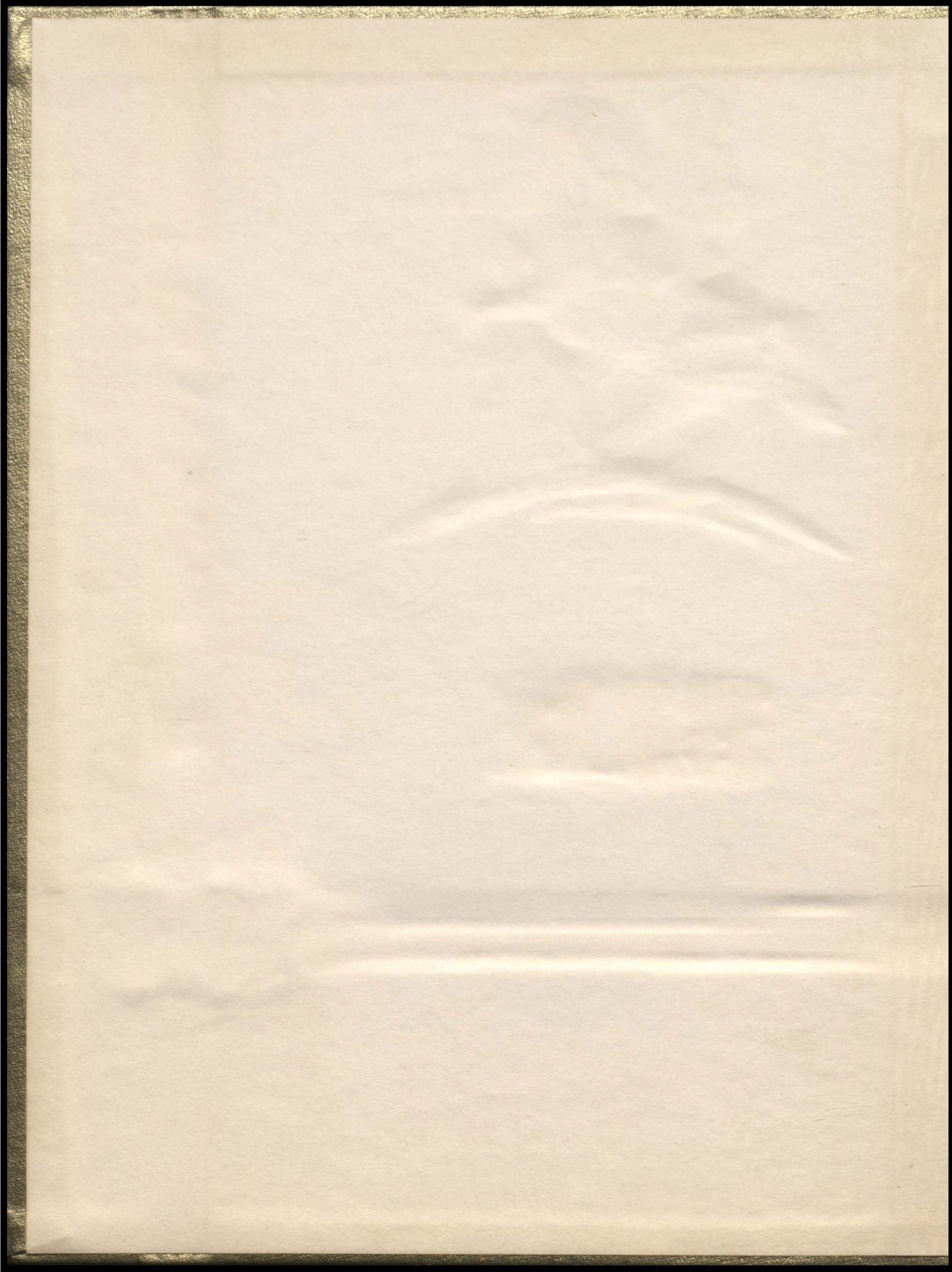
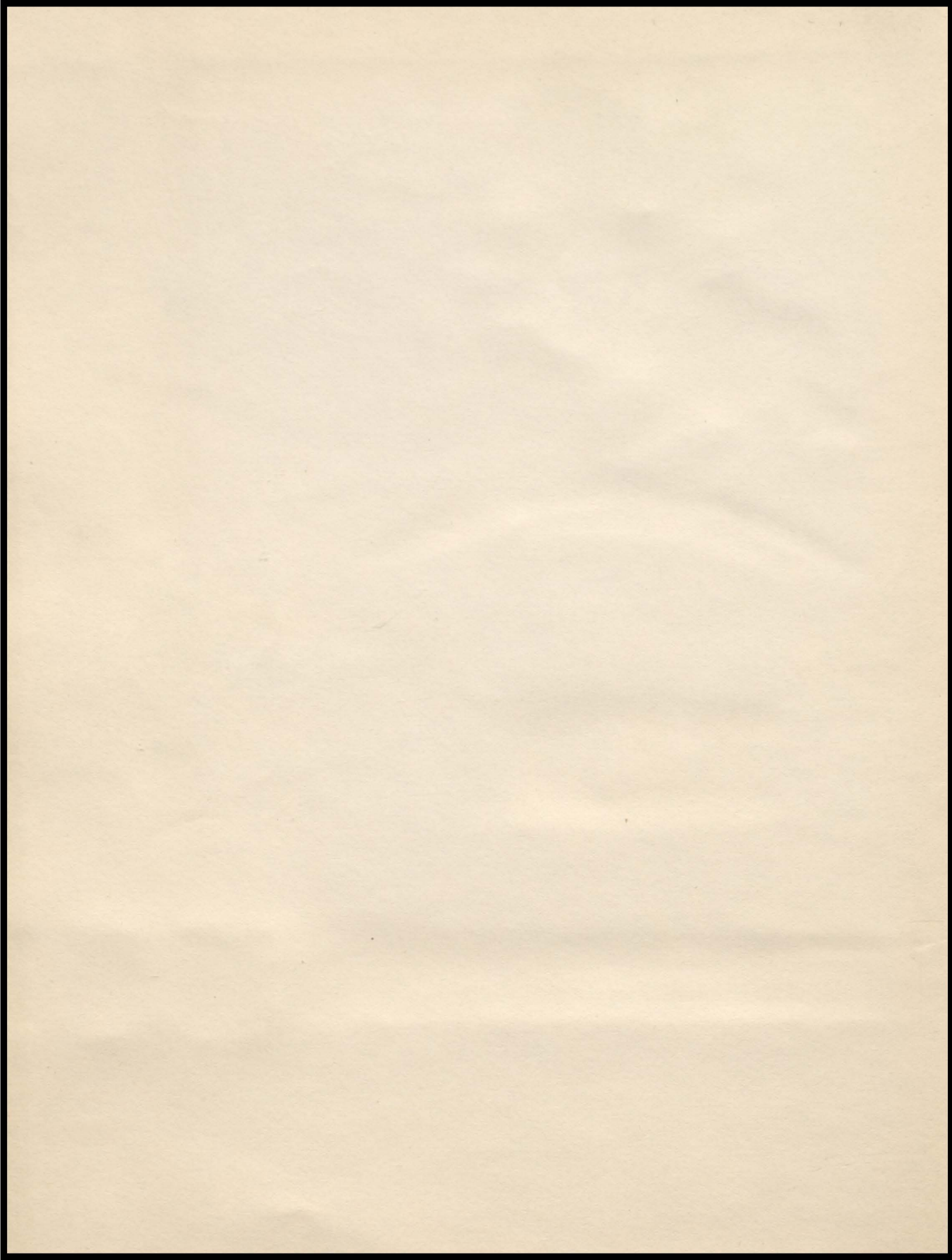


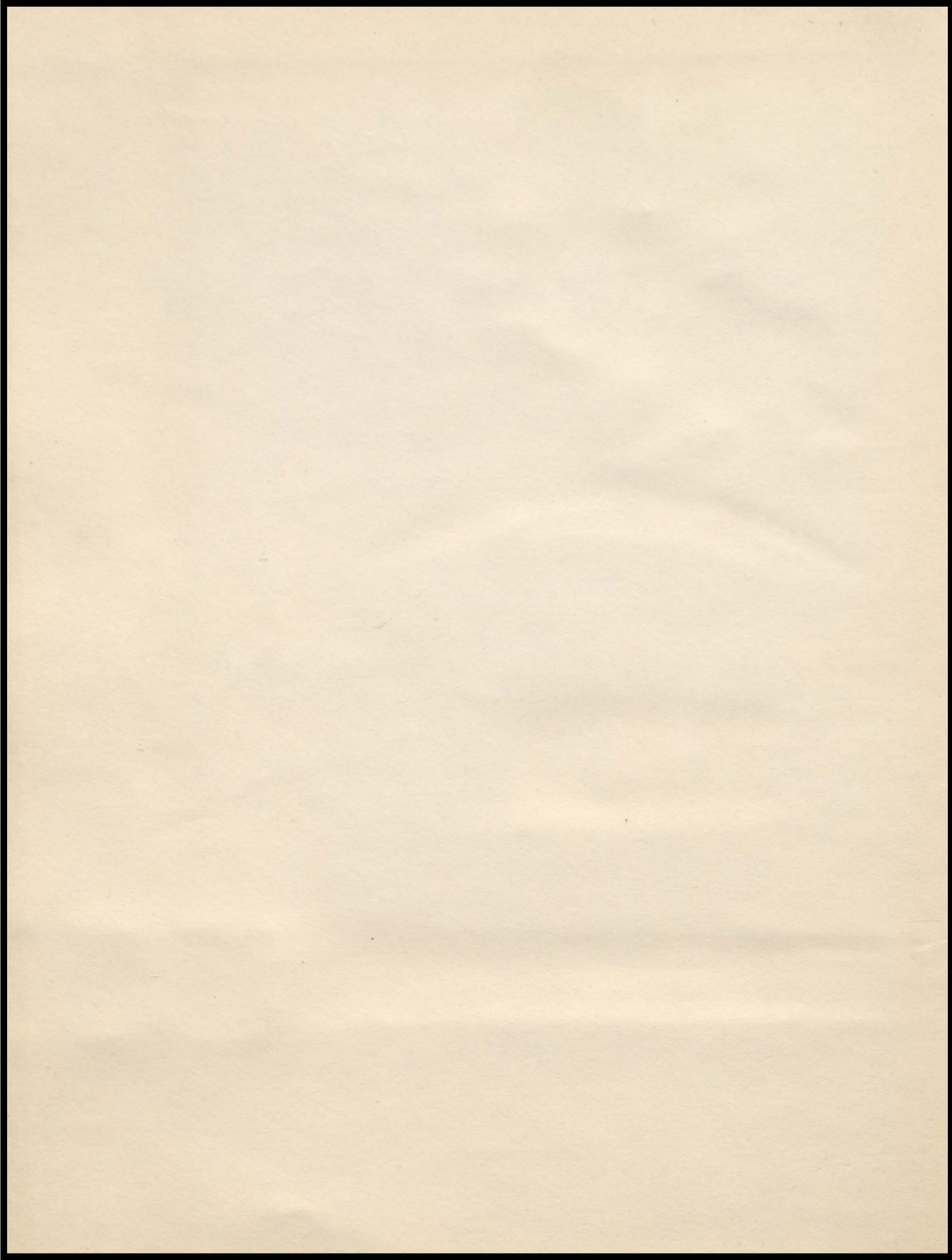


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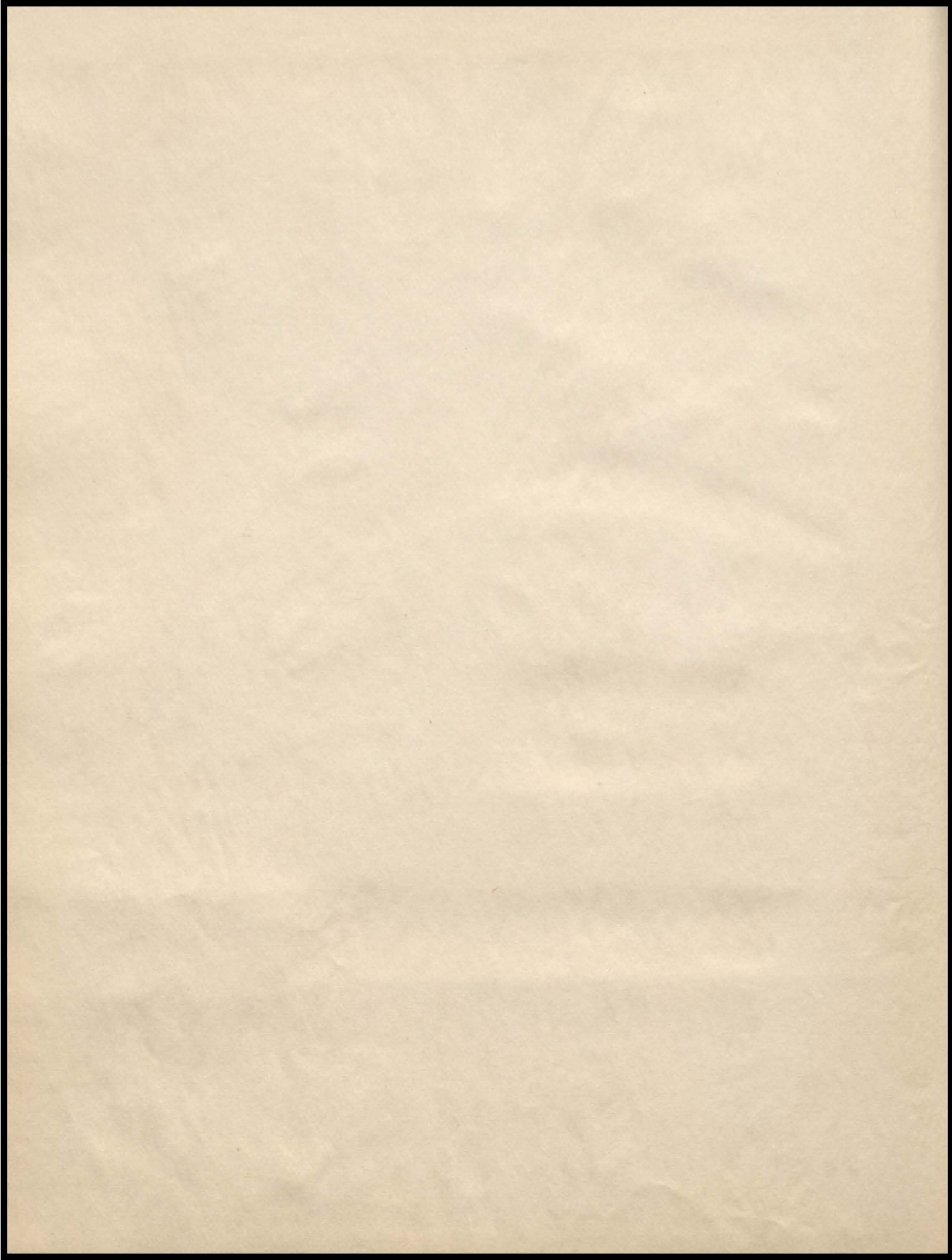
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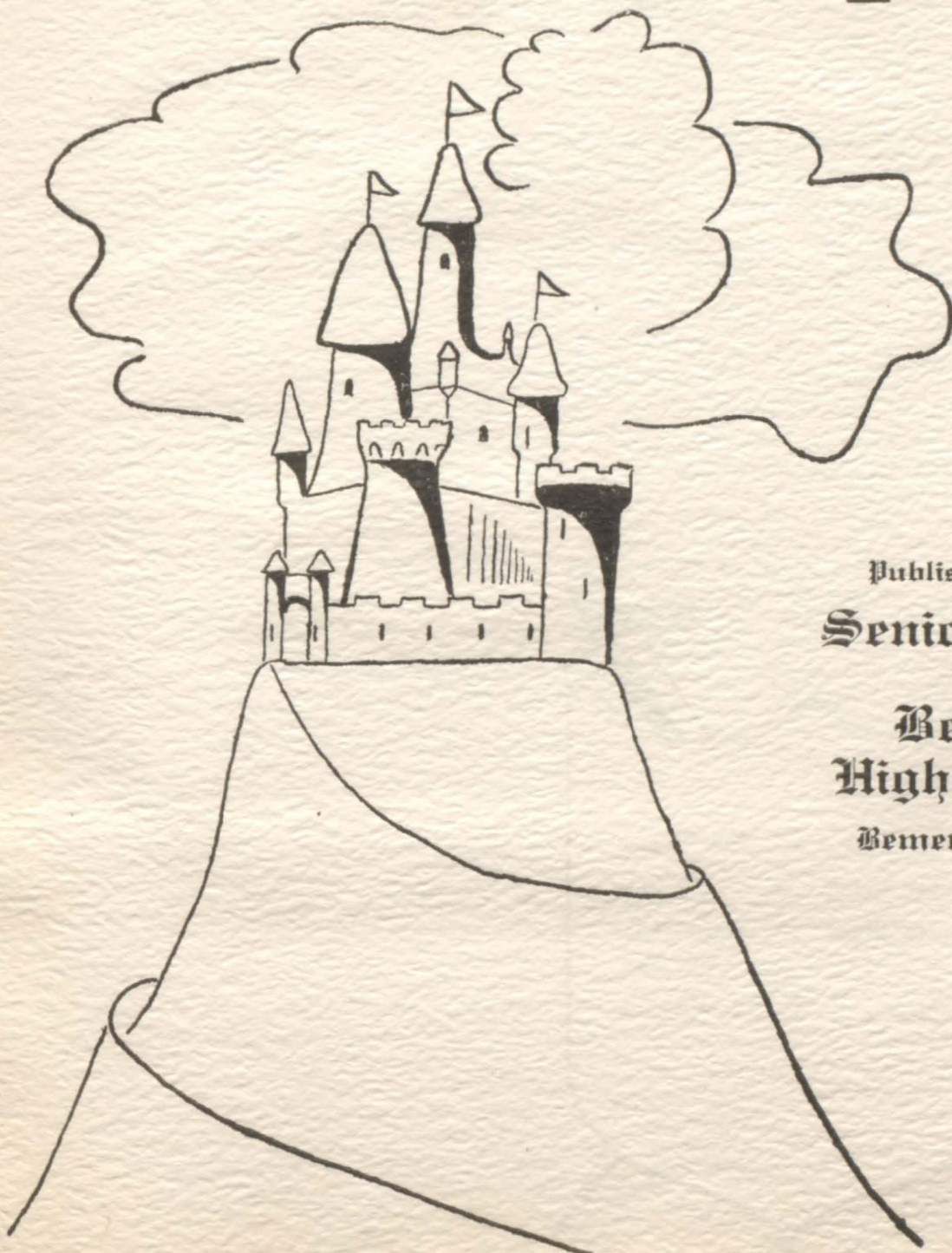


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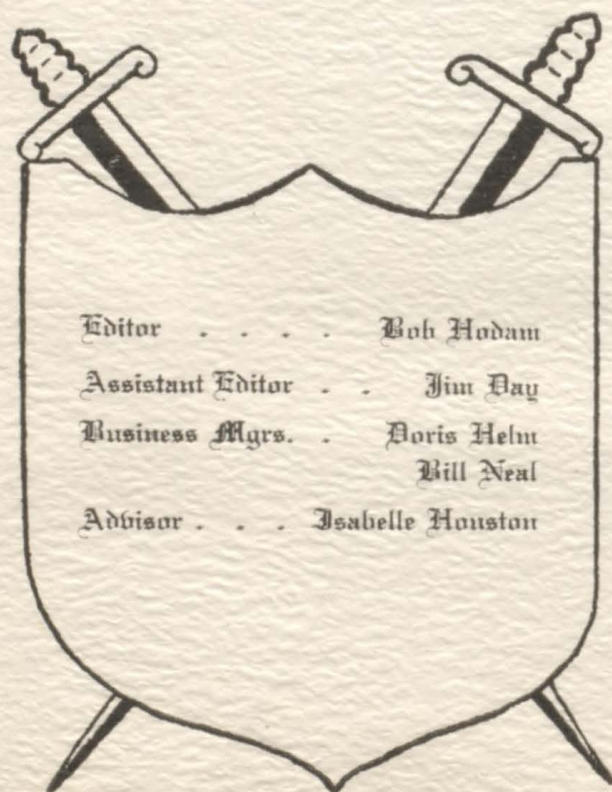
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Foreword

In the days of King Arthur and the famous Round Table a young man was carefully reared for useful service to the king by serving for a time as a page or squire, always preparing himself for the day when, with the tap of the king's sword, the coveted doors of knighthood would be opened to him.

Today, instead of serving as a page or squire, the youth attends a school. Although the arts which he learns and the method by which they are taught him have changed, the aim is still the same—to prepare him for a useful life.

In this, the 1951 edition of BIM, we have attempted to show how our school life is similar to the life in the medieval king's court. At the same time we hope to present a volume which you will cherish in the future years as a picture of school life in Bement High School in 1950 and 1951.

