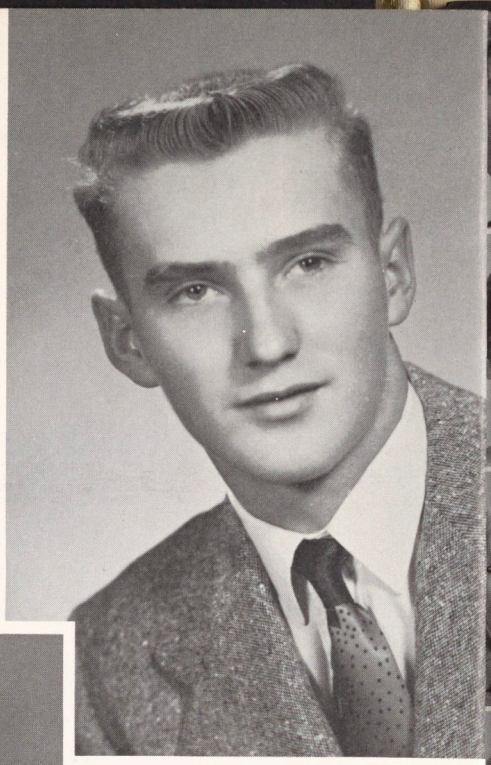
SANDRA LIGHTNER

Pep Club 1-4; Valatones 3-4; Annual Art Editor; Class Vice President 1; Play 3; Panther 1-4; Panther Staff 3-4; FHA 1-4; Chorus 1-4.

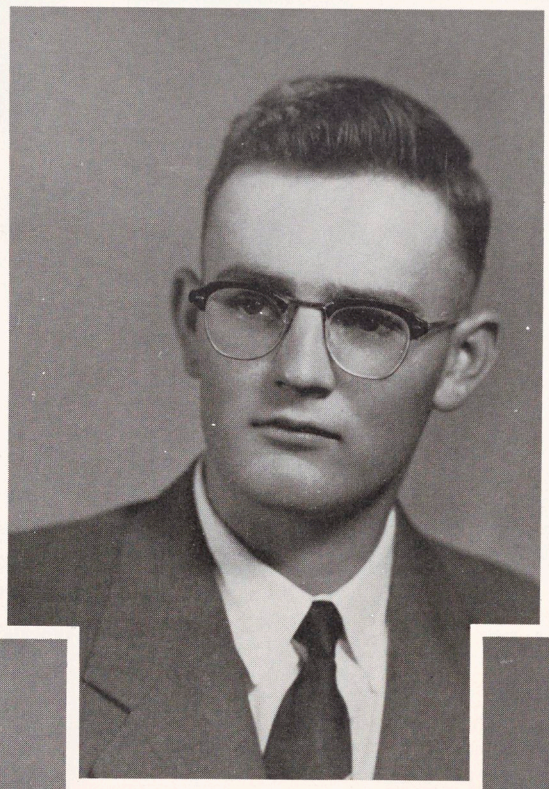




SAM STOKES
FFA 1; Play 2,3.



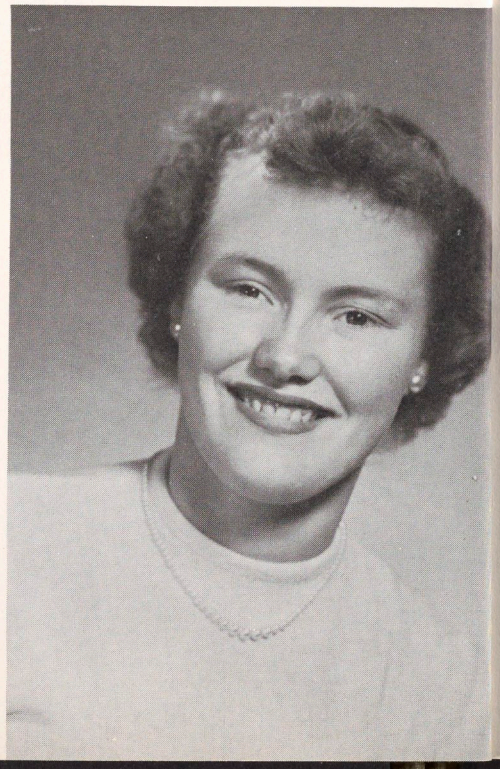
DEWEY SWANK
Track, Basketball, and Football 1-4; Play 3; Science Club 4; Student Council 2; "V" Club 3-4; Dance Band 4; Panther 1-4; Chorus.



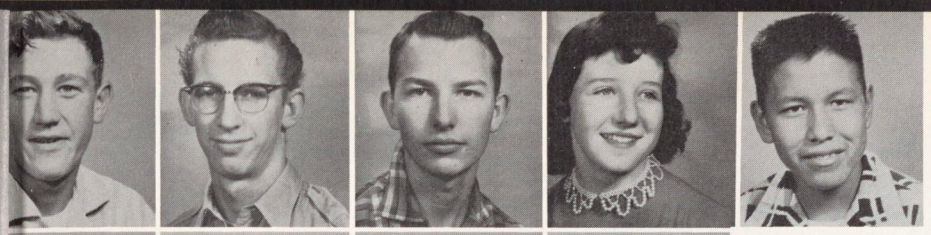
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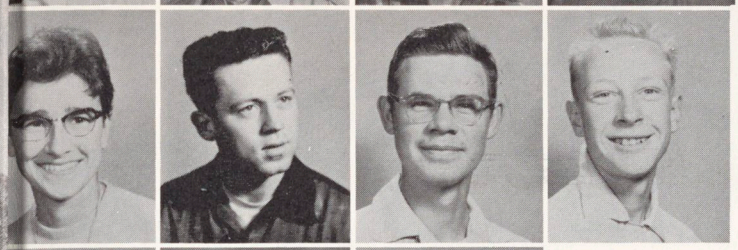
ANNA LEE SHEBLE
Pep Club and FHA 1-4; Class Vice President 3; FHA Officer 3; Chorus 2-4; Play 3; Panther 3-4; Staff 4.



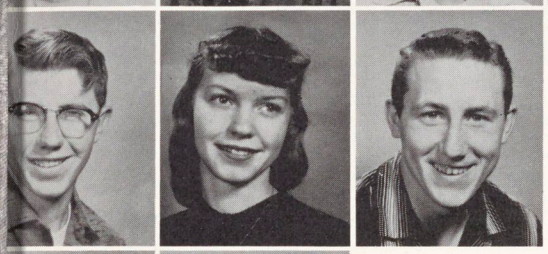
BETTY BROWN
Panther 2-4; FHA and Pep Club 1-4.



WAYNE AGEE
JOE BOLSMO
BERNARD CHRISTIAENS
YVONNE DESMET
BOB FOURSTAR



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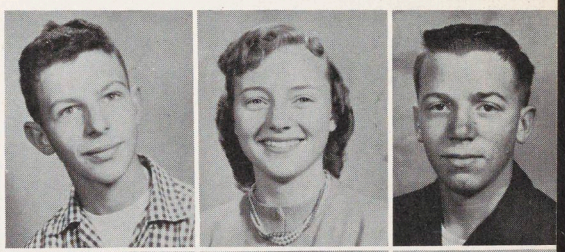


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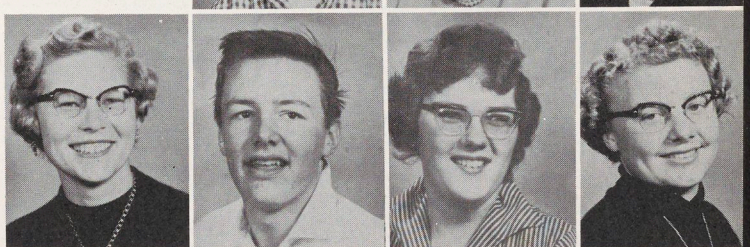


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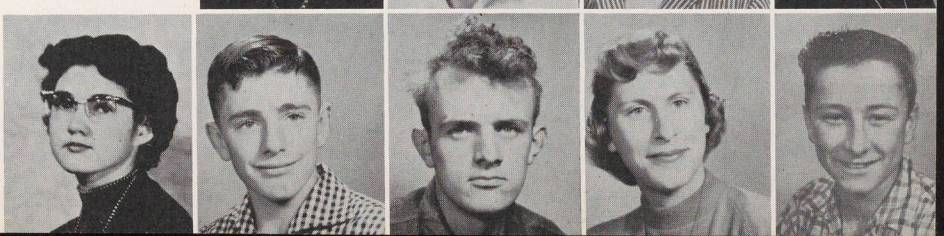
Juniors



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NORA JOY OSTERMAN
DENNIS PETERSON



CARROL SCHNEIDER
JIM SHEBLE
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MARY WHEELER
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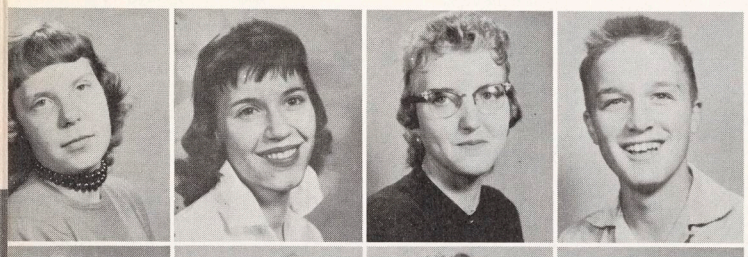
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LaVern Collins

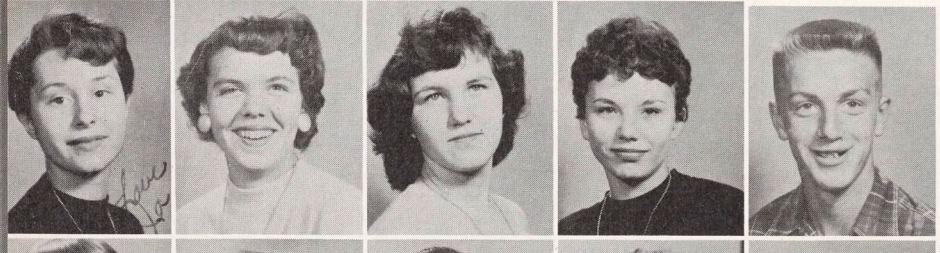
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Beverly Ginter
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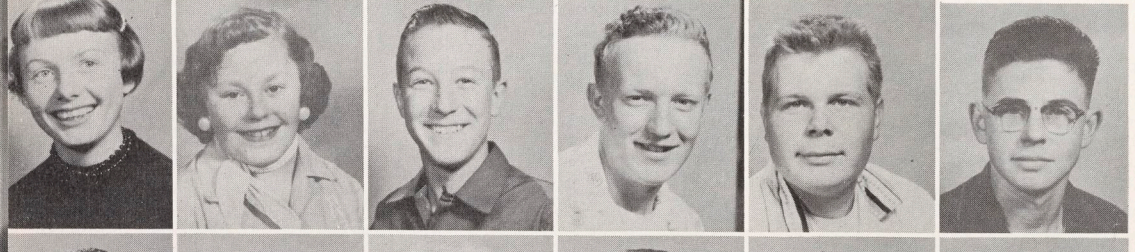




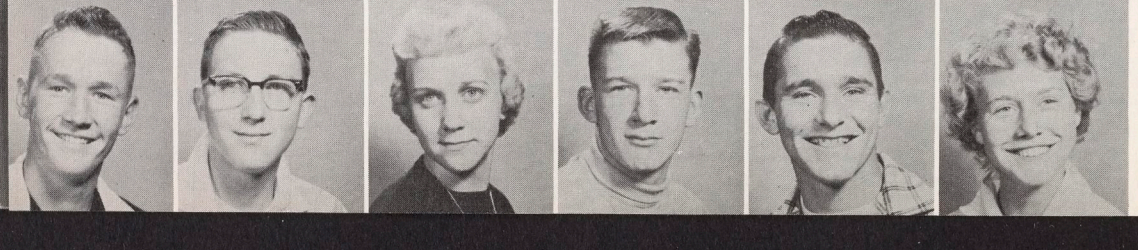
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Barbara Meeks
Roger Moon



Patty Jo Morris
Ellen Nivens
Gay Nivens
Mona Norsby
Wayne Sand



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Karen Speer
Micheal Stephens
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Freshmen

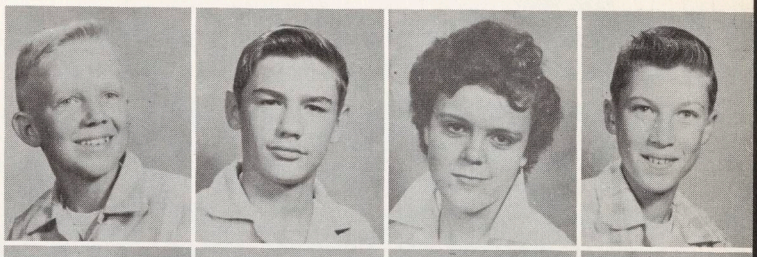


Lloyd Barron
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Bob Brophy
Patsy Brophy
James Brown

Joe Christiaens
Larry Christiaens
James Cox
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Lester Graham
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Mary Habets

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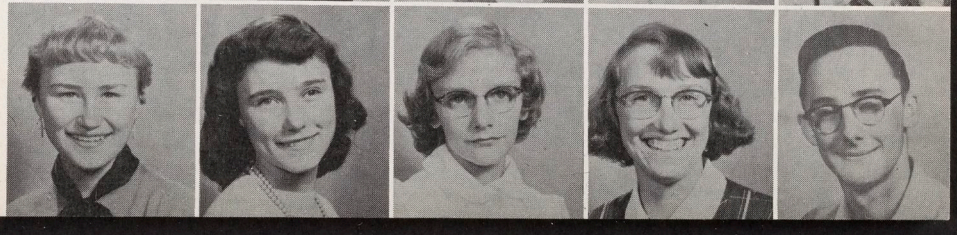
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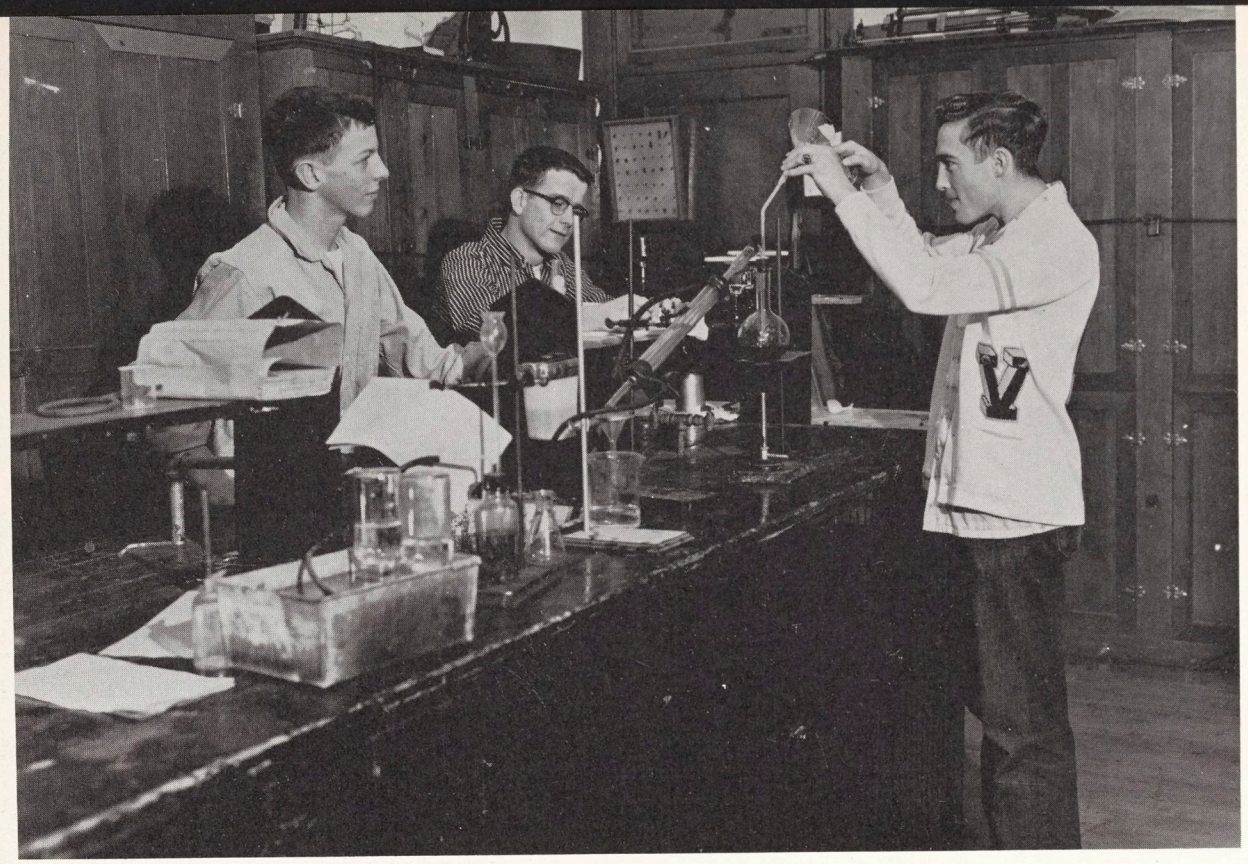


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Eva Trafelet
Alfred Van Den Bos



Peggy VandeKop
Donna Wenzel
Rita Widhalm
Theresa Windhalm
Joseph Widhalm





Pour and Run!
Left to right: Phil Miller, Dewey Swank, Glenn Collins.

Finding the Value of x

First row: Marie King, Bob Brophy, Becky Billips, Lloyd Barron. Second row: Roger Moon, Carol Miller, Scott Holden. Third row: Alfred Van den Bos, Eva Trafelet, Peggy VandeKop, Jerry Slezak. Fourth row: Pam Pfeiffer, Clarice Swanson, Theresa Widhalm, Rita Widhalm.



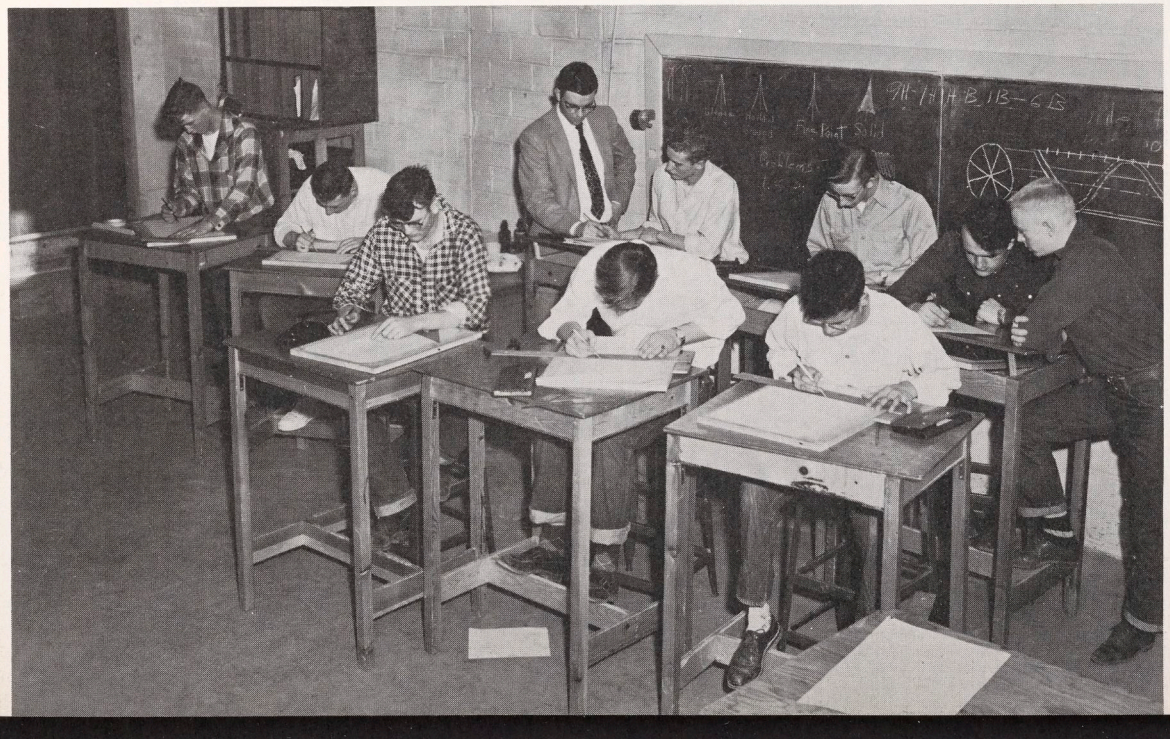


"One, Two, Three, Space"

Left to right: Ronny Lindseth, Jerry Haynes, Bill Jannusch, Yvonne DeSmet, Sandra Snortland, Clarence Johnson, Carol Miller, Mr. Kay, Janet Slezak, Dennis Peterson, Jesse Kibbee, Jackie Taylor.

