Foreword

The Bendena Wildcat
1958
Published By The Senior Class
Of BENDENA HIGH SCHOOL
Bendena, Kansas

We present to you a review of some
of the highlights of forty years of Bendena
High School activities and achievements.
We hope this record will preserve for
future moments, intimate memories of
Bendena High from 1918-1958.
Dedication

As an expression of satisfaction with
the achievements and successes of the
alumni of Bendena High School and in tes-
timony of our confidence in the future, this
1958 year book - The Wildcat - is dedicated
to all alumni of Bendena High School.
THOMAS J. BURKE A.B. M.A.
St. Benedict's
Kansas State
Bendena-1947-1958

INEZ PILCHER FRENCH A.B.
University Of Kansas
Bendena-1946-1958

WILLIAM D. THURLOW B.S.
Kansas State
Bendena-1951-1958

CLARA BELLE MUMFORD A.B.
Mt. St. Scholastica
Bendena-1950-1958
JANICE JANE RICKLEFS
Valedictorian
Editor of Wildcat
Co-Editor of Annual
Cheerleader......2,3,4
Pep Club...........1,2,3,4
English Award......1,2,3
Spelling Medal......1,2,3
Band...............1,2,3,4
Girls Chorus......1,2,3,4
Class President
Dramatics.........1,2,3,4
Physical Education......1,2,3,4

ROGER DALE CAUDLE
Salutatorian
Editor of Annual
Co-Editor of Wildcat
Basketball........3,4
Softball............3,4
Track...............1,2,3,4
Class President...2
Dramatics..........1,2,3,4
Boys Chorus......1,2,3,4
Band..............1,2,3,4

CONNIE EDWARD CLUCK
Annual Staff
Wildcat Staff
Basketball........3,4
Softball............3,4
Track................1,2
Dramatics..........1,2,3,4
Band................1
Boys Chorus......1,2,3,4

MARILYN KAY JOHNSON
Annual Staff
Wildcat Staff
Class President....3
Pep Club.............1,2,3,4
Pep Club President..1
Dramatics..........1,2,3,4
Girls Chorus......1,2,3,4
Physical Education......1,2,3,4
RONALD D. MYERS
Annual Staff
Wildcat Staff
Basketball 1,2,3,4
Softball 1,2,3,4
Boys Chorus 1,2,3,4
Band 1,2

JAMES R. FOSTER
Annual Staff
Wildcat Staff
Class President 4
Basketball 2,3,4
Softball 2,3,4
Track 2
Boys Chorus 1,2,3,4
Band 1,2,3,4
Dramatics 1,2,3,4
All-Around Student

LUETTA JEAN COLLEY
Annual Staff
Wildcat Staff
Homecoming Princess
Artist Of Bulldog Staff
Basketball 1,2
Pep Club Reporter 3,4
Dramatics 1,3,4
Girls Chorus 1,2,3,4
Pep Club 1,2,3,4

CAROL RUTH KELING
Annual Staff
Wildcat Staff
Pep Club 1,2,3,4
Pep Club President 3,4
Basketball 1,2
Softball 1,2
Dramatics 1,2,3,4
Girls Chorus 1,2,3,4
Mixed Chorus 1,2
1958 seniors at an early age
Connie Cluck-Carol Keling
Ronnie Myers-Jim Foster
Janice Ricklefs-LuEtta Colley
Roger Caudle-Marilyn Johnson

Freshman Initiation
Of 1958 Seniors

1957 Juniors Singing
At Graduation

1958 Freshmen Being Initiated
Juniors

DEANNA SCHOENFELDER

LARRY MORRIS

LARRY TILBURY

DONNA RICKLEFS

EARL WILLIAMS

MARY KARN

DONNIE MILLER

Sophomores

JUDY HOLZHEY

GARY MORRIS

SUE KELING

JOE HAUPT

LOIS REDMOND

RONNIE GODFREY

MELVIN SCHOENFELDER

Freshmen

TOM TURPIN

BOB TILBURY

SARAH STAUDENMAIER

GALE McNEMEE

SAM McNETT
Activities
Annual Staff

Left To Right: Mrs. French, Advisor; Janice Ricklefs, Associate Editor; Connie Cluck, Art; LuEtta Colley, Class Editor; Carol Keling, Activity Editor; William Thurlow, Advisor; Ronnie Myers, Sports Editor; Marilyn Johnson, Associate Business Manager; Jim Foster, Business Manager; Clara Belle Mumford, Advisor; Seated: Roger Caudle, Editor in Chief.

