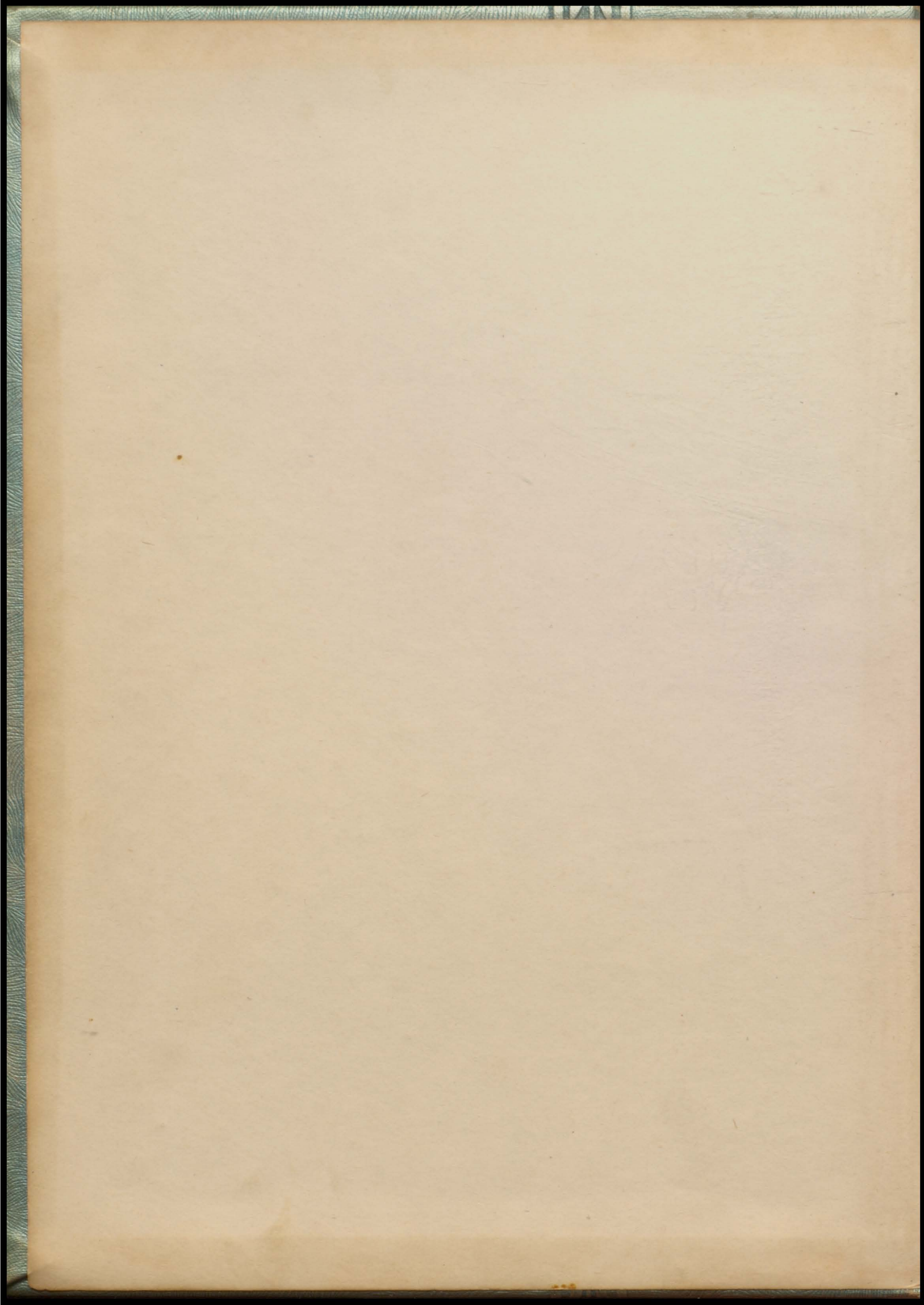
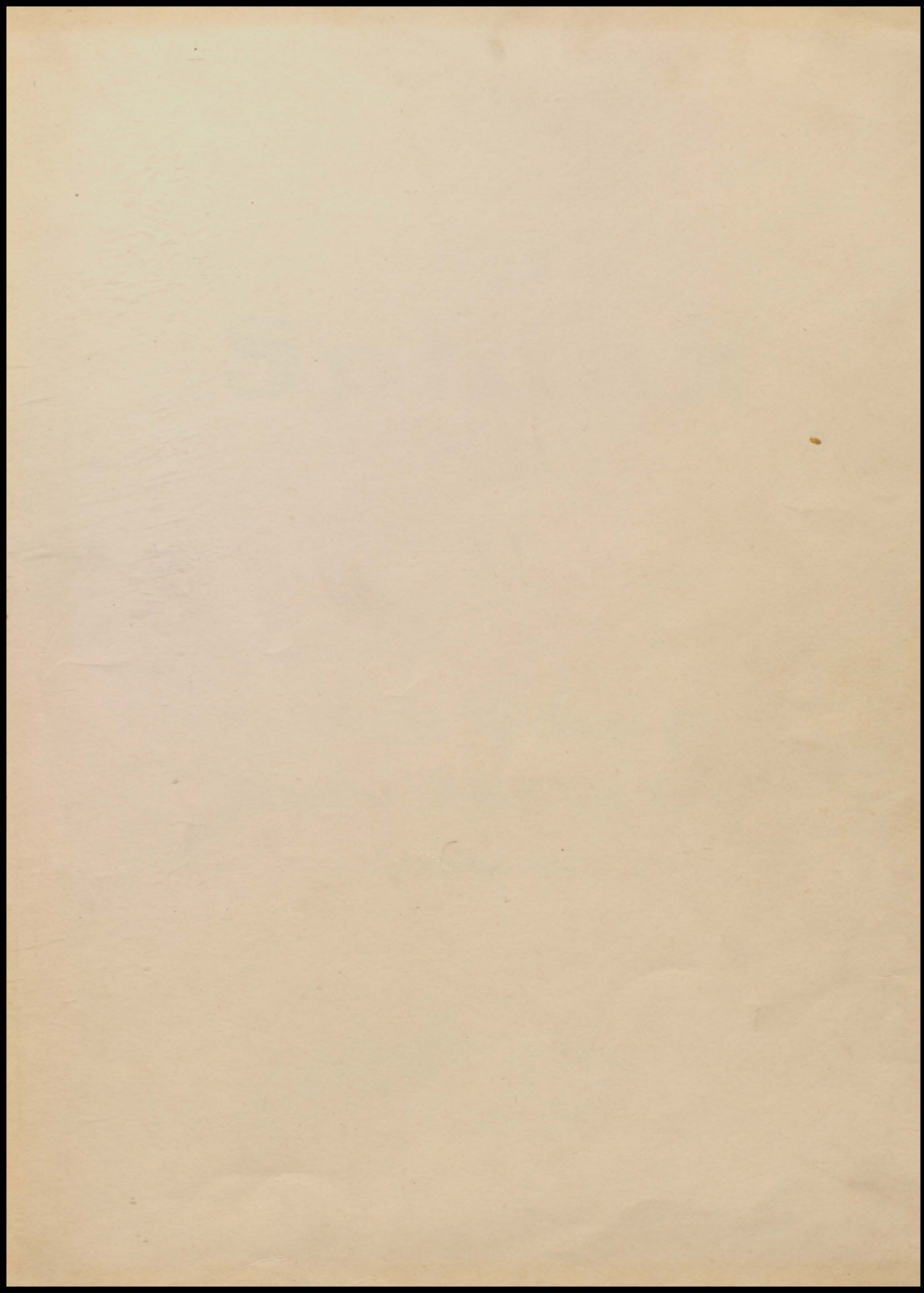


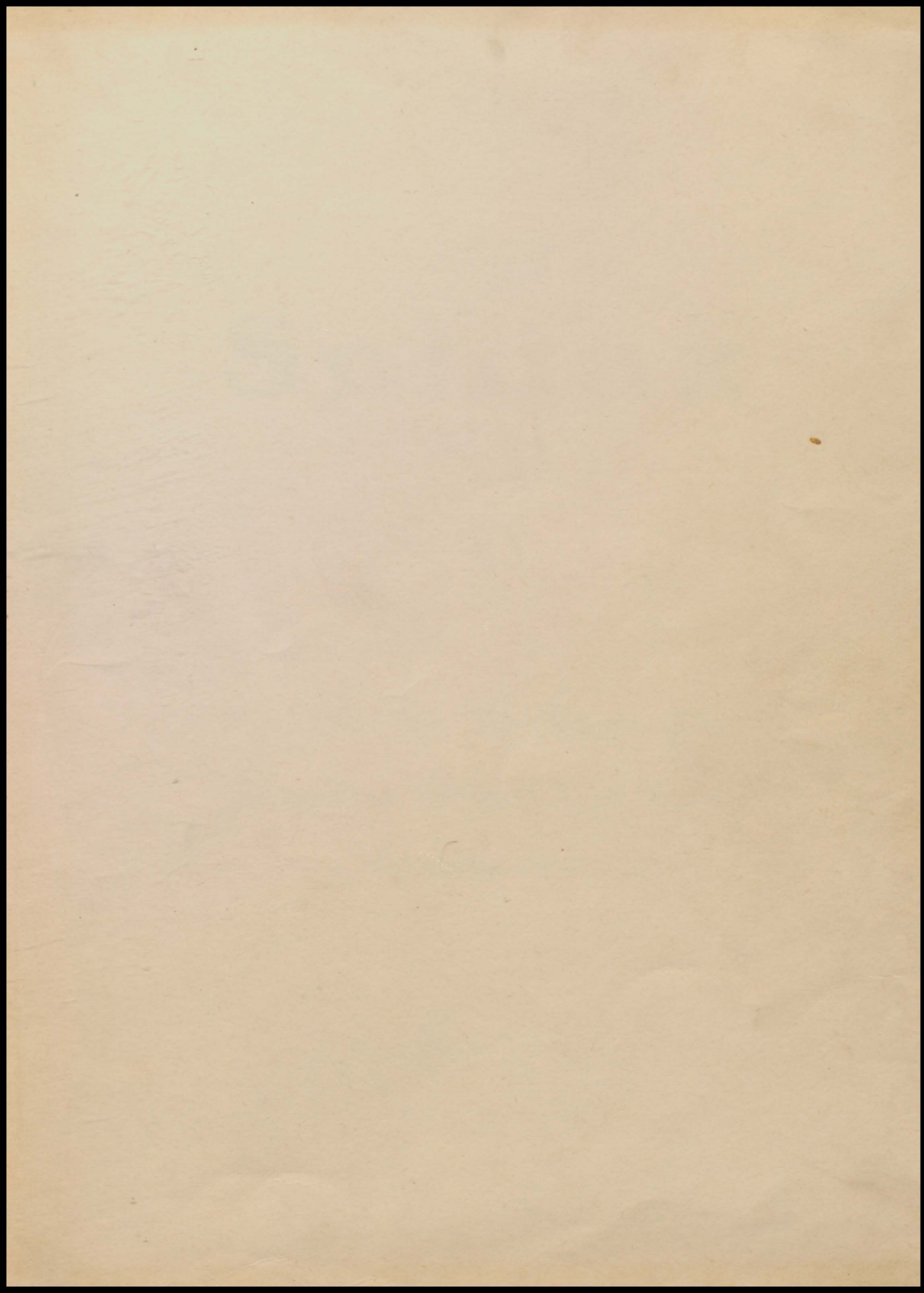


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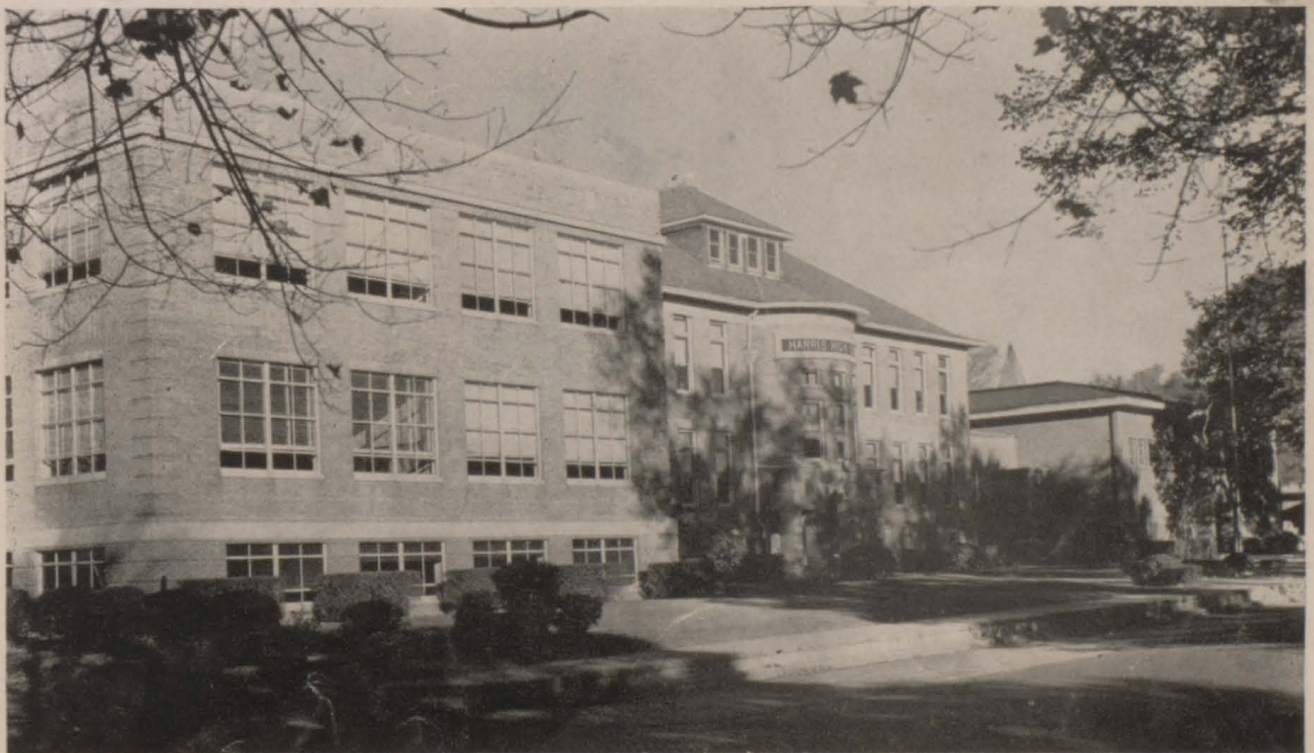
We, the Senior Class of 1953 dedicate this yearbook to our parents who, through

their interest and love, have made possible our accomplishments here.

"HAIL TO THE CHIEF"

JOHN P. LIGGETT

Superintendent of Petersburg
Community Unit District 201.
Principal of Harris High School.
Missouri School Mines.
Virginia Military Institute.
University of Illinois B. S.
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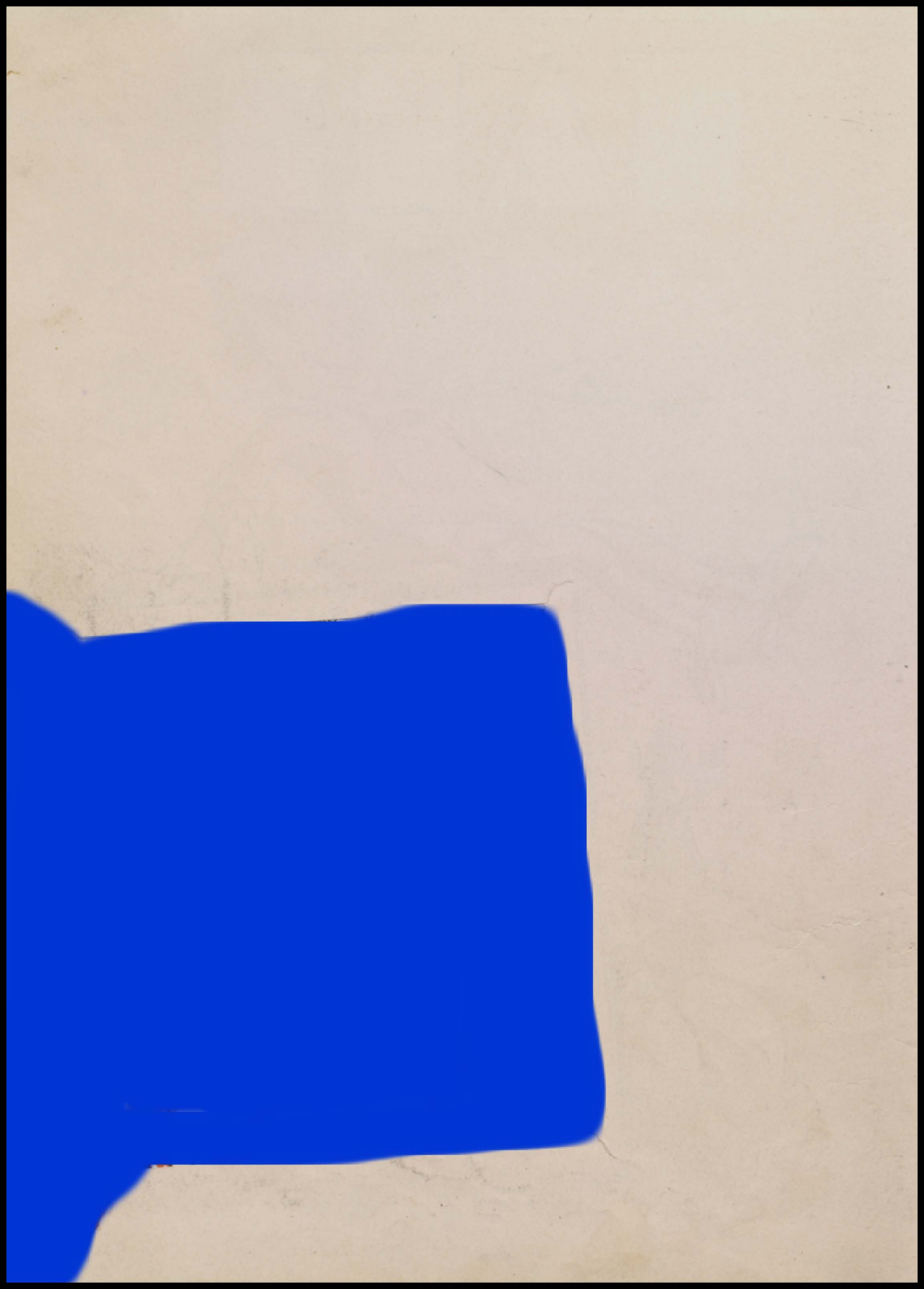
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FALL



WENNY JOHNSTON



AUTUMN

The stacks of corn, in brown array,
Stand waiting through the placid day.

