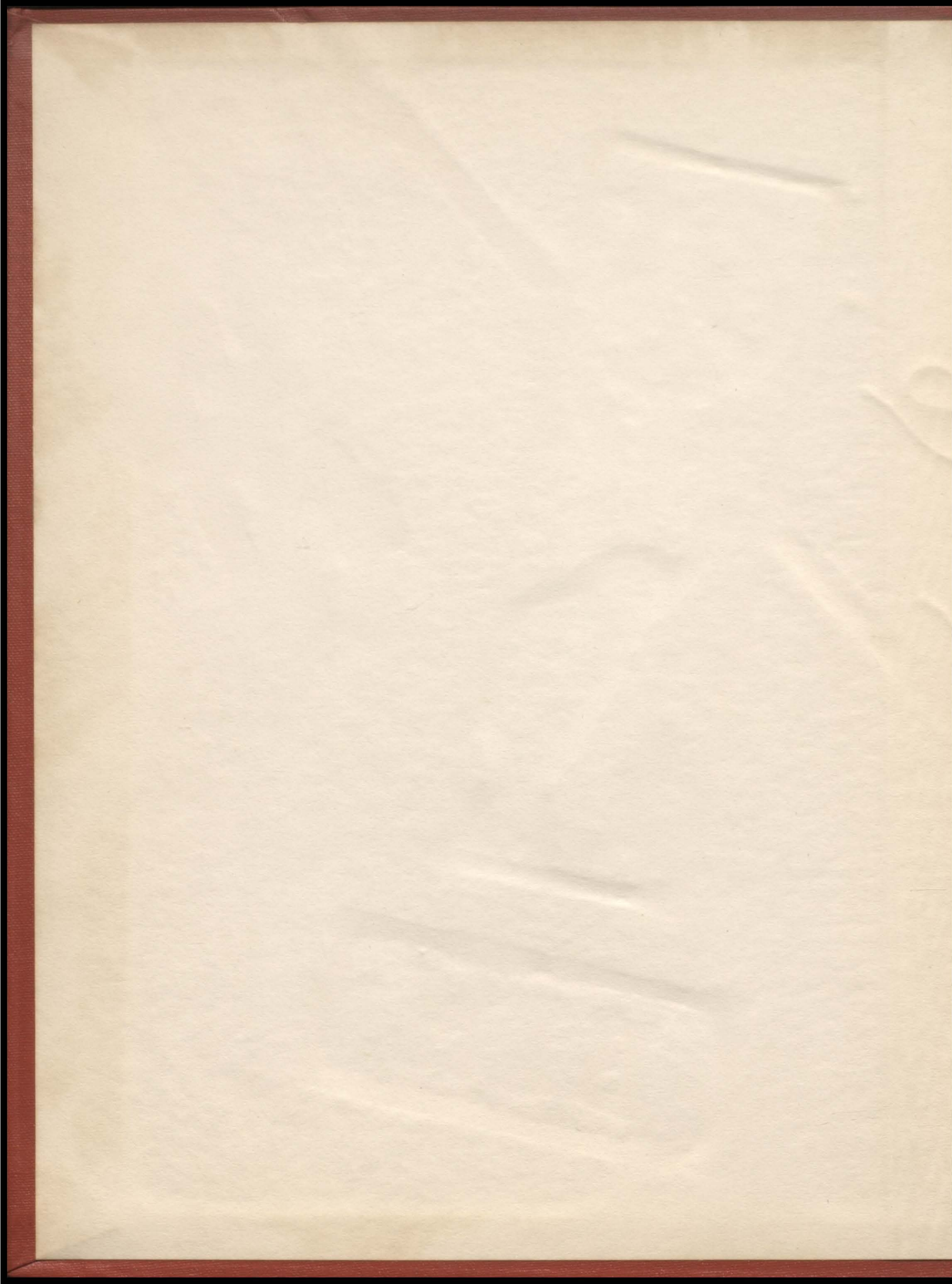
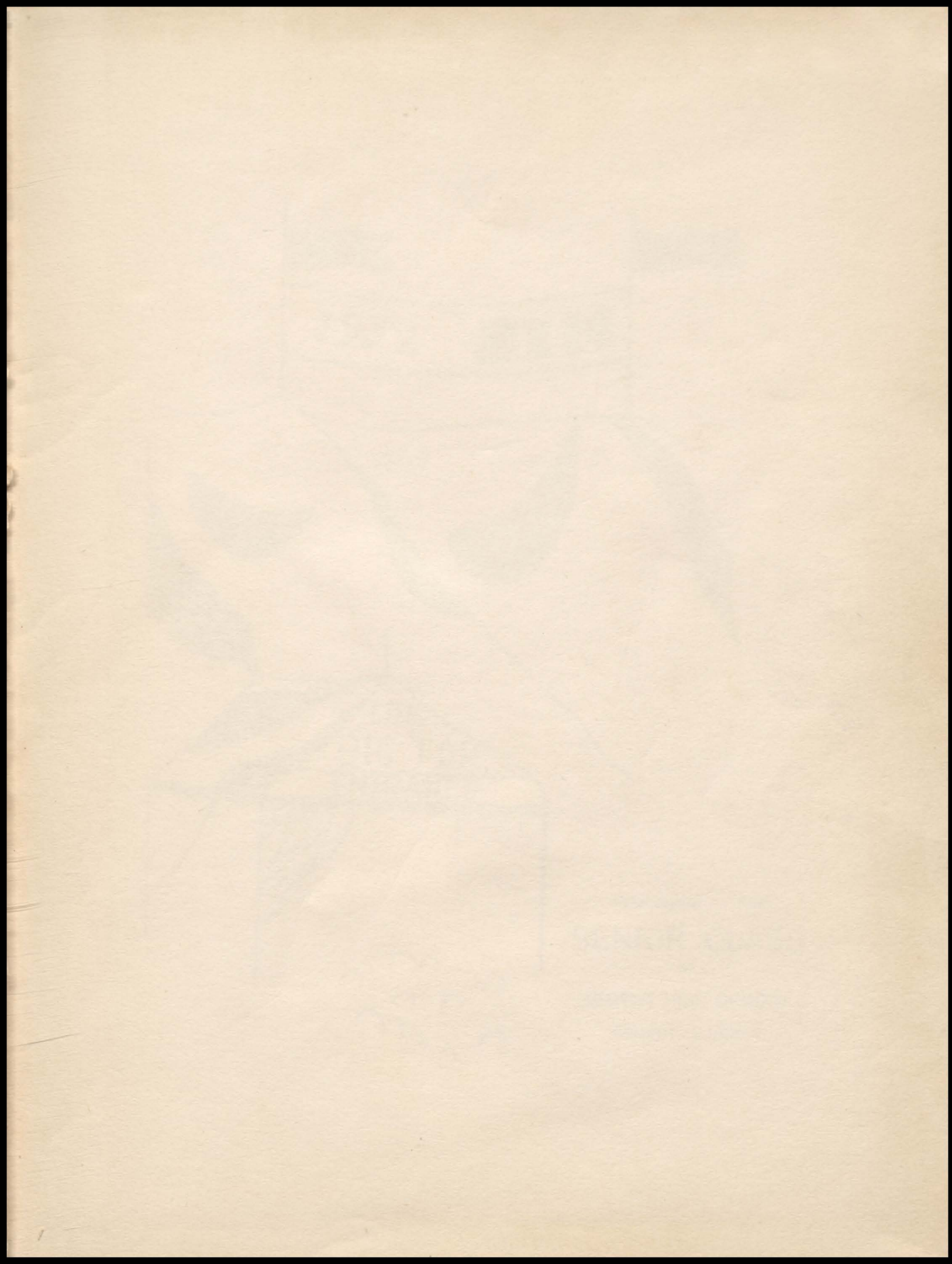


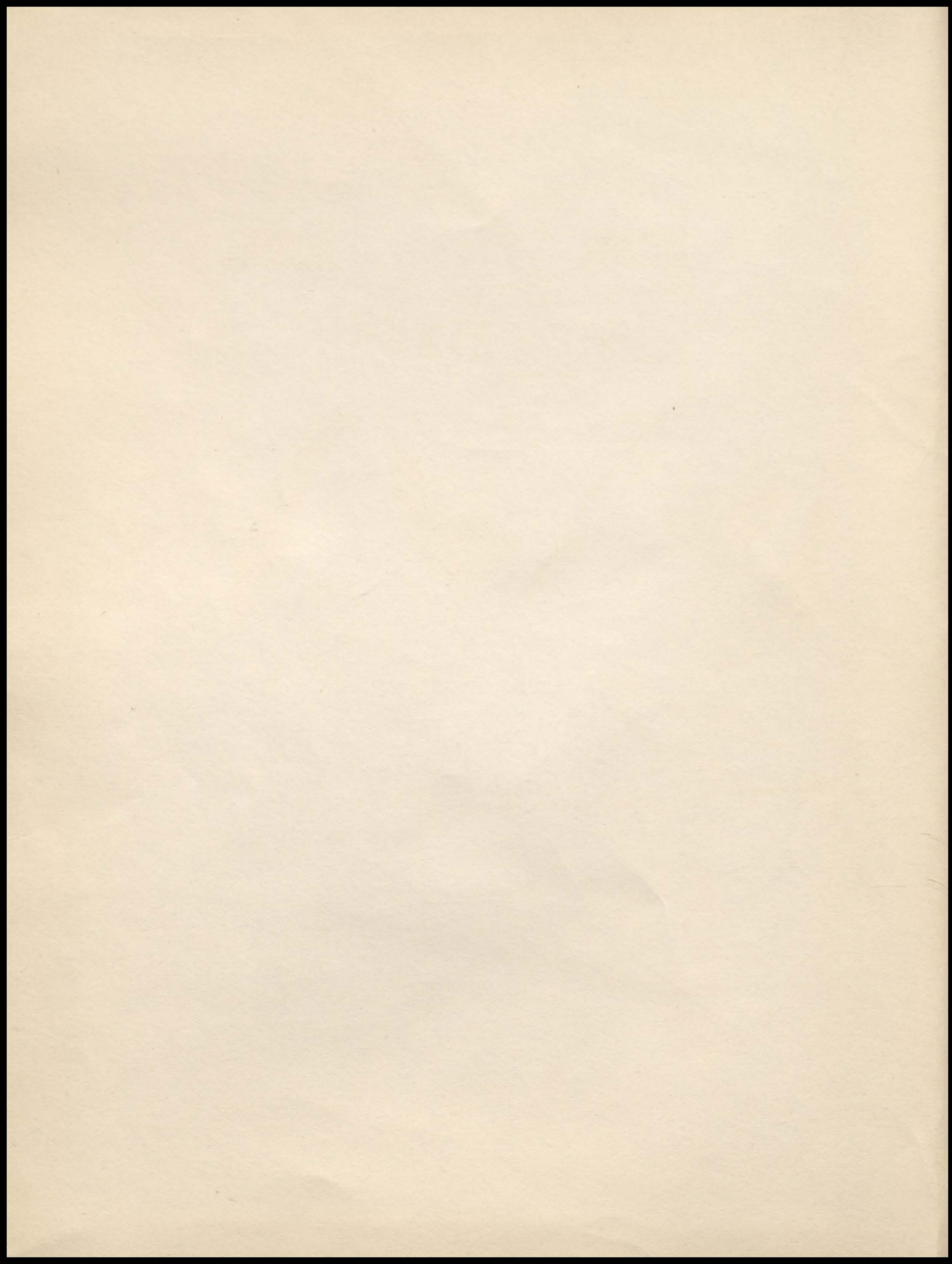


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BEMENT, ILLINOIS

COMING

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The Greatest Show on Earth

185 DAY STAND

OF

A Spectacular Four Ring

ATTRACTION

Something You'll

Never Forget!

Starring People You Know -- Things They

Do -- and Entertainment You Will

ALWAYS REMEMBER

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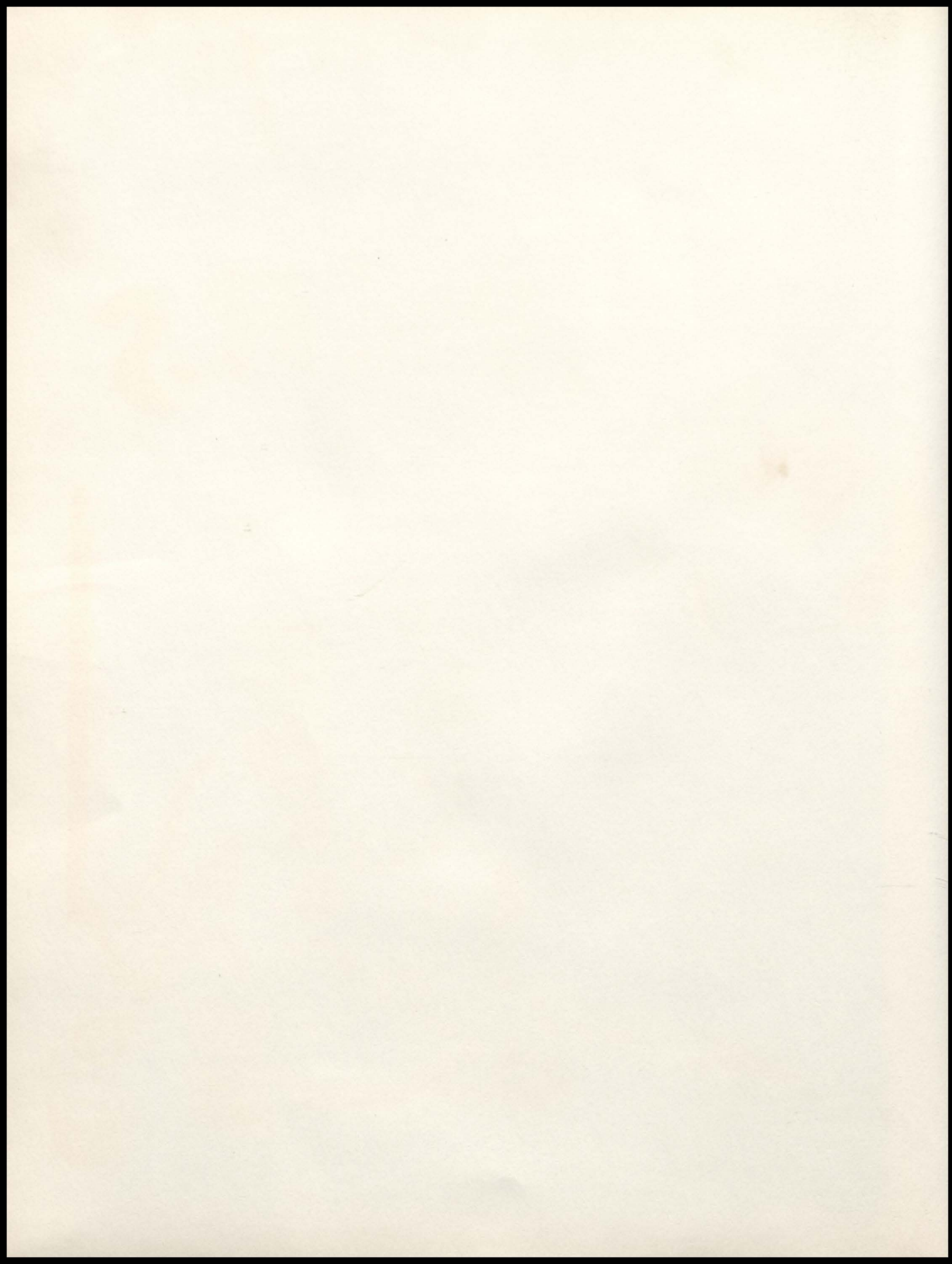
Our Big Top has been made bigger by an addition between the grade school and high school and a new gym attached to the north end of the high school. Work on these constructions began in the spring of '51 and was finished in the late spring of '52. The present school board gave freely of their time and energy in planning and supervising this building project. We are very proud of our modern and colorful additions which will help make better students and future citizens.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Standing: Mr. A. E. Bodman (president), Mr. Howard Lamb, Mr. David Marker (secretary), Mr. Clarence Lefever.

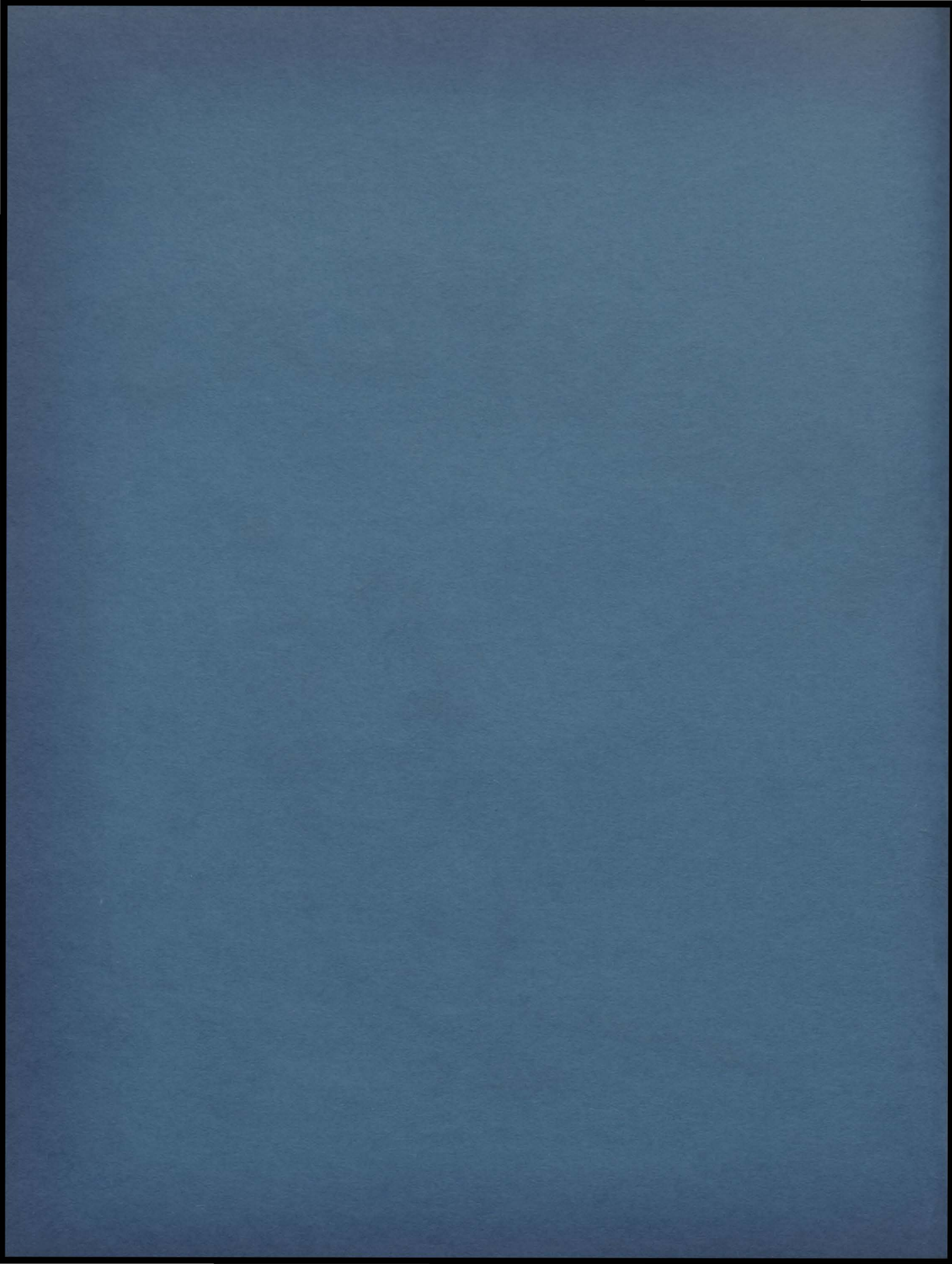
Sitting: Mr. H. E. Eckstein, Mr. C. J. Tabaka, Mr. R. J. Rodgers.





TROUPERS





TROUPERS

Ladies and gentlemen, how do you do;
A four ring circus you're about to view.
And now, Ring One so proudly reveals
Trainers (teachers) who set our ideals.
Also in this ring you'll see
Kids who used to climb tall trees.
But years have passed. Boy! how we've grown!
The music starts as Act I is shown.

FACULTY

Top row, left to right:

Miss Charlotte Lefever
Home Economics

Miss Isabelle Houston
English, Librarian

Mrs. S. C. Hammond
Business Education

Miss Pearl Swaim
English, Latin

Miss Betty Fowler
Girls' Physical Education

Second row:

Mr. Walter Slater
Superintendent, Physics

Mrs. J. E. Crim
Secretary

Mr. A. E. Wehmeier
Principal, Mathematics

Third row:

Miss Jean Headrick
Art

Mr. Robert Taylor
Instrumental Music

Miss Carol Prange
Vocal Music

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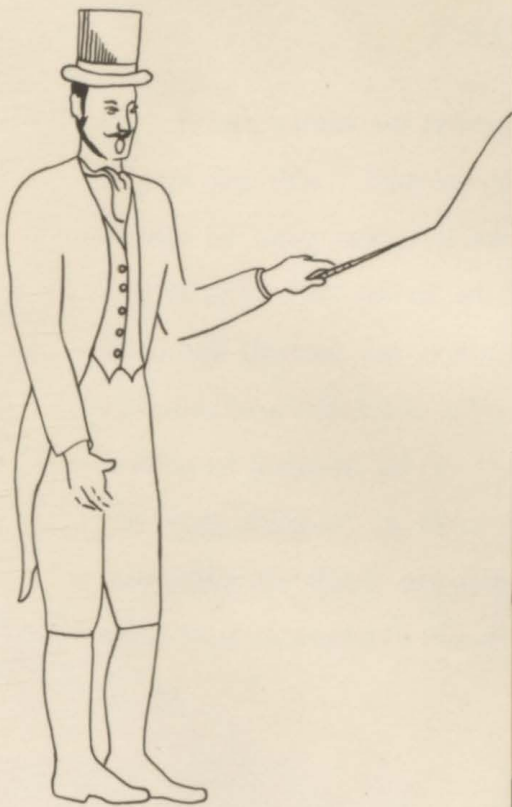
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Agriculture

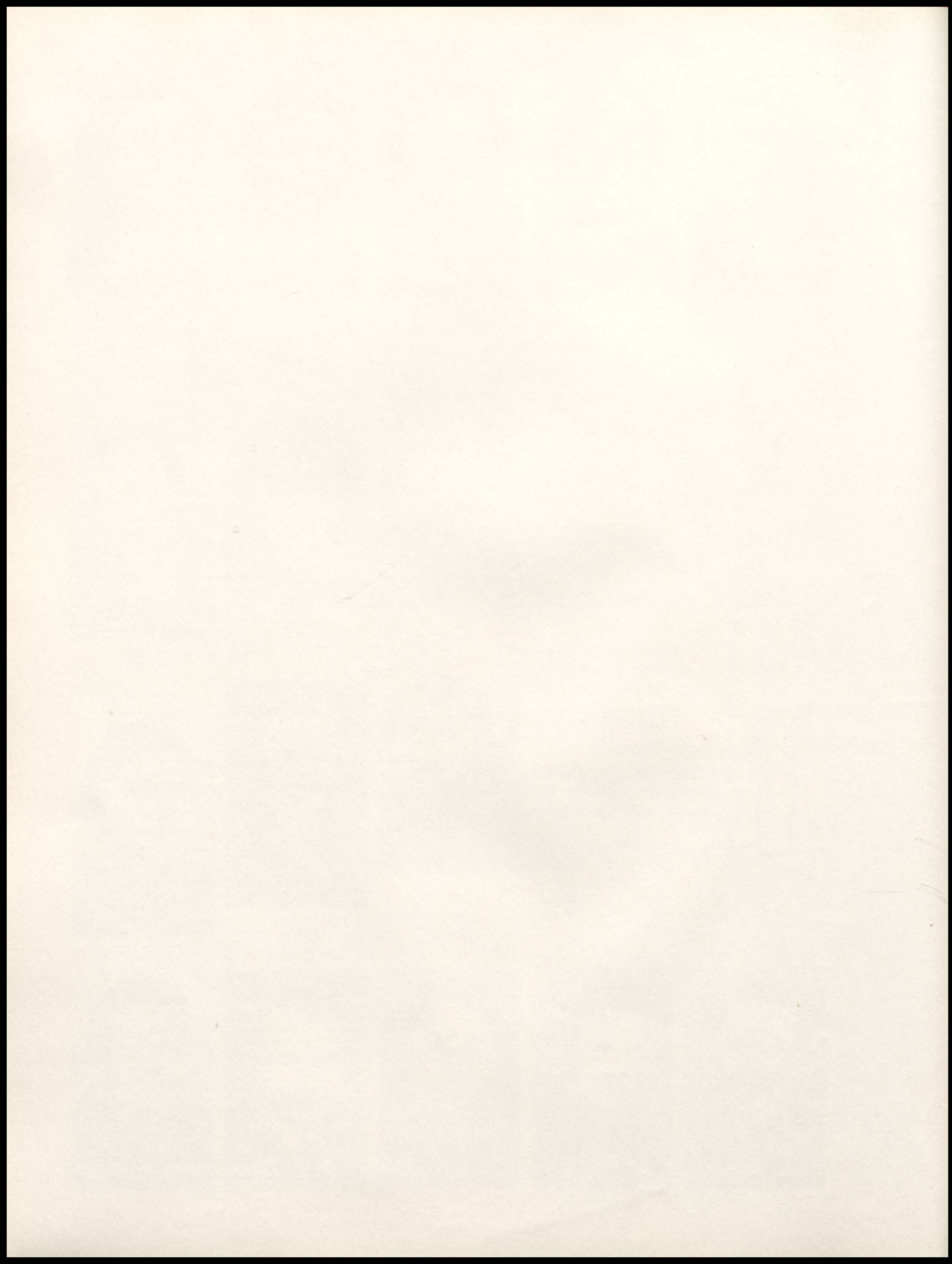
Mr. Thomas Stewart
Social Studies, Football and Track
Coach, Physical Education

Mr. Albert Tucker
Science

Mr. Charles Anderson
Social Studies, Basketball,
Baseball, and Golf Coach

Mr. Charles Smith
Industrial Arts





FACULTY

What would we troupers do without the ringmasters of our Big Top? The successful circus performance is the result of long practice and skillful direction. Likewise our acts in the circus of life will depend largely on our training during our school days. Some of us think our ringmasters crack the whip pretty hard, but they are only trying to prepare us for these future acts. These teachers are very diligent in their efforts to guide us to success. Although we don't always show our appreciation, we realize that in years to come their guidance will mean much to us.