Janice Ricklefs, Valedictorian; Roger Caudle, Salutatorian; James Foster, All Around Student; Judith Holshey, English Student.
FRONT ROW: Larry Tilbury, Larry Morris, Jim Foster, Roger Caudle, Connie Cluck, Ronnie Myers, Joe Haupt, Gary Morris
BACK ROW: Earl Williams, Ronnie Godfrey, Melvin Schoenfelder, Gale McNemee, Tom Turpin, Donnie Miller, Sam McNett, Bobby Tilbury.

Left To Right: LuEtta Colley, Carol Keling, Sarah Staudenmayer, Deanna Schoenfelder, Sue Keling, Marilyn Johnson, Mary Karn, Janice Ricklefs, Donna Ricklefs, Lois Redmond, Judy Holzhey.
FRONT ROW: Gary Morris, Judy Holzhey, Janice Ricklefs, Aklyn Foster*, Larry Morris, Roger Caudle, Donna Ricklefs, Jim Foster, Gale McNemee, Gene Laverentz*.
BACK ROW: Janet Holzhey*, Darrell Cluck*, Helen Turpin*, Deanna Schoenfelder, Mary Karn, Miss Mumford, Instructor.
Starred * names are grade school students.

BACK ROW: Earl Williams, Ronald Godfrey, Melvin Schoenfelder, Gale McNemee, Tom Turpin, Donnie Miller, Sam McNett, Bob Tilbury.
MIDDLE ROW: Larry Tilbury, Larry Morris, James Foster, Roger Caudle, Connie Cluck, Ronald Myers, Joe Haupt, Gary Morris.
FRONT ROW: Miss Mumford, instructor; LuEtta Colley, Sarah Staudenmaier, Donna Ricklefs, Deanna Schoenfelder, Marilyn Johnson, Sue Keling, Mary Karn, Janice Ricklefs, Carol Keling, Lois Redmond, Judith Holzhey.
STANDING: Clara Belle Mumford, Sponsor; Carol Keling, Typist; Ronnie Myers, Typist; LuEtta Colley, Associate Editor (1st Semester); Jim Foster, Associate Editor (1st Semester); Marilyn Johnson, Typist; and Mrs. French, Sponsor.

SEATED: Roger Caudle, Associate Editor; Janice Ricklefs, Editor-in-Chief; and Connie Cluck, Typist.


FRONT ROW: Sharon Tilbury*, Judy Holzhey Aklyn Foster*, Deanna Schoenfelder, Marilyn Johnson, Sue Keling, Lois Redmond, Carol Keling (pep club president), Sarah Staudenmaier, LuEtta Colley.

CHEERLEADERS: Donna Ricklefs, Mary Karn, Janice Ricklefs.
Starred * names are grade school students.
Christmas Party-1957

"It's Great To Be Crazy."

"Wilbur's Wild Night."

Carol Keling, the winning pitcher of eight straight games, for the Foursquare Ball Club. She has played on the boys' softball team during two games since she transferred to Bendena in her sophomore year.

Largest Class 1957-1958
World History

Bendena School-Our Alma Mater

Smallest Class 1957-1958
American History
**Typing Awards**

**Front Row:** Janice Ricklefs-60 words, Marilyn Johnson-40 words, LuEtta Colley-45 words.

**Back Row:** Roger Caudle-40 words, Carol Keling-35 words, James Foster-30 words, Miss Munford, Instructor.

Mr. Burke presents Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award to LuEtta Colley.

