

The
'49er



Dorchester Alumni Association
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E, the Senior Class of '49
wish to dedicate this annual to the alumni of
D. H. S., who have set up high standards, in
curricular and extra-curricular activities of the
school with resulting outstanding scholarship,
citizenship and sportsmanship.

The Senior Class of 1949

MOTTO: "Our Goal Long Sought We Now Attain,
Our Aim Succeeding Heights to Gain."

FLOWER: American Beauty Rose

COLORS: Nile Green and White

OFFICERS: Donald Pizar, President; Marilyn Wickenkamp, Vice President;
Gerry Lou Danekas, Sec'y-Treas.

Harry Axline
Patricia Beranek
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Jeralyn Plachy
Delma Rezny
Ruth Sanburn
Dale Sehnert
Dorothy Skalak
Stanley Vavra
Marilyn Wickenkamp
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Seniors



DOROTHY SKALAK

Girls Gym	3
Glee Club	2, 3
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Pep Club	1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics	1, 2, 3, 4
I Act Play	3
Y-teens	4
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4

Glee Club	1, 2, 3
Sextette	4
Triple Trio	2, 3
Pep Club	1, 2, 3, 4
Class Officer	1, 4
Cheerleader	4
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Dramatics	1, 2
Y-teens	4
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4



GERALDINE DANEKAS

Glee Club	1, 2
Choir	1
Sr. Play	4
Pep Club	1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics	1, 2, 3, 4
I Act Play	3
Y-teens	4
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4



LOIS NICKOLS



PATRICIA BERANEK

Glee Club 1, 2, 3
 Sr. Play 4
 Pep Club 1, 2
 Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4
 Y-teens 4
 Girls Gym 3, 4
 Choir 1, 2
Parrot 1, 2, 3, 4

Girls Gym. 3, 4
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3
 Jr. Play 3
 Sr. Play 4
 Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 Dramatics 1, 2, 3, 4
 Y-teens 4
Parrot 1, 2, 3, 4



JOAN JANDA



ELAINE LUZUM

Glee Club 3
 Sr. Play 4
 Pep Club 4
 Y-teens 4
Parrot 2, 3, 4



MARILYN WICKENKAMP

Cheerleader	4
Girls Gym.	3
Choir	1
Glee Club	1, 2
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4

Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball	3, 4
Track	1, 2, 4
Glee Club	1, 2
Vocal	3, 4
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Class Officer	2, 3, 4
Dramatics	1, 3
1 Act Play	3
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4



DONALD PISAR

1 Act Play	3
Girls Gym	3
Choir	3
Glee Club	1, 2, 3
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Triple Trio	3
Sextet	4
Pep Club	1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader	4
Class Officer	1, 2, 3
Dramatics	2, 3
Y-teens	4
Pep Club	4
Glee Club	3
Dramatics	2, 3
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4



JERALYN PLACHY



HARRY AXLINE

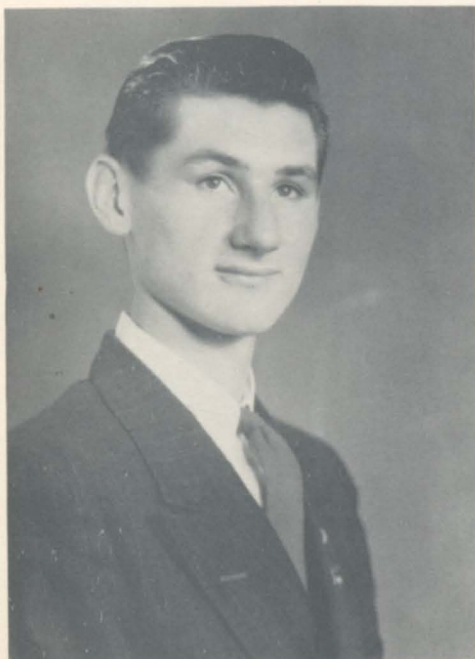
Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball	3, 4
Track	1, 2, 4
Music	1, 2, 3, 4
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Class Officer	2, 3
Parrot	1, 2, 4

Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball	3, 4
Track	1, 2, 4
Music	1, 2, 3
Jr. Play	3
Sr. Play	4
Class Officer	1, 2, 3
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4

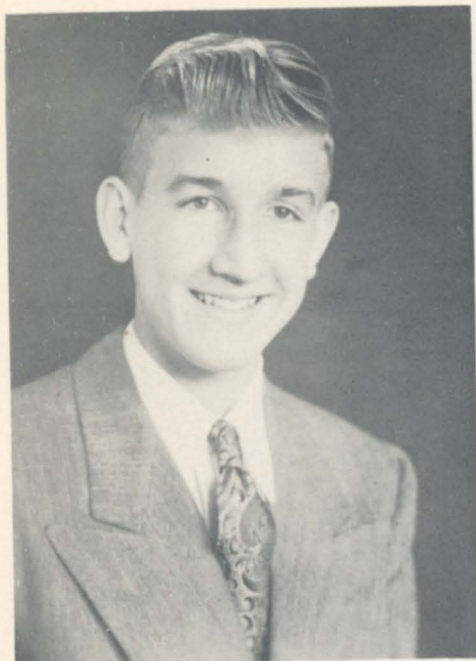


DONALD MATTHEWS

Basketball	3, 4
Dramatics	1, 3
Baseball	3, 4
Jr. Class Play	3
Track	2, 4
Music	1, 2, 3
Sr. Class Play	4
Parrot	1, 2, 3, 4



