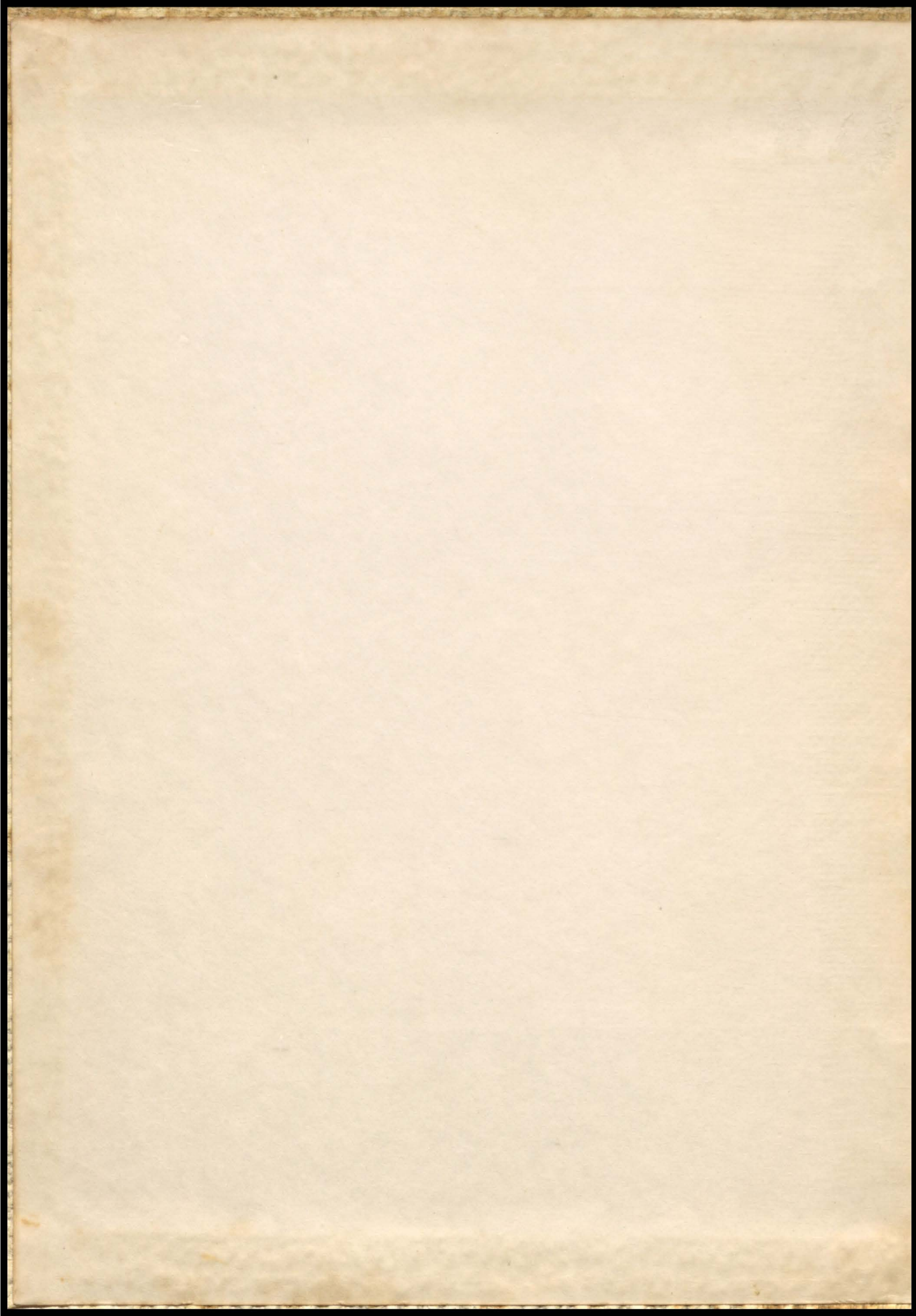
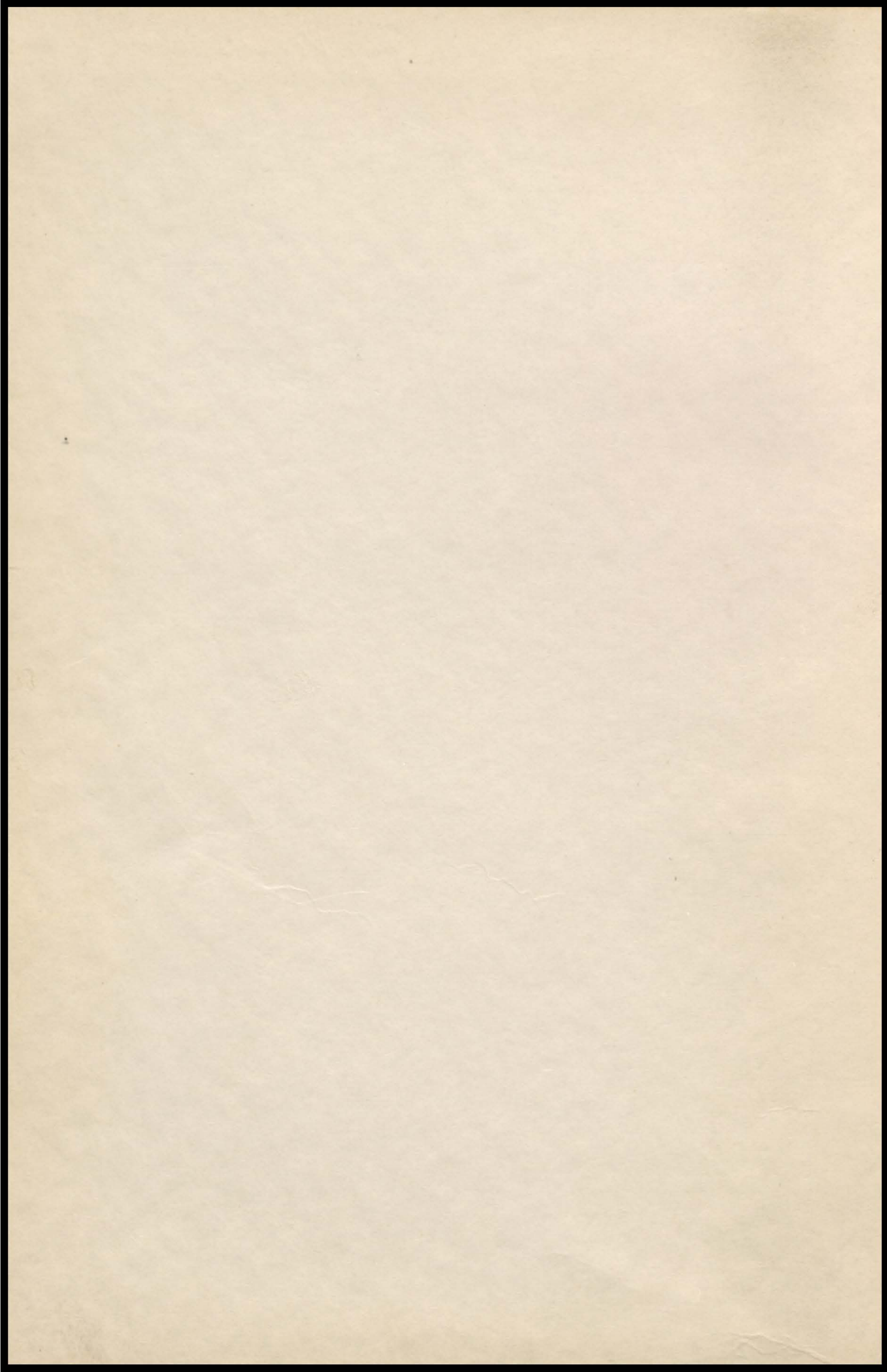
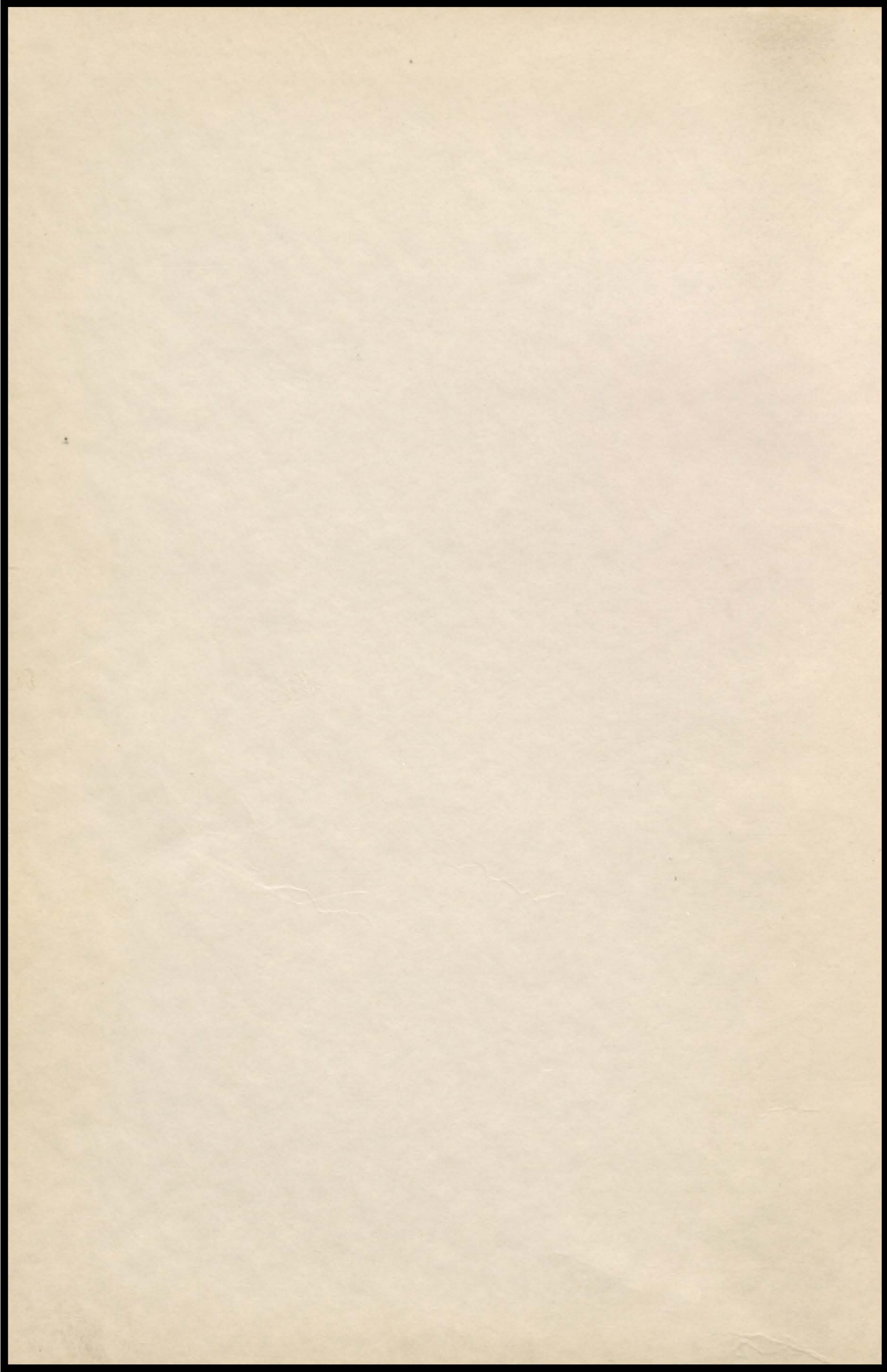


