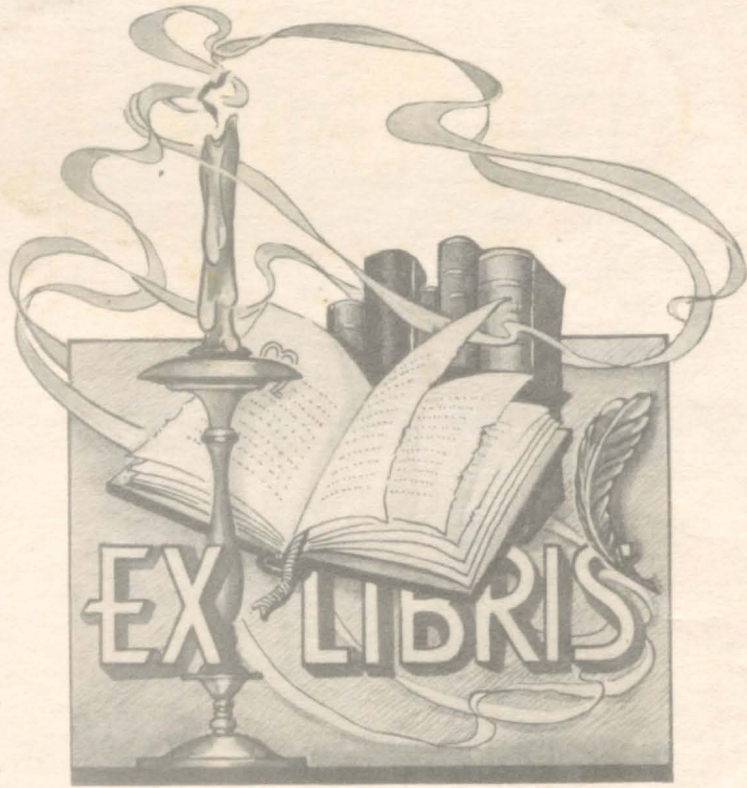
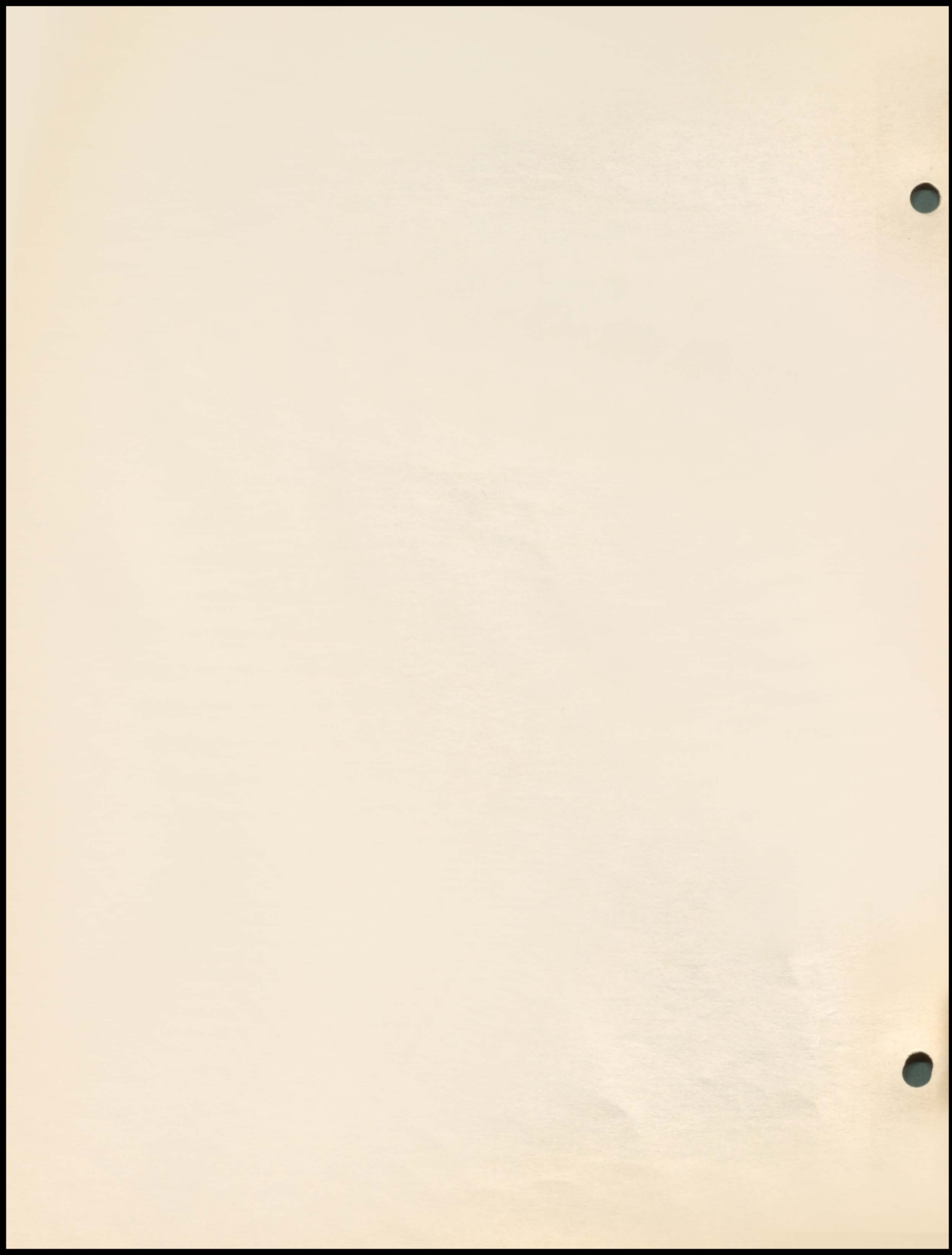


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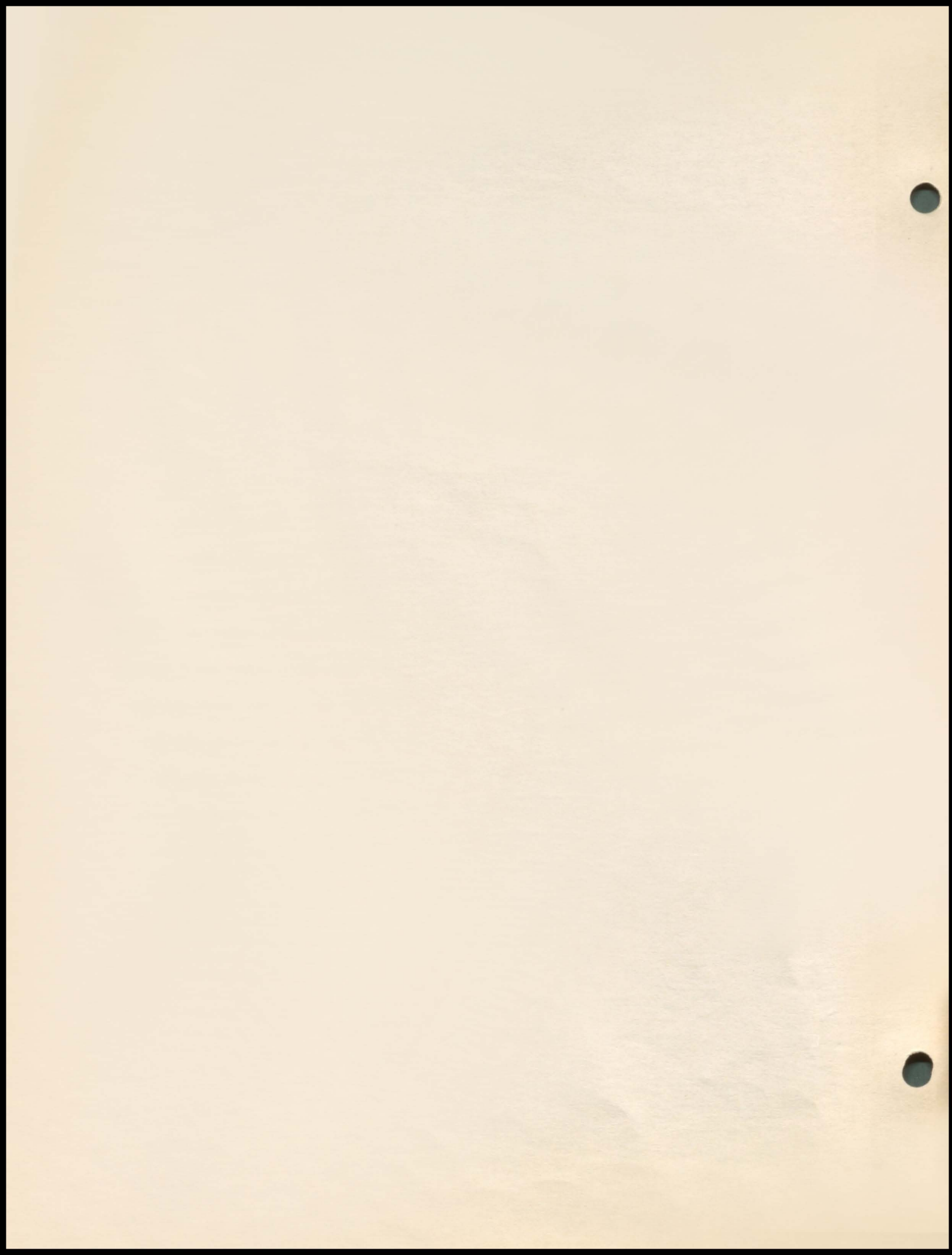
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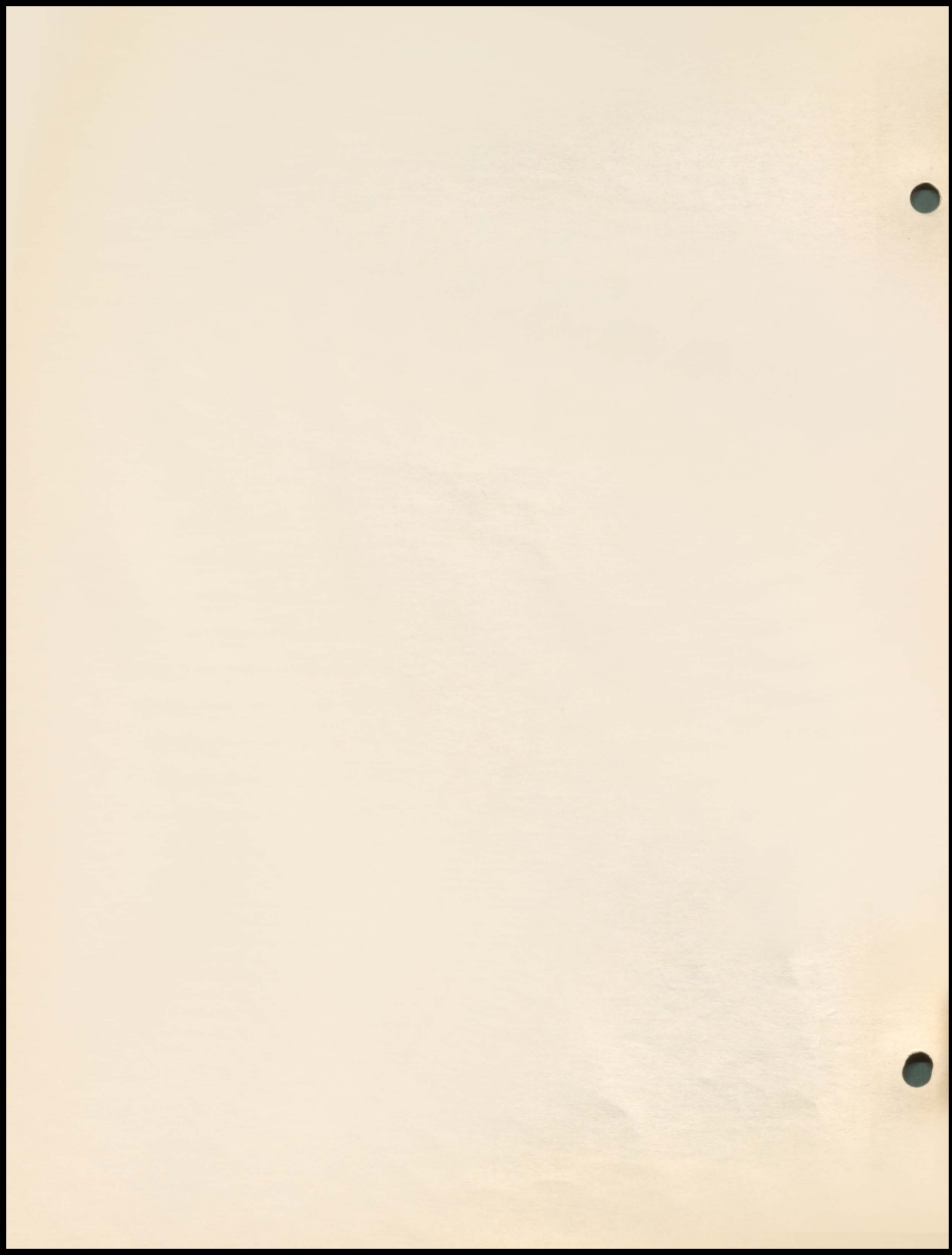
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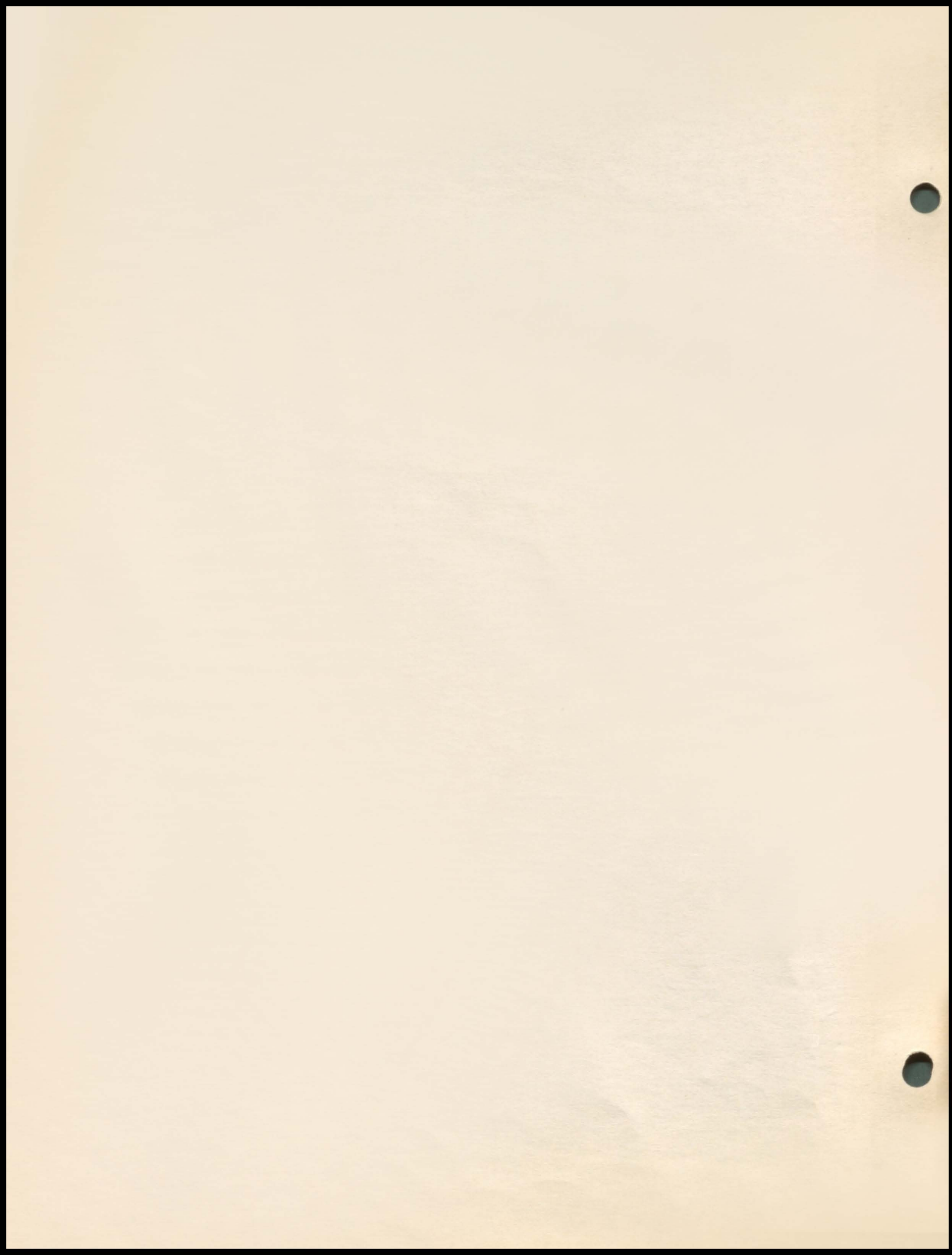
Dedication

To the former students and
many graduates of **B**lossing **H**igh
School now in the Armed Forces of
United States for their unselfish and
devoted services to our country. We,
The Cardinal Staff, hereby dedicate
the 1944 edition of the Cardinal.



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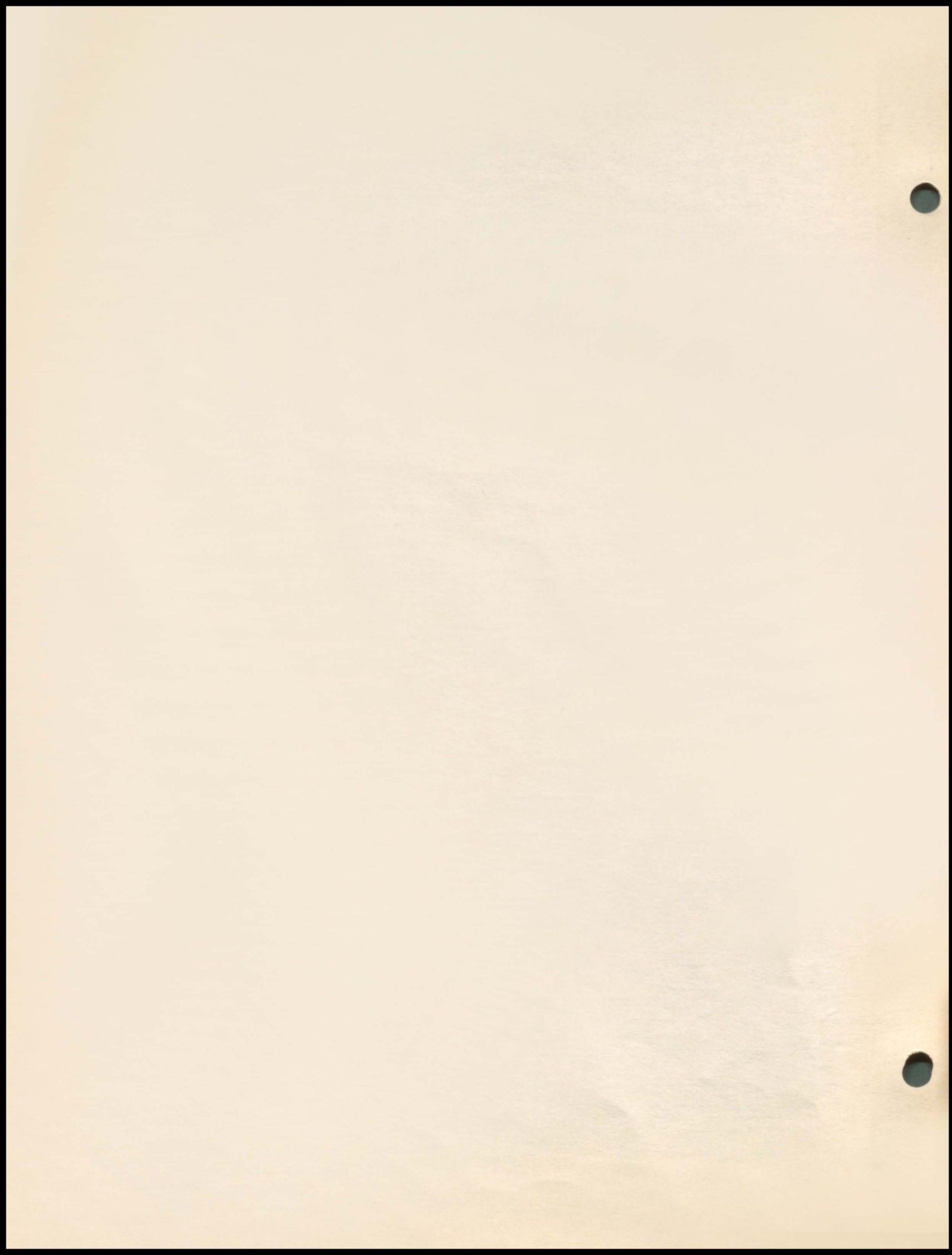
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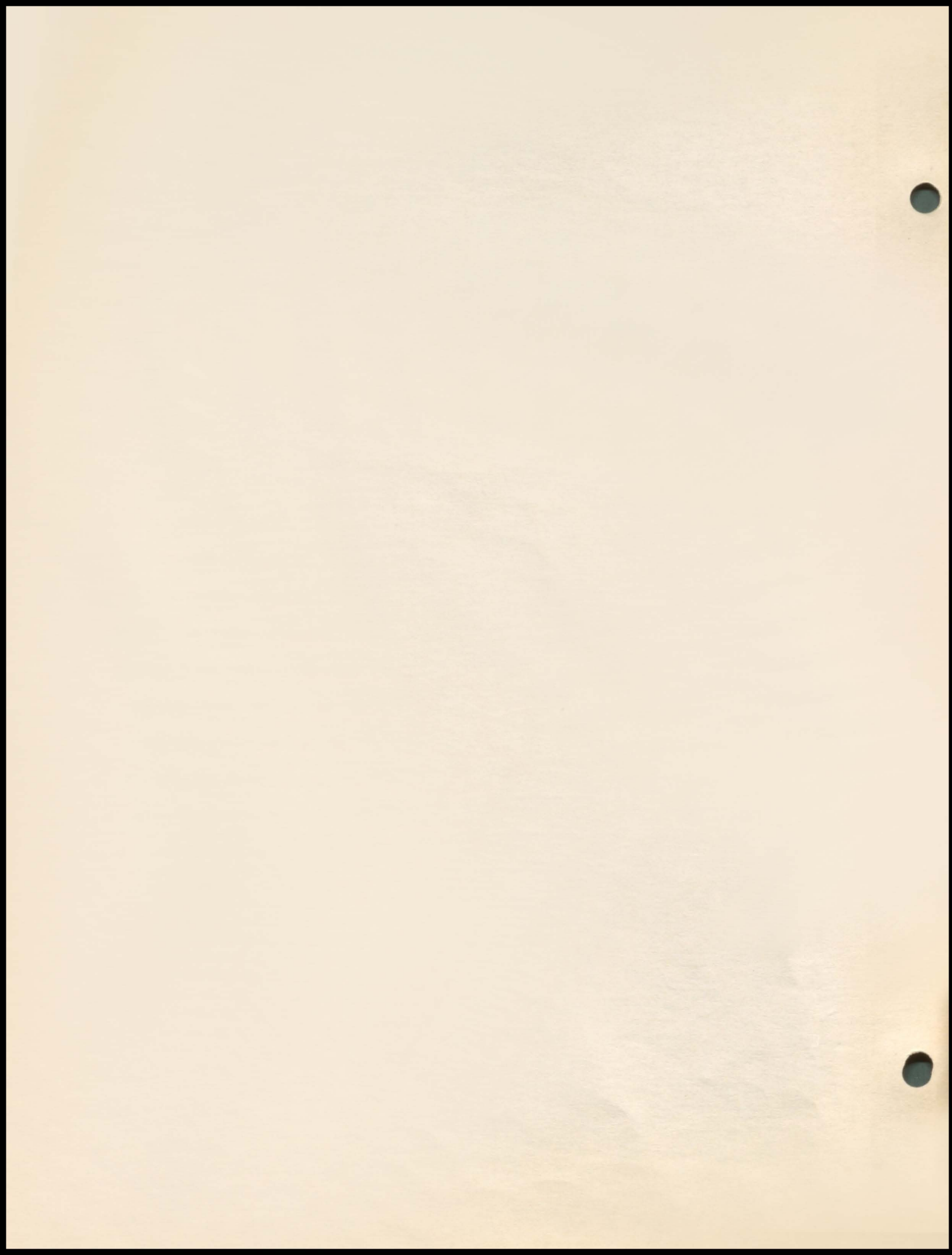


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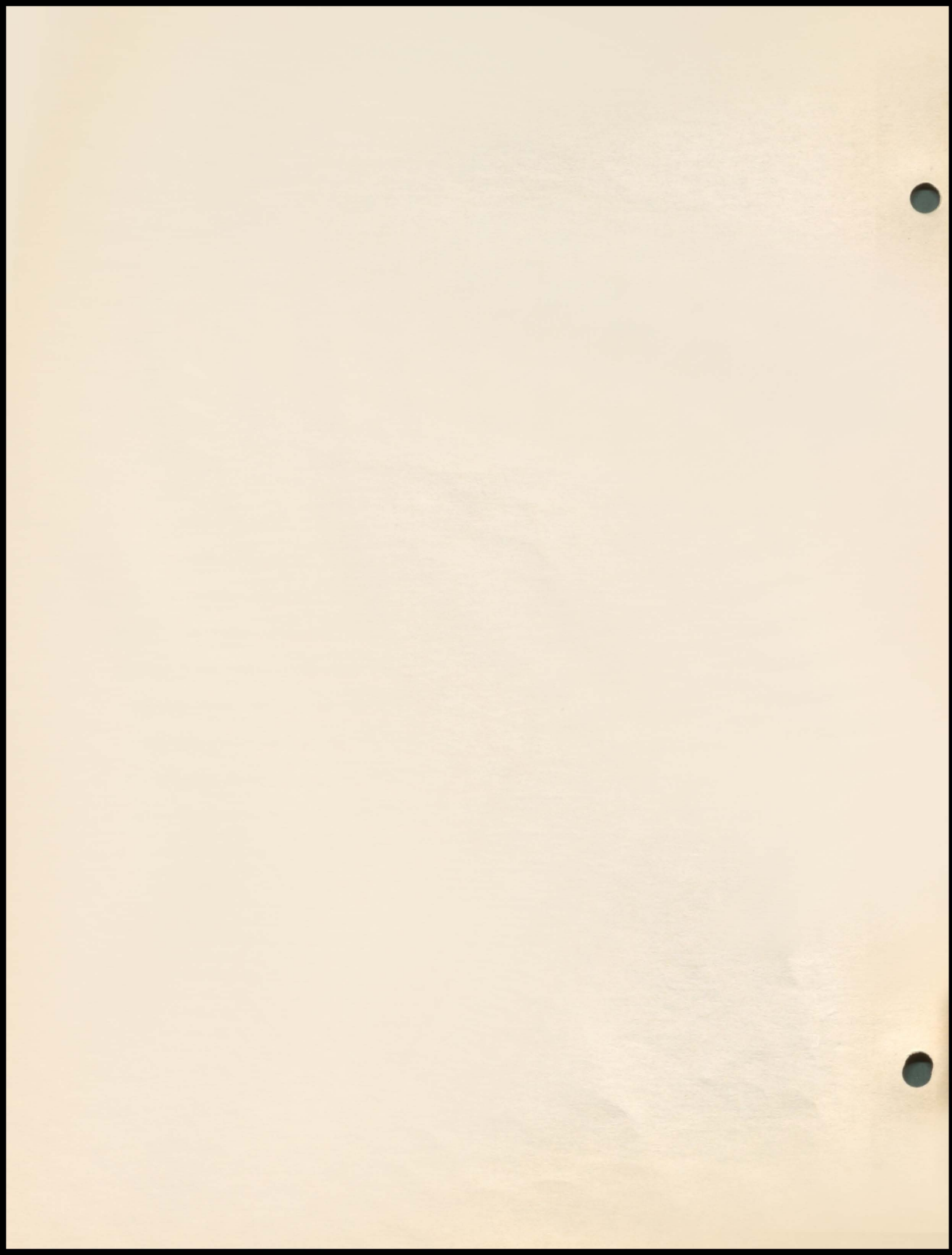
Howard Mozley



George Vrana



Ralph Guyves



Class Will

Curtis Rickaway--I, Curtis Rickaway, do hereby bequeath my interest in the Blessing Gin, my milk cows, my rabbit family, my stocks and bonds, and all U.S. Infantry registration papers to Clara Junek.