COOKS

Left to right: Mrs. Leistman, Mrs. Rucker, Mrs. Still, Mrs. Olinger, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Whalen (dietician)

At noon intermission the troupers may go to our school cafeteria for an economical hot lunch. Expert cooks prepare a well-balanced and appetizing meal every school day for these hungry troupers.

BUSSES

Left to right: Mr. Woolridge, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Byron, Mr. Shonkwiler, Mr. Crook, Mr. Bell

Not in picture: Mr. Miles, Mr. Phillips

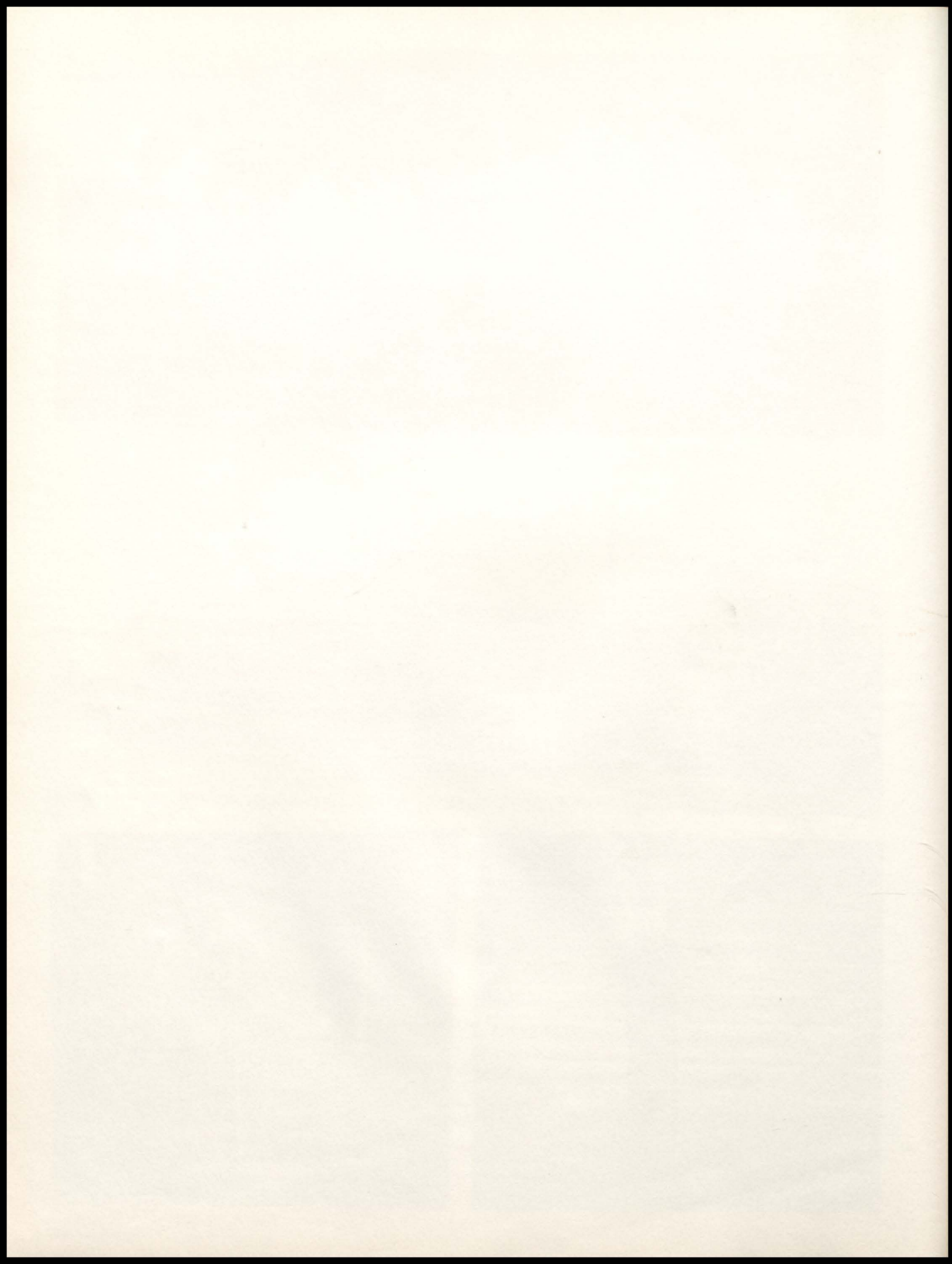
A fleet of seven busses manned by careful and experienced drivers transported the troupers who live in the country to our Big Top. At exactly 3:40 these troupers again board the buss for their journey home. These busses furnish transportation for various school trips.

MAINTENANCE

Mr. Hill (superintendent of maintenance), Mr. Rucker

Our Big Top, like any other Big Top, gets dirty after a day's stand. From morning to night our maintenance men are busy at their daily tasks. We are very fortunate to have these men on duty at all times in order to keep our Big Top comfortable and sparkling.





THE PERFORMERS

Aside from the "trainers" whom you have just met
We have four more sections we must not forget—
The serious seniors (a debatable name)
The jolly ol' juniors, to them it's a game;
The freshmen and sophomores seem to be next;
When called "little greenhorns," they surely are vexed.
These are actors, the bulk of the troupe.
As they enter the tent now, you'll let out a whoop!

SENIORS

Charles Tucker—"Einstein"—

"Intelligent" describes this guy;
His I. Q. is extremely high.

Hilda Janssen—"Hildy"—

Always smiling, full of fun,
Homecoming queen in '51.

Dale Clow—"Pretty Boy"—

This boy's up to no good at all;
Into a "Crook's" den he shall fall.

Larry Rainey—"Ears"—

A popular fellow, in this section,
He has a girl in every direction.

Dave Dobson—"Dob"—

The writer of these poems, you see,
Is filled with pride, not modesty.

Richard Gallivan—"Rich"—

A farmer who'll increase his yield,
A leader, at home on the football field.

Peggy Goodmon—"Peg"—

Her hair is blond; this quiet lass
Takes her place near the head of the class.

Shirley McCabe—"Pug"—

D. A. R. girl, your praises we sing,
And on your finger there's a ring.

Raymond Hardimon—"Mike"—

One of two who made four letters,
Easy going, but a real "go-getter."

Jim Day—"Lazy"—

"Lazy" is what we nicknamed him,
But diligent is the word for Jim.

Wanda Depew—"Pewy"—

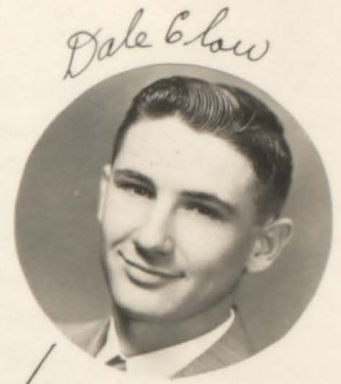
A college career this girl has chosen;
Doesn't say much, but her brain's not frozen.



Charles Tucker



Hilda Jausen



Dale Clow



Dave Hobbs



Richard Gallivan



Larry Rainey



Shirley McCabe



Raymond Hardison



Peggy Lockman

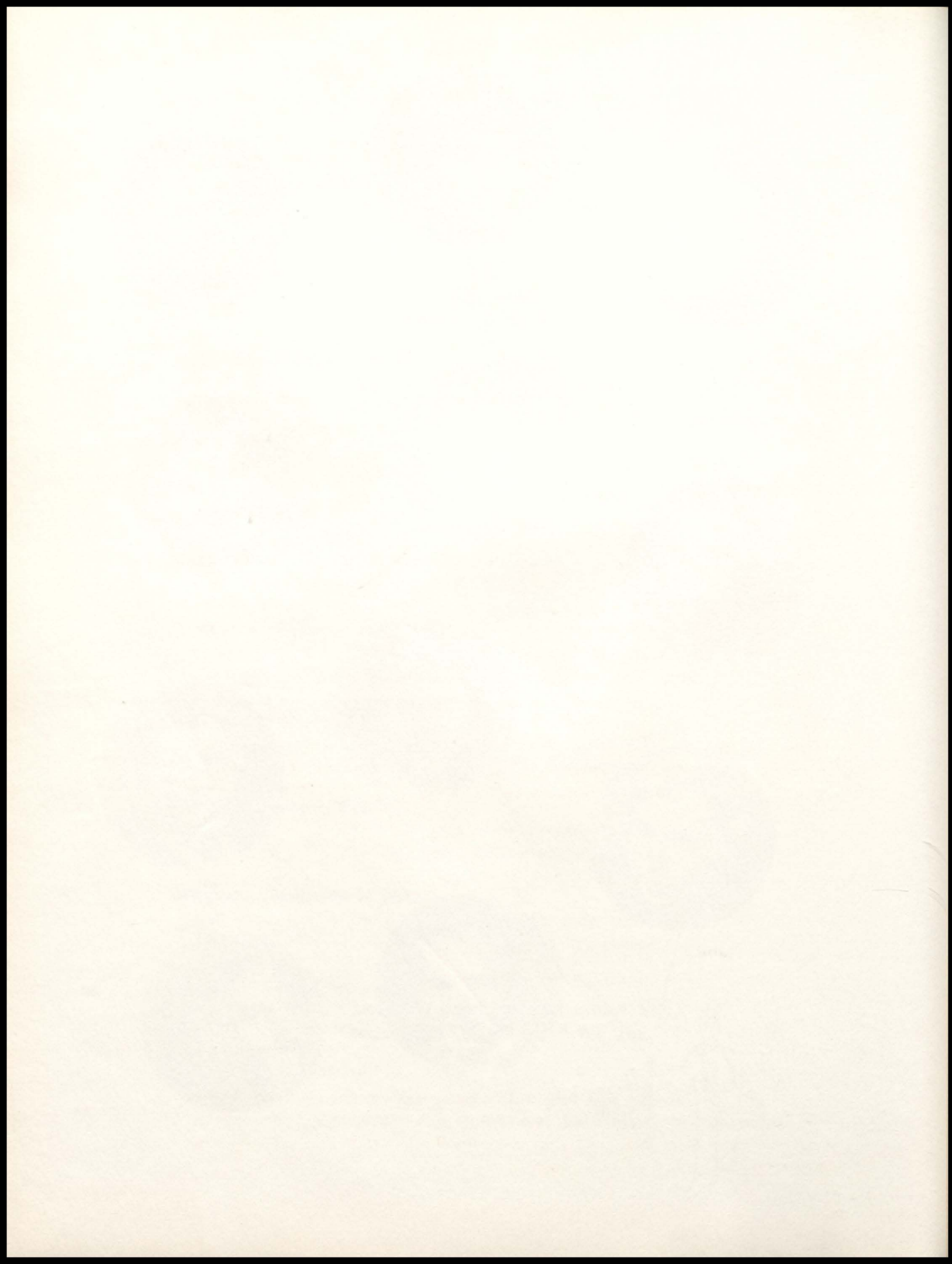


Jim Day



Nanda Depew





SENIOR HISTORY

Forty-nine freshmen began their high school career on August 31, 1948, at the newly organized "Becohi." It was in this year that the name of the school paper was changed from "Betohi" to "Bulldogs Bark." Likewise the students voted to name the Annual "Bim," standing for Bement, Ivesdale, Milmine. The "Freshies" elected Jim Clark, president; Dave Dobson, vice-president; Mary Deering, secretary-treasurer; Larry Rainey and Shirley McCabe, student council members. Shirley was also chosen as their candidate for homecoming queen. Miss Swaim and Mr. Ray Smith were their advisors.

After a three month's rest, forty-five sophomores returned to start the second year of their high school education. This year proved to be quite successful with the help of Fred Sebens, president; Rich Gallivan, vice-president; Jim Drawhorn, secretary-treasurer; Peggy Goodmon and Dave Dobson, student council members. Jim retired from school, however, and Marguerite Laroe was elected to succeed him. Their advisors for this year were Miss Lefever and Mr. Day. When homecoming time rolled around, Mary Deering was elected as sophomore candidate for queen.

On September 5, 1950, thirty-six distinguished juniors entered the halls of "Becohi." They elected Mike Hardimon, president; Paul O'Hara, vice-president; Jim Clark, secretary-treasurer; Lois Bradley, Jim Born, and Charlie Tucker, student council members. Carrie Ard was their nominee for homecoming queen. Miss Lefever, Mr. Tucker, and Mr. Everson were the advisors for the juniors.

The last year of their education at Bement began on September 7, 1951. To help guide them through the year, they chose Charlie Tucker, president; Dale Clow, vice-president; and Hilda Janssen, secretary-treasurer. Larry Rainey, Richard Gallivan, David Dobson, and Shirley McCabe were elected as senior student council members. Miss Houston, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Tucker were the class advisors. Something new and different was tried at homecoming. Instead of one candidate for queen from each class, there were four candidates from the senior class only. They were Eilene Foran, Peggy Goodmon, Lula Hinton, and Hilda Janssen. Hilda was elected and reigned over the homecoming of 1951.

In February, the seniors entertained the juniors with a patriotic party and made "Murder" legal for the evening. This, however, was only the name of one of the games and the victims recovered before the evening was over.

On April 19, all of the seniors were honored by the juniors at the annual prom. The theme, Underwater, proved to be very successful and an enjoyable time was had by all.

"Ask Me Another," a farce comedy, was presented by the seniors on May 16. Baccalaureate services were held Sunday, May 25. Graduation, which was on May 28, brought down the final curtain on four very enjoyable years at Bement High School.

SENIORS

Dorothy White—"Whitey"—

Her love for Wanda will never decline;
They'll marry and live in old Milmine.

Bruce Hannon—"Brucie"—

A helping hand he'll always lend;
An intelligent guy, a loyal friend.

Max King—"Sarge"—

A likeable farmer who'll never complain;
His Pontiac knows the way to Champaign.

Lois Jean Bradley—"Brad"—

This farmer lass earns her pay
At the one and only Hill's Cafe.

Jack Porter—"Jackson"—

Carefree is the word for Jack.
He's strong in mind, but well relaxed.

Bob Proctor—"Porky"—

An Army man, but here's his pitch—
Why must a captain dig a ditch?

Bob Brewer—"Cotsy Motsy"—

"Julie's" his car. There's no doubt,
With his ambition, Bob will make out.

Hans Metzger—"Big Boy"—

German boys are up to snuff,
For this boy really knows his stuff.

Marguerite Pembroke—"Maggie"—

You'd never know she's in the room;
She's very quiet, but so's perfume.

Jim Clark—"Jess"—

A staunch supporter of Notre Dame,
With accent on the latter name.

Frank Swaim—"Frank-o"—

A quiet lad, and easy-going,
At farming, he will make a showing.

Lula Belle Hinton—"Lu"—

A football cheerleader with lots of "pep,"
At dancing she is really "hep."

Bruce Hanson



Mat King



Dorothy White



Lois Jean Bradley



Bob Proctor



Bob Bremer



Jack Porter



Glenn Metzger



Frank Swain



Jim Clark

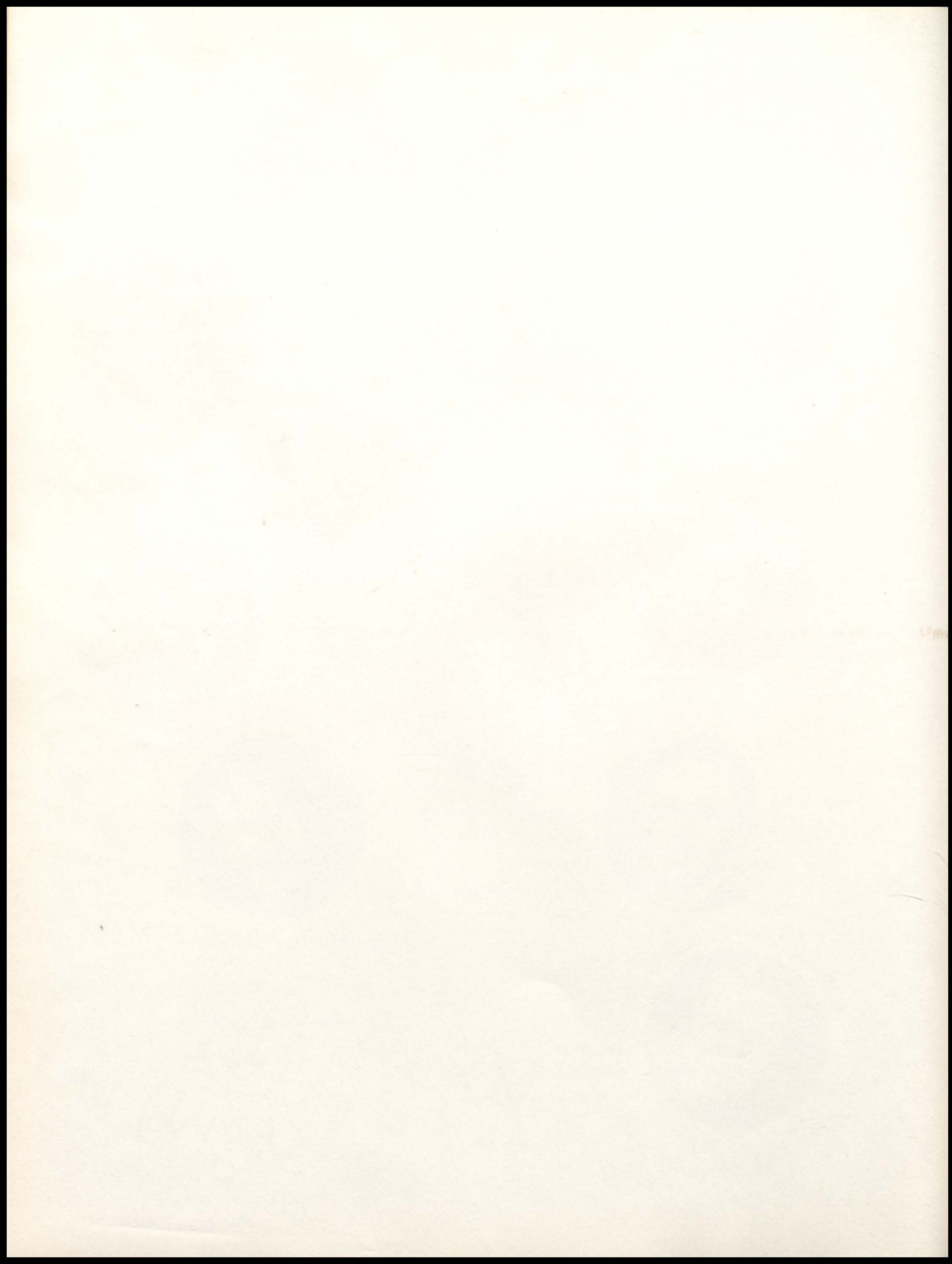


Lula Belle Hinton



Marquitta Pembroke





SENIOR PLAY

At 8:00 P. M. on May 16, the class of '52 presented "Ask Me Another," a farce-comedy in three acts by Glenn Hughes.

The scene is a newspaper office at a time when excitement runs high and mystery tangles with love, laughs, and mysticism.

Joyce Martin writes a column for an imaginary Marco. As the column goes over big with the public, Marco is very much in demand. Mike Warren, of the Examiner, is sent to entice Marco into changing jobs. Trouble really begins when a real Marco appears and threatens to sue the Herald for using his name.

There are complications a plenty when the stolen jewels get mixed up with a box of cookies that "Aunt Sally" has baked in her model kitchen. Of course WHICH box is the disturbing element which adds to the excitement and laughter. You'd think there would be no time for romance, but there is, and it's just as exhilarating as the rest of the plot.

CAST OF CHARACTERS

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Mr. Gates, managing editor of the Herald | Bruce Hannon |
| Wilma Shepherd, an office girl | Shirley McCabe |
| Mrs. Snell, society editor | Dorothy White |
| "Aunt Sally," a cookery expert | Lois Bradley |
| Joyce Martin, a young newspaper woman | Hilda Janssen |
| Mike Warren, a reporter on the Examiner | Jim Day |
| Joe Weber, a detective | Larry Rainey |
| Eloise Archer, a society girl | Lula Hinton |
| Mrs. O. B. Hammond, a wealthy widow | Eilene Foran |
| Frank Sylvester, a cook | Norman Imel |
| Marco, a mystic | Charles Tucker |
| Shorty Cass, an underworld character | Jim Clark |

SENIORS

Paul O'Hara—"Duke"—

Hampsters were his Ag. project,
They almost took his house, "by heck!"

Norman Imel—"Melvin"—

An artist he will someday be;
To Flint go his letters C. O. D.

Jim Born—"Spider"—

He's tall, intelligent in proportion;
At flying planes, he'll make his fortune.

Richard Fleming—"Rich"—

The smartest lad in this location
Has chosen a very fine vocation.

