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ONA MAE HARLESS 1935-1953

In her quiet, pleasant way, Ona Mae Harless was an integral part of M.P.H.S. Because she was a happy person and a capable student, it was with a deep sense of loss that we realized her parting. Her memory will long endure in the hearts of her classmates.



PAUL A. GRIMM

In the classroom and on the athletic field Paul Grimm is a well-known figure. Certainly his name is well established in the history of our high school, for it was here that he received his secondary education and excelled as an athlete.

After graduating from Central Michigan College of Education in 1944, Mr. Grimm returned to M.P.H.S. to teach social studies and to coach football, basketball, and tennis. The genial coach has won the respect and admiration of all with whom he has come in contact.

Being equally efficient at diagramming sentences to bewildered eighth graders or explaining the structure of government to a group of seniors, Mr. Grimm is an effective classroom teacher.

For his teaching ability, his friendly assistance to all students, and his many contributions to our school, we are honored to dedicate the 1954 Derrick to Mr. Paul Grimm.

. . . and Proudly Dedicate

We Obtain Responsibility . . .



Through Our Student Council

The aim of the Student Council is to uphold the high standards and fine traditions of M.P.H.S. by making and giving suggestions, rules, and social plans for the students, all of which helps to encourage good citizenship.

A highly respected group of thirty-three students, elected from second hour classes, represented their classmates in the Student Council this year.

Starting their activities with a cordial note, the Council greeted returning students with a "Welcome Back" party during the first week of school.

After an active campaign, five hundred sixtyfive activity tickets, granting football, basketball, and mixer privileges, were economically purchased by students and faculty members at the low cost of \$3.50.

With Homecoming came the excitement of electing the Queen and her Maids of Honor, the traditional snake dance and bonfire at Island Park, the elaborate parade through town, and the "Homecoming Ball", a very busy week for the Student Council.

During the year new sweaters were purchased for the Wildcat cheerleaders, a Student Court was molded into a constructive, usable type of student

government, busses were procured for out-of-town basketball games, and three paid assemblies were presented to the student body.

A water cooler was the gift to M.P.H.S. from the Student Council, and an honorarium was again presented to a deserving senior.

The Student Government Association planned the successful "All-School" party on May 15 and continually endeavored to create a friendly feeling among the students by exemplary attitudes and actions.

By Our Elected Officials



Dave Evett, Treasurer; Mary Bennett, Secretary; Mary Lee Hayward, Vice-President; and Dick LaPoe, President.



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Pursuing the proposal for a new high school and additional buildings for the elementary schools, the Board of Education brought the issue to the attention of the public through a non-partisan, forty member Fact Finders Committee. A positive campaign was conducted for the voters of the community by producing the audio-visual film strip, "Too Many Children", illustrated pamphlets were distributed, and informative meetings revealed the pressing need for an immediate building program.

Although the citizens of Mt. Pleasant defeated the proposal for a new high school at the polls on March 22, this able group of public spirited citizens are continually striving to better the educational opportunities of the school district.

. . . and Respect the Leadership

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DONNA B. GUERNSEY Secretary to the Principal

And The Custodians . . .

Maintaining the many records and keeping our school in top shape was the difficult job assigned to the secretaries and custodians.

As we all know, the waxing and polishing of floors, sweeping halls, repairing electrical difficulties, and assisting in our many social and athletic events are only a few of the many tasks our custodians so willingly perform.

We especially wish to commend Mr. Sidney Morton who retires this year after the completion of seventeen years of diligent service.

Lee Anspach Chief of Staff

> John S. Yuncker Chief Engineer

> > Jerry Hall

Walter Kennedy

Sidney Morton

Tom Quinlan

George Slater

Ethel Taylor

Ray Yuncker







Our Elected Senior Favorites . . .









LAVIGNE A. ALBAR "His ways are ways of quietness." F.F.A. 2.

BARBARA L. AMBURN (Transfer from Lowell High School-Lowell, Michigan) "Silence is golden, but we're off of the gold standard." Band 3-4; G.A.A. 3, Presi-dent 4; Library Club Treas-urer 3.

RICHARD E. BEACH "Just call me 'Doc'; I can operate anywhere." Baseball 2; Co-op Club 4.

MARGARET M. BELL "Quiet in appearance with motives unknown." Library Club 4; Ushers 3-4; Y-Teens 2-3.

EUGENE M. BRAGG "School was just like home, he was never there." Co-op Club 3-4; F.F.A. 2.

JAY E. BROWN (Transfer from Shepherd High School—Shepherd, Michigan) "All great men were small; Caesar, Napoleon, and me." Co-op Club 4.

WAYNE T. CALTRIDER "Bashful? We're not sure." Baseball 2; Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3-4; Intramural Sports 2-3-4; Track 1; Band 1-2; Student Council 3; Varsity Club 3-4.

NANCY J. CAMPBELL "A ray of sunshine in someone's heart." Intramural Sports 3-4; Choir 1-2; Derrick Staff 4; G.A.A. 1; Queen Attendant 2.



ROBERT L. BELL "A sense of humor is the salt of life." Baseball 1-2; Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3; Intramural Sports 1-2-3-4; Choir 1-2-3, President 4; Derrick Staff 4; Hi-Y 2-3; Sophomore Class President; Varsity Club 3-4.

HARLAND E. BELLINGER "The greatest of men may ask a foolish question now and then." Choir 2-4; F.F.A. 3, President 4; Junior Class President; Student Council 4.



MARY K. BENNETT "Sociable, friendly, and sweet."

Intramural Sports 1-2-3; Dra matics 2-3-4; Junior Class Vice-President; Student Council 1-3, Secretary 4; Thespians 3, Treasurer 4, Secretary 4; Y-Teens 3-4; Salutatorian; DAR Good Citizen Award.