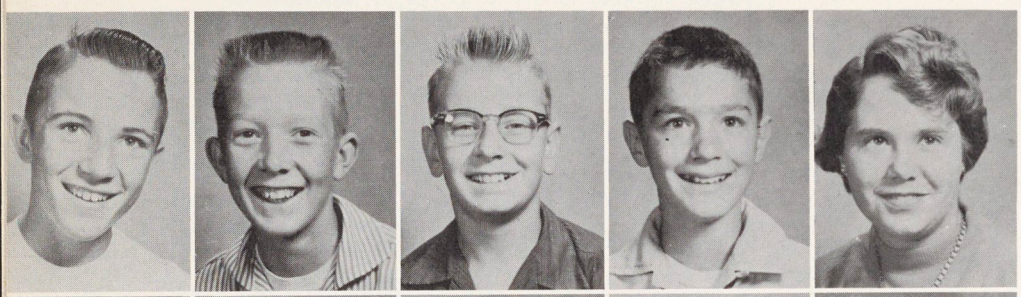
Mr. Deevy Insists On Precision

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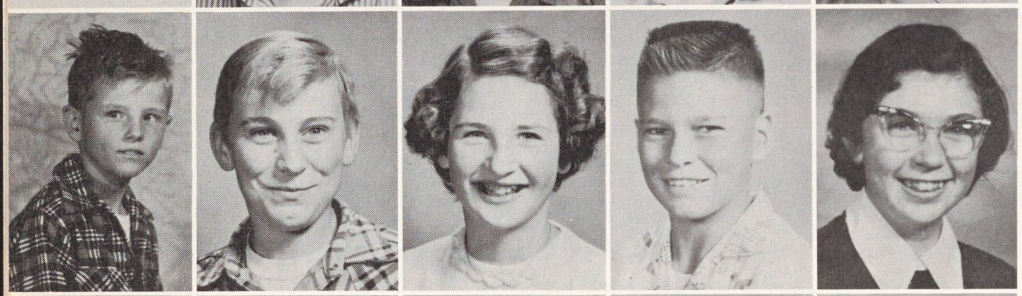


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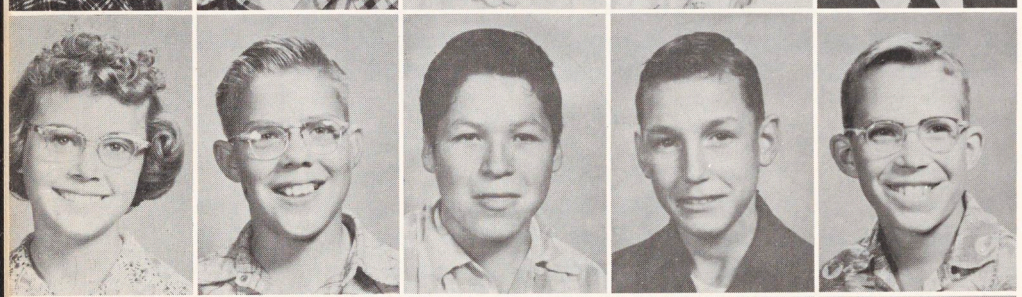
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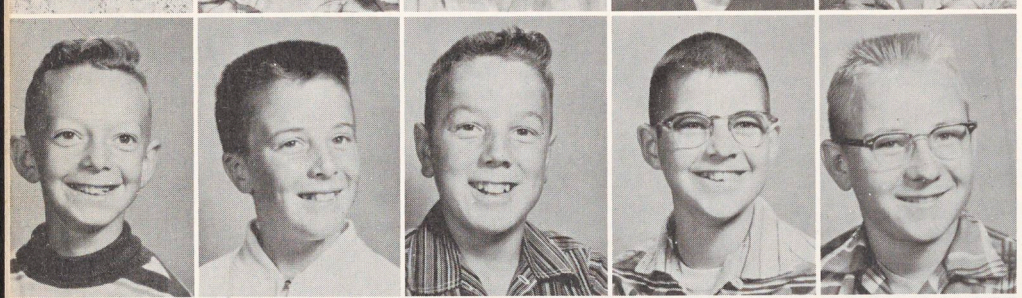
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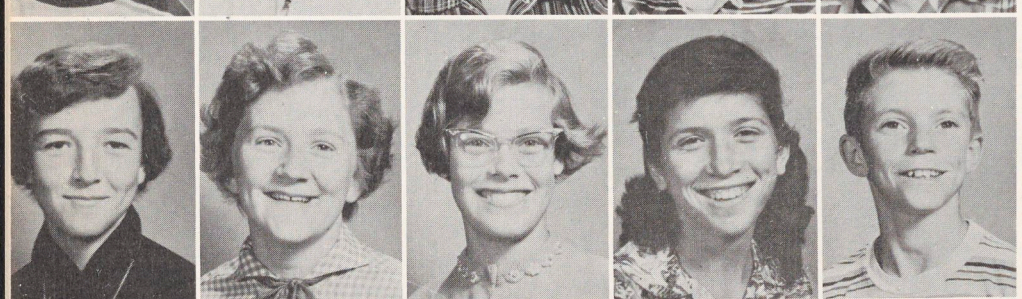
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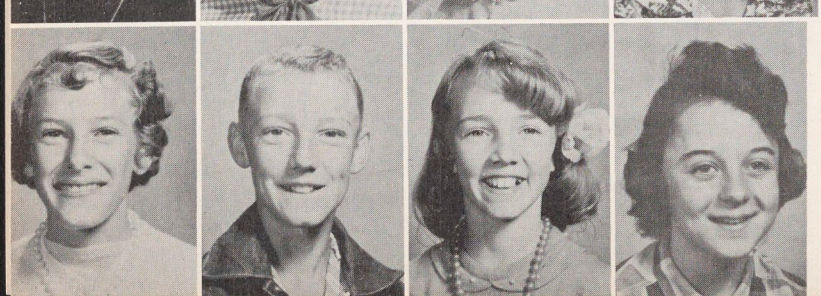
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Billy Jay Norsby



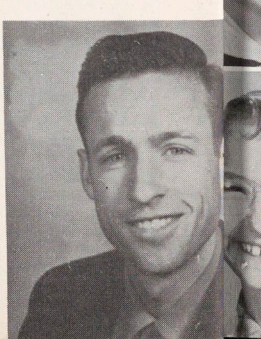
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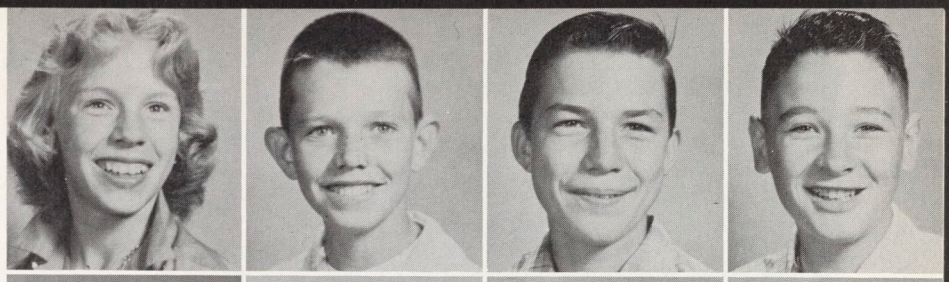


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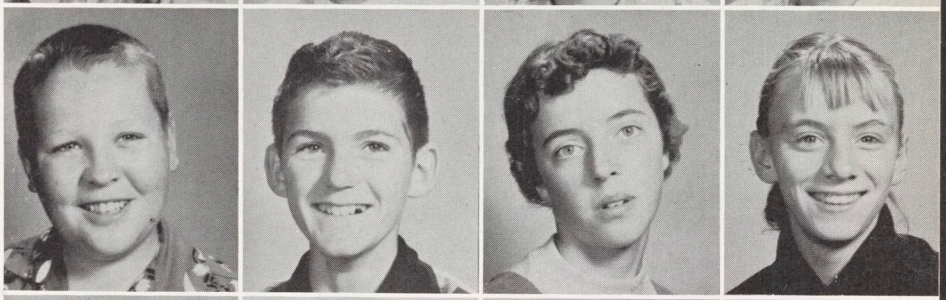


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Eighth Grade



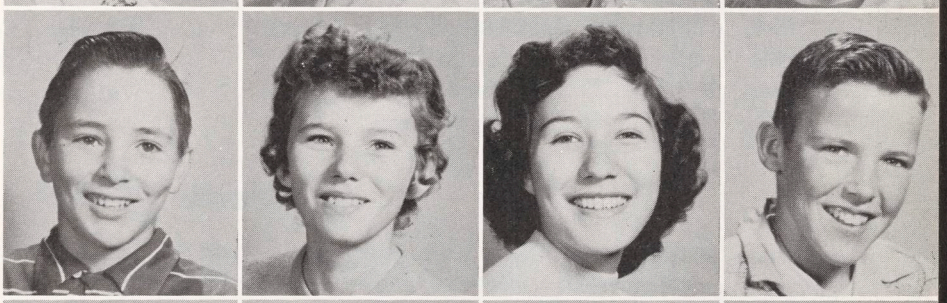
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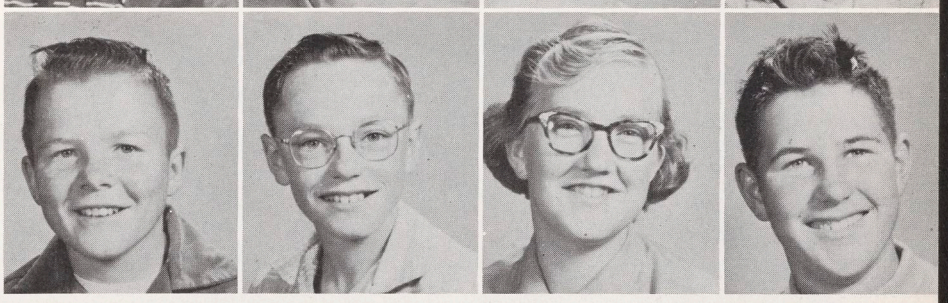
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Russell Hall
Permilla Karlsgodt
Patsy Kovatch



Judy Leet
Sharon Mandell
William Marcum
Billy Miller



Laurie Nelson
Linda Norsby
Bonnie Robbins
Thomas Shephard



Donald Snortland
Donald Speer
Janet Stokes
George Stoltz



Janice Stoltz
Betty Till
Crystal VanDeKop
Harry VandenBos



Mary Widhalm
Rose Widhalm
James Christiaens
Ruth VandenBos



Young Panthers

Standing: Laurence Nelson, Jerry Brophy, Kenny Gillette, Jim Christiaens, Keith Gillette, George Stoltz, Bill Miller, Billy Marcum, Tom Shephard, Don Snortland, Russel Hall. Kneeling: David Slezak, Mr. Miller, Charles Christiaens

Valier	26	Sunburst	54	Valier	38	Brady	18
Valier	37	Oilmont	17	Valier	22	Shelby	40
Valier	23	Browning	40	Valier	26	St. Margaret's	44
Valier	24	Heart Butte	26				

Junior Cubs

Standing: Billy Peterson, Dennis Cox, Pat Brophy, David Slezak, Tom Marcum, Everett King, Art Widhalm, Seated: Doug Henneman, Chuck Schneider, Ralph Sands, Bill Kuka, Jim Briden, Don Speer.



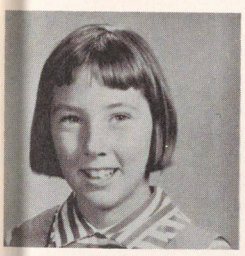


Junior High Chorus

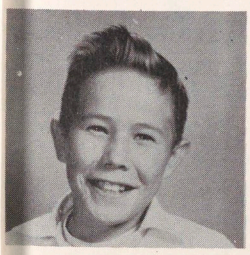
First row, left to right: B. Robbins, R. VandenBos, L. Swank, E. Monroe, L. Hall, D. Swanson, C. VanDeKop, F. Henneman, S. Mandel, D. Wheeler, P. Kovatch, J. Stoltz, A. Barron. Second row: M. Johnson, J. Leet, S. Farrington, L. Norsby, S. Hartwell, C. Widhalm, J. Stokes, J. Gossard, L. Hartsell, M. Widhalm, P. Inglebritson, B. Harris, M. Brophy, P. Karlsgodt. Third row: Director Don Streuber, M. Ihnen, S. Van Auken, A. Widhalm, S. Pfieffer, R. VanDeKop, S. Sheble, N. Streuss, R. Widhalm, D. Widhalm, E. Widhalm, A. Marcum.

Junior High Cheerleaders

Top Magazine Salesmen



Sue Farrington



Guy Robbins



Anita Barron

Judy Leet

Bonnie Jo Robbins

Permilla Karlsgodt

Lunch Room Serves Tempting Meals

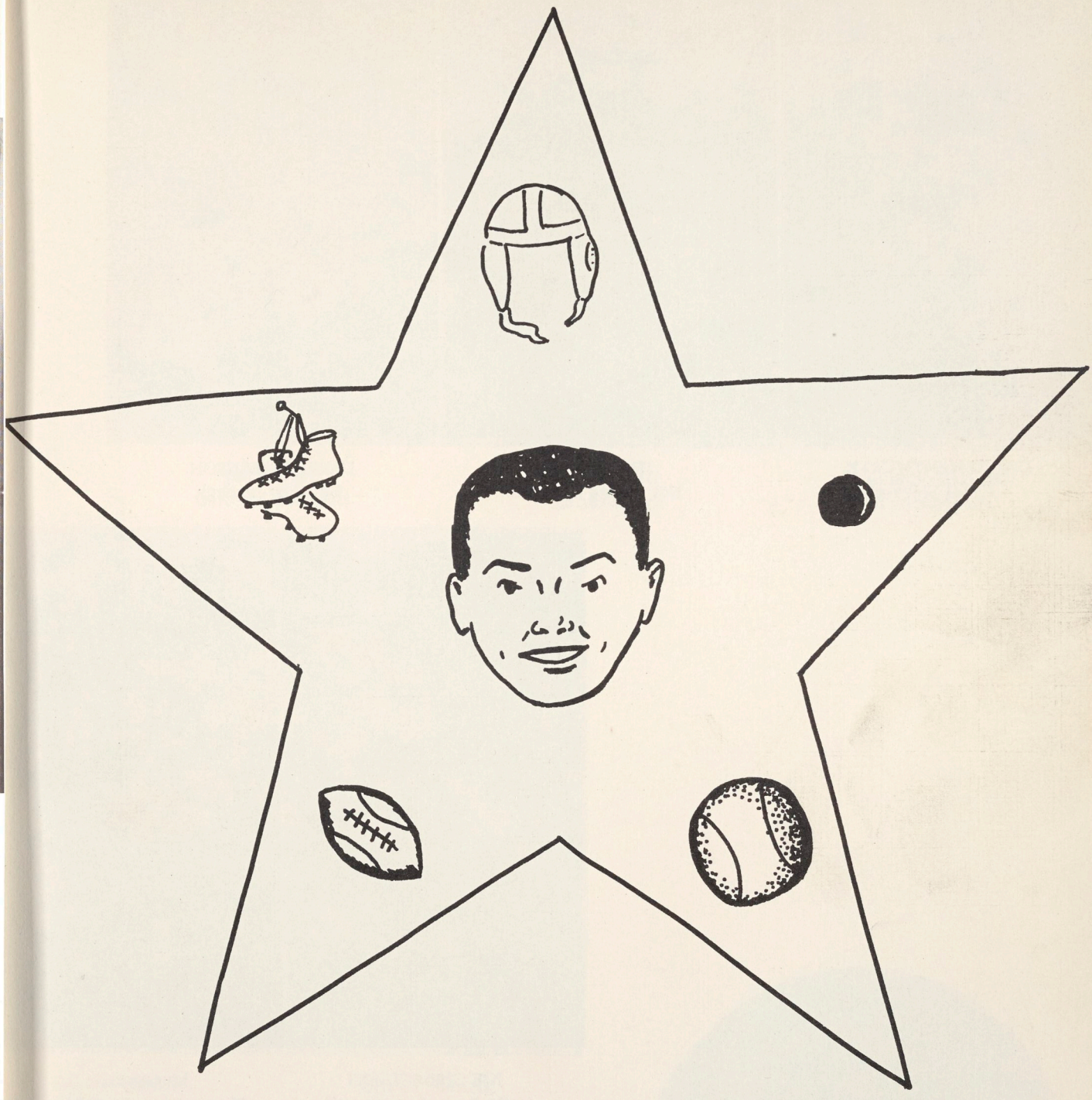


Left to right: Lucille Brophy, Mary Ann Keeler, Nora Joy Osterman, Mrs. James Pulver, Mrs. Elsie Krattiger, Lester Graham, Ivan Doig, Jim Sheble, Wayne Agee.

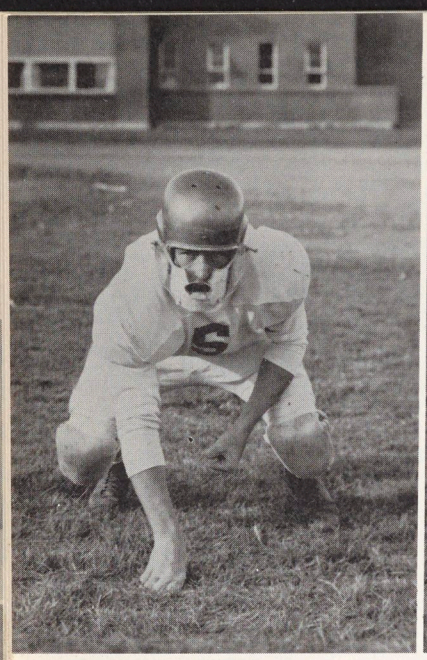
About 300 pupils and teachers enjoy well-balanced nutritious meals each noon here.

The prices, twenty cents for grade students and twenty-five for high school and faculty members, are made possible by the gifts of surplus commodities from the federal government.

