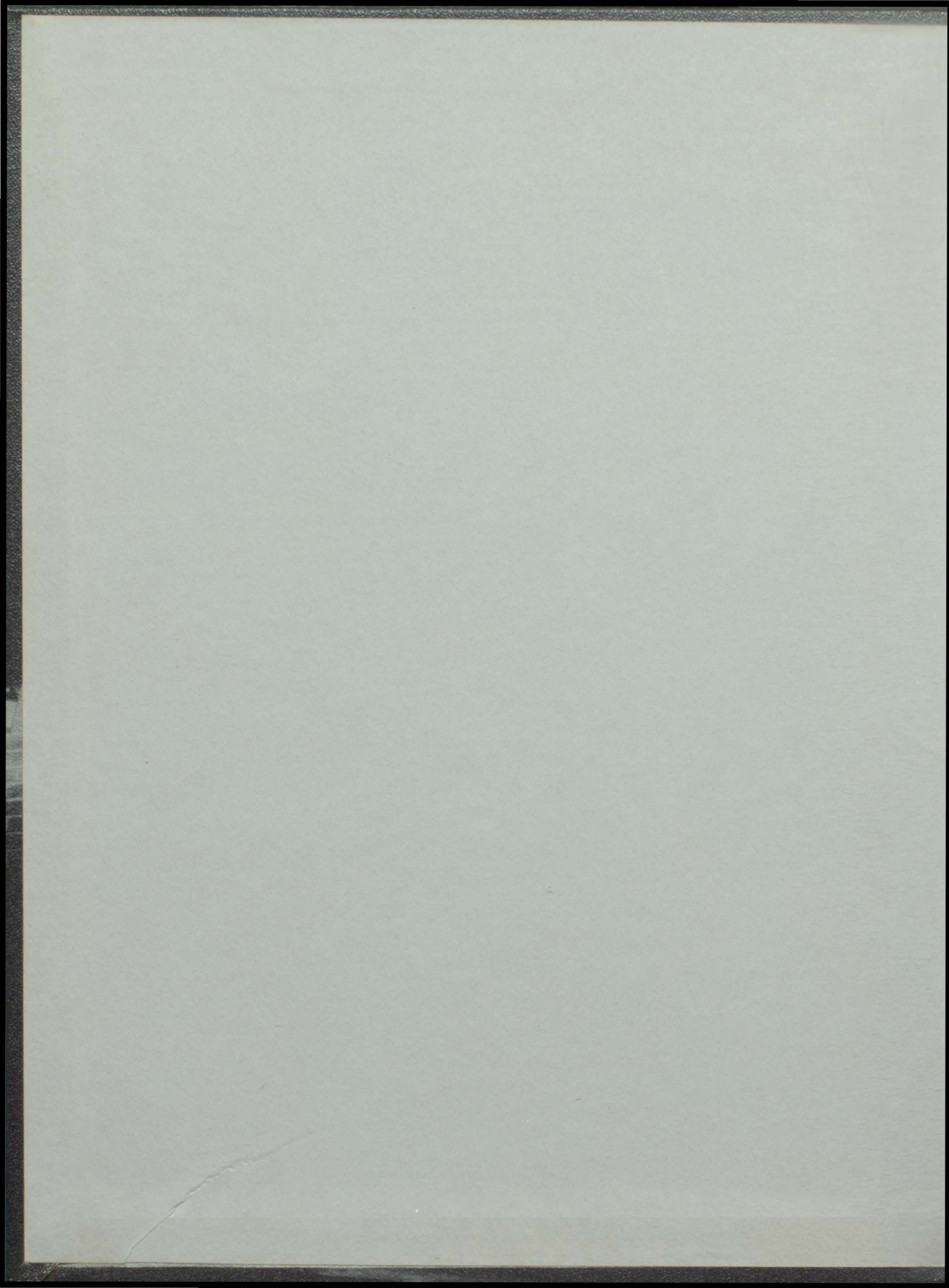
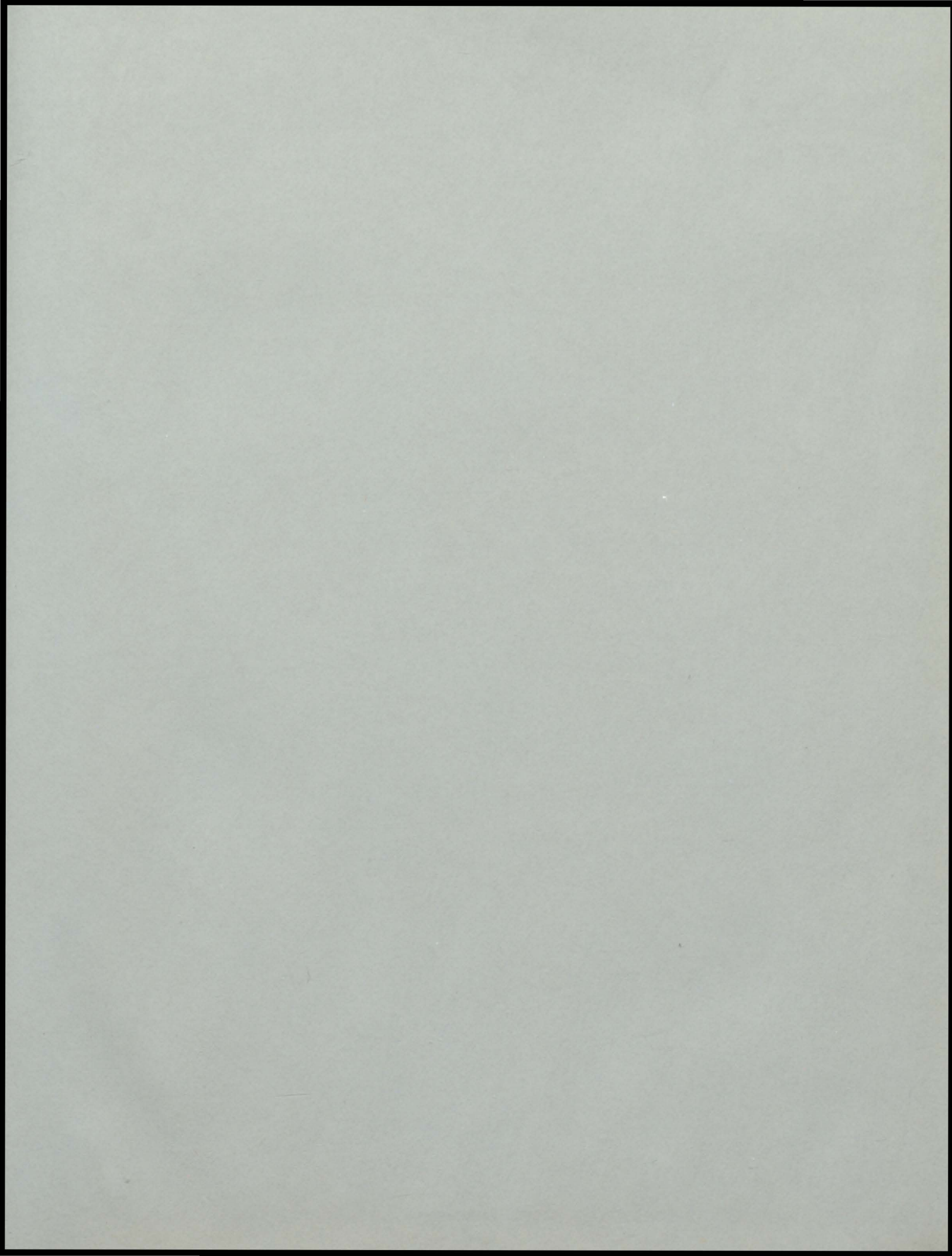


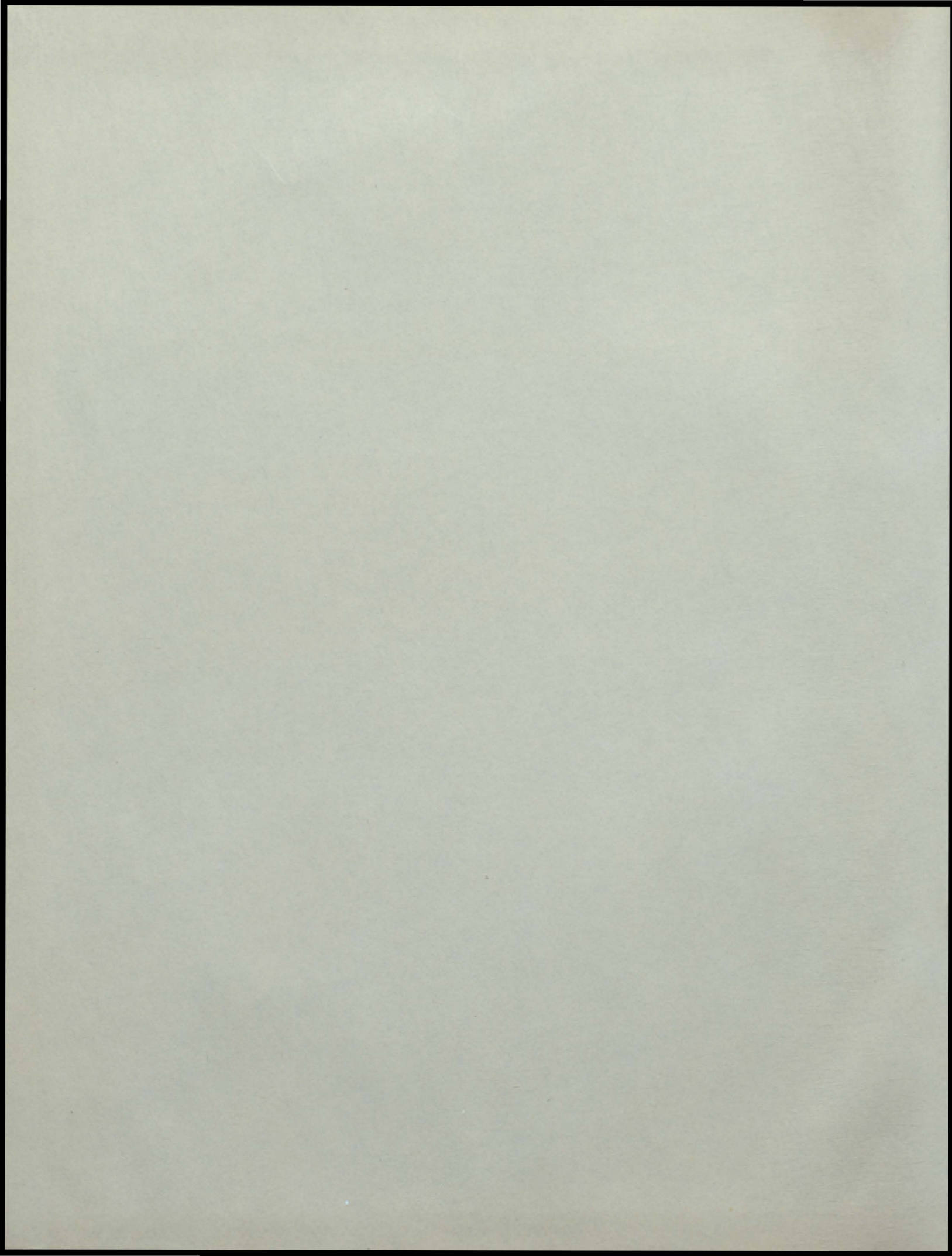
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## *Guest Star*



The Annual Staff of 1953 wishes to dedicate this "Echo" to a man who for many years has contributed hard work and unselfish devotion to our school. His many varied services, his constant good nature, and his willingness to help have made him a friend of everyone.

Therefore, as a token of our thanks and appreciation, we of the Annual Staff wish to acclaim Mr. Sanford Wall as our "Guest Star," knowing that in the minds and hearts of the students he already has that place.



## *Board of Directors*

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Ty Cobb, Trustee; Fred Brown, Trustee; Thelma Wilson, Secretary. FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Thomas, Superintendent; Hy Gulliver, President; Elmer Haines, Treasurer.



