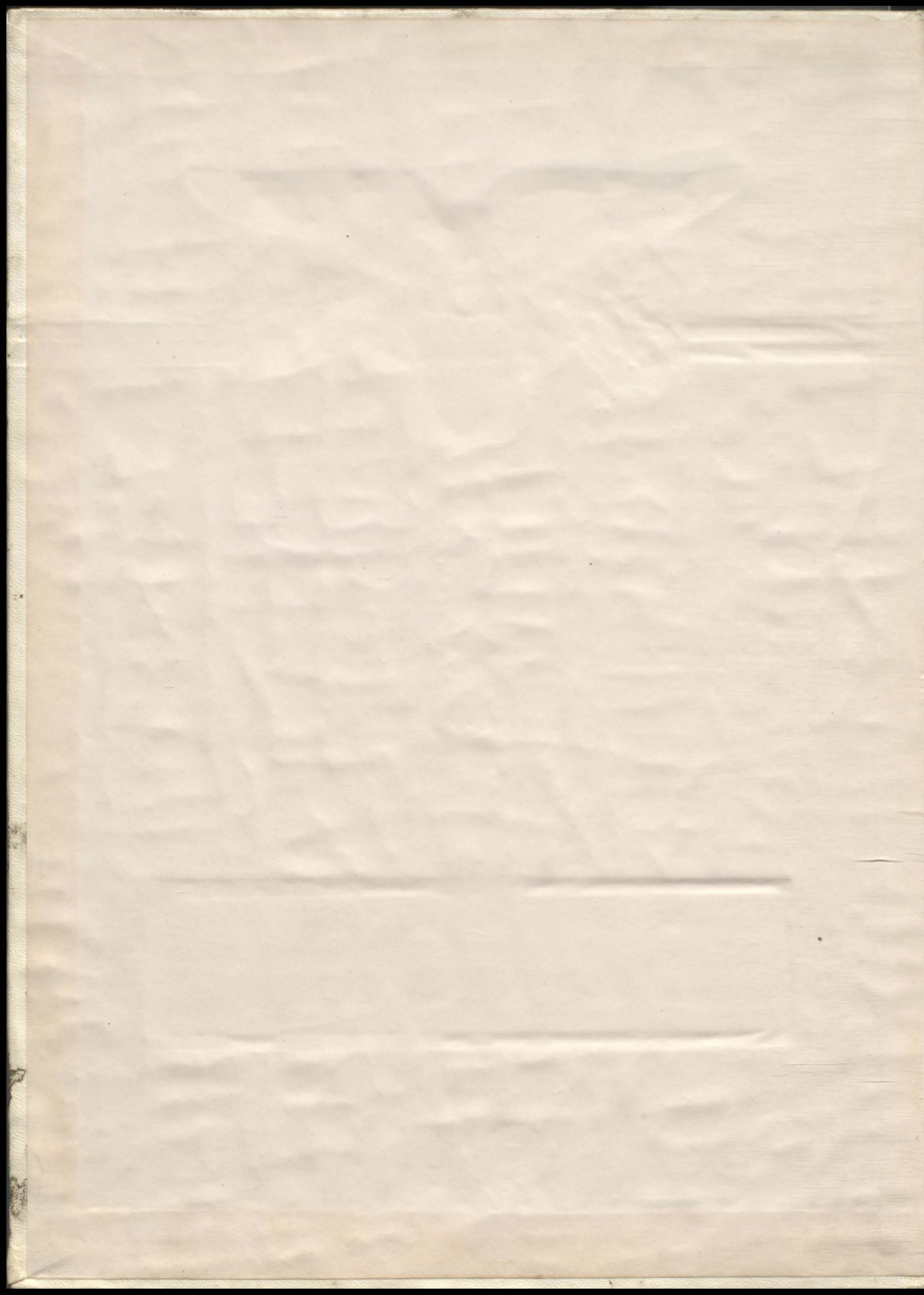
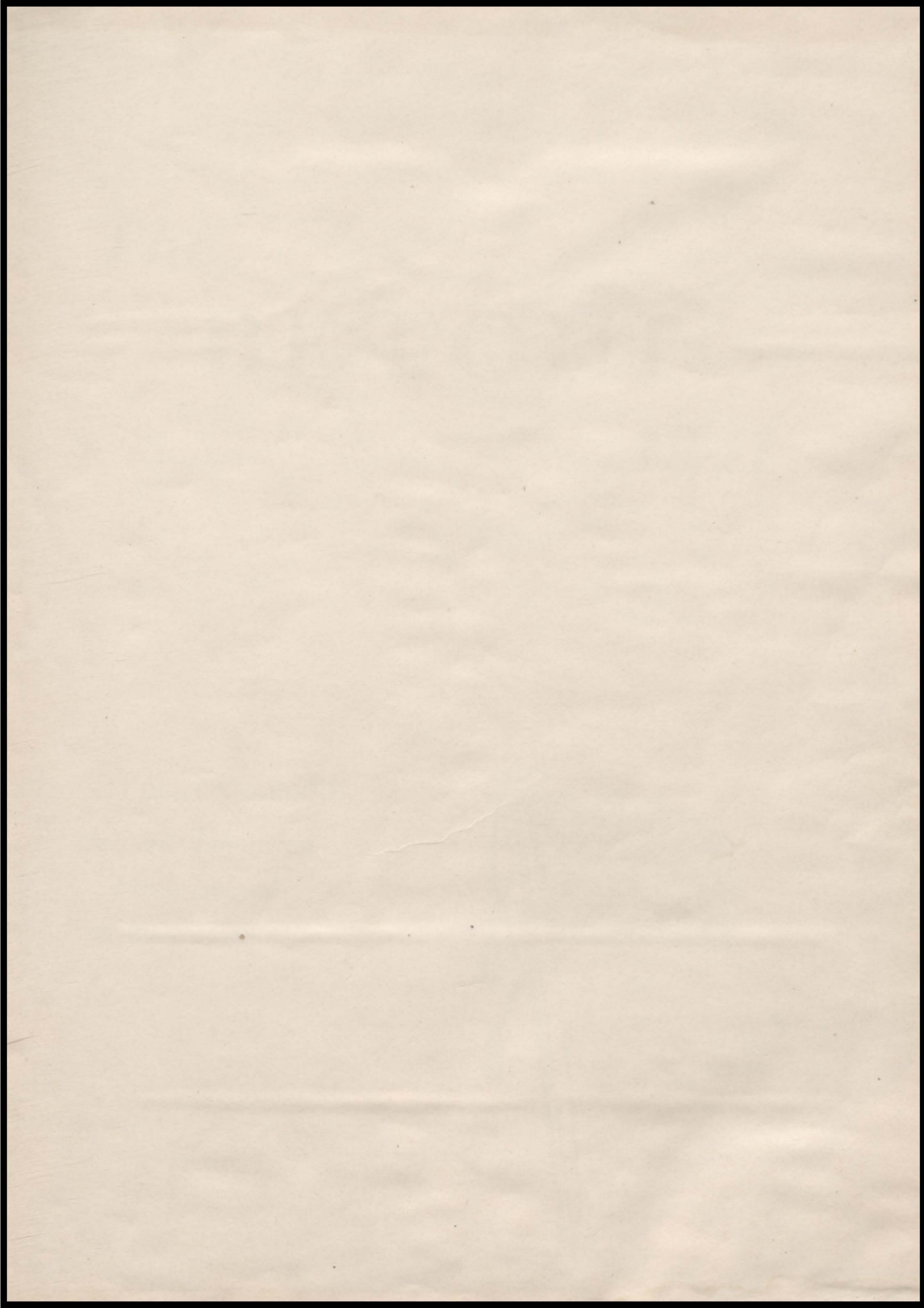


