In Dedication

We, the yearbook staff of '54,
Introduce someone who's loved and adored.
Sportsmanship and fair play is his aim,
It's Charley Chief, that's his name.
So now with Charley let's take a look,
Through the pages of our '54 yearbook.
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We the Annual Staff of '54 in presenting this annual hope that everyone will be pleased with it.

Under the guidance of our advisor, Mr. Siberry, the staff through its efforts has spent many hours in preparing a yearbook that will meet the satisfaction of everyone.
The year 1953-54 has been a busy one for the members of the school board. They have fulfilled their duties faithfully.

Their continued support and personal interest in the students and faculty has raised the standards of W.P.H.S. higher each year.

Through the efforts of the community and the direction of the school board a new elementary school and a gymnasium will be completed during the next school year.
Here's our faculty, really first and foremost,

They’re always friendly and helpful, we boast.
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To these Seniors it's graduation that is to be desired.
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President Of Senior Class
"A Likeable Chap, A Cheery Way,
He Will Do Great Things Someday."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, W.P.
Club, Plays, Paper Staff, Annual
Staff.

PATSY TAVERNIER
Vice-President Of Senior Class
"A Winning Smile, A Winning Way,
Jovial, Friendly, Bright And Gay."

JEAN BLANKENSHIP
Treasurer Of Senior Class
"It's So Wonderful To Be Tall And
Have People Look Up To You."
Pep Club, F.H.A., Band, Plays, Glee
Club, Paper Staff, Annual Staff.

RONNIE TARRANT
Secretary Of Senior Class
"He May Live Without Love-What Is
Passion But Pining? But Where Is
The Man That Can Live Without
Dining?"
Football, Basketball, Hi-Y, Band, W.P.
Club, Junior Play.
KENNETH AIRGOOD
"And Why Should Life All Labor Be,
When One Is Young And Gay
Like Me?"
Hi-Y, Glee Club, Football.

FRANKLIN BLACK
"A Friendly Lad, Whom We Can Say,
Did His Work And Had His Play."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Hi-Y, W.P. Club, Band, Track, Glee Club, Annual Staff.

JUNIOR BARBERIS
"Life Is Short, Why Waste It?"
Glee Club

HOWARD CURTIS
"I Like Work; It Fascinates Me,
I Can Sit And Look At It All Day."
Football, Basketball, Hi-Y, Band, W.P. Club, Paper Staff, Senior Play, Glee Club.

JACK BARNARD
"Blessings On Him That First
Invented Sleep."

BARBARA DIESNESS
"This Girl Would Have Scads Of Money, If She Got Paid For Being Funny."
ROBERT EVILSIZOR
"A Football Player With Muscles
Galore, He's Daring And Strong,
Who'd Ask For More?"
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track,
Hi-Y, W.P. Club, Glee Club.

NANCY IRELAND
"At Cheerleading She Has Loads
Of Pep, This Little Gal
Is Really Hep."
Pep Club, F.H.A., Glee Club, Senior
Play, Cheerleading.

MARY LOU FOSS
"She's Dainty And Winsome, It's
Easy To See, Well-Mannered And
Pleasant, We All Agree."
Pep Club, F.H.A., Plays, Glee Club.

REX KERSHNER
"Let The Women Go By,
I'll Watch Them."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Hi-Y,
W.P. Club, Glee Club, Senior Play.

SHARON HACKETT
"The Proper Study Of Mankind
Is Man."
Pep Club, F.H.A., Band, Glee Club,
Plays, Annual Staff, Paper Staff,
Athletic Association.

CHARLES MACK
"Not Too Serious, Not Too Gay,
But A Real Nice Guy In Every Way."
JUNE MERRIMAN
"If She Will, She Will And You
May Depend On It, If She Won't She
Won't And That's The End Of It."
Pep Club, Glee Club.

JOHN ROBERTSON
"No Use Crying Over Spilt Milk,
It Only Makes It Salty For The Cat."
Football, Track, Hi-Y, Glee Club.

KAREN NICHOLSON
"Pleasing Smile And Winning Way,
She'll Stay In Our Hearts For Many A
Day."