## Directors

### WILLIAM J. THOMAS - SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Thomas came to Vassar in the fall of 1946 after serving for thirty-five months as a supply officer in the United States Navy. Previously he held the position of principal at St. Johns Junior High School, St. Johns, Michigan. After serving ably as principal of Vassar High School for five years he was appointed superintendent. Mr. Thomas is originally from Ispeming, Michigan, where he was graduated from Ispeming High School. He later received his A. B. degree at Northern Michigan College of Education at Marquette, and his M. A. degree from the University of Michigan.



### ORVAL G. JAGGER - PRINCIPAL

Mr. Jagger came to Vassar in the fall of 1951. Previous to his appointment as principal here, he held the position of Junior High School principal in Vicksburg, Michigan. He served in the Navy for three and one half years. He received his A. B. degree from Central Michigan College of Education at Mt. Pleasant and his M. A. from the University of Michigan.



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MR. EMLING



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MRS. ATKINS

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MR. KNICKERBOCKER  
MR. KELLY  
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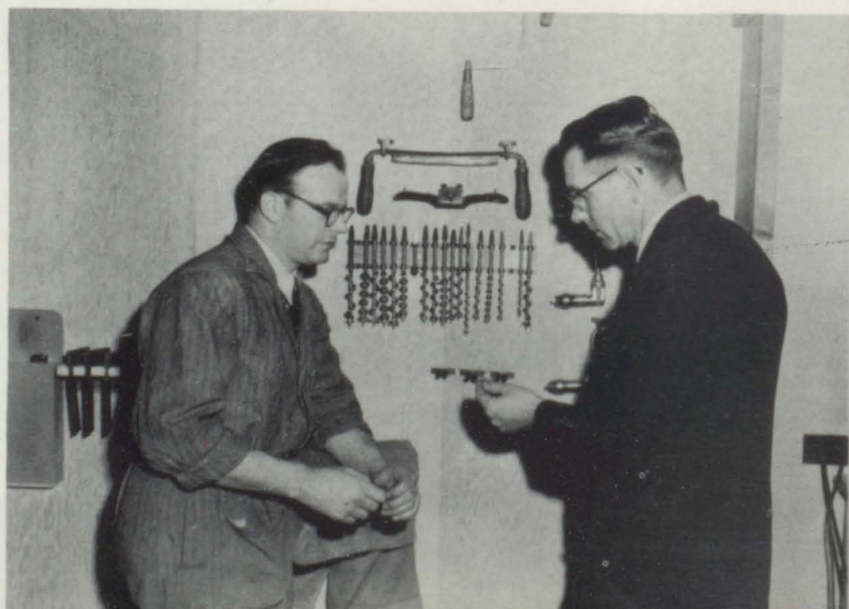


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# The Contestants



# Senior Class Officers

LELAND SERVICE "Buck"

PRESIDENT

"That's real George."

Annual Staff 1, 3; Choir 4; Camera Club 1, 2, 3; Track 3, 4; Projection Club 3; Student Council 4; Senior Class President; Senior Play Cast.

ROBERT TOEPFER "Bob"

VICE-PRESIDENT

"Vassar's own Einstein."

Class treasurer 1, 2; Class president 3; Class Vice-President 4; Service Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 2; Student Council 3; Choir 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 3; Business Manager of Junior and Senior Play.

SHARON DeCOU

SECRETARY

"If there were only ten more hours in a day--"

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Dance Band 2, 3; Class Secretary 2, 3, 4; Service Club 3, 4; Vice-President 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Alpha Beta 1, 2; Bowling 1; Junior Play Student Director; Senior Play Cast; Library Staff 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Editor 4.

EUGENE RUPPRECHT "Gene"

TREASURER

"Ja- Sure"

Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; Track 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Football Manager 3; Basketball Manager 3; Service Club 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 3, 4; Choir 4; Junior Play Cast; Senior Play Cast.

## Senior Class History

The future builders of our world entered Vassar High School on a fine September day in 1949. It took a few weeks for us to become well enough acquainted with the school to feel that we belonged to it. We elected as class officers - Vern Barnes, President; Dolly Krumnauer as Vice-President; Kathleen Briggs, Secretary and Bob Toepfer, Treasurer. Our King and Queen were Ruth Weber and Floyd Auernhammer.

As Sophomores, our officers were: Jerry Cobb, President; Janet Pierce, Vice-President; Sharon DeCou, Secretary; Bob Toepfer, Treasurer. Our float that year won first prize in the Homecoming parade. Our King and Queen were Don Kribs and Betty Loesel.

Seventy-six of us came back in 1951. Elected to steer us through were Bob Toepfer, President; Mercy Revesz, Vice-President; Sharon DeCou, Secretary; Eugene Rupprecht, Treasurer. Our King and Queen, Gordon Bauer and Mercy Revesz, were elected by the school to reign over the Homecoming festivities. It was during this year that we really started earning money. We had bakesales, dances, and the Junior Play, "Rest Assured." Our big project, was the Junior-Senior Prom with its theme "Under Water Fantasy." It went off successfully despite the rain that tried to dampen our spirits.

When in the September of 1952 we once again returned to school, it was hard for us to realize that this was going to be our last year in Vassar High. Leland Service was chosen to pilot us through this important year. He was assisted by Bob Toepfer, Sharon DeCou, and Eugene Rupprecht. Our class King and Queen, Vern Barnes and Gene Patterson were rulers of the Homecoming activities. Some of our projects to raise money for our trip were: selling candy, the Senior Play, "Campus Quarantine", dances, bake sales, and suppers. We spent our hard earned money on a trip to Washington and New York, which we took the first week in June. We returned home for the biggest event of the year-----our commencement.

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# Seniors

MARGARET ACKERMAN "Marge"

"Bob and June of '53"

Choir 1, 2; Band 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

CLYDE ADAMS

"Yah...."

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Camera Club 3; Projection Club 3; Senior Play.

FLOYD AUERNHAMMER "Sutz"

"Hey Teach"

F.F.A. 1; Baseball 1, 2.

SHIRLEY BAIRD

"Old soldiers never die; they just fade away."

Band 2, 3; Junior and Senior Play Committees.

BARBARA BARANIC "Barb"

"Yah, but-"

Annual Staff 4.

VERN M. BARNES

"Our King"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Service Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Junior Play; Freshman President.

GORDON BAUER

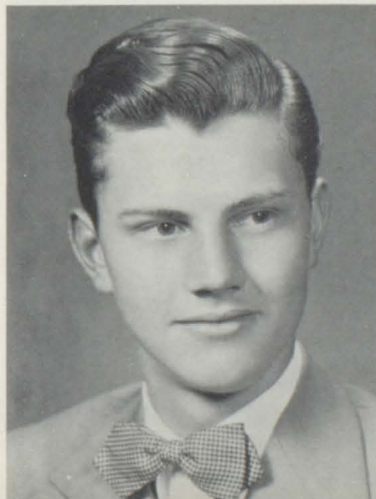
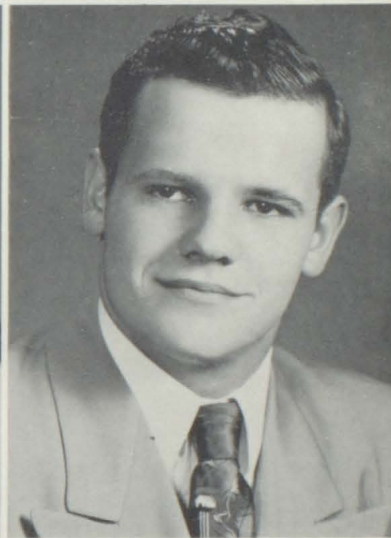
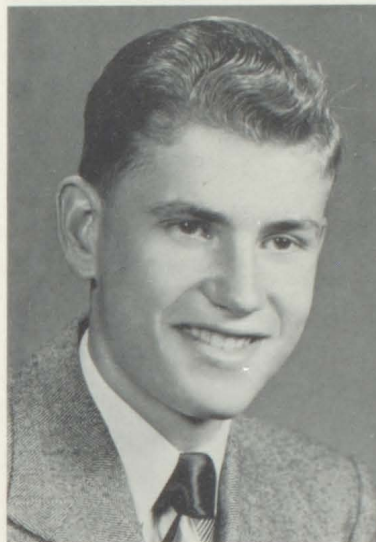
"It's good to be back."

NANCY ANN BEECHER "Farmer Beecher"

"Who invited her?"

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 1, 3, 4; Junior play committee; Senior play; Service Club 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Cafeteria 1, 3, 4.

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# Seniors

RUTH BERNREUTER

"Tone! Hank was over last night."  
Office staff 4.

ALICE BIERLEIN "Al"

"Come on, Rexie; Let's take a cruise to Frankenmuth. Please?  
I just wonder what Bill's doing."  
Office staff 4.

CLINTON KENNETH BLACKMORE "Clint"

"Get lost!"  
Service Club 4.

KATHLEEN ANN BRIGGS "Kathy"

"Real-ly--honest?"  
Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Library 1; Glee Club 1; Junior Play;  
Bowling 1; Senior Play Committee; Freshman Secretary.

MARLENE MARY BRIGGS "Marly"

"Gee, I can hardly wait."  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3.

ROBERT BUCHINGER "Hoover"

"When I was in the army-"  
F.F.A. 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; Stage Manager Junior  
and Senior Plays.

JOANNE MARIE BURZA "Jo"

"Oh! Go on"  
Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOHN CLOUSE "Johnny"

"I did'nt skip!"  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Service  
Club 3, 4; Junior play; Senior play; Student Council 3.

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# Seniors

LEONA MARY COATS "Tootsie"  
 "Oh, that makes me so mad!"  
 Glee Club 1.

JERRY COBB  
 Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play.

PATRICIA DAVIDSON "Pat"  
 "I'll be different next year"  
 Majorette 2, 3; Drum majorette 4; Annual Staff 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Junior Play; Senior Play Committee; Hot Lunch 4; Service Club 4.

CAROL ANN DURBIN "Carolie"  
 "Donnie's coming home."  
 Choir 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Cheerleading 2; Library 2; Softball 3, 4; Service Club 3, 4; Junior and Senior Play Committees.

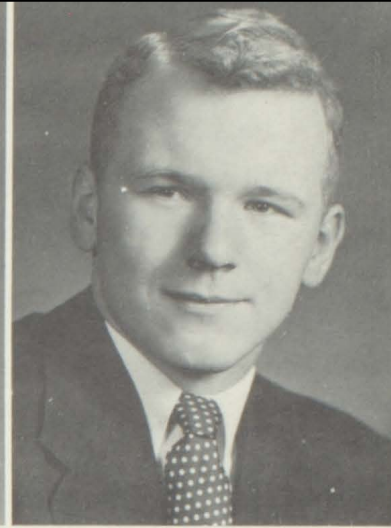
ERVIN ENGELHART  
 F.F.A. 4; Basketball 2; Projection Club 1; Baseball 4.

PATRICIA SUE ENOS "Pat"  
 "Saw my man last night."  
 Band 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Choir 2, 3; Student Council 4, President 4; Service Club 3, 4.

DARLENE JOY ERICKSON "Toots"  
 "Jeepers!"

ROBERT ERICKSON "Bob"  
 .F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

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# Seniors

VELVA BELLE GLYNN "Nikki"

"The girl who's is always around when there is work to be done."

HALLIE GREENWOOD, JR.

"Hallie, the friendly undertaker"  
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Projection Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

SALLY L. HACKER "Sal"

"There'll be a day..."  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Service Club 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4; Bowling 1; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Junior and Senior Play Committees; Dance Band 2, 3.

BEVERLY HUDSON "Bev"

"The latest addition to our class"

JANE KIRKPATRICK "Janie"

"Hey, kid, did I tell you he drives a '53 Plymouth?"  
Band 1, 2; Choir 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Junior and Senior Play Committees.

BETTY KOVACS "Betsy"

"I'm all firshimalled."  
Glee Club 1; Annual Staff 3, 4; Office Staff 4; Junior and Senior Play Committees; Service Club 4.

DON KRIBS "Donnie"

"Our All-American!"  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Service Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr. Play.

RUTH MARIE KRIBS "Ruthie"

"Don't wait for me. Bob's coming."

