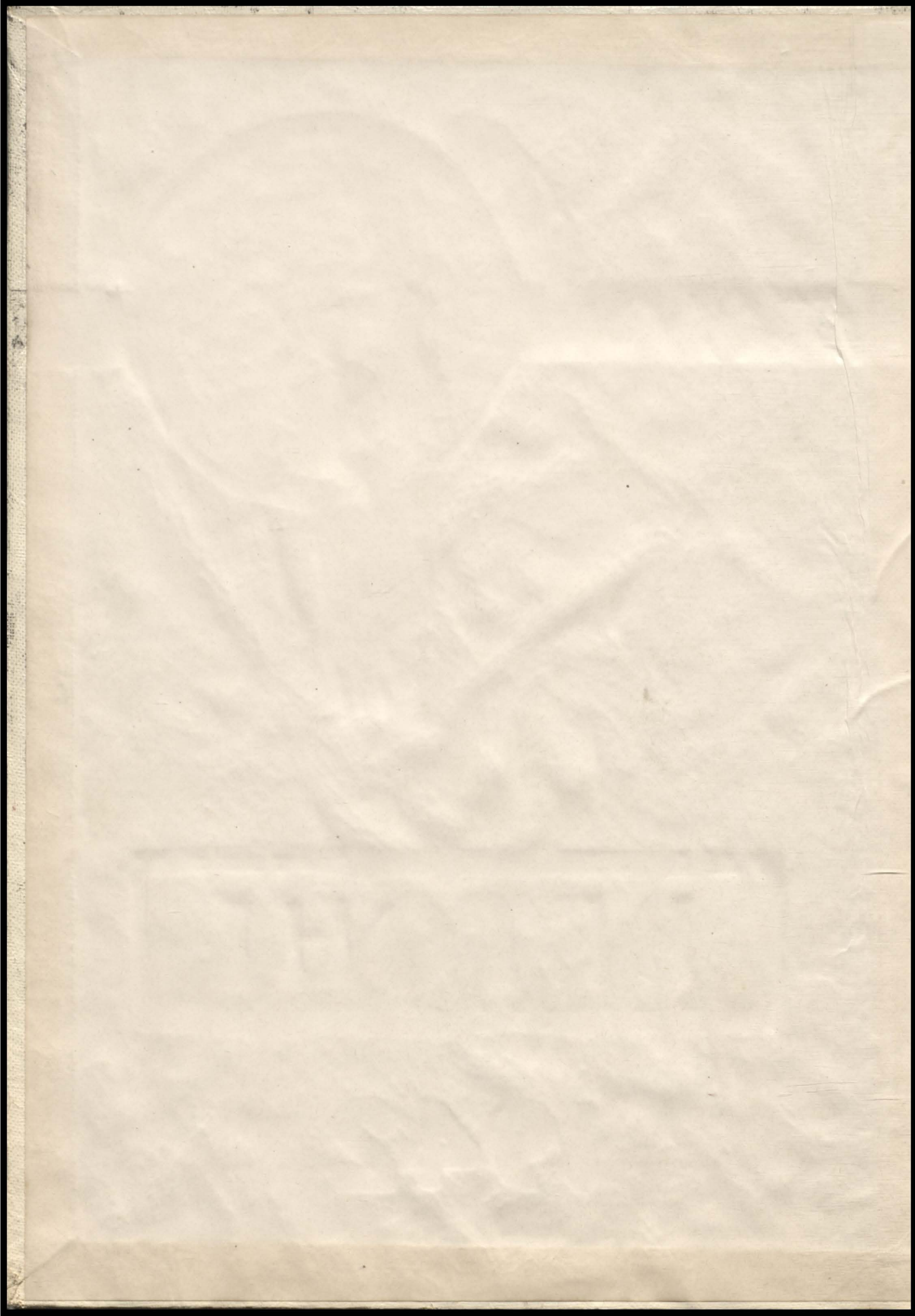


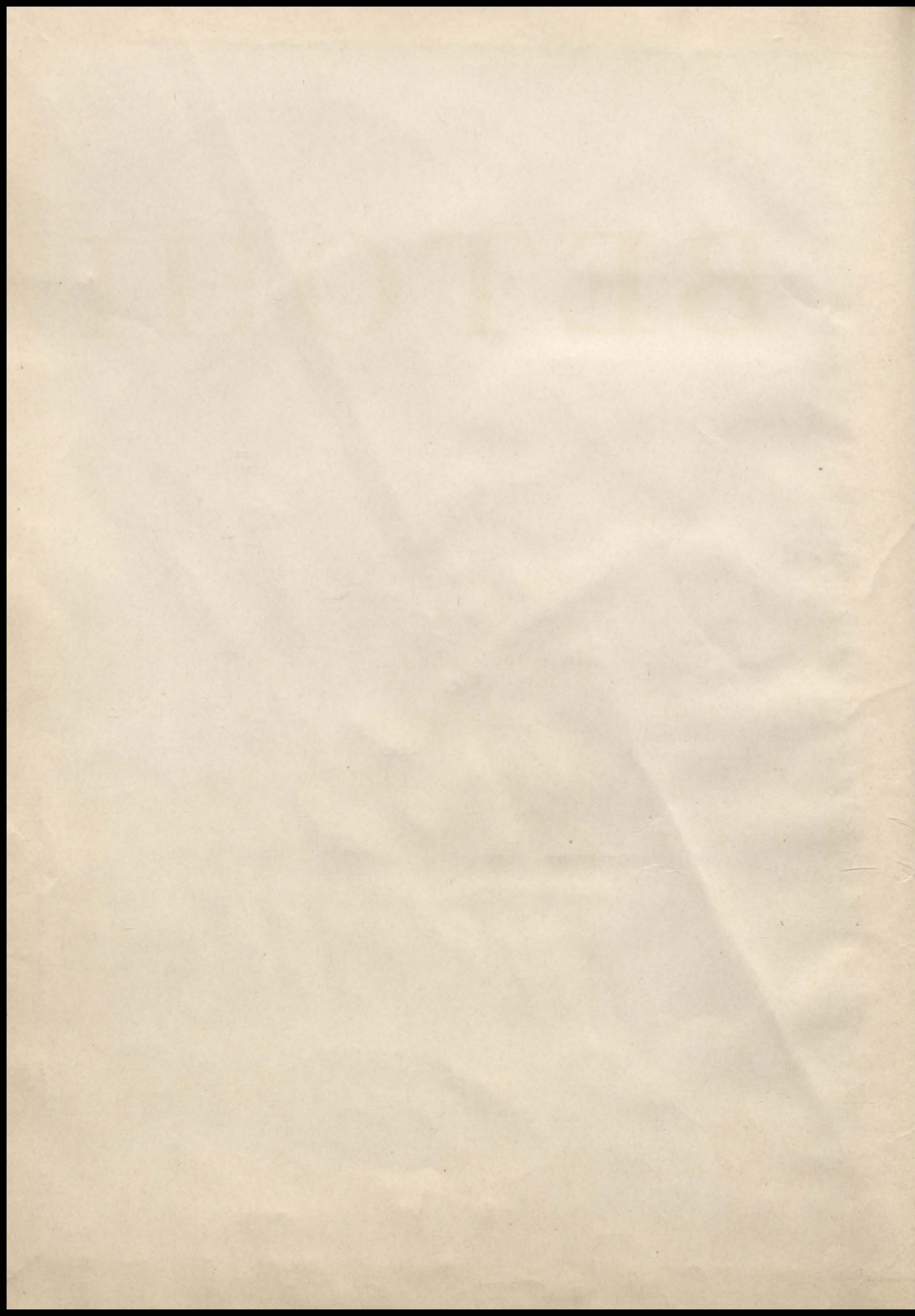


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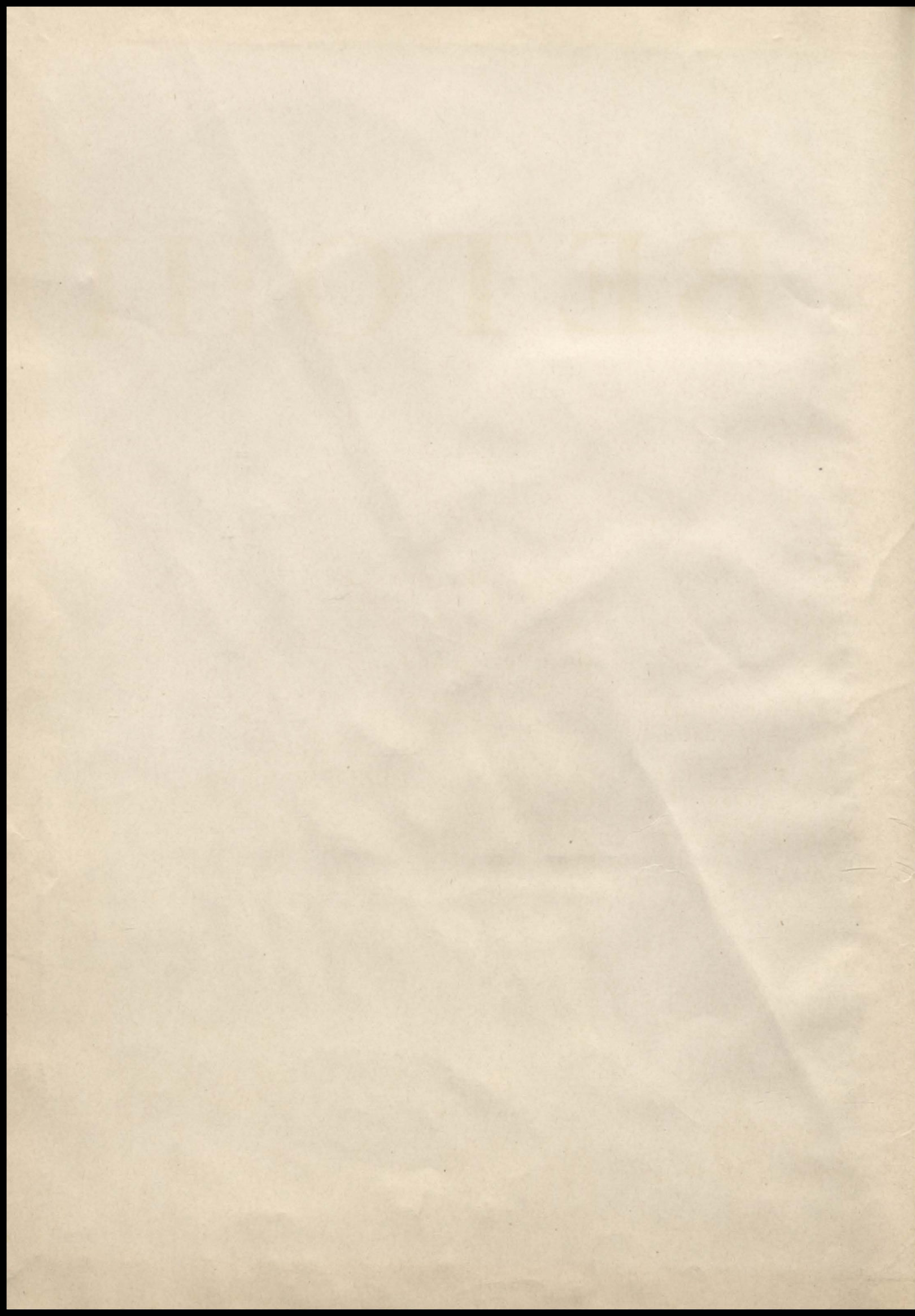
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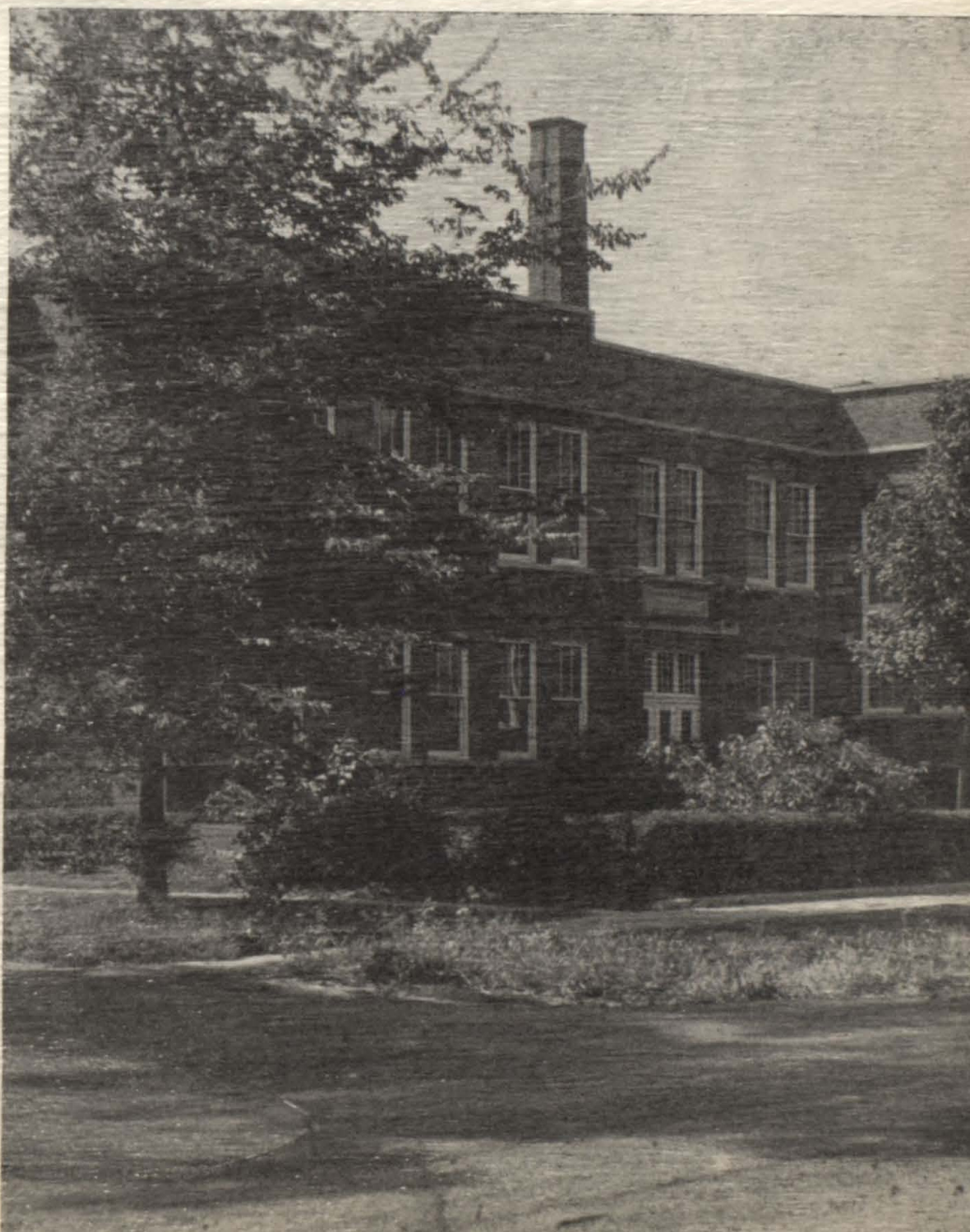
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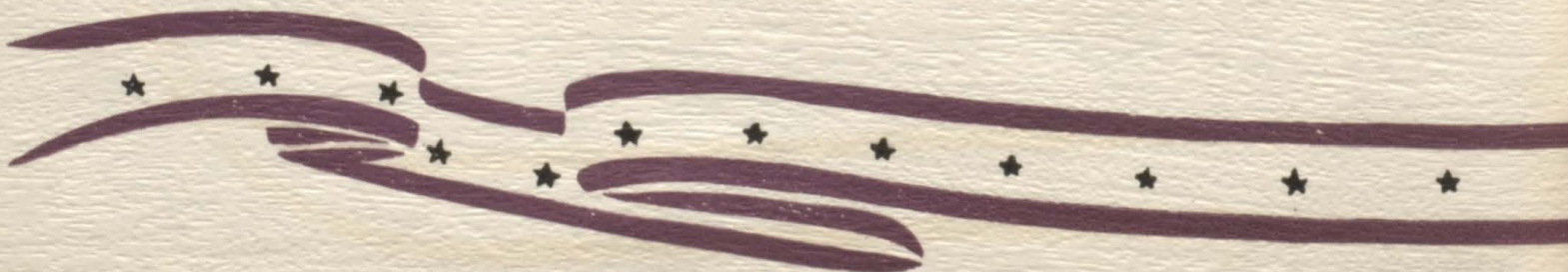
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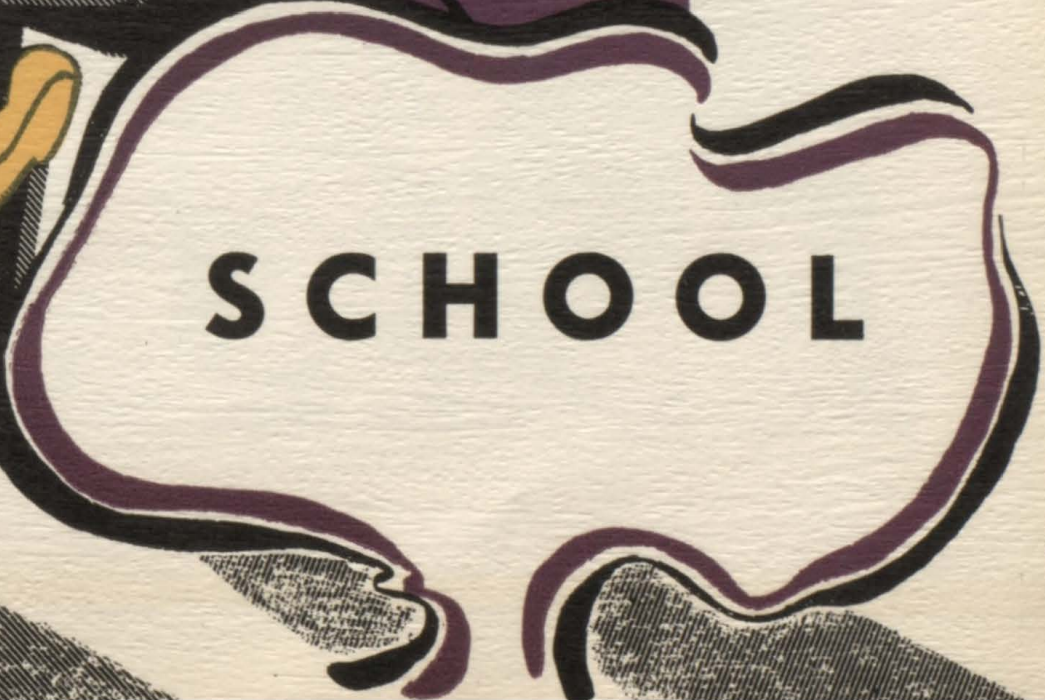