Like tattered wigwams on the plain;
The tribes that find a shelter there

Are phantom peoples, forms of air,
And ghosts of vanished joy and pain.

—Henry Van Dyke



"STOUT HEARTED MEN"

...school board

"My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there."

—Charles F. Kettering

Throughout the years Americans have realized that the responsibility for the success of the school depends on a good board of education. Petersburg has been especially fortunate in choosing able, conscientious men.

Two of our present board members have served the community for several terms. G. Sam Watkins, a member for the past ten years, has served continuously as president for five years. He has been actively interested in the development of the new unit system. Newman Stevens, secretary of the board, ranks second in length of service.

Foremost among the Board's achievements is the construction of the attractive modern Farm Shop and Industrial Arts Building. By careful planning and thorough study including visits to other schools with similar problems, they have provided a handsome structure with two large shops and two class rooms. More than half the cost was met by the fund realized from the sale of schoolhouses.

During the period of construction, the board continued their interest by closely supervising the work.

In the entire enterprise the men gave freely of their time and effort. They now have the satisfaction of duty well done.



G. Sam Watkins, President



John Schirding



W. G. Satorius



Jep Grosboll



John Boesdorfer



Newman Stevens, Sec'y.



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"NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLE I'VE SEEN"
...high school faculty



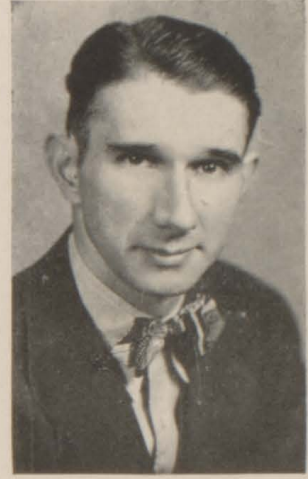
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"KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING"

...custodians



Willy Weidhuner

Hoolie Doyen

Kenny Page



WILLIAM MESSINGER
Transportation Manager
Visual Aids Operator



Octet Practice.



Where is the ball?



Hubba! Hubba!



Good old summer time.



The showman.



Don't cry Jan.



What is the huddle for?



I like food too.



The line up.



Good old corn.



Geel! They are seniors.



Must be funny.



What have we here?



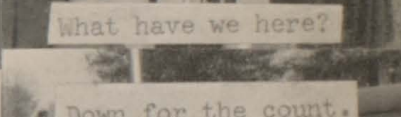
Look this way.



Don't touch that cake.



Party time.



Down for the count.



Smiles.



Where are the men?



Big Huddle.



I'm falling.



Hi people.



Just arm in arm.



Not poker I hope.

'AUF WIEDERSEHEN'

...seniors



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President, Orene Arnold
Vice President, Bob Heyen
Treasurer, Jill Short
Secretary, Doris Emmett

SENIOR EMBLEMS

Motto—"Not for ourselves but for all."
Colors—Blue and Silver
Flower—Lily-of-the-Valley

The first verse of our "School Days" began on a September day in 1949, when sixty-four green freshmen entered P.H.H.S. We chose Karen Smith as President; Ruth Pelham as Vice President; Frank Amberger as Secretary-Treasurer, and Eugene Balster as Student Council member. Our sponsors were Mrs. Wood, Miss Smith, and Mr. Worthington. The highlight of year was initiation.

The second verse of the song began a year later. Only fifty-five became silly sophomores. This time Denny Harper gained the head position, Karen Smith was his immediate successor, Thelma Snyder took care of the written work, and Orene Arnold looked after our finances. Selma Snyder and Dewey Lynn represented us on the government board. Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Great house, and Mr. Moll were our advisers. We gave the sophomore stunt as our exhibition of the year.

The third verse gained us much recognition, although only forty-eight juniors reported back to P.H.H.S. This year we again chose Karen Smith as President, Ruth Behrends as Vice President; Benny Leonard as Secretary-Treasurer, and Doris Emmett, Eugene Balster, and Denny Harper as Student Council representatives. Our sponsors were Mrs. Satorius, Miss Holloway, Miss Spence, Mr. Golden, and Mr. Adams. Our Junior play "Not In a Thousand Years," directed by Mr. Golden, was a great success. With a Mexican fiesta Junior-Senior Prom we finished the year.

The last verse of our "School Days" began much as the first had on a bright day in September. Our officers were: President, Orene Arnold; Vice President, Bob Heyen; Secretary, Doris Emmett; Treasurer, Jill Short; Student Council, Denny Harper, Dewey Lynn, Benny Leonard, and Velda Hayden. Able guidance was given by Miss Terry, Miss Masters, Mr. Rasplica, and Mr. Bagby. The year was highlighted by our play, our Prom, the senior trip, and our graduation exercises.

The chorus to our "School Days" centers around study, fun together, and the enjoyment we've had at P.H.H.S.

JANICE ARMSTRONG

"Absence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder"
 Sphinx Staff 1, 4; Music Contest, 1, 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4; Librarian; Clarinet Quartet 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; I.S.S., 2,3,4-Secretary; Intra-murals 3,4; Orchestra 3; Nonet 3; Senior Play.

Orene Arnold

"I'll See You In My Dreams"
 Intra-murals 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3; Pep Club 2,3,4 President; Treasurer; 4-President; Nature Club 3; Junior Play; Sphinx Staff 3,4; Orchestras 3,4; Nonet 3; Octet 4; Civil Service.



GENE BALSTER

"Hey, Hey, Good Looking"
 Basketball 1,2; Intra-murals 1,2,3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Secretary 1; Student Council 3; Nature Club 3; Science Club 4.

MARY ELLA BARBEE

"Ain't She Sweet"
 I.S.S. 1,2,4; Intra-Murals 3; Sphinx Staff, 4; Civil Service.



RUTH BEHREND

"Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes"
 Intra-murals 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 1, 2-President, 3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3; 4-President; Brass Sextet 1,2; Brass Quartet 3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3,4; Orchestra 2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2, 3-Treasurer; Science Club 4-Reporter; Nonet 3; Octet 4; Sphinx Staff (Co-Editor) 4; Civil Service; 3-Vice President, Senior Play.

LELA JANE BROADDUS

"Lady of Spain"
 F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 2,3-Vice President 4; Library Staff 4; Civil Service.



RICHARD DENTON

"The Hookey Song"

Basketball team 1,2,3,4; Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4.

JUNE DeWITT

"Sentimental Journey"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 3,4; Civil Service, Senior Play.



ROSE MARIE DeWITT

"Rose, Rose, I Love You"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 3,4; Civil Service.

CARROL ELLIOTT

"Sweet Violets"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Library Staff 2; Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service.

DORIS EMMETT

"You Were Meant For Me"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Student Council 3; I.S.S. 4; 4-Secretary, Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service 4; Senior Play.

MORRIS GIFFIN

"What Does It Take?"

Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Debate 4; Boys' Chorus 4; Sphinx Staff 4.



HAZEL GILLMORE

"Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend"
(Transfer from Greenview)
Pep Club 3; Civil Service.



DENNIS HARPER

"I'm Never Satisfied"
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Judging Team 2,3; Student Council 3,4; Junior Play, 2-President.



VELDA HAYDEN

"Three Little Words"
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 2,3,4; Treasurer 4; Library Staff 1; Girls' Chorus 2,4; Sphinx Staff 4; Student Council 4; Civil Service, Senior Play.

ROBERT HEYEN

"A Fellow Needs a Girl"
Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Football 4; 4-Vice President; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Junior Play, Senior Play.

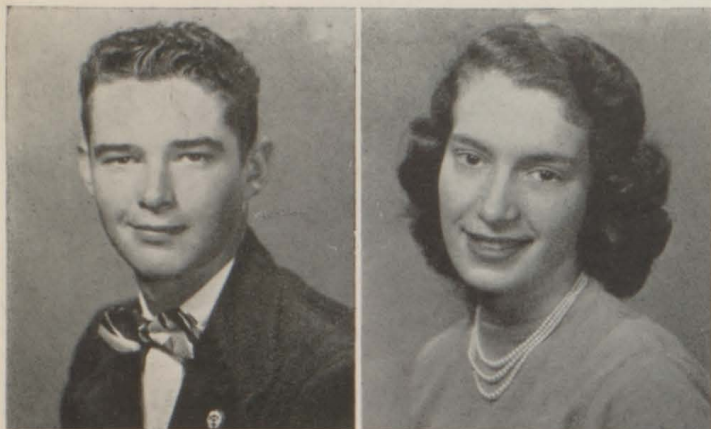


MARY HINRICHS

"Sleepy Time Gal"
F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Intra-Murals 2; I.S.S. 2; Nature Club 3; Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service.

JOYCE HOLLIS

"What Is This Thing Called Love"
Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 2,3,4; Library Staff 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4-Treasurer; Pep Club 2,3,4; 4-Treasurer; Sphinx Staff 3,4; Nonet 3; Octet 4; Senior Play.



EDWARD HOPPER

"Laugh, Clown, Laugh"

Basketball Team 1,4; Intra-Murals 1; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 3,4; Football Team 4; Boys' Chorus 4; Senior Play.

CAROLE HUBBARTT

"Come On To My House"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 1,2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 3,4; Junior Play; Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service.



BENNY LEONARD

"I'll Walk Alone"

(Transfer from Blue Mound)

Junior Play 3; 3-Secretary-Treasurer; Pep Club 3,4; Football 3,4; Basketball 3,4; Student Council 4; Science Club 4; Senior Play.

MARY JOANN LEWIS

"Window Shopping"

Nature Club 3; F.H.A. 1,2, 3-Chairman of Projects, 4-Chairman of Projects; Civil Service.

NANCY LYNN

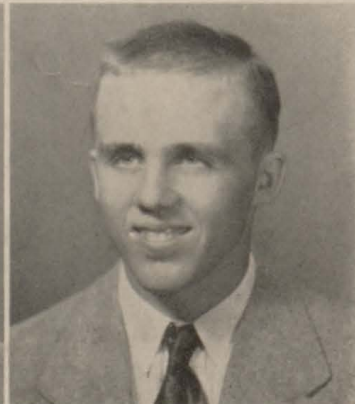
"Make It Soon"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 3; Civil Service.

DEWEY LYNN

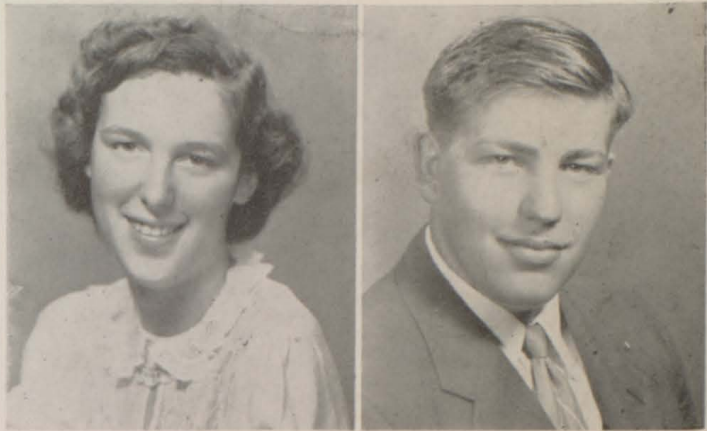
"Why Don't You Believe Me?"

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 3,4; Student Council 2,4; Nature Club 3; Science Club 4; Pep Club 3,4; Sphinx Staff 4; Senior Play



CONNIE MILLER

"Someday My Prince Will Come"
Library Staff 1; Civil Service.



WILLARD MILLER

"Slow Poke"
Intra-Murals 1,2; Football 2,3,4; Junior Play; Lettermen's Club 3,4; Sphinx Staff 4, Senior Play.



NANCY MITCHELL

"Stardust"
Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; Sphinx Staff 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 1,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Trio 1; Orchestra 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3, 4-Accompanist; Cheer Leader 2,3,4; Mixed Ensemble 2; Library Staff 2,3,4; Latin Club 2-Vice President, 3; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Nonet 3; Octet 4; Junior Play; Science Club 4-Secretary; Senior Play.

MELVIN NEUMANN

"Young Man With a Horn"
Junior Play; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Music Contest 2,4; Band 2,3,4; Sphinx Staff 2,4; Football Team 4.



JOAN SAMPSON

"Keep It a Secret"
F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 2, 3-Reporter 4; Girls' Chorus 2,4; Intra-Murals 3; Sphinx Staff 3, 4-(Co-Editor); Civil Service, Senior Play.

NORMA JEAN SITZMANN

"Always In My Heart"
Sphinx Staff 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2, Secretary 3-Secretary, Vice President of Section 7; 4-Parliamentarian; I.S.S. 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2; Library Staff 1,2,3,4 Pep Club 1,2,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4, Civil Service.



JILL SHORT

"You'll Never Get Away"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; Cheer Leader 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1-Secretary 2, 3-Reporter 4-Song Leader; I.S.S. 1; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Band 2,3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4-Secretary-Treasurer; Latin Club 2-Secretary, 3; Sphinx Staff 2,3,4; Junior Play; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4-President; Pep Club 2,3,4; Saxophone Quartet 3,4; Nonet 3; Octet 4 -Treasurer; Senior Play.

SELMA SNYDER

"Charlie, My Boy"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; Student Council 1; F.H.A. 1,2, 3-Secretary; 4-Vice President; Girls' Chorus 1,2; Nature Club 2,3; I.S.S. 4; Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service.



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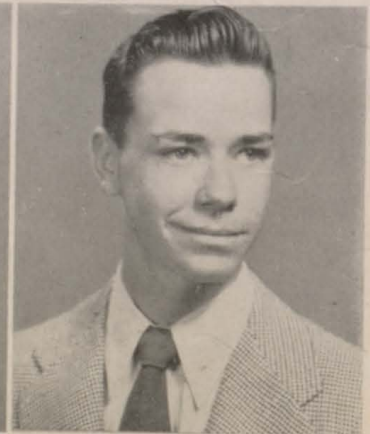
"Five Foot Two"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2, 3-Vice President 4; President; Civil Service.

TWAIN SPONSLER

"The Old Soft Shoe"

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



HELEN SUTTON

"You Make Up My Mind"

Intra-Murals 1,2,3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; I.S.S. 1; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service.



HERMINIA TAAPKEN

"Baby Face"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1; Music Contest 1; Civil Service.

DELORES WATKINS

"Because You're Mine"

Sphinx Staff 1,2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2,3; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Octet 4; Civil Service.



LA VERNE WEIDHUNER

"Till The End Of The World"

Intra-Murals 1,2; I.S.S. 1,2,3,4; Music Contest 1,2,3,4; Mixed Ensemble 1,2; Girls' Chorus 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3,4-President; Pep Club 2,3,4; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Junior Play; Nonet 3; Sphinx Staff 4; Civil Service 4.



LARA WILSON

"The Old Master Painter"

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4 I.S.S. 2,3,4-President; Sphinx Staff 2,3,4; Girls' Chorus 2,3,4; Music Contest 2,3,4; Nature Club 3; Civil Service.

GEORGE WESSELMAN

"Hot Rod Race"

Junior Play; Nature Club 2,3; Science Club 4; Pep Club 2,3,4; Sphinx Staff 4; Senior Play.



