

Wendell L. Willkie High School Elwood, Indiana

1960 CRESCENT



ANOTHER YEAR . . . ANOTHER STEP

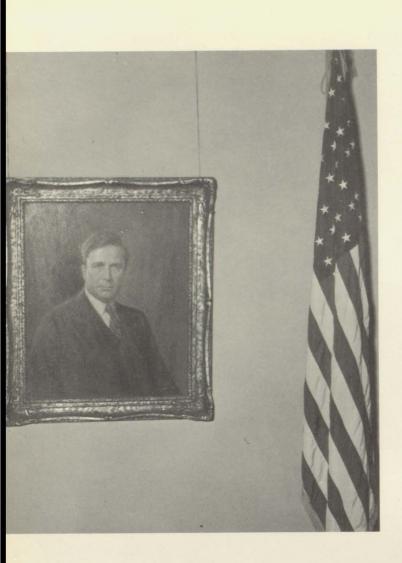
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While taking another step forward, Elwood has made a name for itself in scholarship, sports, and public speaking. The students won top awards and honors after taking the annual achievement test. The basketball team stepped forward by capturing its 3rd C.I.C. in a row. A new football coach made his successful debut by producing a winning team, which took the C.I.C. The National Thespian Society joined the Willkie organizations. Speech and dramatic students captured top honors in their field. New equipment and books are symbols of the advancement in education.

1960 Found Willkie High Students Taking Step Forward in Accepting



In school the students have also made advancements. The freshmen have gradually grown accustomed to the homework and crowded halls. Sophomores have stepped up from freshmen and can now elect class officers. The junior class has made its appearance as upperclassmen entitling them to class rings, a play, and planning the prom. The seniors have advanced also, to their last year of high school. They can't seem to forget that this will be the last time they will share many experiences of high school life. They are beginning to think of what the future will hold, and wonder whether they will be ready to meet it.



Responsibility and Gaining Maturity





They Stepped into the Swing of Things, Struggled with Studies,



⁷ But not all was sad for often they were too busy to think about these things. There were dances, basketball games, football games, and homework, which was often dreaded. The glamour of homecoming and a beautiful queen thrilled us. School life was filled with excitement as sectional time rolled around. Lockers were crammed so full that we could hardly close them, and tension mounted as report card time came near. But once again the end of the school year draws near. The prospect of summer vacation sends happy echoes throughout the halls of E.H.S.



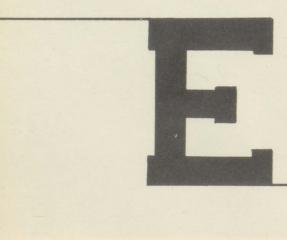
Lived Life, Learned, and Liked It

Some will be walking down these steps of Willkie for the last time, never to return again. If these stained and stolid walls could speak, what secret would they reveal? Are they merely masses of rock and mortar used only for a functional purpose? No, this and other buildings like it are living symbols of man's thirst and quest for truth and knowledge. As you go down the steps, out the door, and onto the sidewalk, stop, look back and up at the silent majesty of this building. Give it a smile and a "Thank you" before you go on your way.



STEPPING OUT WITH WILLKIE EVENTS







"It is our relationship with people--as individuals--which makes our own world rich or poor."

Charles H. Percy



A new addition to Willkie organizations . . . Troup 58 of the Thespian Society.

Dances, Plays, Queens, and Parties All

Phil Sharp, outstanding orator, placed 1st in the county Voice of Democracy Contest.



September 1959 found the Class of '60 returning for its senior year, the last of four years never to be forgotten. The Class of '61 had finally moved into the bracket of upperclassmen and frantic work began for its members. No longer the youngest in school, the Class of '62 began its first year of organization while the Class of '63 entered the confusing, bewildering freshman year.

Warm autumn days, marked by falling leaves, saw the students go about their activities with renewed vigor. Class spirit ran high . . . HOMECOM-ING! The mighty Panthers ran wild as they won a decided victory over their opponents and the annual crowning of a lovely queen added to the day's festivities.



A basketball player doesn't always end the night with the game; there's always the aftergame dance too.

Contribute to the Events of 1960

Brisk weather soon gave way to cooler weather and snow flakes began to fall on Willkie Land. Christmas vacation . . . Holiday Tourney, dances, carols, and mistletoe. All too soon vacation was over and exams accompanied blackouts of the mind. A pretty queen reigned over the annual CRESCENT Dance. Red and blue decorated halls, hats, cars, and kids--all advocating one event . . . SECTIONAL! Spring and cupid arrived on the scene. A boy's heart lightly turns to baseball! Many months of planning and practice unfold in the Panther Band Varieties of 1960. Warmer weather brings flowers, fluffy formals, and the PROM! Once again exam papers are looked upon with sheer dread. GRADUATION . . . how fast these last four years have flown . . . how many memories we have . . . how many exciting things lie ahead.

On College Night Garland Hardy of Ball State aroused plans for future education.





Marjorie Hamilton and Ruthie Fettig help make up the cast.



Flighty Isobel, Virginia Hocker, keeps Mary Ann Cannon from any peace and quiet.

From a Modern Broadway Play

On the night of April 16, 1959, the Class of 1960 proudly presented the riotous, three-act comedy, "Nuts in May." This play pictured Cornelia Otis Skinner in her home on the day before her opening on Broadway. Her husband, Aldon, and son, Michael, try their best to make her day a quiet one. The television program, "Face to Face," comes into the picture; her best friend, Isobel, keeps the household

in an uproar; and the author of the play, Eve Carrington, insists on changing the script. Michael comes up with two dates for the opening, and to complicate things one of them is the niece of Watson O'Neil the critic.

In the end Miss Skinner's performance is a success, and Michael gets his two dates straightened out.



CAST Mary Ann Cannon Pat Wolf Phillip Sharp Jeanette Lightfoot Virginia Hocker Marjorie Hamilton Virginia McQueen Vickie Vos Eileen Plummer Kenny Knauer Marianne Swenson Winifred Shaw Ann Leathers Bill Wesseler Bob Widmeyer Mike Fogerty Lela Underwood, Student Director

Phil Sharp upsets the morning for Mary Ann Cannon and Pat Wolf by dropping his dinosaur bones.



Mickey Conley is just ready to bite Kenny Knauer's leg.



Jerry Glenn's temper rages on Mickey Conley for wrecking a trolley car.

to the World's Fair in 1904

December 17, 1959 marked the presentation of "Meet Me in St. Louis," a comedy in three acts. The play centers around a typical family in St. Louis around the turn of the century. Mr. Smith has just been transferred to a New York firm. Rose, the eldest of four daughters is determined not to move, especially when Lucille Pentard arrives and entrances all the local boys, including John Shepard. Tootie, Agnes, Ester, and Rose join in with their bits of trickery and cause their father to be fired when they drown his boss, Mr. Dodge, with water bombs.

The story does have a happy ending, however, when Mr. Dodge rehires Mr. Smith and raises his salary, too. The family does not have to move and even though it is the opening of the World's Fair, Grandpa continues his daydreams of previous royalty.

CAST Joe Bilby Ruthie Fettig Theresa Hibst Glenda Skillman Virginia Hocker Mickie Conley Jerry Glenn Bill Wesseler Marlene Coryell Genie Forst Linda Courtney Phillip Sharp Mike Fogerty Karen Dooley Kenny Knauer Greg Caldwell Winifred Shaw, Student Director

Joe Bilby lays down the law to his daughters as they plead, "Oh no, Papa, please - - -"





"Now jest one minute," hollers Greg Caldwell as he's dragged off to the finish line by Ginny McQueen, Carolyn Scott, and Sandy Smith.

We Threw Away Culture for Sadie Hawkins



Pandemonium reigned the night of November 21st, when the Panther Den was haunted by pig-tailed, frecklefaced, desperate "bachelor gals" and raggedy-clad, sideburned, eligible "men." "Marryin' Sam"--better known as Jerry Robison--imparted his final instructions and deepest sympathy before the minute hand of the clock reached 8:30. Then panic stricken males made a headlong dash for the hills with the man-crazed females not far behind them.

Some were roped and hog-tied; some were dragged; others came peacefully across the finishing line where "Marryin' Sam" met them with a smile, a marriage license, and a short civil ceremony--all for a modest fee.

However, the spirit-broken captives soon lost their downcast attitudes as they purchased their kissing licenses and spend the rest of the evening ... w-e-l-l-...

This lovely couple, Winnie Shaw and Jeff Mays just got hitched by that fancy dude with the cigar, Marrin' Sam, alias Jerry Robison.

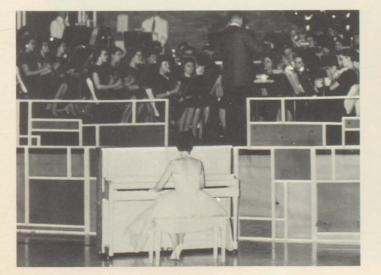


The Maypole number featured a forty-foot maypole, twenty Parisian girls, and the stirring music of a can-can.

We Polished it for the Variety Show

All of the planning that goes into a billiondollar Broadway production went into the 1959 Panther Band Variety Show. Many months of preparation were put into the two performances which were given on April 2nd and April 3rd. The gymnasium was filled to capacity as the audiences thrilled to the professional beauty of the costumes, lighting, and scenery. It seemed unbelievable that high school students could produce a show that

Joyce Williams played the beautiful "Dream of Olwen," accompanied by the band.



would literally take its audience "around the world" in less than 80 minutes.

Three popular acts were: The Maypole number, the Dixieland Seven, and Mr. Brugger singing "Old Man River."

The 1959 Varieties will be remembered for years to come. The Panther Band and all the band auxiliaries deserve the heartiest congratulations for a job truly well done!

With Bob Doan at the guitar, Mary Ann Cannon sings, "Come Back to Sorrento."





Pretty Miss Linda Courtney, escorted by Sam Courtney, was candidate of the class of '60.

The class of '61 chose lovely Miss Judy Cherry, escorted by Phil Berry, as their candidate.

Our Homecoming was Perfect with a Beautiful

September 19th turned out to be a beautiful day for the 1959 Homecoming. The alumni came from all around to renew old friendships. The beautifully decorated convertibles, the colorful float designed especially for the queen and her court, the band doing its state fair show, and the mighty Panthers defeating the Alexandria Tigers 19-0 made a wonderful and eventful Homecoming.

The outcome of the Queen contest proved the Junior class victorious as charming Judy Cherry, their candidate, was selected as Queen. The other candidates were Linda Courtney, the pretty senior can-



The queen candidates made a lovely sight on the colorful float.



Sweet Miss Kathy Oldag, escorted by Tom Hillan, was the choice of the class of '62.

The class of '63 backed cute Miss Jackie Rudig, escorted by Sam Fisher.

Day, a Charming Queen, and an exciting game

didate, lovely Kathy Oldag of the sophomore class, cute Jackie Rudig of the freshman class, and radiant Eileen Plummer, 1958 Homecoming Queen of the class of 1960.

The finishing touches were presented that night at the annual Homecoming Dance, with a theme of "Autumn Leaves." The den was decorated elegantly by the Juniors, and the dance was quite a success. Thus eleven o'clock ended a perfect day filled with wonderful memories to be kept for years to come by everyone.

The Juniors cheered for joy as Miss Judy Cherry was crowned Homecoming Queen of 1959.





Crescent Queen, Ruthie Fettig, and her court, Carolyn Scott, Marjorie Hamilton, Ginny Hocker, Karen Dooley, Joyce Morris prepare to lead off the dance.

"Ice Palace" and "Winter Wonderland"

Silver snowflakes and sparkling white icicles set the mood for the Crescent Dance held on January 21. Even the frosty weather outside helped in creating a majestic "Ice Palace."

Crescent Queen candidates had been elected by the civics classes and included Joyce Morris, Ruthie Fettig, Virginia Hocker, Carolyn Scott, Marjorie Hamilton, Karen Dooley.

Pictures of the candidates were posted at the door, and students placed their votes when they arrived. Everyone waited in anxiousness as Joe Bilby crowned pretty Miss Ruthie Fettig as 1960 Crescent Queen.



Soloist Winnie Shaw accompanied by the Varsitonians provided music for the dance.



Buck Sohn and His Music Makers set the mood for the Christmas atmosphere.

Were Two Highlights of Our Social Season

Snow flakes and fluffy formals set the scene for the first annual Thespian formal ball. Sponsored by Thespian Troop 58--newly formed this fall--the dance entitled "Winter Wonderland" was held on the night of December 20.

The Country Club was decorated in the theme of "The Night Before Christmas," while the dining

area carried out the theme of "Winter Wonderland." In keeping with the Christmas season, the entire club corresponded to the traditional color scheme of red and green.

Punch and cookies were served while Buck Sohn and His Music Makers provided the music for the starry-eyed couples.

Billowing skirts of net and chiffon and snow white dinner jackets dance to their favorite melodies.





The beautiful decorations created a mood of ecstasy for the dancers.

The Dreamland of Shangri-la created a

Linda Green and Bob Leavell are served with punch and tiny oriental cakes.



Oriental enchantment was borrowed from a mythical dream land as the juniors planned and created a Shangri-la for the Junior-Senior Prom. Many months of preparation were climaxed by a few nights of feverish labor and finally the exciting evening arrived. The enchanted couples filled the floor with billowing net skirts and snow white dinner jackets.

The main room was draped in twilight blue. A huge lantern reflecting multi-colored lights illuminated the center of the floor and silken screens that concealed lights behind them afforded a soft glow from the side walls. Black oriental designs adorned the white panels that divided the screens as well as the blue and white covered ramps. The band was seated inside the framework of a pagoda while the queen's throne was a pale blue bridge that spanned an oriental garden.

Pink and white was the color scheme carried out



Lovely Miss Sheila Hevron reigned over Shangri-la. Joe Bilby presents her with a bouquet of roses.

Prom that we will never forget

in the bandroom. Oriental sketches graced the walls and a huge pink bird cage and a bird of paradise surveyed the garden scene in the south corner. Outside a yellow and green patio invited the couples to enjoy a cool evening and inside a camera shop beckoned them to have their pictures taken in a Shangrila scene to serve as a lasting memory.

Time progressed and the time for the coronation of the 1959 Prom Queen neared. Queen Sheila Hevron was crowned with a tiara of glittering rhinestones by Philip Sharp, the junior class president. She was also presented with the traditional bouquet of roses and a banner depicting her title. All too soon it was time to adjourn to the theatre for the midnight movie and later to the country club for a smorgasbord.

