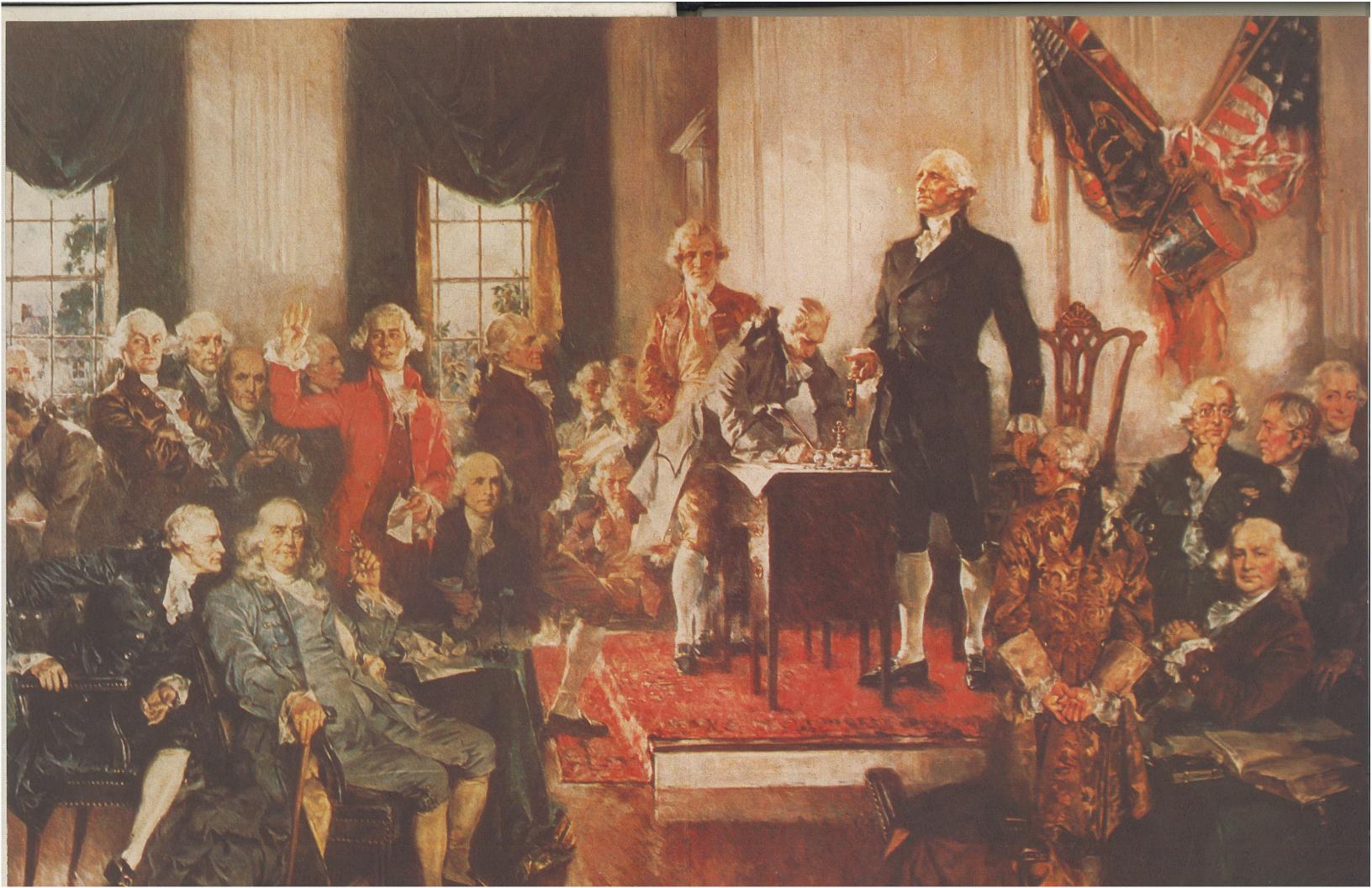
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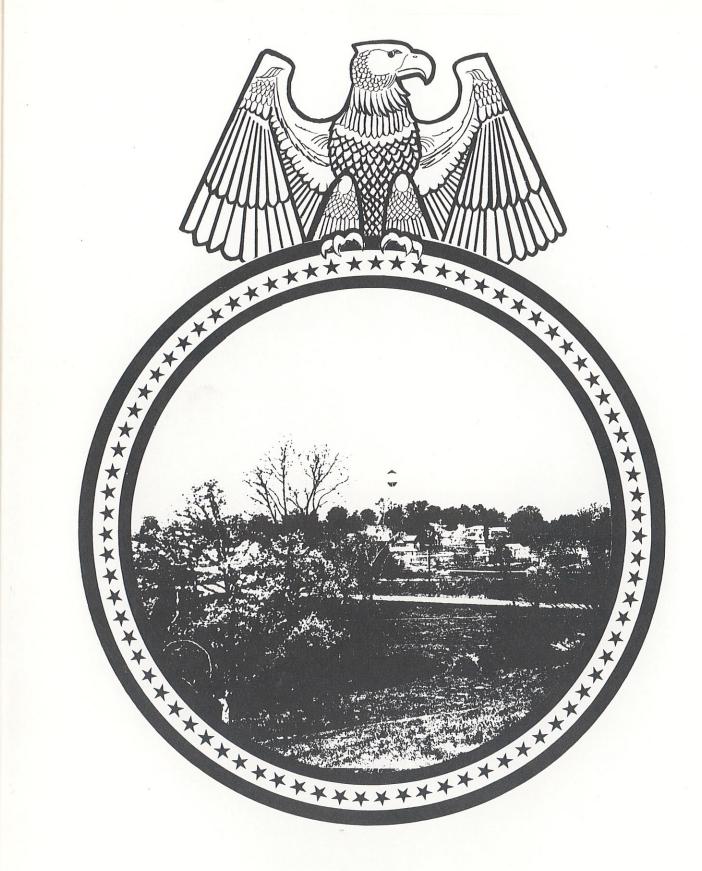


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Spirit Of '76 Tiger

YEARBOOK KING AND QUEEN SHERRY HIGGINS ALVIN MITCHELL

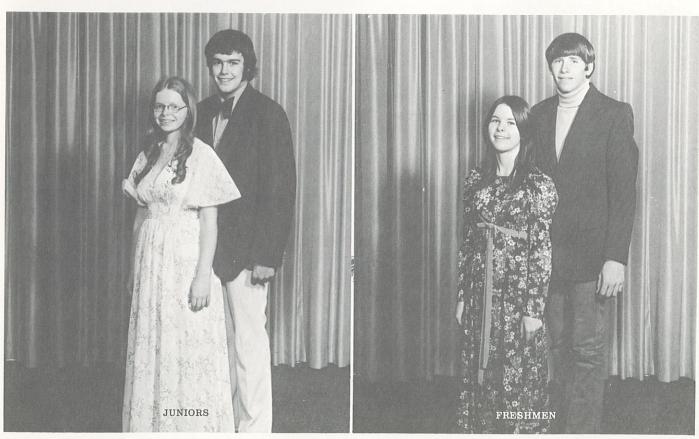


YEARBOOK CANDIDATES

SENIORS Karen Decker Rusty Smith

> JUNIORS Sara Noe Nick Kelso

FRESHMEN Charlene Kessler Gene Montgomery



MEMORIES

Memories are made of things
That happen every day
Moments as we live them
Things we do or say.

Little bits and pieces
Of laughter and mixed with tears
Paragraphs and pages
Written through the years.

The carefree days of childhood The growing pains of youth A few illusions shattered In the endless search for truth.

The friendships we remember Mistakes that we regret The ending of a love affair We never could forget.

Yes, memories are happenings Each one a different kind Each one a separate chapter That is printed on the mind.

We can't erase the sadness
Or edit out the tears
We can't undo the wrongs we've done
We can't relive the years.

But since memories keep building Each day can be the start Of making new and happy ones To store within the heart!