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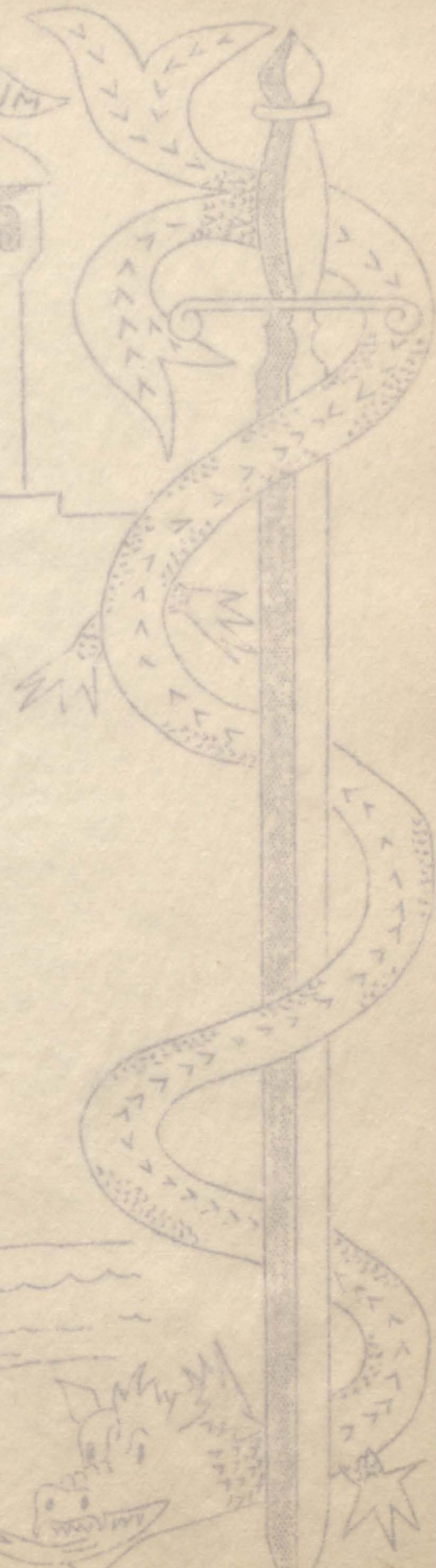


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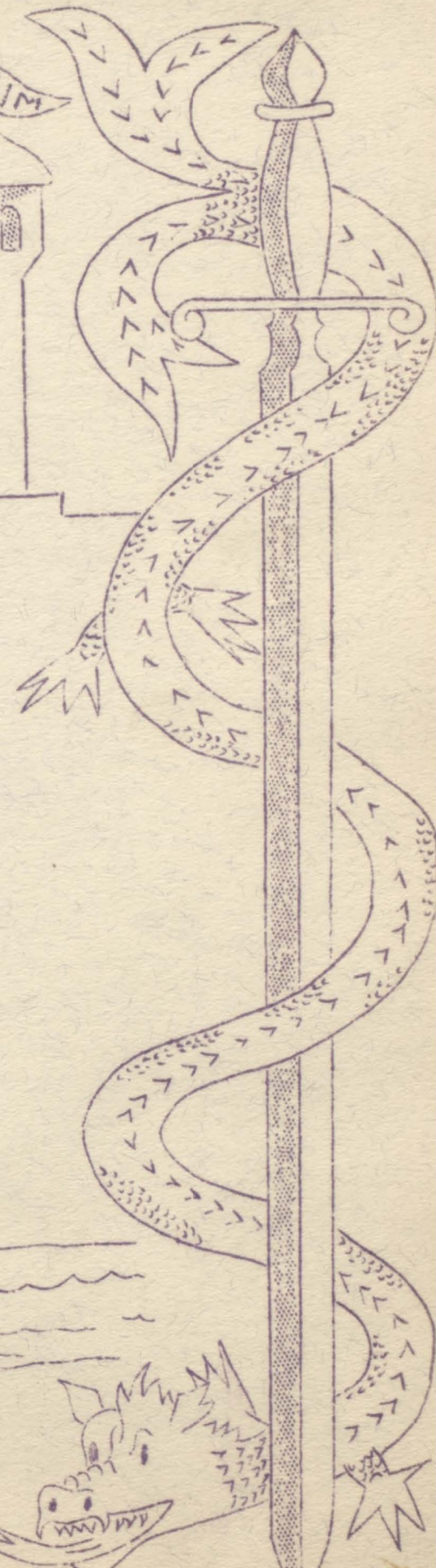
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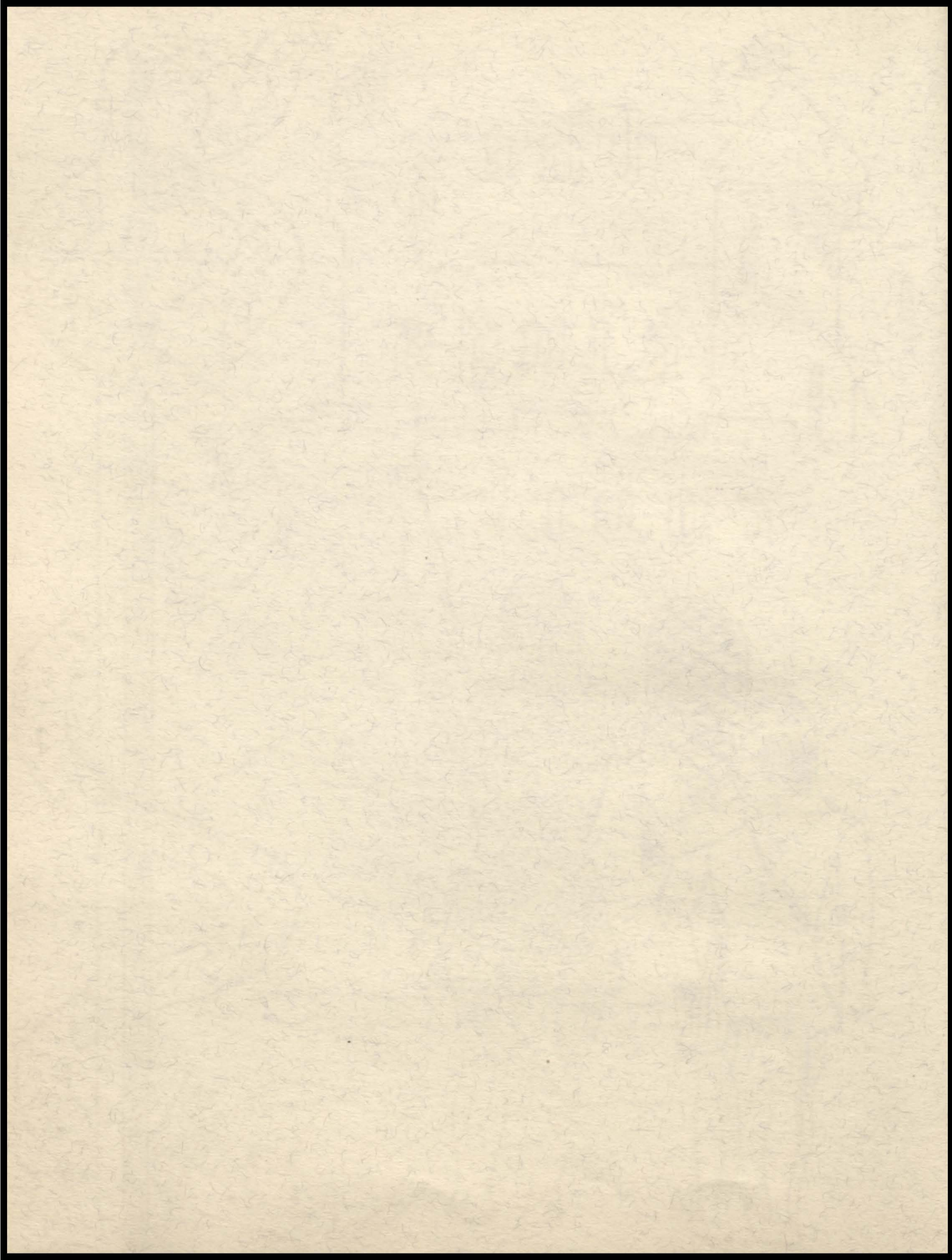
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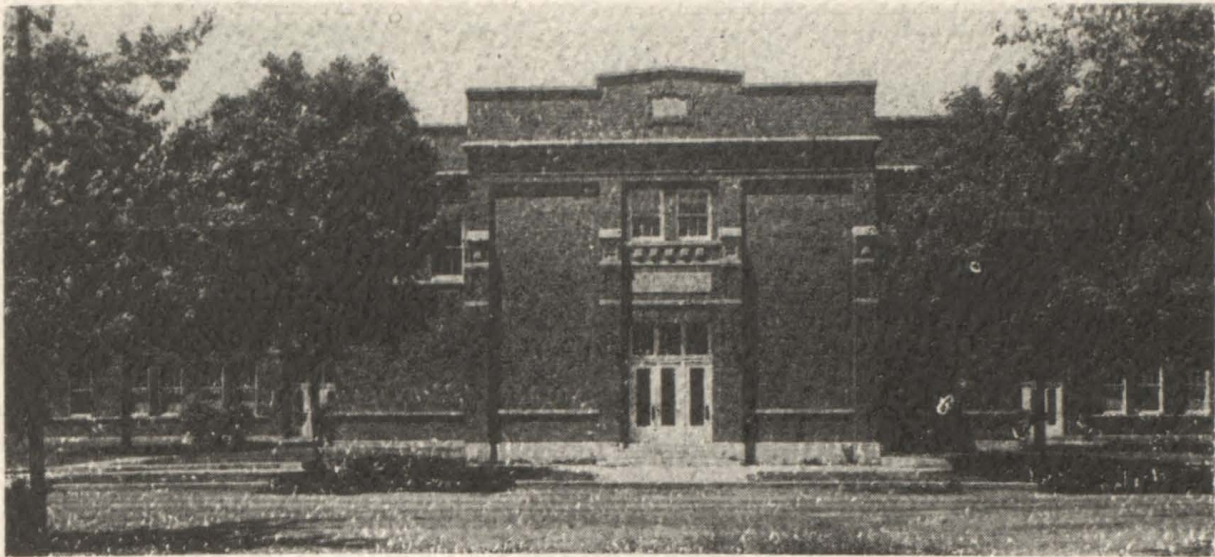
The King's Court

The walls of the medieval castle enclosed a great variety of people. Besides the lord and his chief advisors, there were a number of other individuals who either belonged to the court or were necessary for a smooth—functioning life.

In this section of the book we have tried to illustrate what part each individual connected with the school today would have played if he had lived nine or ten centuries earlier.

“Build on and make thy castles high and fair,
Rising and reaching upward to the skies . . .”

--Longfellow



The Castle

In the days when chivalry was in flower, the castle was the hub around which all community life revolved. Within its walls the lord of the castle held his court and the people carried on their daily activities.

In many ways our school is to us as the castle was to the citizens of King Arthur's time. During our high school days we spend most of our time within its halls and rooms and on its athletic fields preparing ourselves for a future life in which the old time castle with its protecting walls will not be a necessity.

The King and the Round Table

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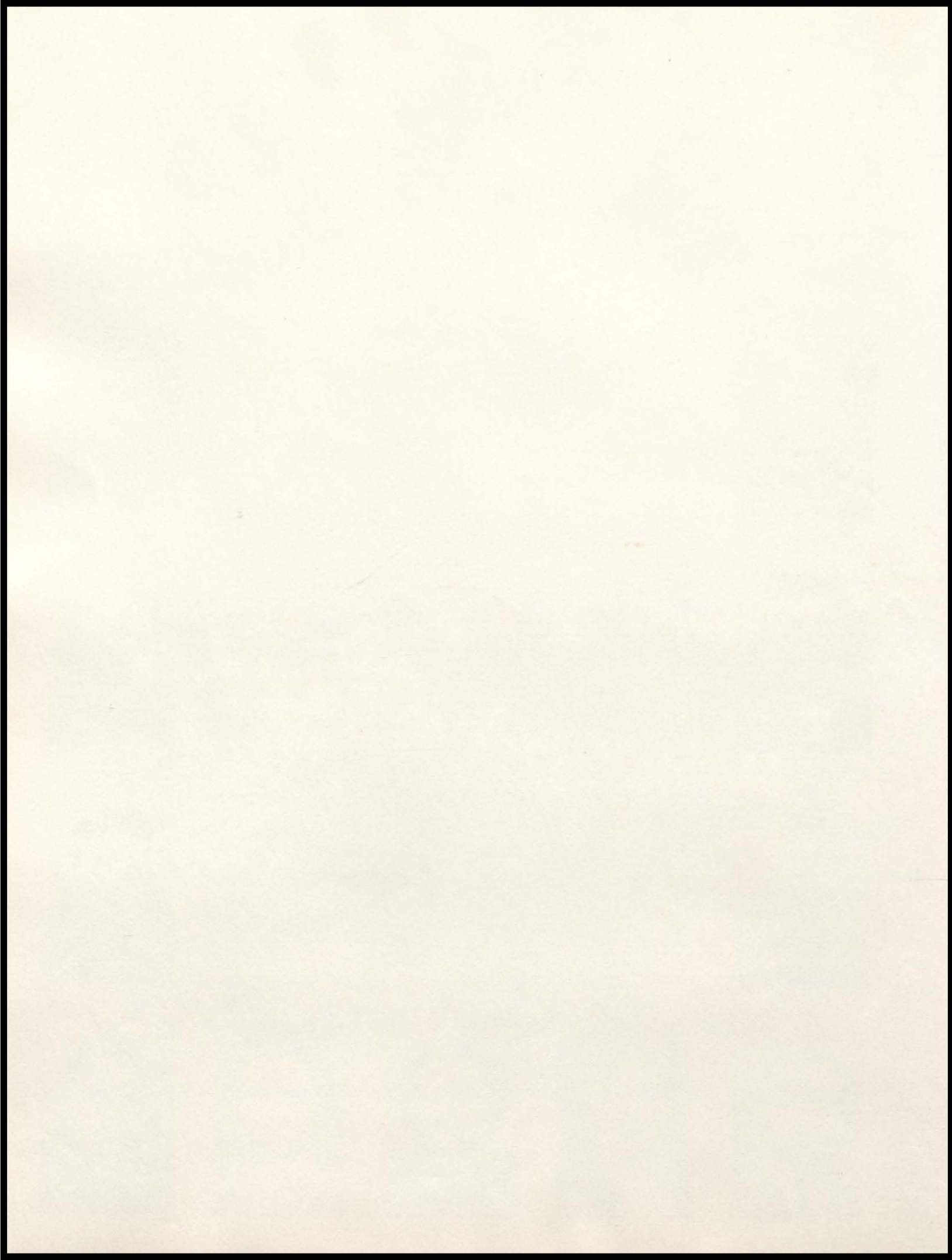
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The King and his Roundtable

During King Arthur's time the king and his round table of outstanding knights set the rules and precedents which the other members of the King's Court followed. Today the administration, the board of education, and the faculty of our school serve much the same purpose. This group, without a doubt, does much to influence and mold the lives of our students. Without their assistance and guidance today's youth would find it difficult to cope with the problems of the future. The members of our '50-'51 "Round Table" deserve the appreciation and respect of all of us.

Masters of the Meat and Drink

Haynes (Janitor) Leistman, Rucker, Olinger, Still, Scott

Throughout all ages the cooks have held an important place in society. Their place has not changed today. Each day throughout the school year this group of women prepares a hot, appetizing meal for nearly one hundred hungry high school students and two hundred grade school boys and girls.

Royal Charioteers

Miles, Woolridge, Barnhart, Bell, Crook

King Arthur probably never dreamed of anything resembling school busses, but they are a very valuable and necessary asset to today's schools. By the efforts of the drivers, two hundred fifty-four grade and high school students are conveyed to school each day from the rural areas of the school district.

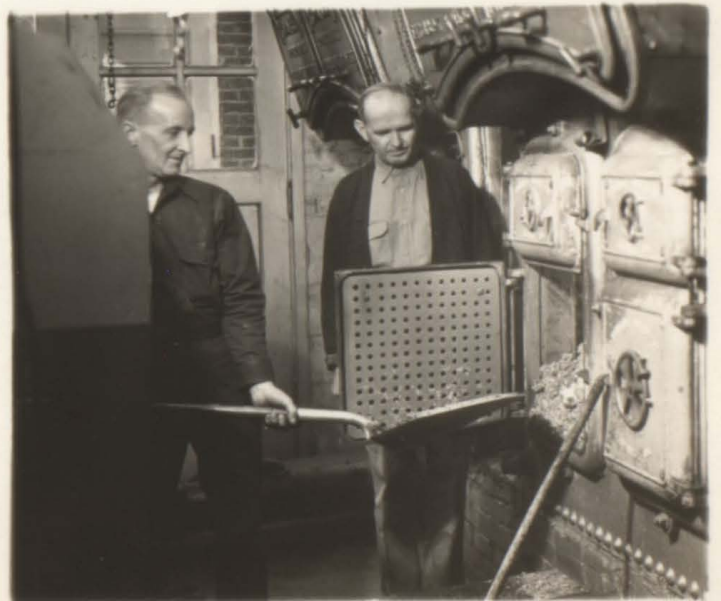
Keepers of the Castle

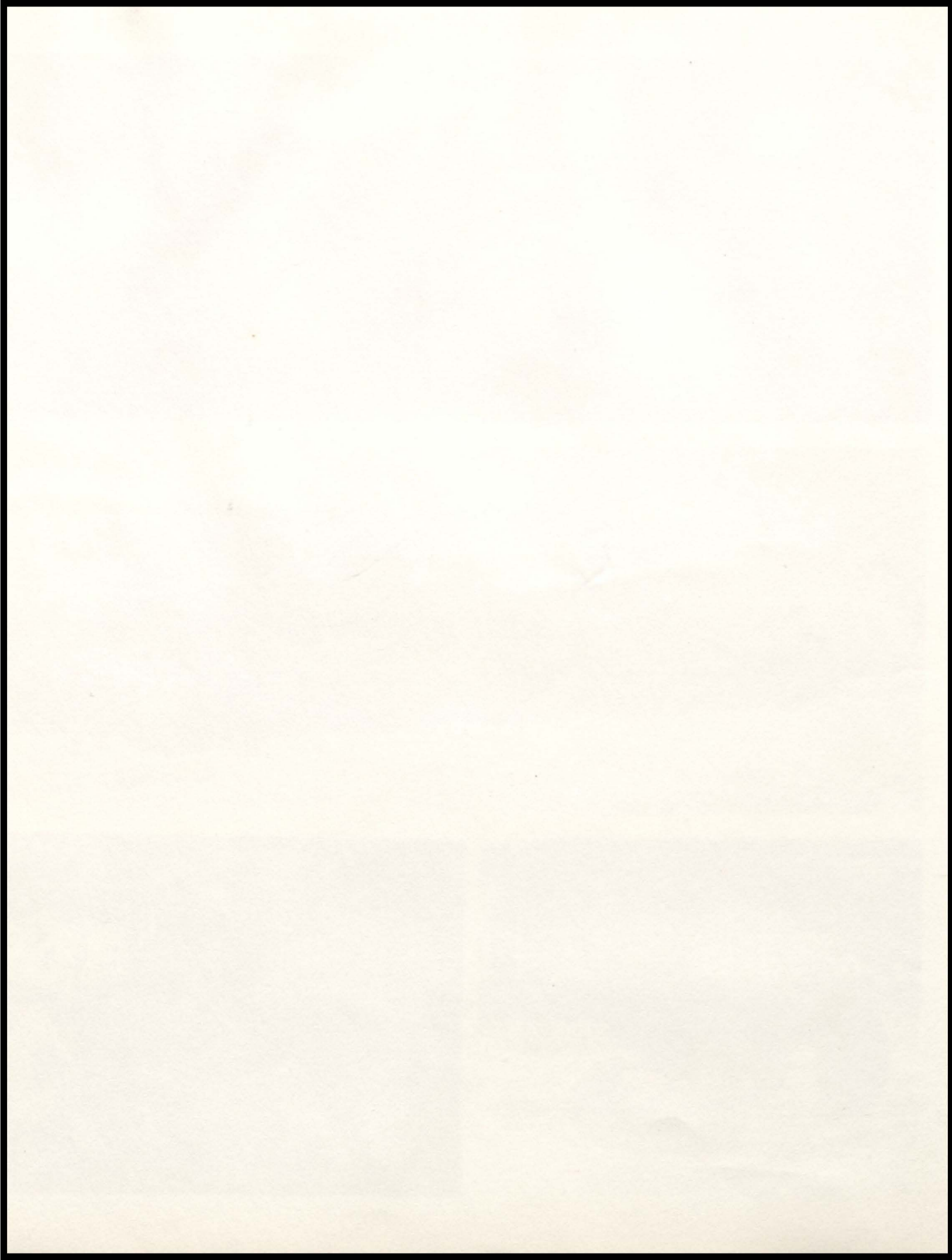
"Bunk" on the tractor

"Bunk" Hill and Orville Rucker

In King Arthur's time no one went to any great trouble to keep the castle clean and comfortable. Today, however, we work and play in surroundings kept sparkling and comfortable by these two janitors, Lloyd Hill and Orville Rucker.

Don't you like the picture of "Bunk"—a gallant knight astride his red charger?





**The
Royal
Subjects**

The Lords and Ladies

(SENIORS)

Joe Stoerger—

'51 President—'51 Ford—"Joltin' Joe"—Ho! Ho! Ho!
Laugh never to be forgotten—"Iron Fireman"—Takes life
as it comes.

Lenore Royal—

Vice President—D. A. R. Winner—Quiet but entertain-
ing—Will definitely go places—Noted for her large vo-
cabulary—Slow in movement, but quick at the temper.

Doris Helm—

Secretary-Treasurer—Ready smile — Kentucky accent—
Lenore's shadow—A good student all through school.

Jerry Tompkins—

A Ford in his furture—"Nauvoo Kid"—"Man, that's a
dude"—A great town, Milmine—Individualist—He's his
own master.

Don Vandercreek—

Not the flirting kind????—Van—Never do today what
you can put off until tomorrow—but, he'll get it done—
"On the stick"—Music, Math, Mischief—Arion winner.

Bill Neal—

"Willie"—Unpredictable—Distinctive humor—Great love
for music—Full of fun, but dependable.

Myrna Hord—

A permanent fixture in the commercial department—
Neat—Les—"Do you know a good joke?"—Never shirks
on a job.

Nancy Postlewait—

"Nance"—Always seems to be going somewhere—per-
manent fixture in "Bunk's" room—Often found in Slagle's
"Fordabaker"—"Say, I heard a good one today."

Robert Hodam—

Bob—Postman—Three S's — Studious, Smart, Sonya—
6' 2"—"Mighty Mite"—Destined for great things.

Marilyn Slagle—

"Ot"—"Studo-Ford"—Typing whiz—Sparkling diamond
—Large wardrobe—A will strictly her own.

Sheila Gallivan—

Double interests at U. of I.—Commuted on bus 7—Never
forgets a funny incident—Uncontrollable giggle—True
Irish—Never at a loss for words.



Lenore Royal



Joe Stoerger



Louis Helm



Don Vandercreek



Jerry Tompkins



Bill Neal



Myrna Ford



Nance Asthwait



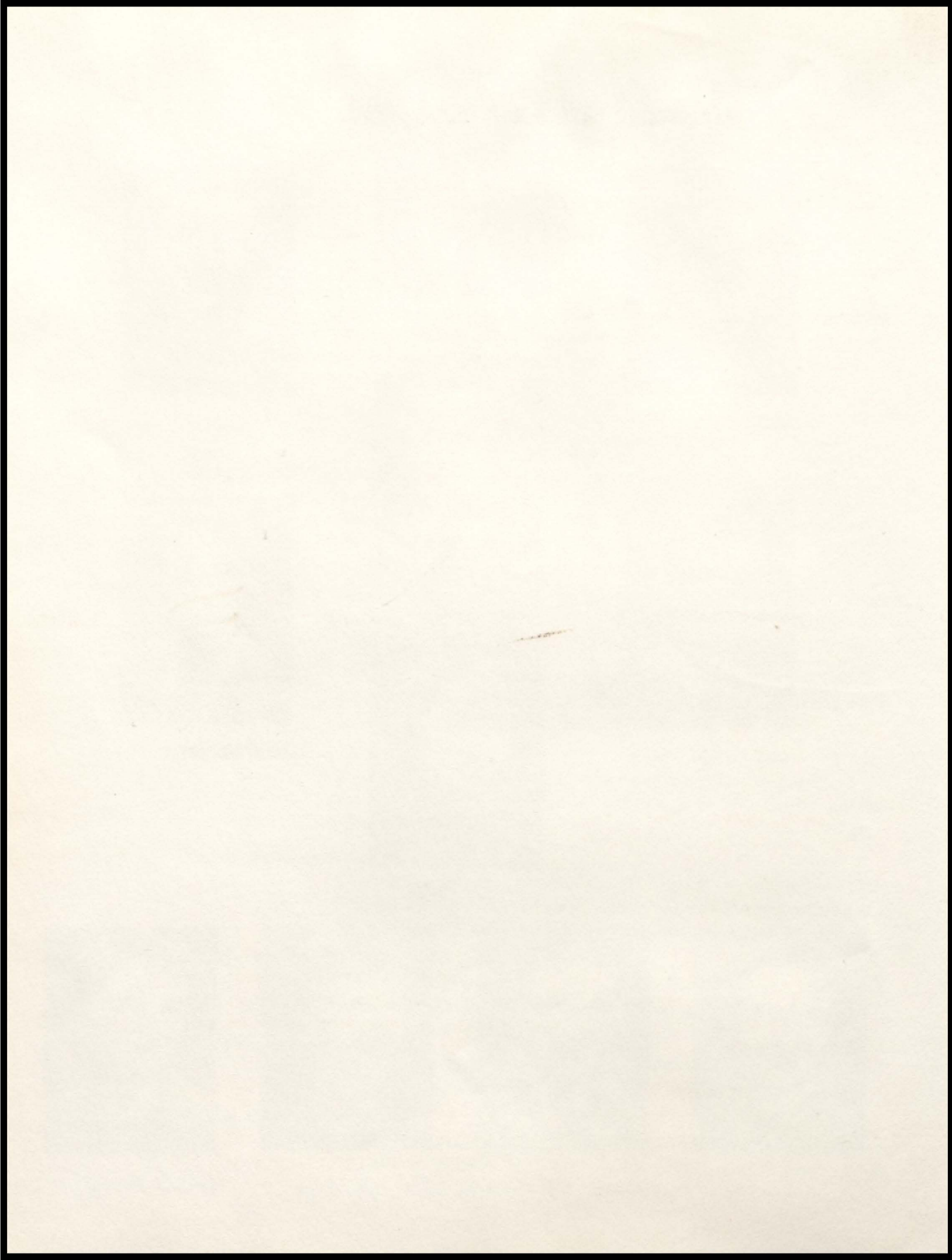
Robert Hodam



Marilyn Slagle



Sheila Gallian



Senior Class History

1947

Illinois wins Rose Bowl—England celebrates wedding of Princess Elizabeth—Nazi war criminals tried.

