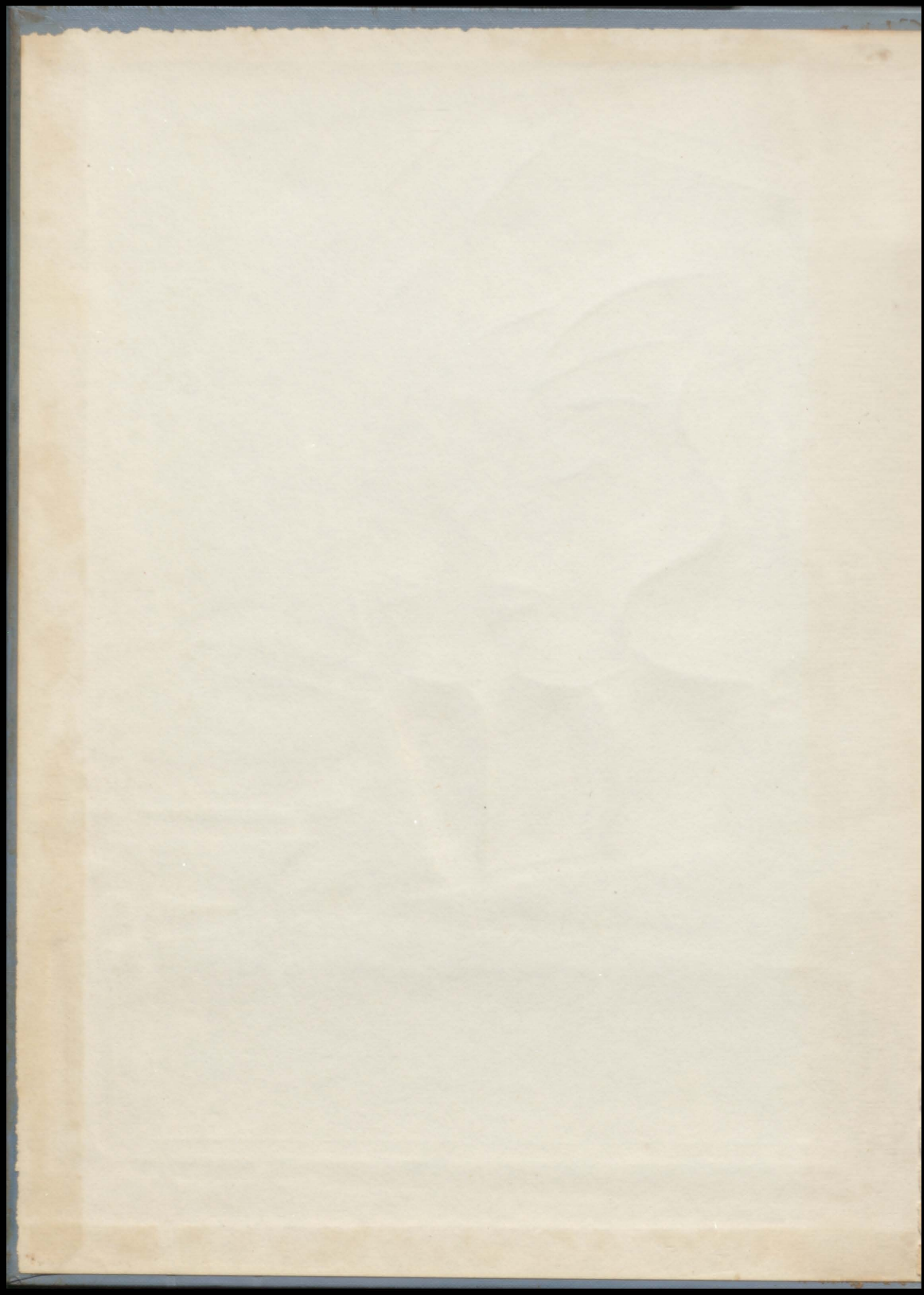
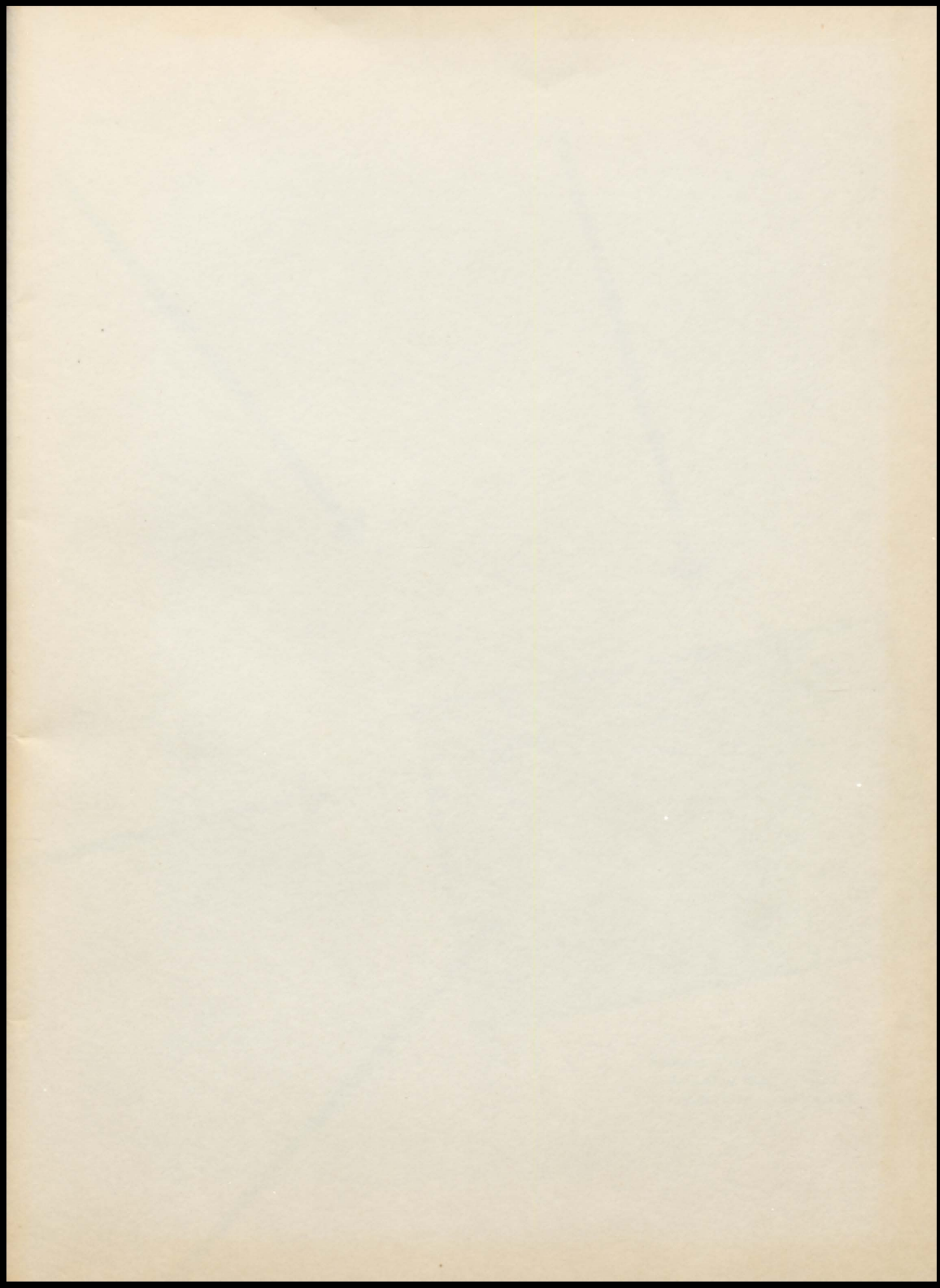
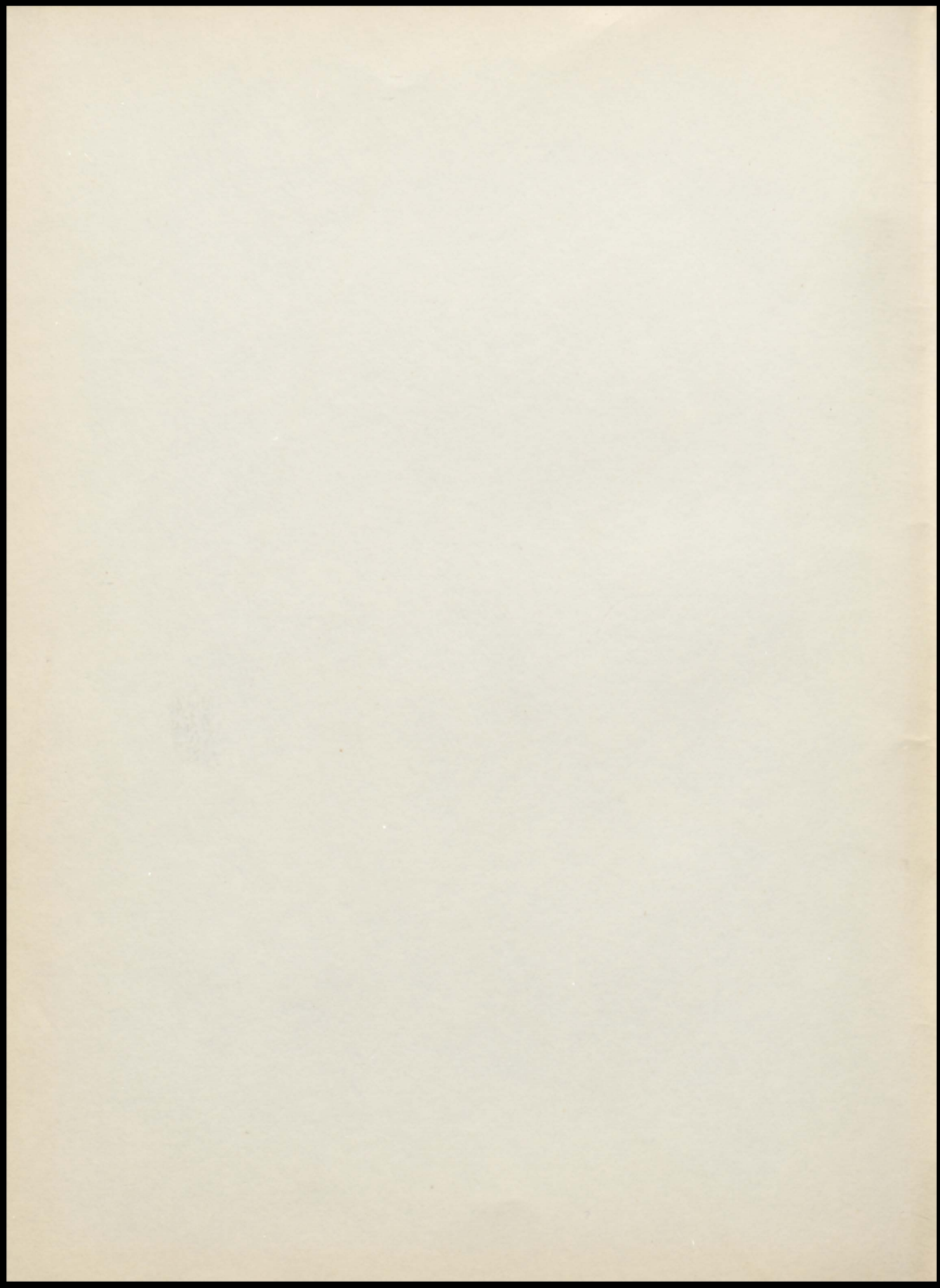