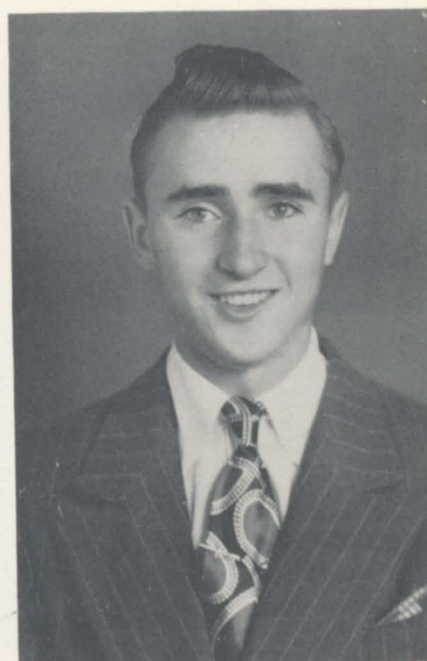
ROBERT WOLESENSKY



RAYMOND HARMS

Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball	3, 4
Track	4
Music	1
Sr. Play	4
Class Officer	1

Basketball	4
Baseball	4
Track	1, 2, 4
Sr. Play	4
Music	1, 2, 3



STANLEY VAVRA



ROBERT HARMS

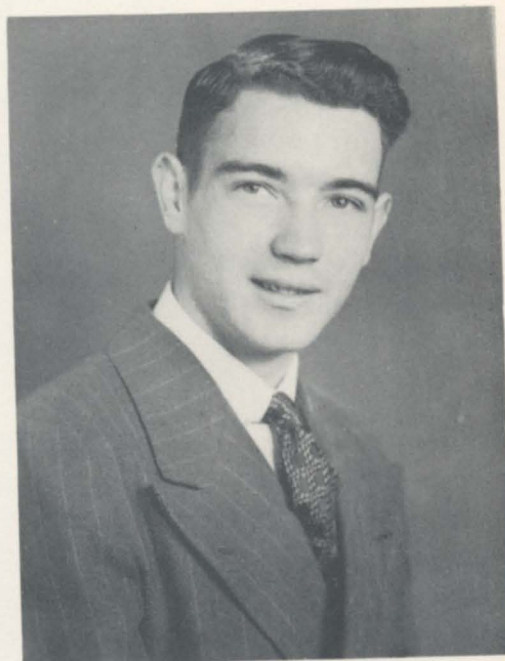
Basketball	1, 2, 3, 4
Baseball	3, 4
Track	4
Music	1
Sr. Play	4
Jr. Play	3
Class Officer	1



RUTH SANBURN

Jr. Play 3
 Sr. Play 4
 Sextet 4
 Triple Trio 2, 3
 Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4
 Y-teens 4

Basketball 1, 2
 Baseball 4
 Music 1, 2, 3
 Jr. Play 3
 Sr. Play 4
 I Act Play 3
 Student Manager 4



DALE SEHNERT



DELMA REZNY

Sr. Play 4
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3
 Parrot 1, 2, 3, 4

A LONG TIME AGO



Top Row Donald Pizar Jeralyn Plachy Lois Nickols Row 2 Geraldine Danekas Donald Matthews
Elaine Luzum Row 3 Ruth Sanburn Stanley Vavra Patricia Beranek Harms Twins
Row 4 Joan Janda ~~Dele Schnert~~ Harry Axline Delma Rezny

Class History

There were 17 little folks who eagerly entered the doors of D. H. S. in September, 1937. We met our teacher who was Miss Calling. Those who were in membership were Donald Matthews, Lois Nickols, Ruth Sanburn, Marilyn Wickenkamp, Betty Johnson, Rogene Hayes, Jackie Jo Jacques, Esther Ruth Godby, Ellen Gilliland, Roger Kennedy, Jerry Harris, Lois Ann August, Darrell Egger, Kenneth Bors, Harold Dean Kennedy, and Harold Lou Selk.

In the fall of '38 there were 17 second graders who came to school to meet Miss Calling, their teacher. Some of the faces were old and some were new. We had lost Jackie Jo Jacques, Roger Kennedy, and Betty Johnson. We gained Dale Sehnert, Harry Axline, and Donald Johnson.

Miss Rachel Weber greeted us at the door in the fall of 1939. In attendance there were Harry Axline, Jerry Harris, Harold Dean Kennedy, Howard Lou Selk, Darrell Egger, Kenneth Bors, Dale Sehnert, Donald Matthews, Donald Johnson, Ruth Sanburn, Lois Nickols, Marilyn Wickenkamp, Ellen Gilliland, and Phyllis Decker.

When we entered the 4th grade we again greeted Miss Rachel Weber, our teacher. In our class we had lost Phyllis Decker and Ellen Gilliland. We gained Rodney Helget and Francis Johnson.

In the 5th grade we had a new teacher, Miss Wilma Karre. Rogene Hayes, Lois Ann August, and Francis Johnson had departed from our class. We had not gained anyone.

In the 6th grade Miss Wilma Karre was again our teacher. We had lost Howard Lou Selk and Jerry Harris. We gained Bob Ward, Voneal Kennedy, and Donnetta Nicholson. During the year Donnetta moved away.

Mrs. Gladys Gausman was our 7th grade teacher. We had nine members in our class. They were as follows: Donald Matthews, Ruth Sanburn, Lois Nickols, Marilyn Wickenkamp, Dale Sehnert, Darrell Egger, Harry Axline, Donald Johnson, and Rodney Helget.

In the 8th grade Mrs. Gausman was again our teacher. Harry Axline moved away leaving only eight enrolled in our class.

