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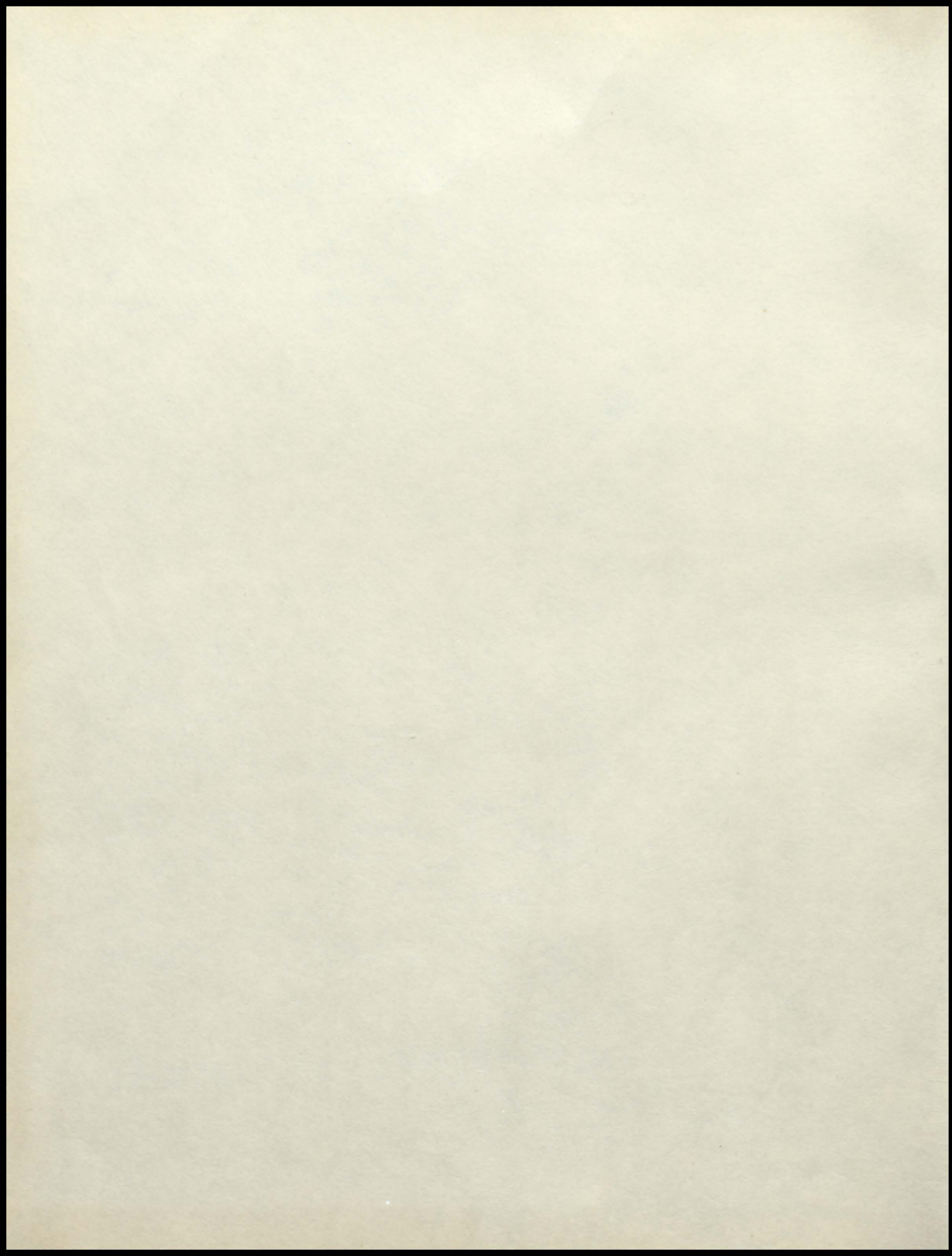


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In appreciation of her loyal and unselfish service, her eagerness to help others, and her sincere and friendly interest in everyone, we, the yearbook staff of 1956, wish to dedicate this year's Echo to Mrs. Signe Atkins, counselor to many and friend to all.



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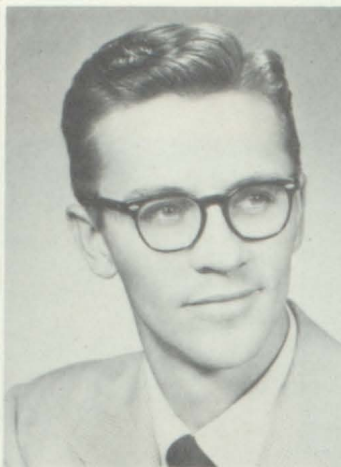
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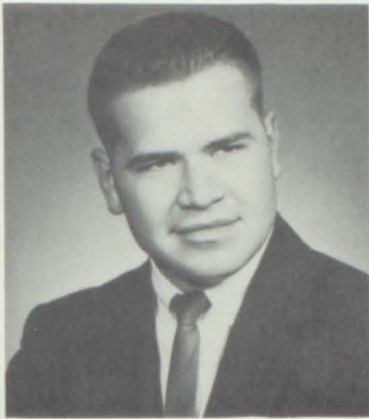


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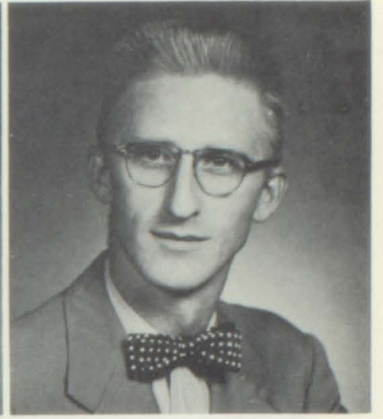
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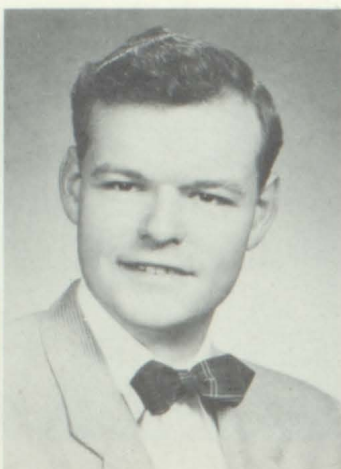


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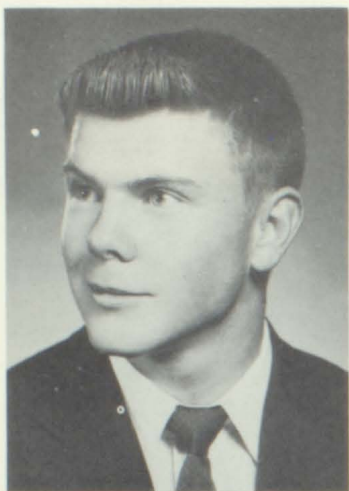
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LEFT TO RIGHT: Wilbur Servis, George McCrory, Tim Baxter, Orren Baker, Ronald Curvin, George Glazier, Max Sevener.

Classes





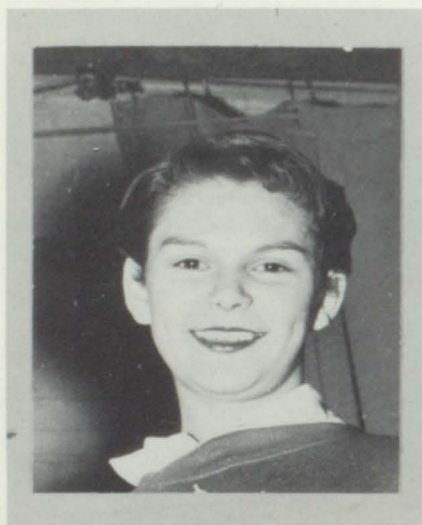
CHARLES H. JAYNES "Yogi"
 President
 "The fact of the matter is"
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 4; Junior
 Play; F. T. C. 4; Football 1, 2; Statistician 3.

MARY ANN ATKINS "Lippy"
 Secretary 4
 "I'm off to Mars! Wanna Come?"
 Library 1, Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4;
 Camera Club 1; G. A. C. 3, 4; Annual Staff
 3, 4; Vice-President 3; F. T. C. 4; Service
 Club 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Paper
 Staff 4; Echo Photo Editor 4.



GEORGE DAVIDSON
 Vice-President
 "Take it cool, Dad!"
 President 1, 2; Student Council 3, Vice-
 President 3; Thumb B. Council President
 3; Junior Play; Senior Play; Football 1, 2,
 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 2,
 3, 4; Secretary 4.

CAROL ANN STEPHENS "Stevie"
 Treasurer
 Choir 2, 3, 4; Library 1; F. F. A. 3, 4, Sec-
 retary 4; Office Staff 3, 4; Annual Staff 4;
 National Honor Society 3, 4.



Here among the seniors we pause in memory of Carol Stoddard, our friend and classmate, whose vivacious personality and participation in class activities contributed so much.

Seniors

DONNA MAE ADAMS
 "Austin is coming over tonight."
 Choir 2, 3; G. A. C. 3; Annual Staff 4.

JOYCE ANN ADAMS "Joycee"
 "Oh, you!"
 Cafeteria 2, 3, 4; Choir 2; Newspaper
 Staff 4.

LEO AMEND "Lefty"
 "Holy Smoke!"
 Projection Club; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basket-
 ball 3, 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4.

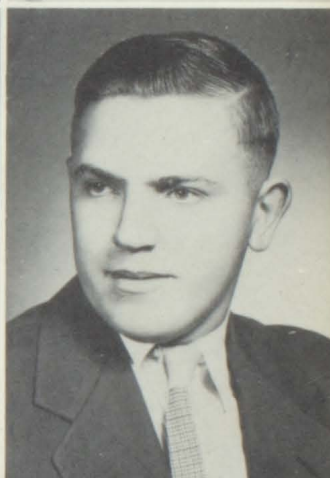
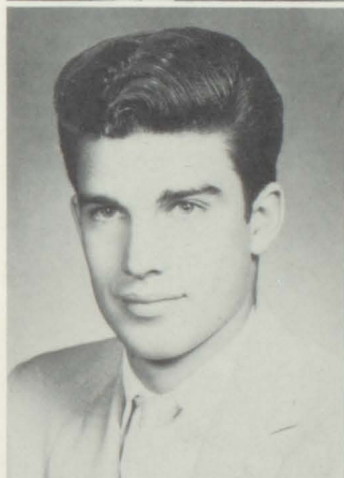
AVONA G. BAXTER "Red"
 "Moving on."
 Office Staff 4; Choir 4.

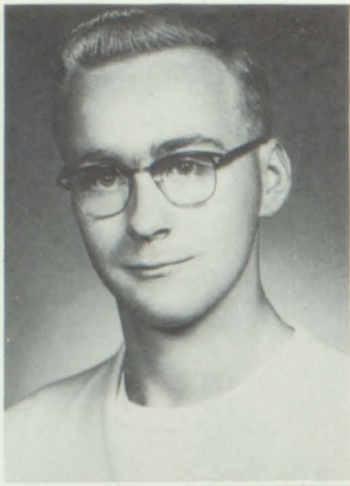
LAVERNE BEARDSLEY "Bugs"

WILMAR HENRY BERGDOLT
 Baseball 2; Track 3, 4; Industrial Arts
 Club 1, 2.

PATRICIA ANN BISHOP "Pat"
 G. A. C. 3, 4; G. A. C. President 4.

JUDY M BLACKMORE "Jay"
 Band 1, 2, 3; Student Director 4; Play
 Committee 3, 4; Office Staff 4.





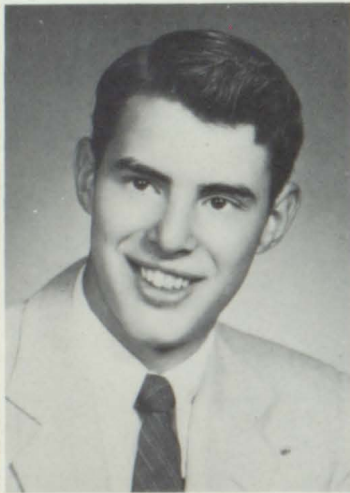
MARY ESTHER BLAYLOCK "Mary"
 "I like my men tall."
 Band 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 3, 4,
 President 4, Vice-President 3; Newspaper
 Editor 4.

DONALD RICHARD BOGERT



BARBARA MARGARET BROWN "Barb"
 "I'm going to Ann Arbor this weekend."
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Play Com-
 mittee 3; Play Committee 4; G. A. C. 3;
 F. T. A. 4.

DARLENE BURROWS "Dar"
 "Know what I mean?"
 Hot Lunch 2, 3, 4; G. A. C. 4; Choir 2.



DORA COATS "Dodie"
 Library 1, 2; Choir 2, 3; F. H. A. 3, 4.

JAMES DAYTON "Jim"
 "Holy cow!"



SHIRLEY L. ENSER
 "I can't tonight; Eddie's coming."
 Choir 2, 3.

BONNIE FIERS ROGERS
 "Oh! I wish he'd hurry."
 G. A. C. 4.

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LYNN FITZPATRICK "Fitz"
 "Who, me?"
 F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Projection Club 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Football Manager 2, 3; Basketball Manager
 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4.