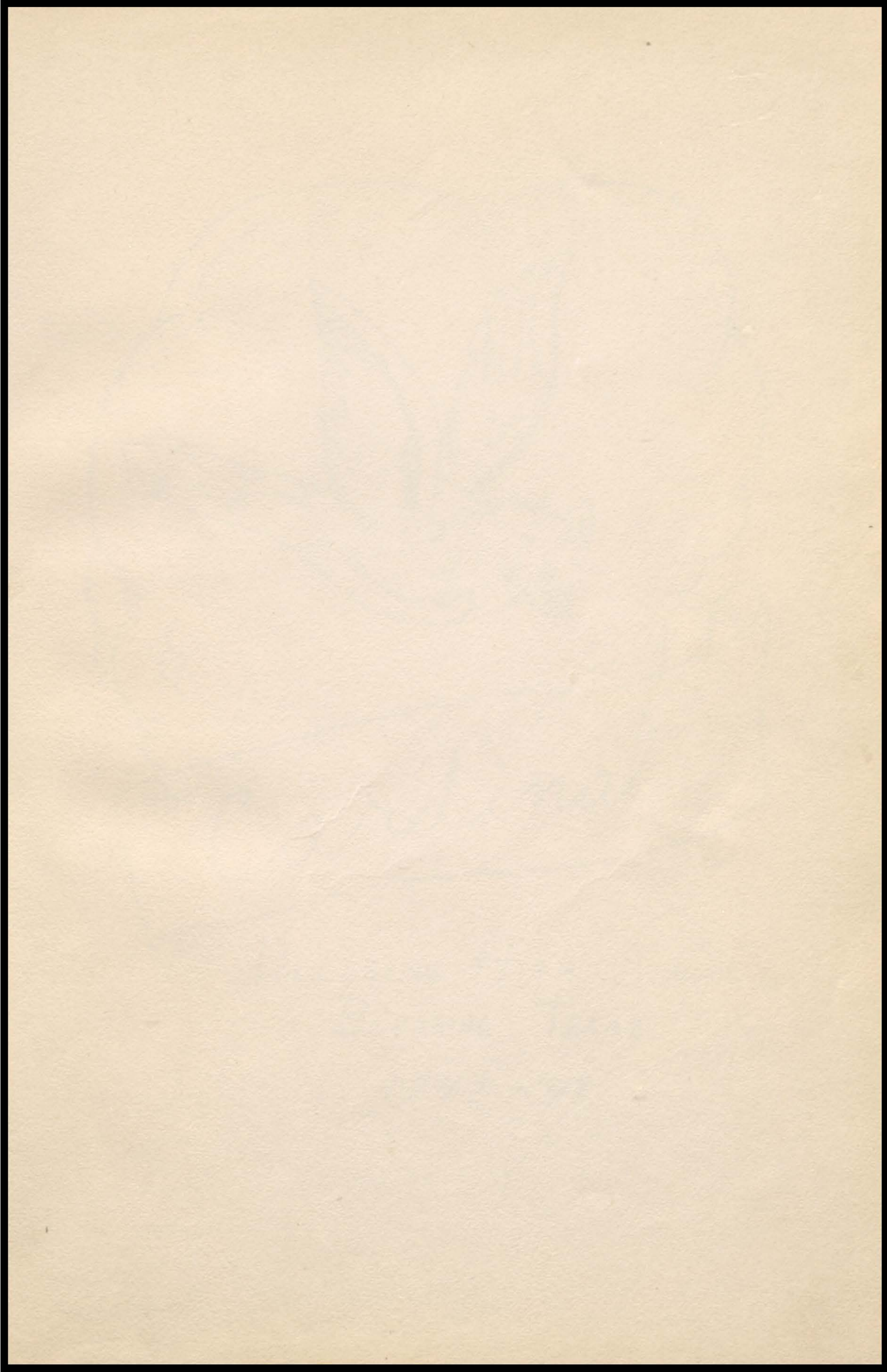


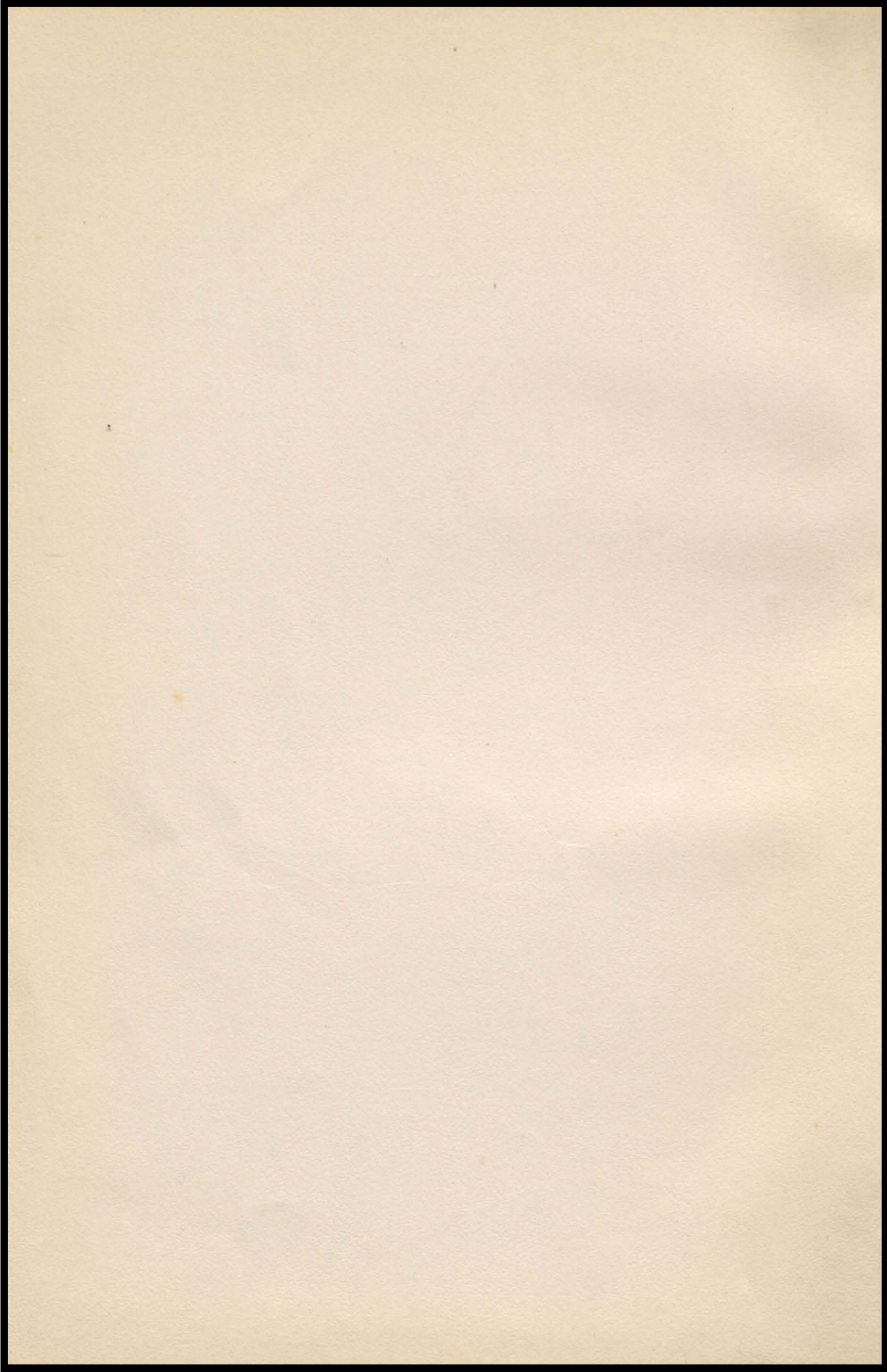
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