Eilene Foran—"Linky"—

Her by-word is the popular "Kid,"
Her friendly smile, is never hid.

Carrie Ard—"Honey"—

Has a smile that brightness lends
To the day and to her friends.

Stanley Pettyjohn—"Shicken"—

A judge who really knows his fowls,
For chickens are his bosom pals.

Jack Kirwan—"Dusty"—

A waiter in his Dad's cafe,
Is he a help—or in the way?

Marguerite Lawson—"Margie"—

Margie can cook; Margie can sew;
She'll make a good wife for a fellow with dough.

Dottie Koebel—"Dot"—

A drum majorette who's rather tall;
For a college man someday she'll fall.

Don Perry—"Kinmunday"—

His saying is heard from Friday till Sunday,
"Cain't do it today, but I shore Kinmunday."

Bob Romack—"Sic"—

Broad of shoulder, strong of limb,
A heart as big as the rest of him.

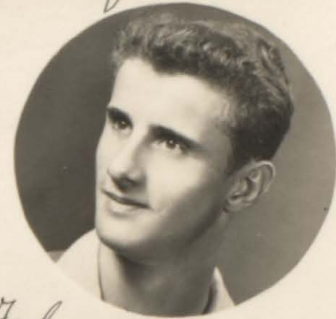
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Carrie Ard



Richard Fleming



Stanley Pettijohn



Maggie Lawson



Dollie Toebel



Jack Kivwan

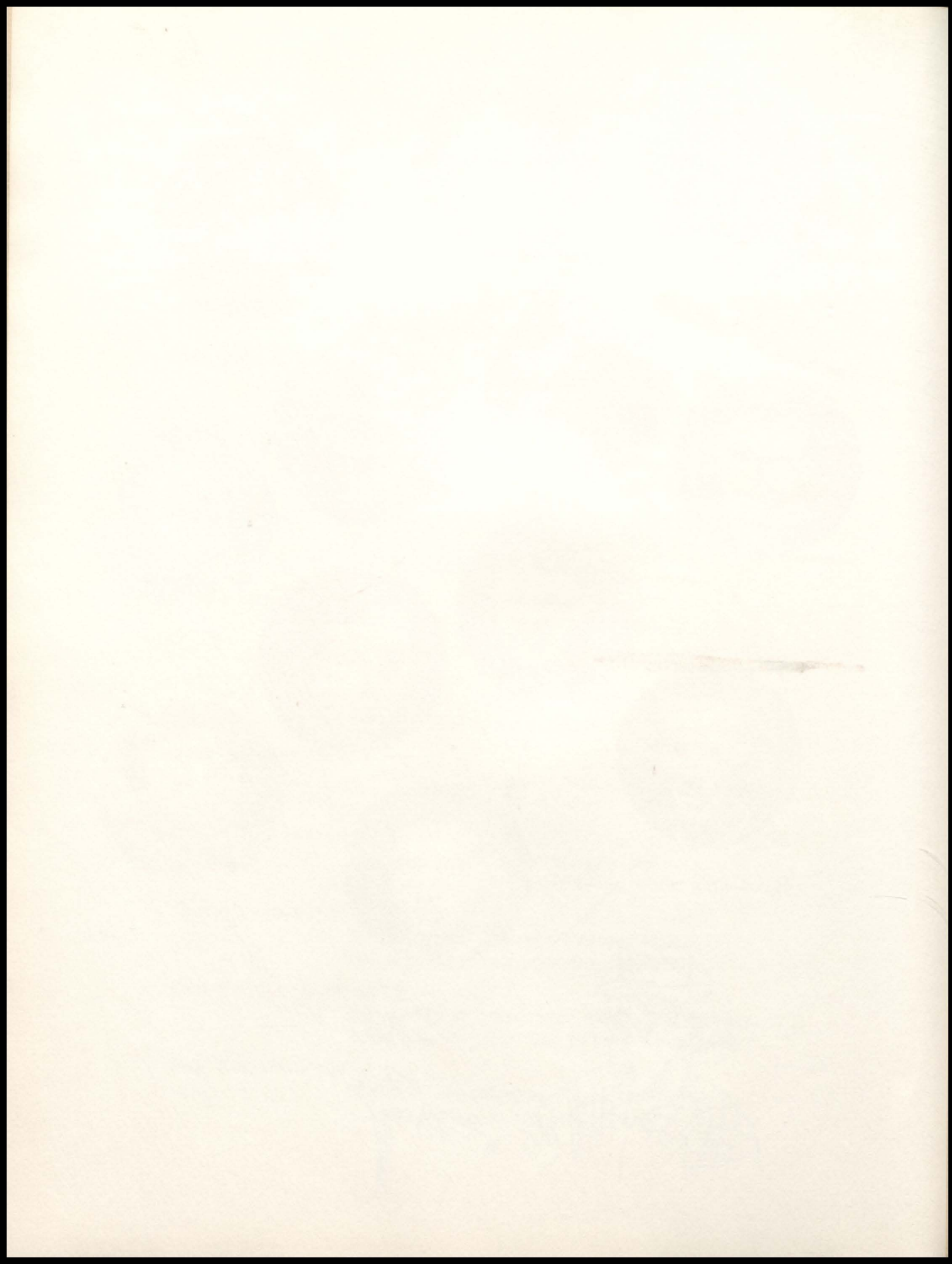


Donald Perry



Bob Romack





SENIOR ACTIVITIES

CARRIE ARD—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1; Football Cheerleader 4; Queen Attendant 3.

JIM BORN—F. F. A. 1, 2; Student Council 3; Football 1, 2.

LOIS BRADLEY—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council Vice-President 3; Annual Staff 4; Pep Club 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4.

BOB BREWER—F. F. A. 3; B-Club 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 4, Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Track 1, 2; Baseball Varsity 3, 4.

JIM CLARK—Class President 1, Class Secretary-Treasurer 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Ag. Judging 1; B-Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 3; Golf 3; Band 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, Librarian 4; Class Play 4.

DALE CLOW—Class Vice-President 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 4; B-Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Track Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Escort 4.

JIM DAY—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, Treasurer 4, Ag. Judging 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4, Editor 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 3, Most Valuable 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Golf 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 4, Octet 1, 2, Boys' Quartet 4, District Solo Contest 4; Homecoming Escort 4; Class Play 4.

WANDA DEPEW—G. A. A. 1, 3, 4; Newstaff 4; Annual Staff 4; Pep Club 4; Librarian 4; Twirler 2, 3, 4, District Solo Contest 3, 4, State Solo Contest 4.

DAVE DOBSON—Class Vice-President 1; F. F. A. 3, 4, Reporter 4; Ag. Judging 3; Student Council 2, 4, Vice-President 4; Newstaff 4; Annual Staff 4; B-Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President First Semester 4; President Second Semester 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Baseball Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4, Boys' Octet 3, Mixed Octet 4, Boys' Quartet 4, Librarian 4, All-State Chorus 4.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

- RICHARD FLEMING—Moweaqua 1, 2, 3, First Semester 4; Band 4; District and State French Horn Solo Contest 4; Chorus 4, District and State Vocal Solo Contest 4.
- EILENE FORAN—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2; Queen Attendant 4; Class Play 4.
- RICHARD GALLIVAN—Class Vice-President 2; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Ag. Judging 3; Student Council 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4, President First Semester 4, Sergeant-at-arms Second Semester 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1; Track 1, 2; Homecoming Escort 4.
- PEGGY GOODMON—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 3, Historian 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Annual Staff 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, Secretary-Treasurer 2; Queen Attendant 4.
- BRUCE HANNON—F. F. A. 1, 2; Newstaff 3; Annual Staff 4; L. O. V. Club 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1; Baseball 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Chorus 1, Class Play 4.
- RAYMOND HARDIMON—Class President 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 4; B-Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4 Varsity 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Homecoming Escort 4.
- LULA HINTON—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; G. A. A. 1; Chorus 1, 2; Football Cheerleader 4; Queen Attendant 4; Class Play 4.
- NORMAN IMEL—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 4; Football 2; Class Play 4.
- HILDA JANSSEN—Argenta 3; Class Secretary-Treasurer 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; G. A. A. 1; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 4; Chorus 1, 2; Homecoming Queen 4; Class Play 4.
- MAX KING—Atwood 1, 2; B-Club 3, 4; Football Varsity 3, 4.
- DOTTIE KOEBEL—Band 1, 2, 3, 4, District and State French Horn Solo Contest 3, Drum Majorette 3, 4; Chorus 2.

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

JACK KIRWAN—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Annual Staff 4; B-Club 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, Manager 3; Track 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Mixed Octet 4.

MARGIE LAWSON—Band 1, 2.

SHIRLEY McCABE—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, 4; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Annual Staff 2, 4; Band 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4, District and State Ensemble Contest 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 2, 3, Girls' Sextet 2, 3, 4, Girls' Trio 2, Mixed Octet 2, 3, District Ensemble Contest 2, 3, 4, State Ensemble Contest 2, 3; Class Play 4; Arion Award 4.

HANS METZGER—Visiting Student from Germany 4; F. F. A. 4; L. O. V. Club 4, District and State Latin Contest 4; Basketball 4; Track Varsity 4.

PAUL O'HARA—Class Vice-President 3; F. F. A. 1, 2; Librarian 3, 4.

MARGUERITE PEMBROKE—Ivesdale 1, 2.

DON PERRY—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; Librarian 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 3; Chorus 4.

STANLEY PETTYJOHN—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Ag. Judging 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3, 4; Track 3.

JACK PORTER—Football 1; Track 1,2.

BOB PROCTOR—California 1, 2; F. F. A. 3; Librarian 4; Football Varsity 4.

LARRY RAINEY—F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2, 3, 4, Ag. Judging 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4, President 4; Annual Staff 4; B-Club 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, Varsity 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1; Baseball 1, 3; Class Play 4.

BOB ROMACK—B-Club 3, 4; Football 1, 4, Varsity 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track Varsity 3; Baseball Varsity 3.

FRANK SWAIM—F. F. A. 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

CHARLES TUCKER—Class President 4; Student Council 3; Annual Staff 4; L. O. V. Club 4; Class Play 4.

DOROTHY WHITE—F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; G. A. A. 1, 2, 3; Newstaff 4; Annual Staff 4; Librarian 4; Twirler 2, 3, 4, District Contest 2, 3, 4, State Contest 3, 4; Class Play 4.

SENIOR WILL

We, Jim Born and Paul O'Hara, will our extensive knowledge of airplanes to Kay Crinigan.

We, Stan Pettyjohn and Jack Porter, will our love for school to Dan Scott.

I, Richard Fleming, will my unlimited knowledge of everything to my little brother, Jerry.

We, Max King and Bob Romack, will our height to Eva Strater.

We, Dorothy White and Dave Dobson, will our positions on the news staff to Ann Perkins.

We, Jim Clark and Bruce Hannon, will our Irish determination to Linda Byerline. We want it back after semesters, however.

We, Carrie Ard and Lois Bradley, will our knack for jerking sodas to Kent Siders.

We, Jack Kirwan and Dale Clow, will our autos to Sonya Clark so that she can get to class on time.

We, Peggy Goodmon and Donald Perry, will our fondness for hill-billy music to Joyce Day.

We, Wanda Depew and Marguerite Pembroke, will our good times in Bement, Ivesdale, and surrounding territories to "Birdie."

We, Hilda Janssen and Norman Imel, will our outstanding positions in art class to John Fuqua.

I, Larry Rainey, will my retiring manner and bashfulness to Ray Hannon. (HA!)

We, Mike Hardimon and Jim Day, will our athletic powers to Dale Turner.

I, Hans Metzger, will my knowledge of Latin to Janet McCollum.

We, Lu Hinton and Eileen Foran, will our fondness for dancing to Eugene Schum.

We, Bob Brewer and Shirley McCabe, will our everlasting energy and vitality to Lorene Mulvaney.

We, Rich Gallivan and Frank Swaim, will our ability at farming to Barb Tynan.

I, Charles Tucker, will my flirtatious tendencies to Dave Hawkins.

I, Margie Lawson, will my witty and timely remarks to Jean McHenry.

I, Dottie Koebel, will my deftness at tapping telephone lines to John Hannon.

I, Bob Proctor, will my experience with an M-1 rifle to the boys who are on the list of the local draft board.

SENIOR PROPHECY

The date is June 1, 1962. As we look into the future, we find most of the class of '52 attending the Bungling Bros. Circus which is on a one night stand in Bement. These former students are interested in seeing some of their old classmates who are now star performers in the circus.

One of the first to arrive is Shirley McCabe with her kindergarten class. Assisting Shirley are Lois Bradley and bus driver Dale Clow. Jim Day, publisher of the Daily Bim, is seen with his cub reporter, Peggy Goodmon, who has come prepared to take down the jokes in shorthand as her memory is very short. Another reporter, Hilda Janssen, is seen interviewing the talking dogs, collecting opinions on the coming election. Entering the Big Top now are several celebrities. There are Charlie Tucker and Hans Metzger who are renowned scientists. Also we see Dave Dobson, coach of the Harlem Horsetrotters, with his 6' 10" guard, Jim Clark. And now we see Madame Marguerite Pembroke in the crowd, wearing one of her most famous hats which she herself designs. She was brought from Ivesdale by Jim Born, pilot of the "Spider Express." Rich Gallivan now enters the tent. He has taken a day off from his road construction work down around Herrick, Illinois. We see him stopping to chat a few moments with Don Perry and Frank Swaim, owners of Don and Frank's Drive-Inn. They specialize in seafood which is caught by two old salts, Jack Porter and Stan Pettyjohn, and cooked at the drive inn by Margie Lawson.

The circus band is led into the Big Top by three attractive majorettes—Wanda Depew, Dorothy White, and Dottie Koebel. In this circus band we see Mike Hardimon, who can't seem to get any noise out of that bass horn. No doubt someone has thrown a bag of Norman Imel's popcorn into it. Norman runs a concession stand where he draws silhouettes and also sells refreshments. Working for him are three super-salemen, Max King, Paul O'Hara, and Richard Fleming. We can hear their voices above the crowd crying, "Peanuts, popcorn, crackerjacks!"

Recording on film the highlights of the circus are photographers Jack Kirwan and Bruce Hannon of the Daily Bim.

Well, the show is almost ready to begin now and—wait a minute! What's this? Two tired looking girls, Eilene Foran and Lula Belle Hinton, are helped in by circus hands Bob Romack, Larry Rainey, and Bob Proctor. We find that they had lost all their money at the race track so they worked for their admission by watering the elephants.

The show begins with a bang now as the Human Cannonball, Bobby Brewer, is shot from a cannon. Later on we see Bobby in tights as he rides his horse, Bareback, around the ring. Another memorable performance by a Bement alum is put on by Carrie Ard, world's leading lady lion tamer. She can really make those lions sit up and meow.

Although there are many other good acts in the show, these two by our old school chums stand out in our minds. We certainly enjoyed ourselves at the "greatest show on earth."

JUNIORS

Reading from left to right.

Top row: John Hannon, Linda Byerline, Danny Scott.

Second row: Sonya Clark, John Fuqua, Kent Siders, Barbara Tynan.

Third row: David Hawkins, Richard Strater.

Fourth row: Jean McHenry, Ray Hannon, Eva Strater.

Fifth row: Dale Turner, Joyce Day, Janet McCollum, Bill Koebel.

Sixth row: Kay Crinigan, Jerry Fleming, Ann Perkins, Eugene Schum, Lorene Mulvaney.

JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

Twenty-one boys and girls who now hold the enviable title of Juniors met in the social science room with their advisors to organize for the third lap of their high school days. At this meeting, which was under the able guidance of Mrs. Hammond, Miss Headrick, Mr. Hodam and Mr. Stewart, the juniors elected Linda Byerline, John Fuqua, and Kent Siders as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer. Janet McCollum, Joyce Day, and Ray Hannon were chosen by the class to represent them on the student council.

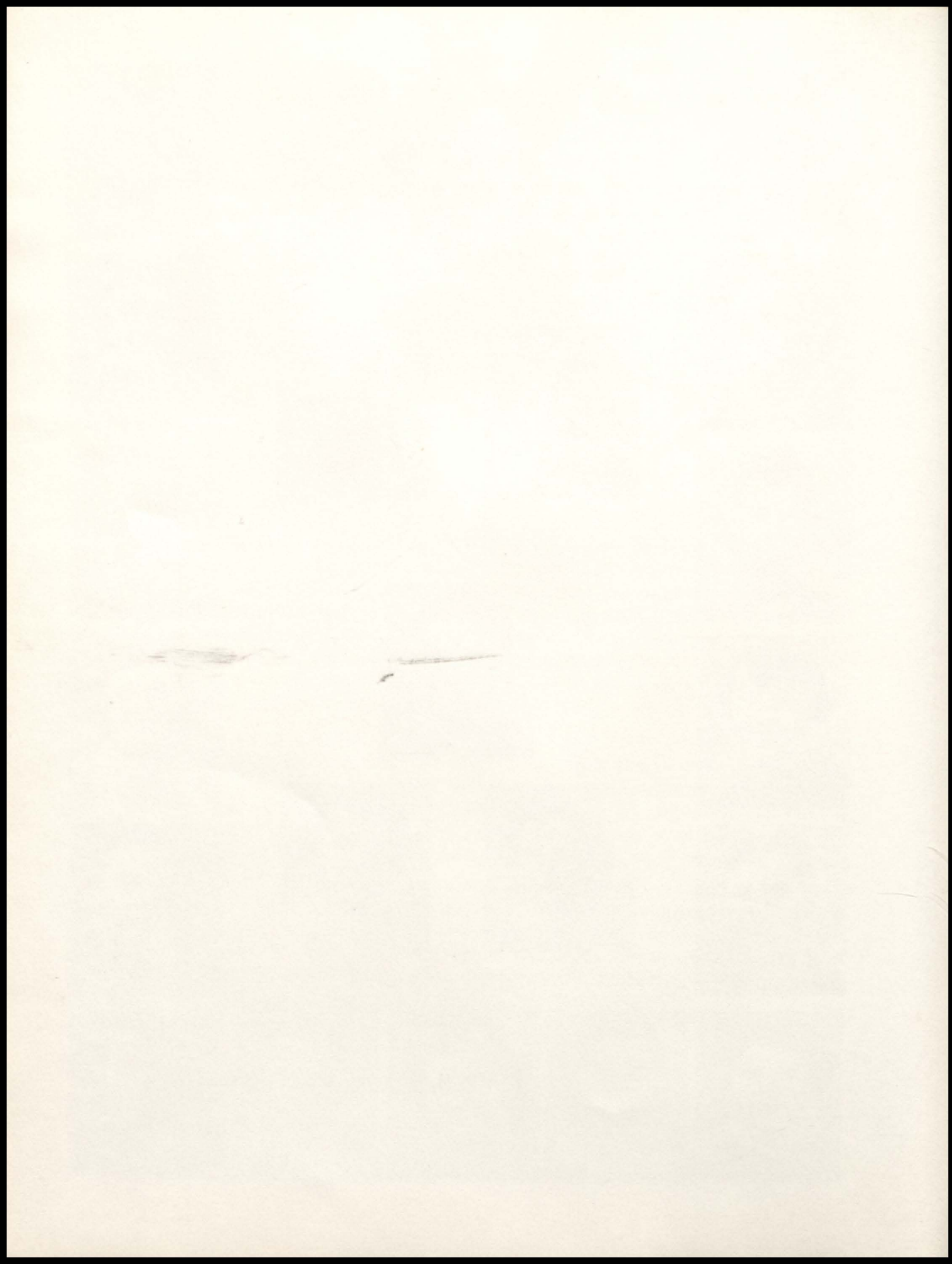
Throughout the year these juniors and their advisors were kept busy making money for the big social event, the Junior-Senior Prom. To do this, all those juniors who were not band members, cheerleaders, or team members dished out coffee and hot dogs, pop corn and candy, pop and gum to the throngs who attended the football games. Although a lot of work, the stand netted a barrel of fun and enough money for a glorious prom.

Another money making project fell on the juniors around Christmas time. The class divided into two teams, one captained by Ann Perkins and the other by John Fuqua, and went out to sell candy. It was a close battle but Ann's team came out the winner.

The seniors showed their colors at a patriotic party given to the juniors during the month of February. Everyone who attended spent a very enjoyable evening.

As the school year drew to a close, we realized that we had had a very successful junior year and now we were looking forward to the fourth and final lap of our high school days.





JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AND PROM

The steamship Bim was docked at Bimco High for one night only, Saturday, April 19, offering an evening of pleasure for all having passports.

The guests were met by two sea captains of King Neptune's court, who ushered them into the banquet room of the ship where time was spent visiting and listening to festive music until they were told to find their respective places at the tables.

Soft dinner music entertained the diners as they feasted on Pearls in a Sea Shell (fruit cocktail), Life Saver Afloat (salad), Sea Gull Supreme (scalloped chicken), White-capped Dorries (twice-baked potatoes), Fresh Ocean Seaweeds (green beans), Ocean Rolls, Catfish bait (orange marmalade), Life Buoys (pickles), White Caps with Breakers and Mermaid's Delight (frozen custard and cake) and Water of the Murky Deep or Ocean Foam (coffee or milk.)

A very clever program was presented during the time of the banquet. The toastmaster of the evening was King Neptune, who, during regular school hours, could be recognized as John Hannon. The first speech, "Neath the Rolling Deep," was given by Queen Amphitrite, alias Linda Byerline. An old King Fish, Charles Tucker, replied to the Queen's speech with "Jewels For Your Crown." Then Jerry Fleming, disguised as a starfish, presented "Porpoise at Play," followed by Ann Perkins, a deep sea diver, who dug into a Treasure Chest long buried at sea. The Singing Mermaids, four junior girls (Sonya Clark, Janet McCollum, Joyce Day, and Linda Byerline) pleased their audience with two numbers.

There was a short intermission following the banquet and program after which the juniors and their guests entered the dance floor, the bottom of the sea, where a most enjoyable two hours were spent dancing to the music of "The Moodmakers." They beheld here sights that one generally sees when taking a trip in a glass-bottom boat.

Filled with pleasant memories of an evening spent on the ocean floor, at 10:30 the guests went ashore.

SOPHOMORES

Reading from left to right:

- First row: Harry Porter, Charles Bartison, Kenneth Westfall
Second row: Dick Eades, Corky Carlin, Ray Tate, Kenneth Phipps
Third row: Barbara Bolsen, Don Hooker, John Sebens, Marjorie Bolsen
Fourth row: Bob Bradley, Larry Knapp, Dick Dancey, David Spearman, Joe Olinger
Fifth row: Marlene Hord, Bob Fombelle, Teresa Hardimon, Don Stout, Violet VanLandingham, Sandra Metzger
Sixth row: Gene Bentley, Chalmer Hinton, Joan Fendley, Sharon Clow, Paul Larimore, Clyde Perry
Seventh row: Pat Klein, Rachel Day, Don Allison, Bob Gallivan, Sue Hannon, Peggy Randall

SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

On Friday, September 7, 1951, the sophomores, who were wisely advised throughout the year by Miss Prange and Mr. Anderson, held their first class meeting during which they elected their class officers. The boys took over at this meeting and not a single girl was elected to office. Charlie Bartison was chosen as president, Corky Carlin as vice-president, Ray Tate secretary-treasurer, and Don Hooker and John Sebens as student council representatives. Gene Bentley was elected to a new office created this year, sergeant at arms.