CAROL F. BLOCH "Sometimes quiet, some-times shy; but the rest of the time, oh my!" Choir 1-2-3; Co-op Club Sec-retary 4; G.A.A. 1-2; Junior Class Secretary; Modern Dance 1-2; Y-Teens 2-3-4.

VIRGINIA L. BORDINE "The athlete, the student,

tary 4.

the man." Basketball 1-2-3-4: Football 1-2-3-4; Track 1-2-3-4; Band 1; Stude Staff 4; Student Council 1-2-4; Varsity Club 1-2-3-4.

JACK I. BOOMER

"Mild, kind, fair to look upon." Choir 2-3-4; Derrick Staff 4; Dramatics 4; Homecoming Queen; Intramural Sports 1-2; Modern Dance 1; Soph-omore Vice-President; Thes-pians 4; Y-Teens 2-3, Secre-











ANN M. CLARK "A merry spirit, a lively wit." F.H.A. 1-2-3, President 4.









DORELYN L. CHOPARD "Call me at sunrise, but don't let the sun rise too

early."

Intramural Sports 1-2-3-4; Dramatics 2-3-4; Future Nurses' Club 3-4; G.A.A. 1; Stude Staff 4; Ushers Club 1; Y-Teens 2-3-4.







KATHLYNE C. COLLIN "How sweet and fair she seems to be."

Intramural Sports 1-2; Choir 2-3-4; Derrick Staff 4; Dra-matics 2-3-4; Future Nurses' Club 3; G.A.A. 1; Modern Dance 1; Senior Class Secretary; Student Council 1; Thespians 4; Ushers Club 1-2; Y-Teens 2-3-4.

MARGARET D. DAKE (Transfer from Northport High School—Northport, Michigan)

"Silence is a perfect her-ald of joy."

Future Nurses' Club 3-4; Stude Staff 4.

BARBARA J. DECESS "Her laughter will not die."

Intramural Sports 2-3; F.H.A. 1; G.A.A. 2; Stude Staff 4; Ushers Club 3-4; Y-Teens 3, Vice-President 4.

FRANK J. DEMSKI "He likes to be starting and likes to be free." Baseball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; F.F.A. 2-3-4; Student Council 1; Varsity Club 2-3-4.





DAVID A. GLOSS "He speaketh not and yet there is conversation in his eyes."

GAYLA A. GOFFFNETT "Beauty lies in those deep, dark eyes." Band 1-2-3-4; Dramatics 1; Ushers Club 2-3, President



CHARLES A. GRIFFIN "I came, I have seen; Let me out of here." Co-op Club 3-4.

SHIRLEY A. GRUBB "Brown eyes that are never blue." Co-op Club 3-4; Library Club JOSIE JIMENEZ "Her bright black eyes, her bright black hair." Library Club 4.

HAROLD J. JOHNSON (Transfer from Sault Ste. Marie High School—Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan) "Oh, the need of the world for men like me." Football 3; Intramural Sports 3-4; Tennis 3-4; Student Council 3; Varsity Club 3-4.





CAROL A. HALL "Ready to work, ready to have fun." Future Nurses' Club 3; Li-brary Club 4.

ROBERT C. HALL "Not a sinner nor a saint perhaps, but always one of the best of chaps." Choir 1-2-3; Dramatics 1-2-3-4; Thespians 4.

JANET E. JONES "A sharp wit, a straight judgment, and a strong mind." F.H.A. 4; G.A.A. 2.

GAIL L. JOSLIN (Transfer from Rodney B. Wilson High School—St. Johns, Michigan) "A closed mouth catches no flies." Y-Teens 3.





RAYMOND L. HAMILTON "Romeo and Mark An-thony had nothing on me; also famous I aim to be." Band 1-2-3-4.

MARY LEE HAYWARD "And still the wonder grew that one small head could carry all she knew." Choir 2-3-4; Dramatics 1-2-3-4; Forensics 2; Stude Staff

4; Y-Teens 2-3-4.



BRUCE K. HEILBRONN (Transfer from Arthur Hill High School-Saginaw, Michigan) "The will to do, the soul to dare." Basketball 2-3-4; Golf 3-4; Varsity Club 4.

JOYCE A. HEINLEIN "Her laugh and her pleasant words cheer the dullest day." Co-op Club 4; Student Coun-cil 2; Y-Teens 2-3-4.

BETHEL C. HOOVER "Silence keeps secrets." Co-op Club 4; F.H.A. 4.

BARBARA A. JASCHKE (Transfer from Vilshoten, Bavaria, Germany) "So simple, yet sweet, are her charms."

Student Council 4; Y-Teens

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MARGARET G. KEYSER "I'm willing to be con-vinced, but I'd like to see someone try it!" Choir 1-2-3-4; Derrick Staff 4; Dramatics 1-2-3-4; Library Club 1; Modern Dance 1-2; Thespians 4.

MARILYN K. KELLY (Transfer from South Inter-mediate S c h o o l—Saginaw Michigan) "Full of joy and vitality." Derrick Staff 4; Dramatics



GERDA I. KLISCH (Transfer from Volkschule, Lippstadt, Westphalia, Germany) "Always laughing, always gay; nature made her just that way." Y-Teens 3-4.

SHIRLEY A. KLOSOWSKI "Skipping blithely along life's path." Co-op Club 4; Modern Dance 1.

DEAN T. KREINER "To us he gave his laugh-ter and his jest." Baseball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Intramural Sports 1-2-3-4; Student Council 1-3-4; Varsity Club 2-3-4.

MARGARET E. LAMP "Give me men! Ah. . . . men." Intramural Sports 3-4; G.A.A. 2-3; Dramatics 1; Library Club 3; Y-Teens 2-3.

