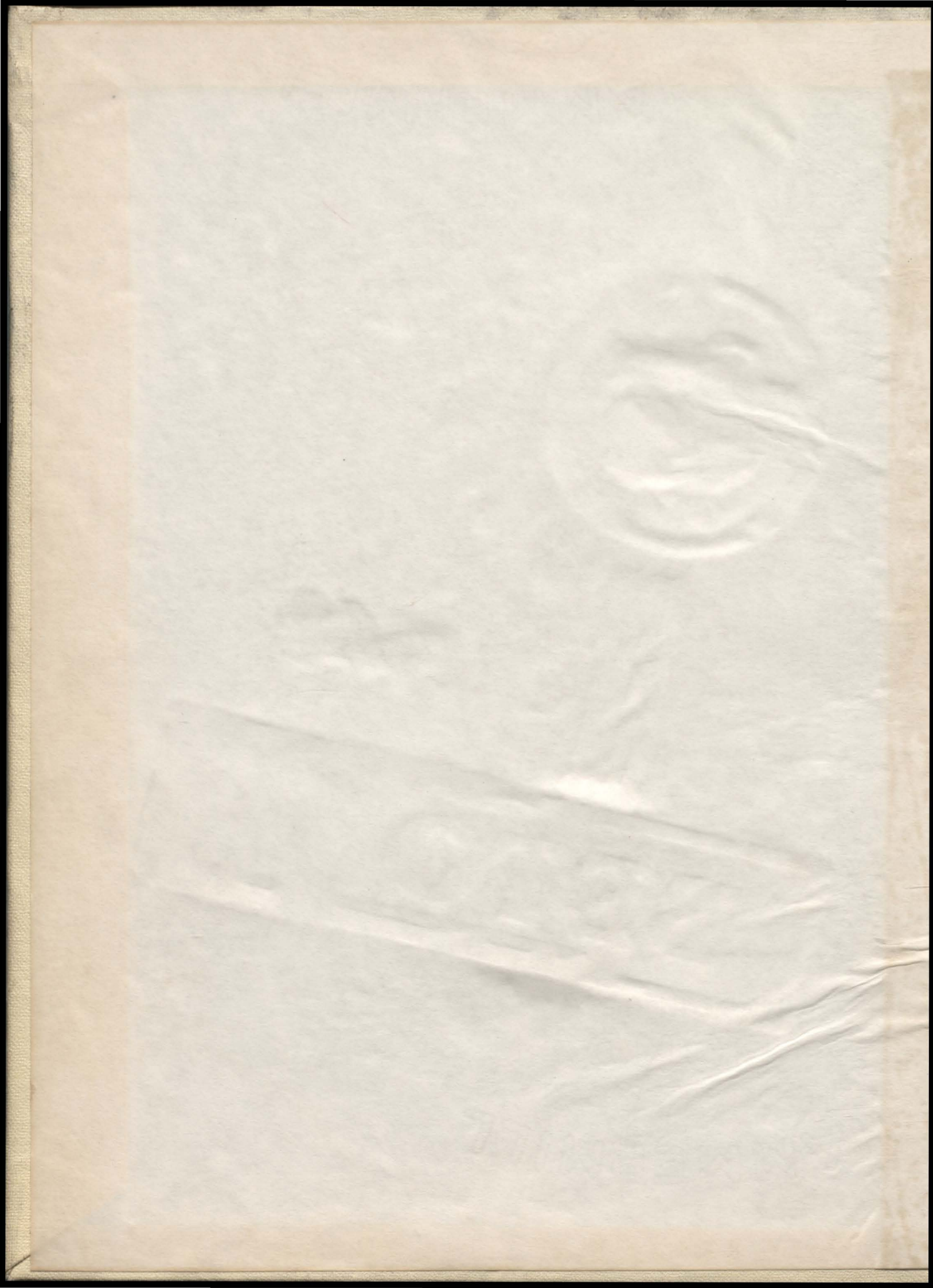
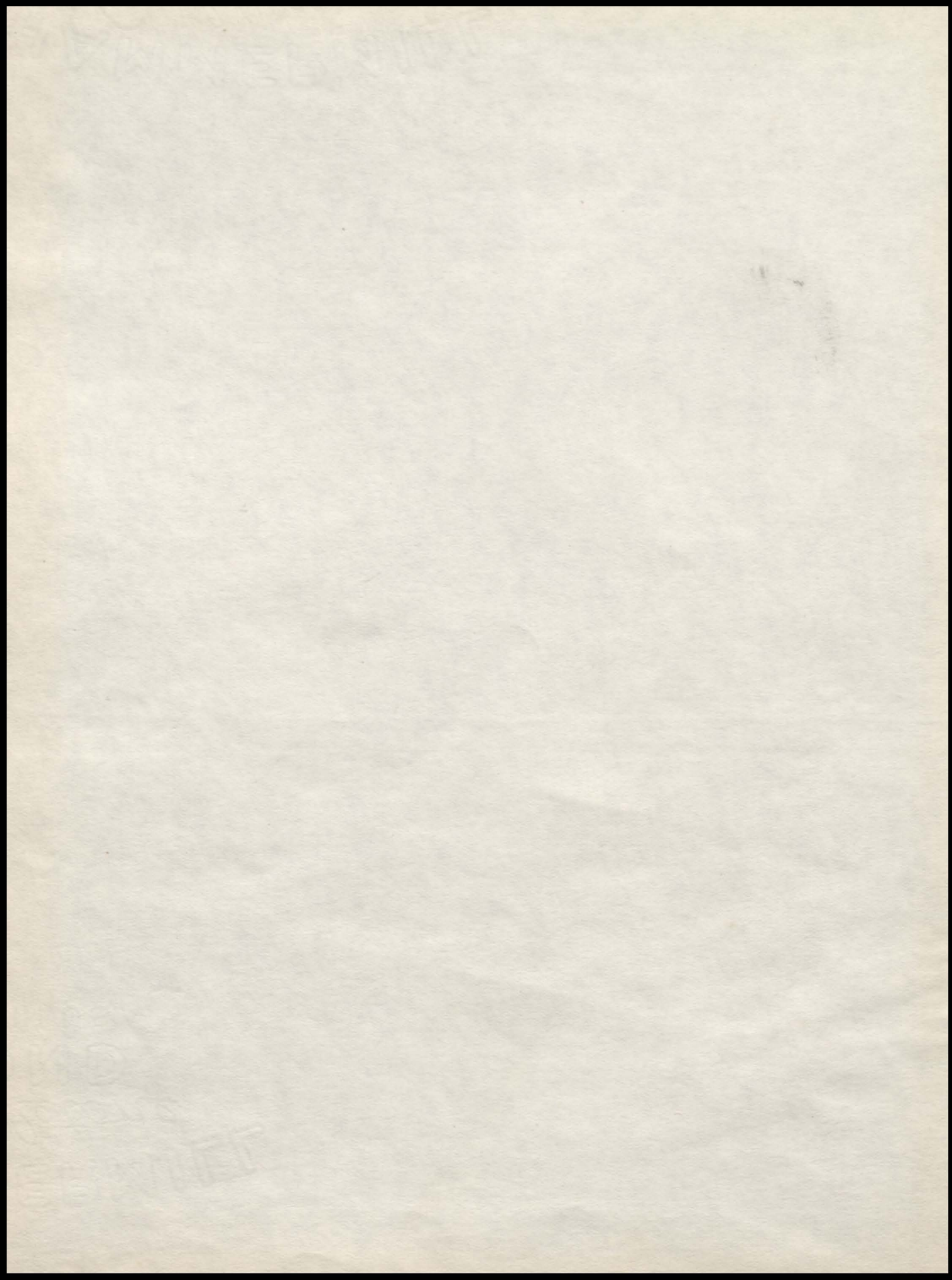


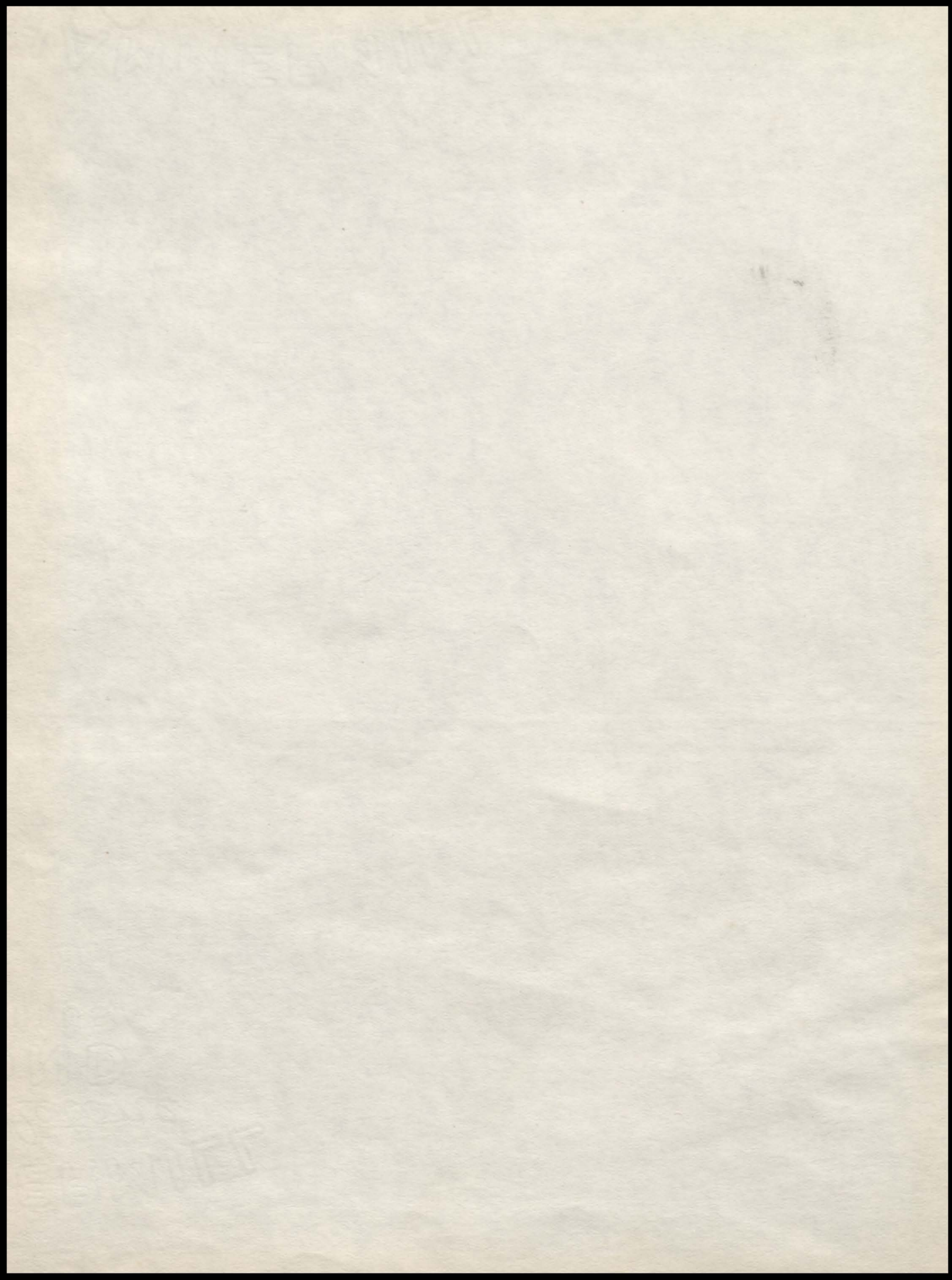


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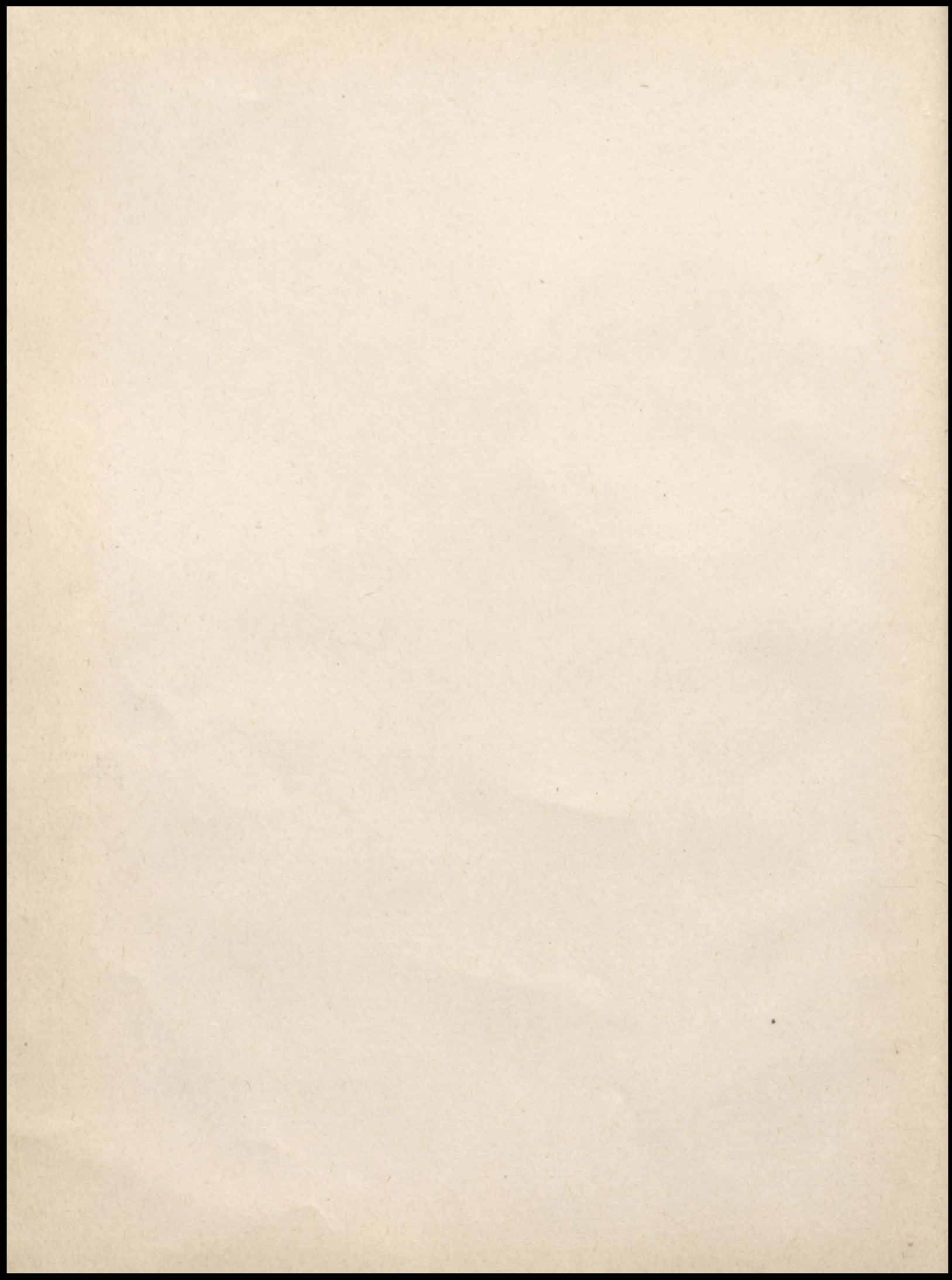






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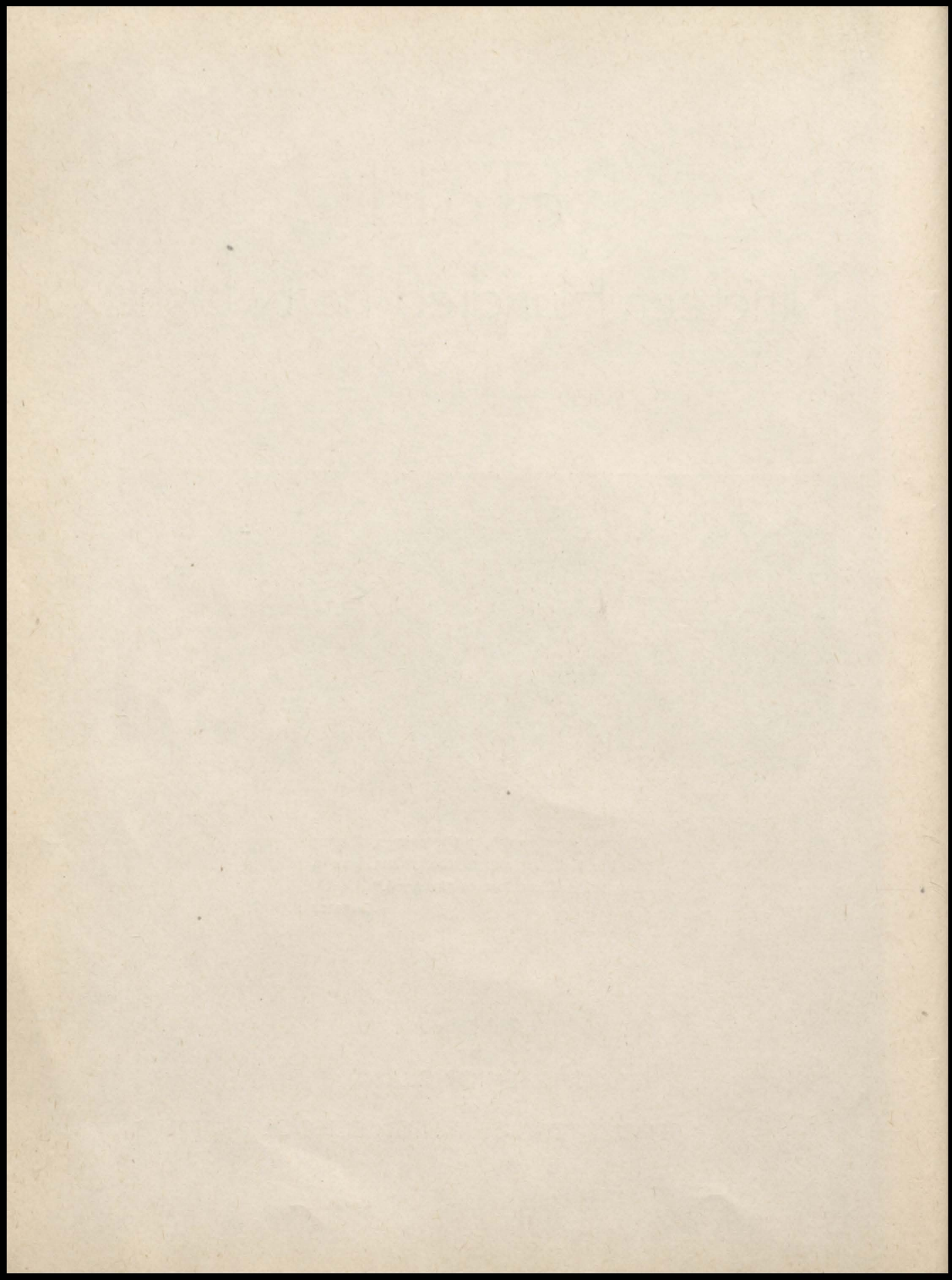
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"Learning is wealth to the poor, an honor
to the rich, an aid to the young, and a
support and comfort to the aged."

Lavater

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Preface

As we publish this book, it is our sincere desire that through the years it will be a source of many moments of happiness. We have done our utmost to present every function of our school life in the most realistic manner possible. All of us are justly proud of Bement Township High School. As it is dissolving into a larger school unit and will no longer exist after the current school year, we especially hope that this edition will compare favorably with the high standards of our school. We hope you like it.

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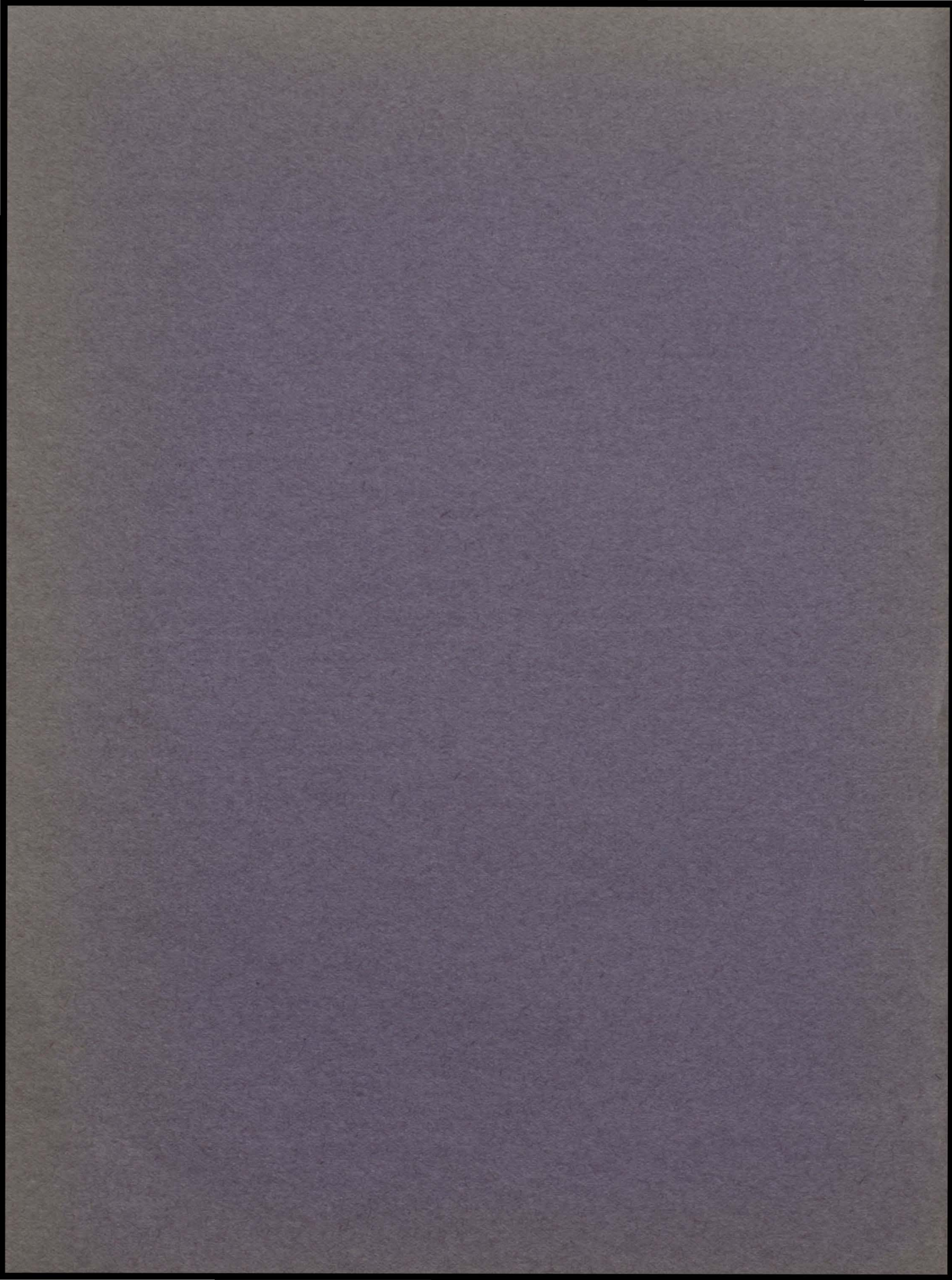
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COUNSELLORS



Counsellors

An efficient Board of Education and a well chosen faculty are two essential elements in the formation and continuation of a successful school.

We students of Bement Township High School feel we are indeed fortunate to be obtaining our education under the guidance of such a well prepared faculty.

Our Board of Education needs only point to the well-equipped, modern school building and their employees for proof of a job well done.

In the following pages we introduce to you those people who are helping to mold today's youth into fine American citizens of tomorrow.

Board of Education

Seated: Mr. R. R. Siders, secretary; Mr. R. N. Holloway;
Mr. A. E. Bodman; Mr. Lew Wilkinson, president.

