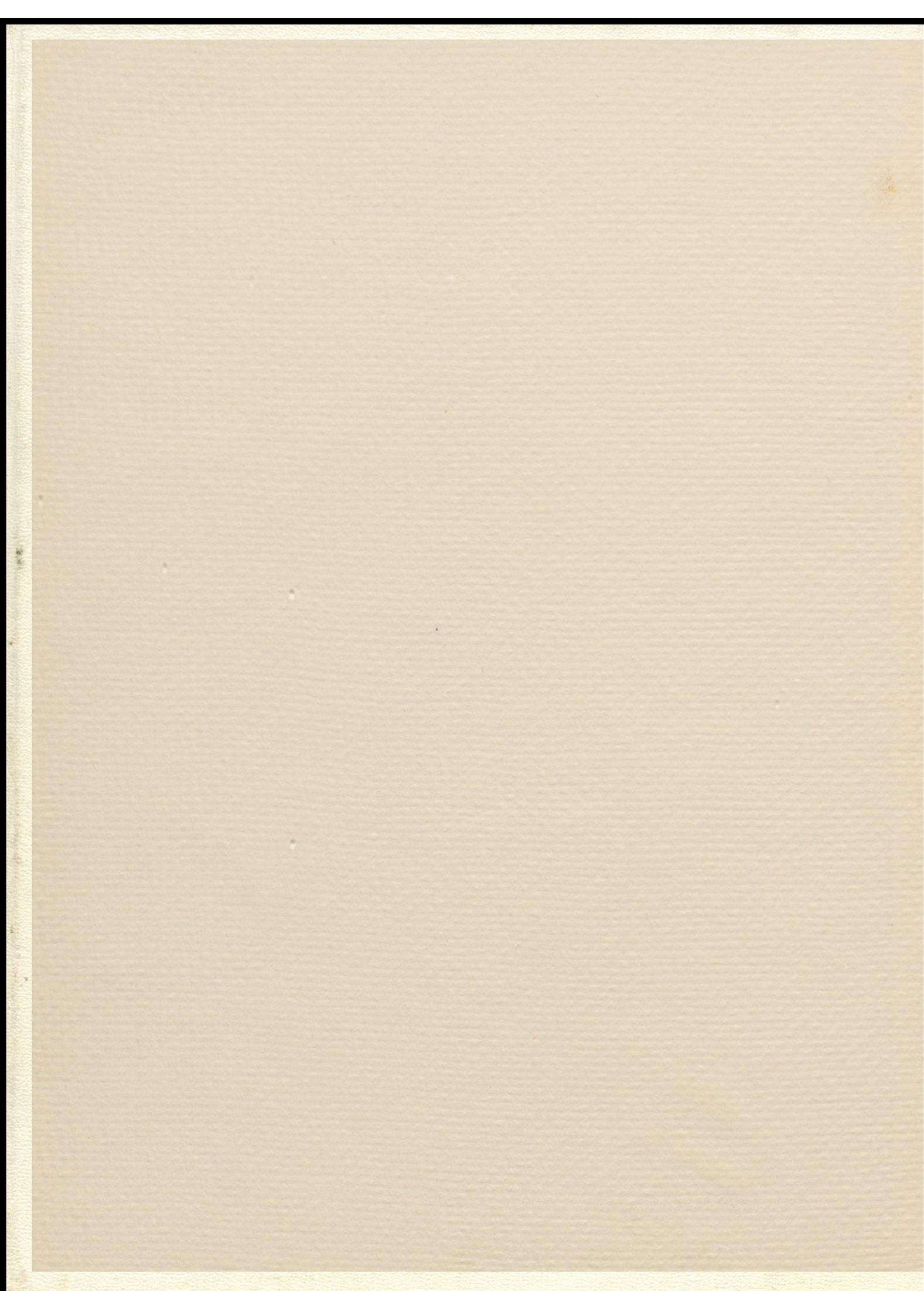


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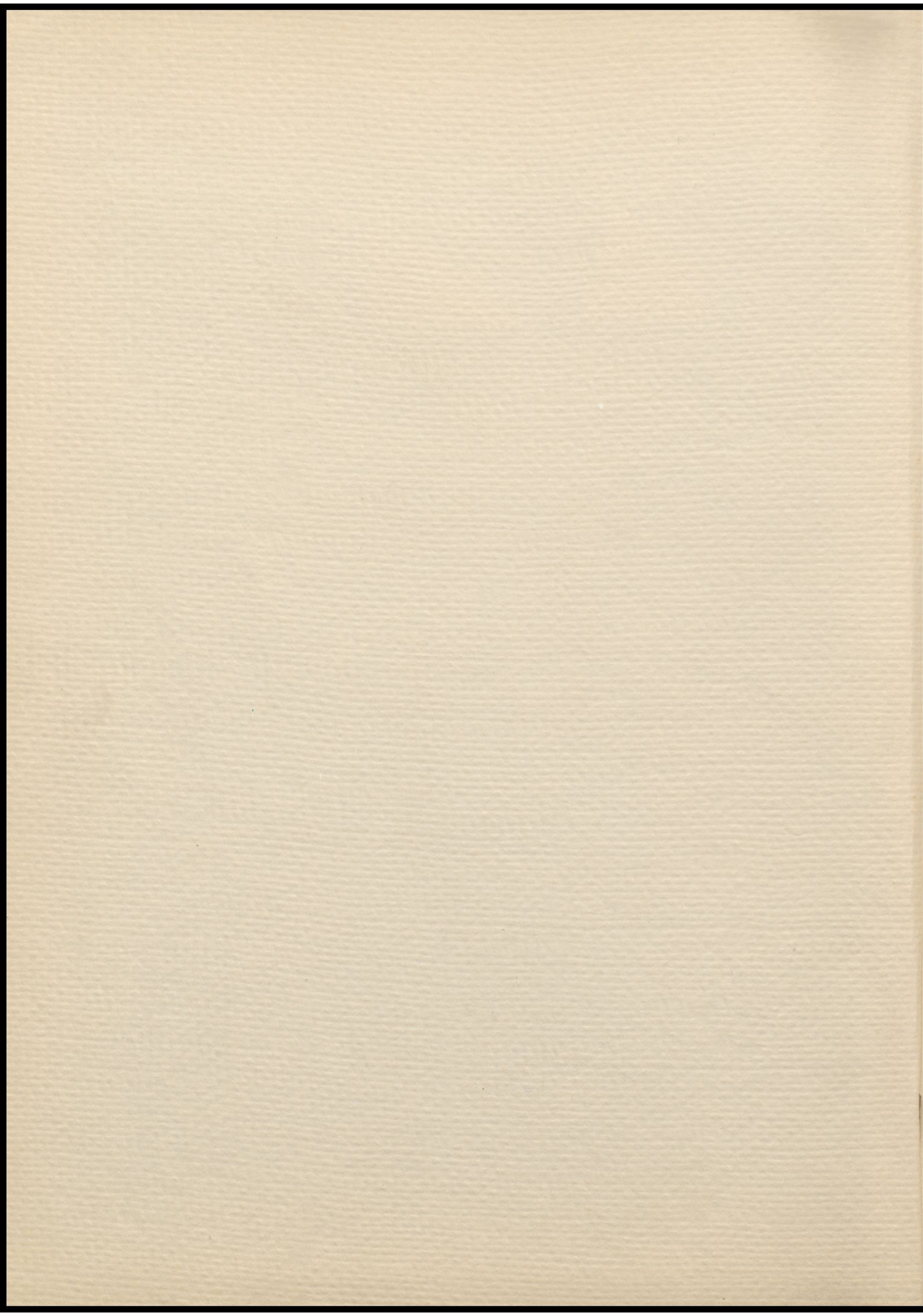










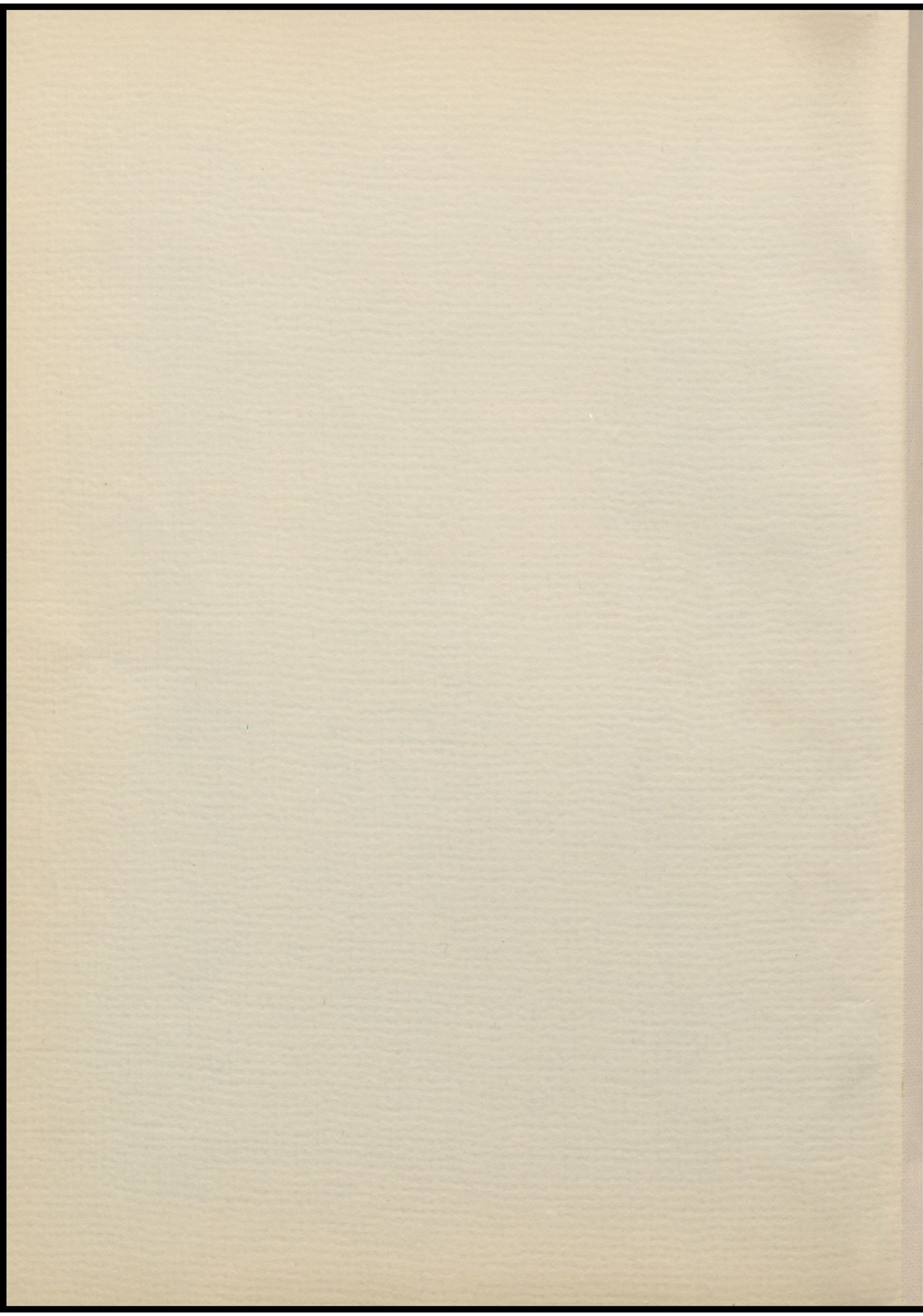




# SCIENCE

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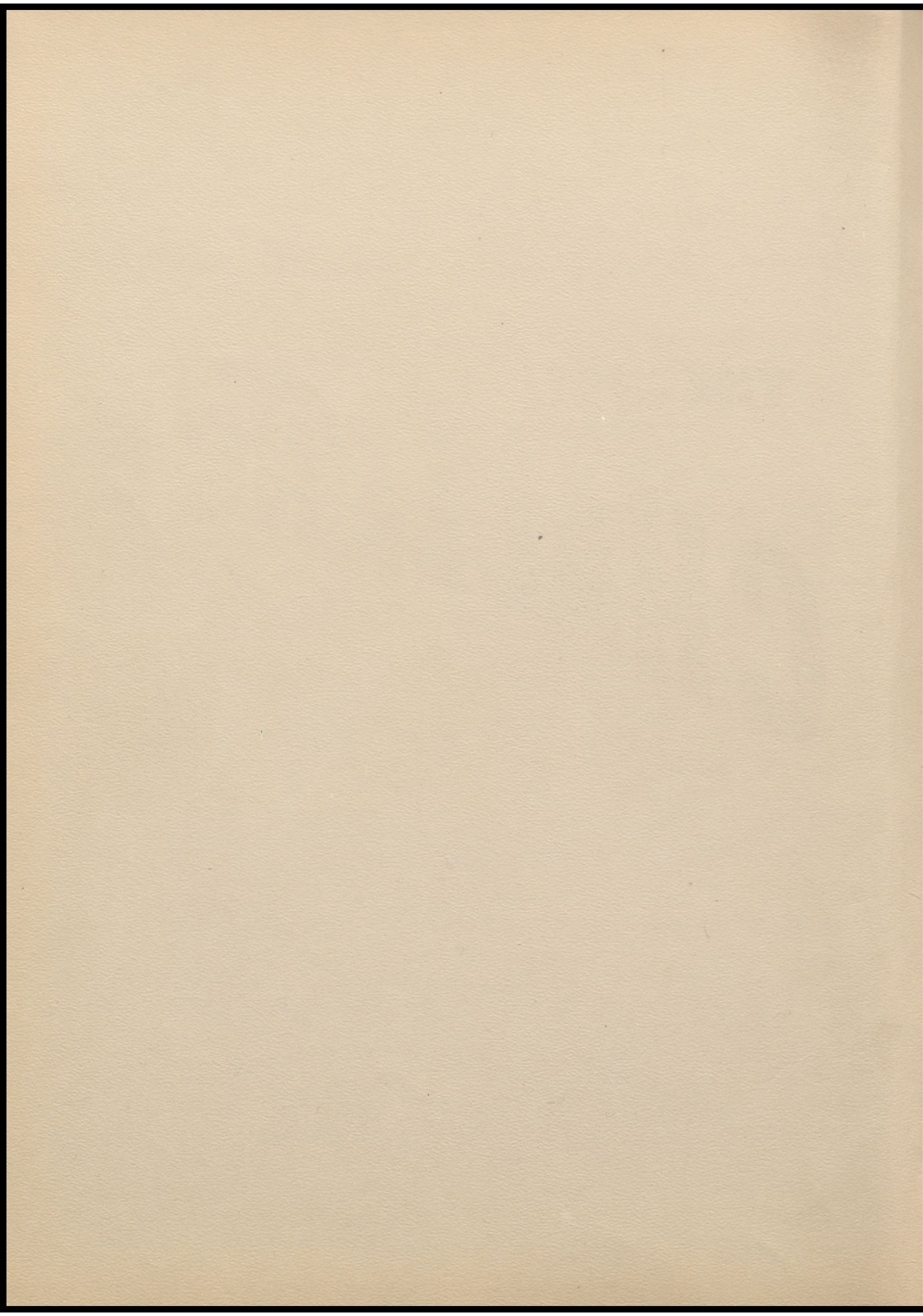


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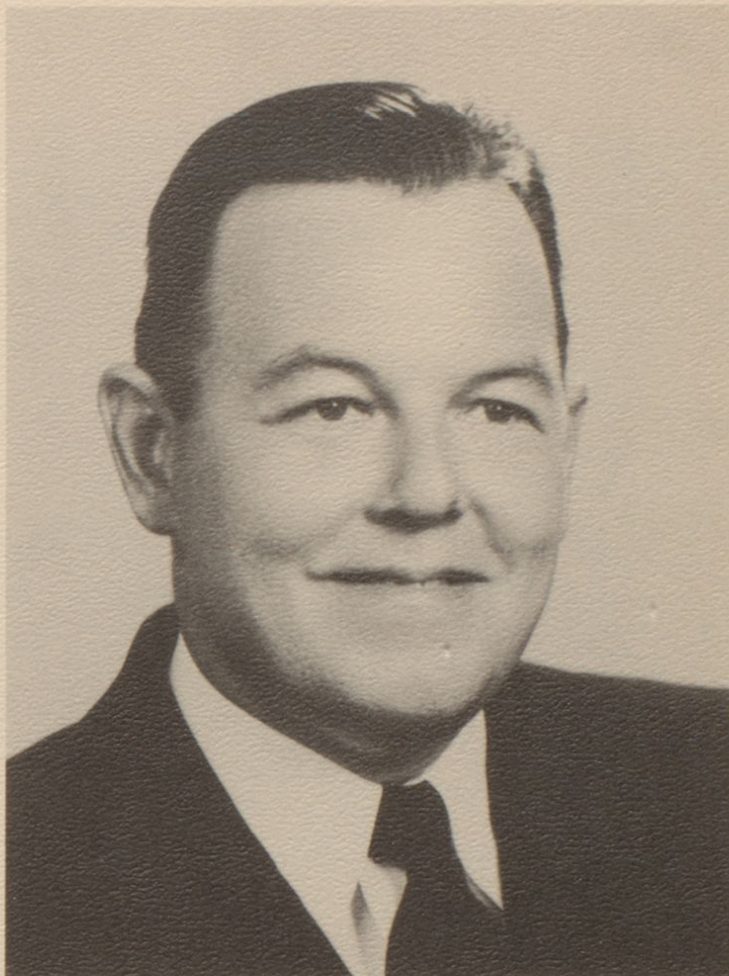
## Dedication

GORDON L. SANDERS

"He went down as when a lordly cedar, green with boughs, goes down with a great shout upon the hill, and leaves a lonesome place against the sky".