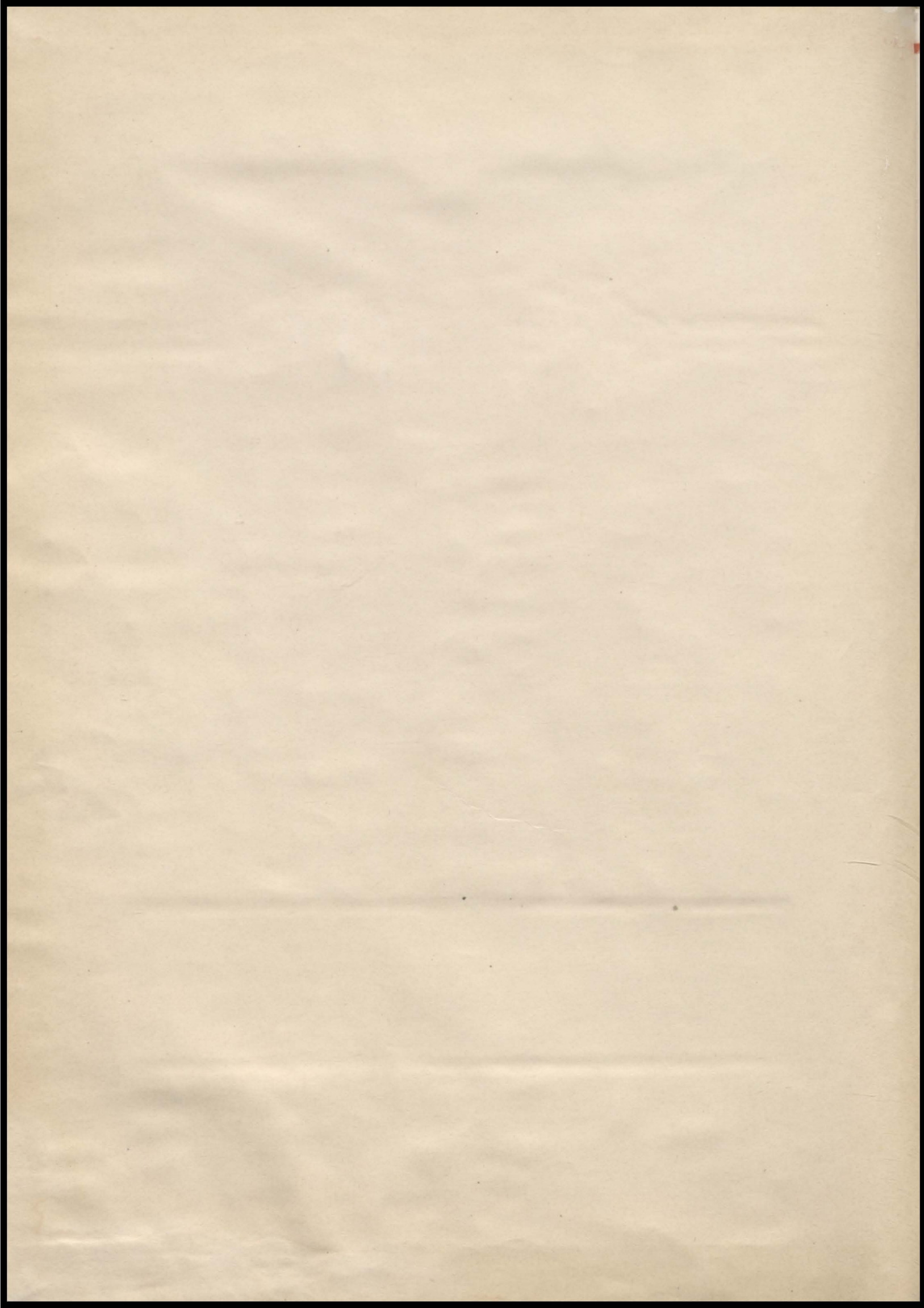


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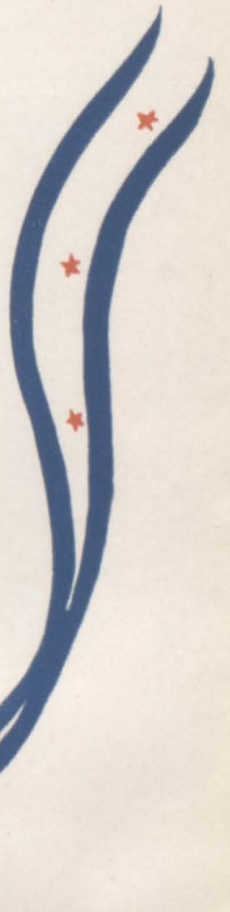
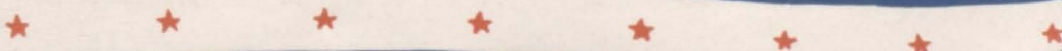
I am proud to be an American because the American purpose, born of brotherly love and human equality, is to serve; not to rule. This idea is expressed in our homes, our churches, and our representative democracy. America serves me; I serve America; and, through her, I serve the world. There is pride in service.

—Susanne Taflinger.



FOREWORD

Willmott said: "Education is the apprenticeship of life." In America, school is more than a place for teaching facts. It is a preparation for the social and professional duties of a citizen in a democracy. The foundation of such a government is the education of all its people. We hope to show in our Annual a year in B.T.H.S., a school conceived for making men and women.

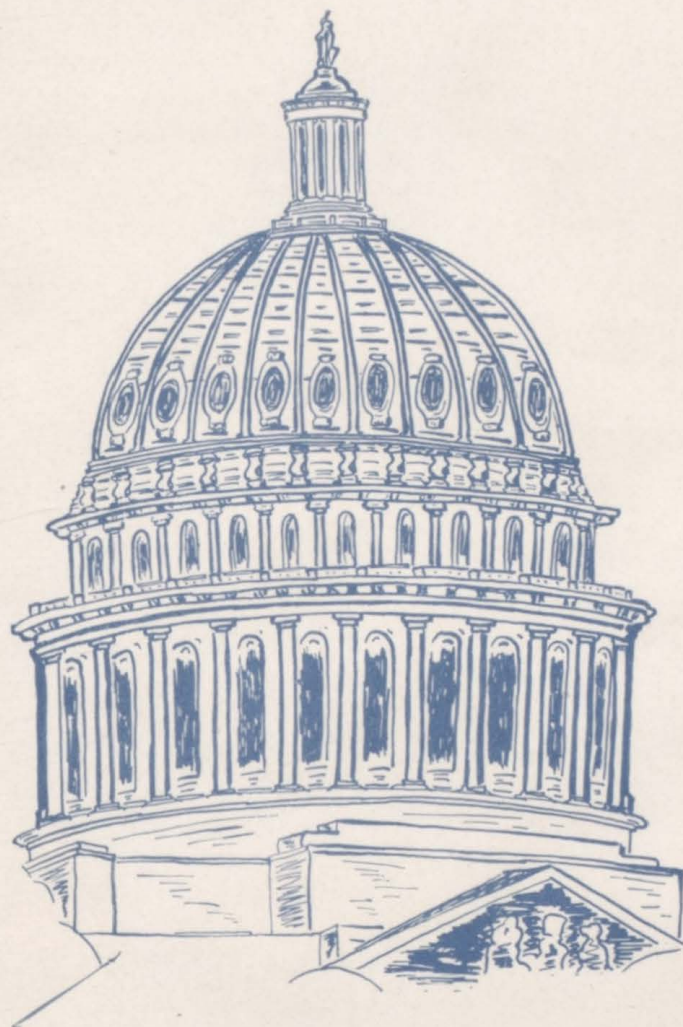




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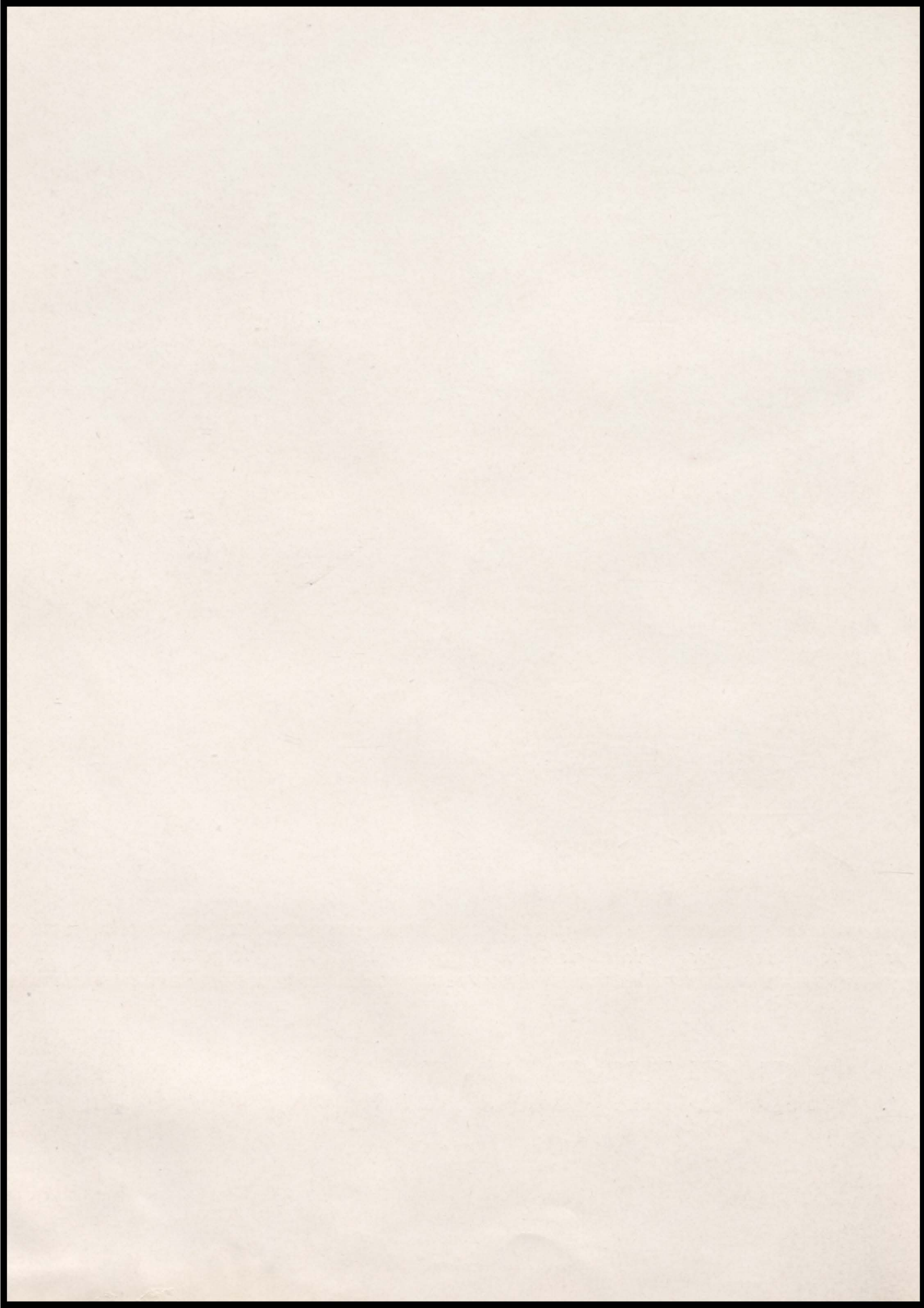
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SCHOOL





Class of 1941:

Because the people of this community have been generous in providing educational opportunities, and because you have had the courage and perseverance to use your abilities, you are finishing your high school education and entering the next phase of your career.

You have much for which you should be thankful; in no country of the world has society contributed so much to the development of its youth; in no country of the world have standards of living reached such heights as in these United States of America. These are the things of which we are proud; these are the things for which we are willing to sacrifice and for which, if necessary, we will fight.

Thus far you have been protected from most of the responsibilities and hardships of life. Soon you must take your place among the citizenry of this great land. Soon you must begin to repay society for the privileges, social and educational, that have been bestowed upon you.

It is my sincere wish that you, as members of the class of 1941, will accept, as behooves every good American citizen, the responsibilities that necessarily accompany the American Way of Living; that you will lend your energies to the end that those who come after you may enjoy even better opportunities than you have had, and that "Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth".

