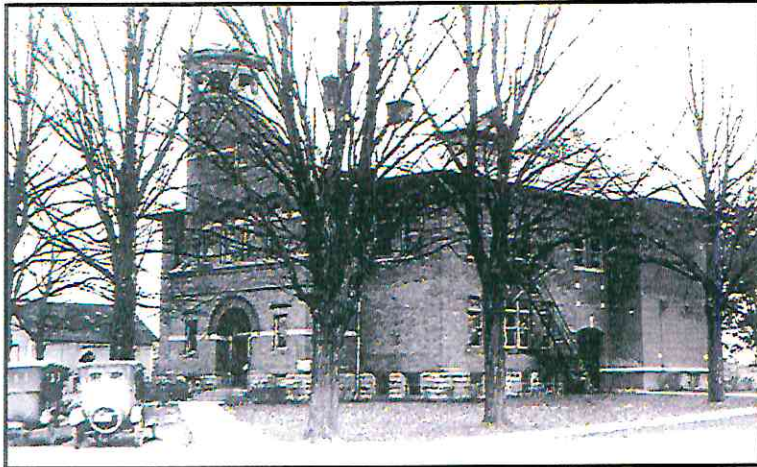


# BYRON HIGH SCHOOL

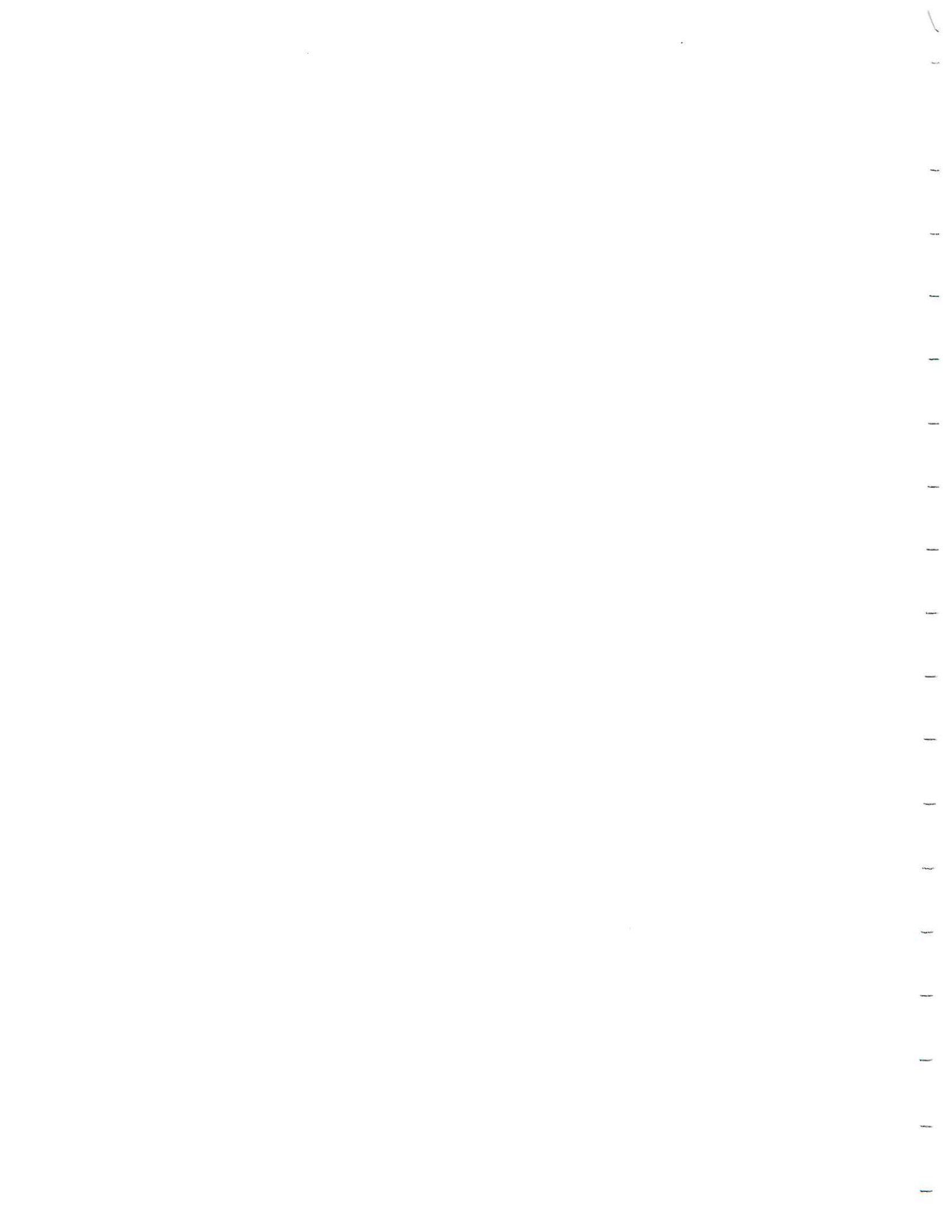
# 100<sup>th</sup> ALUMNI BANQUET



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# Byron School History

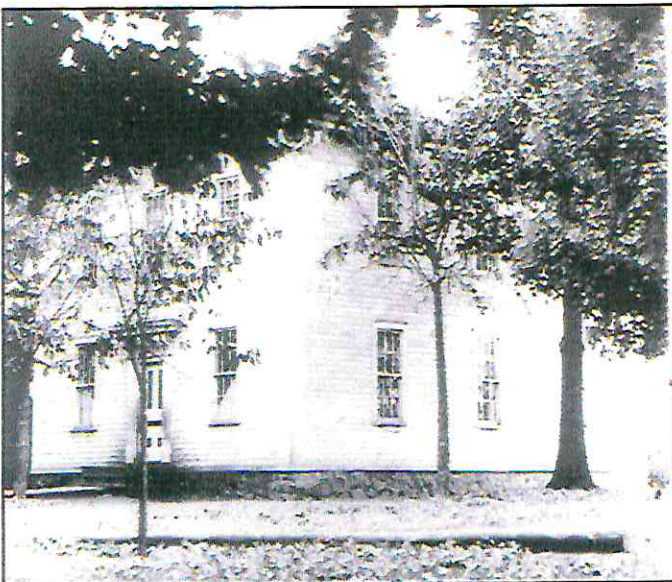
Throughout the years, education has been one of the greatest concerns of its residents. Byron's community life has always centered around the schools.

Burns Township began its first school in an unoccupied log cabin built by Amos Foster on Section 22, about two and one half miles from Byron, later known as the Chaffee School. The first teacher was William Chaffee, followed by Andrew Huggins, who taught during the winter of 1838-39. The following summer, several schools were taught in the township, although the townships were not organized until 1843. The first officers were: Freeborn Joselyn, moderator, and Joseph Joselyn, director. Three months of school were held in the winter and four in the summer, each pupil being required to furnish one half cord of wood. The Town Board of School Inspectors met in the spring of 1840 and divided the entire township into districts with the exception of the Indian reservation which was located in parts of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 in the Northwest part of the township. In 1842, the Board met and apportioned the primary money as follows: District No. 3 (Byron), \$8.64; District No. 5, (Chaffee) \$6.72; and District No. 4 (Green), \$2.88.

On November 14, 1842, a school meeting was called and held at the home of Robert Crawford, but, because Mr. Crawford did not live in District 1, for the benefit of which the meeting was being held, it had to be changed. On May 6, 1843, the school board addressed Mr. Crawford as follows, "Mr. Robert Crawford, you are hereby commanded to notify every qualified voter in District No. 2, either personally or by leaving a written notice at his residence, that a school meeting will be held at the house of Remah Cole on the 18th at one o'clock in the afternoon." Soon afterward a log house was built and used until 1856 when the old Cole School was built at the corner of Durand and Cole Roads.

In September 1848, District No. 1 voted to raise \$75.00 to build a school which was completed the next year and later became known as the Haviland School. This building was later moved to Byron and became an annex to the Byron High School. The Barnum District No. 8 was organized in 1854 and the school located on the northwest corner of Byron and Braden Roads.

Our local school history dates back to 1845 when the first building was erected at a cost of \$200 and was located on the property on the northwest corner of Maple and Church Streets. The first regular school meeting in the village was held December 6, 1843, in the Byron Hotel. Previous to this date there had been several terms of school taught in the homes of the villagers.



*Byron High (Union School) 1865-1899*

In 1865, a *Union School* costing \$3,500 and a primary building on the north side costing \$800 was constructed on the northeast corner of Maple and Ann Streets. Both these buildings were sold and moved away in 1899, making way for the new brick structure. Work was started in the spring, grade pupils finished their school year in other buildings. Some classes were held in a store building, some in the ballroom of the

Byron Hotel, a part of which is now the home of L.W. VanAlstine (103 N. Saginaw Street).



*Byron Hotel*



*Byron Opera House*

Others were taught in the *Byron Opera House*, now the site of the George Eddy home (202 E. Hamilton Street). The Opera House, later destroyed by fire, had been remodeled and enlarged from the old Presbyterian Church.

Records show some ninth and tenth grade subjects being taught soon after 1879.

This brick structure (below) consisted of two classrooms and two cloak rooms on the first floor for the first six grades, and two classrooms (one for the 7th and 8th grades, one for the high school) an office, a small Chemistry lab, and a supply and telephone booth on the second floor.

The basement consisted of a furnace room and playroom with a dirt floor. The morning, noon, and recess bell was rung from the north cloakroom by means of a heavy rope.

The first record of a four-year high school course being offered was in 1914. Although no 11th or 12th grade subjects were credited to the pupils, there were forty-eight enrolled in the upper four grades. Five full time teachers were employed with salaries ranging from \$50 to that of the Superintendent which was \$82 per month. At this time the total enrollment was 101. Credits for eleventh and twelfth grades subjects were given for the first time in 1915.



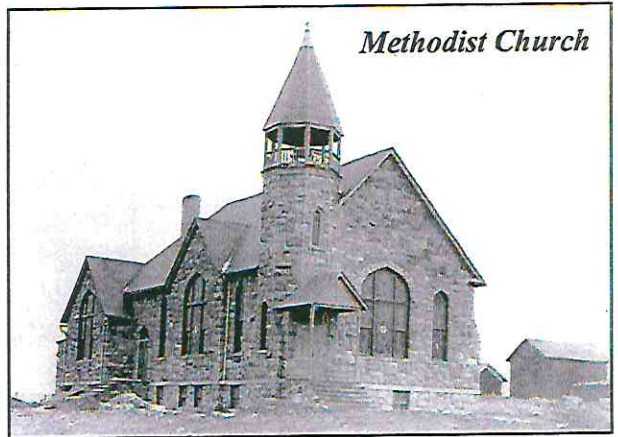
In the spring of the year as soon as lunches could be swallowed the girls were off to a little woods just to the south of what is now the Ralph Sipes home (in 1978 219 N. Saginaw St) to gather the most beautiful violets in the world and myrtle by the armful, which would latter adorn the teacher's desk or be taken home at night.

If a boy or girl failed to get their work done or disobeyed the teacher they were required to learn a long selection of poetry and remain after school an hour each night until it was learned correctly. They walked home regardless of the distance. Anyone discovered chewing gum had to stand in front of the room with the gum on his nose for the rest of the day. Almost every year each room had a dose of lice, adding another problem for the teacher, as well as each pupil.

An old gentleman by the name of Kels Campbell was janitor for many years, preceded by a John Wormley and Harm Newman and followed by Peter Mills, Bert Miller, Charles MacKay, Hubert Dutil, Howard Boillat, Lloyd Root, Bert Pearson and Walt Maylum.

During the years 1919-1921, A.T. Hagerman was employed as Superintendent at the annual salary of \$1,800. Through him the consolidation of Districts 1-3-5-8 was introduced. A mass meeting was held at the M.E. Church, a dinner served and many people from the surrounding communities listened to a speaker from Lansing as he talked on the advantages of consolidation. In 1921, consolidation of the above districts was completed and the district bonded for \$25,000 to build an addition on to the three story brick structure. The job was let to Oswald and Stahl from Alma, Michigan. Daily work was begun at 6:00 a.m. and ended at 6:00 p.m., with the exception of Saturday when they quit at noon so some of the men could get home for the

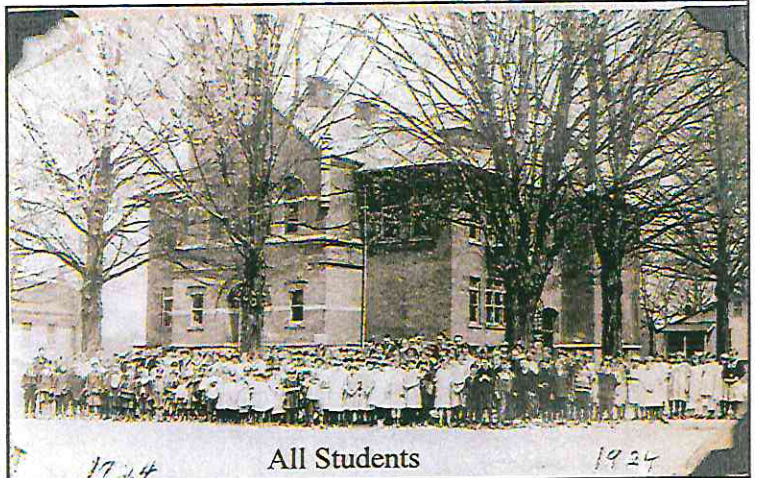
weekend. The common laborer received forty cents an hour while the carpenters and brick layers received a little more. Great was the excitement around school while the building was going on and most of the spare time at noon was spent watching the men at work and wondering just what it would look like when completed. The entrance to the high school rooms were by the fire escape and through a window. The youngsters who lived in town went home when not in class to make room for those who came in on the busses and had to remain the entire day. Sewing classes were held in the basement of the Methodist Church.



*Methodist Church*

When the building was finished in 1923 there was an assembly room and commercial room on the second floor, two new classrooms on the first floor, two Home Economics rooms in the basement and the old play-lunch room became the boy's manual training room or shop.

The building to the left of the school is the old *Haviland School* from the North of Byron which was moved to Byron after the consolidation and used for the first grade room with Alice Stoner Griffin as the teacher. Later it became a storage place for the horse drawn busses until they were disposed of. Again it became a classroom, then was moved back on the playground and used for tool storage. By 1944-1945 our school had grown to such a capacity that it became necessary to have more room, so again the old Haviland School took another ride - this time to be remodeled and another room its size added to it to form the annex North of the main building. It was used for kindergarten and third grades, then as the band headquarters.



1924 All Students 1924  
High School after the east wing addition in 1922-1923

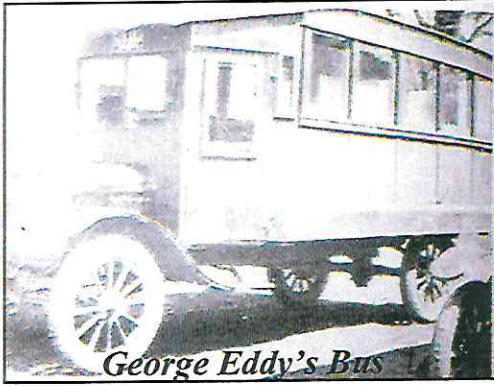
The house (below) belonged to an old lady, Aunt Martha Welch, who lured the girls to her home many noons with popcorn and candy, just so she would have someone to talk to. Later this became the home of Charles Lewis and then was purchased by the school and set up as a Home Making area until it was moved away in 1954 to make way for the new gymnasium.



*Aunt Martha & Ed Welch*



*Welch house*

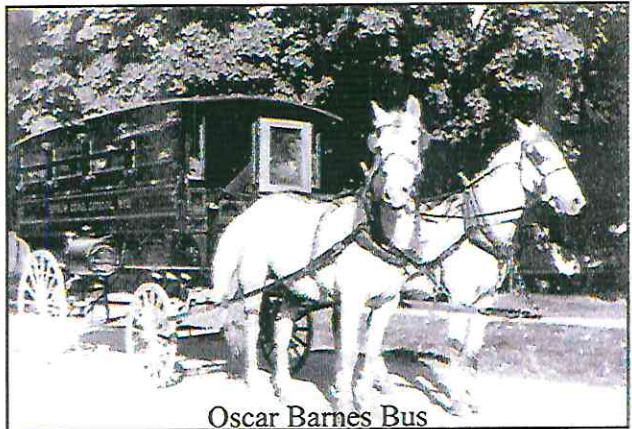


## BUSSES

Busses for the transportation of country children to school were first used in 1922. Motor busses were thought impractical at the time, so horse drawn vehicles or glass wagons as they were called were purchased. When school started in the fall the horse drawn carriages had not arrived so for about three weeks lumber wagons with a wide rack were used by the drivers. On a rainy day, in spite of the large farm umbrellas used, someone always arrived at school or home soaking wet. The new busses finally arrived. They were equipped with stoves, so, although the ride was a long one for some, it was never too uncomfortable.

At the time of the merger no law was in existence relative to trustee-ship on the board so a gentlemen's agreement was established that a trustee should be elected from each district, and this policy followed until after the consolidation of the Cole District in 1949. Many capable and efficient men have served on our Board of Education over the years, dedicating their time and effort toward making our school the best possible.

Previous to consolidation, the high school had a football team in the fall and a baseball team in the spring which were conducted largely by the fans of the town. In 1924, the school secured the use of the town hall for



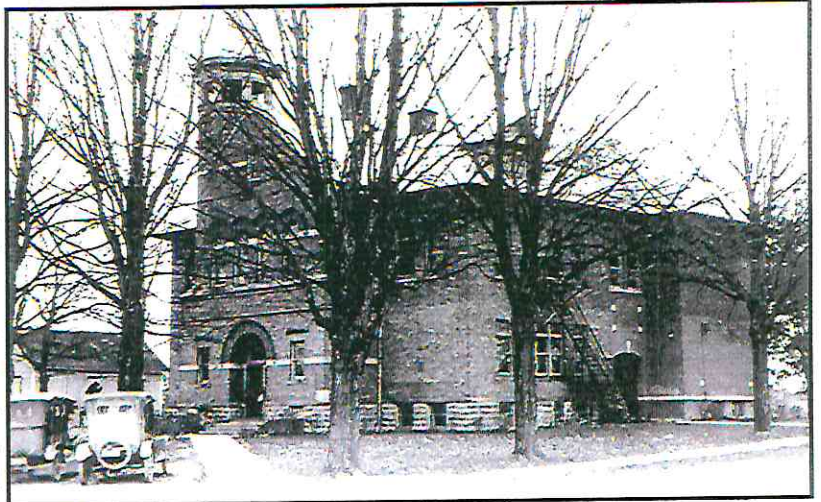
athletics during the winter by joining with the Byron Improvement Association. An athletic board was elected by the high school students which later handled all the business of the association including the scheduling of games and buying equipment. A girls basketball team, girls indoor baseball team, a high school boys team, a junior team, a town mens basketball team and an older mens indoor baseball team were organized. The hall was used two evenings each week according to schedule from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. Two games were played each Friday night. One evening each month the hall was reserved for the use of students from the surrounding districts. Leaders were furnished to help them in organizing and conducting games in view of adding tuition pupils to our high school. This proved very successful giving many youngsters an evening of constructive fun and was carried on for several years. On Tuesdays and Fridays, during the day, each pupil, if physically fit, was required to take some physical training and each teacher took his own group of students at a definite time to the town hall for this class.

In the spring of 1924, students from the different classes and rooms chose a portion of the school grounds to seed, care for, and beautify. When the grading was completed the grounds were dragged by Forest Arthur, Garland Ball, and Fred Hibbard, who brought their teams and dragged, in with the clay, loads of black dirt. The grounds were then seeded, rolled, and watered by the students. All the rooms sold magazines to earn the fifty dollars they had agreed to contribute toward the shrubbery. Plans for planting were studied and submitted by each group; the pupils having the best plan supervised their section. A committee composed of John Dyer, Fred Hibbard, and



BHS Class of 1928 Football & Basketball

Garland Ball were chosen to accompany Mr. Burt, the superintendent, to purchase shrubs from the Genesee County Nursery. A half day was taken for the planting of the shrubs which consisted of: five dozen Japanese Barberry, two dozen Spirea, one dozen Honeysuckle, one half dozen Snowberry and four Boston Ivy. Nature did her part by furnishing a cool wet spring; the shrubs grew well and rapidly and still remained to beautify the old brick school until it was torn down in 1966 to make way for the new elementary building.



For the first time the school was placed on the accredited list in June 1924 and enrollment gradually increased. Pupils paying tuition increased from 9 in 1924, to 34 in 1928. This increase in tuition amounted to nearly \$1900. The first State Aid money

was received in August 1924, a sum of \$3000, which was to be received annually. The Smith Hughes Law for Federal Aid in Agriculture and Home Economics made it possible for the school to receive the sum of \$1285.48 in 1928, while the primary money amounted to around \$3000. The cost of maintaining the school for this year was approximately \$24,000. Nearly \$4000 was spent on permanent improvements such as tables, laboratory equipment and books, and about \$900 was invested in musical instruments. Enrollment had reached 226, of whom 136 pupils came from the country and 90 from the village. Tuition was \$75 a year. After consolidation credit was first offered for music, typing and extra-curricular activities, and manual arts and home economics had been introduced followed by a four year vocational agricultural course. Many of the farm boys specialized in certified beans or potatoes or in registered corn, hogs, cattle, or poultry. In 1925 Byron School had the enviable record of being first in the state in high yields of spuds raised by students on potato projects. The state record of 300 bushel per acre was broken by the production of better than 350 bushels by three boys, Stanley Ball, Roy Neathammer, and Vernon Pratt. The Poland China hog project numbered eight registered sows and one boar. A sow was furnished to each boy who undertook the project without any cost to him, and from the first litter of pigs he turned two of them over to the school, and kept the remainder for himself. Most of the increase was disposed of to the local farmers.

Another accomplishment under the leadership of Mr. Burt, who headed the Byron school during a very successful period of expansion from 1923 to 1930, was the local school fair sponsored by the Agricultural and Home Economics departments. This attracted considerable interest in the community. The adjacent schools were urged to participate. A trophy cup, furnished by the business men of the town, was given to the school winning the most points in the exhibits. Poultry specialists, the Livingston County Agent, and speakers from the State Department and College, assisted in making this an interesting as well as an instructive event for the whole community. The district schools each furnished a part of the program for the evening and a ten dollar prize was offered to the school putting on the best number. This gave the surrounding area children an opportunity to participate in larger groups and helped to acquaint them with the Byron school. Pupils took charge of the fair, arranging exhibits, publicizing, announcing programs and introducing speakers, each selecting a part for which to be responsible. The expense was met largely through the sale of candy, popcorn, and hot dogs, sold by the student body. Rules and regulations were set up and sent to each of the district schools and to all the patrons in the community. After a period of four or five successful years the fair gradually gave way to other events, later to be revived by the P.T.A. as a hobby show which created enthusiasm for a couple of years.

The eighth grade banquet was another event that had its beginning in 1925 and was carried on for several years. Invitations were made by the Byron eighth graders and sent to the eighth graders and their teachers in the country schools asking them to be guests at the Byron school usually the first Friday after the county 8th grade examinations. A ballgame and track events were held in the afternoon with the banquet and program in the evening. Pupils were shown through the building, and simple experiments were performed which helped to create a desire for a high school education. The home economic girls served the banquet and the local eighth grade furnished the program.

For several years an eighth grade graduation was held and each year the eighth grade produced a play for the public. The high school plays were given in the Old Fisher Building. Here likewise basketball games and other social events were held. The proceeds from the plays were used to purchase something for the school, as a gift, in memory of that year's class. Later the town hall was used for all school activities until the high school gymnasium was erected. Money derived from plays came to be added to the class treasury to help defray the expenses of the senior trips, which were generally taken through the East just before school was out in the spring or immediately after graduation. A school



bus, class sponsor or one or two teachers, a bus driver, and a mechanic accompanied the group. They took much of their food, prepared most of their meals, and stayed in tents. Now they travel by Greyhound and stay in motels. One year around fifty seniors spent a happy and eventful week in Florida.

In 1924, after some discussion between pupils and teachers, it was decided to have a government by the pupils (first student council). One member was chosen from each of grades 7-8-9-10, and two from 11-12. The secretary was elected by the council. A constitution was drawn up by a committee and later accepted by the student body after having been read to the assembly three times and having been posted for five days. Later the council formulated a code of ethics which was adopted and followed for several years.

The demand for a school nurse grew out of the necessity of a physical inspection program. In 1926, the Board of Education employed a part-time nurse, through the Michigan T.B. Association at a cost of \$150 a year for a one day per month service. Vision and hearing tests were given, also physical inspections which included dental, adenoids, tonsils, glands, skin, eyes, throat, and hair. The results were recorded on the accumulative records by three high school girls who helped the nurse each month. Each child in the first six grades was weighed monthly. All found more than 5 pounds underweight were given special information about food and rest, and in some cases the home and mother were visited. Each child was measured in September and January and his normal weight calculated. For each defect found, the home was visited to try and determine the underlying cause. Parents were advised to contact their family physicians about treatment and if they could not afford medical care it was provided through state aid. Three tonsillectomies were arranged for at Ann Arbor through the County Poor Commission. First grade children were all given a light lunch in the middle of the forenoon and again in the afternoon, a project supervised by the Home Economics Department. Each month a health lesson was given in each room stressing phases of mental hygiene.

Little Mother League Lessons were enjoyed by the high school girls, an instructor coming from Lansing once a week to give demonstrations and check progress made from the week before through notebook work. This was a ten week course for which a certificate was given and also class credit.

Two credits were allowed toward graduation in vocal and instrumental music. One teacher, Zoe Lott Earl, with ability in vocal music was employed in the high school although not as a music teacher. A girls and

boys glee club made up the thirty voice chorus. Programs were arranged to use the separate groups a number of times during the year, and in the spring both groups put on an operetta, "The Feast of the Red Corn" being the first. Piano instruction was given privately outside of school, one credit being given to pupils who carried work through their Junior and Senior years.

In 1918, the school purchased some cheap second hand instruments and an instructor came to the school one day each week to conduct band rehearsals, each pupil paying \$25 for his instruction. During consolidation the band and most of the instruments disappeared; but by 1923 the remnants were gathered together, an instructor invited in once a week, and private lessons were given during the day at school while the school board paid for a rehearsal in the evening. The pupils purchased their own instruments. This arrangement worked successfully for a couple of years, but as students advanced and graduated the band was depleted. Again the school was confronted with the problem as to how it could maintain a good band, and the need for a complete set of band instruments owned by the school. The band director agreed to give group lessons at a discount, and the board purchased at a liberal discount the recommended instruments which cost nearly \$1000. These were checked out to students who by written agreement promised to keep their particular instrument in as good condition as it was at the time they received it, at their own expense, and to give it up on the demand of either the band director or the superintendent. Pupils in the lower grades who appeared to have musical ability were encouraged and given preference in taking out instruments. As pupils graduated their instruments were turned in and checked out to a beginner to start a new group in the fall. This kept the band growing. On special occasions the band was called upon to furnish music such as Decoration Day when they were paid \$45, with additional tag day receipts which totaled around \$100. This was placed in the treasury to be used for more music, repairs and expenses. Each Wednesday evening during the summer the band gave free band concerts on the street of the village where a platform had been constructed just north of the sidewalk north of the Town Hall.



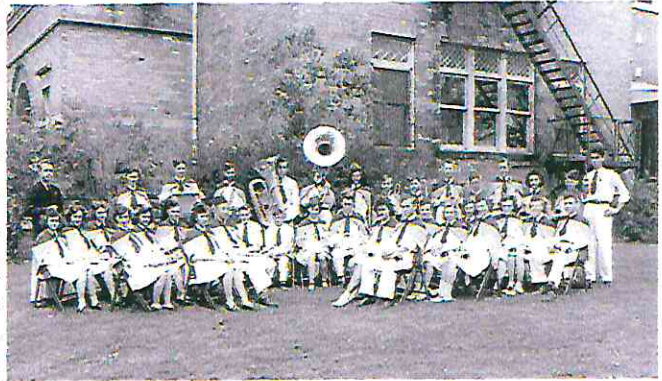
Under the leadership of regularly hired music teachers Alice Bremmer, John Knight, Alice and John Kingdon, and Alexander Merwin, our bands grew and prospered. In 1951, the two bands, Junior and Senior, composed of 40 and 38 members respectively were allowed the use of school instruments for one year, then asked to purchase their own. Lessons in groups were given through the day at school and each band practiced in the evening. They entered a tri-county band festival at Laingsburg, then the district festival at Midland coming home with honors which entitled them to enter the State Music Festival at Ann Arbor. On April 22, 1951, a beautiful spring day, two busses loaded with happy youngsters and several carloads of parents attended this affair. The band came home with honors having won the Class D first division state championship. This success was repeated in 1952, Byron being the only Class D band in the state to receive a superior rating.



1953 found the band awarded a first division rating for the third consecutive year at the district, but this time only a second in the state. Much of this success was due to Mr. Merwin and his fine directing. The fifth annual Band Day at the University of Michigan was attended by the fifty-five piece marching band.

A group of parents and interested friends formed a Band Boosters Club in 1955 for the purpose of giving moral and financial support to the band, and in the summer of 1956 decided to buy sixty-five new band uniforms at the cost of \$3612. It was necessary for them to borrow \$2100, but after many bake sales, candy sales, calendar sales, band concerts, a scrap drive, and many donations they were able to pay off this indebtedness the very next fall when they held an open house and note burning ceremony.

After eight years at Byron the community bid farewell to Mr. Merwin and welcomed Mr. Kolbe. He, too, was to have three successful years with first ratings. In 1958, Byron was the only band to receive a first rating by all judges at the district festival in St. Johns. Then one June morning in 1958 eighty band members and twenty parents found themselves loaded on three busses headed



for the Mackinaw Bridge where the band had been invited to participate in the Dedication Parade. Through the courtesy of several Hiawatha Club members in the community, head-quarters were obtained at the Hiawatha Club and the main meals served. While there, the group visited the Sault Locks and Tahquamenon Falls. Besides sponsoring this trip, the Band Boosters also purchased two new tubas for \$680 and a tape recorder.

The Central Michigan Concert Choir from Mt. Pleasant was entertained in various homes in the community in 1959 putting on an evening concert in the gym. One of the members was a former Byron student, Gordon Vandermark.

Under the direction of Mr. Burman, the Charter Invitational Band Festival was held in May 1961. Senior bands from Durand, Corunna, Owosso and Byron gave an interesting evening concert with the visiting Elkton-Pigeon band opening the entertainment. The following year, sixty-five members performed a one half hour concert in the music shell at the Michigan State Fair in Detroit, having marched in the opening day parade, and were guests of the State Fair Commission at many of the fair attractions.

Gary Olmstead, Milan Miller, and Clifford Warle followed Mr. Burman in rapid succession. Then Richard Mosciski joined the staff in 1968 and continued helping the band students in their many accomplishments. Over the years the bands have played and received high ratings at the district and state levels, have taken part in solo and ensemble festivals, taken trips to Bob-Lo, played at the Cherry Festival at Traverse City, marched in many different parades, taken part in the Memorial Day Celebrations, prepared half-time shows for all the home football games and been invited away for several games. The Band Boosters, with the wonderful support of the community, continue their good work of purchasing instruments, buying and cleaning uniforms (students used to have to do this themselves), sponsoring students to music camps, and various activities. In 1971, they purchased 100 new band uniforms costing \$10,000, five thousand of which was paid for by the school board.

In October 1927, some of the local people began to feel the need for a definite study of the community as the foundation for a better social program which would eliminate waste of money, time and talent. The school was petitioned to give an evening course to adults on community problems. About thirty enrolled for the work (first adult class). A copy of the complete outline of the course with instructions and topics for discussion, together with reference material, was placed in the hands of each member of the class. The course was conducted by discussion methods led by the Superintendent. The Sociology Department of Michigan State College cooperated with the class by sending two speakers for the meetings during the fourteen week period. Many discussions were held and a community council was organized which worked with the school in making

up a social calendar for the coming year. Each organization was asked to select its meeting dates and place them on the calendar as far in advance as possible. When a conflict arose, arrangements were made to adjust the situation. In this way it was possible to avoid having more than one public meeting on the same date. Anyone interested in the community could attend the council meetings which were held once every month, and all were entitled to vote. This council and the Byron Improvement Association merged into one organization — The Improvement Association, which worked out many important and desirable factors in the community for the benefit of its citizens.



A class in dairying was held during the winter of 1950 by Robert Braden, the AG teacher; followed the next year with a class on Soil Conservation; and two the next year, one on Farm Mechanics and the other on Livestock Management. In the fall of 1952, a desire for other adult classes became evident and classes in typing, bookkeeping, and home arts were made available, being held on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week, from 8:00 until 10:00 p.m. for a period of ten weeks. The home arts class had two lessons on textile painting, two on glass etching, and lessons on nutrition, frozen foods and metal etching. Mrs. Drake was the instructor. The teachers of these classes were helped by a couple of people from the college and anyone in the community had the privilege of attending.

Over the years several adult classes have been held in other areas of interest such as: art, industrial arts, speed reading, English, mathematics, gym, and home making, with lessons on sewing, knitting, canning, etching, upholstery, flower arrangement, cake decorating, and gift wrapping. The most interest seemed to lie in the field of agriculture and these classes continued to grow and for several years it was nothing to have from 75 to 80 men attending these meetings. Lunch was served after class and visiting or cards were enjoyed by those who wished to play. Occasionally the wives were invited to a meeting and at the close of each year's class a potluck dinner was enjoyed by the men and their wives followed by a program of interest to both.

For many years the Athletic Program has created a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in the community and involved many of its people. The High School has maintained a high average of success with other teams. It was one of the very few Class D schools in the state to have a football team in 1928 and was considered the best in the state.

During the years 1930-35, Byron won many honors in basketball under the very capable leadership of Elmer Wilson and a group of young men who were desirous of going all out to bring honors to their school and themselves. In 1931 the team marched to victory to the tune of 20 scheduled games played with only one loss and the team brought the Basketball Championship cup of Shiawassee County to Byron. Not only did they win the district championship at Owosso, but the regional at Flint, and went unbeaten until the last game at the

state finals in Saginaw. All of the people in Byron that could get to Saginaw attended the games from babes in arms to gray haired grandmothers. Graduation caused the team to lose two of its players, Ron Hibbard and Dan Lott. But the next year they gained Lee McLaughlin and with the remainder of their present team they gave Byron community a repeat performance of the 1931 season. One lady in the community told the boys jokingly that if they won the tournament she would give them a chicken supper. True to her word they were served a delicious banquet at her home in honor of her son's birthday and a member of the team. They were also feted in many other ways by other parents and several organizations.

Byron High made its debut in eleven man football in 1952 learning new blocking and tackling methods, new plays, and in general a whole new game. They were host to the Michigan Athletic District Tournament from March 5th through the 8th in 1957.