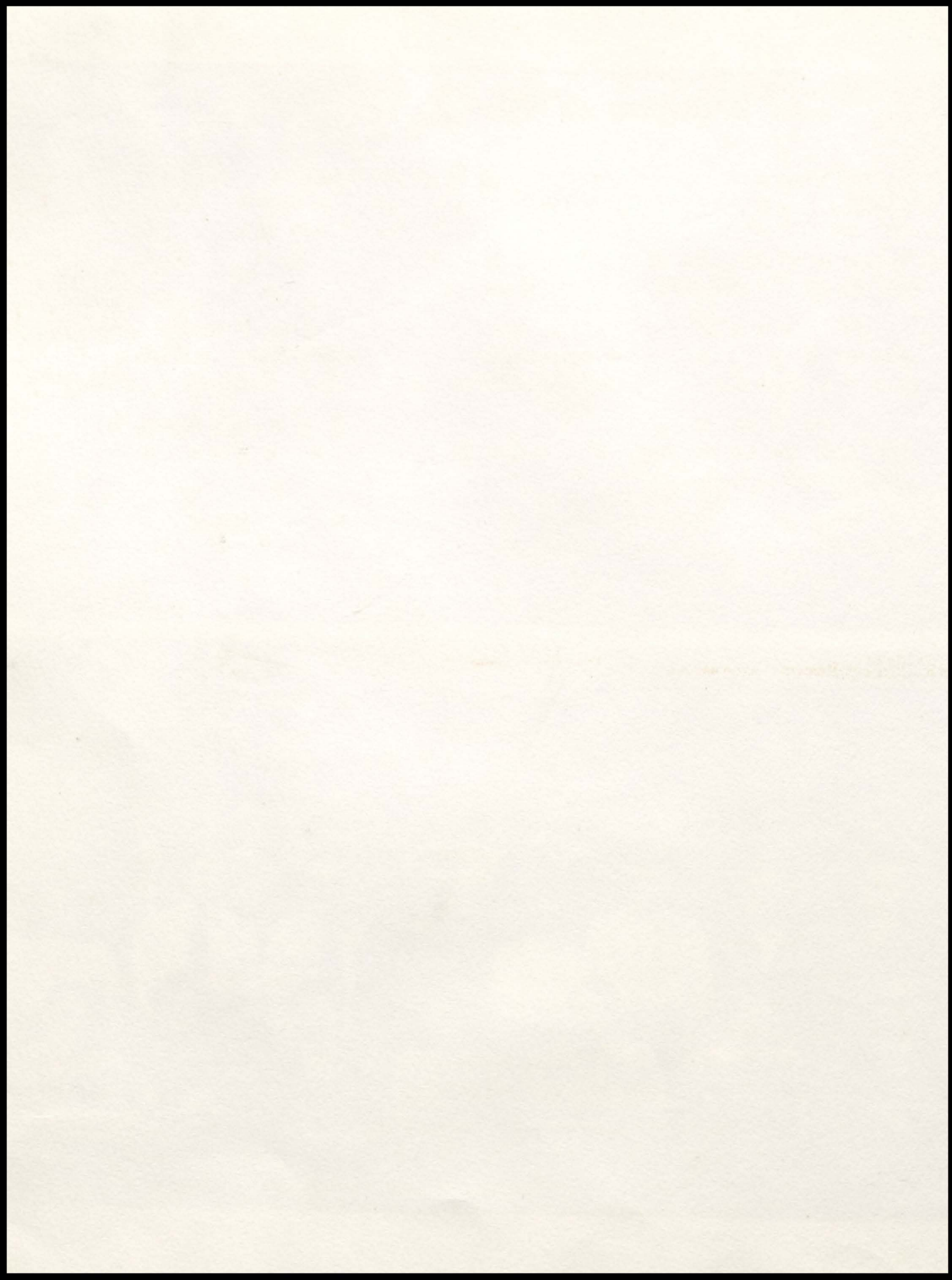
Standing: Mr. Selby Clark; Mr. Howard Lamb; Mr. E. A.
Stout.



Annual Staff

Editors Audine Tompkins, John Moery
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Club Editors Wanda Romack, John Born
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Senior Editors Barbara Hampton, Bob Postlewait
Junior Editor Charlotte Tiffin
Sophomore Editor Dean Stout
Freshman Editor Lenore Royal
Typists Shirley Lamb, LaMar Grunewald
Advisors Miss Houston, Mr. Alkire





History of B. T. H. S.

On October 9, 1915, the Bement Township High School was organized. About a month later the election of officers was held. The members of the first board were: President, Mr. W. J. Day; Board Members, Mr. James H. Bowyer, Mr. O. E. Wright, Mr. H. E. Shaw, Mr. W. A. Steel, Mr. Frank Lefever, and Mr. John Moery Sr.

In December of the same year an election was held to determine a site for the building. Five hundred eighty-five votes were cast but there were not enough votes for any one site for a decision to be reached.

The first B. T. H. S. graduating class received their diplomas in May 1917, in the building which is now the grade school. The class consisted of sixteen people.

High school continued to be held in the grade school building until 1919 when the board bought a three-room portable building for \$1,620.00. The year 1919 also saw another election at which time the present high school site was selected. The English brothers of Champaign, Illinois built the present building which was completed in December of 1920. The total cost of the structure was \$130,236.60.

January 3, 1921 saw the first class held in the new building and in May 1921, nineteen pupils received their diplomas and thus became the first class to graduate from the new brick school house.

Mr. Otto Weedman came here in 1916 and acted as superintendent until the fall of 1920 when Mr. J. H. Brill took over the reins. He was succeeded in 1924 by Mr. George B. McClellan who held the position for three years. Mr. H. E. Slusser came to Bement in 1927 and was superintendent of schools for nineteen years. The present school head, Mr. S. E. Alkire, came here in 1946 and is just completing his second year.

When speaking of long periods of school service, mention should be made of Mr. O. E. Wright who was a member of the original board and served until 1946—a period of thirty-one years. The late Byron Dyarman served on the board for twenty-nine years. Ralph R. Siders has been secretary of the Board of Education since 1919.

With the organization of the new school district which will come into effect July 1, 1948, the class of '48 will not only terminate our high school days when we get our sheepskins but we will also be writing the final sentences in the history of Bement Township High School.

Our Faculty

On this and the succeeding page we shall introduce you to the teachers of B. T. H. S.; those people who spend so many tiring and sometimes discouraging hours in trying to educate us students.

Mr. Ray E. Smith
 General Science
 Physical Education
 Football and Baseball
 Coach
 Graduate of:
 Illinois College B. A.
 George Peabody College
 M. A.
 Served in U. S. Navy 23½
 months

Mr. Arthur E. Wehmeier
 Mathematics
 Basketball and Track
 Coach
 Graduate of:
 McKendree College A. B.
 University of Illinois
 M. A.
 Served in U. S. Navy 31
 months

Mrs. Marjorie Knoop
 Home Economics
 Graduate of:
 James Millikin
 University B. S.
 Served in WAVES 18½
 months

Mr. Robert C. Taylor
 Music
 Graduate of:
 Illinois College B. M.
 Served in A. S. F. Bands
 27 months

Miss Pearl Swaim
 English
 Latin
 Graduate of:
 Franklin College A. B.

Mr. S. E. Alkire
 Superintendent of Schools
 Physics
 Graduate of:
 Western Illinois State
 Teachers College
 B. Ed.
 University of Missouri
 A. M.

Mrs. Gertrude Siders
 Physical Education
 1st Semester
 Graduate of:
 University of Illinois B. A.
Mrs. Evelyn Zwigard
 Physical Education
 2nd Semester
 Graduate of:
 Bowman Dancing School

Mrs. Max Moore
 Secretary 2nd Semester
 Graduate of B. T. H. S.
 Attended James Millikin
 U. one semester
Miss Inez Forcum
 Secretary 1st Semester
 Graduate of B. T. H. S.

Mr. Lowell A. Hodam
 Agriculture
 Graduate of:
 University of Illinois
 B. S., M. S.

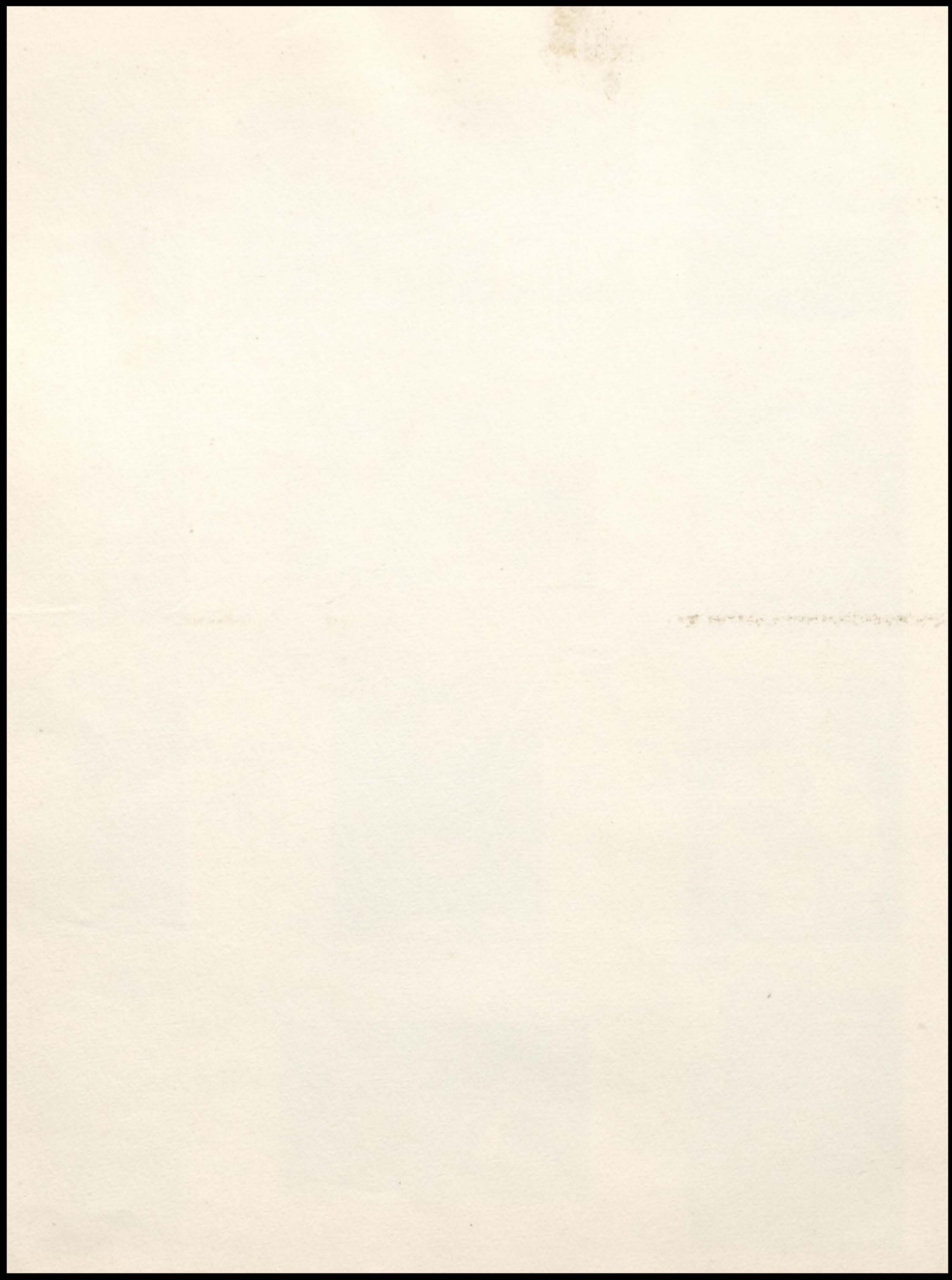
Miss Isabelle Houston
 English-Librarian
 Graduate of:
 University of Illinois
 B. A., B. L. S.

Mrs. Stanley C. Hammond
 Typing
 Bookkeeping
 Shorthand
 Graduate of:
 Anthony Wayne Institute

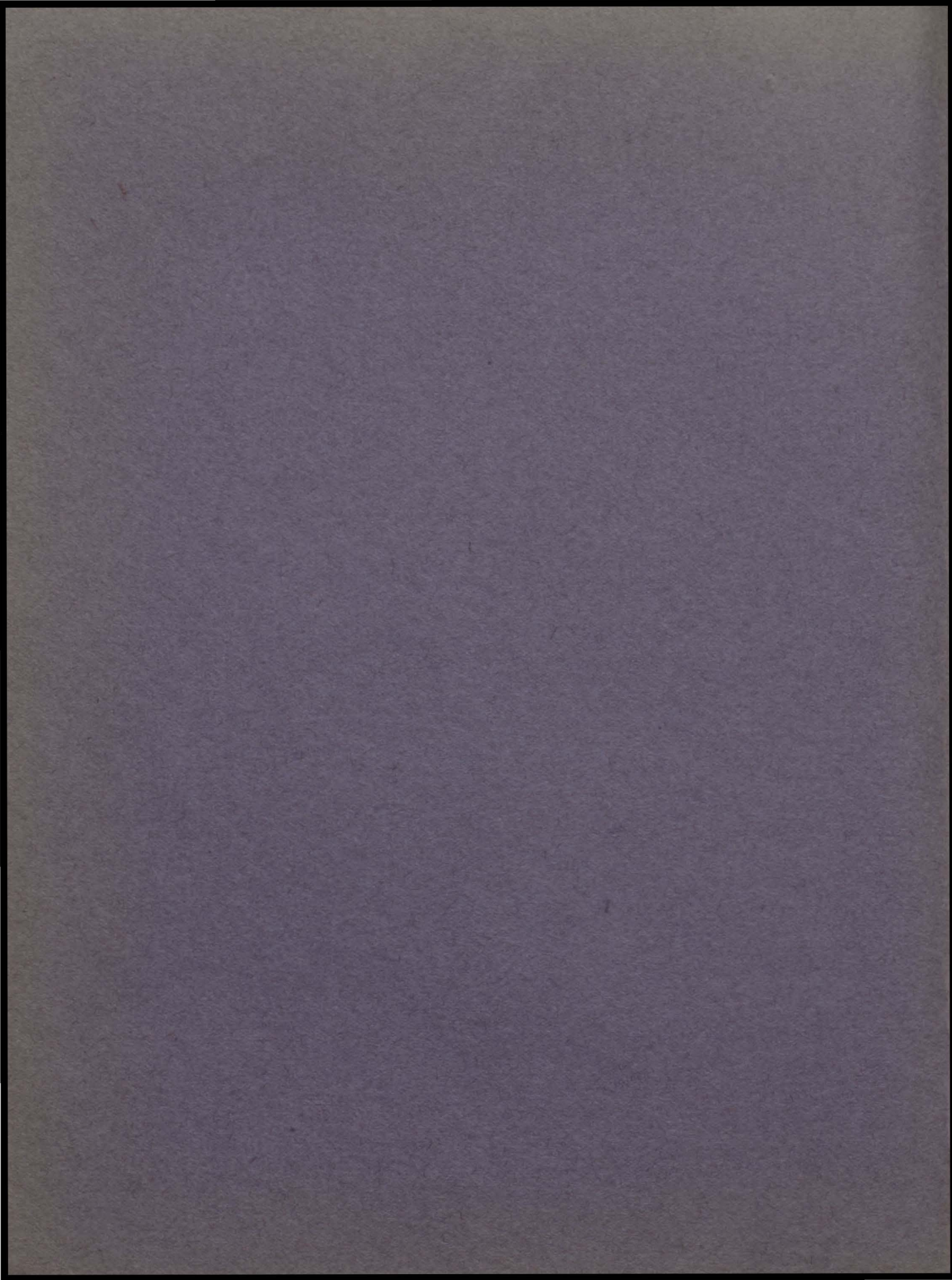
Mrs. Louise S. Moore
 Chemistry
 Biology
 Graduate of:
 Illinois College B. A.

Mr. Arthur S. Krane
 Social Science
 Graduate of:
 Illinois State Normal
 University B. A.
 Served in U. S. Navy 30
 months





CLASSES



Classes

September, 1947 found one hundred fifty-five boys and girls enrolled at B. T. H. S. As is always the case we lost a few as the going got tougher and as families moved to different communities.

In the succeeding pages we shall introduce to you every member of our four classes.

Although the seniors may seem to dominate this section it is because this was their last year in high school, not because their presence was any more important to the success and welfare of our school than was the presence of the underclassmen.

It is with considerable pride we present to you the students of B. T. H. S.

Senior Class

Bruce Still—Class President

A four sport athlete. As industrious and conscientious in his work as he is in sports. Active in the music department and school recreation. Lots of luck in the future to one of the most deserving graduates.

Howard Lawrence—"Red"—Class Vice-President

Co-captain and half-back of the football team. Remembered for his distinctive style in speech-making in English IV.

Jack Gallivan—"Pego"—Class Secretary and Treasurer

Displays brawn on the football field. His mannerly way has won him many friends. Blondes preferred.

Joe Hannon—"Irish"

Tall and witty. A natural leader in any "Bull Session." A super edition of the Ivesdale Irish.

Jean Heiple

Black hair, blue eyes, attractive. Once a resident of Ivesdale. Successfully made the big step—now resides in Bement.

Barbara Hampton—"Butch"

Poised, demure, with active brown eyes; a talented pianist. One main fault—being a woman driver.

Alan Hendrix—"Jud"

Athletic, studious, conscientious. A student farmer with wit. Came to us via "Hawver College" of Milmine. A second Andy Pafko.

Martha Turney—"Marty"

Proof of the saying, "Dynamite comes in small packages." Laughing blue eyes that show a sense of humor.

John Born

Not a care in the world. Interested in science and sports. Just has fun living.

Warren Foran

Our gift to motion pictures. He runs the moving picture projector at our local theater.

Wanda Larimore—"Larry"

Another southern belle from down Hammond way—good natured and said to have a heart of gold. A good cook with special talents in cake baking.

J. D. Carroll—"Red"

Really quite studious. Drives a pick-up like mad. We think he must be very shy, for he always seems to be blushing. Just watch his smoke.

Olive Beals—"Ollie"

"A cheerful disposition is a fund of ready capital"—Studious, known for her athletic ability. Has interest other than in school.

Doris Brittenham—"Pete"

Our contribution to dramatics if she's willing. Moody and noted for doing the unexpected.

Don Schum—"Scum"

Has a steady sober appearance but has a turn for the brighter side of life. Often gives forth with his unsuspected wit and silly antics. A hard runner in football; a member of track squad also.



Howard Lawrence



Bruce Still



Jack Sullivan

CLASS

OF
1948



Joe Hannon



Joan Heiple



Barbara Hampton



Alex Hendus



Martha Turner



John Brown



Warren Foran



Wanda Larimore



James D. Carroll



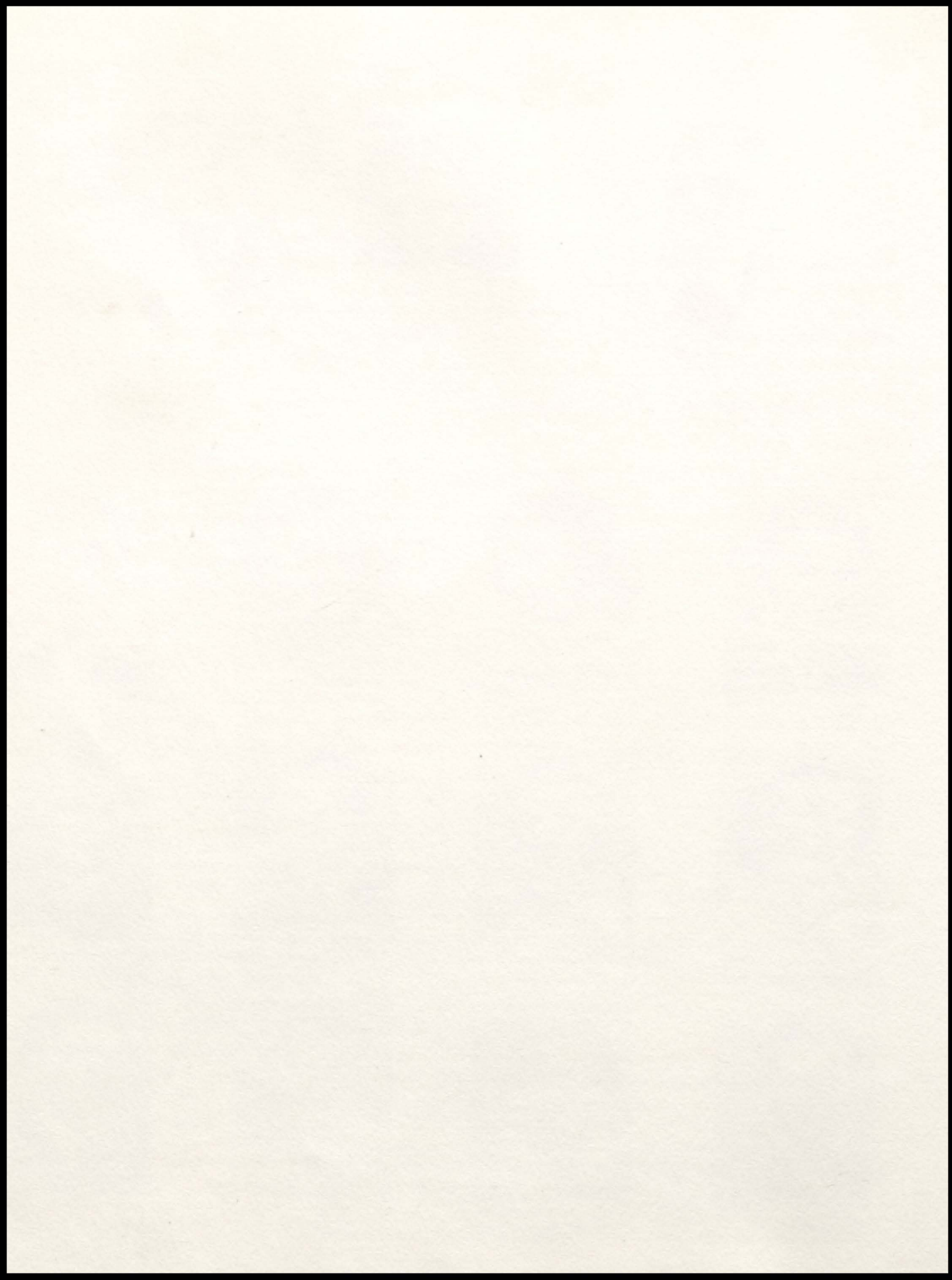
Olive E. Beale



Davis Britanlon



Don Schum



Senior Class History

You have undoubtedly heard of freshmen in high school as being "green." Well, the group of forty-nine eager students who entered B. T. H. S. in the fall of '44 admits that they were a bit awed by the new surroundings and procedure, but they soon got into the swing of things.

At our first class meeting we wisely chose Robert Postlewait as president, Stanley Funk as vice-president, Audine Tompkins as secretary-treasurer, and John Moery as member of the Athletic Board of Control.

Audine Tompkins was chosen our candidate for homecoming queen.

By working hard and being active in school functions, we freshmen were well on our way toward making the future graduating class of '48 an illustrious one.

Then, in '45 as sophomores, forty-seven of us returned, full of enthusiasm for work and play. George Cotter was elected president; Alan Hendrix, vice-president; Howard Lawrence, secretary-treasurer; and Bob Curry, member of the Athletic Board of Control.

Ervilla Lefever served as attendant to the queen at homecoming.

One of the most memorable occasions of this year was the All-School party given by the sophomores.

We began the third lap of our high school journey in '46 as confident juniors. As a group of fifty, we elected John Moery, president; Audine Tompkins, vice-president; Alan Hendrix, secretary-treasurer; and Howard Lawrence, member of the Athletic Board of Control.

We were very disappointed when our queen candidate, Martha Turney, was not chosen queen, but she made a lovely attendant.

Instead of presenting the conventional junior play, our class entertained the students and community with a gay carnival which was a great success.

The high light of our social affairs was the traditional junior-senior prom on May 8.

Finally in the fall of '47 as "dignified" seniors, we elected the following members to lead our class through this busy year: Bruce Still, president; Howard Lawrence, vice-president; Jack Gallivan, secretary-treasurer.

Barbara Hampton was elected queen.

Our class gave a party for the juniors on April 9. We know they had a swell time because on May 6 we were royally entertained by the juniors at a prom for which we all turned out in our best bib and tucker.

We enjoyed presenting a mystery play, "Midnight", on May 13. It was well attended.

Now, as we approach the end of a successful four years, our high school days are fond memories and one of the largest classes ever to graduate from this school leaves with high hope for the future.

Senior Class

George Cotter—"Otto"

A barrel of fun combined with a ready hearty laugh. Has something above those shoulders besides a round face. Proud owner of a new car.

Ann Tynan—"Tiny"

A witty tongue and ready smile. A cut-up that brings laughter to those around her.

John Moery—"Buddy Blue-eyes"

A natural athlete although hampered by injuries. A leader in class activities around school. That angelic look is very misleading!

Wanda Romack

She has a permanent wave all right, but she didn't get it in any beauty parlor. She's dependable and good in sports as well as studies.

Stanley Funk—"Carl"

Calm, dark, and good-looking. Notice the glint in his eye? One eye is on a good time and the other keeps careful watch for the YOUNGER girls in school. Bow-wow.

Audine Tompkins

An all-around girl with long wavy blond hair. Always wears a smile and keeps the ball rolling around B. T. H. S.

Catherine Gallivan—"Katy"

"As hard to catch as a waiter's eye." Small, vivacious, Irish!

Robert Foran—"Weeds"

A full-fledged Irishman—if you don't believe it, just ask him! Is invariably unable to reach the "gates of our little institution of learning" by 9 a. m. in the morning.

Norma Hall

Comes to us from the "Deep South" (Hammond). Readily distinguished by her blond hair and also behind the wheel of a new Frazer.

Jim Morgan

A farmer from over east. Known to dread P. E. hours; but then that shows he's human.

Grace Somers—"Gracie"

Known for her Pepsodent smile and ability in sports. Likes a certain "Jack" who, like her, makes the journey from Ivesdale each morning.

Dale Shepherd—"Shep"

Has no particular love for the business end of school but is no lagger in his work. Always employed when not in school.

Mary Vance—"Janie"

Busy as a bee is Janie—dashing back and forth between Bement and Monticello. Her knowledge is acquired while being a telephone operator!

Leonard Lamkin—"Smoky"

A thorough student from every angle. A hard worker with a mathematical mind; looking forward to a career in the Service.

Richard Neal—"Dick"

Love lies in writing and music. His quiet, yet aggressive manner should be an asset in his field.