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# Seniors

HELEN KRUMNAUER "Dolly"

"Honest, you kids, this is the real thing."  
Vice-President 1; Glee Club 1; Junior Play; Senior Play Committee; Annual Staff 4.

ANN KUNZ "Annie"

"Oh, no!"  
Choir 4; Office Staff 4; Girls' Softball 3; Annual Staff 4; Service Club 4.

LORETTA LaBEAN "Lorrie"

"Oh, fiddlesticks!"  
Glee Club 1.

BETTY LOESEL "Rexie"

"Come on, Alice, take me snipe hunting."

BARBARA MARSH "Barb"

Office Staff 4.

BARBARA McTAGGART "Barb"

Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Girls' Softball 3, 4; Junior and Senior Play Committees.

DOROTHY MILLEDGE "Dot"

"You don't know, do you? Just ask me and I'll tell you how much."

LEONA MILLEDGE "Onie"

"That's all there is to it. That boy has got to go."

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# Seniors

NANCY MILLER "Nan"

"The course of two loves never runs smooth."  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Bowling 1;  
National Honor Society 3, 4; Library Staff 2, 3, 4; Junior Play  
Committee; Senior Play; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Dance Band 2,  
3; Service Club 4.

EARL H. MOSSNER

"That's for sure."  
Track 3.

GLENN MOSSNER "Motzy"

"Check that!"  
Track 3; F.F.A. 2; Camera Club 3; Annual Staff 4.

IONE NICKODEMUS "Nicky"

"My sailor's coming home."  
Choir 2; Glee Club 2.

GENEVIEVE PATTERSON "Gene"

"Our Queen"  
Junior and Senior Play Committees; Softball; Choir 4; Annual  
Staff 4; Office Staff 4; Service Club 4.

JANET PIERCE "Jan"

"That's my name--don't wear it out!"  
Service Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; National Honor Society  
3, 4; Bowling 1; Band 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3;  
Camera Club 1; Class Vice-President 2; Senior and Junior  
Play Committee.

MERCEDES REVESZ "Mercy"

"Wow! French horns!!!"  
Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-  
President 3; Service Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleading 1, 2, 3, 4; Hot  
Lunch 2, 3, 4; Junior Play; Senior Play; Annual Staff 1, 4,  
Business Manager 4.

GEORGIA ANN ROTH "George"

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# Seniors

CAROL SCHAFFSNITZ

"Now, I like State"

Majorette 3; Choir 2; Office Staff 4; Junior and Senior Play Committee; Service Club 4.

EUGENE SCHNELL "Stud"

"Can't go away tonight, have to work at John Lehman's."

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

JOANNE SCHUYLER "Jo"

"O'Happy Day"

Glee Club 1, 2; Softball 1.

ANN SERVIS "Annie"

"Robert's sick today"

Service Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Staff 4; Junior Play Cast, Senior Play Committee, Cheerleading 2, 3; Band 2, 3; Choir 1, 2; Bowling 1.

ROBERT SMITH "Bunk"

"Who --- Me?"

Annual Staff 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Choir 2; Junior Play Cast; Senior Play Cast.

NORAH SOHN "Norie"

"Don't Know, do you?"

Band 3; Softball 2, 3.

DONNA LOU STEVENS "Louie"

"Good things come in small packages."

Choir 2; Senior Play Cast; Glee Club 2; Office Staff 4.

HARRY P. STUART "Stu"

"Cripe"

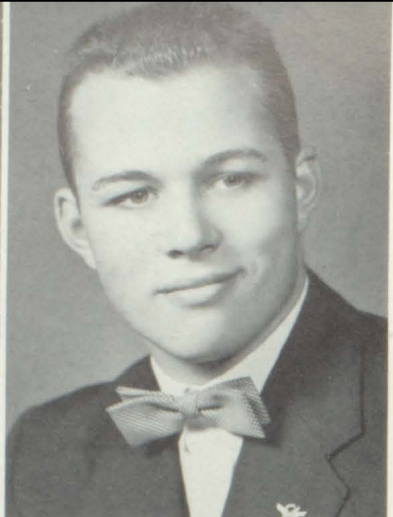
F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Projection Club 3.

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# Seniors



MARGERY SWANSON "Marge"  
 "There's always tomorrow"  
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Dance Band 2, 3; Bowling 1, Treasurer 1; Annual Staff 2, 3, 4; Photo Editor 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, Treasurer 2, 3; Junior Play Cast; Senior Play Cast; Service Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4; Alpha Beta 3; National Honor Society 3, 4.

TOM SYLVESTER "Tom-Cat"  
 "My old man's got a fast Stude."  
 F. F. A. 2, 3; Band 3; Choir 2, 3; Camera Club 2, 3.



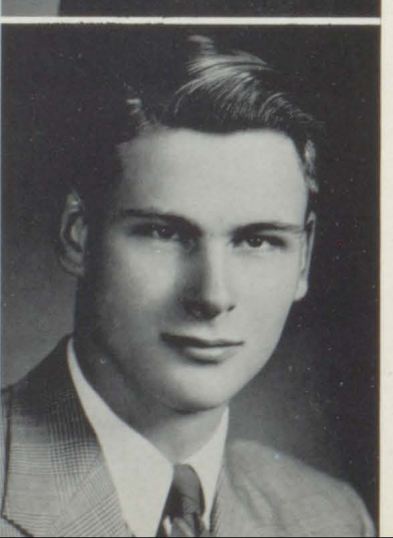
SHIRLEY ANN TEMPLE "Squirrely"  
 "Anybody wanna race?"  
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 4; Junior Play Cast; Annual Staff 4.

JAVENE THOMPSON "Jeanie"  
 "Let's go to Reese."  
 Glee Club 1, 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4.



RUTH WEBER "Hot-Rod Weber"  
 "Honest? No lie?"  
 Service Club 3, 4; Band 2, 3; Choir 2; Glee Club 2; Office Staff 4; Junior Play; Senior Play, Student Director.

SALLY ANN WELLEMAYER "Sal"  
 "I'll bring the cider."  
 Band 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Choir 2, 3; Annual Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; National Honor Society 3, 4.



BONNIE JEAN WOJTALIK  
 "Oh, Fuzzi"  
 Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Choir 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4, Office Staff 4; Hot Lunch 1, 2, 4; School Reporter 4.

GEORGE GRAY "Georgie"  
 "Better late than never"

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Pat Heidt

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 Jane Kern  
 Robert King  
 James Kinney

Carole Kuhnle  
 Jeanine Mallory  
 Betty Marovich  
 Hilton Mauer

Jim McClelland  
 Dolores Perry  
 Armilda Petzold  
 Clela Proctor



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 Dea Ann Bierlein

Luella Bierlein  
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 Mark Blossom  
 Donald Bogert  
 Joan Bogert

Betty Bonadurer  
 Kathleen Botimer  
 Donna Briggs  
 Carmen Buchman  
 Carl Buetow

Beverly Chardon  
 Genevieve Chesney  
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Joyce Empey  
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Wanda Fuller  
 Beverly George  
 June Gill  
 Jim Gohsman  
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 Joann Horwath  
 Carol Keinath  
 Donna Kern



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 Richard Szucs



Vice-President  
 James Varnum

# Class

Richard King  
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Carol Ann Lee  
Sharon Lee  
Louanne Lewis  
Ronald Loesel

Bernard Maida  
Raymond Maida  
William Matthews  
Doris Mayer  
George Metro  
Marian Miller

Nancy Miller  
Harley Milliken  
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Lenore Mossner  
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Virginia Pierce  
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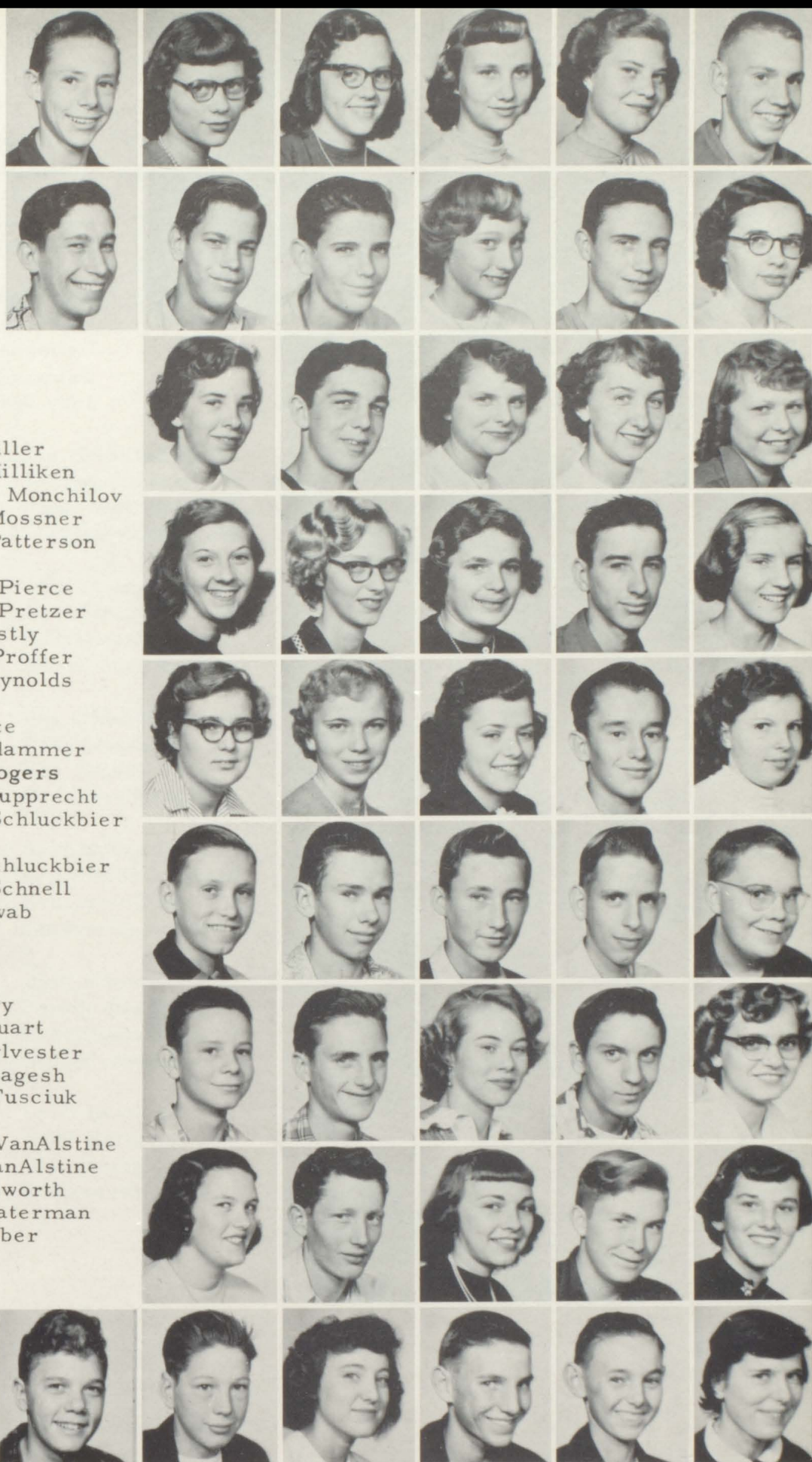
Lillie Rice  
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Norma Rogers  
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John Schwab  
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Robert Wescoat  
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John Wirth  
Raymond Wirth  
Rosa Wood



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 Joyce Adams  
 Leo Amend  
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Lois Baird  
 Avona Baxter  
 LaVerne Beardsley  
 Delmar Bierlein  
 Judy Blackmore

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 Darlene Burrows  
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 Beverly Dickerson  
 Duane Donnelly  
 Shirley Enser

