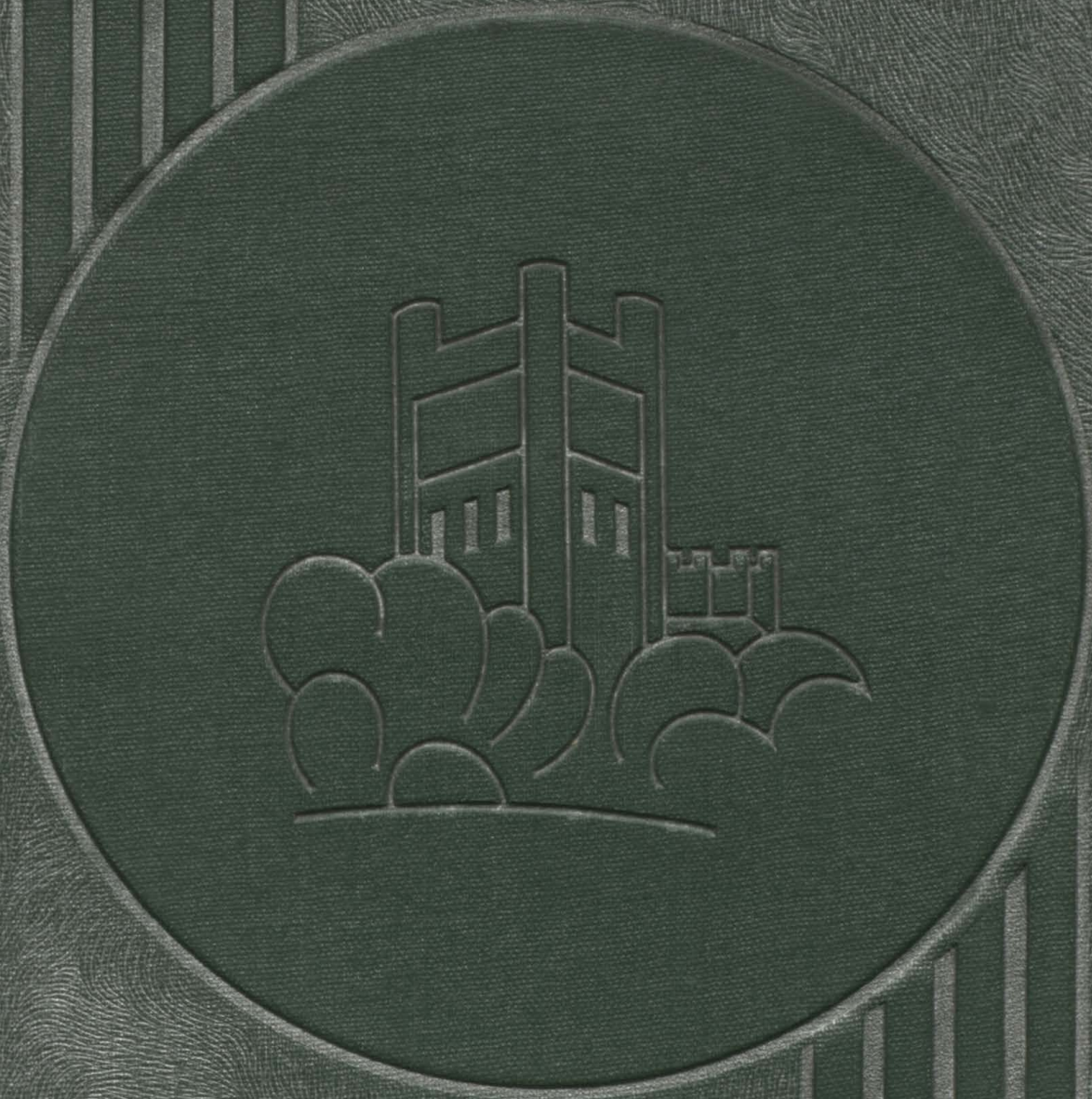
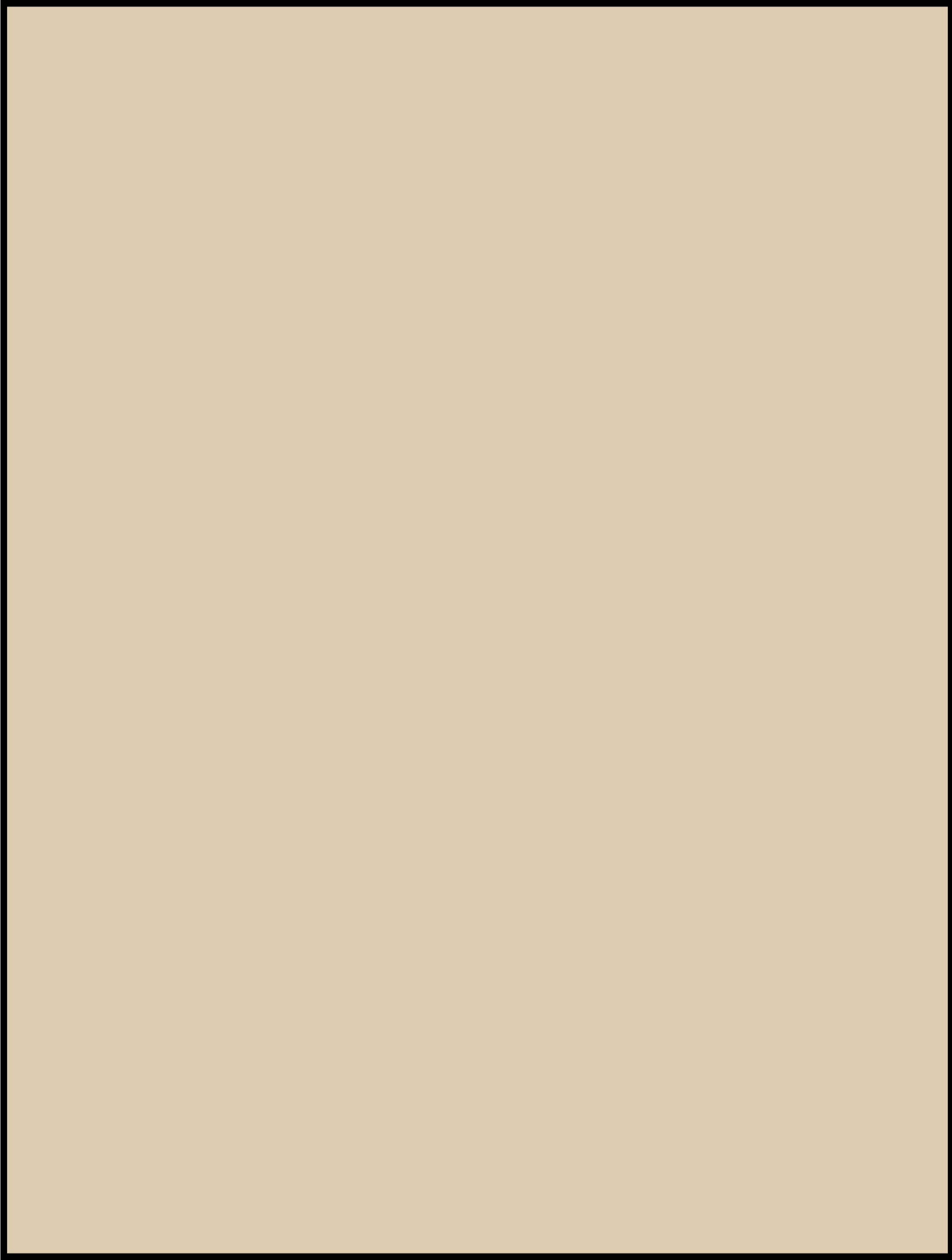


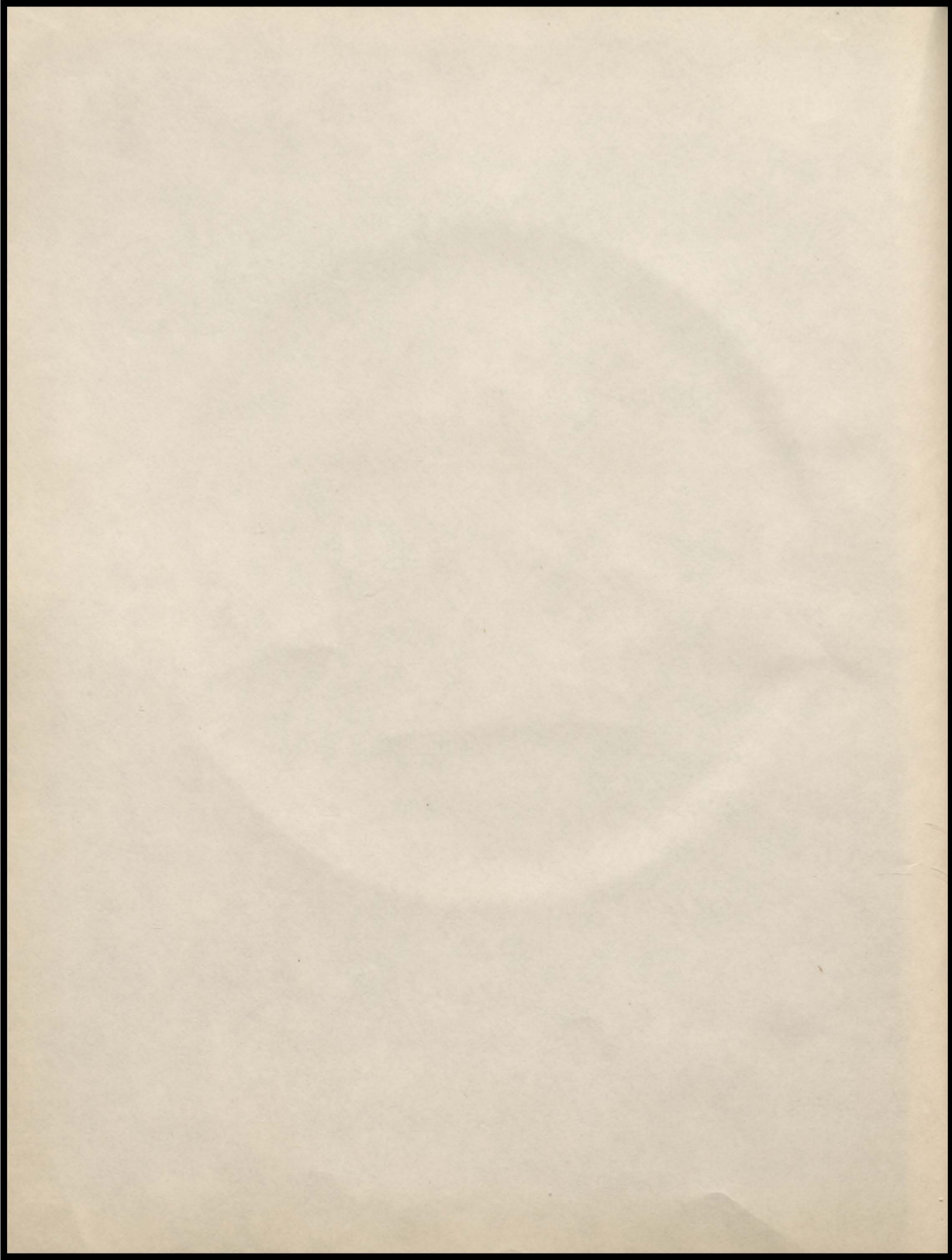
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PREFACE

In this, the second issue of BIM, we hope to attain our goal—a book that will be an ever cherished possession to all. By depicting the faculty and student body, at both work and play, we have tried to present a good cross-section of Bement High School as it has been this year. A sincere effort has been made to show how each phase of school life helps build a well rounded citizen of tomorrow.

The BIM Staff of 1950

"As the twig is bent, so the tree is inclined"

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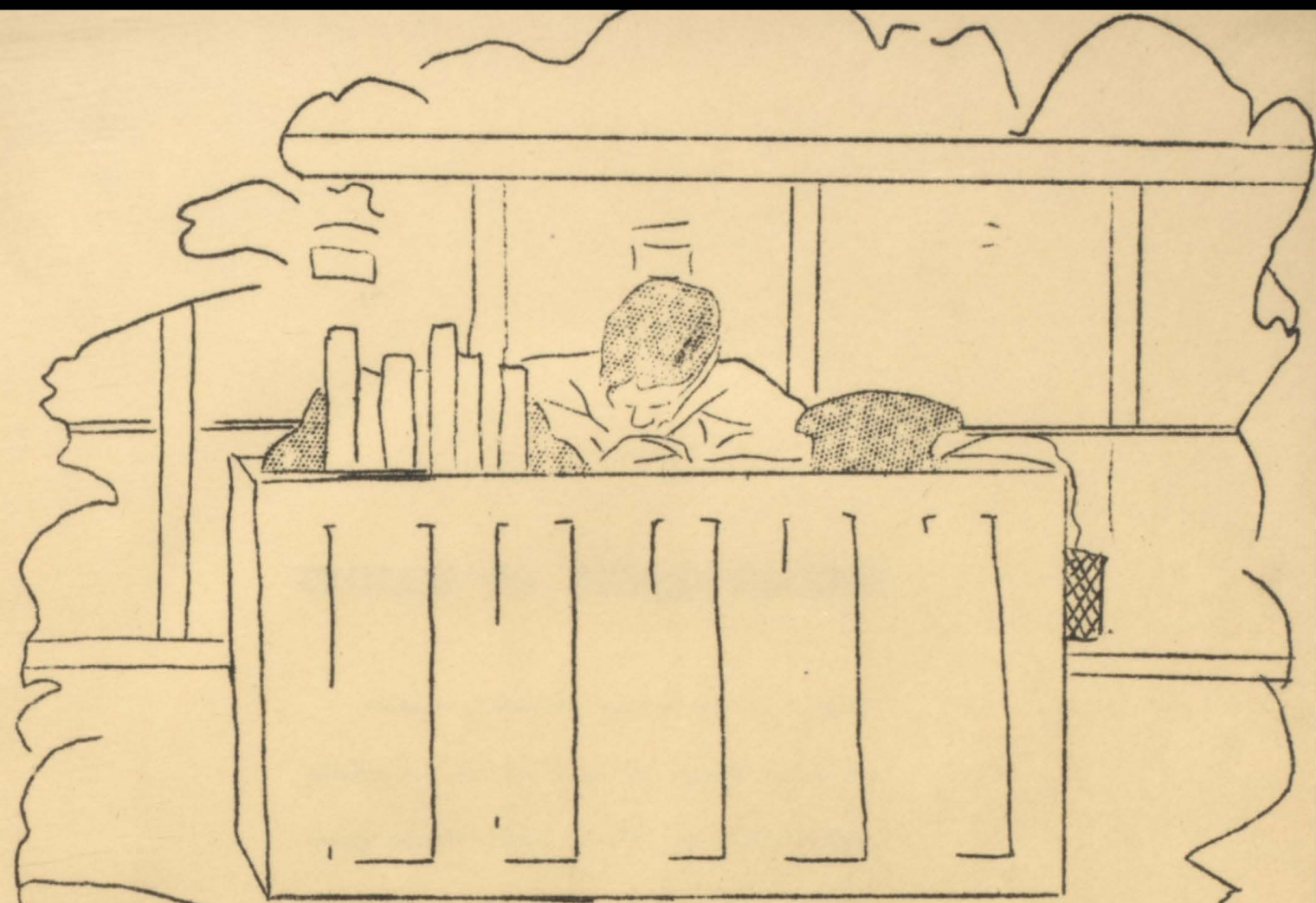
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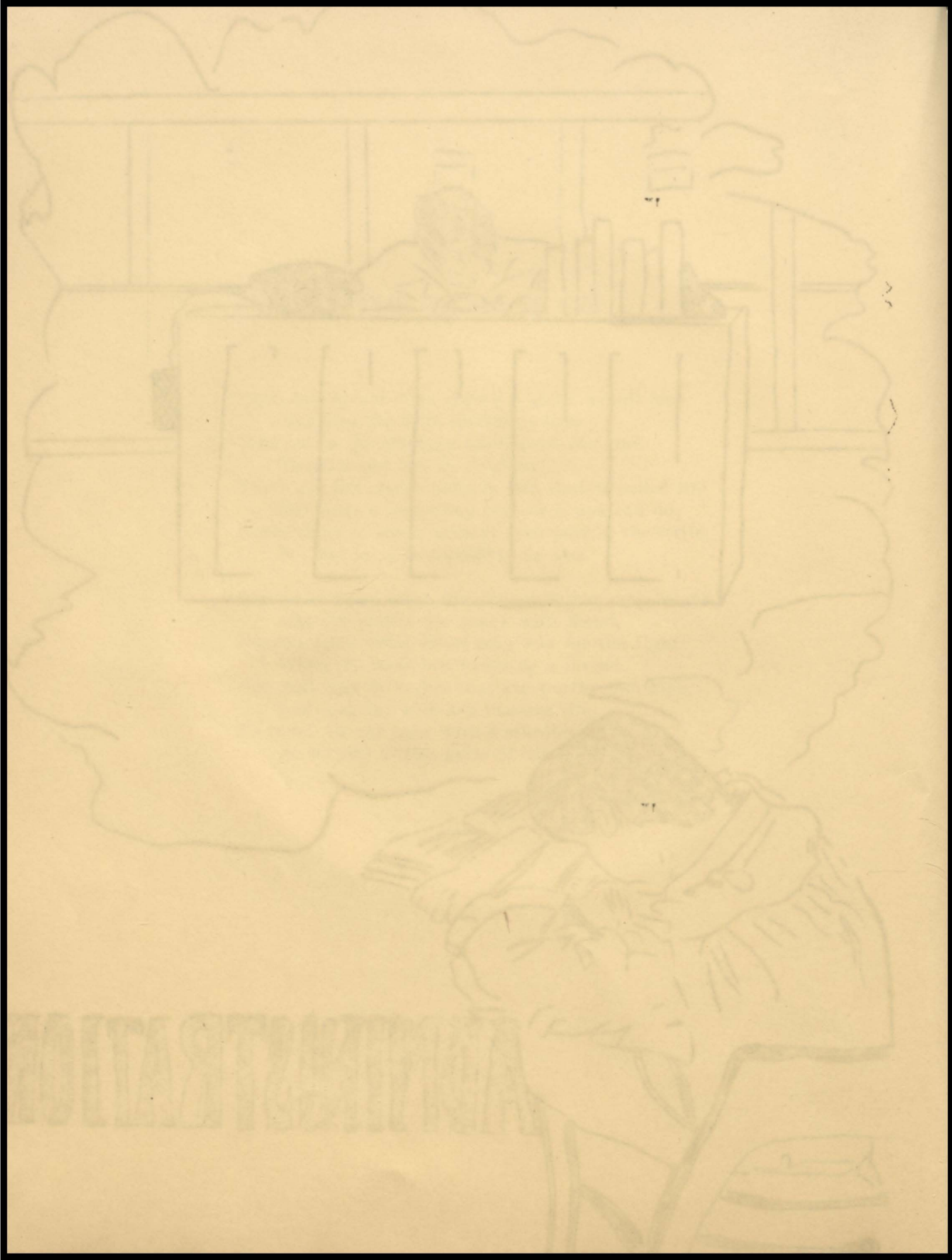
Each day of our lives there's a game we all play
And none are mere spectators here
Who sit on the sidelines apart from the fray
To cavil and boo, or to cheer.
There are few stellar roles in this contest called life,
But there's something that each one can do;
Never think of small moment your part in the strife
For the team is depending on you.

There are times when the outlook is not very bright
And our spirits are heavy with dread,
But the least extra effort may win for the right
When the issue just hangs by a thread.
Our goal may be stakes that are worthy and high
And each day with new chances rife,
To boost for our team with a sturdier try
As we play in this game of life.

—B. L. Bruce



ADMINISTRATION



GUIDES TO DEVELOPMENT

Before a student can claim an accomplishment, he is aided in many ways by many people. Here we will try to show how he is dependent upon his teachers and the board of education. These two groups serve as guides to the development of tomorrow's citizens.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members who served on the board of education of Bement Community Unit School during 1949 and 1950 are: Mr. C. J. Tabaka, Mr. Lynn Rainey, Mr. Russell J. Rodgers, Mr. H. E. Eckstein, Mr. E. A. Stout, and Mr. Clarence Lefever. Mr. A. C. Bodman was absent for the picture.

OUR SCHOOL

INSIDE

The upper hall is the center of much activity at B. C. H. S. This scene, a very typical one, was taken between periods as people hastened to the next class. Although the time is short, everyone has a chance to meet his friends for a little chat and to get ready for the next class.

As the time grows short the number of loitering students diminishes, there is a resounding slam of locker doors, the sound of scurrying feet and finally the bell calling the next class to order.

This scene is repeated several times a day and hundreds of times a year until it is as much a part of school as the classes.