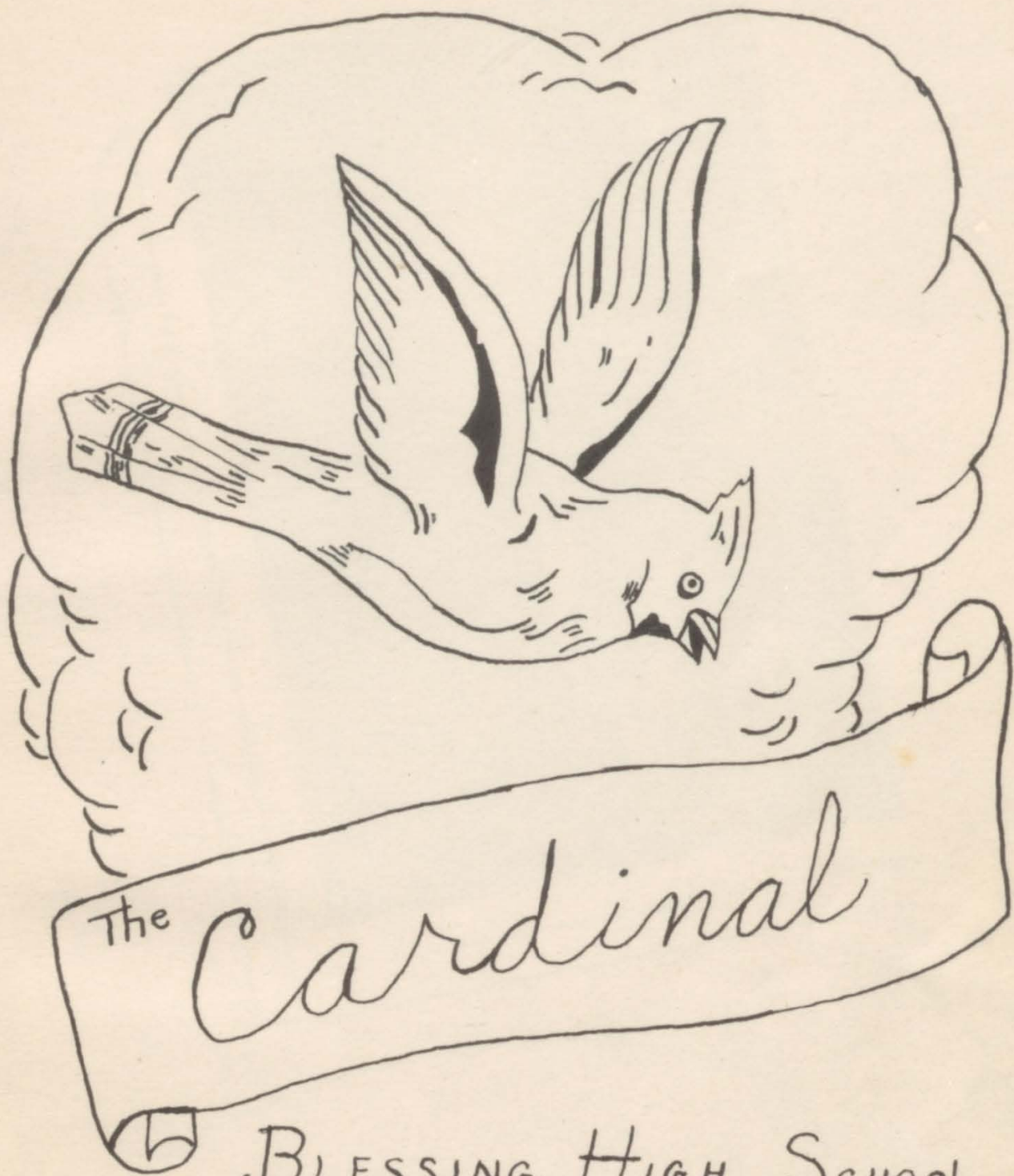






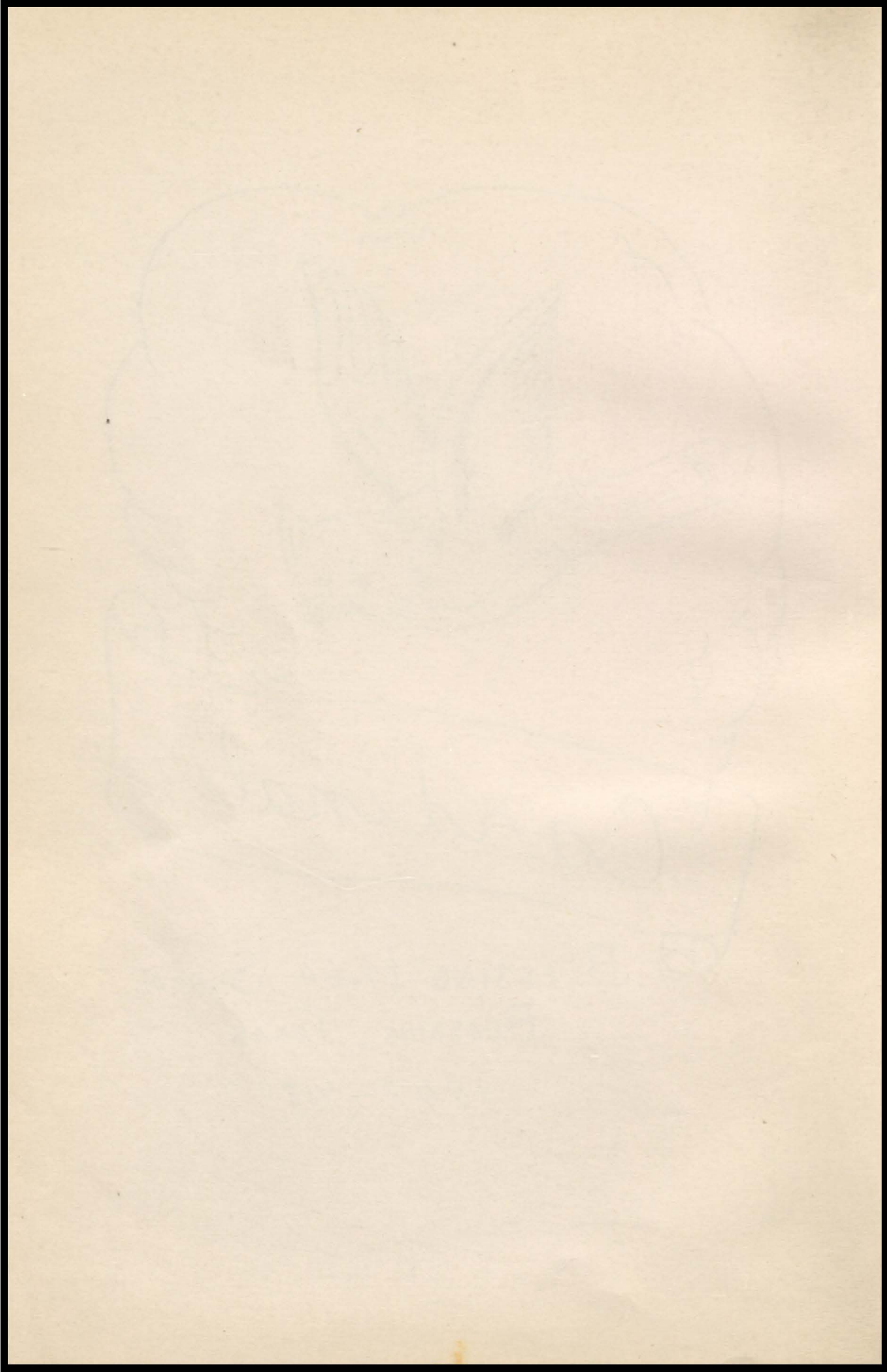




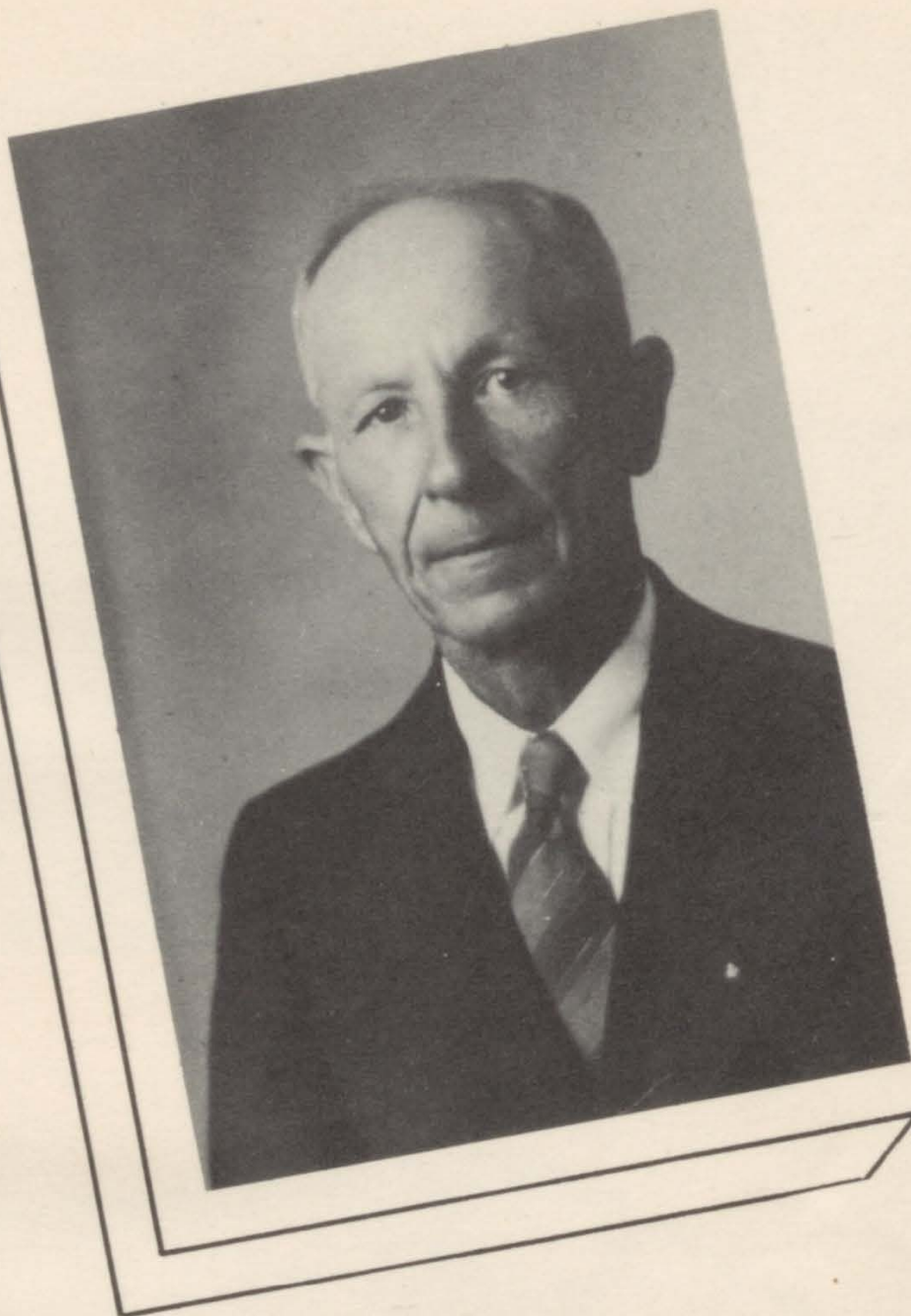