LOIS WILKEN

"Undecided"

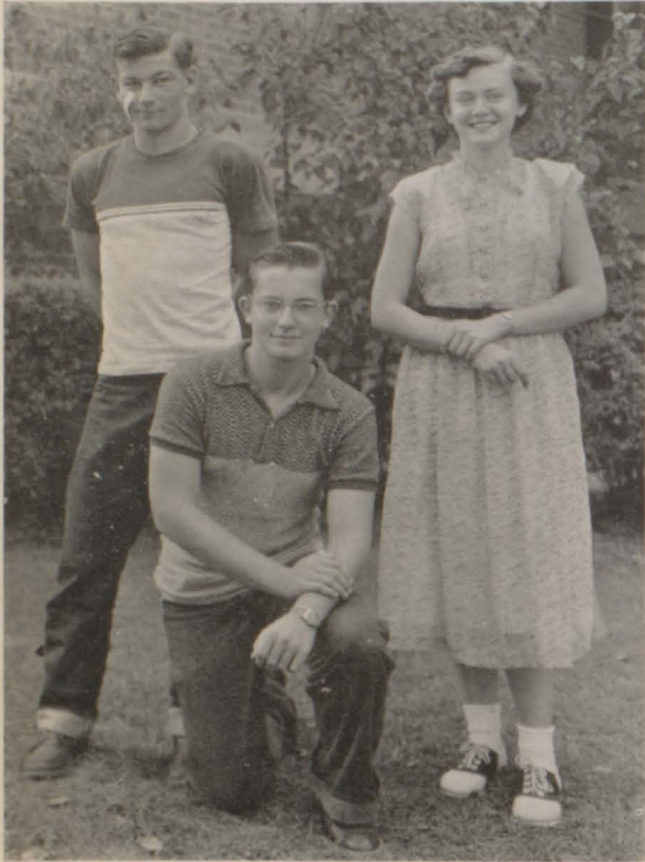
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ARTHUR WISEMAN

"Lazy River"

Sphinx Staff 4; Stage Manager, Senior Play.

"JUST ONE MORE CHANGE" ...junior class



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President, Tom Zimmerman
Vice President, John Stewart
Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Lou Mathews

Top Row: Paul Gleason, Richard King, Hank Abbott,
Jerry Winner, David Lee, Jack Stewart, Pete Claussen.

Third Row: Colleen Tibbs, Valerie Hayden, Bonnie
Tuttle, Mary Gurnsey, Lois McDaniel, Mary Lou Mathews.

Second Row: Donald Bailey, Tom Zimmerman, Dale
Stahl, Fred Gleason, Kay Ogden.

First Row: Marilyn Hansen, Barbara Bergen, Yvonne
Vogt, Betty Shawver, Bonnie Anderson, Beverly Wernow-
sky.



Our class of '54, which has just completed its third year, looks back to its beginning in 1950 when sixty-eight enthusiastic freshmen entered the halls of P.H.H.S. We chose as president, Mary Lou Matthews; Vice President, Hank Abbott; and Student Council member, Thomas Zimmerman. Our sponsors were Mrs. Wood, Mr. Moll, and Mr. Worthington. The year's highlight was the Freshmen Reception.

As sophomores, with fifty class mates coming back, we started our second year of high school education, electing Tom Zimmerman as president; Dale Whitehurst, as Vice President; Joann Sitzmann, as Secretary; and Wayne Ishmael, as Treasurer. Kay Harbarger and Tom McDougall were elected as Student Council members. We were guided by Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Greathouse, and Mr. Harder. The most memorable event was the Sophomore Class Stunt.

This year fifty-one juniors returned and re-elected Tom Zimmerman as President; John Stewart, as Vice President; and Mary Lou Matthews, as Secretary-Treasurer. We chose Tom McDougall, Richard Stout and Richard King as our Student Council representatives. Our sponsors were Mrs. Satorius, Miss Holloway, Mr. McCreight, and Miss Simpson. Our two most outstanding achievements of the year were the Junior Class Play, "Tattletale," directed by Mr. McCreight and the Junior-Senior Prom which we sponsored and financed.

Top Row: Tom McDougal, James Swanson, Richard Stout, Robert Sampson, Donald Hill, Wayne Ishmael, Jack McKinney.

Third Row: Barbara Schafer, Shirley Colby, Betty Ray, Judy Rebbe, Ann Peterson, Karen Hubbard.

Second Row: Tony Grosboll, George Baum, Edgar Emmett, Paul Finley, Dale Whitehurst, Charles List.

First Row: Arlene Guinan, Doris Sharp, Marilyn Powell, Nancy Schafer, Joan Sitzmann, Virginia Peterson.



"TRYING"

...sophomore class



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

President, Paul Altig
Vice President, Ruth Meyer
Secretary, Anita Moss
Treasurer, Dale Snyder

Top Row: Kenneth Bale, John Feagens, Richard Barbee, Fred Claussen, Gerald Nisson, Donald Armstrong, Melvin Boehm.

Third Row: Sara Connelly, Donna Eberhard, Ruth Meyer, Anita Moss, Julia Taapken, Marilee Phelps.

Second Row: Wayne Fairow, John Ball, Kenneth Green, Kenneth Pritchett, Paul Altig, Danny Barbee, Alfred Barbee.

Bottom Row: Roselyn Nance, Sally Claussen, Rose Pritchett, Clarice Emmett, Ann Rosendahl, Joe Reynolds.



On September 3, 1951, seventy-four eager freshmen began their high school careers. At the first freshman class meeting they elected President, Paul Altig; Vice President, Joe Reynolds; Secretary, Joyce Severns; Treasurer, Dale Snyder; Student Council member, Donald Armstrong. Their helpful class sponsors were Mr. Worthington, Mr. Curry and Miss Wilder.

Everyone, of course, looked forward to the Freshman Initiation. It was an eventful and colorful day for all the freshmen.

On September 2, 1952, sixty-three sophomores came marching back to school. Paul Altig was chosen to lead them as President, accompanied by Ruth Meyer as Vice President; Anita Moss, Secretary; and Dale Snyder, Treasurer. Lloyd Lounsberry and Jo Severns were selected to represent the Sophomore Class on the Student Council. Their sponsors, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Harder and Mr. Greathouse helped them achieve a successful year.

Under the capable direction of Mrs. Peterson the sophomores presented their class stunt, a favorite assembly each year.

Top Row: William Brandt, Steven Knoles, Larry Dick, Frank Miller, Charles Angel, Frank Sargent, Lloyd Lounsberry.

Third Row: Joann Amberger, Nancy Johnson, Marian McDougall, Delores Denton, Joyce Tozer, Lola Nell Lounsberry.

Second Row: Dale Snyder, Hermann Gutmann, Duane Greenhalgh, Bob McNeil, David Vestal, John Hudspeth.

Bottom Row: Ruth Watkins, Bernice Kissick, Wanda Fairrow, Jackie Sims, Harlene Bale, Bob Lewis, Jack Barbee.



"YOU'LL NEVER GET AWAY" ...freshman class



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

President, Robert Hendricker
Vice President, Larry Lynn
Secretary, Stanley Carter
Treasurer, Ada Powell

Top Row: Robert Hendricker, Edward Hansen, James Short, Dale Schonewis, Roy Fry, Ralph Sapp, Larry Lynn.

Third Row: Leo Stewart, Larry Heyen, Carl Wesselman, Larry Edwards, Jerry Lynn, Ronnie Rebbe, Robert Tippet.

Second Row: Alfred Baker, Kenny Hill, Elmer Baylor, Robert Demonbrun, Stanley Carter, Gary Bright, Marvin Dearing.

Bottom Row: Gwinn Sponsler, Lloyd Schafer, David Zimmerman, Tommy Wilson, Gordon Branchfield, Dean Dawson, Gene Peterson.



On a mild day in September, seventy-five cheerful freshmen entered a new life as high school students. After a busy week of getting acquainted and learning their way around, they elected the following officers: President, Robert Hendricker; Vice President, Larry Lynn; Secretary, Stanley Carter; Treasurer, Ada Powell; and Student Council member, Judith Park. The class sponsors were: Mrs. Wood, Mr. Curry and Mr. Worthington.

Many of the boys went out for football and basketball during these two popular seasons. Ada Powell was chosen as one of the cheerleaders.

The Freshmen have had a busy year. An unforgettable day was September 18, Freshmen Reception Day.

Top Row: Joyce McKinney, Beverly Doyen, Beverly Whitehurst, Donna Tibbs, Marilyn Peterson, Mary Jane Thomson, Betty Gellerman.

Four Row: Jeanette Ortman, Joanna Boesdorfer, Joann Schaddel, Paula Bell, Patty Patterson, Jeri Tuttle, Barbara Greenwald, Betty Barnett, Ruth Skaggs.

Third Row: Katherine Ball, Marjorie Barnett, Kathryn Moore, Helen Gray, Rosemary Watkins, Joann Bryant, Ada Powell.

Second Row: Betty Cooper, Mary Todd, Audrey Wilson, Margaret Cooper, Faye Vise., Judy Park, Tequilla Hill.

Bottom Row: Glenna Case, Barbara Heyen, Deloris Stewart, Mary Melton, Patty Grosboll Dolores Schafer, Marguerite Mathews.





Charge that line.



This is football?



One down.



Time out.



This is our team.



Listen men.



The tackle.



Perfect "T" formation.



The game is not over here.



What play now?



Get set! Go.



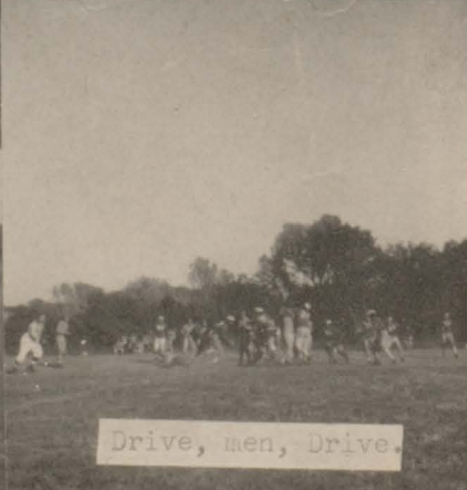
Penality



Where is the ball?



First down? I hope.



Drive, men, Drive.

"PETERSBURG FOREVER"

...football

The 1952 football squad, coached by Leonard Greathouse, had a very successful year in spite of the loss of eight seniors last year. Several boys came out for the first time this year and did a marvelous job.

Jerry Winner, Jackie Stewart, Don Hill, Frank Miller, Willard Miller, Benny Leonard, and Dewey Lynn were all starting men. The team played five games, winning two. Next year the coach hopes to schedule more games.

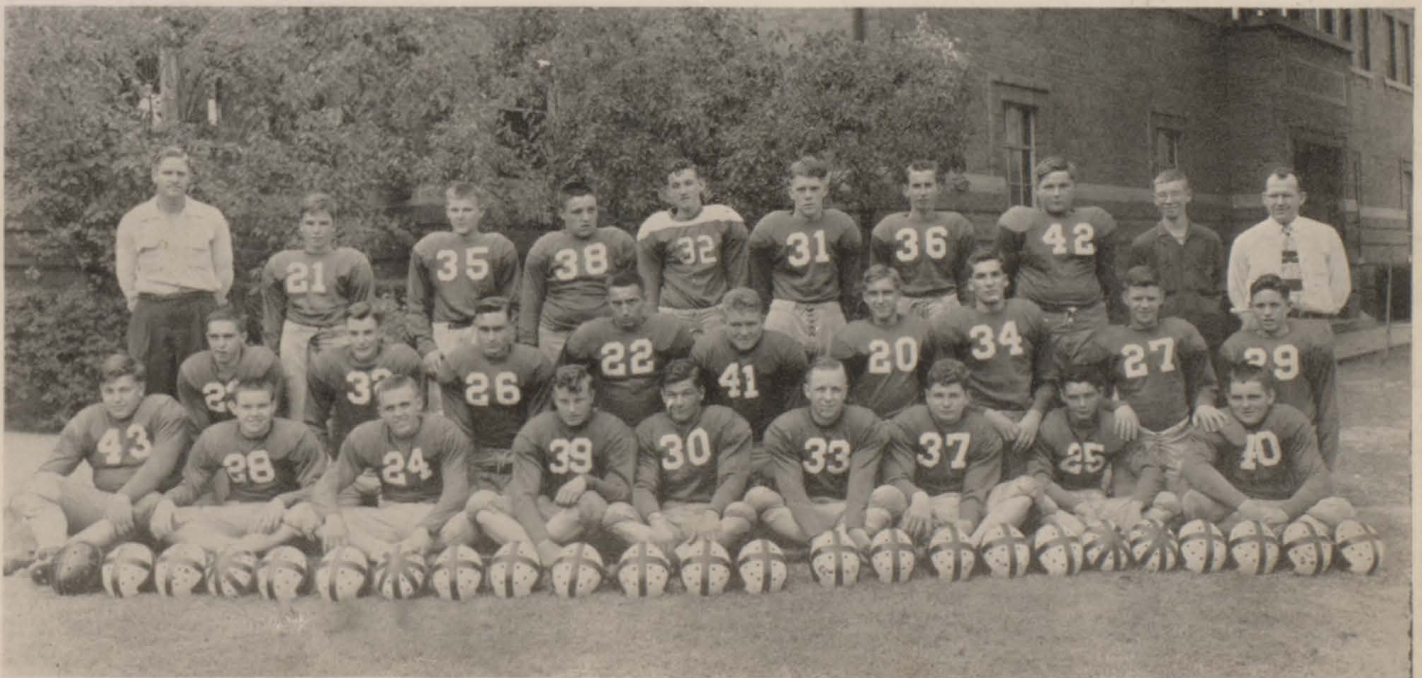
The 1953 squad will have great possibilities since Coach Greathouse has some of the best freshman and sophomore prospects in a long time.

		Varsity		
		We	They	
September 19	Pawnee	19	0	Here
October 4	I.S.D.	6	14	There
October 8	Normal	0	6	Here
October 17	Mt. Sterling	20	6	There
October 22	Jacksonville	0	25	There
		Freshman-Sophomore		
October 13	Havana	6	0	Here
October 27	Havana	19	0	There

Top Row: Coach Leonard Greathouse, Kenneth Hill, Eddie Hansen, Bob Demonbrun, Roy Fry, Steve Knoles, Richard Barbee, Ralph Sapp, Freddie Gleason, manager, assistant coach Kenneth Curry.

Second Row: Frank Miller, Bob Heyen, Don Hill, Paul Finley, Pete Brandt, Johnny Hudspeth, Steve Vogt, Jerry Lynn, Larry Lynn.

Bottom Row: Willard Miller, Benny Leonard, Dewey Lynn, Jerry Winners, Jackie Stewart, Melvin Neuman, Bob Tozer, Eddie Hopper, Lloyd Lounsberry.



"ONLY MAKE BELIEVE"

...junior play

On November 13-14 the Junior Class presented a three-act comedy "Tattletale," by Anne Coulter Martens, directed by Mr. Charles R. McCreight. Breaking all previous attendance records at P.H.S.S., the play was a tremendous success. The plot revolved around a high school girl who by mistake had her secret diary published instead of her novel. The cast, including twenty-three of the junior class, follows:

Patty	Joan Sitzmann	John	Freddie Gleason
Mr. Blaine	Hank Abbott	Marie	Doris Sharp
Mrs. Blaine	Valerie Hayden	Donald	David Lee
Isabel	Kaaren Hubbard	Quiz	Bonnie Anderson
Artie	Kay Ogden	Mr. Whittaker	Richard Stout
Tod	Tony Grosboll	Mr. Bixby	Tom Zimmerman
Ida May	Yvonne Vogt	Mrs. Larimer	Shirley Colby
Mr. Nixon	Jimmy Swanson	Hetty Heaton	Nancy Schafer
Mrs. Nixon	Ann Peterson	Assistant Director	Tom Zimmerman
Walt Kennedy	Donald Bailey	Make Up	Colleen Tibbs,
Paul Cummings	Dale Whitehurst		Shirley Colby
Louella	Lois McDaniel		Nancy Schafer
Monica	Barbara Bergen	Stage Mgrs.	Jerry Winner, Jack Stewart
Barney	Donald Hill	Business Mgr.	Mrs. Satorius
Miss Wiggam	Betty Shawver	Costume Adviser	Miss Holloway

Jr. Play Cast

Top Row: Shirley Colby, Lois McDaniel, Ann Peterson, Hank Abbott, Don Hill
Jerry Winner, Richard Stout.

Third Row: Nancy Schafer, Colleen Tibbs, Valerie Hayden, Kaaren Hubbard, David Lee, Jim Swanson, Jack Stewart.

Second Row: Bonnie Anderson, Yvonne Vogt, Betty Shawver, Mr. McCreight, Tom Zimmerman, Dale Whitehurst.

Bottom Row: Joan Sitzman, Barbara Bergen, Doris Sharp, Tony Grosboll, Fred Gleason, Donald Bailey, Kay Ogden.



CLASSROOM SCENES

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Chemistry Lab. "I Cross My Fingers"

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WINTER



CLAYM



"GIVE A CHEER, GIVE A CHEER"
...cheerleaders

"PETERSBURG FOREVER"

Words and Music by H. E. Akers

Here's to Petersburg forever,
May we always be so true.
May our courage never falter,
May we always be loyal to you.
Rah! Rah!

May your mem'ry live forever,
And stand for all that's right,
So let's Fight! Fight! Fight!
With all of our might,
For the honor of the Blue and the White.

Left to right: Nancy Mitchell, Ada Powell, Barbara Bergen, Jill Short.