AND OUT

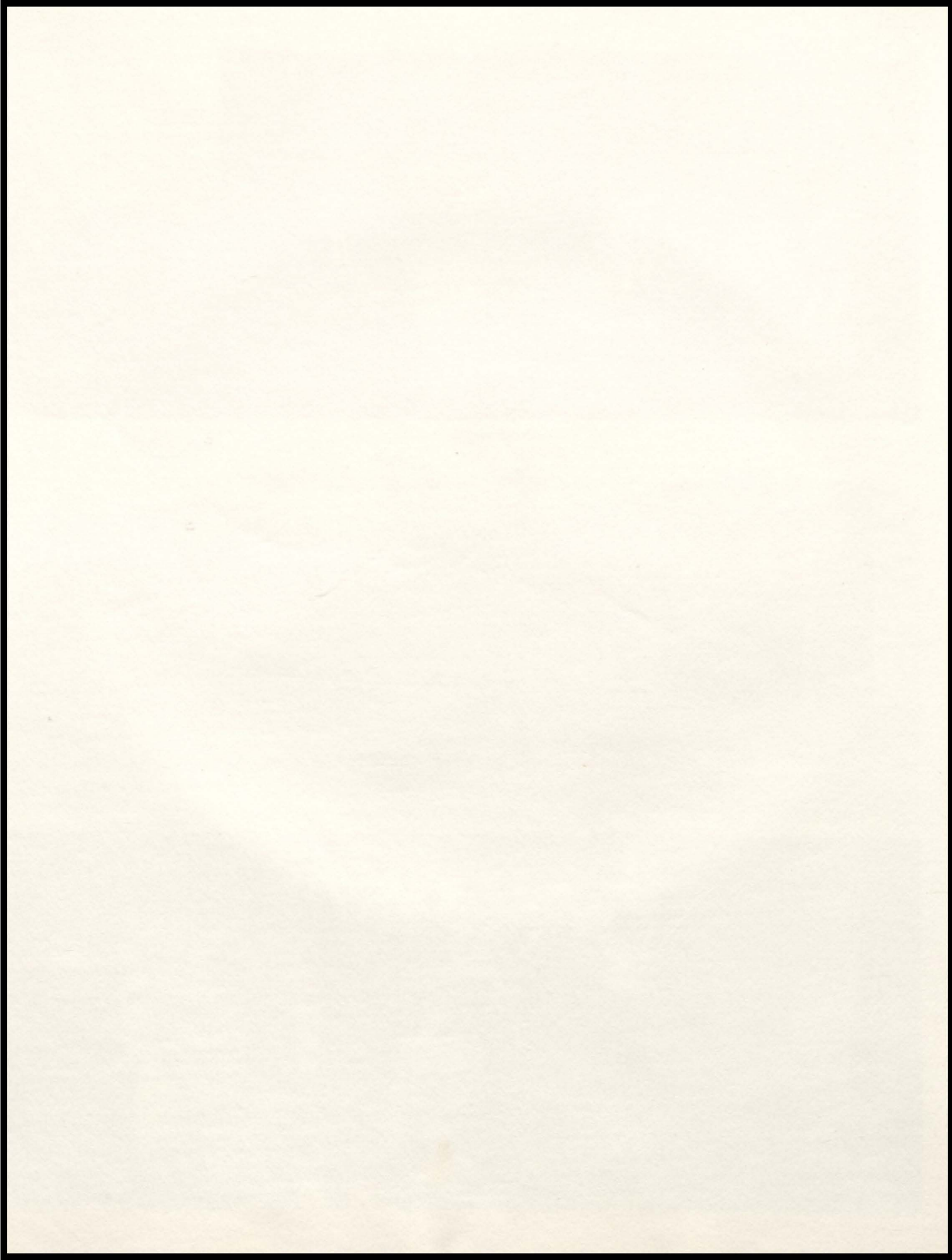
In this building some one hundred twenty-five young Americans gather daily to work and play. In the many classrooms, they meet to prepare themselves for the future. Here they work both with their heads and hands.

The gym is the seat of training in healthful living and physical development. It is the recreation center, also, used for plays, parties and other entertainment.

Before school and at noon groups of students gather here and there about the building enjoying friendly banter and diversion.

Whether the students realize it or not, each evening when they depart, they have been benefited by the experiences of the day.





WE APPRECIATE

Throughout the four years of our high school training the teachers stand ready and willing to help students over various rough spots. This is in addition to serving as instructors in the class rooms where they aid the student in acquiring the education that will benefit him after graduation. Members of the faculty greatly influence the students. We at Bement High are grateful for a considerate, cooperative faculty.

The board of education plans for us a broad curriculum with many extra-curricular activities. They give freely and cheerfully of their time so that we may enjoy school today and be prepared for tomorrow.

Behind this body are the voters and taxpayers of the community, many of them our parents. They, too, are important guides to our development.

FACULTY

Miss Charlotte Lefever

B. S.

Home Economics

Mr. Walter Slater

B. Ed., M. S.

Superintendent

Physics

Mr. Albert Tucker

B. A.

Chemistry

Biology

General Science

Mr. Arthur Wehmeier

B. A., M. A.

Assistant Superintendent

Mathematics

Miss Inez Forcum

Secretary

Mr. L. A. Hodam

B. S., M. S.

Agriculture

Mr. Ray Smith

B. A., M. S.

Social Science

Physical Education

Football and Baseball

Coach

Miss Pearl Swaim

B. A.

Latin

English

Mr. Wilson Day

B. Ed.

Social Science

Physical Education

Basketball and Track

Coach

Miss Mary Council

B. S.

Physical Education

Mrs. S. C. Hammond

Business Education

Miss Carol Prange

B. A.

Music

Miss Isabelle Houston

B. A., B. L. S.

English

Librarian

Mr. Robert Taylor

B. M.

Music

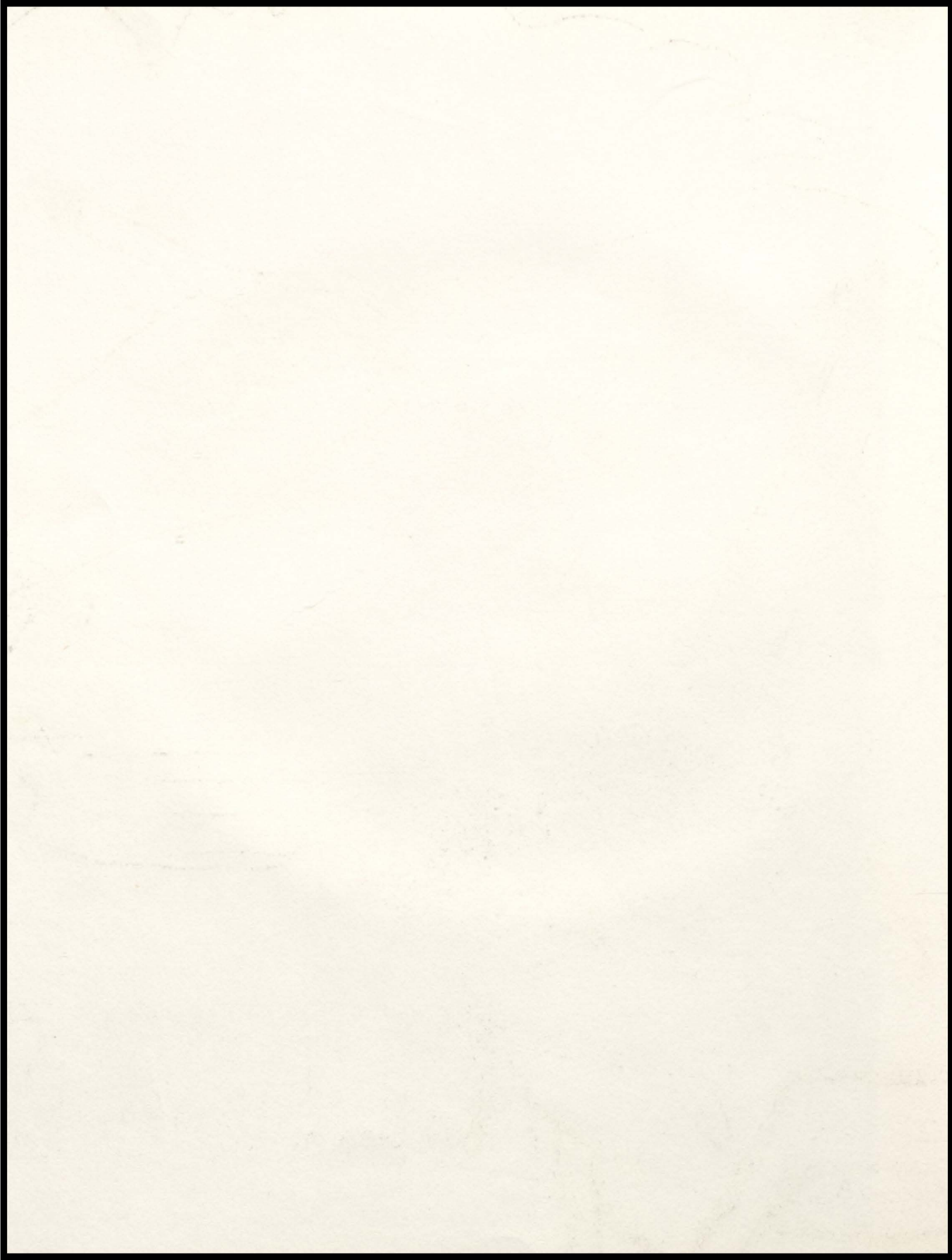
Mr. Ralph Everson

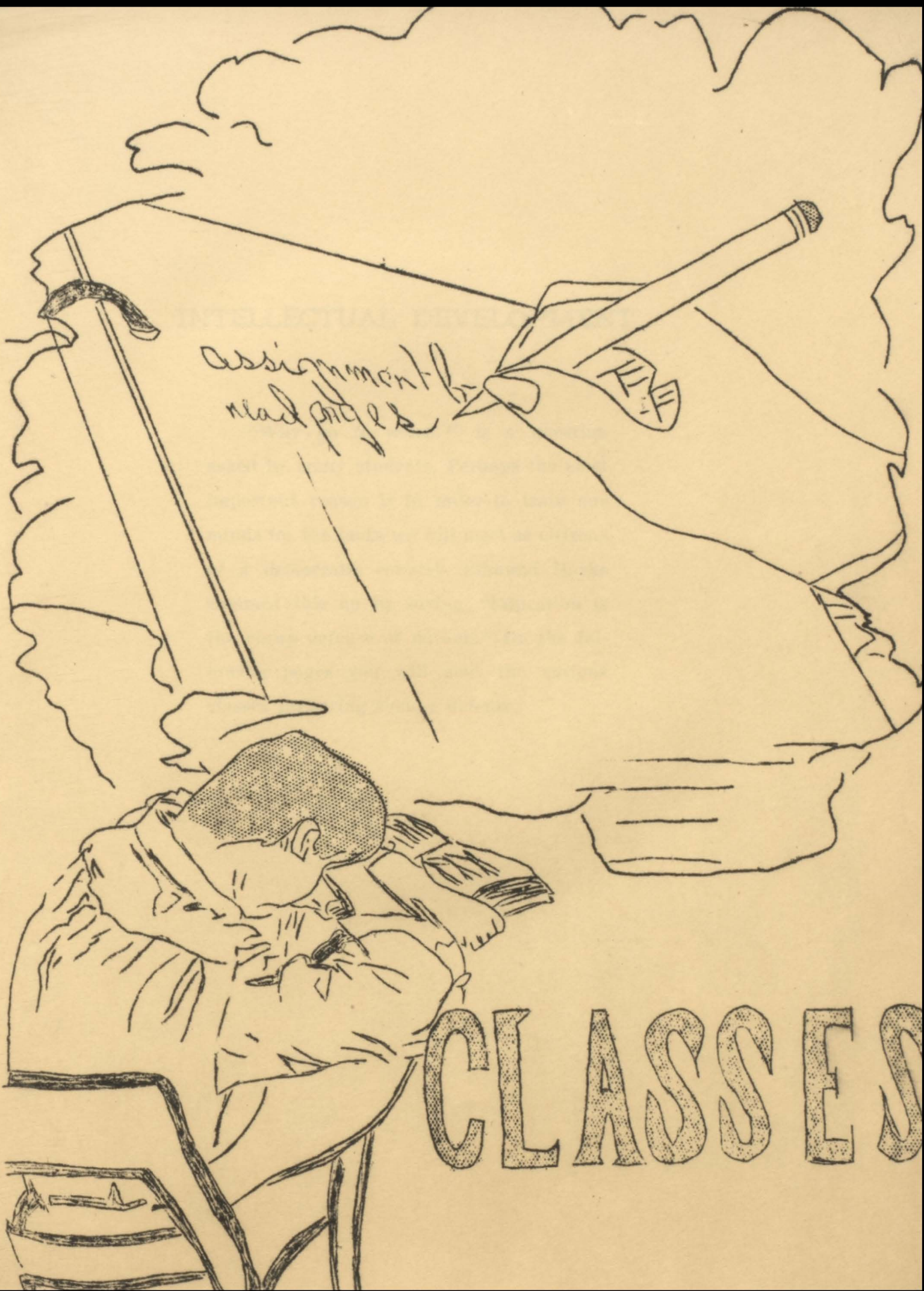
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Art

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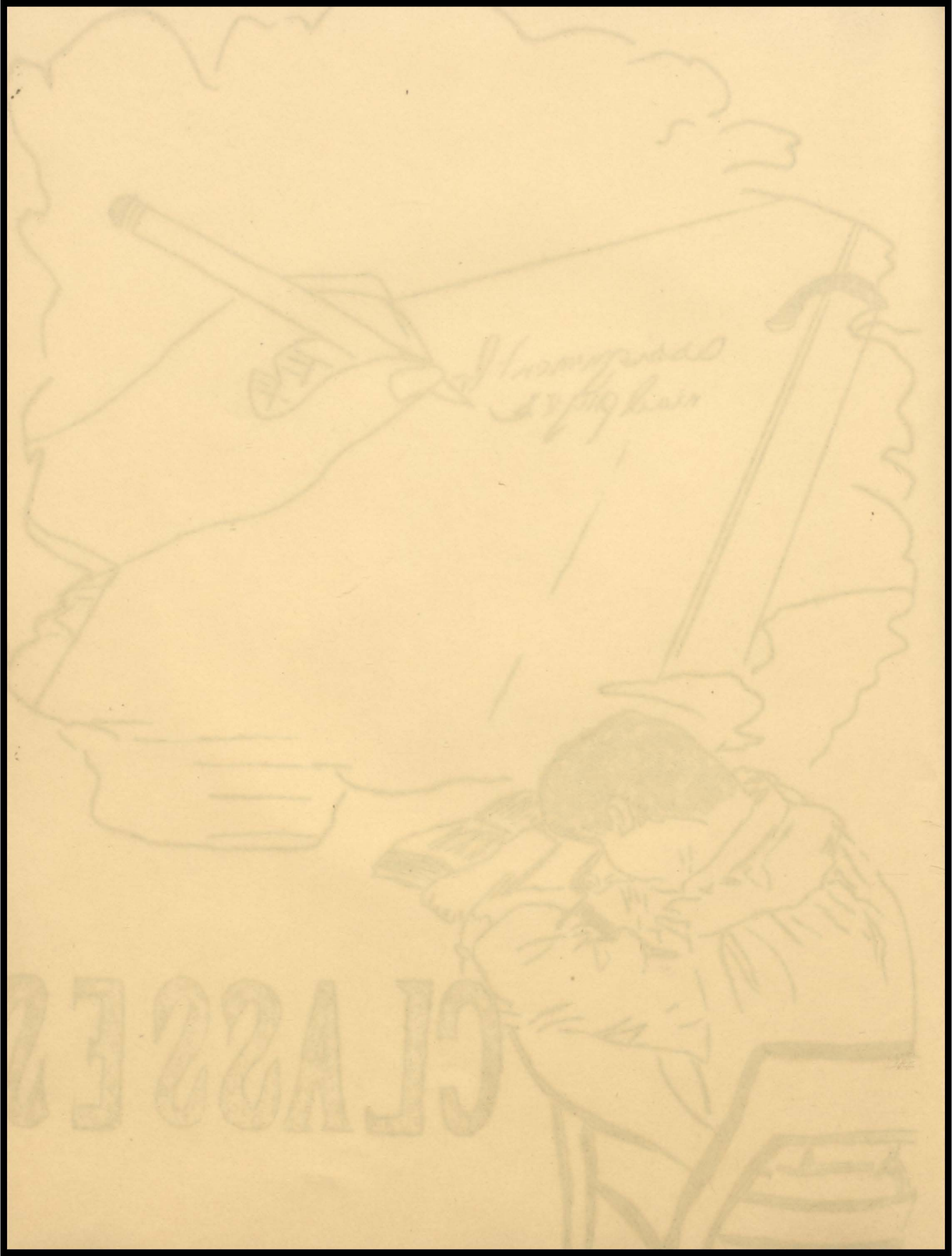






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CLASSES



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GLASSER

INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT

“Why go to school?” is a question asked by many students. Perhaps the most important reason is in order to train our minds for the tasks we will meet as citizens of a democratic country. Edmund Burke summed this up by saying, “Education is the cheap defense of nations.” On the following pages you will meet the various classes preparing such a defense.

CLASS OF '50

Raymond Yockey—"Amy"—

Cream of the crop, the best of scholars,
He'd be rich if friends were dollars.

Dale Comerford—"Dan"—

Dimples, freckles and plenty of vim;
You can always count on him.

Carrie Ellen Sebens—"Slugger"—

Cute and clever, she always tries,
No matter the task, whatever the size.

Bill Tompkins—"Foo"—

"Slow Down, Jerry, don't drive so fas'."
"Aw, heck, this Ford ain't made uv glass!"

Francis Durbin—"Fred"—

He's an ol' cow poke from the Western plains;
That's not all, though—he's got brains.

Lowell Royal—"Choc"—

Rain, hail, snow or sleet,
"Choc" is always on his beat.

Harold Weakley—"Hal"—

He's not one to say too much;
Sometimes we like them better such.

Barbara Cooper—"Fritz"—

"Hi, Doc, what's up? Got any gum?"
Dark hair and freckles and plenty of fun.

Tom Tucker—"Wagon"—

A bright young man with a high I. Q.
He knows dictionaries through and through..

Phyllis Murphy—"Pam"—

Irish temper and hair of BROWN,
Sweet voiced gal of much renown.

Robert Taphorn—"Bob"—

Deliberate, sure, he gets where he's going;
In the farming field, he makes a good showing.

Eileen Christman—"Chris"—

Her laughing eyes are green for "BLUE",
Short and sweet, a waitress, too.

Thurman Larimore—"Big Thurm"—

Chug-a-chug-a-chug. With a roar and a rend,
Here comes Thurman 'round the bend.

Dean Stout—"Sprout"—

Chuckle, chuckle! "Wanta hear a joke?"
Short and chubby but no slow poke.

Patty Loftus—"Pat"—

Patty cake, patty cake, Queen for a night;
Raven hair, eyes of blue, and a smile that's bright.

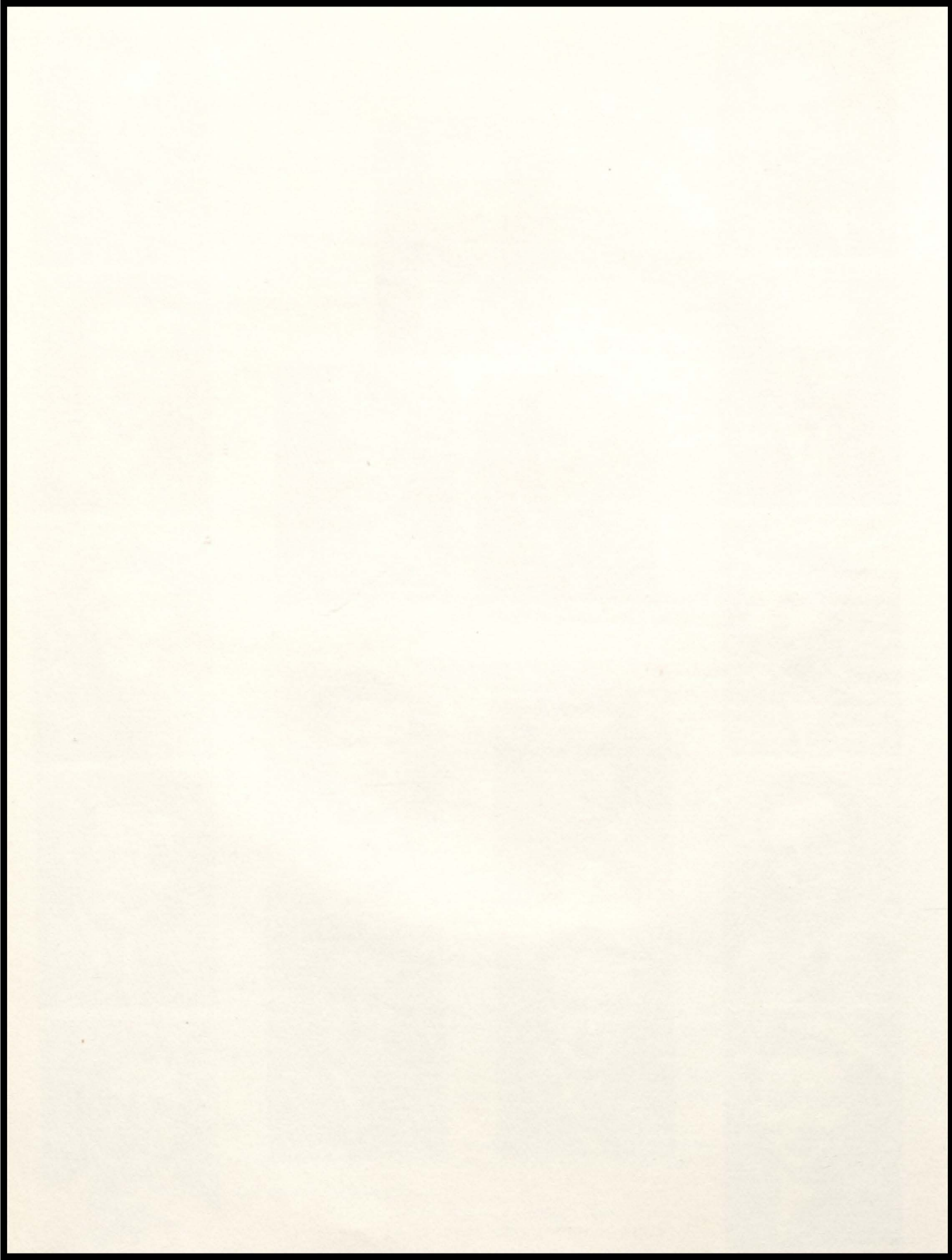
Jerry Clark—"Trees"—

He can dance them all, fast or slow;
You'll always find him on the go.

Marilyn Jordan—"China"—

She's original—that's for sure,
A carefree lass, not too demure.





SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

On September 3, 1946, forty-six "green" freshmen came trooping gaily into the halls of Bement. At their first class meeting on September 13, they elected their officers. Jerry Clark was chosen to lead the class. Dick Cahill was elected vice-president and Eileen Christman, secretary-treasurer. Their first candidate for Homecoming Queen was Eileen Christman. Through the year they were ably directed by Miss Swaim and Mr. Smith.

The following September brought thirty-eight "brilliant" sophomores back to their classes. Jim Byerline was the class president; Jeanne Ford, vice-president; and Raymond Yockey, secretary-treasurer. Again they had the good fortune to have such competent advisors as Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Hodam. Jeanne Ford was the Queen attendant.

Thirty-seven "jolly juniors" came back to school in September, 1948 for the third lap of their four year journey. Francis Durbin, Dick Cahill, and Phyllis Murphy were elected president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively. Phyllis Murphy was elected Queen of the Homecoming by the student body. The class co-operated with the Student Council in sponsoring a talent show. The theme of the Junior-Senior Prom was "Moonlight and Roses." Everyone had an enjoyable time dancing to the music of Bill Oetzel. Under the direction of the class advisors, Miss Lefever, Mr. Day, and Mr. Tucker, the juniors completed a memorable year.