By Alice E. Chase



Faculty & Administration

ELEMENTARY FACULTY







Madeleine Crockett Elementary Principal Margaret Allen, Secretary Joy Nothdurft, Kindergarten









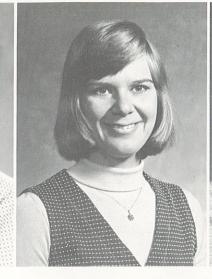


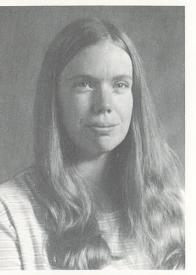




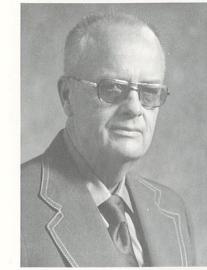
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HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



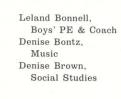
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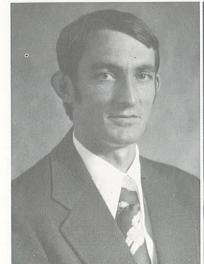
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Philip Mudd, Superintendent Floyd Waddill, Principal Genevra Scudder, Secretary







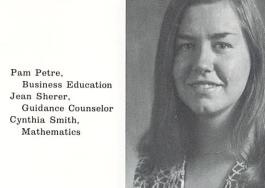








Janie Fortney, English Janie Fouch, Science Cathy Kull, Industrial Arts













Linda Stephenson, Home Economics Anita Story, Art
Michael Trumper,
Girls' PE & Coach



























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Gary Knotts

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Activities

VALEDICTORIAN



Debra Jean Selby Daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Roger Selby

SALUTATORIAN

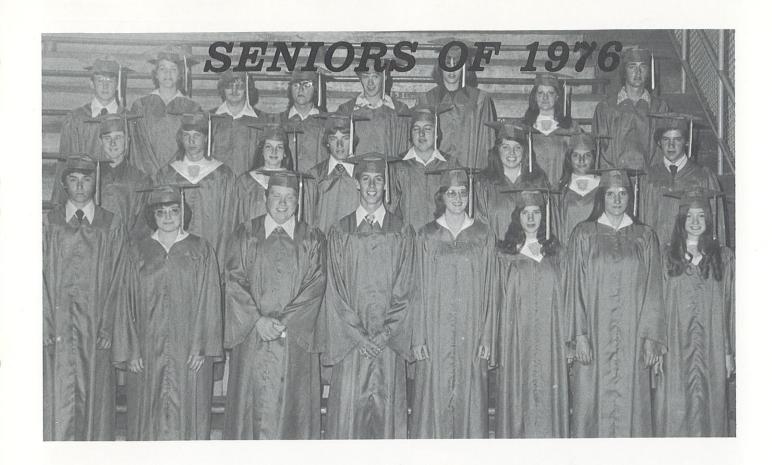


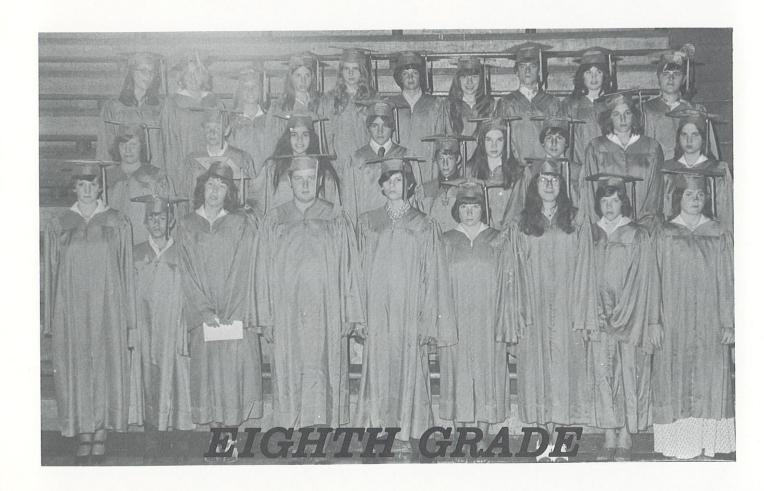
Debbie Allen Daughter of Mrs. Margaret Allen

SCHOLARSHIPS



Debbie Allen, John J. Pershing, Regent's; Harvey Summers, Certificate of Recognition; Eddy Turner, Certificate of Recognition, DAR Good Citizen Award; Richard Mountain, Regent's, Adair County R-II CTA-PTA Scholarship; Dee Tarpein, Regent's, MFA Foundation Scholarship, Northeast Missouri District Teacher's Association Scholarship; Karen Decker, Certificate of Recognition, MFA Foundation Scholarship, Alternate; Kim Helton, Certificate of Recognition; Monica Montgomery, Regent's; Deb Selby, Regent's.





HOMECOMING KING AND QUEEN Monica Montgomery



HOMECOMING CANDIDATES

JUNIORS

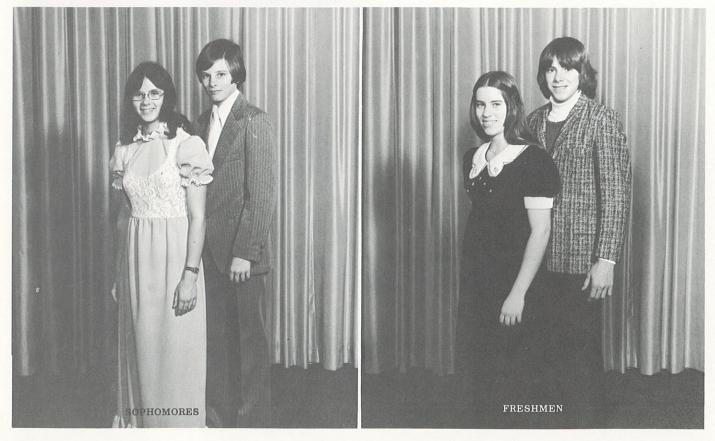
Karla Smith Billie Hettinger

SOPHOMORES

Tina Moyers Alan Osborn

FRESHMEN

Becky Stutsman Bruce Stansberry



SWEETHEART KING & QUEEN -PRINCE & PRINCESS Pam Hewitt, Queen Larry Higgins, Prince Richard Mountain, King Tammy McClanahan, Princess

