

There were 8 primary Grammar Schools that supplied students to Taft High School in the 1950's.

The following student class photos are from:

**EBINGER Grammar School**

Edison Grammar School  
Graduation Program

- GRADUATES -

Abraham, Kenneth  
Barth, Ronald  
Bobkowski, Frank  
Bower, Nancy  
Carlson, Nancy

Clingman, Kyle  
Gundel, Sally  
Halterman, Judith  
Killian, Delores  
Kudish, Claire

Lutz, William  
Madsen, Karen  
Marquardt, Kurt  
Marsh, Larry  
McKean, Paul

Meeker, Donald  
Molitoris, Mary  
Musial, Edward  
Nedberg, James  
Page, Joyce

Powers, Dale  
Rix, James  
Santoll, Patricia  
Schultz, William  
Thompson, Louise

Vetter, Neil  
Williams, Susan  
Winter, Bruce  
Young, Judith

DR. BENJAMIN C. WILLIS  
General Superintendent of Schools

MISS KATHRYN E. STEINMETZ  
District Superintendent

THOMAS A. EDISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Wednesday, June 22, 1955  
1:15 P.M.

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- PROGRAM -

PROCESSIONAL  
Pomp and Circumstance      Barbara Maedje 8B  
Pianist

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

SONGS - My Normandy  
I Would Be True  
Long, Long Ago

WORDS OF APPRECIATION      Nancy Carlson

GOING PLACES WITH CHICAGO  
Kyle Clingman, Chairman

Speakers:

Larry Marsh      Susan Williams  
Donald Meeker      Sally Gundel  
Judy Halterman      Paul McKean  
Delores Killian      James Rix  
Bruce Winter      Neil Vetter  
James Nedberg      Ronald Barth

SO SONG - CHICAGO

GREETINGS TO GRADUATES rs. Ann V. Gele

HONOR AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS  
RECESSIONAL

Mrs. Ann V. Gale, Principle  
Miss Olga Gustafson, Graduating Teacher

Ebinger Grammar School  
Graduation June, 1955



Thanks!  
Kent Meyer  
for this graduation picture.

Named from Seated to Top Standing Rows and from Left to Right:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Seated Row:** Diane Garreffa, Madeleine Raymond, Corinne Vlcek, Barbara Knudson, Barbara Boddy, Karen Lange, Caryn Giusti, Judith Harris, Peggy Sica, Leah Herbst
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Row:** Abner Cunningham, Ronald Faulstich, Kevin Ruhnke, James Kasser, William Beyer, Leslie Zurawic, Jesse Nelson, Paul Walker, Allen Blume, Larry Christiansen, Ronald Hacker, Richard Anderson, Dennis Lube
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Standing Row:** Rita Glaubich, Betty Roslyn, Charlene Watzke, Betty Henning, Barbara Wilson, Dorothy Hebestreit, Carole Baudy, Beverly Minison, Marlene Gorzel, Donna Strong, Karen Knuth, Caryl Giusti, Sandra Gormley, Marilyn Weninger
- 4<sup>th</sup> Top Row:** Gerald Beckway, Bonnie McGowean, Kent Meyer, Ronald Gusentine, Sharon Carlier, William Rice, Carolyn Warden, Jim Etherton, Jim Westney, Jay Bletzinger, John Burke, Ken Neubert, Barbara Liljequist, Joe Bartel, Chuck Lunaburg

Missing from this picture : Wayne Davison & David Ross

## Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

*How quickly they grow up!*

*Here's a fun thing... Try to match the names shown on the 1955 Graduation pictures with the 8<sup>th</sup> Graders in this pictures.*

**Ebinger Grammar School**  
October 1954 ~ 8th Grade



**Thanks!**  
Kent Meyer  
for this picture.

## Ebinger Grammar School

October 1951 ~ 7th Grade



*Here's a fun thing... Try to match the names shown on the 1955 Graduation pictures with the 7<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders in these pictures.*

*Getting Harder... Try to name these kids!*

### Thanks!

Kent Meyer, Les Zurawic & Joe Bartel  
for these pictures.

## Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

*How quickly they grow up!*

## Ebinger Grammar School

October 1952 ~ 6th Grade



## Ebinger Grammar School

October 1951 ~ 5th Grade



*Here's a fun thing... Try to match the names shown on the 1955 Graduation pictures with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Graders in these pictures.*

*Now this group is a challenge... But trying to name these kids!*

**Thanks!**

Kent Meyer, Les Zurawic & Joe Bartel  
for these pictures.

## Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

*How quickly they grow up!*

## Ebinger Grammar School

November 1950 ~ 4th Grade



## Ebinger Grammar School

June 1949 ~ 3rd Grade



## Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

*How quickly they grow up!*

## Ebinger Grammar School

June 1948 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade



*Here's a fun thing... Try to match the names shown on the 1955 Graduation pictures with the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders in these pictures.*

*You think those were hard, try naming these munchkins!*

### Thanks!

Kent Meyer, Les Zurawic & Joe Bartel  
for these pictures.

## Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

### Patrol Boys, alias "The Brats!"

*Ever vigilant, Ebinger's First-Line of Defense!*



**Thanks!**  
Kent Meyer for this  
Patrol Boys, "Brats" picture.

**Named from Left to Right:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Standing Row:** CAPTAIN Reed Lewis, Marty Pete, Unidentified, Unidentified, Unidentified, Unidentified, Abner Cunningham, Les Zurawic, Unidentified, Richard Andersen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Standing Row:** Unidentified, Bill Henning, Chuck Schultz, Tom Klein, Donald Erikson, Paul Walker, Ronald Hacker, Jim Kaiser, Chas Ziebmen

**3<sup>rd</sup> Top Row:** Kenneth Neubert Kent Meyer, Allen Peterson, Chuck Lunaburg, David Doctor, Allen LaRoche, Fred Bleginger, John Schmitt



## Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

### Patrol Boys, alias "The Brats!"

*Ever vigilant, Ebinger's First-Line of Defense!*



**Thanks!**  
Kent Meyer for this  
Patrol Boys, "Brats" picture.

*Here's a fun thing... Try to match the **27 Names** shown on the previous picture with one of the 44 Patrol Boys in this picture, which was taken a couple years earlier.*

*Obviously, a number of Patrol Boys were either missing from the previous photo or this group cleaned up the crime spree, allowing for a sizable reduction in force.*

# Ebinger Grammar School Pictures

## "Ebinger Covered Wagon Events"

### 1955 Graduates Likes, Dislikes & Class Prophecy

Thanks!  
Joe Bartel  
For this document.

JOE BARTEL

# EBINDER EVENTS

## New Books

This year the P.T.A. was kind enough to give the school \$100 to buy new books for the library. The group to select the books are members of the "Battle of Books" Club who have been regular in attendance. The group will visit the radio program "Battle of Books" at the Board of Education and then go to Marshall Field's to select the books.

Betty Roslyn SA- Room 213

## American Legion Awards

Ebinger School has been very fortunate to have three of its pupils win first, second, and third place in the American Legion Essay Contest. The essay was on "What Freedom in America Means to Me". All three of the winners were in eighth grade. First place winner was Leah Herbst, second place Barbara Bodey, third place with honorable mention Peggy Dize. This is a very fine honor to bestow on the pupils of Ebinger School.

Caryl Giusti SA- Room 213

## Picture Awards

Saturday, February 19, Susan Wilson of room 202 and Lavon Tesley of room 212, along with five hundred other Chicago students were given small gold key pins. They received the pins for drawing fine pictures. Some pictures were so good that the students who drew them received gifts. The awards were given to them at the Fair Store. The pictures were on display for two weeks. Susan and Lavon told me that they were surprised as well as frightened when they stood up before the mayor of Chicago and other school officials.

Judy Harris SA- Room 213

## SA Girl Honored

Congratulations are due to Barbara Knudson for winning an art contest conducted by the Red Cross. Her picture was on exhibit at Marshall Field's. Then it was sent to a foreign country. Barbara was the only grade school pupil in Chicago to be selected to appear on Radio. Donna Strong SA- Room 213



New Branch of Ebinger

At Olcott and Birchwood Avenues there is a new branch of Ebinger being built which will be called the Frederick Stork School. It will be for the kindergarten and first four grades of children north of Touhy Avenue who otherwise would go to Ebinger. That will relieve Ebinger of some of the rush it has been getting lately. Well, it seems Edison Park is growing and so are the kids.



