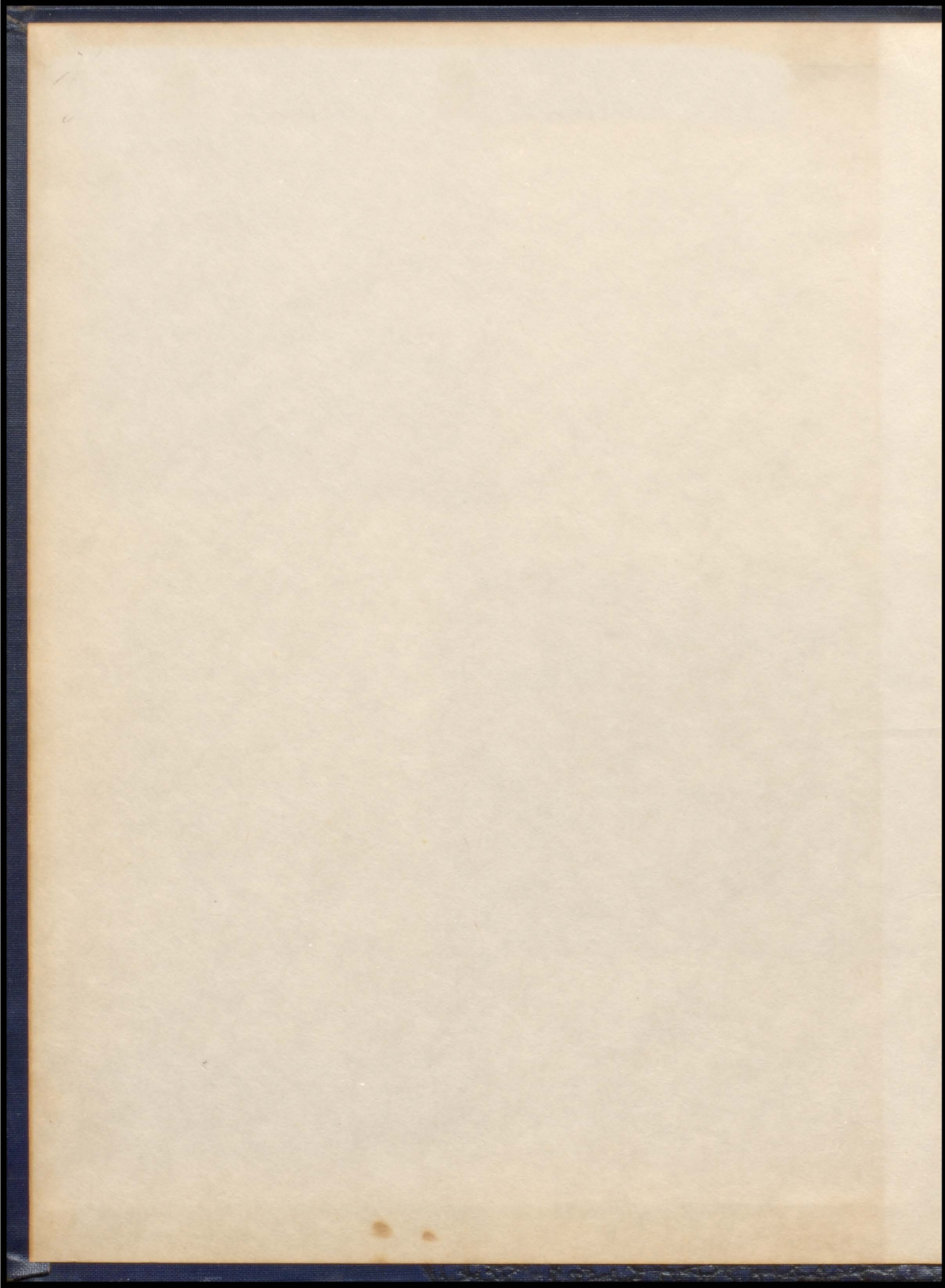
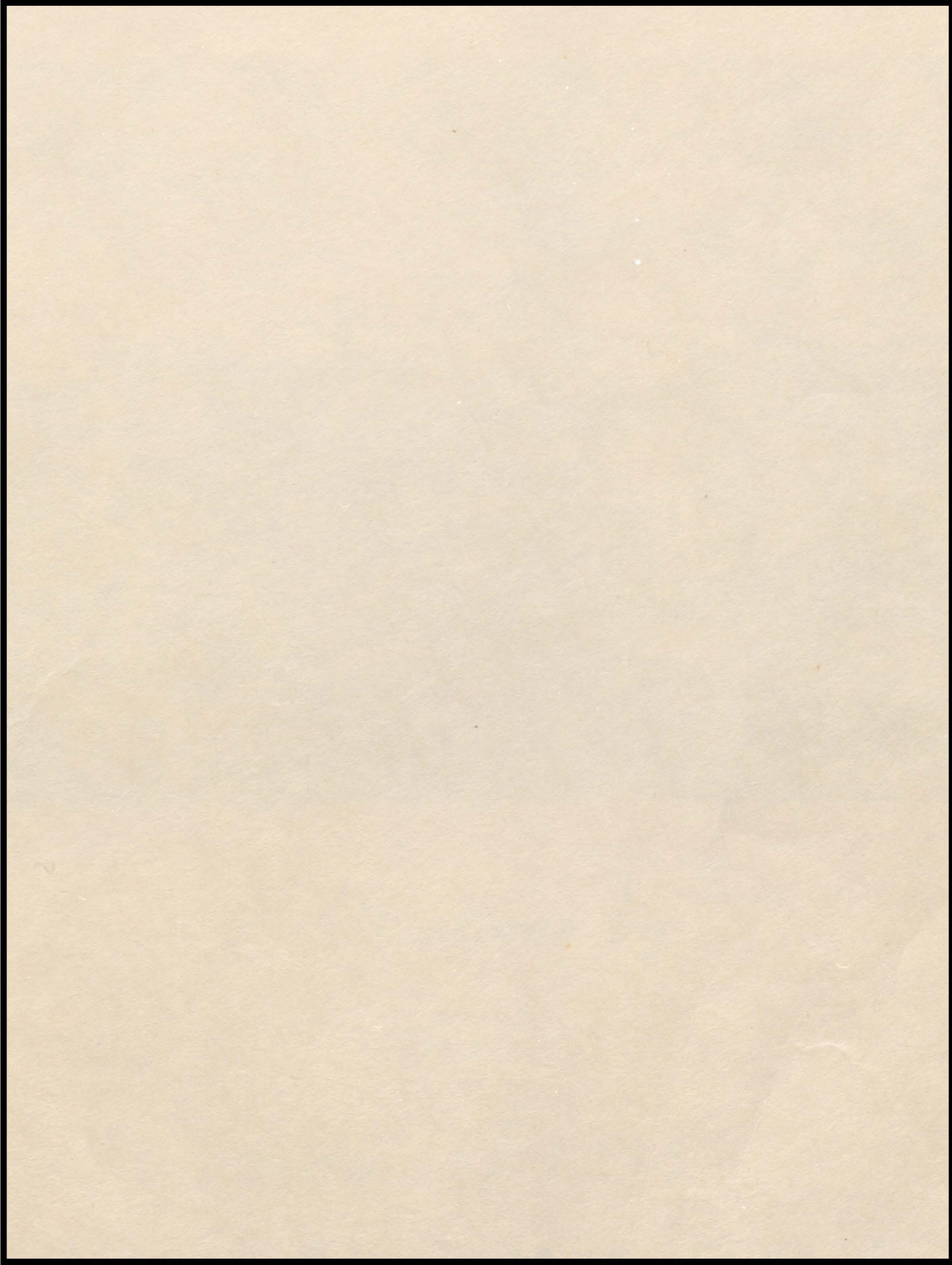


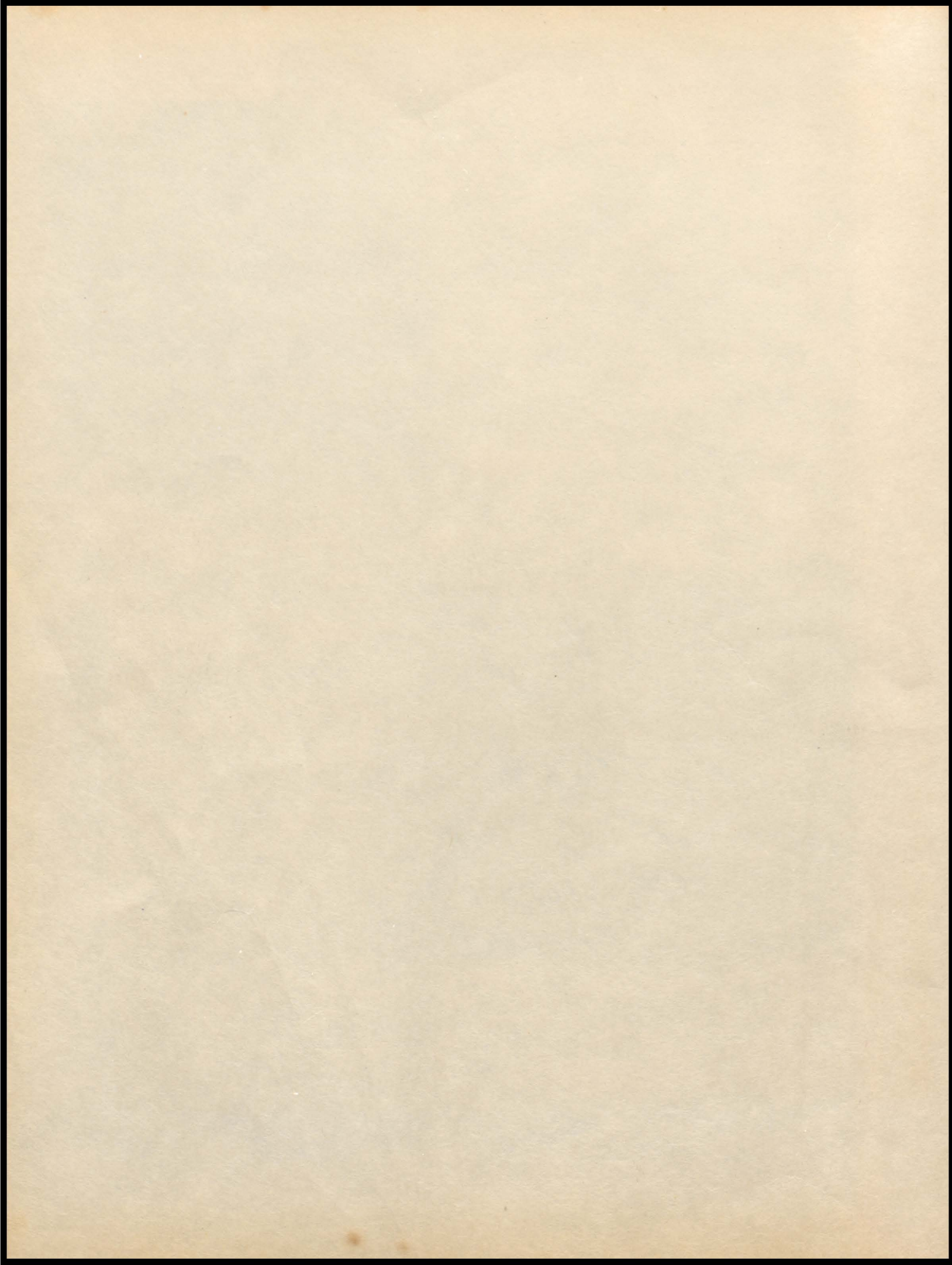


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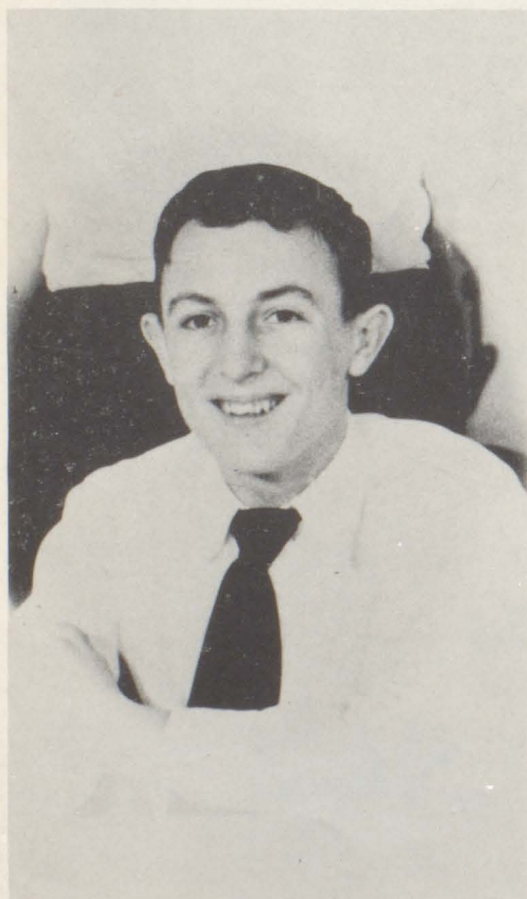
# *The Reverie '54*



*Publications by  
the  
Seniors of 1954  
Bethany Unit High School  
Bethany, Illinois*

# DEDICATION

We dedicate  
this yearbook  
to our classmate  
HUDSON EKISS  
who was killed  
accidentally  
on February 14,  
1953



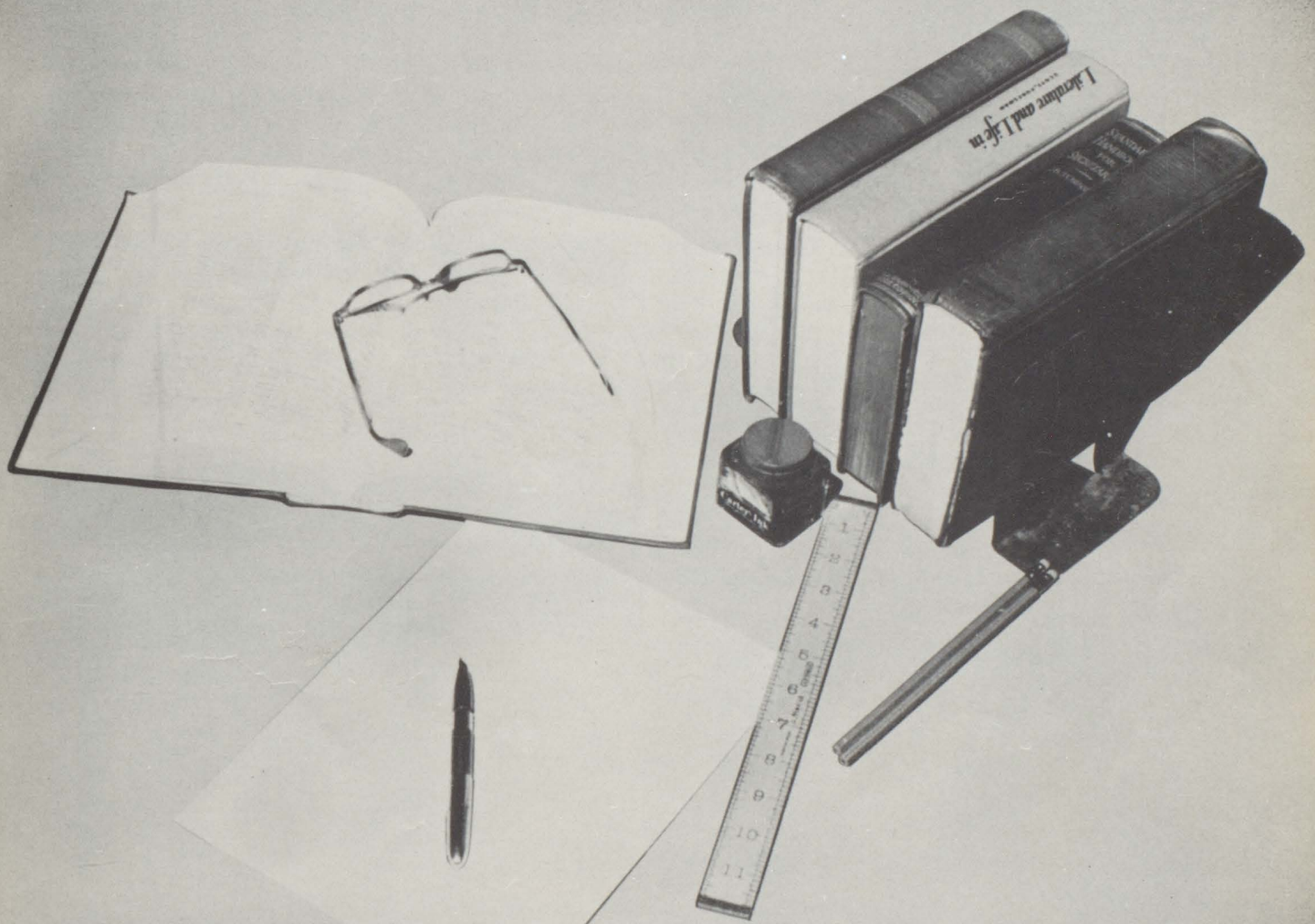
Sunshine passes, shadows fall,  
Love's remembrance outlasts all,  
And through the years by many or few,  
They will be filled with remembrance of you.