The fall of 1960 found forty-three boys starting the football season, the largest squad ever in Byron and thirty-seven finished the year. The track team had a most successful year. Seven new records were set mostly by Freshmen and Sophomores, Dave Maylum scoring the most points and setting the most records. Robert Whitehead took second in the regional finals and fourth in the state in the mile run. In 1962, Mr. Deromedi's basketball team finished on top of the Motor Valley Conference, while the track team placed third in Albion College Track and Field Carnival. Four conference records were set by Dale Walter, Ron Friend and Dan Davis. A girls softball team was started in the spring of 1965. The Junior Varsity basketball team won the league title, but the highlight of the season came at the tournament when the Byron Eagles won the district championship in an overtime against Perry.

An accomplishment looked forward to came true for the football team in the fall of 1969 when they won the Suburban C League Championship. Led by the powerful running of tailback Bill Smithingell, a sophomore, who gained a total of 1168 yards in eight games, and the passing of senior quarterback Bucky Heiney, the Eagles ended a very successful year and were acclaimed one of the top ten teams in the state.

Barry VanWagoner won the league scoring in basketball with an average of 21 points per game, and although the boys went into tournament action with a winning record in the league they were beaten by Webberville. Smithingell, one of the greatest running backs that this area ever produced, amassed some unbelievable statistics to his credit. In 25 games he carried the ball 677 times, gaining 4005 yards for a gaudy average of 160.2 yards per game, made 48 touchdowns, averaging 13.5 points per game. People's interest in Bill continued and many attended the games in the fall of 1972 at Northwood Institute where he became the main cog in their offense's very successful season. These young men not only played giving their all for their school but won prestige for themselves and their community.

Residents of the Cole and Pink Districts voted in August 1949 to affiliate with the Byron Agricultural School. This same year a cinder block building 40' x 104', for which five mills had been voted, was erected to the east of the main building to house the shop and agricultural departments at a cost of approximately \$14,000. The next fall two more classrooms were added on the west side of the cement block building which became two first grade rooms and later the Home Making Area.

During 1953, eight other school districts (the Boyd, Green, Williams, West Brick, Union Plains, Hearst, about half of the Graham and more than half of the Fuller) annexed, more than doubling the size of the Byron district. The school became a class C school with an enrollment of approximately 525 and included property in Shiawassee, Livingston, and Genesee Counties.

It had been understood that with these annexations a new elementary school would be necessary, so a study committee of 26 persons was appointed. This was composed of one person from each organization in the community and one from each school district. They met once a week, and most of the people attended every meeting. They looked at other schools recently built and gathered all possible information to help make their decisions for a new building. This information was passed on to the voters and approved by a nearly three to one vote in June 1954. Completed in the summer of 1955, and in use in the fall, were \$260,000 worth of new school facilities, a new eleven room elementary building, and office space adjacent to the already

existing classrooms, and a very impressive 90' x 117' gymnasium with laminated redwood formed arches above basketball court. The originally planned band room, and two additional classrooms had to be eliminated after bids had been submitted due to the increase in the price of lumber.

The school had now grown to an enrollment of 386 in kindergarten through sixth, 256 in Jr. and Sr. High, a faculty of 26, 2 full time cooks, 3 custodians and 9 bus drivers.

A dedication was held January 13, 1957, with open house from 2-3 p.m., followed by a program in the new gym.

A new program went into effect in the fall of 1958 - a school day of five periods, each seventy minutes long. A portion of each period was devoted to supervised study, each class meeting four days a week. There were no study halls, but a floating period to be used for class meetings, assemblies, organization meetings and the like. This worked out very nicely until a change in administration saw fit to make a change and go to seven fifty minute periods.

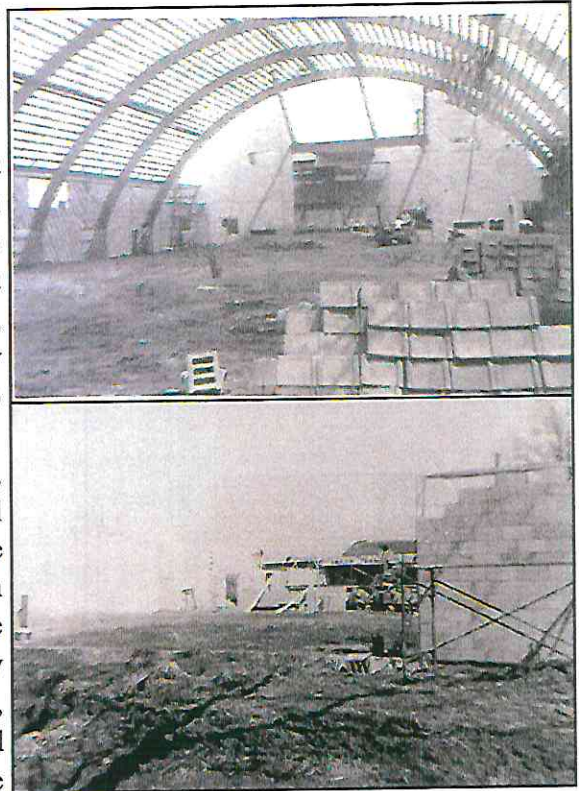
A record turn out of 603 voters on April 3, 1962, approved a bond issue for \$650,000 to build a new high school after such had been recommended by a citizen's committee. The farm of Russell Hibbard, in back of the water tower, was chosen as the spot and purchased for \$10,000. Some of the rooms were completed for use by September 1963, others moved into as they were finished. Dedication services were held November 3, 1963, from 2-5 p.m., with the school board and administration and their wives as hosts, the F.F.A. boys parking cars, and the Future Teachers Club acting as guides throughout the building. The legal name of the school was changed in 1962 from Byron Agriculture School to Byron Area Schools.

Kenneth Butcher presenting the keys to David Young, the new school Superintendent for the 1963-64 school year. John Wigglesworth (93) oldest living graduate of Byron, class of 1889, looks on after having cut the ribbon officially opening the new school.

Our community continued to grow rapidly so the biggest news in Byron in 1966 was the passing of a \$530,000 bond issue for constructing, furnishing and equipping a new elementary unit which would provide eighteen classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, a special education room, a clinic, and four additional class rooms, and a new drafting and general arts room to the high school. It was with saddened hearts that the community watched the old brick high school building being torn down in the fall of 1966 and the construction begin on the new elementary building to the west of the gym.

After several months study by a Citizens Advisory Committee they recommended the construction of a new middle school annex on the present high school site for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades, along with furniture and equipment for the new building, the total cost of the proposed project to be \$1,535,000. This was approved by the voters in June 1972 and construction began in the fall. The pictures below show the progress made by July 1973.

The Byron Chapter of F.F.A., one of the oldest and most active organizations in our school, was chartered in October 1934, six years after the National Association of Future Farmers of America had been established. Byron was the 128th school district to receive a Chapter Charter in Michigan. During the past thirty-nine years our Chapter has received many awards for it's accomplishments. Six gold Chapter award ratings and five silver award ratings have been presented to the Chapter by the Michigan Association of F.F.A.



*Elementary Gym under construction*



since it started the Chapter Award system in 1956.

The DeKalb award has been presented to 23 Byron F.F.A. members who have exhibited superior leadership and scholarship in programs of supervised agriculture since its beginning in 1951. The Chapter has had officers elected on the district, regional and state levels. Dale Walter was selected to play in the National F.F.A. band, and Bill Dean and Robert Wiles were selected to sing in the National Chorus. The Chapter has had four members receive the American Farmer degree, the highest degree a member may receive: Jerry Cole in 1956; Bill Taylor in 1957; Robert Frye in 1963; and Doug Bodenbender in 1964. Six advisors have helped to train the minds of these young men; M.E. Hath who organized the group, Robert Braden, Ralph Sill, Donald Shepard, Larry Briggs and David Mitchell.

Among the Nation's 8,476 chapters, Byron was one of the top 111, earning a National Silver award in 1962. In 1963 Byron had 9 state farmers, more than any other Chapter in the state. They were: Dean Bird, Doug Bodenbender, Keith Nichols, Kenneth Mahar, Robert Shepard, Carl Johnston, Ron Wolfen, Jerry Sholtey and Dale Walter. Those whose names are underlined received gold ratings. Byron was also the first Chapter in Shiawassee County, and one of the two Chapters in Michigan to receive a National F.F.A. gold award.

The boys operate a 40 acre farm leased from Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Arnold of Perry. This is an educational tool where the boys learn proper methods of tillage, planting and caring for crops and have test plots for corn. Crops are sold and proceeds used for F.F.A. activities and their yearly Parent and Son Banquet which was first held in April 1952 and which is always well attended and looked forward to by the people of the community.

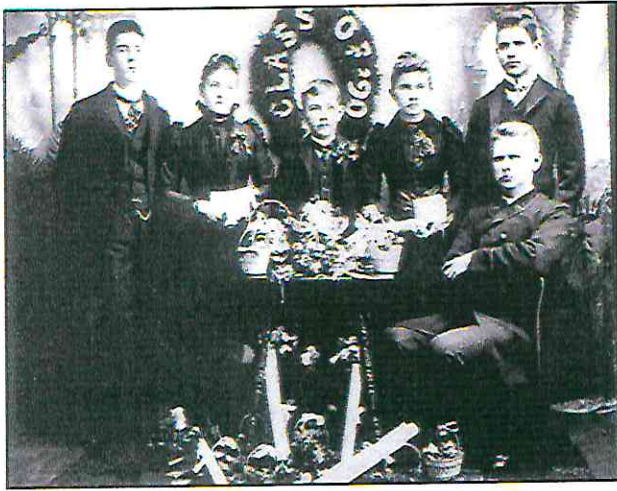
Many services are rendered such as: soil sampling, milk testing, spraying lawns and crops for farmers, cleaning and repairing machinery, seeding new lawns and now planting and caring for trees and shrubbery to beautify the high school area. Since 1961 Byron has had thirty-eight state farmers.

#### OTHER SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS

Other organizations rendering important services in the school system and having a direct bearing upon community life are: The F.H.A., a girls group helping to shape the future and personalities of many girls, the Ecology Club, Student Council, Crusaders for Christ, Future Teachers, National Honor Society, Red Cross, Pep Club, Varsity Club, Cheerleaders, Yearbook Staff, Journalism Staff, Library Science, Science Club, and Office Workers.

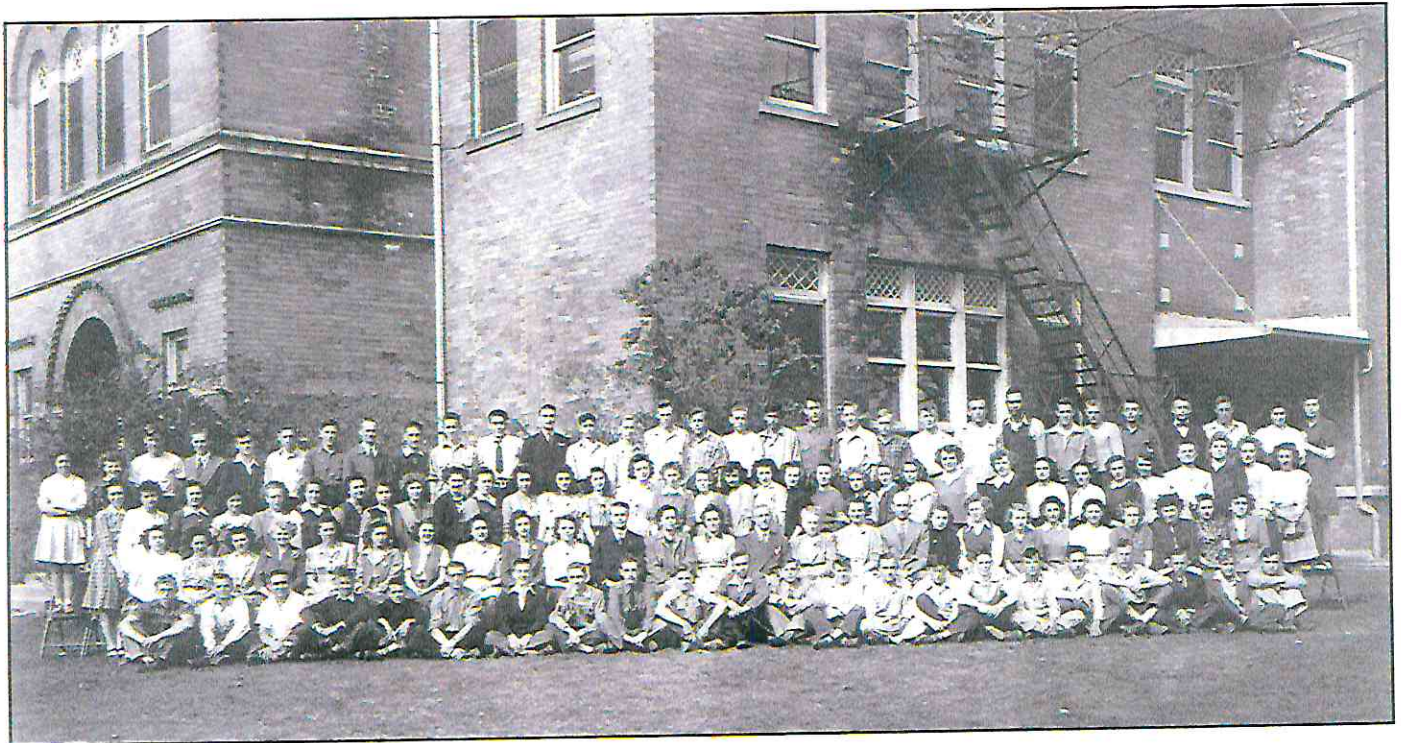
Many students have gone from our area to various colleges and higher institutions of learning, making good, and a name for themselves: several have appeared on the Dean's list. Graduating classes have increased from 5 in 1899, to 43 in 1963, to 80 in 1973, along with an increase from 5 teachers in 1907, to 26 in 1963, to 46 in 1973, plus 4 Administrators, 5 full time secretaries, 6 custodians and 17 bus drivers (copied from the Byron, Michigan Sesquicentennial book 1974 from pages 36-60).

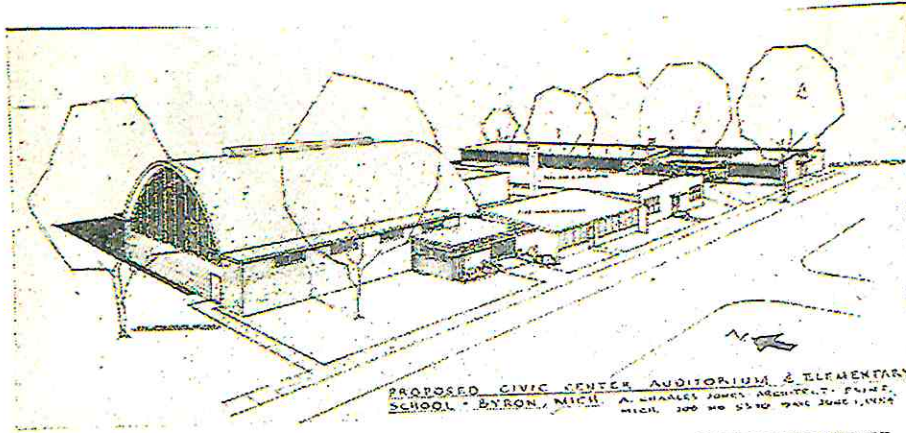
A track and football field and stadium costing approximately \$370,000 was built at the high school and dedicated on September 13, 1991. Present day enrollment is 1,206 students in the school system (from Byron



*Class of 1918*

"Self-Help, Best-Help."  
 CLASS OF 1890.  
 MAY E. KITSON. CLARENCE E. WELCH.  
 EDITH E. WELCH. HARMON E. BOICE.





**PROPOSED CIVIC CENTER AUDITORIUM AND  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BYRON, MICHIGAN**

A. Charles Jones - Architect — Flint, Michigan

**OUTLINE SPECIFICATIONS**

**AUDITORIUM**

1. Exterior Walls: Cinder block painted. Face brick backed up with cinder block at entrance. Wood and steel sash with shatterproof glass.
2. Roof: Laminated wood arches 18'-0" center to center. 2 x 10 wood joists spanning between arches. Plywood sheathing, rigid insulation and built-up smooth surface roofing for roof deck.
3. Floor: Reinforced concrete slab on sand and gravel fill. Gym playing floor hardwood maple floor with painted basketball court lines.
4. Boys & Girls Locker & Shower Rooms: Located under stage. Rooms to have shower and toilet facilities and provisions for lockers.
5. Heating System: Suspended unit heaters at either side of stage proscenium arch. Heating line from heaters to present boiler room. Unit heaters are also to provide fresh air for ventilation. Exhaust ventilator located on roof.
6. Electrical System: Lighting fixtures for all areas with provision for future special stage lighting, electrical scoreboard, public address system, etc.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING**

1. Exterior Walls: Face brick backed up with cinder block.
2. Interior Walls: Exposed cinder block painted.
3. Roof: Wood joists, plywood sheathing, built-up roofing, and acoustical ceilings. Roof structure supported by load bearing masonry walls plus steel columns and beams.
4. Windows: Steel sash galvanized with clear glass and blue-tinted heat-absorbing glare-reducing glass where necessary.
5. Floors: Reinforced concrete slab on sand and gravel fill. Asphalt tile floors in all finished areas except ceramic tile floors in toilet rooms.
6. Heating: Forced hot water with fin-tube radiation at all exterior walls. New boiler - oil fired.
7. Electrical System: Incandescent light fixtures in all areas. Fire alarm system complete. Clock outlets in all rooms. Provision for future clock and program system and also public address system.
8. Classrooms: Typical classroom to have ample chalk and tackboards, wardrobes, teachers closets. Kindergarten and first grade classrooms to have separate toilets, work cabinets with built-in sink. Each sink to have bubbler drinking fountain fixture.

**BYRON AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL  
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
PRELIMINARY PLANNING**

For nearly one year the Byron School Planning Committee has worked with the architect and the school attorney, has visited other new school buildings in several counties, and has studied the entire educational needs of our community. Clubs and organizations of our community were invited to send representatives. These included the Farm Bureau, the Grange, P.T.A., the Business Men's Club, The Byron Council, W.R.C., the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, various areas that have melded into the Byron School District, the Masonic Lodge, the Eastern Stars, and others. The Planning Committee met and organized themselves into the Educational Needs sub-committee, the Building sub-committee, Finance sub-committee, under the chairmanship of Gene King. After months of study this committee then recommended to the Board of Education that an election be called at which the people could authorize the borrowing of \$260,000, and the money to be spent for a new elementary school building and for certain improvements and additions to the high school building. With the completion of construction of these projects the Byron School District will be improved both ways: Quantity—more rooms—and Quality—better facilities.

The school planning committee and the Board of Education desire that you be completely informed of all the issues concerning this election. Therefore, these questions and answers have been prepared so that you can understand all about the election.

Q. Does our school district now have a debt?

A. No.

Q. Are our high school seniors accredited?

A. Yes.

Q. What are the strong parts of our high school curriculum?

A. Music has been a high point in our curriculum; our agricultural instructor is a member of the State Agricultural Curriculum Committee, a high honor; the Byron School has one of the first memberships in the secondary school-college agreement program, in fact your superintendent is a member of that steering committee; and we are proud of our teaching faculty.

Q. What are some of the things that have been brought to our planning committee's attention as needed by the school district?

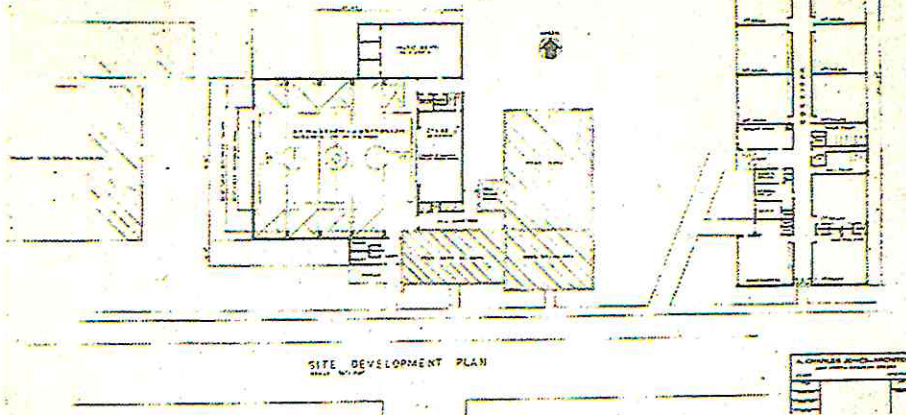
A. The University of Michigan in their last inspection of us and our facilities pointed out:

"The gymnasium, which is located a considerable distance from the high school, is very inadequate for present-day use. It is very unlikely that you can maintain a satisfactory health and physical education program with such facilities and equipment. Your community needs to give immediate attention to this building need."

Q. Did our athletic league drop us?

A. As you know, we are in a league with Gaines, Webberville, Morris, Laingsburg, New Lothrop, Bath, Dewitt, and that league voted not to play basketball in Byron

**PROPOSED CIVIC CENTER, AUDITORIUM &  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - BYRON MICHIGAN**  
A. CHARLES JONES - ARCHITECT - FLINT, MICH. JOB NO. 5320



- any longer. However, this was re-considered when the league learned of our plans of building a new community center which would be adequate for basketball. Therefore, we are now under a one-year period of grace under the league rule.
- Q. Would the new community building be an all-purpose building?
- A. Yes. Under the law new school construction must be for two purposes: 1. School programs; 2. Community programs. Therefore, Boy Scouts, music festivals, hobby shows, agricultural shows, everything will be held in the new community building.
- Q. What will the building programs do?
- A. Improve our high school facilities so that proper and suitable rooms are for each of the areas of high school curriculum, and secondly, produce a new elementary classroom building so that the little ones can be housed in modern fire-resistant rooms built with 1954 principals for elementary instruction.
- Q. Does the budget include the equipment that will be needed to put these rooms to immediate use?
- A. Yes. The school supervision has estimated the equipment that can be transferred and the amounts that have to be purchased and all these items as well as fees and other costs have been included in this budget.
- Q. How much is tentatively set aside for the elementary building and how much for the civic center and high school improvement?
- A. The elementary building is scaled at \$150,000 and the civic center at \$75,000 and the other improvements, including the music department, at \$7,000.
- Q. Does this budget include the cost of site?
- A. Yes.
- Q. How long will it take us to pay off the bonds?
- A. The bonds are scaled for ten-year maturities. We pay the first in the spring of 1955 from the 1954 collections and we pay the last in the spring of 1964.
- Q. If we had to build again before that time, how could we do it?
- A. By collecting taxes faster than average need, so that the last bonds which are callable would be called in advance. If tax moneys came in fast enough by the growth of the district and so forth, the bonds could all be paid off by 1959. However, if it is not necessary to do so, then only enough levy would be made each year as needed and the maturities would be paid as agreed.
- Q. How much cash reserve will we have to have?
- A. The uniform reserve is the largest year's maturities, or

- \$30,000.00 in this case.
- Q. How many mills at the most could be levied against us for this debt?
- A. Fifteen is the upper limit. As a practical matter 15 would be levied the first year, and if the complete reserve was not met, enough over average need would be levied the second year to finish up meeting the reserve. From then on the average amount needed each year would be levied because delinquencies would be collected and reserve moneys could be used in an emergency.
- Q. What is the reserve for?
- A. In the case of a year of poor collections, reserves are used to pay the principal and interest and keep the bonds from being in default.
- Q. When are the reserve moneys used?
- A. Reserve moneys will be used to pay the bonds last maturing.
- Q. If average need is 11 mills, what does that mean in dollars?
- A. \$11.00 per \$1,000 equalized tax base.
- Q. Is there any chance that this average need will be lower?
- A. Yes. Interest computations are at the rate of 4%. If the bonds sell for less, the average need each year will be that much less. Also, as additional property comes on the tax roll and the tax base larger, less number of mills will be paid on the greater tax base to bring in the same amount of money.
- Q. Will we ever pay in more than enough to actually pay back the bonds and the interest?
- A. No, never more can be levied than actually is needed to pay off the bonds and the exact interest.
- Q. Why do we compute interest at 4% if we are going to sell the bonds cheaper than that?
- A. We have to assure the Municipal Finance Commission a safe method of financing. We guarantee that we will not sell the bonds above 4% and then scrutinize our program to see that it is safe using 4%.
- Q. Is it true, then, that we pay in the first year, and part of the second, at faster than need and pay in the middle years at whatever the need works out to be, not more than 11 mills, and in the last years less than need because we use up the reserve to help finish the job?
- A. That is exactly correct.
- Q. When do we vote?
- A. From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Byron Community Hall on Wednesday the 16th day of June, 1954.
- Q. Why are the polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.?
- A. The same hours as a normal public election and in order

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## Byron Agricultural School [continued]

that every voter in our district can vote without losing employment.

- Q. Who can vote?
- A. In all elections in Michigan one must have (1) age; (2) citizenship; (3) residence. Age means over 21 years; citizenship means citizen of the United States; and residence means resident of the State for 6 months and of the school district for 30 days on the 14th day of June, 1954. In addition, one must be a taxpayer to vote on the first ballot.
- Q. Who is a taxpayer?
- A. The Michigan Constitution defines a taxpayer as one who owns property which is on tax roll, or the lawful husband or wife of such person.
- Q. If I pay taxes, am I a taxpayer?
- A. To be a taxpayer you must own the property that is on the tax roll.
- Q. What if I am buying on a land contract?
- A. You are a taxpayer.
- Q. If I have a mortgage, am I a taxpayer?
- A. You are a taxpayer.
- Q. Does the deed have to be in my name?
- A. No. You must own the property, and the Court looks at the real ownership not the title ownership.
- Q. Do you have to be a taxpayer to vote on both ballots?
- A. No. On the first ballot—to authorize the borrowing of not to exceed \$260,000—you have to be a taxpayer as well as the other three requirements. In the second ballot—to increase taxes as necessary to pay off the bonds and the interest on the bonds—you do not have to be taxpayer.
- Q. Does not this allow non-taxpayers to increase taxes?
- A. Under Michigan law that is possible, but in this election it is not possible because the increased taxes in ballot number 2 are pledged to the single sole purpose of paying off the bonds in ballot number 1. Therefore, if the taxpayers do not authorize the bonds in ballot number 1, no extra taxes can be voted in ballot number 2 for a purpose that was not existence. Thus, in this school election the taxpayers keep control of the entire election.
- Q. Why do you say not to exceed \$260,000?
- A. Sometimes school districts have been able to accomplish all their building program with less than the total amount authorized. Therefore, only those bonds are sold as are actually needed to do the job. We can sell less than \$260,000; never could we borrow more than \$260,000.
- Q. Changing to State equalized valuations will do what to our authority?
- A. We will continue to sell the bonds on County equalized valuations and the authority voted by the people reads 15 mills on the property as equalized. If, as latest indications are, we go to State equalized valuations, then the first year would be 15 mills on State equalized figures. If we do not go to State equalized valuations but stay on County equalized valuations, it will be 15 mills on County equalized tax base. After the first year it makes no difference because no amount of money will be needed each year to pay off the principal on bonds and only that amount of money will be levied after the reserve has been received. Regardless of the authority voted the taxpayers will never pay in more than exactly enough to pay off the bonds and the interest.
- Q. How do we know that we will get the construction for this figure?
- A. When the construction is bid for, the contractor who has the low bid must put up a bond of 100% of the contract price for his promise to build specifically the building designed and drawn, and a second bond, also in the full

amount of the contract price, that he will pay all of his labor and material. This guarantees that no local merchant will be left holding the bag with unpaid bills; that no labor will be unpaid; and it also guarantees that the school district will get exactly the building specified and drawn.

- Q. What if the contractor goes bankrupt?
- A. Then his surety company must come in under that bond and perform the construction just as specified and drawn.
- Q. Does the margin of victory in an election bear any weight?
- A. Yes. The people who will loan us \$260,000 look upon the election results as evidence of whether the people of the district really wanted to improve their school or not. If the election vote was close, they presume that there is less chance of their getting their money back on time than when the election was overwhelming. Therefore, it is important that all our electors learn all there is to know about this election and then come on June 16 and register their vote in the American way.

### TO YOU THE VOTER:

It has been my pleasure to serve as chairman of the School Advisory Committee and believe me when I tell you that this plan that we have recommended to the School Board is backed by a lot of time, thought, and effort.

I think I should tell you how this committee was formed and what we have tried to do so that you as a voter will know who offered the plan and why.

Each organization and school district was asked to appoint, from their group, one person who was to serve on the Advisory Committee. Twenty six persons were appointed and at our first meeting I was elected chairman. Our attendance at our meetings was very good even though we held one meeting each week. We looked at other schools that were built recently and called in all of the informed people we could get to help us with our many problems.

We did not always agree on just what should be done about particular problems but we talked them over, got more information on them and then came to a conclusion that was suitable to all. Bear in mind at all times that this was not a picked committee and we are all tax payers just like you. We wanted to build as much as we could with out making our taxes too heavy.

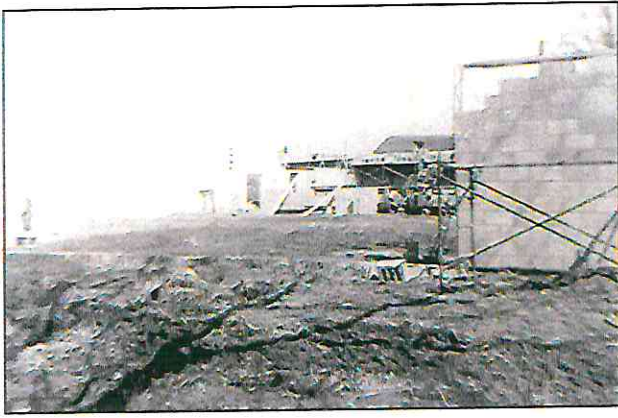
We think we have done this and are waiting to see if you, the voters, agree with us when the issue comes up for a vote. (June 16, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.) We want all of you to vote on this whether you are for our plan or against it, but we want you to vote on it as a well informed voter. That is the reason for this letter to you, and the others you will receive. We have put it in various papers and talked with as many people as we can about it, we want every one to know just what all of the details of the proposed plan are.

If you have questions that you would like to have answered get in touch with someone who is informed so that you may get the answer.

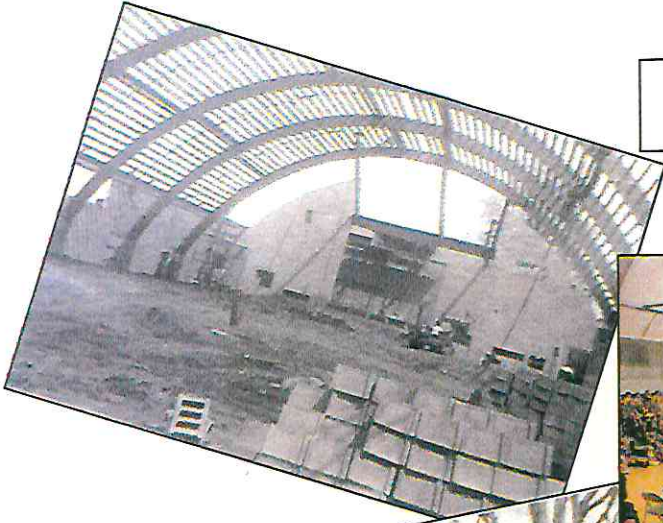
The committee has done their best and we now turn it over to you as voters. Be sure you vote.

Sincerely yours,

Gene H. King, Chairman



*Byron gym under construction 1955*



# Open House Dedication

## The New Byron High School and Remodeled Addition



Sunday, November 3, 1963  
 2-5 O'Clock P.M.  
 Byron, Michigan

### Dedication Ceremony

Music — Byron High School Junior Band, R. A. Wepman, Director

Invocation — The Rev. Mr. Thomas Dolph, The Byron Baptist Church

Flag Presentation — Women's Relief Corps

Flag Raising — National Anthem

Welcome — Joseph Gulick, Chairman of Dedication

Introductions — Board of Education, Administrators, Architects, Contractors

Presentation of Key

Presentation of Shears to John Wigglesworth, Class of 1889

Cutting of the Ribbon

Benediction — The Rev. Kenneth Harris, The First Methodist Church of Byron

Bond Issue — \$650,000.00

Landsite of New School — 60 Acres

New High School: 18 Classrooms

Library

Administrative Offices

Multi-Purpose Room

Kitchen

Shower Rooms

Industrial Arts Shops

Science Laboratories

Special Instruction Rooms

Band Auditorium

Remodeled Unit: 3 Elementary Classrooms

Kitchen

Dining Hall

### Board of Education

Kenneth Butcher .....President  
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Homer Van Buren .....Trustee  
Robert Stacey .....Trustee  
Keith Adams .....Trustee  
Joseph Gulick .....Trustee

### Administration

David J. Young .....Superintendent of Schools  
Milton Lawson .....Principal, High School  
Florence Bixby ...Principal, Elementary School

### Architects

Nurmi, Nelson, McKinley & Associates  
Flint, Michigan

### General Contractor

Mer-J. Construction Co.—Lapeer, Michigan

### Mechanical Sub-Contractor

Dovanay Plumbing & Heating, Inc.  
Flint, Michigan

### Electrical Sub-Contractor

C & W Electric, Inc.—Lennon, Michigan

### Furniture and Equipment

Michigan School Service—Lansing, Michigan  
Classrooms, Inc.—Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Canton China & Equipment Co.  
Detroit, Michigan  
McFadden Corp.—Lansing, Michigan  
Technical Equipment Co., Inc.  
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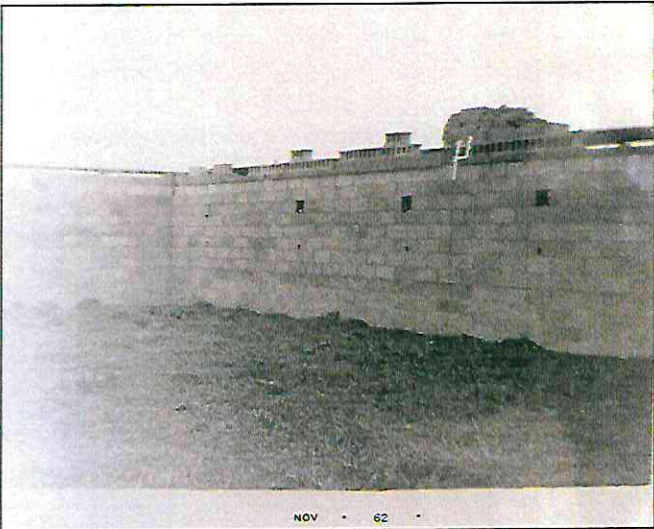
In 1899 the old Union School was replaced by this new brick structure. An extensive addition was made in 1923-24 following the consolidation of the Barnum, Chaffee, Haviland and West Brick Districts with Byron in 1921. The district was bonded for \$25,000. Bus transportation first furnished in 1922 with horse drawn vehicles. In June 1924, we were first placed on accredited list. Graduating classes increased from 5 in 1899, to 43 in 1963, along with an increase from 5 teachers in 1907 to 26 in 1963. plus 3 administrators and 2 full time secretaries.



