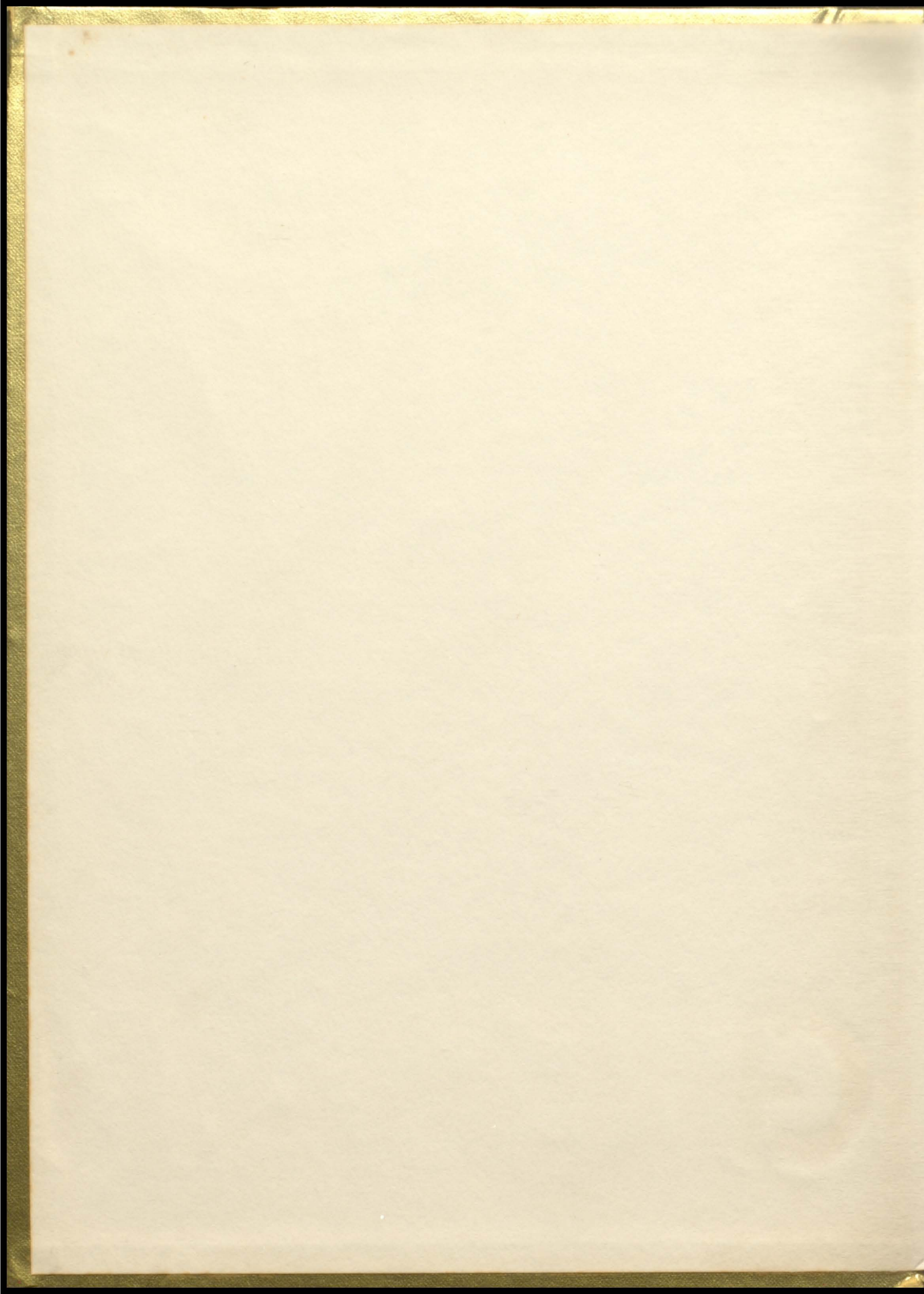
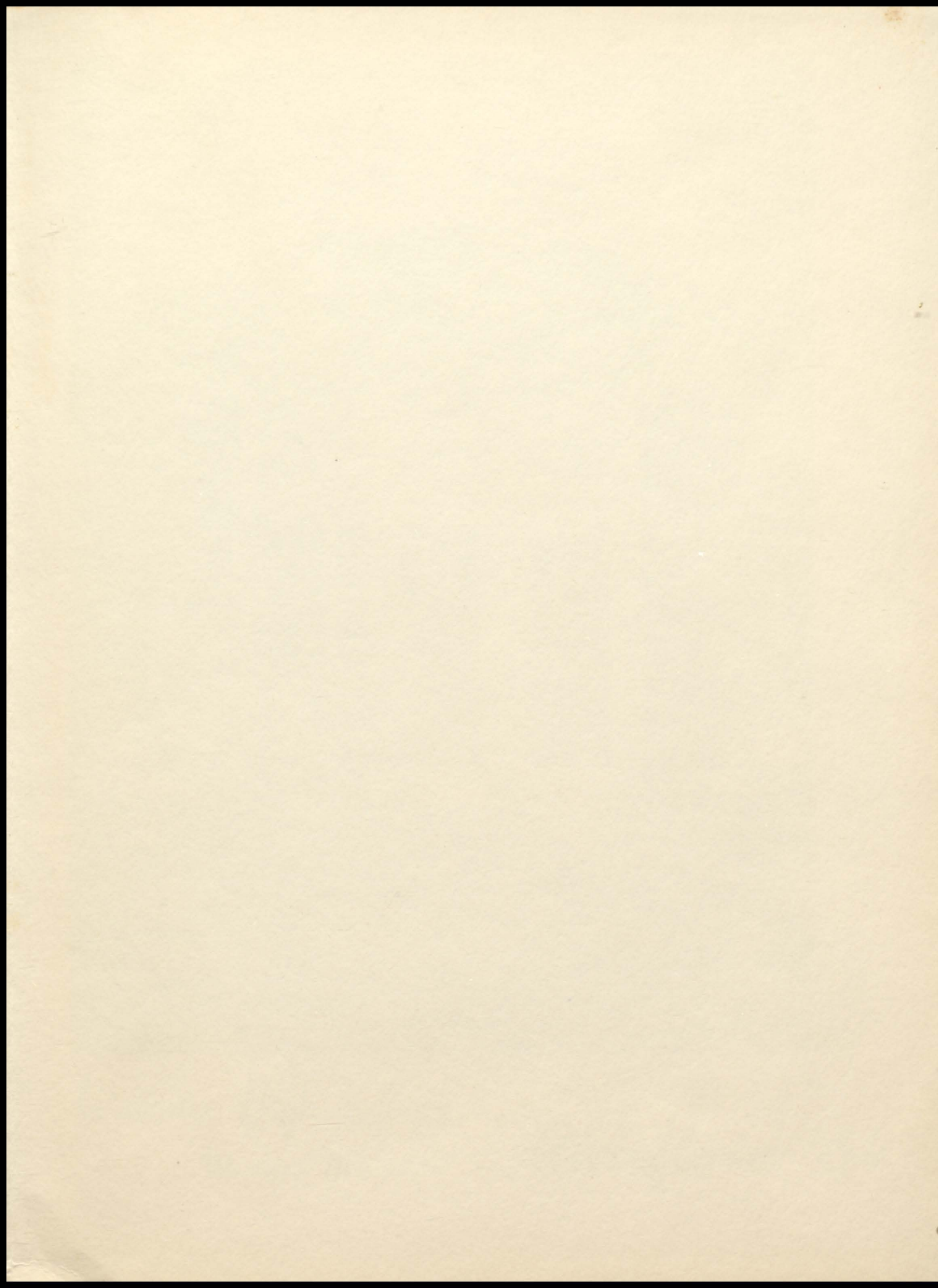




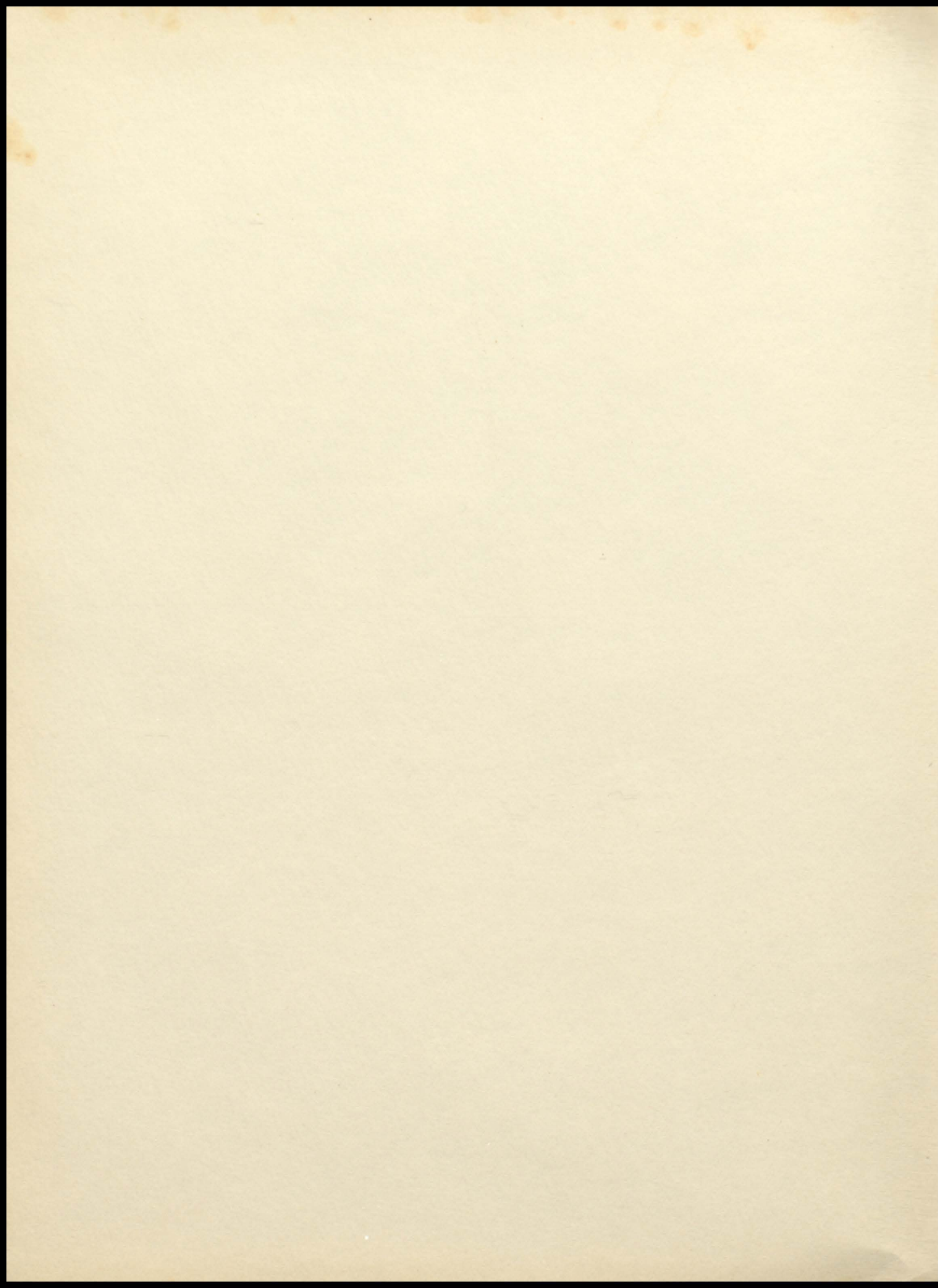
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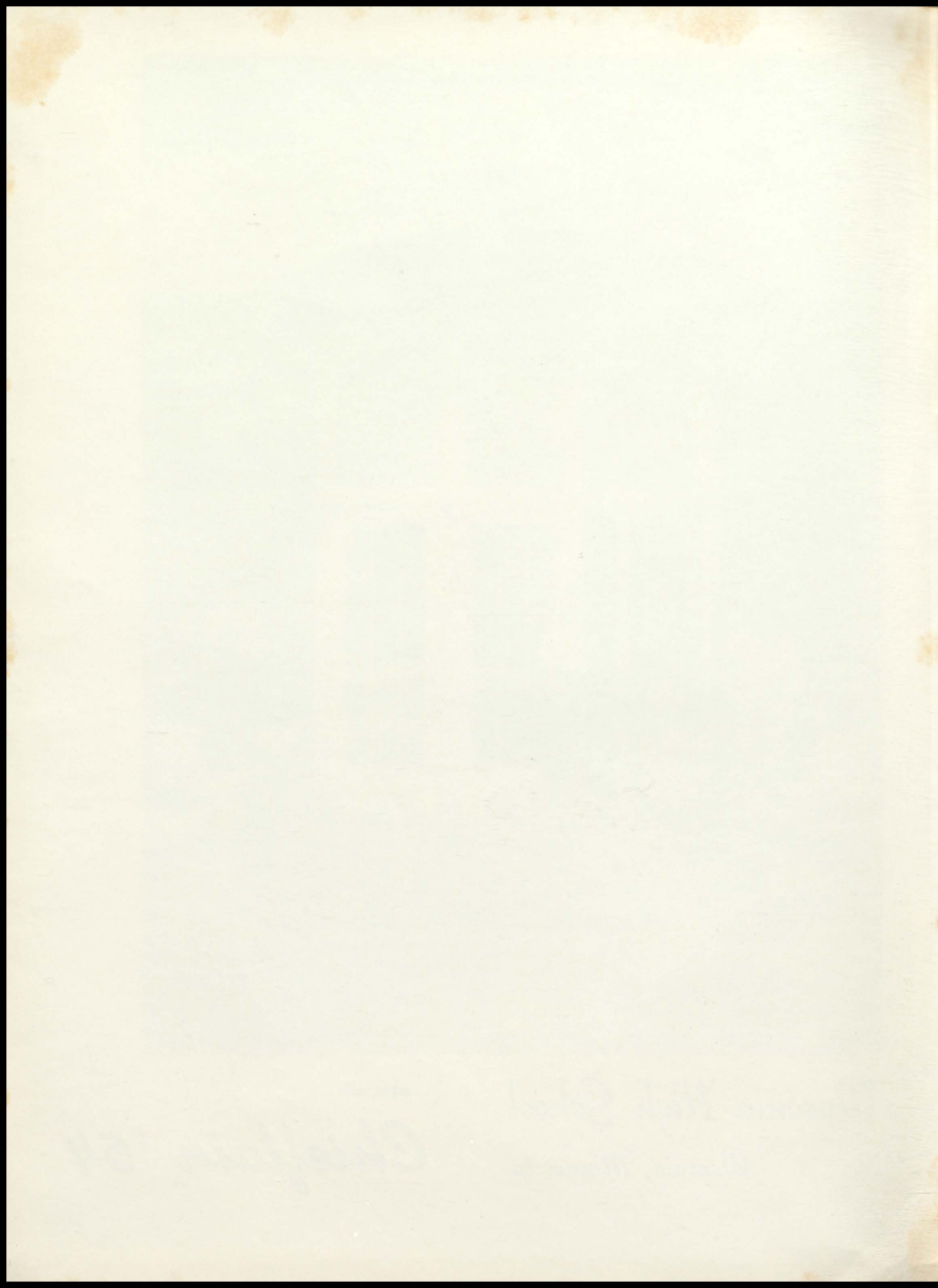