It was in this eventful year that we became the twenty-sixth freshman class to enter Bement High. After becoming accustomed to high school life, the thirty-one members of our class met for the first time with our class advisors, Miss Swaim and Mr. Smith, to elect our class officers. Jerry Tompkins was elected president; Nancy Postlewait; vice-president; and Helen McCabe, secretary.

1948

Berlin airlift in full operation . . . Mohandas Gandhi assassinated . . . Truman reelected.

In September of this year, twenty-seven sophomores returned from summer vacation to resume their activities and duties at Bement High.

We chose Bob Hodam as president; George Cavanaugh, vice-president; and Lenore Royal, secretary-treasurer. Our class advisors for this year were Mrs. Hammond and Mr. Hodam.

1949

Television continues to grow . . . Jet planes average 550 m. p. h. . . . Stalin celebrates sixty-ninth birthday.

The first thing we did as upper classmen this year was to elect Tom Gallivan, president; Nance Postlewait, vice-president; and Doris Helm, secretary-treasurer.

During the first semester, we tried our hand at drama and presented two class plays which were both quite successful. With the help of Mrs. Hammond, Mr. Hodam, Miss Council, Mr. Everson, we entertained the seniors at the gala "Mardi Gras." This prom brought a climactic end to our junior year.

1950

Bement passes school bond issue . . . Attempted assassination of President Truman . . . United Nations enters Korean War.

SENIORS AT LAST!!!!

We will always remember 1950 as the year we became full fledged upperclassmen. As leaders for this busy year we chose Joe Stoerger as president; Lenore Royal, vice-president; and Doris Helm, secretary-treasurer. Our advisors were Miss Houston and Mr. Taylor.

After vigorous and colorful campaigning, Nance Postlewait was elected Homecoming Queen. At Halloween, we all donned our masks and entertained the juniors at a masquerade party. Everyone enjoyed himself immensely. The junior-senior "Night Club" prom wound up our four years of high school social life.

On May 17, the senior class presented the mystery-comedy, "It's All In Your Head." The Baccalaureate Services were held on Sunday, May 20. Commencement night on May 24 with Joseph Hobbs, county superintendent of Mason County, as the main speaker, brought an end to the activities of our four enjoyable years which we will never forget.

The Lords and Ladies

(SENIORS)

- Rebecca Strater—**
“Becky”—“Shorty”—Loves that old '39 Ford — Takes good care of “Birdie”—A cute twirler—Excels in summer softball.
- Tom Gallivan—**
First semester senior—Chicago interests—Curly hair—Effective speaker—Friend of all.
- Pat Neal—**
Ended her day at noon—Bookkeeping whiz—Telephone operator—“Oh! that brother of mine.”
- Eugene Corum—**
“Bill Stern”—Ardent Cardinal fan — Are there other teams in the National League?—Slow and easy—Good natured.
- Alan Harshbarger—**
National Guard member—“Pix”—Artistic ability—If he doesn't understand, he asks—A will to work.
- Norma Cole—**
Red hair—Hot temper to match—Loves dancing—The friendly type—Strictly not a “bookworm”—Always tries to get a “head.”
- Bill Shumard—**
“Curly hair”—“Shu”—'39 Dodge—Known for speed—Bement's Red Grange.
- Aloha Durbin—**
“Lulu”—Lots of fun—Champaign bound—Star ripper in Home Ec—Talking leads to trouble—Good natured—Comes to school strictly for fun.
- Lois Pembroke—**
Always on the go—Comes to Bement night and day—That's not a sun streak in her hair—Full of Ivesdale gossip—Never know just what she's thinking.
- Nelda Mulvaney—**
“Nell”—Future all planned—Quiet type—Honest to goodness blond hair—Reliable and hardworking.
- Dolorus Behnke—**
Girl athlete—Always agreeable—“Bink” — Ivesdalian—Vim, Vigor, Vitality.
- Richard Stanton—**
Let's the teachers do the talking—“Yohunk”—Man with determination—Thorough, efficient, systematic—Ready smile, but never a giggle.

Rebecca Shuter



Tom Sullivan

Pat Neal



Eugene Corum

Norma Cole



Alan Harkbarger

Alba Durbio



William Shumard

Fred Bamrock

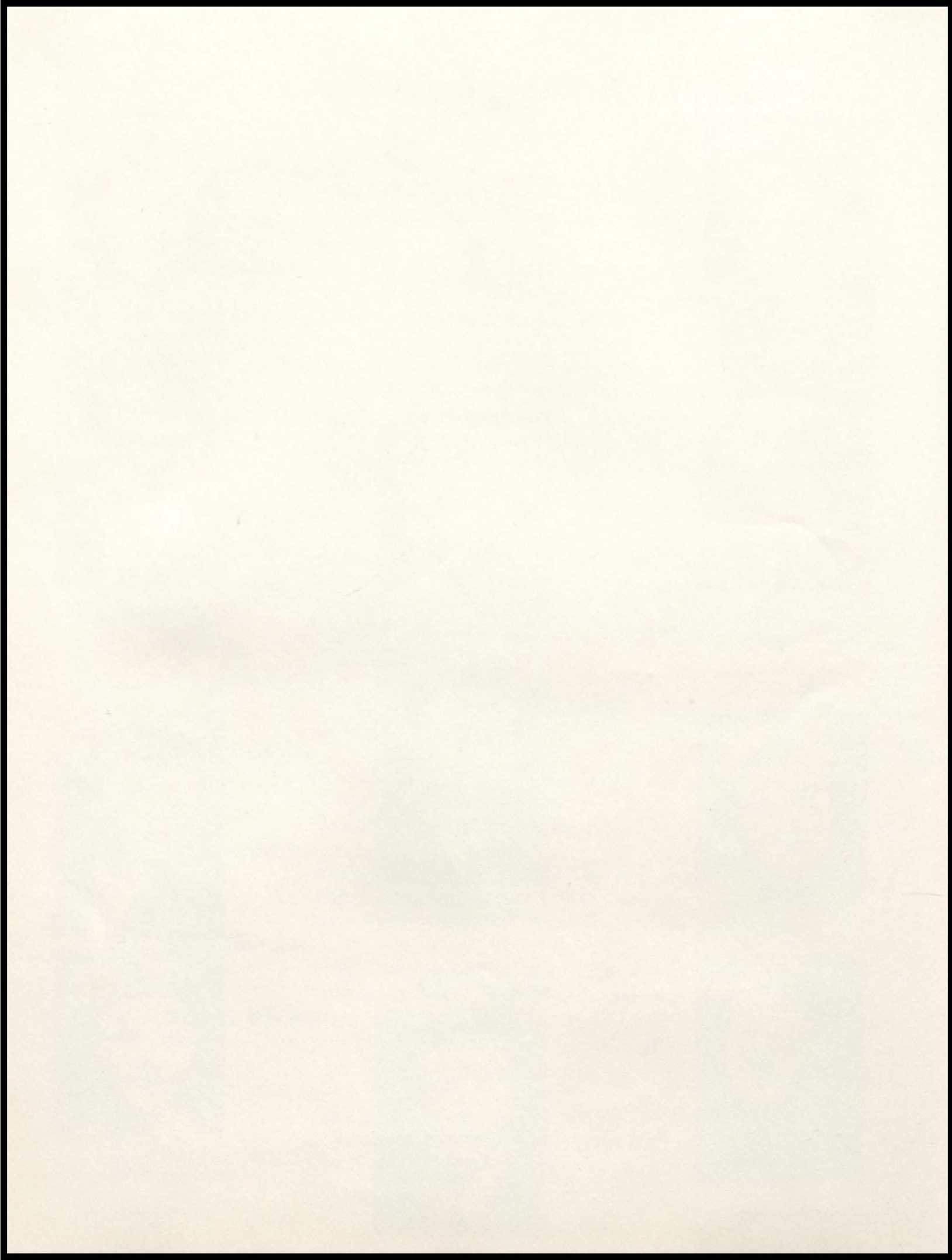


Nelda Mulvaney

Richard Stanton



Dolores Behrke



Senior Play

At 8:00 P. M. on May 17, the class of '51 presented a new type mystery-comedy in three acts, "It's All In Your Head."

The play, written by Charles Quimby Burdette, pictures the Prescott family who, after living all of their lives in an apartment in Chicago, move out to the suburbs into an old inherited house.

Mrs. Prescott, a laudably ambitious mother, has the idea that she wants the family to live graciously. Her easy going husband, Webster, has a time finding enough outfits to fit the nature of the work he has to do. Mitchell and Lissy Prescott are a typical, young, teenage brother and sister who talk in modern teen-age language. The Prescotts' oldest child, Isabel, is rather self-centered and full of college life.

Things really start happening when the maid, Anna Lucasky, and a next door neighbor, Enoch Twitchell, arrive at the household. Other guests over the week-end are Peter Wesley, Gurney Shaw, and Belle Lamont. The other character who brings suspense and action to the plot is a big black cat that succeeds in breaking some of the family's most treasured belongings.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mrs. Grace Prescott	Nance Postlewait
Mr. Webster Prescott	Bob Hodam
Melissa (Lissy) Prescott	Marilyn Slagle
Mitchell (Mitch) Prescott	Don Vandercreek
Isabel Prescott	Nelda Mulvaney
Enoch Twitchell	Joe Stoerger
	(A neighbor)
Anna Lucasky	Dolorus Behnke
	(A maid of all work)
Peter Wesley	Bill Neal
	(An insurance salesman)
Gurney Shaw	Eugene Corum
	(A college student)
Belle Lamont	Doris Helm
	(A newspaper columnist)
Sally Cramer	Rebecca Strater
	(A neighbor)

Senior Activities

- DOLORUS BEHNKE—Basketball Cheerleader 4; G. A. A. 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, Vice-President 4; Twirling 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.
- NORMA COLE—Basketball Cheerleader 4; Chorus 2; Twirling 4; G. A. A. 1; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3.
- EUGENE CORUM—Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball 1, 4; F. F. A. 3, 4, Reporter 4; B-Club 4; Newstaff 3; Class Play 3, 4; Homecoming Escort 4.
- ALOHA DURBIN—G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, Vice-President 2; Twirling 4.
- SHEILA GALLIVAN—Ivesdale 1, 2; Chorus 3, 4, Librarian 4; Sextet 4, District Solo Contest 4; F. H. A. 3, 4, Historian 4; G. A. A. 3, 4; Newstaff 4; Librarian 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3.
- TOM GALLIVAN—Carthage, Missouri 1, 2; Class President 3; Football Varsity 3; Basketball 3; Baseball Varsity 3; Track 3; F. F. A. 3, 4; B-Club 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3.
- ALAN HARSHBARGER—Basketball 2, 3, Manager 1; Football Manager 2; Newstaff 3, 4; Librarian 2; B-Club 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3.
- DORIS HELM—Class Secretary 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Camp Delegate 3; Librarian 3; Newstaff 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.
- BOB HODAM—Class President 2; Student Council 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Honorary Co-Captain 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Track 2, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; All State Chorus 4; Octet 1, 2, 3, 4; District Contest 2, 3, 4; State Contest 2, 3, 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Librarian 2; Newstaff 2, 3; Annual Staff 3, 4, Editor 4; Red Coats Dance Band 2; Class Play 3, 4; Homecoming Escort 4.
- MYRNA HORD—Student Council 2, 4; Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, Vice-President 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3.
- NELDA MULVANEY—Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.

Senior Activities

BILL NEAL—Student Council 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3, 4; District Solo Contest 2, 3, 4; State Solo Contest 2, 3, 4; Octet 2, 3, 4; District Contest 2, 3, 4; State Contest 2, 3, 4; Red Coats Dance Band 2; F. F. A. 3, 4; Newstaff 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.

PAT NEAL—Albuquerque 3; G. A. A. 1, 2; F. H. A. 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2; Band 1, 2.

NANCE POSTLEWAIT—Class Vice-President 1, 3; Student Council 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Band 1,2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Librarian 2; Clarinet Quartet 1, 2; Red Coats Dance Band 1, 2; Octet 1, 2, 3, 4, District Contest 2, 3, 4; State Contest 2, 3, 4; Girls' Sextet 3; Girls' Trio 3; All State Chorus 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 1, 3, President 4, Secretary 2; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 2, 4; Newstaff 2, 3, 4, Editor 4; Librarian 2; Annual Staff 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4.

LENORE ROYAL—Class Vice-President 4; Class Secretary 2; Queen Attendant 3; Student Council 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, Camp Delegate 2, Vice-President 2; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, Camp Delegate 3; Newstaff 4; Annual Staff 1, 4; Class Play 3.

BILL SHUMARD—Football Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Track Varsity 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball 1; Student Council 3; B-Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Homecoming Escort 4.

MARILYN SLAGLE—Football Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Basketball Cheerleader 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, Secretary 2; F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Librarian 2, 3; Newstaff 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.

RICHARD STANTON—Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Football Manager 3, 4; B-Club 4.

JOE STOERGER—Ivesdale 1, 2; Class President 4; Baseball 3, 4, Varsity 3; F. F. A. 3, 4, Vice-President 4; B-Club; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.

REBECCA STRATER—Basketball Cheerleader 4; Queen Attendant 2; Chorus 1; Twirler 3, 4; G. A. A. 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3, 4.

JERRY TOMPKINS—Class President 1; Student Council 1, 4; President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; B-Club 3, 4, President 4; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3; Homecoming Escort 4.

DON VANDERCREEK—Student Council 4; Basketball 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 2, Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Octet 1, 2, 3, 4, District Contest 2, 3, 4, State Contest 2, 3, 4; Red Coats Dance Band 1, 2; District Solo Contest 2, 3, 4; State Solo Contest 3, 4; All State Band 4; Newstaff 3; Annual Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4.

Prophecy!

Fifteen years have passed and the class of '51 finds it time to have its first class reunion. Myrna Hord, a retired banker, is at home on her five hundred acre plantation trying to get all of the cards sent out to old classmates before she starts out on a trip to Europe.

In collecting all of the addresses she finds that Dolorus Behnke has gone to Hollywood and is rehearsing for her latest picture in which she stars in the role of a ballet dancer. Watching her rehearse is millionaire-producer Richard Stanton who is waiting on his chauffeur to bring his custom-made auto to the studio. Here comes his car now.

Look at that chauffeur! He's so fat he can hardly sit under the wheel. Say, that fellow looks familiar. What do you know! It's Alan Harshbarger. As they are driving home through the outskirts of Hollywood, they see Joe Stoerger, a shabby old bum, running down the railroad track trying to catch a freight train back to the East to the reunion.

The engineer on that train is Bill Neal, who has gained the title of "Railroad Fireball" in the West. His run ends at San Antonio, Texas, where Bill Shumard is a telegraph operator. He places bets on horses on the side. One of his most frequent customers, Nelda Mulvaney, wife of a San Antonio oilman, was in and placed a large bet on a new horse owned by Doris Helm. Doris, a practical nurse, inherited a large ranch from one of her patients. Doris has employed Bob Hodam, a local cow-poke, as a strong hand to care for her horses. Bob has gone completely western from his life on this ranch. He goes to town every Saturday night to hear Don Vandercreek and Marilyn Slagle sing, yodel, and strum their guitars. They call themselves "The Western Warblers."

Another of our classmates has a career in music. Sheila Gallivan is becoming well known for her singing commercials. She works at the same studio as Eugene Corum, sports announcer for the Chicago Cubs. Lenore Royal is also affiliated with the Cubs. She has made good as a concession operator at Wrigley Field. Lenore is rooming in Chicago with Becky Strater, secretary to the president of Marshall Fields. She got the job because one of her best friends, Norma Cole, married him and she hires all of his office girls. Aloha Durbin made a dandy maid at Norma's house, but she got fired for beating the kids. Now she works as a traveling companion for Lois Pembroke, a wild game hunter.

Tom Gallivan has been hired as a photographer on her next excursion. He is taking a little rest from photographing babies, which is his real business. Tom has just returned from a visit to his old alma mater and found that Jerry Tompkins has stayed on at the old school as commercial teacher. He has all his bookkeeping problems printed at the Register Office, where Nance Postlewait, editor of THE BEMENT REGISTER, prints the news of Bement and surrounding country. Her best reporter is Pat Neal, who collects all her items for the gossip column on her regular job as telephone operator.

Cast Will and Testament

- I, Bob Hodam, will my love for athletics to Bill Mundy and Jack Porter.
- I, Don Vandercreek, will my sly winks and flirtations with all the girls to Raymond Hardimon and Jim Day.
- I, Marilyn Slagle, will my speedy typing ability to Carrie Ard and Marguerite Pembroke.
- I, Alan Harshbarger, will my motorbike to Jim Clark and Dave Dobson so they won't have to run laps around that big new gym floor next year.
- I, Myrna Hord, will my quiet manner to Eileen Foran, Lulu Belle Hinton, and Hilda Janssen.
- I, Richard Stanton, will my decorous behavior to Larry Rainey and Bruce Hannon. They'll have to look it up to find out how to act.
- I, Bill Shumard, will my harmonica to Donald Perry and Dorothy White.
- I, Eugene Corum, will my slow and easy manner to Charlie Tucker and Max King.
- I, Tom Gallivan, will my winning smile to Paul O'Hara and Jim Born.
- I, Joe Stoerger, will my boisterous laugh to Peggy Goodmon.
- I, Sheila Gallivan, will my high soprano voice to Rich Gallivan.
- I, Jerry Tompkins, will my short haircut to Frank Swaim.
- I, Bill Neal, will my musical talent to Stanley Pettyjohn.
- I, Lois Pembroke, will my place on Lynn Crook's bus to Dale Clow.
- I, Dolorus Behnke, will my athletic ability to Jack Kirwan, Norman Imel, and Dan Laroe.
- I, Nance Postlewait, will my chair down in "Bunk's" room to Bob Proctor and Bob Brewer.
- I, Pat Neal, will my afternoons off to Bob Romack.
- I, Nelda Mulvaney, will my love of diamonds to Lois Jean Bradley.
- I, Lenore Royal, will my place behind the soda fountain at Hill's to Margie Lawson.
- I, Aloha Durbin, will my repertoire of jokes to Wanda Depew.
- I, Doris Helm, will my ability as secretary of the class to Shirley McCabe.
- I, Rebecca Strater, will my liking for an F. F. A. ring to Norma Fombelle.
- I, Norma Cole, will my place as cheerleader to Dorothy Koebel.

Knights

(JUNIORS)

Reading from left to right:

Top row: Shirley McCabe, Paul O'Hara, Raymond Hardimon, Jim Clark, Eilene Foran

Second row: Donald Perry, Charles Tucker, Lois Jean Bradley, Jim Born, Jim Day.

Third row: Dottie Koebel, Bob Romack, Norman Imel, Bob Brewer, Frank Swaim, Dorothy White.

Fourth row: Dan Laroe, Bob Proctor, Marguerite Lawson, Bruce Hannon, Larry Rainey.

Fifth row: Norma Fombelle, Wanda Depew, Bill Mundy, Marguerite Pembroke, Carrie Ard.

Sixth row: Dave Dobson, Jack Kirwan, Peggy Goodman, Dale Clow, Max King.

Seventh row: Rich Gallivan, Lula Belle Hinton, Stanley Pettyjohn, Hilda Janssen, Jack Porter.

Junior Class History

"Hurray! We're upper classmen at last!" This was the enthusiasm reflected by the jolly junior classmen as they met with their class advisors, Miss Lefever, Miss Prange, Mr. Everson, and Mr. Tucker. At this meeting they elected Raymond Hardimon as president, Paul O'Hara as vice-president, and Jim Clark as secretary-treasurer. For student council representatives they chose Lois Jean Bradley, Charles Tucker and Jim Born.

Carrie Ard made a "Honey" of a Homecoming Queen Attendant in her pretty blue formal. The juniors outdid themselves in campaigning for her.

We are very proud of the seven letter men of the junior class in football and the six in basketball. Good work, boys!

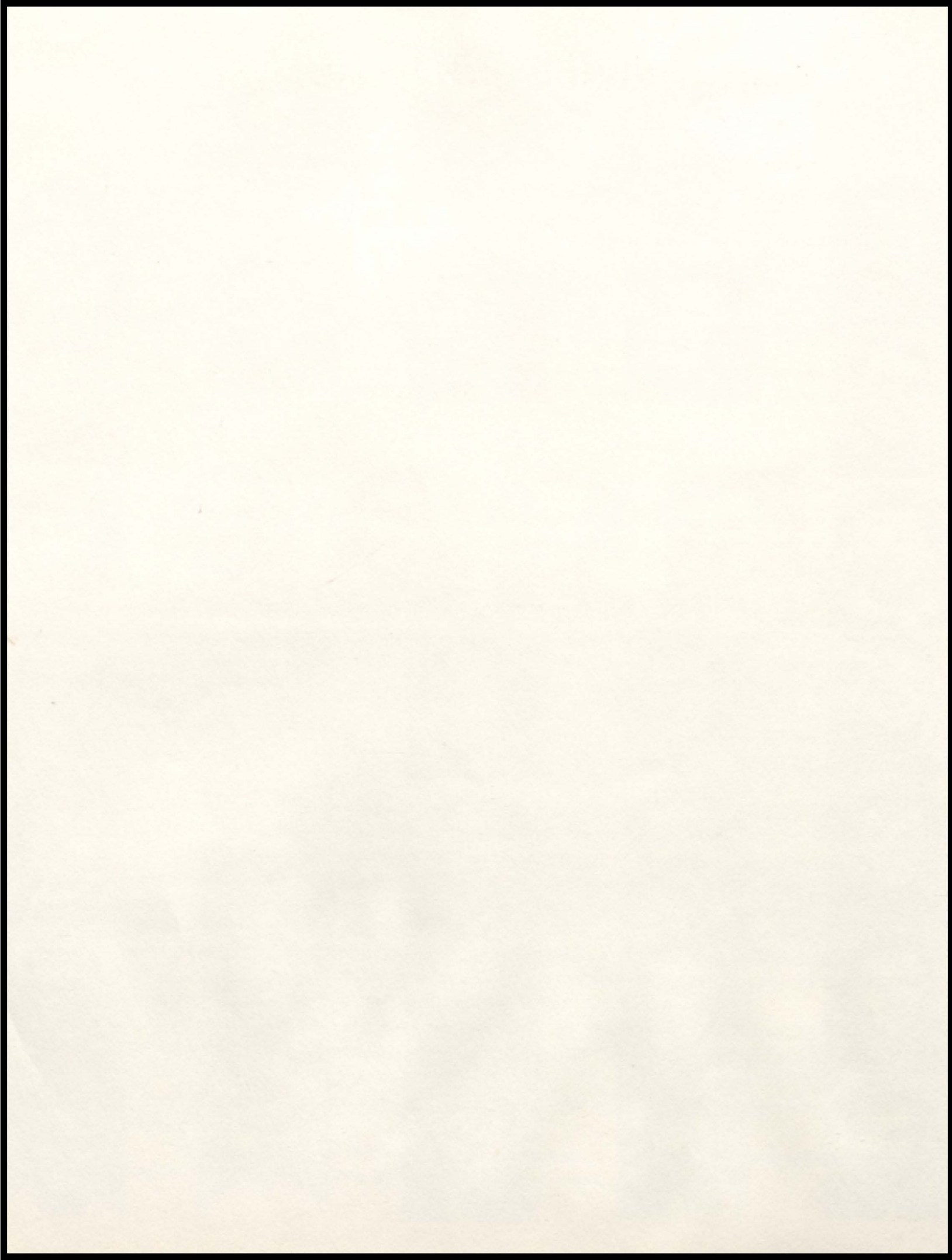
The juniors decided at one of their class meetings to have a banquet and prom for the seniors on May 5. In order to raise money for this, the class decided to operate the refreshment stand at the football games. All the members of the class that were not on the football team or in the band helped sell candy, gum, pop, coffee, and hotdogs in ALL KINDS of weather. They didn't mind though, because the stand turned out to be a success with the help and supervision of our advisors.