2-3, President 4; Modern Dance V i c e-President 2-3; Pep Squad Chairman 3; Thespians Secretary 3-4; Y-Teens 2-3-4.









Club 4.

LORIS L. MCBRIDE "She is loved well who prayeth well." Choir 3; Dramatics 1; Y-Teens 2

KAY F. McCLINTIC Dramatics 2-3; Future Nurses' Club 3, Secretary 4; Y-Teens 2-3-4.



LEROY E. McGUIRK "Some are wise. . . some are otherwise." Football 1-4.

CAROLE A. MACHUTA "The gift of good humor is her's." Choir 1; Co-op Club 4; G.A.A. 2; Intramural Sports 3; Student Council 2; Y-Teens 4.







men!" Varsity Club 3-4. ALICE M. MULVANEY qan) joy to everyone." Intramural Sports 3-4; Der-rick Staff 4; Student Coun-

ELLEN A. MUTERSPAUGH "She never frowns, she never sighs, her rare good nature never dies." Co-op Club 4.



WILLIAM T. O'BRIEN "Talkativeness produces many disasters; so why talk?" F.F.A. 3.

JOYCE R. NIXON "Changeless and true." Band 1; Dramatics 3; Junior Class Treasurer; Senior Class Treasurer; Y-Teens 3.



BONNIE J. PERKINS Choir 2; Y-Teens 3.

IRENE T. MILLER "Grand March! Grand Party!"

Choir 1-2-3; Co-op Club 4; Dramatics 1; Student Coun-cil 1; Y-Teens 1-2-3.

NANCY K. MOOSE "I must laugh and dance and sing." F.H.A. 3; Library Club 2-3; Stude Staff 4.

wards." Football 1-2-3-4; Intramural Sports 2-3-4; Track 1-2; F.F.A. 2-3-4; Freshman Class Vice-President; Projector Club 1-2; Student Council 1-3, President 4; Varsity Club 3-4.

ZORA M. LOVEIOY

Y-Teens 3.

"A quiet lass with a ready smile."

JOHN J. LYNCH "If the good die young, it's a wonder I've lived so long."

RICHARD A. LAPOE

wards."

"He turns his back on

girls, and then runs back-

Basketball 1-2-4; Football sport." I-2-4; Golf I-2-4; Dramatics I-2-3-4; Senior Class Presi-dent; Student Council I-2-3-4; Thespians 3-4; Varsity

WILLIAM A. LYNCH "In his classes he's a bashful sort, but out with the fellows, a right good

Football 1-2; F.F.A 2-3-4.

GERALD J. MORAVY "One of our Ummmmmmm

Football 1-2-3-4; Band 1-2;

PHEBE M. MOSS (Transfer from Reitz High School-Evansville, Indiana) "How quiet loveliness can blaze!" Choir 3, Secretary 4; Dra-matics 4; Y-Teens 3-4.

(Transfer from St. Thomas School-Ann Arbor, Michi-"Always fond of fun, a

cil 4; Y-Teens 4.

JACK D. OSBORN



"There is none like her, none."









"The world knows nothing of it's greatest men." Baseball 1; Choir 4; Debate 4; Dramatics 1-2-3-4; Foren-sics 2; Golf 3-4; Thespians 3-4; Varsity Club 4. JOHN W. OSBORN "Can I help it if I blush?" Choir 2-3-4; Dramatics 3.

"She does her part with a willing hand."

PATRICIA A. PETY "Tell me pretty maiden, are there any more at home like you." Co-op Club 1; Student Coun-cil 4; Library Club 4.



DON E. PRIEST "High school days have their delight, but they cannot compare with high school nights." Baseball 1-2-4; Choir 2-3-4; Projector Club 1-2.

DELORIS A. RECKER

Library Club 1.

"A pleasant girl with a nice way."

PATRICIA A. RAHL "Art may make a suit of clothes, but nature must produce a man." Derrick Staff 3; G.A.A. 2; Projector Club 2-3-4; Stude Staff 3.

RHODA J. REHKOPF

(Transfer from Midland Sen-

ior High School—Midland, Michigan)

"A quiet manner but there's fun in her heart."

MARY A. SMILLIE "Silence in women is like speech in man."

HAROLD STEGMAN "I know of a lot but I can't think of it." Baseball 1; Basketball 1-2-3; Football 1-2-3-4; Intramural Sports 4; Hi-Y 3; Varsity Club 3-4.











SYLVIA L. RICE (Transfer f r o m Moundsville H i g h School—Moundsville, West Virginia) "You know of her by the noise she doesn't make." Co-op Club 4.

ANN M. RICHMOND "Rare compound of frolic and fun." Intramural Sports 1-2-3-4; Dramatics 1-2-3-4; Future Nurses' Club 3-4; Sopho-more Class Secretary; Stude Staff 4; Thespians 4; Y-Teens 2-3-4.





JACK RODENBECK "Every man is a volume if you know how to read him." Debate 4; Dramatics 1-2-4, President 3; Forensics 2; Stude Staff 4; Thespians 2-3, President 4; Student Coun-

cil 1; Freshman Class Treas-urer: Co-Valedictorian.

EUGENE RODRIGUEZ men, it's women."

KENNETH L. SMALL

F.F.A. 2-3.

"I like girls. . . . the far-ther away the better."

DALE W. SCHUTT "He's not a rule-breaker, just a mischief maker." F.F.A. 2-3-4.

"It ain't work that kills Choir 1-2-3-4; Freshman Class President; Projector Club 1-2-3-4; Student Council 2.