Janice Ricklefs-Mrs. French.
Janice's awards.
English student awards for freshman, sophomore, and junior years. Blue ribbon spelling awards for freshman and sophomore years. Red ribbon spelling award in junior year.

Roger Caudle—Our Editor.
Every enterprise must have a zealous worker. Roger Caudle has given hours of his time and worked unceasingly to produce the 1958 annual with the help of the staff.

Jim Foster—Our Photographer.
Jim has given unsparingly of his time in taking pictures for our annual.

Five of the awards won by THE WILDCAT through the years.
SOFTBALL TEAM OF 1957
BACK ROW: Tom Turpin, Joe Haupt, Connie Chuck, Jim Foster, Ronnie Myers, Roger Caudle, Larry Tilbury, Coach Thurlow, Gale McNemee.
FRONT ROW: Earl Williams, Ronnie Godfrey, Melvin Scheonfelder, Donnie Miller, Bob Tilbury.

Bendena Spectators At District Tournament
Denton, February 1958

League High Jump
Record Holder
John Coufal

SOFTBALL SCENES OF 1957
BASKETBALL TEAM 1957 & 1958

BACK ROW:    Coach Thurlow, Larry Tilbury, Connie Cluck, Larry Morris, James Foster, Ronald
             Myers, Gary Morris, Roger Caudle, Tom Turpin.
          FRONT ROW: Robert Tilbury, Ronald Godfrey, Don Miller, Gale McNemee, Melvin Schoenfelder,
                      Earl Williams.

County Tournament '58
Cheerleaders Of 1957-1958
Janice Ricklefs, Mary Karn, and Donna Ricklefs

Ronnie Myers scores 36 points in the Bendena-White Cloud basketball game. This broke the existing school record of 33 points.

The basketball team played hard in every game and showed good sportsmanship throughout the season. The scores were as follows:

Bendena-56 ............... Elwood-43
Bendena-56 ............... D.C.C.H.S.-74
Bendena-49 ............... Willis-53
Bendena-85 ............... White Cloud-49
Bendena-68 ............... Hamlin-52
Bendena-45 ............... Everest-70
Bendena-57 ............... D.C.C.H.S.-71
Bendena-60 ............... Hamlin
Bendena-50 ...... County Tournament ...... Troy-36
Bendena-34 ...... County Tournament ...... Wathena-46
Bendena-63 ...... County Tournament ...... Elwood-43
Bendena-63 ............... Highland-43
Bendena-93 ............... White Cloud-30
Bendena-44 ............... Elwood-46
Bendena-58 ...... District Tournament ...... Everest-78
Marilyn gets facial

Taken Unawares

LuEtta and Sue

Darwin Spencer and Mr. Burke enjoy bus ride

"Kiss Your Neighbor Week"

Connie Cluck

Juniors of '57

Miss Mumford instructs typists

On a hayride

Larry talks at assembly

Mr. Thurlow

Teachers

Taken Unawares

Mrs. French
Students enjoy a movie

Students still attempt to raid the refrigerator between classes

Connie and Ronnie display Industrial Arts projects

Connie Cluck going down stairs for dinner

Halls of B.H.S.
Ronnie Myers-Connie Cluck
Present day students enjoy “studying” in the furnace room as did students of yesteryears.
Alumni
In Appreciation

Mrs. Mathilda Clark and Mrs. Kate Grunert, our hot lunch cooks and specialists in fine foods.

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Clutz; Dr. Clutz was Bendena's beloved physician for more than fifty years. No hour was ever too late or weather too stormy for Dr. Clutz to respond to calls.

Jess Clementson, custodian since 1941. He is respected by all students for his good humor and his devotion to duty. We are grateful to him for his patience with us.

Mrs. Ella Mae McKittrick, courteous, patient, untiring in her services to Bendena High School students as telephone operator since April 8, 1923.
CLASS OF 1919-1920

FIRST ROW: Rose Severin, Robert Johnson, Mary Anderson, Clarence Severin, Caroline Albers, Maurice Pope, Christine Albers, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Clark.
FRONT ROW: Leslie Hall, Adolph Weingart, Glen Tilbury, Ray Howard, Howard Crawford, Raymond Albers, Bill Schineman, Martin Anderson.