The seniors entertained the juniors on Halloween night with a masquerade party. Thanks a lot for the grand time, seniors! We wish you lots of luck when you graduate.

We hope that the junior class next year will have as much fun as we have had this year.

The class of '52 are looking forward to a fun-packed and successful senior year to complete their high school days.





Junior-Senior Banquet-Prom

The time is 6:30,
The place—the high school gym,
We'll dance to Roy Hamp's music
When the lights are turned down dim.
My poem is almost ended
Except to tell you, son,
The date of this gay banquet
Is 5/5/51

This was the invitation that bid every girl to put on her new formal and every boy to wear his best suit. That's right, it was Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom time again.

As the guests arrived, they found the gymnasium was no longer the familiar basketball floor, but a night club called the Stork Club.

The juniors and their guests seated themselves at the little white tables arranged in a semi-circle. At one side of the floor in front of a green and white background was the orchestra. In the center of a green and white false ceiling was a round revolving mirror which reflected the lighting and bright colors of the room.

Several distinguished celebrities at our night club, who were impersonated by their school-life counterparts, provided the program.

The toastmaster of the evening was Charles "Einstein" Tucker. Raymond "Admiral" Hardimon, commander of the juniors, addressed the seniors. "Harry S." Stoerger, president of the elders, responded for the seniors. A. E. "Gardenia" Bodman, engineer behind the scenes, represented the school board. A. E. "Guy Dance" Wehmeier, big wheel of Bement High School, spoke to the students and guests.

Next on the program was a French menu, which seemed to baffle everyone until it was served by the sophomore and a few of the freshmen girls. The menu proved to be an appetizer of grapefruit juice; a main course of baked ham, succotash, twice baked potatoes, pineapple with cottage cheese salad, rolls; and a dessert of chiffon pie.

Before the dance started, the "Harmonious 6", (the girls' sextet) began the floor show. The Musical Demons, a rhythm band made up of several junior boys, was next. Last in the floor show was the Rockettes, a dance routine by some of the girls.

The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. During the intermission, a fruit punch over ice cream was served.

At 11:30, Roy Hamp's music ended, and it was agreed that a very enjoyable evening was spent by everyone.

Squires

(SOPHOMORES)

Inset: Kent Siders, president; Ray Hannon, vice-president; John Hannon, secretary-treasurer; Linda Byerline and Richard Strater, student council members.

Clockwise starting in upper left hand corner: Sonya Clark, Dan Scott, Barbara Tynan, Dale Turner, Janet McCollum, Kay Crinigan, Johnnie Eades, Eva Strater, Ann Perkins, Bill Koebel, Jean McHenry, David Hawkins, Margaret Laroe, Roy Scott, Joyce Day, John Fuqua.

Sophomore Class History

Twenty-four of us crossed the alley in 1949 and began our high school life. After a very successful year in which we participated in nearly every activity, we emerged from the halls of Bement High a little wiser and looking forward to being sophomores..

At our first meeting we chose Kent Siders, Ray Hannon and John Hannon as president, vice-president, and secretary, respectively, to guide us through our second year. Linda Byerline and Richard Strater were elected to represent our class on the Student Council.

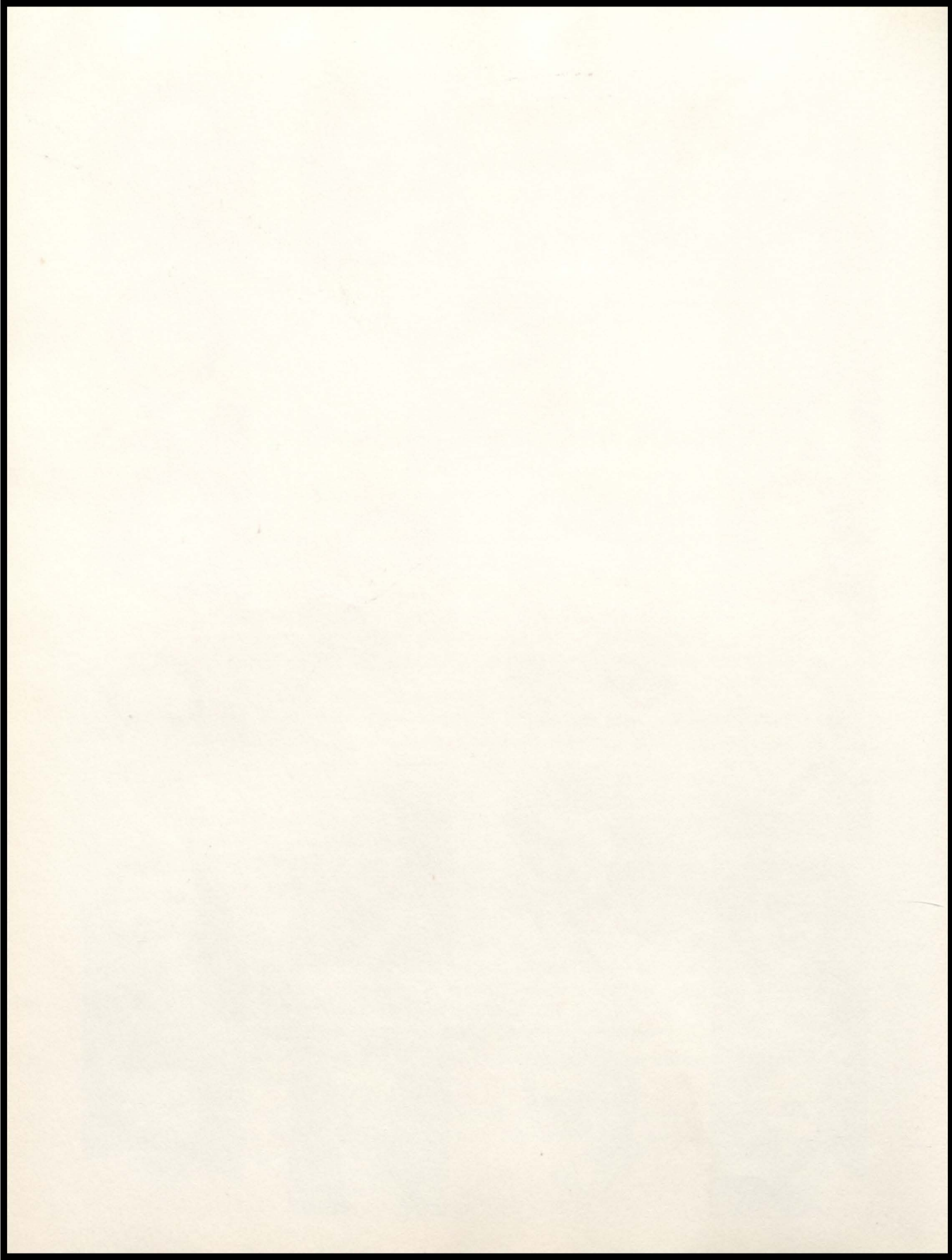
We were very disappointed when our candidate for Homecoming Queen, Joyce Day, wasn't elected, especially after we carried out a bang-up campaign with a classmate's truck and the music department's drum section. She made a charming attendant, however.

Although small in number, we were represented in almost every activity in school. We had two members place first in solo work and four members in the octet and sextet which received firsts in the district music contest. Three of our classmates were chosen as varsity football cheerleaders. Several of our boys were honored at the annual Football Banquet, too.

We invited the freshmen to join us at our April Food party, March 30. As we entered the gym door, we noticed the funny faces hanging around and crepe paper in spring colors hanging from the baskets and ceiling. Later when the curtains on the stage were opened, punch and sandwiches were served from a long table under a canopy of colorful crepe paper. Everyone seemed to have lots of fun carrying out the April Fool theme.

All of us have really enjoyed our sophomore year at Bement High and are now looking forward to the time when we will be juniors and upper classmen.





Sophomore Scenes

Kent Siders answering to the name of "Danny." Guess who?
Linda Byerline misunderstanding her English assignments.
Richard Strater and John Hannon snatching something from somebody.
Joyce Day flashing her "bear traps."
"Sam" Hawkins grinning—and grinning—and grinning.
Kay Crinigan talking to Miss Council and cracking her wise cracks.
Dale Turner racing his little green coupe.
Eva Strater showing her dimples and saying, "I don't believe it."
John Fuqua secretly enjoying being the only boy in biology class.
Barb Tynan's "No, I never" we could never miss.
Johnny Eades slipping into class a little late.
Sonya Clark trying to remember, five seconds before the bell rings, where she's left something. Good thing Bob has such a good memory.
Bill Koebel arguing over anything with his side kick, Danny Scott.
Ann Perkins talking over something important with "Squirt."
Ray Hannon always figuring out the tough ones in geometry.
Janet McCollum trying awfully hard to meet her newstaff deadline.
Roy Scott gazing wistfully out of the window on the north landing.
Margaret Laroe always patting one of her friends on the back.
Jean McHenry always having a cheerful smile for everyone.

DISTINGUISHING DITTIES

Kent Siders	.....	"Danny Boy"
Linda Byerline	.....	"Trees"
Dale Turner	.....	"Hot Rod Race"
Sonya Clark	.....	"I'm Late"
Johnny Eades	.....	"Gone Fishin' "
Ann Perkins	.....	"Snookey Uk-Kums"
Ray Hannon	.....	"Whatta Ya Know"
Joyce Day	.....	"Homework"
David Hawkins	.....	"Smiles"
Kay Crinigan	.....	"Skater's Waltz"
Danny Scott	.....	"Hair of Gold"
Eva Strater	.....	"Mr. Touchdown"
Bill Koebel	.....	"Lazybones"
Barb Tynan	.....	"Birth of the Blues"
Richard Strater	.....	"Big Rock Candy Mountain"
John Fuqua	.....	"Kokomo, Indiana"
John Hannon	.....	"Listen to the Mocking Bird".
Janet McCollum	.....	"Dark Eyes"
Roy Scott	.....	"After School Blues"
Margaret Laroe	.....	"Put Your Shoes on, Lucy"
Jean McHenry	.....	"Sweet and Lovely"

Pages

(FRESHMEN)

Reading from top to bottom.

First row: Walter, Corky Carlin, Marlene Bowyer, Harry Porter, Gene Bentley, Don Allison, Violet VanLandingham, John Sebens, Richard Dancey

Second row: Bob Fogerson, Rachel Day, Don Hooker, Ray Tate, Shirley Zane, Larry Knapp, Sharon Clow, Kenneth Westfall

Third row: Sue Hannon, Paul Larimore, Marlene Hord, Peggy Randall, Marjorie Bolsen, Bob Gallivan, Kenneth Phipps

Fourth row: Lowell Buoy, Barbara Bolsen, David Bales, Don Stout, Chalmer Hinton, Joe Olinger, Beverly Ward, Bob Fairbanks

Fifth row: Charles Bartison, Dick Eades, Theresa Hardimon, David Spearman, Robert Bradley, Clyde Perry, Pat Klein, Ronald Harshbarger, Robert Fombelle

Freshman Review

Even though the freshmen were green, they made a good showing in high school this year.

To lead them through the year they chose as the freshman governing body the following: Peggy Randall, president; Ray Tate, vice-president; and Don Stout, secretary-treasurer. Chalmer Hinton and Shirley Zane were elected members of the student council.

The class was very well advised by Miss Council and Mr. Anderson.

As the freshman candidate for homecoming queen they chose Pat Klein. Although she was not elected queen, Pat made a charming attendant.

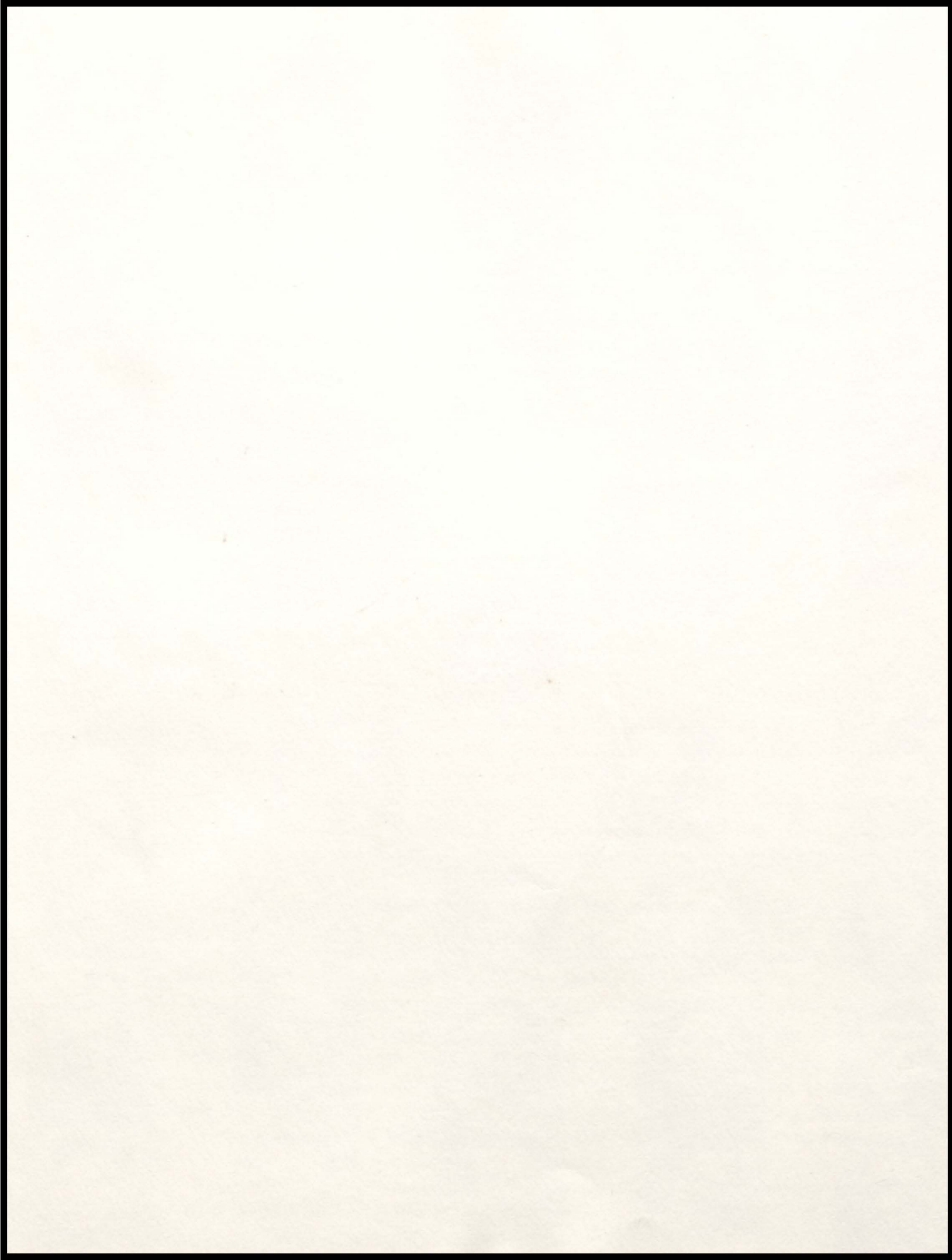
About twenty freshmen answered the call to football practice. Of them, four—John Sebens, Dave Spearman, Don Allison and Ken Westfall—were awarded letters. This is the first time in the history of Bement football that so many freshmen were letter winners.

This class got into the social swing by having a Valentine Party. John Sebens and Shirley Zane were elected King and Queen of the party.

The freshmen made their second venture into partyland on March 30. The sophomores entertained them with an April Fool's party. Larry Knapp had the honor of being crowned the biggest fool of the evening. The freshmen enjoyed playing games and dancing. Punch and sandwiches were served by the sophomores.

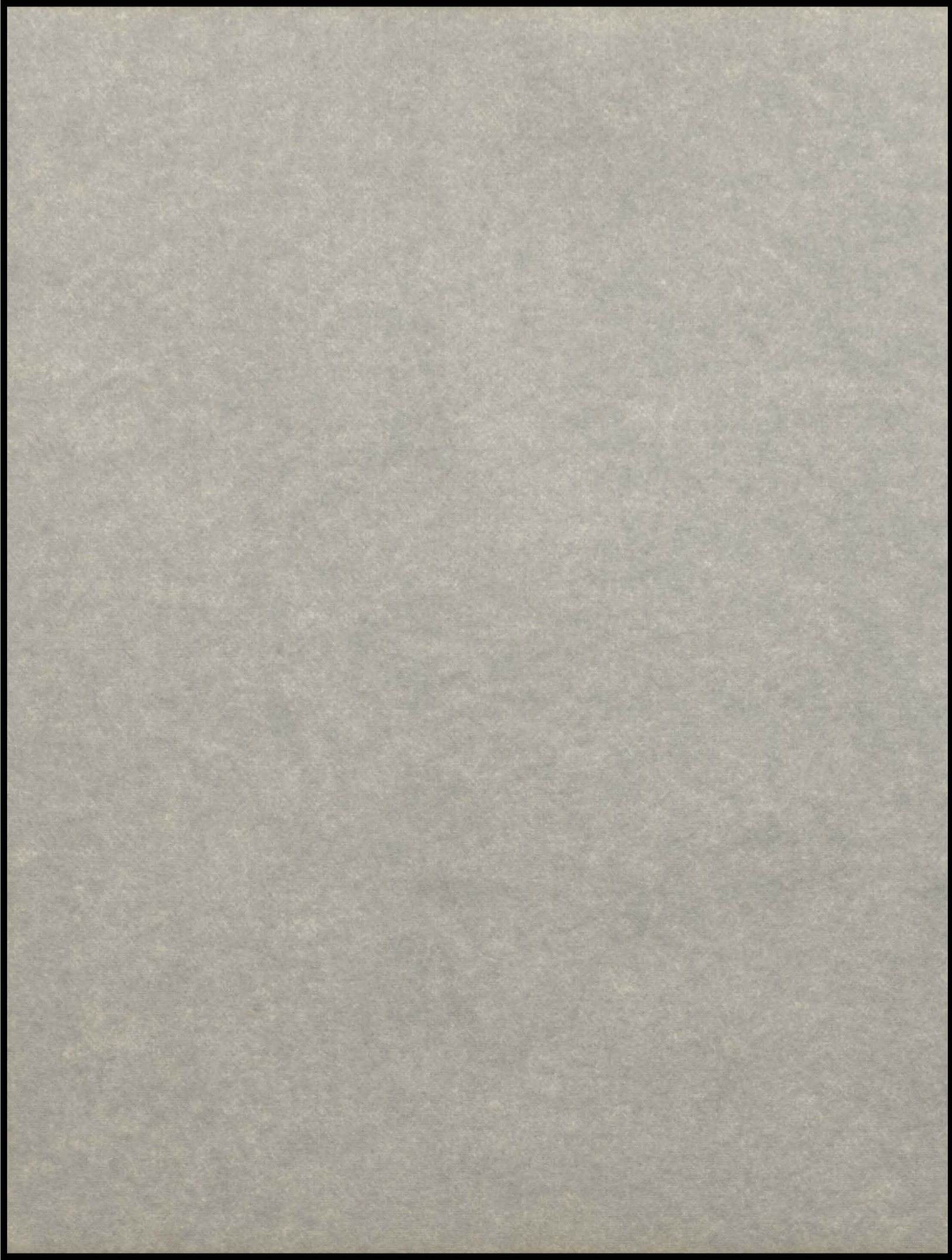
The class of '54 has successfully completed their role as pages and are now ready to take their places as squires in the King's court.





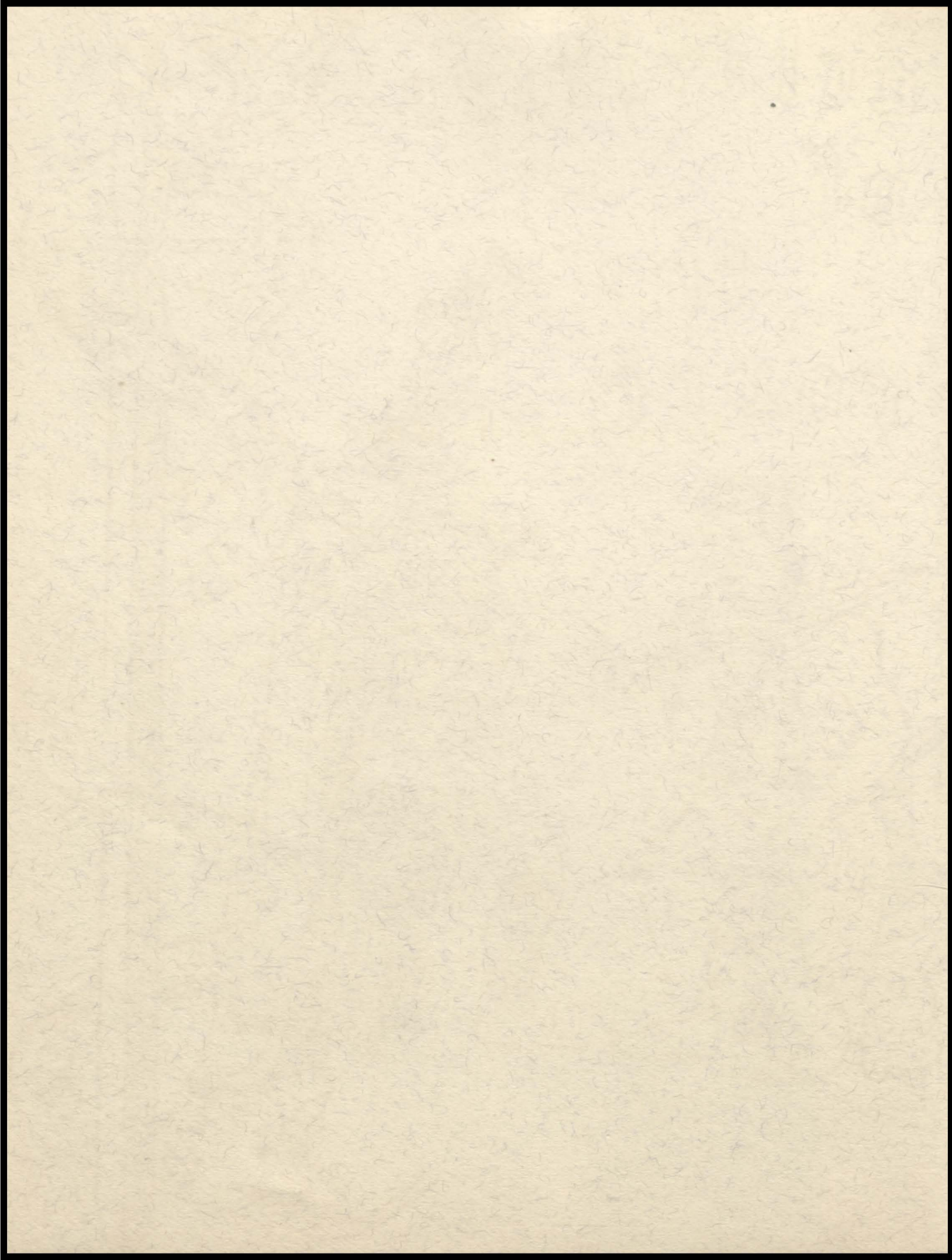
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Activities of the Court

Due to the constant warfare and confusion of the early middle ages, the lord and his knights had little time to spend leisurely. What moments they did have free, they usually spent on the tourney field. Occasionally, however, the court was entertained by a wandering minstrel or a group of transient players.

Today, we can enjoy a full and varied program of extra-curricular activities which are pictured on the following pages.