SWEETHEART CANDIDATES



KING AND QUEEN SENIOR Jo Cameron

PRINCE AND PRINCESS EIGHTH Wade Sorenson Gina Moyers

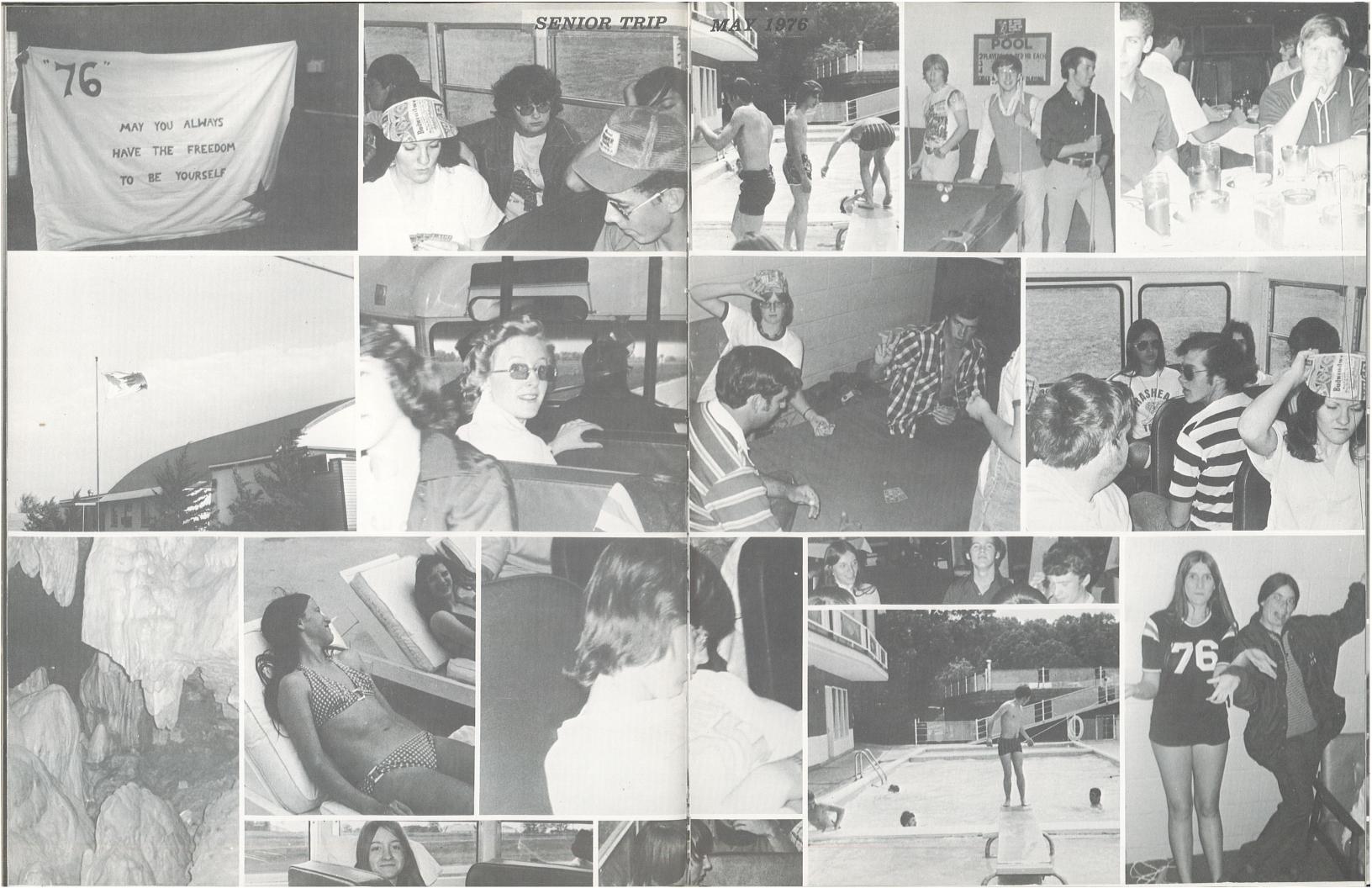
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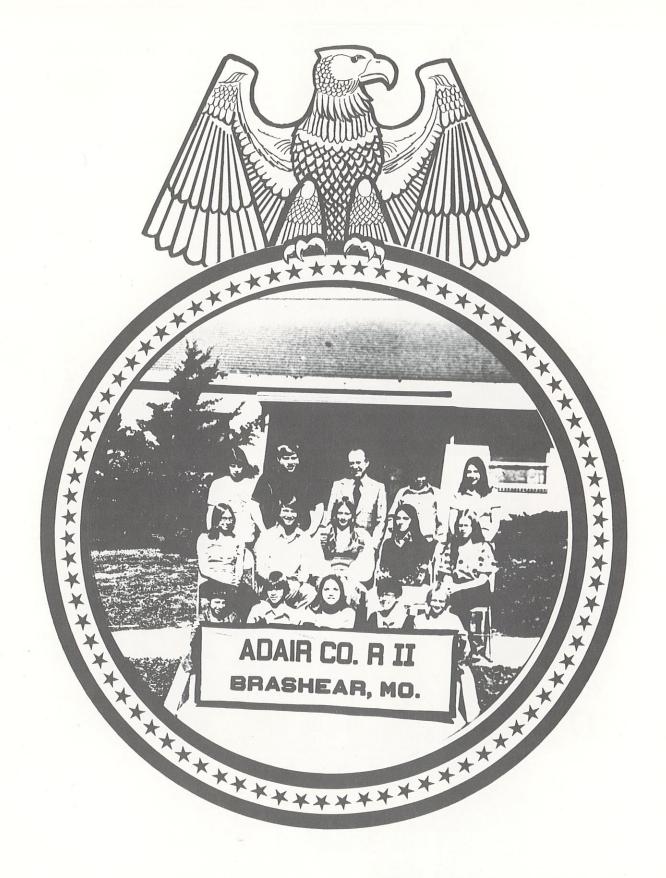












Organizations

S H O O C N I O E R T Y



FIRST ROW—Debbie Allen, Monica Montgomery SECOND ROW—Mike Allen, Debbie Selby, Dee Tarpein THIRD ROW—Jean Sherer, Sponsor; Richard Mountain

S C O O U U U D N E C N I T I.



FIRST ROW—Harley Harrelson, Kim Hill, Advisor; Richard Mountain, Pres.; SECOND ROW—Kim McClanahan, Pam Hewitt, Sec.; Bobby Lewis, Sara Noe, V. Pres.; Randy Johnson THIRD ROW—Karl Alspach, Barbara Magruder, Treas.; Alan Osborn, Beth Mountain, Angie Moots FOURTH ROW—Mr. Waddill, Sponsor



SEATED—Dee Tarpein, Editor; Mrs. Pam Petre, Advisor; Jim Hill, Co-Editor; STANDING—Sara Noe, Jo Cameron, Richard Mountain, Cheryl Bunch, Kim Helton, Marilyn Peterson, and Lisa Floyd.

FROM THE EDITOR . . .

As Editor of the Yearbook, I feel many thanks are in order to the people responsible for its success. Mrs. Petre, our advisor, kept us all in line and helped us meet deadlines and make it through some frustrating obstacles. Secondly, few of the snapshots would not have been possible if Miss Sherer had not loaned us her own camera. She made a risky and unnecessary move, but we appreciate all she has done. Tim Pearson deserves many well-earned compliments on the cover that he designed. Our photographers deserve a special thanks for duties too big for the amateur. A special thanks to James Scudder for his coverage of the Prom and the many other tasks he performed. Of course, we couldn't have done it without the cooperation of the students and administration.

I hope that next year the kids get as much fun out of making their yearbook as did the staff and I. Lastly, I would hope that ALL the kids will each play a role in forming memories to be cherished. Enjoy life now, and make the most of each day.

Dee Tarpein 1976 Editor





















SEATED—Debbie Allen, Pres.; Monica Montgomery, V. Pres.;
Dee Tarpein, V. Pres.; Sherry Higgins, Sec.; Sara Noe, Treas.;
Tina Moyers, Parl.; Kelly Allen, Hist.; Joni Lay, Mrs. Stephenson,
Sponsor STANDING—Carla Cameron, Barbara Magruder, Dawn