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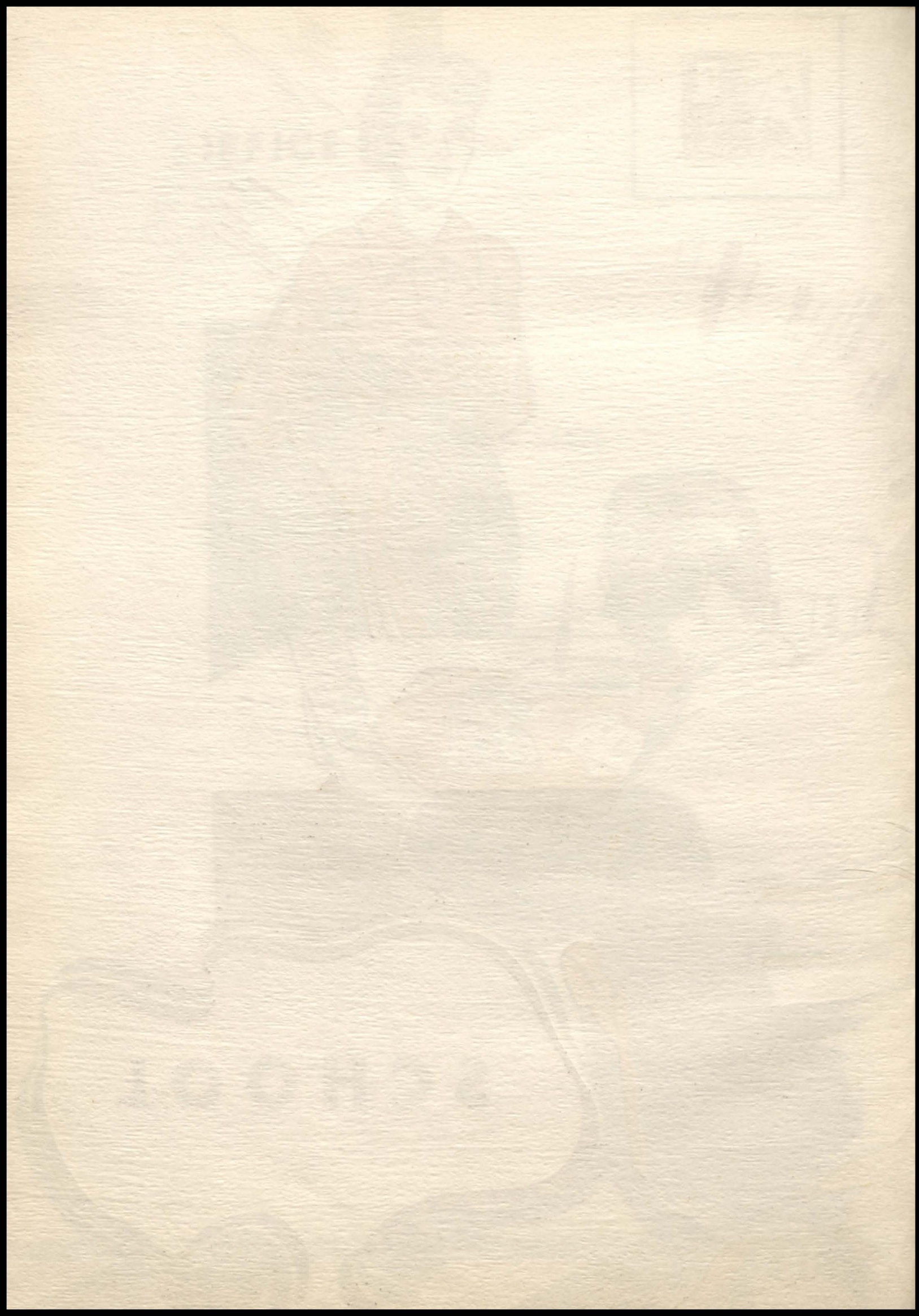


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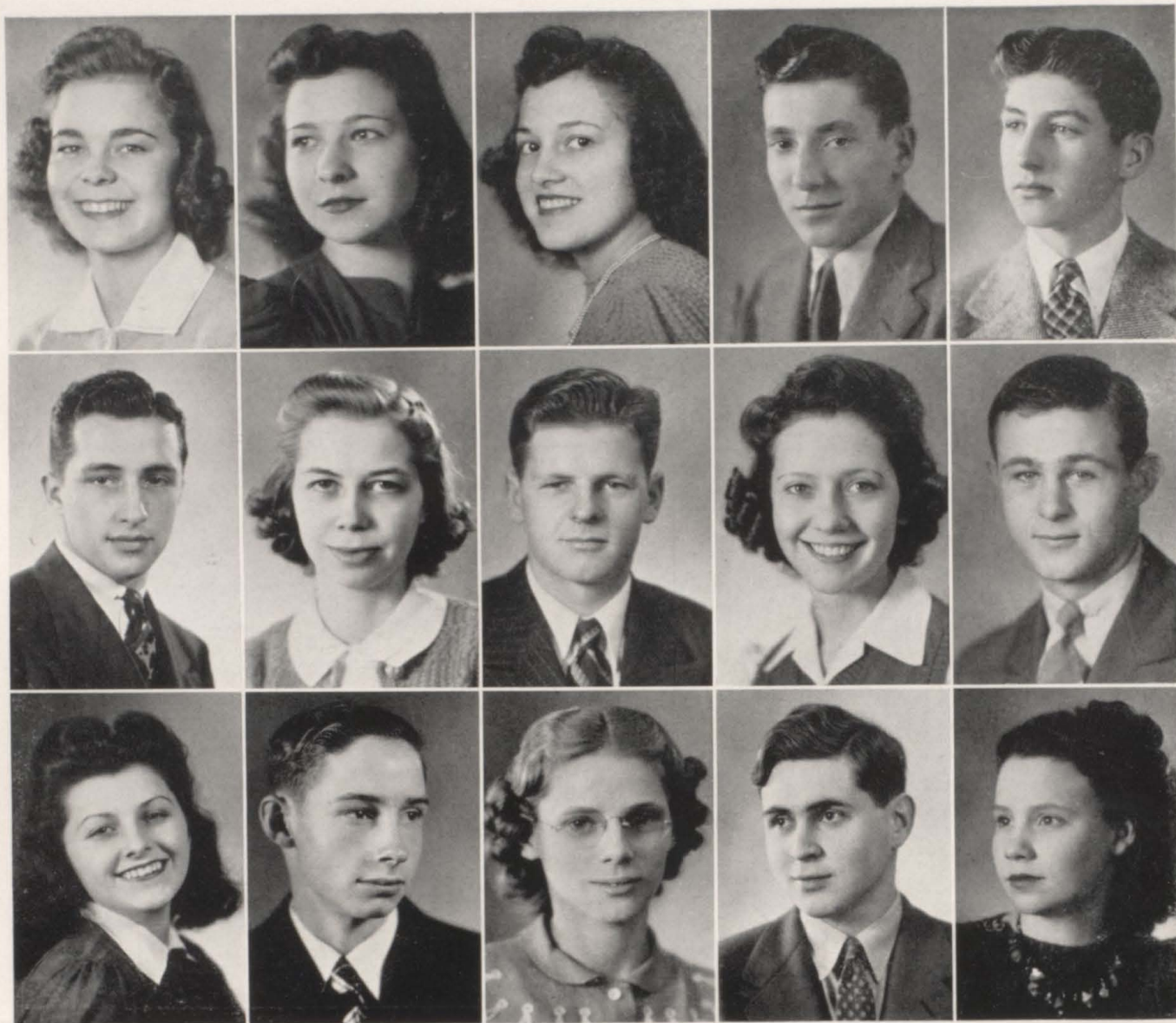
At the end of four years association with the faculty of this high school, the seniors have come to realize the value of their friendship and advice. It is with this thought foremost in our minds as we take leave of this institution, that we wish to express our sincere appreciation for the time and effort put forth by this group in order that we may be better fitted for our future.



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## SENIORS

Pauline Day

"My pug nose is my delight."

Robert Loudenback

"Our problem child."

Helen Bruce

"Have you heard the latest music?"

Norma Kirk

"By diligence, she wins her way."

Jean Flenniken

"If silence were gold, she would be rich."

Jack Lindstrom

"They say I'm bashful, but I don't think I am."

Mary Morgan

"Queen of the Homecoming."

James Hinton

"Nothing worries me—much."

Lelia Lamb

"Without Marian, who would she tease?"

Bob Eckstein

"If flunk I must, for luck I trust."

Audra Coffin

"Once a friend, always a friend."

James Roberts

"Gentlemen prefer blondes."

Raymond Haynes

"A dashing young fellow am I."

James Reed

"Know anything about coon dogs?"

Dorothy Allison

"A smile never hurt anyone."





## SENIORS

Gordon Lindstrom

"It's a man's world after all."

Vena Loomis

"Just an argument and I'm happy."

Joe Foran

"Long, lean and lanky: Never angry, never cranky."

Marian Lamb

"I'd grow old sitting still."

Bill Cahill

"They call me 'Boots'."

Mary Hannon

"She giggles herself healthy."

Lloyd Shepherd

"There is little I do not know."

Jean Vaughn

"A merry little soul is she."

Betty Redman

"Quite shy and retiring."

Pauline Hamman

"Gee, I'm glad I'm alive!"

Max Warren

"What I know, I know."

Pauline Ray

"Dynamite comes in small packages."

Bob Burgess

"A shining light in football."

Dorothy Zook

"Chatterbox? ? ?"

Flomarie Wright

"I guess I'm a blonde—so what?"





## SENIORS

Helen Sebens

"Her bywords—  
knowledge—  
music."

Haruth Klump

"My ambition? Sh!  
It's a secret."

Ann Lefever

"She industriously  
minds her own  
business."

Anna Mary Smith

"Happy-go-lucky  
as the day  
is long."

Kenny Hinton

"Care is an enemy  
to life."