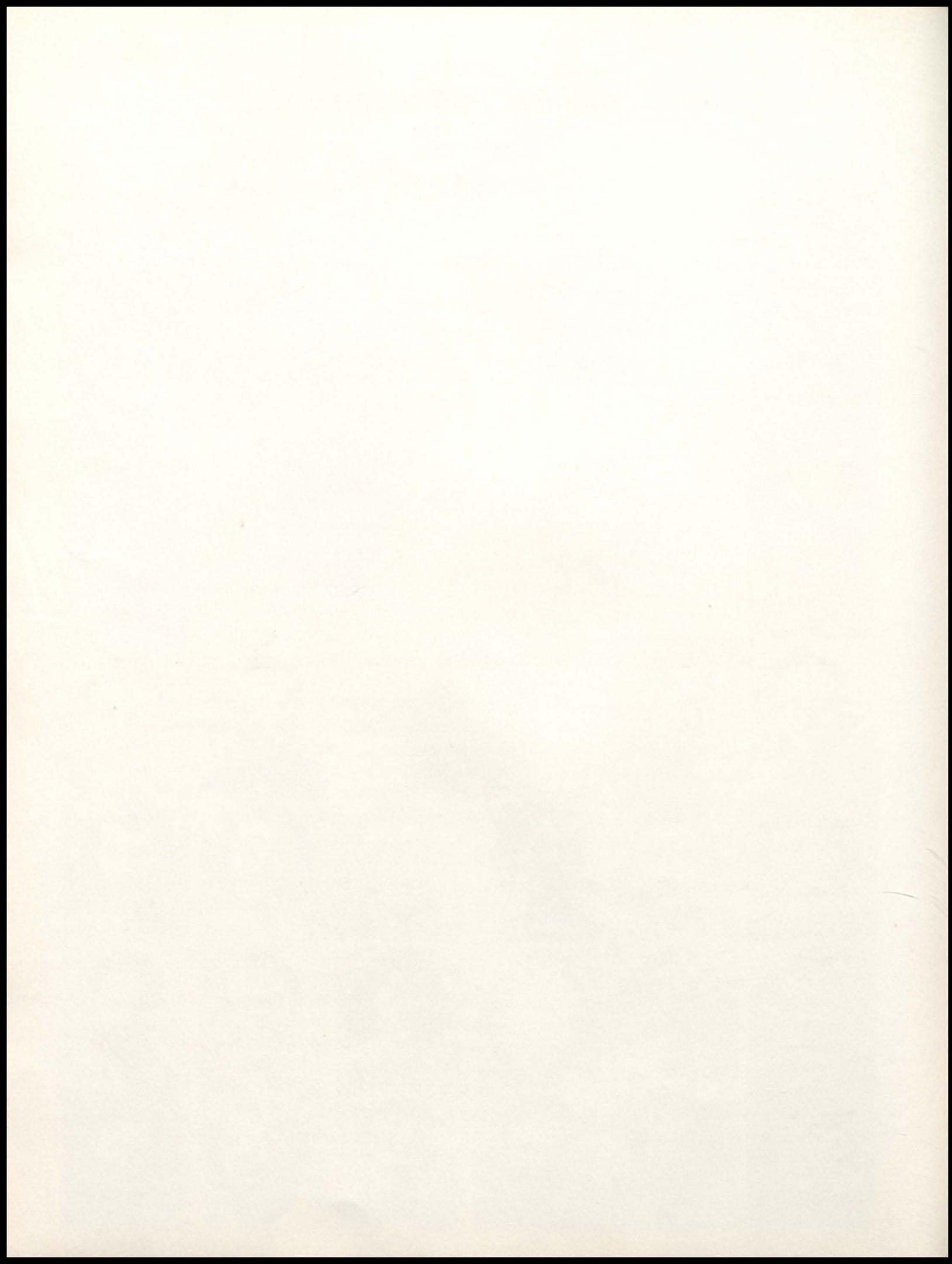
The sophomore boys proved themselves to excell in athletics as well as in statesmanship. John Sebens, Dave Spearman, Kenny Westfall, Bob Gallivan, and Don Allison won letters in football. John and Dave plus Chalmer Hinton helped round out Mr. Anderson's "first 10" during the basketball season. After the first hint of spring, anyone hunting the sophomore boys could find several of them either practicing baseball, or golf, or trying to cut down those precious seconds out at the track.

Never to be forgotten are those many sophomores who made up a large part of the band, chorus, and other activities.

The sophomores had their class party on Thursday, March 13. The party was built around a St. Patrick's Day theme. (If you have noticed the sophomores being rather talkative it is because they caught the "gift of gab" by kissing the Blarney Stone.) Everyone completely enjoyed himself throughout the evening with the games, novelty dances, and refreshments.

Now the sophomores are eagerly awaiting the time when they will be called upperclassmen.





INTRODUCING THE SOPHOMORES

S-uper
I-rrresistable
L-ikes the Cards for the Pennant
L-ight-footed
Y-ummy

S-weet
O-h you kid!
P-recious
H-ighfalutin'
O-K
M-uscle man
O-perates pretty neat
R-omantic
E-xciting
S-well

S-ome chick
O-ut of this world
O-n the ball
N-ice

T-ops
O-ooooomph

B-rilliant
E-asy going
C-lever
O-n with the story
M-ore than you'll ever know
E-nchanting

J-oins in the fun
O-riginal
L-ong gone
L-adies' man
Y-ou'd be surprised

J-oyful
U-nusual
N-aughty
I-nteresting
O-n the go
R-adiant
S-ensible

Larry Knapp
Teresa Hardimon
Chalmer Hinton
Don Allison
Sandra Metzger

Dick Dancey
Charlie Bartison
Bobby Gallivan
Violet VanLandingham
Robert Bradley
Kenny Westfall
Ray Tate
Gene Bentley
"Tootie" Phipps
Sharon Clow

Peggy Randall
John Sebens
Marlene Hord
Sue Hannon

Mr. Anderson
Jo Ann Fendley

Joe Olinger
Joan Thomas
Clyde Perry

Paul Larimore
Dave Spearman

Don Stout
Dick Eades
Pat Klein
Corky Carlin
Don Hooker

Barb Bolsen
Sophomore Class
Bob Fombelle
Marjorie Bolsen
Harry Porter
Rachel Day
Miss Prange

FRESHMEN

Reading from left to right:

First row: Patty Doyle, Allan Sparks, Frances Kurr, Junior Woodcock, Louise Mundy, Eugene Clifton

Second row: Warren Bartison, Shirley Lindstrom, Louis Strack, Dave Goodman, Frances Dick

Third row: Nancy Allison, Sandra McVicker, David Livingston, Robert Jeffers

Fourth row: Glenn Bolsen, Delores Adams, Sandra Primmer, Ann Halterman

Fifth row: Lois Cantrell, Merle White, Nancy McCollum, David Gallivan, Nancy Hainey, Thomas Kirwan

Sixth row: Don Burgess, Barbara Marshall, Bill McConaha, Elizabeth McCabe, Ward Defore, Lois Ann Fleming

Seventh row: Beverly Corum, Harry Bennett, Marilyn Timme, David Holt, Shirley Miles, Charles Helm

Eighth row: Stanley Courson, Simone Drake, Lee Lawson, Mary Morgan, Lloyd Johnson, Marguerite Redman

FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1951, forty-one freshmen became troupers under the B. H. S. Big Top. At their first class meeting on September 10 they chose class officers. Louis Strack was elected president, Shirley Lindstrom, vice-president, Simone Drake, secretary-treasurer, and Sandra McVicker and David Livingston, members of the student council.

The class advisors were Miss Swaim, Miss Lefever, and Mr. Smith.

Although the freshmen had been in the high school building for their eighth year, they were still classified as understudies by the veteran performers. Of course the class thought they did pretty well.

They were very satisfied when at the first all-school party, their group was awarded a diploma for being the biggest liars.

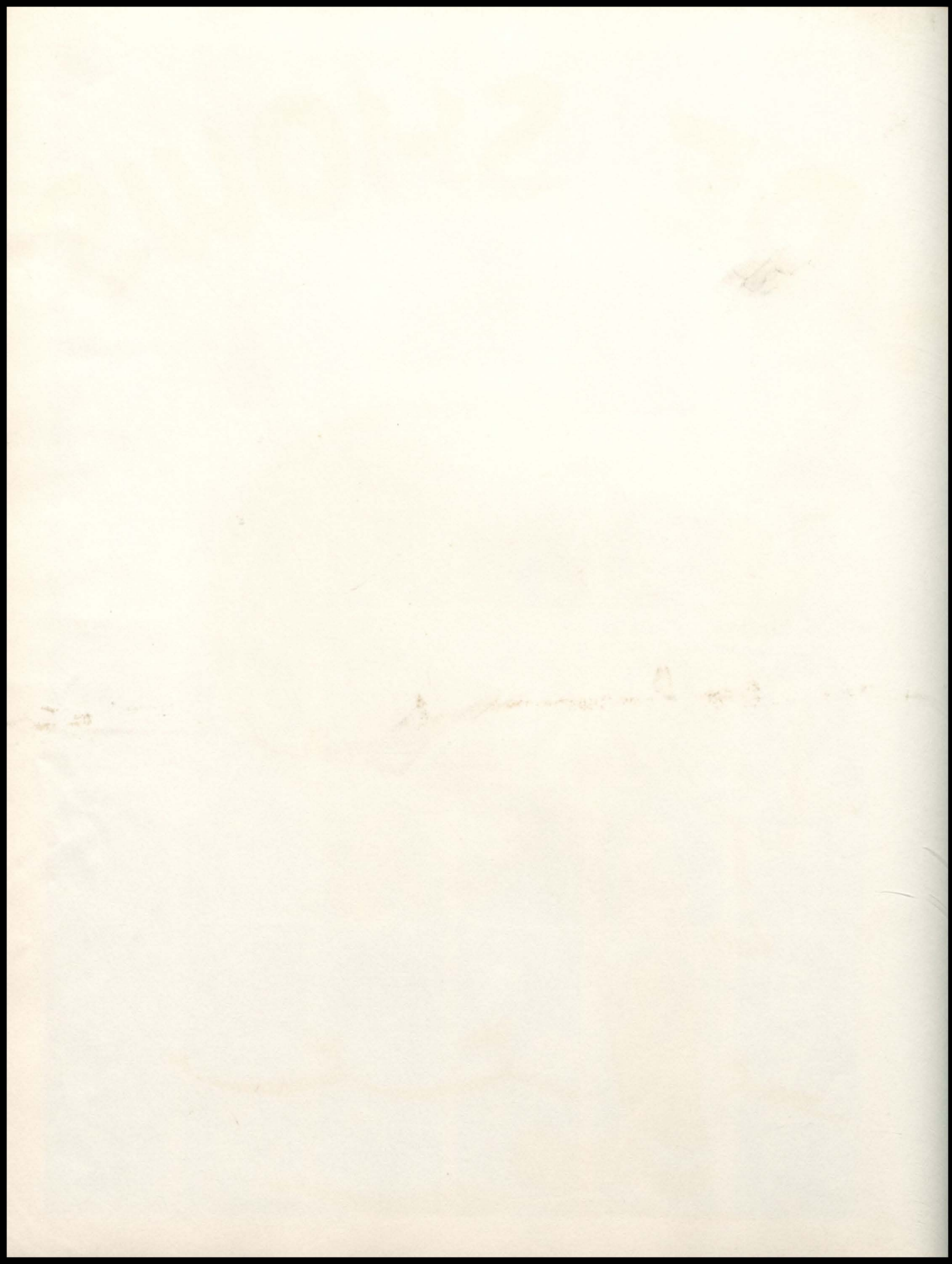
The class members took advantage of their privilege to participate in the many "side shows" in high school. Among those entered were the pep club, sports, music, F. H. A., F. F. A., G. A. A., news staff, and noon hour activities. The troupers enjoyed these very much.

The freshman class party was held on Friday, March 21, at the high school gym. Cokes and cookies were served and games and dancing were enjoyed.

The class was sorry to have Harry Bennett, one of its members, move away and was glad to welcome two new members, Lois Fleming and David Holt.

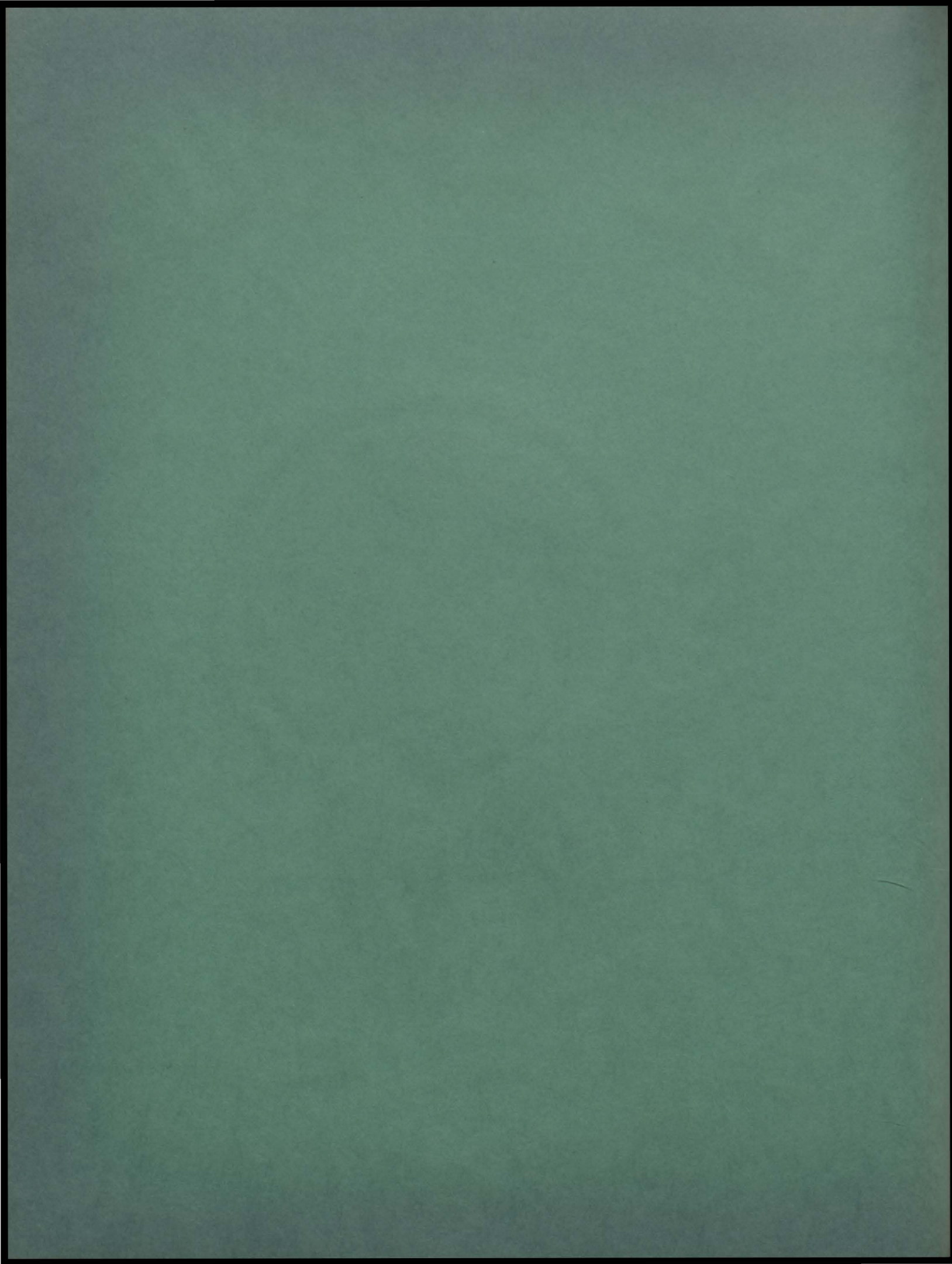
At the end of their first year, the forty-two students were eagerly looking forward to becoming the sophomore clowns.





SIDE SHOWS





SIDESHOWS

Into our tent roll several cages,
Filled with folks of various ages,
Organizations that start in the fall,
These cages represent them all.
Also, here our songs we cry;
The band and chorus rate very high.
Our circus offers variety;
Just turn the page and you shall see.

STUDENT COUNCIL

First row: Mr. Wehmeier (advisor), McCabe (secretary-treasurer), Rainey (president), Dobson (vice-president), McVicker
Second row: Sebens, Gallivan, Hannon, McCollum, Day, Livingston

L. O. V.

First row: Miss Swaim (advisor)
Second row: Clark (vice-president), Crinigan (president)
Third row: Stout (treasurer), McCollum (secretary), Dancey
Fourth row: B. Bolsen, Day, M. Bolsen, Hardimon
Fifth row: Tucker, Spearman, Olinger, Hannon, Metzger

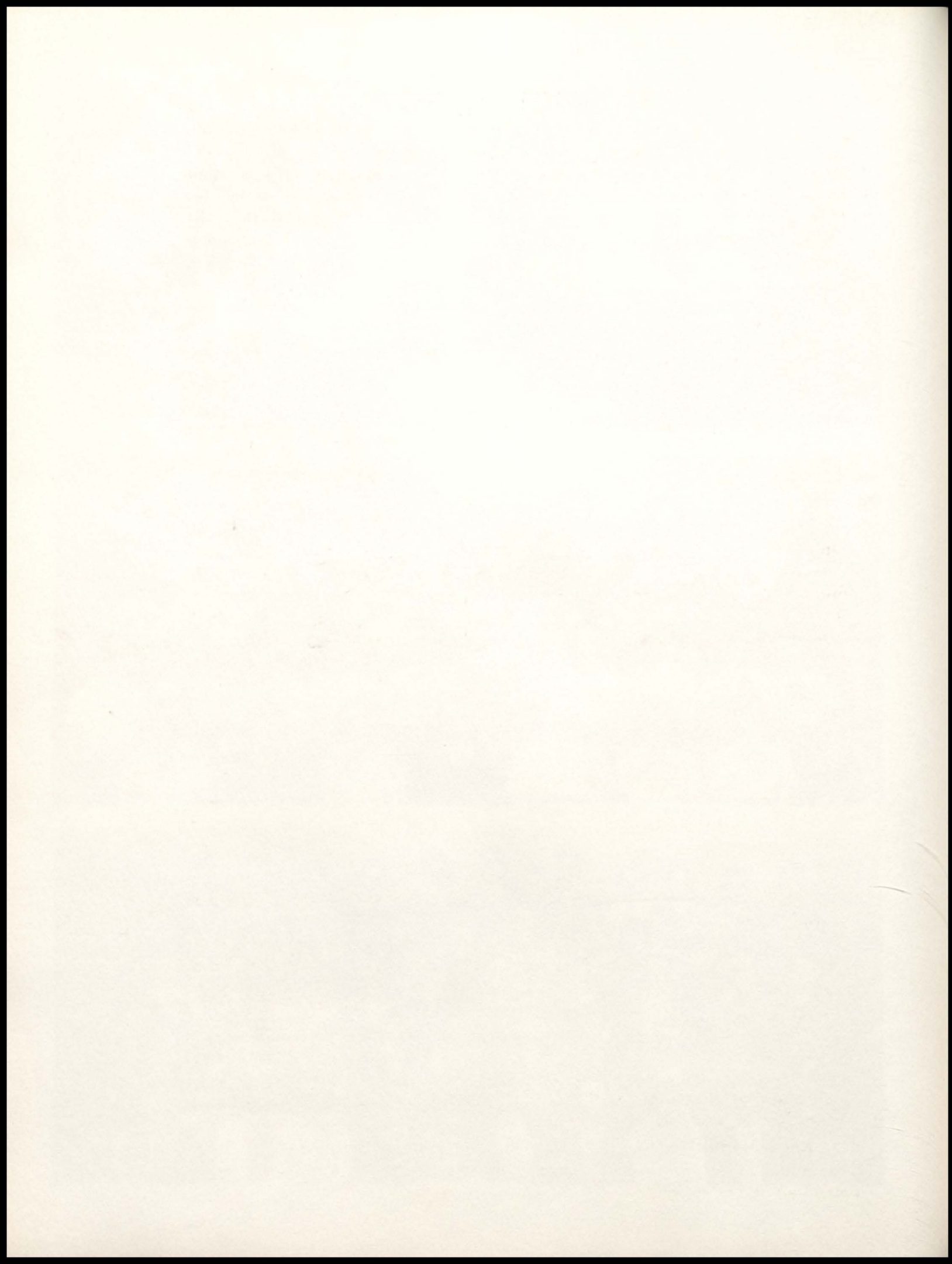
F. H. A.

First row: Goodmon (historian), J. Day (secretary), Bradley (president), Miss Lefever (advisor), Perkins (vice-president), McCabe (treasurer), Clark (recreation chairman)
Second row: Mundy, Dick, Hannon, Clow, Ard, McHenry, Metzger, Randall, Mulvaney, Doyle
Third row: Foran, Timme, Drake, Klein, Hinton, Allison, Primmer, N. McCollum, J. McCollum
Fourth row: VanLandingham, M. Bolsen, White, Byerline, Redman, Hord, Morgan, Tynan, McVicker, Janssen

F. F. A.

First row: R. Hannon (watch dog), Dobson (reporter), Rainey (secretary), R. Gallivan (president), Mr. Hodam (advisor), J. Kirwan (vice-president), Day (treasurer)
Second row: Bennett, Johnson, J. Hannon, Carlin, Fuqua, Hawkins, B. Gallivan, Bentley, Jeffers, D. Gallivan
Third row: Lawson, Schum, Hinton, Burgess, C. Bartison, McConaha, White, Clark, Courson, Goodmon
Fourth row: Clifton, Clow, Helm, Strack, Woodcock, Tate, Bradley, Metzger, Fombelle, W. Bartison
Fifth row: Bolsen, Defore, Pettyjohn, Turner, Sebens, Hardimon, Swaim, Imel, Perry, Larimore, T. Kirwan





STUDENT COUNCIL

The first big task of the student council was to choose a satisfactory way to select the football cheerleaders. Social events of the year were started by our Homecoming dance. This year a change was made as to who should be eligible for queen candidates. It was finally decided that all four candidates be chosen out of the senior class and that the queen be elected by the student body. The student council sponsored several all school parties and coke dances which were enjoyed very much.

L. O. V.

The L. O. V. Club, which had not existed in B. H. S. since 1948, was reorganized this year.

L. O. V., the motto of the club, means Labor Omnia Vincit. When translated into English, this motto means, "Labor conquers everything."

At each meeting there was a short business session followed by reports given by various students. These reports covered the dress, entertainment, traditions, and other customs of the ancient Romans.

F. H. A.

The Future Homemakers of America were quite active this year. One of the first events was a Halloween masquerade party.

Miss Lefever and Mrs. Selby Clark, chapter mother, took several members to Atwood on October 1 for a House of Delegates Meeting.

As Christmas time grew near, plans were made for a party which was held around the Christmas tree in the home economics room.

One event that the new members were glad to see end was initiation. Although their ridiculous outfits were very amusing to the older members, the initiates managed to withstand the teasing and are looking forward to next year.

To get in step with spring, a bus load of girls went to Weldon on March 1 to attend the annual spring rally.

The F. H. A.'s activities ended with a style show given at the May P. T. A. meeting. The girls modeled the clothing which they had made in their home economics classes.

F. F. A.

The F. F. A. is a national organization in which any boy who has studied or is studying agriculture may enroll.

During the Christmas holidays the F. F. A. boys and physics class enjoyed a two day trip to Chicago. They went through parts of the Seaburg Jukebox Factory, the stockyards, and the Science and Industry Building.

Every year the F. F. A. boys sell garden seeds to make a little extra money. This money is used for the annual F. H. A.—F. F. A. party. This year an Easter theme was chosen. Each girl wore an Easter bonnet and each boy, an Easter tie. You have never seen a funnier sight than all those Easter bonnets. After a long time, the judges decided that Linda Byerline had the best hat, a broad brimmed creation with a nest of chickens and rabbits on top and chickens all around the brim. Richard Gallivan had the prize winning tie, a blue hair ribbon.