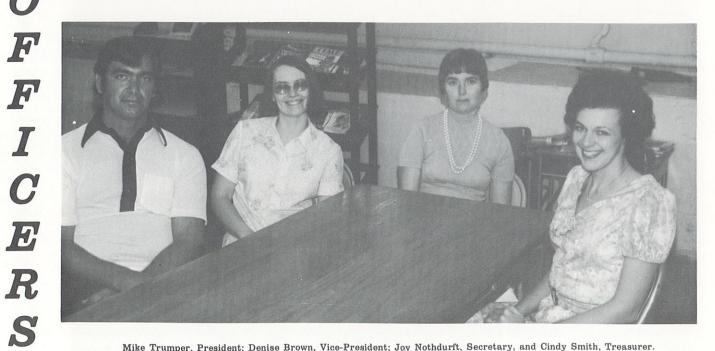
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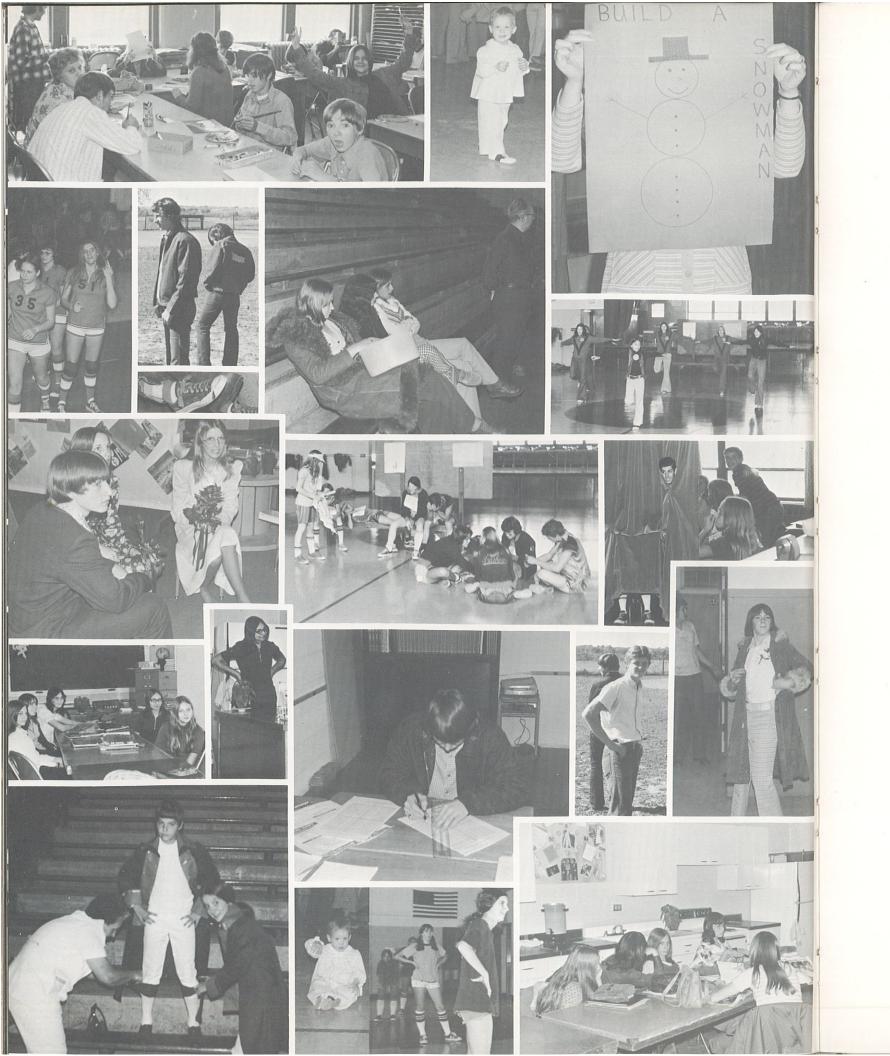
SEATED—Teresa Hewitt, President; STANDING—Betty Mudd, Parliamentarian; Peggy Noe, Citizenship and International Relations; Bonnie Turner, Treasurer; Karen Whittom, Hospitality; Jo Ann Eagen, Vice-President; Ella Mae Lewis, Membership; Bet-

ty Hughes, Assistant Secretary; Evelyn Thomas, Congress Publications; Lana McClanahan, Spiritual Life; Vaunda Rigdon, Secretary.



Mike Trumper, President; Denise Brown, Vice-President; Joy Nothdurft, Secretary, and Cindy Smith, Treasurer.







Seniors





SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Eddy Turner, President Harvey Summers, Vice President Monica Montgomery, Secretary Karen Decker, Treasurer Richard Mountain, Student Council President Kim Hill, Student Council

> SPONSORS Michael Trumper and Cathy Kull

> > COLORS Dark Blue and Light Blue

> > > FLOWER Orchid

MOTTO May you always have the freedom to be yourself.

CLASS OF 76



DEBRA LYNN ALLEN

FUTURE GOALS: To go to college and to have a happy life.



CHERYL KAY BUNCH

FUTURE GOALS: To live a happy and successful life at whatever I choose to do.



JO ELLEN KAY CAMERON

FUTURE GOALS: To find out what I am best at and do it.



KAREN JO DECKER

FUTURE GOALS: To become a successful doctor.



MARK WAYNE FISHER

FUTURE GOALS: To have a successful farming career.



HARLEY L. HARRELSON

FUTURE GOALS: To have a successful racing career and be successful at anything I do.



CLASS OF 76



KIM MARIE HELTON

FUTURE GOALS: To further my education.



BRENT HETTINGER

FUTURE GOALS: To be good at anything I attempt.



SIDNEY HETTINGER

FUTURE GOALS: To be successful at whatever I attempt.



KIMBERLY BETH HILL

FUTURE GOALS: To live a happy and successful life.



JONI EVON LAY

FUTURE GOALS: To finish college and become an interior designer.



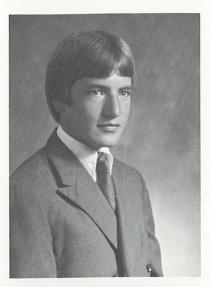
ROGER MAGRUDER

FUTURE GOALS: Information unavailable.





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JAMES G. MARCH

FUTURE GOALS: To be successful at anything I do.



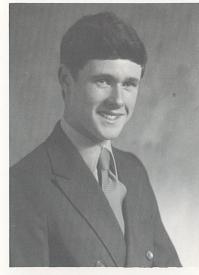
MONICA LYNN MONTGOMERY

FUTURE GOALS: Attend college



RICHARD ALAN MOUNTAIN

FUTURE GOALS: To do what I want and be happy doing it.



STEVEN M. PETERSON

FUTURE GOALS: Have a successful life in whatever I do.



KELLY PLATZ

FUTURE GOALS: To become a successful commercial pilot.



DEBRA JEAN SELBY

FUTURE GOALS: To gain happiness and wisdomthrough further education and the Lord's guiding hand.



CLASS OF 76

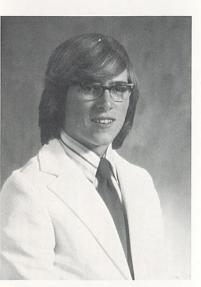


KYLE SMITH FUTURE GOALS: Work.



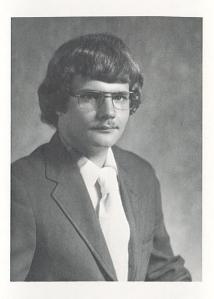
RUSSELL VIRL SMITH

FUTURE GOALS: To be successful at whatever I do.



DAVID STUTSMAN

FUTURE GOALS: Information unavailable.



KENNETH HARVEY SUMMERS

FUTURE GOALS: To become a lab technician at Kirksville or Macon.



DEANNA LEA TARPEIN

FUTURE GOALS: To be happy at whatever I do, and make others happy at the same time.



EDDY THOMAS TURNER

FUTURE GOALS: To have a successful science career.

- DEBRA LYNN ALLEN Class Officer, 2; Honor Society, 2-4; Band, 1-3; District Contests, 1-3; FHA, 1-4; Officer, 1-4; Regional Officer, 3; State Officer, 4; Who's Who, 3; Junior Play; Sophomore Pilgrimage; Cheerleader, 2-4; Track, 1,3; WILL My place at BHS to anyone who wants it.
- CHERYL KAY BUNCH Softball, 1-4; Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1-4; Chorus, 3; Yearbook, 4; YES, 2; Junior Play; Who's Who, 3; WILL My basketball ability to Loreea.
- JO ELLEN KAY CAMERON Softball, 1-4;
 Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1-3; Class Officer, 1,3;
 Who's Who, 3; Junior Play; Chorus, 3; Yearbook,
 4; WILL To Coach Trumper: All the varsity
 tops I was always accused of having.
- KAREN JO DECKER Softball, 1-3; Class Officer, 4; Band, 1; Basketball Manager, 1-4; Junior Play; Who's Who, 3; WILL My \$18.00 tennis shoes to Miss Sherer and my ability to study to those left behind.
- MARK WAYNE FISHER Basketball, 1-4; Band, 1; Track, 3-4; Baseball, 3-4; Voc. Tech. 3-4; Junior Play; WILL My ability to fix things to anyone who needs it.
- HARLEY L. HARRELSON Student Council, 4; Band, 3; Track, 1,3; Baseball, 1-4; Basketball, 1-4; Junior Play; Voc. Tech., 4; WILL — My ability to graduate to all future seniors.
- KIM MARIE HELTON Softball, 2-4; Basketball, 1-4; Chorus, 2-3; District Contest, 2-3; WILL All my dirty P.E. socks to anyone who can get them to walk out of the corner.
- BRENT HETTINGER Voc. Tech., 3-4; WILL My ability to work on cars to Nick Kelso.
- SIDNEY HETTINGER Basketball, 1; Student Council, 2; Band, 1; Chorus, 3; YES, 2; Track, 1-2; Baseball, 1-4; Basketball Manager, 2; WILL My social life to Arthur Dixon.
- KIMBERLY BETH HILL Softball, 1-4; Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1-4; Chorus, 2-3; District Contest, 3; Yearbook, 4; Student Council, 1-4; Junior Play; Who's Who, 3; WILL My coordination to Dee.
- JONI EVON LAY Transferred from Tampa, Florida, 4; FHA, 4; Basketball Manager, 4; WILL A better year than this one to Mrs. Fouch and a better Algebra I class to Mrs. Smith.