"A charming young miss, o'er brimming with bliss." Band 1-2; Co-op 4; G.A.A. 1-2; Modern Dance 1-2; Y-Teens 2-3-4.

AVIS A. STUTTING

THOMAS D. SULLIVAN (Transfer from Berkley High School—Berkley, Michigan) "What you do still betters what is done." Baseball 1; Band 1-2-3-4; Dance Band 2-3-4; Debate 4; Dramatics 3-4; Pep Band 3-4; Photography Club 2-3; Thespians 4.

IMOGENE H. UTTERBACK "I could be good if I would, but it's awful lonesome being good." Choir 2-3-4; Dramatics 2-3-4; Forensics 2; G.A.A. 1; Thes-pians 4; Y-Teens 2, Treas-urer 3, President 4.

JEANEEN L. SWINDLEHURST "She is fearless and free." Intramural Sports 2-3-4.



GARY L. VEIT "His work is equal to his size." Football 3-4; Baseball 1-2; Intramural Sports 1; Derrick Staff 4; F.F.A. 2-3, Secretary 4; Varsity Club 4.

STANLEY R. VERNON "He's so bright everyone calls him 'Ray'." Co-op Club 4.

JOSEPH F. VERWEY (Transfer from Sacred Heart Academy) "It seems to me he's always glad. In truth, why should a senior look sad?" Co-op Club 4.

JACK W. WAGNER "When there's nothing else to do, go to school, it's good for you." Basketball 1; Football 1-2-3-4; Intramural Sports 2-3-4; Varsity Club 4.











"He is one of the roving kind." Basketball 4.

Michigan)

DOUGLAS E. WICKSTROM

(Transfer from Mancelona,

JOHN E. WILEY "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men." Basketball 1-2-3-4; Football 1-2-3-4; Golf 4; Track 2-3; Choir 2; Student Council 2; Varsity Club 3-4.

JAMES O. WINTER "Aiming for perfection. . . bang, bang, bang!" Basketball 1; Football 1-2; Intramural Sports 2-3-4; Ten-nis 3-4; Co-op Club 3; Stu-dent Council 2; Varsity Club 3-4.

VIOLET M. YUNCKER "So quiet, so modest, a lady so neat. The virtues we like to repeat." F.H.A. 3; Y-Teens 3-4.

FREDERICK A. ZOLLNER "Blessed is the man who invented sleep." Basketball 1-2-3; Football 1-2-3-4; Intramural Sports 4; Tennis 3-4; Co-op Club 3; Varsity Club 3-4.





DONALD E. WESTBROOK "For him every day is Ladies Day." "Ah life! Without it you are dead." Football 3-4; F.F.A. 2-3; In-tramural Sports 4; Varsity Club 3-4.

DONALD E. WELSH

Co-op Club 4.

Co-op Club 4; Dramatics 1-2-3-4; Forensics 2; Pep Squad 3-4; Student Council 2; Thespians 3-4.

LOUISE A. WHEATON (Transfer from Battle Creek, Michigan) "Why speak unnecessary words?"

BARBARA A. WHITAKER "She is a maid of artless grace; quiet of voice and sweet of face." Choir 1-2-3-4; Derrick Staff 4; Dramatics 1-2-3, Vice-President 4; Forensics 3; Thespians 4.



Harvey made his brief but hilarious appearance on the night of March 29 in the successful three-act senior play directed by Mrs. Marjorie Olson. The combined efforts of a well selected cast, capable stage crew, and an active committee resulted in a fine production which bolstered the class treasury.



The "day of days" which the seniors will long remember was May 3. Mayor Jack Boomer and his staff took over the operation of the city and county offices as well as the daily newspaper and radio station. Government Day proved to be an interesting as well as a practical method of understanding the government agencies of our community.

. . . "Did you see Harvey?"

. . . "I was Mayor, Mom!"

The Juniors . . .

. . . Class of '55

JACK FOLTZ

DONALD GILL

JERRY GRAHAM

JANET HALL

ANNIS HILL

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The Juniors . . .







STANLEY MALISH MILTON MARKS SHIRLEY MOORE MARKEITH MOSES

DAVID MYERS

E PEARSALL

EDWARD PITTS

ROBERT NAGY

JOANN NOLAN BARBARA O'BRIEN



NANCY MUMFORD



GUY NICKS



DONALD PALMER



SALLEY PIERCE



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ROBERT PRAAY

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LARRY O'DELL

JOYCE PRICE





JOANN LYON BETTY MCLACHLIN DONALD MACHUTA

NANCY MOSS

ROBERT MOSS

PETER OTTO



JUDY PETERS THOMAS PETERSEN BONNIE PHILLIPS TRACEY PICKENS



DAVID RANDOLPH PAUL RODRIQUEZ



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Sparkplugged by President Sandra Howard, the Juniors had a very active and prosperous year selling booster pins and pennants, and profitably engaging in numerprosperous year setting booster plus and permants, and promably engaging in numer-ous candy, ice cream, and bake sales. Highlighting their social calendar was the success-ful J-Hop, the unforgettable Talent Show, and the ever-popular Sock Hop.

The Sophomores . . .





The Sophomores . . .



NANCY JONES

MARY JONES





WILLIAM KENNEDY CLARK KETCHUM

L LIDDERDALE

TIMOTHY LYNCH

GAIL LEONARD CONNIE



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Under the leadership of Sue Morrow, the Sophomores enjoyed a Class Party on January 16 and sponsored the traditional Soph Shuffle which climaxed the year's social activities.





The Freshmen . . .



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The Freshmen . . .





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The Freshmen . . .







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One of the fads which marked the year 1954 at M.P.H.S. was the duck-tailed haircut. The first of its kind was first seen at school during the basketball season and its popularity has spread as may be verified by the models pictured above.