A tragedy visited our school when Hudson Ekiss met his death Saturday, February 14. His cheerful ways and friendly manner made him one of the most popular and best liked boys in the school.

He did not always participate in sports, but he was always present to root for his team, and during his freshman year, he was a cheerleader. He took part in several school and community activities such as Chorus, F. F. A., Letterman's Club, and 4-H.

He was the kind of person who, when he had set a goal would not stop until he reached it. He had the talent for making friends far and near. He was a person whom everybody knew.

Hudson had a fondness for sciences, and in his spare time he was found in chemistry laboratory doing experiments on his own. Because of this fondness, there has been a memorial fund in his remembrance set aside to buy some equipment for the chemistry room.



*Administration*



W. L. GARRISON  
 Superintendent of Bethany Unit District  
 #301 and Principal of Bethany High  
 School.

### TO THE GRADUATES OF 1954

Your four years of school are now completed, and you are about to leave the school and soon, perhaps, your own home to launch out upon a program of your own. Some of you may think you have encountered difficulties in these four years, but there is abundant evidence to indicate that it was never intended for man to have a life of ease. The world is so organized that most of his time is spent in conquering obstacles. All progress is made by overcoming difficulties. There seems to be some purpose in this persistent necessity for struggle. This conclusion is strengthened by the fact the finest characters and the highest types of civilization have been produced in the colder zones where comfort can be secured only by persistent toil. Both the Bible and history reveal the fact that there is a vital relation between hardship and strength. For the upbuilding of character, conflict is better than peace, and work is better than ease. Heinrich Heine once said, "Wherever a great thought is born there has been a Gethsemane."

Now that you have terminated this phase of your work, and are ready to take up a new and different kind, you too, will find that it is only by persistent and determined effort that you can hope to achieve worthwhile goals that are satisfying to you and of value to those with whom you associate.

W. L. Garrison

Superintendent

## Board of Education

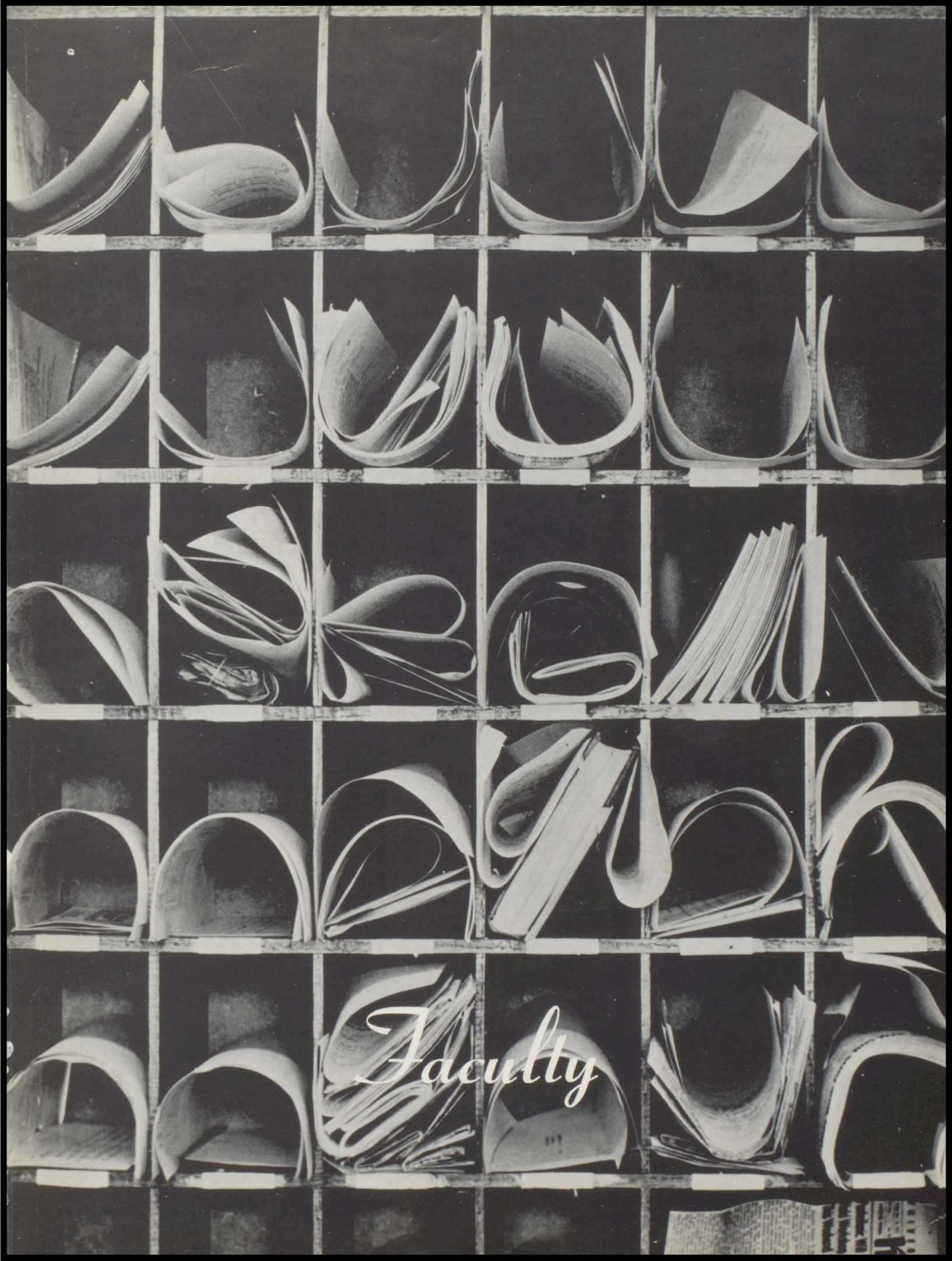


Junior Younger, H. O. Dick, W. W. Reeter, W. L. Garrison, C. Camic, E. Martin, R. Sharp, H. Moody.



MRS. RAY CROWDER  
 School Secretary





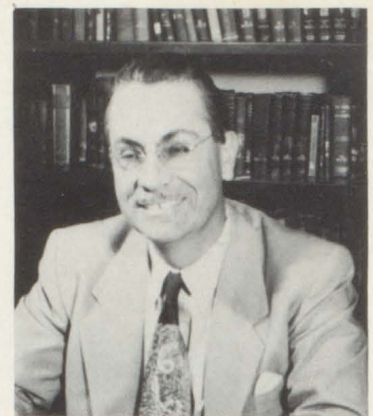
*Faculty*



RICHARD E. JOSTES  
Industrial Arts  
Physical Education  
Coach



LOIS GUTHRIE  
Commerce



MR. LOVELL  
Biology  
French



E. L. BOSOMWORTH  
Agriculture



MRS. CAMPBELL  
English  
Physical Education



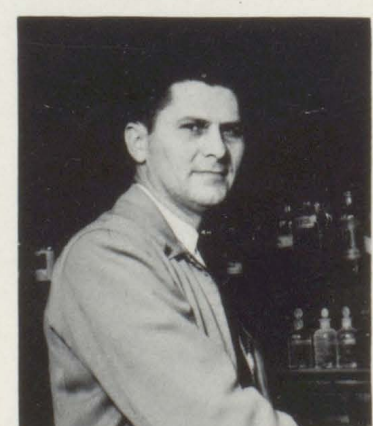
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Music  
English



ROBERT L. JENNINGS  
Social Science



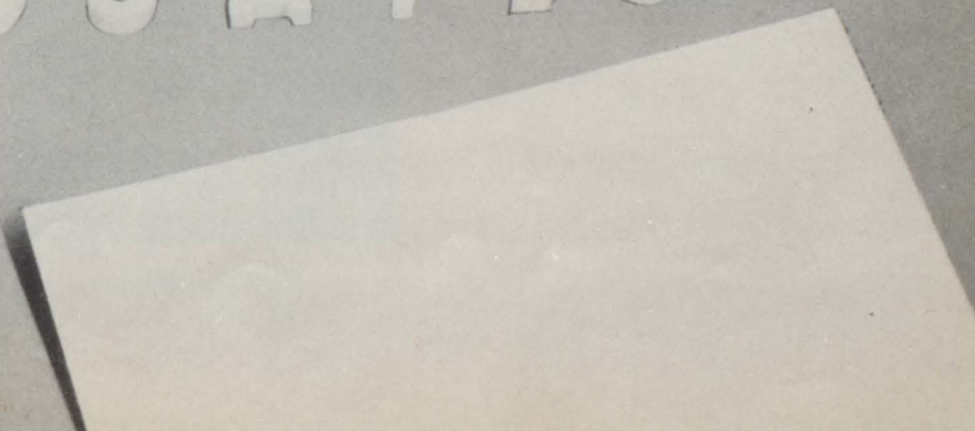
MARJORIE SCOTT  
Home Economics



LORAIN JARAND  
Science



# GRADUATES



# Senior Class



DORIS ELAINE WAMPLER  
President

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Class Offices Reporter 2, Vice President 3, President 4; Student Council, Vice President 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4.



DICK BOYER  
Vice-President

F. F. A. 1, 2, Treas. 3, Vice-President 4; Lettermans Club 3, Treas. 4; Class President 2, 3, Vice President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, Pres. 4; Pep Club 4; Senior Candidate Homecoming King; Chorus 1; Band 3; Broadcaster 4; Annual Staff 3, Co-Editor 4; Dance Club 2; Librarian 2, 3.



PATRICIA LACOST  
Secretary

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, Vice President 3, Pres. 4; Class Play 3, 4; Fall Festival Queen Candidate 3; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Treas. 3; Pep Club 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Secretary 4; Student Council 3; Librarian 1.



FLOYD GERKIN  
Treasurer

Class Offices Treasurer 4; Letterman's Club 2, Reporter 3, Secretary 4; Football 4, Manager 3; Basketball Manager 2, 3; Broadcaster 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Annual Staff Business Manager 4; Pep Club 4; Librarian 1.

# Seniors

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, Historian 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Club 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, Vice-Pres. 3, 4; Broadcaster Staff 3, 4; Co-Editor 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Plays 3, 4; Class Offices Reporter 3, 4.



ALBERTA CRUSE

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, Secretary 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Annual Staff 4; Lettermens Club 2, 3, 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Librarian 3; Pep Club 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4.



BOB JOHNSON

Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, Parliamentarian 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Dance Club 2; Broadcaster 4; Annual Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.



JOYCE SHIPMAN

F. F. A. 1, 2, Reporter 3, President 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 2; Annual Staff 4; Broadcaster 2, 3; Class Play 4.



KENNETH OATHOUT

# Seniors



JENNIE HUDSON

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, Treas. 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Historian 3, Song Leader 4, Public Relations Chr. of Section 14; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; Class Secretary 3; Dance Club 1, 2; Pep Club 4; Fall Festival Queen Candidate 4; Sweetheart Queen Candidate 4; Editor of School Newspaper 4; Co-Editor of School Year Book 4; D. A. R. Winner 4; Librarian 3.



DALE BLAND

Dance Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Lettermans Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.



MARGARET BONE

G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treas. 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Class Pres. 1; Cheer Leader 1, 2, 3, 4; Candidate for Homecoming Queen 3; Annual Staff 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3, 4; Broadcaster Staff 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Representative for Queen of Moultrie Track Meet 1, 2; Librarian 3.



LYLE GOETZ

Football 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, Sentinel 4; Annual Staff 4.

# Seniors

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-Pres. 3, Pres. 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treas. 4; Pep Club 4; Broadcaster 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Plays 3, 4.



FRANCENE MILLER

Dance Club 1, 2; Class Play 3; Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, Vice-Pres. 4.



TOM GREGORY

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Broadcaster 4; Annual 4; Class Plays 3, 4.



HELEN AUSTIN

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Lettermen's Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Pep Club 4; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Track 1.



RALPH BARTIMUS

# Seniors



BEVERLY DEVORE

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, Treasurer 4; Class Play 4; Pep Club 4; Annual Staff 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Broadcaster 4; Dance Club Vice President 2.



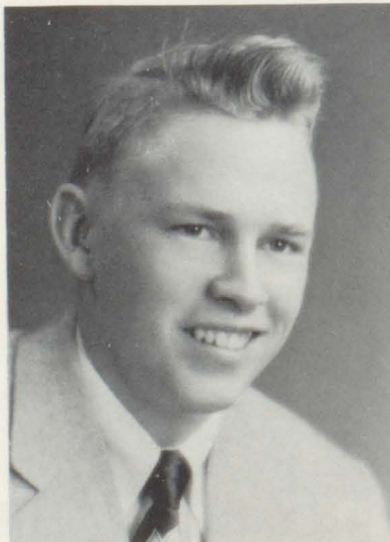
JOHN GAITHER

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Lettermens Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3.



NORMA JEAN SMITH

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4; Pep Club 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Broadcaster 4.



JAMES WARD

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Photography Club 1; Annual Staff 4; Dance Club 1, 2.



# Seniors



LILLIAN McREYNOLDS

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus Mixed 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Club 1, 2; Class Play 3, 4; Librarians 1, 3, 4; National Honor Society 2, 3; Broadcaster 4; Annual Staff 4.



ROBERT MCGEE

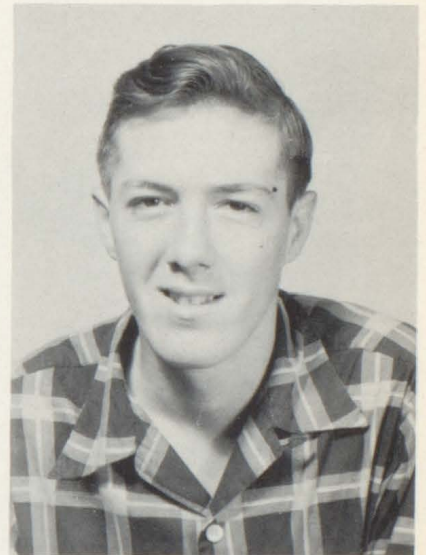
Student Council 4.

Track 3, 4.



BARBARA SILL

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Broadcaster Staff 4; Annual Staff 4; Girls Chorus 4; Chorus 4.

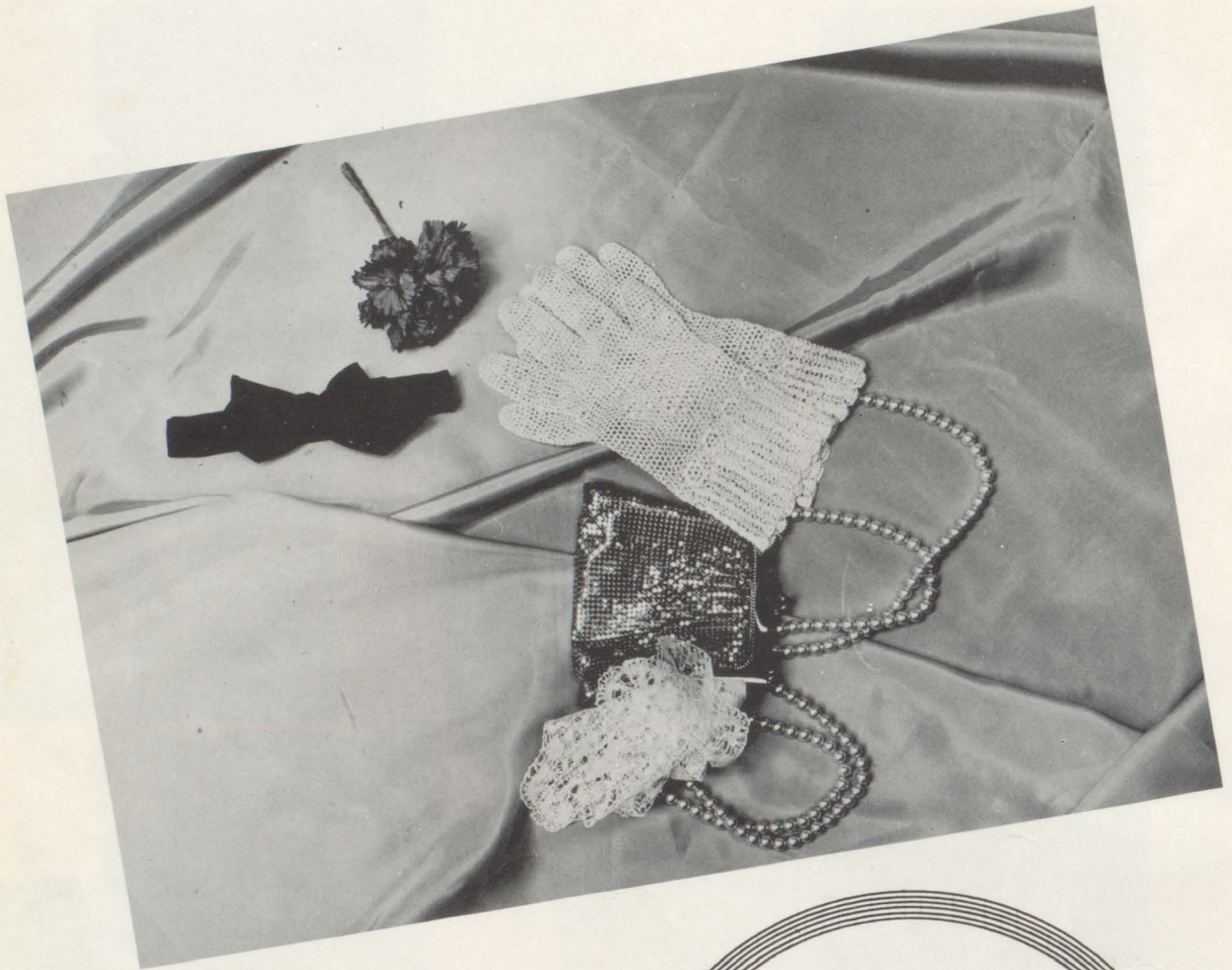


PERRY FABLEY



CARREL MEROLD

F. F. A. 1, 4; F. H. A. 1; Chorus 2, 3, 4; Dance Club 1, 2.



*Juniors*



# Junior Class

President



Vice-Pres.