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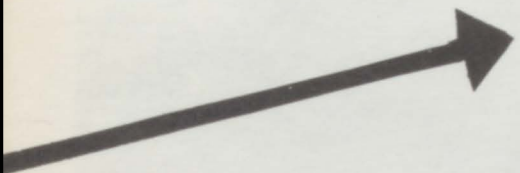




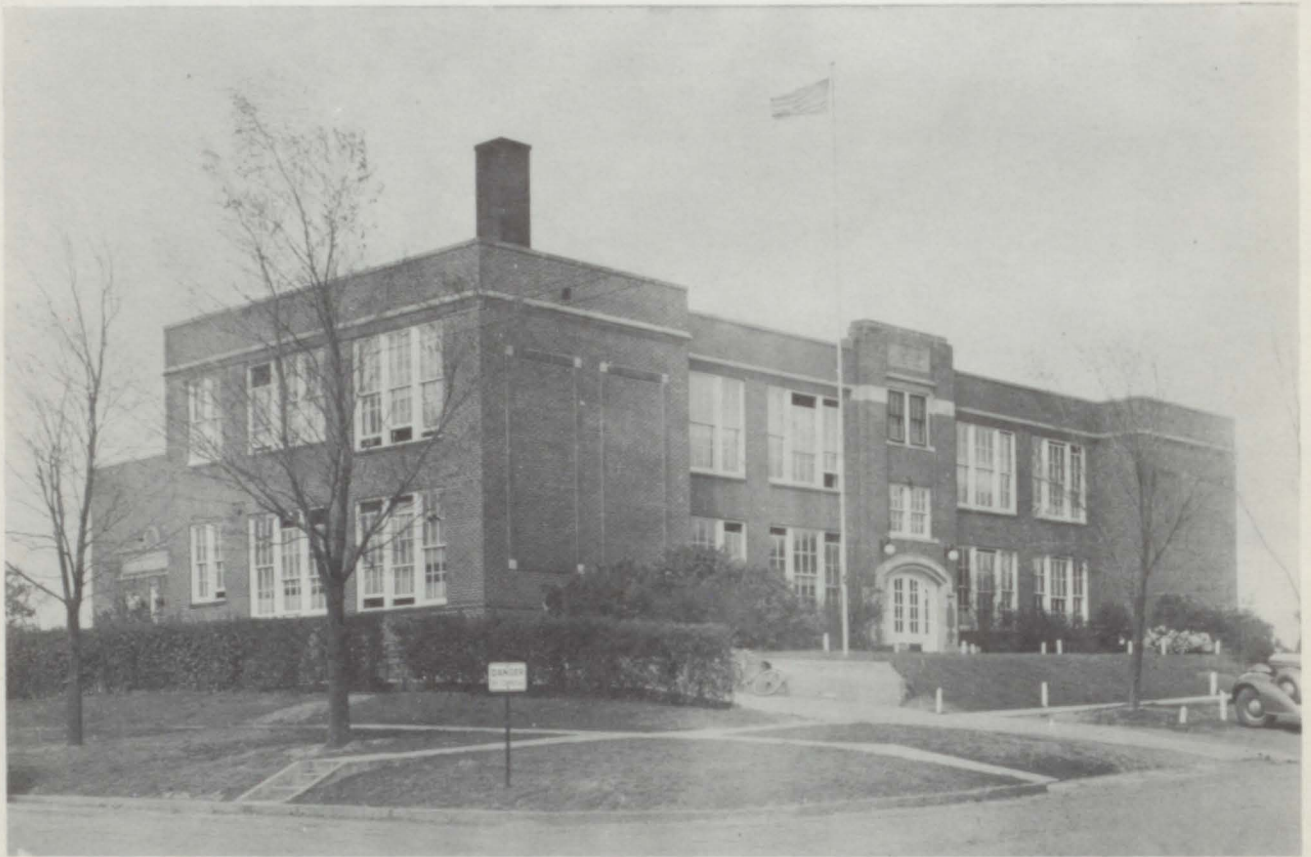
What's Your Line



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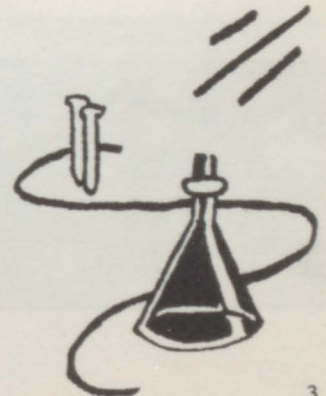
What's Your Line?

A line is what you make it. If you were to draw a line it could be long or short, thin or wide. Life has many different lines. Some are long and wide, filled with the pleasures we find every day.

The life lines of Alcester students are very wide, for they are filled with many varieties of business and happiness. The problem we solve now will help us solve a more difficult one next year. That big date last week was one which we will remember for many years to come. Maybe the doodling we did in that last English class will be the start of a career as a commercial artist, or the game next Friday may make a hero out of someone who will follow the sport to glory.

Each of us thinks, works, and plays along his own line. Now we are formulating our tomorrow. We must each choose our own line to make sure that it is the one which will make us the best and happiest person. Today we are learning; tomorrow we must teach, for then it will be our world.

Whether you are planning to be a scientist, a teacher, a farmer, or a housewife, today you are doing something that is leading you toward that destiny. In this book we hope to show you some of the different lines, for tucked in among the events of the past year are the stories of people and their ways of life. Look carefully and then decide "what's your line?"





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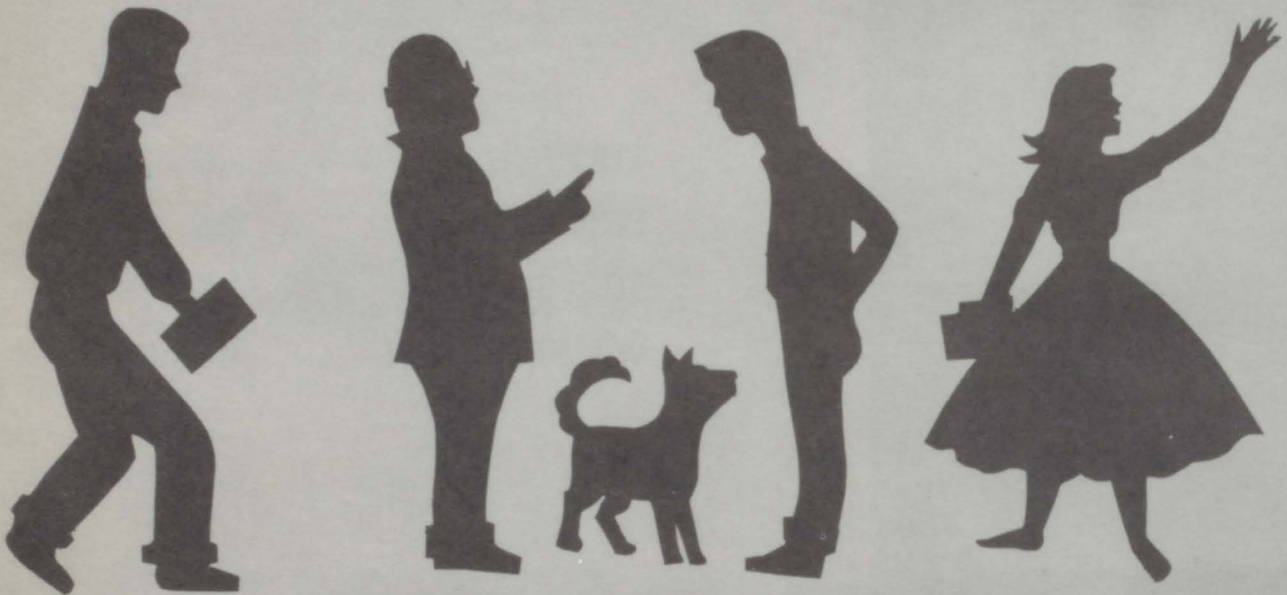




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WINNING LINE 46 - 63



THOUGHT LINE _____







E. R. Dobberstein

Behind the Line,



JoAnn Trenker

Agriculture's having a prominent place in the curriculum at AHS is due largely to the efforts of Mr. Dobberstein, instructor. Being activity fund treasurer keeps him busy recording receipts and disbursements, but a large share of his time is occupied with FFA activities. Mr. Dobberstein is the principal at Alcester.

Seventy lessons a week is quite a few, but our music teacher, Miss Trenker, manages to have time for all of them. She has worked hard this year directing the band, mixed chorus, and glee clubs. She also teaches seventh and eighth grade English.

Mrs. Coatsworth came to AHS at the beginning of the third six weeks' period to replace Mrs. Ivan Ericson, who resigned. Heading the Home Economics Department, she teaches homemaking I and II, general science, physiology, related art, seventh and eighth grade art, and physical education.

One of the busiest teachers on the staff this year is Miss Myrand. She teaches algebra, geometry, and two classes of history, advises the librarians, and directs declamatory students as well as the senior class play.



Hazel Coatsworth

Elsie Myrand



Guiding the Line



William Beckman



James Culey

Behind the superintendent's desk Mr. Beckman is seated. He is daily confronted with many problems ranging from tack stealing to those of a financial aspect. Besides being coach in the athletic department, he teaches American government, sociology, and seventh and eighth grade math.

Physics, Biology, and junior high science are the subjects Mr. Culey teaches. He has done much to expand the Science Department in our school. Mr. Culey coached the "B" basketball team which had only three losses, and during the football season he was assistant coach.

If you were to peek into the room at the end of the hall after school, you would find Mrs. Baird busy correcting papers. As head of the commercial department she teaches bookkeeping, shorthand, and two typing classes. She also instructs seventh and eighth grade social science.

Every student at AHS has one class period under Mr. Van Zant's instruction, for he teaches the four English classes. He directed the junior class play, some declamatory students, and advised the annual staff.



Mary Ellen Baird



Robert Van Zant

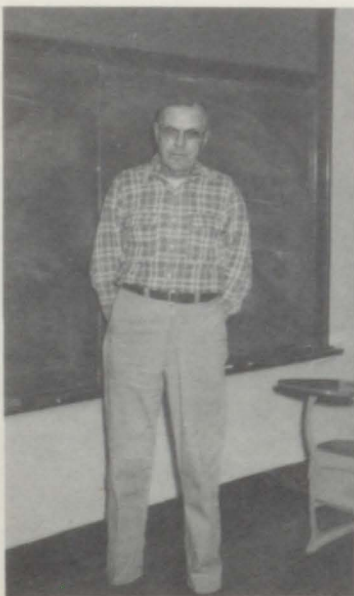


Board of Education

Seated--Robert Anderson, Melvin Johnson, Lee Numsen.
 Standing--Richard Johnson, Vere Larson, Marvin Westin.