Helen Pruitt

"I want to be a  
housewife."

Johnny Funk

"The world is full  
of people—but  
none like me."

Lucille Kitson

"Athletics were  
her hobby."

Elmas Crim

"Don't take me  
too seriously."

Harold Boyd

"A girl in every  
port."

Jean O'Hara

"Ivesdale is a won-  
derful town."

Betty Day

"Never worried,  
never hurried,  
always happy,  
always free."

Nadine McKee

"Busy as a bee is  
'Molly'."

Wayne Fair

"I 'love' school,  
school 'likes' me."

Mary Foran

"Oh, I manage to  
have a good  
time."



## HISTORY

In the year nineteen hundred thirty-eight a green, very much frightened group of students entered the portals of Bement Township High School to broaden their intellect.

After we had grown used to our new environment, the following were chosen to conduct our activities: Bob Loudenback, president; Mary Morgan, vice-president; Nadine McKee, secretary-treasurer; Bob Burgess, Athletic Board of Control member.

Mary Morgan, by vote of the class, was chosen as our candidate for Homecoming Queen. We were further prominent in glorifying the Homecoming by building a float that won first prize.

In the field of sports, Bob Burgess and Bob Loudenback carried our colors as pigskin bearers. Bob Loudenback also was prominent during the basketball season along with Rosy Boyd.

This year, the curriculum of the freshmen was changed slightly by the addition of chorus as a required subject.

The beginning of the next year marked a change in the nature and feeling of this new class of sophisticated sophomores. No more were we looked down upon as "green" by our upperclassmen. We were now the ones who could stand by laughing at the new freshmen and remark, "Greenhorn." Under the leadership of Nadine McKee, president; Jack Funk, vice-president; Eleanor Ann Lefever, secretary-treasurer; and Bob Burgess, Athletic Board of Control member, we enjoyed a successful but somewhat quiet year.

The purple and the white were carried high due to the contribution of the sophomore class which contained several boys of outstanding athletic ability. Nadine McKee and Margaret Slevin were the sophomore cheer leaders who inspired the teams to victory.

The half-way point in our high school life had been reached and now we were distinguished juniors, under the leadership of Max Warren, president; Raymond Haynes, vice-president; Helen Sebens, secretary-treasurer; Joe Foran, Athletic Board of Control member.

The first really important event which took place was the presentation of the play, "Billy's Goat," that resulted in a smashing success. This proved that we were highly successful at dramatics.

Red, green, yellow, blue, and brown! Colors flashed in gay Mexican combinations as we presented, in the B.T.H.S. gymnasium, a banquet with the seniors as guests. Although the banquet was semi-formal, we must say informally that it was a "wow!" Various members of both classes



## HISTORY

presented the usual toasts. A native girl, Emma De La Garza, was the principal speaker of the evening. Her talk concerned the dress and customs of the people of her homeland. Dancing was to the rhythm of Deacon Dunn's orchestra. A charming girl vocalist was the feature attraction.

After the excitement which the banquet had created subsided, the seniors retaliated by giving us an "all-year-round" party.

In athletics, Lloyd Shepherd and Max Warren entered the field of battle as varsity "gridders."

The two musical organizations, the band and the chorus, both contained an equal number of juniors—twelve.

With great expectations, we were looking forward to becoming "noted" seniors. You could verify this fact by looking on our "third finger, left hand."

September, 1941, brought 45 proud students as full fledged seniors into the hall of the B.T.H.S. Proud, I say, because we felt somewhat superior to our underclassmen. Many felt happy because their last year in high school was now at hand. As leaders and commanders for this eventful year, we elected Pauline Day, president; Norma Kirk, vice-president; Mary Morgan, secretary-treasurer; Bob Eckstein, Athletic Board of Control member.

As Queen of the Homecoming, Mary Morgan was chosen, thus boosting the seniors. Max Warren, captain of the football team, was the lucky fellow who by custom was privileged to crown the queen and then kiss her.

Later in the year, FOOT LOOSE, a Row Peterson play, was chosen to be a senior production. It starred fourteen characters.

As far as the band and chorus were concerned, the seniors were helpful because of their experience and "age." Some of the student conducting, a prominent activity in both band and chorus, was practiced by the seniors.

Near the end of the school year, the seniors entertained the juniors at a joyous occasion, where many happy hours were spent playing games, enjoying refreshments, and dancing.

Then on March 31, the seniors felt honored when the juniors announced that the class of '42 were to be guests at a reception to be held on April 9. Everyone came dressed in his best "bib and tucker" and all enjoyed immensely the never-to-be-forgotten evening.

And now, dear friends and B.T.H.S., we close our high school history and take leave of you. Never again shall we enter the halls of our high school as "green" freshmen. Yet, through happy memories, we can relive every moment of our past.



## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### DOROTHY ALLISON

A Cappella 2,3; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; G. A.A. 1.

### HAROLD BOYD

Track 1,2,3; Football Varsity 3,4; Football Manager 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Senior Play.

### HELEN BRUCE

Band 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Secretary 3; G.A.A. President 4; Spring Frolic 2; Senior Play.

### BOB BURGESS

Band 1,2,3,4; Band Vice-president 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. President 4; Football Varsity 1,2,3,4; Track 1,2,3; Ath. Board of Control 1,2; Annual Staff 4; B. Club 1,2,3; Senior Play.

### BILL CAHILL

Football Varsity 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

### AUDRA COFFIN

Band 1,2,3; A Cappella 2,3; Home Ec. Club 1; G.A.A. 1,2,3; Annual Staff 4; News Staff 4.

### ELMAS CRIM

Track 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Annual Staff 4.

### BETTIE DAY

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Vice-president 3; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; Home Ec. Treasurer 3; Girls' Glee Club 2.

### PAULINE DAY

L.O.V. 2,3; L.O.V. President 2; Girls' Glee Club 2; G.A.A. 1,2; News Staff 3,4; A Cappella 3,4; Cheer Leader 4; Senior President; Junior Play; Christmas Program 2; Spring Frolic 2; Senior Play.

### BOB ECKSTEIN

Track 1,2,3; Football 2,4; F.F.A. 4.

### WAYNE FAIR

F.F.A. 1,2,3.

### JEAN FLENNIKEN

Style Show 2.

### JOSEPH FORAN

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Athletic Board of Control 3; Chorus 2; Annual Staff 4.

### MARY FORAN

Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. 2; Chorus 2,3,4; Queen's Attendant 2.

### JACK FUNK

Football 3,4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Vice-President 2; Junior Play; Senior Play.

### PAULINE HAMMAN

A Cappella 3,4; Home Ec. Club 4; Hi Tri Class Secretary 3.

### MARY HANNON

Home Ec. Club 1,3,4; Home Ec. President 4; Queen Attendant 3; Annual Staff.

### RAYMOND HAYNES

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.F.A. Vice-president 4; F. F. A. Reporter 3; Junior Vice-president.

### JAMES HINTON

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

### KENNETH HINTON

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

### NORMA KIRK

Band 1,2,3,4; A Cappella 3,4; Girls' Glee Club 2; Home Ec. Club 3,4; Home Ec. Secretary 3,4; Hi Tri Class Chairman 2; Senior Vice-president; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

### ILARUTH KLUMP

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; G.A.A. Play 1; G.A.A. Stunt Show 2; G.A.A. Point Secretary 4.

### LELIA LAMB

G.A.A. 1; Home Ec. Club 3.

### MARION LAMB

G.A.A. 1; L.O.V. 2; Home Ec. Club 3.

### ELEANOR ANN LEFEVER

Band 1,2,3,4; A Cappella 2,3,4; A Cappella Vice-president 4; Operetta 1; Girls' Glee Club 2; Christmas Chorus 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1,4; L.O.V. Secretary 3; Junior Secretary-Treasurer; District Solo Contest 1, 2,3; News Staff 3,4; Annual Staff 4; Junior Play; Senior Play.

### GORDON LINDSTROM

L.O.V. 2.

### JACK LINDSTROM

F.F.A. 1,2,3,4.

### BOB LOUDENBACK

Football Varsity 1,2,3; Basketball 1,2,3; Varsity 2,3; Track 1,2; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Freshman President; Band 1,2,3,4; Band Vice-president 3; Band President 4; Student Conductor 3,4; A Cappella 2,4; Annual Staff 4; News Staff 4; B. Club 1,2,3; Senior Play.

### VENA LOOMIS

Band 2,3; Clarinet Quartet 3; Hi Tri Class Chairman 3; Annual Staff 4; L.O.V. 2.

### NADINE McKEE

Junior Play; Cheer Leader 2,3,4; Class Secretary 1; Class President 2; A Cappella 3,4; A Cappella President 4; Annual Staff 4; News Staff 2,3,4; L.O.V. 2; Home Ec. Club 4; Senior Play.



## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

### MARY MORGAN

Home Ec. Club 3; Home Ec. President 3; Junior Play; Class Vice-president 1; Class Secretary 4; Hi Tri Class Treasurer 2; Homecoming Queen 4; Homecoming Queen Candidate 1; Annual Staff 2,4; Christmas Program 1,4; Senior Play.

### NORMA O'HARA

Ivesdale 1,2; Home Ec. Club 4.

### HELEN PRUITT

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4.

### PAULINE RAY

G.A.A. 1,2; Home Ec. Club 1,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Chorus 2,3,4; Hi Tri Class Secretary 3.

### BETTY REDMAN

G.A.A. 3; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; Chorus 2,3,4.

### JIM REED

Football 1,4; Varsity 4; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Varsity 4; Track 1; Senior Play.

### JAMES ROBERTS

Band 1,2,3,4; Junior Play; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

### HELEN SEBENS

Band 1,2,3,4; A Cappella 2,3,4; Class Secretary 3; L.O.V. 2; L.O.V. Vice-president 2; Annual Staff 4; News Staff 4; Hi Tri Class Secretary 2; Junior Play; Christmas Program 2; Girls' Glee Club 2; Senior Play.

### LLOYD SHEPHERD

B. Club 3; All-State Chorus 4; Football Varsity 3,4; Track 2,3; A Cappella 2,3,4; Basketball 2; Boys' Octet 2; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play.

### ANNA MARY SMITH

Annual Staff 4; A Cappella 2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Home Ec. Club 2; G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Spring Frolic 2.

### JEAN VAUGHAN

G.A.A. 1; Home Ec. 1,2,3; Home Ec. Vice-president 4; A Cappella 2,3,4.

### MAX WARREN

Football 2,3,4; Varsity 3; Football Captain 4; Basketball 1,2; Track 1,2,3; Junior President 3; B. Club 3; Annual Staff 4.

### FLO MARIE WRIGHT

G.A.A. 1,2,3,4; Home Ec. Club 1,2,3,4; Girls' Glee Club 2.

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## SENIOR WHO'S WHO

Girl		Boy
Nadine McKee.....	Most Scholarly.....	Max Warren
Ann Lefever.....	Most Musical.....	Bob Loudenback
Helen Bruce.....	Most Athletic.....	Harold Boyd
Mary Morgan.....	Best Looking.....	Bob Loudenback
Nadine McKee.....	Most Popular.....	Bob Burgess
Nadine McKee.....	Best Dancer.....	Johnny Funk
Jean Flenniken.....	Most Bashful.....	Jack Lindstrom
Mary Hannon.....	Biggest Cut-Up.....	Johnny Funk

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

### BIG TEN (Scholastically)

- |                 |                                    |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Nadine McKee | 6. Mary Morgan                     |
| 2. Ann Lefever  | 7. Robert Burgess                  |
| 3. Helen Sebens | 8. Vena Loomis                     |
| 4. Norma Kirk   | 9. Lloyd Shepherd                  |
| 5. Max Warren   | 10. Pauline Day, Helen Bruce, Tie. |



## SENIOR PLAY

"Foot Loose," a three-act comedy written by Charles G. Burdette and published by Row-Peterson, was presented by the senior class on May 1.

When Richard and Emily Early leave on a trip, things begin to happen. Mary becomes so interested in Jack that her school work suffers; Bob gets in a wreck which calls for an advance of money; to top it off, Delphia comes down with pneumonia which causes Hope more trouble. When their parents return home, the children agree that many of their difficulties should be left untold.

Richard Early, vice-president of a suburban bank.....	Jim Roberts
Emily, his wife.....	Helen Sebens
Hope, their daughter, a social worker.....	Norma Kirk
Dick, their son, a medical student.....	Bob Loudenback
Mary, another daughter, high school senior.....	Pauline Day
Bob, a son, high school junior.....	Bob Burgess
Delphie, general maid and adviser.....	Ann Lefever
Randy Cunningham, Mary's friend.....	Jack Funk
Jenny Malloy, Dick's sweetheart.....	Nadine McKee
"Buzz" Daily, Bob's chum.....	Jim Reed
Miriam Walker, Mary's friend.....	Helen Bruce
Jack Milford, college sophomore.....	Lloyd Shepherd
Sanford Welles, a young attorney.....	Harold Boyd
Mrs. Forrester, a cranky widow.....	Mary Morgan



## CLASS PROPHECY

The Time: The Year 1952.

The Scene: A specially constructed room with elaborate television receiving equipment, invented by Lloyd Shepherd. Men are seated around a huge television screen—a former B.T.H.S. student, Dorothy Zook, reports on the experiment—here is the article as copied from her diary.

As the receiver “warms up,” we can see faint glimmers cast on the screen. Suddenly we find ourselves looking at a huge battleship plowing its way through a rough sea. On this ship we see the Hinton brothers, James and Kenneth, proudly wearing naval medals of “extinction.” I read in the newspaper where they distinguished themselves by saving Jeane O’Hara from drowning after she had fallen from the deck of the luxury liner “Helen of Troy,” exclusive property of Helen Pruitt. Mary Hannon, after attempting to save Jeane, felt she needed exercise and swam safely to shore. Both Jeane and Mary were taken to the Roberts Sanitarium where Jim runs a thriving “business.” By the way, Audra Coffin was their attending nurse; very capable too.

Now the scene is switching to the metropolis of New York where we see Norma Kirk modeling at Saks Fifth Avenue Store. Here we see many B.T.H.S. graduates working. Nadine McKee is buyer for the store, and Helen Sebens does the advertising. Seeking a new outfit in that store is Lelia Lamb, the well known poet. Marion, her sister, accompanies her. Marion, by the way, recently published this year’s prize winning novel.