In the fall of '45 we journeyed up to third floor of D. H. S. We met the teachers who were Mrs. Dahl, Mr. Dahl, Miss Vrbsky, Mrs. Jonas, and Mrs. Bermaster. After the first six weeks of the school year Mrs. Dahl departed and Mr. Neumann took her place. Our enrollment increased very much. In membership were Donald Matthews, Lois Nickols, Ruth Sanburn, Marilyn Wickenkamp, Donald Johnson, Harry Axline, Dale Sehnert, Darrell Egger, Donald Pizar, Stanley Vavra, Rodney Helget, Joan Janda, Delma Rezny, Elaine Luzum, Jeralyn Plachy, Pat Beranek, Dorothy Skalak, Gerry Danekas, and Robert Wolesensky. Darrell Egger departed from us the latter part of the year. Raymond and Robert Harms joined us in March. During our freshman year we enjoyed two class parties with Miss Vrbsky as sponsor.

We began our sophomore year in the fall of '46. Our membership remained the same as in our freshman year. No new members were acquired and none departed from our class. The faculty members consisted of Mrs. Jonas, Miss Vrbsky, Mrs. Bermaster, Mr. Dahl, and Mr. Neumann. We had an all high school party during the year which everyone enjoyed.

When we came back to start our junior year we found that the class consisted of the same members as of our sophomore class. The faculty was Mr. Reid, Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Bermaster, Mr. Snocker, and Miss Vrbsky. We presented our junior class play, "Jumping Jewels". Our sponsor was Mr. Snocker. Our junior and senior banquet was a great success.

In the fall of 1948 we journeyed back to the 3rd floor of D. H. S.—not as mere underclassmen, but as honorable seniors! We began to realize that we were nearing the first milestone of our life. The faculty was composed of Mr. Reid, Mr. Snocker, Miss Vrbsky, Mrs. Hiatt, and Miss Curry. The members of the class were Harry Axline, Pat Beranek, Gerry Danekas, Ray Harms, Bob Harms, Joan Janda, Elaine Luzum, Donald Matthews, Lois Nickols, Donald Pizar, Jeralyn Plachy, Delma Rezny, Ruth Sanburn, Dale Schnert, Dorothy Skalak, Stanley Vavra, Marilyn Wickenkamp, and Robert Wolesensky.



Music

In the fall of 1945 as freshmen we decided to exercise our lungs, so we joined the music class. Mrs. Jonas was our teacher. During the year we organized a choir, girls' glee club, and other smaller groups. In the spring of 1946 the girls' glee club gave a concert. The girls wore robes in the different colors of the rainbow. We considered it a success.

In our sophomore year we had a large music class. We were happy to have Mrs. Jonas with us again. A girls' glee club and several small groups were formed.

During our junior year Mrs. Kendall was our music teacher. Only small groups were organized. There was a girls' sextette and several soloists.

Last, but not least, is our senior year. This year our music teacher is Miss Curry. We formed only small groups again, girls' sextette, trio, vocal duos and soloists. We attended Trailway's Music Clinic, a District Contest.

"The man that hath no music in himself, nor is not moved with concord of sweet sounds, is fit for treason, stratagems and spoils." During our four years of music we have found the above statement true.

On March 25, 1949, grades 1-8 presented the operetta, AUNT DRUSILLA'S GARDEN. The cast consisted of Marcia Boden, Betty Bosak, Roger Clark, Alvin Kalkwarf, Beth Mecham, John Potter and Joan Powell.

All the students took part in the choruses. The grade faculty consisted of Miss Eberspacher, Mrs. Boom, Miss Dean, and Mrs. Janda. Miss Curry was music supervisor and Lois Nickols was accompanist. Bill Moser and Leonard Stehlik were stage managers.

It was a great success and there was a large attentive audience.

We hope that in future years there will be more operettas.

Pep Club

The following started their freshman activities by joining the Pep Club: Ruth Sanburn, Jeralyn Plachy, Geraldine Danekas, Dorothy Skalak, Lois Nickols, Marilyn Wickencamp, Joan Panda, Pat Beranek.

We wore black jerkin suits with white blouses. The cheer leaders wore black skirts and white sweaters. The basket ball banquet carried out a St. Patrick's theme.

In their sophomore year the same girls participated in the Pep Club. That year black skirts and black sweaters with orange D's and dickies were worn. The cheer leaders wore black and orange dresses. The banquet theme represented Holland.

As juniors, Ruth Sanborn, Jeralyn Plachy, Geraldine Danekas, Dorothy Skalak, Lois Nichols, Marilyn Wickencamp, Joan Janda again participated in Pep Club. We wore the same outfits as the previous year. The cheerleaders wore dresses of orange and black satin. That year we had a Mexican banquet theme.

All the senior girls except Pat Beranek joined the Pep Club for the year '48-'49. Joan Janda was elected President; Alta Mae Axline, vice-president; and Gladys Vavra secretary-treasurer. This year we wore black skirts, orange sweaters and black dickies. Our cheerleaders were Marilyn Wickencamp, Jeralyn Plachy and Geraldine Danekas. They wore black dresses with a two piece effect and a ballerina skirt. The blouses had long sleeves, peplum and two rows of buttons with a D. H. S. emblem on the back. The entire Pep Club and basket ball boys enjoyed a banquet carrying out the basket ball theme on April 1st in the gym. The tables were arranged in a V and the district tournament trophy was displayed on a decorated table. Several speeches were made. Stanley Vavra gave the response, Don Matthews spoke on Vim, Robert Wolesensky on the word Onward, and Lois Nichols on Ideals. Dorothy Skalak gave a reading and the trio sang a song. Mr. Snocker and Mr. Reid presented the awards to the basket ball boys. At this time the secret was revealed as to who was to be Captain and Queen. Mr. Reid crowned Geraldine Danekas Queen and Robert Harms Honorary Captain. The banquet ended by singing "The Orange and Black", our high school song.