This May the 8th will be remembered by all who attended for years to come, for it was truly a Shangri-la--a dream come true! Couples relax and enjoy the refreshments in the bandroom.





HOMECOMING COURT: Linda Courtney, Kathy Oldag, Jackie Rudig.

ROYALTY IS FEATURED

CRESCENT COURT: Majorie Hamilton, Carolyn Scott, Karen Dooley, Joyce Morris, Virginia Hocker.



MISS JUDY CHERRY

1959 Homecoming Queen

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MISS RUTHIE FETTIG

1960 Crescent Queen

STEPPING ALONG WITH WILLKIE ORGANIZATIONS







"In a machine every part is important, but some parts cannot be seen. In an organization every person contributes his part. Some stand out conspicuously; others perform their duties unnoticed. They are all equal." George Lamsa



"With a Smile and a Song" is both the theme song and describes the Glee Club.

The Advanced Choir and Glee Club Equal —

Although the Glee Club is only three years old, it has made great advances under the capable leadership of Mrs. Scircle. Along with president, Joyce Crull, are Diane Stanley, vice-president; Janet Garner, secretary; and Margaret Coons, treasurer.

The girls, attractively attired in blue and black outfits, have presented many musical programs for local functions, both in and out of school. They have made a fine showing in several of their performances this year, such as the Christmas program, which they presented to the student body. The girls also traveled to the County Choral Festival, held at Madison Heights.

We are very proud to have such a fine musical organization in our school, and certainly congratulate the girls on their great strides toward success.



Deserving recognition along with the choir and glee club, are two outstanding groups. One is the "Willkie Barbershop Quartet," composed of Eddie Jones, Don Hancher, Mike Wilburn, and Terry Small. Not to be outdone by the boys, the girls have a trio, called "Three Notes and a Staff," made up of Mary-Ann Cannon, Judi Rudig, and Jeanette Lightfoot. Both groups are accompanied by Susan Allen, and have become very popular around Willkie High.

Joyce Crull, president of the Glee Club, Pat Wolf, president of the Choir, Mr. Jenkins, and Mrs. Scircle, select the music for coming performances.



Talented voices of the Advanced Choir blend together in musical harmony.

Rhythm and Rhyme in Willkie Time

One of the most versatile and entertaining groups is the Wendell L. Willkie High School Choir, under the direction of Rex Jenkins, with accompanist Susan Allen.

The Choir's second annual "Festival of Music" was presented last fall with five different musical groups participating. Although the festival was the choir's most important appearance, this group also gained recognition at the Madison County Choral Festival. The newly organized Swing Choir is under the leadership of Rex Jenkins. The 20 members of this group are chosen on the basis of their scholastic rating and musical ability. The members are selected from the Advanced Choir, The Girls' Glee Club, and The Band. A unique feature of the Swing Choir is that it really swings with a combo accompaniment. It was featured in the "Festival of Music" and also in the Variety Show.

Specialties of the Swing Choir are jazz, blues, and popular music.





1960 PANTHER

A Roll on the Drums, A Loud Whistle

Dixieland Six



Everyone at E.H.S. likes Dixieland music, and members of the Panther Band do their best to please them.

This year's Dixieland Six is composed of Rex Jenkins, clarinetist; Bob Doan on his electric guitar; Wynn Miller on the ivories; Greg Caldwell, bass fiddle; Jerry Glenn at the drums, and Danny Holmes on trumpet.

Performing at the Variety Show, and for various local groups, they always make a hit with "Tiger Rag" or "Five-Foot-Two." Dressed in their loud checkered jackets and black derbies, they play some fingersnapping, toe-tapping music.



BAND

And the Panther Band Plays on

In August when everyone else was still on summer vacation, the Panther Band was already getting organized for the year. They got off to a fast start in competition at the State Fair Band Contest. Even though the Willkie musicians were eliminated by 14 seconds, they gained more fame than if they had won. Football season soon began, and the Panther Band was there providing a half-time show for every home game. Basketball season followed, and the band was there too. Their marches and majorette shows are sure to have helped sparked the team and school spirit. Parade and Concerts are important, but the Variety Show stands out as its most significant performance. Jerry Glenn is the captain of the band, and Marianne Swenson is Head Majorette. Hats off to the Panther Band, and their directors, Clifford Brugger, and Rex Jenkins.

Band captain Jerry Glenn is Mr. Brugger's right-hand man. He directs the "Star Spangled Banner" and takes over when Mr. Brugger is away.





Pantherettes: 1st ROW, Winnie Shaw, feature twirler; Marianne Swenson, head majorette; Donna Orbaugh, feature twirler; 2nd ROW, Karen Dooley, Robinpat Tam, Diana Bozell, Jane Marty, Ellen Morris, Janie Delong, 3rd ROW, Jackie Rudig, Shirley Johnston, Judie Baker, Sheila Davies, 4th ROW, Mary Bray, Karen Thrawl, Beverly Smith, Sharon Ross, Pat Kaiser.

The Pretty, Popular Pantherettes of E. H. S.

The Varsitonians, with vocalist, Winnie Shaw, are in great demand for dances and proms.





Some of the 1960 Student Council projects include: sending a Care package, issuing ID cards for the Panther Den, and keeping the juke box filled with new records.

The Student's Choice is the Council's Voice

The Student Council was first organized under its present constitution during the school year of 1941-1942. It is composed of representatives from each second period class.

The main goal of this prominent organization is to promote the best interests of Willkie with the mutual benefit of the entire student body and faculty. Also to aid in maintaining customary procedure of the school is another goal.

This year the representatives are very efficiently headed by Philip Sharp and under the sponsorship of Mr. Ross Sharp.

The 1960 Student Council has certainly done an admirable job which is greatly appreciated by everyone. Looking at the Student Council Constitution are the officers: Linda Courtney, secretary; Jerry Glenn, vice-president; Philip Sharp, president; and Lela Underwood, treasurer.





1960 Crescent Staff

Our Struggle with Pictures, Copy, and

Usually David Stout, Crescent photographer, is taking the picture, but this time the camera is focusing on him.



Another Year . . . Another Step Forward--So marks the theme of this 1960 Crescent. Under the capable and patient direction of the Crescent sponsor, Mrs. Hilda Chapman, Elwood High has another memory book which surpasses any other to date.

Although Crescents are not distributed until May, our busy Editor-in-chief, Virginia Hocker, and her two assistants, Lela Underwood, and Barbara Wisehart, made the first plans for this Crescent last summer when they attended the Indiana University Journalism Institute for two weeks. There, they were required to keep notebooks and statistical records, make layouts and go through all the processes of putting out a good yearbook. The three editors and ten section editors shared the load and responsibility for this year's Crescent.

Not only has the Crescent grown in size from 140 pages to 144, but also the art department has been busy making an E variation to go on several pages. Our busy staff had four different deadlines to meet in which every article, picture, and ad was turned in on time.

It has not been all work for our Crescent Staff, however. On January 21, this organization sponsored a semiformal dance in the Panther Den. Music was provided by the Varsitonians.

The Crescent staff has made this book for all of you and especially for the Class of '60. We know that this year is indeed an important step forward.



Barbara Wisehart, business editor; Virginia Hocker, editor-in-chief; and Lela Underwood, copy editor, excitedly examine newly arrived pictures.

Deadlines Often made the Crescent seem Bigger than the Staff

Crescent editors: Mrs. Chapman, sponsor; Greg Caldwell, Keith Beaty, Joe Bilby, Ruthie Fettig, David Stout, Winnie Shaw, Joyce Williams, Eileen Plummer, Marlene Dickey, Kathy Phillips, Carolyn Wilhoit, Lela Underwood, Barbara Wisehart, and Virginia Hocker.





Beverly Smith, assistant editor; Mrs. McVicker, sponsor; and Philip Sharp, editor, plan assignments for a coming issue.

Completing its 30th year, the Megaphone staff has worked extra hard to produce a good newspaper.

Following the guidance of editor-in-chief, Philip Sharp, and assistant-editor, Beverly Smith, the Megaphone prints information on topics ranging from gossip to editorials.

The Christmas issue was printed in green, and the Sectional issue in red and blue. Also a new type of paper with slick finish has been tried and proven a great success.

This year the Megaphone has a new sponsor, Mrs. McVicker, who meets with the staff every Wednesday night after school. The publication of the Megaphone is looked forward to by every student in Willkie High.

Megaphone — Popular Medium for School News

1960 Megaphone Staff





The motto of the Sunshine Society is "Others."

Sunshine Society Brightens the Lives of Others

The Sunshine Society, whose main objective is charity, is composed of over 50 girls. This year the girls "forgetting self and with charity for all" again donated Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to needy families.

Other activites were the "Shower of Stars Dance," Senior Tea, and selling Christmas cards.

These girls are under the expert leadership of Mrs. Garner and Miss Betty House. Officers are: president, Ruth Fettig; vice-president, Joyce Crull; recording secretary, Judy Heflin; corresponding secretary, Joan Huntsinger; and treasurer, Sue Reynolds.

This chapter has proved that it is a very worthwhile organization for our school, as well as our Elwood community. This year the Sunshine Society had a unique moneyraising project. They sold pencils, engraved with the basketball schedule.





The negative side of the Debate team added another trophy to Willkie High's collection when they defeated the Kokomo affirmative before the Management Club. The Debate sponsor is Mr. Brown.

Forensics plays a great part in the extracurricular activities of E.H.S. One of the more prominent groups of speakers is the Willkie High Debate Team.

Starting in late fall and continuing until late Spring the debate teams traveled all over the State to various week-end conferences and they debated the following question: Resolved: That the Federal Government should substantially increase the regulations of labor unions.

Members of the negative side are: Mary Ann Cannon, and Phil Sharp. The affirmative side includes: Greg Caldwell, Genie Forst, Carolyn Wilhoit, Tom Graham, Keith Beaty, and Bob Widmeyer.

Minds Venture to Rome, Paris and Spain

The Inter Nos Latin Club believes an acquaintance with the civilization of Greece and Rome will help them understand and appraise the world of today. Their motto is "Ad astra per Aspera" or "To the Stars through difficulties." Mrs. Waymire is their sponsor, and she helped them join the National Junior Classical League last year. To become a member you must have had one semester of Latin, and your dues must be paid semiannually. You are allowed to miss only two consecutive meetings before losing your membership. Consuls are Kathy Wisler and David Haskett.





This year the French Club has more than doubled their membership from last year. They have boosted their membership to sixty.

Through the Media of Foreign Language Clubs

This is only the third year for the French Club, but, never-the-less, this club is just as active as the other language clubs. Ordering pins for the first time and initiation of new members were two of the French Club's most important activites this year. In the spring they also held their annual party with the Spanish Club. Their sponsor is Mrs. Records, and their officers are Eileen Plummer, president; Susan Allen, vice-president; Judy Alumbaugh, secretary; and Mary Bray, treasurer.

To become a member of the Spanish Club, a student must take one semester of Spanish. This year the club decided to order pins. Initiation of new members was also a big event.

The club's purpose is to learn more about the Latin American countries. Bob Dellinger is president, with Tom Fogerty, vice-president; Michelle Carter, secretary; and Susan Allen, treasurer.

Besides just learning to speak Spanish from the textbook, they also study the Spanish traditions and customs. Under their sponsor, Mrs. Records, this club boasts a membership of thirty-nine.

A knowledge of Spanish has become more important in the United States because of the great amount of business that we do with Spanish-speaking countries.



The Spanish Club is very active, under the leadership of Bob Dellinger.



This is the first year for the Thespian Society, but the charter members and apprentices are eager to participate in dramatics.

Troup 58 of the Thespians Joins Willkie Organizations

The newest organization in E.H.S. is the Thespian Club. This group, under the direction of Donald Brown, was organized primarily for dramatic and speech activities.

The formal installation of Willkie High's Thespian Troup #58 was held this past fall with the Kokomo chapter as the installing officers.

Although this is the first year that the Thespian

Club has existed in Willkie High, the group has many accomplishments to its credit. At the Mississinewa State Speech Conference held last fall the Elwood Thespians walked off with seven top honors. The Thespians also presented a one-act play festival this spring for both the student body and the public.

Officers are: Phil Sharp, vice-president; Mary Ann Cannon, secretary; Susan Allen, president; Marty Ring, recorder; Mike Fogarty, treasurer.





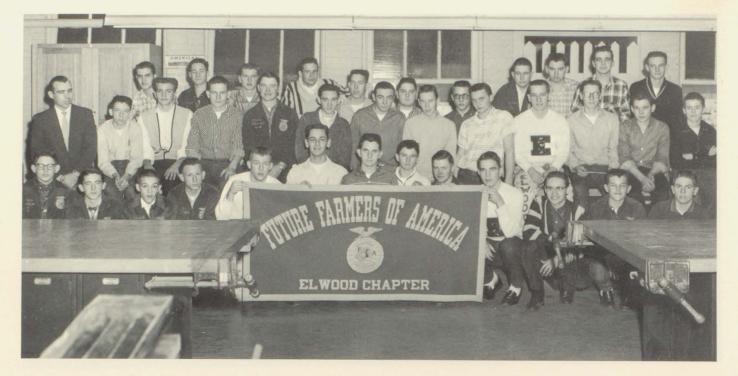
The National Honor Society receives recognition at an honorary banquet sponsored by the Lions Club.

National Honor Society Recognizes Outstanding Scholarship

Scholarship, Leadership, Character, and Service, the qualifications necessary for membership in the National Honor Society, stimulate high ideals among the students. Although good grades rank highest among the qualifications, excellence in other fields and other virtues must be considered in choosing the honor student. The purpose of this organization is to give students an incentive to strive to reach the goals set forth by the National Honor Society. Probationary members are selected each year from the junior and senior classes. Upon graduation the students become permanent members.

This year the officers included Mike Fogerty, president; Lela Underwood, vice-president; and Barbara Wisehart, secretary-treasurer. Heading this ambitious group are Mike Fogerty, president; Barbara Wisehart, secretary-treasurer, Lela Underwood, vice-president--not present.





1960 Future Farmers of America

F. F. A. Trains Boys for Future Farming Methods

Future Farmers of America provides recreational, educational, and social training for the student. To become a member of this club, the boy must be enrolled in agriculture, he must know the FFA Creed, and pay his yearly dues.

For initiation the pledges were required to wear work-clothes to school. There also was a formal initiation held later. When a member first joins the FFA, he is automatically a Green Hand, and then he may advance on to Chapter Farmer, Hoosier Farmer, and American Farmer.

