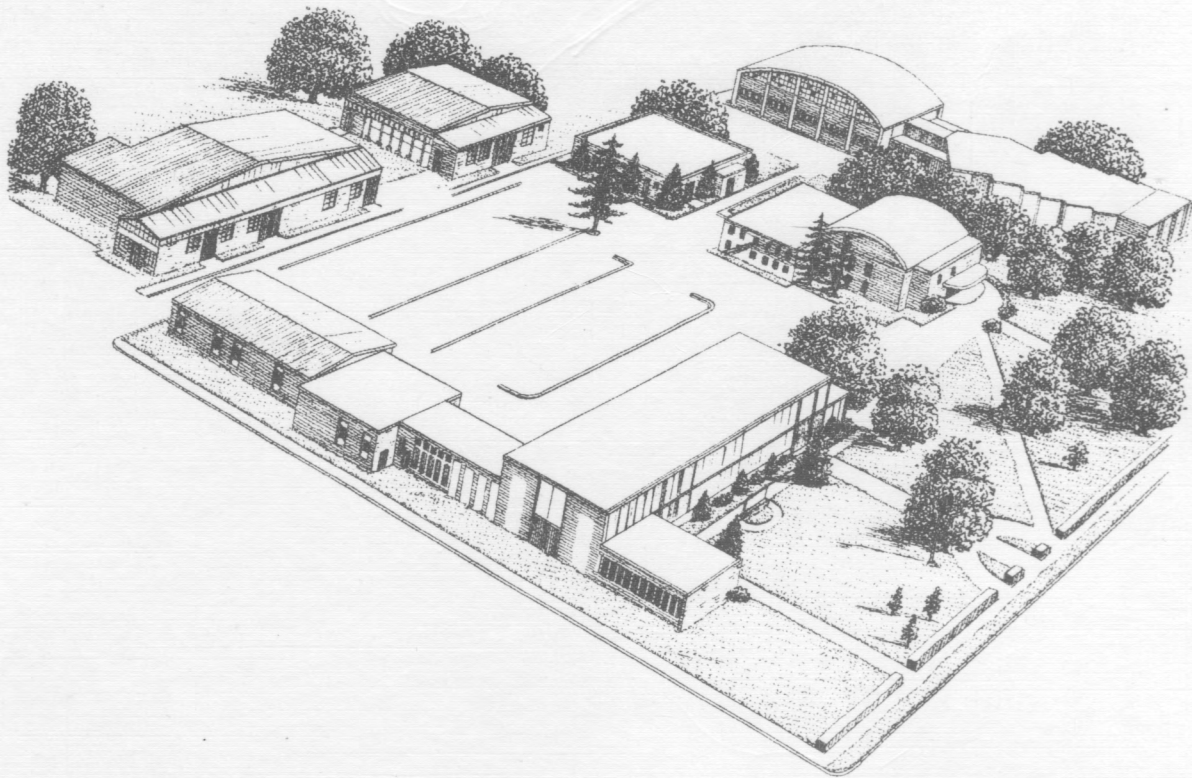


# *LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL*

1892--1992



100 Years Of Excellence In Education



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The above people have spent many hours preparing this 100-year record of Labette County High School. They realize that mistakes probably have been made and that much more could have been included in the history of this fine institution. Most of the material included in this publication came from The Labetta, The Altamont Journal, and school catalogs and annuals.

Much appreciation and thanks is extended to the Labette County U.S.D. 506 Board of Education for their support in initiating this project, to L. D. Curran for serving on this committee and his help in securing documents for our study, to Sandy Nash and Bernie Bilderback for all the extra work they did in typing and editing, and to Dale Skolaut and the LC Graphic Arts students for the finished product.

May the next 100 years for LCHS be even more successful.

F. L. Norris, Chairman  
Centennial Publication Committee

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# LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

## 1892-93 to 1901-1902

In 1893, there were citizens in Altamont and Labette County, Kansas, that remembered that Horace Mann had once been asked, "Aren't we spending too much money educating children?" His answer was, "Not if they are mine."

Certainly, this knowledge that it was hard to get people to approve expenditures for education was on the mind of the county superintendent, Lucy Best.

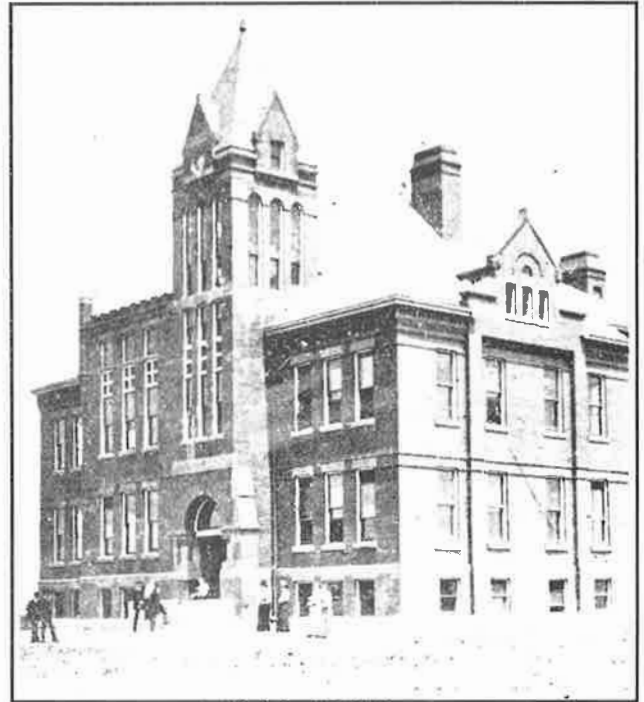
Knowing that it is best to build on an established institution, Lucy Best chose to build on the private school that had been established on September 15, 1892, by T. B. Hanna in one of the rooms of the public school building.

The county superintendent hoped that by securing Mr. Hanna to start this school, her dream of a county high school in Altamont would become a reality under the provision of the general law. This private school was continued for one year with an enrollment of 64 pupils.

The county superintendent realized there were many people in Labette County with the opinion too much money was being spent on educating children and a law to establish a county high school could not be carried if submitted to a popular vote. She lobbied the legislators at Topeka and was able to secure the passage of a private act in 1893 establishing a county high school in Altamont.

As required by the "Private Act" created at Topeka, the county commissioners in April, 1893, appointed a board of six trustees from over the county. This board decided to open the school in September, 1893. They also made a tax levy for the purpose of constructing a new building and paying for the operating expense of the school.

The new building was dedicated May 4, 1895, at a cost of \$23,805.10.



Original Building

The people Lucy Best had predicted to be in opposition did not wait long to respond, and her action in securing the passage of this law was strongly condemned all over the county.

A lawsuit was the response of those opposing the establishment of the school. At the conclusion of the trial, a judgment was rendered in favor of the school. The case was then carried, on error, to the State Supreme Court with a verdict of approval for the judgment of the Labette County District Court.

Notwithstanding the fact, the injunction proceedings had prevented the raising of revenues that first year. The four teachers that were employed taught without any assurance of ever being paid. They all understood that if the school district won in the courts, the school would go on and the teachers would be paid. If the court held the law

invalid, the school would fail, and the teachers would have given a year's work with no pay.

Under the provisions of this act, the school was opened in September, 1893, with a total of 84 students at the beginning of the year and increasing to 147 during the year. Three courses were offered to the students which included normal training, a general course, and a college preparatory course.

The principal of the first county high school was T.B. Hanna, with other faculty members being J.E. McDaniel, Miss Catherine Swope, and Miss Josephine Moon. The following is the salary of the first faculty: \$1000 for principal; \$800 for first assistant; and \$600 for second assistant. The janitor received \$7.50 per month. The Board of Trustees consisted of Nelson Case, Oswego; J.M. Birt, Parsons; W.G. Hoover, Chetopa; I.S. Boyer, Parsons; Dr. W.A. Huff, Altamont, and Dr. C.S. Newlon, Altamont. The county superintendent, Mrs. Ida C. Martin, was president ex-officio of the Board.

Admission to the high school at this time was under the following conditions: (1) Over 14 years of age and under 50 unless otherwise ordered by the Board; (2) Holder of a first, second, and third grade certificate or a county diploma; (3) By preparation of a certificate of qualifications by the county superintendent, an examination, or a majority vote of the Board.

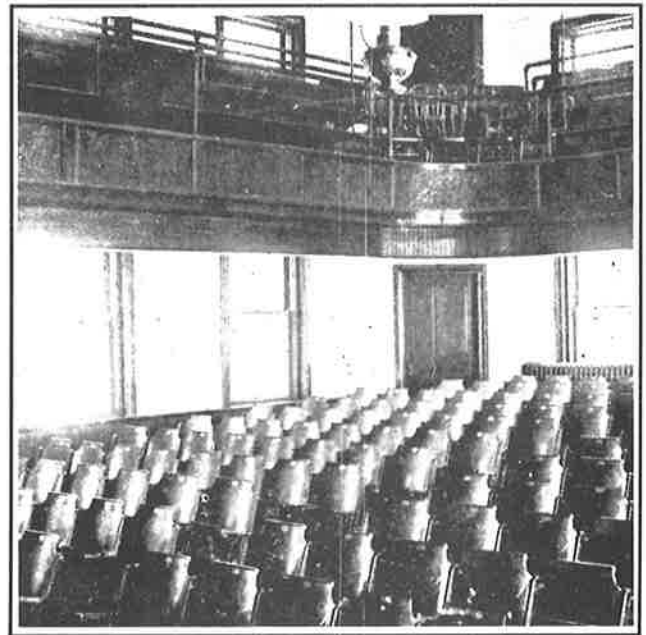
The course of study in 1893 included a junior year, a middle year, a senior year, and a postgraduate year. Courses offered included English, history, elocutions, geography, language, science, etc. No vocational education was offered in the first course of study. The cost of the student's books ranged all the way from 35 cents for a mental arithmetic book, a text in etymology, or Swinton's Word Analysis, to \$3 for an English literature book.

The total budget of the school for the 1893-94 year is recorded at \$2,901.71. The budget had increased in 1894-95 to \$3,526.89 for the entire year.

Mr. T.B. Hanna continued as principal of the county high school from 1893 until 1898, when he retired. The second principal for the county high school was Mr. W.M. Kyser. He also had three faculty members to assist him in carrying out the course of study for the county high school.

The general course of study remained a course in normal training, a general course, and a college preparatory course. Board and lodging could be secured at \$2-\$3 per week and a large number of students did go through the entire year for a cost of \$40 or less. A total of 188 students were now enrolled in the county high school in 1898. Three classes were offered at this time which included the junior class, the middle class and a senior class.

The first class, consisting of nineteen seniors, was graduated in 1896.



Northwest View of the Auditorium From the Front

## ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

Adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1898

### STUDIES AND GRADES

1. Unless otherwise permitted by the principal, students are expected to carry four subjects, and only four.
2. A subject is passed permanently by making a class grade of not less than ninety percent, or by making a grade of not less than eighty percent on a final examination.
3. A zero is recorded for every absence from a recitation. The student absent may, if excused by the principal, make up the lesson missed in a manner designated by the teacher, in which case the grade earned on the lesson made up will be substituted for the zero.
4. A student who has a grade in department below ninety percent, or has five unexcused cases of tardiness for the term must take the final examinations in all the subjects carried.
5. A student who fails in more than two subjects to make the required final grades, severs his connection with the school, and will be reinstated only by the consent of a majority of the teachers.
6. Every student must do the required rhetorical work or its equivalent.

### GENERAL DEPARTMENT

1. The lady members of the school must not be accompanied by young men at any time to or from any place, nor must they at any time entertain young men at their rooms.
2. The young men at the school must not spend their evenings on the streets, go in questionable company or engage in rowdiness in any manner. They must conduct themselves at all times as gentlemen.
3. Students must not organize social gatherings of any kind without the consent of one of the teachers.

Students attending school from their own homes, in and about the city, are subject to the direct advice of their parents as to the above three requirements, and will be responsible to them alone, except in extreme cases.

Should an extreme case occur for disregarding any one of the above regulations, by conferring with the principal such permission may be granted if the welfare of the school will so permit.

The principal of the school is expected to make any additional regulations, which in his judgment the best interests of the school demand, subject to the approval of the board of Trustees.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

### TREASURER OF LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

#### TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LABETTE COUNTY, KANSAS, HIGH SCHOOL:

As your Treasurer, I have the honor to submit the annual report required by law for the fiscal year commencing June 30th, 1901, to June 30th, 1902, covering the financial transactions of the Board during said period

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand June 30th, 1901	915.26
Received from County Treasurer	5019.38
Received from rental of typewriters	81.25
<b>Total</b>	<b>6015.89</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Principal and Teachers' salaries	3500.00
Trustee's salaries	203.00
Improvements and repairs on buildings	218.51
Fuel and light	222.00
Janitor's salary	300.00
Printing	80.90
Library	43.88
Expenses, sundries	50.36
Balance on hand June 30th, 1902	4618.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>1397.24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>6015.89</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
C. K. LEINBACH, TREASURER

Mr. Hanna, in 1928, writing a letter for a special edition of the "Labetta", mentioned that in 1893 a group of enthusiastic students started the county high school in the city hall and one of the church buildings while waiting the construction of the new high school building. By 1898, he remembered the school had graduates taking work in each of the three higher state institutions.

Mr. Kyser, in his letter written in 1928, reminded the alumni that he still believed in the Square Deal and he still hated a sponger. He also remembered the chapels, games, and contests as contributing factors of the regular school work.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 1893.

Board of County High School Trustees met pursuant to call of the president Mrs. Lucy Best at the Pacific House in Attamont, Kans., at 11-15 A.M.

Members present Mrs. Lucy Best, "Chairman", Nelson Case, J. E. Lamsant, Bengt Johnson, William Scott, J. M. Birk and W. A. Huff.

On the motion of J. E. Lamsant, W. A. Huff was duly elected Secretary of said board of Trustees. On the motion of Nelson Case Bengt Johnson was elected Treasurer of said board.

The President by a motion which carried appointed W. A. Huff and Wm Scott a Committee to prepare and present for adoption at the next Board meeting Rules and Regulations for their government.

On the motion of Nelson Case the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved that this Board will endeavour to open a County High School in Attamont Kansas, in September 1893 provided the City of Attamont and School district 170,43 will furnish rooms free until High School Building is completed." On motion Board adjourned to meet at 1 o'clock P.M.

- Afternoon Session -

Board met pursuant to adjournment and the hour having arrived for the examination of the various locations the city of Attamont proposed to deed free of expense to the county, the board proceeded to examine carefully all sites offered. After which on motion of Judge Case the definite location of site was postponed until next regular meeting.

On motion the President announced the following Committee: (4/25/93)

Teachers and Salaries.  
Wilson Case - Chairman  
W. A. Huff.  
M. Scott.

Buildings and Grounds.  
J. E. Van Sant - Chairman.  
Benge Johnson.  
W. A. Huff.

Library and Apparatus.  
M. Scott - Chairman  
J. M. Birk.  
Benge Johnson.

Judiciary.  
Wilson Case - Chairman.  
J. M. Birk  
J. E. Van Sant.

By a motion it was agreed that no one be allowed to enter the County High School under 14 yrs of age unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

By a motion which carried the County Superintendent is requested to make announcement through all papers published in the County of the time and place of opening the County High School. And request all persons wishing to attend to notify her by letter or otherwise of their intentions, by July 1<sup>st</sup> 1893.

On motion board adjourned to meet in Oswego, Kans., on the call of the President on one week's notice.

Mrs Lucy Best,  
Pres.  
W. A. Huff, Sec.



FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES OF THE . . . .

\*\*\* LABETTE COUNTY  
HIGH SCHOOL, ▲ ▲

THURSDAY EVENING,  
MAY 28, 1896. . . .

PROGRAM.

Music—Ladies' Trio.

Invocation—Rev. White.

Music—Duette.

Salutatory—“*The Divine Right of  
Queens*”—Maud McChesney.

Oration—“*Beat no Retreat*”—  
Alva S. Lynd.

Oration—“*Fashion*”—Bessie Francisco.

Music—Ladies' Quartette.

Oration—“*Concentration of Mental En-  
ergy*”—William R. Hildreth.

Oration—“*Toil's Anointed Sons*”—  
Ida M. Collins.

Oration—“*Out on the Deep*”—  
Mamie L. Baird.

Valedictory—B. Alice Francisco.

Music—Violin Solo.

Class Address—State Superintendent E.  
Stanley.

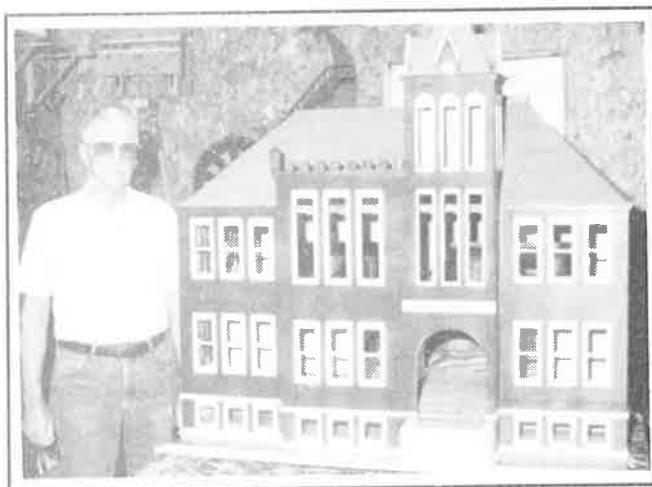
Presentation of Diplomas—Hon. Nelson  
Case.

Music—Ladies' Trio.

Benediction.

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Pictured above is Harlan Graham with a replica of the original LCHS high school building that he built specifically for the LCHS centennial celebration.

Harlan, a 1933 LCCHS graduate, has lived in the Altamont community all his life. He has been active in the community and has earned the reputation of being a master craftsman in building doll houses.

He agreed to serve on the Centennial Steering Committee and has provided a wealth of resource information.

The replica of the school is built to scale from photographs of the building. It will be in the centennial parade, then will be placed on permanent display in an enclosed case in Harrison Auditorium.

Shown on the left of this page is a copy of the program for the first commencement exercises of Labette County High School which were held in the original building on May 28, 1896.

## 1902-03 to 1911-12

Nationwide the gains made in public education before 1900 were more quantitative than qualitative, but the best educators of the period were full of optimism, convinced that the best was yet to come.

This optimism was shared by W. M. Kyser at Labette County High School serving as principal and teaching science and psychology. He was joined by J. E. McDaniel who taught math and literature, J. F. Kaho taught languages, B. Francisco taught vocal music and elocution, Clara Hildreth taught preparatory subjects, and J. E. Boyd taught shorthand and typing.

The county superintendent was Maude Ellison, and fellow board members were T. J. Calvin, J. C. Olson, H. W. Starnes, J. B. Goldsmith, A. B. Rollen, and Milo Hildreth.

Normal training was offered for all students interested in teaching after graduating from high school or for entrance to the State Normal Training School at Emporia.



NEVER DEFEATED FOOTBALL TEAM '03

### Y.M.C.A.

The Young Men's Christian Association of the Labette County High School was organized November 14, 1901. "The purpose of the High School Y.M.C.A. is the promotion of growth in grace and fellowship. It is also the aim of the association to combine, strengthen and extend Christian ideas and influence, to be helpful in every way to every student, and to prepare young men for the best possible service after their work in the High School is completed."

"No young man can afford to neglect the training that can be obtained from the Y.M.C.A. Culture does not mean intellectual knowledge alone, neither is it social polish alone, nor does it consist merely of the two combined. We should learn that true culture goes deeper than intellect and manners."

During the year devotional meetings were held every Tuesday evening at 7:30. These meetings afforded an excellent opportunity for the young men to come together and discuss and interpret the Bible according to their own views.

### Y.W.C.A.

The Young Women's Christian Association was organized in 1902 by the State Secretary. At that time the girls of the school were divided into Bible classes under the leadership of the lady members of the faculty and active work was begun.

Weekly devotional meetings were held Tuesday evenings in the high school auditorium. A committee on visiting the sick was very active and did good work in looking after girls who were out of school because of sickness.

Fall campaign work was carried on each year as soon as the term opened. Great good was accomplished in several lines; good magazines were placed in the library for the school, and useful books were purchased.

### MUSEUM ESTABLISHED

The highlight of the 1903-04 year was the establishment of a museum in the basement. The following is a quote from the Eleventh Annual Catalog:

“The museum is already a very creditable and valuable part of our school. The rapid growth is due to the many generous contributions. The greatest by far was made by Dr. W. S. Newlon of Oswego. Dr. Newlon placed his collection of very rare specimens of many different kinds in our museum for safekeeping until he calls for the same which in all probability is indefinite. This valuable collection is one of the best in the United States and is the pride and ambition of its owner. This collection is the careful, and we might say consecrated, life work of Dr. Newlon. It will be our pride and ambition to take such care of this collection that it will show Dr. Newlon and the public that we appreciate this inestimable gift and that we realize what it means for Dr. Newlon to place the pride of his life work to our care and responsibility.

“The following should be mentioned as contributors: Mrs. John Stegmeir, H. W. Starnes, Geo. Tilton, Labette County Historical Association, Ralph Rust, Roy Byram, and D. S. Daniel.”

### CANFIELD SOCIETY

The Labette County High School was not known as an education institution but a short time until it was deemed necessary to organize a society to promote the literary work of the school. In response to this demand the Canfield Literary Society was organized in honor of James H. Canfield who was the author of the Kansas County High School Law. This society met with wonder-

ful success. As an example of their ability, the Canfields won first place in 1904 at the regular annual contest in declamation, debate and oration and also carried off the honors in oration in 1905. The Canfield Dramatic Club was organized in order to encourage the dramatic talent in the society.



CANFIELD OFFICERS 1904-05

### CICERONIAN SOCIETY

The Ciceronian Literary Society was one of the bright spots to be found in LCHS. Cordia Cook won first place in the declamation contest. Lucius Bowman took first place in the essay contest and Oral Miller won second place in the County High School Oratorical Contest held at Columbus, Kansas, in which seven of the leading County High Schools of the state took part. The Ciceronians took great pride in their musicians whom they felt were the best in the High School.

A hearty invitation was extended to students entering high school to join the Ciceronian Literary Society. “If you can do work that comes from your own thinking capacity, we will let you use it to your best advantage. If you think that you need some improvement along the oratorical line call on the Ciceronian Literary Society; we have experts to teach you. They will prepare you for a life of usefulness.”

## GIRLS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

"The Girls' Athletic Association was organized for the benefit of the girls of the school. Woman is coming to the front every day as an athlete as well as in other lines. Many girls develop their minds at the expense of their bodies. This should not be true; and if they take part in athletics their mental capacity as well as the physical will be developed. Muscular exercise is one of the physiological conditions in the body without which it cannot maintain for long healthy life.

"The game in which the girls have been most interested is basketball. This game develops traits of character which organization brings; fair play, impersonal interest, earnestness of purpose, the ability to give one's best, not for one's own glorification but for the good of the team. Much good has been derived from the work although since the present team is the first ever organized in the high school, not very many games have been played."

-- 1905 Annual



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM  
1904-05

## BOYS' ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

"The Boys' Athletic Association stands as the progressive representative of athletics for boys. During the fall terms, the Association has supported foot-ball and during the past five years strong and creditable teams have been organized and played good foot-ball. By the term "good foot-ball" we mean that we have had strong teams that were well up in their class and also it gives pride to say that they have been composed of players who were fair, honorable, and gentlemanly. It has been our boast that we played clean games, and as an evidence of this, our opponents have conceded the same fact again and again.

"Although we have not won every game that we played, yet a goodly number of victories can be recorded to our credit, and all of them honest victories.

"Our teams have never had the services of a professional or hired coach. We have used the knowledge we had and the best that we could. The team last year showed a great gain in skill and science. It is due to the careful training, as well as the inspiring example of Mr. Ray Reasor, who served as captain of the team, that the game has been raised in our school to a higher standard.

"In base ball we have held a high place. In more than one year we have had winning teams. When a neighboring team plays a matched game of base ball against the L.C.H.S. they soon become aware, if they did not know it before, that they must get down to straight business if they win. The team this year is a promising one and bids fair to equal or exceed the records of the past teams.

"A new constitution was adopted this Spring that meets with the approval and support of the Association. It is in line with the advanced movements in athletics which many of the best high schools have adopted. One prominent feature that it contains provides that every member of the teams in foot-ball and base ball must be students of

the high school, must take at least three subjects and reach a grade in each of at least eighty-five per centum. This puts high school athletics on a basis of scholarship where it properly belongs.”

-- 1905 Annual



BASEBALL TEAM 1904-05

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND ORGANIZED

A high school band of sixteen members was organized during the 1907-08 school year. Only one boy had played in a band before and few of them could read music at all, but by faithful practice the boys were able to give a concert at the Common School Commencement and furnished music for the LCHS Commencement. During the 1908-09 year, the band made a public appearance before the Christmas holidays. The band, together with the music class, gave concerts at Labette, Bartlett and Edna.

Pictured below is one of the first bands organized at LCHS. This group of musicians represented LCHS in 1909 under the direction of T. M. Wood, principal of the school at that time.



1909 LCHS BAND

Pictured above, standing, left to right are: T. M. Wood, principal and bandmaster; Reese Wheatley, George Lortz, Lloyd Wampler, Roy Greer, Earl Chaffee, Rolla Austin, Paul McConnell and Walter Gray. Kneeling, left to right: Charles Wampler, Roy Huffman, Paul Woods, Henry Perkins, Charles Piatt, Homer Reibow, Roy McConnell, Quinn Martin and Verl Elliott.

New board members for the 1905-06 year were Maude Cornelias, W. W. Bradbury, Uriah Thomas, and W. R. Lynd. New faculty were Cecilia Pennington, Clara Hildreth, Eunice Reason, and Mabel Harrington.

T. M. Wood assumed the principalship in the fall of 1907, a position he held for two years.

The following was the program for the Junior -Senior Banquet, April 30, 1909.

### Toasts

1. "School Friendship" Mr. Wood  
Ans. - "Friendship is constant in all things, save in the office and affairs of love."  
Mary Belknap
2. "Memory and Hope" Arthur Thomas  
Ans. - "Back looking memory and prophet hope both spring from out the grave."  
Earle Dennis
3. "The Passing Sleeve" Miss Gilman  
Ans. - "Our Merry Widows" Ivy Shick
4. "The Passing School Days" Hazel Briendenthal  
Ans. - "How blessings brighten as they take their flight" Goldie Griffen
5. To those who drift and to those who row. Roy Huffman

W. M. Kyser returned as principal in the fall of 1909.

By 1909, the library had about 1100 well chosen books and was open for the use of all residents in Labette County.

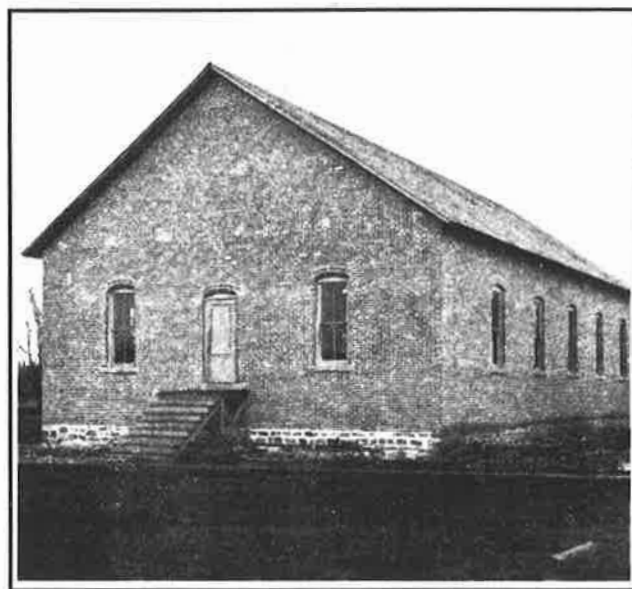
### Annual Alumni Day Program

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|----------------|---|
| 9:00 a.m.      | Tennis meet                             |
| 1:30 p.m.      | Business meeting in library             |
| 2:30 p.m.      | Matinee in auditorium                   |
| 4:00 p.m.      | Baseball game                           |
| 7:00-8:00 p.m. | Reception by faculty in honor of alumni |
| 8:00 p.m.      | Banquet in honor of the class of 1912   |

## NEW GYMNASIUM BUILT

A movement was started for a new gymnasium in 1908 when Mr. T. M. Wood was principal. After a great deal of hard work and also after overcoming all opposition, the High School in 1909 built a good substantial gymnasium assuming all financial obligations.

The Board of Trustees recognized the fact that the gymnasium was indeed an asset to the school and at its December, 1910, meeting voted to pay the school \$10 rent per month until the debt on the building was paid.



NEW GYMNASIUM

In 1911-12, W. M. Kyser was elected again as principal. He had been an administrator at the school for 14 years. He was working with the following staff members: Celia Pennington, English; Anna May Doering, History and Civics; B. W. Carper, Manual Training and Science; Mary Baird, Latin and English; Bernice Campbell, Business Department; Carrie Gates, Art and Science; N. J. Thompson, Commercial Department; Lula Daniel, Librarian; and F. L. Calvin, Janitor.

Trustees were: E. B. Brown, William Wade, W. F. McPeak, W. W. Bradbury, George Pfaff, and Dr. C. N. Petty. Ida B. Marley was County Superintendent.

The state legislature added the Departments of Agriculture and Domestic Science if the high school so desired. The schools adopting these departments would receive state aid in the amount of \$250.00. Our school received this aid for the 1912-1913 school year.

The following are sections from Rules & Regulations as listed in the August, 1911, Annual Catalogue.

### ARTICLE III

#### INSTRUCTORS

“The instructors shall be elected at the April meeting of the Board, unless vacancies occur by resignation or otherwise, when they may be filled at any meeting of the Board.

“Any instructor or instructors may be removed for cause, by a majority of the Board at any meeting, provided their resignation is called for five days prior thereto, signed by a majority of the Board.

“The instructors must follow the suggestions of the principal concerning the management of the school and methods of class instruction.”

### ARTICLE IV

#### Admission of Students and Suspension

“Section I. Students may be admitted to the High School on the following conditions: (1) Any person holding a common school diploma, or a teacher’s certificate; (2) On examination given by principal or faculty, equivalent to the examination passed by the common school graduates; (3) The board may admit a scholar, not possessing the above qualifications, on such conditions as it may, in any particular case, order; (4) Students seventeen or over may be admitted as irregular students by passing an examination in those subjects they wish to carry, satisfactory to the principal or faculty; (5) Students under fourteen are not admitted.

“Sec. 2. All persons seventeen years of age and above, not graduates of the common schools, may be admitted to a Special Business Course for the study only of Shorthand, Typewriting, Commercial Arithmetic, Commercial Bookkeeping and Business Principles and Methods, and Orthography and English Composition, upon passing an examination in the ordinary English branches satisfactory to the principal.

“Sec. 3. Students may be temporarily suspended by the principal, if in his or her judgment the best interests of the institution demand it; such suspension being subject to the action of the Board at its next regular meeting.”

### OUR PURPOSE

“We are trying to give every girl and boy in Labette County a thorough high school training, a training that means success in life in the highest sense. This means to the homes in our county less sorrow and more success and happiness; it means to our county fewer criminals, higher citizenship and a greater development of the resources of the county.

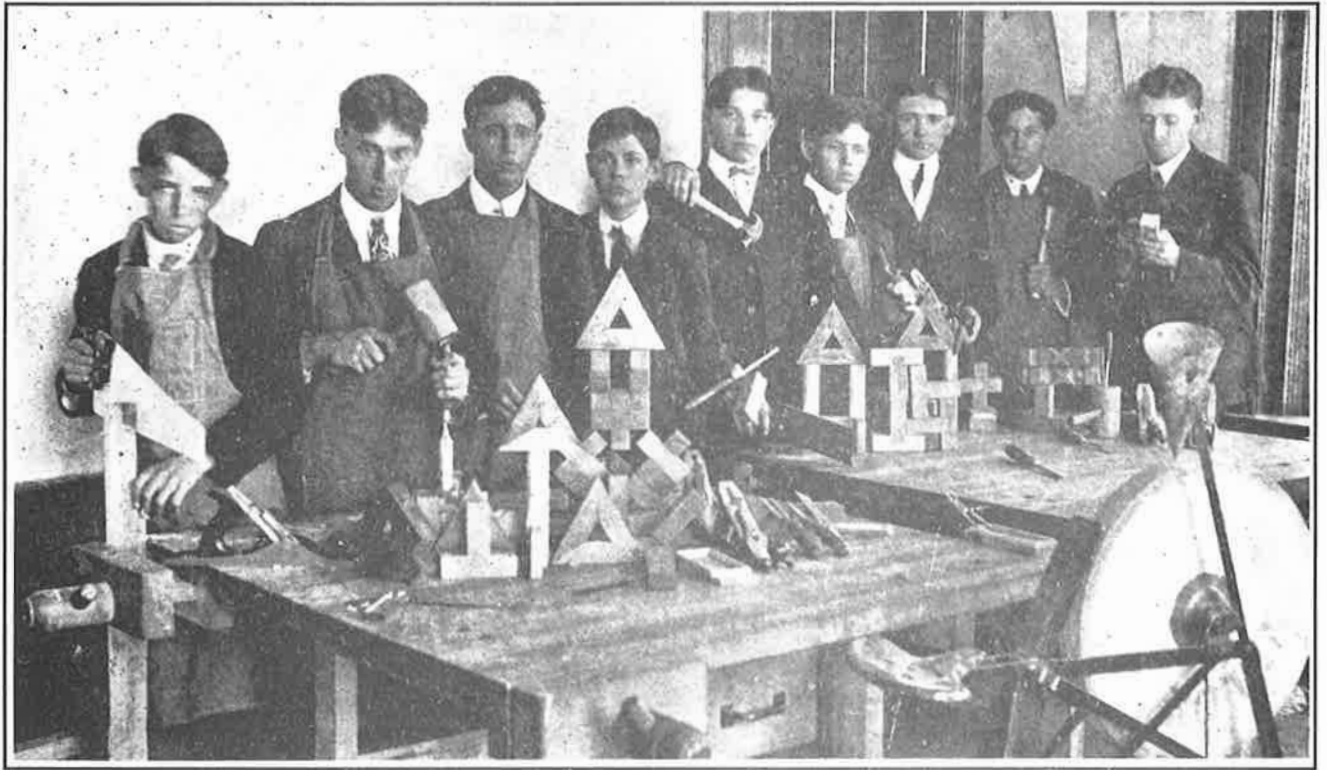
“Fine stock, abundance of fruit and grain mean a great deal for a community but brain-power, energy and honesty mean almost every thing. To develop brain-power, increase energy and raise the standard of citizenship, is the mission and the ambition of the Labette County High School.”

-- W. M. KYSER 1905 Annual

#### Ladies' Quartette

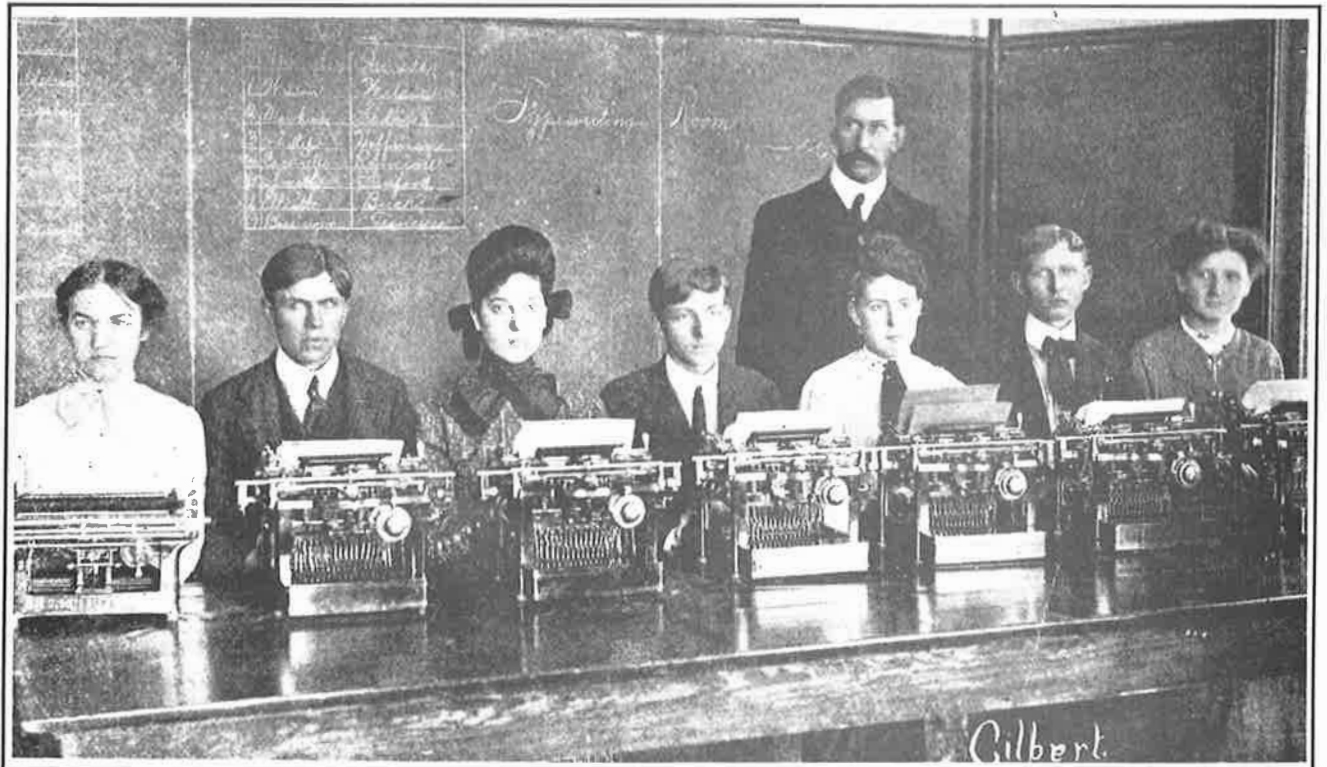


Bessie Lee Julia Nary Leona Hoffman Anise Reed



MANUAL TRAINING CLASS 1904-05

LCHS could satisfy the needs of any boy or girl in the county. "We can prepare any student for the higher institutions of learning; we can qualify him for the teaching profession; we can train him for the business world; or, we can give him the fundamental preparation for successful work in any line of manual labor. Our library, laboratory, business department, manual training department and our teaching force enable us to do all that a first class high school is expected to do."



BUSINESS DEPARTMENT 1904-05



The County Superintendent for Labette County High School in 1912 was Miss Ida B. Marley. The distinguished Board of Trustees included: Mr. E. B. Brown - Edna, Mr. William Wade - Chetopa, Mr. W. F. McPeak - Parsons, Mr. W. W. Bradbury - Bartlett, Mr. George Pfaff - Parsons, and Dr. C. N. Petty - Altamont.

Enrollment began on Monday, August 28, in the pressed brick building with stone trimmings known as Labette County High School. Students scrambled all week responding to the challenge of entrance exams and settled into the new term with the student reception on Friday, September 1, 1911.

The faculty and staff that greeted the incoming "freshies" consisted of:

Principal W. M. Kyser - Kansas State University - Methods and Psychology

Miss Celia Pennington - University of Kansas - German and English

Miss Anna Mae Doering - Kansas State Normal, Emporia - History and Grammar

Miss Mary M. Baird - Kansas State Normal - Latin and English

Miss Bernice Campbell - Baker University Business College - Shorthand and Typewriting

Miss Carrie Gates - State Agricultural College - Domestic Art and Science

Miss Lula Daniel - LCHS Normal and Commercial Courses - Librarian

Mr. N. J. Thompson - Waterloo College of Waterloo, Iowa - Commercial Department

Mr. B. W. Carper - Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana - Manual Training, Physics and Music

Mr. F. L. Calvin served as the janitor.

The 1911-12 school term also marked the beginning of a Domestic Science and Art Department at Labette County High School. One of the many benefits that resulted from this addition to the curriculum was \$250 in state aid.

The price of textbooks in 1912 ranged from \$.39 to \$1.50. Room and board for students who

lived close to campus was approximately \$40 a year. The Athletic Association was in charge of the Lecture Course for 1912. The proceeds were for the benefit of the new gymnasium. Performances included:

The Mozart Concert Company

Rogers & Grilley - Entertainers

John E. Gunckel - Lecture

Geo. D. Alden - Lecture

John B. Ratto - Impersonator

Dr. D. L. Robertson - Lecture

Fraternity Glee Club- Entertainers

The different classes met and elected the following officers:

Freshman: Meredith Lounecker, president; Earl Todd, vice president; Esta Wells, secretary; Lloyd Hiatt, treasurer; Nevel Hanley, sergeant-at-arms.

Junior-Sophomore: Merrill Luman, president; Mary Walter, vice president; Nellie Todd, treasurer; Robert Riley, Secretary; Cyril Emler, sergeant-at-arms.

Senior: Chas. Wampler, president; Frankie Driggs, vice president; Florence Brewster, secretary and treasurer; John Ackerson, sergeant-at-arms.

The Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. H. I. Bailey, of Altamont. The class address was given by Principal M. L. Catlett, Columbus, Kansas. The valedictorian was Etta Muney, and the salutatorian was Lester David.

Items of interest nationwide during the 1912 school year covered a wide range of topics.

Atchison, Kansas, was the sight of a trial flight for the Jacobs Aeroplane. The Jacobs Aeroplane has taken a year to build at the cost of more than \$10,000.

An indictment was issued against the Appeal to Reason- the widely read socialist newspaper - on the grounds of circulating obscene material through the mail.

## 1912-13 to 1921-22

### 1912-13

No new board members were added for the 1912-13 school term. New faculty members were: Miss Lillian Kendrick who was hired to head the Music and Elocution Department. Mr. Fred Hunter (an LC graduate) who took the place of Mr. Carper for Manual Training, and Mr. F. M. Hurd - Commercial Department. Mr. Hurd graduated from Erving College in Erving, Illinois.

Students began enrolling at LCHS on Monday, September 2, 1912. The student reception was held Friday, September 6, 1912.

In the area of self-improvement and continuing the high moral standards of the LCHS student body, Mr. Lewis Bickman, president of the Young Men's Christian Association, led a six-member delegation from LCHS to the state convention held at Hutchinson in February, 1913.

Miss Marie Hudgen, president of the Young Women's Christian Association, headed a delegation to their state convention in Wichita.



Y.W.C.A. CABINET

The English Literature class gave an original performance. They donated the \$45.35 proceeds to the school to help with expenses.

The Athletic Association Lecture Course included:

Mendelssohn Quartette  
Hon. O'Connell, Lecture  
Wm. A. Colledge, Lecture  
Alton Packard, Cartoonist  
Singing Orchestra  
H. R. Manlove, Entertainer

Athletically, both boys' and girls' basketball teams were entered in the Southeastern Teacher's Association Tournament, which was held at Independence in March. The boys did not place, but the girls claimed second. The award for second place was a basketball given by Smeltzer Company of Kansas City, Missouri.

During the 1912-13 school year, LCHS had a twenty-one member band and a ten-member orchestra. Another distinguished music group was the Male Quartette.

The Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. J. M. Kersey of Parsons. The Class Address was given by Prof. D. M. Bowen, of the Pittsburg Manual Training School. The Valedictorian was Zella McCue, and the salutatorian was Nellie Todd.

The school term 1912-13 was an election year and the local and national newspapers were filled with accounts of the 3-way battle among Taft, Wilson, and Roosevelt. Early in the school year, Theodore Roosevelt spoke at Iola, Kansas, along the campaign trail. Woodrow Wilson was elected president.

## 1913-14

Mr. P. A. Morrison of Parsons was the only new member added to the Board of Trustees for the 1913-14 school year.

The new school term welcomed five new faculty members and one change within the staff.

Miss Lula Daniel moved from her position as librarian to shorthand and typewriting; the new staff members were as follows:

Mr. George W. Brown - State Agricultural College (Manhattan) - Manual Training and Agriculture

Miss Grace M. Shields - State Manual Training Normal (Pittsburg) - Domestic Art and Science

Miss Linda Livesay - Parsons Business College - Commercial Department

Miss Elma Gailey - Cooper College (Sterling) - Music and Elocution

Miss Mary Belknap - LCHS - Librarian

Eddie Royce, president of the Young Men's Christian Association, led a six member delegation from LCHS to the state convention held at Chanute in March.

In the area of individual student performance, LCHS was honorably represented by Otho Henry in the Southeast Oratorical Contest held at Cherokee on April 4, 1914. Mr. Henry placed second.

Again, both boys' and girls' basketball teams entered the Southeastern Teachers' Association Tournament. This year the tournament was held at Parsons. The girls' team captured first place. The championship trophy was a loving cup.

The girls' basketball team won the Southeast Kansas championship and made an excellent record in the state meet at Lawrence. The boys' basketball team was crowned Southeast Kansas champions in the spring.

As in 1912-13, the Athletic Association was responsible for the Lecture Course in 1913-14. The following performances were featured:

H. A. Adams, Lecturer

Ash Davis, Cartoonist

The Dietrics, Magic and Music

The Concert Company

Gilbert Shorter Players

Nels Darling, Lecturer

Otterbein Male Quartette and Bell Ringers



BASEBALL TEAM 1913-14



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM 1913

Other than final examinations, Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises commanded the attention of May. Rev. Madison of Ft. Scott gave the Baccalaureate sermon. The graduation address was given by Emporia Presbyterian College President, H. C. Culbertson.

The valedictorian was Mary Walter, and the salutatorian was Elra Davis. Out of a total enrollment of 160, the graduating class had 60 students.

Fiscal costs for operating Labette County High School in 1913 totaled \$16,019.37.

