



Can Wanjina



DEDICATION

To our parents whose help and guidance have helped us throughout our activities, who have always urged us on, we dedicate this first edition of "CAN WANJINA".



PORTALS OF LEARNING

FORWARD

The yearbook staff and class of 1939 has published this book as a record of the people and the affairs of the people of Blunt high school. It contains pictures and stories of all classes, each activity, all athletics, every organization, and faculty members, with special attention focused upon the senior class. We hope this book has achieved its purpose and that it has given the above data, leaving a complete memory of one of the happiest years of your life at Blunt.



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*One day you'll
 become great and then
 who knows? Bantz, look
 Marsh*

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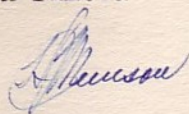
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Declamation.



SENIORS



Otto Albertus Blunt

Advocate Staff
 12 yrs. in Blunt-School
 One Act Plays-----'39
 Class Play-----'39

"Bring 'em Back Alive"

Marjorie Marsh Blunt



M.M.

Sect.-Treas. of Class
 12 yrs. Blunt Student
 One Act Plays-----'39
 Class Play-----'39
 Grade Ed. P-G-----'35

"Never alone, her ideas
 are always with her."

Mabel Schaap Blunt



Chorus 3,4
 One Act Plays-----'39
 Bus. Mang. Class
 Play---'39
 12 yr. student in Blunt

"Good nature is of daily use"

Helen Schroer Blunt



Assoc. Ed., yearbook '39
 Advocate-----'39
 Band 3,4
 Class Play-----'39

"Progress with a Smile"

*Helen Jean Small
"Dorm gal"*



Helen Jean Small Blunt
Valedictorian
As. Ed., & Ed. P & G '38-39
V. Pres. Student Council.
One Act Plays -- Jr. & Sr.
Plays-----'39
Cheer Leader

"McIntyre, Lipman, Mac Fayden,
Dorothy Thompson,--of course
Helen Jean Small, too."

*Marjorie
March*



Blaine Westlund Blunt
Advocate 3,4
Yearbook 4
One Act Plays '39
"Ready-Made Family" '39

"Sincerety is the keynote
to success"

*Blaine Westlund
Clarence Westlund
Eds*



Clarence Westlund Blunt
Salutatorian
12 yr. Blunt student
Advocate Staff 3,4
Ed. in Chief Yearbook,4
Band 1,2,3,4 Chorus 1,4
One Act Plays----'39
Class Play-----'39

"Persistence ultimately
Wins"

*Donald
Wies
me + only"*



Donald Wies Blunt
Hon. B.B. Cap't. 4
Pres. Sr. Class
Pres. Student Council,4
Bus. Mangr. Yearbook, 4
Advocate, 3,4
Band and Chorus, 1,2,3,4
One Act plays, Sr. Play '39

"Great men posses Altruistic
tendencies--Don is a natural"

Class Will of '39

Be it herewith known that we the undersigned, the Senior Class of Blunt high school for 1939, in sound minds and bodies make this last will and testament. The seniors will their ever pleasing personalities to the junior class and hope that they will be equally dependable in their senior year. Individual gifts are as follows:

Helen Jean Small wills her great journalistic abilities to Dorothy Westlund in the hopes that she might keep up the good reputation of that great paper, the Advocate.

Donald Wies wills his great speaking ability to Alvin Nicholson in the hopes that he will become a great orator.

Blaine Westlund wills his great typing ability to Virgil Crain and Warren Leeper and request that they make good use of it for their own good.

Donald Wies and Clarence Westlund will their musical ability to Bill Parks, Robert Wies, and Wilmer Shore--share and share alike.

Otto Albertus wills his artistic ability to LeRoy Miller with the hope that he will use it to best advantage.

Marjorie Marsh wills her good looks to all the junior girls so their boy friends will give them more attention.

Mabel Schaap wills her burlesque dancing career to Dorothy Welch so that she might attract the attention of the boys.

Helen Schroer wills her charming smile to Florence Beckley and Gloria Kitchen, to divide evenly, and to make Blunt high school very pleasant next year.

Thus we have bequeathed our capabilities to the senior class of 1940. We trust that they will, in faith, accept them and carry them thru with the greatest of enthusiasm.

Attached hereto is our seal--

Senior Class '39



JUNIORS



JUNIORS

Back Row--*Bill Parks, Warren Leeper*
Bill Parks, Warren Leeper, Virgil Crain, Alvin Nicholson, and Robert Wies.

Second---LeRoy Miller, Miss Bodal, Wilmer Shore.

Front----Dorothy Westlund, Florence Beckley, Gloria Kitchen, Doris Colier, and Dorothy Welch.

Virgil Crain

Class Officers

- President..... *Alvin Nicholson* *Get em on the 7g*
- Vice President..... *Wilmer Shore* *W. Shore*
- Secretary and Treasurer.... *Dorothy Westlund*
- Advisor..... *Miss Bodal*

"Remember the election of '39"

Dorothy Welch

Gloria Kitchen

Robert Wies

JUNIORS

Twelve Juniors enrolled last fall in Blunt High School in the hopes of completing the eleventh year of their school life.