BAND

Left Side:

First row: Clarinets—Clark, R. Day, T. Hardimon, Morton
Second row: Clarinets—Hinton, L. Born, Jeffers, Hodam, R. Born, LeCrone, Lux, Hainey
Third row: Bass clarinet—J. McCollum; Alto clarinet—N. McCollum; Alto saxophone—Siders, J. Stout, B. Goodmon, Morgan; Tenor saxophone—P. Doyle, Morris, B. Bolsen; Baritone saxophone—Redman
Fourth row: Bass horn—R. Hardimon, Lawson; Director—Mr. Taylor; Tympani—McCabe

Right Side:

First row: Flutes—J. Day, Moore, Glennon; Clarinet—Metzger
Second row: Cornets—D. Stout, Olinger; French horns—R. Fleming, Koebel, Zoch; Clarinet—L. Fleming
Third row: Cornets—D. Goodmon, Dancey, Jones, Robbins; Trombones—Swaim, Bradley; Baritones—Burgess, Livingston
Fourth row: Snare drums—Allison, L. Doyle, J. Fleming; Bass drum—G. Bolsen; Cymbals, Glockenspiel—M. Bolsen

CHORUS

First row: Miss Prange, S. McCabe, L. Fleming, J. Hannon, Burgess, Jeffers, S. Clark, Mundy, Doyle
Second row: Clow, Randall, Halterman, Hinton, J. Clark, Stout, Metzger, S. Hannon, Hainey
Third row: Timme, Joyce Day, Klein, Primmer, Spearman, J. Fleming, Dancey, N. Allison, Cantrell, N. McCollum, J. McCollum
Fourth row: Miles, VanLandingham, Bolsen, R. Fleming, Perry, Kirwan, Turner, Morgan, McVicker, E. McCabe
Fifth row: Byerline, R. Day, Dobson, Jim Day, Olinger, D. Allison, Phipps, Redman, Hord

SEXTET

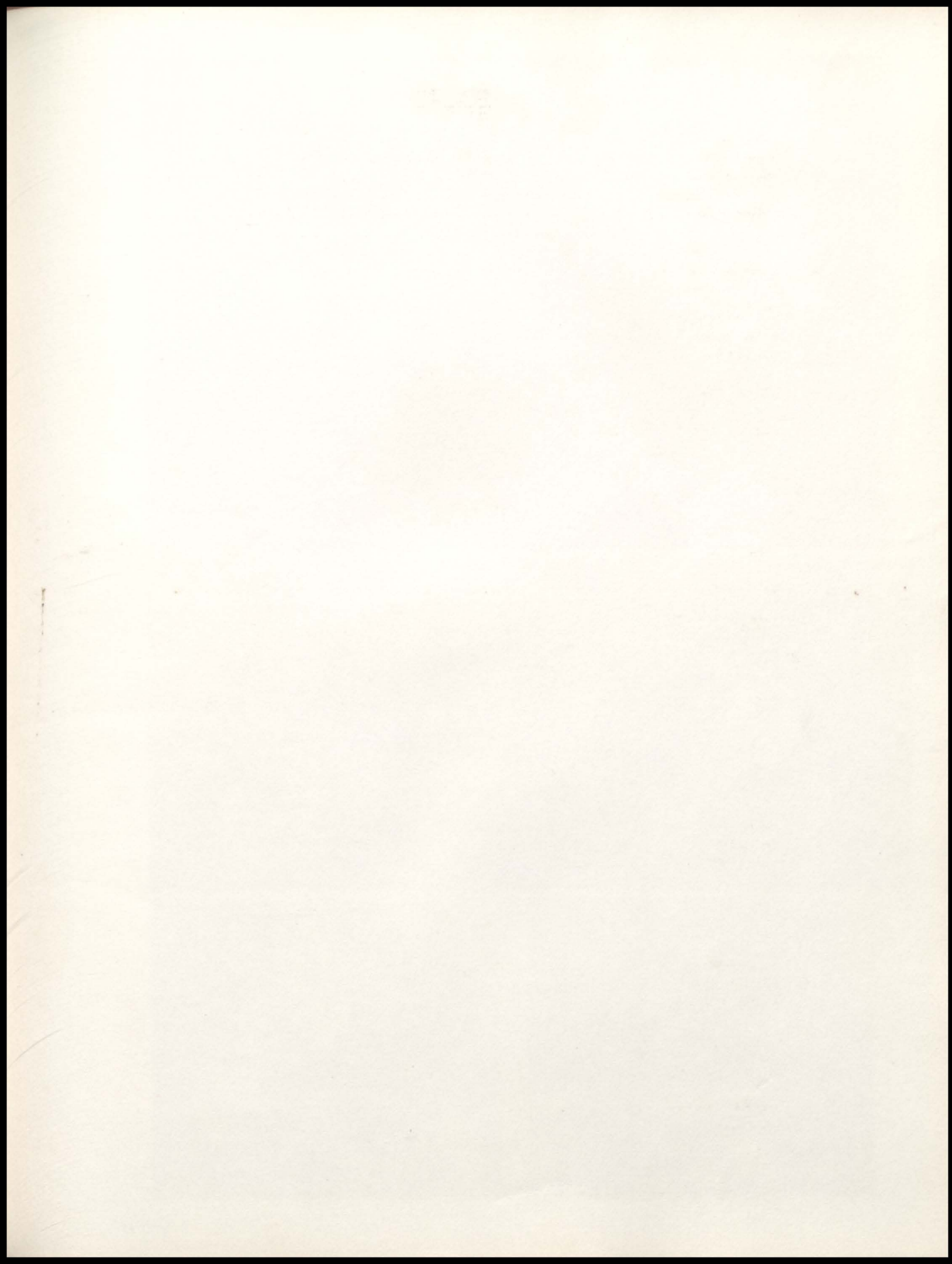
First row: Miss Prange, J. Day, McCabe
Second row: J. McCollum, N. McCollum
Third row: Hord, R. Day

OCTET

First row: Miss Prange, Doyle, Spearman
Second row: McVicker, Dobson, Clark
Third row: Olinger, Byerline, Kirwan

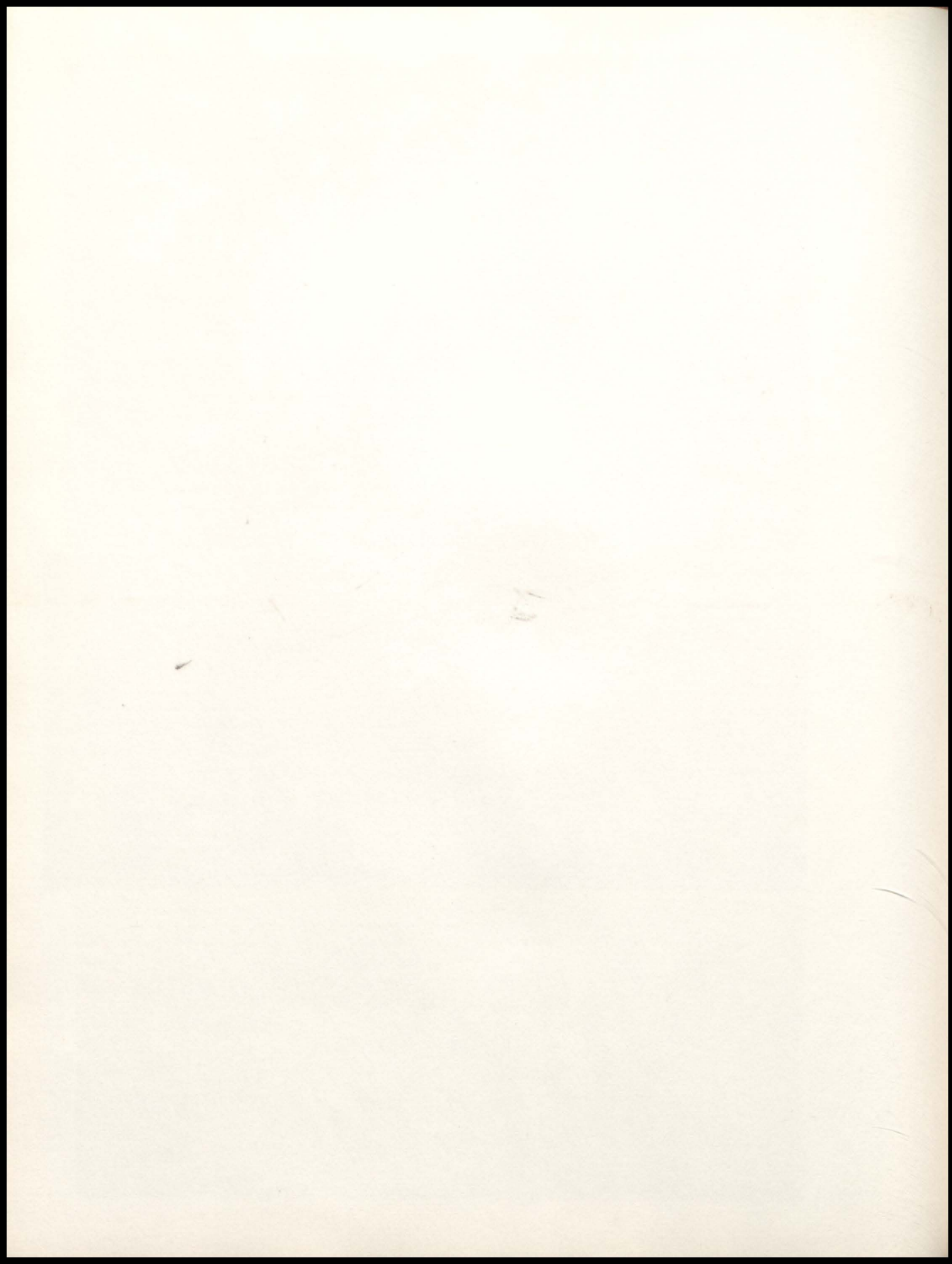
TWIRLERS

Depew, Hannon, Koebel, Halterman, White









BAND

Left Right! Guide Right! Halt! One, Two! This chant was heard for ten weeks by the band members. Between halves of the football games, the band entertained the crowd with stirring music, intricate formations, and colorful stunts.

After football season the band started working on concert numbers. Going from a marching band to a concert band takes a lot of work on the part of each member. They attended the Piatt County Music Festival held at Cerro Gordo on December 7. Hereafter, this festival will be held at a different school each year.

The band gave three concerts, a Christmas concert, a formal concert, which will be an annual affair, and a spring concert.

At the spring concert the National Arion Foundation Award was given to the student who had been chosen by the band and chorus members. This award is given annually to a senior of the music department who is outstanding in the following qualifications: better than average scholastic standing, cooperation over and above normal duties, general musicianship, musical performance, attendance, ambition, diligence, inspiration to others, personal habits, qualified to carry on the best tradition of the school. Since each year the award is presented by the last winner, Don Vandercreek made the presentation to this year's winner, Shirley McCabe.

The band received superior rating in the district contest on April 5 and entered the state contest at Peoria on May 3.

TWIRLERS

The drum majorette and twirlers added to the performance of the band at football games and concerts. Dorothy Koebel has been drum majorette for two years. Dorothy White and Wanda Depew, our most outstanding twirlers, won first place in the district contest.

CHORUS

Every Friday the fourth hour the chorus met with Miss Prange to practice their numbers. The first of the year they worked on the songs they sang at the Piatt County Festival and Christmas concert. After the Christmas concert they worked on the numbers for the district contest and spring concert. At the district contest the mixed chorus and girls' chorus won excellent ratings. The boys' chorus received a superior rating which gave them an opportunity to go to the state contest.

SPECIAL GROUPS

Three vocal groups, the girls' sextet, boys' quartet, and the mixed octet, practiced frequently throughout the year. They furnished delightful entertainment at various times for the Lions club, Bement Woman's Club, and P. T. A. They sang at the Christmas concert and spring concert, besides the district contest.

ANNUAL STAFF

Sitting: Depew (typist), White (typist), Brewer (sports editor), Clark (sports editor), Miss Houston (advisor), Day (editor), Siders (assistant editor), Miss Headrick (advisor)

Standing: Lindstrom (freshman editor), Crinigan (junior editor), Bradley (activity editor), Rainey (activity editor), Goodmon (activity editor), Dobson (senior editor), McCabe (senior editor), Kirwan (photographer), Imel (artist), Hannon (feature editor), Janssen (business manager), Hardimon (business manager), Klein (sophomore editor), Tucker (feature editor)

NEWS STAFF

Sitting: Mrs Hammond (advisor), Miss Swaim (advisor), Perkins (editor), Olinger (assistant editor), White (senior editor), Spearman (sports editor), Dancey (sports editor), Depew (typist)

Standing: Clark (junior editor), Crinigan (junior editor), Dick (assistant news editor), Byerline (business manager), Allison (sophomore editor), McVicker (freshman editor), Dobson (senior editor), Stout (sophomore editor), Cantrell (freshman editor), Halterman (assistant editor), McCollum (news editor)

LIBRARY STAFF

First row: Clark, Miss Houston

Second row: Allison, Fuqua, Depew, Crinigan, McCollum, Spearman, Dick

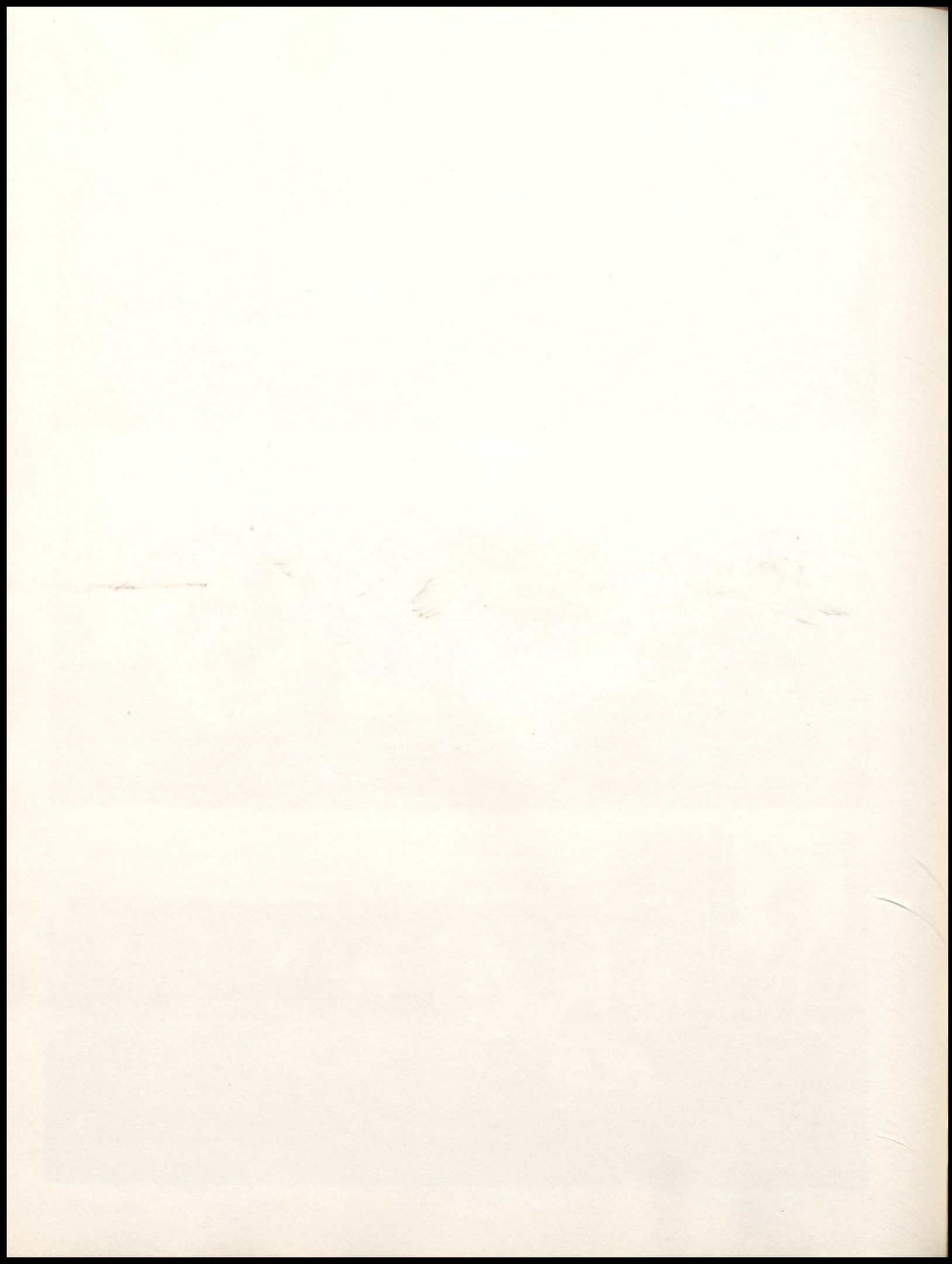
Third row: Hardimon, Pettyjohn, O'Hara, White, Siders, Janssen

LIBRARY CLUB

When the Library Club was organized last fall, it was discovered that there were more students on the staff than ever before.

These librarians vigorously began work by each taking charge at the desk a period a day in alternate weeks checking in and out books, helping students find material, and keeping the library tidy. The weeks they were not at the desk they made themselves useful at other library tasks such as typing or making colorful posters to advertise the new and old books waiting to be read.





DISTRICT MUSIC CONTEST

The district contest was held at Gibson City on March 15. There were twenty-four entries. Those receiving superior ratings were as follows:

VOCAL SOLOS—Sonya Clark, high voice; Rachel Day, low voice; Richard Fleming, high voice.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS—Janet McCollum, bass clarinet; Dorothy White and Wanda Depew, twirling; Don Burgess, baritone; Richard Fleming, French horn.

ENSEMBLES—Clarinet: Sonya Clark, Rachel Day, Theresa Hardimon, and Sharon Morton.

Clarinet: Sandra Metzger, Lois Fleming, Karen Lux, and Louise Born.

Drum Ensemble: Margie Bolsen, cymbals; Glenn Bolsen, bass drum; Linda Doyle and Jerry Fleming, snare drums; Shirley McCabe, piano.

Brass quintet: Raymond Hardimon, bass horn; Don Burgess, baritone; Richard Fleming, French horn; Joe Olinger and Don Stout, cornet.

Those receiving excellent ratings were:

VOCAL SOLOS—Patty Doyle, medium voice; Sandra Metzger, low voice; David Spearman, medium voice; John Hannon, high voice; Jim Day, low voice.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—Joyce Day, flute.

ENSEMBLES—Mixed Clarinet quartet: Sonya Clark, Rachel Day, Janet McCollum, and Nancy McCollum.

Boys' Quartet: John Hannon, first tenor; Joe Olinger, second tenor; Jim Day, baritone; David Dobson, bass.

Octet: Sonya Clark and Patty Doyle, sopranos; Linda Byerline and Sandra McVicker, altos; David Spearman and Joe Olinger, tenors; Jack Kirwan and David Dobson, basses.

Sextet: Joyce Day and Nancy McCollum, first sopranos; Janet McCollum and Shirley McCabe, second sopranos; Rachel Day and Marlene Hord, altos.

Nancy McCollum received a good rating in high voice and alto clarinet solos.

Those receiving the superior rating participated in the state music contest which was held at Bradley University, Peoria, Illinois on May 2 and 3.

SPRING JUDGING CONTESTS

The 1951 sectional fat stock and dairy judging contest was held at Arthur. There were six boys on each team, three of whom went to the state at Champaign. The state contest was a big success for Bement. The fat stock team got a blue ribbon and the dairy team, a red ribbon. Larry Rainey and Chalmer Hinton got blue individual ribbons; Charles Bartison, Paul Larimore, and Dave Dobson, red individual ribbons; and Robert Bradley, a white individual.

DISTRICT LATIN CONTEST

The district Latin contest was held at Clinton, Illinois, on March 29. Hans Metzger and Joe Olinger represented Bement. Hans received a superior rating and Joe an excellent. Hans attended the sectional contest on April 19 and went on to the state contest in Chicago on May 10.

GRAIN AND POULTRY JUDGING

Warrensburg High School was the scene of the sectional judging contest for grain and poultry. The grain team again walked off with first place. Jim Day placed second in the individual scoring race. John Sebens and Charles Bartison will complete the team for the state contest this summer.

The poultry team advanced from eighth place of last year to second place this year. Larry Rainey copped third individual rating. Jack Kirwan, who placed tenth in the individual race, will complete the team for the state.