H. E. Slusser

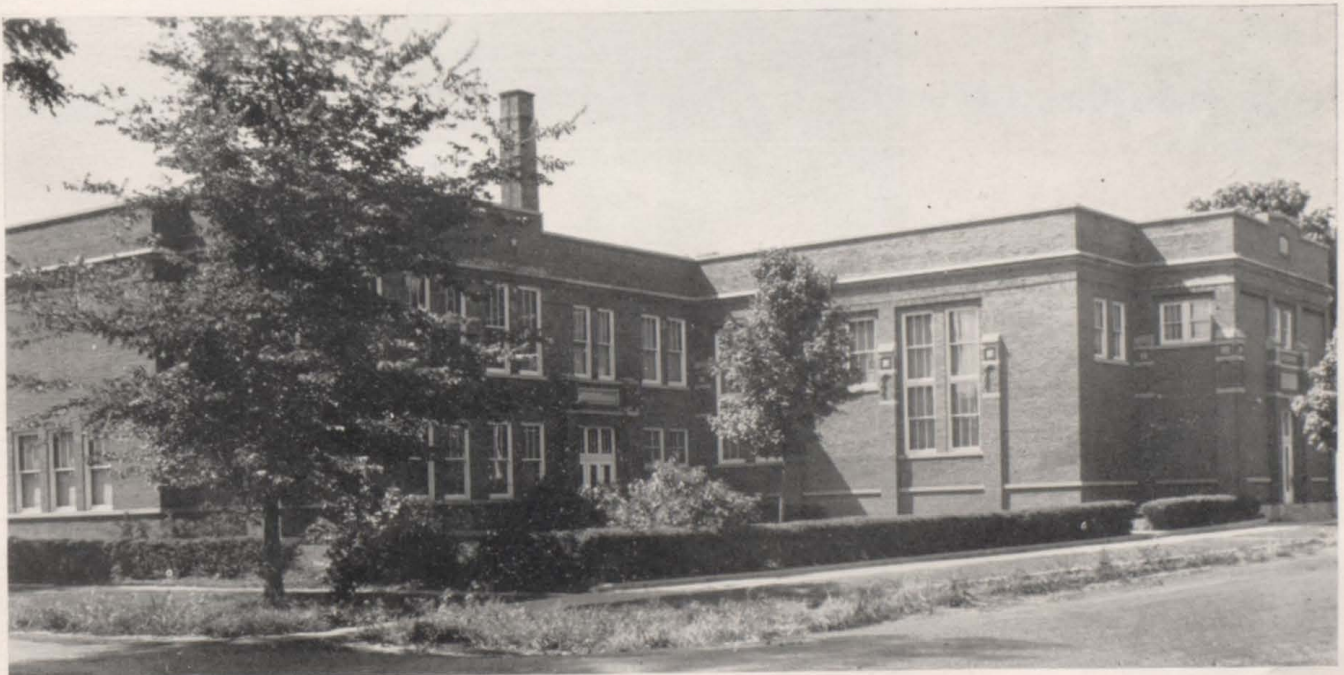


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Seniors



SENIOR SCROLL

President.....Bill Hendrix
 Vice-president.....Virginia Lux
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Kathryn Probus
 Member of Athletic Board of Control.....Herbert Schuh

In the year 1937, we entered high school in the condition of most freshmen, terribly green! We elected Herb Schuh, president; Bill Hendrix, vice-president; Barbara Camp, secretary; and Bob Scott, member of the athletic board of control.

As sophomores we elected the following officers: president, Earl Poundstone; vice-president, Fred Evans; secretary, Paul Morgan; member of the athletic board of control, Wilmer Foran.

In our junior year we were led into a storm of activities by Mildred Marker, president; Earl Poundstone, vice-president; Evelyn Lamkin, secretary; and Robert Scott, athletic board of control member. On November 14 we presented a play, "Sunbonnet Jane of Sycamore Lane". We entertained the seniors this year at a Junior-Senior Banquet. The place, a Hawaiian beach.

As distinguished a group of seniors, we think, as anyone ever saw, entertained the juniors at an "All Year 'Round" party on January 15. In return they entertained us at a Junior-Senior banquet. At homecoming, our candidate, Virginia Lux, was crowned queen. We wound up our activities by presenting the usual senior play, but in a manner not so usual. So now we are departing into the world to see what thing we can do, be it great or small, to make our country a still better place in which to live.

William Hendrix—Bill
 To find an all-around fellow,
 look no farther.



Virginia Lux—Jinny
 Courage and will
 Perseverance and skill
 Are the four leaves of
 Luck's clover.



Kathryn Probus—Kate
 A laugh is worth a thousand
 groans in any market.



Herb Schuh—Ben
 I am saddest when I sing.
 So are those who hear me.



Eugene Wright—Cotton
To know him is to like him.



Wyvonna Comerford
Change your frown for a smile and all things are possible.

Martha Lane—Martie
Eyes that twinkle but don't flirt.



Ralph Clark—Dode
Love—it's wonderful.

Clarice Leib—Twin
When the outlook is not good, try the uplook.



Doris Lamb
The unspoken word never does harm.

Floyd Larimore
His purpose is to do his best in whatever he is asked to do.



Mary Virginia Shepherd—Toots
A light heart lives long.

Barbara Camp—Barby
I wish, I can, I will, are the three trumpet notes to victory.



Eugene Wallace—Red Berry
The world hasn't heard of me yet, but wait.

Paul Morgan—Oscar
When you play, play hard; When you work, don't play at all.



Robert Scott—Scottie
We owe to the Middle Ages the two worst inventions of humanity — romantic love and gunpowder.

Leo Earl Poundstone—
Admiral

What a spendthrift he is
of his tongue.



Don Romack—Dudley

One of the best uses of
originality is to say com-
mon things in an uncom-
mon way.

Betty Adams—Bet

They move easiest who
have learned to dance.



Inza Forcum

Sincerity and truth are
the bases of every virtue.

James Ard—Tuck

There must be a lot of
hard work in him, for none
ever comes out.



Leola Curfman—Curfew

Laughing blue eyes with
a tinge of fun.

Beulah Gisinger

The indolent but delight-
ful feeling of doing nothing.



William Fleming—Bill

He whom the gods love
dies young. What happens
to he whom the girls love?

Fred Evans—Cat

A woman is only a woman,
but a good cigar's a smoke.



Mary Gisinger—Blondie

A quiet and pleasant man-
ner wins many friends.

Richard Warren—Dickie

The sun 'sets' where it
wants to. Why can't I?



Delores Shantz—Darcey

Jazz will endure as long
as people hear it through
their feet instead of
through their brains.

Marjorie Lamb—Marj
 Good natured, busy, but to all, a friend.



Lois Jean Ryan—
 Jeannie
 And when he is out of sight, quickly also is he out of mind.

Clara Lieb—Twin
 The city has its pleasures, but it's rural joys for me.



Mildred Marker—Mid
 She always looks for the silver lining.

Betty Turney—Bet
 If you would have friends, be one.



Maxine Appelt—Max
 Her thoughts are in Decatur all day, but come home every night at 6:00.

Evelyn Lamkin—Sec
 A face that cannot smile is never good.



Wilmer Foran—Babe
 It ain't no use putting up your umbrella till it rains.

Dorothy Petersen—
 Snooky
 A willing hand, a generous heart, she always did her part.



Helen Lamkin
 She could never be accused of boisterousness.

Margaret Moery—Peg
 Every man is a volume. She learned to read in the first grade.



Carl Fay—Curly
 A prosperous young farmer in the making.

SENIOR SCENES IN '51



As we gaze into the crystal ball, we make some startling discoveries. We see Evelyn Lamkin, a successful dress designer in New York City. She is calling her sister, Helen, and who do you suppose is the telephone operator? None other than Maxine Appelt. Helen is a secretary to Paul Morgan, the nation's best known G-Man.

We clearly see that ace mechanic, Dode Clark, reading an article, "My Trials and Troubles in High School", by Leo Earl Poundstone in the magazine "Miss Fortune", edited by Barb Camp. On the back is a picture of Fred Evans, who is a tobacco auctioneer. There is a testimonial in which he says, "I have chewed Chestnut Chewing Tobacco since I was a freshman in high school, and since I have become an auctioneer, I see that the Chestnut Company buys only the best and blackest tobacco possible".

The scene changes to San Francisco where James Ard, a hard-boiled truant officer, is mercilessly dragging two would-be vacationers to school, and giving them a lecture about what happened to a little boy he once knew who "played hookey".

Now we are in Texas where Carl Fay is the owner of a "Dude" ranch. Herb Schuh is foreman, and we see him sitting on the corral rail, surrounded by beautiful girls.

Switching back to California, we see our old classmate, Betty Adams, who is now a movie star known as Hedy La Adams. Hedy is using a new kind of make-up that has been blended and introduced by the noted chemist, Eugene Wallace.

In Bement, the "old home town", we visit the new Wilmer Foran Memorial hospital. Wilmer, after making his fortune by inventing an electric milker that would walk to the barn by itself, endowed the struggling hospital with a gift of \$150,000. Doctor W. Wade Hendrix smilingly greets us and shows us through the hospital. We visit two of our 1941 classmates, Kate Probus and Delores Shantz, who are both suffering from broken legs as a result of a fall in a jitterbug session. Their two efficient nurses, Mary Shepherd and Doris Lamb, keep them quite contented by telling them jokes.

Mildred Marker has had the honor of being the first woman President of the United States. She was recently elected on the La Ma Hot Cha ticket which advocates a one-hour day and an

eight-day week. Her social secretary is Martha Lane, looking as young as ever and still claiming that she is as young as ever.

We see twin houses in those twin cities, St. Paul and Minneapolis, and there are the Leib twins, just going out with their twin husbands, Clara with Jerry, Clarice with Terry. Some setup!

Into view now comes Captain Eugene Wright of the U. S. Navy, talking to Don Romack, the technical adviser of the Romack Airplane Corporation.

We see a bill on one of the hangars advertising the coming of Phil Spitalny's all-girl orchestra, featuring Lois Jean Ryan and her Silver Trumpet.

In New York City, Dorothy Petersen is a well-known scout troop organizer.

Peggy Moery and Betty Turney are co-editors of "Advice to the Lovelorn" in the New York Times.

Richard Warren is a United States Senator and has just set a new record by talking for 43 days, 17 hours, 15 minutes and 23 seconds without relinquishing the floor to anyone else.

Bob Scott is head basketball coach at Southern California University. As we see him, he is telling his players how Bement went to the Sectional Tournament back in 1941.

Inza Forcum and Virginia Lux are both teach-

SENIOR SCENES IN '51

ers of home economics at the University of Hawaii.

Beulah and Mary Gisinger are proprietors of "The Two Sisters Dress Shop" in Milmine.

Marjorie Lamb is a dress buyer for Marshall Fields. She has just returned from the Comerford-Curfman establishment, where she left a

large order with Wyvonne and Leola.

Bill Fleming, well-known Broadway director, is cheerfully re-reading the write-ups of his latest hit, "Nicotine Highway".

The creative genius of Floyd Larimore, inventor, has reached a new pinnacle with his modernized belfry for people to have bats in.

SENIOR PLAY

One of the popular activities of Senior Week which is anticipated both by the class and by the public is the Class Play. This year the group presented "Oh, Professor", a three-act comedy.