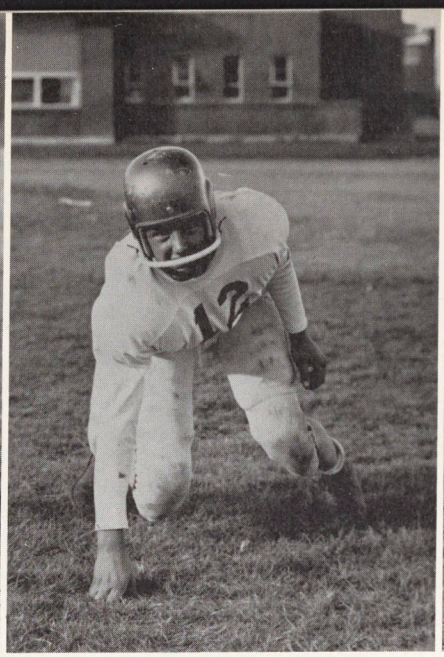
A new $550 mixer and a disposal have been added to the kitchen equipment.



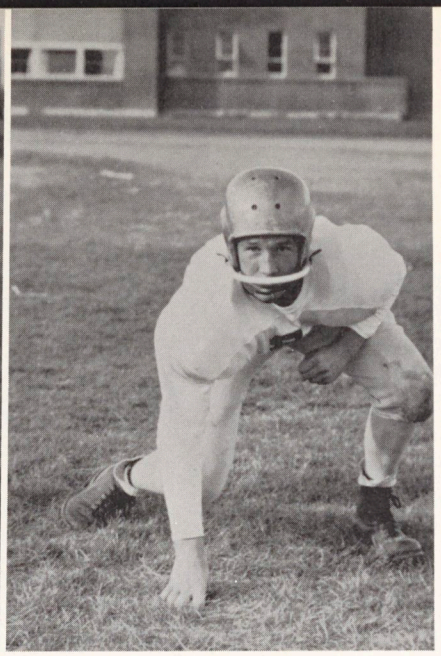
No matter what team we happen to meet
Our "stars" convince them, we're hard to beat.
But even if we lose when we play,
That fighting spirit is there all the way.



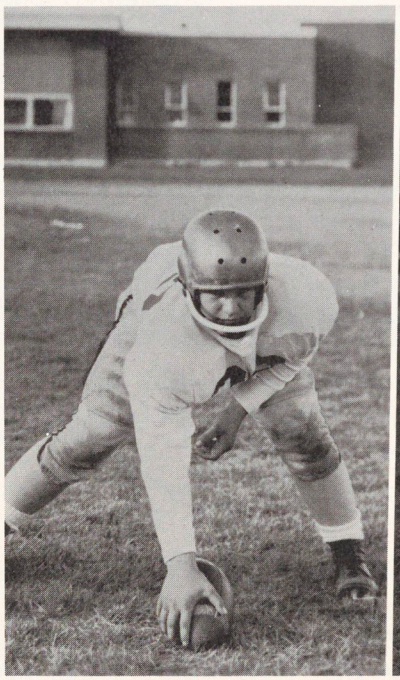
LLOYD WENTWORTH
A real blocker



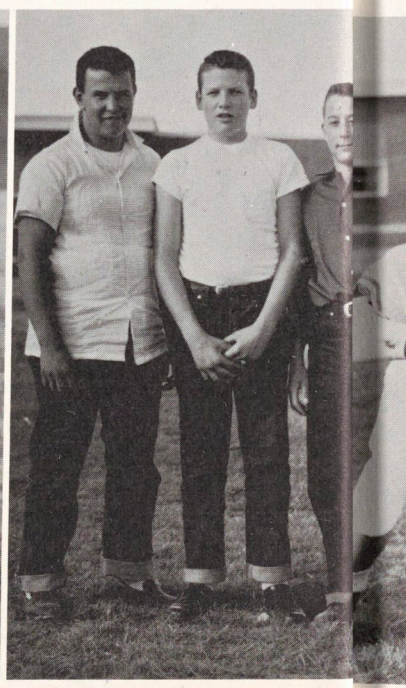
JIM SHEBLE
Not around his end



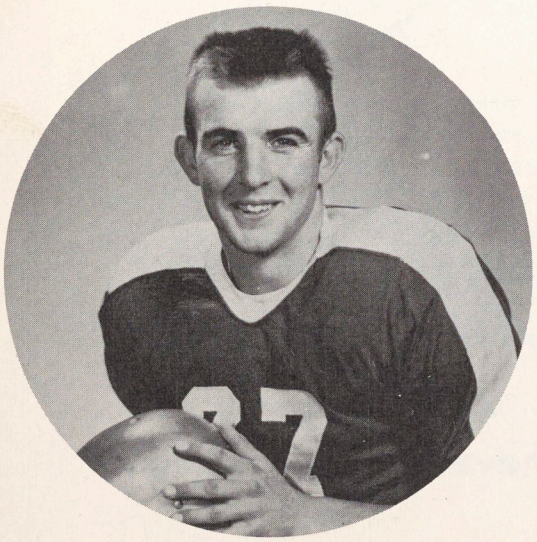
DARYLE SWANSON
He liked it rough



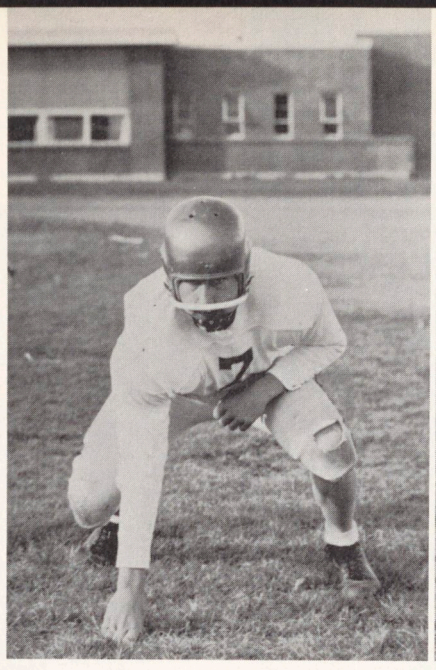
JOE CHRISTIAENS
Little Joe - A stone wall



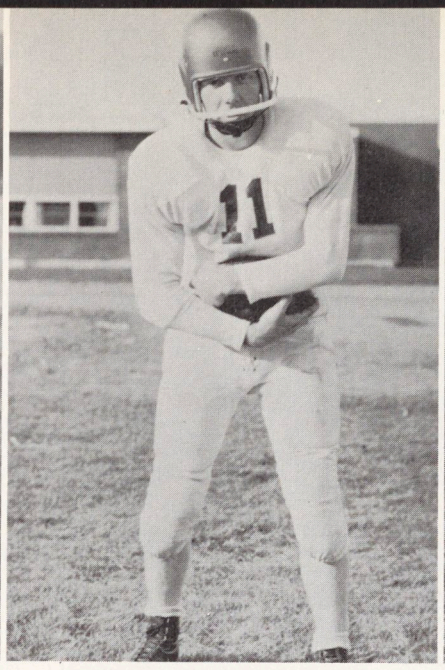
Managers
They were expendable
LARRY CHRISTIAENS, BOB GILLETTE, MICKEY STEPHENS



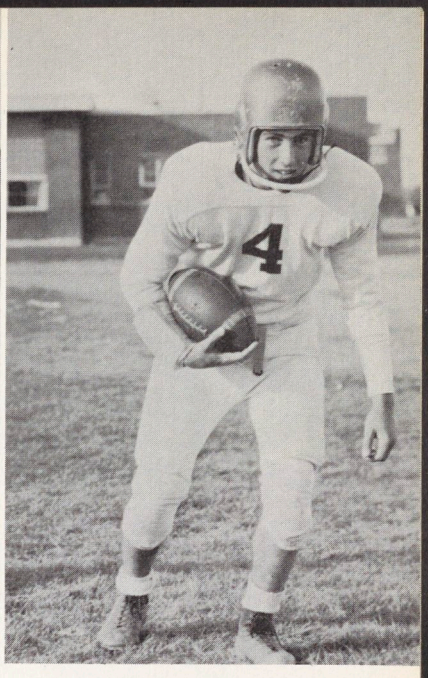
VERN MONROE
Guts personified



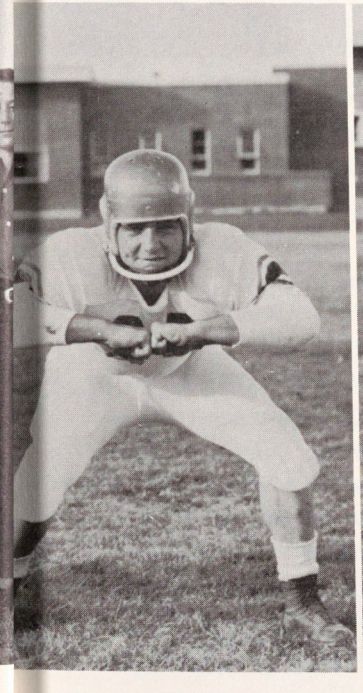
JIM KIBBEE
Glue-fingered Jess



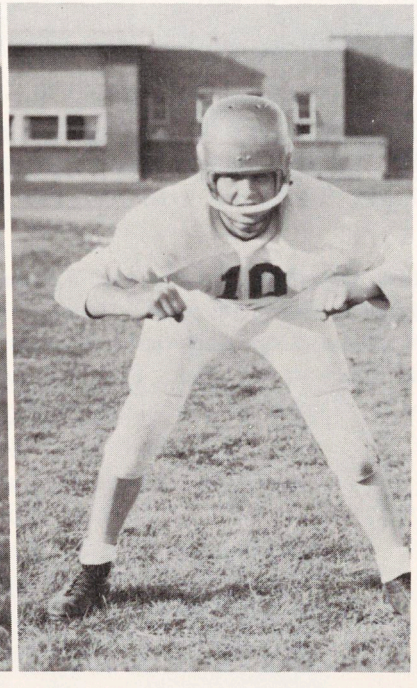
IVAN DOIG
He never quit



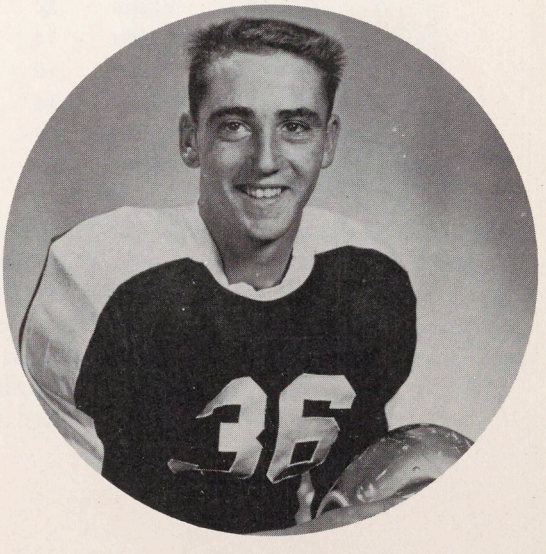
GLENN COLLINS
A silent streak



FRANK WENZEL
He scourged the opposition



DEWEY SWANK
Dynamite in a small package



BUTCH LAUFFER
A real leader

Outscored, but Not Outfought



Front row: Coach Jerry McCarthy, Bob Fourstar, Jim Fitzpatrick, Ron Jones, Jack Urness, Bill Tidyman, Bob Brophy. Second row: Daryle Swanson, Joe Christiaens, Glenn Collins, Vern Monroe, Larry Stoltz, Butch Lauffer, Dewey Swank, Lloyd Wentworth. Third row: Dave Halvorsen, Clarence Johnson, Jerry Haynes, Dean Gillette, Jim Sheble, Frank Wenzel, Jess Kibbee, Ivan Doig, Jack Stokes.

Coach Jerry McCarthy led the Panthers through a good year with a record of three wins and four losses. Two of those losses were within one point. It was our first victory in class "B" play. He gave them lots of spirit and know-how and has increased the interest in football in our town and school. They are all looking forward to next year, which should be a good year because they have an experienced line coming back.

Valier	18	Cut Bank	19
Valier	20	Sunburst	0
Valier	14	Helena Cathedral	18
Valier	12	Fairfield	14
Valier	14	Conrad	19
Valier	49	Browning	0
Valier	13	Choteau	12

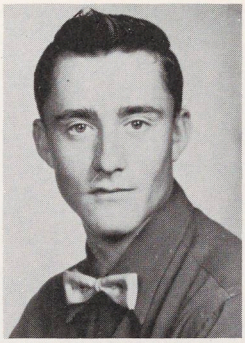
Track



Making up Valier's largest track team are left to right: Vern Monroe, 100yd. broadjump, 880yd. relay; Dewey Swank, halfmile; Glenn Collins, 100yd., 220yd., 880yd. relay; Jesse Kibbee, 440yd., 880yd. relay; Clarence Johnson, javelin; Ivan Doig, javelin. Not shown: Gordon Parker, 100yd., 220yd., 880yd. relay; Jack Ginter, shotput, discus; Valier achieved a fourth place in the 1956 Montana Interscholastic track meet at Missoula.

The first relay team Valier has had for many years is left to right: Jesse Kibbee, Vern Monroe, Glenn Collins and not shown, Gordon Parker. They finished second in the state at the 1956 Montana Interscholastic at Missoula, where they ran the 880yds. in 1:35.2.





Gordon Parker won state-wide honors at the 1956 Montana Interscholastic track meet at Missoula by winning both the 100yd. and the 220yd. dashes. He is the first man from Valier to do so. During the summer following, Gordon Attended a state Amateur Athletic Union track meet, competing against the finest athletes in Montana. He took a fourth and a fifth in his races.

Basketball

"A" Squad

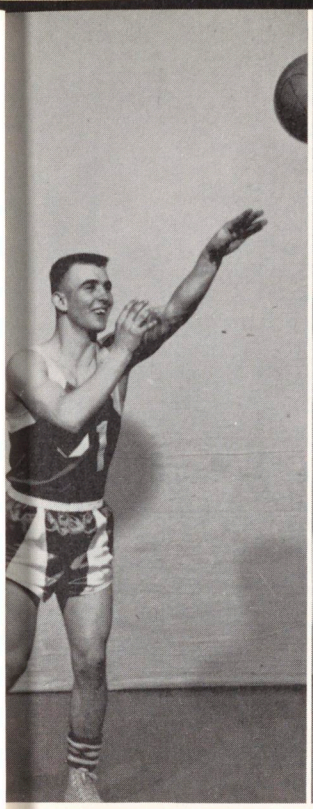


Standing, left to right: Vern Monroe, Dewey Swank, Glenn Collins, Daryle Swanson, Denis Bonnet, Jesse Kibbee, Fay Stokes, Jack Stokes, Lloyd Wentworth, Butch Lauffer. Kneeling, left to right: Manager Larry Christiaens, Coach Jerry McCarthy, Manager Wayne Arnst.

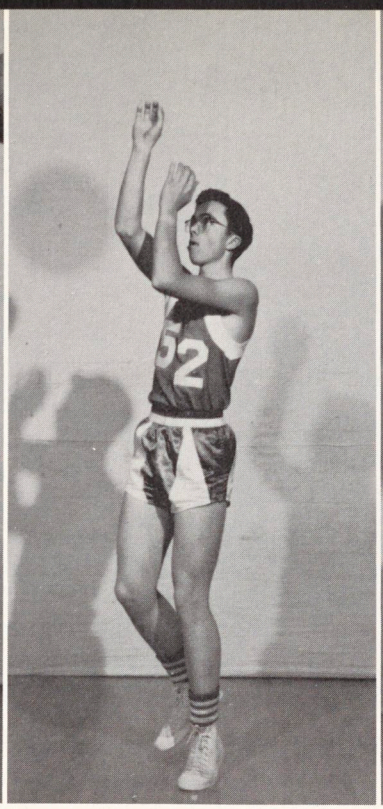
"B" Squad



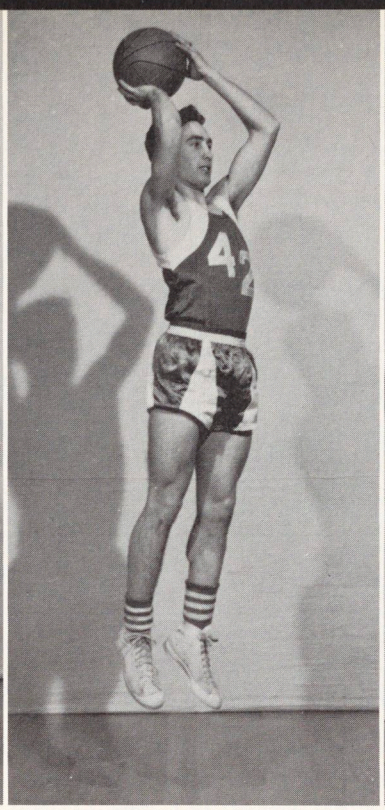
Left to right: Scott Holden, Bob Stoltz, Joe Christiaens, Bob Fourstar, Bob Gillette, Dennis Peterson, Bill Tidyman, Jerry Haynes, Phil Miller, Frank Wenzel.