Just passing the swanky store are playboys, Jack Funk and Bill Cahill, winking at the various girls they meet on the street. We see them strolling towards Pier 13, where they are expecting to meet Pauline Hamman as she completes her world tour.

The sun is setting as usual today. The lights of Broadway are beginning to cast their glow upon the world. Wha Zis! Do my eyes deceive me? Isn’t that Bob Loudenback and his band being featured at Rose Land? It is, and with his band is that renowned trio comprised of Pauline Ray, Eleanor Lefever, and Dorothy Allison.

Competing with the Loudenback “Floogies” is Helen Bruces’ all-girl orchestra playing at the Savoy Ballroom. Jean Vaughan is the star pianist. Do you see who their manager is? Why, it’s Jean Flenniken. Near the Savoy, where Helen is playing, we see huge signs saying, “THE KLUMP HOTEL.” Of course it is owned and operated by Ilaruth. The hotel’s charming formal receptionist is Mary Foran. From the looks of the hotel’s



## CLASS PROPHECY

registration books the establishment is immensely popular with celebrities.

On the outskirts of the great city of New York, we see the beautiful little suburb, Ivesburg. The sign on its outskirts says—The Greatest Little City in the State—Population 150—Robert Eckstein, Mayor. Teaching at the local high school is Wayne Fair. We see he gets along splendidly with the twenty-six students there.

Look quick! Isn't that Pauline Day on the huge stratoliner belonging to James Reed? She's the hostess and a pretty one, too. I see also on that plane Betty Day. She's the famed Red Cross nurse who served so valiantly during the last war. There are many old B.T.H.S. graduates on that ship. There's Bob Burgess, the present coach at Northeastern, and I hear he is quite successful. His team, under his superb coaching, won the national championship from their opponent, Notre Dame, 97 to 0. Harold Boyd is flying to his latest naval assignment. He is such a valuable man to the Navy that it isn't even revealed what rank he holds, but we're sure it is high. Let's take a peep into the cockpit of this high flying plane. Well, I'll be—there is Max Warren! Oh, yes! He was honorably discharged from the Air Corps where he received the name "Ace" Warren while in service in the Philippines.

Let's switch to the ground again. What's this! Isn't that the swanky home of Anna M. Smith? Yes, it is, and it was designed by that talented architect Ray Haynes. Nice work!

In the distance I see a huge building. It says outside "The Crim Royce Motor Plant" (successor of Rolls Royce). In the main office I see Elmas, himself, and seated by his side is Vena Loomis, his private secretary.

Speaking of private secretaries, we observe that Joe Foran holds that position at the Lindstrom Brothers' "Farmers' Union Corp."

We see by turning the dial that Flo M. Wright is a distinctive hair stylist at Hollywood. Also at Hollywood is the famous Mary Morgan who recently received the distinguished "Oscar" for her splendid work in the production "This Is No Choking Matter." Betty Redman was the writer and producer of that production.

A dense blue smoke is crowding all scenes out. I wonder what the trouble is. Why yes, how could it be anyone else but Lloyd Shepherd and his Model "T"? It may be of interest to know that he has just converted it (his "car") into a diesel.





First Row: Hodam, Fristoe, Raglan, VanVleet, Taylor, Knapp, Camden, Hill, Farrell, Kinrade, Poundstone.  
 Second Row: Ponder, Fairbanks, Medaris, Jordan, Ewing, Ball, Wildman, Evans, Gardner, Landis, Choyce.  
 Third Row: Slusser, Lamb, Keim, O'Connor, Smith, Maley, Bowyer, Phalen, Fuqua.  
 Fourth Row: Reeves, Turner, Comerford, Vincent, Fisher, Gulliford, Luttrell.  
 Fifth Row: Foran, Lincicum, Shirley, Brown, Jones, Tatman.

## JUNIORS

In September of 1939 a brand new freshman class entered B.T.H.S. This illustrious band broke all precedent by showing themselves poised, experienced, and not at all "green?" As freshmen and sophomores, they elected officers and held parties, following all the rules and precepts of classes gone before, and in the fall of 1942 bloomed forth as sagacious Juniors.

For two years, girls had held the position of class president, but this year a boy, Richard Knapp, was elected. Other officers were: Paul Taylor, vice-president; Helen Hill, secretary and

treasurer; and Wayne Foran, member of the Athletic Board of Control. In November the junior class presented a brilliant comedy, "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works," and in April they were hosts at a Junior-Senior Reception.

Members of our class were very active in other organizations, especially in the music department. Five of the eight singers in the octet were juniors.

As next year's seniors, we expect to profit by the examples of the last three graduating classes and combine all their virtues into a class that will shine forever as the ultimate of ultimates.



## JUNIOR PLAY

On November 13, 1941, the junior class presented a three-act mystery farce, "Aunt Susie 'Shoots the Works,'" by Fred Caldwell.

Aunt Susie Stowe, a man-hating old maid, inherits a house and a sausage factory to which she summons her niece, Joy Herbert. After Joy and her colored maid, Scarlet Deane, arrive, Portia Lark, a female lawyer, informs Miss Stowe that to obtain her inheritance she must marry a co-heir, Omar Graves. Before Aunt Susie recovers from this announcement, Madame Zola, a mysterious medium, makes a dramatic entrance.

To further complicate matters, Johnny Rogers, Joy's fiance, arrives on a secret mission and is mistaken for Omar Graves. However, this mistake is corrected when the real Omar makes his appearance with a colored valet, La Salle Johnson. Naturally, when Susie and Omar meet, fireworks begin.

Laura Dawson obtains a job from Aunt Susie under false pretences, but is exposed by Cynthia Dunning, a neighbor. Subsequently, she disappears. As if this were not enough, Slick Conway enters, claiming to be Susie's husband.

Confusion ensues when La Salle and Madame Zola distribute "love lozenges" which have a devastating effect. They cause everyone to fall in love with the wrong person or persons.

When to all appearances, the situation is hopelessly complicated, Johnny steps in and with the help of Laura, who was in reality a detective, exposes Madame Zola and Slick as members of a gang of jewel thieves. To everyone's surprise, Susie capitulates to the terms of the will, and the play ends with Susie and Omar, Joy and Johnny, Scarlet and La Salle paired off.

### CAST

Aunt Susie Stowe.....	Edna Raglan
Joy Herbert.....	Mary Kinrade
Scarlet Deane.....	Ruth Lamb
Laura Dawson.....	Mary Poundstone
Madame Zola.....	Rosa Lee Slusser
Cynthia Dunning.....	Margaret Farrell
Portia Lark.....	Helen Hill
Omar Graves.....	Burton Tatman
La Salle Johnson.....	Deane Turner
Johnny Rogers.....	Gene Fisher
Slick Conway.....	Robert Jones
Director.....	Frances Choyce

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## JUNIOR - SENIOR RECEPTION

This year the juniors disregarded time honored tradition for an innovation of their own. In place of the customary Junior-Senior Banquet, they held a semi-formal reception for the seniors on April ninth.

Reflecting the general spirit of the times, the decorations and favors were patriotic in theme. Refreshments were

served buffet style throughout the evening. The time from eight to eleven-thirty was spent in dancing to the music of Earl Betourni's orchestra, and when the last chorus had been played, everyone agreed that the change from a banquet to a reception was "not a bad idea in spite of missing the usual meal."





First Row: Redman, Slagle, Clark, Zook, Plummer, Jim Clodfelter, Petersen, Funk, Turney, Fleming, Gulliford.  
 Second Row: Davies, Vincent, Lawson, Bowyer, Kirwin, Lindstrom, McPherson, Postlewait, Slagle, Auth, Hainey, Schuler.  
 Third Row: Eckstein, Warren, Larson, Koebel, Warner, Bogue, Boyd, Lentz, Day.  
 Fourth Row: Tynan, Rucker, Hendrix, Romack, Weber, Syfert, Moore, Shepherd.  
 Fifth Row: John Clodfelter, Allison, Larimore, Keller, Buckner, Beals, Burgess.

## SOPHOMORES

### CLASS OFFICERS

President.....Jim Clodfelter  
 Vice-President.....Anthon Petersen  
 Secretary.....Jean Funk  
 Member of Athletic Board of  
 Control.....Claude Plummer

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If we were to record here that on the first of September, 1941, two score and four seasoned freshmen entered B.T.H.S. as sophomores, this page would be dull and uninteresting. We shall not mention that Miss Schuler and Mr. Davies were our class advisers,

because everyone knows their fine qualifications. Having omitted these things, we hope to add a little zest to this page, for "variety is the spice of life."

What fun we have at our parties and social activities! In our ranks we even see some evidence of the presence of a disease which Mr. Slusser deftly terms "puppy love." Serious during school, we never fail to make a striking contrast at a skating party, dance, or contest.

As Sophomores we are beginning to realize how little we know, and how little we can ever find out.





First Row: Barnhart, Hixson, Lux, Neal, Bridges, Lamb, Mitchell, Fehnke, Hinton, Strater.  
 Second Row: Abel, Bales, Pierce, Hawver, Hill, Cotter, Wildman, Wiggins, Crim.  
 Third Row: Camden, McPherson, Bruce, Halterman, Cox, O'Connor, Wright, Hawkins, Evans.  
 Fourth Row: Xanders, Porter, Clapp, Shonkwiler, Lieb, Brittenham, Taylor, Stout, Swaim.  
 Fifth Row: Durbin, Patterson, Bogue, Born, Morgan, Malkus, Brady, Turner.  
 Sixth Row: Wallace, Hannon, Cahill, Day, Flenniken, Kirkland.

## FRESHMEN

One hot September day, fifty-three eighth grade graduates walked into the school and immediately became freshmen. It was quite difficult finding our way around the halls, but in a little while we knew everything about the school as well as our upper classmates did.

We showed great prudence when we elected Rosemary Cotter, president; Joyce Wildman, vice-president; Dorothy Hawver, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Hill, member of the Athletic Board of Control.

Later when all the girls strived for the honor, we chose Rosemary Cotter as our candidate for Homecoming Queen. We were greatly disappointed when another candidate won the position.

We enjoyed ourselves at the wiener roast held early in the fall, after which we skated around the school houses.

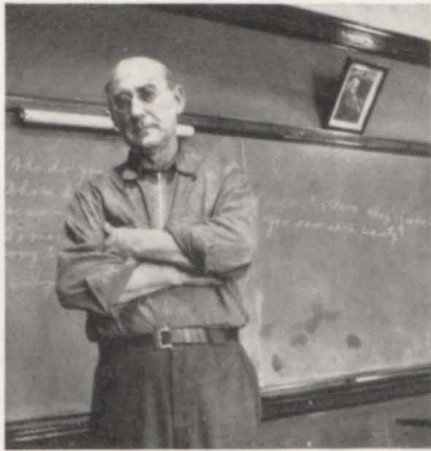
Everyone took full part in all the school activities. We were very proud of Robert Hill, who received a football letter and was the freshman star.

Many good laughs were also bestowed upon us when initiation time rolled around. The Home Ec. girls wore their hair in pigtails while the G.A.A. girls came out with the latest upsweeps. The F.F.A. boys were in great agony for one whole day, for they had to wear ties.

We managed the rest of the year without much difficulty and ended it with a bang when we had a big party. Group games and dancing furnished the entertainment.

We left the building in May as "Green Freshies" hoping to return next year as "Silly Sophomores."





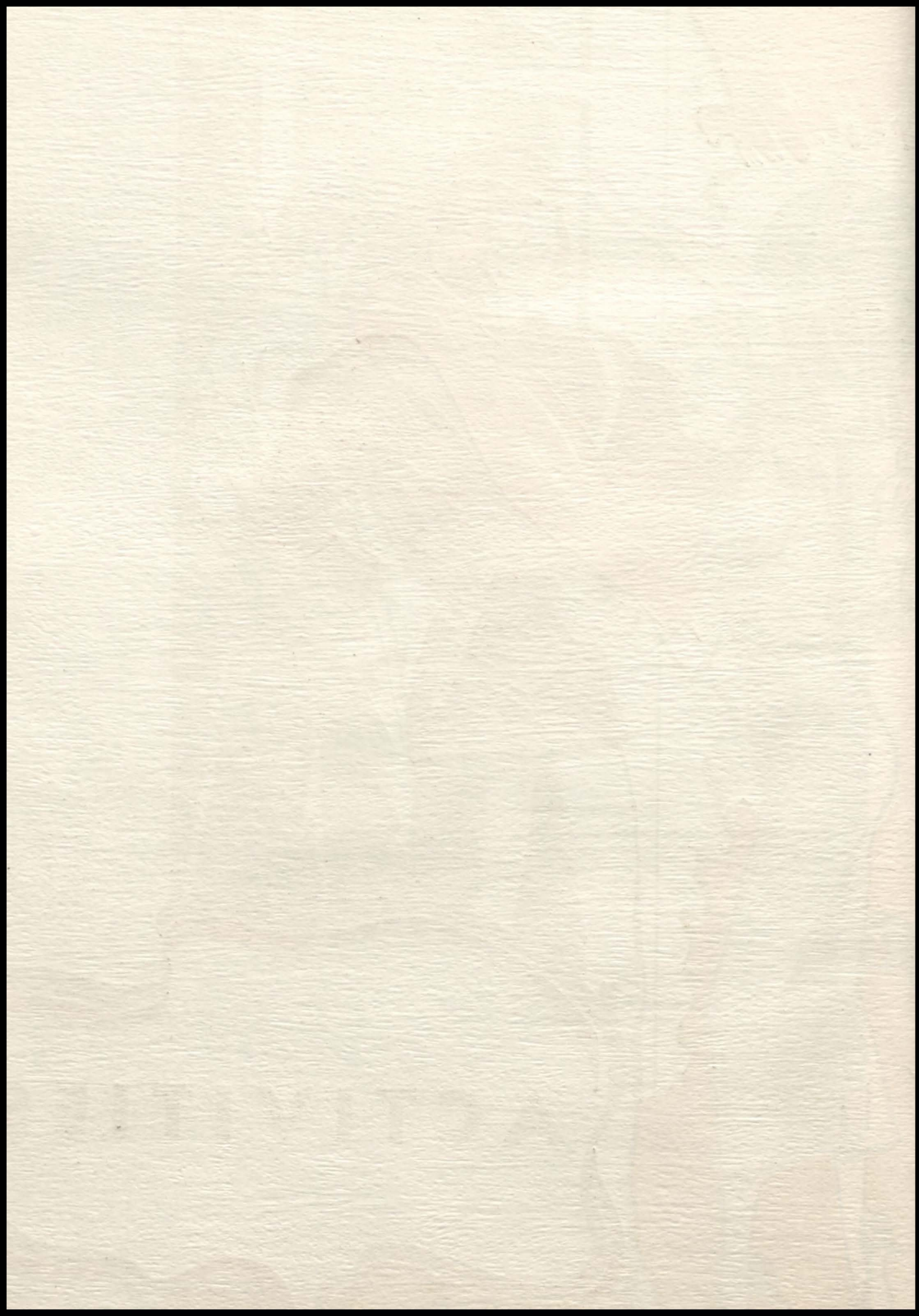




SET 10

**ACTIVITIES**









## BAND

At the beginning of the school year the marching band worked out formations to perform at football games. Because of rainy weather we were able only twice to show off our colors by marching.