Michael Pemberton, fleeing from Fifi, a French beauty, lands in an academy for young ladies. It's such a grand hide-out, that he induces the new professor to swap places with him. There follows a riot of amusing complications until the final curtain when all identities are disclosed to everyone's satisfaction. The cast was as follows:

Jake, the school janitor.....	Eugene Wright
Miss Frederica, assistant to the dean.....	
.....	Mary Gisinger
Dr. Aristotle, the dean.....	Ralph Clark
Michael Pemberton, returning from Paris.....	
.....	Bill Hendrix
Professor Percival Courtwright, in need of fun	
.....	Fred Evans
Jimmy Anderson, in need of a friend..	Bill Fleming
Patricia Patterson, also returning from Paris....	
.....	Peggy Moery
Mille. Fifi, belonging to Paris.....	Barbara Camp

Students

Fluff.....	Mildred Marker
Bertha.....	Lois Jean Ryan
Jean.....	Kathryn Probus
Belle.....	Betty Turney

SENIOR WHO'S WHO

	Most Scholarly	
Barbara Camp		William Hendrix
	Most Musical	
Barbara Camp		William Fleming
	Most Athletic	
Betty Adams		Wilmer Foran
	Most Popular	
Mildred Marker		William Hendrix
	Most Witty	
Kathryn Probus		Earl Poundstone
	Most Attractive	
Mildred Marker		William Fleming
	Most All-Around	
Barbara Camp		William Hendrix
	Best Dressed	
Mildred Marker		William Fleming
	Most Bashful	
Evelyn Lamkin		Wilmer Foran
	Best Dancer	
Betty Adams		William Fleming
	Biggest Cut-up	
Delores Shantz		Earl Poundstone

Martha Lane deserves a place in our Who's Who for her record of perfect attendance during her whole high school career.

Peggy Moery was the girl chosen by the faculty to receive the D.A.R. award for dependability, leadership, patriotism, character, scholarship, and personality.

THE BIG TEN

(Scholastically)

Barbara Camp	Inza Forcum	Virginia Lux
William Hendrix	Peggy Moery	Mildred Marker
William Fleming	Martha Lane	Eugene Wallace
	Kathryn Probus	



Underclassmen



JUNIOR JOURNAL



President.....Max Warren
 Vice-President.....Raymond Haynes
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Helen Sebens
 Member of Athletic Board of Control.....Joseph Foran

Fifty-nine of us, graduates of the eighth grade, enrolled as freshmen in B.T.H.S. in 1938. To manage the class affairs for the school year, we elected Robert Loudenback, president; Mary Morgan, vice-president; and Ann Lefever, secretary-treasurer.

In the following September most of us returned for our sophomore year. We elected Nadine McKee, president; Jack Funk, vice-president; and Ann Lefever, secretary-treasurer.

We entered as juniors in 1940, feeling greatly superior to the lower classes, for we had advanced to the stage in our high school career of presenting plays and exchanging parties and banquets with our superior class, the seniors.

As in the two preceding years, our class was well represented in school activities, with members participating in football, basketball, F.F.A., music, G.A.A., and the L.O.V. Club.

At the close of the school year, we left B.T.H.S., promising ourselves to return in the fall of 1941 to equal or better the standard of the graduating seniors.

First Row: L. Lamb, Zook, Pruitt, Haynes, Warren, Sebens, J. Foran, M. Foran, M. Lamb, Funk.

Second Row: Smith, Lefever, Hannon, Ray, O'Hara, Morgan, Root, Loomis, Crim, J. Hinton, Burgess, Shumard.

Third Row: Loudenback, Roberts, Day, McKee, Hamman, Bruce, Redman, Funk, Vaughn, Boyd, Kirk.

Fourth Row: Allison, Wright, Klump, Flenniken, G. Lindstrom, K. Hinton, J. Lindstrom.

Fifth Row: Coffin, Eckstein, Fair, Flavin, Poling, Shepherd, Cahill.



JUNIOR CLASS PLAY



On November 8, 1940, the junior class presented a comedy entitled, "Billy's Goat". Directed by Miss Choyce, it was a great success, and it was presented to the largest audience ever attending a junior play in B.T.H.S.

The action began on an April day when Mr. Carter, eager for a peaceful vacation, entrusted his household to Billy Hay, a radio program salesman. Much happened while Carter was away, but much more occurred after he returned unexpectedly to find Billy in the middle of an experiment. Billy had pretended that Carter was bankrupt, and put the family to work. At first, Mr. Carter was angry, but after much explaining, Billy was forgiven and all ended happily.

The cast was as follows:

Henry Carter, a financial giant.....Elmas Crim
Mrs. Susan Carter, Henry's wife.....Helen Sebens
Violet Carter, a daughter.....Norma Kirk
Billy Hay, a salesman.....Jack Funk
Madge Carter, another daughter.....Pauline Day
Beulah, a maid.....Nadine McKee
Arthur Angel, a poet.....Jim Roberts
Harold Hollinghead, an Englishman.....Raymond Haynes
Miss David, Carter's secretary.....Mary Morgan
Miss Cool, Susan's secretary.....Ann Lefever



JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The juniors and seniors "went Mexican" at this year's banquet, which was held in the high school gymnasium on April 24. The decorations were effectively carried out in Mexican style and colors.

After a hearty welcome from Max Warren, junior class president, and a response from Bill Hendrix, Bob Loudenback cleverly served as toastmaster throughout a musical program. The juniors and underclassmen supplemented the entertainment with song, dances, toasts, and speeches. Miss Emma de la Garza, of Mexico, told about the dress and customs of her home and people.

Following a delicious dinner, served by the girls of the Home Economics department, the juniors and their guests enjoyed dancing to the music of Deacon Dunn and his Dick Cisne Attractions.

SOPHOMORE SKETCH



President.....Edna Raglan
 Vice-President.....Burton Tatman
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Alice Fristoe
 Member of Athletic Board of Control....Paul Taylor

In September of 1939 fifty eager, yet slightly hesitant freshmen entered B.T.H.S. After a few days, we became accustomed to the routine and got to all of our classes on time.

At our first class meeting, we elected the following officers: Betty Proctor, president; Lois Auth, vice-president; Billy Brown, secretary-treasurer; and Paul Taylor, member of the athletic board of control.

We were very proud of our class when our candidate, Edna Raglan, was chosen for homecoming queen. We worked hard on our float, and as a result won first prize.

Those from our class who helped to lead the cheers at the football and basketball games were Lois Auth and Edna Raglan.

We started our sophomore year with much more confidence. Mary Kinrade was our candidate for homecoming queen this year. Billy Brown was one of the leaders chosen to add "pep" to our basketball and football games.

Both years we have produced outstanding musicians and athletes.

We hope that in the future, we will make B.T.H.S. proud of us.

First Row: Farrell, Fairbanks, Spelbring, Jordan, Fristoe, Taylor, Raglan, Medaris, Poundstone, Comerford.

Second Row: Luttrell, McCullough, Bowyer, Kirkland, Van Vleet, Defore, Reeves, Lamb, Gardner.

Third Row: Fisher, Wildman, Slevin, Ball, Vincent, Landis, Kinrade, Evans, Phalen.

Fourth Row: Smith, Camden, Hill, Gulliford, Slusser, Frye, Fuqua, Jones.

Fifth Row: Moore, Knapp, Wells, Shirley, Brown, Lincicum, Foran.



FRESHMEN FOOTPRINTS



President.....Jean Funk
 Vice-President.....Gene Rose
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Anthon Jo Petersen
 Member of Athletic Board of Control...Keith Burgess

On September 2, 1940, sixty-six most bewildered and uncertain freshmen came trooping into the school and began to ask questions. But being exceptionally brilliant, we soon learned the time and location of our classes. The door most used by the freshmen was the office door. We went in there for information—or otherwise.

With the help of Miss Swaim and Mr. Fields, we planned our first outside activity, a wiener roast held at the Forest Preserve Park. We had studied so hard that day that we consumed an unbelievable amount of food. Our second semester frolic was a banquet held on February 28.

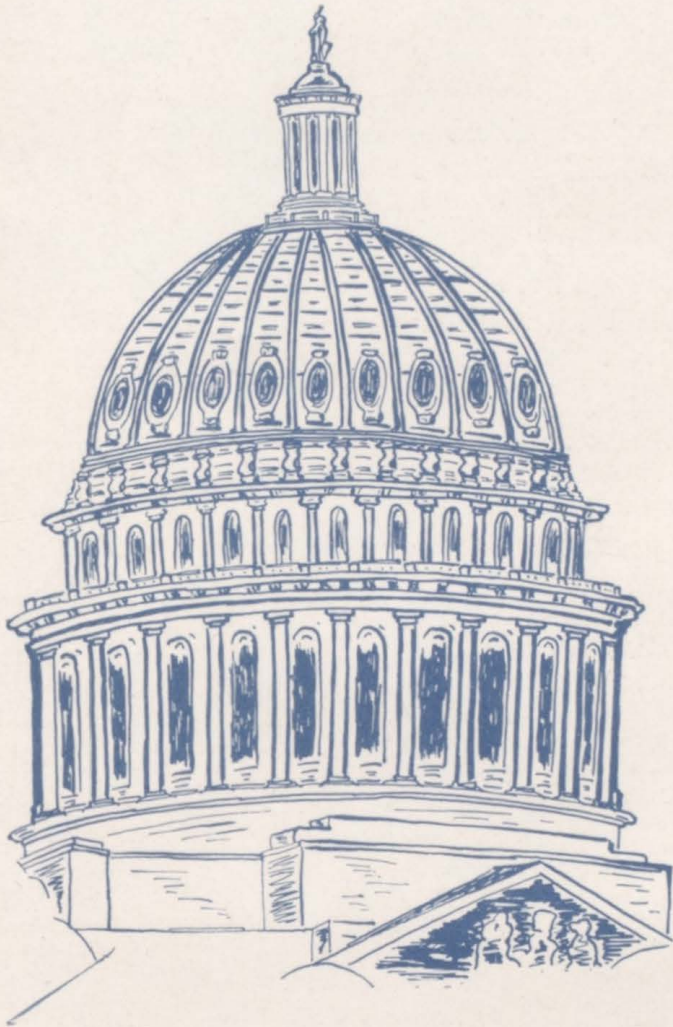
We immediately began to help the upperclassmen in all school activities. From our class, athletes supplemented the G.A.A., football, and basketball teams, and Latin students joined the L.O.V. club. Young cooks and farmers decided to learn more by joining the Home Ec. club and F.F.A. Several of us are in the band and chorus.

If our good luck holds, we shall soon show the upperclassmen we aren't as dumb as we looked at the beginning of the year.

First Row: Hinton, Gulliford, Petersen, Turney, Fleming, Behnke, Clark, Rose.
 Second Row: Larson, DeFore, Jim Clodfelter, Shepherd, Redman, Hendrix, Burgess, Tiffin, Slagle, McPherson, Eaton, John Clodfelter.
 Third Row: Hainey, D. Lawson, Zook, Vincent, Eckstein, J. Funk, Welch, Bowyer, Postlewait, Scott, Fisher, Larimore, Syfert, Plummer.
 Fourth Row: Weber, Lindstrom, Tynan, Kirwan, Kirkland, Parker, Slagle, Auth, Rucker, Day, Sparks, K. Moore, Strater.
 Fifth Row: Sunderland, Warner, Warren, Boyd, Bogue, Ellis, L. Funk.
 Sixth Row: Koebel, Durbin, Buckner, M. Moore, Allison, Day, Keller, Cahill, Romack, Beals.