Melvin Lee--I, Melvin Lee, do hereby bequeath my interest in the Midfield Booster Station to any Junior boy who has an extra gas ration book. Melvin says that it takes four coupons to get there.

Joseph Zemanek--I, Joseph Turkey Legs Zemanek, ugh, will my ability to keep, ugh, the annual room neat and in order, ugh, to the future annual editor.

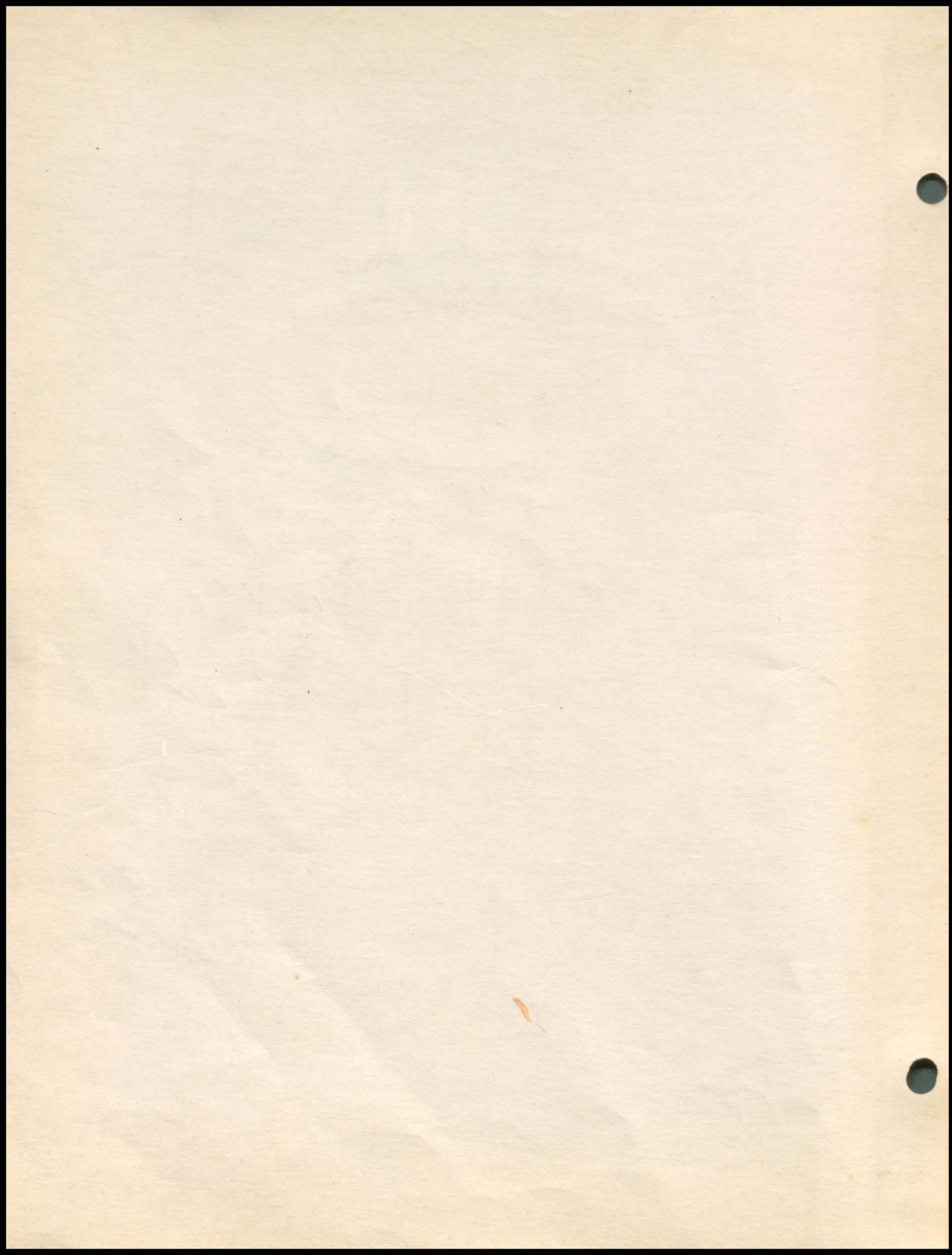
Josephine Krenek--I, Josephine Krenek, hereby bequeath my personal army and navy records to Marlyne Massey, until I can transfer the same to the Marines.

Victoria Driscoll--I, Victoria Driscoll, do hereby bequeath my winning smile and flirtatious ways to Marcella Orsak.

Harold Nelsen--I, Harold Nelsen, do hereby bequeath my privelege of chewing gum and becoming ~~teachers'~~ pet to Dorothy Faye Brister.

Eugene Kretschmar--I, Eugene "Cutie" Kretschmar, do hereby bequeath all of Faydelle's beautiful girl friends to Lowell Johnson.

Billie Lindner--I, Billie Lindner, do hereby bequeath lovingly my heart filled with tender love to my dear, Faydelle Hutchings.



Ralph Guynes--I, Ralph Guynes, do hereby bequeath my speed in getting to English class on time to "Slow-Motion" Bessie Bagley.

Howard Mozley--I, Howard Mozley, do hereby bequeath my school record as an example to Eugene Penland.

George Vrana--I, George Vrana, do hereby bequeath my ability to keep quiet to Evelyn Faye Dannels, who doesn't know what that means.

Delvin Taska--I, Delvin Taska, do hereby bequeath my gentleman-like manners to anyone who cares to undertake the task.

David Day--I, David Day, do hereby bequeath my surplus girl friends and models (airplanes) to Alfred Smith.

The Senior Class--We, the Senior class, do hereby, to our dear old school building itself, leave the peaceful quiet caused by our absence, and any apple cores, candy papers, crumpled notes, cigarette butts, wads of gum, empty bottles or any seniors we may have left about.

Any property or personal possessions of ours that may remain in addition to the items specified we bequeath to the Faculty to be used as its members see fit.

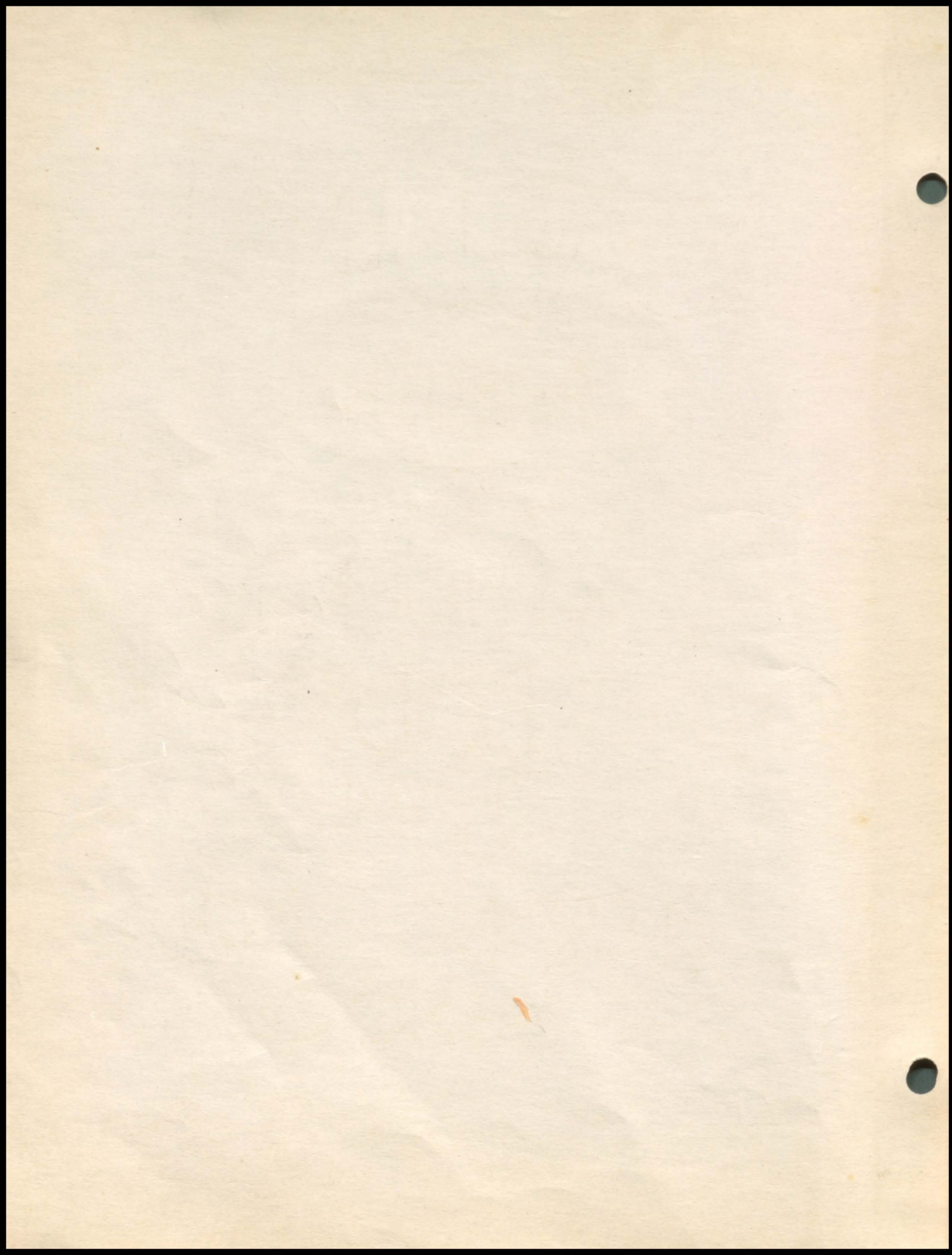
Finally, we do hereby name and appoint as the sole executor of this our last will and testament, our class sponsor, Mrs. Winifred Wheeler.

Signed,

X
The Senior Class

Witnesses:

Aleta B. Nelson
Geo. K. Nelson



WHETHER BURLAU

Whether or not Curtis will be able to progress fast enough to be a Sergeant before the other seniors "jine in".

Whether or not Joseph's brains will last long enough for him to find all there is to know about radio or will he ride out on one of the beams and be lost among the W.A.V.E.S.

Whether or not Harold will marry Dorothy or find someone else at the National Hall, when the lights are out.

Whether or not Josephine will cling to the anchors which has put her heart asail or will she throw it overboard and go to England.

Whether or not Victoria will marry this Faustino Martinez from whom she gets so many air mail letters.

Whether or not Howard will link his navy career with an interest in the Booster Station of Midfield.

Whether or not George will be able to create a type of silent engineering!

~~Whether or not~~ Billie will make the navy his career and Faydelle his housekeeper.

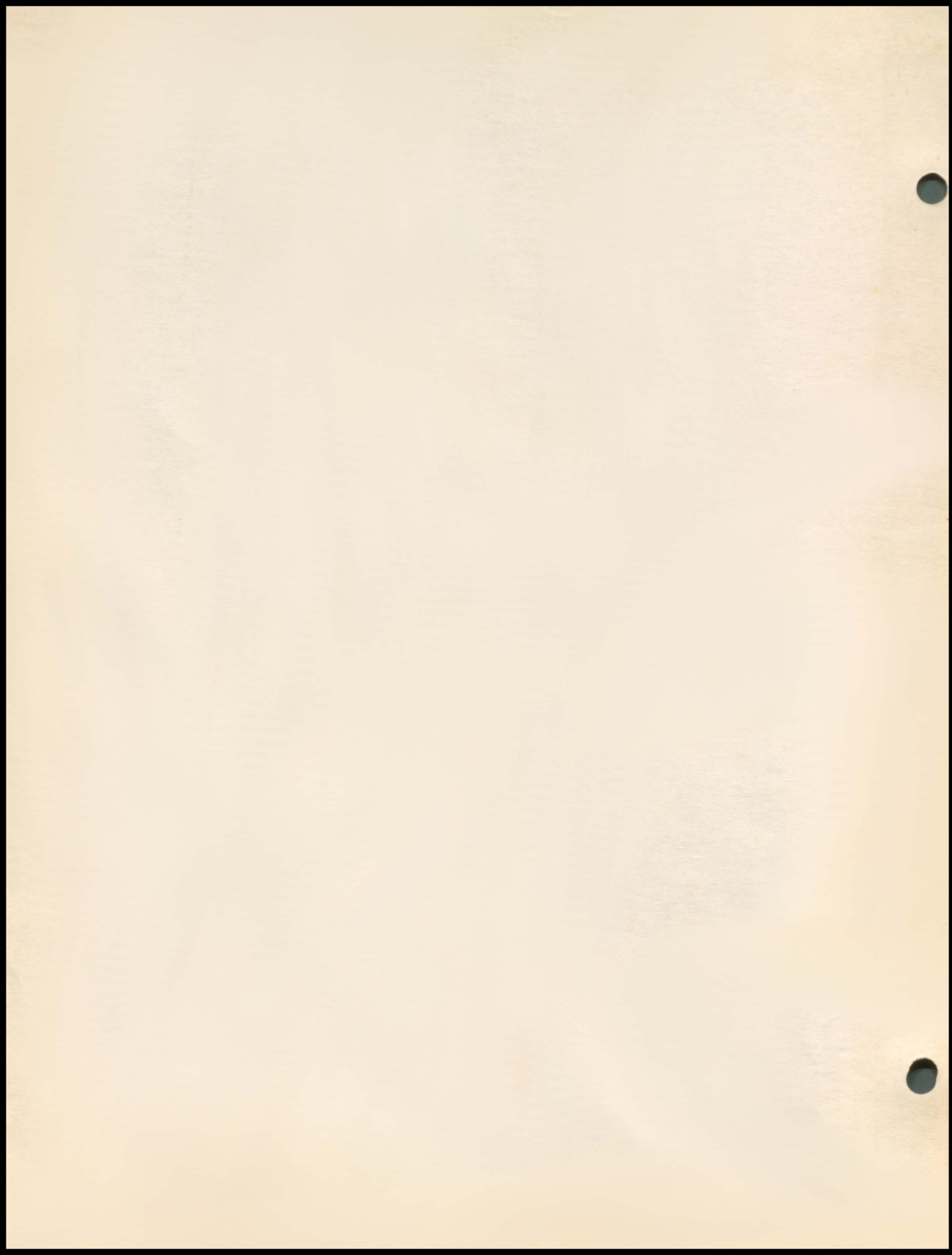
Whether or not Melvin's rice farming will affect this part of the country or will he open a new farm north of Midfield.

Whether or not Eugene wants to go to Texas University at Austin for an education or for some other reason which was in school one day.

Whether or not Delvin will have D.K. or E.W. of Midfield, or will he have L.K. of Markham to march along beside his army uniform.

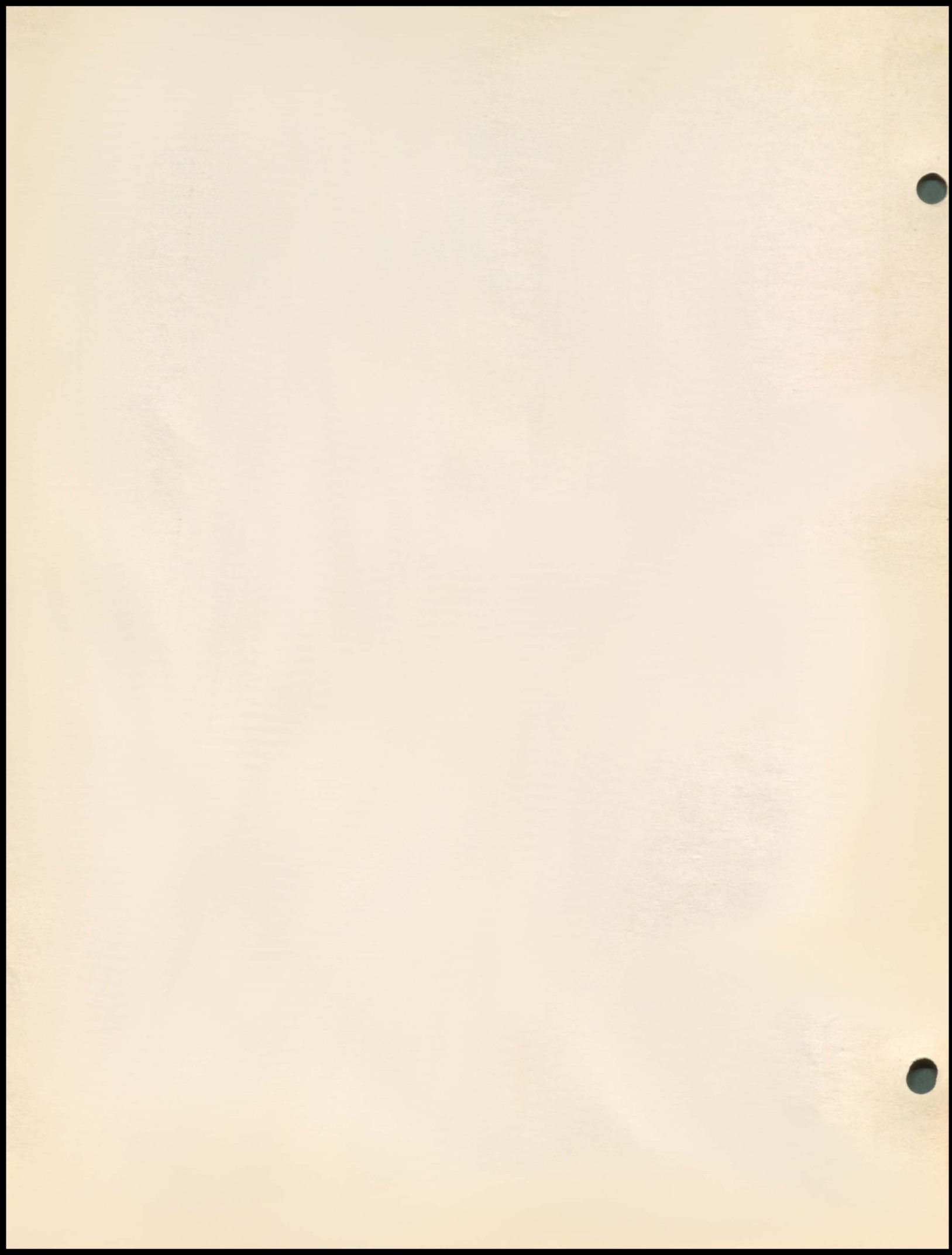
Whether or not Ralph is the one that left one night what he picked up the next day and put in the janitor's room.

Whether or not David's new airplane will be good enough to carry him and his stratosphere bomb to Shangri La.





uniors





Vice-Pres.
GARLAND GAYNES



Pres.
CLARA JUNEK



Sec.-Treas.
ELSIE HUTSON



FANNIE
MERLE
WEAVER



A.C. HARTEX



LORENE HAHN



EDITH KANA



BEN GWYNES



FAYDELLE
HUTCHINGS



MARCELLA DSZAK



LOWELL JOHNSON



ELVA JEAN WELLS



RICHARD NEMECEK



MARY ONDRACEK



DOLORES BARRON



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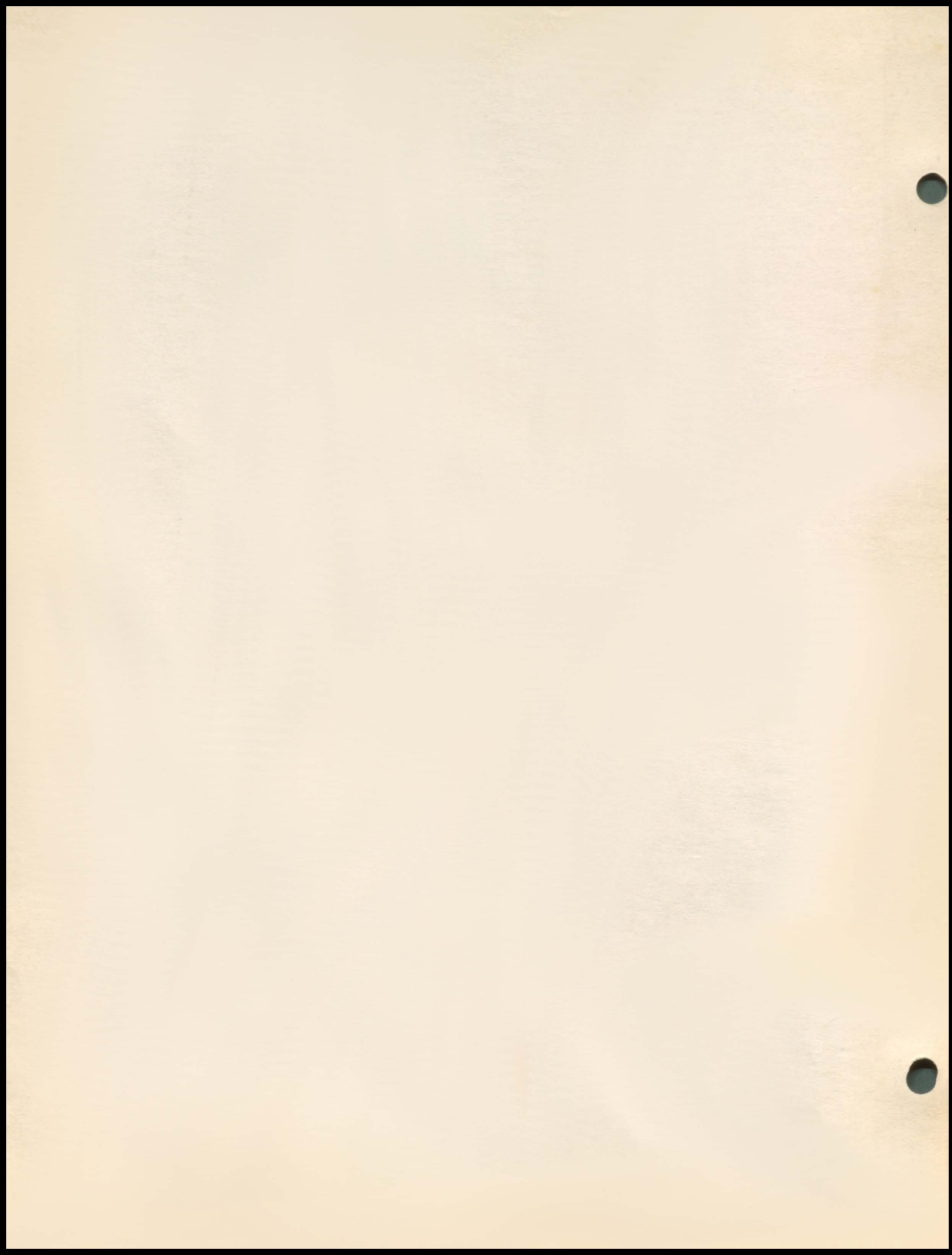
EUGENE PENLAND



EVELYN F. DANNELS



MAXINE POWERS



Junior Class

Our class officers for the year areas follows:

President: Clara Junek
Vice Pres: Garland Guynes
Sec.&Treas: E lsie Hutson
Reporter: Faydelle Hutchings
S gt. at Arms: Eugene Pendland
Sponser: Mrs. Nelson

Motto: Forward-ever; backward-never

Song: Paper Doll

Flower: Cape Jasmine

Color: Green and White

Activities of the Juniors

Clara Junek: President of H.E. Club, President of Junior Class, production manager of annual, member of Girl Reserve, Pep Squad, Volleyball. Clara is one of our choice Juniors and a very sweet girl, most popular girl of B.H.S.

Garland Guynes: Vice president of class, member of football, basketball and baseball. One who has a smile for everyone.

Elsie Hutson: Sec. and Treas. for class, vice pres. of H.E. Club, Assistant editor of annual. Member of Pep Squad, volleyball, and girl reserve. Just another scatterbrain, but a swell one.

Faydelle Hutchings: Reporter for class, Member of tennis and Girl Reserve. She gets them all with her music, even B.L.

Eugent Penland: Sargent of Arms for class, Member of football, baseball, basketball. Loud, but what would we do without him?

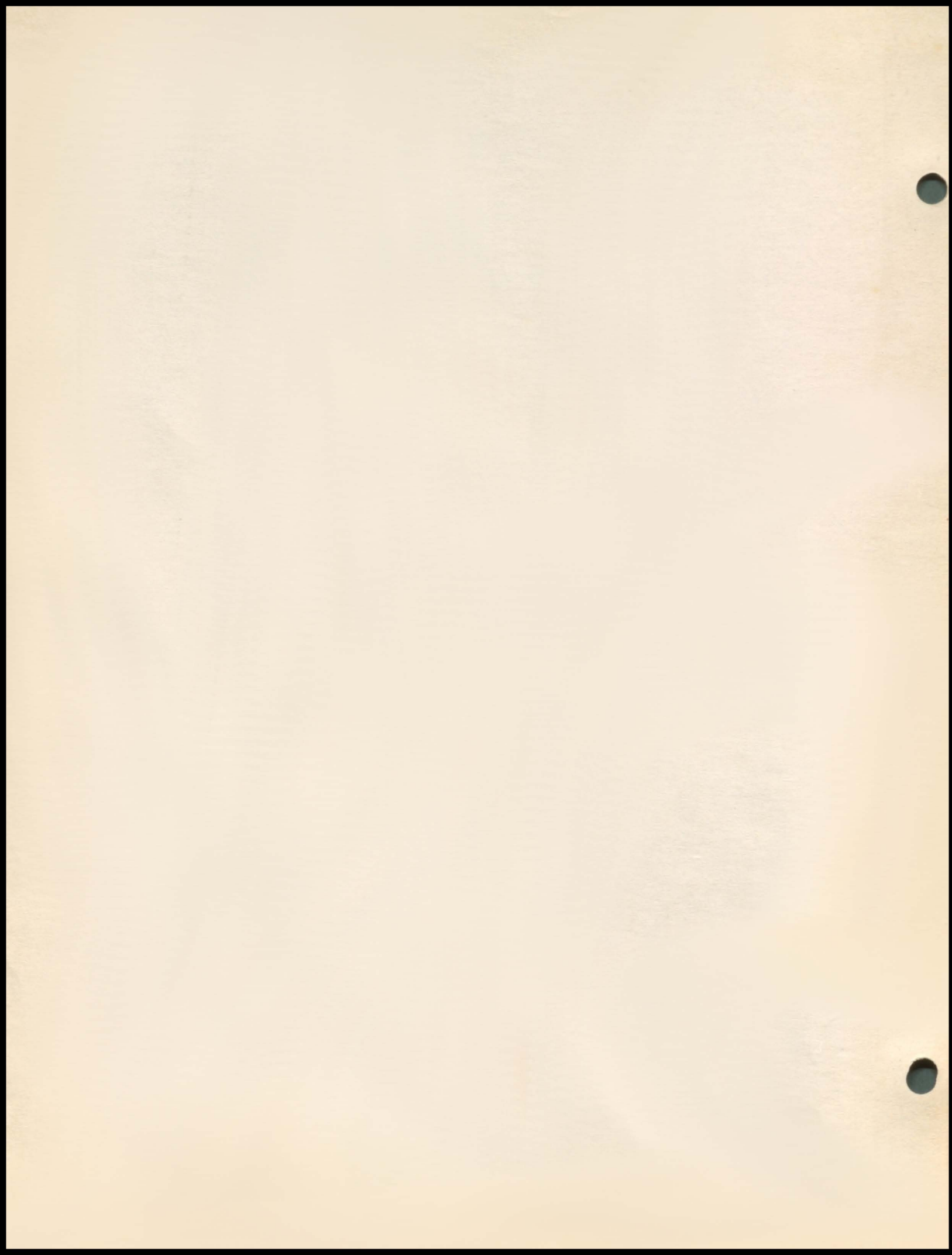
Marcella Orsak: Sec. and Treas. for H.E. Club, Reporter of H.E. Club, Sec. and Treas. for Girl Reserve, Social Editor for Annual, Member of volleyball, Pep Squad leader, Pep Squad reporter for annual. Another choice Junior who does it all.