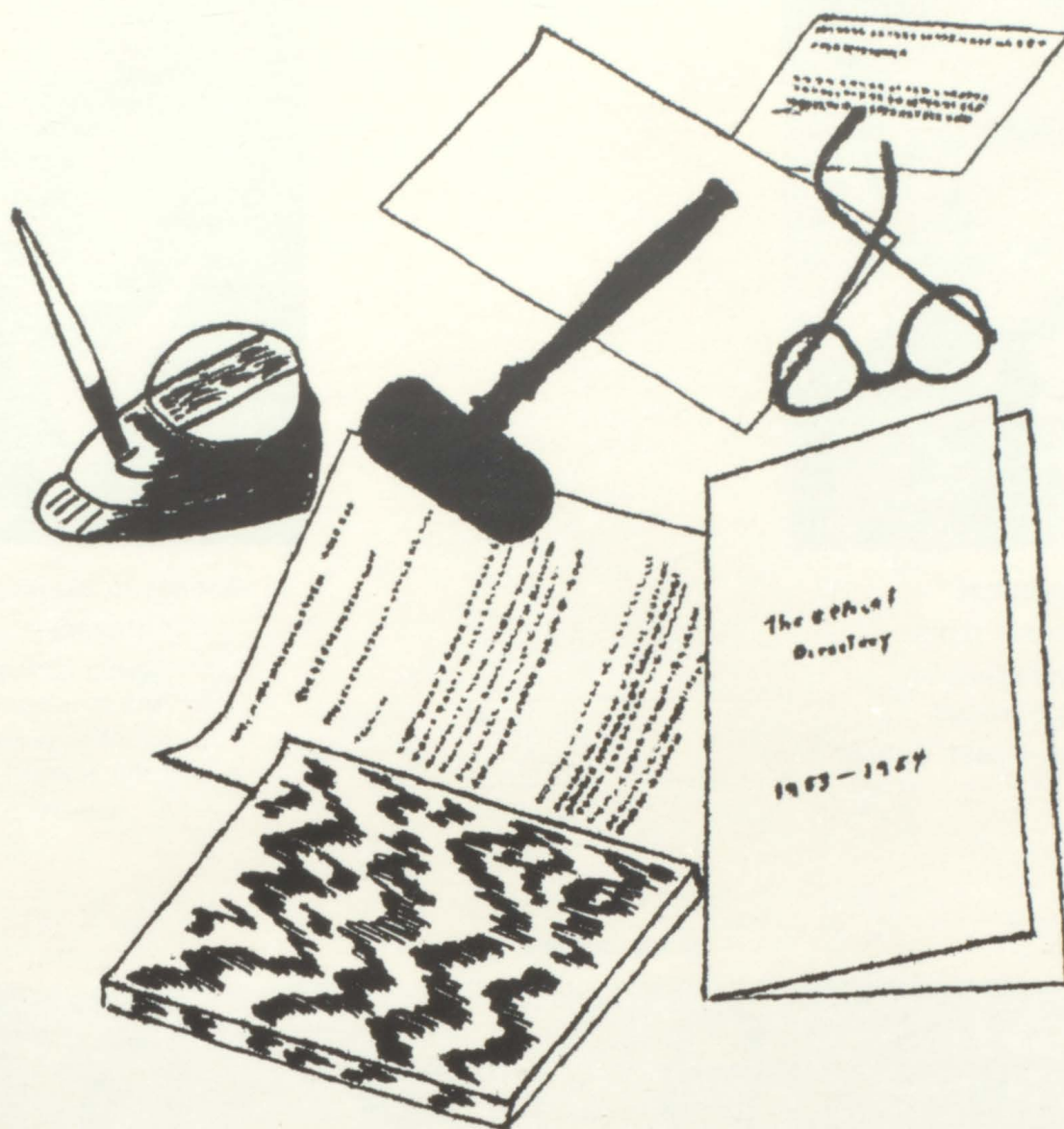
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J. L. JOHNSON  
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 University of Minnesota  
 Master of Arts  
 Physics



**PRINCIPAL**

TOLLEF BIRKELAND  
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 Bachelor of Arts  
 Geometry, Trigonometry, Chemistry

**WACONIA SCHOOL BOARD**



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English



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Science



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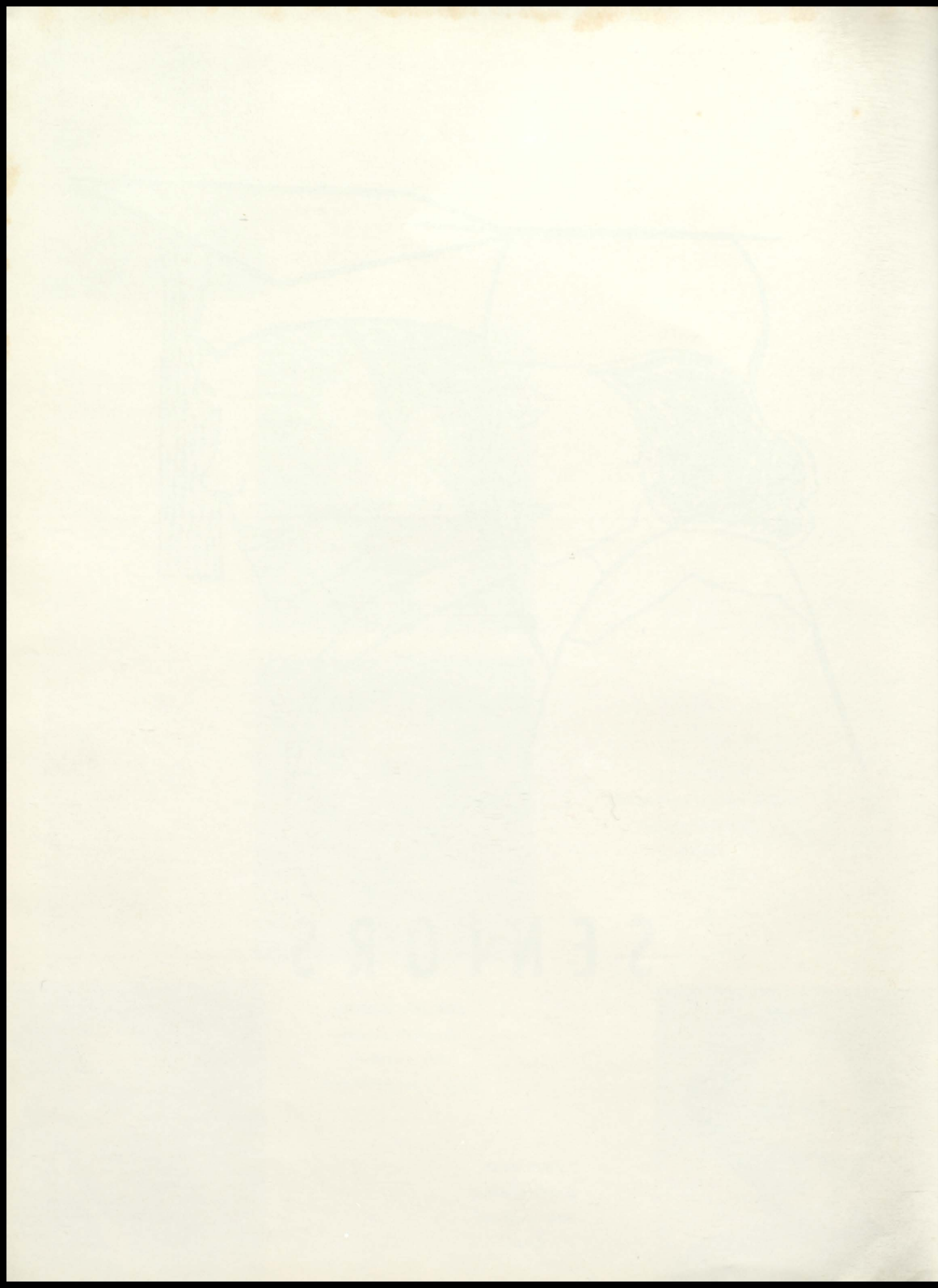


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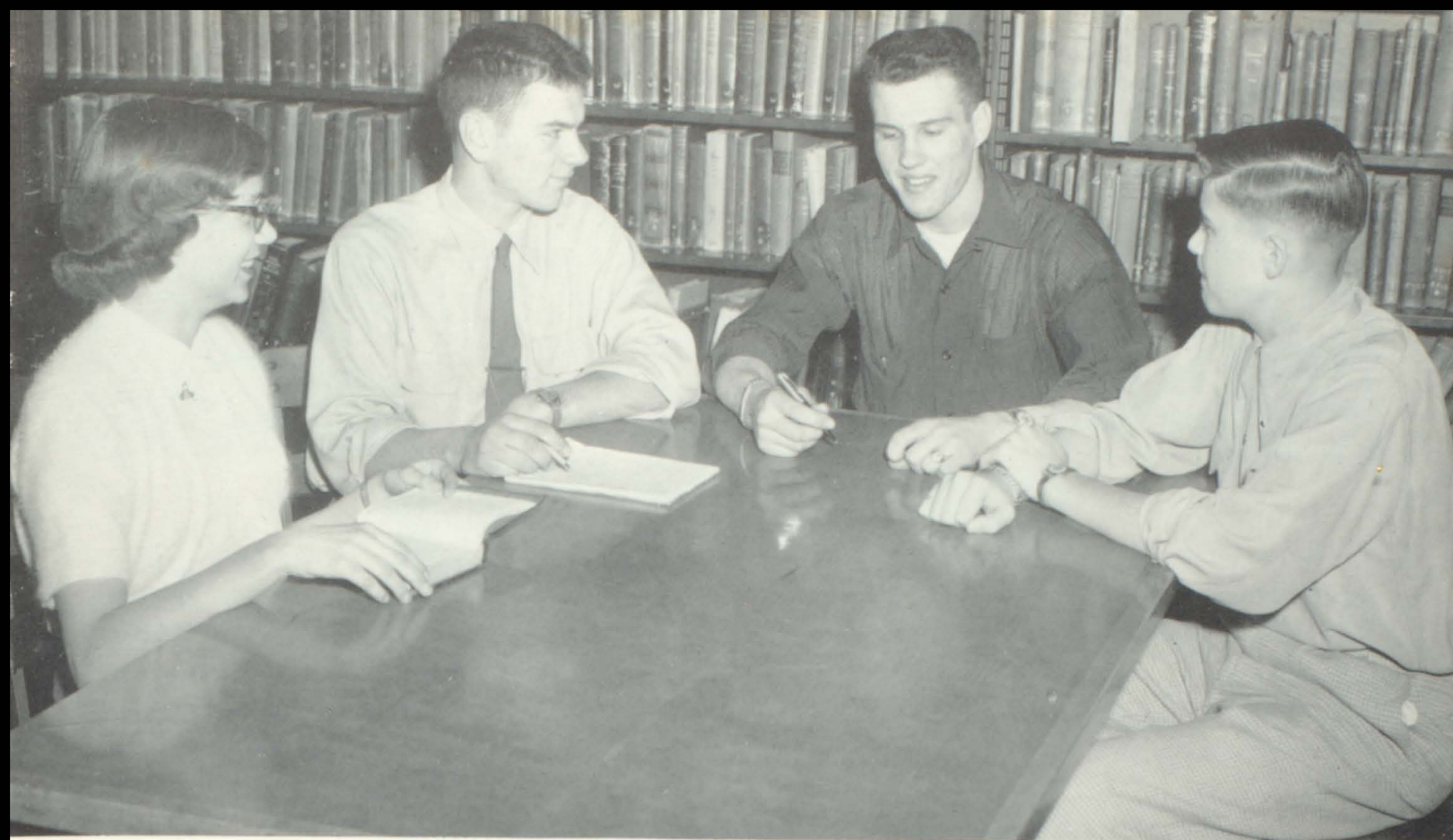




SENIORS







## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Our class officers for the year, seated from left to right: J. Eckhardt, Treasurer; D. Molnau, Secretary; M. Kirsch, President; M. Melchert, Vice President.