A lonesome place has been left in our lives, a scar of memory in our hearts, and a vacancy in our midst. The beauty and continuity of life has been broken by the loss of one who learned to live by living to learn.

Gordon Sanders was devoted to his family, to his friends, to his community, and to his country. His contributions to all of these would be hard to number. He was a man of high ideals; he shunned all signs of dishonesty and boastfulness. He lived a life filled with good. He was always jovial, having a love of laughter and spreading cheer in such a way that one forever felt at ease in his presence.

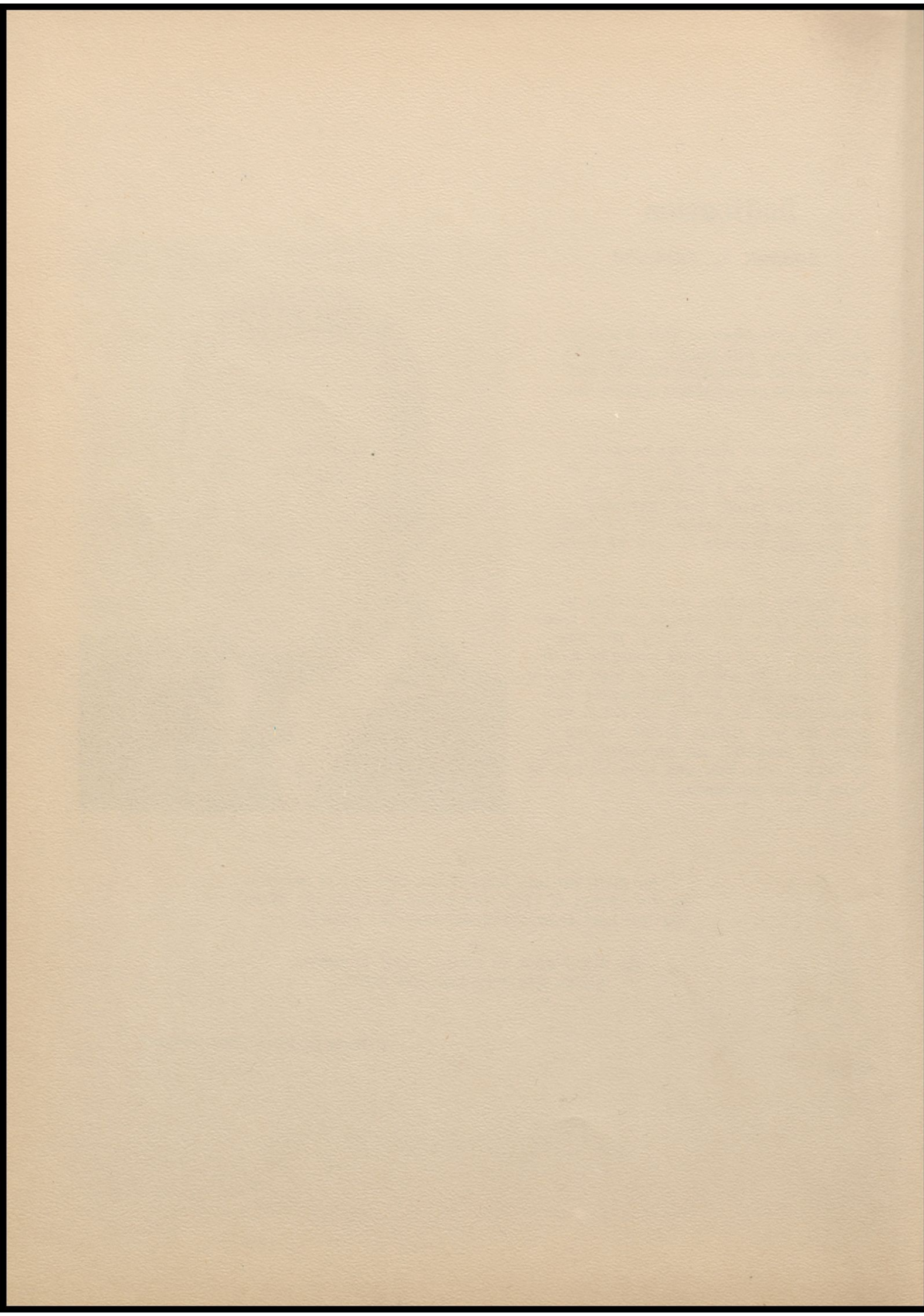


We dedicate this book to the memory of one who in the spring of 1950 was called to meet his Maker "in the land from which no traveler returns".

He was "slow to smite, swift to spare,  
gentle and merciful and just".

Tribute by Mrs. Opal Bassler





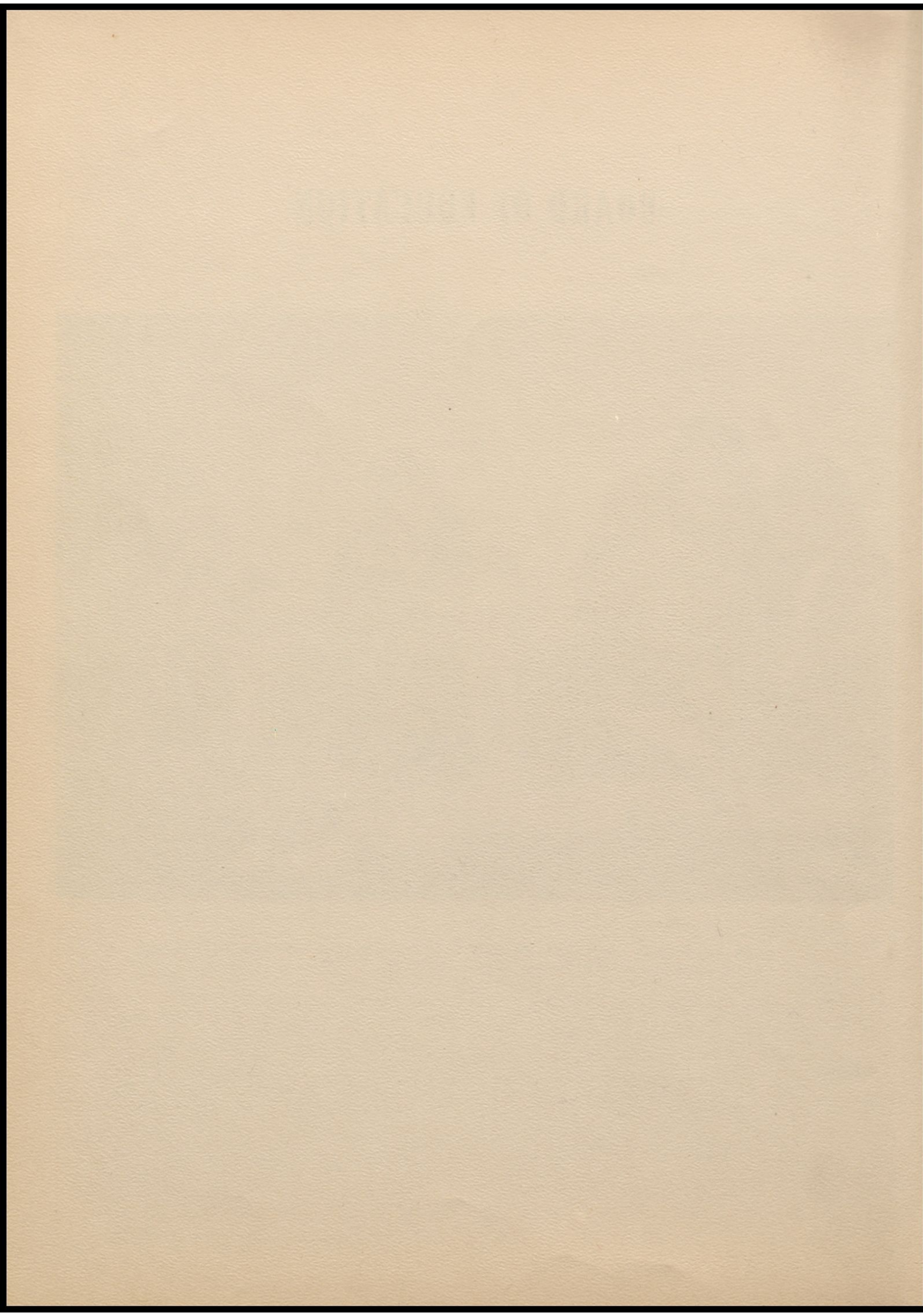


## BOARD OF EDUCATION



Left to Right: Delbert Fultz, Emanuel Smith, Charles Phillips,  
Ennis Skeans, Alvin Skow, Edgar Sanders.







# *Superintendent*

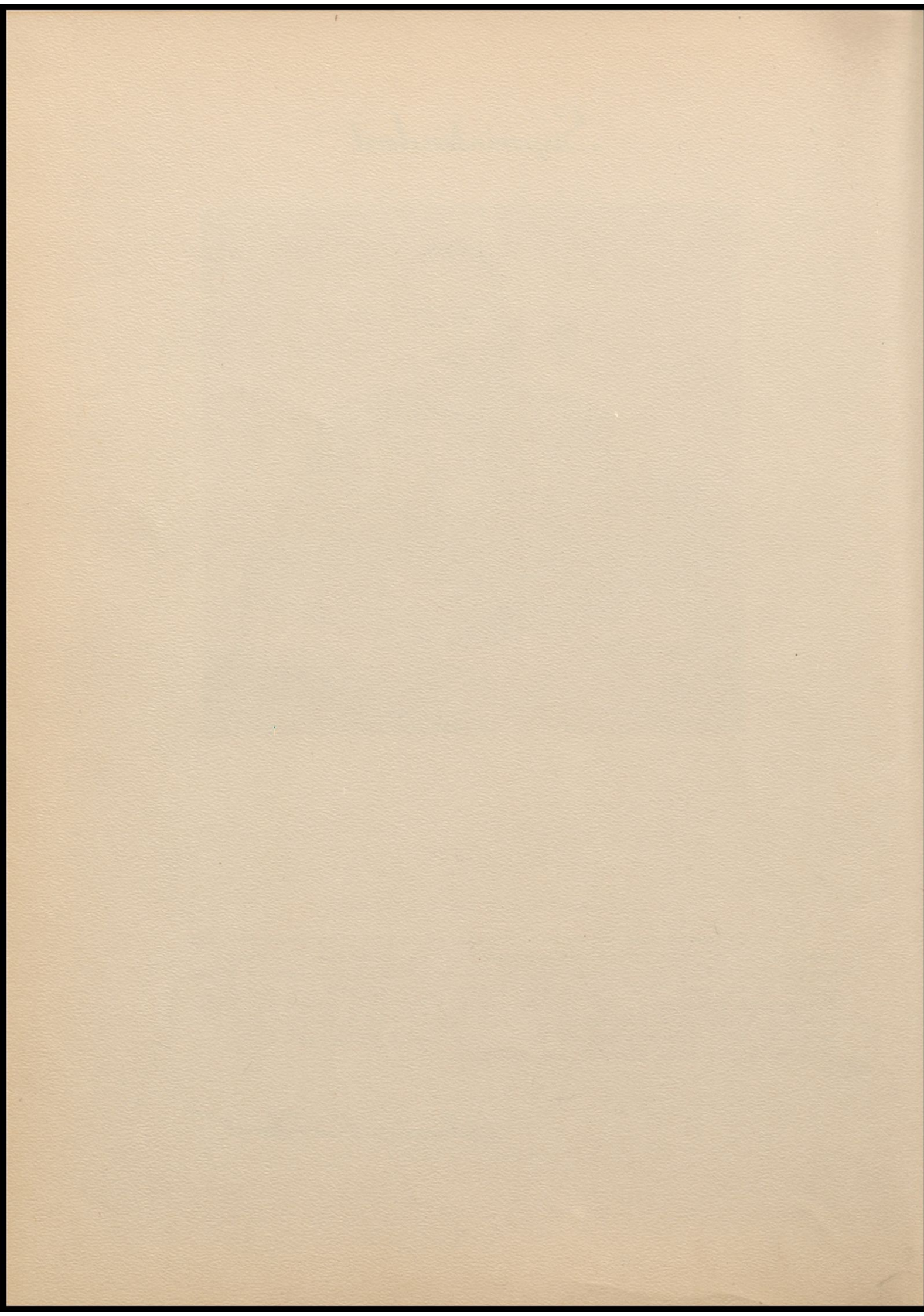


## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

You Students are to be congratulated on your venture for the publishing of your first school annual. As students you have proudly accepted the challenge, we as educators, constantly place before you. May "THE CHALLENGE" stand as an emblem for South Portsmouth students. Our school strives for this motto and this purpose "BUILD FOR CHARACTER NOT FOR FAME." My wish for you students is that you may have a successful and a wholesome life. Live to serve your Creator and mankind.