In the fall of '49 thirty-eight students came into the halls of Bement high, ready for their last year. At the first class meeting of the year officers were elected. Raymond Yockey was selected as president, Dale Comerford, vice-president, and Carrie Ellen Sebens, secretary-treasurer. Again this group had the honor of having one of their number elected Homecoming Queen. Patty Loftus made a very charming Queen. Miss Houston, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker were their very efficient and tolerant class advisors.

In the fall the seniors entertained the juniors with a western party. Everyone came dressed for the occasion.

The class of '50 really appreciated and enjoyed the Junior-Senior banquet and dance on March 23 and hoped that they entertained at the Senior-Junior party as well as they were entertained by the juniors.

This class had a grand time putting on the Senior Play, "Molly O'Shaughnessy," the scene of which was on an Oregon Ranch in the 1890's.

The speaker for Baccalaureate Services on Sunday, May 21, was Reverend George Cartwright. The Senior class marched to and from the auditorium while the high school choir sang.

On May 25, the class of '50 met for their last activity in Bement High School. This was commencement night. The address of the evening was delivered by Mr. C. C. Byerly, Assistant State Superintendent, Springfield, Illinois.

The graduating class was then presented by Mr. Wehmeier and upon receiving their diplomas from Mr. Slater, became alumni of B. C. H. S.

CLASS OF '50

Wanda Strater—"Runt"—

A shrinking violet, some might say;
Not so; it's just the other way.

Dick Cahill—"Moon"—

Good natured and big with a voice to match,
He'll make some gal a mighty fine catch.

John Metzger—"Pie"—

He's a slow and silent guy,
Good natured and a little shy.

Ed Somers—"Hardnose"—

Star football player, this boy's no dope,
But with one situation, he just couldn't "COPE."

Della Evans—"Del"—

The tootinest gal you've ever met;
Just hear her play that clarinet.

Bob Clark—"Dode"—

Here's a lady killer, from way back when,
With plenty of pep and a friendly grin.

Donna Crook—"Crookie"—

With a smile for all, especially one,
She's got talent by the ton.

Jeanne Ford—"Jeanne"—

Bobby socks and chewing gum,
Full of frolic, fire, and fun.

Bill Conklin—"Hoyly"—

Duties he will never shirk,
And you'll find him hard to irk.

Ruth McConaha—"Mac"—

Many a beau and many a friend,
True and faithful to the end.

Kinzel Coffey—"K. Y."—

He's a lanky lad with a "Down South" drawl;
He likes to laugh and roam the hall.

Edward Lamb—"E"—

Tall and handsome and debonair,
He and his gal make quite a pair.

Bette Weatherford—"Bet"—

Of sugar and spice, she's a tasty blend,
She says, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend."

Rita Hannon—"Rit"—

Look at those curls, aren't they pretty?
Mark my word, she's quiet but witty.

John Cavanaugh—"Weed"—

Dark-haired Romeo from Irish-town,
Smiles and jokes but never a frown.

Pat Gallivan—"79"—

Small but mighty, he's afraid of none;
Seventy dollars he has won.



Wanda Strator



Dallas Evans



Bill Conklin



Betty Hawthorn



Bob Cahill



Bob Clark



Ruth McConaha



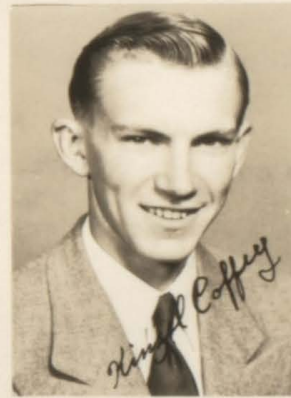
Rita Hanson



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Donna Crook



Kim Coffey



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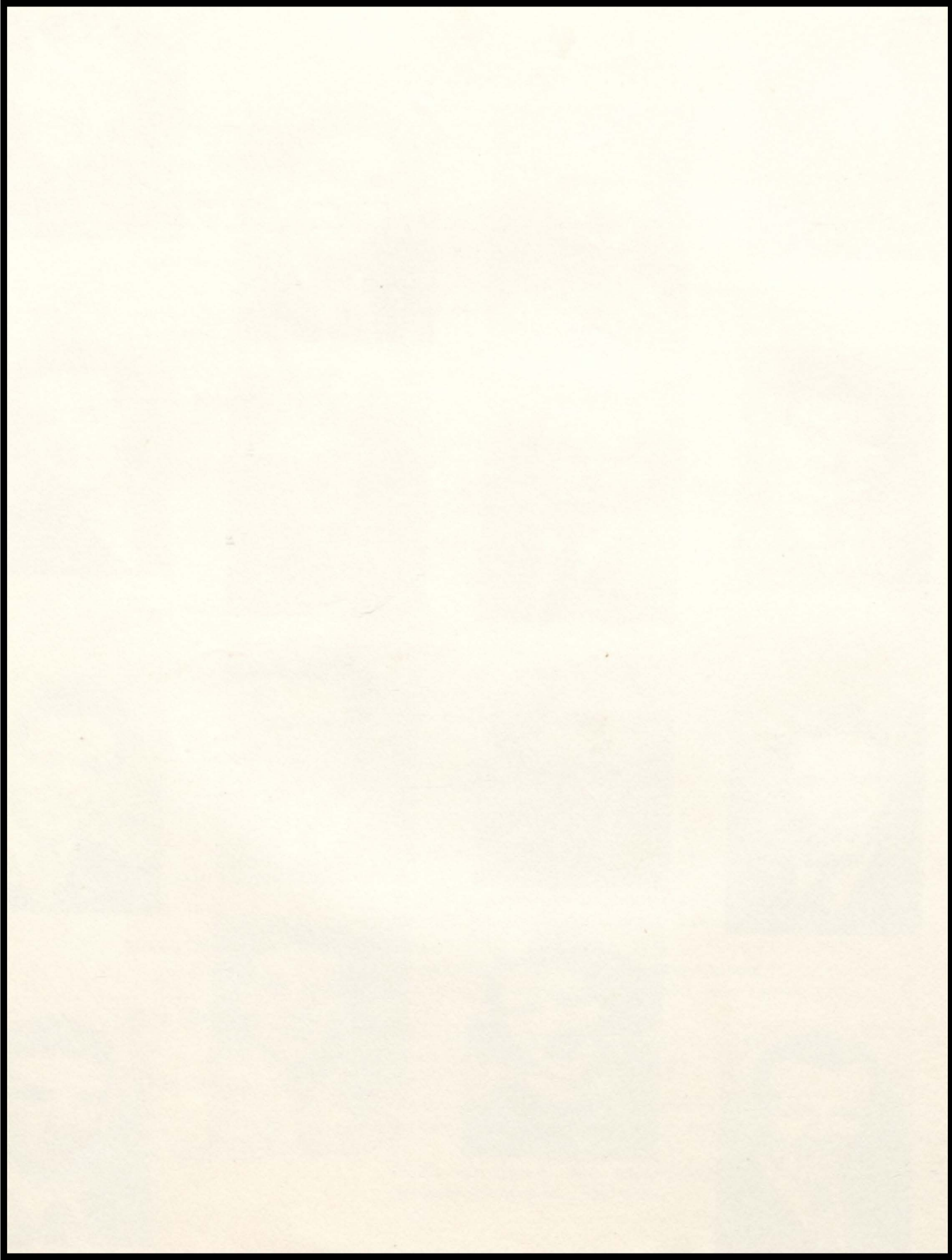
Jeanne Ford



Ed Lambert



Pat Gallian



SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

DICK CAHILL—Football 1, Manager 2; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1; Baseball 1, Manager 2; B-Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Watchdog 4, Treasurer 3; Class Vice President 1, 3; Student Council 1,3.

JOHN CAVANAUGH—Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3; Octet 1, 3; Boys' Quartet 1.

EILEEN CHRISTMAN—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Point Secretary 3, Camp Delegate 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3; Twirler 3, 4; Twirler solo contest 3, 4, Drum Majorette 4; Class Secretary 1; Student Council 1; Queen Attendant 1; Newstaff 2, 3, 4, Editor 4; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 4; Senior Play.

BOB CLARK—Football 1, 2; Track 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Band 1.

JERRY CLARK—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4, Varsity 2, 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Track Varsity 1; B-Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Chorus 3; Class President 1; Student Council 1; Newstaff 3; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

KINZEL COFFEY—Football 1; 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3,4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; B-Club 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3.

DALE COMERFORD—Football 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice President 4.

BILL CONKLIN—Toledo, Illinois 1, 2, 3; Football 4; Varsity 4; Basketball 4; Baseball 4; Track 4; Senior Play.

BARBARA COOPER—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Historian 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Assistant Point Secretary 2, Camp Delegate 3; Chorus 1, 2, 4, Vice President 2; Twirler 3; Student Council 3; Annual Staff 4; Football and Basketball Cheerleader 4; Senior Play.

DONNA JEAN CROOK—G. A. A. 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3; Dance Band 2, 3; Trio Pianist 3; Octet Pianist 3, 4; Senior Play.

FRANCIS DURBIN—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball Varsity 3; Track 1, 2, 3; B-Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, Vice President 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2; Class President 3; Student Council President 4; Queen Escort 4; Annual Staff 4.

DELLA MAE EVANS—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextet 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Clarinet Quartet 1, 2, 3, 4.

JEANNE FORD—F. H. A. 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3, Historian 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Class Vice President 2; Queen Attendant 2; Librarian 3; Football Cheerleader 4.

PAT GALLIVAN—Ivesdale 1, 2; Football Varsity 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4, Varsity 4; B-Club 4; F. F. A. 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

SENIORS' ACTIVITIES

- RITA HANNON—Ivesdale 1, 2; G. A. A. 3; Annual Staff 4.
- MARILYN JORDAN—G. A. A. 1, 2, 4; Chorus 1; Band 1; Newstaff 1; Annual Staff 4; Library Club 3, 4; Senior Play.
- ED LAMB—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3.
- THURMAN LARIMORE—Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; B-Club 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3, 4.
- PATTY LOFTUS—Ivesdale 1, 2; G. A. A. 3; Homecoming Queen 4.
- JOHN METZGER—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- PHYLLIS MURPHY—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Trio 1, 2, 3; Sextet 4; Octet 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Clarinet Quartet 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 2, 3; Homecoming Queen 3; Newstaff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.
- RUTH McCONAHA—F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 3, 4; Chorus 2.
- LOWELL ROYAL—Bryan, Ohio 1; Football Varsity 2, 3, 4; Basketball Varsity 2, 3, 4; Track Varsity 2, 3, 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, President 3, Dance Band 2; Student Council 4; Valentine Attendant 3; Homecoming Attendant 2; Senior Play.
- CARRIE ELLEN SEBENS—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4, President 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 4; Newstaff 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Senior Play.
- ED SOMERS—Ivesdale 1, 2; Football Varsity 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 3, 4; B-Club 4; F. F. A. 4; Senior Play.
- DEAN STOUT—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4, Manager 2, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; B-Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 2, 3; Newstaff 3, 4; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Senior Play.
- WANDA STRATER—F. H. A. 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; Chorus 2,4.
- ROBERT TAPHORN—Football Manager 4; Track 1, 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.
- BILL TOMPKINS—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; B-Club 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, Vice President 3; Student Council 4.
- TOM TUCKER—Monticello 1; Football 2; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.
- HAROLD WEAKLEY—Football Manager 1; Basketball 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; Librarian 4; Annual Staff 4.
- BETTE WEATHERFORD—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Chorus 2; Twirler 3.
- RAYMOND YOCKEY—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4, President 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3; Class Secretary 2; Class President 4; Student Council 2, 3; Valentine Formal Queen Escort 3; Homecoming Queen Escort 4; Annual Staff 4.

WILL OF CLASS OF 1950

Our days being numbered at B. C. H. S., we, being all of sound mind and body, do hereby submit our final will and testament.

- I, Dale Comerford, bequeath all my thumbtacks to Joe Stoerger. Get the point?
- I, Marilyn Jordan, bequeath my ability to get up at 8:20 and still get to school on time to Lenore Royal. Think Lenore will make it?
- I, Bette Weatherford, bequeath my coquettish eyes to Lois Pembroke.
- I, Bob Clark, bequeath Joan to—No, I don't either. I'll keep her for myself; at least I'll try to.
- I, Thurman Larimore, bequeath my ability to get out of trouble to Bill Neal. I hope I can get along without my apologetic look.
- We, Raymond Yockey and Phyllis Murphy, bequeath our perfect attendance records to Bill Shumard. Just about perfect anyway.
- I, Ed Somers, bequeath my energy in the 6th hour P. E. class to Alan Harshbarger. Eat your Wheaties, Pix.
- I, John Metzger, bequeath my special brand of laughter to Aloha Durbin.
- We, Jerry Clark and Dean Stout, bequeath our ability to start a conversation in economics class to Norma Cole. As if she needs it!
- I, Donna Crook, bequeath my father's buses to Ronald Moreland. Ouch! I really didn't mean it, Dale.
- We, Eileen Christman and Robert Taphorn, bequeath our similarities to Doris Helm. She won't get a thing.
- I, Barb Cooper, bequeath my love for Studebakers to Joan Hinton. Just so it isn't MY Studebaker.
- We, Kinzel Coffey and Bill Tompkins, bequeath our loyal support of Kentucky to Jerry Tompkins.
- I, Ed Lamb, bequeath my "tricky" shadow boxing to Richard Stanton. Practice makes perfect.
- I, Pat Gallivan, bequeath my shy demure look to Bob Hodam. Don't judge a book by its cover.
- I, Dick Cahill, bequeath my ability to pose as a model in art class to Don Vander-creek. Smile pretty, Don!
- I, Carrie Ellen Sebens, bequeath my reputation as "Slugger" to Sheila Gallivan.
- I, Bill Conklin, bequeath my athletic ability to Delores Behnke. We really wonder if she needs it.
- We, Patty Loftus and Rita Hannon, bequeath our quiet manner to Nance Postlewait and Myrna Hord. Ha! Ha!
- We, Jeanne Ford and John Cavanaugh, bequeath our breezy line of chatter to Eugene Corum.
- We, Francis Durbin and Harold Weakley, bequeath our Fords to any junior who promises to care for them lovingly forever.
- I, Lowell Royal, bequeath one of my two stools in Hill's to Tom Gallivan. If this keeps up, somebody will have to buy new stools.
- I, Della Evans, bequeath my "throne" in the music room to Rebecca Strater.
- We, Ruth McConaha and Wanda Strater, bequeath our ability to keep secret to Marilyn Slagle.
- I, Tom Tucker, bequeath my artistic skill to Nelda Mulvaney. A new artist for the Annual.

IN THE FUTURE

Having broken our crystal ball, we shall turn to our electronic time machine, designed by the Professor of Electronics at the University of Illinois, Thomas J. Tucker. As we turn the knob, we are greeted with a splutter, crackle and roar as Thurman Larimore goes shooting down the Indianapolis Speedway in his new fang-dangled jet job created by the now famous John Metzger. After ten years of research this is his first success. On the side lines stand nurse Wanda Strater and the hopeful undertaker, Bill Conklin. In the crowd is Pat Gallivan, proud owner of the local glue factory of Bement, counting his \$8,000,000 won at the race. The race is over and strutting up and down the track is Jerry Clark, famous hat designer in New York City, showing off his prize creation, the hat he wore to high school.

Now the scene changes. We are in the new A. & P. store, managed by Dick Cahill and located in the great metropolis of Milmine. He is pulling his hair over the destruction caused by the former Bette Weatherford and her four little hurricanes. In a newly constructed apartment house owned and operated by business tycoon, Dean Stout, we see the happily married couple, Lowell Royal and Eileen Christman, eating their first home cooked meal.

In Madison Square Garden our time machine picks out Efficient Ed Somers and his manager, Harold Weakley. Ed is battling for the heavy-weight championship of the world.

We decide to take a taxi and who is our driver? None other than Dangerous Dode Clark. Pulling up to the Metropolitan Opera House, we are greeted by the bird-like voice of Miss Phyllis Murphy singing "Der Rosenkover," accompanied by the very talented pianist, John D. Cavanaugh. In Miss Murphy's dressing room is her hair stylist, Ruth McConaha.

IN THE FUTURE

The scene switches to Kentucky where we discover Kinzel Coffey and Bill Tompkins, famous tobacco growers, and their chief tester, Raymond Yockey. The rest of Kentucky is owned and farmed by Robert Taphorn who has come to great success as an agricultural genius.

As we travel west, we see Francis Durbin sitting atop one of the Rocky Mountains strumming his guitar. Going further west we spy Ed Lamb waving a friendly hand from his celebrated orange grove in Pasadena, California.

Switching on our portable radio we tune in "John's Other Wife" starring Rita "Hayworth" Hannon.

Living in her little country estate, Marilyn Jordan is dividing her day between writing her stories for the Post and eating pork and beans. Out in her stables, Carrie Ellen Sebens is training Blood 'n Thunder, the latest addition to her collection of race horses. Under the big elm tree in the front yard lounges Della Mae Evans working on her latest sketch for a fashion magazine owned by Dale Comerford. Dale's head model is none other than Patty Loftus.

Returning to our Alma Mater, we wander through the upper corridor past the office. And what is that sitting behind the desk! Oh, it's just Jeanne Ford, the new secretary. She is making arrangements with Donna Jean Crook, president of the local P. T. A., for the monthly meeting. Down in the gym is the new P. E. teacher, Barb Cooper, energetically putting her students through their daily tumbling routines.

With a loud and shaking thud our time machine jolts out of working order. The scene flickers and fades so we must say "Adieu."

JUNIOR CLASS

Inset: Tom Gallivan, Nance Postlewait, Doris Helm, Bob Hodam, Lenore Royal, Bill Shumard.

Reading clockwise from upper left corner: Eugene Corum, Lois Pembroke, Don Vandercreek, Myrna Hord, Jerry Tompkins, Marilyn Slagle, Richard Stanton, Delorus Behnke, Nelda Mulvaney, Joe Stoerger, Rebecca Strater, Bill Neal, Norma Cole, Ronald Moreland, Joan Hinton, Alan Harshbarger, Aloha Durbin, Sheila Gallivan.

On September 1, 1949, a small, but enthusiastic class of twenty-four juniors took over their new role as upper-classmen. Judging from their success during the year, their size was not a hindrance to them.

In their first class meeting they elected class officers and student council representatives. After much pre-election discussion, Tom Gallivan, Nance Postlewait, and Doris Helm were elected president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. Lenore Royal, Bob Hodam and Bill Shumard were selected as representatives to the Student Council.

Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Hodam, who were advisors for this class during their sophomore year, served again as advisors along with Miss Council and Mr. Everson.

At the annual Homecoming celebration, Lenore Royal, who represented the juniors, looked very attractive as an attendant to Queen Patty Loftus.

The refreshment stand served as their first money-making venture. They sold refreshments at all of the home football games.

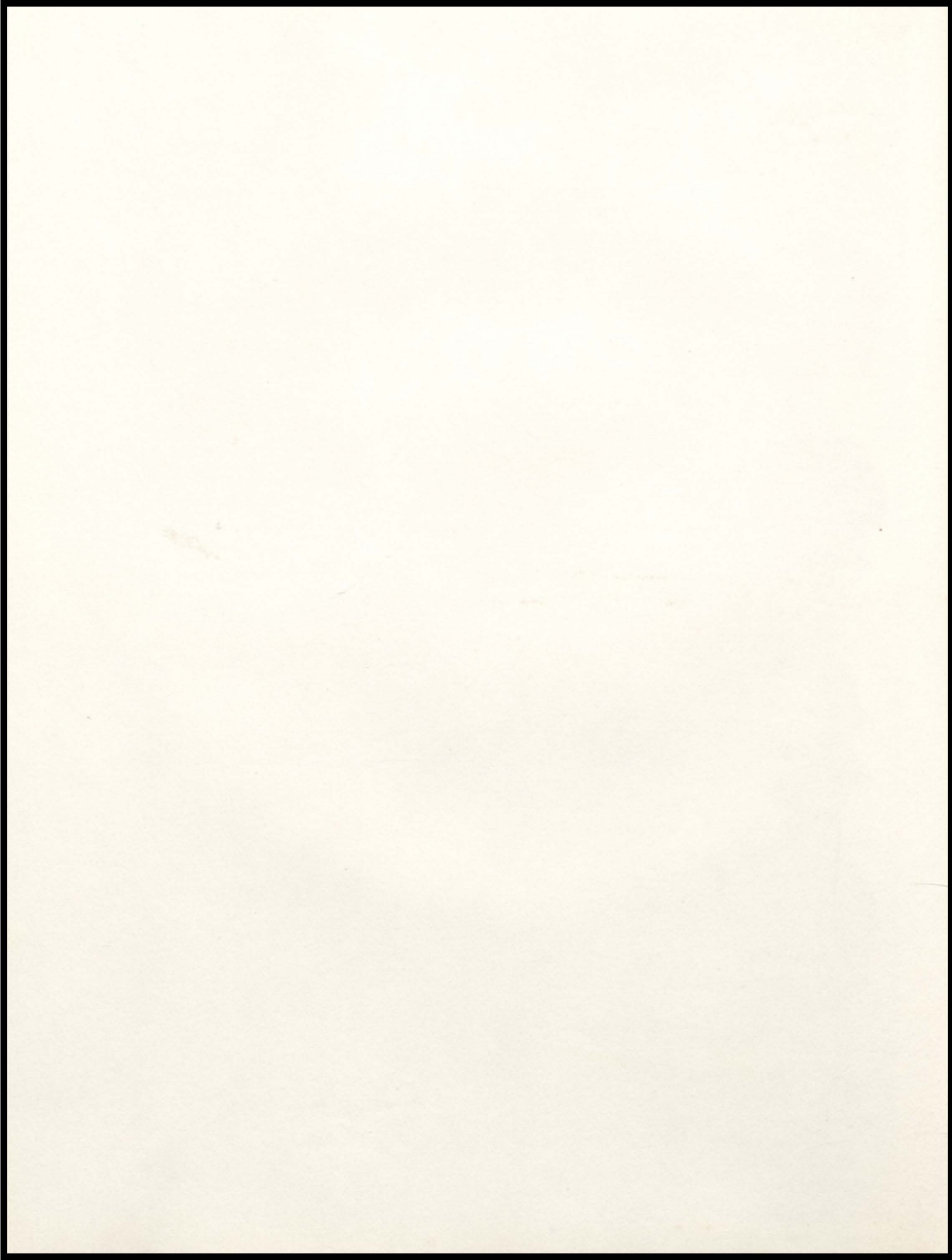
On November 18th, the juniors turned from their role of salesmen at the concessions stand to actors on the stage. Their two one-act plays, "Ghost Farm," a mystery, and "Junior Is a Genius," a comedy, were presented to a very large crowd.