H. H. A.

First row: Gallivan (historian), Byerline (treasurer), McCollum (secretary), Miss Lefever (advisor), Goodmon (president), Behnke (vice-president), Postlewait (parliamentarian), Tynan (recreation chairman)

Second row: Fombelle, Clark, Foran, Randall, E. Strater, Hannon, R. Strater, McCabe

Third row: Day, Ward, Cole, Slagle, Bowyer, Ard, Clow, Mulvaney

Fourth row: Myrna Hord, Klein, White, Marlene Hord, Royal, Durbin, Perkins, Bradley, McHenry

H. H. A.

First row: Hannon (watchdog), Corum (reporter), Stoerger (vice-president), Day (president), Mr. Hodam (advisor), Rainey (secretary), Clark (treasurer)

Second row: Dobson, Sebens, Swaim, Laroe, Hardimon, Neal, Kirwan, Bales, Fairbanks

Third row: Turner, Proctor, T. Gallivan, Lash, R. Gallivan, Pettyjohn, Imel, Perry, Tompkins, Fombelle

Fourth row: Carlin, Hooker, Larimore, Durbin, Bartison, Brewer, Bradley, Tate, Bentley, Hinton

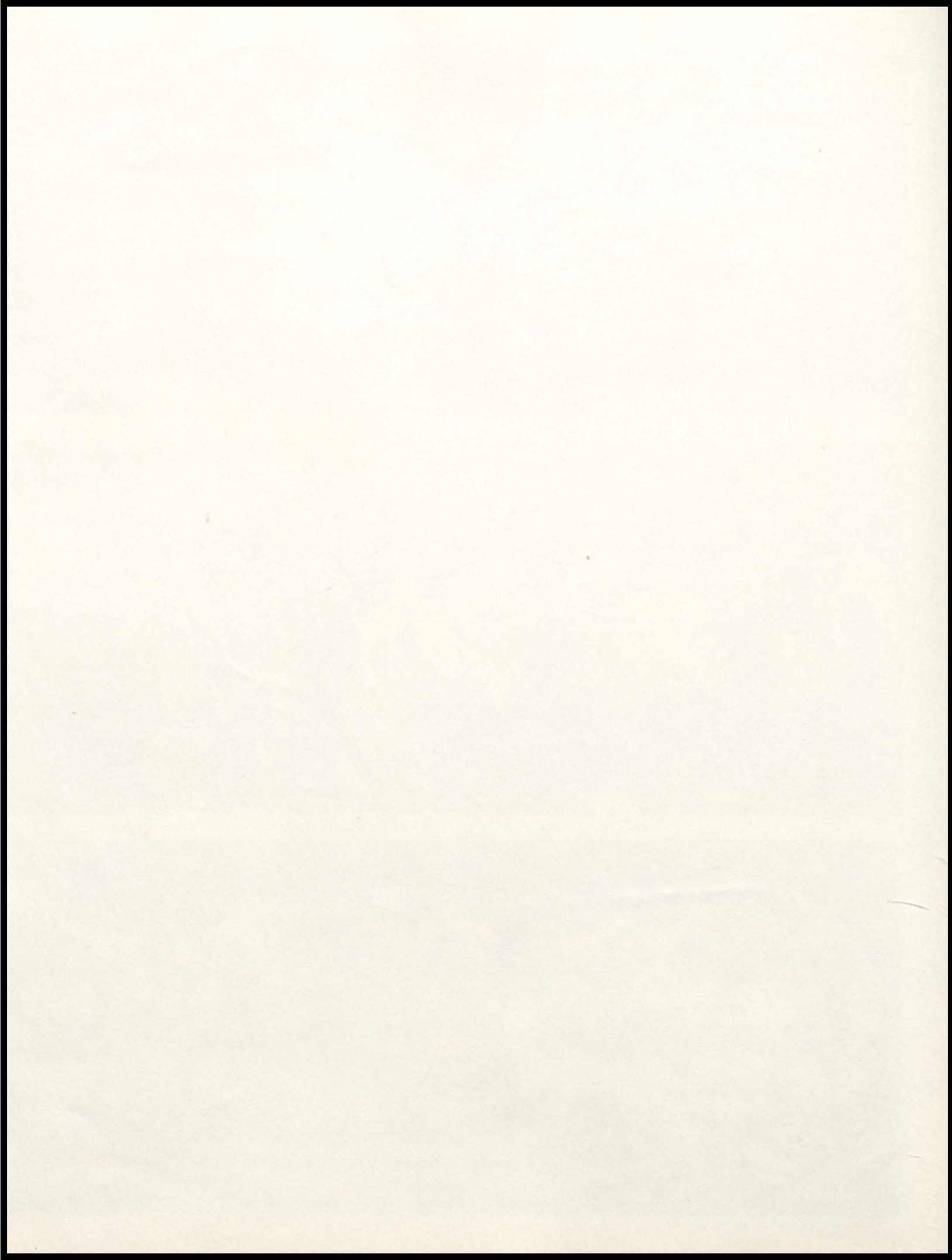
G. A. A.

First row: R. Strater, Hannon, E. Strater, Clow, Randall, Behnke, Clark, McCabe

Second row: Crinigan, J. Day, Hardimon, Goodmon, Tynan (vice-president), Miss Council (advisor), Postlewait (president) Bradley, Helm, McCollum, Ward

Third row: R. Day, Klein, Gallivan, White, Byerline, Royal, Durbin, Hord, Depew, Bowyer, Van Landingham





FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Under the able leadership of Peggy Goodmon, president, and Miss Lefever, faculty advisor, the F. H. A. girls enjoyed an active and successful year.

The F. H. A. girls promptly elected Mrs. Thomas Stewart as their chapter mother.

The girls eagerly participated in the observation of National F. H. A. Week. During this week the girls planted a red rose bush, which is the F. H. A. flower. They also made an attractive display in Siders Bros. window which showed the creed, the jewelry, the colors, the flowers, and the purpose of the organization.

The new members had great fun parading in their whacky getups during initiation day. The initiates also entertained the school with a skit which was followed by a formal candlelight initiation.

In the spring the girls entertained their mothers with a style show and tea.

FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

The F. F. A., or The Future Farmers of America, is a national organization of boys who are still attending high school and have been or are enrolled in vocational agriculture. The local chapter is supervised by Mr. L. A. Hodam.

The grain and poultry judging teams attended the sectional contest held in the Argenta Community Building, Friday, February 28. The grain team placed first in the contest and the poultry team placed eighth. Jim Day, the chapter president, got first in the individual placing, with 362 out of 400 possible points. Corky Carlin and Stanley Pettyjohn will round out the first place grain team which will go to the state contest held some time this summer.

The organization's main purposes are developing competent agricultural leadership from the regular work of the classroom and gaining experience through their work on their own individual projects.

GIRLS ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The G. A. A. girls enjoyed a successful and active year with the guidance of Nance Postlewait, president, and Miss Council, faculty advisor.

Besides mastering several new skills, they improved many of the old ones.

In the fall the girls enjoyed softball and archery. When cool breezes began to blow, they could be found playing basketball. After the basketball season the group turned to badminton and softball.

In order to raise money to send Kay Crinigan and Lois Jean Bradley to camp, the club presented to the public an athletic program, the main feature of which was a basketball game.

In the fall a group from the Bement G. A. A. attended a play-day at Monticello. Later in the year six girls represented Bement High School at a playday which was held at Lakeview. The theme of the day was a "Western Roundup."

Royal Minstrels

BAND

LEFT SIDE:

Front row: Clarinets—Sonya Clark, R. Day, T. Hardimon

Second row: Clarinets—N. McCollum, Ward, Hailey, Hinton, Lux, Born

Third row: Bass clarinet—J. McCollum; Alto Clarinet—M. Bolsen; Saxophone—
Siders, J. Stout, B. Goodman, P. Doyle, Morgan; Baritone—Burgess

Fourth row: Tympani—McCabe; Director—Mr. Taylor; Bass horn—R. Hardimon

RIGHT SIDE:

Front row: Flute—J. Day; Clarinet—Morton

Second row: Cornets—D. Stout, Olinger, Dancey; French horn—Koebel; Saxophone
—B. Bolsen, B. Bradley

Third row: Cornets—Turner, D. Goodman, Sam Clark, Robbins, Bowyer; Trombones
—Vander creek, Swaim, L. Bradley, Larimore; Baritone—Neal

Fourth row: Snare drums—L. Doyle, Hodam; Bass drum—Allison; Bass horn—
Lawson

TWIRLERS

Hannon, White, Koebel, Depew, Strater

CHORUS

First row: S. Clark, Mulvaney, Hannon, Hinton, Ward, Harshbarger, Clow, Randall,
McCabe

Second row: J. Day, Slagle, Hardimon, Dancey, Miss Prange, Spearman, Klein,
Goodmon, Myrna Hord

Third row: McHenry, Zane, VanLandingham, Vander creek, Dobson, J. Clark, B.
Bolsen, R. Day, McCollum

Fourth row: M. Bolsen, Postlewait, Marlene Hord, Kirwan, Neal, Hodam, Olinger,
Byerline, Tynan, Gallivan

BOYS' OCTET

First row: Harshbarger, Miss Prange, Hinton

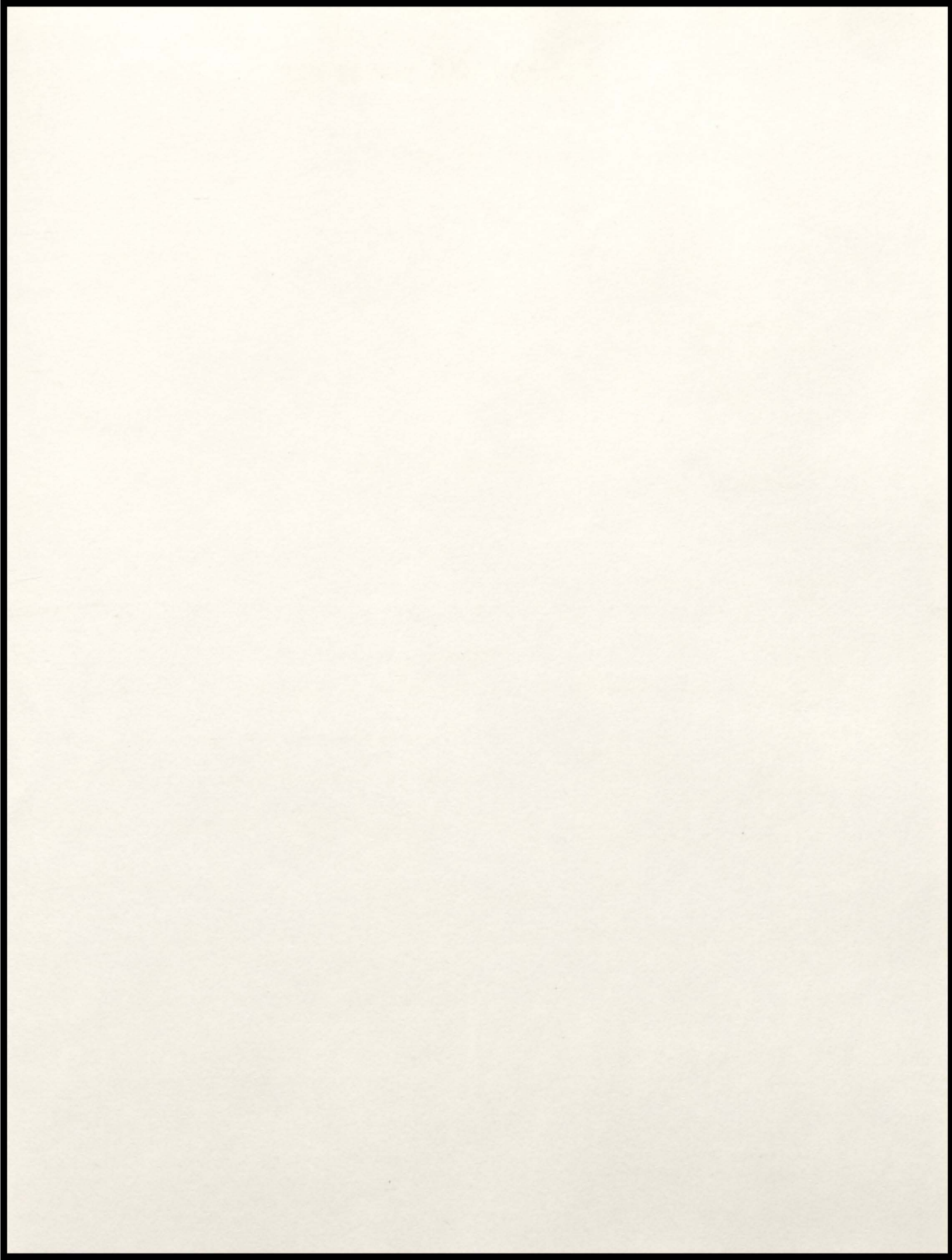
Second row: Olinger, Spearman, Dancey, Clark, Dobson, Kirwan

GIRLS' SEXTET

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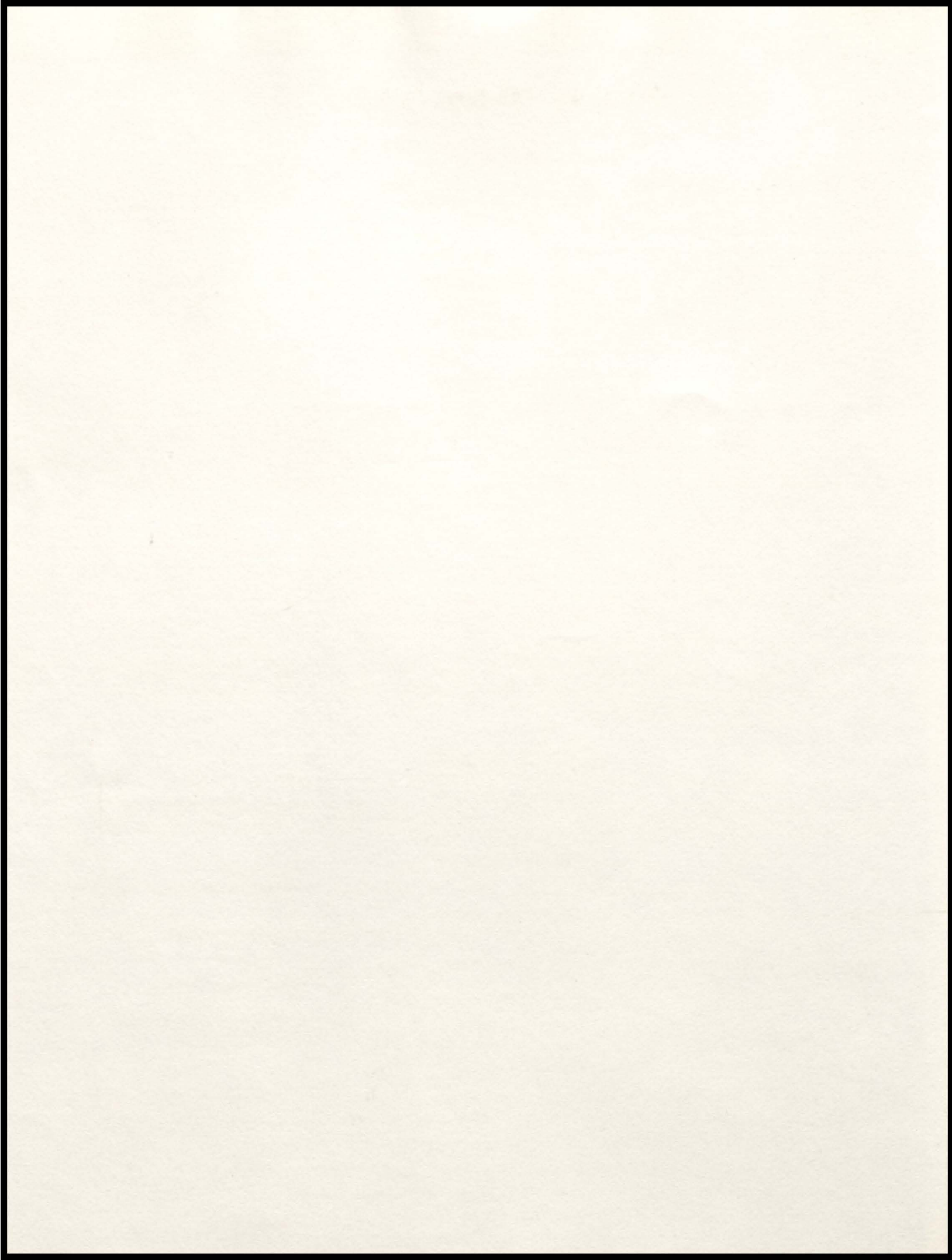
MIXED OCTET

Hodam, Neal, McCabe, Clark, Postlewait, Byerline, Olinger, Vander creek, Pianist—
Miss Prange









Royal Minstrels

BAND

Our forty piece band was made up of both grade and high school musicians. During the sixth hour every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, this group met in Mr. Taylor's room for their regular practice.

At the football games the marching band with their interesting formations and lively music provided a popular feature of the evening.

The concert band delighted their audience at the Christmas concert, art exhibit, and spring concert.

The band placed second at the district contest in Farmer City.

TWIRLERS

This group of twirlers with their snappy marching and clever handling of the baton won the enthusiastic applause of their audience at the football games and band concerts.

Dorothy White and Wanda Depew entered in solo work at the district contest in Farmer City and placed first and second respectively.

Dorothy will compete later in the state contest.

CHORUS

The mixed chorus of thirty-six members practiced every Friday during the fourth hour under the direction of Miss Prange, who supervised all the vocal music this year.

The chorus sang at the Christmas and spring concerts. They entered the district contest and received a first rating. They will compete in the state contest at Urbana later.

BOYS' OCTET

The boys' chorus, because it contained only eight members, was formed into an octet. They enjoyed singing together every Tuesday and Thursday, and tried their skill at district contest where they placed third.

GIRLS' SEXTET

These six girls got together in September and enjoyed singing for several different home-town groups.

They went to district contest in Farmer City and placed first. They will also represent Bement at the state contest.

MIXED OCTET

The mixed octet entertained various civic groups throughout the year.

They were highly honored when they were awarded first prize of thirty-five dollars at the amateur show which the P. T. A. sponsored.

This was the third year that the octet placed first at the district contest and went on to the state contest.

In 1948 this group organized and Nance Postlewait, Bill Neal, Don Vandercreek and Bob Hodam have sung with them since that time.

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ANNUAL STAFF

Sitting on floor: Tompkins, Mulvaney, Gallivan, Hord

At table: Slagle, Day, Hodam, Miss Houston, Behnke

Standing: Kirwan, Harshbarger, Stout, Stoerger, Gallivan, Postlewait, Royal, Goodmon, McHenry, Vandercreek, Neal, Helm

STUDENT COUNCIL

Sitting: Mr. Wehmeier, Bradley, Tompkins (president), Byerline

Second row: Neal, Hord, Vandercreek, Born

Third row: Zane, Tucker, Strater, Hinton

LIBRARY CLUB

Sitting: Crinigan, Gallivan, Miss Houston, Scott

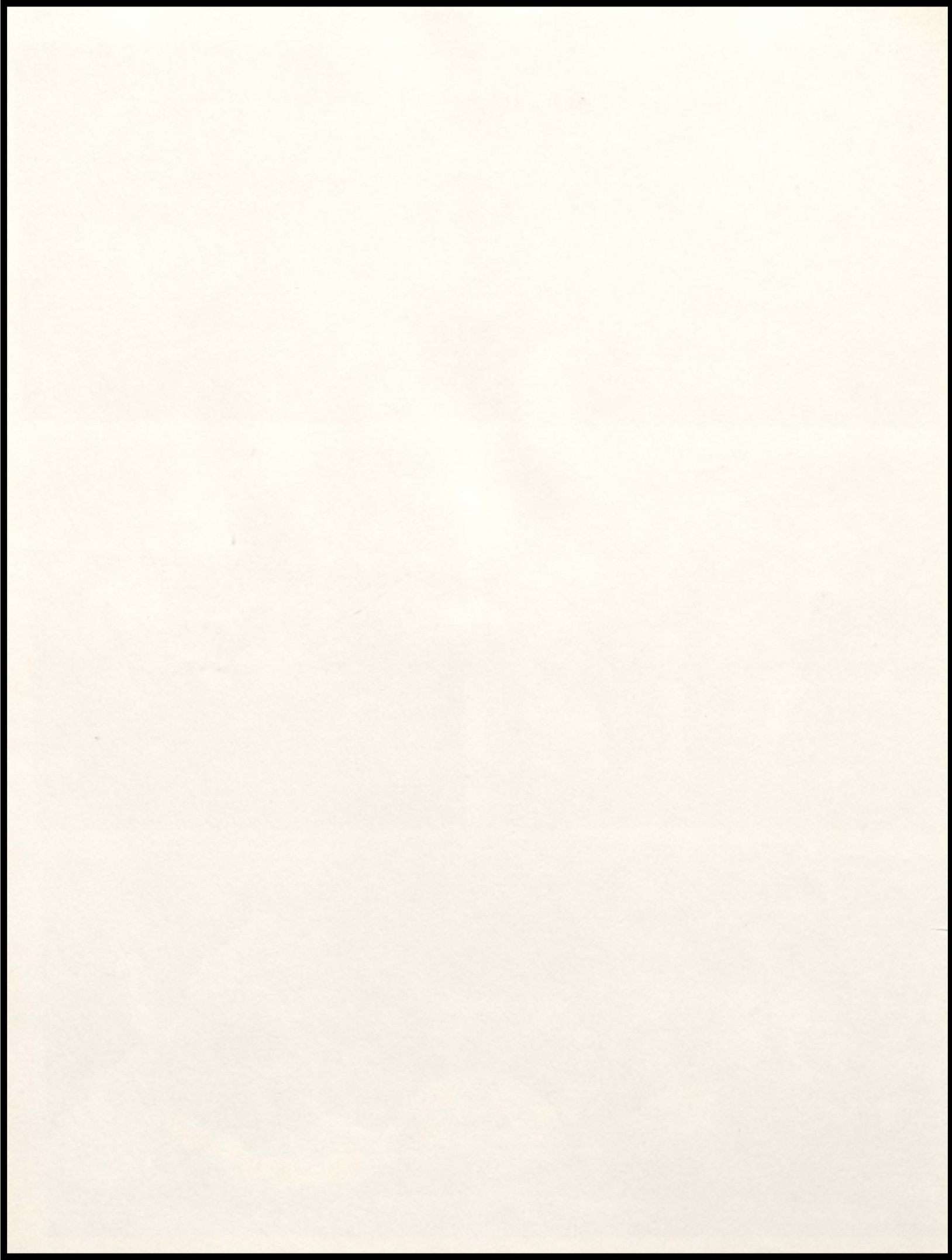
Standing: Turner, O'Hara, Siders, Strater, Pettyjohn, McCollum, Fuqua

NEWS STAFF

Sitting: Slagle, Olinger, Gallivan, Postlewait, Perkins, Miss Houston, Turner

Standing: Hannon, McCollum, Eades, Helm, Royal, Harshbarger





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B I M STAFF

This is the group that has brought this book to you. These people have spent many long, but, pleasant hours in publishing this Annual.

Robert Hodam, Editor; Jim Day, Assistant Editor; Nance Postlewait and Don Vandercreek, Senior Editors; Sheila Gallivan, Nelda Mulvaney, and Jerry Tompkins, Activity Editors; Lenore Royal and Myrna Hord, Feature Editors; Tom Gallivan and Joe Stoerger, Sports Editors; Alan Harshbarger, Artist and Photographer; Jack Kirwan, Assistant Photographer; Peggy Goodmon, Junior Editor; Janet McCollum, Sophomore Editor; Doris Helm, and Bill Neal, Business Managers; and Marilyn Slagle and Dolorus Behnke, Typists. Due to the illness of Jean McHenry, Janet McCollum wrote the Sophomore section.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Four senior, three junior, two sophomore and two freshman representatives constitute the Student Council of Bement High School. Under the leadership of the faculty advisor, Mr. Wehmeier, this group sponsors many helpful and entertaining events for the student body during the school year. They opened the social events of the school year on October 28 with the Homecoming dance, which was enjoyed by everyone. This organization also sponsored several fun-packed all-school parties.