After football season the concert band was formed. This band made its first appearance at the Football Banquet where it entertained the guests with four short, snappy selections.

To govern this organization the following were elected: President, Robert Loudenback; vice-president, Bob Burgess; secretary, Ruth Lamb; librarians, Helen Hill and Warren McPherson; reporter, Jane Postlewait.

We did our bit toward the conservation of tires by not going to the contests.

April the eighth marked the time of the annual band concert which was directed entirely by student conductors.

### Director

A. R. Keller

### Student Directors

Bob Loudenback  
 Warren McPherson  
 Jean Funk  
 Dean Turner  
 Ruth Lamb  
 Burton Tatman  
 Keith Burgess  
 Helen Hill

### INSTRUMENTATION

Baritone: K. Burgess, Fristoe; Bass: Loudenback, G. Fisher, F. Cox, Moery; Cornet: Roberts, R. Postlewait, Forcum, E. Shepherd, Brittenham, E. Smith, Larson, M. Lincicum, Dale Shepherd, Taylor; Saxophone: Le-fever, Barnhart, Hardimon, Moery, Clapp; Trombone: Slagle, Keller, B. Burgess, Funk, Hixon, Wallace; Horn: Tatman, Day, S. Brady, Camp, Munson.

Clarinet: R. Lamb, Landis, Fairbanks, A. M. Smith, M. McPherson, Kirk, Sebens, L. Smith, S. Fisher, P. Ray, Camden, Bogue, Still, Cox, D. S. Shepherd, Collins; Bass Clarinet: J. E. Postlewait; Alto Clarinet: M. K. Ray; Flute: W. McPherson, Bruce, F. Lincicum, Evans, Peggy Brady; Oboe: Hill; Bassoon: Hodam.

Drums: McMannus, W. Lamb, Turner, Pat Brady, Kirkland, Curry; Tympani: Patterson; Marimba, Walkus.





## A CAPPELLA

Sixty students joined their voices to form the a cappella choir. They met twice a week for forty-five minute rehearsals.

This group made their first important appearance at the band and chorus concert, April 15. Another outstanding performance of the year was the baccalaureate service, May 3.

This year the members elected the following officers: President, Nadine McKee; vice-president, Ann Lefever; secretary, Mary Kinrade; librarian, Margaret Farrell; and reporter, Dale Turney.

Eight members of the choir formed a vocal octet which sang on several occasions.

## STAR COURSE

As a new feature of the music department a star course was sponsored by the chorus. Tickets were sold to the public and the proceeds were put into a fund to buy choral robes.

The first of this series of five programs was the Decatur Madrigal Singers who sang December 21.

On February 28, Carleton Smith, a renowned alumnus of B.T.H.S., spoke on the subject, "Our World After Hitler." The Wesleyan Male Quartet and John Hawk, a novelty pianist, appeared March 11. On March 25 the Millikin Choir presented an excellent program of special selections.

The last of the series was the annual Band and Chorus Concert. This program was conducted entirely under the leadership of students.

### CHORUS

First Row: Kirk, Sebens, L. Smith, Lefever, A. Bowyer, Fairbanks, John Clodfelter, Brown, McKee, Lamb, J. Bowyer, Tynan, Vaughn, Funk.

Second Row: A. Smith, Hill, P. Day, Farrell, Postlewait, Fristoe, Tiffin, Jim Clodfelter, Fleming, Wildman, Bogue, Proctor, Raglan, Warner, Foran, Ball.

Third Row: G. Day, Fisher, Rucker, Boyd, Hamman, Redman, Clark, Medaris, Moore, Gulliford, Allison, B. Slagle, Ray, P. Slagle, Lawson, Slusser, Landis, Eckstein.

Fourth Row: Burgess, Shirley, Shepherd, Loudenback, Petersen, McPherson, Day, Tatman.



Twenty-six



## CHRISTMAS

During the week preceding Christmas, the students enjoyed studying in the assembly which was transformed by red and green streamers and a beautifully decorated Christmas tree.

Coinciding with the decorations, a daily surprise was presented before the assembly. These surprises included readings and music by students and a number by those outstanding singers, the faculty. Accompanied by spoons and glasses they sang "Jingle Bells."

Before school was dismissed for the holidays, "Star and Desert Sand," a modern version of the familiar Christmas story, was presented in the auditorium by volunteer actors. The main characters were:

Mary, Suzanne Brady; Faith, Willa Mae Patterson; Young Woman, Dorothy Allison; Young Man, Robert Jones. The call to worship and prayer were given by Audra Coffin and the scripture reading by Richard Knapp.

Music for the program was furnished by the A Cappella Choir and vocal soloists of the musical department.

## ENSEMBLES

This year, due to conditions brought on by the war, our ensembles were not able to participate in the annual music contests. In spite of this disappointment, these groups got together and rehearsed just for the fun of it. A few of these were repaid for their efforts by being allowed to play at different social gatherings.

This year we had four principal groups:

The vocal octet: H. Hill, A. Fristoe, R. Lamb, E. Raglan, D. Turney, R. Fleming, W. McPherson, B. Tatman.

A mixed woodwind group: W. McPherson, flute; H. Hill, oboe; J. Postlewait, bass clarinet; R. Lamb, clarinet.

A flute trio: W. McPherson, H. Bruce, L. Evans.

A brass quintet: B. Tatman, G. Day, horn; A. Fristoe, baritone; E. Shepherd, J. Roberts, cornet.

In addition to these groups there were several fine soloists and a few beginning ensembles.

Upper Left: Brass Quintet; Center: Chorus Accompanists; Upper Right: Mixed Woodwinds.  
Lower Left: Vocal Octet; Lower Right: Student Conductors.





## FUTURE FARMERS

The purpose of the Future Farmers of America is to develop competent, aggressive, rural, and agricultural leadership. The boys are encouraged to express themselves effectively before a group and to assume leadership. They also learn to buy and sell cooperatively, solve their own problems, and assume civic responsibilities.

On the first and third Fridays of every month the regular meetings are held. At these meetings the boys discuss problems and activities of the farm.

Basketball and softball furnish active and beneficial recreation for the boys. A memorable social event was the annual Home Ec and Ag party held in the spring.

### OFFICERS

President.....Bob Burgess	Secretary.....Paul Taylor
Vice-President.....Raymond Haynes	Treasurer.....Jack Funk
Reporter.....Max Warren	

First Row: R. Hinton, Morgan, Bridges, Shepherd, Barnhart, Redman, Lux, Neil, K. Hinton.  
 Second Row: Wright, Clark, Turney, Funk, Taylor, B. Burgess, Moore, Haynes, Crim, J. Hinton.  
 Third Row: Hodam, Born, Lamb, Bruce, Wildman, Syfert, Tatman, Hill, Flenniken, Lut-tell, Cox, Hannon, Shumard, Medaris.  
 Fourth Row: Halterman, Fisher, Vincent, Jones, Leib, Lincicum, Eckstein, Camden, Gul-liford, Boyd, Brittenham, Hixon.  
 Fifth Row: Lindstrom, Hendrix, W. Foran, Gardner, Day, Beals, K. Burgess, Turner.  
 Sixth Row: J. Cahill, Buckner, Reed, Loudenback, B. Cahill, J. Foran, Shirley.





## "MIXERS AND RIPPERS"

"She can who thinks she can" is the motto which the girls of the Home Economics Department attempt to live up to.

A program for each of the meetings was planned at the beginning of the year.

On December 18, girls attired in aprons and print dresses, with their hair in pigtailed, were seen on their

hands and knees scrubbing the lower corridor. Don't get excited! They hadn't taken over John's work; they were just being initiated. That night they were made full-fledged members.

Among the high spots in the social events were the Christmas party, which included a gift exchange, and the annual Home Ec and Ag party.

### OFFICERS

President.....Mary Hannon  
Vice-President.....Emma Jean Vaughan

Secretary.....Norma Kirk  
Treasurer.....Jane Ellen Postlewait

### MIXERS AND RIPPERS

First Row: Lefever, Wildman, Vincent, Lawson, Beals, Kirk, Hannon, Vaughan, Postlewait, Fristoe, Wiggins, Crim, Evans.

Second Row: Ponder, Kinraid, O'Hara, Boyd, Auth, Funk, Poundstone, Redman, Foran, Ray, Malkus, Abel, Pierce.

Third Row: Eckstein, Durbin, Kirwin, Lamb, B. Day, Kitson, Taylor, Lentz, H. O'Connor, G. Day, J. Bowyer.

Fourth Row: Maley, P. Bogue, Warner, Clapp, Slusser, Slagle, Warren.

Fifth Row: Rucker, J. Bogue, Tynan, Phalen, L. O'Connor, Koebel, A. Bowyer.





## WE TELL ALL

At the beginning of the year the news staff held their meetings at 8 o'clock on Tuesday mornings. On February the ninth, due to the change in time, this group decided that they would rather not get up before daylight to come to news staff; therefore they changed their time of meeting to the sixth period on Tuesday.

The work had to be completed and taken to the Register office by 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

We hope the community enjoyed reading the Betohi News as much as the staff enjoyed preparing it.

### STAFF

Editor-in-Chief.....	Pauline Day
Assistant Editor.....	Richard Knapp
News Editors.....	Nadine McKee
.....	Rosalee Slusser
Sports Editors.....	Bob Loudenback
.....	Deane Turner
Personals.....	Ruth Lamb
.....	Rosalyn Rucker
Departmentals.....	Pauline Ray
.....	Jane Ellen Postlewait
Features.....	Ann Lefever
.....	Warren McPherson
Business Manager.....	Burton Tatman
Typists.....	Audra Coffin, Helen Sebens
Faculty Adviser.....	Isabelle Houston

Standing: McKee, Postlewait, McPherson, Lamb, Houston, Knapp, Day, Tatman.  
Sitting: Turner, Loudenback, Lefever, Slusser, Coffin, Sebens, Rucker, Ray.





## THE BETOHI

The year 1926 saw the last of a series of annuals published by the senior class of Bement Township High School until 1937. These "ancient" masterpieces were bound with paper covers and did not depend on an advance sale campaign for their success. Consequently, the staffs ran a little over their budget each year and the publication was abandoned until the class of '37 undertook to revive it. The very wisely held an advance sale and planned their annual according to the funds available. Their annual, also having a paper cover, was edited by Mary M. Fleming and Josephine Lefever. No record of school activities was made the following year.

In '39 Charlotte Lefever and Rosann Fleming were co-editors of the first "stiff cover" annual to be published

by the Bement seniors. "Trees" was their theme.

A little goopy named "Beto" showed us the high school life of 1940 through the lens of his candid camera. Jimmy Raglan and Margaret Winzenburger were the editors.

Our spirit of democracy and patriotism to our country were emphasized in '41. This book, edited by Barbara Camp and Kathryn Probus, was very colorful and effective.

The staff of '42 showed their true colors with a "Purple and White" theme. These most beautiful of all school colors had never before been featured in the book, even though everything about B.T.H.S. is centered around them. May this book be a memorial to the four years we seniors have spent fighting for and cherishing our colors.

### ANNUAL STAFF

Standing: McPherson, Kirk, Burgess, Coffin, Loudenback, Hannon, Houston, Warren, Shepherd.

Sitting: Patterson, Sebens, Smith, Roberts, Foran, McKee, Morgan, Crim, Loomis, Lefever, Hannon.





## G.A.A.

The first regular G.A.A. meeting was held on September 8. Committees were appointed and activities were organized.

On the first Monday in every month the G.A.A. held its business meetings, and on Tuesdays and Fridays they had activities after school.

To become a member of the G.A.A. the girls must have 100 points. These points are acquired by keeping health rules, by participating in sports, and

passing various examinations. After they become members they attempt to gain more points to obtain numerals and G.A.A. emblems.

On February 12 the new members were initiated.

Each summer two girls, selected as the most representative members from the three lower classes, go to Bloomington to camp, where they work and play with other G.A.A. girls and bring back new ideas for the following year.