### VALEDICTORIAN

JACKIE ECKHARDT

"Blue eyes, brown hair, She's here and Kater's there."

Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Pres. 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Girls' State 3; Pep Club 4; Chieftain Staff 4; Class Treas. 4; Creative Club 3.



### SALUTATORIAN

JANE WESTPHAL

"Work galore and fun besides, 'Westy' takes it all in stride."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treas. 1; Page 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Class Pres. 3; Class Play 3; Double Octette 3; Sextette 4; Creative Club 3, 4; Graduation Usher 3; Hc. Attendant 4; Chieftain Staff 4.



MARLYS AMEND

"Blond and small—she's liked by all."

Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Pep Club 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4.

JOYCE ALYMER

"In her eyes I see a gleam. Who, I wonder, is the 'Dream'?"

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Double Octette 3; Class Play 3; Sextette 4; Graduation usher 3.



HARVEY BENEKE

"With a bing, bang, boom of a fallin' star here comes Harvey roddin' his car!"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Band 1.



JEANETTE BORKA

"She tried to be an Irish Colleen—came to school with her hair dyed green."

Declam 1; FHA 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Creative Club 4.

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GENE BRUESEHOFF

"Sailor boy, he wants to be, studies figures in math and history."

Declam 1; Football 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4; Creative Club 4.



VIOLA BUETOW

"Always sweet and sometimes shy, here's a girl who always says, 'Hi.'"

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Glee Club 4; Creative Club 4.



JOEL CLASEN

"For shining shoes I'm on top, I always practice during shop."

Declam 1; FFA 3, 4.

JOYCE CLASEN

"Fifth hour rest gives me sixth hour zest."

Declam 1; FHA 3, 4; Glee Club 3.







ARLENE COTA

"Arlene, Arlene, she's a laughing machine!"

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; GAA 2; FHA 4.  
Transfer from Mound 3.

HAROLD FELT

"Big, blond, good-lookin' Swede, we all know he's quite the 'keed'."

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treas. 2; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4; Class Play 3; Graduation Usher 3; Declam 1; Creative Club 3.



LEON GOTHMAN

"Maybe Leo won't win a race, but someday he'll own Augie's place."

Chorus 1; Wrestling 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 3; Pep Club 4.  
Transfer from Mound 2.

ELAINE FISCHER

"All she wants is information."

Declam 1; Glee Club 2, 3; Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 4; FHA 4.



# SENIORS

JOHN GRAFF

"Johnny, Johnny, he's a star; in life he'll go mighty far."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, Capt. 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, Pres. 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Class President 2; Football Mgr. 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Double Octette 3; Band 3; Creative Club 3; Graduation usher 3; Chief-tain 4.



MARY ANN GREEN

"The warm smile of a friendly nurse keeps the pain from growing worse."

FHA 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 1.  
Transfer from Mound 2.



ALLEN HASSE

"Actions speak louder than words!"

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1, 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Student Council 4; Creative Club 3; Double Octette 3.

VIRGINIA HEDTKE

"Ginny's declam 'twas beyond compare; we'll never forget; 'Hullo, are you der?'"

Declam 1, 2; FHA 1, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4.





DUANE HEITZ

"Dry wit, sly grin — he's a guy sure to win."  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bowling 2; Pep Club 3, 4; Football 4; Basketball 4; Creative Club 4.

Transfer from St. Joseph's Seminary 3.



ALBERT HILKE

"I belong to FFA so I will run a farm someday."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

ALLEN HUDINSKY

"Will the business still survive after Al's allowed to drive?"

Wrestling 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3; Pep Club 4. Transfer from Mound 2.



LAURA LEE HUNZIKER

"So sweet and demure and well liked I'm sure."

Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Pep Club 4.

# SENIORS

JOAN JOHNSON

"Very quiet, always neat — She's a girl hard to beat."

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Glee Club 4.



BONITA KELZER

"Bonnie Kelzer's number one when she starts to beat that drum."

Declam 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, Treas. 3, Secy. 4; Class Play 3; Double Octette 3; Sextette 4.



ROGER KELZER

"Roger drives to school each day in his flashy Chevrolet."

Band 1; Declam 1; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Creative Club 4.

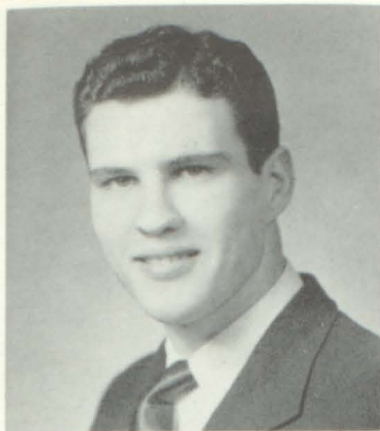
WILFRED KELZER

"Live and let live; I never bother anyone."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.







MERRILL KIRSCH

"Where there's a will there's a way, and Merrill always finds it."

Football 1, 3, Capt. 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, 4; FFA Secy. 2, 3, Reporter 2, Pres. 4; Class Play 3; Class Secy. 1, Pres. 4; Double Octette 3; Graduation usher 3; Student Council 4; Creative Club 3; Chieftain 4.



EARL KLEIN

"On the track he has the speed, always runs to take the lead!"

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3.

ANGELINE KOEHNEN

"For news and gossip every time, you just call on Angeline."

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Secy 3; Chorus 3, 4; Declam 1.



CRAIG KRUEGER

"Athlete so strong and true, Buck's the guy that brings us through."

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Capt. 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Graduation Usher 3.

# SENIORS

FLOYD KUNTZ

"I'm the giant economy size!"

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1.



LaVONNE LEHRKE

"Lively, laughing and lovable."

Declam 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Creative Club 4.



JANE LENZ

"She's quite an operator."

Page 1; Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 1; Treas. 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2; Band 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Vice Pres. 4; Double Octette 3; Graduation Usher 3; Hc. Queen 4; Sextette 4.

HOWARD LENZEN

"Quiet, teachers, I'm sleeping!"

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.





DONNA MAE LITFIN

"All that glitters is not gold — Diamonds are a girl's best friend."

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Glee Club 3, 4.

LOIS LOBITZ

"Lois Lobitz, is sweet as honey but if she's a teacher she'll never have money."

Declam 1; FHA 1, Secy. 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 4; Hc. Attendant 4.



DELORES LUEDERS

"She may be quiet; she may be shy, still there's always a gleam in her eye."

Declam 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Creative Club 4.



DONALD LUNDBORG

"With paper and pencil he'll draw a cartoon; with talent like his, he'll be a tycoon."

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 2, 3, 4; Creative Club 4; Chieftain 4.

# SENIORS

MARK MELCHERT

"He has three speeds: Slow, Slower, Stop!"

Class V. Pres. 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Class Play 3; Student Council V. Pres. 3; Graduation usher 3; Creative Club 3; Chieftain 4.



DuWAYNE MOLNAU

"Handsome is as handsome does!"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, Secy. 3, Treas. 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Class Secy. 4.



MARY LOU NOTERMANN

"Friendly and quiet is she, but she loves to dance 'til half past three."

Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4.

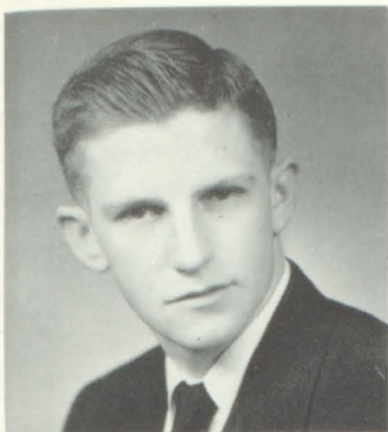
BEATRICE PAAL

"My name is Bea and I like to buzz!"

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, Pres. 4; Declam 2; FHA 2, Secy. 3, 4; Band 4; Chieftain 4; Class Play 3. Transfer from Guardian Angels 2.







RAYMOND PETTZ

"I don't say much because I'm still thinking."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



LAURA POPPLER

"Laura's very fondest dreams—a brand new Singer—sew it seams."

Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4.

ARLENE RADEMACHER

"I've got the Bell Bottom Blues!"

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Pep Club 2, 3, 4.



EDWARD REHBEIN

"Don't worry—it shortens your life;"

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Wrestling 1; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 2, 3, 4; Class Secy. 2.

Transfer from Mound 2.

# SENIORS

VICTOR SCHINDLER

"Thoughts are deeper than all speech."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Declam 1.



PATRICIA SCHWALBE

"She came over from Chaska High; now at Waconia she's found her guy."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Band 1; Sextette 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Graduation usher 3. Transfer from Chaska 3.

JEAN SPLETTSTOESSER

"Jeannie, with the light brown hair; phooie, I like blond better!"

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treas. 2; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Declam 1; Majorette 1; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Class Secy. 3; Class Play 3; Creative Club 3; Graduation usher 3; Chieftain 4.



JOSEPH STACKEN

"Lose all their games—that might be but the Ag. team can't do without me."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secy. 2, Treas. 3, Reporter 4.





ELAINE STEINHAGEN

"Who says, 'Boys don't make passes at girls who wear glasses?'"

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; V. Pres. 4; Declam 1; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 2, 3, 4; Treas. 4; Double Octette 3; Sextette 4; Band 3, 4; Class Play 3; Page 3; Student Council V. Pres. 4; Graduation usher 3.



JOAN STOLTMAN

"Whenever I feel like studying I lie down 'til the feeling passes."

Chorus 1; FHA 2, 3, 4; Transfer from Mound 2.

RICHARD STOLTMAN

"From Mound we got 'Izzy'—now Wacchia is dizzy."

Wrestling 1; FFA 2, 3, 4; Football 3.  
Transfer from Mound 2.



# SENIORS



RICHARD WALTER

"He's a big hit, and quite a pitcher too."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 2; Basketball 2; Student council 3.



JOYCE WEILAND

"Dishes go from grease to shine in half the time with 'Joy'."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; GAA 1; FHA 2, 3, 4; Pep Club 3, 4. Transfer from Mound 2.