Secretary

J. Coventry



Treasurer



Nancy  
Tinnea



Marjorie  
McReynolds



Cherie  
Younger



Lewis  
Crane



Wayne  
McReynolds



Joan  
Tohill



Irma Faye  
Bland



Ilene  
Queen



Janet  
Puyear



Gene  
Tohill



Harry  
Bennett



Bill  
Boros



John  
Smith



Paul  
Queen



Jack  
Cutler

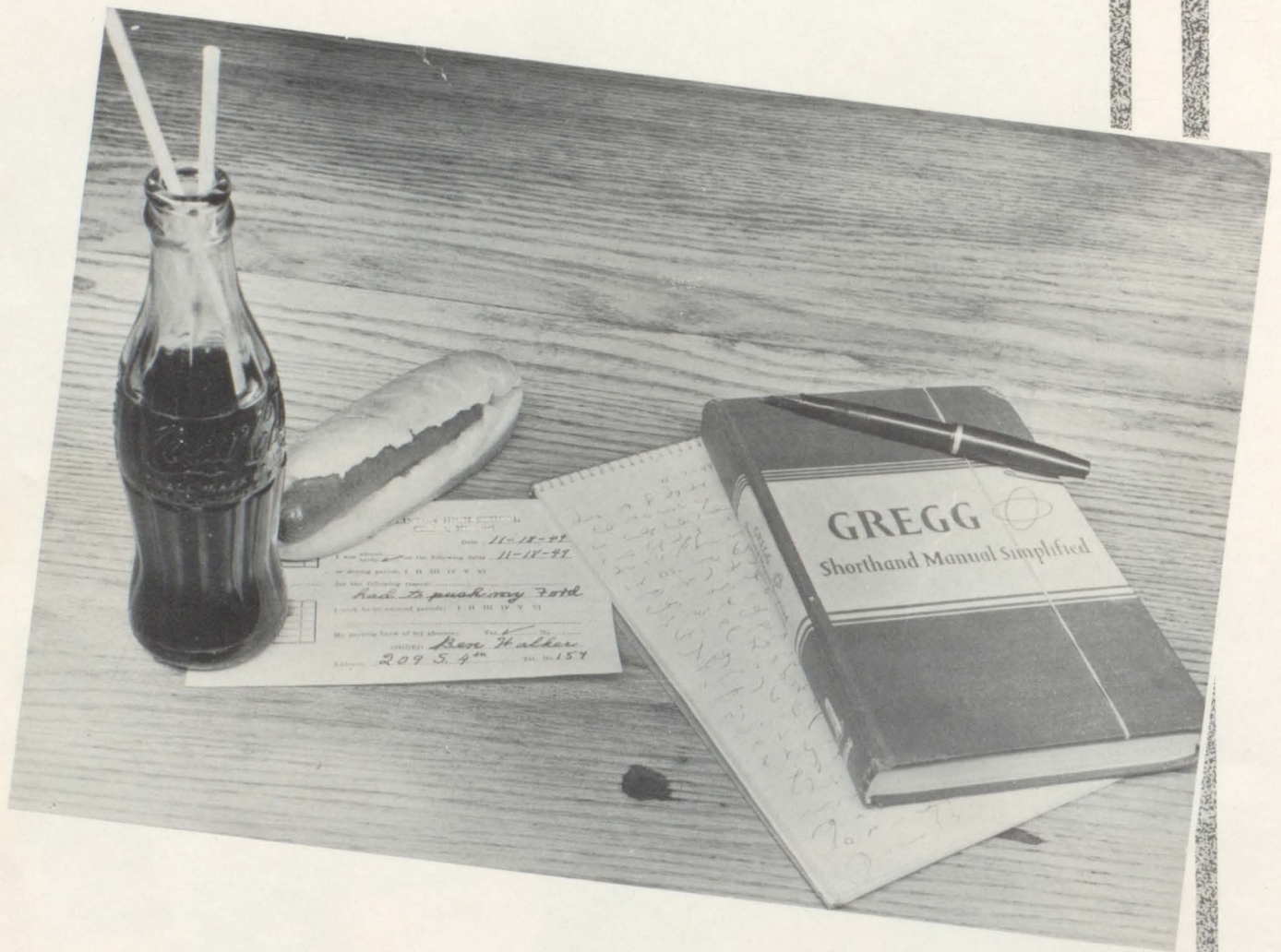


Shirley  
Wheeler

Sharon  
Heckler

Lloyd  
Herendeen

Jerry  
Ward



# Sophomores

# Sophomore Class



Dean  
Puyear



Chester  
Betzer



Kay  
Stocks



Helen  
Brown



Sandra  
McKinney



Arnold  
Mitchell



Doris  
Sutton



Nadine  
Brown



Harriett  
Fabley



Jack  
Brown



Dortha  
Sharp



Janet  
Barns



Nancy  
Pettypool



Don  
Gerkin



Nancy  
Thomas



Eddie  
Stout



Arthur  
McReynolds



Harold  
Hampton



Yvonne  
Tinnea



James  
Gaither



Mary Jo  
Scott



Burl  
Gray



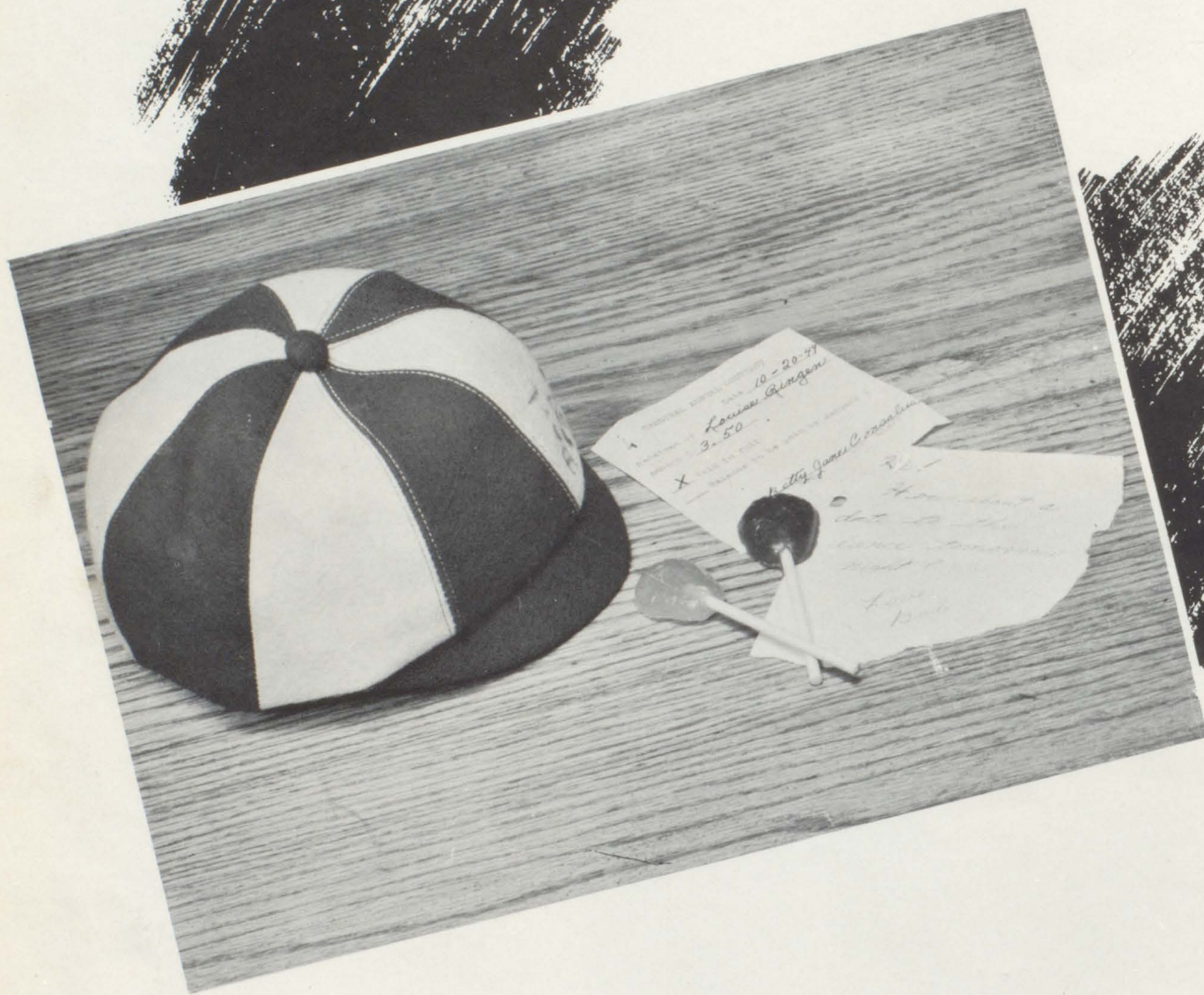
Ann  
Rutherford



James  
Bartimus



Dave  
Jackson



# Freshmen

# Freshman Class

President



Wayne Ward

Vice-Pres.



Diane Shonk

Sec. -Treas.



Jeanne Elder



Eddie Tucker



Mary Twenty



Jenette Armer



Judy Lumsden



David Windell



Howard Brown



Carroll Hall



Phyllis Barnes



T. L. Sheehan



Ronald Crane



Gale Marshall



B. Herendeen



Lois McGee



Sandra Barnes



S. Heckler



Faye Pritts



A. Lillico



A. McDaniels



Jackie Simms



Carolyn Pritts



Gerald Bennett



Larry Farris



Janet Taylor



D. Herendeen



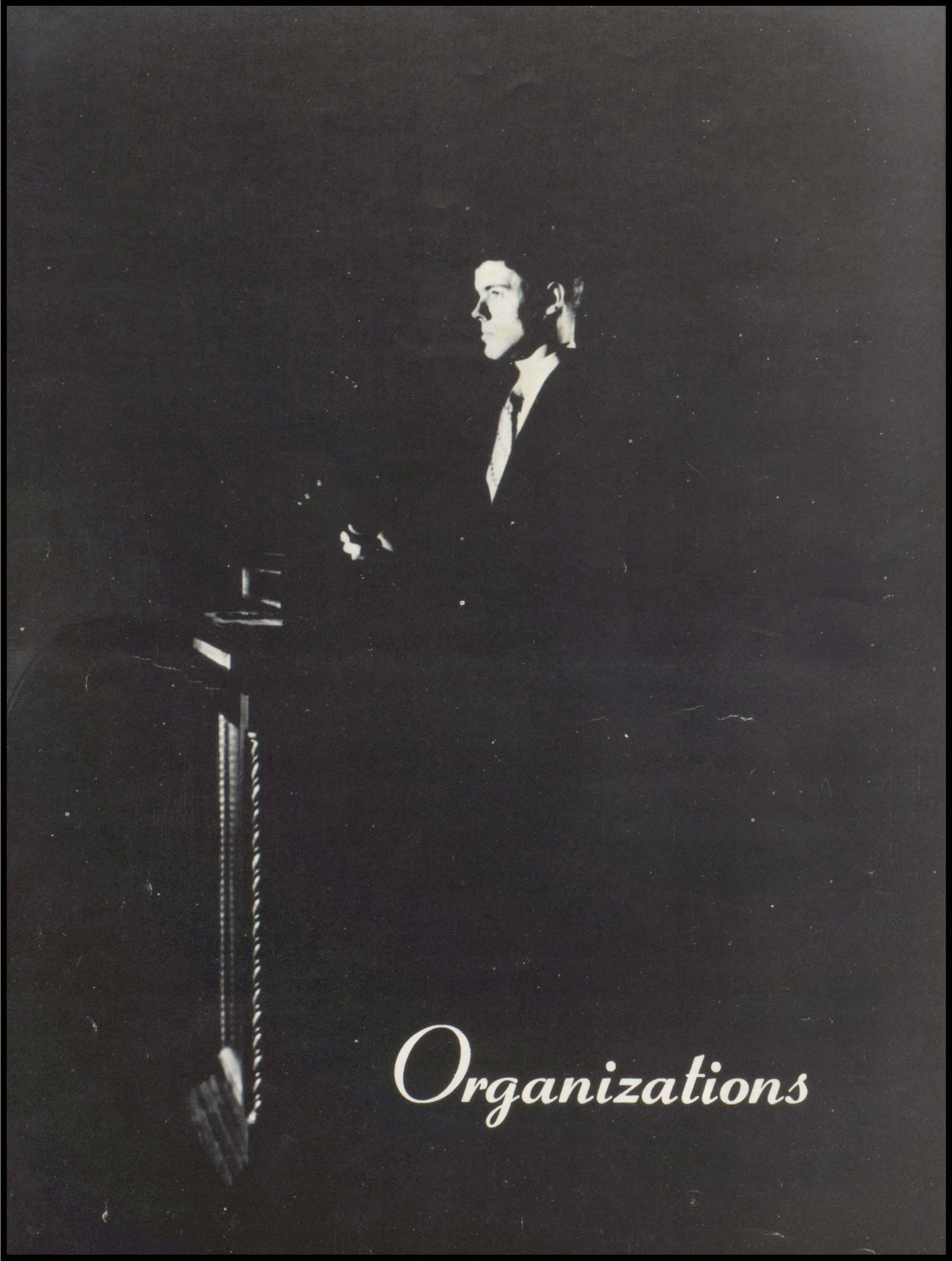
Gene Marshall



Violet Miller



Ronnie Garrett



*Organizations*





FIRST ROW: E. Tucker, T. Sheehan, G. Marshall, L. Goetz, D. Jackson, H. Brown.  
 SECOND ROW: K. Oathout, J. Ward, A. McReynolds, J. Gaither, J. Gaither, G.  
 Marshall. THIRD ROW: E. L. Bosomworth, D. Boyer, W. McReynolds, D. Puyear,  
 R. Bartimus, J. Brown, C. Merold, B. Johnson.

The high light of the year was a trip taken by Jack Brown, Kenny Oathout, Arthur McReynolds, David Jackson, Wayne McReynolds and Mr. Bosomworth. The group attended the National F. F. A. Convention held in Kansas City Mo. where they observed the organization's Silver Anniversary. They stayed in the home town of the ex-president Harry Truman where they saw his home and Mrs. Truman. Dignitaries at the Convention were President Eisenhower, Ezra Taft Benson, and Oveta Culp Hobby. The group visited Mark Twain Memorials on the return trip.

The Chapter held the Parent and Son potluck in October and the Father and Son Banquet in March.

The high greeting card salesmen for the year were Eddie Tucker, Tommy Sheehan, and Jim Gaither.

The Chapter sent Jerry Ward to the F. F. A. Conservation Camp at Lake Villa and also to the State F. F. A. Band.