CLASS OF 1925-26

SECOND ROW: Esther Brittain, Gertrude Franklin, Clarice Tilbury, Edna Bangart, June Monroe, Mrs. Enterprise Knox, Miss Dorothy Huggins, Helen Barrow, Vera Albers, Maxine Kaufman, Violet Runyan, Hazel Sinclair.
FRONT ROW: Cyril Miller, Robert Howard, Donald Pope, Charles Clutz, William Severin, Herman Weingart, Ivan Horn.
TRACK TEAM OF 1925
Alvy McNemee, Ralph Schroeder, Joel Andrews, Donald Hoverson, Joe Howard, Coach Ted Horn, and Charles Andrews.

GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM 1924-25
BACK ROW: Lillian Franklin, Barbara Franklin, Rachel Tilbury, Twyla Franklin, Merle Albers.

BASKETBALL TEAM OF 1925
Alvy McNemee, Ralph Schroeder, Ira Edwards, Donald Hoverson, Joe Howard, Coach Ted Horn, and Dayle Holzhey.

DEBATE TEAM 1924-25
Joe Howard, Miss Dorothy Huggins, Donald Hoverson, Mr. Robert Loomis, Merle Albers, Ira Edwards, Ellenora Ricklefs, and Joel Andrews.
CLASS OF 1931-32


THIRD ROW: Lower Colley, Alice Albers, Anna Mae Canter, Esther Barnthson, Gladys Jeschke, Dorothy Parcels, Anna Mary Peterson, Myrtle Edwards, Pearl Cox, Cora Mae Myers, Pete Christensen.

SECOND ROW: Miss Myrtle McCaw, Thelma Edwards, Gladys Franklin, Emily Barrow, Ruth Helen Brittain, Beulah Miller, Ruby Miller, Rosa Albers, Juanita Miller, Alice Clark.

FIRST ROW: Donald Schwab, Byron Myers, Norman Jeschke, Raymond Franklin, Mr. Hooper, Harold Jeschke, Raymond Schwab.

CHAMPION MUSIC - LITERARY TEAM 27-28

BACK ROW: Norma Holzhey, Louise Heater, Alma Carlson, Donald Pope, Mrs. Enterprise Knox, Bill Webb, Paul Johnson, Helen Heater, Myrna Franklin, Barbara Franklin.

BASKETBALL TEAM-1930-1931
BACK ROW: Noble Franklin, Lyle Tilbury, Norman Miller, and J. Lester Hooper, Coach.
MIDDLE ROW: Howard Ricklefs, Robert Ricklefs, Robert Schroeder, and Alva Ricklefs.
FRONT ROW: Kenneth Dutton, Lower Colley Sr., and Harold Jeschke.

BASKETBALL TEAM-1929-1930
BACK ROW: Mr. Metz, Robert Schroeder, Lyle Tilbury, Norman Miller.
FRONT ROW: Ralph Frakes, Alva Ricklefs, Alfred McNemee, George Bangert.

BASKETBALL TEAM-1930-1931
Myrtle Edwards, Dorothy Horn, Alma Dutton, Ione Long, Mr. Metz, Minnette Carlson, Mrs. Knox, Alice Albers, Ruth Helen Brittain, Lucille Monroe, and Ruby Miller.

ROBERT SCHROEDER
Member Of All American Track Team-1932

BASKETBALL TEAM-1928-1929
Vera Albers, Alma Dutton, Minnette Carlson, Mrs. Knox, Norma Holzhey, Barbara Franklin, Alma Carlson, Helen Heater, Mr. Ryan.
Champion Debate
Team 1925-26

CLASS OF 1936

BACK ROW: Doris Johnson, Martha Grunert, Edith Brown, Sara Foster, Dorothy Albers, Ruby Armstrong, Mildred Albers, Bernadette Myers, Jessie Armstrong, Virginia Dutton, Lorena Welch.