*Working on ground south of New High School.*



*New High School under construction  
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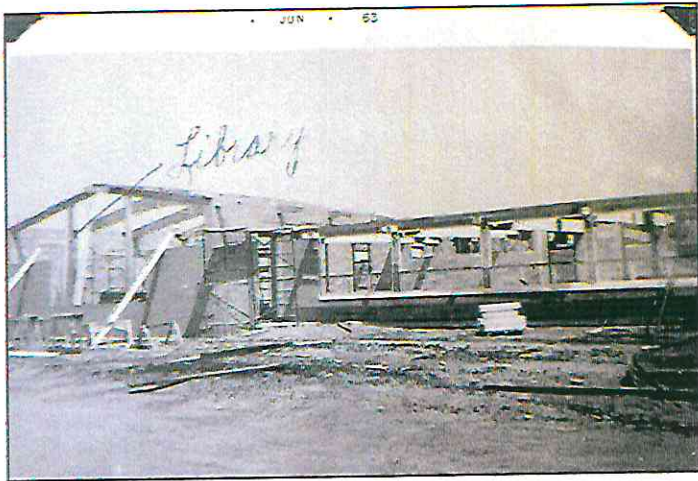


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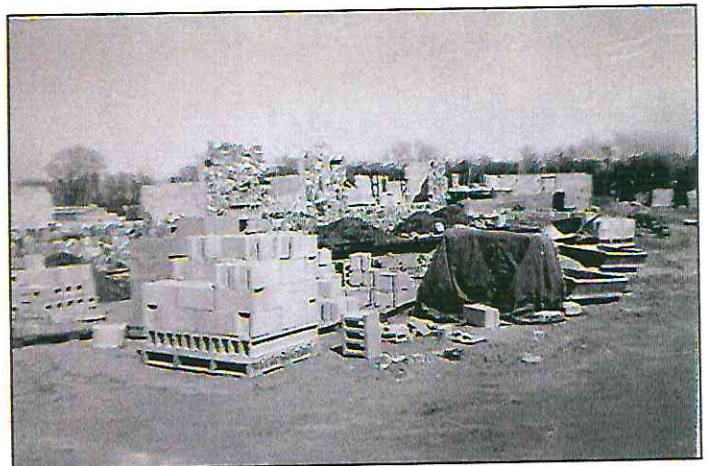
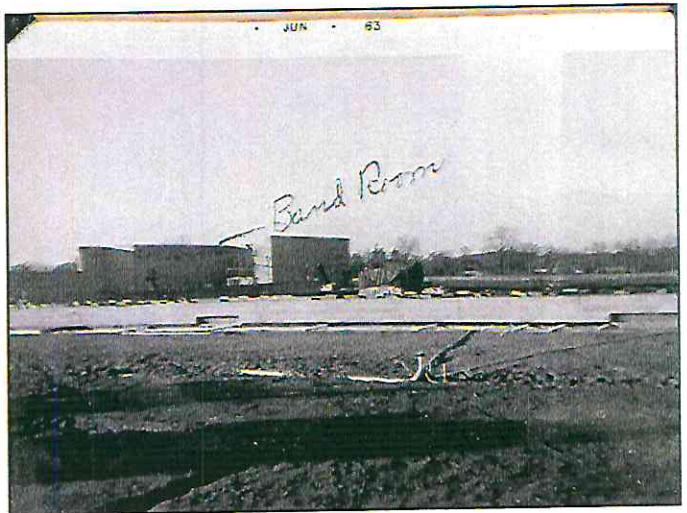
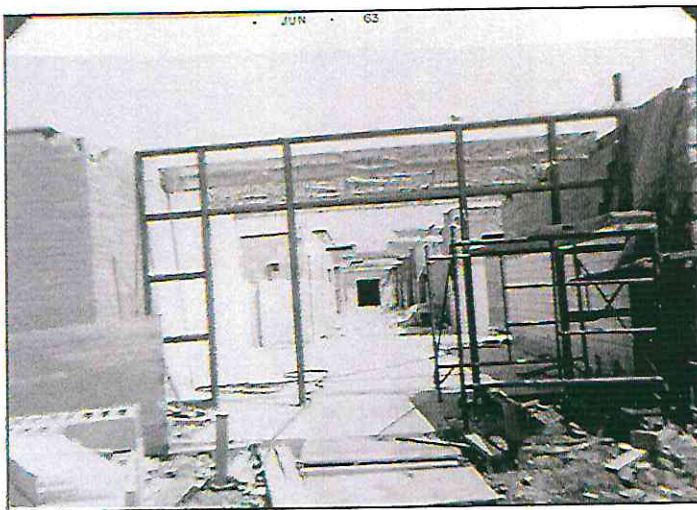
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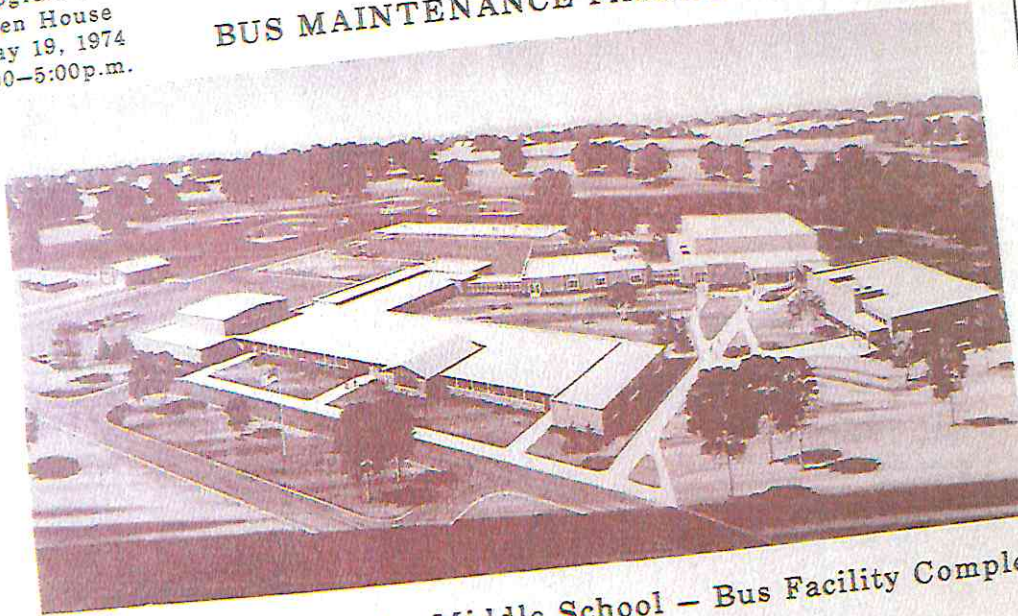
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Dedication  
Program and  
Open House  
May 19, 1974  
1:00-5:00p.m.

# BYRON AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL and BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITY



Byron Area High School - Middle School - Bus Facility Complex  
MASTER PLAN

**EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

WELCOME:

Your Board of Education welcomes you to the Byron Area's new Middle School and Bus Maintenance Facility Open House and Dedication. The dedication of these attractive and exciting new facilities are evidence that the citizens of the Byron Area care about providing quality education. The Board is proud of these new facilities and welcomes the community's inspection of them.

These facilities, also, are a reminder of the value which Americans place on public school education. Society, generally, looks to the schools for provision of many of the skills and much of the knowledge needed by youth for successful entry into adult life. Your Board of Education is mindful of this awesome responsibility and will continue to work to provide a quality education program within the community's means.

**BYRON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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HISTORY:

By the Fall of 1971, the Board of Education had recognized for some time that enrollment in the school district had been increasing significantly. Rather than making a hasty decision, the Board decided in November of 1971 to appoint a citizens advisory committee to make an in-depth study of the school system's needs. The University of Michigan's Bureau of School Services was retained to assist in the study. Students, teachers, and administrators were also involved.

The Citizens Committee and Bureau made their final recommendations to the Board in March of 1972. The recommendations included the proposal for a \$1,535,000. bond issue. It was to be used for construction of a new middle school annex to the high school, construction of a bus maintenance garage, and elementary school renovation. The Board accepted the recommendation and placed the issue on the ballot at the annual school election of June 12, 1972. The voters turned out in record numbers and approved the issue by a better than three-to-one margin.

Through use of the Michigan School Bond Program, the school's total tax rate was not increased. Elementary school renovation was completed during the summer of 1972. Construction on the bus maintenance garage and middle school was started in the Fall of 1972.

The bus garage was completed in the Spring of 1973. Part of the new middle school was completed and used by students in September of 1973. The remainder of the middle school was completed for student occupancy in January of 1974. Some details including final landscaping remain to be completed.

## IN APPRECIATION TO:

The Byron Area Board of Education: In this age of materialistic pursuit, it is becoming a rarity to find people who desire to give liberally of their time for a worthy cause. The Byron School Board members have given of their time and have worked hard to provide quality education. These new facilities are fine examples of the Board's foresight and work. Their efforts are appreciated.

The Citizens Committee: When the need for the study became apparent, twenty-nine men and women devoted their time and energy to the project. Through these individuals, too, the entire Byron citizenry was informed. Without their help the Board of Education would have been unable to successfully fulfill its task. Their efforts are appreciated. (See names on inside of back cover.)

Our Citizens: The Byron Area Community has long been acclaimed as being supportive of its schools. Even though an outstanding Board of Education and an active Citizen's Committee was involved, the final answer to success or failure of a sound educational program is determined by the people. These facilities are a financial investment of the people for years to come. The support of the Byron Area School District citizens is appreciated.

## DEDICATION CEREMONY PROGRAM

Gymnasium  
Sunday, 3:00 P.M., May 19, 1974

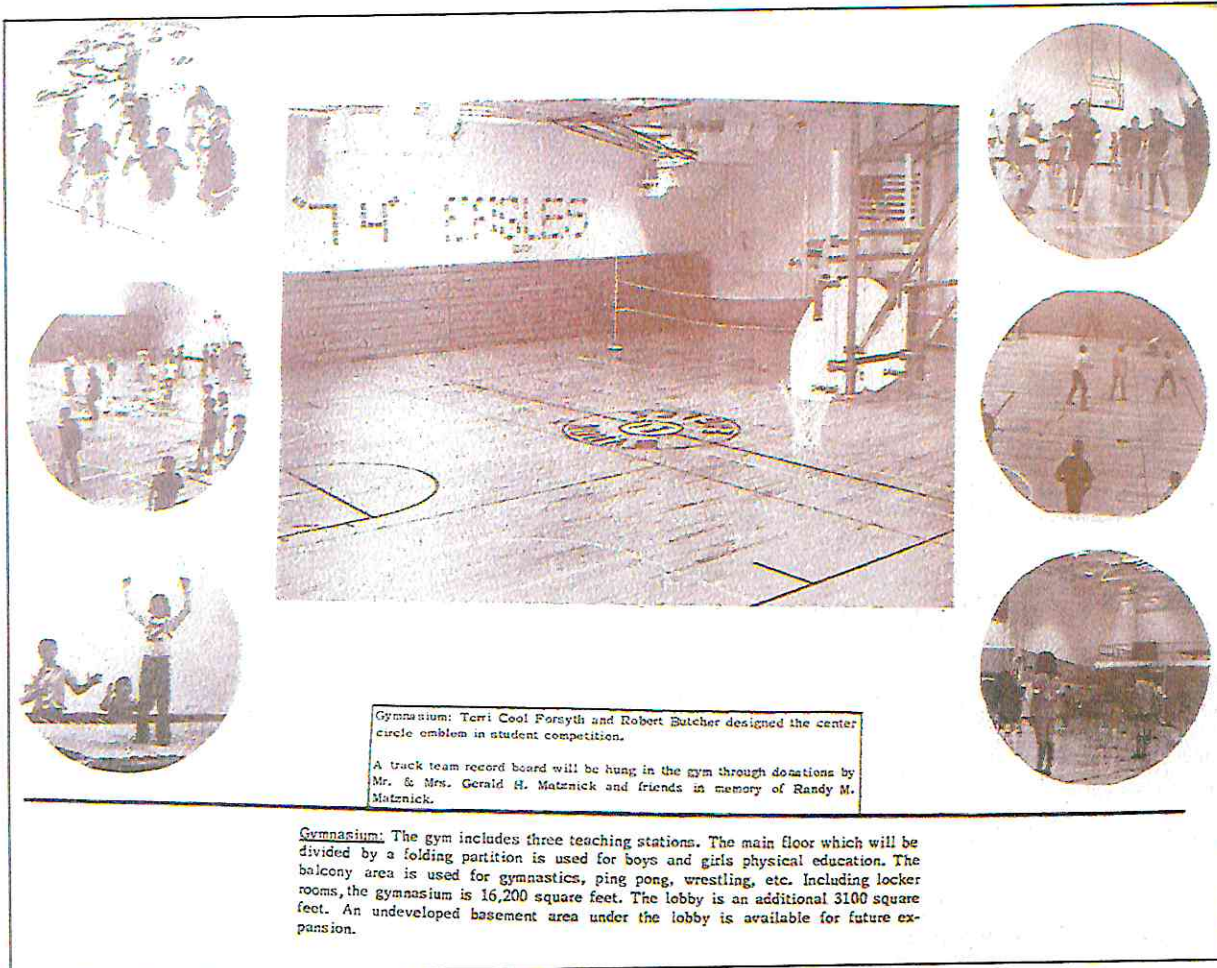
Invocation	-----	Reverend Dalton Bishop
Flag Ceremony	-----	Byron Troop 88 B.S.A.
Middle School Band	-----	Star Spangled Banner
Middle School Chorus	-----	Battle Hymn of the Republic
Introductions	-----	William J. Ross, Superintendent of Schools
Presentation of Building	-----	Gordon Lewis, Architect Samborn, Steketee, Otis and Evans, Inc.
Acceptance of Building	-----	John Sili, President, Board of Education.
		Max Carter, Principal Middle School
		Rick Jacobson, President High School Student Council
		Teresa Petersmark, President, Middle School Student Council
Middle School Chorus	-----	Monday, Monday
Middle School Band	-----	For Children by Sarnak
Presentation of Flag	-----	Mrs. Paul Tribley, President, Womens Relief Corp.
Benediction	-----	Reverend Glenn Gustafson

## EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Art - Crafts Laboratory: The sets - crafts area was furnished with a variety of specialized furniture and equipment. A wide range of materials can be used for art instruction. Student work is usually on display. Both middle and high school students use this area. It is 1400 square feet in size.

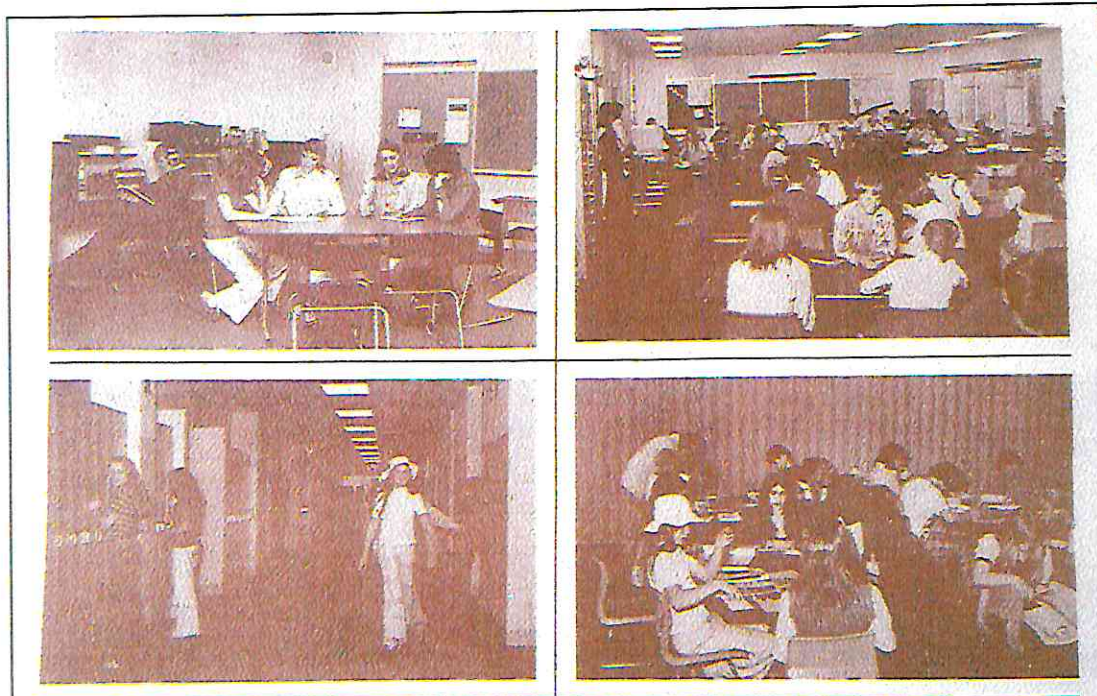
Industrial Arts Shop: This shop was furnished primarily with wood-working equipment. (Metals and mechanics are taught in the high school shops.) A variety of power and hand equipment is available. A finishing area and a lumber storage room were included. Both middle and high school students use this facility. It is 2950 square feet in size.



Gymnasium: Terri Cool Forsyth and Robert Butcher designed the center circle emblem in student competition.

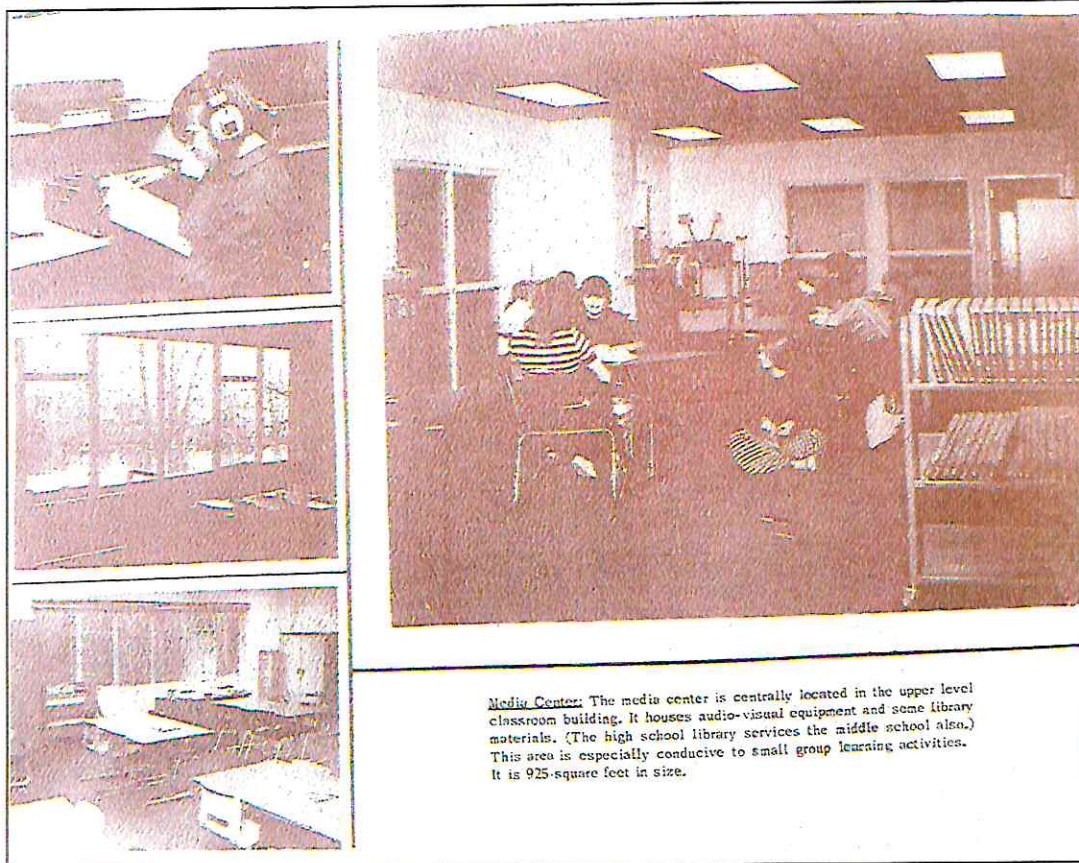
A track team record board will be hung in the gym through donations by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald H. Matznick and friends in memory of Randy M. Matznick.

**Gymnasium:** The gym includes three teaching stations. The main floor which will be divided by a folding partition is used for boys and girls physical education. The balcony area is used for gymnastics, ping pong, wrestling, etc. Including locker rooms, the gymnasium is 16,200 square feet. The lobby is an additional 3100 square feet. An undeveloped basement area under the lobby is available for future expansion.

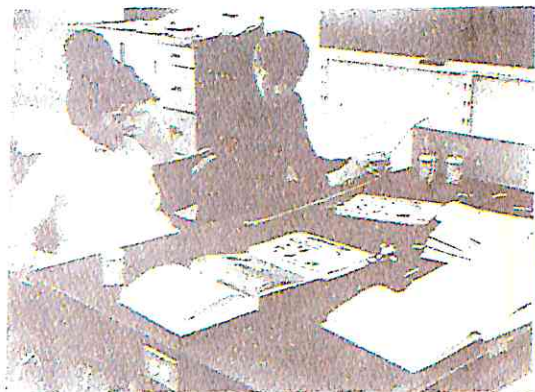


**Classrooms:** Ten general purpose classrooms are available. Six of the rooms are separated by a moveable wall. All of the furniture is portable. This feature offers flexibility for instructional organization. The classrooms average 900 square feet in size.

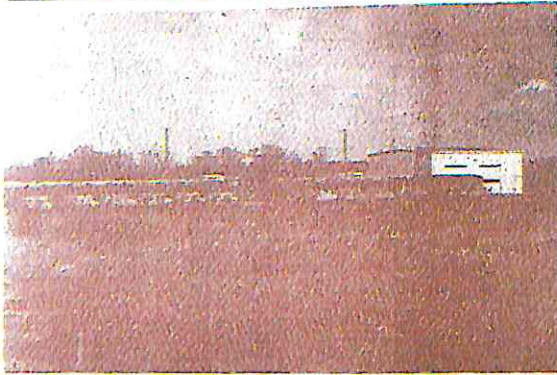
## EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



**Media Center:** The media center is centrally located in the upper level classroom building. It houses audio-visual equipment and some library materials. (The high school library services the middle school also.) This area is especially conducive to small group learning activities. It is 925-square feet in size.



**Science Laboratories:** Two spacious science labs lend themselves to teaching science through experimentation. Each lab has a direct outside exit to the Shiawassee River and a forested area. Each lab is 1500 square feet in size.



**Bus Maintenance Facility:** The two stall bus maintenance garage serves the school's eighteen-bus fleet. The facility contains a hydraulic hoist, overhead parts storage area, two restrooms, and a drivers lounge-office area. A one acre adjacent fenced parking lot is used for bus parking. The garage is 2,500 square feet in size and was designed for easy expansion. The new garage replaces the old facility on Main Street which had been used for about thirty years.

## CONSTRUCTION FACTS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Teaching Stations	17
Gymnasium Seating	1,100 (Expandable to 1600)
Floor area	50,000 square feet
Construction cost	\$1,220,000.
Furniture and equipment	\$110,000.
Architect: Samborn, Steketee, Otis & Evans, Inc.	
General Contractor: Gordon Construction, Inc	
Mechanical Contractor: Quibella, Inc.	
Electrical Contractor: Genesee Electric, Inc.	
Sub - Structure: Perrin Construction, Inc.	
Super Structure: H & G Fabrication, Inc.	



The Middle School consists of three separate buildings, connected by glass enclosed walk-ways. One building accommodates shops for arts and crafts and industrial arts; the second is a gymnasium for physical education and the third is a two-story structure for classrooms including science laboratories and a media center. The two-story building is built into a hillside and overlooks the Shiawassee River. The seventeen teaching stations could serve a total enrollment of approximately four-hundred-twenty students.

An elevator which is now required by law assists handicapped children and in moving heavy furniture and equipment. All cabinetry and furniture is moveable therefore allowing extreme flexibility. The two-story building is carpeted in all areas except for the science laboratories.

### BUS GARAGE:

Floor Area: 2,500 square feet, Construction Cost: \$40,000, Contractor: Center Construction, Inc, Architect: Samborn, Steketee, Otis & Evans, Inc.

The 2500 square foot bus garage and one acre fenced bus parking lot are located west of the high school. The facility contains two stalls, a hoist, a drivers lounge and office.

# EXPANDING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## BOARD OF EDUCATION:

John Sill, President  
 Paul Anibal, Secretary  
 Gordon Crawford, Treasurer  
 Robert Stacey, Trustee  
 William Oliver, Trustee  
 Eugene Friend, Trustee  
 Jesse Childers, Trustee  
 Robert Braden (1972)

## ADMINISTRATION:

William J. Ross, Superintendent  
 David McNeil, H.S. Principal  
 Max Carter, M.S. Principal  
 G. Russell Eaton, E.S. Principal  
 Lyle Fisher, Dir., Bldg., Grnds., Trans.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF:

Terry Allen - Industrial Arts  
 Lura Coleman - Girls Physical Education  
 Robert Guiliani - Mathematics  
 Judith Mailhot - Home Economics  
 David Mitchell - General Agriculture  
 Louise Patrick - Vocal Music  
 Carl Pierce - Industrial Arts  
 Louella Elya - Counselor  
 Roger Bashore - Social Studies  
 Ruth Ann Behnke - Science  
 Dennis Green - Science  
 Lawrence Fisher - Social Studies  
 Joan Hunault - Language Arts  
 Carl Oleson - Boys Physical Education  
 Lorraine Rariden - Arts - Crafts  
 Nancy Root - Social Studies  
 James Angell - Sixth Grade  
 Pat Larson - Sixth Grade  
 Derrine Sill - Sixth Grade  
 Richard Mosciski - Band  
 Jan Peterson - Special Education  
 Eleanor Miller - Aide  
 Carol Fredericks - Secretary  
 Lawrence Kelly - Custodian

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James Duncanson, Chairman  
 Janet Carsten  
 Patricia Schlusler  
 Sharon Granger  
 Doris Bird  
 Marvin Mack  
 Miles House  
 Elmer Boillat  
 Richard Reed  
 Joseph Gulick

George Vince  
 Geraldine Van Agen  
 Florence Bixby  
 Anna Mae Vickroy  
 Forrest Tefft  
 Diane Seaman  
 Robert Skinner  
 Darrell Godfrey  
 Harry Russell  
 Carlene Kovacs

Richard Mosciski  
 Rose Pattan  
 Roger Bashore  
 Tom Atherton  
 Alice Robison  
 William Camp  
 Gordon Green  
 Janet Scott  
 Howard Clark

## BUS GARAGE STAFF:

Richard Oliver - Mechanic  
 Monta Fultz - Driver  
 Alice Hollenbeck - Driver  
 Barbara Hudson - Driver  
 Dorothy Jackson - Driver  
 Joan Juntunen - Driver  
 Carlene Kovacs - Driver  
 Wanda Matznick - Driver  
 Margaret Munoz - Driver  
 Ruth Oliver - Driver

Gloria Robinet - Driver  
 Margaret Skinner - Driver  
 Viola Stanton - Driver  
 Esther Stites - Driver  
 Janet Scott - Driver  
 Colleen Skinner - Driver  
 Bonnie MacDonald - Sub Driver  
 Alice Robison - Sub Driver  
 Vera Hetchler - Sub Driver  
 David Mitchell - Sub Driver

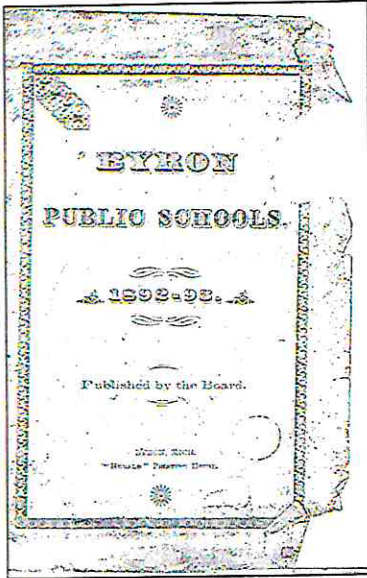
A SPECIAL THANKS to the Byron Schools Mothers Club for serving refreshments at the Open House.





**BYRON MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**Byron Area Schools**  
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### COURSE OF STUDY.

Primary Department.	
<b>FIRST GRADE.</b> Oral and Book Reading, First Lessons in Spelling, Oral Lessons in Geography.	<b>THIRD GRADE.</b> Reading and Book Reading, First Lessons in Spelling, Elementary Geography to page 6, Elementary Arithmetic to page 10, Elementary History to page 10.
<b>SECOND GRADE.</b> First and Second Reading, Oral Lessons in Spelling, Spelling from Reader.	<b>FOURTH GRADE.</b> Reading and Book Reading, First Lessons in Spelling to page 10, Elementary Arithmetic to page 10, Elementary History to page 10.

Intermediate Department.	
<b>FIFTH GRADE.</b> Third Reader completed, and Fourth Reader, Fourth Elementary in Reading, page 10, Fourth Elementary in Spelling, page 10, Language Lessons to page 10, Spelling.	<b>SIXTH GRADE.</b> Fourth Reader completed, Fourth Elementary in Reading, Fourth Elementary in Spelling, Language Lessons to page 10, Spelling.
<b>SEVENTH GRADE.</b> Fifth Reader completed, Fifth Elementary in Reading, Fifth Elementary in Spelling, Language Lessons to page 10, Spelling.	<b>EIGHTH GRADE.</b> Sixth Reader completed, Sixth Elementary in Reading, Sixth Elementary in Spelling, Language Lessons to page 10, Spelling.

High School Department.	
<b>NINTH GRADE.</b> U. S. History to Hamilton's Administration, Physical Geography, and Language to Hamilton's Administration, History to Hamilton's Administration, Language to Hamilton's Administration, Spelling.	<b>TENTH GRADE.</b> U. S. History to Hamilton's Administration, Physical Geography, and Language to Hamilton's Administration, History to Hamilton's Administration, Language to Hamilton's Administration, Spelling.
<b>ELEVENTH GRADE.</b> U. S. History to Hamilton's Administration, Physical Geography, and Language to Hamilton's Administration, History to Hamilton's Administration, Language to Hamilton's Administration, Spelling.	<b>Twelfth GRADE.</b> U. S. History to Hamilton's Administration, Physical Geography, and Language to Hamilton's Administration, History to Hamilton's Administration, Language to Hamilton's Administration, Spelling.

### TEXT BOOKS.

1. READING GRAMMAR	BRADY
2. READING	HARPER
3. SPELLING	HARRINGTON
4. PENMANSHIP	SPENCER
5. ARITHMETIC	TEESDALE
6. GRAMMAR	TEESDALE
7. GEOGRAPHY	HARPER
8. ALGEBRA	OLNEY
9. CIVIL GOVERNMENT	YONGE
10. HISTORY, Modern States	SCOTT
11. COMMERCE	SCOTT
12. HISTORY, General	SCOTT
13. PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY	HARPER
14. BOOK KEEPING	REBERT & STURGEY
15. COMMERCIAL LAW	CASEY
16. PHYSIOLOGY	STEELE
17. GEOLOGY	STEELE
18. PHYSICS	STEELE
19. ENGLISH LITERATURE	BALDWIN
20. HISTORY	STEELE
21. CHEMISTRY	STEELE
22. BOTANY	STEELE

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

OF THE  
**Byron Public Schools.**

DUTY OF THE PUPIL.

Sec. 1. The pupil shall have a range of all papers belonging to the school and connected with the school, and shall apply the same to the department assigned to him.

Sec. 2. The pupil shall keep the High School books in good order, and shall apply the same to the department assigned to him.

Sec. 3. The pupil shall keep the Intermediate books in good order, and shall apply the same to the department assigned to him.

Sec. 4. The pupil shall keep the Primary books in good order, and shall apply the same to the department assigned to him.

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### ENROLLMENT 1892-93.

High School.

Sec. 1. The Board of Education has the honor to announce that the following pupils have been enrolled in the High School for the year 1892-93:

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Intermediate Department.

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Primary Department.

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### REMARKS.

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### BOARD OF EDUCATION.

<b>CHAIRMAN.</b> EDWARD G. FRENCH	<b>President.</b> EDWARD G. FRENCH
<b>MEMBERS.</b> CLYDE J. CLARK	<b>Secretary.</b> CLYDE J. CLARK
<b>MEMBERS.</b> L. M. GALE	<b>Treasurer.</b> L. M. GALE
<b>MEMBERS.</b> E. C. CHAMBERS	<b>Trustees.</b> E. C. CHAMBERS
<b>MEMBERS.</b> NAMES SAVED	
<b>MEMBERS.</b> NAMES SAVED	

### TEACHERS.

<b>High School.</b> E. C. CHAMBERS
<b>Intermediate.</b> NAMES SAVED
<b>Primary.</b> NAMES SAVED

### CALENDAR FOR 1892-93.

FALL TERM commences August 20, 1892, and continues eleven weeks.  
WINTER TERM commences January 2, 1893, and continues twelve weeks.  
SPRING TERM commences March 22, 1893, and continues twelve weeks.

### GRADUATES OF HIGH SCHOOL.

1892 Edward G. French Clyde J. Clark L. M. Gale E. C. Chambers	1893 Henry H. H. H. Arthur T. T. T. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1894 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1895 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1896 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1897 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1898 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1899 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1900 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1901 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1902 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1903 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1904 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1905 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1906 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1907 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1908 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1909 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.	1910 John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H. John H. H. H.
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# MANUAL OF THE BYRON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1910-1911

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FOR  
1910-'11

### Board of Education

H. J. MEIER	-	-	President
H. C. WALKER	-	-	Secretary
W. E. SAVAGE	-	-	Treasurer
E. J. HATHAWAY	-	-	Trustee
F. D. STOWELL	-	-	Trustee

### Teachers

T. A. MEANS	-	-	Principal
EDNA PARSONS	-	-	Grammar
ETHEL STADOLT	-	-	Intermediate
MARGARET WOODWORTH	-	-	Primary

### Rates of Tuition

FOR NON-RESIDENTS	
High School	\$15.00 per Year
Grammar	12.50 per Year
Intermediate	10.00 per Year
Primary	7.50 per Year

Tuition must be paid in advance to the Director, and pupils must present receipt, showing the payment of the same, to the teacher, at the beginning of each month, and upon failure of such presentation the pupil shall stand suspended.

### List of Text Books

Reading—See by Story grade. In Junior grade: Jones, grade 11; Baldwin's, grades 14-16, 27B, Supplementary, Cey and Brooks.  
Spelling—Lott's Graded Speller.  
Numbers—Hall's Progressing Arithmetic Book II.  
Arithmetic—Miller's Progressive Arithmetic Book II; Moore and Miller's Commercial Arithmetic.  
Writing—Practical Speller, 5-cent series, one per grade; Langens—Hicks, grades 3-4; Miller-Tatum, grades 5-7; Whitney & Lockwood, grades 8-7.  
English—Lockwood & Emerson.  
Geography—Dobson & Hanson, Book I and II.  
Physical Geography—Davis' Elementary Note book, also.  
Physiology—Overton Series, Books I, Intermediate and Advanced.  
History—Maitland, Cox U. S. Primary and Advanced, McMaster.  
Civics—Maitland, McKim U. S. any good text.  
Orthography—Davenport.  
Book Keeping—Adams & Smith.  
Physics—Hillman & Gale, 1st course; note book also.  
Chemistry—Berger's Elementary Chemistry also.  
Algebra—Miller's High School.  
Geometry—Wells' New Plane and Solid.  
Classics—Selected from College course requirements.  
General History—Myer's General History.  
English History—Mantgomery.