ROGER MAGRUDER - Voc. Tech., 4

- JAMES G. MARCH Basketball, 1-4; Track, 1,4; Baseball, 3-4; Homecoming King, 4; WILL — My lunchroom job to anyone that is fool enough to take it.
- MONICA MONTGOMERY Transferred from Oakland, Illinois, 3; Class Officer, 4; Honor Society, 3-4; Track, 3; FHA Officer, 4; WILL My place in the kitchen to whoever can cause Bonnie as much trouble as I have.
- RICHARD ALAN MOUNTAIN Basketball, 1-4; Class Officer, 1,3; Student Council, 4; Honor Society, 2-4; Yearbook, 4; District Contest, 3; Track 1-4; Baseball, 1-4; Junior Play; WILL — My ability to get hurt more ways during basketball to anyone who wants it.
- STEPHEN M. PETERSON Voc. Tech., 4; WILL My fifth hour class to Marvin Magruder.
- KELLEY PLATZ Track, 1; Basketball Manager, 1-3; YES, 2; Voc. Tech., 4; Junior Play; WILL My ability to work on cars to Billie Hettinger since Nick Kelso won't provide his no-nothing knowledge.
- DEBRA JEAN SELBY Basketball, 1-4; Class Officer, 2; Honor Society, 3-4; Band, 1; Chorus, 2-3; Junior Play; District Contests, 1-3; FHA, 1-3; Track, 2-3; Softball Manager, 3-4; Who's Who, 3; WILL My webbed feet to Flipper.
- KYLE SMITH Transferred from LaPlata; 4;
 WILL My height to Mike Allen.
- RUSSELL VIRL SMITH Basketball, 1-4; Student Council, 3; Track Manager, 1; Baseball, 3; Voc. Tech. 4; Junior Play; WILL Baseball ability to David Higgins.
- KENNETH HARVEY SUMMERS Basketball, 1-4; Class Officer, 3-4; Band, 1-3; Music Contest, 2-3; Track, 1-4; Baseball, 3-4; Junior Play; WILL All the torn up books and all the broken equipment of BHS to all future people who come here
- DAVID STUTSMAN Voc. Tech., 4
- DEANNA LEA TARPEIN Basketball, 1-4; Track, 2-4; Softball, 1-4; Honor Society, 3-4; Yearbook, 4; Junior Play; FHA, 3-4; YES, 2; Who's Who, 3; WILL — My good sense of humor to those left behind.
- EDDY THOMAS TURNER Class Officer, 3-4; Baseball, 3-4; Basketball Manager, 2-4; Junior Play; WILL My good looks, charm, loyalty and understanding to all under graduate males.



Underclassmen

CLASS OF 77

Mike Allen Eddie Barnhart Loreea Correll Lisa Floyd Billie Hettinger

















Pam Hewitt David Higgins Nicky Kelso Bob Lewis Marvin Magruder



Sara Beth Noe Marilyn Peterson Karla Smith









Nicky Kelso, President

Mike Allen, Vice President

Loreea Correll, Treasurer

Sara Beth Noe, Student Council Vice President

Bobby Lewis, Student Council

Pam Hewitt, Student Council



BOTTOM ROW: Pam, Sara, and Loreea TOP ROW: Mike, Nicky, Bobby and Karla

Karla Smith, Secretary

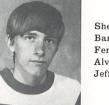
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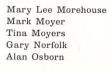








Sherry Higgins Barbara Magruder Ferrell McClanahan Alvin Mitchell Jeff Montgomery



















Kurt Platz Deborah Price Randy Shouse Jean Watson J. E. Wheeler

Mary Wheeler





SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

Jean Watson Tina Moyers Sherry Higgins Debbie Price Barbara Magruder Alan Osborn

President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Student Council Student Council

BOTTOM to TOP; Sherry, Jean, Barbara, Tina, Debbie, and Alan

CLASS OF 79

DeAnna Beckert Kevin Beckly Chuck Delaney Jimmy Dixon Dolly Elam









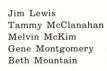








Ricky Gregory Bryan Helton Larry Higgins Charlene Kessler Don Lewis





















Tim Pearson Robert Reeves Lynn Smith Bruce Stansberry Becky Stutsman













Class Officers

Beth Mountain, Student Council
Lynn Smith, Vice President
Becky Stutsman, Treasurer
Larry Higgins, President
Jim Dixon, Secretary

EIGHTH GRADE









Kelley Allen Mike Alspach Dawn Anderson Mike Bradshaw Kenny Burns















Mike Merseal

Angela Moots

Roger Moots

Gina Moyers

Sonya Montgomery









Billy Funderburk Terri Garcia Jeff Hettinger Randy Johnson Renata McConnell

















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Diane Perkins Patsy Person Lisa Shelton Laura Sidenstricker Wade Sorenson











CLASS OFFICERS: President—Cheryl Cragg; Vice President—Carl Cameron; Secretary—Gina Moyers; Treasurer—Dawn Delaney; Student Council—Angie Moots and Randy Johnson.

SEVENTH GRADE

Karl Alspach Robert Anderson Jeff Barnhart Brian Bradshaw Larry Bradshaw



















Alan Clark Shelly Cragg Traci Delaney Kelley Eagen Monte Fisher















Billy Peterson

Barbara Selby

Rex Shahan

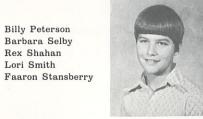
Lori Smith







Mary Beth March Michelle Merseal Kim McClanahan Todd Montgomery Russell Noe

















Carol Wheeler Jimmy Whisler

CLASS OFFICERS: President — Monte Fisher; Vice-President — Lori Smith; Secretary — Barbara Selby; Treasurer — Tammy Higgins; Student Council — Kim McClanahan and Carl Alspach.

SIXTH GRADE











Andrea Beckly Jeff Byrn Kirk Dierling Joe Garcia Phillip Hamlin





















James Montgomery Raymond Moots Rebecca Morehouse David Mountain Beth Norfolk



















Billie Jo Sidenstricker Mary Story Tracy Thompson Sherri Tillman Sheila Tonkinson





FIFTH GRADE

Debbie Beckert Danny Clark Sherri Correll Randall Cragg Bret Delaney











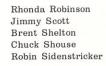




















Mark Story

Susan Stansberry

Donna Thomas

Ronnie White













FOURTH GRADE











Paul Barnhart Brandon Bleything Kevin Cragg Kent Dierling Karri Eagen



















Romona Merseal Ronda Merseal Lane McClanahan Barry Novinger Todd Shahan













THIRD GRADE

Belynda Adkins Crystal Beckly Loujean Elam Eric Floyd James Funderburk











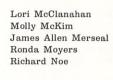








Todd Gibbs Bruce Hamlin Joseph Hibbs Jerran Higgins Michael Hughes























David Reeves
David Rigdon
Chad Smith
Chad Whittom
James Thompson







SECOND GRADE











Dirk Alspach Dennis Bachman Steven Byrn Tammy Clark Kent Eagen





















Tammy Ledford Kathleen Lewis Monty McConnell Daren Miller Brenda Moncrief













Roger Thompson Donnie Wheeler NOT PICTURED--Jody Pinkston







FIRST GRADE

Dee Anna Adkins Brett Baker Shannon Bleything Jamie Cameron Scott Correll



















Teresa Floyd Molly Funderburk Matthew Gerhold Belinda Grimm Kelly Hamer























Tina Pinkerton James Reeves Robby Joe Robinson Peggy Taylor James Walters













KINDERGARTEN











Wendy Baker Gelana Buress Diana Cox Kurt Eagen Heather Elsea















Dena Patterson

Cindy Reeves

Doug Reynolds

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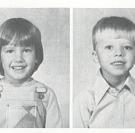