*Alvin P. Shaw*







# HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



Mr. John Howerton  
7th and 8th Grade  
Home Room Teacher



Mrs. Elsie Sanders  
Freshman Home Room  
Teacher

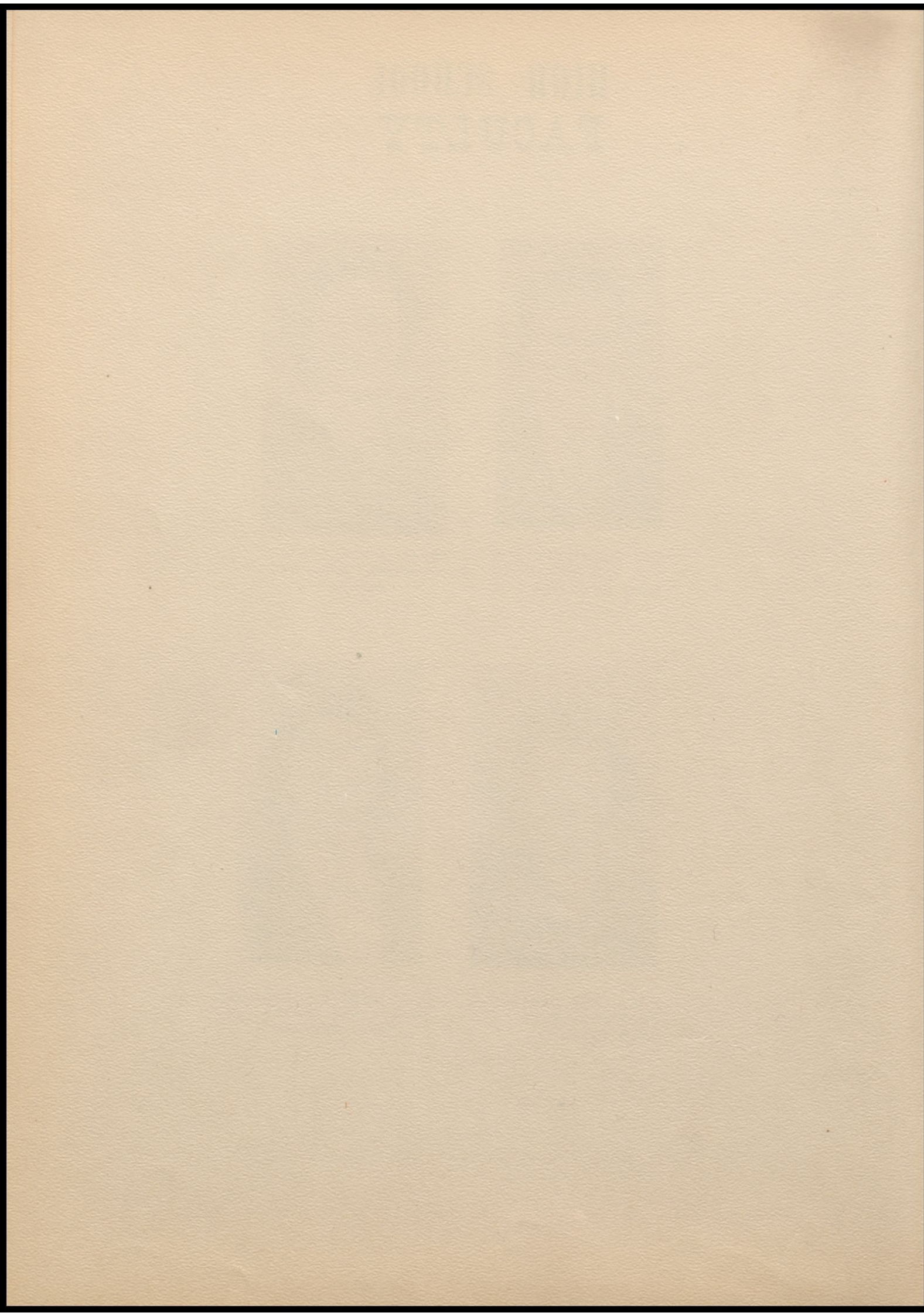


Mrs. Opal Basler  
Sophomore Home  
Room Teacher



Miss Jewell Stephenson  
Junior and Senior Home  
Room Teacher







# SENIORS



Harold Cooper  
Member of Hi-V &  
Lettermans Club  
Played Basketball  
four years. Sec.  
of Conservation.



Joyce Lea Blankenbeckley  
Member of V-Teen four years  
Secretary of Jr. & Sr. class  
Circulation Manager of  
School paper of 49-50



Ray Aaron Van Bibber  
Member of the Hi-V  
Member of Soil Con-  
servation Club.

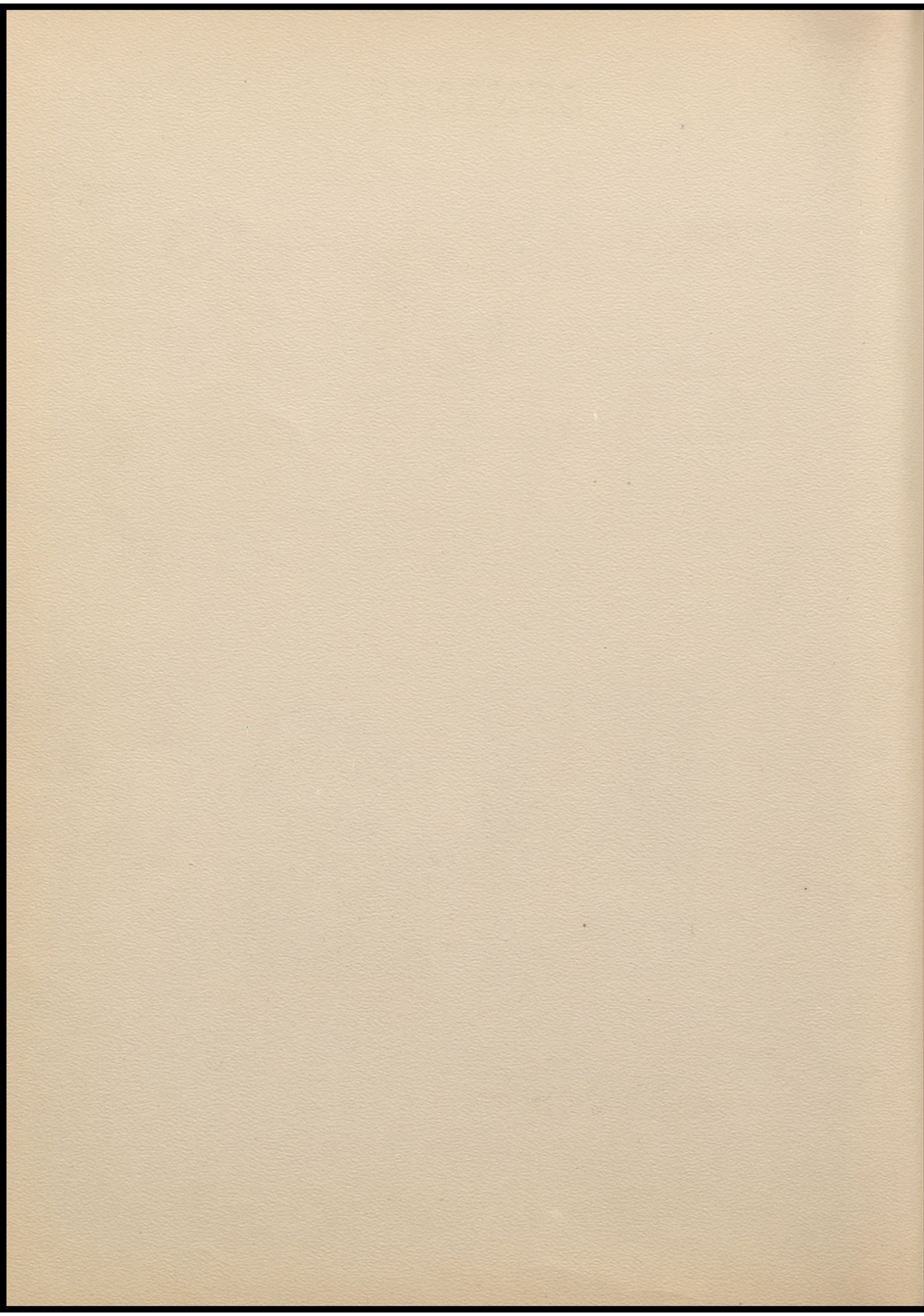


Paris Graden Jordan  
Vice Pres. Lettermans  
Club. Vice Pres. Con-  
servation Club. Basket-  
ball player five years.  
Member of Hi-V



Juanita Mae Zornes  
Cheerleader of 1950-51  
Member of the V-Teens  
four years.









James Delbert Reeder  
Member of Hi-Y Club,  
Member of Soil Con-  
servation Club.



Helen McElhaney  
Vice Pres. of Freshman  
Class, Member of Y-Teen,  
Society Ed. of School  
Paper, Cheerleader.



Helen Marie Flannery  
Cheerleader three years,  
Vice President of Soph.  
Class, Member of Y-Teens.

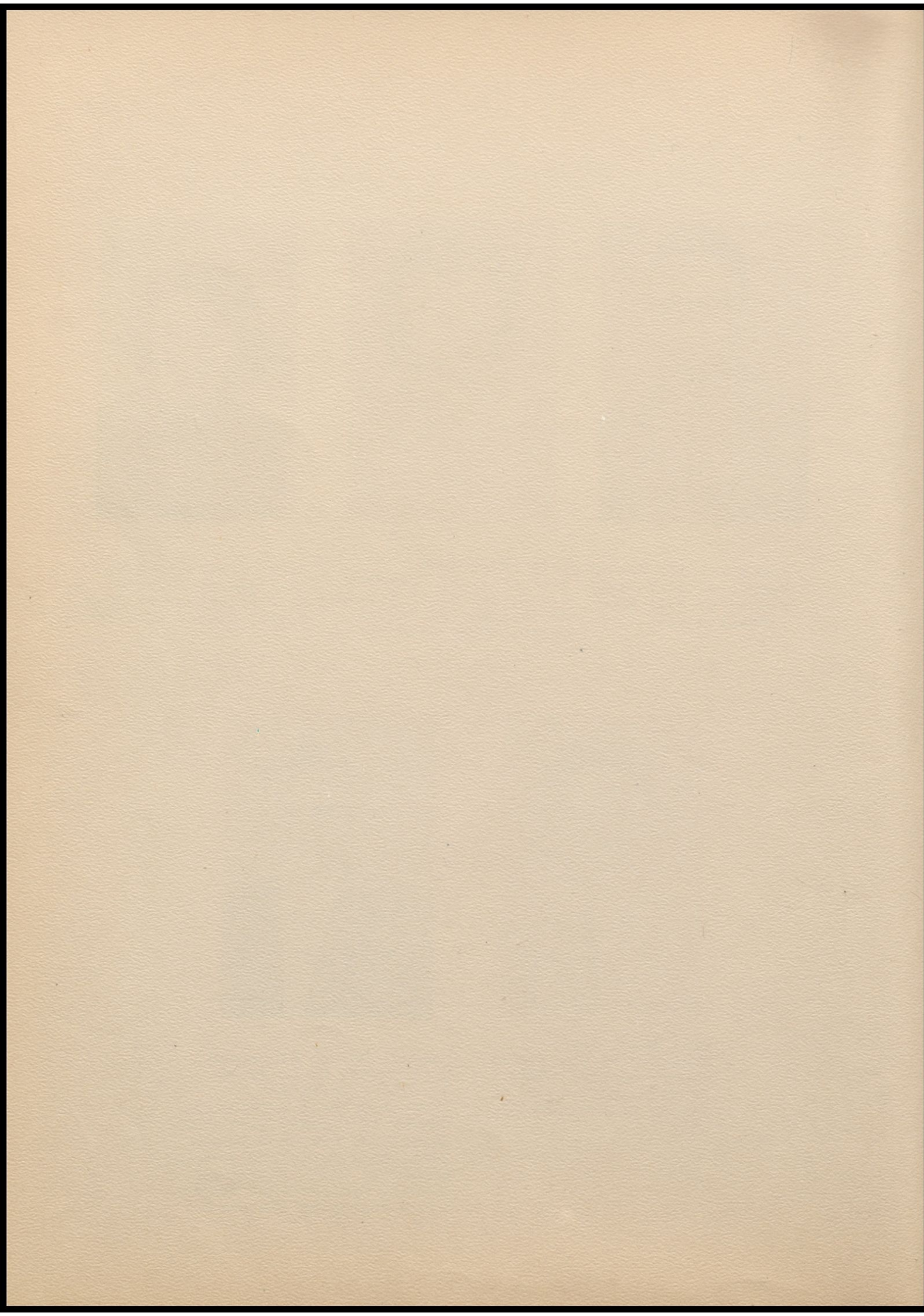


Earl Emory Boggs  
Treasure of Boy Scouts,  
Member of Hi-Y, Member  
of Basketball Club,  
Member of Conservation  
Club.



Forrest Delano Stevenson  
Lettermen's Club, Jr. &  
Sr. Class President,  
Student Council President,  
Member of Conservation Club,  
Basketball Player 5 years,  
Basketball Captain 2 years,  
Member of Hi-Y, Editor of  
Annual, President of Fresh-  
man & Sophomore Classes.



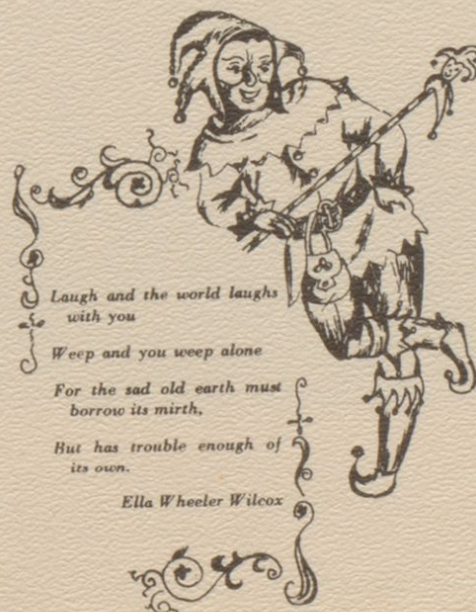




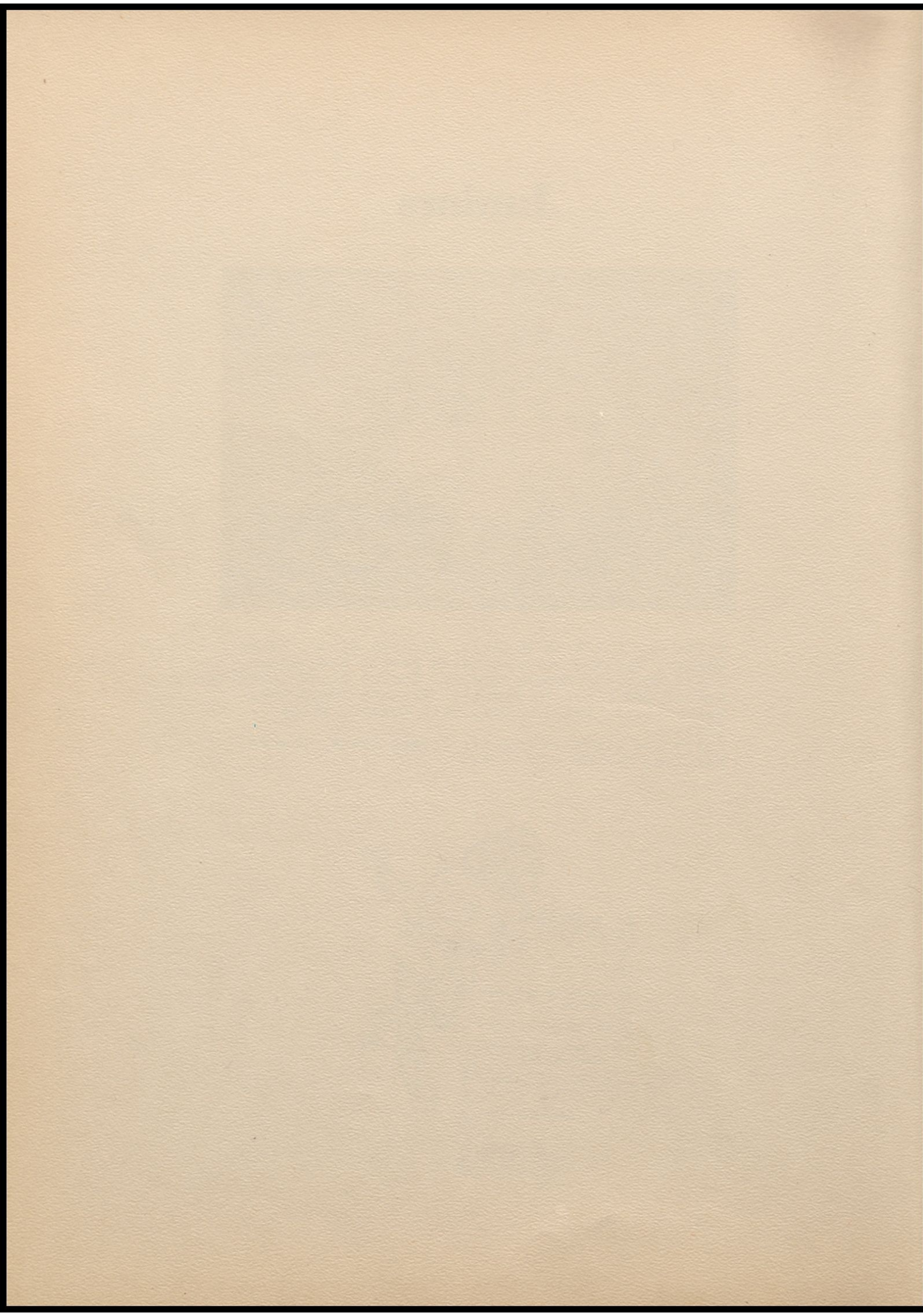
# Juniors



First Row (Left to Right): Carolyn Stone, Helen Sexton, Darlene Burgess, Miss Jewell Stephenson, Joyce Brickey, Ramona Conley, Thelma Blankenbeckley.  
Second Row (Left to Right): Richard Edgington, Sammy Piatt, Dale Bailey, Bill Lozier, Billy Bentley.  
Third Row (Left to Right): James Evans, Donald Hampton, Johnny Phillips.