GERALD FORCE
 Projection Club 2; Football 2; Baseball 2,
 3, 4; Basketball 2; Varsity Club 3, 4.

DAVID FREELAND
 Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Track 1,
 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity Club 1, 2,
 3, 4.

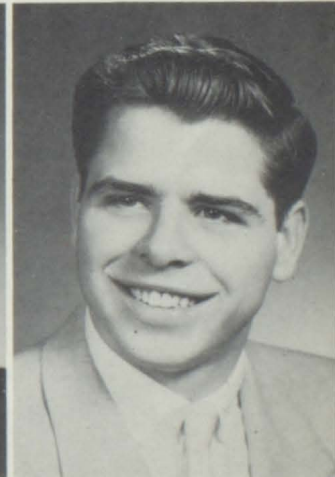
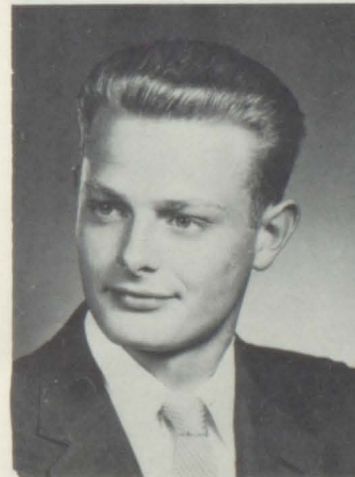
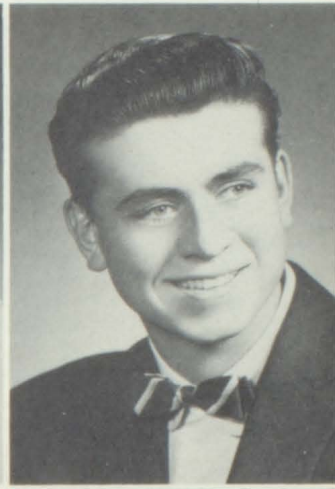
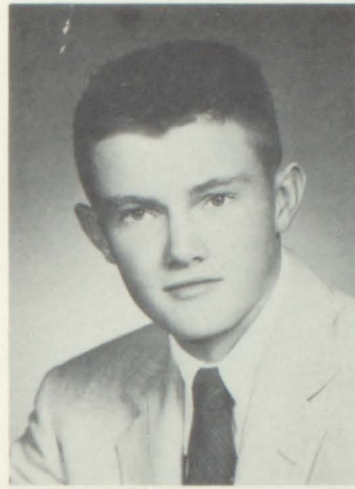
MARGARET FULLER
 Softball 1, 3, 4; Basketball 2; Choir 3;
 G. A. C. 3; Hot Lunch 4.

LaVERE GILL
 Football 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Track 1, 2,
 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4.

LEOLA M. GLYNN "Lola"
 "Oh, no!"
 G. A. C. 1, 2; Softball 3, 4; Echo Staff 4.

FRANK GOING
 Football 1; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4;
 Track 4; Senior Play; Choir 3, 4.

PAUL GRABOWSKI
 Junior Play; Senior Play; Football 2, 4;
 Varsity Club 2, 3, 4.





GLEND A GRAY

Softball 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. C. 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

FRANKIE HALL

"Let's go to Saginaw."

F. H. A. 4; G. A. C. 4.



JAN HARP HAM "Charlie"

Student Council 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Service Club 1, 2; Varsity Club 2, 3, 4.

DONALD A. HARRISON "Don"

Camera Club 2, 4, President 2; Junior Play; Senior Play; Basketball 1; Varsity Club 4; King 4; Track 1, 4.



ANN M. HAUGER "Cookie"

"Oh, no!"

Choir 2, 3, 4; G. A. C. 3, 4, President 3; Softball 2, 3; Basketball 3; Hot Lunch 2.

DEANNA HERFURTH "Dean"

"Big deal!"

Majorette 1, 2, 3; Drum Major 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4, President 4; G. A. C. 3, 4; Softball 3; Basketball 3; Library 1, 2; Junior Play; Camera Club 2, 3; Statistician 3.



CLIFFORD D. HESS "Cliff"

Football 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2; Projection Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3.

LLOYDE GRANT HONSINGER

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 2, 3.

MARY J. HUIZAR "Shorty"
 "I'll have you know "im four feet ten."
 Choir 2, 3, 4; Softball 3, 4; G. A. C. 3, 4;
 Secretary 4; Library 2, Echo Staff 4;
 Paper Staff 4.

ROSALIE JONES
 "What's wrong with Oldsmobiles?"
Echo Staff 3; Senior Play 4; Choir 2, 3, 4;
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Library 1.

GARY J. KELLER
 "Here come the cops! Take off!"
 Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1; Basketball 2;
 Varsity Club 2, 3, 4.

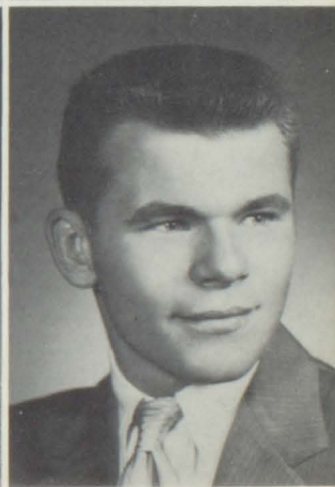
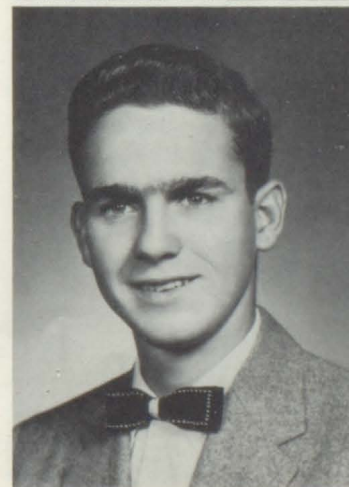
MARGIE LILLIS KENNARD "Marge"
 "I'm getting used to that Plymouth!"
 Hot Lunch 1, 2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Echo Staff 4;
 Officer Girl 4; Assistant Paper Editor 4.

WILLIAM N. KERN "Bill"
 "Laugh, darn it! It ain't funny!"
 Projection Club 3, 4; Basketball 1; Base-
 ball 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2.

CHRISTIE ANN KUHNLE "Chris"
 "I'm not a brownie; I'm just friendly!"
 Varsity Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-Presi-
 dent 2; Student Council 1, 3, 4, Treasurer
 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Library 1; Echo
Staff 1, 4; Editor 4; Paper Staff 4; G. A. C.
 3, 4, Student Council 4; Junior Play; Senior
 Play; National Honor Society 3, 4; Office
 Staff 4; Service Club 1, 2; Softball 1, 2, 3, 4;
 Basketball 2, 3; Alpha Beta 2, 3.

JOHNNIE C. LANDRAM
 "Get off my back."
 Band 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Senior Play.

CHARLES W. MAIN "Bill"
 "Where's the party?"
 Varsity Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Football
 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Track 2.





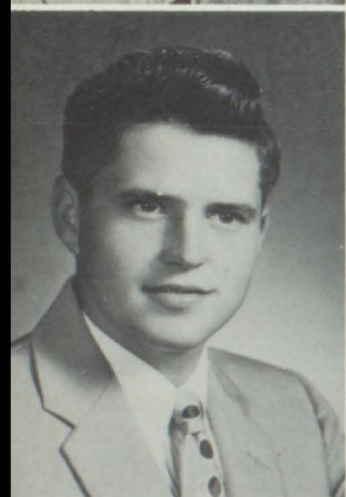
PATRICK G. McINTYRE "Pat"
 "Hey Man!"
 Echo Staff 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 1,
 3, 4.

ROSE MARIE MIIHLBACH "Rosi"
 "You like that, huh?"
 Choir 2, 3, 4; Echo Staff 4.



FLOYD MILLER

BONNIE PIERCE "Puddles"
 "How bout that!"
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3; Service Club 1,
 2, Secretary 2; Varsity Cheerleading 2, 3,
 4; Queen's Court 3; F. T. C. 4.



GERALD E. RATZA "Gerry"
 "I have to get home to watch Howdy
 Doody."
 F. F. A. 4, Sentinel 4; Football Manager
 4; Baseball 4.

RUBY KATHLEEN RICE "Rube"
 "Sure, I can take you home."
 Treasurer 3; Choir 3, 4; Senior Play; Junior
 Play; Library Staff 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 3, 4;
 Treasurer 4; National Honor Society 3, 4;
 F. T. A. 4, Treasurer 4; Echo Staff 4.



WILLIAM ROGERS "Bill"
 Projection Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3,
 4, Treasurer 3, Reporter 4; Choir 4;
 Track 1.

KATHERINE ROOD "Kathy"
 "I wish Larry were here to graduate with
 me."
 Debate 2; Choir 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper
 Staff 4.

MARY ELIZABETH ROTH "Mert"
 "Man, was that a riot!"
 Choir 2, 3, 4; G. A. C. 3; Office Staff 4;
 Queen's Court 2; Student Council Sec-
 retary 2; Echo Business Manager 4; Paper
 Staff 4.

MARILYN RUPPRECHT
 "I ain't either."
 Choir 3; F. H. A. 3; Echo 4, Newspaper 4.

DONALD J. SARGENT "Don"
 F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Projection Club 1, 2;
 Camera Club 1.

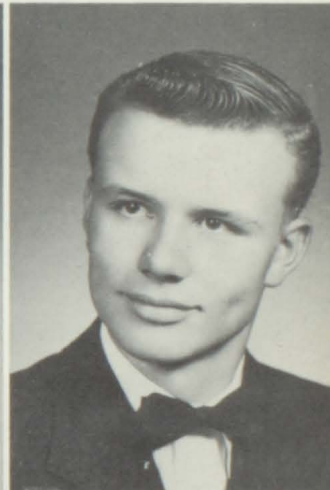
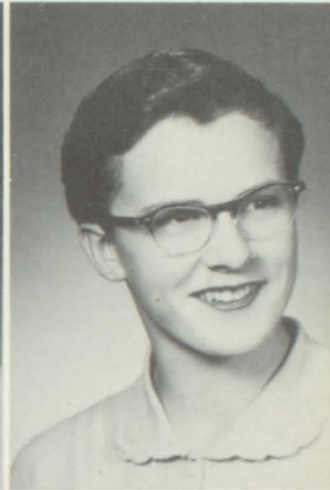
JoANN SCHACK "Jo"
 "I'll clue you!"
 Band 1; Choir 1, 2; Library Staff 1, 2, 3;
Echo 4.

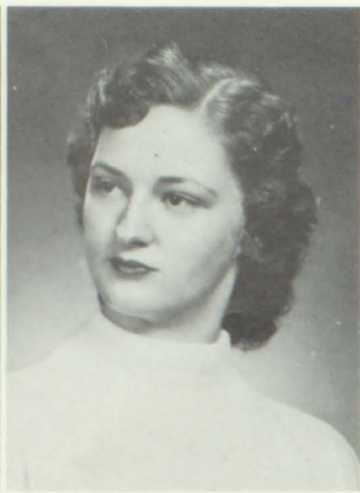
BONNIE JEAN SCHLICHT "Proxie"
 "Let's have a ball tonight."
 Band 1; F. H. A. 3; Choir 2, 3; Library 4.

JOHN LEO SCHLICHT
 Projection Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3.

SONJA SCHNELL
 "He's tall, dark, and handsome."
 Band 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Queen 4; Senior
 Play.

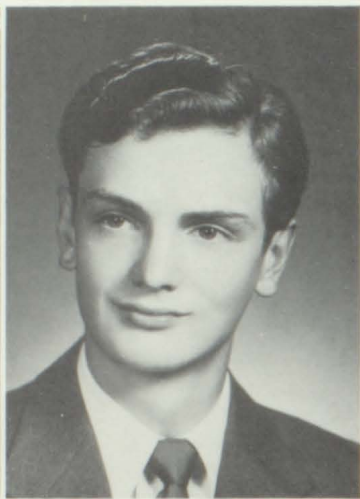
FRANCES MAE SCHWAB "Fran"
 "No Kidding."
 Choir 2, 3; Office Staff 4.





MARTHA SUE SMITH "Sue"
 "What's my line?"
 Treasurer 1, 2; Secretary 3; Library 1, 2;
 Queen's Court 1; Choir 2, 3; Senior Play;
Echo Copy Editor 4; National Honor
 Society 4.

LOLA MAE STEVENS
Echo Staff 4.



LULU BELLE STEVENS
Echo Staff 4.

LUTHER STEWART
 Projection Club 1, 2; Camera Club 1, 2;
 Junior Play; Choir 3; Industrial Arts Club
 3; Echo Staff 4.



GORDON TEDFORD "Gordie"
 "Tell me another one."
 F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel 3.

LEILA ILENE THOMPSON "Giggles"
 "Guess I'll get married."
 Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play; Echo Staff 3.



MARY HELEN VARGO
 Reserve Cheerleading 1, 2; Varsity 3;
 G. A. C. 3; Echo Staff 4.

LYNN VIELE "Julius"
 Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 4; Service Club
 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 3; Class
 Vice-President 1, Treasurer 2, President 3;
 Student Council 2, 3, Treasurer 2; Varsity
 Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 3, President 4;
 Class King 2; Junior Play; Senior Play.