The FFA has a loyalty peculiar in a school club, because each has the same goal, a career in agriculture.

Arranging their symbols are the FFA officers: Richard Floyd, Tim Gordon, Sam Fisher, Marvin Wittkamper, Ronnie Runyan, Bill Fields, and Mr. Ebbert, sponsor.





Presenting educational movies to the various classes is the job of the Projection Club.

"Ham" Radio Enthusiasts Make up Comunications Club

The purpose of the Projection Club is to impart knowledge to the boys who operate and maintain projectors and other equipment.

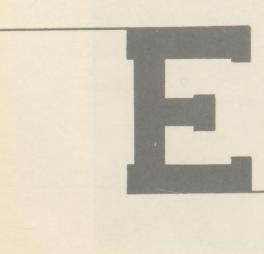
Often the members assist in showing interesting cultural movies to the various classes. Under the leadership of Mr. Smith, the club presented "Captain Kidd" to the student body. Oganizing the communications Club was to help boys interested in the radio as a hobby. Facilities are provided for the members to learn the Morse-Code. Each member can carry on a special project such as constructing radios or electronic devices. They meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month after school.

The Communications Club consists of boys who are interested in amateur radios.



STEPPING AHEAD WITH WILLKIE SPORTS







"A man or a team that won't be beaten, can't be beaten." Knute Rockne



With megaphones and all, the five varsity cheerleaders are Joyce Rominger, Pauletta Burton, Joyce Morris, Sharon Lilly, and Sue Swackhamer.

"We're From Elwood High School

Enthusiasm-plus describes the spirit shown by Elwood's cheerleaders while backing the "Mighty Panthers." Cheering the team on this year are Joyce Morris, head cheerleader; Joyce Rominger, Sharon Lilly, Sue Swackhamer, and Pauletta Burton.

Their snappy outfits were red and blue plaid slacks and tops for the football season, and white pleated skirts with red sweaters for the basketball games.

Every year new yells are added and this year's varsity cheerleaders did their share. Meeting in the Den evenings after school, the girls practiced their yells and motions to perfection.

Pep, personality, and potentiality are just three qualities of our varsity cheerleaders.





"Is everybody happy?" yells the B-team cheerleaders Diane Usfo, Kathy Oldag, Mickey Beasley, and Joyce Hoover.

And No One Could Be Prouder . . . "

Backing the B-team this year are four peppy cheerleaders. Having been elected only this fall, they had just two weeks to prepare their yells and outfits before their first game. But they didn't let this stop them, and their yells are snappy, new, and just as cute as the girls themselves. This year the Freshmen have really changed. They not only have five cheerleaders, but they have added a boy to their squad, and although this is something new, it seems to have worked out very well. Cheryl Lewellen, Karen Wood, Ellen Scott, Judy Duffy and Richard Butler make the talented quintet.

Freshman cheerleaders are Judy Duffy, Cheryl Lewellen, Richard Butler, Ellen Scott, Karen Wood.



Our school has one group of girls that it can really be proud of, and that group is our Booster Club. Every Monday you can find them practicing in the gym under the leadership of the varsity and Bteam cheerleaders, Mrs. Watson, and Mrs. Scircle. The girls really look nice this year in their blue sweaters and white E's. New red and white mittens are also part of their outfit and help tremendously in their spelling and hand motions. Yes, if there's a "Panther" in sight, you can be sure that not far away is one of the girls backing him, win or lose.

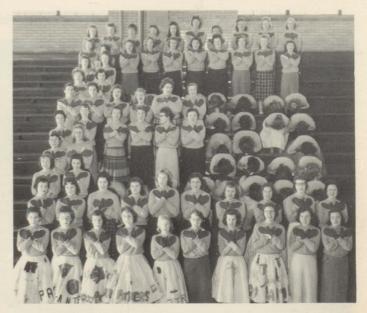
With their new sweaters, E's, and mittens the Booster Club and varsity cheerleaders make a striking appearance.

... "If You Don't Believe Us



Mrs. Scircle, sponsor, Debbie Tam, Booster Club President, and Mrs. Watson, sponsor, work together in promoting pep and school spirit.

The Booster Club Combines a yell with their pride and joy, the mighty Elwood "E."





We'll Yell A Little Louder''

So you want to become an E-Man. Well, there's just one way to do it--train, work, sweat, struggle, and play your heart out in a sport you love and you're well on your way. This is the secret desire of almost every boy at one time or the other and no wonder. It really is an honor to be in this group, and if you don't think so, just look at the glow of pride in any boy's face when he is wearing his letter sweater.

The pep committee is composed of fifteen members who carry out the pep sessions, elect the B-team cheerleaders, and generally help increase the school spirit. It is composed of the five varsity cheerleaders, student council officers, president of the booster club, three faculty sponsors, B-team head cheerleader, and a senior class member.



Coach Lods makes successful Debut



1959 PANTHER VARSITY: 1st ROW, Eddie Stage, David Haas, Mike Barnes, Lynn Chase, Larry Hocker, Richard Nance, Bruce Lewis, Ted Robinette. 2nd ROW, Ronnie Klein, Don Hancher, Eddie Jones, Tom Peters, Jim Arnold, DeVonne Horton, Jon King, Richard Floyd, Jerry Hocker. 3rd ROW, Terry Small, Max Stover, Phil Alexander, Mike Adams, Bob Dellinger, Ronnie Runyan, Paul Durm, John Graham. 4th ROW, Coach Jim Lods, Jerry Priest, Jim Adams, Jerry Robison, David Thrawl, Darrell Murray, Pat Wolf, Steve Leathers, Charles Blankenship, Asst. Coach Rod Shaw.

The fighting Panthers of Elwood High wrapped up a victorious season under new head football coach Jim Lods, who moved here from Monticello, winning seven and losing three, and tying with Huntington for the central Indiana Conference championship.

The Panthers started preparations for the on-coming season in the middle of August. The boys spent a lot of time, hard work, and sweat to keep the name of Willkie High School as respected on the gridiron as have the great teams in the past. This year's team was no exception. They were victorious even though they worked under a great lack of depth and experience, and were weakened by injuries.

The Panther team got its first taste of action in the season at a football jamboree held on the local gridiron the evening of September 1. The game included Noblesville and Tipton playing for the West and Elwood and Alexandria playing for the East. The West won 23-12 with Elwood scoring the only two touchdowns for the East.

Jerry Priest, Captain



Mighty Panthers tie for C.I.C. Championship



Richard Floyd, speedy Panther halfback, is ready to receive a pass. Elwood downed Alex 19-0 for the Homecoming victory.

The mighty Panthers opened the regular season with a 25-12 victory over West Lafayette. In the next game Elwood traveled to Tipton and opened the C.I.C. schedule with a 20-0 victory over the Blue Devils.

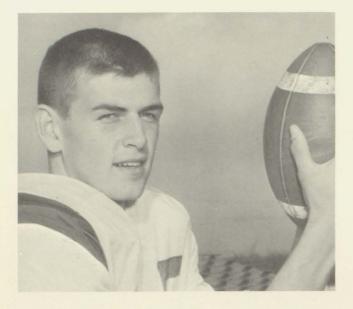
Jon King



Next came the Homecoming and Alexandria. It was a beautiful afternoon and added to the beauty was the 19-0 victory over the Tigers. It was Elwood's 18th consecutive win over Alexandria.



Mike Adams





Ronnie Runyan and Mike Adams are in fast pursuit of a Monticello pass receiver.

Pat Wolf



Phil Alexander David Thrawl



Elwood then spoiled Madison Heights Homecoming by defeating the Pirates 21-6. Elwood got its first taste of defeat when the powerful Kokomo Wildcats defeated them 21-40. This defeat broke the Panthers four-game winning streak.

Bouncing back strongly, the Panthers downed C.I.C. foes Monticello 26-6 and trounced Hartford City 31-0.

Then came the game with Anderson. The rains came, and by game time the local gridiron had become quite muddy. The white jerseys of several Panthers had turned brown by the end of the game. Elwood suffered its second defeat bowing to the strong Anderson team 14-6. The Peru game was the do-or-die game for the Panthers' C.I.C. hopes.

Darrell Murray





Elwood gains a first down as Tom Peters drives through the Monticello line.

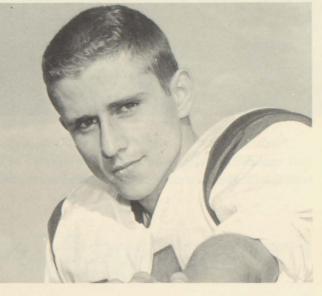


Bob Bunch

They passed the test well; shutting out the Peru Tigers 40-0. This was Elwood's fourth shut-out this season.

The Panthers completed the season when they were downed by North Central 47-18. The highly rated North Central Panthers scored more points, but Elwood did not do as badly as the score would indicate. Elwood's offensive show was the best once-beaten North Central had faced all year.

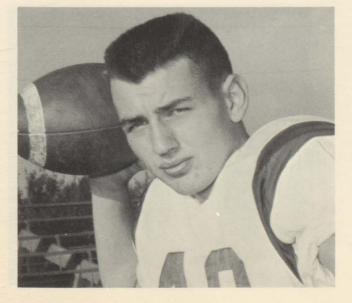
The squad this year was very outstanding in winning all but three of its games. The fine coaching, ability of the players, and excellent sportsmanship all contributed to the team's victorious season.



David Hass Richard Floyd



Paul Durm





FROSH: 1st ROW, D. Goings, D. Rich, J. Clabaugh, J. Richey, L. Davenport, C. Kapper, D. Hayes. 2nd ROW, M. Parker, S. Southern, L. Clabaugh, M. Fettig, R. Chase, S. Richwine, D. Bowen, J. Call, R. Ripperger. 3rd ROW, Coach Ross Sharp, E. Huntsinger, C. Bock, M. Wilburn, F. Phenis, T. Havens, K. Frazier, W. Sherman, P. Ooton.

B-TEAM: 1st ROW, D. Anderson, L. Hocker, S. Hurst, S. Courtney, L. Chase. 2nd ROW; J. Hocker, D. Tucker, M. Clary, R. Nance, R. Klein. 3rd ROW, R. Towner, B. Pearson, A. Gardner, Coach Rod Shaw.

Freshman huskies, coached by Ross Sharp, gained valuable football experience this year. Their final record was 2 victories and 8 losses, with victories over Madison Heights and Mississinewa. B-Team players will be all ready for action in the varsity next year. Coached by Rod Shaw, they wound up the season with 3 wins and 5 losses. It takes a good B-Team to back up the varsity.

Freshman and B-Team are valuable steps

Mike Barnes



Jim Arnold

toward varsity





1959 BASEBALL TEAM: 1st ROW: Darrell Murray, Jim Arnold, Rodney Hicks, Coach Ross Sharp. 2nd ROW: Jerry Robison, Bob Widmeyer, Tom Peters, Bruce Lewis. 3rd ROW: Max Stover, Bob Dellinger, Gordon Simons. 4th ROW: Ronnie Runyan, Steve Durr, Jerry Justus, DeVonne Horton.

Another winning season was achieved by the 1959 Panther nine. They used their power at the plate to beat such teams as Summitville, Pendleton, Markleville, Highland, Lapel, and the Anderson Junior Legion squad.

Newcomers in the White River Conference, the Panthers finished second under a tie for first by Madison Heights of Anderson and Frankton. They were beaten only by these two teams plus Markleville and Lapel.

The team, coached by Ross Sharp, consisted basically of Little League and Pony League graduates.

The Panther nine have completed another successful season and are looking forward to identical ones in the future.

Baseball is a popular summer sport

Ronnie Runyan slides into third base for a close call.



Steve Durr is ready for a fast pitch to put the Markleville batter out.

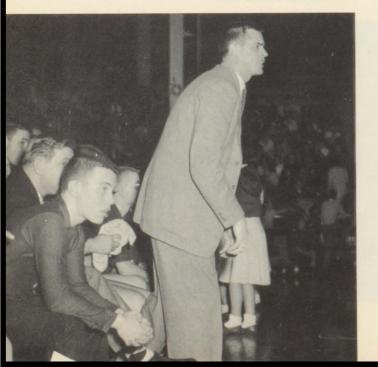




1960 Varsity: BACK ROW, Jerry Robison, Charles Blankenship, Rod Hicks, Darrell Murray, Coach McNulty, Rod Birkinbine, Jerry Priest, Tom Peters. FRONT ROW, Assistant Coach Shaw, Eddie Jones, Tom Fogerty, Chuck Loser, DeVonne Horton, Bob Widmeyer, Student Manager, Phil Orth.

Defending C. I. C. Champs Capture Third Straight Title

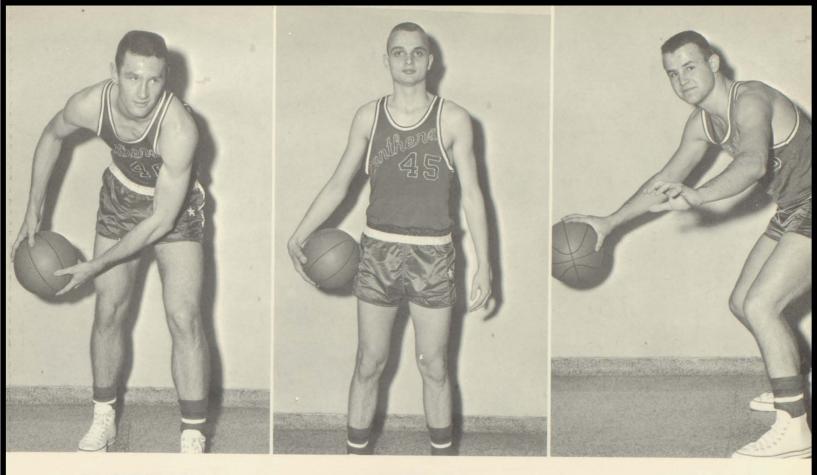
"Let's go you guys!" shouts Coach McNulty to the Mighty Panthers.



The Mighty Panthers of Elwood High School, defending C.I.C. champs, opened the 1959-60 season by rolling over Sheridan 63-52 and North Central of Marion County 60-47.

Kokomo spoiled Elwood's hopes for an undefeated season by scoring a last second upset in downing the Panthers 52-50.

Elwood opened defense of its conference championship in beating Tipton 94-52. This game set a new out-of-town scoring record, breaking the old record of 90 points also scored against Tipton. The Panthers continued winning by swamping Bedford 75-47, then during an off night squeaked past determined Warsaw 59-57. Still undefeated in conference warfare the Panthers made it 3-0 by whipping Hartford City 92-67.