This class is represented on the Purple and Gold Staff by Associate Editor, Dorothy Westlund; Society Editor Dorothy Welch; and by four reporters. Five members of the basketball squad, William Parks, Warren Leeper, Robert Wies, Virgil Crain, and Alvin Nicholson; four from the band, Dorothy Westlund, William Parks, Wilmer Shore, and Robert Wies; and eight from the chorus, Dorothy Westlund, Gloria Kitchen, Florence Beckley, Doris Colier, Robert Wies, Wilmer Shore, LeRoy Miller, and William Parks also come from this class. Juniors on the student council are: Dorothy Westlund, Wilmer Shore, and Robert Wies.

Accomplishments for the year include a very, successful party given for the seniors and faculty; A play, "The Tin Hero," and the farewell from the Juniors to the Seniors, the annual Junior-Senior Banquet.

The Juniors will be remembered for their salesmanship, humor, and outstanding dependability. These points should make a very successful Senior Class for 1940. Miss Bodal is the Junior Class Advisor.

PROPHECY

The Junior Class were Cony Island visitors on a recent outing and one of the attractions was the crystal gazer, who down through the centuries, has foretold the future of various people. Alvin, the class president, asked to see the senior class five years hence. The old Crystal gazer called the name of Otto Albertus, and after becoming very cloudy, the crystal became clear and the image of Otto boomed out. He is somewhat older but still the same friendly boy; he sat very still on the bank of a small creek in the "sticks" of Dakota. He seemed to be fishing; beside him was a small home made cart for bringing home the fish. Otto Yawned, looked at his pole and went back to sleep.

Clarence Westlund was the next face in the crystal. He has turned out to be a modern Jitterbug ever since his actions in the senior play. He has become one of these hard to hold down types. At the time we saw him, he was dancing the jitterbug with a fuzzy blonde, at the Hotel Sherman, on the shores of Lake Michigan, in Chicago.

Helen Schroer was next called to our attention. She was smiling or rather posing for a tooth paste company. The photographer was the well known Donald Wies, another member of the class of '39. It looked as though this was working overtime.

Wilmer asked to see the remaining female members of the class, and as we gazed into the magic crystal, their images gradually formed. Helen Jean Small was seen in an artists smock, and tam. Her

long capable fingers held a paint brush; She was busy sketching the picture of pretty Marjorie Marsh, who seemed to have grown tired of posing. It seemed, since the two girls roomed together while in Blunt high school, they just couldn't--be separated. The last female member is Mabel Schaap, and we found her on Broadway, in New York. She has a job in burlesque. Ever since her success in "Willo-The-Wisp," she has taken a fancy to this kind of dancing.

The remaining member of the dear class of 1939 is Blaine Westlund. He is a typist for a big newspaper in Brooklyn, New York. His skillful typing had gained for him a good position; and what a relief after having tried to work around those noisy junior girls in his senior year at Blunt high. Thus faded the clouds in the Crystal, and we moved on.

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Then Outfielder

Mr. Munson: So you have been singing in the choir?

Bill Parks: Yes.

Mr. Munson: What part?

Bill Parks: Well, I went in as first bass, but they changed it to short stop when they heard my voice.



SOPHOMORES

Alvin E. Boudal

Bernard J. Weeks
Francis Ericson



Helen Svrko

Edto Albertus

Wayne Baumgart

Victor Maxey
Dean Parks

Back Row--Burton Parks, Teddy Albertus, Victor Maxey, Gilbert Shore, and Mr. Biatch.
3rd Row--Dean, Parks, Wayne Baumgart, Antoinette Chaney, Gertrude Clark, and Helen Svrko.

Donna Wier

2nd Row---Dorothy Wies, Robert Marsh, Edith Clark, Frances Ericson, and Irene Nicholson.

Richard Small

Front Row--Kieth Small, Wayne Pool, Raymond Marshall, and Charles Schroer.

Edith Clark

Irene Nicholson

Gilbert Shore

CLASS OFFICERS

- President..... Bob Marsh
- Vice President..... Raymond Marshall
- Sec. and Treas..... Gertrude Clark
- Adviser..... Mr. Biatch

Charles Schroer
Burton Parks
Teddy Albertus

He Can Who Thinks He Can

"He can who thinks he can."

*Is a motto all should know.
For within the bounds of reason
It is almost always so.*

*Columbus sailed across the sea
When sailing was not good.
The reason he succeeded was
Because he thought he could.*

*If he had said: "It can't be done."
Or, "It's too hard for me,"
He never would have lived to see
His boats sail across the sea.*

*Columbus said, "It can be done."
"And I am just the man."
This, then, should be our motto, too
"He can who thinks he can."*

J. A. SWISHER

SOPHOMORES

The Freshmen class of 1938 included 15 members. It was initiated into the high school by what was the Sophomore class then, and what is the Junior class now. This year it has increased to 18 members, and they all got their revenge from last year by initiating the Freshmen into the high school this year.

Raymond Marshall is the outstanding Sophomore, mentally, so the records show. If the class isn't careful, it will have developed an honest to goodness Einstein. Antoinette Chaney is one leader of the class, and she is quite the pace setter for some of the other members. Burton, a natural, is the class mechanic, and he certainly knows his engines. The rest of the class is not a dull group by any means. The Clark sisters can be depended upon, and they surely keep the going strong. Dorothy Wies is a dependable young lady who helps the class maintain its status quo. Of course, we must mention Wayne Pool who talks himself into anything--usually a jam, which he can't get out of. The rest of the members, such as Charles Schroer, Wayne Baumgart, Gilbert Shore and others with athletic interests, such as Keith Small make this class a very good one and largest in high school. Mr. Biatch is advisor of this class.