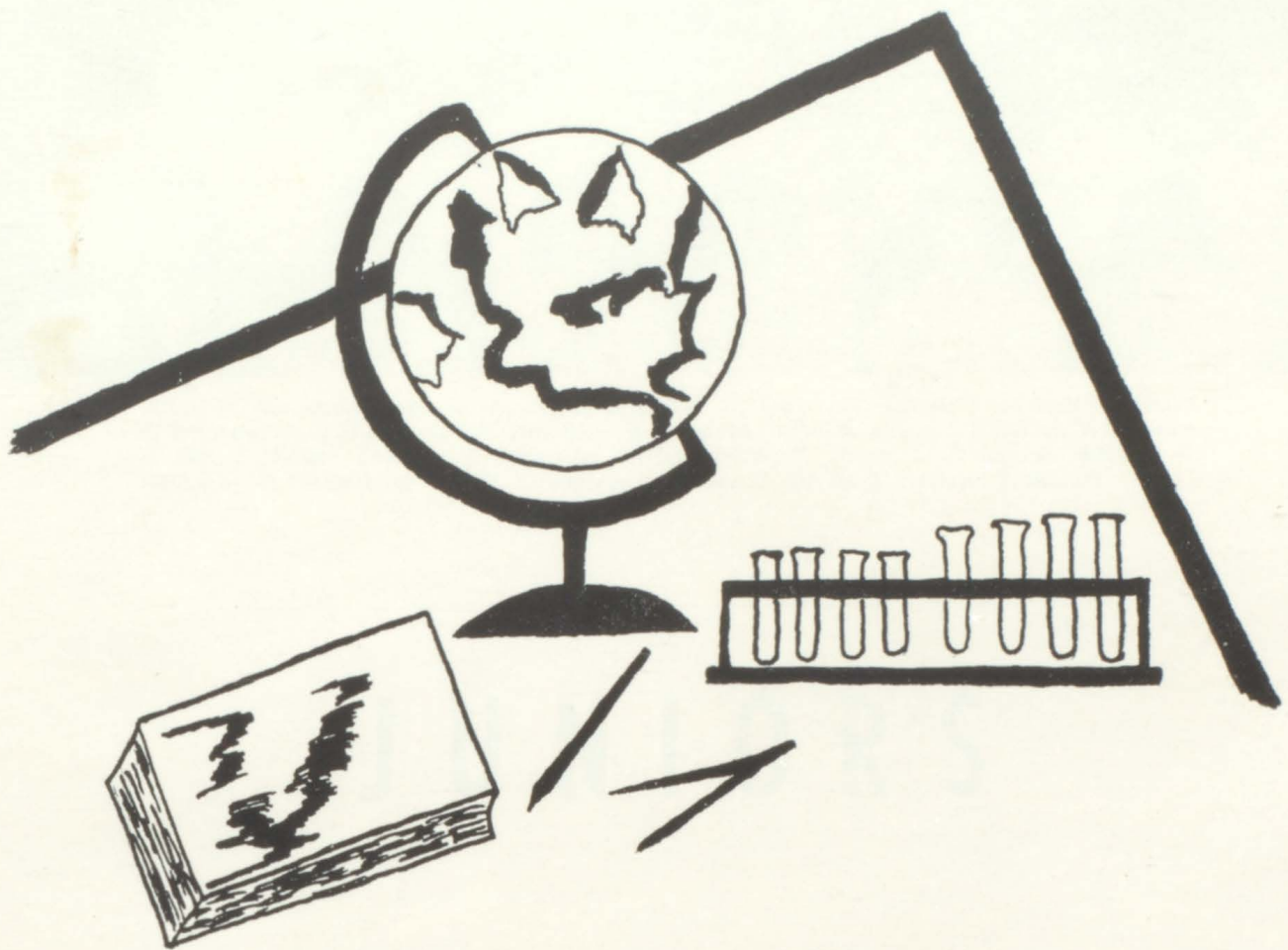
JOANNE WHERLEY

"Last but not least that might be; there aren't many as nice as she."

Declam 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4.







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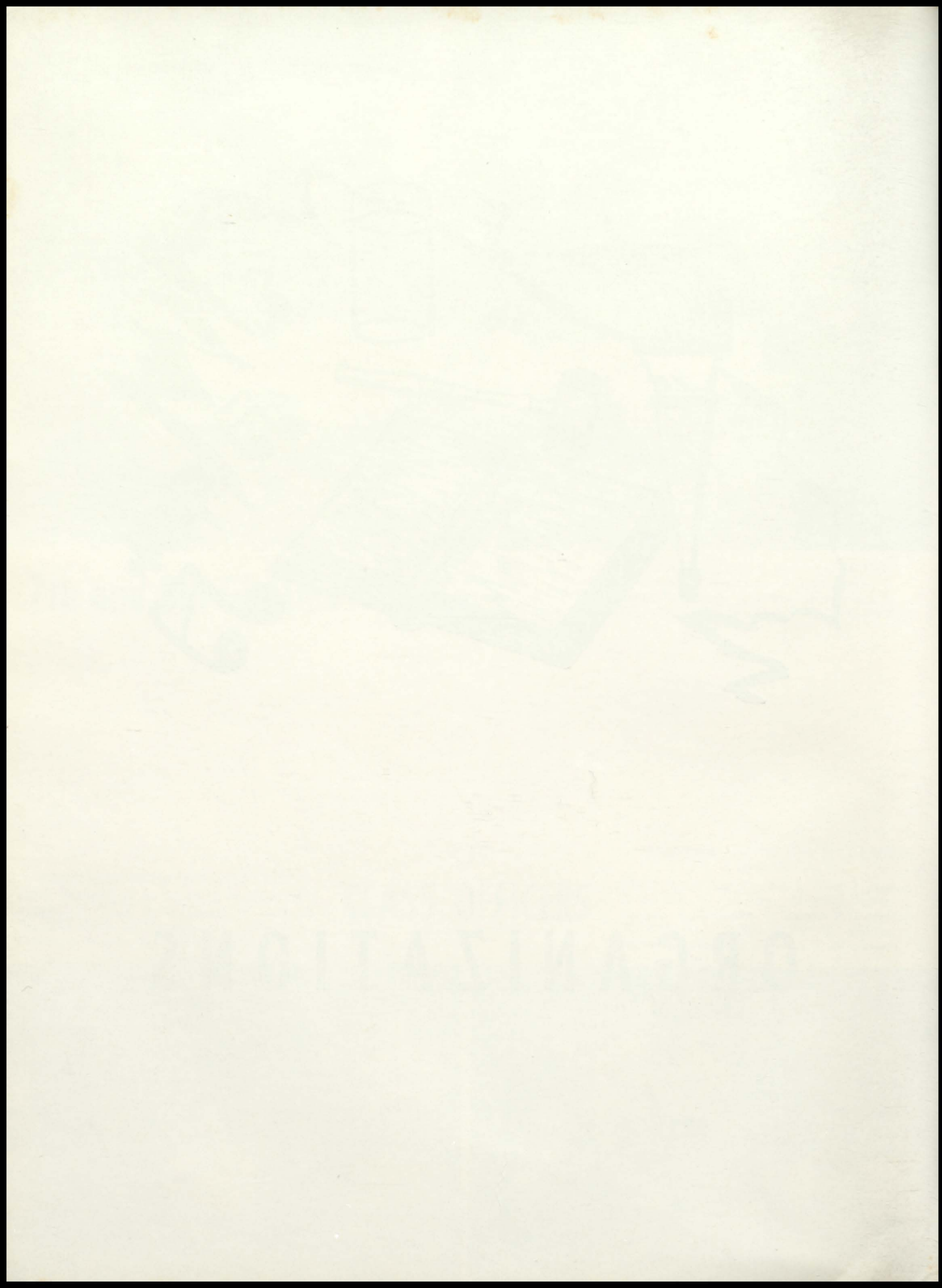
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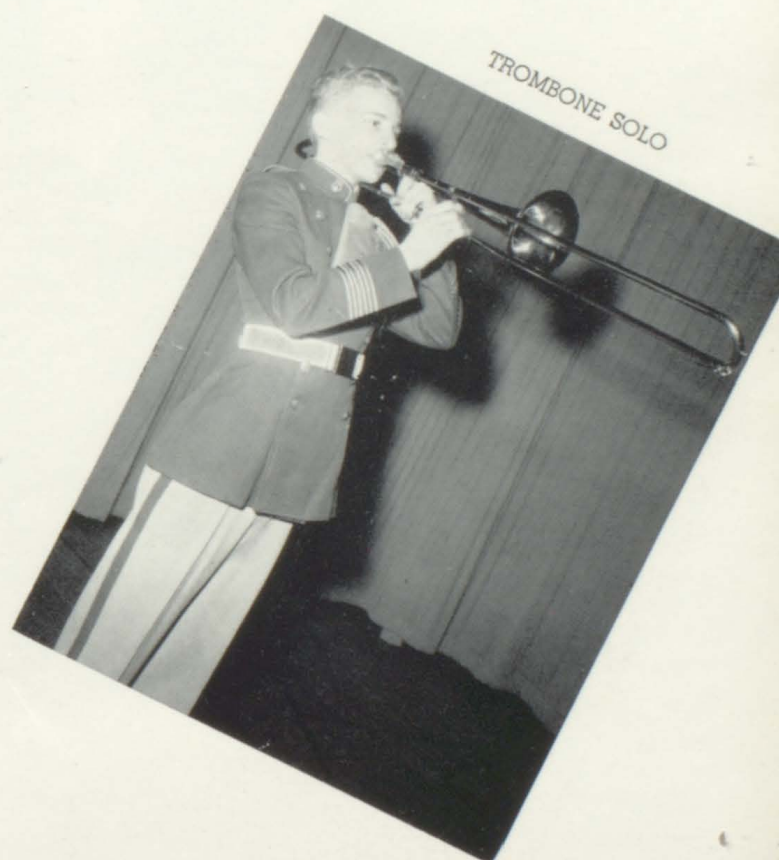






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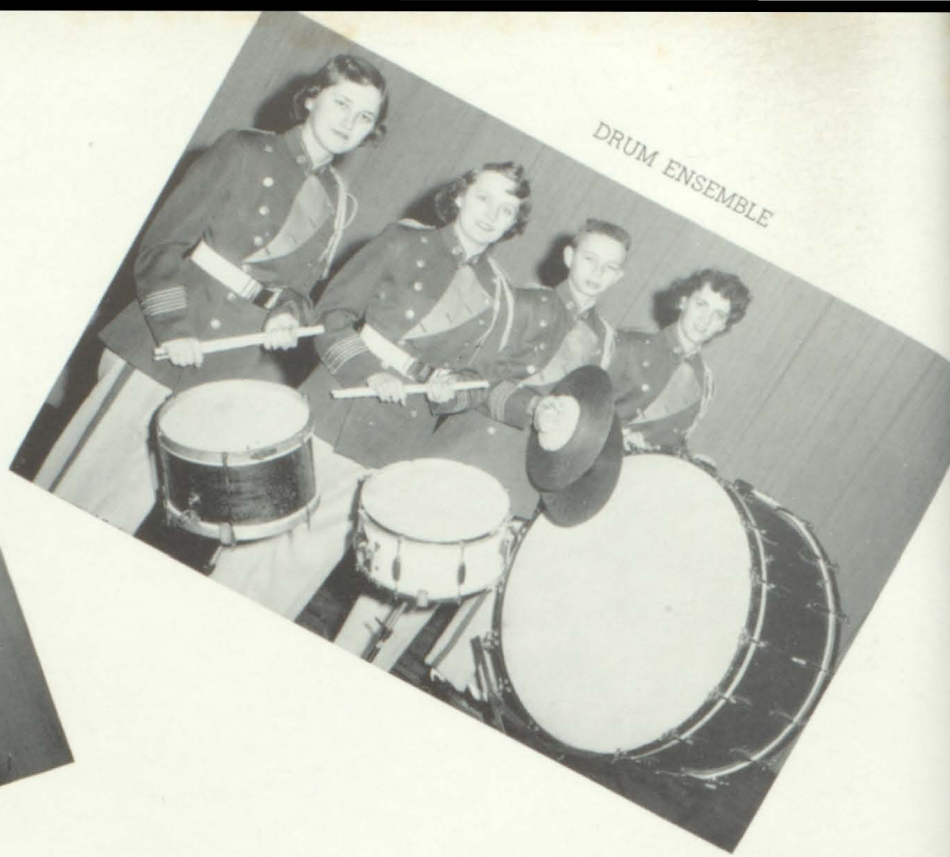




TRUMPET SOLO



DRUM ENSEMBLE



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## PEP CLUB

FIRST ROW: (left to right), D. Segner, L. Lobitz, L. Hunziker, F. Brown, C. Gatz, B. Guethling, P. Barnes, A. Sueker. SECOND ROW: C. Krueger, A. Eder, S. Hasse, C. Truwe, K. Neumann, D. Arnett, E. Schecher, J. Nimmer, S. Deluhery, J. Kirsch. THIRD ROW: L. Peltz, L. Allmann, D. Meyer, J. Weiland, D. Lindner, S. Nimmer, L. Christensen, Advisor, L. Thom, N. Wolff, R. Mielke, R. Ehrenberg, T. Kirsch. FOURTH ROW: J. Ford, K. Krueger, Y. Raether, J. Miller, J. Connors, J. Westphal, V. Grcenke, W. Rothfork, E. Bleedorn, M. Tester, L. Hass.