Another achievement of this class was the Junior-Senior banquet and dance. The juniors, as the hosts and hostesses, provided an evening of gayety in Mardi Gras fashion for the seniors, faculty, and board members and their wives.

They were very proud of their members who took active parts in sports, music, and clubs and won a large share of awards presented in these activities.

As this class is about to become the seniors of 1951, they wish the class of '50 lots of luck in whatever they may now undertake.





JUNIOR CLASS PLAYS

"GHOST FARM"

"Ghost Farm," a one-act mystery-comedy, was the first of the two Junior Class plays.

The setting was the living room of Ghost Farm, situated in a river valley near the Ozarks. As the curtain rose, Ozias Grubb (Tom Gallivan), an elderly farmer, and his half-daft wife, Ellie (Nelda Mulvaney), were in their living room discussing the stormy night. Nance O'Malley (Delorus Behnke), the Irish hired girl, soon came running in, afraid of the storm.

As the evening went on, Les McAndrews (Bob Hodam), a young lawyer; "Vi" Ashe (Myrna Hord), Miss Winthrop's secretary; Belle Winthrop (Doris Helm), who owned Ghost Farm; Beaumont Winthrop (Bill Neal), Belle's nephew; Louetta Wattles (Nance Postlewait), Belle's maid; and the Ghost (Lenore Royal) made their appearances.

At the end of the play Belle Winthrop was murdered, supposedly by the ghost of Shawn O'Malley; but the brilliant detective work of Beaumont Winthrop disclosed the murderer, Les McAndrews.

"JUNIOR IS A GENIUS"

The scene of this one-act comedy was the living room of a mountain cabin in the summer time.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson (Eugene Corum and Sheila Gallivan) and their son, Junior (Don Vandercreek), wanted to spend a few days vacation by themselves. But during the afternoon, Hank and Mabel Prescott (Joe Stoerger and Dorothy Phipps) and their little brat, Emily (Marilyn Slagle), came to spend some time with them. Junior speedily got rid of them by putting a snake down Emily's back. As they were leaving, Herbert and Kate Dodson (Jerry Tompkins and Aloha Durbin), and their sissified son, Cecil (Norma Cole), and tom-boy daughter, Babe (Joan Hinton) came. Junior made them take a hurried exit by giving Babe and Cecil poison ivy.

He also outsmarted Arthur and Beth Jenkins (Bill Shumard and Rebecca Strater) a loving couple, by telling them that conditions were bad for their tiny baby.

At last, the Andersons were enjoying a peaceful vacation.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AND DANCE

The seniors were royally entertained by the juniors on March 23, in a colorful Mardi Gras fashion. The banquet began at 6:30 p. m., prepared and served by the sophomore girls under the direction of Miss Lefever and two of the cafeteria cooks. During the banquet the group enjoyed several speeches by members of the junior and senior classes and Mr. Slater.

At 8:30 the kings and queens of the Mardi Gras began dancing to the strains of Paul Douglas' orchestra. The dancing lasted till 10:30, when all left with another pleasant memory behind them.

The faculty and school board and their wives were also guests of the juniors.

SOPHOMORES

At top: Peggy Goodmon, Richard Gallivan, Fred Sebens, Margaret Laroe, David Dobson.

Reading from top to bottom:

First row: Jerry Starkey, Betty Harvey, Roy Scott, Larry Rainey, Lulu Hinton, Jim Born.

Second row: Bob Romack, Dorothy Koebel, Raymond Hardimon, Helen Harvey, Bob Brewer, D'Arbra Defore, Jim Day.

Third row: Wanda DePew, Bill Mundy, Dan Laroe, Jack Porter, Norma Fombelle, Norman Imel, Stanley Pettyjohn.

Fourth row: Frank Swaim, Dorothy White, Mary Deering, Tom Fay, Carol Noe, Don Perry, Elizabeth Tate.

Fifth row: Charles Tucker, Eileen Foran, Lorene Mulvaney, Jim Clark, Carrie Ard, Shirley McCabe, Dale Clow.

Sixth row: Jack Kirwan, Lois Bradley, Bruce Hannon, Marguerite Lawson, Paul O'Hara, Virginia Gundy.

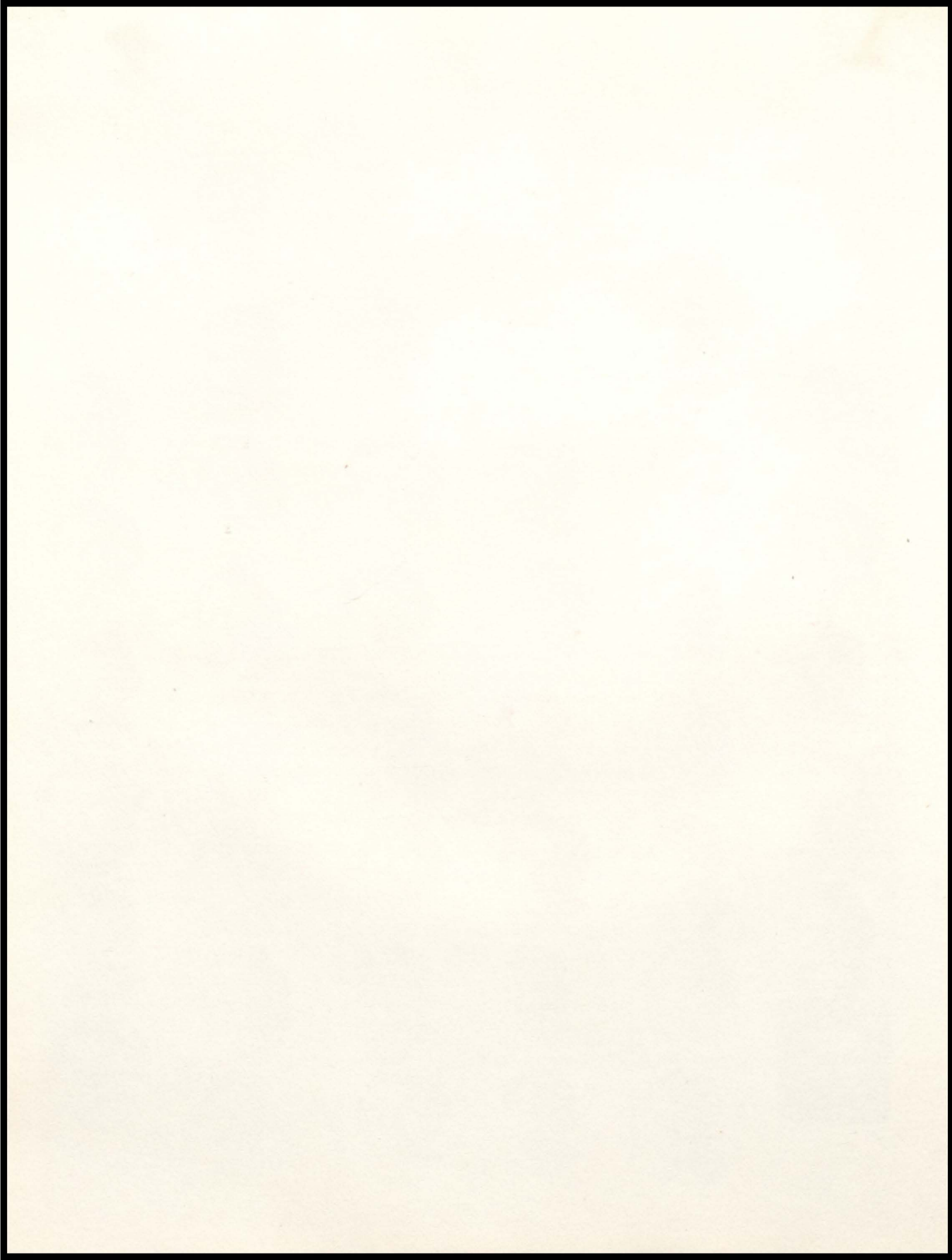
The sophomores have now completed the second year of their high school career. Having the largest class in high school, they have been represented in every activity around school. At their first class meeting they elected Fred Sebens president, Richard Gallivan vice president, and Jim Drawhorn secretary-treasurer. Later in the year when Jim quit school, Margaret Laroe was elected to take his place. They are very proud of their six lettermen who took part in the B. C. H. S. sport world and hope they keep up the splendid work.

Mary Deering represented the sophomore class at the annual Homecoming dance. Although she was not elected queen, she made a very charming attendant.

During the course of the year the sophomores had two parties. Both of these were well planned and enjoyed by everyone attending. This was due not only to the help of the class officers and committees but also to their class advisors, Miss Lefever and Mr. Day.

In looking forward to the second half of their high school life, they hope to make it even more successful than the first half was.





SOPHOMORE SECRETS

| NAME | KNOWN FOR | OCCUPATION IN 1960 |
|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Dale Clow | Associating with "Crooks" | Bus driver |
| Dorothy White | Twirling Ability | Beauty operator |
| Dan Laroe | Red Car | Coal miner |
| Richard Gallivan | Love for Ivesdale | Flying saucer mechanic |
| Norman Imel | Oral Reports | Hollywood actor |
| Shirley McCabe | Never being still | Singer of commercials |
| Bill Mundy | Dislike of school | Loafer |
| Lula Hinton | Being something | Old maid |
| Charles Tucker | Artistic ability | "Toni" salesman |
| Frank Swaim | Trombone player | Butcher |
| Lorene Mulvaney | Pretty hair | Lion tamer |
| Lois Bradley | Mysterious items | Collector of antiques |
| Fred Sebens | Intelligence | Politician |
| Betty Harvey | Personality | Nurse |
| Helen Harvey | Diamond | School teacher |
| Max King | Ability with yoyo | Yoyo manufacturer |
| Robert Romack | Basketball playing | Basketball coach |
| Eileen Foran | Love for "Honey" | Writer |
| Margaret Laroe | Athletic ability | Women's sprint-champ |
| Donald Perry | Wisecracks | Theater owner |
| Jack Porter | Many girl friends | Zoo attendant |
| Norma Fombelle | Waxing floors | Waitress |
| Jim Born | Pet Spiders | Owner of pet shop |
| Marguerite Lawson | Left handed pitching | Head cook |
| Bruce Hannon | Joke telling | Movie stunt man |
| Jerry Starkey | New Model car | Auto mechanic |
| Carol Noe | Chewing gum | "Bat Boy" for cubs |
| Jack Kirwan | Ivesdale's romeo | Cafe owner |
| Stanley Pettyjohn | Energy in P. E. class | Dentist |
| Elizabeth Tate | Love for eating | Boilermaker |
| D'Arbra Defore | Short haircut | Elevator girl |
| Robert Brewer | Wavy locks | Heavyweight boxer |
| Carrie Ard | Love for "Honey" | Disc jockey |
| Larry Rainey | Private gym | Window washer |
| Mary Deering | Beating bass drum | Parking lot attendant |
| David Dobson | Great sport fan | Nightclub owner |
| Wanda DePew | Belle of Milmine | Band leader |
| Paul O'Hara | Surprising remarks | Bar-tender |
| Dottie Koebel | Delivering handbills | Dog trainer |
| Peggy Goodmon | Blonde hair | Model |
| Jim Day | Lazyness? | Foreman of W. P. A. |
| Jim Clark | Baseball playing | Cigar smoking banker |
| Raymond Hardimon | Square dancing | Radio actor |
| Jerry Stanton | Hair style | Bement's barber |
| Tom Fay | Soft voice | Used car dealer |
| Roy Scott | Fine attendance mark | Truant officer |

FRESHMEN

Inset: Bill Koebel, Tom McPherson, Linda Byerline, Kent Siders, Sonya Clark, Bob Spencer, Janet McCollum, Junior Durbin.

Clockwise, starting in upper left hand corner: Ray Hannon, Barbara Tynan, Ann Perkins, John Eades, Richard Strater, Ann Defore, James Pierce, Jerry Stanton, Eva Strater, John Hannon, John Fuqua, Jean McHenry, Dale Turner, Earl Bales, Joyce Day, Danny Scott.

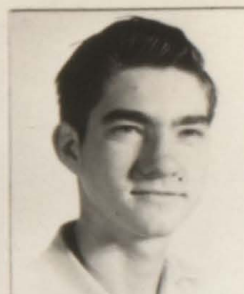
On August 31, the freshman class came across the alley to get a little more education. They thought they were pretty important because they had that first day of school all to themselves without any upper classmen to bother them.

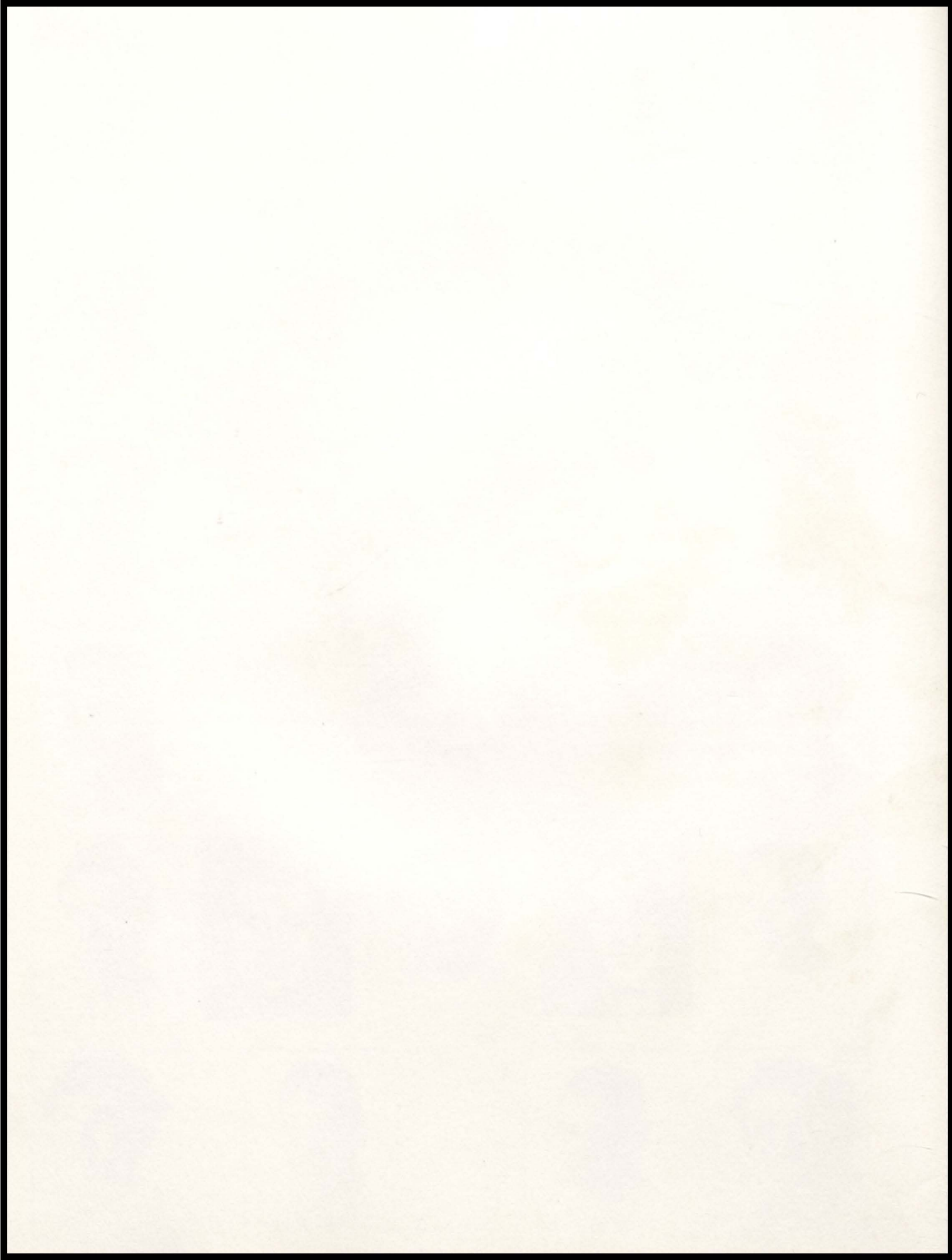
At the first meeting they elected their officers. Bill Koebel was elected president, with Linda Byerline as vice-president, and Tom McPherson, secretary-treasurer. They chose Sonya Clark and Kent Siders as their representatives for the Student Council. Their class advisors were Miss Swaim and Mr. Smith, who were very co-operative.

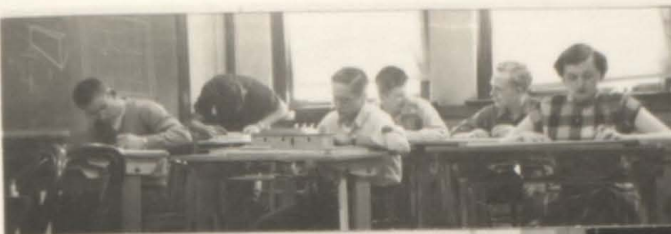
The youngest group in B. C. H. S. had a Hallowe'en party, the first class party of the year. The party was attended by black cats, witches, and many strange characters. They heard ghost stories, and bobbed for apples. There were almost a hundred per cent there and everyone had a very good time.

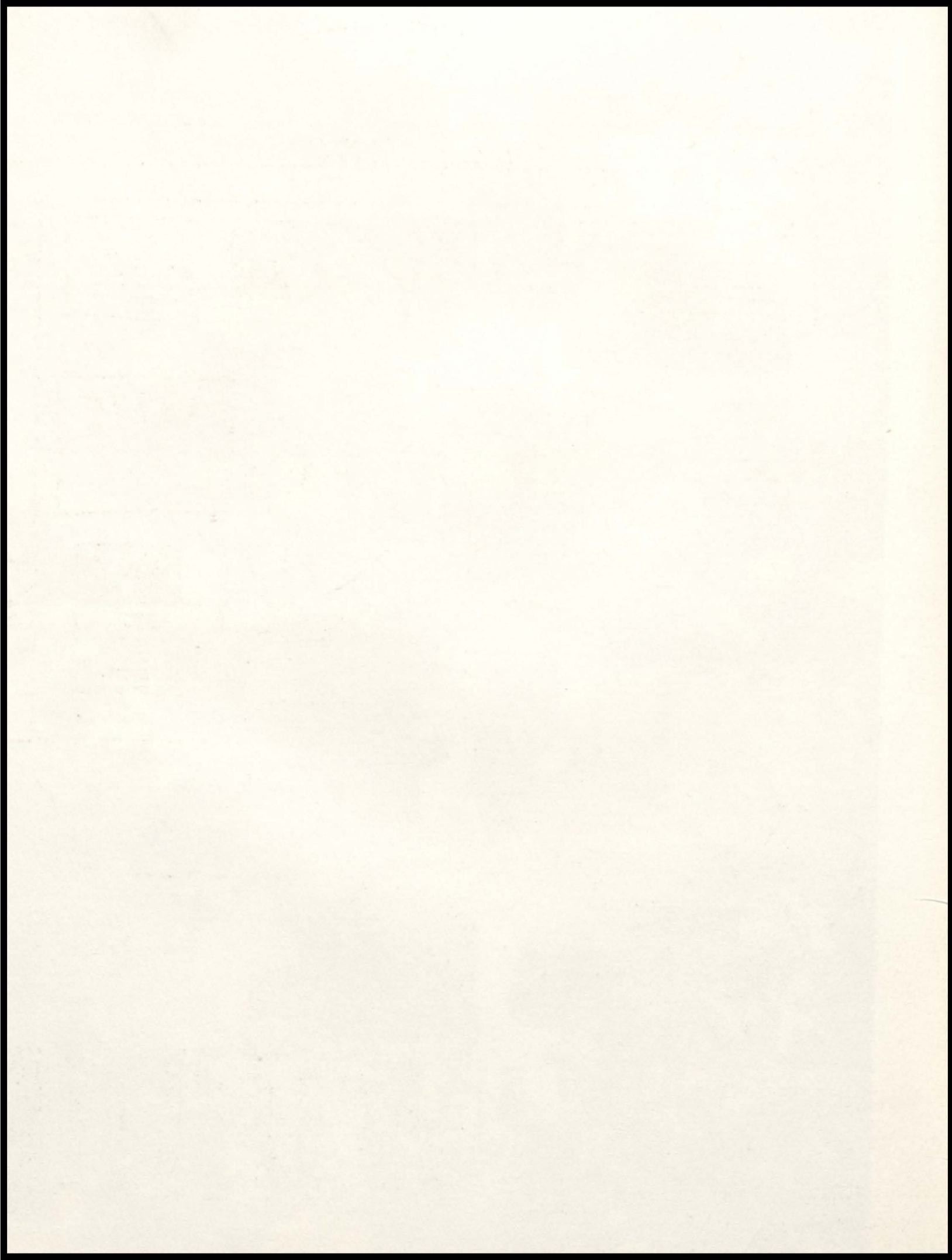
Even though their class had only twenty-four members they were represented in the music division, sports, G. A. A., F. H. A., and F. F. A.

If they keep on, their future in high school should be a real success.

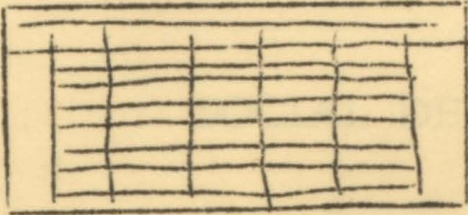








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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

“All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy.” With the abundance of activities open to Bement students, there need be no ‘dull boys’ among her alumni.

People in this country are constantly having more spare time. This time must be spent wisely and profitably. By taking part in these many extra-curricular activities, students discover enjoyable past times.

Wise use of leisure time will make happy contented Americans.

ANNUAL STAFF

Seated in Front of Table: Lamb, Murphy.

Seated in Back of Table: Jordan, Clark, McCabe, Tucker, Postlewait, Miss Houston, Strater, Sebens, Hodam, Stout.

Standing: Cooper, Durbin, Yockey, Day, Gallivan, Weakley, Royal, Hannon, Christman.

NEWS STAFF

First row: Sebens, Slagle, Hodam, Postlewait, Christman, Harshbarger, Perkins.

Second row: Vandercreek, McCollum, Neal, Byerline, Murphy, Stout, Miss Houston, Clark, Corum.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sitting: Tompkins, Weakley, Durbin, Mr. Wehmeier, Lowell Royal.