### Announcement.

The year is divided into two semesters of twenty weeks each. The course of study and its workings is designed to prepare pupils for the active duties of life, in the home, on the farm, or in the school room, and it is the aim, at all times, to provide the pupils with a practical rather than a theoretical education. Therefore, we believe, will better meet the needs, and fit the aims, of the school, than to attempt something beyond the capacity of a small graded school to teach.

As an aid and incentive to the pupil, report cards, bearing the standing of the pupils, are sent to the parents for their careful inspection and signature. It is greatly desired that by this system more thorough work may be accomplished, and that the pupils may be encouraged to be in relationship, 100 being the scale. In marking—P, O, N, D, C, S, E, S.

The work of the school includes six grades. The first three grades comprise the Primary Department, the next three the Intermediate, and the last four the High School.

Believing we are engaged in a good work, and one in which you should be interested, we ask your cooperation in our efforts, and we think you will encourage scholars and teachers by frequently visiting the school.

### Course of Study

#### CHARTER GRADE

Card making, sewing, and finishing, reading, building, drawing of simple things, and familiar objects, and simple arithmetic of work as required.

#### FIRST GRADE

Reading—Let Stan by Story (A. Jones, Gray & Co.)  
Spelling—From reading lessons, book and loose words.  
Numbers—Counting, combination and separation of numbers to 12. Most practical exercises to How Many and Single Numbers. How to count to 12.  
Writing—Facts of letters, movement and building of the word.  
Language—Talk with the children about objects of simple nature, building from existing objects, see the meaning of words.

#### SECOND GRADE

Reading—Jones.  
Spelling—Word and sentence lists, readers, marking of the word in the sentence.  
Numbers—From Hall Arithmetic Primer.  
Language—Sentence building, use of capitals and terminal marks; repetition of easy words; simple study habits of correct penmanship. Facts—Practical, book, bark, leaves, etc.  
Writing—Book II, Practical Series.

#### THIRD GRADE

Reading—Hall's A. B. C.

Reading—First and second series, from all branches, the general series, and selections.  
Spelling—Book II, Part I.  
Numbers—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Writing—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Language—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Science—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
History—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Geography—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Civics—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Physical Science—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Physiology—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Orthography—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.

#### FOURTH GRADE

Reading—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Spelling—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Numbers—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Writing—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Language—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Science—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
History—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
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Physiology—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Orthography—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.

#### FIFTH GRADE

Reading—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Spelling—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Numbers—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Writing—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Language—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
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Physical Science—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Physiology—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Orthography—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.

#### SIXTH GRADE

Reading—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Spelling—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Numbers—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Writing—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
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Physical Science—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Physiology—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.  
Orthography—Book II, Part I, page 2 and 3.

### Comment

The list of apparatus purchased makes possible the performing of many experiments in physiology, physics and geography, thus broadening the child's scope of knowledge scientifically. The library has received many additions in the past four years, and about forty dollars are available for the coming year, thus insuring more additions to it. Altogether conditions are such that we believe we are right in asking you to become patrons of this school, assuring you of thoroughness and efficiency in the work done, which, coupled with the advantages herewith mentioned, make this a desirable school to attend.

This school's record for the past four years is 45 eighth grade diplomas earned, 39 graduated, of whom 59 per cent are doing work in higher institutions of learning, and an earnest, progressive spirit, which helps in making the school what it is to-day.

### Notice to Parents or Guardians

We respectfully invite your attention to the following portions of the school laws, and earnestly request your cooperation in the enforcement of the same:

[Act 200, 1905, repealing Act 95, 1903.]

SECTION 1. Every parent, guardian or other person in the State of Michigan having control and charge of any child or children, between and including the ages of seven and fifteen years, shall be required to send such child or children to the public schools during the entire school year, and

such attendance shall be consecutive for the school year as fixed by the district in which such parent, guardian, or other person in parental relation may reside. Provided, That in the following cases children shall not be required to attend the public schools:

(a) Any child or children who is or are being taught in a private or parochial school in such branch or are usually taught in the first eight grades of the public schools, or have already acquired the ordinary branches of learning taught in such grades of the public schools, to be determined by the school board after an examination of such child by the teacher in charge.

(b) Any child or children who is or are physically unable to attend school. In such cases the parent officer shall require the written statement of a competent physician certifying that such child or children is or are physically unable to attend school.

(c) Children over fourteen years of age whose services are essential to the support of their parents may be excused from attendance at school on the recommendation of the Board of Education of the district in which they reside, and said board shall certify to the proper officers the facts in all such cases.

(d) Children under nine years of age whose parents do not reside within two and one-half miles, by the nearest traveled road, of some public school. Provided, That if transportation be furnished for pupils in said district then this exemption shall not apply.

### Rules and Regulations

#### PRINCIPAL

The principal shall act under the advice and direction of the Board of Education. He shall have the superintendence of teachers, pupils, janitor, buildings, grounds, library and all school property.

He shall see that the course of study and right methods of instruction are followed; shall grade and promote pupils; shall supervise methods of discipline and government, and arrange promotion examinations.

He shall have the power to suspend any pupil from school whenever the best interests of the school demand it.

He shall institute a uniform system of reports and records, and have reports made monthly.

He shall make such reports to the Board of Education as they desire.

He shall hold a regular meeting of the teachers each month for the purpose of discussing the general improvement of the school, and a system of such meetings shall be recorded.

He shall see that the school is opened and dismissed on schedule time.

#### TEACHERS

All of the teachers shall be in their respective rooms in the morning thirty minutes and in the afternoon fifteen minutes before the time fixed for the session to begin.

Teachers in the Primary and Intermediate departments shall allow a recess each half day of

**SEVENTH GRADE**  
Reading, Baldwin's Seventh.  
Arithmetic, Miller's Standard.  
Geography, Advanced, B. & H., 1 year.  
Grammar, Whitney & Lockwood.  
U. S. History, McKeever's Complete, half year.  
Physiology, Overton's Advanced, half year.  
Spelling, Lott's Graded.  
Writing, Franklin Series, book 7.

**EIGHTH GRADE**  
Reading, Baldwin's Eighth, classes.  
Grammar, Whitney & Lockwood.  
Arithmetic, Miller's Standard.  
Civil Government, Mich. by McKim, U. S. Hewitt.  
U. S. History, McKeever's Complete.  
Orthography, Davenport.

**NINTH GRADE**  
Physiology, Elementary, Davis.  
Algebra, Miller's High School.  
English, Lockwood & Emerson.  
Classics, Selected from college entry requirements.  
English History, Maitland, leading fact in Eng. Hist.  
General History, Myer's General History.

**TENTH GRADE**  
Physiology, Overton's Revised, plus lab ex., 10 weeks.  
Government, Review both State and U. S., 10 weeks.  
U. S. History, Review 20 weeks.  
General History, Review 20 weeks.  
Latin, Review 20 weeks, Bergen Elements.  
Algebra, Review 20 weeks.  
Physics, Review 20 weeks, Millman & Gale.  
Arithmetic, Review 20 weeks, Moore & Niman.  
Book Keeping, 20 weeks, Bryant & Stratton.  
Geometry, 20 weeks, Wells, 12345 & Co.

## PUPILS

Pupils are expected to be regular and punctual in attendance, and, in case of absence or tardiness, they shall enter a written excuse from parent or guardian not later than the next school following such absence or tardiness.

Any pupil failing to render a sufficient excuse for absence or tardiness shall be liable to detention after school, deprivation of customary privileges, or such other punishment as the teacher, with the concurrence of the principal, may deem proper, after due investigation.

Any pupil who shall willfully defame or destroy any school property shall be charged with the full amount of the damage, and if the amount is not paid by the pupil, or his parent or guardian, within five days after the notification, the matter shall be, in the discretion of the Board, reported or prosecuted.

No pupil shall bring into the school any revolver, knife, or any other dangerous weapon, or any other article which may be used as a weapon, or any other article which may be used as a weapon, or any other article which may be used as a weapon.

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Pupils absent from examination shall lose their grade, and shall not be required to re-examine until a satisfactory examination has been passed.

Pupils may be transferred from a lower to a higher grade, or the reverse, as their mental abilities or the needs of the school may require.

Pupils must follow the prescribed course of study, unless directed by the principal at the written request of parent or guardian.

Pupils must carefully present their monthly reports and return them promptly, with the signatures of the parent or guardian, when required by their teachers.

Pupils entering school for the first time are expected to commence at the beginning of the term, as new classes will be formed in the primary department only at the beginning of each term.

No pupil shall enter any school room except his own, without permission of the teacher.

No pupil shall bring to the school trade children under five years of age.

Pupils shall not congregate, talk, or loiter in the hallways.

Pupils shall obey all reasonable requests of the teacher, and must be obedient to requests of any teacher.

Any pupil who has to do with him, or near it, or the positions may be attended.

No profanity, quarrelling or abusive language will be permitted.

Boys shall not wear their hats within the school building.

Upon being dismissed pupils shall immediately leave the grounds and vicinity, and shall refrain from playing and rough play.

Pupils will not be permitted to go to other rooms as visitors.

Pupils shall pass through the hall and up and down the stairs in a prompt, orderly and quiet manner, walking and not running, and occupying no such step of the stairs.

No pupil shall make any changes in the regular work of the grade without permission from the principal.

Pupils may be suspended by the principal or expelled by the school board for the violation of these rules.

Pupils shall not trespass on property in the vicinity of the school without permission.

Upon passing to and from school, pupils will respect the right of people and not trespass upon the rights of property owners. Lawns, gardens and lots are not public streets, and going upon them is trespassing.

All pupils shall remain until the close of each session unless his grade is excused, or unless he brings a written request for such excuse from home.

Pupils shall not go to the other rooms and ask to see pupils, nor for any other purpose, unless permission in writing is first granted by their own teacher.

Pupils who are unclean in person or dress may be sent home to be properly prepared for school room.

Pupils will not be permitted on the school grounds earlier than 8 o'clock a. m.

Pupils who are behind in their class work may be placed in a lower grade by the principal.

Pupils must start promptly for their rooms when the bell commences tolling, and take their own seats, and get their singing books and whatever material is needed for the opening exercises.

All talking must cease in the school building as soon as the bell begins to toll, and pupils must not speak to one another until they have passed down the front steps.

All pupils whose attendance falls below 60 per cent. will be required to take final examinations; average required to be 75 per cent.

## Certificates and Diplomas

Pupils completing the work of any department receive a certificate of promotion; those completing the course prescribed for the high school receive diplomas free of charge.

## Suggestions to Parents

Be sure that your children attend school every day in the year, unless their absence can not be avoided. Their educational advantages are the best help you can give your children to prepare them for the duties of life.

Visit the room where your children attend, if possible once during each term. What the pupil needs more than anything else is to feel that you are interested in his school work than to see that he has books and is sent to school. Some morning or noon come to school with your boys and girls and spend a half day with them, and you will be more than paid by their increased interest on account of the little sacrifice it may have cost you.

Read all these rules and regulations thoroughly and become acquainted with our school system.

*Parents were encourage  
to visit their child at school.  
Compare it to the  
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fifteen minutes. All the teachers shall take special pains to secure good order in the stair-ways and school yard.

They shall keep a faithful record in the class, and shall keep room records of all items required therein. All work of class books and reports, ex-daily record, must be done outside of school hours. At the end of the year all records are to be sent to the principal, and to be by him summarized and transmitted to the Director of the school board.

Teachers shall devote themselves exclusively to the duties of the school during school hours, and shall use every available means for their own improvement in the work of instruction and discipline. They shall enforce such discipline in their schools as would be required by a kind and judicious parent.

Teachers shall have a daily programme, and strictly follow the same. No recitation shall be allowed to encroach upon the time appropriated to another.

Teachers shall consider the rules and decisions of the Principal as authorized by the Board of Education.

Corporal punishment is not prohibited, but must be restricted to extreme cases, but all torturous punishments are prohibited.

Teachers shall permit no agents to take the time of the programme in their rooms.

Teachers must consult with parents when the work or department of pupils is not satisfactory.

Teachers must visit the homes of their pupils in case of sickness, and for the general welfare of the pupils. House visitation is a large element in the successful work of the teacher.

Have order and promptness in all things. Do not allow untidiness to be seen in your rooms.

Have all work done neatly. Have pupils keep their desks in a neat condition.

Have pupils rise when reciting.

Do not permit pupils from other departments to visit your room, nor send any of your pupils into the hall to talk with such pupils unless the one coming brings a written permit from the other teacher.

Teachers must observe the conduct of their pupils upon the grounds, and must see that they promptly and quietly leave upon being dismissed.

The hall and stairway must be carefully policed during the calling and dismissal of school. Teachers will ascertain the cause of any unusual noise in the vicinity of their rooms and have it stopped or report it to the principal. All irregularities of pupils while passing through the hall or up and down the stairs must be reported to the principal, and the question of offence to any pupil on account of it must not be considered. The welfare of the school is of more importance than the whim of any pupil. Teachers must not neglect hall duty for other work in their rooms.

Do not allow erasers to be cleaned by striking them upon casings, window sills, walls or steps.

Morning exercises should be varied. Use singing, bible reading, recitations, quotations, memory gems and interesting conversation.

Teachers must not neglect the careful supervision of the light, heat and ventilation of the rooms. The temperature of the rooms should be about 70 degrees. Be careful about pupils sitting in draughts. Take especial pains with the comfort of pupils on account of sickness, hearing or seeing.

Be sure and examine all reports sent to you at the end of each month, and if there be any dissatisfaction whatever, see the teacher about it.

Should anything occur in the school life of your children that you are not pleased with, be sure to have a talk with the teacher about it, because many times the teacher may labor under great difficulties that an explanation from you might remove.

Be sure to feel that each teacher has the interest of your pupils at heart, and any assistance you may give that teacher will be appreciated.

Pupils will not be enrolled in grade one after two months have elapsed.

## Duties of Janitor

The janitor shall sweep and dust the rooms every day, as it is deemed necessary to keep them clean.

Every morning before school begins, he shall see that the rooms are properly warmed, that the grounds are free from rubbish, and that the walks are clean; before leaving at night he shall see that the doors and windows are properly secured, that the doors of the outbuildings are locked and that the fires are safe; he shall see that order is maintained at the noon hour, during the absence of the principal, and report to the principal any mutilation of the buildings.

He shall keep the clocks regulated, provide water for the rooms, and ring the bell at the proper times.



# BYRON AREA HIGH SCHOOL

## STUDENT HANDBOOK

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PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK

BYRON

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL

2022-2023

PARENT / STUDENT HANDBOOK

Byron High/Middle School

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Byron, MI 48418

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Fax: High School - (810) 266-5010  
Phone: Middle School - (810) 266-4422  
Fax: Middle School - (810) 266-4151

Superintendent - Dr. Jan Amsterburg  
Principal - Mrs. Olivia Lake-LoFiego  
Assistant Principal - Mr. Don McLennan  
High School Secretary - Mrs. Mina Forbush  
Middle School Secretary - Ms. Debra Murray  
Counselor - Ms. Malinda Smith  
Athletic Director - Mr. Greg Goffee  
Transportation Supervisor - Mr. Joe McWilliams

Welcome

It is with great pleasure that we take this opportunity to welcome you to Byron High School and Byron Middle School. We are extremely proud of the programs we offer our students, and we encourage you to make the most of your time with us. This parent/student handbook was developed to answer many of the commonly asked questions that you may have during the course of an academic year. Because the handbook also contains information about student rights and responsibilities, each student is responsible for knowing its contents. Please take time to become familiar with the following information and keep the handbook available for your use throughout the academic year. It can be a valuable reference and a means to avoid confusion and misunderstanding when questions arise. Should you have any questions that are not addressed in this handbook, contact the principal. This handbook supersedes all prior handbooks and other written or oral statements regarding any item in this handbook.

The school and administration reserve the right to establish fair and reasonable rules and regulations for circumstances that may arise requiring actions that are not covered in this handbook. In all cases, rules, regulations, and possible consequences shall be as consistent as possible with previously established rules, regulations, and consequences for similar incidents. Matters omitted from this handbook should not be interpreted as a limitation to the scope of the school's responsibility and, therefore, the school's authority in dealing with any type of infractions that may not be in the best interest of the safety and welfare of the students.

These rules and policies apply to any student who is on school property, who is in attendance at school or any school-sponsored activity, or whose conduct at any time or place directly interferes with the operations, discipline, or general welfare of the school, students and staff.

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*Compare to the  
1910-1911  
handbook on visitors*

#### VISITORS

Due to increased security, student visitors are not allowed. Parents are welcome to visit, however for safety and scheduling purposes, parents visiting the building for a length of time other than the pick up or drop off of materials are asked to prearrange a meeting with the appropriate staff member no less than 24 hours prior to the visit. A background check may be required prior to the visit.

#### CLOSED CAMPUS

In order to ensure student safety, the Byron Middle and High School campus is closed. If a student leaves campus during the school day, they may only return with a doctor's note.

#### ATTENDANCE POLICY

In the State of Michigan, attendance is compulsory until a student graduates or reaches 18 years of age. As such, students are expected to be in school for the entirety of the school day. The Board of Education believes that attendance and punctuality habits are particularly important for high school students. The Board authorized the Superintendent and building principals to develop rules, procedures, and regulations for the implementation of this policy. Students enrolled in Byron Middle School and High School are expected to be in attendance each day that school is in session, except in cases of illness or other situations of a personal nature that would be interpreted as an excused absence. Any student found outside of the classroom without a valid pass from their teacher will receive a verbal warning and further offenses may result in an after-school detention.

#### Rules and Regulations

Therefore, the following rules and procedures govern attendance of Byron Middle and High Schools. Exceptions to the following rules and procedures will be made only at the discretion of the building principal or superintendent.

- A. A student who is absent more than 10% of the instructional time in any class during each semester will not receive credit or a passing grade for that class unless the student has achieved a passing semester grade and has passed the final assessment with a 78% or better.
- When a student has missed 5% of any class, a letter will be sent to the parent or guardian.
  - When a student has missed over 10% of a class, the parent or guardian will be notified by letter and phone call.

*\* 10% = 10 absences (per semester)*

*\* All excused and unexcused absences count toward the 10% absence total*

*\* After the 10<sup>th</sup> absence, all additional absences will be considered unexcused unless a medical note or court appearance document is provided.*

- B. A student who has more than ten (10) unexcused full day absences will be referred to the SRES in accordance with truancy rules.

**Excused and Unexcused Absences - All excused and unexcused absences count toward the 10% absence total.**

**Excused Absences.** If your child is absent, please contact the High School Office at 810-266-4620 on the day of the absence. Call the Middle School Office at 810-266-4422 by 8:25 a.m. the day of the absence.

- A. Unavoidable absences, such as illness or death in the immediate family.
- A written statement and/or confirmation in the form of a contact from a parent or guardian of the cause for such absence(s) must be made on or before the day the student returns to school. The note or confirmation should include: the student's full name, the date of the absence, the reason for the absence, parent's or guardian's signature (if applicable), and phone number.
  - Students are encouraged to bring a note on the day they return. If a note or confirmation has not been received in (3) three school days, the absence will be unexcused.
  - If a student is absent from school for (3) consecutive days without notification from a parent/guardian, the school may contact the parent/guardian to confirm the student's well-being.
  - Students are entitled to assistance of the teacher in making up work. One (1) class is given for each class of consecutive absence.

### IMMUNIZATIONS

All students entering Byron Schools must satisfy one of the following requirements before admission:

- A. Completion of all immunization requirements: at least four (4) Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DPT or DTaP) if the student is under the age of 15 with the last dose received on or after the fourth birthday; if 15 or older, the student must have had a Tetanus-Diphtheria (TD) booster (due 5 years after last DPT dose); three (3) doses of Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) with the last dose received on or after the fourth birthday; two (2) Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) with two (2) doses on or after 12 months of age. Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B Vaccine and two (2) doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine after 1 year of age or reliable history of disease. All children 11-18 years of age who are changing school districts or who are enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> grade, one (1) dose of Meningococcal vaccine and one (1) dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (DtaP) vaccine (if 5 years have passed since last dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria vaccine (Dtap, Td or DT)..
- B. Provide a signed statement from a doctor verifying that an immunization program is underway.
- C. Provide a signed statement from a doctor verifying that immunization is not possible for a medical reason.
- D. Provide a form signed by the parent and approved by the Shiawassee County Health Department stating that immunization interferes with the free exercise of the student's religious rights.

### CONTROL OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASES AND PESTS

#### Casual Contact

Because a school has a high concentration of people, it is necessary to take specific measures when the health or safety of the group is at risk. The school's professional staff has the authority to remove or isolate a student who has been ill or has been exposed to a communicable disease or highly transient pest, such as lice. Specific diseases include: diphtheria, scarlet fever, strep infections, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other conditions indicated by the Local and State Health Departments.

#### Non-Casual Contact

In the case of non-casual contact communicable diseases, the school still has the obligation to protect the safety of the staff and students. In these cases, the person in question will have his/her status reviewed by a panel of resource people, including the County Health Department, to ensure that the rights of the person affected and those in contact with that person are respected. Non-casual contact communicable diseases include sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), HIV (Human-immunodeficiency), Hepatitis B, and other diseases that may be specified by the State Board of Health. As required by Federal law, parents/guardians will be requested to have their child's blood checked for HIV, HBV, and other blood-borne pathogens when the child has bled at school and students or staff members have been exposed to the blood. Any testing is subject to laws protecting confidentiality.

### SCHOOL BOARD POLICY ON DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, and dangerous controlled substances as defined by State statute or substances that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbook, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials. The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which she/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or guidance office whenever such help is needed.

### FOOD SERVICE

The school participates in the National School Lunch Program and makes breakfast and lunches available to students daily. A la carte items are also available. Students may also bring their own lunch to school. No student shall be allowed to drive, be in a vehicle, or be in the school parking lot during the lunch period without specific written permission granted by the principal. Applications for the school's Free and Reduced-Priced Meal Program are

distributed to all students in the Byron Area Schools Newsletter. If a student does not receive one and believes that he/she is eligible, they should contact Food Service Department

To reduce the number of students and disruptions in the hallways during classes, no group drink breaks are allowed. However, drinks and snacks are acceptable in classrooms per individual teacher permission. (i.e. *Computer labs will not allow water bottles due to equipment*). No glass bottles are to be brought into the school building. Breakfast is served prior to the start of the school day. No breakfast or lunch charges are allowed. Weekly checks are greatly appreciated. The type of conduct demanded in a well-run public eating place is acceptable in the high school cafeteria.

When at the school store, students are to line up in an orderly fashion. No pop is to be sold during school, by order of the Federal Government.

#### USE OF TELEPHONES

Students shall not be excused from class to place calls. Students may not use the phones in the office as a general rule, except with the expressed permission of the principal or his designee. Personal messages or phone calls from other than parents/guardians will not be accepted.

#### USE OF LIBRARY

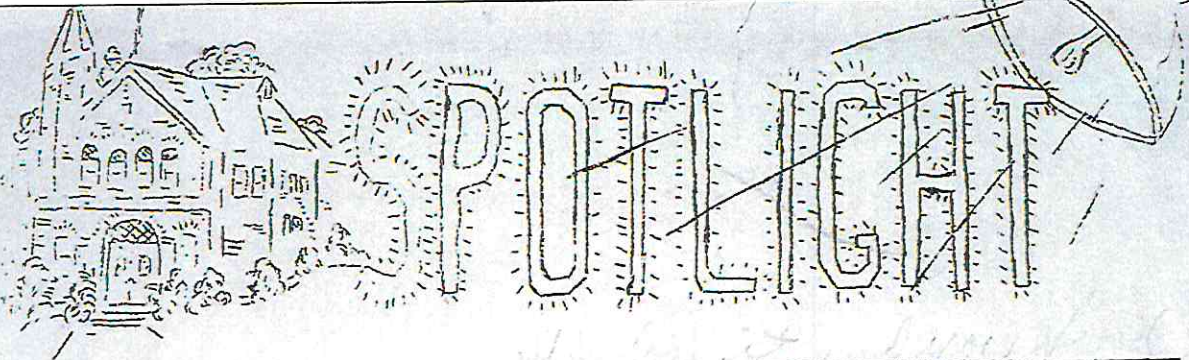
Byron High School library is available to Byron High School students for research and recreational reading. Books may be checked out for a three-week period and renewed for an additional three weeks if needed. Reference materials may be checked out overnight only. Electronic resources are also available for student use. Students are encouraged to return books by the due date. Books not returned must be paid for by the student checking out the book.

#### LOCKERS

Students using a locker agree to the following conditions:

- A. The Board of Education reserves the right to inspect all lockers under its control. Further, the Board of Education deems it a proper function of school authorities to inspect all lockers in the school and prevent their illicit use for illegal purposes. The use of the lockers is not an exclusion from inspections by the administration when the safety, health, and welfare of the entire student body is to be considered.
- B. The security and safety of the lockers are the responsibility of the student. The school will provide reasonable supervision for the lockers and its contents. However, the school will **NOT** be responsible in any degree for lost or stolen articles. The student must take the utmost care to ensure that the locker is properly locked when closed. Report all damages or thefts to the principal.
- C. The contents of the locker are the responsibility of the student(s) assigned to that locker. Nothing illegal should be kept in the locker nor should it be used for illegal purposes. Violation of this rule subjects the student to disciplinary action.
- D. Students will exercise care and good judgment in the physical upkeep of their lockers. No lockers may be defaced, painted, or otherwise decorated. Students agree to pay for any damages caused by avoidable or careless action. (ONLY APPROPRIATE PICTURES ARE ALLOWED).
- E. Damaged or defective lockers are to be reported to the main office.
- F. Lockers will be assigned through the high school office.
- G. Each locker will have a school combination lock. For uniformity, no other locks will be used unless given permission by administration.
- H. Students are not to occupy lockers other than the one to which they are assigned. Sharing of lockers is not permitted.

Violation of the above rules will result in detention or a loss of locker privileges.



## RECREATION HOUR

## MUSIC NIGHT

Recreation hour is sponsored by the Student Council. This Council is made of two members from each class and one member from each organization, OF THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The council decided to have a recreation hour each week. This is to relieve the nervous tension of the students.

Once a month there will be a feature picture in the assembly. Each person will be charged the small sum of ten cents to cover the expense of the films. It also is desired that there will be a little sum left over so it will be possible to purchase some curtains for the school gym. The movies will be held in the gym after that.

During the other weeks there will be dancing lessons in the gym. Music is furnished by the schools "Musical contraption". There is a small charge there also so we will be able to buy some more recordings so the boys will not be so bashful about taking the girls frames for a struggle.

Before I forget the recreation hour is held on Wednesdays just after the students finish their chow.

Ray L. Sedlak

## GIRL SCOUTS

The Girl Scouts met Dec. 3 for their meeting. In their business meeting they decided to have a X-mas party Dec. 14. They are going to exchange gifts and at the close of the meeting light refreshments, will be served.

Pat Meier

The Music Department of Bryon High School under the direction of Miss Lucille Durkoc will present a Christmas Program At the Byron Community Hall, on December 25, 1943 at 8:00 o'clock, and the admission will be free.

The Mixed Chorus will sing "Little David Play On Your Harp" which is a Negro Spiritual also "Pop Goes The Weasel" which is a traditional air.

The Boys Glee Club will sing "Wait For Me Mary" and "Shoe Shine Boy".

Our Girls Glee Club Will then sing "Deep Purple", by Peter De Rose and "Nursery Rhymes" by Pearl G. Curran.

The Seventh and Eighth grade students will present a dramatic reading called Why The Chimes Rang by Alden. This will be directed by Mrs. Lewis E. Small.

The Mixed Chorus will render for us two numbers, "The Praise Carol" by R.E. Merryott and "Sleep Of The Infant Jesus", which is a French Noel.

The audience will participate in singing some of the Christmas Carols, such as "Silent Night, Holy Night, O Come All Ye Faithful, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, O Little Town of Bethlem and The First Noel.

After this, the program will be brought to a close by the Mixed Chorus singing "Evening Prayer" by Humperdinek.

The Students have worked hard to get the program ready, and are depending upon you to come.

CHRISTMAS SEALS

This is the 37th annual Christmas Seal Sale in the United States.

For the first time, the Christmas Seal of the National Tuberculosis Association and its 1,700 affiliated associations in the United States will be used this year by the national tuberculosis organizations of four other of the United Nations -----England; Canada; Brazil and Mexico-----to raise money for their respective campaigns against the disease. The use in 1943 of the identical Christmas Seal by five of the United Nations is particularly significant in the face of the war time this in tuberculosis that is occurring in many parts of the world.

The artist of this year's Seal is Andre Dugo, an American-Hungarian, who lived in Paris before coming to this country years ago. The seal pictures a small girl looking out a window and seeing Santa Claus driving across the sky.

The successful campaign against the disease, which now faces an acute emergency due to wartime conditions, has been financed for the last 37 years by funds raised during the Christmas Seal Sale.

This year the Christmas Seal will travel to every far corner of the world, where American boys fight for the things America stands for. Since the Christmas Seal tradition began 36 years ago, the tuberculosis death rate has been cut 66%. So let us all buy Christmas Seals this year. How about it????????????????????

NEWS OF BOYS IN SERVICE

Donald Wenk has arrived safely in England.

Howard Shelp has been home on a furlough.

Wesley Robinson is leaving for the army.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF BOYS IN SERVICE

Pvt. Jack Anderson A.S.N. 36591932

1V Corps. Directors Hdqtrs. Motor pool A.P.O. 304 Bend, Oregon

Bob Bently Plt. 630 R.D.M.C.B. San Diego, 41 California

A/C Walter Montec 9 B 2 Barracks 1-289 U.S.N.A.S. Atunwa, Iowa

Pvt. Harvey R. Swarts Troop B 3d Cav. (Moch) Camp Gordon, Augusta, Georgia

P.F.C. Marshall E. Williams Co. G. 2nd Bn. 8th Marines c/o Fleet Post Office San Francisco, California

T/5th Donald Wenk 36406465 1718th O rd. E. M. Co(A.V.N. 251st A.D .G.) A.P.O. 4959 c/o Post Master New York, New York

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Nov. meeting of the Byron Art Club met at the home of Mrs. R. S. Houghton Dec. 3. They decided on their Xmas. party and drew names After the business meeting the hostess served light refreshments.

Jim Anderson has been feeling much better and is now home from the Hospital.

HOME ECONOMEICS ROOM

We have participated in the Christmas Seal drive and the Junior Red Cross drive. We also are saving tin cans and old paper and have turned in our old clothing.

We are trying to do our part in the war Effort.

## METHODIST

The Methodist Youth Fellowship will inaugurate a new kind of program beginning this Sunday Night, Dec. 12, at 7:30. After a devotional period there will be a recreational and social hour in the church basement. This week Eloise Math will lead the devotion while Helen Thompson will have charge of the social hour.

The Fenton Subdistrict Rally will be held next Wednesday evening Dec. 15, at Linden. Program will be a carol sing service with recreation afterwards. The February meeting will be at the Byron-Town Hall and will be solely recreational.

The Church School will present their Christmas Program Friday evening, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. It will be an old fashioned program of recitations and music.

Christmas Sunday Night, Dec. 19 there will be a special Carol Service in the Church at 7:30. The Young People will participate and have a social hour following.

Darwin Secord, Graduate of Byron School, and now Adrain College will be the preacher, Sunday Dec. 26.

## BAPTIST

Friday, Dec. 10, at 8:00 P.M. Rev. Theodore Williams, (colored), and some singers from Flint will conduct a service in our church.

Sunday: Morning Worship, 10:30 A. M. Sermon Subject: "I will follow Thee, but....". Junior Church 10:30 A. M. in the basement. First School 11:40 A. M. Evening gospel service, 8:00 P. M. Sermon subject: "Be sure your sin will find you out". The Mid-week service Wednesday will be at the Parsonage Jim Jessop.

## 1st & 2nd GRADE NEWS

We have bought \$24.25 in postage stamps since school started.  
(continued next column)

the Forenoon, Dec. the 24th.

About 35 of us are enjoying the hot lunches that are served in the Home Economics Room.

## 3rd & 4th GRADE NEWS

We have lost two students Ruth Carr and Ronnie Cole. Ronnie will be going to a country school near Howell.

Our Art Class last week made a new border. It is a Christmas-Scene in white on a blue background.

The fourth grade took their first language test Tuesday. Most of the scores were high.

We have a collection of Christmas Pictures on the bulletin board.

## 5th & 6th GRADE NEWS

The Fifth and Sixth grades have elected their officers for the first semester.

For Fifth Grade: Pres. Jim Vince, Vice-Pres. Eugene Dutil, Sec. & Treas. Robert Hayton.

For Sixth Grade: Pres. Pat Johnston, Vice-Pres. Marsha Kay Van Alstine, Sec. & Treas. Gereldine Deming.

There are 17 pupils in the fifth grade.

We have some new people. They are Marie Donahue, Harold Gardner Verl Quick, Elwood and Michigan Shelley.

Harry Jones has left school. There are 27 pupils in the sixth-grade.

The new pupils in our grade are: Deloris Solis, Janet Avic-houser, Norma and Joyce Conely Donna Hudson, Brian Head, Rose Mary Carr and Betty Vickenhiser.

Rose Mary Carr has gone to O-wesse to live.

We have several new library books.

The sixth Grade are decorating our room for Christmas.

The Fifth and Sixth Grades are selling Christmas Seals.

We won the P. T. A. Membership contest and are looking forward to our half day holiday. We got 83 members.

# BASKETBALL

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Friday Dec 10, '43 at 1:00 O'Clock

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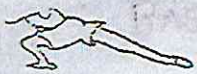
Webberville High School

vs.

**Byron High School**

3 Games

Admission 28¢ and 17¢



First game of the season with  
 as quite a surprise for  
 the girls team made 16 points  
 at Lindens 21 points. The  
 made by the girls in a long  
 . The starting line up was

- Follows:  
 Betty Maylum---CF  
 Nola Campbell--LF  
 Betty Kelly----RF  
 Adena Cook-----RG  
 Eloise Hath----LG  
 Joan Wenk-----CG

Betty Kelly the Captain of the  
 team scored 8 of the 17 points.  
 The team looks very promising and  
 with a little more practice they  
 ought to be able to beat Linden  
 when they come here next week.

Byron's Second team, much to Lin-  
 den's surprise, scored 19 points to  
 their 14. The boys played a good  
 game. The starting line up was as  
 follows:

- De rwood Cole----RF  
 Richard Beden----LF  
 Robert Lee-----C  
 Douglas Swartz--RG  
 Herman Meyer----LG

Dick Barnes who substituted for  
 Doug Swartz was high point man with  
 14 points. He was really in their  
 playing ball.

Some of the fellows who played on  
 the second team will be members of  
 the First Team when a few of the  
 Freshmen are a little more experie-  
 nced.

The closest game of the three was  
 the first team game with a score of  
 18 to 20.

Jay Ward with the same fighting  
 spirit that he had in Football made  
 7 points in the first half to keep  
 the game going. The last half Byron  
 tied with Linden to make the score  
 18 up. With 3 minutes to play Linden  
 Capt. Karnoske sunk a basket to  
 make the score 18 to 20 and won the  
 game. The line up was as follows:

- Ted Zabitch---Rf  
 Jay Ward-----RG  
 Ted Kelly----LF  
 George Farmer-C  
 Gerald Richards-LF

Linden had better watch out when  
 they come here to play.