PETERS B FOREVER

Words and Music
by
H. E. AKERS

The image features a musical score with ten systems of staves. Each system contains two staves (treble and bass clef) with musical notation. Overlaid on the score are ten basketball players in various poses, each labeled with a name in handwritten script:

- Benny**: A player in a jersey with number 88, jumping in the air.
- Dewey**: A player holding a basketball with both hands.
- Paul**: A player in a jersey with number 55, with one arm raised.
- Dick**: A player in a jersey with number 70, holding a basketball.
- Herald**: A player in a crouching position, holding a basketball.
- Don**: A player holding a basketball.
- Paul**: A player holding a basketball.
- Rich**: A player in a jersey with number 11, in a dynamic pose.
- Pete**: A player holding a basketball.
- Freddie**: A player holding a basketball.

"OUR BOYS WILL WIN TONIGHT"

...basketball

Team and individual records:
"A" Team

Date	Opponent	Place	We	They
November 18	San Jose	Here	57	58
November 25	Chandlerville	Here	54	78
December 2	Athens	There	28	40
December 5	Ashland	There	50	49
December 9	Mason City	Here	63	59
December 12	Lanphier	There	30	87
December 16	Easton	Here	60	84
December 19	Pleasant Plains	There	53	43
December 23	Williamsville	There	31	58
January 6	Bluffs	Here	62	55
January 9	I.S.D.	There	55	59
January 20	Virginia	Here	71	56
January 23	Greenview	There	58	69
January 30	Feitshans	There	52	59
February 3	Tri-City	Here	60	91
February 6	Tallula	There	72	74
February 10	Elkhart	Here	70	59
February 17	Riverton	Here	60	66
February 20	Forman (Manito)	There	63	69
February 24	Arenzville	Here	52	76
January 12-17	Athens-Greenview Tourney			
January 12	Niantite		49	60
January 14	Ashland		52	63
March 3	Havana Regional Feitshans		46	63

Total points 1248
 Game average 54.3

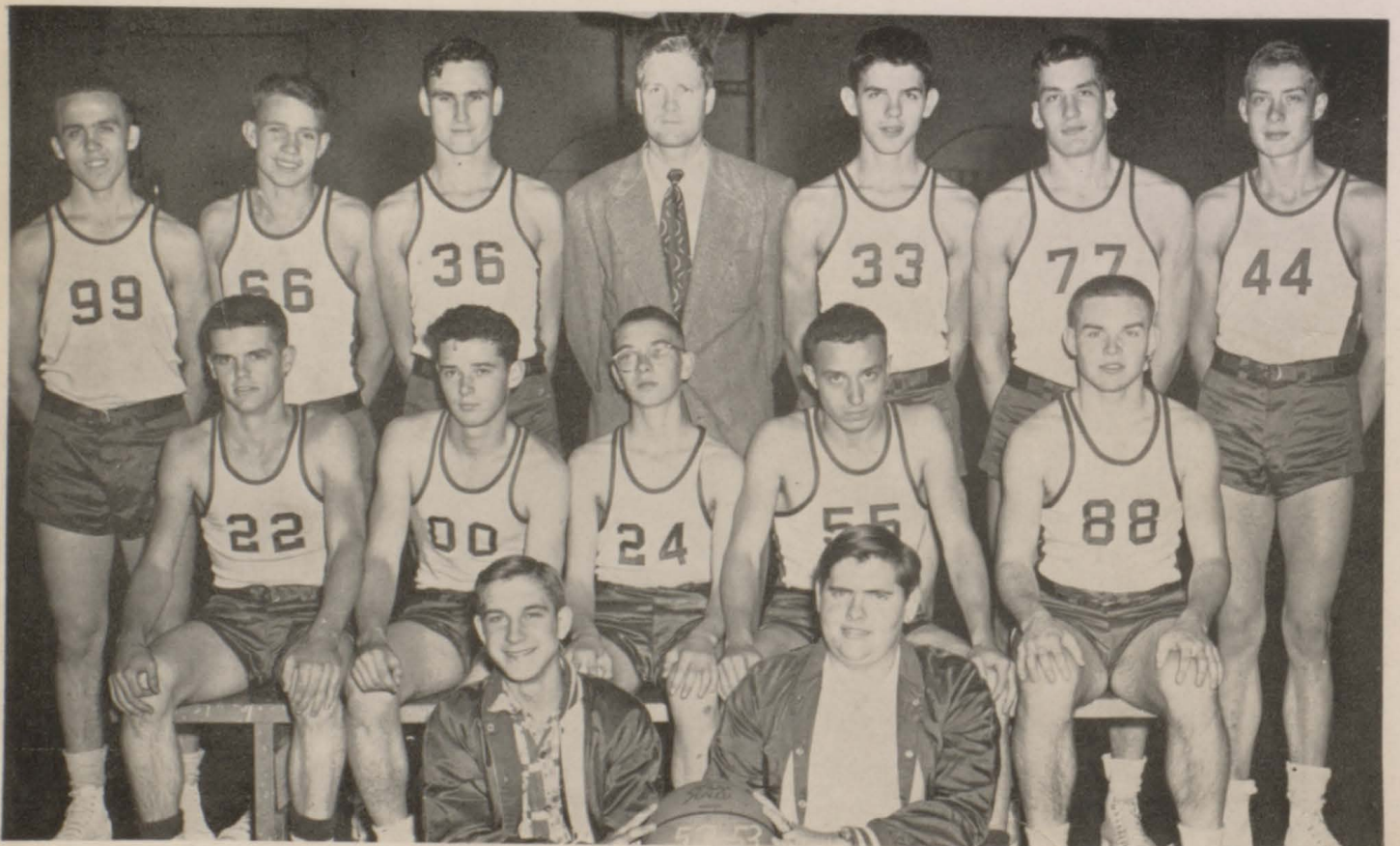
New Records

Highest Total Points in Season 569 Dewey Lynn
 Highest Average in Season 24.7 Dewey Lynn
 Individual Scoring in One Game 41 Dewey Lynn

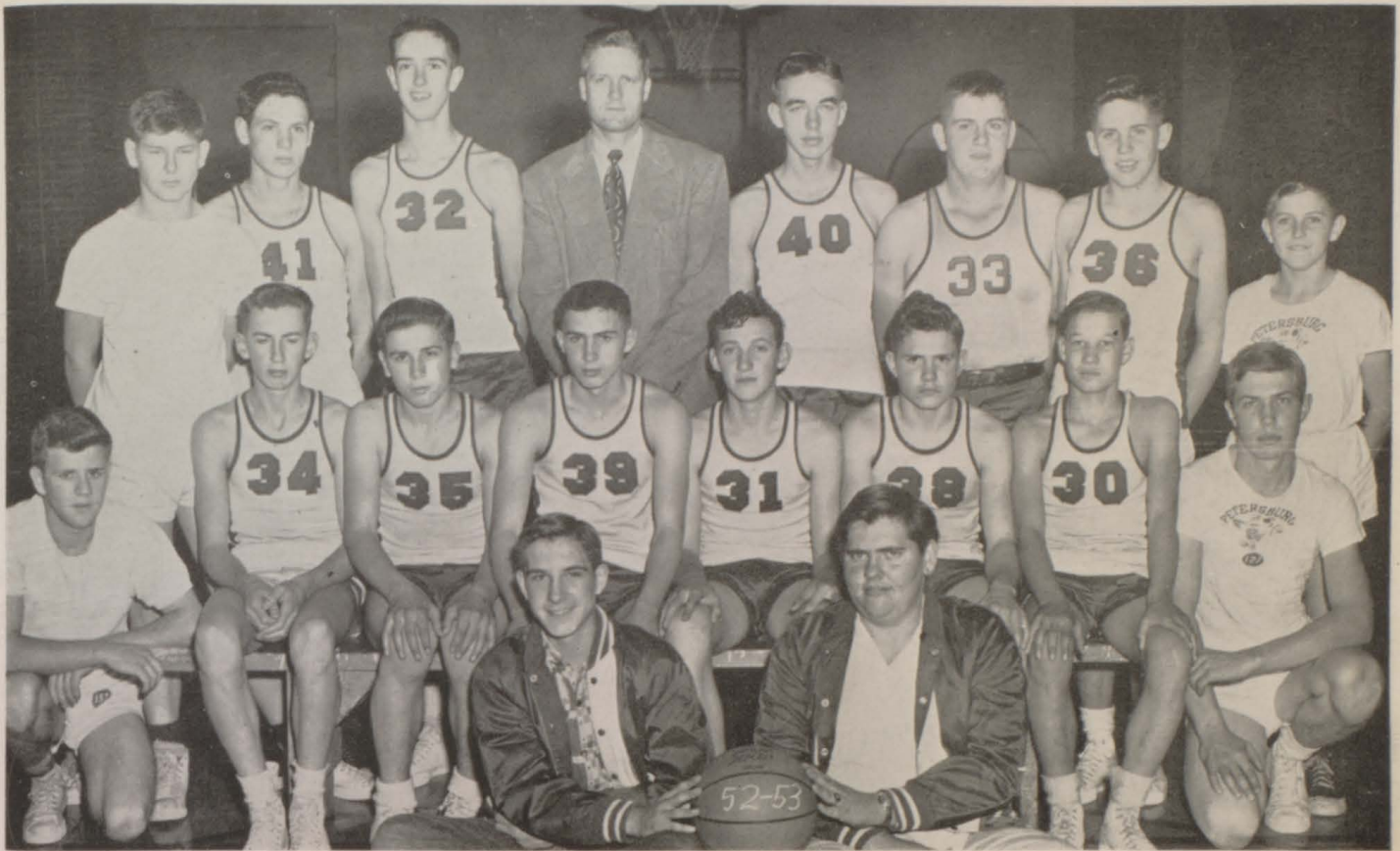
Top Row: Dewey Lynn, Dick Denton, Don Hill, Coach Greathouse, Hank Abbott, Steve Vogt, Gerald Nissen.

Second Row: Pete Claussen, Eddie Hopper, Fred Gleason, Paul Finley, Benny Leonard.

Bottom Row: John Hudspeth, Don Bailey, Managers.



... "B" team



Top Row: Eddie Hansen, Frank Sargent, Frank Miller, Coach Greathouse, Dale Schonewise, Lloyd Lounsberry, Larry Lynn, Lloyd Schafer.

Second Row: Jerry Lynn, Richard Barbee, Leo Stewart, Paul Altig, Roy Fry, Dale Reynolds, Richard Stout.

Bottom Row: John Hudspeth, Don Bailey, Managers.

"B" Team

Date	Opponent	Place	We	They
November 18	San Jose	Here	39	28
November 25	Chandlerville	Here	34	18
December 2	Athens	There	37	26
December 5	Ashland	There	37	43 (overtime)
December 9	Mason City	Here	32	34 (overtime)
December 12	Lanphier	There	32	69
December 16	Easton	Here	40	31
December 19	Pleasant Plains	There	55	38
December 23	Williamsville	There	42	28
January 6	Bluffs	Here	24	39
January 9	I.S.D.	There	41	43
January 20	Virginia	Here	34	24
January 23	Greenview	There	36	43
January 30	Feitshans	There	26	47
February 3	Tri-City	Here	21	50
February 6	Tallula	There	24	37
February 10	Elkhart	Here	35	27
February 17	Riverton	Here	25	43
February 20	Forman (Manito)	There	37	27
February 24	Arenzville	Here	31	39

Total points682
 Gave average34.1



"PLAYMATES"

... girls physical education

Middle: Selma Snyder

Clockwise: Yvonne Vogt, Connie Miller, Bernice Kissick, Roselyn Nance, Helen Sutton, Orene Arnold, Ruth Behrends, Mary Hinrichs, Ruth Meyer, Rose Pritchett, Donna Eberhard, Wanda Fairow, Betty Gellerman, Marilyn Peterson, Rosemary Watkins, Helen Gray, Mrs. Wood, Judy Park, Joann Schaddel, Clarice Emmett, Ruth Watkins, Jo Severns, JoAnn Amberger, Colleen Tibbs, Nancy Schafer, Barbara Bergen.

Mrs. Wood, Teacher

... basketball intra-mural winners

"SENIOR CLASS WINNERS"

"2nd HOUR GYM CLASS WINNERS"

"YOU'RE SO UNDERSTANDING"

...the band parents association

The Band Parents Association has been of the greatest help and inspiration during the past three years.

They first organized for the purpose of purchasing our splendid new band uniforms; and as soon as this project was completed, they tirelessly busied themselves with other needs of the band. Money raised by means of paper drives, bake sales, square dances, and other projects was used to buy new music racks, music awards, repair instruments and was also used to finance our summer music program during June and July.

During the Christmas season the band went caroling and then enjoyed a chili supper supplied by the Band Parents. The group also sponsors the annual Band potluck for members and families.

The officers for this year are: Mrs. Fred Claussen, President; Mrs. Paul Cherry, Vice President; Mrs. George Rothert, Secretary; Mrs. Alice Trenary, Treasurer; and Mrs. Ben Quinn, Publicity Chairman.

The Band is grateful to and proud of this organization which has done so much in the short time that it has been in existence.

Standing: Mrs. Alice Trenary, Treasurer; Mrs. George Rothert, Secretary.

Seated: Mrs. Paul Cherry, Vice President; Mrs. Fred Claussen, President; Mrs. Ben Quinn, Publicity Chairman.



"STRIKE UP THE BAND"

... b a n d

The band, under the capable direction of Mr. Rasplica, has been an active and important group this year. It has furnished much entertainment and enjoyment for all.

The lively music of the band was heard at many school events, particularly at the football and basketball games. The band gave inspiration and color to the pep parade ushering in the basketball season. Much work and careful planning went into the complicated formations and brisk marches at the home basketball games. The Abe Lincoln Music Festival was a magnificent event which evidenced much practice and effort. The band also entered the spring contest and provided the public with a spring concert.

To maintain this fine record, the band held rehearsals two days a week during the summer and gave a concert one evening every two weeks on the court house lawn.

We congratulate Mr. Rasplica and his fine group.

Lef to right:

First Row: Mr. Rasplica, Director; Gordon Branchfield, Drums; Sally Claussen, Clarinet; Judith Parks, Clarinet; Joan Sitzmann, Clarinet; Valerie Hayden, Clarinet.

Second Row: Scott Rothert, Trombone; Bonnie Anderson, Bassoon; Alfred Barbee, Saxaphone; JoAnn Amberger, Drum; Colleen Tibbs, Saxaphone.

Third Row: Yvonne Vogt, French Horn; JoAnne Doesdorfer, Clarinet; Janice Armstrong, Clarinet; Nancy Mitchell, String Bass; Ruth Behrends, Trombone.

Fourth Row: Sally Osborne, French Horn; Donna Tibbs, Bass Clarinet; David Lee, Cornet; Dale Schoneweis, Trombone; Fred Claussen, Bass Horn.



Left to right:

First Row: Mary Hinrichs, clairinet; Shirley Colby, clarinet; Nancy Schafer, clarinet; Barbara Heyen, clarinet; Barbara Bergen, drums.

Second Row: Lola Nell Lounsberry, Oboe; Nancy Johnson, Tymphani; Gary Bright, Trombone; Tommy Wilson, Baritone; Eugene Wall, Cornet.

Third Row: Orene Arnold, Flute; Ann Peterson, Flute; Norman Jean Sitzmann, Bass Clarinet; Jill Short, Saxaphone; Roselyn Nance, Cornet.

Four Row: Denny Hopper, Bass Horn; Hank Abbott, French Horn; Melvin Newmann, Trombone; Jimmy Swanson, Trumpet; Tony Grosboll, Saxaphone.



"SWEET MUSIC"

...band ensembles



FLUTE

Ann Peterson, Orene Arnold, Paula Bell, Mary Ann Brass.