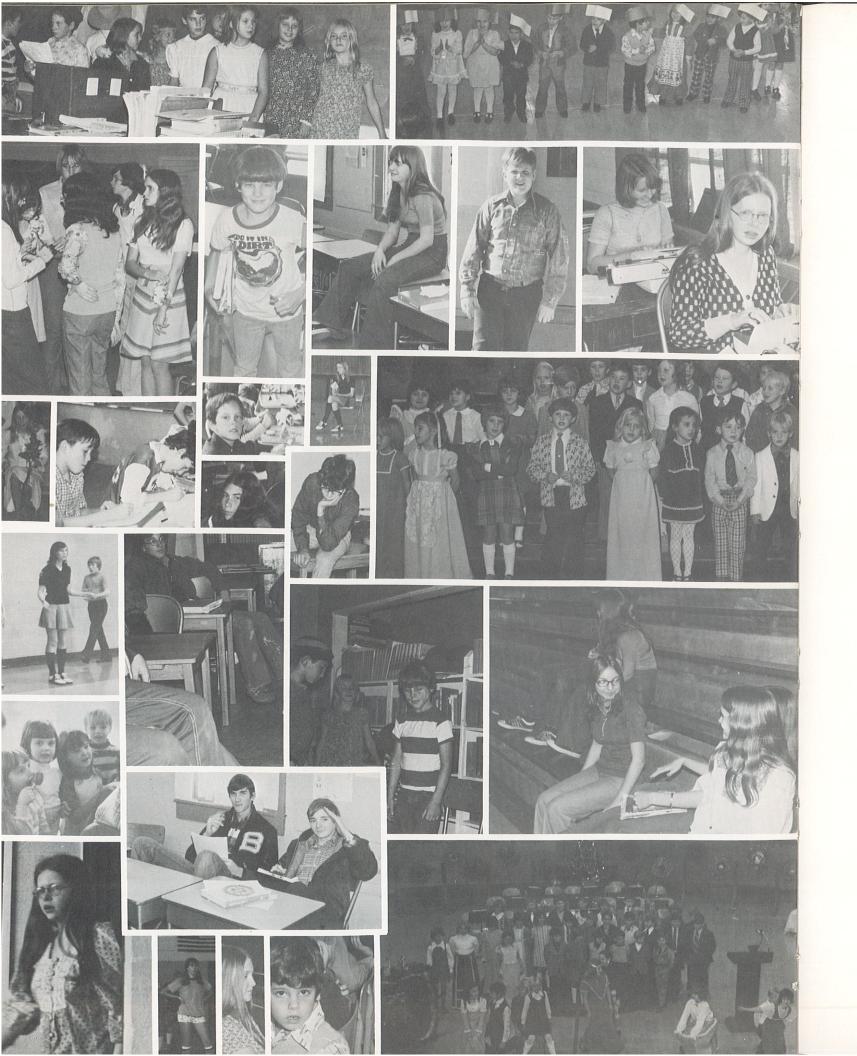


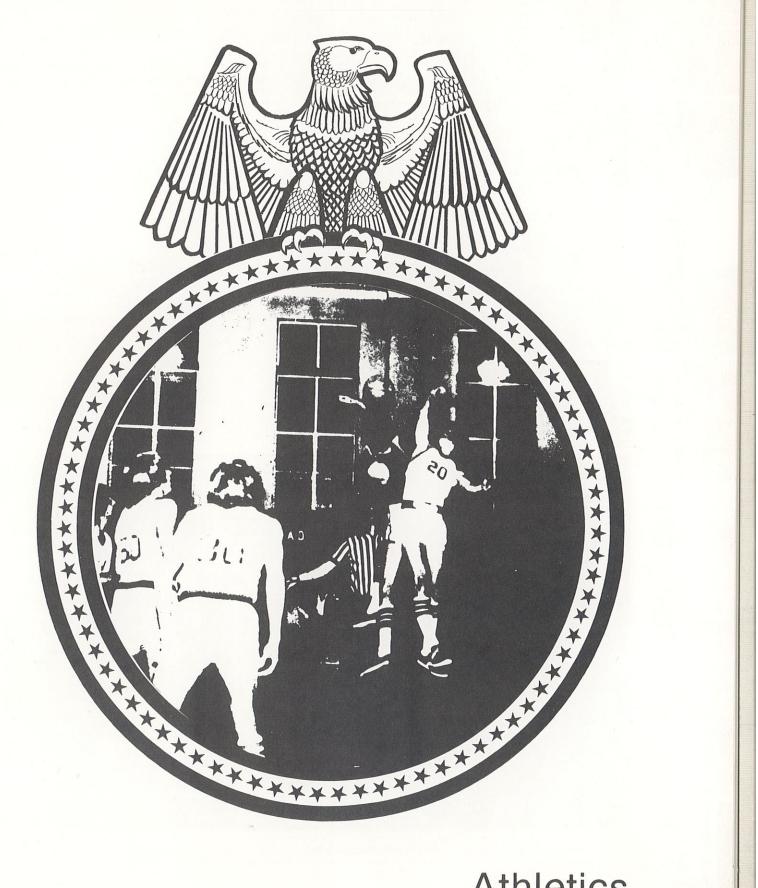












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40	Gorin	30	46	Bucklin	27	
29	Marion Co.	42	38	Atlanta	50	
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37	Novinger	39	27	Gorin	23	
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KNEELING—Kim Helton, Debbie Price, Dee Tarpein, Cheryl Bunch, Pam Hewitt, STANDING—Joni Lay, Mgr., Mary Lee Morehouse,

Mgr., Kim Hill, Jo Cameron, Debbie Selby, Coach Trumper, Sherri Higgins, Sara Noe, Jean Watson, Mgr., Karen Decker, Mgr.

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BOTTOM ROW—Mike Allen, Eddy Barnhart, Jim March, Richard Mountain, Harvey Summers, Alan Osborn, Bobby Lewis SECOND ROW—Coach Bonnell, Eddy Turner, Harley Harrelson, Rusty

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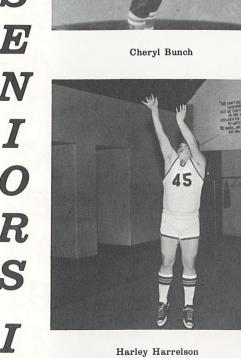
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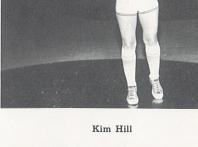
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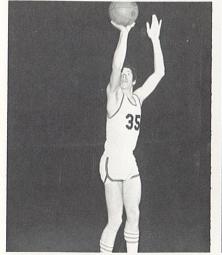
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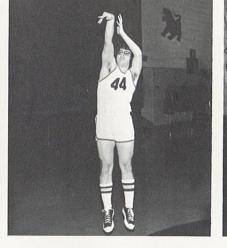




Richard Mountain

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Rusty Smith

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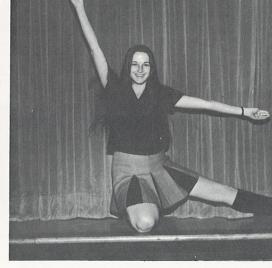
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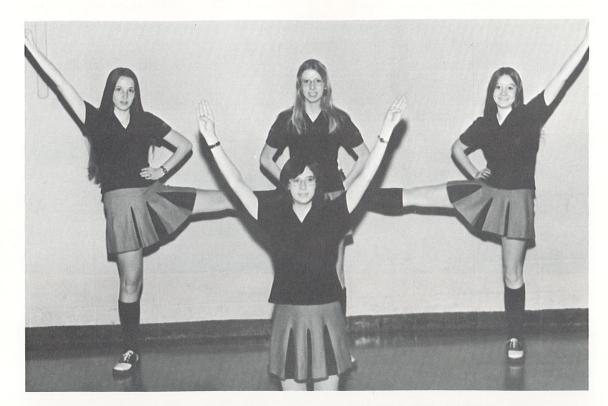
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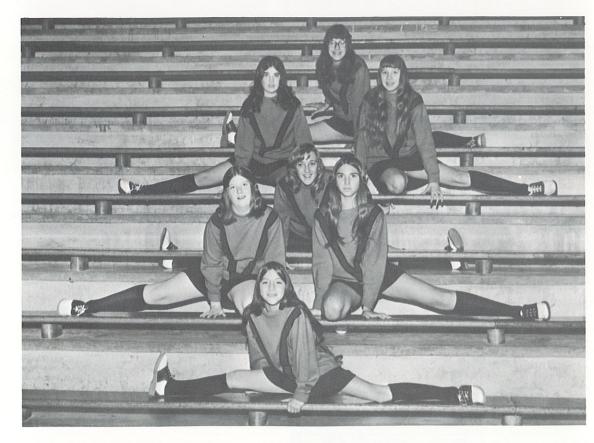
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Karen Decker Eddy Turner Joni Lay