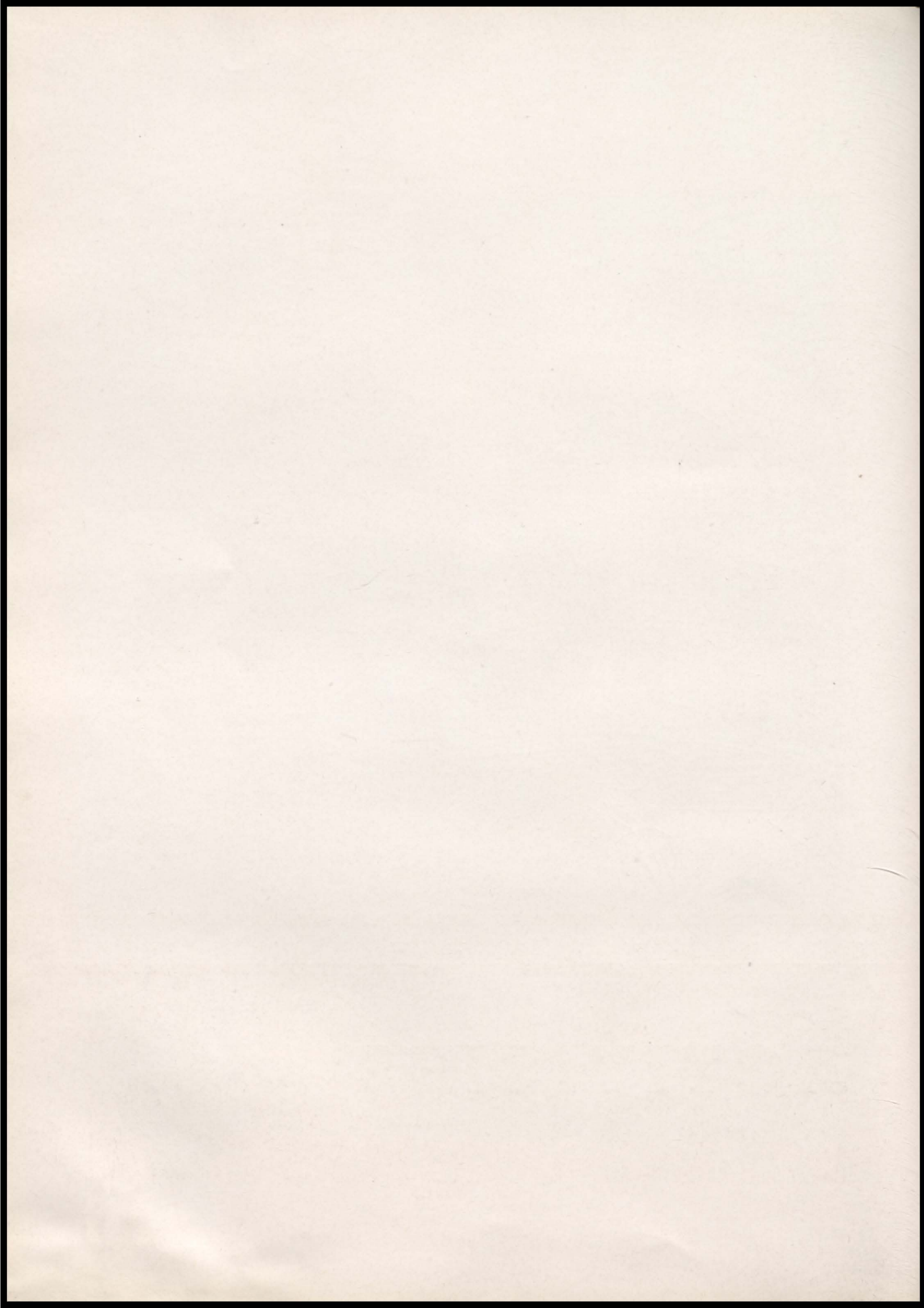






ACTIVITIES







MUSIC

Music is one of the outstanding activities of our high school. There is a great deal of interest among the student body in both chorus and band. Appreciation and knowledge of music foster culture and refinement, desirable qualities for citizenship. Music is known as the "universal language" and can and should be a part of all well-rounded person's lives.

PLAQUES

If you should walk into the office you would see the evidence of the accomplishments of the band and chorus in the past three years. On the wall are five attractively engraved plaques which they have earned in contests.

CONTEST

The band this year placed second in the District Contest held at Mattoon.

A vocal octet also placed first in the District Contest. The members of the octet are the following: Helen Hill, Barbara Camp, Ruth Lamb, Edna Raglan, Warren McPherson, Richard Fleming, Burton Tatman, and William Fleming. Soloists that placed in first division were Eugene Wallace, alto saxophone; Peggy Moery, French horn; Warren McPherson, flute. Ann Lefever, alto saxophone; Jane Postlewait, bass clarinet, and Helen Hill, oboe, placed in second division at District.

Two clarinet quartets entered the contest this year. One in which Barbara Camp, Ruth Lamb, Betty Turney, and Betty Landis played, placed in second division. The other, in which Shirley Fisher, Lois Smith, Vena Loomis, and Jean Bogue played, placed in third division.





Director
A. R. Keller

Student Directors
Scotty Wilkinson
Bob Loudenback

BAND

This year in order to build up morale and stimulate interest in the band, we started a merit system whereby members of the band were given points for practice, musical progress, and other services to the band.

With the chorus, the band presented an excellent spring concert on April 20, at which both groups presented their contest numbers.

On May 15, after a short band program, Peggy Moery received the award presented to the most valuable senior. Musicians who had earned over 225 points were awarded bronze pins, and underclassmen with over 275 merits received silver pins. Seniors in the latter groups were presented with gold pins.

INSTRUMENTATION

Bb Clarinet: B. Camp, R. Lamb, Turney, Landis, Fairbanks, M. McPherson, Coffin, Kirk, A. M. Smith, S. Fisher, Loomis, Ray, Bogue, L. Smith, Sebens. Eb Clarinet: M. Lamb. Bass Clarinet: J. Postlewait.

Flute: W. McPherson, Bruce, Lincicum. Oboe: Hill. Bassoon: Hodam. Tenor Saxophone: B. Moery. Soprano Saxophone: B. Hixson. Alto Saxophone: Wallace, Lefever, Barnhart, Hardimon.

Cornet: Ryan, Roberts, Brittenham, Shepherd, Forcum, Larson, R. Postlewait. French Horn: P. Moery, Marker, Scott, Tatman. Alto Horn: Day, C. Camp, Brady. Trombone: Slagle, Keller, B. Burgess, D. Hixon, Funk.

Bass: Loudenback, Clark, G. Fisher, Evans. Percussion: Turner, W. Lamb, Schaal, Patterson, McManus, Kirkland, Curry. Baritones: Fleming, Fristoe, K. Burgess.





A CAPPELLA CHOIR

Our A Cappella Choir was unusually large and commendable this year. In it are forty-eight singers who placed first in the District Contest held at Mattoon, thus becoming eligible to enter the State Contest at Peoria, where they won first.

The chorus and band combined presented a Spring Concert, assisted by the octet and French horn and oboe solos. The money made at this concert went into the music funds.

First Row: Keller, A. Smith, Lefever, Kirk, Sebens, Larkin, Ryan, Camp, Turney, Fairbanks, McPherson, Petersen, Slusser, Raglan, Lamb, Proctor, Probus, and Shantz.

Second Row: G. Day, L. Smith, Kirkland, Postlewait, Farrell, Landis, Warner, Foran, Wildman, Tiffin, R. Fleming, Coffin, Vaughn, Clarice Lieb, Eaton, Scott, McKee, Sunderland.

Third Row: Lux, P. Day, Hill, Clara Laeb, Fristoe, B. Fleming, Knapp, Moore, Poundstone, Shepherd, Tattman, Shirley, Curfman, Hamman, Ray, Moery, and Kinrade.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Friday afternoon on December 20, the day school was dismissed for Christmas vacation, we presented our Christmas program. First, in the assembly, we had some singing, a visit from Santa Claus, and treats. Then we all went to the gym for the program. Peggy Moery gave the prayer. The Freshman Chorus and A Cappella Choir together sang carols between portions of the Christmas story from the Bible, read by Bob Loudenback. Gloria Day sang "O, Holy Night".



VOCATIONS



In our high school our Commerce, Agriculture, and Home Economics Departments help in preparing the student for his life's vocation. A person who has found his work and enjoys it will be better fitted for citizenship. Vocational success and good citizenship go hand in hand.

Students in our commercial department are well trained in efficient business methods. Several of our graduates have gone from this department to take responsible positions.

HOME-EC CLUB

President.....Mary Morgan
 Vice-President.....Evelyn Lamkin
 Secretary.....Norma Kirk
 Treasurer.....Betty Day

First Row: L. Lamb, Slagle, Spelbring, Fristoe, Warren, W. Kirkland, Slevin.

Second Row: Raglan, Boyd, Tynan, J. Bowyer, Morgan, Lamkin, Kirk, Bogue, Van Vleet, Poundstone, Lawson, Ball.

Third Row: Comerford, Kirwin, Vincent, Welch, Vaughn, Kinrade, Ray, Redman, J. Funk, Ponder.

Fourth Row: Durbin, D. Lamb, M. Lamb, Rucker, B. Funk, Kitson, Foran, Turney, Sunderland, and Wright.

Fifth Row: Defore, Leib, Koebel, Allison, M. Gisinger, Parker, Proctor, Curfman, Eckstein.

Sixth Row: Hannon, Shepherd, Adams, Lux, B. Gisinger, Warner, A. Bowyer.

A member of the Home Economics club must either be taking some course in Home Economics or have had two years of it. Home Economic courses help girls in becoming better citizens through learning how to cook, sew, and budget their money. They learn how to manage their homes better.

The Home Economics club this year started something new. After school once a week they got together and learned knitting, embroidering, crocheting, or some other craft.

One evening after school, the members of the club enjoyed a Christmas party featuring a chili supper and the exchanging of gifts.





FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

Learning to do
Doing to learn

Earning to live
Living to serve

The F.F.A. is made up of State Associations which are composed of local chapters situated in schools teaching vocational agriculture. The F.F.A. is designed to supplement training opportunities for boys who hope to set up a farming business. Through these activities, members learn to cooperate and work together for a common good. They have splendid opportunities to learn how to deal effectively with themselves as well as others, and individual talent is developed. The organization is set up on a basis of true democracy, and each member has a voice in setting up policies by which he is governed. Among other things, members learn how to conduct and take part in a public meeting; to buy and sell cooperatively; to solve their own problems; to finance themselves; and to assume civic responsibility. The foundation upon which the F.F.A. is built includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, thrift, scholarship, and above all, citizenship and patriotism.