Diversified Lines

CUSTODIAN
 Oscar Newberg



OFFICE SECRETARY
 Connie Culey



COOKS
 Muriel Hammerstrom
 Helen Dannenbring



Student Body President

The year 1955-56 has been a busy one for Kent Hammerstrom, student body president. His many and varied duties have included presiding at the weekly student council meetings, calling student assemblies, and making plans for school dances, the Christmas party, homecoming, and sweetheart festivities.

Kent was elected student body president by popular vote in the spring of his junior year at A. H. S.



Student Council Marks Progress

Every Friday noon nine students get to go first in the lunch line. These students are members of the student governing council at A. H. S. Superintendent Beckman advises the group. Officers include Kent Hammerstrom, president; Jerry Sommervold, vice president; and Coleen Farley, secretary.

Selection of members was different from last year's method. At the beginning of the year, when each class elected their officers, they also elected two representatives for the student council.

In addition to their regular activities, the council raised funds for the March of Dimes at an all school party on January 31.

Members of the student council: J. Johnson, O. Eidsness, C. Farley, L. Westrosky, K. Hammerstrom, Mr. Beckman, J. Sommervold, K. Nylund, K. Bartlett, R. Hammerstrom.





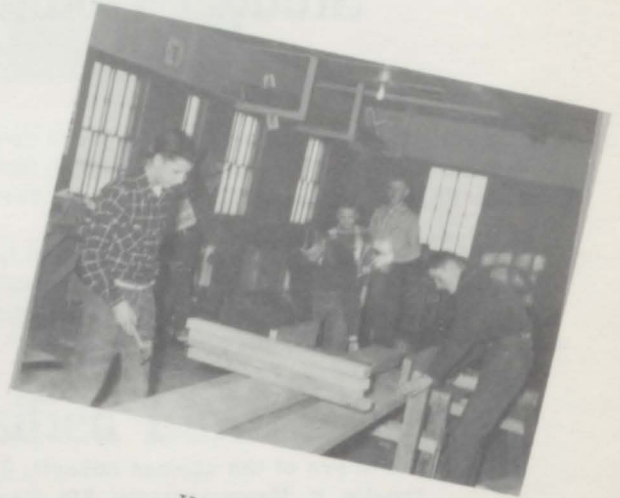
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Confusing? It looks easy!



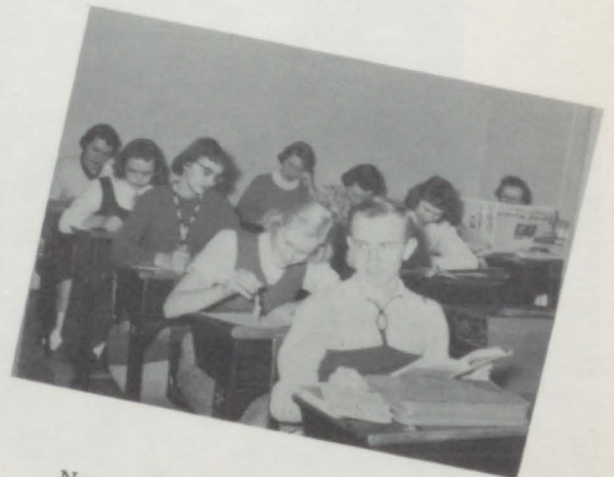
The proof to problem 14.



Use a square.



Careful where you cut.



Now, lets get down to business.



Class of '56

End of the Line

Flower.....Hyacinth	President.....Donowan Larson
Colors.....Cerise and Silver	Vice Pres.....JoAnn Clementson
Motto.....One Step At A Time, But Always Forward.	Secretary.....Bev Herbrandson
	Treasurer.....Marla Shuck

In one respect, it's the end of the line, when, in cap and gown, the senior proudly receives his diploma, marking one of the most important day of his life--his graduation. The AHS seniors will experience this occasion on May 17th.

Batson tests, graduation announcements, Career Day, and senior pictures take but a small part in the life of a senior, as the class of '56 has found out. However, most of their time has been spent in the classroom. English and Government were required subjects. The class of 1956 will remember four wonderful years at Alcester High.

NORMA JEAN ABRAHAM

Band; Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental ensemble; Cubette; Dakota, head Pep.; GAA; FHA, officer; Declam; Junior play; Librarian; Pep club; Drill team; Class officer; Sweetheart Attendant; Betty Crocker Award.

TWILA BUUM

Chorus; Glee club; Vocal solo and ensemble; Cubette; Dakota; FHA; FTA; Junior play; Pep club.





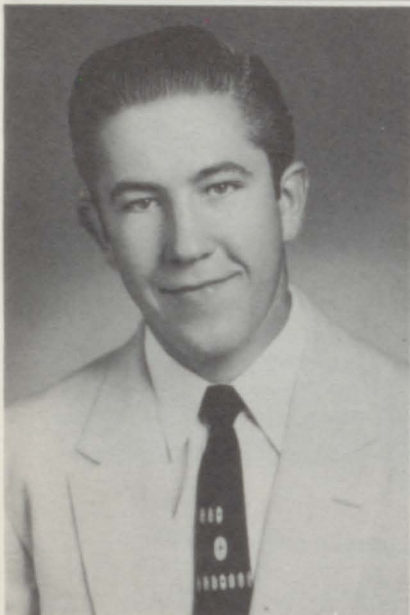
JOANN CLEMENTSON

Band, officer; Chorus, officer; Glee club; Instrumental solo, ensemble; Vocal ensemble; Cubette; Dakota; GAA; FHA, officer; Cheerleader; Class officer; Homecoming queen and attendant; Junior play; Declam.



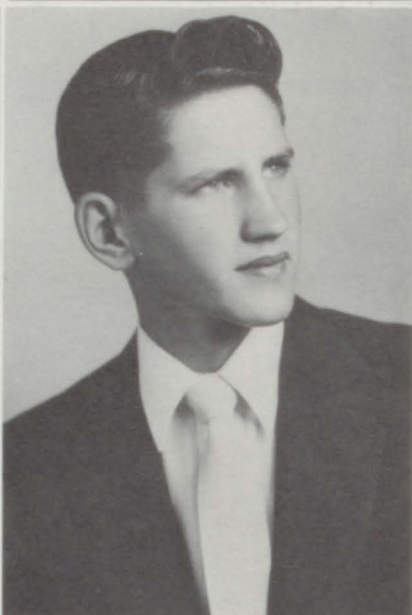
MARILYN FICKBOHM

Band; Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental ensemble; FHA; FTA; GAA; Cubette; Pep club; Drill team.



KENT HAMMERSTROM

Basketball; Football; Track; Chorus, officer; Vocal ensemble; Cubette, art ed.; Junior play; "A" club, officer; Student body president; Homecoming king.



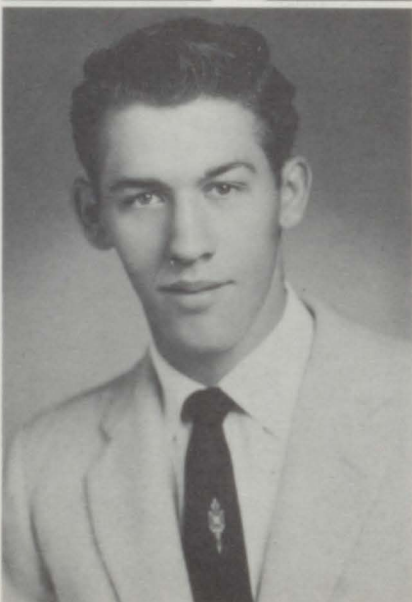
BERNARD HANSEN

Basketball; Football; Track; Chorus; Glee club; Cubette; Junior play; "A" club.



MARY HEBERT

Band, officer; Chorus, officer; Glee Club; Instrumental solo and ensemble; Cubette; Dakota, feature ed.; GAA; FHA, officer; Declam; One-act play; Drill team; Twirler; Cheerleader; Class officer; Homecoming attendant; Sweetheart attendant; Pep club.



JACK HEMMELRICK

Basketball; Football; Track; FFA; "A" club; Chorus; Glee club

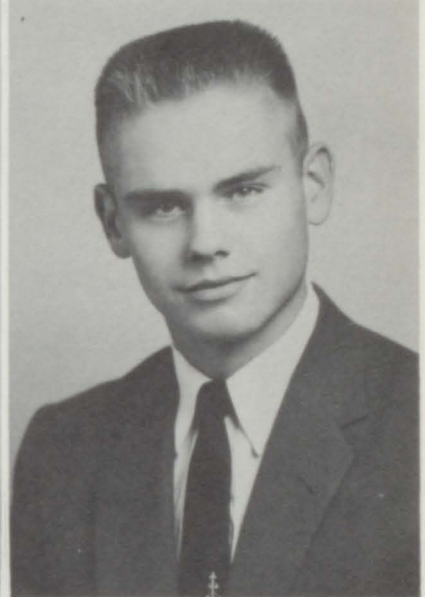
BEVERLY HERBRANDSON

Band, officer; Chorus; Glee club; Vocal solo, ensemble; Brass ensemble; Cubette; Dakota, ed; FHA, officer; Head librarian; Girls' State; Minnie Larson Award; Class officer; Pep club, officer; Junior play; Sweetheart attendant.



MURIEL JACOBSON

Band; Chorus, officer, accompanist; Glee club; Instrumental solo, ensemble; Vocal ensemble; Cubette, ed.; Dakota; FHA, state and local officer; FTA; Declam; Junior play; One-act play; Pep club; Tournament band; Sweetheart attendant.



MARILYN JOHNSON

Chorus; Glee club; Cubette; FHA, officer; GAA; Drill team; Homecoming attendant; Sweetheart attendant; Pep club; Librarian.

DAVID LAPPEGARD

Basketball; Football; Track; Dakota, sports ed.; FFA, officer; Junior play; One-act play; "A" club, officer; Student council; Homecoming attendant.



DONOWAN LARSON

Basketball; Track; Chorus; Glee club; "A" club; Class officer; Junior play.

MARY DELLE LARSON

Band; Chorus; Glee club; Cubette; Dakota; FHA; Junior play; Pep club; Class officer.