# SOPHOMORES



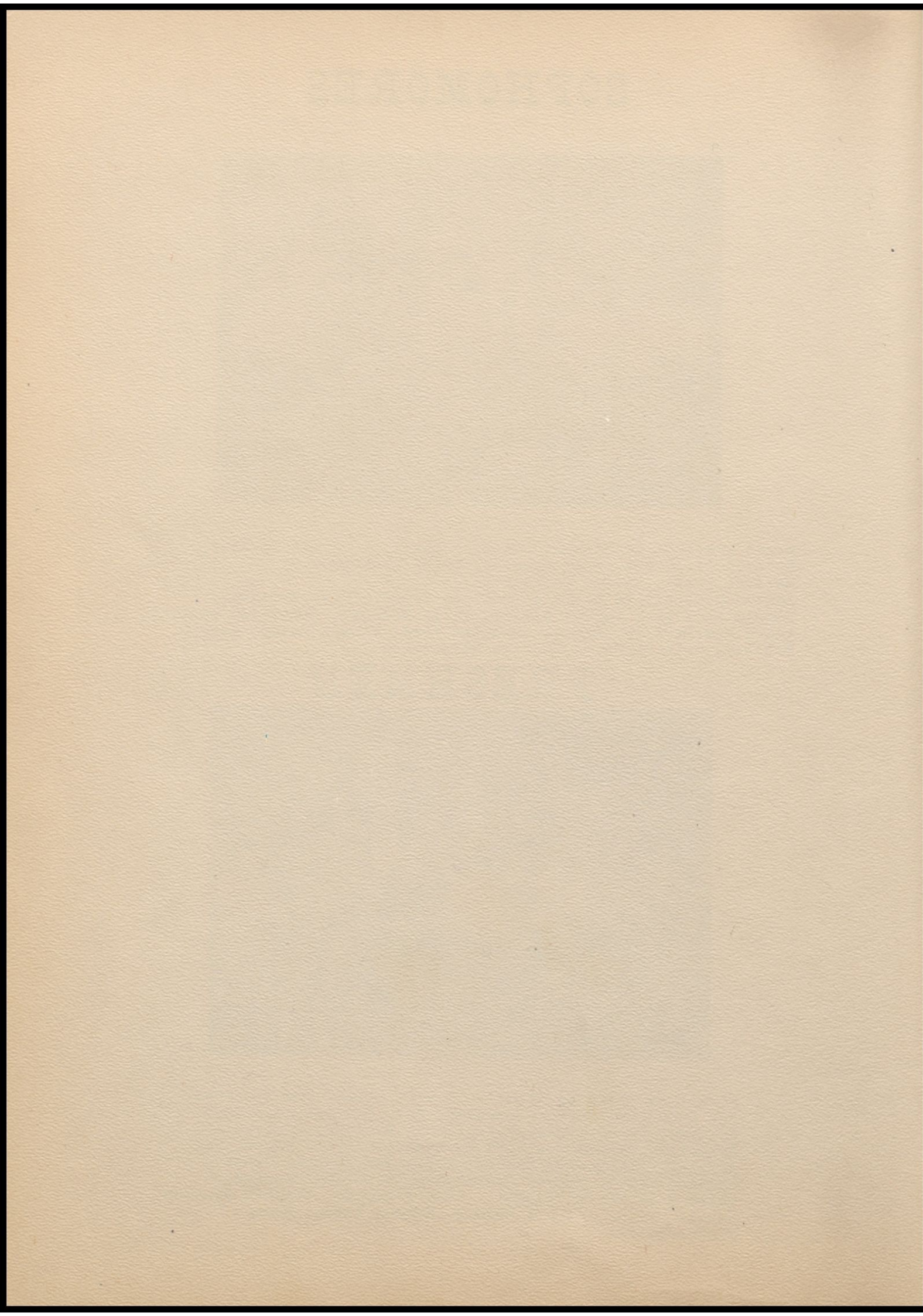
First Row(Left to Right): Annelle McMullen, Janet Collier, Beverly Clay, Mrs. Opal Bassler, Norma Stevenson, Marlene Brown, Elaine Carpenter.  
 Second Row(Left to Right): Delores Cooper, Paul Brickey, Ronald Hamilton, Daniel Kimsey, Ellis Holcomb, Christeen Bentley.  
 Third Row(Left to Right): Douglas Noel, Vinson Euton, Joseph Bentley, Gale Sanders, Charles Blankenbeckley.

# FRESHMEN



First Row (Left to Right): Regina Liles, Joy Stockham, Sue Amburgey, Shirley Burgess, Mrs. Sanders, home room teacher, Barbara Craycraft, Wanda Dunaway, Marilyn McKenzie, Second Row(Left to Right): Royce Boggs, Jay Bentley, Gloria Pennington, Wilma Roe, Conrad Cooper, Richard Keith, Marcus Leadingham, Kathleen Hanners, Third Row(Left to Right): Donald Skeans, Richard Dameron, Donald Lozier, Ronald Skeans, Eugene Horne, Herman Blankenbeckley.







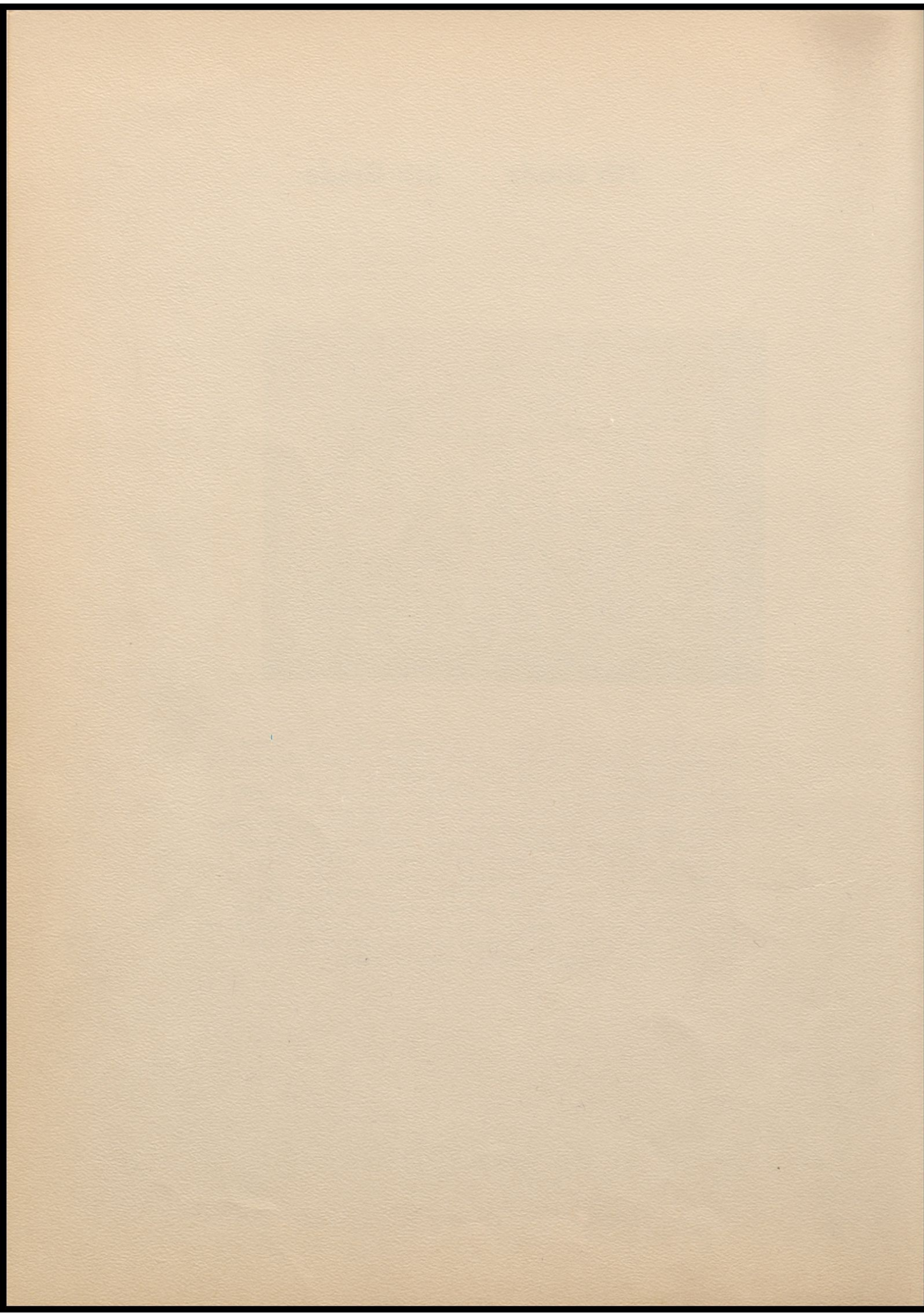
## 7th Grade

## 8th Grade



First Row (Left to Right): Chlotine Nunley, Donna Stephenson, Coza Lewis, Janet Cooper, Anna Stevenson, Avis Vanbibber, Yvoone Fultz, Betty Jo Cooper, Delores Stephenson, Gail Coffey. Second Row (Left to Right): Peggy Harvey, Milly Noel, Patricia Noel, Freda Waugh, Jack Craycraft, Sonny Stockham, Sherman Collier, Norman Sexton, Richard Stephenson, Robert Sanders. Third Row (Left to Right): Billy Clay, Lloyd Kotcamp, Wilma Skeans, Loretta Collier, Billy Duncan, Tommy Royal, Mr. Howerton "Teacher", Myra Bentley, Gail Hamilton, Delores Veech. Fourth Row (Left to Right): Charles Hale, James Dowdy, Clarence Pickle, David Smith, Elwood Lewis, Ronald Brickey, Jimmy Jones, Ronald Pickle, Donald Boggs.

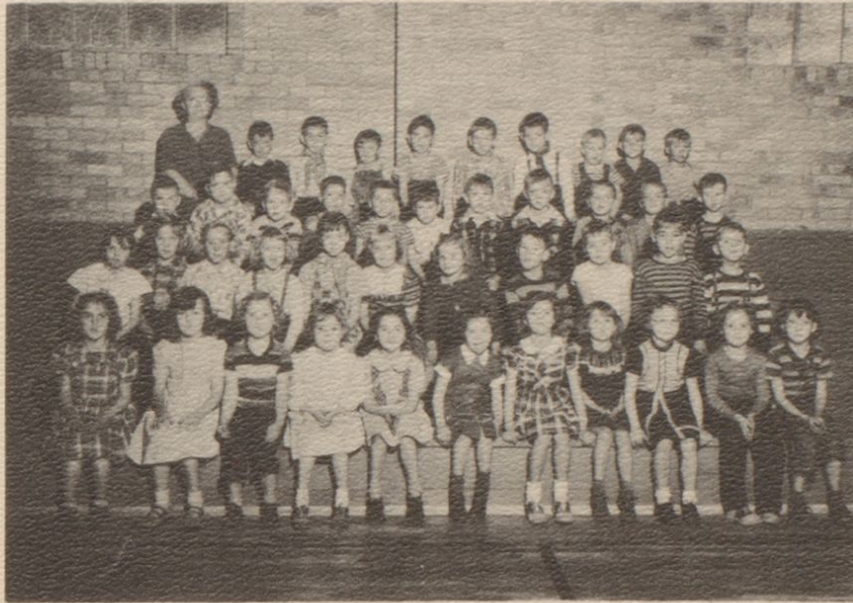






## 5th Grade

## 6th Grade



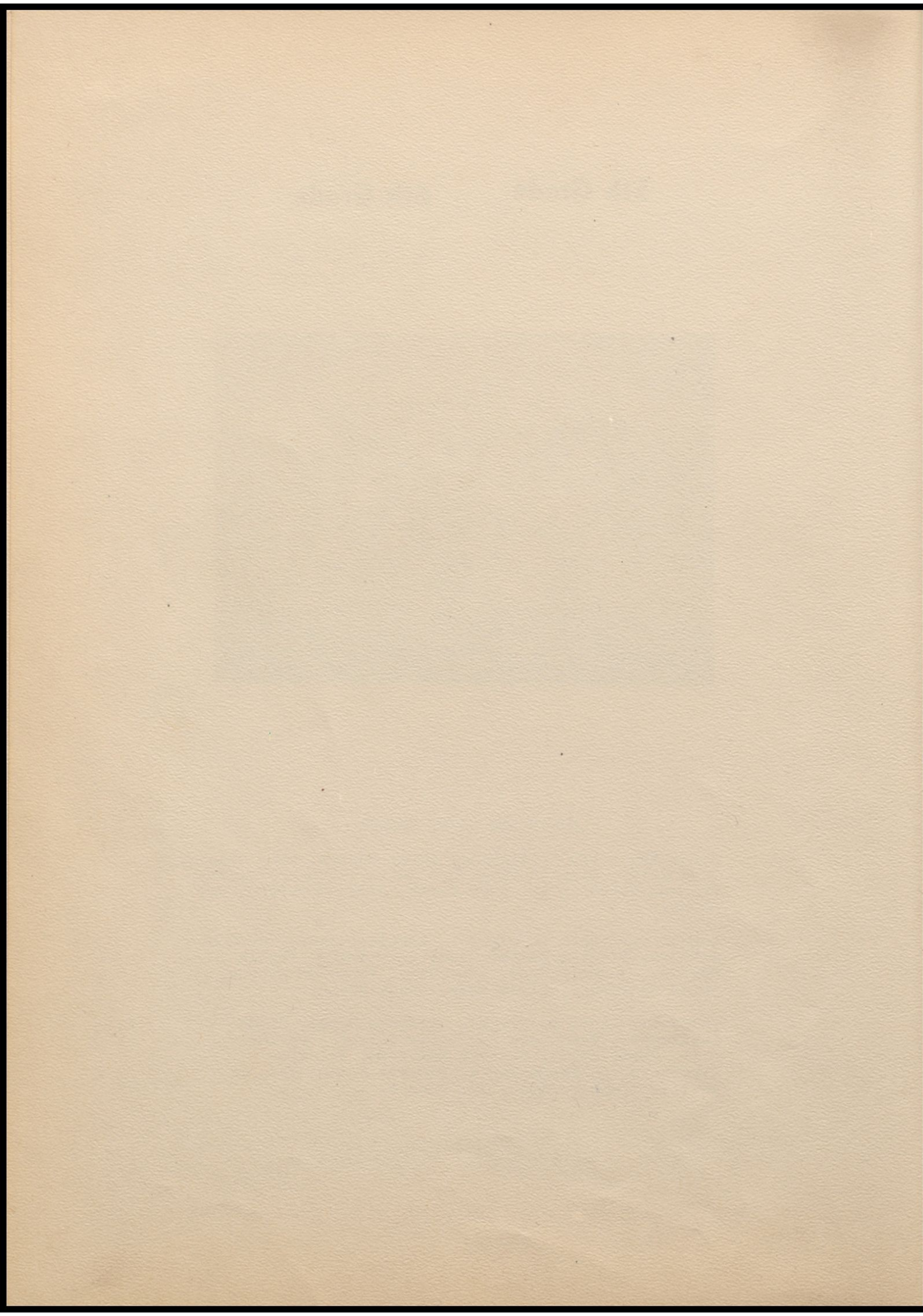
### FIFTH and SIXTH GRADES

First Row (Left to Right): Larry Spence, Gary Scaggs, Paul Ready, Winston Hall, Joe Smith, Stanford Harvey, Shannon Worthington, Carl Brown, Jimmy Howerton, Ray Brown.