BARBARA LOU VOLZ "Barb"
"Hey"
Hot Lunch 2, 3, 4.

JOYCE FAY VOLZ
Hot Lunch 2, 3, 4.



RICHARD WALZ "Dick"
F. F. A. 1, 2; Projection Club 1.

MARLENE MARGARET WEBER "Red"
Choir 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Softball 1.



KATHRYN WELLEMEYER "Kathy"
Choir 2, 3, 4; Echo Staff 4; Office Staff 4;
Library 4.

JANETTE WESCOAT "Red"
"Hey, going down to the restaurant this
noon?"
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3.



ROBERT E. WILLIAMS "Bob"
"Mine are out of town."
Basketball Manager 1; Track 1, 2, 3, 4;
Varsity Club 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

GAIL YOUNG
"Haven't got a boyfriend, but my horse
will do."
Band 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Junior Play
Prompter.

CLARENCE STEVENS (NOT PICTURED)
Camera Club 1; Projection Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



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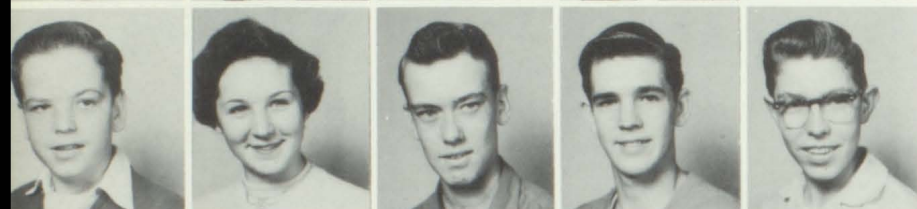
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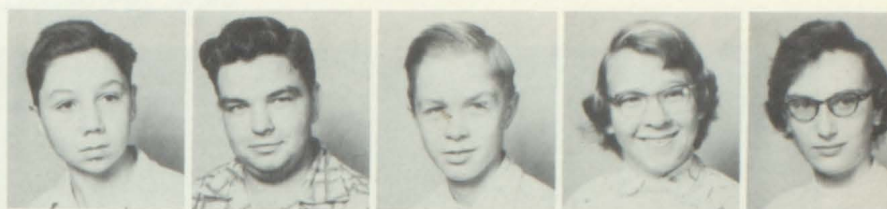
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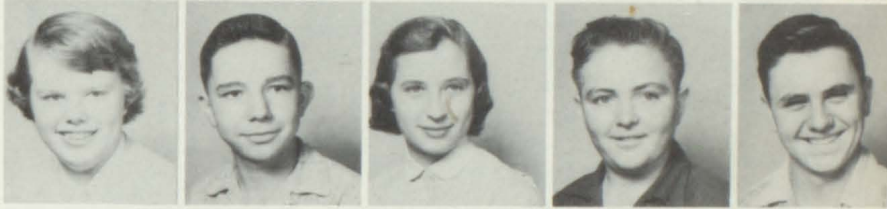
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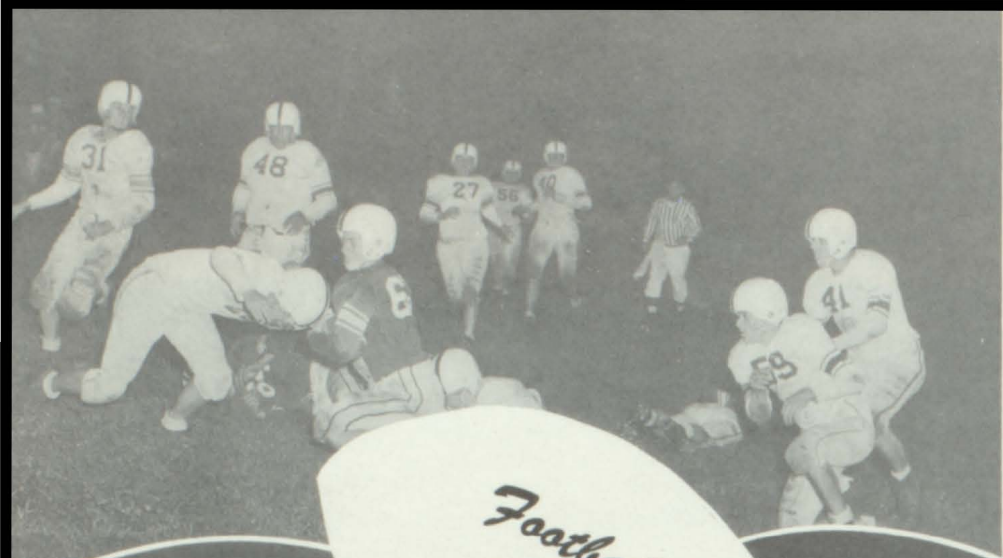
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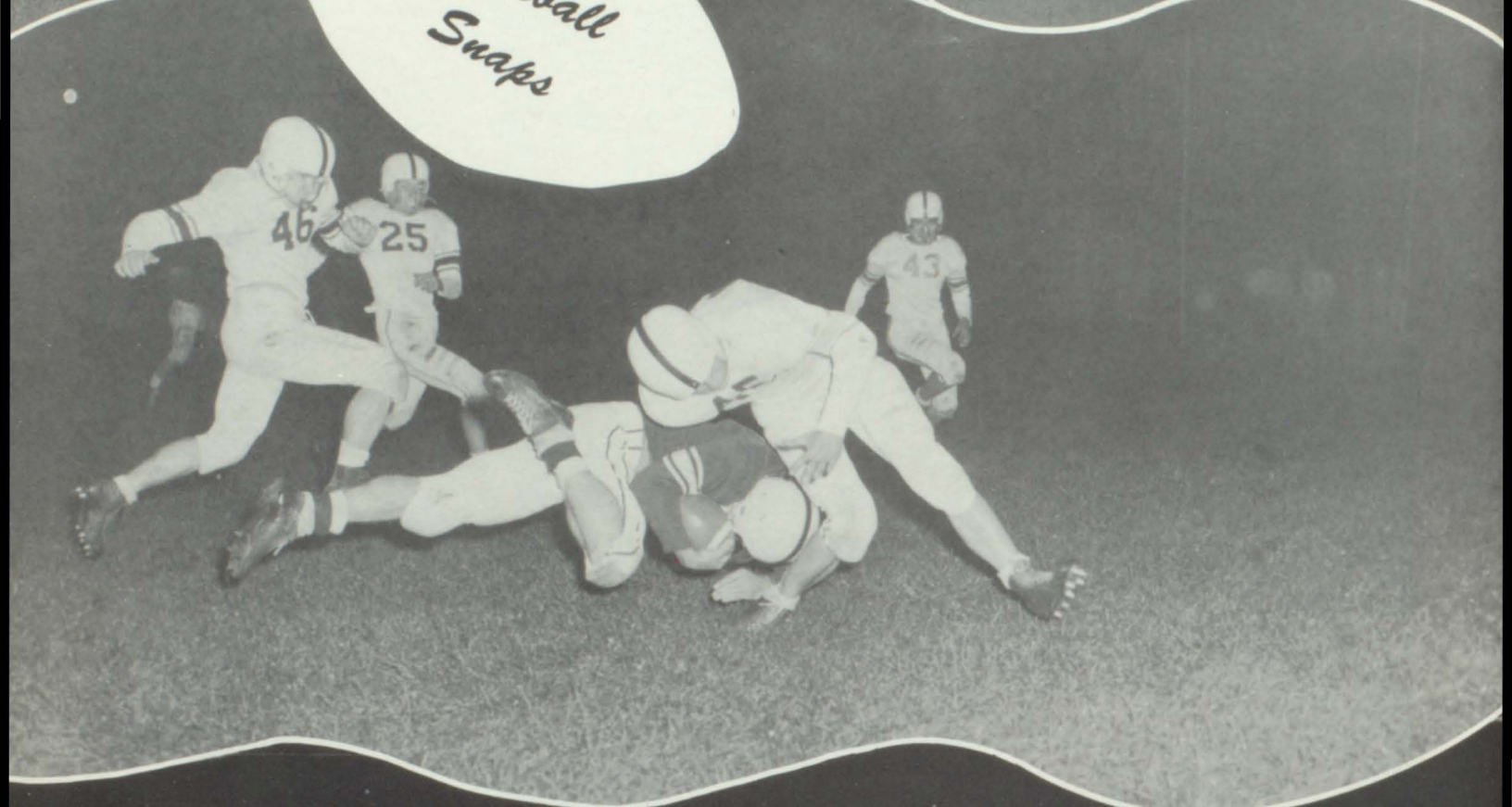
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Season's Record

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| Yale | 14 | Vassar | 6 |
| Bad Axe | 26 | Vassar | 6 |
| Sandusky | 25 | Vassar | 6 |
| Caro | 13 | Vassar | 0 |
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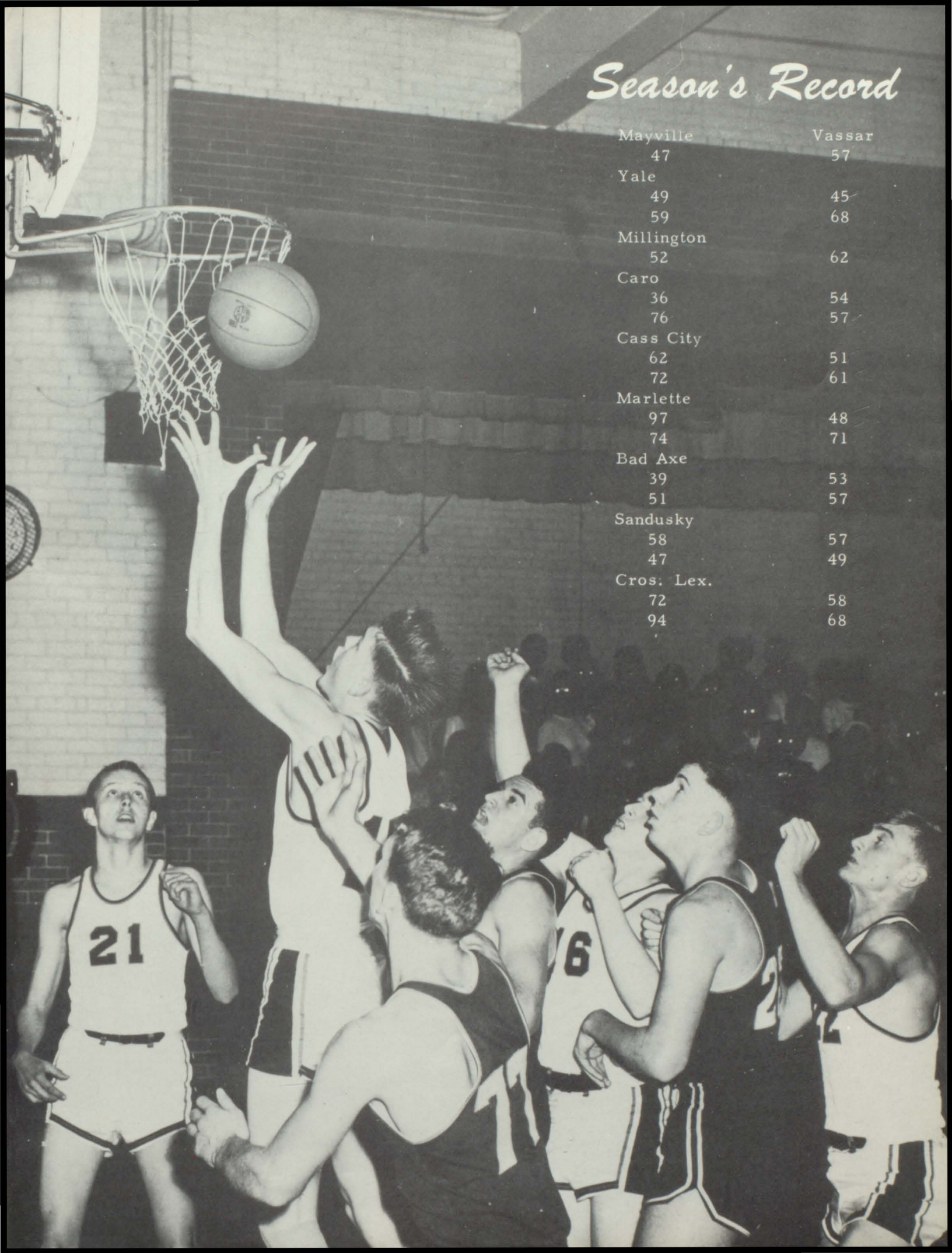


