

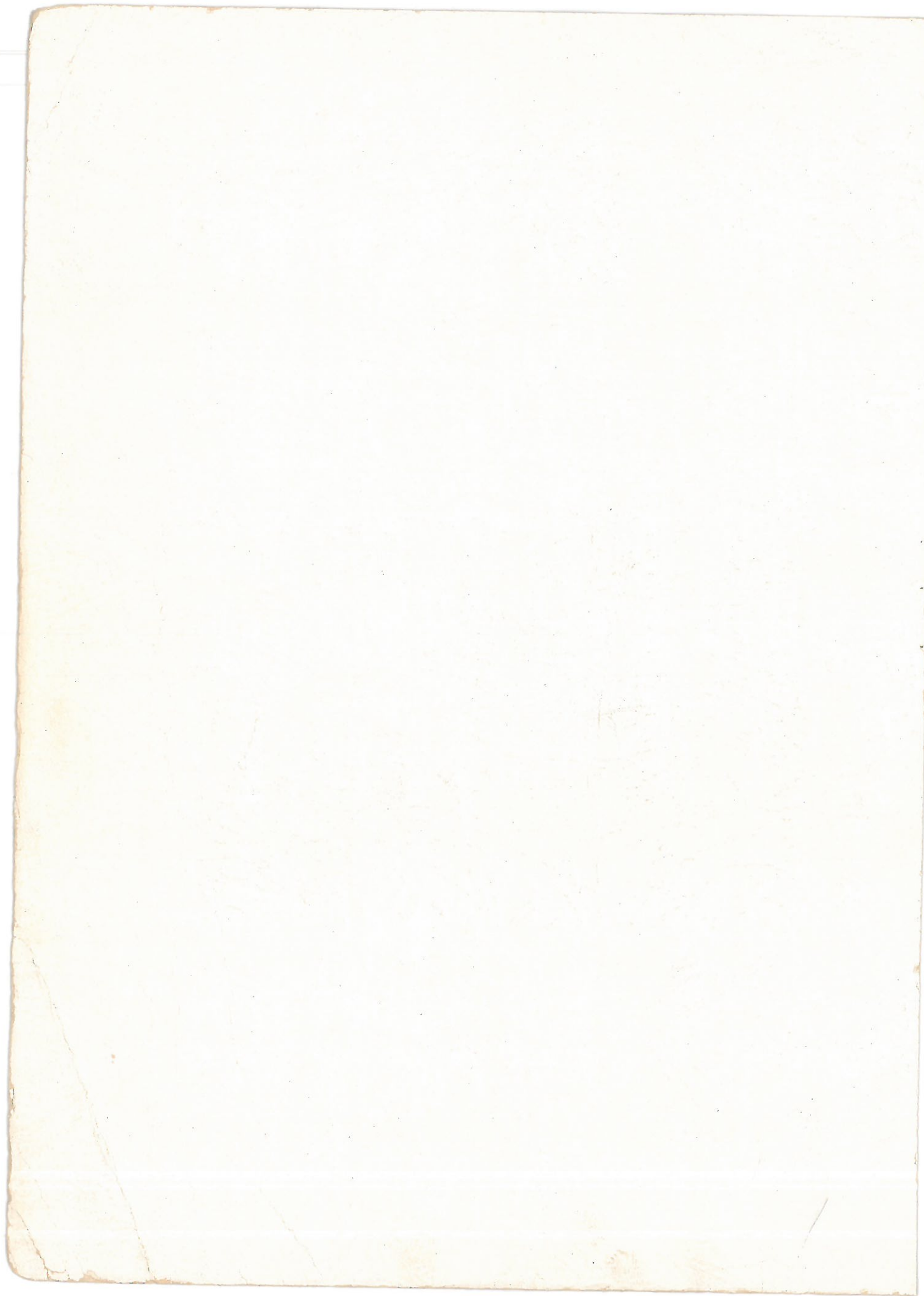
# The KERNEL



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1945





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# FOREWORD . . . . .

Now when so much that we hold dear is being destroyed, we need and want to cherish the things that mean so much to us. This yearbook endeavors to preserve some of these memories.

Several new features have been added to this annual, features that we hope will add much to your pleasure now and in the future.

As time passes, memories fade, to be revived again upon looking through the *KERNEL*. We hope that these memories will last forever and that you will enjoy reading the *KERNEL* as much as we enjoyed publishing it.

—GENEVIEVE OESTREICH

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The students of Ritzville High School have achieved a high standard in scholarship, activity, and good sportsmanship.