Bonnie Fiers  
 Lynn Fitzpatrick  
 Gerald Force  
 Ila Mae Force

David Freeland  
 Margaret Fuller  
 George Gamet  
 Patricia Gamet

LaVere Gill  
 Leola Glynn  
 Frank Going  
 Glenda Gray

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 Henry Jaynes

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 Gladys Kennard  
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 Dorothy Levis  
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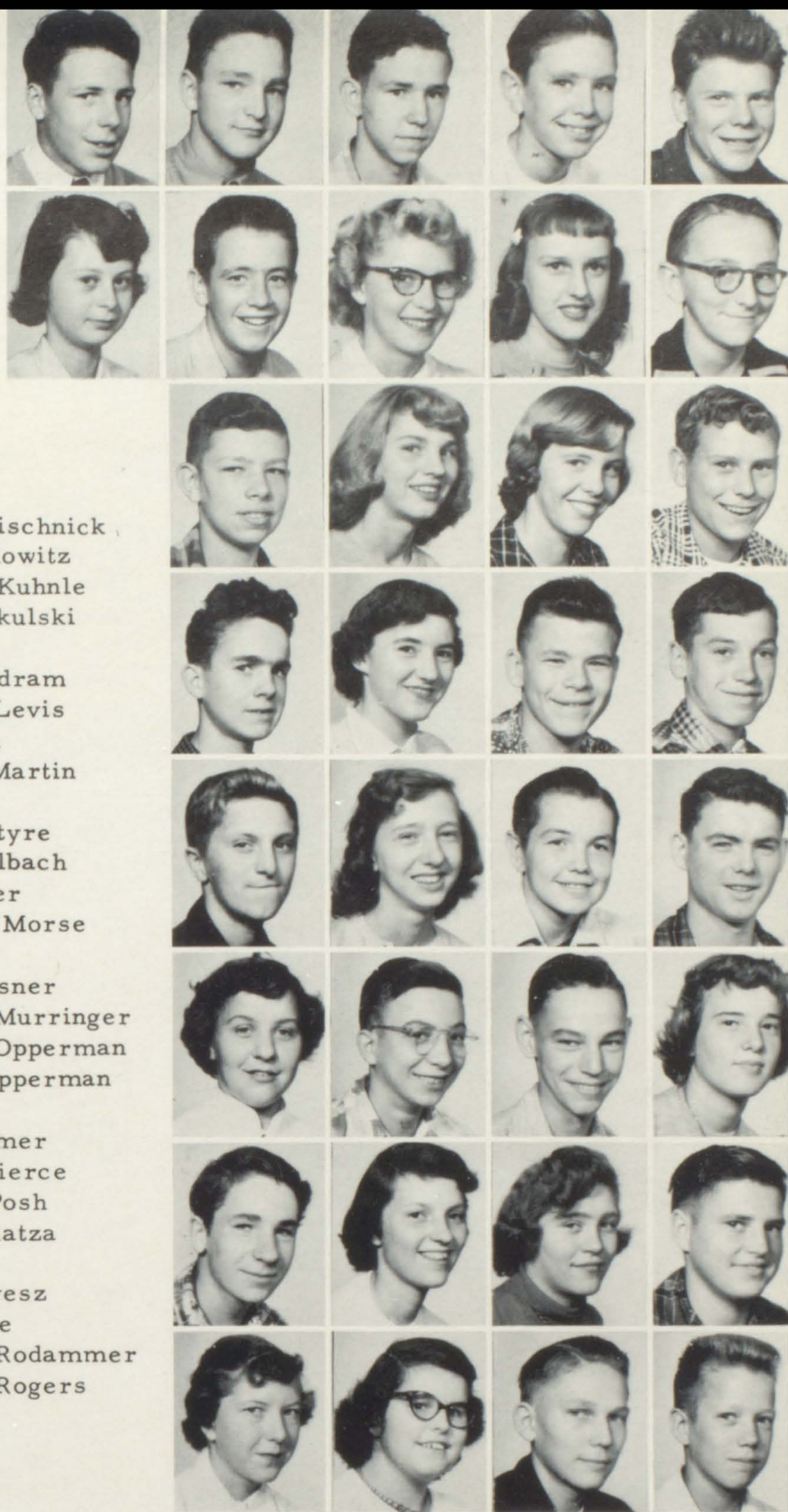
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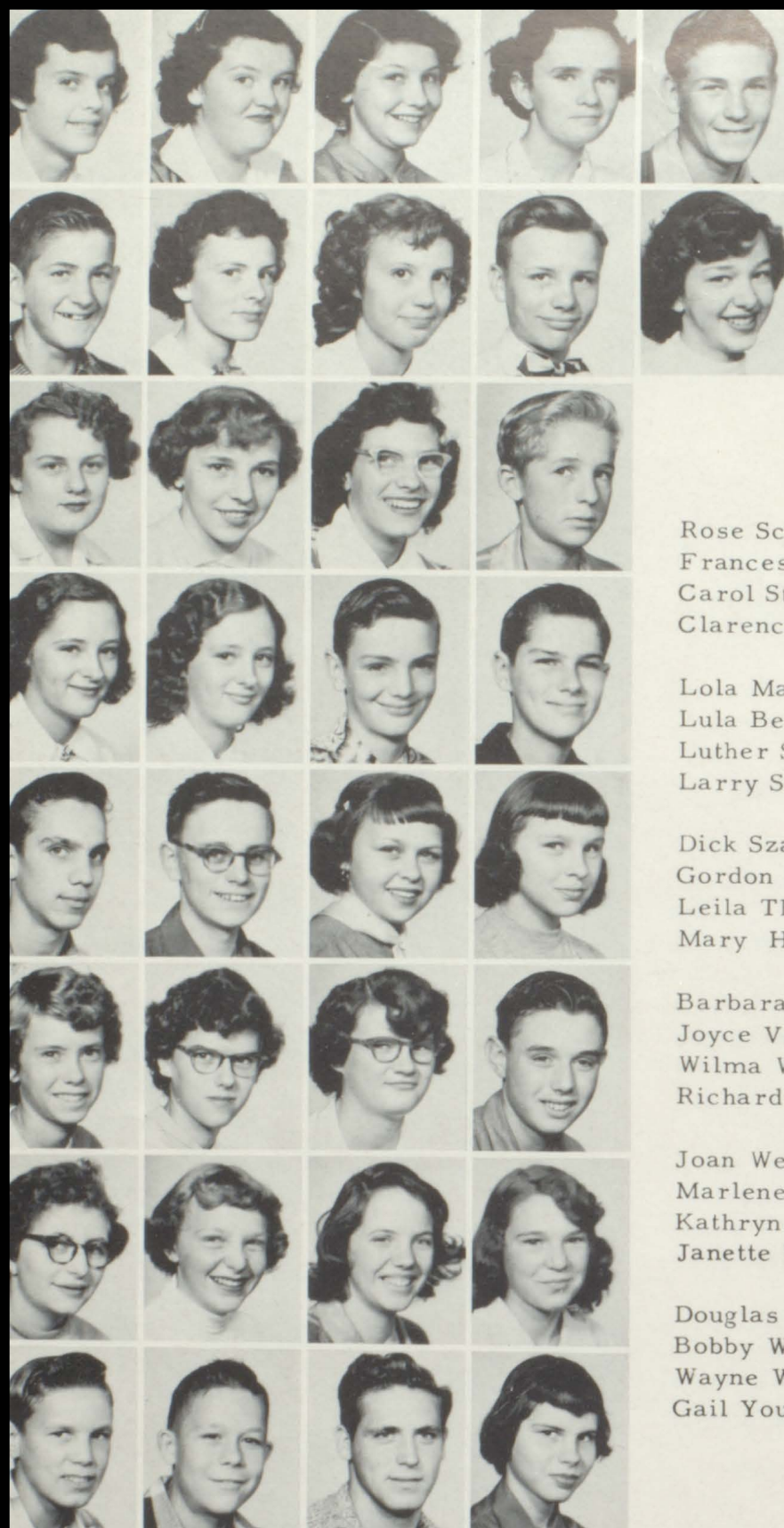
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Sonja Schnell

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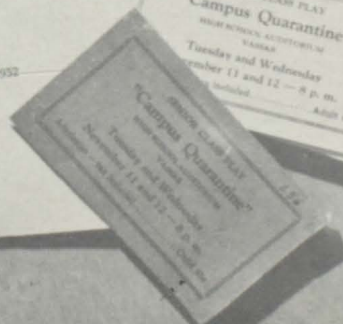
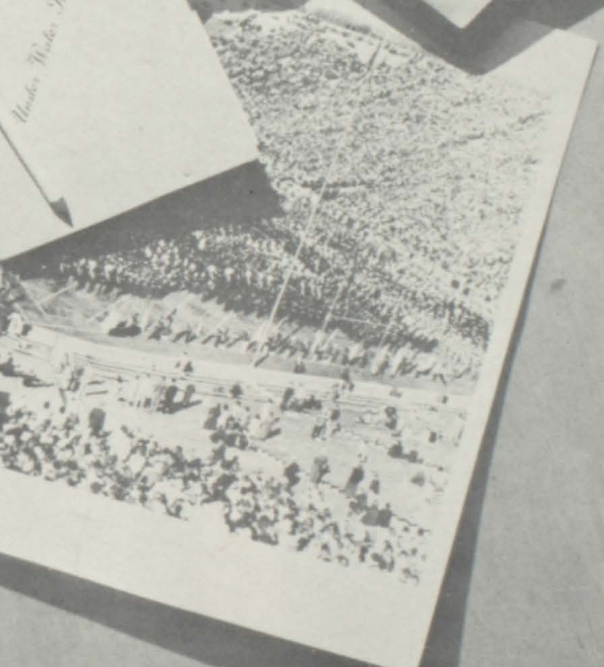
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SENIOR CLASS PLAY  
"Campus Quarantine"

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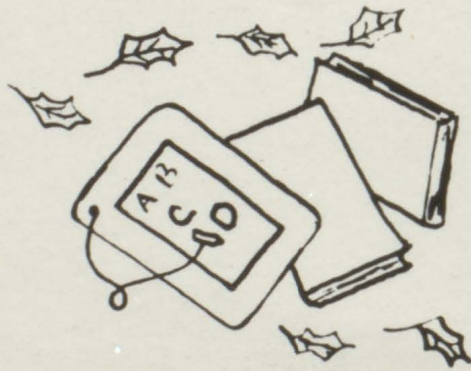
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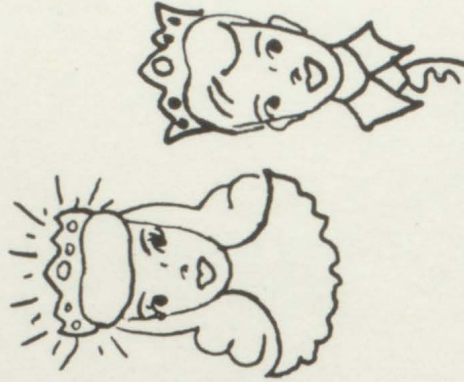
## SEPTEMBER

- 1--Registration
- 19--First Football Game
- 26--Caro Game



## OCTOBER

- 7--Greenhand Initiation
- 28--Band Night
- 31--Homecoming



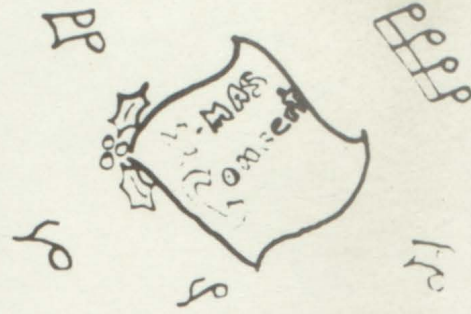
## NOVEMBER

- 4--School Presidential Election
- 11--Senior Play
- 21--Sophomore Party



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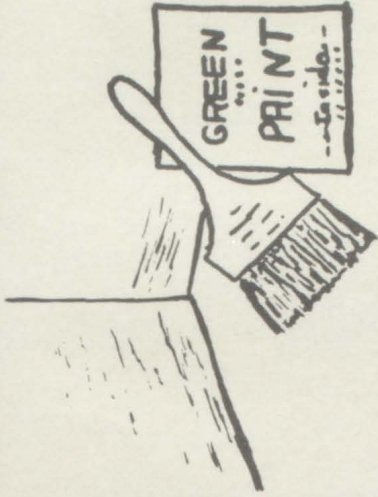
- 2--First Basketball Game
- 9--Winter Concert
- 10--"Trip to the Moon" - Assembly