Class Poem

Nineteen little Freshies
In the fall of '45.
Now they are eighteen seniors
Very much alive.

Teachers made us welcome
With Sam Dahl at the head
But Oh! those naughty seniors
How they filled our souls with dread.

Donnie and Lois
Marilyn and Ruth
Are the four original
First grade youth.

First we have our twins
Shy but yet so gay
One is Bob
And the other Ray.

Then there's Ruth
Who's not very tall
But they say dynamite
Comes in packages small.

Wally, the tallest in our class
Stands at least six foot-five
And when you see him dance
Those long legs really jive.

Marilyn is the gal
Who drives a jeep
Keep out of her way
Or she'll pile you in a heap.

We now have Donnie Matthews
Who we think is first rate
He's an intelligent boy
And a jolly class mate.

Now there's one who has nicknames galore
"Sliver, Bumpy Lou and Pickles,"
And she's never out of money
You see her name is Lois Nichols.

Here is Dorothy
A teacher, if you please
She plans to teach children
All their A. B. C.'s

Who is so cheerful,
And never blue,
You need but one guess
Of course, it's Jerry Lou.

Here we have Delma
With hair so dark
Tabor is her favorite dance hall
And Tux her favorite park.

Next is Pat Beranek
Who's dreaming of a home
She'll settle down some day.
And never more will roam.

Don Pizar is our next senior
A very intelligent lad.
He has fine sense of humor
And you'll never find him sad.

Smiling and pleasing is Stanley
And how he does rate
When he takes the girls
Riding in his ford V-8.

Pretty and smiling
As happy as can be
Next on our list we find
Jeralyn Marie.

After that come Harry
Our basket-ball star
With his courage and pep
He's sure to go far.

If you ever need a pal
If you ever need a friend
It is Joan Janda
That I would recommend.

Who is next on our list?
Dark and handsome is he,
Why it's Dale Sehnert,
Our engineer to be.

Last on our class list
We have blue-eyed Elaine
It seems she can attract
Almost any handsome swain.

This completes our class
Of seniors jolly and gay,
Four years we've stuck together
Now each will go his way.

We're grateful to everyone
Who made our high school gay
And though we're parting now
We'll meet again someday.

Class Will

I, Harry Axline, hereby, will and bequeath my bashfulness, to Harold Plachy, and my ability to keep the assembly lively, to Marion Andelt.

I, Pat Beranek, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to crochet to all Home Ec. students.

I, Jerry Danekas, hereby, will and bequeath my neatness, to Grace Trabert.

I, Raymond Harms, hereby, will and bequeath my shyness, to Gene Plouzek, and my smile, to Dick Parks.

I, Robert Harms, hereby, will and bequeath all my girl friends, except the twin to Harry's blonde, to Dick Pribyl.

I, Joan Janda, hereby, will and bequeath my ambition to be a successful college student, to Delores Hojer.

I, Elaine Luzum, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to blush, to Betty Johnson.

I, Don Matthews, hereby, will and bequeath my orneriness and ability to torment others, to Melvin Helget.

I, Lois Nickols, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to come to basketball games alone, to Marilyn Sehnert.

I, Don Pisar, hereby, will and bequeath my sense of humor, to Jim Cerny.

I, Jeralyn Plachy, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to attract boys, to Pat Crofton.

We, Marilyn Wickenkamp and Delma Rezny, hereby, will and bequeath our long black, wavy hair, to Delores Hojer.

I, Ruth Sanburn, hereby, will and bequeath my figure, to Marilyn Fette.

I, Dale Sehnert, hereby, will and bequeath all the short, cute girls, to the short underclassmen of D. H. S.

I, Dorothy Skalak, hereby, will and bequeath all my Tabor boy friends, to Delores Jack; except one.

I, Stanley Vavra, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to dance, to Jim Sehnert.

I, Robert Wolesensky, hereby, will and bequeath my tallness, to Marvin Cerny, and my ability to drive a Model-A, to Melva Harling.

We, Raymond and Robert Harms, hereby, will and bequeath our ability to get along together and dress alike, to Harriett and Harold Plachy, Ruth and Retha McReynolds.

I, Mr. Reid, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to whistle, to Gene Plouzek.

I, Miss Curry, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to talk for an unlimited time, to Karen Kenney.

I, Mr. Snocker, hereby, will and bequeath my hidden temper, to Melvin Helget.

I, Mrs. Hiatt, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to enjoy my family, to the teachers of D. H. S.

I, Cap Schuerhoff, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to use the broom and dust rag, to the future husbands of D. H. S.

I, Miss Vrbsky, hereby, will and bequeath my ability to drive a Chevrolet, to Melva Harling, our freshman Ford girl of D. H. S.

We, the senior class, hereby, will and bequeath our humorous disposition and large, equally divided class, to the freshmen of '50.

We, the senior class, hereby, will and bequeath our ability to co-operate, to the junior class.

Class Prophecy

The future predicts: That in twenty years the scholar will open the world book and find listed a new city under the title "The City of the '49ers." The seniors of Dorchester showed such a promising future that they decided to face the problems of life together. To enable them to do this to the best of their ability they decided to establish a city of their own, free from the turmoil and confusion which seems to hamper the advancement of such a progressive group.