. . . Class of '57

"We rode the bus to school"

"Dig, those crazy, mixed-up kids!"

The Eighth Grade . . .





The Eighth Grade . . .









The School . . .

SEPTEMBER

- 10 Beginning of school
- 18 Won first football game against East Lansing, 25-12
- 18 Barbara Jaschke, exchange student from Germany, joined senior class
- 30 Dave Martin elected Frosh President
- 30 8th Grade Class elect Bob Lovejoy as President

OCTOBER

- 9 Homecoming—Oilers overwhelm the Cadillac Vikings, 27-19
- 9 "In The Bag"—F.F.A. wins first place in float contest
- 10 Queen's Ball
- 16 First issue of Stude published
- 23 South Land Singers, Negro quartet, amused students
- 28 Paul Grimm Testimonial Football Game, Wildcats 19, Bay City Handy JV's 0

NOVEMBER

- 11 Pop's Concert
- 13 Freshmen Frolic
- 16 "Christmas Retailing" classes begin
- 17 Radio program—"To a Lady Unafraid"—Library Club
- 20 Junior Prom
- 23 & 24 "Ten Little Indians" presented by Drama Club
 - 25 Thanksgiving vacation begins

DECEMBER

- 1 Journalists attend "Journalism Day" at Alma
- 1 Mary Bennett named DAR Good Citizen
- 8 Basketball—Oilers defeat St. Johns in opener, 58-35
- 15 Teachers Christmas Party—Madrigal group sang
- 16 Debaters win against Alpena Catholic Central
- 20 Choir Christmas Concert
- 23 Y-Teens Christmas Assembly
- 23 Christmas vacation begins
- 26 Miss Howey becomes Mrs. Walsh
- 29 Holiday Party

JANUARY

- 8 Oiler cagers defeat Alma, 48-39
- 16 Sophomore "Hard-Times" Party
- 18 "Stude" presents radio program
- 20 Band Concert
- 21 STUDEnts tour Saginaw News plant

. . . Calendar

FEBRUARY

- Miss LaMore chosen TEACHER OF THE MONTH
- 1 Display of NSPA photography in library
- 8 Dr. Glenn Cunningham spoke on "The Race of Life"
- 9 Thespian Initiation
- 17 Band Concert
- 19 Eighth Grade Party
- 20 Y-Teen Prom

MARCH

- Vera Cruz chosen as MISS MARCH Mr. Rex Hewlett—TEACHER OF THE MONTH
- 1 Derrick subscriptions on sale
- 16 Senior Spaghetti Dinner
- 18 American Yearbook Clinic— MPHS auditorium
- 19 Sophomore Shuffle
- 22 Bond for new school defeated at polls
- 29 Senior play, "Harvey"

APRIL

Bonnie Van Auker reigns as MISS APRIL Mr E. J. Grambau selected as

Mr. E. J. Grambau selected as TEACHER OF THE MONTH

- 7 Michigan Tech Mens Glee Club entertained assembly
- 8 Government Day
- 8 Career Day
- 9 Drama Assembly—"Two Crooks and a Lady"
- 10 Oilers win Central Michigan Class B Indoor Track Meet
- 10 North Central Michigan Scholastic Press Conference at C.M.C.E.
- 15-20 Easter Vacation
- 21 Talent Show
- 23 Sox Hop
- 23 End of the Marking Period

MAY

Miss Josephine Montague selected TEACHER OF THE MONTH 7 Michigan Interscholastic Press Meet at

- Ann Arbor 11 The G.A.A. Mother and Daughter
- Banquet
- 13, 14, 15 Baseball Tournaments
 - 15 All-School Party
- 18-21 Senior Trip
- 29 Senior Prom

JUNE

- 6 Baccalaureate
- 10 Commencement



The 12th Annual Homecoming . . .



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Homecoming at M.P.H.S. was more than a gridiron victory over the Vikings. It was four gala days of celebration beginning with the Dad's Banquet at the Presbyterian Church. The snake dance the following night with the bonfire and Pep Rally at Island Park. Or the activities on Friday when townspeople and alumni reviewed our large parade, attended the football thriller, witnessed the crowning of the Queen, and no doubt mingled with friends at the mixer. But highlighting the occasion was the Homecoming Ball which climaxed the reign of Queen Ginny and her attractive Court.



All-State, Class B . . .



Climaxing the season with a great display of power, the Oilers' '53 football squad under Head Coach Carlo Barberi, Backfield Coach Ron Cooper, and Line Coach Bill-Figg ripped through a tough eight game schedule to earn the title of state champions. These Oilers grabbed the North Central Conference title for the fourth time in the seven year history of the conference, and received such statewide attention during their spectacular season to rate the coveted Detroit-Times Award for the most outstanding Class B Football Team in Michigan.

The Barberimen had trouble in their first encounter against a determined East Lansing eleven. Down twelve points at the end of the first half, the reliable Oilers came back to win 25 to 12. Only Alma, the Oilers traditional rivals, proved to be a test for the Blue and Gold powerhouse. But this contest ended in a 6 to 0 victory for the Champs, the score coming on an intercepted pass.

During the grid season the stingy Oiler defense gave up only 58 points to their opponents, while the Oiler offense rolled up a total of 181. Cadillac racked up 19 markers, the highest scored against the squad, which added thrills to the Homecoming encounter.

The Oiler backfield was somewhat of a question mark at the beginning of the season. Dick LaPoe and Joe Epple were injured the previous year and saw only limited action with the team. Under the training of Coach Cooper, the backfield quickly developed and teamed up with rugged Bud Foltz and the signal calling of Jerry Wiley and Mike Sweeney to make shreads of the opponent's defensive lines. The backfield received able support from such hard-running backs as Jack Wiley, Dick Woods, Dave Myers, Jack Spencer, Don Lovejoy, and Don Tietz.