FRESHMEN

Ken. Marsh



Norma Erickson

FRESHMAN

Bill Kirsch
Doris Hillmer
Jim Allison

Front: Floyd Kietzman, Norma Erickson, Jim Allison

2nd : Kenneth Marsh, Hope Westlund, Lorraine Kozel, Fern Furlow, Maxine Krell, Thelma Osterkamp, Marie Leesman

Back : Marian Parks, Marie Leesman, Mr. Weeks, Bryan Maxey, Wm. Kirsch.

Floyd Kietzman

Bryan Maxey

Class Officers

President:..... Marian Parks

Vice President:..... Hope Westlund

Secretary:..... Doris Hillmer

Treasurer:..... Lorraine Kozel

Advisor:..... Mr. Weeks

FRESHMAN

When the year opened, the freshman class had an enrollment of thirteen, including 9 girls and 4 boys. They brought their total to fourteen with the addition of Bryan Maxey who came from Howard Lake, Minnesota. Out of this number, 6 were graduated from the 8th grades of other schools.

Iniation was their biggest event when the sophomores held a Kangaroo Court before the high school on October 15. Each freshman was summoned before the court to do his part in the entertainment. Kenneth Marsh recited a nursery rhyme, Floyd Kietzman sang about his pony, Thelma Osterkamp ran around the assembly balancing an egg on her head. Fern said she had 5 boy friends including the superintendent; Doris Hilmer hopped around assembly on one leg with ease; Hope Westlund rode a tricycle on the stage; Norma Erickson imitated the Dance of Spring and Marian Parks skipped around assembly. Jimmy Allison, Bill Kirsch, Lorraine Kozel, and Maxine Krell enjoyed pushing an onion around the floor with their nose.

All of the freshman are engaged in some activity taking part in chorus, basketball, declam, band, and physical education.

Bright

Miss Bantz: "Jimmie, I wouldn't slide down the banisters like that if I were you."

Jimmie A. : "Well, Miss Bantz, how would you do it,"



ELEMENTARY GRADES

Lorraine Howard



Seventh and Eighth Grades

1st Row--Kieth Welch, Eleanor Wies, Kathleen Maciejewski, Irene Miles, and Teddy Albright.

2nd Row--Mabel Burger, Caroline Johnson, Lorraine Kozel, Lorraine Nicholson, Jean Osterkamp, and Miss Bantz.

3rd Row--Vincent Kirsch, Ferdinand Albertus, Leonard McMahan, Harrold Miller, Oscar Bakkie, Kenneth Howard, Wesley Johnson, and Lester Donner

CLASS OFFICERS

- President..... Kathleen Maciejewski
- Vice President..... Irene Miles
- Sec. & Treas..... Eleanor Wies
- Advisor..... Miss Bantz

Lorraine Nicholson
Harrold Miller
Leonard McMahan
Jean Osterkamp
Irene Miles
Jack Westlund

Vincent Kirsch
Ferdinand Albertus
Lester Donner

Kieth Welch

Chester Kleinschmidt

Raymond Besshat

and Albertus
of the

The Seventh and Eighth Grades enrolled with 21 students, seven seventh graders and fourteen eighth graders. Lorraine Nicholson was a new member this year.

A Valentine's Party was the first activities of the year. The Seventh Grade gave the eighth grade a farewell party May 11.

Those represented in the local declamation contest were: Irene Miles, Lorraine Nicholson, Kathleen Maciejewski, Eleanor Wies, Teddy Albright and Jack Westlund.

Jack Westlund and Irene Miles won in the local elimination content therefore they represented the seventh and eighth grades of Blunt in Harrold, April 1, 1939. Jack Westlund placed second at Harrold. He competed in the contest at Canning April 12, 1939.

Jack Westlund and Keith Welch from the eighth grade and Lorraine Howard and Jean Osterkamp from the seventh grade represented Blunt in the spelling contest April 12, 1939, Declamatory and Spelling students were coached by Mr. Bernard J. Weeks.

Irene Miles, Kathleen Maciejewski and Lorraine Howard were chosen as delegates to represent the Blunt seventh and eighth grades at the Y. C. L. convention, which was held in Pierre Saturday, April 22.

Miss Elizabeth Bantz is the advisor of the Seventh and Eighth Grade class.

SELF-CONSCIOUS TEDDY

Mr. Blatch: "Teddy, now you have in front of you the North, on your right the East, on your left the West, now what have you behind you?"

Teddy: "A patch in my pants--I told Mother you'd see it."

Grades 1-6

As the school year opened, we found 64 pupils in the first six grades, 15 in the 1st and 2nd grades, 26 in the 3rd and 4th and 23 in the 5th and 6th.

All six grades were represented in the carnival play, "Autumn Fantasy." At the Community Christmas program, they put on the play, "Mother Goose's Christmas." They also presented the operetta, "Tom Sawyer." in which Billy Kjer took the part of Tom Columba Chaney, the part of Aung Polly and Gladys Donner took the part of Becky Thatcher.