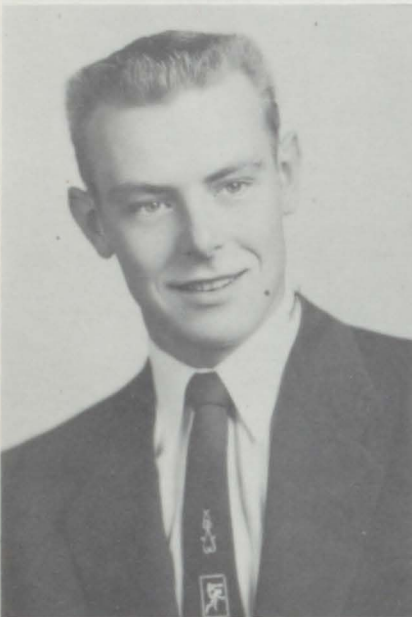
MONA LEE LARSON

Chorus; Glee club; Cubette, art ed.; FTA; Pep club; Class officer; Librarian; Drill team.



STUART LEAFSTEDT

Basketball; Football; Track; Cubette, bus. mgr.; Dakota; Band; Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental and vocal ensemble; FFA, officer; Declam; One-act play; Junior play; Class officer; Student Council; Boys' State; National FFA Band; "A" club, officer.



ELDON NEWBERG

Basketball; Football; Track; Chorus; Glee club; FFA, officer; Junior play; "A" club, officer.



GORMAN NYGARD

FFA, officer.



LOREE OLSON

Band, Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental and vocal ensemble; Cubette; Dakota; FHA; FTA; Junior play; Pep club.



LLOYAL SAUGSTAD

Band, officer; Chorus; Glee club; Vocal solo; Dakota, bus. mgr.; FFA; FTA; Declam; Junior play; One-act play; Pep club, officer; Homecoming attendant

MARLA SHUCK

Band, officer; Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental, vocal solo and ensemble; All-state band; Dakota, ass't. ed.; FHA; GAA; Pep club; Class officer; Homecoming attendant; Sweetheart queen.



JEAN SKINNER

Band; Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental ensemble; Dakota; Cubette; GAA; FHA; Pep club.

JOYCE SKINNER

Band; Chorus; Glee club; Instrumental solo; FHA, officer; FTA; GAA; Cubette; Pep club; Drill team.

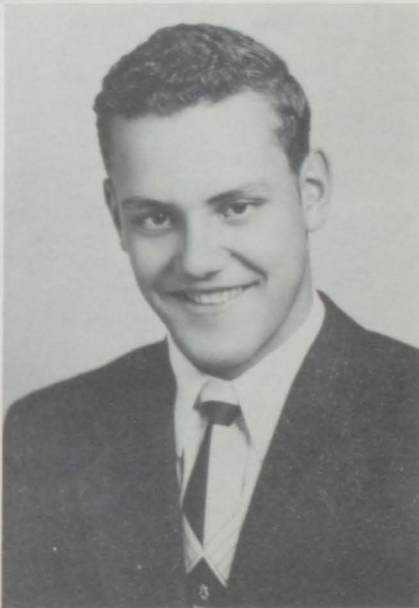


JERRY SOMMERVOLD

Basketball; Football; Chorus; Glee club; FFA, officer; Student council; Junior play; "A" club; Homecoming attendant.

SANDRA STENE

Band; Chorus; Cubette; FHA; FTA; Declam; One-act play; Junior play; Pep club; Drill team.



LOWELL WETROSKY

Chorus, officer; Glee club; Vocal solo and ensemble; Dakota; FFA, officer; Pep club, officer; Junior play; Class officer; Student council; Homecoming attendant.

Class of '57

LeRoy Anderberg

Beverly Anderton

Bruce Costar

Miriam Day

Marlys Dietrich

Maeta Ekren

Karen Ericson

Coleen Farley

Elaine Gabel

Wesley Gunnare

Karen Hagen

Paul Hagen

Virginia Hagen

Marlene Hakl

JoAnn Hummel

There's No Stopping Now

Bob Johnson

JoAnn Lind

Evelyn Lundberg

Larry Meadors

Jean Miller

Gene Numsen

Kathleen Nylund

Larry Olson

Roger Paulson

Marlene Quall

Marlys Ronning

Marvin Schempp

Greg Schumacher

Dennis Treiber

Kay Wells

Claude Williams

Not pictured: Leslie Anderson,
Roger Eden, Sandra Fiksdal,
Carol Hagen, Marilyn Lind,
Russell Pearson, and Merland
Rusten.



Class of '58

Curtis Anderberg

Lucille Anderson

Robert Anderson

Kerry Bartlett

Dennis Dean

Owen Eidsness

Sharon Ericson

Doreen Hansen

Claude Hebert

Donna Lapegard

Royce Lapour

Douglas Leafstedt

Janice Lind

Ardyce Lundgren



Lining Up For the Fun of It

Sophomore rendition of
"Sixteen Tons"



Sandra Mudder

Marlys Quall

John Repp



Eldora Shuck

Lorna Sogn

Beverly Stene

Richard Stroshane



James Thormodsgard

Leroy Voegeli

Kaleen Waddell

Orris Welch



Not pictured: Wayne Johnson



Class of '59

Martha Ahlgrim

Mary Anderson

Merlowe Anderson



Douglas Costar

Marcia Day

Barbara Elving

Marjorie Ericson



Renee Hammerstrom

Renett Hammerstrom

Sally Herbrandson

Arvid Holthe



Kenneth Holthe

Glenn Hongslo

Marlys Hongslo

Jan Johnson

Getting in Line With the Rest

Stewart Keiser

Loretta McCall

Karen Miller

Patricia Patrick

Charles Peterson

Ronald Quall

Leland Sougstead

Ronald Seimers

Lana Skatrud

Robert Skinner

Loren Solbue

Bradley Tucker

Charles Turner

Judy Warnkvist

Judy Wells



Where Expressions Are Etched, Lines Are Sketched,



Seven
and
Eight

Row 1--Gerald Powell, Renee Trudeau, Coleen Dean, Esther Krause, James Clementson. Row 2--Peter Repp, Dale Seimers, John Elving, Milton Williams. Row 3--Owen Buum, Marietta Day, John Larson, Doreen Numsen, Marlis Krause.



Five
and
Six

Row 1--Myrna Solberg, Francis Peterson, Sharon Westling, Richard Trandahl, Dennis Huddleston. Row 2--Gordon Powell, Bruce Johnson, David St. Pierre, Betty Dobberstein, Tommy Engebretson, Wayne Seimers, Mrs. McQuire. Row 3--Del Ray Stephens, Susan St. Pierre, Calvin Waddell, Harold Naeve, William Rabey, Betty Williams.

Foundations Are Laid, and Patterns Are Made

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and
Four



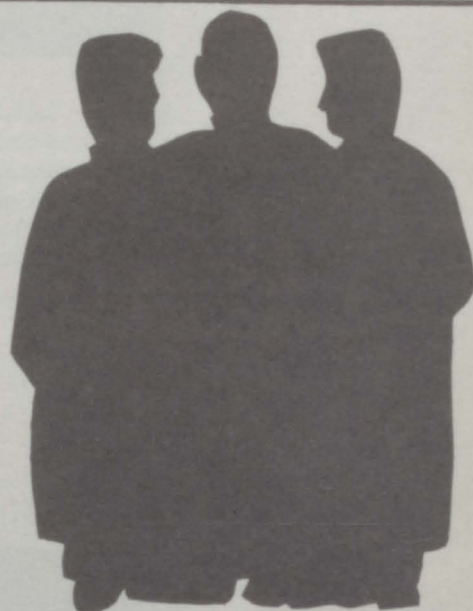
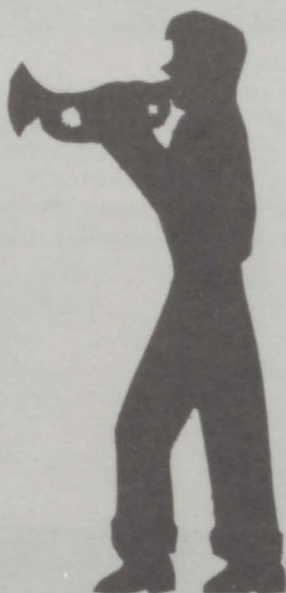
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One
and
Two



Row 1--Scott Hammerstrom, Merlyn Solberg, Ronnie Trandahl, Clarice Anderberg, Ronald Wipf, Jeffry Trudeau, Mark Johnson, Jeannette Seimers, Mrs. Flick. Row 2--Robert Fickbohm, Donald Keiser, Lynn Peterson, Beverly McKellips, Margery Westin, Dianne Strohane, Patsy Shrawder, Connie Stubbs. Row 3--Kathy Naeve, David Beckman, Bruce Westling, Darla Anderberg, Cecelia Day, Reed Boetell, Gary Newell, Margery St. Pierre.

FUN LINE







Row 1--Advisor Mr. Van Zant, J. Lind, M. Larson, K. Hammerstrom, M. Jacobson, S. Leafstedt, M. Ronning, Advisor Mrs. Baird. Row 2--J. Hummel, B. Herbrandson, L. Olson, K. Nylund, M. Anderson, M. Lind, M. Day, J. Skinner, J. Clementson, S. Fiksdal, J. Warnqvist. Row 3--R. Hammerstrom, S. Herbrandson, S. Stene, C. Farley, K. Hagen, K. Wells, T. Buum, M. Fickbohm, M. Dietrich, E. Lundberg. Row 4--K. Holthe, M. Rusten, L. Meadors, D. Leafstedt, L. Voegeli .

Cubette Staff Prepares Memory Lines



"Have those pictures come back yet?" Working hard against time, Cubette members eventually found their stride and conquered the tricky business of measuring copy and mounting pictures. All have had a part in preparing the various pages of this year's Cubette.

Upper left: Art editors JoAnn Lind, Kent Hammerstrom, and Mona Larson. Lower left: Business managers Marlys Ronning and Stuart Leafstedt discuss financial problems with editors Muriel Jacobson and Beverly Anderton.



If you want a book to read for pleasure, a reference for that theme you are writing, the daily newspaper, or an up-to-date magazine, the high school library is the place to go.

Hundreds of library books and magazines are checked out of the library every school year. Various other tasks--dusting shelves, renewing books, and collecting fines--keep Miss Myrand and the librarians busy.

Officers of the library club include Norma Jean Abraham, president; Marilyn Johnson, vice president; Mona Larson, secretary; and Kaleen Waddell, treasurer. Miss Myrand is their capable advisor.



Librarians Martha Ahlgrim and Loretta McCall seem to enjoy looking up the author for a book Wayne Johnson wants to read during the sixth period study hall.

Books—Lines to New Vistas



HEAD LIBRARIAN
BEVERLY HERBRANDSON

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN
MARILYN LIND

Row 1--M. Larson, K. Waddell, N. Abraham, B. Herbrandson, M. Lind, M. Johnson. Row 2--S. Ericson, S. Mudder, M. Day, S. Herbrandson, Miss Myrand. Row 3--M. Ahlgrim, R. Hammerstrom, V. Hagen, K. Hagen, L. McCall.