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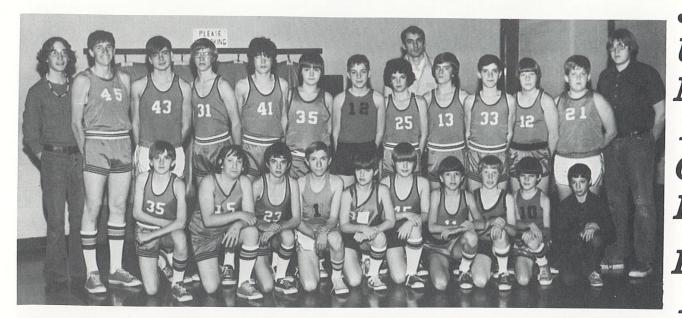


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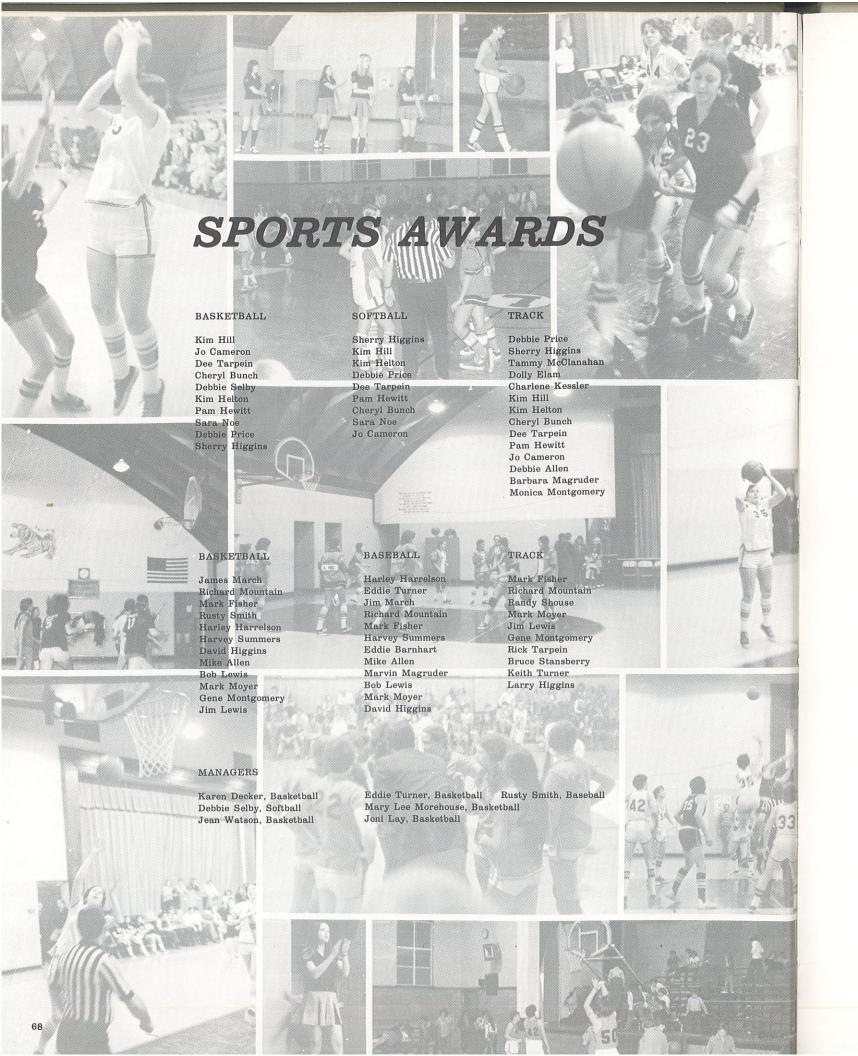


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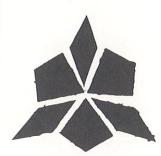
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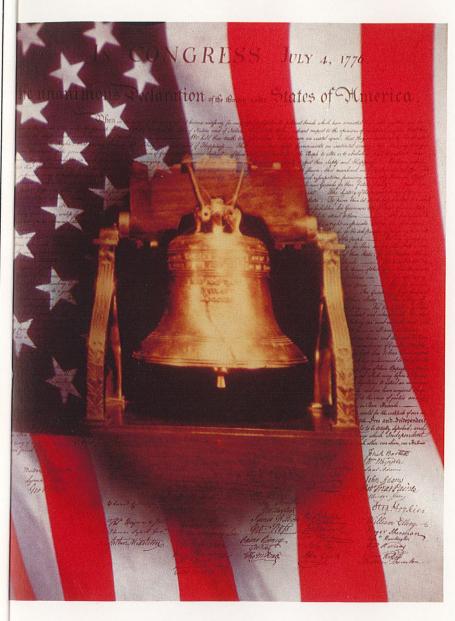
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I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodline of the world runs in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I am the Nation.

I am 200 million people, living souls and the ghosts of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant, and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. When Freedom called, I answered and stayed until it was over, over there. I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the Rock of Corregidor, and the Black steppes of Korea.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas, the granite hills of Vermont, the potato fields of Wisconsin. I am the coalfields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the Mid-west, The Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big! I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific, three million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than five million farms. I am forest, field, mountain, desert. I am quiet villages and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of Auld Lang Syne as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 169,000 schools and colleges, and 250,000 churches where my people worship God as they like best. I am a ballot dropping in a box, the roar of a crowd at the stadium, and the voice of a choir in a cathedral. I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Thomas Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright Brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Tom Paine. I am Phillip Brooks, Billy Sunday and Bishop Quayle.

Yes, I am the Nation, and these are the things I am. I was conceived in Freedom and, God willing, in Freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

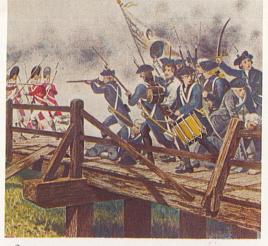
May I possess always the integrity, the courage, and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world. This is my wish, my goal, and my prayer on this my birthday, two-hundred years after I was born.

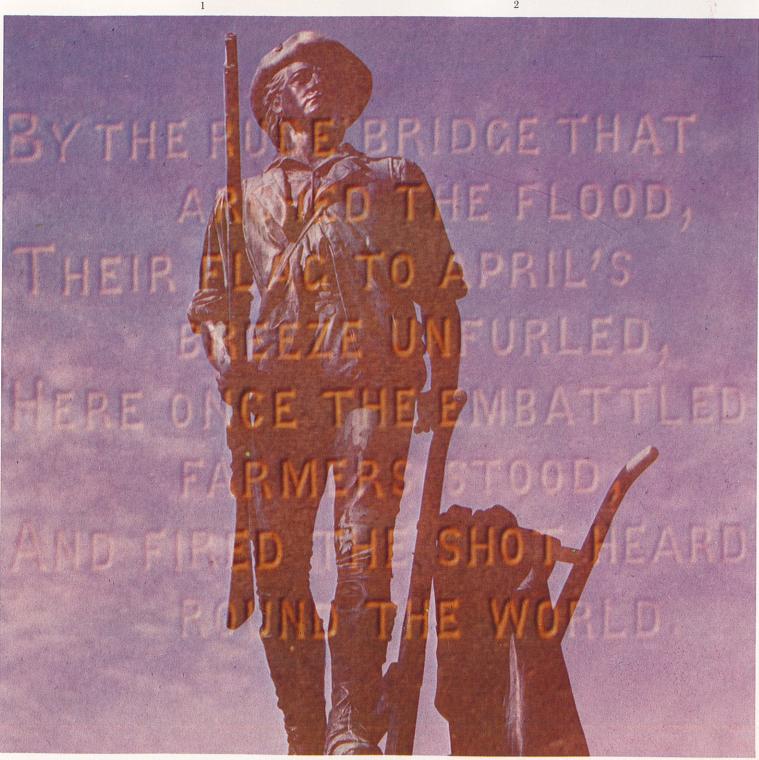
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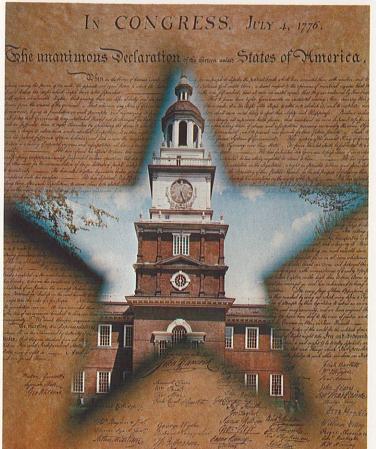
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1/ Call of the Minutemen prior to the historic Battle of Lexington. 2/ The Battle of Concord Bridge was the first battle of the war.