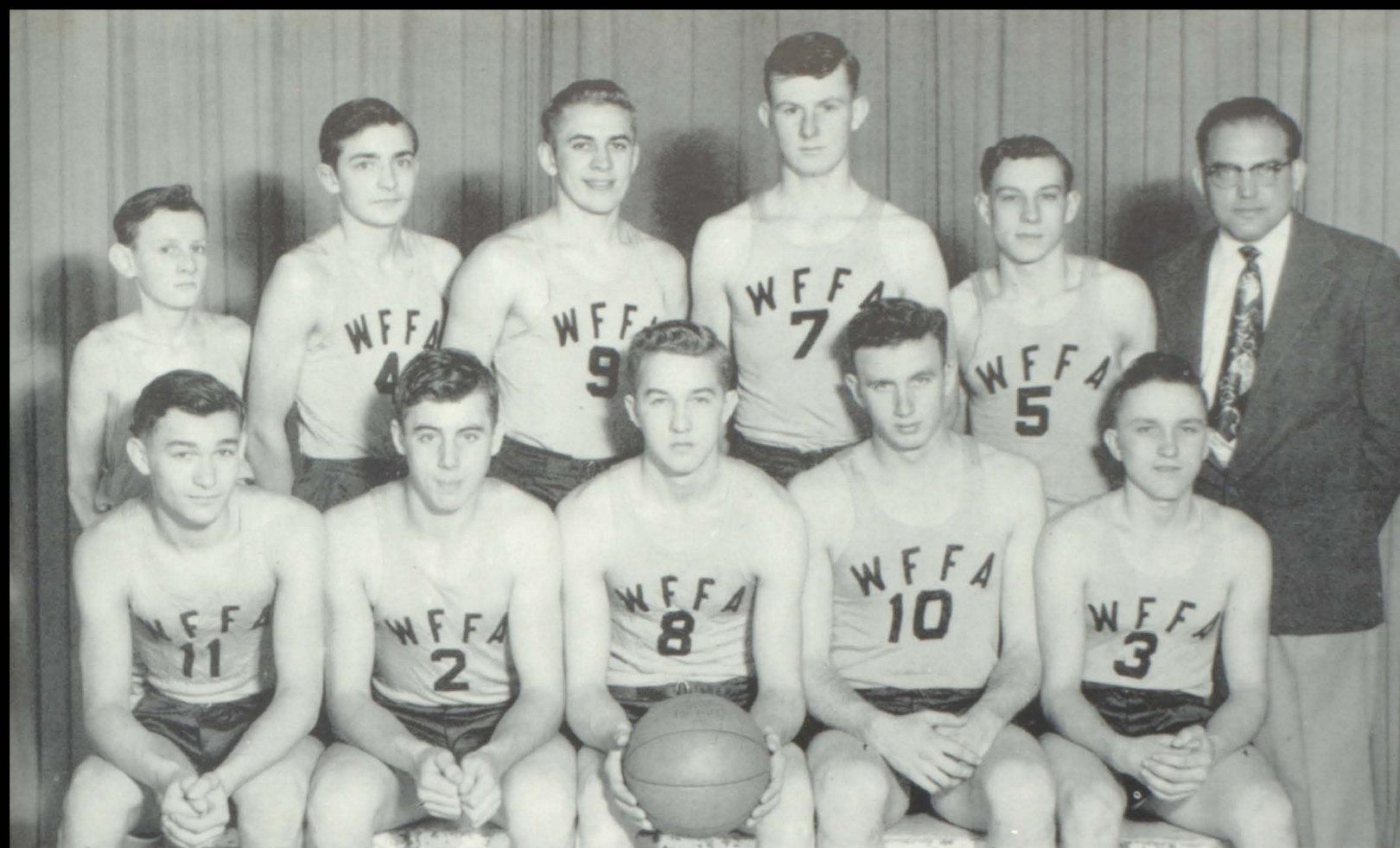
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## FFA

FIRST ROW: (left to right), D. Falk, R. Molnau, K. Kirsch, L. Burandt, F. Klepperich, D. Goetz, D. Wipf, G. Poppitz, G. Schlechter. SECOND ROW: D. Goetze, L. Noeldner, M. Ohm, G. Gatz, R. Waite, F. Kuntz, R. Fischer, D. Lundborg, R. Walter, P. Kaley, T. Lindner, V. Bruhn, Adviser. THIRD ROW: V. Felt, D. Sudheimer, J. Stacken, C. Krause, C. Johnson, M. Kirsch, D. Molnau, A. Hasse, N. Johnson, H. Kusske, J. Bitzer.







## FFA BASKETBALL TEAM

FIRST ROW: (left to right), C. Krause, A. Kuntz, E. Rehbein, F. Kuntz, J. Stacken. SECOND ROW: L. Laumann, R. Stoltman, A. Hasse, C. Johnson, E. Klein, V. Bruhn.

## F. F. A.

### 1953-1954 F.F.A. OFFICERS

President	-	-	-	-	Merrill Kirsch
Vice President	-	-	-	-	Charles Johnson
Secretary	-	-	-	-	Allen Hasse
Treasurer	-	-	-	-	DuWayne Molnau
Reporter	-	-	-	-	Joseph Stacken
Sentinel	-	-	-	-	Carl Krause
Adviser	-	-	-	-	Vernon Bruhn

ACTIVITIES: Marketing School in South St. Paul; District Five Leadership Training Program at Faribault; State F. F. A. Convention at St. Paul.

CONTESTS: General Livestock Contest at Austin; Crops Contest at Faribault; Meats Contest at Swift in South St. Paul; Dairy Contest at Owatonna; Cow Clipping Contest at St. Peter.

RECREATION: Basketball games with nearby F.F.A. Chapters.

The State Farmer Degree and DeKalb Award were conferred upon DuWayne Molnau and Merrill Kirsch.

### DeKALB AWARD



DuWayne Molnau



Merrill Kirsch

### STATE FARMER DEGREE





FIRST ROW: (left to right), B. Reich, L. Honebrink, S. Schwalbe, A. Sueker, M. Weiland, C. Truwe, M. Schwartz. SECOND ROW: J. Honebrink, D. Lueders, J. Bollinger, P. Barnes, S. Nimmer, M. Johnson, D. Stahlke, K. Eckhardt, D. Tester, P. Wagener. THIRD ROW: Miss Langer, Adviser, I. Schlechter, J. Eckhardt, L. Lobitz, J. Hartmann, B. Steinhagen, J. Lenzen, A. Maas, J. Goethke, K. Kirsch, D. Segner, D. Stahlke. FOURTH ROW: M. Wallin, B. Hartmann, A. Hilk, Y. Thom, J. Lenz, Treas., E. Steinhagen, V. Pres., J. Schwichtenberg, Pres., M. Tester, Secy., L. Klingelhut, J. Kaley, B. Kirsch, J. Schlechter, J. Klein.

## FHA

FIRST ROW: (left to right), R. Salden, B. Marquardt, J. Hartmann, D. Demm, S. Swenson, D. Arnett, J. Stoltman, E. Weiland. SECOND ROW: B. Schmakel, L. Thom, J. Kirsch, D. Lindner, V. Hudinsky, A. Eder, J. Clasen, E. Fischer, M. AmEnd, P. Schwalbe. THIRD ROW: Miss Langer, Adviser, L. Lehrke, L. Hunziker, M. Luetke, L. Luedloff, J. Aylmer, A. Cota, L. Poppler, J. Weiland, A. Koehnen, V. Hedtke, M. Notermann. FOURTH ROW: J. Johnson, J. Wherley, V. Groenke, E. Hilk, B. Paal, J. Westphal, V. Buetow, D. Litfin, M. Klatt, J. Splettsioesser, J. Borka, A. Rademacher, B. Kelzer.





## F H A STARS



Angie Koehnen



Jean Splettstoesser



Jane Westphal

## F H A

The Future Homemakers of America is the national organization set up for those students in junior and senior high schools who are studying homemaking. It plays an important part in the home economics program, and it offers an opportunity for the further development of pupil initiative in the planning and carrying out of activities related to home-making.

## CREATIVE CLUB

The Creative Club was organized to give every student with talent a chance to display his very best artistry in the field of poetry, short story writing, essays and art. The club is limited to juniors and seniors in the English sections. Thirty-one students out of possible three hundred were chosen on the merits of work submitted. Displays have been shown at the local county fair, and at various times during the year, bulletin boards have been decorated with appropriate creative work.

## CREATIVE CLUB

FIRST ROW: (left to right), J. Eckhardt, L. Lehrke, D. Lueders, V. Hedtke, S. Swenson, P. Barnes, J. Bollinger, S. Nimmer, D. Demm, M. Luetke. SECOND ROW: D. Arnett, J. Ford, E. Steinhagen, J. Borka, V. Buetow, J. Splettstoesser, J. Westphal, V. Groenke, A. Koehnen, J. Johnson, L. Thom. THIRD ROW: D. Meyer, D. Lundborg, D. Heitz, A. Hasse, M. Kirsch, J. Graff, H. Felt, L. Peltz, R. Kelzer, R. Ehrenberg.





FIRST ROW: (left to right), M. Molnau, D. Neubauer, L. Thom, J. Graff, E. Steinhagen, M. Kirsch, A. Hasse. SECOND ROW: A. Johnson, J. Kusske, R. Hegstrom, L. Stahlke, D. Johnson, H. Degen, Adviser; J. Lenzen, L. Wasser, C. Stahlke, L. Melchert, T. Birkeland, Adviser.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

This year an innovation concerning elections was made. We campaigned for Student Council President. Large campaign posters decorated the entire school. The following officers were elected: President, John Graff; Vice President, Elaine Steinhagen; Secretary, Lois Thom; Treasurer, Don Neubauer. The advisers were Miss Degen and Mr. Birkeland.

Plans for homecoming were put in charge of the Student Council. The School Patrol was also one of the Council's projects. Each year the Student Council selects and pays for the University programs which are presented at regular intervals.

At Christmas time candy for the entire school was distributed at the end of the annual Christmas program. Lighted Christmas trees were placed on the first and second floors of school and the windows were appropriately decorated.

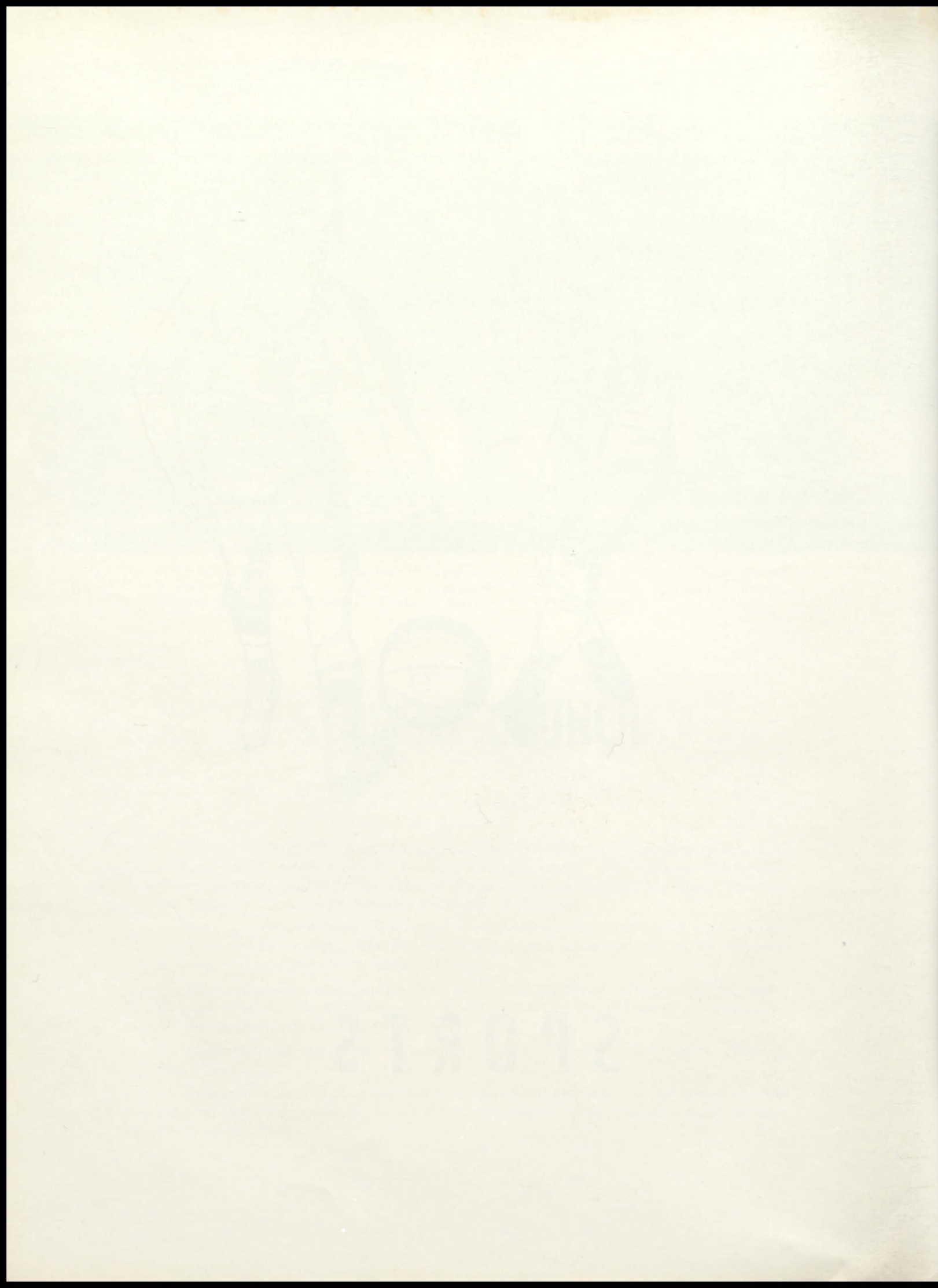
During the course of the year, we sponsored the March of Dimes, Red Cross and the Christmas Seals drives.