Row 1--D. Lappegard, N. Abraham, J. Hummel, B. Herbrandson, M. Shuck, M. Day, J. Lind, M. Hebert. Row 2--B. Johnson, D. Leafstedt, M. Dietrich, E. Lundberg, J. Clementson, K. Hagen, K. Wells, L. Olson, W. Gunnare, M. Jacobson, Mrs. Baird. Row 3--C. Farley, D. Lappegard, S. Herbrandson, K. Waddell, M. Day, L. Olson, L. Anderberg, O. Eidsness, J. Lind, A. Lundgren.

Dakota Reminds Students



Saugstad, Ericson

Head Business Staff

You'd better see them again tomorrow. Responsible for financial matters concerning the Dakota are Lloyal Saugstad, business manager, and Karen Ericson, his assistant. Other members of the business staff spend time each month collecting ads from the local businessmen.

Balancing the books for the month of January are (seated) Merland Rusten, Lloyal Saugstad, Karen Ericson, Virginia Hagen, and (standing) Leroy Voegeli, Ronald Seimers, Arvid Holthe, Kenneth Holthe, Marlene Hakl, Carol Hagen, Sandra Mudder, and Sharon Ericson.

Head Reporter

Checking to see if all reporters have their stories in before the deadline is the head reporter's task. This year's head reporter, Norma Jean Abraham, has been on hand to help others write their stories. Many a time a reporter would hand their story to her. She would proofread it and give it to the editors.

Editors-in-chief

What's the count for this headline? Striving toward a common goal, Beverly Herbrandson and Marla Shuck are shown revising a scoop--one of the many tasks confronting an editor of the school paper. Each month they decide what the next edition should contain, post the assignments, edit the stories, write editorials, and go to the printing office to print the paper.



Of Past and Future Lines

Sports Editor

As sports editor, Dave Lappgard is faced with many tasks similar to those of the editors. Every edition has sports writeups on page three, and each page has been planned by Dave. It has been up to him to see that all sports events have been covered adequately.

Feature Editor

The humorous side of school life is depicted on page two of each edition of the Dakota. These humorous stories and anecdotes are the results of Mary Hebert's flourishing pen.





Row 1--Advisor Mrs. Coatsworth, Rep. B. Herbrandson, Sec. K. Hagen, V. Pres. J. Clementson, Pres. D. Lappegard, Treas. J. Skinner, Mus. Leader M. Day, Parl. M. Jacobson. Row 2--J. Hummel, M. Ericson, B. Elving, M. Dietrich, M. Shuck, L. McCall, L. Anderson, J. Wells, E. Gable, V. Hagen, M. Hakl. Row 3--L. Skatrud, M. Hebert, K. Miller, M. Johnson, N. Abraham, S. Fiksdal, K. Nylund, S. Herbrandson, M. Lind, K. Wells, J. Skinner, D. Hansen. Row 4--J. Miller, K. Ericson, T. Boom, R. Hammerstrom, L. Sogn, E. Lundberg, L. Olson, S. Mudder, K. Waddell, J. Lind, A. Lundgren, S. Ericson, E. Shuck, M. Quall. Row 5--M. Ronning, M. Ekren, M. Fickbohm, S. Stene, C. Farley, J. Lind, M. Anderson, M. Hongslo, M. Quall, B. Stene, M. Day, J. Warnkvist, M. Ahlgrim, P. Patrick.

"We Are the Future Homemakers of America"

Left: "Oh! What a nice surprise."

Below: Cooking isn't all work.

"Would you like to look at our Christmas wrappings?" Each FHA'er had a chance to earn money for the Mother-Daughter Banquet which was held in March. Families Together was the theme, and honorary membership was bestowed upon Mrs. Coatsworth, and Mrs. Lillie Hebert, our senior chapter mother.

Serving the FFA banquet, entertaining Beresford at round robin, and sponsoring an all school Valentine party were the social highlights of the year.

After the second six weeks of the period, Mrs. Coatsworth replaced Mrs. Ivan Ericson, who resigned.

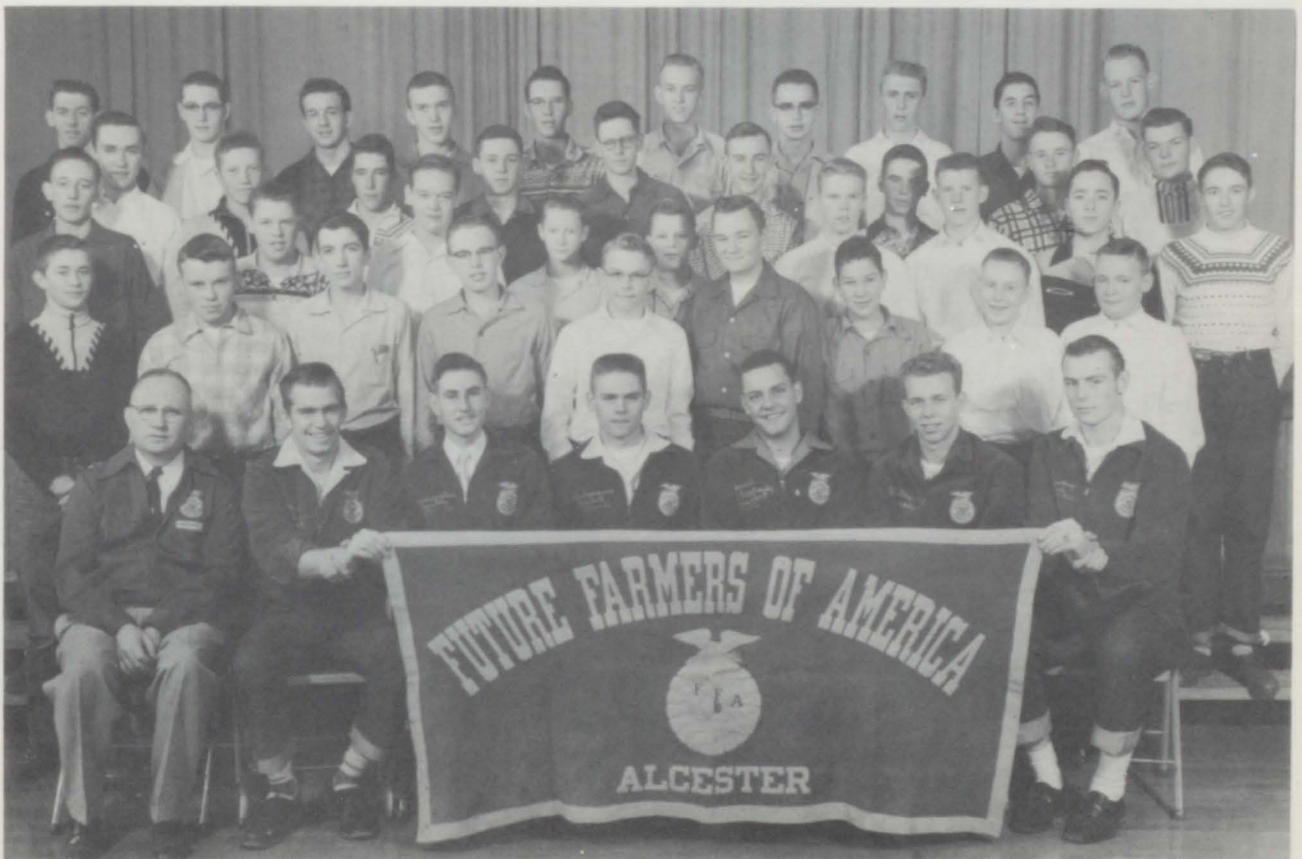


Right: Isn't this delicious!
Below: Oh yes, we study, too.



"Promise of Better Days Through Better Ways"

Row 1--Advisor Mr. Dobberstein, Rep. J. Sommervold, Sec. L. Saugstad, Pres. D. Lappgard, V. Pres. L. Westrosky, Treas. S. Leafsted, Sen. E. Newberg. Row 2--P. Hagen, G. Nygaard, M. Schempp, J. Thormodsgard, R. Quall, R. Paulson, M. Rusten, K. Holthe, A. Holthe. Row 3--G. Schumacher, M. Anderson, O. Welch, R. Seimers, C. Turner, L. Meadors, L. Olson, J. Johnson, C. Peterson. Row 4--S. Keiser, O. Eidsness, C. Hebert, K. Bartlett, G. Numsen, L. Voegeli, R. Skinner, L. Saugstad, R. Anderson. Row 5--J. Hemmelrick, R. Johnson, R. Eden, W. Johnson, B. Costar, R. Lapour, D. Leafstedt, D. Treiber, D. Costar, L. Solbue.





Row 1--M. Dietrich, M. Day, M. Fickbohm, N. Abraham, L. McCall. Row 2--K. Hagen, S. Fiksdal, S. Ericson, V. Hagen, M. Ekren, M. Day, M. Shuck. Row 3--L. Olson, L. Meadors, S. Mudder, R. Stroshane, K. Waddell, J. Hummel, B. Stene, J. Larson, D. Dean.

Lend Thy Ear

Instrumental Soloists

Practice paid off for our instrumental soloists this year. Two of them, Marla Shuck and Jean Miller, won a chair in the All-State Band; three of them--Kaleen Waddell, Muriel Jacobson, and Mary Hebert--received superior ratings at the Regional Music Contest in Vermillion.

Each of the soloists takes one lesson a week, beginning to practice on their solo several weeks before Christmas. After the contest they work on others to use if they are, at any time, called upon to perform.



M. Shuck, M. Dietrich, M. Hebert, M. Jacobson, J. Clementson, J. Miller, K. Waddell, M. Quall.



Row 1--M. Anderson, M. Jacobson, S. Stene, K. Ericson, S. Leafstedt. Row 2--J. Skinner, M. Herbert, M. Lind, O. Welch, P. Hagen, C. Dean, C. Farley. Row 3--L. Saugstad, R. Beckman, D. Treiber, Miss Trenker, D. Lappegard, J. Skinner, B. Herbrandson, L. Olson, J. Clementson, J. Miller.



Music Hath Charms

Strike up the band!--First on Miss Trenker's agenda last fall was outfitting the new members in uniforms. This is no small task when you stop to consider the various sized band members, but once the task was accomplished the Alcester music makers were ready for action. Early in September the band began marching, and they led the homecoming parade.

Whatever the occasion, many events would not be complete without the musical support of the Alcester band. Pep assemblies are among these affairs. This also holds true at athletic contests including football and basketball games where the band raises the spirits of the crowd.

Miss Trenker and the band were busy practicing "Trombones Triumphant", "Light Cavalry", and "Hall of Fame" for the winter concert held on February 2. Soloists and small ensembles played to get practice for the contest held February 10.

Spring proved to be the busy season for the band. The most important of their engagements was the Regional Music Contest at Vermillion on April 7, for which they had a preparatory concert on March 27. The contest numbers were "Light Cavalry", "Amparito Roca", and "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee."