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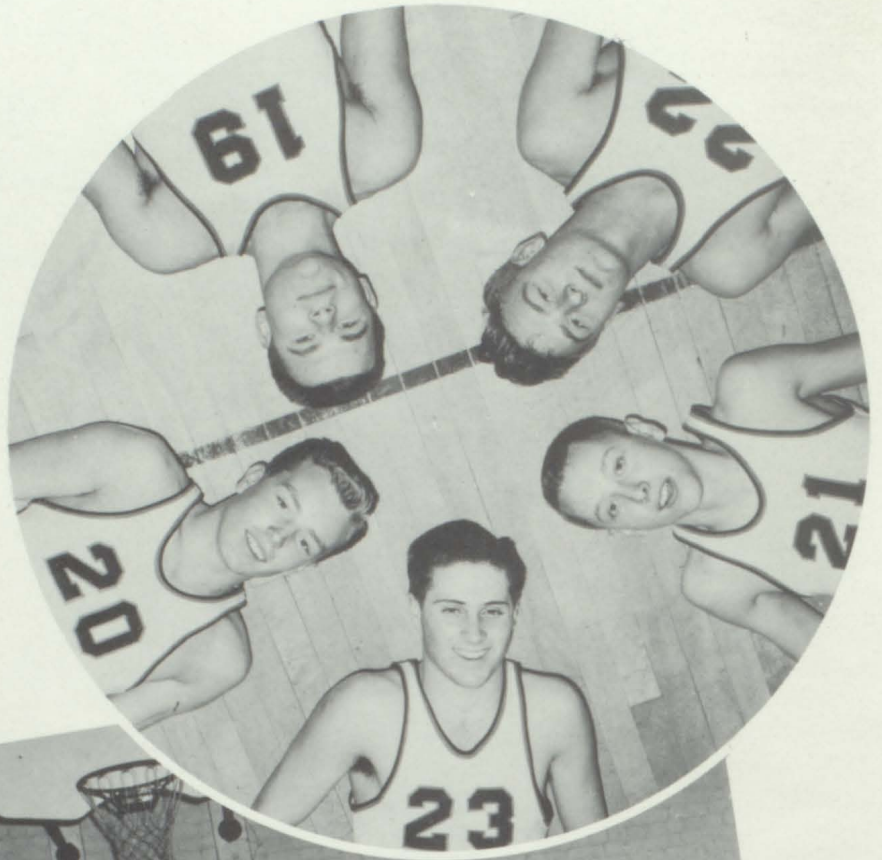
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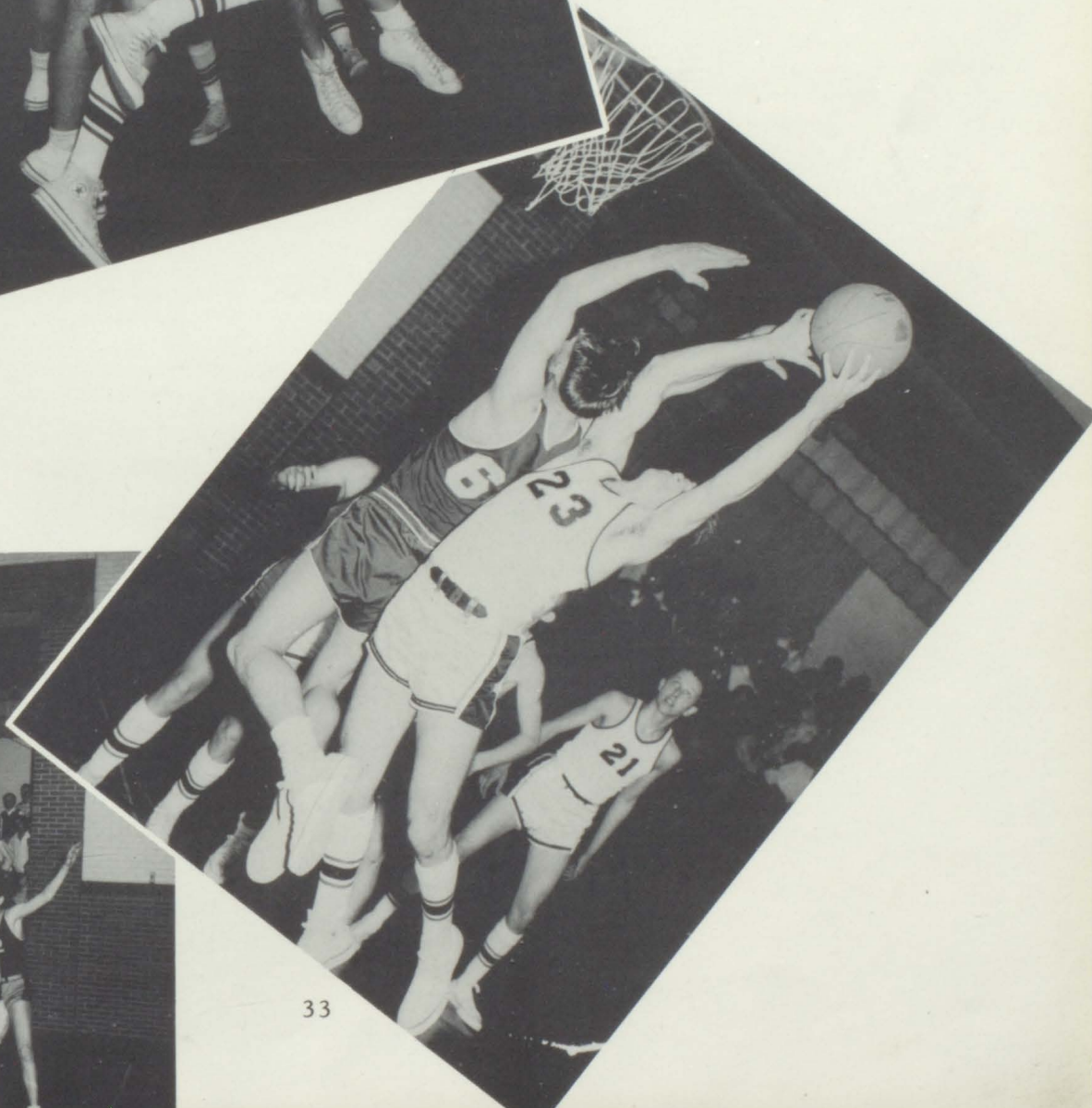
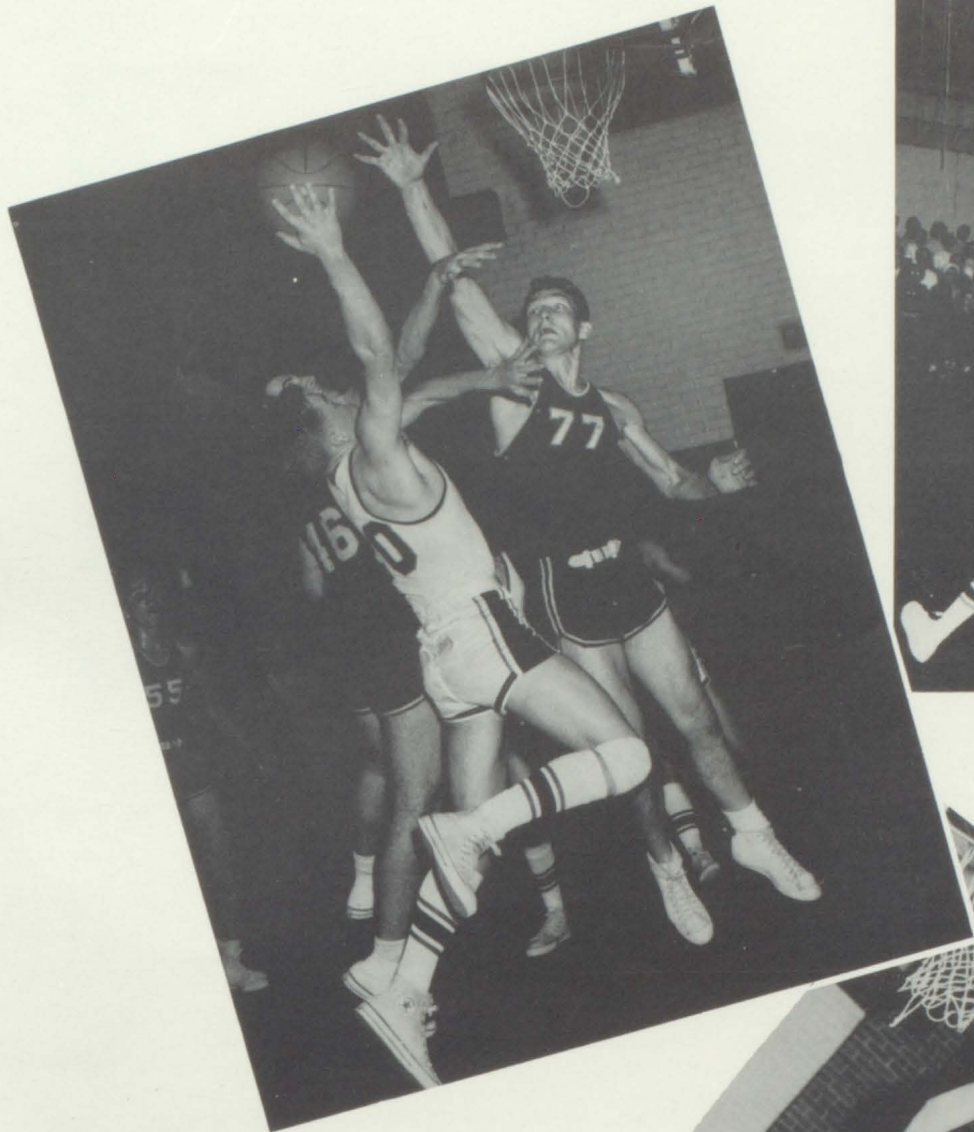
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Basketball

Bill Main
George Davidson
Dick Hauger
Jan Harpham
Leo Amend
Coach Niewiadomski
David Erb
Kirk Cordingly
Bob Burkell
Bill DeCoe
Tom Schnell
Mike Viele
Alfred Amend







Cheerleaders

The cheerleaders' twirling skirts, synchronized gestures, and lusty voices spark the yells and songs of team supporters. Cheers led this year by energetic seniors Christie Kuhnle and Bonnie Pierce, versatile junior Margie Kunz, and enthusiastic sophomores Virginia Oprea and Susan Kuhnle, created spirit wherever the team was--at pep rallies, football and basketball games.

They were invited to the state cheerleading conference at Albion and came home with many new ideas. After spending many hours developing and perfecting cheers the girls have received the full support of the student body as well as praises from all who have seen them work. They have followed the team through thick and thin; win or lose they were there encouraging them until the final decision.

Five girls were selected as reserve cheerleaders. They include: Janet Baker, Janet Gohsman, Carol Kowitz, Dorothy Revesz, and Nancy Baroons. These girls support and encourage interest in the reserve teams.

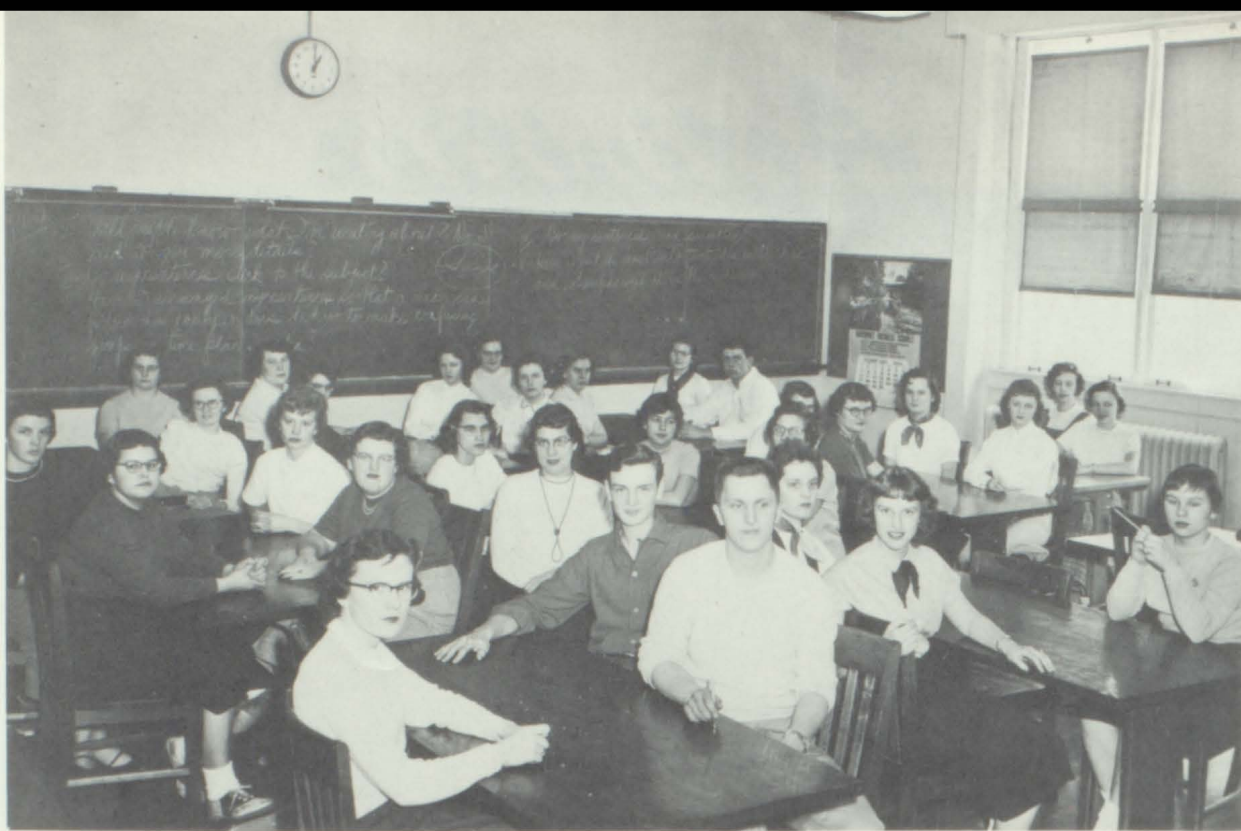
You don't see the most important cheerleader down front at the games, but always behind the girls, guiding them with her assistance and helpful advice is Miss Rosemary Wandell, sponsor.