Ted Zabitch.

7th

- Beverly Zolldan  
 Clara Mac Cool  
 Bill Dyer  
 Leland Mack  
 J. D. Rouch  
 Joyce Ward

8th

- Howard Cole  
 Owen Deming  
 Lcolan Hibbard  
 Leland Van Alstine

9th

- Irene Scdlak  
 Wm. Lahring  
 Frances Fay  
 Herman Meyers  
 Marilyn Alden  
 Clifford Scmple  
 Lola Lahring

10th

- Gerald Richards  
 Elcise Hath  
 Bob Scmple  
 Joan Lucke  
 Vern Granger  
 Dorine Ball  
 Nola Campbell

11th

- Kathleen Wykes  
 Catharine Fay  
 Herbert Plummer

12th

- Clarice Collins  
 Helen Jackson

PAPER SCRAP DRIVE

The Sopomore class of Byron High  
 School is sponsoring a salvage  
 drive of Scrap Paper on Dec. 11,  
 1943. There are four classes in  
 the Government wishes the paper to  
 be sorted, they are magazines, news  
 papers, wrapping paper, and card  
 board boxes.

If you will please call the school  
 and leave your name, and direction  
 to your place, some one will be out  
 Saturday after your scrap paper.

# LAUGH AND THE WORLD LAUGHS



## THE TATTLE TALE

Ain't love grand?????? Ask Ted and Glarice they should know! ! ! ! !

We wonder why Joe Collins called up all the girls in the Sophomore class one night? He says it was to find out the class officers, but we know better don't we Pat???????????

Why is it that all the girls on Bus Number 4 like to sit up in front??? Is the new Bus driver the cause of all this????????????? Ask Patricia M.

What girl on Bus Number 1 tried to sit on the bus drivers lap? Could it be Eloise H.?? She says she was pushed, but we can see! ! ! ! !

Why did Pauline W. sit with her head in her hands all the way to school one morning?????????? Was it because Ted Z. sat beside her or did she have a headache???????????

Ray G. is in high spirits again now that Wanita W. is back in school!!!

Wanita W. would sure start a hair-pulling contest if she ever found out that Kathleen W. sat by Ray G. in Algebra Class. Watch out Kate!!!

Beverly P's heart just turns summer salts when anything is said about Jay W. Won't you even give her a tumble Jay????????????? After all she is a cute little trick.

Albert S. and Jack G. seem to have a crush on Eloise H. Where do you get all the gum boys?? ?? It's hard to get you know. A stick is O.K. but a package! ! ! ! ! Wow! ! !

We hear Tom J. was sorta peeved to see Gerald R. take Eloise H. to the Senior Play. May the best boy win!

Why does June A. think it would be a thrill to be the last one off of

What seems to be the talk about Jay W. wishing Pauline going to play basketball?????? Too bad Jay to disappoint you.

Helen J. & Joyce S

## CLASS OFFICERS

### SENIORS

President-----Raymond Sedlak  
Vice President-----Clarice Collins  
Secretary-----Jay Ward  
Treasurer-----Viola Walters

### JUNIORS

President-----Catherine Fay  
Vice President-----Stanley Grant  
Secretary-----Donna Cool  
Treasurer-----Kathleen Wykes

### SOPHOMORES

President-----Dorine Ball  
Vice President-----Floyd Zimmer  
Secretary-----Bob Semple  
Treasurer-----Joe Collins

### FRESHMAN

President-----Clifford Semple  
Vice President-----Ferry Mae Roberts  
Secretary-----Herman Meyers  
Treasurer-----Frances Fay

### ILLNESS

Mr. Burt, our science teacher, due to illness has been absent the past two weeks.

We all miss him and hope for him a speedy recovery.

### NOTICE

Would you like to buy a pair of skates? If you are interested see Clifford Semple.

I am sure they will be reasonably priced so hurry and take advantage of this offer.

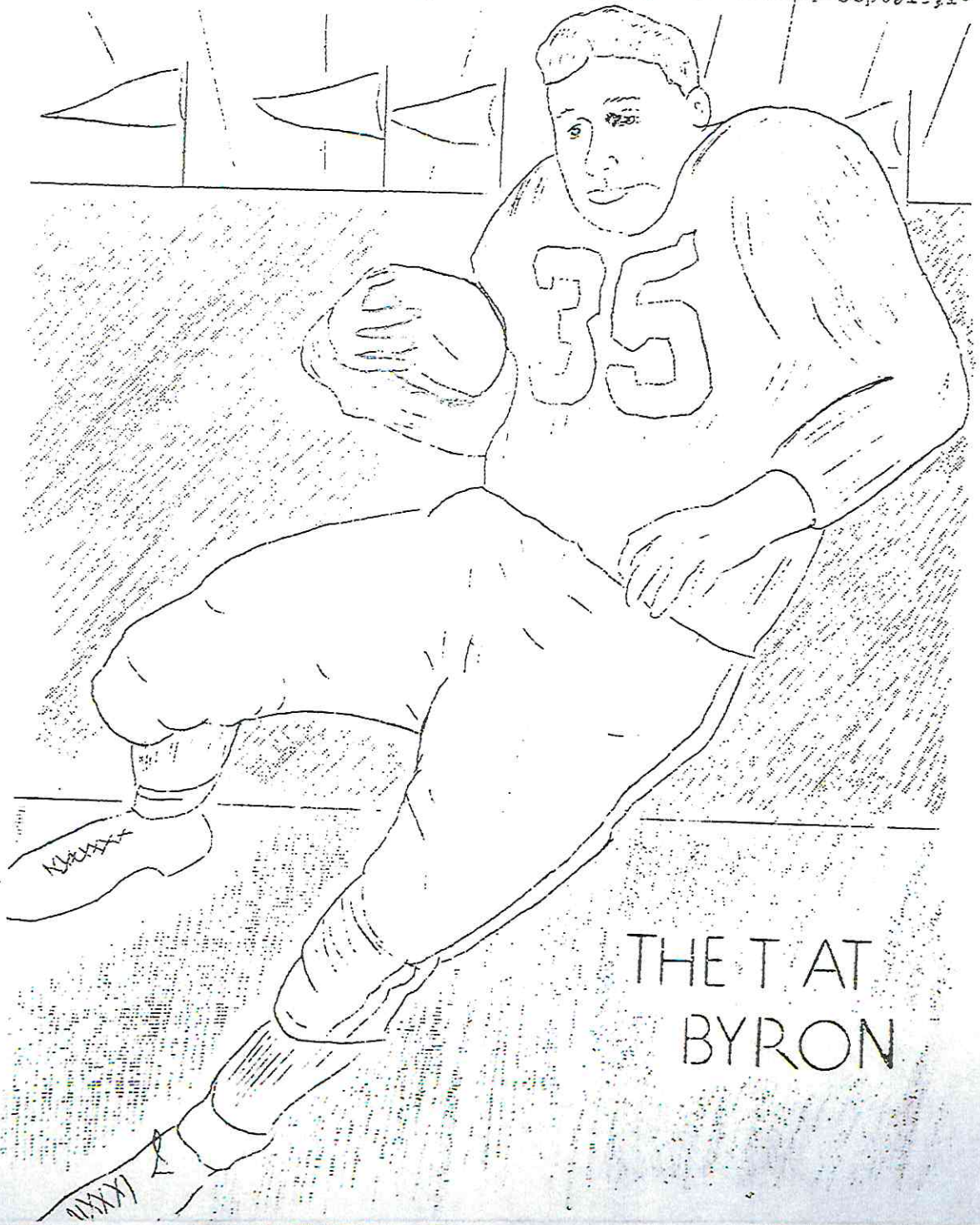
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Shepard, David\*  
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Greene, Mich  
Brandt, Lick  
Honke, Wayne  
Wilkinson, Bill  
Brewer, Grant  
Spangenberg, Byron

CO-CAPTAINS

William Burrell (Guard)  
Gerald Skinner (Q-Back)

\* Letter Winners

Knowledge is man's greatest asset. If you want to be successful and are thrown into the world of things with men who have succeeded in other fields of endeavor, you will be able to speak their language.

Knowledge is the language of the hundredth man.

Ignorance embarrasses you, shames you, makes you tongue-tied and awkward.

You cannot learn its language in a week, nor a month, nor four years in school, nor by any other spur of effort.

There is just one big idea you must get if you would take your place among the worthwhile people

It is: "Learn one thing every day."

That is the old, smooth, straight maxim that leads directly to your goal.

As Franklin discovered that lightning is electricity and Columbus discovered America, so when you have discovered that you may learn one thing a day, and have found a practical way to do it, you have hit upon the most valuable truth in your life.

## Senior Sketch

If you see a boy with blonde hair and blue eyes walking down the street following a flock of girls you'll know it's Jerry Cole.

Jerry was born August 24, 1936 in Bancroft, Michigan. Jerry stands 5 feet 11 inches tall and has sandy collared hair and blue eyes.

The song that Jerry likes best is "Mr. Tapscott" sung by DONI, DAY, MARILYN MONROE and JOHN WAYNE are his favorite stars.

For a hobby Jerry prefers playing pool with Jerry Skinner and his pet peeve is girl's that smoke. His favorite subject is Agriculture.

Roast beef and ice cream are his favorite food.

He has participated in F.F.A. and Band for three years. Jerry is our Band president. He likes all sports especially basketball.

His ambition is farming.

## Senior Sketch

Our second senior on parade is Mary Ann Sedlak. She was born in Byron, March 7, 1935. Mary Ann has brown hair and blue eyes and stands 5' 8" tall. She has attended Byron, High School for 12 years.

Her favorite subject is book keeping taught by Mr. Misner. Her favorite stars are June Haver and Gregory Peck. If you see Mary Ann crying you'll know she's been singing "Cryin' In the Chapel" for that's her favorite song. Her favorite food is fried chicken. As her favorite teacher Mary Ann chose Mrs. Alden. Mary Ann's pet peeve is people that talk too much.

Football is Mary Ann's favorite sport. She has taken F. H. A. for three years and hopes to make it four.

Her ambition is to go to College and become a teacher.

Editor  
Mary Szakal

## Senior Class News

We had a class meeting and elected David Shepard as our president.

Officers are as follows:

Vece President-----Gerald Skinner  
Secretary-----Faith Richardson  
Treasurer-----Linda Dyer  
Student Council--Colleen Rathbun  
Reporter-----Mary Szakal

We haven't decided on a play yet but there is a committee working on it.



LEE'S CLOTHING

STORE

SHOES — CLOTHING

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Mrs. Alden our new high school social studies teacher, is a native "Michigander" having been born in Linden. After graduation from Linden High School, she entered Michigan State Normal College in Ypsilanti and was graduated with a B.S. degree. While there she majored in history and English. Before the end of this year she expects to complete her work for the Masters Degree in guidance from the University of Michigan.

Before coming to Byron she has taught in Willow Run, Jackson, Argentine, Grand, and Kearsley Ag School near Flint.

This year she expects to stay with her parents who have recently bought a farm near Byron. She has a six year old son

## Library News

We have a few new volumes of Book condensed from the Reader's Digest. Anybody having books out from last year will you get them back just as soon as possible. We also have books which were found anybody who has lost books see the librarians.

Library Reporter  
Anita Farney

## Jr. Class News

We held our meeting on Sept. 15. The officers are as follows

President	Barbara Palmer
Vice President	Eva Hillman
Secretary	Lois Hibbard
Treasurer	Don Shepard
Reporter	Evelyn Hibbard
Student Council	Shirley Tower
Class Sponser	Mrs. Alden

We plan on selling things at the football and basketball games.

Reporter  
Evelyn Hibbard

## Sr. Band News

We elected officers and they are as follows: Pres. Jerry Cole  
Vice. Pres. Mary Szakal, Sec Donna Nichols, Tres. Nancy Carnhart, Uniform Managers Sally Fisher & Marlene Miller, Student Director, Shirley Tower, Band Manager Gordon Vandermark, Music Librarians - Rita Clark, June Van Horn, Publicity Manager - Jerry Augustine, Asst. Manager - Sally Van Woert, Reporter & Representative Ruth Niles.

We are looking forward to an enjoyable year.

We are practicing for the football games.

## 9th Grade News

We haven't elected our class officers, but we will elect them as soon as possible.

Our class has an addition of 9 pupils: Boris Brleno, Grant Brewer, James Drews, Robert Hoskins, John Nations, Bill Nelson, Bob Newman, Emma Szakal, Howard Van Woert.

Nancy Haynes' parents have sold the drug store and moved to their home town Mason, Michigan.

## 10th Grade News

We have one new face in our class this year. Her name is Marie Coffey. We are glad to have her and hope that she likes it here.

## 8th Grade News

We have one new boy this year, Dick Price. We have a new class this year too, Social Science the teacher is Mr. Osborn.

We have not had a class meeting yet so we have not elected officers yet this year.

We have a new teacher this year, Mrs. Alden who teaches Civics, History, Etc...

Class Reporter  
Robert LeCureux

## New Faces In Byron

Mrs. Cole is teaching third grade at West Brick. She has twenty-six pupils. She has been teaching at the West Brick for six years. Previous to this time she has taught at Hillman, South of Linden. Mrs. Cole is married and has one son in the service Born in Argentine Township, Mrs. Cole graduated from Linden High School and Michigan State Normal College.

For the past eighteen years Mrs. Cole has been teaching school and she loves everything about it.

7th Grade News

We have an increase of 14 new pupils this year which makes us 41 pupils in our room. We are divided into two groups. Group one is band members and non band members. We like Jr. High much better than grade school. We also like the change of teachers.

Mr. Merwin is teaching us dancing, singing, and things. We are looking forward for a class meeting to elect new officers.

We are having fun in English writing and reading stories.

Reporter  
Helen Kaye  
Fortress  
Mary Jane  
Frazier

5th Grade News

We have and enrollment of 34 boys and girls in our room.

Several children are helping with the "Hot Lunch Program".

We have been doing a unit about "Hobbies" for English.

Many of the children have brought their bobby to show to the class.

For Arithmetic we are reviewing the processes used last year.

Lynn De Forest attended the State 4-H Show at E. Lansing. He exhibited his calf.

4th Grade News

The fourth grade has an enrollment of 38 pupils. There are twenty three boys and fifteen girls.

The room mother for this year hasn't been chosen yet.

Sharon Haynes was with us the first week.

George Price was a new scholar last week.

6th Grade News

In 1952 & 53 we had 36 pupils just about all year. On Sept. 3rd, 1953, we had 48 pupils.

We have two new boys, Kenny Nickols & Raymond Clark & four new girls, Ruth Ann DeVoe, Ardith DeVoe, Anna Mae Groom, & Dolores Jean Peters, from the West Brick school. Then we have Lois Ann Van Woert from the White School.

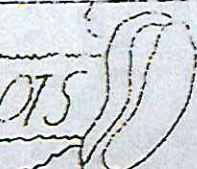
We also have two girls from the Graham School-Caroline Elwell & Susan Erway and one girl from Oak Grove.

Lloyd Wooden was out the first two days with two broken toes.

Mr. Adams bought us a new softball because the school did not have one.

We think that is pretty nice. Mr. Adams birthday was the 2nd of Sept. Happy birthday Mr. Adams

KETCHUM'S GENERAL  
STORE  
GROCERIES, MEATS,  
FROZEN FOODS ALSO  
SHOES AND DRY GOODS  
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RED HOTS   
EDDY'S MARKET  
GROCERIES, MEATS,  
& LIGHT LUNCHESES  
BYRON, MICHIGAN  
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Kindergarten News

We are all very eager to do things in our room and out doors there are 21 pupils in the morning group and 17 pupils in the afternoon group.

Kay Adams, Jerry Bentley, Judy Brown, Michael Carsten, Leowa Erway, Pamela Hill, Elaine Hollenbeck, Kathleen Johnson, Lyle Kessler, Judy Lehr, Renee Mahar, Clark Olich, Susan Perry, Diana Stanton, Donald Stevens, Eddie Van Pamel, David Webster, Sharon Weinberg, Danny Woodworth Alde Medina and Thaelio Medina are our morning pupils.

Christine Blackburn, Judy Blair, Gary Johnson, Patsy Brandt Debroah Cutliff, John Erve, Bill Goodwin, Michael Gordon, Dianne Grow, Clory Johnson, Gary Parkow Michael Rich, Donna Russel David Secord, Arthur Sholtzay Patricia Sullon and Fred Vanwort are our afternoon pupils.

We are learning to know each other and our room schedule.

Now we are starting our indergraph workbooks.

Mrs. Augustine  
Teacher

1st Grade News

There are two first grades this year. We have 32 girls and boys in our room.

The name of our reading book is "We Look and See". We are learning to write our numbers and letters. Lenea brought her pet turtle to school. Janet Richards brought a cricket and Judy brought a stink bug.

Sharon has a birthday this month.

Mrs. Kirby

2nd Grade News

Thirty-five children are registered in our room.

We are trying to organize two ball teams so we can learn the rules and play at recesses.

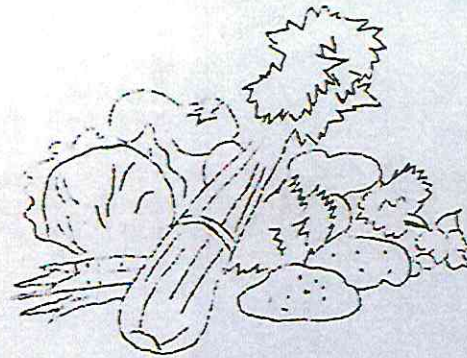
We are having our first lessons in Spelling.

Why is Marette Bowers so happy since Saturday night. How about it Kidne.

LEWIS N. SMALL  
ONE OF MICHIGAN'S  
FINEST

BYRON, MICHIGAN  
AMBULANCE SERVICE  
DAY OR NIGHT

PHONE BYRON-2251



BYERLY'S  
GROCERIES AND  
MEATS

Pupils attend 4-H Show

Seven members of our high school attended the state 4-H Show at Lansing the first week of school.

Evelyn Hibbard, a Jr. received with her two year old Jersey cow third place in her class, 1st place in county herd and with her Jr. calf a first place and first in the second county herd.

Ruth Ann Hibbard, a freshman received a sixth place rating with high competition.

Richard Shepard, a Sophomore received with his Yorkshire hog, 1 and 3rd in Showmanship.

Wayne DeForest, a freshman, won 9th with his Guernsey 3 yr. old and Harry Coffey, a freshman won 4th with his Yorkshire Hogs.

Viola Tanks and Elizabeth Delbridge took 4th place in their 4-H Girl Demonstration.

Thursday several of the 4-H members attended for the day and took part in a Parliamentary Law Procedure. They got ninth place.

Evelyn and Ruth Ann Hibbard went on to the State Fair where Evelyn received first place and a Senior Champion place in the Jr. Show with her cow and third in showmanship our of fifth. In open class she got 4th, with her calf she got 2nd in Jr. Show and 8th in open class.

Ruth Ann received Second in Jr. Show and 4th in open Show.

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The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never mistakes, but never makes the biggest mistake of all-doing nothing

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"You must find bookkeeping a very irksome job."

"Oh, I manage to get exercise running up the columns."

What's this we hear about Jim Matthewson and Puzzy Kelly going together!

We hear Mary Cornwell is quite attractive so the boy's say.

How come Faith R. and Ernie S. had to change seats in study hall?

How come Anita B. doesn't ride home on the bus very much any more? Could it be on account of a black convertible?

Why does G.F. sharpen her pencil so often in 9th hour study hall? Is it because of C.H.?

Maomi and Jim isn't it to bad you can't sit together 4th. hr. study hall?

What is this we hear about Viola Tanks and Don Nations?

It seems like Cecil B. and Emma S. are getting along fine on the bus. Is that right C.B. and E.S.

It seems like Maxine D. is being well accompanied let's ask her where he is.

A husband said to his wife, "Have you heard the story about the dirty window?"

"No" she replied.

"Well," he said, "you couldn't see through it anyway."


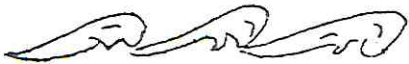
His wife asked a friend later, "Have you heard the story about the window you couldn't see through?"

"No," said her friend.

"Oh well," said the wife, it is too dirty to tell anyway.

Girl to brother practicing flute: "If you don't stop playing, I'll go nuts!"

Brother: "You've gone. I stopped an hour ago."



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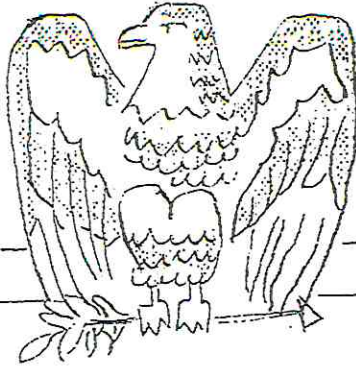
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## FOOTBALL 1953

BYRON	vs	PINCKNEY	There	Sept. 18
BYRON	vs	BATH	There	Oct. 9
BYRON	vs	NEW LOTHROP	There	Oct. 16
BYRON	vs	DEWITT	Here	Oct. 23
BYRON	vs	LAINSBURG	Here	Oct. 30
BYRON	vs	MORRICE	At Perry	Nov. 7

## BASKETBALL 1953-1954

BYRON	vs	LAINSBURG	Here	Nov. 25
BYRON	vs	MORRICE	There	Dec. 4
BYRON	vs	NEW LOTHROP	Here	Dec. 8
BYRON	vs	WEBBERVILLE	Here	Dec. 11
BYRON	vs	DEWITT	Here	Dec. 18
BYRON	vs	GAINES	There	Jan. 8
BYRON	vs	BATH	There	Jan. 12
BYRON	vs	MORRICE	Here	Jan. 15
BYRON	vs	NEW LOTHROP	There	Jan. 22
BYRON	vs	WEBBERVILLE	There	Jan. 29
BYRON	vs	LAINSBURG	There	Feb. 5
BYRON	vs	DEWITT	There	Feb. 12
BYRON	vs	GAINES	Here	Feb. 19
BYRON	vs	BATH	Here	Feb. 26



# IDEALS GAZETTE

Byron Area High School Byron, Michigan April 18, 1969

## STUDENT OF THE WEEK



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION

The National Honor Society inducted nine new members on March 19th at an all school assembly. The new members were presented certificates and pins.

The new members are:

- Paulette Dye
- Mike Prestonise
- Julie Sweeten
- Kathy Bretzlaff
- Libby Bailey
- Doug Robinson
- Pam Sill
- Marilyn Munsell

The National Honor Society will give a tea for the parents of the new members.

Linda Cole, a senior at Byron Area High School who has attended the Byron Schools since kindergarten, is this week's student of the week.

As a senior this year, her subjects include American problems, bookkeeping, home economics III and shorthand I. She lists home economics as her favorite subject, "because I love to sew and cook."

Linda serves as home economics student teacher, assisting the instructor, Mrs. Garpic, who says, "Linda is a very conscientious student and worker. She assumes responsibility well and is a pleasure to work with in all situations."

Linda, who maintains a 3.358 grade point average out of a possible four, is a member of the Byron Chapter of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Future Teachers Association and Future Homemakers of America and currently serves as club parliamentarian.

Linda plans to attend a business college sometime after graduation to study to become a "very efficient secretary." Her hobbies include walking and sewing.

She is the 17 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (-d) Cole of 14428 New Lothrop Rd. Linda has four brothers and sisters, Mrs. Edith Holiday, James, Virgil, and Earline.



## DIRECTORY

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# Alcoholism (Feature)

Alcoholism is the cause of our country's fourth largest health problem. Some people have such strong craving for alcohol that they sacrifice everything for a drink. Most of those who do drink, however, know how to control their drinking.

Alcohol seems to have a relaxing effect for many people because it is a depressant. When it gets into the bloodstream it causes the heart to beat more slowly. Blood pressure drops and the brain slows down. Fatigue and tension are eased.

When this happens, some drinkers start to relax and react to alcohol as though it were a stimulant. But they are not stimulated; their control over their impulses are depressed and weakened. They feel freer to act on their present feelings with no regard for the results.

The more alcohol in your bloodstream, the higher you feel. If you drink slowly, alcohol is absorbed more slowly and you have more control. Food in the stomach also slows down absorption. When you drink quickly on an empty stomach, you feel effects more quickly. Several persons have died from alcohol poisoning as a result of this.

While we are in high school, few have to worry about becoming alcoholics. Still what we decide now about drinking is important, as it can set the pattern for our future feelings.

It's hard to refuse to drink when everyone else is. It's even harder to refuse to ride with a driver who had been drinking. Be sure to think through the situation before it arises. Consider the many consequences!

# Editorially Speaking

## Will You Be There?

WILL YOU MAKE IT THROUGH THE TWELTH GRADE? You have a better chance if you're in extracurricular activities. Those that are against them say that they are time consuming and take away from the students education. Those, like myself, that are for extra activities feel much differently.

In a club, for instance, students work together in a completely different atmosphere than in a classroom. The students usually feel much more relaxed and will open up and be themselves more than in a classroom.

Another good point of extra activities is that the students get to know their teachers in a different way than they do in a classroom. Students may get to know a teacher (usually the sponsor of a club) that he had thought just a dead beat before.

Other than clubs there are the activities that need no explanation; Sports. Sports build character not only in the athletes but in the students also. There is a certain pride that goes with the team and everyone is proud to associate with it.

Finally, just imagine what a dull place school would be without any activities! Pretty dull huh!

# STAFF

- Editor . . . . .Debbie Heath
- Assistant Editor . . . . . Doug Robinson
- Art . . . . . Paula O'Donnell
- Reporters . . . Paula O'Donnell, Larry Arndt, Amy Heath, Linda Stroub, and Penny Vandenboss
- Typists . . . . Susan Walts, Linda Best, Delores Skinner Gail Wickenhiser, Sherry Gurden Mary Bemiss, and Cindy Williamson.
- Sport's Editors . . . . Doug Robinson, and Larry Arndt

# JOURNALISM



# LAST YEAR'S SENIORS WHERE THEY ARE NOW

Adams, Gary . . . . .	working
Auch, Robbie . . . . .	working
Babcock, Susan . . . . .	married
Bartuszevige, Shelly . . . . .	State
Bird, Sue . . . . .	College
Blair, Elizabeth . . . . .	married
Blackburn, Brian . . . . .	working
Boillet, John . . . . .	working
Bohman, Cheryl . . . . .	married
Bretzlaff, Dianne . . . . .	Central
Bush, Larry . . . . .	working
Cecil, Denny . . . . .	working
Clerk, Beverly . . . . .	IBU
Cole, Doris . . . . .	married
Harris, Bill . . . . .	married
Honke, Dale . . . . .	married
Johnson, Jenice . . . . .	working
Jones, Becky . . . . .	married
Keith, Diane . . . . .	working
King, Karen . . . . .	MSU
Kline, Rick . . . . .	working
McEwen, Jim . . . . .	working
McGuire, Phillip . . . . .	Army
McGuire, Robert . . . . .	working
Meier, Charlie . . . . .	Western
Meier, Charlene . . . . .	Delta C.
Millbaugh, Karla . . . . .	married
Neda, Denise . . . . .	working
Olin, Lora . . . . .	Grand Rapids
Osborne, Mike . . . . .	Flint JC
Pattan, Douglas . . . . .	Service
Perry, Connie . . . . .	Flint JC
Robinet, Laura . . . . .	working
Robinson, Sally . . . . .	working
Roupe, Nancy . . . . .	working
Sabo, Rick . . . . .	Army
Schmidt, Dwight . . . . .	Army
Skinner, JoAnn . . . . .	MSU
Sims, Arthur . . . . .	College
Smithingell, Judy . . . . .	working
Smith, David . . . . .	working
Spencer, Pam . . . . .	Flint JC
Stacey, James . . . . .	MSU
Stanton, Dick . . . . .	working

# IDEAL TEACHER

Personality-----Miss Hardenburg  
Humor-----Mr. Feldhusen  
Brains-----Mrs. Lichty  
Nose-----Mr. Mitchell  
Clothes-----Mrs. Currie  
Kindness-----Mrs. Bird  
Patience-----Mr. Hibbard  
Beat-----Mr. Mosciski  
Disposition-----Mr. Gulliani

# IDEAL GIRL

Hair-----Lana Cecil  
Eyes-----Cindy Williamson  
Complexion-----Claudia Parrish  
Athlete-----Paulette Dye  
Disposition-----Mary Duncanson  
Personality-----Dee Skinner  
Nose-----Jill Bartuszevige  
Dimples-----Sherry Gurden  
Smile-----Janet Gulick  
Freckles-----Karen Monteny  
Brains-----Rosi Cornillie  
Clothes-----Glenda Vandermark

# IDEAL BOY

Hair-----Dean Chedister  
Eyes-----Mike Rauch  
Complexion-----Ron Heath  
Height-----Dave Anibal  
Disposition-----Gary Berndt  
Build-----Bucky Heiney  
Athlete-----Dale Sands  
Personality-----Randy Matznick  
Nose-----Mike Prestonise  
Smile-----John Sutton  
Dimples-----Denny Tэфff  
Freckles-----Tom Corey  
Brains-----Joel Lichty  
Clothes-----Larry Arndt

# CHEERLEADERS

The Cheerleaders are going to hold tryouts for the 1969 - 1970 school year the last of April and the first of May.

# STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council arranged for the General Mt. Erie Institute assembly, which was presented to the student body during March. It was titled "Previews of Progress." The assembly was very interesting and held quite a few surprises.



# RED CROSS JOKE

The Red Cross made Easter Baskets for the retarded children of the county. Two representatives are going to Owosso.

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

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"Spencers Mountain" was shown April 9, to the student body. It lasted about two and one-half hours and was enjoyed by everyone very much.

The National Honor Society will hold April 17, a tea for the parents of the new members.

# 1969

# YEARBOOK

Yearbook sales will be held next week. Plan to pay the remainder of your yearbook fee and if you haven't gotten yours yet you can order them then.

One reason English is taught in High School is to acquaint teenagers with a language other than their own.

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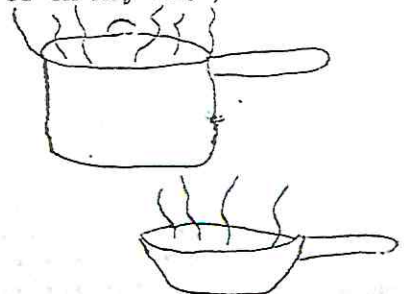
# FUTURE HOME-MAKERS OF AMERICA

At the last Future Homemakers of America meeting held April 8, five girls were chosen to attend the Regional Convention, which will be held the 24 & 25 of April. The five girls are: Linda Best, Linda Cole, Margorie Kelly, Juanita Morse, and Pam Sill. The girls were picked because they had the highest number of points. Throughout the year, the girls had earned the points by displaying lots of hard work.

The FHA will serve at the Future Farmers of America banquet, which is to be held this month. Then in return, the FFA boys will serve at the FHA Banquet which is being planned for May 3.

Sometime this month Miss Joan Jewett of Joan Jewett Charm School will be the guest speaker at an FHA meeting.

May 8 will be a regular meeting and on May 17, the FHA girls will travel to Edge Water Amusement Park. New Officers will be elected on May 21.



# JR and SR Banquet



This years Junior-Senior Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 1st in the elementary cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

The invocation will be first on the program, followed by the welcome. Next there will be a toast to the seniors and the response. Closing the busy evening will be the giftatory and benediction.

Reverend Stahl and Reverend Dolph will both open and close the banquet by giving the invocation and benediction. Junior class president Dave Bush will welcome the guests present. Then Mrs. Bird and Mr. Seymour will give a short talk. The giftatory will be handled by Dave Bush, Suzie Welts, and Claudia Parrish.

Going along with the theme of the banquet, Herbor Lights, the food will have names pertaining to the sea. Members of the sophomore class will serve all guests at the banquet.

This year's banquet sounds like one you wouldn't want to miss.

# Teacher Spotlight

This month's teacher spotlight focuses its light on the high school secretary, Mrs. Eugene Smith.

Mrs. Smith has been at Byron for 8 years and has been a secretary for 8 years.

She resides at 11030 Byron Rd. Howell, Michigan and has two children.

To prepare for her career as a secretary, Mrs. Smith attended two summers of educational courses at Ferris Institute. She also took two night school classes at Owasco High School, one in typing and one in Business English.

Mrs. Smith's favorite food is steak and any kind of salad. Her favorite color is pink. Figurine painting rates as her number one hobby.

Mrs. Smith's pet peeve is: People that make promises and then never try to carry them out. Also, people that are two faced and dishonest.

Her opinion of Byron High School is, "I feel it is a privilege to work and be a part of a growing system like Byron Area High School. The students are especially courteous, thoughtful, and sincere."

# JOKE

PROSPERITY: A period when all of us have more installments due than we can pay.

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# Mystery Teacher

Born. . . Battle Creek, Mich  
College. . . . . WMU  
Hobbies. . . golf, swimming  
Favorite Sport. . . Football  
Favorite Food. . . . . Steak  
Marital Status. . . Married  
Number of Children. . . one  
Opinion of BHS. . . . Very interesting place to be.

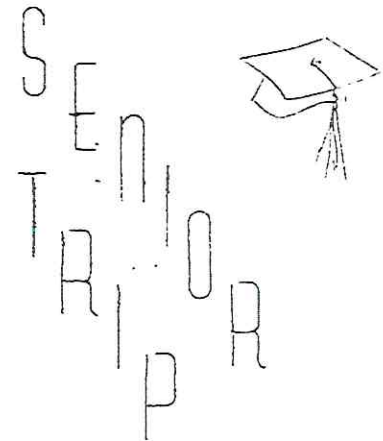
# Mystery Girl

Hair. . . . . Brown  
Eyes. . . . . Hazel  
Height. . . . . 5'7"  
Favorite Food. . . . . Steak  
Favorite Sport. . . Basketball and Football  
Favorite Teacher. . . Miss Hardenburg  
Chums. . . D.H., D.J., J.G  
J.S., P.H., B.K., R.B.,  
I.B. K.H., D.C., K.K., D.A  
J.B., P.D.

# Mystery Boy

Hair. . . . . Brown  
Eyes. . . . . Hazel  
Height. . . . . 5'8 1/2"  
Favorite Food. . . . . Steak  
Favorite Teacher. . . Mr. Feldhusen  
Chums. . . . B.H., D.S.,  
K.W., M.R., D.A., M.O.,  
J.M., M.C., D.C.

# SENIORS CONTINUING EDUCATION



Daved Anibal.....	Spring Arbor College
Larry Arndt.....	Ferris
Pat Atherton.....	Eastern Michigan University
Jill Bertuszewige.....	Michigan State University
Gary Berndt.....	Michigan State University
Michelle Cool.....	Beatty school
Roseanne Cornillie.....	Michigan State University
Eaulette Diggs.....	Northern
Janet Gulick.....	Hurley Hospital School of Nursing
Janet Hamilton.....	U of M
Debbie Heath.....	Central of Eastern
Patricia Hudson.....	U of M Flint Branch
Debbie Jacobson.....	Lansing Business University
Linda Jarrad.....	Central Michigan University
Kathy Kelsey.....	Central Michigan University
Joel Lichty.....	U of M Alma
Jim Matznick.....	Central Michigan University
Connie Mansell.....	Lansing Business University
Mike Rauch.....	Northwood Institution
Dale Sands.....	Western Michigan University
Don Sneed.....	Flint J.C.
Sam Stiff.....	Olivet or Central
Ken Tomasek.....	Michigan State University
Glenda Vendemark.....	U of M

The seniors are planning a seven day senior trip this year to Washington D.C. They will leave after graduation.