First Row: Redman, R. Hinton, G. Hendrix, Turney, K. Hinton, Shepherd.

Second Row: Taylor, M. Moore, Buckner, Fay, Wright, Morgan, Crim, J. Hinton, K. Burgess, Jones.

Third Row: Wildman, Ellis, Evans, G. Lindstrom, Beals, Boyd, Wayne Foran, Shumard, Funk, Medaris, and Hodam.

Fourth Row: Gulliford, Schuh, Wilmer Foran, Day, Lincicum, B. Cahill, and B. Burgess.

Fifth Row: J. Cahill, Haynes, Loudenback, J. Foran, Flavin, Fair.



President Eugene Wright
V.-Pres..... Carl Fay
Secretary..... Paul Morgan
Treasurer..... Elmas Crim
Reporter.....
..... Raymond Haynes

ACADEMIC SUBJECTS

The Bement High School, through academic subjects, strives to promote the cultural development of the students. Although courses such as Latin, English, and Social Sciences don't prepare us for any particular vocation, they help to give us a broader general background.



L. O. V.

President.....Margaret Farrell
 Vice-President.....Ruth Lamb
 Secretary.....Eleanor Ann Lefever
 Treasurer.....Jay Keller

Labor Omnia Vincit is an organization of Latin students. Anyone taking Latin or having had two years previous to this time is eligible to join the club. This year there were thirty-one members.

At the meetings the assigned leaders reported on Roman life and customs. Some of the topics discussed were amusements, professions, holidays, and banquets.

A unique activity of this group was a banquet planned as nearly as possible like those of the early Romans.

The Romans' food is thought of as going from eggs to apples, so they served the following: egg salad, tuna fish casserole, peas, beans, radishes, and apple pie.

Between courses was the entertainment—a welcome speech by the president, a tumbling act, a flute solo, and Latin songs. The invitations and menus were written in Latin.

First Row: Clark, M. Defore, Farrell, Keller, Lamb, Lefever, McPherson, Larson.
 Second Row: Petersen, Eaton, Shantz, Syfert, Postlewait, Fisher, Raglan.
 Third Row: Jordan, P. Day, Slevin, Smith, G. Day, Poundstone, Lindstrom, and Swaim.
 Fourth Row: Larimore, Ball, Hill, Brown, Slusser, Fuqua, P. Defore.





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In keeping with making a good citizen, our staff work not only teaches us to take responsibility but also develops in us clear expression and straight thinking.

The purpose of this staff is to write up the school news in order to inform the public of the weekly activities of Betohi.

HOMECOMING



Something new was instituted this year. In the afternoon before the football game, instead of the usual parade, we had contests in which everybody could participate. The football game, in which we beat Arthur 8-0, set the tune for the evening's entertainment.

The victory feast, a potluck supper, started the evening's festivities. Later was the impressive coronation of the Homecoming Queen—Virginia Lux. With her attendants, Lolita Scott, Mary Kinrade, and Mary Hannon, she was enthroned on a purple and white dais in the center of the stage. Herb Schuh, captain of the football team, had the honor of crowning the queen.

A happy and successful celebration came to a close with dancing to the music of Deacon Dunn's orchestra.

HI-TRI-LEAGUE

President.....	Peggy Moery
Vice-President.....	Betty Adams
Financial Secretary.....	Betty Turney
Secretary.....	Inza Forcum

The Hi-Tri-League, an organization of the girls in the school, started their regular meetings the second semester. During the year they sponsored four all-school social hours, each of which was held during a school period.

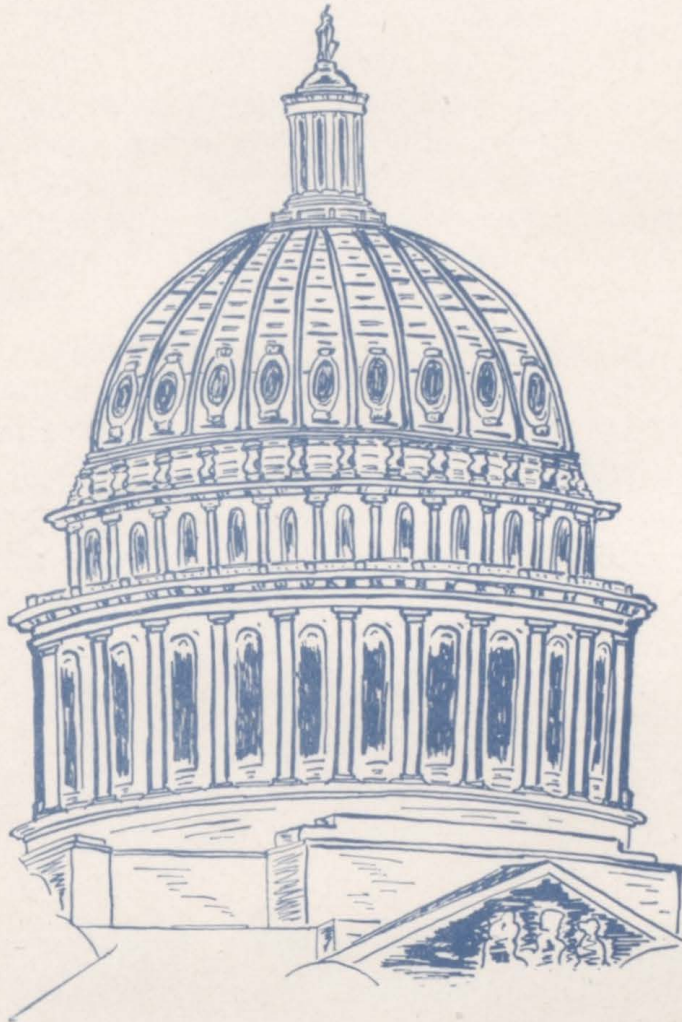
At two of the regular meetings all the girls gathered in the assembly. The first was a discussion on manners under the leadership of Miss Ponder; the second was on personal hygiene led by Miss Dorothy Burgess.

This organization did its part at Christmas by preparing baskets of white gifts which they delivered to needy people in the community.

The installation of new officers and the farewell to the seniors made an impressive service at the last meeting of the year.

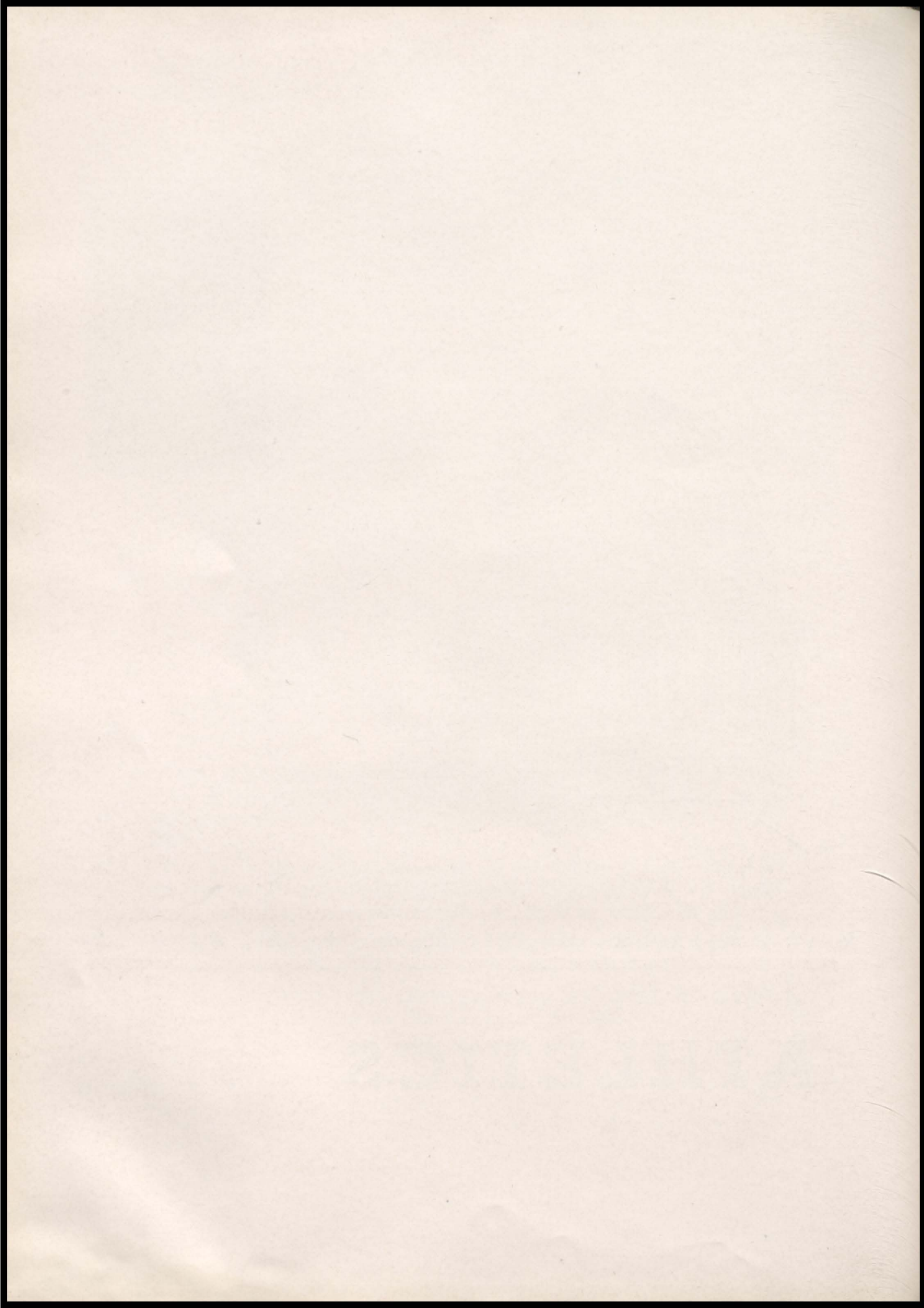
The boys also held discussion groups.

During the semester the boys and girls had two joint meetings. At the first of these Dr. Talbert of the State Health Department talked on social hygiene. The second was based on papers written by the boys on "My Ideal Girl", and by the girls on "My Ideal Boy".



ATHLETICS





G. A. A.

President.....Betty Adams
 Vice-President.....Rosa Lee Slusser
 Secretary-Treasurer.....Helen Hill
 Point Secretaries.....Edna Raglan, Jean Slevin

The Girls' Athletic Association helps a girl to grow physically into a strong, healthy, young woman. This organization develops good sportsmanship, comradeship, and cooperation, as well as physical qualities. A democracy depends not only on mental ability, but also on strong bodies, so the G.A.A. is an aid in making good citizens.