A.C. Harter: Football, basketball, and baseball. Another Remeo---eh Lois?????

Willie Mae Laslie: Member of H.E.Club and Girl Reserve. Very quiet and disinterested in B.H.S. boys. eh, W.T.G??

Evelyn Faye Dannels: V olleyball, H.E.Club, Pep Squad drummer. Another one of Mrs. Nelsons

problems.



Edith Kana: Volleyball, H.E. Club. One of those jivin' Juniors.

George Hejtmanek: Basketball, football. A swell kid!

Lorene Hahn: H.E. Club, Volleyball, Pep Squad leader, Most beautiful girl in B.H.S. What would we do without her to sell those defense stamps???

Richard Nemeec: Baseball. One of those quiet Juniors.

Bessie Bagley: H.E. Club, Pep Squad. Slow but sure.

Charlie Lubojsky: Basketball, football, Grand if you really know him.

Lowell Johnson: Basketball, football, baseball. Most handsome guy in B.H.S. Um! did someone say good-lookin'????

Katherine Bowers: H.E. Club, Pep Squad, Girl Reserve, Volleyball. A model seamstress and housewife.

Delores Barron: H.E. Club, Pep Squad, Girl Reserve. Little but, oh the brains!

Marlyne Massey: Baseball. Ah! them soldiers!

Mary Ondracek: Volleyball, H.E. Club. Ah! the COW, Cow, Boogie.

Maxine Powers: Totally disinterested in school affairs.

Fannie Merle Weaver: Tennis, Pres. of Girl Reserve, H.E. Club, Pep Squad member. Great sport and just one swell kid.

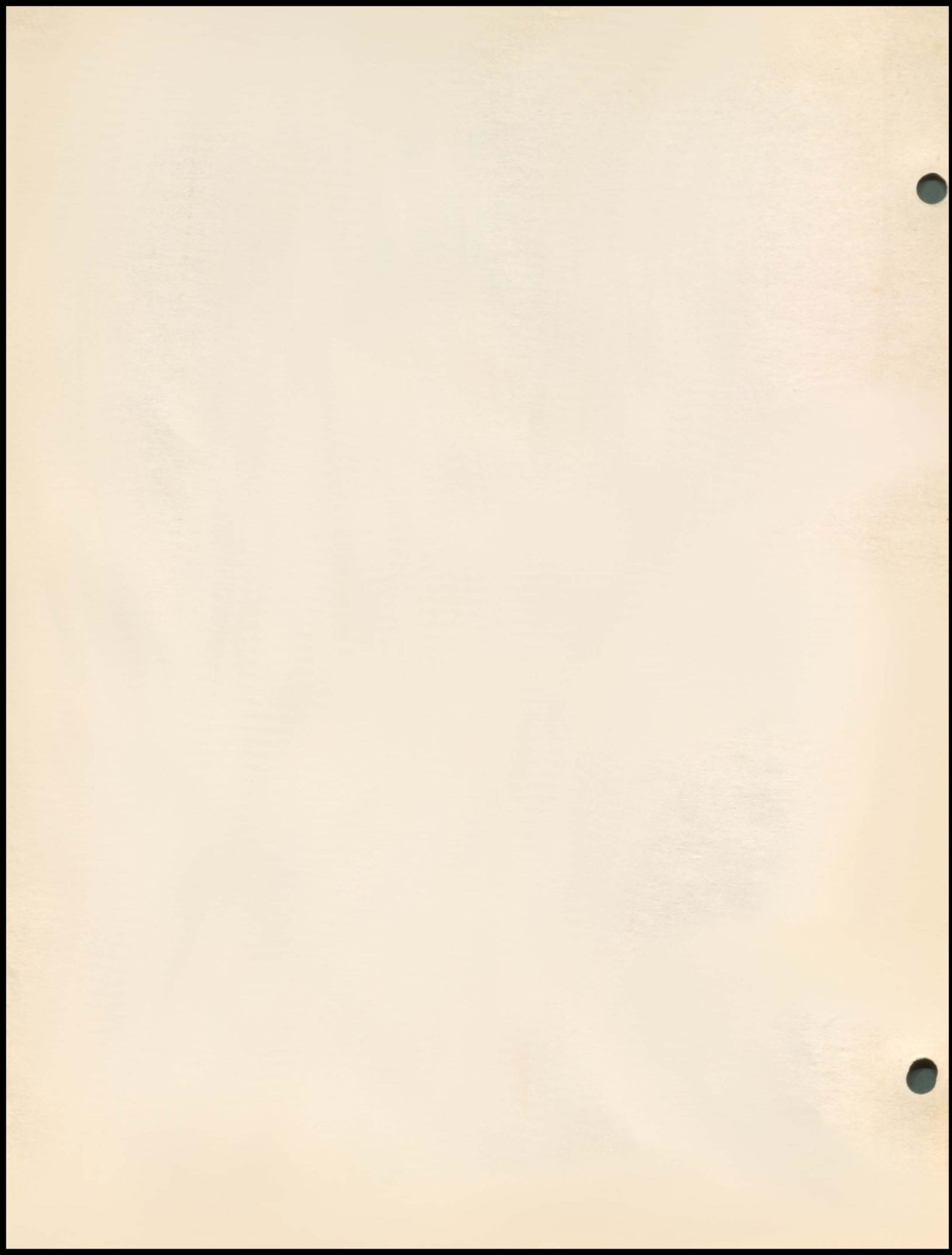
Elva Jean Wells: Volleyball, H.E. Club, art editor of annual, Girl Reserve, Pep Squad. One of B.H.S. assets.

Ben Guynes: Just a Junior sailor!

Wow! Whatta a Class!!!!!

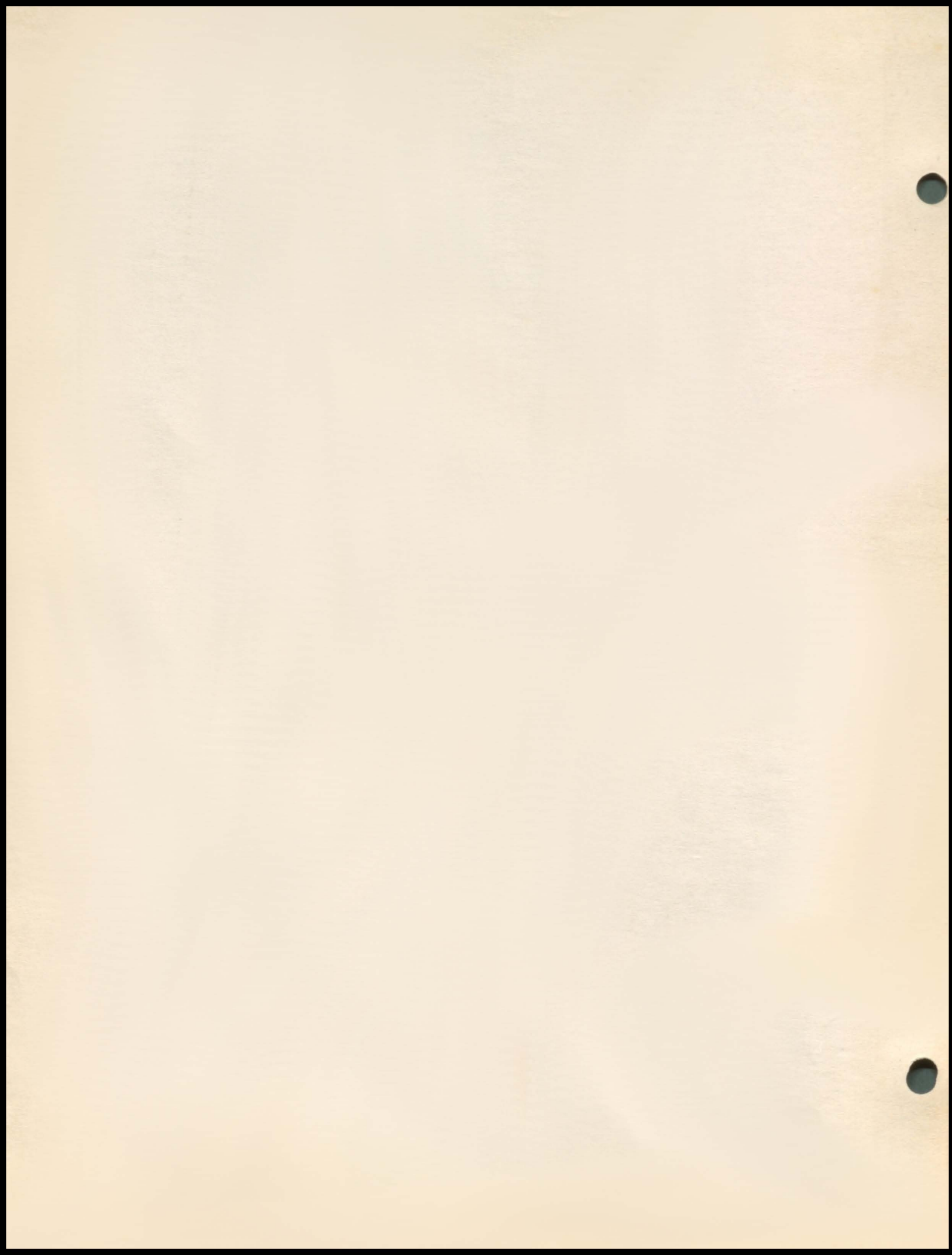
Mrs. Nelson,

We, the Junior Class, send our thanks to you for your kind guidance and cooperation which has made our Junior year so successful and enjoyable. We hope that the coming classes whp will enjoy and appreciate you as we have, for we think you are just "super"!





Sophomores





Lee Mize



Vice-Pres.
Elsie Maddox



Pres.
Holleen Taska



Sec-Trea.
Barbava Heymansen



Edna Day



Emma Collins



Frank Brluk



Lillie Krenek



Eva Woodson



George Capak



Jeannine Spoor



Mary A. Bump



Margie Neuszer



Royce L. Jaksch



Henry Guynes



Agnes Nemec



Blanche Bowers



Robert Fabrygel



Carrel Hunt



Dorothy Brister



Della M. Hebel



Curtis Penland



Edmund Kana



Alfred Smith



Lois Fitzgerald



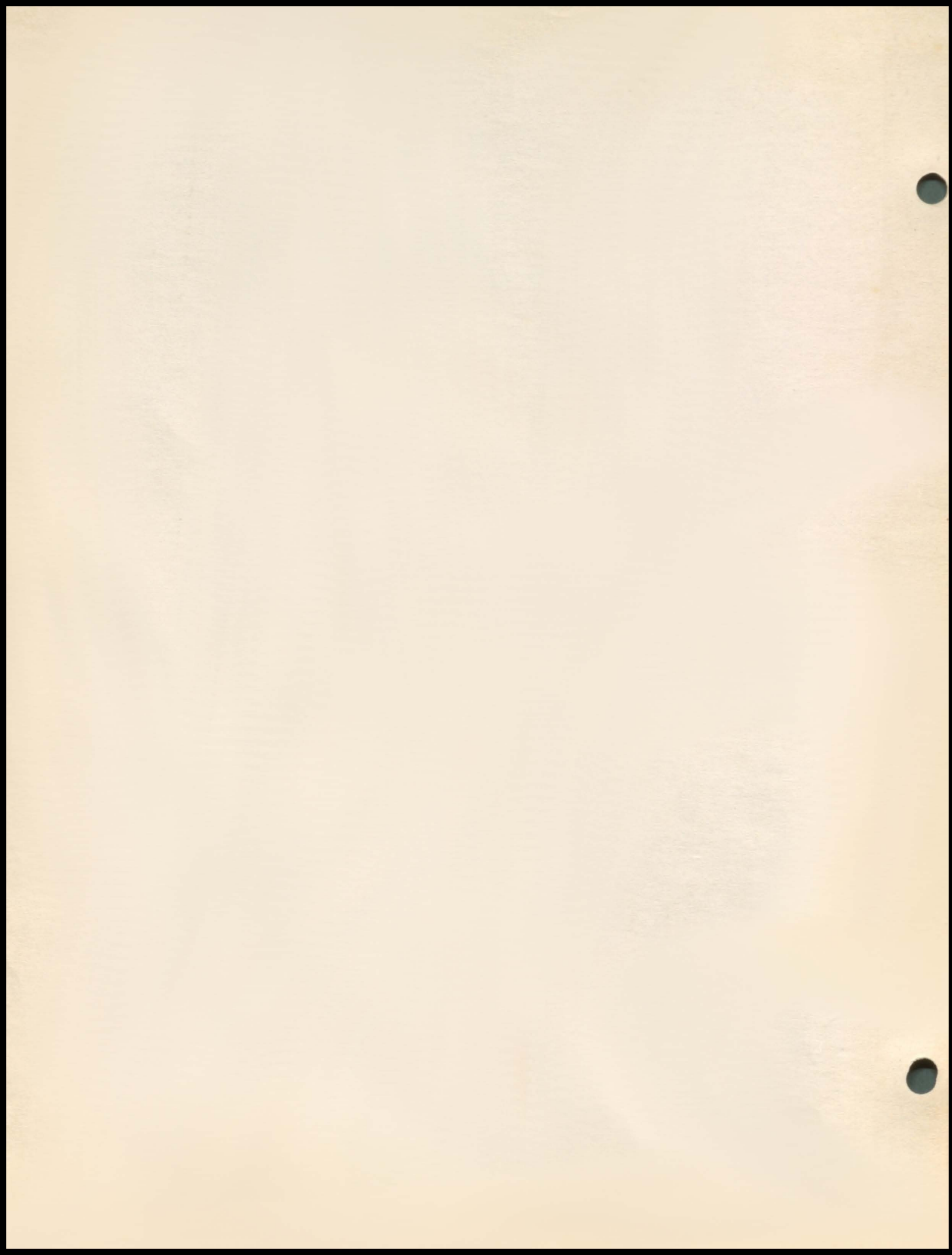
Johnny Nedbnak



Maguerite Hendrix

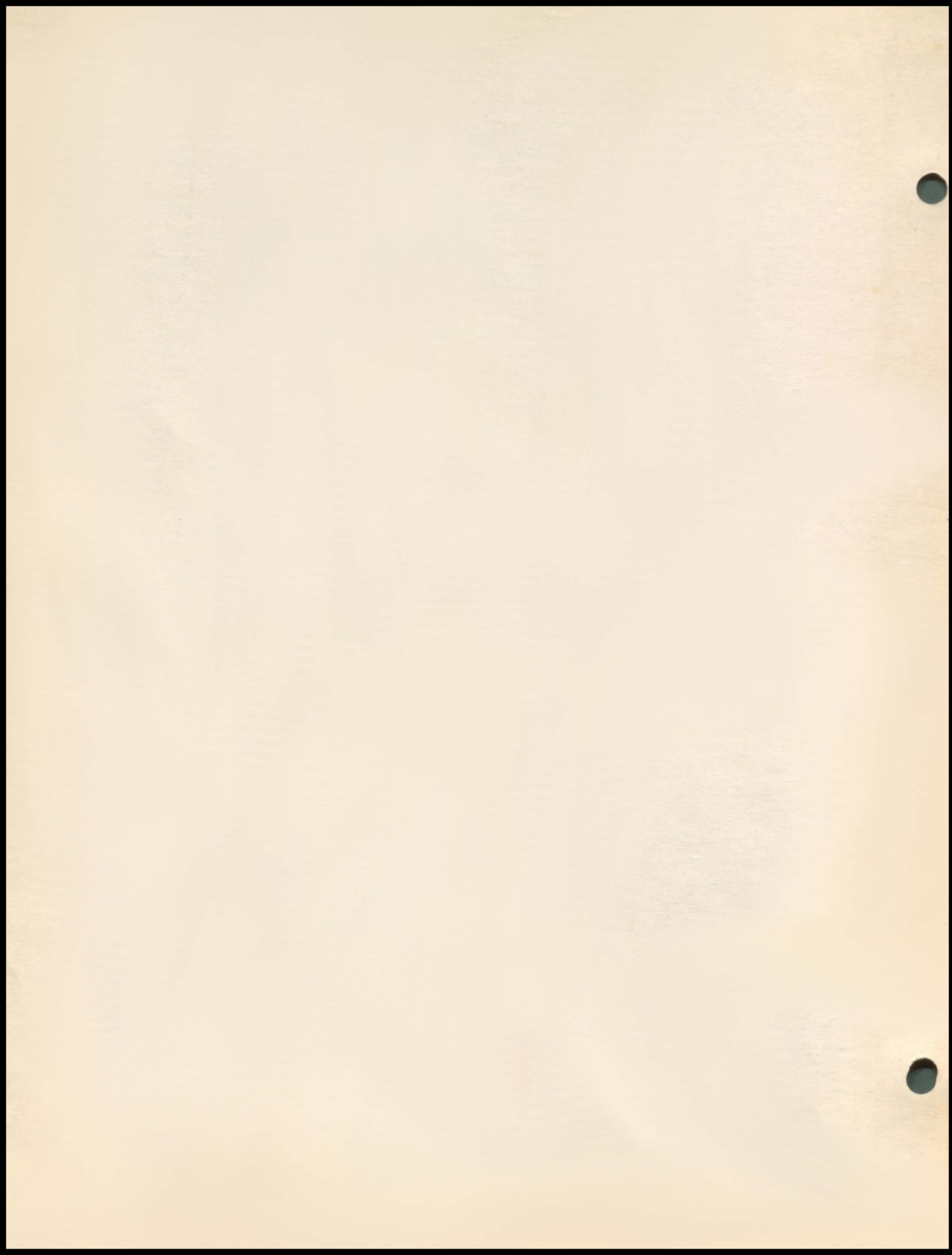


Albert L. Rickaway



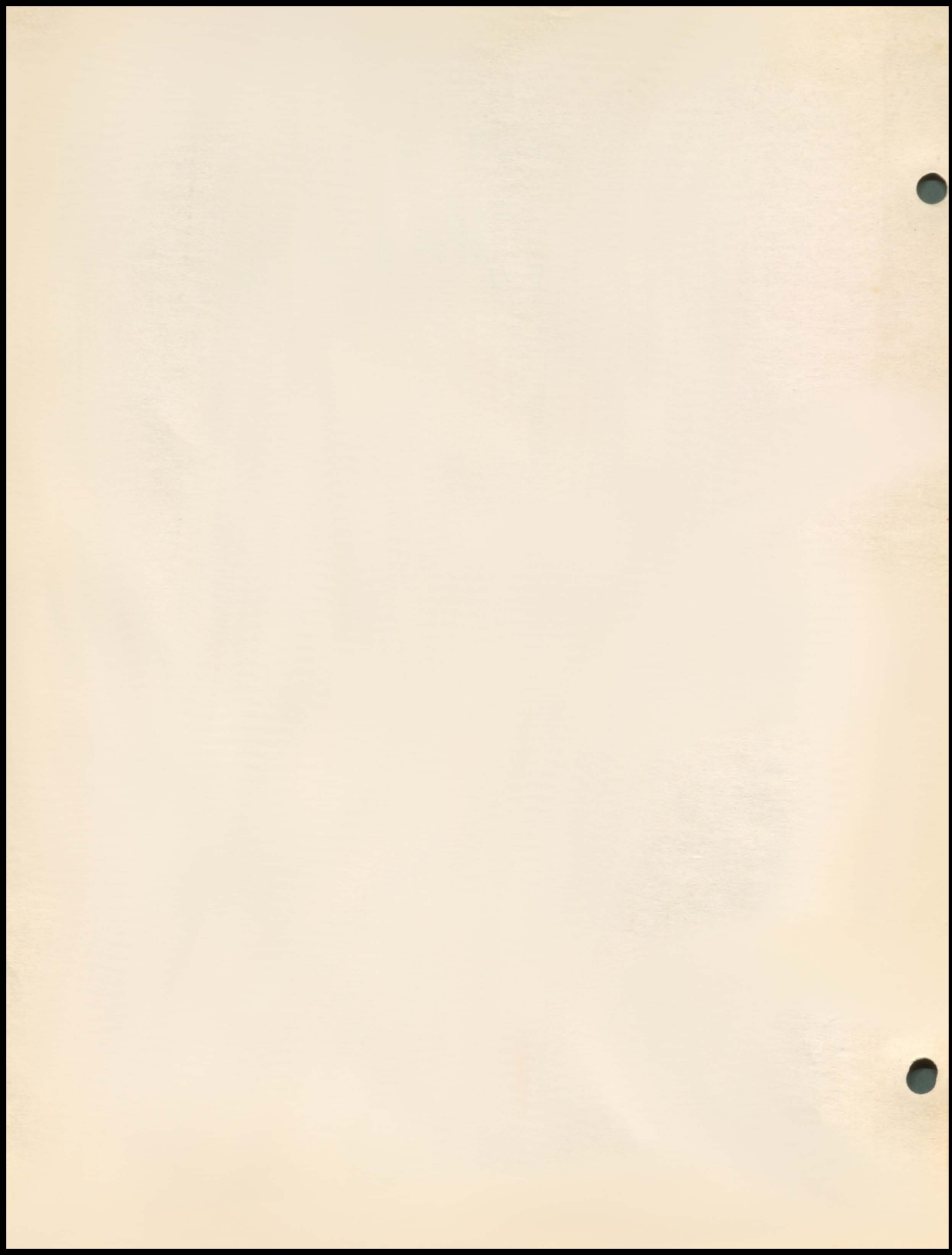
SOPHOMORE NEWS

Blanche "Fattie" Bowers-----Most Shy
Frank "Sonny" Brhlik-----Most Popular
Dorothy "Dot" Brister-----Most Timid
Mary "Knot" Bump-----Highest Temper
George "Reverend" Cepak-----Most Sentimental
Emma "Collie" Collins-----Oldest
Edna "Bert" Day-----Fattest
Robert "Bobbie" Fabrygel-----Sissiest
Lois "Pluto" Fitzgerald-----Smartest
Henry "Red" Guynes-----Flirtiest
Dudley "Dud" Heath-----Funniest
Dela "Putter" Hebel-----Primpiest
Marguerite "Poochie" Hendrix----Sassiest
Barabra "Babs" Hermansen-----Most Ambitious
Carrell "Jug" Hunt-----Meanest
Royce "Mites" Jaksch-----Sportiest
Edmund "Ed" Kana-----Tallest
Lilly "Tutsy" Krenek-----Quietest
Elsie "Pete" Maddox-----Most Lady-Like
Lee "T.B." Mize-----Shortest
Johnnie "Warty" Nedbalek-----Neatest
Agnes "Tummy Ache" Nemec-----Loudest
Margie "Marge" Neuszer-----Prissiest
Curtis "Corky" Penland-----Cutest
Albert "Rick" Rickaway-----Toughest
Alfred "Deacon" Smith-----Most Stuck Up
Jeannine "Spoon" Spoor-----Youngest
Halleen "Taska" Taska-----Best Gentleman
Eva "Blondie" Woodson-----Most Ideal
Miss Gunter-----Sweetest



Freshmen







Vice-Pres.
Albert GAVRANOVIC

Pres.
Bobby JENKINS

Sec. Treas.
Neada F. STUBBLEFIELD

Bobbie
ANN
Duffy

Ruby
MAE
Horecka



Dorothy KANA J.B. FRIEZE Nellie LEMCKE FRANK VRANA



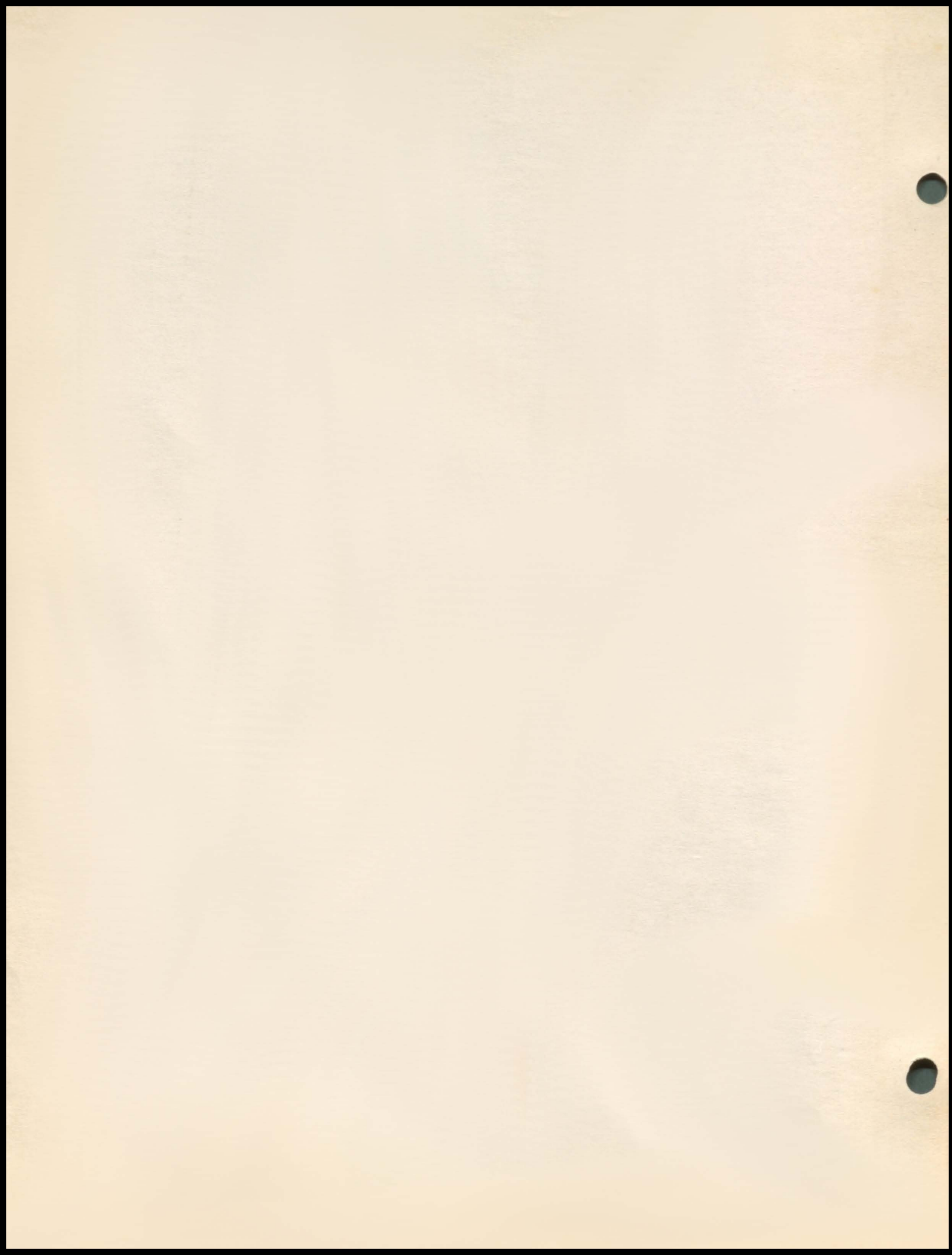
DORA JEAN HURTA ROSEMARY VRANA DELPHINE MACHAC EVELYN MACHAC



DEMPSEY TUCKER YVONNE WEAVER BETTY RICHARDSON EDWIN BOWERS



JIMMY MIZE IRENE PECHA



Freshman News

President-----Bobby Jenkins
Vice-President-----Albert Gavoranovic
Secretary-----Needa Faye Stubblefield
Reporter-----Bobbie Ann Duffy
Sponsor-----Miss Stoelje

Motto-----Not finished, just begun
Song-----"Rosalita"
Flower-----Carnation (Red)

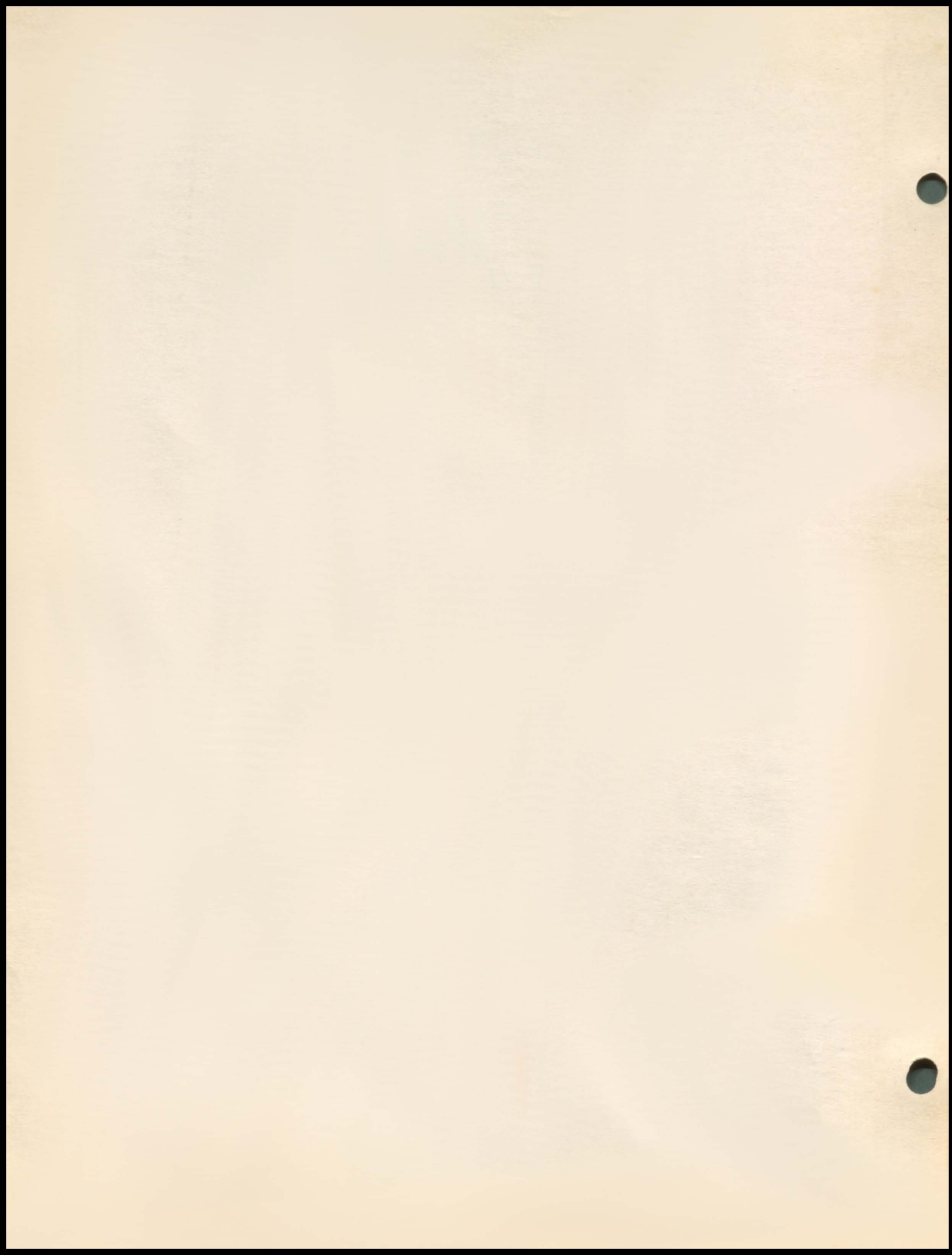
The ones who have left us are,
J.B. Freize, the fellow we all liked--
mouth and all--Albert Gavranovic and
Eldon Sifford, two others we have missed.