A new roster of Alumni Association officers took their posts in 1913-14. They were: Edward White '10, President; Helen Lush, '10, Vice-President; Mary Belknap, '09, Cor. Secretary; Iva Lister, '13, Rec. Secretary, Oscar Johnson, '98, Treasurer.

### 1914-15

Mr. J. C. Bertsch of Parsons was the only new face on the LCHS Board of Trustees for 1914-15.

The faculty and staff welcomed three new members to the growing cabinet.

Mr. W. F. Hearst - Commercial College, Ada, Ohio - Agriculture  
Mrs. M. B. Syske - McLean College - Hopkinsville, KY - Music and Elocution  
Miss Emma Heimsar - LCHS - Librarian

Miss Mary Belknap moved from her previous position of librarian to take charge of the shorthand and typewriting department.

The following is a schedule of the Lecture Course events for the school year.  
All Brothers Straight  
Wilson Company - Entertainers  
American Girls - Music  
Col. Geo. W. Bain - Lecturer  
Miss B. Buckley - Reader

Stewart I. Long - Lecturer  
M. M. Wood - Scientific Lecture

Operating expenses for the year totaled \$21,874.61.

The Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. Fred Shaw of Parsons. The class address was given by State Superintendent W. D. Ross of Topeka.

The graduating class consisted of 46 students. Total enrollment was 172. The valedictorian was Grace Barrick, and the salutatorian was Clarence Claxton.

The 1914-15 Class Motto was, "Quality Not Quantity".

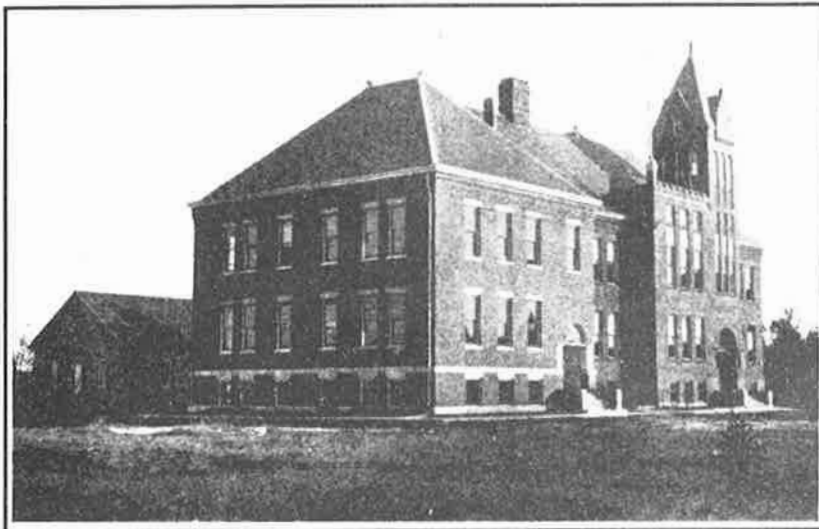
In world events, the Germans sank the Lusitania. World War I began prior to school starting.

### 1915-16

Two new faces made their appearance on the Labette County High School Board of Trustees: James Saylor, Parsons; and Mrs. Ida Baker, Parsons.

Four new faculty members joined the staff for the 1915-16 school term.  
Miss Manor Hoover (an LC graduate) - St. Mary's College, Dallas, Texas - Domestic Art and Science  
Miss Clara Ryan (an LC graduate) - State Manual Training Normal, Pittsburg, Kansas - Commercial Department  
Miss Carrie Wolcott (also an LC graduate) - State Normal, Emporia, Kansas - Music and Elocution  
Mr. Roe E. Clark - State Manual Training Normal - Pittsburg, Kansas - Normal Training

Enrollment for all students was on Monday, September 6.



OLD BUILDING WITH NEW ADDITION

Below is an example of the academic excellence demanded by LCHS in it's young history.

No senior who fails to pass in all subjects that he is carrying will be permitted to graduate or make up back work after school closes, unless those failures are caused by sickness during the last two weeks of school.

Lecture courses were as follows:

- Ada Roach Company in the Heart of the Immigrant
- Concert Company - (Trio)
- Frederick E. Hopkins - Lecture
- Novelty Four
- Evertt Kemp - Monologist and Entertainer
- Jess Pugh Company - Reader
- Julius Caesar Nayphe - Lecture

In 1907 the Board of Trustees voted to build an addition to the main school building for vocational use. Not until this school year (1915-16) was everything able to be coordinated with the county, city, and school officials.

The new addition included 8 new rooms that consisted of a closet system connected to a septic tank, electric power and lighting system, and modern equipment for the vocational subjects.

Various classes took advantage of the new addition. One room was used for Manual Training, one for Domestic Science, two for recitation, one for study, one for typing, one for reading, and one for a library room.

The Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. C. W. Odom of Fredonia. The class address was to have been given by Prof. William McKeever, of the University of Kansas, but on account of high water and bad railroad connections, he failed to get here. Rev. H. E. McLeod, of Altamont, came to our rescue and gave the graduates a very fine address.

The class of 1915 consisted of 45 graduates. Total enrollment was 167. The valedictorian was Glenn Kessler, and salutatorian was Helen Gail.

Operating expenses totaled \$29,301.29.

A spring baseball game was held that brought in \$75.



CLASS IN AGRICULTURE

In 1915-16 the following courses were offered in agriculture. Each course ran one semester and was offered every other year.

Soils, Farm Crops, Economic Entomology, Farm Management, Feeds and Feeding, Animal Husbandry, Dairy and Poultry, Horticulture.

The following article on the resignation of Prof. W. M. Kyser was taken from the Altamont Journal.

To teach eighteen consecutive years in a county high school is a record that any educator in the state could well envy. At the close of the school in May, Prof. W. M. Kyser will have completed his eighteenth consecutive year as teacher and principal of the Labette County High School located in this city. During all these years Prof. Kyser has been one of the leading educators in this portion of the state and today is not only recognized as such but is conceded by the people of Labette County to be one of its most ideal citizens, a good sincere Christian worker, and a man that is public spirited, ever ready to lend a helping hand and wholesome influence wherever possible.

The good work of Professor and Mrs. Kyser will ever remain vivid in the memory of the people of Altamont and Labette County.

In world events, Gen. Pershing went after Poncho Villa in Mexico.

### 1916-17

No additions were made to the Labette County High School Board of Trustees.

There was a major change in the faculty, though. The community welcomed new principal, C. M. Miller. The following appeared in the Altamont Journal.

The board of county high school directors met in regular session Monday at their office at the high school building in Altamont at which time they employed a new principal to succeed W. M. Kyser, who has resigned from 18 years service in this school here to go on his ranch and look after the 600 head of cattle he and his brother have.

There were 35 applicants for the position, all of whom had strong recommendations. Out of the whole list Prof. C. M. Miller was elected to succeed Prof. Kyser. In choosing Prof. Miller as the choice from such a large number of excellent and efficient men is certainly complimentary to Prof. Miller which indicated that the board really felt he was the best man for the job.

Prof. Miller is a married man, whom the writer would judge to be about 35 years old. He is a fine portly looking fellow whom we judge to weigh about like Frank Gotch and

has a physic that would go in the Gotch class, although we understand Prof. Miller does not deviate from the school work into the Gotch line. However, we are thinking he will be able to take care of the corn fed husky lads in the event they ever become unruly.

Prof. Miller was reared on a farm, graduated from a county high school, is a college polished gentleman, balanced with the faculty of good common sense. We feel he will be able to get in touch with the farmers all over Labette County and carry the work of the school along in the most satisfactory manner.

Prof. Miller is the assistant principal of the county high school at Parsons. He has taught there for the past four years and the people of Parsons say he is one of the most aggressive, progressive, efficient and highly respected teachers Parsons has ever employed.

Faculty additions and changes included these people:

Mr. W. F. Hearst added the title of Assistant Principal for the 1916-17 school year. Mr. L. C. Guffey joined the faculty in the Commercial Department.

LCHS lost a loyal employee with the death of long-time janitor, Mr. F. L. Calvin. "For fourteen years he quietly, unassumingly, conscientiously and efficiently performed the duties of Janitor. He took a keen interest in the various activities of the school and was always loyal in his support of The Young Men's Christian Association. Mr. Calvin was always on duty and was never too tired to do a kind deed for anyone."

Enrollment began on Monday, September 4, 1916.

The courses on instruction provided up to this time are as follows:

1. Normal Course which was to prepare students for teaching or for entrance to the State Normal School at Emporia.
2. General Course which was designed for those who desire a general academic education. It was very suitable for a young man who intended to be a farmer or a businessman.

3. College Preparatory Course was for those who wished to pursue their studies further and take a course in some college or university.

4. General Business Course, having for its objective the acquirement of an academic and business education.

5. Special Business Course for those who were unable to pursue any of the regular courses of the high school and offered the opportunity to acquire, at a moderate cost and in a comparatively limited period, a respectable and remunerative education.

In 1916, an Industrial Course for boys and one for girls was added. These courses were designed to prepare students for industrial and home life. The school expected to put great stress on these courses in the future.

The tradition of active and well represented YMCA and YWCA groups continued in 1916-17. Orville Richardson served as president of the YMCA this year and led the LCHS delegation to the state convention held at Kansas City, Kansas.

President Matilda Hillegas accompanied the YWCA delegation to their state delegation at Newton, Kansas.

1916-17 was a very competitive year in many extra-curricular activities for LCHS.

In the county musical contest held at Oswego, the "Ladies Duet" of Miss Eunice Perry and Miss Gertrude Oakleaf won first place. Their award was a handsome pennant.

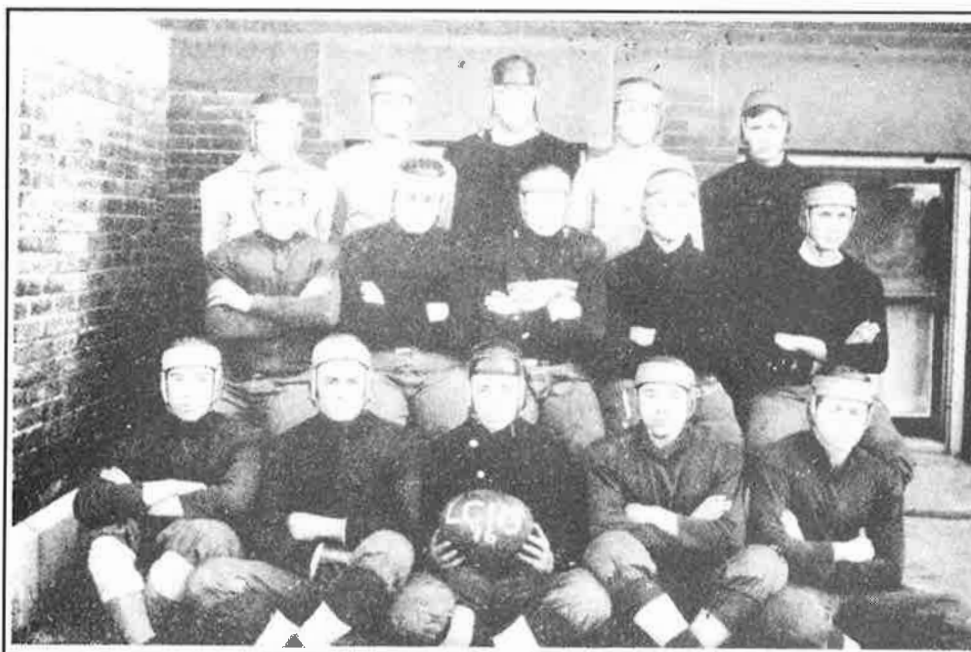
Miss Dot Mortimer claimed first place in the County Declamation contest also held at Oswego. Miss Mortimer received a loving cup for her efforts.

At the Southeastern Kansas Basketball tournament held at Independence, the boys' team captured first place in the consolation bracket. Their reward was a new basketball.

The boys' baseball team won the Southeast Kansas championship again.

This was the first year for a football squad at LCHS. Their 1916-17 football record was:

<u>LC</u>		<u>Opponent</u>
14	Cherryvale	21
12	Oswego	19
7	Oswego	24
0	Independence	36
55	Columbus	0



1916 FOOTBALL TEAM

Organized in 1916, the team learned much about the game and gave promise of winning future honors. Their coach was Prof. C. M. Miller, a star player in the football team of the K.S.M.T.N.S., several years before. "All five games were hard fought battles but our boys were good losers and kept on 'keeping on' until they capped the climax by winning the last game by a score of 55-0."

The freshman class officers were: Jessie Belknap, president; Richard VonTreba, vice-president; Bessie Yarborough, secretary and treasurer; and Troy White and Ray Utley, sergeant-at-arms.

The sophomore and junior class officers were: George Hanley, president; Chas. Belknap, vice-president; Zelpha Luman, secretary; Thomas Grant, treasurer; Myron George, sergeant-at-arms.

The senior class officers were: Orville Richardson, president; Lois Walker, vice-president; Lucy Clinkenbeard, secretary; Byron Bowman, treasurer; Claude Utley, sergeant-at-arms.

This was the schedule for the lectures and entertainment:

- Mt. Vernon Singing Party
- Gay Zenola MacLaren - Imitative Recitals of Famous Plays
- The Music Guardsmen - A Singing Orchestra
- Smith Damron - Potter and Craftsman
- The McCords - Humorous Number
- C. C. Mitchell - Lecture
- E. H. Lougher - Lecture

The Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. W. E. Brandenburg of Parsons, Kansas. The class address was given by Prof. William A. McKeever of K. U.

There were 34 graduates in the class of 1917. The valedictorian was Margaret Lush, and the salutatorian was Bryan Bowman.

In world events, America entered World War I. Communism started in Russia. President Wilson was re-elected on the campaign promise that, "He kept us out of the war."

### 1917-18

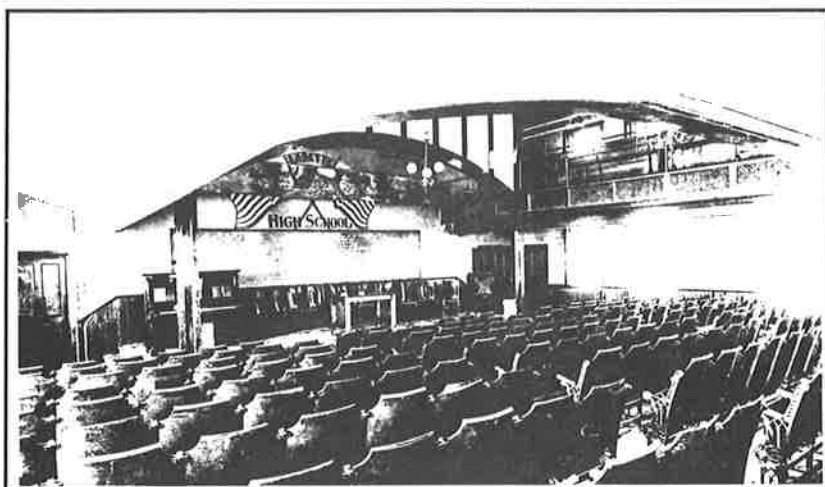
C. E. Candle, Altamont, and W. L. Mosler, Parsons, joined the LCHS Board of Trustees for the 1917-18 school term.

New faculty members for the new term numbered six.

- Miss Laura Miller - Domestic Art and Science
- Mr. Roe Clark - Manual Training
- A. J. Mitchell - Argyle, Wisconsin - Commercial Department
- Miss Gertrude Hill - Music and Expression
- Mr. Fremont Dixon - Science and Athletics - Resigned to go to war and E. B. Allen filled the position
- Miss Eva Smith - Librarian and Stenographer

Enrollment for the 1917-18 school year began on Monday, September 3, 1917.

Thirty-two total credits was the graduation requirement in 1917-18.



ASSEMBLY ROOM  
AS VIEWED FROM  
THE BACK



Freshman were not permitted to carry more than four subjects the first semester.

The grading system in 1917-18 was as follows:

I Plus	95-100
I	90-95
II Plus	85-90
II	80-85
III	75-80
IV	60-75
V	Below 60

Senior class officers were: Hazel Waugh, president; Maurice Ward, vice-president; Edward Clark, secretary.

The junior-sophomore class officers were: Jessie Belknap, president; Leta Brock, vice-president; Vercia Jones, secretary; and Harold George, sergeant-at-arms.

Freshman class officers were: Brunhilda Oakleaf, president; Gerald Harrington, vice-president; and Velma Fairman, secretary.

1917-18 marked a distinct change in curriculum. Beginning with this year these subjects will be arranged in groups and greater freedom will thus be obtained for students in selecting their work.

*Group I, English*  
English I, II  
English III, IV  
English V, VI

*Group II, Mathematics*  
Algebra I, II  
Algebra III,  
Geometry I, II

*Group III, Foreign Languages*  
Latin I, II,  
German I, II  
German III, IV  
French I, II

*Group IV, Sciences*  
Physical  
Physics I, II  
Chemistry I, II  
General Science  
or Physical Geography  
Biological  
Botany I, II  
Physiology I  
Agriculture  
Soils I  
Farm Crops I  
Farm Management I  
Feeds and Feeding I  
Animal Husbandry I  
Dairy and Poultry I  
Horticulture I

*Group V, Social Science*  
Ancient and Mediaeval History I, II  
Modern History I, II  
American History I, II  
Civics I

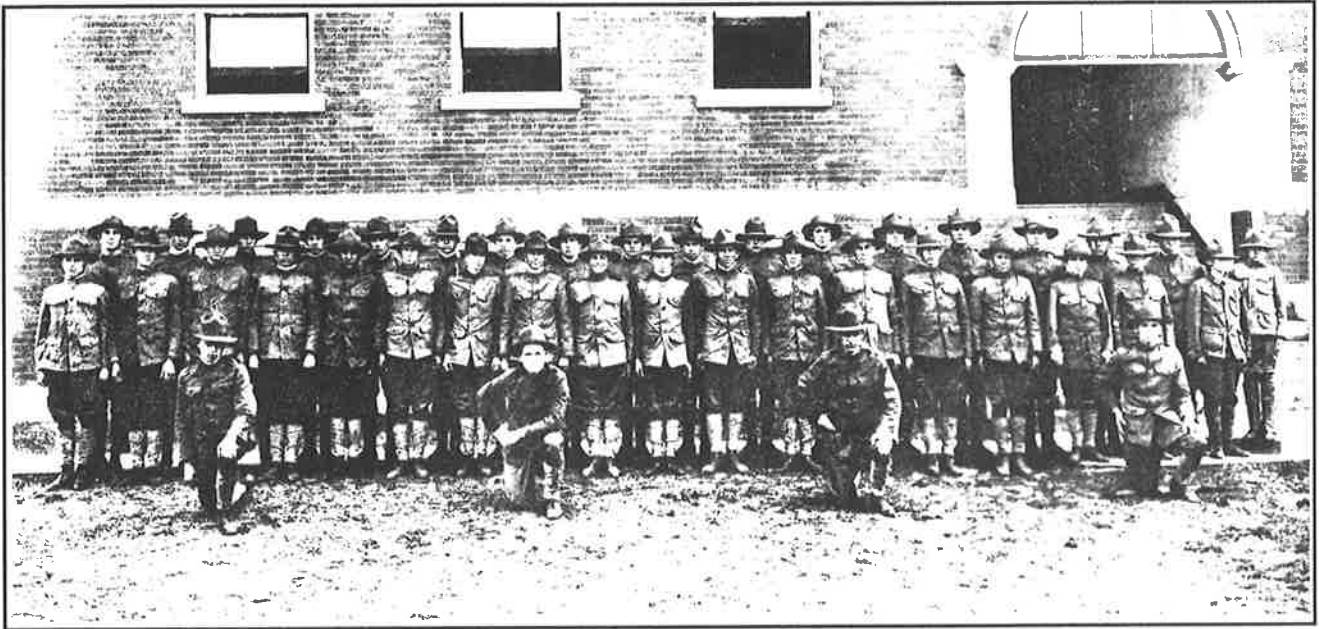
*Group VI, Pedagogical Subjects*  
Psychology I  
Methods and Management I  
Reviews I, II  
Normal Arithmetic I

*Group VII, Commercial Subjects*  
Penmanship I, II  
Commercial Geography I  
Commercial Law I  
Bookkeeping I, II  
Typewriting I, II, III  
Shorthand I, II, III, IV

*Group VIII, Vocational Subjects*  
Domestic Art I, II  
Domestic Science I, II  
Elementary Woodworking I  
Turning I  
Farm Mechanics I, II  
Blacksmithing I, II

*Group IX, Music and Expression*  
Sight Reading I, II  
Expression I, II

“In addition to the above, credits will be given for one year of faithful work in any musical organization which is conducted regularly by a member of the faculty of the high school.”



HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

### *L.C.H.S. Honor Roll*

John Ackerson  
 Charles Belknap  
 William Belknap  
 Paul Haines  
 Clarence Kessler  
 Myron George  
 Kenneth Cashman  
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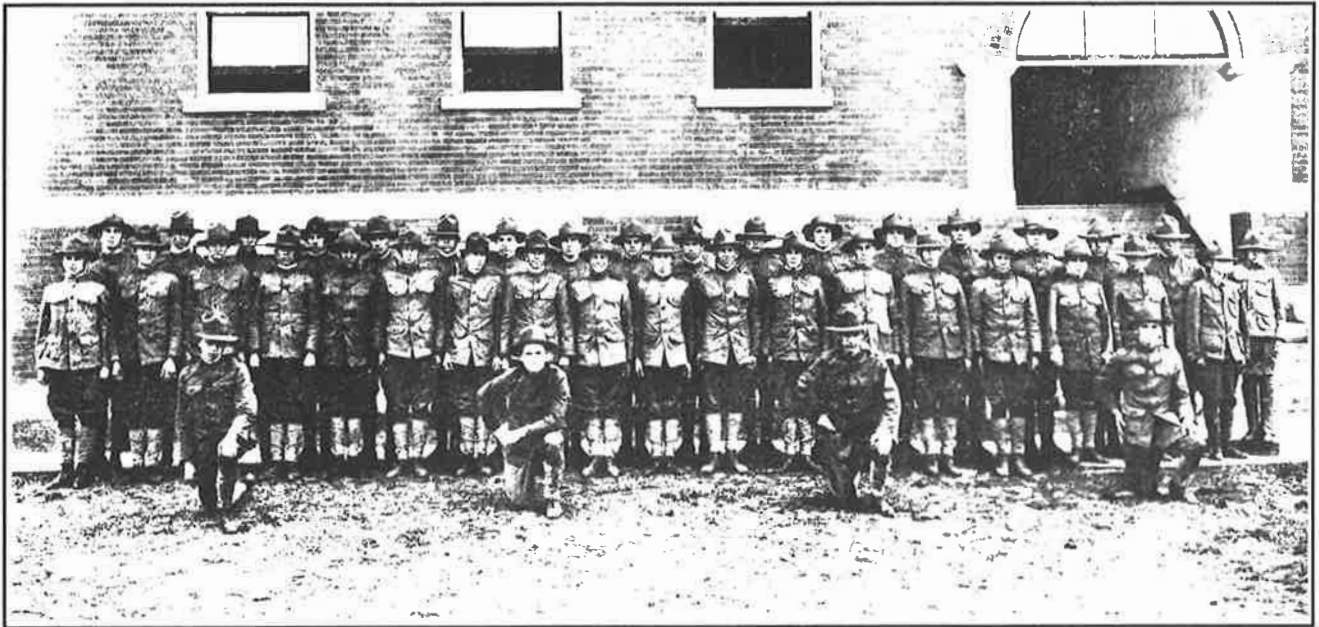
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 Paul O'Connell  
 Elsworth Hunt  
 George Mollenhour  
 John Howell  
 Wayne Crabtree  
 Tyne Crabtree  
 Paul Duval  
 Mark O'Connell  
 Orla David

Roscoe Griffin  
 Paul Woods  
 James Evans Lombe  
 Clarence Wilson  
 Ernest Branzet  
 Wm. DeBolt  
 Glen Williams  
 Otto Dixon  
 Fred White  
 Dan Williams  
 Fred Hunter  
 Lloyd Wampler  
 Hiram Murphy  
 Don Driver  
 Alva Wimmer

We are proud of our Honor Roll and the brave lads in khaki who are fighting "over there" that Liberty and bright, happy school days such as they have known in old L.C.H.S. may continue throughout the future years.

We are more than glad that by sacrifice and hard work we could buy a Liberty Bond and give subscriptions to the Y.M.C.A. and Red Cross, thus showing that we are back of our boys in khaki, who receive magazines and literature from L.C.H.S. every month "lest they forget."

One of the most enjoyed periods of our school day is the patriotic forty-five minutes spent by the girls enthusiastically knitting or sewing for the Red Cross, while out on the Campus the boys, in their khaki suits, are taking military training in order to be strong and healthy should Uncle Sam call them.



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At the chorus contest held in Oswego, the Girls Glee Club placed 1st and the Mixed Chorus claimed 3rd.

At the Southeastern Kansas Teachers' Association contest, the Mixed Chorus claimed first place and was awarded a Silver Cup. Girls' Glee Club won second place.



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The boys' basketball team beat Edna 33-31 to claim the Champions' Cup for the second year in a row.

The football record for 1917-18 was:

- Oct. 13 LC vs. Cherryvale 19-0  
LC vs. Erie (previously undefeated)  
13 - 0
- Nov. 2 LC vs. Indy (SEK Champs in 1916-17)  
0 - 61
- Nov. 16 LC vs. Erie 17 - 6

#### World Events

Tuesdays were meatless days in the U.S. to help with the war effort.

Wednesdays were wheatless days to aid in the war effort.

Everyone was encouraged to plant a victory garden.

#### 1918-19

Mr. G. A. Roller of Parsons became the newest member of the Board of Trustees.

1918-19 welcomed seven new instructors to Labette County High School.

- Mr. E. B. Allen - science
- Mr. H. V. Hartman - mechanics
- Miss Hazel Thompson - home economics
- Miss Faye Lock - music and expression
- Mr. C. W. Matthews - normal training and English
- Mr. E. A. Clawson - agriculture
- Miss Alma Cassin - librarian

Senior class officers were: president - Marion Liston; vice-president - Pearl Bowman; and secretary and treasurer - Eula Clinkenbeard. The class motto was, "We Will."

The junior-sophomore class officers were: president - Jessie Belknap; vice-president - Herbert George; secretary and treasurer - Ida Greenstreet.

The freshman class officers were: president - Amos Oakleaf; vice-president - Vera Crane; secretary - Dwight Richmire; treasurer - Mildred Alloway; sergeant-at-arms - Thomas Vontrebra.

The state secretary for YMCA's, Mr. Tebbin, visited LCHS during the 1918-19 school year.

Delegates Richard Von Trebra and Fred Oglesby attended the state YMCA convention in Salina.

The influenza epidemic took its toll on the LCHS football squad. Because of the epidemic, LCHS had to cancel its schedule and managed to

only find enough healthy bodies to play three games between the classes.

Influenza also affected the basketball teams for 1918-19. The boys' and girls' teams recovered enough to play one game each vs. Oswego.

Girls		Boys	
<u>LC</u>	<u>Oswego</u>	<u>LC</u>	<u>Oswego</u>
13	21	32	36

Altamont was the site of the spring track meet with Mound Valley and Oswego. LCHS ran away with the meet by accumulating 49 team points. Mound Valley and Oswego tied for second with 25 points each. Harold George was third high individual with 10.5 points. Members of the winning LCHS track team were: Kenneth Rich, Richard Von Treba, Cary Gary, Robert Jones, Seth Conard, Harry Armstrong, Robert McMillan, Guy Jones, Frank Guthrie, Marion Liston, Frank Campbell, Harold George.

The baseball team lost only one game in the spring and claimed another championship.

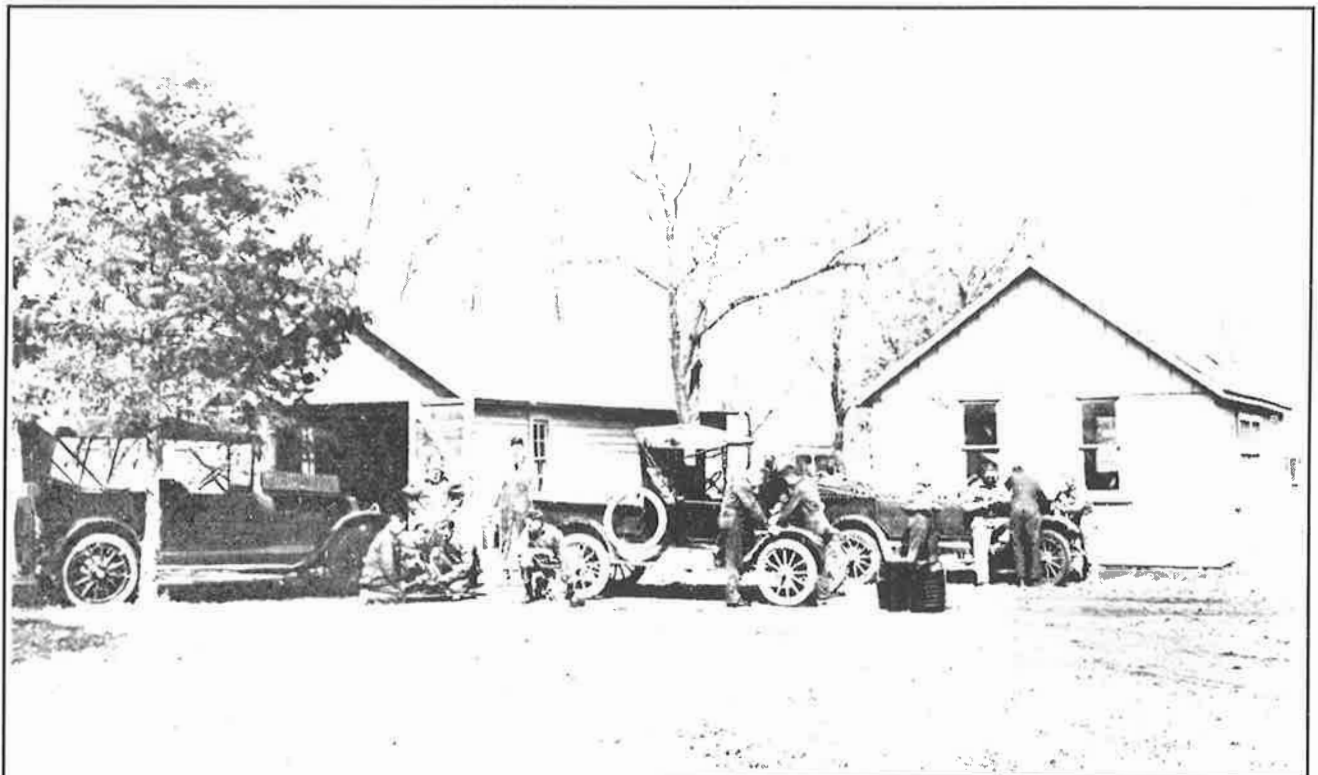
The valedictorian was Leta Brock, and the salutatorian was Vercia Jones.

Enrollment was 167.

The World War ended. President Wilson presented his "Fourteen Points" plan to the League of Nations.

The first vocational auto mechanics class in the state of Kansas was at LCHS in 1918. Harry Hartman was the teacher. There were 13 boys enrolled in this first class. They had two buildings, one of which was large enough to hold three cars. They worked on Model T's, Maxwells, Studebakers, and Overlands. Mr. C. M. Miller, principal of the school at that time, later became Director of the State Board for Vocational Education.

FIRST VOCATIONAL AUTO MECHANICS CLASS IN THE STATE OF KANSAS  
LABETTE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL 1918



## 1919-20

No new board members took office for the 1919-20 school term.

New staff members included:

Mr. S. R. Cellars - Science and Athletics  
Miss Helen Stokes - Music, Expression, and  
Girls' Gymnasium  
Miss Christine Wenrich - English  
Miss Ketura Moore - Commercial

The senior class officers were: president, Richard Von Treba; vice-president, Eula Henry; secretary and treasurer, Enid Reed. The class motto was, "Carry On".

The junior-sophomore class officers were: president, Willard Attebery; vice-president, Mae Belle Gallop; secretary and treasurer, Charles Belknap.

The freshman class officers were: president, Ethel Waugh; vice-president, Hazel Edmonds; secretary and treasurer, Elden Keene; sergeant-at-arms, Leo Barthelme.

1919-20 was the first year LCHS competed in debate. They didn't win any honors, but they did gain valuable experience in their first year.

The LCHS chorus presented a romantic musical comedy operetta, "The Gypsy Rover" in April with great success. Those participating in the production included: Juanita Baker, Velma Fairman, Marion Liston, Delbert Taylor, Alla Hosenev, Brosia Tarkington, Jay Luman, Jess Wiggins, Ruth Darby, Wayne Kingsbury, Ernest Dixon, Willard Attebery, and Fred Oglesby. The director was Miss Helen Stokes, and the accompanist was Colene George.

The class of 1920 had 56 graduates. The valedictorian was Dollie Davis, and the salutatorian was Enid Reed.

The cafeteria served an average of 29 students per day at the average cost per meal of 20 cents.

In world events, future President Calvin Coolidge broke the Boston Police Strike. On January 16, 1920, prohibition was enacted.

## VERDIGRIS VALLEY LEAGUE

The superintendents and principals of seven high schools in this section of the state, believing that properly conducted contests are helpful in creating a fine school spirit and a spur to individual effort, organized the Verdigris Valley League in the fall of 1919. The schools admitted to membership were Fredonia, Neodesha, Caney, Cherryvale, Coffeyville, Labette County High School, and Montgomery County High School. Oswego was admitted later. Schedules are arranged for football, basketball, and a track meet. Contests are planned for declamation, debate, and music. The rules and regulations of the Kansas State Athletic Association govern these inter-school contests.

The football team of 1919-20 produced the best results yet in the program's young history.

The gridiron squad lost only one game that season and claimed second place in the league behind champion Caney.

The Verdigris Valley League only had league competition for boys' basketball, so the girls' team played only a few games.

LCHS was the site of the fifth annual Labette County track meet. Schools that participated were Chetopa, Oswego, and Mound Valley. LCHS won the meet with 51 1/3 points. Frank Guthrie won individual honors for the 12 1/2 points he scored in his events.

Three main boarding houses were the "The Dwyer Shack", "The Richey Shack", and "The McOwen Shack". The following are pictures and excerpts from the 1920 Annual.



THE DWYER SHACK

We, the most loyal sons and daughters of St. Patrick, have placed the "Dwyer Shack" and the Irish at the forefront in every activity that is in the high school curriculum. We have representatives in athletics, music, debates, Y.M. and Y.W.C.A. and we all excel in our class work. From an observer's point of view, we are considered very vociferous students. But if everything be taken into consideration, it will be found that accidents happen in every home, and we are safe in saying that the utmost tranquility has predominated through the past school year. Students of former years who have stayed here, often return to the old "Shack" to pass the time of day and to put their feet under the dining table once more.

The other "Shacks" may boast of the numerous school activities in which they take part, but none can excel the "Richey Shack." We have taken important parts in music, athletics, declamation contests, school plays, and Y.W.C.A. One of our members brought back the cup from the County Declamation Contest held at Oswego, another was captain of the basketball team, five were members of the girls' glee club, three took part in the school play and three attended the Y.W.C.A. conference held at Wichita. We are a jolly bunch of girls and have great times together. We take an interest in our studies as well as in the many pleasures of school life. Altogether, we are very proud of our "Shack" and claim it to be the best in town.



THE RICHEY SHACK



THE McOWEN SHACK

The fellows of the "McOwen Shack" represent every class in school and are one hundred per cent strong for LCHS. Namely, we are: Andrew Hillegas, Clifford Holley, Fred Oglesby, Robert Hillegas, Seth Conard and Alla Hosenev. When it comes to school activities there are none in which we were not represented. Every member of this "Shack" belonged to the Y.M.C.A. and was glad to respond with any help which they could render, one of our members being Vice-president. And now we must not be so rude as to forget the cook, for at all times we had plenty of good eats, and fine goose hair beds in which to sleep.

## THE WEEKLY LABETTA

1920-21

For the first time in its history, the Labette County High School published a paper. At the first of the school year, plans were made by Mr. Miller for a school paper, but on account of the fire, the flu, and other troubles, it was postponed.

Finally, on February 28, 1920, the first copy of "The Weekly Labetta" was sent to press. Earle Moore won the distinction of naming the paper, giving due credit to the Annual Labetta.

The Weekly Labetta was published principally by the Junior English class. The students in this class were the reporters. After their items had been corrected by the editors, they were typewritten by the commercial students. Then the paper was sent to the Altamont Journal office to be printed.

When the paper was started, the business managers went to the merchants in the different towns in the county and contracted for advertisements. It was not difficult to get enough to finance the paper. After about a month it was found that the amount of advertising space contracted for was too much for the size of the paper. It didn't leave enough room for news. This difficulty was remedied by adding an inner sheet. Then the business managers hustled around for more advertisements and the reporters for more news.

The newspaper was the best advertiser the school had. It was sent free to homes of all the rural school children in the county.

In 1925, evidently some LCC students became tired of seeing The Labetta at the top of every issue, so the name was changed to the Community High School Booster, however, several years later the paper resumed its original name, The Labetta, which it is still called. The school paper is not only a paper of interest to the school but to the community as well.

There were no new board members for the new school year. Mr. D. L. Katterjohn took over as principal replacing Prof. C. M. Miller, who resigned to become director of the State Department of Vocational Education in Topeka.

Mr. Harry Haury was hired to head the science department. Mr. Haury was educated at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio.

Mr. Clarence Corbett will teach manual training, auto mechanics, and serve as athletic coach.

Miss Helen Stokes will teach music and expression.

New classes offered at LCHS in 1920-21 are vocational home economics, music appreciation, advanced expression.

Freshman class officers were: president, Oakley Salisbury; vice-president, Josephine Belknap; sergeant-at-arms, Howard Winters; treasurer, Nell Holloway; secretary, Clarence Rooten.

Sophomore class officers were: president, Bixby Ewers; vice-president, Andrew Hillegas; secretary, Lorene Turner; treasurer, Buelah Attebery; and sergeant-at-arms, Thomas Von Treba.

Junior class officers were: president, Amos Oakleaf; vice-president, Ura Plaster; secretary and treasurer, Madge Hildreth.

Senior class officers were: president, Frank Guthrie, vice-president, Leo Utley; secretary, Mary DeCow; and treasurer, Mae Belle Gallop.

The 1920-21 Lyceum course was:

September 28 - The Geneva Players

December 1 - E. C. Mobley - preacher,  
lawyer, and newspaperman

December 17 - Angelus Trio - music, drama,  
reading

January 15 - The Pugh Company - humor



February 3 - The Lyceum Singers  
March 25 - Montraville Wood - inventor  
April 8 - Helen Waggoner - entertainer-  
reader

Agriculture student Leo F. Barthelme won three firsts and two seconds at the Parsons Fair in 1920-21 with eight head of purebred Chester White hogs.

The 1921-22 football season was a relatively successful one that ended up being marred by tragedy. Under new coach, Mr. Corbett, the LCHS squad got off to a very respectable start. An accidental death on Saturday, November 13 prompted school officials to cancel the remaining 3 games left on the schedule. The young man who was fatally injured was Gerald Harrington, senior quarterback for LCHS. Harrington was hunting alone the day he accidentally shot and killed himself.

A new organization made its presence felt on campus in the 1920-21 term — Hoof and Horn Club. The organization's purpose was to promote the ownership of high grade and purebred livestock by high school age students in Labette County.

There were 38 graduates in the class of 1921. Total enrollment was 209 students. The valedictorian was Mabel Cozad, and the salutatorian was Hazel Epler.

Teachers were required to sign a loyalty oath.



HOOF AND HORN  
CLUB  
1920-21 ANNUAL

In world events, Warren Harding was elected president. Sacco and Vanzetti were arrested and tried for a payroll robbery. The eight White Sox players were indicted on charges of throwing the previous years' World Series.

### 1921-22

Mrs. Eva E. Cruzan was the new county superintendent for the 1921-22 school term. One new board member took office for this school year — Mr. Charles Harrington from Altamont.

New teachers included:

Miss Anna L. Pratt - Kansas State Agricultural College - vocational home economics  
Miss Juanita Hoke - Kansas State Agricultural College - mathematics  
Mrs. Bessie Johnson-Bailey - Cumberland University - music and expression  
Mr. F. Evan Johnson - Bethany College - social science and athletics

LCHS was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools for the first time in 1921-22.

The Board of Trustees gave approval to build a new shop building in 1921-22. LCHS offered vocational night classes for the first time in the history of the school.

The senior class officers were: president, Ura Plaster; vice-president, Pauline Reedy; secretary treasurer, Madge Hildreth.

The junior class officers were: president, Ronald DeCow; vice-president, Rae Denison; secretary, Lorene Turner; treasurer, Ethel Waugh; sergeant-at-arms, Arthur Tullis.

The sophomore class officers were: president, Daniel Parlett; vice-president, Darsey Seaton; secretary, Howard Winters; and treasurer, Florence Hopkins.

The freshman class officers were: president, Fred Hanley; vice-president, Dale Snyder; secretary, Roma Sachs; treasurer, Dudley Goldsmith; and sergeant-at-arms, Henry Bruhn and Perry Colton.

The Lyceum Course for 1921-22:  
The Hadley Concert Company  
The Smith-Springs-Holmes Quintet  
The Kaufman's Male Quartet  
Dr. William S. Sadler  
Dr. Paul E. Voellner  
Maude Willis  
William Sterling Battis

At the county music competition, the LCHS chorus claimed first. The mixed chorus placed second. Individually, Virgil Hildreth captured third with his solo performance.

In October, the Boys' and Girls' Glee Clubs presented a Japanese musical comedy, "Miss Chamberblossom."

In the spring, Amos Oakleaf played the lead in the senior play, "Hoodoo."

Athletically, all teams except baseball struggled through mostly mediocre seasons.

The class of 1921-22 consisted of 43 graduates. Total enrollment was at an all-time high of 230 students. The valedictorians were: Ella Steeby and Arthur Tullis, and the salutatorian was Hazel Edmonds.

In world events, Americans could buy a Model-T for \$300. 40 million people went to the movies. Charlie Chaplin was considered the world's biggest star.

The new shop building was completed this year. The shop is 50 x 80 feet, having a full four inch concrete floor with proper drains and pipes for water, gas and electric wires. The walls are of brick; steel window frames give it the real shop appearance. The roof is of the monitor type, affording much light from above. The roofing is fire proof.

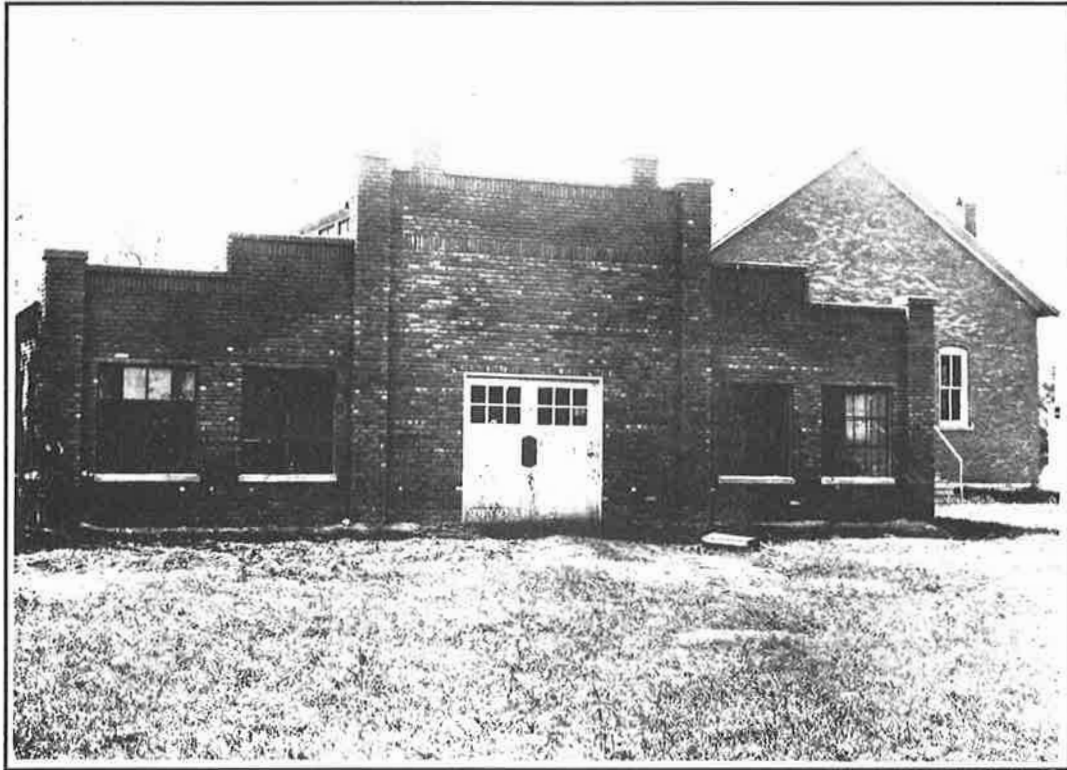
This shop is only a part of the building planned for vocational work. A main building 32 x 50 feet, two stories high will be built on the south end later. A wood working shop 32 x 36 feet will be built later to the east of this two story part. Thus the whole building becomes a workable compact unit.



1921-22 ORCHESTRA

LCHS was very proud of the wonderful progress that was made this year in the work of its orchestra. Although this was but the second year for the organization, it was fast becoming one of the strongest of the music department.