### OFFICERS

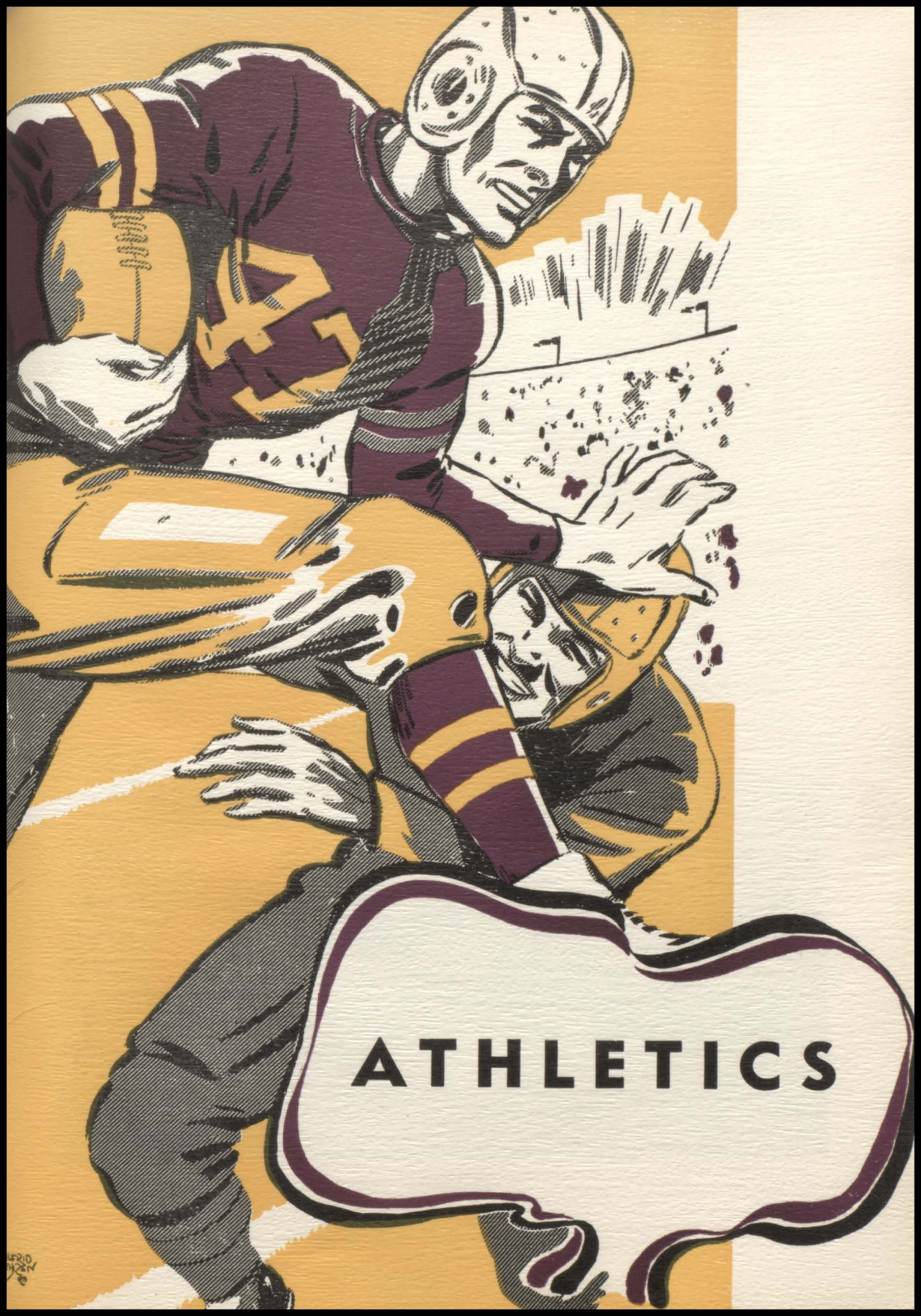
President.....Helen Bruce	Secretary.....Violet Boyd
Vice-president.....Jane Ellen Postlewait	Point Secretary.....Ilaruth Klump
Assistant Point Secretary..Barbara Ball	

### G. A. A.

First Row: Wiggins, Bowyer, Raglan, Proctor, Landis, Kitson.  
 Second Row: Slagle, Kinraid, Boyd, Bruce, Postlewait, Ball, Smith, Rucker.  
 Third Row: Schuler, Bogue, McPherson, Hawver, Patterson, Brady, Taylor, B. Day, Wildman, Malkus, Evans.  
 Fourth Row: G. Day, Farrell, Phalen, Lamb, Hill, Pruitt, Poundstone, Slusser.



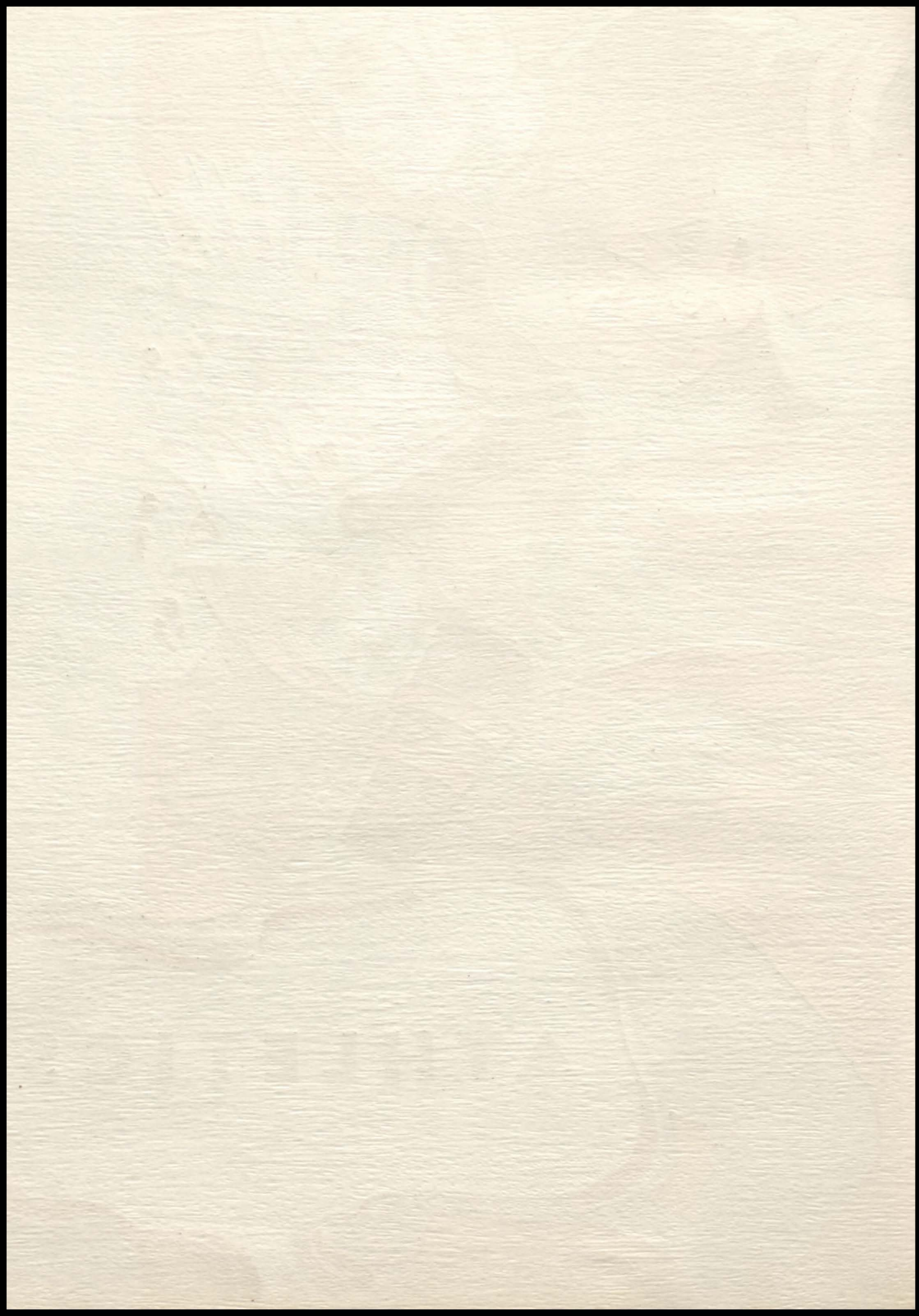




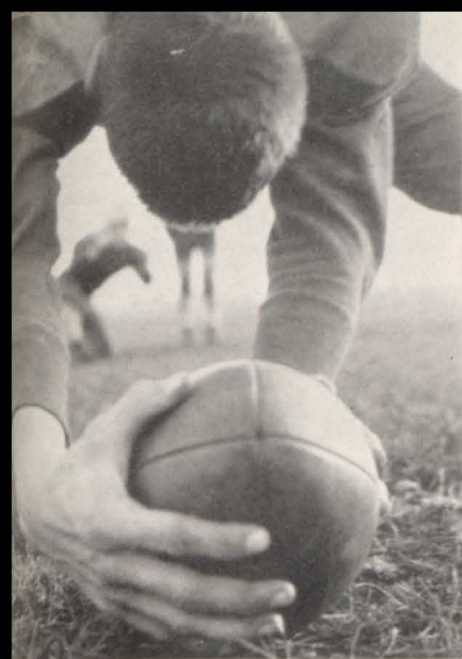
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## FOOTBALL

Eight lettermen and a record squad reported for practice under Coach Orus "Ike" Hall, the new mentor. "Ike," with the help of Bob Wallace, who took Homer Field's place after three weeks of school, soon developed the squad into one of the best Bement has had for several years.

On December 4 the annual football banquet was held. "Hek" Kenny, wrestling coach of the University of Illinois, gave an interesting talk on athletics. Coach Hall presented the varsity letters and the "Uncle Ike" award, a trophy given to the player voted most valuable to the team.

The lettermen of the season were: Seniors—Captain Max Warren, Bob Burgess, Harold Boyd, Bill Cahill, Jim Reed, Lloyd Shepherd; Juniors—Co-Captains-elect Paul Taylor and Jim Camden, Bob Gulliford, Richard Knapp; Sophomores—Max Moore, Ralph Allison; Freshmen—Bob Hill.

Bob Burgess, one of the best ball carriers of the state and second highest point man of the Okaw Valley Conference, won the "Uncle Ike" award.

Dean Turner and Pete Brittenham served as managers.

### FOOTBALL

Sitting: Burgess, Moore, Hill, Gulliford, Taylor, Cahill, Reed, Allison, Camden, Warren, Boyd, Knapp.

Second Row: Wallace, Turner, Evans, Luttrell, K. Burgess, Shepherd, Shirley, Foran, Plummer, Lieb, Shumard, Brittenham, Hall.

Third Row: Neal, Wright, Fairbanks, Born, Hendrix, Beals, Brown, Wallace, John Clodfelter, Jim Clodfelter, Clark, Funk.

1941 Football Schedule	B.T.H.S.	Opponents
Sept. 19—St. Teresa.....	7	27
Sept. 26—Villa Grove.....	19	7
Oct. 3—Tuscola.....	12	38
Oct. 9—Atwood.....	12	0
Oct. 18—St. Joe.....	34	7
Oct. 24—Arthur.....	18	12
Oct. 30—Oakland.....	12	13
Nov. 11—Cerro Gordo.....	14	0
Nov. 27—Monticello.....	0	19





## BASKETBALL

On December 1, a large squad reported to begin basketball practice. Among these were the returning lettermen, Boyd, Allison, and Taylor. Only two seniors, Boyd and Reed, were out.

The first seven games brought defeats to our squad. Villa Grove, Arcola, Atwood, Arthur, Monticello, Argenta, and Cerro Gordo proved to be too strong for our cagers. On the eve of the Okaw Tournament our Bulldogs, putting thoughts of defeat behind, swamped the highly favored Sullivan Reds to build up their spirit for the coming tournament. After the tournament, the Broncos, fighting for revenge, again outshot the Bulldogs. The runner-up and winner of the Okaw Tournament, Monticello and Atwood, respectively, were next to show Bement the lower end of the score. With thoughts of the coming Regional our team tightened down and won over Hammond and Newman. We ended our scheduled season by being beaten by Lovington and Farmer City.

On January twenty-seventh, our Bulldogs went to Atwood and met Cerro Gordo in the first Okaw Valley Tournament game. Bement, smarting from a defeat of twenty-one points that Cerro Gordo had handed them a week before, played the best defensive game of the year. They held the Cerro Gordo team to two points in the first half and won the game by a score of 31-19. They were eliminated from the tournament by Monticello.

Bement was defeated by Decatur in their opening Regional Tournament game.

The boys receiving letters this year are Taylor, Moore, Gulliford, Allison, Boyd, Camden, and Fisher.



### BASKETBALL

First Row: B. Gulliford, Taylor, Camden, Allison, Moore, Boyd, Evans.

Second Row: Wallace, Hill, Plummer, Tiffin, Cox, Hall.

Third Row: Kirkland, Luttrell, Jim Clodfelter, Buckner, John Clodfelter, G. Gulliford.





## INTRAMURAL SPORTS

A year around sport program was carried on during the noon hour this year. This gave all the boys a chance to build up their skill and enjoy themselves in a popular sport.

During the early part of the year softball was played. Approximately fifty boys took part in this game. A series of tournaments was held giving each team a chance to play at least once a week. The softball season was finished by a class tournament. The juniors won, the sophomores placed second, and the seniors and freshmen came in third and fourth, respectively.

The weather becoming too cold to permit playing outdoors, the sport scene was moved inside with volley ball becoming the sport of the hour. Several warm-up games were held to give the new boys some pointers and to give everybody some practice before

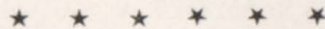
teams were chosen. A tournament was held with Gaylord Hendrix's team becoming champions. Again a tournament was held between the classes with the sophomores winning and juniors, seniors and freshmen following in order.

Basketball was the next sport to be played. A six-team tournament was held, followed by a consolation tournament. Ending the season was an exciting class tournament with the juniors winning again.

A little boxing and tumbling were done during the basketball games.

The weather becoming warmer, the boys' attentions were turned to softball, baseball, and track.

At the end of the year a pennant was given to the class with the highest number of points gained in the class tournaments.



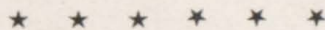
## SPRING SPORTS

Coach Hall had all of his future football and basketball players taking workouts during the spring months. Track and calisthenics were held in the early part of the evening with baseball in the latter part. We are expecting very few baseball games and track meets to be held this spring because of the shortened school year.

## CHEER LEADERS

Cheering our local athletes on to victory were cheer leaders Pauline Day, Nadine McKee, and Jean Funk. No weather too cold or too wet, no game too far away for them to be there backing our players and keeping the fans keyed to their highest enthusiasm.

Remember their pep.  
You can't forget.



### 1942 LETTERMEN'S PERSONNEL

#### Freshmen—

Bob Hill—Promising.  
Francis Cox (Mgr.)—"Little But Mighty."

#### Sophomores—

Max Moore—Progressive.  
Ralph Allison—Scoring.

#### Juniors—

Richard Knapp—Determined.  
Paul Taylor—Scrappy.  
Jim Camden—Battling.

Gene Fisher—Handy.

Bob Gulliford—Hardy.

Dean Turner (Mgr.)—Reliable.

#### Seniors—

Bob Burgess—Swift.

Lloyd Shepherd—Sturdy.

Jim Reed—Bold.

Bill Cahill—"Slow But Sure."

Harold Boyd—Aggressive.

Max Warren—Consistent.





## YELLS

B. T. H. S. Chug, Chug!  
Ding, Dong! Woo! Woo!  
B. T. H. S. Chug, Chug!  
Ding, Dong! Woo! Woo!  
B. T. H. S. Chug, Chug!  
Ding, Dong! Woo! Woo!  
S-s-s-s-s-s-s BEMENT!