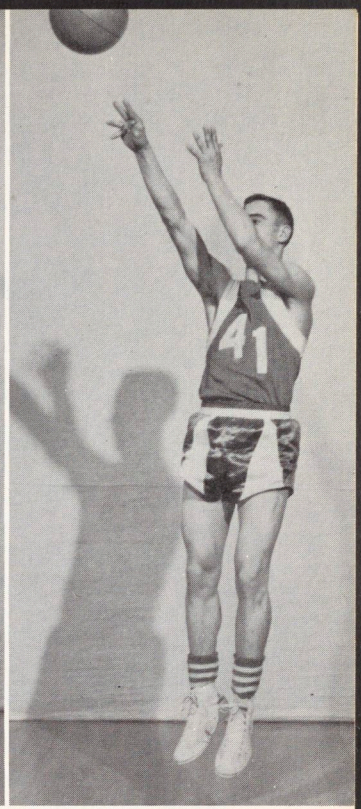
VERN MONROE



DENIS BONNET



GLENN COLLINS



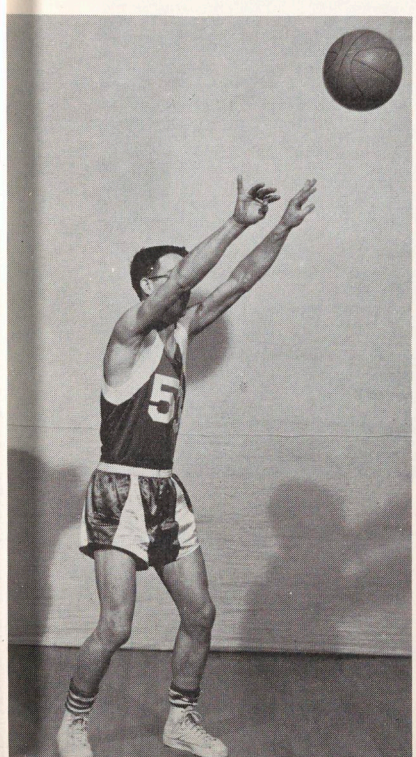
BUTCH LAUFFER

Valier	43	Absarokee	58
Valier	52	Brady	55
Valier	49	Brady	53
Valier	33	Sunburst	56
Valier	35	Choteau	66
Valier	54	Browning	70
Valier	40	Cut Bank	59
Valier	36	Conrad	58

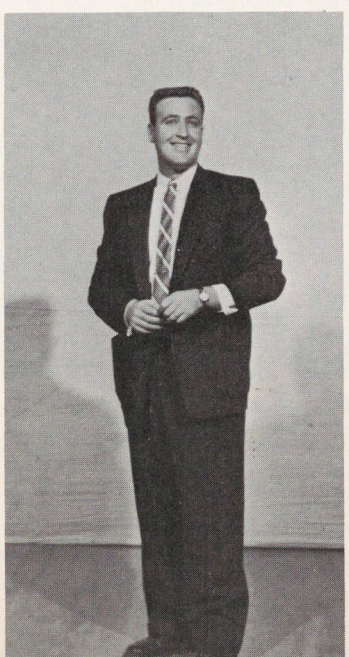
Invitational		Tournament	
Valier	56	Choteau	64
Valier	57	Fairfield	43

Valier	51	Fairfield	56
Valier	44	Oilmont	51
Valier	50	Sunburst	64
Valier	51	Choteau	64
Valier	69	Browning	68
Valier	53	Cut Bank	73
Valier	65	Conrad	67
Valier	49	Fairfield	73

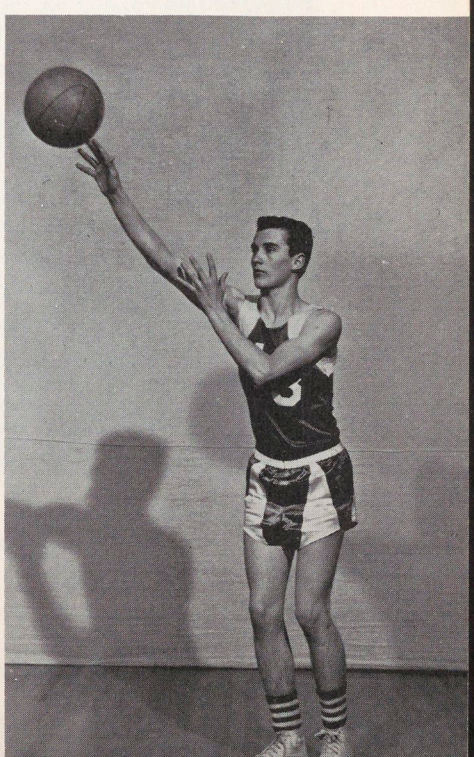
DEWEY SWANK



JERRY McCARTHY



FAY STOKES





First row: Julie Christiaens, Sylvia Johnson, Bill Peterson, Pat Brophy, Bonnie Robbins, Crystal VandeKop, Jim Christiaens, Nona Lauffer, Ann Kay, Carol Miller, Mickey Stephens, Clarice Swanson, Patti Morris. Second row: Anita Barron, Russel Hall, Jim Stephens, Doug Henneman, Bill Tidyman, Butch Lauffer, Bob Brophy, Nona Beaudry, Carrol Schneider. Third row: Don Snortland, Darlene Swanson, Mary Wheeler, Ellen Nivens, Director Don Strueber, Laurie Nelson, Bill Rappold, Eva Trafelet, Don Speer.

Music

Under the direction of Mr. Strueber, the musical organizations have entertained at concerts in Valier and entered many music meets away from home.

Last year the band, chorus, Valatones, a cornet duet, a clarinet trio, and two clarinet solos were entered at the District Music Meet in Conrad. Because they received either superior or excellent rating, the Valatones, the cornet duet, the clarinet trio, and the two clarinet solos went on to the state Meet in Missoula.

The band played at the Harvest Festival in Cut Bank and a Music Meet in Havre. There, four members were selected to play in the Feature Band.

This year the band, Valatones, a cornet duet, a clarinet duet, two clarinet solos, and a cornet solo will attend the District Meet in Great Falls on March 30. If either superior or excellent rating is achieved, these groups will go on to the State Meet at Missoula.



First row: Janice Christiaens, Butch Lauffer, Patty Morris, Bill Rappold, Lucille Brophy, Bill Tidyman, Nora Osterman, Bernard Christiaens, Patti Palin. Second row: Director Don Strueber, Nona Lauffer, Jim Sheble, Clarice Swanson, Frank Wenzel, Sandra Lightner, Gaylen Freeman, Rita Holm. Third row: Ann Kay, Patty Bills, Nona Beaudry, Barbara Bowman, Sylvia Johnson.

High School Chorus

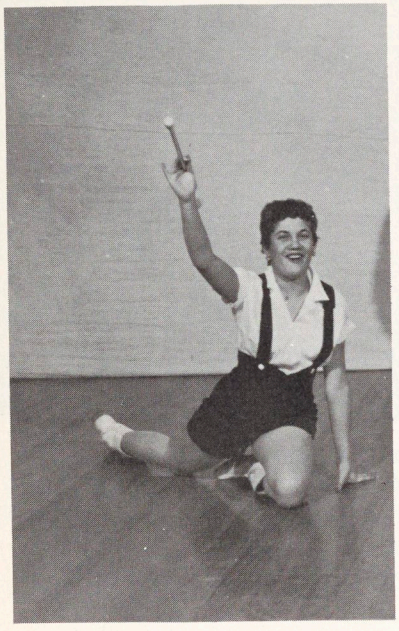


First row: Patti Palin, Jean Snortland, Clarice Swanson, Sandra Lightner, Janice Christiaens. Second row: Nona Beaudry, Ann Kay, Carrol Schneider, Barbara Bowman, Edna Bowman.

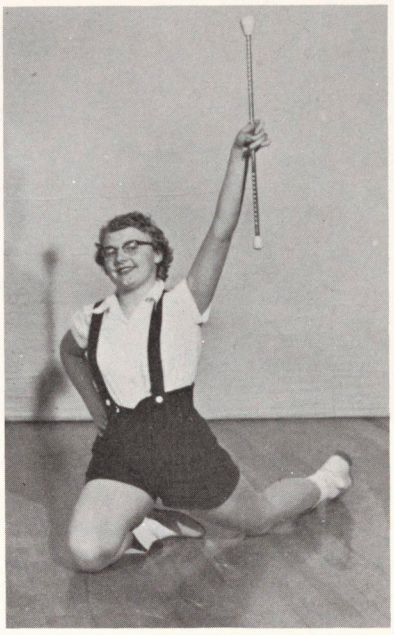
VALATONES

Melody, harmony, and balanced blending are what they strive for.

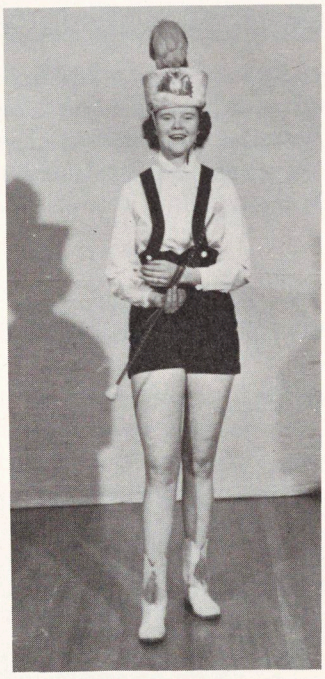
Twirling



JANICE CHRISTIAENS



SANDRA SNORTLAND



LUCILLE BROPHY
Majorette

The twirlers appear at the football and basketball games, and lead the band in all the parades and music meets under the direction of Mr. Streuber.



BEGINNING TWIRLERS

Left to right: Peggy Van de Kop, Mary Wheeler, Marie King, Patsy Brophy, Nora Joy Osterman, Sandra Habets.

Pep Club



Inside bus, left to right: Edna Bowman, Judy Ihnen, Lorraine Ingebrigtson, Peggy Van de Kop, Mona Norsby, Gay Nivens, Julie Christiaens, Jackie Taylor, Patty Bills, Janet Slezak, Marie King, Carol Miller, Patsy Brophy, Clarice Swanson, Rita Holm, Ellen Nivens, Beverly Ginter, Jimmy Brown, Eddy Monroe. Standing: Lucille Brophy, Nona Beaudry, Sandra Snortland, Yvonne Desmet, Arlene Jacobson, Annalee Sheble, Barbara Bowman, Nona Lauffer, Patti Palin, Ann Kay, Patty Jo Morris, Joyce Van den Bos, Myrna Bruner, Jeanne Snortland.

BOARDING THE BUS FOR SUNBURST FOOTBALL GAME

The Pep Club pays for all the trips that they take on these buses with the money they have made through food sales and dues from each member.

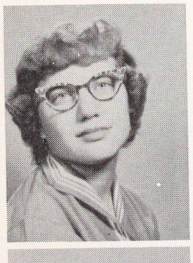


Your Pep! Your Pep!
Cheerleaders: Myrna Bruner, Janice Christiaens, Patty Morris, Jean Snortland.

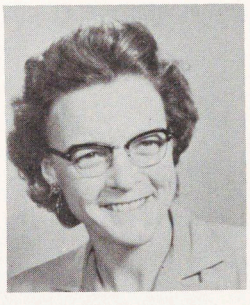
Future Homemakers of America



First row: Janice Christiaens, Nona Lauffer, Mary Wheeler, Sandy Snortland, Lucille Brophy, Nona Beaudry, Clarice Swanson, Joyce VanDenBos, Nora Osterman, Arlene Jacobson. Second row: Pam Pfeiffer, Alice Monroe, Mona Norsby, Lorraine Ingebrigtson, Peggy VandeKop, Patti Palin, Beverly Ginter, Myrna Bruner, Yvonne DeSmet, Julie Christiaens, Barbara Bowman. Third row: Patsy Brophy, Becky Billips, Marie King, Carol Miller, Judy Ihmen, Arla Krattiger, Edna Bowman, Sylvia Johnson, Pattie Bills. Fourth row: Carrol Schneider, Donna Wenzel, Betty Brown, Annalee Sheble, Sandra Lightner, Gloria DeVinney, Patty Morris, Jean Snortland, Janet Slezak, Jackie Taylor, Sandra Habets.



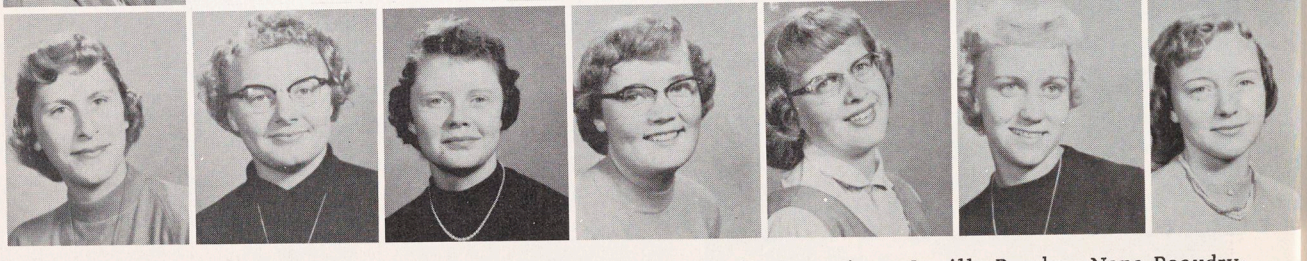
President
Janice Christiaens



Sponsor
Mrs. Hammer

Vice President
Nona Lauffer





Secretary, Mary Wheeler; Treasurer, Sandy Snortland; Parliamentarians, Lucille Brophy, Nona Beaudry; Song Leader, Clarice Swanson; Reporter, Joyce VandenBos; Historian, Nora Osterman.



A FAMOUS ASTROLOGER TOLD ME ONCE
ABOUT THE STARS THAT HE SEES
HE TOLD ME, TOO, THAT THEY AREN'T
AS BRIGHT,
AS OUR "STARS" IN ACTIVITIES!



The Royal Procession



In Honor of the Queen



Queen Sandra
and
Attendants

Clockwise: Julie Christiaens, Nona Beaudry, Mary Wheeler, Becky Billips, Helen Habets, Sylvia Johnson, Joyce VandenBos, Nona Lauffer, Patti Palin, Alice Monroe. Center with crown: Sandra Habets.

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It is by this means that we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to each and every member of the senior class; to Sandra Lightner, Betty Brown, Dewey Swank, Nora Joy Osterman, Sylvia Johnson, and Jerry Slezak for their successful subscription sales; to Arlene Jacobson and Barbara Bowman for selling advertising; to Antoinette Widhalm and Betty Brown for their diligent work on our historical feature; and to Mr. A. H. Habets for his fine photographs.

The Editor,

Bill Rappold



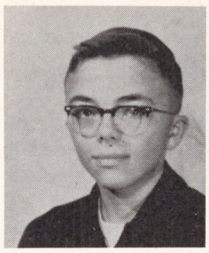
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National Honor Society

For the past few years the Honor Society has put on the amateur show which is one of the high-lights of the year at Valier High School. This year special recognition should be given the Honor Society for their work in purchasing new stage curtains.

Honor Roll

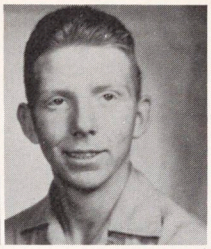
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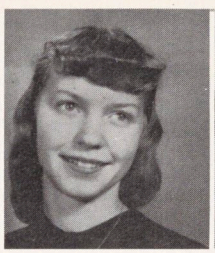
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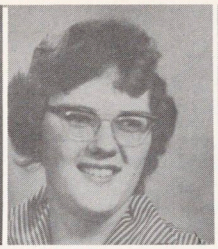
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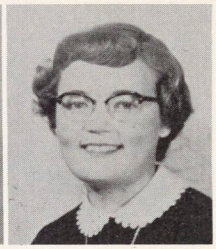
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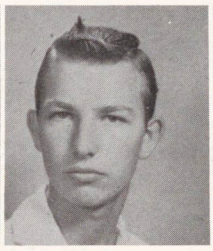
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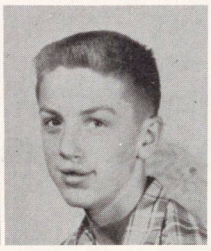
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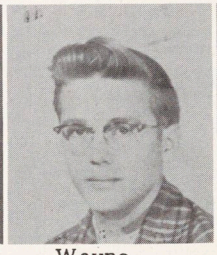
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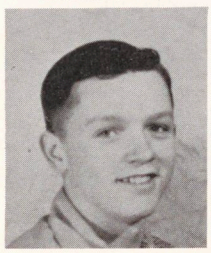
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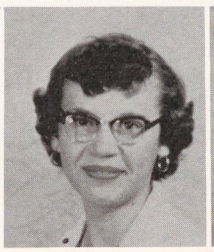
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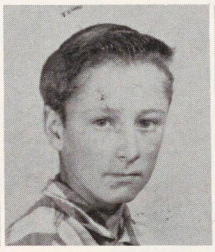
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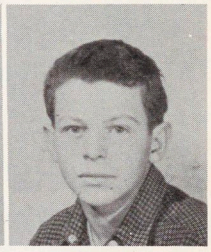
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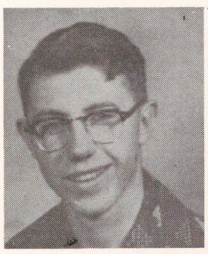
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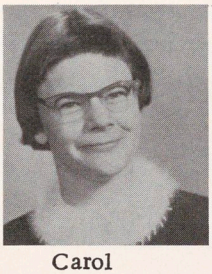
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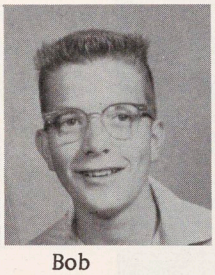
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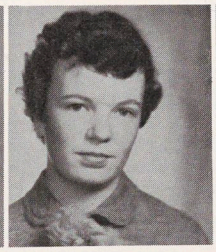
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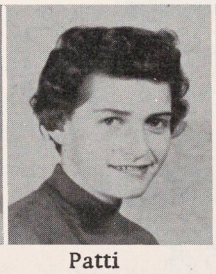
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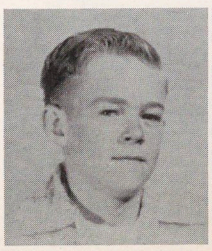
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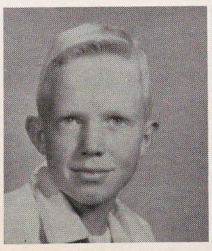
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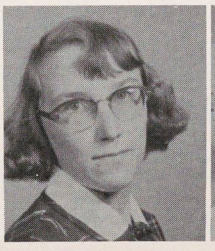
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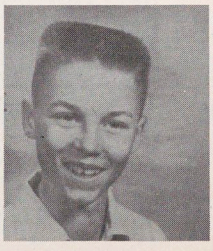
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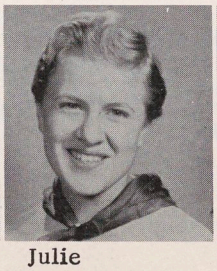
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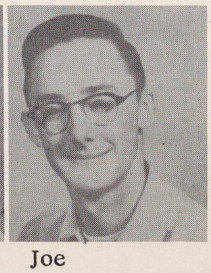
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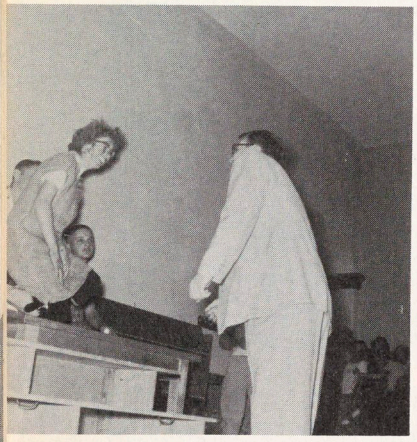


Joe Widhalm - 1



High School Dance Band

Dewey Swank - Patti Palin - Butch Lauffer - Patty Morris
This group plays for all school parties and they do their job well.



Mary Habets proposes to Mr. Signori at Freshman Initiation.

Sno-Ball 1956

Janice Christiaens and Denis Bonnet at the end of the Grand March of the Sno-Ball. The theme this year was Blue Christmas.





Front row, left to right: Mr. Sullivan, Janice Christiaens, Dorothy McVay, Dewey Swank, Butch Lauffer, Jack Christiaens, Fay Stokes. Middle row: Lucille Brophy, Arleen Habets, Antoinette Widhalm, Betty Brown, Lucille Brown, Vern Monroe, Wayne Arnst. Back row: Clara Ithurbide, Sandra Lightner, Gloria DeVinney, Arlene Jacobson, Annalee Sheble, Lynn Palin, Patti Palin, Robert Norsby, Denis Bonnet, Bob Purcell. Not pictured: Nona Beaudry (measles) and Barbara Bowman (tonsilitis).