CLARINET

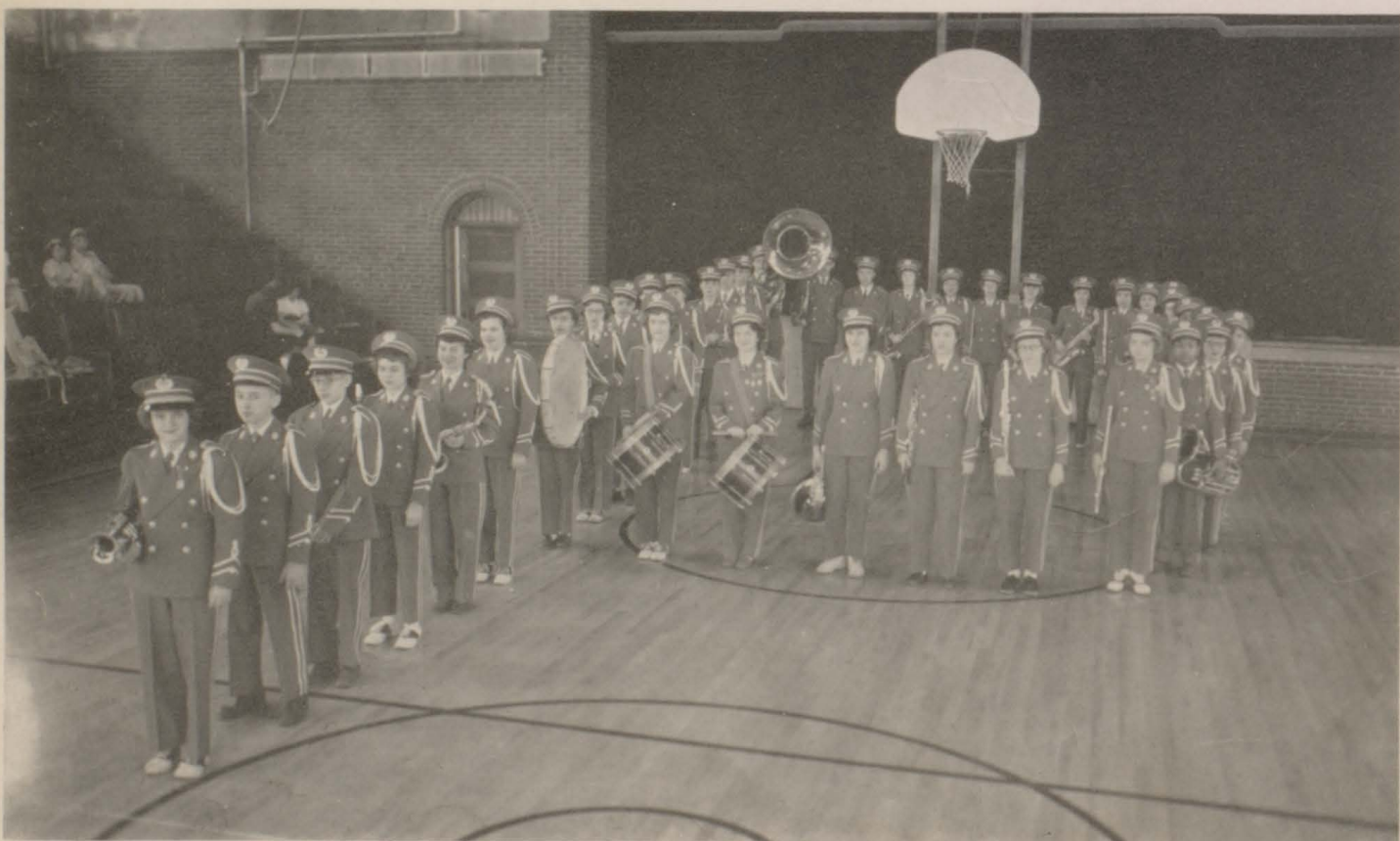
Nancy Schafer, Judith Park, Valerie Hayden, Janice Armstrong.

SAXOPHONE

Colleen Tibbs, Jill Short, Tony Grosboll, Alfred Barbee.



"USE YOUR IMAGINATION"



"A PRETTY GIRL IS LIKE A MELODY"

...girls' chorus

The high school chorus has been a very active organization this year. For the first time, this group elected officers. They are: President, Ruth Behrends; Secretary-Treasurer, Jill Short; Librarian, Janice Armstrong.

On October 24, 1952, the Abe Lincoln Festival was held in the high school gym. There were 250 girls and 100 boys participating with a total of 350 for a mixed chorus.

The Christmas concert was held at the Central Presbyterian Church on December 14, 1952. It was a candlelight service with Christmas numbers by the Girls' Chorus, Mixed Chorus, and the Senior Ensemble. Despite bad weather there was a big crowd there to see the wondrous sight and hear the beautiful music.

The members of the student body and the faculty enjoyed the Christmas carols sung in the halls by members of the chorus. The chorus serenaded at noons and during the eighth period the three days before vacation.

The Girls' Chorus, two Ensembles, and some soloists were entered in the contest.

The Spring Concert was held May 10, 1953, in the high school gymnasium.

The chorus has had several parties and hopes to have a banquet and a dance before the end of the school year. Miss Simpson has also arranged for some awards for the seniors.

Under the able direction of Miss Simpson, the group gave very pleasing programs and the public enjoyed hearing them as well as the girls enjoyed singing.

Top Row: Patty Patterson, Kaaren Hubbard, Lois McDaniel, Carole Hubbartt, Anita Moss, Joan Sampson, Orene Arnold, Nancy Lynn, Valerie Hayden, Lois Wilken, Barbara Greenwald.

Fourth Row: Sara Connelly, Joann Amberger, Lola Nell Lounsberry, Joyce Tozer, Joann Schaddel, Paula Bell, Joyce Hollis, Nancy Johnson, Barbara Schafer, Joann Boesdorfer.

Third Row: Clarice Emmett, Delores Watkins, Joan Bryant, Bonnie Anderson, Yvonne Vogt, Rosemary Watkins, Ruth Skaggs, Velda Hayden, LaVerne Weidhuner, Deloris Stewart, Arlene Guinan.

Second Row: Clara Wilson, Audrey Wilson, Ann Rosendahl, Virginia Peterson, Jackie Sims, Barbara Bergen, Patty Grosboll, Glenna Case, Jeanette Ortman, Mary Todd

Bottom Row: Roselyn Nance, Ruth Watkins, Sally Claussen, Miss Simpson, Jill Short, Ruth Behrends, Janice Armstrong, Nancy Mitchell, Marilyn Hansen, Judy Park.



"MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC"

...vocal ensembles



SENIOR ENSEMBLE

Ruth Behrends, Janice Armstrong, Joyce Ann Hollis, Lois Wilken, Orene Arnold, Nancy Mitchell, Delores Watkins, Jill Short, Barbara Bergen.



BOYS' CHORUS

David Lee, Hank Abbott, James Swanson, Donald Bailey, Eddie Hopper, Tony Grosboll, Nancy Mitchell - Accompanist, Morris Giffin, Tommy Wilson, John Ball, Alfred Barbee, Gene Peterson.

The heaviest load of the music department this year was capably shouldered by the nine members of the Senior Ensemble. During the course of the year, they made over twenty public performances for many different church and civic groups of the community. In the District Contest, they won a first state rating which enabled them to participate in the State Final Contest at Charleston.

The Boys' Chorus, while laboring under definite scheduling difficulties, made a big hit on both the Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert. An ensemble, composed of seven of these boys, won a third place rating at the District Contest in Havana.

A new organization this year was the Junior-Sophomore ensemble, which performed on the Spring Concert.

The Freshman Sextet worked very hard on their contest music and brought home from Havana one of our first ratings. This ensemble performed on the High School Assembly Program and on the Spring Concert.

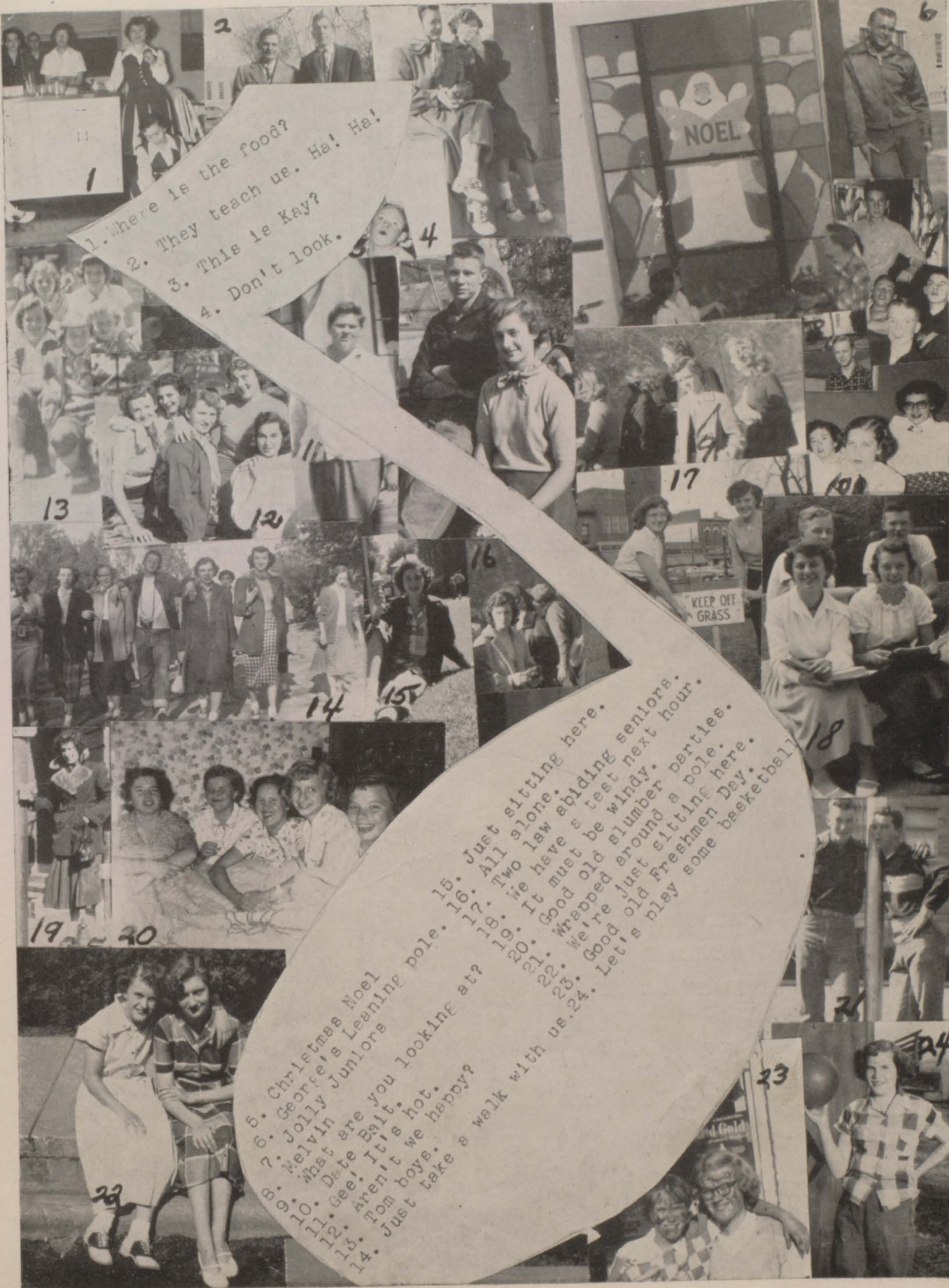
JUNIOR SEXTET

Barbara Bergen, Ruth Behrends, Yvonne Vogt, Ruth Watkins, Clarice Ann Emmett, Jackie Sims, Roselyn Nance.

FRESHMAN ENSEMBLE

Delores Stewart, Joanne Boesdorfer, Paula Bell, Glenna Case, Rosemary Watkins, Jackie Sime, Judith Park.





1. Where is the food?
 2. They teach us. Ha! Ha!
 3. This is Kay?
 4. Don't look.

5. Christmas Noel
 6. George's Leaning pole.
 7. Jolly Juniors
 8. Melvin Juniors
 9. What are you looking at?
 10. Date Ball.
 11. Gee! It's hot.
 12. Aren't we happy?
 13. Tom boys.
 14. Just take a walk with us.
 15. Just sitting here.
 16. All alone.
 17. Two law abiding seniors.
 18. We have a test next hour.
 19. It must be windy.
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 21. We're just sitting here.
 22. Good old Freshmen Day.
 23. Let's play some basketball



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SPRING





SPRING

The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled.
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn:
God's in His Heaven—
All's right with the world!

—Robert Browning



"BUSY BODIES"

...student council

To avoid the development of discords, the students of P.H.H.S. selected the following representatives for the Student Council: Freshmen, Judy Park; Sophomores, Jo Severns, and Lloyd Lounsberry; Juniors, Richard Stout, Richard King, and Tom McDougall; Seniors, Velda Hayden, Benny Leonard, Dewey Lynn, and Dennis Harper. Of these the following people were chosen officers: President, Dennis Harper; Vice President, Dewey Lynn; Secretary and Treasurer, Jo Severns.

The Student Council promoted many activities for the benefit of the student body. On September 18 they led the school in a rousing reception for the freshmen. They assisted the faculty in conducting the Christmas Homecoming on December 23. They sold tickets for all pay assemblies and presided over the programs. They sold cokes at all home ball games and applied the earnings toward financing the year book or other student activity. Council members collected contributions for the Polio Drive and the Red Cross. They also sponsored the Student Talent Show and several social hours.

At the lowering of the baton, held in the capable hands of President Dennis Harper, P.H.H.S. activities moved along in full harmony.

Standing: Lloyd Lounsberry, Richard King, Benny Leonard, Velda Hayden, Richard Stout, Judy Park.

Seated: Dewey Lynn, Dennis Harper, Jo Severns.



"I COULD WRITE A BOOK"

... sphinx staff

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Fourth Row: Janice Armstrong, Paula Cherry, Mary Hinrichs, Helen Sutton, Eddie Hopper, Benny Leonard, Nancy Lynn, Orene Arnold, Lois Wilken.

Third Row: Carrol Elliott, Doris Emmett, Joyce Hollis, Nancy Mitchell, Ann Peterson, Sally Osborne, Lola Nell Lounsberry, Valerie Hayden, Jean Sitzman.

Second Row: Margaret Schafer, Marilyn Hansen, Jill Short, Barbara Bergen, LaVerne Weidhuner, Delores Watkins, Mary Ann Brass, Glenna Case, Clara Wilson, Selma Snyder.

Bottom Row: Mary Ella Barbee, Morris Giffin, Miss Terry, George Wesselman, Joan Sampson, Ruth Behrends, Mrs. Satorius, Willard Miller, Velda Hayden.



"HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE"

... pep club

Through the "Winter Wonderland" went the pep club bus to all the ball games. We were hoping to win "Somewhere Along the Way," but we would "Forgive and Forget" our losses.

The leaders for the third consecutive year were Orene Arnold, President; Clarice Emmett, Vice President; Nancy Schafer, Secretary; and Joyce Hollis, Treasurer. Miss Simpson and Mr. Harder were the club sponsors.

In addition to attending all of the ball games, we sold balloons and Blue Jay pins. Two parties during the year were greatly enjoyed.

Top Row: Jimmy Swanson, Tom Zimmerman, Richard Barbee, Dewey Lynn, Bob Heyen, Don Hill, Frank Miller, Hank Abbott, Denny Harper, Jerry Winner, Jack Stewart, Benny Leonard, Ronnie Rebbe.

Sixth Row: George Wesselman, Tony Grosboll, Eddie Hopper, Lois Wilken, Ruth Behrends, Helen Sutton, Deloris Denton, Mary Melton, Judy Rebbe, Marilyn Peterson, Mary Gurnsey, David Lee, Morris Giffen, Donald Bailey.

Fifth Row: Yvonne Vogt, Colleen Tibbs, Kaaren Hubbard, Shirley Colby, Joanne Boesdorfer, Betty Gellerman, Lois McDaniel, Carole Hubbartt, Nancy Lynn, Carol Elliott, Doris Emmett, Joyce Tozer, Janice Armstrong, Ann Peterson.

Fourth Row: Sally Claussen, Ruth Skaggs, Marilee Phelps, Lola Nell Lounsberry, Bonnie Anderson, Barbara Greenwald, Mary Lou Matthews, Valerie Hayden, Nancy Johnson, Marilyn Powell, Joanne Amberger, Rosemary Watkins, Katherine Ball, Deloris Stewart, LaVerne Weidhuner, Jackie Sims.

Third Row: Ann Rosendahl, Wanda Fairow, Patty Grosboll, Jean Sitzman, Lloyd Schafer, Joe Reynolds, Kay Ogden, Paul Altig, Alfred Barbee, Barbara Heyen, Marguerite Mathews, Glenna Case, Deloris Schafer.

Second Row: Mr. Harder, Joan Sitzman, Jeanette Ortman, Nancy Schafer, Clarice Emmett, Orene Arnold, Joyce Hollis, Arlene Guinan, Marilyn Hansen, Miss Simpson.

Bottom Row: Ruth Watkins, Judy Park, Ada Powell, Jill Short, Barbara Bergen, Nancy Mitchell, Roselyn Nance, Tequilla Hill.



"CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU"

...letterman's club

The Lettermen's Club was organized early in December. The following officers were elected: President, Jerry Winner; Vice President, Pete Claussen; Secretary-Treasurer, Willard Miller.

Dewey Lynn was chosen football captain for this year. The club did much to inform the people on what was going on in sports. Scores and details along with the shooting percentages of each game were published in the "Observer". The members of the club are very proud of this accomplishment.

Most of the Lettermen ordered sweaters so they could make use of their letters. A player had to earn a letter before he was permitted to wear one.

Meetings were held every two weeks on Friday.

The Lettermen's Club looks forward to many more successful years.

Standing: Jack Stewart, Richard King, Frank Sargent, Don Hill, Melvin Neuman, Coach Greathouse, Dewey Lynn, Bob Tozer, Lloyd Lounsberry, William Brandt.

Seated: Steve Vogt, Edward Hopper, Willard Miller, Jerry Winner, Pete Claussen, Frank Miller, Benny Leonard.



"IT'S IN THE BOOK" ...library staff

Working toward the goal of a modern school library, we are becoming more and more a materials center.

We are seeking to become a functional school library which shall be a reading center, an information center, a curriculum enrichment center, a guidance center, a recreation center, a service and teaching center. Our activities increase as we press toward our goals.