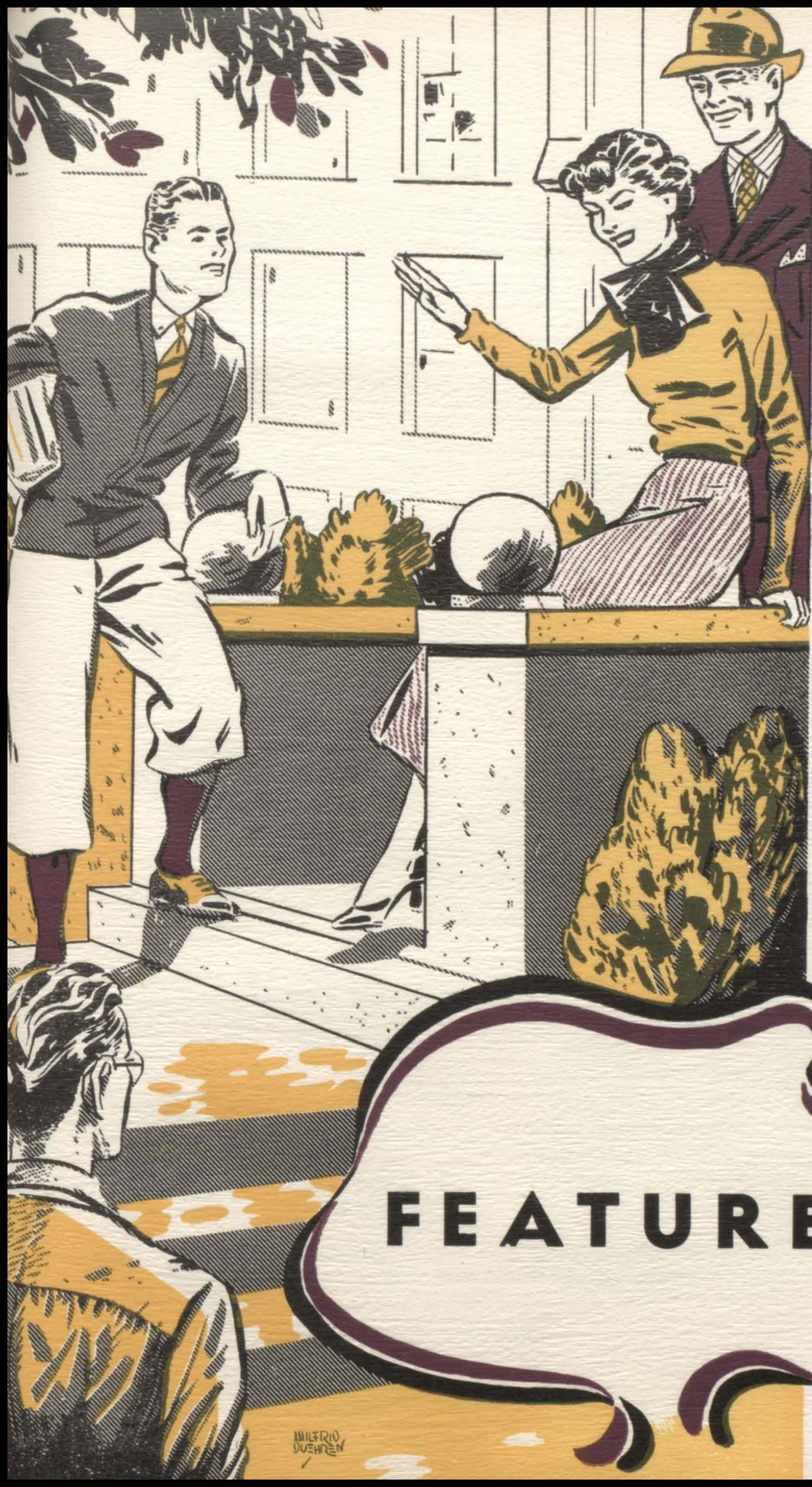
Bement Purple,  
Bement White,  
Bement Bulldogs,  
Fight! Team! Fight!

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Purple, White,  
Dynamite!  
Yea, Team!  
Fight! Fight!



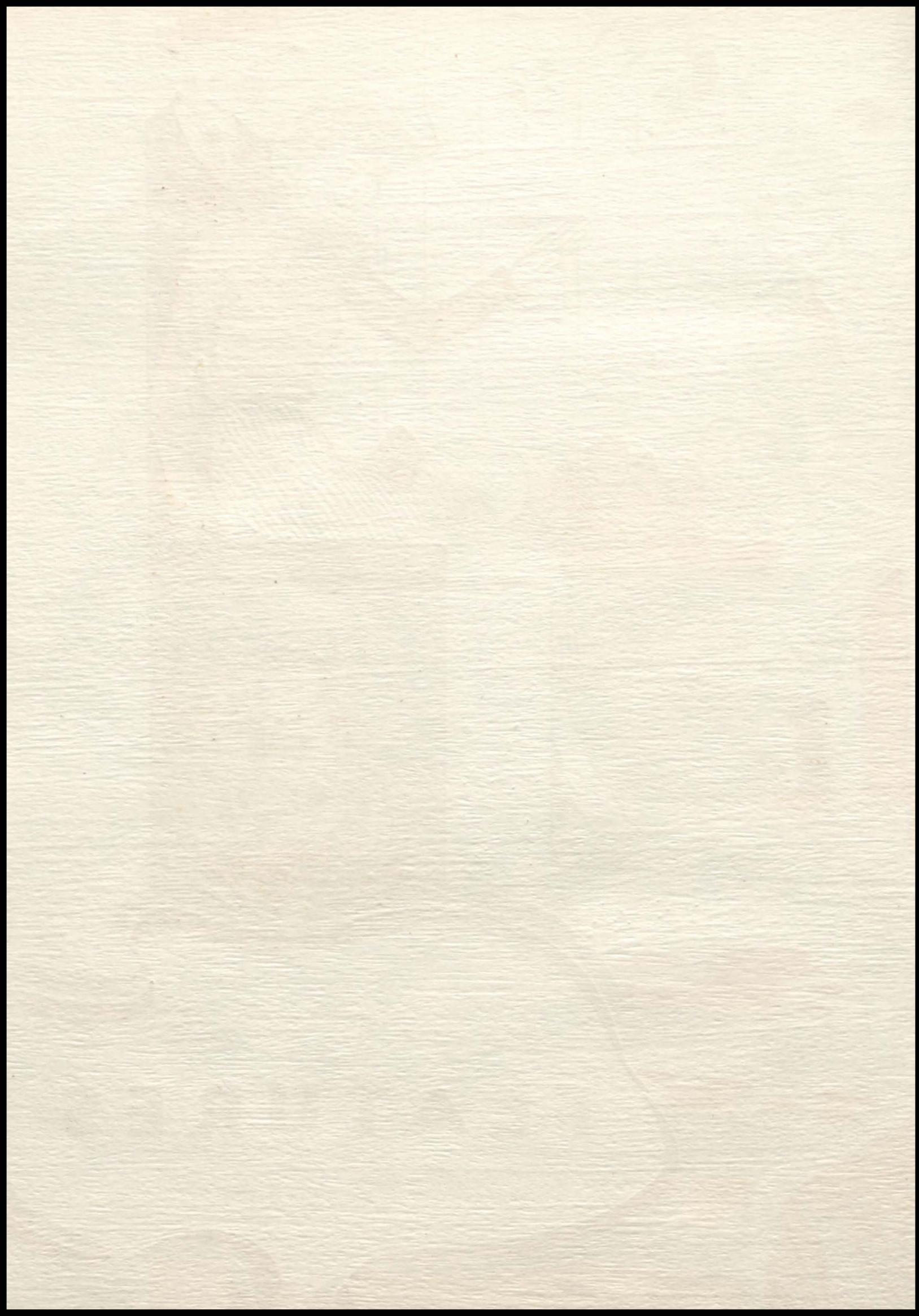




# FEATURES

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## SCHOOL ALPHABET

- A—is for activities;  
we all enter in.
- B—is for bulldogs,  
who play to win.
- C—is for cheer leaders;  
they have the pep.
- D—is for dancing;  
just watch us step.
- E—is for etiquette,  
which we ain't got.
- F—is for fun,  
and we have a lot.
- G—is for gum,  
we find under the seats.
- H—is for halls where  
all school pals meet.
- I—is for ink;  
it always gets spilled.
- J—is for junk;  
our desks are filled.
- K—is for keyholes;  
we have quite a few.
- L—is for lads;  
just watch them woo.
- M—is for math,  
which we can't get.
- N—is for notes;  
they'll catch us yet.
- O—is for order;  
it makes school duller.
- P—is for purple,  
our favorite color.
- Q—is for quarrels;  
we seldom hear.
- R—is for rattlebrains;  
there's plenty near.
- S—is for school;  
it surely is swell.
- T—is for teachers;  
they behave very well.
- U—is for unison;  
we all work together.
- V—is for victory;  
we win despite weather.
- W—is for winking;  
the teachers don't mind it.
- X—is for xylophone;  
in the band you'll find it.
- Y—is for yawns,  
on the morning after.
- Z—is for zeros,  
which spoil our laughter.



## CAN YOU IMAGINE—

- Jay Kellar being a jitterbug?  
Richard Knapp having a feminine giggle?  
Barb Ball without "Arb" Taylor?  
Mr. Davies wearing overalls?  
Betty Wiggins being still for a few minutes?  
Keith Burgess giving Jane Postlewait dirty looks?  
Ellen Able playing a bass horn?  
Francis Lincicum wearing a size seven shoe?  
Mary Pierce as a chatter-box?  
Dean Shepherd courting a girl in a horse and buggy?
- Miss Houston in pigtails?  
John Kirkland in a tuxedo?  
Mr. Hodam with long, painted fingernails?  
Warren McPherson letting someone else make the smart cracks?  
Billy Slagle slowing up for a curve?  
"Gay" Hendrix as a woman hater?  
Joe Cahill in a baby buggy?  
Bill Brown driving with one hand dur-a date?  
Keith Wildman as a high jumper?  
What the editors have gone through in publishing this book?



## CALENDAR

### September—

- 1—The doors open and in walk 185 students ready to tackle the new system of a six, rather than an eight, period day. Mr. "Ike" Hall, the new coach, has been approved by the student body.
- 11—The news staff has been selected and their first edition will soon appear in the paper.
- 16—O. K., you can get them now—the library is open.
- 18—Richard Knapp broke two bones in his hand during football practice.
- 19—Mr. Homer Fields resigned his position as social science teacher and assistant coach to teach at State Teachers' College, Pullman, Wash.
- 23—Mr. Wallace arrived at B.T.H.S. to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Fields.
- 26—Villa Grove's team was conquered by the Bulldogs, 19-7. "Ike" Hall rejoices.
- 29—A committee of juniors has agreed on a play which they will present.

### October—

- 3—We played Tuscola and were defeated, but the boys put up a good fight. Our cheer leaders appeared, bedecked in new outfits.
- 9—Rain! Bement celebrates the annual homecoming by defeating Atwood on a muddy field, 12-0. Fans enjoy the potluck and dance. Miss Ecklund says "Adios" as she leaves to join Mr. Fields in Washington.
- 13—Something new has been added—Miss Mary Kay Schuler arrives as math and P. E. instructor. She does the La Conga—WOW!
- 15—Smelling salts, quick! Grade cards just came out.
- 17—St. Joseph bows to Bement, 34-6. Congratulations, boys!
- 22—"Bow wow!" Tom Thumb's circus. Lyceum number.
- 24—Here comes the bride—Miss Ecklund becomes Mrs. H. H. Fields. Bement tramples Arthur, 18-12.
- 27—We all felt greasy after seeing a film on oil.
- 28—The freshmen have their first big get-together in the park—a wiener

roast. Ouch! The students have received their first typhoid shot.  
31—B-O-O-O! It's Halloween.

### November—

- 4—Tweet, tweet! See the birdie? The annual pictures are being taken.
- 5—Oakland 13, Bement 12. A very close game.
- 7—We got it back on teachers today, because they had to go to school and we didn't.
- 10—"Yea, purple, yea, white!" A short pep meeting before school was dismissed.
- 11—Bement conquers Cerro Gordo, 14 to 0. The band formed a V for victory.
- 13—Bang! "Aunt Susie Shoots the Works." The juniors shine on the stage. Dough and more dough. The Home Ec girls tried their luck at making bread.
- 14—Biology students laid their microscopes aside for a little party.
- 20—Monticello beats Bement, 20-0 on "Turkey Day." Too bad boys.
- 24—Mrs. Keller assumes the responsibilities of the Home Economics department.
- 25—Roll up the rugs—dancing has just begun. The sixth hour has been moved up to the regular fourth hour time.
- 26—It is time for the faculty to run! Bob Eckstein came to school with a gun. (To use in an English speech.)

### December—

- 1—Again the students play hookey while the teachers labor all day long at a teachers' meeting in Monticello.
- 3—An artists trio, consisting of a violinist, pianist, and cellist, entertained the student body with classical and popular music.
- 4—Food! Doesn't that sound delightful? Letters were given at the football banquet to the eligible members of the team.
- 12—A busy night for the juniors—basketball game and the junior party.



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- 16—Poor boys! The old F.F.A. members show their love for the new members in their initiation ceremony. The Home Ec students are very sweet today—they made candy in class.
- 18—Scrubbing the corridor wasn't ambition. It was the new members of the Home Ec Club being initiated.
- 23—The last day of school was celebrated with a splendid Christmas play following a visit from Santa Claus. It looked suspiciously like the President of the Board of Education!  
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### January—

- 5—Back to school—Oh!—Everyone was sporting something new.
- 8—Dancing in the upper corridor only, please! The gym floor has been varnished and must not be scratched up.
- 13—The advanced stenography class was entertained at a tea given by Barry-Castle Commercial school.
- 14—Everyone must stay home tonight to study for the EXAMS that are to occupy the next two days.
- 16—If you ever took an exam, you know how we have felt the last two days.
- 20—Bulldogs outshoot Sullivan, 31-23. Fans were overjoyed at this unexpected victory.
- 21—Tra-la-la—The Decatur Madrigal Singers were the first performers in the Star-Course. A dance was held for them in the upper corridor after the program.
- 23—The band members decide they should play games for awhile instead of playing music, so they have a party.
- 24—Students labor in school on Saturdays because of the shortened school year.
- 27—The basketball boys kidnapped Betty Day, Pauline Day, and Mary Foran and brought them home from the Atwood game on the bus.