PICTURES OF CONTESTANTS

First row: Poultry team—Tate, Kirwan, Rainey; Fat stock team—Rainey, Bartison, Day, Kirwan, Larimore

Second row: Dairy team—Tate, R. Gallivan, Bradley, Hinton, Pettyjohn; Grain team—Sitting: Day, C. Bartison, Sebens; Standing: Pettyjohn, Strack, Hinton

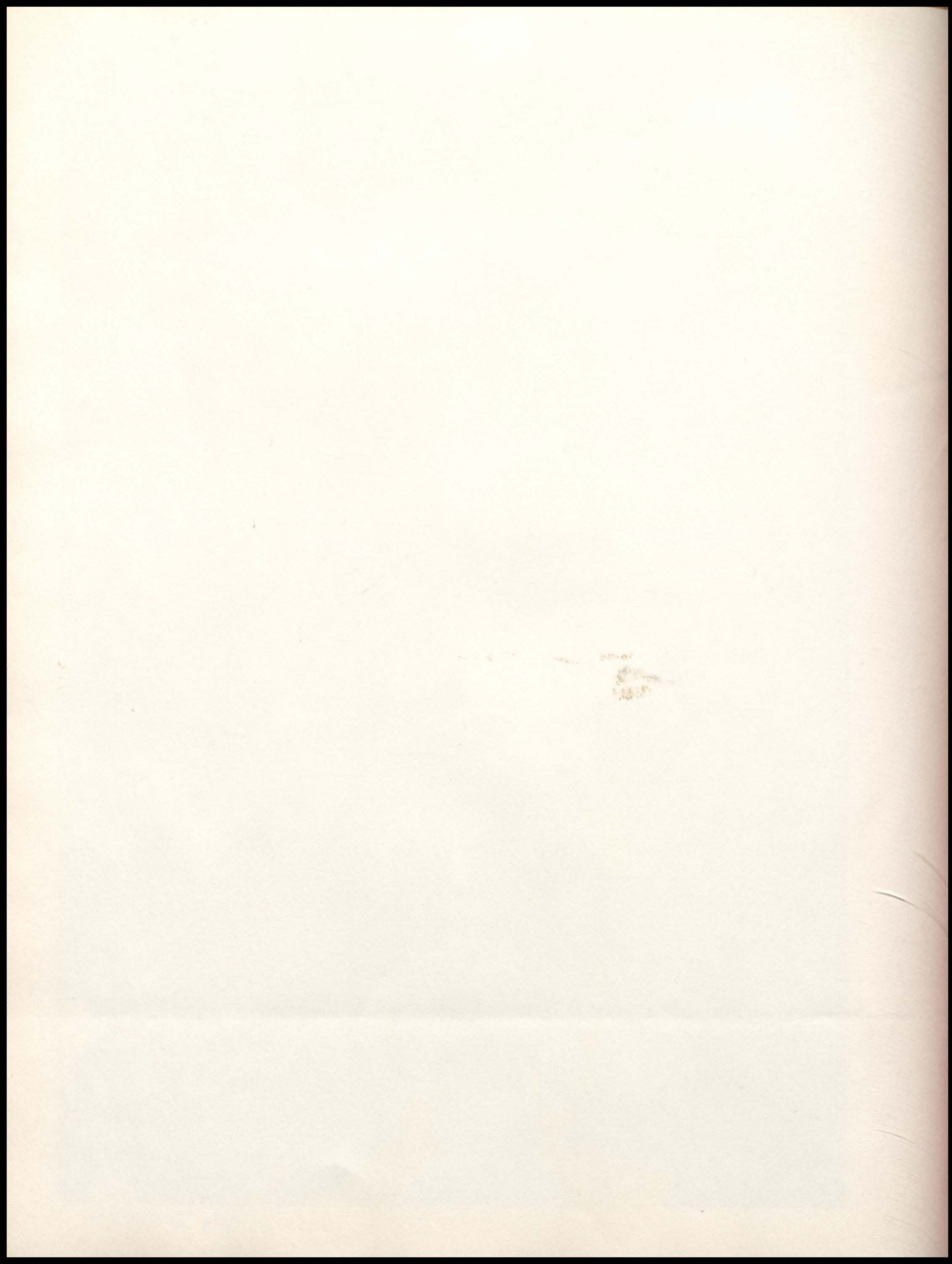
Third row: Mixed Clarinet quartet—J. McCollum, N. McCollum, R. Day, Clark; Drum ensemble—M. Bolsen, G. Bolsen, McCabe, J. Fleming, L. Doyle

Fourth row: Clarinet quartet—Morton, Hardimon, R. Day, Clark; Brass ensemble—Olinger, D. Stout, Hardimon, Burgess, R. Fleming

Fifth row: Clarinet quartet—Lux, Born, Metzger, L. A. Fleming; Instrumental soloists—R. Fleming, Joyce Day, J. McCollum, N. McCollum, Burgess

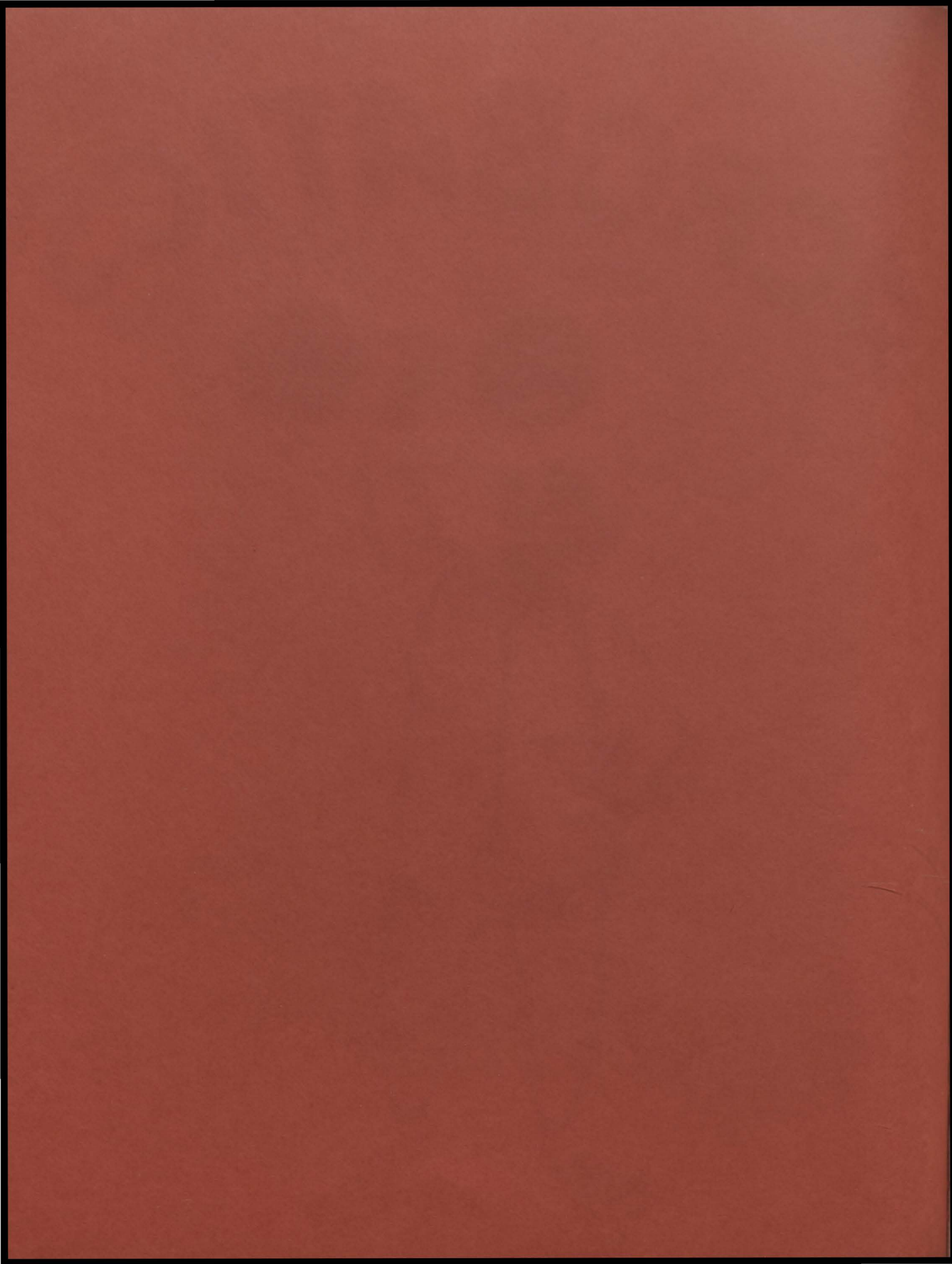
Sixth row: Twirlers—White, Depew; Latin contestants—Olinger, Metzger; Boys' quartet—Hannon, Olinger, Jim Day, Dobson; Vocal soloists—Sitting: R. Day, Clark, N. McCollum, Metzger; Standing: Spearman, Hannon, P. Doyle, Jim Day, R. Fleming.





ACROBATICS





ACROBATS

Now the crowd makes such a clatter,
We quickly look to see what's the matter;
Through the air, they twist and flip,
Acrobats at a furious clip.
In reality, we're speaking of
Boys who give their sports first love,
They seldom fall, they seldom totter,
They give their all for their Alma Mater.

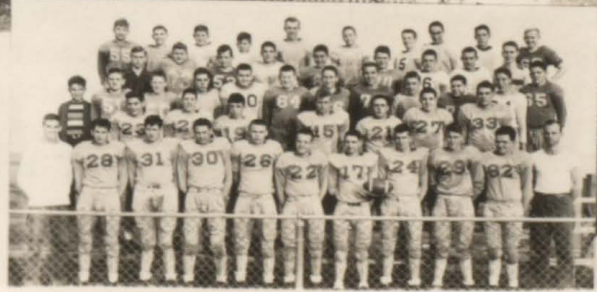
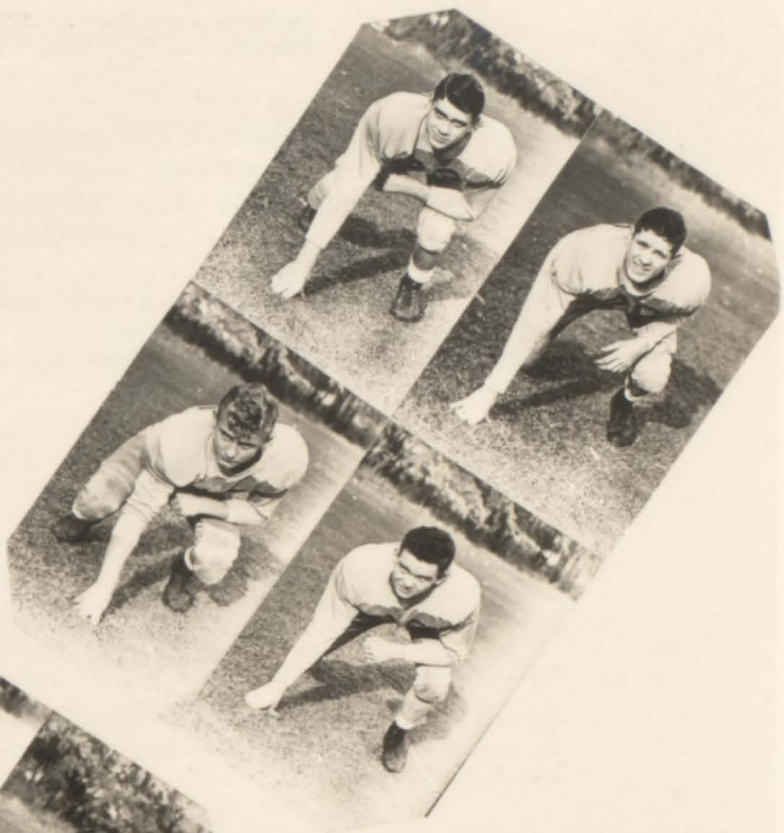
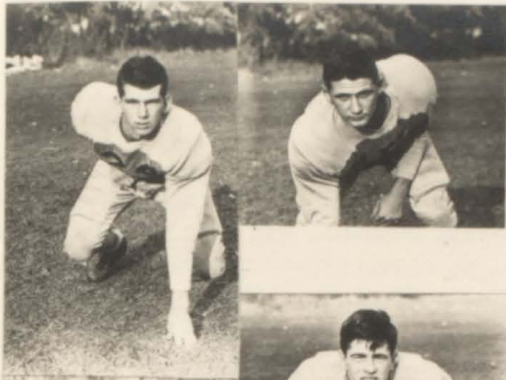
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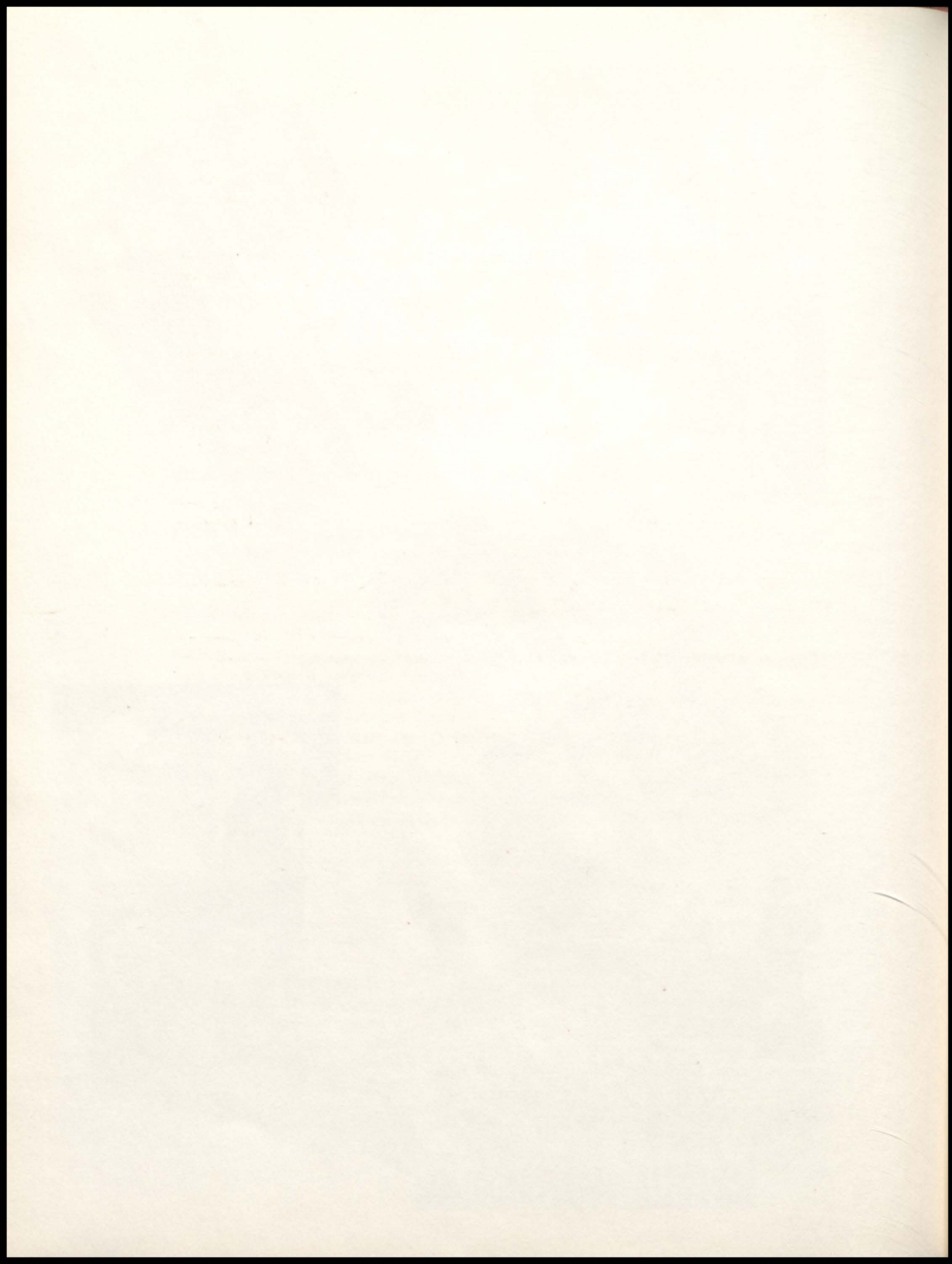
SQUAD

First row: Coach Stewart, Day, Hardimon, Sebens, Allison, Spearman, Clow, R. Gallivan, King, Hannon, Coach Anderson
Second row: Westfall, Brewer, B. Gallivan, Scott, Clark, Bobson, Romack
Third row: Jeffers, Stout, Goodmon, Hooker, Proctor, Porter, Larimore, Phipps, Bentley, Carlin, Turner, Siders
Fourth row: Fuqua, McConaha, Clifton, White, Defore, Dancey, Burgess, Schum, Olinger
Fifth row: Bolsen, Helm, Courson, D. Gallivan, Bales, Tate, Hinton, Knapp, Strack, Lawson
Managers: Jeffers, Olinger, Fuqua

VARSITY GRIDDERS

RICH GALLIVAN—Senior—Guard—Co-Captain. Made Little All State and all Conference teams—Guards and tackles broke his bones, but he was still on the roam.
DALE CLOW—Senior—Halfback—Co-Captain. Although hampered by an early injury, he came through as a leading ground gainer.
JIM DAY—Senior—End—Middle man on A-double-lateral pass—Skilled pass receiver.
RAYMOND HARDIMON—Senior—Center—Made all-conference because of aggressive defense and blocking.
BOB ROMACK—Senior—Fullback—Big and tough with lots of drive. Made many a bruised opponent tell terrible tales.
BOB BREWER—Senior—Guard—Though small in stature, he never gave up. Grounded many a big husky.
DAN SCOTT—Junior—Halfback—A flashing runner with tricky foot work. A good prospect for next year.
RAY HANNON—Junior—Tackle—Many a black eye he has had but he will still shine—Slow but sure—Loves a good rough game.
DON ALLISON—Sophomore—Guard—Big and rough — Loves defense — A hard hitter.
JOHN SEBENS—Sophomore—Fullback—Shrewd defensive man—He can go places.
KENNETH WESTFALL—Sophomore—Guard—A hard worker — Made a good showing at any line position.
BOB GALLIVAN—Sophomore—Guard—Many a star has shone from this family—Watch this one.
MAX KING—Senior—End—A good plugger for two years. A reliable reserve. His last game was his best.
JIM CLARK—Senior—Quarterback—Full of fire and will to win—Hard to stop. Beware that quarterback sneak.
DAVE DOBSON—Senior—End—Right place at right time—Blocked those punts.
DAVID SPEARMAN—Sophomore—Quarterback—Capable defensive man. Dependable backfield substitute.
BOB PROCTOR—Senior—Tackle—Great determination and loyalty to the squad won him a letter. (No picture)





FOOTBALL FLASHBACKS

SEPTEMBER 14—Bement 0—Farmer City 0. The Bulldogs journeyed to Farmer City to open their '51 season. Although the game was played largely in the Farmer's territory with the Bulldogs advancing to the 3 yard line, they could never hit pay dirt. Great defense displayed by two big teams.

SEPTEMBER 21—Bement 13—Eastern State 6. On their home field Bement broke into the winning column by using a powerful ground attack and an alert defense to sink the Vikings. Limited substitution marked the superior stamina of the Bulldogs.

SEPTEMBER 28—Bement 18—Atwood 7. Still playing at home, the Bulldogs exhibited superior line play and an offense to match to take their second straight game and their first conference win.

OCTOBER 5—Bement 27—Sullivan 12. The Bulldogs, averaging six and seven yards a clip on their home field, ran the Redskins back to their reservation. All the Bulldogs got a chance to sink their teeth into the Injuns.

OCTOBER 11—Bement 32—Cerro Gordo O. After a scoreless first half on the Cerro Gordo field, the Bulldogs came back with renewed spirit and broke the Broncos to lead the conference with a 3 and 0 standing.

OCTOBER 19—Bement 7—Villa Grove 13. The Grovers, inspired by their homecoming crowd, tripped the Bulldogs for their first conference loss.

OCTOBER 26—Bement 0—Arcola 7. In a hard fought contest before Bement's homecoming crowd, the Purple Riders in the last quarter edged the Bulldogs 7--0. Rich Gallivan broke his hand and was out for the remainder of the season.

NOVEMBER 2—Bement 14—Unity 54. Unity, running a streak of seventeen wins and sporting an all stater in Don Grothe, routed the die hard Bulldogs on the Rocket's home field. Bement's famed A-Double-Lateral Pass paid off in the third quarter for a 65 yard T. D.

NOVEMBER 9—Bement 12—Monticello 27. Playing on the Monticello duck pond, the Bulldogs fell through and got beat. The gridiron had to be cleared of several inches of snow before the annual Bement-Monticello Armistice tilt. After the first quarter Bement's speed was hampered by the mud and the Monticello power overcame the Bulldogs.

BULLPUPS

The Bullpups won all but one of their six games, losing only to a mighty team from Arcola by a heartbreaking score of 13 to 12. The starting eleven were all sophomores who are gaining valuable experience to help them in future varsity games. The football outlook for Bement is still rosy.

BASKETBALL

SQUAD

First row: Clark, Spearman, Dobson, Day, Hardimon, Romack, Sebens, Rainey,
Brewer, Clow

Second row: Livingston, Jeffers, Helm, Goodman, Stout, Coaches Stewart and An-
derson, B. Gallivan, Burgess, Hannon, D. Gallivan.

Third row: Hinton, Tate, Dancy, Strack, Phipps, Olinger, Sparks, Bolsen, Clifton,
McConaha; Metzger

Managers: Siders, Strater

Jim Day—Senior—

A floor general, a wonderful shot,
A more valuable player we know not.

Jim Clark—Senior—

He set up a lot of plays;
His faking left them in a daze.

"Mike" Hardimon—Senior—

A good rebounder with a lot of fight,
He played the game with all his might.

Bob Romack—Senior—

Fake, leap, jump and score;
Making baskets was no chore.

Dave Dobson—Senior—

As a set-shot artist he won his fame;
Though just as good in a tipping game.

John Sebens—Sophomore—

Run! Run! Run some more;
A lot of drive to boost the score.

Dale Clow—Senior—

A defensive man, he was really bold,
'Til a shoulder injury stopped him cold.

Larry Rainey—Senior—

Against a team that used a zone,
His good one hander really shone.

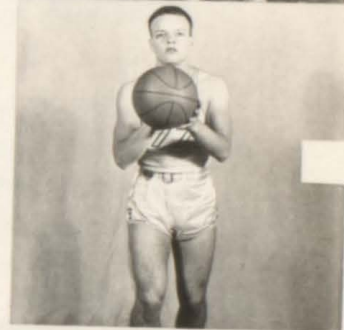
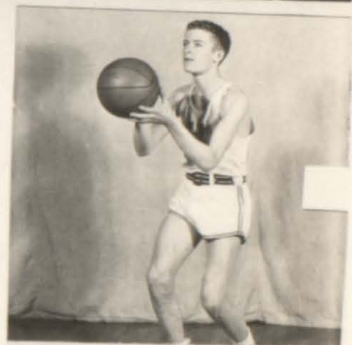
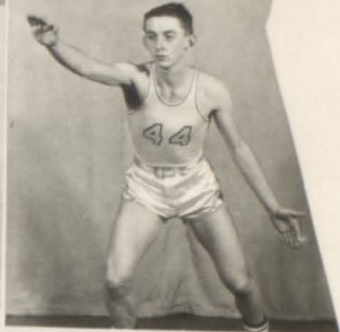
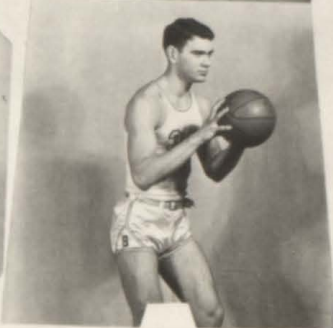
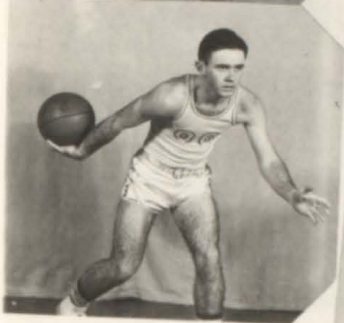
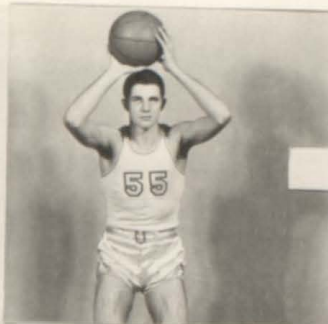
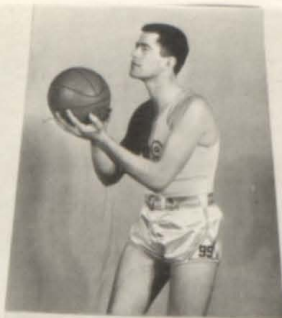
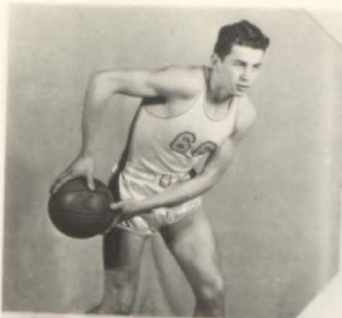
Chalmer Hinton—Sophomore—

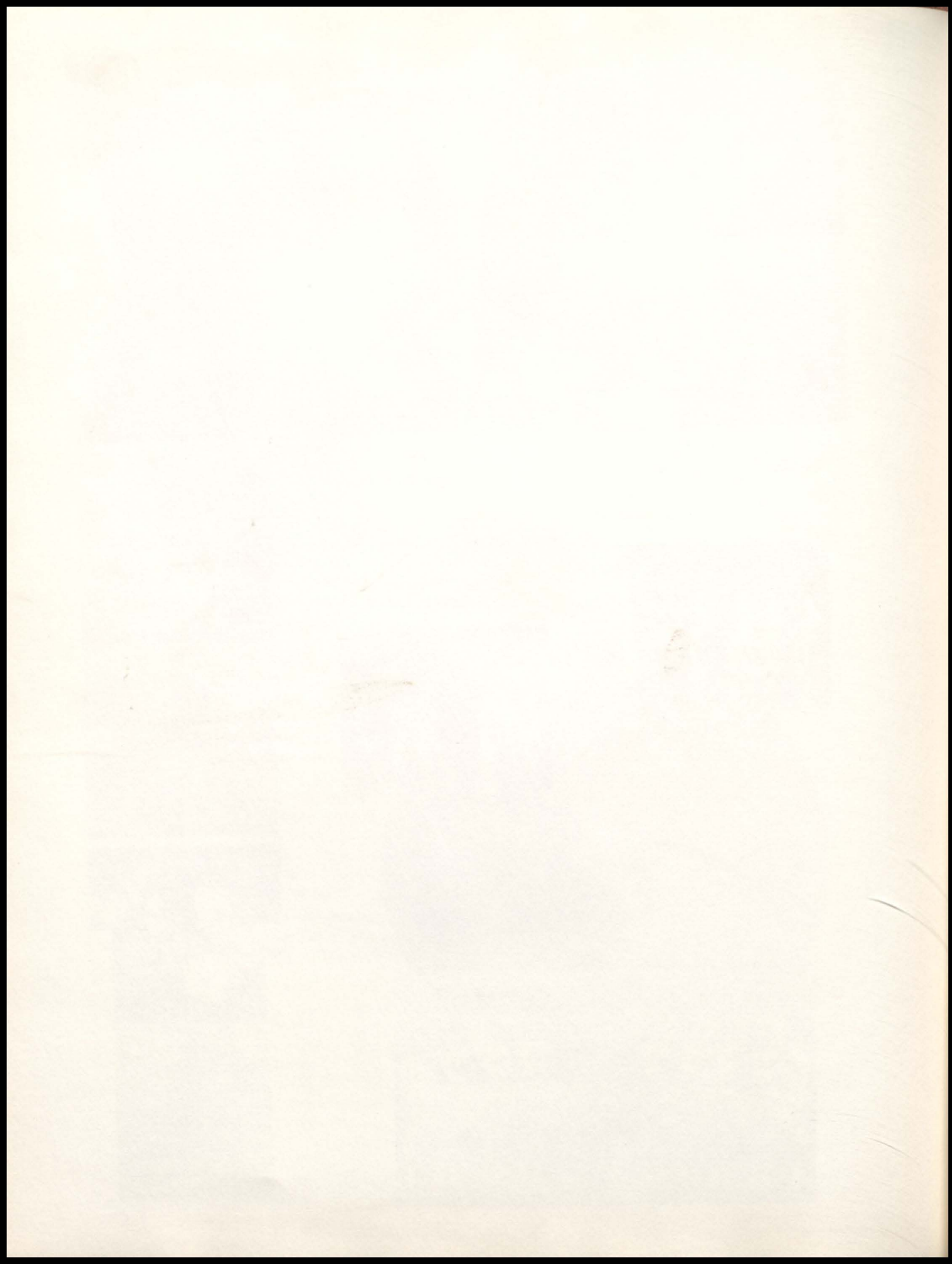
A little boy with a good touch,
He comes through when they're in a clutch.