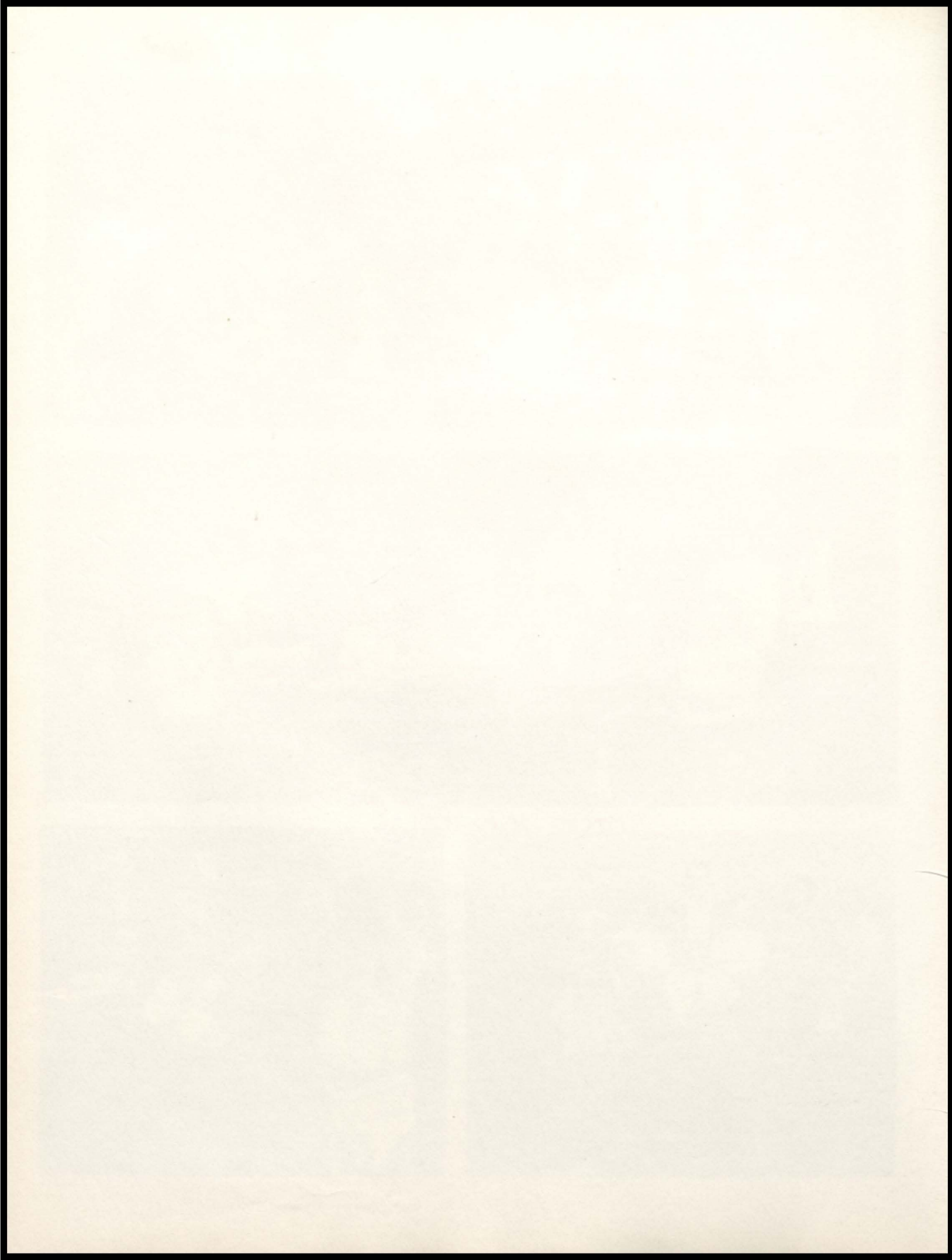
Standing: Shumard, Lenore Royal, Goodmon, Hodam, Clark, Dobson, Siders.

LIBRARY CLUB

First row: Christman, Miss Houston, Jordan, Weakley.

Second row: Strater, Slagle, Helm, Perry, Harshbarger.





ANNUAL STAFF

BIM is brought to you by the staff members who hold the following positions: Dean Stout—Editor; Bod Hodam—Assistant Editor; Marilyn Jordan, Barbara Cooper, Jerry Clark—Senior Editors; Nancy Postlewait—Junior Editor; Shirley McCabe—Sophomore Editor; Joyce Day—Freshman Editor; Phyllis Murphy, Edward Lamb—Feature Editors; Raymond Yockey, Francis Durbin—Sports Editors; Rita Hannon, Eileen Christman, Lowell Royal—Activities Editors; Tom Tucker—Artist; Carrie Ellen Sebens, Wanda Strater—Typists; Harold Weakley, Pat Gallivan—Business Managers. The production of this book necessitates many hours spent outside of school time by the editors, the staff, and the advisor. With hard work and patience this group has completed this Annual that will keep alive happy memories of B. C. H. S.

NEWS STAFF

The News Staff each week publishes "The Bulldogs Bark," a section of the Bement Register. The various angles of school activity are presented through the combined efforts of Eileen Christman—Editor; Nancy Postlewait—Assistant Editor; Phyllis Murphy, Sonya Clark—News; Don Vandercreek, Bill Neal, Janet McCollum—Features; Ann Perkins, Alan Harshbarger—Departmentals; Dean Stout, Eugene Corum—Sports Editors; Linda Byerline—Girls Sports; Bob Hodam—Business Manager; Carrie Ellen Sebens, Marilyn Slagle—Typists; and Miss Houston—Faculty Advisor.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council, consisting of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and two freshmen, all of whom are selected by their classmates, is an active organization which constitutes our student government. Early in the year they planned the method by which the students were to choose their cheerleaders. They opened the social activities of the school year with a fine Homecoming which they sponsored with the help of their faculty advisor, Mr. Wehmeier. Throughout the year they sold Bement Bulldogs signs for cars of all Bement fans. This organization has sponsored several all-school parties which we shall all remember well. At state tournament time they sponsored a contest to pick the winner.

LIBRARY CLUB

The Library Club is a group of students who have been willing to keep our library attractive and functional. Everyone made at least two posters with a book display to carry out the idea of the poster which they have done with great skill. Along with this the Art Class has also designed several attractive posters. Each librarian has a period a day in the library during which he checks out books, arranges books on the shelves, and helps the students find the material they are seeking.

F. H. A.

First row: Cooper (Historian), Ford (Historian), Murphy (Song Leader), McCabe (Treasurer), Hord (Vice-President), Royal (President), Evans (Secretary), W. Strater (Parliamentarian), Tynan (Reporter), Miss Lefevr (Advisor).

Second row: Day, Clark, Behnke, Christman, N. Mulvaney, Goodmon, Ard, Foran, R. Strater, E. Strater.

Third row: L. Mulvaney, J. Hinton, Slagle, McConaha, Tate, Gundy, McCollum, Cole, Weatherford, Fombelle.

Fourth row: Bradley, Gallivan, White, Sebans, S. Noe, D. Defore, Durbin, Byerline, Perkins, Laroe, Postlewait.

F. F. A.

First row: Mr. Hodam (Advisor), Rainey (Secretary), Larimore (Reporter), B. Clark (President), Jerry Clark (Vice-President), J. Tompkins (Treasurer), Cahill (Watchdog).

Second row: J. Hannon, Perry, Shumard, Clow, R. Hannon, T. Gallivan, Somers, Jim Clark, P. Gallivan, Pettyjohn, B. Hannon.

Third row: Imel, Fay, Metzger, F. Durbin, Weakley, Corum, Day, Comerford, Yockey, J. Durbin, R. Gallivan.

Fourth row: Neal, Sebans, Taphorn, Cavanaugh, Hardimon, Laroe, Spencer, Born, Lamb, Stoerger, Kirwan.

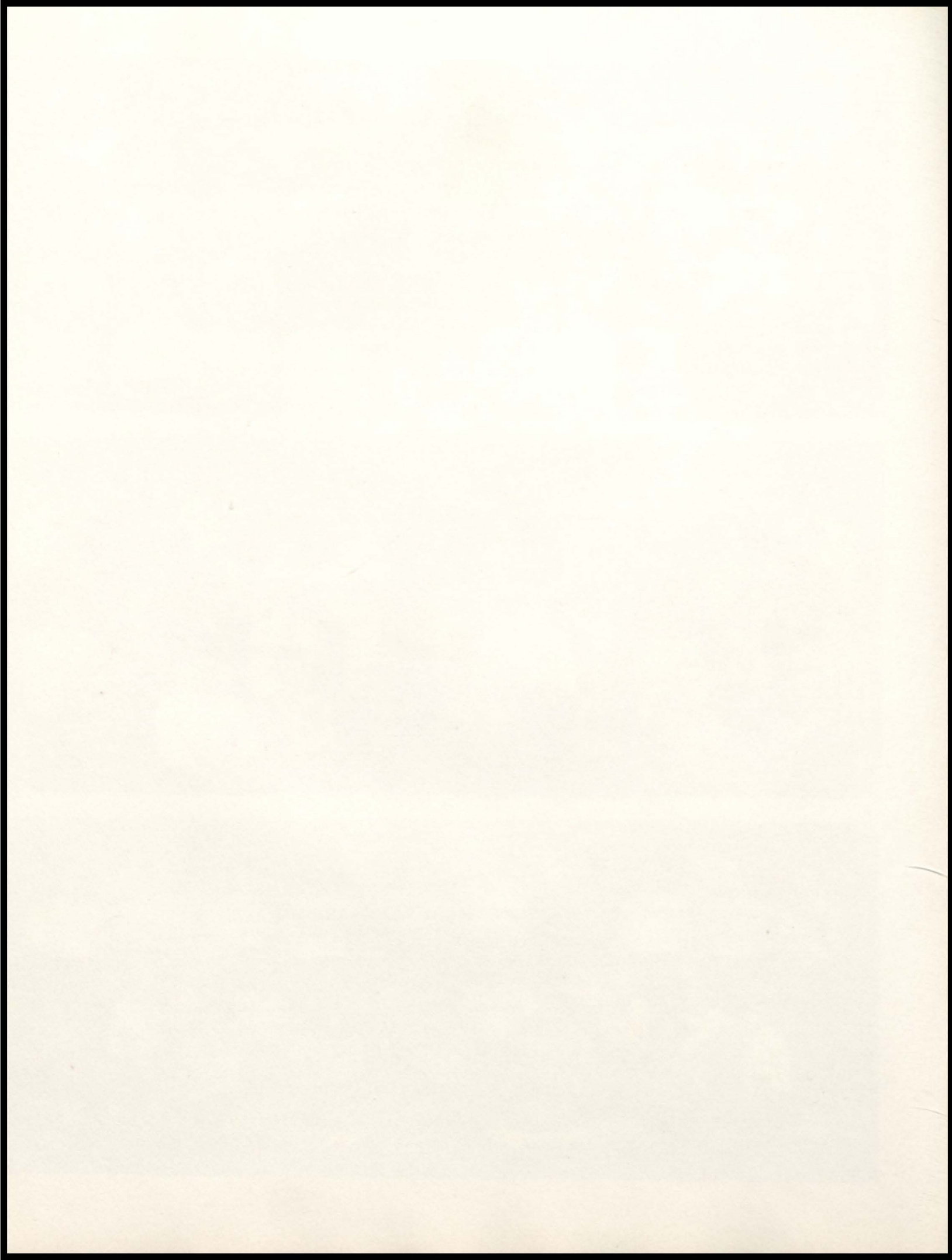
G. A. A.

Sitting: Murphy (Point Secretary), Royal (Secretary-Treasurer), Miss Council (Advisor), Postlewait (Vice-President), Sebans (President).

Kneeling: Day, McCabe, Clark, R. Strater, Behnke, Christman, Helm, W. Strater, Gundy, Goodmon.

Standing: McConaha, A. Defore, Tynan, Byerline, D. Defore, Durbin, Cooper, Gallivan, Bradley, Tate.





F. H. A.

Under the capable leadership of Lenore Royal, president, and the supervision of Miss Lefever, advisor, the F. H. A. (Future Homemakers of America) had an active organization in their '49-'50 school year.

They started the school year right by having a wiener roast. They had one night meeting at which they showed their hospitality by inviting the Atwood F. H. A. In this meeting Mrs. W. A. Drake gave a talk on the customs of Russia which everyone enjoyed.

On March 11 a group of F. H. A. girls attended an all day sectional rally at Farmer City. Perhaps the biggest highlight of the year was the long-awaited annual F. F. A.-F. H. A. party which had a hobo theme. In the spring the girls held a bakery sale at the Legion Hall to raise money to send their delegate, Peggy Goodmon, to F. H. A. camp.

To complete a very successful year they held a style show for their mothers in May. In this they modeled clothes they had made.

F. F. A.

The Future Farmers of America is a national, state and local organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in the public high schools throughout the United States.

The organization has for one of its main purposes the development of competent agricultural leadership. This is attempted through correlating the work of the F. F. A. with the regular work of the classroom. The overall purpose of the F. F. A. is probably best shown in its motto:

"Learning to do,
Doing to learn,
Earning to live,
Living to serve."

G. A. A.

An organization of girls who enjoy participating in sports is a good description of the G. A. A. (Girls Athletic Association).

Under the able leadership of Miss Council, the girls learned many new skills and improved quite noticeably in the sports they were already familiar with.

In the fall the girls played softball and socker. When the weather got cooler, they played basketball and learned to square dance and polka. Then in early spring they learned how to play badminton, archery, and a few other less common games.

The club decided to follow custom and send two girls to G. A. A. Camp. They elected Lenore Royal and Doris Helm. To raise money to send them they held an ice cream social at the Legion Hall. Homemade ice cream and homemade pies and cakes were sold. This proved to be a big success.

The members all thought this was one of the most successful and best planned sport years they had ever experienced.

MUSIC

The instrumentation of the Concert Band is as follows:

Clarinets: Murphy, Evans, Sonya Clark, Metzger, Morton, R. Day, M. Bolsen, Hardimon, Ward.

Alto Clarinet: Crook.

Bass Clarinet: McCollum.

Alto Saxaphones: Siders, J. Stout.

Tenor Saxaphone: R. Bradley.

Cornets: Dean Stout, Don Stout, Turner, Olinger, Dancey, Goodmon, Sammy Clark

French Horns: Koebel, Jim Day, M. Lawson.

Baritones: Neal, Burgess.

Trombones: Vandercreek, Swaim, L. Bradley.

Basses: Hardimon, L. Lawson.

Drums: Hodam, Livingston, Allison, Deering.

Timpani: McCabe.

Flutes: Joyce Day, Smith.

Oboe: Postlewait.

Conductor: Mr. Taylor.

Deering, J. Stout, Postlewait and M. Lawson were absent for the picture.

Chorus:

First row: Mr. Taylor, Joyce Day, C. Noe, Pembroke, Christman, Strater, S. Clark, McCollum, Miss Prange.

Second row: Hord, Ford, Mulvaney, Crook, Helm, McCabe, J. Hinton, Foran.

Third row: Murphy, Evans, Tynan, J. Clark, Jim Day, Eades, Gallivan, Perkins, Goodmon.

Fourth row: Sebens, S. Noe, Koebel, Kirwan, Hodam, Neal, Vandercreek, Byerline, Cooper, Postlewait.

Members of the Octet are:

Pianist: Crook.

First row: McCabe, Murphy, Postlewait, Byerline.

Second row: Day, Vandercreek, Neal, Hodam.

The Sextet members are:

Pianist: Crook.

First row: Hinton, Murphy, McCabe.

Second row: Byerline, Postlewait, Evans.





BAND

Our forty piece concert band began the school year proudly and with good reason. They were all arrayed in their new purple and gray uniforms eager to see what the new term could offer them.

The band made its initial appearance at our first monthly P. T. A. meeting, September 8, in the gymnasium. Directed by Mr. Taylor, they entertained with a one-half hour program consisting of several instrumental numbers.

Very soon after the band was formed, the officers were elected. They were as follows: president, Phyllis Murphy; vice-president, Nance Postlewait; secretary, Don Vandercreek; librarians, Della Mae Evans and Bill Neal.

The band took part in the Piatt County Music Festival, which was held December 2, in Monticello. On December 22, the annual Christmas Concert was presented by the band and chorus.

The band of B. C. H. S. took part in the Spring Concert and finally ended another musical year when they played for the Commencement Exercise, May 25, in our gymnasium.

CHORUS

This year our mixed chorus was composed of thirty-four members, who assembled in the music room every Friday morning for practice.

The chorus officers were president, Wanda Strater; vice-president, Shirley McCabe; secretary-treasurer, Peggy Goodmon; librarians, Janet McCollum and Joyce Day.

Several chorus members attended the fourth annual Piatt County Music Festival at Monticello, December 2, and many of them also took part in the Christmas and Spring Concerts.

One of the appearances of the chorus this past term was when they sang at the Christmas Vesper Services in the Methodist Church on December 18. These services were sponsored by the Woman's Club.

MUSIC CONTESTS

The band and choruses and several ensembles and soloists participated in the district music contest in Paxton, Saturday, March 25.

Donna Jean Crook, with her alto clarinet solo; Bill Neal, with his baritone solo; Don Vandercreek, with his trombone solo; Phyllis Murphy, with high voice solo; and the octet received first division ratings.

The band, both choruses, the clarinet quartet (Phyllis Murphy, Sonya Clark, Donna Jean Crook and Della Mae Evans), and Linda Byerline in low voice solo, received seconds.

The trio, which took third place, was composed of Joyce Day, Nance Postlewait, and Shirley McCabe.

All those winning first places in the district repeated their excellent performances in Urbana on April 28 by taking first in the state contest.

HOMECOMING

Those taking part in the Homecoming coronation ceremony were:

Left picture: Larimore, Clark, Royal, Yockey, Loftus, Durbin, Steidinger, Wehmeier, Taylor, Deering, Somers.

Right picture: Yockey, Loftus, Durbin.

MARCHING BAND

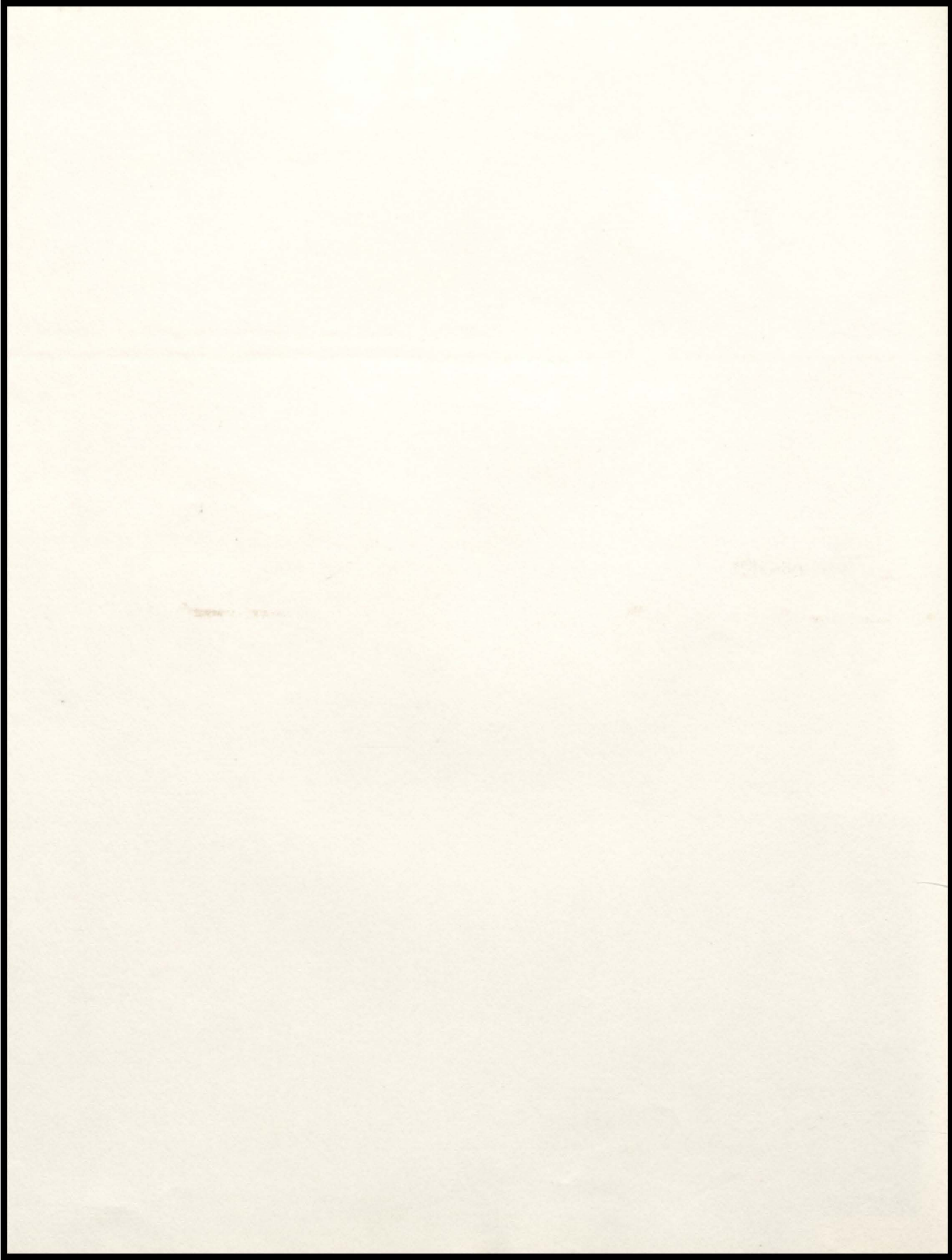
During the football season the marching band was a colorful attraction at our games, especially in their new uniforms of purple and gray. They expressed our school's pride and enthusiasm behind our football team. They provided ghosts and skeletons along with scary music and a pumpkin shaped formation in the darkness of the football field for our Halloween celebration last fall. This was only one of several formations during the season.

TWIRLERS

First row: Koebel, Christman, White.

Second row: C. Noe, De Pew, S. Noe, Tate, Strater.





HOMEcomings

Following our triumphant victory over Sullivan, Friday night, Sept. 30, Bement Community High School held its annual Alumni Homecoming dance.

At 9:30 p. m. the coronation ceremony was begun in our gymnasium.

The first queen attendant to appear was Sonya Clark, freshman, wearing a pretty formal of fushia taffeta. Mary Deering, sophomore, dressed in a green formal, came next. Then Lenore Royal, junior, followed in her attractive blue taffeta formal.

The escorts were Thurman Larimore, Ed Somers, and the football co-captains, Francis Durbin and Raymond Yockey. These four senior escorts were chosen previously from the football squad members to take part in the coronation.