The tough Oiler line consisted of standout seniors Jack Boomer, Wayne Caltrider, Jerry Moravy, Fred Drath, Dean Kreiner, Leroy McGuirk. Jack Lynch, Harold Stegman, Gary Veit, Jack Wagner, Don Welsh, and Fred Zollner. The regulars were hard pressed by the constant improving play of juniors Harley Ayris. Bill Finch, Ted Foley, Art Johnston, Don Palmer, Dave Randolph, Frank Stevens, Butch Thorpe, Jim Woods, Mike Woods, Bob Updegraff, Walt Utterback, and Wesley Welsh.



First Team All-Conference honors were awarded to Dick LaPoe, Joe Epple, Frank Demski, and Jerry Moravy. Second Team berths and Honorable Mentions went to Dean Kreiner, Jack Lynch, Jack Boomer, Fred Zollner, Ted Foley, Butch Thorpe, Don Welsh, Jack Wiley, Jerry Wiley, and Bud Foltz.

State Honors were bestowed on Jerry Moravy, who was selected on several All-State Squads. Honors were also extended to Frank Demski, Dick LaPoe, and Joe Epple who were listed on the Detroit Times All-State Team.

Although losing their first string line and most of their backfield through graduation, the Oilers may well afford to have their hopes set high for next year's squad. With twenty-one returning lettermen along with the up-and-coming Wildcat reserve strength, prospects look bright for another outstanding grid season in '54.

Season	• • •	. Statistics
EAMS	OPPONENTS	MPHS
EAST LANSING	12	25
BAY CITY ST. JOSEPH	6	33
LUDINGTON	7	20
CADILLAC	19	26
ALMA	0	6
BIG RAPIDS	0	12
SAGINAW ST. ANDREWS	14	32
MANISTEE	0	27
TOTALS	58	181

. . . Football Champions

Goodell's Fighting Wildcats . . .



Tripped by Midland in their first encounter 13-0, a determined squad of Wildcats fought their way to a victorious season in defeating Big Rapids, Cadillac, Bay City Handy, and Alma. The stand-out play of Bob Bugbee, Bill Epple, Roger Frayre, Terry Hammond, Clark Ketchum, Tim Lynch, Mike McClintic, Murray Schoen, and Dick Stahl promises to strengthen the Varsity squad next year.

Drath's Scrappy Wildkittens . . .



Winning two from St. Johns and Cadillac, tying with Midland Northeastern and the Shepherd J.V.'s, the Wildkitten eleven lost only to Midland Central in their five game schedule. Ably coached by Al Drath these lads obtained the fundamentals and the necessary experience to be well prepared to play Wildcat ball next year.



To be able to train a football squad to so efficiently function in their teamplay that they will win a state championship is the pipe dream of every grid coach.

Championship teams are not born but developed through a hard training schedule.

Mt. Pleasant is especially gifted in the selection of its pigskin tutors. Experts, because they excelled in the game they now coach, we heartily congratulate our Line Coach Bill Figg, Athletic Director and Head Coach Carlo Barberi, and Backfield Coach Ron Cooper.

. . . The "All-State" Coaching Staff

Wardrop's District Champions . . .



THE S	SEAS	ON RECOR	D
M.P.H.S.	58,	St. Johns	35
Ludington	52,	M.P.H.S.	44
M.P.H.S.	70,	Cadillac	30
M.P.H.S.	72,	Cass City	57
M.P.H.S.	48,	Alma	39
M.P.H.S.	53,	Manistee	19
M.P.H.S.	60,	Ithaca	43
M.P.H.S.	65,	Big Rapids	44
M.P.H.S.	49,	Ludington	42
M.P.H.S.	69,	Clare	35
M.P.H.S.	57,	Cadillac	33
Alma	39,	M.P.H.S.	38
M.P.H.S.	56,	Manistee	48
M.P.H.S.	72,	Ionia	46
M.P.H.S.	49,	Big Rapids	36
DISTRIC	тт	OURNAMEN	Т
M.P.H.S.	54,	St. Louis	46
M.P.H.S.	62,	Big Rapids	43
M.P.H.S.	41,	Alma	36

M.P.H.S.	62,	Big Rapids	43
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M.P.H.S.	70,	Petoskey	60
M.P.H.S. Ludington		Petoskey M.P.H.S.	60 39

Coach Bobb Wardrop developed one of the most outstanding basketball teams in the Oiler history during the 1953-54 cage season.

The Oiler hardwood headliners not only compiled an impressive 13-2 season record but were continuously rated in the first ten Class B ball clubs in the State. For one week these ball handlers were honored with "best in the state in Class B."

Getting off to a fine start, the Oilers outpointed St. Johns 58-35, dropped a thriller to Ludington 44-52, then played beautiful ball the rest of the season, losing only a close one to Alma 38-39, to win a second place berth in the North Central Conference race.

The cagey Oilers had little difficulty in defeating St. Louis (54-46), Big Rapids (62-43), and Alma (41-36) to cop the District Championship for the third consecutive year.

After having defeated Petoskey (70-60), the Oilers went down to defeat to Ludington in the Regional Tournaments at Cadillac by a keyed-up Oriole five in the king of heartbreakers.

A credit to their Alma Mater were such teammates as play-maker and scoring leader Mike Sweeney, rebounding Jack Boom-er and Bud Foltz, ball-hawking Jack Wiley, and the all-round floor work of Jerry Wiley. It was the spark of this starting five along with Phil Johnston, Mutt Eldred, Butch Thorpe, Bruce Heilbronn, Bill Finch, Jack Lynch, Roger Frayre, and Joe Epple which comprised the unit that led to the brilliant play and sparkling record of these Oiler cagers.