Darrell Murray

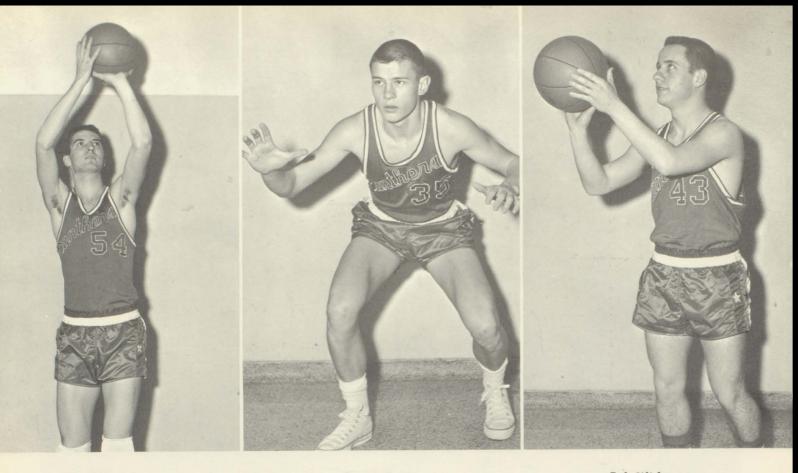
Rod Birkinbine

Jerry Priest

"Big D," Darrell Murray, goes up for a rebound against Muncie Burris.

Elwood ranked 11th in the state and traveled to New Castle and their brand new 7,900 seat field house. Elwood, playing like they were using a square ball during the first half, regained its poise in the third stanza. However, the Trojans hung on determinedly until less than two minutes showed on the clock. The Panthers finally subdued New Castle 57-52.

Now rated ninth in the state, Elwood went into the Lafayette Tourney at Lafayette Jefferson High School rated slightly a favorite over the rest of the field. The Panthers opened the tourney on a sour note in being upset by hotshooting North Judson 67-62.



Rod Hicks

Chuck Loser

Bob Widmeyer

with Teamwork, Ability, and Desire the Panther Quintet

Jerry Priest drives around a Rochester foe to help down the Zebras 100-62.



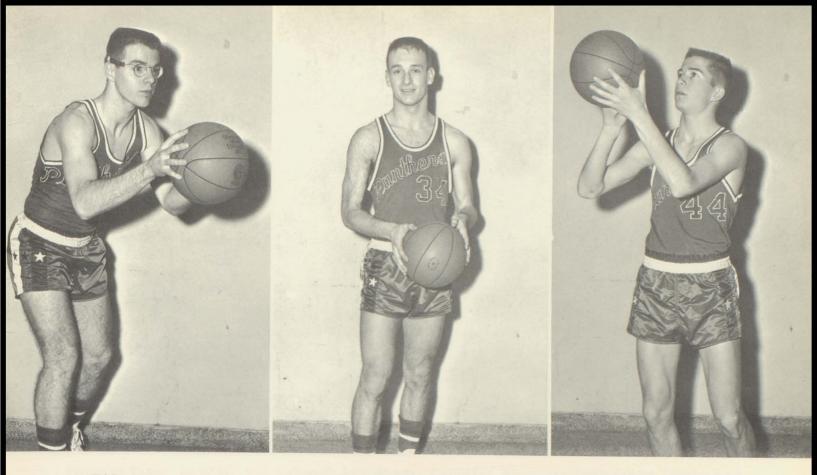
Then the next night they were again downed, this time by host Layfayette Jeff, 55-48. The games were really much closer than the final scores indicate.

Elwood then rebounded from the poor showing at Lafayette by beating C.I.C. foe, Huntington, 55-45; but then barely escaped the hatchet of the Mississinewa Indians in an overtime 64-63.

Definitely in a slump with nothing seeming to work right, Peru dimmed Elwood's hope of capturing a third straight conference crown. The score was Peru 56, Elwood 48.

Things began to look up as the Panthers played better ball but fell victim to the superior shooting of Fort Wayne Central 82-71.

Heading down the home stretch in the Central Indiana Conference race and struggling to regain top form by Sectional time, Elwood returned to loop warfare by hosting Monticello as they bowed 86-57 to the Panthers.



Eddie Jones

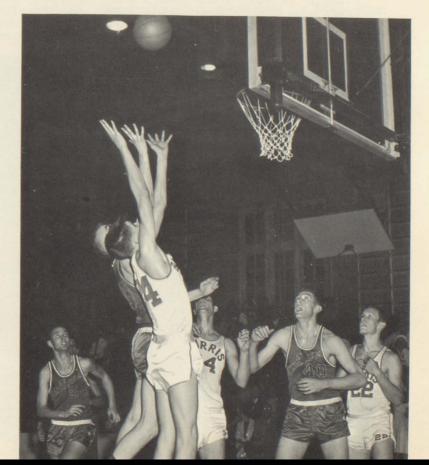
Tom Peters

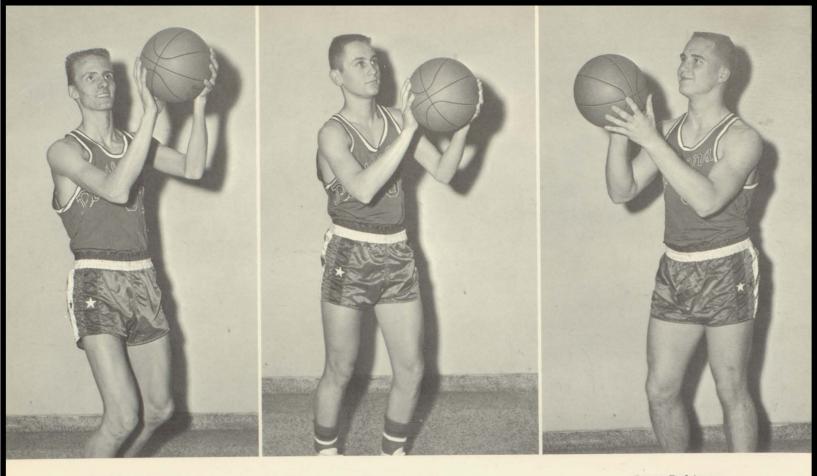
Tom Fogerty

Captured the Silver Horseshoe and C. I. C.

Then came old rival Alexandria Elwood had a surprisingly easy time subduing Alex 64-53 for a tie in the C.I.C. race. Elwood then took to the road to down Wabash 79-66 and Muncie Burris 64-49 to take sole ownership in the conference race with an 8-1 record. Then the Panthers rolled to a 100-62 victory over the Zebras and a third straight C.I.C. title. The victory, Elwood's fifth straight marked the first time in history a C.I.C. team had won three straight conference titles. It was also Elwood's seventh C.I.C. cage crown and sixth in the past ten years. Rod Hicks, junior center, scored 37 points to break the single game record of 35 set by Dick Mitchell in 1956. The last game of the season came at Madison Heights. The Pirates were too hot for the Panthers as they topped them 80-71.

Rod Birkinbine and a Burris foe battle for a rebound as "Big D" and "Hot Rod" enter the scrap.





Charles Blankenship

DeVonne Horton

Jerry Robison

Rod Hicks Breaks Individual Scoring Record with 37 Points

B-Team: 1st ROW: Bruce Lewis, Bob Dellinger, Jerry Robison, Jerry Justus, Larry Holliday. 2nd ROW: Alex Gardner, Ronnie Klein, Dick Nance, Steve Hurst, Bob Pearson, Estel Harney, Student Manager.





Freshman Team: 1st ROW: Kim Caldwell, John Richey. 2nd ROW: Kit Frazier, Butch Goings, Charles Bock, Mike Wilburn, Dave Harting, Tim Havens. 3rd ROW: Jerry Laub, Ron Chase, Brice Odom, Eddie Huntsinger, Perry Ooton, Larry Henn, Bob Kinser.

in the 100-62 Victory Over Rochester.

Ushers Club is a group of boys who are always busy at the basketball games seeing that the playing floor is kept in the best possible condition during all the athletic events. If a basketball fan needs help in finding his seat, one of these boys in their red and blue uniforms is ready and willing to help.

Willkie High School is very grateful to these boys and their sponsor, Mr. Ringer, for the fine job they do. Ushers: 1st ROW: Jim Jordan, Raymond Webb. 2nd ROW: Tom Riggs, Richard Towner, Ted Robinette, Melvin Groover, Sylvester Hahn.





1959 CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM: 1st ROW, Rodney Hicks, Gordon Simons, Mike Leeson. 2nd ROW, Jerry Justus, Larry Holiday, Rodney Birkenbine, Bob Widmeyer, Tom Fogerty. 3rd ROW, John McCoy, David Conner, Eugene McPhearson.

Cross-Country Improves, Relay Team Goes to Regional

Cross-country is becoming an increasingly popular sport at Willkie High.

Despite the hard work and determination of these boys, they had a losing season, due to their lack of experience, and the stiff competition they faced. Coached by John Ward, their only victory came against Frankfort 30-25. Bad luck then plagued the Panthers with six consecutive losses. They placed 8th at the C.I.C. meet. They ended the season with a record of 1-7.



These five boys made up the relay team that broke the school record and advanced to the regional. They are: Darrell Murray, Bob Hartsock, Danny Huntsinger, Tom Giselbach, Tom Peters, Bob Bunch. They ran the 880 relay in 1:37.7. Three individuals also qualified for the regional. Bob Hartsock set a new mile record of 4:43.3. He qualified for the regional and advanced to the state. Bob Bunch qualified for the 440 and Darrell Murray in the low hurdles. Few Elwood track men have advanced as far as tnese boys, and they will long be remembered.



Jerry Robison prepares to throw the shot put as David Thrawl and Jon King look on.

Darrell Murray jumps the hurdles in a local track meet.

Track has developed into a tremendous sport. As spring arrived Coach Ross Sharp, got the thinlies into shape for the hurdles, shot put pole vault, and relay races. Starting the season with six returning lettermen, the track team placed 8th in the Conference. They achieved 2nd place in the North Central relays, and placed 4th at the Sectional. Darrell Murray was high-point man with 103 points.

and Track Team sets New Records

1959 TRACK TEAM: B. Hartsock, B. Kelly, D. Huntsinger, T. Giselbach, D. Murray, B. Bunch, R. Birkenbine. 2nd ROW, R. Keller, J. Adams, R. Runyan, E. Jones, J. Robison, L. Holliday. 3rd ROW, D. Hancher, R. Floyd, T. Peters, D. Horton, C. Blankenship, L. Hocker. 4th ROW, D. Thrawl, E. McPhearson, D. Anderson, J. King, C. Robinette, R. Nance. 5th ROW, Coach Ross Sharp, B. Pearson, P. Durm, R. Klein, C. Loser, G. Simons, Asst. Coach Carl McNulty. 6th ROW. J. Hocker, D Tucker, J. Justus, T. Fogerty, M. Clary.





Elwood's tennis team consists of boys with ability, determination, and desire. Racketeers are as follows: 1st ROW: Bob Widmeyer, Max Hoppel. 2nd ROW: Steve Hurst, Charles Phenis, Phil Berry, Bill Balser.

Tennis Team places 3rd in C. I. C.



Ambitious racketeers counted by love in Elwood's third season of participation in tennis. Though they had a losing season, the Panther netmen gained prestige by placing third in the C.I.C. meet.

Bob Widmeyer and Jim Arnold were runner-up in the No. 1 doubles tournament. Other letter winners participating were Phil Berry, Charles Phenis, and Max Hoppel.

In the 1960 season the team will attempt to drive those aces a little harder and develop that backhand to make tennis a by-word in Elwood athletics.

Bob Widmeyer is ready to receive a serve.

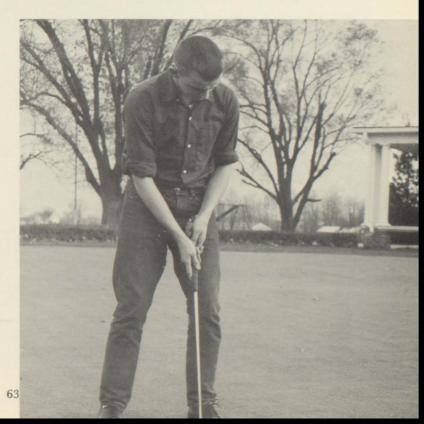


John Ward, coach of Elwood's golf team, shows Jeff Mays a basic fundamental while Joe Bilby, John Graham, and Dave Conner look on.

The Golf Team strives for improvement

Willkie High's golf team is always striving for improvement. The local divot diggers use the Elwood Country Club as a basis of operations where they practice and play all their home games. The team, composed of five boys, compiled a losing season, winning none and losing seven. They placed seventh in the C.I.C. Members of the team are: Jeff Mays, Joe Bilby, John Graham, Dave Conner, and Tom Graham. With general interest increasing in the game of golf, we look for a lot of good things to come from the efforts of our future golf teams. The 1960 Crescent staff wishes the future golf teams of Willkie High unlimited success.

John Graham, a junior, practices putting at the Country Club.





The Girls' Athletic Association is under the capable guidance of Carolyn Kantner.

G. A. A. Consists of Sports-Minded Girls



The Girls' Athletic Association is a club for those girls who are interested in participating in extracurricular activities according to the season or their individual interests. Members attend local, district, or state leadership camps, where the Elwood G.A.A. meets in competition with girls athletic organizations from other schools.

This year the enthusiastic sponsor is Mrs. Lorraine Lewellen, and G.A.A. is headed by Carolyn Kantner, the president.

Officers of this ambitious group are Judy Goings, vice-president; Carolyn Kantner, president; and Sharon Hahn, reporter.