Second Row (Left to Right): Leslie Burgess, Gordon Sanders, Clinton Shover, Judy Stephenson, Phyllis Brickey, Donna Cooper, Anna Cann, Panzy Henderson, Anita Craycraft, Clyde Hale, James Porter.

Third Row (Left to Right): Roberta Royal, Norma Leadingham, Wanda Skeans, Linda Kilgore, Martha Frye, Betty Felty, Florida Hamilton, Chlotine Stevenson, La Fanna Boggs, Darrell Stephenson, Neville Tremble, Emory Jr. Skaggs.

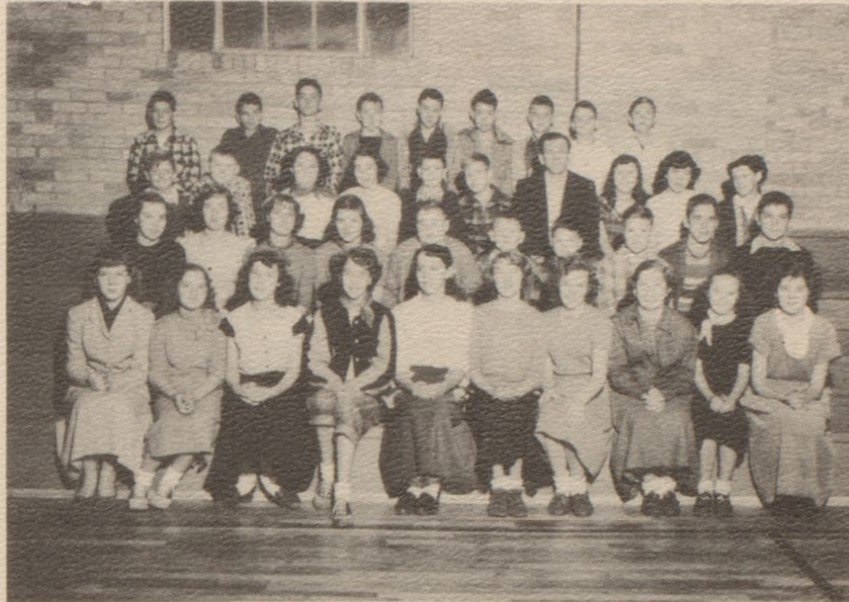






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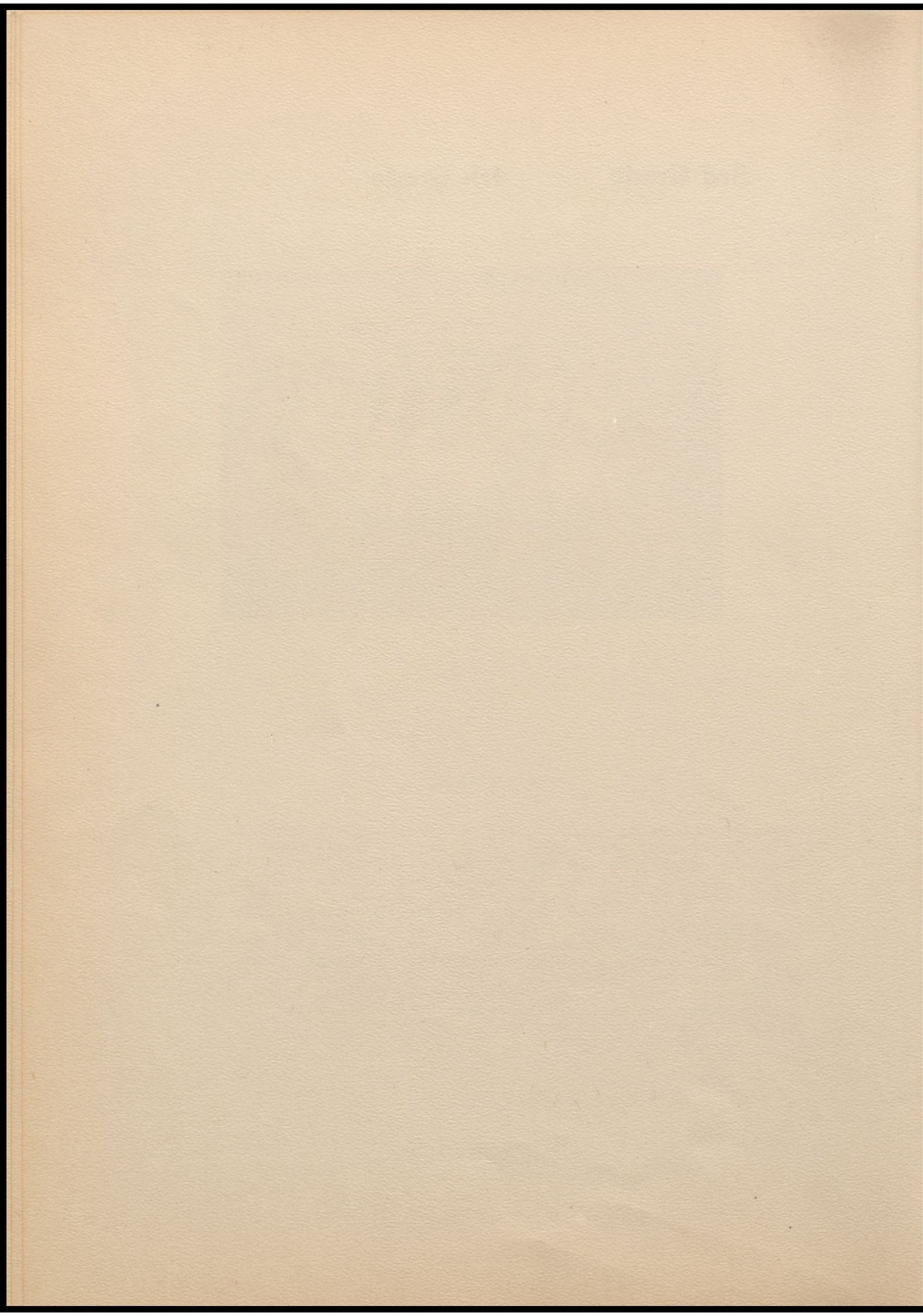
## 4th Grade



### THIRD AND FOURTH GRADES Mrs. Major

First Row (Left to Right): Elaine Nichols, Mary Collier, John Stephenson, Wilma Biggs, Judy Cooper, Linda Boggs, Charlene Cooper, Harold Vanbibber, Paul Dowdy, Crawford Wolfe. Second Row (Left to Right): Mrs. Major, John Smith, Larry Kotcamp, Lowell Trimble, Nina Smith, Vicki Stevenson, Billy Porter, Woodrow Cooper, Bob Skaggs, Jim Bob Lute, Janet Bivens. Third Row (Left to Right): Linda Piatt, Gwenda Hacker, Donald Hacker, Ruth Ann French, Donna Brown, Teresa Spence, Gaythel Boggs, Lois Boggs, Garry Bentley, Sammie Reeder. Fourth Row (Left to Right): Buddy Bentley, Paul Hampton, Darrell Fultz, Marvin Lute, Bob Felty, Neal Boggs, Billy McKenzie, Elmer Thompson, Donald Bowling.







## 1st Grade

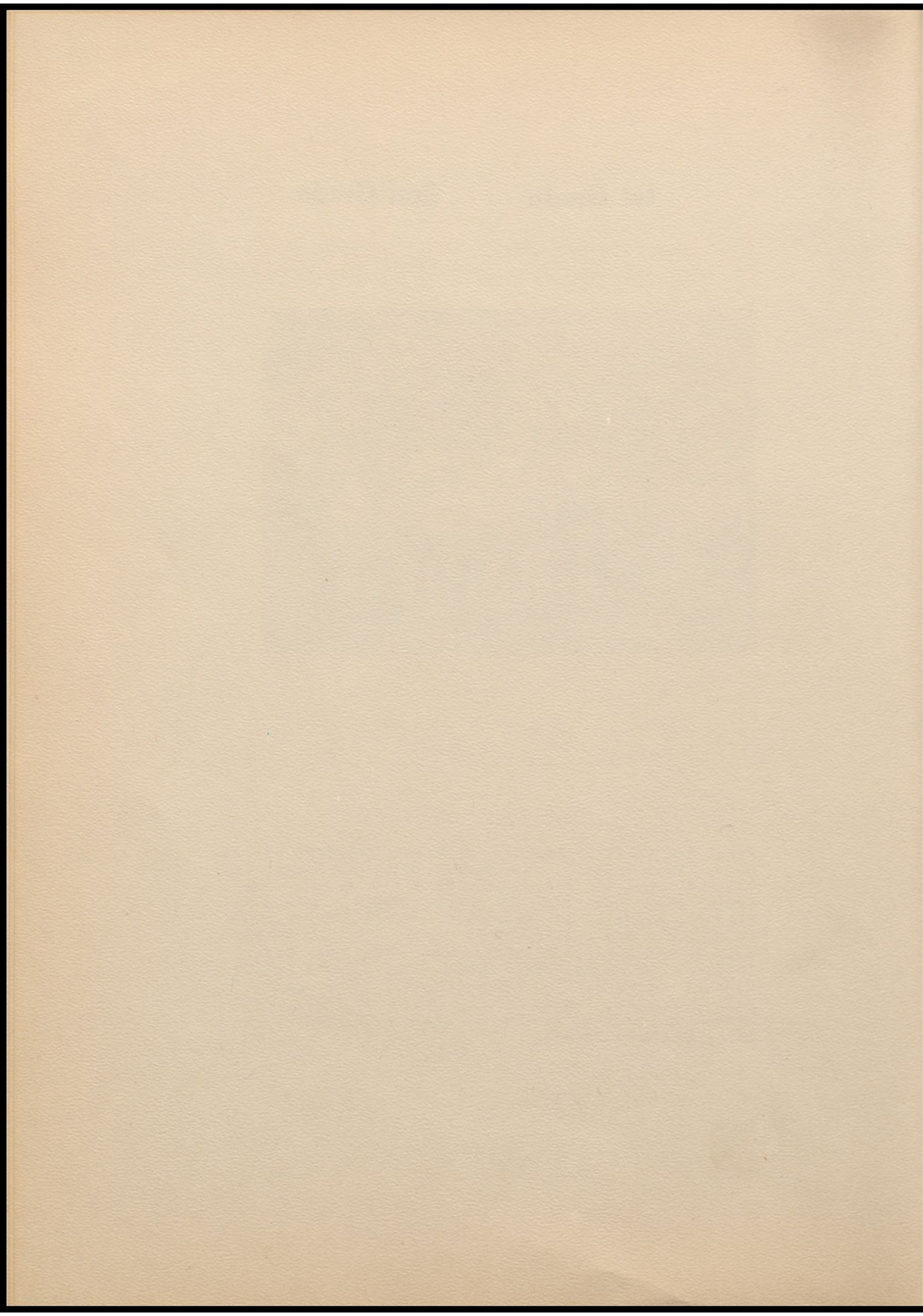
## 2nd Grade



### FIRST AND SECOND GRADES

First Row (Left to Right): Charlotte Bentley, Joanna Boggs, Mona Trimble, Jane Harvey, Ruth Ann Felty, Judy Kilgore, Paulette Wolfe, Shirley Boggs, Brenda Craycraft, Patty Howerton, and Barbara Boggs. Second Row (Left to Right): Louise Porter, Carolyn Cooper, Ruby Conn, Donna Sue Walker, Carol Royal, Mary Ann Euton, Judy Scaggs, Kennie Kilgore, Bobby Howerton, Gary Collier, and James Edward Evans. Third Row (Left to Right): Bobby Reeder, Terry Tackett, Jimmy Smith, Dale Vanbibber, Ronald French, Eddie Amburgey, David Stevenson, Michael Stevenson, Billy Lute, Charles Lute, and Lynn Skeans.