The building as it now stands complete in every respect, including paint, benches and closets cost \$4200



EXTERIOR VIEW OF NEW SHOPS



INTERIOR VIEW OF NEW SHOPS

## 1922-23 to 1931-32

### 1922-1923

Historians termed the decade 1920 to 1930 the “Roarin’ 20’s”, because of the great industrial development in the United States following the end of World War I.

The huge demand for cars, machinery, equipment, appliances, airplanes, and farm machinery resulted in the formation of many large factories, mostly in the eastern third of the nation, financed by corporate money raised through stocks traded at the stock exchange on Wall Street in New York. Railroads prospered by hauling raw materials to the factories and returning the finished products to retail outlets.

This industrial boom required an enormous amount of fuel which in turn brought on a demand for coal, gas, and oil — much of which is produced in Kansas, an agricultural state and one of the great food producing states in the nation.

Always ahead of the times in educating students in ways to “make a good living,” LCHS was ready to supply a labor market for the industrial revolution. Students who did not choose to attend college, but who had availed themselves of the opportunity to learn the basics of a vocation found ready employment.

Many graduates from the commerce department went to work for the Phillips Petroleum Co. at Bartlesville, Oklahoma and at the Prairie Oil Co. at Independence. The drafting, welding and mechanics departments furnished the airplane factories in Wichita with skilled help. Many graduates went to work for the Katy and Frisco railroads. The printing industry took several students. A great number of graduates remained as farmers using their training in vocational agriculture to help feed the world. The vocational home-

making class produced good cooks, wives, mothers, and homemakers who knew how to manage a household. Many of the girls also went into teaching as a career.

Unemployment at this time was almost non-existent in the U.S. and the standard of living kept going up and up.

The 1922-23 school year at LCHS found Eva Cruzan as County Superintendent of Schools. Serving on the Board of Trustees were the following: W. W. Bradbury of Bartlett, secretary; Charles Harrington, Altamont, treasurer; Dr. C. N. Petty, Altamont; William Wade, Chetopa; R. F. Riley, Valeda; and J. U. Dickerson, Parsons.

D. L. Katterjohn was again principal; Harry Haury, science; Celia Pennington, English and Language; E. A. Clawson, vocational agriculture; Hazel Thompson, vocational home economics; Ketura Moore, commerce; M. L. Wilbershide, mechanics; Mattie Hall, librarian and secretary to the principal; Grace Turner, English and Expression; F. Evan Johnson, social science and coach; Hattie Abbott, vocational home economics; Earl L. Delay, journalism and printing; David T. Lawson, music; Juanita Hoke, mathematics.

At the start of the term there were 79 seniors enrolled, 51 juniors, 90 sophomores, and 81 freshman.

Senior class officers were: Gordon White, president; Colene George, vice president; Frank Campbell, secretary; Ethel Phillips, treasurer; and Paul Roller, sargeant-at-arms.

The junior class officers were: Dean Armstrong, president; Louise Jones, vice president; Oakley Sailsbury, treasurer; and Leta Hopkins, secretary.

Ruth DeCow was president of the sophomore class, with Don Loomis, vice president; Mabel Uttley, secretary; Lois Hildreth, treasurer; Thelma Waugh was representative to the Annual Staff; Fred Hanley and Homer Tullis were sergeants-at-arms.

Freshman officers were: Glen Silcott, president; Harold Armstrong, vice president; Marjorie Miles, secretary-treasurer; Audrey Watt, chairman of social committee; Wilbur Katterjohn, sergeant-at-arms; Jim Reed and Letha Gearhiser, cheerleaders.

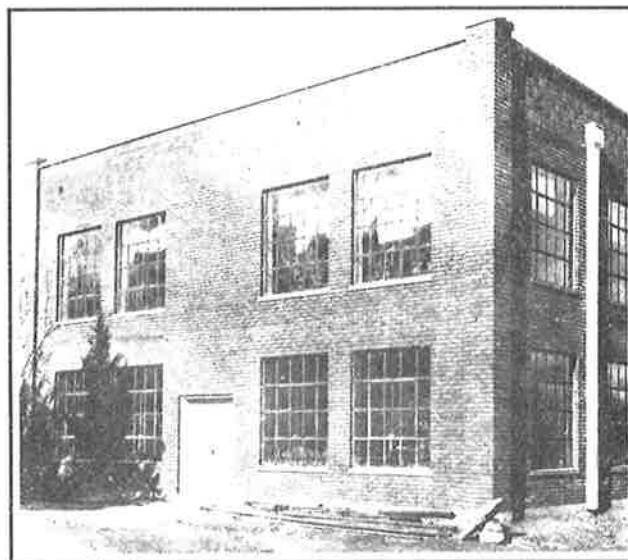
Some of the organizations were the YWCA, YMCA, Horn and Hoof (Vo. Ag. Club), Debate Club, and Girls' Hockey Club.

#### New Agriculture Hall Constructed

To carry on the work in agriculture and manual training in such a manner that those who were studying such subjects could be given the best training possible, it was necessary to have more room than was provided last year. In the June, 1922 meeting of the Board of Trustees of LCHS, it was decided to build a new agricultural hall. Preparations were immediately begun and in the latter part of November, 1922, the building was completed.

It is a large, two-story brick structure situated immediately east of the auto-mechanics shop on the extreme east of the campus. The main part of the building is thirty by forty feet with an annexed room sixteen feet square. On the first floor are the woodworking benches and machinery while the annex is used as a varnishing room. On the second floor is the recitation room and laboratory for instruction in agriculture. The annex on this floor is used as a library and private office of the instructor. The building is well supplied with modern tools and also with cases for the equipment. Modern devices for soil and milk testing are used and the chemical and biological equipment is fine. The large windows admit plenty of light and air so that the working conditions are good and at

night the building is lighted with electricity generated from our own plant.



NEW AGRICULTURE BUILDING

#### Many Improvements at LCHS

In the auto mechanics department, the following improvements have been installed: a new lathe, motor anvils, forges, and a press drill.

The chemistry and physics department, previous to this year, has been located on the third floor, commonly termed the attic. This room did not offer sufficient conveniences and the lighting effects were very poor. When the large, sunny, south room on the second floor was vacated by the agriculture students, some rearrangements were made in the other departments. Several days were spent in moving the various chemicals, tables, and other necessities of a good laboratory into the new quarters, and LCHS now has a chemistry and physics department worthy of honorable mention.

Another of the many improvements in LCHS is the uniting of the library and study hall. The partition between the two rooms has been removed making one large room, a library and study hall combined, supervised by the librarian.

Besides the improvements noted above, new shelving and many new books have been added. About three hundred and fifty new English books,

a new set of encyclopedias, and several reference books have been purchased, and all the books in our library have been classified.

The commercial department has received its share of the improvements. Individual desks have been purchased and the students can now do much better work.

One of the improvements is the serving of hot lunches at noon and night. The dining room is situated in the basement in the northeast room, which was previously occupied by the manual training department. A smaller room immediately south of the dining hall is used as a kitchen. Inside the dining room and in front of the kitchen door is a long table on which is placed the equipment for serving food. Wholesome, well-balanced meals are served twice a day for the small sum of fifteen cents per meal. This is the actual wholesale cost of food; equipment, labor, and fuel are not charged to the student. Tickets good for ten meals may be purchased for \$1.50. The lunchroom is the pride of Altamont; many clubs and organizations use this lunchroom.

All the usual high school athletics are found in LCHS. Many games are played both in the county and with members of the Verdigris Valley League.

#### Journalism and Printing a Great Success

Besides the many other improvements, this year has seen the establishment of a department of journalism and printing in LCHS. A printing press and all the equipment necessary for giving the students practical training were purchased, and the enrollment in these classes exceeded the greatest expectations of the authorities. Because of the eagerness and enthusiasm of these amateurs, LCHS has had a school paper this year that is one of the best in the state. The journalism students, with the aid of the other students and faculty, secured the news for "The Labetta" and the printing class printed the paper.

The students, besides printing "The Labetta," have printed designs on cards, have made calling cards, Christmas cards, printed envelopes and stationery, and have printed all LCHS advertising bills for athletic games and plays, also all office forms and blanks.

As a result of the large enrollment this year, it was necessary to convert the room formerly used as an office by the Board of Trustees into a classroom by installing desks, blackboards and a teacher's desk. The small room known as the studio has been set aside for the use of the Board. Tablet arm chairs have been purchased for the cooking class room, and a new room for the use of the printing department has been finished in the basement.

#### Altamont Welcomes LCHS Students

Altamont is in the center of Labette County, located on the Frisco railroad. The city has natural gas and electric lights, four churches and fine residences. The four Altamont churches are: Christian, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Baptist. Special attention is given to student Sunday school classes, young peoples' meetings, and church services.

The Trustees granted the use of a room for regular Bible study. The pastors donate their time. The school gives credit for such work. This work was taken up at the request of students themselves. There is no sectarian teaching. Credit is given for this study the same as any other subject.

The citizens of Altamont take great interest in young people, especially those away from home during the week. More than one hundred fifty students rent rooms in Altamont at reasonable prices. Students near Altamont may do others a favor by driving in during the good weather rather than rooming.

Teachers and board give serious consideration to the physical and moral welfare of the students. The Rules and Regulations provide for

inspection of living conditions. Boys and girls are not allowed to room in the same home unless of one family and then only one family to a home.

### LCCHS Becomes LCCHS

Labette County Community High School is the new and corporate name of Labette County High School. The Act of Legislature making this change went into effect March 20, 1923. The organization is the same, but the opportunities are greater than ever before since the restrictions and handicaps have been removed.

The motor mechanics department was approved for Smith-Hughes aid during the past year. This is the third department approved for such aid.

This school has the highest classification possible in Kansas and the Middle West. In vocational work, it is a pioneer in Kansas; a model for many high schools.

### 1923-1924

The 1923-24 school year at LCCHS was the first to inaugurate branch high schools to the county high school system in Kansas. Other county high schools in the state also began this fall with branch high schools. There were 25 counties in Kansas with county high schools. LCCHS branch schools were located at Bartlett and Valeda.

The branch schools were set up to give freshman and sophomore students two years of high school near home before entering the main school at Altamont for the final two years.

The course of study offered to freshman at the branch schools included: English, algebra, community civics and economics and general science. Sophomores: English, geometry, Modern European History and biology. Music, penmanship and drawing were taught to both classes as fifth subjects. All library books, apparatus, reference books and laboratory equipment were furnished by the Board of Trustees. Supervision was frequent, thorough, constructive and sympathetic.



1923 ORCHESTRA

Eva Cruzan of Oswego was again county superintendent and president of the Board of Trustees. W. W. Bradbury, Bartlett, was secretary of the Board of Trustees, Charles Harrington, Altamont, was treasurer. Other board members were C. N. Petty, M. D., Altamont; J. U. Dickerson, Parsons; R. F. Riley, Valeda; and Raymond Campbell, Parsons.

D. L. Katterjohn headed the faculty as principal. Other faculty members were: Celia Pennington, English and Languages; F. Evan Johnson, social science and athletics; Harry Haury, science; Ketura Moore, commercial; Hattie Abbot, vocational home economics; Ida M. Bare, vocational home economics; M. L. Wilbershide, mechanics; Mrs. M. L. Wilbershide, school nurse; L. N. Jewett, vocational agriculture; Mattie Hall, librarian and secretary to the Principal; Grace Turner, English and expression; Juanita Hoke, mathematics; Earle E. Delay, journalism and printing; David T. Lawson, music; M. L. Womack, Bible history; J. H. Murphy, part-time instructor, Bartlett Branch; Eunice Greer, part-time instructor, Bartlett Branch; Gladys Moore, instructor, Valeda Branch.

Oakley Sailsbury was president of the senior class; Clarence Burns, vice president; Florence Hopkins, secretary-treasurer.

Junior class officers were : Thelma Waugh, president; Fern Nugen, secretary; Alma DeBolt, treasurer; Wayne Temple, sergeant-at-arms.

Letha Gearhiser was president of the sophomore class; Harold Armstrong was vice president; Jim Reed, secretary; Helen Baker treasurer; Elizabeth McCormick, chairman of social committee; Marjorie Miles and Glenn Morrison, yell leaders.

Freshman class officers were: Sybil Hyatt, president; Alma Cox, vice president; Vida Keene, treasurer; Harleigh Roller, secretary; Eldon Parlett, sergeant-at-arms; Carrol Reed and Gladys Utley, yell leaders.

It was noted that no freshman class had been

so large, as Bartlett and Valeda added 52 students to the number — 22 at Bartlett and 30 at Valeda.

It also must be noted here that many opportunities were available at LCCHS not found in other high schools. The vocational department with training for both boys and girls was rated the best in the state.

Such subjects as auto mechanics, agriculture, home economics, normal training (to train teachers), printing and other vocations in addition to the usual English, mathematics, commercial studies, history, journalism, sciences and others were available.

Also, there were such sports as football, basketball, volleyball, hockey, track and baseball, and music, including the orchestra, boys and girls glee clubs and chorus, all combined in a curriculum to prepare any boy or girl for life.

Considerably more than half the rural teachers in Labette County were graduates of the LCCHS Normal Training Department. No other school in the county had an approved Normal Training Department.

The school newspaper, a product of the journalism and printing departments, was published and distributed weekly to students and patrons of the school. However, on March 6, 1924, the department surprised the student body by issuing "The Daily Labetta" in addition to the usual weekly "Labetta." The daily production was an ambitious venture and continued for some time.

Great progress was made in the music department under the guidance of David Lawson. The orchestra was made up of thirty members with well-balanced instrumentation as follows: First violin - Margaret Hudgen, Roma Sacks, Hattie Libbey, Doran Hunter; second violin - Floyd Gerdes, Helen Baker, Olinda Katterjohn, Howard Brown, Thela Call, Maxine Gaddis; cello - Lester Robison, Orville Morrison, Ethel Miller; piano - Nelle Holloway; cornet - Don Milliken, Thelma



Waugh, Loren DeBolt; saxophono - Wayne Foster; bells - Lela Phillips; oboe - Elizabeth McCormick; clarinet - Jim Reed, Etta Maude Gearhiser, Richard Robison; flute - Letha Gearhiser, Wilbur Katterjohn; harmonium - Isabelle Morrison; French horn - Ralph Morrison; trombone - Marjorie Miles, Paul Jones; drums - Dan Parlett.

In the spring music contests, LCCHS did well at Parsons, Pittsburg regional, and at Independence for the Verdigris Valley contest.

The Mixed Quartet took first at all three locations. The girls' quartet was first at Parsons and at Independence. Lester Robison, baritone, first at Independence; Margaret Hudgen, contralto, was first at Pittsburg. The chorus placed first at Parsons. There were several second and third placers. The grand total was third at Independence, a tie for third at Pittsburg, and second at Parsons.



1923-24 GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

The football team won two games, lost five and tied two, competing in the Verdigris Valley League with Coffeyville, Montgomery County (Independence), Oswego, Neodesha, Fredonia, Caney and Cherryvale.

The boys' basketball team had a rough year losing all their league games.

The girls' basketball team, however, won five games and lost four. The following girls were on the team: Letha Gearhiser, Florence Hopkins, Mabel Utley, forwards; Bertha Utley, Etta Maude Gearhiser and Mabel Moore, center; Lola Hiatt, Florence Utley, Keren McCrary and Elsie Moore, guards.

The personnel on the football team: Glenn Silcott, James Tullis, Criss Christy, Wayne Foster, Lester Robison, LeRoy Nelson, Archie Layton, Carl Hedrick, Dean Bachman, Joseph Tullis, Dean Armstrong, Dale Snyder, Arnet Hiatt, George Jones, Christopher McCartney, Lee Williams, Dudley Goldsmith.

For the first time in 1923-24 LCCHS had an accredited National Honor Society. Members of this organization were chosen on four merits: leadership, scholarship, service and character. The LCCHS chapter members were chosen by Mr. Katterjohn and the entire teaching force. The six seniors elected to such a high honor were Mildred Campbell, Florence Hopkins, Daisy Seaton, Oakley Sailsbury, Clarence Burns and Howard Winters. The position as a member of the National Honor Society is one of the greatest honors which can be conferred on a high school student for not only is he a member during his senior year but also for his entire life.

Other organizations at the school that year: Girl Reserve, YMCA, Lyre Club, Girls Athletic Club, the "L" Club, Ideal Home Club, Keen Kooks Club, Happy Health Club, Dandy Dozen Club, Debate Club, Hoof and Horn Club.

The senior play "Come Out of the Kitchen" was presented to large crowds on May 19 and 20. Members of the cast were : Blanche Doyle, Florence Hopkins, Daisy Seaton, Elsie Moore, Bernice Silcott, Cleo Dale, Dean Armstrong, Arnett Hiatt, Oakley Sailsbury, Wayne Foster and Clarence Burns. Miss Abbott was the coach.

## 1924-1925

The 1924-1925 school year at LCCHS was an outstanding year with the branch schools at Valeda, Bartlett, and Angola contributing to the success.

Eva Cruzan, as county superintendent, was president of the Board of Trustees. Other trustees were W. W. Bradbury, Bartlett; R. F. Riley, Valeda; Dr. C. N. Petty and C. L. Armstrong, Altamont; and J. U. Dickerson, Parsons.

The faculty was headed by D. L. Katterjohn, principal; Juanita Hoke, mathematics; Celia Pennington, English and Languages; M. L. Wilbershide, mechanics; Mrs. M. L. Wilbershide, school nurse; David E. Lawson, music; Earle R. DeLay, printing and journalism; L. N. Jewett, vocational agriculture; Mattie Bray, normal training; Bernice A. Mitchell, foods; Alice McLean, clothing; Grace L. Turner, English and Expression; F. Evan Johnson, social science and athletics; Mattie Hall, librarian and secretary to the principal; Bernice B. Hadley, commercial; L. V. Davis, science; Ketura Moore, commercial; Retta Karn, principal of Angola branch; Marguerite Meyer, principal of Valeda branch; Towner, Stevens, part-time instructors, Valeda branch; Eunice Greer, part-time instructor, Bartlett branch; M. Lean Kemp, instructor, Bartlett.

Each class had an election of officers at the start of school with the following being elected:

Senior class: Dale Snyder, president; Audrey Filson, vice president; George Jones, secretary; Mabel Utley, treasurer; Glenn Cozad and Mable Moore, yell leaders.

Juniors: George Dove, president; Harold Armstrong, vice president; Evelyn Massa, secretary; Jim Reed, treasurer; Majorie Miles and Wilbur Katterjohn, yell leaders.

Sophomores: Gerald Winters, president; Merritt Williams, vice president; Alma Cox, sec-

retary; Richard Robison, treasurer; Eldon Parlett, yell leader.

Freshman: Virgil Waugh, president; Evelyn Hill, vice president; Hallie Reedy, secretary; Olinda Katterjohn, treasurer; Earl Tuter and Zelda Goldsmith, yell leaders.

Bartlett sophomore: Cherokee Drake, president; Forrest Clark, vice president; Gladys Smith, secretary; Eldon Bickham, treasurer.

Bartlett freshman: Revilla Ross, president, Roberta Leap, vice president; John Lipps, secretary-treasurer; Clarence Murphy, sergeant-at-arms.

Valeda sophomore: Mae Marvel, president; Ted Kinman, vice president; Sibyl Straub, secretary-treasurer; Darlene Luse, business manager.

Valeda freshman: Kenneth Dunaway, president; Larue Rosson, vice president; Dollie Keller, secretary-treasurer.

For the second year, LCCHS had organized a National Honor Society with members chosen by the faculty from 15 percent of the highest ranking seniors.

The ten members for the year were Rena Loshbaugh, Mary-Etta Bower, Roma Sachs, Lovena Taylor, Fern Nugen, Alma DeBolt, Irene McCartney, Nellie Gaston, LaNita Hamman and Paul Tullis. The officers were LaNita Hamman, president; Lovena Taylor, vice president; Fern Nugen, secretary-treasurer. The school presented each member a letter.

Again this year the music department had an outstanding orchestra performing such numbers as Haydn's "Surprise Symphony" and "Prairie Sketches" by Cadman.

The Lyre Club had a membership of about 100 musicians. Fifty students were enrolled in music history and appreciation and music harmony.

Many orchestra and glee club concerts were given during the year. A large choral society of 60 members was a feature of the year and produced such numbers as "Gloria" from Mozart's "Twelfth Mass."

Spring music contests were entered at Parsons, the Verdigris Valley at Independence, and the Tri-State at Pittsburg. Boys Glee Club was 1st at Parsons. George Dove was 1st in tenor solo at Parsons and Lester Robison placed 1st in bass solo at Parsons. Audrey Backues was 1st in piano solo at Parsons. Boys quartet placed 2nd at Pittsburg and mixed quartet 3rd at Pittsburg. Roma Sachs placed 2nd as accompanist at Pittsburg.

The LCCHS football team had a record of three wins, five losses and two ties. It opened the season on September 26 with a 94-0 victory over McCune High School which was and is an all-time scoring record for the school.

On November 21, LCCHS defeated Parsons 25 to 0 at Altamont in a rare contest between the two schools until recent years.

The football team personnel that year: Richard Robison, George Jones, Lester Robison, Lee Williams, Byrul Joseph, Earl Tuter, Daniel Hoy, Faye Lacy, Joe Tullis, Dudley Goldsmith, Dale Snyder, Dean Bachman, Criss Christy, Earl Clark, Glen Silcott, Floyd Mumy and Carl Hedrick. Christy was chosen to the Verdigris Valley All-Star Team.

The boys' basketball team did not do well in 1924-25 season. The following boys received letters: Silcott, Christy, Tutor, Jones, Parlett, Williams and Bachman.

The girls' basketball team, however, had a highly successful season winning six games, losing one and had one tie game. The only loss was to Independence 21-29.

Girls on the team were Letha and Etta Maude Gearhiser, Gladys, Florence and Mabel Utley, Karen McCrary, "Foxy" Moore, Lela Phillip, Beula Layton, Alma Cox, Frances Tullis, Audrey Filson, Thela Call, Audrey Backues, Mary Tullis, Blue-Bell Haynes, Inez Millikin, Gladys Hugo, Marjorie Miles, Elise McCrary, Faye McPherson, Elizabeth McCormick and Lola Hiatt.



1924-25 GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

George Jones was a track star at LCCHS in 1925. His specialty was the 440-yard run and after graduating from high school went on to Kansas University where he competed with the best in the nation in the 440.

The graduating class in 1925 was the largest up to that time with a total of 74.

### 1925-1926

Arthur O. Phelps was elected county superintendent and, therefore, became chairman of the Board of Trustees. Other members of the board were the same as the year before.

The former county superintendent, Eva Cruzan, joined the faculty as librarian and secretary to the principal, D. L. Katterjohn. Other new faculty members were Mrs. D. T. Lawson and L. F. Carlton in the music department; J. F. Sheel, related subjects and automotive engineering; Mattie Hall changed from librarian and secretary to the

principal to typing and office machines; Bernice Mitchell, vocational homemaking; Alice McLean, vocational homemaking; Kenneth Knouse, vocational agriculture and athletics; O. B. Morrison, short course farm shop; Julia Keeler, English and drawing; Laura Clark, Bartlett branch school.

Senior class officers were: Wayne Allen, president; Lorene DeBolt, vice president; Letha Gearhiser, secretary; Evelyn Massa, treasurer.

The junior class elected Eldon Parlett, president; Wayne Banzet, vice president; Beulah Layton, secretary; Gerald Winters, treasurer; Sibyl Hyatt and Ted Kinman, yell leaders.

Earl Tuter was chosen as president of the sophomore class; Valda Gillett, vice president; Herschel Backues, secretary; Louise Denison, treasurer; Elise McCrary and Wilma Bower, yell leaders.

The new freshman class elected Howard Thurman, president; Bernice Phillips, vice president; Myrtle Brader, secretary; Inez Massa, treasurer; Dorothy Silcott and William Pitt, yell leaders.

For the first time a band was organized in the music department in 1925. Also that year a string ensemble was formed with 12 members. The first band had 37 members and played at athletic events. The orchestra had an enrollment of 32 members. The chorus had a membership of 80 members.

Music students seeking private instruction on instruments were provided with six practice rooms, three pianos and various other instruments furnished by the school.

The football team won three games with only five lettermen returning from the previous year. The boys basketball team did not do well, but the girls had an outstanding team winning all their games and in a tournament held in Parsons won the championship of the county.

"It Happened in June" was the senior play with the following cast: Gertrude Lumm, Lorene DeBolt, Mary Tullis, Irene DeCow, Sibyl Straub, Floyd Gerdes, Darrel Horne, Frenor Grant and Walter Terril.

The junior class play was, "Daddy Long-Legs." The cast: Harleigh Roller, Arthur Preston, Richard Robison, Carrol Reed, Howard Brown, Lamoyne Leyda, Sibyl Hyatt, Faye Noble, Gladys Schuttler, Beulah Reedy, Gladys Utley, Etta Maude Gearhiser, Dorothy Filson, Linford Fairman.

In 1925, the Daily Labetta was renamed the "Community High School Booster", with English class students writing most of the news and printed by the printing class.

Harold Armstrong and Helen Baker were elected by the student body as "Representative Students" for the school.

Seniors chosen this year for the National Honor Society were: Sibyl Straub, Thela Call, Alva Heacock, Floyd Mumy, Martha Deragowski, Wayne Allen, Bertha Wilson, Mary Tullis, and Ferne Ellison.

In April the music department took second place in the Verdigris Valley League contest and first at the Parsons contest.

### Busing

During the school year 1924-25 the school operated five buses to transport students to Altamont. This was highly satisfactory to those who could take advantage of it. Five days before the school year closed, a temporary injunction was issued by the court brought on by opposition from other high school districts in the county. Friends and patrons all over the county came to the rescue of interested children by organizing and operating as a result 11 buses. Each student was charged \$1.10 a week for transportation for the school year 1925-26. The Farmers Association continued to run the buses the next year.



EARLY LCCHS BUSES

### 1926-1927

Two new schools were added to the LCCHS curriculum at this time — Labette Trade School and Labette School of Fine Arts.

These Schools were entirely separate in organization from the high school and ranked higher in their respective fields than any other high school.

Any person having a high school diploma could secure a Trade School Diploma on completion of one or more of the trade school courses offered by the trade school. Some courses could be mastered in one year or less; others required from one to two years. Those holding a high school diploma could take a special one year commercial course in the Labette Trade School and secure a diploma.

Any person past 16 years old without any high school work could enter the trade school or the School of Fine Arts and on completion of any one of the courses would be awarded a certificate.

Music, art and dramatics made up the Labette School of Fine Arts.

These schools gave many people a chance to improve upon their chances of making a living in a chosen field. The instructions were free to the students.

LCCHS also added an Adult High School department to accommodate students past 21 years of age. Last year there were a number of students in this program from 21 to 26 years of age, all in regular classes and working for a diploma. Some of these students are graduates coming back for additional study on a particular course or a different field of study.

Two new members of the Board of Trustees this year were B. W. Lienemann of rural Dennis, and Ralph Traster, of rural Edna.

Several new people came to the faculty for the first time, joining several holdovers. New teachers were: Virginia Hoffman, English and Normal

Training; Robert Patterson, vocational agriculture; Julia M. White, vocational homemaking; R. M. Karns, vocational agriculture and athletics; O. Clifford Anderson, voice and orchestra; M. Leah Kemp, Bartlett Branch School; Donald DeCow, part-time Valeda Branch School; Alice E. McLean, vocational homemaking; Lavina Kemp, home-making; L. V. Davis, science.

Harleigh Roller was president of the senior class; Merritt Williams, vice president; Margaret Brigham, secretary, Beulah Layton, treasurer.

Junior class officers were: Beryl Folks, president; Minnie Marvel, vice president; Hallie Reedy, treasurer; Helen Kirby, secretary; Elsie McCrary and Marvin Shaffer, yell leaders.

Wayne Gaddy was elected president of the sophomore class. Dean Mumy was vice president; Edith Eplee, secretary; Inez Massa, treasurer; Bernice Phillips and Walter Robison, yell leaders.

Freshman officers were: Carrol Williams, president, Robert Hall, vice president; Paul Wood, secretary; Margaret Seaton, treasurer.

The school was saddened by two tragic deaths of students during the year, Lucille Davis died on June 11, 1926 and Dorothy Filson died on November 29, 1926.

The City of Altamont did not have a city water system during the first half of the 100-year existence of LCCHS. Every house business, school and church was supplied by water from individual water wells and/or cisterns (to store rain water). The well at LCCHS became inadequate to supply enough water for necessary school use, so another well was drilled to a greater depth. The new well water contained a great amount of sulfuryl chloride with a foul odor like rotten eggs. Although the water tested pure, it certainly did not smell like it. Students learned to "live with it" and put up with it until the city installed a municipal water system in the 1950's.

Twelve seniors were chosen by the faculty to the National Honor Society. They were: Dwight Fultz, Emory Good, Vassie Garrison, Vera Gaddy, Maynard Hunter, Myrtle Layton, Ferne McCartney, Thelma Mumy, Louis Lienemann, Gladys Schuttler, Merritt Williams, Gerald Winters.

Under first-year coach R. M. Karns, the football team won three games, lost three and the traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Oswego was cancelled by request of Oswego because of an injury which resulted in the death of one of their players.

The Verdigris Valley League was disbanded so LCCHS teams were scheduled with schools all over Southeast Kansas.

The following earned football letters: Richard Robison, Eldon Parlett, Harold Brown, Wayne Banzet, Merritt Williams, Amos Parlett, Hout Armstrong, Wayne Gaddy, Robert Torbert, Lloyd Tullis, Carroll Reed, Carl Eplee, Herschel Bachues, Hershel Miller, Roy Cottongin, Charles Baird, Arthur Elder.

The basketball team was the best to ever represent LCCHS, winning eight games and losing four. The team for the season scored 253 points to the opponents 211. Lettermen were Merritt Williams, Lloyd Tullis, Harleigh Roller, Victor George, Eldon Parlett, Arthur Elder, Herschel Backues, Bennie Carson.

The girls' basketball team did not play many games because neighboring high schools did not have teams.

LCCHS had two orchestras this year - a beginners orchestra and an advanced orchestra.

At the Tri-state Music Contest at Pittsburg, the girls' glee club won first place.

Four school plays were presented during the year. They were: "Mr. Lazarus," "Green Stock-

ings," "Taming of the Shrew" and "The Easy Mark."

The school year started with an enrollment of 412.

### 1927-28

The school year, 1927-1928 began with the same administration as the previous year. There were no changes in the board of trustees and D. L. Katterjohn was again principal.

New faculty members were O. L. Norton, vocational agriculture; L. C. Hoffman, athletic coach and agriculture; Elizabeth Weisensee, vocational homemaking; and Bessie Kessler, Valeda Branch School.

The school was saddened by the tragic death of Walter Dixon, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dixon of Altamont and a freshman, who died on January 26, 1928.

Room rent for students rooming in Altamont ranged from \$3 to \$6 a month. Board was provided at the school lunch room at a cost of 15 cents a meal.

Besides LCCHS, other four-year high schools in Labette County were: District 1, Oswego; Dist. 4, Chetopa; Dist. 33, Parsons; Dist. 40, Mound Valley; Dist. 73, Edna; and Consolidated 1, Morehead. All other territory in the county made up the LCCHS district comprising about 600 sections of land. Property in the other districts was not taxed for support of the community high school and did not have a vote on any question affecting the community high school or on election of trustees.

The senior class elected the following officers for the year: John Lips, president; Valda Gillett, vice president; Helen Kirby, secretary; Inez Milliken, treasurer.

Junior class officers were: Dean Mumy, president; Trent Hunt, vice president; Edythe Eplee,

secretary; Gladys Jamison, treasurer; Ralph Storm and Dorothy Easley, yell leaders.

Sophomore officers were: Victor George, president; Vela Kinman, vice president; Marjorie Terrill, secretary-treasurer.

Freshman officers: Earle Hill, president; Elmer Owens, vice president; Lola Ladage, secretary-treasurer; Velma Taylor and Claud Sneed, yell leaders.

New football coach, L.C. Hoffman, a graduate of Iowa State University and a successful coach in Iowa and Idaho, came to LCCHS and in his first year produced the best team in school history with 8 victories and only 1 defeat. He also established a wrestling program at the school with good results.

The basketball team also showed improvement. Although the team could not practice the first three weeks of the season because of remodeling and repair on the gym, the team won 6 games and lost 10.

Delno Gillett and Valda Gillette were elected King and Queen of the yearbook by the student body with their pictures featured in the Labetta.

The National Honor Society members as chosen by the faculty were Laura Hunter, Dale Yawter, Ona Morgan, Evelyne Luman, Helen Mae Reedy, Dollie Keller, Vernon Garrison, Valda Gillette, Audrey Backues, Johnnie Branham, Louise Denison and Buelah Cook. These students were selected because of their quality of character, scholarship, leadership and service.

### 1928-1929

Two new members joined the Board of Trustees in 1928. They were Dave Christman and Lewis Jones. The other members were Arthur O. Phelps, county superintendent, Dr. C. N. Petty, W. W. Bradbury, Raymond Campbell and Ralph Traster.

Five new teachers came to the faculty. They were: Elsie Mae Wellman, secretary to the principal; James W. Barrett, music; Clarence Watson, assistant shop instructor; Frank L. Whaley, music; and Day E. Slingerland, science. John Wheatley was custodian of grounds.

A tragic car accident claimed the life of June Emerick on April 24, 1929. He was a member of the senior class from Bartlett.

At the start of school the senior class elected Edythe Eplee, president; Everett Moore, vice president; Blanche Sprecher, secretary; Gladys Jamison, treasurer; Dorothy Easley and Russell Hoseney, yell leaders.

Junior class officers were: Roger Seaton, president; Dolores Moore, vice president; Alice Barnes, secretary-treasurer.

Sophomore officers were: Lola Ladage, president; Wayne Christy, vice president; L. D. Crane, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Margaret Brown and Earle Hill, yell leaders.

The freshman class elected Dale Westervelt, president; Ruth Petty, vice president; Laddie DeLay, secretary; Pauline Brigham, treasurer; Wintress Holmes and James Pefley, yell leaders.

There were five teachers giving instruction in the department of mathematics. They were Mr. Wilbershide, mathematics needed for shop work; Miss Moore, bookkeeping and business math; Mr. Hoffman, geometry; Miss Hoke, algebra and geometry; and Mr. Sheel, algebra, geometry, agriculture arithmetic, general arithmetic, business arithmetic and trigonometry.

The science department under Mr. Sheel and Mr. Slingerland taught students how to build radios, short wave receivers and transmitting apparatus and elementary electricity in addition to regular science subjects.

French and Latin were taught in the English department by Miss Pennington and Miss Meyer.

A new phase of radio instruction was added in 1928 in the transmission of telegraphy and phone work. They began operation of a transmitter and communication with other stations over the U.S. and Canada. The following were student operators at W9ADB, the local station: Annette Bennett, Lola Ladage, Corrine Carson, Lillian DeCow, Paul Wood, Trent Hunt, Dean Sachs and Maurice Milliken.

Myrtle Brader and Trent Hunt were queen and king of the annual in 1929. Mary Smith was the only straight A student in the first semester. Making all A's but one were Ada Brady, Paul Wood, Richard Emerick, Earle Hill and Trent Hunt. Vaughn Peterson received the highest grades having all A's the first nine weeks of the second semester.

The junior class play on February 13 was "Bashful Mr. Boobs." Nola Phillips, Carrol Williams, Corrine Carson, Robert Hall, Ada Brady, Janice Martin, John Talhelm, Dolores Moore, Juan Guthrie, Alice Cooper, and Alice Barnes made up the cast.

### Sports Spotlight

During the two years that Coach L.C. Hoffman had been employed, he had made a remarkable record with his football teams. Only one game was lost during that time. He introduced a new style of play using speed and deception never seen before in Southeast Kansas. His 1928 team did not lose a game but were held to a 0 to 0 tie by Elk City High School which also went undefeated that year. One of the LCCHS victories was a 13-0 decision over Columbus, winners of the SEK League that year. In one game, against Baxter Springs, the LC boys won by a 66-0 score.

Players on that outstanding team were: John Tullis, Harold Vail, Richard Emerick, George



Stroup, Russell Hosenev, Everett Ellison, Earl Jones, Rex Figgins, Lloyd Tullis, Victor George, Everett Moore, Henry Bays, James McCoy, Robert Hall, Melvin McGuire, Emmett Morris, Clifford Seaton, Trent Hunt, Roy Cottongim, Marvin Hine, and Carl Eplee.

The basketball team won 5 games and lost 6.

The second season of wrestling as a major sport at LCCHS was a success in every way. Boys on the wrestling team were Carrol Williams, Emmett Morris, Roy Cottongim, Oren Gray, Russell Hosenev, Carl Eplee, Ralph Storm, and Roger Seaton. The team defeated Erie twice, Quapaw, Oklahoma, twice, both time by shut-outs. In the MOAK wrestling tournament, Cottongim won in the heavyweight class and the team took third place with only three men competing against other schools with full eight-man teams with a total of 17 points.

The track team of 1928 had some weak spots but also had some outstanding athletes. In a quadrangular meet at Cherryvale with Edna and Oswego, Tullis won the 100 yard dash in the time of 10.4. Lane won the 440 and Storm the half-mile. George set a record of 10-6 1/2 in winning the pole vault and the team won the half-mile and medley relays.

A pep club was organized for the first time and a special chapel was called for the purpose of electing the school cheerleaders. Frances McCrary and Earle Hill of the sophomore class were chosen. The pep club and school band were on the sidelines for all athletic games.



FOOTBALL SQUAD 1927



1925-26 TRACK TEAM



BASKETBALL SQUAD 1928

## 1929-1930

The so-called “Roaring Twenties” came to a screeching halt on Tuesday, October 29, 1929 — a day forever known as “Black Tuesday” — when the New York Stock Market crashed with a fury heard around the world and set off an economic depression never before experienced.

The market crash was a forerunner for the “Great Depression.” From that day forward all of America stopped growing until December 7, 1941, when the bombing of Pearl Harbor mobilized U. S. resources into World War II.

The crash affected people in the cities to a greater extent than here in the rural areas because they had more to lose in the way of jobs, investments and savings. Here in rural America if a person lost a job, became destitute and down on his luck, his family, neighbors and friends came to the rescue. The federal government, under newly-elected President Franklin D. Roosevelt, began some welfare programs to help sustain citizens at the time. One of the programs was called the W.P.A. (Work Projects Administration). Under this program the building on the LCCHS campus known as Haury Hall was built with welfare money and labor made up of unemployed people.

The 1929-30 school year started with each class electing officers. Ada Brady-Gentry was chosen president of the senior class; Lloyd Tullis was vice-president; Robert Hall, secretary; Celia Burger, treasurer; Dorothea Douglas and Howard Thurman, cheerleaders.

George Ross was president of the junior class.

Sophomores elected Lourene Graves, president; Bob Armstrong, vice president; Everett Ellison, secretary; Wintress Holmes, treasurer.

Freshman officers were Helen Rose Hall, president; Junior Stroup, vice president; Harlan Graham, secretary-treasurer; Lela Brady and Clyde Bickham, yell leaders.

The branch school at Valeda had an enrollment on opening day of 27. Bartlett branch had a total of 18 enrolled. Donald DeCow had charge of the Valeda branch and Mabel Tullis was instructor at Bartlett.

According to the 1930 yearbook, LCCHS was proud that the school had the largest library in the state with a total of 5,295 volumes, one-fourth of which were fiction, both modern and classic.

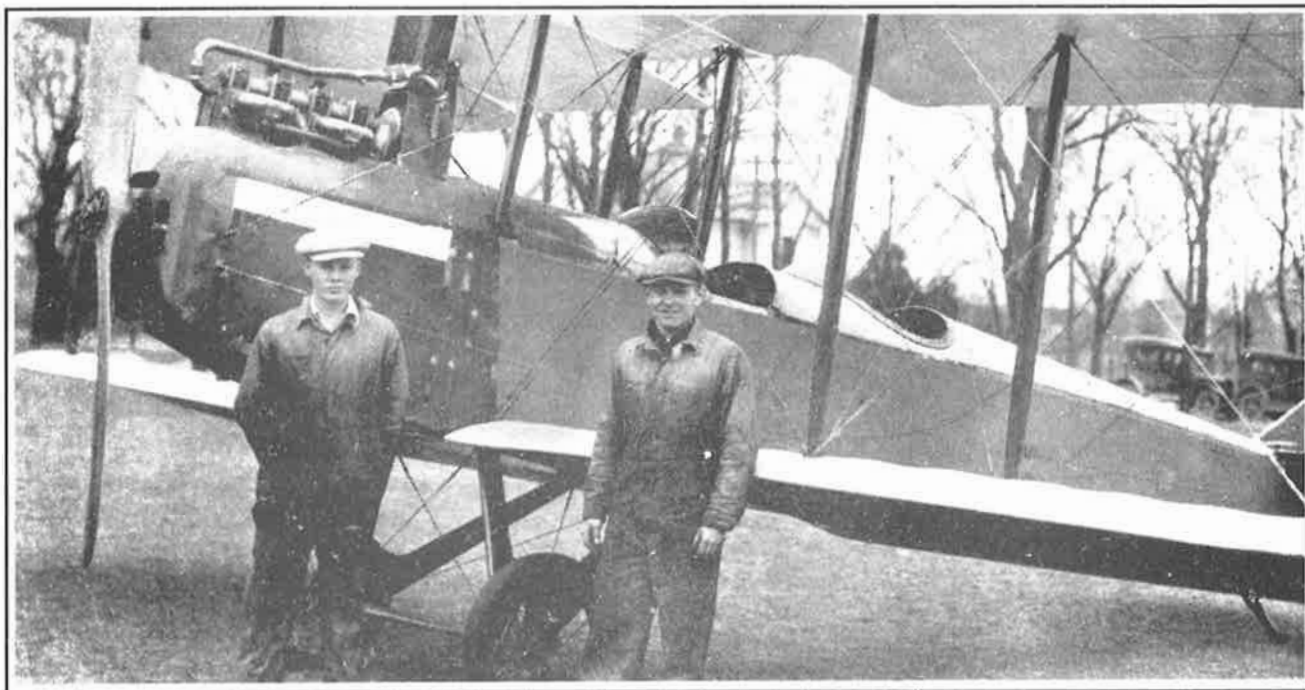
The library, under the supervision of Eva E. Cruzan, was a place for study and was open all day for any student wanting to study or seek material on almost any subject.

The pride of the school in 1929-30 was the basketball team. After years of losing teams, partly because of an inadequate place to practice and play, the team won 12 out of 15 games during the regular season. Playing in the regional tournament at Pittsburg, the team played five games in three days and lost to Parsons in the second round. Members of the team were: Robert Hall, Maurice Lane, Carrol Williams, Victor George, Jim McCoy, Lloyd Tullis, Earle Hill and Roger Seaton.

The football team won three games, lost three and tied three. After winning two games and tying one to start the season, Lloyd Tullis, star on both offense and defense, fractured a leg in the game at Columbus and was unable to play the rest of the season.

LCCHS experienced the best season in track in 1929 it had produced in several years. Everett Moore and Lloyd Tullis were outstanding in the dashes; Maurice Lane in the 440 run, Vic George in the pole vault; Jim McCoy, high jump and broad jump; Ralph Storm in the high jump and half mile and Roy Cottongim in the discus and javelin. The team entered meets at Pittsburg, Cherryvale, Eureka, Carthage, Missouri, and the Verdigris Valley meet in which it placed 4th. Cottongim set a new record of 116 feet in the Verdigris Valley meet in the discus. George won the pole vault at the Pittsburg regional with a record 11 feet and 5 inches in 1930.

The girls' basketball team won three games and lost three. Girls on the team were: Frances McCrary, captain; Dolores Moore, Letha Foust, Jocelyn Foster, Marjorie Coysh, Mildred Ellison, Nola Phillips, Dorothea Douglas and Ada Brady-Gentry.



AIRPLANE REBUILT AT LCCHS

During the 1929-30 school year, LCCHS became the first high school in Kansas to offer a course in aviation in the mechanics department. One airplane was assembled in the year and was successfully put in operation. Another motor of rotary type was purchased from the government and was overhauled for the experience and instruction that the students might get from it. The course will be taught again next term.

“Meet the Wife” was presented for the senior class play. The cast was made up of the following seniors: Eva Davidsion, Myron Corser, Charles Doyle, Helen Hall, Bob Hall, Edith Ware, Pearl Brillhart, Russell Walker.

The junior class play was “Nothing But the Truth.” In the cast were juniors: Earle Hill, Foster Cave, Gene Scholfield, L. D. Crane, Wayne Christy, Margaret Brown, Lois White, Eloise DeLay, Velnaree Umbarger, Nadine Ellison, Jeane Tullis.

King and Queen of the annual that year were Lloyd Tullis and Ada Brady-Gentry.

### 1930-1931

The Great Depression began to take effect with school finances down from lack of tax income. Teachers, always underpaid for their contribution to society, took pay cuts, and other cost-saving measures were taken, one of which was the Labetta, the school yearbook which in 1931 contained only 66 printed pages and for the first time in many years did not print individual pictures of the senior class. A group picture of the class was printed.

There were two new members of the Board of Trustees. They were Claude Payne and Vern Hall.

New faculty members were: H. M. Bowen, arts; Hazel Kennedy Daigh, violin; O. L. Norton, agriculture; Beth Alyce Reid, piano; Clarence Watson, assistant shop instructor; Elizabeth Weisensee, clothing; Ethel Wallingford, assistant cafeteria; and Lee Heacock, assistant custodian.

In the agriculture department, animal production was studied the first year, crop production the

second year, and farm management the third year. About one-half the time was spent in the farm shop.

The ag. class that year fattened 24 head of hogs, and feeding procedures related to pounds gained were recorded to determine the price the hogs must bring to make a profit in money and labor. A large self-feeder was built by the class for use on this project.