The seniors are lacking about \$500 for their trip and have scheduled money making projects to make up the difference during the months of April and May.

For the past week a raffle of stuffed animals has been held in the high school.

This Saturday there will be a car wash also sponsored by the Senior class which will take place across from the Byron Garage.

## JR. CLASS PLAY

Joke

The Jr. Play, "Arsenic and Old Lace", directed by Mrs. Betty Lichty, which was presented on March 27, & 28 was a success. After the performance the cast presented Mrs. Lichty with a dozen red roses and a vase.

After the play the cast held a party at the home of Sue Skinner. Everyone danced, ate, played cards and had a good time. They also had a birthday cake and sang Happy Birthday to Susan Walts and Mike Prestonise.

PEACHY-KEEN is a neighbor who hires you to paint her house for fifty cents an hour.

RAUNCHY is the sweat-shirt that's been in your locker since school started.

# Schedule of Events

- April 18..Varsity Baseball-Ortonville-here
- April 21.....F.H.A. Meeting-7:30 p.m.
- April 22...Band Banquet-Multi Purpose room
- April 22.... Varsity Baseball-Genesee-here
- April 23..... Varsity Track-Ortonville
- April 23..... Girl's Softball-Genesee-here
- April 23..... End of 5th marking period
- April 24..... Adult Education-Library
- April 24..... F.H.A. State Convention
- April 25.. Varsity Baseball-Goodrich-there
- April 29... Varsity Baseball-Hartland-here
- April 30.... Varsity Baseball-Morrice-here
- April 30.... Girl's Softball-Goodrich-here
- April 30..... Varsity Track
- May 1..... Jr. Sr. Banquet-7:00
- May 2.. Senior Dance; Baseball-Lake Fenton
- May 3. Flint Baseball Tourney Lincoln Park  
Byron vs Bentley at Flint 2:00 p.m.
- May 5..... F.F.A. Meeting-7:30
- May 6..... Baseball-Ortonville-there
- May 7..... Track-Goodrich-4:30
- May 7..... Baseball-Lake Fenton-here
- May 8..... Mothers' Tea
- May 8..... Athletic Boosters-7:30
- May 9..... Baseball-Genesee-there
- May 12..... Track-Lake Fenton-Semi's-4:30
- May 12..... Band Boosters-8:00
- May 13..... Baseball-Goodrich-here
- May 14..... Baseball-Genesee-there
- May 14..... Track-Lake Fenton-6:30
- May 16..... Bas. ball-Hartland-there
- May 17..... Junior Prom

## Miss CURIOSITY

- Janet Gulick.....Talkin' to Virgil
- Jill Bartuszevige.....Blowing my mind
- Mrs. Lichty.....Exploiting my psyhche
- Marta Sampaio.....writing to my mom
- Lana Cecil.....Making a colored thing
- Mark Osborne.....Doing my thing
- Mike Rauch.....Having a tree
- Reggie Cooper.....Drawing in Mrs. Lichty's magazine
- Julie Sweeten.....Playing with my water colors
- Pet Atherton.....Drawing with Orange
- Debbie Jacobson.....Being Cool (as usual)
- Karen Montney.....Picking my nose
- Cathy Conant.....Helping Karen

## SONGS THAT FIT

- Mary & Denny.....So Much in Love
- Annette to Donnie...Please Love Me Forever
- Delores to Libby.Take Good Care of My Baby
- Suzie to Jim....To Know You Is To Love You
- Cindy to Gary....You Make Me So Very Happy
- Jill & Mike.....Happy Together
- Dave to Pat.....And I Love Her
- Denny to Mary.....Time of the Season
- Barry V.....Cool Jerk
- Baseball team.....Games People Play
- Delores to Barry..There Goes My Everything
- Michelle and Rich.....Cherish
- Larry to Rene.....Teasin'
- Karen to Ed... Love Me With All Your Heart
- Cathy to Bruce.....Baby I'm Yours
- Sue L. to ???.....1-2-3
- Libby B.....Morning Girl
- Seniors.....Let's Go
- Deb and Dale.....Love Can Make You Happy
- Dave to Pat.....And I Love Her
- Cathy Conant.....Baby I'm Yours
- Claudia to Dean.....We Can Work It Out
- Jill to Mike.....Love Can Make You Happy

## Excedrin Headaches

- No. 1 - When you study for a test for two hours and then find out the test isn't for three days.
- No. 2 - When you get up early on Saturday morning.
- No. 3 - When it rains the day after you wash the car.
- No. 4 - When your folks come home unexpectedly.
- No. 5 - In empty wallet!
- No. 6 - When you've got money and a car and no where to go.
- No. 7 - When you think you made the honor roll but find out the computer made a mistake on your card.
- No. 8 - When you come back from the concession stand at the drive-in and get into the wrong car.
- No. 9 - When your girl tells you something you do not really expect!

# HONOR ROLL

## FOURTH SIX WEEKS

Christine Bell, Mark Colby, Randy Core, Lori Fitzpatrick, Kyle Forman, Tom Fultz, David Gravelin, Perry Gulick, Ricky Gurden, Karen Hibbard, Betty Keith, Carter Lahring, Susan Lichty, Pam Martell, Karen Martin, Colleen McGuire, Rosemary Patton, Suzanne Robinson, Cynthia Singleton, Steven Stiff, Rod VanWagoner, Janet Williamson, Sherrie Willis.

10th.

Rachel Anibal, Mary Bemis, Leland Cool, Michael Hartman, Sherry Gurden, Barbara Patton, Delores Skinner, Ernestine Tracer, Roger Warner, Gail Wickenhiser, Cindy Williamson.

11th.

Elizabeth Bailey, Dave Bush, Gail Lahring, Marilyn Munsell, Michael Prestonsse, Jov Shafer.

Pat Allen, Gary Berndt, Linda Cole, Michelle Cool, Michael Corey, Roseanne Cornillie, Diane Driskell, Janet Gulick, Janet Hamilton, Debbie Heath, Patricia Hudson, Linda Jarrad, Debbie Jacobson, Kathy Kelsey, Joel Lichty, Karen Montney, Dale Sands, Sam Stiff, Julie Sweeten, Ken Tomasek, Genelle Wandrie, Ken Warner.

Jr. High

Suzanne Bailey, Ralph Brown, Dara Cox, Christy Diggs, Cathv Dolph, Paul Forman, Thersa Hewitt, Lynette Hibbard, Karilyn Mack, Karen Mooneyham, John Nesson, Linda Nelson, Cheryl Rankin, Sandra Stiff, Carolyn Skinner, Lorainne Tomasek, Roberts Tracer, Judy Weiklo, Jeanne Wickenhiser, Sarah Wilkinson, Devon Tidderington.

David Anderson, Jean Anibal, Rod Botterly, Lisa Braden, Terrie Cool, Steve Corey, Tina Grotto, Miles House, David Hulber, Beverly Kovacs, Marcia Lemmon, Debbie Lewis, Kathy McLaughlin, Anne Montney, Vicki Muchler, Loraine Munsell, Wendy O'Donnell, Laura Popp, Randy Rauch, Joey Robinet, James Taylor, Steven Tranchell, Sarah Vince, Mike Wilcox, Claudia Blackburn.



## LAST YEAR'S SENIORS WHERE THEY ARE NOW CONT.

Stickler, Alice	U of M
Stroub, William	service
Tomasek, Evelyn	Citizens
Tower, Geri	married
Trimble, Shirley	working
Turnbull, Patricia	working
VanWagoner, Dennis	Olivet
Vergin, Gail	working
Waller, JoAnn	married
West, Gary	working
Whitehead, Harry	Western
Wilkinson, Anna	married
Williamson, Mike	working
Wooden, Cathy	working
Wykes, Donald	working
Wykes, Lauretta	working

## BAND PLANS

The Band Awards Banquet will be held April 22 in the High School Multipurpose room. Medals from Festival and Solo-Ensemble will be given out then.

The spring concert will be held two different nights with the Senior Band playing one night and the Junior and 5th and 6th grade bands another. The date isn't scheduled as of yet.

The Senior Band will also be marching in the Alma "Highland Festival" May 24.

# BASEBALL



# Girls Softball

The girl's softball team has been working hard for their first game on April 16, 1969. There were 25 girls that went out for softball this year.

- Jill Bartuszevige
- Janet Gulick
- Debbie Heath
- Claudia Parrish
- Rene Rauch
- Amy Heath
- Judy Conant
- Cheryl Wooden
- Barb Patton
- Debbie Corey
- Sue Ledford
- Linda Robinet
- Debbie Skinner
- Denise Newman
- Mary Conant
- Maureen McGuire
- Colleen McGuire
- Rose Patton
- Anna Ledford
- Janet Williamson

# TRACK

## Girls Lose

April 16th held disappointment for the girls' softball team as they lost their 1st game of the season.

Lake Fenton had a home field advantage but it wasn't that much of a drawback compared to the eagles' batting luck.

The final score was 9 to 4.

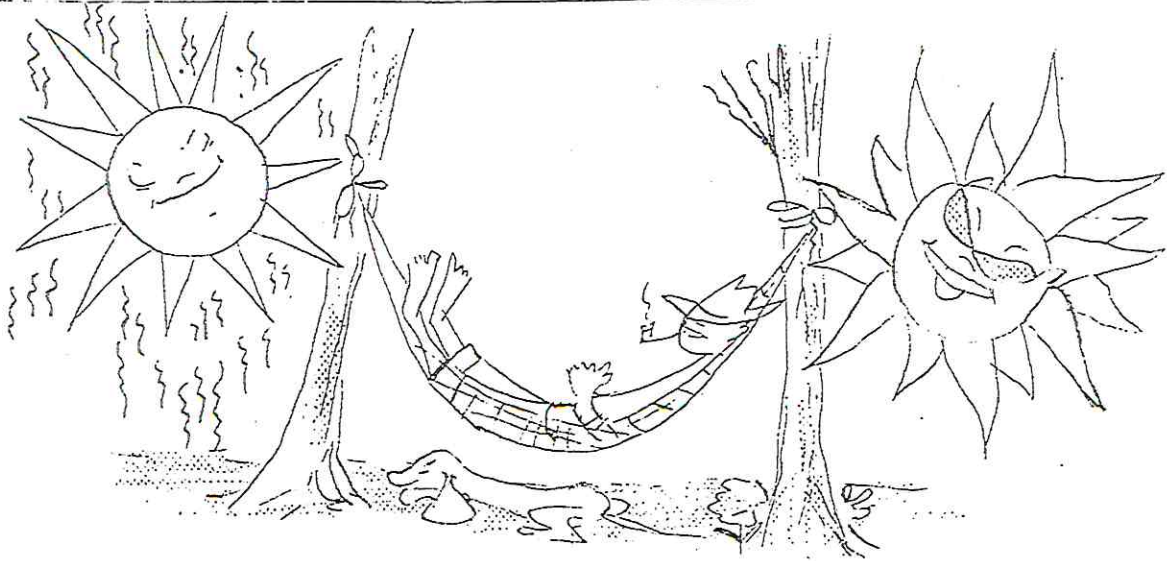
# EAGLES WIN!

## EAGLES FALL

Byron ran into a flaw Tuesday night at Lake Fenton and lost 8-5. Their problem was mud. It caused way too many errors. The Eagles jumped to an early 5-0 lead in the first inning but that was it. The rains came and the ball just seemed to slip away in the mud. Buck Heiney pitched the whole game and took the loss. Better luck Friday!

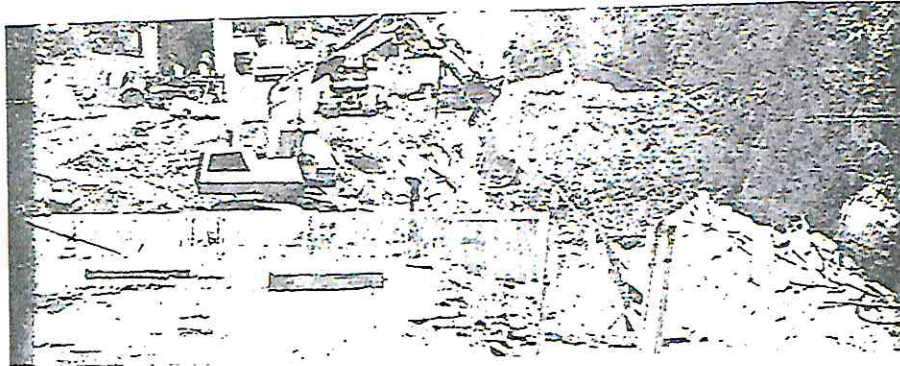
It's baseball season once again and our Eagles started out the season with a bang. They beat Morrice 9-2. Art Smithingell, the first of four pitchers, was the winning pitcher. Byron proved its power as they jumped to an early lead and were never headed. Along with power the Eagles played very clean, errorless ball and looked as though they were a championship ball club.





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## The Long Way Around

With the beginning of the 1985-86 school year our community has been burdened with the construction on a "new" bridge across the Shiawassee River. The bridge is located on Maple St. between the business district of town and the school.

The decision to build a new bridge came after State inspection of the old one and found that it was unsafe for traffic. The community was faced with the decision whether to fix the old bridge with most of the funds coming from the community or to replace it with the majority of the funds coming from the state. The community chose to build the new bridge.

The disassembly of the old bridge was predicted to begin on July 1st, but was delayed by a few weeks. With the bridge being out a multitude of problems have come about, and have affected nearly every individual and business in our community.

People living on the west side of the bridge have to use alternate courses to get into the business district of town, which in most cases adds a considerable distance on their trip and causes a trip to town to be less convenient. This also causes people to make less trips to town and that directly affects business.

Community services, have also been effected. Our law enforcement, and fire control are greatly delayed by the bridge construction. Perhaps the service which has been most effected by the bridge is our school. Most of their problems have been centered on transportation. The

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## Movement To Save The World

"Mankind is not the center of this planet," this is Greenpeace's main philosophy. Greenpeace stands for the preservation of our ecology. We must respect ourselves. Greenpeace has many activities involved with water it's environment. Many of their projects include marine life, for example, "Save The Whales," "Save the Seals," "Working for a Porpoise". Their most recent mission, "Water for Life To End Toxic Pollution on the Great Lakes," in which they launched a summer long campaign of education and direct action to restore the quality of the Great Lakes and it's tributaries. Greenpeace toured the Great Lakes aboard "Fri", their ship or "ketch", sampling industrial discharge, identifying sources of toxic pollution, and publicizing the role of major pollutions and effects of the poisoning on local communities.

Greenpeace is supported by many church's nationwide. They have branches worldwide, Adelaide, Amsterdam, and Auckland, are a few among twenty-three. They are a non-profit, tax exempt organization.

Born in 1971 to oppose nuclear testing, Greenpeace works today in 16 nations to preserve marine mammals and other wildlife, to end the threat of nuclear war, and halt environment degradation. Greenpeace is not a widely publicized organization, however they have made several films, a few records, and published several books, to increase public awareness on environmental problems.

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solution to this temporary problem has been the creation of the shuttle bus program. The shuttle bus program consists of picking up students on the East side on the bridge at the Elementary School, from there they are taken to the High School. Where as the students on the West side of the bridge will be picked up at Arndt's Store and taken to the Elementary School. Students living on Lehring Rd. will also be picked up for safety reasons.

The routes will add an additional 207 miles per day on top of the usual 724 miles, along with an extra driver.

School officials have said that student cooperation has been good thus far, but their main worry is at lunch time, when an unusual number of students have been walking up to Arndt's Store, which could cause littering and property damage problems. Students should be commended so far on their conduct because not a single citizen complaint has been issued to the principal.

Bridge completion is forecasted for some time in late November. We urge all our fellow students to keep up the good work.

## Revised Eligibility for Sports

The new academic eligibility started last year, began to make students at Byron take notice of the importance of their studies. The purpose of the new eligibility was to raise the students education for Byron students.

In a recent survey, approximately 80% of the people of Byron agreed with the new eligibility.

Eligibility sheets cover marking period and are distributed the second week of each marking period and each week thereafter.

The guidelines for eligibility is as follows: A student marked ineligible will be ineligible from Sunday to Saturday. Grades are determined on a points scale. During a marking period grades below average, are two points for a D and five for an E which a student would be automatically ineligible from Sunday to Saturday.

Semester eligibility points are as follows: D- three points, D two points, D+ one points, and E five points. If a student receives a total of five points for a semester they are ineligible for the succeeding semester.

Night school courses, or summer school courses approved by the high school principle may be taken to replace semester grades that are a D or lower. The cost of these classes will not be the responsibility of the school. Good luck Byron students.

## THROUGH THE YEARS: FROM TRACTOR TO COMPUTER LAB



Part of this past summer was dedicated to converting the old drafting room into what is now the new computer lab. Why a lab, because the number of computers in the school's possession has grown a great deal. In the mileage election, two and a half years ago, the public voted to have \$10,500 spent on computers each year, for three consecutive years. As a result, the school was able to turn their old computer cubby-holes into a full-size lab.

The state of Michigan now requires schools to offer at least a one semester computer course. The lab was built to accommodate this state law. The new course will be offered to the freshman this year. It will be opposite Business Explorations during 2nd semester. Seniors, however, will continue to be taught a mini-course in computers, so that all students leaving Byron will have some computer knowledge.

The old drafting room was chosen for the new site for various reasons. The main one being that 2/3 of the electrical work was already complete. Also the size of the room was ideal for the lab. To renovate any other room would have been an enormous expense to the school.

Another consideration was location. Since both the high school & middle school are to use the lab, the drafting room was perfectly accessible to both.

The new lab was furnished with Apple Computers because there is more educational software for the Apples than any other computer system.

Approximately \$850 was spent for each Apple IIe starter system. However, the purchase of printers, switching devices & other modifications were an added expense to complete the room.

Other money for the lab was provided by the Federal Chapter II Fund & out of the General School Fund. Byron students are now off to the computer age.

## HAVE A VERY SCARY HALLOWEEN



## O.S.C.A.R. ON WHEELS



Spirit in the Senior class is reaching new highs with "O.S.C.A.R." or the "Spirit of '85", Senior car.

O.S.C.A.R. is in its final stages before its first public appearance. Doni Warner and Shawn McDonough purchased the car as a Senior class project. Many Seniors have already bought shares in the car for ten dollars apiece, however, a few more Seniors are needed to participate.

As of now, O.S.C.A.R.'s (Our Senior Class Always Rules) first appearance will be Homecoming. O.S.C.A.R. will be painted differently for all home games. Any donations of are greatly appreciated.

To regain all money spent on O.S.C.A.R. certain options are being considered. Such as; selling to the Junior class, entering O.S.C.A.R. in the Demolition Derby at the county fair, a lottery, or using the car as a time capsule for the Senior class.

We are all anxious to see O.S.C.A.R. in his finest hour at Homecoming.



## FFA Members Successful At County Fair

Many FFA members participated this year in the livestock area at the Shiawassee County Fair held August 5-11 in Corunna, Michigan.

Monica Nichols, Tate Forbush, Tom Davis, Dan Ritter, and Mina Nichols exhibited steers. Exhibits for lambs were made by Ed Bedell, Chuck Bedell, Tina Crist, and Jennifer Miller, while Rob Bates, Darcy Honke, Angus McIntyre, Tina Bates, Robert Silence, Karl Fitzko, Monica Nichols, and Kelly Moorhead exhibited hogs. Steve Coselman received 2nd place carcass hog, and Jeff Bower received Grand Champion carcass hog. The last livestock area included only Melodi Minor in the dairy.

The FFA would like to thank everyone for their interest and help in making the week a success.

## FFA Chapter Meets

Tuesday September 10th the Byron FFA Chapter held their first monthly meeting. The local tractor driving contest will be held October 5th, starting at 8:30. The top three scorers will go to the district level, which will be held at Byron October 12th, at 8:30. Members entering the broiler contest will receive their chicks September 24th and raise them until the broiler contest November 8th, at MSU. The officers will be attending FFA Update at Webberville on September 30th. The 1985-86 officers are President Jeff Bower, Vice President Tate Forbush, 2nd Vice President Tony Crist, Secretary Mina Nichols, Treasurer Neal Armstrong, Reporter Ed Bedell, and Sentinel Darren Murray. The date for the next FFA meeting is set for October 7th.

## Student Council Report

The first Student Council meeting was held with new advisor Donna Hardenburg. Members were introduced and Bonnie Mobley was appointed Student Council Secretary. Homecoming themes were discussed and Cereals will be the theme. Committees for Homecoming were set up and float rules were read aloud. The prize money for floats will be \$75 for 1st, \$50 for 2nd, and \$25 for 3rd. In all the meeting went smoothly and it looks like a profitable year for Student Council.

## Teeing Off With A Smash

Byron's golf club has a record of 2-4. The opponents in Byron's first meet were from Webberville in which Byron won, with a score of 184-188. Byron's only medalist was Rick Payne.

Byron was a participant in Perry's Invitational and came in 10th out of 12 schools. Finckney with a score of 330 placed 1st, Pewamo and Lingsburg finished 2nd and 3rd, respectively.

With experienced Coach Larry Judson, Byron's Varsity golfers, Matt Klug, Mike Mickelson, Mike Parks, Rick Payne, and Rob Vandemark and also with the J.V. players Byron should have an excellent season.

## Wolfpack Heartbreakers

The Eagles loss a heartbreaker to the Wolfpack 9-0, which evened their record to 1-1. In the September 13th contest, "The Eagles offense was fair and the defense kept Byron in the game by allowing the Wolves from only scoring 9 points," said Coach Bashore.

Seventeen backs were made on defense by Neal Armstrong & he also had the most yardage on offense, 18 carries for 51 yards.

The Eagles had chances to score in the first two quarters, but the Wolfpack held tight for the 9-0 victory.

## Eagles Soar Over Bears

The Varsity Eagles celebrated a 34-6 victory over the Ashley Bears. "We were very well-prepared for this game both offensively and defensively," stated Coach Dinse. He felt the offensive line played it's best game so far this year.

The victory over Ashley was a total team effort. The lineman & backs shared the honors for the victory equally.

Three of the backs: Neal Armstrong, Howie Richardson, and George Pavey all gained over 100 yards for the game.

Ashley's only score came in the first quarter, on a 5 yard pass. After this the Byron offense & defense dominated the game.

## Last Minute Victory for Soaring Eagles

A team effort by Byron gave the Eagles a 6-0 victory in their first game this year. This was made possible by the teams dramatic goal line stand.

With less than 3 minutes left in the game, the Eagles stopped the Bee's from scoring on 4th & 2 inches to go for a touchdown. Just prior to this, Byron's running back, Neal Armstrong rushed into the endzone for the touchdown, giving the Eagles enough for the 6-0 victory.

## Lady Eagles Hopeful

The 1965 girl's basketball teams are scheduled for a 20 game season. The first two games for Byron resulted in losses for both Junior Varsity and Varsity. The first game was played at Perry High School. The J.V. lost to the Perry Ramblers by a score of 45 to 19. The Varsity team lost at the buzzer 35-33.

The game played at Byron High Sept. 10, resulted in another loss for the Byron J.V. The final score in that game was 42-13 in a victory for the New Lothrop Hornets. The girls Varsity lost the game in the last minute by a score of 41-38. Byron had led the whole game until the final buzzer.

Byron played at Dansville Sept. 17, and the J.V. girls came up with their

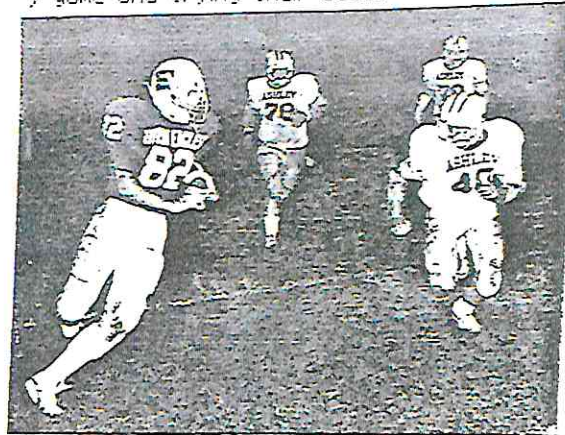
## J.V. Football

"The defense is improving every game, but the offense is still struggling", stated Coach Trotter. He also stated, "the team had cut down on mental mistakes, but still needs to work on blocking and being more aggressive."

The Eagles J.V. had suffered a 14-0 loss against the Lainsburg Wolves.

Leading the defense in Thursday's game was Brian Stiefel with 11 tackles and Joel Murray not far behind with 9. The offense was led by Dave Skinner with 10 carries for 19 yds. and a team total of 30 yards.

All in all Byron's J.V. is improving every game and trying their best.



## Bee's Sting Eagles

Mental mistakes cost Byron J.V. the victory on Sept 5. "Mentally the Eagles were not ready for this game", said Coach Trotter.

He felt the lack of experience on the J.V. team, make it difficult to teach them to react with instinct to certain situations.

The quarterback, Brian Stiefel, was 2 for 6 passing for 19 yards. Sophomore Dale Clements had 9 carries for 52 yards.

"The defense was above average", said coach Trotter. The only time they broke the defense was on a quarterback sneak for 73 yards.

The offense was not very effective all through the game.

Final 6-0 in favor of the visitors.

first victory 27-23. Unfortunately Byron Varsity girls lost another close game of 50-47. Lansing Christian was Byron's next contest and the J.V. pulled off another win 44-43. The Varsity lost their fourth consecutive game with the final score of 47-42.



## Homecoming Tradition Carries on at B.H.S.

Homecoming is a part of Byron's traditional football season. It is filled with excitement and suspense such as spirit week, homecoming dance, and last but not least...the game!

Homecoming was first started in 1953 with Mary Cornwell as the first homecoming queen. The first two homecoming queens of Byron were judged by the opposing team, but 2 yrs. later was changed because of the students opinion.

Janet Friend was the fifth queen. She informed us that when she was queen, they were chosen only if they were on the honor roll, also the co-captains crowned the homecoming queen. She also commented that the queen was announced at the pep assemblies instead of the game.

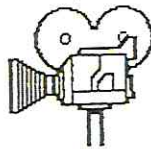
The first game was played against Gaines, unfortunately Byron lost.

Homecoming at Byron has changed, but the spirit that Byron displays can never change or diminish.

This year Byron's tradition continues as the 1985 candidates were announced. The queen candidates are: Seniors, Barb Seaman, Lori Matznick, Kris Simpson. The king candidates are: Jeff Bower, Tony Crist, and Ed Bedell. The rest of the court consists of: Jamie Shelstad and Amy Walters, Juniors; Tina Crist and Sue Harris, Sophomores; Sauni Booker and Chrissy Sanchez, Freshmen.

The float theme for the 1985 Homecoming is cereals. On October 18th Byron will give its all for our Homecoming.

## Movie Reviews



1. RED DAWN- A group of teenagers called the "Wolverines", quest for freedom, while their world is being blown apart. These teenagers get revenge on the troops who killed their parents, family, and friends. This movie is an example of what might happen if war broke out today.

2. DREAM SCAPE- Eric, a mind reader, can go into other peoples minds while they are dreaming. Eric enters the President of the U.S. dream to save from the near one who plans to kill him in his dream. People who seek adventure would like this.

## EXTRA! EXTRA! Subscribe Now

Reader's Digest, Dog Fancy, and American Squaredance, Tao by Rick Springfield, Sesame Street Soundtrack, are just a few items you'll find on Bernie Brusso's list of magazines and tapes for sale.

The more you sell the better it is for you. If you sell one subscription of Reader's Digest you will receive a clip-on Pegasus absolutely free. Also, the more magazines and tapes you sell, the more points you'll get and the better prize you'll get.

However, the big question isn't what will I win if I have six points or seventeen or even thirty points. It's why is the selling project being done this way. In previous years, just the Seniors sold these items. Now the whole high school is active in this selling project. However, in past years, the seniors were working to finance their senior trip. Now the Senior trip has been cut and they no longer need all this money and can share the receipts on this project. Also the student council had their own source of income with the candy machines, but now the school store has taken over for the machines. Now the student council needs a source of income which is their reason for taking 15% or \$150.00 from each class.

The goal for all the classes combined is \$6,000.00 which means each student only needs to sell \$15.00 in subscriptions to meet this goal. So get out there and make Bernie proud and sell those magazines and tapes!!!!!!!

## Off and Running.....

Byron cross country started out there season at Fowlerville. The boys were defeated 37 to 22, but the girls won 26 to 31. The 1985 Cross Country team consist of: Corey Rivard, Kevin Rivard, Brad Whitman, Mark Johnson, Ryan Guinn, Kevin Fencil, Jeff Shelley, Jeff Cox, and Ed Juntunen making up the boys team and Kelly Moorhead, Tina Bates, Alliene Nelson, Hanna Paronen, Chrissy Sanchez, and Christine Nayback, make up the girls team.

Byron had their second meet home against Durand. The boys were defeated again 17 to 45. The girls were also defeated this time 19 to 39. The Byron Invitational was held on September 7. The boys came in 9th place while the girls took 3rd. The Chesaning Invitational was held September 12th. In this invitational the boys came in 10th place and the girls took 5th. The next meet will be held Lansing Christian.

Scoring for Cross County meets is different than most sporting events. In an meet the first person is the number one runner, the second is the number two runner and so on. The team score is then determined by totaling the points scored by the first five finishers of each team. The team with the lowest score is the winner.



Most people haven't heard of survey's being conducted on a school system. Byron had it's second survey in June of 1985. The survey is new to Byron and to the educational field as well. The survey gives people a chance to openly voice their opinions. Due to the immense response, we can come to the conclusion that the survey is a welcomed idea.

The questionnaire was developed by the school's Public Relations and Opinion Research Consultant, Kathy Feaster. The interviews were conducted by volunteers in the school district. All voters in the Byron Area School district had a chance to be selected to participate in this survey. The survey was conducted by telephones. Special thanks should go out to Marilyn Martin, Secretary to the Superintendent. Mrs. Martin helped a great deal in coordinating the project.

There were many elements in the questionnaire, but one of basic importance was what the public thought about the quality of our education in Byron Schools. 80% of the voters were at least "somewhat satisfied" with the day-to-day job being done at the schools. Another question dealt with whether or not the voters felt that the schools were "getting better" in the quality of education. About 1/4 of the public believed that the schools were "better."

A couple of controversial subjects were brought up in the survey; that of drug and sex education. When the topic of drug education was presented to the parents, 91% of them felt that it is very important to the school system. A large majority (85%) felt that drug education should begin at grade school level. Both parents and "non parents" favor sex education classes and felt they should be in the schools. They said they would like the classes to be taught between fifth and sixth grade.

As a result of the survey the Byron voters have expressed their opinion. There may be some new things coming up in Byron. The Survey has shown that most of the people of Byron feel some very positive things about Byron Area Schools.

" Trick " or Treat.....



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## EXPRESS



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*"Don't judge those who try and fail, judge those who fail to try!!"*

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7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys on the basketball team we were unable to find your basketball stats. We at the newspaper will post them in the April issue.

## THE TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Hi! My name is Carrie Putnam. I interviewed Mrs. Nelson so you would know more about her. The following are the questions I asked and the answers she responded with:

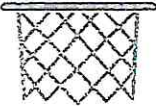
How long have you been in Byron?	Two and a half months.
Where do you live?	Columbiaville, in Lapeer County.
What's your hometown?	North Branch, in Lapeer County. It's a small town like Byron.
What's your favorite pizza topping?	Pepperoni, sausage, and green olives.
What type of music do you listen to?	Alternative and all types of music.
What schools did you go to?	K-12 at North Branch, Bachelor's Degree at U of M, Flint, and Master's Degree at U of M, Ann Arbor.
When you were a little girl, what did you want to be?	A doctor!
What kind of ice cream do you like?	Chocolate ice cream.
How many kids do you have?	One daughter; she is 9 years old and her name is Carmon.
What does your husband do for a living?	He is a construction worker.
What's your favorite type of food?	Chinese and Greek food.
Where does your daughter go to school?	North Branch.
Do you like helping kids?	Yes, I wanted to work with kids and I wanted to work at a school.
Do you like the after-school activities?	I love the after-school activities. I like the newspaper and the choir. I want more people to sign-up for the activities.
What's your favorite color?	Red, Marze & Blue!!
What's your favorite wild and domestic animal?	Cats, tigers, lions, koala bears and panda bears.
Do you like working with Mrs. Fulton?	Yes, she is a wonderful person. She's good with kids an organized person and a positive person.
What's your favorite university?	U of M!
What are your hobbies?	Coaching, reading, listening to music, shopping water skiing in the summer and cooking.
What are your bad habits?	I'm messy; a slob!

If you haven't had a chance to meet Mrs. Nelson, stop by her office and introduce yourself. Now that you know a lot about her, give her the chance to get to know you!

Thank you Mrs. Nelson for being so honest with your answers and for giving us some of your time!



# THE SPORTS PAGE



## 8th Grade Hoops

By: Amanda Mavis

Ok, here's the Byron Eagles 8th grade boys basketball update! In the last few weeks the Eagles went to Montrose to win against them 32-31 and they went to Bentley to win 36-24. They had a game against Goodrich; sadly, we lost 22-42. Their last game was on Thursday, February 24th and the Eagles lost.

I spoke with one of the players, Gary Mavis and this is what he had to say:

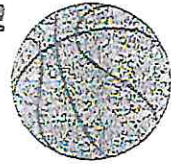
Amanda: "How many games have you played?"

Gary: "We've played a total of 10 games."

Amanda: "What is your favorite thing about playing basketball?"

Gary: "I would have to say, playing the game!"

Thanks very much for your time, Gary!



## 6th Grade Hoops

By: Jeffrey Carpenter and Scott Cecil

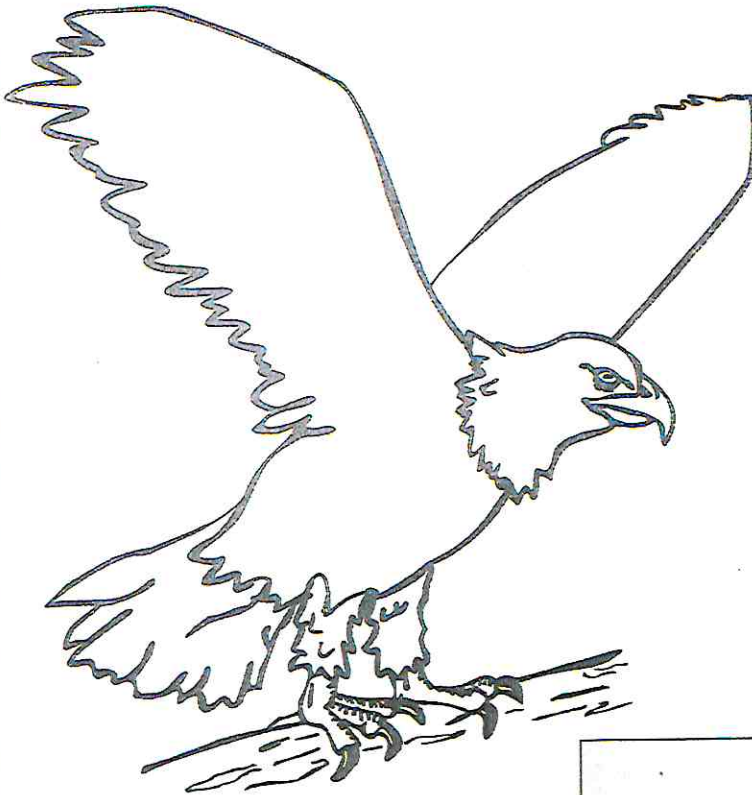
This month in sports we will be talking about our 6th grade basketball teams. In 6th grade, Team #1's record is 3-1. Team #2's record is 2-2.