FRONT ROW: Orval Hoffman, Paul Myers, Charles Sinclair, Norris Clark, Robert Johnson.

Friends of 1931

Senior Class 1926

Thirty Years Ago

Alice Albers and Robert Ricklefs

High School Romance 1925
Robert Schroeder, of the class of 1932, president of the Kansas City Bar Association with the Honorable Harry S. Truman, former president of the U.S. This picture was taken at a meeting of the Kansas City Bar Association in February when Mr. Truman was made an honorary member.
CLASS OF 1945
MIDDLE ROW: Louis Rainwater, Lafe Williams, Darrel Delk, Don Johnson, Don Myers, James Black, Douglas Ruhnke, Tom Black.
FRONT ROW: Evelyn Seaman, Jessie Sharp, Elaine Rainwater, Mrs. Bess Messer, Edna Mae Euler, Pearl Clark, Clara Belle Johnson.

CLASS OF 1948
BACK ROW: Jess Clementson, Chris Johnson, Jerry Baker, Loren Laverentz, Fred Clark, Raymond Miller, Richard McKitttrick, Melvin Johnson, Fred Klaus, Mr. Richard Tomlinson.
MIDDLE ROW: Paul Johnson, Wilma Ann Bullock, Rita Burke, Darlyne Redmond, Darlene Morris, Lois Grunert, Dorrene Morris, Ruby Clark, John Rainwater, Mr. T. J. Burke.
FRONT ROW: Miss Ellen Hawke, Mrs. French, Helen Louise Bullock, Georgia Miller, Joy Kessinger, Clara Berry, Wilma Ann Ruhnke, Jean Cluck, Duane Runyan.
CLASS OF 1933-34
FRONT ROW: Gladys Jeschke, Rosa Albers, Gladys Franklin, Mildred Myers, Alice Clark, Alma Jones, Sarah Foster, Ruby Armstrong, Boots Miller, Jessie Armstrong, Glen Howard.
BACK ROW: Raymond Schwab, Norman Jeschke, Byron Myers, Ralph Jones, Miss Effie Thompson, Coach Koble, Telly Albert James, Maurice Myers, Norman Ricklefs, William Myers.

CLASS OF 1943
BACK ROW: Donald Johnson, John Gronninger, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ed Farley, Myrna Loy, Lewis Rainwater, Lafe Williams.
MIDDLE ROW: Dora Turpin, Erma Albers, Darwin Ruhnke, Junior Johnson, Francis Barrow, Ruthanna Boerstring, Betty Lou Gronninger.
FRONT ROW: Opal Clark, Hattie Clifton, Evelyn Seaman, Ema Lou Welsh, Jessie McKittrick, Geneva Foster, Kathryn Welsh, Jessie Sharp.
1957

NORMA JEAN SHOENFELDER

STUDENTS OF 1956-56

FRONT ROW: Larry Redmond, Conni Clark, Marilyn Johnson, Naomi Ricklefs, Ruthanna Ricklefs, Mary Berry, Janice Ricklefs, Jo Ann Miller, and Larry Laverentz.

SECOND ROW: Ronnie Myers, Fred Moore, Jim Foster, Melvin Miller, John H. Johnson, Bob Meng, Francis Foley, and Roger Caudle.

BACK ROW: Mrs. French, Miss Mumford, Mr. Thurlow, Mr. Burke, Charles Miller, John Couflal, and Bob Myers.
Semor Class of '52

Clara Berry & Paul Johnson
"Hobgoblin House"

Picnic at Sam Steele's-1955

John Rainwater
Freshman of 1947-48

Senior Class of '52
Junior-Senior Banquet-1950

Dorrene Morris, Rita Burke, Wilma Ruhnke, Lois Grunert, Georgia Miller, Joy Kessinger, Darlyne Redmond

Loren Laverentz
"Hobgoblin House"

Junior-Senior Prom-1953
Dick McKittrick, Jerry Baker, Loren Laverentz, Duane Runyan, John Rainwater