As is the custom at Waconia High School a Smorgasbord was again held on January 27. We raised enough money to pay for the rest of the band uniforms, bought new stage props, and purchased a flash camera.





SPORTS











FIRST ROW: (left to right), R. Ehrenberg, L. Laumann, D. Lundberg, A. Johnson, F. Kuntz, G. Krueger, M. Kirsch, R. Ehrenberg, D. Heitz, L. Erhard, P. Wagener. SECOND ROW: P. Waldner, J. Graff, D. Neubauer, G. Wessale, H. Beneke, D. Molnau, G. Neumann, A. Willems, M. Molnau, D. Littin, W. Paal, N. Olson. THIRD ROW: K. Heitz, D. Ratzloff, R. Plocher, G. Hasse, D. Schneewind, A. Kuntz, L. Moy, H. Kowalke, W. Meuwissen, D. Schwalbe, L. Wasser, J. Hartmann, L. Birkholz, A. Erhard. FOURTH ROW: M. Ohm, L. Burandt, H. Kusske, C. Krause, C. Krause, R. Fischer, D. Falk.

#### CO-CAPTAINS

Craig Krueger and Merrill Kirsch

#### FOOTBALL SEASON

	Opponent	Home
"U" High	- - - 14 - Waconia	7
Orono	- - - 20 - Waconia	0
Central	- - - 28 - Waconia	7
Watertown	- - - 20 - Waconia	12
Shakopee	- - - 20 - Waconia	7
Chaska	- - - 14 - Waconia	27
Bloomington	- - - 19 - Waconia	20







Merrill Kirsch

#### ALL CONFERENCE

Harold Felt



COACHES: (left to right), P. Waldner, R. Mayer, N. Olson.

#### FOOTBALL

Although the 2-5 record of the Chiefs was not too impressive, the Waconia eleven finished strong by defeating their arch rival, Chaska 27-14, and a 20-19 upset over Bloomington in a thrilling Homecoming victory for Coach Mayer's eleven.





"A" SQUAD FIRST ROW: (left to right), R. Mayer, Coach, M. Melchert, R. Leiverman, M. Kirsch, H. Felt, J. Graff. SECOND ROW: L. Wasser, D. Sauter, D. Molnau, L. Erhard, D. Neubauer, P. Wagener, D. Heittz.

## BASKETBALL

"B" SQUAD FIRST ROW: (left to right), D. Lindner, K. Nimmer, C. Stahlke, D. Rolf, W. Meuwissen. SECOND ROW: R. Mielke, D. Schneewind, L. Stahlke, D. Wipf, J. Farber. THIRD ROW: T. Leuthner, L. Koehnen, D. Rober, K. Heitz, J. Heitz; P. Waldner, coach.

### BASKETBALL SEASON

	Opponent	Home
"U" High	- - - 52 -	Waconia 50
Bloomington	- - - 54 -	Waconia 36
Shakopee	- - - 84 -	Waconia 32
Watertown	- - - 51 -	Waconia 40
Eden Prairie	- - - 60 -	Waconia 42
Chaska	- - - 70 -	Waconia 60
Orono	- - - 54 -	Waconia 46
Central	- - - 55 -	Waconia 52
"U" High	- - - 63 -	Waconia 47
Bloomington	- - - 57 -	Waconia 42
Shakopee	- - - 77 -	Waconia 46
Watertown	- - - 60 -	Waconia 48
Eden Prairie	- - - 55 -	Waconia 47
Chaska	- - - 41 -	Waconia 42
Orono	- - - 57 -	Waconia 51
Central	- - - 29 -	Waconia 39







CAPTAIN  
John Graff

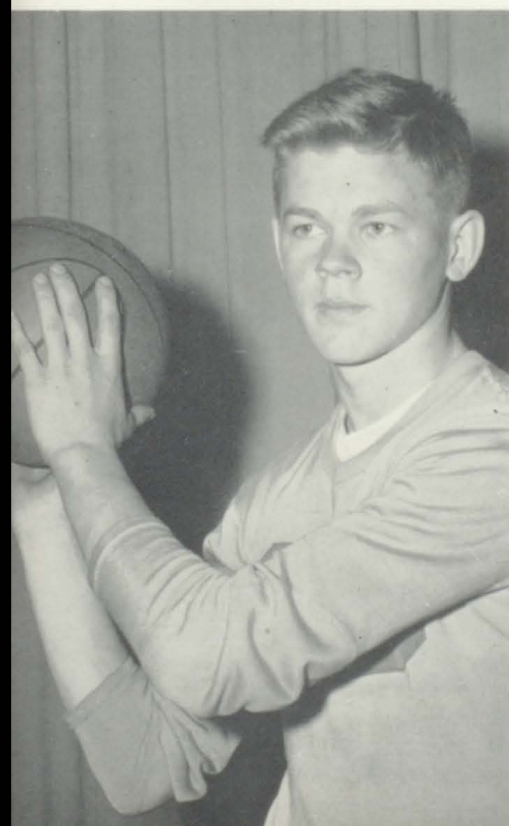


## BASKETBALL

Although the Waconia five did not carry a too impressive record throughout the season, the boys gave all they had to win. The team as a whole lacked height and experience.

Coach Mayer's team was eliminated in tournament play by Shakopee, the undefeated Minnesota Valley Conference Champions.

The varsity also made a trip up to Collegeville, Minnesota. There they played a game prior to a St. John's College game.



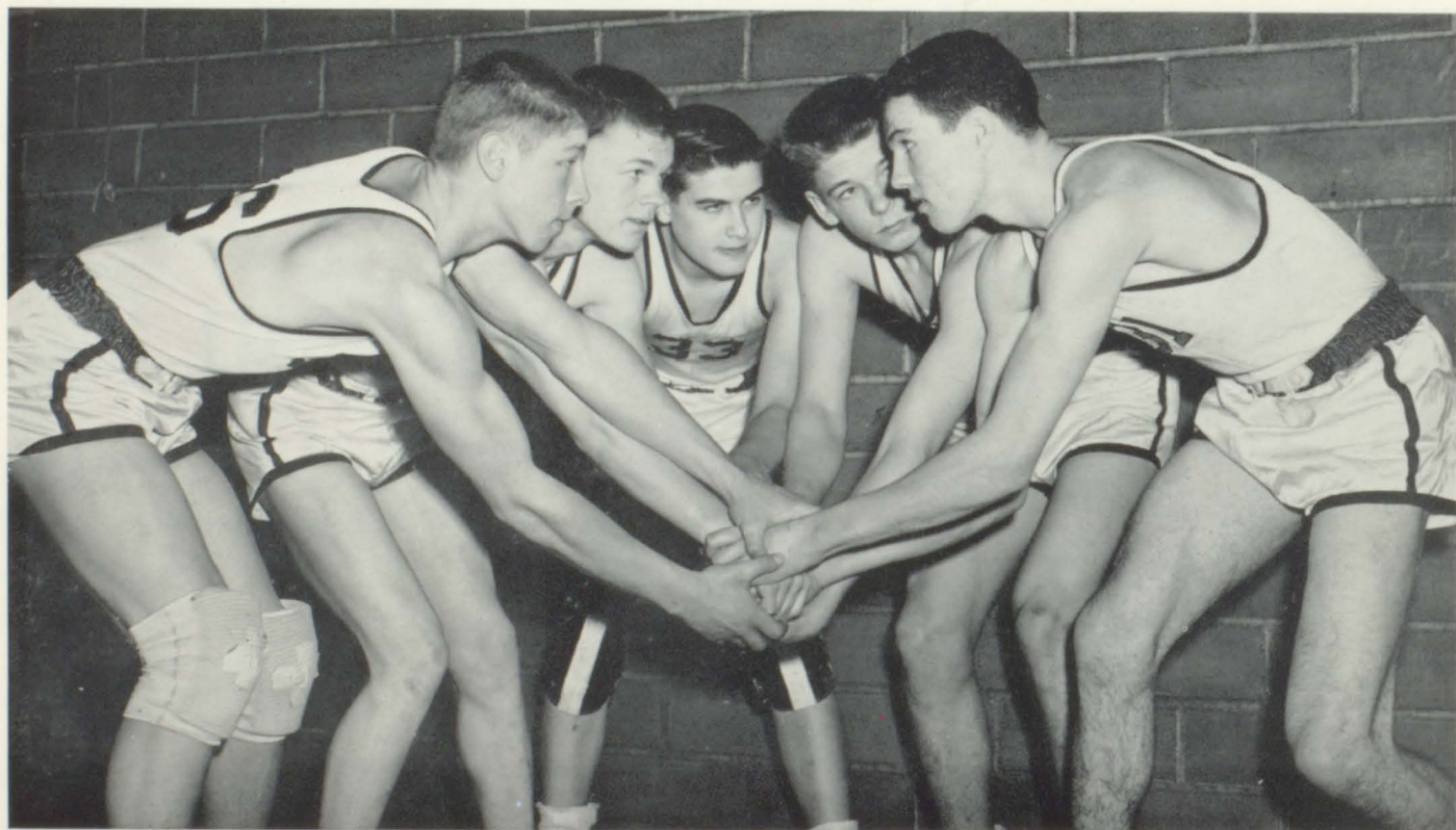




ALL CONFERENCE  
John Graff



## TEAM





# TRACK

LEFT TO RIGHT: Coach P. Waldner, co-captains A. Hasse, E. Klein, H. Felt, W. Meuwissen, L. Erhard, R. Ehrenberg, D. Waite, R. Kuntz, L. Wasser, G. Krause, A. Willems, R. Ehrenberg, D. Wipf, M. Morse, M. Molnau, R. Fischer, A. Johnson, D. Schwalbe, L. Koehnen, A. Erhard.

## TRACK

### CO-CAPTAINS

A. Hasse, E. Klein



# BASEBALL

FIRST ROW: (left to right), L. Melchert, A. Hudinsky, J. Graff, D. Lundberg, M. Melchert, D. Heitz, P. Wagener. SECOND ROW: Capt. R. Walters, D. Neubauer, E. Rehbein, M. Kirsch, B. Leivermann, H. Felt, W. Meuwissen, Coach R. Mayer.



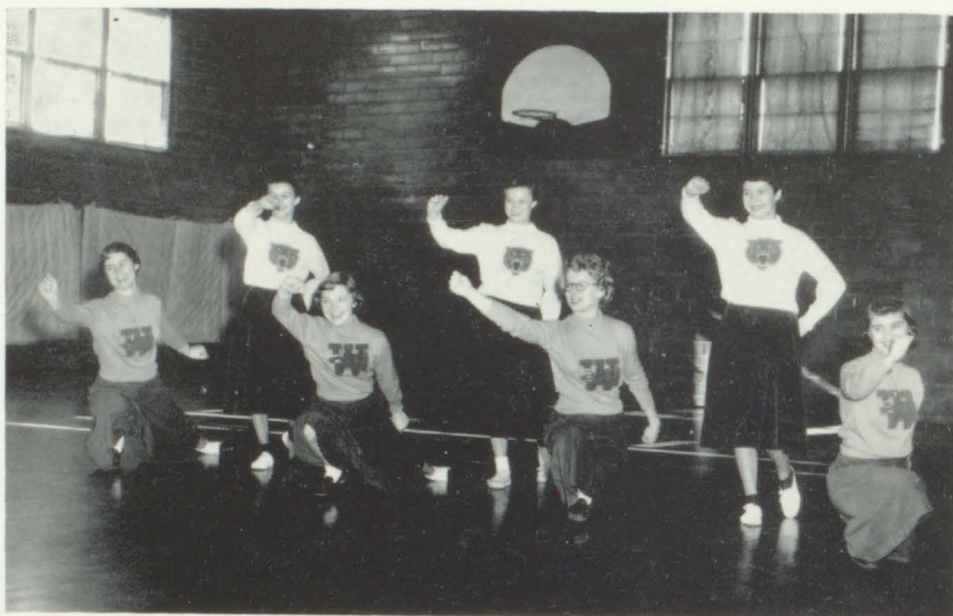




"A" TEAM CHEERLEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Splettstoesser, L. Thom,  
D. Arnett, J. Westphal.