LIBRARY CLUB

Each period throughout the day one of the above students is in charge of the library. During that period he checks books in and out, straightens and arranges the books on the shelves, and aids any students who are hunting specific material. Throughout the year this group made a number of attractive and eye-catching posters which encouraged the students to do more reading.

BULLDOGS BARK

"Have your news in early Monday morning!" was the Editor's favorite saying, and that is when the news supposedly came in.

The reporters on this little paper were kept quite busy each week finding the most important news for that week.

The staff was as follows: Editor—Nance Postlewait; Assistant Editor—Ann Perkins; Sport Editors—Alan Harshbarger, Johnnie Eades; News Editors—Lenore Royal, Dale Turner; Senior Editor—Sheila Gallivan; Junior Editor—Bruce Hannon; Sophomore Editor—Janet McCollum; Freshman Editor—Joe Olinger; Business Manager—Doris Helm; Typist—Marilyn Slagle; Faculty Advisor—Miss Houston.

Social Life in the Court

The pictures on the opposite page are scenes from the numerous social gatherings which took place in the school during the year.

HOMECOMING

Friday night, October 27, Bement Community High School held its annual Alumni Homecoming dance. At 9:30 P. M. the coronation ceremony began.

Preceding the queen came her attendants, Patricia Klein, Joyce Day, and Carrie Ard, looking very lovely in their colorful formals. Chuck Strayer carried the crown on a satin pillow.

Then came Queen Nance wearing a melon colored satin ballerina and the traditional purple and white cape. The train was carried by Melinda Marker and Sue Siders.

Upon reaching the throne, the Queen was greeted by co-captains, Bob Hodam and Bill Shumard, who crowned her and brought the ceremony to a close by kissing Her Majesty. The other escorts in the Queen's court were Eugene Corum and Jerry Tompkins. The Queen and her attendants started the dancing to the music of Johnny Moreland's orchestra.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

November 16—another memorable night and the climax of the 1950 football season. Acting as toastmaster at this annual banquet sponsored by the Bement Lions Club was Mr. James Raglan. Following a hearty turkey dinner and an interesting address by Bob Knauff, NROTC instructor and assistant line coach at the University of Illinois, Coach Stewart presented the eighteen letterwinners with their awards. After the entire squad had been introduced, Co-Captains Bill Shumard and Bob Hodam gave short speeches which were followed by similar ones by Co-Captains elect Rich Gallivan and Dale Clow.

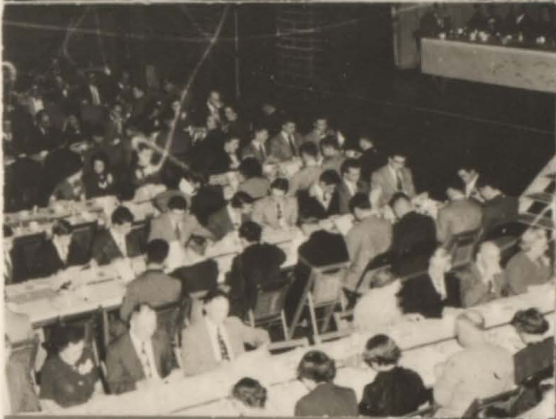
When the formal program was completed everyone enjoyed the movies of the Illinois-Indiana game.

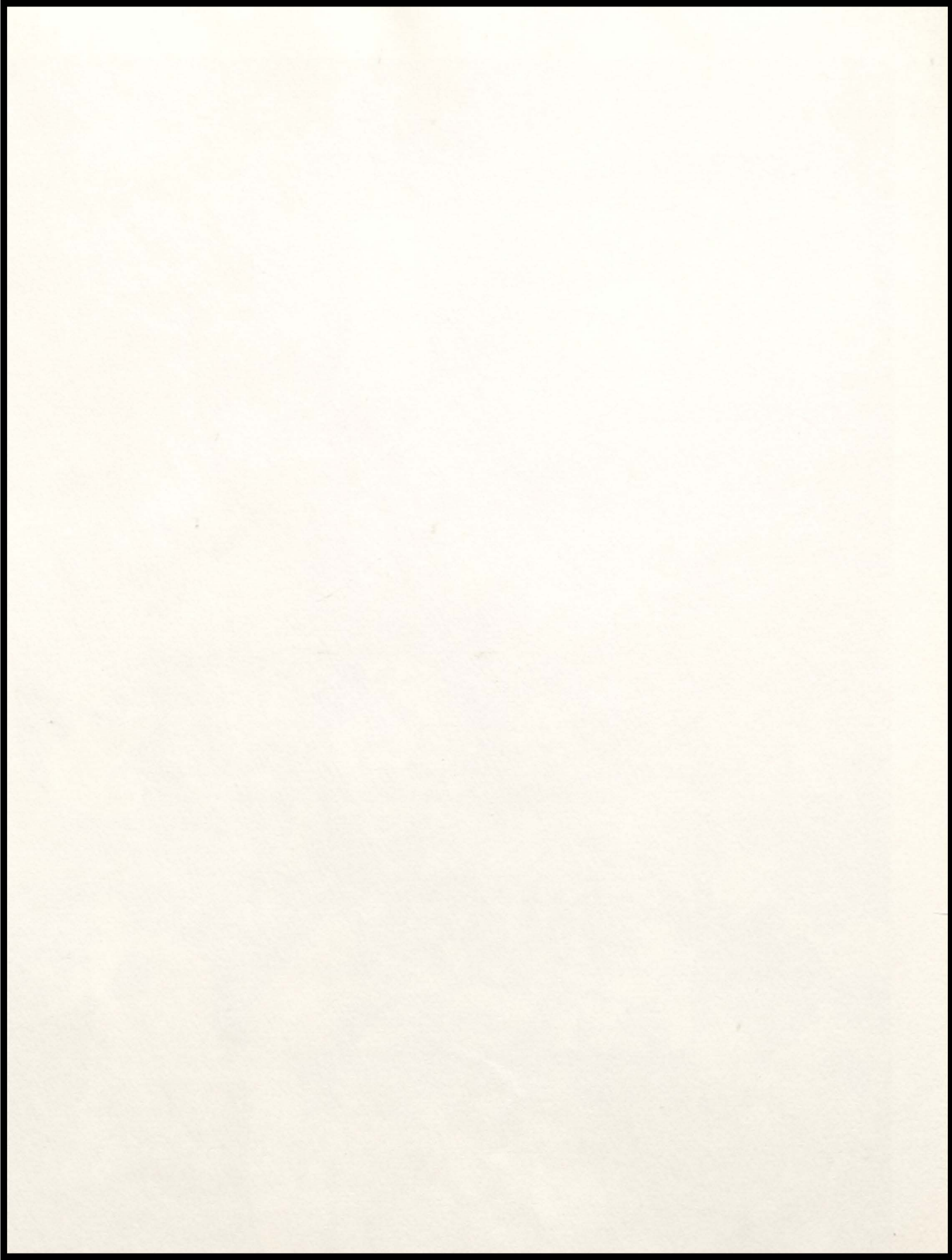
JUNIOR-SENIOR PROM

This important social event is described in detail in the junior section of the book.

PARTIES

Throughout the year the student body was entertained at a number of other parties. Among these were the Senior-Junior Halloween Party, the Freshman Valentine Party, the Sophomore-Freshman April Fool's Party, the F. H. A.—F. F. A. Party, and the several all-school parties sponsored by the student council. The enthusiastic participation of the students in these events evidenced the fact that they were enjoyed by all.

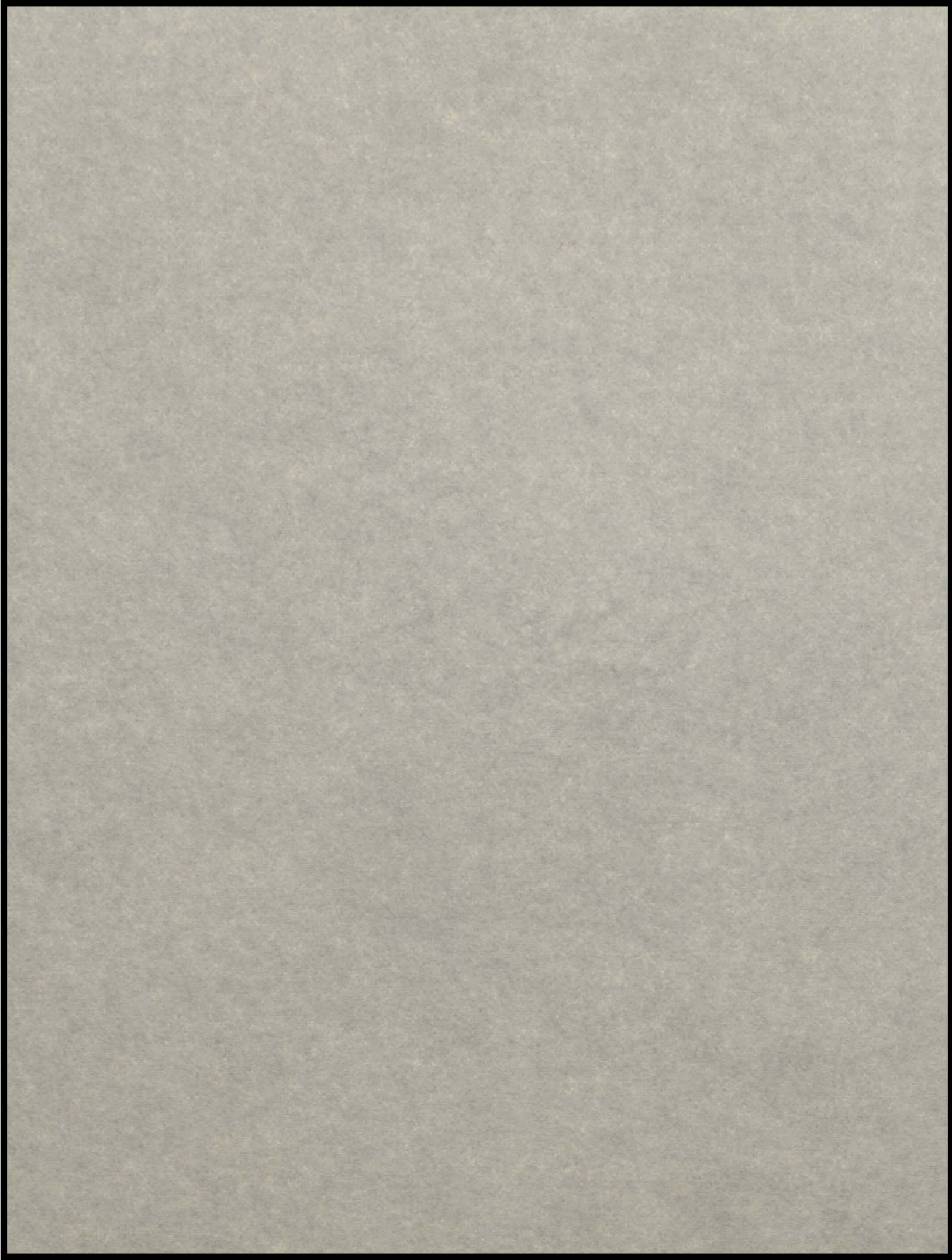






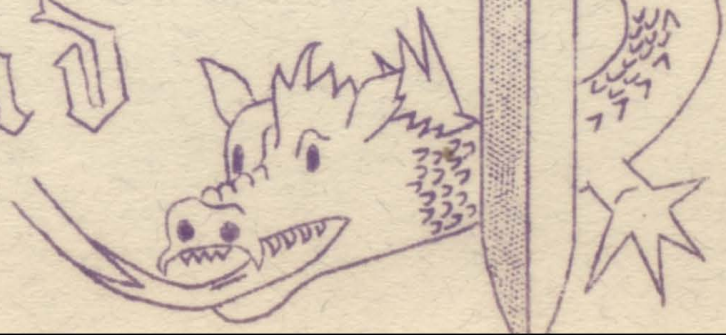
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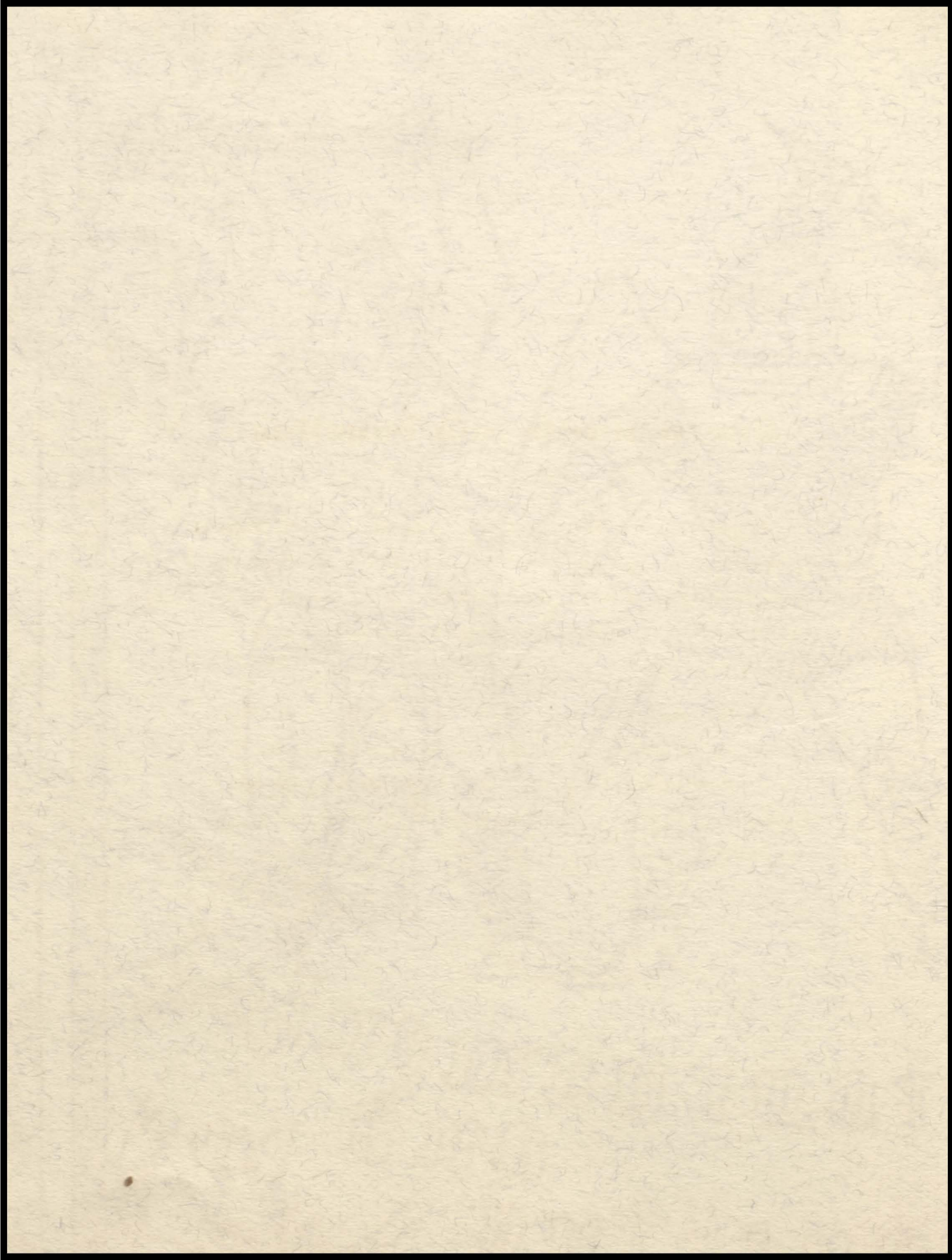






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Tournaments and Jousting

In the days of King Arthur's court the chief pastime of the knights was to test each other's skill on the tournament field. Fitted with shining armor and astride their chargers they created an impressive spectacle which all the citizens enjoyed watching.

Today our track meets and our football, basketball, and baseball games all serve the same purpose as did the medieval games—to test one's skill, to develop one's ability and character, and to provide entertainment for the public.

Football

SQUAD

First row: Day, R. Gallivan, Tompkins, Koebel, Dobson, Hardimon, King, Clow, E. Corum, Carlin, Stanton
Second row: Allison, J. Hannon, Fairbanks, R. Hannon, Rainey, Shumard, Hodam, Clark, Kirwan, Olinger
Third row: Coach Stewart, Phipps, Bentley, Knapp, Porter, Sebens, Dancey, Westfall, Spearman, Bradley, Coach Anderson
Fourth row: Lash, Stout, Siders, Tate, Turner, Hinton
Fifth row: Bob Gallivan, Strater, B. Corum, Larimore, Fuqua, Proctor, Perry, Hooker

CHEERLEADERS

Day, Hord, Zane, Byerline, Slagle, Clark

MANAGERS

Stanton, Kirwan, Olinger

LETTERMEN

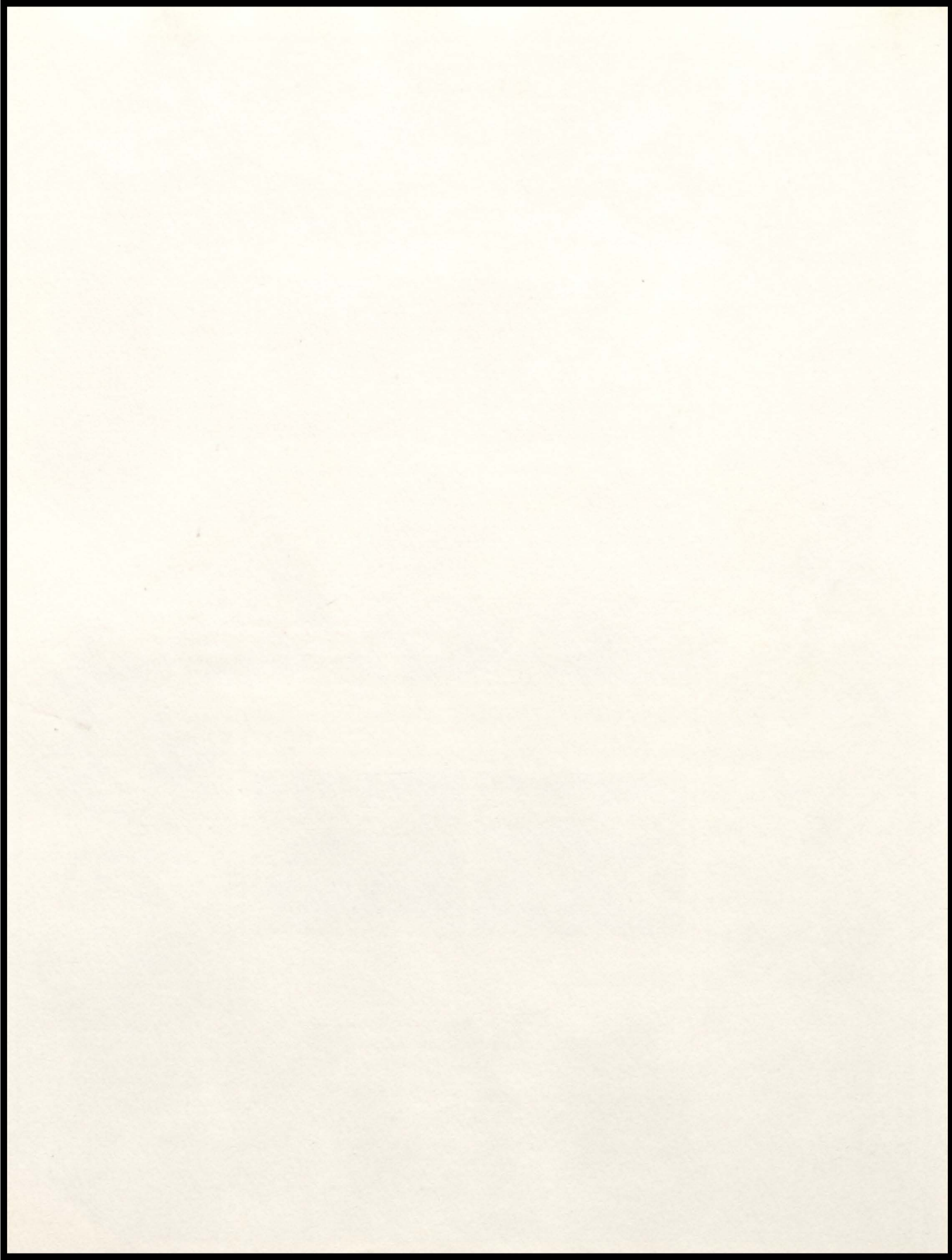
Clockwise starting in upper left-hand corner

JOHN HANNON—Sophomore halfback—Small but tough—Loves defense.
EUGENE CORUM—Senior tackle—Big and rough—Made the varsity because of his great determination—Didn't fear any opponent.
JERRY TOMPKINS—Fullback—Senior—Small but a lot of drive—Great competitor—Most under-rated man in the conference.
JOHN SEBENS—Freshman tackle—Big and rough—Determined to improve—Has a very bright future.
JIM CLARK—A great fighter—Fine quarterback—Junior—Alert and deceptive.
DALE CLOW—Co-Captain Elect—Junior—Halfback—Speedy and deceptive—Should be one of the best backs in the conference next year.
RAYMOND HARDIMON—Full time player—Excelled on defense, but could open up the opposing line at any time—Only a junior.
DAVE SPEARMAN — Halfback—Fine line backer—Freshman—Determined and hard worker.
KENNY WESTFALL—Another freshman letterman—Guard—Always rugged on defense.
MAX KING—Tackle—A junior who played capably this year and should be rugged next fall.
JIM DAY—Junior—Another end who'll be around next year—Easy going but determined.
DON ALLISON—Guard—Just a freshman—Rough and ready—Not afraid of contact.
RAY HANNON—Guard—Slow but very effective—Good blocker— Only a sophomore.
DAVE DOBSON—Junior—A "glue fingered" end who'll see a lot of action again next season.
BILL SHUMARD—Co-Captain—Senior halfback—Excellent brokenfield runner—Terror of the Okaw—Will be missed next year.
LARRY RAINEY—End—A good plugger—Only a junior—Has promise of going places next year.

On the crossbar

BOB HODAM—Co-Captain—Senior—Played every minute until injured — Made Chicago Daily News "Mighty Mite" team.
RICH GALLIVAN—Co-Captain Elect—Junior—Guard—Hits hard and fights hard—Loves the game—Should make a fine leader.





Football Flashbacks

Under the guidance of their two new coaches, Tommy Stewart and Charles Anderson, a fighting but inexperienced Bement football team came through a rugged schedule this year with four wins and five defeats. They should be proud of this record, however, as there were only four seniors on the entire squad of forty boys. Of the eighteen lettermen fourteen will be back next year, and the future of football at Bement looks bright.

SEPTEMBER 15—Unity—Too bad! The hard fighting Bulldogs dropped the season opener to the powerful Unity Rockets, a team which eventually finished their season undefeated. Bill Shumard highlighted Bement's attack with a 55 yd. run. The final score, Unity 33—Bement 19.

SEPTEMBER 22—Saybrook—This game proved to be more successful than the opener with Unity. With the entire first string backfield of Clark, Shumard, Clow and Tompkins breaking into the scoring column, the Bulldogs rolled to a 32-0 victory over the fighting eleven from Saybrook.

SEPTEMBER 29—Farmer City—By holding off a last quarter rally featuring scoring by Johnnie Eades, Bob Hodam, and Jerry Tompkins, Farmer City handed Bement its second defeat of the season. Even though the Bulldogs piled up a big margin of yardage and first downs, they still ended up on the short end of a 20-19 score.

OCTOBER 6—Sullivan—After being held to a scoreless tie at halftime, the powerful Sullivan Redskins came back to crack the Bulldog defense for 19 points in the last two periods. This was the first conference loss for the Purple. The final score, Sullivan 19—Bement 0.