Our film bookings have greatly increased, our lending film strip library has doubled, and our use of the resources of the state library has multiplied many times. Our use of the school library's services in general has been very marked.

Our student staff now has 24 members. Its work has been especially commendable. We hold that the library should train pupils in attitudes, interests, and appreciations.

We think of no better place than in our school library to sow the seeds of democracy through good books, good magazines, and friendly participation in school projects.

—Edith L. Masters, Librarian

Back Row: Jackie Sims, Marion McDougal, Joanne Boesdorfer, Anita Moss, Ann Rosendahl, Marjorie Barnett, Doris Sharp, Joyce Severns, Wanda Fairrow, Marilee Phelps, Bonnie Anderson.

Second Row: Marilyn Hansen, Sara Connelly, Miss Masters, Mary Gurnsey, Helen Gray, Mary Todd, Betty Barnett, Joan Sitzman.

Seated: LaVerne Weidhuner, Jean Sitzmann, Joyce Hollis, Nancy Mitchell.



"HOMEWORK"

...library

"BOOKS ARE KEYS TO WISDOM'S TREASURE,
BOOKS ARE PATHS THAT UPWARD LEAD,
BOOKS ARE GATES TO LANDS OF PLEASURE,
BOOKS ARE FRIENDS. COME, LET US READ"



"HOME COOKIN' "

... F H A

"When They Begin the Beguine," on September 17th the F.H.A. held their first meeting with eighty-one members present. Officers chosen were: President, Thelma Snyder; Vice President, Selma Snyder; Secretary, Ann Rosendahl; Treasurer, Judy Rebbe; Chairman of Projects, Joann Lewis; Song Leaders, Joyce Hollis and Jill Short; Reporters, Joanne Boesdorfer and Ada Powell; Parliamentarian, Norman Jean Sitzman. The sponsor was Miss Marguerite Holloway; Chapter Mother, Mrs. E. E. Snyder; Honorary Member, Mrs. Dora Watkins.

"On a Lonely Summer Evening," Selma Snyder was spending time at East Bay Camp as representative for the P.H.H.S. Chapter. "Marching Along Together," on October 15th, we went to Officers' Training at Jacksonville. The familiar strains of "Take me out to the Ball Game," December 9th, gave F.H.A. girls a theme song for their supper before the Mason City game. Initiation of the new members was January 28, 1953. On February 18th, National Emblem Service was held. On March 19th F.H.A. girls entertained the F.F.A. boys with "Home Cookin'" at the annual party. "Tea for Two," on April 30th, was the theme of the Mother and Daughter tea. "Old Presidents Never Die: They Just Fade Away," so on May 20 came election of a new President and a Vice President.

Top Row: Carole Hubbartt, Betty Ray, Mary Jane Thomson, Joan Sampson, Helen Sutton, Mary Hinrichs, Lois Wilkins, Mary Lou Matthews.

Fourth Row: Marjorie Barnett, Donna Eberhart, June DeWitt, Nancy Lynn, Julia Taapken, Joan Amberger, Carrol Elliott.

Third Row: Delores Watkins, Barbara Heyen, Karen Hubbard, Nancy Schafer, Shirley Colby, Yvonne Vogt, Bonnie Anderson, Katherine Moore.

Second Row: Margaret Cooper, Joan Sitzmann, Ada Powell, Jill Short, Joyce Hollis, Velda Hayden, Marguerite Mathews.

First Row: Joann Boesdorfer, Jean Sitzmann, Ann Rosendahl, Miss Holloway, Thelma Snyder, Selma Snyder, Judy Rebbe, Joan Lewis.



Top Row: Betty Gellerman, Anita Moss, Donna Tibbs, Delores Denton, Patty Patterson, Mary Gurnsey, Lois McDaniel.

Fourth Row: Clara Wilson, Sara Connelly, Nancy Johnson, Joyce Tozer, Rose Marie DeWitt, Lela Broaddus, Barbara Schafer.

Third Row: Patty Grosboll, Rosemary Watkins, Lola Nell Lounsberry, Helen Gray, Marilyn Powell, Betty Barnett, Rose Pritchett.

Second Row: Beverly Wernowsky, Jackie Simms, Joyce McKinney, JoAnn Bryant, Berneice Kissick, Betty Cooper, Arlene Guinan.

First Row: Mary Todd, Ruth Watkins, Sally Claussen, Marilyn Hansen, Judy Park, Rosalyn Nance, Tequilla Hill.

Absent: Mary Lou Ames, Jo Severns, Joyce Severns, Delores Garrison, Hermina Taapken, Marilyn Ruppel, Patty Ishmael.



"WHISTLE WHILE YOU WORK"

... F F A

The Petersburg Chapter of the Future Farmers of America has forty-one members this year. Officers elected for the year 1952-53 are as follows: President, George Baum; Vice President, John Stewart; Secretary, Edward Hopper; Treasurer, Richard King; and Reporter, Robert Heyen.

This was another interesting year for the F.F.A. boys. On June 3, 1952, they traveled to Champaign-Urbana to the University of Illinois for the Annual State Judging Contest and tour of the University Campus. This year the sectional part was combined with the state meet. For the sectional part the livestock team placed ninth and the dairy team tenth. For the state the livestock, grain and poultry had a A-rating and the dairy had a B-rating.

The Sectional Fair was held at the State Fair Grounds at Springfield on August 18, 1952, with seven members participating.

On November 8, 1952, the land judging team went to Athens for a new contest, the Land Use Selection Contest. Lloyd Lounsberry, Robert Heyen, and Dale Schonewis made up the team which received third and had two of the ten individual honors.

Top Row: John Stewart, Jerry Winner, Dennis Harper, Don Hill, Robert Sampson, Dale Schonewis, Robert Heyen, Richard Stout.

Fourth Row: Edward Hopper, Richard King, Frank Sargent, Stephen Knoles, Lloyd Lounsberry, Gerald Nissen, Dale Stahl, Mr. Worthington.

Third Row: Larry Lynn, George Baum, Ralph Sapp, Twain Sponsler, Wayne Ishmael, Tom Zimmerman, Dale Whitehurst, Pete Brandt.

Second Row: Herman Gutmann, Stanley Carter, Leo Stewart, Kenny Pritchett, Ronnie Rebbe, David Vestal, Larry Heyen.

Bottom Row: Lloyd Schafer, Dean Dawson, David Zimmerman, Kenny Hill, Robert DeMonbrum, Gary Bright, Joe Reynolds, Gywin Sponsler.



"BELIEVE IT OR NOT"

...science club

The Science Club was organized this year, having sixty members.

The officers for this year are President, Jill Short; Vice President, Paul Altig; Secretary, Nancy Mitchell; Treasurer, Joyce Hollis; Reporter, Ruth Behrends; Program Chairman, Janice Armstrong.

The club had several meetings and parties during the year. A few were held during the class periods but most of them were held after "Sundown". At these meetings we found out everything from "How High the Moon" to "How Deep is the Ocean."

The sponsors were Mr. Curry and Mr. Bagby.

Top Row: Roy Fry, Jack Stewart, Dewey Lynn, Dennis Harper, Frank Miller, Hank Abbott, Bob Heyen, Richard Barbee, John Feagans.

Fifth Row: Ann Peterson, Colleen Tibbs, Shirley Colby, Beverly Whitehurst, Marilyn Peterson, Helen Sutton, Nancy Schafer, Yvonne Vogt, Lola Nell Lounsberry.

Fourth Row: George Wesselmen, Dale Whitehurst, Tommy Zimmerman, Benny Leonard, Edward Hopper, Donald Armstrong, David Vestal, Tony Grosboll, Kay Ogden.

Third Row: Jean Sitzmann, Rosie Watkins, Jackie Sims, Delores Watkins, Nancy Johnson, Barbara Greenwald, Marilee Phelps, Doris Emmett, LaVerne Weidhuner.

Second Row: Jeanette Ortman, Wanda Fairrow, Tommy Wilson, Danny Barbee, Alfred Barbee, Barbara Bergen, Glenna Case, Ruth Watkins.

Bottom Row: Mr. Curry, Ruth Behrends, Joyce Hollis, Twain Sponsler, Paul Altig, Jill Short, Nancy Mitchell, Janice Armstrong, Mr. Bagby.



"NONNE DORMIS, NONNE DORMIS"

...latin club

The "Laetae Puellae" (Joyful Girls), under the capable direction of Miss Terry, organized in October after the freshmen of the new class had completed "The Wearin' of the Green". The club chose the following people to lead them through a most enjoyable year: President, Lola Nell Lounsberry; Vice President, Sara Connely; Secretary, Barbara Greenwald. "Silver and Gold" were selected as the colors of the year. "Vincit qui laborat" (She conquers who works) was chosen as the motto for the girls to live by throughout the year.

The different phases of Ancient Roman life, such as banquets, children's toys, and weddings, as well as many old familiar myths, were reported on by members of the club. Once a month the well known strains of "Nonne Dormis?" and many other good Latin songs were heard in the upstairs hall.

A chorus of sixteen happy girls "Welcome, Sweet Springtime" but will be anxious to get started in another year of Latin.

Seated at the desk: Miss Terry.

First Row: Lola Nell Lounsberry, Nancy Johnson, Barbara Greenwald, Jeanette Oriman, Sara Coanely, Glenna Case, Paula Bell.

Second Row: Ruth Ann Skaggs, Beverly Whitehurst, Jackie Sims, Ann Rosendahl, Marilee Phelps, Anita Moss, Delores Schaefer., Audrey Wilson, Faye Vice. Absent, Deloris Stewart.



"I WISH I COULD HIDE INSIDE THIS LETTER"

... I S S

A tune for every letter, a cheery word, a bit of news, and a stamped envelope are the backbone of our club. We truly spend "April In Paris" when we receive a long awaited letter from a pen-pal.

We have "Tea For Two" at our noon hour meetings. Great plans are in store for future meetings. A young woman from Holland will come "In Little Dutch Shoes" and tell us how she "Tip Toed Through the Tulips" back in her "Faded Memories."

Miss Terry is our "One and Only" sponsor this year. At one of our meetings we elected the following girls as our officers: Secretary, Velda Hayden; Treasurer, Janice Armstrong; Vice President, Lela Broaddus; and Clara Wilson, President.

Top Row: Ruth Skaggs, Sara Connelly, Lois Wilkins, Ruth Behrends, Beverly Whitehurst, Delores Denton, Joan Sampson, Marilyn Peterson, Rose Marie DeWitt, Lois McDaniel, Barbara Greenwald.

Fourth Row: Barbara Greenwald, Lola Nell Lounsberry, Tommy Zimmerman, Donald Bailey, Nancy Mitchell, Joyce Hollis, Carole Elliott, Marilee Phelps.

Third Row: June DeWitt, Bonnie Anderson, Mary Ella Barbee, Paula Bell, Doris Emmett, Betty Barnett, LaVerne Weidhuner, Jean Sitzmann, Thelma Snyder.

Second Row: Selma Snyder, Delores Schaefer, Faye Vice, Deloris Stewart, Miss Mina Terry, Barbara Bergen, Glenna Case, Jeanette Ortman, Sally Claussen.

First Row: Velda Hayden, Clara Wilson, Lela Broaddus, Janice Armstrong.



"PRETEND"

...senior play

The senior class presented their play "June Graduate," a comedy-drama by Jean Provence, on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 16-17, under the direction of Miss Mina Terry. The cast follows:

Bob Gardner, a June graduate	Dewey Lynn
Agnes Wagner, the siren of the seniors	Joyce Ann Hollis
Mrs. Myra Gardner, Bob's widowed mother	Joan Sampson
Dotty Gardner, his young sister	Jill Short
Irene Davis, secretary of the senior class	Nancy Mitchell
Harry Morris, editor of the school paper	George Wesseleman
Laura Sawyer, Irene's closest friend	Ruth Behrends
Jane Fleming, a friend of Agnes	Doris Emmett
Gladys	June DeWitt
Ethelyne	Velda Hayden
Hubert	Benny Leonard
Chuck Reed, a good-natured football star	Eddie Hopper
Eliot Travis, a college fraternity man	Robert Heyen
Sanford Yeager, football coach at the University	Willard Miller
Nora Mac Namara, Agnes's outspoken aunt	Janice Armstrong
Prompter	Mary Hinrichs
Stage Manager	Arthur Wiseman
Make-up	Nancy Lynn and Carole Hubbart
Radio	Dennis Harper



"AS TIME GOES BY"

...upper office receptionists

By working in Miss Terry's office, students have attained secretarial training. They answer the phone, run errands, type, and do many other things. Miss Terry is glad to have them to work for her, as they save her many steps, and care for the office while she is in class.

When you hear the "Silver Bells," Velda Hayden is beginning the day by working in the office. The second hour finds "Wonderful One" Harlene Bale taking over the work. Along comes Doris Sharp with "Smiles" for third hour. "Mary Lou" Matthews takes over for fourth hour.

After "Tea for Two" Jeanette Ortman, our "Jeanie with the Golden Hair," does the work for fifth hour. Mary Hinrichs with "Hair of Gold, Eyes of Blue" takes over for sixth hour. Judy Rebbe, "With a Smile and a Song," works in the office seventh hour, while Donald Armstrong, "Sonny Boy," is Miss Terry's able helper eighth hour. Don collects the absentee reports. This duty ends the day "At Sundown."

The substitutes are: Joan Sampson, Marian McDougall, Marilyn Hansen, Helen Gray, Joyce Severns, Nancy Lynn, Betty Ray, Wayne Fairrow, and Barbara Greenwald.

Seated: Judy Rebee, Donald Armstrong, Velda Hayden, Harlene Bale, Jeanette Ortman, Doris Sharp.

Standing: Mary Lou Matthews, Mary Hinrichs.



"FLYING FINGERS"

...civil service

The Commercial Course is one of the most important and practical courses in Petersburg High School. Two years of shorthand, two years of typing and one year of bookkeeping are offered in our high school.

Throughout the course, emphasis is placed on spelling, grammar, and speed and accuracy in skills. One of the main objectives of the training is to prepare students for life in the business world.

One of the opportunities for employment afforded to seniors is through the State Civil Service Examinations. With the state permission this examination is conducted by Mrs. H. P. Satorius of the high school faculty. The test consists of three parts. The first is a two-hour test, evaluating the ability of the student in spelling, grammar, mathematics and office skills. The second part is a test in various typing skills, including work in rough drafts, letters and general typing ability. The third part is a test in shorthand, dictation and transcription rates. If the student passes in each part of the examination, he is called by the State Department for an oral interview. Between thirty-five and forty applicants participated in this examination.

Many employed alumni of our school participated in a second Civil Service Test, conducted at Petersburg High School. It was a state-wide test to improve the ratings for Clerk Stenographers II and III, Clerk Typist II and II and Clerks IV including supervision of departments.

The following seniors represented Petersburg in the State Examination I: Herminia Taapken, Janice Armstrong, Ruth Behrends, Lois Wilken, Hazel Gillmore, Carrol Elliott, Connie Miller, Velda Hayden, Norma Jean Sitzmann, Joann Lewis, Joan Sampson, Clara Wilson, Delores Watkins, LaVerne Weidhuner, Rose Marie DeWitt, Joyce Hollis, Selma Snyder, Mary Hinrichs, Lela Broaddus, Thelma Snyder, June DeWitt, Nancy Lynn, Mary Ella Barbee, Doris Emmett, Helen Sutton, Carole Hubbartt, Twain Sponsler. Standing, Mrs. Satorius.



"BEWITCHED, BOTHERED AND BEWILDERED"

...shorthand II

Commercial Honors

ADVANCED TYPEWRITING

Mary Barbee
Joan Sampson

ADVANCED SHORTHAND

Selma Snyder
Ruth Behrends

BOOKKEEPING

Velda Hayden
George Wesselman





SENIOR PLAY USHERETTES

Selma Snyder, Thelma Snyder,
Joan Lewis, Mary Ella Barbee,
Rose Marie DeWitt, Hermina
Taapken.

JUNIOR PLAY USHERETTES

Beverly Wernowsky, Bonnie
Tuttle, Virginia Peterson, Mary
Gurnsey, Marilyn Powell, Betty
Ray.



"ONE ACT PLAYS"

"The Greener Grass" was the district contest winner. Members of the cast are: Standing, Bob Heyen, Nancy Mitchell; seated, Delores Garrison, Melvin Neuman, Valerie Hayden, Tony Grosboll, Barbara Bergen.



Members of the cast of "His Mama's Boy" are as follows: Standing, Jim Swanson; seated, Betty Shawver, Joan Sitzmann, Ann Peterson, Joyce Hollis, Dewey Lynn.



Members of the cast of "Butch" are as follows: Standing, Gene Balster, Yvonne Vogt, Nancy Lynn, Benny Leonard; seated, Jill Short, Carole Hubbartt.