# STUDENT COUNCIL



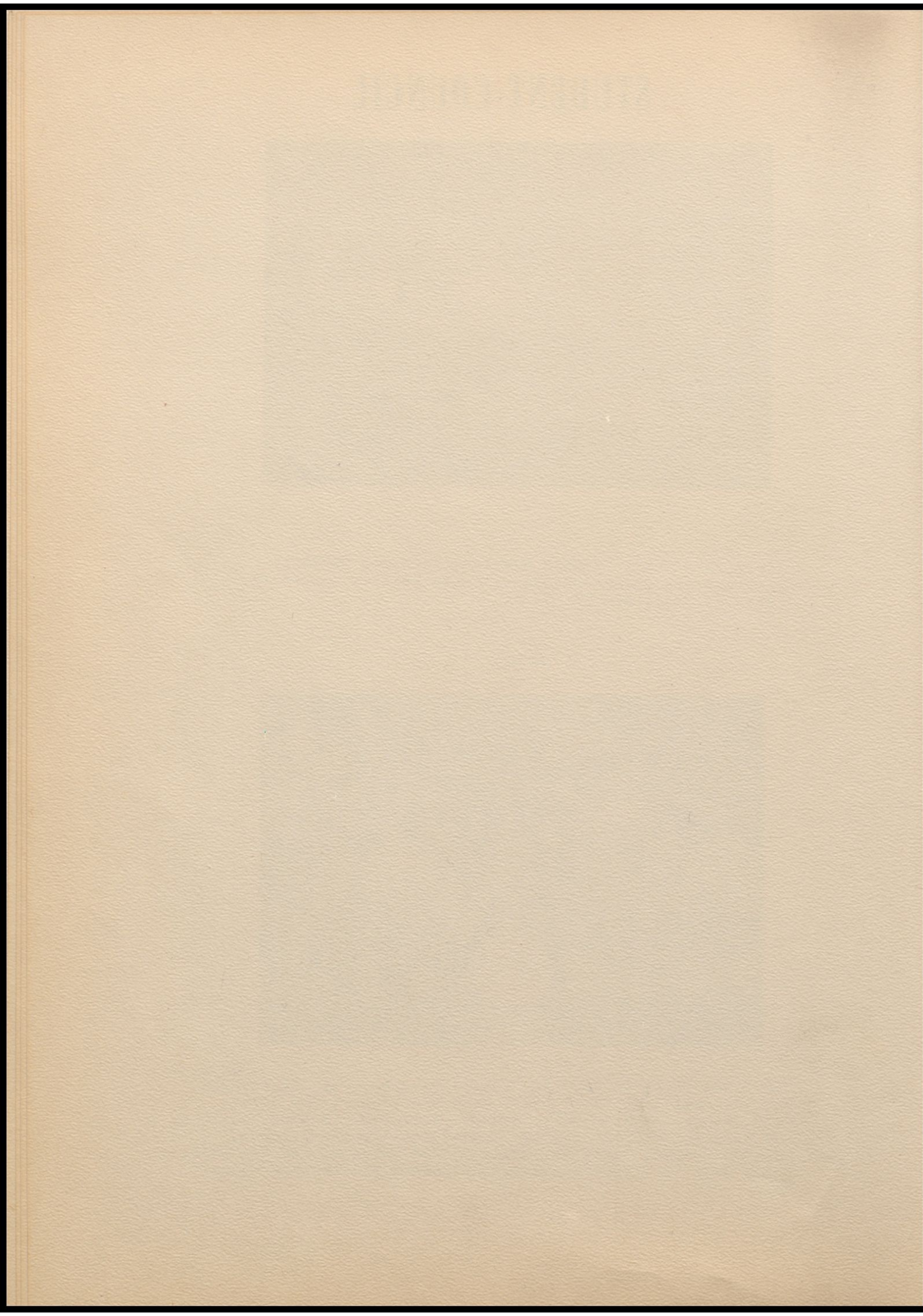
(Left to Right): Donald Hampton, Kathleen Hanners, Forrest Stevenson President, Joyce Erickey Secretary, Beverly Clay, and Mr. Skow.

## BAND



First Row (Left to Right): Leslie Burgess, Judy Stephenson, Florida Hamilton, Billy Clay, Avis Van Bibber, Joe Smith, Gary Skaggs, Winston Hall, Robert Taliferro. Second Row: Lee Cooper, Neville Trimble, Ronald Pickle, Jimmy Jones, Delores Cooper, Betty Jo Cooper, Lloyd Kotcamp, Charles Hale. Third Row: Mr. Robert Rossman, Clarence Pickle, and Clyde Hale.







# Features

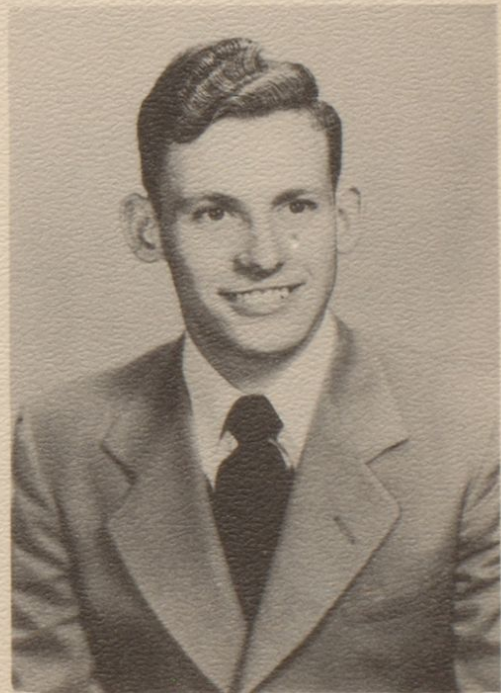


## MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL

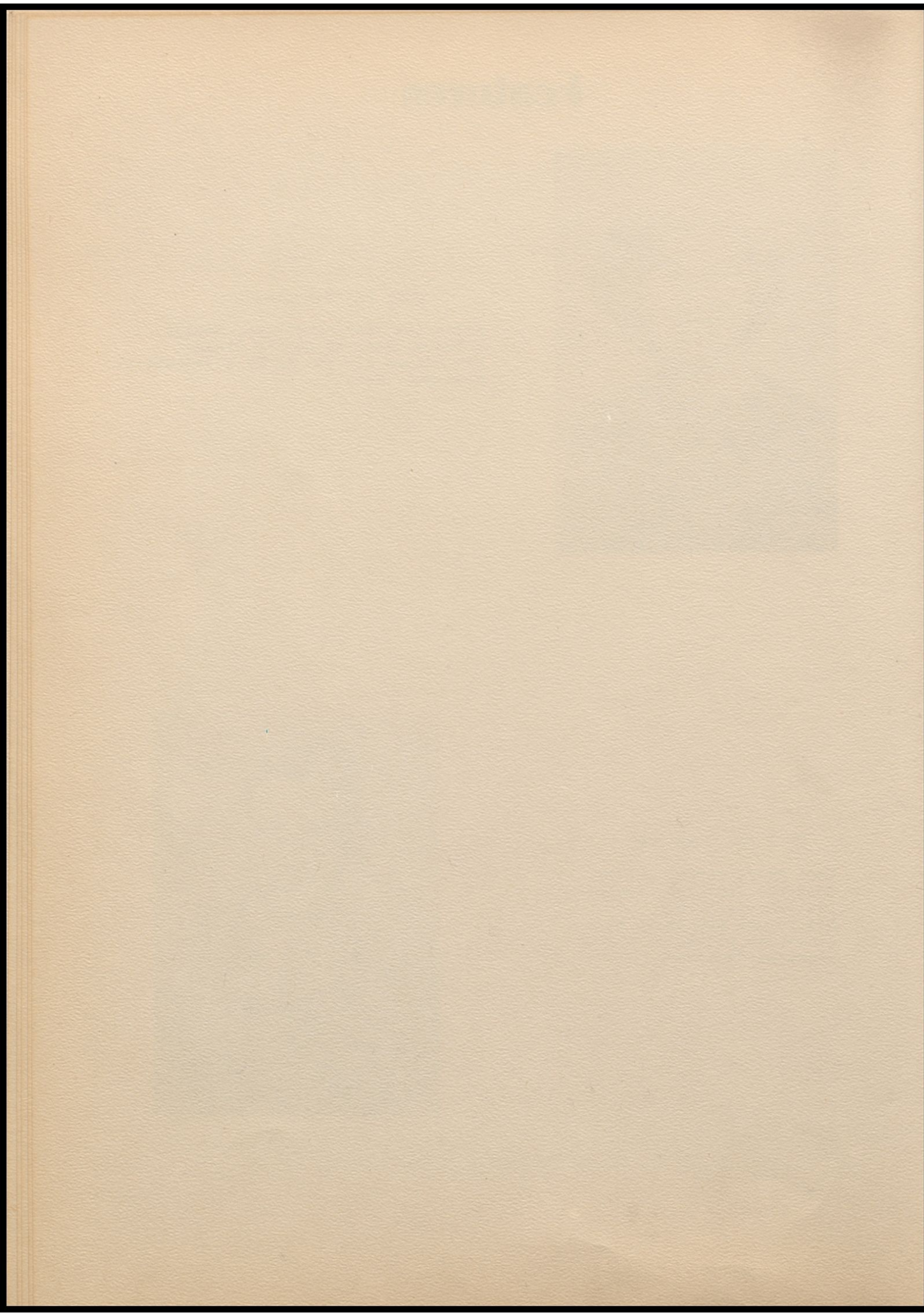
Joyce Lea Blankenbeckley, Senior  
Y-Teens, Sec. of Senior Class.  
Her future aim is to be a secretary.  
Nickname: "Coral".

## MOST HANDSOME BOY

Earl Emory Boggs, Senior  
Conservation Club, Basketball  
Lettermen's Club.  
His future aim is to be a  
steamboat pilot.  
Nickname: "Smiley".









# Y-TEENS

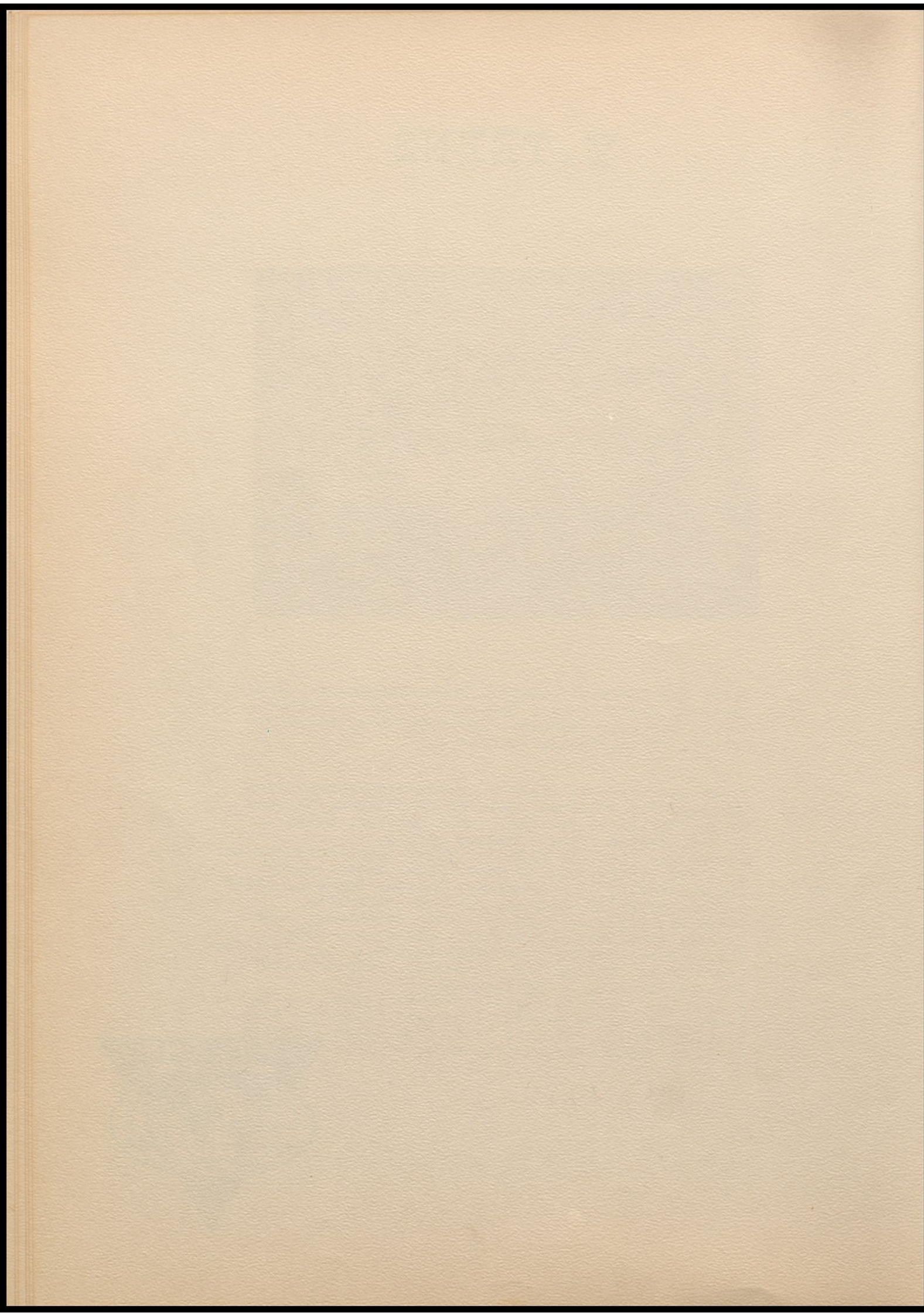


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 Third Row (Left to Right): Helen McElhaney, Janet Cooper, Annette McMullen, Anna Stevenson, Jewell Stephenson (Sponsor), Kathleen Hanners, Joyce Brickey (President), Thelma Blankenbeckley, Ramona Conley, Darlene Burgess, Norma Stevenson.  
 Fourth Row (Left to Right): Regina Liles, Gloria Pennington, Elsie Sanders (Sponsor), Delores Veach, Clotline Nunley, Patricia Noel, Coza Lewis, Loretta Collier, Elaine Carpenter, Wanda Dunaway.









# Yell Leaders



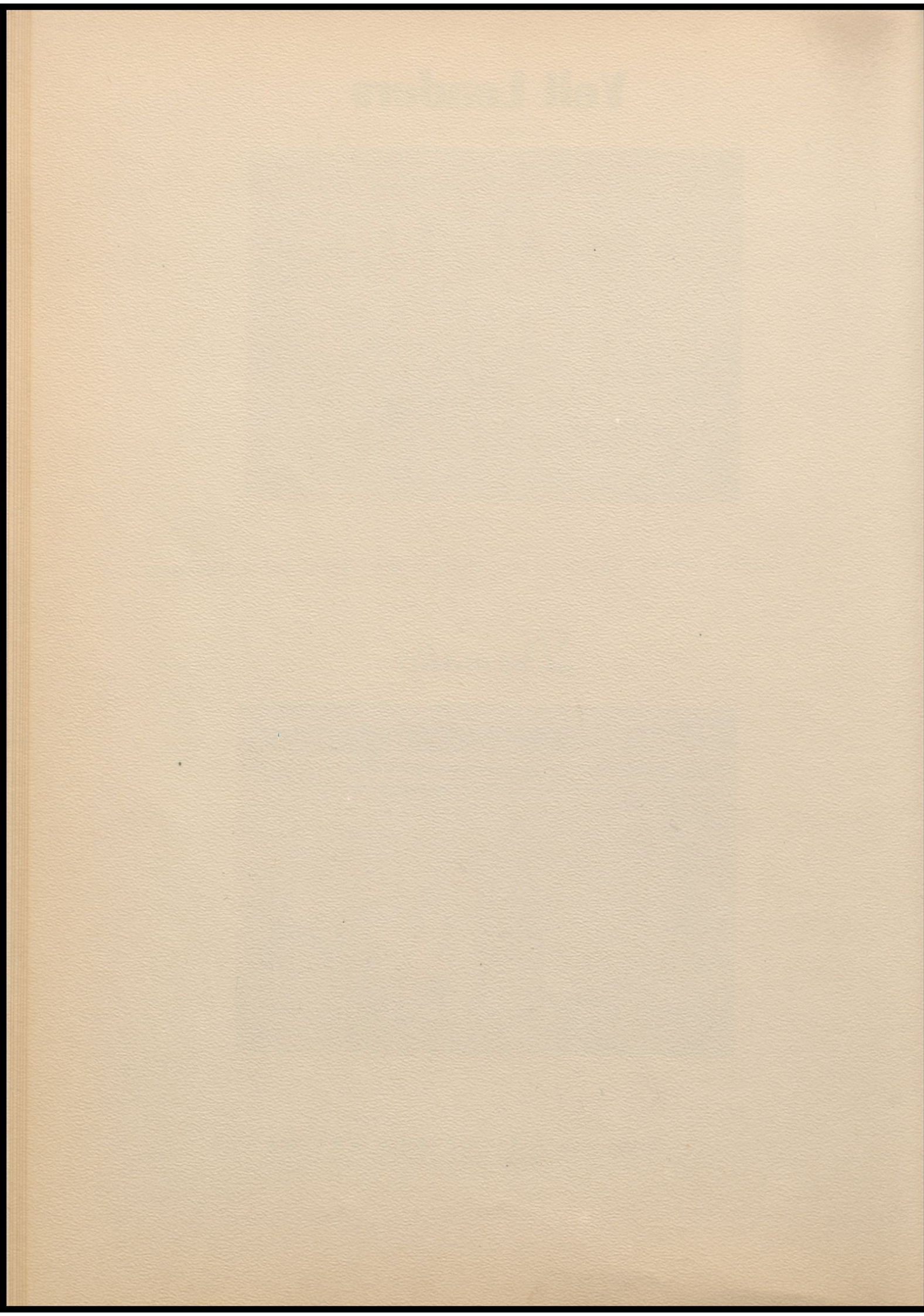
Juanita Zornes, Regina Liles, Barbara Craycraft, Helen McElhaney

## *Dramatics*



Scene from Junior and Senior Class Play  
"Ready Made Family"







# Basketball



First Row (Left to Right): Don Hampton, John Phillips, Forrest Stevenson, Harold Cooper, Paris Jordan, Coach Skow.