Clarence Watson was hired for the mechanics department to take care of the school buses in 1926 and 1927, but when the school quit running buses he was hired as assistant shop instructor. Acetylene welding, electric welding, machine shop, blacksmith shop, and electricity were all part of the mechanics instruction. There were 60 students enrolled in shop. Fourteen of these were special students in welding and one in blacksmithing. During the year, seven airplane engines were studied and repaired, one plane was built from the ground up and two were overhauled. Eight students made this their major shop project.

The LCCHS band had 51 members. Because no period was available for rehearsals during school hours, the band met as a regular class at 8 o'clock each morning. The band broadcast a program over radio station KGGF, Coffeyville on February 22, 1931.

At the beginning of school, class officers were elected. The senior class chose Foster Cave as president; Louise Scott, vice president; L. D. Crane, secretary; and Earle Hill, treasurer. Juniors elected Thelma Burger, president; Lourene Graves, vice president; Ruth Petty, secretary-treasurer. The sophomores chose Bessie Montee, president; Dorothy Wheeler, vice president; Florine Mawhiney, secretary-treasurer. Thomas Holmes was the freshman president; Helen Morris, vice president; Robert Lacy, secretary-treasurer.

There were 27 students enrolled at the Valeda branch school, and 26 at Bartlett.

Only three lettermen were on the football team: Harlan Graham, Earle Hill and Alonzo Ross. Because of inexperience, the team was not so successful in games won, but was far from a failure.

The following players were on the football roster: Maurice Milliken, Kenneth Allen, Raymond Thomas, Thomas Bagby, Earle Hill, Harlan Graham, Thomas Holmes, Cecil Tuter, Alonzo Ross, Virgil Siesser, Mavis Lollar, Gilbert Carson, Harold Wallingford, Willard Cramer, Harold Vail, Robert Armstrong, Wilfred Baker, John Mairs, Norton Bennett, Ben Lindley, Lester Wagner.

The basketball team had a good season winning 10 games and losing 6. In the regional tournament the team finished third, losing to Pittsburg. Boys on the team were: Thomas Holmes, Robert Armstrong, Virgil Seisser, Ben Lindley, George Hedrick, Glen Hedrick, Roger Chestnutt, Norton Bennett, Kenneth Daniel, Ronald Backues, Laddie DeLay, Cecil Tuter, John Mairs, Junior Stroup, Alonzo Ross, Raymond Thomas, Gene Scholfield, Harlan Graham, and Earle Hill.

The track team in 1930 was one of the best the school ever had. Tullis was outstanding in the spring events, George in the pole vault, high jump and relay; Lane in the 440 and relay; Williams in the relay; Hill in the shot put; Cottingim in the discus; Mummy in the javelin and half mile and Graham in the low hurdles. At a sectional meet at Carthage, Missouri, Tullis won the 100-yard dash and George set a new meet record in the pole vault at 11 feet.

"The Holy City", an oratorio, was presented by the boys' and girls' glee clubs at Christmas-time. The sophomore class gave a play entitled "All on Account of Polly", and the juniors presented a play, "The Flour Girl".

The Girl Reserve organization every year plans a Mother-Daughter banquet and they also presented a play, "Mystery Island".

## 1931-1932

Schools had to economize in the '30's because of the Great Depression and LCCHS was no exception. One of the victims of lack of finances was the annual yearbook, *The Labetta*, which was not published in 1932. Thus, much of the history of 1931-32 was not recorded such as class officers, music and athletic accomplishments and other school achievements.

The enrollment that year was the second largest on record with a total of 350.

Lonnie Wood was the new county superintendent of schools and was head of the board of trustees. Also new members of the faculty were: Grace Fisher, clothing; Roy Clegg, vocational agriculture; Ula Curtis Finch, music; Genevieve Hawkins, foods; Kenneth Kitch, English and athletics; E. L. Starrett, normal training and social science; Alan Watrous, music; and Ralph Traster became school engineer.

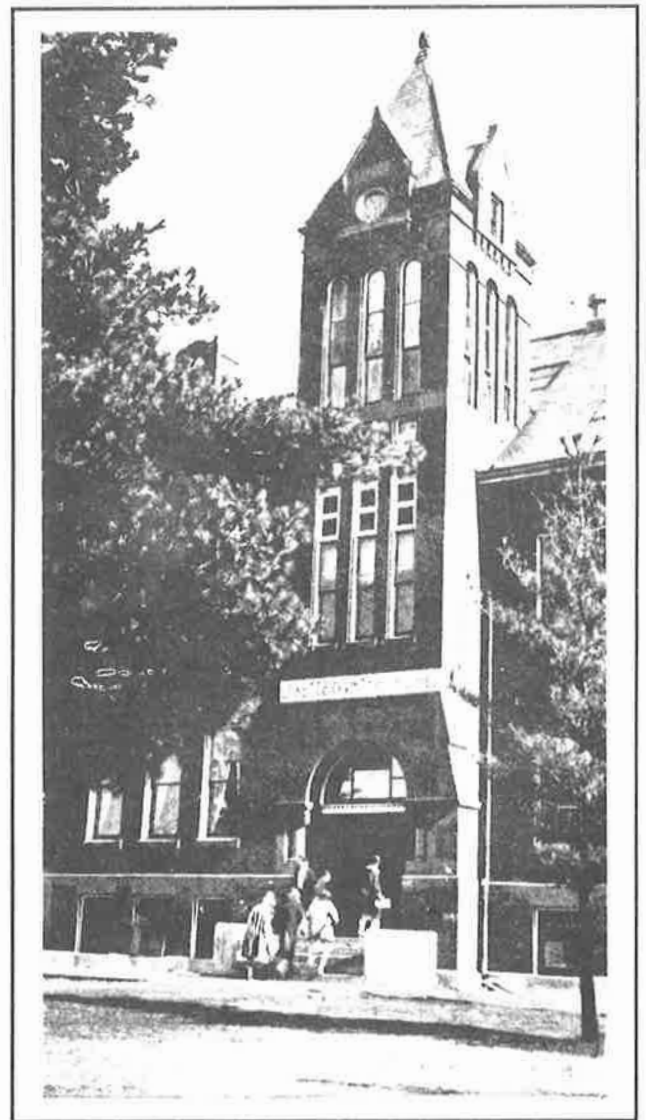
Almost from the beginning the school published a catalog each year. The catalog contained information about courses offered, faculty members, rules and regulations, transportation, rooms available, meals offered and other details. These catalogs were sent to every eighth grade graduate in the district and enabled students and parents to determine the best courses and programs in which to enroll.

Trade school courses offered in 1931-1932 were: machinist, automotive mechanic, automotive electrician, mechanic electrician, blacksmithing, acetylene welding, electric welding, heat treating, biology, chemistry, industrial arts, agriculture, homemaking, radio telegraphy, television, commerce, drafting, printing, radio, sheet metal, industrial math, physics, commercial Eng-

Some of the outstanding athletes at the school that year were Tom Holmes, Harlan Graham, Junior Stroup, Norton Bennett, John Mairs, Wilford Baker, Lester Murphy, and Wallace Mumy.

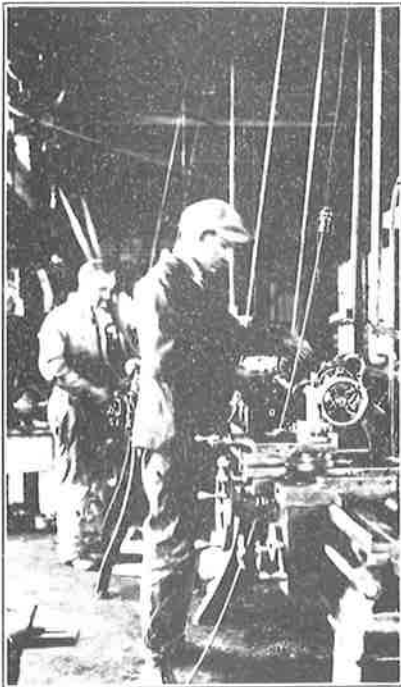
Thirty of the seniors that year took a senior trip from Friday to Sunday night to Joplin, Noel and Neosho in Missouri and Eureka Springs in Arkansas.

State Senator C. G. Call of Mound Valley introduced a bill in the Kansas legislature that year to make LCCHS a branch college of Kansas State A & M College (now Kansas State University). This would be a two-year college with graduates going to KS A & M for the final two years and would be open to students from all over Southeast Kansas. The bill had a lot of support from Southeast Kansas but the remainder of the state did not support it and the effort failed.



VIEW OF BUILDING  
FROM 1926 ANNUAL

Pictures taken from the  
1927-28 LCCHS Catalogue



Lathe Workers



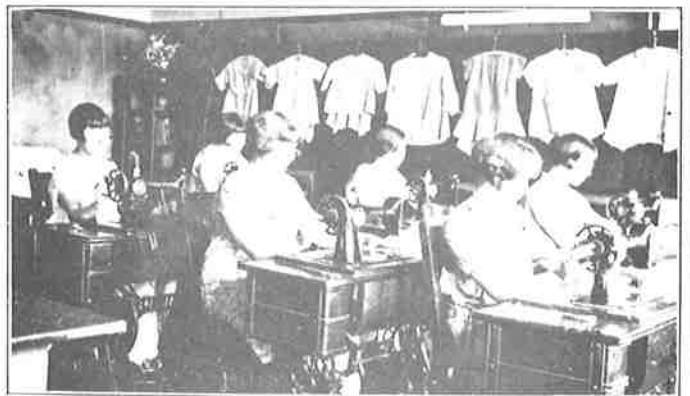
Linotype



One Fourth of Library



One Section in Chemistry Laboratory



Six of the Sixteen Sewing Machines



Farm Shop

## **LABETTE TRADE SCHOOL**

Organized, September, 1930

### **TRADE COURSES**

Machinist	Argriculture, Smith-Hughes	Heat Treating
Tool-making	Homemaking, Smith-Hughes	Chemistry
Auto-motive Mechanic	Radio Telegraphy	Biology
Auto-motive Electrician	Television	Industrial Arts
Mechanic Electrician	Commerce	Sheet Metal
Blacksmithing	Drafting	Industrial Mathematics
Acetylene Welding	Printing	Physics
Electric Welding	Radio	Commercial English

### CERTIFICATES and DIPLOMAS

A progress certificate will be issued to any one who has not completed the course or craft if it is impossible for the student to complete all of the work in any one craft. This certificate will state the amount of work covered and proficiency and speed attained.

The Master Certificate will be granted on the completion of any craft if the quality of work and speed meet fully the demands of the trade.

The Trade School Diploma will be issued only to those who have met all the requirements to secure a master certificate in one or more trades, and who have completed specified related subjects, such as chemistry, applied physics, mechanical drawing, mathematics, business English, and enough electives to be the equivalent of a four-year high school course.

## **LABETTE SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS**

Organized, September, 1930

### **DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

Piano	Girls' Glee Club	Band
Violin	Boys' Glee Club	Orchestra
Wind Instruments	Chorus	Chamber Music Ensembles
Voice		String Quartet

### **DEPARTMENT OF ART**

#### **DRAMATICS**

#### **EXPRESSION**

### CERTIFICATES and DIPLOMAS

Certificates and diplomas were given in each area in accordance with specific required study and level of achievement.

# The Labette School of Fine Arts

Altamont, Kansas

This Is To Certify That

Glenna Rhodes

has been in attendance in this arts school and has received training in

**Piano**

The time in attendance, the time devoted to each phase of the art, the ranking and other data on record in this school, are shown on the reverse side of this

## Diploma

Given at Altamont, Kansas, this Twenty-fourth day of May, One  
Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-five

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Director

Instructor

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Head of Department

Instructor

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Instructor

Instructor



## AVIATION AT LCCHS

In an article from the "Kansas City Star" on March 19, 1933, Mr. Katterjohn explained how the school came to make several airplanes.

"The boys were interested in flying, as all boys are, and when a plane was 'cracked up' not far from the school and could be had cheaply, the boys urged Mr. Katterjohn to buy it and allow them to rebuild it. He did that and they made it over as good as new and sold it for enough money to buy another damaged plane which they also rebuilt and sold. This gave the school money enough to buy all the parts of a plane and the boys built it from the ground up, wings and all. The school still has that plane.

The theory of flying was taught at the school and if there had not been a slump in the airplane business, the school would have gone into the building of them as a commercial proposition. It was deemed a fine way to teach the use of tools and the mechanics of the plane."

In an interview with an LCCHS alumnus who was in school during the time the airplanes were an LC project, it was learned that one of the science teachers, Day E. Slingerland, had a strong interest in aviation. Mr. Slingerland, along with the shop teachers took the airplane project on with the young men who were interested in it. Mr. Slingerland was a pilot and did the test flying of the repaired plane and the school-built plane and taught much of the aviation theory.

We are advised that the school-built plane was sold. Another plane, a Karikeen-Coupe, was purchased by the school. Mr. Slingerland used this plane to fly school officials and/or board members to various state meetings.

Some young men, after they graduated, took flying lessons, soloed and flew the LCCHS plane for practice and out of interest.

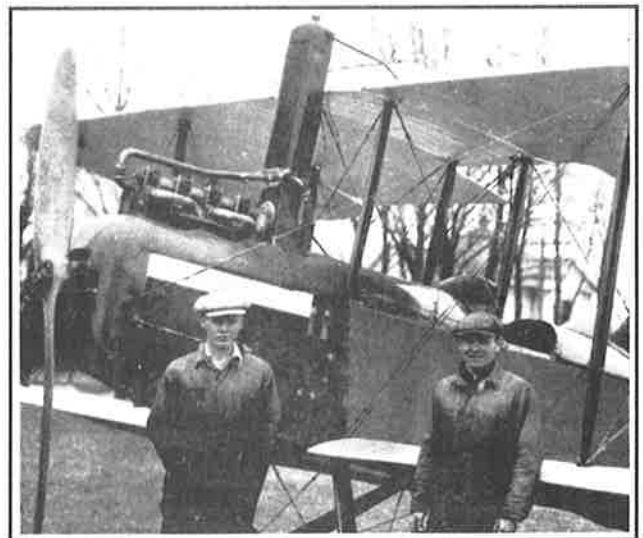
When Mr. Slingerland left LCCHS for another job, much of the emphasis by staff was lost and with the depression coming on, it was decided to sell the LC plane.

The Centennial Committee is advised that one of the local alumnus wanted to fly the school plane "one more time," and did so. He also agreed to move the plane from one "field" to another. (Please remember that the fields were hay meadows of local farmers.)

As the young man was coming in for a landing, he realized there was too short of a landing distance before coming to a fence. In the process of taking off for another approach, the wheels contacted the ground, hitting a ditch. This caused the nose of the plane to come down, the propellor to hit the ground, and the engine to rev up. Once airborne, the plane circled, returned to the landing site, and the landing was accomplished.

When on the ground, however, an inspection showed that the "bump in the ditch" had caught the "prop" and broken six to eight inches off the end.

There are many fond memories of airplanes and events at LCCHS.



Pictured with the school-built airplane are Foster Cave and Trent Hunt.

## 1932-33 to 1941-42

This was the starting of the "Dust Bowl" era, as east of the Mississippi drought had dried up streams and ponds. On April 14, 1935, a dust storm struck Dodge City, Kansas, and quickly traveled through Oklahoma and the northern part of Texas. A reporter covering the storm used the term "Dust Bowl" to describe the region. Almost immediately, the public adopted this term. The "Dust Bowl" continued through the spring of 1935.

While the Labette County Community High School was noted for its trade school offerings, it stood above the average high school in other opportunities as well.

LCCHS is a member of the North Central Association. To become a member of the Association a school must meet the requirements set up in regard to equipment, conditions of school, the curriculum, the buildings, classroom facilities, training of the faculty, philosophy of the school and how well the aims are being carried out by the school.

In the fall of 1932, 375 students enrolled at LCCHS, which was said to be the largest enrollment in the history of the school. Twenty teachers had been employed to teach this increased number of students. Class work began at 9 a.m. Monday morning which showed that no time was wasted in getting to the task of learning.

A new and unlimited water supply had been installed and along with the buildings being repaired and cleaned presented the students with an attractive environment in which to pursue their studies.

Many parents came to school with their children to make sure they enrolled in the classes that were best suited to them.

Times were hard. The county superintendent, Lonnie Wood, published the salaries of the rural school teachers which ranged from \$45 to \$180 per month.

In 1921 the trustees of this high school adopted a new policy. It may be summarized thus:

"Since so many cities are now offering the studies for which county high schools were organized since 1886 it is in keeping with the spirit of that law to offer a type of education which is essential but beyond the ability of the average Kansas town. Hence, there should be offered in county high schools, technical and vocational courses, shop, practice trade courses, art and music."

In 1932, LCCHS ranked first in the state in this line of work in all-day classes. There were schools in Kansas which offered more than this high

school, but it was in night school sessions.

The whole atmosphere and spirit of this school was rural and in keeping with rural problems and rural life. For three years a close check was kept on the freshman class each year. Using standard tests it was found that the average ability to read, write, spell, and speak the English language was the same as that of the average sixth grader in highly organized city systems. Some freshman had a score equal to that of a fourth grade pupil; some scored as high as seniors.

LCCHS made it a business to bring the child's deficiencies up and to get

him up to standard in the shortest time possible. Many different ways are employed to do this. Well trained teachers, individual and small group instruction, complete visual instruction, suitable literary material, and personal interest were some of the means employed to speed the rate of progress. As a rule, the handicapped freshman was up to standard by the time he completed the junior year.

This school was not expensive to attend: it believed in economy. It does not take much money to be clean and neat. Plain clothes were the rule. Expenses for books, supplies, meals at the cafeteria, musical instruments and music were kept to the minimum.

The football team consisted of: Tullis, Mumy, Baker, Stroup, Maria, Cramer, Allen, Holmes, New, Graham, Newkirk, Siesser, Hedrick, Mairs, McKinney, Payne, Hiatt, Chestnutt, Ellison, Moore, Murphy, and Dwyer.

Harlan Graham was the most consistent ground gainer for Altamont. The season ended for Altamont with five victories, two ties, and three defeats, and they won the Neosho Valley League Championship.

Another first for this year was that Emma Gail Wilkins was the first girl to enroll in the Mechanics Department.

The Alumni-Senior Banquet in May featured the snappy music played by Miss Helen Dixon's orchestra from Parsons and the banquet theme was "India".

In the 1933-34 year, the play "The Whole Town's Talking" was presented. Cast members were: Robert Schooley, Mary Smith, Esther Kingsbury, Earle Hill, Imogene Overton, L. D. Crane, Frances Mourning, Ruth Perry, Howard Brown, Dorothy Easley, Janice Martin, and George Strout. The play was directed by Prof. D. E. Slingerland.

April 19, 1935, "The Scandaletta" was published on yellow paper. The heading on the first page was, "Faculty Fired". Other captions were "Believe Only Half of What You Hear" and "Believe None of What You Read Here". An example of one write-up:

"GR-HY Prom is a feature of spring calendar Formals! Tuxedos! Giggle girls! Beer Bottles! Wine Glasses! Ritzy Music! Toy Balloons and Paper Hats! Miss Pennington and Mr. Delay were the sponsors. Norene Tower and Wood Winters carried away the loving cups by being the best dancers of the evening. Because of the success, Mr. Katterjohn has asked the Board's permission to run "open house" in the gym every night."

Salaries for teachers during the 1935-36 school year ranged from \$1,200 to \$2,100 per year.

The paper featured LC's radio and movie stars in one of its editions.

In 1935-36 a student could go on the normal trainer's skating party if they would pay ten cents for refreshments. The event was held at Cobble's pond where they skated, roasted wieners and marshmallows, and then returned home.

During this year, one-third of the student body was enrolled in the piano department.

The big news during the 1936-37 school year was that the LCCHS trustees launched a battle to preserve the vocational work of the school. They sought an injunction to keep McCune from "gobbling up" the huge service plant. McCune had sought to appropriate 24% of LCCHS' valuation in the shape of the Kansas Gas and Electric Company's power plant at Service.

In 1938-39 the Girls' Athletic Association put on a gym exhibition. Admission was five and ten cents.

Dean Holmes was named to the Twin-Valley second team All Stars as a halfback. Shannon DeCow, Wilbur Bryson, and Arbie Williams received honorable mention.

Mr. D. L. Katterjohn left the position of principal of LCCHS in 1939 after nineteen years of service to the school.

The main building and the old gymnasium were the only buildings on the campus, with 193 enrolled, when Mr. Katterjohn took charge. At this time there were 390 enrolled with numerous shop buildings and a large vocational agriculture structure. The mechanics building was erected in 1922. A printing plant was installed in 1923. The music department has grown from one part time teacher to three full time teachers.

With the departure of Mr. Katterjohn, the search was launched for a replacement. The following is taken from an April, 1939, newspaper story.

**HERMAN HARRISON  
WILL BE THE LCCHS  
NEW PRINCIPAL**

“The Labette County Community High School Board held a long regular session at the office room of the building in Altamont Monday. Besides allowing the usual monthly bills, a new principal was elected out of a list of eighty applicants.

“Picking a choice out of eighty of the most promising young educators of the state was no small chore. The new principal elected was Herman Harrison, who has been an outstanding example of what has been accomplished with the consolidated rural high school at Kincaid.

“Herman Harrison is 34, married, with no children. He is a degree man from Baker University at Baldwin, and the state college of Wisconsin. His salary starts at \$2400 for the 1939-40 school year.

“Mr. Harrison will start on his new job as principal of the Labette County Community High School July 1st.

“Board members present Monday who were responsible for the employment of Mr. Harrison as the coming principal of LCCHS were Lonnie Wood, county superintendent and chairman of the board; Raymond Campbell, treasurer; C. A. Payne, secretary; A. H. Hunter, Roy Nelson and James Tullis.”

In 1939-40 the activity period was started at LCCHS. Ninety-seven percent of the students' parents thought it would be a good idea. The purpose of the 30-minute period was to give the students a scheduled time for all activities and to stimulate more interest in extra curricular activities. The time was available by starting school earlier and shortening the time for passing between classes.

LC Grizzlies placed 4th in the invitation tournament at Frontenac. They were defeated by Arma and Girard and won over Cockerill. Coach

Palmer took Mawhinney, Manic, Mairs, Hedrick, Cozad, Apperson, Jackson, and Rhodes for this tournament.

In 1939-40 plans were announced for the biggest and best annual in LCCHS' history. Arba Williams was to be editor-in-chief of this production.

“Heartless House” was the title of the annual operetta.

**WAR AFFECTS LCCHS STUDENTS**

War clouds were looming in Europe. In August 1939 Germany and Russia had signed a non-aggression pact, prelude to their joint attack on Poland. The German attack on Poland effected a basic change in American thinking. Most Americans wanted to keep out of the war, but almost universally they wanted Hitler to be stopped. Then on December 7, 1941, the Japanese attacked Pearl harbor. America did not have a choice. We were at war with Japan and soon with Germany.

LCCHS, like all the schools in the nation, was to be affected by the conflict. It would, of course, cut down on the activities at school because of the shortage of gasoline and tires.

Many of the students would have fathers and brothers who were soon called into the armed forces. Many of the students in 1941-42 were to be called to serve after graduation and some were to answer the call before they received their diploma.

LCCHS also provided students for the war industries. The many years of excellent training in the vocational areas was not only paying off for the students, but also for the United States.

In one industry at Wichita, the plant would ask, “Are there any LCCHS graduates in line?” If the response was yes, they would be asked to go to the head of the line.

The students at LCCHS also showed their support by buying war stamps and writing letters to the servicemen.

The defense school classes which got under way January 1, 1941, met from 6:00 to 12:00 o'clock midnight. LCCHS was one of the few schools with enough equipment to accommodate the national program. About sixty students were enrolled for a course of eighteen week's duration; the training is the same as given by schools over the nation and would prepare a young man for many of the jobs now being offered by the aircraft corporations and government jobs made available by the rapidly expanding defense program. The school was so advanced in its practical offerings that it served as a pattern for other vocational schools in Kansas and the Middlewest.

### TRANSPORTATION

A Supreme Court injunction, in effect for several years, prevented the school from transporting students to school in busses. Before transportation could be put into the district this injunction would need to be removed. Members of the faculty were always available to help parents get transportation lined up for driving to school. Many faculty visited parents before school started to help with such problems.

Cars were to be left parked on the campus during the noon hour unless special permission was received from the parents to drive the car.

### ROOMING HOUSES

About 100 students living out too far to drive to school roomed in town. There were many good places to room, board, or do light housekeeping. These rooms rented from \$2.00 to \$5.00 per month. Many students went together to save money and do light housekeeping.

### DIPLOMAS OFFERED

By the year of 1941-42, twelve diplomas were offered by LCCHS as follows:

1. College Preparatory
2. General H.S. Course
3. Trade School Diploma in Auto Mechanics
4. Trade School Diploma in Commerce
5. Trade School Diploma in Vocational Agriculture
6. Trade School Diploma in Business Administration
7. Trade School Diploma in Vocational Homemaking
8. Normal Training Diploma
9. Trade School Diploma in Music
10. Trade School Diploma in Printing
11. Trade School Diploma in Drafting
12. Trade School Diploma in Radio



RADIO LABORATORY -- 1940-41



AG SHOP - 1940-41

The senior kings, queens and class officers during the ten years of 1932-33 to 1941-42 are as follows:

1933	King Queen President Vice President Sec-Treasurer	Harlan Graham Lois Clinkenbeard Harlan Graham Lawrence McKinney Lois Clinkenbeard
1934	King Queen President Sec-Treasurer	Thomas Holmes Violet Evans Thomas Holmes Jack Wood
1935	King Queen President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Emma Armstrong Lester Canny Clarence Martin Mary Hiatt Janice Cook
1936	King Queen President Vice President Sec-Treasurer	Maurice Terrill Margaret Martin Madison Mawhiney Glenna Holmes Ruth Ruhlen
1937	King Queen President	Vearis W. Manis Mildred Hunter Gail Traxson
1938	King Queen President Vice President	Ray Brown Mabel Jean Martin Arnold Bolander Paul Hunter
1939	King Queen President Vice President Sec-Treasurer	Fred Holmes, Jr. Ellajane Miller Herbert Martin Howard Hoy Fern Morrow
1940	King Queen President Vice President Sec-Treasurer	Thomas Louderbaugh Colene Hagan Thomas Louderbaugh Nema Ferrier Marjorie McCall
1941	King Queen President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Shannon DeCow Eleanor Adamson Fred Graham Eleanor Adamson Ruby Armstrong Helen Jennings

1942	King Queen President Vice President Secretary Treasurer	Willis Lotz Rachel Gossard Rachel Gossard Robert Lansdowne Robert Warbinton Arlene Williams
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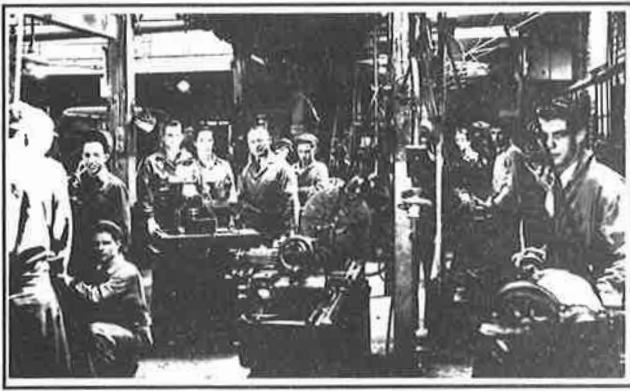
1940-41 TYPING CLASS



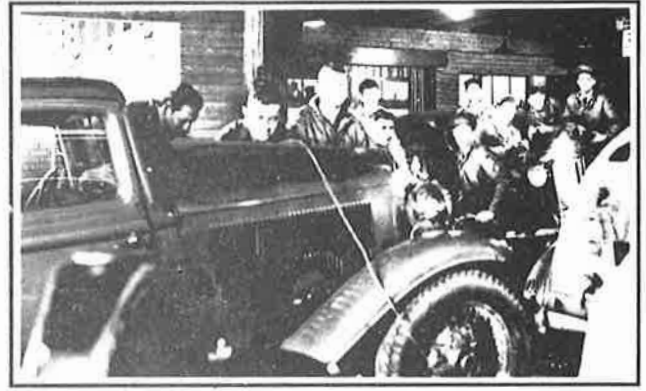
1940-41 FOODS CLASS



HOME NURSING - 1941-42



MACHINE SHOP - 1942 ANNUAL



AUTO MECHANICS - 1942 ANNUAL



WELDING - 1941-42



PRINTING DEPARTMENT - 1941-42

### ATHLETICS



1940-41 BASKETBALL SQUAD



1940-41 TRACK TEAM

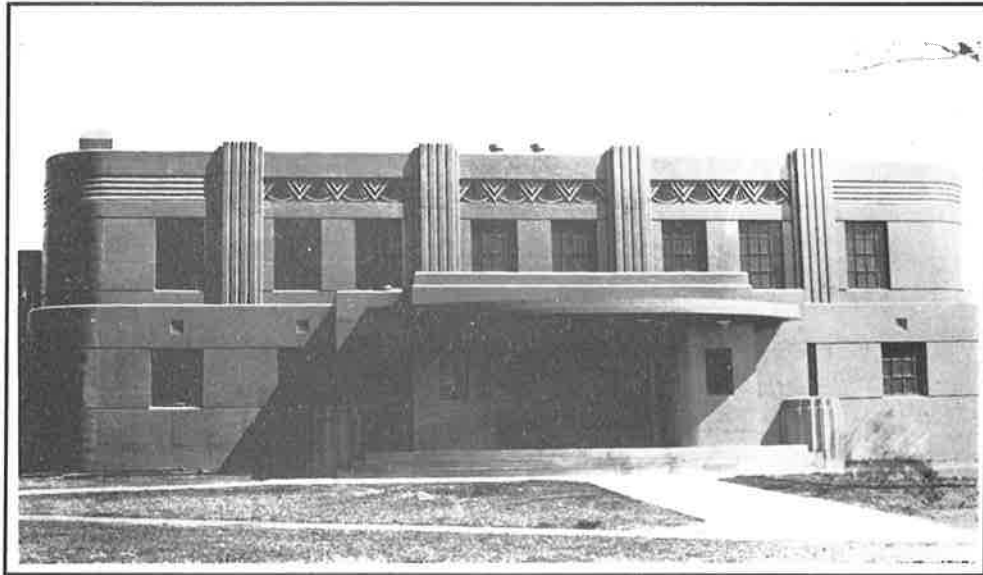


FOOTBALL  
TEAM  
1941



MAIN BUILDING AS IT STOOD IN 1940

ENGLISH, HOMEMAKING, NORMAL TRAINING, AND THE SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENTS ARE LOCATED IN THIS BUILDING. THE STRUCTURE TO THE EAST OF THE MAIN BUILDING HOUSES THE VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE, ART, COMMERCE, MATHEMATICS, AND MECHANIC CLASSES.



NEW BUILDING IN 1940

THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE, MUSIC, AND ATHLETIC DEPARTMENTS ARE LOCATED IN THIS BUILDING. A FEATURE OF THIS BUILDING IS THE COMBINED GYM AND AUDITORIUM WHICH WILL ACCOMMODATE 2,350 PEOPLE.



## 1942-43 to 1951-52

### 1942-43

As the 1942-43 year approached, there was a flurry of activity in the country. The war in Europe was worsening, and the war in the Pacific was expanding. People in the U.S. were joining the war effort with concern, fear, and fervor.

There was the 35 mile per hour speed limit on cars, "Is this trip necessary?" stickers, ration books for many items, scrap metal drives, and savings bond drives.

Youngsters purchased saving stamps each week, and the contests were to see which rooms purchased the most.

Gasoline, tires, sugar, shoes, coffee, and red meat were among rationed products.

War production plants were expanding and running 24 hours per day. Older men and women moved forward to the labor front, while young men and middle aged men joined the war effort in one of the armed services. Seventeen- and eighteen-year-old's signed up.

A plaque still hangs in Haury Hall in honor of those LCCHS young men who joined the war effort in the armed services — many who paid the supreme sacrifice for their country.

The strong vocational program tradition that had already developed at LCCHS came to the forefront — graduates and former graduates were in demand in the production plants throughout the Midwest. Many LCCHS graduates rose rapidly to positions of leadership in these plants. The skills of LCCHS students soon became legendary so that plants, places of business, and employers even today still seek out LCCHS graduates.

Those who follow the graduates of LCC in succeeding years were indeed fortunate and carry a responsibility to carry on this tradition of leadership.

About 85-90% of the LCCHS students either drove to school each day, or stayed in town during the week. The shortage of farm labor and rationing of gasoline and tires kept some home.

The 330 students in 1942-43 were joined by six new faculty members: Vincent Dussair - band and ensemble; Miss Lillian Dresser - foods; Miss Esther Kaufman - librarian; Ross Bland - mathematics; Miss Helen Thomas - commerce; Miss Charlene Bock - English and art.

There were 65 seniors and 77 freshman. Retha Farrington was the Labette County Superintendent of Schools, and Herman Harrison was principal of LCCHS.



LCCHS CAMPUS  
IN WINTERTIME

Picture courtesy of  
Harold and Elsie Denison

Board members consisted of Claude Payne, Raymond Campbell, James Tullis, Harley Martin, Arthur Hunter, and Louis Jones.

The Labetta staff consisted of Jack Amos, Anna Armstrong, Helen Clegg, Wayne Head, Fred Johnson and Virginia Lotz, and they published the Labetta each Thursday during the term. It was then printed by the LCCHS printing department.

The LCCHS football schedule consisted of Riverton, Chetopa, Edna, Cherryvale, Galena, Baxter Springs and Oswego.

“A stamp a day keeps the Axis away,” was the slogan as LCCHS students assisted at the city building in issuing gasoline basic “A” ration books.

LCCHS continued to donate funds to the war fund drive from proceeds from the picture show to move Altamont to \$600 which was \$200 above their quota.

During the summer of 1942 the portion of the campus between the rear of the old and new buildings was paved with cement, and new sidewalks were extended to all the new buildings.

The Altamont Culture Club continued as they had for several years to send students to the annual Federated Club Festival. Shirley Foster and Billie Ione George scored grades of 90 and 94. Billie received a I rating in her competition group. Both students received a cash award of \$10.

Miss Norma Jean Traster was selected for listing in the 1942-43 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. She was selected from the student body at Nebraska State Teachers College where she was a senior in the homemaking department.

The state war board office at Manhattan sent a letter to LCCHS officials praising the boys who enrolled in the farm labor program.

Approximately sixty boys agreed to help farmers in this district with the farm work. These volunteers were allowed an excused absence for two successive days of school to assist. LCCHS was the first in the state to inaugurate this program to furnish the farmers with much needed help.

The following articles appeared in the January, 1943, Labetta:

### School to Begin Operation of Cafeteria

### **WPA Will Discontinue Work Here Wed. Through Government Action; LCC to Take Over Friday**

On Friday, January 22, the supervision of the LCC cafeteria will become a school-operated program. Previously it has been operated in connection with the national W.P.A. program, but this has been discontinued by the government.

The serving of hot lunches so cheaply to students has been a great help to those riding to school and those staying in town so it will be continued in much the same manner. Mrs. Wilbershide has said that she believed it has contributed to the decrease in sickness of students.

In the past, between 275 and 300 students have been eating in the cafeteria each day at a cost of five cents per meal. Under the school management it will be necessary to raise the price to ten cents per meal, as most schools have been doing even with W.P.A. help.

The staff of cooks employed will probably be cut to four women who will work longer hours than before. Between 10 and 15 students will be employed, however. Anyone interested in working there should call at the office.

An extensive garden and canning program has been carried on during the past two summers in connection with the W.P.A. cafeteria. This program will also be carried on by the school and will be increased because of the impending rationing of canned goods and in cooperation with the governments requests for increased food production. 4,000 quarts of food was canned last summer and the plan is to increase that figure to 10,000 quarts. The garden will be enlarged from 6 to 10 acres. The women will be kept on during the summer to do the canning.



LCC CAFETERIA 1944-45 ANNUAL

### Cafeteria is Supplied by School Garden

#### 4,000 Quarts of Vegetables and Fruits are Canned; Harvest 2,600 Bushels Sweet Potatoes

This year the school garden has produced approximately 2600 bushels of sweet potatoes. These have been harvested and stored for use in the school cafeteria. Also 4000 quarts of fruits and vegetables have been canned from the school garden and will be used in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Mary Townsend, in charge of the cafeteria, with the help of nine others, serves lunch to approximately 300 students daily. Mrs. Townsend estimates that the following are used for one meal: 100 pounds of cabbage used to make coleslaw, usually 40 quarts of vegetables, 45 pounds of meat, 2 1/2 bushels of sweet potatoes, or 125 pounds of Irish potatoes, and from 30 to 40 loaves of bread.

Warm lunches have been served the past two school years to the students for five cents a plate.

Indeed this period of time was the war years — unprecedented in modern times in the U.S. The following are additional excerpts from the Labetta:

President Roosevelt announced that the government was prepared to take everything the farms and factories could produce. The cost is incidental! The important things are weapons and men.

These years are a new world as far as money, debt, and budget are concerned.

Derrel Fentress dropped out of school to enlist.

Mr. Harrison will try to get deferments until graduation for all LCC senior boys who are eligible for the draft. However, if any boy is drafted and has met all requirements to graduate, he will receive his high school diploma.

Over \$400 worth of bonds and stamps have been sold at the Student Council stand as of November 5, 1942.

Students, teachers, and parents should price war bonds and stamps for Christmas presents this year (1942).

LCC has 25 boys subject to the draft by May, 1943.

Fred Graham is doing specialized work in color photography for the Navy. Miss Helen Thomas, commercial teacher at LCC has been inducted into the WAVES.

Sixty boys attended a special meeting April 1, 1943, for military training program offered in the evenings.

### 1943-44

Eight new faculty members came to the school for the 1943-44 term. They were: Helen Taylor, art and English; Roy J. Lucas, normal training and football coach; Ivan W. Thompson, music-band; Edith Clara Witham, piano; Mozelle Dixon, commerce; Janis Patchen, music-strings; Frances Baker, foods; and Geraldine Thompson, commerce and social science.

Retha Farrington, county superintendent, was chairman of the board of trustees. Arthur Hunter, Gerald Winters, Louis Jones, Marcus Oakleaf, Harley Martin, and Raymond Campbell were board members.

LCCHS was a member of the Twin Valley League in athletics. Other members of the league were Baxter Springs, Galena, Chetopa, Oswego, and Edna. The LCCHS football team in 1942 won the league championship with Dick Mawdsley as coach. Willis Lotz was captain of the team. Mawdsley's 1942-43 basketball team also won the league title. Fred Graham was the team captain. The track team finished second in the league.

Some other people on the faculty in the early 40's included Harry Zook, mechanics; M. L. Wilbershide, mechanics; Mrs. Wilbershide, school

nurse; H. R. Haury, science; Ross Bland, mathematics; Darrell Cochran, art and English; Esther Kaufman, librarian, Joseph Nelson, farm-shop; F. B. Borgna, printing; Minnie Mugler, piano, Esther Tye, vocal; Vincent Dussair, orchestra-band; R. E. Mawdsley, commerce-athletics; Don VanOrsdall, commerce-athletics; R. E. Clegg, vocational agriculture; Irene Meyer, homemaking; Frances Baker, homemaking; R. O. Soellner, normal training; Ruby Kay Grow, English; Ralph Traster, custodian-engineer.

The Student Council was an integral part of LCCHS activity. Representatives from each of the organized groups in the school met to discuss student problems, to initiate student legislation, to plan student activities, and to foster student-faculty cooperation.

For the term 1943-44, Jane Mawhiney was president of the Student Council. Archie Holmes was vice president; Beryle Braley, secretary-treasurer; and Francis Wagner, sergeant-at-arms. Sponsors were Mr. Lucas, Miss Thompson, and Mr. Harrison.

Ted Lotz and Berneice Triebel represented the freshman class on the council; Welda Traxson and Robert Blank, sophomores; Betty Miller and Francis Wagner, juniors; Beryle Braley and Melvin Hoppock, seniors; Ralph Bowman, post graduates; Juanita Stine and Anna Marie Armstrong, Girl Reserves; Bob Haury and Jay Riepe, Hi-Y; Pat Harris, Bill Hart, Lyre Club; Dale Houston, Bill Ross, mechanics; Leland Bradley, FFA; Doris Horton, art; Marjorie Hunter, Fern Allison, home economics; Mildred Walter, commerce; Dale McConnell, drivers club; Archie Holmes, L. Club; Raeme Lee Wamsley, Mary Jane Gillespie, pep club; Betty Lou Farran, drama; and Carol Martin, band.

The war time program in the United States to conserve materials for the war effort was evident in the publishing of the school catalog in 1944 as old pictures were used to save both materials and costs.

Many students felt that it was worth attending LCC even though they lived too far away to drive. From 100-125 students roomed in town. Rooms were available at a rental of \$3.50 to \$6 per month per student.

Among housemothers in Altamont who provided rooms for students during these years were: Mrs. Frank Armstrong, Mrs. Alice Beck, Mrs. Vida Bowman, Mrs. Cora Clark, Mrs. Joe Daniel, Mrs. Mollie Fairman, Mrs. Harry Farrier, Mrs. Edgar Foster, Mrs. Annie Glazier, Mrs. Myrtle Head, Mrs. Fred Holmes, Mrs. E. E. Huff, Mrs. Leona Kessler, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin; Mrs. J. W. Myers, Mrs. O. A. Pilkington, Mrs. Tom Riggs, Mrs. Edna Silcott, Mrs. Helen Zoucha.

Many students helped finance their education by working at the school. The money earned here must be used to pay school expenses. Time labor cards were used by students in the work program to record the hours worked, and students were paid once a month. In 1943-44, because of the higher cost of living, student pay was increased to 20 cents an hour on school days and 25 cents for Saturday work. Only students who have to have work in order to stay in school were eligible for this work program.

### 1944-45

Some newcomers to the faculty during this term at LCCHS were: Nell Peterson, English; Helen Florence Kriegsman, mathematics, R. G. Raines, vocational agriculture; Raymond Manoni, band; John Diemer, strings-vocal; Ida Louise Rush, homemaking, Elizabeth Newcomb, normal training.

World War II started in Europe in 1939 when the German dictator, Adolph Hitler, invaded Czechoslovakia and Poland.

During the years following World War I, every nation in the world, except for the defeated Germans, let their military forces deteriorate to almost nothing. After all, World War I was billed

as “the war to end all wars.” The “down and out” Germans slowly and gradually recovered militarily with Hitler telling them that they were the “superior race” of people in the world. The German populous began to believe in him and his Nazi party, and rankled by their humiliating defeat in 1918, started in 1939 to conquer Europe with the exception of Italy whose dictator, Mussolini, joined Hitler. Later Japan joined with Hitler and the three nations were known as the Axis powers. England and France joined forces in trying to stop the Axis and declared war on them.

The United States, with more than 17 percent of American workers still out of work, wanted to remain neutral at first, but soon began to furnish moral support and materials of war to England and France.

On December 7, 1941, the Japanese raided the United States military naval base at Pearl Harbor in the Hawaiian Islands, badly crippling the U. S. Pacific naval fleet. The next day President Roosevelt, now in his unprecedented 4th term, and the U. S. congress declared war on Japan and the other Axis powers. The American casualties at Pearl Harbor numbered 2,403 killed or missing and 1,178 wounded besides the destruction of the naval fleet.

From that day on until the war ended in Allied victory, the United States went all-out to help the Allies turn the tide with the Axis surrender in 1945 shortly after the U. S. Air Force bombed two Japanese cities with the newly-discovered A-Bomb. This all-out effort saw the U. S. armed forces build to great strength with the civilians at home producing and supporting the war effort with universal devotion to the cause of victory. Russia, which in the beginning favored the Axis with support, later changed to the Allied side, and with other lesser-powered nations joined the U.S., England and France in victory and a peace settlement.

During these years of the early 40's, LCCHS was instrumental in preparing students for the war

effort. Nearly all able-bodied men 18 to 40 years old were eligible for induction into the armed forces. Those unable to serve for any reason joined the work force to sustain our fighting men. Many women volunteered for the service, either as non-combat soldiers or on the production lines in factories to back our soldiers with war materials. Many LCCHS graduates from the farm were valuable to the war effort by producing food for our armed forces and Allies.

The LCCHS courses, with an emphasis on vocational training, were particularly important in this time of war.

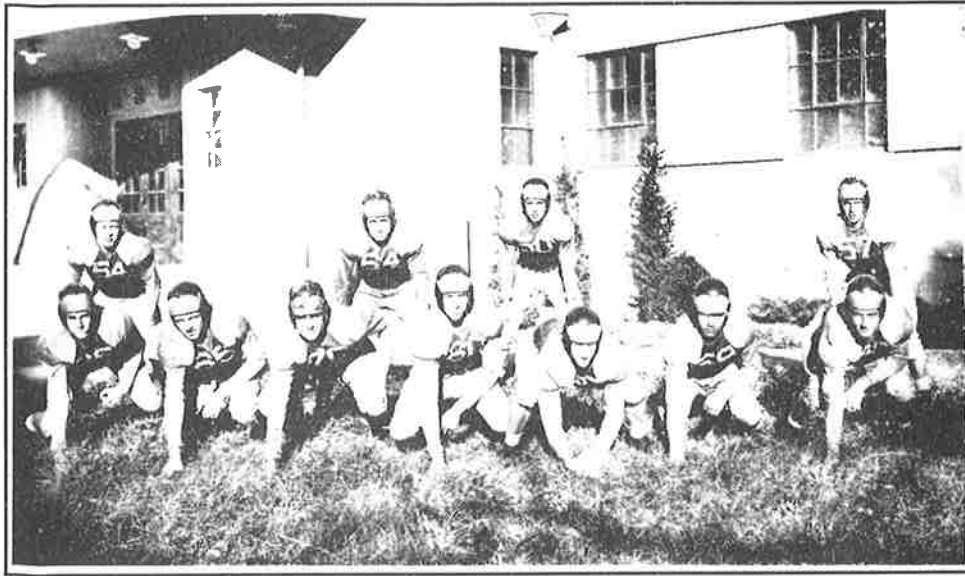
When the federal government installed a munitions plant in Labette County in the early 40's, several hundreds of acres were needed for space to build the plant — then known as the Kansas Ordnance Plant. This land was in the LCCHS district and when the government took possession, these taxing units were taken from the LCCHS tax base.