Phyllis Comerford

Come spring and if you can't find her around school, you'll know she's out lending a hand at the tractor. Very good humored, too.



George K. Cutler



Ann Lyman



John O. Woery



Paula Romack



Stan Funk



Audine Tompkins



Catherine Halloran



Bob Zoran



Norma Jean Bell



Jim Morgan



Grace Somers



Dale Shepherd



Mary Vance



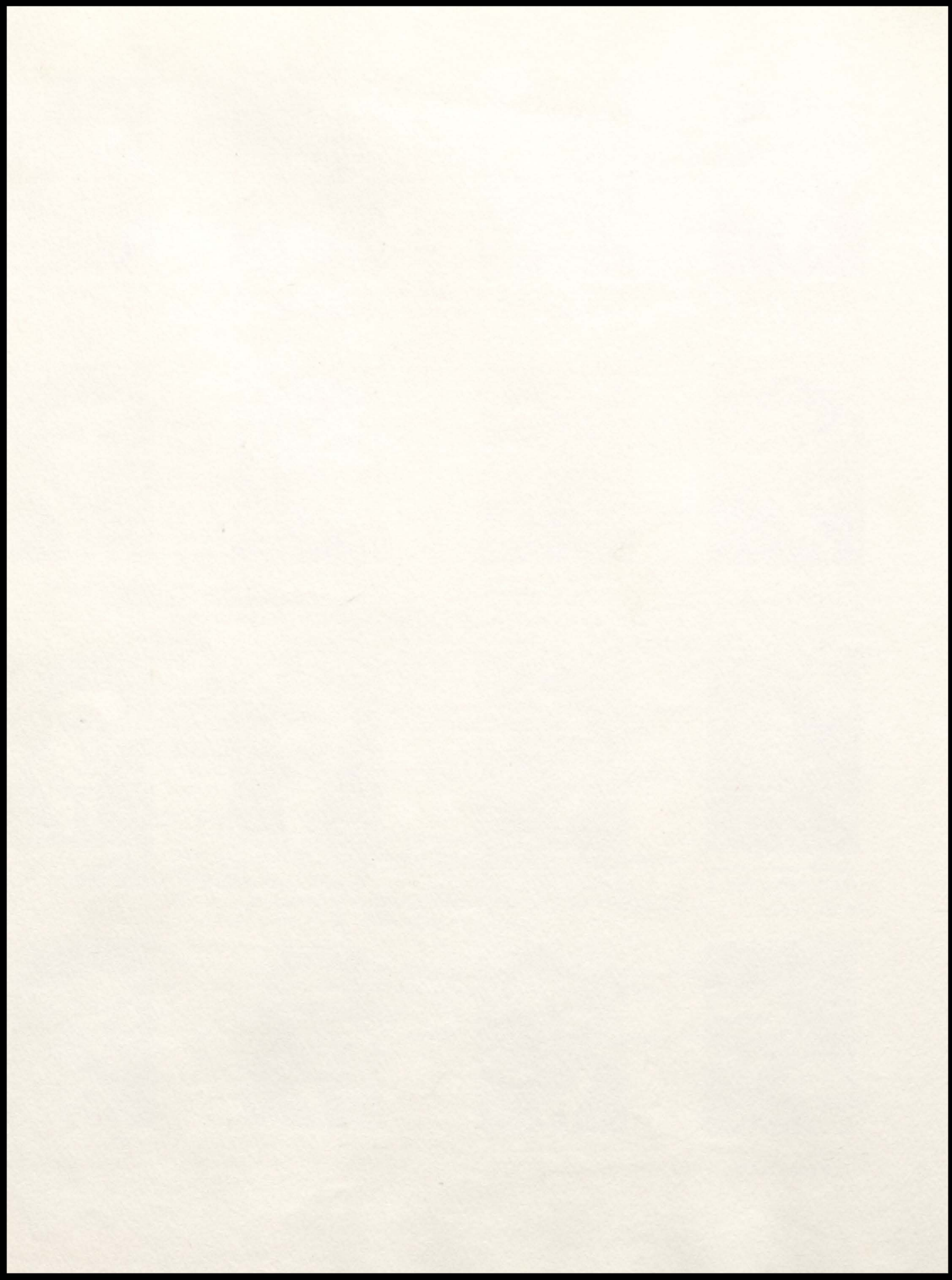
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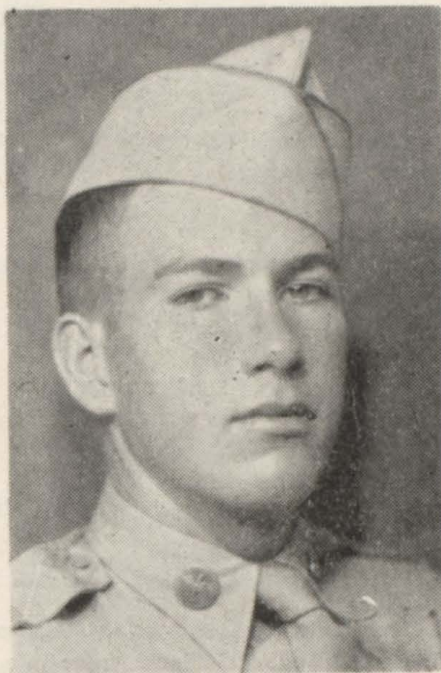


Richard A. Neal



Phyllis Cornsford





GLENN DEERING — 1930-1948

In Memoriam

The former classmates of Glenn Deering here honor the memory of a true friend and amiable companion whom we are proud to say was a member of our school and community. He attended Bement schools until this last year when he enlisted in the U. S. Army in August before school started in September. Enthusiastic in his work and in serving his country and modest in achievement, Glenn shall long be remembered as a person who lived with sound purpose and zest.

Senior Class

George Camden—"Slats"

Slender, tender, and tall. Another transfer from "Hawver College," Milmine.

Betty Fombelle—"Radar"

A friendly face and personality to match. We have an idea her main interest doesn't lie in school.

Bob Postlewait—"Russ"

An all-around fellow who's liked everywhere. Active in school functions. Definitely destined for great things.

LaMar Grunewald—"Art"

A ready wit and a faithful booster for the Republican Party. An all-around student and can also play a MEAN trumpet.

Bob Curry—"Doc"

"Stop me if you've heard this one." Always a joke to liven up any party or group. If friendliness and good humor were graded, he'd have received straight A.

Betty Dukeman—"Dukie"

Quiet, unassuming and a friend in need. Has an immediate interest in the arts of cookery and home decoration.

Shirley Lamb—"Suds"

"Hiya, kido" (Slap) Definitely not the sophisticated type, she distinguishes herself in sports, ice-skating excluded. Collects pencils and eversharps.

Eileen Hardimon—"Linky"

Chatter-Chatter! A rapid and continual conversationalist. Bement's Hedda Hopper (What's the latest, kid?)

Robert E. Collins—"Elroy"

As unpredictable as March weather. Has no love for the serious side of school work. Is at his best in track and music.

Ervilla Lefever—"Bill"

One of our many farmerettes. A horse enthusiast who likes anything from the real thing to horse stories, statues, and pictures on the wall. Has an easy going manner and amiable disposition.

Charles Heiple—"Charlie"

His life revolves around engines. Bored with school, but is completely changed when astride a motorcycle.

Ada Sebens

A conscientious and steady worker who has little to say about it all. Keeps up on exercising by being active in sports and serving food at Kirby hospital.

Dwight Johnson—"Buddy"

Diminutive but powerful. Quiet, sober; seems to enjoy his contact with people.

Dean Buckner—"Gunga"

T. N. T. on the gridiron—this tackle who was a strong support of the Bement eleven. Wheee—a hat pin on the loose.

Ruth Ella DeFore—"Red"

As good natured as one will find. A leader in girls' athletics.



George Casaden



Betty Fambelle



Bob Posthumus



O. W. Grant



Bob Curry



Betty Dukeman



Shirley Lamb



Eileen Hardeman



Robert E. Collins



Emille Lefner



Charles Ralph W.



Ada Leberer



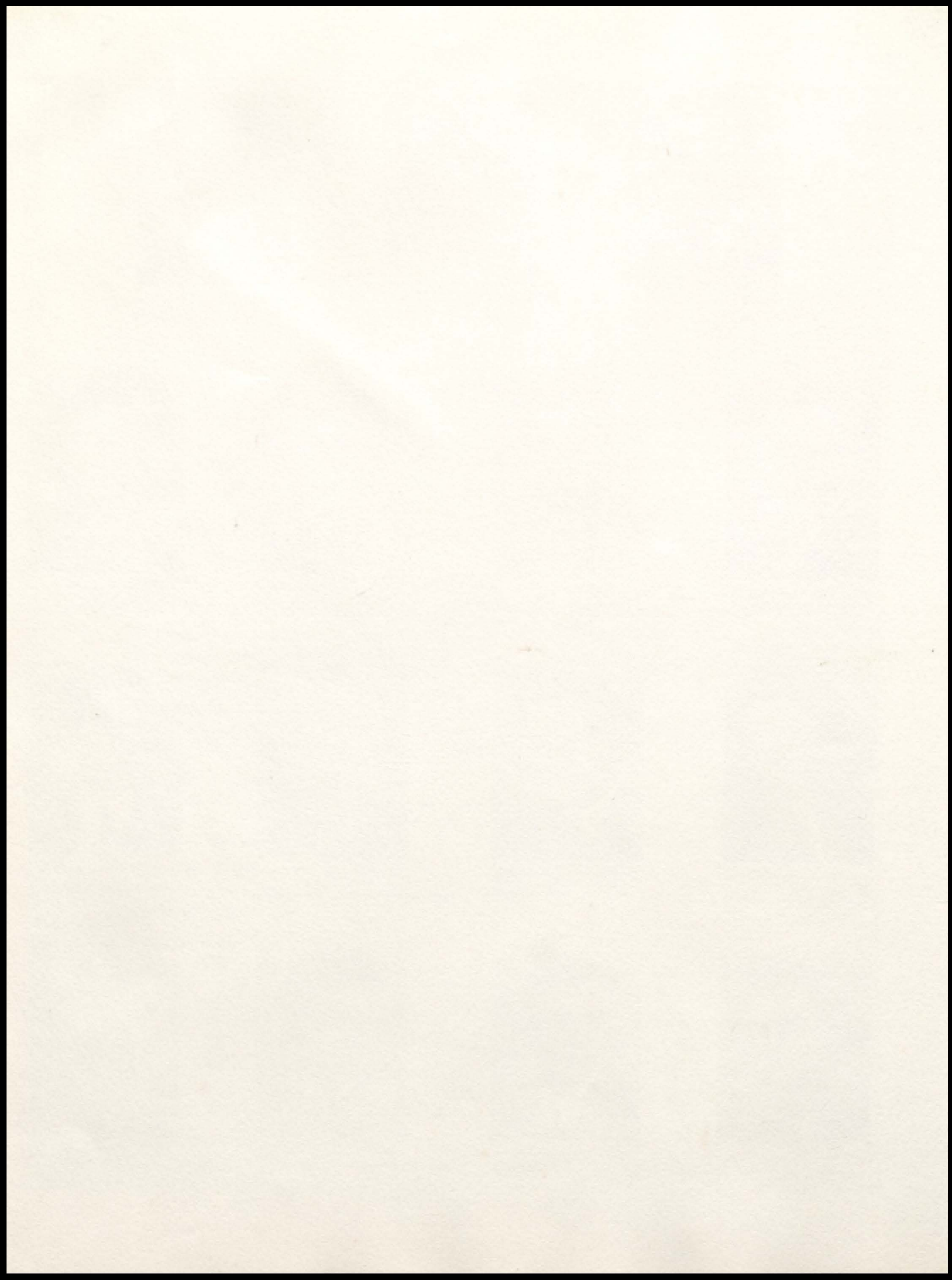
Dwight Johnson



Dean Duckert



Gretta Elva DeBore



Senior Activities

- Olive Beals**—Chorus 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian 4; Operetta 1.
- John Born**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; F. F. A. 2, 3; L. O. V. 1; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 1; "B" Club 4.
- Doris Brittenham**—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Music Groups 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; News Staff 3, 4; Operetta 1; Tumbling 1, 2, 4; Christmas Pageant 2; Senior Play.
- Dean Buckner**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4, Varsity 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; News Staff 3, 4; Operetta 1; "B" Club 4; Senior Play.
- George Camden**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4, Varsity 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Student Librarian 3; Operetta 1; "B" Club 4; Baseball 3.
- J. D. Carroll**—Track 1, 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; Octet 4; News Staff 3; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 1.
- Bob Collins**—Football 3, 4, Varsity 4; Track 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3; Operetta 1; Solo Voice 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; "B" Club 4; Senior Play.
- Phyllis Comerford**—Chorus 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Operetta 1.
- George Cotter**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Class President 2; News Staff 3; Operetta 1; "B" Club 2, 4.
- Eob Curry**—Football 2, Manager 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, Varsity 2; Band 1, 2, Vice-president 2; Chorus 1, 2; Boys' Quartet 2; News Staff 2; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 1; "B" Club 2, 4; Homecoming Escort 2.
- Ruth DeFore**—Chorus 1, 2, 3; F. H. A. 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Point Secretary 2; G. A. A. Camp 3; Tumbling 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 2; Operetta 1; L. O. V. 2.
- Betty Dukeman**—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; L. O. V. 1, 2, Secretary 2; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 4; F. H. A. 4.
- Betty Fombelle**—Atwood Class President 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian 4; News Staff 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 2.
- Bob Foran**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2; Chorus 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1; "B" Club 4.
- Warren Foran**—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; Student Librarian 3, 4; Christmas Committee 2.
- Stan Funk**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2, Manager 3; Baseball 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2, Treasurer 4; Class Vice-president 2; News Staff 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 3; "B" Club 4.
- Catherine Gallivan**—Ivesdale 1, 2; G. A. A. 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Senior Play.
- Jack Gallivan**—Ivesdale 1, 2; Football 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 3; Baseball Manager 3; F. F. A. 3, 4, Secretary 4; Class Secretary 4; Christmas Committee 4; "B" Club 4; Student Council Vice-president 4.
- LaMar Grunewald**—Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 3, President 4; Chorus 1, 4; Dance Band 4; L. O. V. 1, 2; News Staff 2, 4; Annual Staff 1, 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 4; Senior Play.
- Norma Hall**—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 4; L. O. V. 1, 2; News Staff 3, 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Pageant 2; Contest Vocal Solo 1, 2.
- Barbara Hampton**—Chorus 1; Music Groups Accompanist 2, 3; F. H. A. 1, 3, 4, President 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 4; Piano Solo Contest 2, 3; Homecoming Queen 4.
- Joe Hannon**—Ivesdale 1, 2; Football 3, 4, Varsity 4; Track 3, 4; Baseball 3; F. F. A. 4; "B" Club 4.
- Eileen Hardimon**—Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 4; Girls Trio 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; G. A. A. 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; Christmas Pageant 2; Operetta 1.
- Charles Heiple**—Chorus 1; F. F. A. 2, 3.
- Joan Heiple**—Chorus 1, 2; F. H. A. 4; G. A. A. 3, 4; Operetta 1.
- Alan Hendrix**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Baseball Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, Varsity 2, 3; Chorus 1; F. F. A. 2, 3, President 3; Class Secretary 3; Operetta 1; "B" Club 4.

Senior Activities

- Dwight Johnson**—Football 1; Track 3; Chorus 1; Operetta 1; Christmas Play 4.
- Shirley Lamb**—Band 1, 2, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Christmas Pageant 2; Operetta 1; News Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Christmas Committee 2; Tumbling 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Assistant Point Secretary 3, Point Secretary 4; Senior Play.
- Leonard Lamkin**—Chorus 1; Operetta 1; Student Librarian 3, 4; Business Manager for Play 4.
- Wanda Larimore**—Chorus 1, 2, 3; Operetta 1; Christmas Pageant 2; F. H. A. 4.
- Howard Lawrence**—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Track 1; Baseball Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1; Operetta 1; L. O. V. Vice-president 2; Class Secretary-Treasurer 2, Vice-president 4; News Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Christmas Committee 3; "B" Club 2, 4; Homecoming Escort 1, 4; Student Council President 4; Senior Play.
- Ervilla Lefever**—Chorus 1, 2, 3; Queen Attendant 2; Christmas Pageant 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; News Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.
- John Moery**—Football 1, 2, 3, Varsity 2, 3, Co-Captain 4; Chorus 1; Band 1, 2; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 1, 2; Homecoming Escort 3; Student Council Vice-president 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Varsity 2, 3; Track 1, 2; Baseball Varsity 1, 4; F. F. A. 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 4; L. O. V. 2, President 2; Athletic Board of Control 1; Class President 3; News Staff 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; "B" Club 2, 4.
- Jim Morgan**—Ivesdale 1, 2; Chorus 4; F. F. A. 3.
- Richard Neal**—Band 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Quartet 2; Albuquerque High School 3; Annual Staff 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Play 4; Senior Play.
- Bob Postlewait**—Football 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2; Class President 1; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 1; Noon-Time Activities 1, 2; Annual Staff 4; "B" Club 2, 4; Senior Play.
- Wanda Romack**—Operetta 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Christmas Pageant 2; L. O. V. 1, 2; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Point-secretary 3; Annual Staff 2, 4; F. H. A. 4; Christmas Committee 4; Senior Play.
- Don Schum**—Ivesdale 1, 2; Football Varsity 3, 4; Track Varsity 3, 4; F. F. A. 3, 4; "B" Club 4.
- Ada Sebens**—Chorus 1; Operetta 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- Dale Shepherd**—Football 1; L. O. V. 1, 2; Operetta 1; Christmas Committee 2, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.
- Grace Somers**—Ivesdale 1, 2; G. A. A. 3, 4, President 4; F. H. A. 4.
- Bruce Still**—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2, President 3, 4; Operetta 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Clarinet Quartet 3, 4; Male Quartet 2; Octet 4; Dance Band 4; District Vocal Solo 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Class President 4; News Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Christmas Committee 4; "B" Club President 4; Student Council Secretary-Treasurer 4; Senior Play.
- Audine Tompkins**—Chorus 1, 2; Queen Attendant 1; Operetta 1; Christmas Pageant 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Historian 2, President 3, Co-Historian 4, Camp Delegate 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 2, Vice-president 3; Class Secretary-Treasurer 1, Vice-president 3; News Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Student Council Secretary-Treasurer 3; Christmas Committee 4; Cheerleader 4.
- Martha Turney**—Chorus 1, 2, 3; Operetta 1; Girls' Trio 1; Vocal Solo 1; Noon-Time Activities 1; Accompanist 4; Piano Solo Contest 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, Historian 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 4; Cheerleader 4; Dance Band 4; Queen Attendant 3; Tumbling 2, 3; Senior Play.
- Ann Tynan**—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Operetta 1; Christmas Pageant 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 4.
- Mary Vance**—Chorus 1, 2, 3, Vice-president 3; Operetta 1; Girls' Trio 1, 3; Christmas Pageant 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Librarian 4; Cheerleader 4.

Dramatics

SENIOR PLAY

For our first attempt at a dramatic production, we chose the three act comedy mystery MIDNIGHT.

Following the selection of the play, the cast was chosen, various committees organized, and the grind of nightly rehearsals began.

Within a short time, the play began to take shape and the plot slowly unfolded—

As the story opens, the supposedly deserted and haunted Greenwood home becomes as busy as Grand Central Station. All the characters of the play are cleverly brought into the action of the first act by unexpectedly showing up at the Greenwood's. A respectable family lawyer is suspected of being a crook; a fake G-man tries to commit a murder; secret rooms are discovered inside the house; and finally an unsuspected newspaper photographer makes known his real identity (as an F. B. I. man) and takes the confused situation into hand. A fitting ending portrays just rewards and happiness for all, especially two young couples.

After five weeks of work and many happy hours, the big night was before us. On Friday night, May 13, our play was put before the public in a way in which we sincerely hope they all enjoyed.

CAST

Julia Greenwood, a spinster, 50	Shirley Lamb
Claire Greenwood, her niece, 20	Martha Turney
Bob Morris, Claire's fiance, 22	Bob Postlewait
Samuel Hardman, a lawyer, 50	Richard Neal
Ellen, Miss Greenwood's maid, 18	Catherine Gallivan
Leonard, Miss Greenwood's chauffeur, 19	Dean Buckner
Joe Howard, Ellen's boy-friend, 25	Bruce Still
Hugh Nichols, a friend of Joe's	Howard Lawrence
Mr. Smith, a mysterious character, 35	Bob Collins
Paula Ward, his companion, 24	Wanda Romack
Mrs. Wick, a housekeeper, 50	Ervilla Lefever
Kate Bagley, a reporter, 28	Doris Brittenham
Eddie Bower, a newspaper photographer	LaMar Grunewald

Senior Mirror

NAME	NOTED FOR	WHO'S WHO IN 1955
Mary Vance	Laugh	Torch singer
Joan Heiple	Big blue eyes	First woman brain surgeon
Ann Tynan	Sense of humor	Comedian
Audine Tompkins	Drawing	Fourth grade teacher
Wanda Romack	Athletic ability	Commercial teacher
J. D. Carroll	"Carrot top"	Chief chef in Cheyenne
Jim Morgan	Burr haircut	F. B. I. agent
Katie Gallivan	Devotion to Ireland	Airplane hostess.
John Moery	Blue eyes	Sports writer
Bob Curry	Being happy-go-lucky	Diplomat
Norma Hall	Blonde hair	Atomic scientist
Dwight Johnson	Demureness and quietness	P. E. instructor
Joe Hannon	Wit	Sailor
Bruce Still	Being busy	Professor
Leonard Lamkin	Ability with a blow torch	Great mathematician
George Cotter	Smile and laugh	Weight lifter
Stanley Funk	Wavy hair	Owner of a kennel
Doris Brittenham	Dramatic ability	Foreign correspondent
Olive Beals	Athletic ability	Housewife
Grace Somers	All-around personality	Private secretary
Dick Neal	Writing poetry	Famous novelist
Shirley Lamb	Truck driving	Secretary
LaMar Grunewald	Prowess on a cornet	Second Spike Jones
Bob Collins	Vocalizing	Crooner
Ervilla Lefever	Being calm and collected	Owner of a stable
Eileen Hardimon	Being a gracious hostess	Dietitian
Red Lawrence	Gridiron tactics	Disc jockey
Barbara Hampton	Walk	Interior decorator
Ada Sebens	Silent type	Famous baseball player
Martha Turney	Whistling	Ace archer
Bob Postlewait	Liking for blondes	Owner of a yacht club
Ruth DeFore	Ability as a seamstress	Dress designer
Phyllis Comerford	Reserved manner	Soprano at the Met.
Bob Foran	Muscles	Wrestler
John Born	Scientific inclinations	Undertaker
Alan Hendrix	Subtle humor	Secretary of Agriculture
George Camden	Love of commercial department	Take the thin man's place
Dale Shepherd	Railroad connections	Telegrapher
Wanda Larimore	Just being likeable	Beautician
Jack Gallivan	Ice skating	Gentleman farmer
Betty Dukeman	Curly bangs	Housewife
Betty Fombelle	Cheerful, even disposition	Housewife
Don Schum	Keen imitations	Man of distinction
Dean Buckner	Way with women	Monticello banker
Charles Heiple	Daring on the highway	Motorcycle racer
Warren Foran	Knowing best seats in local theatre	Motion picture director

Class Will

We Seniors hereby generously bestow upon our good friends, the Juniors, the following:

I, Shirley Lamb, will my energy to Genevieve Durbin.

I, Barbara Hampton, will my freckles to Bonnie Hixson.

I, Bob Curry, will my five o'clock shadow to Charles McCabe.

I, Jim Morgan, will my height to Richard Vincent.

We, Dick Neal and Bob Collins, will our musical inclinations to Bill Cooper.

I, Ervilla Lefever, will my liking for hedge trimming to Phillip Bales.

I, Audine Tompkins, will my curiosity to Joan Downs.

I, Howard Lawrence, will my place on the football team to Lowell Redman.

We, Betty Dukeman and Dwight Johnson, will our mild temperament to Mary Della Heckman.

I, George Camden, will my dark complexion to Ray Warner to substitute for his own peaches and cream one.

I, John Moery, will my Frazer to Dean Wright.

I, Norma Hall, will my "corny" jokes to Jean Wright.

We, Grace Somers and Ann Tynan, will our forty-five minute ride on the bus to Peg Bradley and Joe Schum.

I, Bob Postlewait, will my wanderlust to Martha Boyd.

We, Betty Fombelle and Martha Turney, will our women's intuition to "Pat" Patterson.

We, Eileen Hardimon, Joan Heiple, Doris Brittenham, will our Ivesdale friends to Daraleen Still and Joan Fisher.

I, Jack Gallivan, will my way with blondes to Jerry Gallivan.

I, Bruce Still, will my polished parliamentary procedure to Dean Phipps.

I, LaMar Grunewald, will my light-up bow tie to Ronald Smith.

We, Phyllis Comerford and Wanda Larimore, will our good nature to Charles Lawson to supplement his own.

I, Warren Foran, will my place at the movie projector to Herbert Wiggins.

We, George Cotter and J. D. Carroll, will our appetites to Don White.

I, Stanley Funk, will my sisters' watchful care to Dwight Boyd.

I, Mary Vance, will my harmonizing ability to Rosemary Mundy.