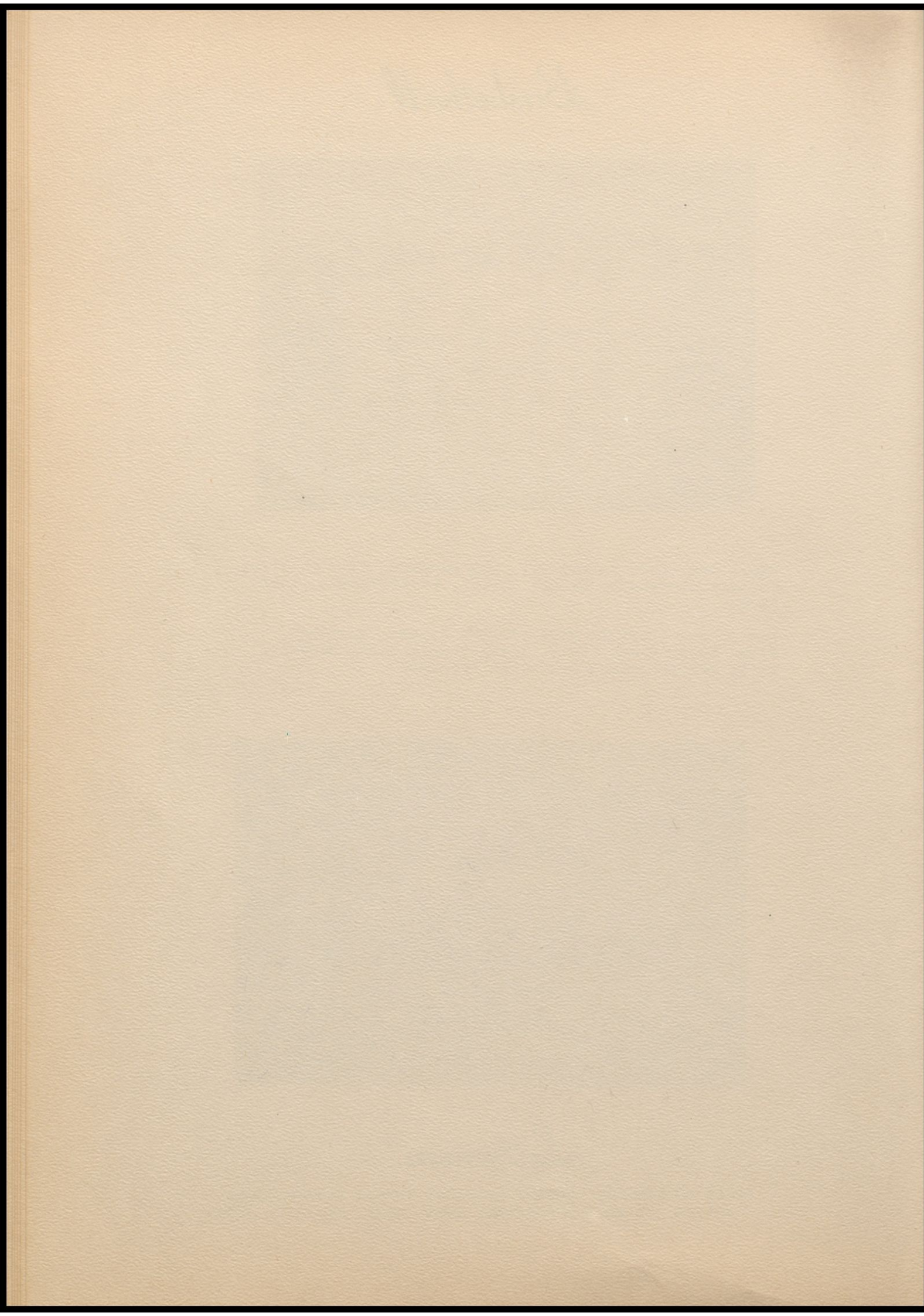
Second Row (Left to Right): Dan Kimsey "Manager", Floyd Noel, Sammy Piatt, Jimmy Evans, Gayle Sanders, Billy Bentley, Jack Craycraft "Manager".



# Lettermen

(Left to Right): Donald Hampton, Harold Cooper, John Phillips, Forrest Stevenson, Earl Poggs, Alvin P. Skow





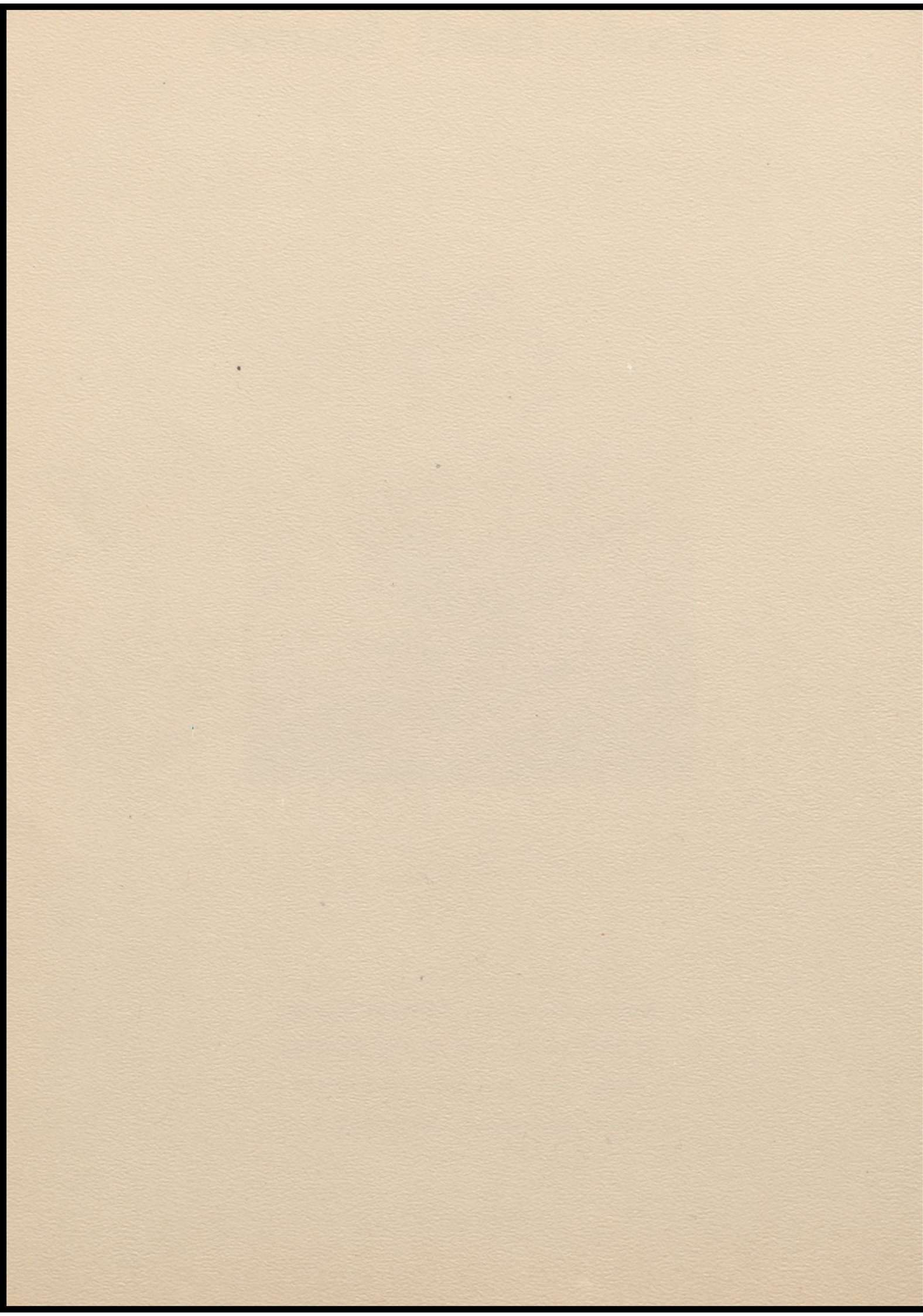


# Basketball Queen



Barbara Craycraft, Basketball Queen  
of 1950-1951. She is the daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Craycraft of  
South Portsmouth, Kentucky.