Path of the Black Cat

BASKETBALL

Sheridan	63	52
North Central	69	47
Kokomo	50	52
Tipton	94	52
Bedford	75	47
Warsaw	59	57
Hartford City	92	67
New Castle	58	52

LAFAYETTE HOLIDAY TOURNEY

North Judson	62	67
Lafayette Jeff	48	55
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Huntington	55	45
Mississinewa (Overtime)	64	63
Peru		55
Ft. Wayne Central	71	82
Monticello	88	57
Alexandria	63	52
Wabash	79	66
Muncie Burris	64	49
Rochester	.00	62
Madison Heights	71	80

CROSS COUNTRY

Hartford City	1	27
Frankfort	25	30
Frankton	-5	18
Peru	0	25
Pendleton	6	17
Mississinewa	5	22
Tipton	6	17
Frankton	9	15

FOOTBALL

West Lafayette	25	13
Tipton		0
Alexandria		0
Madison Heights	21	6
Kokomo		40
Monticello	26	6
Hartford City	31	0
Anderson	6	14
Peru	40	0
North Central	18	47

BASEBALL

	E.	OP.
Highland		
Frankton	. 0	
Pendleton		
Madison Heights	0	
Summitville		
Anderson	0	
Markleville	3	
Lapel		
Highland		
Frankton	. 0	
Pendleton	. 3	6
Madison Heights		2
Summitville		
Anderson		6
Markleville	. 9	
Lapel		

TRACK

Tipton	38	71
Alexandria	87.50	21.50
Pendleton	81.66	27.33
Nobesville		79
Elwood		36
New Castle		31
Frankfort		11
Hartford Gity	83	26
Elwood		59
Madison Heights		45
Frankton		33
Peru	1. 44	60
North Central Pelay		2nd
Rochester	34.50	74.50
Sectional		4th
Regional		8th
GOLF		
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Tipton	41/2	101/2
Highland	51/2	91/2
Madison Heights		
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Peru		
Tipton	61/2	81/2
Lebanon		141/2

STEPPING ONWARD WITH GUIDANCE BY OUR FACULTY







"What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?"

Cicero



Members of the School Board are: Norman King, treasurer; Joe Wright, president; Dr. C. C. Parker, secretary; and, standing, Riley Sharp, attorney.

Administration Draws on Experience and



Today's world is one of accelerating change. Man's knowledge has doubled since 1930. Things are happening so fast that we have trouble assimilating the complications as well as the facts.

Today our young people must learn to be citizens in an exploding and revolutionary world. They must be able to comprehend and cope with new dimensions of space and time, new concepts of power and energy, the role of new research, the hopes and drives of people formerly submerged by colonization or ignorance. They must have an understanding and active relationship with these things if our way of life is to have any future. Education for Citizenship is our answer to this challenge for our youth.

Keith Sc.



The responsibility of Wendell Willkie High School rests in the hands of Blair Sullivan, Assistant Principal, and M. A. Copeland, Principal.

Amiability to Solve Difficult School Problems

Answering the telephone is one of the duties of Mrs. Jo Aline Glenn, the new high school secretary.



Secretaries in the superintendent's office, Mrs. Lillian Mikels and Mrs. Imogene Collier, handle bookkeeping and financial matters.

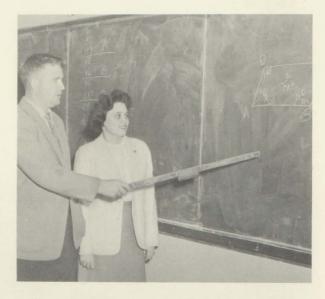


We Look to the Future in Science and Mathematics



JAMES L. HIATT Science JAMES A. LODS Mathematics, Football Coach

GEORGE SMITH Mathematics GER ALD SULLIVAN Science



Mr. Lods explains a procedure in measuring angles to Sue Smith in geometry class.

Whether it's mixing up some magic formula or experimenting with a microscope, our science department is one of the best in this area. We're proud of our new equipment and are trying to keep it nice. Since science plays such an important part in our lives, more students are enrolling in chemistry, physics, physical science, biology, and advanced biology. Mathematics is most important in the growing scientific and industrial world of today. As its influence grows, many more students are enrolling in the classes offered by the mathematics department of Willkie High School. These courses include not only algebra, geometry, and general mathematics, but also such advanced subjects as advanced algebra, trigonometry, and solid geometry.

Advanced Biology is offered to seniors who are interested in furthering their knowledge in biology. Marjorie Hamilton and Barbara Wisehart apply the delicate technique in slide making.



Students Obtain Knowledge of Business Techniques

JOHN FLANDERS Business Education BETTY HOUSE Business Education

DORIS KINTZEL Business Education ROSS SHARP Business Education



Our school offers a wide variety of classes for those who are planning a career in the business world after graduation. The commercial courses include typing, shorthand, general business, office machines, secretarial training, selling, and bookkeeping.

Precision stroking and power of concentration are required in typing class. Dictating machines

and adding machines, as well as others commonly found in the modern business office, are used to train students in office practices. Speed is the main essence in learning shorthand.

Students taking business courses will find that their practical training will pay off in all phases of their life.



Typing can be difficult as well as fun. These typing students find that they must concentrate to achieve perfection.

Home Economics Trains Girls for the Future



In home economics everyone works together in planning the meal.

New methods in home management, child care, sewing, and cooking are taught in the home economics classes. This course is offered to all girls in Willkie High and surprisingly enough, there is even a class for boys.

The home management course, covering the general homemaking fundamentals, is designed primarily for senior girls on the academic course. Students in cooking classes learn through demonstrations and actual laboratory preparation of foods. Following a pattern and learning sewing techniques are part of sewing class.

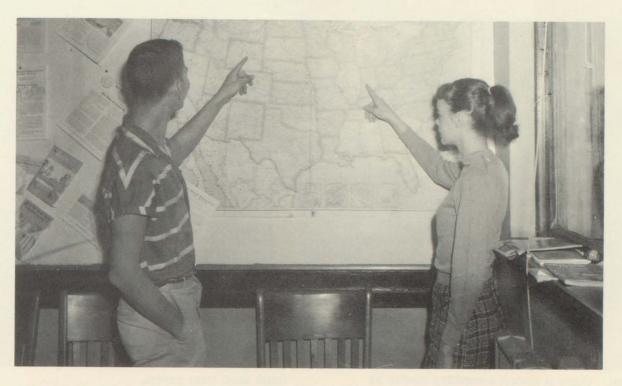
Our home economics department, with its modern equipment and capable staff, gives the best possible training to the homemakers of tomorrow.



MILDRED GARNER Home Economics

NAOMI M. SCHWEAR Home Economics ELVONA TOLLE Home Economics

Social Studies Prepares Us for Future Citizens



Gordon Simons and Rita Wilhoit point out state capitals on the map in United States History class.

Man's progress and advancing civilization from prehistoric times to the present space age are the subjects that might be discussed in the various classes of the social studies department of Willkie High School. Today it is important that citizens are aware of past and present happenings. This is what our teachers are trying to accomplish in World

History, United States History, civics, and Sociology classes.

The social studies department is always advancing to meet the changing times. This year new books were used in every class. Government education in high school prepares a student to accept his role as an informed and active citizen.

KARL FUGITT Social Studies

VIRGIL PEEBLES Social Studies CECIL STAFFORD Social Studies







Language, Our Universal Method of Communication



CHARLOTTE BARR English DONALD BROWN English, Mathematics

OATHER D. DANIELS English BLANCHE DIGEL English ERMA GENE McVICKER English

English is one of the most complicated languages spoken. There is always something new to be learned or reviewed. Spelling, punctuation, and capitalization are important in writing. English students study gerunds, participles, and clauses in sentence structure. Hemingway and Poe are familiar names in Literature class. The end of the semester finds late study hours for pupils as they finish their term papers.

Speech class teaches students to talk before a group. The journalism class puts their knowledge to work in writing the "Willkie World."

Today a person is measured by his command of the English language.

Genie Forst and Carolyn Wilhoit post Christmas stories on the bulletin board in Senior English class.



The Library, A Storehouse of Information



Mrs. Chapman, librarian, shows students the proper method of using the Readers' Guide to find periodicals.

Learning a foreign language is helpful to students in many ways. Modern modes of travel have made once distant countries close neighbors. It is becoming more apparent that knowledge of a foreign language gives an individual a better understanding of the different countries. It also aids the student in understanding our own English language. At

Willkie High Latin, French, and Spanish are offered. One of the busiest rooms in Willkie High is the library. Whether it be in the morning, during the day, or after school, there are always students present checking books out and acquiring outside information for their various classes.

HILDA E. CHAPMAN Librari an

MARY RECORDS Spanish, French, English DORIS WAYMIRE Latin, Mathematics







Physical Education Develops Co-Ordination of the Body and Mind



Mr. McNulty shows Larry Anderson, Bonnie Crouse, Don Tucker, and Bob Pearson how to fit the tire into the trunk of the Driver's training car.

In physical education classes students participate in interscholastic activities, such as basketball, and volleyball. To keep in top physical condition, the students usually have calisthenics. The upper classmen can look back on those by-gone days of gym class.

Can you tell me the scientific name of your knee cap? This is just one of the questions that

might be asked in our health classes. These classes provide many good points on your own health as well as how to take care of someone else. A different part of our health program is our safety program, which consists of drivers' education. In this class the pupils learn all about cars and the correct method of driving.



LORRAINE LEWELLEN Physical Education, Health CARL McNULTY Basketball Coach, Physical Education, Health, Driver's Training.

LILLIAN SULLIVAN School Nurse JOHN WARD Athletic Director, Physical Education, Social Science. BETTY JO WATSON Physical Education, Health, English.

Creative Abilities Are Furthered by Our Music and Art Departments

CLIFFORD S. BRUGGER Band Director REX E. JENKINS Assistant Band Director, Choir

JAY RINGER Art GAYLE SCIRCLE Guidance Counselor, Glee Club, English



Our music department is one of the finest in the land. It consists of the band, choir, and girls' glee club.

The band may be seen at all our ball games, and they always present a colorful and different show. Among the choir's activities are Christmas caroling and the Choral Festival. The boys' glee club, girls' trio, and boys' quartet have stemmed from the choir.

Many students in Willkie High have a great artistic ability. In the art room you may find anything from portraits to papier mache animals. Willkie High is fortunate in having an outstanding art class.

The display of hand-woven scarfs made by the art classes, are admired by Larry Holliday and Nancy Balser.



Vocational Classes Ready Boys for Farming and Industrial Careers



WILFRED G. DUDLEY Industrial Arts MARVIN EBBERT Vocational Agriculture JOHN HINDS Supervisor of Practical Arts

GEORGE KINTZEL Industrial Arts HOWARD McVICKER Printing and DCE GEORGE REESER Vocational Machine Shop Industrial Arts CASEY TUCKER Industrial Arts

The courses offered at Willkie High are industrial arts, machine shop, and farm shop. Welding, blue print reading, and mechanical drawings are all a part of industrial arts classes.

We are proud of our well-equipped industrial

arts department, and the boys who take part in it. Each year some of the stores give awards to boys who have shown outstanding achievement in industrial arts.

Mr. Reeser shows Mike Barnes the proper method of using the Horizontal mill machine.



Workers without Praise

Here the cafeteria cooks, Lucy Manis, Hazel Warner, and Thelma Lowder prepare the noon meal.





Cleaning the gymnasium are John Warner and Bill Brogden.

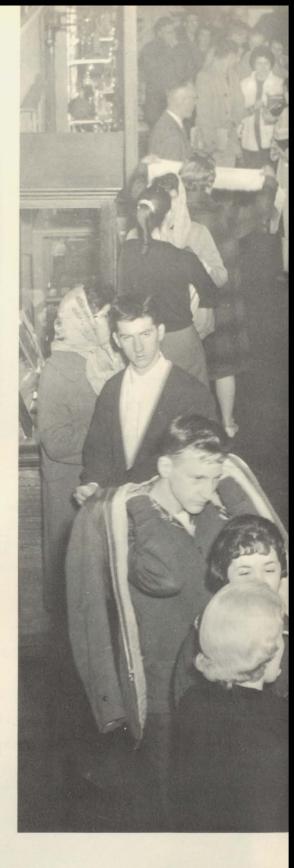
> Clarance Burton and Elliot McPhearson empty wastepaper baskets.

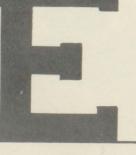


William Heath and Orville Schimmel keep our high school warm on cold days.



STEPPING FORWARD AS WILLKIE STUDENTS







"The strength and safety of a community consists in the virtue and intelligence of its youth."

J. Hawes



Junior Class officers: Linda Groover, secretary; Darryle Poole, treasurer; Phil Berry, president; Bob Dellinger, vice-president.

The Junior and Sophomore Classes Progress

Getting off to a fast start, the Juniors won the Homecoming Queen with their lovely candidate, Miss Judy Cherry. Class rings arrived, they elected class officers, and the junior steering committee was chosen. Right away they began money-making projects, such as the "Junior Jingle" Dance for their big task of the year--decorating for the Junior-Senior Prom. The juniors took a leading part in activities and athletics this year, and if they keep this up, they will surely be an outstanding senior class next year.

Junior Class steering committee: Sue Clouser, Kathy Wisler, Ann Holcomb, John Graham, Tom Hartzler, Regina Litsey, and Susan Allen.





Sophomore Class officers: Cheryl Lewis, treasurer; Sharon Lilly, secretary; Ronny Klein, vice-president; Jack Armstrong, president.

Under the Leadership of Phil Berry and Jack Armstrong

The sophomore class began the year by electing class officers for the first time. This year the class of '62 ordered class sweaters, something that has never been done before. They rounded out the year with a Bake Sale and ordering class rings.

Green cord skirts or pants mark a member of the

Freshman class. They are not allowed to elect class officers, but they take part by their freshman representatives in the Student Council. The Freshman Class quickly became accustomed to their new and more complicated high school life.

Freshman representatives: Carol Miller, Jackie Rudig, Sheila Davies, Richard Butler, Kit Frazier, and Karen Wood.





Bruce Adair, Patricia Aldrich, June Alexander, Nancy Alvey, Max Amos, Constance Baker

Karen Balser, Diana Barmes, Anna Barnes, Constance Barnett, Jean Baumgartner, Deral Beckley

Anna Beeman, Jimmy Benefiel, Diana Blackford, Lewis Blanton, Charles Bock, Larry Boll

Mary Ann Bomholt, Wayne Boruff, David Bowen, Janice Boyd, Perry Boyer, Judith Brogdon

Linda Brogdon, Patsy Brogdon, Kathryn Brunson, Mickey Brown, Linda Buis, Pat Burkert

Class

Though Freshmen are Subdued by Upperclassmen . . .

Jane Delong is just a typical freshman, always going down the "up" stairs.