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BLESSING, TEXAS

1947-'48

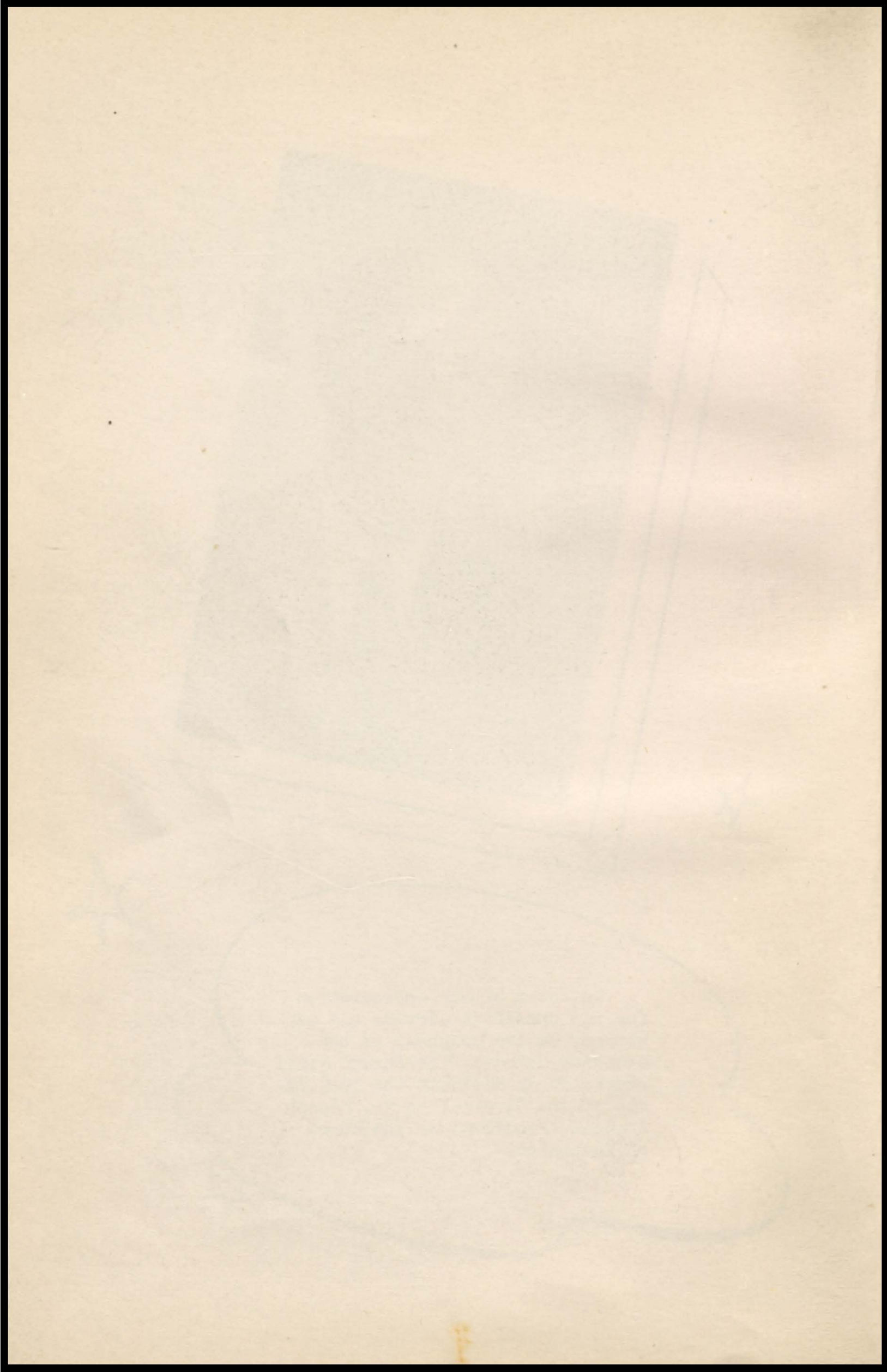






In token of our appreciation for his unselfish service and devotions to the progress of the Blessing Schools, the Annual Staff respectfully dedicate the 1948 issue of the Cardinal to Mr. Joseph Zemanek, President of the Board of Education.