Our Ideal Girl

Hair-----Ruby Mae Horecka
Eyes-----Betty Richardson
Lips-----Evelyn Machac
Smile-----Yvonne Weaver
Disposition----Bobbie Ann Duffy
Figure---Needa Faye Stubble field
Friendliness Dorothy Kana
Politeness-----Wayne Slaughter
Grin-----Nellie Lemcke
Sweetness-----Rose Mary Vrana

Our Ideal Boy

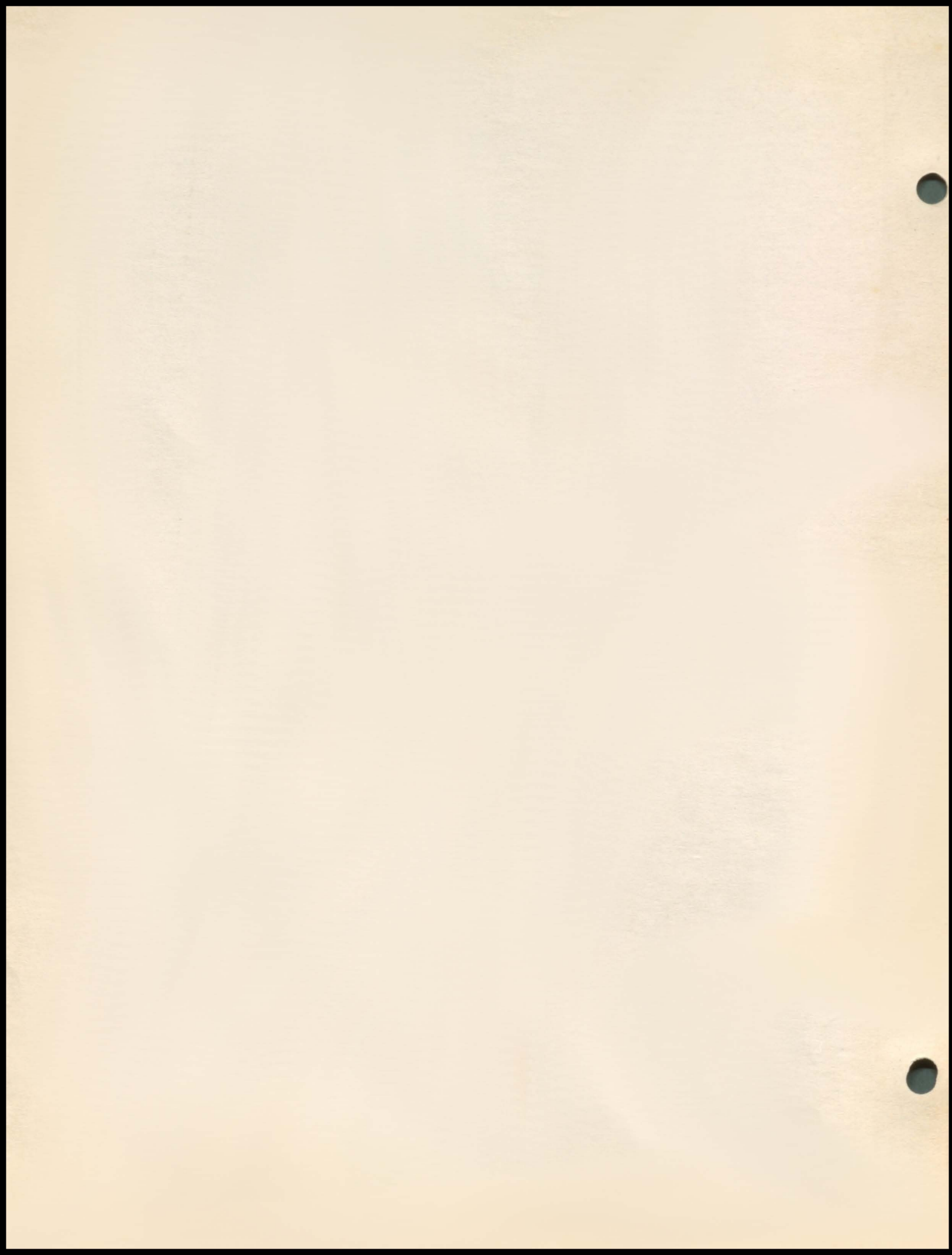
Hair-----Bobby Jenkins
Smile-----Edwin Bowers
Grin-----Delphine Machac
Complexion-----Medford Hebel
Mischievous-----Dempsey Tucker
Quietness-----Frankie Vrana





Activities

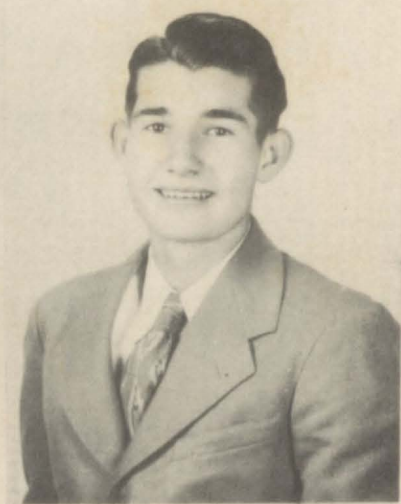




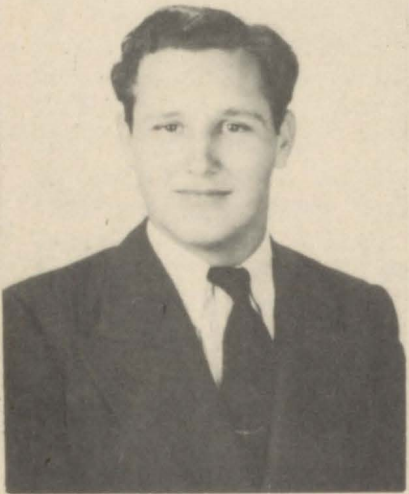


MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL
LORENE HAHN
 Junior
 Member of Homemaking Club,
 Volleyball And Leader of
 Pep Squad

MOST HANDSOME BOY
LOWELL JOHNSON
 Junior
 Member of Basketball,
 Football And Baseball



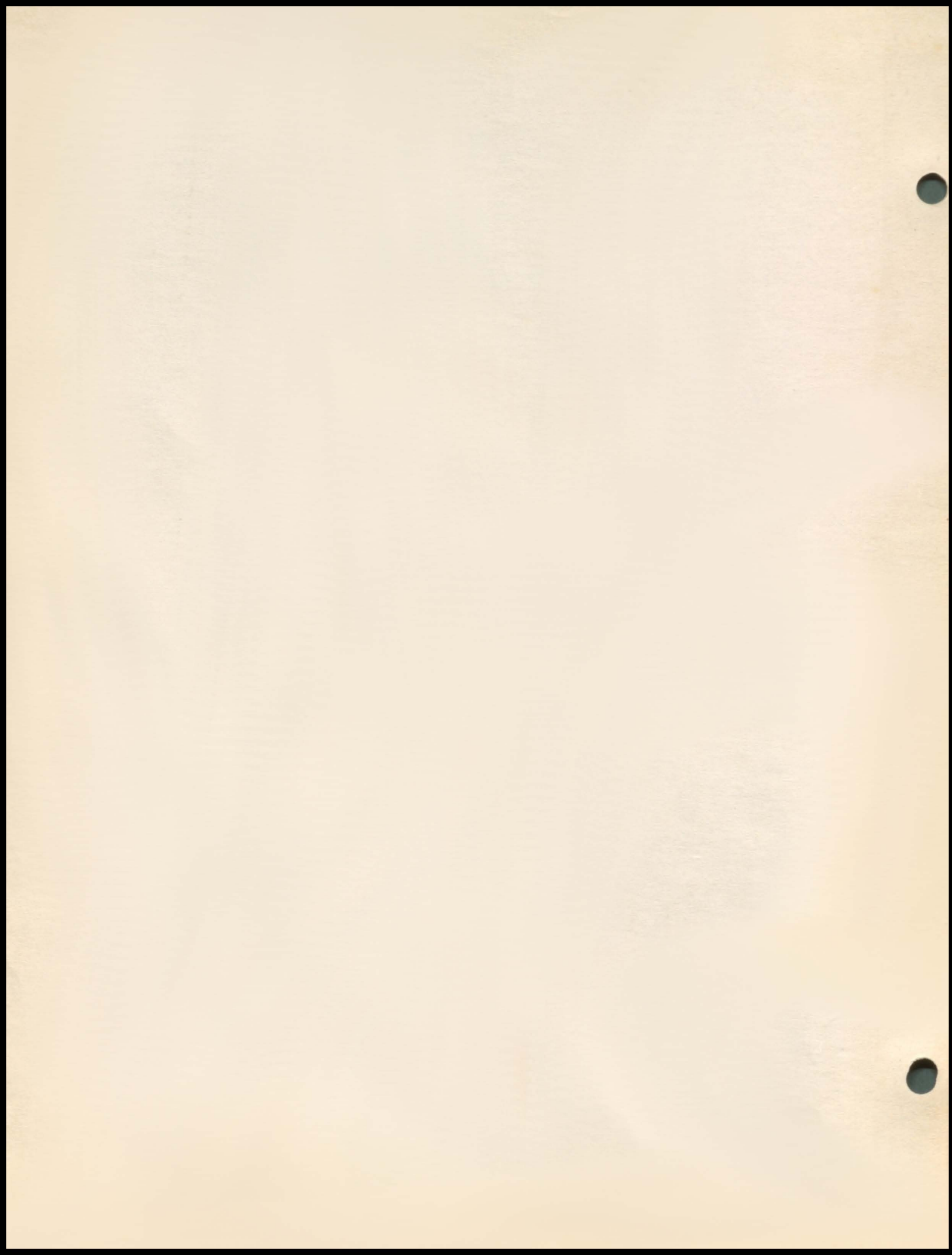
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MOST POPULAR BOY
CURTIS RICKAWAY
 Senior
 Member of Basketball, Foot-
 ball And Boys Volleyball
 Mimeograph operator of
 The Annual Staff

MOST POPULAR GIRL
CLARA JUNEK
 Junior
 Pres. - HOMEMAKING Club
 Pres. - Junior Class
 Vice Pres. - HOMEMAKING Class
 Member of Volleyball, Girl
 Reserves And Pep Squad, Production
 Manager of Annual Staff





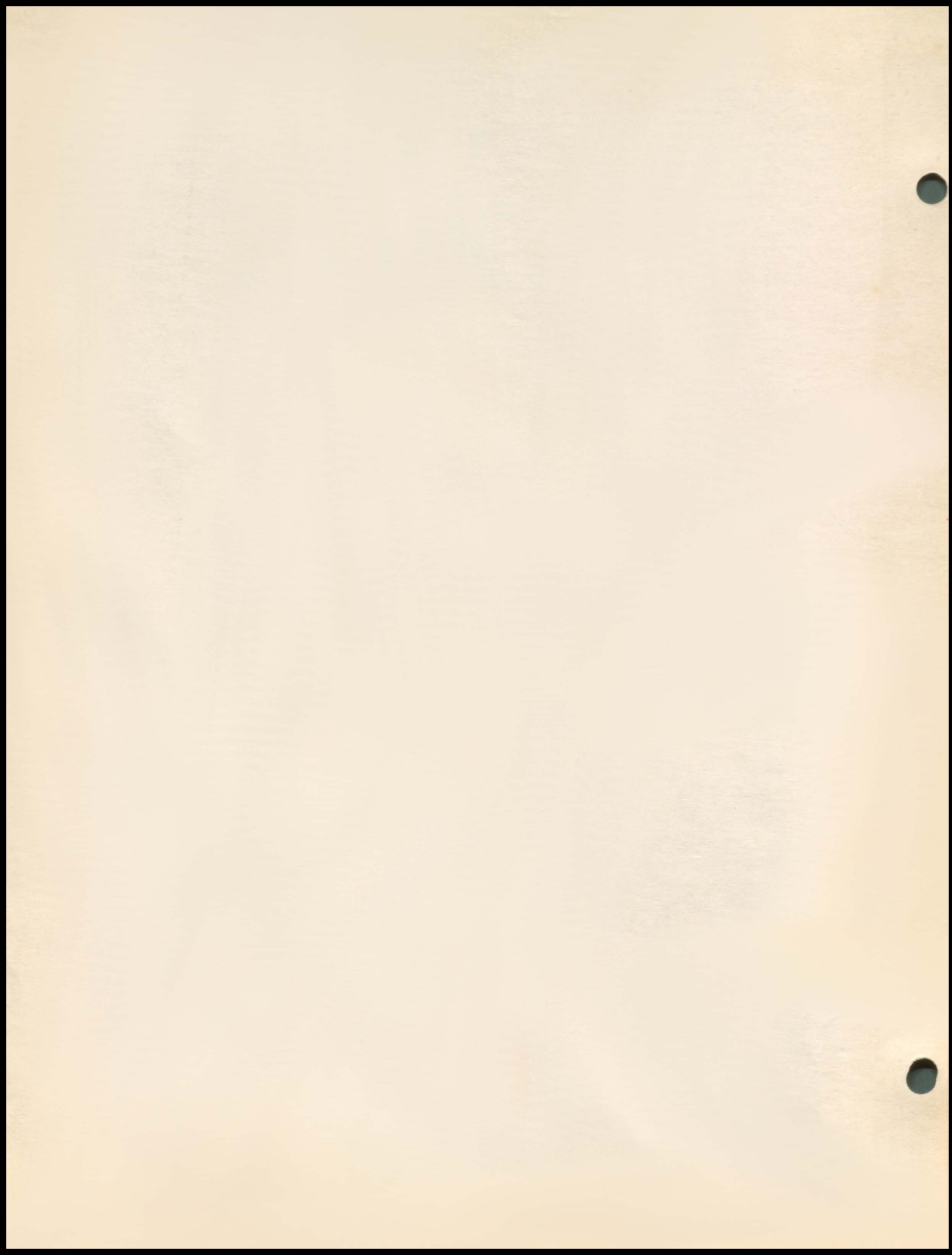


Homemaking Club

President: Clara Junek
Vice Pres.: Elsie Hutton
Sec. & Treas.: Marcella Orsak
Sgt. of Arms: Victoria Discroll
Reporter: Marcella Orsak
Sponsor: Mrs. Aleta B. Nelson
Color: Blue and Gold
Song: HomeEc. Girl (Tune to Peggy O'Neil)
Motto: Our dream of today, our realization of tomorrow.

The club engaged in the following activities:
Sponsored a magazine contest, bond and stamp drive, tin can drive, made cookies for U.S.O., made signal flags for Camp Hulén, purchased a Texas flag for school, purchased a trophy for basketball boys, made a quilt, planted a victory garden, sent a weekly article to the tribune.

We want to thank our sponsor Mrs. Nelson for her patient cooperation with all of us girls who will not be able to take H.E. next year. We are very grateful to you.





Girl Reserves

The Girl Reserves met on October 8, 1943. The following officers were elected:

President: Fannie Merle Weaver

Vice Pres: Della Mae Hebel

Sec. and Treas: Marcella Orsak

Reporter: Belores Barron

Program Chairman: Jeannine Spoor

Helpers: Elsie Hutson, Faydelle Hutchings,
Della Mae Hebel.

Sponsors: Mrs. Wheeler, Miss Gunter

Colors: Blue and White

Song: "The Candles Burn"

Our Girl Reserve Slogan:

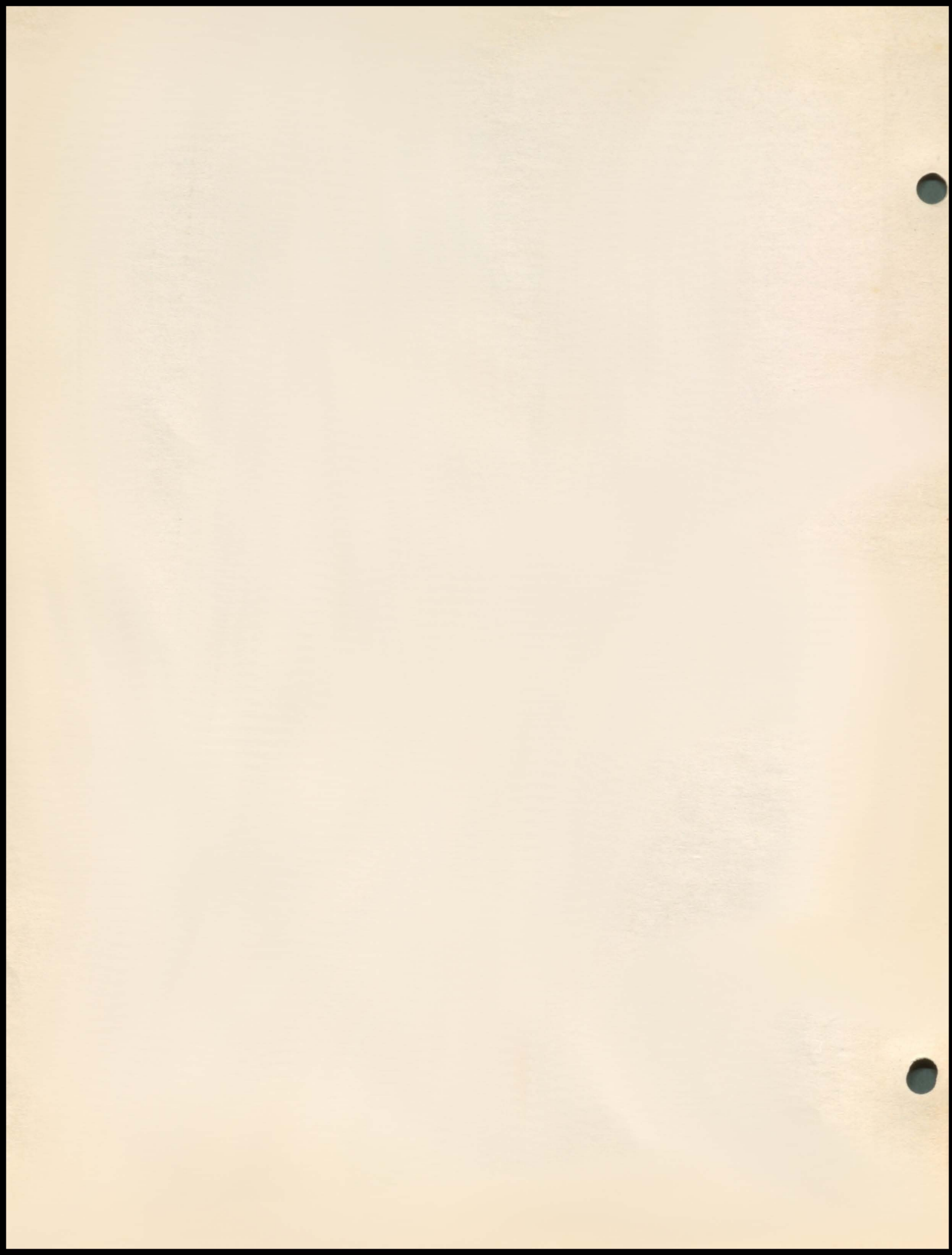
As a Girl Reserve-----

I will try, to face life squarely.

Purpose: To find and give the best.

Girl Reserve symbol:







Some Teacher



HUH??



Navy Comes ovey



3 - ELMATONERS



"Lizzy"



"Devoted two"



THE GANG



B.H.S. PALS



Mrs. Banks



GOOD HUH?



Seniors To-BE



Well-Well



SUPER MORONS



MGR.



IS it True???



WHAT'S UP??



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Could - Be !!



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FUTUYE TEAM



"SOPHS."



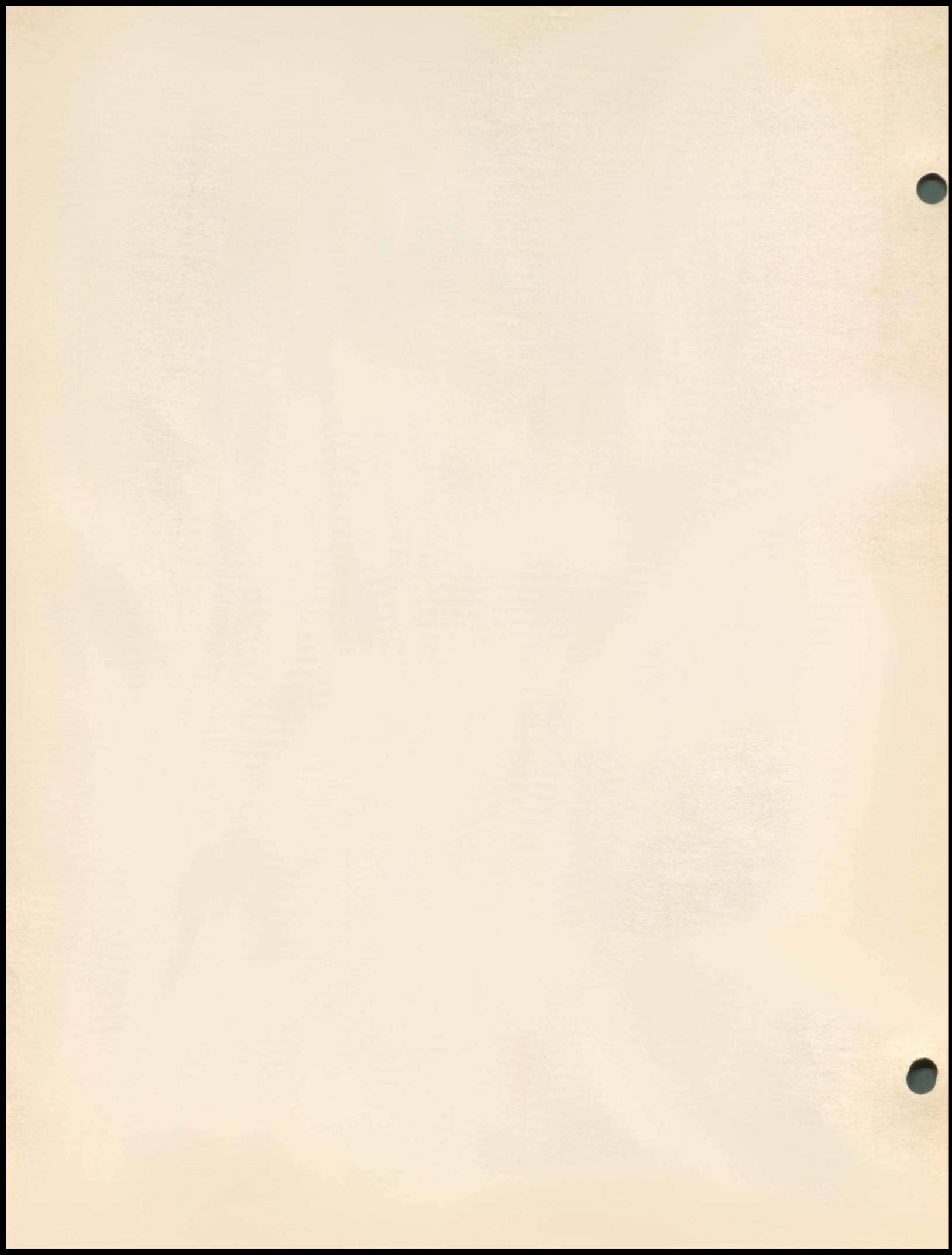
Cave of LOVE



Some GAL



CHAMPS



"FOR THE LOVE OF JOHNNY"

By
Harry Hamilton

Senior Class Play
Presented May 12

Characters

Ethel Banks---The Niece-----Marcella Orsak
Harriet Banks----The Aunt----Josephine Krenek
Dorothy Banks--The Daughter-Victoria Driscoll
Dick Wayburn----The Coward-----Billie Lindner
Jerrymeyer Banks---The Uncle-----Delvin Taska
Phil Osborne---The Soldier--Eugene Kretschmar
John Turkey-Legs--The Indian---Joseph Zemanek
Father Ryan-----The Priest-----Melvin Lee
Johnny Banks----The Nephew----Curtis Rickaway
Mr. Woods----The Stranger-----Curtis Rickaway

Scene: "Travelers' Rest Ranch" in Northern
New Mexico

Act I. Late afternoon in front of the ranch
house.

Act II. The living room of the ranch house
the following afternoon and
evening.

Act III. Same as the first act, six months
later.

JUNIOR CLASS CAPERS


presented
A Variety Program
May 5

1. "Cornfed Babies"--a comedy in one act
2. Solo--two songs
3. "A Hero There Was"--a farce in one act
4. "Ma"--a musical skit
5. "Hiram Blows In"--a monologue
6. "Auction Mad"--a skit
7. "Minnie Pearl"--a monologue
8. Solo--one song
9. Hill Billy Act--a skit
10. "The Girl and the Boob"--a talking and singing act
11. Medley of Piano Selections
12. "The Nonsense School"--a burlesque school act
13. Trio--songs by the trio
14. "So Did I"--a reading
15. "Black Recruit"--a darky skit
16. "Lazy Bones"--a musical skit
17. "Silvery Moon"--a musical skit
18. Grand Finale--God Bless America--entire cast



Music

HUMOR



SOCIAL NEWS

HALLOWE'EN CARNIVAL:

The Winners of the popularity contest at the carnival were: Lorene Hahn-first place. Ruby Lee Hahn-second place and the third place went to Needa Fay Stubblefield. We want to thank each and everyone of you who made this carnival a success.