Seniors of 1954 - Tom Burke, Nancy Caudle, John Karn, Ruth Coufal, Don Meng, Arnold Miller, Barbara Larson, and Junior Golley

Slumber party - Barbara Larson, Ruth Staudenmaier, Ruth Coufal, Marilyn Ricklefs, and Nancy Caudle

Class of 1941 on their senior sneak trip - Mr. Ed Marshall, Opal Holtgrave, Mildred Mastin, Florence Albers, Edith Foster, Martin Boersting, Berenice Johnson, Jesse Dale Barrow, Mr. Lee BeDillon, and Donald Anderson

Cheerleaders of 1953 '54 - Evelyn Myers, Nancy Caudle, and Ruth Staudenmaier

After a basketball game - 1957

Paul Johnson
Jr-Sr Banquet 1956

CLASS OF 1950

MIDDLE ROW: Loren Laverents, Donald Meng, Mr. T. J. Burke, Coach E. Kimble, Darlyne Redmond, Alveria Miller, Ann Tilbury, Betty Redmond, Raymond Miller, Delus Ricklefs, Joe Bullock.
FRONT ROW: Jess Clementson, Junior Colley, Barbara Larson, Wilma Ann Ruhnke, Helen Louise Bullock, Nancy Caudle, Miss Mumford (Music), Mrs. French, Ruth Coufal, Nellie Simpson.
FRONT: Arnold Miller, Thomas Burke.

CLASS OF 1954

FRONT ROW: James Berry, John Johnson, Wayne Cluck, Don Meng, John Karn, Larry Laverents.
THIRD ROW: Miss Mumford, Coach Thurlow, Milton Saltman, John Coufal, Melvin Miller, Edward Swinford, Thomas Burke, David Simmons, Mr. T. J. Burke, Mrs. French.
FOURTH ROW: Larry Redmond, Junior Colley, Arnold Miller, Francis Foley, Alfred Miller, Charles Miller, Robert Meng, Gary Godfrey, Bob Myers, Fred Moore.
CLASS OF 1957
Charles Miller, John Coufal, Bob Meng, Larry Redmond, Ruthanna Ricklefs Jo Ann Miller, Norma Jean Schoenfelder,

Freshman Initiation '56
Judy Holzhey
Lois Redmond
Helen Berry
Donna Ricklefs
Mary Karn
Sue Keling

Commencement Exercises of the class of 1957
Sneak Day '53-Nellie Simpson, Leo Berry, Alveria Miller, Betty Redmond

Paul Johnson, Joy Kessinger, Lois Grunert, John Rainwater

Winning Float-1955
Atchison Halloween Parade

Helen Louise Bullock and Alveria Miller
LEAGUE SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS-1955
Connie Cluck, John Johnson, Charles Miller, Coach Thurlow, John Coufal, James Foster, Larry Redmond.
MIDDLE ROW: Milton Saltzman, Melvin Miller, Larry Laverentz, Robert Meng, Wayne Cluck, James Berry, Alfred Miller.
FRONT ROW: Francis Foley, Edward Swinford, Fred Moore, Robert Myers, Gary Godfrey, Ronald Myers, Roger Caudle.

County Basketball Champions 1954
FRONT ROW: James Berry, John Karn, Don Meng, Melvin Miller, and Larry Laverentz.

County Tournament Trophies-1951-1958
BB League Trophies-1952-57

First Basketball Team to go to the reginal tournament-1952.
Left To Right: Tom Burke, Leo Berry, Arnold Miller, Don Meng, John Karn, Fred Klaus, Jim Berry, Raymond Miller, Alfred Miller, and Chris Johnson.

District Tournament Trophies-1952-57

Team of 1955
Bendena High School 1918-1958

A chronology of some of the outstanding events of Bendena High School through the years 1918-1958 as gleaned from the pages of THE WILDCAT, student publication.