All six grades were represented in the YCL contests held in Canning, Wednesday, April 12. Darrell Welch, from the 5th and 6th grades took first place in spelling. In the 3rd and 4th grades, Darlene McIlravy was rated excellent in speaking, while in spelling Ramona Big Eagle rated 1st and Patsy Mercer took second. Russoll Johnson represented the 1st and 2nd grades in speaking but did not place.

Each room had its own Halloween party, Christmas party and Valentines party. They also gave a Mother's Day Tea. Their last big event was the all school picnic. Miss Olive Harris teaches the 1st and 2nd grades, Miss Greta McCoy the 3rd and 4th, and Miss Helen M. Smith the 5th and 6th.


TOO SPEEDY

Miss Harris: (to-seven-year-old) "So you have broken off a tooth, have you? How did you do it?"

Francis Griffin: "Oh, shifting gears on a lolly-pop."



ATHLETICS



Back Row--Robert Wies, Victor Maxey, Alvin
Nicholson, Burton Parks, William
Kirsch, Mr. Biatch.
Front Row--Warren Leeper, Virgil Crain, Donald
Wies, William Parks, and Dean Parks.
Leonard McMahan

BASKETBALL

Blunt played through the 38-39 season winning 9 games and losing 6 in the conference, finishing in fifth place.

The team got off to a good start winning the first 3 games then losing to Agar, because of their power having all players with 3 years of experience. After this there was a let down for Blunt, but during the latter part of the season regained some of its lost form and played a better brand of ball.

We look for Blunt to have a team that will go far in the conference the coming season, losing only one letterman by graduation; Donald Wies played as one of our most capable guards. For Blunt Virgil Crain led the team in scoring with 206 points. This record was better than any made by a Blunt player to date.

Ft.Pierre	21	BHS	42	Onida	39	BHS	24
Ree Heights	13	BHS	25	Canning	10	BHS	17
Stephan Ind	34	BHS	47	Harrold	15	BHS	28
Agar	37	BHS	18	St.Lawrence	25	BHS	21
Harrold	15	BHS	28	Ft.Pierre	43	BHS	41
Ree Heights	36	BHS	28	Pierre "B"	25	BHS	33
Agar	28	BHS	20	Onida	47	BHS	17
Pierre "B"	25	BHS	15	Pierre Ind	45	BHS	28
Canning	10	BHS	32	Pierre Ind	42	BHS	22
St.Lawrence	11	BHS	27	Opponents	<u>302</u>	BHS	<u>258</u>

*Do not count in conference standings.

Second Team

The second team played a schedule of 13 games having a record of 3 wins and 10 defeats. Those playing on the second team were Victor Maxey, Keith Small, Leonard McMahan, Dean Parks, Robert Wies, and William Kirsch.

This team looks very promising and with another year's experience and the help of 4 lettermen returning should carry on well for the Purple and Gold.

Ree Heights	19	BHS	7	St.Lawrence	23	BHS	14
Stephan Ind	29	BHS	18	Canning	10	BHS	28
Agar	19	BHS	10	Harrold	12	BHS	9
Harrold	4	BHS	14	St.Lawrence	18	BHS	14
Ree Heights	30	BHS	22	Pierre Ind	45	BHS	9
Agar	24	BHS	18	Pierre Ind	17	BHS	1
Canning	9	BHS	13	Opponents	<u>259</u>	BHS	<u>175</u>

Conference Tournament Scores

Blunt 22 Ree Heights 19

Blunt 19 Agar 29

District Tournament

Blunt 21 Gettysburg 15

Blunt 29 Pierre Ind 32

Conference Tournament

Pierre Indians won the Championship of the Little Central Conference Tournament winning from Agar in the finals. Ree Heights won the consolation trophy. Agar had the misfortune of losing one of their players, Kane, by an ankle injury in the first part of the championship game.

Midgets

The midgets have had special practice sessions in basketball during the year and have given us entertainment in preliminary games.

Those playing on the midget team were Kenny Howard 8th grader, Keith Welch 8, Oscar Bakkie 8, Lester Donner 8, Donny McMahan 5, Wayne Pool, sophomore. Donald Welch 6, Hugh Crain 4, Jimmie Howard 3, Melvin Allison 5, Jerome Maciejewski 5, and Bennie Berger 6. Kenneth Howard and Wayne Pool look like very promising material for the future teams of Blunt. Oscar Bakkie's size and accurate eye will in time be an aid to the team, as will Donald Welch's and Hugh Crain's teamwork. Melvin Allison is coming right along, and his fighting spirit will be a necessary help for any team. Don McMahan promises to help the boys by his fighting spirit and teamwork. The Midgets enjoyed their basketball all season.

Girls Phy Ed.

The girls physical education class under the instruction of Miss Bodal met regularly during the year.

They played 3 kittenball games, two with Canning and one with Harrold. Winning from Canning gave them one win out of 3 games played.

Other things they did in Physical Education were practicing basketball and doing exercises.

Led by the cheer leaders, a pep club was organized and entertainment was put on between halves of the first team games during the basketball season. For the spring program, plans were made and carried out for Kittenball games and hikes.

GLORY FOR BLUNT

Blunt against the Agar team,
That Agar will win the chances seem.
At the last of the ninth it's nine to eight
And then Blunt moves up to the plate.

