Dedication

We, the students of White Pigeon High School, dedicate this yearbook to our new elementary school and gymnasium.

In years to come we hope this modern edifice will provide the foothold for younger generations constant search for knowledge. The gymnasium will fulfill the needs for an expanding student body in physical betterment and mental attitude.
'55 POW'WOW

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Senior Class
White Pigeon High School
White Pigeon, Michigan
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We the members of the Annual Staff appreciate the help which the teachers and students have given us in the completion of this yearbook.

We have enjoyed planning and preparing the "55" Pow Wow. Every member of the Annual Staff hopes that you will like it.
Administration
School Board

Our school board of 1954-55 has been diligently working throughout the year to improve education facilities in the community.

Through their co-operation with the faculty and the students our school year has proven to be very successful.

We are sure that they will faithfully continue fulfilling their duties in the future.
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Betty A. Rentfrow.....Secretary
Wayne L. Dury.....Principal
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Mathematics
Reserve Basketball and
Baseball Coach
The Senior Class of 1955 —-

—- Departs Into The Future
Seniors

The members of the 1955 graduating class take along with them many memories of friends, good times and hard work; gratitudes for all the help obtained from teachers, fellow classmates, and parents; many regrets of sharp spoken words, a broken friendship, or lack of subject selection and studying.

In spite of this, reminiscing over the past four years any Senior would admit that it has been time profitably and enjoyably spent. They would certainly remember the sounding success of "Spooks Alive" under the direction of Mrs. Girton, which gave the Seniors their last fling at drama. The last high school prom that they will attend was sponsored by the Juniors - a fitting send off to a wonderful year.

The year progressed and prospered under the guidance of the class officers. Betty Lee Phelps, Treasurer; Bob Strawser, Vice-President; Mr. Siberry, Class Advisor; Beverly Skeels, Secretary; and Margie Berchiatti, President.
They Look Forward To Their Dreams

SANDRA BUTTS
"She will find a path or make one."
Senior Play, Glee Club, F. H. A.,
Pep Club, Band.

PATRICK KAUFFMAN
"I only live one life, why not take it
easy."
Football, Baseball, Hi-Y, Basketball,
Plays.

BETTY BURG
"It's great to be alone especially
when there's a guy with you."
Glee Club, F. H. A., Plays.

--- In College, The Armed Forces, or Homemaking

JAMES McFALL
"The harder I try the gooder to be,
the worser I become."
Junior Play, Football, Basketball,
Band, Hi-Y, Glee Club.

GENE CAST
"Greater men than I have lived, but
they're all dead now."
Band, Basketball, Baseball, Glee Club.
After Spending Many Years Together

SUSAN LOUGH
"Enjoy life e'er 'tis fled: for when you die, you're a long time dead."
Pep Club, Senior Play, F. H. A., Glee Club.

MARGIE BERCHIATTI
"She has a beaming eye, and we know for whom it beams."
Plays, Glee Club, F. H. A., Pep Club, Cheerleader.

--- In Scholastics, Athletics and Social Activities

LYNN SALISBURY
"Better to get up late and be wide awake than to get up early and be asleep all day."
Hi-Y, Plays, Annual Staff, Glee Club, Football, Basketball.

DIANE FRYE
"I may do something sensational yet."
F. H. A.

DAVID FRIESNER
"'Work! Where did I hear that word before?'"
Band, Basketball, Baseball, Football W. P. Club, Glee Club.
They Presented "Spooks Alive"

JOHN WAGNER
"Often burns the midnight oil, but sad to say 'tis not for toil."
Football, Basketball, Baseball, Glee Club, Hi-Y, Track W.P. Club.

SHAREL CORE
"Short, yes, but so is life so why worry?"
Glee Club, Pep Club, F. H. A.

ART REYNOLDS
"You can lead a man to high school, but you can't make him think."
Basketball

--- And Danced to the Theme "Southern Ball"

PHYLIS HARVEY
"Dates are her favorite fruit."
Plays, Glee Club, F. H. A., Annual Staff.

LAURA LEE HEINLEN
"Likes the boys and shouts out cheers, one of the best cheerleaders we've had in years."
Plays, Glee Club, F. H.A., Pep Club, Cheerleader, Band.
MARY ANN ASBURY
"If words were money, I'd be a millionaire."
Annual Staff, Junior Play, F. H. A., Pep Club, Glee Club, Band.

BETTY LEE PHELPS
"An innocent face, but you never can tell!"
Senior Play, Band, Glee Club, Annual Staff.

--- At Their Junior Prom

WALTER TRACY
"He doesn't like to study, it weakens his eyes!"
Band, Hi-Y, Senior Play.

SHARON WEAGLEY
"Scholarship, leadership, and character--but what a character."
Glee Club, Annual Staff, Junior Play, F. H. A., Pep Club.

ROBERT STRAWSER
"My life begins at 3:35, but I never let the teachers know!"
Football, Basketball.
We Wish Them Luck, Success, and Happiness

LOUIS BAIMA
"Sigh no more ladies, sigh no more."
Plays, Hi-Y, Glee Club.

IDEANA MILLER
"If any mischief is to be done, she will be the first one."
Senior Play, F. H. A., Pep Club, Glee Club.

DON CONNELLY
"I never trouble trouble, 'till trouble troubles me."
Football, Senior Play, Annual Staff, Glee Club.

--- As They Continue Onward

BEVERLY SKEELS
"Under different circumstances I might have been an angel, but I'm satisfied."

FLOYD ASTLING
"You can't tell by outward appearances what mischief is hidden within."
Football, Baseball, Basketball, Glee Club, W. P. Club.