CLASS WILL

- Selma Snyder** bequeaths her S H A R P ways to Beverly Wernowsky.
- Eugene Balster** bequeaths his long curly locks to Paul Altig.
- Delores Watkins** bequeaths her way with Dales to Rosemary Watkins.
- Dennis Harper** bequeaths the presidency of the Student Council to anyone who likes to make speeches.
- Velda Hayden** bequeaths her office job-answering phones and climbing stairs—to Gerald Nissen.
- Bob Heyen** bequeaths his good looks and manly physique to Tony Grosboll IF he thinks he can measure up to Bob's standards.
- Mary Hinrichs** bequeaths her long telephone calls to Mary Lou Matthews.
- Janice Armstrong** bequeaths her friends in Tallula to Barbara Bergen.
- Hazel Gilmore and Doris Emmett** bequeath their ROCKS that weigh down their left hands to Marilyn Hansen and Valerie Hayden.
- Nancy Mitchell** bequeaths her high soprano voice to Steve Vogt.
- Melvin Neumann** bequeaths his way with the women to Paul Finley.
- Jill Short** bequeaths her bright and shining smile to Sara Connolly.
- Thelma Snyder** bequeaths her presidency of F.H.A. to Lois McDaniel.
- Jean Sitzman** bequeaths that ROCK CREEK KID to Yvonne Vogt, IF she thinks she can handle him.
- Twain Sponsler** bequeaths his soft shoe dances to Lloyd Lounsberry.
- Hermina Taapken** bequeaths her absences on Monday morning to Delores Garrison.
- Joyce Hollis** bequeaths her college man to anyone who likes to run around with the girls a lot.
- Mary Ella Barbee** bequeaths her dainty walk to Bob Moore.
- Eddie Hopper** bequeaths his perfect study habits to Jimmy Swanson.
- Connie Miller** bequeaths her farm life to Judy Park if she has the perseverance Hubbard.
- Benny Leonard**, the chemical brain, bequeaths sulphur dioxide to anyone who can stand the smell.
- Nancy Lynn** bequeaths her trips to Havana to Wayne Ishmael.
- Connie Miller** bequeaths her farm life to Judy Parks if she has the perserverance to rise at 3 a. m. to milk the cows.
- Willard Miller** bequeaths his football prowess to Lloyd Schafer.
- Carole Elliott** bequeaths her diet to Donald Bailey.
- Helen Sutton and Dewey Lynn** bequeath their quarrels to JoAnn Amberger and Frank Miller.
- Morrie Giffin** bequeaths his cooking ability to Edgar Emmett.
- Orene Arnold** bequeaths her office of Class President to anyone worthy of the job.
- Ruth Behrends and Joan Sampson** bequeath their long hours of working on the Sphinx to any two who have excess time and energy.
- Lela Broaddus** bequeaths her jet black hair to Joan Sitzmann.
- June DeWitt** bequeaths her willing disposition to Doris Sharp.
- Rose Marie DeWitt** bequeaths her pony tail to any farmer who has time to curry it.
- LaVerne Weidhuner** bequeaths her skating ability to Jackie Simms.
- George Wesselman** bequeaths his driving habits to Rosalyn Nance.
- Lois Wilken** bequeaths her typing patience to Kay Ogden.
- Clara Wilson** bequeaths her French boy friend to Nancy Schafer.
- Art Wiseman** bequeaths the shop and ITS CONTENTS to Shirley Colby.
- JoAnn Lewis** bequeaths her long hair to Delores Stewart.
- The Senior Class** bequeaths their high standards in "everything" to the Junior Class to see how CLOSE they can come to them.



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| 1. Jean Sitzmann, April 9. | 11. Carol Elliott Nov. 13. | 21. June DeWitt Dec. 12. |
| 2. Helen Sutton, Aug. 21. | 12. Mary E. Barbee June 15. | 22. Rose M. DeWitt, March 12 |
| 3. Delores Watkins July 11 | 13. LaVerne Weidhuner July 29. | 22. Rose M. DeWitt March 12. |
| 4. Joan Sampson May 28. | 14. Janice Armstrong Oct. 28. | 23. Twain Sponsler April 14. |
| 5. Dennis Harper Jan. 4. | 15. Ruth Behrends Jan. 29. | 24. Joyce Hollis Jan. 26. |
| 6. Carole Hupbbartt, Sept. 21. | 16. Orene Arnold Sept. 7. | 25. Bob Heyen Sept. 3. |
| 7. Nancy Lynn Oct. 24. | 17. Velda Hayden April 17. | 26. Melvin Neumann Nov. 28. |
| 8. Edward Hopper Oct. 26. | 18. Nancy Mitchell June 23. | 27. Selma Snyder Aug. 11. |
| 9. Mary Hinrichs April 14. | 19. Benny Leonard June 23. | 28. Thelma Snyder Aug. 11. |
| 10. Dewey Lynn Feb. 27. | 20. Doris Emmett March 25. | 29. Jill Short June 28. |

CLASS PROPHECY

The operetta, "Gentlemen Prefer Seniors," just finished a tour of the United States giving performances in both large and small cities. Willard Miller, the great newspaper magnate, who has a monopoly on most of the large newspapers, decided to go along with the tour to get an inside story of people throughout the country. When he returned to New York, he told his secretary, Hazel Gillmore, this story of his reunions with old class mates:

When the tour began, Willard met Dewey "Wet-Lips" Lynn, the composer of the music for the operetta. The orchestra for the show was directed by Melvin Neumann. His star player was Mary Hinrichs, who is the only clarinetist who can hold one note for thirty-two measures. Joyce Hollis, the star of the show, sings Dewey's songs in a sweet, lilting contralto voice. The DeWitt Sisters, June and Rose Marie, like the Bell Sisters, have started on their road to fame and fortune: they composed and then recorded the new hit "Mesopotamia" which has become a national hit tune. The girls' agent, "10% 'er Velda Hayden," has handled the girls throughout their career. The two dancing stars of the show are Delores Watkins and Thelma Snyder, popularly known as the "Dancing Dolls."

Before leaving New York, the performers had a banquet at "Earl's Eating Establishment" on Eighth Street at Ellis Island. This diner, run by Nancy Lynn, serves the best food on the island.

At the start of the tour, the troupe went to Washington, D. C., where they gave a command performance for the President of the United States, Eddie Hopper, and his secretary, Mary Ella Barbee. They asked President Hopper whatever became of Jean Sitzmann, and he said that she was still on the farm where the forest behind her home is completely full of grass and Hoppers. The President also told us that he had just assigned four-star General Dick Denton to take General Ridgeway's place in the United States Army.

While traveling through Tinker Town, Pennsylvania, they stopped to visit Miss Helen Sutton, an old maid school teacher, who couldn't give up her hall duty. Going on to Patterson, Ohio, the troupe stopped to see "Knuckles Nellie," alias Lois Wilkin. At high school Lois had such strong disciplinary ideas that she is now head matron at a reform school. Going on to Anderson, Indiana, the troupe stopped in to see Professor Nancy Mitchell. She has just announced the discovery of her cure for Bug Eyes. Nancy was able to tell the troupe of the crack-up at the Indianapolis Speedway involving Morrie Giffin and Art Wiseman. The boys were taken to Sponsler's Hospital where they were expertly treated by Lela Broaddus, head nurse.

The performers then went to Petersburg, Illinois, where they saw Carole Hubbartt still around, for she hadn't yet decided whether to go to Florida or to stay and "Bob" around Petersburg. They saw Thelma Snyder, foreman of "Snyder's Safe-way Sawmill." Thelma is so interested in her work that she even sawed logs in her sleep. They gained much information of old classmates who have left home. They learned that LaVerne Weidhuner is now flying one of the Army's new "D. D. Baum"-er planes over Korea. Orene Arnold is running a home for retired Airmen in which a group of red-headed flyer is under Orene's direction. Doris Emmett was still at Petersburg, where every morning she is up early, furiously frying Bacon.

The schedule then took the troupe to Chicago where we found some more old friends. Gene Balster, television star and high flyer extra-ordinary, was making an appearance at the Chicago theater. He had just flown in from Hollywood in his new jet plane. JoAnn Lewis and Connie Miller are joint book-keepers at Marshall Field's, which is now being managed by George Wesselman. At the Chicago Art Institute, Hermina Taapken was in charge of the paintings with Grandma Wilson, who turned out to be Clara Lou, her chief artist. The premier of a new movie took place in Chicago. The movie was "Carrot Top; the star, Dennis Harper, the director, Benny Leonard. The troupe also visited the Schafer's Institution where Jill Short holds the position of Dean of Women. Some visited the Bobsie Wobsie College and found Bob Heyen the head of the Department of Agriculture. Bob said that Ruth Behrends had obtained the job of head Home Adviser in Siberia. Some went to Joliet University and saw Joan Sampson riding a donkey down the hall on initiation day. Some went to the circus where Carole Elliott is the fat lady in the side show.

When the troupe was at the airport, ready to go back to New York, they found Janice Armstrong, who had always been interested in Stones, was leaving to inspect a quarry in South America. Having completed their tour, the troupe and Willard flew back to New York.

CLASS HONORS

Honor Seal Group

Janice Armstrong
Nancy Mitchell
Ruth Behrends
Joan Sampson
Jill Short

D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award Ruth Behrends
D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award Dennis Harper

Vocal Music—District Contest

Nancy Mitchell First
Ruth Behrends First
Lois Wilken Second
Alfred Barbee First
Tony Grosboll Second
Senior Ensemble First
Freshmen Ensemble First
Boys Ensemble Third
James Swanson, Piano First
Barbara Bergen, Piano First
Girls' Chorus First

Instrumental Music—District Contest

Alto Saxophone Solo, Colleen Tibbs Second
Saxophone Solo, Alfred Barbee First
Clarinet Quartet First

Music—State Contest

Ruth Behrends Vocal
Alfred Barbee Vocal
Senior Chorus
Saxophone Solo Alfred Barbee

Junior High—Instrumental Honors—District

Sally Osborne, Mellophone and Piano First
Mary Ann Brass, Flute First
Eugene Wall, Cornet and Marimba First
David Quinn, Trumpet First
Sandra Whalen, Trumpet First
Judith Peterson, Piano First
Lois Thomson, Saxophone Second
Rollin Rosendahl, Saxophone Second
Richard Allen, Clarinet Second
Paula Cherry, Cornet Second
Cornet Trio First



Economics—"Give Me a Hundred Reasons"

Shop—"It's My Lazy Day"

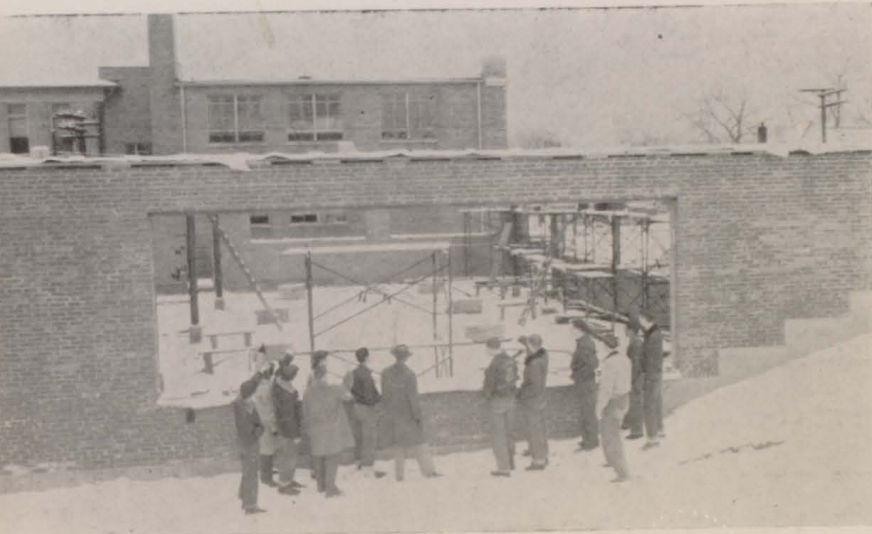


Biology Lab—"Believe It Or Not"

English III—"Ask Me No Questions"



Agriculture—"Away Out There"



Math—"Bushel and a Peck"



SCHOOL CALENDAR

1952 SEPTEMBER 1952

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
-	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	-	-	-	-

- 2—School opened.
- 4—Teachers enjoyed a potluck.
- 12—Classes elected officers.
- 16—Sphinx Staff held a meeting.
- 17—We had a pep assembly.
- 17—Senior pictures were taken.
- 18—F.H.A. had their first meeting.
- 18—Freshmen reception was enjoyed by all.
- 25—Assembly—"Conservation, Your Friends the Snakes."

1952 OCTOBER 1952

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
-	-	-	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	-

- 6—Library Staff met.
- 8—I.S.S. organized.
- 9—The chorus had a party.
- 10—Science Club organized.
- 10—End of first six weeks.
- 13—Yearbook cover was chosen.
- 14—Pep Club organized.
- 15—Science Club meeting was held.
- 16-17—Teachers' Institute.
- 22—F.H.A. met.
- 24—Assembly—"Mr. Marshall, and his Interpretations."
- 28—Student Council elected officers.
- 28—I.S.S. read letters.
- 29—Assembly—"Southern Harmonairs."

1952 NOVEMBER 1952

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30	24	25	26	27	28	29

- 3—Speech class gave an assembly.
- 4—Red Cross drive was held.
- 6—Sphinx Staff met.
- 12—Student Council discussed school problems.
- 13—I.S.S. held a noon hour meeting.
- 13-14—Junior Play—"Tattletale."
- 19—F.H.A. met.
- 19—Junior rings and Seniors announcements were ordered.
- 21—Assembly—"The Galvanos."
- 25—Chorus went to Sunny Acres.
- 27-28—Thanksgiving vacation.

1952 DECEMBER 1952

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
-	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	-	-	-

- 5—Yearbook pictures were taken.
- 5—Report cards were received.
- 9—F.H.A. supper was held.
- 10—I.S.S. read letters.
- 11—Junior play cast had a party.
- 14—Chorus held a Christmas Choral Candlelight Program.
- 16—Girls' assembly—"Michael Reiss Representative."
- 17—F.H.A. met.
- 17—The Science Club enjoyed a Christmas party.
- 22—Student Council planned Christmas Homecoming.
- 23—Christmas Homecoming was enjoyed by everyone.
- 24-5—Christmas vacation.

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SEVENTH GRADE

The fall season brings one thought to most students—school. To the sixty-nine students who had left their respective grade schools, school this fall meant Petersburg Junior High.

These seventh graders chose as their leaders Phil Stout, president; Rosemary Stewart, vice president; Connie Rebbe, secretary-treasurer; Mary Ann Brass and Rosemary Stewart, cheer-leaders.

Through the year the various English classes chose their librarians to help keep the Junior High library in order.

A Pep Club, the first one in several years, was formed with the help of Mrs. Lenz. Both seventh and eighth graders met during noon hours and practiced yells and songs with the cheer-leaders. With both the light weight and heavy weight teams making such enviable records this year, the Pep Club really had something to yell about.

Finding their first year so full of activities and accomplishments, the seventh graders are looking forward to another year in Junior High.

Top Row: Wayne Tuttle, Jimmy Harris, David Quinn, Bob Kinney, Phil Stout, Albert Woods, Dale Heyen, Don Ackerman, George Swanson, Russell Miller, Richard Skelton, John Finney.

Fifth Row: Shirley Pritchett, Mary Ann Brass, Clacy Kissick, Patty Knoles, Bridget Gordon, Connie Rebbe, Paula Cherry, Delores Powell, Merlene Koster, Barbara Kelly, Rosemary Stewart, Lois Thomson.

Fourth Row: John Curry, Scott Rothert, Russell Schaad, Billy Hinds, Dearl Rose, Eddie Dirks, Kenneth Sinclair, Richard McGary, Ronald Beard, Tom Barbee, Jim Carlile, Paul Moore.

Third Row: Catherine Thomson, Doris Doyen, Eldene Anderson, Marilyn Gellerman, Marie Winner, Joan Garrett, Ruth Woods, Sandra Whalen, Betty Tippett, Barbara Vogt.

Second Row: Leonard Eddings, Kenneth Dowell, Bruce Ortman, P. J. Grosboll, Ed McDougal, Jim Sponsler, Richard Schafer, Ronald Wiseman, Tom Ball, Douglas Nolting.

Seated: Deloris Summers, Audrey Bennett, Karen McNeil, Betty Pantier, Loretta Fortney, Evelyn Barnett, Juanita Thurman, Bonnie Lewis, Larry Dawson, Howard Lewis.

Absent: Ed Sinclair, Jim Bell, Beverly Cheney.