JANUARY

5--School Again  
9--Croswell-There  
19---Exams Begin



FEBRUARY

10--F.F.A. Banquet  
20--Caro Here  
24--New Addition Opened

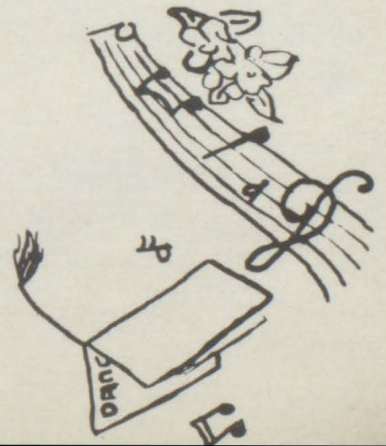
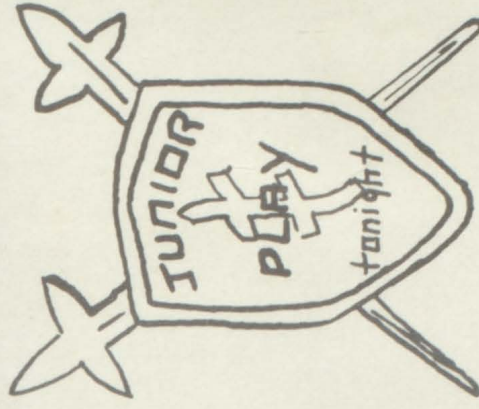


MARCH

4--District Tournament  
10---Assembly-George  
Campbell  
24---Donkey Basketball

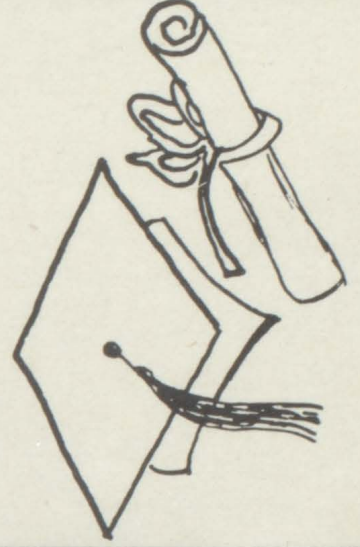
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3--Easter Vacation  
17--Freshman Party  
23---Junior Play



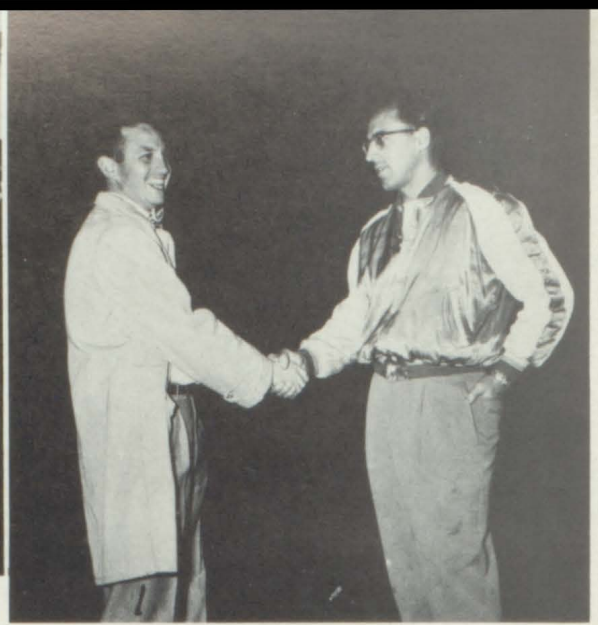
MAY

8---Junior-Senior  
Prom  
29---County Track Meet  
31--Baccalaureate



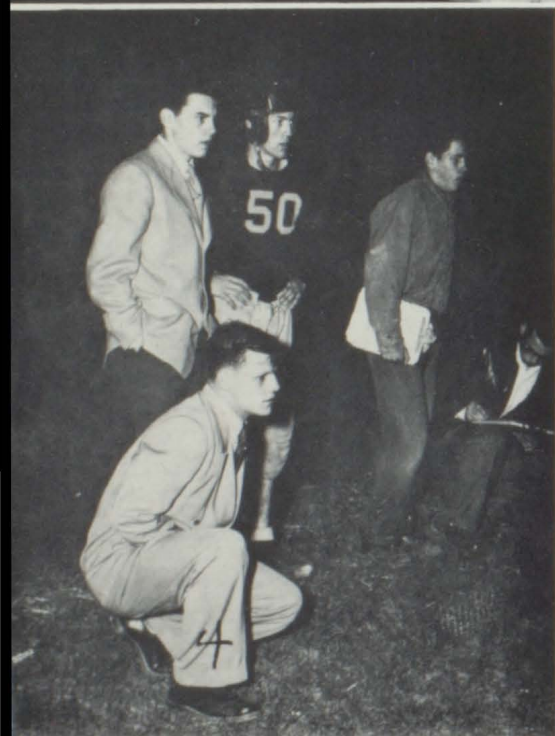
JUNE

1--Senior Trip Begins  
1--Exams  
4--Commencement



## *Homecoming*

1. May the best team win.
2. The Grand Finale
3. The Queen and her court  
Armilda Petzold, Donna Kern, Queen Patterson,  
Martha Sue Smith
4. Injuries could't keep the co-captains away





## 1952

5. First comes the band
6. The winner! Class of 1955
7. Royalty Reigns  
King-Vern Barnes  
Queen-Gene Patterson
8. Our greatest rival



# Student Council



SEATED: J. Harpham; P. Enos; M. Gulliver; Mr. Jagger; K. Botimer; D. Heidt; C. Huhnle. STANDING: C. Gleeson; L. Service; R. Szucs; D. Davis; G. Davidson.

The Student Council of Vassar High School is organized for the purpose of promoting school spirit, securing unity between students and faculty, developing better citizens, encouraging higher scholarship and developing student opinion on the governing of student activities.

Members are elected each year in the second week in May, each of the upper four classes electing two representatives, and the seventh and eighth grade each one. Meetings are held weekly with the presidents of the upper four classes present as participating but non-voting members.

This year the annual Citizenship Conference at Ann Arbor was attended by four representatives from Vassar, who came home with many new ideas and ways of improving our council.

Officers include: President, Pat Enos; Vice-President, Marilynn Gulliver; Secretary, Kathleen Botimer; Treasurer, Richard Szucs.

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## *Service Club*

The Service Club was organized several years ago by students who wished to donate a portion of their time to school service. Each year new members are admitted to membership - a certain percentage from each of the upper four grades. To be eligible for membership, a student must have and maintain a good scholastic average; have a good citizenship record; be willing to give time to school service; be acceptable to other club members and live up to school standards. Twenty-four students were pledged into the Service Club this year and after going through a two week probationary period were formally initiated into the club. Officers this year are president: Margery Swanson; Vice-President: Sharon DeCou; Treasurer; Carol Durbin; Secretary; Janet Pierce; Business Manager; Suzanne Heinrich: The Service club adviser is Miss Hope Wellemeier.

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SEATED: B. Cyr; P. Servis; M. Monchilov; J. Schack; M. Atkins; R. Rice; STANDING: S. DeCou; M. Smith; N. Miller; C. A. Kuhnle; C. Kuhnle; M. Schmidt; A. Tusciuk; D. Tusciuk.

## *Library Staff*

The library staff is an organized body of students who spend at least one period every day in the library, assisting with routine duties such as shelving, filing, magazine service and mending. Members are chosen from the upper four classes and are given credit each year.

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# National Honor Society

A chapter of the National Honor Society was instituted in Vassar High School on May 27, 1952, in an impressive

candlelighting ceremony conducted by the members of the honor society of Cass City High School.

Members are selected in the spring of the year from the junior and senior classes. They must maintain at least a B average and must be active in extra-curricular activities.

Charter members include: Carolyn Blasius; Milly Doren; George Hammond; Gloria Lambert; Maurice Miller; Mary Reif; Don Tinglan; Charles Wills; Nancy Beecher; Sharon DeCou; Sally Hacker; Nancy Miller; Janet Pierce; Margery Swanson; Sally Wellsmeier.

These members take pride in the responsibility of carrying out the Society's ideals, "character, scholarship, leadership, and service."





## *Future Farmers of America*

FRONT ROW: W. Hecht, D. Thurston, R. Auernhamer, R. Enos, M. Gonda, B. Thurston, Mr. Tulloch, R. Erickson, L. Rutherford.  
SECOND ROW: L. Fitzpatrick, G. Ratza, D. Bierlein, C. Rodammer, D. Szagesh, D. Kischnick, J. Schlicht, K. Opperman, R. Erickson. THIRD ROW: L. Streeter, R. King, U. Allen, R. Walz, J. Birk, E. Schnell, T. Proffer, R. Loesel, C. Hess, D. Palmer.  
FOURTH ROW: B. Williams, B. Rogers, C. Stevens, J. Szagesh, R. Waterman, R. King, D. Sargent, B. Haynes, E. Martin, J. Williams, G. Tedford. FIFTH ROW: J. Hascall, J. Hascall, C. Glynn, B. Allen, D. Freeland, D. Donnelly, D. Shaw, C. Buetow, M. Sayles.

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Sixty-two boys, members of this organization, conducted a well-rounded program during the school year. On their 58 productive projects they received \$9734.85. They produced 110 pigs which weighed 22,789 lbs.; 763 chickens weighing a total of 3,198 lbs.; and 10 dairy animals weighing 7150 lbs. Seventy-one improvement projects and a host of supplementary practices were completed. The members of the chapter spent over 900 hours of labor on their orchard. Their efforts were not fruitless for there was a profit in learning as well as financially. The poultry group of the chapter built a weather-proof masonite brooder house at a cost of about \$500. completed in February in time for entering the Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest with 260 chicks. The Vassar group was awarded a silver award in this contest. The average weight per bird was 3.43 lbs. at 12 weeks.

A group of six members made a trip to Bay City in February for a broadcast over WBCM. Along with Mr. Tulloch were Richard Enos, Bob King, Matthew Gonda, Ted Proffer and Charles Schnell, who gave high-lights of some of the individual projects as well as the major group ones. They also discussed the revolving loan fund and the chapter-owned insurance company.

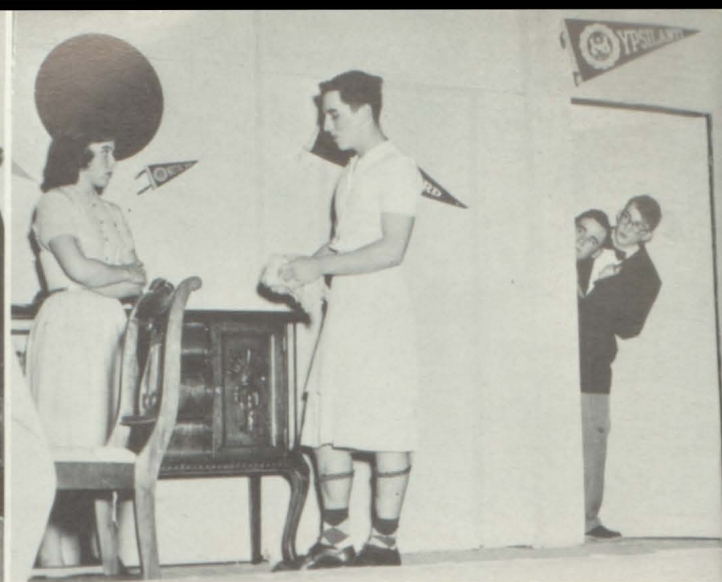
In a spot convenient to the high school, the father of one member, Wallace Hecht, gave the chapter the use of an acre plot of land for corn growing. The boys planted a quite new hybrid, Michigan 350, and during the growing season, carried on a number of approved practices with different kinds and amounts of fertilizers. The application of Nitrogen in July proved of most value. The corn was harvested in November by the Freshman Agriculture class, and was stored for use in the spring on the next Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest, to be carried on by Jim and Bob Williams.