Team #1's lineup includes: Scott Cecil, Matthew McClure, Justin Engleman, Stephen McCormick, Shawn Cormier, Mark DeAgostino, Jeffrey Carpenter and Mark Hoy.  
Coach: Dennis Cecil.

Team #2's lineup includes: Trevor Keck, Cody Knapp, Jed Thompson, Nathan Kirby, Joshua Puffer, Charlie Phillips, Brian Dunning and Chad Reed. Coach:  
Amos Knapp

## COLORING CONTEST!!

*(Prizes and rules listed on back of sheet)*



### Coloring Contest Prizes

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$3.00 Gift Certificate to be used at the school store!!  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$2.00 Gift Certificate to be used at the school store!!  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$1.00 Gift Certificate to be used at the school store!!

#### Rules:

1. Each entry **MUST** have the student's complete name and grade listed on the form.
2. Each entry **MUST** be received by March 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. Each entry will be judged on neatness, creativity, and best all around appearance.
4. The newspaper staff will judge each entry and the three entries with the most votes will receive the prizes. Judges' decisions are final!
5. Winners will be announced on April 12<sup>th</sup> and will also be listed in next month's newspaper.

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please turn-in completed picture to Mrs. Nelson or Mrs. Fulton by March 31<sup>st</sup>!)*

# Game Show Winners

By Matthew Wight and Charles Phillips



Twenty One

Feb 2 Emelio Kamper

Amount = \$1,600,000

Losing Question = Who wrote the fat free magazine?

C.A. A. Jenny Craig

B. Monica Lewinsky

H.A. C. Melissa Jone Hart

Feb 9 Jason Meyer

Amount = \$ 410,000

Cookie Lee O'shein

Amount = \$135,000



Who want to be a Millionaire

Million Dollar Winners

Dan Blonsky-January

John Carpenter-November



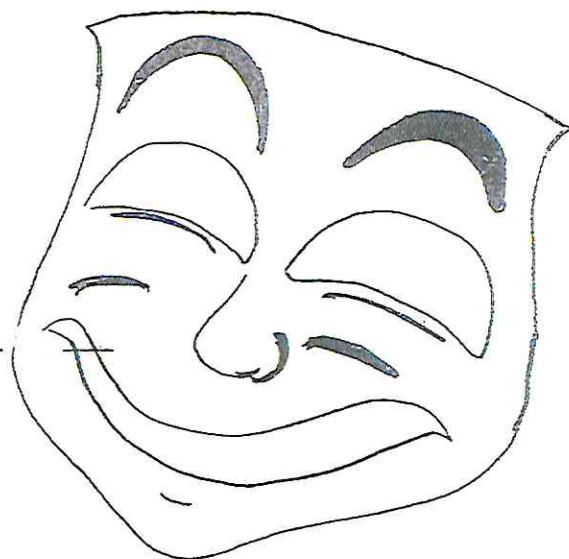
Whose Line is it anyway?

Ryan, Colin, Joise won on Feb 10 8:00 p.m.



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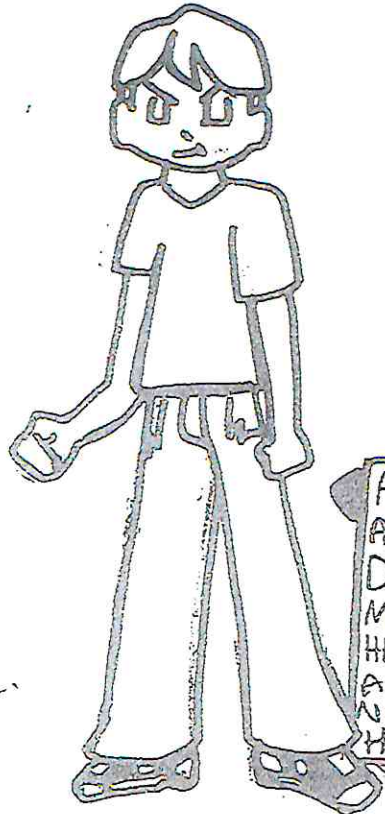
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Ryan, Colin won on Feb 10 8:30 p.m.

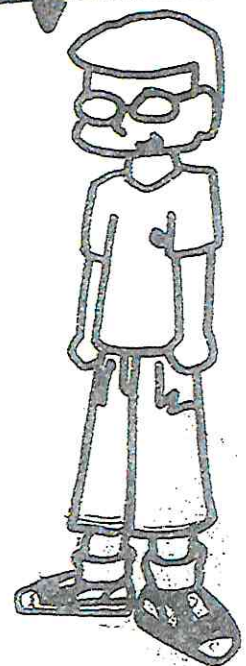
CONGRATULATIONS to Byron Middle School's own Mr. Judson!! He won \$50,000 on the game show, Winning Lines on CBS. It's nice to know that "real" people *do* win sometimes!

# DARK HOLY CAST

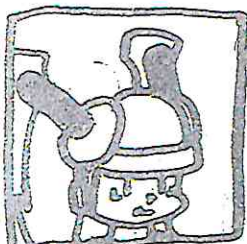


AARON CHAPMAN  
AGE: 13  
DATA: BEING THE MAIN CHARACTER, HE TRIES TO KEEP AN OPEN MIND NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.

DAVID KOZLOWSKI  
AGE: 12  
DATA: HE'S THE ONE WHO IS TORTURED BY A LITTLE BROTHER WHO TALKS ABOUT HIS POKEMON CARDS ALL DAY.

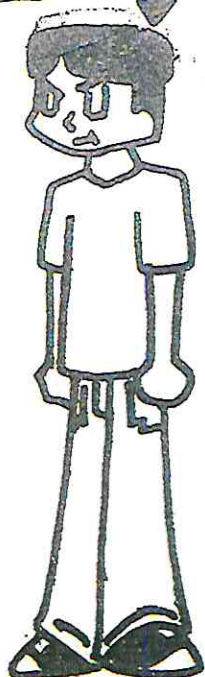


SHANE HERNANDEZ  
AGE: 12  
DATA: ONE OF THE BEST AT EVERY SPORT HE PLAYS.

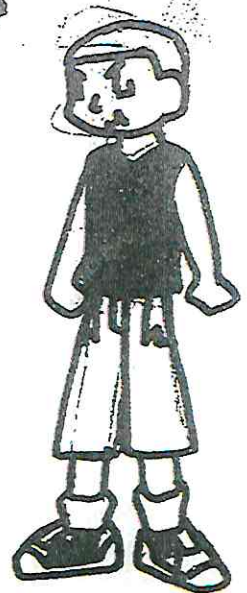


ANGEL  
AGE: ?  
DATA: NOT A LOT IS KNOWN ABOUT HER.

HEATHER BRADEN  
AGE: 12  
DATA: THREE WORDS TO DESCRIBE HER, LITTLE, MISS, POPULARITY.



DERIK CRAFT  
AGE: 13  
DATA: SMALL & FAST HE IS GREAT AT TACKLING ANY OPPONENT.



## THE SHOOTING OF A SIX YEAR OLD

By: Terri Roberts

The Eagle Express interviewed Mr. Fox on what he thought about the 6-year-old shooting and more questions about safety in Byron.

What do you think of the 6-year-old shooting the other 6 year old?

I think that it is a terrible tragedy!

What would you do if that happened here at Byron Middle School?

I would first make sure everyone is aware of emergency procedure.

What would be the punishment for a shooting like that in this school?

I would have the police involved!

What do you think will happen to the little boy?

I think that he should receive intense counseling.

How do they make sure no student comes to school without a weapon?

Just by observing students, watching and listening.

Do you feel that Byron Schools are a safe place to be?

Yes, our most recent survey says 97% of our students feel safe at school.

Thank you Mr. Fox for your time and for letting us know that procedures are in place to protect students in the event of a terrible tragedy like the one that took place in Mt. Morris township.

# HISTORY

## *St. Patrick's Day*

*St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17. On this day religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century.*

*Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning than in the afternoon celebrate.*

*Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762.*

*It is know that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17 around 460 a.d.*

*After more than six years of Patrick being a prisoner he finally escaped.*

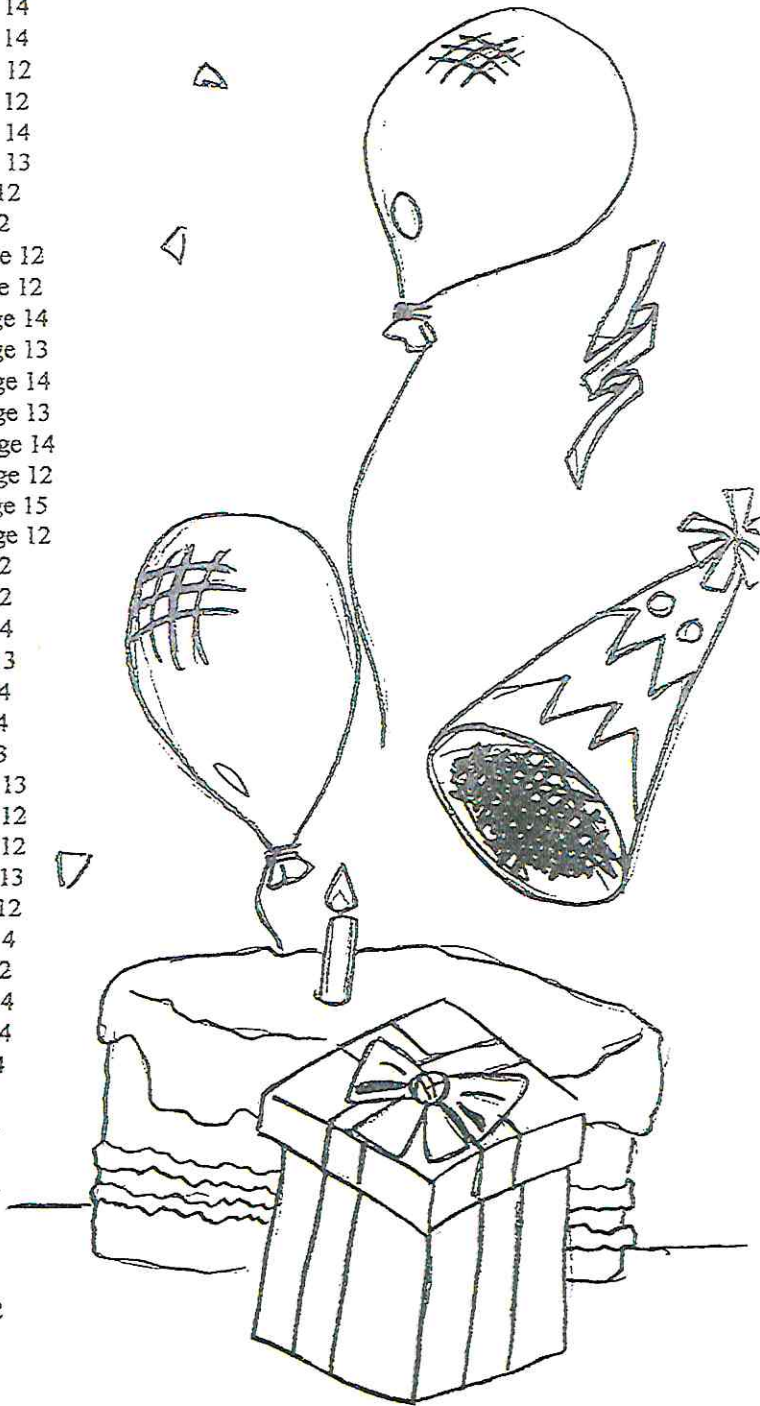
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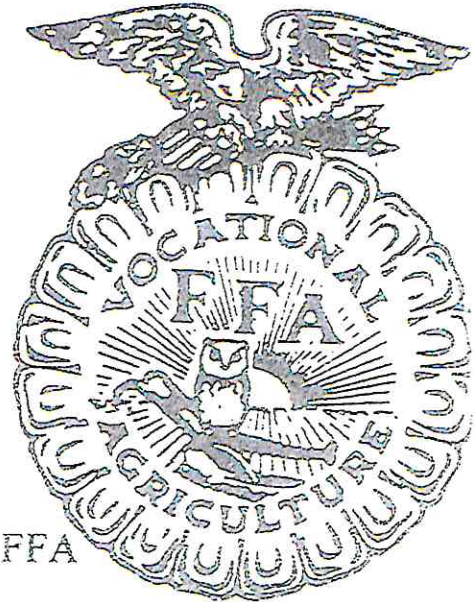
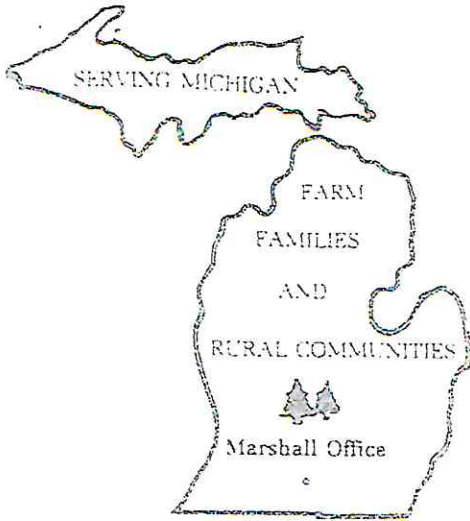
*Krystal Marcus 6<sup>th</sup> grade*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Gina McCormick	February 2	Age 12
Jene' Braden	February 3	Age 14
Brian Childers	February 4	Age 14
Coral Lawhead	February 4	Age 12
Michelle Maier	February 7	Age 12
Denise Lybrink	February 8	Age 14
John Akridge	February 8	Age 13
Kurtis Brant	February 8	Age 12
Shine Bost	February 10	Age 12
Rachel Thomas	February 14	Age 12
Ryan Mills	February 15	Age 12
Sharon Shay	February 21	Age 14
Amanda Graves	February 22	Age 13
Derek Musall	February 26	Age 14
Kara Turner	February 26	Age 13
Sam Curcuruto	February 27	Age 14
Joshua Lahring	February 27	Age 12
David Drummond	February 28	Age 15
Darren Jones	February 28	Age 12
Lindsey Walker	March 2	Age 12
Sarah Paulin	March 3	Age 12
Patricia Huggins	March 4	Age 14
Brandon Marks	March 4	Age 13
Melissa Adams	March 5	Age 14
Timothy Kimbal	March 6	Age 14
Nicholas Adams	March 9	Age 13
Joshua Loruss	March 10	Age 13
Cheyenne Metzger	March 11	Age 12
Joshua Puffer	March 11	Age 12
Ashley Gebhardt	March 14	Age 13
Chris Murdock	March 14	Age 12
Sierra Sinelli	March 16	Age 14
Patrick White	March 16	Age 12
Kelley Furze	March 17	Age 14
Samantha Perry	March 20	Age 14
Kyle Moulton	March 21	Age 14
Autumn Euler	March 21	Age 13
Lawrence Foster	March 24	Age 14
Jenelle Cole	March 25	Age 15
Virginia Cates	March 26	Age 14
Stephanie Cook	March 26	Age 13
Mark Hoffaman	March 29	Age 14
Anthony Davis	March 29	Age 13
Trey Knight	March 29	Age 12

By: Krystal Marcus &  
Carrie Putnam





## Region Results for Byron FFA

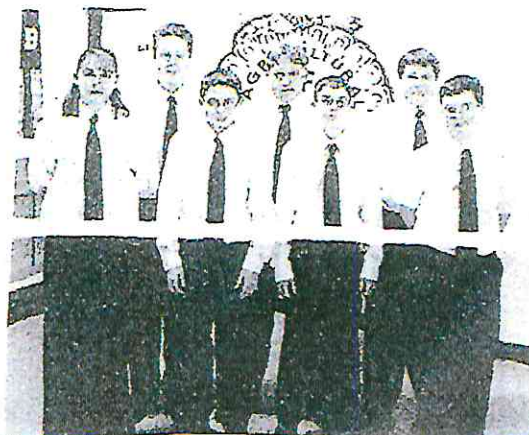
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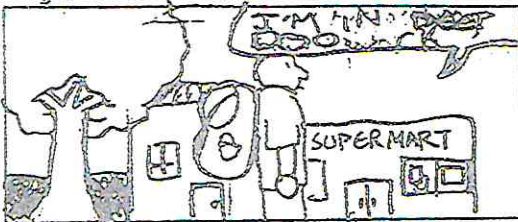
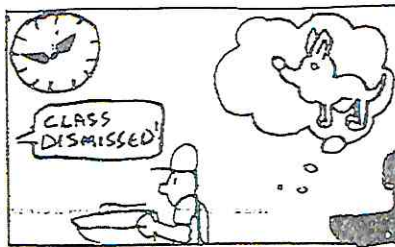
Everyone seems to think that FFA stands for Future Farmers of America but, not everyone in FFA grows up to be a farmer. The FFA group is an organization where young teens, grades 7-12, get together to have a fun time and go to different contests. Speaking of contests, the Byron Middle School and High School have a FFA team.

A few weeks ago, the Byron Middle and High School students that participated in the FFA went to New Lothrop for the regional competition. The Junior High Conduct of Meetings team came in third place with a gold. Participating in this meeting are the following students: 7<sup>th</sup> grade Zack Smith, Jack Glass, Mark Wyrick, Nick Adams, and Paul Jerk; 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Matt Boillet and Jamie Fagerstrom. A conduct of meeting team is a group of seven teens, which consists of a secretary, treasurer, reporter, vice president, sentinel, and advisor. These seven kids perform a meeting in which they try to solve a problem.

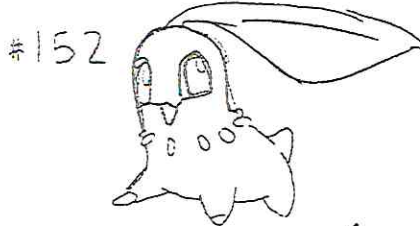
The Junior High Public Speaking kids this year were each 7<sup>th</sup> graders, Elizabeth Dexter, who came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place gold and Katie Remigan, 3<sup>rd</sup> place silver. Public Speaking is writing about an agricultural item and reading it to the judges at the competitions.

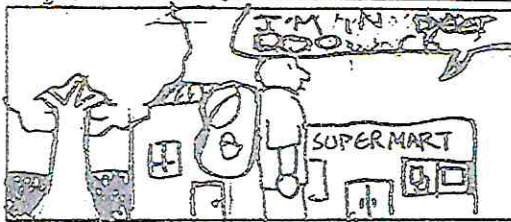
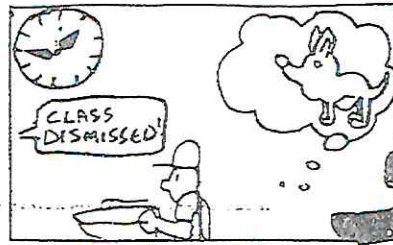
The newspaper staff also congratulates all the Byron High School FFA members.



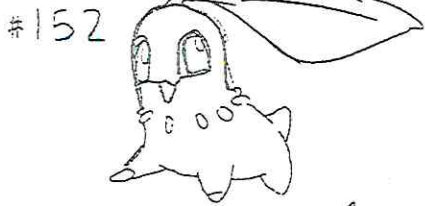


# NEO POKEMON





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# March Lunch Menu

## Byron High/Middle School

Serving Times  
High School 11:52 A.M.  
Middle School 10:38 A.M.

Lunch Prices  
Student \$1.75  
Adult \$2.25

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday																																																																																										
<p>Fruits, vegetables, salad and milk choices are offered every day along with entrée choices.</p> 	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Chicken Sandwich Make your Stir Fry Pizza Choice Deli Sandwich</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Lasagna w/Meat Taco w/Meat Pizza Choice Deli Sandwich</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Fish Sandwich Nachos w/Meat Pizza Choice Deli Sandwich</p>																																																																																											
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## TIPS AND TRICKS FOR GAMING FUN!!!!

By: Casey Flick and Billy Sabo

As a help to all of you video game fans out there, we are listing a few tips and tricks to help you make it to the next level of some of the hot games on the market. If you have games you would like tips for, let the newspaper staff know and we'll see what we can do for the next edition of the Eagle Express!

### N 64

#### Cruis'n USA

Off-road super speeds - get the last color for your jeep. Start a race (with the jeep) and go off-road. You'll speed up to 171 mph! Great for playing two players and helping the other player get a new color car. ☺

Last checkpoint of the race - when you are driving, look between the lights and the sign that says "Checkpoint!". If there is a man hanging from the top bar, it's the last checkpoint.

Both players get their cars - first start a 2-player game and do not pick the same car. When you get to Washington DC press pause, then exit; then reset N64. Now use controller 1 to resume player 1's game from Washington DC and win. Then use controller 2 to resume his/her game and win. You will both get your new color car! ☺

#### 1080 Snowboarding

Fast start - to get a helpful boost at the start of a race, press up on the control stick after the number one disappears during the countdown. This technique also works after falling down on the ground. ☺

Secret tracks - to open up the dragon cave level, you must complete match race on hard. To open up the deadly fall level, you must beat match race on expert.

### PLAYSTATION

#### Twisted Metal III

Smart seekers - triangle, left, down, right, up (improves homing missiles) ☺

Seeking rain missiles - up, down, up, down, up ☺

Super napalm - r1, r1, l1, l1, l1 ☺

God mode - l1, square, x, r1, start ☺

Infinite ammo - triangle, circle up, right, down ☺

#### Rogue Trip

To make any of these cheats work, you must first enter the "enable cheats" code while in the middle of a game. Then put in one of the other codes as shown:

Enable cheats - l1+r1+r2+select at the same time when you first start the level.

God mode - press l1+r1 at the same time, then press up, down, left, right ☺

#### Oddworld: Abe's Exodus

Skip section - during a game, hold the r1 button and press circle, circle, x, x, square, square ☺  
NOTE: skipping sections will decrease the number of mudokons saved in the game. ☺

### GAME BOY:

#### POKE'MON

##### INFINITE ITEM TRICK

To do this you need FLY and SURF! Put item in at the sixth spot in your item list. Then FLY to Viridian City and talk to the man who says "AHHHH I've had my coffee now, sure you can go through? Are you in a hurry?" Say no. He will show you how to catch POKE'MON. After this FLY to Fushia City and from the POKE' Center, go down to make sure to have beaten all the trainers. When you get to the water, use SURF and stay to the side until you get to a part where it's half on water and half on land. SURF up and down until you run into a POKE'MON named Missing No. (The black screen will stay black for about 5 seconds). DO NOT CATCH MISSING NO. IT WILL MESS UP YOUR GAME! Run from it, then go on the land part and look in your items and you should have 99 of that item. The item will have a weird symbol in front of it. ☺

How to get rich - Do the infinite item trick with Rare Candies and go to the POKE' mart in Celadon city and sell the Rare Candies. They will pay about \$2,400. ☺

## AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

(All activities will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. and be held in Mr. Butcher's classroom, unless otherwise indicated.)

**Movie Night:** The movies selected will be listed on this sheet to enable parents to decide if it is appropriate for their children to view. The following is the list of movies selected for the month of March:

March 20<sup>th</sup> - Lion King

March 30<sup>th</sup> - Tarzan

**Homework Help:** This will be a weekly activity offered to students. The designated room will be open for students requiring help with their homework and also, provide a quiet place for anyone to work on their assignments without having to sit in the school hallways.

**Newspaper Meeting:** Any students interested in working on the school newspaper are asked to attend this meeting. This will be a paper written by students and for students.

**Board Game Night:** For those students interested in board games, this is an opportunity to play games with other kids. They may range in topic from Disney Trivia to Twister. Students are encouraged to bring a few of their favorite games.

**Puzzle Night:** This will be a night designated to working on jigsaw puzzles. We will also work on a puzzle together as a group. Please bring any puzzles you may have at home for others to use.

**Community Service Volunteers:** This activity will enable students to give back to their community in several different ways. We will gather information from the village senior citizens and businesses to obtain suggestions on ways to help them. This may require snow shoveling, sweeping, painting, etc.

**Book Club:** Any students with a love of reading will really enjoy this activity. All participants will read the same selections and discuss what they enjoyed/disliked about the book.

**Choir:** Any students interested in participating in the Middle School Choir are asked to attend. The practices will be held on Monday and Thursday night from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the high school band room.

**Floral Design:** Mrs. Tiltman from KD's Floral Shop in Byron will be instructing students on different floral arranging techniques and floral care. Students will be designing their own arrangements to take with them at the end of the class.

**Open Gym-** This is an opportunity for students to play dodgeball, basketball and other games with their friends. This is a supervised activity!

The after-school activities listed are just a few of the ideas obtained through parent/student suggestions. We will be trying several different ideas in the months to come. Some of the suggestions that we will try will generate a lot of participation, while others we will only try once. We welcome any ideas for improvement and always encourage parent participation.

For more information on these activities, please contact Mrs. Fulton or Mrs. Nelson at the Middle School.

# Project TAP


By Matt Goodrich

Project TAP is a learning environment about drugs and smoking. It teaches students leadership skills, so they can teach other students about the dangers of smoking. Twenty students from Byron Middle School went on February 10, 2000 to explore the world of smoking and its dangers. After we arrived, at the Genesee Intermediate School District's Health and Nutrition Center they had hot cocoa and snacks on a table. Students from Laingsburg also attended. After breakfast we played a board game that used questions to learn about smoking hazards. High school students from Kearsley helped us learn the importance of not smoking and using tobacco products. They call themselves Athletes With Influence. They go from school to school, teaching other kids that it is cool NOT to use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. After they talked to us we had a break and lunch. They passed out information about the dangers of tobacco products. I would recommend it to any middle school student. If you have the opportunity to go next year, GO because it was FUN.

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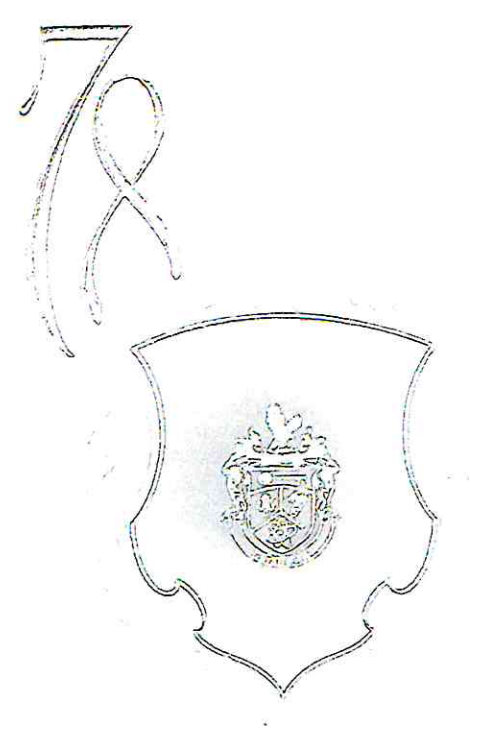

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1889.

SEVENTH ANNUAL  
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AT THE  
M. E. Church, Byron,  
Friday Eve'ng, June 21, 1889.





*Class of 1917*

CLOSING & EXERCISES  
1884.  
BYRON UNION SCHOOL,  
IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ROOM.  
Friday, June 20th, 1884,  
AT S. F. M. SHARP.



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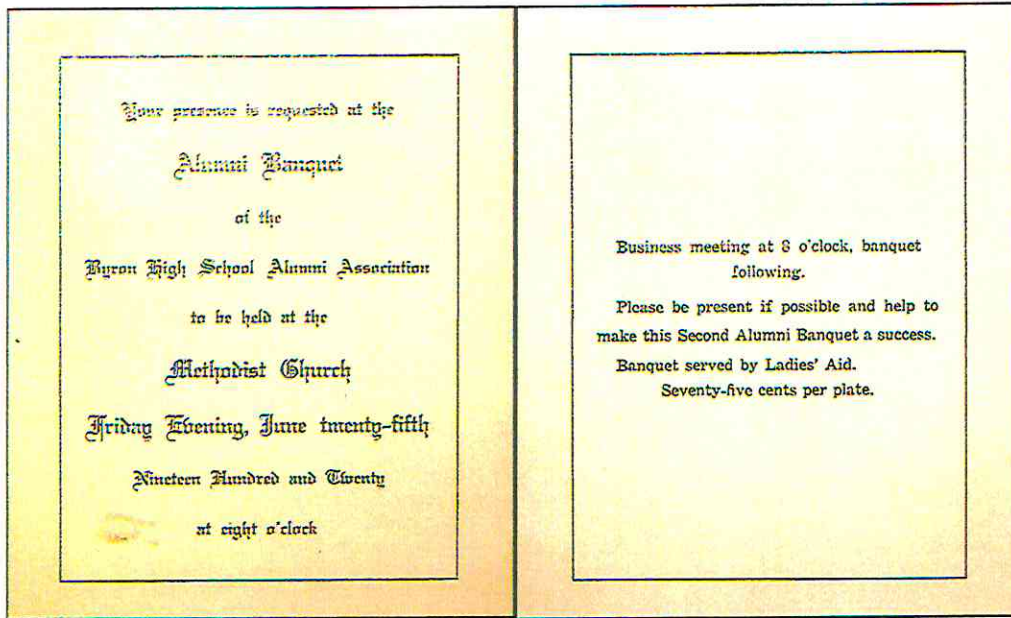
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## Byron High School Alumni Association

“The High School Alumni Association was organized by Superintendent Crawford in 1915. The organization meets once a year in the Town Hall for a banquet, and to renew memories of high school days. It has no other function.”

*Glenn H. Burt, 1929. Thesis for the Degree of M.S.  
“A Sociological Analysis of the Byron Community.”*

The invitation below is from 1920, and reads, “... help to make this Second Alumni Banquet a success.” This means the first banquet was held in 1919, with no banquets held for two years during WWII, nor during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020.



ALUMNI OFFICERS	PROGRAM
President .....B. G. Kanouse Vice President .....George Stuibie Secretary .....John Wrigglesworth Treasurer .....Eleanor Harrington	Toastmistress .....Mrs. Etta Hathaway Music ..... Orchestra Address of Welcome.....B. G. Kanouse Class of 1920.....Prof. Hagerman Vocal Duet ..... .....Misses Ethel and Eleanor Harrington "Looking Backward".....W. A. Rosenkrans Solo .....Rolland MacDonald "Looking Forward" ..... Evelyn Wickett Vocal Duet .....Lucy and Stewart Sheldon "But a day and the world has changed".... .....Dr. H. E. Boyce Music ..... Orchestra Music by Jones Orchestra
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RECEPTION COMMITTEE</b></p> John Smith                      M. H. Redmond E. D. Wiltsie                      Mrs. J. Smith	
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# ALUMNI

- 1875—Minnie Emmett, \*Henry Hadsall, \*Al-  
lan Norris, Carrie Northway, \*Elvira  
Royce, Arthur Tedman.  
1879—\*Retta Betterly, \*M. H. Redmond,  
\*John Smith, Samantha Smith, \*Ralph  
Tubbs, \*Emmett Wiltse.  
1881—Edward Cole, Charles De Witt, Wm.  
Rosencran, Fred Smith, \*Bertha Wormley.  
1882—\*George Benton, \*Albert Davis, Anna  
De Vore Kelam, \*Kitte McCaughna, \*Liz-  
zie Seymour, Willage Steffy, \*Frank  
Stone.  
1883—Mary Anderson, Harrington, \*Etta  
Schad Hathaway.  
1884—Lizzie Dyer Courtney.  
1885—Anna McCaughna, Ella Atherton Mc-  
Caughna, Josie Miner McEwen.  
1886—Frank Arthur, Carrie Fisher Harper,  
\*Kittie Haviland, \*Robert Haviland, Mar-  
tha Redmond, \*Clara Schweikert Unbe-  
haun.  
1888—Myrtle Graham Hibbard.  
1889—Hattie Eddy Goff, Willis Laurie,  
\*Verena Rosencrans Tuckey, Agnes White  
Ward, John Wrigglesworth.  
1890—\*Harmon Boice, May Kitson Humphry,  
Edith Welch Savage, \*Clarence Welch.  
1891—\*Ora Barker, George Bishop, Elmer  
Elsworth, Ida Allen Hickey, Frank Luarie,  
Elsie Lord Needham, Carrie Allen Rohra-  
bacher, \*Clara Lewis Showerman, \*Corn  
Savage Stowell, Minnie Bishop.  
1893—\*Harley Barnes, Robert Fox, B. J.  
Kanouse, Byron Laurie, Edward Mc-  
Caughna.  
1894—Edna Redmond Brown, Hubert Brown,  
De Loss Eddy, R. A. Lord, Viola Allen  
Noble, Bartley Sayers, Wm. Wadley.  
1897—Arthur Botsford, Jeanette Smith Ran-  
dall, Edna Chaffee Walker.  
1898—Nora Boise Barnes, Flora Bennett  
Mac Callum, Stella Telling Pyke, Frank  
Royce.  
1899—Clifton Dyer, Agnes Ruggles Foster,  
\*Albert Granger, \*Louise Harper, Anna  
Harper Law, Lulu Smith.  
1900—\*Loren Brown, Harry Crosby, Harry  
Houghton, Fern Strawsine.  
1901—Alma Bahnmilller Harp, Bell, Cum-  
mings Mapes, Henry Meier, Jessie Joslin  
Schweikert.  
1902—\*Lester Badzero, \*Lillie Schad Braden,  
Anna Lusk Downing, \*Fred Friend, Bruce  
Hadsall, Edward Royce, Leah Royce, Mil-  
dred Lord Royce.  
1903—Emma Spangenberg Marbie, Leah  
Tower Meier, Edna Parrish Root, \*Grace  
Seaman.  
1904—Nina Boyce Kitson.  
1905—Alger Barnes, Olive Clark Graves,  
Floyd Steffy.  
1906—Fannie Kanouse Barnes, Eva Chaffee,  
Lorena Smith Crawford.  
1907—Katheryn Schad Austin, Anna Joslin  
Perry, Mark Telling, \*Lucie Close Wadley,  
Grace Barnes Woodman.  
1908—Earl Brookins, Harold Close, \*Veva  
Gale, Cloe Davis Hathaway, Neva Church  
Hathaway.  
1909—Dewey Allen, \*Howard Bemiss, Ruel  
Burlingame, \*Tracy Burlingame, Frank  
Croope, Ruth Winton Hall, Emma Joslin,  
Rita Lutz, Ruth Lutz, William Meier,  
\*Major Smith, Geneva Holcomb Wilcox,  
Rita O'Hern Montee.  
1910—Lottie Lahring Baxter, Helen Shelp  
Cameron, Daisy Allen Clark, Lewis  
Cruthers, Nora Dunning, Inez Ball John-  
son, Marie Middlesworth Deran, Nina  
Keyes King, Bernice Barnes Meier, Beulah  
Middlesworth Post, Leta Bahnmilller Root,  
Hilda Hadden Sanford, Lloyd Tower,  
\*Charlie Walker.  
1911—Hattie Root Arthur, Mae Lore Clax-  
ton, Floyd Fortress, \*Leslie Graves, Row-  
land, Hibbard, Veda Ball Krause, Charles  
Meier, Marjorie Parkhurst Miller, Pauline  
Shelp Mortamer, Hubert Sixton, Hazel  
Parkhurst Shaw, Nellie Meier Wickett.  
1912—Arthur Allen, Clayton Dunning, \*Nora  
Eddy, Rollin McDonald, Eugene Meier, Al-  
fred Unbehaun, Sumner Wiltse.  
1913—Grace Morgan Scribner, Katheryn Mc-  
Kinney Tower.  
1914—Bernice Brookins Parrish.  
1915—Juanita Moore Bruce, Blanche Schwei-  
kert Hittle, Vivian Tripp, Evelyn Wickett  
Schaffer.  
1916—Grace Howe Hoffman, Ethel Harring-  
ton Lynd, <sup>STON</sup> Vivian VanAlstine Meier, George  
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1917—Verian Ball, Guy Bruce, Eleanor Har-  
rington Groves, Leona Ostrander Shelley.  
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ver, Clara Schweikert Jarrett, C. L. Lahring,  
Bessie Potter Nichols, Eva Meier Perry,  
Fern Jennings Roth, Clifton Stroud, Mur-  
iel Ball Webster.  
1919—Merry Belle Nichols Bronzofsky, Hazel  
Runyan Johnson, M. J. Kanouse, Melba  
Sheldon Kellean, Willis Sneed, Gordon  
Stowell.  
1920—J. B. Clark, Waldo Bennett, Florence  
Brown Green, Earl Jennings, Howard  
Meier, Wilhna Rohrabacher Mills, Nina

1837-1937

# ALUMNI

Morgan Scott, Stewart Sheldon, Harold Skinner, Althea Hathaway Small, Ralph Wadley.