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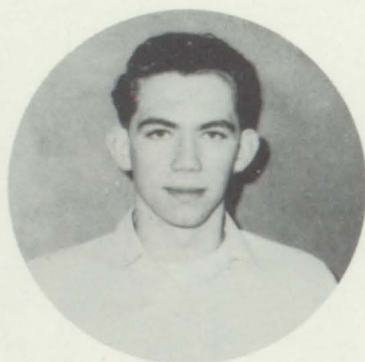




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Student Council

It is the object of the administration and the student body to seek out and initiate the ideal in student government in whichever system is most satisfactory to the condition of the school at the time.

The Student Council of Vassar is a member of the Thumb B Student Council Association which meets the third Wednesday each month, with the exception of December. Two representatives, Deanna Herfurth and Bob Blackmore, from our Student Council were elected to attend these meetings. Here they discuss school problems such as, sportsmanship, lunch hour programs, extracurricular activities, and various problems common to the operation of Student Councils.

All homecoming activities are among the many sponsored by the Council.

This organization is ably headed by: President, Deanna Herfurth, Vice-President, Margie Kunz, Secretary, Janice Salisbury, Treasurer, Bob Blackmore.

SEATED: Bob Vos, Margie Kunz, Deanna Herfurth, Janice Salisbury, Bob Blackmore. SECOND ROW: Sharon Korthals, Paul Durbin, Jim Horwath, Betsy Adams, Nancy MacKay, Pat Shall, Mary Churchill, THIRD ROW: Gerald Ratza, Edward Sergent, Jim Miller, Ron Schnell, Tom Sevener, Christie Kuhnle.



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Home



Homecoming festivities were ushered in with a rousing pep rally in the gymnasium Friday, October 14. The traditional parade was led by the school band and King Don Harrison and Queen Sonja Schnell. Floats representing the four high school classes participated in a contest to determine the best constructed and most original floats. The sophomore float illustrating, "Let's Lick 'Em", was awarded first prize of ten dollars and the freshmen with, "We're Gonna Mow 'Em Down", won second prize of five dollars.

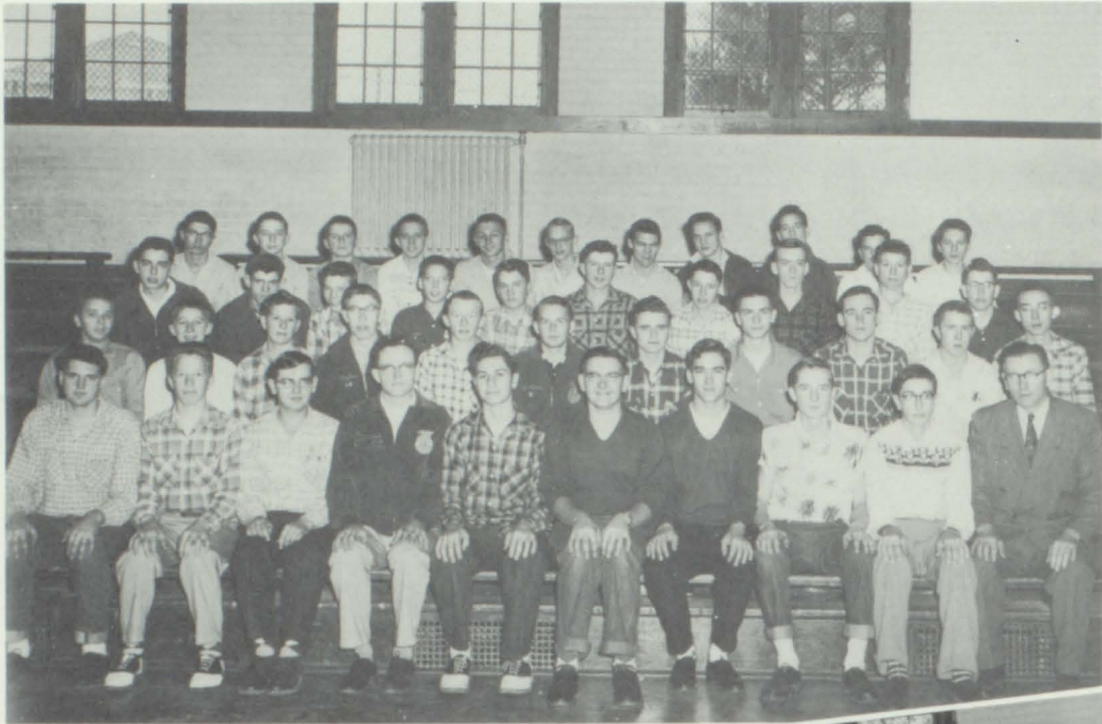
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An action packed football game with arch-rival Caro began the varied evening activities. At half time the band, directed by Mr. Eugene Heffle-finger, gave an outstanding performance demonstrating skill and precision, and Queen Sonja was crowned by Mayor Walter Lee. The climax to a full day of fun and excitement was dancing to the music of Fred Gunsell's Orchestra. King Don was crowned during the inter-mission, and the queen and her court reigned over the remainder of the dance.



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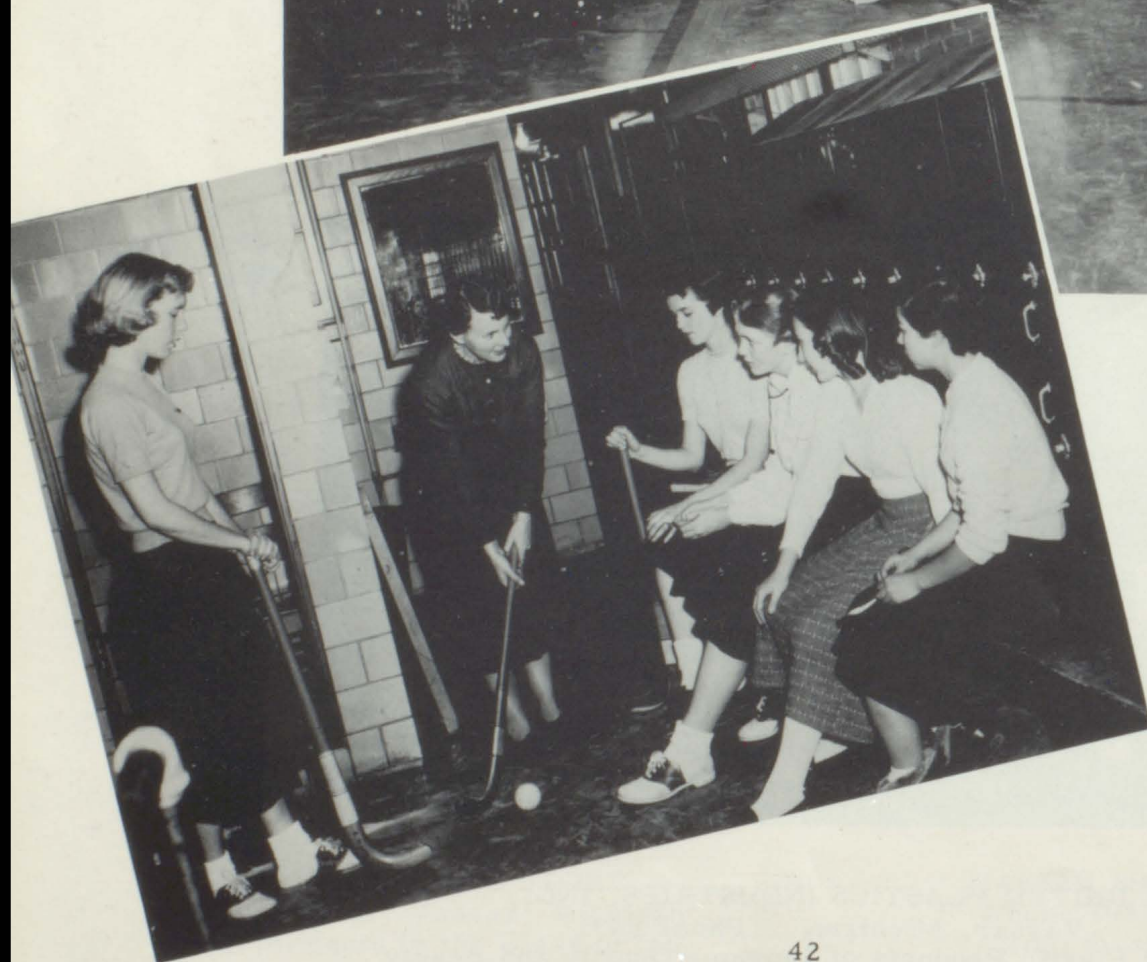
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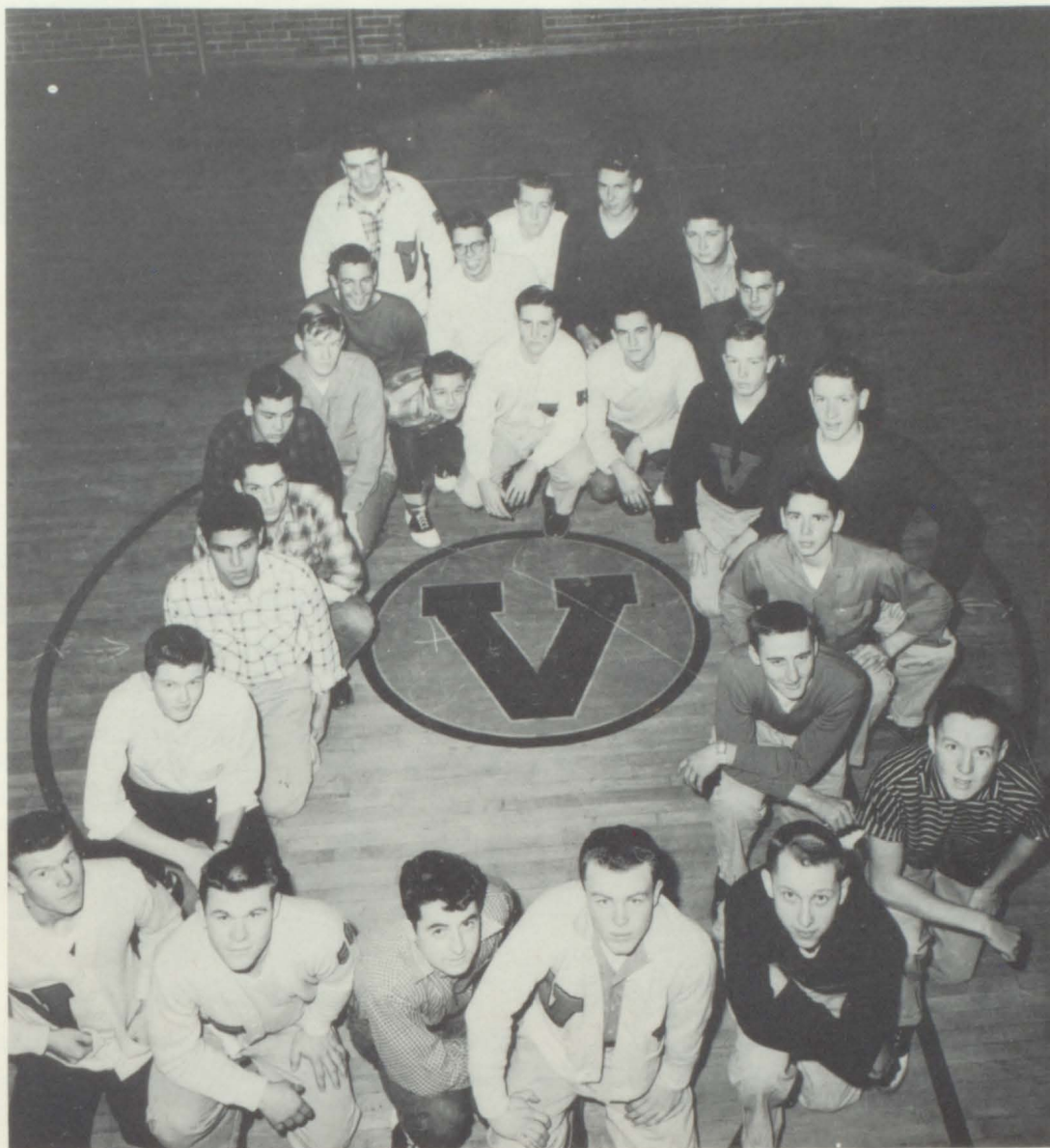


The Girl's Athletic Club strives to encourage recreational activities among all women students.

Although the club is only in its second year, they have organized basketball, bowling and softball teams. Participation in these sports is encouraged by the G. A. C., but not restricted to its members. Another activity is the erection of Christmas decorations outside the school.

The club officers are—President, Pat Bishop, Vice President, Janice Salisbury, Secretary, Mary Huizar, Treasurer, Teresa Haugar, Student Council, Christie Kuhnle.