I, Wanda Romack, will my natural curls to Charlotte Tiffin.

I, Ruth Ella DeFore, will my muscles to Jack Carlin.

We, Olive Beals and Ada Sebens, will our home ec equipment to Mary Tonucci.

We, Dean Buckner and Bob Foran, will our place in Hill's round booth to Bill Strater.

I, Leonard Lamkin, will my mathematical mind to Ralph Van Vleet.

We, Joe Hannon and Katie Gallivan, will our Irish wit to Arlene Rittenhouse.

We, Don Schum, Dale Shepherd, and John Born, as home ec students, will our turn at the mixmaster to Arlen Rittenhouse.

I, Alan Hendrix, will my saying, "Don't be bitter," to the whole junior class.

I, Charles Heiple, will my mechanical mind to any deserving junior who wants it.

Juniors

On September 1, 1947, thirty-five juniors entered the halls of B. T. H. S. to take their place as upperclassmen.

At our first business meeting we elected Arlen Rittenhouse, president; Dean Wright, vice-president; and Peggy Bradley, secretary-treasurer.

Throughout the school year our class was well represented in various music activities and clubs and on the news staff.

During the football season many boys from our class participated on the football team. Out of our class we had seven boys winning letters.

Peggy Bradley was our Homecoming candidate and attendant to the queen.

Many boys from the junior class were active in basketball, three of whom won letters.

We, the junior class of '47-'48, are looking forward to next year when we shall have at last reached our four year goal at Bement High. To the seniors, we wish them luck as they will soon be taking on new responsibilities.



Officers: Arlen Rittenhouse, president; Dean Wright, vice-president;
Peggy Bradley, secretary-treasurer.

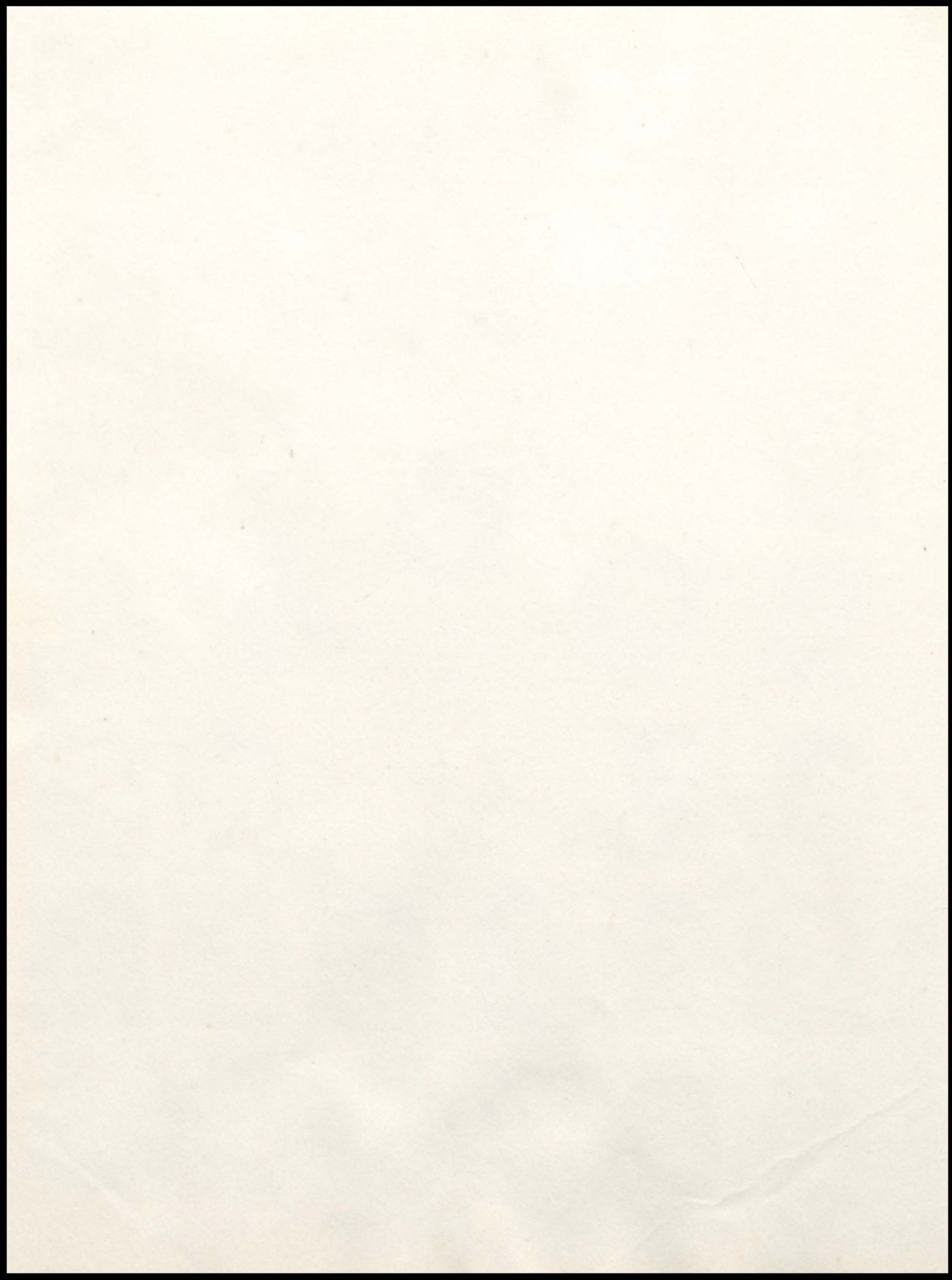
Reading from top to bottom.

First Row: Strater, Mundy, D. Boyd, Fisher, Warner, Durbin, Schum
Second Row: Kirk, Arlene Rittenhouse, Redman, Van Vleet, Patterson
Third Row: Heckman, Smith, Vincent, McCabe
Fourth Row: M. Boyd, Downs, Tiffin, White
Fifth Row: Lawson, Frye, Hixson, Phipps, J. Wright
Sixth Row: Gallivan, Bales, Still, Cooper, Carlin, Tonucci, Wiggins



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Junior Jamboree

At last the time had come when the juniors entertained the seniors on May 6, from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m., at the annual junior-senior prom.

The guests, hostesses, and hosts entered through garden arches into a garden which carried out our theme, "Moonlight and Roses." In the middle of the floor was a rock garden and pond in which were reflected colored lights and a fountain. Under a trellis at the south end of the garden, refreshments—punch, sandwiches, mints, and nuts—were served throughout the evening.

Dancing to the music of Bill Oetzel's orchestra, the juniors and seniors enjoyed their last big social get-together. By 12:00 this event was just another happy memory.



Junior-Senior Prom

The junior class of '47 and '48 chose to have a junior jamboree instead of a class play.

The jamboree was held November 21 in the Bement gym. The doors of the gym were opened to the public at 7:30, at which time began an evening of laughter and enjoyment.

There were eight free acts presented to the public by a large number of the junior class members. Various booths and concessions were distributed around the gym under a canopy of colored crepe paper. The food stand, the most visited by the public, was set up in the lower, south hall. The biggest event of the evening was the drawing for the various prizes. The prizes included a vacuum cleaner, Steam O'Matic iron, portable table radio-phonograph, and a washing machine.

The amount of money taken in was \$400, part of which was spent on the annual junior-senior prom.

Sophomores

In May of 1947, forty-six weary students emerged from the halls of B. T. H. S. after a most successful freshman year. We had athletic letter-winners, band award winners, and scholastic leaders in our midst.

In September, forty-two of us showed up for our sophomore year after a relaxing three months' vacation. Under the capable guidance of Jim Byerline, Jeanne Ford, Raymond Yockey, Mrs. Hammond, and Mr. Hodam, our president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and class advisors respectively, we prepared to embark on the second leg of our high school journey of knowledge.

Jeanne Ford made a most charming attendant for our queen at Homecoming.

Our variety program at Christmas was enjoyed by all.

As sophomores we again displayed our skill in athletics, music, other extra-curricular events and scholastic activities.

Thirty-seven experienced juniors-to-be look toward the coming of fall when they will be big socialites in the upperclassmen world.



Officers: Jim Byerline, president; Jeanne Ford, vice-president; Raymond Yockey, secretary-treasurer.

Reading from top to bottom:

First Row: F. Durbin, Noe, Larimore, I. Poundstone, Cooper, Tompkins, Cavanaugh.

Second Row: Lamb, Smith, Morris, Coffey, Jordan, Weatherford.

Third Row: Sebens, Royal, Tucker, Metzger.

Fourth Row: Gardner, Crook, Cahill, Strater.

Fifth Row: B. Clark, McConaha, Christman, Comerford, Hilton, Votaw.

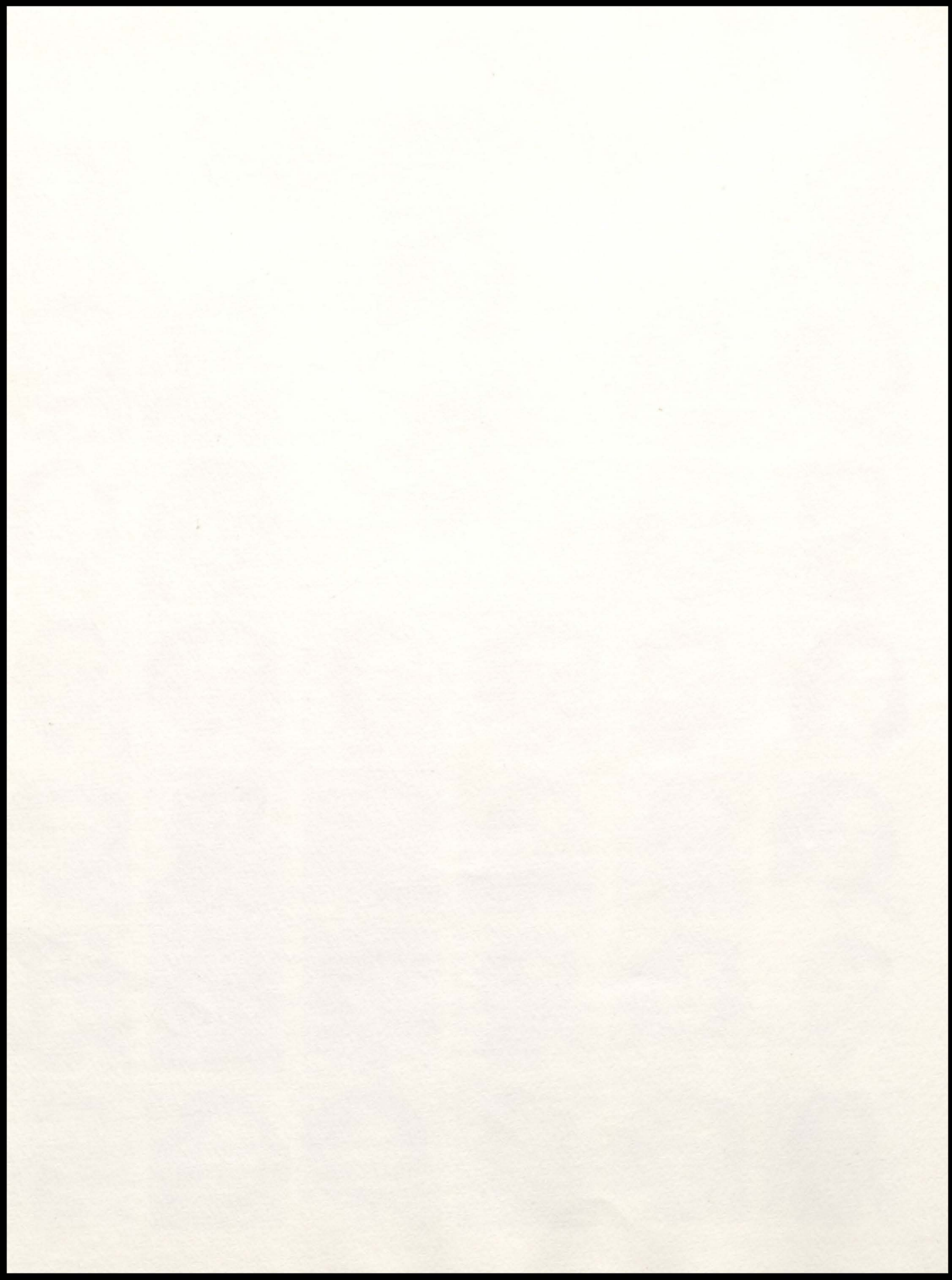
Sixth Row: Taphorn, Murphy, Evans, Stout, D. Poundstone, J. Clark, Weakley.



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Sophomore Sensations

NAME	WHAT THEY COME TO SCHOOL FOR	SONG
"Brown" Byerline	To study world history	The Dreamer
"Moon" Cahill	To be a track man	Lazy Bones
"Stinkweed" Cavanaugh	Nothing	Take It Easy
"Chris" Christman	To explore Mr. Krane's mind	Chocolate Sundae on a Saturday Night
"Trees" Clark	To dance	Dance With a Dolly
"Dode" Clark	To flirt	Don't Fence Me In
"Bristle" Coffey	To praise Milmine	Slender, Tender and Tall
"Buick" Comerford	To enjoy himself	Now Is The Hour
"Barb" Cooper	To await noon	Hark! Hark!
"Donna" Crook	To help Del	Time Waits for No One
"Durb" Durbin	To learn to be a farmer	Down on the Farm
"Del" Evans	To be band librarian	Tangled Tunes
"Jeanne" Ford	To chew gum	I'll Get By
"Louie" Gardner	To play drums	Music Maestro, Please
"Blondie" Helton	To take care of Jean	Cover Girl
"Mar" Jordan	To tell fortunes	Breathless
"E." Lamb	To make his smart cracks	Believe Me
"Truman" Larimore	To get along with the teachers	Mister Five by Five
"Ruthie" McConaha	To help her neighbor	Whistle While You Work
"Sud'n" Metzger	To learn five points of education	Oh Me Oh My
"Chol" Morris	To forget his troubles	Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen
"Pam" Murphy	To sing	Tell Me Why
"Shirl" Noe	To be escorted to lunch	Always
"Jean" Poundstone	To take care of Audrey	A Good Man is Hard to Find
"Spike" Poundstone	To giggle	Scatterbrain
"Choc" Royal	To rest	I'm a Big Boy, Now
"Slug" Sebens	To take part in girls' athletics	Gentle Annie
"Neet" Smith	To man the bass horn in band	Cast Thy Burden
"Din" Stout	To write for the annual	Who Dat Up Dere?
"Runt" Strater	To be very quiet	Sweet and Lovely
"Bob" Taphorn	To keep at his job	Calm as the Night
"Billy Foo" Tompkins	To study	Try, Try Again
"Wagons" Tucker	To draw cartoons	Don't Look Now
Carroll Votaw	No longer comes she to B. T. H. S.	I'll Walk Alone
"Hal" Weakley	To acquire L. A.'s sympathy	Brokenhearted
"Betts" Weatherford	To communicate with Shirley	Smoke Gets in Your Eyes
"Amy" Yockey	To excel in all fields	Early to Bed

Freshmen

Officers: Jerry Tompkins, president; Nancy Postlewait, vice-president;
Helen McCabe, secretary-treasurer.

Reading from top to bottom:

First Row: Hord, Hodam, Fogerson, Strater, Moreland.

Second Row: Cundiff, Slagle, Smith, Blacker, Corum, Mulvaney.

Third Row: Royal, Clark, DeVore, Harshbarger, Behnke, Stanton.

Fourth Row: Vandercreek, Pettyjohn, Phipps, Shumard, Probus, Hinton.

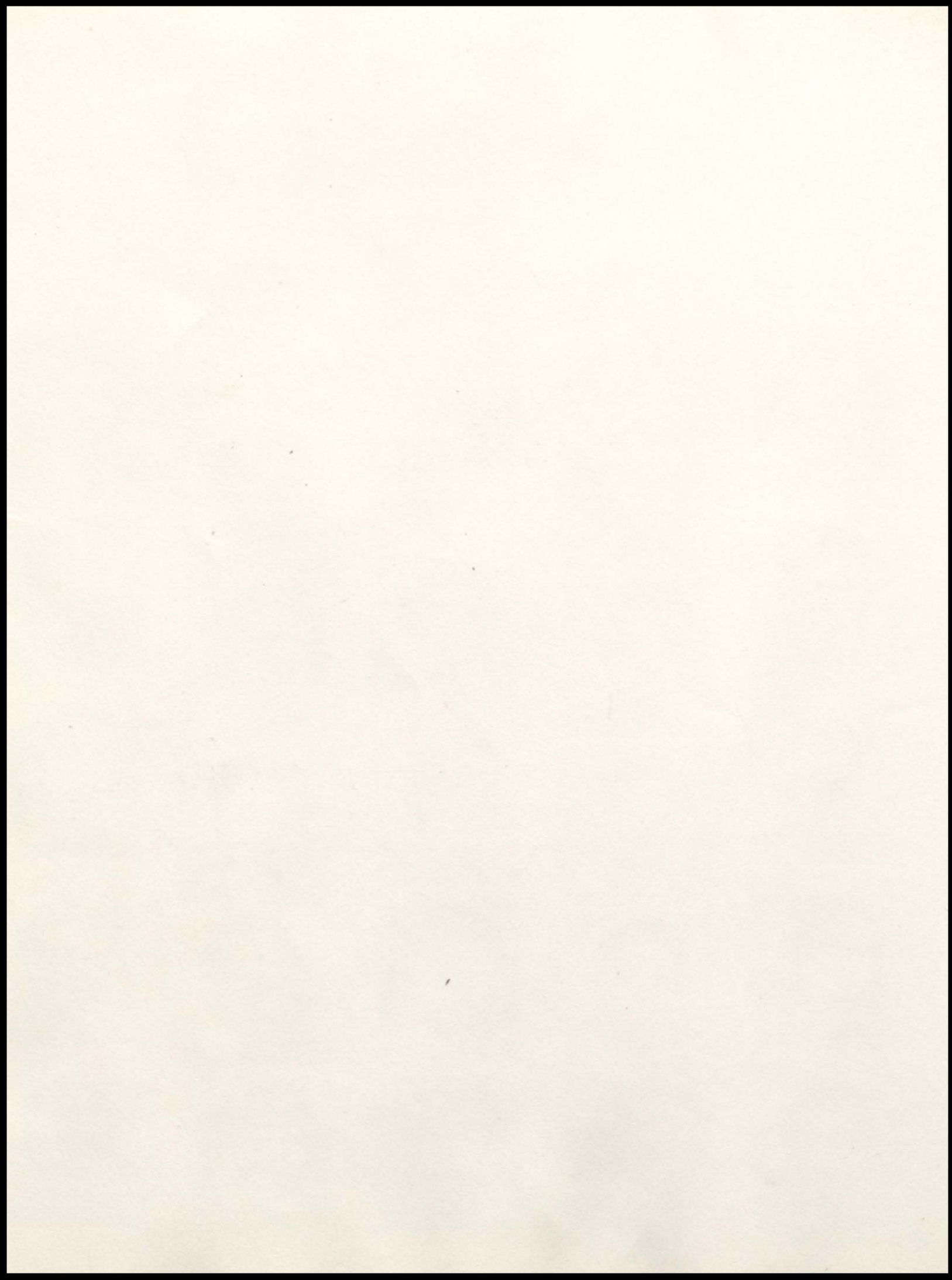
Fifth Row: Durbin, Deering, Helm, Neal, Carter.

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Freshman Class History

For eight years we had all looked forward to one day. In the hot month of September that day finally came when we entered high school. Our first few days were filled with getting acquainted with our schedules, memorizing the combinations to our locks, and getting used to being called "Greenie Freshmen." After a month or two, school settled down to a definite pattern which was easy to follow.

The first thing we did was to make Jerry Tompkins president, Nancy Postlewait vice-president, and Helen McCabe secretary and treasurer. This choice was wisely made after much thought.

During the second class meeting we made Helen McCabe the freshman queen candidate for Homecoming.

Many of the freshman girls joined G. A. A. and F. H. A. We also participated in intramurals, volley ball, noon dancing, and other activities.

We were proud of Bill Shumard who won a letter in football. We were also proud of the other freshmen boys who took part in football, basketball, track, and baseball.

With the help of Miss Swaim and Mr. Smith we gave a fifteen minute program, written by freshmen, at Christmas. These two teachers helped us when we had our freshman party late in the year.

Despite some of the bad times, such as semester exams, getting zeros for chewing gum, and getting moved in algebra for talking, we survived. We are eagerly looking forward to the year 1951, but we will always remember 1947-48, our freshman year.

We Point With Pride

On this page we are acknowledging those people who have been chosen by their classmates as being the ones who most nearly live up to the high standards of good school citizenship.

The two boys and two girls from each class were elected upon the consideration of the following qualities:

Co-operation

Dependability

Leadership

Personality

Scholarship

Sportsmanship

The entire school points with pride to:

Seniors

Top Row: Audine Tompkins; Bruce Still; Grace Somers; John Moery.

Juniors

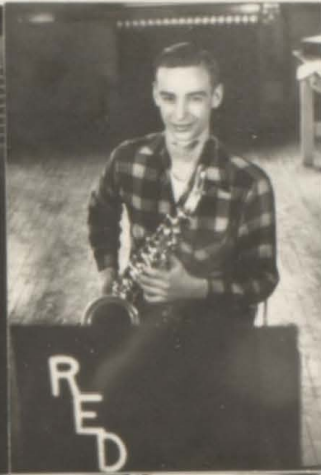
Second Row: Jerry Gallivan; Arlene Rittenhouse; Dean Wright; Charlotte Tiffin.

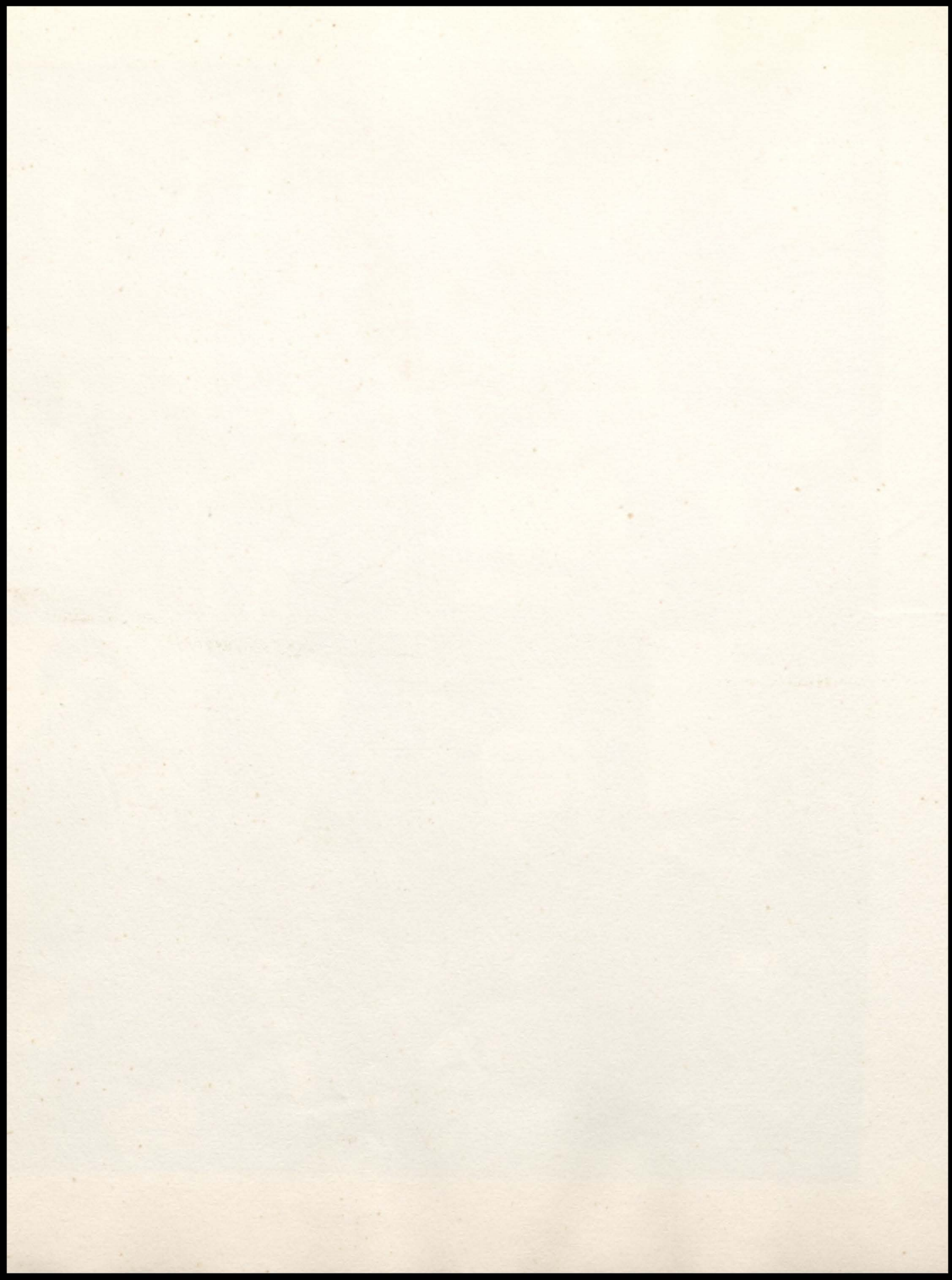
Sophomores

Third Row: Eileen Christman; Raymond Yockey; Phyllis Murphy; Francis Durbin.