HOMEMAKING GIRLS:

During the "Food Fights For Freedom" week the girls presented a program on "FOOD FIGHTS FOR FREEDOM".

The girls sponsored a magazine contest and the losers entertained the winners with a picnic at the Roadside park. We all hiked there and back.

GIRL RESERVES:

The Y.W.A.C. of Blessing entertained the Girl Reserve Club with a party at the community house. Quite a few attended.

On December 23, the Y.W.C.A. women were invited by the Girl Reserves to attend their Recognition Ceremony, which was followed by a Christmas play and party.

On Armistice Day the Girl Reserves presented a patriotic program for the whole school.

May 16 the Girl Reserves enjoyed a "Tacky" Party and a weiner roast at the LeTulle Park, after which they attended the picture show. A prize was given away to the tackiest person.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR RECEPTION:

The Junior and Senior reception the theme of which was a garden was held at the Community House on May 19. An enjoyable program was presented by the Juniors. Refreshments of cake, ice cream, candy and punch was served. Card and Domino games were enjoyed by those who didn't dance.

POPULARITY AND BEAUTY CONTEST:

A popularity and Beauty contest was held to decide upon the most popular boy and girl and the most beautiful girl and the most handsome boy of Blessing High School.

The representatives were:

POPULARITY	BEAUTY AND HANDSOME
Clara Junek	Lorene Hahn
Marcella Orsak	Lowell Johnson
Cookie Rickaway	Cookie Rickaway
Billie Lindner	

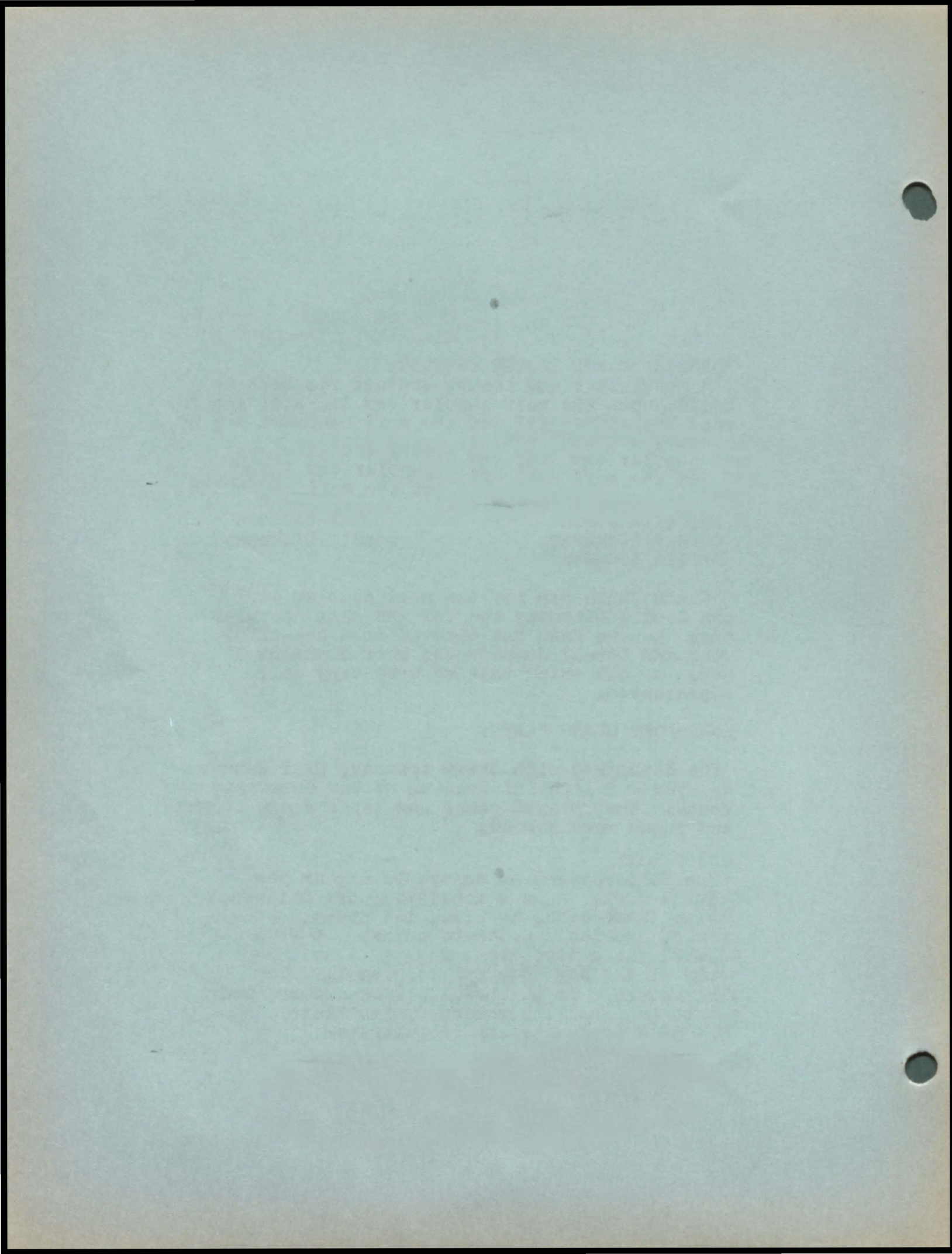
Clara Junek won for the most popular girl and Cookie Rickaway won for the most popular boy. Lorene Hahn was elected most beautiful girl and Lowell Johnson the most handsome boy. We all think that we were very well represented.

SOPHOMORE CLASS PARTY:

The Sophmores with their sponsor, Miss Gunter enjoyed a delightful evening at the Community House. They played games and later sandw itches and punch were served.

SENIOR DAY:

The Seniorsspent an enjoyable day at the Letulle Park. A menu consisting of: chicken, potato salad, cake, cookies, ice cream, soft drinks, pickles and potato chips. At 2:30 O'Clock the entire group enjoyed a swimming party at the Bay City swimming pool. They then returned to the Letulle Park and enjoyed a late supper. All returned with their minds full of experiences and discoveries.



The writer of this snoop sees all, hears, all and tells all. He says, "Never do anything you wouldn't want to hear about afterward." For instance, sitting behind the school house. How about it A.C.H.

J.K., we always thought it would be Lawrence, but the right guy must have come along because that is a beautiful engagement ring Willis gave you.

E.W., we thought it was Clarence, but it seems to be C.H. one day and someone else the next, what have you to say?

B.L. Seems to be our Romeo this year. How do you do it; some of these boys would like to know.

H.N., we thought it was D.F.B. but one the bus it is J.S. How about that?

M.L., what happened to that beautiful romance between you and E.M.? Quits so soon?

D.T., our gentleman, of B.H.S., seems to have it bad with a Freshman, D.K. Come on D.K. give him a break, he is swell.

G.G. is suppose to have a date with D.K. in ten years. Think you can catch up with her in growth by then. Why don't you leave her to D.T.????

K.B., why does B.D. visit school so much?? Best of luck to both of you.

Ralph, how about your romances? We thought it was E.M. for awhile---but no soap!

M.P., who do you have under your sleeve this year??? You don't say much except about the "certain" Soldier.

B.A.D., why couldn't you keep B.G.?? Getting competition from M.H.?? Or did you have your heart set on Lowell?????

Cookie and Clara are still the devoted two, will it be wedding bells before Cookie leaves for the Army??? It would be wonderful.

E.K., you simply love to go to the Service Club. Who is up there? We thought it was Clarence.

E.K., how about your romances and heart throbs?? or are they all??

E.J.W. is very devoted to J.F. We don't blame you, you look very cute together.

J.Z., can't anyone stir your heart just a little? Are you immune to the workings of the "Love Bug", especially since Spring is in the air?

Why the sudden dislike of J.C., Evelyn D.?? It couldn't be because he is already married to a New Yorker, could it??

D.M.H. still seems to be our glanour girl--Who is it now???

The following is a list of the names of the persons who were present at the meeting held on the 15th day of June, 1900, at the residence of Mr. J. H. Smith, in the city of New York.

Mr. J. H. Smith
Mr. W. H. Jones
Mr. R. M. Brown
Mr. T. G. White
Mr. C. D. Green
Mr. F. L. Black
Mr. A. S. Gray
Mr. P. Q. Red
Mr. M. N. Blue
Mr. K. J. Yellow
Mr. H. I. Purple
Mr. G. O. Pink
Mr. B. C. Orange
Mr. V. X. Silver
Mr. Y. Z. Gold
Mr. L. P. Copper
Mr. S. K. Iron
Mr. M. J. Lead
Mr. N. H. Zinc
Mr. O. I. Tin
Mr. P. Q. Nickel
Mr. R. S. Cobalt
Mr. T. U. Manganese
Mr. V. W. Magnesium
Mr. X. Y. Calcium
Mr. Z. A. Strontium
Mr. B. C. Barium
Mr. D. E. Radium
Mr. F. G. Uranium
Mr. H. I. Thorium
Mr. J. K. Actinium
Mr. L. M. Polonium
Mr. N. O. Astatine
Mr. P. Q. Francium
Mr. R. S. Rhenium
Mr. T. U. Osmium
Mr. V. W. Iridium
Mr. X. Y. Platinum
Mr. Z. A. Gold
Mr. B. C. Silver
Mr. D. E. Copper
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Mr. L. M. Lead
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Mr. R. S. Antimony
Mr. T. U. Arsenic
Mr. V. W. Selenium
Mr. X. Y. Tellurium
Mr. Z. A. Bismuth
Mr. B. C. Mercury
Mr. D. E. Cadmium
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Mr. J. K. Polonium
Mr. L. M. Astatine
Mr. N. O. Francium

R.M.H., when will you say "yes" to your heart throb, Moody?? Will it be soon???

N.F.S., you and B.J. certainly have a lot to talk about in the study hall--But we heard you have your heart set on L.J.---Good luck to you.

F.M.W., we thought you were to marry Teddy. But what about those sweet letters you write to Elroy??

What happened to your soldier friend, W.M.L.??? or is it still W.T.G.???

What are you keeping to yourself E.H.?? Who are those air mail letters from??? Come on don't keep us in suspense.

Victoria will you marry as soon as you finish school, or will you join some branch of service? Good luck to you.

What does B.B. do for her spare time??? Practice walking slow?? She'll get there.

M.M., who is it---H.M. or R.L.????

What do you girls do at those parties over Collegeport way??? D.M.H. says she just calls over to Palacios and gets as many boys as they wish.

Wow!-----What girls.

A.N. is it J.H. or B.T. from down El Maton way?? There seems to be a lot of talking going on between you at the dances.

L.H., will you "Take thee Freddie B. for your husband" when he comes home on furlough??? Or is it J.T.F.????

E.M., how do you rate: sitting in the hall all during the Junior play with L.J.??? B.A.D. and N.F.S. would like to know.

B.J.R., who is it now? It was J.J.---but it seems that beautiful romance soon caved in. What happened??

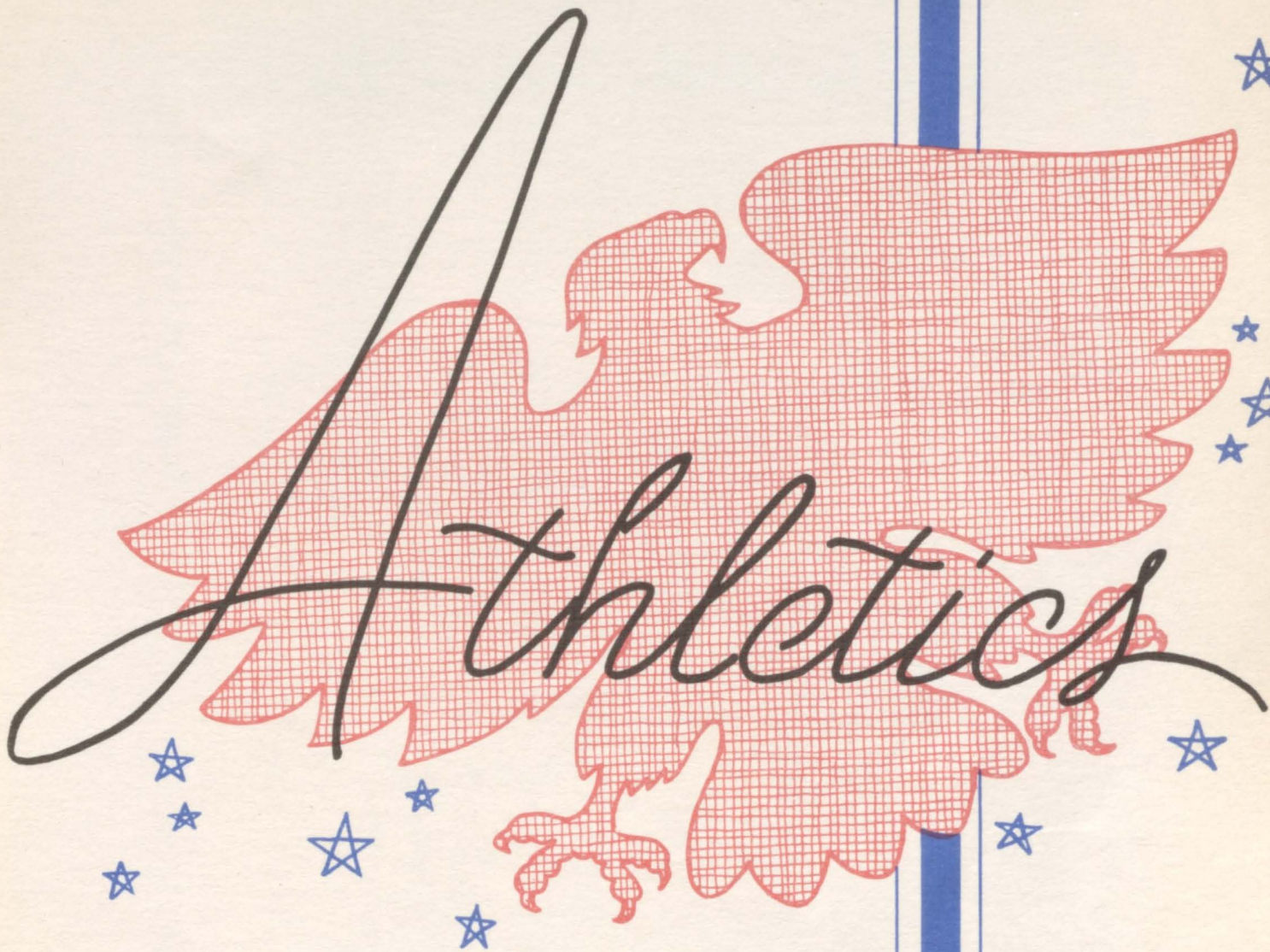
Marcella, dreams, talks and thinks Billy (Ramsey we mean) since he left, especially of his expected furlough, maybe.

E.K., who is your heart throb?? There doesn't seem to be anyone around here. But there are quite a few girls who would like to be. Why don't you give them a break.

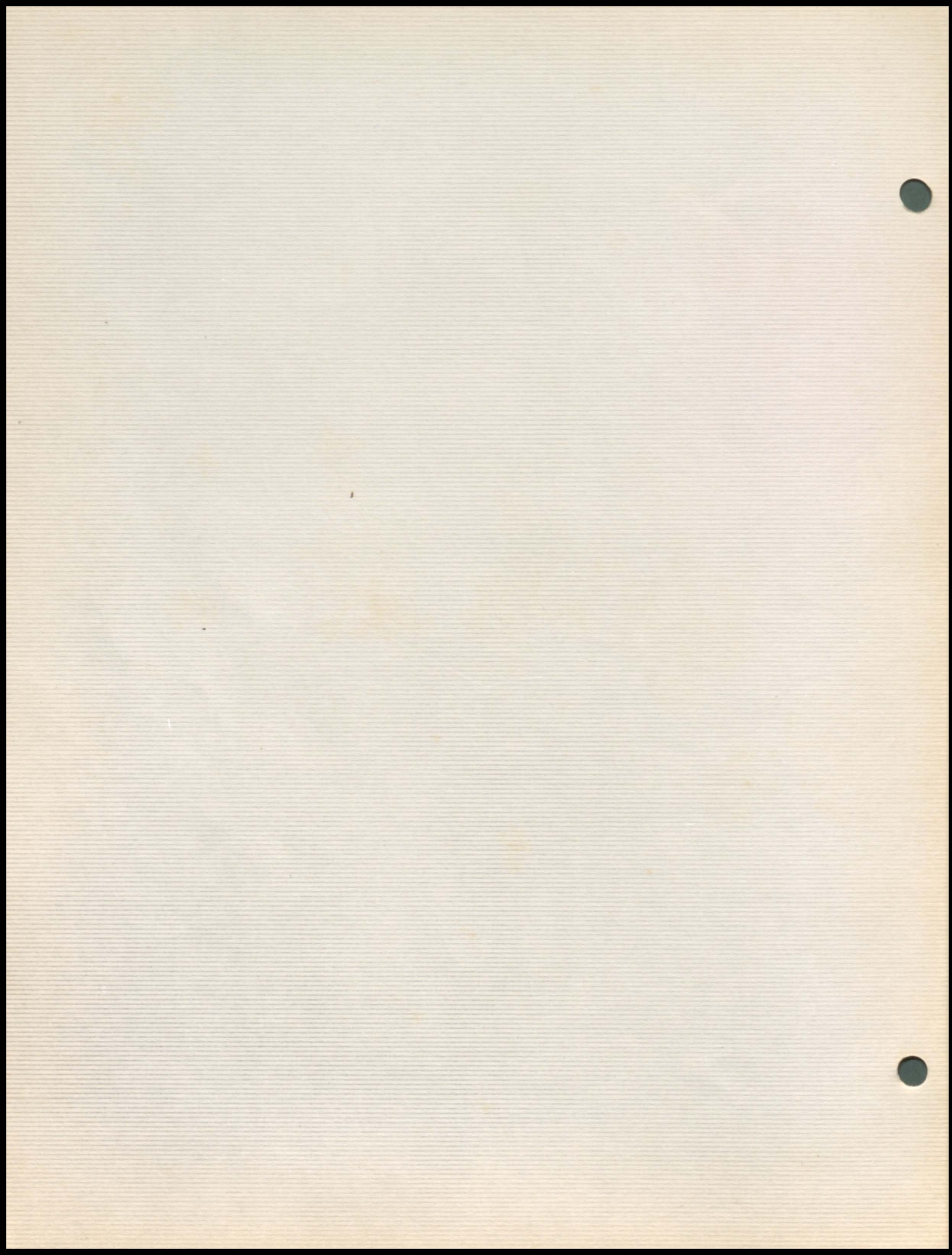
E.B. seems to be the all-ladies man. What have you to say about that????

So long for now. If there any hard feelings please forgive me. "The Snoop."

...then will you say "yes" to your heart?
...will it be soon?
...you and B. E. certainly have a
lot to talk about in the body...
...you have your heart set on B. E. ...
...F.M.W., is thought you were to marry Laddy. But
what about those sweet letters you wrote to Laddy?
What happened to your sweet letters, W.M.L.??
or is it still W.T.O.??
What are you keeping to yourself B.H.?? the one
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Victoria will you marry as soon as you finish
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Good luck to you.
What does B.B. do for her spare time?? Practice
waiting about? Don't tell there.
M.M., who is it B.H. or M.L.??
What do you like to do at those parties over
Collinsville way?? D.L.H. says she just calls over
to Victoria and gets as many boys as they want.
How many--what girls.
A.K. is it J.H. or B.T. Professor of history way??
There seems to be a lot of talking going on between
you at the dances.
I.H. will you "take time" Victoria B. for your
husband, when he comes on Thursday?? Or is
it J.H.??
M.L. how do you vote: sitting in the hall all
during the Junior play with J.L.?? D.L.H. and
B.T.H. would like to know.
B.L.H. who is it next? If you tell me, but it seems
that beautiful romance soon comes in. What happened??
Laddy's dream, Laddy and Laddy (Laddy)
the (Laddy) also he left, especially of his knowledge
Laddy, Laddy.
B.L.H. who is your heart throb?? Laddy doesn't
seem to be anyone's heart throb. But there are
quite a few girls who would like to be, by Gosh!
You give them a finger.
E.L. seems to be the kid-lady man. What have
you to say about that??
So long for now. If there are any hard feelings
please forgive me. "The Group."



Athletics



FOOTBALL

RALPH GYNES

1940-"A" string-half-back
 1941-"A" string-half-back
 AND co-captain
 1942-"A" string-defensive
 center
 1943-"A" string-full-back
 AND co-captain

BILLIE LINDNER

1941-"B" string-left-end
 1942-"A" string-left-end
 1943-"A" string-quarter
 back and captain

CHARLIE LUBOJASKY
 1942-"B" string-half-back
 1943-"A" string-half-back



Back Row: Lowell Johnson, Melvin Lee, A. C. Harter,
 Eugene Penland, and George Hejtmanek
 Front Row: Garland Guynes, Charlie Lubojasky,
 Joseph Zemanek, Billie Lindner, Ralph Guynes, Delvin Taska,
 Holleen Taska, and Mr. Nelson.

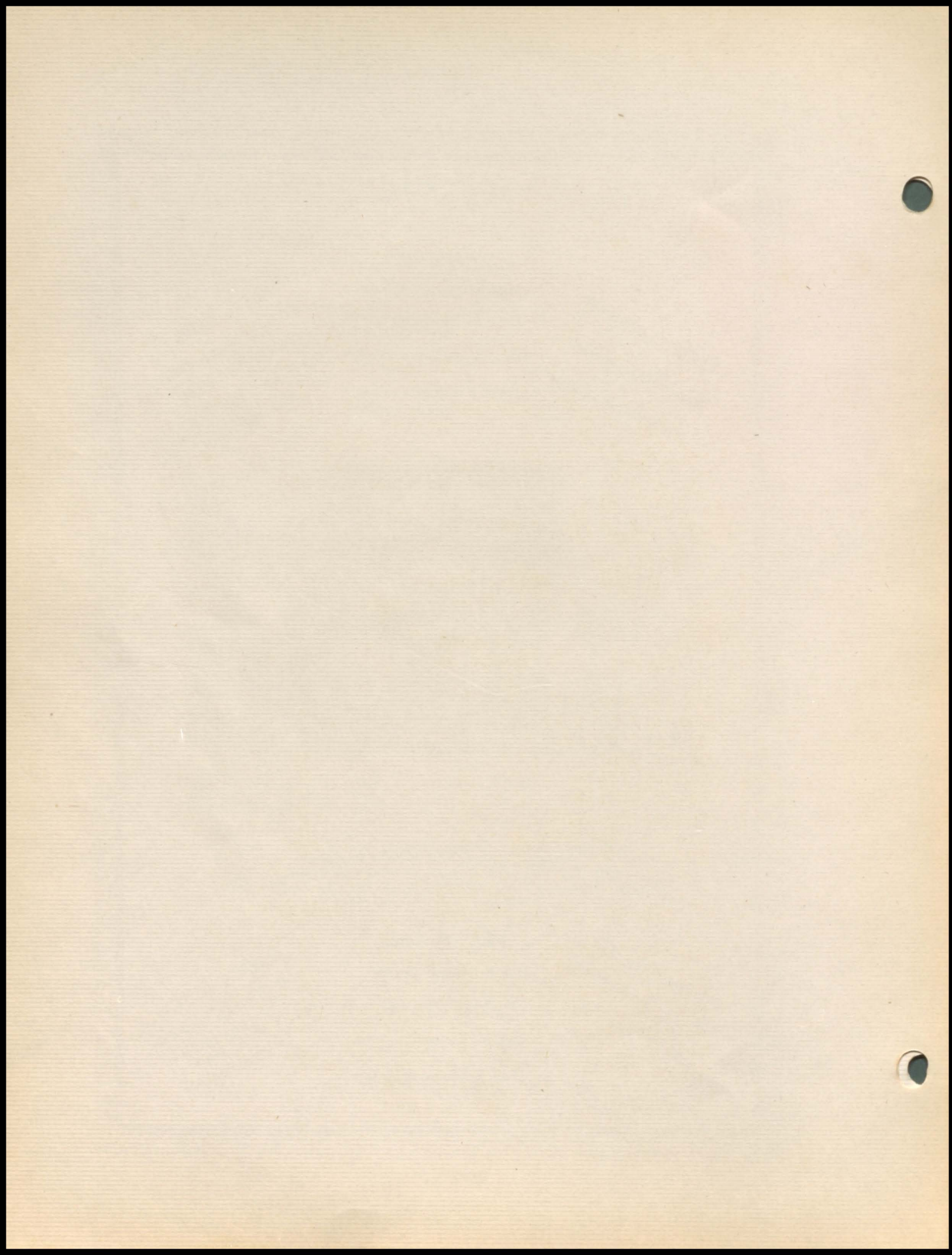
MELVIN LEE

1940-"B" string-center
 1941-"B" string-center
 1942-"A" string-center
 1943-"A" string-center

DELVIN TASKA

1940-"B" string-right-end
 1941-"B" string-right-end
 1942-"B" string-right-end
 1943-"A" string-right-end

JOSEPH ZEMANEK
 1942-"B" string-left-end
 1943-"A" string-left-end



FOOTBALL SCORES

Blessing 48
La Ward 0

Blessing 60
Vanderbilt 0

Blessing 35
Louise 6

Blessing 13
Markham 58

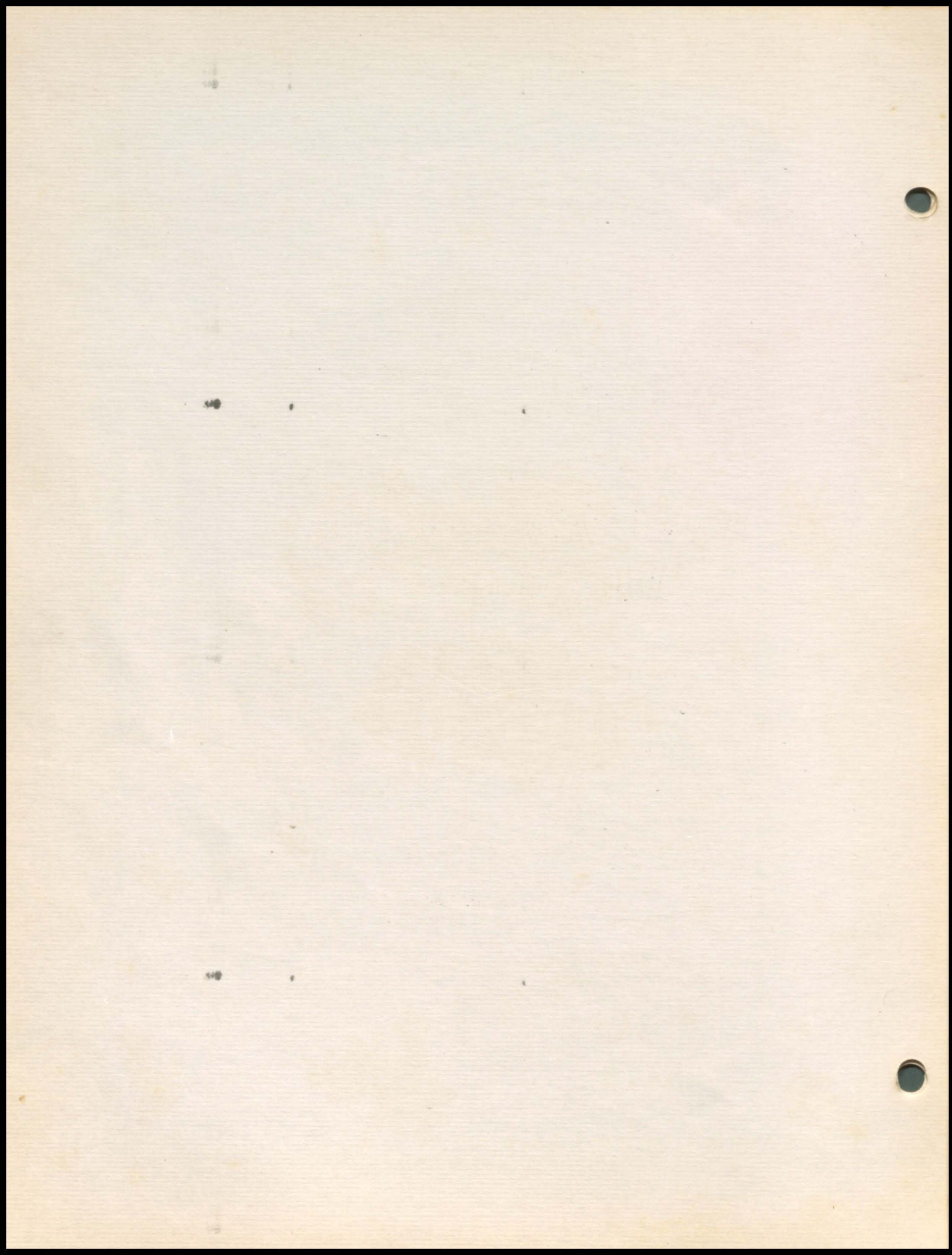
Blessing 0
Van Vleck 32



Junior-Senior
Game

Player	Juniors Position	Points
Eugene Penland	B	6
Charlie Lubojasky	B	0
Garland Guynes	B	0
Carol Hunt	E	0
Dudley Heath	E	0
Frank Brhlik	E	0
Curtis Penland	C	0
Albert Rickaway	C	0
TOTAL SCORE		<u>6</u>