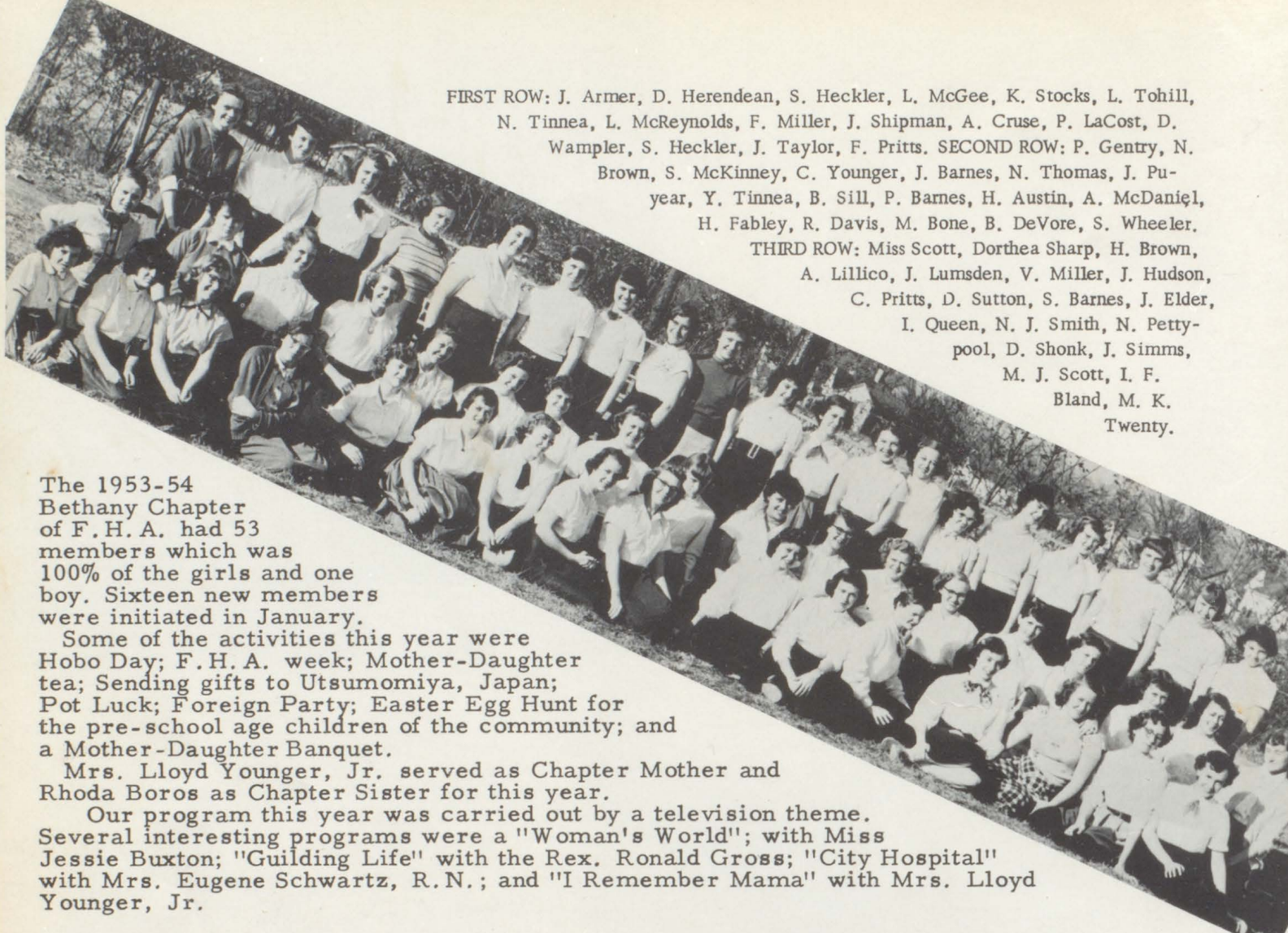
The Section 19 Parliamentary Procedure Contest was held at Bethany in April.

Since the 1953 Annual, Bethany has placed 5th among all the sectional judging teams and Kenny Oathout won the Dairy Production Award.

## *Future Farmers of America*



F. F. A. OFFICERS-LEFT TO RIGHT: Pres., K. Oathout; Vice-Pres., D. Boyer;  
 Sec., B. Johnson; Treas., J. Brown; Rep., W. McReynolds; Sentinel, L.  
 Goetz; Advisor, E. L. Bosomworth.



FIRST ROW: J. Armer, D. Herendean, S. Heckler, L. McGee, K. Stocks, L. Tohill, N. Tinnea, L. McReynolds, F. Miller, J. Shipman, A. Cruse, P. LaCost, D. Wampler, S. Heckler, J. Taylor, F. Pritts. SECOND ROW: P. Gentry, N. Brown, S. McKinney, C. Younger, J. Barnes, N. Thomas, J. Puyear, Y. Tinnea, B. Sill, P. Barnes, H. Austin, A. McDaniel, H. Fabley, R. Davis, M. Bone, B. DeVore, S. Wheeler. THIRD ROW: Miss Scott, Dorthea Sharp, H. Brown, A. Lillico, J. Lumsden, V. Miller, J. Hudson, C. Pritts, D. Sutton, S. Barnes, J. Elder, I. Queen, N. J. Smith, N. Pettypool, D. Shonk, J. Simms, M. J. Scott, I. F. Bland, M. K. Twenty.

The 1953-54 Bethany Chapter of F. H. A. had 53 members which was 100% of the girls and one boy. Sixteen new members were initiated in January.

Some of the activities this year were Hobo Day; F. H. A. week; Mother-Daughter tea; Sending gifts to Utsumomiya, Japan; Pot Luck; Foreign Party; Easter Egg Hunt for the pre-school age children of the community; and a Mother-Daughter Banquet.

Mrs. Lloyd Younger, Jr. served as Chapter Mother and Rhoda Boros as Chapter Sister for this year.

Our program this year was carried out by a television theme. Several interesting programs were a "Woman's World"; with Miss Jessie Buxton; "Guilding Life" with the Rex. Ronald Gross; "City Hospital" with Mrs. Eugene Schwartz, R.N.; and "I Remember Mama" with Mrs. Lloyd Younger, Jr.

## *Future Homemakers of America*



FIRST ROW: Jennie Hudson, Song Leader; I. Queen, Vice President; Patsy LaCost, President; Alberta Cruise, Parliamentarian. SECOND ROW: Dorthea Sharp, Pianist; Marjorie McReynolds, Secretary; Doris Sutton, Reporter; Francene Miller, Treasurer.

# Lettermen's Club



FRONT ROW-LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach Jostes, Dean Puyear, Chester Betzer, Dick Boyer, Bill Boros, Tom Gregory, Floyd Gerkin, Burl Gray, Arnold Mitchell. BACK ROW: Wayne McReynolds, Dale Bland, Buck Bartimus, Jhn Gaither, Johnny Smith, Eddie Stout, Bob Johnson, Harry Bennett, Jerry Ward, Jack Brown.

At the end of the Basketball season the Lettermen's club was 21 members strong.

To earn money for the annual Junior-Senior banquet, we sold refreshments at the Grade School tournament which was played at the High School, sold popcorn alternately at basketball games, and co-sponsored a carnival with the G. A. A.

At the freshman initiation all of the trophies were cleaned and polished.



KNEELING: Tom Gregory, Vice-Pres. ; Bill Boros, President. STANDING: Dick Boyer, Treasurer; Floyd Gerkin, Secretary; Burl Gray, Reporter.

# Broadcaster



STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Guthrie, Mary K. Twenty, Barbara Sill, Jack Cutler, Sandra McKinney, Dick Boyer, Francene Miller, Doris Sutton, Floyd Gerkin, Helen Austin, Burl Gray, Beverly DeVore, Norma J. Smith, Jennie Hudson, Irma Bland. SEATED: Lillian McReynolds, Alberta Cruse, Cherie Younger, Margaret Bone.

# Annual Staff



STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Jarand, Beverly DeVore, Norma J. Smith, John Gaither, Francene Miller, Dale Bland, Marjorie McReynolds, Helen Austin, Kenneth Oathout, Ralph Bartimus, Elaine Wampler, Mr. Davis, Jennie Hudson, Bob Johnson, Floyd Gerkin, Patsy LaCost, Dick Boyer. SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT: Margaret Bone, Lillian McReynolds, Alberta Cruse, Jack Coventry.

# Editors



EDITORS OF 1954 REVERIE:  
Jennie Hudson  
Dick Boyer



EDITORS OF 1953-54 BROADCASTER:  
Alberta Cruse  
Jennie Hudson

# National Honor Society



SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Margret Bone, Sharon Heckler, Doris Wampler, Alberta Cruse, Patsy LaCost, Kay Stocks, Jennie Hudson, STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Lovell, Jack Cutler, Jack Brown, Jim Gaither, Dale Bland.

The Student Council is composed of ten members with each class being represented. Officers this year were Dick Boyer, President; Doris Wampler, Vice-President; Nancy Tinnea, Secretary; Marjorie McReynolds, Treasurer; and Jack Cutler, Reporter.

This organization, in addition to its regular duties, sponsored a box special, a talent show, the bundle drive for Korean children, and several assembly programs.

Marjorie McReynolds and Jack Cutler were elected to attend the convention of the Illinois Association of Student Councils in Chicago.

## Student Council



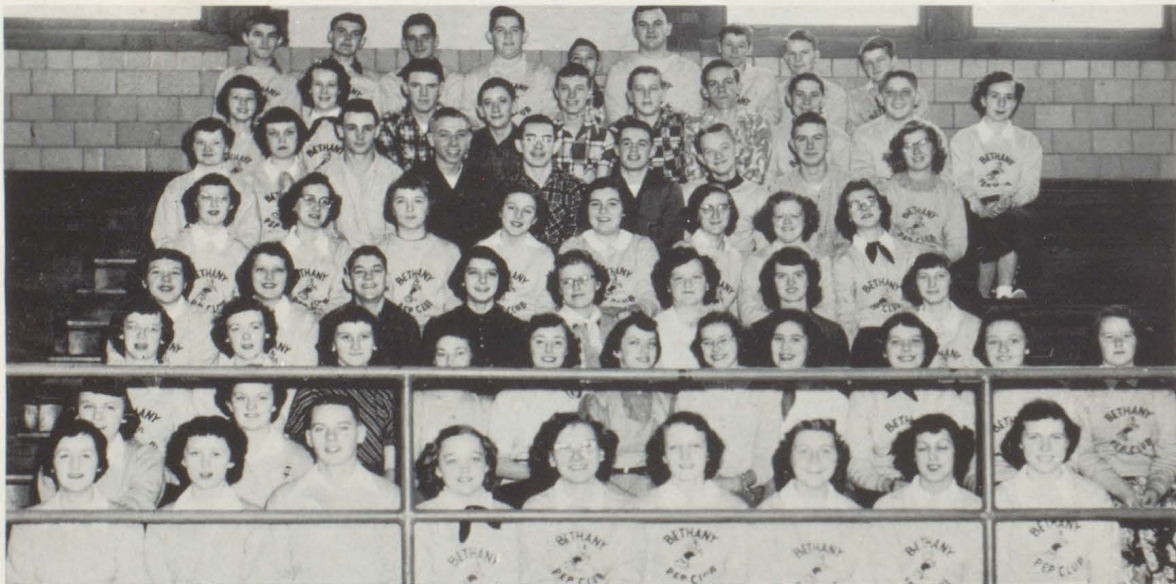
FIRST ROW: Kay Stocks, Jackie Simms, Marjorie McReynolds, Nancy Tinnea. SECOND ROW: Jack Brown, Perry Fabley, Jack Cutler, Elaine Wampler. THIRD ROW: Ronnie Garrett, Dick Boyer.

# Librarians



STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Lillian McReynolds, Mr. Lovell, Jim Bartimus, Sharon Heckler.  
SITTING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sandra Barnes, Anita Lillico, Mary Jo Scott.

# Pep Club



FIRST ROW: J. Tohill, I. Bland, M. Bone, J. Puyear, G. Tohill, N. Smith, K. Stocks, H. Brown, F. Miller, B. DeVore, V. Miller. SECOND ROW: D. Sharp, N. Tinnea, S. Wheeler, A. Cruse, D. Wampler, M. McReynolds, S. McKinney, D. Shonk, M. Scott, D. Sutton, S. Heckler. THIRD ROW: I. Queen, C. Younger, D. Jackson, S. Barnes, A. McDaniels, N. Brown, A. Rutherford, N. Thomas. FOURTH ROW: J. Simms, J. Taylor, Y. Tinnea, J. Barnes, J. Lumsden, C. Pritts, H. Austin, P. Barnes. FIFTH ROW: P. LaCost, J. Hudson, D. Boyer, J. Smith, B. Boros, D. Puyear, B. Gray, J. Gaither, S. Heckler. SIXTH ROW: M. Twenty, L. McReynolds, E. Stout, R. Crane, C. Betzer, J. Cutler, W. Ward, H. Bennett, D. Gerkin, F. Pritts. SEVENTH ROW: L. Herendeen, C. Hall, J. Ward, F. Gerkin, A. Mitchell, B. Johnson, K. Oathout, J. Bartimus, B. Herendeen.

# G.A.A.



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: L. McReynolds, C. Younger, F. Miller, N. Tinnea, J. Lumsden, H. Brown, K. Stocks, V. Miller, D. Sutton, J. Hudson, M. Scott, D. Sharp, S. Barnes, P. Barnes, N. Smith, B. Devore, M. Twenty, S. McKinney, A. Rutherford. SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: A. Cruse, J. Simms, S. Wheeler, J. Taylor, S. Heckler, S. Heckler, F. Pritts, J. Elder, P. LaCost, N. Thomas, Y. Tinnea, Mrs. Campbell, J. Tohill, I. Queen, J. Puyear, M. Bone, I. Bland, N. Brown, A. McDaniels, A. Lillico, D. Shonk, J. Barnes, N. Pettypool.

Forty-four girls participated in the Girls' Athletic Association this year. Officers were Francene Miller, president; Janet Puyear, vice-president; Helen Jane Brown, secretary; Beverly DeVore, treasurer; and Irma Faye Bland, reporter. When Beverly DeVore left school, Cherie Younger was selected to continue as treasurer.

Just before Christmas twelve freshmen were initiated in a candlelight ceremony following a pot luck supper to which the mothers were invited.

Activities for the year included hiking, soccer, volleyball, swimming, basketball, softball, badminton and deck tennis.

Cherie Younger and Dorotha Sharp were elected to attend the G. A. A. Camp at East Bay this summer.

## G.A.A. Officers

LEFT TO RIGHT: B. Devore, Treasurer; J. Puyear, Vice-President; H. Brown, Secretary; I. Bland, Reporter; F. Miller, President; Mrs. Campbell, Advisor.