May 1953

Eighth Grade Graduation

Processional ..... Patti Palin

Invocation ..... Father Maurice Windt

Vocal Selection ..... Junior High Girls

Directed by V. M. Faulkner

Introduction of Speaker ..... Supt. Glenn H. Belisle

Address ..... E. M. Berthelson

Vocal Solo ..... Diane Stokes

Vocal Selection ..... Eighth Grade Girls

Presentation of Class ..... Neal G. Sullivan

Awarding of Diplomas ..... Robert W. Brophy, Board of Trustees

Benediction ..... Father Maurice Windt



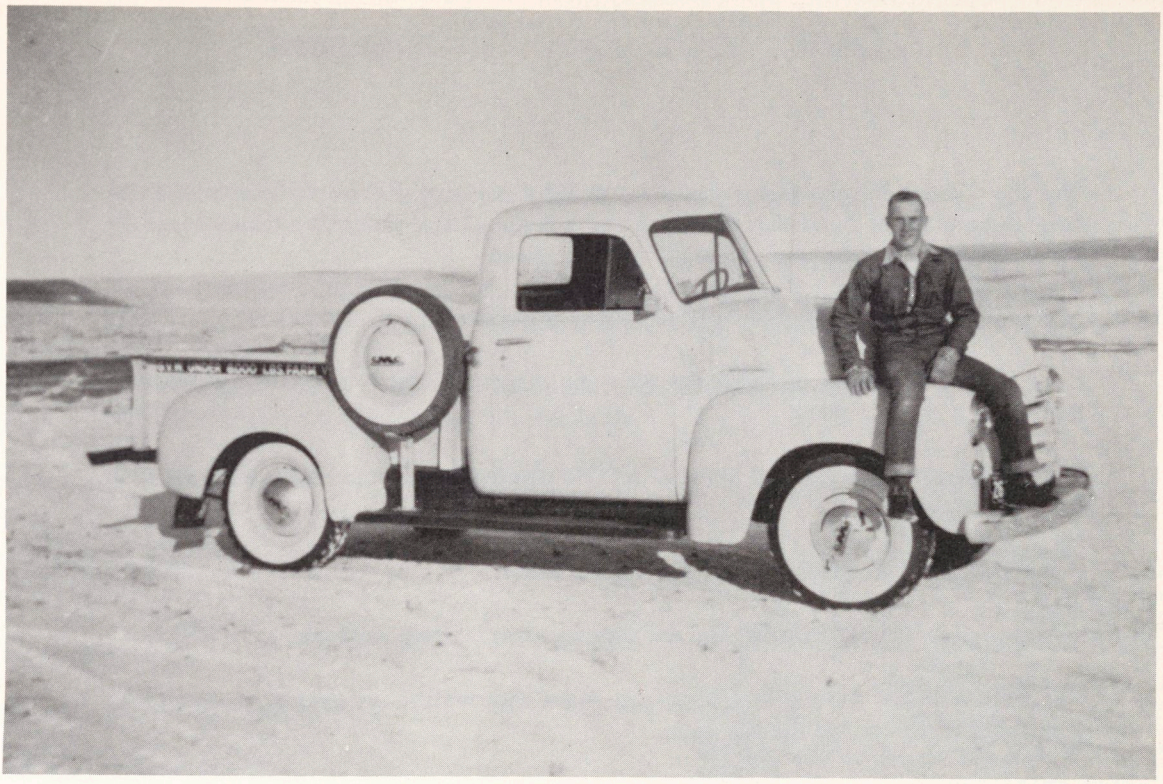
Student Council Plans Carnival

Left to right: Freshman Representative, Bob Brophy; Superintendent, Gem E. Cox; Sophomore Representative, Gaylen Freeman; Secretary, Jean Snortland; Vice President, Janet Slezak; President, Wayne Arnst.

Stitching, But No Chattering

Left to right: Peggy Van De Kop, Rita Widhalm, Marie King, Mrs. Hammer, Patsy Brophy, Eva Trafelet, Donna Wenzel.





BILL VAN DEN BOS

In Memory

We, the Class of '57, wish to dedicate this page to express our sorrow at the death of Billy Van den Bos, who was killed in a truck accident February 1, 1957 a few miles from his home. Bill had his serious side of life as a farmer, which he did with his dad and brothers. As we remember Bill, he was a little quiet, but a happy-go-lucky fellow. Bill always got along well with both boys and girls.

Last Will and Testament

We, the Class of '57, being of uncertain mind and weary body due to the completion of four (4) years in the institution known as Valier High School, do hereby acknowledge the below stated facts to be true and to our specifications.

I, Wayne Arnst, leave, feeling the world owes me a living.

I, Nona Beaudry, leave my quick temper and various dark moods to Ann Kay in hope that she can conquer them.

I, Denis Bonnet, leave this stepping stone of knowledge to go on to higher learning and my first million.

I, Barbara Bowman, leave, breathing a sigh of relief.

I, betty Brown, leave, thanking the teachers for their untiring patience.

We, Lucille Brophy and Janice Christiaens, leave with tears in our eyes as we go on to our chosen vocations and the hot stove.

I, Glenn Collins, leave my ability to get along with the teachers to my little brother if he's foolish enough to accept it.

I, Ivan Doig, leave, knowing the teachers to be further enriched from my vast knowledge.

I, Arlene Jacobson, leave my various slings, casts, and bandages to next year's football team.

I, Butch Lauffer, leave my ability to talk my way out of trouble to Jesse Kibbee, who will need it.

I, Vern Monroe, leave to Little Joe anything he needs as I have it all.

We, Gloria DeVinney, Sandra Lightner, and Annalee Sheble leave our ability to be strangely absent on the same days to Mary Wheeler, Jackie Taylor and Sandra Snortland.

I, Patti Palin, leave my ability to make the girls cry in speech class to Sylvia Johnson.

I, Billy Rappold, leave some of my newly acquired height to Ronny Lindseth, providing he needs it.

I, Fay Stokes, leave, knowing full well where those gray hairs in the teachers' heads came from.

I, Sam Stokes, leave this school, because it's just moving too fast for me.

I, Dewey Swank, decide I can't leave with all these girlies here.

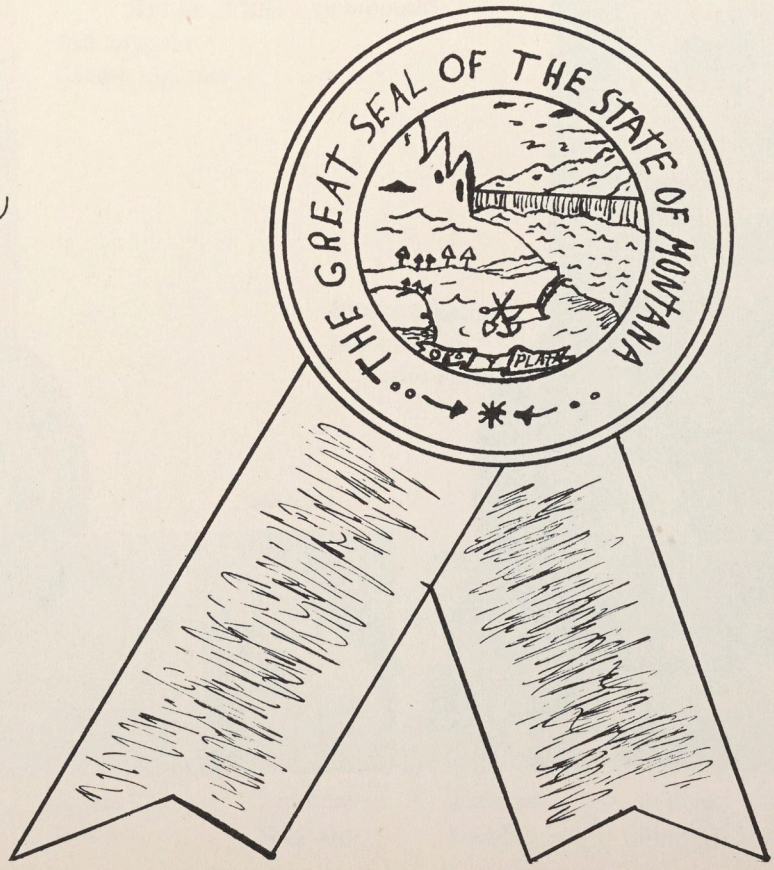
I, Antoinette Widhalm leave my pull with all the teachers to Jim Fitz, who no doubt will need it.

We, Wayne Arnst, Denis Bonnet, Glenn Collins, and Ivan Doig, comprising the main body of the "Filthy Four," leave, wondering if the world will survive our genius.

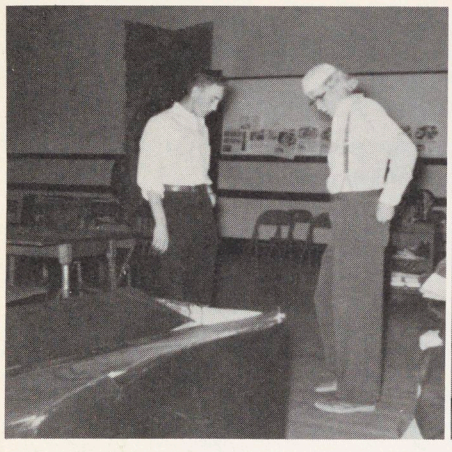
Signed this 24th day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Seven, Anno Domino, by each hand of this exalted Class of '57, who are:

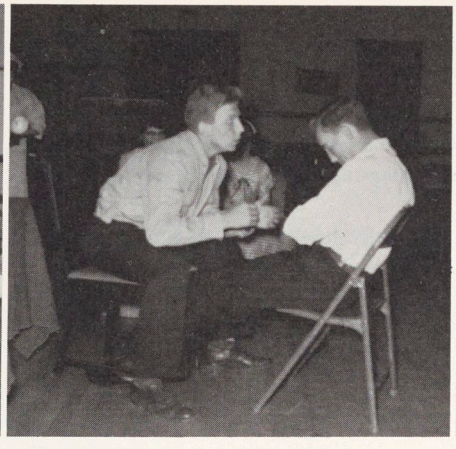
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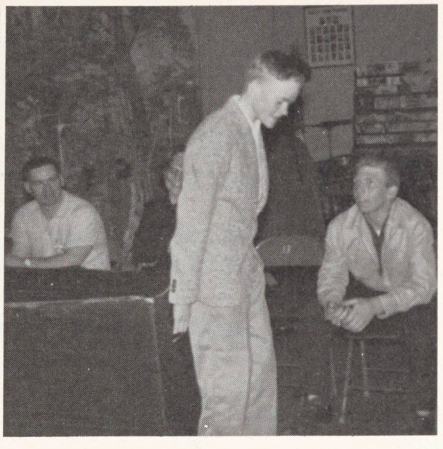
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A Farce in Three Acts







IN SPRING THE SAP
BY
Guernsey Le Pelly

J. Oliver Twibbley - - - - - - - - - DEWEY SWANK
Mrs. Mince - - - - - - - - - - - - - NONA BEAUDRY
Vickie - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - PATTI PALIN
Phillip - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - GLENN COLLINS
Mrs. Stickney - - - - - - - - - - - - ANNELEE SHEBLE
Henry Graves - - - - - - - - - - - - - BILL RAPPOLD
Dr. Guppie - - - - - - - - - - - - - LUCILLE BROPHY

Melville - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - DENIS BONNET
Violet - - - - - - - - - - - - - - SANDERA LIGHTNER
Pam - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - JANICE CHRISTIAENS
Rockhead - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - WAYNE ARNST
Josephine - - - - - - - - - - - - - - GLORIA DEVINNEY
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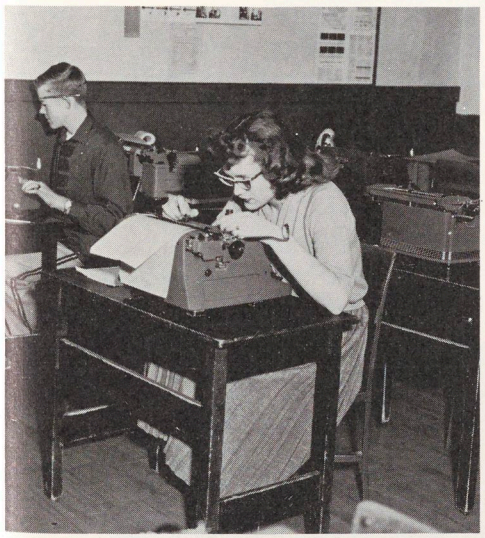


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The Panther

Making Stencils



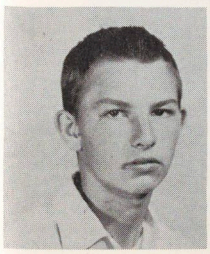
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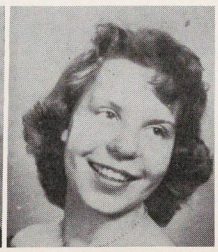


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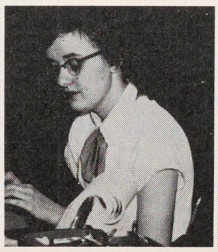


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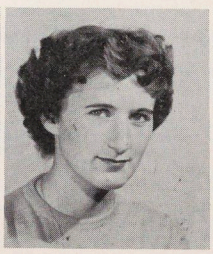


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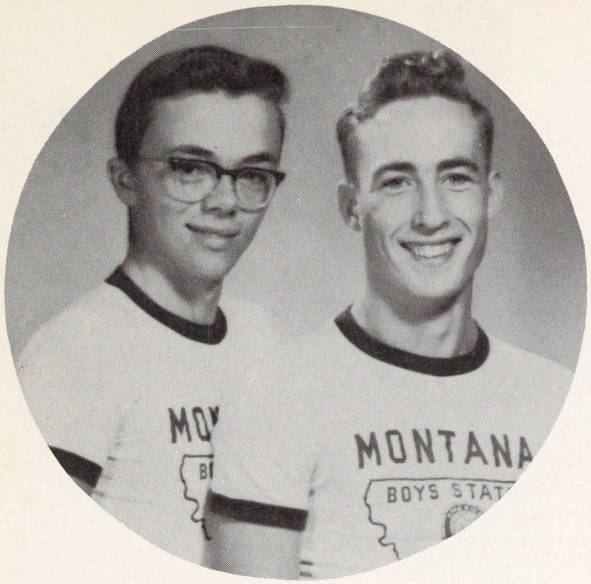


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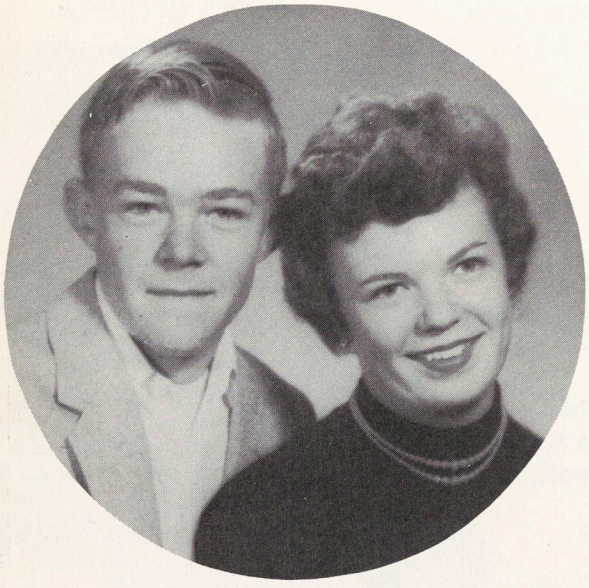
Who's Who



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BILL RAPPOLD and PATTI PALIN



Panther Editor and Co-Editor
ANTOINETTE WIDHALM and ARLEEN JACOBSON

Class Prophecy

On board ship,
May 24, 1977

Dear Bill,

Twenty years ago today we received our diplomas and left to follow our various paths. Right now I'm looking through the annual of that most glorious of classes - The Class of '57. I remember how full of fun those four years were. I'll never forget my first day of school at Valier. It was the day of the big sneak, celebrating the wining of the divisional trophy in football. Our junior year was our first year in class "B" activities. Our play, "In Spring The Sap," was a smash hit. I think our biggest thrill that year was receiving our class rings. Our senior year brought forth the bustle and hurry of making up this yearbook, the excitement of senior sneak day, and best of all, graduation.

Now, twenty years later, Dewey Swank, (I've kept in touch with him over the years) owner of the Swank Casino over on the island, writes that he is giving a class reunion. He's made quite a pile fleecing the poor unsuspecting fishermen. He sent me all the latest information of all our old classmates, and as editor of our yearbook, I thought that you would like to hear it.

The class as a whole has prospered. Do you remember Wayne Arnst? He was true to his word. He said that if he didn't approve of the world situation when he graduated he was becoming a hermit. He didn't; so he did. Nona Beaudry has made good use of her extensive vocabulary and has become the best muleskinner in the desert. In my opinion, Vern Monroe has found the career of careers. He is the physical education instructor at Vassar College. I feel I should elaborate a bit on his accomplishments, but that fact in itself is quite an accomplishment. Annalee Sheble Abdula will have to come from abroad. She is married to Sheik Abdul Abdula, the Arabian oil tycoon.

Betty Brown, who started as an amateur bug collector, is now one of the world's foremost entomologists. Hers is the largest and most varied collection.

Antoinette Widhalm is still teaching English at Valier. You'll remember she took up where Mrs. Tidyman left off. The president of Harvard University will be there too. You remember Sam Stokes, don't you? Barbara Bowman has liked the merchandise at Sears Roebuck and Co. so well that she has worked up to managing a branch of it. Shortly after graduation Fay Stokes went to Hollywood. A recent popularity poll has named him the greatest of all lovers.

To go to the other sex, Arlene Jacobson has won again. This makes the seventh year in a row she has been crowned Miss Galaxy. Sandra Lightner has turned her artistic hands into money by becoming a top dress designer. She recently designed a chic little number for Mrs. Bonnet. Mrs. Bonnet, the former Janice Christiaens, and her husband Denis are leaving their twelve children in charge of their 3,000 acre dairy farm while they attend the reunion. (The Bonnets, incidentally, are producing all the milk that the state of Kansas can use.)

Speaking of Kansas reminds me of Patti Palin Ekhoff. She is manager and co-owner of the Sharon Springs Honeymoon Resort. Newlyweds from all over the world come to her for advice and a good time.

Ivan Doig has lived up to all expectations people had of him. He has become the top nuclear physicist in the world. There is only one minor difficulty. They say that genius is bordering on insanity. Ivan's brilliant mind snapped recently while trying to find out why the chicken crossed the road.

Another of the class that has made good is Butch Lauffer. He bought Arizona and New Mexico. He says it's amazing what a little irrigation will do.

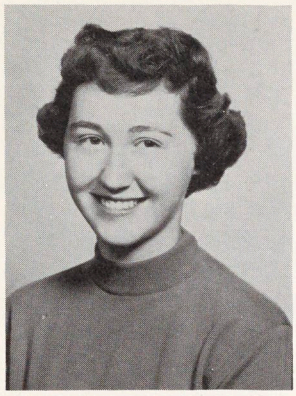
Lucille Brophy has become the one and only woman to conquer Mount Everest. In a recent interview she stated that since she has conquered the highest point, she will don a diving suit and go to the Pacific to conquer the deepest.

By the way Bill, you must be doing all right. I read of your latest venture of buying Texas and Alaska for winter and summer range for your cattle.

As for me, I am an admiral, and was recently appointed commander-in-chief of all the naval forces of America. I believe I'll have my engineers build a canal from the Pacific to Valier, so I can bring my ship. That's all; so I'll be seeing you all in about a week.

an Old Classmate,
Glenn Collins
Admiral, USN.