Varsity Club



The Varsity Club is made up of boys who have lettered in one or more sports in high school. The club is very active and has several projects. One of those was the presentation of banners to the new memorial stadium.

Objectives of the club are to maintain good sportsmanship, preserve the position of athletes at Vassar, promote high morale and scholastic standards among athletes, and offer an incentive to compete in athletics.

At the close of the year, a secret ballot is taken to select from the members the most valuable athlete of the year. This is announced at the annual award assembly.

Officers this year are President, Lynn Viele; Vice-President, David Erb; Secretary, George Davdison; Treasurer, Bill Main; Student Council, David Freeland.



Senior Play

"Bolts and Nuts"

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| Lutie Spinks. | Christie Kuhnle |
| Rebecca Bolt | Sonja Schnell |
| Benita Bolt | Martha Sue Smith |
| Twink Starr. | George Davidson |
| Cadwalleder Clippy | Lynn Viele |
| Phineas Plunkett | John Landrum |
| Prunella Figg | Mary Ann Atkins |
| Martha Grubb | Ruby Rice |
| Gertie Glossop. | Leila Thompson |
| Willie Glossop. | Rosalie Jones |
| Henry Gober | Frank Going |
| Dr. Hippocrates Joy. | Paul Grabowski |
| Jack Gordon | Don Harrison |

Long hours of practice opening
 night grease paint and corn starch
 butterflies in stomachs packed gym
 both nights happy memories.





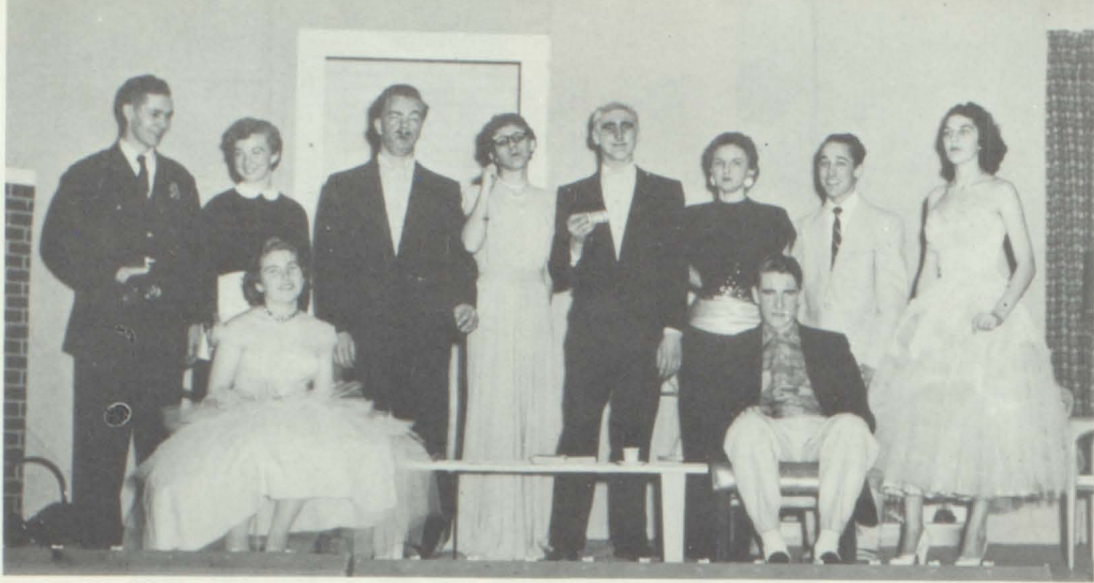
National Honor Society

Members of the National Honor Society are painstakingly selected by the school faculty on the basis of moral excellence and responsibility, superior academic achievement, ability and willingness to accept leadership, and duty, required and voluntary, rendered to the school.

Each year new members are admitted---a certain percentage from each of the upper two grades.

An impressive candlelight induction ceremony is held in the school auditorium. The new members accept the responsibility of upholding the Society's ideals of character, scholarship, leadership, and service, in the presence of their parents, the faculty, and the student body.

Six members were elected in 1955: Ann Hauger, Christie Kuhnle, George Davidson, Carol Stephens, Ruby Rice, and Glenda Gray. Newly elected members are: Mary Blaylock, Sonja Schnell, Martha Smith, Ron Burza, Marion Burkowski, Ardith Ducolon, David Erb, Teresa Hauger, Joel Heinrick, Jim Miller, Ron Schnell and Carol Tinglan.



Junior Play

"HERE COMES CHARLIE"

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| Carol Sohn | Nora Malone |
| Ronald Schnell | Officer Tim McGill |
| Margie Kunz | Mrs. Fanny Farnham |
| Wally Mayer | Ted Hartley |
| Dave Erb | Larry Elliot |
| Betty McTaggart | |
| | Vivian Smythe-Kersey |
| Richard Hauger | Uncle Aleck Twiggs |
| Ardith Ducolon | Charlie Hopps |
| Louise DeLorenzo | |
| | Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey |
| Don Gleeson | Mortimer Smythe-Kersey |

Hillbillies in society laughter
 and action the junior play began
 new and different faces on the
 stage costumes happy people.



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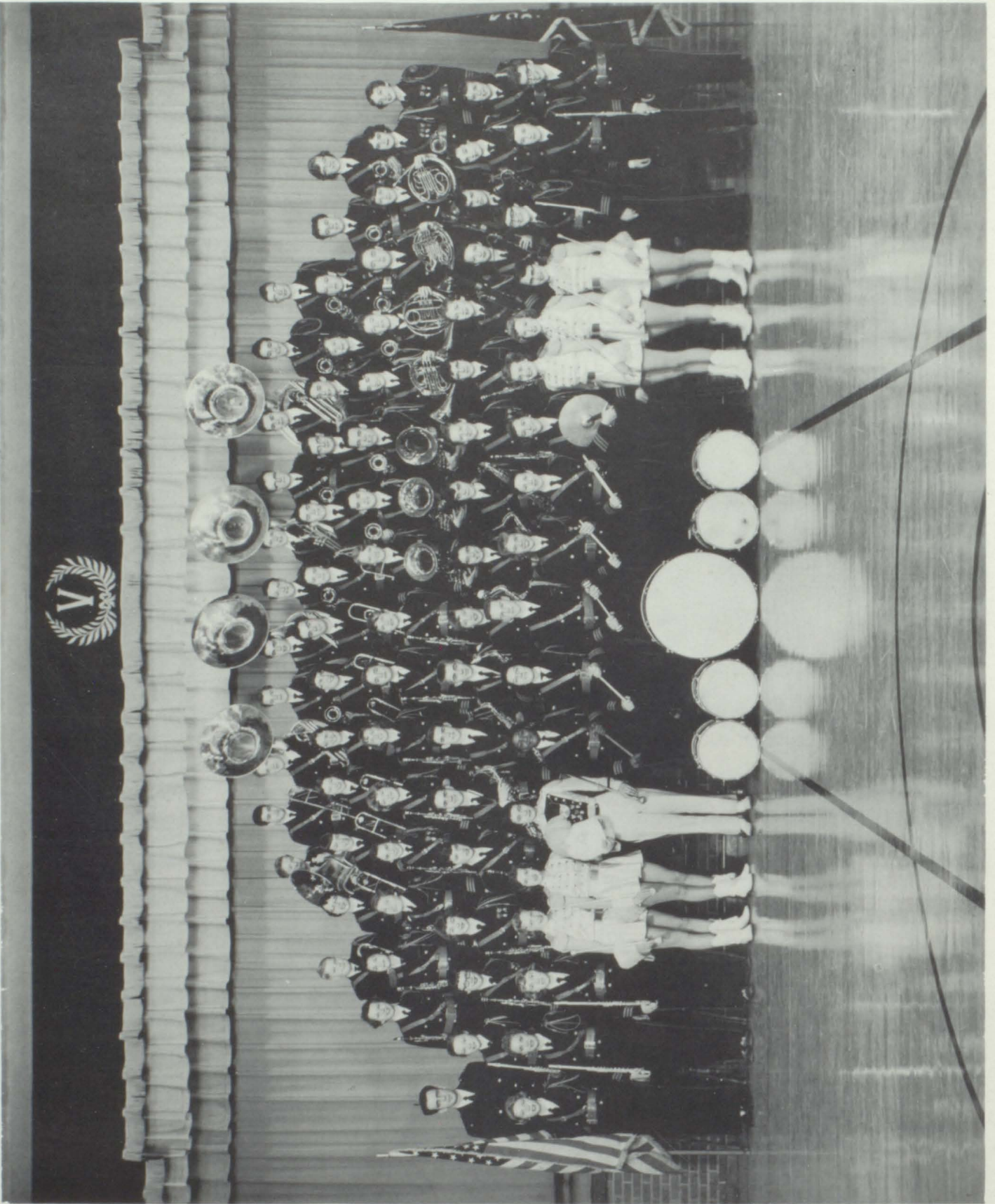


The Future Teachers' Club was organized this year for the purpose of promoting interest in the extensive field of school teaching, learning to work together successfully as a unit, and understanding children and their problems. Although the club is extremely young, it already boasts twenty members.

In addition to their usual meetings, which are called once every three weeks by President Janice Salisbury, any active member of the club is qualified to, and often does, substitute in an elementary grade if the teacher in charge is unable to attend class.

The F. T. C. was organized and is sponsored by Mr. Basil Shell. Club officers, President Janice Salisbury, Vice-President Susan Brauer, Secretary Dorothy Revesz, and Treasurer Ruby Rice were elected by members of the club at their first official meeting.

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Band



Whether they played at football games, during an assembly, or at a parade, the Vassar Band, under the direction of Eugene Heffelfinger, added life and pep to the occasion.

In spite of having lost twenty-six members by graduation the previous year, this year's marching band was eighty-three members strong. During the football season they presented catchy marching maneuvers at all home games in addition to performing at games in Millington and Crosswell.

Something rather new in band shows was attempted for our season's first performance. The band chose to remember the blessed event of the Millington band director. During the half time the band gave complete instructions for folding diapers and ended its portion of the show by presenting the director with two dozen diapers to the accompaniment of the hit tune of the day, "Oh Baby Mine."

During the course of the season our flag bearers, Rachel Pierce and Virginia Oprea, contributed to the Western skits by acting as gun men or cow girls as the occasion demanded.

Having finished its marching season satisfied with its accomplishments, the band is looking forward to a good concert season in which they expect to make the best use of their practically complete instrumentations.

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Choir



In the true spirit of Christmas the choir presented its annual concert December 20. After the band had played the initial portion of the program there was an impressive intermission during which a biblical scene was displayed to the accompaniment of beautiful Air from the Suite No. 3 by Bach. The lighting effects were very striking and set the stage for the candle light processional by the one hundred members of the high school choir. People especially enjoyed Go Tell It on the Mountain and the complete story of The Night before Christmas. Charles's clever arrangement of Jingle Bells was most appealing. A soprano solo, Bless This House, sung by Rosalie Jones, and the alto solo, He Shall Feed His Flock, sung by Ann Hauger, were much appreciated by the audience.

At the conclusion of a delightful concert the choir gave their sincere expression of Christmas joy in their cheerful rendition of We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

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Softball



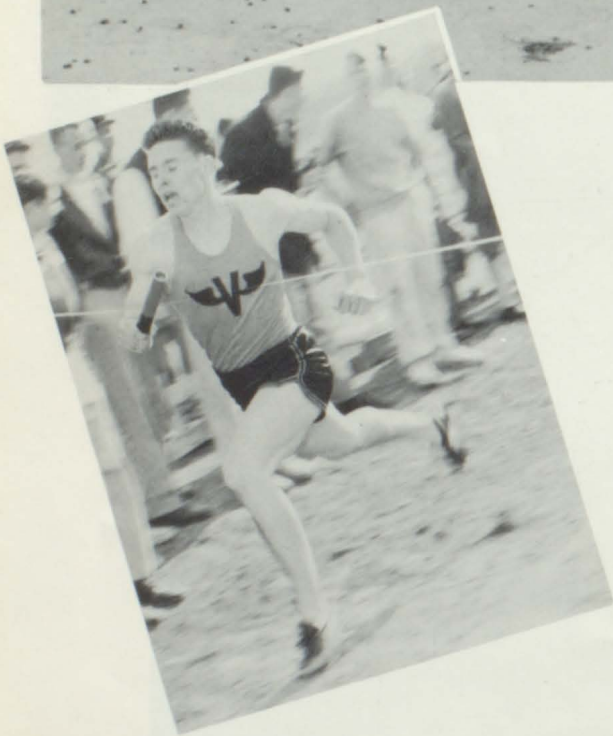
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Tumbling



THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE MEMBERS OF THE NEWLY-FORMED TUMBLING TEAM:

M. Vargo, F. Going, M. Huizar, G. Oprea, P. Grabowski, S. MacIntyre, D. Herfurth, C. Hess, J. Baker, B. Haines, P. Whidden, J. Williams, D. Hill, P. Shall, J. Heinrich, J. Gohsman, D. Hess, B. Blackmore.