Sue Steidinger, dressed in white, carried, on a satin pillow, the queen's crown of white baby mums.

Finally came the Queen, Patty Loftus. She wore a pretty white organdy formal and a purple and white cape flowing from her shoulders. The cape, trimmed in gold, was carried by Janet Wehmeier and Barbara Taylor, dressed in white formals.

At the throne the Queen was greeted by the co-captains, Francis Durbin and Raymond Yockey, who crowned her and ended the ceremony by kissing Her Majesty.

Then the Queen and her attendants danced with their escorts to the music of Paul Douglas and commenced a grand evening of dancing amid the purple and white decoration of our gymnasium.

TWIRLERS

Our twirlers performed with the marching band during the half-times at several home football games.

They were participants in the Christmas Concert in our gym, December 22, and they also appeared in the Spring Concert later in the year.

Eileen Christman placed first in the solo twirling contest at Paxton, March 25, and Dorothy White placed second in the same contest..

The twirlers, after making the last appearance of the school year, put away their white and gold uniforms and tasseled boots for another summer vacation.

PLAYS AND PARTIES

Pictures on page—Top to bottom, left: Junior class plays, "Junior Is a Genius" and "Ghost Farm"; FFA-FHA Hobo Party. Right: Senior class play, "Mollie O'Shaughnessey", Junior-Senior Western Party, Junior-Senior Banquet and Dance.

"Junior Is a Genius"

First row: Cole, Slagle, Vandercreek, Gallivan, Corum, Phipps, Hinton.
Second row: Durbin, Tompkins, Shumard, Strater, Stoerger.

"Ghost Farm"

First row: Postlewait, Helm, Hord, Neal, Gallivan, Mulvaney.
Second row: Harshbarger, Hodam, Royal, Behnke, Stanton, Moreland.

"Mollie O'Shaughnessey"

On May 17, the seniors presented the western comedy-drama, "Mollie O'Shaughnessey." Pictured is the cast as follows:

First row: Carrie Sebens (Mrs. Richmond), Barb Cooper (Amanda Weisheimer), Donna Crook (Tessie Weisheimer), Marilyn Jordan (Mrs. Loftus).

Second row: Dean Stout (Fred Beamis), Eileen Christman (Katie Richmond), Phyllis Murphy (Mollie O'Shaughnessey), Pat Gallivan (Harve Dietrich).

Third row: Ed Somers (Pete Shippley), Jerry Clark (Sheriff O'Shaughnessey), Tom Tucker (Jed O'Shaughnessey), Lowell Royal (Pat Clancy), Bill Conklin (Olaf Hansen).

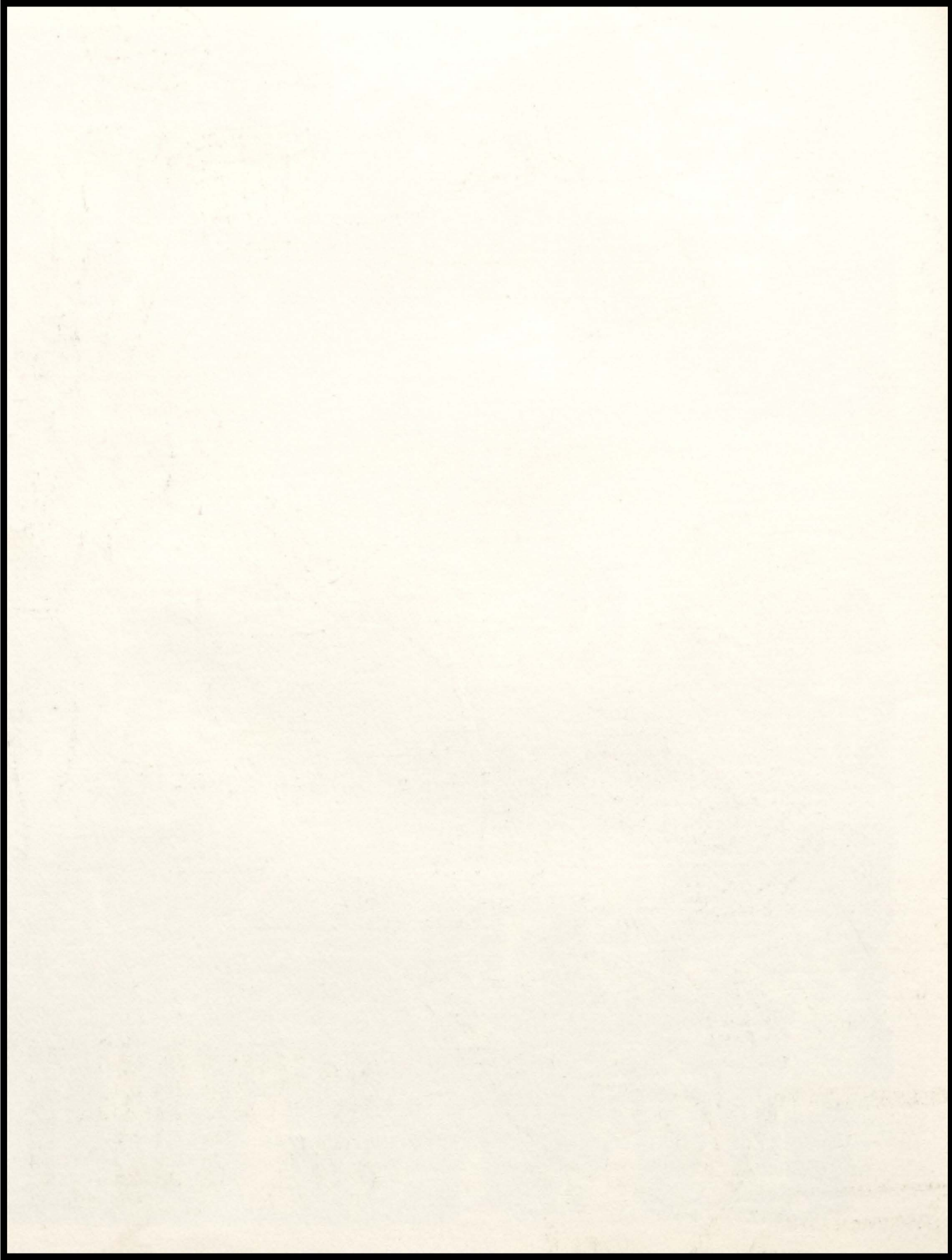
JUNIOR-SENIOR PARTY

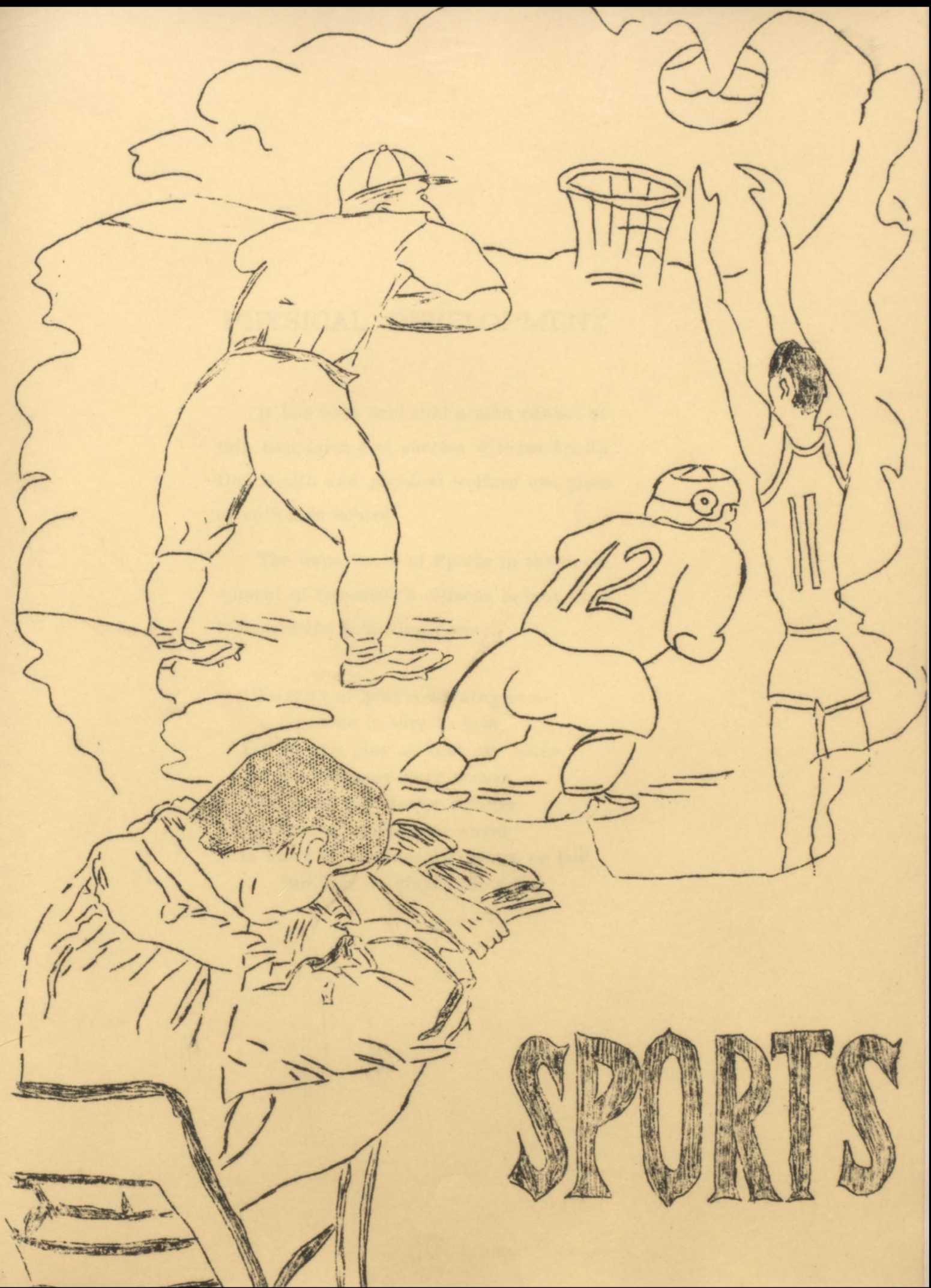
Ride 'em cowboy!! Yes, you guessed it. The Seniors honored the Juniors at a western party. Everyone arrived at the rootin' tootin' rodeo decked appropriately for the occasion in cowboy boots and hats while some even brought their holsters and guns. A cowboy quartet consisting of Francis Durbin, Kinzel Coffey, Jerry Clark, and John Cavanaugh provided entertainment along with the relays and other games. Refreshments of cider, pretzels, and cup cakes were enjoyed around the campfire. The party ended with everyone feeling they had had a rip roarin' good time.

F. F. A. — F. H. A. HOBO PARTY

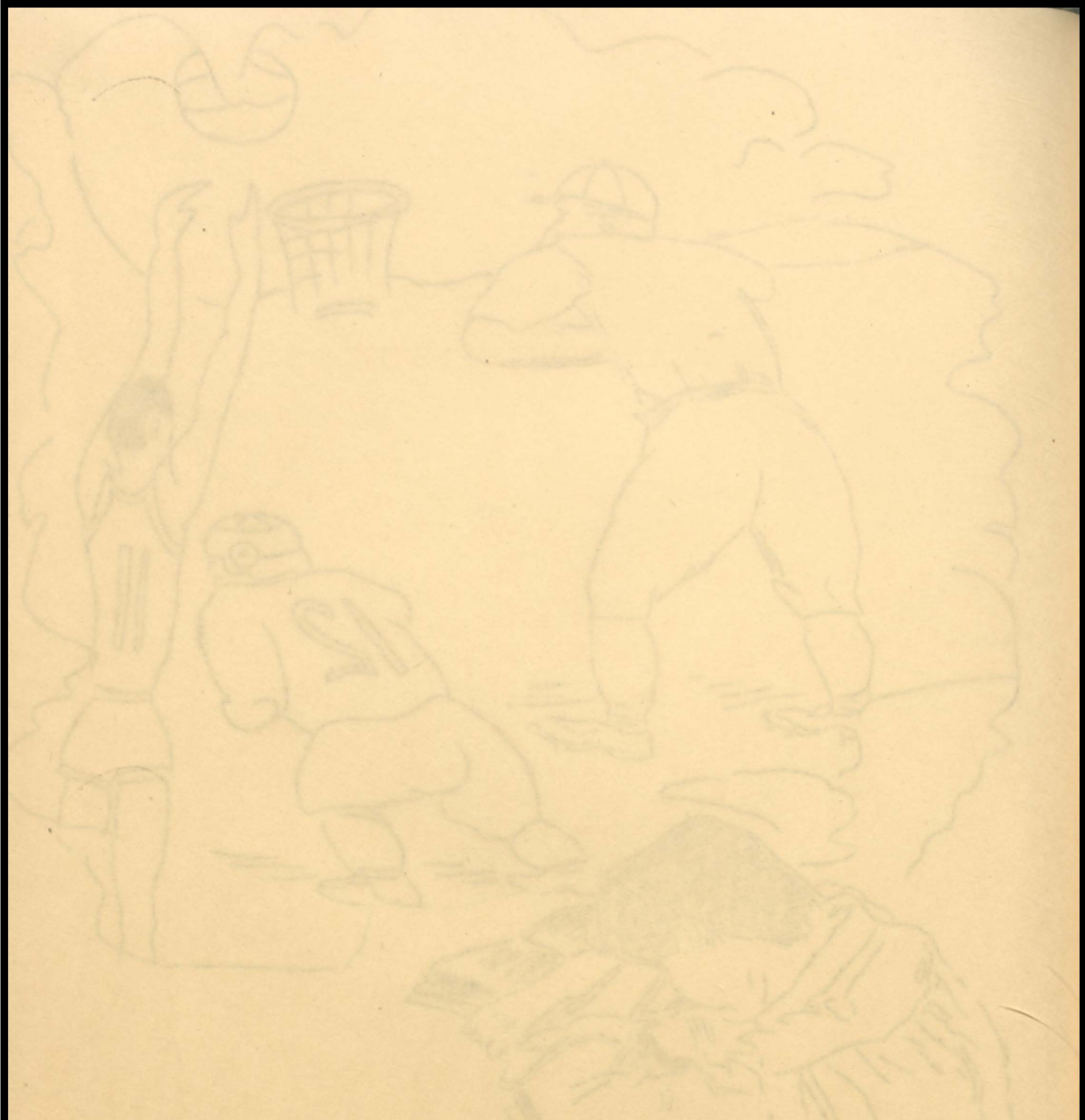
Hobos! Hobos! everywhere you go in school there is no one except these professional tramps. Ours didn't come via the train rods but by their own automobiles. Yes, the F. F. A. and F. H. A. had a party on February 23 to which all were to come as hobos. During the evening they enjoyed different types of hobo relays. Along with this they had other games that were equally enjoyed by all attending. All enjoyed better than the usual hobo food, brownies and ice cream. Everyone went home with the feeling that he had had a good time and that he had met more hobos than he would ever see again.







SPORTS



SPORTS

PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

It has been said that a man cannot attain happiness and success without health. Our health and physical welfare are given attention in school.

The importance of Sports in the development of tomorrow's citizens is best illustrated in the following poem:

"We can't all play a winning game,
Someone is sure to lose;
Yet we can play so that our name
No one may dare accuse,
That when the Master Referee
Scores against our name,
It won't be whether we've won or lost,
But how we played the game."

PIGSKIN PARADE

SQUAD

First row: P. Gallivan, Coffey, Yockey, Royal, Larimore, Conklin, Hodam, F. Durbin, Comerford, B. Tompkins, Stout, Jerry Clark, Somers.

Second row: Coach Day, J. Tompkins, T. Gallivan, Jim Clark, R. Gallivan, Kirwan, Corum, Born, Hardimon, Dobson, J. Day, Clow, Shumard, Taphorn, Coach Smith.

Third row: Eades, Strater, Brewer, Perry, Scott, R. Hannon, McPherson, Koebel, Seb-ens, W. Durbin, Imel, Rainey, Siders, Turner, J. Hannon.

CHEERLEADERS

J. Hinton, Hord, Postlewait, Cooper, Ford, Slagle.

MANAGERS

Taphorn, R. Stanton.

LETTERMEN

On Ball:

CAPTAIN DURBIN — Senior . . . Fullback — A good ground gainer — Always at the right place at the right time — Performed in spite of injuries.

CAPTAIN YOCKEY — Senior . . . Guard — Three year regular — Cool performer — Inspired play led team.

Clockwise around the ball:

SHUMARD — Junior . . . Halfback — Co-Captain Elect for '50 — Bement's leading scorer with 60 points — Recognized throughout the Okaw.

STOUT — Senior . . . Quarterback — Chief engineer for Bement eleven — A good passer — Always on the alert.

SOMERS — Senior . . . Tackle — Strong man of the team — Outstanding on defense — 25 tackles in Monticello game.

CONKLIN — Senior . . . Tackle — First year of football — Kick-off specialist.

LARIMORE — Senior . . . Center — A 190 pounder who could play a whale of a game.

J. TOMPKINS — Junior . . . Fullback — A hard runner — Good prospect for next year.

R. GALLIVAN — Sophomore . . . Guard — Small but fast and aggressive — Enjoys the game.

CLOW — Sophomore . . . Halfback — A regular back — Fast and deceptive.

HARDIMON — Sophomore . . . Center — Big fellow who enjoys the rougher side of football.

JIM CLARK — Sophomore . . . Quarterback — A good caller and passer — Fast and alert.

T. GALLIVAN — Junior . . . End — Small but tough — First and last year of football.

JERRY CLARK — Senior . . . End — A regular line man for three years — A good plugger.

COFFEY — Senior . . . Halfback — A tall fellow — Found his specialty at pass defense.

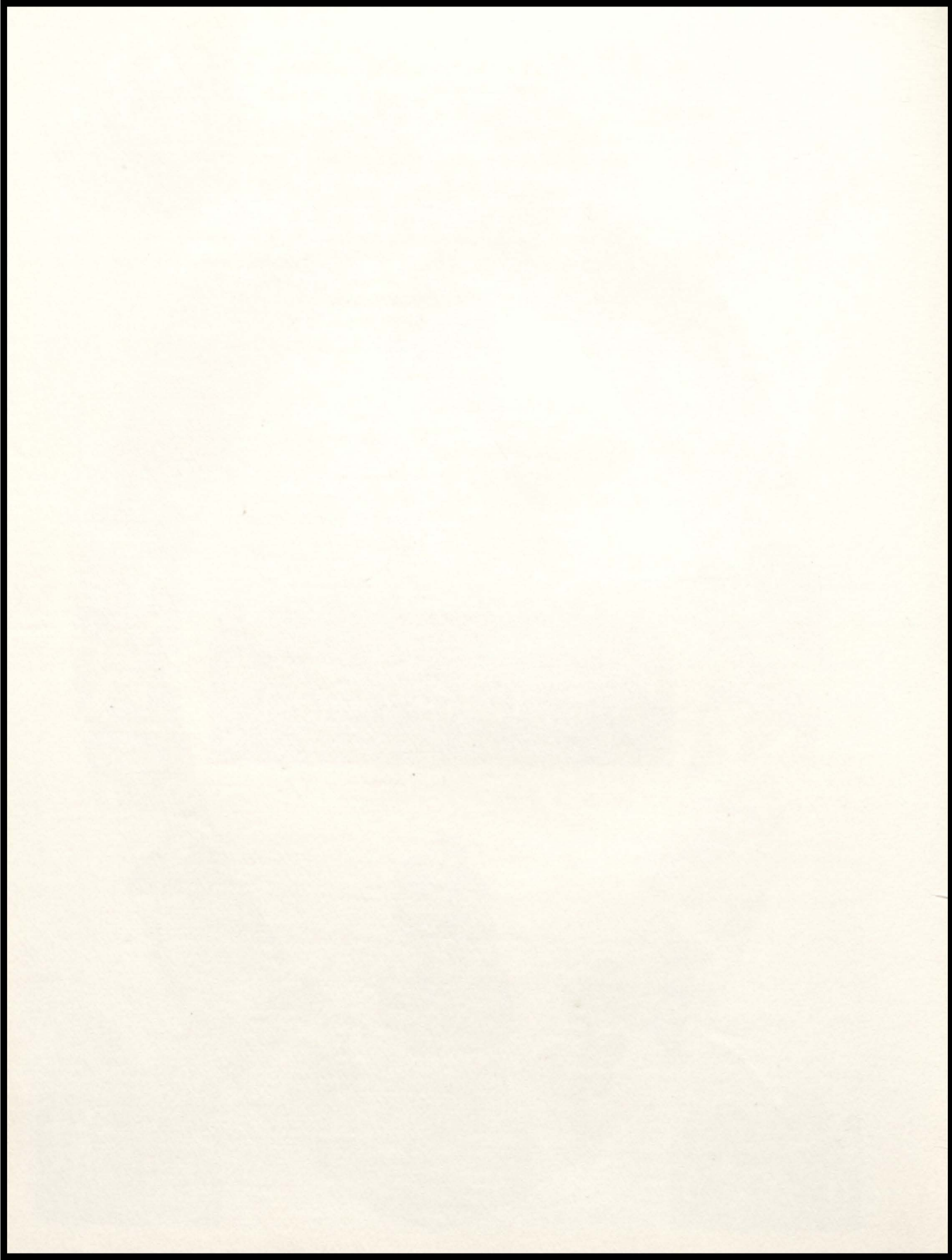
ROYAL — Senior . . . Tackle — A big fellow and a capable defensive man.

P. GALLIVAN — Senior . . . Guard — A regular at 120 pounds — The little "brute" in the line.

B. TOMPKINS — Senior . . . Halfback — Slowed up with a leg injury — Good ground gainer.

HODAM — Junior . . . End — Co-Captain Elect for '50 — Excels as pass snatcher — Stops everything that comes his way.





GRIDIRON REVIEW

Ten lettermen and some thirty candidates, almost entirely underclassmen, reported for the first practice August 25. Coaches Ray Smith and Wilson Day began the the tasks of organizing this group for a short but tough season. The ten lettermen formed the nucleus of the team. They were Co-captains Durbin and Yockey, Larimore, Royal, Somers, Stout, Jerry Clark, B. Tompkins, Hodam, and Shumard. Let's take a glance at some of the things we remember about the various games.

Sept. 16 — Lovington "Bulldogs" — Soya Conference Champs — First game — Home field — Lovington's smooth operating offense — Bement cold — Score: Lovington 20-0.