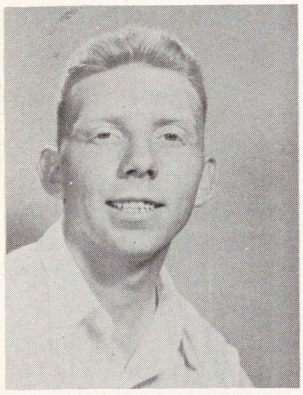
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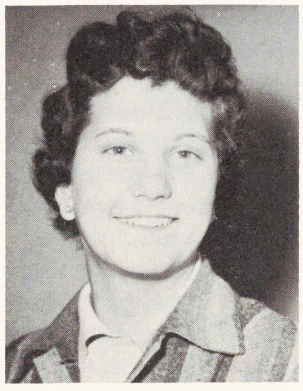
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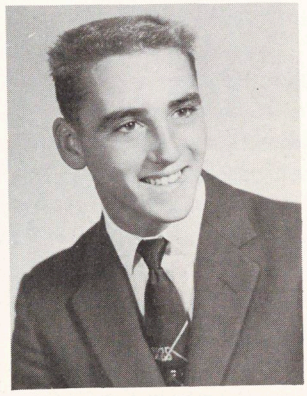
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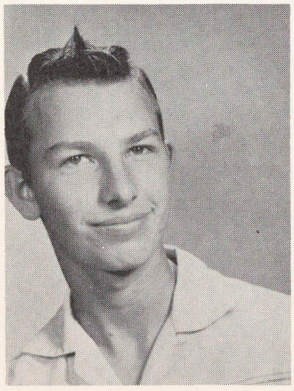
Ivan Doig
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Oratorical Contest Award
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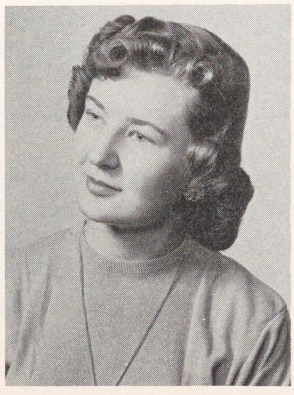
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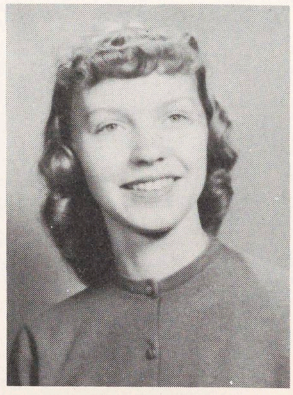
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Bernard Christiaens
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Rosetta Jacobson
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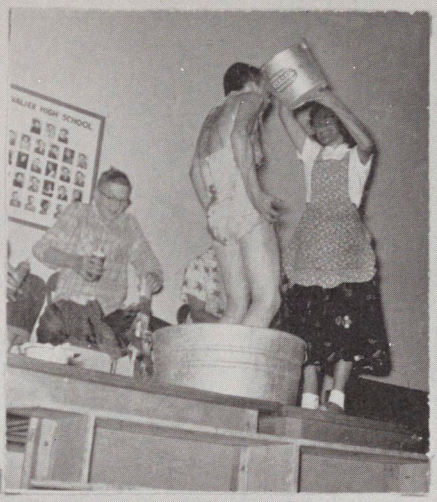


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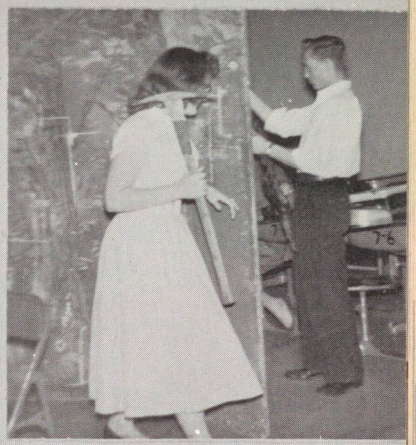
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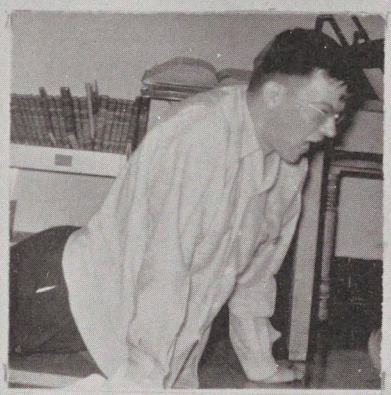
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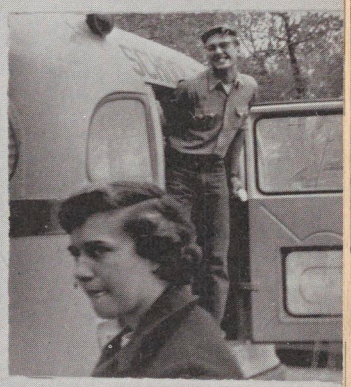
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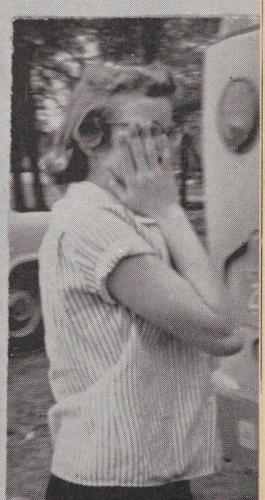
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A LITTLE MORE ROUGE



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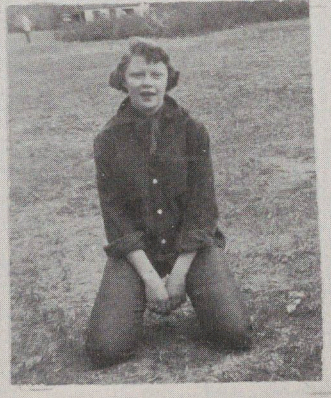
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Methodist Youth Fellowship



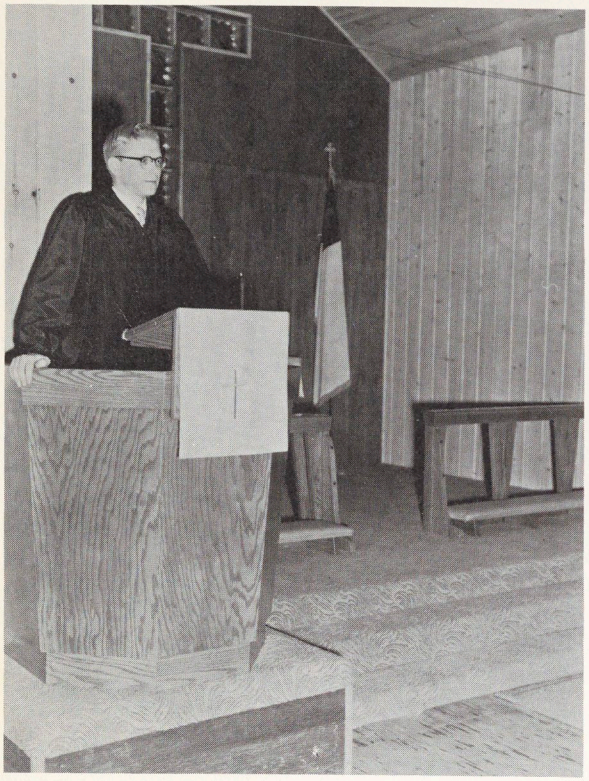
REV. JOHN P. GINTER

The youth choir is composed of members of the senior youth fellowship. This group sings on an average of twice a month at the Sunday morning worship service. The organist for this group is Mrs. Stuart Whitcomb, and the present choir director is Mr. Richard Goff.



Back row: Gaylen Freeman, Wayne Arnst, Carrol Schneider, Jesse Kibbee, Ann Kay, Daryle Swanson, Beverly Ginter. Second row: Sandra Shortland, Annalee Sheble, Mary Wheeler, Marie King, Jean Snortland. First fow: Butch Lauffer, Dewey Swank, Dennis Bonnet, Patti Palin, Rev. Ginter. Not pictured: Glenn Collins, Patty Jo Morris, Myrna Bruner, Jackie Taylor, Lloyd Wentworth, Dennis Peterson, Jimmy Sheble, Becky Billips, Patti Bills, Carrol Schneider.

Luther League



Jerry Albert



Dr. R. D. Mason delivers first of series of lectures, "We are Fearfully and Wonderfully Made." Standing is Dr. Mason. Seated from left to right: Pastor Gilbertson, Jerry Albert, Sylvia Johnson, Janet Slezak, Clarice Swanson, Judy Ihnen, Arla Krattiger, Peggy VandeKop, and Lorraine Ingebrigtson.

Baptist Youth Fellowship



Sandra holds discussion on racial segregation. Seated from left to right are: Sandra Lightner, Jimmy Brown, Bonnie Brown, Betty Brown, Fay Stokes, Lloyd Barron, Carol Miller, Jerry Slezak, and advisor, Mrs. Paul Reeder and Douglas.

Catholic Youth Organization



Father Mark Steinmetz, pastor of St. Francis, Sacred Heart, and Holy Cross.



Left to right: Lucille Brophy, Secretary; Janice Christiaens, Antoinette Widhalm, Phil Miller, Vice President; Vern Monroe, President; Agnes Monroe, Advisor; Arlene Jacobson.

Man, God and God-Man is the subject of study this year.



Left to right: Remi Christiaens, Mrs. Roman Christiaens and daughter Rachel, Roman Christiaens and son Maurice, Magdalena Christiaens, Mrs. Cyrille Ghekiere holding Cyrilla, Evona Christiaens and small child (Maurice Sabbe) in front of Jules Sabbe, Mary Sabbe between father Jules Sabbe and Mrs. Goemar Christiaens, Andre Sabbe (small child), Mrs. Jules Sabbe behind lady with big white hat (Eugenia Habets), Mr. Peter Habets, August Habets, Maurice DeClerke, Mrs. Peter DeClerke, Rev. Father Day, Maurice Tack, Remi Nollet, Albert Jochem, Cyrille Ghekiere, Oscar VanDoorne, Goemar Christiaens, Emile Verstraete, Mr. and Mrs. VanDoorne, Refinie VanDoorne, Mrs. and Mr. Vandebulke, Peter DeCramer, Osymo VanDoorne, Henry DeKettle, Reni Vandepoplier, Joe Raemaker, and Mr. Raemaker.

The Belgian Colony

By Antoinette Widhalm

The Valier Montana Land and Water Co. began in 1909 and still had thousands of acres of irrigated virgin land for sale. The Valier Townsite Co. had planned a town of 3,000 on the banks of Lake Frances and set aside land for a Protestant and a Catholic church, but when Monsignor Victor Day of the Helena Diocese came in to investigate establishing a Catholic Church, he found there were not enough Catholics to support one. He saw rich land crying for settlers and remembered his own home in Belgium, where his old friends were becoming terrified by the growing power of Kaiser Wilhelm's armies and where land and room to live in was becoming scarce. With the help received from the church and the water company he returned to Belgium to organize a colony of settlers.

Hearing of these opportunities from Father Day, Goemar Christiaens, Alphonse VanBougaart, Peter Demaat, and Alphonse Colpaert came over to Valier, June 12, 1912, and settled about nine miles from Valier. Later VanBougaart and Demaat sold their forty acres to Goemar Christiaens and left to work for a lumber company across the mountains. Alphonse Colpaert sold his forty acres to Henry Dekettle.

Monsignor Day made a second trip to Belgium, where he organized a colony to come to settle near Valier. The families who made up this group were: Peter DeClerke, Henry VanDoorne, Roman Christiaens, Jules Sabbe, Cyrille Ghekiere, Peter Habets, Christian Raemaker, Remi Christiaens, Emil Vandebulke, and Albert Jochem. Single members of the settlement were: Maurice Tack, Emile Verstraete, Henry Dekettle, Reni Vandepoplier, William Vustaeke, and Charles Vanderyusth.

Peter Habets had had apple, cherry, and pear orchards in Holland. The Christiaens had raised Belgian Percheron Horses. The Ghekieres owned a flax factory in Belgium. Mr. VanDoorne, a farmer, also bought and processed chicory, while hops made up the chief crop of Mr. VanDaele's farm.

This was to be the first of a number of groups to come. One more group was allowed to come before World War I closed the borders.

These Families sold their property in Holland and Belgium and set out on the S. S. Vanderland from Antwerp February, 1913.



Monsignor Day and Father M. S. Vanderloop

The crossing took eleven days and was very rough, and many were seasick. Something happened to spoil all the milk supply in the ship, and only the nursing babies had milk.

When they landed in New York on February 15, 1913, the group made up of thirteen families numbering about sixty-nine persons was met by Mr. Blondel, a representative of the Great Northern Railway Company. On the way to the Pennsylvania station the members were taken to a grocery store, where he had them buy supplies for the trip such as bread, butter, cold meat, cheese, fruit, etc. Coffee tins, tin cups, spoons, forks, and knives were also purchases at this time. Three times each day Mr. Blondel telegraphed ahead an order for milk and coffee for the next meal.

The colonists traveled in a "special" day coach from New York to Valier. Louis Hill joined the train with his special car at St. Paul, visited with the passengers through Father Day, who acted as interpreter, and gave them instructions on the importance of using building paper in the construction of their homes.

They were welcomed at Valier by Father Shevlin, the pastor. Some of the families were lodged with Emile Monroe, a Belgian who had brought his family to Valier in March 1911. At first a few stayed at the Valier Hotel, but soon most of them were lodged at the Big C Ranch in Father Carroll's two-story farm house. Mr. Christiaens recalls the Roman Christiaens family had the northwest room; the Jules Sabbe family, the front room; and the Peter Habets family was upstairs. One cook stove served all thirteen families and mattresses were laid close together on the floor. It was two or three months before they were all able to move to their own houses.

The first Mass after they arrived was held in Goemar Christiaens' farm house, which was twenty by sixteen feet. They were pressed in like sardines. After that the Mass was held in Father Carroll's house until the church was built. Since in the days of poor roads nine miles was too far away from a church, they soon began plans to build one. With help of $500 from the Extension magazine, they built a church in the fall of 1913, and in 1914, July 7, the Church of the Sacred Heart was blessed by Bishop John Carroll from Helena. Other priests present at the dedication of the church were Father Day, Father Coapmans from Anaconda, Father Shevlin, the pastor, Father Desiere, Father Hanna, Father Connolly, and Father Carroll.

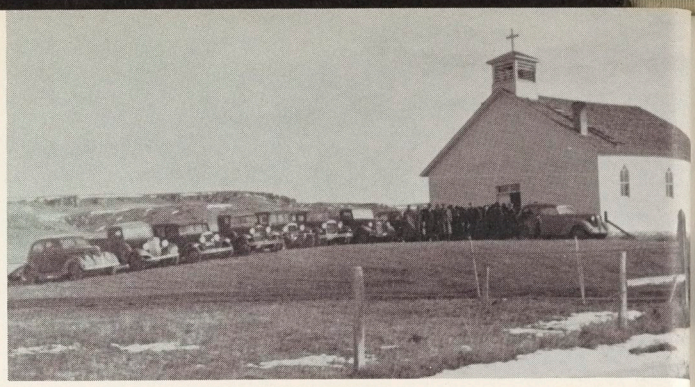
Ever since Father VandenElson, a Norbertine Father from DuPere, Wisconsin came in the fall of 1914, Norbertine priests have served these people in the mission. An aggrement was made with the Diocese of Helena that the Sacred Heart Church will remain open as long as the people pay expenses.

Because the land closer to Valier, which they preferred, had already been sold, they were grouped together at the foot of a hill about 10 miles east of Valier so that they could help one another, thus making it possible for one church to serve them all. This land cost them $1.50 an acre, which was paid to the state, and $40. an irrigable acre, which was to be paid to the construction company over a period of 14 years. Monsignor Day and Emile Monroe had purchased 160 acres for Mr. Ghekiere and built a two-room house on it before he came. However, most of the men bought the land after they arrived from W. L. Campbell, W. M. Wayman, and Richard Sauer, who could speak German. Mr. Tack bought 80 acres and was able to add 140 acres by homesteading. However, the homestead land was good only for pasture. Most of these early settlers started with 40 acres.

Some hired carpenters to build their houses, but most of them helped each other. They bought lumber from Williams, the nearest market. For his barn Mr. Habets hauled logs fifty miles from the mountains.

"We suffered that first year," says Goemar Christiaens, recalling that he picked 105 wagonloads of rock including 75 Indian circles off his 40 acres. They had to buy horses and farm machinery. They had to learn to irrigate and to farm under conditions that were new and strange. During that first year they used up most of the money that they had brought with them, and it took two years to get back on their feet.

When death first struck these people in a strange land, they were poor. they had not mastered the language. There was no money for an undertaker. Goemar Christiaens, farmer and former horseman, became, for the time being, an undertaker. He built the casket for Peter DeClerke's nephew and laid out the corpse. Though it was far from his chosen vocation, when his friends needed his services, he supplied them. The boy was buried where they had first planned to build the church.



March 1, 1938, Twenty-fifth Anniversary of their arrival

Then death struck again in the form of spinal meningitis claiming Maurice Sabbe. Although by this time Mr. Christiaens was married and had children of his own, he again helped out with his services. For this burial Peter Habets built the casket, and Mr. Christiaens was assisted by Ann Crabtree.

The first weddings were Marie Vandepoplier and Henry Dekettle, and Pharilda Sabe and Goemar Christiaens. When they arrived at the church, they discovered that the marriage licenses, which had been sent by mail from Choteau, the county seat at that time, had not arrived. They celebrated the wedding feast anyway, and the two couples were married a few days later. At another time the license did not show up at all, and the bride and groom were forced to drive sixty miles to Choteau by horse and buggy to get it.

The first fall they celebrated St. Loue, who is the patron of farmers in Belgium, instead of Thanksgiving at Father Carroll's house.

Mrs. Fox, a kindly lady who lived in the neighborhood, taught the mothers what clothes to put on their girls and boys for school. The first school taught by Mr. Ransom Tone was situated near the Habets farm. Later it was moved to where it now stands east of the church. Other early teachers were: Miss O'Brian, Mrs. Harry Rideout (then Miss Sanderson), Miss Anderson, Miss Marion Rideout (now Mrs. August Demert), and Mrs. C. P. Smith.

After a hard day's work in the field the men often gathered to attack another difficult problem--the English language--which was taught at Mr. Boone's evening classes in Belgian School No. 2.

Miss Sestake instructed them for their first citizen papers. They had to take exams for citizenship in Choteau at that time.

Even buying groceries became a major operation by the time they had made their wants known by pointing, sign language, and finding the articles for themselves in the store. One of the stories which have been told of these early shoppers is that Mr. Tack, having decided that he wished to buy a bag of oranges and being very certain he knew how to say it in English, found out when he arrived home he had only onions. A woman who wished to purphase some eggs finally convinced the grocer what she wanted by sitting down and cackling like a hen. Why, when other people were having troubles making their wants known, Peter Habets could get his orders filled easily perplexed many until it was learned that he had taken the list of groceries to the priest who had written an English translation for him.

Maurice Tack



In 1914 Father Vemaat brought the next group: Roman Houben, Joe Houben, Oscar VanDaele, Theophil Bealeart, and Remi Huyghe. Remi Nollet had gone back to bring his bride, Marie Valleys, to this country.

In 1919 Reni Vandepoplier, Jules Sabbe, Maurice Tack, and Rufin VanDoorne went back to Belgium for their brides and brougth them back with them in 1920.

Peter DeClerke and his family returned to their home in the old country.



1938 Twenty-Fifth Jubilee

The schoolhouse was used as a social center for many parties and especially for wedding dances. Christmas Eve parties, which were attended by all members of the families, were held in Williams.