MICHAEL SALSBURY
"A Little Nonsense Now And Then
Is Relished By The Best Of Men."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Hi-Y,
Glee Club, W.P. Club.

JOHN NOTTOLE
"Never A Worry, Never A
Care, Seems To Walk Through
Life On Air."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track,
Glee Club, Annual Staff, Paper Staff,
Hi-Y, W.P. Club.

FRANCES SASSAMAN
"Small, But So Is A Stick Of
Dynamite."
BONNIE STODDARD
"She Has A Diamond That Sparkles
And Gleams, Like The Light In Her
Eyes; She Is Happy, It Seems."
F.H.A., Pep Club, Senior Play.

BETTY WOOD
"You Can Tell Her By The Noise
She Doesn't Make."

GORDON STRAWSER
"'However it Seems To Me,
'Tis Only Noble To Be Good."
Football, Baseball, Track, Hi-Y, W.P.
Club, Glee Club.

GLEN YODER
"'The Rule Of My Life Is To Make
Business A Pleasure, And Pleasure
My Business."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track,
Hi-Y, W.P. Club, Glee Club.
FROM CLASS TO CLASS THEY
madly run,
Parties, games and dances;
it all spells fun.
Junior Class

FIRST ROW: W. King, M. Berchiatti, S. Lough, B. Phelps, D. Frye, M. Ashbury, P. Harvey
SECOND ROW: B. Burg,
SECOND ROW: S. Butts, I. Miller, J. Tarrant, P. Kauffman, R. Strawser, G. Cast, S. Weagley,
THIRD ROW: L. Heinlen, B. Skeels and Mr. Ward, Sponsor,
THIRD ROW: F. Astling, D. Connelly, A. Reynolds, J. Wagner, D. Friesner, L. Salisbury,
J. D. McFall and L. Baima,

The Juniors are the class with money on its mind,
The money which is earned goes toward their Senior Year.

The traditional activities for the Juniors are pre-
senting the play in March and Prom, a formal dance,
complimenting the Seniors.

They have earned money for their future through paper
drives, magazine sales, candy sales, etc.

We are all sure the Juniors will have a very successful
Senior year.
Sophomore Class


* Absent From Picture.

The Sophomores are looking forward to the coming year to start going mad for money.

This year they had a Halloween float and picked out their class rings.

Carrying out the traditional Junior class activities next year should be done very successfully by the capable Sophomores.
Freshman Class

*E. Lehman, *D. McFall.

*Absent From Picture.

Although high school was a new program for the Freshman Class last September it wasn't long before every Freshman was acquainted with everyone and everything that goes to make up high school.

The Freshman are very active in sports and all other clubs.

With the start the Freshmen have already, they are a class to keep your eyes on for big things in the future.
The eighth grade has a Junior High Glee Club and many of them are active in band (many of them being members of the Senior Band).

They are all looking forward to next year when they will enter high school.
Seventh Grade


*Absent From Picture.

This class consisting of thirty-six members who started their Junior High School years look like very enthusiastic students.

They are members of Junior High Glee Club and many are members of either the Junior or Senior Bands.
Elementary Teachers

TOP: Miss Carter, Mrs. Drew, Miss Coyne, Mrs. Shank, Miss Ohls.
BOTTOM: Mrs. Westphal, Mrs. Elston, Mrs. Krueger, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Lahrke.
Activities

Clubs and more clubs, that is a lot to cover,
Also Glee Club and Band for you music lovers.
Paper Staff

FIRST ROW: S. Lough, Mr. Siberry, Advisor; S. Hackman, J. Blankenship, P. Harvey, R. Kramer and W. King.

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Improvements in the Wahbememe have been the aim of this year's staff. Four members attended a journalism meeting at Lansing this year, bringing back many helpful ideas which have contributed to putting out a better paper.

Other improvements are the use of a higher quality paper and a three-column page.

Not only the high school students but also parents, townspeople and alumni enjoy the Wahbememe.
Pep Club


The Pep Club has enthusiastically supported our teams. Refreshments were sold at the football games.

At the Pep Rally before the Constantine game, Pep Club members put on an entertaining skit, which boosted the spirit of everyone.