Track

FRONT ROW: Gill, Grabowski, Harrison, Harpham, Keller, Viele, Landram, Fitzpatrick. SECOND ROW: Hess, Haines, Hess, Hauger, DeCoe, Kralik, Erb, Franko. THIRD ROW: Babcock, Kralik, Carpenter, Loss, Tulloch, Tedford, White, Kralik, Coach Kullman. FOURTH ROW: Van Alstine, Schnell, Gugel, Tedford, Mayer. FIFTH ROW: Bergdolt, Doud, Hascall, Amley, Klopff, Starkel, Auernhamer.

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Tournaments

After a moderately successful season the Vassar Vulcans pulled a surprise upset as they won the regional crown. Drawing hard-playing Cass City as their first opponent, Vassar's chances seemed small. They upset the Red Hawks however, and went on to defeat Arch-rival Caro in the final game. Team captains George Davidson and Jan Harpham accepted the trophy and jubilant players carried Coach Niewiamdomski off the floor.

At the districts in Flint, the Vulcans defeated Ionia in the semi-finals. We lost to Flint Tech in the final game, but few will forget the team's performance during the tournaments.

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FIRST ROW: Amend, Kern, Gill, Jaynes, Amend, Schnell, Lambert.

BACK ROW: Coach Niewiamdomski, Gugel, Bauer, Viele, Kreil, Shoens, Vos, Manager.

Baseball

The Vassar baseball team had a moderately successful season with four wins and four losses.

It was a young nine with only three seniors and three juniors. A sophomore, Mike Viele, pitched most of the games. The best hitter of the season was John Bauer, a Junior.

The squad will lose four seniors. They are LaVere Gill, Bill Kern, Leo Amend, and Henry (Yogi) Jaynes.

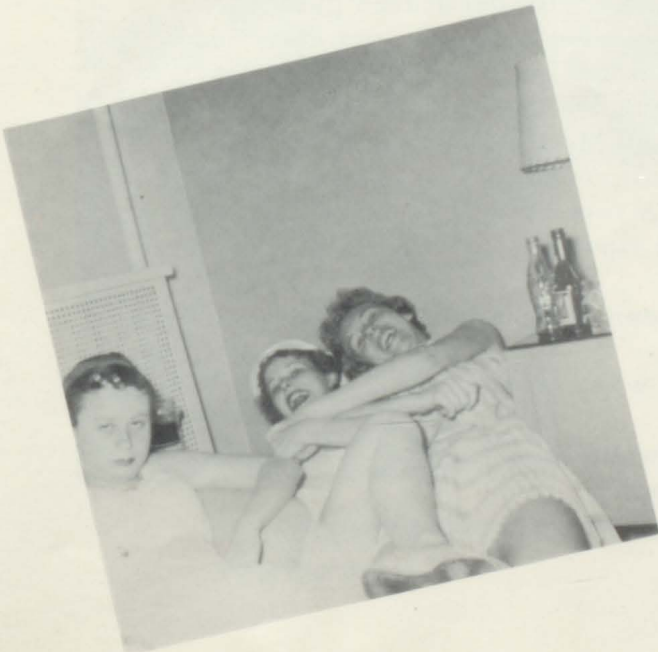
With so many regulars returning, the team is looking forward to a very successful season next year. Under the able hand of Coach Niewiamdomski the team should go far.



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Prom



Blue Moon

For most couples the Junior-Senior Prom began April 27 with a party at their own home or at a classmate's. Here they were served punch, cookies, and cake.

As couples started drifting into the beautifully decorated gymnasium a driving rain beat down on tuxedos, freshly set hairdos, and starched net. Nevertheless, dreary weather could not blight the spirit of the students as full skirts twirled to the rhythm of Fred Gunsell's Orchestra.

The Junior class chose the theme "Blue Moon" as the foundation of their decorations. On the stage was a background of star-studded sky and a crescent moon effectively lighted. A foot bridge flanked with small evergreen trees and banked with fragrant flowers occupied the center of the floor.

At intermission students dashed between cloudburst to various parties given by thoughtful parents.

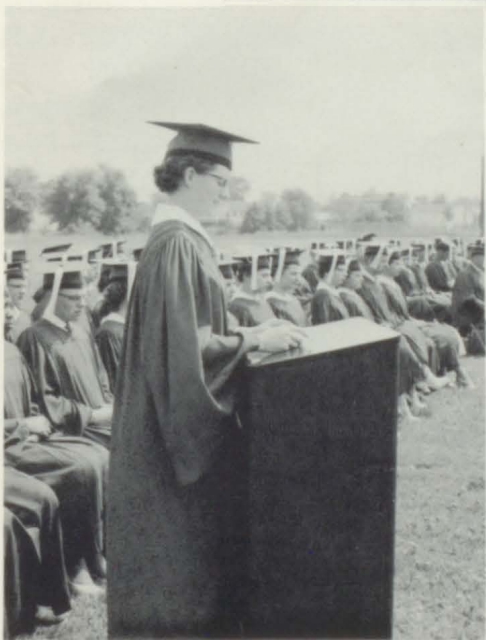
The dance continued until one o'clock when "Goodnight Ladies" was played by the orchestra.

Some couples even managed to stay awake long enough to attend breakfast given in the early hours of dawn.

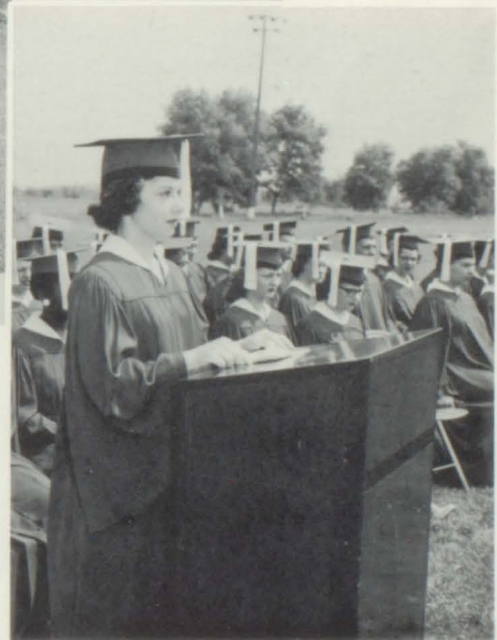
All in all everyone seemed to agree "It was a wonderful night."