OCTOBER 13—Newman—Giving everyone a thrill, the ever-fighting Bulldogs pulled victory out of seeming defeat by edging Newman 27-26. With Clow and Shumard running well and with Jim Clark's fine passing, Coach Stewart's spirited boys overcame a 13 point Newman lead in the final minutes of the game.

OCTOBER 20—Atwood—The Bulldogs, featuring fine quarterbacking by Jim Clark, spoiled Atwood's homecoming by outpointing the surprisingly rugged Rajahs 19-7. The victory, however, was marred by the loss of Co-Captain Bob Hodam for the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

OCTOBER 27—Cerro Gordo—Cerro Gordo, sporting a crushing single wing offense, overpowered the Bulldogs and spoiled their Homecoming with a 34-7 victory. Although our boys fought their hearts out, they were unable to stop the sustained drives of the Broncos.

NOVEMBER 3—Oakland—Brrrr! The night was cold, but Bement was hot. With Bill Shumard making two fine touchdown runs of 46 and 50 yards coupled with Jerry Tompkins' hard driving, the Bulldogs added another victim to the conquered list by a score of 40-19.

NOVEMBER 10—Monticello—Our traditional rivals again proved too much for the Bulldogs. In 18 degree weather the Sages ran back the opening kickoff for a touchdown and from then on dominated the play. Bement's only score came on a touchdown and extra point by Tompkins. The final score was Monticello 25—Bement 7. A stunning blow for the Bulldogs.

BULLPUPS!

The Freshmen and Sophomores added another successful season to their record under the excellent guidance of Coach Anderson.

The Bullpups won from Sullivan, Monticello, and Cerro Gordo. They lost only to Mount Zion and Tuscola, ending the season with a 3-2 record.

We are sure Mr. Anderson is proud of his squad and will agree with the rest of us that they show great promise for the future.

Basketball

SQUAD

First row: Dobson, Romack, Hodam, Day, Rainey, Coach Anderson

Second row: Clark, Coach Stewart, Shumard, Clow, Hardimon, Sebens, Spearman

Third row: J. Eades, Tate, Knapp, Phipps, Olinger, Allison, Brewer, Dancy, R. Gallivan, D. Eades, Stout, Hinton

CHEERLEADERS

First row: Strater, Cole, Behnke

Second row: Klein, Hord, Hardimon

MANAGERS

Siders, Koebel

LETTERMEN

BOB HODAM—Senior letterman—Good all round player—Excelled on the pivot—Scored 34 points in Lovington game.

BOB ROMACK—Tall junior center—Excellent rebounder on both defense and offense—Good competitor—Bright future.

DAVE DOBSON—Cool collected player—Good one hand push shot at close or far range—Only a junior.

LARRY RAINEY—Excelled on defense—Will be back next year—A scrapper.

JIM DAY—Good play maker—Fooled many opponents with his tricky ball handling—Another junior.

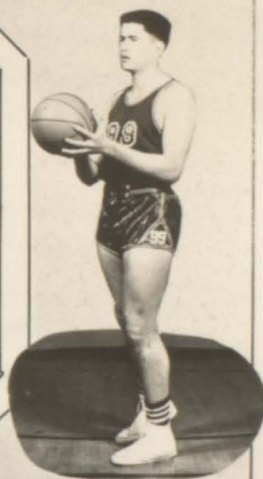
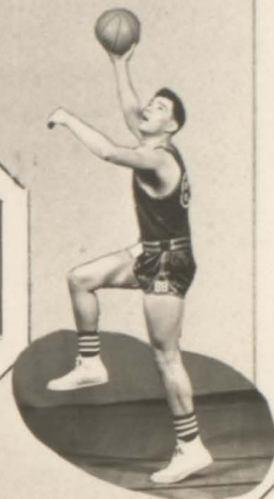
RAYMOND HARDIMON—Good rebounder—Likes the rougher side of basketball—Also a junior.

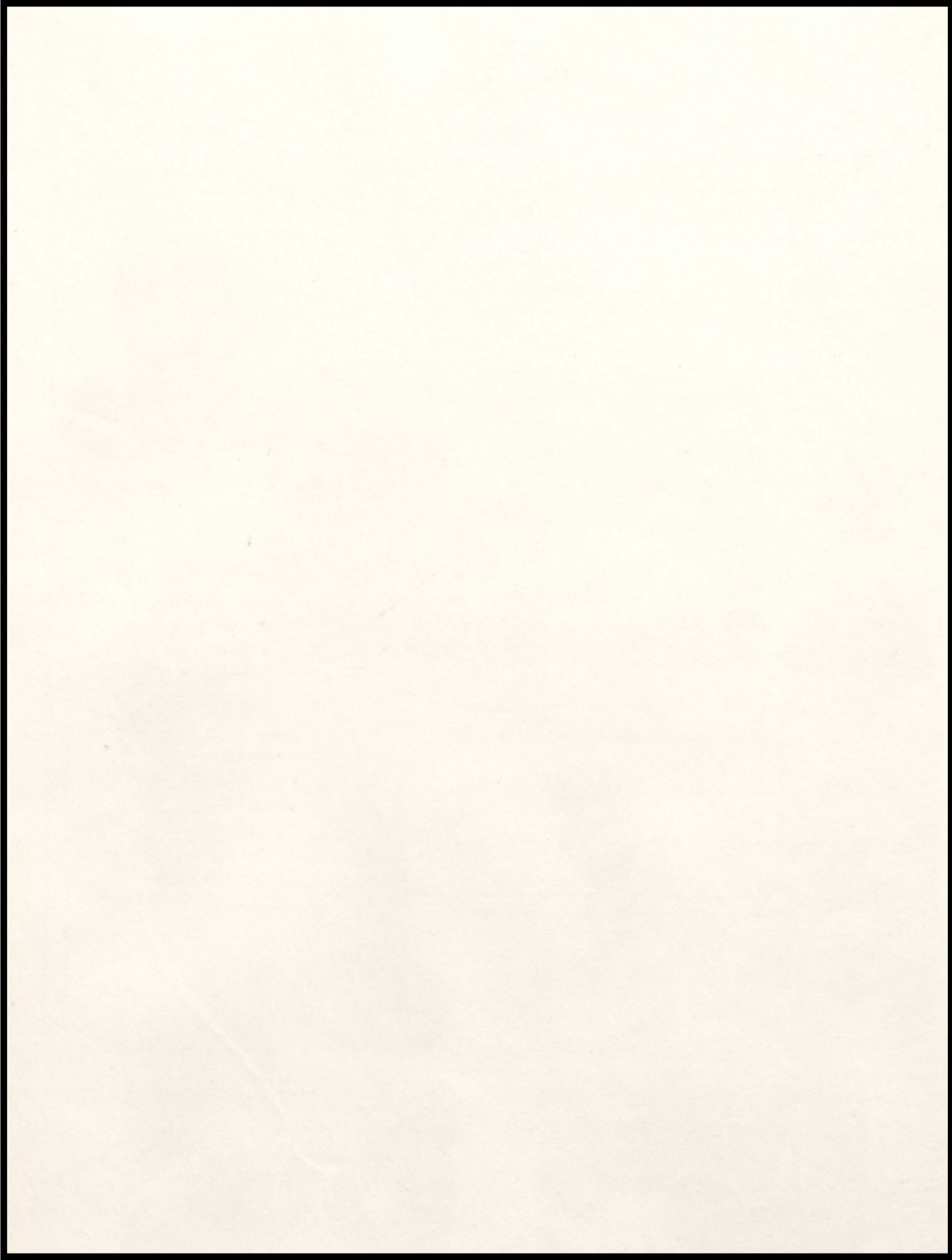
JIM CLARK—Aggressive ball player who often stole the ball from opponents before they knew it—Another junior.

BILL SHUMARD—Senior guard—A fast deceptive player—A good, long two-handed kiss shot.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING

	Q	P	AP		Q	P	AP
Bob Hodam	81	211	10.4	Jim Clark	47	37	3.1
Jim Day	85	191	9.0	John Sebens	30	33	4.4
Bob Romack	78	179	9.1	Dave Spearman	10	14	5.6
Dave Dobson	70	126	7.0	Dale Clow	16	6	1.5
Bill Shumard	51	87	6.8	Q—Quarters			
Raymond Hardimon	46	64	5.6	P—Points			
Larry Rainey	55	39	2.8	AP—Average points per 4 quarters			





Cage Review

On November 11, immediately after the final night of the football season, twenty-seven ambitious aspirants reported to the gymnasium, and under the direction of Coach Anderson and Assistant Coach Stewart, they began practice for what turned out to be the most successful season for several years. Although four victories were all that the battling Bulldogs were credited with, they played all of their games with a winning spirit. The team's victories were over Argenta, Oakland, Atwood, and Lovington.

In the Monticello Holiday Tournament Bement surprised the area by copping second place. In the first contest they met Argenta, the tournament favorite, and with a well balanced attack downed them by a 52-41 score. On the second night against Oakland the boys exhibited another good performance and won, 58-48. In the championship game, however, they slipped under the attack of the host team and were dropped 60-34.

Monticello, having a torrid night, also eliminated the Bulldogs in the first round of the Okaw Tournament.

The team's other two victories came at the last two home games. Atwood fell 64 to 45; and in his last home performance, Bob Hodam, by scoring thirty-four points, led the Bulldogs to a victory over the Lovington Panthers, 64 to 43.

In the district tournament Bement was pitted against Urbana of the Big 12. Rattled by their opponent's press defense, the boys were unable to get rolling and the final score was 64-33 for Urbana.

At ceremonies at the close of the season the lettermen chose Jim Day and Bob Hodam as Honorary Co-Captains.

With Bob Hodam and Bill Shumard the only seniors on the squad and with the prospect of a new gym, the future of basketball at Bement looks more rosy.

BULLPUPS

Besides the varsity, Bement also fielded a reserve team, a freshman-sophomore team, and a freshman team.

The highlights of their season were the championship performance of the Frosh-Sophs at the Cerro Gordo tournament and the fourth place the Freshmen captured in the tourney at Weldon.

Spring Sports - - B-Club

TRACK

First row: Clow, Corum, Dobson, Brewer, Perry

Second row: Conklin, Romack, Coffey, F. Sebens, Hardimon, Stanton

B CLUB

First row: Mr. Stewart, R. Hannon, Hodam, Tompkins, Hardimon, Mr. Anderson

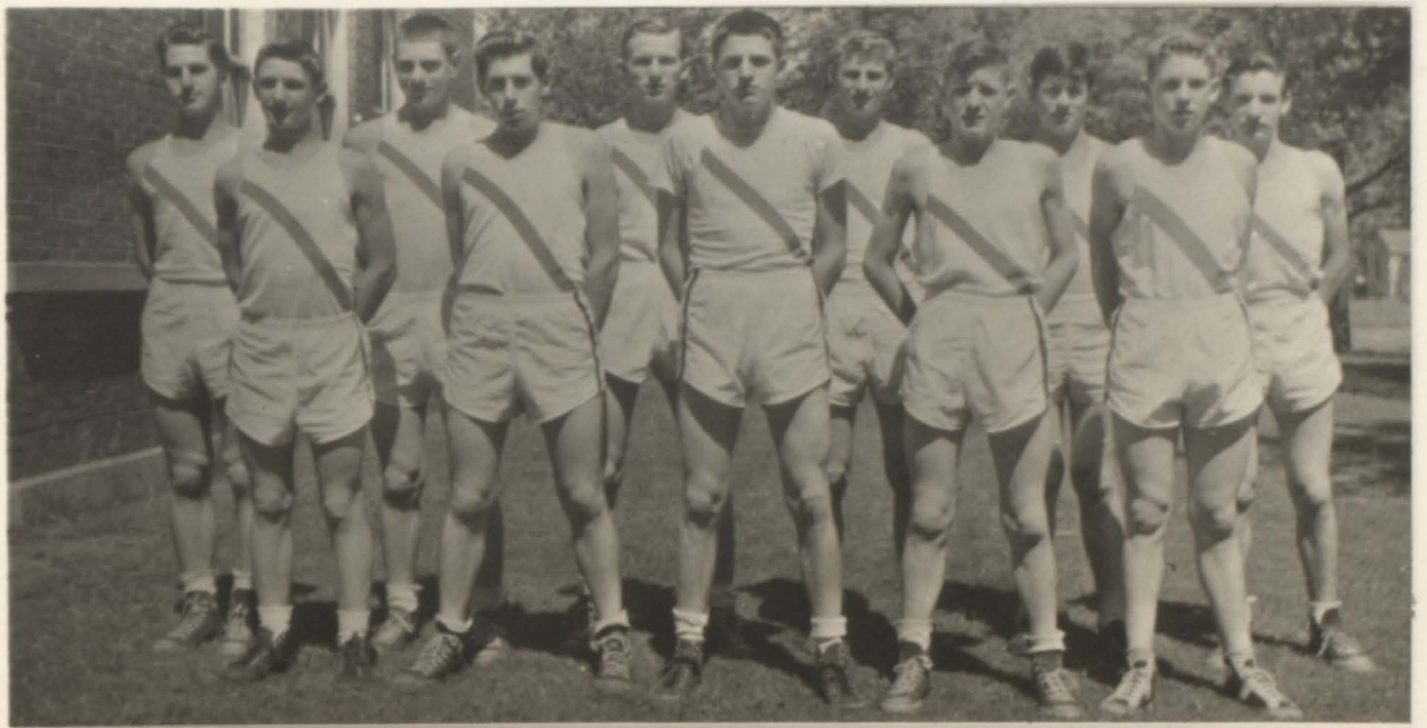
Second row: Spearman, J. Hannon, Clark, T. Gallivan, King, Harshbarger, Rainey,
Clow, Westfall

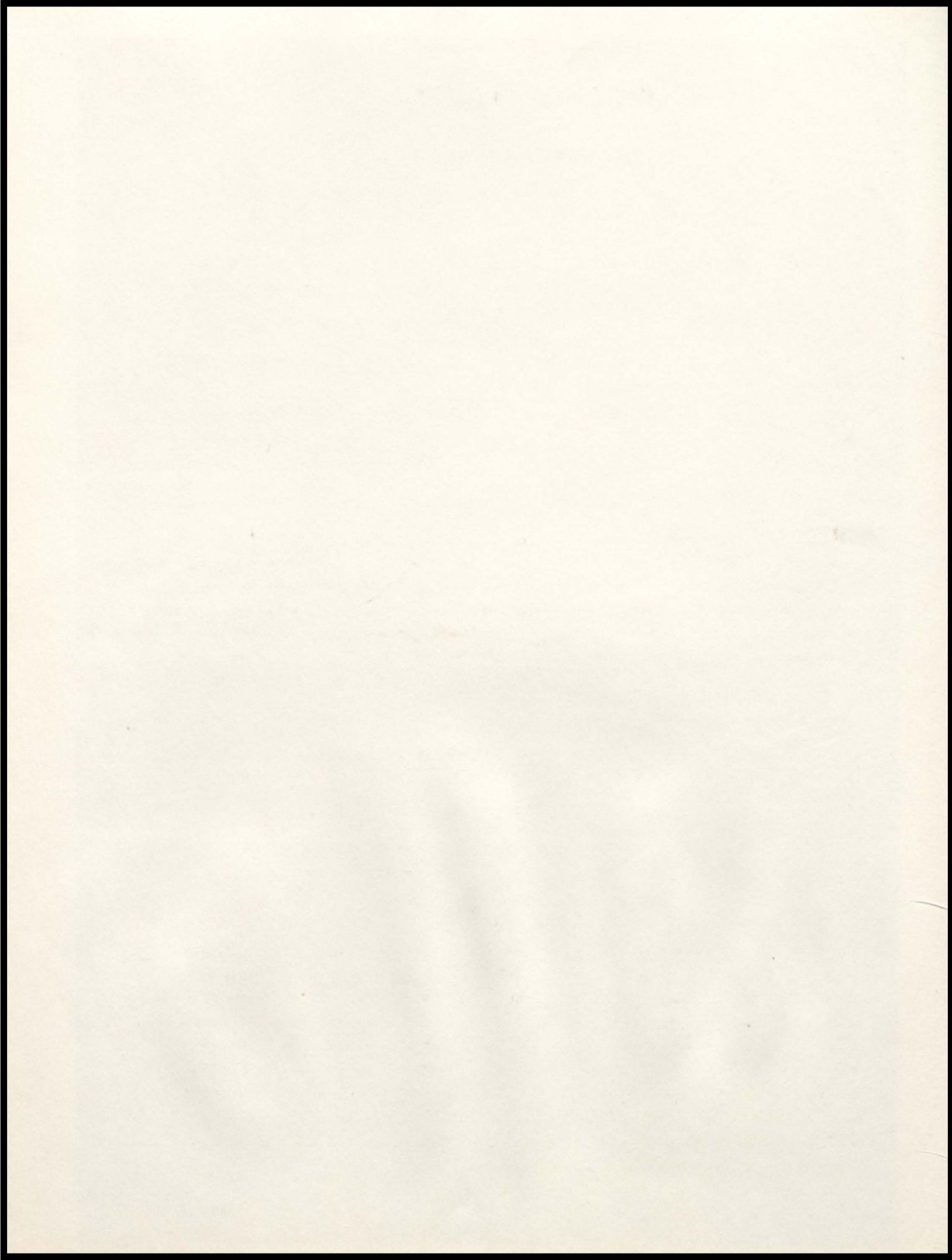
Third row: Stanton, Dobson, Kirwan, Allison, Sebens, Day, Corum, R. Gallivan

BASEBALL

First row: Cavanaugh, Jerry Clark, Stout, Jim Clark, Day, Clow, Dobson

Second row: Gallivan, Fuqua, Siders, Hodam, Hardimon, Stoerger, Moreland, Somers





Spring Sports

1950 TRACK ROUND-UP

The 1950 track team took part in ten track meets and placed in six of them. The best performance was in the triangular meet at Villa Grove where Bement took third with 28 points. In the Okaw Valley Freshman-Sophomore meet at Sullivan Dale Clow took first place in the 200 yd. low hurdles; Bob Romack, third in the discus; and the 440 relay team of Clow, Day, Dobson, and Romack, third.

Bill Shumard came through with a championship performance in the broad jump and Richard Stanton with a fourth in the 880 in the annual Okaw Valley meet.

The prospects for the 1951 track team look better with the freshmen coming in. Last year in the eighth grade they made a very good showing in the state.

'50 BASEBALL REVIEW

The 1950 baseball team was composed of eighteen members and ten of these won letters. Seven of the lettermen were seniors. Bement completed a good season record of five wins and two losses. Bement's victories were over Sullivan, Deland, Monticello, and twice over Cerro Gordo. The losses were to Deland, and to Monticello in the Sub-District. The records of the pitchers, Tom Gallivan and Jerry Clark, were 2-0 and 3-2, respectively. One of Jerry's victories was a no hitter against Cerro Gordo.

GAMES

Bement 6	Sullivan 5	Bement 6*	Deland 7
Bement 18	Deland 1	Bement 10*	Cerro Gordo 6
Bement 14	Cerro Gordo 1	Bement 5	Monticello 7
Bement 22	Monticello 1		

* Denotes Home Game.

The Sullivan game and Monticello game at home were rained out.

B-Club

The B-Club reorganized late in the first semester under the guidance of Mr. Anderson and Mr. Stewart. The officers were Jerry Tompkins, president; Bob Hodam, vice-president; Raymond Hardimon, secretary-treasurer; and Ray Hannon, sergeant-at-arms. This year the group drew up a constitution that the boys adopted and put into effect. One provision was that all lettermen were to wear their letter sweaters each Friday. If any member forgot to do this, the able sergeant-at-arms reminded him by collecting a ten-cent fine.

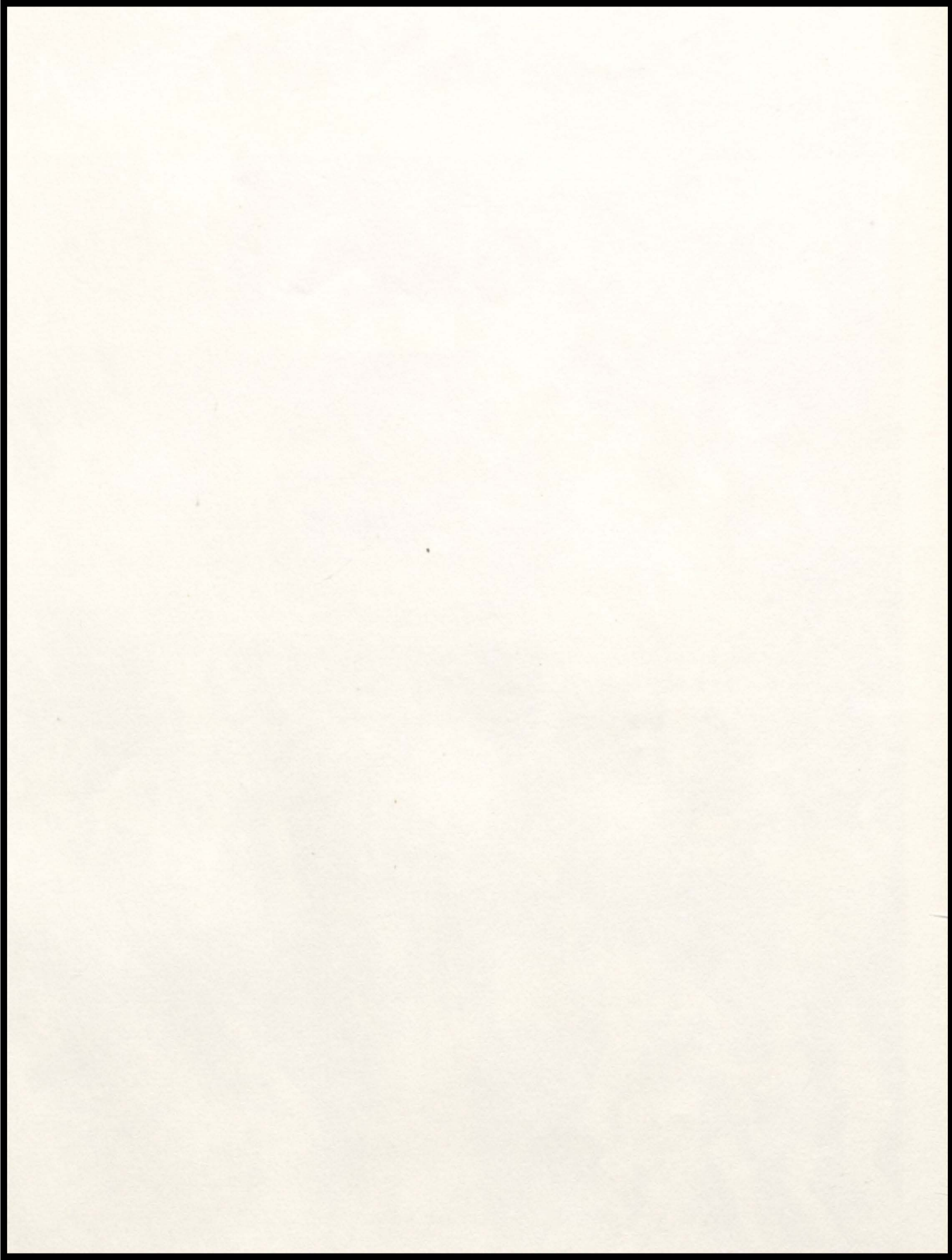
An investigation was carried on concerning the possibility of buying a pop corn machine for the refreshment stand.

The Code of a Good Sport

- I. Thou shalt not quit.
- II. Thou shalt not alibi.
- III. Thou shalt not gloat over winning.
- IV. Thou shalt not be a rotten loser.
- V. Thou shalt not take unfair advantage of an opponent.
- VI. Thou shalt not be ready to give thine opponents the shade; neither shalt thou underestimate an opponent nor overestimate thyself.
- VII. Remember that the game is the thing, and that he who thinketh otherwise is a slacker and not a true sportsman.
- VIII. Honor the game thou playest, for he who playeth the game straight and hard winneth even when he loseth.