Sue Burnette Richard Butler Kim Caldwell

James Call Ronald Chase Jerry Clabaugh

Larry Clabaugh April Clemons Carol Cline

Howard Closson Sherry Clymer Cheryl Cole

Carol Connors Jo Helen Coons Katherine Coons



Charles Copus, Jeannine Coulter, Rex Courtney, Mary Creamer, Linda Croy, Kay Dale

Philip Daunhauer, Landie Davenport, Sheila Davies, Judith Davis, Jane Delong, Danny Dever

Opha Dever, Judy Duffey, Stephen Ellsworth, Carolyn Farr, Danny Faucett, Deanna Faulkner

Sherry Faulstich, David Fernung, Maurice Fettig, Catherine Fincher, Sherry Fisher, Willianm Fitzpatrick

Arthur Foor, Janice Fouts, Karen Fowler, Ronald Fowler, Edwin Frazee, Kyle Frazier



of 1963

They Find New Interests in Classes, Clubs, and Romances





Charleen Hoylman, Wm. Hughes, Diana Humphrey, Judith Hunt, Regina Hunt, Eddie Huntsinger

Edna Idlewine, Sharon Idlewine, Gerald Ingram, Mary Frances Inman, Sam Jackman, Jerry Jameson

William Jarvis, Shirley Johnston, Jerry Jones, Wanda Jones, Tim Jung, Stephen Justus

Charles Kapper, Earl Keller, John Keller, Susan Kennedy, Robert Kinser, Vickie Kleyla

Susan Klump, Danny Knotts, Rita Knotts, Bobby Konieczny, Rodney Joe Kratz, Jerry Laub

Class

The Freshman Class Can Be Compared to the

Robert Legg, Verna Kay Legg, Linda Leisure, Cheryl Lewellen, Thomas Loser, Robert Lovell,

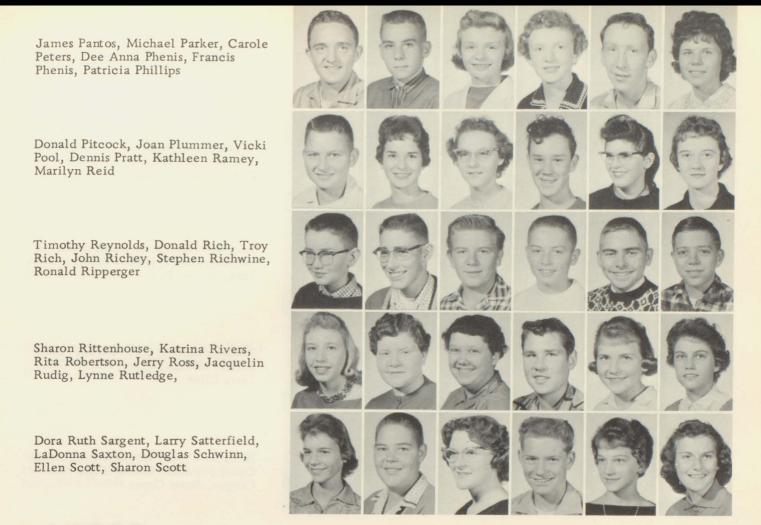
Philip Lovern, Mary Ellen Magers, Ronald Martin, Dotty Massey, Henrietta McCord, John McCoy

Moira McPhearson, Joseph Meier, Carol Miller, Dorothy Miller, Carolyn Mitchell, Phillip Moore

Johnny Morris, Ellen Morris, William Morris, Jerry Moss, Larry Mottweiler, Pamela Nance

Bryce Odom, Perry Ooten, Donna Orbaugh, Pamela Orbaugh, Tim Orbaugh, Janet Padfield





of 1963

Source of a River, Ever Eager to be on Its Way



Carolyn Shepard, Ward Sherman, Lester Shinkle, Mike Sigler, Linda Skeen, Richard Slayton

Carolyn Smith, George Smith, Judith Smith, Phillip Smith, Tom Smith, Steven Southern

Roscoe Sparks, Robert Spies, Larry Stage, Jane Stout, Joan Switzer, Karen Thrawl,

Patty Toensing, David Vanness, Brenda Varner, Raymond Webb, Andrea Welcher, Vivian White

Tena Willhoite, Jan Wisler, Linda Wiswell, Karen Wood, Earleen Yates, Chester Young



James Adams, David Alexander, Linda Alexander, Marie Anderson, Jack Armstrong

Richard Ball, Michele Beasley, Robert Beeman, Mary Benedict, Thomas Bennett, Danny Blake

Ann Bomersback, Kenneth Booher, William Bozell, Dennis Bradley, Mary Bray, Robert Buis

Pauletta Burton, Gwen Bushey, Lynn Chase, Michael Clary, Danny Cline, Larry Cline

Rebecca Cloud, Ramona Coe, Robert Combs, Annette Coons, Mary Ann Cooper, Janet Copus

Class

The Sophomore Class Becomes Organized . . .

Cheryl Lewis, Karen Hampton, Mike Clary, Sharon Lilly, Ronny Klein, and Mel Morris are all ready for business at the Sophomore Bake Sale.



Jetta Courtney Sam Courtney Bonnie Crouse

Sandra Davenport Patricia Davis Robert Davis

Stephen Davison Verna Deep Anna DeHart

Tina Denton Robert Detling Patricia Dooley

88 Mike Duckworth Paul Duffey Martha Edwards



Dennis Elledge, Carolyn Etchison, Nancy Etchison, Carolyn Everling, Beverly Faucett

Nina Fleener, Thomas Fogerty, Geraldine Fortson, Tony Fowler, Robert Fox, Cregory Fuller

Dotty Gallapoo, Alex Gardner, Donald Gillum, Ronald Gillum, Karen Goins, Thomas Graham

Karen Hampton, Ricki Hanshew, Nancy Hardebeck, Norma Hardebeck, Estal Harney, Janalyn Harney

Janice Harris, Karen Hartley, Dellino Hartman, David Haskett, Welza Haskett, Rita Hester



of 1962

As They Elect Officers and Order Class Rings



Donald High, William Hill, Jerry Hocker, Larry Hocker, Gerald Hollingsworth, Larry Holtsclaw

Michael Holtsclaw, Patricia Howard, Kenny Howerton, Linda Huntsinger, Steve Hurst, Saundra Johnston

Garry Jolliff, Edith Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Ronnie Jones, Sandra Jones, Gerald Justus

Carolyn Kelly, Patricia Kiefer, Jerry Kincaid, Pat Kiser, Ronnie Klein, Sharon Knopp

Margaret Koons, Michael Kroggel, John Laudeman, Karen Lee, Michael Leeson, Charles Lehman



Cheryl Lewis, Sharon Lilly, Reginald Lindsay, Charles Loser, Roberta Louderback,

Diana Lynas, Diana McCorkle, Hershel McCorkle, Jerry McCorkle, Leroy McIntyre, Donald Maish

Ronald Maish, Jane Ann Marty, Charles Meyer, Dan Meyer, Sharron Michael, Dwight Miller

Wynn Miller, Mellford Morris, Vickie Morris, Patty Mountcastle, Sherry Munns, Richard Nance

Elmond Neese, Margaret Nichols, Raymond Niverson, Mary Noone, Kathleen Oldag, Richard Osborn

Class

Success is the Keynote of the Sophomore's Life . . .

"How many cookies do you want?" asks Pat Dooley, as she and Saundra Johnston sack up some cookies for Theresa Hibst at the Sophomore Bake Sale.



Bernie Parker James Parker

Karen Patton Sue Patton

Robert Pearson Jan Pedro



Judith Pedro Harold Poe

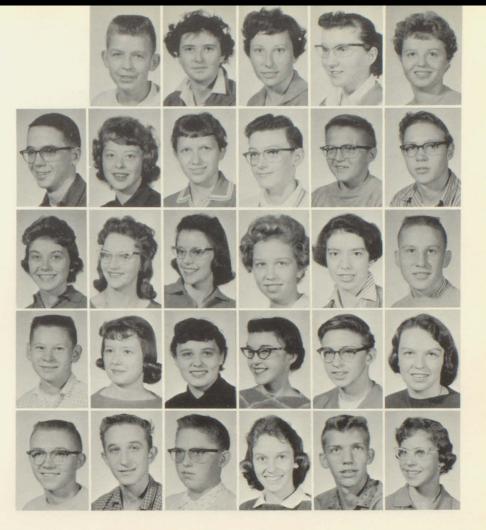
David Powell John Powers Gary Ramey, Catherine Reeves, Gloria Reynolds, Sandra Reynolds, Loretta Richardson.

Tom Riggs, Cheri Riser, Ann Robertson, Charles Robinette, Ted Robinette, Buddy Rogers.

Sharon Ross, Janet Sanders, Susan Scea, Andrea Seely, Dorothy Shinkle, Jesse Shull

Jan Smith, Pamela Smith, Sue Smith, Susan Smith, Carl Stage, Linda Stansberry

David Stewart, Glen Stewart, Wm. Stokes, Earlene Stone, James Stout, Sue Swackhamer



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They Develop New Interests Through New Activities



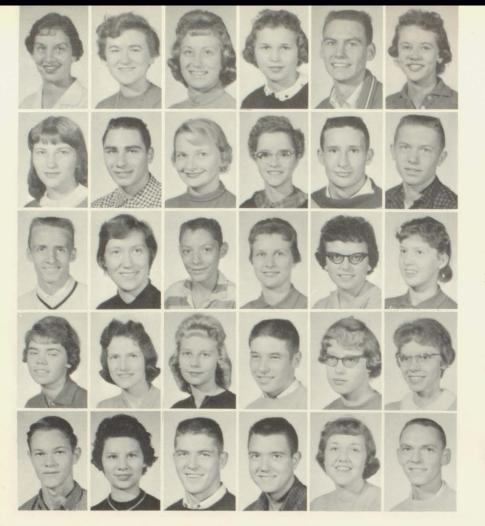
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Lewis Van Blair, Shirley Vanness, Pat Vautaw, Ann Walker, Charlene Walsh, Kathy Ware.

David Warren, Gene Webb, Sue Weddell, Robert Wells, Verona Wesley, Tim Wheeler.

Jerry Whitaker, Ruby White, Michael Williams, Ronnie Wilson, Meredith Wisler, Jerry Wittebort

Aleda Wood, James Woods, Virginia Woolums, Martha Wooten, Edward Yates, Jack Young.



Carolyn Aldridge, Marilyn Allen, Susan Allen, Ruth Ann Amos, Dale Anderson, Judith Baker

Nancy Blaser, William Balser, Sherry Barley, Carolyn Berry, Phil Berry, James Blackford

Charles Blankenship, Phyllis Boruff, Jerry Bragg, Janice Brewer, Sandra Brunson, Patsy Carroll

Judith Cherry, Sue Clouser, Frances Collier, David Conner, Kathleen Curran, Susan Dauenhauer

Edgar Davis, Nancy DeBethune, Robert Dellinger, Robert Doan, Karen Downey, Stephen Durr

Class

The Junior Class Makes Its Appearance as Upper Classmen . . .

Jean Edwards, Judith Evans, BarbaraFarr, Victor Farr, Linda FaulknerJohn Faust, Charles Fernung, Peter
Fettig, Frances Fisher, Sam Fisher,
Dinne FranklinRichard Frawley, Woodrow Friend,
Bonnie Fromholtz, Mary Kay Frye,
Roy Cammon, Peter CarciaTim Gardner, Tom Garner, James
Garrison, Ruth Gillespie; Judith Goings,
Leland GoinsDonald Graham, John Graham, Linda
Groover, Melvin Groover, Mary Gunn,
Sharon Hahn

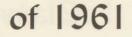
Donn Hancher, Jerry Lee Hancock, James Hanlin, Joyce Hardebeck, Jerry Harting, Thomas Hartzler

Wayne Hasecuster, Mardis Heater, Brenda Heflin, James Hester, Kenneth Hewitt, Rodney Hicks

Rebecca Hillan, Ann Holcomb, Sue Holliday, Larry Holliday, Louann Hoose, Joyce Hoover

Devonne Horton, Mary Rae Houser, Billy Hughes, Sharon Hunt, Joan Huntsinger, Ronald Hussong

Lucille Jehlen, Jayne Jester, Emily Johnson, David Jones, Lewis Jones, Edwin Jones





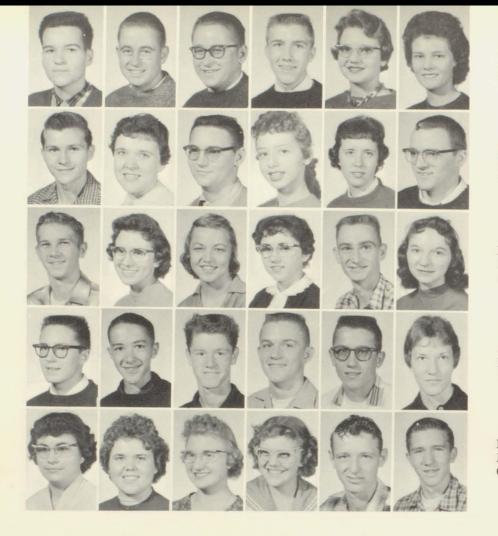
"Watch your step," cautions Rod Hicks to Beverly Smith as she hangs the center decoration for the Junior Jingle Dance.



Sue Clouser, Linda Groover, and Bob Dellinger cut out the theme letters--JUNIOR JINGLE, for the junior dance.







Richard Jones, Jimmy Jordan, Ray Jordan, Jerry Joseph, Eloise Kapper, Cathy Kelley

Kenneth Kennedy, Cathy Kilgore, David Kurtz, Cecelia Lambertson, Sue Laub, Steve Leathers

Bruce Lewis, Jody Lewis, Regina Litsey, Mary Loser, Marlin Low, Sue Loyd

James McCorkle, Richard McElfresh, Eugene McPhearson, Bob Merida, Michael Meyer, Barbara Miller

Karen Biller, Maria Moore, Mary Ann Moore, Linda Morrison, Byron Neese, Curtis Nickles

Class

As Juniors They Are Entitled a Class Play . . .

William Nickles, Steve Niverson, Philip Orth

Nancy Padgett, Thomas Pantos, David Passmore, James Pedro

Susan Peters, Thomas Peters, Henry Phillips, Suzanne Pool

Darryl Poole, Alan Pratt, Rebecca Pullen, Thomas Rebuck

Gerald Reeves, Marcia Renie, Steve Reynolds, Sue Reynolds



Tom Richardson, Ronald Rieman, Twilla Roberson, Carol Robertson, Jerry Robison, Terry Rockhill

Joyce Rominger, Richard Rominger, Judi Rudig, Deanna Runyon, Ronnie Runyan, Patricia Russo

Betty Sanders, Delorma Sargent, Arnold Shepard, David Short, Gordon Simons, Judith Sizelove

Terry Small, Beverly Smith, Dennis Sorrell, Joyce Sosbe, Diane Stanley, Max Stover

Joyce Sullivan, Sharon Swihart, Linda Taylor, Donald Townsend, William Tyner, James Vice



of 1961

and the Tremendous Task of Planning the Junior - Senior Prom



Corabell Wardwell Donald Warner

Sonja Warner Donald Wells James Werline

Wanda Whitaker Rita Wilhoit Richard Wimmer

Sarah Wisehart Kathleen Wisler Eldon Wittkamper

Judy Wolfe Rachel Wooten Linda Wright New class rings arrive--but they are soon given away. Here Bob Dellinger gives Susan Allen his class ring.