School spirit has been high even though our country has been at war nearly four years. The war has brought on many restrictions disrupting normal school life. Students, however, have not been discouraged, for they have gone ahead through cooperative effort, hard work and excellent spirit to make this one of the most successful years in the history of the school.

The *KERNEL* presents a fine resume of school life, preserving the ideals, traditions and memories of your high school days. The annual staff is to be complimented on producing this fine yearbook.

May I congratulate the class of 1945 upon your past achievements and remind you that as students today, you will become tomorrow's citizens. The future of our country will eventually be in your hands. I urge you to put forth your best efforts in accepting this responsibility.

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# . . . DEDICATION



The 1945 KERNEL is sincerely dedicated to your band director and teacher, Mr. Hunt, in recognition of the outstanding part he has played in our school during the last three and one-half years. Under his direction the annual concerts presented by the music department have earned and received the highest praise of the public, and the band has developed into one of the best in the State of Washington.

He gives wise counsel and support to every worthy student endeavor. He is an understanding friend of both students and faculty, giving us the benefit of his rich background of experience.

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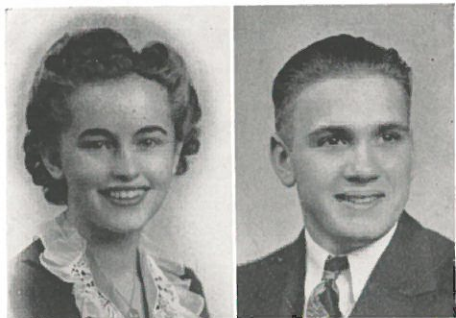
FRED KOCH



# *Classes*



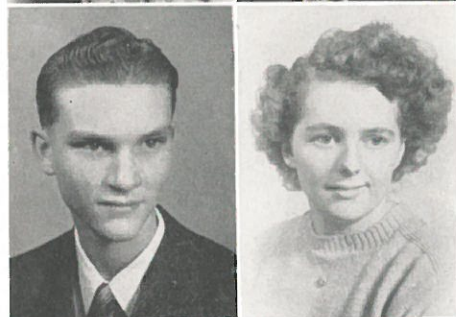
# SENIORS . . .



DORIS REIMANN

Homeroom Officer, 1; Student Body  
Officer, 2-3; Council, 2-3

HOWARD KEMBEL



ARNOLD BIERMANN

Football, 2; Basketball 1-2-3; Tennis, 2-3;  
Homeroom Officer 1-2-3; Class Officer, 2-3;  
Council, 1-2-3; Plays, 2-3; Band, 1-2

MARLENE KOCH

Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3;  
Annual Staff, 3; Plays, 2-3

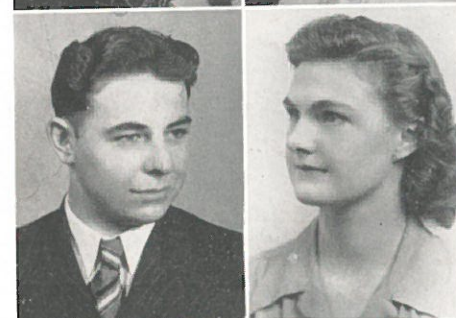


JOYCE GERING

Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3; Class Officer, 1;  
Council, 1-3; Girls' Sextette, 2-3

THELMA SCHOESLER

Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3; Class Officer,  
1-2; Council, 1-2-3; Band, 2-3;  
Girls' Sextette, 2-3



CLARENCE BATT

Football, 1-2-3; Homeroom Officer, 3

GENEVIEVE OESTREICH

Homeroom Officer, 2-3; Annual  
Staff, 2-3; Plays, 2-3; Band, 2-3



VELMA ROLOFF

Homeroom Officer, 1; Class Officer, 1-3;  
Student Body Officer, 3; Council 3

DARYL PLAGER

Football 1-2-3; Basketball, 1-2-3;  
Homeroom Officer, 1-3; Council, 3;  
Track, 2-3



# . . . SENIORS

## BILL NIENDAM

Track, 2; Homeroom Officer, 3; Class Officer, 3;  
Council, 3; Boys' Sextette, 3

## JEAN WOMACK

Tennis, 1-2-3; Yell Duchess, 1; Yell  
Queen, 2-3; Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3;  
Annual Staff, 2-3; Plays, 2-3; Band, 1-2-3

## LORRAINE ARLT

## WILMER KIESZ

Football, 2-3; Basketball, 2-3; Track 1-2-3;  
Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3; Class Officer,  
1-2; Council, 2; Boys' Sextette, 3