A girl initiated into the organization must pledge to maintain certain standards. She may choose to follow health rules for which she will be given extra points.

In order to make money for equipment and summer camp, the G.A.A. sold candy and sponsored matinee dances, which proved to be popular. This year the G.A.A. bought archery equipment.

Some of their activities are: hiking, basketball, volleyball, baseball, and tumbling.

One of the high-lights of the fall activities was a trip to St. Louis. Eighteen girls, accompanied by three chaperons, visited places of historical and current interest.



First Row: Defore, Parker, Proctor, Raglan, Lane, Shantz, Sunderland, Funk.
 Second Row: Kinrade, Spelbring, Ball, Klump, Hill, Slevin, Adams, Slusser, Farrell, Bowyer, Koebel, and Slagle.
 Third Row: Eaton, Welch, Lamb, Fisher, Wright, Poundstone, Day, Bruce, Redman, Smith, Camp, Warner, Ecklund.
 Fourth Row: M. Gisinger, B. Gisinger, Phalen, Postlewait, Van Vleet.



SPORTS



Winning, although it is desirable, is not the only object in a sports program. Athletic competition has its place in preparing us for the game of life. Those boys who take part in sports develop health, courage, loyalty, self-sacrifice, and friendship, which contribute to fine citizenship.

Coach Koepping started the '40 football season with six lettermen and thirty hopeful prospects. After winning our first two games, we lost two and tied the next. We won our homecoming encounter with Arthur 8-0. We lost one more before bowing to our traditional rival, Cerro Gordo. In the final Thanksgiving Day game, we defeated Monticello 7-0 for the second consecutive year.

In honor of their work on the gridiron the squad was entertained on November 28 at the annual football banquet, sponsored by the P.T.A. and the alumni. Jack Ryan, sports writer for the Chicago Daily News, was guest speaker. Coach Koepping presented letters to the following players: Seniors, Captain Schuh, Scott, Wright, Poundstone, Hendrix, Foran; juniors, Warren, Shepherd, Loudenback, Cahill, Burgess; sophomores, Knapp, Gulliford, and Camden. Carl Fay and Paul Morgan were managers.

First Row: Poundstone, Gulliford, B. Burgess, M. Warren, Camden, Schuh, Wright, Wilmer Foran, B. Hendrix, Boyd, Loudenback, Scott.

Second Row: Fields, J. Funk, Fay, Moore, Shumard, Knapp, B. Cahill, Shirley, Romack, Wallace, Wayne Foran, Allison, Morgan, Koepping.

Third Row: Turney, Tiffin, Clark, K. Burgess, Plummer, J. Cahill, Shepherd, Buckner, L. Funk, G. Hendrix, Luttrell, Fairbanks.





BASKETBALL

Coach Koepping and his cagers began the 1940 season with only one letterman. Getting off to a bad start, due to the inexperience of the newer "Bulldogs", Bement lost the first three games of the season before winning its first conference game from Arcola. The purple raiders next triumphed over a very close rival, Monticello, winning in the last few seconds of the game with a score of 33-32. After losing to Newman, Bement upset the Bronchos of Cerro Gordo, 23-20. The quintet was then held in check until February 14 when they scored a 38-32 defeat over Macon. Mansfield and Hammond next fell to the wayside under the Purple's terrific onslaught. Farmer City scored a narrow one-point victory in an overtime to close the current season for Betohti.

First Row: B. Gulliford, Boyd, Scott, Taylor, Hendrix, Allison.

Second Row: Fields, Romack, Evans, Plummer, Shirley, Moore, Flavin, and Koepping.

Third Row: G. Gulliford, Jim Clodfelter, Camden, Fisher, Tiffin, John Clodfelter.

PURPLE'S PERSONNEL

Allison.....aggressive, agile
 Boyd.....battling, bold
 Hendrix.....hardy, handy
 Scott.....smooth, scoring
 Taylor.....tricky, talented

Evans.....energetic, elusive
 Fisher.....frisky, fighting
 Moore.....mobile, marksman
 Plummer.....progressive, promising
 Shirley.....sturdy, steady



TOURNAMENT

Bement went to the Okaw Valley tourney with a determination to advance to the semi-finals by defeating Newman, but lost in the opening game. The Bulldogs led Newman all the way and were tied 32-32 after the regular playing time. Each team made two points in the first overtime. The second was scoreless, but Newman sank a winning basket in the third overtime.

REGIONAL

The tournament squad, with the lowest percentage of victories in the season's schedule, ended as runner-up in the regional. Bement easily trounced the Warrensburg quintet 40-25. On Thursday night Bement advanced to battle the favored Cerro Gordo cagers. In three and one-half quarters they built up a lead Cerro Gordo could not overcome. The final with Decatur was lost 40-30, after a hard and courageous battle by the Bulldogs.

SECTIONAL

Sectional play was limited to one game with the tall Fiestshans scorers who triumphed 39-25. Fiestshans went on to win the Decatur sectional.

A fitting close for "Kep's" tossers' season was the Okaw banquet, held in Cerro Gordo, Monday, March 24.

TRACK

The track season began on April 7 with approximately fifteen candidates reporting for practice. On April 15 the first dual track meet was held at Monticello, with the hosts winning their own meet. Burgess, Shepherd, Warren, Eckstein, and Boyd are expected to be the leaders in the track campaign.

There are several freshmen and sophomores who, though beginners, show promise for future years.

"B" CLUB

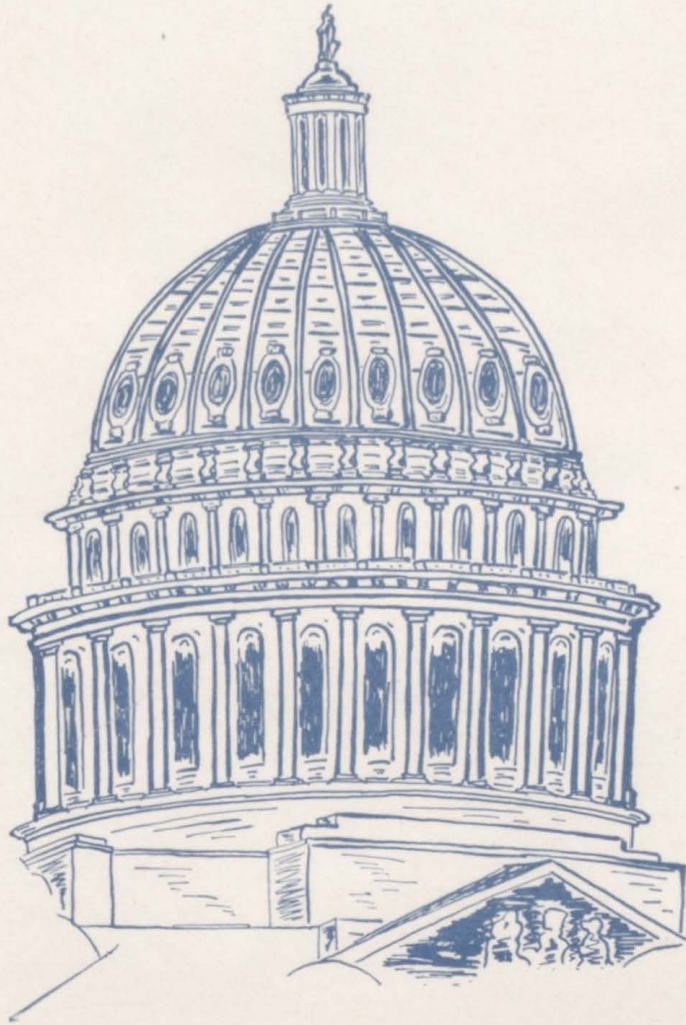
The "B" Club is an honorary group composed of athletes and managers.

Mr. Koepping is the club's sponsor assisted by other members of the faculty at various times.

The 1940-41 club has adopted a very binding constitution in their drive for finer athletes. This association promotes sportsmanship and adherence to training rules. Their creed points out that self-control is the player's greatest asset, that it is a privilege to play on a high school team, that the student who abides by the rules of the school deserves the homage of his fellows, and that the development in personality and in mind and muscle coordination are the most valuable results of participation in athletics.

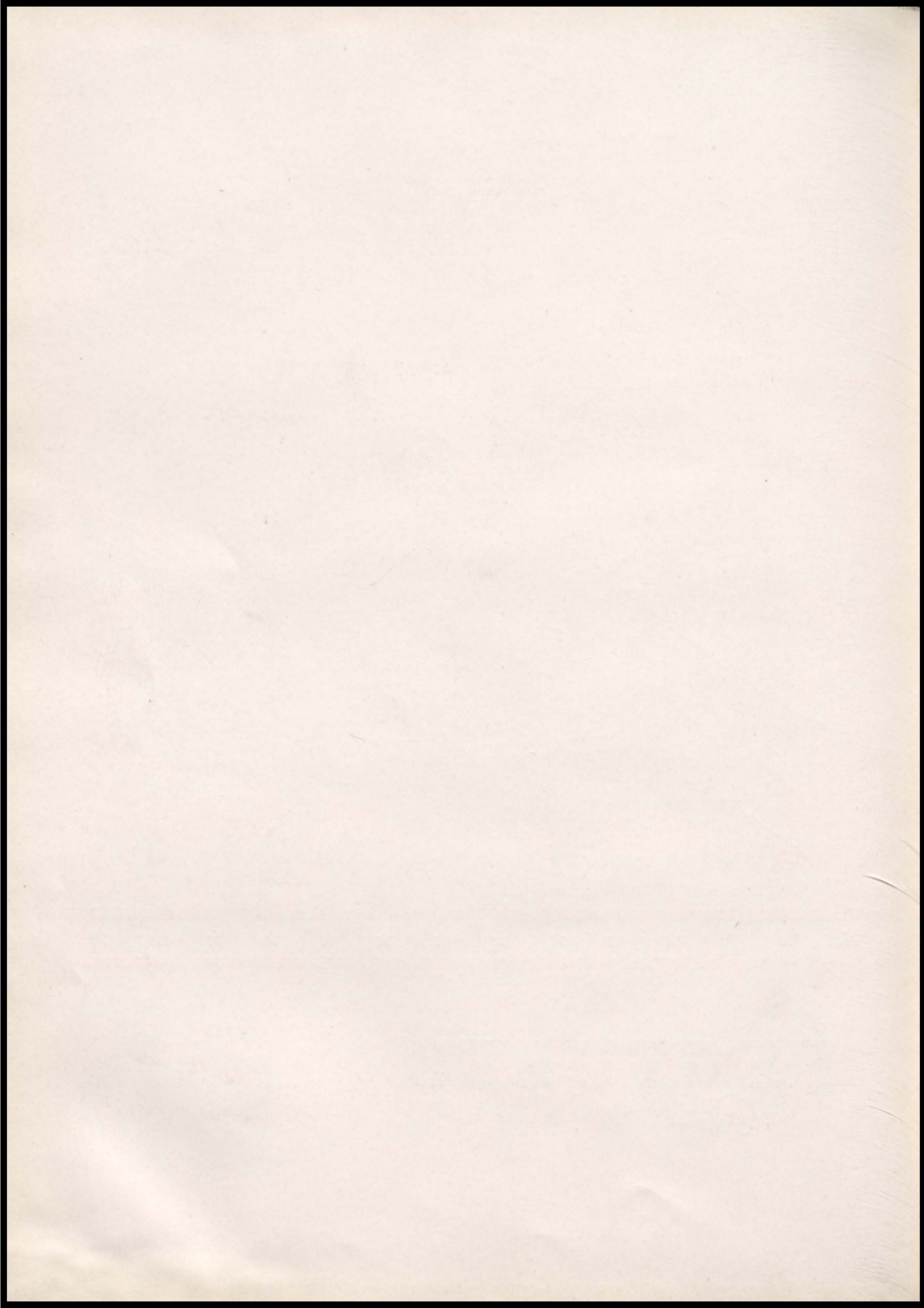
Social entertainments are held throughout the year. Mr. and Mrs. Koepping entertained the new and old members at a chili supper on February 12. After the supper the new members were initiated into the organization.