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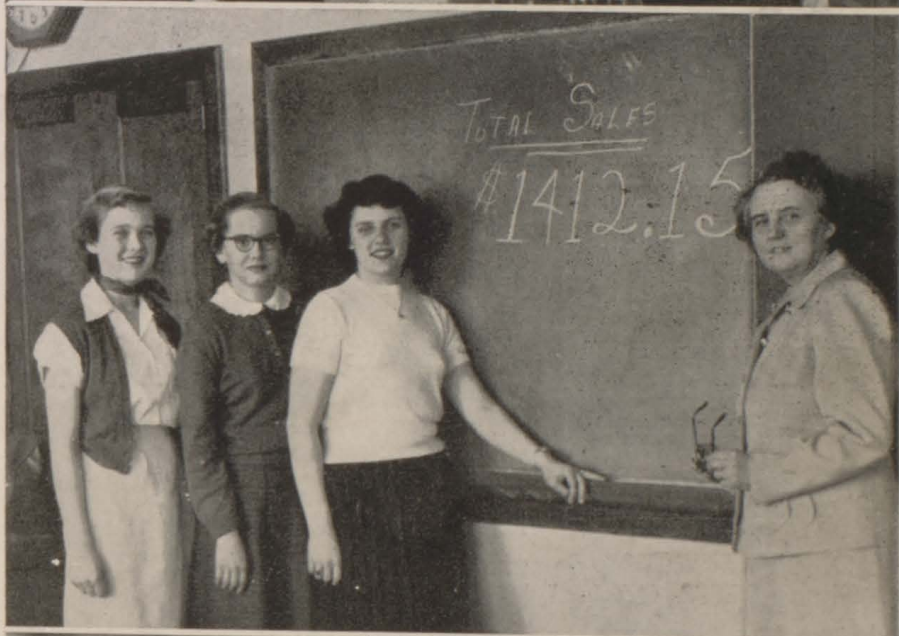
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MAGAZINE WINNERS

The senior class of 1953 was divided into four teams for the purpose of selling magazine subscriptions to help finance the yearbook. A high spirit of competition existed among these teams, proving LaVerne Weidhuner's team the winner. The captains of the teams were, left to right: LaVerne Weidhuner, Nancy Lynn, Jill Short, Dennis Harper; the business manager, George Wesselman.



The senior class sold \$1,412.15 worth of subscriptions to exceed their goal. The individual high salesmen are shown with the business adviser of the Sphinx, Mrs. Satorius. They are, left to right: Ruth Behrends, Lois Wilken, Nancy Lynn and Mrs. Satorius.



Members of the class who sold more than \$30 worth of subscriptions received a certificate of salesmanship from the Curtis Circulation Company. The following won certificates: Left-to-right, standing: Clara Wilson, Dennis Harper, Delores Watkins, Velda Hayden, Nancy Mitchell, Bob Heyen and Joyce Hollis. Seated are: Joan Lewis, Janice Armstrong, Jill Short, Nancy Lynn, Ruth Behrends, Lois Wilkin and LaVerne Weidhuner.



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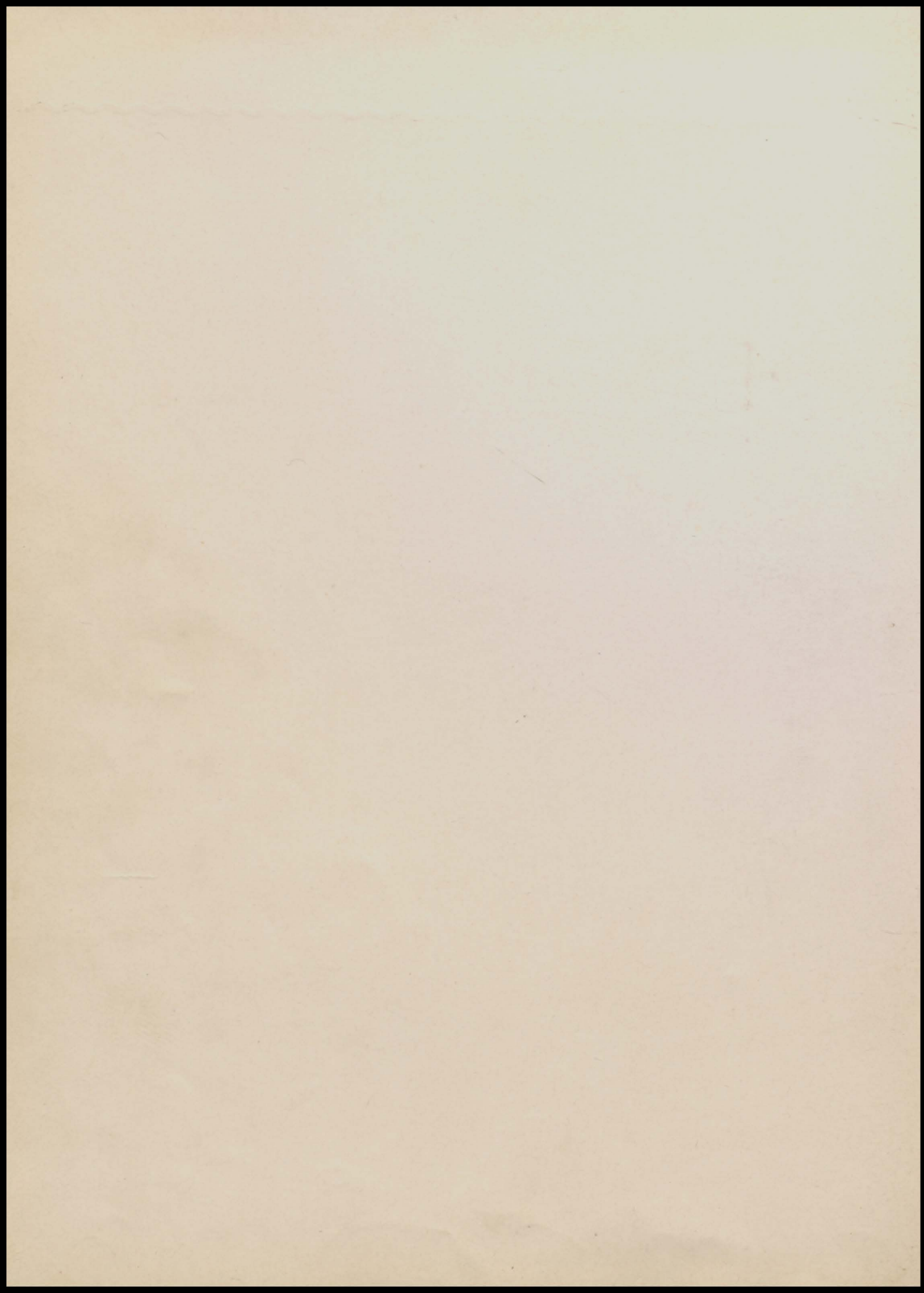
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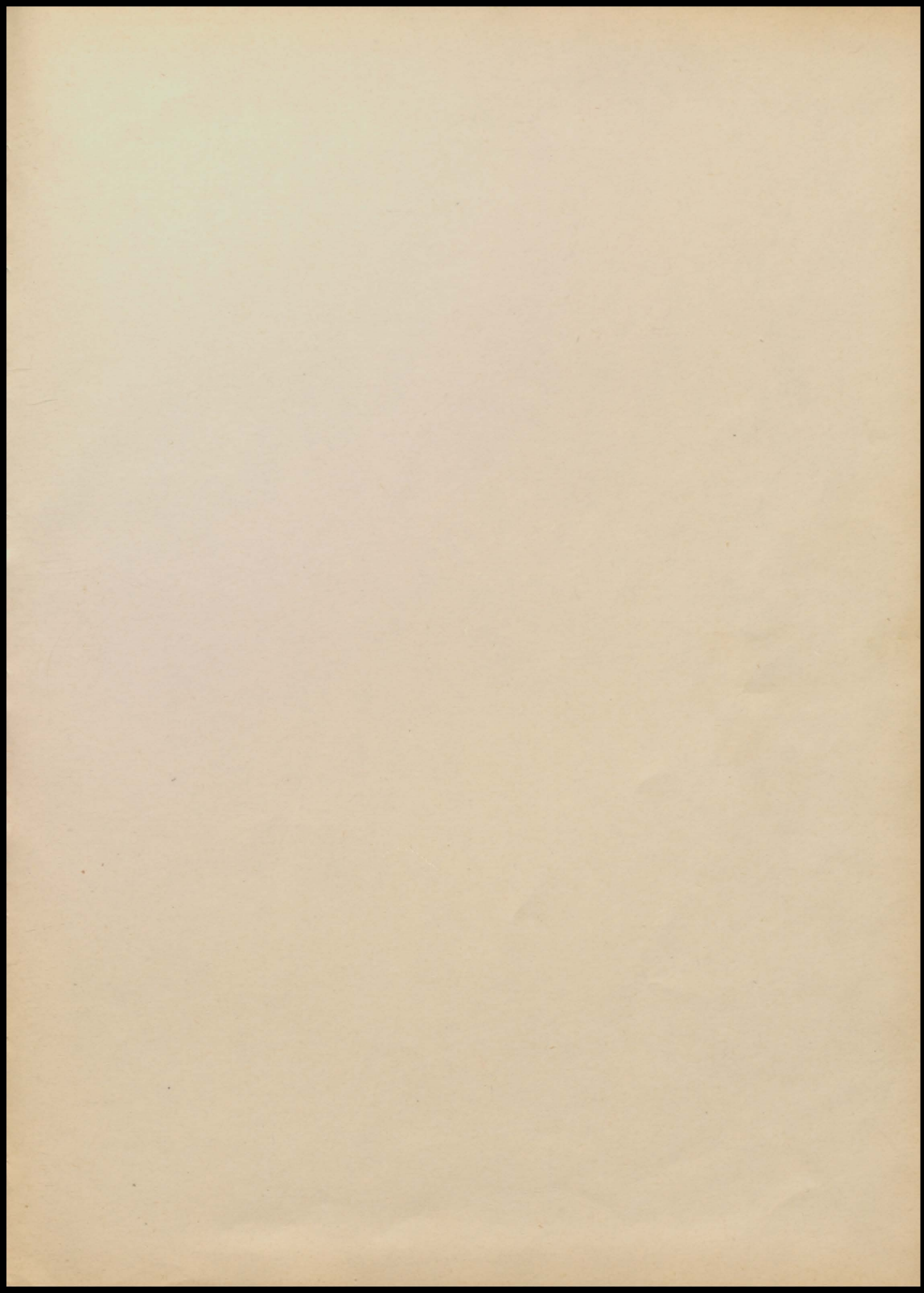
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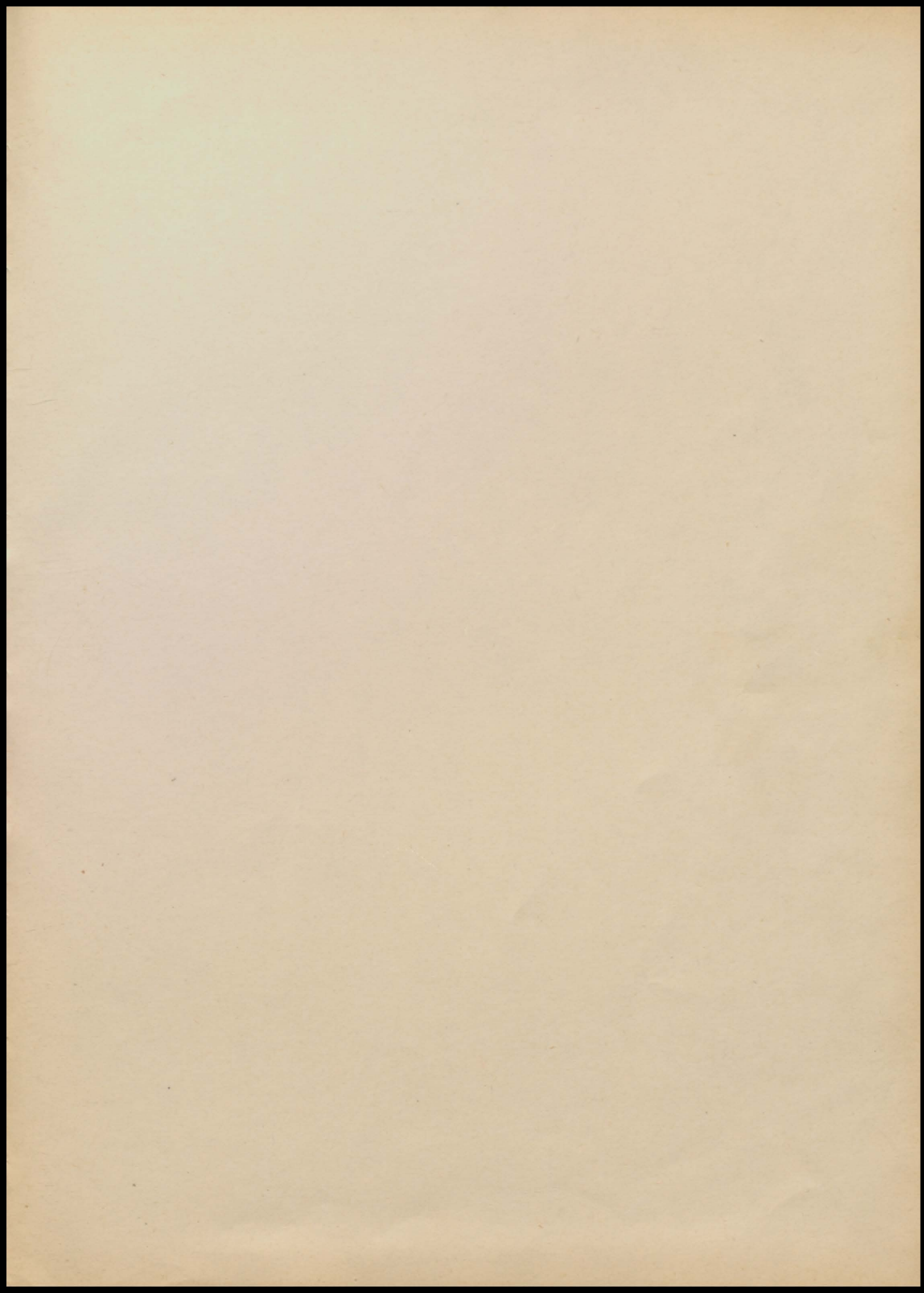
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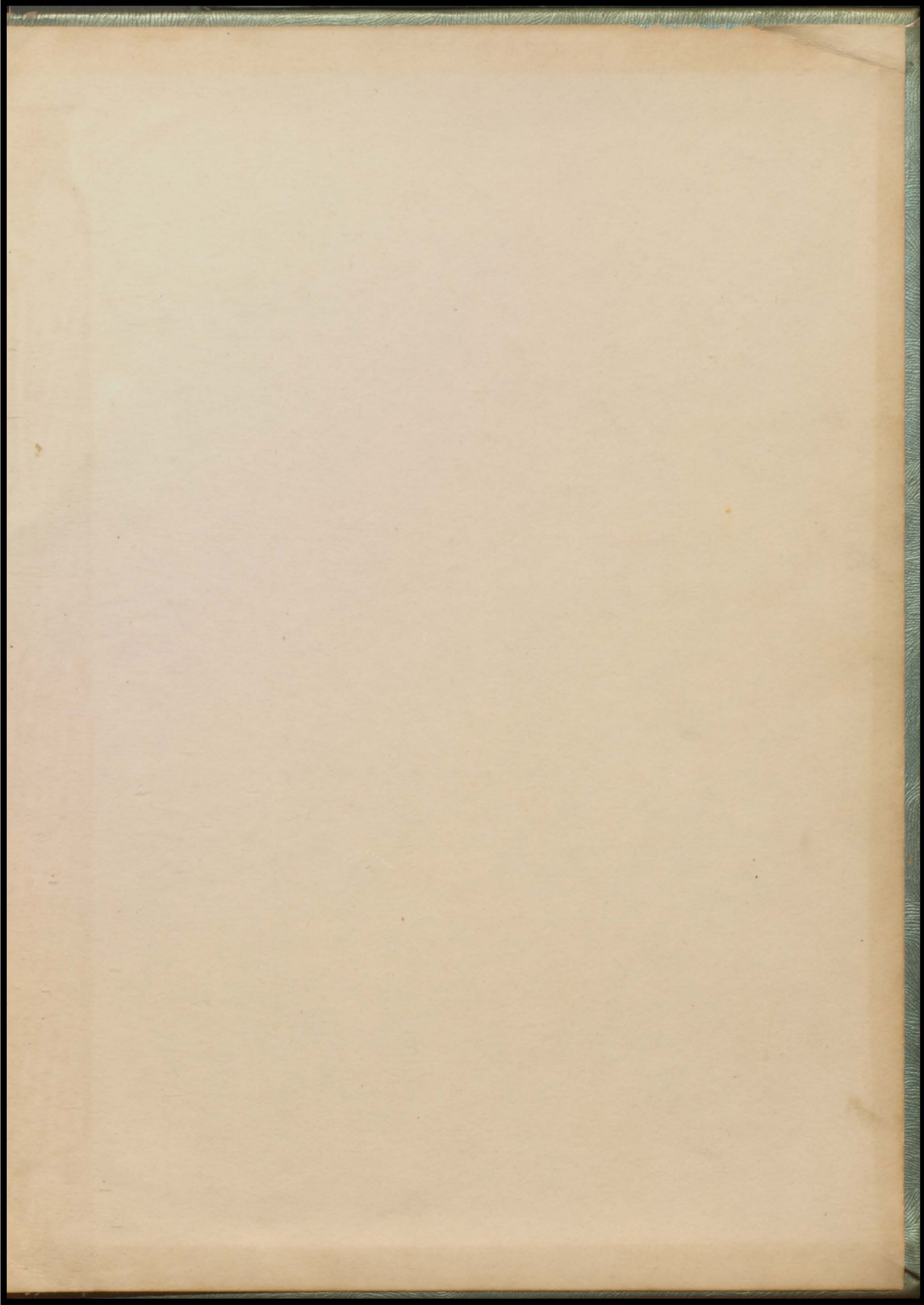












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