## GERALD SCHAFER

Football, 3; Council, 3; Homeroom  
Officer, 1-2-3

## BETTY BURGHARD

Play, 3

## BERNARD TOWERS

Football, 3; Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3; Class Officer,  
1; Student Body Officer, 3; Council, 3;  
Plays, 2-3; Band, 1-2

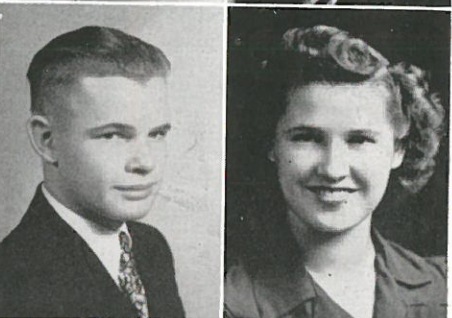
## ERMA BECKER

## OLIVE GRAMS

Homeroom Officer, 2-3; Council, 3

## BOYD HILLE

Football, 3; Band, 1-2; Homeroom  
Officer, 1-2-3; Class Officer, 2-3; Student  
Body Officer, 3; Council 3; Plays, 2-3



# SENIORS . . .



ARLENE NISSEN

Homeroom Officer, 2

FLOYD LOW



SELMA KIEHN

Homeroom Officer, 1; Class Officer 1;  
Council, 1-3

HOWARD TESKE

Football, 1-2; Homeroom Officer, 1-2-3;  
Class Officer, 2; Student Body  
Officer, 2; Council, 1-2