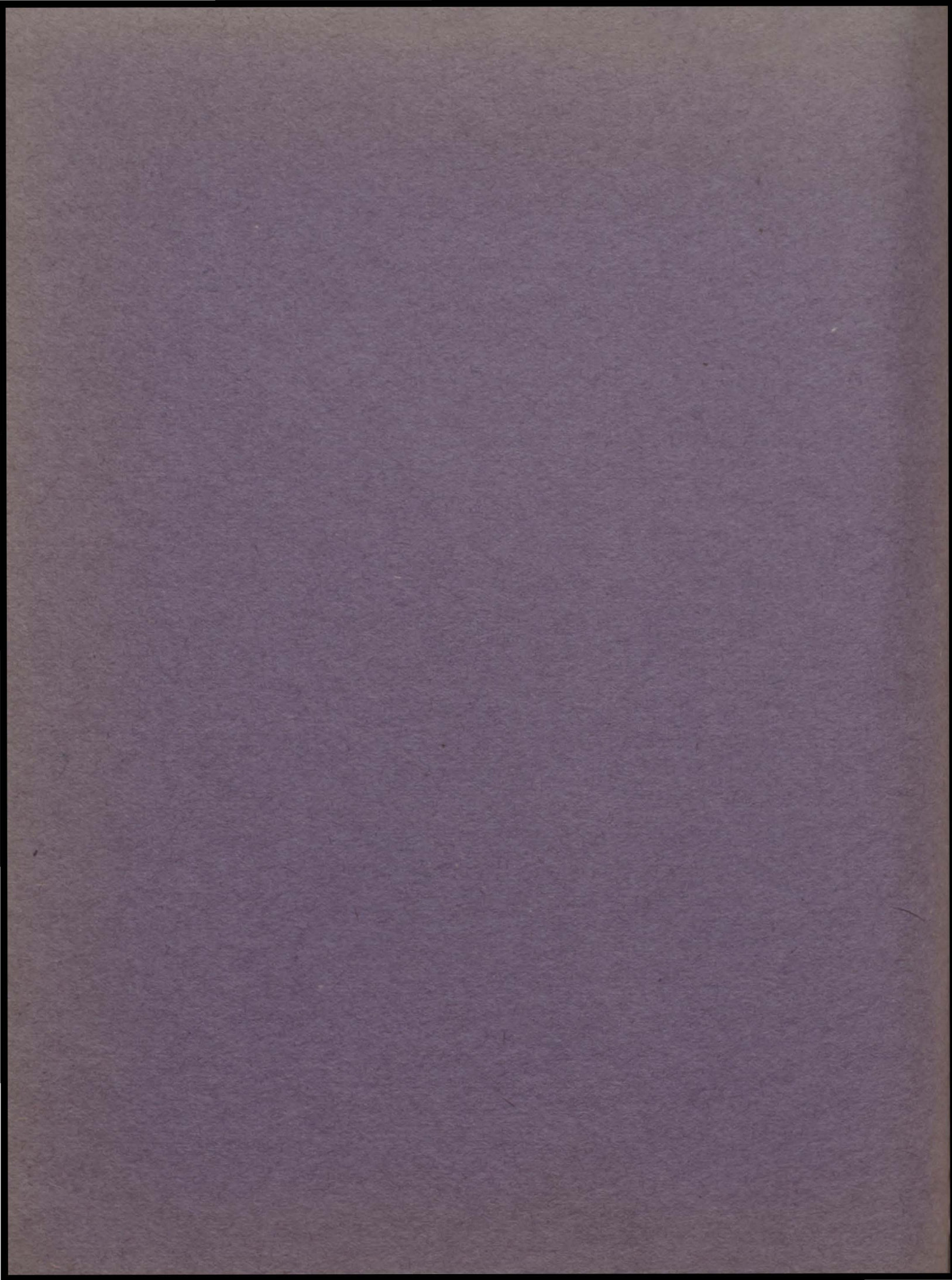
Freshmen

Fourth Row: Jerry Tompkins; Myrna Hord; Bob Hodam; Nancy Postlewait.





CLUBS



Clubs

How incomplete would a school year seem without the formation and functions of the various clubs and organizations around school.

Of course if these are dead timber they are of little value to anyone. Their purpose is to be alive and active and do things for the good of the students and the school.

In the past year some of these organizations have done more than others, but all of those who have rated a picture and write up in the following section have done something for the betterment of the school.

Red Coats

First Row: Turney (Pianist), Hardimon, Postlewait, B. Still, Murphy.

Second Row: Gardner, Grunewald, Stout, Vandercreek, Royal.

Chorus

First Row: Dukeman, Christman, Weatherford, R. Strater, Behnke, Funk, Vander-
creek, Hord, Slagle, Helm, Hinton, Mulvaney.

Second Row: Ford, W. Strater, Fisher, Tynan, Barbara Cooper, Postlewait, Bill
Cooper, Lawson, B. Strater, B. Still, Heckman, Votaw, Murphy, Tiffin.

Third Row: Crook, Smith, Brittenham, Sebens, Shepherd, J. Gallivan, D. Neal, Col-
lins, Grunewald, D. Poundstone, Patterson, Hardimon, Bradley.

Fourth Row: Evans, M. Boyd, Lamb, D. Still, Kirk, D. Boyd, Morgan, Carroll, Hodam,
I. Poundstone Durbin, Noe, Hall.

Band Instrumentation

CLARINETS: McCabe, Jordan, S. Clark, Fay, J. Clark, Evans, Boyd, Murphy, Postle-
wait.

ALTO CLARINET: Crook.

BASS CLARINET: Collins.

OBOE: D. Still.

FLUTES: Day, Byerline, Hodam.

ALTO SAXES: Dukeman, E. Hardimon.

TENOR SAX: B. Still.

CORNETS: Vincent, P. Bradley, Grunewald, Stout.

FRENCH HORNS: Koebel, Lawson, Lamb.

TROMBONES: L. Bradley, R. Hardimon, Swaim, Royal, Vandercreek, Kirk.

TYMPANY: Brittenham.

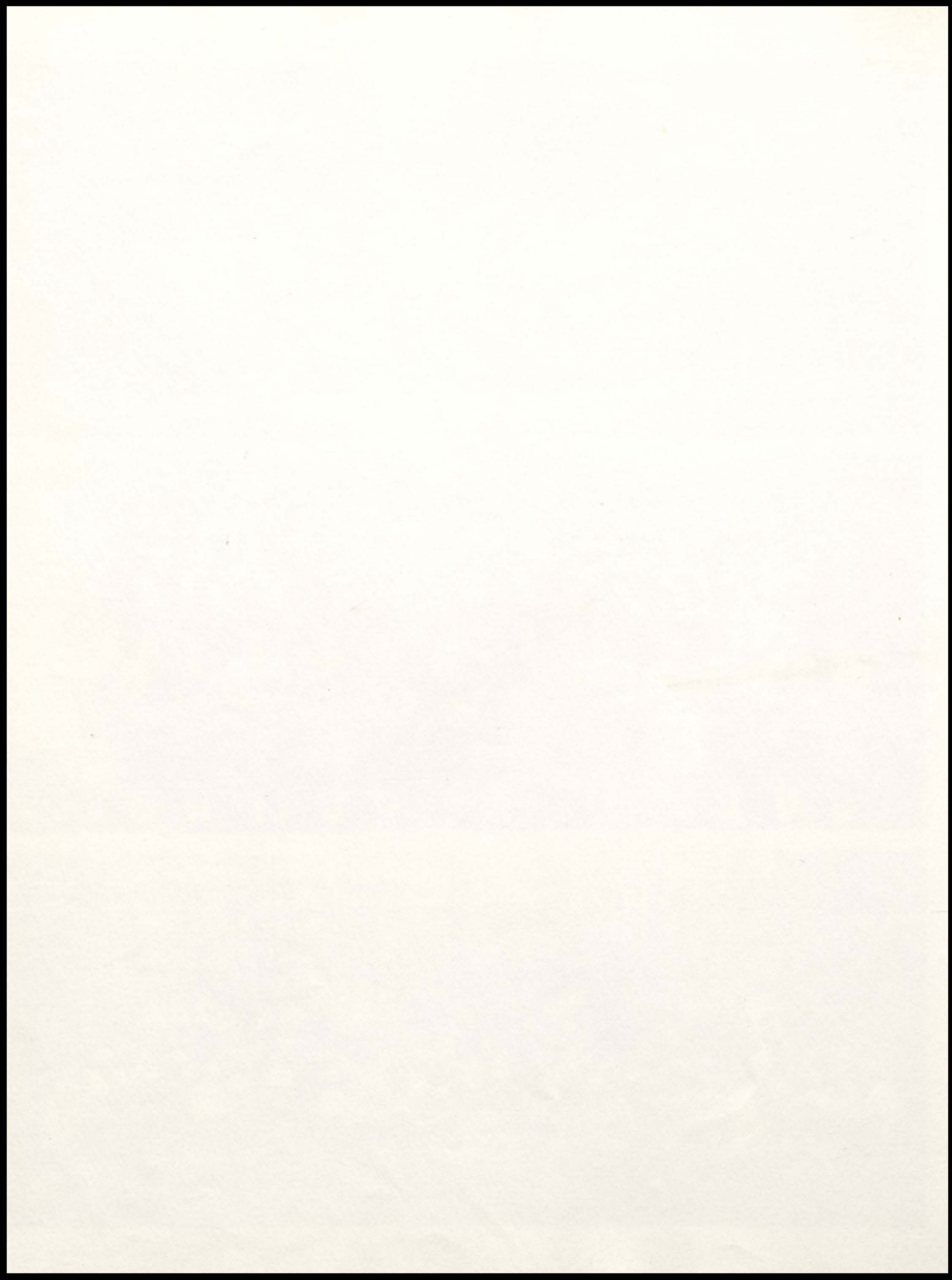
BASS DRUM: Deering.

SNARE DRUM: Gardner.

BASS HORNS: Carroll, Smith.

CONDUCTOR: Mr. Taylor.





Red Coats

A group of ten students met the second week in October and organized a dance band known as the "Redcoats."

This group sponsored a dance after the Bement-Monticello basketball game to make money for music and stands.

For the first half of the F. H. A. leap year all school party and the annual F. F. A. and F. H. A. party the dance band entertained with some popular songs.

The "Redcoats" have also played in the neighboring towns of Monticello and Ivesdale.

Chorus

The B. T. H. S. Chorus, consisting of fifty-six members, met every Tuesday and Thursday.

On December 5, the chorus attended the Piatt County Music Festival at Monticello. This was the second festival of this kind.

On April 3, some of the chorus went to Clinton for solo work in the district contest. Phyllis Murphy got first place and thus was eligible for the state contest. The ones who got second were Mary Della Heckman, Charlotte Tiffin, Daraleen Still, Bob Collins, Bruce Still, and George Camden. Shirley Noe and Donna Jean Crook got third place for solos.

On April 10, the chorus went to the district contest and got second place. The Spring Concert was held on May 2, in the gym.

Band

Every sixth hour on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday the music of our twenty-eight piece high school band can be heard through the halls.

During the football season the band was a colorful attraction at all our games, playing stirring music to urge the team to victory.

On December 5, our band took part in the Piatt County Music Festival at Monticello.

The annual Christmas concert was given by the band and chorus on December 22.

At the district music contest in Clinton, Saturday, April 3, Donna Crook took first with an alto clarinet solo. Those placing second were LaMar Grunewald, cornet; Don Vandercreek, trombone; and the clarinet quartet composed of Phyllis Murphy, Nancy Postlewait, Della Evans and Bruce Still. The band took a second rating for Class "C" bands at the contest on April 10.

The Betohi Band completed its year's work by participating in the Spring Concert and playing for the Commencement Exercises.

Betohi News Staff

Editor	John Ovid Moery
Assistant Editor	Arlene Rittenhouse
Business Manager	Bill Cooper
News	Doris Brittenham, Norma Hall, Mary Della Heckman, Joan Fisher, Genevieve Durbin
Sports, Boys	Howard Lawrence, Jim Byerline, LaMar Grunewald
Sports, Girls	Peggy Bradley
Departmentals	Ervilla Lefever, Dean Buckner, Charlotte Tiffin
Features	Bruce Still, Audine Tompkins, Eileen Christman, Rose Mary Mundy
Typists	Shirley Lamb, Betty Fombelle
Advisor	Miss Isabelle Houston

Library Club

Seated: Lamkin, Miss Houston, Fombelle, Foran.

Standing: Beals, Bales, Vance, Warner, Mundy.

Student Council

Seated: Alkire, Still, Lawrence, Gallivan.

Standing: Byerline, Ford, Wright, Postlewait, Rittenhouse, McCabe, Yockey, Bradley.

Octet

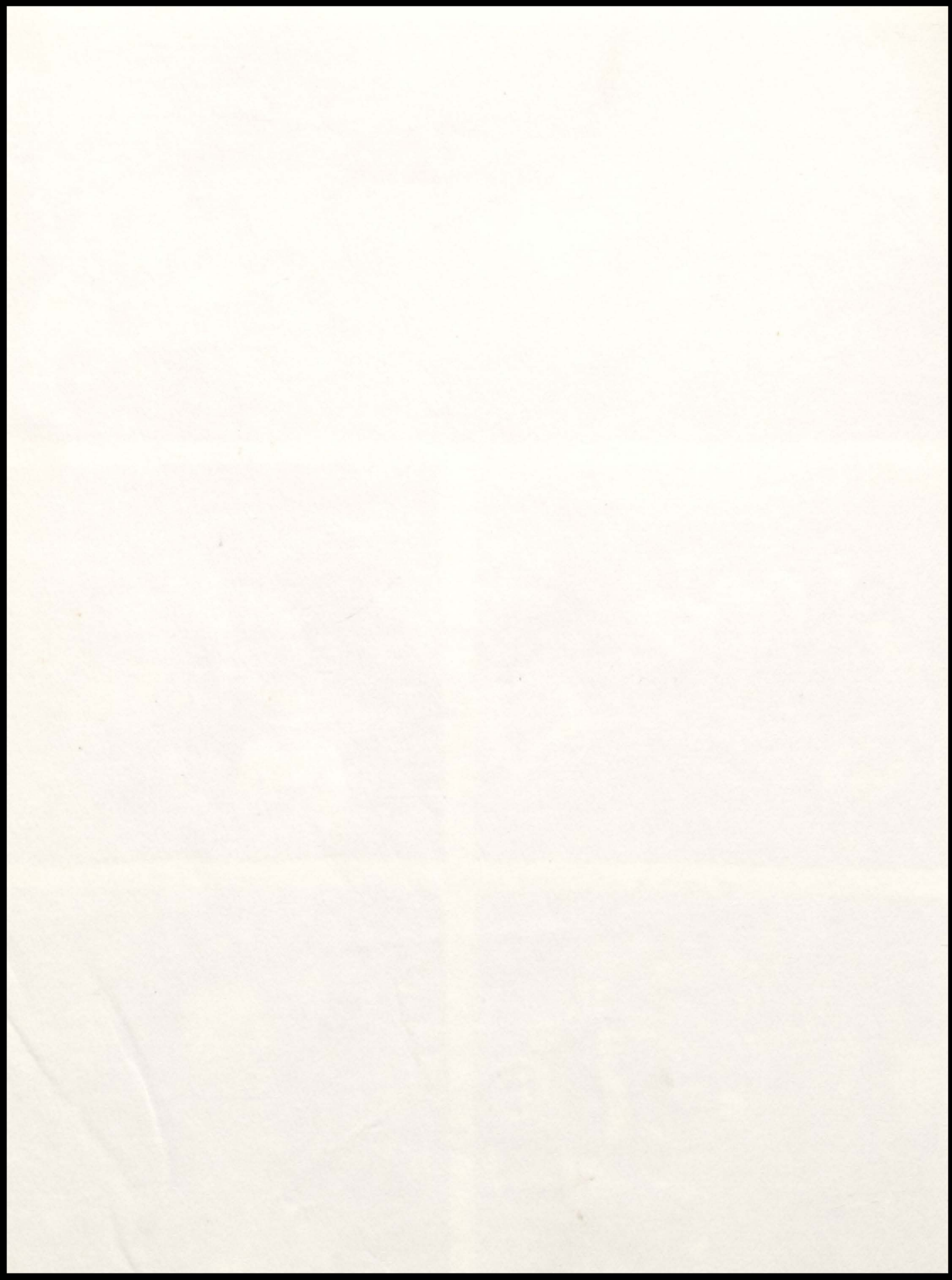
First Row: D. Still, Murphy, Turney, Tiffin, Postlewait.

Second Row: Vandercreek, B. Still, Hodam, Carroll.

Girls' Trio

Heckman, Murphy, Still, Turney.





Library Club

The library staff was organized under the direction of Miss Isabelle Houston. The members were volunteers from each study hall hour. The purpose of this organization is to serve library patrons and to improve the quality and literary judgment of B. T. H. S. students.

Regular meetings of the staff are held every two weeks on Thursday morning at 8:30. Some of the matters discussed at these meetings are efficient library procedure and display plans.

Student Council

This is the second year that Bement High School has had a student council. The council is composed of class officers who meet at various times with Mr. Alkire to discuss student problems and activities. At Homecoming time they planned activities for the Homecoming and appointed other committees to carry out their plans. Also the Student Council sponsored an all-school party which was enjoyed by all present.

Octet

The Octet consists of Phyllis Murphy and Charlotte Tiffin, sopranos; Nancy Postlewait and Daraleen Still, altos; Bruce Still and Don Vandercreek, tenors; and J. D. Carroll and Bob Hodam, basses. Mr. Taylor organized this octet. They met only when an occasion arose when they were asked to sing. Their first appearance was at the Christmas Concert. They sang for the American Legion in January.

Girls' Trio

This is the second year these girls have sung together. The trio sang for the Juniority Club, the Woman's Club, and the Auxiliary this year. The girls' trio received a second rating at the district music contest at Clinton on April 3.

G. A. A.

First Row: Blacker, Weatherford, Slagle, Hord, Christman, Murphy, Tiffin, Postlewait.

Second Row: Gallivan, Tompkins, Bradley, Turney, Somers, Lamb, Cooper, Beals, Vance, Mrs. Zwigard.

Third Row: Helm, Heckman, Fisher, Votaw, Patterson, Smith, Noe, Heiple, McCabe, Romack.

Fourth Row: Phipps, Lefever, Brittenham, Durbin, Hampton, Sebens, Royal, DeFore, Poundstone, Still.

F. F. A.

First Row: Cooper, Jack Gallivan, Moery, Cotter, Durbin, Mr. Hodam.

Second Row: Morris, Weakley, J. Clark, Van Vleet, Comerford, Smith, Tompkins, Metzger, Funk, Redman, White, Vincent.

Third Row: Lamb, Byerline, Taphorn, Wiggins, Carlin, B. Clark, J. Schum, Foran, Yockey, Postlewait, Wright, D. Schum.

Fourth Row: Jerry Gallivan, Warner, Boyd, Coffey, Cahill, Hannon, Rittenhouse, Larimore, Buckner, Collins, Kirk.

F. H. A.

First Row: Moore, Tompkins, Hardimon, Lefever, Hampton, Lamb, Wright, Heckman, Tynan, Knoop.

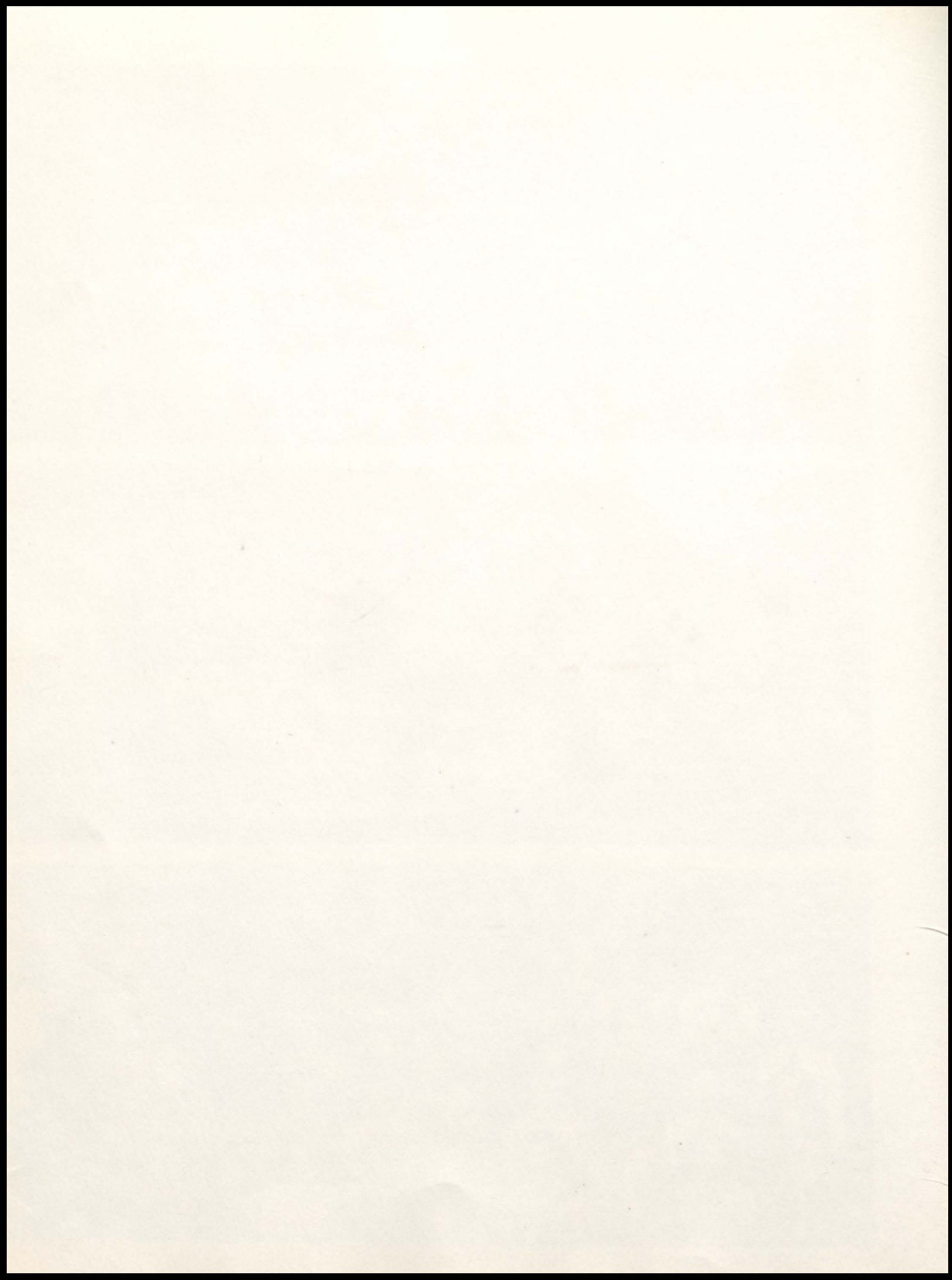
Second Row: Turney, Dukeman, Ford, Strater, Blacker, Behnke, Mulvaney, Beals, Tonucci, Hord.

Third Row: Christman, Murphy, Weatherford, Tiffin, Comerford, Postlewait, Bradley, Fombelle, Fisher, Votaw.

Fourth Row: Smith, Vance, Patterson, Somers, Larimore, Evans, Romack, Noe, Heiple, McCabe, Brittenham.

Fifth Row: Phipps, Hall, A. Sebens, Cooper, C. Sebens, Boyd, Royal, DeFore, Poundstone, Rittenhouse, Still.





G. A. A.

The Girls' Athletic Association started under the supervision of Mrs. Ralph Siders, Jr. and, after the mid-year resignation of Mrs. Siders, was transferred to the supervision of Mrs. Evelyn Zwigard.

Several members from different classes participated in playdays at Decatur and Monticello.

To make money, mechanical pencils with the traditional purple and white coloring were sold to B. T. H. S. students.

Meetings were held regularly throughout the football season two nights a week and during the basketball season on the night of basketball games.

To determine the accuracy of the basket shooting of G. A. A. members, a period of shooting was held with each girl given twenty-five tries to make eight different baskets. A percentage of the highest scores was sent in to the G. A. A. offices.

F. F. A.

The F. F. A., or the Future Farmers of America, is a national organization of boys who are still attending high school and are enrolled in vocational agriculture.

The purposes of this organization are all pictured in its traditional emblem. The owl in the emblem represents the wisdom and knowledge in farming; the plow, labor and tilling of the soil; the cross-section of the ear of corn, the nationwide scope of its activities. Every member of the organization has a chance to develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership under the guidance of Mr. L. A. Hodam, the local leader.

On March 19, the F. F. A. and the F. H. A. joined hands to sponsor their annual Home Ec and Ag Party. Music for an evening of dancing was furnished by the Bement "Redcoats."

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America organization is composed of girls who are now enrolled in a home economics course or who have had at least one year of home economics.

At the election of officers Mrs. Eugene Moore was chosen as chapter mother. F. H. A. started off their year of activities with the planning and delivering of Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. On February 28, a food sale was sponsored by the organization with donations from each member. As a remembrance of leap year, a party was given for all high school students, with the girls doing the inviting. A rally day for F. H. A. members at Mansfield was attended by nineteen students on March 13. The annual F. H. A. and F. F. A. party on March 19, was one of the successful events of the year.