Row 1--T. Buum, J. Lind, M. Quall, N. Abraham, R. Hammerstrom, A. Holthe, L. Meadors, C. Anderberg, P. Hagen, J. Repp, E. Lundberg, M. Dietrich, J. Skinner, M. Shuck. Row 2--J. Clementson, V. Hagen, M. Jacobson, S. Herbrandson, M. Lind, O. Welch, R. Quall, K. Holthe, L. Olson, M. Schempp, M. Larson, B. Herbrandson, M. Larson, K. Hagen, M. Johnson. Row 3--C. Farley, M. Quall, J. Skinner, M. Day, J. Miller, K. Bartlett, S. Leafstedt, D. Leafstedt, J. Hemmelrick, D. Costar, L. Wetrosky, W. Gunnare, L. Saugstad, D. Larson, L. Skatrud, J. Warnkvist. Row 4--B. Stent, L. Olson, K. Ericson, M. Day, M. Ekren, S. Keiser, B. Hansen, L. Solbue, E. Newberg, B. Costar, J. Sommervold, R. Eden, D. Dean, D. Treiber, L. Anderberg, K. Waddell, D. Lappgard, M. Anderson. Miss Trenker, directing.

The Chorus' Line is Music

—The Universal Language

Adding its contribution to the splendor of the Christmas program, the mixed chorus made its first public appearance of the year. The presentation began with a candlelight procession to the stage, then while the story of the Nativity was being pantomimed, the chorus presented a concert of Christmas carols. The mixed octette, boys' quartette, girls' sextette, and girls' trio also sang. Stuart Leafstedt narrated.

In preparation for the annual contest in Vermillion April 7, the chorus, together with the band and glee clubs, gave a spring concert March 27. The group of 63 voices has been very ably directed by Miss JoAnn Trenker.

Officers for the chorus this year have been: Lowell Wetrosky, president; Jerry Sommervold, vice president; and Muriel Jacobson, librarian. The accompanists were Kaleen Waddell and Muriel Jacobson.

Vocal Soloists

Vocal soloists can be described as persons who can be called on the last minute and still do a good job. Alcester's soloists, shown at right, are Marla Shuck, soprano; Beverly Herbrandson, mezzo-soprano; Coleen Farley, contralto; and Lowell Wetrosky, baritone. Singing at many functions throughout the year, they each won the local elimination contest before entering the Regional contest. Two of them, Beverly and Coleen, received superior ratings there. Marla and Lowell won excellent ratings.



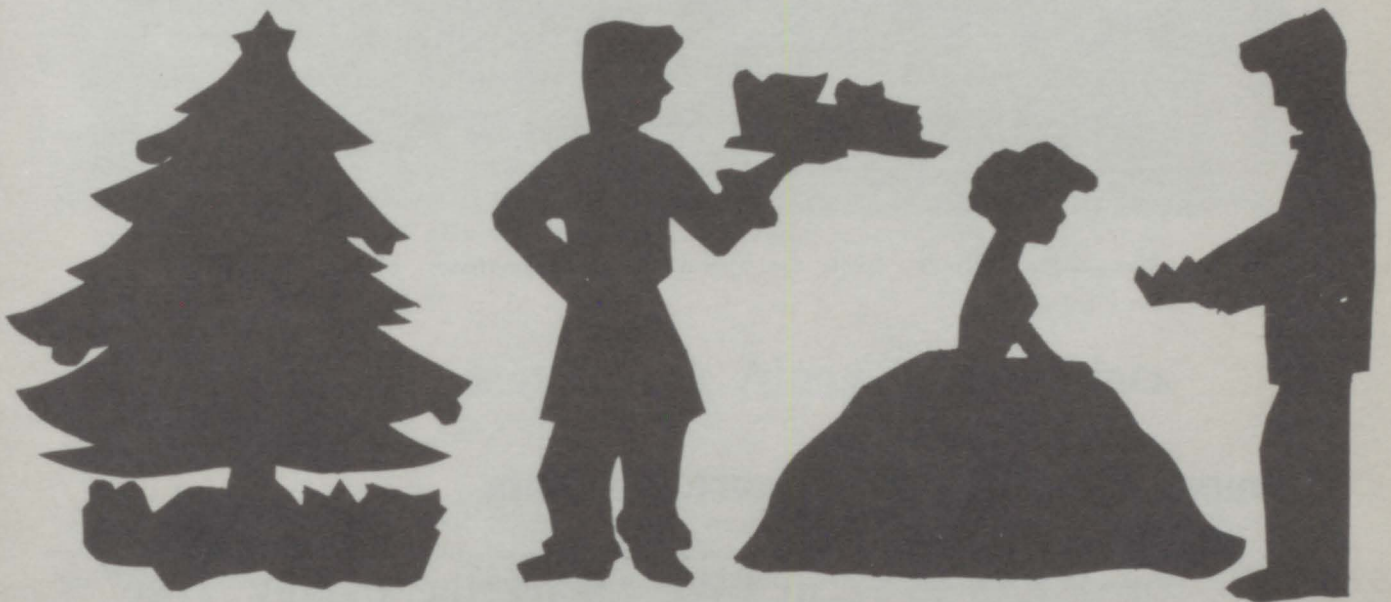
Small Ensembles

Pictured below are the accompanists, Kaleen Waddell and Muriel Jacobson, and the three vocal groups as they appeared in the spring concert. In the center is the girls' sextette composed of JoAnn Clementson, Loree Olson, Kaleen Waddell, Muriel Jacobson, Beverly Herbrandson, and Marla Shuck. Members of the mixed octette, shown at the lower left, are JoAnn Clementson, Lowell Wetrosky, Beverly Anderton, Kent Hammerstrom, Beverly Herbrandson, Orris Welch, Marlys Dietrich, and Paul Hagen. Lowell Wetrosky, Stuart Leafstedt, Orris Welch, and Larry Olson comprise the boys' quartette shown at the lower right.



SIDE LINE







Top: The gang's all here. Left: Oh! I'm sorry, Mr. Sherman. Right: Curtain call.

Juniors Promote Light-Hearted Humor

in "We Shook the Family Tree"

After six weeks of fun-packed rehearsals the junior play cast was ready to present "We Shook the Family Tree", adapted from the book by Hildegarde Dolson. The production, given at a matinee and evening performance on November 18, was directed by Mr. Van Zant and Marlys Ronning, student director.

Hildegarde Dolson (Beverly Anderton) caused her father and mother (Roger Eden and Miriam Day) no small amount of worry when she decided to use her dramatic talent to get a date for the prom. Her brothers (Larry Meadors and Wesley Gunnare) told her that she was just too skinny, but Mother took the situation into her own hands and got a date for Hildegarde--with Freddie (Bob Johnson), the only boy in school who wore knickers. Hildegarde worked to persuade Freddie to buy a pair of long pants, and as a result, her father almost lost his job at the bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, the banker and his wife, were played by Gene Numsen and JoAnn Lind. Others in the cast were Sally (Coleen Farley), Elie May (Karen Hagen), and Jill (Kay Wells). Renee Trudeau, an eighth-grader played the part of Paige.



Row 1--Mr. Van Zant, J. Lind, M. Jacobson, M. Larson, S. Herbrandson, Miss Myrand. Row 2--J. Clementson, M. Quall, M. Haki, D. Lappegard, M. Anderson, M. Day, J. Miller, P. Patrick. Row 3--L. Saugstad, M. Dietrich, K. Hagen, B. Herbrandson, S. Stene, J. Warnkvist, A. Lundgren, C. Farley, V. Hagen, K. Wells, E. Lundberg, L. Olson.

Declam Students Work Along Speech Lines

Under the direction of Miss Myrand and Mr. Van Zant, twenty-four students prepared pieces for the local elimination contest which took place on November 1. The first place winners were Sally Herbrandson, oratory; Mona Lee Larson, poetry; JoAnn Lind, humorous; and Muriel Jacobson, dramatic. Each of them competed in the district contest which was held at Alcester.

JOANN LIND
humorous

MURIEL JACOBSON
dramatic

MONA LEE LARSON
poetry

SALLY HERBRANDSON
oratory





King Kent Hammerstrom
Queen JoAnn Clementson



Royalty Reigns Over Homecoming Festivities

"I wonder who the king and queen will be." Only the faculty knew, but the secret was revealed as Kathleen Johnson, 1954 queen, crowned the royal pair on Thursday evening, September 28. Queen JoAnn Clementson and King Kent Hammerstrom reigned over homecoming festivities the next day. Beautiful weather prevailed for the parade, but fans were saddened when Alcester was defeated 13-0 by Lennox.





Queen Marla

Let Me Call You Sweetheart



Six senior girls were candidates for Sweetheart Queen of 1956; however, the queen's identity was not revealed until the half time of the Alcester-Beresford basketball game on February 14. Jerry Sommervold crowned the queen, Marla Shuck, after which JoAnn Clementson presented her with a bouquet of roses. Muriel Jacobson scattered little red hearts in the queen's pathway as the other four attendants--Mary Hebert, Norma Jean Abraham, Beverly Herbrandson, and Marilyn Johnson--escorted her around the auditorium.



Juniors-Seniors Get Social Spirit



1. "Tonight we launch, where shall we anchor?"
2. "Won't you dance with me Henry?"
3. Enjoying the comets and planets.
4. Space stewardesses and cadets.



Some Sidelines to School's Mainline

1. After the Father-Son Banquet, the home ec. room was a mess, and, well....every banquet has to have a clean-up committee.

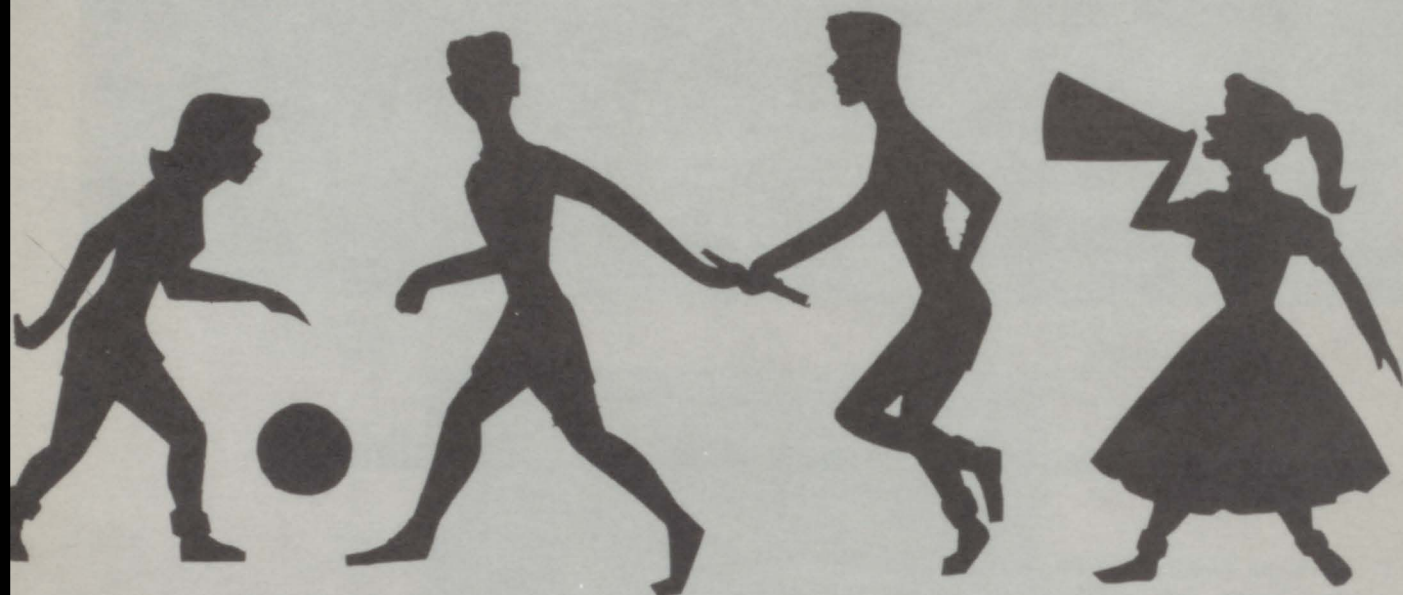
2. "Apples, anybody?" "Aha! here's a likely looking prospect!" At every home game, some organization has charge of selling refreshments for profit.