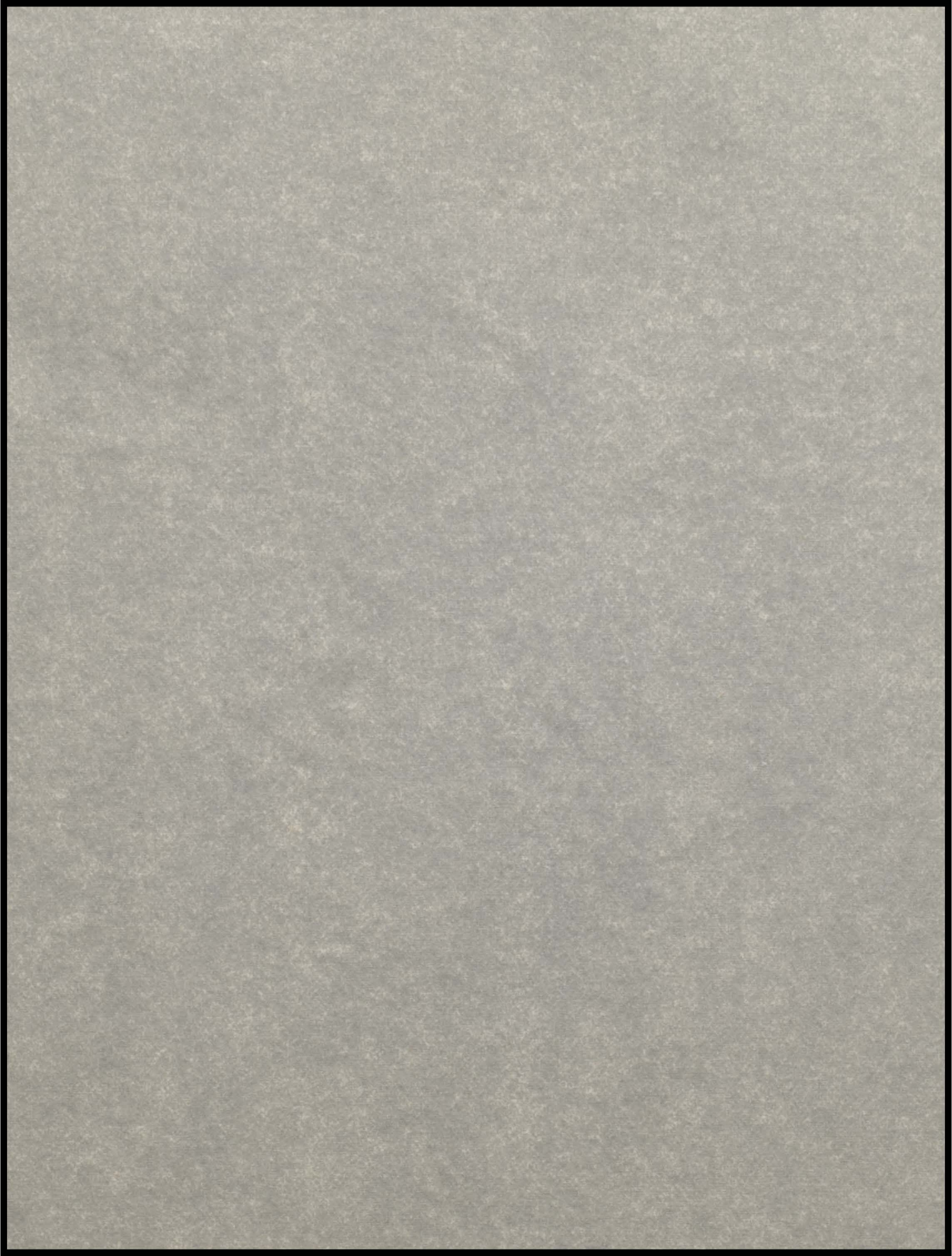
—Grantland Rice.



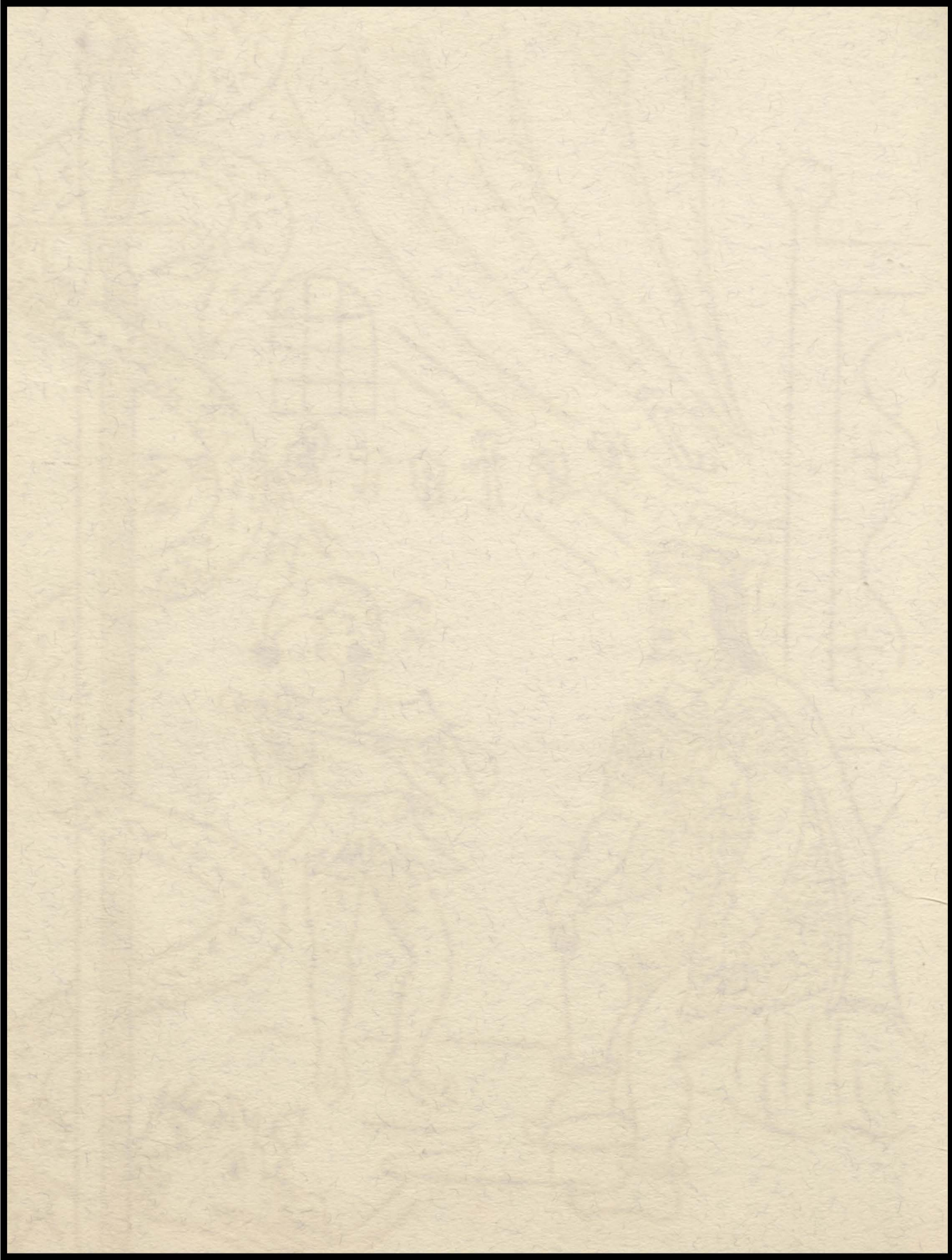




Easter







Jesters

The jesters of the medieval time spread amusement and humor throughout the court.

Although we are not entertained by professional jesters in our castle, we have several students who would probably make fine substitutes. By their jokes and antics they provide us with welcome breaks in the sometimes monotonous routine of books.

Calendar

September

- Tuesday, 5—Students fresh from summer life began the long year of toil.
- Friday, 8—Classes met to choose their leaders and student council representatives.
- Wednesday, 13—The student body elected the six cheerleaders to stir up football pep.
- Friday, 15—The seniors started sporting their new class rings. The news staff held their first meeting for organization.
- Monday, 18—The girls' chorus chose their officers for coming year.
- Friday, 22—Bement's eleven defeated Saybrook for its first win.

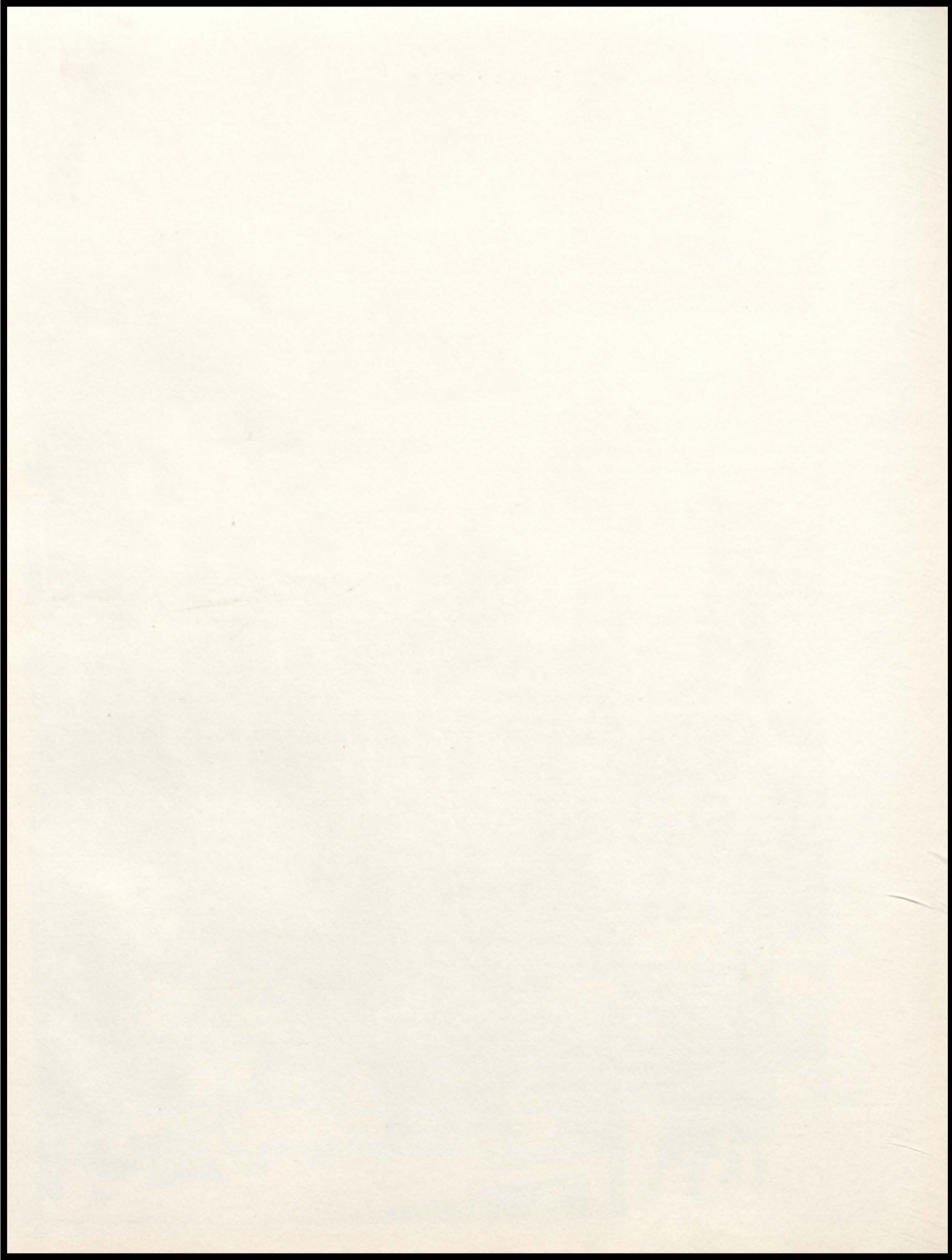
October

- Wednesday, 4—Election of the Annual staff members was held in the Senior Class meeting.
- Saturday, 7—Selected girls of F. H. A. attended the House of Delegates meeting at Mahomet.
- Friday, 13—The teachers attended a meeting at Champaign so students enjoyed a holiday. The football team won against Newman by one point. Quite an exciting day.
- Thursday, 19—Queen candidates were the main point of discussion. The student council swung into action with Homecoming preparations. Crutches seemed to be in style. Many pupils were thrilled with their good grades as recorded on the grade cards.
- Friday, 20—New G. A. A. officers were chosen at the club's first meeting.
- Monday, 23—Senior boys and girls got slicked up for picture taking.
- Wednesday, 25—A wiener roast started the social season for F. H. A.
- Thursday, 26—Students got their pep all steamed up at the evening pep rally.
- Friday, 27—Nancy Postlewait reigned over homecoming festivities.
- Saturday, 28—Mr. and Mrs. Wehmeier and daughter moved into their new home.
- Tuesday, 31—Seniors were hosts to juniors at a Halloween party.

November

- Thursday, 2—"Bulldogs Bark" sign, made by Alan Harshbarger, appeared in the study hall doorway where the weekly news is posted.
- Wednesday, 8—John Eades caught up on his sleep during the 6th and 7th study halls. F. F. A. initiated their new members.
- Thursday, 16—Football boys were honored at the annual banquet where eighteen of them received letters.
- Friday, 17—The student council furnished appropriate entertainment at a Sadie Hawkins party. Cheerleaders for basketball chosen.
- Wednesday, 22—The F. H. A. planted a rose bush on the school grounds in observance of national F. H. A. week.
- Thursday, 23—School was dismissed for the Thanksgiving vacation.
- Wednesday, 29—A mathematical wizard, Mr. Bowen, puzzled the students by his interesting performance.
- Thursday, 30—Grade cards were issued to the dismay of some students.





Calendar

December

- Friday, 1—The music department attended the Piatt County Music Festival at Monticello. The secretarial practice class mailed hundreds of letters concerning the gym proposal.
- Monday, 4—No school today!! Teachers had a big meeting.
- Friday, 8—Icy roads kept country students from our great institution of knowledge.
- Saturday, 9—Voters decided that the school shall have a NEW GYM.
- Monday, 11—The girls started shooting baskets in Physical Education today.
- Wednesday, 13—A Negro group, Halleluiah Quartette, entertained at an assembly program.
- Thursday, 14—The chemistry class tried to kill off themselves and other students by making chlorine.
- Friday, 15—The Senior class made money by sponsoring a coke dance.
- Saturday, 16—Nelda Mulvaney became the first Senior girl to be engaged..
- Wednesday, 20—The annual music festival was staged at Monticello.
- Thursday, 21—A number of music students appeared in classes with unexcused absences. F. H. A. members celebrated the approach of Christmas with a grab bag party.
- Friday, 22—Fourth-year English students presented a Christmas program for the school. Christmas vacation started at 12:00 o'clock.
- Wednesday, 27—The basketball boys won their first game and moved forward in the Holiday Tourney.
- Friday, 29—The Bulldogs placed second in the Holiday Tourney.

January

- Wednesday, 3—Our big vacation is over. The shiney trophy was presented to the school.
- Tuesday, 9—Don Vandercreek counted bricks for an architect.
- Thursday, 11—The Mexican Hat Dance was introduced to Bement.
- Friday, 12—The student council engineered a party for the school. Miss Swaim underwent an unannounced operation.
- Wednesday, 17—A welcome calm settled over the town—Semesters tomorrow!
- Thursday, 18—Semesters!
- Friday, 19—Semesters!
- Tuesday, 23—Secretarial girls rearranged the furniture in commercial room.
- Thursday, 26—Report cards were issued. It was interesting to note that twenty-three students arrived at school today attired in red garments.
- Wednesday, 31—The "B" club was reestablished in the school.

February

- Thursday, 1—Mr. Anderson's civics class was converted into one of economics.
- Saturday, 3—The F. H. A. girls prepared a chili supper for the public and made lots of money.
- Friday, 9—Atwood saw defeat as Bement won 64-45.
- Monday, 12—We had a three day week end. No school today in observance of Lincoln's birthday.
- Tuesday, 13—The Annual sales began on this day.
- Wednesday, 14—Freshmen and faculty frolicked at a Valentine party! Marilyn Slagle accepted a diamond from Joe and congratulations from friends.
- Thursday, 15—Some of the chemistry class may now be identified by their "blond" streaks of hair.
- Friday, 16—The basketball boys laid their gear away happily for they won their last scheduled game against Lovington.
- Tuesday, 20—G. A. A. sophomores and juniors were victors over the seniors and freshmen respectively at the G. A. A. basketball games.

Calendar

March

- Thursday, 1—The F. H. A. made some pocket money by selling their frozen chili this noon.
- Friday 2—Volleyball began its long reign of popularity in the high school. Track plans were launched in the athletic department.
- Thursday, 8—The octet placed first in the PTA talent show.
- Friday, 9—Amusement was furnished by the F. H. A. initiation.
- Monday, 12—Preparations for the district music contest were well under way.
- Tuesday, 13—The music department enjoyed themselves at their party.
- Monday, 19—While entangled in a lively polka, Margie Lawson had the misfortune to fall. Mr. Anderson projected amusement into the scene by counting Margie out in true referee style. Mr. Tucker paid off his milk shake bet on the state tourney to John Eades.
- Thursday, 22—School was dismissed for the Easter holidays.
- Saturday, 24—The music department won ten firsts at the district music contest.
- Friday, 30—The sophomores entertained the freshmen with an April Fool's party.

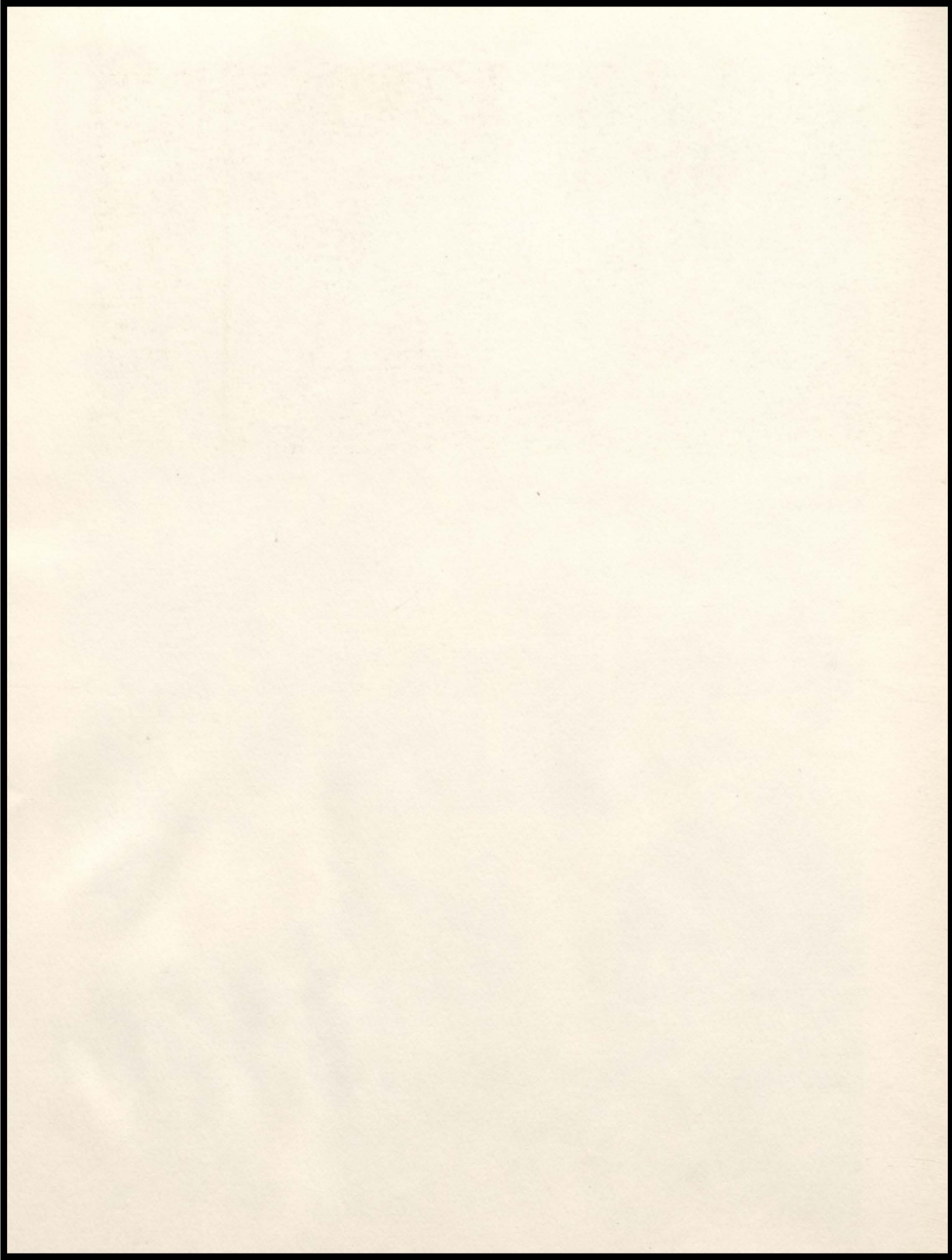
April

- Monday, 2—A play for the senior class was decided upon.
- Friday, 6—The junior class selected their class rings. The Cerro Gordo band presented a concert for the student body.
- Monday, 9—Several seniors spent the day at Normal University.
- Friday, 13—The F. H. A. and F. F. A. joined forces to have a kid party.
- Monday, 16—Senior play practice started at 7:00 P. M.
- Tuesday, 17—Golf practice was undertaken by our energetic boys.
- Thursday, 19—Those beautiful and welcome grade cards were issued.
- Saturday, 21—Bement track boys came home from the Newman relays bringing with them a third place trophy.
- Thursday, 26—The annual spring concert was held.
- Friday and Saturday, 27, 28—State music contest.
- Monday, 30—The first baseball game was scheduled with Sullivan.

May

- Friday, 4—Industrious juniors decorated for the Junior-Senior banquet-prom.
- Saturday, 5—The big day arrives—the Junior-Senior banquet-prom was a huge success.
- Tuesday, 8—The Okaw Valley track meet was held at Monticello.
- Wednesday, 16—The senior play cast had a dress rehearsal.
- Thursday, 17—Seniors presented "It's All In Your Head" for the public.
- Friday, 18—Baccalaureate practice was held for the seniors.
- Sunday, 20—Capped and gowned seniors attended Baccalaureate. Rev. C. M. Elliott delivered the address.
- Wednesday, 23—The underclassmen struggled through semesters. Commencement practice for all those who managed to complete the four-year course.
- Thursday, 24—Joseph Hobbs was the speaker at commencement exercises, bringing to a close the 1950-1951 school year.







Students in the above picture appear to be seriously concentrating on studies, but it should be made known that this photo does not depict school life as it always is in the study hall.

Antics in the Aisle

Dickie Eades always demands the "Post" on Wednesday mornings. Linda Byerline and Jim Clark are well informed on current events. (Noon newspaper reading seems to be their hobby.)

Lois Bradley cowers in study hall corners with hopes of escaping the punches of Margaret Laroe.

Jingles and clashing of key chain oddments herald the approach of Pat Klein.

Margie Lawson never seems to enjoy the company of Jack Porter and Charlie Tucker.

Marlene Hord and Barb Tynan are happiest when laughing over some small tid bit.

Kay Crinigan manages to study Latin and also pesters the person nearest her.

Mr. Wehmeier spends sixth period in locating some of his "lost" students.

Barbara Bolsen talks in sign language to friends in the opposite side of study hall.

Paul O'Hara presides regally over third period study hall from the librarian's desk.

Dave Spearman and John Sebens may be found giving Ray Tate the low down on the latest.

Jim Day conserves his energy by just sitting and watching the rest of the world go by.

"Bunk" cleans and straightens the vast study hall each night, but those aisles will forever retain the sounds of shuffling feet engaged in antics in the aisles.

"The old order changeth
Yielding place to new . . ."