School Alphabet

Alkire—the big boss

Bement—the site of our fair establishment

Coolies—slaves—that's what we are

Delightful—week-ends of course

Education—we're exposed to it

Friends—we won't forget them and hope they won't forget us

Geometry—the vicious circle

Homework—a necessary evil—so they say

Industrious—everybody is; it just shows more on some people

Janitor's room—a lot of "Bunk"

Knee injuries—they seemed to be quite popular

Light bulbs—the only bright things around here

Memories—we will cherish them always

Newcomers—31 of them trouped into the high school this year

Office—the place we go to chat with Jean

Parties—Oh, how we love them

Quizzes—they're quite common around here

Rambling—through the halls

Seniors—dignified and sophisticated (?)

Teachers—we can't do without them but we're willing to try

Unconscious—the way we sometimes look in classes

Voices—that echo through the school

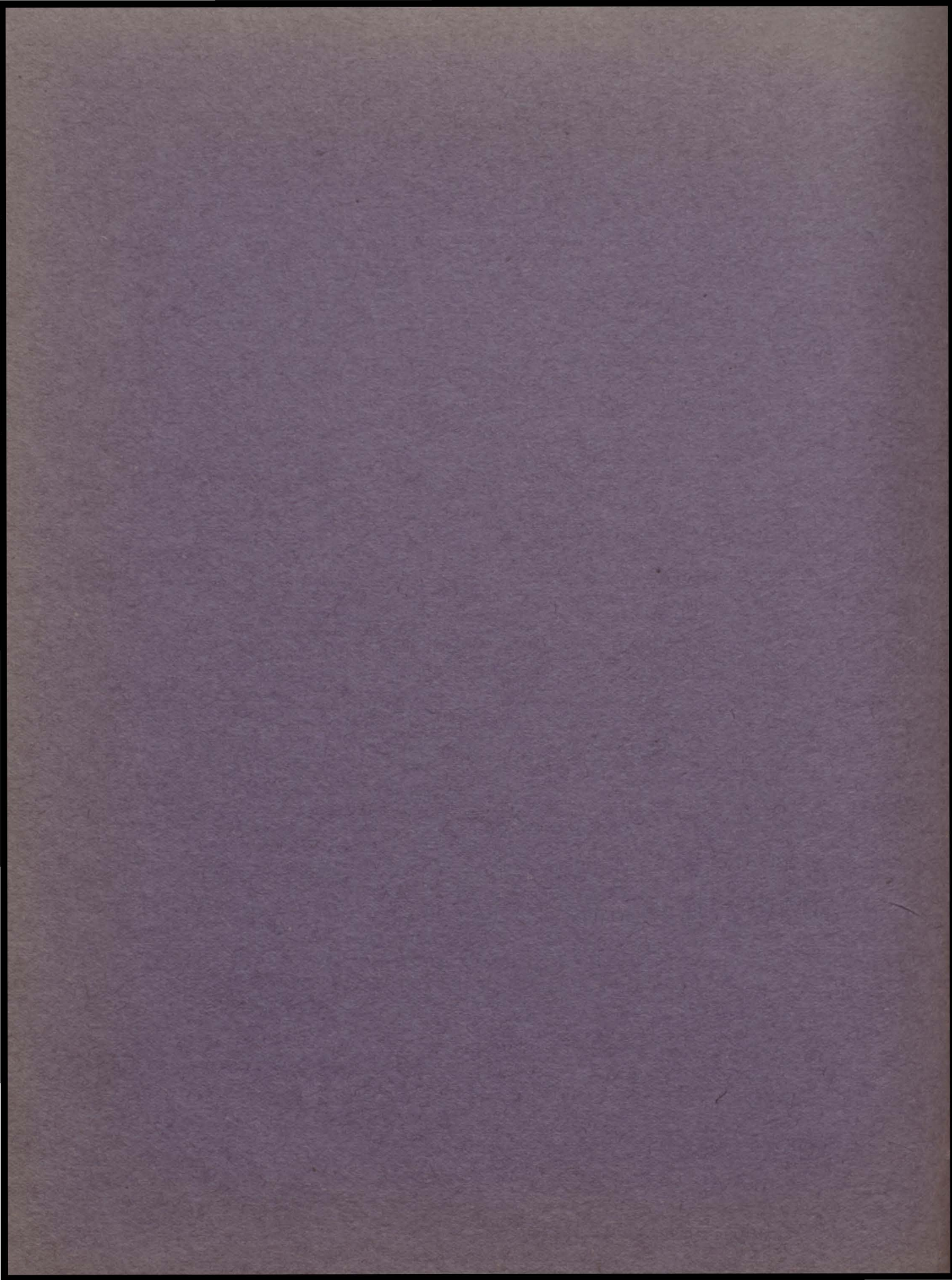
White—one of our school colors. Yea Bement Fight! Fight! Fight!

X-plaining—but who believes us?

Yawn—school can be tiring

Zero—maybe we'll learn to stop chewing gum!

COMPETITION



Competition

Once again the call of interscholastic competition reached the ears of the athletes of B. T. H. S. An ample number of eager aspirants reported for every varsity sport and made the struggle for positions on the first squads a keen one indeed.

Although the records will show that in some of the past years the Bulldog has growled more fiercely and fought more effectively, we can truthfully and proudly say that never has he fought in a more clean and upright manner.

To the coaches, athletes, and cheerleaders, we give a
Hip! Hip! Hoorah!

Gridiron Review

Top of page: Captain, '47 season — Howard Lawrence.

Co-captains, '48 season — Jerry Gallivan, Bill Strater.

First Row: Lawrence, Cotter, Jack Gallivan, Foran, Born, Hannon, Camden, Buckner, Collins, Still, Hendrix, Coach Smith.

Second Row: R. Smith, Durbin, Kirk, Carlin, Larimore, Coffey, Royal, Boyd, Phipps, Yockey, Cooper, Lawson, Wright.

Third Row: J. Smith, Strater, Shumard, B. Tompkins, Deering, Corum, Mgr. Cahill, B. Clark, Byerline, J. Clark, J. Tompkins, Redman, Stout.

On Ground: Cavanaugh. Not in Picture: Jerry Gallivan.

Below Group Picture: Mgr. Cahill.

Lower Left: Queen Barbara Hampton; Attendants McCabe, Ford, Bradley.

Lower Right: Cheerleaders: Hixson, Patterson, Turney, Gallivan, Vance, Tompkins.

On August 25, fifty boys reported to the fieldhouse and were issued their football gear. For three weeks the boys labored hard under the direction of Coach Smith and Assistant Coach Wehmeier.

THE GAMES AT A GLANCE

Shelbyville at Bement, Sept. 19: Bement scored a safety on a blocked punt in the first quarter and a touchdown on a pass in the second. Shelbyville came back to score, but Bement stopped them cold the rest of the game. Bement 9, Shelbyville 6.

Bement at Newman, Sept. 26: Paced by all-state Don Henderson, Newman romped over a hard fighting but outclassed Purple eleven. Newman 33, Bement 14.

Atwood at Bement, Oct. 3: Unable to click, either in a running or a passing game, Bement succumbed to an alert Atwood team. Probably the poorest game Bement played. Atwood 19, Bement 0.

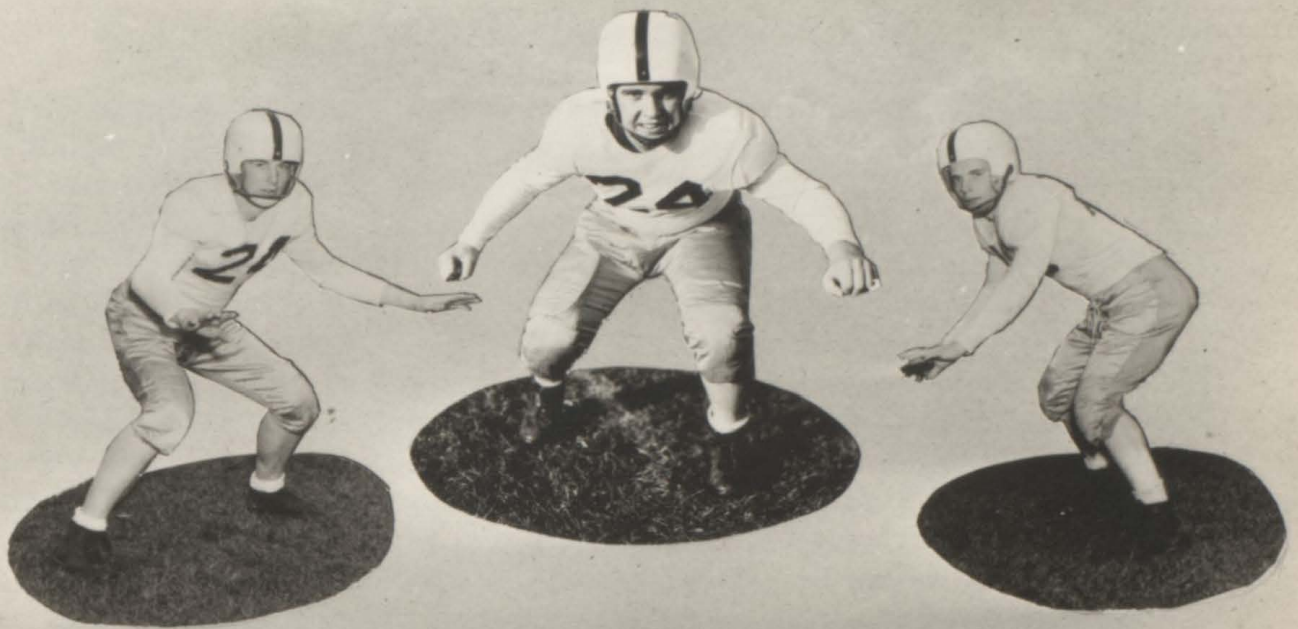
Sullivan at Bement, Oct. 9: Showing great determination and fight, the Bulldogs emerged from the shadows of certain defeat to tie the massive boys from the Moultrie county seat in the last play of the game. Bement 13, Sullivan 13.

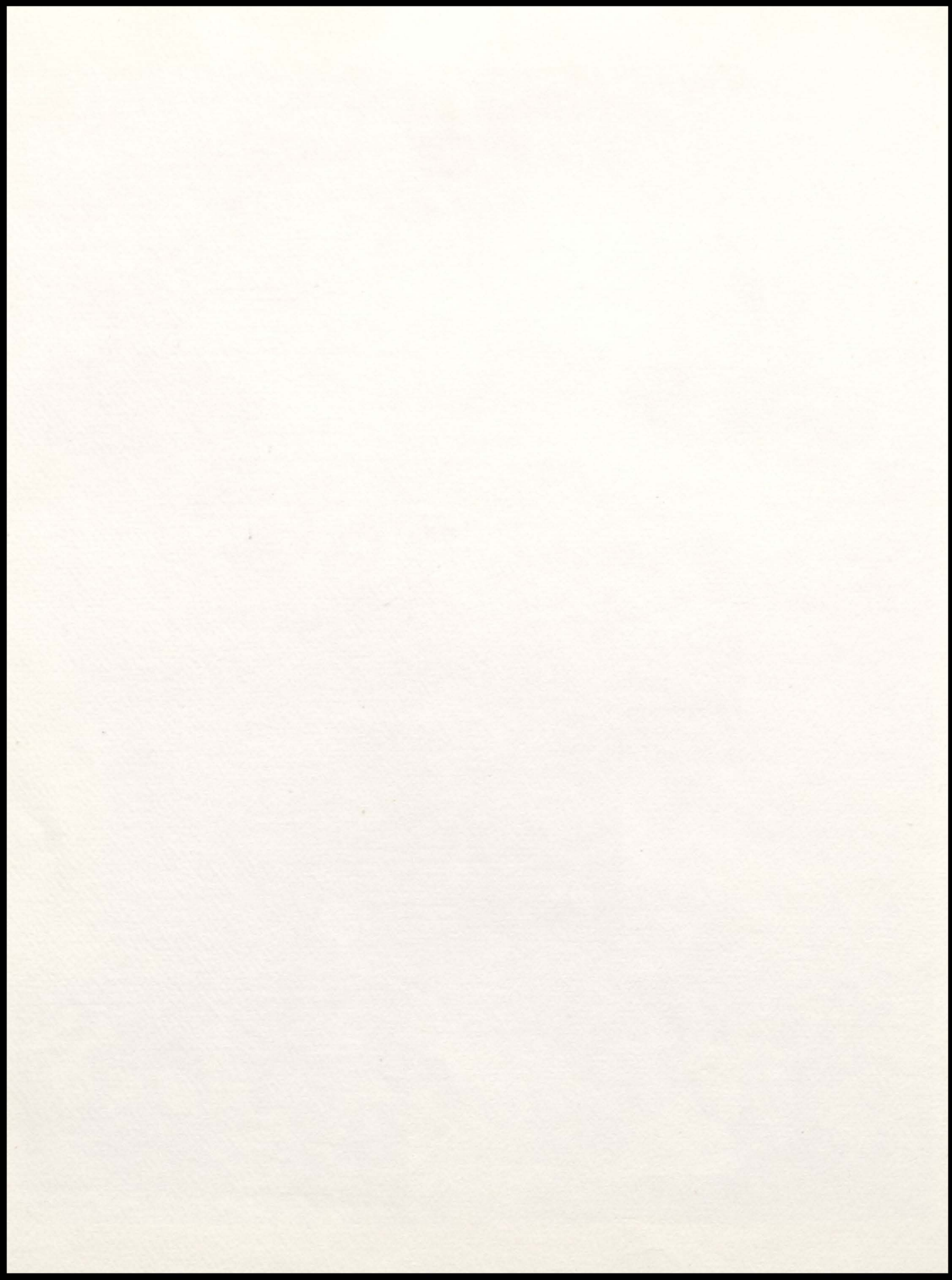
Oakland at Bement, Oct. 16: Despite a great defensive game by the Bulldogs, the Oakland Oaks, with Temples showing the way, marched to three touchdowns while holding the Purple scoreless. Oakland 19, Bement 0.

Bement at Tuscola, Oct. 16: Scoring early in the game the Tuscola Warriors built up an early lead and seemed to score at ease to trounce the Bulldogs. Tuscola 31, Bement 0.

Bement at Cerro Gordo, Oct. 31: The Purple finally got into the win column by punching over a touchdown with two minutes to go to defeat the Bronchos. Bement 6, Cerro Gordo 2.

Bement at Monticello, Nov. 11: Displaying great defensive skill the Bulldogs lost a hard fought battle to the Sages. A 65 yard touchdown run from the first play set the Purple on their haunches and they could never manage to catch up. Monticello 19, Bement 0.





Homecoming

Although defeated by Oakland, 19-0, in Bement's homecoming game, the Purple played probably their best game of the season defensively, but the Oaks took advantage of every opportunity offered to them as they downed the Bulldogs.

The coronation ceremony was held in the gymnasium at promptly 8:00 P. M. The cheerleaders, Audine Tompkins, Carolee Patterson, Bonita Hixson, Martha Turney, Mary Vance, and Catherine Gallivan acted as heralds and, each carrying a trumpet, entered to the tune of the fanfare.

Then came the freshman candidate, Helen McCabe, wearing an attractive black and white formal. Jeanne Ford, sophomore, dressed in a fushia ballerina formal sprinkled with sequins, came next. Peggy Bradley, the junior attendant, followed in a green, off the shoulder, taffeta gown.

The attendants, Bill Shumard, freshman, Lowell Royal, sophomore, and Jerry Gallivan, junior, met the candidates at the throne. The attendants were chosen by those of their classmates who were members of the football squad.

Donna Kay Steidinger and Stephen Siders carried the crown of white chrysanthemums.

Finally came the Queen, Barbara Hampton. She was arrayed in a white chiffon evening dress with a purple and white train flowing from her shoulders. The train, embroidered in gold sequins, was borne by Leeann Zwigard and Herbert Smith.

At the throne the Queen was greeted by Captain "Red" Lawrence who crowned her and ended the coronation by kissing her Majesty.

After the Grand March, the queen and her attendants descended from the throne and began the dancing to the music of Ted Dickerson's orchestra.

Football Banquet

On December 3, the annual football banquet, sponsored by the Lion's Club, was held at the high school gymnasium. Mr. Charles Strohl acted as toastmaster.

Harry Combes, head mentor at the University of Illinois, gave an interesting talk on the value of athletics.

Further entertainment was furnished by the girls trio, Daraleen Still, Mary Della Heckman, and Phyllis Murphy. Mrs. Evelyn Zwigard also gave a tap dance number.

At the close of Mr. Combes' talk, Coach Smith presented major awards to the following boys:

Seniors: Joe Hannon, John Born, Howard Lawrence, George Cotter, Bob Collins, Jack Gallivan, Don Schum, Bob Foran, Bruce Still, Alan Hendrix, and Stanley Funk; Juniors: Ronald Smith, Charles Lawson, Bill Strater, Jerry Gallivan, Dean Phipps, Dwight Boyd, Dean Wright, and Bill Cooper; Sophomores: Lowell Royal, Raymond Yockey, Francis Durbin, and Jerry Clark; Freshman: Bill Shumard; Manager: Dick Cahill.

Basketball

First Row: Strater, Gallivan, Royal, Buckner, Postlewait, Still, Camden, Phipps, Cooper, Clark.

Second Row: Coach Wehmeier, Shumard, Tompkins, Yockey, Cahill, Coffey, Hodam, Durbin, Byerline, Stout, Manager Harshbarger.

Third Row: Stanton, Probus, Comerford, Deering, Laimore, Corum, Cundiff, Weakley, Smith.

Cheerleaders: Patterson, Turney, Hixson.

LETTERMEN

BOB POSTLEWAIT—Scrapper—fast—full of fight—had his hot nights—small but mighty—worked well against press defense.

BRUCE STILL—Stalwart on defense—cool—consistent—aggressive—worked well against press—great desire to win.

DEAN BUCKNER—Defensive rebounding his speciality—consistent—hard worker.

GEORGE CAMDEN—Good rebounder—good in clutch—fighter—will be missed next year.

BILL COOPER—Worked up to varsity—should go places next year.

DEAN PHIPPS—Started season as regular, then dropped to second team, but his rebounding and fight put him back on first team.

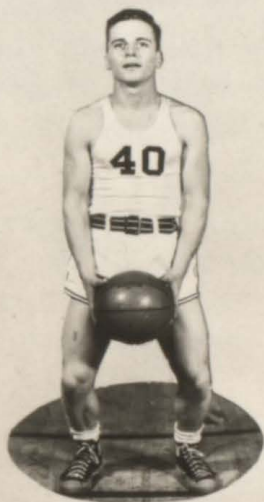
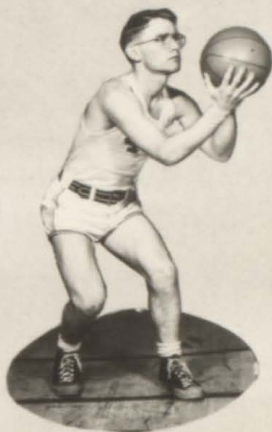
BILL STRATER—Fast—determined—has another year at B. T. H. S.

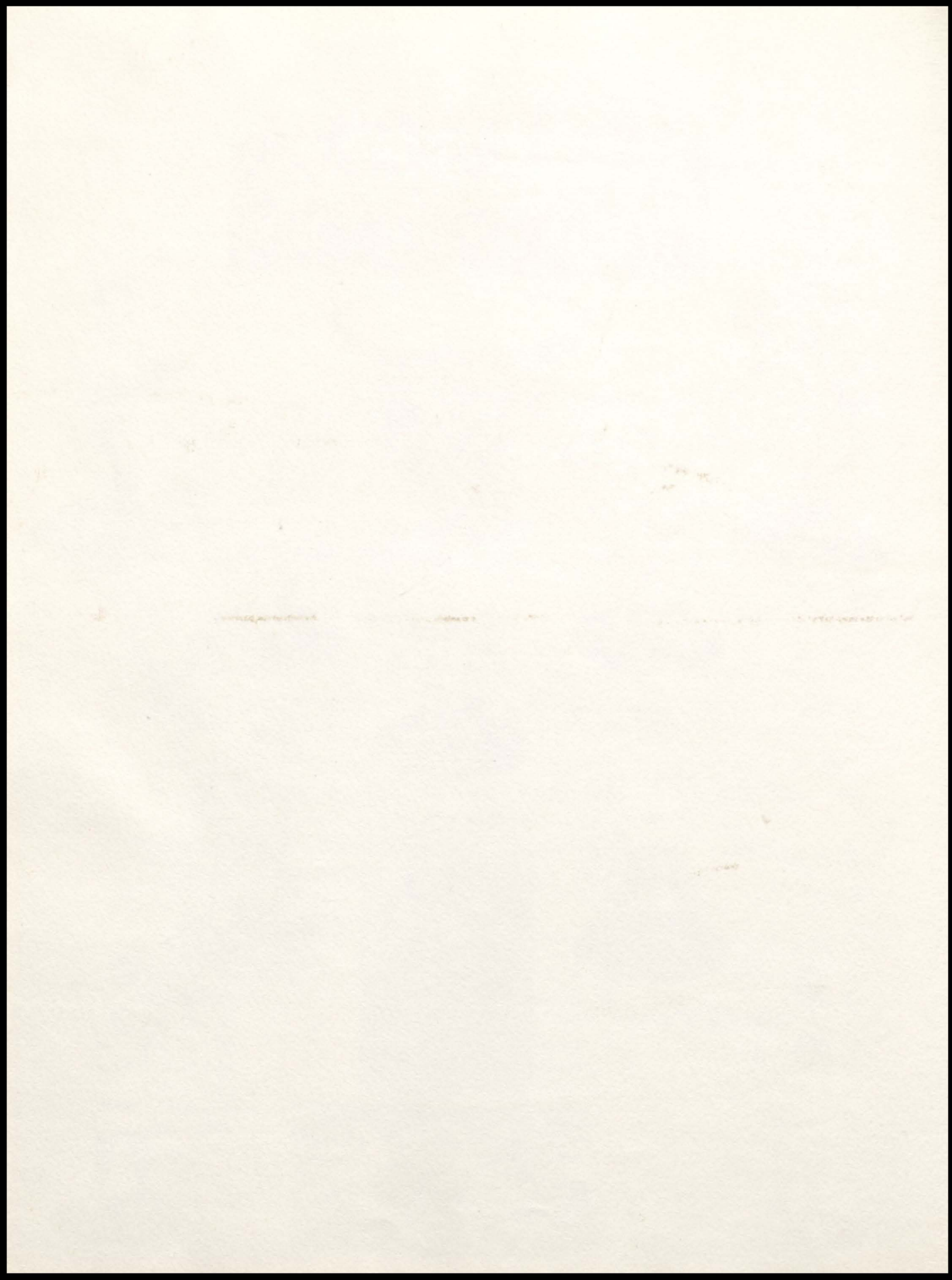
JERRY CLARK—Fighter with speed and flash—watch him next two years.

LOWELL ROYAL—A big boy who hails from Byron, Ohio—good rebounder and only a sophomore.

1947-1948 SEASON

Bement 35	Alumni 38	Bement 34	Monticello 33
Bement 30	Mansfield 42	Bement 19	Arcola 32
Bement 33	Arthur 25	(Okaw Tourney at Atwood)	
Bement 28	Villa Grove 31	Bement 28	Atwood 46
Bement 35	Arcola 49	Bement 36	Tuscola 40
Bement 31	Monticello 32	Bement 35	Cerro Gordo 43
(Piatt Tourney at Monticello)		Bement 40	Sullivan 63
Bement 45	Sadorus 30	Bement 23	Monticello 36
Bement 41	Sullivan 46	Bement 38	Cerro Gordo 53
Bement 25	Atwood 35	Bement 37	St. Teresa 39
Bement 36	Farmer City 39	(Regional Tourney at Decatur)	





Hoops and Hardwood

On November 12, immediately following the football season, thirty-five boys reported to the gymnasium and under the direction of Coach Arthur Wehmeier and his assistant, Ray Smith, the Bulldogs began the grueling session of practice which precluded the '47-'48 season.

Mr. Wehmeier had four returning lettermen from the previous season in John Moery, Bruce Still, Bob Postlewait, and Bob Curry. Moery, however, was able to play in but four games due to a recurrence of an old knee injury.

Although the Purple managed to get in the win column only twice, they played several close games with the top teams in the Okaw. The Bulldogs' two well earned victories came over Arthur 33-25 and Sadorus 45-30.

Various officials highly commended the Bulldogs throughout the season for their excellent sportsmanship and good conduct on the hardwood. We feel that the boys gained very much throughout the past season with their good sportsmanship, desire to win, and ability to work together.

Bob Postlewait, with 178 points, was high scorer for Bement during the past season. Bruce Still won the Gold Basketball Medal for his accuracy at the free throw line. He hit 46 out of 75 for a percentage of .613. Bruce was also chosen, by his teammates, honorary captain for the past season.

Boys earning letters this season are Bob Postlewait, Bruce Still, Dean Buckner, and George Camden, seniors; Bill Cooper, Dean Phipps, and Bill Strater, juniors; Jerry Clark and Lowell Royal, sophomores; and Alan Harshbarger, manager.