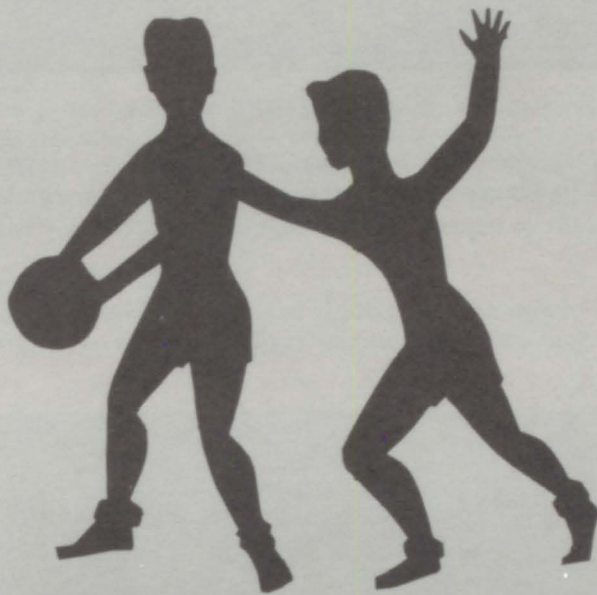
3. All members get a big laugh out of the "A" Club initiation. The victim has already partaken of the "ice cream."

4. Every now and then assembly programs relieve students of their daily routine. Here, Marlene Hakl has her reaction time tested.

5. It's Christmas, and oh for the fun it brings--decorations, parties, gifts, stunts, and vacation.

WINNING LINE







Row 1--R. Pearson, J. Sommervold, B. Hansen, B. Johnson, S. Leafstedt, D. Dean, D. Lappegard.
 Row 2--Coach Culey, L. Meadors, J. Hemmelrick, E. Newberg, L. Anderberg, C. Anderberg,
 Coach Beckman.



Row 1--D. Strohane, R. Anderson, L. Olson, D. Treiber, S. Keiser, W. Gunnare, M. Anderson.
 Row 2--Mgr. J. Repp, R. Quall, K. Bartlett, Leafstedt, W. Johnson, J. Johnson, C. Williams,
 Coach Culey.

Alcester Gridders Love That Goal Line

The Ups and Downs

Opponents	Alcester	
Canton	32	20
Beresford	19	0
Hurley	18	0
Lennox	13	0
Centerville	12	7
Parker	12	20
Elk Point	40	6

Alcester High's gridgers completed their first eleven man football season with a one and six record. The Cubs showed some good football ability at times, but they didn't have enough experience. Their offense started out with the split T formation but later switched to the single wing. While using the single wing the Cubs showed more scoring punch.

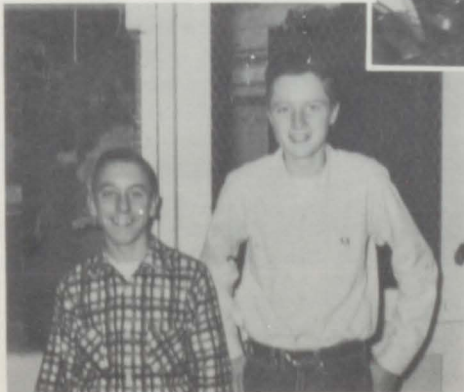
Nineteen boys lettered this year. They are Stuart Leafstedt, Kent Hammerstrom, Dave Lappgard, Jack Hemmelrick, Eldon Newberg, Bernard Hansen, Jerry Sommervold, Leroy Anderberg, Larry Meadors, Russell Pearson, Robert Johnson, Dennis Treiber, Wesley Gunnare, Dennis Dean, Curtis Anderberg, Doug Leafstedt, Wayne Johnson, Kerry Bartlett, and Robert Anderson. The teams captains were Dave and Kent. Stuart and Kent were selected to represent Alcester on the All Conference Team.

It is customary for the senior lettermen to attend a college game at the end of the football season. This year eight senior lettermen attended the annual Hobo Day festivities at State College.

Tie 'em tight, Curt.



Hard workers! ?



Eagerly waiting.





Row 1--Coach Beckman, D. Larson, J. Sommervold, J. Hemmelrick, D. Lappegard, B. Costar, L. Anderberg. Row 2--S. Leafstedt, B. Hansen, E. Newberg, B. Johnson, R. Pearson, Mgr. R. Eden.

Cubs Play Role as Dark Horse

Playing their first season in the Big Eight Conference, the Alcester Cubs lost ten games and won two. Flashes of brilliance were shown through the year, but inconsistency kept the Cubs down.

The Cubs didn't start with a bang, but with a pfft. The Hawarden Comets trounced them to the tune of 56-26 in the season's opener on the opponent's court. Recovering in their second game, Alcester pounded Wakonda 43-29. A fired-up Parker crew defeated the Cubs 43-31 in the first conference game of the season. Alcester fell prey to Centerville's quint 51-42 in another conference game, but the Cubs compensated with a decisive victory over Hudson 60-45. Losing the next two games to Lennox and Canton, the Cubs began to look sharper as they fought the highly rated, unbeaten Hurley in a closely contested game on the local court; however, they were unable to overcome the Bulldogs and the game ended 49-46 in Hurley's favor. Beresford's Bulldogs pulled an upset as the Cubs were taken 55-31. In a heartbreaking overtime Elk Point nudged Alcester 47-46 and the team felt Parker's scoring punch in a ragged game that ended with a score of 71-51. Beginning to show a little promise the Cubs rolled up their biggest score of the year when they defeated Centerville 61-45. A height and rebounding ability spelled the difference as Lennox decisioned Alcester 65-45, but the Cubs compensated by upsetting Canton 41-39. The last three games of the season were lost to Hurley, Beresford, and Elk Point, respectively.

In the first game of the district tournament Alcester had the spirit, but it was deflated as the Lennox Orioles sped to victory; however, the Cubs came home with the consolation trophy after they had defeated Hudson and Viborg.

With a good share of the team graduating, Coach Beckman will have to rely on the up-and-coming "B" squadders. The "B" squad, coached by Mr. Culey, won thirteen and lost five.

Do you suppose he made it?



Tipoff to victory.



That's the way, Newt!

"B" Team



Row 1--D. Leafstedt, R. Anderson, J. Johnson, W. Gunnare, G. Numsen, P. Hagen. Row 2--D. Treiber, K. Bartlett, C. Anderberg, L. Meadors, W. Johnson, S. Keiser. Row 3--Mgr. R. Paulson, D. Costar, B. Tucker, Coach Culey.



Boys who have earned letters in track, basketball, football, and management are eligible for membership in the Alcester High School lettermen's association, the "A" Club. At left, Curtis Anderberg is being formally accepted for membership during a rigorous initiation ceremony.

The aims of the "A" club are to further interest in athletics in our school, to promote good sportsmanship, and to improve the athletic standards.

Officers for the 1955-56 year have been: president, Leroy Anderberg; v. pres., Gene Numsen; sec., Eldon Newberg; and treas., Kent Hammerstrom.

"A" Club Promotes

Sportsmanship



Row 1--Mr. Beckman, Mr. Culey, L. Meadors, G. Numsen, L. Anderberg, K. Hammerstrom, E. Newberg.
 Row 2--W. Gunnare, R. Paulson, J. Sommervold, B. Johnson, S. Leafstedt, D. Leafstedt, Row 3--C. Anderberg, J. Hemmelrick, B. Hansen, D. Treiber, D. Lappegard, W. Johnson, R. Anderson, D. Larson, K. Bartlett.



What's your line? The pep club had many lines as it is one of the most active organizations in the school.

This year the pep club bought beanies for every member who wished one; they purchased three large megaphones and twenty smaller ones.

Planning words and actions for the old and new cheers during the past year, the cheerleaders taught new yells to the pep club members at their Friday noon meetings. Lloyal Saugstad was president of the club, and Miss Trenker was the advisor.



Hold That Line!



JoAnn Clementson



Mary Hebert



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Bev Anderton





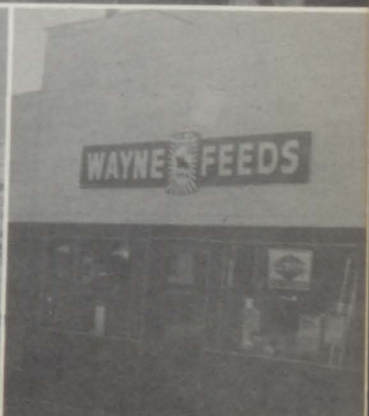
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- **Genelli Studios
- **Great Plains Supply Co.
- **H. & N. Grocery
- **Larson's Drug Store
- **Lincoln Union Electric Co.
- **Midwest-Beach Co.
- **Moris' Grocery
- **Nora Co-op Creamery
- **P. T. A.
- **Paul's Produce
- **Rowley Elevator
- **Shuck Bros. Garage
- **State Bank of Alcester

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- **Stroshane's Hardware
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- **Swenson's Autos of Yester Year
- **Thompson Yards
- **Wheeler & Anderson
- *Alcester Union
- *Dr. Louis Shoraga
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- *Westin Electric
- Alcester Cleaners
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- Emery's Recreation
- Gustafson & Anderson Garage
- Kiel's Rooming House
- Nilson's Furniture
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- Victor E. Westlund