### 1945-46

The board of trustees for the 1945-46 school year consisted of Vernon Greer, Louis Jones, Harley Martin, Marcus Oakleaf, James Tullis, and Gerald Winters as members and Retha Farrington as county superintendent. New faculty members were: Ed Zahn, vocational agriculture; Don VanOrsdall, commerce, mathematics, and physical education; Ruth Morgan, commerce; Lee Williams, agriculture; Mildred Lessen, commerce and physical education; Margaret Martin, vocational homemaking; W. L. Hutchinson, library; Elizabeth Newcomb, normal training; Walter Libby, assistant custodian.

Rae Ann Hoy was chosen senior queen and Ronald Bryson was senior king.

The basketball team did well with a record of 13 wins and 7 losses. Gene Holmes and Melvin Gossard were co-captains of the team.



1944-45 FOOTBALLTEAM

The only undefeated, untied football team in the history of LCC athletics. From left to right, in the line, they are: H.R. Phillips, Dean Nelson, Donald Moore, Capt. Madison Traster, Capt. Wayne Davis, Gene Carnahan, Noel Erwin, Gene Holmes, Boboy Jones, Arch Holmes, Ronald Bryson. Others who played regularly on the first team, but are not in the picture are: Dean Hoy, Herb Ingram, Roy Francisco, Burnell Backes, and Melvin Gossard.

A highlight of the music department was the appearance of Merle Evans, noted director of the Ringling Bros. Circus band, as guest conductor for a fall band concert.

In 1945, LCCHS had perhaps the best football team since the 1928 undefeated team, as coach Roy Lucas' Grizzlies won the Twin Valley League with an undefeated record. Lettermen on the 1945 team were: Burnell Backes, Gene Holmes, Ronald Bryson, Bobby Jones, Gene Carnahan, Richard Barnett, Dean Hoy, Melvin Gossard, Raymond Bowman, Ted Lotz, Bill Wheat, Harold Lansdowne, Jimmie Johnston, Donald Ruttgen, Glen Hoppock, Bill Bates, Leon Shaffer, Harold Francisco, Leo Storm, Charles Holmes, Bill Mawhiney, and Bob Thomas. Carnahan, center; Bryson, back; and Gene Holmes, back, were named to the TVL All-Star Senior Team.

Ardith Bennett, a member of the LCCHS Future Homemakers of America chapter, was elected president of the Kansas Chapter V of the FHA at the Pittsburg conference.

Five members of the Future Farmers of America chapter at LCCHS were candidates for the State Farmers Degree. They were Eugene Carnahan, Richard Gearhiser, Jimmie Johnston, Harold Lansdowne, and Bobby Nading.

The Student Council consists of boys and girls representing each organization in LCCHS and met each Wednesday during activity period. The activities of the Student Council were perhaps the most important of any organization because it included the representation from each club and included the interests and needs of the entire student body.

Ronald Bryson was president of the Student Council in 1945-46. Ruth Marshall was vice president; Dean Hoy, secretary; Raeme Lee Wamsley, treasurer, first semester; Shirley Elliott, treasurer second semester; Raymond Bowman, sergeant-at-arms; Ruth Marshall, proctor captain.

By August 14, 1945, the Japanese, after seeing the utter destruction of two cities when the U. S. dropped the A-Bombs on them, accepted the Allies peace terms. In September, formal surrender documents were signed aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

The transition from war to peace, the return of our servicemen from overseas, and the need to again produce domestic needs that were depleted during the war years put the "Great Depression" to an end.

## 1946-47

Among the newer faculty members were Juanita Billington, vocational homemaking; Chester Crosetto, mathematics; Elsie Jarrell, vocational homemaking; Norma Jean Peterson, music; Jack Shell, vocational agriculture; and Helen Thomas, commerce.

There was a graduating class of 87 listed in the yearbook. Senior class officers were not listed for this year.

Jack Moon was president of the junior class; Charlene Bush, vice president; Evelyn Froebe, secretary; Helen Ann Norris, treasurer; Mary Hartwell and Richard Graue, Student Council representatives.

The largest class in school history to that date was the sophomores with an enrollment of 116 students. Their class president was LeRoy Alvis, Raymond Parker was vice president; James Weir, secretary; and Shirley Hoobler was treasurer.

Terry Wolfe was freshman president; John Young, vice president; John Hunter, secretary-treasurer; George Chapman, sergeant-at-arms. Lois Frederick and Gerald Canny were Student Council representatives.

The band, under the direction of Ivan Thompson, had 60 members and added to the enjoyment and enthusiasm at football and basketball games.

A new organization at the school was the Veterans Club, organized in September, 1946, under the direction of Mr. Harrison.

A member of this club had to be enrolled at LCCHS, be a veteran of World War II, and be honorably discharged from the U. S. Armed Service. Each member had to attend school under the G.I. Bill of Rights. Some of the veterans came back to finish work on their high school diploma and others took post-graduate work in mechanics, radio and electricity, commerce or physical science.



The following students were in the Veterans Club: Harold Smith, Jack Passwater, Dean Sailsbury, Loren Palmer, Denzil Banzet, Marvin Banzet, Verl L. Houston, Ivan L. Ramey, Wayne Ruttgen, Edward Dale Houston, Richard E. Oakes, Dale Polk, John Conroy, Boyd Hazell, Hubert Jones, Warren Schmid, Lester I. Foster, Jr., George Britting, Bradley E. Thayer, and Ronald Phillips.

VETERANS CLUB 1946-47



LCCHS Piano Studio - Edith Witham Instructor

It should be noted here that the piano department at LCCHS was one of the largest of any school in the Midwest with 25 pianos. Students practiced every hour of the day in soundproof rooms. Over 60 students were enrolled in piano.

Coach Lucas' football team shared the TVL championship with Oswego with a record of six wins, 1 loss, and 1 tie. Lettermen on the team were: Bill Mawhiney, Raymond Bowman, Ted Lotz, Bob Wheat, Jack Moon, Harold Lansdowne, Charles Holmes, Harold Francisco, Donald Ruttgen, Don Armstrong, Verlyn Phillips, Junior Polk, Wayne Johnston, Leo Parlett, Charles Olson, Floyd Bradbury, Wesley Miller, Bill Williamson, Paul Nelson, Max Riepe, Tommy Terhune, and Paul Hucke.

The basketball team won 15 games and lost 5. Lettermen were Bill Mawhiney, Bob Wheat, Ted Lotz, Verlyn Phillips, Raymond Bowman, Wayne Johnston, Charles Holmes, Harold Francisco, Leo Parlett, Junior Polk, Jack Moon, Don Armstrong, Bill Williamson, Tommie Terhune, and Johnnie Oringderff.

Boyd Hazell and Gloria Marvel reigned as king and queen of the annual. The football queen was Ilene Oakleaf, and Arlene Oakleaf was crowned basketball queen.

## 1947-48

Requirements for graduation listed in the 1948 catalog were as follows:

1. A student must have at least 32 credits (one credit is given in all solid subjects which meet 5 days a week for 60 minutes each day during the entire semester).

2. Two majors of 6 credits each.

(A) One must be English, and

(B) The second major may be selected from one of the following: Social Science, Mathematics, Science, Commerce, Homemaking, Mechanics, Music, and Vocational Agriculture.

3. Two minors of 4 credits each.

(A) One minor must be social science (unless it is elected as a second major). One credit of this minor must be Constitution and 2 credits American History.

(B) The other minor may be elected from one of the remaining groups.

4. Two credits of mathematics and two credits of laboratory science. (Mathematics refers to algebra and geometry. Laboratory science refers to biology, chemistry, or physics.)

5. State Department now requires one year of Physical Education, one year of Mathematics and one year of Biological Science with a Laboratory.

To receive a Trade School Diploma, a student must have completed the requirements for a high school diploma as well as the Trade School Diploma. Make all "A" or "B" grades in the major field and related fields, have all grades for all high school work of "C" grade or better, have displayed unusual skill and efficiency in the department and be of good character.

The Student Council officers were: Floyd Bradbury, president; Dale Tanner, vice president;



Jean Campbell, secretary-treasurer; Junior Polk, sergeant-at-arms and Richard Grave, proctor captain. In the second semester, Jack Addis was vice president and Lois Hoobler was proctor captain.

New faculty member was Mildred Bowles, homemaking-clothing.

The LCCHS Grizzlies football team won the Twin Valley League championship again for the fifth time, and the basketball team had won the TVL three out of the past four years. The track team was also highly successful winning three league meets out of four.

The various organizations at the school were an important part of the educational process where students were taught leadership, cooperation, and good citizenship.

One such organization was the Hi-Y, and the officers were: Darrel Fultz, president; Wallace Barragar, vice president; Allen Thomas, secretary; and Clifford Landrith, treasurer.

The Y-Teens organization was led by Mary Hartwell as president; Mardell Scott, vice president; Leta Tullis, secretary; Ruth Young, treasurer; Billie Jo Pollock, pianist; Mary Lee Haury, song leader; and Geraldine Layton and Donna Lee Phillips, Student Council representatives.

Alma DeBolt was the county superintendent and president of the board of trustees.

Floyd Bradbury was the senior king and Lois Hoobler was senior queen. Football queen was

Dorthea Morgan, and Billie Jo Pollock was basketball queen. The carnival king and queen were Tommie Terhune and Neva Harrison.

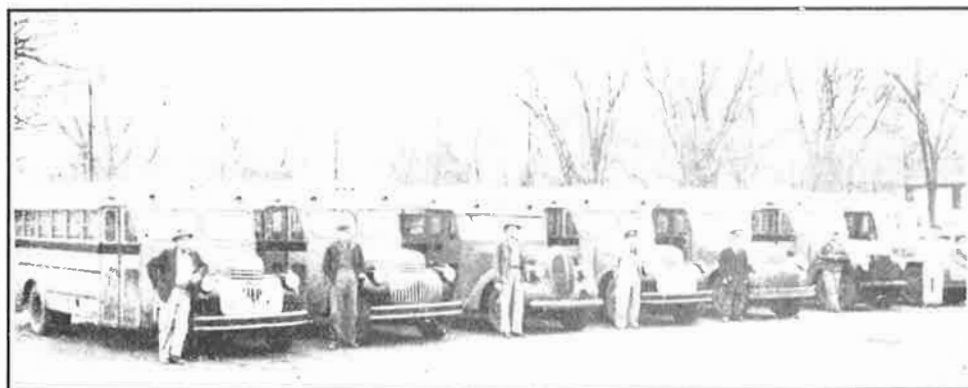
There were 88 graduates listed in the 1948 yearbook. Senior class officers were Arlene Blevins, president; Mignon Smith, vice president; Richard Grave, secretary; Arlene Zook, treasurer; Margaret Ferrell and Max Riepe, cheerleaders; Richard Hucke, sergeant-at-arms; Clifford Landrith and Lois Hoobler, Student Council representatives.

## Seven Buses Transport Students to School

For the first time in many years, LCCHS again transported students to school in buses. This was made possible through an act of the Kansas legislature which permitted student transportation in every county of the state. Previous to this act, the transportation of students was prohibited in Labette County by a special act passed by the state legislature several years before.

The seven buses travelled 550 miles each day and hauled approximately 275 students. No student was scheduled to be on the bus more than 90 minutes and the average less than 40 minutes.

The bus drivers were: Route 1, Johnny Branham; Route 2, Charles Lawson; Route 3, Ellis Wells; Route 4, Jim Fosdick; Route 5, Jim Merry; Route 6, Otis Powers; and Route 7, Earl Gard.



### 1947-48 BUS FLEET

Drivers from left to right: Jim Merry, Ellis Wells, Earl Gard, John Branham, Otis Powers, Claude Fosdick, and Charles Lawson.



## JOURNALISM CLASS

1947-48

The fleet was made up of five new Chevrolets, one new International, and one used Ford. An International that had been purchased the previous year was used for activity purposes.

A 2-mill levy made this year amounted to \$2 for each one thousand dollar property valuation on district taxpayers, to take care of the operation expenses.

### 1948-49

The 1948-49 school year opened with four new faculty members. They were Elizabeth Ahrens, homemaking; Helen Hutchinson, commerce; Joe DeSpain, printing; and M. A. Vann, social science and assistant coach. The 1949 year-book listed 74 seniors getting diplomas.

Senior class officers were Marguerite Erwin, Audrey Traxson, Patricia Zoucha, Norma Ellen Morris, Margaret Speights, Dwight Hersh, Leon Sparks, Wallace Barragar, and Joe Roberts.

Junior class officers were Beverly Palmer, Terry Wolfe, Lynette Bowles, Martin Davis, Carol Dodd, Paul Smith, Dolores Bender, and John Young.

Darrel Frogley, Vic Christman, Milton Lowmaster, Wayne Walker, Betty Branham,

Shirley Parlett, Jane Strickland, and Lurena Martinie were the sophomore officers.

Elected as freshman officers were Arvon Phillips, Robert Thygerson, Leo Bowman, Cleda Barnett, Norma Bowman, and Virginia Williams.

Robert DeMott was the senior king in 1949, and Patricia Zoucha was senior queen.

The football queen was Margaret Speights, and Shirley Hoobler was basketball queen.

The distinguished Student Council elected Mary Lee Haury, president; Marguerite Erwin, vice president; Donna Lee Phillips, secretary-treasurer; James Weir, sergeant-at-arms; and Leona Strickland, proctor captain. In the second semester, Terry Wolfe was sergeant-at-arms, and Lurena Martinie was proctor captain.

Ladies who worked each day in the cafeteria to keep the students well fed during the year were: Bertha Armstrong, Bertha Bunch, Anna Hoy, Nellie Neville, and Julie Oskins.

The Grizzly football team again won the Twin Valley League championship going undefeated. The team scored a total of 124 points for the season and allowed only 32 points for the opposition. John Oringderff and Leon Sparks

**1948-49 BASKETBALL  
FIRST TEAM**

Coached by  
Roy Lucas

The team had a record of 8 wins out of 13 regular season games.

They won second place at the Cherryvale Invitational Basketball Tournament.



were co-captains of the team. Other team members who earned letters were: Robert DeMott, Milton Lowmaster, Dean DeMott, Martin Davis, James Moore, Bill Hardin, Bill Williamson, Royce Hanes, Vic Christman, Albert Phillips, Terry Wolfe, Vernon Barnett, Gerald Canny, Marvin Fielding, Jimmie Aldridge, and James Weir.

**1949-50**

In 1949 the LCCHS board of trustees was made up of Alma DeBolt, county superintendent as president and the following members: Harley Martin, Vernon Greer, James Tullis, Gerald Winters, Claude Payne, and Marcus Oakleaf.

Herman Harrison was in his 11th year as principal. New to the faculty were: Charles Green, commerce; Stanley Herrmann, social science and assistant coach; and Edith Shipley, librarian.

Dolores Bender, Walter Gilbert, Lois Frederick, Mary Lou Nading, Lynette Bowles, Dolores Adams, Beverly Palmer, Clifford Triplett, and John Young made up the annual staff for the 1950 yearbook.

Elected as officers for the senior class were: Jimmy Aldridge, president; Marvin Fielding, vice president; Lynette Bowles, secretary-treasurer; Christine Baker and Ruth Ellen Tullis, Student Council representatives.

Junior class officers were: Leonard Meier, president; Duane Hoy, vice president; Bernita Brader, secretary-treasurer; Duane Herrmann, sergeant-at-arms; Betty Branham and Vic Christman, cheerleaders; Leonard Strickland and Darrell Frogley, Student Council representatives.

Cleda Barnett was elected president of the sophomore class with Betty Jacobs as vice president. Betty Straub was secretary-treasurer. Student Council representatives were Virginia Williams and Leo Bowman. Virginia Williams and Harold Herron were the cheerleaders.

Freshman class officers were Bob Young, president; Bonnie Czapsky, vice president; Eileen Beech, secretary-treasurer; Douglas Maxwell, Lorne Schlatter, Kenneth Manners, and Mary Jo Shaw, Student Council representatives.

John Young was chosen as senior king and Beverly Palmer, senior queen. The football queen was Betty Branham, and Carol Jacobs was selected as basketball queen.

Officers for the Student Council in 1949-1950 were John Young, president; Carol Dodd, vice president; Ruth Tullis, secretary-treasurer; Gerald Canny, sergeant-at-arms, Ora Mae Thompson and Dolores Bender, proctor captains.

The LCCHS Grizzlies added another season of victories to their undefeated string by finishing the season unbeaten and untied. They won seven out of seven games to stretch their victory string to 23 games. Coach Roy Lucas' boys defeated the following teams in order: Neodesha, Neosho, Missouri, Yates Center, Caney, Frontenac, Galena, and Baxter Springs.

Boys earning letters on this outstanding team were: Terry Wolfe, Gerald Canny, Marvin Fielding, Jimmie Aldridge, Vernon Barnett, Martin Davis, John Young, Earl MacBrown, Arnold Neil, Fred Nibarger, Floyd Crane, Milton Lowmaster, Danny Hagan, Vic Christman, Duane Hoy, Darrell Frogley, Dwane Herrmann, Marvin Rexwinkle, Milburn Rexwinkle, Billy Barnett, Keith Graver, Donald Fish, Glenn Blackburn, Lewis Wamsley, Ralph Lansdowne, and Max Green.

The basketball team, also coached by Roy Lucas, won 15 out of 19 games. Twelve boys were awarded letters. They were Terry Wolfe, Marvin Fielding, John Young, Jerry Post, Vic Christman, Milton Lowmaster, Danny Hagan, Darrell Frogley, Dwane Herrmann, Lewis Wamsley, Duane Hoy, and Billy Barnett.

They won the Cherryvale Invitational Tournament by defeating Cherryvale 35-27 and Independence 36-28.

There were 89 graduates in 1950 listed in the yearbook.

## 1950-51

In the school year 1950-51, there was an even 100 graduates listed in the yearbook. The annual staff that year included Nadine Moon, Erma Jean Rexwinkle, Patricia Sailsbury, Darrell Frogley, Leonard Meier, Duane Miksch, Shirley Parlett, and Robert Zoucha.

Curtis Sides had just completed his first year as assistant principal and as a mathematics and science teacher. New members of the faculty were Irvin Siegenthaler, vocational agriculture; Walter Pruitt, vocational agriculture; Richard Howell, social science, and Ann Green, physical education.



1950-51 OFFICE MACHINES CLASS

The senior class chose Duane Hoy for their president; Danny Hagan, vice president; Raymond Williams, secretary; Wayne Hucke, treasurer; Jimmy Roberts and Shirley Parlett, cheerleaders; Leona Strickland, Gerald Myers and Betty Milks, Student Council representatives.

The senior king and queen in 1951 were Darrell Frogley and Barbara VandenBerg.

Shirley Parlett was crowned football queen and Bernita Brader was the basketball queen.

LCCHS operated nine school buses that year. The buses covered a total of 660 miles daily. About 300 students rode the buses and each bus went right past 90 percent of the homes of students. The buses started 50 miles apart each morning, and all nine arrived at school within 5 minutes of each other. The bus drivers were Ellis Wells, Johnnie Branham, Charles Lawson, Ed Houser, Charles Davis, Clarence Ruttgen, Ralph DeCow, Earl Gard, and Paul Dickerson.

LCCHS was one of the pioneering schools in Kansas in the field of guidance. The school tried to help each student early in his high school years planning to become aware of his own strengths and weaknesses and to more wisely select a program of study for his or her four years. During each summer, Ruby Grow, director of guidance, and other faculty members made visits to homes of the students in the interest of the boys and girls with whom they work during the school year.

The 1958 GRIZZLY was dedicated to Miss Ruby Kay Grow, teacher, guidance counselor and friend, who, for many years, gave generously and enthusiastically of her time and efforts to the welfare and interests of LCCHS students.



RUBY KAY GROW  
Director of Guidance

The LCCHS Grizzlies finished their second consecutive undefeated season to run their undefeated string to 30 games in football. They had been unbeaten the last four years to give the present seniors the distinction of never seeing LCC lose a football game while they had been in high school.

In order, the Grizzlies won over Neodesha, Lamar, Missouri, Fort Scott, Caney, Chanute, Baxter Springs, and Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

Eighteen seniors, along with 12 underclassmen were awarded letters. Senior lettermen were: Duane Hoy, Milton Lowmaster, Jim Williams, Milburn Rexwinkle, Cleon Blackburn, Lew Wamsley, Dan Hagan, Bill Barnett, Vic Christman, Darrell Frogley, Marvin Rexwinkle, Don Fish, Jack Foreman, Keith Graver, Forrest Powers, Denzil Ruttgen, Ralph Lansdowne and Duane Miksch.

Underclassmen who lettered were: Leo Bowman, Floyd Crane, Dean Erdman, Eldon Hart, Harold Herron, Max Murphy, Richard Murphy, Larry O'Brien, Arvon Phillips, Norman Traxson, Dewayne Vance and Willard Wilson.

Coach Roy Lucas was honored for his great record at LCCHS when the football field at the school was named "Lucas Field" as it is known today.

In basketball, the Grizzlies competing as a state Class AA team, had a record of 17 wins and 2 losses. Their losses were at the end of the season in the Kansas State AA tournament at Emporia. They lost to Coffeyville 24 to 48 and to Wichita East 35 to 44. Wichita East went on to win the state championship.

The Grizzlies defeated in order the following teams: Columbus, Cherryvale, Sedan, Baxter Springs, Cherryvale, Chanute, Galena, Caney, Commerce, Oklahoma, Baxter Springs, Cherryvale, Galena, Elsmore (twice), Sedan, Caney, and Chanute.

Letters were awarded to Milton Lowmaster, Dan Hagan, Vic Christman, Darrell Frogley, Bill Barnett, Max Green, Lew Wamsley, Duane Hoy, Leo Bowman, Arvon Phillips, Bob Young, Harold Herron, and Dale Higginson.

### 1951-52

There were 90 graduates listed in the 1952 yearbook.

The yearbook staff was made up of the following students: Travis Thomas, Darlene Williamson, Dolores Hatfield, Donna Falkenstein, Leon Pearce, Beverly Foreman, Sue Marie Karner, and Frank Branham.

New faculty members at the start of the school year were Courtney Bennett, agriculture; Mildred Klotz, foods; Donald Little, commerce; Alene Lucas, physical education; Edith Sides, librarian.

Robert Dale Thygerson was chosen senior king and Betty Straub was senior queen.

The football queen was Betty Jacobs and Virginia Williams was crowned basketball queen.

Senior class officers elected at the start of the school year were Arvon Phillips, president; Robert Thygerson, vice president; Paul Johnston, secretary; Stanley Terril, treasurer; Berniece Andrews, Marjorie Post and Merlin Demuth, Student Council representatives; Evelyn Baker and Richard Murphy, cheerleaders.

Max Murphy was chosen by the junior class for president. The vice president was Gordon McBride with Douglas Maxwell as secretary-treasurer. Vernon Fish and Bob Young represented the juniors on the Student Council. Sue Marvel and Duane Holmes were cheerleaders.

Sophomore class officers were Martin Straub, president; Jim Nibarger, vice president; Margaret Terril, secretary-treasurer; Colene Childress and Nancy Reitz, Student Council representatives; Colene Childress and Darrell Rexwinkle, cheerleaders; and Willie Francisco, song leader.

The 1951 football team lost two games — to Independence 7-12, and to Baxter Springs 7-20. The Grizzlies, however, defeated Lamar, Missouri 14-13; Fort Scott 19-0, Caney 40-0, Columbus 13-6, and Chanute 13-12.

Lettermen that season were: Leo Bowman, Delbert Bracken, Floyd Crain, Dean Erdman, William Francisco, Eldon Hart, Harley Hayden, Harold Herron, Charles Hill, Dale Higginson, Dwayne Holmes, Aaron Martin, Douglas Maxwell, Gordon McBride, Arden Miller, Max Murphy, Richard Murphy, Jim Nibarger, Larry O'Brien, Wayne Parlett, Ronald Peak, Arvon Phillips, Norman Traxson, Dwayne Vance, Willard Wilson, Jim Woodward, Bob Young, and Gene Withrow.

In basketball, the Grizzlies won seven out of sixteen games. Lettermen were Leo Bowman, William Francisco, Harold Herron, Charles Hill, Dale Higginson, Dwayne Holmes, Douglas Maxwell, Jim Nibarger, Wayne Parlett, Arvon Phillips, Willard Wilson, and Bob Young.



LCCHS BAND

IVAN THOMPSON  
DIRECTOR

1951 ANNUAL

## 1952-53 to 1961-62

The '50's and '60's were an exciting time for LCCHS. It was a time of rapid growth in enrollment, although the maximum enrollment was not reached until the mid '60's.

It was also a period of program and facility improvement, with new buildings being added and new courses added and expanded.

The school received recognition as a comprehensive high school at the national and state level. Staff was expanded, and new ideas in rural education germinated and grew.

Student activities were quite successful particularly in the areas of FFA, Ag., F.B.L.A., track, and football. Time and space does not allow us to print the many student and school achievements.

### 1952-53

The 1952-53 term started with 563 students enrolled.

Board members were Claude Payne, Gerald Winters, Everett Treadway, Harley Martin, Jim Tullis, Marcus Oakleaf, and county superintendent, Alma DeBolt.

Herman Harrison was superintendent, and Curtis Sides was principal.

School lunches were 25 cents each, and the vocational ag department still raised most of the beef and vegetables for the cafeteria.

The Stuco president was Kay Statz, and the senior class performed the play, "Family Circus".

Wymetta Baugher was homecoming queen, Beverly Marvell was basketball queen, Patsy

Roberts was senior queen, and senior king was Billy Hagan.

Class presidents were: senior - Gordon McBride, junior-Darrell Hollingshead, sophomore - Charles Sprague, freshman - Glenna Miksch.

LC continued to have large and growing musical groups in Concert Band, Beginning Band, Concert Orchestra, Girls' Glee, Mixed Chorus, String Ensemble, Boys' Glee, Pep Band, Girls' Ensemble, and various quartets.

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A student survey conducted by the Labetta staff gave the following reasons for attending LCCHS:

—"Because it is an honor to receive a diploma from LCCHS"

—"It is the best school in the state."

—"I chose to attend LC because it is a trade school with a wide variety of subjects."

—"To play basketball with a great team"

—"I can fix my wreck of a car."

—"It offered more than anyplace around here."

—"I moved up here from Oklahoma because LC offers many more opportunities and subjects; therefore, I can get a better job after graduation."

—"The bus passes by my house."

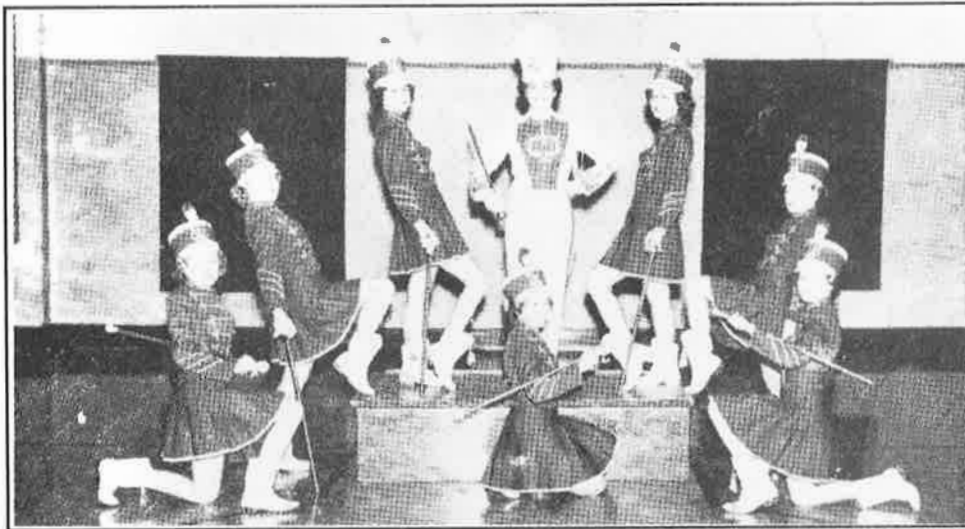
—"I think it is a great privilege to attend LCCHS."

—"It has a lot of opportunities and everyone is treated as equals."

—"I am taking music as a profession and LC offers more opportunities in music."

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Seventy-six piano students were enrolled, with fifteen students on a waiting list. It was reported that 75 of the 76 students practiced on school pianos every school day.



1953 ANNUAL

Flossie DeCow, Ceretha Fawcett, Bonnie Andrews, Beverly Hatfield, drum major, Laverna Hicks, Crystal Passwater, Gloria Brueggeman, Lucille Jack

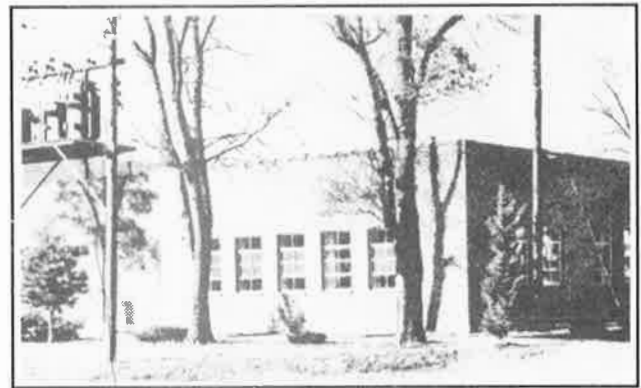
Word has been received by Mr. Harrison that the North Central Association, meeting in Chicago, had again listed LCCHS as fully approved by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This is the highest rating given to a college or to a high school. LCCHS has been very proud of the many ratings of high character received from various points over the U.S. during the past year.

LCCHS was featured in Southwest Daily Times and September 1952 Successful Farming magazine. The article stated that the University of Chicago lists LCCHS as one of the outstanding schools in the nation, and has a drop-out rate of only five per cent as compared to the national average of nearly fifty per cent. Success is attributed to the variety of instruction including, besides traditional classes, mechanics, voc. agriculture, commerce, electronics, journalism, music, and foods.

March of Time of New York visited the LCCHS campus and prepared a documentary on the school for its newsreel program to be shown to nearly ten million people in a national hook up.

WORLD EVENTS

November 4, 1952- Dwight D. Eisenhower was elected President; Richard M. Nixon elected Vice- President.



CAFETERIA-COLD STORAGE-VOC. HOME EC.

1953-54

1953-54 had 605 students and 3 post graduates enrolled — new staff members were Loren Palmer in auto mechanics and Gene Lockard in science.

The new cafeteria building opened on October 5, 1953, and served 455 students. The charge was only 25 cents, and a student could have a refill free. One menu consisted of meat loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, celery, apple or an orange, bread and butter, and milk. Milk was served extra all during the noon hour at cost. Each meal required 175 pounds of potatoes, 40 loaves of bread, 20 pounds of butter, 95 quarts of vegetables, 95 pounds of meat, and 40 gallons of milk. The cafeteria was directed by Mrs. Hoy, assisted by Lura Harden, Nellie Neville, Ruth Evans, and Bertha



The LCCHS annual cost \$3.

One hundred five boys were out for football for coach Roy Lucas, and they compiled a record as follows:

LCCHS	Opponents
6	Independence 23
20	Webb City 6
6	Fort Scott 13
0	Nowata 12
13	Columbus 6
27	Chanute 7
41	Fredonia 0
14	Baxter 14

The football queen was Colleen Childress; senior queen - Jean Parlett; senior king - Terry Phillips; basketball queen - Bonnie Andrews.

Stuco president - Kay Statz; senior president - Delbert Bracken; junior president - Don Mozingo; sophomore president - Eugene Rexwinkle; freshman president - Larry Nelson.



BLACKSMITHING CLASS  
1953 ANNUAL

Blacksmithing was one of the trades that showed promise of many openings in the near future. The blacksmith shop contained forges and anvils, a trip hammer, and small tools. The use of hardies, dies, and trip hammers was taught. The students were taught bending, shaping, welding, sharpening, and heat treating of metals.

The Housemothers' Club, an organization of women who house LCCHS students, was organized in 1939 and was active each year as an important part of the school program. Its members numbered 24 this year. Meetings in the interest of student welfare were called by the president, or Miss Grow, faculty sponsor.

This year with the bus program in effect, only 51 students, 20 boys and 31 girls, roomed in town. In 1946, 150 students roomed in town; in 1945, there were 120. LCCHS recommended to the house mothers the rules and regulations to govern conduct of the student, rooming conditions, hours for student to be in at night, and general conditions which appear to be in the best interest of the student, parents, and school. Miss Grow made calls at the house mothers' homes as well as the parents' homes.



BUS DRIVERS 1952-53

Back row, left to right: Frank Dyke, Harvey Imel, Wayne Ruttgen, Bob Hunt, Paul Eichhorn, Ellis Wells, Charles Davis. Front row, left to right: Ace Hedrick, Paul Dickerson, Johnny Branham, Charles Lawson, C. R. Demuth.

The 13 school buses hauled 549 students and traveled 1,000 miles each day. The buses arrived each morning on the parking lot within a five-minute period, between 8:05 and 8:10 o'clock. The bus went by the door of 90 percent of the students.

A student was on the bus an average of only 30 to 40 minutes per trip. All buses operated on a 1.5 mill levy or only \$1.50 per \$1,000 tax valuation.

Mechanical and operation charts were kept on each bus, and they were given a mechanical checkup each morning and washed and greased when necessary. Safety was the primary keynote of the local bus system. The bus mechanics were Ellis Wells, Charles Tullis, and Frank Stevenson.

### WORLD EVENTS

July 1953-The Korean War, which began in June, 1950, came to an end.

January 24, 1954-First U.S. nuclear submarine, Nautilus, launched at Groton, Conn.

March 1, 1954-Five congressman were shot on floor of House by Puerto Rican nationalists

January 12, 1953-Price controls on eggs, poultry, tires and gasoline lifted

March 5, 1953-Death of Joseph Stalin

May 11, 1953-Tornadoes hit Waco and San Antonio, Texas, leaving 124 dead.

October 1, 1953-President Eisenhower employd Taft-Hartley Law to prevent dockworker's strike.

The arts—science fiction and 3-D films thrilled audiences.

Polio—A medical milestone was reached in 1953 with the development of the polio vaccine by Jonas E. Salk of the University of Pittsburg.

### 1954-55

Enrollment at LCCHS surpassed all previous records as it climbed to 661 students. Carl Alexander, Joann Thompson, Mrs. Don VanOrsdall, and C. M. Polk joined the faculty.

The enrollment included six sets of twins: Judy and Jane Clemings, Robert and Roberta Adams, Francis and Frank Swenson, Bob and

Betty Elmore, Una and Ula Schneider, Larry and Jerry Dunn.

New board member was Clifford Likins.

FFA had 117 members. There were 146 girls enrolled in Home Economics.

A new addition was completed to the shop building. It extended south of the original building and housed Jack Shell's office and the ag shop.

Football queen - Lois Palmer, basketball queen - Anita Misener, senior queen - Crystal Passwater, senior king - Lester Murphy.

Stuco president - Marvin Brown, senior president - Robert Gilbert, junior president - Buddy Miller, sophomore president - Gary Richardson, freshman president - Phil Irwin.

The school cafeteria now employed five cooks and fed in excess of 500 average per day. The ag department planted over 2 tons of seed potatoes. Thirty-six turkeys weighing a total of 500 pounds were served with "trimmings" for Christmas dinner.



MEAT CUTTING CLASS  
1958 ANNUAL

One of the newest additions to the curriculum was the course of meat cutting. The Vocational Agriculture Department assumed the responsibility for feeding, butchering, and processing all meat used in the school cafeteria. LCCHS has a cold storage locker and about 28,800 pounds of beef was butchered each year.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Wilbershede, school nurse, was head of the home nursing department. Girls in the second year of homemaking took special training using the National American Red Cross textbook. Students were given training in the basic principles of practical nursing which included bed making, bed baths, bandaging and application of compresses. Homemaking girls also assisted with the Bloodmobile unit from Springfield every year.

Driver's Education was added as a new course at LCCHS. Loren Palmer and C. M. Polk taught the course with a car donated by Parsons Motor.

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Vernon Sandusky, a fifteen year old LC student from Mound Valley, Kansas, journeyed to Hollywood December 30, 1954. He was given screen tests and recording tests with recording companies. Vernon began playing the guitar and singing when he was ten years old. By the time he was fifteen, he had been on radio in Kansas City and attended the CIO convention in St. Louis, Missouri. He had also been on KOAM-TV as often as four times.

Vernon thanked the teachers at LC for being so cooperative about everything. He was majoring in commerce, but planned to continue with his music after he graduated. He stated that he would like a job on the radio in the entertainment business.

Today, in 1992, Vernon is a nationally recognized musician who plays in the Roy Clark band and does recordings on his own.

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The following is an excerpt from a letter from the University of Kansas School of Fine Arts.

"It is with sincerity and pleasure that I write you this letter concerning the Labette County Community High School. It is the only institution of its kind in the field of secondary education that I have ever seen and for this reason, as well as others, it is in a class by itself. The school reflects a certain imagination and daring in its system of operation which I feel makes it deserving of the highest degree of commendation."

## SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

- Freshman class picnic and hay rack ride in October
- All school party in November sponsored by juniors
- Elston School box supper October 28
- LCCHS juniors order class rings from L. G. Balfour Company — \$4 deposit
- The band performed the play, "Hillbilly Courtship".

### Close of Exciting Basketball Season

Well, here it is, close of another basketball season, and a wonderful season it was too. The Labetta staff wishes to send bouquets to all who took part.

We finished this year with 11 wins and 9 losses. That's a fine record for the team. We want to congratulate the boys and coaches, Carl Alexander, Donald VanOrsdall, Chester Crosetto, and Junior Polk, and to realize we are very proud of them.

A word of credit to the Pep Club and their sponsors, Miss Morgan, Miss Tinder, and Miss Thompson, and the cheerleaders, Holly Irwin, Ruth Ann Harrison, Gloria Brueggeman, LaVerna Hicks, and Daniel Flaharty, who did an excellent job in cheerleading, L.C.C.H.S. fans and all others who had a hand in the game of basketball this season.

Some of the others who should be congratulated for our successful basketball season are Mr. Zook, who does a fine job keeping time and the lady teachers, who take turns in taking tickets.

L.C. students and fans are to be congratulated on the fine way they conducted themselves at the games. Booing and loud shouting at officials and players never add anything beneficial to L.C.C.H.S.

## WORLD EVENTS

Jan. 19, 1955-First televised presidential press conference

July 18, 1955-Disneyland opened in Los Angeles.

## 1955-56

Enrollment continued upward with 670 students and 6 post graduates.

A new "lecture" building was added for Mr. Wilbershide's class and large groups.

New staff members consisted of Annette Jacobs, Chiguita Standefer, Carol Guenther, Boyd Ash, Albert Gabriel, Jr., Vernon Cates, Willis Mushrush, and Robert Cox.

Five hundred students attended the first all-school party of the year. The party was sponsored by Y-Teens and Hi-Y.

Class presidents were: senior - T. H. Long, junior - Leland Conley, sophomore - Wayne Foster, freshman - June Owens. Stuco president was Ruth Ann Harrison.

The "A" and "B" cheerleaders and "A" and "B" twirlers appeared on KOAM-TV in October on the 5:00 show.

LCCHS football homecoming was held on October 28.

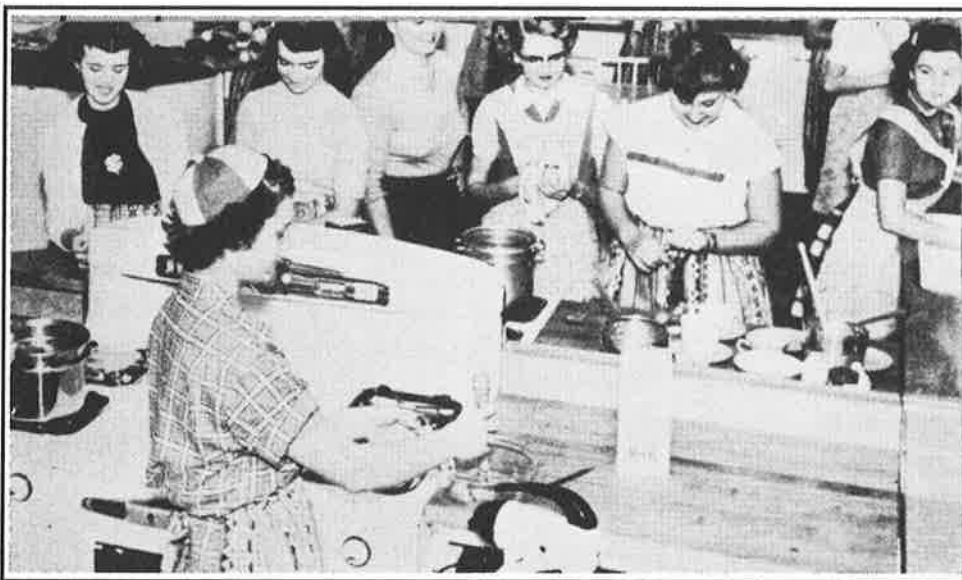
FHA initiated 45 girls. FFA Greenhand initiation was November 15

November 17 was the opening music concert of the season featuring LCCHS orchestra, mixed chorus, and glee clubs in a combination concert and variety show under the direction of Norma Jean Seaton.

Seven Hi-Y delegates attended a meeting in Topeka

June Eichhorn, student at LCCHS, appeared on KOAM-TV on the farm show program. She gave a cake decorating demonstration.

Board members this year were James Tullis, Clair Hucke, Claude Payne, Marcus Oakleaf, Lester Murphy, Emmett Sprague, and Harry Dean, Jr., county superintendent.



1954-55 ANNUAL

HOME EC ONOMICS  
FOODS DEPARTMENT

MILDRED KLOTZ,  
INSTRUCTOR

Two recent graduates of LCCHS were now attending United States schools in preparation for a military career. Cadet Larry W. Sutherland is completing his second year at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, New York, and Midshipman Donald W. Mummy is completing his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland. Upon graduation both will enter the Regular Military Establishment as Career Officers.

Every Thursday the student body met in the school auditorium for chapel. There was 100 percent student participation with a faculty member acting as advisor. Some of these programs were musical, some religious, dramatic, etc. Outside speakers and other special programs were presented to the student body at various times during the school year. Every organization in school followed a regular schedule in presenting a chapel program.

J. C. Penney was the 1956 commencement speaker for the LCCHS graduating class.

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### LC Hit Parade

This poll was conducted by Mrs. Mitchell of the music department.

1. Rock and Roll Waltz
2. Memories Are Made of This
3. See You Later Alligator
4. Band of Gold
5. He
6. Teen-Age Prayer
7. Moments to Remember
8. Love and Marriage
9. 16 Tons
10. Go On With the Wedding

--The Labetta  
February 16, 1956

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### Leap Year Sock Hop

The junior class is sponsoring a "Leap Year Sock Hop" February 24, 1956, at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the L.C.C.H.S. gym. Since this is leap year, the girls are to ask the boys. The girls will pay the way, but the boys will furnish the car.

There will also be refreshments, games, prizes, and dancing in your socks.

The prices are couples 25 cents and stags 35 cents.

Music will be furnished by the Pep Band which is directed by Mr. Thompson. We will also have some good records.

Girls are to wear skirts and blouses or dresses, and the boys are to wear dress pants.

A special attraction will be a program with a variety of numbers.

So, girls, hurry up and get your dates, and you boys be on your best behavior.

--The Labetta  
February 16, 1956

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### WORLD EVENTS

September 30, 1955-Actor James Dean killed in car crash

November 25, 1955-Racial segregation on trains and buses crossing state lines banned by ICC

February 6, 1956-University of Alabama enrolled first black student, Autherine Lucy; suspended after three days of violence

May 2, 1956 Methodist Church called for end to all segregation in church

Elvis Presley is a hit!

## 1956-57

On May 11, 1956, voters of LCCHS approved a \$1,400,000 bond issue to finance a building program. The project included an administration - classroom building and an auditorium-gymnasium.

The school bought five dwelling houses on the south edge of the campus. Three were moved onto the campus and were used for temporary classroom space after razing of the old administration and classroom building was started. The old building was vacated by February 10, 1957.

### Classes Moved

The classes have been moved into the six houses while the new school is being erected. The following classes are being held in the houses as follows:

House No. 1  
Mrs. Barnes—English  
Mr. Ash—English and Speech  
House No. 2  
Miss Grow—English and Guidances  
Miss Peterson—English  
Senior Store  
House No. 3  
Mr. Lucas—Constitution  
Mr. VanOrsdall—Algebra  
House No. 4  
Mr. Howell—American History and Constitution  
House No. 5  
Mrs. Wilbershide, R.N.,—First Aid Room  
House No. 6  
Mr. Mushrush—Mathematics  
Mr. Polk—Social Science and General Business  
Mr. Zook—Drawing Room  
Mr. Alexander—American History  
Mr. Cox—General Science  
Shop Lecture  
Library

The Labetta  
February 21, 1957

The new administration and classroom building was built where the old one stood, but overlapping the site. The space cleared of dwelling houses provided the site of the auditorium and gym. It was expected to take about 16 months to complete the building program.