SEASON'S SCORING

Postlewait	178	Clark	31
Still	114	Phipps	30
Curry	80	Moery	22
Cooper	51	Royal	19
Buckner	47	Strater	19
Camden	35	Hodam	4

Track

First Row: Coach Wehmeier, Hannon, Phipps, Gallivan, Collins, Lawson, Schum, Strater, Wright, Still.

Second Row: Coffey, Kirk, Cooper, Yockey, Durbin, B. Clark, J. Clark, Tompkins, Redman.

Due to the early printing date of the annual, complete results of the season cannot be presented. Track season was opened on March 15 by Coach Wehmeier. His track squad was composed of thirty-five members, with eight lettermen returning. These lettermen were: Seniors: Still (hurdles), Schum (220); Juniors: Strater (440-220-100), Wright (mile-880), Phipps (mile), Lawson (pole vault); Sophomores: Yockey (mile), Durbin (880).

The 1948 track squad was undefeated thus far in a dual or triangular meet.

Probably the squad's outstanding performance so far in the season was their showing at the Paris relays. The squad took second in the Class B group and won a trophy by winning the open two mile relay while competing with much larger schools. In addition, the boys collected seven individual medals.

"B" Club

First Row: Coach Smith, Yockey, Cooper, Still, Jerry Gallivan, Coach Wehmeier.

Second Row: Cotter, Lawrence, Clark, Jack Gallivan, Shumard, Weakley, Strater Smith.

Third Row: Lawson, Foran, Curry, Buckner, Funk, Wright, Moery, Durbin, Postlewait.

Fourth Row: Collins, Boyd, Hannon, Phipps, Schum, Camden, Royal, Cahill, Born.

This club, inactive for several years, was reorganized this year and is composed of the boys who have earned major letters in sports events. The purpose of the club is to help carry out the program of the Athletic Department.

The members sold refreshments, managed the gate receipts, and set up a loud speaker system at all the home basketball games the past year. Also they assisted in running off the various track and field events at all home track meets.

Baseball

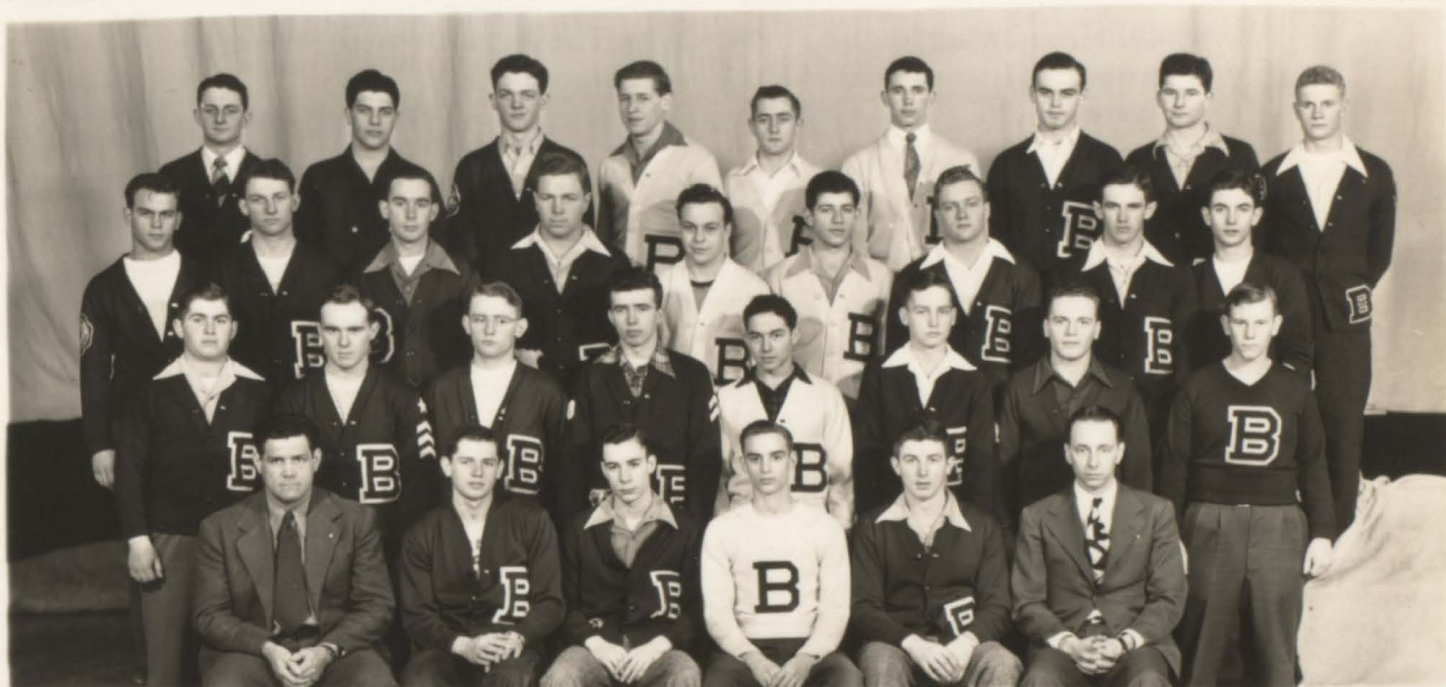
First Row: Coach Smith, R. Smith, Postlewait, Still, Lawrence, Clark, Harshbarger, Stout.

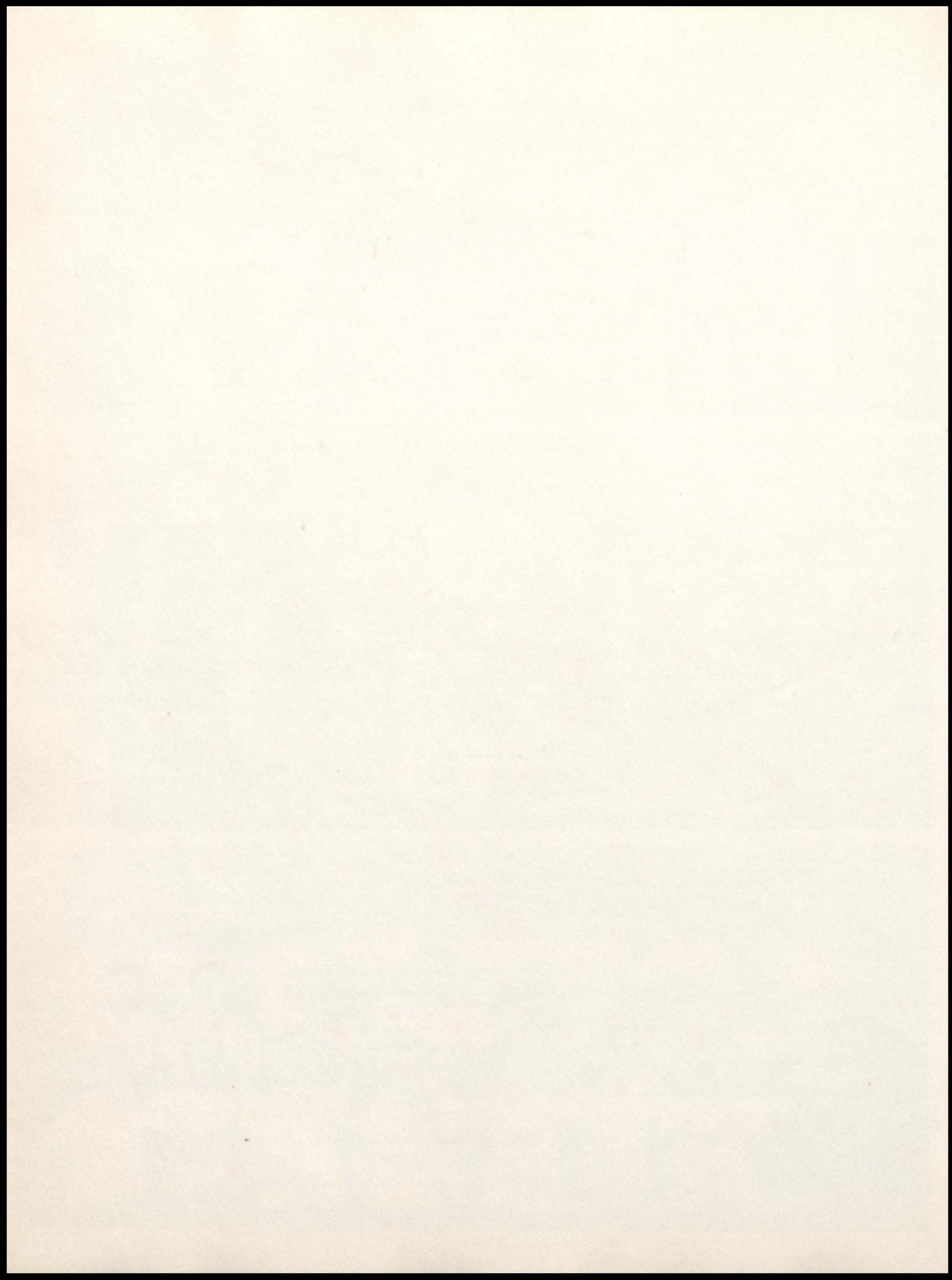
Middle Row: Moreland, Shumard, Cavanaugh, Collins, Strater, Byerline, Corum.

Third Row: Gallivan, Kirk, Hodam, Phipps, Royal, Deering, Cooper, Probus.

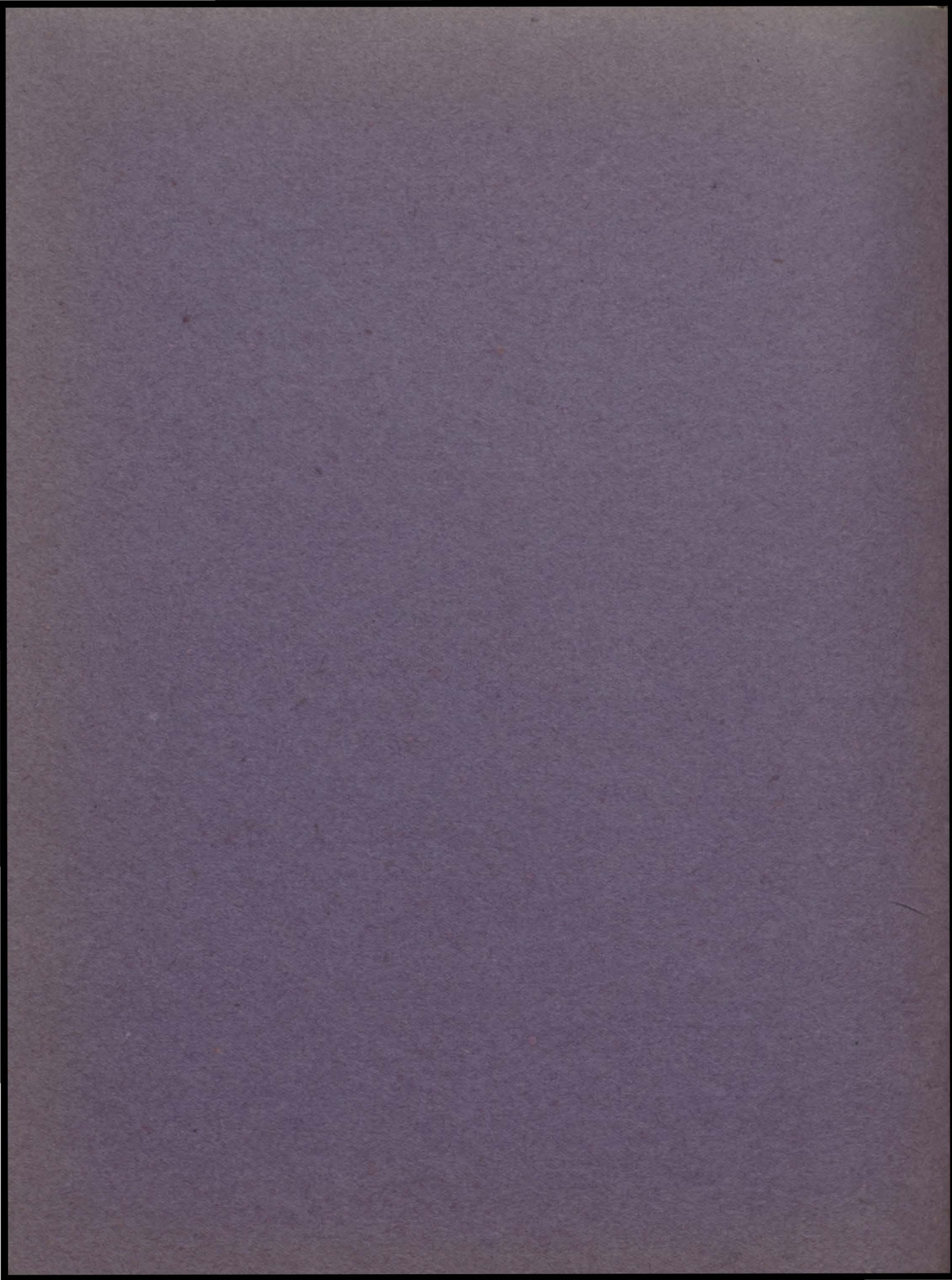
A promising squad of fifteen athletes reported to Coach Smith on March 22 for their first outdoor practice. Of these fifteen boys, seven were lettermen. The lettermen were: pitcher, Bud Smith; catchers, Bill Strater and Howard Lawrence; infielders, Bruce Still, Bob Postlewait, and Bill Cooper; and outfielder, Jerry Clark.

Due to the early publishing date of the annual we can publish the results of only five games. The Purple beat Hammond twice, 11-6 and 8-6; Sadorus once, 6-2; and lost to Monticello and Deland, 5-4 and 4-3 respectively.





CHUCKLES



Chuckles

Although we at Betohi know that we are here to obtain an education, we have not forgotten that adage, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Our spare time, before and after school and between classes, is spent in a very jovial manner as only the youth of America can spend it.

In the following section you will see an example of the wit and humor that is so symbolic of B. T. H. S.

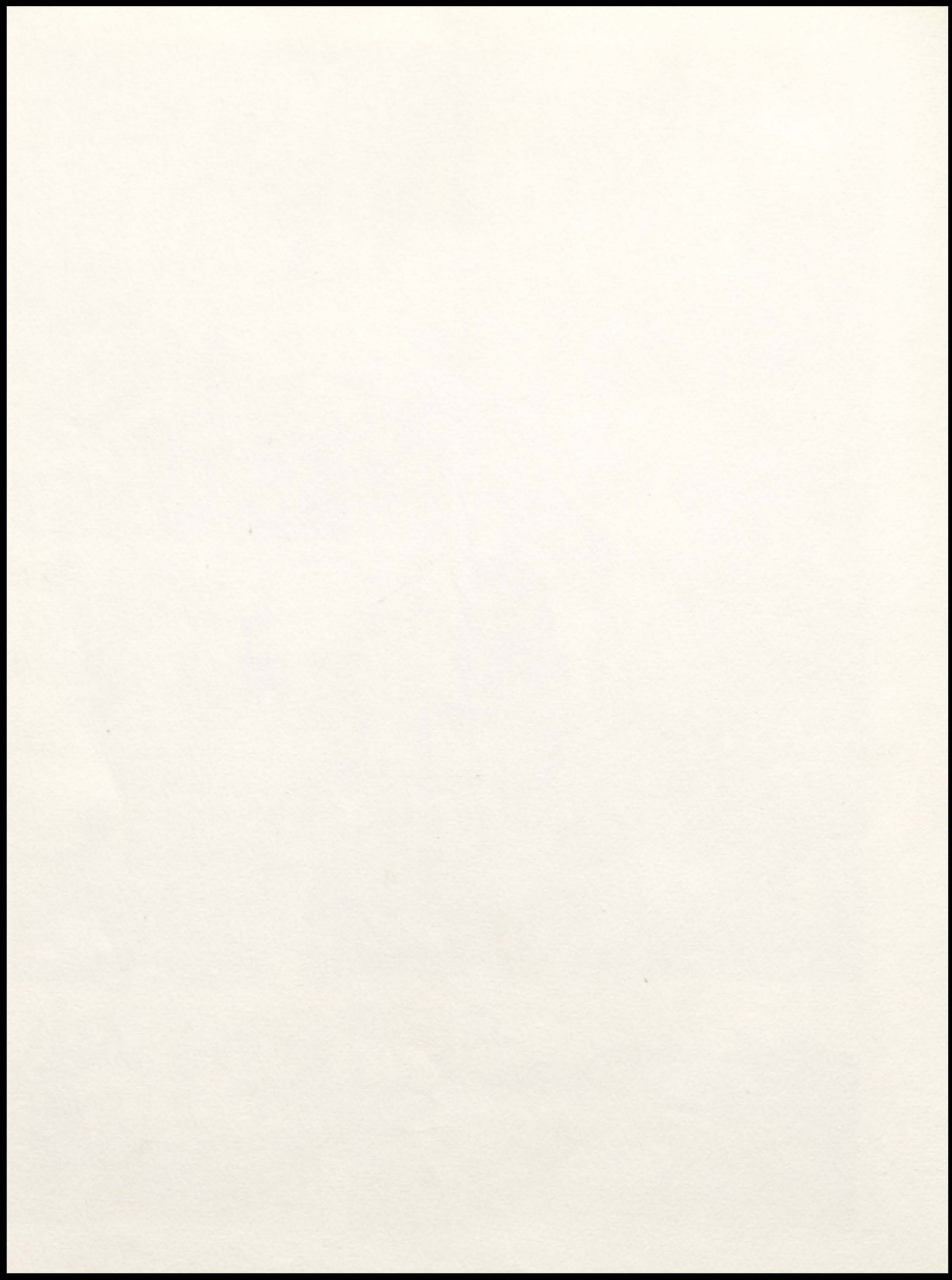
Know Them By Their Initials - - -

Charlotte Tiffin—cute and terrific
Lowell Royal—lean and rambling
Myrna Hord—mischievous and hilarious
Nelda Mulvaney—neat and meek
Nancy Postlewait—nice and peppy
Lenore Royal—likeable and reserved
Daraleen Still—dashing and slender
Bill Strater—bashful and swift
Peggy Bradley—pretty and boyish
Tom Tucker—tall and tactful
Jerry Clark—just cute
Martha Boyd—mighty bashful
Jerry Gallivan—jolly and good-natured
Della Evans—decorous and efficient
Jeanne Ford—jabbering female
Carolee Patterson—captivating and peppery
Charles Lawson—capable and loyal

Wouldn't It Be Strange If - - -

Shirley Lamb were shy.
Bob Postlewait were seen with a brunette.
Bill Tompkins were a wolf.
Dwight Boyd were without a comeback.
Bonnie Hixson got to school on time.
J. D. Cavanaugh were Mr. Krane's star pupil.
Ralph Cundiff went without help from the 3rd hour assembly.
Eileen Christman didn't like "Chocolate" so well.
Bob Curry were seen without at least six girls.
Carrie Sebens were as weak as a kitten.
Bunk Hill weren't the good janitor he is.
Rose Mary Mundy and Genevieve Durbin weren't always together.
Barb Cooper and Jim Byerline didn't get a lot of fun out of life.
Jean and Dean were never Wright.
Mary Della Heckman didn't have the 'new look.'
Ervilla Lefever talked about cows instead of horses.





Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- September 1—They're off! In the mad dash to get to school the first day, there were no known casualties, but wait till the report cards come out.
- September 10—Everyone has small pictures taken. One of these pictures will be used for a student identification card.
- September 17—Rah! Rah! Rah! Cheerleaders are chosen.
- September 19—Our first pep meeting is held in the gym. Captain "Red" Lawrence models one of the new football uniforms.
- September 22—"Wanta buy a pencil?" G. A. A. girls are selling eversharps.
- September 23—Crack! It's a hit! The Big League? No! Just G. A. A. The senior-sophomore team came out victorious with a score of 9-5.
- September 25—The F. F. A. officers go to a meeting in Cerro Gordo.
- September 30—Mr. Hodam becomes ill and is taking a rest in the hospital.

OCTOBER

- October 1—F. H. A. girls choose Mrs. Gene Moore as their chapter mother.
- October 2—Run for your life! Individual pictures of the student body arrive.
- October 3—The student council sponsors an all-school party at which the Hammond students are our guests.
- October 13—Second six weeks period begins.
- October 15—Why are all the seniors looking so immaculate today? You guess it! Mr. Blankenburg takes senior pictures.
- October 16—Yeah Purple! Yeah White! The student body meets at school at 7:30 for a pep meeting and a snake dance uptown.
- October 17—Homecoming! Sad but true—Oakland 19, Bement 0. Barbara Hampton is crowned queen. Everyone enjoys dancing to the music of Ted Dickerson

NOVEMBER

- November 7—The G. A. A. sponsors an all-school party.
- November 11—No school today! (Armistice Day) Bement loses to Monticello.
- November 12—The football season is over. Basketball practice is in full swing.
- November 13—Annual staff meets at 8:00 A. M. Those early birds!
- November 19—Band has pictures taken by Mr. Alkire. G. A. A. have their first basketball game.
- November 20—The band journeys to Decatur to play in a balloon parade.
- November 21—Junior Jamboree! Also the end of another six weeks period.
- November 26—Thanksgiving vacation starts at noon. A very welcome rest.

DECEMBER

- December 1—No school! Teachers' meeting.
- December 2—Mr. Blankenburg brings the senior pictures.
- December 3—What a night! Besides the football banquet there is a dance in the gym with Ralph Yancey's orchestra furnishing the music.
- December 4—Bement plays their first basketball game and loses to the Alums, 38-35.
- December 5—Band and chorus attend the Piatt County Music Festival in Monticello.
- December 10—Have a coke! B. T. H. S. now has a delightful new addition—a coke machine.
- December 11—T. A. B. (Teen Age Book Club) elects officers. Ray Warner is elected president, Arlene Rittenhouse, secretary; Harold Weakley, assistant secretary; and Dean Wright and Charlotte Tiffin, auditors.

Calendar

- December 12—What a day! We not only defeat Arthur 33-25 but we have a dance at the Legion Hall afterwards. Besides the night activities everybody was an art critic during the afternoon. We were judging pictures in hopes of purchasing a few to liven up the school.
- December 17—The home ec classes catch the Christmas spirit by making candy and cookies.
- December 22—Christmas Concert given at 8:00 p. m.
- December 23—Classes give entertainment in the afternoon. Freshmen have J. L. Probus as Santa Claus and a few of the Freshmen tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Sophomores have the "Bristle Quartet" sing Red River Valley. (The quartet is made up of Kinzel Coffey, Bill Tompkins, Francis Durbin, and Raymond Yockey.) A sophomore band plays Christmas songs. The juniors have a reading by Bill Cooper. "Just Before Christmas" and one by Jerry Gallivan, "When Father Carved the Duck." The Senior English class give Dickens' Christmas Carol as a radio broadcast. School dismissed until next year!!!!!!

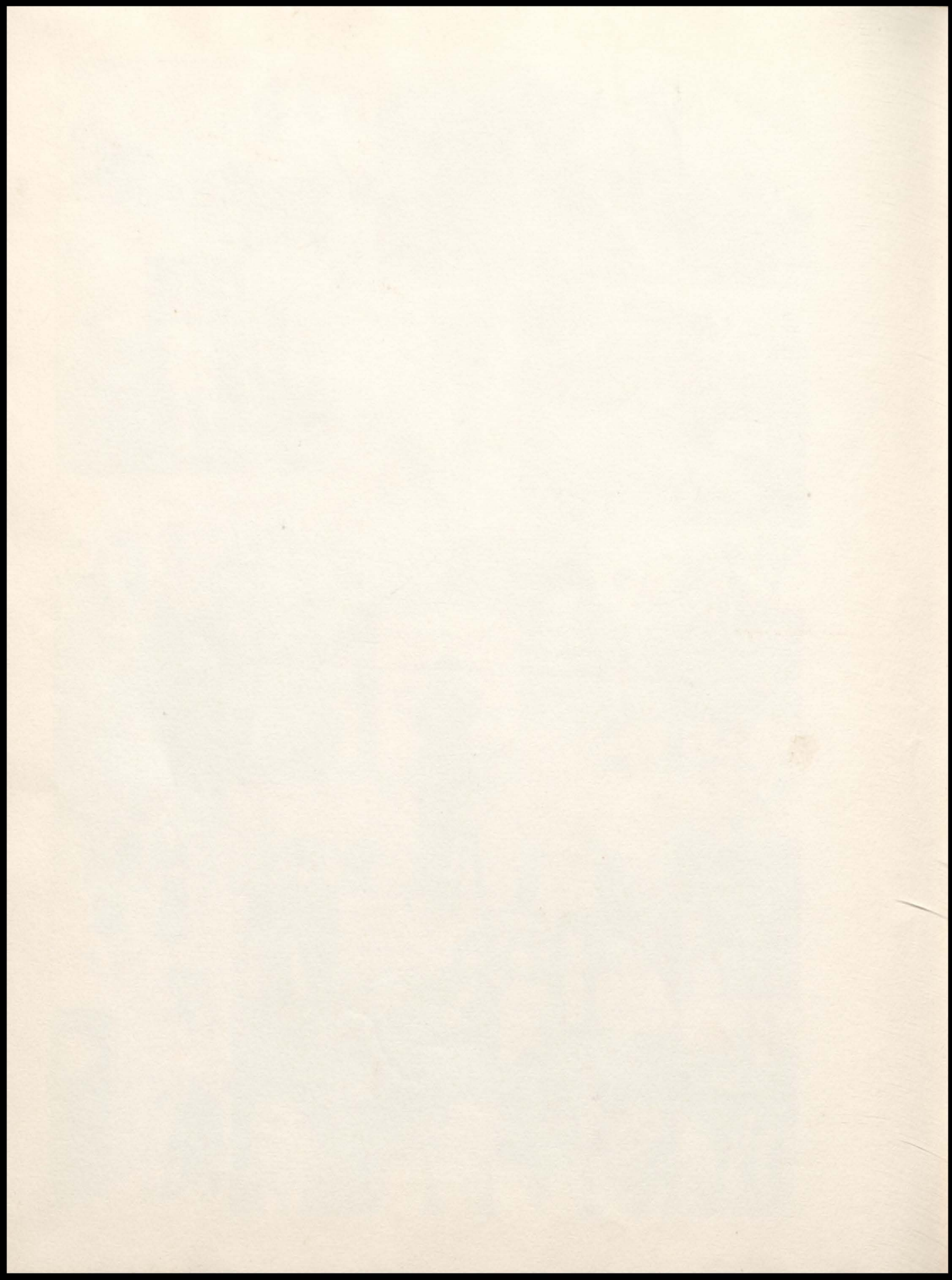
JANUARY

- January 5—All good things come to an end—so did the vacation.
- January 7—The Piatt County Tournament opens with Bement losing by one point.
- January 10—Bement travels to Sadorus and comes back with a 45-30 win.
- January 13—Audine Tompkins receives the D. A. R. award.
- January 15 and 16—Semesters!!!!!! "B" Club is formed.
- January 19—Everyone turns over a new leaf. . . The reason? Today is the beginning of the second semester.
- January 27—It's Okaw Valley Tournament time again. Bement is as cold at the basket as the weather is outside.
- January 28—Report cards for the first semester are received. Hot cinders!!