A "Sno-Ball" dance was among the other activities sponsored by the club this year.
Our F.H.A. Club consists of forty-eight members and our sponsor Mrs. Leer. During the year the club has sponsored such activities as a Christmas party and a Valentine party. Money making projects included a bake sale, a roller skating party and a dance.

The club attended the Region 5 Convention at Dowagiac. Four of our club members attended the State Convention in Grand Rapids.
The Hi-Y, a branch of the Y.M.C.A., is a service club of which one is that of the free check-room. It also sells pencils with the basketball schedule inscribed on them.

The members, as a group and their advisor, Mr. Ward, have attended the local churches during the past year.

The club is open to any boy from the tenth to the twelfth grades.
'Senior High Girls' Glee Club


*Absent From Picture.

The Senior High Girls' Glee Club consisting of thirty-five members participated in the Christmas concert. The club also participated in the Spring Music Festival at Western Michigan College, which was under the direction of Harry R. Wilson.

Six members of the club formed a sextet. They are Margie Berchiatti, Laura Lee Heinlen, Sharon Weagley, Betty Lee Phelps, Phyllis Harvey and Betty Burg.
Senior High Boys' Glee Club


Our Senior High Boys' Glee Club participated in the Christmas concert singing a number of arrangements which took many periods of practice in smoothing out the imperfections under the guidance of our vocal director, Mrs. Ward, who has just returned after an absence of seven years.
Junior High Girls' Glee Club


*Absent From Picture.

The Junior High Girls' performance in the Christmas concert was enjoyed by everyone.

Training received in this club will prove valuable when the members enter the High School Glee Club.

The club of thirty-one members is under the able direction of Mrs. Ward.
Jr. High Boys’ Glee Club

The Junior High Boys' Glee Club, a new organization this year, was met with enthusiasm by the younger vocalists.

The club, with its twenty-four members, will help to develop boys for Senior High Glee Club.

They also contributed in making this year's Christmas concert a success.
Our band has had a very active and successful year. They traveled to the County Fair and made a good showing. Also the band won a second division trophy at Sturgis in the South-Western Michigan Marching Festival. They marched at the University of Michigan Band Day.

Other activities showing off our band has been the Christmas concert, Contest in the spring and marching at football games. The band will also march at the annual Memorial Day parade and will put on their regular summer concerts in the park.
"Ugh 'um, me in big hurry,

Basketball, football, heap big fury."
FOOTBALL

White Pigeon 24        Edwardsburg 6
White Pigeon 36        Centreville 7
White Pigeon 19        Camden Frontier 0
White Pigeon 34        Burr Oak 0
White Pigeon 38        Mendon 6
White Pigeon 13        Schoolcraft 6
White Pigeon 20        Marcellus 0
White Pigeon 27        Colon 0
White Pigeon 13        Constantine 0

Our football team won the St. Joe. Valley League Championship and kept the beloved Tomahawk in our possession for the fourth straight year. This great undefeated team is the second in White Pigeon High School's history!
THE TROPHY WE ARE ALL PROUD OF :)

BUTCH

REX

FRANK

MR. SWARTZ

RONNIE

JOHN

BOB

JACK

GLEN
Varsity Basketball


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White Pigeon 45
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White Pigeon 76
White Pigeon 72
White Pigeon 50
White Pigeon 57
White Pigeon 86
Mendon 58
Colon 38
Centreville 37
Burr Oak 47
Schoolcraft 50
Marcellus 74
Constantine 42
Mendon 52
Colon 26
Centreville 49
Reserve Basketball

SECOND ROW: R. Strawser, F. Astling, R. Lovejoy, C. Astling, D. Friesner, G. Ott,
M. Tavernier, L. Chupp, S. Celmer and Coach R. Stevens.

White Pigeon 26
White Pigeon 17
White Pigeon 30
White Pigeon 46
White Pigeon 19
White Pigeon 48
White Pigeon 32
White Pigeon 28
White Pigeon 33
White Pigeon 48

Mendon 24
Colon 22
Centreville 24
Burr Oak 17
Schoolcraft 32
Marcellus 41
Constantine 25
Mendon 33
Colon 29
Centreville 25
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