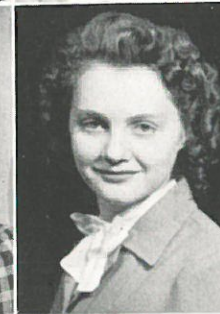


HOWARD BAUER

Baseball Manager, 1; Homeroom Officer, 3;  
Plays, 1-2

ALLENE MARTI

Homeroom Officer, 1; Council, 1

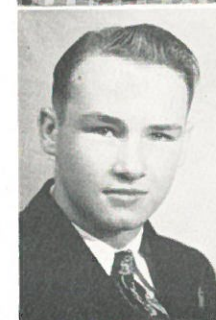


CLARICE STRATTON

Homeroom Officer, 2

VIOLET SCHELLER

Homeroom Officer, 3; Class Officer 2



ROBERT HARVEY

Football, 2-3; Homeroom Officer, 2-3

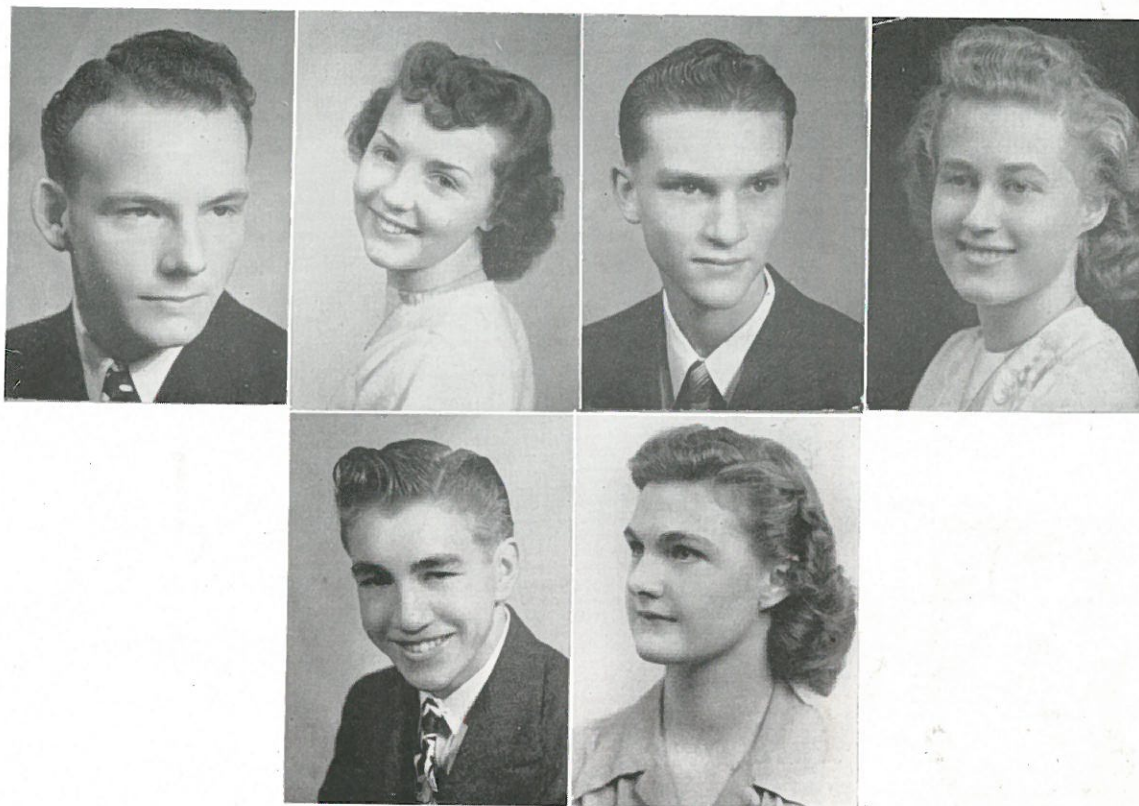
SARA ANN COOKE

Homeroom Officer, 2-3; Council,  
2-3; Plays, 2-3

BEULAH MARTIN



# ..... SENIOR AWARDS



At the end of each school year students who have been outstanding in different accomplishments in the senior high school are recognized. Their names are engraved on our Honor Roll Plaque, which is to remain in the trophy case. General requirements for all the plates on the plaque are: Student should be a member of the Senior class, he or she must be eligible scholastically. This year our award students are:

Bill Niendam .....	<i>Inspiration, Achievement, Personality</i>
Jean Womack .....	<i>Inspiration, Achievement Personality</i>
Arnold Biermann .....	<i>Creative Works</i>
Thelma Schoesler .....	<i>Music</i>
Boyd Hille .....	<i>Drama</i>
Genevieve Oestreich .....	<i>Girls' Athletics</i>

To inculcate into the high school athlete the desirability of developing a well-rounded personality through participation in a varied field of activities, and to give public recognition to an outstanding athlete and citizen each year, a winner's name is to be engraved on the GRANT HAHN INSPIRATION TROPHY. Wilmer Kiesz will be awarded the honor of having his name engraved on this trophy. Junior Chamber Inspirational Basketball Trophy—Daryl Plager. "R" Club Inspirational Trophy—Wilmer Kiesz.

To spur students on toward higher goals in the field of vocal music a new award was given to the Ritzville Student Body this year, the Singing Trophy. This award is presented to one boy and one girl each year, who are members of the senior high student body and of a recognized vocal group. Requirements are: Cooperation with the group, promptness at rehearsals and performances, interest in improvement, and participation in vocal solo work. Names to be engraved on the Singing Trophy plaque are: Norma Schafer and Wilmer Kiesz.



# JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES .





# . . . . CLASS HISTORIES

## Junior Class

After the school year of 1944-45 convened, the Junior class met to elect the following officers:

President .....	Jacqueline Kembel
Vice-President .....	Jack Schaefer
Secretary .....	Dorothy Benzel
Treasurer .....	Eugene Ahrendt
Class Adviser .....	Miss McLeod

On February 3rd, the annual Junior class play was presented to a large audience.

Early in May the Junior Class entertained the Seniors and faculty at the annual Junior-Senior banquet which was held at the Desert Hotel.

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## Sophomore Class

Officers elected to serve this year were as follows:

President .....	Willard Hennings
Vice-President .....	Lois Ottmar
Secretary .....	Dorothy Geschke
Treasurer .....	LaWanna Wellsandt
Class Adviser .....	Mr. Ericksen

The class colors of green and white were selected by the class. Orders were then placed for rings and sweaters.

May 18th the annual Sophomore dance was given with the Freshman class as honor guests.

The Sophomores were well represented in athletics by Norton Hall, George Rehn, Virgil Meyer, Don Bauer, Bob Langenheder, Willard Hennings, Bob Dewald, Dale Sielaff, Jim Taylor and Ken Nix.

# SCHOOL TRADITIONS . . .

Ritzville Senior High School has acquired many traditions in its time, adopting new ones and discarding some of the older ones. In referring to a tradition, we mean a practice that has been handed down from the past. This is not to be confused with a custom, which is the habitual practice of doing the same thing, in the same way over and over again.

The senior class day, one of the best-known traditions in Ritzville High School, is held during the last month of school. The day dawns bright with the seniors appearing in outlandish costumes. A program following some selected theme is presented to the rest of the students in the afternoon. Much interest is shown in the laughter-provoking class will and prophecy.

Years ago it was customary to hold the class day exercises in the morning, but it was changed to an evening performance by the class of 1930. As time wore on it was brought back to an afternoon program, which is the tradition as it now stands.

The annual Mother's Day tea and program is sponsored by the Girls' League. Written invitations are extended to all high school students' mothers. The mothers look forward from year to year to the one tradition that is held in their honor.