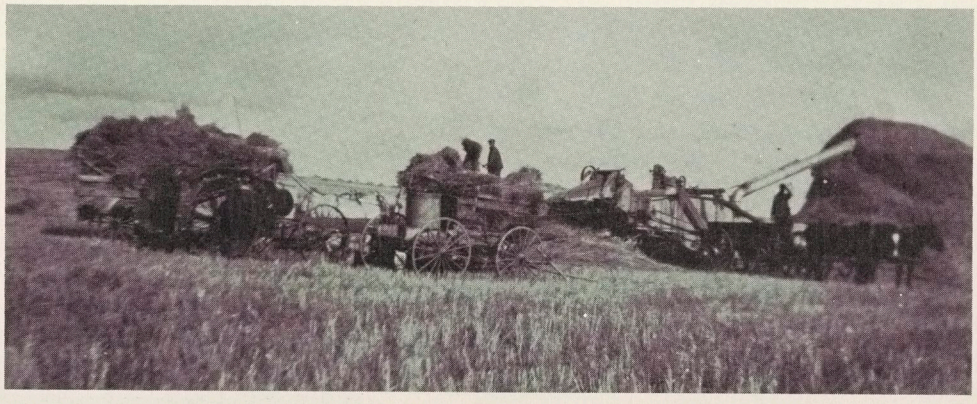
Big dances in Machinery Hall and the project fair in the fall at Williams with the great potluck dinners, speeches, exhibits of produce were yearly affairs.

On March 1, 1938, after they had been in this country for twenty-five years, a High Mass was said in honor of the silver jubilee by Rt. Rev. Msgr. Victor Day, who had brought the first settlers. The remainder of the day was spent in celebration.

By this time the number of families had more than doubled, as new ones had come over and others were married. They were considered by the leaders of the Valier Irrigation Project to be hard, honest workers and as a class to be the best farmers on the project. They were prosperous; most of them by this time having eighty acres.

Now in 1957 only four of the original adult settlers are living in this vicinity. They are Maurice Tack and Emile Vertraete, who live in the colony, and Goemar Christiaens and Mrs. Albert Jochem, who live in Conrad. The Three remaining adult settlers who have moved away from the colony are: Mrs. Cyrille Ghekiere, Mrs. Joe Houben, and Helena Christiaens.

Just to show how these original settlers have grown and propered since that early March day in 1913 a peek into Valier schools today will reveal at least one and sometimes three and four descendants of these colonists in every class from the first grade on up through the senior class.



Threshing on Tack Farm

The Class of '57 expresses sincere thanks to the following people for patiently supplying both information and pictures: Goemar Christiaens, Maurice Tack, Osymo VanDoorne, Maurice A. Christiaens, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Habets, Mrs. Emile Habets, Mrs. George Widhalm, Miss Paula Ghekiere, and to Mr. Tone for his letter on the school.



Seated from left to right: Andy Sabbe, Maggie Christiaens, Hazel Fox, Evona Christiaens, Mary Fox, Albrechk Ghekiere. Standing: Gene Habets, Peter Habets, Paula Ghekiere, Maurice Sabbe, Mary Ghekiere, Paul Ghekiere, Pearl Ferguson, Maurice Christiaens, and Gustave Ghekiere.

A Teacher Remembers

I wish you could have been with me; but of course some of you were, and it is mostly to you that I write.

It was the fall of 1913 we got the school going. Somewhere packed away in my belongings is a snap shot of us and that first school taken one sunny day by a friend from Valier who visited us, played baseball with us, and called us one Big, Happy, Family.

But that wasn't the day of Mary's accident, when the baseball struck her in the face. Mary was badly hurt. We took her over to Mrs. Fox, our nearest neighbor, who did all she could to help while Maurice wrote a letter to be sent immediately to Mary's father telling him of the accident and urging him to take Mary to Conrad or Valier to the doctor.

Studious, dependable Goemar, our translator and helper in general, was, if you remember, your teacher's only means of communication with most of you.

My poorer German and poor French helped, but Goemar was nearly always able to get the right word to all of us. How we needed that man! And how well he served us all, those who spoke the Belgian, the French, the Dutch, and the English - now all Americans. Goemar, where and how did you learn so much so quickly, even though you did come to America a year sooner than the others? Gus and Gene also helped a very great deal for I could help them better with my German.

We learned and sang twice daily many songs, for we knew this was a quick and sure way to the vocabulary so earnestly wanted. For a time we learned at least one new song every week. We had large and good blackboards, which we kept well covered with these songs. When we sang we didn't omit any of our songs, but did the entire repertoire.



Goemar Christiaens

Once little Mary Fox, smallest among us, and about five years old told me in an aside that I sang too loud. Her sister Hazel agreed. From that time we often practiced singing softly, careful of every note. This pleased the girls especially. It didn't make a hit with the boys, but they listened attentively polite and smiled with pretended pleasure. Well, Mary, I have learned many times since how much the youngest can teach. How well we all liked those open-door, open-window song fests! One thing we neglected and it was important. We should have learned some of the songs you boys and girls must have brought with you from Europe. Our mistake and our loss.

Peter was a live wire, not bad, but full of the "Old Harry," and such a scrapper! He could give Gus or Gene or anyone else a tussle any time. Once I spanked him when he had run the gamut. Asked if he could do better now, he said with a condescending smile, "Yes, of course." But when I put an arm around him I saw there were tears. He didn't pull anybody's hair again for several days. You had to like Peter. I know he just couldn't be good.

Paul and Albrecht were, like Maurice and Gus, very studious and Paul and Albrecht were so well coached by their sisters that I could hardly keep ahead of them. Often they came to class with the entire lesson committed to memory. You wouldn't expect an old fossil like me to remember quite so much in detail, but I do remember each and every one of you quite clearly, even Gig Gene from around the Trunk, who attended a short time. I remember even the desk each occupied.

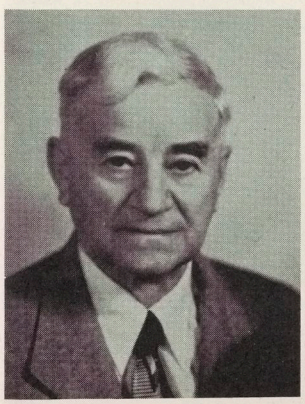
Pearl, did you become a teacher? I thought you would. There were Magdalena, Evona, and Maggie. I can see you girls now helping me prepare lessons for later. Paula was there, too giving orders, no doubt. I probably was wishing I knew better how to arrange recreational work for you girls. A mere man is pretty dumb in some ways.

There was timid, little Mary Sabbe and her brother. Is it all right to remind you, Mary, how you recited best leaning against my knee? But your timidity did not prevent your coming up with good lessons. I remember how well all seemed to like you. In fact, I remember the almost total absence of quarreling in the school.

It was a severe winter. Storms often threatened and sometimes came. School attendance was nearly perfect.

I think I wasn't much of a teacher, but we made some progress. In later years, I was told, some excellent teachers came. The results I have seen in the successful, happy homes and schooling you have provided for your families. It was something to have even a small part in it, to help build that school house and help you a little with your school work. I have gotten more pleasure out of it than any of you. Regards to all.

Sincerely,
Ransom Tone



Ransom Tone

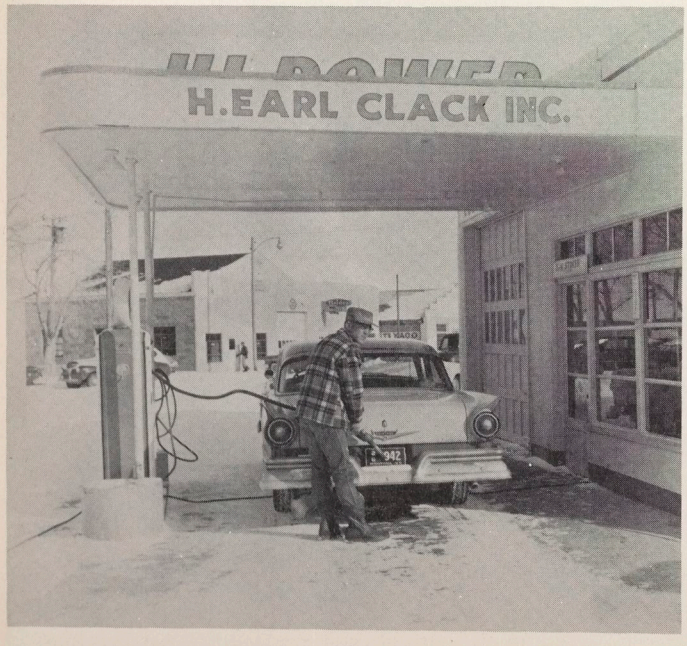
OUR LOYAL SUPPORTERS



Ed Keeler and Carrol Schneider supervise Mr. Offerdahl while he writes a check. Chuck and Mr. Schneider entertain the dog at

WESLEY'S SERVICE

"Fill 'er Up at DAN'S HUSKY STATION"
DAN STOKES



Not only does Bud Gillette run the GREELY ELEVATOR, but he also finds time to coach the "B" squad. The high school greatly appreciates his help.

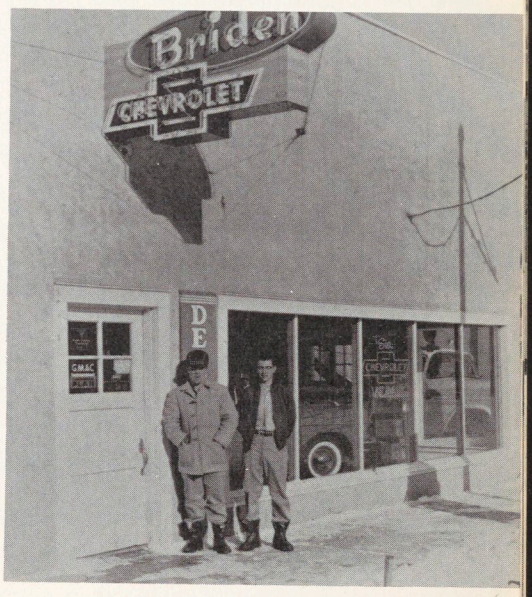


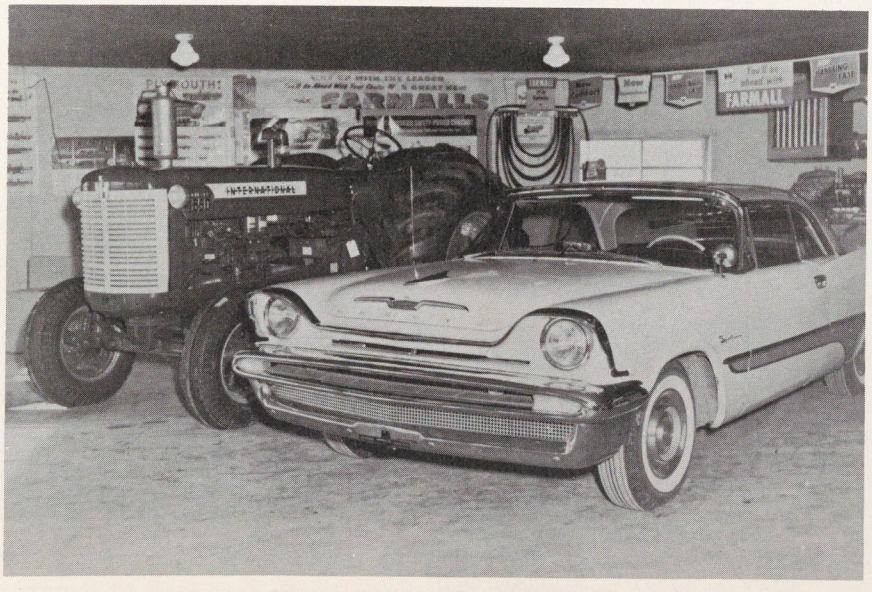


"Sweet and smooth and sassy Chevrolet"

Pictured with this new '57 Chevy are Tom and Clayton Briden, Jr.

BRIDEN CHEVROLET, the home of Ok used cars and trucks in Valier, is owned and managed by Tom and Clayton Briden Jr.



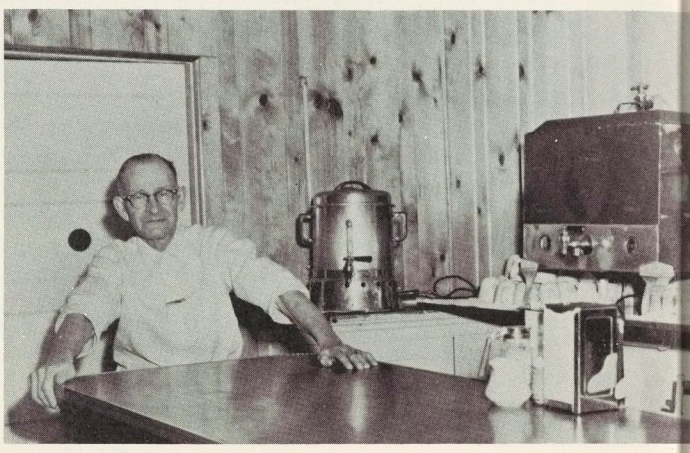


"The cars with the forward look"

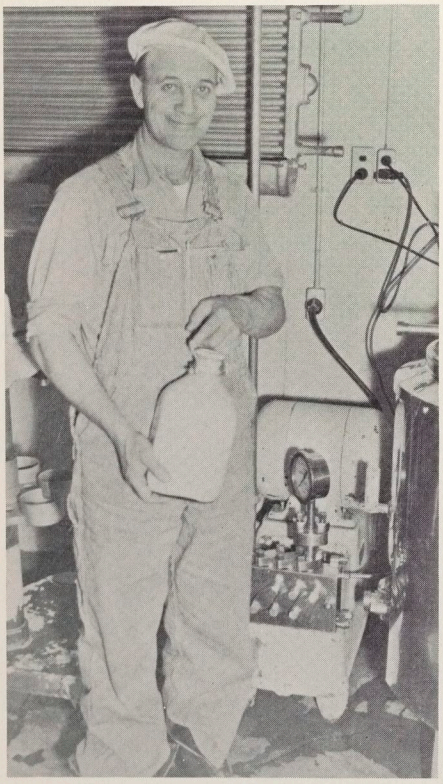
International Harvester equipment and DeSoto and Plymouth cars along with Zenith TV sets are sold and serviced by Selmer Snortland at the VALIER IMPLEMENT CO.



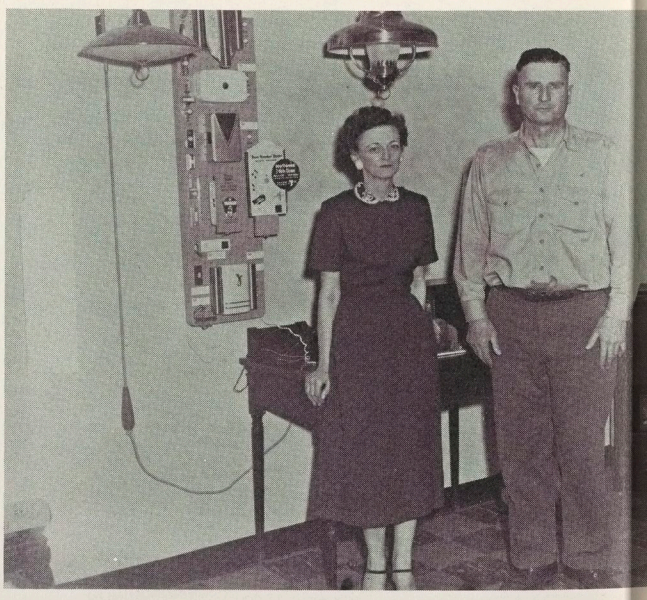
At DOROTHY'S, Mrs. Wentworth ('51) displays the latest in costume jewelry to Mrs. Gordon Shepard.



"At your service"
Delicious, well cooked meals are found at PETE'S CAFE



Milk 75¢ a gallon
Cream 30¢ a half pint
at GENE'S DAIRY



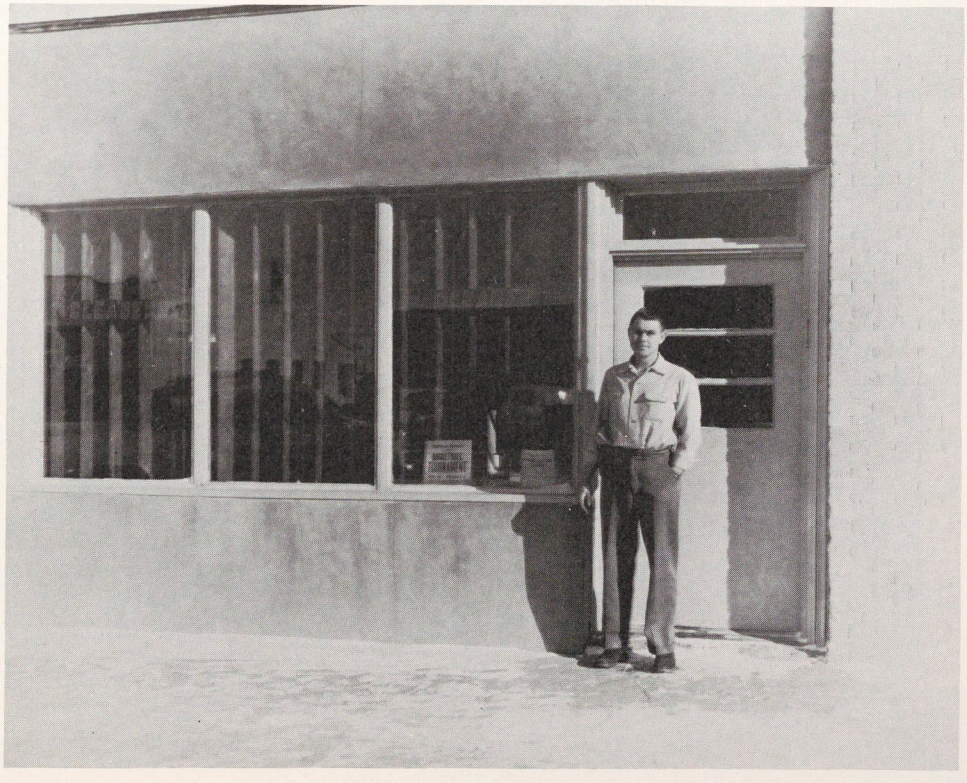
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith display new light fixtures in their new SMITH ELECTRIC SHOP.