*Contributed five dollars



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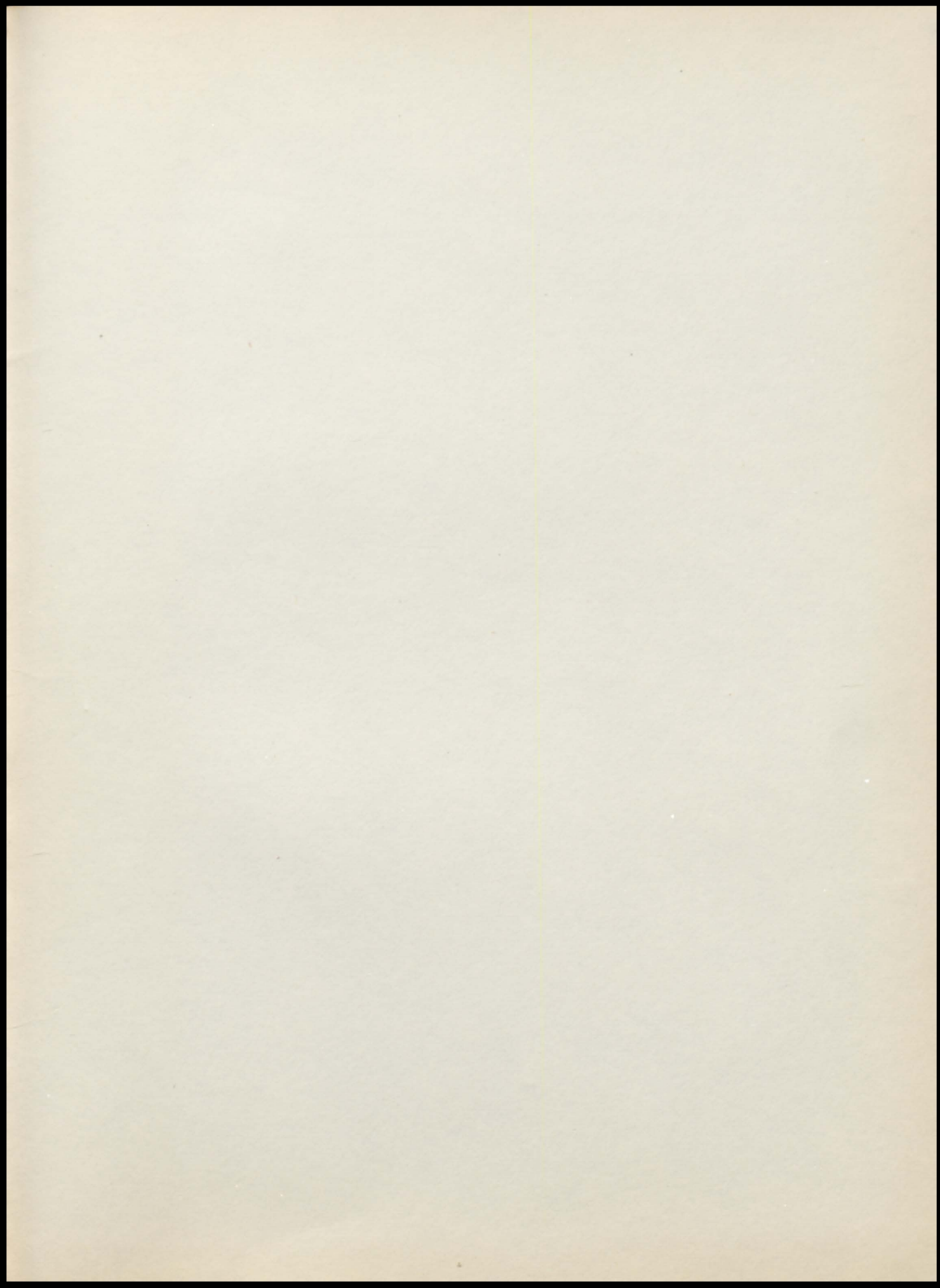
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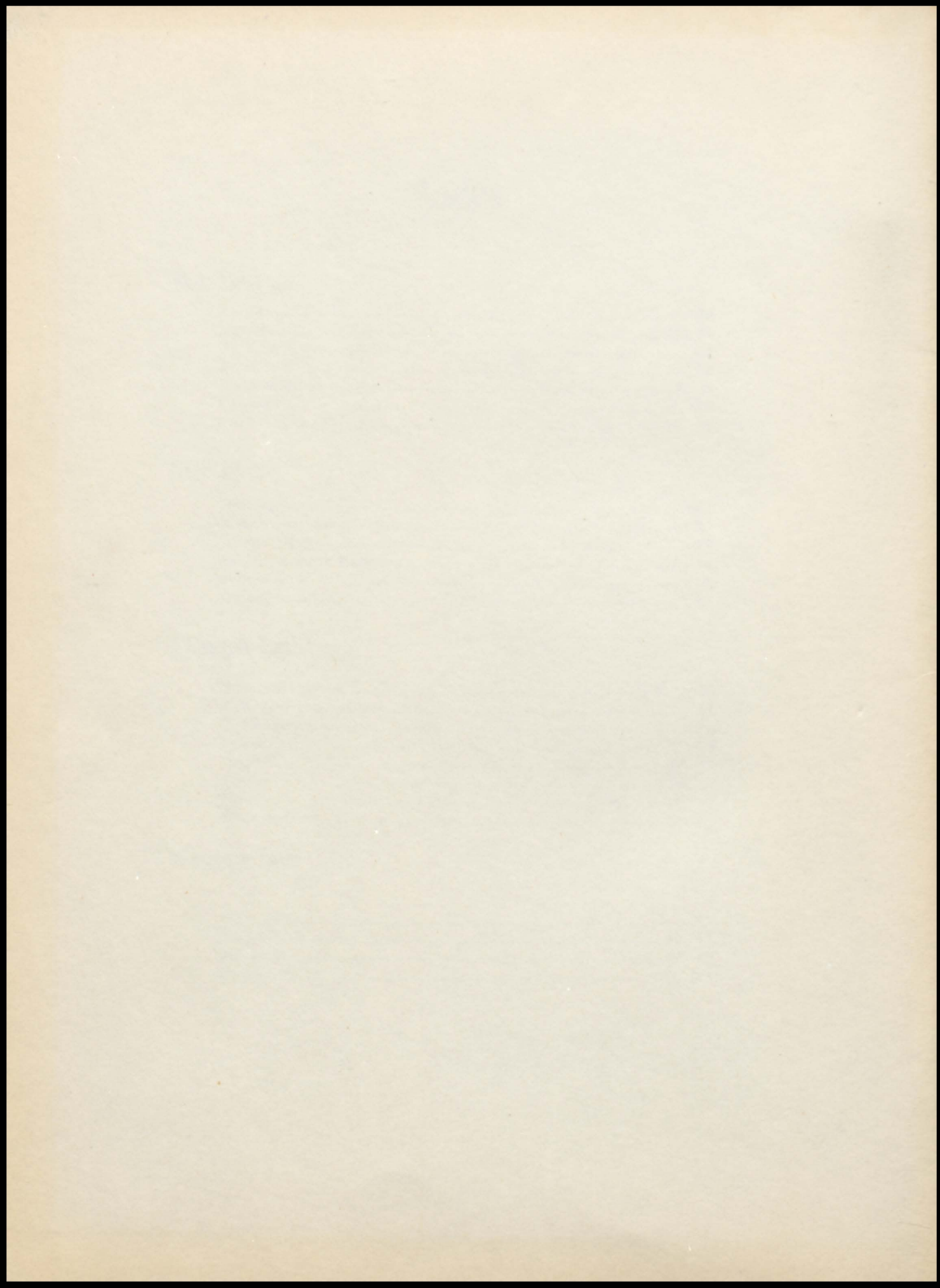
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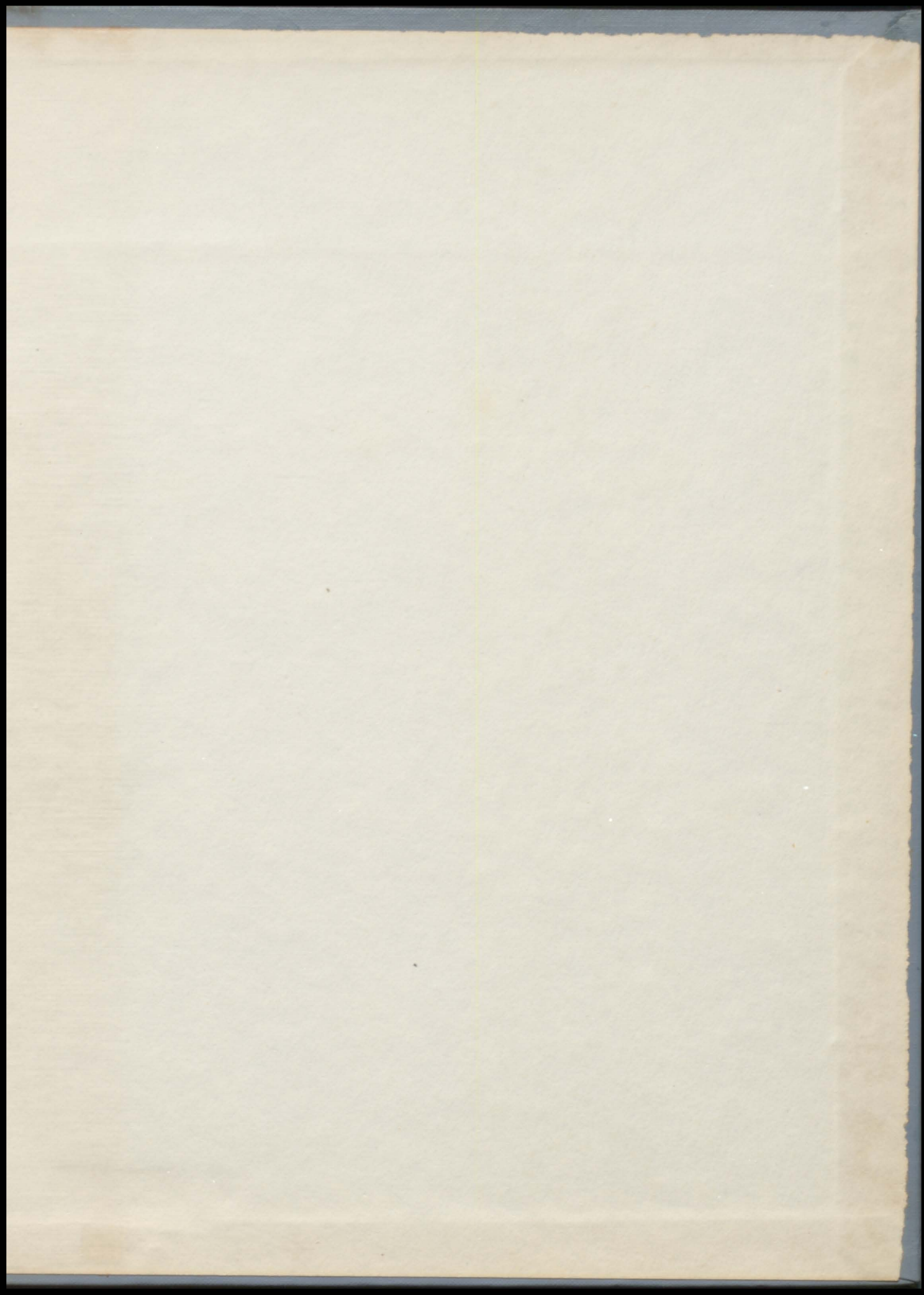
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