

This is our story

In the year of nineteen hundred and fifty-two, fifty-one young, and ambitious boys and girls enrolled as freshmen at Ashley High School. These Freshmen held a meeting and elected class officers and sponsors. Our president was Donald Williams; vice-president, Nancy Hanus; secretary and treasurer, Margaret Marr. Our representative for the Student Council was Mary Ellen Vanek. Our sponsors were Mr. Honsinger and Mrs. Bates. We were in school only a short time, before the Student Council initiated us, which was in October.

As projects to promote money for our senior trip, we had two Penny Suppers, a number of bake sales and candy sales. For class entertainment, we had a roller skating party and a hayride.

We were sorry to lose Charles Hammond, David Thompson and Ruth Guerrero from our class before the close of that year.

When our hard working class came back to start the second year together, we had lost four students. They were Donna Long, Bennie Sheldon, Ardis Reynolds and Beverly Billings. Fortunately, however, two more new members were added to our class. They were Phyllis Moon and Berneda Benson. To carry on the business for our Sophomore year were; president, Donald Williams; vice-president, Arlene Martinka; secretary, Barbara Hoffer; treasurer, Aleatha Wolfe. Our class representatives for the Student Council were Berneda Benson and Jerry Vanek. Money making projects consisted of a Penny Supper and bake sales. We had two class parties, a roller skating party and a barn dance. Phyllis Moon left us before the end of the year.

The next year, we, the Juniors realized that we had a lot of work ahead of us to prepare ourselves for our "Senior Trip." There was a lot of money to be made. We had two Penny Suppers, seven bake sales and some candy sales. One of the main highlights of our junior year was the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet. We chose as our theme, "Moonlight and Roses," with the Velva-Tones of Alma providing the music. Our class queen was Mary Ellen Vanek. One of our projects was the Junior Play. It was called, "Finders Creepers," a three-act mystery comedy.

Our officers that year were; president, Pat Kral; vice-president, Mary Ellen Vanek; secretary, Brenda Beck; treasurer, Aleatha Wolfe. Our class sponsor was Mrs. Bates and our room mothers were Mrs. Vanek and Mrs. Joseph Kral. Our Junior Class reporter was Sally Kent and Margaret Marr was parliamentarian. Our Student Council members were Janet Lumbert, Brenda Beck and Sally Kent.

We looked forward to getting our class rings that year and also making the contract for senior pictures with the Le Clear Studios of Lansing and for our annual with the Intercollegiate Press of Kansas City.

A new member of our Junior Class was Reiny Hock who remained with us a short time.

At last came the home stretch! Seniors at last! It was the most important year of high school and the busiest.

For our final year, we re-elected Pat Kral as our president; Mary Ellen Vanek, vice-president; Brenda Beck, secretary; Aleatha Wolfe, treasurer. Our room mothers were Mrs. Martinka and Mrs. Vanek. We elected Margaret Marr as parliamentarian.

Charles Denniston had a spirited campaign for the office of Student Council president. Our other representatives were Margaret Marr and Mary Ellen Vanek.

Pat Kral received the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award for 1957.

We had the responsibility of issuing the Spotlight, our school newspaper, every two weeks during the school year. The annual was another big job. It took a lot of work but it was a great experience.

Again this year we had our "Penny Suppers," which had been well received by the community. We served the 10th annual Ashley 4H Beef Club Banquet. Our class proved themselves super salesmen by selling far above their goal in the annual magazine sales.

We also initiated the first dance held during the Christmas holidays. "Winter Wonderland," was the theme for a beautiful background.

We would like to thank the many people who helped make it possible for us to have achieved what you now see in our annual. Our thanks goes to Le Clear's Studios who have given us their help and wonderful cooperation.