# HI-Y

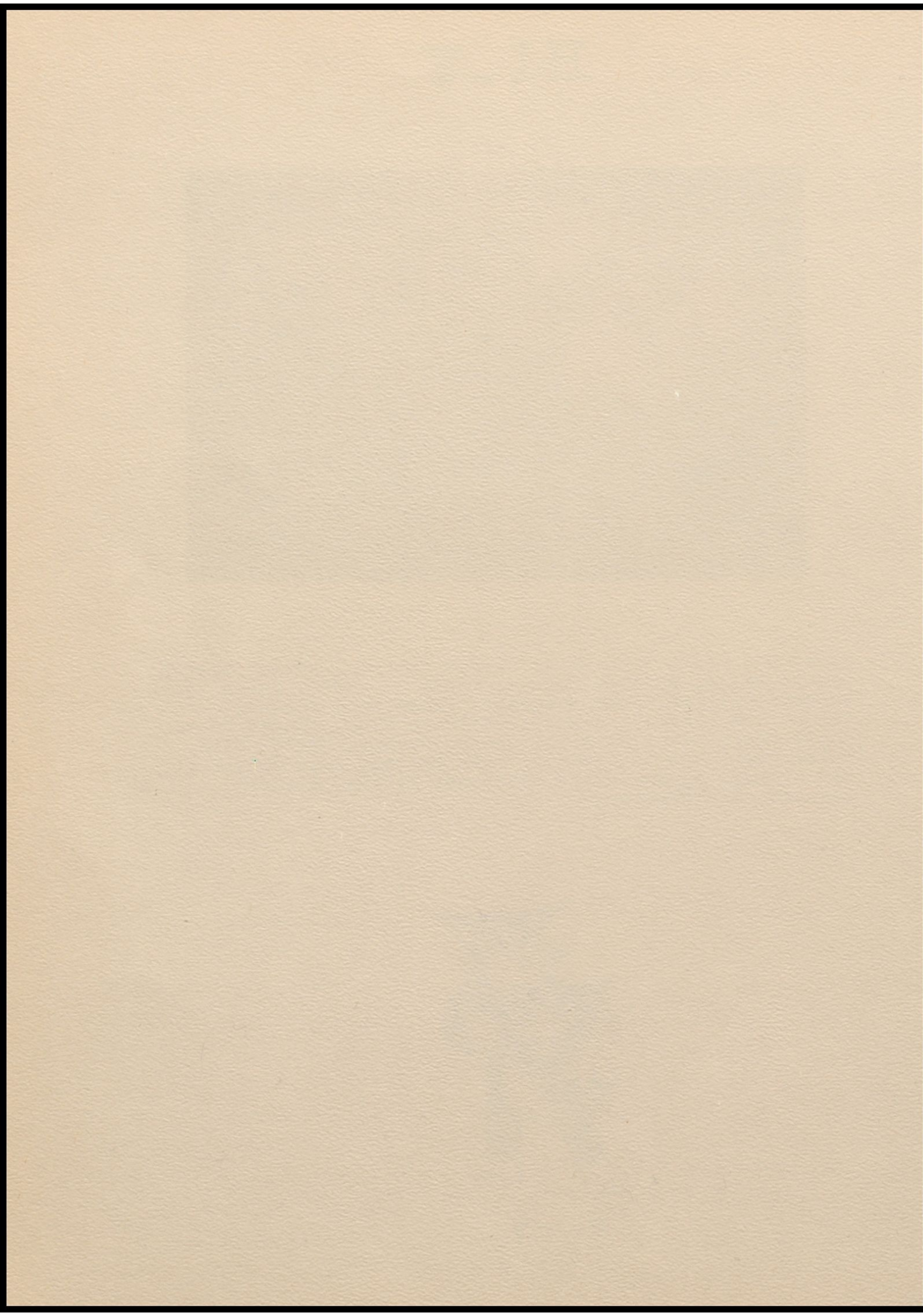


First Row (Left to Right): Lloyd Ketcamp, Normon Sexton, Donald Boggs, William Duncan, Sonny Stockham, James Jones, Shermon Collier, John Howerton, (Home Room Teacher).  
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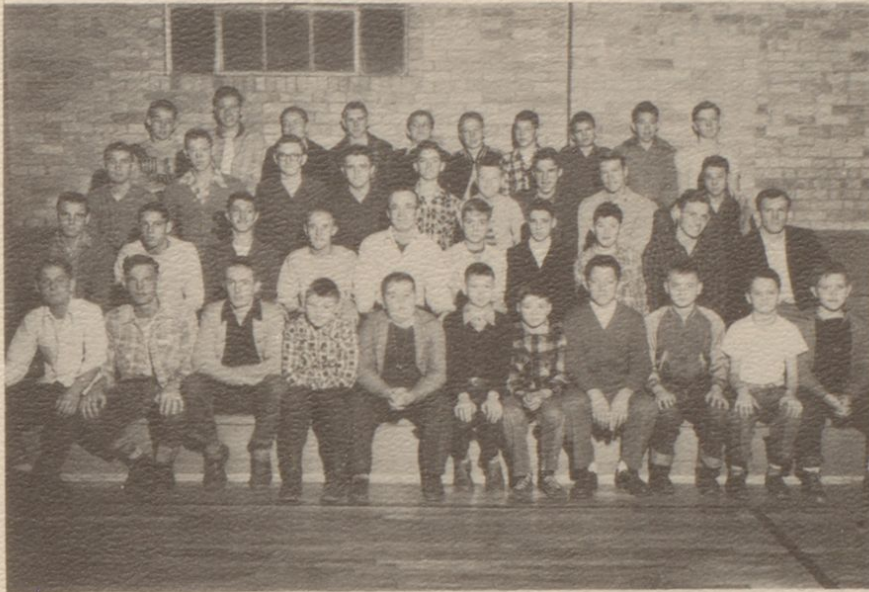
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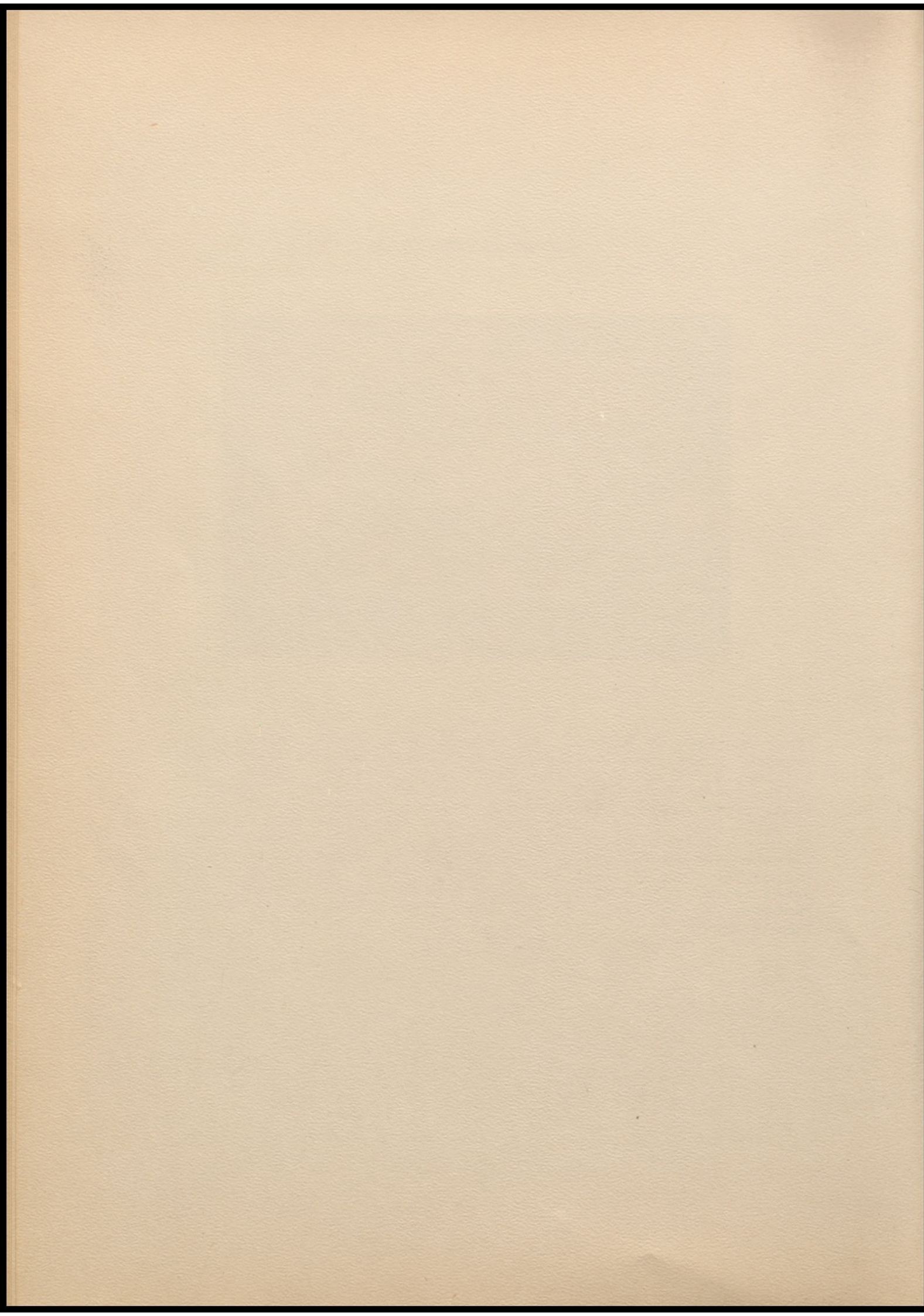


## CONSERVATION CLUB



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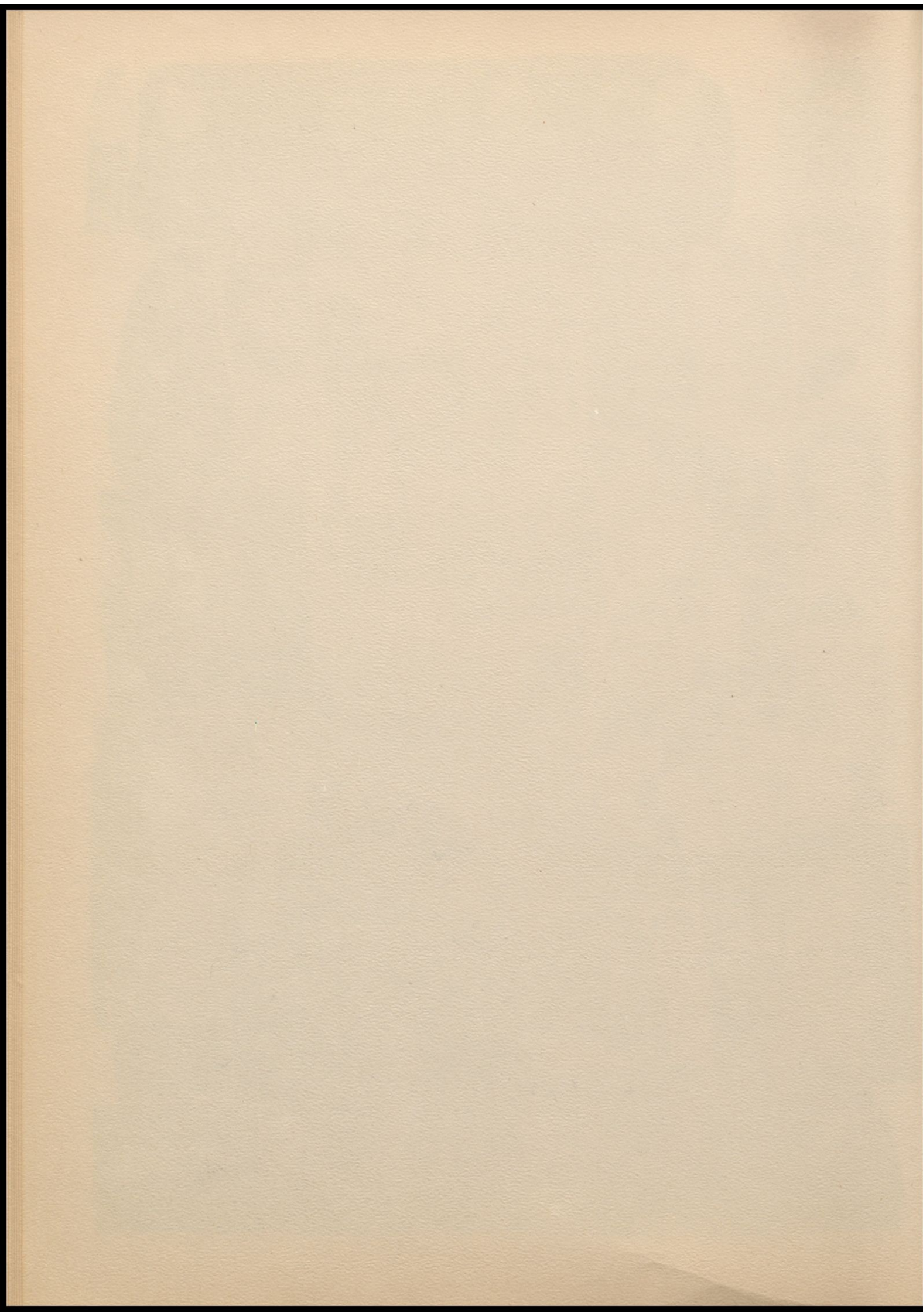












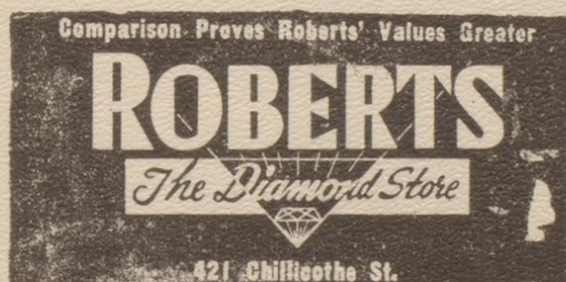


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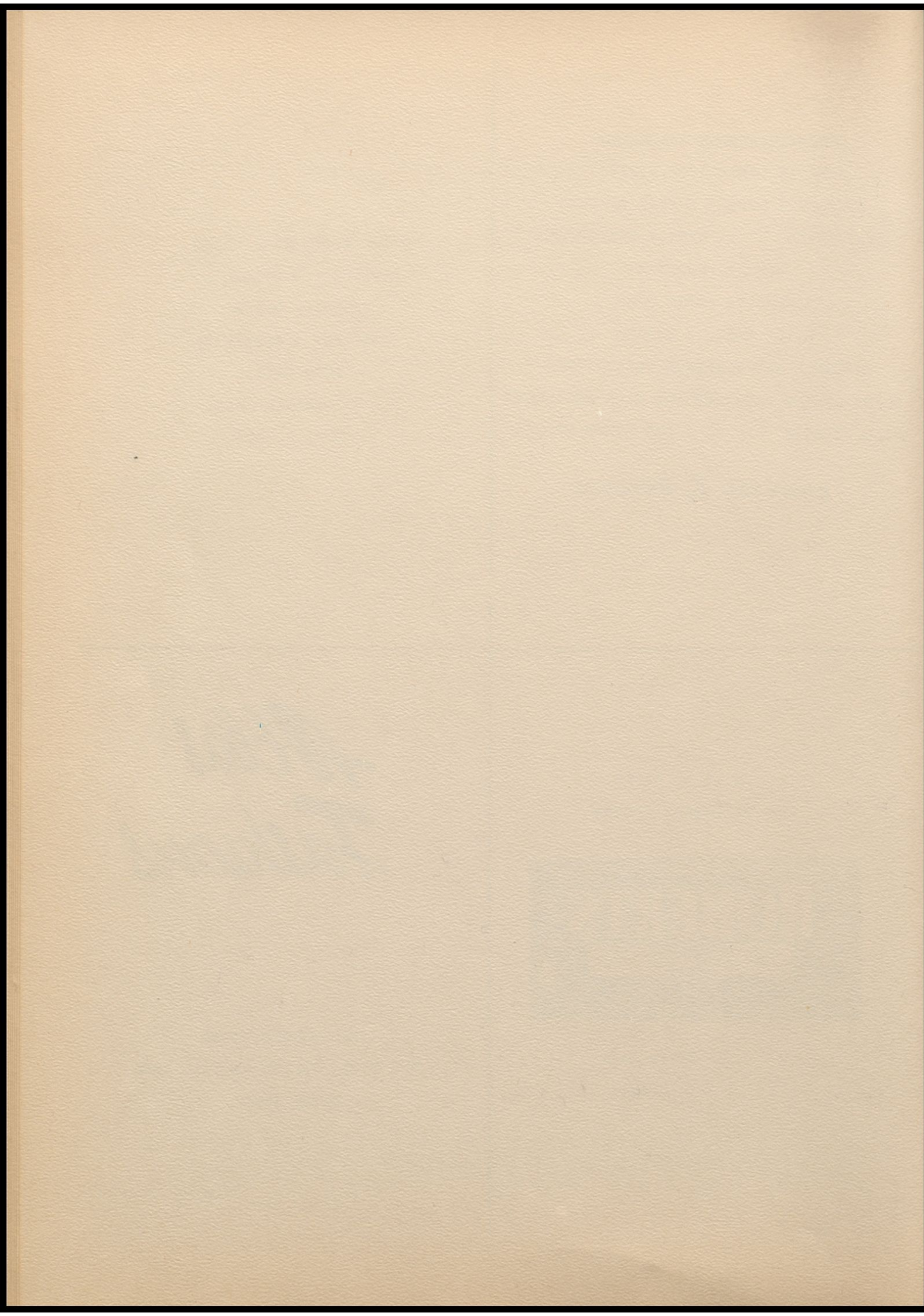


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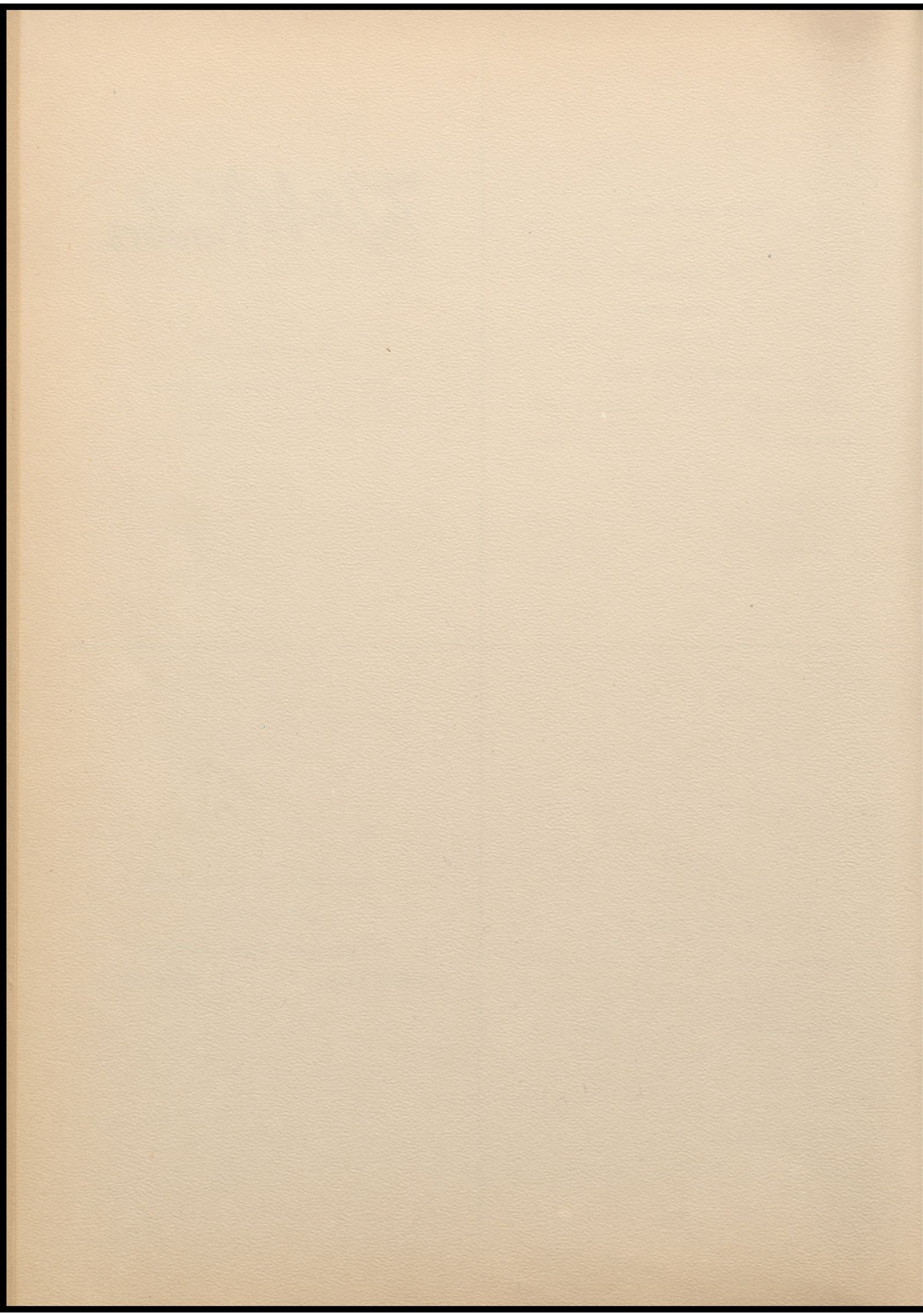
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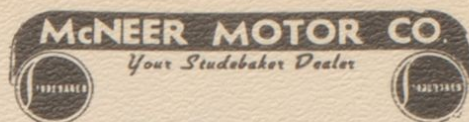
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