## Largest Graduation Class

The June graduation class will be the largest class in many years. There are fifty-four in the class. The pupils are divided into two rooms. Most of them are in Miss Day's room, the rest are in Mrs. Huff's room. The class officers are Ken Neubert, president, Leah Herbst vice-president, Karen Lange, secretary, and Don Kesser, treasurer.

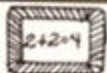
Kevin Buhake SA- Room 213

## We Did Our Part

Before the elections you have probably seen and heard a lot about the Bond Issue. The Bond Issue provides for bigger and better schools, and better school equipment. The pupils of Ebinger School made tags urging the people to vote for the Bond Issue. They also saw a movie showing all the things the Bond Issue would provide. We were happy to say the Bond Issue was passed by the voters.

Carolyn Warden SA- Room 213

June 1955



## Graduates



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NAME	FET FELVE	JUST IMAGINE	CLASS PROPHECY
Richard Anderson	oral composition	without conduct checks	professional boxer
Joe Bartel	conduct checks	without sound effects	circus clown
Carole Beady	enjoy people	with pale cheeks	airline stewardess
Gerry Beckway	unpires	with a drab shirt	wood carver
William Beyer	stale cookies	liking school	musician
Jay Blatzinger	girls	being vainly	wrestler
Allen Blum	broken glasses	without his marines	architect
Barbara Bodey	my brother	with a loud voice	jewelry designer
John Burke	tests	going as told	police man
Sharon Carlier	wearing blinds	being solemn	commercial teacher
Larry Christensen	foggy glasses	with long pants	jockey
Abner Cunningham	unpredictable female	being bald	jet pilot
Wayne Davison	going without food	going to gym	stock car racer
Jim Ebertson	work	without a laugh	band leader
Ronald Faulstich	memorizing catechism	getting a zero in math	mathematics professor
Diane Garreffa	"Keats"	without barline	waitress
Jaryl Giusti	tepping fingers	losing her temper	cartoonist
Caryn Giusti	Liberece	putting out of style	veterinarian
Rita Giustich	saggers	with black hair	actress
Sandra Gornley	being teased	not turning around	housewife
Marlene Gorzel	little sister's	without a comb	hair dresser
Ronald Gusentine	conduct checks	with short fingernails	baseball player
Ron Hecker	cold pizza	without freckles	bowler
Judith Harris	short hair	without arguments	police woman
Dorothy Hebestreit	called a dumb blond	as a Swede	professional skater
Betty Henning	confusion	without questions	professional golfer
Leah Herbst	stupid remarks	as an old maid	dress designer
Jim Kesser	messy hair	being helpful	cook
Barbara Knudson	poor sports	with a puddle out	artist
Karen Knuth	nothing to read	without a nickname	novelist
Karen Lange	sosey people	without her wise cracks	comedian
Barbara Liljequist	lima beans	without a thing to say	travelog speaker
Dennis Lube	silence	cooking in home mechanics	Santa Clause
Chuck Lunenburg	being called Charles	with a bass voice	quiz panelist
Bonnie McGowan	loud talking	without her secret loves	acrobat
Ken Meyer	rainy weather	with a soprano voice	commercial artist
Beverly Winelson	Judy Harris's dry jokes	without lite	librarian
Jesse Nelson	dress up cloths	with a clear voice	outdoors
Ken Neubert	woman drivers	talking back	athletic champ
Madeleine Raymond	pony-tail pulled	with poor manners	dietician
Bill Rice	new shoes	without a draw-out	barber
Betty Roslyn	jittery people	being smart alec	governess
David Rose	messy notebooks	without red hair	astronomer
Kevin Buhake	washing dishes	with a good handwriting	minister
Peggy Dize	scratching on the board	as a mamba instructor	stenographer
Donna Strong	tiny fish	not being fish crazy	nurse
Corinne Vloek	drying dishes	without a book	model
Paul Walker	fake flashbulbs	without teasing girls	photographer
Carolyn Warden	being called Sam	as a misfit	pianist
Charles Watzke	my brother	being a wall flower	singer
Marilyn Weninger	eating with mouth open	not doing her work	surfboard artist
Jim Westney	long assignments	short and fat	circus tall man
Barbara Winelson	the nickname "prof"	without a nurse	first lady president
Leslie Zarwicz	leaky pens	being bossful	foreign correspondent