First to bat is Virgil Crain,
When it's his turn Blunt's sure to gain.
He hits it and it smoothly glides,
And on to second Virgil slides.

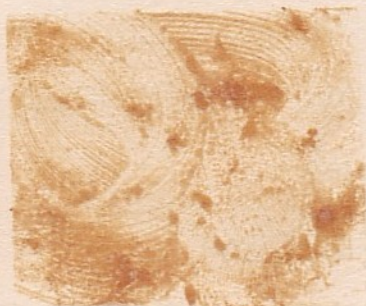
Next to bat is Billy Parks,
In baseball he has his high marks.
Billy hits but he mistakes it,
It goes way up and Agar takes it.

Donald Wies strolls to the plate,
With a slow and easy gait.
The pitcher winds and lets it go,
And Wies gives it a mighty blow.

It goes way up so smooth and light,
And almost goes beyond eyesight.
By the time it comes back to the ground,
Wies is on his way around.

You may think this is a story,
Told by me to give Blunt glory.
If you can't believe it, watch them play,
And you will never forget that day.

--By Wayne Baumgart



DIAMOND BALL TEAM

Back Row-Don Wies cf, Virgil Crain ss, Robert Wies c, Alvin Nicholson lb, Burton Parks 2b, Clarence Westlund 3b, and Bill Parks lf.

Front Row-Wm. Kirsch 2b, Raymond Marshall ss, Dean Parks rs, Keith Small p, Wayne Pool rf, Leonard McMahan 2b, and Oscar Bakkie rf.

1938 Diamond Ball Scores

Harrold 13	Blunt 16	Harrold 5	Blunt 14
Canning 3	Blunt 20	Agar 4	Blunt 2
Canning 15	Blunt 16	Agar 5	Blunt 13
		Oppon. <u>45</u>	Blunt <u>81</u>

The 1938 Diamond ball team came through with a successful season having lost only one game during the year. This was a close 4 to 2 decision to the Agar ten.

Blunt has had the rare distinction of losing only one game during the past 5 seasons.

We are looking forward to another strong team next year with but two graduating, Clarence Westlund third baseman and Donald Wies Captain and centerfielder of the team.



ACTIVITIES

STUDENT COUNCIL

For the last four years Blunt High School has been governed by a Student Council which consists of five students and one faculty member. This organization has a president, vice president, a secretary and treasurer, and two other members chosen from the student body at large. This form of government gives the students a chance to run their own school on a democratic basis, working out such problems of government that may arise during the year.

Donald Wies was chosen president by the student body during an assembly meeting early in September. Helen Jean Small was chosen Vice President, Dorothy Westlund secretary and Treasurer, and Robert Wies and Wilmer Shore were chosen from the student body as the other two members from the student body at large. Mr. Biatch is the faculty advisor for this group.

The members are all active, helping with all the major activities of the school such as advertising for shows, plays and taking complete charge of assisting the work for the carnival. One important system worked out by halls; i. e., for each hour of the day there are students taking roll, and giving permission to speak. Anyone who breaks the governing rules as set down by the council must come before the council court.



1st Row: Donald Wies, Helen Schroer, and Blaine Westlund,
2nd Row: Clarence Westlund, Alvin Nicholson, and Mr. Biatch.

"CAN WANJINA"

STAFF

Editor-in-Chief	Clarence Westlund
Associate Editor	Helen Schroer
Sports Editor	Blaine Westlund
Business Manager	Donald Wies
Assistant Bus. Mgr.	Alvin Nicholson
Faculty Adviser	Maurice Biatch

The "Can Wanjina" staff of 1939 included Donald Wies, Clarence Westlund, Blaine Westlund, and Helen Schroer, members of the Senior Class, and Alvin Nicholson of the Junior Class. All of these students experienced newspaper work, having taken journalism, and working on the weekly paper of Blunt. The staff was well organized, each member being thoroughly acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of his office. General and divisional staff meetings were held frequently so that each department of the staff knew how other departments were progressing, also taking advantage of helpful suggestions and exchanges of ideas.

The staff operated mainly in three departments--the editorial department which included gathering material, writoups, and general make-up; the Business department which included work with the budget, subscriptions, and sales advertising; and the Craft department which did such work as typing, photographing, proof reading, and mimeograph operating. Each member of the staff cooperated for the progress of the whole group.



Back Row---James Allison, Leonard McMahan, Mr. Munson, Bryan Maxey, and Dorothy Westlund.

Front Row---William Parks, Robert Wies, Wilmer Shore, Dean Parks, Donald Wies, Antoinette Chaney, Charles Schroer, Kenneth Howard, Clarence Westlund, and Chester Kleinschmidt.

The High School Band under the direction of Supt. Munson has progressed quite rapidly despite the fact, that the organization lost several of the first chair members by graduation last year.

This spring several band clinics have been held at various towns around Blunt; the bands from these different high schools meet and play several numbers together. The massed members will meet and play at the music festival which will be held April 29 at Pierre. The Blunt high school band will be represented at the music festival as will be about twenty other high school bands. Such numbers as "The Prince and the Jester," "King Arther," "Dublin Holiday," and "St. Julian" will be played.



GLEE CLUB

Back Row--Dean Parks, Donald Wies, Victor Maxey, Bryan Maxey, Clarence Westlund, Gilbert Shore, and Chester Kleinschmidt.