Dave Spearman—Sophomore—

A useful player in any place,
He's a likely prospect in the varsity race.

| | G.P. | T.P. | A.P. | | G.P. | T.P. | A.P. |
|----------|------|------|------|------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Day | 23 | 282 | 12.3 | Rainey | 17 | 30 | 1.8 |
| Sebens | 22 | 215 | 9.8 | Hinton | 14 | 36 | 2.6 |
| Hardimon | 19 | 168 | 8.8 | Clark | 15 | 27 | 1.9 |
| Dobson | 20 | 172 | 8.6 | G.P.—Games Played | | | |
| Romack | 15 | 173 | 11.5 | T.P.—Total Points | | | |
| Spearman | 15 | 67 | 4.5 | A.P.—Average Points per game | | | |





BASKETBALL HIGHLIGHTS

The Bement basketeers enjoyed one of their most successful seasons in the last several years as they completed the season with 14 wins against 9 losses. They finished in a tie for fifth in the conference with a 6-4 record. The team was plagued with injuries and illness during the early weeks of the season but began rolling along smoothly after losing a heartbreaker to Villa Grove in the Okaw Valley tournament.

Although the team did not get to play any games in the new gym, the community crowded into the old gym and really backed the battling Bulldogs. The fans were usually rewarded with an exciting game since the Bulldogs won 9 out of 12 home games and the margin of victory was often very small.

The starting line up usually consisted of Day, Dobson, Romack, Hardimon, and Sebens, with Clark, Rainey, Brewer, Hinton, and Spearman doing an excellent job of relief when needed. Jim Day was the leading scorer and key player. John Sebens was the most improved player on the team and since Johnny is only a sophomore, we should hear more about him in the next two years. Romack and Hardimon were the big men on the team and a rugged pair under the boards. Dobson put on several exhibitions of sharp shooting with his spectacular one hand shots from the side. The top scoring performance of the year was Raymond Hardimon's twenty-seven points against Atwood in the second game of the year.

At the close of the season, Jim Day was voted the most valuable player by his teammates and received a trophy for the honor. His name was placed on a plaque that will hang in the lobby of the new gym. He was also elected honorary captain. John Sebens won the award for the best free throw percentage and his name was inscribed on the trophy in the trophy case. Although seven of the first ten are seniors, the prospect for the next season appears to be pretty good. The team as a whole will be long remembered as a big, fast, hustling ball club that exemplified the spirit of good sportsmanship at all times.

BULLPUPS

Besides the varsity, Bement also fielded a reserve team and a freshman team. The reserve team had a successful season, finishing with a 13-7 record. The reserves were sparked by sophomores Hinton, Spearman, and Phipps.

SPRING SPORTS -- "B" CLUB

TRACK

First row: Hooker, Sebens, Spearman, Olinger, Stout (Manager)

Second row: Dobson, Stanton, Coach Stewart, Romack, Hardimon, Clow

GOLF

Coach Anderson, Neal, Spearman, Knapp, Hodam, Vandercreek, Day, Stout, Siders

BASEBALL

First row: B. Hannon, Hinton, J. Hannon

Second row: Day, Hardimon, Brewer, Hodam, Clark, Gallivan, Dobson

Third row: Fuqua (Manager), Knapp, Romack, Rainey, Clow, Strater, Coach Anderson

"B" CLUB

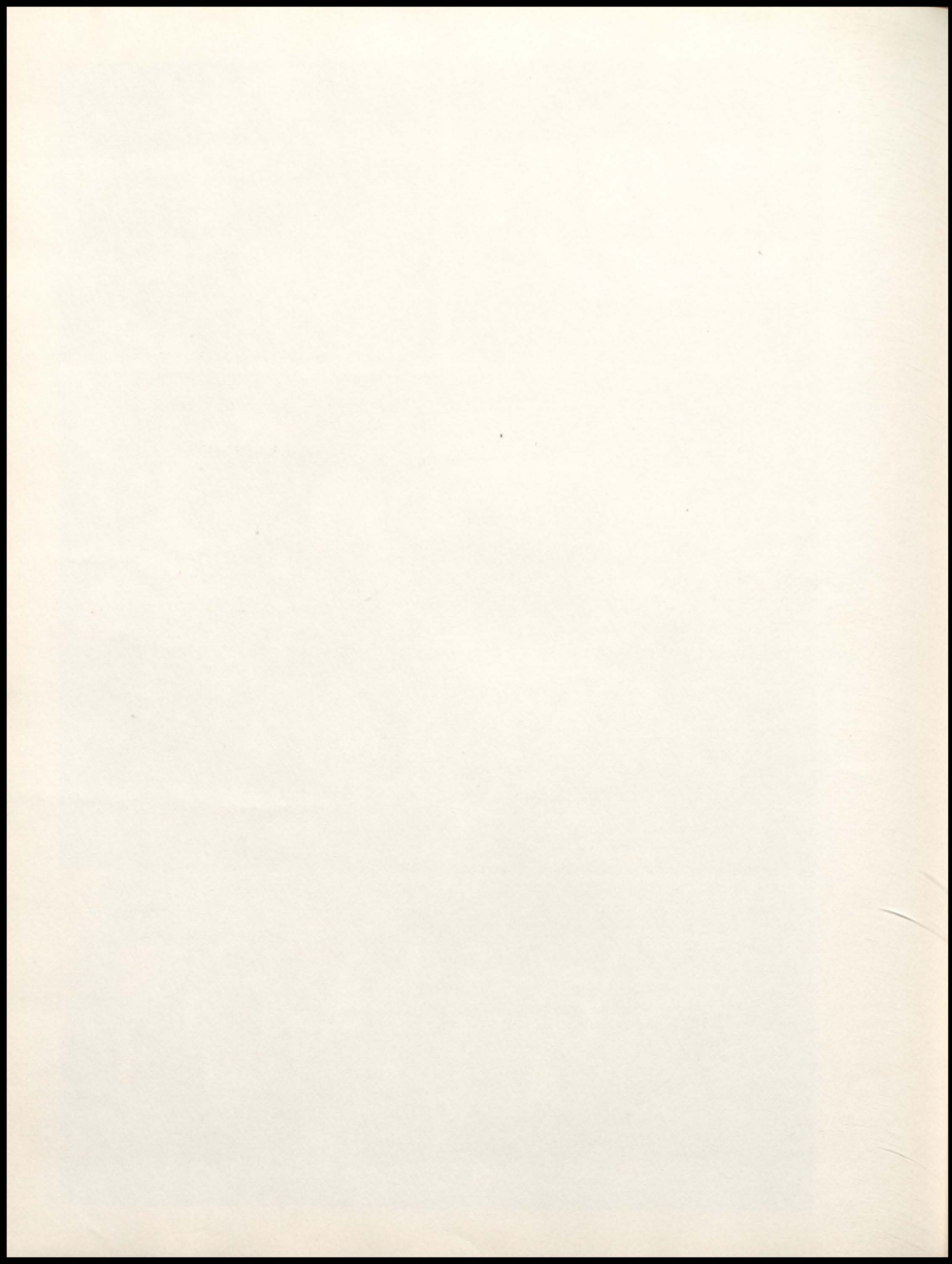
First row: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Stewart, R. Hannon, Dobson, R. Gallivan, Hardimon, Olinger, B. Gallivan

Second row: Scott, J. Hannon, Hinton, Brewer, Day, Clark, Fuqua

Third row: Westfall, Spearman, Kirwan, Allison, Siders, Romack, Sebens, Rainey, Clow

The B-Club in its first year after reorganizing is really becoming an active organization. Any boy who has won a "B" in any sport or as manager may become a member of the club. Come Friday you can always recognize a member of this organization since each must wear his letter sweater on that day or be subject to a ten cent fine. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Stewart, advisors, promoted a program-selling idea for the Homecoming game. It went over in a big way. The profits will go toward a score board in the new gymnasium.





SPRING SPORTS

TRACK — 1951

The outstanding features of the 1951 track season were the Newman Relays and the Okaw Valley Conference Meet. The Bulldogs brought home from Newman the third place trophy, and the freshman 880 relay team won a first place trophy. On this team were Bales, Spearman, Hooker, and Sebens.

At the Okaw Meet, the same freshmen, running in the 440 yard relay, broke an eighteen year record by establishing a conference time of 48.7 seconds. Juniors placing in this meet were Dobson, third in the 440 yard dash and Romack, fifth in the 220. The only senior placing was Richard Stanton, first in the 880. Other lettermen, all of whom participated in the meet, were Hardimon, Clow—juniors; Olinger—freshman.

GOLF—1951

Golf was introduced into Bement's athletic program by Coach Anderson in April, 1951. Approximately twenty boys turned out for the first practice. The practices were held on the football practice field every night after school. Later, through the courtesy of the Monticello Golf Association, the boys were privileged to play at certain times on the Monticello golf course. After two weeks, the number of players totaled eight. A match was scheduled with Monticello but was later cancelled since Monticello didn't have enough players. In '52 the Bulldogs hope to play some matches and enter a few boys in the state tourney.

BASEBALL — 1951

Seventeen boys reported for the first baseball practice. Although the Bulldogs had six returning lettermen, they could not quite turn the trick and ended their season with three wins and four losses.

Batting averages of those batting twelve times or more for the year.

| Name, position | AB | H | PTC |
|---------------------------|----|----|------|
| Clark (Captain), pitcher | 23 | 10 | .434 |
| J. Hannon, infield | 20 | 6 | .300 |
| Day, outfield | 23 | 6 | .260 |
| Hodam, infield | 16 | 4 | .250 |
| Hardimon, catcher | 16 | 4 | .250 |
| Hinton, infield | 19 | 4 | .210 |
| Brewer, outfield, catcher | 12 | 2 | .166 |
| B. Gallivan, outfield | 14 | 2 | .142 |
| Dobson, infield | 20 | 2 | .100 |

CHEERING SECTION - - G. A. A.

PEP CLUB

First row: Byerline, J. McCollum, J. Day, Clark, Klein, Allison, Hord
Second row: Mundy, Corum, Mulvaney, Hannon, Randall, Dick, Doyle
Third row: Metzger, McHenry, Lindstrom, Crinigan, N. McCollum, Halterman,
Adams, Clow
Fourth row: Perkins, McVicker, Morgan, R. Day, Depew, Tynan, Hardimon,
Bradley

The Pep Club is a group of girls organized for the purpose of sitting together at basketball games to cheer the players on to victory. The girls were given season tickets at reduced rates.

This group is the beginning of a cheering section for the new gym. We will be looking forward to the block "B" next year.

CHEERLEADERS

Football Cheerleaders

First row: McCollum, Clark
Second row: Day, Ard
Third row: Hinton, Byerline

Basketball Cheerleaders

First row: Clark, Day
Second row: Byerline, McCollum

The football and basketball cheerleaders did a tremendous job of backing the teams. Three of these girls were cheerleaders last year and their experience proved valuable.

At pep meetings both groups introduced new yells to the student body. At the games they displayed pep and enthusiasm and kept the cheering sections aroused to encourage the team at all times. In their attractive purple and white outfits they added a flashy touch to the athletic events.

G. A. A.

First row: McCabe, Randall, J. McCollum, J. Day (secretary-treasurer), Clark (president), Miss Fowler (advisor), Mundy (vice-president), Clow (point chairman), Crinigan, Doyle
Second row: Metzger, Hannon, Halterman, Goodmon, Allison, N. McCollum, Miles, Dick
Third row: Hardimon, Drake, Kurr, Morgan, R. Day, Hord, Byerline, Depew, McVicker, Bradley

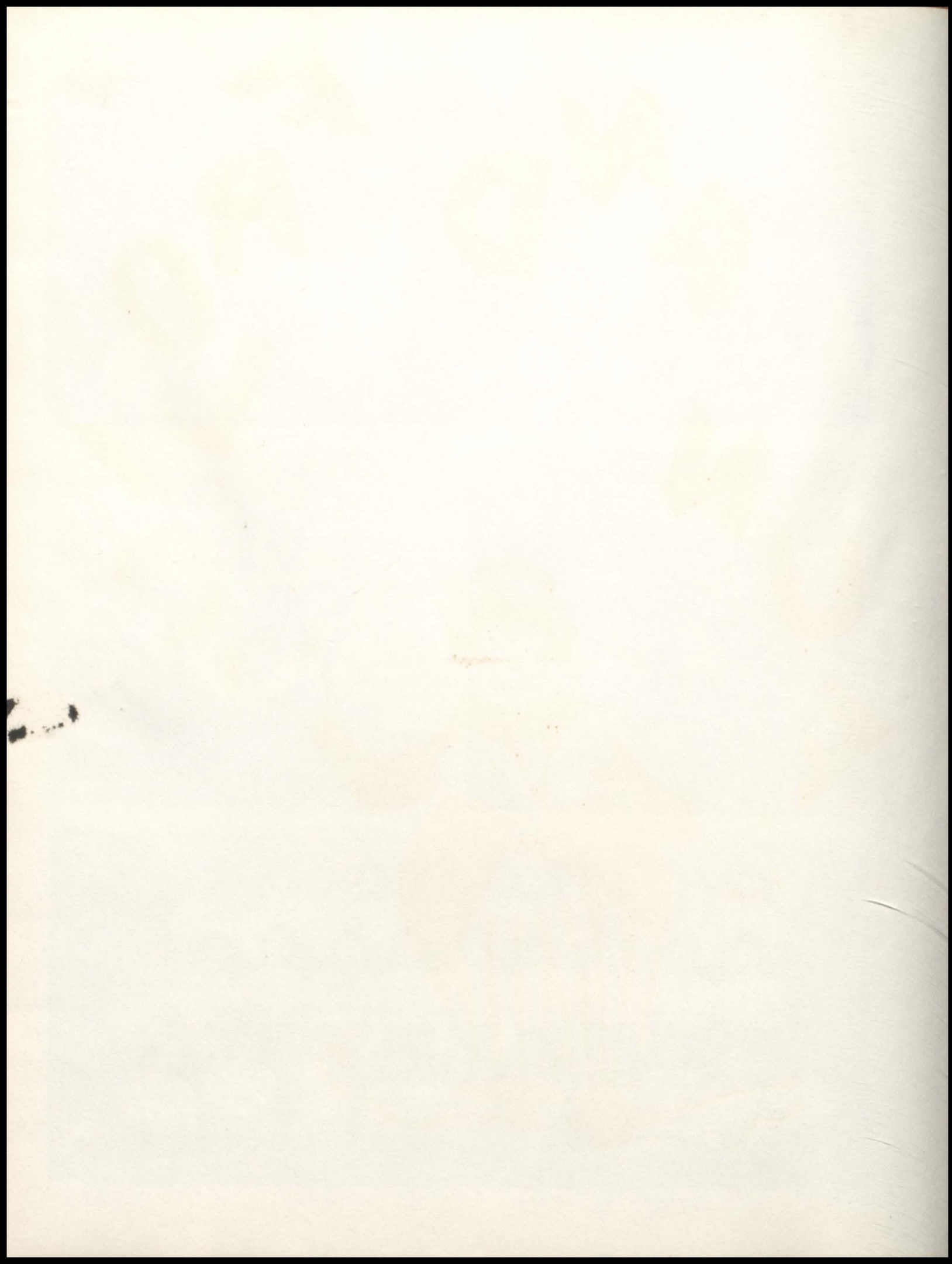
With the assistance of Miss Fowler, our new advisor, the year has been very active and complete. Basketball, speedball, softball, volleyball, archery, badminton, tumbling, and hiking have made up most of the activities of the G. A. A.

Some of the girls have attended play days at Cerro Gordo, Atwood, and Niantic. Four girls journeyed to Illinois State Normal to attend a cheerleading, badminton, and tumbling clinic.

The G. A. A. girls gave the seventh and eighth grade girls a party in the gym. There were about forty girls that attended.

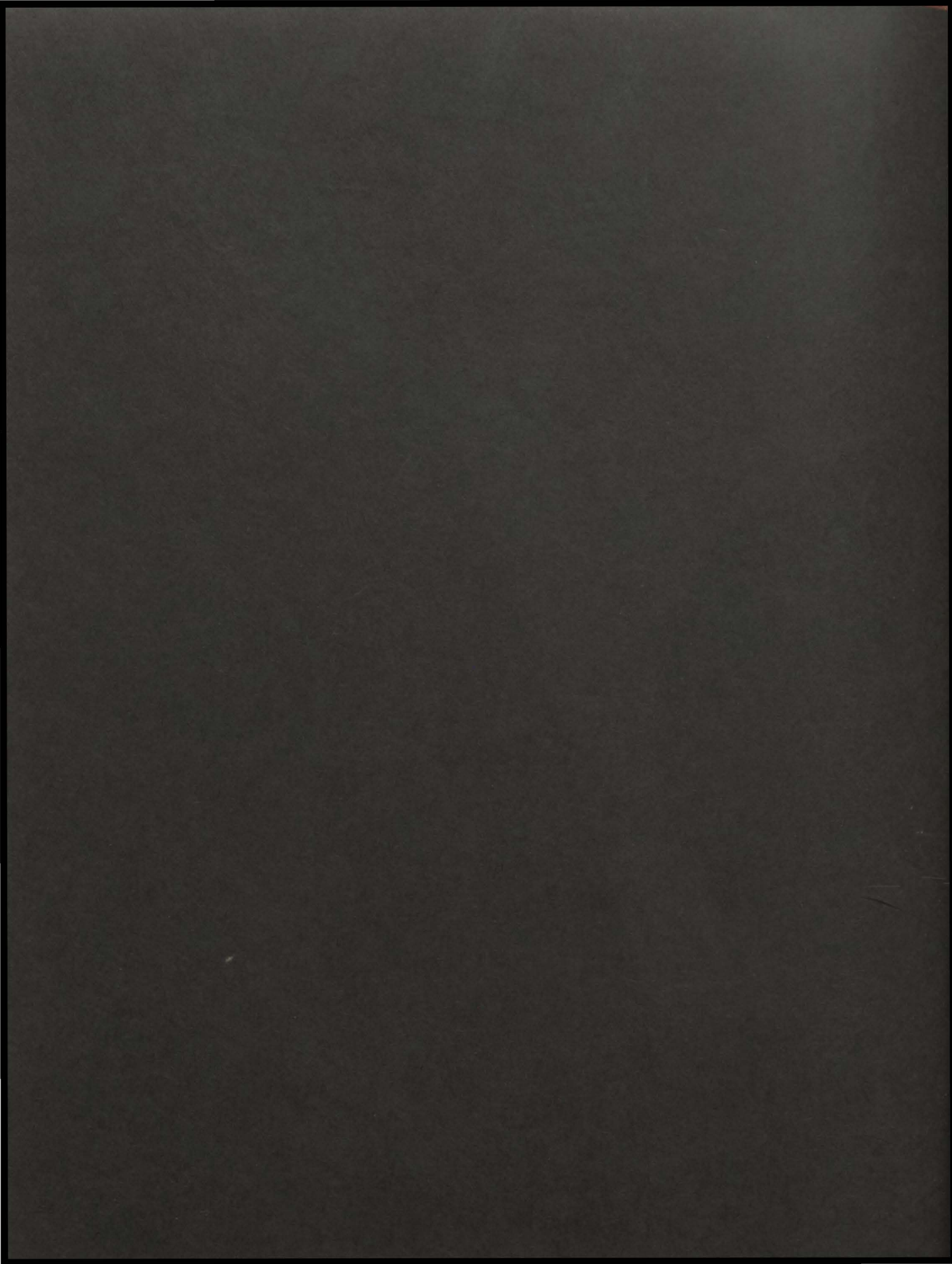
Two lucky G. A. A. girls are going to attend camp in Bloomington the first week in June.





FUN AND FROLIC





FUN AND FROLIC

And now—Ring 4—the grand finale;
Trainers, actors, and clowns so jolly
Laughing, playing, and joking daily,
Singing, eating, dancing gaily,
All together have lots of fun—
One for all and all for one.
Though to study is our aim,
School life's not completely tame.

SOCIAL LIFE

HOMECOMING

On October 26, the Alumni Homecoming dance was held at the Bement Community High School.

Hilda Janssen, wearing a lovely ice blue satin formal, caped in the traditional purple and white, and crowned with a wreath of white carnations, took the throne to reign as Queen of Homecoming. She was preceded by her attendants—Eilene Foran in a pink and black floor length net gown, Peggy Goodmon in a pink and black ballet length with matching stole, and Lula Belle Hinton in a pink satin formal. Little Stevie Wallace carried the crown on a white satin pillow. Mary Hinton and Carolyn Gallivan in white organdy formals were charming little train bearers.

Co-Captains Dale Clow and Richard Gallivan crowned the Queen. The other escorts were Raymond Hardimon and Jim Day. The Queen and her court started the Homecoming Dance to the music of Paul Douglas.

FOOTBALL BANQUET

The annual football banquet, sponsored by the local Lions Club and honoring the football team, cheerleaders, and managers, was held Thursday evening, November 29. John Glennon, Lions Club president, gave a short welcoming speech to over three hundred fans, alumni, and parents.

After the dinner Assistant Coach Charles Anderson introduced the freshman-sophomore team. Then Coach Tommy Stewart presented his varsity team of seventeen letter winners. Ten of these lettermen were seniors.