1921—Ethel Ranyan Boyd, Mina Walsh Kanouse, Grace Hathaway Meier, Ruth King Waldie, Lucie Sheldon Lare, Donald Sneed, Harold Sneed.

1922—\*Emerald Clark Betterly, Lanson Clark, Hugh Fosket, Vera Meier Guyer, Gwendolyn Harris, Hazel Parmalee, Lucile Chapel Van Alstine.

1923—Minnie Slocum Betterly, Ardis Foster Bradley, Velma Fosket Durling, Dallas Hibbard, Faye Jennings, \*Willabelle Savage Kopkau, Ruth Steizer, Helen Jane Whitehead, Tracy Wilkinson, Margaret Sneed Woodman.

1924—Hattie Skinner Ayers, Garland Ball, Norene Barnes Foster, James Hale, \*Eldred Haviland, Dorothy Lewis Meier Elton Meier, Margaret Stowell, Jerome Wadley, Mable Howe Wright, Cecil Kimball Verdon, Clarisa Kimball Zimmer.

1925—Margaret Crawford, Hortense Orr Dahlstorm, W. H. Drake, Julia Cluff Graham, Nelson Graves, Kenneth Smith.

1926—Clara Leetch Alliston, Wilma Bair, Doris Ball Bird, John Dyer, Ada McCaslin Hibbard, Lorena Hibbard, Lamont Meier, Earl Palmer, Raymond Spangenberg, Leslie Hibbard.

1927—Stanley Ball, Georgiana Crawford, Cause, Helen Chapel Dutton, Olga Lott Lockwood, Justin McCaslin, Harold Meier, Leone Carpenter Meier, Lloyd Meier, L. C. Pettys, Mary Pyke, Mable Van Riper Roswurn, Cash Southwell, Donald Stubbs.

1928—Dorthea Telling Allen, Wayne Cummings, Lillie Meier Deick, Dorothy Curtis Hale, Emily Eddy Hibbard, Helen Sheldon Horton, Eva Campbell Hungerford, Phyllis Graves Malpus, Helen Mott Newman, Lucile Parkhurst, Vernon Pratt, Leone Simpson, Erma Skinner, George Skinner.

1929—Convis Cole, Arbutus Spaid Crafree, Bessie Ketchum Dyer, Asenath Keyes Douglas, Ervin Haire, Lawrence Hathaway, Maxine Cameron Lewis, Harold Shafer, Kenneth Sickles, Harry Simpson, Glen Spangenberg, Hugh Wrigglesworth, Orra Spaid, Lee Haviland.

1930—Kenneth Bailey, Donna Ball, Elda Keller Brown, Margaret Sheldon Cole

Clary Falls, Francis Fales, Dorthea Bair Fisk, Ruth Jennings, Marion Slocum, King, Ralph Lewis, Pansy Mack Pierce, Maurice Newman, Harold Schweiker, Hazel Simpson, Wilbur Simpson, Anna Steizer, Rose Anible Strickler, Lora Vroman.

1931—Merle Smith Albright, Olive Ankley, Margaret Arthur, Stuart Arthur, Melinda Crosby, Marian Pratt Dean, Bernice Kimball Dennison, Ellen Duncanson, Ronald Hibbard, Oscar Keller, Pauline Cole Lewis, Daniel Lott, Mildred McKay, Lois Hathaway Schrah, Viola Ketchum Skinner, Marguerite Dorrance Sewell.

1932—Hilda Ash, Eugene Eddy, Audrey Lewis, Lee McLaughlin, Cleo Simpson Orr, Everett Orr, Eva Kimball Richardson, Alleen Telling, Elsie Mae Farmer Wave, Arnold Westfall.

1933—Dale Ball, Helen Clark, Kenneth Clark, George Fortress, Dale Gutick, William C. Hillis, Lawrence Lewis, Vera Mayor Meier, Wayne Newman, Marian Post, Lloyd Root, Beulah Campbell Sickles, Eugene Smith, Lester Tower, Charles Vandemark, Grace Suggate Westfall, Harry Whitehead, Pearl Wooden, Mary Kathryn Wright.

1934—Majel Armstrong, Marcella Armstrong, \*Raymond Ash, William Lee Birch, Eleanor Crandall, Ila Gale, Dorothy Hudgins, Robert Hudgins, Gale McLaughlin, Owen Meier, Dolores Hammond Newberry, Violet Cole Pasco.

1935—Gale Alden, Frances Barnes, James Duncanson, Otto Foster, Nellie Foster, William Gallagher, Betty Gilmore, Wesley Hathaway, Margaret Hittle, Clinton Jarvis, Paul Lewis, Eloise Meier, Leah Maye Palmer, Helen Payne, Winton Smith, Harold Telling, Weston Tower, Winifred Tower, Charles <sup>POW</sup>Watts, Merle Wenk, Barbara Wiggins, Laverne Williams, and Marjorie Wiltse.

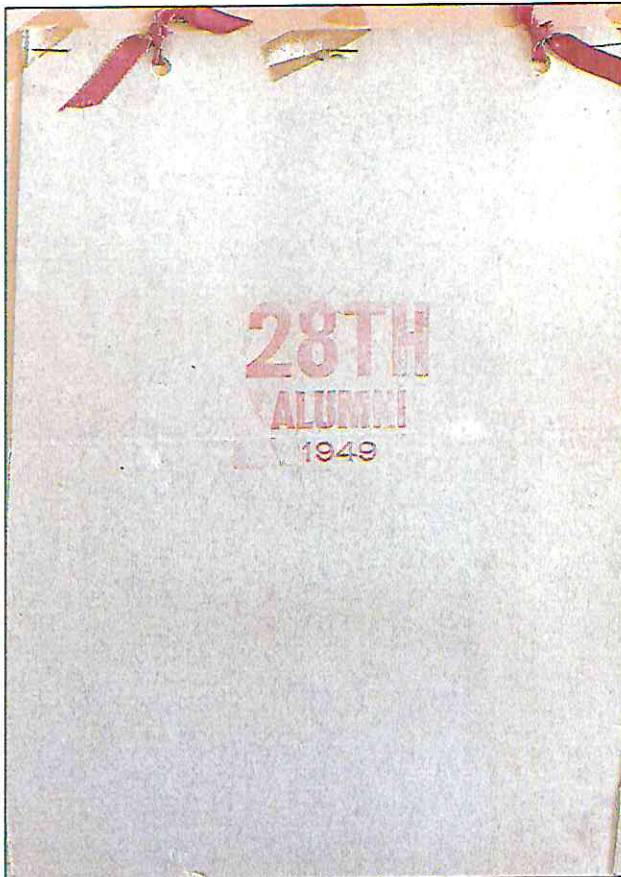
1936—Pauline Bemiss, Frank Bushong, Richard Frazee, Berdena Hammond, Frances Bohman, Walter Foster, John Gilmore, Donna Hathaway, Lana Keyes, Dale McLaughlin, Erwin Pratt, Leota Reaveley, William Lutz, Edwin Pratt, Majorie Pratt, Robert Wenk.

\*Deceased

1837-1937



MENU		PROGRAM	
ROAST FORK	DRESSING	INVOCATION	REV. BLAKE
MASHED POTATOES		BUSINESS MEETING	
GRAVY		TOASTMASTER	G. H. BURT
CABBAGE SALAD		WELCOME	HAROLD SCHWEIKERT
TOMATO-CHEESE SALAD		RESPONSE	GERALD HATH
ROLLS	PICKLES	MUSIC	MEMBERS OF HIGH SCHOOL BAND
ICE CREAM	CAKE	ADDRESS	R. S. HOUGHTON
COFFEE		MUSIC	
		BENNIE MCCLISH AND HIS ORCHESTRA	



- 28th -  
 BYRON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI  
 Saturday June 4, 1949  
 7:00 P.M.

Your officers for 1949:

Hollis E. MacDonald, President  
 Ellen Miller, Vice President  
 Joan Shettler, Secretary and Treasurer

Members of P.T.A. Handling Dinner Arrangements.

MENU

Orange Juice  
 Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
 Peas and Carrots Cabbage Salad  
 Rolls and Butter  
 Cake Ice Cream Coffee

PROGRAM TO FOLLOW

Invocation . . . . . Rev. E.S. Steenson  
 General Business Meeting and Election of officers for 1950  
 Roll Call by Years  
 Introduction of Toastmaster . . . . . Ralph F. Anderson  
 Welcome to Seniors . . . . . Walter Montee  
 Response . . . . . Key Meier  
 Your speaker for the occasion - that genial gentleman from Beecher, Peck & Lewis, of Detroit . . . . . Ralph Schaefer  
 Benediction . . . . . Rev. E. Sawyer

DANCING TO FOLLOW  
 Music by Gerry Durand and his band

*March 8, 2006  
The 52 Club at the Rooster's  
Kitchen in Byron, MI*

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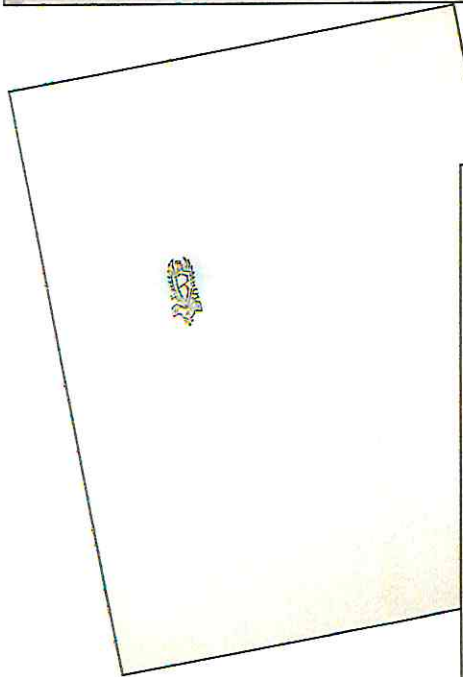
BYRON'S 52 CLUB - members of the Byron High School class of 1952, who gather for food and fellowship once a month - met at Rooster's Kitch'n in Byron Tuesday, March 14, for lunch. Some of the group members are shown (from left): Ted Richardson, Mary Edwards, Lari Ann Curcio (standing behind Mary), Leon R. Williams, Eloise White, Joan Smith, Lucille Bancroft and Frieda Rosser. Also attending but not available for the photo were Ernest and Faith Schotter. (Independent Photo/DONNA KLEIN)

**Byron 52 Club**

BYRON - The next meeting of the Byron 52 Club (1952 graduates of Byron Area High School) will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 11, at Cleary's Restaurant, 117 E. Grand River Avenue, Howell. Eleven persons attended the March 14 gathering at Rooster's Kitch'n in Byron, with everyone complimenting the food and atmosphere of the new restaurant.



*L.C. Mack is 2nd from the right*



*Shirley Ann Tower*



*The Senior Class  
of  
Byron Agricultural School  
announces its  
Commencement Exercises  
Thursday evening, June ninth  
Nineteen hundred fifty-five  
eight o'clock  
Byron Town Hall*

## BYRON ALUMNI NUMBER 470 AT 47TH BANQUET

Approximately 470 persons attended the 47th annual Byron High School alumni banquet in the Byron Community Auditorium Saturday evening.

As guests entered the foyer they were greeted by a woodland scene with a stream and water wheel. Elves, frogs, and woodland creatures lurked among the trees. Upon crossing a bridge and entering the auditorium, the alumni were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Orr and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitehead.

Officers were elected at the business meeting. They are: President Dan Russell; vice president, Bud Campbell; secretary, Colleen Barnhardt Waller; treasurer, Arlene Hudson Gulick; and advisor, Donna Hudson Sneed.

Committee members are Shirley Tower Mack, Ruth Ann Hibbard Oliver, Robert Hudson, Sandra Litton Sipes, and Marjorie Tower Bellus.

The program consisted of musical selections rendered by Jimmy Steenson and the following past teachers were introduced: Helen Morey, Margaret Stowell McCollum, Louise Mackey, Mrs. Marjorie Stowell, Mrs. Dorothy Allen Meier, John Knight, Alice Knight, Alice Griffin, Ruby Clark Green, and Richard Bortz.

Roll call of classes found two present from the class of 1905, Ida Campbell and Harris Redmond. Those representing the class of 1910 were Hilda Sanford and Inez Johnson.

The class of 1918 celebrated their 50th year. Five of the original class of 11 were present. They are, Mrs. Ruth Hoover, Mrs. Verne Anibal of Durand, Mrs. Clara Jarrett of Rochester, Mrs. Eva Perry of Owosso, and Mrs. Ruby Green of California. Special recognition was also given to the class of 1943 and the class of 1968.

Alumni president, Douglas Bodenbender introduced the toastmaster, William Gallagher (1953). The welcome to the class of 1968 was given by Gary Seaman, and David Smith responded.

Dennis Cecil was presented with the Ron Hibbard Award for Outstanding Athlete of 1968.

Alumni members voted to establish and set aside a fund for mounting the old school bell and the mounting of the class pictures of the graduates. Anyone interested in donating may contact the treasurer, Mrs. Gulick.

Musical selections were rendered by the Tijuana Brass, composed of Mike Williamson, Harry Whitehead, Jim Stacey, Arthur Sims, Charlie Meier, all 1958 graduates.

William Lee Birch (1953) showed films of the Tahitian Islands, where he has visited and worked.

The dinner was prepared by the Bancroft Order of Eastern Stars and served on tables decorated with miniature Eagles perched on miniature logs and fall flowers by the high school students.

Mrs. Jack Granger and Mrs. Donna Sneed was in charge of the social hour that preceded the banquet.

The remainder of the evening was spent dancing.

# BYRON FORTY SIXTH ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ALUMNI BANQUET  
BYRON AREA HIGH SCHOOL  
October 21, 1967

## OFFICERS FOR 1967

President - Donald Shepard  
Vice-President - J.D. Raugh  
Secretary - Dianne Gerring  
Treasurer - Donna Russell

## MENU

Tomato Juice  
Roast Beef  
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Buttered Corn  
Molded Pineapple Salad  
Rolls  
Apple and Cherry Pie  
Tea and Coffee

Prepared by Bancroft O.E.S.  
Served by High School Students

## PROGRAM

Social Hour  
Invocation - George Vince  
Dinner  
General Business Meeting  
Election of Officers  
Roll Call of Classes  
Musical Selection - Jimmy Steenson  
Introduction of Past Teachers  
Introduction of Toastmaster - Donald Shepard  
Toastmaster - Doug Bodenbender  
Toast to Class of '67 - Everett Orr  
Response - Brian Orr  
Entertainment - Jimmy Steenson  
Speaker - Ron Hibbard  
Benediction - George Vince  
Dance - By "The Continentals"

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Let it be known throughout the land that on this Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1972, shall be held the 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Alumni Banquet of the Byron Alumni Assoc. The place of meeting shall be the Byron Elementary School Gym, with a punch hour beginning at 6:15 p.m. and the dinner hour at 7:30 p.m.

The banquet theme of this great event is to be, Red, White & Blue, Election '72.

A family style old fashioned roast beef dinner shall be prepared by the Bancroft Chapter OES and served by Durand Bethel Job's Daughters for this Gala event.

Those classes to be honored are:

Fifty-years-1922, Thirty-five-1937, Twenty-five years-1947, and 1972 Graduating Seniors and Adult Education graduates.

Entertainment by the First Fargo Club, and a skit by the Byron High Drama Students.



The 1972 officers and committee members, after much discussion, voted to send all graduates, with known addresses, an invitation to the 1972 banquet. Last year, 1273 invitations were sent, at a cost of \$101.84, with approximately 300 graduates and guests responding. The address file is gaining about 80 additional names per year. Therefore, it is becoming an expense we cannot afford, as well as, the difficult task of keeping the addresses current, not to mention the work involved in mailing that number of invitations. We feel some changes must be made and we should adjust to the times. An acknowledgment MUST be made either by reservation or request that one's name be retained on the mailing list. Where there is no response, names will be withdrawn from the mailing list. Graduating seniors will continue to receive an invitation. Maintaining our present Alumni Association Banquet standards is our deepest concern. We ask that it also be yours, with your understanding and continued support.

Each graduate of Byron High School may bring one guest. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. Please send reservation slip with remittance to: Mrs. Sharon Granger, Box 223, Byron, Michigan 48418 by Wednesday, October 18th, including any change of address.

Sincerely,

Sharon Granger,  
Association Secretary

# Oldest Byron High alumna will be 90 on Saturday

By ALICE LETHBRIDGE  
Journal Staff Writer

The oldest living member of Byron High School Alumni Association will celebrate her 90th birthday Saturday.

Ida M. Campbell, a Byron resident for 85 years, will have a quiet observance at Fenton Convalescent Home, where she has been since 1976.

Ida Fritz was born in Deerfield Center. In 1907, she was married to Lewis A. Campbell, a merchant and barber in Byron until his retirement in 1945. He died in 1958.

Mrs. Campbell was employed as Burns Twp. clerk for 24 years, retiring in 1974. She was chosen "Queen of Byron" that year for the Byron Sesquicentennial.

She is a member of the United Methodist Church of Byron and Circle One of King's Daughters. Her most firm belief is that "helping another will be returned to you doublefold."

Would she change her life if she could?

"No way would I change it!" she said. "It has been beautiful."

Her life has been made richer by her love of children and enjoyment of their company. Her secret for a long life is "a good breakfast and a verse from the Bible each day."

Mrs. Campbell has long enjoyed reading, trying out new recipes and doing sewing and needlework.

The most significant changes she has seen in her lifetime have come from the advent of the automobile and television.

"When we lived in Deerfield Center, it took us all day to get to Fenton with horses," she said.

Her father, Charles Fritz, owned the first automobile in the village of Byron, Mrs. Campbell said.

Her children are: Eva Hungerford of Fenton, and Beulah Sickles, Bud Campbell and Nola Spencer, all of Byron. There are six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



—Journal Photo

Mrs. Ida M. Campbell: "It has been beautiful"



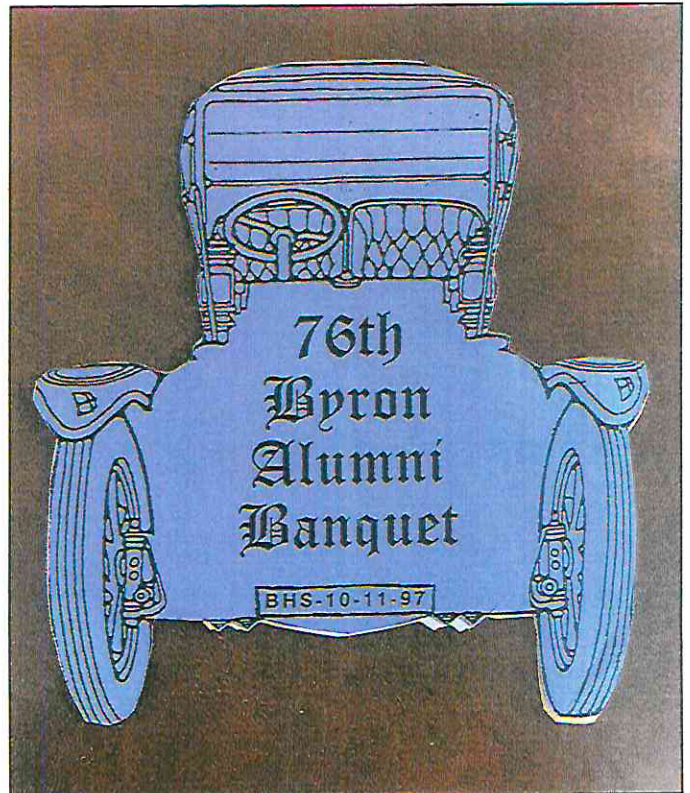
*Evelyn (Phillips) BHS 1978 & Gary Ward BHS 1970*

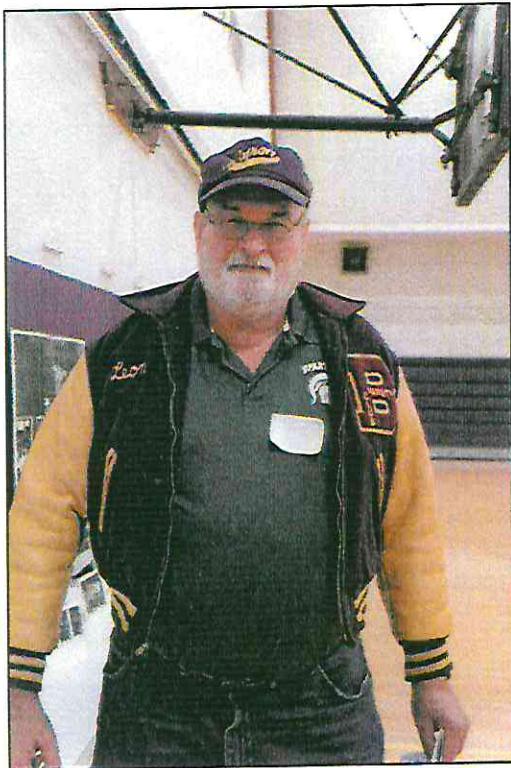
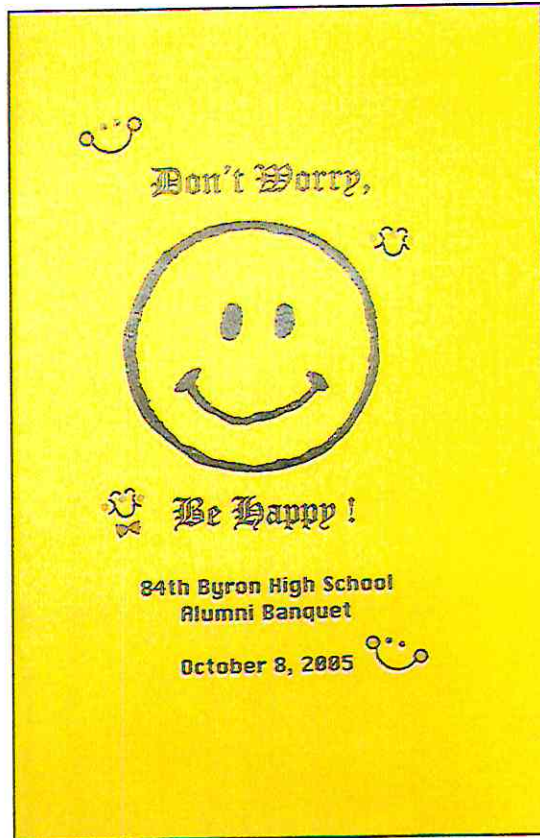
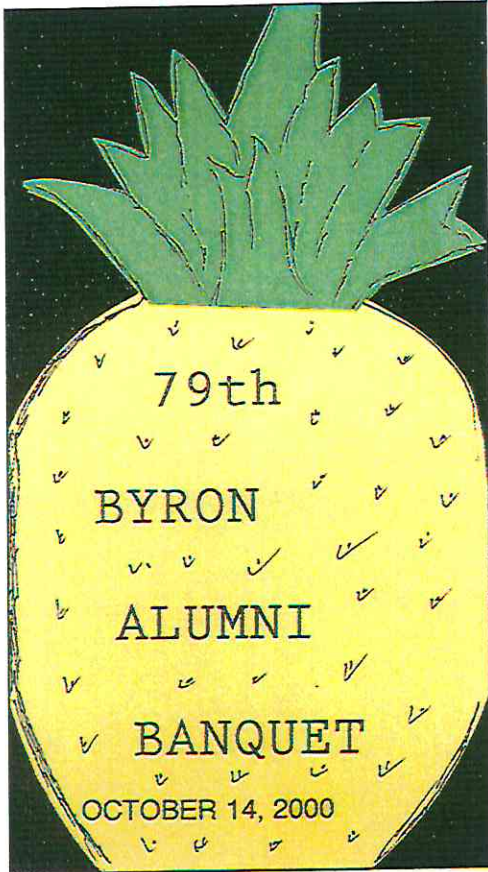


*Audrey (Lewis) Hodge BHS 1932, Clara Mae (DeFeyer) Bean BHS 1947, Lewis Hodge 2011 Banquet*



*Robert Blair BHS Class of 1960*





*Leon Wykes BHS Class of 1964*

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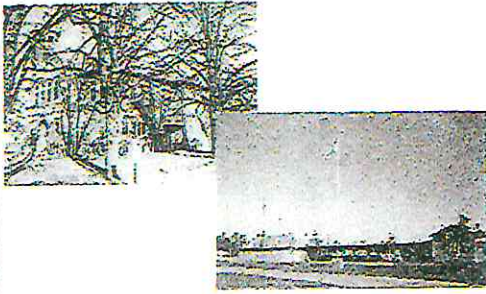


LILLIE MEIER DIECK, age 94, is thought to be the oldest living graduate of Byron Area High School. There were a total of 14 members in her graduating class of 1928.

Now of Swartz Creek, Mrs. Dieck joined members of the (Class of) 1952 Club for a luncheon at the Iron Horse Pub in Durand on Tuesday, Feb. 8. Members and guests for the meal numbered 15, plus a brief visit from Deborah Doyle, daughter of Byron resident Mary Edwards.

The Byron' 52 Club meets once a month at various locations around the area, with classmates now residing in several different towns. Mrs. And Mrs. Ernest Doyel drove the longest distance - from St. Helen, MI - for this gathering.

(Independent Photo/DONNA KLEIN)



WELCOME!

92ND BYRON HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI BANQUET

OCTOBER 12, 2013

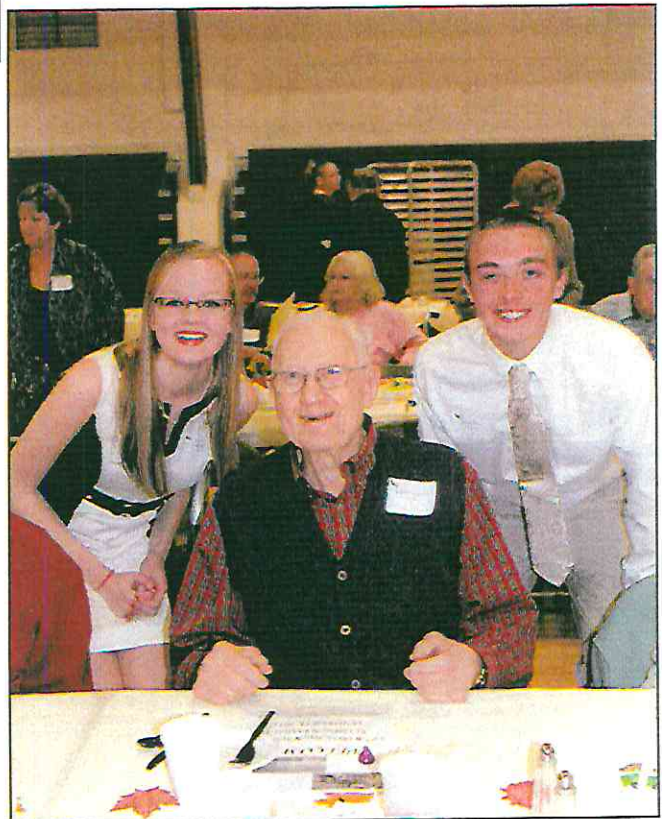
BYRON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM





*Lucille (Skinner) Bancroft BHS 1952,  
Ted Richardson, Mary (Richardson) Edwards  
BHS 1952*



*Lauren Miller BHS Class 2014, Robert Braden  
BHS Class of 1939, Austin Davis BHS Class 2014*





**100th Byron Alumni Banquet**

Saturday, Oct. 8th, 2022  
 Social Hour 12:00 Noon  
 Dinner 1:00 P.M.  
 Byron Elementary School Gym  
 Cost: \$15.00 per Person  
 Contact: Judy Bowers (517-242-2790)

Join us in October to visit with classmates, friends, and other BHS Alumni. Honored Classes this year, Class of 2022, 50th Golden Anniversary Class 1972, Special Recognition to the following classes, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, and the class of 1997. (Class of 2022 Graduates will be admitted free. However, reservations are required, so please complete and return the form below). All school employees past and present are also invited.

If you know of anyone that has moved or passed away, please share the information. Drop us a line, let us know how you are.

Please return reservation form with payment by September 24, 2022. Walk-ins are welcome, however it is important that we make preparations so please make reservations if possible.


Mail Completed Reservation form with your check to:  
 Byron Alumni Association  
 P.O. Box 143  
 Byron, MI 48418

Name of alumni attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Graduated (if also alumni): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of attendees: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed (\$15.00 Each): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nomination For Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient: (please give pertinent information of nominee to help with selection) Include your phone number please  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Criteria for award: BHS alumnus, nominated by BHS alumnus. Dedicated to the Byron Alumni Assoc., Village of Byron, or Byron School by going above and beyond, thru volunteering of their time, energy or resources.

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### Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

1997—Shirley (Tower) Mack	1955	2009—Debra (Morse) Beretz	1968
1998—George Vince	1961	2010—Cheryl (Bohman) Green	1966
1999—Robert Braden	1939	2011—Judy (Blair) Bowers	1966
S. Lester Fowler	1923	2012—Patricia (DeVoe) Bowers	1952
2000—Marvin Mack	1953	2013—Larry Judson	1967
2001—George Vince	1941	2014—Beverly (Johnson) Miller	1989
2002—Charlie Waltz	1935	2015—Bethany (Cole) Carr	1928
2003—Lelah May (Palmer) Fisher	1925	2015—Tara Farfush	1987
2004—Eloise (Williams) White	1952	2017—Sharon (Harris) Granger	1948
2006—Michael Parker	1974	2018—Everett Heath	1975
2007—Robert Campbell	1973	2019—Donald Warner	1966
2008—Robert Skunner	1953	2021—Kath Ann Hubbard Oliver	1957



Bud Campbell BHS 1941 and Rick Root BHS 1962 built a brick foundation to display the bell and corner stone from the Union School. (Left below) In July of 2016 it was in disrepair, Everett Heath BHS 1975 & Ken Lewis BHS 1977 replaced it. Josh Russell BHS 2000 provided the cover for the foundation. A time capsule is in the foundation to be open at Byron's 250th Anniversary in 2074. Many things are included 3 metal hooks from the old Byron hotel railing, dishes from the Kings Daughters, Byron History books, Newspaper from the day it was sealed 9-19-2016, hundreds of pictures, the bell clapper, pictures drawn by elementary students and many other items.



Emails were made for the time capsule, will they still be around in 2074?? The users name and password were put in the time capsule and in September 2022, six years later they are still working. If you wish to send a email, know that it will be seen by the keeper of the emails.

[byrontimecapsule@gmail.com](mailto:byrontimecapsule@gmail.com)

[byrontimecapsule@yahoo.com](mailto:byrontimecapsule@yahoo.com)

Children that should be alive at the opening of the time capsule



*Thanks to  
Byron Area School  
Emily (Eddy) Hibbard's Collection BHS 1928  
Sharron (Harris) Granger's Collection BHS 1948  
Mary Ann (Sutter) Judson BHS 1975  
Bethany (Cole) Carr BHS 1988*

*Please check our Facebook page  
Byron Alumni Association*

*We have most of the yearbooks on Facebook  
First yearbooks 1936, 1937, no yearbooks published from 1938-1946, we have 1947-1989, missing 90,  
92, 93, have 1991, and 1994-2015 in albums on our page.*

### *Byron School Song*

*We're loyal to you, Byron High  
To the Purple and Gold, Byron High  
We'll back you to stand,  
You're the best in the land,  
For we know you are grand, Byron High  
RAH, RAH,  
So dash down the field, Byron High  
Go crashing ahead, Byron High  
Our team is the best in the land  
So on boys, for we expect a victory  
From you, Byron High.*

## My Little Town

How can I describe it, my little town,  
Partly built up, partly run down?  
Quite like a jolly old man with new gloves and shoes,  
But his old suit is worn and tattered and used.

The Sidewalks are cracked and in need of repair,  
But there are happy shouts of children there.  
The old folks nap, or gossip and muse  
O're memories long past or the latest news.

There's a river runs through my little town,  
It flows from the east and meanders around  
In back of the stores, on across the land,  
And there's fishing a-plenty for boy and man.

People go to church on Sunday morn,  
An oft through the week the church lights are on  
For this sort of gathering and that sort of meet,  
To worship the Lord or discuss the next week.

Folks who pass through my little town  
Give it half a thought as they glance around,  
But they don't know of the bustle and labor,  
Of the "do unto others" and concern for your neighbor.

The river, the bridges, the trees, the flowers,  
The Big Dam, the Little Dam, where I spent happy hours,  
Old faces, young faces, new friends and old,  
Sift through my memory like colors, some subdued, others bold.

It's been years since I've lived in my little town,  
That's partly built up, partly run down,  
But my Childhood is there and this I have learned,  
My Cup Runneth over each time I return.

By Gretchen BeDen Gregory

This poem about Byron was written by Gretchen BeDen Gregory,  
who grew up in Byron and graduated in 1950.