The R. H. S. Alumni Association, one of the most active high school alumni groups in the state, makes its one annual meeting a special occasion by welcoming the seniors into the ranks of the alumni. It also brings together many of the old graduates of Ritzville High School. This banquet marks the end of the seniors' high school career and extends special honors to the class of twenty-five years ago.

Is everybody ready? Have we got all the food? Well then, let's go! We're off on a class day picnic. In previous years the three classes have celebrated together, but now only the senior class is allowed school time for a picnic. Due to gas rationing during war time the picnics of the last few years have been held close to home.

Each year is "topped off" by one formal affair, the Junior-Senior Banquet, which is the social event of the year. It is a gala event given by the juniors to honor the seniors. The theme of the banquet is secret to the guests until the final evening. A speech of welcome is given by the junior class president, and a response is then heard from the president of the senior class. Various other speeches and musical numbers complete the evening. Much hard work and planning is put into these banquets and it is with a sense of pride that the juniors honor the seniors.

Traditions such as those mentioned have been set up over a period of years. Each year the personnel of the various classes is different, as is the interpretation of the many school events, but over a period of time the most memorable events seem to take on greater significance, because they are an essential part of our school's social and cultural life.

We also like to think that Ritzville High School has some more or less intangible traditions. Pride in the appearance of our school grounds and buildings, respect for our faculty, a vigorous school spirit, and a feeling of cooperation, are in a sense our basic school traditions, which in later years assume their just importance in the minds and hearts of the alumni of R. H. S.



# *Activities*



# STUDENT BODY COUNCIL . . .



Student  
Council

Members: Doris Reimann, Velma Roloff, Bernard Towers, Cecil Telecky, Larry Kiehn and Doris Dewald. (Standing) Jacqueline Kembel, Edna Stehr, Joyce Gering, Maxine Smoot, Dorothy Benzel, June Heinemann, Selma Kiehn, Olive Grams, Eugene Ahrendt, Arnold Biermann and Boyd Hille.

## Intramural Committee



Members: Violet Scheller, Larry Kiehn, Arnold Biermann,  
Cecil Telecky and Robert Harvey



# . . . . . SCHOOL MUSIC

The band has had a very active year and has furnished an opportunity for many students to participate in music activities. Throughout the year the band helped to lend color and interest to pep rallies and games as well as assisting downtown on special occasions.

Two special features of the year for the band were the annual fall and spring concerts. A trumpet trio, sousaphone solo, clarinet octette and trombone trio appeared as part of the fall concert. The combined junior and senior high school band composed of 104 pieces was featured at the spring concert on April 28. Several popular pieces were included in the spring concert program along with a United Nations flag display and march. Under the excellent direction of Mr. Hunt the band closed a successful year in its last performance at the Commencement program.

Eugene Ahrendt, violinist, has appeared on several school programs and received the highest rating of "A" at a music audition in Spokane sponsored by the Cheney Kiwanis Club which entitled him to compete in the final auditions at Cheney in May.

June Heinemann, pianist, accompanied at concerts and programs. In March she received the rating of "excellent" in a music meet sponsored by the Washington State Federation of Music.

The senior high girls' sextette was one of the most outstanding vocal groups our school has had for a number of years. Under the competent direction of Miss Lenora Martin the sextette has earned a fine reputation for its many excellent performances. Major school events which featured the sextette included the spring and fall concerts, school plays, and various appearances before local clubs and civic groups. School programs in which they participated were further enhanced by an added interest in setting. During April the sextette presented a program at Baxter Hospital in Spokane; in May they were scheduled for radio programs at K. W. S. C., Pullman, and K. H. Q., Spokane. Members of the sextette are: Sopranos, Norma Schafer and Joan Vehrs; Seconds, Thelma Schoesler and Lois Schwisow; Altos, June Heinemann and Joyce Gering.

The fall concert featured for the first time a boys' sextette. Members of this group were: Don Bauer, Bill Niendam, Wilmer Kiesz, Jimmy Taylor, Dale Sielaff and Pete Lefevre. At mid-year Bill Niendam, who joined the Navy, was replaced by Wallace Borgens.

At the spring concert a mixed group of nine voices performed. Members were Jack Schaefer, Wilmer Kiesz, Don Bauer and the senior high girls' sextette.

Students who did vocal solo work this year for special programs were: Norma Schafer, Wilmer Kiesz, Joyce Gering, Laura Burckhalter and Jack Schaefer.



# BAND AND ENSEMBLES . . . . .





# ..... VOCAL GROUPS





# SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS . . . .



LIBRARY  
COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT  
SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT  
FARM SHOP  
ART DEPARTMENT