# THE RAUSER



CHEERLEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: J. Westphal, A. Eder, L. Thom, D. Stahlke, J. Splettstoesser,  
V. Hudinsky, D. Arnett.

"B" TEAM CHEERLEADERS

LEFT TO RIGHT: A. Eder, D. Stahlke, V.  
Hudinsky.





# ATHLETIC BANQUET



The Waconia Lions Club held a banquet on February 9th, honoring the Chief's lettermen.

The guest speakers at the banquet were Stav Canakes and Mel Holme, football stars from the University of Minnesota. They spoke on a college football player's years in college.

Bob Mayer, head coach of football, baseball, and basketball, spoke on athletic facilities and the participation of Waconia High School students in athletics.

The event ended with film highlights of the University of Minnesota's 1953 season.







HOLD THAT POSE



LUCKY GIRLS

"HO HO"



# H O M E C O M M I N G '54



QUEEN JANE

The Homecoming festivities for 1953 commenced with a program following the theme of Dragnet.

After Friday and Smith gave us all the facts a fanfare announced the arrival of Queen Jane.

The coronation was followed by a bonfire held on the school grounds. The spirit of the crowd was aroused with cheers by the cheerleaders.

The next afternoon was spent taking pictures of the queen and her attendants. The Chiefs were victorious over Bloomington that evening with a score of 20-19.

The Homecoming events were concluded with a dance held in the school auditorium.

Memories and snapshots now remind us of our successful 1953 Homecoming.



# R U I N T H E B R U I N S



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SECOND ROW: L. Lobitz, J. Lenz, J. Westphal.



CUTE ARN'T THEY



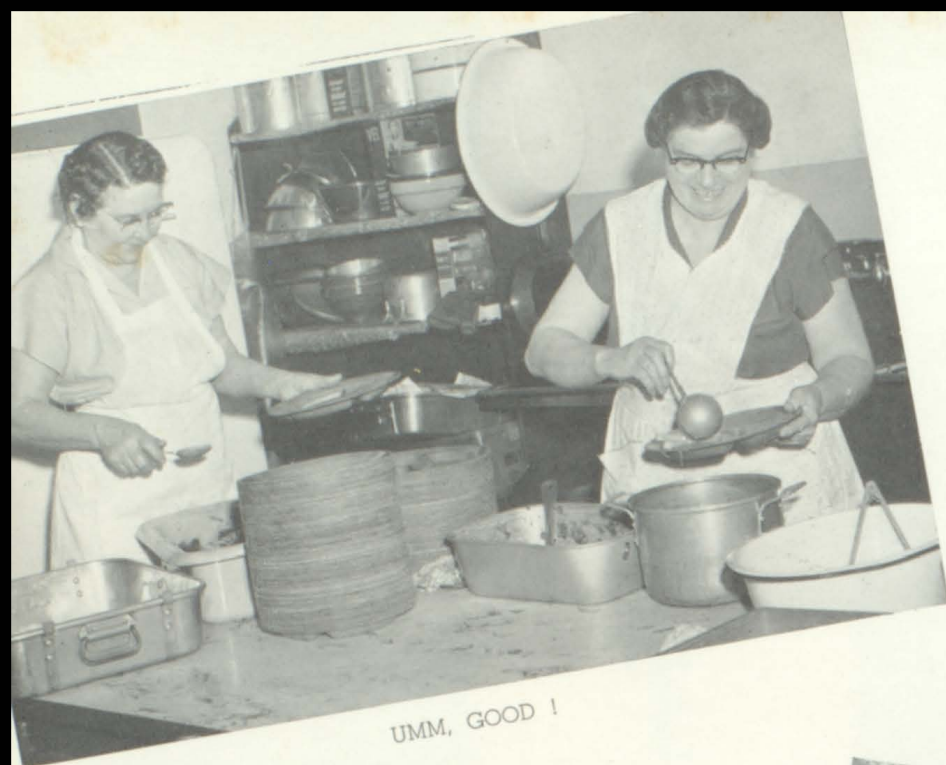
LUCKY BOY



ROYALTY

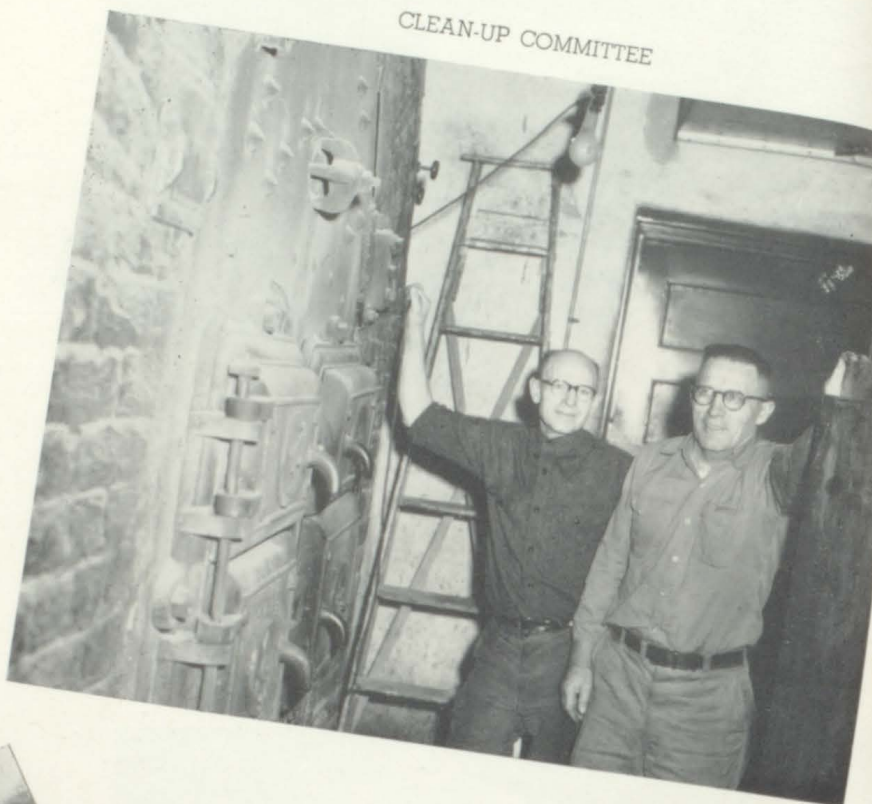


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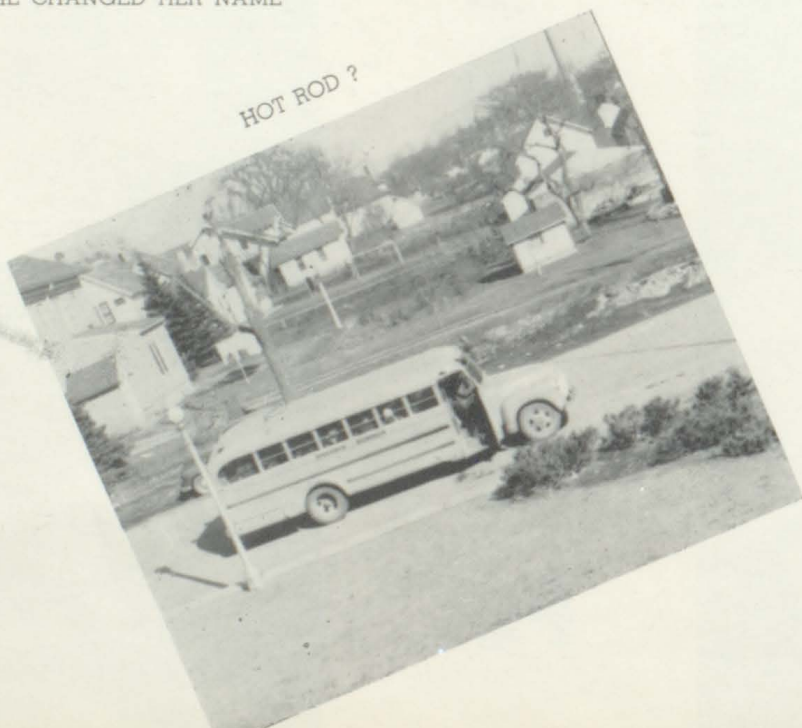
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CLEAN-UP COMMITTEE



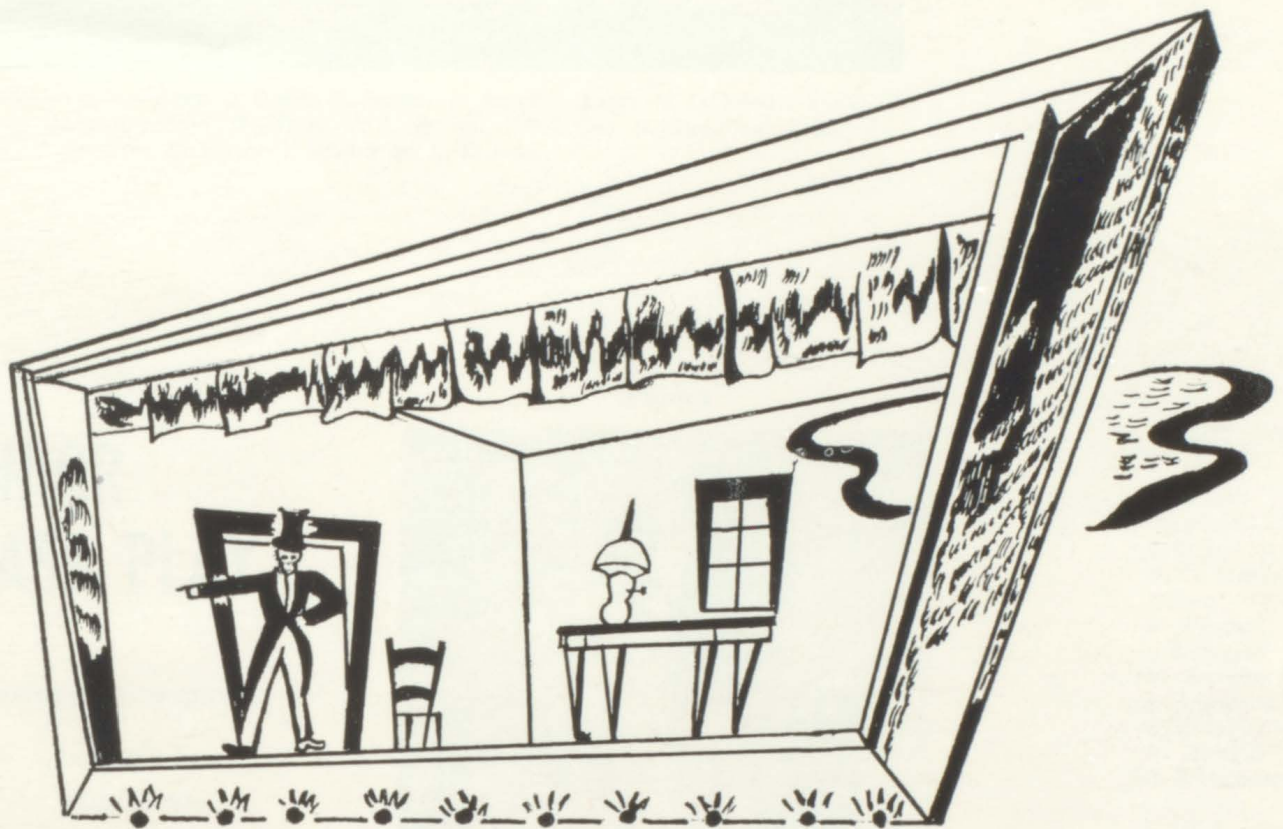
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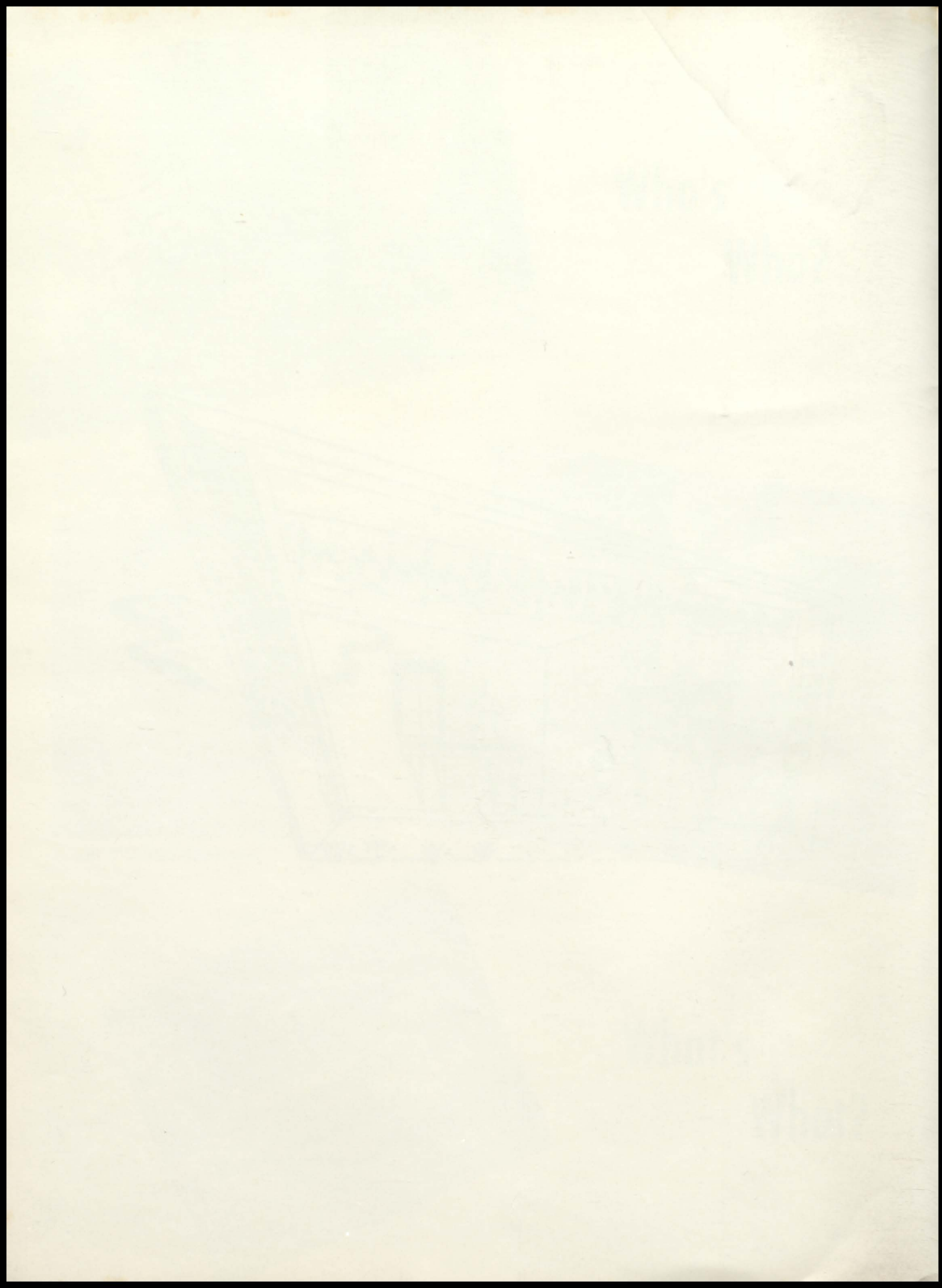
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FIRST ROW: (left to right), D. Demm, R. Salden, D. Arnett, J. Kaley, M. Lu Luetke. SECOND ROW: A. Johnson, J. Ford. THIRD ROW: S. Nimmer, J. Bollinger, R. Ehrenberg, J. Broberg, L. Peltz, V. Groenke, D. Meyer, J. Schlechter, K. Krueger.