4th Row---Mr. Weeks, LeRoy Miller, Kenneth Marsh, William Parks, Robert Wies, Wayne Baumgart, and Wilmer Shore.

3rd Row---Lorraine Nicholson, Helen Svrko, Mabel Schaap, Gloria Kitchen, Dorothy Wies, and Gertrude Clark.

2nd Row---Irene Nicholson, Edith Clar, Antoinette Chaney, Florence Beckley, Maxine Krell, and Doris Colier.

Front Row--Thelma Osterkamp, Kathleen Maciejewski, Irene Miles, Eleanor Wies, Hope Westlund, and Dorothy Westlund.

The Blunt high school glee club is made up of thirty-three members, who are under the direction of Mr. Weeks. The Mixed chorus, boys and girls glee club will sing at the Music Festival in Pierre, April 29.

The mixed chorus will sign "By Bend of River", "As Torrents in Summer", and "Roll on River". The boys glee club has sang "La Cucaracha" and "The Sea Gypsy", while the girls will sing "In Silent Night".

SAXETTES

Under the direction of Mr. Munson, a Saxettes group was organized this year. This training was to teach the grade students the rudiments of music, and eventually, to develop them good enough to take part in the high school band. The instrument is a small one, produces a clear, full tone, and serves as a basis for playing any other instrument. Those taking part in the Saxette Band were Lois Osterkamp, Frances Peterson, Vincent Welch, James Howard, Lavon Kozel, Eldon Nicholson, Louise Kozel, Billy Kjer, Patsy Mercer, Robert Crain, Marian Miller, Cecil Kirsch, Ramona Big Eagle, Phyllis Merritt, Joyce Furlow, Norma Osterkamp, Lloyd Nicholson, Kenneth Parks, Jerome Maciejewski, Robert Halsey, Darrell Welch, Luther Big Eagle, Melvin Allison, Ramona Schmidt, Donald Mc Mahan, and Bennie Burger.

SPRING

Ma's hens are hatching
So Pa's a batching
My clothes need patching
A cold I'm catching
Some sleep I'm snatching
And my flannels are scratching.

--By Wayne Pool

KITTY


Teacher: Sonny can you describe an octopus
Sonny : An 8 legged cat.

DECLAMATORY

Twelve people entered the local elimination contest held here November 3.

In the Dramatics division Fern Furlow, Lorraine Kozel and Maxine Krell were the entrants. Gilbert Shore, Keith Small, Doris Hilmer, and Norma Erickson in the humorous; Victory Maxey, Wilmer Shore, Wayne Pool, and Marian Parks in the Oratory; and Dorothy Wies in the Poetry.

Maxine Krell won in her division, giving the selection "Taking Joy Home". Dorothy Wies with no competition presented "The Pencil Seller". Wayne Pool placed with "Youth Speaks," and Gilbert Shore won in his division with the humorous selection "Mr. Hay's Memory System". Winning in their respective divisions gave the contestants the opportunity to compete in the District Contest held at Onida November 14. Miss McCoy coached the contestants.



Purple and Gold Staff of 1938 and '39

First row: Dorothy Westlund, associate editor; Helen Jean Small, editor-in-chief.

Second row: Miss Bantz, adviser; Lorraine Kozel, grade editor; Gloria Kitchen, reporter; Fern Furlow, exchange editor; Helen Schroer, Mabel Schaap, reporter; Dorothy Welch, society editor.

Third row: Blaine Westlund, sports editor; Victor Maxey, reporter; Clarence Westlund, typist; Alvin Nicholson, reporter; and Donald Wies activities editor.

School news has been printed in the Blunt Advocate for 12 years. The first write-up written by the school was in the January 20, 1937, issue of the Advocate. It was a one column section headed by "School Notes." It included news of the school, sports and other happenings. The first "Purple and Gold" section appeared October 25, 1928, almost a year later.

This section was from two to three columns headed with a 2-column head in bold face type, "PURPLE AND GOLD".

The next 4 years found little change, including--jokes, school news, grade notes, sports other happenings and reports. The next two years found some change in the column.

The 1931-'32 edition found a change in the head. It now ran clear across the column, being two to four columns.

A great change took place in '33 and '34. It changed to a five--column paper with a head running clear across. It contained more news and introduced feature material.

Thirty-five and Thirty-six introduced the journalistic style of writing rather than the literary style. Miss Elizabeth Bantz, our present faculty adviser, started work here that year. Also in this year the Blunt Advocate was bought by Mr. W. S. Leeper, and he turned the rights over to the school. The school sends all the Blunt write--ups as well as the Purple and Gold articles to be printed by the Hippie Printing Co. of Pierre.

For the last three years delegates have been sent to the State SDHSPA meeting held at Brookings each year, and this year for the first time delegates were sent to the District Press meeting at Miller. Dorothy Welch, Helen Jean Small and Victor Maxey were the delegates attending at Brookings. Dorothy Westlund, Victor Maxey, Alvin Nicholson, Lorraine Kozel, and Fern Furlow attend the District meeting.

SIGN LANGUAGE

Miss Bantz: "I am a woman of few words. If I beckon with my finger that means come."

Helen Schroer: "That suits me, I'm a woman of few words myself. If I shake my head that means I'm not coming."