Open house for the new administration building and new gymnasium-auditorium was Tuesday, November 25, 1958, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a dedication program in the new auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The new classroom building has 30 rooms, the auditorium will seat 2,000, and the gym seats 2,200.

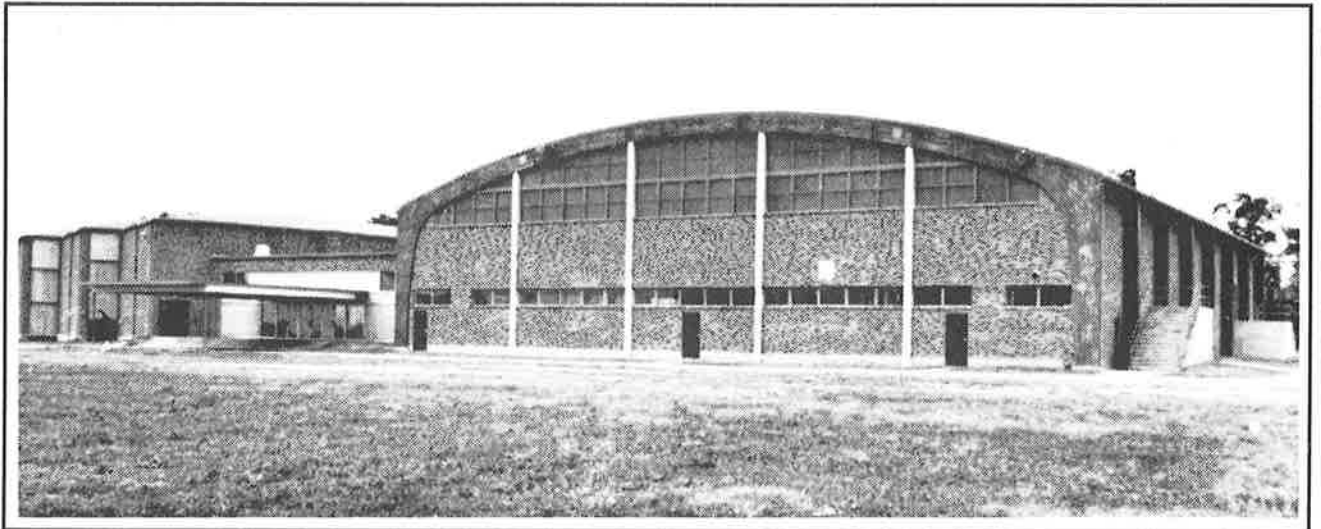
The total LCCHS tax levy for general fund, transportation, and bond and interest was 12.8 mills.



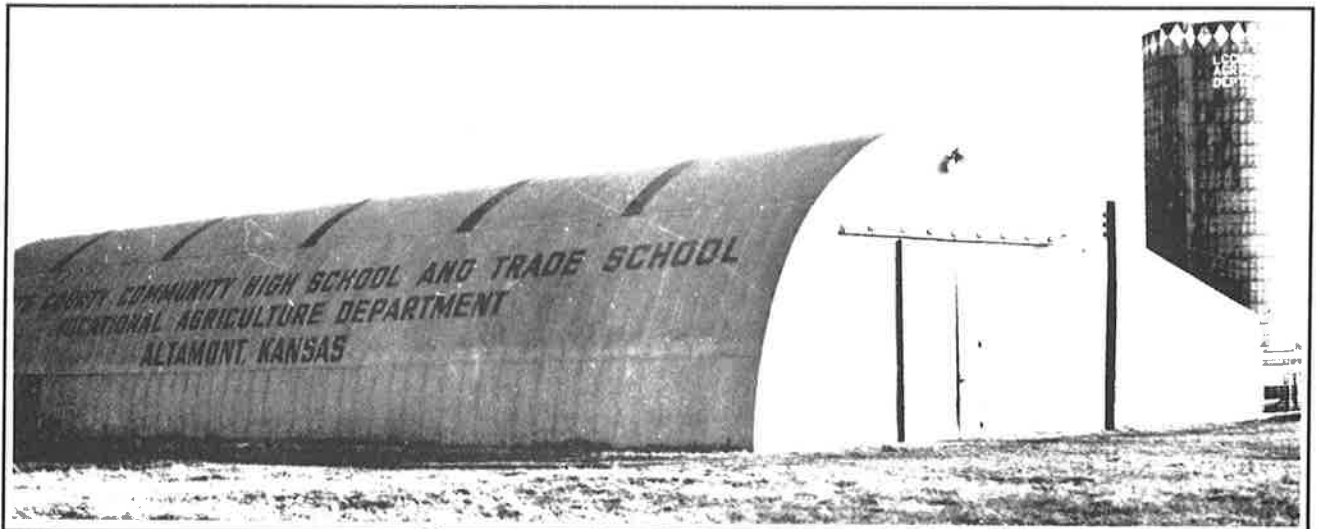
Making way for the new LC administration building.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



AUDITORIUM - GYMNASIUM



AGRICULTURE BARN

In September 1956, plans were announced to build a new ag barn and farrowing house. The barn will be 40 ft. x 180 ft. with a 24 ft. by 180 ft. shed. The farrowing house will be 26 ft. by 48 ft. with room for 16 sows to farrow.

The W. Tresper Clarke High School of Long Island, New York, was opening a comprehensive high school with vocational facilities and would serve as a "pilot plant" for other Long Island high schools. They wrote to LCCHS seeking advice on what kind of programs to include.

Earl Francisco, Larry Martin, and Ralph Hopper were elected as tri-captains of track 1957.

The all school carnival was March 29, 1957.

LCCHS took first place in District dairy judging contest

One of the big highlights of the school year was the junior and senior banquet May 4. Tickets were \$1.25 for juniors and \$1.00 for seniors. The theme was "Tulip Time in Holland".

Carol Thompson was one of 12 girls to receive an Elizabeth Watkins scholarship to Kansas University.

"Caps and gowns need to be checked in after commencement — if you prefer to purchase your tassel, you may do so for 25 cents."

Senior queen - June Eichhorn, senior king - Bobby Miller, basketball queen - Zelia Phillips, football queen - Daisy Mourning

Stuco president - Barbara Carlson. Class presidents were: senior - Larry Traxson, junior - Joe Hollingshead, sophomore - Bill Hucke, freshman - Larry Reed.

Board members were James Tullis, Gerald Winters, Everett Winters, Cliff Likins, Claude Payne, Marcus Oakleaf, and Alma DeBolt, county superintendent.

Annuals were \$3.75 each.

The following teachers joined the LCCHS staff in 1956-57: Miss Blankenship, Miss Morton, Mrs. Barnes, Mr. Cox, Roy Lucas, and Mrs. Lucas after a two-year absence. Billy Irick joined the vocational ag teaching staff in January.

LCCHS was featured in the national magazine, Pathfinder.

Seven sets of twins attended LCCHS this year: Tommie and Donnie Nibarger, John and Don Swenson, Frank and Francis Swenson, Jerry and Larry Peterson, Larry and Jerry Dunn, Robert and Roberta Adams, Betty and Bob Elmore.

The 1956-57 football schedule consisted of: Independence, Galena, Ft. Scott, Chanute, Caney, Columbus, Cherryvale, and Baxter Springs.

Earl Barrager, an LCCHS sophomore, showed the Reserve Grand Champion barrow at the Kansas National Junior Livestock Show at Wichita. The barrow weighed 250 lbs. and was sold at 45 cents per pound.

## 1957-58

The enrollment was now 732 students.

Football queen was Sandra Gilbert, basketball queen - Barbara Hucke, senior queen - Colleen Bryant, senior king - Bill Billman.

Stuco president - Joe Hollingshead, senior class president - Richard Tullis, sophomore president - Larry Green, freshman president - John Shrouder.

The LCCHS band performed at the first football game. The "A" band had 66 members while the "B" band had 53 members with 21 twirlers.

Three new Kimball pianos were added to the



piano department to replace old ones. There were 97 students enrolled in piano.

The FFA barn warming included square dancing, round dancing, pie eating contest, sack races, potato races, and nail driving contests. The highlight included crowning the FFA queen.

The 1958 Grizzly was dedicated to Miss Ruby Kay Grow — teacher, guidance counselor, and friend of LCCHS.

Marvin Darold Trower, Jr. an LCCHS student, was admitted to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland.

### WORLD EVENTS

September 4, 1957- Arkansas National Guard prevented black students from entering Central High School in Little Rock.

September 25, 1957-President Eisenhower ordered U.S. Army troops to Little Rock to enforce desegregation

1958-Elvis Presley was drafted into the U.S. Army.

February 1, 1958-United States succeeded in putting the satellite Explorer into space.

### 1958-59

LCCHS enrollment grew to 784.

Class rings ranged from \$15 - \$26

The yearbook cost \$4.00 and was dedicated to Mr. Harry Haury, who had been at LCCHS 26 years.

Class presidents were: senior - Nancy Marvel, junior - Mildred Bowles, sophomore - Gilbert Barnett, freshman - Marlys Price. Stuco president - Rita Summers

Board members were Claude Payne, Everett Miller, Marcus Oakleaf, James Tullis, Emmett Sprague, Clifford Likins, and Alma DeBolt, County Superintendent.

On October 30, 1958, a new Conn Classic electronic organ was installed in the new auditorium.

“This new organ is the only electronic organ which meets the specifications of the American Guild of Organists. The organ includes with the two manuals a full pedalboard. The voicing of the organ is equivalent to that of a 19 rank pipe organ, or in other words, it would cost around \$20,000 to build the same organ with pipes. There are three organs built into one organ: the Swell, the Great, and the Echo. The Echo is probably the most unusual feature. There are few pipe organs in this area which have an echo organ. All three organs will come from separate chambers which have been built into the auditorium as it was contracted. The audio output will be the same as 125 television sets would put out.”

--The Labetta

The Printing (Graphic Arts) Club was started this year.

The annual FFA Parent-Son Banquet was held December 4.

The first “A” game was played in the new gym — Columbus defeated LCCHS 65-37.

### WORLD EVENTS

January 3, 1959-Alaska entered the Union as the 49th state

May 28, 1959-Two monkeys launched into space by U. S. Army from Cape Canaveral, Florida

August 21, 1959-Hawaii entered the Union as the 50th state.

### 1959-60

Enrollment continues to climb to 797.

New staff members were Jim Hackett, piano; LaHoma Turney, office secretary; Sue Ann

Newsom, piano; Roger Pruitt, science; James Toepfer, auto mechanics; Norman Haigh, voc. ag.; Helen Flesher, nurse; Marcia Jarboe, strings; James Huffman, band; Vernell Goold, machine shop; Helen Helmick, librarian, Elmer Hedrick, bookkeeper for the school.

Fifty-four turkeys (1200 pounds) were served at the traditional Christmas dinner. Of course, all the "trimmings" were included.

\$14,350.00 worth of printing equipment, including a 14 x 20 offset press, was added to the print department. This began the offset printing process at LCCHS. Three towns from Iowa visited the LCCHS campus to study the program.

LCCHS hosted their first "Career Day". Guest speakers were present to discuss future occupations.

Jerry Gartner was recognized in the area as a top miler. He lettered all four years, and at this point was the best known runner at LCCHS. He was the AA schools' indoor champion for the state of Kansas. The team placed 6th.

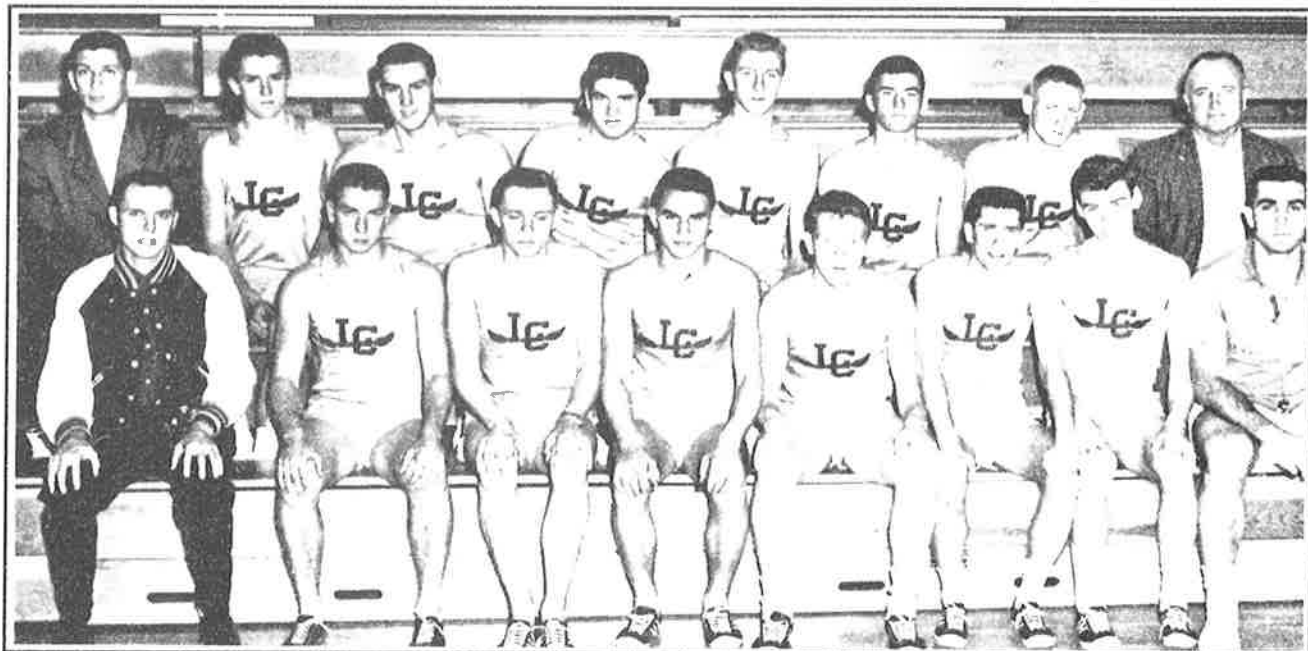
Queens were as follows: football - Sandra Finley, Tamasha - Paula Mitchell, senior king - Larry Reed, senior queen - Roxie Bear.

### 1960 GRIZZLY DEDICATED TO THE WILBERSHIDES

"To Mr. and Mrs. Wilbershide, who are now retired after serving 78 combined years at L.C.C.H.S., we humbly dedicate the '60 Grizzly. We wish the best of everything to them as they go into their years of retirement. May the knowledge that they have done so much for so many be a source of lasting satisfaction. We at L.C.C.H.S. miss them greatly."

--1960 Grizzly

In recalling those years, Mr. Wilbershide relates events which we "newcomers" do not know: Altamont contained only one "hardsurfaced" street; Highway 96 was a dirt road on which many cars stuck so fast that it was necessary to pull them out with a team or tractor; LC's shop started with only one small frame building just large enough to hold one car (it is now used by the agriculture department); only 15 students were enrolled in the department. Today, LC has a multi-shop with some 120 students doing general shop work.



LC's "A" TEAM TRACK SQUAD

From left to right: Front Row, Coach Polk, D. Hersh, J. Karhoff, C. Kudrick, L. Green, J. Gartner, R. Pickard, Coach Cobble. Back Row, Coach Brehm, D. Wooderson, G. Burnett, L. Bradfield, J. Woodrum, R. Ingram, L. Reed, Coach Lucas.

Those early years were not easy ones Mr. Wilbershide recalls. A program such as the one he was employed to develop met with opposition and except for board members and administrators down through the years who have been interested in seeing sound vocational work established, Mr. Wilbershide states that he would have met with failure. Most of his success he attributed to wise administration on the part of those charged with running the school and lots of hard work from himself.

The Wilbershides not only hold a record of length of time taught at LC (he 38 years and she 36 years), but each possesses a unique distinction in state history. Mr. Wilbershide was the first all-day Smith-Hughes auto mechanics instructor in the state, and until his retirement was also the oldest active Smith-Hughes teacher in Kansas. Mrs. Wilbershide holds the honor of teaching the first Red Cross Home Nursing course taught in any state high school. Colleges offered such courses, but LCCHS was the first high school in Kansas to offer such instruction.

When asked about their plans for the future, the Wilbershides had only this to say: "This has been our home for almost 40 years. We have enjoyed very much these students and their parents. Altamont and LC have been good to us, and we are in no hurry to upset a pleasant experience. Therefore, we are simply living from day to day that we might enjoy the graciousness of a good life which the Lord has given us. We have only indefinite plans."

### **HARRY ZOOK INSTRUMENTAL IN ORGANIZING FOUR-STATE CONFERENCE**

The Annual 4-State Conference at Pittsburg, which nine of our instructors attended October 7 largely owns its existence to one of LC's instructors, Harry Zook.

Harry E. Zook is not a stranger to LCCHS patrons. As head of LC's shop department, and

through his 17 years as a member of the LC faculty, his fame and good name have become synonymous with good machine shop instruction and service.

As an industrial arts teacher, Mr. Zook has done as much as any living Kansas instructor to improve the quality of education in SEK high schools. One could cite the recent Four-State Conference on Industrial Arts and Vocational Education.

Twenty years ago, Harry Zook and William T. Bawdin organized the first of these conferences. Mr. Zook was at the time studying at Kansas State College, Pittsburg, on a graduate fellowship. Mr. Bawdin was director of the college industrial arts program.

From this meager beginning, where only a selected few came, has grown an idea which this year attracted over 600 teachers, administrators, and other interested persons.



**MR. WILBERSHIDE AND LEON PEARCE**

### WORLD EVENTS

January 3, 1960-Senator John F. Kennedy announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination

February 1, 1960-Four black students stage sit-in at lunch counter in Greensboro, NC, to protest "whites only" serving policy.

## 1960-61

The enrollment this year was 797. The largest graduating class in history was this year with 205 graduates.

LCCHS was featured in the Kansas Farmer magazine.

The LCCHS cafeteria continued to serve an average of 500 students daily.

Class presidents were as follows: senior - Gary Bradbury, junior - John Anderson, sophomore - Ronnie Lewis, freshman - Russell Gatton. Stuco president was Louise Gomer.

Board members were Emmett Sprague, Lester Murphy, Marcus Oakleaf, Claude Payne, Cliff Likins, James Tullis, and Harry Dean, county superintendent.

Queens were as follows: football - Donna Myers; Tamasha - Nancy Dickerson.

Senior king was Gary Bradbury, and senior queen was Anna Darland.

Sharon Williams, former LCCHS graduate, was the cover girl on Philnews magazine, a magazine published by Phillips Petroleum Company of Bartlesville. Sharon, an LC commerce graduate, worked in the main office at Bartlesville.

New staff members were Jean Charles, printing; Gary Cromwell, voc. ag.; Allen Mills, English; Don Laketa, basketball coach; Lloyd Evans, commerce; Cleo Rucker, band; Wanda Hartman, commerce; Leona Lewis, P.E., Bena Harper, English; Esther Stoneking, strings; Barbara DeLange, foods; Ruth Ann Pruitt, mathematics; George Duerksen, vocal; and Eldon Huffman, guidance.

The LCCHS farm shop projects placed first at the Topeka State Fair. There were five projects

— horse trailer, electric welder, air compressor, hay sled, and a hay feeder.

## WORLD EVENTS

November 8, 1960 - John F. Kennedy elected President; Lyndon B. Johnson elected Vice-President

July 24, 1961 - Eastern Airlines passenger jet en route to Tampa from Miami hijacked to Cuba by armed passenger

## 1961-62

LCCHS set another enrollment record at 838 students.

Students raised funds through contributions to purchase an LCCHS banner which was presented to the school at an assembly.

Senior queen was Louise Gomer, and senior king was Clyde Kastler. Football queen was Marlys Price; Tamasha queen was Eileen Johnson.

The annual was dedicated to Michael Lynn Thompson who was killed in a car wreck two weeks prior to graduation.

Board members were: Marcus Oakleaf, Lester Murphy, Clair Hucke, Claude Payne, James Tullis, Emmett Sprague, and Harry Dean, county superintendent.

Class presidents were as follows: senior - Gene Williams, junior - Kenneth Gillespie, sophomore - Steve Traxson, freshman - David Hornback.

During the summer, 7,000 quarts of vegetables were raised in the school garden and canned for the cafeteria. About 650 bushels of potatoes were raised, and the Voc. Ag. department continued to butcher and process beef and pork for the cafeteria.

The seniors sold \$5,131.61 worth of magazines. Profits went toward the senior trip.

The LCCHS staff and maintenance department constructed a building 20 ft. by 24 ft. to serve as the Ag. slaughter house. The facility has an adjoining holding and killing chute.

The CCC (Common Custodian Club) was formed at LCCHS. This was a club composed of students employed by the school to assist with custodial duties.

Tim Maxson of the LCCHS FFA won top honors at the Joplin Jr. Livestock Show held in Joplin. He showed a 900 pound Angus steer.

LCCHS radio class attended a Wichita television meeting.

Newbank's Corner Store is high on many students' list as a place where they may relax during free moments. For them, this is their extra-curricular activity; for others, the store serves only as another among the many possible alternatives. A jukebox, relaxed social conversation spiced with a soft drink and the traditional American student lunch can be found at the Corner Store.

Superintendent Harrison addressed educators at the American Association of School Administrators held in Atlantic City, N.J.

Shadow of the Cross was presented as the senior play.

Richard Knewton, Kim Kepley, and Lee Steanson were awarded the State Farmer Degree at the 34th annual convention of the Kansas Association of Future Farmers of America.

Part of the new faculty consisted of Glenda Serviss and Jacqueline Carr.

The LCCHS catalog explains student labor as follows:

"Many students help work their way through school. The money earned here must be used to pay school expenses. Time labor cards are used by the student, and the time each day must be entered on it. The cards are filed in the office at the end of each month. The student calls at the office once each month, signs a receipt, and is paid for the time actually worked. Student labor is paid at the rate of 30 cents per hour.

"After school starts and students are enrolled, those students who have to work in order to stay in school are given an "application for work" slip. This must be filled out and signed by their parents. Students are then checked to various faculty, Mr. Branham, and others supervising work, for work assignments."

On December 7, 1962, the Sabin Oral Polio vaccine was given for the first time at LCCHS. 721 students participated in this "anti-polio campaign." Type II was given on January 18, 1963, and 718 students took part. On Friday, March 15, 350 students reported to the first aid department for their oral vaccine, Type III. This completed the series of oral polio vaccine to give a lifetime immunity.

LCCHS was the first school in the state to give the fifth polio booster to those who had not already been given them by their doctors. At that time, 478 shots were given.

### WORLD EVENTS

September 8, 1961-Journal of American Medical Association reported link between smoking and heart disease

October 6, 1961-President Kennedy advised American families to build or buy atomic fallout shelter

February 20, 1962-Astronaut John Glenn was first American to orbit earth, circling three times in Mercury space capsule.

June 25, 1962-In Engel v. Vitale, Supreme Court declares reading of prayers in New York public school unconstitutional.

## 1962-63 to 1971-72

The Sixties were a time of great change and turmoil for the United States. Our confrontation with the Soviet Union over Castro's Cuba brought us to the brink of nuclear war. The East and West relations were locked in the Cold War. Foreign affairs dominated the national scene. The Berlin Wall was the symbol of the separation of peoples. The Vietnam War became the focus of widespread protest at home and abroad. Unrest and uneasiness dominated city streets and college campuses. But here in Altamont, Kansas, the students at LC were pretty much doing what they always had done and have done since - attending classes, participating in extracurricular activities, doing homework, spending time with friends.



VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE CLASS  
1965 ANNUAL

### HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

September 1962: Black student James Meredith was admitted to the University of Mississippi.

October 1962: Cuban missile crisis; six days of anxiety before Soviet Premier Krushchev backed down.

June 1963: Supreme Court declared Bible reading in public schools unconstitutional.

November 1963: President John F. Kennedy

assassinated in Dallas. Lyndon Johnson sworn in as president.

1963: Peter, Paul and Mary were singing "Blowin' in the Wind" and the Beach Boys were singing "Surfin' USA."

January 1964: Surgeon General said there is proof that cigarette smoking causes lung disease.

February 1964: Cassius Clay defeated Sonny Liston in the World Heavyweight Boxing Championship.

July and August 1964: Major race riots in New York and Philadelphia.

March 1965: The civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, begun by 3200 people led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., swelled to 25,000.

July 1965: President Johnson made the decision to increase our forces in Vietnam to 125,000.

1965: The movie "The Sound of Music" was released.

1965: The minimum wage was \$1.25 an hour.

August 1966: The first successful artificial heart pump was installed.

January 1967: The troop strength in Vietnam swelled to 380,000 soldiers.

March 1967: Tennessee repealed the "Monkey Law" which prohibited teaching evolution theories.

July 1967: The worst race riot in United States history, Detroit, resulted in 41 dead, 2,000 injured, and 5,000 left homeless.

August 1967: Thurgood Marshall became the first black Justice of the Supreme Court.

January 1968: The navy ship USS Pueblo was seized in the Sea of Japan by North Korean patrol boats.

April 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated in Memphis.

June 1968: Senator Robert F. Kennedy was shot while campaigning in Los Angeles, and died the following day.

November 1968: The Richard M. Nixon/Spiro T. Agnew ticket was elected to the White House.

April 1969: The number of combat deaths in Vietnam since 1961 reached 33,641.

April 1969: Three hundred students take over Harvard University's main administration building and evict eight deans.

July 1969: Senator Edward Kennedy was involved in an auto accident at Chappaquiddick Island in which his passenger drowned.

July 1969: The Eagle became the first manned vehicle to land on the moon and Neil Armstrong was the first man to walk on the moon.

August 1969: Four hundred thousand attend the Woodstock Music and Art Fair in Bethel, New York, an event that came to symbolize the culmination of the 60's hippie and flower child counter-culture..

November 1969: American Indians seized Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay and occupied it for the following 19 months until June of 1971.

December 1969: The Boeing 747 made its first public flight.

April 1970: Cigarette advertisements were banned from radio and television.

May 1970: Four students were killed when National Guard troops fired at 600 antiwar demonstrators at Kent State University in Ohio.

June 1970: The voting age was lowered to 18.

April 1971: The 21-year trade embargo with China was lifted.

While all these things were happening, LCHS moved rapidly through another decade.



1965-66 GEOMETRY CLASS

### BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

1962-63: Harry Dean, Lester Murphy, Claude Payne, Emmet Sprague, Marcus Oakleaf, Clair Hucke, James Tullis.

1963-64: Lucille Davis, Marcus Oakleaf, Lester Murphy, Clair Hucke, Jim Tullis, Emmet Sprague, Dan Hoy.

1964-65: Lucille Davis, Clair Hucke, Lester Murphy, Marcus Oakleaf, Jim Tullis, Leonard Phillips, Dan Hoy.

1965-66: Lucille Davis, Burt Hucke, Leonard Phillips, James Tullis, Lester Murphy, Dan Hoy, Marcus Oakleaf.

1966-67: Eugene McMunn, O. J. Keltz, Gayle Baugher, Don Gullett, Dale Maxson, Stan Lips.

1967-68: Don Gullett, Gayle Baugher, Stan Lips, O. J. Keltz, Dale Maxson, Eugene McMunn.

1968-69: Eugene McMunn, Don Gullett, O. J. Keltz, Dale Maxson, Gayle Baugher, Stan Lips, Leon Pearce.

1969-70: Stan Lips, Don Gullett, Dale Maxson, Gayle Baugher, O. J. Keltz, Leon Pearce, Eugene McMunn.

1970-71: O. J. Keltz, Eugene McMunn, Stan Lips, Dale Maxson, Leon Pearce, Don Gullett, Gayle Baugher.

1971-72: Don Gullett, Donald Eck, O. J. Keltz, E. S. McMunn, Leon Pearce, Dale Maxson, Gayle Baugher.

### ADMINISTRATION

1962-63 through 1965-66: Herman F. Harrison, superintendent; Curtis D. Sides, principal.

1966-67: L. D. Curran, superintendent; Stan Wilkins, assistant superintendent; Herman F. Harrison, principal, Curtis Sides, vice principal.

1967-68 through 1971-72: L. D. Curran, superintendent; Stan Wilkins, assistant superintendent; Francis L. Norris, principal; Curtis Sides, vice-principal.



MR. MASSA AND T.V. REPAIR CLASS  
1963-64

### CHANGES IN FACULTY AND STAFF

1962-63: Bonnie Byrd - school secretary; C. W. Aikens - foreign language; Maxine Harrison - assistant librarian; Reginald Hurd - social science; Dorothy Johnson - English; Arthur Madsen - piano; Lloyd Clark - voice; Bill Elliot - orchestra; Buddy Miller - math; Wayne Reel - auto body; Alma Lee Shell - piano; Robert Sprecher - auto mechanics; Wayne Stander - commerce; John Whittington - physical science; Stan Wilkins - math.

1963-64: Robert Meyer - accountant; Joyce Fielding - counselor; Fred Alford - welding; Marvin Fielding - drivers training; Jimmie Gatz - vocational agriculture; Charles Hennen - chemistry; Fred Holt - English; Charlene Mikel - home economics; Lawrence Mills - math.

1964-65: Joan Booher - office secretary; Geraldine Milliken - guidance; Jerry Anderson - piano; Joanne Anderson - English; Marcia Bunch - home economics; Carroll Cobble - social science; Gail Evans - music; Julia Giles - English; Richard Jarom - physical education; Bill Johnson - drivers training; Natalie Neal - home economics; Imogene North - vocal music; Henry Payne - vocational agriculture; Hollie Thomas - vocational agriculture; William Wood - band.

1965-66: Donna Reed - school secretary; Ross Clark - accountant; Dean Baldwin - chemistry/physics; Dorothy Baldwin - home economics; William Barnes - drivers training; Judy Brooks - English; Mary Martin - commerce; Ted McCormick - welding; Richard McWhorter - commerce; Larry Reed - social science; Betty Rinehart - English; Eugene Withrow - drafting.

1966-67: Jonathan Brown - guidance; Rachel Barnes - speech; John Dahlem - library; Mildred Lawrence - English; Solomon Sandoval - Spanish; Doug Lee - science; Martha Sisk - math; David Darnell - band; Kenneth Graber - piano; Norman Leistikow - printing; Curtis Schmitz - printing;



Sharon Jones - shorthand; Harold England - physical education; Carl Mundis - American history; Oscar Ingram - agriculture.

1967-68: Diana Cooper - business; Jerold Tyler - English; Janet Bryan - business; Anne Sanders - English/foreign language; Joyce Powell - Spanish; Sharon Billingsly - physical education; John Hensley - band; Harvey Gates - vocal music; Claude Robinson - math; James Carlson - math; Lon Floyd - science; Harold Meadows - science; Dale Skolaut - printing; Gene Holmes - auto mechanics; Mort Livingston - welding; Ron Quick - drafting; C. H. Postier - drivers training.

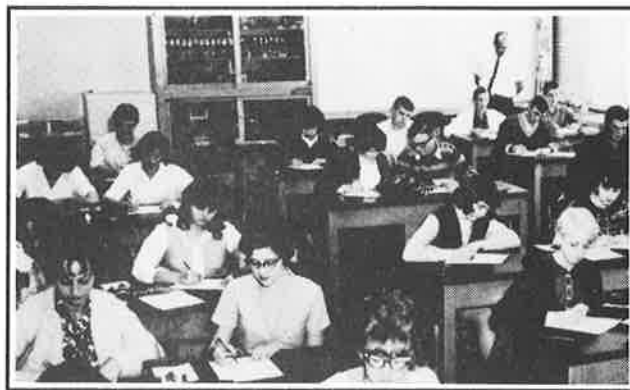
1968-69: Ken Swender - guidance; Frances Hess - English; Richard Stedry - band; Sharon Perry - home economics; Myrna Seyfert - business; William Hanson - social science; Kathy Eilenstine - typing; Don Anderson - Spanish; Dwayne Holmes - physical education and drivers training; David Nicholas - social science; Larry Anderson - math; Ernest Collison - vocational agriculture; Cliff McCoskey - drafting; Leonard Barton - science; Sharon Horton - 2nd semester French/art; Ron Joseph - 2nd semester science.

1969-70: Sharon Arnold - piano; Jack Hamilton - business; Beatris Testerman - librarian; Evelyn Farmer Anderson - physical education; Bill Wheat - social science; Lee Nelson - social science; Earl Wright - auto body; Lorraine Kilgore - home economics; Debbie Watson - home economics; Walter Oliver - chemistry/science; Anita McCoskey - secretary.

1970-71: Diana Jones - business; Kenneth Cooper - band; Howard Thornhill - chemistry; Rex Peterson - math; Ellen Oney - English; Howe Arndt - vocational agriculture.

1971-72: Marilyn Baker - secretary; Marianne Kurtenback - English; Bobbie Jaax - English; Shirley McCoy - English/French; Beth Warren - Librarian; Anita McDaniel - Spanish; Doug McCarter - band; James McConnell - math; Grace Booth - art; Kris Spigarelli - social science; Jane

England - physical education; Mary Leach - business; Harold Helton - agriculture; Thom Adams - physical education and drivers training.



MR. LOCKARD'S BIOLOGY CLASS  
1965-66

### ELECTED CLASS OFFICERS

1962-63: Senior—Terry Sheffer - president; Larry Wells - vice-president; Carole Rodarme - secretary. Junior—Gayle Tucker - president; Mary Jean Stanberry - vice president; Dennis Bear - secretary. Sophomore—Bill Sramek - president; Gary Kees - vice president; Louise Wiseman - secretary. Freshman—Marsha Geouge - president; Phyllis Silcott - vice-president; Geraldine Baker - secretary.

1963-64: Senior—Mary Jean Stanberry - president; Ronnie Hellwig - vice-president; Gayle Tucker - secretary. Junior—Lloyd Dickinson - president; Floyd Dickinson - vice-president; Gary Kees - secretary. Sophomore—Russell Cramer - president; Danny Sisco - vice-president; Ronny Tullis - secretary. Freshman—Ricky Good - president; Roger Swanwick - vice-president; Linda Alexander - secretary.

1964-65: Senior—Ted Schmid - president; Mary Lou Warner - vice-president; Dan Parlett - secretary. Junior—Terry Martin - president; Marsha Geouge - vice-president; Joann Houts - secretary. Sophomore—Scott Traxson - president; Dean Jones - vice-president; Kenny Graves - secretary. Freshman—Tommy Jones - president; Timmy LeFalier - vice-president; Sharon Davis - secretary.

1965-66:

1966-67: Senior—Rosann Martin - president; Frank Alloway - vice-president. Sophomore—Steve Jarrett - president; Pam Carson - vice-president. Freshman—Mike Hucke - president; Larry Goldsmith - vice-president.

1967-68: Senior—Terri Sisco - president; Jay VanMiddlesworth - vice-president; Linda Alloway - secretary. Junior—Byron Reed - president. Sophomore—Tony Holmes - president; Virginia Parks - vice-president; Susan Nunnallee - secretary. Freshman—Linda Carnahan - president; Kevin Gordon - vice-president; Mary Lea Johnston - secretary; Barry Waggoner - treasurer.

1968-69: Senior—Steve Jackson - president; Gary Hellwig - vice-president; Darlene Dick - secretary. Sophomore—Gerald Beaver - president; Rick Maxson - vice-president; Kathy Gossard - secretary; Karla Sonka - treasurer. Freshman—Mike Charles - president; Nancy Lockard - vice-president; Evelyn Ekhoﬀ - secretary; Rose Mary Ferguson - treasurer.

1969-70: Senior—Mike Gullett - president; Rexanna Boore - vice-president; Virginia Parks - secretary. Junior—Gary Mauersberger - president; Mike Dean - vice-president; Jill Tanner - secretary; Amy Cole - treasurer. Sophomore—Bill Duncan - president; Vic Roberts - vice-president; Kevin Cole - secretary. Freshman—Sherry Nelson - president; Ritchie Hanley - vice-president; Kristy Hansen - secretary; Terry Gittens - treasurer.

1970-71: Junior—Vic Roberts - president; Terry McMunn - vice president; Wade Wright - secretary. Freshman—Tony Price - president; Jeff Gullett - vice-president; Mary Beth Nunnallee - secretary; Peggy Wynne - treasurer.

1971-72: Senior—Terry McMunn - president; Faith McKnight - vice-president; Karla Carney - secretary. Junior—Carla Morley - president; Connie Bradshaw - vice-president; Cheryl Nickle

- secretary; Kathy Kesler - treasurer. Sophomore—Kenneth Tucker - president; Lori DeCow - vice-president; Edie Addis - secretary. Freshman—Jeff Funk - president; Wendy Wright - vice-president; Sheryl Manley - secretary; Mark Perry - treasurer.



LCCHS SYMPHONY  
1965-66

### STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

1962-63: Janie Price - president; La Vern Gregory - vice-president; Carolyn Price - secretary; Janet Price - treasurer.

1963-64: Janet Price - president; George Schneickert - vice-president; Alyce Sexton - secretary; Linda Testerman - treasurer.

1964-65: George Schneickert - president; Lee Shell - vice-president; Linda Graves - secretary; Barbara Giles - treasurer.

1965-66: Lee Shell - president; Kirk Wyckoff - vice-president; Karen Kline - secretary; JoAnn Houts - treasurer.

1966-67: Becky Aitken - president.

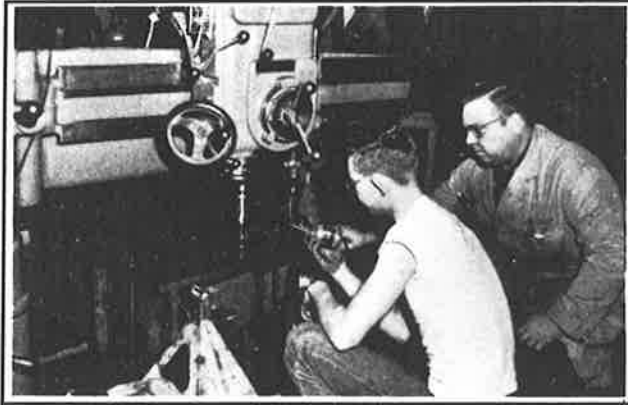
1967-68: Janice Denton - president; Linda Calahan - vice-president; Vicki Westhoff - secretary; Pearl Erickson - treasurer.

1968-69: Bryan Read - president; Kent Hansen - vice-president.

1969-70: Kent Hansen - president; Ray Stice - vice-president; Linda Ellison - secretary; Suzann Hazell - treasurer.

1970-71: Ray Stice - president; Shirley Callahan - secretary; Peggy Carlson - treasurer.

1971-72: Vic Roberts - president; Peggy Carlson - vice-president.



Mr. Lacy helping student with radial drill

### ROYALTY

1962-63: Arlene Ellison - Homecoming Queen; Glenda Harrell - Tamasha Queen; Janie Price - Senior Queen; Jack Graver - Senior King; Ronnie Tullis and Dixie Newland (freshmen) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts.

1963-64: Connie Geouge - Homecoming Queen; Kay Reed - Tamasha Queen; Cindy Sperry - Senior Queen; David Schroder - Senior King; Gaylin Bryson and Patty Mansfield (sophomores) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; Rick Good and Peggy O'Neal (freshmen) - Carnival King and Queen.

1964-65: Barbara Giles - Homecoming Queen; Terri Stine - Tamasha Queen; Louise Wiseman - Senior Queen; Jay Baird - Senior King; Lee Shell and Marsha Geouge (juniors) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; Tommy Ellison and Linda Graves (seniors) - Carnival King and Queen.

1965-66: Marsha Geouge - Homecoming Queen; LaFaye Shadley - Tamasha Queen; Marilyn Wiseman - Senior Queen; Lee Shell - Senior King; John Butts and Rebecca Martinie (seniors) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts.

1966-67: Linda Ramey - Tamasha Queen; Sheryl Jarrett - Senior Queen; Dale Fultz - Senior King;

Mike Nixon and Cecilia Dreiling (sophomores) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; Steve Jarrett and Martha Read (sophomores) - Carnival King and Queen.

1967-68: Sue Finley - Homecoming Queen; Helen Alvarez - Tamasha Queen; Vicki Nash - Senior Queen; Don Barcus - Senior King; Kent Hansen and Virginia Parks (sophomores) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; Bill Journot and Connie Baker - Carnival King and Queen.

1968-69: Pam Carson - Homecoming Queen; DeeDee Edwards - Tamasha Queen; Darlene Dick - Senior Queen; Bryan Read - Senior King; Terry McMunn and Connie Surrige (freshmen) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; Charles Cunningham and Shirley Shadley (seniors) - Carnival King and Queen.

1969-70: Joyce Heflin - Homecoming Queen; Linda Ellison - Tamasha Queen; Becky Baugher - Senior Queen; Dwight Kessler - Senior King; James York and Kay McDonald (juniors) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; Joe Sprague and Rosemary King (freshmen) - Carnival King and Queen.

1970-71: Karla Sonka - Homecoming Queen; Kathe Gossard - Tamasha Queen; Shirley Callahan - Senior Queen; Phil Hucke - Senior King; George Muller and Leia York (sophomores) - FFA/FHA Sweethearts; David Stuart and Janie Jones (sophomores) - Carnival King and Queen.

1971-72: Faith McKnight - Homecoming Queen; Paulette Polk - Tamasha Queen; Belinda Vail - Senior Queen; Jerry Ferguson - Senior King.

### SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

1962-63: Jim Allison and Ronnie Lewis were football co-captains. Terry Sheffer and Terry Foster were basketball co-captains. Kent Mairs and Darrell McClanahan were track co-captains.

1963-64: Football boasts a record of 121 wins and 31 losses over the past 19 years. Co-captains were Ronnie Hellwig and Dave Schroder. Basketball



1963-64 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

1968-69: This was LC's first year in the Southeast Kansas League. Our first year in the SEK League was a good one as LC won the SEK League Sportsmanship Award.

record was 13-2 through the first two-thirds of the season. Co-captains were Russell Gatton and David Nading. Track co-captains were Gerald Johnson and Tommy Mitchell.

1964-65: LCCHS hosted the SEK Invitational cross country meet, and then won it. The cross country team won four out of four meets this season.

1966-67: There were seven boys out for cross country. As they did in 1964, the 1966 cross



COACH POLK WITH 1965 DISTANCE MEN

country team won the Southeast Kansas championship. Mike Nixon was the individual champion. Dean Jones and Ralph Ramsey were football co-captains. Scott Traxson and Roger Swanwick were basketball co-captains. The freshman basketball team was undefeated with a record of 14-0 for the "A" freshman squad and 6-0 for the "B" freshman squad. Track co-captains were David Evans and Daryl Wiley.

1967-68: The track team placed 4th in Southeast Kansas and Mike Nixon qualified to go to the state meet in the two-mile after placing 2nd at the regional meet.

The cross country team was the first LC athletic team in any sport to qualify to go to state in over 15 years. The team qualified by winning 3rd place at the regional meet. Mike Nixon won 1st place at regionals and 2nd place at the state meet.

The football tri-captains were Gary Hellwig, Bryan Read, and Kent Houston. The team ended the season in a tie for 7th in the SEK.

The basketball team ended the season in a tie for 2nd in the SEK with a record of 10-6, our best record since 1954. Co-captains were Charles Cunningham and Larry Carnahan.

The two-man golf team finished 8th in the SEK. The track team finished 2nd in the SEK with tri-captains Mike Nixon, Albert Billingsly, and Jim Keele.

1969-70: For the 2nd consecutive year, LC won the SEK League Sportsmanship Award.

The cross country team won 3rd at regionals and advanced to the state meet for the 2nd year in a row. The basketball team finished in a tie for 5th in the SEK.

The track team finished in a tie for 3rd in the league, and placed 6th at regionals. Two team members - Mark Shepard and Robbie Robinson - qualified for the state meet.

Our golf program was in its 3rd year. In 1968 the "team" included one person; in 1969 there were three. In 1970 the golf team boasted six members and won 2nd at regionals. The 2-man team of

Bruce Corey and Mike Coyse were the first LC golf team to qualify for the state meet.



1970-71 GOLF TEAM WITH COACH NEY

Tennis was reorganized for boys after a 4-year absence at LC.

This year was the first time in LC history that girls were allowed to participate against other schools in sports. The girls were allowed to participate in an interschool tennis tournament in April and the dashes and relays at the LC track meet in March.

1970-71: This year was the third year that LC had been in the SEK League and the cross country team went to state for the third time.

Jim Wynne, Steve Rexwinkle, and Don Martin were tri-captains for the football team. In wrestling Don Martin placed 3rd in the district and 5th at the regional matches.

Robbi Robison set a 6th meet record at the SEK League track meet. He won the half mile (1:59.7) and the mile (4:28) at the regional meet to qualify for state.

1971-72: The cross country team were the SEK League champions for the first time ever, then went on to place 3rd at regionals and qualify for the state meet.

## EVENTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1962-63: In 1962 LCCHS was featured in "Take a Look at Kansas" by the New York Times. In September, LC received a comprehensive rating by the state (one of the few schools in Kansas to get that rating). The National Education Association recently named LCCHS as one of the two best comprehensive high schools in the nation. Among the visitors to our school that year were twelve bankers from Turkey; educators from Iowa, Oklahoma, Colorado, South Dakota, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Kansas; some people from Thailand and Nepal; and a group from Liberia and Afghanistan with a guide from the Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia.

Cindy Sperry and Jim Burnett had the lead roles in the musical South Pacific. In November the 9-foot Baldwin concert grand piano was installed in the main auditorium. In April, the Music Department earned seven "T" ratings at the state music festival.

Myma Peters was elected state recording secretary for FBLA. Our vo-ag. crops team won the state crops judging contest at Manhattan. The Rodeo Club was organized at LC.

In December, 87 per cent (740) of the LC student body took the type I polio vaccine free of charge at school.