Sept. 23 — Saybrook "Comanches" — Home field — First year of football for opponent — Little opposition to improved Bulldogs — Shumard's three T. D.'s. Score: Bement 38-0.

Sept. 30 — Sullivan "Redskins" — Homecoming! — Shumard's 76 yard touchdown run — Bulldogs' improved defense — Clow's important extra point — Ed Somer's swollen jaw — Sullivan's 200 lb. line — A major Okaw upset — Score: Bement 7-6.

Oct. 7 — Farmer City "Farmers" — First game from home — Hot, sultry night — Slow hard fought game — Half time score 6-6 — First defeat for Farmer City — Score Bement 13-6.

Oct. 13 — Arthur "Knights" — At Arthur — Offensive show by Bement — 28 Bulldogs saw action — Fourth win in a row — Score: Bement 41-0.

Oct. 21 — Cerro Gordo "Broncos" — At Cerro Gordo — Defending a 2-0 conference record — Unable to score when in position — Opponent's defense — Another upset — Score: Cerro Gordo 13-6.

October 28 — Tuscola "Warriors" — Home field — Both teams knocked from Okaw lead the previous week — Warriors out power Bulldogs — Go on to win the Okaw — Score Tuscola 27-7.

Nov. 4 — Atwood "Rajahs"—Last home game — Hard fought, evenly played — Durbin's jump pass to Hodam for the extra point, the margin of victory — Second straight year Bulldogs beat Atwood by 1 point margin — Score: Bement 13-12.

Nov. 11 — Monticello "Sages" — At Monticello — The day . . . hot, the field . . . hard — Bement out manned — Somers out-standing on defense — Shumard's 70 yard kick-off return — Score: Monticello 26-12.

BULLPUPS

The freshmen and sophomores made a very impressive showing this year. Under the instruction of Coach Wilson Day they won from Cerro Gordo, Villa Grove, and Tuscola and lost only to Sullivan. They show promises of some real football material in the coming years. Here's wishing them the best of success!

HARDWOOD REFLECTIONS

The boys who made up the basketball squad this year are as follows:

- First row: Shumard, Royal, Coffey, Hodam, Jerry Clark, B. Tompkins, Stout.
 Second row: Coach Day, Eades,, Strater, Siders, McPherson, Turner, J. Hannon, Coach Smith.
 Third row: Bales, Rainey, Clow, J. Tompkins, Gallivan, R. Stanton, Jim Clark, B. Hannon.
 Fourth row: Day, Conklin, Hardimon, J. Stanton, Romack, Sebens, Harshbarger, Dobson.

Cheerleaders were:

- First row: Cooper, Slagle.
 Second row: Clark, Byerline, Day.
 Manager: Stanton.

The following boys won varsity letters in basketball this year:

Lowell Royal — A big fellow who played a lot on the pivot this year —A senior.

Bill Tompkins — Senior guard who was an aggressive playmaker and never seemed to get excited — Tough on defense.

Bob Hodam — Leading scorer on team despite being handicapped by bad knee — Only a junior.

Jim Day — Sophomore who won a berth on the first five during season — Good shot and nifty ball handler.

Bill Shumard — Small but fast — Developed a good two-hand set shot which spelled trouble to several teams — Another junior.

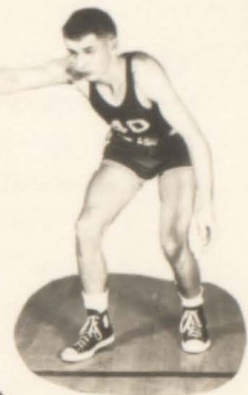
Dean Stout — Capable point-maker who usually found himself playing against a taller opponent than himself.

Kinzel Coffey — Good rebounder — Hard worker whose special love is basketball.

Jerry Clark — Good ball handler — Fine competitor who gave every minute his most when in the game.

Individual scoring for varsity players for the past season is as follows:

| | Games | FG | FT | TP | | Games | FG | FT | TP |
|-------------|-------|----|----|-----|-------------|-------|----|----|----|
| Hodam | 19 | 42 | 31 | 115 | Stout | 20 | 14 | 12 | 40 |
| Coffey | 23 | 33 | 31 | 97 | Romack | 9 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| Day | 20 | 35 | 26 | 96 | Clow | 8 | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Shumard | 20 | 40 | 12 | 92 | Dobson | 6 | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Jerry Clark | 19 | 28 | 29 | 85 | Jim Clark | 5 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Tompkins | 23 | 27 | 31 | 85 | Harshbarger | 8 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| Royal | 23 | 22 | 31 | 75 | | | | | |



LOWELL ROYAL
CENTER



JERRY CLARK
GUARD

BILL TOMPKINS
GUARD



KINZEL-COFFEY
FORWARD

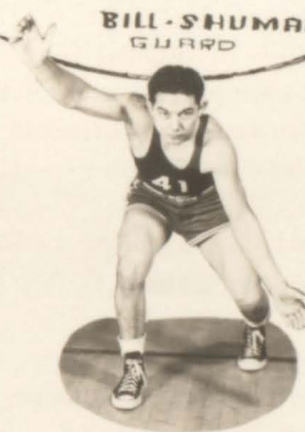
BOB HODAM
CENTER

DEAN STOUT
GUARD

JIM DRY
FORWARD



BILL SHUMARD
GUARD





HOOP SEASON

On November 12, 27 candidates reported to Coach Wilson Day for the first basketball practice. Among those greeting Coach Day were six returning lettermen—Dean Stout, Lowell Royal, Bill Tompkins, Kinzel Coffey, Jerry Clark, and Bob Hodam. All the boys were rarin' to go and with the first game only a week away everyone began to buckle down to hard work in preparation for the struggles ahead.

Our Bulldogs won only two games this year, but gave a good account of themselves throughout the season when good sportsmanship and fair play were considered.

Even though we were rated as the underdog in most of our Okaw conference games this year, our team played good ball at times against the more highly rated quints in the conference. Against the Arcola Purple Riders, the team which won second place in the Okaw this year, the Purple and White of Bement came within an eyelash of pulling a major upset as Arcola was forced to rally in the final two minutes of the game for a 44-40 triumph.

In one of the most thrilling games of the year seen in Bement the Bulldogs defeated the Atwood Rajahs 42-38 in an overtime struggle.

In the Holiday Tournament at Monticello, we won fourth place as our team defeated Deland-Weldon 47-41 in their first game and then lost to Unity in the consolation game. We had been beaten by Argenta in the semi-finals the night before.

Down at Atwood in the Okaw Tournament we lost to a good Cerro Gordo team that eventually won third place in the tournament.

At the Decatur Regional we lost to this same Cerro Gordo five in our first game.

FRESH-SOPH BASKETBALL

This year's freshman-sophomore basketballers turned in a very successful season as they won 6 games and lost 4. These boys, who will be the ones to represent our Varsity in the future, played fast, aggressive basketball at all times and as a rule when they were defeated it was by only a very small margin of points. An example of one of those games which was anybody's ballgame until the final horn sounded was at Cerro Gordo in the Freshman-Sophomore Tournament when the Bullpups were defeated in a double overtime by Lovington in their first game. However, the Pups came back to capture 3rd place in the tournament by defeating the host team.

SPRING SPORTS

The '49 baseball team (upper left picture):

First row: Dobson, Jim Clark, Stout, Clow, P. Gallivan, Strater.

Second row: J. Gallivan, Cooper, Coffey, Hodam, Conklin, Jerry Clark, Smith.

The '49 varsity track squad (upper right picture):

First row: Wright, Tompkins, Clow, McCabe, Shumard.

Second row: Phipps, Gallivan, Yockey, Durbin, Lawson.

Junior-Senior squaddmen (center left picture):

First row: Comerford, Schum, Clark, Somers, Gallivan.

Second row: Rittenhouse, Larimore, Coffey, Conklin, Weakley, Taphorn.

Freshman-Sophomore boys out for track (center right picture):

First row: Day, Dobson, Clark, Stanton, Gallivan, Rainey.

Second row: Hodam, Corum, Kirwan, Hardimon, Sebens, Tompkins.

"B" CLUB

The "B" Club, a group of boys who have won athletic letters, is an important part of the sport program at Bement High. Members of the club this year are:

First row: Mr. Day, Coffey, Hodam, Yockey, Durbin, Shumard, Mr. Smith.

Second row: Harshbarger, Clow, Jerry Clark, Somers, T. Gallivan, J. Tompkins, B. Tompkins, Jim Clark, Stout.

Third row: Dobson, Weakley, Hardimon, Royal, Larimore, Conklin, Taphorn, R. Gallivan, P. Gallivan.

"49" BASEBALL REVIEW

Due to the early publication of this Annual we are unable to tell you about the team we are fielding this year on the diamond. However, last year's team turned in a highly successful season and enthusiasm is mounting every spring towards the efforts and success of the baseball team. Last year's team won four games while losing three. A brief summary of some of the highlights in each game follows:

Bement opened its season at home and, with Bud Smith pitching all the way, Bement won a slugfest by defeating Atwood 18-17.

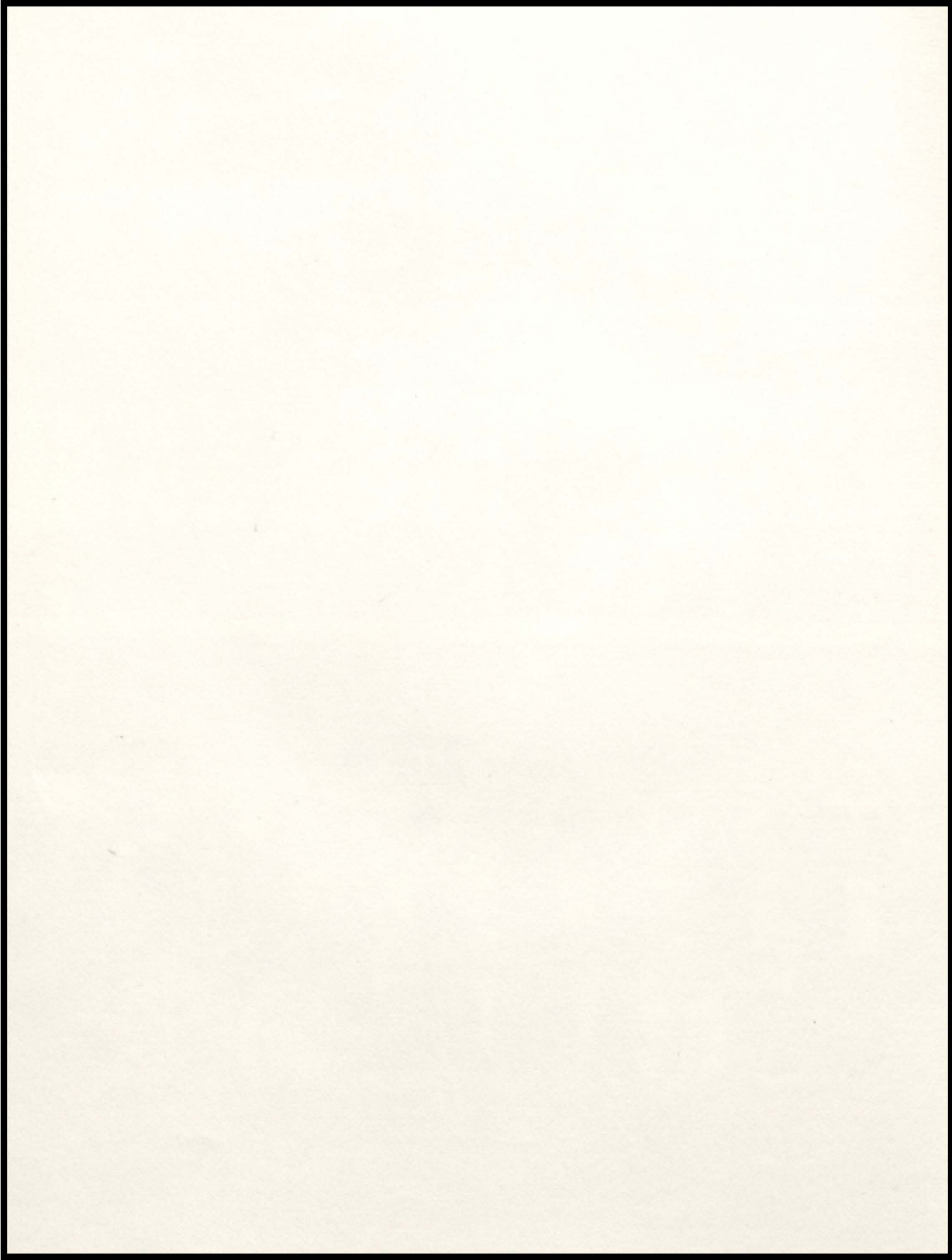
Cerro Gordo's Broncos came to town with a strong team and were forced into an extra inning by the Bulldogs before winning 9-7.

In the first game of the District Tournament held on our field, Bement, with Jerry Gallivan pitching a three-hitter, defeated Philo 4-3.

The Bulldogs met Champaign in the championship game the following day on a muddy diamond, and even though Bud Smith pitched a 4 hitter, the mud and the Maroons were too much for us. Champaign won 5-0.

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"49" BASEBALL REVIEW

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Sadorus scored in the 7th inning to defeat the Purple and White 5-4 on the home field.

Bement gained revenge for an earlier defeat by handing Sadorus a 16-8 shellacking, as Bill Strater got 4 hits in four attempts to provide the slugging power.

We ended our season on a cheery note by defeating the Sullivan Redskins 16-3.

Last year's baseball letterwinners were Jerry Gallivan, Ronald Smith, Bill Strater, Bill Cooper, Jerry Clark, Dean Stout, Bob Hodam, Dave Dobson, Jim Clark and Dale Clow.

THE CINDER PATH

The '49 season found Bement in the track spotlight. The Bement 2 mile relay team, as in the past, caught the eyes of many a track fan and won honors in almost all the larger relays in the east-central part of the state. The quartet captured the trophy at the Paris Relays, was second to Champaign at the Mattoon Relays, and took revenge on Champaign by out-stepping them and bringing home the Urbana Relay 2 mile trophy. Bill Strater, Dean Phipps, Chuck McCabe, Dean Wright and Raymond Yockey were the members of the team.

Dean Phipps also won the recognition of being the best miler in this district. "Tootie" outsprinted the favorites to hit the tape in 4:37.5.

Both Phipps and Yockey represented Bement in the State Mile Finals at Memorial Stadium. "Tootie" was unable to repeat his district performance; however, Yockey ran 4:41.5 to place second in his heat.

Bement also has possession of a 28 inch traveling trophy sponsored by the Mattoon Elks Club. This trophy is given to the winner of the open mile at the Mattoon Relays. Dean Phipps led the field to win in 4:50 and became the first one to have his name inscribed on the new trophy.

Bement placed fourth in the Okaw Conference Meet with 18½ points. Phipps and Yockey tied for first place in the mile; Wright and Strater got third and fourth place, respectively, in the 880; Shumard, a tie for third in the broad jump; and Cooper and Strater won fifth place in the high hurdles and 100, respectively.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

November 29, 1949 was definitely a red letter day. We may forget many of our high school activities, but the annual football banquet of '49 will be one of the events that will not soon be forgotten. The banquet was sponsored by the Bement Lions Club and proved highly entertaining to some 280 persons present.

Turkey with all the trimmings featured the dinner, after which a very enjoyable program was presented. Acting as toast-master was Bement's past high school and college football star, Mr. A. E. Bodman.

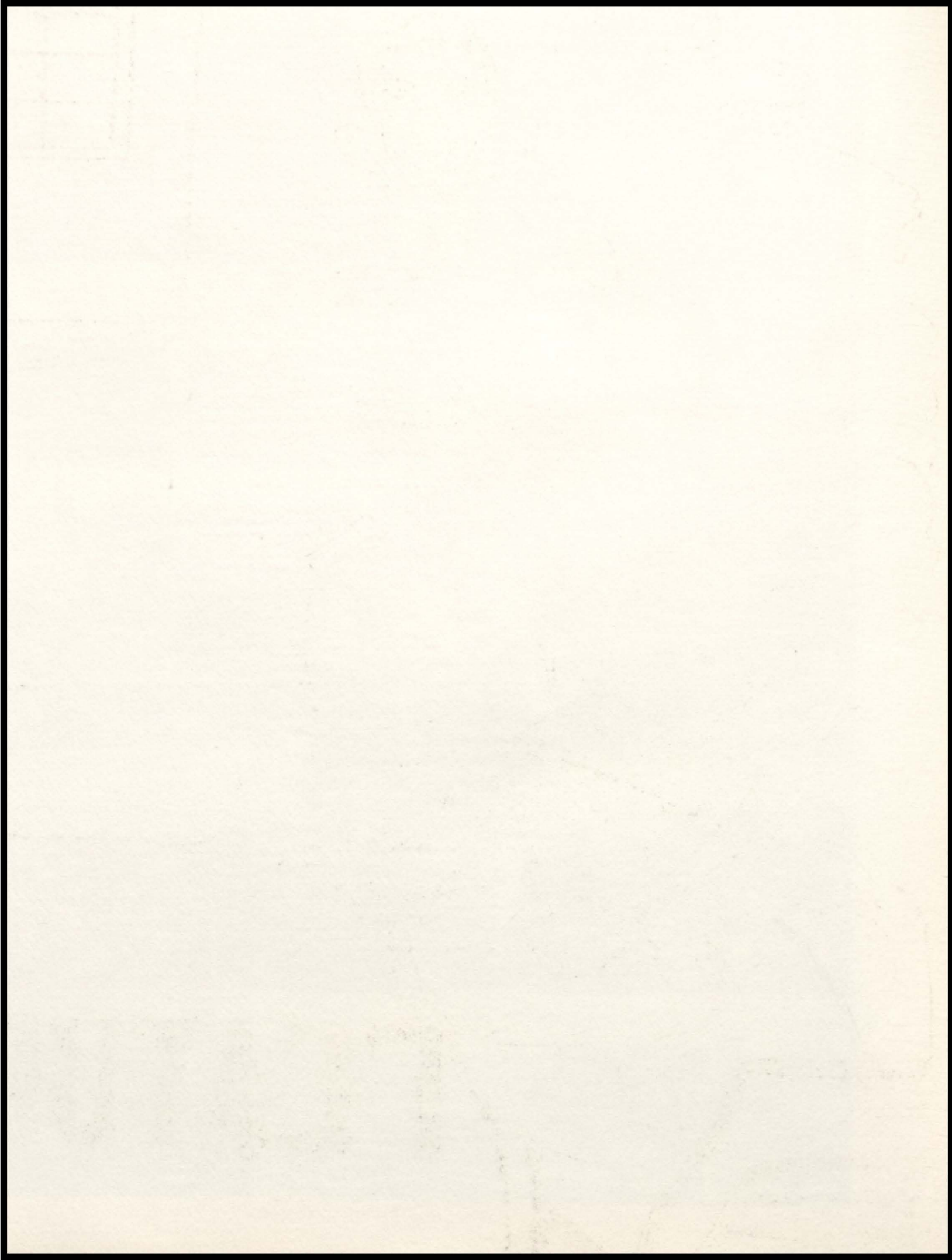
Speaker for the evening was Bob King, end coach at the University of Illinois. Mr. King introduced four other special guests, all of them popular players on the U. of I. football team. They were Captain Lyle Button, Chuck Gottfried, Burt Schmidt and Ruck Steger. These guests were seated with the football squad and made quite a hit with the Bementers. Ruck Steger stole the show with his guitar playing and singing of "Wabash Cannon Ball", "You Are My Sunshine" and his tearful rendition of "Away Back in the Hill."

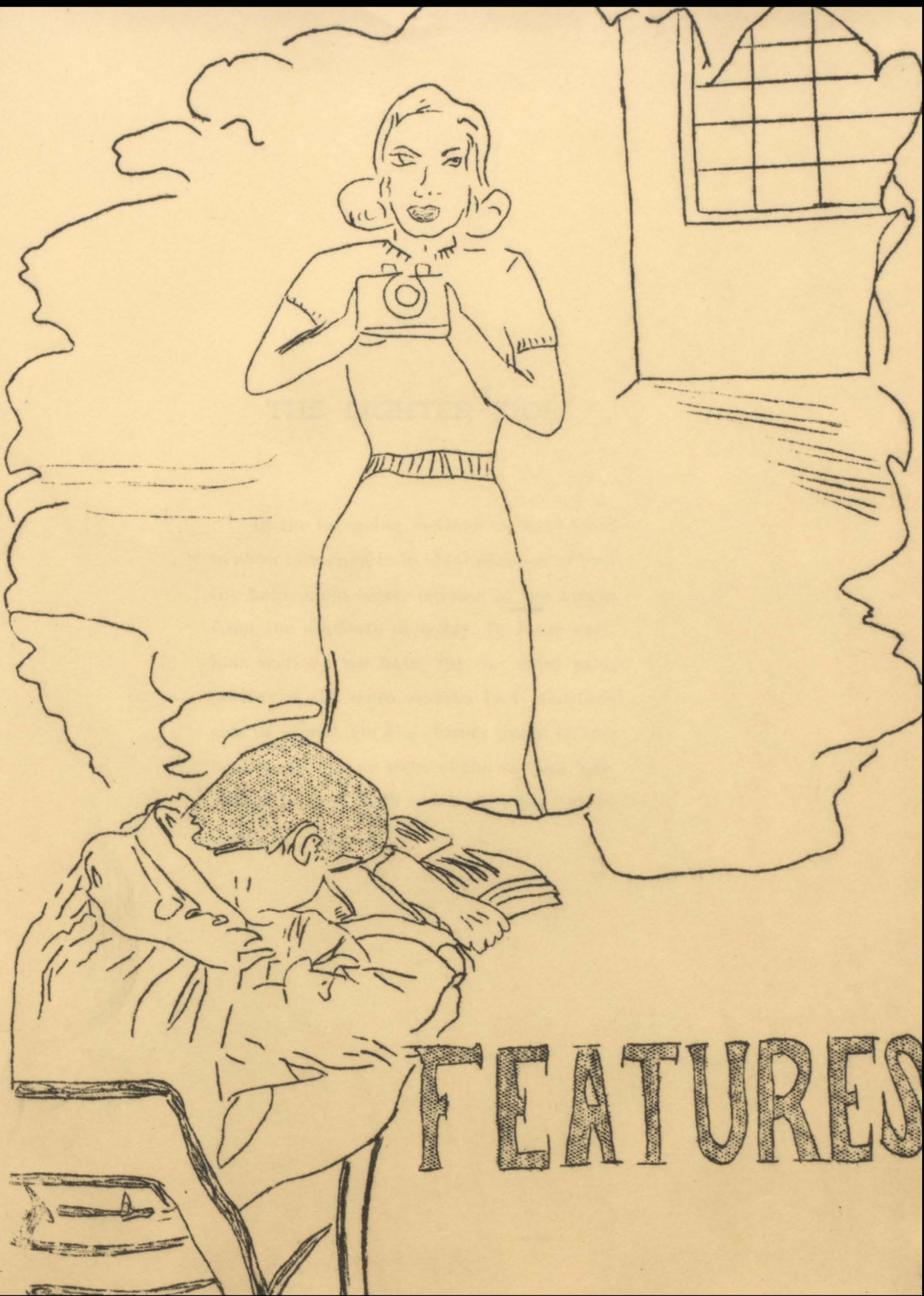
At the close of Mr. King's address the retiring co-captains, Raymond Yockey and Francis Durbin, were introduced and next year's captains, Bill Shumard and Bob Hodam, were announced.