Upon entering this city that the 49ers have made, you will see that it is a exceptionally peaceful town because of such an efficient police force headed by Robert Wolesensky. It is also very clean because of the street cleaner who keeps on the job day and night Cap Schuerhoff. At the edge of town is a large filling station run by Dale Sehnert. Inside we see a very industrious young lady keeping the books, she is Dorothy Skalak, Dale's secretary. Any over night visitors would find the hotel run by Jeralyn Plachy very restful and quiet. Jeralyn also has a eat shop in her hotel. This is the place where all the visitors like to go to eat the best meals they ever had. It is run by Jerry Danekas. This hotel is located on the far north end of main street/out where it is quiet and the beautiful scenery can be seen from each hotel room. Many people who eat in Jerry's eat shop visit next door, the doctors office. The town's busy doctor is Don Pizar. The ladies find the way Ruth fixes their hair is very becoming. Ruth's beauty shop is right next door to the bank. The banker is every ones friend, Bob Harms. While riding around in his new car he is always ready to give anyone a lift. For all local, state, national and inter-national news read the *49er Headliner* published by the well known editor Ray Harms. No one has to worry about paying dog tax around this town because Donald Matthews runs an efficient barber shop. Attention: All you hepcats if it's music you want, come and listen to Lois Nichols' jazz band every Wednesday night. And on the way to the jazz session stop in at Delma's bakery for anything good in baked goods. All the housewives save lots of money by shopping at Stanley's economical grocery store. This is also a very well educated up to date town because of our good school teacher Elaine Luzum. Pat Beranek writes books to sell to the publishing houses. For all good reading read the fiction, autobiography, drama, romance, and mystery by Pat Beranek. Her latest novel was the best seller called *School Days in D. H. S.* Joan Janda is employed in the doctors office as a nurse. Dr. Pizar finds her very efficient. They keep their classmates in good health. For latest styles in ladies clothing you must be sure to stop in at Madame Wickenkamp's Shoppe, located at Hollyhock and Vine. The seniors of '49 all drive new Cadillac's that they have purchased from a friend Harry Axline. Harry's garage is located on the end of main street.

Now that you have journeyed through our little city and can see how efficiently it is run, we are sure you will want to visit it again sometime.





Sports

During the 1948-1949 school term the students that participated in athletics had a very busy season.

In basketball we had a successful season. The varsity squad had a good average on games played. Of scheduled games the varsity squad won 12 games and lost 5. The teams which we beat were Waco, Western, Beaver Crossing, DeWitt, Exeter, Milligan, Milford, Tobias, Fairmont, and Friend. The teams to which we lost to during the season were Plymouth, Wilber, Garland, Milford and Tobias. Of the first eight men on the squad, seven were seniors. During the season the reserves won 6 games and lost 10.

At the beginning of the basketball season we played in the Plymouth Invitational Tournament where we lost to Plymouth the first night by one point. Plymouth took the rest of the tournament without much trouble.

This year Dorchester was admitted to the Trailways Conference. In the Trailways Basketball Tournament, which took place in Friend, we got to the semi-finals where we were taken out by Wilber by a nine point margin. The reserves were taken out the first night by Beaver Crossing.

This year the Longhorns went to Panama for the District Tournament where they took first in a close game with Panama in the finals. The score was 39-38 in favor of the Longhorns.

After winning the district tournament the Longhorns went to Friend for the playoffs where they played Chester and lost by a score of 42-37. That night was the end of a great season with a district championship trophy to show. This is the first district champ trophy won since 1942. So ended the 1948-1949 basketball season at D. H. S.

The seniors wish the best of luck in forthcoming athletic seasons to D. H. S., and regret that we will not be back to help launch the new football program.

A Trip to Missouri

On Thursday morning, May 5, the seniors of Dorchester High School, with the exception of Dorothy Skalak and Ruth Sanburn, left on a four day trip to the Ozark Mountains in Missouri with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Reid, and drivers, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Danekas of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wickenkamp, Mr. and Mrs. Ladimore Papik, and Mr. Marvin Skala.

By driving all day, their first camp at Gravois Mills, Mo., was reached at 5:30 where they stayed in cabins overnight. The next morning they continued their trip to Osage Beach where they stayed the next two nights.

Most of the seniors liked the Two Waters Resort at Gravois Mills the best. The cabins were located right at the edge of the Lake of the Ozarks, where many of the students went swimming and boating.

Scenic Bridal Cave and Ha Ha Tonka Castle were visited. One night the seniors went roller skating at Skateland rink near Eldon, Mo. The scenery was beautiful and we were told that this was the best time of year for our trip because all the trees were turning green.

We returned home Sunday evening about 6:00 after an all day trip, the latter part during a heavy rain. On the way home through Independence, Mo., the home of President Truman was seen. All the seniors and sponsors agreed that they were "tired but completely satisfied" with their trip.

Memories

Juniors
Sophomores
Freshmen

JUNIOR GROUP



Eugene Plouzek Alta Mae Axline Gloria Luzum Marion Andelt Betty Johnson Gladys Vavra
James Cerny Front row Rodney Helget Ruth McReynods Marilyn Sehnert Clarice Ann Roberts
Retha McReynolds Don Johnson

SENIOR GROUP



Top row Harry Axline Raymond Harms Robert Harms Donald Matthews Stanley Vavra Dale Sehnert
Joan Janda Elaine Luzum Robert Wolesensky Donald Pizar Marilyn Wickenkamp Lois Nickols
Front Ruth Sanburn Dorothy Skalak Delma Rezny Geraldine Danekas Jeralyn Plachy Patricia Beranek

FRESHMAN



Top Charles Johnson Melva Harling Marilyn Fette Grace Trabert Karen Kenney Janice Horky Elvin Janda
Front Winnifred Richardson Harold Plachy Marilyn Simpson Harriet Plachy Richard Parks Belva Arnold