PARK MOTEL

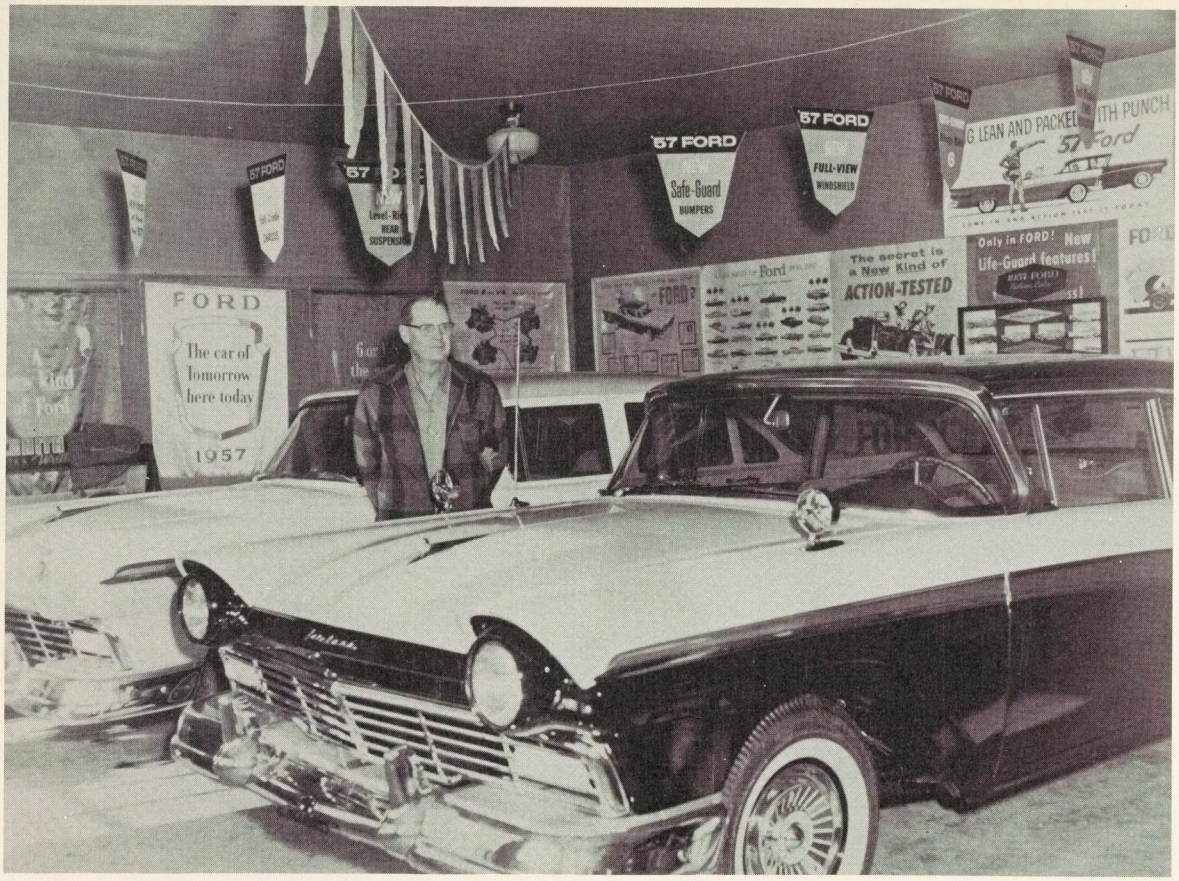


Mrs. Roy Dean Parker displays one of the units at the PARK MOTEL. This new, modern motel is composed of twelve units featuring hot water heat and tile baths.

VALIER CLEANERS

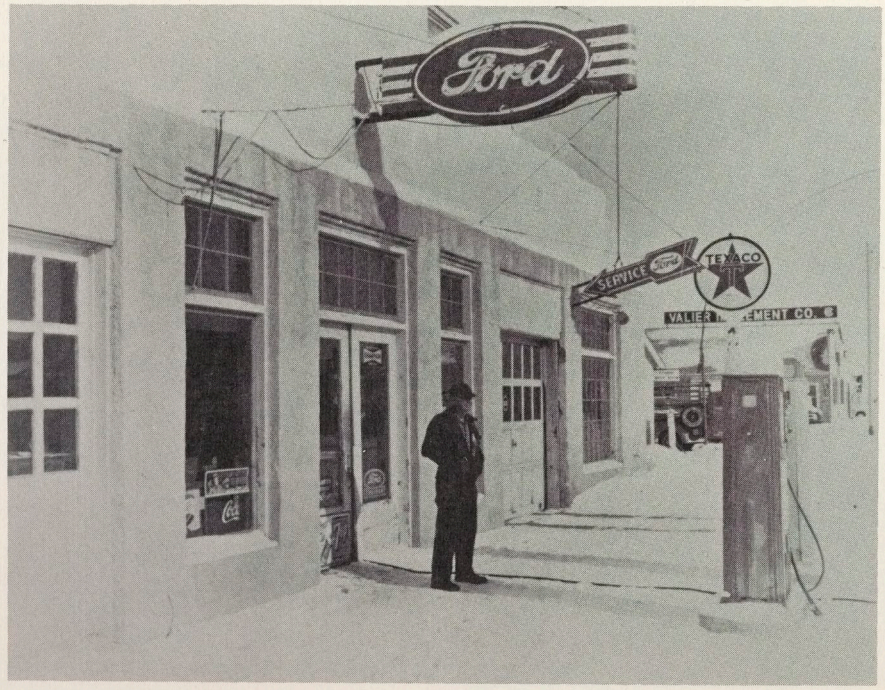


Reliable and efficient service is given by Dick and Lola Geiger at the VALIER CLEANERS. This establishment also offers delivery service to both Valier and Dupuyer.



Mervin Chausse displays the new, sleek Fords, the cars of tomorrow, at the

VALIER GARAGE



Ready to fill up your gas tank with Texaco Gasoline.



SAND'S GARAGE
Something wrong with that motor? Harry can fix it.

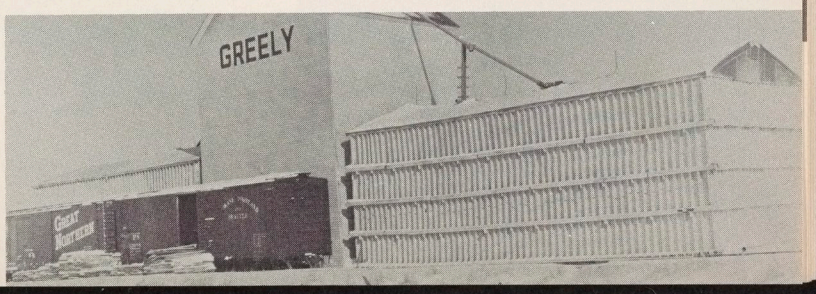
Richard, Jerry, and Thomas Durnell are ready to arrange for all risks: Car, Theft, Fire and Life.





CAPITOL THEATER offers special student rates - 50¢ admission.

GREELY buys all kinds of grain.





Manager, Ralph Orr sells groceries to Bobbie Lee and Grandma Hancock. In the background are Roger Moon, his little brother, and Elmer Stark.

CURRY'S MARKET

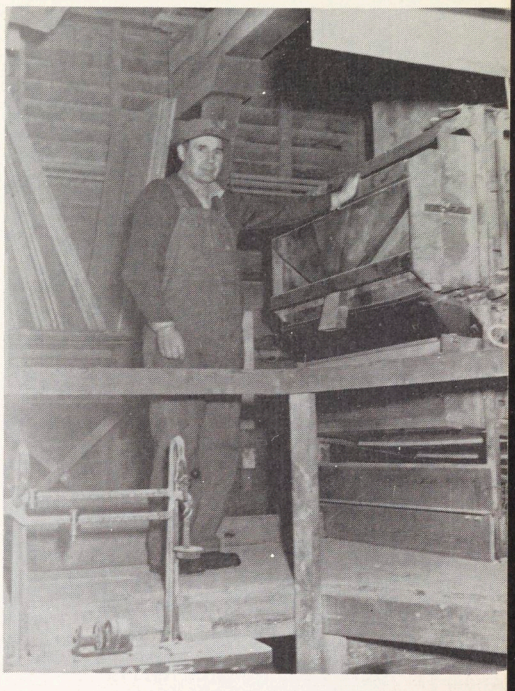


Mr. Elmer Hotvedt, the newest merchant in Valier, is a registered pharmacist. He came from Fort Benton in the fall of 1956 and has remodeled and rearranged the drug store.

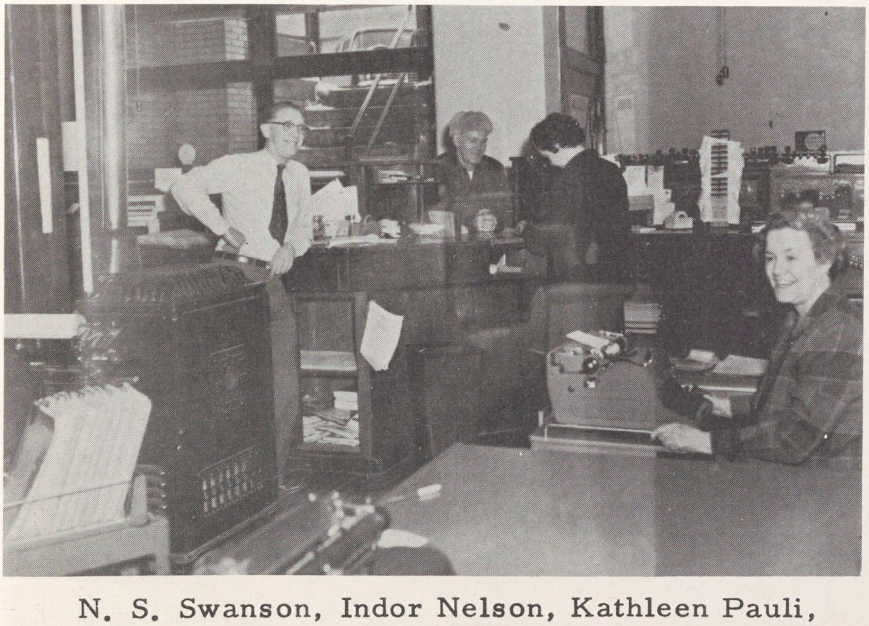
THE REXALL STORE



CARGILL, INC. ELEVATOR buys all kinds of grain and sells feeds, fertilizers, oil and gas.

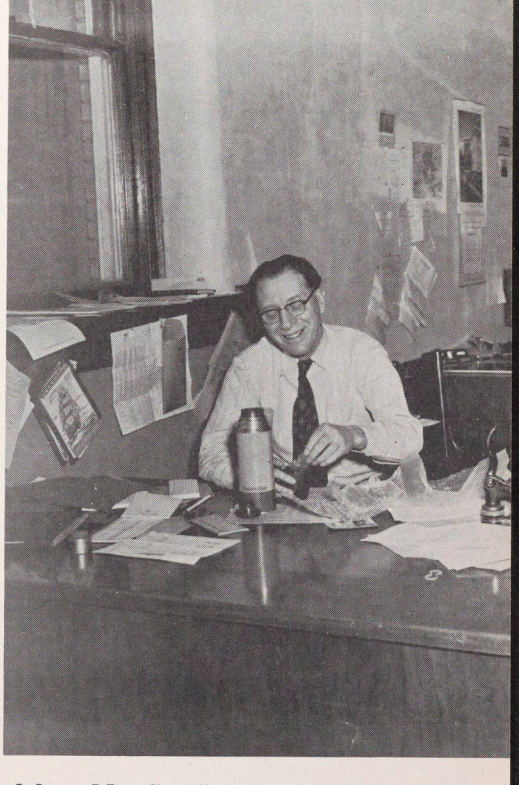


Mr. Jesse Kibbee checks machinery for seed cleaning.



N. S. Swanson, Indor Nelson, Kathleen Pauli, Mrs. Swanson.

Deposits made in the FARMERS & STOCKMEN'S BANK in Valier total over one million dollars.



Mr. N. S. Swanson loses no time, but enjoys lunch in the FARMERS & STOCKMEN'S BANK in Valier

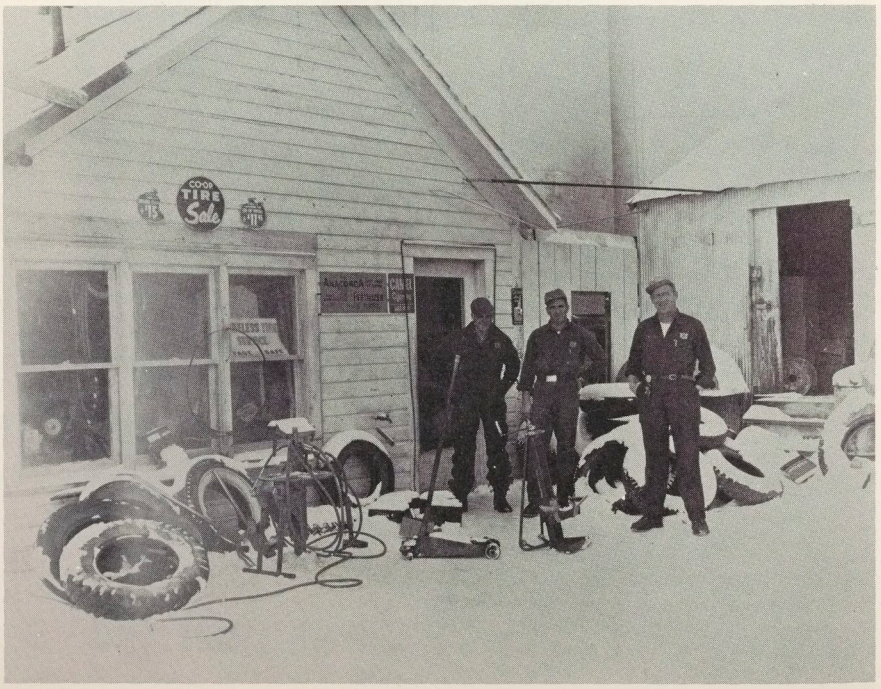


Neither wind nor snow keeps Bob Kincaid from making deliveries of gas and oil.

CONOCO BULK STATION

FARMERS UNION OIL

The Farmers Union Oil are building a fine new office and warehouse and hope to be in their new establishment this summer.





Lloyd and Agnes Eppe are always sure that their products are of the best quality before they stock them.

LLOYD'S MEN AND BOYS

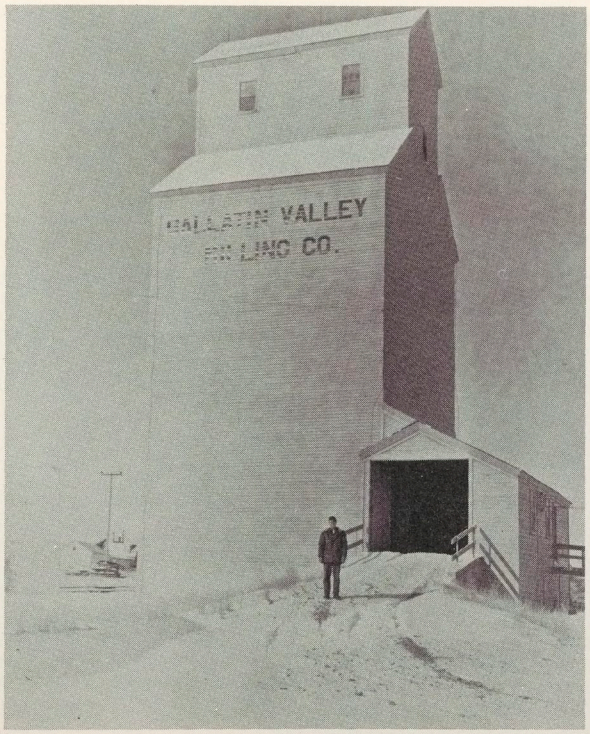
"Hamburgers and Cokes as Usual"

Tuffy and Esther Bennett always serve the best food at the lowest prices.

FRENCHY'S CAFE

Sam Stokes at the Gallatin Valley Elevator serves Valier and the surrounding community faithfully.

GALLATIN VALLEY ELEVATOR





Customers: Bob Wentworth, Bob and Larry Krattiger.



Mr. and Mrs. Al Boeck sell coffee to Bud Orvis at the Lighthouse, which is located on the shore of Lake Frances. Fishing tackle, boats, motors, delicious meals, and everything a camper might want to buy are for sale here.

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Mr. Earl Aiken tries out a platform rocker while Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Urness, daughter Bonnie, and Mrs. Lee Hale look on.

THE FRIENDLY GAMBLE STORE
HARDWARE AND FURNITURE





Mrs. Swank aids Wayne, Dean and Roy Matthaes select fine Revere Ware at DE VOE'S BUILDERS SERVICE

"You wreck 'em, we fix 'em" is their motto at our FITZ'S BODY REPAIR





The GTA ELEVATOR has a long record of service to the farmers in this area.



The last few steps



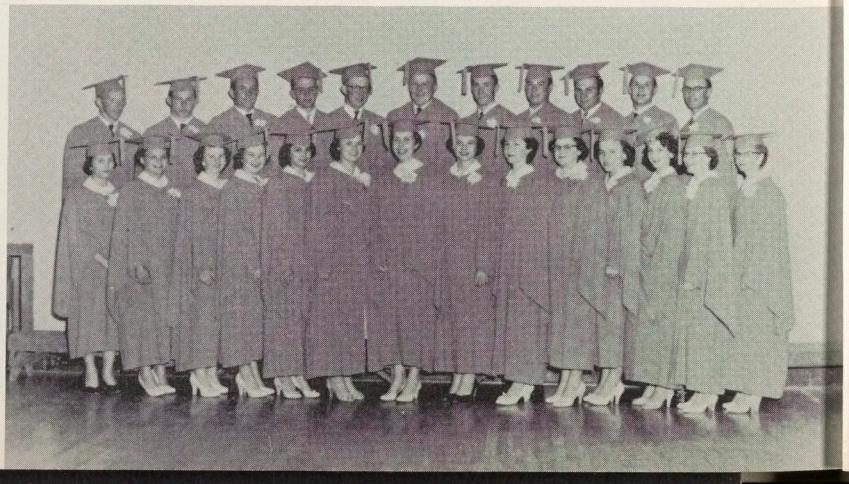
Rita Mozer
Valedictorian

Commencement 1956



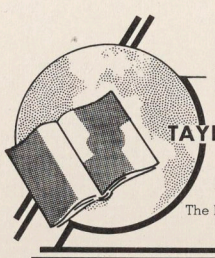
Lillian Johnson
Valedictorian

Front row: Rita Mozer, Vivian Lerum, Maureen Christiaens, Rosetta Jacobson, Gloye Paul, Margaret Skogen, Lillian Johnson, Sharlin Bruner, Kathleen Pauli, Beverly Orr, Bonnie Brown, Ellen Habets, Paddy Kibbee, Judy Hammer. Back row: Robert Shepherd, Dick Brown, Herb Kuka, George Den Boer, John Holden, Russell Aiken, Gordon Parker, Jack Ginter, David Fitzpatrick, Larry Krattiger, Karl Ingebrigtson.





So whenever you gaze at the moon and the stars
And all heaven's beautiful sights
Remember the class of '57
And the '57 Northern Lights.



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1956

FOURTH PLACE

CLASS B DIVISION JAVELIN

(SUN RIVER RANGER DISTRICT)

R. 13 W. R. 12 W. R. 11 W. R. 10 W. R. 9 W. R. 8 W. R. 7 W. R. 6 W. R. 5 W.

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FOREST SERVICE RECREATION SITES

	Location	Campsites	Picnic Units	Trailer Spaces	Toilets	Drinking Water	Boat Launch	Fishing Access
ASPEN GROVE	M9	19	3	•	•	•		
BENCHMARK	E6	34			•	•		
BIG NELSON	K5	6		•		•	•	•
BLACKFOOT	M6							•
COPPER CREEK	K6	17	•	•	•			
FLYIN	E6	6			•	•		
HOME GULCH	C7	14			•	•	•	•
MONTURE CREEK	K3	5	•		•	•		
MORTIMER GULCH	C7	28			•	•		
SOUTH FORK	D6	7			•	•		
STRAIGHT CREEK	D6	10				•		
WOOD LAKE	E6	7	6		•	•		•

OTHER RECREATION SITES

BEAN LAKE	G10	6				•	•	•
HOOPER	M8	24	•	•		•		
MONTURE CREEK	L2							•
NILAN RESERVOIR	E9	5					•	•
PISHKUN RESERVOIR	B2	50	•			•	•	•

POINTS OF INTEREST

	Location
GIBSON OVERLOOK	C7
INDIAN BURIAL GROUND	A8
SITE OF OLD LINCOLN	M7
SUN RIVER GAME RANGE	C8

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