Senior Class Officers: Lela Underwood, treasurer; Ruthie Fettig, secretary; Karen Dooley, vice-president; and Richard Weismiller, president, work in harmony.

. . . The Year 1960 Brought a New Decade, and

In June the Class of 1960 became alumni of Wendell L. Willkie High School. These graduating seniors experienced both sorrow and pride--the sorrow of leaving familiar halls and the pride of knowing that the previous four years had been well worth their while.

As freshmen they worked together to support their Homecoming candidate, Sandra Smith. Also, the Class of '60 was able to share in the 1957 Sectional victory, the first Elwood ever won.

In their sophomore year the Class of '60 began to take an outstanding part in the Willkie High School life. Their Homecoming candidate was Lela Underwood. As class officers, they elected Phil Sharp, president; Joe Bilby, vice-president; Marianne Swenson, secretary; and Lela Underwood, treasurer. Many class members had feature parts in the newly initiated program, the Panther Band Variety Show, which was to become part of Willkie tradition. The year passed quickly, and the Sophomores were especially proud when Joyce Morris was elected Track Queen.

The junior year really found the Class of '60 busy. Eileen Plummer was elected 1958 Homecoming Queen. Phil Sharp was again elected class president with Richard Weismiller, vice-president; Linda Courtney, secretary; and Tim Gordon, treasurer. The junior class play, "Nuts in May" was presented, and it was a real success. Then the beautiful and eventful junior-senior Prom, "Shangri-La," took place.





Senior Steering committee: Kenny Knauer, Jerry Glenn, Pat Wolf, Joe Bilby, Marge Hamilton, Jeanette Lightfoot, Keith Beaty, Joyce Morris, Marvin Wittkamper, Linda Courtney.

A New Experience for us as We Became Seniors ...

The final year arrived, and in an almost unbelievably short length of time, the Class of 1960 became seniors. The class officers were Richard Weismiller, president; Ruth Fettig, secretary; Karen Dooley, vice-president; and Lela Underwood, treasurer. Pretty Linda Courtney was a candidate for Homecoming Queen. A new organization, The National Thespian Society, made its debut at Willkie, and many seniors had an active part in its initiation. A really wonderful time was had by all at the traditional Sadie Hawkins Day party. Next came an event seniors always look forward to--the senior class play. On December 17, 1959, the Class of 1960 presented "Meet Me in St. Louis" to the public. Soon it was Christmas time and the seniors took up the tradition of decorating the Christmas tree. Spring came quickly; the junior-senior prom took place. Then Senior Week followed the Prom, and soon it was time for Baccalaureate and Commencement. It seemed to happen all too soon.

The graduating Class of '60 has a wonderful four years to look back on. They had been active in the various school activities. On the gridiron, on the basketball floor, on the cinders, and on the baseball diamond, class members excelled. They proved themselves really outstanding in scholastic achievements. They had a wonderful time, knowing that every minute of those four years prepared them for a better future.



Senior cords vary from original--Clyde Beaty's Circus--to the traditional Elwood Panther.



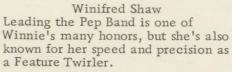
Greg Caldwell Known for his comic and musical ability, Greg plays the bass fiddle in the Varsitonians and bass drum in the Panther Band.



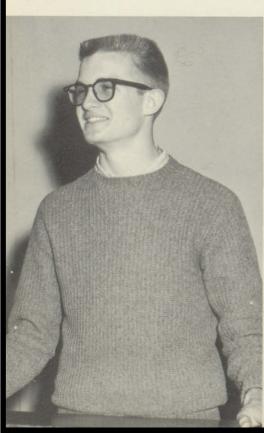
Mary-Ann Cannon An attractive girl and a beautiful voice add up to Mary-Ann, who is usually at the microphone singing or speaking. It is a great honor to be chosen as one of the Ten Outstanding Seniors. These students represent exceptional achievement in many fields, ranging from oratorical to scholastic ability. They are the leaders of their graduating class and have worked long and hard to attain this goal. It seems only fitting that they should be rewarded and remembered in the years to come.

These Ten Outstanding Seniors Are

Philip Sharp Truly a leader of his fellow students, Phil Sharp is President of the Student Council and Editor of the Megaphone.

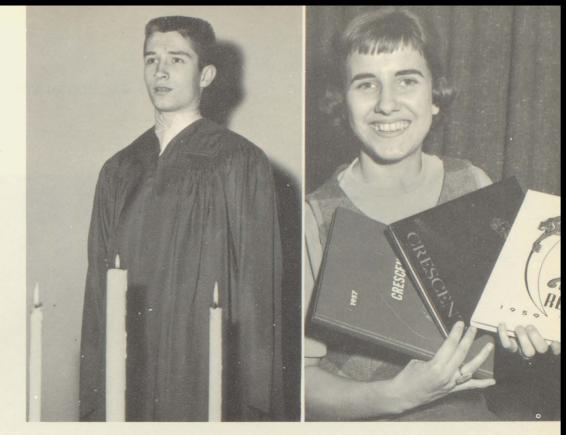


Marianne Swenson A life of spinning batons and dance routines describes Marianne, head majorette of the Panther Band and Indiana State Fair Hostess.





The Outstanding Seniors were chosen by the faculty who have had a chance to observe them during their high school career. A lot of serious thought on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service go into choosing them, and it is often a difficult decision to make. Congratulations to these seniors for achieving one of the highest honors ever bestowed at Willkie High School.



Mike Fogerty Repeating his vows as President of the National Honor Society, Mike is both an exceptional student and outstanding in character. Virginia Hocker As Editor-in-Chief of the Crescent, Ginny combines her "personality plus" with her actual writing ability to produce the yearbook.

the Leaders of the Class of '60

Lela Underwood As first chair clarinetist of the Panther Band, Lela displays her versatility. She is also outstanding in activities and scholastic ability.

Richard Weismiller The responsibility of being President of the Senior Class rests on Richard's shoulders, but he handles the job with ease. Barbara Wisehart Experimenting with guinea pigs and their reactions aids Barbara in her quest for knowledge needed to pursue a career in science.



... Full of Excitement, Energy, and Enthusiasm,



Mike Adams Judith Alumbaugh Jennie Anderson

Larry L. Anderson Jimmy Arnold Betty Avery

Michael A. Barnes Keith Beaty Keith Beckley

Judith Ann Benefiel Joe Bilby Rodney Lee Birkinbine

We Entered the Doors of E. H. S. as Freshmen . . .



One of the big projects of the Senior class is to decorate a Christmas tree in the front hall.

Roy D. Boruff





Ronald L. Bragg David Buchheit

Bob Bunch

Richard A. Burnette Saundra Sue Burton Greg Caldwell Mary Ann Cannon





James R. Boyland Diana Bozell









... Electing our First Class Officers and Sponsoring the Sophomore Safari Dance,



Donald Carmer Ronald Carmer Michelle Ann Carter

Leslie Ann Clark Barbara Lynne Cline Joyce Cockerham

Carolyn Sue Coe Jim Collins Kathryn Collis

Mickie Sue Conley Bob Cooper Ted Cooper

Proved That We Were Getting into the Swing of Things as Sophomores . . .



These senior boys line up for a last minute drink and word of news before they rush to class.

Linda Sue Courtney Marsha L. Courtney





Marlene Kay Coryell

Joyce Ann Crull Judy Dauenhauer Donna Jean Davis

James O. Deck Marlene Dickey Terrill Dickey Dennis L. Dietzer















... A Homecoming Victory Marked the Beginning of a Busy Junior Year



Karen Dooley Terry Lee Downey Jerry Duffey

Paul J. Durm Ruth E. Fettig William R. Fields

Sue Fitzpatrick Richard D. Floyd Michael Fogerty

Eugenia Forst Gary L. Fouts Sherry P. Friend

of Class Rings, Our First Play, and Shangri-La . . .



"Can I go to the dance too?" asks little Vickie Cessna of her aunt, Karen Dooley.

> Larry W. Gallapoo Janet Garner









Lawana Gipson Jerry Glenn Jan Lewis Goodwin

Tim K. Gordon David L. Hass Patricia M. Halfin Suzanne Hamer















... With the Excitement of Sadie Hawkins, Senior Cards, and pictures,



Marjorie Hamilton Anthony Tyrone Haneline Judith Kay Harris

Mary Sue Harris Robert Harting Judith Heflin

Theresa Hibst Tom Hillan Laurel Jo Hinds

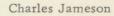
Virginia Sue Hocker Danny Joe Holmes Alfred A. Jaenichen

We Hardly Realized That This Was Our Last Year ...



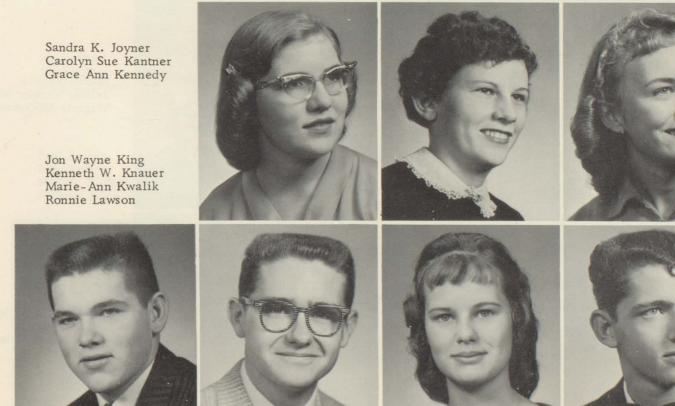
"Oh no you don't," shout Jeanette and Jeanine Lightfoot, as some boys start to put their Volkswagen on the sidewalk.

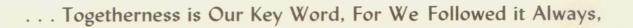
> Eric T. Johnson Danny Lee Jolliff













Shirley Anne Leavell Richard Leeson George N. Leisure

Jeanette R. Lightfoot Jeanine Kaye Lightfoot Linda Lindley

Pearl Lineback Jeffrey Vaughn Mays Virginia McQueen

Jerall La-Von Meier Ruth Miller Joyce Ann Morris Whether it be in Victory or in Defeat . . .



Panther Band bass drummer, Greg Caldwell, follows the music of a "Mad Magazine."

Darrell L. Murray







Karen Ott Joseph Alan Overdorf Jerry G. Owens

Paul Parker Sam Parker Marion T. Pedro Kathryn Anne Phillips





Vicki Niverson Charles R. O'Haver

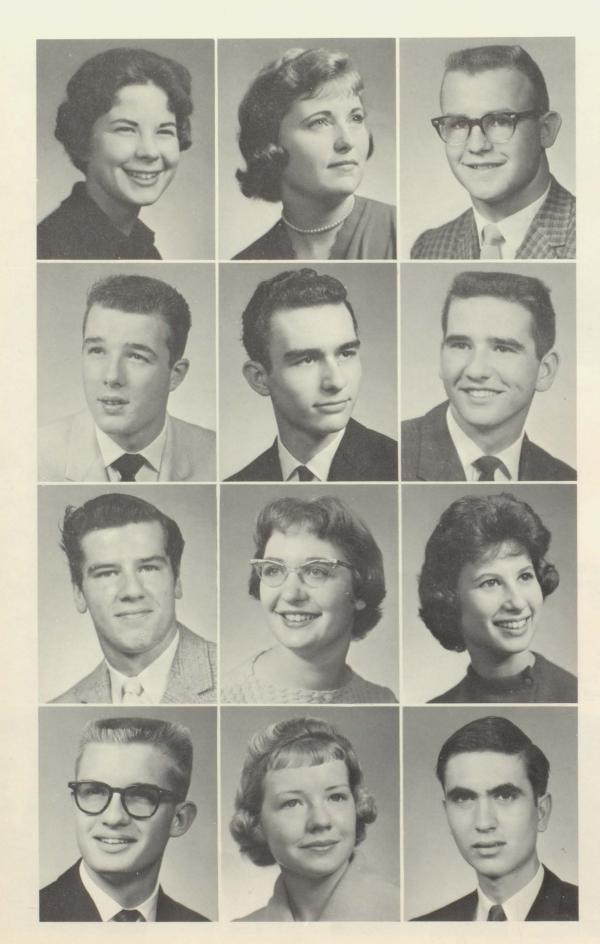












Eileen K. Plummer Linda Sue Poe Jerry L. Priest

Larry Martin Reynolds Edward Martin Ring Charles W. Riser

Jerry Rittenhouse Rita Salisbury Carolyn Sue Scott

Philip R. Sharp Winifred Ann Shaw Charles Short

in Our Caps and Gowns to the Strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" . . .

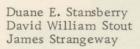


Every senior awaits the arrival of senior pictures. Ginny Hocker, Leslie Clark, Judy Heflin, and Joyce Morris trade their pictures.

> Sandra Smith Edward L. Stage

Glenda Skillman





William L. Sturtsman Marianne Swenson Deborah Tam G. David Thrawl















... Though Our Days at E. H. S. Have Come to an End,



Lela Underwood Richard Ronald Vautaw Victoria Lynne Vos

Janice L. Webb Richard A. Weismiller William Wesseler

John R. Wheeler Bobby Widmeyer Judy Mae Wilburn

Phillip Wilhelm Carolyn Wilhoit Dee Ann Wilhoit

Tomorrow Will Bring a New Beginning . . .

Joyce Anne Williams Marge Wilson Barbara Wisehart



Commencement -- A day that will never be forgotten.