FEATURES







A MAN MAY BE JUDGED BY WHAT HE SAYS

- Jimmy Fairbanks—"Gee, t'anks, pal".
Delores Shantz—"It's my special 'Evening in Milmine' perfume".
Leo Poundstone—"I'm off women forever".
Kate Probus—"Come on, you kids, get to work".
Mary Kinrade—"Not knowing, I cannot state with any very great degree of accuracy".
Mr. Fields—"That isn't done in the best of society, and we all belong to the 'Four Hundred'."
Bill Fleming—"Monticello or bust!"
Betty Root—"I've got to go to town to see if I've got a letter".
Miss Houston—"You've played all winter; you've got to get to work now".
John Clodfelter—"Who do you think is the best-looking freshman girl?"
Jim Clodfelter—"Don't blame me for what my brother does".
Ilaruth Klump—"That's just the one I didn't get".
Bill Cahill—"I wouldn't be a bit surprised".
Jane Postlewait—"An' ya know, kid——".
Ruth Lamb—"I just won't answer if you call me 'Clattertooth'!"
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WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER——

- Richard Knapp's determined stride.
Alice Fristoe and Bob Gulliford.
Sonny Haines' "Willy".
Bill Brown's peaches and cream complexion.
Tuck Ard's slaughter of the "King's English".
Lloyd Shepherd's electrical genius.
The minor cyclones as Barb Ball dashes past.
Gloria Day's altitude.
Ethel Fuqua's poetry.
How Mr. Keller stopped saying, "I'll buy you a coke", when the coke machine was installed.
The "main traveled road" between the math and history rooms.
Nadine McKee's enormous hair ribbons.
Jim Roberts' motto: "Say it with flowers".
Warren McPherson's vocabulary.
Evelyn Lamkin's technique of "hooking" the underclassmen.
Paul Taylor's ninth hours. (Was the chewing gum worth it, Paul?)
Jack Romack's grin.
Gay Hendrix's flirting.
Betohi.

THE CALENDAR

- Sept. 2 The doors of education open to 209 American youths seeking the way to good citizenship. Sixty-three freshmen bring the enrollment to an all-time record.
- Sept. 10 Betoji journalists take advantage of the free press and start action on their sheet in the local paper.
- Sept. 12 First chance to get our breath. District P.T.A. meeting gives half-day vacation.
- Sept. 17 Right of suffrage claimed by students as class officers are elected.
- Sept. 18 Three teams of cheer leaders "strut their stuff" as they try out at a pep meeting.
- Sept. 20 Victory over St. Teresa gives Bement a good start on football campaign.
- Sept. 24 Aching feet and sore muscles following first G.A.A. hike.
- Oct. 10 Bulldogs provide Atwood with an exciting game for their homecoming.
- Oct. 11 Turnabout. Teachers go to school in Champaign while the students vacation.
- Oct. 16 Many are happy—some are sad, as the first grade cards are given out.
- Oct. 24 Pre-homecoming wiener roast and pep meeting.
- Oct. 25 Homecoming is a great success. Football victory, followed by supper, social hour, and dance. Wanda Kirkland was the only student who predicted the score correctly, 8-0. She thought a touchdown counted eight points.
- Oct. 28 Roosevelt elected by student ballot. Bob Loudenback is indicted for voting twice.
Why does everyone look extra nice today? Annual pictures are taken.
- Oct. 31 Bement observes unusually quiet Halloween. The reason? All juniors attend a party at the high school.
- Nov. 1 Another holiday. Teachers attend state conference.
- Nov. 5 Jim Roberts entertains the junior play cast. . . . A little recreation after a lot of hard practice.
- Nov. 8 Congratulations, juniors! Your play was a great success.
- Nov. 15 Sophomores get "right out and among them" at a class party.
- Nov. 21 BEMENT 7 — MONTICELLO 0!!!
- Nov. 25 In regard to the proofs of the seniors photographs, Warren McPherson asks, "Why are the seniors all getting those silly red pictures?"
- Nov. 27 Students hear lecture on harmful effects of alcohol.
- Nov. 28 Since the Iowa Thanksgiving was a week later than ours, Mr. Laird, a former teacher, was able to be here for our football banquet. Fourteen players received letters.
- Nov. 29 "B" Club members amuse themselves at a stag party.
- Dec. 6 G.A.A. members give party.
- Dec. 16 Band members elect officers — all boys — three from the bass section.

THE CALENDAR

- Dec. 17 Faculty quartet sings "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" before the assembly. Men wear crepe paper ties and women wear hair ribbons. Surprises like this continued throughout the week.
- Dec. 18 F.F.A. and Home Ec. share the building as the Future Farmers are initiated and Home Ec. girls have chili supper and Christmas party. The Santa Claus looked suprisingly like Leo Poundstone.
- Dec. 19 Octet entertains student body by singing "Deck the Halls". Another Christmas surprise.
- Dec. 20 Christmas program high-lighted by visit from Santa and Christmas pageant.
- Jan. 6 After a quiet rest of sixteen days, corridors of B.T.H.S. are once again scenes of busy activities.
- Jan. 10 Seniors entertain juniors at a party and dance after a Bement basketball victory over Monticello.
- Jan. 23 Buck up, kids. Today's exams weren't so bad.
- Jan. 24 And more exams. These are the last ones for the seniors—we hope.
- Jan. 28 Mr. Fields was seen washing dishes very adeptly.
- Jan. 29 Bement eliminated from Okaw Valley Tourney in three overtimes—36-34.
- Jan. 30 The boys of B.T.H.S. let loose a barrage of bright ideas as the plans are laid for Boys' Discussion Groups.
- Feb. 3 Buddy Poundstone tells the physics class that trees can hear. (That's what the Lone Ranger says.)
- Feb. 5 Miss Houston discovers the true meaning of "Saxophobia". It is the name of a saxophone solo, but she thought it was a disease.
- Feb. 12 No, nobody is sick. It's just the new "B" club initiates singing "Playmates" before the assembly. Mr. Keller says he has discovered some outstanding prospects for the chorus.
- Feb. 13 Why is it that several boys would rather stand up than sit today? Could it be a result of the "B" club initiations?
- Feb. 14 Amorous looks everywhere. Valentine's Day must have something the other days don't have.
- Feb. 20 Betohi singers and dancers contribute their talent to the P.T.A. pageant.
- Mar. 3 Three cheers! The Home Ec Club had a Coca-Cola vendor installed.
- Mar. 4 Miss Houston loses a wager. John bet her that the group of green sprouts in her flower pot was wheat and she thought it was grass. You acted pretty sure of yourself, John. What do you know about how the wheat got there?
- Mar. 9 Sectional tournament pairings are announced. Bement vs. Feitshans.
- Mar. 13 Betohi boys have the privilege of hearing a lecture on courtship. The speaker—Mr. Hodam.
- Mar. 14 What are things coming to? Mr. Slusser proudly comes to geometry class with the solution to a problem he assigned not to us, but to a class he taught two years ago.

THE CALENDAR

- Mar. 15 Betohi students get their share of "firsts" at the Solo and Ensemble contest in Mattoon.
- Mar. 17 Shure, and there's a lot of green decorations to be seen around school today, and we don't mean freshmen. At the G.A.A. tea dance after school one feature was a dance for only the people wearing green.
- Mar. 20 Spring football practice begins. The band gives its Spring Concert before a record-breaking crowd.
- Mar. 21 Seniors and "the kids" (freshmen) both have parties. The seniors invite the freshmen to come to their party to dance.
- Mar. 24 Basketball boys honored at the Okaw Valley Banquet at Cerro Gordo.
- Mar. 26 The juniors and seniors look blank as they take intelligence tests sponsored by the University of Illinois.
- Mar. 29 It's a good thing it's Saturday. Mrs. Phillips would never have been able to get to school after that strenuous exhibition of rope-jumping last night.
- April 1April Fool
- April 2 "Red" Southern "wows" the student audience with a side-splitting talk on baseball and training rules.
- April 4 A group of Betohi seniors go to Millikin University to a Vocational Guidance Conference and "Mixer".
- April 7 Miss Goldie Nicholson, a missionary from Japan, tells the student body about Japanese customs and dress. After the geometry class has debated for 40 minutes on how a problem is to be interpreted, Bill Hendrix says, "I don't think the problem's very clear".
- April 10 In a joint meeting of the Hi-Tri and the Boys' Discussion Groups, the best of the student-written essays on "My Ideal Girl" or "My Ideal Boy" were read.
- April 15 First Senior Play tryouts were held. Girls held a Hi-Tri meeting to elect next year's officers.
- April 19 Soloists and vocal octet go to Peoria.
- April 24 Juniors and seniors enjoy the most important social event of the year—the Junior-Senior Banquet.
- May 3 Chorus journeys to Peoria to compete in the sectional contest.
- May 8 Home Ec. girls entertain their mothers at a party.
- May 10 G.A.A. entertains girls from neighboring towns at a Play Day.
- May 12 The Seniors take T.B. tests.
- May 15 The band gives its second concert—the last performance for the seniors.
- May 22 The Senior class presents a three-act play—"Oh, Professor". The underclassmen undergo final exams.
- May 23 Large audience attends the Senior Class Night.
- May 25 Rev. C. J. Kinrade brings inspiring baccalaureate message to the seniors.
- May 26 Thirty-nine seniors graduate after four glorious years in Betohi.

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