In the summer of 1963, there were 7000 quarts of vegetables canned from the school's 12-acre garden. And during a one-year period the vocational agriculture department butchered 28,800 pounds of beef and pork.

In May, the Grizzly celebrated its 28th birthday, having been officially chosen as the LC mascot on May 6, 1935.

1963-64: In September, the foreign language club met for the first time with 65 students attending. This group later became the Language Masters. Cindy Sperry and Mark Brothers had the lead roles in the musical The Music Man. Linda Greer was named Miss Merry Christmas for the Parsons Christmas parade. The school was running 16 buses daily over approximately 1200 miles. Enrollment figures show the junior class with 237 followed by the sophomore class with 232.

LC had visitors that year from Iran, Africa and China, and, of course, from LOOK magazine.

In May, the Board of Education passed a resolution to re-name the field house as Harrison Fieldhouse in honor of Mr. Herman Harrison.

1964-65: In the September 22, 1964, issue of LOOK magazine, LCCHS was featured, having been selected as the outstanding high school in the United States for the rural area. Our enrollment that fall reached 899, the 26th consecutive year that LC's enrollment increased.

John Butts placed second in the poultry judging contest at the state fair. He went on to represent Kansas at the national contest in Chicago. George Schneikert and James Ellis were named National Merit Scholarship finalists, and letters of commendation were earned by Peggy Denton and Frank Martin.

In FBLA, Dwayne Green, senior, served as the vice-president of the Mountain Plains region of national FBLA, and at the state convention, Judy

Jones, who had held the office of state recording secretary, installed another LC student, LaFaye Shadley, to the same office. LC won eight 1st places, five 2nds, and three 3rd places and won the traveling plaque for the second consecutive year.

The musical that year was Showboat with leads played by Frank Stevenson and Sara Sperry.

Also that year LCCHS was featured on the January 10 broadcast of the Today show on NBC.

1965-66: The musical was Oklahoma.

### UNIFICATION COMES TO LCHS

In 1966, school districts in Kansas went through forced consolidation and unification. After much controversy including injunctions and disagreements between rural and urban, the county was forced to unify into unified school districts. The Kansas Unification Law of 1966 reduced the LCCHS area from approximately 600 square miles to 500 square miles and reduced the valuation from \$21 million to about \$14 million. This act also unified common school districts and community high schools into one unit. LCCHS became a part of Labette County Unified School District 506 which included all elementary schools in the district. Since the law authorizing community high schools was repealed with the unification law, the name of the school was shortened to Labette County High School. In 1966, L. D. Curran became the unified district superintendent of schools.



FESTIVAL  
CHORUS

1965  
ANNUAL



The LCCHS piano department represents a feature found in very few high schools in the nation. Pictured here are students standing outside individual practice rooms, with instructors Alma Lee Shell and Jerry Anderson.

1966-67: The high school enrollment this year was 788. LCHS was featured in "Vo Ag Training is a real life experience" by the Kansas Farmer magazine. LCHS was chosen by the United States Office of Education to be visited by the Minister of Education from Ghana, West Africa.

Trudy Rinne and Dale Tower had the leads in the musical *Li'l Abner*. Nine vocal students were selected for State Choir and three band students for State Band and will participate in the KMEA convention in Lawrence. LC seniors John Allen, Penny Goodwin, and Trudy Rinne were named academic winners in the Kansas State Scholarship Program.

John Allen became the third LC student since 1963 to win a Summerfield scholarship to the University of Kansas. The others were Bill Cibes (a '61 graduate who won the scholarship while at KU) and David Bevan.

Four girls earned State Homemaker Degrees at the FHA state meeting. The student council designates certain days as "dress up days," usually the day before a school vacation.

In March, the Southeast Kansas League finally accepts LCHS into their group. At the 15th annual State FBLA Convention, LC members captured

eleven first-place plaques. Freeman Reading, LC's maintenance engineer, resigned after 11 years.

Herman F. Harrison resigned in 1967 from the office of principal, a position he had held for 27 years.

1967-68: F. L. (Slick) Norris became the seventh principal in LC's 75-year history. The LC enrollment this year was 708. There were four "mature" ladies enrolled in LCHS. They were Daisy Tullis, Lorene Dumm, Roena Strange, and Winifred Postier, who later went on to become our school nurse.

The senior store was replaced this year by vending machines. The seniors earn points by working in the lobby to keep it neat and clean instead of selling from the senior store counter. Library fines increased second semester of this year from one cent to two cents a day for overdue books.

Letters of Commendation from the Kansas State Scholarship Program were received by Linda Foster, Connie Hill, Danny Peterson, Max McClanahan, Dean Weltmer, and Phil Bogner.

Betty Shell won 1st place in the music department's Variety Show held in October. The musical was *Sound of Music* with Betty Shell and Phillip Bogner in the lead roles. The Music Department earned seventeen "I", two "II" and five "III" ratings at the State Music Festival.

This year the 7th hour was eliminated from the day's schedule.

And in 1968 the United States Office of Education selected LCHS for a visitation by South Vietnamese educators.

1968-69: The fall musical was *The Wizard of Oz* starring Sherrie Hess as Dorothy and with Mike Hall, Gerald Beaver, and Mark Cole in the lead roles. DeeDee Edwards and Chris Morris had the lead roles in the spring musical *Guys and Dolls*.

Linda Callahan, senior, received a letter of commendation for her scores on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The LCHS chapter of FBLA received the traveling plaque (denoting the best all-around chapter in Kansas) for the sixth consecutive year at the state FBLA convention. Janis Tedstrom replaced Betty McClellan as state recording secretary.

1969-70: The fall musical was *Men Are Like That*, with Phillip Shelley and Donna Bowman in the lead roles.

In December, seven residents of Goshen County, Wyoming, toured our school, being especially interested in LC's vocational programs.

Kent Hansen was chosen District Star Farmer in FFA and was featured in "Seven Stars over Kansas," a film about the seven Kansas Star Farmers. This was the first show for television featuring the FFA Star Farmers.

The musical was *Bye Bye Birdie* starring Phillip Shelley and Mary Lynn Hamilton.

On January 28 the student council voted NO to the proposal that girls should be permitted to wear slacks on days when the forecast was for the temperature to be 20 or below. The following week the proposal was presented again and the student council voted in favor. But the rule was for slacks only - no blue jeans.

Larry Goldsmith, a senior, was a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program, putting him in a group of only one-half of one per cent of all graduating seniors in the nation.

1970-71: Student transportation this year included 13 bus routes and drivers. Enrollment at LC was 653. Gerald Beaver and Cheryl Lukens had the lead roles in the fall musical, *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*.

Linda Carnahan received a letter of commenda-

tion from the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, placing in the top 2% of all high school seniors in the nation.

This year girls were allowed to go to the American Royal with the FFA for the first time. Three girls - Laurel Jones, Susan Ledbetter, and Rita Hellwig - received a "I" rating at the state piano festival. In the vocal department, Larry Gartner, Gerald Beaver, Aquila Redden, and Deb Tones all received a "I" rating at the state music festival. Gerald Beaver and Cheryl Lukens had the lead roles in the spring musical *My Fair Lady*.

Linda Carnahan was selected State Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Kansas. Winners at the state VICA contests included DeWayne Dantic - printing; Fred Witwer - welding; Robert McKinney - mechanics; Allen Foster - offset printing; Kim Geren - machine shop; and Mike Dorris - mechanical drafting.

1971-72:

Enrollment this year was 659. LCHS was awarded the sweepstakes trophy for accumulating the most points in the second annual High School Competition Day held at Independence Community Junior College. LCHS was also the sweepstakes winner in the first contest in 1971. This contest covers business, vocational, and home economics subjects. There were over 700 entries from more than 400 students in the various categories.



Mrs. Byrd, Mr. Sides, Mr. Huffman  
helping students in office



LC's Business Department also took top honors and the traveling plaque at the 20th annual Leadership Conference of the Future Business Leaders of America held at Emporia in April. This is the ninth consecutive year that LC has received the traveling plaque, which is given for having the most total points.

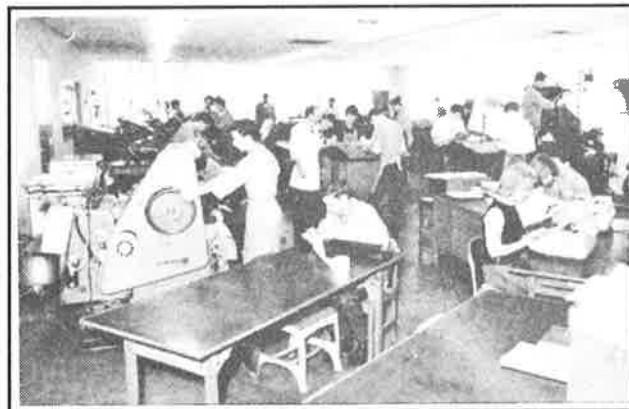
When an FBLA Chapter wins the traveling plaque, the school's name is engraved on one of its metal plates. After all the plates are filled, the Club having its name on the plaque the most times gets to keep the plaque and a new one is started. The traveling plaque now belongs to LC with each of the eight plates bearing LC's name as the yearly winner. Karen Read placed first in senior stenography at the National FBLA conference held in Houston and Sharon Tedstrom placed third in senior typing at this convention.

The LC Ag Department was again recipient of many honors. In addition to many district and regional honors, State Farmers were Jim York, Mike Landrith, Steve Black, Rick Black, and Dewayne Rosson. Jim York was also Star Farmer of Southeast Kansas and won the State Soil Conservation Award. LC was a Gold Emblem Chapter which means it was one of the top ten percent of the chapters in the state. The chapter also won the Building Our American Community Award at the state level.

LC's vocal and instrumental departments received a total of thirteen "I" ratings at the State Music Festival at Kansas State College of Pittsburg. A grand total of 46 medals were earned by the Music Department in state competition this year.

Letters of commendation were received from the National Merit Scholarship Program by Penny Chilton, Pat Dillon, Cheryl Souders, Keri Trout and Belinda Vail. Belinda Vail was honored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals by receiving one of their \$1,000 scholarship awards. This was the top award received by an LC student this year.

LC students won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the annual V.F.W. contest sponsored by the V.F.W. Post in Parsons.



LCCHS PRINT SHOP  
INSTRUCTOR JEAN CHARLES

The shop produces most of the printed forms used at LCCHS. The catalogue and numerous other small booklets are produced every year.



MR. HOLMES AND AUTO MECHANICS STUDENTS  
1972 ANNUAL



SYMPHONETTES  
1962-63

## 1972-73 to 1981-82

The members of the Board of Education in 1972-73 were: Don Gullett, Gayle Baugher, Leon Pearce, John Keltz, Dale Maxson, Donald Eck, and Eugene McMunn.

In 1974 Merle Modesitt and Gordon Rexwinkle replaced Dale Maxson and Eugene McMunn. Don Gullett, Leon Pearce, and Donald Eck were replaced by Kent Hansen, Ralph Lansdowne and Richard Seyfert.

Janet Myers was elected to the Board in 1978. She was the first woman to serve on the U.S.D. 506 Board of Education. She replaced Gayle Baugher.

Henry Payne replaced Ralph Lansdowne on the Board in 1980.

In 1982 Richard Russell and Dale Fultz replaced Gordon Rexwinkle and Merle Modesitt.

Mr. F. L. Norris served as principal during this period of time.

Mr. Curtis Sides, Assistant Principal and Principal at LCHS for 24 years retired in 1974. Ken Swender replaced Mr. Sides as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director.

New faculty members in 1973 were Winnie Postier, Bob Garrett, Dave Falconer, Phillip Davenport, Greg Heide, Jim Day, Carol Pilant, Judy Purcell, Alice Snowbarger, Gary Semonick, Ruth Zook, and Sue Evans.

Rick Bussinger, Vicki Chaney, Brad Oman, Roz Overton, and Jim Gerdes joined the staff in 1974.

In 1974 Jim Roy, Laura Curtis, John Purvis, Harold Helton, and Ruth Cole became members of the LCHS teaching staff.

Danny Fentress and Carl Madzey were new members in 1976.

In 1977 John Frazier, Dan Peterson, Randy Cook, John Lefler, Linda Frazier, Larry Riggs, Dick Holroyd and Clint Witty were employed as new faculty members at LCHS.

Kathy Gerdes, Stan Scoville, Barbara Gillen, Rita Wolf, Jim Davis and Ed Houser joined the staff in 1978.

James Dorsey, Kevin Coykendall, Roy Thompson, Don Eaton, Phil Jack, Myrna Seyfert, and Craig Hartman became members of the LCHS teaching staff in 1979.

In 1980 Pat Ibbetson, Pat Kuesterstaffen, Dee Jack, Steve Hartman, Bob Hull, Arleen McKinney, Gerald Beaver, Jim Lucas, and Ralph Ramsey were new members of the LCHS faculty.

John Maples, Pam Shinn, Dave Tapp, Becky Buckler, and Lorene Anderson became part of the LCHS faculty in 1981.

In 1982 Becky Armstrong, Kitty Meacham, Judy Thompson, Marty Warren, Brad Wille, and Jesse Ybarra joined the staff.

During this period of time we lost some of the faculty to retirement: Jack Shell in 1976; Earl Wright in 1978; Gene Lockard and Natalie Neal in 1979; Dutch Postier, Elmer Massa, and Frances Hess in 1989; and Alma Lee Shell in 1982.

We were saddened in 1988 by the death of Ralph Good, head custodian.

Roy Lucas, long time teacher and coach at LCHS, died in 1974. The football field was named in his honor.

Enrollment figures for this period of time ranged from 645 in 1973 to 690 in 1979 with the average enrollment for these 10 years at 667.



In 1972, fourteen school busses hauled 550 students, travelled 1200 miles each day, and operated effectively and on schedule. The busses arrived each morning on the parking lot within a five-minute period between 7:55 and 8:00 o'clock. The designated bus stop of a large percent of the students was within walking distance from their homes. Safety was the primary keynote of the local bus system.

The following is a list of class officers, valedictorian, and salutatorian for each year:

**Class Officers: 1973**

<b>President</b>	- Randy Cook
<b>Vice President</b>	- Keith Shaffer
<b>Secretary</b>	- Janell Blackburn
<b>Stu Co Rep.</b>	- Bill Maxson Walter Boore Keith Gordon

Valedictorian: **Connie Bradshaw**  
Salutatorian: **Sherry Nelson**

**Class Officers: 1974**

<b>President</b>	- Duane Brown
<b>Vice President</b>	- Becky Tyler
<b>Secretary</b>	- Diane Sperry
<b>Stu Co Rep.</b>	- Lori Decow Carol King Kenneth Tucker

Valedictorian: **Kim Goodwin**  
Salutatorian **Cheryl Holt**

**Class Officers: 1975**

<b>President</b>	- Mark Perry
<b>Vice President</b>	- Steve Roberts
<b>Secretary</b>	- Debbie Black
<b>Stu Co Rep.</b>	- Steve McKinzie Doug Higginson Rowell Goodwin

Valedictorian: **Carol Hunter**  
Salutatorian: **Wendy Wright**

**Class Officers: 1976**

<b>President</b>	- Cecilia Brooks
<b>Vice President</b>	- Greg Stice
<b>Secretary</b>	- Glenn Hoppes
<b>Stu Co Rep.</b>	- Tammi McDonald Vivian Bogner Gary Weidert

Valedictorian: **Jeanette Eck**  
Salutatorian: **Joyce Geren**

**Class Officers: 1977**

<b>President</b>	- Barry Banzet
<b>Vice President</b>	- Jesse Ybarra
<b>Secretary</b>	- Debbie Rexwinkle
<b>Stu Co Rep.</b>	- Joey Stice Kathy Riddle Duane Dixon

Valedictorian: **Marilyn Wiley**  
Salutatorian: **Carolyn Wiley**

**Class Officers: 1978**

**President** - Diane Taylor  
**Vice President** - Terri Muller  
**Secretary** - Kim Ingram  
**Treasurer** - Paul Brothers  
**Stu Co. Rep.** - Tom Journot  
Joni Janovec  
Greg Baugher

**Valedictorian: Pam Winn**  
**Salutatorian: Richard Darbro**

**Class Officers: 1979**

**President** - Kay Cranor  
**Vice President** - Tony Blackwell  
**Secretary** - Kathy Kugler  
**Treasurer** - Gail Lansdowne  
**Stu Co Rep.** - Juan Barnett  
Tanya Waugh  
Karen Cline

**Valedictorian: Paige Chilton**  
**Salutatorian: Brenda Johnson**

**Class Officers: 1980**

**President** - Lewis Erickson  
**Vice President** - Diana Loncarich  
**Secretary** - Martha Nunnallee  
**Treasurer** - Janet Wilson  
**Stu Co Rep.** - Pam Pearce  
Tonya Swanwick  
Robert McKinzie

**Valedictorian: Diana Johnson**  
**Salutatorian: Jayne Geren**

**Class Officers: 1981**

**President** - Lynette Landrith  
**Vice President** - Curtis Harold  
**Secretary** - Vikki Barnett  
**Treasurer** - Cindy Cosby  
**Stu Co Rep.** - Brenda Billips  
Sandy Hawley  
Donnie Vitt

**Valedictorian: Chris Beneke**  
**Salutatorian: Glenda Bozman**

**Class Officers: 1982**

**President** - Sherri McKinzie  
**Vice President** - Barry Hunter  
**Secretary** - Vicki Dixon  
**Treasurer** - Lori Jack  
**Stu Co Rep.** - Rhonda Roberts  
Bryan Journot  
Terry Hilderbrand

**Valedictorian: Earlene Brownell**  
**Salutatorian: Richard Bogner**

**Events That Are Noteworthy**

**1973**

In 1973 we had to go to school on four Saturdays to make up school time lost because of snow.

Our FBLA won the state contest for the 10th year in a row. We also placed first at Independence Community College Competition Day.

FFA Chapter was a state contest winner in Cattle Judging.

**1974**

We purchased new band uniforms in 1974, and also that year we initiated a conservation plan to help reduce expenses through turning off lights, reducing heat settings and reduction of new field trips.

Kim Goodwin placed second in the State Tennis Tournament. This was the first year for Girls' Basketball.

The Boys' Basketball team tied for first place in the SEK.

Our FFA Chapter placed first at the State Contest in the Structures and Environment contest.

## 1975

A new bus barn was constructed in 1975, the old bus barn was torn down along with the water tower. Altamont now has only one water tower, not the hot and cold water towers we originally had.

Bob Garrett was appointed to the Air Force Academy.

The FFA Chapter places first at the State Contest in Agriculture Mechanics, Livestock Judging and Horticulture.

## 1976

Construction was started in 1976 on the addition to the print shop and the building of the two vocational shops. A bond issue was passed for the construction of these new facilities.

Our football team broke a 36 game losing streak at Columbus and went on to win two more games that year. Mike Bogner was selected All-State defensive back by the Kansas City Star. Our Girls' Basketball team won the sub-state tournament and competed at the state tournament.

Pat Foster was elected State VICA Vice-President.

FFA placed first in Electric Power and Processing.

This was also the Bicentennial of the United States.

No longer were the youth required to register when they became 18 years of age.



New vocational shop buildings

## 1977

Materials and Processes was a new class offered in 1977. This class was designed for freshmen and sophomores as a hands on class with instruction in woods, plastics, and metal. A foundry was set up and used to produce articles.

Our wrestlers won first in the SEK.

LCCHS is a comprehensive high school and has always maintained the highest rating available in the state. For many years, the school has been a member of the North Central Association, which is a national accrediting organization. As a part of the accreditation process, every seven years the school goes through a self-evaluation and an evaluation of writing teams of educators. In 1977, LCCHS went through this process and was again fully accredited by the North Central Association.

Ron McMunn was selected to play in the East-West All Star Shrine Football Game.

Richard Darbro was appointed to the Air Force Academy.

## 1978

Tom Journot was among the top 2% in the National Merit Scholarship Test in 1978.

The Girls' Basketball team won the sub-state basketball tournament and participated in the state tournament.

Cheryl Lamb was elected National VICA Vice President of Regional IV.

Our FFA Chapter received first places in: Electric Power and Processing, Agriculture Mechanics, and Structures and Environment.

## 1979

The class schedule changed from seven periods to six periods in 1979.

In 1979 the FFA Chapter received first places in: Soil and Water Management, Dairy Cattle

Judging, Agriculture Mechanics, Poultry Judging and Structures and Environment.

## 1980

In 1980 Steve Curran established an individual scoring record for a basketball game with 40 points. He also led the SEK League scoring with a 23 point average.

Greg Garrett was selected All-State defensive back in football.

Lori Myers was selected 2nd team All-State in Girls' Basketball.

Boys' Cross Country won the SEK.

The FFA Chapter placed first in Electric Power & Processing, Crops Judging, and Farm Power and Mechanics.

## 1981

In 1981 Lori Myers was selected 2nd team All-State in Girls' Basketball.

Roy McKibbin was a State Wrestling Champion at 105 pounds.

In 1981 the FFA Chapter scored first place in: Poultry Judging, Agriculture Mechanics, and Crops Judging.

## 1982

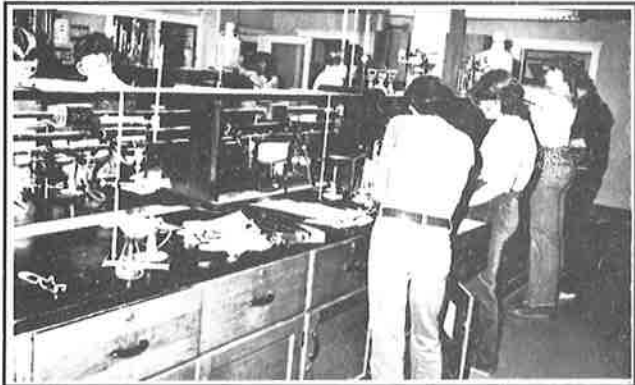
The girls' basketball team won sub-state and participated in the State Tournament.

Lori Myers was selected 2nd team All-State in 1982 Girls' Basketball.

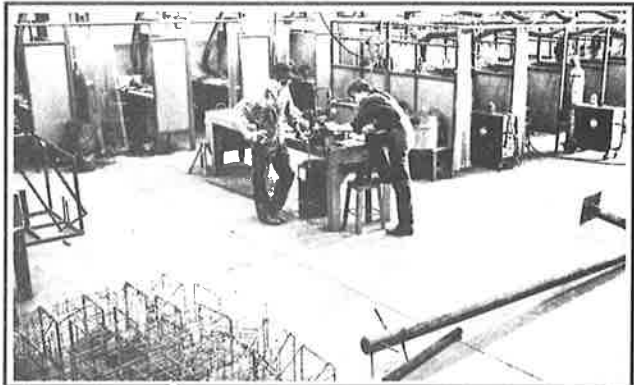
Girls' Volleyball was introduced in 1982 with 29 girls participating. We finished fourth in the SEK our first year. Our Girls' Cross Country team was the SEK champion.

In 1982 the FFA Chapter placed first in Farm Power and Machinery, Poultry Judging, and Farm Management.

A LOOK AT SOME CLASSES AND DEPARTMENTS 1972-73 TO 1981-82



CHEMISTRY



WELDING



MATERIALS AND PROCESSES



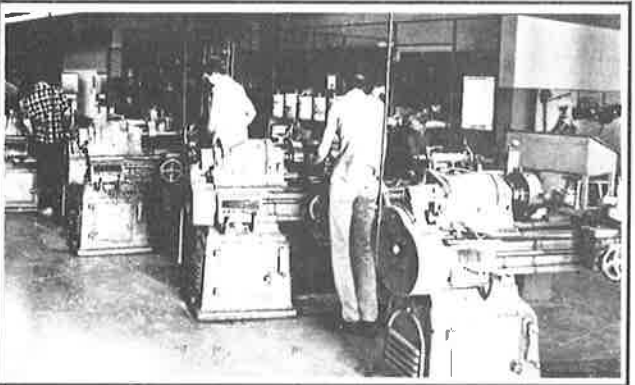
FOODS DEPARTMENT



ELECTRONICS DEPARTMENT



BUILDING TRADES



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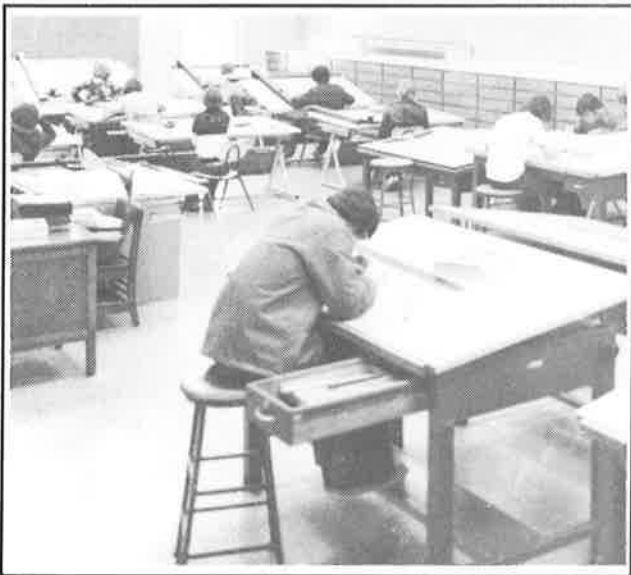
AUTO MECHANICS



BUSINESS DEPARTMENT



PRINT SHOP



DRAFTING CLASS



VOC. AGRICULTURE SHOP



CHORALEERS with director IMOGENE NORTH



## ATHLETICS



Coach Cliff McCoskey with 1974-75 girls' basketball team in their first year on the courts.



1971-72 VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM



1980-81 BOYS' VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAMS

## 1982-83 TO 1991-92

### WORLD EVENTS

Ronald Reagan won a sweeping victory over the Democratic presidential candidate Walter Mondale; Geraldine Ferraro was the vice-presidential candidate. The nation was to spend more money on defense during Reagan's terms of office than in any other administration. The nation as a whole in all of its government entities was spending more money.

In foreign affairs, the belligerent anti-Soviet rhetoric Reagan had utilized in his first term mellowed, especially after the moderate Mikhail Gorbachev became Russian Premier in 1985.

Reagan began pushing for funds to develop STAR WARS, a computer-controlled defense system that would supposedly be capable of destroying enemy missiles in space.

The Income Tax Act of 1986 reduced the top levy on personal incomes from 50 percent to 28 percent and the tax on corporate profits from 46 percent to 34 percent.

By 1988, Reagan had appointed one-half of all the members of the Supreme Court.

American farmers had borrowed heavily in the 1970's when the price of land and farm prices were soaring. But in the 1980's, agricultural prices fell, and for many debt ridden farmers, this meant bankruptcy.

Reagan's administration was heavily criticized for the Iran-Contra arms deal during this time. Although Reagan remained personally popular after this incident, his influence plummeted.

In the election of 1988, Vice-president George Bush became the Republican presidential candidate and chose a senator from Indiana, Dan Quayle, as his running mate. They easily defeated Michael Dukakis, Governor of Massachusetts and Texas Senator Lloyd Bentson.

Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq, worried the world when he unexpectedly sent his troops to occupy Kuwait. President Bush warned him to clear out. He refused and the Desert Storm War became a reality. Many of LC's graduates participated in this war and everyone was proud of their efforts. Unlike Vietnam, the troops had almost total support of the folks back home.

This war was the first where computers played the major roll and made everyone realize that in the future, STAR WARS might not be a figment of the imagination.

The disintegration of the Soviet Union took place during this period. The Russians had ceased interfering militarily and the fall of the Berlin Wall separating East and West Germany was the climax of this policy.

Boris Yeltsin was gradually wresting power from Gorbachev. In August of '91, Russian hardliners attempted a coup and were unsuccessful, but two weeks later the Soviet Union was in a perilous state of break up. Three tiny Baltic republics were being recognized by many foreign nations. The twelve remaining republics were groping to establish a new union or unions.

At this writing the presidential race for 1992 is being determined with Bush and Quayle on the Republican ticket and Governor Bill Clinton of Arkansas the probable presidential candidate for the Democrats.

## 1982-83

The Board of Education consisted of Richard Seyfert, Kent Hansen, Dale Fultz, O. J. Keltz, Janet Myers, Henry Payne, and Richard Russell.

Teachers added to the staff were Geraldine Moore, piano, and Oksana Thompson, English and German.

Again this year, the LC students were outstanding at the Independence Jr. College Competition Day. They won the third place trophy for overall achievement in competition with over 1,500 students in Eastern and Central Kansas.

The LC Biology Bowl team won first place at Pittsburg State University. In the last four years the Grizzlies have captured first place three times and second place once. They also received a superior rating on a science research paper at the State Junior Academy of Science meeting.

The Music Department was outstanding again this year with the Band receiving a I rating at the regional and a II at the State. At the Pittsburg State University marching contest, they received a I rating.

The Vocal Department received two large group I ratings at the State contest and five soloists also received I's at State. The Piano Department received two I ratings at State.

Journalism did well at regionals again this year winning one first place and two third places.

FBLA did an excellent job at State with three students representing LC at the Nationals in San Francisco. One of the three placed 7th in typing at the National contest.

The Spanish Department received five I's and eight II's at the Wichita State University contest this year.

FHA received much recognition on the na-

tional and state levels. The instructor, Arleen McKinney, was selected as State Young Vocational Teacher of the Year and State Vocational Home Economics Teacher of the Year.

FFA won first place or placed second in 94 percent of the Southeast District FFA contests. On the state level, they placed first place in Farm Power and Electricity, second place in Farm Management, Poultry, Dairy Products, and Ag Construction. Fourth place was received in Poultry. In addition, they are a National Silver Emblem Chapter and a Kansas Gold Emblem Chapter.

VICA was outstanding on the State level and sent students to the National VICA contest.

Seniors received scholarships amounting to a total of nearly \$50,000.

Francis Norris, principal of L.C.H.S. and president of the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals, was invited to Washington, D. C. for one week at which time he met President Reagan and attended the conference the President sponsored for the state presidents.

### Freshman Class Officers for 1982-83 were:

President	<b>Greg Bogner</b>
Vice-President	<b>Kelly Schmidt</b>
Secretary	<b>Lori Beam</b>

### Sophomore Class Officers for 1982-83 were:

President	<b>Carolyn Treiber</b>
Vice-President	<b>Brian Noble</b>
Secretary	<b>Suzanne Strathe</b>
Treasurer	<b>Libby O'Brien</b>

### Junior Class Officers for 1982-83 were:

President	<b>Steve Bogner</b>
Vice-President	<b>Larry Hunneycutt</b>
Secretary	<b>Brad Hazen</b>
Treasurer	<b>Carla Treiber</b>

### Senior Class Officers for 1982-83 were:

President	<b>Tracy Hucke</b>
Vice-President	<b>Sherry Vitt</b>
Secretary	<b>Tracy Hugo</b>
Treasurer	<b>Janet Myers</b>

The Stu Co President was Gail Davidson.



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY 1986-87

### 1983-84

New board elected were Robert Montee, William Owens, and Richard Tucker.

New teachers on staff were Becky Blaes, vocal music; Melissa Kehl, science; Tammy Martin, P.E.; Linda Frazier, English

Seven seniors from LC were designated as State of Kansas Scholars. These seniors qualified by scoring in the upper 5% on their A.C.T. test. The scholarship is worth up to \$500 a year depending on need.

Labette County High School won the 3rd place Sweepstakes Trophy in Level II at the Independence Competition Day at Independence Community College on March 6.

LC won many places at the State Vocational Industrial Clubs of America state contest held in Wichita. Five VICA students qualified for the national contests held at Louisville, Kentucky, this summer. Two of the students won fourth place in the nation in their contests and one won seventh.

The FHA students did well on all levels in contests this year. The chapter received top awards at the contests they entered this year.

FFA celebrated their Golden Anniversary this year. The chapter won more than the lion's

share of all the contests they entered. This culminated with their winning the State Sweepstakes Award at the FFA state contest held in Manhattan.

LC entered the Emporia State University written scholarship contests. These tests covered every subject area. LC placed thirteenth out of forty-nine schools in the large schools' class.

Sixteen students were recognized as Kansas Honor students this spring. LC felt honored to host the banquet for Cherokee and Labette County for the recognition of these students.

FBLA won first place in the State of Kansas again. Several students qualified for the national convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Marlys Shomber won first place in the nation in word processing competition.

The vocational and academic skills contest for special education students was held at Pittsburg State University in May. LC swept all entries in this competition, in many cases winning all five places.

LC.H.S. had many students who distinguished themselves in athletics this year. Selections to All-League teams were as follows: football - four, volleyball - two, girls basketball - one, and boys basketball - two. There were two league champions in track, each of whom won regional championships and placed second and third in the state meet. In wrestling there were two state qualifiers and in golf there was one.

The Music Department won its usual distinctions this year. Top ratings of I were received at regional by Girl's Glee, Music Company, eight vocal solos, three instrumental solos, two instrumental ensembles, and three piano solos. State I ratings were won by Girls' Glee, two vocal solos, and two instrumental solos. Two members of the Grizzly Band were in the State and International Kansas Lions Bands where the Kansas Band won second in national competition.

## 1984-85

New teaching staff included: Michael Wiggins, Voc. Ag; Marty Anderson, special education; and Richard Seyfert, computers.

Five seniors from L.C. were designated as State of Kansas Scholars.

Labette County High School won the 2nd place Sweepstakes Trophy in Level II at the Independence Competition Day on March 5.

Four VICA students qualified for the national contests which were held at Phoenix, Arizona, in June.

The FFA students did well on all levels in the contests this year. This culminated with the winning of contests at the FFA state meet held in Manhattan this year. The team of Montee Scott, Travis McKinzie, Bryan Baird, and Stacy McMillan won 2nd place in the 34th National FFA Land Judging and Homesite evaluation contest in Oklahoma City. Stacy McMillan placed 2nd high individual in the nation, competing against 502 participants.

### Freshman Class Officers for 1984-85 were:

President	<b>James Renfro</b>
Vice President	<b>Mike Scott</b>
Secretary	<b>Shane Holtzman</b>
Treasurer	<b>Brian Templeton</b>

### Sophomore Class Officers for 1984-85 were:

President	<b>Gail Revell</b>
Vice President	<b>Scott Johnson</b>
Secretary	<b>Shawna Dixon</b>
Treasurer	<b>Amy Cook</b>

### Junior Class Officers for 1984-85 were:

President	<b>Craig Fisher</b>
Vice President	<b>Harvey Henry</b>
Secretary	<b>Michelle Journot</b>
Treasurer	<b>Sam Hammer</b>

### Senior Class Officers for 1984-85 were:

President	<b>Jeff Robinson</b>
Vice President	<b>Karen Murphy</b>
Secretary	<b>Karen Roy</b>
Treasurer	<b>Duece Richardson</b>

The Stu Co president was **Kyanne Blackwell**.

## 1985-86

The Board of Education had one new member, J. R. Boegel.

Teachers added this year were Lori Beaman, P.E.; Bob Holman, social science/head football coach; and Kathy Scott, math.

LCCHS won the Independence Community College Sweepstakes Trophy for first place at Independence Competition Day. This contest covers most subject areas and competition is among schools in the southeast and central sections of Kansas. Over 1,200 students participated this year. LC has won first place more times than any other school that competes in this annual event.

Four students from LC ranked as State of Kansas Scholars this year. Fifteen students were recognized by Kansas University as KU Honor Scholars by being in the top 10% of their class. This is an annual event sponsored by the university and each student received a Webster's Collegiate Dictionary to use in college.

VICA was one of the top chapters in the state again this year, winning many first places in the state, qualifying many for nationals, and being able to provide four state officers for the 1986-87 school term.



**VARSITY CHEERLEADERS**  
1986-87

FBLA members again scored high in the state contests with many students qualifying to go to the national contest. At the national contest in Washington, D.C., L.C. had two second place finishes and one fourth place. Out of five places won by Kansas students, three were from L.C. The local chapter has won the first place traveling trophy more times than any other school.

Jeff Shufelt was a finalist in the National Merit Competition. Jeff received \$200,000 in scholarship offers from colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Athletics were greatly improved this year in all sports. The Grizzly football team tied for the lower division league championship. The boys' basketball team was 16-5 and was ranked as high as 3rd in the state in Class 5-A for a period of time. The girls' cross country and track teams had excellent records again this year. Janet Treiber remained unbeaten in the 1600 and 3200 meters, having won two state championships and the KU Relays in both events.

**Freshman Class Officers** for 1985-86 were:

President	Dayne Fentress
Vice-President	Jan Helms
Secretary	Brian Eddings
Treasurer	Ben Gannaway

**Sophomore Class Officers** for 1985-86 were:

President	Bill Greenwood
Vice-President	Doug Hennon
Secretary	David Carrico
Treasurer	Todd Merrick

**Junior Class Officers** for 1985-86 were:

President	Jerry Moore
Vice-President	Paul Reynolds
Secretary	Scott Johnson
Treasurer	Tish Boegel

**Senior Class Officers** for 1985-86 were:

President	Michelle Journot
Vice-President	Craig Kendall
Secretary	Scott Wiley
Treasurer	Christy Cantele

The Stu Co president was Greg Bogner.

## **E. L. NORRIS RETIRES**

Francis Norris retired as principal of LCHS at the end of the 1985-86 school term after 19 years at the helm. Norris came to LCHS from the University of Wyoming where he had served as an instructor in education in 1967.

During his tenure, Mr. Norris became known as a champion of the student, and an encourager to students to, "Go out and get those A's." Carrying on the rich tradition of the school as putting the student first, Mr. Norris established the motto, "Everyone is someone in this school."

Mr. Norris' plans included running for the state legislature and fishing and gardening.

### **1986-87**

Mr. Neill Wheeler was employed as principal of Labette County High School following Mr. Norris' retirement. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Friends University and a Master of Education and Educational Specialist degree from Wichita State University.

Mr. Wheeler started his career as a teacher and coach in U.S.D. 256 Moran, Kansas where he taught for seven years. He served as a coach and sports information director at Friends University for two years while earning his Master's degree. He served five years as a high school principal in Rosalia, Kansas, and three years as a high school principal in Seneca, Kansas, before coming to Labette County High School. His wife, Linda, is a professional secretary. They have two children, Michelle and Darren.

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Cindy Knox was employed to teach P.E.

LCHS won the Independence Community College Sweepstakes Trophy. In addition to the sweepstakes trophy, LCHS was the winner in the 5A competition.

Thirty-four students attended the Pittsburg State Math Relays. Five students placed this year. There were over 2,000 students participating in this contest.

VICA was again one of the top chapters in the state. Ten students out of the forty-four students who finished in the top three of their event at State qualified for National competition. Several students and sponsors also served as members of the courtesy corps and as judges for the National Convention.

Tim Dyke scored a 32 on the ACT test. This is the highest composite score ever accumulated by an LCHS student to date.

FBLA was again very successful at the District I contest, receiving 16 firsts, 12 seconds, and 8 thirds. At the Annual Leadership Conference, the chapter received a gold seal for being one of the top five chapters and placed first in 4 contests, second in 6 contests, and third in 4 contests. Michelle Cerne was elected State Secretary and Melissa Alloway was appointed State Parliamentarian. Six FBLA members qualified for the National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

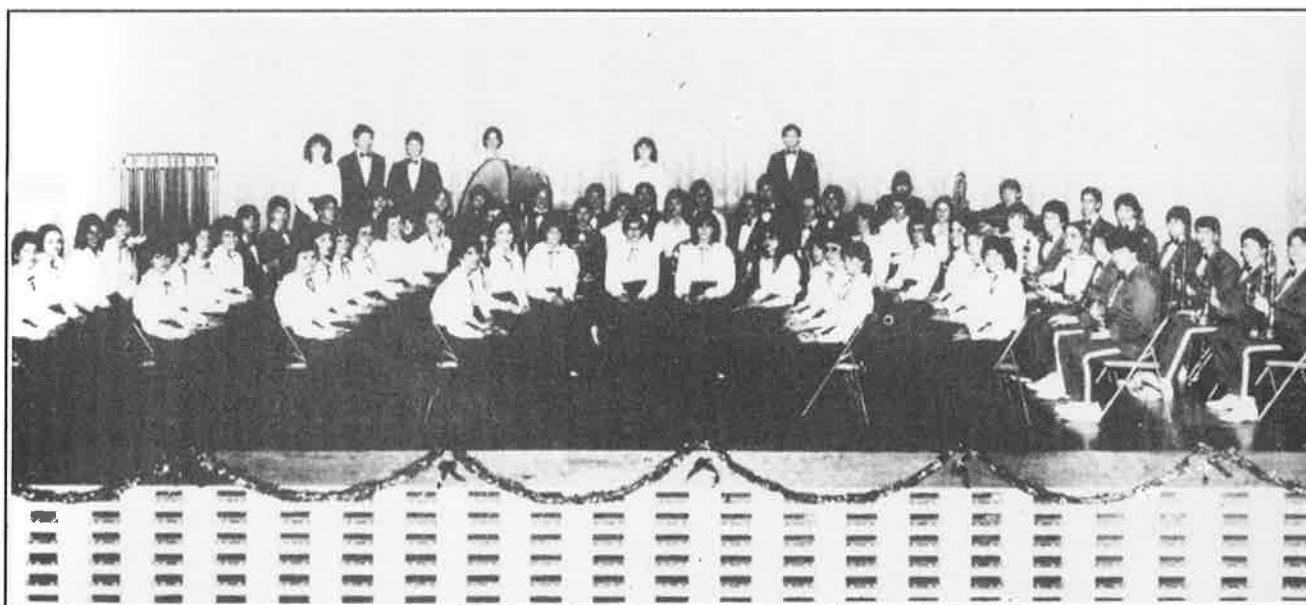
The Choraleers put on their production of the musical, "Oklahoma!" Fifteen students were selected for the district-wide Honor Choir, while eighteen students were selected for the District II Honor Choir. Three students were selected for the State Honor Festival Choir.

Justin McKee was selected as president of the state FFA Association. The selection process involved competing with 18 applicants in interviews, campaign speeches, and numerous get-acquainted activities.

LCHS ended the year with five State Farmers and had two students selected in the State FFA Band.

The varsity football team finished the year on a high note by defeating Parsons to finish district play as runner up to Coffeyville.

In cross country, the boys' and girls' teams won the SEK League meet. The girls won the class 5A regional cross country meet and finished third at the state meet. The boys finished the regional meet as runner up and also competed at the state meet.



LCHS CONCERT BAND

In basketball, the freshman boys and girls each had a successful season with the girls winning the Ft. Scott tournament and the boys finishing in 2nd place. The varsity boys won the LCHS pre-season tournament, the Cherryvale tournament, and finished as sub-state runner up. The girls varsity team won the LCHS pre-season tournament, the LCHS invitational tournament, the Class 5A sub-state tournament, and competed in the 5A state tournament.

The boys' varsity golf team finished 2nd in the SEK League meet and qualified two golfers for the state tournament.

The track teams did quite well with strong performances in all meets. The girls varsity team won the Pittsburg meet, the Ft. Scott meet, the Girard Optimist meet, and the SEK League meet. A second place finish at the Class 5A Regional meet gave them the opportunity to compete at the state meet where they finished in a tie for 4th place.

Janet Treiber was the Class 5A 3200 and 1600 meter champion.

**Freshman Class Officers** for 1986-87 were:

President	Shane Eaton
Vice-President	Susan Wood
Secretary	Shelly Green
Treasurer	Tony Templeton

**Sophomore Class Officers** for 1986-87 were:

President	Ben Gannaway
Vice-President	Angela Fultz
Secretary	Christy Cramer
Treasurer	Joyce Manley

**Junior Class Officers** for 1986-87 were:

President	Galen Manners
Vice-President	Marvin Jones
Secretary	Janet Treiber
Treasurer	Rusty Morgan

**Senior Class Officers** for 1986-87 were:

President	Jennifer Johnson
Vice-President	Debra Brinegar
Secretary	Chris Peters
Treasurer	Travis Fisher

The Stu Co president was Katy Bell.



CHORALEERS 1984-85

**1987-88**

O. J. Keltz retired from the Board of Education after serving the district twenty years. Raymond Baugher was added to the board.

New teachers were Pete Ruhlen, band, and Kristi Snider, P.E.

The top 10 percent of the graduating seniors were honored by the University of Kansas with a certificate and a Webster's Collegiate Dictionary. Kurtis Gregory and Lisa Hizey were honored by Governor Mike Hayden as the top two seniors by academic ranking at LCHS. The students and their parents were guests of the governor at a reception held at the governor's mansion.

LCHS finished in third place in the Class "A" State of Kansas scholarship contest. Many individual students received high ratings at the building level as well as the class and state levels. Also, LCHS received a certificate for outstanding performance on the A.C.T. assessment 1987-88 State Scholarship Program Competition award.

FBLA continued to be a force to contend with at the district and state contests. Six members qualified for the national contests and leadership conference in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Ten students qualified for the national VICA convention in Wichita and six students represented LCHS as members of the Sunflower Corp.



FFA continued to be one of the top chapters throughout the state as they placed high in local, district, and state level competitions. LCHS ended the year with four State Farmers, one student selected to the state FFA band, and three students selected to the state FFA chorus.

Four wood technology students entered the Southeast Kansas Area Voc-Tech School Industrial Arts Fair and finished first and third in the beginning wood division and first and second in the advanced wood division.

The Choraleers continued with their tradition of excellent musical productions as they treated the district to the musical, "The Music Man." Eleven students were selected for the district choir while six students were selected for the all-state honor choir. Soloists and large music groups performed well at regional and state level competitions, receiving numerous one ratings.

The advanced science students entered the Pittsburg State science competition and placed 4th in the science relay in the upper division.

The junior-senior prom provided the students and parents with the opportunity to work together to provide an all-night PROJECT PROM PARTY. This party provided students with an opportunity to continue the prom activities at a party where the opportunity of substance abuse was not present. Many activities were provided for students during the school year which stressed a positive self image and prevention of substance abuse.