3/ Monument to the Minutemen which stands on the site of the Battle of Lexington, where "the shot heard round the world" was fired April 19, 1775.
4/ The signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776.
5/ Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the Continental Congress convened to decide a course of action.

6/ Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson working to revise Jefferson's draft of the Declaration of Independence.



"Don't Strike
the Colors.
...We Have
Just Begun
to Fight."

Capt. John Paul Jones







"These Are the Times That Try Men's Souls . . ."

Thomas Paine

1/ Captain John Paul Jones unfurled the first Stars and Stripes over the ocean when the young nation's banner, containing thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, was hoisted aboard the Ranger.
2/ From the deck of the captured British vessel Serapis, Capt. Jones and his crew watched as the American man-of-war, Bonhomme Richard, sank in victory, September 23, 1779. With the aid of friendly powers—namely France and Holland—and the leadership of commanders like Jones, the American fleet was able to effectively combat Britain's naval supremacy in the colonies

3/ General John Stark led the colonial forces to victory at Bennington on August 11, 1777. The victory, along with an American triumph at Saratoga on October 12 of that year brought France to the colonies' aid as an ally and was the turning point of the war.

4/ Outside of occupied Boston, colonial patriots organized themselves into a volunteer militia known as the *Minutemen*. On the eve of April 18, 1775, British troops numbering more than 800 were dispatched from Boston to seize colonial munitions stored at Concord. Forewarned, Paul Revere and others spread the alarm and the Redcoats were met by a determined band of Minutemen at Lexington. It was here that the famous "shot heard round the world" was fired. It is not known which side fired the first shot of that battle which marked the opening of outright hostilities and led to open war.

5/ The surrender of British troops under the command of General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown on October 19, 1781, brought an end to all-out fighting. A few scattered skirmishes continued for over a year. However, complications of negotiation with England delayed the signing of a peace treaty for nearly two years. General George Washington, commander of colonial forces, accepted the British surrender at Yorktown and later presented the captured British flags to the Congress.

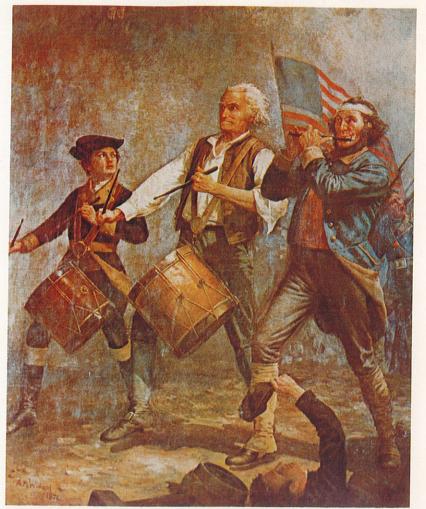


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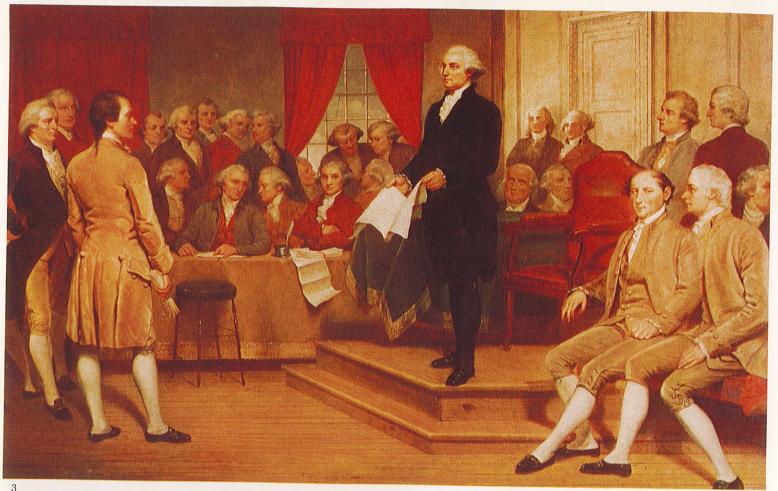
"Stand Your Ground . . . If They Mean to Have a War, Let It Begin Here."

Capt. John Parker

1/ Capt. John Parker uttered those words as the colonial militia under his command prepared to meet the British troops at Lexington. Those words and the painting-Spirit of '76-exemplify the dedication and determination of the American patriots in their fight for independence. The colonies had organized to express their grievances in an effort to resolve the differences within the framework of the Empire. Several of the colonial legislatures had instructed their delegates to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia to oppose any move toward independence. The movement for independence was gaining strength and following the publication of Thomas Paine's Common Sense, which argued for colonial sovereignty, a resolution was adopted and a committee of five appointed to draft a declaration of independence. 2/ General Washington, who had been appointed commander-in-chief of American forces by the Second Continental Congress, was a brilliant military strategist. It was his decision to take his Continentals across the Delaware River on Christmas night which resulted in the first major colonial victory. That victory at Trenton over Hessian mercenaries gave the ragged army renewed vigor. Supported chiefly through the printing of Continental currency, the colonial army also went through the personal fortunes of many American patriots-among them Washington, Jefferson, Richard Henry Lee and John Adams. These fortunes were donated to the cause of liberty-a cause supported by about one-third of the American population which was near 2,000,000. Another one-third remained loyal to the English crown and the remainder were apathetic. Despite many defeats, the colonies managed to keep an army in the field as a symbol of American resistance, to guarantee a negotiated rather than dictated peace.







". . . Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death!"

Patrick Henry

3/ Following the victory at Yorktown, Washington refused the offer of his troops to become king and returned to Philadelphia to aid with the establishment of a permanent government for the new republic-a loose alliance of sovereign states held together by the Articles of Confederation. An envoy composed of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and John Jay was sent to negotiate with the British. It was not until 1783 that the peace agreement, known as the Treaty of Paris, was signed, guaranteeing the sovereignty of the United States of America. The Articles of Confederation, despite many weaknesses, served to unify the states until 1787 when a special convention was held at Independence Hall in Philadelphia to revise them. The meeting was attended by fifty-five of the most-prominent men of the day. Twentynine of the delegates representing a majority of the states met on May 25 and decided to draft an entirely new constitution rather than ammend the Articles of Confederation. The meeting then became known as the Constitutional Convention.

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4/ The men who assembled for the Constitutional Convention were an illustrious group with nearly every delegate a person of prominence in his home state. A large majority favored a strong central government. After four months of debate, on September 17, 1787, the new constitution was completed. In a little more than four months, six states had ratified the new constitution. Despite the good beginning, the fight for ratification was bitter and it was not until September 13, 1788, that the necessary two-thirds majority of the states had approved the document and Congress could call for states to choose their electors and congressmen. Several of the states had ratified the constitution with the provision that it would be amended. Thus, as one of its first official acts under the new constitution, the Congress added the first ten amendments known as the Bill of Rights. Washington was unanimously elected President and a new nation was launched on a course of democracy.



"Give me your tired, your poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,

Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Emma Lazarus

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