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### February—

- 8—Carleton Smith, music critic, lecturer, traveler and a Betohti alumnus, interrupted a busy itinerary to bring the facts of the present world situation before those who attended the second Star-Course.
- 12—E-e-e-e-k! G.A.A. pledges are being inducted into the organization. None of the girls were seriously injured.
- 13—Bement basketeers surmounted Hammond quintet, 29-28.
- 14—The silly sophomores hold a party and dance, but no mention is made of St. Valentine's day.
- 16—Uncle Sam closes B.T.H.S. for a day to use school facilities for the draft registration.
- 17—Bement struts its stuff again by scuttling Newman 35-23.
- 19—With the help of Mr. Slusser, Miss Rose, John Kirkland, and numerous others, the Latin I class was rescued from a locked room. The door knob broke.
- 22—Student conductors take the baton to direct the band.
- 24—Walter Lamb loses three teeth in an encounter with an automobile. You ought to see the car.
- 29—There ain't no such day. Tain't leap year.

### March—

- 2—The seniors roar with the Lions. They are the guests of the Bement club, and hear a speech on education by Dr. Brown of the University of Illinois. There are fewer discords since the school pianos were retuned.
- 7—Physiology classes have a hilarious party.
- 9—Mr. Keller was taken to the Mayo clinic for observation. Students suffer as school day is lengthened to one hour later.
- 10—Virginia Auth returns from California, where she vacationed with the other movie stars. Bob Loudenback tries to amputate his finger but is unsuccessful because "Doc" Slusser comes to the rescue.



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- 11—Star-Course presents the Wesleyan Male Quartet and John Hawk.
- 18—At the basketball potluck, letters were awarded to some members of the squad.
- 20—Future Farmers and the house-keepers get together for their annual shin-dig.
- 25—The James Millikin University sends their fine A Cappello choir to entertain on the Star-Course.
- 26—After several tryouts 14 seniors are chosen to present their play, "Foot Loose."
- 27—Who says apples, cocoanuts, lemons, and peanuts won't help your grade? These are just a few of the things Mr. Wallace received today from his American History classes. The seniors entertained the juniors at a party.
- 30—Miss Schuler went to Bloomington over the week-end and returned with a diamond on her third finger, left hand.
- 31—After much hard work, the Annual Staff started their masterpiece on its way to the printer.
- 31—Invitations for Junior-Senior Reception were distributed today.
- April—
- 7—Following a new plan the Home Ec club elected their officers for 1942-43.
- 9—Juniors royally entertained the class of '42 at a reception.
- 15—The music department presented its annual spring concert.
- 27—Okaw Valley track meet was held at Monticello.
- 30—Seniors escaped final exams but underclassmen underwent the usual cramming.
- May—
- 1—Watch out, Hollywood, here come the seniors! After their experience in "Foot Loose," they feel qualified to give the stars some real competition.
- 3—Rev. Curtis Wright delivered an inspiring baccalaureate message to the class of '42.
- 4—Forty-four seniors graduate after four happy high school years.





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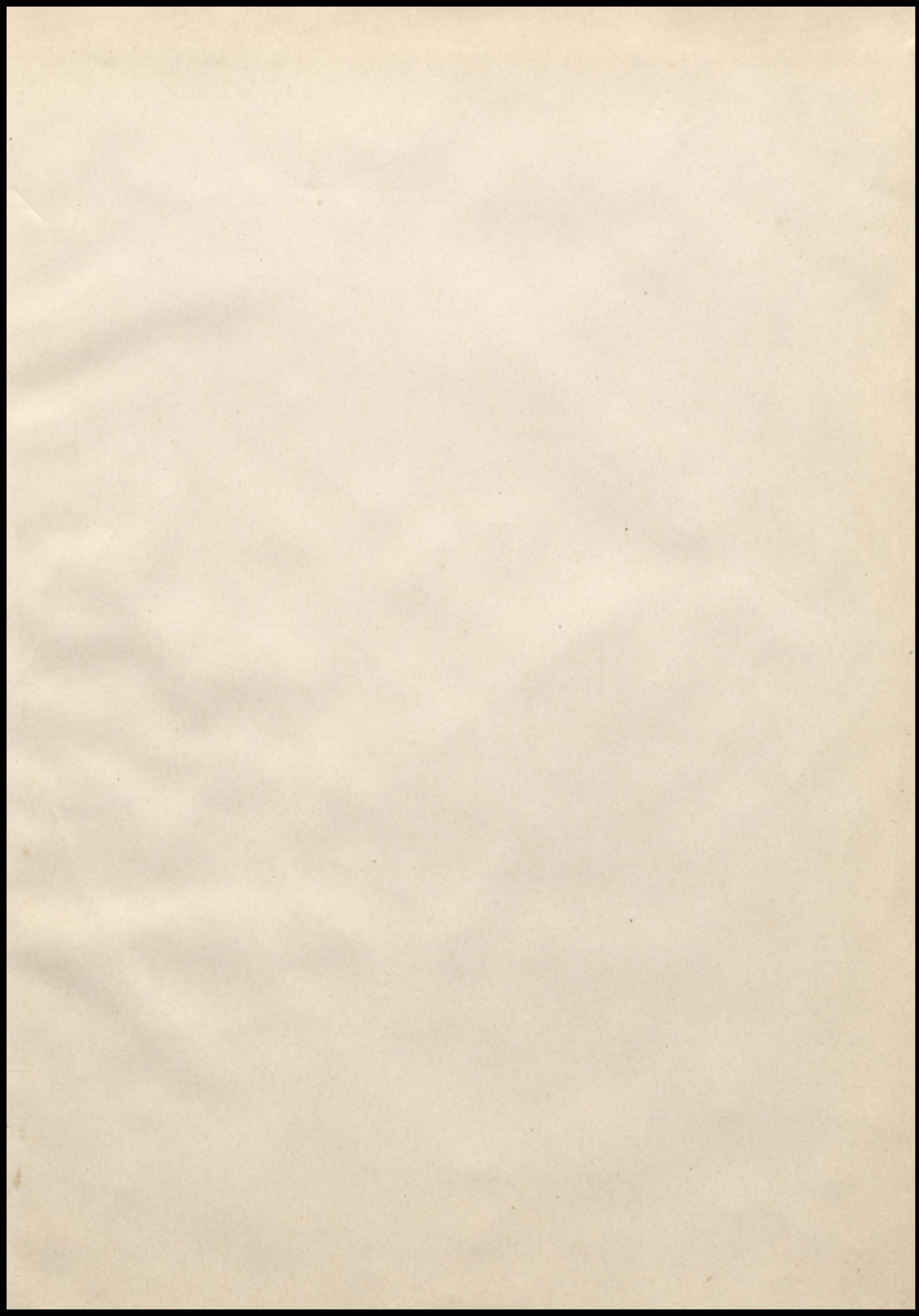
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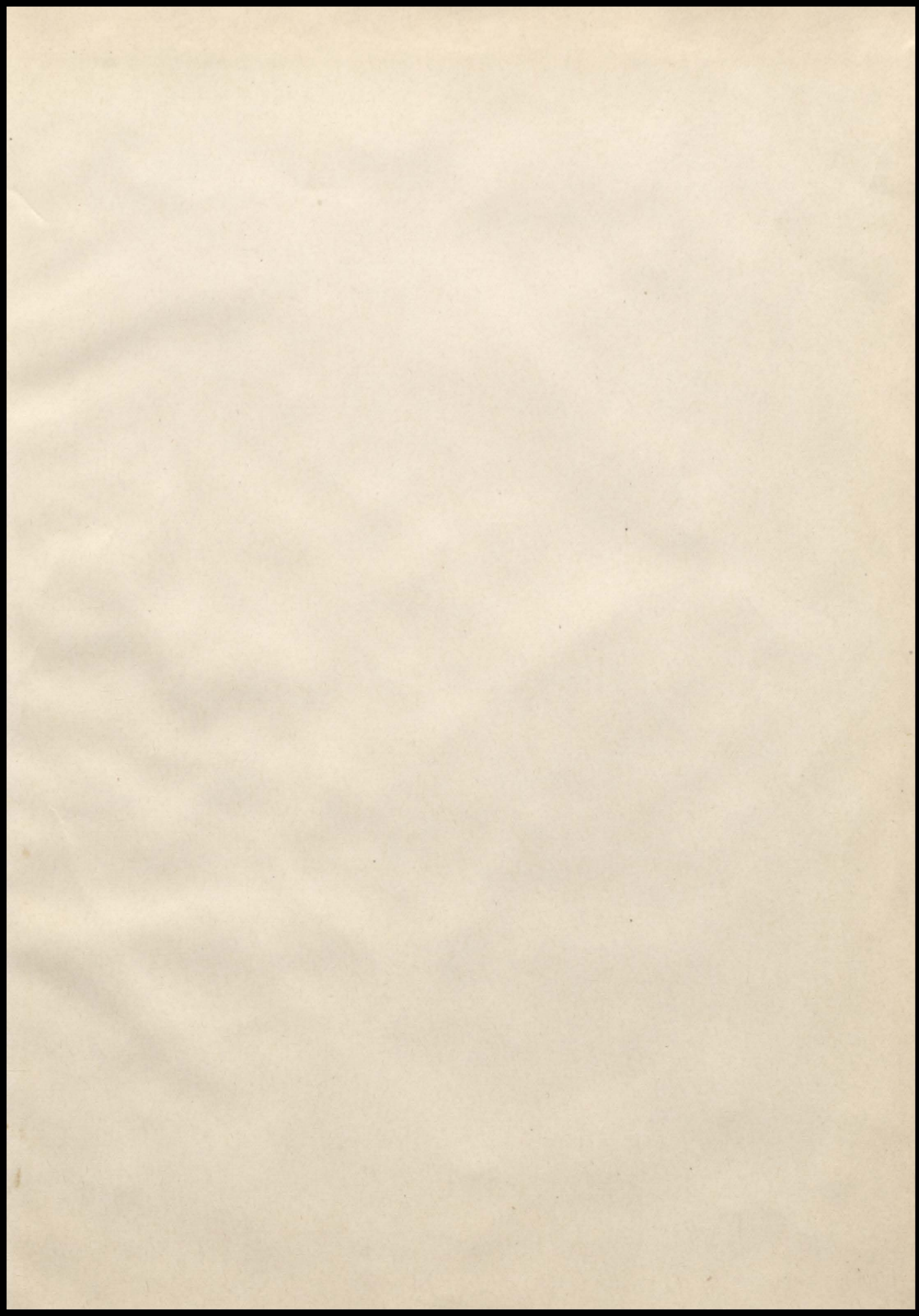
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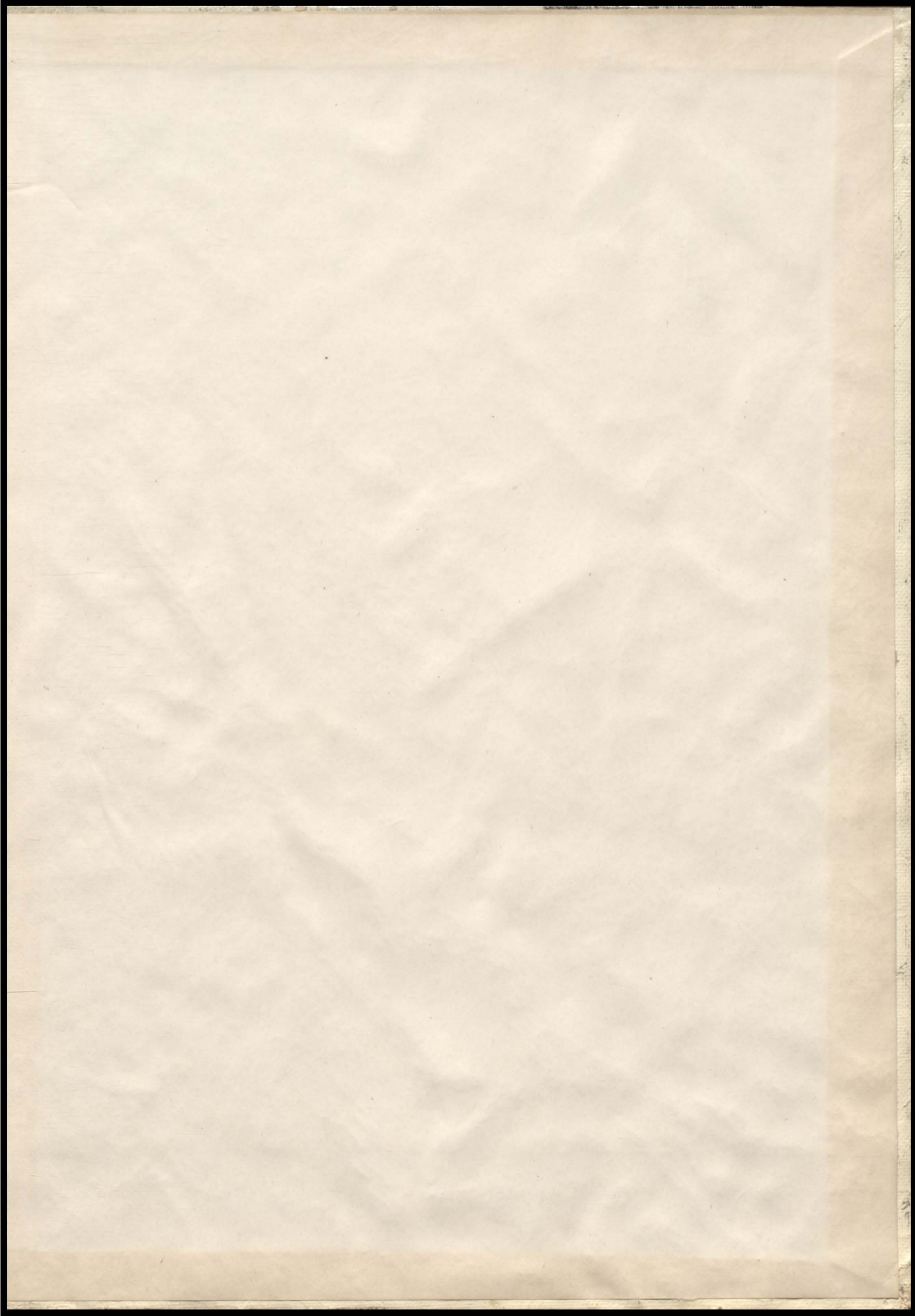
















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