Toastmaster Ken Steidinger introduced the main speaker, Ruck Steger, a former "Fighting Illini." After entertaining the audience with numerous jokes and stories, and inserting serious points about football, he introduced All-American John Karras, halfback Don Stevens, and Captain Chuck Studley, all from the university football team. These boys narrated the movie of the Illinois-Iowa game.

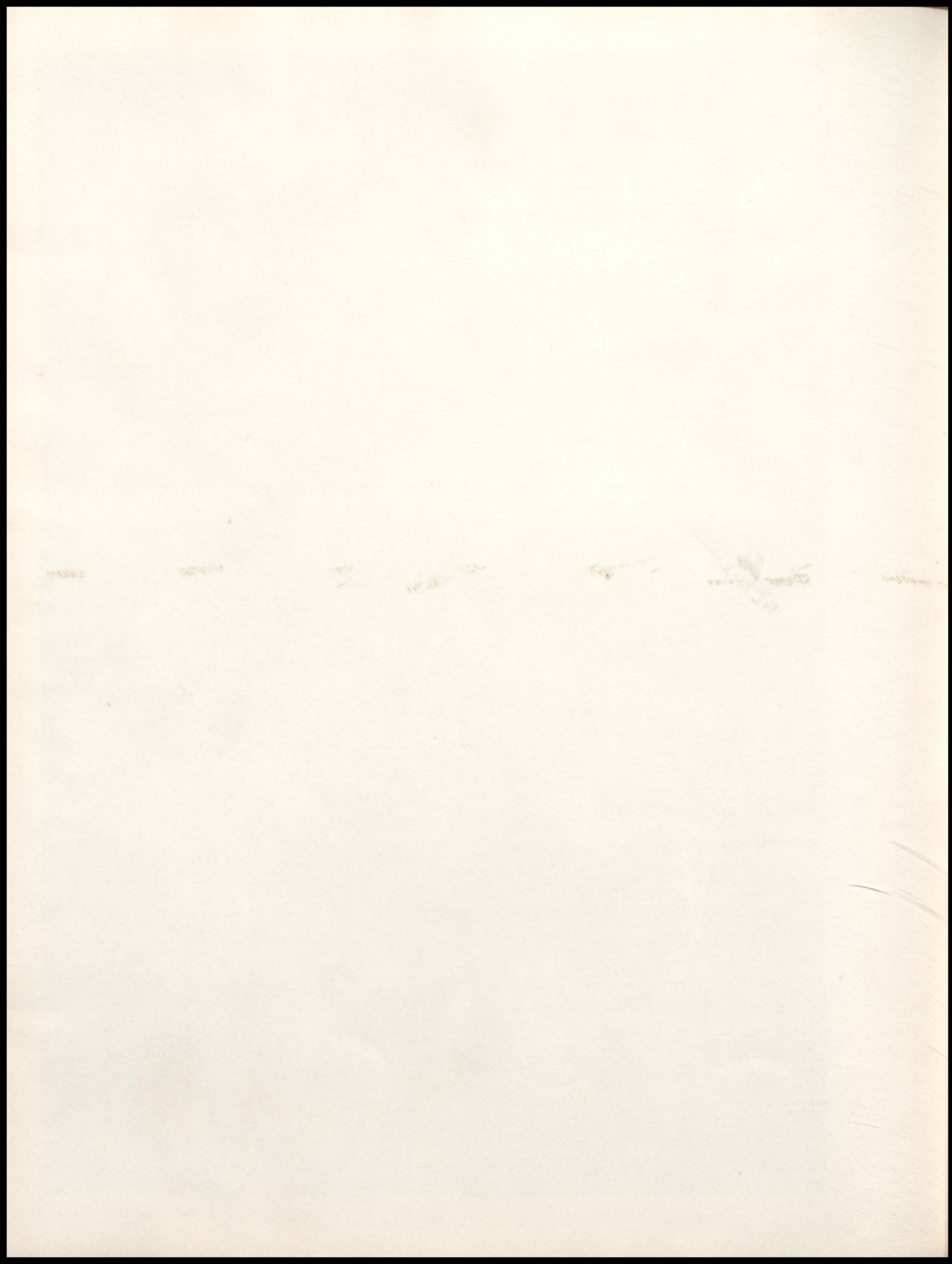
NOON HOUR ACTIVITY

A new type of noon hour activity program was introduced by Miss Fowler and Mr. Anderson. All the students that participated were divided into eight teams, each with a different name. Each day they would rotate playing volley ball, chess, and checkers, and shooting baskets. After seven weeks a tournament was held. The champion team for the first seven weeks was Tick Tocks and the next seven weeks champion team was Olympians. The names of the two champion teams were inscribed on a trophy and put in the trophy case.

PARTIES

Among the most enjoyable times during the year were the various parties, some of which are pictured on the opposite page. At the senior-junior party a patriotic theme was used. An Easter scheme added to the originality of the F. H. A.—F. F. A. party. The sophomores had a St. Patrick's party on March 13 and the freshmen enjoyed their first class party on March 24. Besides the pleasure of parties, the initiations afforded fun for all.





SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

Lée Lawson sneaking off to some secluded spot to read his love letters.

"Burly" Sparks combing his hair in the boys' room between classes.

Kay Crinigan proudly displaying her gray streak.

Charlie Bartison explaining the intricacies of geometry to Clyde Perry.

Mr. Wehmeier trying hard not to talk about last night's basketball game in algebra class.

Norman Imel "hot footin" it down the hall to English class.

Barb Bolsen struggling over her Latin.

Paul O'Hara figuring out a tough one in physics class and then trying to look casual about it.

Larry Knapp arguing and arguing and arguing.

"Hez" Porter apologizing for his older brother.

Dale Turner trying to remember why he ever took typing in the first place.

Shirley Miles and Nancy Hainey day dreaming about last Saturday night's date.

Tom Kirwan and Ann Halterman showing off their dimples.

Robert Bradley sporting a new cowboy shirt.

'Cookie' Clifton always "Hinton" around about something.

Sandra Metzger balancing a stack of books in one hand and combing her hair with the other.

"Happy Dick" Dancey and "Captain Dave" Spearman harmonizing (?) on the latest popular song.

Don Stout standing around over by the library desk every morning ready to grab the "Daily News" as soon as Miss Houston puts it on the rack.

Linda Byerline disrupting the peace and quiet of study hall with one of her sneezes.

Mr. Anderson making a joke about his car.

Lloyd Johnson sneaking into general science class, pockets stuffed with candy.

Barb Tynan gazing wistfully at a dance poster—"By Jax, I think I'll just stack my dishes and go!"

Don Perry talking to himself.

Miss Swaim at the dictionary, just making sure.

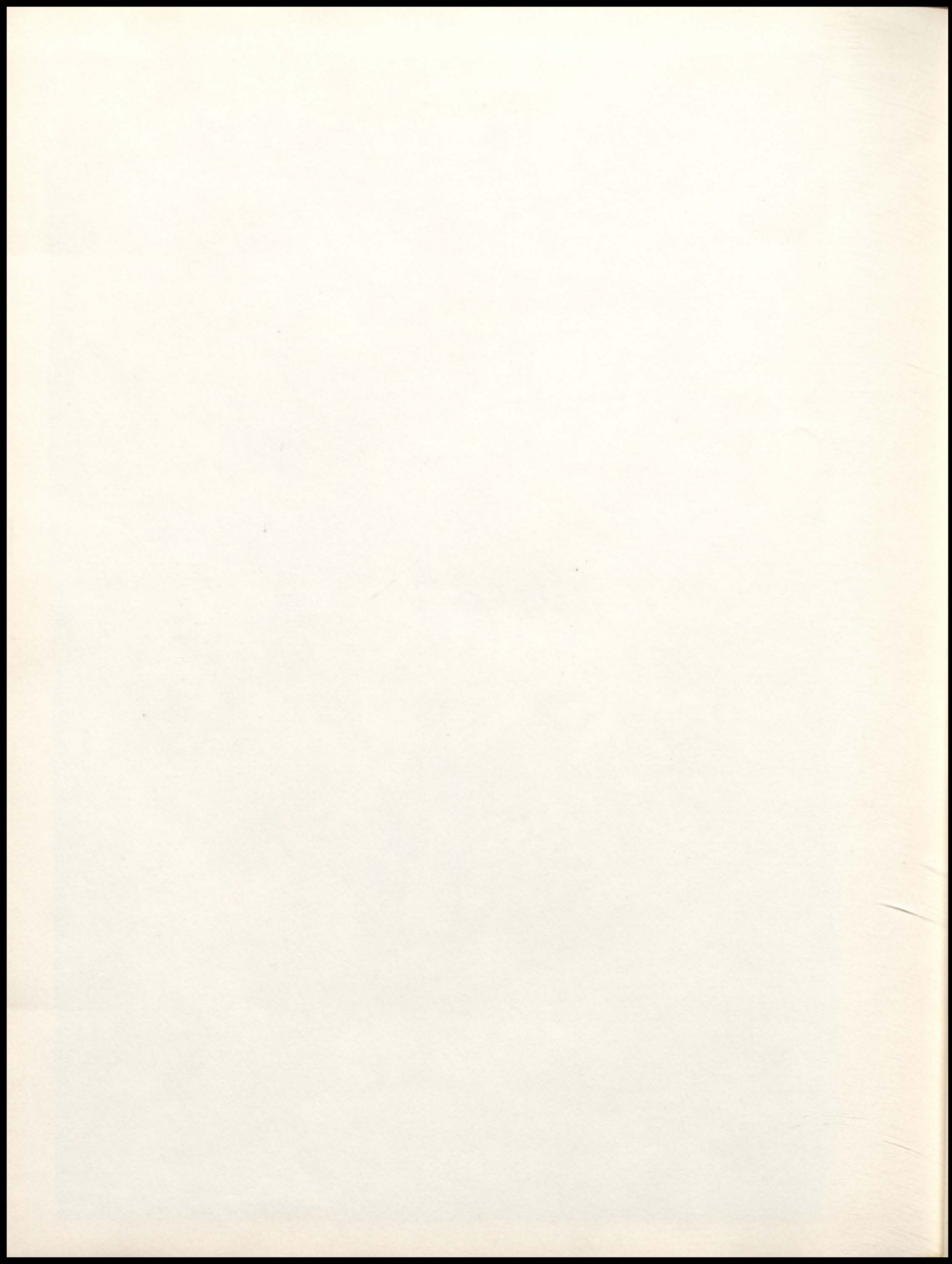
At 3:40 each afternoon our faithful janitor standing by the study hall door, dust mop in hand, ready to go to work—"Pupils work from sun to sun, but 'Bunker's' work is never done."

REMEMBER . . .

- . . . when, after an exceptionally trying day, Nancy Allison and Sandra McVicker said they could "stand, sleeping up"?
- . . . the time Janet McCollum, wearing a sheet, walked into Latin class and declared she was an ancient Roman?
- . . . when Mr. Stewart started overhauling his Chevrolet in the shop?
- . . . the time Kenny Westfall and Charlie Helm took a bath in the road oil when Ken's "put-put" turned over?
- . . . the time, way back when he was a freshman, that Kent Siders asked Mr. Wehmeier how much money the seniors made on the Annual? (Now that he's assistant editor he knows the sad truth.)
- . . . when Bobby Brewer wrecked his car? Poor ol' Julie!
- . . . when everyone was afraid that Corky Carlin was getting hard of hearing? What? (Oh, Ho! That was so fonny!)
- . . . when Dave Holt's favorite expression was, "I wouldn't stoop low enough to whisper in your ear"?
- . . . when Jim Day told some of the girls how to make cupcake icing with "confederate" sugar?
- . . . when the freshmen started reading "The Lady of the Lake" and Miss Swaim had to do some talking to convince them that it was written in English?
- . . . when Don Burgess started a fad by wearing a "Johnnie Reb" cap to school?
- . . . when Mr. Slater had a bad cold and couldn't talk above a whisper?
- . . . the cracks Birdie Strater made about an under water theme for the prom?
- . . . when the biology class started dissecting? Ugh!
- . . . when Jim Born started building model airplanes with real motors?
- . . . when Robert Jeffers and Patty Doyle almost came to blows in an argument in science class?
- . . . those jokes Hans Metzger used to tell?
- . . . when Johnnie Hannon's favorite song was "I taught I taw a putty tat"?
- . . . the day the seniors were measured for caps and gowns and Miss Houston warned them that "it did not necessarily mean they would graduate"?
- . . . how, before the grades came out for the first semester, almost every boy in school was considering joining the navy?

The sophomore class deserves special mention for contributing the most snaps for the snap page. This same class held this distinction when they were freshmen. The individual leaders in the group were Don Stout and Dave Spearman.





CALENDAR

September: Back under the Big Top

"Barker Wehmeier" officially welcomed the freshmen and upper classmen to a new year under the Big Top and explained how to enroll as troupers. Besides the freshmen, three new teachers attracted our attention—Miss Headrick, Miss Fowler, and Mr. Smith. Also a new student was welcomed to our midst, Hans Metzger of Germany. The gym was rising higher and higher outside the study hall windows; we were still hoping to open the basketball season in it. By the third day of school we had elected class officers and student council representatives and by the end of the month the news staff, library club, F. F. A., G. A. A. and other organizations were set up and going in full swing. The football season got under way. The student council sponsored a coke dance. Things had pretty well settled down to normal—Ho Hum.

October: Long Live the Queen!

Main attraction of the month—Homecoming. Hilda Janssen was crowned queen in the glare of flash bulbs. Homecoming week was well sprinkled with traditional pep meetings (the cheerleaders outdid themselves) and snake dances. The juniors sold purple and white paper mums. To make them smell "real purty" Mrs Hammond doused them with her favorite perfume. The juniors took the Illinois Aptitude test which lasted all day. They will get their ratings in the spring. The seniors netted three hundred dollars on their magazine sales—more Annual funds. The juniors operated the refreshment stand at the football games. The students got a well-earned rest on the twelfth—not so with the teachers though—they were carted off to a teachers' meeting. Report cards for the first six weeks came out—several students were seen practicing their father's signature. Bement tromped Cerro Gordo. Graduation pictures were taken—Mr. Blankenburg certainly had to work for his money this year! A new type noon hour program was introduced. F. H. A. girls wound up the month with a gala Halloween party.

November: Brrr—it's cold!

After the first snow, the troupe trudged back into winter quarters and settled down to what looked like a long, cold winter. The game with Monticello on the tenth wound up the football season. The student council sponsored an all school party. Mr. Sperandeo, a man with one arm and no hands, put on an amazing program before the assembly, demonstrating how well the handicapped can live. This month marked the end of the second six weeks. Then came Thanksgiving vacation. After vacation it was football banquet time again, "starring" Illini footballers. Everyone started counting shopping days until Christmas. Bement won it's first basketball game by beating Bethany 63 to 49.

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December: The troupe takes a break!

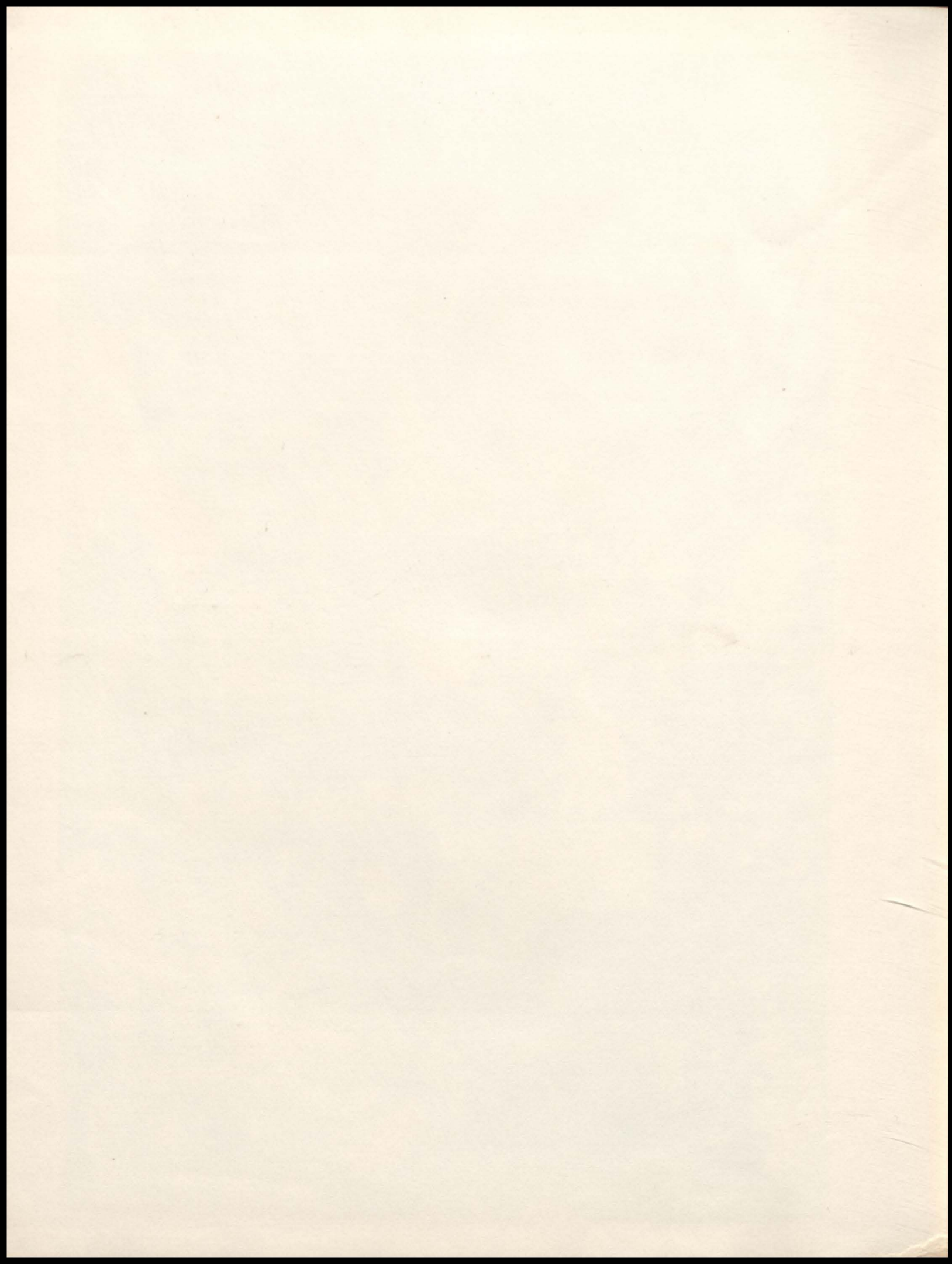
We went to school only fourteen days this month and as a result we were kept pretty busy. Freshman F. F. A. boys came to school decked out in their Sunday best for initiation. The two voted best-dressed were "permitted" to remain so throughout the next day. The Pep Club was organized (RAH! RAH!). The seniors opened their soft drinks stand at the basketball games (more Annual funds) and the juniors began selling Christmas candy (prom, you know). The student council put up a Christmas tree in the study hall complete with two cute little sparrows sitting in its branches. Bement won their third basketball game when they defeated Mansfield 55 to 52. The music department was also a buzz of activity with both the Piatt County Music Festival and the Christmas concert coming up. Instead of the usual Christmas program the day before vacation, the students and faculty went down to the gym where they played games and danced. Then we all went our separate ways to celebrate the holidays and rest up for the coming year—all except "Bunk," that is. He stayed on to clean up the place. And how it did shine when we came back in January!

January: Happy New Year!

During vacation Mr. Slater, Mr. Wehmeier and Mr. Hodam accompanied the physics and agriculture students on a trip to Chicago. Some of the boys had to sleep on the floor until Stanley Pettyjohn turned up with the key to their room. When we once again assembled on January 7, everyone was surprised to find that everyone else had recovered from New Year's Eve and that semester exams were only a few short days away. Shirley McCabe was presented with the D. A. R. award. New students abounded—Lois Ann, Jerry, and Richard Fleming, Joan Fendley, and Dave Holt joined ranks while Bill Koebel left them to become a "swabbee." Pictures were taken for the Annual. The juniors began discussing the prom—a sure sign of spring!

February: Be My Valentine.

The seniors romped with the juniors on the first at a patriotic party. The second was groundhog day and our editor's birthday—great men were born in this month: Washington, Lincoln, Day . . . Several of the "Ag" students went to a judging contest. They gave out with their opinions on the usual things: grain and "Shickens." Mr. Anderson announced his plans to go to the Olympics this summer—to us he was truly a "man of the world." Shirley McCabe had it all over the other senior girls; she was the first senior to become engaged. The students got to see movie of the Rose Bowl Game, thanks to Mr. Stewart. Everyone was disappointed when the gym was not finished in time to be initiated by this year's basketball team.



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March: Spring is here!

The juniors were busy with plans for the prom—the teachers were playing cupid, trying to persuade the boys to have dates. The first robin was spotted. The freshmen gave themselves a party; so did the sophomores. Pat Klein moved to Florida—Bob's loss is Florida's gain. Mr. Doss, a Methodist minister from India, entertained the school with a lively description of life in his country. Everyone listened to the state basketball tournament this year. Mr. Wehmeier graciously brought a radio up to study hall. The F. F. A. and the F. H. A. had their annual party. Jim Clark and a few other Irishmen around school celebrated St. Patrick's Day. Peggy Goodmon caught up with Shirley; she also became engaged. The art class got out of school a whole day to visit the University of Illinois Art Festival. While they were gone, Mr. Anderson's economics class played an "economic" game. The music department came home from Gibson City victorious with numerous "firsts" and "seconds." The senior play was selected—"Ask Me Another"—go ahead!

April: Showers!

The Junior-Senior Banquet Prom got top billing this month—it was a smash hit! Everyone was "bubbling" over the theme—an underwater scene. We all steeled ourselves for the final hectic whirl of activities that would continue until graduation. The cast for the senior play was chosen and practice four nights a week began after Easter vacation. Students took TB skin tests. Ouch! The band and chorus went to the district contest. The last pages of this book were typed and sent to the publishers. Baseball and track were well under way. The month was dotted with track meets at Charleston, Sullivan, and Monticello. The baseball boys started the season with a practice game with Cerro Gordo and then a real game. Bement won both. Other games were at Deland-Weldon and Sullivan. Several seniors visited Charleston and Normal. The Air Force talked to the juniors and seniors about their future. The band and chorus combined talents at the spring concert to wind up the month with a song.

May: The Old Troupers Retire!

The days were numbered now. The underclassmen were wondering what new adventures summer vacation would bring; the seniors, if they were going to graduate. There was much to finish up and there were very few days to do it in. No one was idle. However, we did have one half day off for the Okaw Valley track meet. The seniors put the finishing touches on the comedy, "Ask Me Another." The underclassmen and a few unlucky seniors suffered through that terror of terrors, semester exams. Rev. Fleming spoke to the seniors and their relatives and friends at Baccalaureate. The seniors, though they didn't have to attend classes, drifted back to school that last week to practice marching for commencement, to check in locks or books, and to attend the all school picnic on the twenty-eighth. Maybe they were homesick too. And then, at last, GRADUATION!! The seniors marched into school for the last time as a group. Mr. Harlan Beem, the secretary of the School Board Association of the state of Illinois, delivered the commencement address. Mr. Slater presented the diplomas and the class of '52 set out to conquer new worlds!

FINIS

Life in the Big Top for this year ends;

We've found our talents; made many friends.

We that end our four year stay

Regret to leave this life so gay.

"As time goes on," we troupers say,

"We hope your interest we'll repay;"

This we say now as we go,

"We sincerely hope you liked our show."