Scrapbook

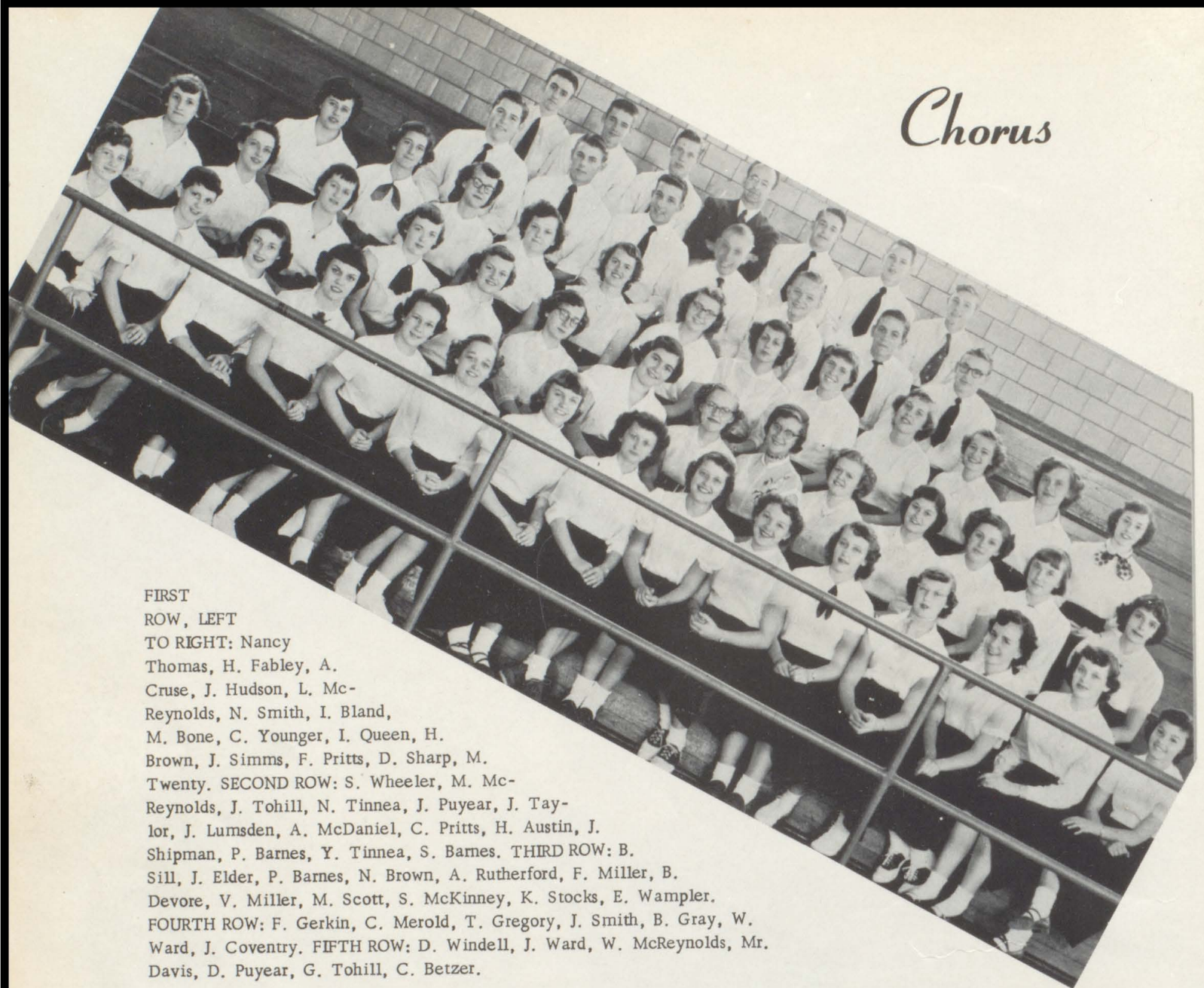
Decorate & create

November 2, 1955

THE REAL FAMILY

# ACTIVITIES

# Chorus

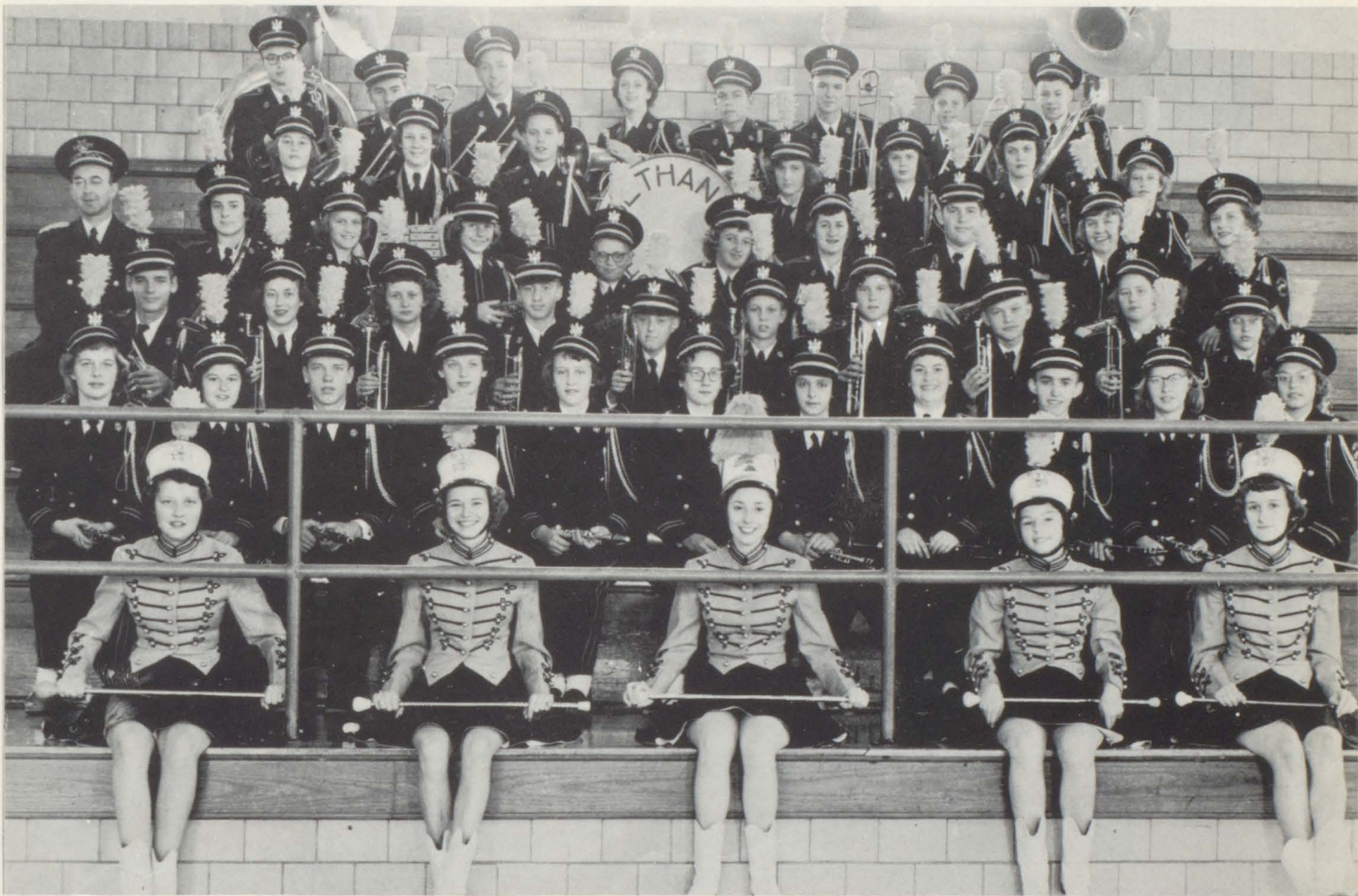


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## District Music Contests

Jack Coventry . . . . .	Vocal Solo-Superior
Jerry Ward . . . . .	French Horn Solo-Superior
Lillian McReynolds . . . . .	Marimba Solo-Superior
Shirley Wheeler, Cherie Younger . . . . .	Baton Ensemble-Superior
Alberta Cruse, Jennie Hudson, Kay Stocks, Mary J. Scott, Jerry Ward, Jack Coventry . . . . .	Mixed Sextet-Superior
Norma J. Smith . . . . .	Vocal Solo-Excellent
Jerry Ward . . . . .	Vocal Solo-Excellent
Jack Coventry . . . . .	Bass Horn Solo-Excellent
Alberta Cruse, Jennie Hudson, Nancy Tinnea, Mary J. Scott . . . . .	Girls Quartet-Excellent
Mary J. Scott, Dorotha Sharp, Kay Stocks . . . . .	Clarinet Trio-Excellent

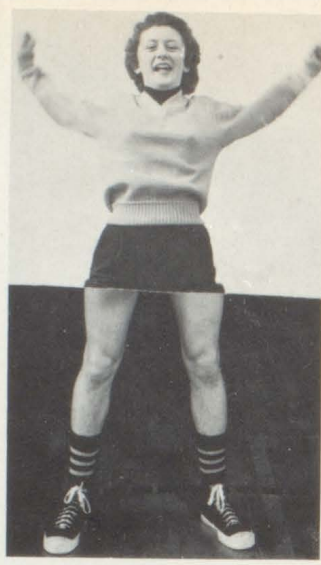
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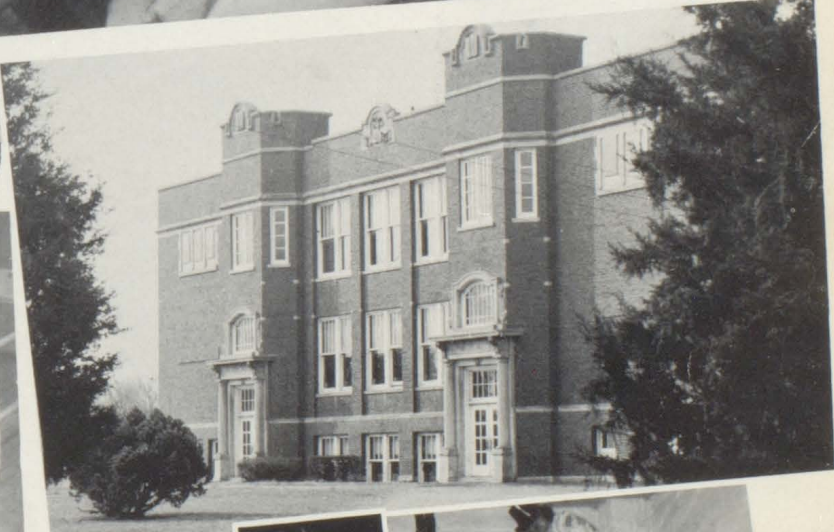


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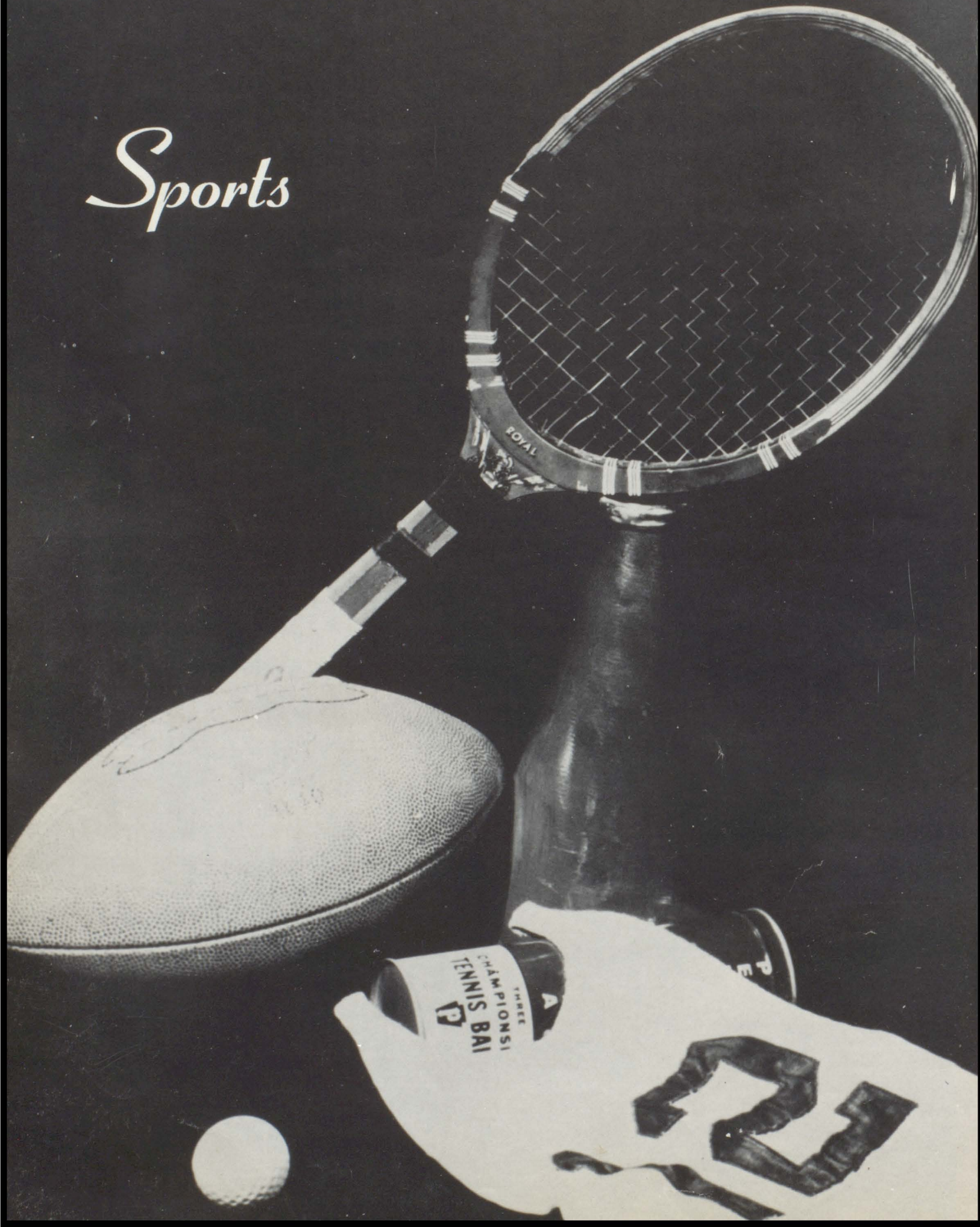


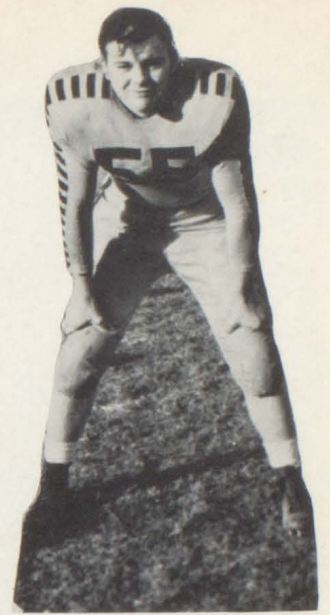
LEFT TO RIGHT: Cherie Younger, Mary Kay Twenty, Doris Wampler, Sandra McKinney, Shirley Wheeler.





# *Sports*





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Football*



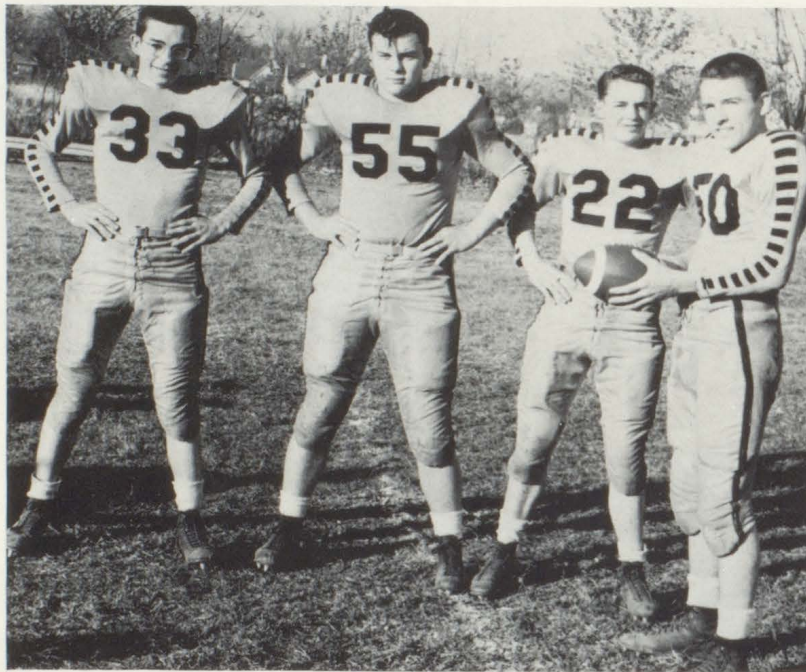
*1953*

*Champions*



# Conference Champions

## Backfield



LEFT TO RIGHT: Bill Boros, Right Half; Bob Johnson, Fullback; Dean Puyear, Left Half; Dale Bland, Quarterback.

### FOOTBALL SCORES

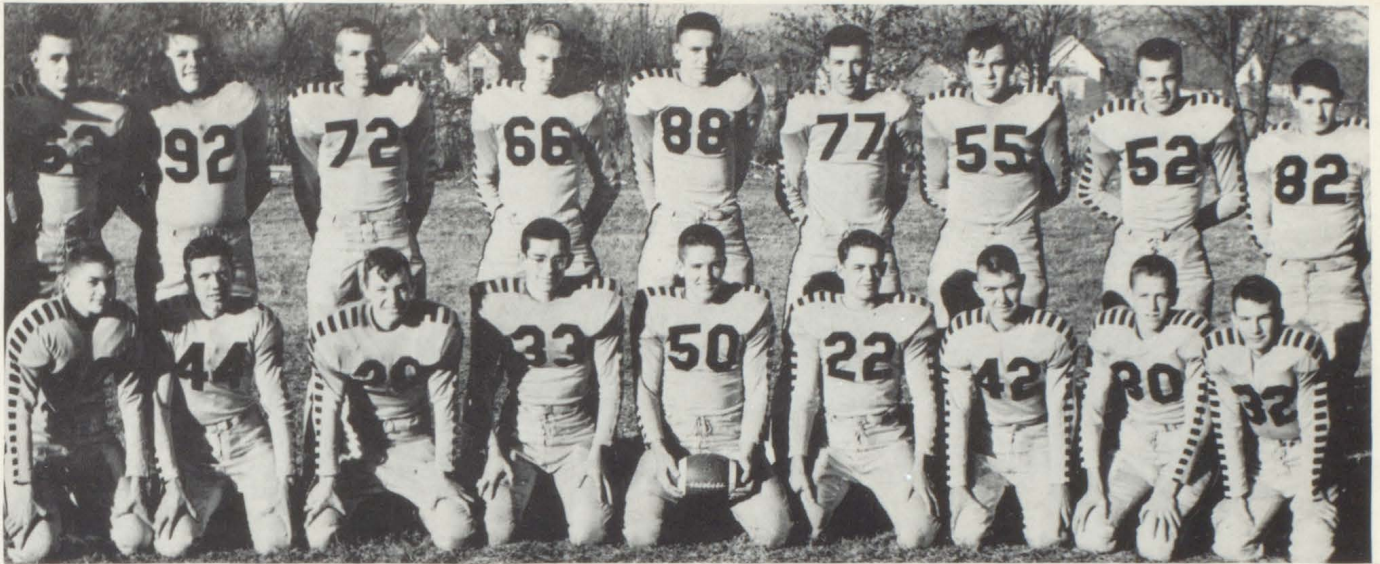
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Bethany 21	Mt. Zion 13
Bethany 42	Maroa 0
Bethany 27	Arthur 26

SEASON RECORD  
8 WON 1 LOST



LEFT TO RIGHT: Janet Puyear, Joan Tohill, Gene Tohill, Dolly Bone, Irma Bland.





KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dave Jackson, Wayne McReynolds, Chester Betzer, Bill Boros, Dale Bland, Dean Puyar, Jim Gaither, Jack Cutler, Jim Bartimus. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dick Boyer, Floyd Gerkin, John Gaither, Johnny Smith, Eddie Stout, Tom Gregory, Bob Johnson, Buck Bartinus, Harry Bennett.



## Seniors



Coach  
Jostes

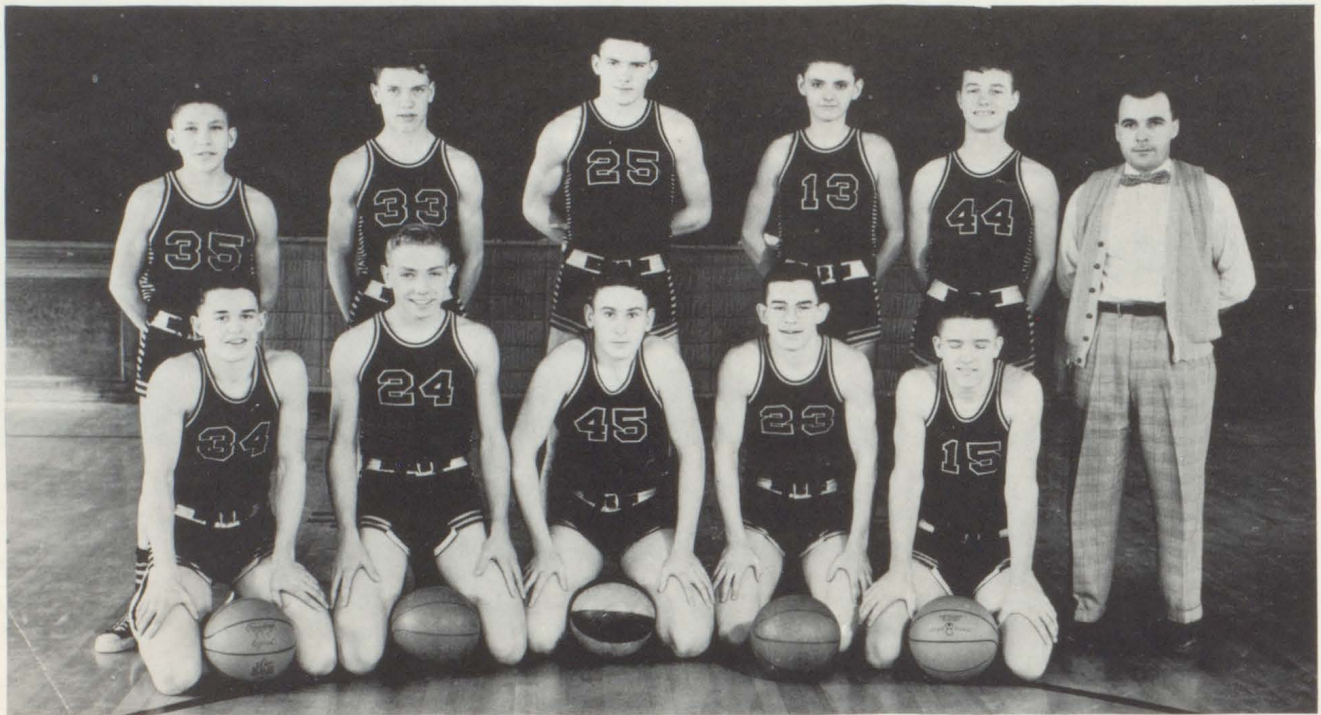


KNEELING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Dick Boyer, Buck Bartinus, Dale Bland. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Floyd Gerkin, Bob Johnson, Tom Gregory, John Gaither.



Assistant  
Coach  
Jennings

# Varsity



LEFT TO RIGHT, KNEELING: Dean Puyear, Johnny Smith, Paul Guen, Bill Boros, Dale Bland. STANDING: Dean Mitchell, Wayne McReynolds, Eddie Stout, Ronnie Garrett, Chester Betzer. ABSENT FROM PICTURE: Tom Gregory, Coach Jostes.

# Junior Varsity



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mgr. Ronnie Crane, Dean Mitchell, Chester Betzer, Ronnie Garrett, Eddie Stout, Wayne Ward, Wayne McReynolds, Harold Hampton, Mgr. Don Gerkin.







Homer . . . . . Dick Boyer  
 Paw . . . . . Bob Johnson  
 Maw . . . . . Jennie Hudson  
 Sarah Jo . . . . . Norma Jean Smith  
 Gracie May . . . . . Beverly DeVore  
 Widow Blairhouse . . . . . L. McReynolds  
 Slim . . . . . Ralph Bartimus  
 Bertha . . . . . Alberta Cruse  
 Melissa . . . . . Elaine Wampler  
 Hortense . . . . . Helen Austin  
 Isabel . . . . . Francene Miller  
 Grandpappy . . . . . Floyd Gerkin  
 Pepper . . . . . Kenneth Oathout  
 Sis . . . . . Joyce Shipman  
 Fanny Jane . . . . . Patsy LaCost

## HEADIN' FOR A WEDDIN'

### SENIOR CLASS PLAY

### JUNIOR CLASS PLAY



Wilbur Maxwell . . . . . Gene Tohill  
 Hercules Nelson . . . . . Lewis Crane  
 Celeste . . . . . Nancy Tinnea  
 Nina Quigley . . . . . Cherie Younger  
 Frankie . . . . . Joan Tohill  
 Aunt Mary . . . . . Marjorie McReynolds  
 Uncle Bob . . . . . Jerry Ward  
 Granny . . . . . Janet Puyear  
 Mr. Quigley . . . . . Jack Coventry  
 Dr. Brown . . . . . Bill Boros  
 Madeline . . . . . Shirley Wheeler  
 Harry Schuster . . . . . Jack Cutler  
 Daphne . . . . . Ilene Queen  
 Claude . . . . . Wayne McReynolds  
 The helper . . . . . Lloyd Herendeen



## FINDERS CREEPERS

# Awards

## Seniors

Valedictorian . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Salutatorian . . . . .	Jennie Hudson
De Kalb Achievement Award in Agriculture . . . . .	Kenneth Oathout
American History Award . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Social Studies Award . . . . .	Patsy LaCost
Typing Award . . . . .	Norma Jean Smith
Band Award . . . . .	Margaret Bond
General Music Award . . . . .	Jennie Hudson
Science Award . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Mathematics Award . . . . .	Alberta Cruse
Senior Agriculture Awards . . . . .	Bob Johnson
	John Gaither, Kenneth Oathout
Most Valuable Football . . . . .	Dale Bland
Most Valuable Basketball . . . . .	Dale Bland
Most Valuable Track . . . . .	Dick Boyer
State Farmer's Degree . . . . .	Kenneth Oathout

## F.F.A.

Chapter Star Farmer Award:  
Kenneth Oathout  
Sectional and District Dairy  
Production Award: Kenneth Oathout  
Farm Mechanics Award: Wayne McReynolds  
Soil & Water Management Award:  
Gerald Ward  
Chapter Corn Award: John Gaither  
Chapter Swine Award: Robert Johnson  
Member of State F. F. A. Band:  
Gerald Ward  
Most Active F. F. A. Members  
receiving chenille letter:  
Gerald Ward  
Eddie Tucker  
Kenneth Oathout  
Jack Brown  
Dave Jackson

## J.H.A.

Junior Homemaking Degrees:  
Janet Armor  
Phyllis Barnes  
Shirley Heckler  
Diane Herendeen  
Anita Lillico  
Judith Lumsden  
Arletta McDaniel  
Lois McGee  
Violet Miller  
Carolyn Pritts  
Faye Pritts  
Diane Shonk  
Jackie Sims  
Janet Taylor  
Mary K. Twenty

Activities Award:  
Jennie Judson  
Nadine Brown  
Francene Miller  
Norma Jean Smith  
Pat LaCost  
Sandra McKinney  
Yvonne Tinnea  
Helen Brown  
Alberta Cruse  
Lillian McReynolds  
Joyce Shipman

## Typing

30 Words per minute  
Tom Gregory  
Marjorie McReynolds  
Janet Puyear  
Johnny Smith  
Gene Tohill  
Irma Faye Bland  
Jack Cutler  
Wayne McReynolds  
Joan Tohill

40 words per minute:  
Harry Bennett  
Bill Boros  
Jack Coventry  
Perry Fabley  
Shirley Wheeler  
Cherie Younger  
Ilene Queen

Filing Award  
Dolly Bone  
Alberta Cruse  
Norma Jean Smith

## G.A.A.

Second State:  
Dolly Bone  
Jennie Hudson

First State:  
Irma Bland  
Sharon Heckler  
Janet Puyear  
Joan Tohill  
Cherie Younger  
Francene Miller

Second Local  
Janet Barnes  
Helen Jane Brown  
Nadine Brown  
Sandra McKinney  
Anne Rutherford  
Mary Jo Scott  
Dorotha Sharp  
Doris Sutton  
Nancy Lee Thomas  
Ilene Queen  
Shirley Wheeler  
Alberta Cruse  
Norma Jean Smith

First Local  
Sandra Barnes  
Shirley Heckler  
Judy Lumsden  
Faye Pritts  
Violet Miller  
Jackie Sims  
Janet Taylor  
Mary Kay Twenty

## THE HEADLINES OF 1974

Well here we are in the year of 1974, and we are visiting in the great Capital of the United States, Washington D. C., with the President, and her family this year. Yes, this is the first year for a woman president, and I bet you can't guess who it is? Yes, it is our faithful president of the Senior Class of Bethany High in 1954, Doris Wampler. Although it isn't Wampler any more. It is Mrs. Johnny Smith. Doris gets to pick her own people she wants to serve under her, and so you can guess who the Vice-President is, can't you.

Hey, look who just walked in the door, the Secretary of the Navy, and his family. And do you know who his wife looks like, well it is----Beverly DeVore. It looks like they are getting ready to sail their own boat. They have just about got their own crew, all dressed in sailor suits.

Bev. was talking about some of our old classmates that are in the Navy. She said that great Romeo, Tom Gregory, is the Admiral of a big boat. He has a girl in every port, I guess, except one in Calcutta where his wife is.

Bev. said she was talking to him the other day and he had just kicked two of our classmates off the boat, Kenny Oathout and Bob Johnson. He said they were getting a little rough and wouldn't do what they were told. They always were that way.

Tom said he found Patsy LaCost on his boat the other day as he was headed for Siberia. She said she was running away from her seventh husband. She said she was going to see if she could find one who already didn't have over twenty wives.

The butler has just come into announce dinner, and who do you think he is? Perry Fabley. He says he has been working at the White House ever since he got out of school.

Well we have to leave our friends now and head back for home. We called a taxi to take us out to the airport, and who should be driving it, but that car crazy kid, John Gaither. He and Nancy have been living in Washington quite some time now. He said he has only had 20 wrecks so far with his cab. (He has only been driving it 2 weeks). He said he saw Bob McGee the other day. I guess he is quite a business man.

Do you know who we met out at the airport. Lillian McReynolds. It guess it is Smith now, though. She said Joe was piloting the plane that we were on. It is their own little private enterprize.

Lillian said she saw Alberta and Joyce the other day. They are both still single, and are in business at Sullivan together.

Barbara Sill is running a beauty salon in Decatur. She gets a lot of business, I guess. Helen Austin helps her when she has time. She is a traveling saleswoman for some big firm. I guess she really makes the dough. Somebody had better latch on to her.

Francene Miller is married to a rich farmer. They live on a farm, and Lillian said they are raising a big herd----of children that is.

As we look out our airplane window now we see the horse ranch of Carrel Merold's. I think his ground only covers 30,000 acres. They have a big fine house, but Pat doesn't have to take care of it by herself. Sonny Goetz was Carrel's foreman, but he got to staying out too late at night, so Carrel had to get rid of him. We hear Jim Ward is his foreman now. You had better be careful Jim. We would hate to lose two of our old classmates.

Well here we are landing at Bethany's big airport, and whom do you think we see, Jennie Hudson and her husband Jack, and their four children. Jennie said they are living in Mattoon, but they were going to Paris for a couple of months. The plumbing business must be good.

Jennie said she saw Dolly Bone yesterday. She is married to John Carnes and they live in California. They have two pairs of the cutest twins.

### THE HEADLINES OF 1974 (Continued)

Well the plane is ready to take off so we will wave good-bye to Jennie and Lillian and go get something to eat. This place looks familiar, so we will go in here. Why it is the curve, and look who is running it. Floyd Gerkin. He had to keep the business going, on every curve in Illinois. Do you know who Floyd's chief cook is? "Buck" Bartimus. He sure is a good cook too. He would make some girl a nice husband, if they could ever catch him to marry him.

Floyd told us that Dale Bland has taken over the John Deere Implement Company, and is doing quite well at it. He is happily married and is raising a big family.

Dick Boyer has taken over V-Roy's job in Bethany, and is doing right well at it, Floyd said. He travels all over the world, and he has a bigger fan club than some movie star.

Well I guess that just about takes care of the Senior Class of 1954. Sorry to leave but I must get home to my ten boys and Tom. We have turned Dunn Station into a regular little town.

### THE SENIOR CLASS WILL

Lyle Goetz, a fair-haired lad, who gives the impression of being bad, leaves his daily trip to Brown's to Howard Brown.

Pat LaCost, though short she may be, leaves to Doris Sutton her ruling hand.

Tom Gregory, better known as "Tom Cat," wills his ways with the women to anyone who can take them from him.

Doris Wampler, a nurse in profession, leaves Johnnie to any girl providing of their confession.

Dick Boyer, the magician of our class, leaves his talents to any lad or lass.

Joyce Shipman, a clarinet fan, leaves to Jeanette Armor her place in the great Bethany Band.

Bob Johnson wills his helpful and loud voice to anyone who is willing to aid the next year's cheering crowd.

Beverly DeVore, our first June bride, takes a great pride in willing her garter to the first one who desires to use it.

To Gene Tohill, Bob McGee leaves his quiet ways. By all means, take heed!

Francene Miller wills her quiet, wistful ways, "while she's at school," to her sister Violet, which she hopes will help her.

Kenny Oathout leaves his Jersey cow to Jennings to decrease his grocery bill. He also leaves Janet Taylor to whom it may concern.

Helen Austin leaves her ability to dodge the "mumps" to any lucky underclassman who hasn't had them yet.

Dale Bland, an athlete he is, leaves to Butch Bennett his place on the football squad.

Margaret Bone, who we call Dolly, leaves her cheerleading and her band suit to Shirley Heckler, a sophomore to be.

John Gaither leaves his ability to "skip" school to Jim Gaither so he can make use of it.

Ralph "Buck" Bartimus, will never be seen in a bus, 'cause his little green Ford he will have with him always, but he says he will give to his brother the parts that are left.

Lillian McReynolds, she leaves to Bethany High, a path she has worn to the little brick school house just across the lawn.

Floyd Gerkin, a root beer stand he has; but be as it may, he leaves only his haint's and his ain'ts to anyone who thinks they could use them.



Norma Jean Smith, with a hearty laugh, leaves her cheery ways to Jeanne Elder, an oncoming sophomore.

Jim Ward, a gent he may be, leaves Eddie Tucker to Jack Brown to make sure that Eddie doesn't get unruly.

Jennie Hudson, a hard working student, leaves all of her toils and troubles to any oncoming senior.

Alberta Cruse, our singing voice, leaves her ability to sing on pitch to Nancy Pettypool so she can take Alberta's place next year in chorus.