One of the more exciting features of the school year is the getting ready for the fairs. Besides many individual exhibits, the chapter usually makes a large one to enter in competition with other chapters. This year the group exhibit was made of three 30x40 inch pictures, made by Mr. Heffelfinger, depicting the chapter's three projects of poultry, orchard and corn. The first showing of the exhibit was in the parade at the Caro Fair; then to the State Fair at Detroit, where it took a red ribbon; and on to the Saginaw Fair, where it took a blue ribbon. They also made up a group exhibit of produce for the latter fair, which got a red ribbon. The total prize money came to \$95.00, besides the experience of making and setting up the exhibits. In summing up the year's activities it is thought that the local chapter lives up to the FFA motto: "Learning to do; doing to learn; earning to live; living to serve."



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# Senior Play

## "Campus Quarantine"

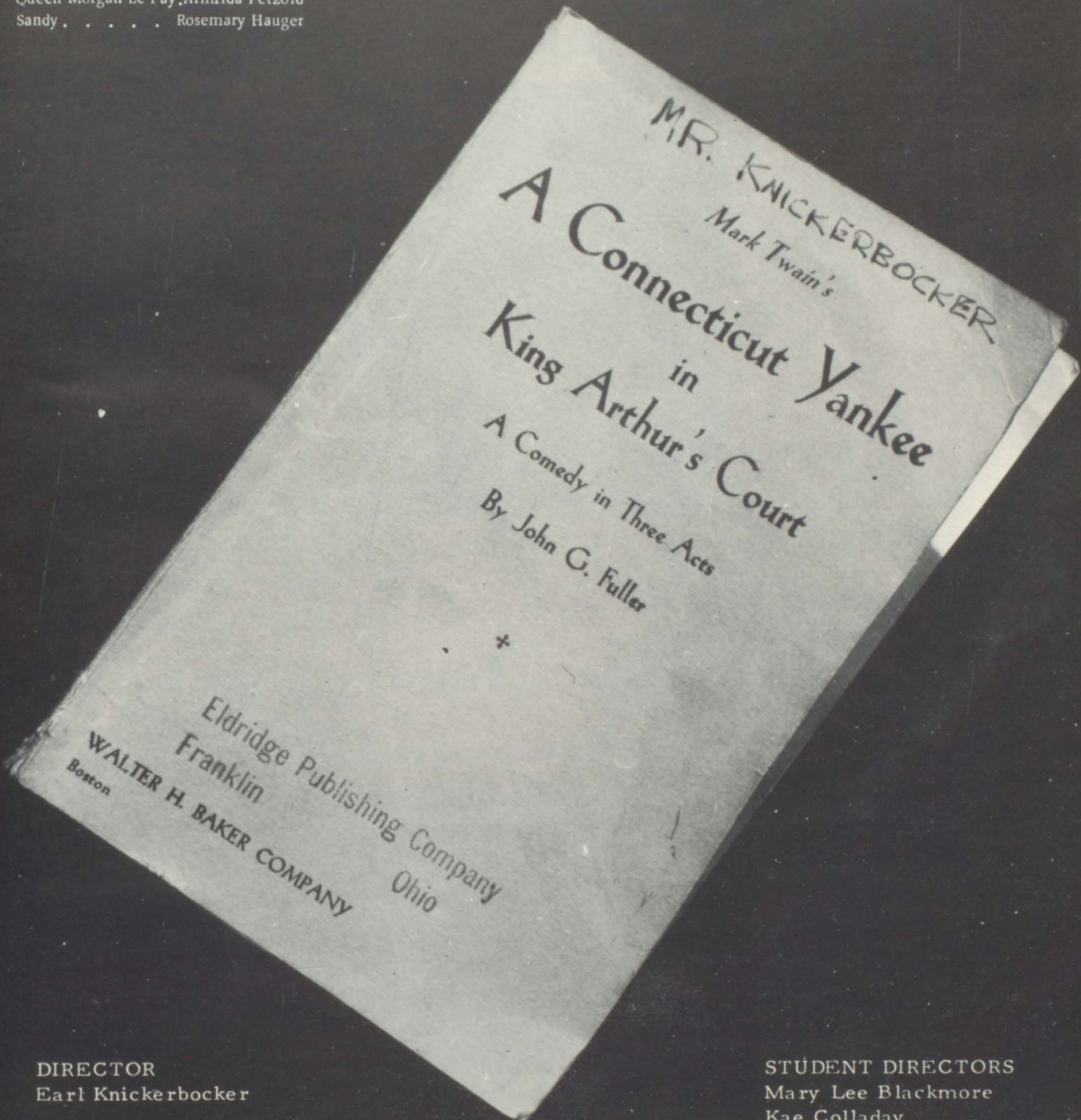
### THE CAST

Gloria Smith . . . . .	Nancy Miller
Mrs. Smith . . . . .	Sharon DeCou
Beryl Shepherd . . . . .	Mercy Revesz
Edythe Rhodes . . . . .	Nancy Beecher
Deborah Mercer. . . . .	Donna Stevens
Lela Dunn . . . . .	Margery Swanson
Dr. Leon Atwell. . . . .	Robert Smith
Gordon Dunn . . . . .	Leland Service
Ronald Steele. . . . .	Eugene Rupprecht
Elliot Maxim . . . . .	Clyde Adams
Finlay Carruthers . . . . .	Tom Sylvester
Howard Ross . . . . .	John Clouse

THE CAST

Hank Bennett . . . . . Dan Davis  
Marion . . . . . Carole Kuhnle  
Mrs. Bennett . . . . . Mary Jean Safford  
King Arthur . . . . . Richard Everts  
Queen Guenever . . . . . Suzanne Heinrich  
Merlin . . . . . Raymond Waggoner  
Sir Sagramor . . . . . Norman Schmitzer  
Clarence . . . . . James McClelland  
Elaine . . . . . Marilyn Gulliver  
Sir Launcelot . . . . . Richard Enos  
Queen Morgan Le Fay . . . . . Armilda Petzold  
Sandy . . . . . Rosemary Hauger

*Junior Play*



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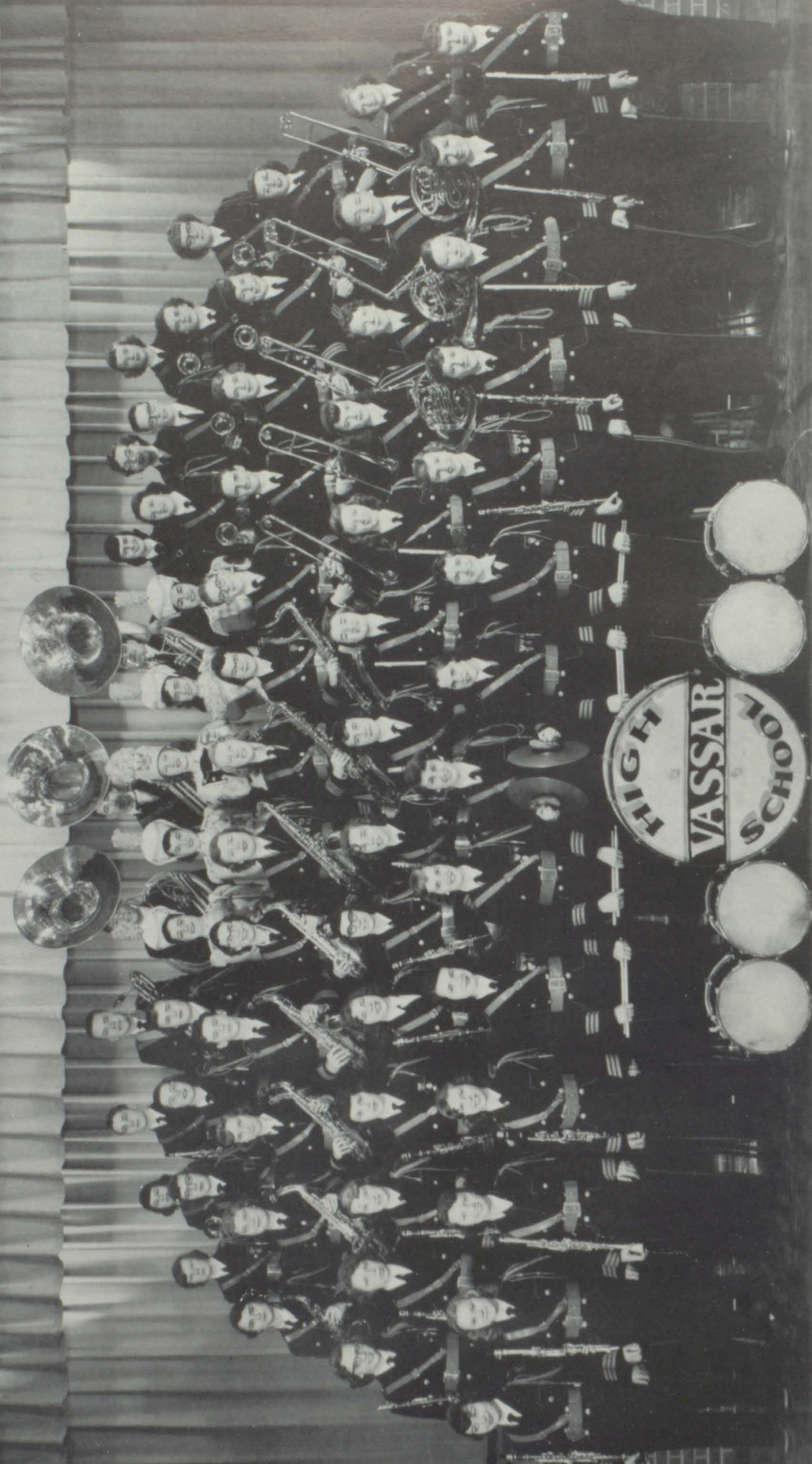
LEFT TO RIGHT: Rev. Roberts. Mr. Baxter, Mr. Hascall, Mr. Glazier, Mr. Smith, Mr. Wall.





*Sound Effects*





*Marching Band*



This was a year of exciting suspense for members of the Vassar High School Band. The reason -- the completion of the new band-shop addition to our school. We could not help but feel proud of the facilities that had been provided for us, and rehearsals became a more pleasant experience for all of us.

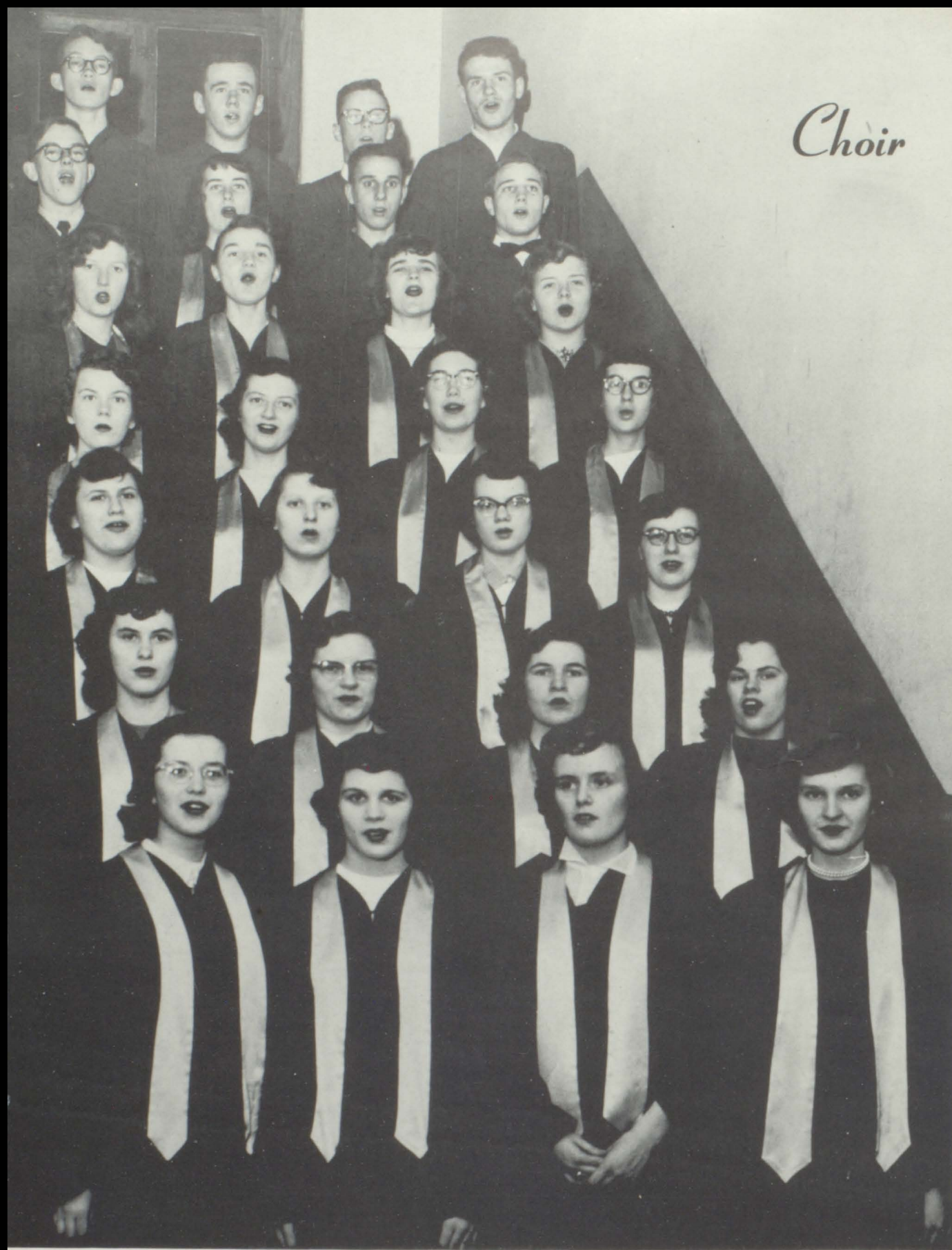
In addition to the usual activity during the football season, we performed in Ann Arbor as part of the Annual Band Day. How could we forget "Mister Touchdown, U.S.A." or, for that matter, the new pep-song, "Vassar Rouser"? (words provided by Phil Gugel) For participating in a long Centennial Parade, Caro more than repaid us by providing an excellent "banquet-style" dinner.