Janet Treiber ended her high school career as she repeated for the fourth year as the 5A state champion in the 3200 meter run and 1600 meter run.

For the first time since we have been in the Southeast Kansas League, LCHS won the Martin Rhode All-Sports trophy. This trophy is awarded to the school which has the highest total finish in

all sports in the league. The students and staff at LC take great pride in this accomplishment.

Basketball again was a showcase for the freshman teams as the girls completed an undefeated season by winning the Ft. Scott tournament, while the boys finished in second place. The varsity teams completed a successful season by advancing to the finals of the class 5A sub-state tournament.

In cross country the girls' team finished first at the SEK league meet and the class 5A regional meet and 5th at the state meet.

The track teams did quite well with strong performances in all meets. The girls' varsity team won the LCHS relay, the Winfield meet, the Fort Scott relays, the Emporia State relays, the Fredonia relays, the Girard Optimist meet, the Pittsburg relays, and the SEK league meet. The championship of the class 5A regional track meet provided the girls with the opportunity to compete in the state track and field meet where they finished in third place.

The boys' varsity golf team completed the year by winning three team tournament titles and finishing third at the SEK tournament. Two golfers qualified for the state tournament with Steve Torchia finishing as eighth medalist.

**Freshman Class Officers** for 1987-88 were:

President	<b>Teresa Cerne</b>
Vice-President	<b>Chad Jones</b>
Secretary	<b>Janet McKinney</b>
Treasurer	<b>Janet McKinney</b>

**Sophomore Class Officers** for 1987-88 were:

President	<b>Cami McKee</b>
Vice-President	<b>Tony Templeton</b>
Secretary	<b>Rodney Baker</b>
Treasurer	<b>Rodney Baker</b>

**Junior Class Officers** for 1987-88 were:

President	<b>Sean Sloan</b>
Vice-President	<b>Kevin Holliday</b>
Secretary	<b>Kim Wyckoff</b>
Treasurer	<b>Joyce Manley</b>



VARSITY BASKETBALL 1988-89



THE SPORT OF WRESTLING AT LC

**Senior Class Officers** for 1987-88 were:

President	James Prosser
Vice-President	Darrin Risley
Secretary	Michelle Cerne
Treasurer	Shellie Chapman

The Stu Co President was Angela Fultz.

**1988-89**

Additions to staff were Donna Tromsness, piano, and Shirley Snavely, French.

Dayne Fentress and Shana Cozart were honored by Governor Mike Hayden as the top two seniors by academic ranking at LCHS. The students and their parents were guests of the governor at a reception held at the governor's mansion.

LCHS finished third at the annual Independence Competition Days.

Tonya Seyfert had the honor of being the parliamentarian for the Kansas FBLA.

Seven students qualified for the national VICA convention and one FHA student qualified for national competition.

FFA ended the year with six State Farmers. Former student, Justin McKee, became an American Farmer. He was also a candidate for National President of FFA.

Wood technology students entered the Southeast Kansas Area Voc-Tech School Industrial Arts

Fair and finished first and second in the beginning wood division and first in the advanced wood division. They received the Most Outstanding Program Award and Jay Thomas received the Grand Champion Award.

The music department treated the district to the musical, "Guys and Dolls." Several students were selected for the district choir and the all-state honor choir. Soloists and large music groups performed well at regional and state level competitions, receiving eleven one ratings at regional and seven one ratings at state.

LCHS hosted the District Junior Science Academy and six students presented papers. Two students won second place at the Labette Community College Science Fair and won the Outstanding Scientists award.

Former student, Janet Treiber, now attending K-State, continued her winning track record by winning the Big Eight Championship in the 3000 Meters.

For the second year in a row, LCHS won the Martin Rhode All-Sports trophy. This trophy is awarded to the school in the S.E.K. League which has the highest total finish in all sports in the league.

The varsity girls' basketball team were S.E.K. League Champions, Class 5-A Regional Champions, and competed in the Class 5A state tournament.

In cross country the girls' team finished first at the SEK league meet, first in the class 5A regional meet, and 2nd at the state meet.

The girls' varsity track team won every invitational they participated in and the SEK league meet. The championship of the class 5A regional track meet provided the girls with the opportunity to compete in the state track and field meet where they finished in seventh place with Jennifer Treiber being the state champion at 3200 meters.

The boys' varsity golf team completed the year by winning three team tournament titles and finishing second at the SEK tournament and third at the regional. Four golfers qualified for the state tournament with Steve Torchia finishing as third medalist.

The boys' wrestling team was Class 5A Regional Champions, and qualified nine for the state tournament.

**Freshman Class Officers** for 1988-89 were:

President	<b>Dusty Franklin</b>
Vice-President	<b>Amy Lewis</b>
Secretary	<b>Sheri Zwahlen</b>
Treasurer	<b>Darrin Wegner</b>

**Sophomore Class Officers** for 1988-89 were:

President	<b>Thad Burzinski</b>
Vice-President	<b>Chad Jones</b>
Secretary	<b>Grant Bailey</b>
Treasurer	<b>Brian Moore</b>

**Junior Class Officers** for 1988-89 were:

President	<b>Mike Julich</b>
Vice-President	<b>Pat McWhirt</b>
Secretary	<b>Travis Gregory</b>
Treasurer	<b>Cami McKee</b>

**Senior Class Officers** for 1988-89 were:

President	<b>Sean Sloan</b>
Vice-President	<b>Jan Helms</b>
Secretary	<b>Ben Gannaway</b>
Treasurer	<b>Dayne Fentress</b>

The Stu Co President was **Angela Fultz**.

**THE GRIZZLY DEN**

The Grizzly Den has been on the corner of 6th and High School since 1933. Frank Clifford operated what was known as "The Corner Store," even though he was blind. In 1958, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Newbanks rented the Corner Store and then went on to buy it the following year. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rexwinkle purchased the business in 1979 and changed its name to the Grizzly Den. They

kept it for three years before selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Hosea Banzet.

Now, Mrs. Banzet begins preparation for the noon rush while many of her customers are waiting for the morning school bus. The Grizzly Den has been known to serve as many as 125 students in as little time as a half-hour.



THE GRIZZLY DEN

## 1989-90

New board members were Leon Allen and Kenneth Graves.

Teachers added to the staff were Tim Canady, vocal music; Lovetta Hildebrand, English; Laurie Ward, French/Spanish.

The total amount of scholarships awarded to the 1990-91 senior class was over \$600,000.

### ACADEMIC HONORS

Board of Regents College  
Preparatory Curriculum

Stephanie Baird, Teresa Heit, Carol Holliday, Angela Holmes, Chrystal Logan, Bois Martin, Paula Myers, Michelle Schreppel, Stephanie Shields.

#### Kansas State Scholars

Stephanie Baird, Sean Hizey, Jettina Mathes, Michelle Morris, Michelle Schreppel, Rebecca Thompson, Scott Wyckoff.

#### Presidential Academic Fitness Award

Stephanie Baird, Travis Bonine, Scott Grassl, Amy Hatfield, Sean Hizey, Angela Holmes, Chrystal Logan, Destry Lynn, Jettina Mathes, Michelle Morris, Cynthia Nash, Katie Payne, Shari Pillers, Michelle Schreppel, Derek Scott, Stephanie Shields, Rebecca Thompson and Scott Wyckoff.

#### LC Students on All "A" Honor Roll 1989-90

##### Senior

Stephanie Baird  
Angela Holmes  
Cynthia Nash  
Michelle Schreppel  
Rebecca Thompson

##### Junior

Randy Bradfield  
Ty Osgood  
Tonya Seyfert

##### Sophomore

Suzanne Allen  
Malisa Baugher  
Kristen Eichhorn  
Brent Hahn  
Tara Henry  
Vance Holtzman  
Lisa Owens  
Terry Trout

##### Freshman

Chris Cochran  
Daphne Fisk  
Kevin McCoy  
Mona Moyer  
Becky Steig  
Melissa Williams

#### National Merit Finalist

Stephanie Baird

#### Robert C. Byrd Scholarship

Rebecca Thompson

#### United States Air Force

Sean Hizey

### ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Girls' Volleyball - S.E.K. League Champions  
Class 5A Regional Champs  
Class 5A State Tournament

Girls' Cross Country - S.E.K. League Champion  
Class 5A Regional  
Champion  
Class 5A State 2nd Place

Girls' Basketball - Class 5A Regional Champion  
Class 5A State Tournament

Girls' Track - S.E.K. League Champion  
Class 5A Regional Champion  
Class 5A State 5th Place  
Jennifer Treiber State  
Champion (3200 Meters)

Wrestling - Class 5A State Tournament  
(4 Qualifiers)

Boys' Golf- Vance Holtzman, 8th Medalist  
(State Tournament)

Football- S.E.K. Lower Division - Co-Champion  
6-3, best record in 31 years

## MUSIC

Regional Contest- 13 number (1) ratings

State Contest- 4 number (1) ratings

## VOCATIONAL AWARDS

### T & VICA - National Contest Qualifiers

Lucinda Strasser, Shawn Welden, Angie York, Rob Dillon, Tina Allen, Sean Hizey, Bill Mersereau, Duane Kessler, Tonya Seyfert

### FFA State Farmers

Destry Lynn, Dane Mathes, Jeff Rife, Jim Bob Weil, Doug Wegner

### Welding

Southeast Kansas Area Voc Tech,  
Industrial Arts Fair

Beg. Div. 1st-2nd-3rd Places

Adv. Div. 2nd-3rd Places

### Wood Technology

Southeast Kansas Area Voc. Tech. Industrial  
Arts Fair

Beg. Div. 1st and 2nd places

Adv. Div. 1st and 2nd places

Most Outstanding Program Award

### FBLA National State Contest

Tonya Seyfert (State Parliamentarian)

Becky Thompson (Business English)

Teresa Cerne (Parliamentary)

### FHA National Contest Qualifier

Leatha Pease (Kids, Inc.)

Tammy Jabben, Kristy McCarty,  
and Tonya Hudson (Little Friends)

## Independence Competition Days

LC won 2 first, 3 second, 6 third, 6 fourth,  
and 6 fifth place positions in the Independence  
Competition Day contest.

### Freshman Class Officers for 1989-90:

President	Sara Scarborough
Vice President	Doug Jefferson
Secretary	Stan Dillon
Treasurer	Stan Dillon

### Sophomore Class Officers for 1989-90:

President	Amy Lewis
Vice President	Kristen Eichhorn
Secretary	Darrin Nelson
Treasurer	Darrin Nelson

### Junior Class Officers for 1989-90:

President	Grant Bailey
Vice President	Joe Dhooghe
Secretary	Brian Weaver
Treasurer	Greg Hinman

### Senior Class Officers for 1989-90:

President	Cami McKee
Vice President	Gina Renfro
Secretary	Tina Mathes
Treasurer	Jenny Schibi

The Stu Co president was Destry Lynn.

## 1990-91

New staff members were Amy Bailey, pi-  
ano; Phil Kurtz, band; Scott Myers, English; Kirk  
Tener, in-school suspension; and Curtis Willems,  
voc. agriculture.

Kansas State Scholars - Tonya Seyfert  
Teresa Cerne

University of Kansas Academic Honors Scholars  
Grant Bailey, Randy Bradfield, Dan Bussinger,  
Teresa Cerne, Chad Ferguson, Sondra Fisk, Dane  
Mathes, Ty Osgood, Dustin Risley, Bonita Rohling,  
Becky Schettler, Tonya Seyfert, and Teresa  
Timmerman



GRAPHIC ARTS DEPARTMENT 1989-90

**ALL "A" Honor Roll**

**Senior**

Teresa Cerne	Bonita Rohling
Ty Osgood	Tonya Seyfert

**Junior**

Suzanne Allen	Julie Henry
Tina Allen	Vance Holtzman
Malisa Baugher	Kevin Myers
Susan Dumm	Lisa Owens
Dustin Franklin	Natasha Smith
Mike Hahn	Jennifer Treiber
Marcia Hellwig	Terry Trout

**Sophomore**

Chris Cochran	Mona Moyer
Daphne Fisk	Megan O'Brien
Tranquility Jeffery	Rebecca Steig
Chris Morris	Melissa Williams

**Freshman**

Jennifer Baugher	Rebecca Herold
Teresa Beason	Julie Madl
Jenny Evans	Sherry Strait
Ross Hellwig	

**MUSIC**

Regional Contest -7 number (1)ratings  
 State Contest -2 number (1)ratings  
 (Shana Surridge & Jenny Evans)

**VOCATIONAL AWARDS**

**T & VICA - National Contest Qualifiers**

Mike Martinie, Andrea Wilson, Keith Garber,  
 Ed O'Brien, Sherry Strait, Travis Hodges, Terry  
 Trout, Jason Rucker, Doug Billingsly, and  
 Tonya Seyfert

**FBLA National State Contest**

Tonya Seyfert	- Computer Applications in Business
Bonita Rohling	- Chapter Activities Report
Tonya Alloway	- Keyboarding Applications

**FFA State Farmers** - Teresa Cerne, Michelle  
 Eicher, Tim George, Dane Mathes, and Zak  
 O'Brien

**FFA District Star Farmer**

Shawn Alloway

**FFA District Star Agribusinessman**

Chad Mustain

**Independence Community College  
 Competition Day**

LC students won 7 first, 3 second, 5 third,  
 4 fourth, and 11 fifth place positions in the  
 Independence Competition Day contest.

**ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS**

**Girls' Volleyball**

Class 5A Regional Champions  
 Class 5A State Tournament

Girls' Cross Country

S.E.K. League Champion  
Class 5A Regional Champion  
Class 5A State 2nd Place

1991-92

Mike Finley came on the Board of Education this term. Becky Blaes was added to the staff, teaching French one-half time.

Boys' Basketball

Class 5A Regional Champion  
Class 5A State Tournament

Independence Community College  
Competition Day

Girls' Track

Jennifer Treiber State Champion  
(3200 Meters)

LC students again did an excellent job at the Independence Competition Day contest, receiving 5 first, 8 second, 4 third, 7 fourth, and 4 fifth places.

Wrestling

Class 5A State Tournament  
(7 qualifiers)

VOCATIONAL HONORS

Boys' Golf

Vance Holtzman 11th Medalist  
(state tournament)

State FFA Degree

John Weil  
Jason Zwahlen  
Sherlyn George  
Angela Jarman

Freshman Class Officers for 1990-91:

President           **Justin Tucker**  
Vice President   **Jennifer Baugher**  
Secretary         **Lindi Livingston**  
Treasurer        **Traci Jett**

Southeast FFA District Star Agribusinessman

John Weil

Sophomore Class Officers for 1990-91:

President           **Amy O'Brien**  
Vice President   **Clay Stevens**  
Secretary         **Mike Raschen**  
Treasurer        **Brenda Gilbreath**

Grass and Grain Record Book Award

Jason Zwahlen

MUSIC AWARDS

Junior Class Officers for 1990-91:

President           **Dusty Franklin**  
Vice President   **Jennifer Treiber**  
Secretary         **Amy Lewis**  
Treasurer        **Tina Allen**

Piano - State Festival

Jay Kurtz - 1 Rating  
Malisa Baugher - 2 Rating  
Julie Henry - 2 Rating

Senior Class Officers for 1990-91:

President           **Randy Bradfield**  
Vice President   **Greg Hinman**  
Secretary         **Jason Wyrick**  
Treasurer        **Cindy Keeton**

KMEA State Band

Jenny Evans

ATHLETIC HONORS

The Stu Co president was Randy Bradfield.

Boys' Basketball

Mike Raschen - 2nd Team  
All State Class 4A

### Wrestling

Class 4A State Tournament  
(3 qualifiers)  
Joey Renfro 125 lbs. 6th place

### Girls' Cross Country

S.E.K. League Champion  
Class 4A Regional Champion  
Class 4A State 3rd Place

### Football

S.E.K. League Champion Lower Division

## ACADEMIC HONORS

### State Scholars

Tina Allen  
Vance Holtzman

### University of Kansas Academic Honors Scholars

Suzanne Allen	Julie Henry
Tina Allen	Tara Henry
Malisa Baugher	Vance Holtzman
Kristen Eichhorn	Kevin Myers
Dustin Franklin	Lisa Owens
Michael Hahn	Jennifer Treiber
Marcia Hellwig	Terry Trout

### Freshman Class Officers for 1991-92 were:

President	Jason Ryan
Vice President	Casey Decker
Secretary	Chad Wegner

### Sophomore Class Officers for 1991-92 were:

President	Stan Holmes
Vice President	Justin Norris
Secretary	Robbie Johnson

### Junior Class Officers for 1991-92 were:

President	Mona Moyer
Vice President	James McCarty
Secretary	Doug Jefferson
Treasurer	Jason Zwahlen

### Senior Class Officers for 1991-92 were:

President	Amy Lewis
Vice President	Vance Holtzman
Secretary	Dustin Franklin
Treasurer	Jennifer Treiber

The Stu Co president was Amy Lewis.

## OVERVIEW OF LCHS IN 1992

Current enrollment for the 1991-92 year is 560 students. This is an increase after a low of 534 students in 1990-91. One hundred seventy of this enrollment are out-of-district students who come to LC for programming and tradition.

The LCHS students who take the A.C.T. test have averaged at or above state and national averages nearly every year for the past thirty years (records available for this time only).

LCHS seniors qualify for \$500,000 - \$600,000 annually in scholarship offers.

Much of the traditional programming is still in place, but has been updated with current technology and teaching techniques.

The FFA Chapter, with nearly 100 students, is still the largest in the state and still dominates regional contests.

The Ag Department still has a cattle, swine and sheep herd, and slaughters livestock for the training of youngsters and for the cafeteria. The process is all state inspected. The total cafeteria needs, however, are not supplied by this process.

The cafeteria serves about 300 students daily through the regular lunch line, the salad bar, and the ala carte line. Changing eating habits of today's youth and rising labor costs have dictated the need to drop the LCHS garden and canning process for the cafeteria. Today food is purchased through a cooperative bidding process.

Two foreign languages are taught--French and Spanish.



Due to the arrival of hearing impaired classes at LC, a sign language course was added to the curriculum in 1990-91.

The vocational classes are all still going strong with drafting now being a full-time program and electronics enrollment growing rapidly.

The school had a carpentry class started in the early '70's and ending in the '80's. This class built and sold fifteen houses on sites in Altamont. Many students were placed in carpentry and related fields. The slow down in the housing market and low enrollment dictated that the class be dropped.

An art class was added as a full-time position in the '70's.

Honors classes and remedial classes are available as needed in math, science and English.

Students may enroll in vocational classes, general high school programs, college preparatory or a combination of any or all.

The Business (Commerce) Department and FBLA are still very successful and produce students who are in demand at area and regional businesses.



MR. GENE HOLMES HELPING STUDENT  
IN AUTO MECHANICS DEPARTMENT

The school has a fine materials and processes and wood technology program in which students enrolled produce quality furniture.

Fifty-six students are enrolled in piano this year. There are thirty-eight pianos and three organs on campus to service this class and other musical and program needs. The band is still a vital part of LCHS and supports the athletic programs with a fine Pep Band.

The Vocal Department still does one Broadway musical each year and multiple programs and performances throughout the year.

The junior and senior plays have been dropped.

What was once Y-Teens is now "Kayettes." There are a large number of students in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

The district runs eleven buses at LCHS. However, many students drive to school, as the ever increasing parking lot needs attest to.

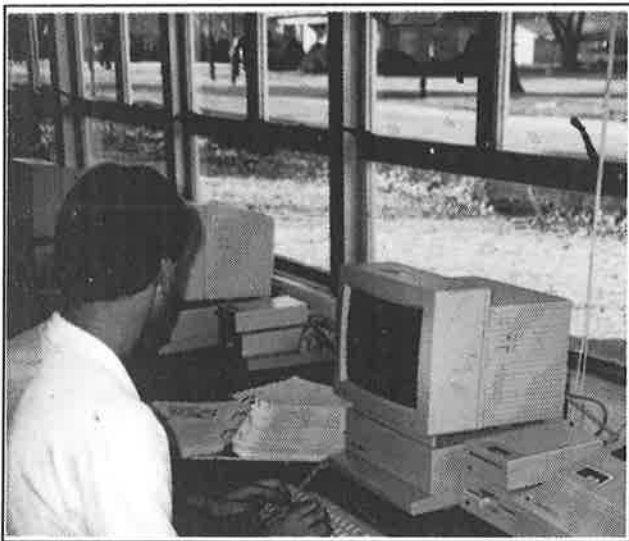
Girls' basketball returned to LCHS in the early '70's and has been a very successful program.

LCHS girls have dominated the girls' track and cross country program in SEK for several years, with graduates going on to quality college programs. Christy Allen became a national champion in NCAA Division II schools.

LC now has an all-weather artificial surface track which serves to host SEK regional and invitational meets.

Wrestling returned to the LCHS program in 1973. Baseball also returned to the LC program and girls' softball was added in the late '80's.

Golf was added as a sport in the early '70's.



LC students learning skills on state-of-the-art equipment

## AGE OF TECHNOLOGY

LCCHS has kept pace with current technology with new and modern equipment in nearly every area.

A computer lab and class with a nearly full-time instructor is a part of the curriculum.

The LC library is currently switching to an electronic library which will not only computerize the card catalog, but will put students in touch with state college libraries via computer and telephone modem.

The following vocational departments have state-of-the-art equipment.

Drafting has CAD (Computer Aided Drafting) equipment.

Computer aided cutting equipment in the welding department.

Computer (N.C.) machines and computer trainers in the machine shop.

Computer analysis equipment in auto mechanics.

Computer repair equipment and modules in the electronics classes. Students learn computer repair in these classes.

Word processors and computers in the Business Department. Much of the typing is taught on computers.

All type in the Graphic Arts Department is set via computers.

There are computers throughout the various instructional departments. Student accounting records and enrollment are on computer in the high school office.



Mr. Thompson watches as Jeff Padgett punches in measurements on the new lathe machine.

Trade School Diplomas such as the one below issued in 1944 are still being issued at LCHS. A trade school diploma from LC is of great value in aiding the graduating student to secure work or in giving them a big advantage in entering other technical trade schools preparing for lifetime work. To receive a trade school diploma, a student must have completed the requirements for a high school diploma as well as the trade school diploma. Requirements are:

1. Receive a high school diploma.
2. Make all "B" grades or above in the major field and related fields.
3. Have no grade below "C" in all other work.
4. Attend LCHS at least three years.

A testimonial is granted to a student who is working on a trade school diploma but is one requirement short of qualifying for that trade school diploma.

Trade school diplomas are offered in the following areas: College Preparatory, Auto Body Technology, Automotive Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Welding Technology; Secretarial Training; Business Administration; Agriculture Education; Human Ecology; Music; Drafting; Graphic Arts; Electronics; Communications; Art.

**Labette County Community High School**  
 Smith-Hughes Approved

**Trade School**

1944  
 Altamont, Kansas

Presents this **Diploma** to certify that

**Robert E. Roberts**

has satisfactorily completed the required trade school course of study in General shop as prescribed by the board of trustees, director and instructors. In recognition of superior workmanship, skill and efficiency in this trade, this diploma is awarded bearing the seal of the school and the signature of the clerk of the board of trustees, the director, and the instructors of the trade school.

Together with all the rights, honors and privileges belonging to this ward, this diploma is granted in

**Machine Shop**

Given at Altamont, Kansas, this twenty-first day of May, A. D., one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

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# *Labette County High School*

*announces*

*its celebration of*

## *"100 Years of Excellence in Education"*

*on*

*Saturday, May 9, 1992, to be held in  
conjunction with the annual alumni  
banquet in Altamont, KS.*

Labette County High School, Saturday, May 9, activities will include:

11:00-4:00	Registration (Administration Bld. Lobby)
11:00-4:00	Concessions -- Booster Club Grizzly Den (formerly Corner Store) P.J.'s
11:00	Parade (Starts at Harrison Aud. to Grizzly Den to Huston north to Highway, east to Nursing home, back to LC Campus.)
12:30	Walking Tour and History of Boarding Homes (Starts at Adm. Bld. Lobby)
1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30	Tour of Labette County High School Campus (Starts at Adm. Bld. Lobby)
1:00, 1:30, 2:00, 2:30, 3:00	Video and Slide Show (Room 110)
1:00, 2:00, 3:00	Musical Activities -- Stage Band (Little Theater) Music Company Piano Dept.
1:00-4:00	Centennial Sales (shirts, caps, license plates, belt buckles, and centennial publication.)
1:00-4:00	Memorabilia and Fashion Displays (Room 113)
6:00	Banquet - Reservations Required (Cafeteria and Haury Hall) Alumni Association Business Meeting and Centennial Program (Harrison Aud.)

Banquet tickets are on sale from April 6th thru May 1st. NO tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$6.00 and can be purchased at:

Altamont	Peterson's Hardware Eichhorn
Parsons	Ace Hardware Countryside Farm and Home
Oswego	Bob's Sinclair
Edna	First State Bank
Cherryvale	First State Bank
Coffeyville	Weinberg's

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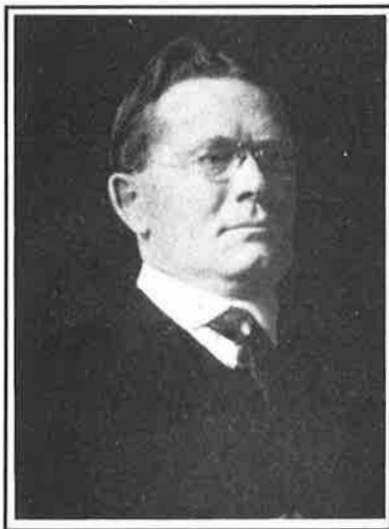
In a statement for the 1928 Labetta, D. L. Katterjohn stated, "Schools cannot be successful unless they are in the hands of people having vision, sympathy and business acumen."

LCCHS has been fortunate to have board members, administrators, parents and students with vision. The length of tenure for all staff and board members has contributed to the continuity of programming and philosophy at LCCHS.

It is somewhat amazing that the underlying philosophy as stated by Mr. Katterjohn in the

Kansas City Star in 1933 was the philosophy at LCCHS in 1892 and still exists in 1992. Mr. Katterjohn stated, "We expect every youth in this school, when he or she grows up to become an efficient and useful person to his or her community,"

In the earlier years of LC, the chief school administrator was called the principal. From 1952 to 1966, the school designated the chief school officer as superintendent and established a principal's position. The following is a composite of LCCHS administrators.



T. B. HANNA  
PRINCIPAL 1892-1898

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T. B. Hanna opened a private school in Altamont in the fall of 1892 and served as teacher and principal. In the fall of 1893, this school became Labette County High School, with Mr. Hanna as its chief school administrator. In a letter to the 1928 Labetta, Mr. Hanna states in part:

"The interval between 1893 and 1928 seems to be 35 years since a group of enthusiastic students started the County High School in the city hall and one of the church buildings while awaiting the construction of the new high school building. By 1898, the school had graduates taking work in each of the three higher state institutions, and these are now honorably engaged, not only in many different states of the union but in several foreign countries, thus demonstrating that we have the world from which to choose an occupation and a location.

"A copy of the 'Labetta' of 1923, now before me shows the splendid but expected progress of the school during the first 30 years: mechanics hall, agricultural hall, new courses added, the number of instructors more than doubled, and progressive student organizations in lines that would be an honor to any state school.

"As you will notice from our letter heading, our country address is now Orchards, Washington, just across the inter-state bridge from Portland, on the Washington Side. The Columbia river and snow-capped mountain peaks always in view in midsummer, are restful from the noise of a city of three hundred and fifty thousand. The auto car and the splendid highways cause me to dream of a side trip to Altamont in the near future with our entire family, consisting of Mrs. Hanna and myself, but if we should postpone it just a year or two and come in a flying machine, we should surely find the school to the front, with all other lines of progress."



W. M. KYSER  
PRINCIPAL 1898-1907  
and 1909-1916

W. M. Kyser was principal at LCHS from 1898 to 1907, and after a two-year interlude returned to the school as principal in 1909 and remained until 1916.

The LC football field was named "Kyser Field" in honor of Mr. Kyser. (The name of the field has since been changed.) In a letter to the 1928 Labetta, Mr. Kyser states in part:

"Since leaving Altamont nearly twelve years ago, there have been very few days that Mrs. K. and I have not had mental pictures of the dear old high school at Altamont. The memories of the past L.C.C.H.S. are a big part of our lives. The alumni watch, the Morris chair, and the dog picture make up the cheering part of our home. We will never forget the happy days spent in the school made up of the best students that ever lived.

"I am still in the cattle business and I must admit that I enjoy it. It is not all rosy but that is true in every line of work. I enjoy watching the cattle grow physically as I used to enjoy watching the former L.C.C.H.S. students grow mentally. Many times when loafing with the cattle in the feed lot or out in the pasture my mind naturally goes back to the games, contests and chapel exercises as contributing factors of the regular school work. In speaking of the chapel exercises, I want the alumni to remember that I still believe in the square deal, and I still hate a sponger. Those were days never to be forgotten and never to be lived again.

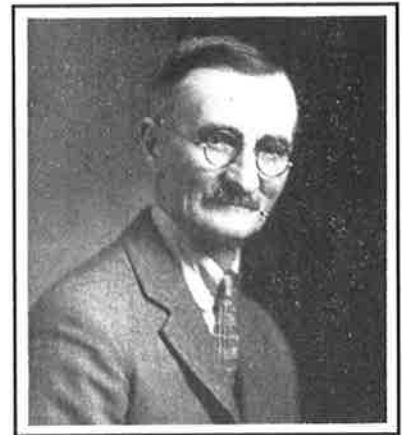
"The world has been very good to Mrs. K. and me since leaving Altamont. While we have not enjoyed everything coming our way, yet we have no big kick to make. We hope the old students have not forgotten us and still think kindly of us. Mrs. K. joins me in wishing the members of the alumni, all former students and old friends of the school in our day, a very prosperous and happy future."



T. M. Wood served the shortest tenure of all LCHS chief school administrators--two years from 1907-1909. In a letter to the 1928 Labetta, Mr. Wood states in part:

"Your request for a word of greeting brings to mind many a pleasant memory not only of the high school folk but also of our associations in church and with the businessmen of the town. Did space permit, we would like to give many of them personal mention.

"From Altamont we went to the State College at Pittsburg. During our five years there, many a Labette County High School graduate came and they always made good. We know they are still making good wherever they go.



T. M. WOOD  
PRINCIPAL 1907-1909

"After six years with the Fort Hays Collège, we came to Keats. For the past ten years we have been cashier of the State Bank of Keats with Mrs. Wood as assistant cashier.

"We have felt that your high school has held a unique place in the education of Labette County young folk. We believe that any boy or girl has a better chance in an institution like yours within the shadow of his own home. We know something of your battles but may you keep on winning and growing."



C. M. MILLER  
PRINCIPAL 1916-1920

C. M. Miller served as LCHS principal from 1916-1920. While principal of LC, Mr. Miller participated in the organization of vocational education in Kansas under the Federal Smith-Hughes Act. He was a member of the state committee to implement this act. With his assistance in 1918, LC was one of five schools in Kansas to establish the first vocational agriculture program in Kansas and the first to establish a vocational auto mechanics program. In 1920, Mr. Miller became the state director of vocational education and was still in that position as late as 1980.

In a letter to the 1928 Labetta, Mr. Miller states in part:

"The time seems so short since I left my work as principal of the Labette County High School and yet so many fine young people have come under its influence since that time. It is a source of considerable satisfaction to me to meet up with the graduates of the school who were there during the time I was privileged to have a small part in directing the affairs of the school. I do not know of a single graduate of the school who has failed to make good and I know of a number of them who have made good in a fine way.

"My wish for the school is that its influence may grow as the years pass and that nothing will happen to curtail its usefulness. There is a very warm spot in my heart for the Labette County High School and for the families who were represented in it during my administration there."

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Mr. Katterjohn served as principal of LCHS from 1920-1939. It was during this time that the school's name changed from Labette County High School to Labette County Community High School.

In a letter to the 1928 Labetta while serving as principal, Mr. Katterjohn states in part:

"There is much pleasure in watching the upward climb of those who have been graduated during the time one has been connected with the school in an official way. There is an added pleasure in greeting those of the earlier years and in listening to their story of struggle and victory. They never fail to relate the pleasant experiences they have had with respective teachers and what the school has meant to them.

"Among the many things that we all anticipate and hope to realize, the teacher has this additional reward, the gratefulness of those who have been helped in school. The former principals of this school are rich in this type of reward. Personally, I could not wish for more than the share of praise they have received.

"Greetings from me would be incomplete if no mention would be made of those through whose efforts progress has been made possible. The alumni have been praised for their worthy efforts and continually growing interest, but back of each alumnus are the parents whose sacrifices and firm belief in the worthwhileness of education made it possible to have a school. Parents take delight in relating the story of struggle, patience, and inconvenience to put all the children through high school; and now they feel well repaid because of the pleasure and happiness it has brought to both parents and children. Such stories are thrilling to say the least.

"Schools can not be successful unless they are in the hands of people having vision, sympathy, and business acumen.

"It has been my good fortune to have always had such a board, here. Very little progress could have been made except for these people under whose wise counsel I have served."



D. L. KATTERJOHN  
PRINCIPAL 1920-1939



HERMAN HARRISON  
PRINCIPAL 1939-1967

Mr. Harrison served as LCHS administrator for 28 years. It was during his tenure that the superintendent's position was added in 1952. In 1966, LCCHS was unified by law with Labette County U.S.D. 506 and came under the U.S.D. 506 superintendent. At that time, Mr. Harrison, still the head of the high school, was again designated as principal. With unification, the community high school law was dropped and the school again became Labette County High School.

Mr. Harrison served the school and provided leadership through a very rapid growth in students, programs and curriculum. It was under his leadership that the school reached its largest enrollment of 888 in 1963-64. A firm believer and supporter of the "student first," he continued the school philosophy of "student oriented" programs.

Mr. Harrison was quoted in the Look magazine article which featured LCCHS: "The philosophy at LCCHS is to find out what the youngster is best suited to, and then to give them the best opportunity to learn. While they are learning, they are doing."

During Mr. Harrison's tenure, the faculty reached 53 and the school ran 16 buses. The facilities were enlarged from three to six buildings. Some fifty counties had representatives visit the school. LC was photographed by national television twice and was selected by the National Education Association as one of two top schools in the nation.



Mr. Sides came to LC as assistant principal in 1950 and served in that capacity until 1952 when he became principal. In 1966, with the advent of unification and the change in organization, he again became assistant principal and served in that capacity until he retired in 1974. Mr. Sides writes to the centennial committee:

"Time moves very rapidly as I have found since my retirement in June 1974. My tour of duty at LCHS began in June 1950 and I enjoyed every bit of it doing my best to guide and influence students to become outstanding citizens and preparing themselves to work in a field of their choice or on to higher education.

"I always worked to keep LCHS the outstanding secondary school of the nation and it received many honors. To accomplish this, we needed to carry on a spirit of cooperation between pupils and teachers, and between teachers, school, and community, trying to make all phases of the school as functional as possible with the belief that students learn to do by doing. As I have had the opportunity to observe LCHS, I wish to commend the Board of Education, administration and faculty for adding modern technology and equipment in keeping LCHS the outstanding school that it is."



CURTIS SIDES  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL 1950-1974



F. L. NORRIS  
PRINCIPAL 1967-1986

F. L. Norris, a graduate of Pittsburg State University with B.S. and M.S. degrees and of the University of Wyoming with an Ed.S. degree, came to LCHS in the fall of 1967. His former experience had been as a science and social science teacher on the high school level, an elementary principal for seven years, and an instructor in education and adult education at the University of Wyoming.

During his tenure at LCHS, he distinguished himself, the school, and the education profession by serving as president of the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals and as a member of the National Advisory Board for the National Association of Secondary School Principals. His many honors included Kansas Administrator of the Year in 1984 by the Kansas FHA, and being invited to a reception at the White House by President Reagan in 1983.

Known as a man who had a quote for every occasion, Mr. Norris was best known for the philosophy by which he operated the school: "Everyone Is Someone In This School." He will always stand tall in the memory of his students.

In his letter, Mr. Norris stated that it was the outstanding highlight of his educational career to have served as LC's principal for nineteen years.



Neill Wheeler is currently the principal of LCHS. He came to the position in 1986. Mr. Wheeler writes the following to the centennial committee.

"It has been my pleasure to provide educational leadership for Labette County High School for the past six years. The magnitude and depth of LCHS and its many programs cannot be realized until one has the privilege and the challenge to serve as the high school principal. The programs of study provided by LCHS and the teachers responsible for these programs continue to be among the best in education.

"Many things in education have changed during the past one hundred years. However, the image and the goals at Labette County High School are the same, to be a school which cares for the individual needs of each student while providing the highest quality of education for each student.



NEILL WHEELER  
PRINCIPAL 1986 -

"My vision for the school is that it will continue to be a leader in education by providing the highest quality of education for all students in both academic and vocational programs of study."



KEN SWENDER  
ASS'T. PRINCIPAL  
1974 -

Ken Swender is presently assistant principal, serving in this position since 1974 when he moved to the position from LC guidance counselor. In a letter to the centennial committee, Mr. Swender states:

"Labette County High School has so much to offer its students; excellent academic opportunities along with an outstanding vocational program. However, the two greatest assets here at LC are the quality of students and the undying loyal support of the community which it serves.

"I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity of serving as a counselor for six years and as athletic director and assistant principal for the past eighteen years. "The respect shown by the students and community toward their school makes my job extremely enjoyable and worthwhile.

"Each year as I sit on the stage in Harrison Auditorium during commencement, I can't help but reflect upon the outstanding facilities on our campus, the quality teachers, and the dedicated administration whose sole function is to prepare these young people for today's world. The success of our graduates attests to how well we met the challenge.

"I feel very humble to have had a small part in all of this. The good Lord sure smiled on me when he sent me here to LCHS."



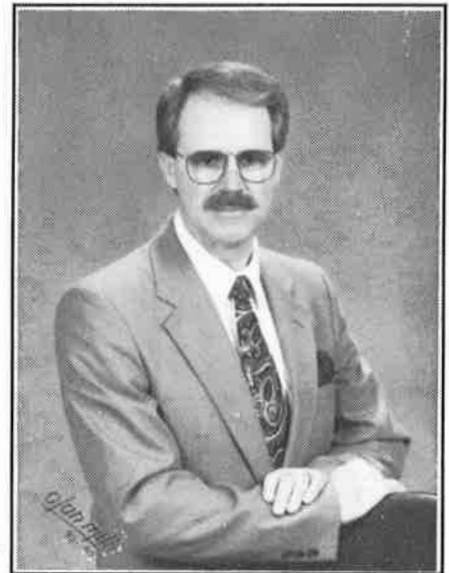
In a letter to the centennial committee, Mr. Wilkins states:

"Never did I dream when I came to LCCHS as a math teacher in 1962, that thirty years later I would have an important part in sharing in the school's centennial celebration. Mine has been a rare and special privilege.

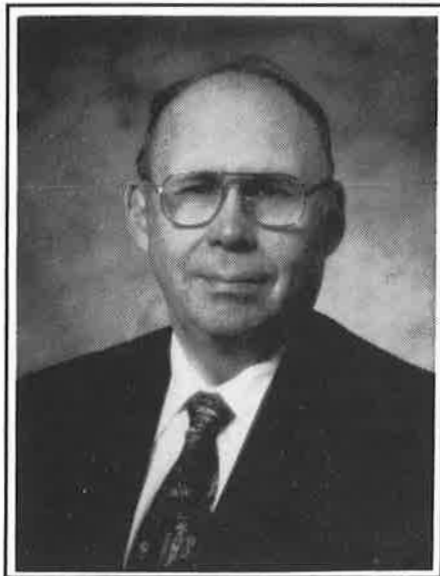
"After four years of teaching math and serving as Student Council sponsor, I had the good fortune to become assistant superintendent of the new unified school district in 1966. Serving beside Superintendent L. D. Curran, we have had a hand in guiding the educational program for this K-12 school system for the past twenty-six years.

"It has been a special privilege for my own two children to benefit from this fine educational system. I can certainly understand the pride that alumni of this school have. Not only do they have a rich heritage, but they will continue to have a bright future because of the sound education they receive here.

"LCHS and this school district continue to have my best wishes for a bright future as we approach the 21st century."



STAN WILKINS  
ASS'T. SUPERINTENDENT  
LABETTE COUNTY U.S.D. 506  
1966 -



L. D. CURRAN  
SUPERINTENDENT  
LABETTE COUNTY U.S.D. 506  
1966 -

L. D. Curran became superintendent of Labette County U.S.D. 506 in 1966. This was the year that LCCHS was unified with the elementary schools in Labette County. He had served seven years as principal at the Meadow View Elementary School prior to assuming this position.

Mr. Curran is in his 26th year as superintendent. He is the seventh chief school administrator in the 100-year history of LCHS (T. B. Hanna 6 years, W. M. Kyser 16 years, T. M. Wood 2 years, C. M. Miller 4 years, D. L. Katterjohn 19 years, Herman Harrison 27 years, L. D. Curran 26 years).

Mr. Curran writes the following to the centennial committee.

"I consider myself to be blessed to have the opportunity to serve in a leadership position for LCHS. This school has been and is an exemplary school that enjoys the support of the community.

"I believe that the strength of any organization lies in the people. In this case, the people of the LCHS community who are devotedly loyal to the school and who support 'what is right for kids'.

"The many fine alumni and faculty members of LCHS who have gone on to very capably serve their community and country attest to the success of the LCHS ever growing and improving program.

"I am proud to have my two sons, Michael and Steve Curran, and one daughter-in-law, Donna (Denny) Curran, to have had the privilege of graduating from LCHS.

"I will treasure the years and experiences that I have had at LCHS as long as I live. I only hope that I have made a positive contribution to the fine tradition that has grown over 100 years, and that this tradition will continue for another 100 years of success at LCHS."

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## GRIZZLY CHOSEN AS SCHOOL MASCOT

"What shall we be? By what symbol shall LCCHS representatives be recognized? Those were the burning questions that faced LC's students in 1935. Every high school in the immediate area had an emblem of some sort. But LC had no representative and the students felt that one should be chosen.

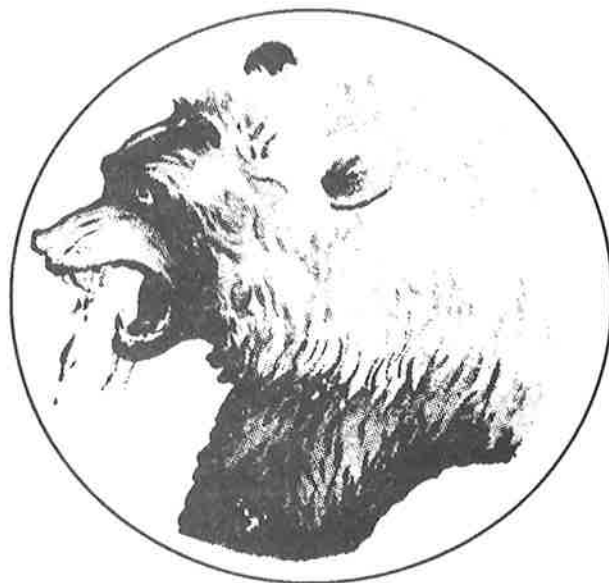
To prevent confusion, a committee was chosen to nominate five animals to represent LC in the years to come. The five animals chosen by the committee were: the Bobcats, the Badgers, the Grizzlies, the Panthers, and the Wildcats. The students then prepared pictures of a sleek, slim, silky panther; a clawing, twitting, squirming Bobcat; a Wildcat of similar characteristics; a stubborn, unconquerable Badger; and a huge, swift, hard-hitting, brave, ferocious Grizzly bear.

The student body held an election, and on May 6, 1935, the LCCHS Grizzlies were born. From that time on LC had a symbol to distinguish themselves as a team.

All kinds of Grizzlies were used as symbols for LCCHS. Then in 1961, the Student Council with the help of many school clubs and LC's entire student body, purchased an all-school banner with a Grizzly symbol on it. This Grizzly became the official symbol of LC.

In 1943, students of LC thought that a pep song would promote school spirit for the teams. "Onward Grizzlies" was suggested and it became the accepted theme song for the team. This fight song is played at football and basketball games by the band to show the team that their fans are behind them all the way. "Onward Grizzlies" also serves as a theme song for pep rallies.

In 1959, another song was written for LCCHS by the Music Department. This was our Alma Mater. It contributes loyalty and honor to LC. One place that the Alma Mater was sung that is not usually sung at other schools was after all football and basketball games.



## School Song

If ever you want to join a crowd  
That's jolly and full of fun  
Composed of the merriest boys and girls  
That ever lived under the sun  
Just add your name to the LC roll  
And shout with all your might  
For ours is better than all the rest  
Our pride and our delight  
Yes! We're from LC  
Our colors are crimson and gold  
We stand for LC  
And to our colors we'll ever be bold  
As we carry them up to the endless heights  
And top the ladder of fame  
And there unfurl to the rest of the world  
Our colors in LC's name



## Grizzly Fight Song

Onward Grizzlies, onward Grizzlies,  
Fight on for your fame,  
Pass the ball from every angle  
Till we win this game  
    RAH! RAH! RAH!  
Onward Grizzlies, Onward Grizzlies,  
Fight on for your name,  
Fight fellows, fight  
And we will win this game!

## LCHS Alma Mater

Hail to thee our Alma Mater  
Hail to thee LC  
To our school be ever loyal,  
Faithful we shall be.  
Lift the chorus ever onward,  
Crimson and the Gold,  
Hail to thee our Alma Mater  
Ever Brave and Bold.