SOPHOMORES



Top Row Bill Moser Phyllis Jean Beggs James Sehnert Delores Jack Richard Prybl
Front Row Melvin Helget Delores Hojer Jerry Sehnert Patricia Crofton Marvin Cerny



Top Row Gloria Luzum James Cerny Marion Andelt Row 2 Betty Johnson Clarice Ann Roberts
Alta Mae Axline Row 3 Eugene Plouzek Rodney Helget Don Johnson Row 4 Marilyn Sehnert
Retha McReynolds Ruth McReynolds Gladys Vavra



Top Leonard Stehlik
Delores Jack
Patricia Crofton
Row 2 Marvin Cerny
James Sehnert



Row 3 Bill Moser
Melvin Helget
Richard Prybl
Row 4 Jean Beggs
Delores Hojer
Jerry Sehnert





Top row Harriet Plachy
Belva Arnold Karen Kenney
Row 2 Janice Horky Harold Plachy
Winnifred Richardson Melva Harling

Row 3 Marilyn Simpson
Richard Parks Charles Johnson
Grace Trabert
Row 4 Elvin Janda

The grades

FIRST & SECOND GRADES



Top Row: Miss Eberspacher, James Sehnert, Jennette Bruha, Sharon Johnson, Wayne Howlett, Betty Stutzman, William Richardson; Front Row: Duane Schroeder, Linda Hubbard, Shelia Parks, Carolyn Kennel, Joan Bruha, Marguerite Helget, Robt. Weber.

Top Row: Mrs. Boom, Marvin Kubert, Betty Bosak, Mary Jane Shestak, Goldie Richardson, Sharon Rose, Mary Ann Weber, Mona Johnson, Donald Asmus; Row 2: Laura Lou Beck, Linda Clark, Sandra Green, Terrence Feecken, Fred Guggenmos, Gary Bors; Front Row: Richard Johnson, Sharon Kness, Nellie Meacham, Hurley Miller, Sandra Powell, Jean Miller, Joan Stutman, Dean Sehnert.



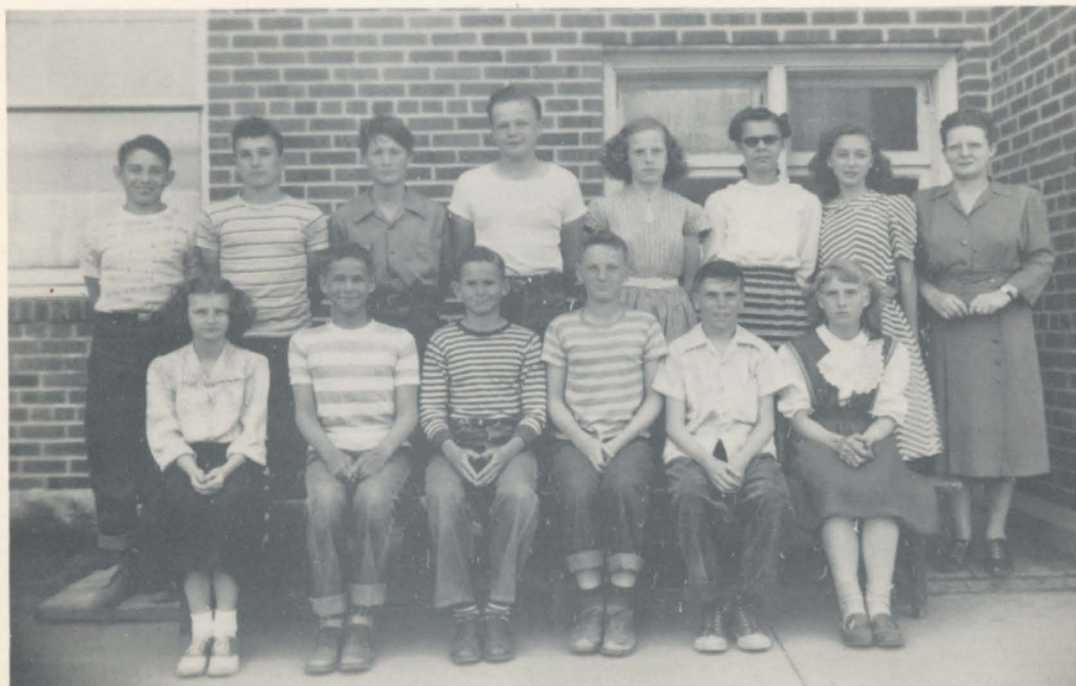
THIRD & FOURTH GRADES

FIFTH & SIXTH GRADES



Top Row: David Potter, JoAnn Horky, Mona Beggs, Marcia Boden, Doris Tichy, Robt. Smith, Everine Andelt, Maxine Kubert, Gerald Boden; Row 2: Richard Sehnert, Alvin Kalkwarf, Sherril Pavlish Nelda Stutzman, Jean Ann Asmus, Billie Johnson, Elda Stutzman, LaVerne Richardson, Norman Helget; Front Row: Dale Crofton, Marilyn Stutzman, Alvina Kalkwarf, Sherrill Burgess, Evelyn Shestak, Mary Miller, Geraldine Zvolanek, Fred Howlett, Miss Dean.

Top Row: Roger Schmidt, Jack Bruha, Earl Richardson, Paul Nowakowski, Bess Meacham, Virginia Hubbard, Gladys Schweitzer, Miss Curry; Front Row: JoAnn Powell, Roger Clark, Dale Frahm, Ronald Sehnert, John Potter, Rose Marie Stehlik.



SEVENTH & EIGHTH GRADES

Sports
Dramatics
Activities

Dramatics

The dramatic department of Dorchester has been very progressive in the past few years. In the year of 1947 Jeralyn Plachy received a rating of excellent at the District Contest in Milford. Joan Janda gave a humorous reading and received a rating of excellent. Jeralyn gave an interpretative oratory.