Player	Seniors Position	Points
Curtis Rickaway	C	2
Joseph Zemanek	E	1
Billie Lindner	B	6
Howard Mozley	B	0
Lelvin Taska	E	6
Melvin Lee	B	6
TOTAL SCORE		<u>21</u>





RENIE



MARCIE



KAINYA



VOLLEYBALL



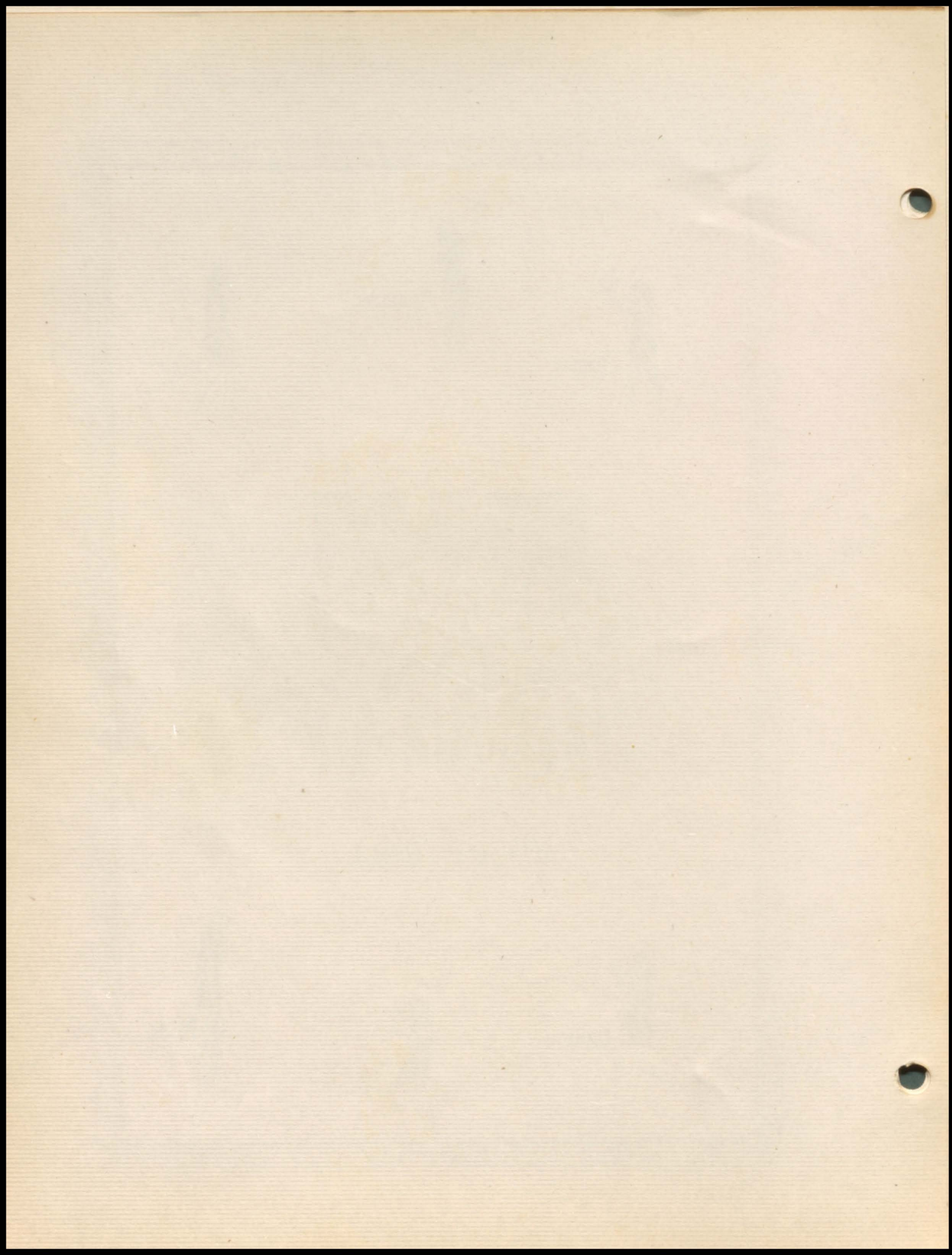
DANIELS



NELL



PHENO



BASKETBALL

JOSEPH ZEMANEK
 1943 - "A" String - guard
 1944 - "A" String - Forward

RALPH GUYNES
 1941 "B" String as
 center
 1942, 1943 AND 1944
 "A" String - center

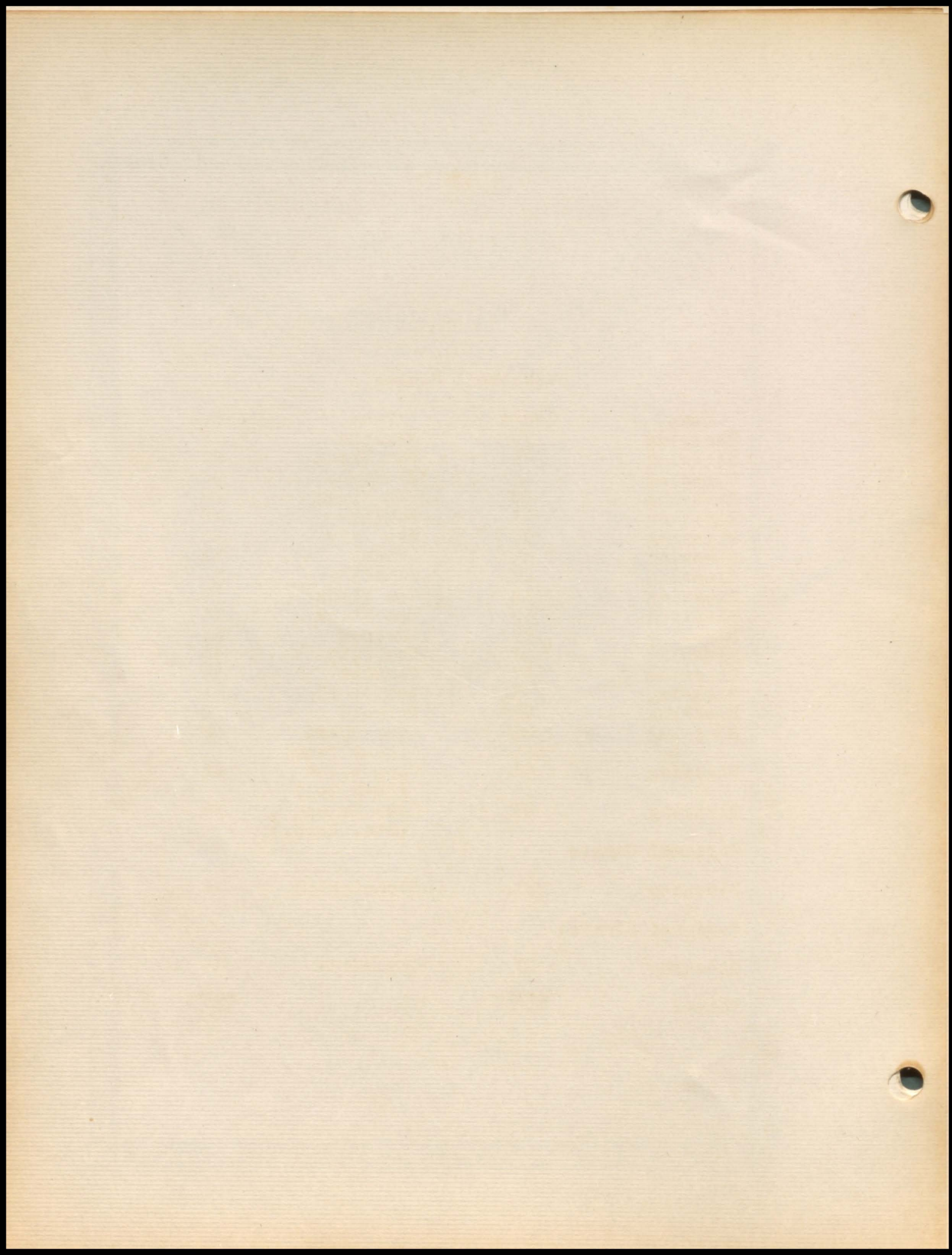
BILLIE LINDNER
 1941 "B" String - Forward
 1942 - 1943 AND 1944 - "B"
 String - Forward



Back Row: Eugene Penland, Charlie Lubojasky, and
 George Hejtmanek
 Center Row: Melvin Lee, Holleen Taska, Curtis
 Rickaway, Delvin Taska, and Mr. Nelson
 Front Row: A.C. Harter, Billie Lindner, Ralph Guynes
 Joseph Zemanek, and
 Lowell Johnson

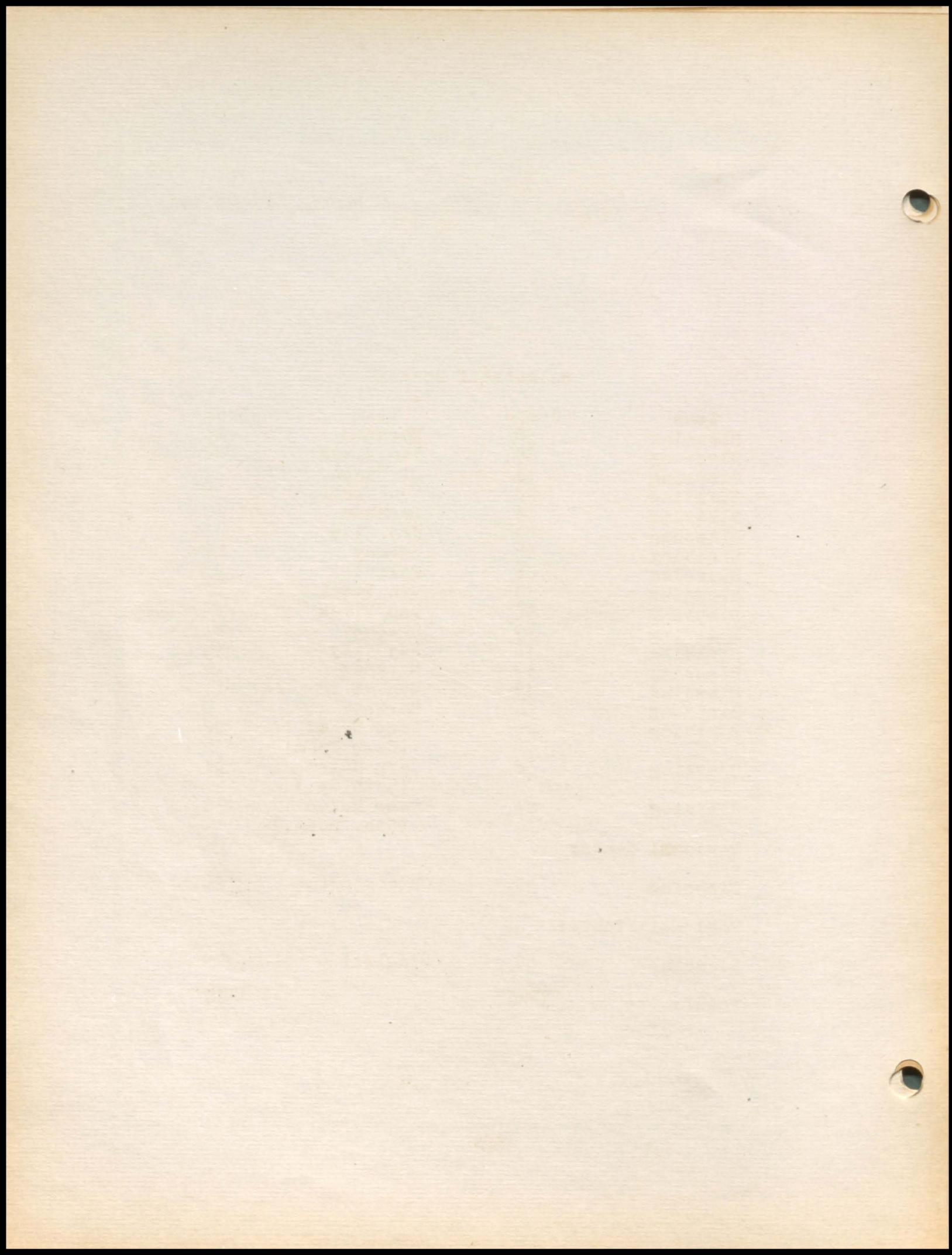
DELVIN TASKA
 1943 - "B" String - guard
 1944 - "A" String as guard

CURTIS RICKAWAY
 1941 - "B" String - guard
 1942 - 1943 AND 1944 - "A"
 String - Guard



Basketball Scores

Team	Score	Team	Score
Blessing	30	Markham	15
Blessing	25	Van Vleck	22
Blessing	14	El Campo	34
Blessing	38	Van Vleck	26
Blessing	63	Markham	20
Blessing	20	Bay City	23
Blessing	25	Sweeny	12
Blessing	26	Palacios	9
Blessing	39	Van Vleck	11
Blessing	30	Van Vleck	15
Blessing	39	Sweeny	24
Blessing	32	Bay City	34
Blessing	37	Markham	16
Blessing	35	Van Vleck	11
Blessing	24	Markham	10
Blessing	26	Camp Hulen	62
		(Camp Team)	
Blessing	32	Camp Hulen	61
		(58th Gp.)	
Blessing	43	Camp Hulen	36
		(Sta. Hosp.)	
Regional Games:			
Blessing	31	Bloomington	26
Regional Finals:			
Blessing	47	Ingleside	49
Totals	656		517



Tennis

1944



CHAMPS

Back row: Harold Nelsen, Joseph Zemanek, Eugene Kretschmar. Front Row: Fannie Merle Weaver, David Day, and Faydelle Hutchings.

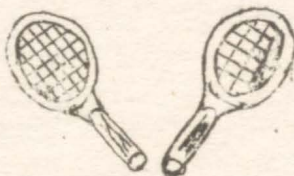
Under the coaching of Mrs. Wheeler, three senior tennis teams were organized.

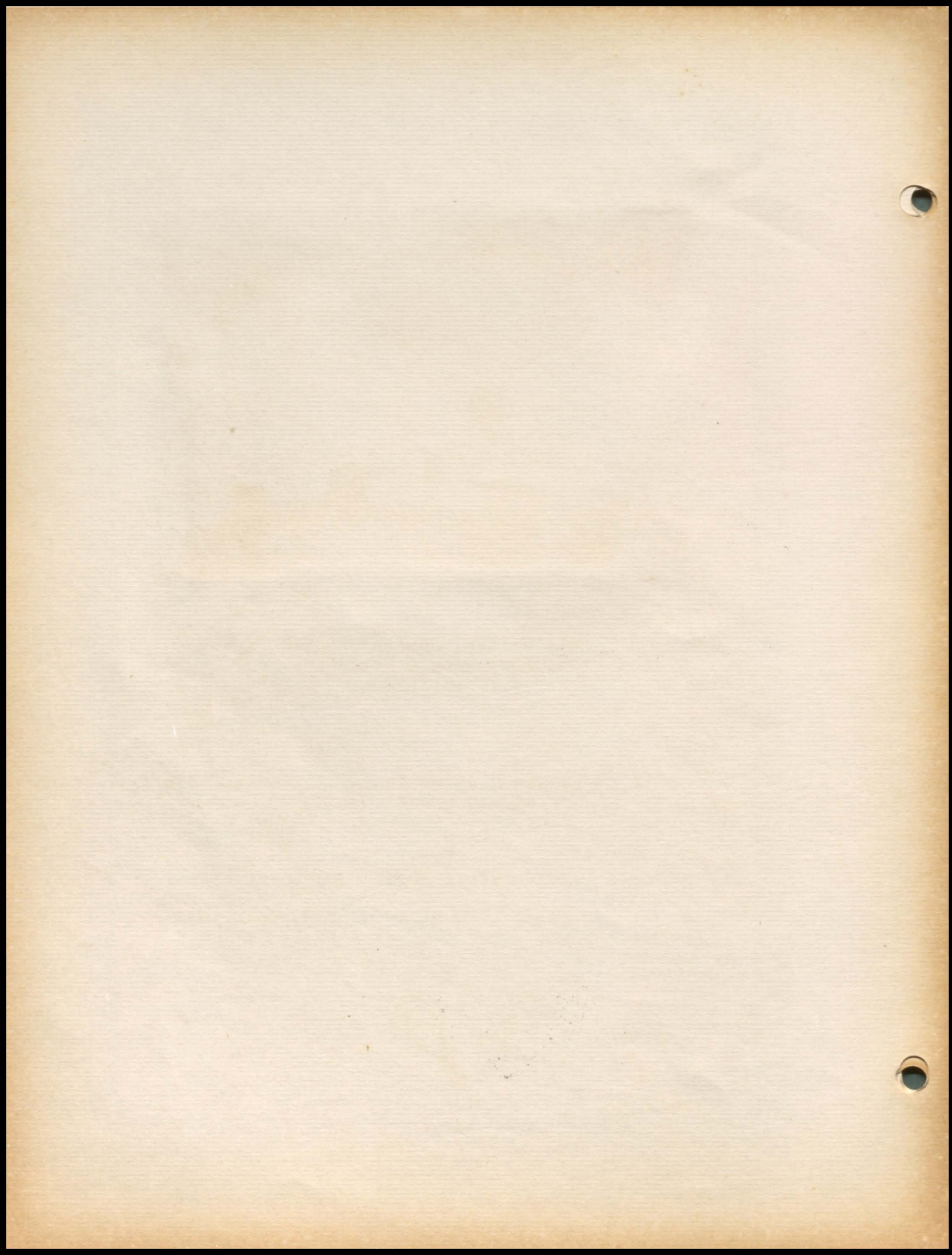
Harold Nelsen playing senior boys' singles.
Eugene Kretschmar and Joseph Zemanek playing senior boys' doubles.

Fannie Merle Weaver and Faydelle Hutchings playing senior girls' doubles.

David Day substituting for both boys' teams.

For the first time Blessing won first in Conference 58-B. The meet was held in Boling where our team encountered no opposition for senior tennis.

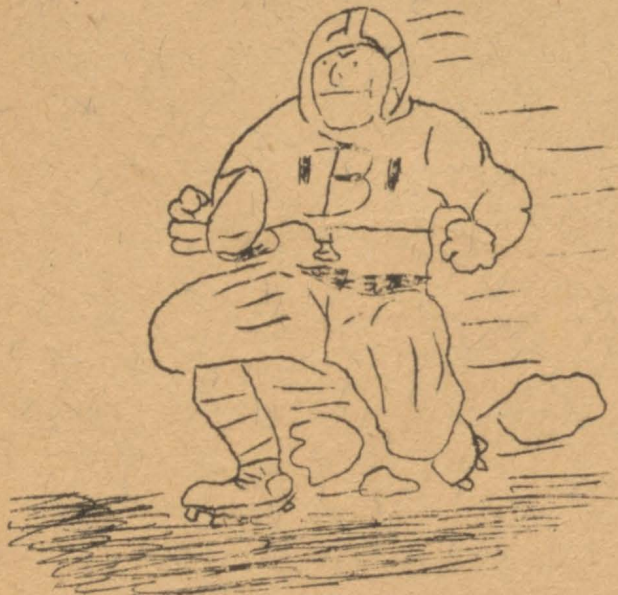




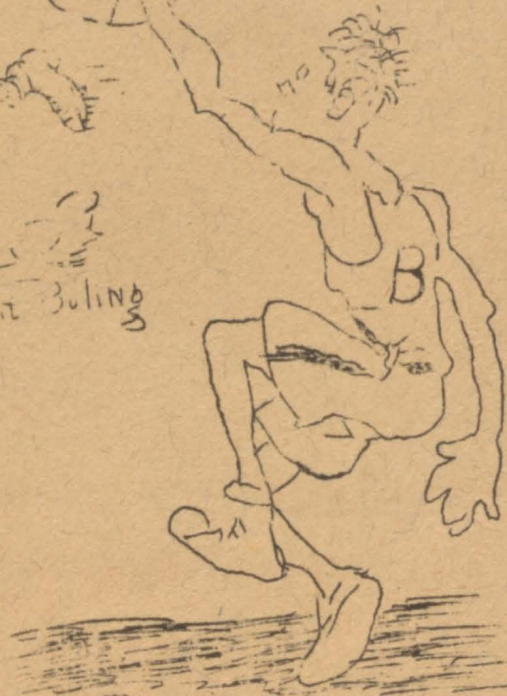
OUTSTANDING Athletes



Editor runs 100 yard dash in Bulino



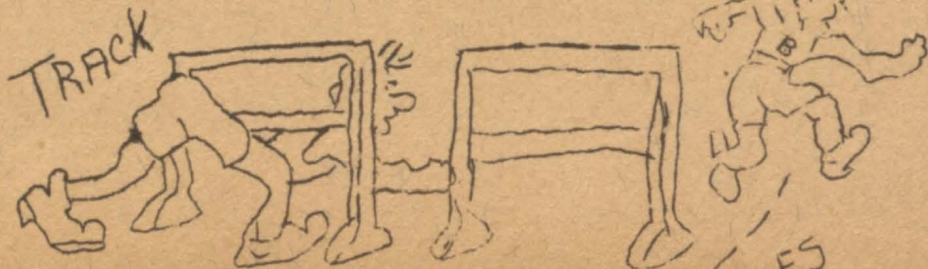
TASKA recovers a fumble



Blessing vs. CampHulen

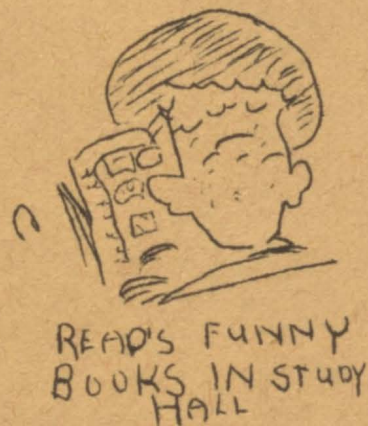
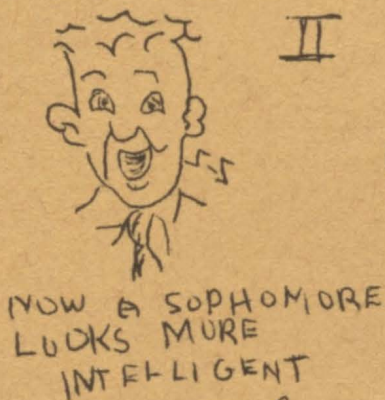
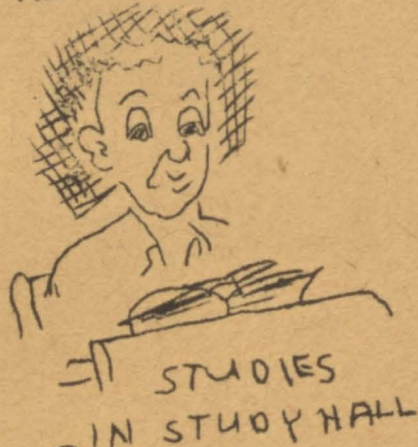


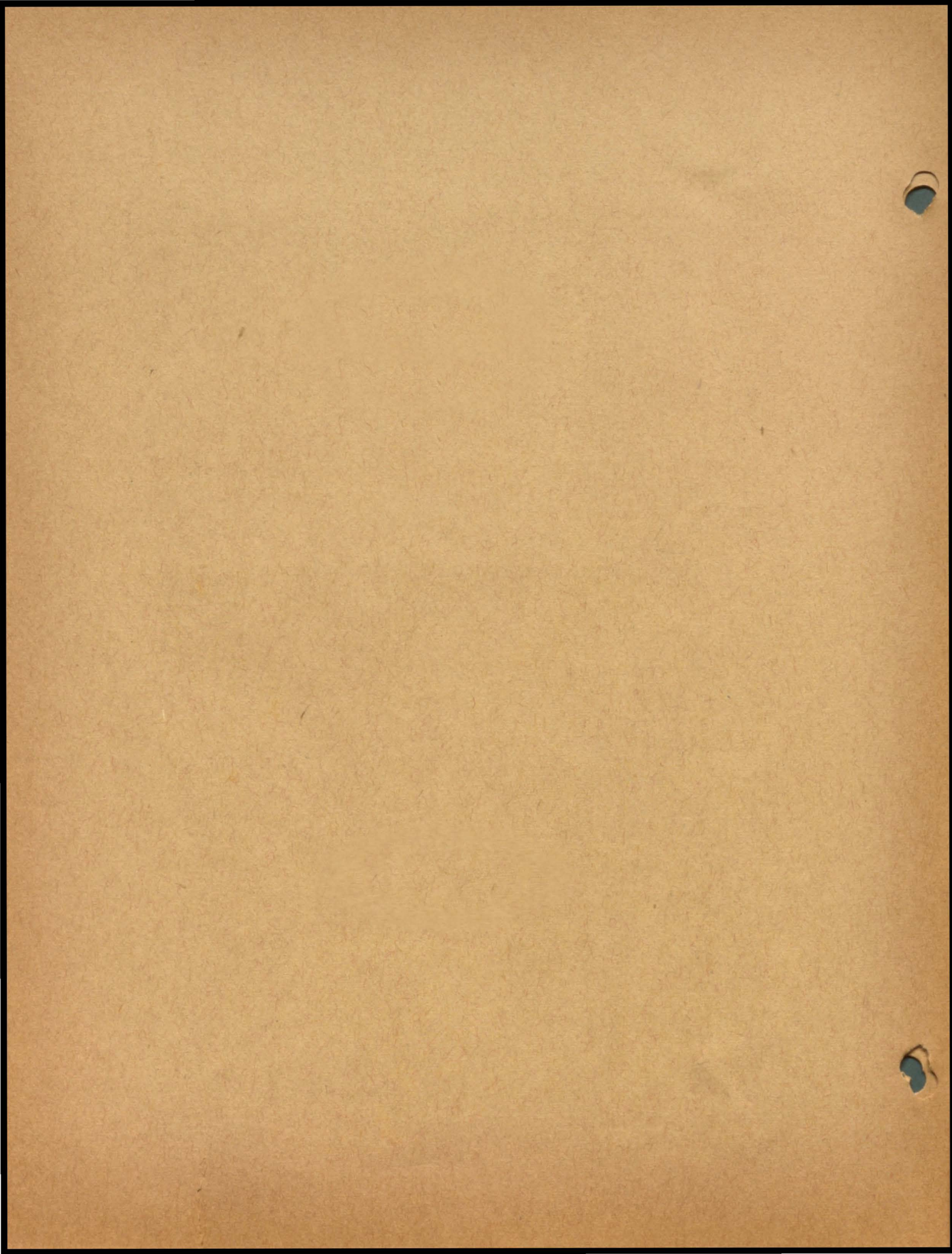
Liniker goes over



ACTIVITIES

FOUR YEARS ON B.H.S.