The conference coaches picked Mike Sweeney and Jack Wiley for All-Conference guard and forward positions. Jerry Wiley and Jack Boomer rated positions on the Second Team and an Honorable Mention was extended to Bud Foltz.

In All-State Teams selected by sports authorities, Mike Sweeney was placed on the third squad and Jack Wiley won an honorary berth—a fitting climax to a successful season.

But neither the conference play, the district or regional tournaments, nor the wonderful record compiled by these out-standing Oiler basketeers speak enough praise for Coach Bobb Wardrop's 1953-54 basketball team.



Dropping only two close encounters to Cadillac and Ludington, Coach Cooper's junior varsity cagemen sparked through their fifteen game schedule demonstrating a progressive spirit and such poise in game play to be ready potential for the Varsity squad next year.



Chalking up a series of ten consecutive wins, a well-developed and talented squad of eighth grade cagers saw defeat only in their last scheduled game with Ludington. This promising group of future Oilers gained their fundamentals under the skillful tutelage of Coach Bill Figg.

. . . Cooper's Junior Varsity

. . . Figg's Eighth Grade Cagers

Noon Hour Champs . . .

Gopher Girls



Competing in a six-team intramural league, the Gopher Girls captained by Liz Sweeney, took five of their six noon hour games to capture the championship as well as taking the tournament honors in the play-offs.

Kreiner's



Dean Kreiner's quintet captured the four-team boy's Noon Hour League taking twelve of their scheduled thirteen games, but toppled in the Tournament finals to the Puny Profs, 61-49.



Outscoring Shepherd in their opener 6-5, and taking Clare 6-0 under the one-hit pitching of Roger Frayre, the Barberi batmen are off to a good start in their fifteen game schedule. Seven returning lettermen are on the Oiler line-up seeking to obtain another state championship trophy.



The Cross Country harriers lacked the necessary team strength due to inexperi-enced personnel to place in their scheduled meets. With Mutt Eldred's four firsts this year, Coach Miller looks forward to a crack team next fall with all of his squad return-ing for competition.

. . . Barberi's Batmen

. . . Miller's Harriers

Wardrop's Linksters . . .



With Bob Bugbee and Jack Osborn the only returning linkster lettermen, Coach Bobb Wardrop hopes to obtain sufficient support from his freshmen golfers to turn in a successful season in conference and regional matches.

Gover's Racquet Squad . . .



Getting set to play eight scheduled matches and tournament competition, Coach Dave Gover will place the responsibility for the season's court honors on the net play of Chuck Scribner, Fred Zollner, Mike Sweeney, Harold Johnson, and Jim Winter.

Good Luck "Leo Caldwell"



The thinclads got off to a fine start by winning the North Central Conference Meet and taking the honors at the Class B Central Michigan Invitational. Running away with a warm up meet with the Clare Pioneers, the Blue and Gold moved to Alma for a contest with the Panthers and St. Louis. The Oilers proved to be strong in most events but were outpointed by a tough St. Louis squad.

At the Hastings Relays the cindermen captured two firsts and rolled up a 28 point total for a third place rating. Because of the depth in most events and several fast-improving freshmen, who are pushing veterans for racing positions, the Oiler track team is considered a contender for state recognition. With such standouts as Dave Myers, Jack Boomer, Jack Wiley, Loren Eldred, Sam Ketchum, Don Lovejoy, and Dick Anspach, Coach Goodell should complete another successful season.



The rhythmic staccato of hundreds of cheering echoes heard on the athletic field or in the field house were the efforts of this small group of pepper uppers who were most effective in urging their classmates and fans to contribute a greater supporting effort at all Oiler athletic contests.

. . . The Goodell Speedsters

. . . Storzer's Pepper Uppers

The Year In Sports . . .





M.P.H.S. Band . . .

. . . Master Musicians



An integral part of high school life as well as playing a dominant role in the musical activities in the community, is the M.P.H.S. Band directed by Mr. Rex Hewlett, an outstanding organization which has earned many honors and awards.

These sixty-six musicians have won the State Veterans of Foreign Wars Marching Band Championship for the second consecutive time in the past two years. These bandmembers during the last two seasons have added two "Superiors" from the Holland Tulip Festival to their many lists of ratings. The band has also captured a superior and an excellent rating in competition at the State Band and Orchestra Festival.

Too performances are an immediate concern of every band member throughout the verr Besides this efficiency to excel on a musical instrument. this organization has engaged in many timeconsuming projects. This organization has accumulated money towards the purchasing of new uniforms, a project which will be completely realized when they don their sharp, dress blues for the first football game next September. To realize this goal the Band presented a spring and winter concert, sold Christmas trees, and offered one paid assembly for the student body.

The Band participated in various community functions of which Sergeant Howey Day, the Memorial Day Parade, Central Michigan College's Band Day Parade, and the half-time performances during football and basketball games are only a few of the more colorful engagements of this active group.

These master musicians are to be congratulated for their many accomplishments and the teamwork which makes this organization possible.

Our Twirling Majorettes



Gail Leonard, Valerie Mayhew, Sonja McGuirk, Nancy Wiezork, and Drum Major Sylvia Wendrow



The melodious notes of our thirteen-piece dance band played the latest song "hits" for the Holiday Party, a mixer, and for the Talent Show. These accomplished musicians, performing under the competent baton of Mr. Rex Hewlett, provide "live" music for our many social functions.



Unsung heroes of the football and basketball season, the Pep Band again proved themselves worthy of special recognition both for their fine music and for their won-derful school spirit. Playing for the pep assemblies, the home and the away games, these loyal students supported the Oilers with the appropriate musical renditions.