SENIOR CLASS PLAY

The senior class selected "A Ready--Made Family" as the play which they presented under the direction of Miss Helen Smith, May 16 and 17.

Mrs. Martyn, a widow with three children, sends her sister-in-law a letter explaining that she is engaged to Henry Turner.

On the morning after their marriage Henry and Agnes discover that both of them have children. When their children learn of the marriage they are decidedly displeased, and they all try their hardest to get rid of the newly acquired relatives. However, in the end everyone is satisfied that the marriage was the best thing for everyone concerned.

The Cast-

Agnes Martyn	Helen Schroer
Bob	Clarence Westlund
Marilee	Dorothy Welch
Gracie	Marjorie Marsh
Miss Lydia	Helen Jean Small
Henry Turner	Donald Wies
Doris	Gloria Kitchen
Sammie	Blaine Westlund
Begonia	Florence Beckley
Nicodemus	Otto Albertus

Business Manager-- Mabel Schaap
Stage and scenery- Dramatics class

ONE ACT PLAYS

Three One Act plays were given as an evening community program Friday, March 24, by the Dramatics Class.

The first play was entitled, "Sod" a play portraying early western life. The scene takes place near a sod house owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnes. The characters were: Jim Barnes--LeRoy Miller; Sally, his wife--Helen Jean Small; Tessie, their daughter--Florence Beckley; and Carl Carlson, a neighbor boy--Otto Albertus.

Sally had saved her egg money for 20 years, in order that Tessie might have a good education and live the kind of life about which she had dreamed. She and Carl came home and announced their marriage, which greatly upset Sally. She gave the money to Jim and told him to buy the sod buster he wanted, and with the rest to buy a wedding present for Carl and Tessie.

"In the Zone", is a war story, taking place on a British tramp steamer just after it had entered the war zone. Characters were: Smitty, the Duke--Bill Parks; Davis--Blaine Westlund; Driscoll--Robert Wies; Olson--Wilmer Shore; Scotty--Clarence Westlund; Ivan--Otto Albertus; Yank--Virgil Crain; Cocky--Warren Leeper, and Paul--Don Wies.

Smitty is suspected of being a spy. They search through a small parcel which he has hid under his mattress. He is forcibly tied up and has to witness this act. After examining the parcel, they found only love letters. They turned the Duke loose and were all ashamed of themselves.

The last play was "Willo the Wisp", a mysterious drama based upon an Irish legend. Characters were: The Country Woman--Marjorie Marsh; The Poets Wife--Helen Jean Small; The Serving Maid--Florence Beckley; and Willo The Wisp--Mabel Schaap.

The Country woman runs a rooming house at the lands end, where a certain poet has come every year to find inspiration for his poetry. This year his wife came instead to see what gave him his inspiration. The Poet had made friends with the Willo The Wisp. By certain peculiar dancing, the Willo The Wisp drew the Poets wife out of the house and over the cliff to her death.

SOUTH DAKOTA

They say that South Dakota is the
place to live,
In this part of the U.S.A. you take
more than you give.
It is called a land of sunshine,
happiness and health,
But to very many people it is not
a land of wealth.

The farmers are getting ready to
go out and till the soil,
Though they've had many failures
the farmers are still loyal.
We wonder where the people find
the courage to keep on.
They're relying on the fact that
there will be another dawn.

So looking in the future we hope
that it will rain,
We hope this era of drought will
leave us once again.
We hope that the hoppers will stay
some other place,
And that South Dakota will again
lead in the race.

--by Wayne Baumgart

JUNIOR PLAY

"THE TIN HERO"

"The Tin Hero," a farce in three acts by Charles George, was produced by the Junior Class, under the direction of Miss Helen Smith.

Douglas Goodyear, taken by Warrn Leeper while visiting in France, saves a French girl from drowning. He writes home to his mother, Mrs. Blanche Goodyear--Marguarite Hanscom, about the deed. She exaggerates the story and spreads the fact that Douglas is a champion swimmer. He really can't swim a stroke, and when he gets home, he has to face very embarrassing moments; finally, he learns to swim and wins a race in, which he had to take part.

Other Characters were: Grace Goodyear, his sister--Gloria Kitchen, Virginia Ferguson; his fiance--Dorothy Welch; Baxter Warner, President of the "Hero's Club"--Robert Wies; Mrs. Baxter Warner, his wife--Florence Beckley; Bunny Wheeler, engaged to Grace--Bill Parks; Anette Coverdale, the only female member of the Hero's Club----Dorothy Westlund; Adelaide Young, a friend of Grace's---Lorraine Kozel; Victoria Esmond, a newspaper woman--Helen Jean Small; Mile. Claudette Bordoni, a young French woman--Edith Clark; and Spike Ryder, a champion swimmer, Virgil Crain.

After the performance all members of the play cast and faculty were invited to a party given by Miss Smith. Miss Smith was present and a gift of flowers in appreciation.

THE WHISTLING BOY

The boy, swinging down the shaded lane, whistled a carefree tune to himself. He paused and listened to the sweet call of a wild canary. Then, after a moment, he went gaily on his way kicking stones and trying to mimic the little bird.

The next thing to attract his attention was a yellow buttercup growing along the edge of the river. He ran to the bank and stooped to admire it, but immediately the flower was forgotten, for there, sticking out of the ground was the corner of a box. While he was digging, he was thinking of all the stories he had read about pirates and their buried treasures. He planned on the nice velvet dress that he would buy for his mother, the beautiful, big doll that he would buy for his little sister, and the radio and car that he would buy for the family.

