The Totem Pole 1954

Bonner Springs, Kansas
To You the Student

This—the 1954 edition of the Totem Pole, we dedicate to you, the student. It is your book because it is a pictorial history of the activities you have made possible and enjoyed through the past year. The work you have accomplished and the fun you have had are all recorded here.

Also, this book must be dedicated to the high scholastic record held by our school in the hope that future students may realize the honor that comes from such a record.

And, finally, to the seniors we must dedicate this book. We hope that for each it will prove to hold those treasured joys of his high school life—the achievements, the disappointments, the
laughs, the tears, the work, the play—so that when he may look over this book in the years to come, he may remember the experiences of his high school career as happy memories.

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Under the guidance of Coach Ed Gorsky, the Bonner Braves enjoyed a successful season winding up with a 14 won, 10 lost and a 6 won, 6 lost record for league play. This gave them fourth place in the league. The braves had the distinction of being the only team in the league to beat the league titilists, the Olathe Eagles.

The Bonner Braves added one trophy to their collection, a third place in the sub-regionals.

Track

Autographs
The Student Council of 1954 promoted entertainment for the student body by adding a new juke box and a Bar-B-Dog machine to be used at the mixers which they sponsored. To add to the comfort of students they bought a water cooler and replaced the motor in the coke machine. Their money was earned by selling popcorn at the games.

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THE LAST MONTH

As the days keep going by and the number of days left to come to school gets fewer and fewer, our minds seem to wander away from our studies. We get to thinking about going swimming or how nice it is to stay in bed as late as we want. We day dream like this we don't hear word our teachers say.

There is still a lot left for us to learn in the remaining pages of our book and our teachers still have a lot to teach us so we should not our minds studying now; then after the last day of school, we will be free to do all we are dreaming about.
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Because of the interest aroused by some students toward a dramatics organization to further this important phase of our high school activities, Mr. Robert Hawkins, speech instructor, arranged for Thespian Troupe to be organized at Bonner. April 25, Troupe 1353 of the National Thespian Society was installed by the members of the Leavenworth Troupe, at a candlelight ceremony.

Two three-act plays, a Christmas play, and a play for the exchange assemblies were put on by the school during the past year. We are very proud of our Thespian group and we hope it will help to create more interest in dramatics in the coming years.

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This year's Mardi Gras was even bigger and better than any of the other carnival type evenings we had experienced in the past. The night of January 23 was set aside for this festive occasion. The confetti and balloons lent a feeling of hilarity to the gala event. During the evening the merry-makers received the thrill of their lives by going through the Fun House and were put into a festive spirit by wearing gaily decorated hats purchased at "The French Chapeaux." Along the boardwalk those of highly unquestionable skill patronized the weight-lifting, dart-throwing, and basketball tossing stands. Others tried the Miniature Golf and Fish Pond while the girls consulted the Palmist as to the man of their futures.

The center attraction was the Casino where bingo fans thrived. During the course of the evening each visited the Pink Poodle refreshment stand. The evening was highlighted by the presentation of the King and Queen of the Mardi Gras, Don McCully and Anne Klamet, who were given small gifts.
We, the Senior Class of Bonner Springs Rural High School, do ordain and establish in this the year of our Lord, 1954, our last will and testament. We leave our most prized possessions as follows:

"Speedy" Baker leaves his superb typing ability to Charles Dunivan.
"Dimples" Barry wills her tendency to blush frequently to Pat Blecher.
"Veep" Baugh leaves his gas pump to John Pemberton.
"B. J. " Baum and "Bertie" Goble gladly leave their seats in Physics class to any Junior girl who ever gets stuck with them.
"Curly" Burton leaves his repertoire of jokes to Melvin Walker, assured that he will do them credit.
"Dottie Jo" Bushnell leaves her thoughtfulness of others to Coranne Knipp.
"Bebop" Cline leaves--taking his possessions with him to seek his fortune (the bigger the better).
"Don Juan" Coleman leaves his tactics of parliamentary procedure to Frank Einhellig.
"Silent?" Dunn leaves his lead in the Senior play to any Junior actor who is interested in it.
"Rosie" Einhellig leaves her tactics on the use of the man-trap to Shirley Porth.
"Diz Dean" Eisman leaves his abundance of curly blonde hair to Claude Miller.
"Tina" Evers leaves her idealistic tango to Betty Jackson.
"Reckless" Handley leaves--at last!
"Man-Hater" (C) Hanson delights in willing her red hair to Margaret Hewitt.
"Rusty" (M) Hanson leaves her mechanical genius, such as it is, to Barbara Watson.
"Dare-Devil" Heeter leaves his overwhelming personality to Raymond Kennett.
"Bev" Hicks leaves her determination to Gail Moffit.
To Chuck Gibson, "Hen-Pecked" Kelsay leaves his skill as a "one-arm" driver.
"Smiley" Klamer leaves her giggle to Sandra Isett.
"Clyde" (D) Knight leaves to arouse K. U. to greater basketball fame.
"Pres" (G) Knight leaves the care of his crazy mixed-up coke machine to Bob Laing.
"Shotgun" Lynn leaves Carolyn Hill to get to her classes alone.
"Duck" McCully leaves his agreeable manner to Larry North.
"Cookie" Martin leaves her neatly balanced chemical equations to Frances Kitchen.
"GI" Mann leaves his irresistible way with the women to Harry Grider.
"Johnnie" Matthews leaves his skill in drafting to Dick Deonier.
"Vet" Miller leaves chemistry--in the nick of time!
"Bon-Bon" Peoples leaves her outstanding attendance record to posterity.
To the 2 Wilkins twins, "Dee" Savage wills her I cheerleading sweater.
"Y-vonne" (J) Smith wills her alto voice to--Eddie Forbach!
"Boss" (N) Smith leaves her blood-curdling giggle to Eddie Davis.
"Walt" Souders wills his mass of black curls to John Mikesich.
"Sue" Stark leaves her dog to be walked by Charles Mobley.
"Jackie" Steele leaves his size twelve and a half D boots to James McCleary.
"Goose" Tate leaves his nonchalant attitude to Clyde Umbenhower.
"Neeta" Troutner wills her small waistline to Helen Sedgwick.
"Ardie" White wills her diminutive stature to Pat Hoffine.
"Caridee" Wilcox leaves her cheerful attributes to Carolyn Wiggins.
"Slim" (D) Williams leaves his Pow Wow copy to some Junior hand-writing expert.
"Splinter" (W) Williams wills his polished manners to Charles McCord.
"Hot-Rod" Wagner wills his conversational ability to Ronald Brown.
"Station SPACE. The time is 9:00 P. M., interplanetary."

"Good evening, friends! This is your reporter, Robert Cline, bringing you the news and views from Mars on this, our first interplanetary broadcast. On such a historic event, there's bound to be good news tonight, friends."

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"The first flight from Earth to the Moon by way of Mars was completed today. As pilots Bud Lynn and Robert Handley taxied their flying saucer into the Luner Airstrip they were met by the moon's leading citizen, President Rosa Lee Einhellig."

"In the world of sports many exciting events took place today. Senor John Heeter, universally famous bullfighter, strangled his 110th bull this afternoon before a crowd of 12,000 people, which included such notables as Miss Beverly Hicks, champion bubble gum blower, Miss Dorothy Bus ness, inter-planetary known mountain climber, Mr. Jack Baugh, multi-millionaire investor, and Mr. Gerald Knight, the famous contractor who last year straightened the Leaning Tower of Pisa."

"From the Rock of Gibraltar today came the news that the renowned swimmer, Mr. Terry Coleman, is planning once again to swim the Mediterranean Sea. On this, his tenth try, he will be ably assisted by Coach Dale Williams."

"The scheduled fight of those well-known wrestlers, Jack Steele and Dean Wagner, will be held tonight in New York City. Tickets are in such demand that Mr. Wiley Williams, owner of the Madison Square Garden Arena has asked for protection from the joint chiefs of the FBI, Darrell Knight and Virgil Kelsay."

"Now for bits of news picked up through the atmosphere. The actress of the year, Miss Gaynelle Martin, was seen going into the very exclusive dress shop, Sags Third Avenue, recently opened by the top designers in the fashion world, Misses Delores Savage, Betty Evers, and Nancy Smith. Mr. Ronald Baker, diplomat to the new planet, Pluto, gave a welcoming party for the noted author, Miss Carolyn Wilcox, who is visiting the planet to gather information for her forthcoming novel. At the manufacturers' convention being held on Saturn is the inventor, Dean Eisman, who recently perfected his automatic shoelacer for commercial use, and his assistant who ties the knots, Miss Ardus White. At the annual dog show held in New York City, Earth, Miss Martha Stark received thirty blue ribbons for her pedigreed cocker spaniels. The current talk of the universe in the entertainment field is the dance team of Howard Miller and Marilyn Hanson. In the auto race featuring former cab drivers, Miss Roberta Goble and Miss Pat Barry, which is to be held next month, the first engineless cars will be used. Miss Jessie Smith, young dentist, has recently perfected a painless extraction method in which her new secret formula is applied to the tooth which immediately drops out."

"Well, friends, that is all the news for tonight. This is your reporter, Robert Cline, saying goodbye for now on behalf of Burton's Bouncing Pencils, the universe's favorite pencil."
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“My Own America” ...................................... Wrubel
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Piano, Prelude, Op 23 No. 5 ....................... Rachmaninoff
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