. . . The Dance Band

. . . The Pep Band

The A Cappella Choir . . .



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Our fifty-seven member, gray-robed, A Cappella Choir was awarded First Division Honors at the Midland District Musical Festival on April 5. These choraleers presented the Christmas assembly, a "Pops" Concert, the operetta, "The Lowland Sea", and added the musical background for many school and community activities.

The Junior High Chorus . . .



The Chorus, composed of fifty-five voices under the direction of Mr. Floyd Heydenburg, received First Place Honors at the Midland District Festival. This able group performed at the Christmas Concert, participated in the Spring Concert, and worked toward that necessary perfection to be eligible for membership into the Choir.

. . . The Madrigal Singers



Offering their beautiful harmonies, the Madrigal group presented medieval songs to appreciative audiences at the Hospital Auxiliary meeting, "Pops" Concert, the Christmas Concert, the Yuletide Teachers Club Party, the High School Congress, and the District Festival at Midland, where they were awarded superior ratings.

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. . . The Dance Club



The Dance Club offers an opportunity for all sophomores, juniors, and seniors to receive instruction in the basic dance steps. Under the supervision of Miss Georgia Storzer, this class met on Wednesday nights and advanced to the more difficult phases of social dancing.

. . . The Dramatics Club

The Co-op Club . . .



Forty-five on-the-job trainees are members of the Co-op Club, directed by Mr. Lee Jones, the Vocational Co-ordinator. A January swimming party, a social evening with Alma Co-op students, a radio program, and an amateur show, which defrayed expenses for an Employer-Employee Banquet, were the Co-op Highlights of the year.

The Debate Team . . .



Debating the question, "Resolved: That the President of the United States should be elected by direct popular vote," the Debate team had a successful year winning half of their debates in stiff competition against Alpena Catholic Central, Ionia, Alpena, and Gladwin high schools.



"Ten Little Indians," a murder mystery in three acts, brought recognition to these talented dramatists and their adviser, Mrs. Marjorie Olson. "Two Crooks and a Lady" also received acclaim at performances staged for an assembly and the One Act Play Festival at Central Michigan College.

. . . The Future Farmers of America



After twenty-three years of continuous service, the F.F.A. regret the retirement of their instructor and adviser, Mr. E. J. Grambau. Under his leadership the organization has obtained many honors, but his contribution in planting, restoring, and beautifying our school forest will continually remind us of his keen foresight.

The Future Homemakers of America . . .



Making candied popcorn balls, cookies, and other delicacies aided in building the treasury of the Future Homemakers of America. These girls, under the advisership of Miss Vera Smeltzer, participated in "Operation Saint Nick" and contributed to the "World Friendship Among Youth" fund.

The Future Nurses' Club . . .



Aided in preparing for their selected career by Miss Ella Nora Tschappat, R.N., the Future Nurses' Club attended the Open House inspection of Saginaw General and St. Mary's Hospitals. Information concerning the profession was obtained from two dele-gates who represented the club at the State Future Nurses' Convention at Battle **Creek.**



Basketball, volleyball, softball, badminton, and tennis filled the schedule for the Girl's Athletic Association this year. Sponsored by Miss Georgia Storzer, these sports enthusiasts concluded their activities with a Mother and Daughter Banquet on May 10.



Members of the Student Librarian Assistants Association of Michigan helped stu-dents in checking out and returning books to our high school library. They presented a radio play during National Book Week and sent representatives to a regional librarian conference at Clare.

. . . The Girl's Athletic Association

... The Library Club

The Machine Shop . . .



Day Trade Machine Shop is organized to assist boys to become better prepared to obtain their vocational preferences by using precision tools and machinery. A field trip to Flint's industrial plants was financed by a successful pancake supper prepared and served by these machinists.

The Projector Club . . .



Handling the audio-visual aids for the educational and recreational needs of the school were our "operators" trained by Mr. Arnold Koch. These conscientious projectionists presented such productions as "Miracle on 34th Street," "Sergeant York," "Rhapsody in Blue," and "The Day the Earth Stood Still" to appreciative audiences during the noon hour.



The School Secretaries . . .



Gaining practical experience in office procedure, these office girls instructed by Mrs. Donna Guernsey, willingly performed the many duties which are necessary for the smooth functioning of the Principal's Office.

The Teachers Club . . .



The planning of the activities for the Mt. Pleasant Education Association rests upon the Executive Committee composed of a representative from each of the five schools in the system. The Club provides for the social as well as the professional welfare of its membership.



Troup 751, which has been affiliated with the National Thespian Society for the past six years, installed twenty members into the organization at their February and May Initiations. Membership into this honor society is restricted to those who have excelled in acting or stagecraft.



The "receptionists" for the "Pops" Concert, "Ten Little Indians", the paid assemblies, and the many school functions were these fifteen charming members of the Ushers Club directed by Mrs. Mary Louise Evett. Proceeds from sales purchase membership pins which these usherettes receive for two years of continuous service.

. . . The National Thespian Society

. . . The Ushers Club

The Varsity Club



Completing their fourth year of service fostering the betterment of the athletic program, the Varsity Club is composed of letterwinners in every Oiler sport. Directed by Coach Carlo Barberi, these athletes handled the concessions during the Paul Grimm Testimonial Game and assisted in obtaining funds to purchase uniforms for the cheerleaders.

The Y-Teens . . .



Since 1946, when the Girl Reserves became the Y-Teens, this organization has grown to be the largest in the school. This group, advised by Mrs. May Lance, sponsored the Y-Teens Prom, presented the Christmas Assembly, attended a Big and Little Sis Christmas party, planned a Mother-Daughter Tea, and supported a continuous program for charity.



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