In 1948 at the District Contest in Milford the following ratings were received:

Extemporaneous—Donald Pizar, Superior
Radio Newscasting—Jeralyn Plachy, Superior
Humorous (Brotherly love)—Joan Janda, Excellent
Interpretative Oratory—Lois Nickols, Good Plus

(Making Living a Hobby)

Donald and Jeralyn rated good at the State Contest in Lincoln and Patty Beranek rated excellent at the contest in Discussion.

The following is the list of participants and their ratings at Dorchester in 1949:

ORIGINAL ORATORY

"As the Twig is Bent"—Patty BeranekSuperior

INTERPRETATIVE ORATORY

"Dear Mr. Striker"—Joan JandaSuperior

"Who Speaks for Ellie?"—Lois NickolsExcellent

DRAMATIC

"Scratch"—Harriett PlachyExcellent

"Yellow Butterflies"—Marian AndeltSuperior

"Antonio Opens His Eyes"—Dorothy SkalakExcellent

"Salesmanship"—Melva HarlingGood

"Nocturne"—Delores HojerGood

"White Lilacs"—Retha McReynoldsGood Plus

Joan received a rating of superior, Marian Andelt, an excellent, Patty Beranek, a good, and Marilyn Fette, an excellent at the district contest at McCool Junction.

Ratings were not given at the State Contest in Lincoln but Marian and Joan both received favorable criticisms.

In the year of 1948 the juniors presented a humorous and mysterious play, "Jumping Jewels." The plot was a simple one. A string of expensive pearls were stolen at a party held near a boarding house. The jewels were hidden by the thief behind a picture which hung in the lobby of the boarding house. This place was also used by two couples for hiding notes. The notes got mixed and the jewels showed up in the most unusual places. After a neighborly fued and the jewels stopped jumping, everything was settled and the crooks were captured. This all made for a very merry time. Mr. Snocker was the sponsor.

In the year of 1939 the seniors presented a humorous play, "The Brain Storm." This play told of a troubled weakling whose innerself wanted to play football. There were many things which tried to stop him from playing football such as his three aunts, who still considered him their little boy, his pretended friends, who didn't want him to become an attraction for the girls and of course there was his pride and good judgment. The aunts saw a football uniform and thought it might make their "little boy" look manly and persuaded him to try it on. Once he had the uniform on he made up his mind to play football, which all made for a successful play. Our thanks to Mr. Reid for his excellent directing.



Ruth McReynolds Alta Mae Axline Gloria Luzum Gladys Vavra Marion Andelt Betty Johnson
Marilyn Sehnert Retha Mc Reynolds



Gloria Luzum Marion Andelt Ruth McReynolds Marilyn Sehnert Bill Moser Alta Mae Axline
James Cerny Eugene Plouzek Retha McReynolds Gladys Vavra Clarice Ann Roberts



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Top Row: Lois Nickols, Delores Hojer, Delma Rezny, Joan Janda, Grace Trabert,



Marilyn Fette, Betty Johnson, Jean Beggs, Elaine Luzum, Janice Horky; Row 2: Mrs. Hiatt, Ruth Sanburn, Jeralyn Plachy, Alta Mae Axline, Gloria Luzum, Gladys Vavra, Marion Andelt, Karen Kenney, Belva Arnold, Delores Jack, Patricia Crofton, Marilyn Simpson, Dorothy Skalak; Front Row: Marilyn Wickenkamp, Patricia Beranek, Winnifred Richardson, Ruth McReynolds, Clarice Ann Roberts, Retha McReynolds, Melva Harling, Harriett Plachy, Marilyn Sehnert, Geraldine Danekas.

Top Row: Delores Hojer, Joan Janda, Marilyn Wickenkamp, Lois Nickols, Grace Trabert, Marilyn Fette, Jean Beggs, Elaine Luzum; Row 2: Miss Vrbsky, Jeralyn Plachy, Alta Mae Axline, Gloria Luzum, Gladys Vavra, Marion Andelt, Karen Kenney, Belva Arnold, Delores Jack, Patricia Crofton, Marilyn Simpson; Row 3: Ruth Sanburn, Patricia Buranek, Ruth McReynolds, Clarice Ann Roberts, Retha McReynolds, Melva



Harling, Harriett Plachy, Dorothy Skalak, Geraldine Danekas; Front Row: Richard Parks, Eugene Plouzek, James Sehnert, Donald Matthews, Harry Axline, Robert Wolesensky, Donald Pizar, Bill Moser.

BASKETBALL SQUAD



Top Row: Supt. Reid, James Sehnert, Donald Matthews, Stanley Vavra, Eugene Plouzek, Dale Moser; Front Row: Robert Harms, Harry Axline, Donald Pisar, Raymond Harms, Robert Wolensky. Mr. Snocker

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Jeralyn Plachy Don Matthews Bob Wolesensky Jim Sehnert



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Betty Johnson Jeralyn Pachy Gladys Vavra Harriett Plachy Dorothy Skalak Elaine Luzum Alta Mae Axline



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School District History

Twenty-five Years

So far as can be ascertained the first term of school taught in Dorchester was a select school taught in 1872 by Mrs. Brosius in the McIntyre house which was the first house built in town and was located in the vicinity of the present Methodist church. The support came from those who patronized the school. The next term of school was also a select school conducted by Mrs. Lydia Jarrett in what was known as the McManus building, the front part of which was occupied by a drug store, the school being held in the rear room. Among the promoters of this school were Wm. Dorman, Edmund McIntyre and Col. Patterson, the latter two being agents of the Burlington Railroad.