Incidentally, this was the year we marched through the streets of Tuscola and Richville as part of our annual "TAG DAY." (Biggest gold-diggers in band: Davidson and Swanson) Christmas found us out on the cold, windy streets of Vassar playing "Jingle Bells."

A combined band-choir Christmas Concert was well attended and appreciated. In the true spirit of Christmas, the selection "Oh, Holy Night" as sung by Richard Everts (swoon girls,) "Beautiful Saviour" with Janet Pierce as alto soloist, and "I Wonder as I Wander," sung once again by Javene Thompson, were well received, while the whip cracking of Vernor Hayes and the special effects provided by the percussion selection during "Sleigh-ride" and "Syncopated Clock" provided a cheerful contrast.



# Choir



FIRST ROW: S. Weber; M. Young; A. Kienzlen; M. Gulliver. SECOND ROW: J. Burza; A. Kunz; S. Heinrich; M. Wilson. THIRD ROW: B. Wojtalik; G. Patterson; K. Colladay; J. Thompson. FOURTH ROW: M. Revesz; J. Pierce; N. Miller; S. Temple. FIFTH ROW: P. Davidson; S. DeCou; J. Kirkpatrick; S. Hacker. SIXTH ROW: P. Gugel; M. Swanson; B. Toepfer; R. Everts. SEVENTH ROW: L. Service; E. Rupprecht; M. Blossom; K. Wesley.

Everyone was pleased with Carmen Buchman's playing of "Trumpeter's Lullaby," and all of us in band enjoyed rehearsing and playing the beautiful themes from "Carousel," especially, "I'll Never Walk Alone."

The band was fortunate enough to make a visit to hear the Cleveland Symphony when it performed in Saginaw, also to witness a football game at M.S.C. and recital of the M.S.C. woodwind quintet at Caro. Future plans included a visit of the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at Ann Arbor and a visit to the State Solo and Ensemble Festival at

Ann Arbor, and a visit to the State Band and Orchestra Festival for all Band Boosters.

This year our Band Booster's Club became especially active under its president Mr. Ralph Honsinger, and, in addition to raising funds to supplement what the school can provide, it was decided to have a banquet for all music students with the Assistant Conductor of the U. of Michigan Band, Mr. George Cavender, as guest speaker.

It is especially fitting to note that every single band member of this year's Senior Class has contributed to the accomplishments of the band for many years, one for many years, one for as many as eight successive years. For this we remember and thank them.

As this summation of the band's activity draws to a close, we feel a strong desire to mention some of the more memorable events of recent years: The thrill of winning a First Division at Cass City in '51, the band picnic at Potter's Lake in '52, the playing of "Awakening of Galatea," or better still, that rendition of "The Finale to the New World Symphony. "In fact, we might even mention that snake-dance after the Millington game! How about it?



# Cheerleaders

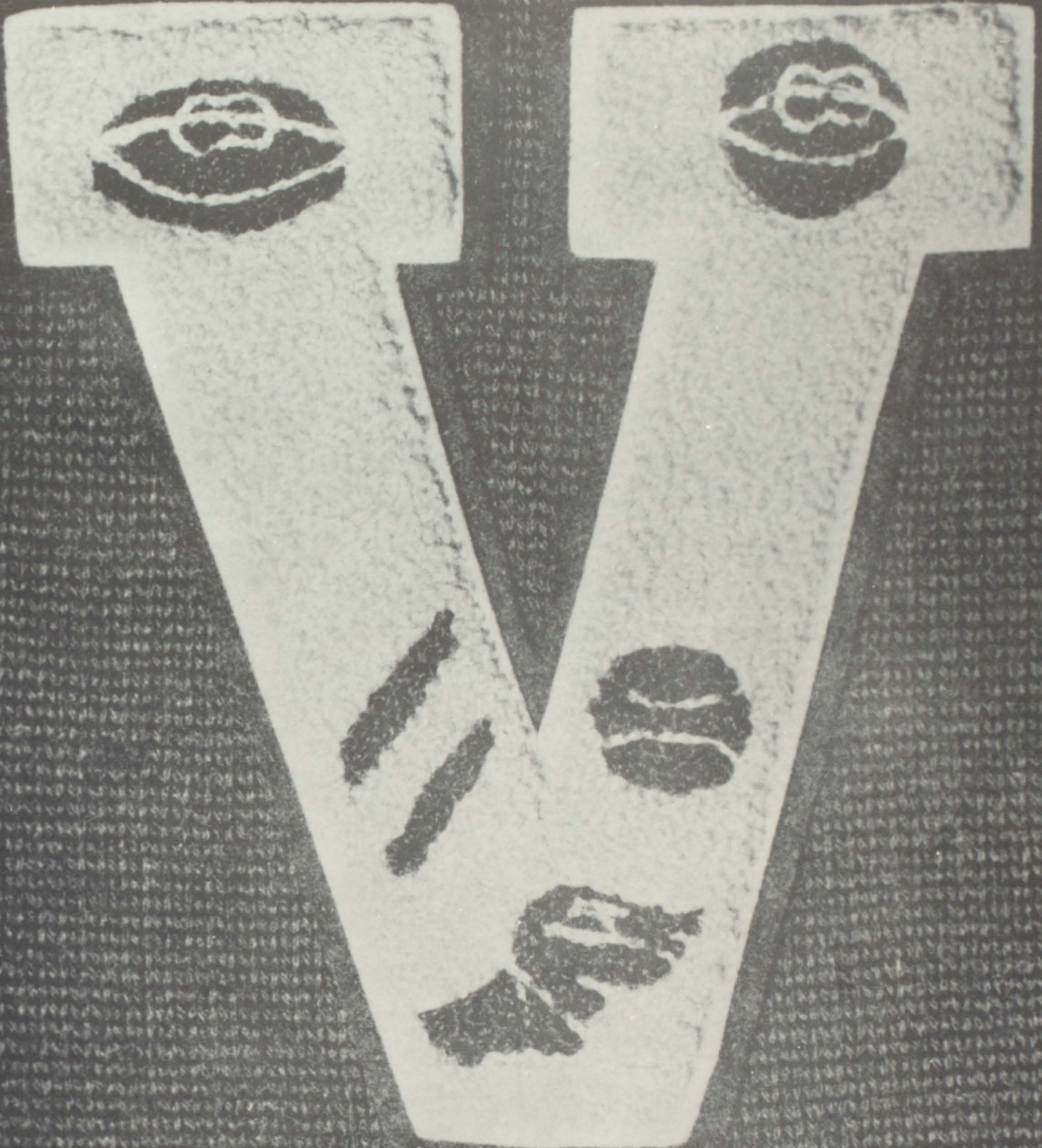
It was decided that it would be fair to everyone if we would have try-outs for cheerleaders again this year. One week before the first football game the gym was filled with students waiting to see the hopefuls "do their stuff." Six girls were chosen for the Varsity team and the remaining girls were to be on the Reserve team.

Kathy Briggs, Pat Enos, Mercy Revesz, Christie Kuhnle, and Nancy Beecher were selected for the Varsity, Those comprising the Reserve team are Bonnie Pierce, Shirley Kowitz, Lean Revesz, Carol Stoddard, and Mary Vargo.

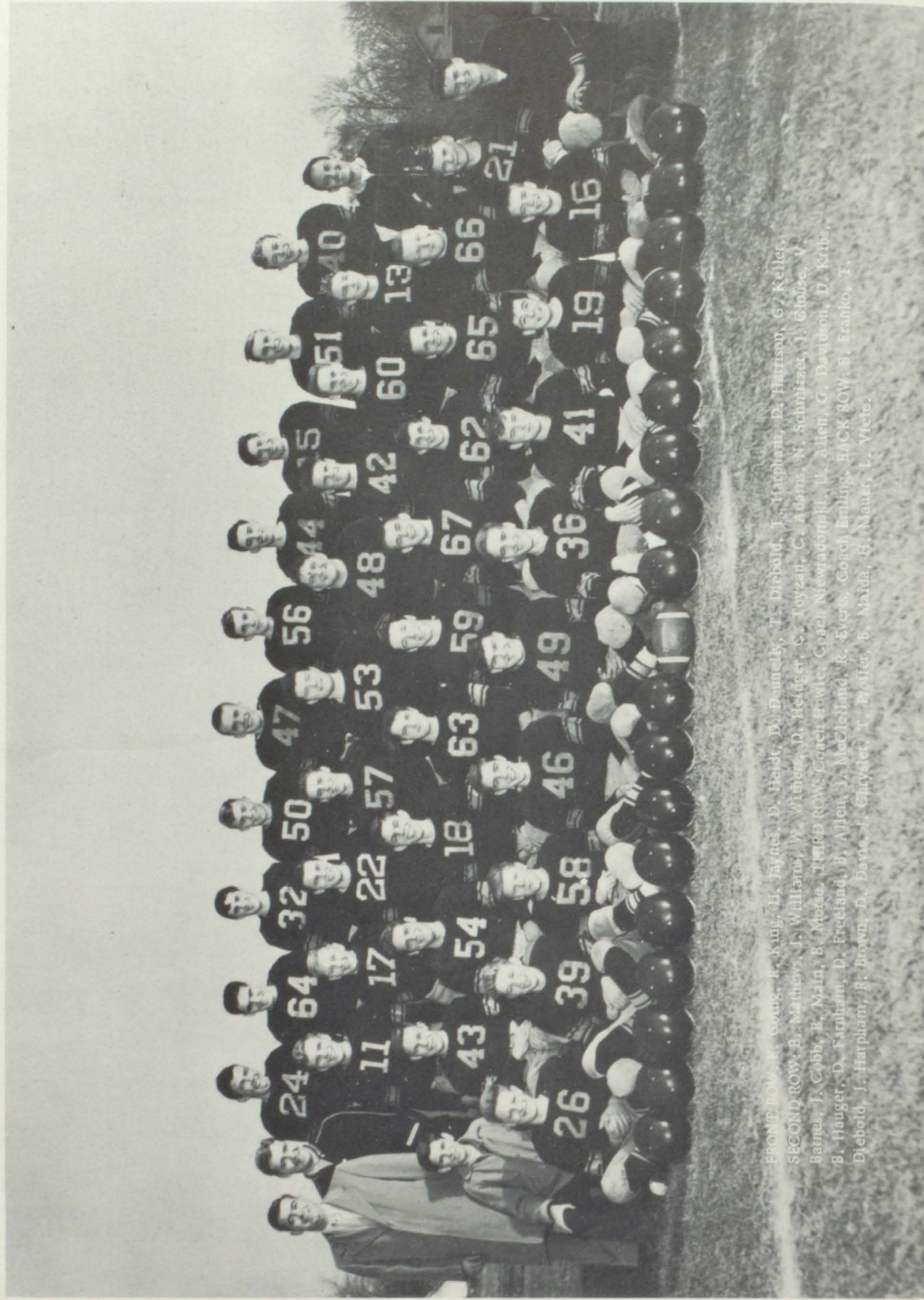
Near the end of the football season, the varsity cheerleaders attended the Cheerleaders' Clinic at the University of Michigan. The art of cheerleading and proper attire were discussed at a meeting and the U. of M. cheerleaders showed them some of their cheers. Some of the high school cheerleaders demonstrated cheers and received help from the university cheerleaders if it was needed. Then they attended the Michigan-Cornell game and participated in activities at half-time.