1918-At a special election held in May, the voters of Bendena and vicinity decided to establish a rural high school. Three rooms were rented in the grade school building. School opened on September 9, with two teachers--Mrs. Cornelia Dysinger Grothe, principal and Miss Nora Corbett, assistant. Fourteen pupils were enrolled.

1919-The Bendena Rural High School news was published.

1920-On the evening of January 1, a reception was held for parents at the school: games were played and refreshments were served.

1921-1922-No school papers were issued during this period.

1923-THE BENDENA WILDCAT made its appearance as the school publication. It won fourth place in the Kansas State Journalism Department contest that year.

1924-The track team won the Doniphan County Championship for the third year in succession. On March 15, the Doniphan County Teacher's Association met in Bendena. THE WILDCAT won third place in the K. State Journalism contest.

1925-Bendena High track team composed of Joel Andrews, Ralph Schroeder, Joe Howard, and Donald Hoverson placed second in the K.U. Relays. A full time music teacher, Mrs. Enterprise Knox, was employed. A music room was prepared in the southwest corner of the basement. Forty-three were enrolled in high school.

1926-Bendena won first in the county scholarship contest. The debate team became champions of Doniphan County. Merle Albers was editor of the Wildcat.

1927-Bendena won a first place trophy in the Doniphan County music--literary contest. Bendena citizens were working to have electricity installed in the town.

1928-For the second time Bendena won the trophy in the annual Doniphan County music-literary contest. An alumni association was organized with Maurice Pope, president.

1929-In April Bendena High students went to a St. Joseph theater to see two of Shakespeare's plays, "As You Like It" and "Macbeth". The English classes had studied both of these.

1930-Minnette Carlson won first place in the county spelling contest.

1931-1936-No Wildcats were issued during this period.

1937-THE WILDCAT was again issued that fall. A course in International Relations was included in the curriculum.

1938-Bendena won first in the county scholarship contest. The debate team became champions of Doniphan County. Merle Albers was editor of the Wildcat.

1939-High school enrollment was forty. Alumni held picnic on August 13 which several hundred people attended.

1940-Ping Pong tournaments were enjoyed.

1941-In September Jess Clementson became custodian of the school building.

1942-Betty Foster was attendant to the Doniphan County apple blossom queen.

1943-Students were purchasing defense stamps. Wildcats contain news of service men.

1944-A course in Spanish was included in the curriculum.

1945-The senior class consisted of Donald Johnson, Darrel Delk, Norman Johnson, Edna Mae Euler, John Gronniger.

1946-Mrs. French began teaching in Bendena.

1947-T. J. Burke came to Bendena as principal. Only three boys, Douglas Ruhnke, Gary Turpin, and Paul Johnson were enrolled in high school in '46-'47.

1948-A class of two graduated--Douglas Ruhnke and Gary Turpin.

1949-Five graduated this year. Of these, all were transfer students except Ruby Clark who had gone to Bendena all four years.

1950-Miss Mumford began teaching music and commerce at Bendena in September. Rita Burke was valedictorian of the graduation class in May of that year.

1951-Wm. Thurlow came to Bendena to coach basketball in the fall. Wilma Ruhnke was valedictorian of her class. Darlyne Redmond won third place in the county wide spelling contest.

1952-Basketball team won second place in the district tournament. Raymond Miller was class valedictorian.

1953-The Junior-Senior Banquet in St. John's Lutheran Church basement had for its theme "Red Sails in the Sunset." Alveria Miller was valedictorian.

1954-The Junior-Senior Banquet in St. John's Lutheran Church had the theme "Gold at the Rainbow's End." Tom Burke was class valedictorian.
1955-Janice Ricklefs won first in freshman class; Evelyn Myers, second in senior class; and Larry Laverentz, third in junior class spelling contest. Evelyn Myers was valedictorian. In the 1955-1956 season four trophies were won in athletics, league championships in softball and basketball; second place in county basketball tournament; third place in the district basketball tournament. The band float won first in the Halloween parade in Atchison.

1956-THE WILDCAT received a third place rating in the Columbia Scholastic Press Association contest. Janice Ricklefs won first in the sophomore class and Larry Laverentz first in the senior class in the county spelling contest. The basketball team won first in the district.