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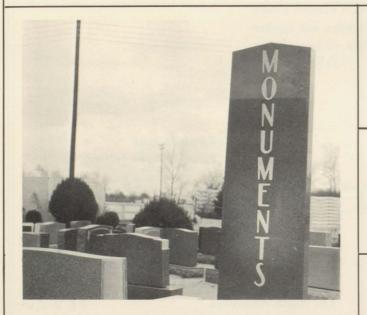
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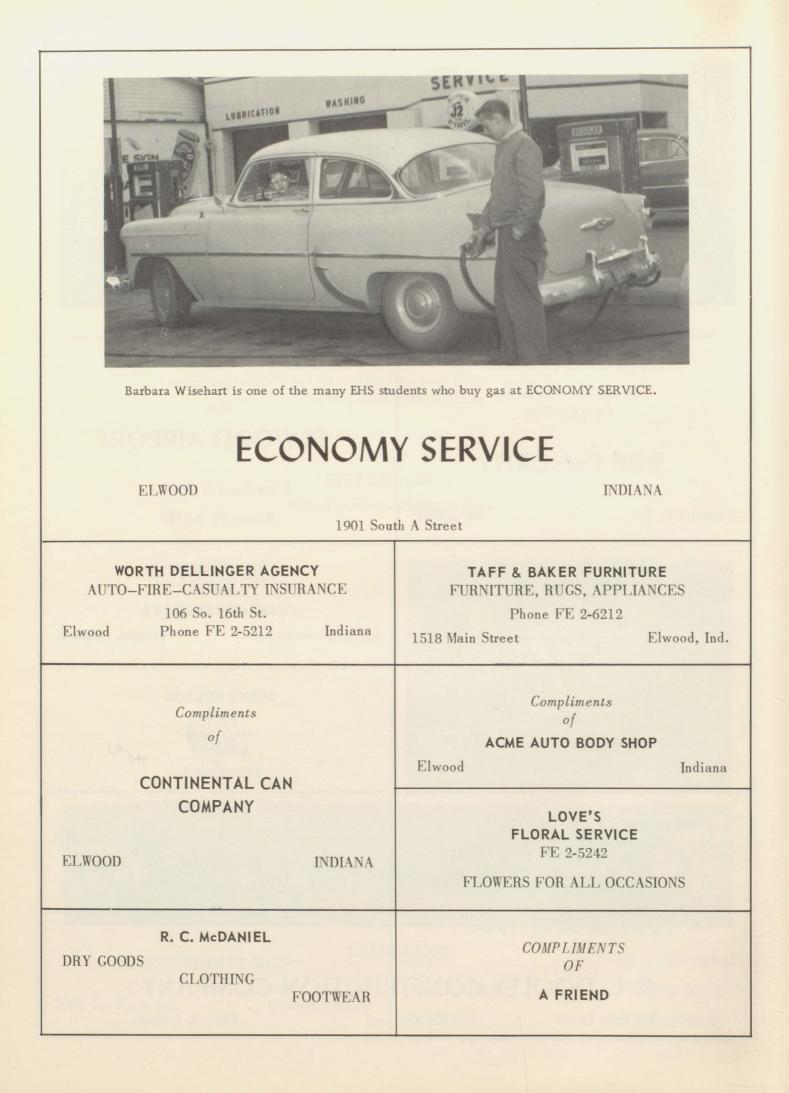
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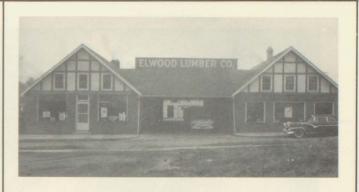
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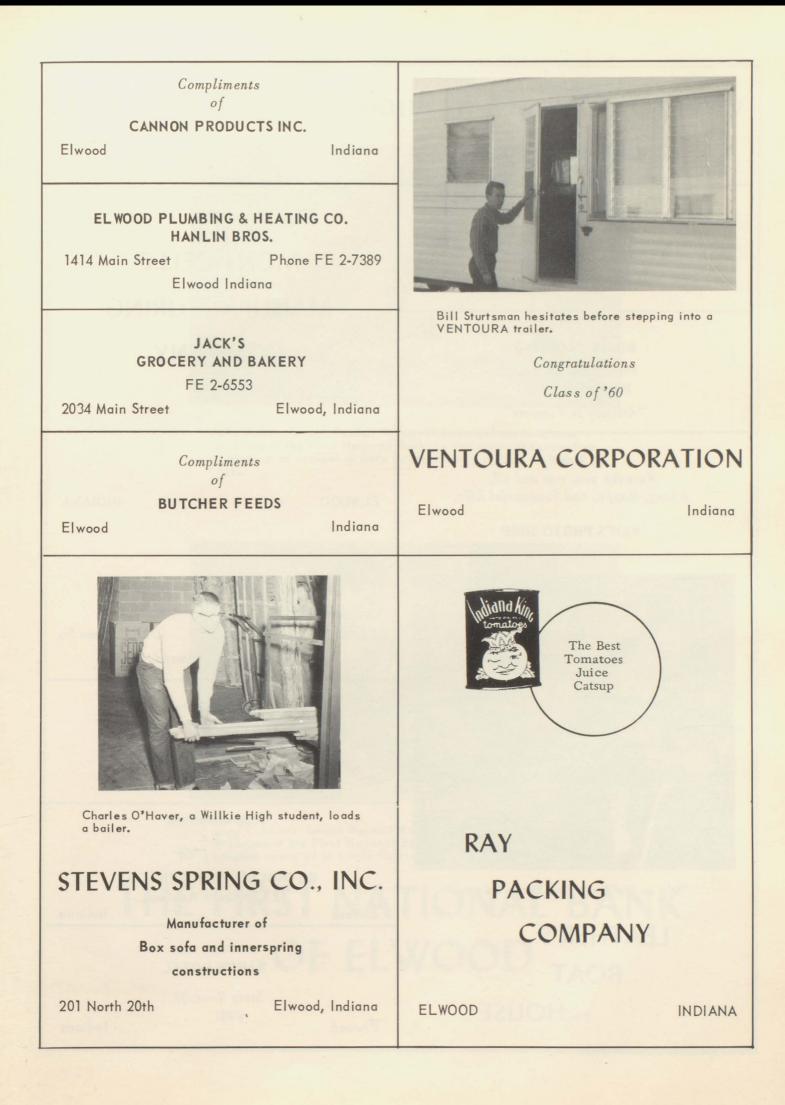
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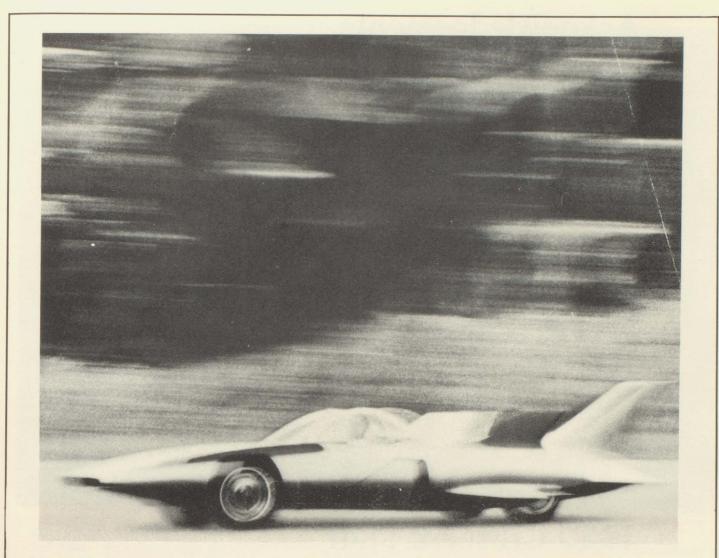
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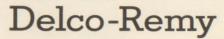
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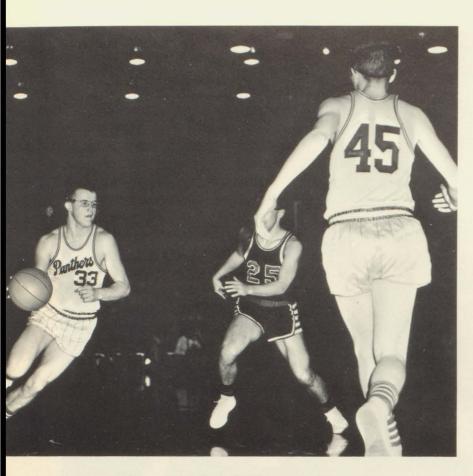
We did it again ...

Elwood Captures Second Sectional Title!

Willkie High School's poised and confident Panthers made a quick recovery from near disaster on Thursday afternoon to score two impressive victories Saturday afternoon and night winning the second sectional championship in our school's history.

The school spirit and public backing was at its best. It never slacked, not even during the close call with Highland Thursday afternoon by the narrowest of margins, 38-36, on a last second tip-in. It all paid off too. The Panthers caught fire in the second quarter of Saturday afternoon's tilt with Madison Heights and wound up on top. The game ended 72-54 with the Panthers avenging a last game of the season defeat at the hands of the host school.

Our mighty Panthers gained the right to represent the Anderson sectional in the Indianapolis regional by defeating defending sectional champs Alexandria 54-43, and bringing home the second sectional championship in Willkie High School's history.



In the title game the Panthers jumped into an early 4-0 lead and were never behind after that. Even before the final gun, Elwood fans, sensing victory, began yelling "Alex, Alex, just you wait--you'll see us on Channel 8," and "On to the regional."

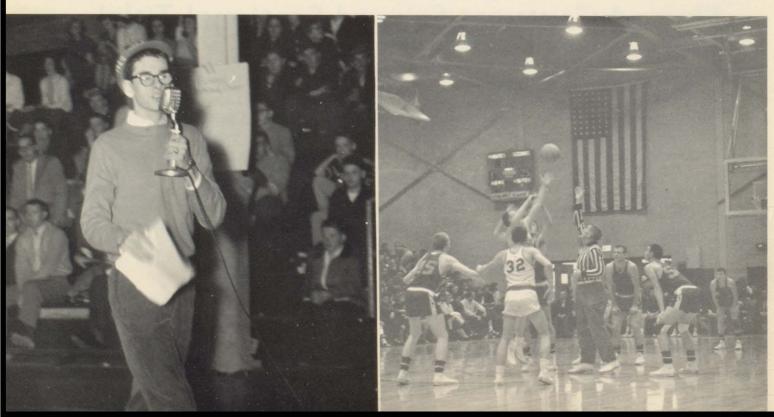
After the ceremonies in the Madison Heights gym ended, the crowd headed home to the Willkie gymnasium to welcome the champions home.

"We did it again!" declared principal, Mr. Copeland, Monday morning in the gym while opening a gigantic pep rally in honor of the newly-crowned sectional champions.

Jerry Priest drives toward the basket as Rod Birkinbine gets into position at the Madison Heights tilt.

After a close shave with the Highland Laddies,

"King Red and Blue," Joe Bilby, encourages enthusiasm for the sectional. The second half tip-off found Elwood leading Highland 25-17.



Speakers for the pep rally included Superintendent of Schools, Keith Scott, Mayor Robert Fortson, past players, and Coach McNulty. Athletic director John Ward called the championship "well deserved." "We had the best team over there, without a doubt," he added.

More yells and the loyalty song closed out the pep session, but students were not yet down to earth. A local school holiday had been declared, and everyone jumped out of their shoes for a sock hop in the gym following the pep session.

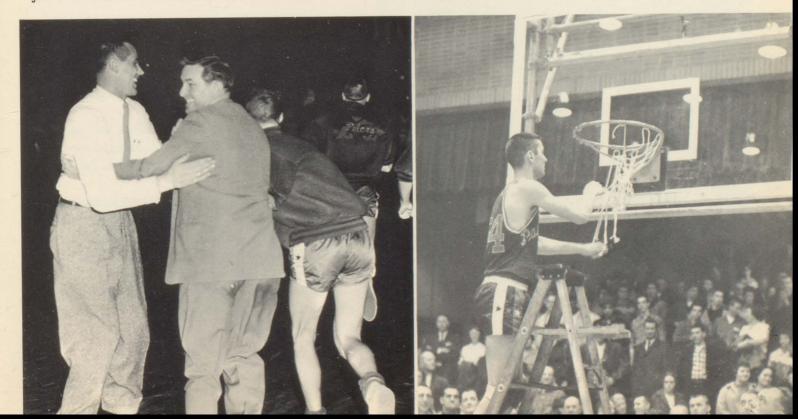


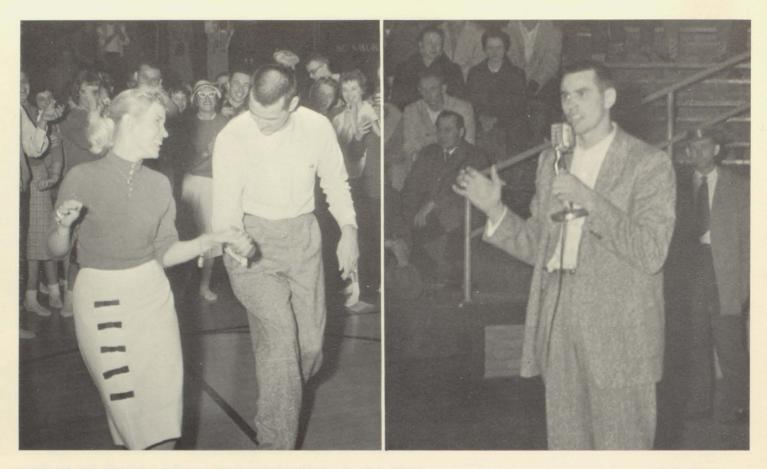
The Panther's Chuck Loser goes up for a reverse lay-up during the battle with Alexandria.

The Panthers Roared Past the Pirates and Tigers

Coaches McNulty and Shaw congratulate each other for a job well done and a sectional well won.

Cutting his share of the victory net, is Rod Hicks, leading scorer of the season for the Panthers.





Willkie students wouldn't let Coach McNulty live down his dancing lessons until he and Marianne Swenson danced the cha-cha-cha.

Following the sectional victory the fans filled the gymnasium and listened as Coach McNulty commended the team's performance.

A Gigantic Celebration Followed the Sectional

At the sock hop, the Varsitonians provided the music and everyone from the 1st grade to the twelfth took part.



We really never did get settled down the rest of the week with the regional coming up Saturday. Students received their tickets Tuesday, and all week long the regional was a favorite topic of conversation.

That week was exciting as Elwood was completely snowed-in, a huge fire threatened the downtown area, and the McNulty's welcomed the arrival of a new baby girl.

A 250-car caravan followed the Panthers to the Butler Fieldhouse for the regional. Although the Panthers fought hard, it was a losing battle as the Tech Greenclads were victorious 62-43, ending our hopes of a regional championship.

Preceding pictures were the courtesy of Crescent photographer, Dave Stout, and Call-Leader photographer, Larry Burwell.



Victory