# *Sports Cast*



# Football 1952



FROM ROW: Young, K. King, H. Jaynes, D. Heidt, D. Dannelly, T. Diebold, J. Harpham, E. Harrison, G. Kelley,  
 SECOND ROW: B. Matthews, J. Williams, W. Withers, D. Helger, C. Toyzan, C. Adams, N. Schlitzer, J. Clouse, V.  
 Batnes, J. Cobb, B. Main, B. Morse, THIRD ROW: Coach Howie, Coach Niewiadomski, L. Allen, G. Davidson, D. Krebs,  
 B. Hauger, D. Farnham, D. Freeland, B. Allen, J. McClelland, R. Evers, Coach Embling, BACK ROW: B. Franko, T.  
 Diebold, J. Harpham, R. Brown, D. Davis, J. Chrysler, T. Beffer, B. Maida, H. Nauer, L. Wiele.





THE CO-CAPTAINS  
Don Kribs and Vern Barnes

## *The Grid Season In Review*

The so-called, "Green Team" of Vassar High School came through with flying colors this season as they chalked up five wins against two losses and a tie. During the last part of the season the Vulcans were heavily hit by two major injuries in their backfield. Don Kribs, playing his last year of football, suffered an ankle injury in the Cass City game to knock him out for the rest of the season.

Up to and including the Cass City game, Kribs had the major job of passing and had completed 13 of 39 for 213 yards. Vern Barnes, also a senior, was out for the last two games when he suffered a slight concussion in the Yale game. Up to this time he was leading in yards gained on the ground with 265.

Other stars on the Vulcan team were Clyde Adams, back; Wayne Withers, back; Jerry Cobb, center; and Dick Everts, who passed for Kribs, after his injury. Adams led in scoring with 30 points, (5 TD's); and in passes received with 14 for 217 yards. Withers gained 346 yards running with 4.1 yards per try and was the only Vulcan not to have a fumble during the season.

Cobb played exceptionally well at center on both offense and defense. Everts took over the tough job of throwing the football, but, after a slow start, completed 10 of 35 for 135 yards, and proved to be the main gun, with Adams, in the final game.

The Vulcans best game was played against Sandusky in the final game of the season. In this game they gained 356 yards for 19 first downs and 19 points to the Redskins 60 yards for 3 first downs and 13 points. The most points made in one game were 24 against Millington in the first game of the year.



THE LINE

# Football Scoreboard

Millington	0	Vassar	24	Croswell-Lexington	7	Vassar	18
Caro	6	Vassar	6	Yale	6	Vassar	7
Marlette	7	Vassar	0	Bad Axe	38	Vassar	0
Cass City	0	Vassar	13	Sandusky	13	Vassar	19



THE BACKFIELD



THE SUBS

THE VASSAR DAIRY  
 Gene Slafter----Ty Cobb  
 Proprietors

# Basketball 1952 - 53



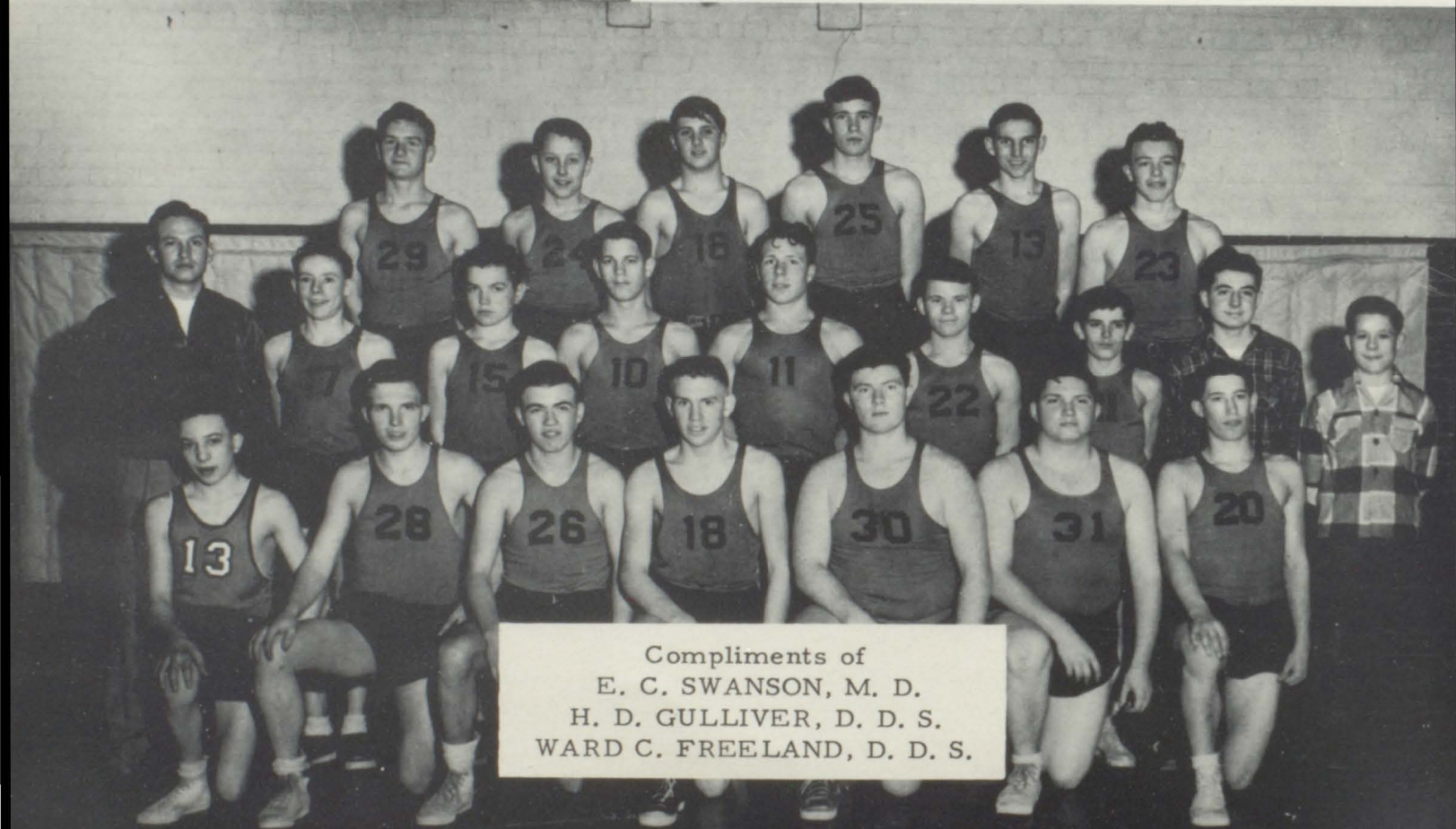
FRONT ROW: D. Heidt, J. Gohsman, B. Morse, N. Schmitzer, C. Toyzan, R. Everts, W. Withers, BACK ROW: Coach Niewiadomski, T. Diebold, J. McClelland, H. Greenwood, C. Adams, J. Cobb, D. Kribs.

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SEASON'S RECORD

Marlette	59 , 69	Vassar	41 , 44
Bad Axe	68 , 59	Vassar	49 , 55
Sandusky	57 , 75	Vassar	54 , 31
Cros-Lex	51 , 54	Vassar	54 , 56
Yale	64 , 60	Vassar	47 , 45
Caro	62 , 82	Vassar	54 , 59
Cass City	77 , 80	Vassar	54 , 53
Non League			
Mayville	55	Vassar	56
Millington	46	Vassar	35
Tournament			
Sandusky	67	Vassar	53



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# Baseball 1952



## SQUAD

Louie Adams  
Bob Atkins  
Robert Buchinger  
John Clouse  
Jerry Cobb  
Ray Cobb  
Lewis Fent  
Vincent Finta  
David Friday  
Bill Hauger  
Alfred Krumnauer

Hilton Mauer  
Bruce McClelland  
Jim McClelland  
Don Rutherford  
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# Track 1952

## TEAM

Adams, Clyde  
Adams, Louis  
Armour, Larry  
Barnes, Vern  
Buchinger, Robert  
Cobb, Ray  
Farnham, Dwayne  
Finta, Vincent  
Hammond, George  
Hauger, Bill  
Heidt, Dale  
Kinney, James  
Kribs, Don  
Krumnauer, Al  
McClelland, Bruce

Miller, Maurice  
Mossner, Earl  
Schmitzer, Norman  
Smith, Robert  
Williams, James  
Willis, Charles

## MEETS

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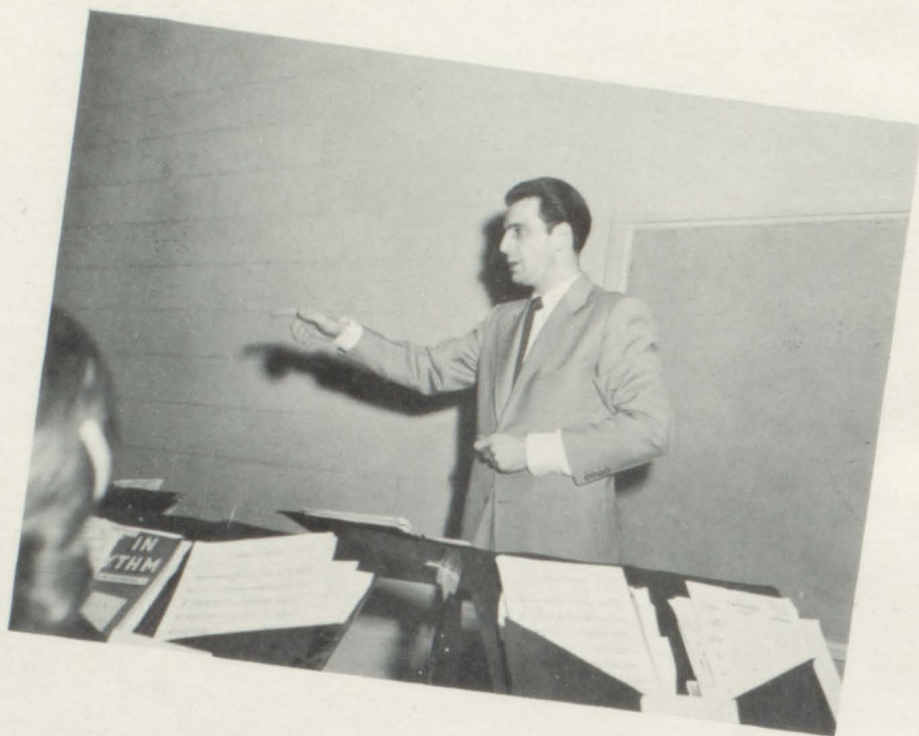
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# "Orange and Black" Anonymous

Al-though Yale has al-ways be-wared, the vi-ol-ets dark blue, And the  
ma-ny sons of Har-vard to the crim-son rose are true, We will  
own the lil-ies den-den No-hon-or shall they lack, While  
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