JUNIOR NOW,
LOOKS MORE
SOPHISTICATED



BRAGS
TO FISH
AND SOPHS



TALKS
AND EATS
IN STUDY
HALL



GOES TO
PARTIES
AND DANCES



WISHES
TERM WOULD
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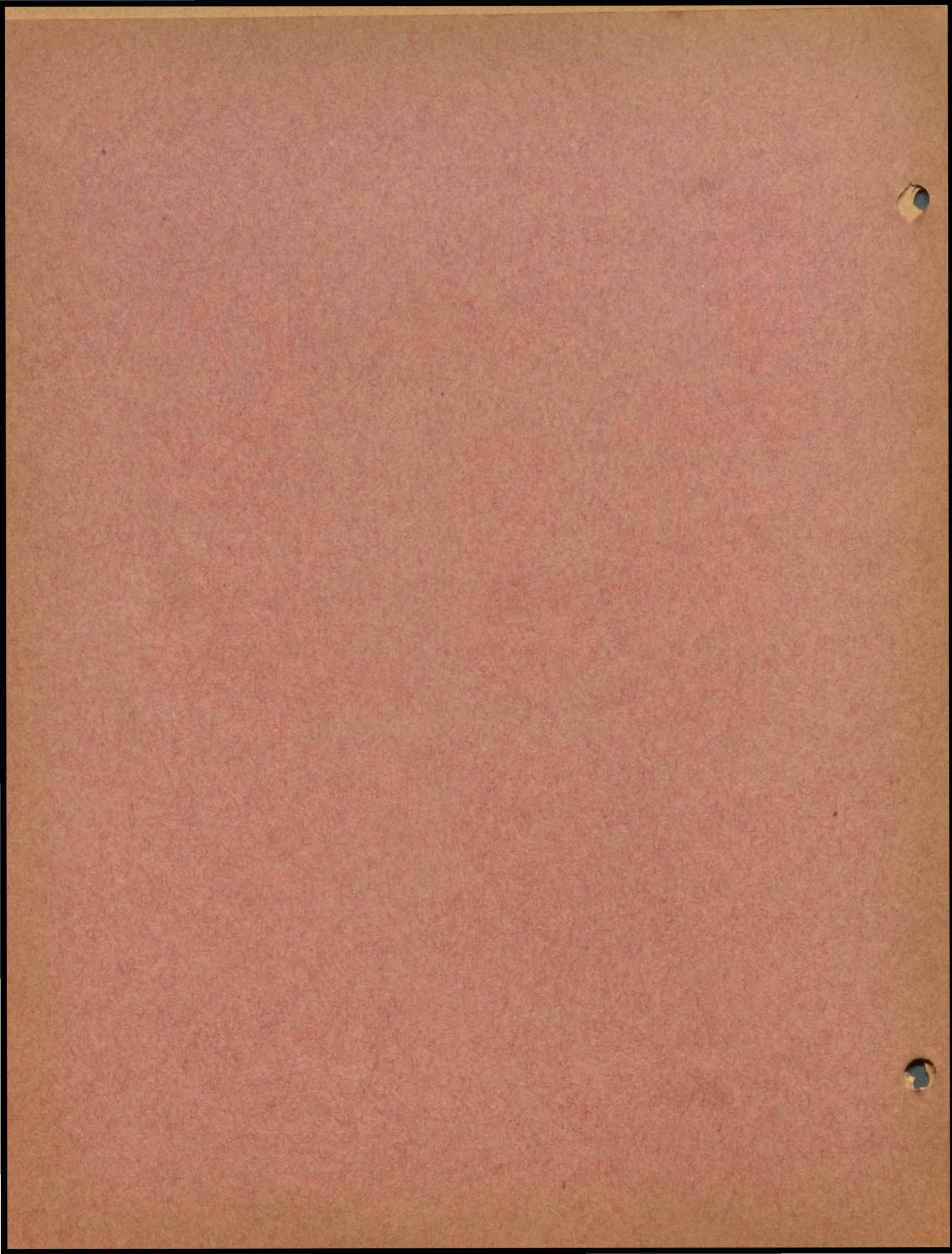
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AND
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WOW!

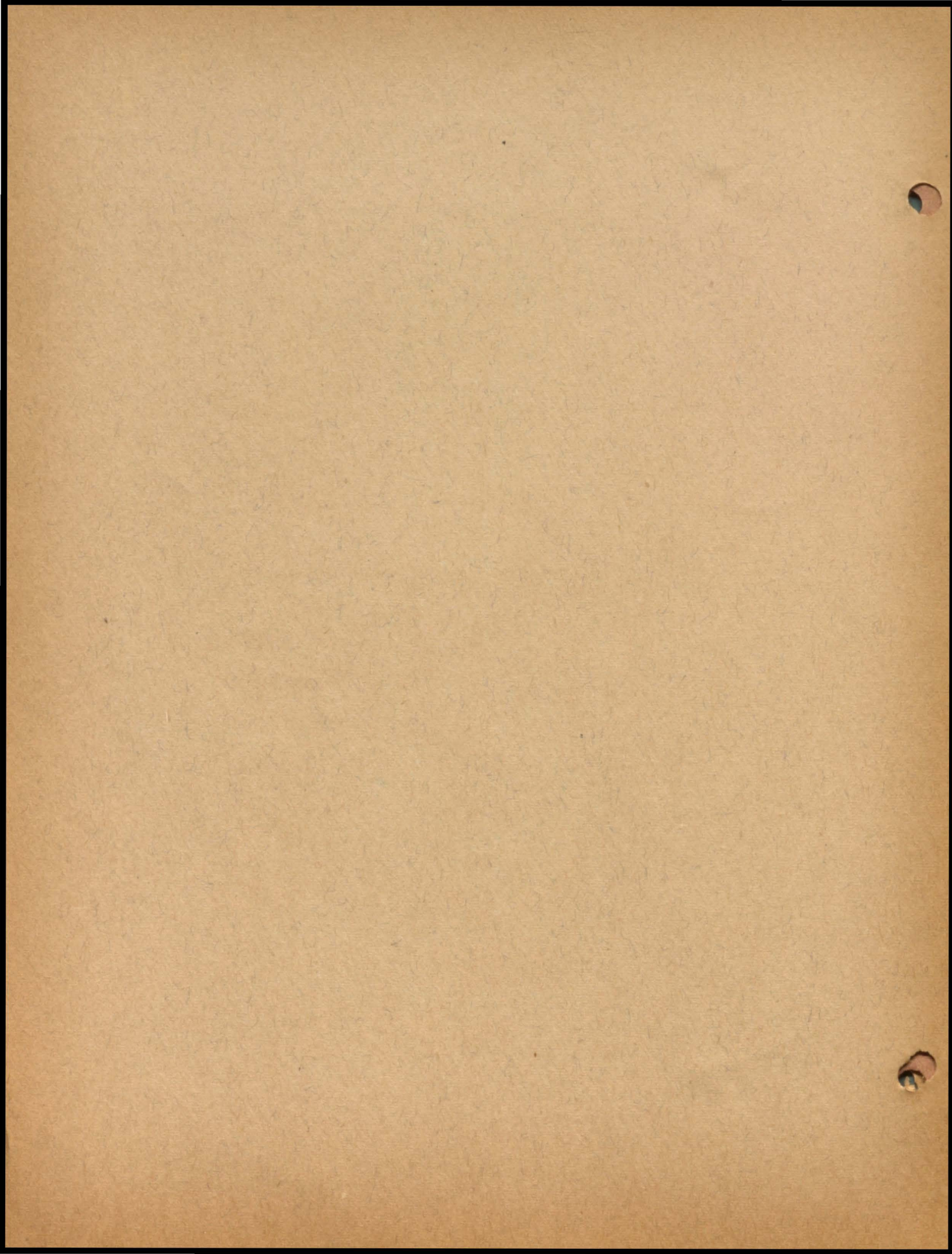




All Final
EXAMS
TOMORROW

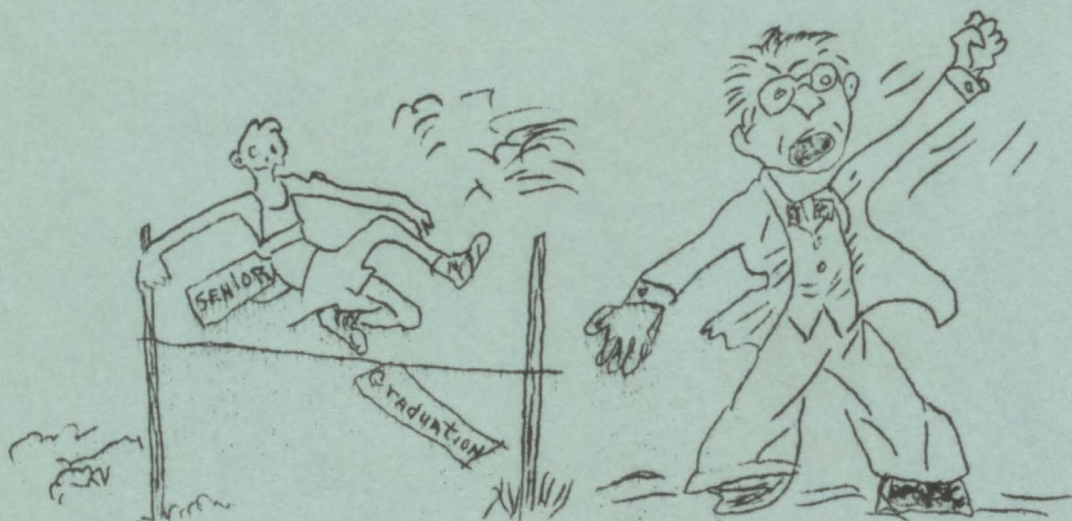


The day After
the Night before



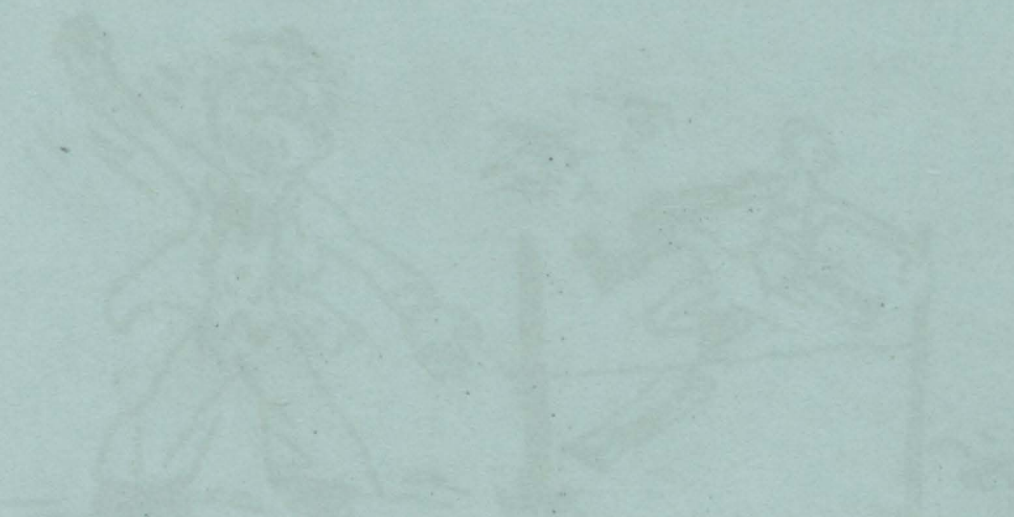
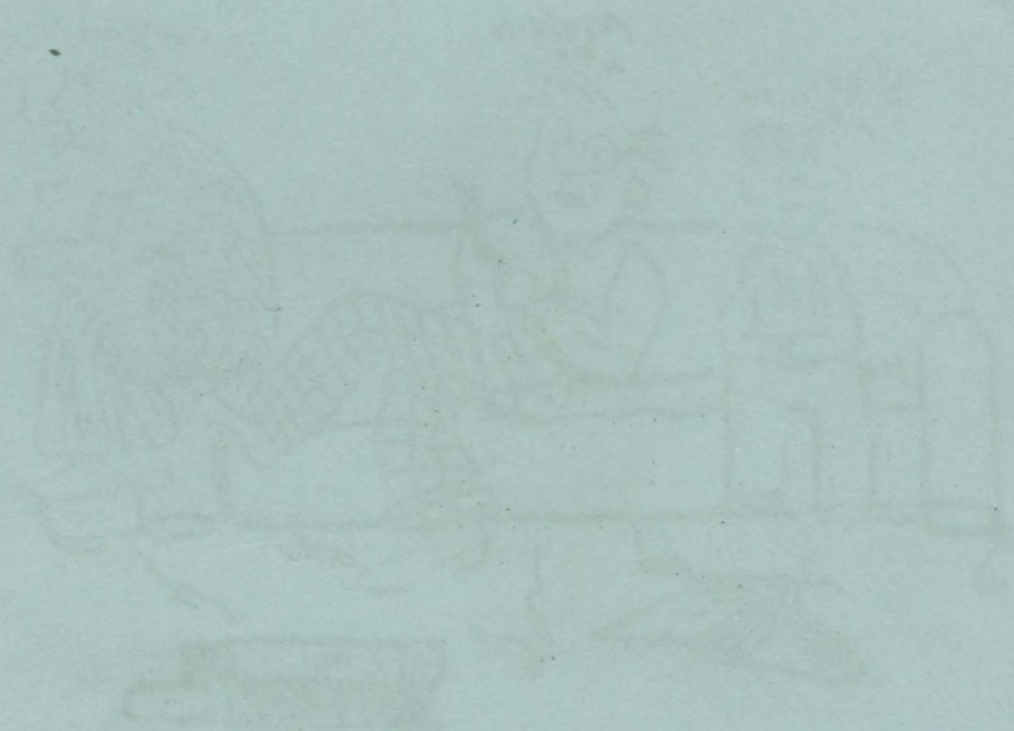


I'd like to know when Miss Gunter thinks we can get all that ole extra reading up.



Wonder if the whole class is going over?

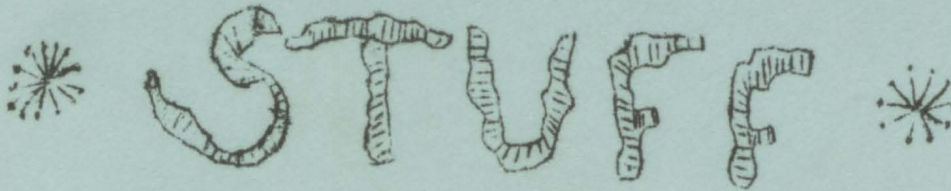
DAVID presents his points



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All nutty persons must visit a bakery at least twice a week to give a nut flavor to fruit cakes during the absence of real nuts.

All inmates of an insane asylum must wear red and white striped suits to distinguish them from the freshman class.

All monkeys must be kept in cages except when allowed to play with their relatives in the sophomore class.

Horseradish must claim to be one of the two--- either horse or radish---so that consumers will know whether to surrender red or blue stamps when buying it.

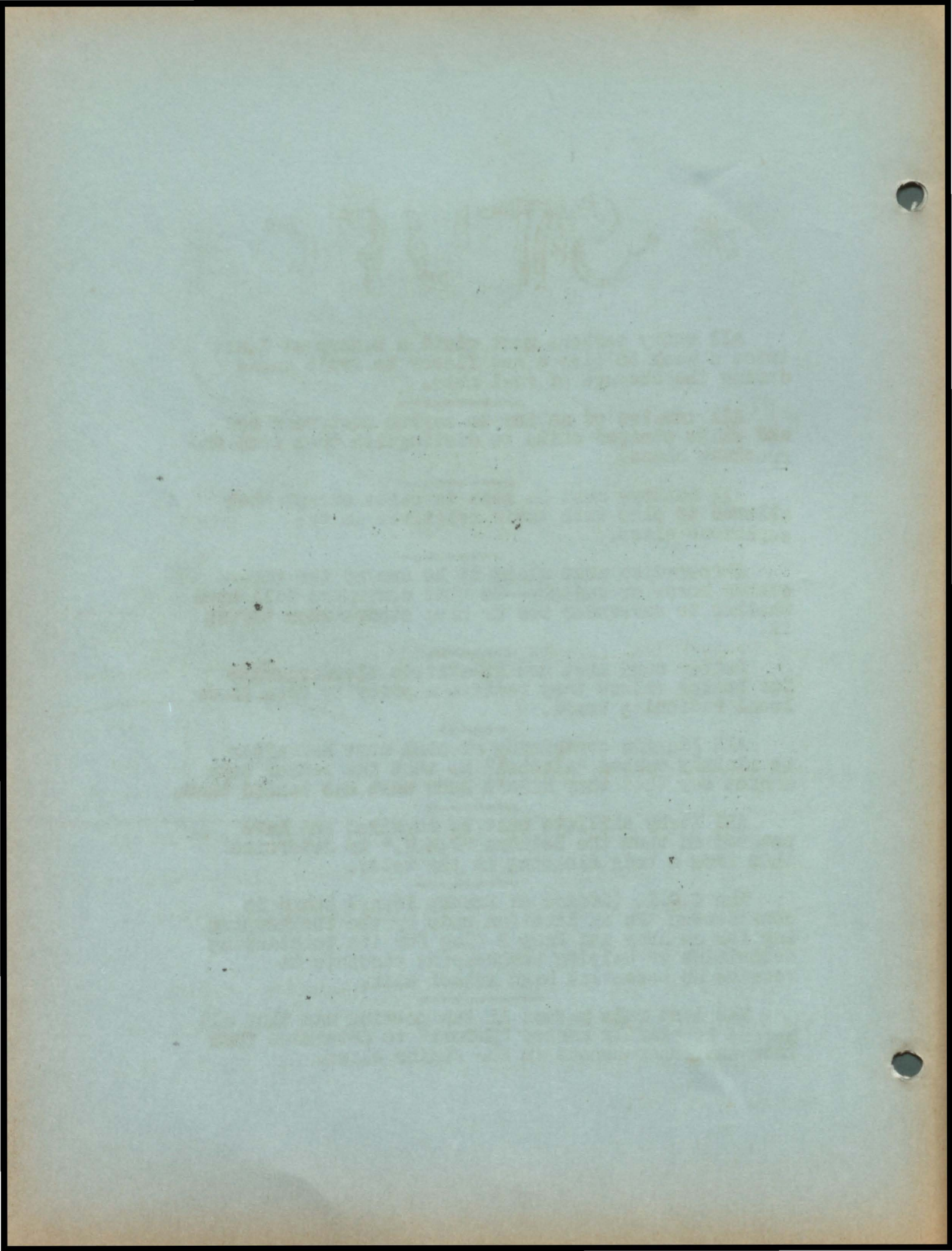
Butter cups must not substitute oleomargarine for butter unless they receive a priority from their local rationing board.

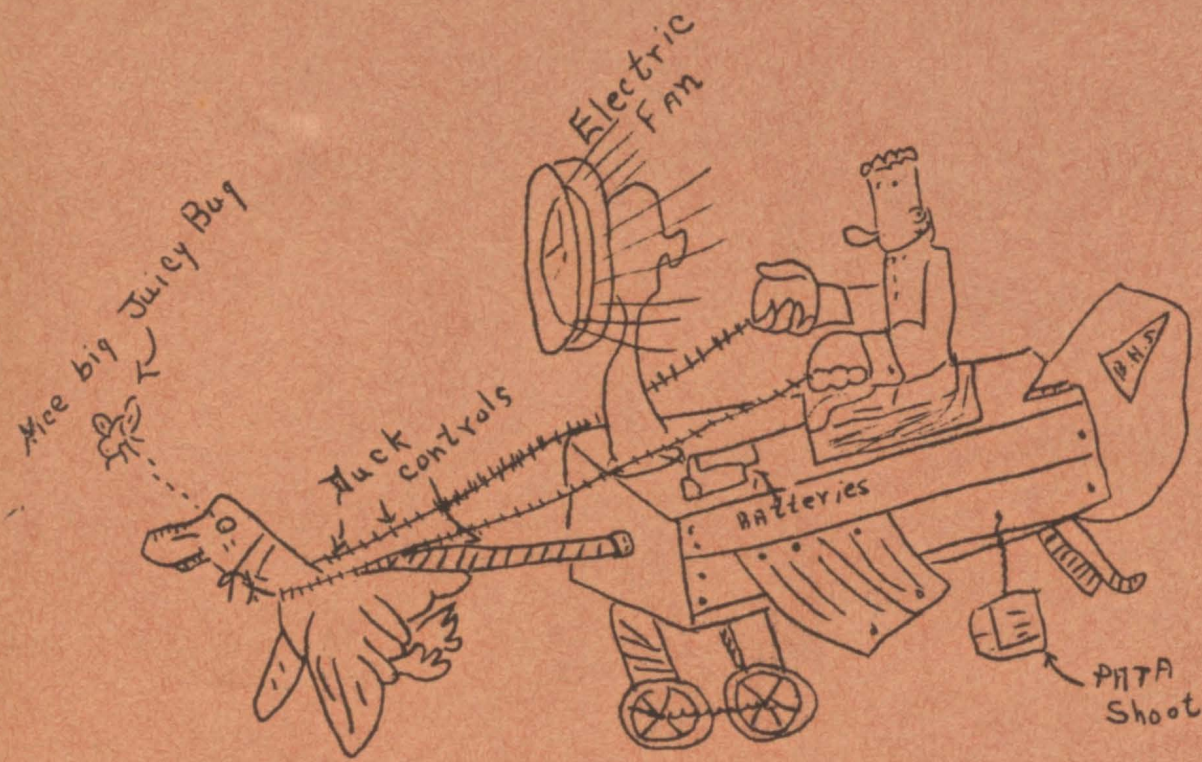
All liquids containing alcohol must hereafter be plainly marked "alcohol" so that the senior boys cannot say that they didn't know what was handed them.

All leaky skillets must be repaired and have painted on them the letters "F.M.W." to determine them from a body floating in the water.

The O.S.I. (Office of Screwed Ideas) board is considering the application made by the bookkeeping key for an Army and Navy E flag for its outstanding activities in helping bookkeeping students to receive an essential high school unit.

The last rule passed at the meeting was that all morons be plainly marked "Morons" to determine them from the super-morons in the Junior class.





This very efficient and safe looking aerial specimen was designed by a promising young air corps specialist----David Day. David ~~avoids~~ that travel by way of the P-38's and B-24's is too noisy and troublesome.

David is well known (especially by faculty members) for his interest in aviation, having held the world's record for designing more planes, during a 45 minute civics period, than anyone in history.

JUNIORS TEN YEARS FROM TODAY

As I was standing, carelessly plucking the petals from a daisy I was holding, I happened to look on the ground where the petals had fallen. To my surprise a magic thing had happened. Instead of the petals, there were several sheets of white paper on the ground. The revelations written on the paper were in the form of a letter. This is what I read:

London, England
May 21, 1954

Dearest Marcella,

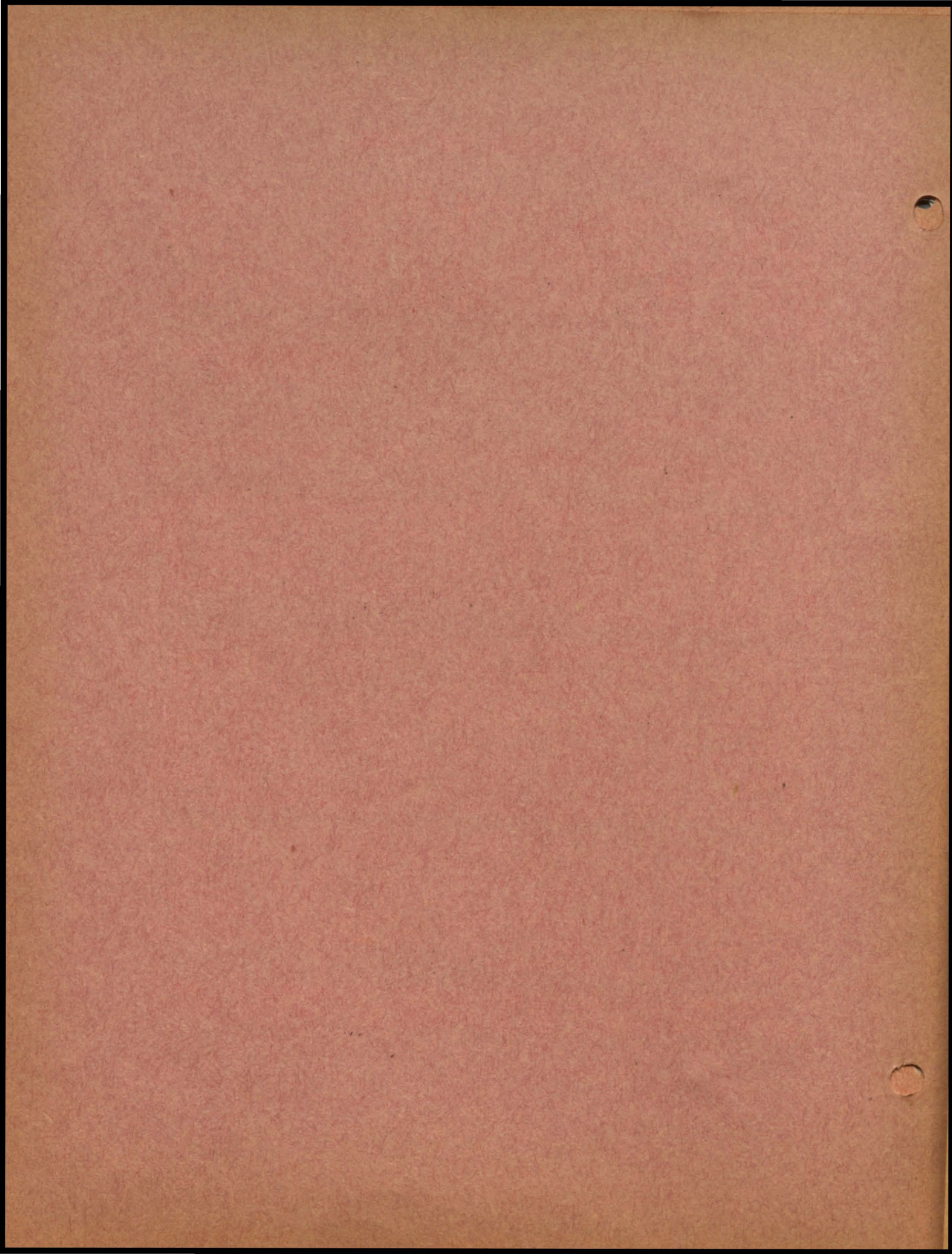
I have had such a wonderful trip that I must tell you all about it.

On the train that took me from San Francisco to Yellowstone National Park, I found two of our classmates of 1944, our Junior year; the famous author Garland Guynes and his wife who you'll remember as Bessie Bagley. They told me that Clara Junk Rickway lives in Carson City, Nevada. In a beautiful mansion.

I stopped off one day in Salt Lake City and there I saw George Hejtnanek. He is a doctor and lives in Denver, Colorado. He said that Richard Nemece was a ranchman in Wyoming. Eugene Penland is working in Yellowstone National Park. I spent about an hour talking to him and his wife, whom you will remember as Maxine Powers. They are very amusing couple. At the park I also saw A.C. Harter. He is a civil engineer. He said he hadn't worked much since he completed the bridge across the English Channel.

From there I went to Garden City, Kansas, to see Lorene Lahn and her husband, whom I don't think you have met. They have a beautiful country estate about five miles from Garden City. Fannie Merle Weaver and her husband are in business at Garden City. They finally settled down and are operating a combination drug store, grocery store, and dry goods store.

From there, I went to Kansas City, Missouri. There I saw Delores Barron. She is working in a hatshop there.