The summons to organize the present school, District No. 44, was issued by James McCreedy on November 6, 1871. It was directed to Edmund McIntyre and the first meeting for the election of officers was held November 18, 1871, at his home.

The first census was taken in April, 1872, by Wm. Dorman and enumerated 21 children of school age in the newly organized school district. Familiar names which appear in the first census are: Kemper, Hayes, Matthews, Dorman, Hood, Moore, Spence and Ward. The second census was taken by D. B. Henderson in 1873. The financial report of the district shows bonds to the amount of \$2815.00 had been sold and the money expended for a school house. This was a two story frame building, the lower story was finished for school purposes while the upstairs room was for public assembly, such as the literary society, Sunday School and church. It was there the Methodist church was first organized in 1874.

The first teacher in the new building was Miss Lucy Hawkins who received one hundred dollars for four months school. The second year the teachers were Mary Brosius and Lida Adams, both of whom taught four months and received thirty dollars a month. In 1874 and 1875 the teachers were Clara Maxfield and George Sawyer. The next year we find N. C. Ryerson as director the teachers being Josie Dowden, and Mrs. Lydia Jarrett. The school continued to grow and in 1879 a second teacher was added. Francis Ward was employed to teach the primary and Prof C. F. Secord was given the higher grades and a salary of sixty dollars per month. When school assembled in September, 1879, more than one hundred pupils were enrolled. Settlers continued to come in and the school became more crowded. Mary Alley taught the primary grades in one of the houses across the street from the Baptist church.

In 1884 an addition of two rooms was built on the south side of the original building. Among the teachers at this time were Belle Stewart, Minnie Bartlett, Mary Alley, Emma Clark and Minnie Maywald. In 1887 Prof. Wilson McBride was elected Principal. He reorganized the school until in 1890 it included twelve grades. Among the teachers in the school at this time were Custia Parker, Mary Scherzer and Mary Alley, two of whom have the longest teaching record in the history of the school, Miss Parker having taught eleven years and Miss Scherzer eight.

The first class graduated in June, 1890, with seven members, Olin Ferguson, Emma Thompson, Luella Hoover, Lily Dainton, Nora Gingery, Zadie Ferguson and Evelyn Kepler.

Sentiment for a new school house finally crystallized and an election was called December 30, 1889. The proposal being to vote twelve thousand dollars in bonds, ten thousand to build a new school house and two thousand to retire the old indebtedness. Two elections had been held to determine

the location and the present site was purchased from the South Platte Land Company for seventy-five dollars. The election was hotly contested, a total of one hundred fourteen votes was cast, ninety-two for and twenty-two against. The bonds were sold March 10, 1890. Members of the school board at this time were Wm. Freidell, John Oberlies, A. W. Simmons, D. D. Lynn, Paul Bankson and C. H. Hoover. The first of these has the longest record of school service, having been a member of the board for a quarter of a century.

On May 20, 1890, a contract was let to J. M. Anderson of Emporia, Kansas, the building to be completed by January, 1891. Ground was broken soon after and the building was completed in contract time. Dedictory exercises being held January 3, 1891. Among those taking part were Elder Applegate of the Baptist church, N. H. Davis of the Methodist church, Harry Jennings, the County Superintendent, A. W. Simmons, T. B. Parker, Dr. Ohls and Prof. McBride. The net cost of the building was nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

The first class to graduate from the new building were Jessie Kepler, Allie Gingery, Wood Potter, Clark Lynn, Lettie Teale, Ulysses McInnav. The first janitor was David Clark, who with Mrs. Clark resided in the southwest room of the building, and received fourteen dollars a month for his services.

In 1892 Prof. S. H. Sell was elected to continue the work begun by McBride. The teachers at this time were Mary Scherzer, Mattie Stokes, Luella Hoover, Zadie Ferguson, Custie Parker, C. Lou Graves, Lizzie De Bord, Ruth Robbins and Lotta Fay.

Prof. Sell remained for three years during which time the school varied from ten to twelve grades as there was no definite course of study prescribed for high schools. In 1895 the school was reorganized as a ten grade school, and the course of study made to conform to the standard set by the state

J. C. Whitescarver directed the school this year with Miss M. E. Russell, Ora Daniel, Alice Lawless and Vira Bennett. In 1896-7 A. L. Kieth replaced Whitescarver with the same corps of instructors.

The school remained a ten grade school until 1906 when the eleventh grade was added and in 1907 the twelfth was added. The school was regularly accredited in 1914. In 1915 the basement was excavated and three rooms added for school purposes, a new heating and ventilating system was installed. The second story was re-arranged to provide an assembly room and recitation rooms for the high school. Two more teachers were employed, manual training, domestic science, and normal training were added. By 1917 the high school was completely reorganized, new equipment added and the school brought up to date. Among those who served on the school board during this time were W. R. Stewart, F. B. Ireland, Henry Nelson, W. H. Eager and W. R. Freidell. In 1926 F. C. Banks, an experienced school promoter, was elected Superintendent. The board of education having determined that the old school house was inadequate, employed E. G. Groves of Denver to plan a new building. A bond election was held Jan. 23, 1927, and like the former election thirty seven years before, was closely contested with 99 against and 174 in favor. Bonds in the sum of seventy-eight thousand dollars were sold and the contract let to Wilson Bros. of David City for the building, the corner stone of which was laid June 3rd and the building occupied Dec. 20, 1927.

We have endeavored to sketch for you the first twenty-five years of District 44, 1872 to 1897, with a short resume of more recent data. Perhaps a future annual may continue the narrative.

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