# JUNIOR CLASS PLAY

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

DIRECTED BY  
MRS. YUNG

DONNA



CAST

D. Demm  
R. Salden  
D. Arnett  
J. Kaley  
M. Lu Luetke  
J. Ford  
S. Nimmer  
J. Bollinger  
V. Groenke  
J. Schlechter  
K. Krueger  
A. Johnson  
R. Ehrenberg  
J. Broberg  
L. Peltz  
D. Meyer

GIRLS

JULIAN KALEY







FIRST ROW: (left to right), J. Eckhardt, J. Lenz. SEATED: M. Kirsch, E. Steinhagen, D. Molnau, J. Splettstoesser, D. Heitz, H. Felt, L. Gothman. STANDING: M. Melchert, L. Lehrke, J. Graff, M. AmEnd, J. Aylmer, J. Westphal, H. Beneke, Mr. Christensen, Director.

#### CAST

E. Steinhagen  
J. Aylmer  
M. AmEnd  
J. Splettstoesser  
J. Westphal  
L. Lehrke  
J. Lenz  
J. Eckhardt  
J. Graff  
D. Heitz  
M. Kirsch  
D. Molnau  
M. Melchert  
H. Beneke  
L. Gothman  
H. Felt



## SENIOR CLASS PLAY

ONCE IN EVERY FAMILY

DIRECTED BY  
MR. CHRISTENSEN





# SMORGASBOARD

WOW! WHAT A CROWD!

The Smorgasboard, sponsored by the Student Council, was a huge success. Each student and teacher had a specific job to do, and with everyone cooperating so whole-heartedly, everything ran very smoothly. Serving began at 5:00 p. m., and after all the guests had left and the last dish had been dried and put away, we were congratulated on a job well done and told that we had served approximately 1400 people.

WHAT'LL YOU HAVE?



LINE FORMS TO THE LEFT





# BANQUET

SENIOR  
AND  
JUNIOR



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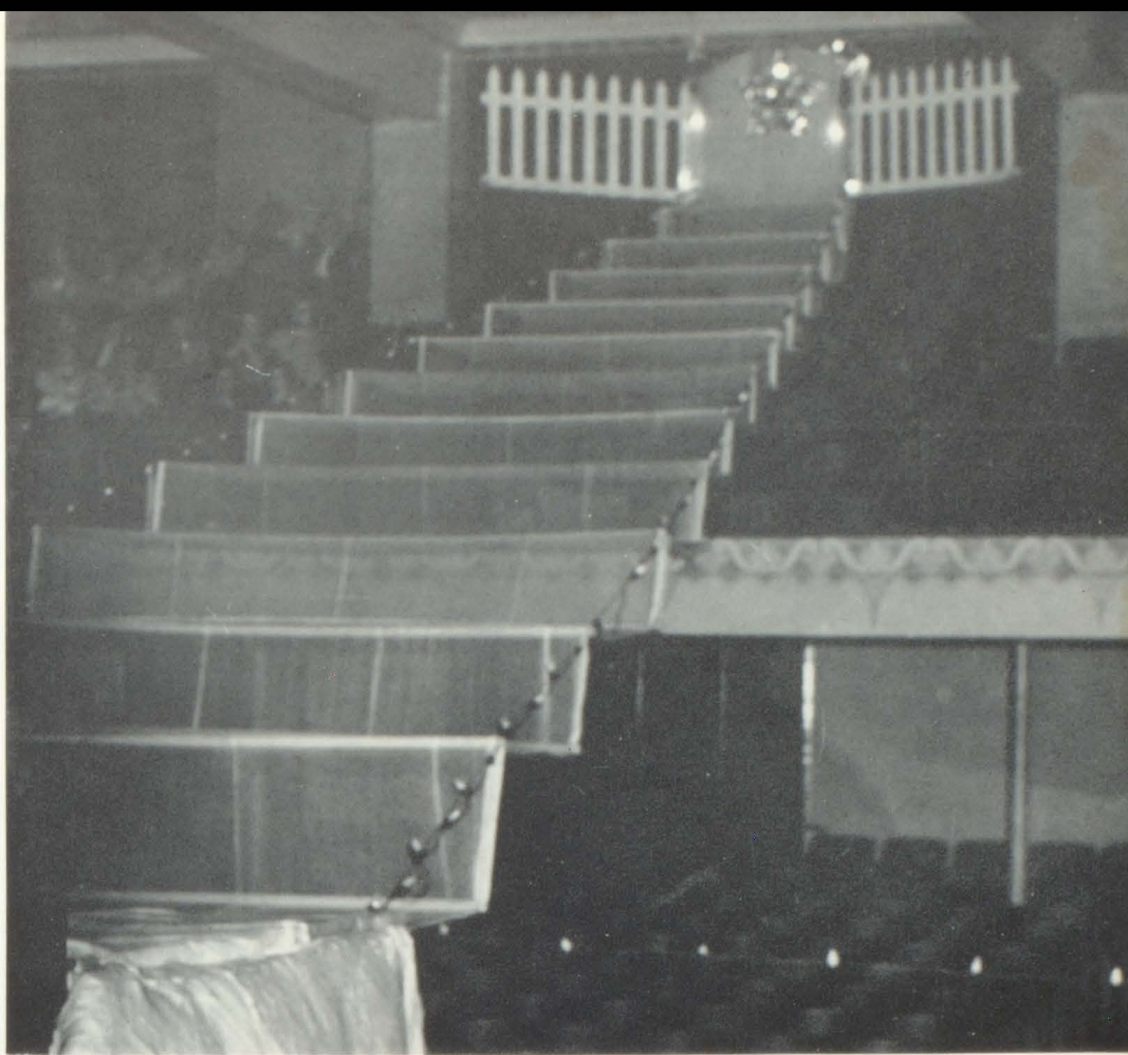


"TEE — HEE"





STAIRS  
EIGHT  
OF  
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THE GRAND MARCH



"I WAS WALTZING . . ."



THE STAIRS



# HALL OF FAME



LEADERSHIP



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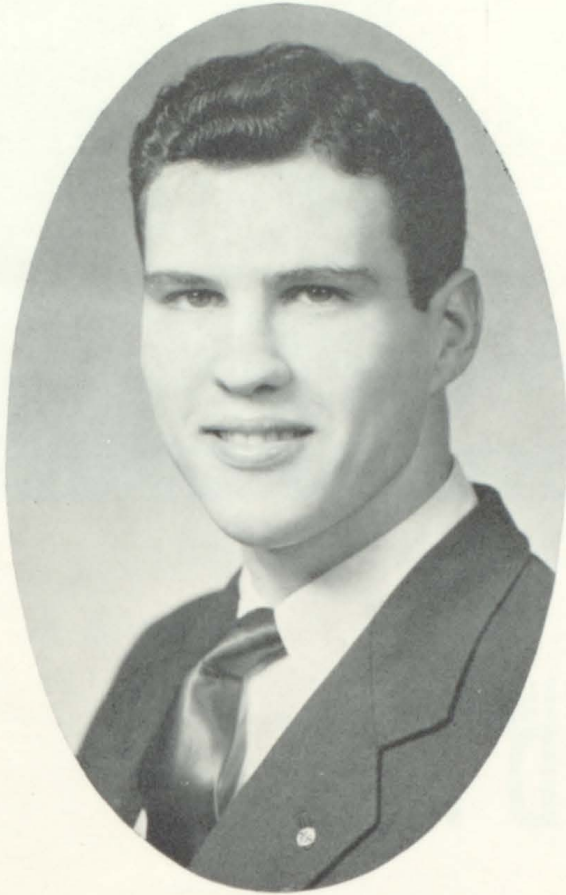


CUTEST SMILE





# HALL OF FAME



LEGION  
AWARD







ROYALTY (?)



CUTIES

# H O B O D A Y

HIGH SOCIETY



SNATCH







SEATED: (left to right), J. Eckhardt, M. Kirsch, Co-editors, H. Degen, Adviser.  
STANDING: M. Melchert, J. Westphal, J. Splettstoesser, J. Graff, D. Lundborg,  
B. Paal.

## ANNUAL STAFF

The busy hum of voices and the clicks of typewriter keys coming from the library sixth and seventh hour were your Annual Staff trying their best to meet the next deadline. Throughout the year they have worked diligently, striving to put out an Annual of which you can be proud. The staff consisted of the following: Merrill Kirsch and Jackie Eckhardt Co-Editors; Jane Westphal, Beatrice Paal, and Mark Melchert, Make-Up; Jean Splettstoesser and John Graff, Copy; and Donald Lundborg, Artist.

At this time we would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mr. Hartmann and Mr. Wessale who have given us their fullest cooperation in making this Annual possible.

# Memories

Dear Reader,

Before you close the cover on me, share a few of our memories of high school:

We'll never forget the briskness of the fall air nor the crimson and gold of the elf-like leaves as they danced to and fro across the lawn.

We'll never forget the clean, freshly painted smell of school that first fall day, nor the friendly "Hi" of returning students.

We'll never forget the wild cheering and waving of banners as the last football game ended, nor the happy smile of the Homecoming queen.

We'll always remember the sparkling picture our school made after a mid-winter snowstorm; the steady hum and the pleasant odors coming from the home economics room as we made Smorgasbord plans.

We'll never forget the warmth of cheering fans that enveloped us as we entered the gym for a basketball game.

We'll always remember the whisper of the wind among the birch trees; the friendly call of the cheerful little meadowlarks; the blue coolness of the sun shimmering on the lake; the warm earth smell after a gentle spring rain.

We'll never forget the friendly warmth of the fresh green grass, the sight of a couple moving slowly toward the hazy sound of a bell, or the soft murmur of Prom formals.

We'll always remember the sound of someone practicing "Pomp and Circumstance" and the realization that this is our last "final" and tomorrow we graduate!

Perhaps you think some of our memories are foolish and silly, but in a few short years you'll be recalling the same things.

Thank you for reading me.  
THE '54 CHIEFTAIN