To anyone on Lula's bus, goes Perry Fabley's way to keep Tommy Sheehan in line. Barbara Sill leaves her beauty parlor experience to anyone who can make good use of it.

Carrel Merold, a horse lover he is, leaves to Lewis Crane an open road so that he may go riding some day.

### THE SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

We stumbled into the territory of B. T. H. S. and listed thirty-six into "The Hall of Fame" in the fall of 1950. We became "famous people" on September 18, when we were initiated. Our first leaders were President Margaret Bond, Vice-President Beverly Tinnea DeVore, Secretary Bernard Jackson, Treasurer Garnet Lillico, and Reporter Hudson Ekiss. Mr. Mahan was the sponsor of our class.

As "Silly Sophomores" we brought 36 members back. In the last semester Barbara Jones entered making 37, the largest class in school. Our leaders this year were President Dick Boyer, Vice President Hudson Ekiss, Secretary-Treasurer Dale Bland. We elected Mr. Kasal as our Sponsor.

As "Jolly Juniors" we lost ten of our famous people to the outside world. During our junior year Kenny Keown moved to Farmer City. A great tragedy met us in February 14, 1953, when a fatal accident took our classmate, Hudson Ekiss. Our leaders this year were President Dick Boyer, Vice-President Doris Wampler, Secretary Jennie Hudson, Treasurer Dale Bland, and Reporter Alberta Cruse. Our sponsors this year were Mr. Davis and Mr. Jennings. Our Junior Play "Our Miss Brooks" was directed by Miss Lucas. We gave a Prom for the Seniors May 9, at Scovill's Country Club in Decatur.

The "Sophisticated Seniors" started their last year with 25 members, having gained Perry Fabley and losing Eileen Marshall. Our leaders this year were President Doris Wampler, Vice-President Dick Boyer, Secretary Patsy LaCost, Treasurer Floyd Gerkin, and Reporter Alberta Cruse. Our sponsors this year were Mr. Davis and Mr. Jarrand. Our Senior Play, "Headin' For A Weddin' " was directed by Mr. Lovell. A very nice Prom was given us by the juniors at Kempers Country Club in Decatur on May 1. Our Baccalaureate service was May 23, and our Graduation Exercises, May 28. The following are the students who spent their 12 school years together: Kenny Oathout, Jenny Hudson, Carrel Merold, Beverly DeVore, Dale Bland, Margaret Bone, Norma Jean Smith, and Jim Ward. Our names are now put up in "fame" in the "hall." We ended our session with a trip to Chicago to see the sights.

We wish to thank all of the teachers and other classmates who have helped us during all of our school years. We wish especially to thank the teachers who have been our class sponsors, and have endured with us the many things that we have done. We hope the classes to come will have as much fun as we have had in our school years.

# Junior-Senior Prom





STANDING: Kenny Oathout, Jennie Hudson, Carrel Merold, Beverly DeVore, Dale Bland, Dolly Bone. SEATED: Norma Jean Smith and Jim Ward.

## Personality Poll

	BOY	GIRL
Most helpful to underclassmen . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Jennie Hudson
Best all-round . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Dolly Bone
Most Talented . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Jennie Hudson
Best Athletes . . . . .	Dale Bland . . . . .	Dolly Bone
Wittiest . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Beverly DeVore
Best Looking . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Dolly Bone
Best Dancers . . . . .	Tom Gregory . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Most Studious . . . . .	Dale Bland . . . . .	Jennie Hudson
Best Dressed . . . . .	Dale Bland . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Best Leaders . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Best Personality . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Dolly Bone
Most likely to succeed . . . . .	Dale Bland . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Most likely to be missed . . . . .	Dick Boyer . . . . .	Dolly Bone
Sleepiest . . . . .	Carrel Merold . . . . .	Barbara Sill

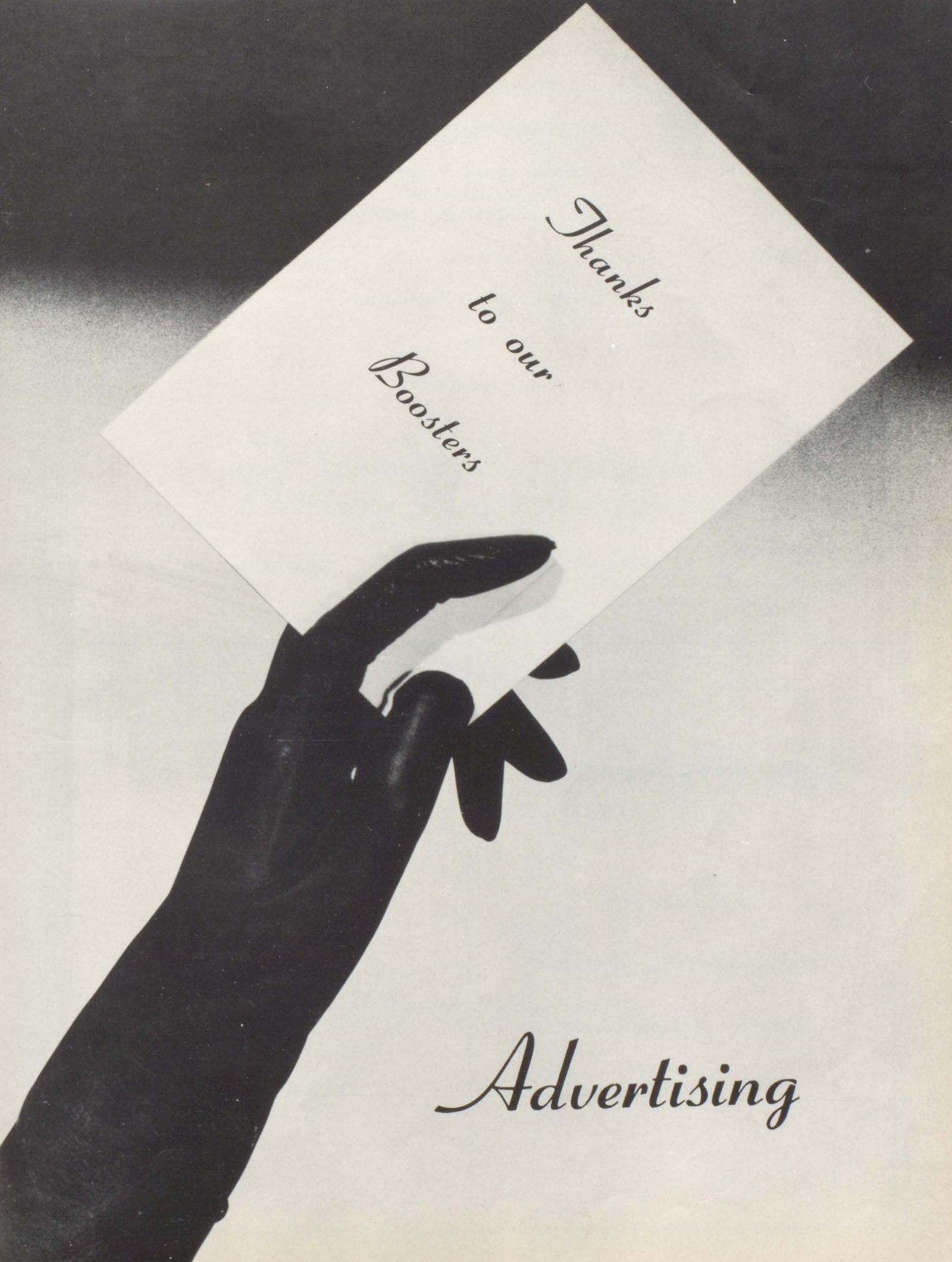
# Commencement



## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM Friday, May 28, 1954 -- 8:00 P. M.

Processional . . . . .	Dorotha Sharp
Invocation . . . . .	Rev. Ronald Gross
Vocal Sextet . . . . .	Jack Coventry, Alberta Cruse, Jennie Hudson Mary Jo Scott, Kay Stocks, Jerry Ward, Dorotha Sharp, -Accompanist
Introduction of Speaker . . . . .	W. L. Garrison
Address . . . . .	Dr. J. W. Carrington
Presentation of Diplomas . . . . .	W. L. Garrison
Benediction . . . . .	Rev. Benjamin J. Kelly
Recessional . . . . .	Dorotha Sharp
Honor Graduates	
Class Valedictorian . . . . .	Doris Wampler
Class Salutatorian . . . . .	Jennie Hudson
Class Colors . . . . .	Blue and White
Class Flower . . . . .	Red Roses
Class Motto . . . . .	No man can rise above that at which he aims.



A black silhouette of a hand holding a white card. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant, with the index and middle fingers gripping the bottom edge of the card. The card is tilted upwards and to the right. The background is a light, neutral color.