Assistant Coach Day introduced the freshman and sophomore squad after which Coach Smith presented letters to the cheerleaders, players and managers.

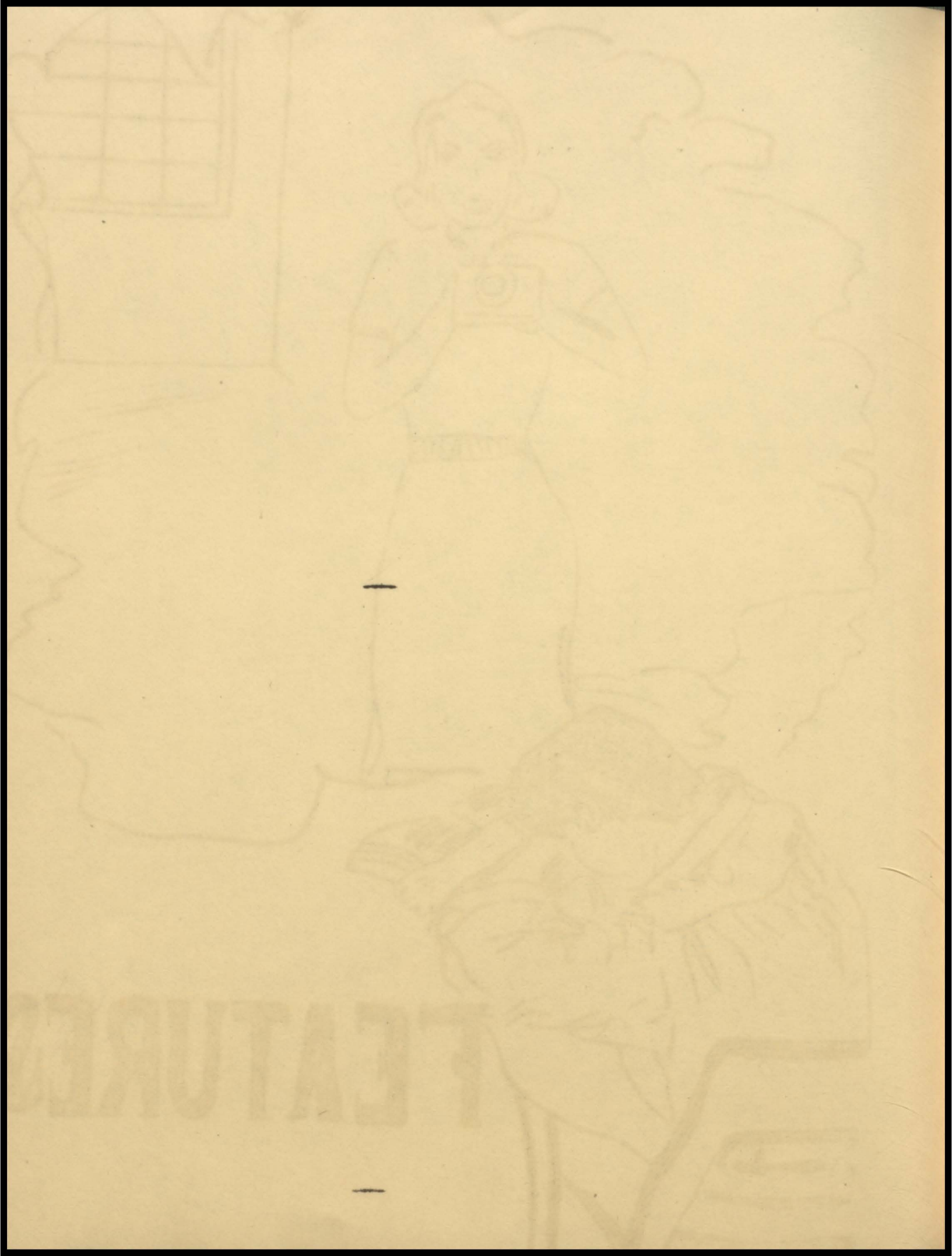
At the close of the program movies of the Ohio State-Illinois football game were shown and narrated by Mr. King. Everyone left realizing that they had spent a wonderful evening.







FEATURES



THE LIGHTER SIDE

In the foregoing sections we have tried to show how each individual phase of school life helps mold better citizens of the future from the students of today. In these various sections we have, for the most part, portrayed the more serious and laborious side of school. On the closing pages of our book we bring you some of the various features of Bement High which show the lighter side.

CALENDAR

September

- August 31—The time had arrived—24 freshmen started the long journey through the B. C. H. S. halls.
- September 1—The other students trooped to school gaily??
- September 2—Classes met and elected representatives to Student Council.
- September 5—Labor Day was an all school holiday so we all stayed at home to labor.
- September 8—The band played at the P. T. A. meeting. This was their first appearance in their attractive new uniforms.
- September 15—Campaign time! Class officers were elected.
- September 16—Bulldogs open grid season—Student Council starts Homecoming plans—Juniors' first night at refreshment stand shows profits—a happy prospect for the Junior-Senior Prom.
- September 30—Homecoming!!!—Sullivan—We won!! Patty Loftus got royal kiss!

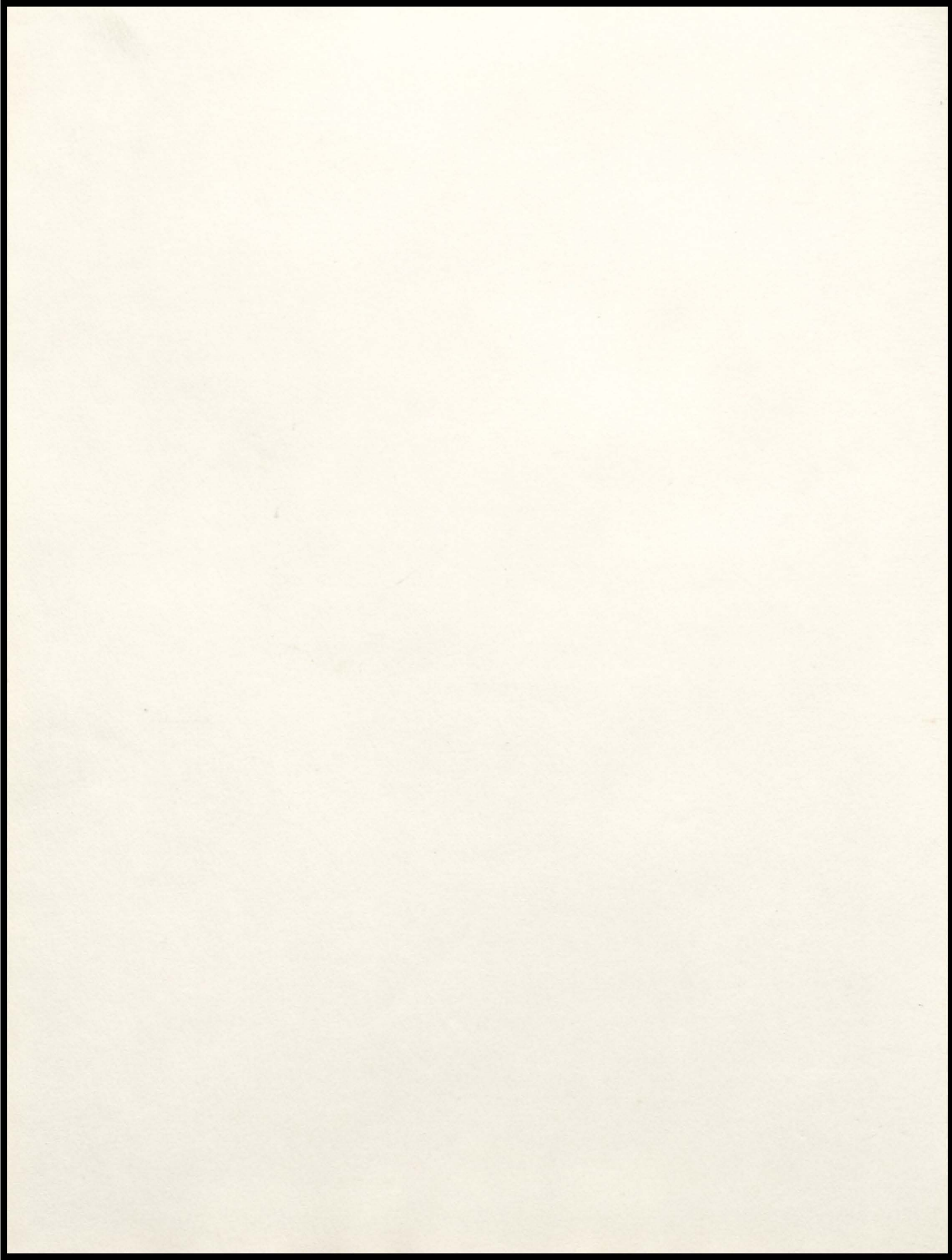
October

- October 7—The end of the first six weeks—Still going strong.
- October 12—BIM staff got in a huddle for their first meeting—big plans ahead.
- October 14—The teachers went to school in Champaign to try to catch up with the students. The students were given a holiday.
- October 20—Did you look your best, kids? Individual pictures were taken by National School Studios. Hope they brought a good unbreakable camera.
- October 25—B-o-o-o!! Freshmen had a gay Hallowe'en party. Reports were that everyone had a swell time. Inez won the prize for ducking for apples.
- October 31—Hungry?? All students were invited to the Legion Hall to eat pumpkin pie and drink coffee as part of Bement's big Pumpkin Pie Festival. The Seniors were given their stationery sample kits and started the sale to provide funds for the Annual. Now you can write to all your friends.

November

- November 4—"Say, why are all the seniors dressed up?" They posed for their individual graduation pictures—now wait for those proofs. After the game with Atwood tonight the seniors sponsored a coke dance in the gym—More Annual funds.
- November 8—The sophomore class party was a big success. They were entertained by one of the latest fashion shows. Raymond Hardimon sure looked cute in the role of a "Modern Mother."
- November 11—Armistice Day!!—Goody! No school!!
- November 18—Presenting "Ghost Farm" and "Junior is a Genius." These were the two one-act plays given by the Junior class. Well done, Juniors.
- November 21—Second six-weeks report cards given out. Anyone like to trade with me?? Y-E-A purple Y-E-A white. First and second team basketball cheerleaders were chosen.
- November 22—Catch a guinea and win a prize!! That was what everyone was trying to do after school let out today—poor guinea.
- November 29—The football boys were honored and given their well-earned letters at the Football Banquet. Part of the entertainment was furnished by the Illinois fullback Russ Steger, who sang and played his guitar.
- November 31—Student Council members got their heads together and sponsored an all-school party.





CALENDAR

December

- December 2—The band and chorus members journeyed to Monticello to the Music Festival.
- December 5—We had more luck! The teachers had to go to school again.
- December 7—Boy! Were the F. F. A. boys dressed up today and talking sweet! It must have been an initiation. Junior Durbin had a hard time keeping his tie straight.
- December 8—A group of students put on a Christmas play for PTA—the chorus “angels” sang by candlelight.
- December 12—What was that!! No, it wasn't the call of the wild goose—just the seniors opening their pictures which just arrived.
- December 14—Seniors honor the juniors at a rip roaring western party.
- December 21—Senior English IV class “broadcast” a Christmas radio program over the public address system to all the school in the Study Hall—faculty treated everyone to pop and candy—Christmas vacation from noon today until Jan. 2.

January

- January 2—Well, that was fun. Our Christmas vacation we mean, but all good things must come to an end. Back to work.
- January 4—Let's all go skating!—No, not play hookie—there isn't any school today because of the ice and impassable roads.
- January 11-12—Semester Exams!!—So much for that.
- January 16—Here's your chance to start out fresh—the beginning of the second semester.
- January 19—Look pleasant—smile—now hold it. Yes, you guessed it; that's Mr. Blankenberg who came to day to take pictures for the Annual.
- January 20—After the game with Monticello the seniors sponsored another coke dance for the students of both schools. Mr. Wehmeier presented the D. A. R. award to Phyllis Murphy.
- January 24—“Oh! What's that awful smell in the lower hall?” It was just the chemistry class trying to form a gas called hydrogen sulfide.
- January 27—Buy your BIM. In the next few days everyone was confronted by some of the seniors because they started their Annual sales today. Seniors were asked to sign their names if they were planing on trying out for the Senior play.

February

- February 1—Ouch! T. B. shots—Student Council started the sale on Bement Bulldog car plates.
- February 2—F. H. A. entertained the Atwood F. H. A. at a night meeting—Mrs. Drake gave a talk on Russian Customs—Girls' intermural basketball started.
- February 8—More fun, thanks to the Student Council, who sponsored another all school party.
- February 17—Electric typewriter and dictaphone added to the commercial equipment—much to Thurman's approval.
- February 19—“Bunk” and Amma initiated their pretty new Plymouth.
- February 22—During Mrs. Hammond's absence, Marilyn Jordan taught the Shorthand class “My Bucket's Got a Hole in It.”
- February 23—You should have seen all the bums! More showed up than usual when the F. F. A.-F. H. A. gave a hobo party.
- February 24—We've decided the Bulldogs and the junior girls should eat their Wheaties for breakfast so they can win more games.

CALENDAR

March

- March 1—March "came in" true to form.
- March 5—Mumps sure were common.
- March 6—Ag boys journeyed to Monticello to visit the agriculture departments there. They had a hard time keeping their minds off the secretaries in the Farm Bureau building.
- March 11—Twelve members of the F. H. A. went to a rally in Farmer City.
- March 13—Magician entertains High School.
- March 18—Commercial class visited Staley's offices and Decatur Herald and lunched at the Colonial.
- March 21—Seniors got measured for caps and gowns—first day of Spring (rain).
- March 22—Sergeant Smith from the Army recruiting station at Decatur talked and showed movies to senior boys.
- March 23—Juniors entertained Seniors at a Mardi Gras banquet and festival where they danced to the music of Paul Douglas's orchestra.
- March 25—Solos and ensemble group went to contest in Paxton and came home with many medals.
- March 30-31—The seniors tried out for parts in the western play, Mollie O'Shaughnessey.

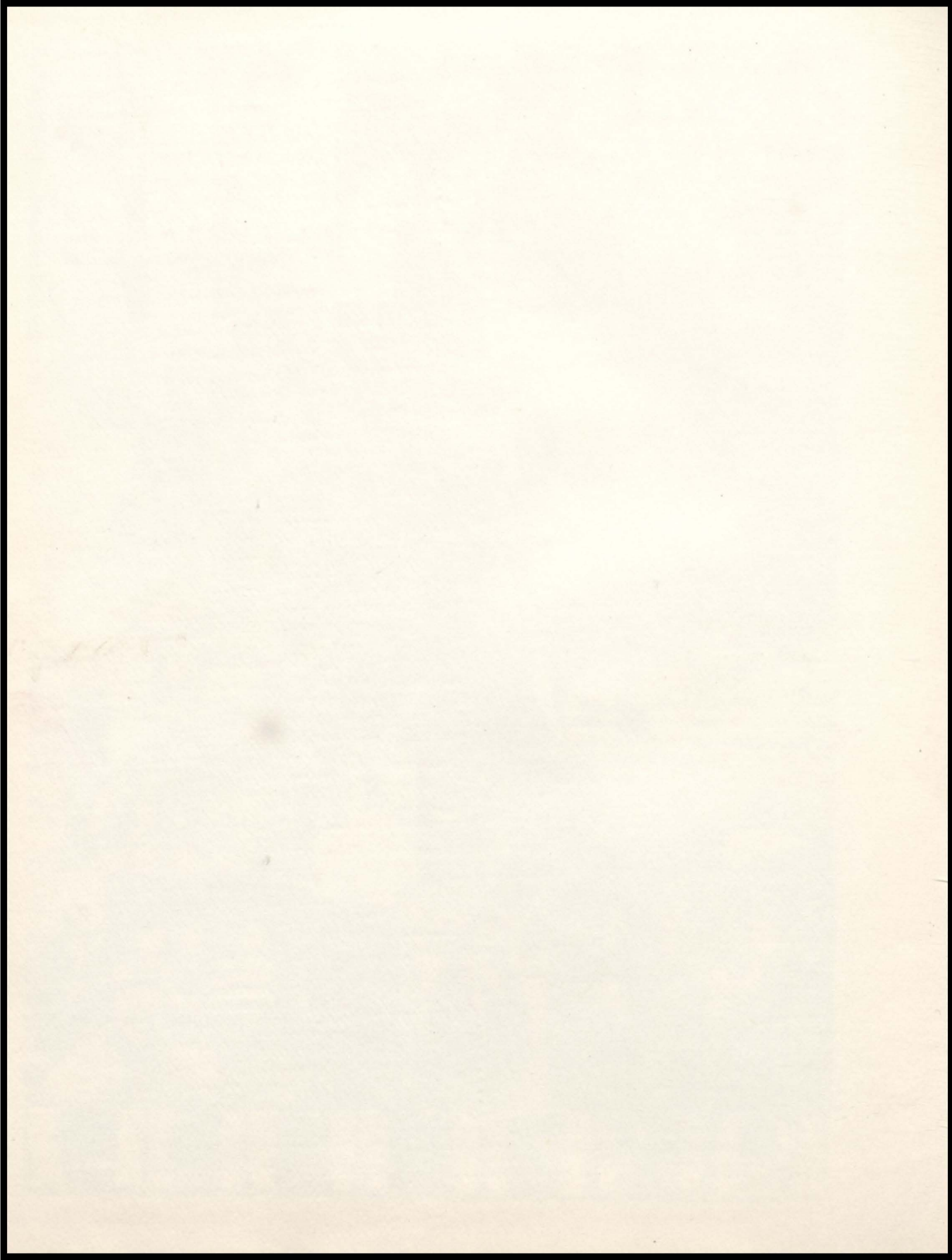
April

- April 1—It's April ——— Fool.
- April 3—We students must lead a dog's life because a collie followed someone into school today to see whether this life was any better than his own—a few members of the faculty helped him outside. Mr. Hodam was running around putting hinge pins back into place today—it's a wonder someone wasn't left "holding the door."
- April 5—Hold your ears!! The guns roar and the senior play is underway.
- April 7-10—Lucky us!—Easter vacation.
- April 11—The beginning of the sixth six-weeks—the last lap.
- April 14—Two men from the Navy recruiting department came today and showed two interesting movies to the senior boys. If we had known they were coming, we'd have baked a cake. The Junior Class selected their class rings.
- April 19—The Student Council sponsored an all-school party.
- April 25—The band and chorus presented their annual Spring Concert.

May

- May 1—BIM assembled and off to the binders.
- May 6—"Oh! My aching back"—the G. A. A. girls journeyed to Sullivan for a play-day.
- May 17—"Greasepaint and footlights"—the star performers of the 1950 graduating class presented "Mollie O'Shaughnessey."
- May 18-19—The seniors who lacked good enough grades were faced with the sad prospect of semesters.
- May 21—Reverend George Cartwright inspired the seniors to higher ideals in his Baccalaureate address.
- May 22-25—When you get to be a senior you get this high recognition—a whole week named in your honor—Senior Week.
- May 23-24—School was almost over—the students suffered through the last stand—semesters.
- May 25—At last!—Graduation—with a touch of both joy and sadness—Mr. C. C. Byerly gave the commencement address and thirty-three more seniors finished their high school career.





"DEARIE, DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN":

Marilyn Jordan slept three hours in the commercial room?
Joe "Stoker" Stoerger tried to set the farm shop on fire?
We went to Bunker's room to listen to the state tournament, and Mr. Wehmeier handed out free gum (he probably got it from the Government)?
Margaret Laroe "hurdled" the bushes coming back from lunch?
Linda Byerline wore her earmuffs to school?
Yo-yos were the latest thing—Mr. Wehmeier took Bob Brewer's and Don Vandercreek's away from them?
Ed Somers took a "vacation" for a few days?
The sophomores told jokes in English class?
Seniors started play practice?
The chemistry classes made a big stink all over the school?
Miss Swaim always wrote the quotations on the board?
English IV class gave radio plays?
Bunk always had a group of friends gathered in his room?
Jim Pierce started to copy the dictionary?
The second hour Civics class froze to death, serenading Mr. Day with "Baby it's Cold in Here"?
Marilyn Jordan taught Mr. Tucker how to dance fast at the Junior-Senior Prom?
Buddie Ralph's scooter about blew up when he tried to start it one day?
Some of the boys kidded "Betty Joe" by saying "She's lovely, she's engaged, she uses Ponds"?
Tom Tucker went to sleep in study hall and kept on sleeping while everyone was leaving school for the day?

CORRIDOR SCENES

Mr. Wehmeier spreading a philosophy of life to one of the boys.
Sheila Gallivan and Nance Postlewait pestering "Bunk" Hill while he is trying to keep our building clean.
Janet McCollum wandering down the hall with her little "Lamb" hot on her trail.
Sonya Clark and Joyce Day trying to escape the clutches of Jerry Clark.
Kent Siders wondering what happens next.
Dale Turner holding the water fountain on for all the passing girls.
Carrie Ard, Lula Belle Hinton, and Eileen Foran trying to decide whose hair looks the worst, "Honey."
Mr. Taylor and Miss Prange worrying about some entertainment they have to dig up the last minute.
Dale Clow hurrying to his latest rendezvous with Donna in the study hall.
Mrs. Hammond trying to find someone to tell her a cure for her allergies—they itch!
Bunker Hill trudging along pushing a dust mop in front of him.
A group gathered around the bulletin board discussing the day's menu.

Hats off to Raymond Yockey. He supplied the most usable snaps for this section of the book.