He gave one last tug, and the box fell apart disclosing a worthless collection of old, rusty tools. Gone were all his dreams of wealth. With an exclamation of disgust, he scrambled up the bank, into the lane, and whistling, continued merrily on his way.

by
M. M. Marsh, '39

GIRL SCOUTS

The initial meeting of the Clover Leaf Scout Troup was held December 10, 1937 under the sponsorship of the Rising Sun Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. Mrs. Edna Reinschmidt, Mrs. Irene McDaniel and Mrs. Grayce Glans were members of the first troupe committee. Miss Elizabeth Bantz is captain of the troupe while Mrs. Edna Reinschmidt is Lieutenant.

This year Mrs. Leona Furlow, Mrs. Helen Howard, Mrs. Beulah McDonald and Mrs. Janet Peterson are members of the troupe committee.

The troupe earned money by conducting a cookie sale, to enable them to purchase uniforms. They also offered community service such as ushering.

The majority of the scouts are working on second class scout skills, although there are a few on the first class skills.

Members of the troupe are: Orrie Carmichael, Gertrude Clark, Fern Furlow, Joyce Furlow, Lorraine Howard, Lorraine Kozel, Kathleen Maciejewski, Phyllis Merritt, Irene Miles, Jean Osterkamp, Norma Osterkamp, Thelma Osterkamp, Dorothy Westlund, Hope Westlund, Dorothy Wies, and Elanor Wies.

CARNIVAL

The Blunt high school held a carnival on October 14 and 15, 1939. Total receipts of \$334.70 were received.

The program Friday evening which was furnished by the school, consisted of a pantomime, "The Bachelor's Reverie," a piano solo by Bernard Weeks; "Autumn Fantasy," and a baby parade of pre-school children in costume. Saturday evening the Harrold faculty presented a one act play, "The Purple Drums;" and the baby parade was repeated.

Dorothy Westlund was elected as carnival queen and Donald Wies as carnival king. Four door prizes were given away. Mrs. Lillie Hanscom received a set of aluminum ware; Lenis Curran, a set of silverware; Edson Pigney, a traveling bag.

Bingo proved to be the most popular game of the carnival. The lunch stand showed 10% profit. Throughout the year student activities such as Basketball, Music Organizations, Band Clinics, and Newspaper work were carried on with the help of this fund.

MAY BE WRONG

Mr. Weeks: (Who had just finished explaining about an insect) and now we will study about an entomologist.

Otto A.: "What kind of an animal is that?"

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Sept. 1--School Begins.
 5--Labor Day,
 16--Student Council Elected.
 24--Band Directors Meeting at Huron.
- Oct. 12--Columbus Day.
 13-14--Carnival and Six Weeks Exams.
- Nov. 1--Indoor Circus in Gym.
 3--Local Declam Contest.
 4--District Declam Contest at Onida.
 21-22-23--SDEA Convention.
 24-25--Thanksgiving Holiday.
- Dec. 8-9--Jr. Class Play, "The Tin Hero."
 22--Community Program.
 23--to Jan. 3--Christmas vacation.
 23--Christmas Program in High School.
- Jan. 3--School Resumes Activity.
- Feb. 15-16-17--Conf. Basketball Tourney.
 23-24-25--Dist. Basketball Tourney.
- Mar. 23--YCL Grade elimination contest.
 24--One Act Plays
 28--7 & 8 YCL elimination contest.
 31--Grade Operetta; "Tom Sawyer."
- Apr. 7--Good Friday; vacation.
 9--Easter Sunday,
 12--YCL contest at Canning.
 13--SDHSPA meeting at Miller.
 14--YCL Regional Speaking Contest.
 21--Jr. Sr. Banquet.
 29--Music Festival at Pierre.
- May 11--7 & 8 grade party.
 11--Grade Tea for Mothers.
 12--Rally Day.
 13--Senior Day.
 14--Mother's Day;
 Baccalaureate services.
 16-17--Senior Class Play--
 "A Ready-Made Family"
 18--All School Picnic
 19--Commencement exercises;
 School Closes.



ALUMNI

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Class of 1938

Virginia Byrum	Phyllis Warriner
Barbara Chaney	Vivian Peterson
Alvina Donner	Alice Patzer
Lois Pool	Daryl Russell
Lenis Curran	Robert Olson
John Schmidt	Virgil Kjer
Paul Patzer	

Class of 1937

Mildred (Howard) Benson	Kathryn Leeper
Ila (Parks) Ingle	Helen Pearson
Ruby Schaap	Hilda Alters
Kenneth Welch	Clark Crain
Raymond Whalen	Kermith Edge

Class of 1936

Irene Anderson	Florence Jane
Marvin Welch	William Frazier
James Curran	

Class of 1935

Dorothy Albertus	Dorothy McIlravy
LaVerne Combs	Jenniette Shore
Winifred Gorman	Winifred Gorman
Carol Marsh	Alvin Moore
Marguerite Seedenburg	Ralf Jane
Robert Tjomsland	George Jane
Lea Booth	Elmer Pigney
Delno Mathew	Eugene Howard
Roy Tennyson	



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