1957-At an election on July 6, bonds were voted for the erection of a new D.C.C. H.S., building to be erected on the site of old Syracuse School west of Bendena. THE WILDCAT received a second place rating in the Columbia Press Association Contest.

1958-Contracts were let on December 10, for the construction of the new high school building to be ready for occupancy by September 1. The Senior Class with Roger Caudle as editor published THE WILDCAT ANNUAL dedicated to the alumni. Eight seniors comprised the graduating class. This last class to graduate from Bendena High School consisted of Janice Ricklefs, Roger Caudle, Marilyn Johnson, Carol Keling, Jim Foster, LuEtta Colley, Connie Cluck, Ronnie Myers. James Foster was class president; Janice Ricklefs was valedictorian; Roger Caudle was salutatorian. In their junior year, Marilyn Johnson was class president and acted as toastmistress at the junior-senior banquet. The theme carried out at the banquet was "Spring Fantasy." After the meal was served at St. John's Lutheran Church, the "prom" was held at the Hotel Atchison. The class of '58 chose the yellow rose for their flower. The class colors were twilight blue and orchid. The class motto--"The Door To Success Is Labeled Push."

1957-1958
BACK ROW: Miss Mumford (Music), Darwin Spencer, Larry Tilbury, Connie Cluck, Roger Caudle, James Foster, Coach Wm. Thurlow, Mr. T. Burke (Principal), Mrs. French (English),
MIDDLE ROW: Carol Keling, Marilyn Johnson, Tom Turpin, Ronald Myers, Joe Haupt, Gale McNemee, Donnie Miller, Melvin Schoenfelder, Ronnie Godfrey, Robert Tilbury, Earl Williams.
FRONT ROW: Donna Ricklefs, Mary Karn, Deanna Schoenfelder, Sarah Staudenmaier, Janice Ricklefs, LuEtta Colley, Sue Keling, Lois Redmond, Judy Holzhey.
**Roster Of Graduating Classes Alumni**

1. Albers, Caroline (Mrs. Harry Hilton) - 410 Logan St., Rockford, Illinois
2. Pope, Maurice - 2616 Mulberry St., St. Joseph, Missouri
3. Severin, Clarence - 800 West 8th St., Topeka, Kansas

1. Anderson, Martin - 523 T St., Atchison, Kansas
2. Anderson, Mary (deceased)
3. Ball, Lilace - Address Unknown
4. Boersting, Beulah (deceased)

1. Holzhey, Myrtle (Mrs. C. Duroecher) - Box 496, Kenniwick, Washington
2. Johnson, Raymond - 1018 Glendale St., St. Joseph, Missouri
4. Severin, Rose (Mrs. Joe Prohaska) - Route 2, Atchison, Kansas
5. Styer, Mary - Effingham, Illinois, c/o Public Schools Office
6. Weingart, Adolph - Bendena, Kansas

1. Foley, Elizabeth (Mrs. Frank Calaum) - 303 Dewey Lane, Alamorgordo, New Mexico
2. Foley, Margaret (Mrs. Bert Sheeter) - Route 4, Atchison, Kansas
3. Howard, Ray - Augusta, Kansas
4. Marsh, Myrtle (Mrs. Glen Tilbury) - Bendena, Kansas
5. Severin, Ruth (deceased)
6. Swinford, Mary (Mrs. B. R. Bailey) - Bolckow, Missouri
7. Tilbury, Glen - Bendena, Kansas
8. Albers, Elva (Mrs. Herbert Reder) - Troy, Kansas
9. Albers, Mary (Mrs. John Maxwell) - Honolulu, Hawaii
10. Anderson, Herman - 1020 North 4th St., Atchison, Kansas
11. Clutz, Rev. Frank - 805 E. Camelback, Phoenix, Arizona
12. Holzhey, Ivan - 5638 Fredrick St., Omaha, Nebraska
13. Hoverson, Russel - Troy, Kansas
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