She said that Edith Kana had been disappointed in a love affair and was now in training as a nurse in Missouri, and she hoped she would overcome her disappointment here. Elva Jean Wells is now designing magazine covers in Boston because of her sudden misfortune with her boy friend. I then went to New York City to see Willie Mae Laslie who is studying Chemistry there. She said she enjoys it very much. Kathryn Louise Bowers is her roommate. While I was there, I met Charlie Lubjasky who said he was finding it rather difficult to interest anyone in his plan to irrigate the Sahara Desert. I spent one afternoon with Evelyn Fay Daniels who is dancing at the Silver Slipper. She is a very charming person. I also saw Mary Ondracco who is working there as the torch singer. The two are really very interesting. Marlyne Massey came over on the same ship I did. She's working as a hostess on the ship line.

Your picture "MY ONE AND ONLY" is showing here today. I am going to close and see if I can't catch the first show. I think it will be rather grand.

Sincerely yours,
Faydelle Hutchings

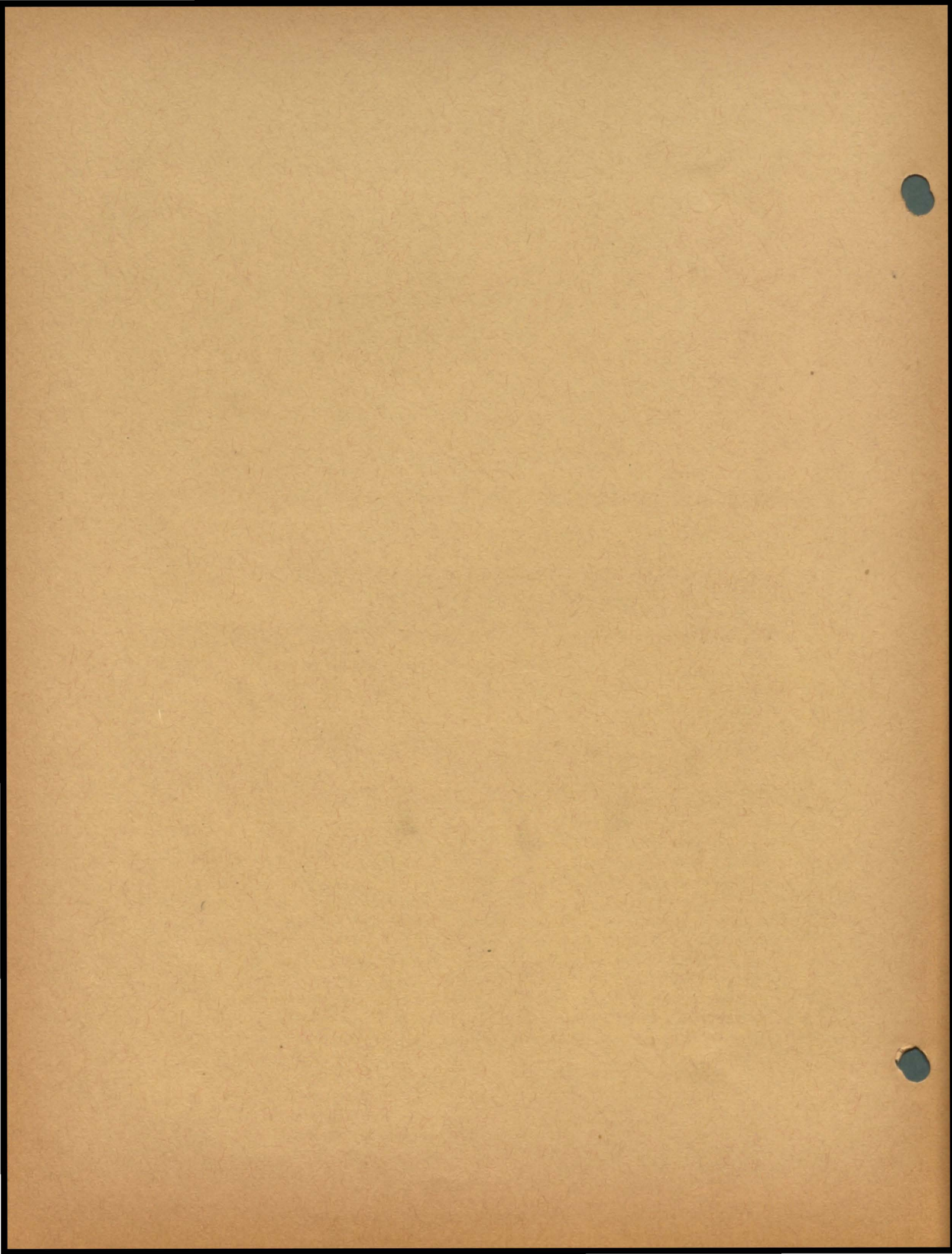
P.S. I guess you've read Elsie Hutson's latest novel-- "BLESSING HIGH SCHOOL---THE DUMP". I also saw Mrs. Alcta B. Nelson, our Junior sponsor. She is now teaching Homemaking in New York. Her husband is in the White house as a Member of the Senate.

IDEAL BOY

Hair-----Ben Guynes
Eyes-----George
Smile-----Garland
Disposition-----Richard
Teeth-----A.C.
Personality-----Lowell
Walk-----Charlie
Nosiest-----Eugene
Athelete-----A.C.
Shortest-----Garland
Polite-----George
N eatest-----Lowell

IDEAL GIRL

Hair-----Faydelle
Eyes-----Lorene
Smile-----Elsie
Disposition----Elve Jean
Teeth-----Dolores
Personality----Clara
Walk-----Katherine
Sportsmanship---Marcella
Hands-----Marlyne
Slowest-----Bossie
Complexion----Fannie Merle
T ypically Dressed--Marcella
Even-T empered----Marlyne
The Quadruplets---Mary,
Maxine, Edith, Evelyn.
Nicest-----Willie Mae
The Lark-----Elsie
Dance Lover---Edith



SOPHOMORE CLASS
AMBITION OF EACH INDIVIDUAL

Sonny says he wants to be an aviator.
George, since he likes to tear into things, thinks he ought to be a mechanic.
Henry wants to be a rancher.
Dudley wants to be an aviator or a farmer; he'll probably end up a farmer.
Carrell wants to be a bachelor or a horse doctor; maybe both.
Royce Lee wants to be an aviator.
Edmund wants to be a Marine.
Johnnie says he'll be a rancher, he hopes.
Curtis will make a cute sailor.
Albert Lee wants to join the Naval Air Corps.
Alfred wants to be a Air Force pilot.
Hollicen wants to be in the Naval Air Corps.
Robert just wants to be an employee.
Blanche thinks she'll make a good saleslady.
Mary Alice is going to be another saleslady.
Edna wants to be an Air Corp Nurse.
Lois wants to be a secretary and sit on her boss's knee.
Della Mae wishes to be the wife of a certain Palacios boy.
Marguerite wants to be a Navy nurse.
Barbara says she thinks she would like to be a secretary.
Lillie wants to be a Cadet nurse. Well, well.
Elsie hopes to be a secretary, but she's not going to sit on her boss's knee.
Agnes is going to be a stenographer, she hopes.
Margie wants to be a beauty operator.
Joannine wants to be a nurse; but she won't tell us why.
Eva wants to be an air hostess and fly high.
Emma wants to be an Army nurse.
Dorothy Faye-~~we~~ all know; Harold's wife.
Lee- Says he'll probably be a farmer.

SECRETARY CLASS
LISTING OF NAME DIVISION

George, since he likes to wear blue slacks, think
he ought to be a secretary.
Henry wants to be a secretary.
Dorothy wants to be a secretary or a teacher; he'll
probably end up a teacher.
Carmel wants to be a secretary or a horse doctor.
Lynn wants to be an estimator.
Lillian wants to be a teacher.
Lorraine wants to be a teacher, he knows.
Curtis will take a teacher.
Albert has wants to join the Navy Air Corps.
Allied wants to be a Air Force pilot.
Holliston wants to be in the Navy Air Corps.
Robert just wants to be an engineer.
Blanche thinks she'll take a secretary job.
Mary Ellen is going to be another secretary.
Linda wants to be an Air Force nurse.
Lyle wants to be a secretary and at the boss's
last.
Doris has wanted to be the wife of a certain
politician boy.
Margaret wants to be a Navy nurse.
Barbara likes and thinks she would like to be a
secretary.
Lillian wants to be a Good Housewife, well, well.
Lillian wants to be a secretary, but she's not going
to sit on her boss's knee.
Lorraine is going to be a stenographer, she knows.
Lorraine wants to be a beauty operator.
Lorraine wants to be a nurse; but she won't sell
of this.
Lyle wants to be an Air Force pilot and a teacher.
Lyle wants to be an Air Force pilot.
Lorraine wants to be an Air Force nurse.
Lorraine wants to be an Air Force nurse.

Sophomore's Descriptions

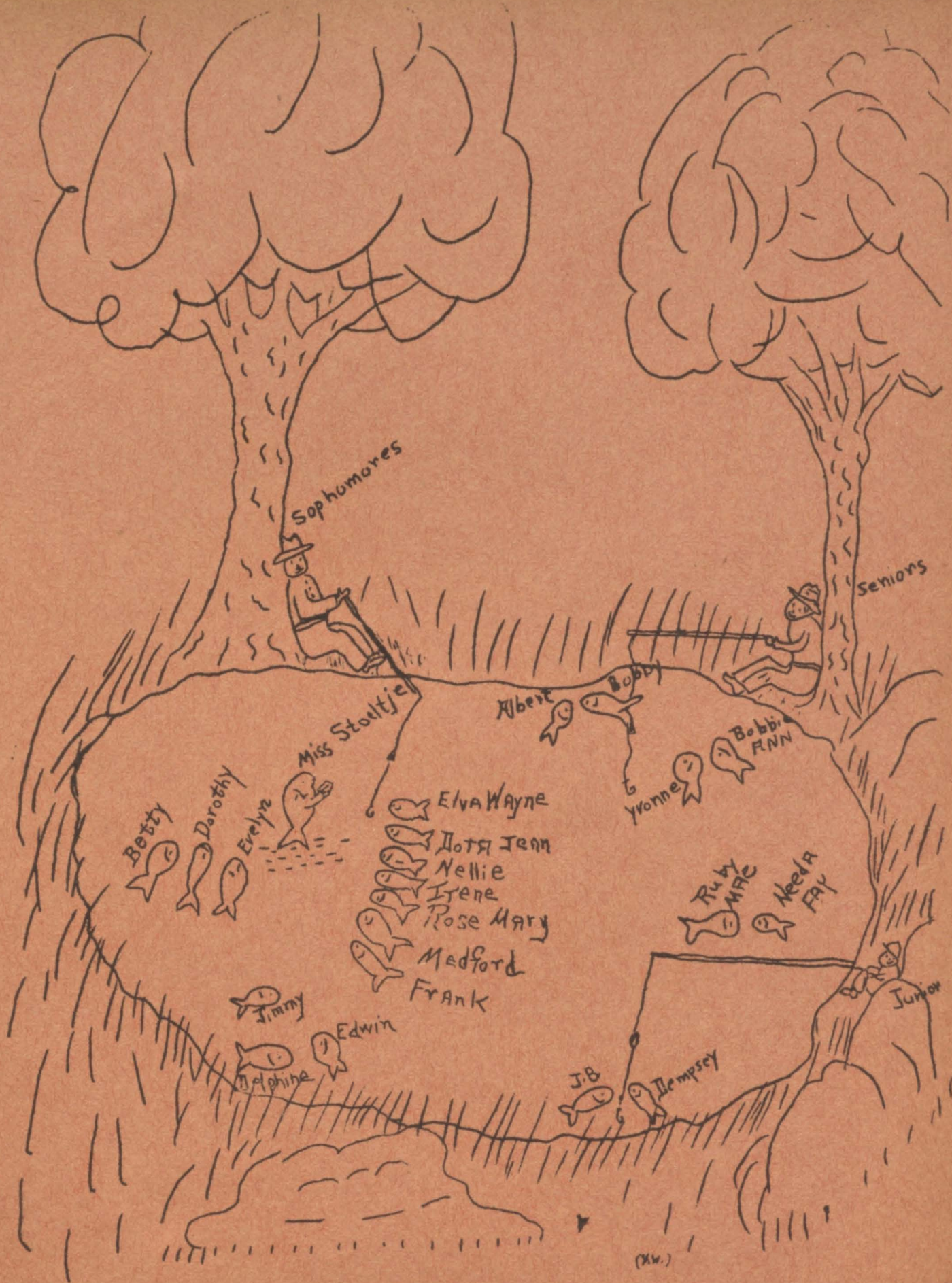
Barbara, Jeannine, Lella Mae, and Pete are the four "Geekies"
 Albert, Robert, Lee and Alfred are the four "Phonies"
 Then there's Leonard, our handsome guy, for whom a few
 girls have set their eye.
 Henry, George, Johnny, and Curtis are the silly boys,
 But in spite of their silliness, they bring us many joys.
 Dorothy Faye and Lois are fond of their romances
 And you'll always find Eva taking chances,
 A. J. McInnold never comes to school,
 And Royce Lee's always acting a fool.
 Of quiet, little Blanche, we always wonder,
 If someday she won't speak up and make a blunder,
 While all the time Agnes sound like thunder,
 Margie knows more sailors than anyone else;
 Marguerite has one all by herself,
 Mary Alice, who picks on soldiers,
 Can always be found leaning on their shoulders,
 Sonny, Dudley, and Carrell keep the class in a dilemma,
 While the quiet girls are: Lillie, Mona, and Emma.
 Dear, Miss Hunter is our sweet teacher, and we know a
 Lieutenant that would sure like to reach her.
 Hollecn, the president, is last on our list.
 We can't leave him out; he'd surely be missed.

Ideal Girl:

Hair-----Eva
 Eyes-----Lella Mae
 Complexion---Barbara
 Smile-----Lillie
 Laugh-----Lois
 Lips-----Lella Mae
 Legs-----Lois
 Figure-----Elsie
 Disposition--Marguerite
 Eva

Ideal Boy:

Hair-----Robert
 Eyes-----Sonny
 Complexion---Hollecn
 Teeth-----Carrell
 Smile-----George
 Laugh-----Carrell
 Lips-----Albert Lee
 Phisique----Edmund
 Disposition--Edmund
 Hollecn





FRESHMEN SNOOP

How does Bobby manage to sit by Nedda Faye all the time? Even Mrs. Wheeler caught the idea and moved Nedda Faye right in the back of Bobby.

The only real true people in our class who have real true sweethearts are Ruby Mae and Evelyn.

And Bobbie Ann is crazy about Bo we all know. But, Oh, by the way, how about that little red handkerchief that smells so sweet?? ??

We are also wondering why Dempsey goes to Palacios so often????? Oh, it isn't what we think is it Dempsey??????

And is Yvonne telling the truth when she says there isn't anyone in her life???? We wonder.

Two little boys who run around together and never get serious about anything are Jimmy and Edwin.

We're beginning to wonder if Dorothy Kana has to hypnotize boys to get them. The other day one of the Freshmen looked around at Dorothy and she was looking at J.B. and was saying; Frieze, Frieze, Frieze.

And the perfect little students whom we all look up to are Rosemary and Wayne. Even though they haven't got anything on Nellie and Irene.

Is Albert still fresh on Dorothy or is it Ruby Lee????? Quite making us guess, Albert, could this also apply toolphine?????

How is Dora Jean and Jehonio getting along? Move along, Bedford, Dora Jean keeps that to herself.

Well, Betty do you want us to believe that about you not liking that certain little Elmaton boy?? ??????

Frank is always looking sad and blue. Wonder why??????



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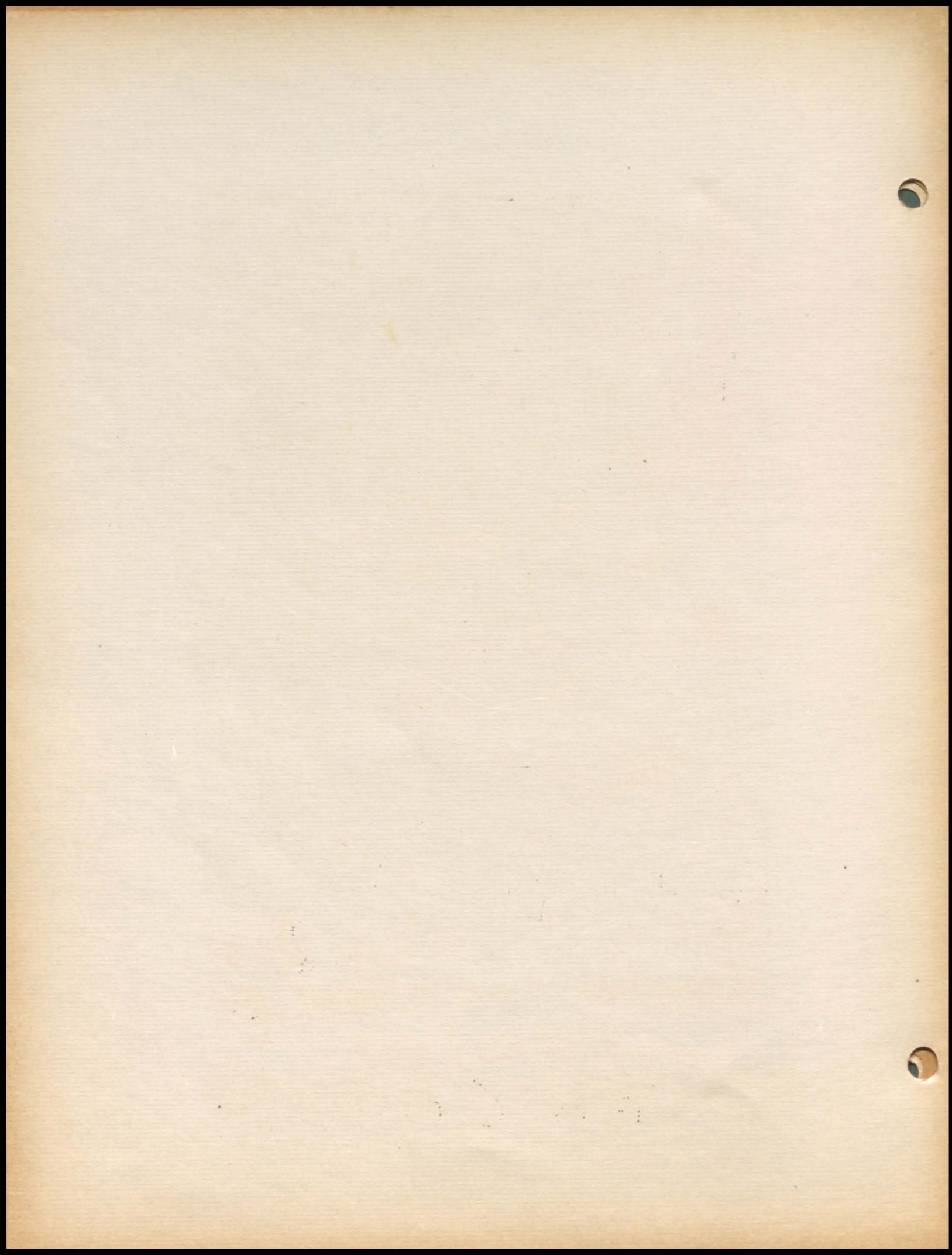
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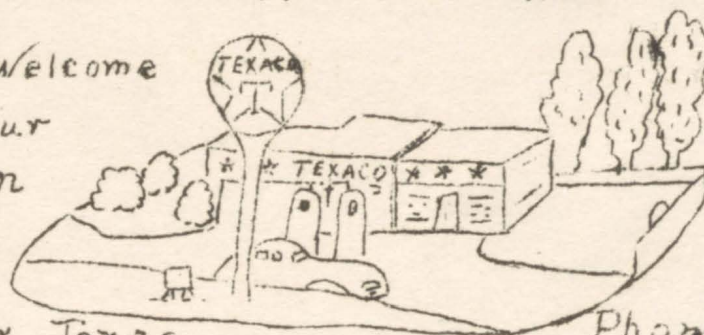
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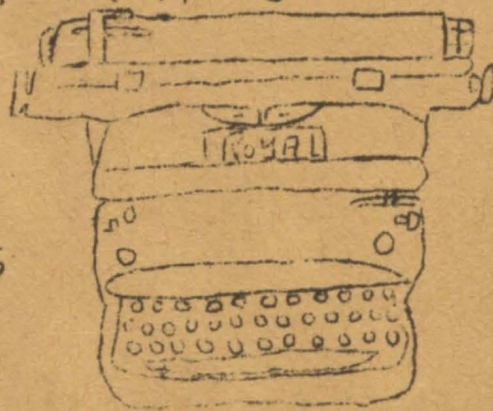
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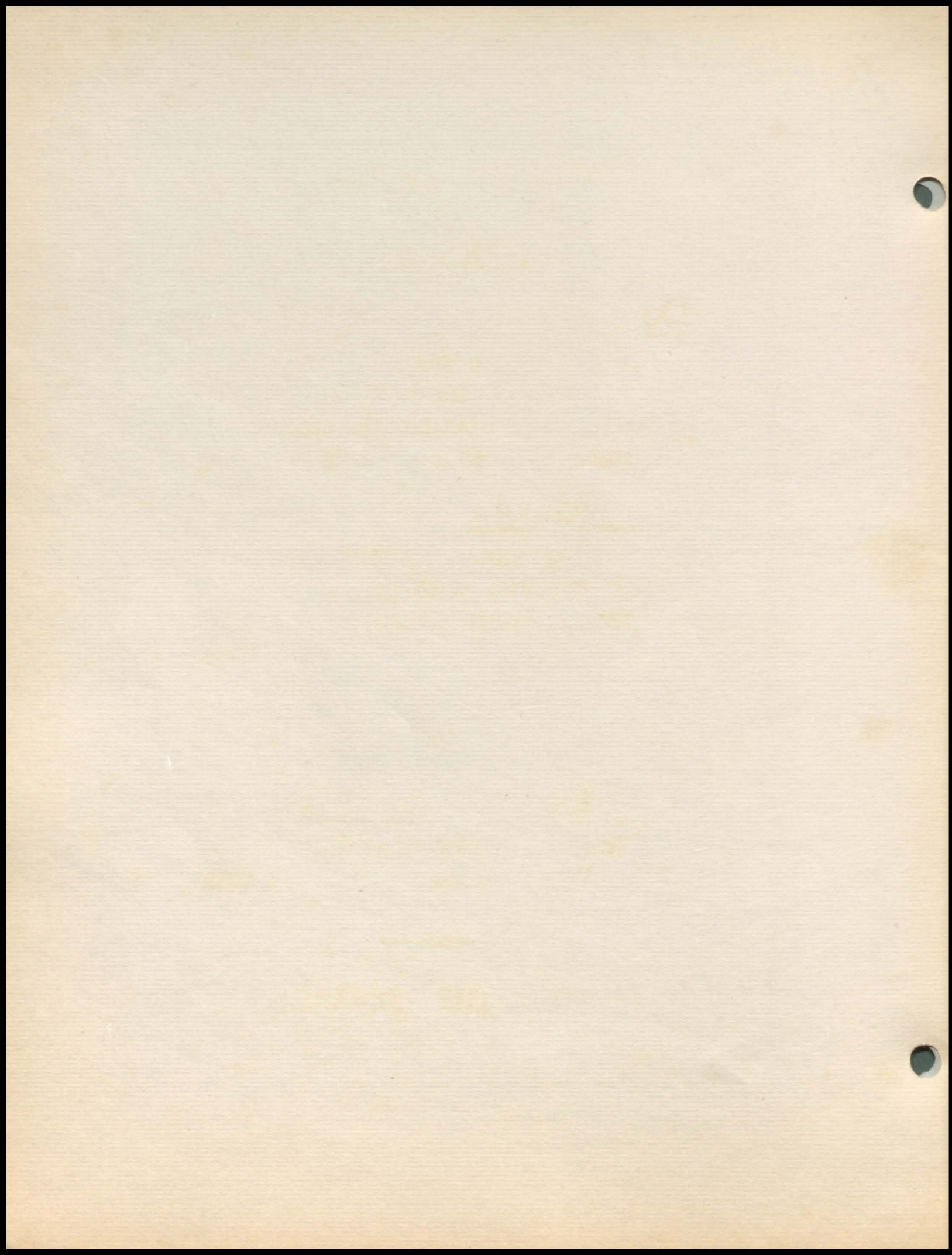
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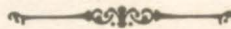
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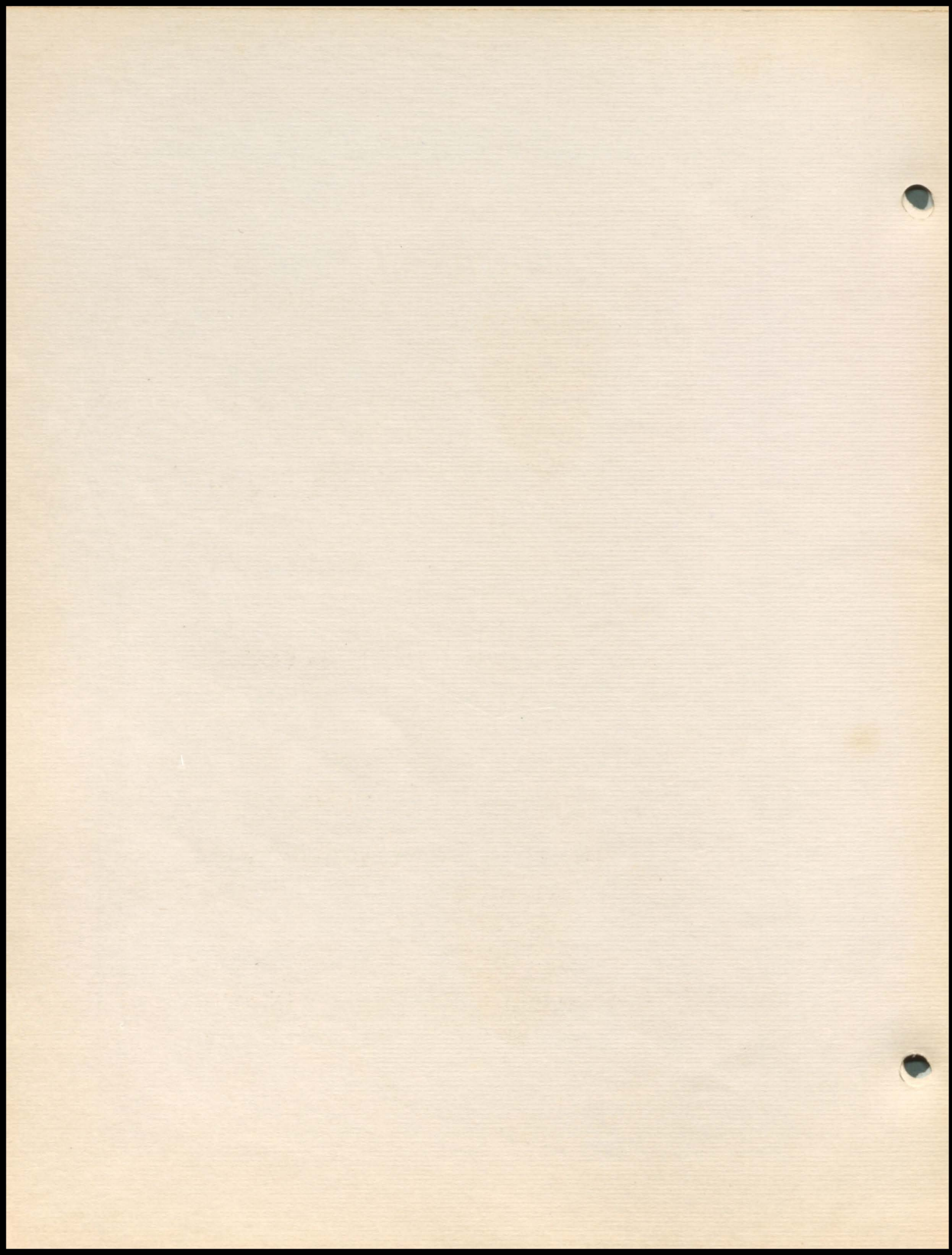
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