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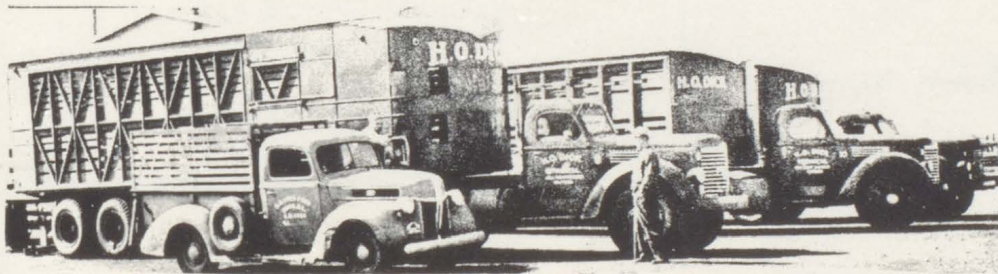
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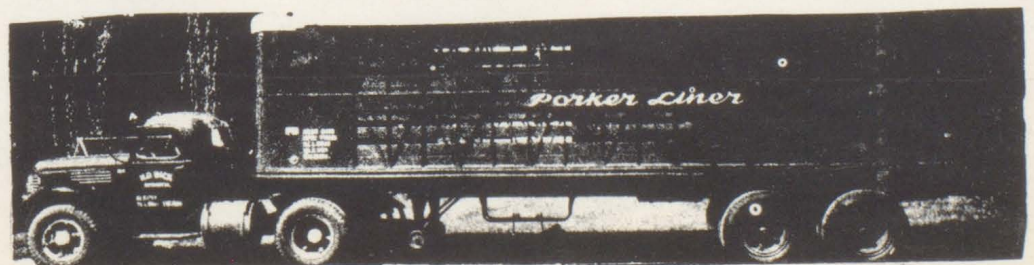
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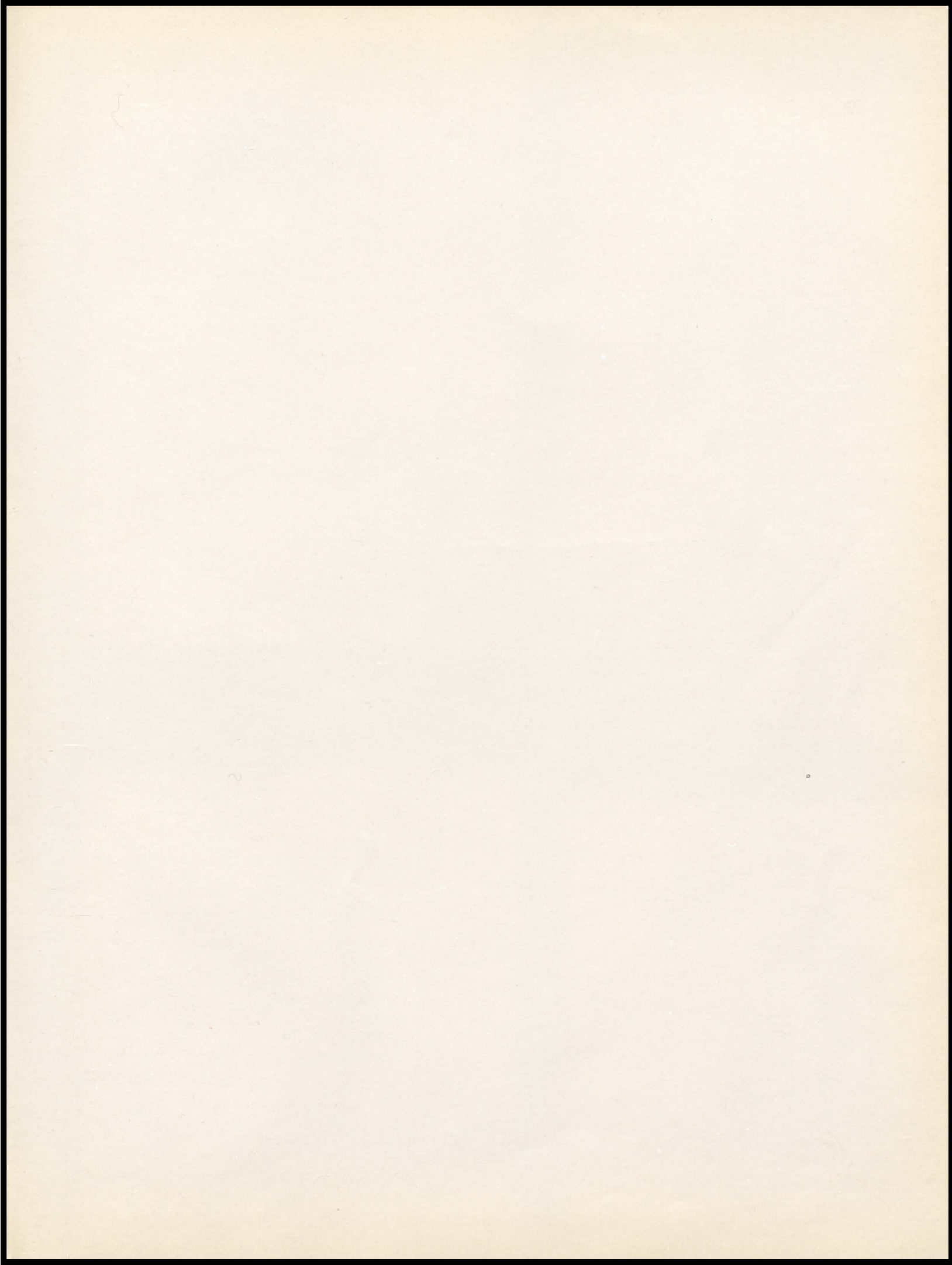
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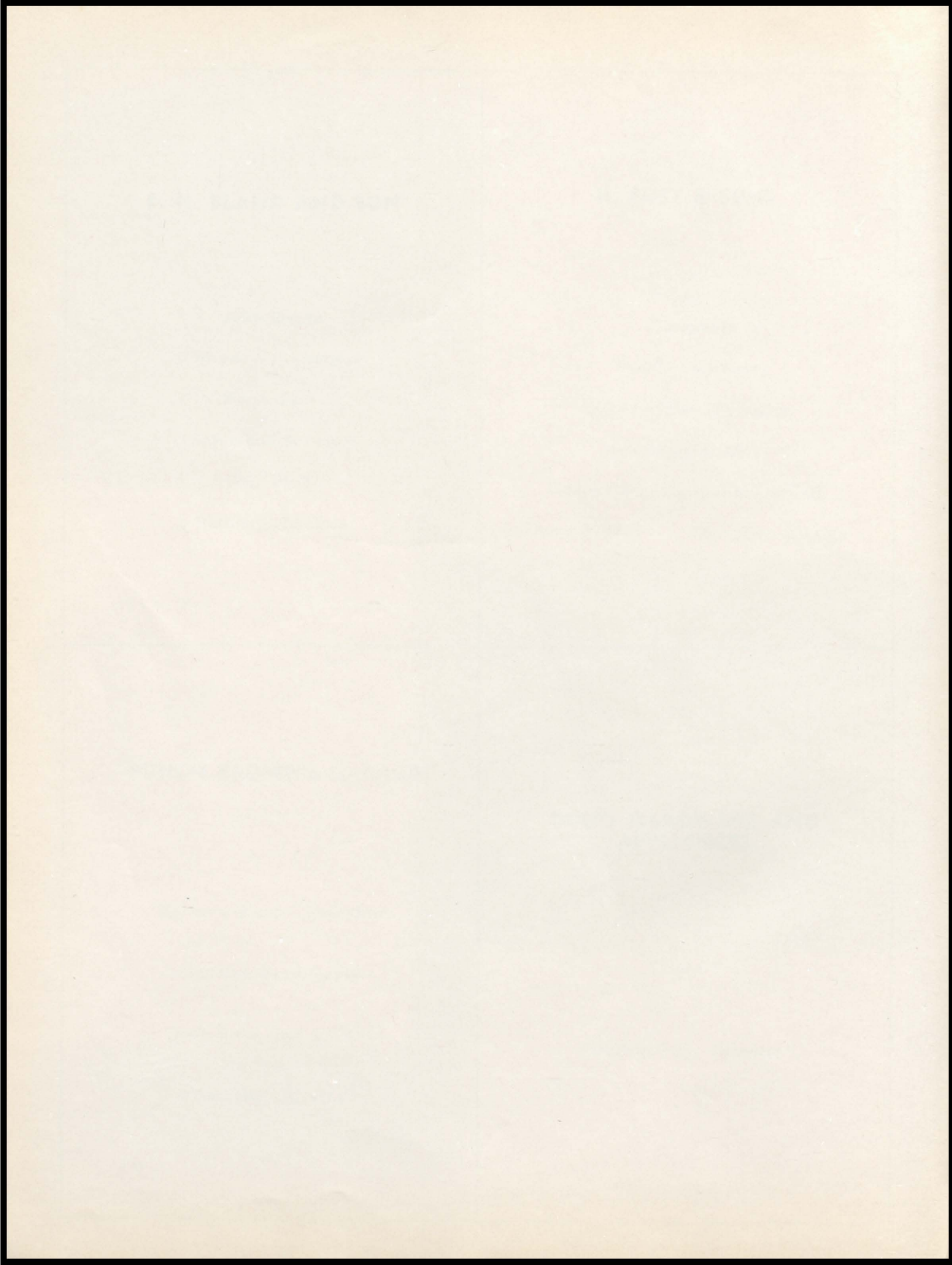
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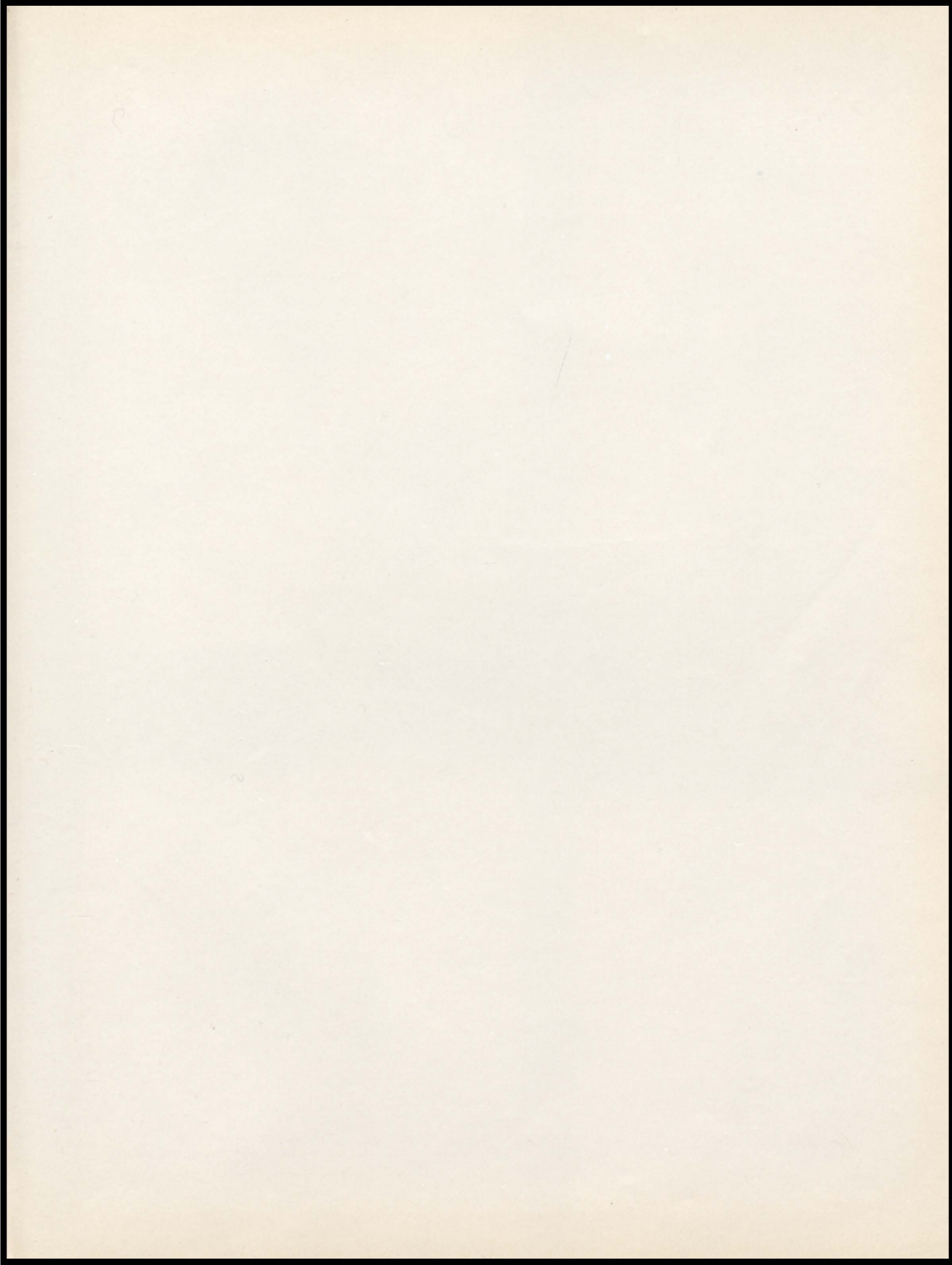
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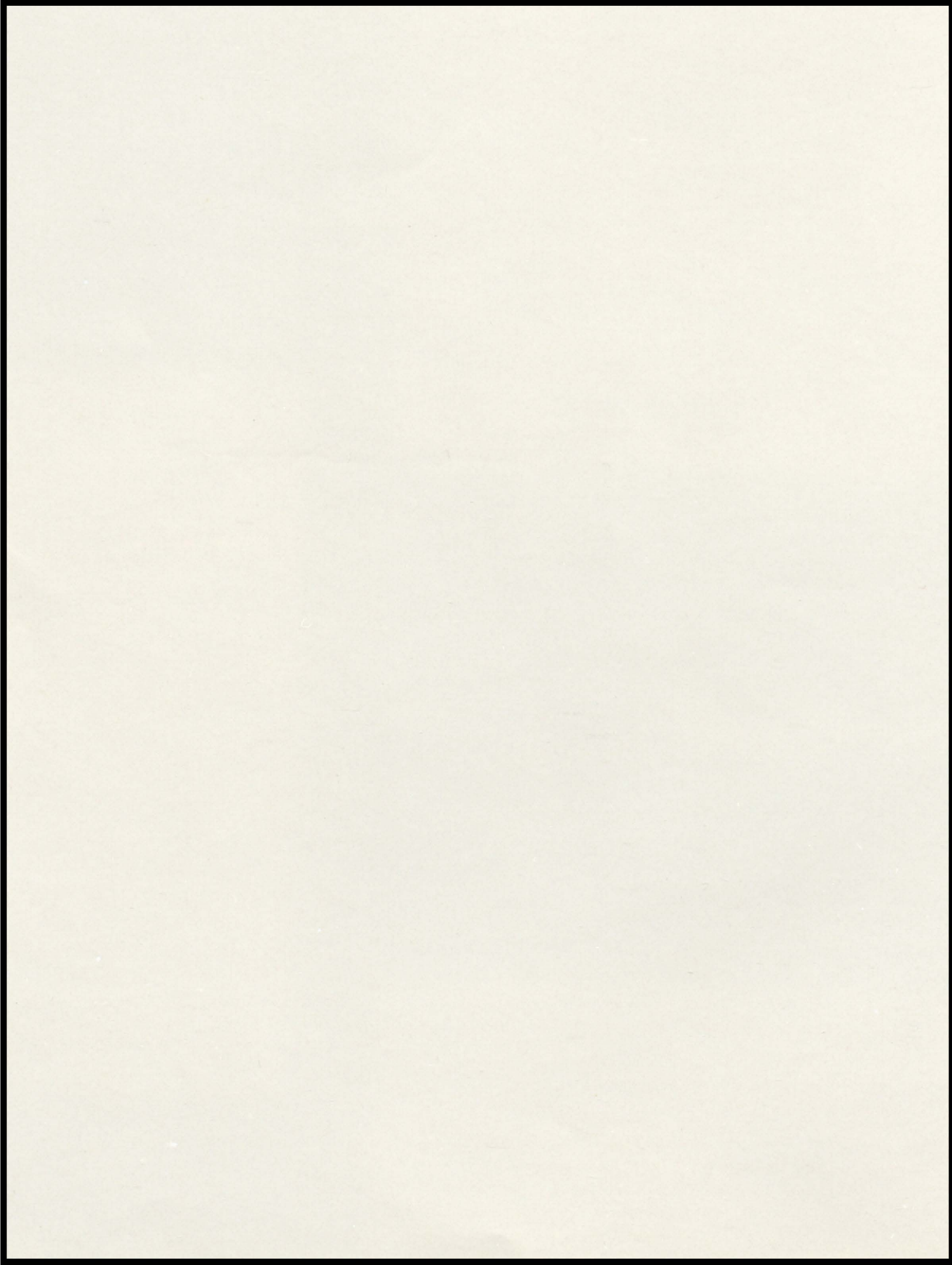
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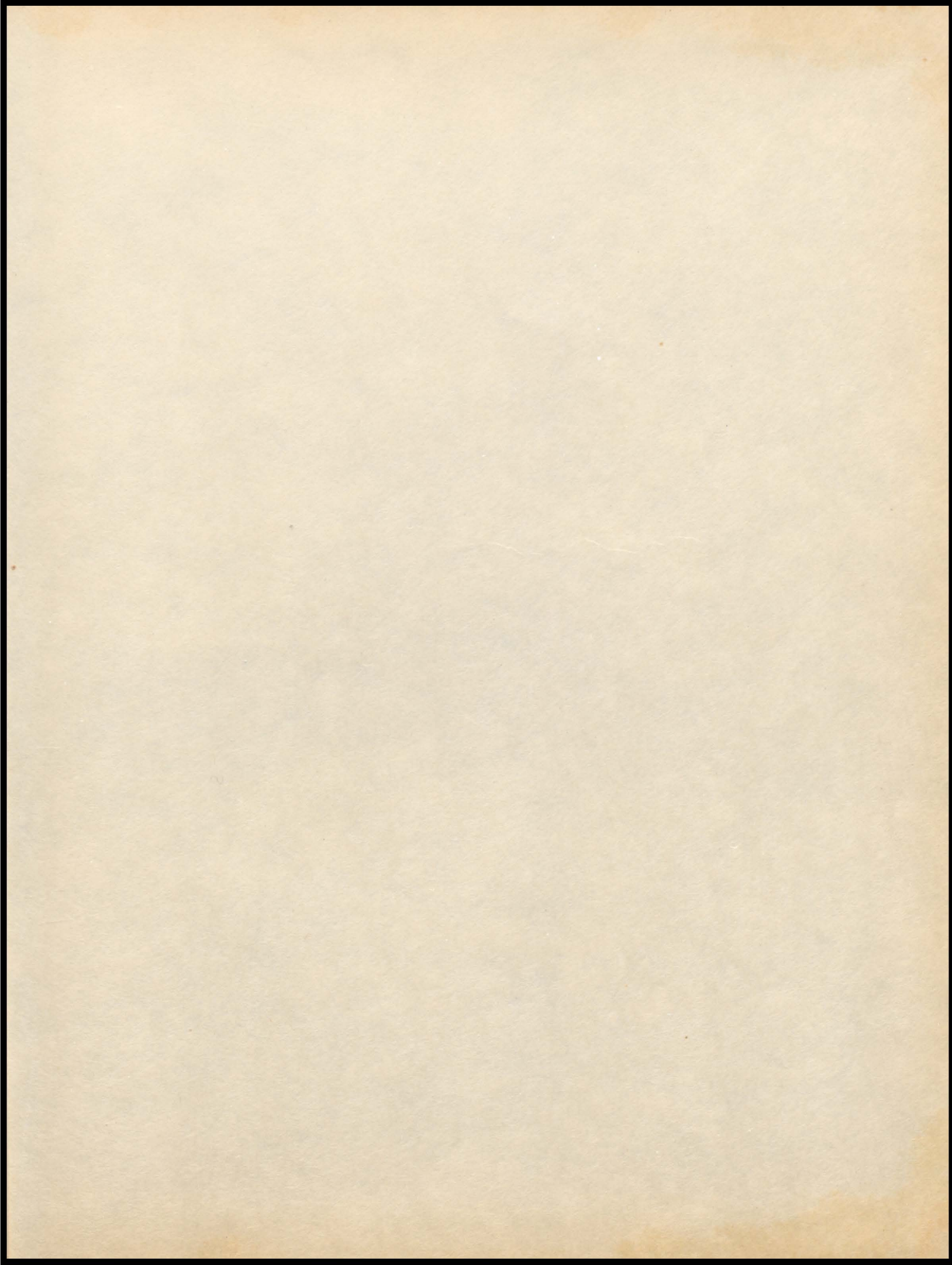


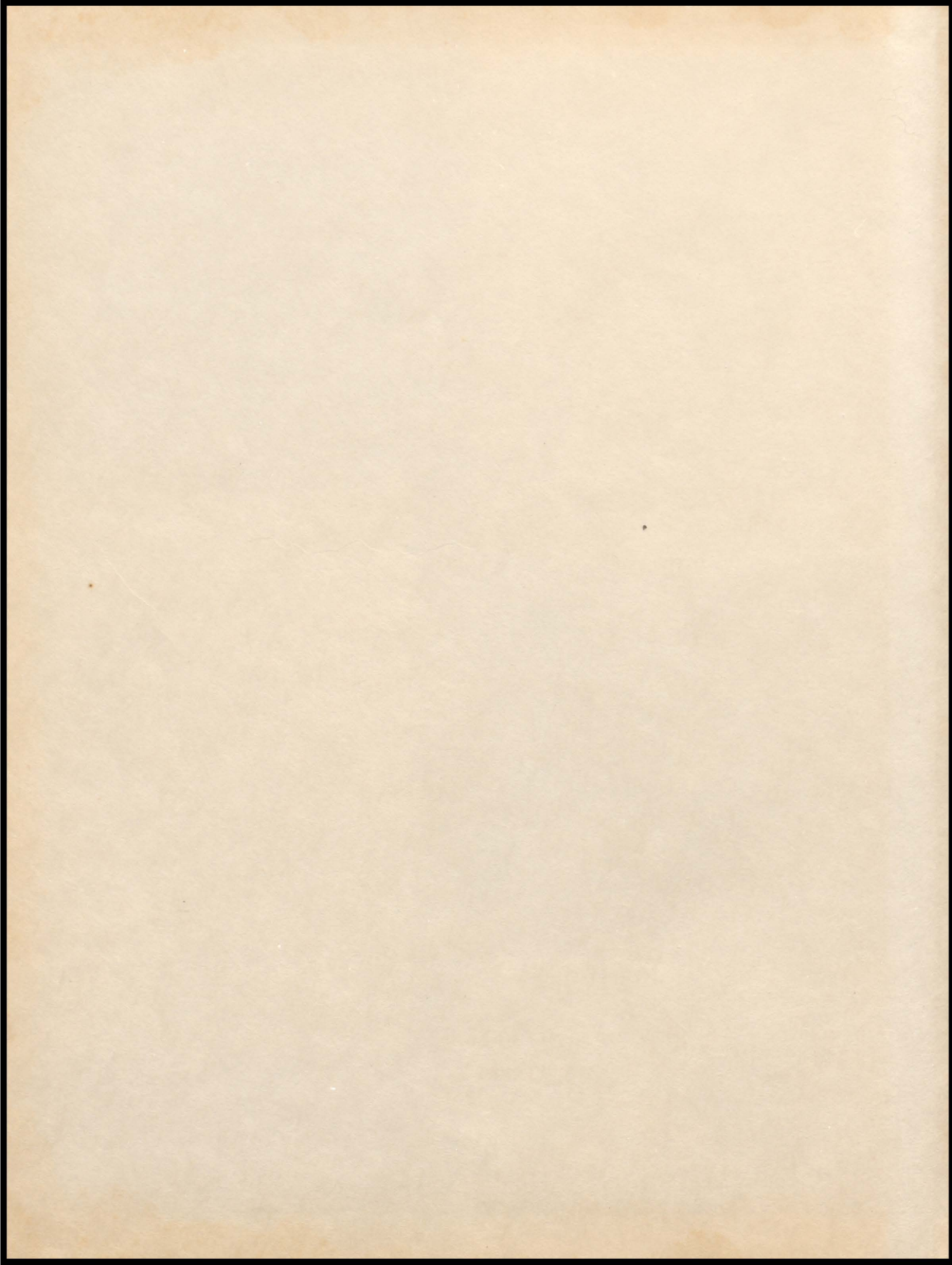












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