JANICE TARRANT
"Of all the people under the sun I'm sure I love but one."
We Welcomed In Our High School Years

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--- Ready for Labor, Joy, and Tears
The Juniors Have Got the Spirit -- Do or Die --

PARTIES AND FROLICS FILLED THE JUNIORS SCHOOL YEAR WITH THE HARD WORK SUCH AS OUR MAGAZINE SALE, PAPER DRIVE, CANDY SALE AND OUR DANCES. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR HOPPING SENIOR YEAR OF GREAT ACTIVITIES.

--- That Makes Them A Part of White Pigeon High
The Sophomores have helped our High School to Excel - - -

The Sophomores have many memories of this school year since most of them have participated in many scholastic activities. Their activities have included Freshman initiation and choosing class rings.

- - - In All Their Efforts They’ve Done Well
We Gladly Donned the Freshman Green

"Clifford Carr"


This year's Freshman Class is undoubtedly the largest to enter high school in the history of W. P. H. S.
They proved to be interesting specimens as they fell victim to the Sophomores at Freshman Initiation.
The class enjoyed this first look at high school life under the capable direction of their class officers and advisor.

--- And Tried to Learn the New Routine
In Junior High We Learned the Teachers' Ways ---

--- We'll Do Our Best In Coming Days
The 1954-55 school year for the eighth grade in their second year of Junior High School, has been anything but uneventful. Many have become members of the Jr. High Glee Club and a number are active in band. They are all eagerly anticipating next year in high school.

--- The Eighth Grade Looks Ahead to Greater Things
The Seventh Graders Look to the Open Door


Junior High School has been an entirely new experience for members of the seventh grade.

Individualized classes, Glee Club, Physical Education, and other activities have opened numerous interests to them.

Good luck, seventh grade, in your journey through high school.

--- And to What the Future Has In Store
We’ve Always Tried To Do Our Best — —

— — In Band and Clubs and All the Rest
Pep Club


To a swell kid
with a lot of guv.
Sandy

The Pep Club under the direction of Mrs. Janice Girton has had a concession stand at the football games this fall.

Its' function is to promote good school spirit at all athletic functions by means of pep rallies, dances and skits.
The 1954-55 F. H. A. consists of 53 members and our advisor, Miss Garber. Our club mothers are Mrs. Ireland and Mrs. Kline.

A busload of girls went to South Haven to the Region 5, Regional Convention. At Christmas time, we went caroling and distributed boxes of food. The motto of the club is: "Toward New Horizons."
HI-Y

FRONT ROW: Left to Right: Mr. Ward, Sponsor; R. Strawser, L. Salisbury, P. Kauffman, J. Wagner, L. Baima, P. Schumacher.
SECOND ROW: L. Miller, W. Tracy, C. Saunders, C. Mosher, B. Rex, J. Longacre.
THIRD ROW: S. Celmer, J. McFall, D. McFall, G. Ott, J. Wolkenstein, J. Berchiatti, B. Bale.

The Hi-Y in our school is functioning as a service club hoping to do some tasks which might not otherwise be done, such as free checking service at our basketball games, a roller skating party, sale of basketball schedule pencils, maintenance of a suggestion chart in our study hall and occasionally the purchase of something for the school.

The Hi-Y is a part of the newly organized St. Joe Branch County Y. M. C. A. and belongs to the State and the National Y. M. C. A.

Our purpose is: To create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community, high standards of Christian character.
Senior High Girls' Glee Club


Senior High Girls' Sextet

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Ward, director; B. Burg, P. Harvey, M. Berchiatti, B. Phelps, S. Weagley.
Junior High Girls' Glee Club


About fifty-five girls compose the Junior High Glee Club. The girls enjoy this course very much, and are improving in S A singing. We took part in the Christmas program and especially enjoyed the "Living Christmas Tree." The Ray sisters have formed an outstanding trio; two of which are from our club. We are anticipating singing in the May Festival at Kalamazoo.
Junior High Boys Glee Club


Boys Ensemble

Elementary Teachers

TOP ROW: Mrs. Drew, Mrs. Lahrke, Mrs. Westphal, Mrs. Lake, Mrs. Carper

BOTTOM ROW: Mr. Lucas, Miss Ohls, Miss Carter, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Shank, Miss Coyne
FIRST ROW: N. Kent, S. Holinger, W. Tracy, S. Butts, D. Hagerty, R. Foster, P. Piersen
FOURTH ROW: C. Holt, R. Lovejoy, S. Whistler, D. Freisinger
STANDING: Head Majorette: D. Ireland, J. Sheela, J. Berchisetti, S. Celmer, L. VanZile, Max Ambs
Marching Band

P. Halferty, M. Peters, S. Lutz, B. Treisch.

McCuen, Majorettes: G. Barberis, J. Notoli, M. Roe, D. Snyder, Band Director:
Drive and Fight, We Never Lack

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They Earned Our Colors, Red and Black
'54 Football


Although this year's record does not quite come up to last years, the team's sportsmanship and team work have been excellent throughout the season. We are all proud of our football team and coach, Mr. Fox who is new at White Pigeon.

We are sure that with the promising younger material and Mr. Fox's able coaching next year's record will be even better.
Varsity Basketball

SECOND ROW: C. Carper, G. Cast, J. McFall, J. Wagner, D. Friesner, G. Ott, Coach, Mr. Fox.

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White Pigeon 65  Marcellus 98
Reserve Basketball

SECOND ROW:  Mr. Stevens, M. Schmidt, K. Strawser, W. Buenger, S. Celmer, R. Lovejoy, D. Lutz, B. Rex, A. Boyer, S. Van Zile, G. Summerlot.

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To them a loud ovation,
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CENTER: Mrs. Jones
LEFT TO RIGHT: Merle Weagley, Bob Schmidt,
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