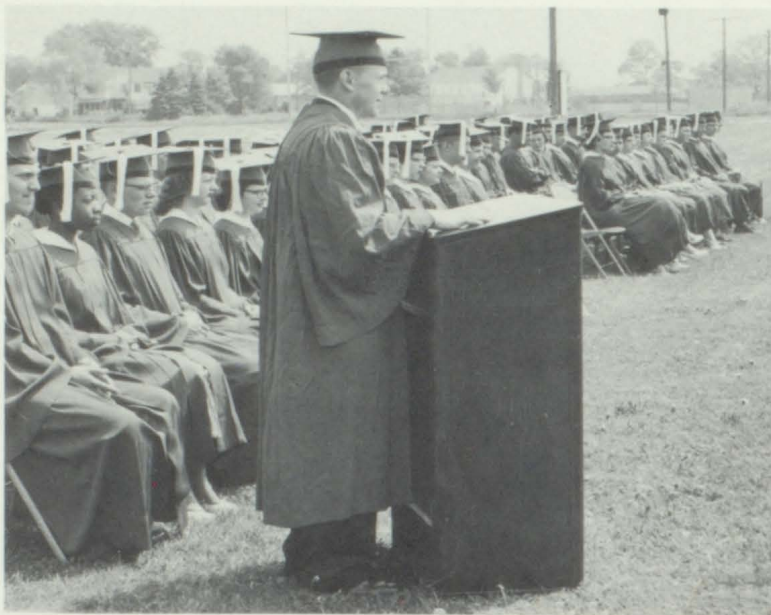
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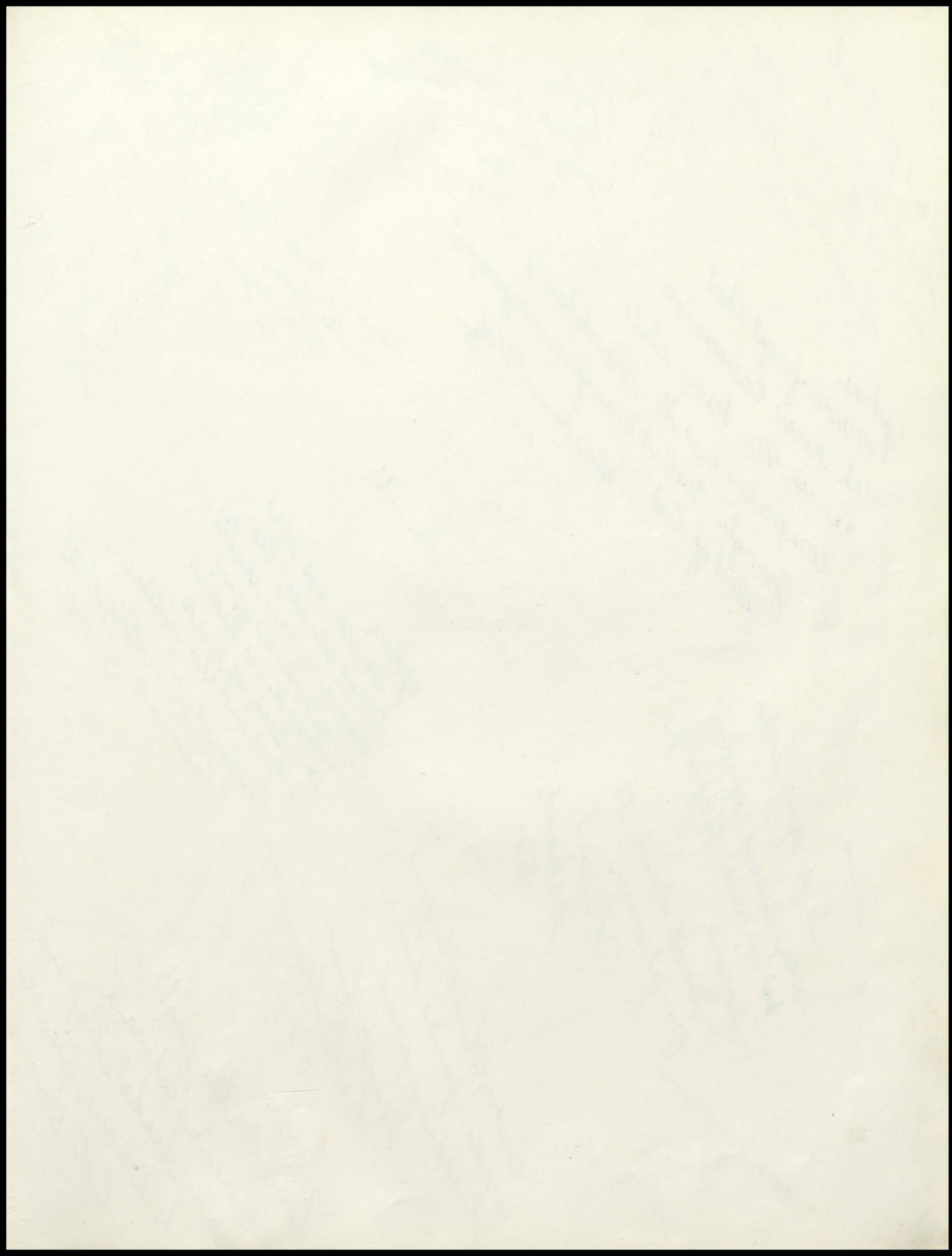
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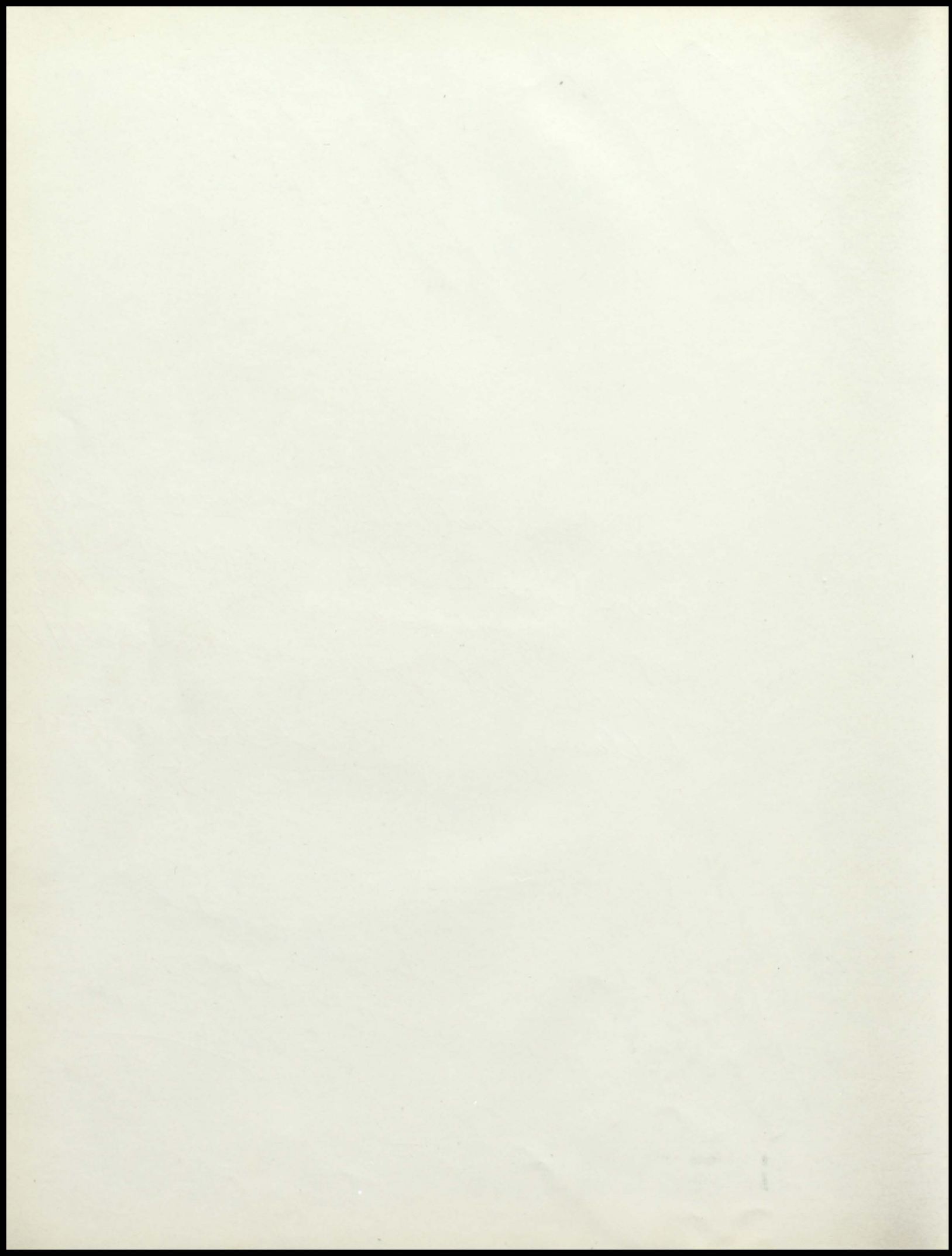
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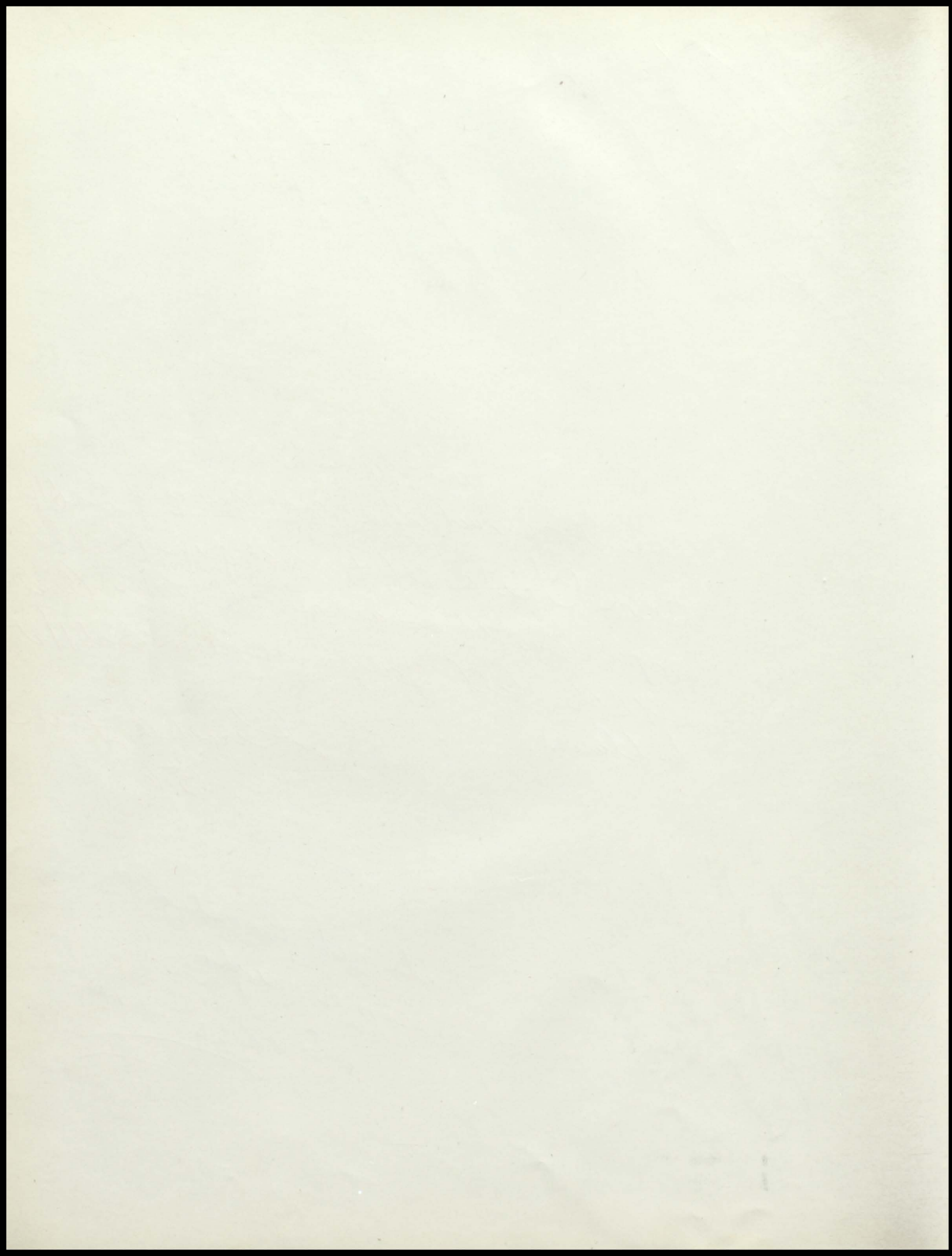
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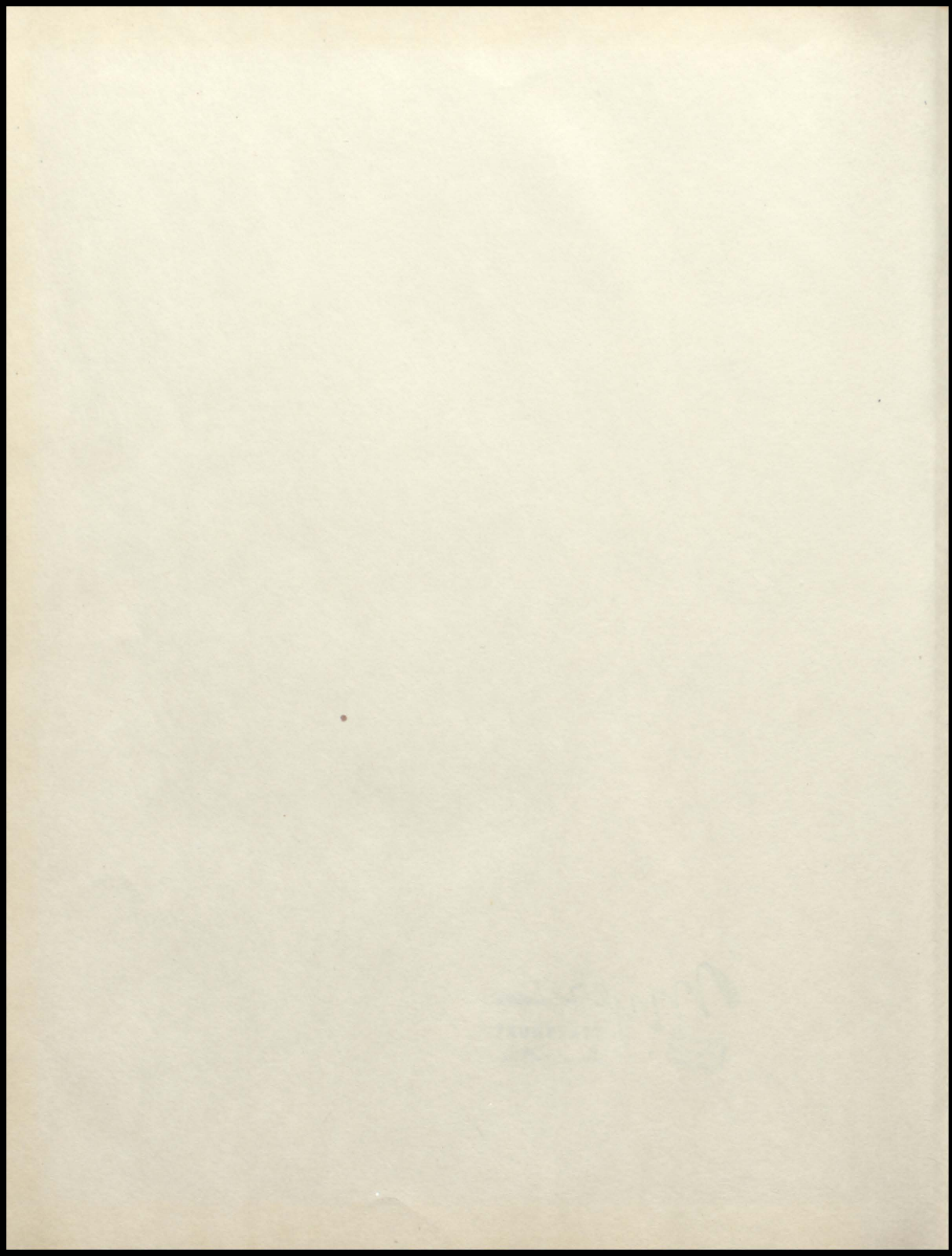
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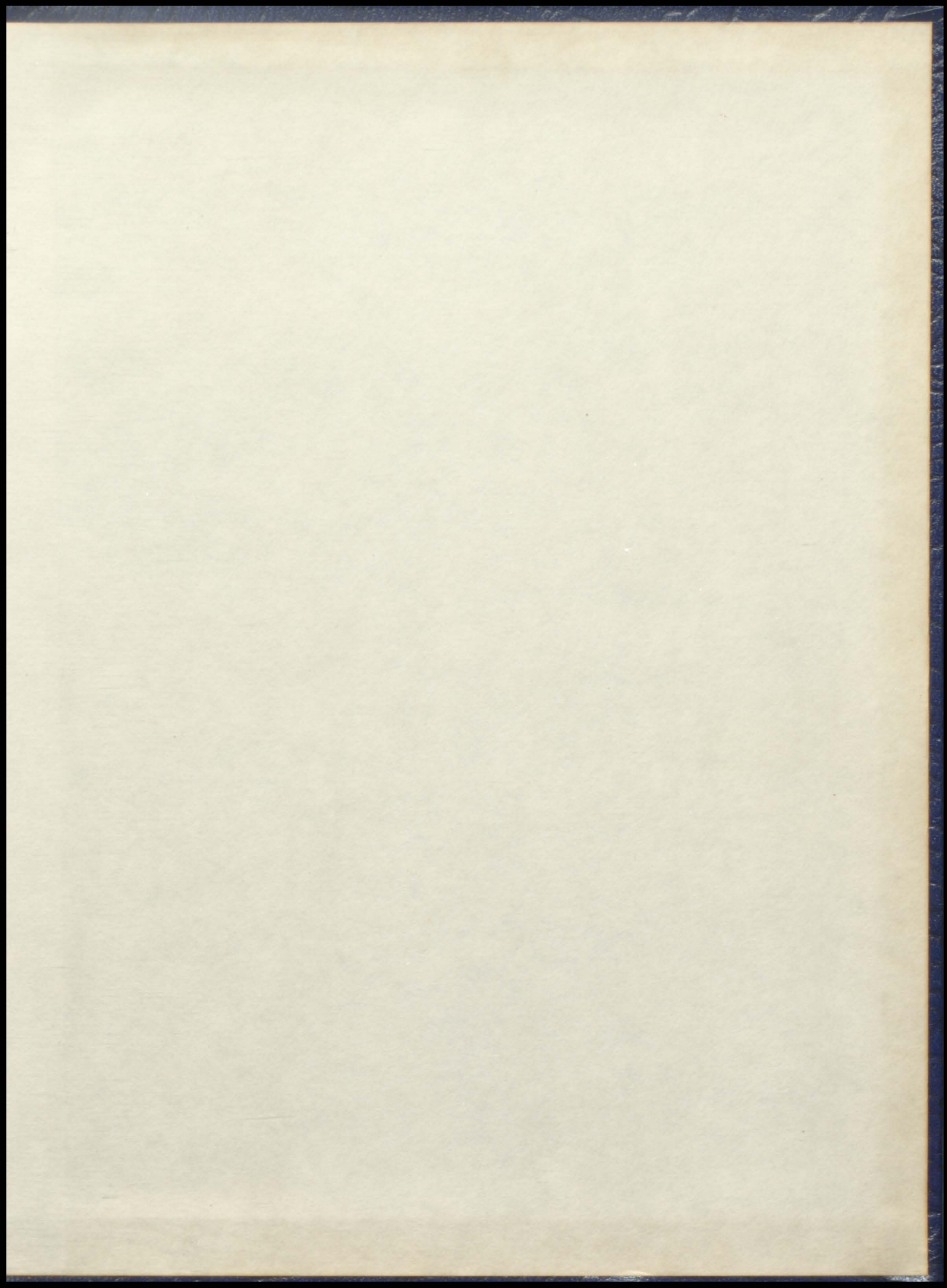




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