FEBRUARY

- February 3—Atwood downs Bement. After the game a dance is held at the Legion Hall. The snow-balling is excellent due to a day of snowfall.
- February 4—Big sleigh ride! Everyone wonders why we haven't had snow like this before.
- February 11—There is a dance held at the Legion Hall after the ball game with Cerro Gordo.
- February 13—Oooooops! Crash! Ooooohhh! This awful ice! That could have been any of you gingerly making your way to school today.
- February 16—Everybody smile! Mr. Blankenburg takes group pictures for the Annual. The physics students are running around snapping pictures like mad.
- February 17—It's just like spring! It's so warm. The American Legion sponsors another dance in the Legion Hall.
- February 19—What do you want to be? Mr. Alkire gives the seniors a talk about their futures.
- February 21—G. A. A. Playday at Monticello with seven girls attending from Bement. Shirley Lamb wins a certificate of merit for being on the championship team of the day.
- February 27—Redcoats go professional! They play in the Monticello auditorium. Twenty-eight students attend a presentation of MACBETH at Millikin in Albert Taylor Hall.
- February 29—Run for your lives, you unlucky males! This is Leap Year, you know.





Calendar

MARCH

- March 2—Sparkle! Sparkle! It's just the juniors showing off their new class rings.
- March 5—Good for the F. H. A. They sponsor an all-school leap year party. The evening is spent in dancing and playing ping-pong.
- March 8—Senior girls beat the freshmen, making the seniors champions.
- March 9—Read all about it! What? Why the important events of this school year, naturally! The seniors are selling Annuals.
- March 10—It's that time again. To select the senior play of course.
- March 20—F. H. A. - F. F. A. party. Gay green St. Patrick's decorations adorned the gym. The evening is spent in dancing.
- March 29—Oh, goody! Easter vacation.
- March 31—Back to boredom again. Since the play books arrived, the seniors have started play try-outs.

APRIL

- April 1—Oh, look at that big rip in your sleeve! April Fool! The chorus entertains us with solos. (No fooling)
- April 2—The beginning of the end for seniors. They sign their names as they want them to appear on their diplomas.
- April 5—Annual goes to press! The first play practice is held. Four nights a week will be devoted to practice. The play is scheduled for May 13. Baseball team goes to Hammond and comes home with a victory of 8-6.
- April 6—Seniors vote on invitation for commencement. Also pick out name cards.
- April 9—Seniors entertain juniors. After listening to the "Bristle Quartet," playing Truth and Consequences, with Red Lawrence as master of ceremonies, and being entertained by a pantomime, the rest of the evening is spent in dancing.
- April 10—Band and chorus journey to Clinton again. They carry home second honors.
- April 12—The last lap has begun—in other words the last six weeks period.
- April 15—Our baseball team is victorious again! They defeat Sadorus.
- April 16—The sophomores are hosts at an enjoyable all-school party. The end is drawing nearer and nearer. The seniors are measured for caps and gowns.
- April 23—Mattoon Relays—"Tootie" Phipps wins the mile in the open class. Two mile relay team is barely edged to second place by Champaign.
- April 26—English 4 class starts shooting movie to be shown to grade school students planning to enter high school next year.
- April 30—Urbana Relays. State music contest at Charleston with Phyllis Murphy and Donna Crook competing from Bement.

MAY

- May 4—Run boys run! It's the Okaw Valley Track Meet.
- May 6—Girls in formals—dancing to the strains of sweet music—these are a few of the things we shall remember about the Junior-Senior Prom.
- May 13—The greatest production of the year! The seniors present MIDNIGHT, a mystery thriller.
- May 19—Seniors take the final exams of their high school career.
- May 21—Semesters again for the underclassmen.
- Ashes to ashes
Dust to dust
If Mid-semesters didn't get us,
Finals must.
- May 23—Baccalaureate services are held with Rev. Cartwright speaking.
- May 25—At last the great moment we have been waiting and planning for has come. Mr. W. B. Westbrook is our speaker at graduation. We shall never forget our happy, carefree high school days.

The End of the Beginning

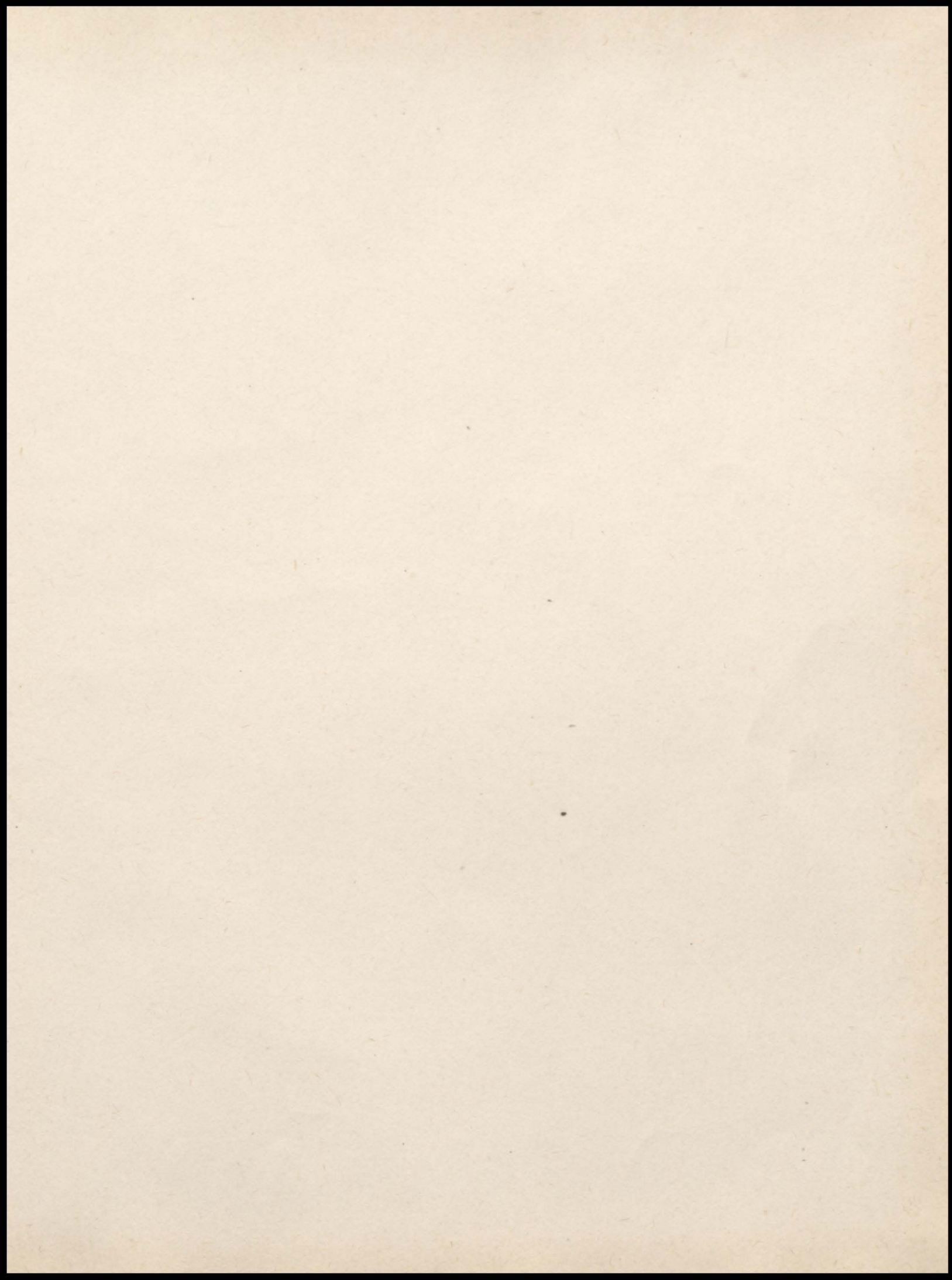
All at once the road doth end
And a bridge stands in our way;
The barren lands on yonder side
Aren't green like ours today.

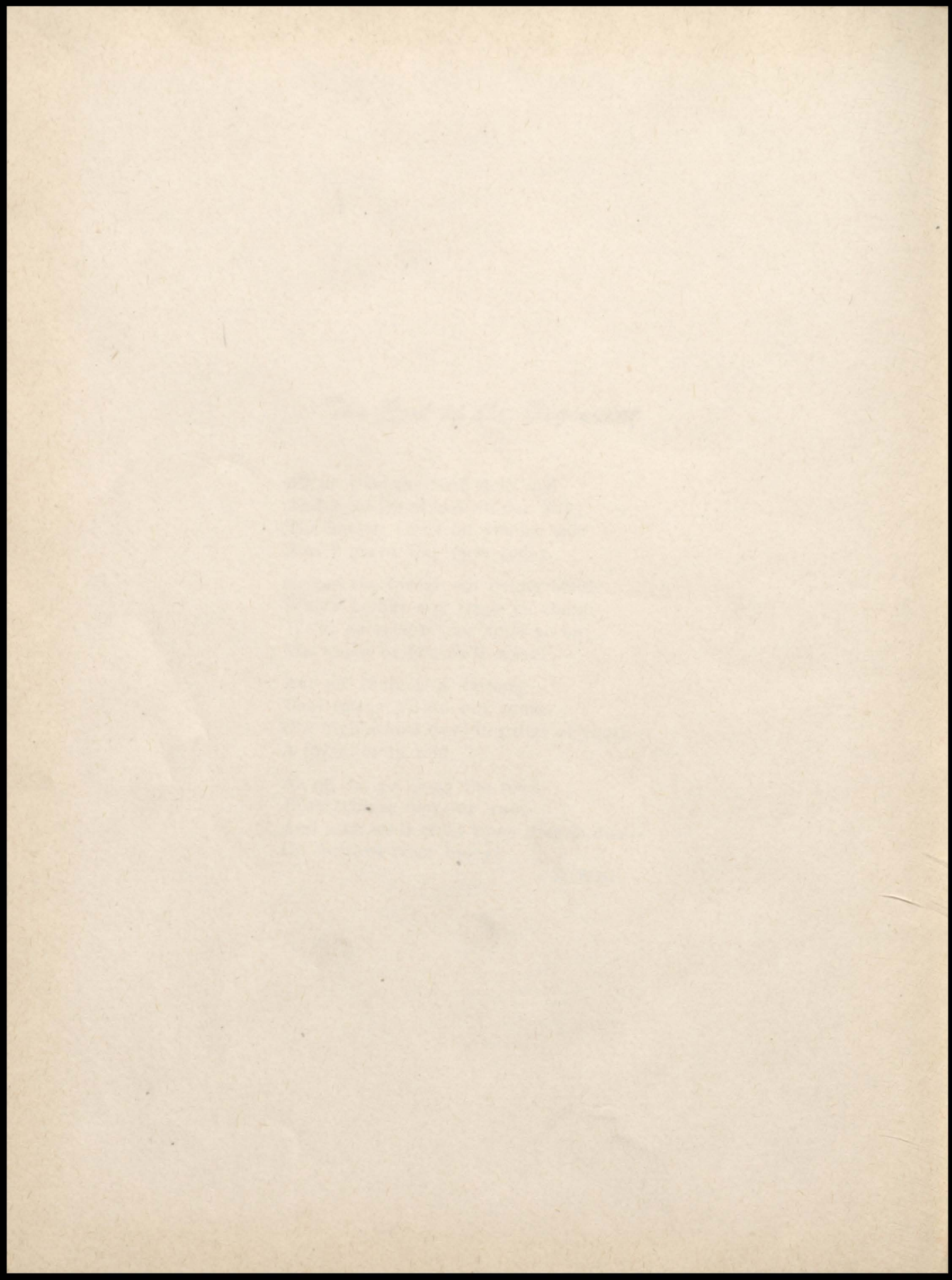
Across the bridge we boldly stride
Which breaks and traps us there;
We've no retreat; we must go on;
The cloak of life we'll wear!

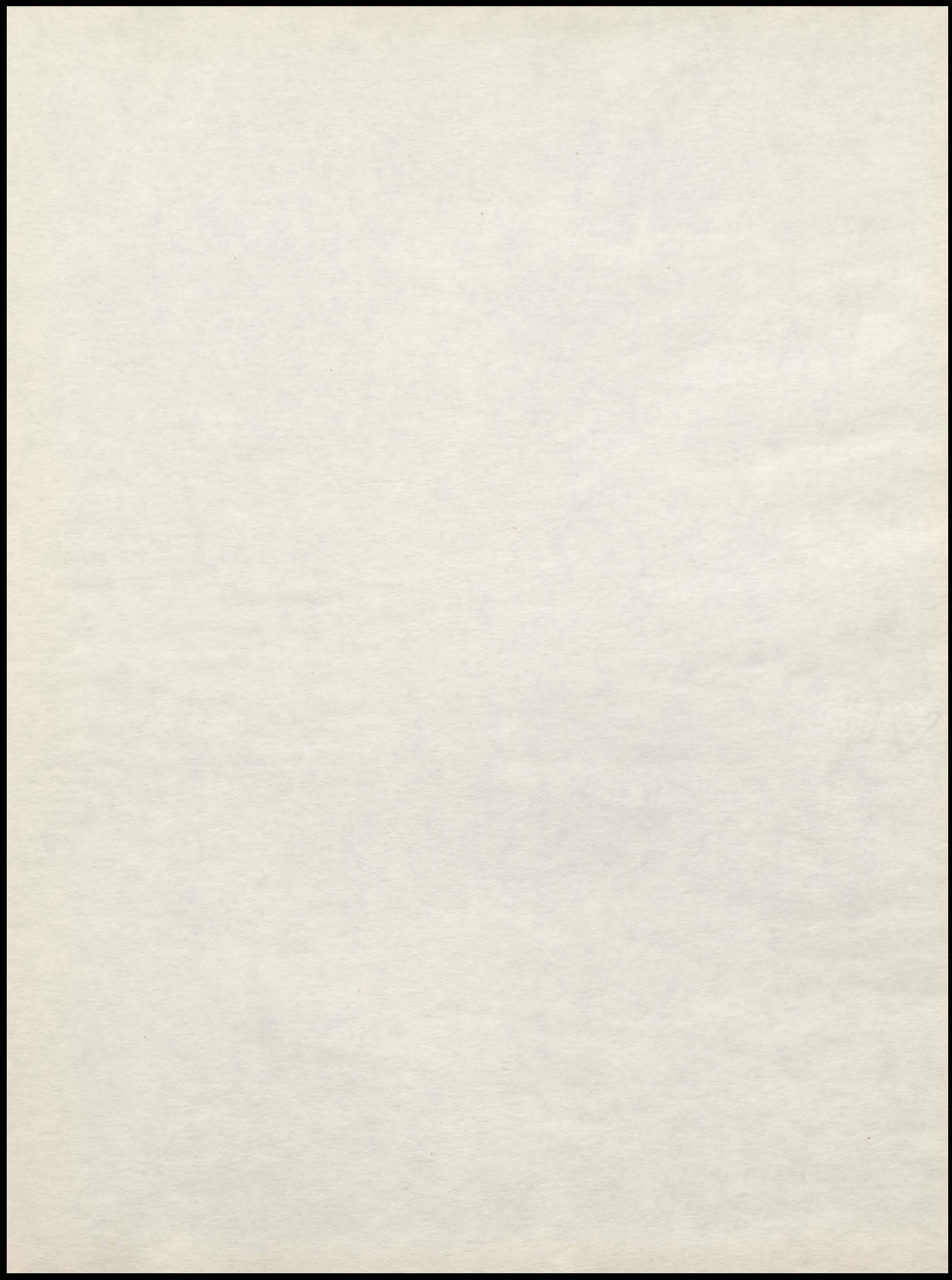
But yet there is a memory
That burns within our souls—
Our high school days in prime of youth—
A joyful story told.

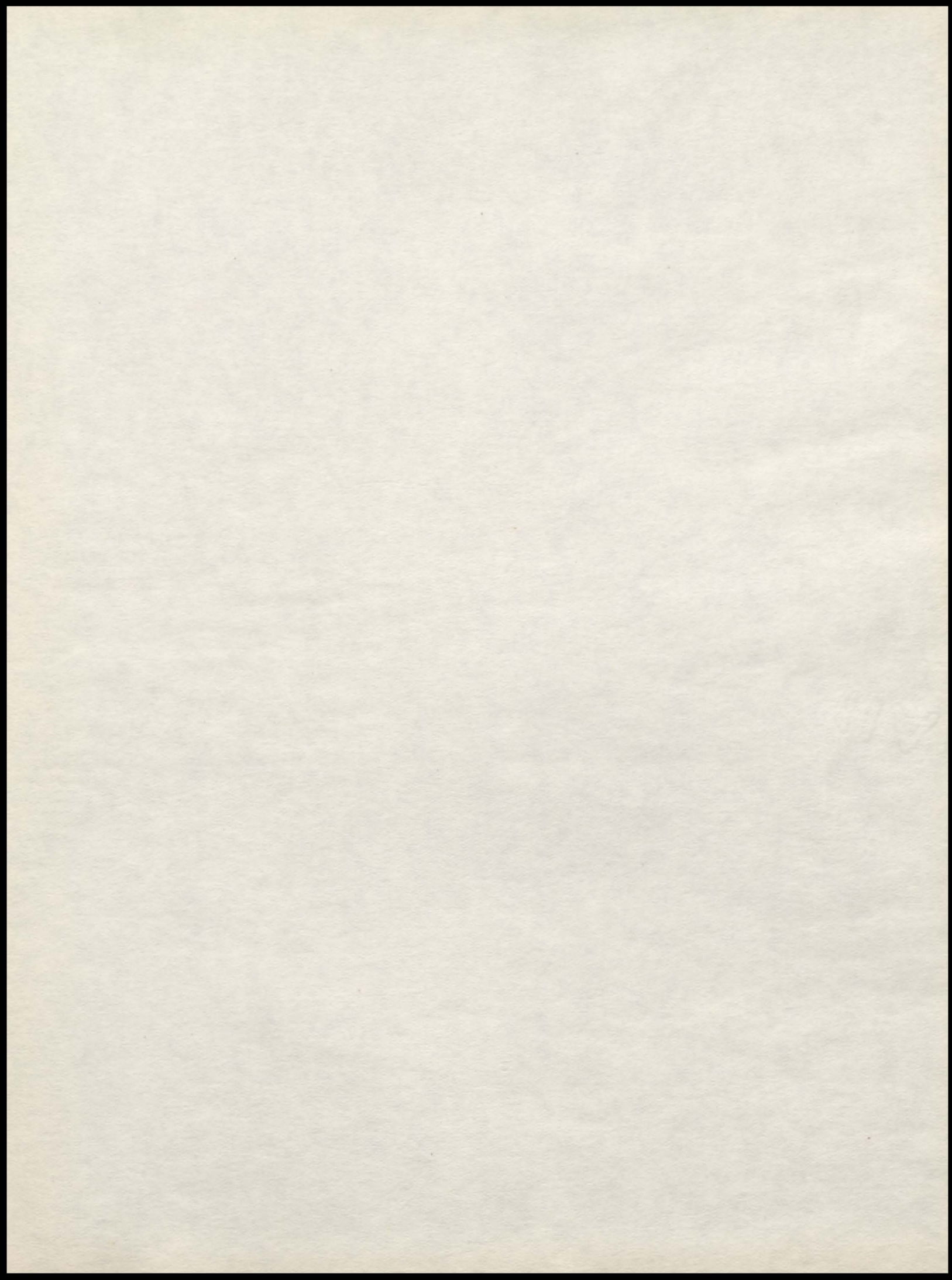
As on we go along the road,
More bridges blot our way;
And each we'll cross when time is due—
Go forward from today!

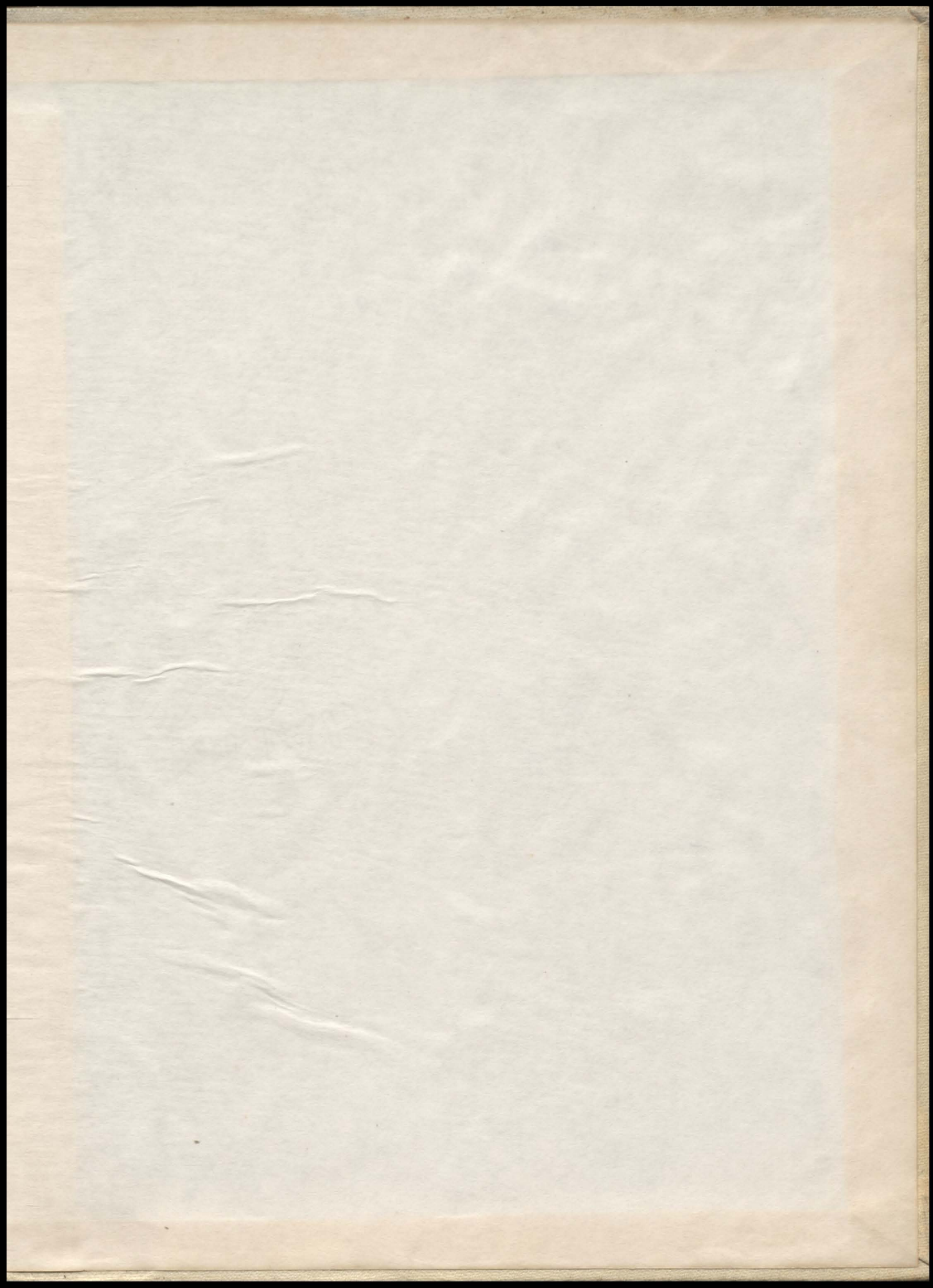
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