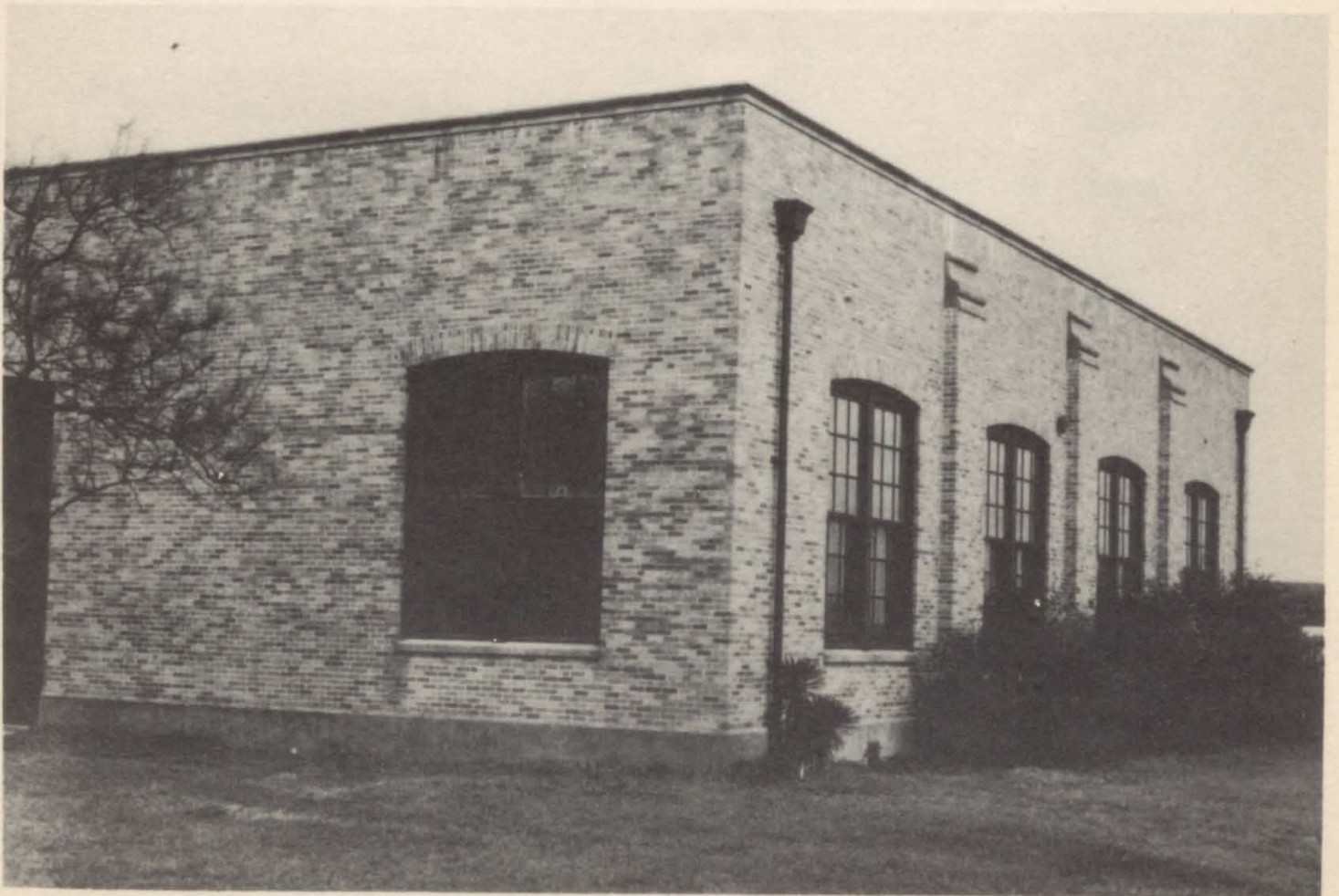


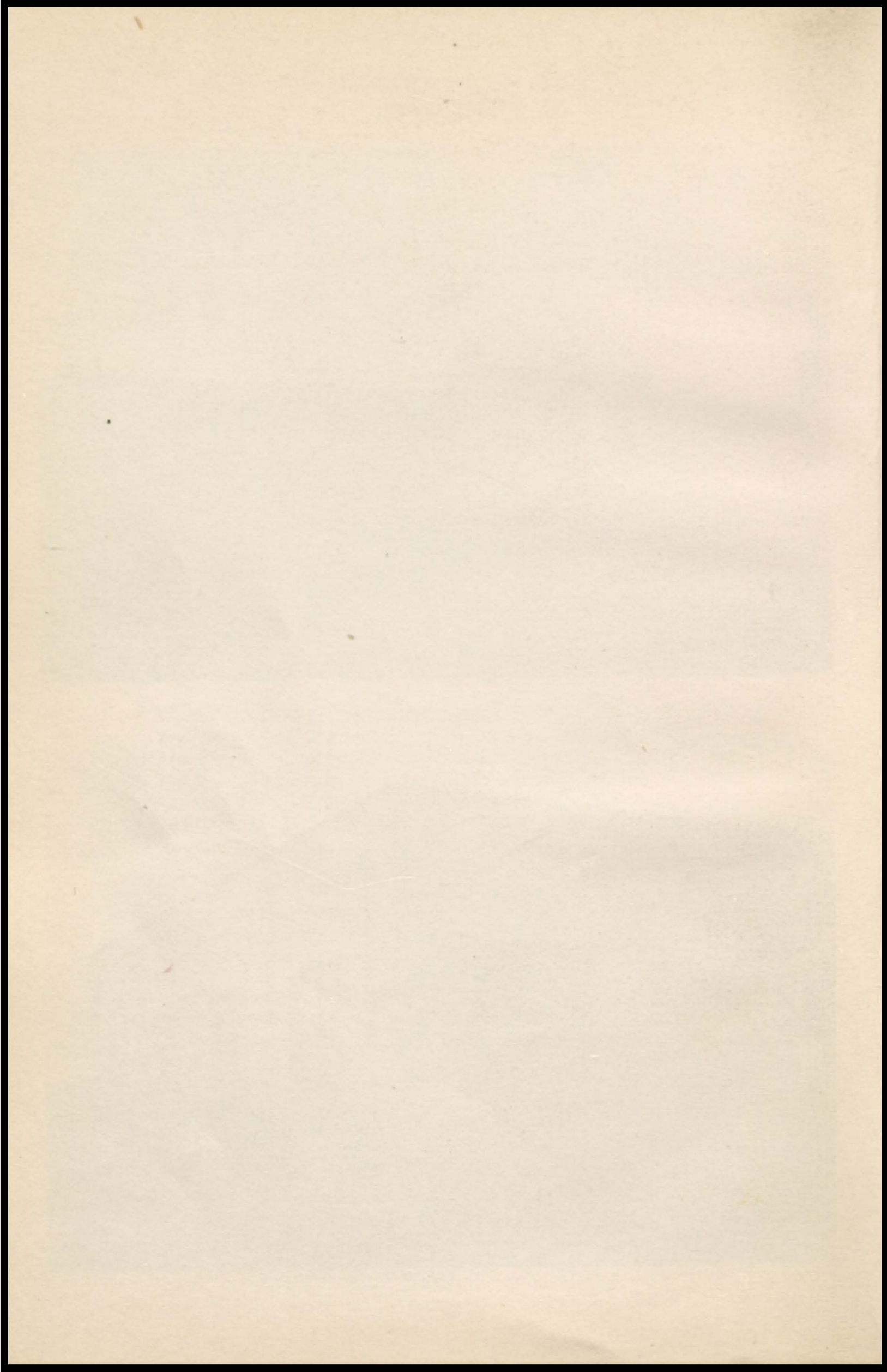


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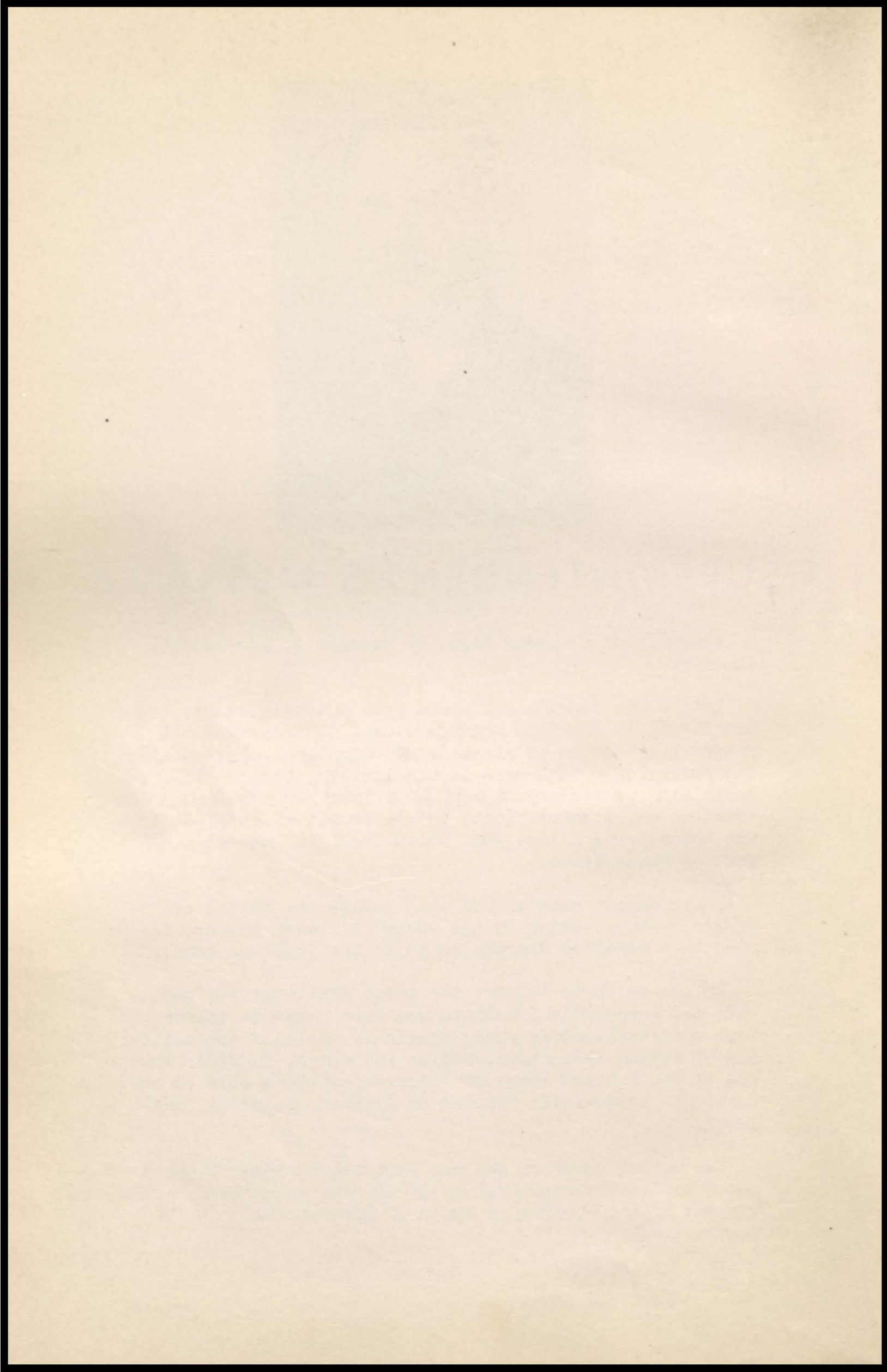
Students of Blessing High, my message to you amounts to this:

Let no one deceive you about your potentialities. You are living in the most momentous days that mankind has known. Your future is strewn with countless opportunities. The struggle we have seen is not history, but the interruption of history. A bull in a China Shop is a very distracting and stubborn fact, but he is not history. He is not symbolic of a time when bulls shall be general managers of China Shops.

Young people such as you will resume the making of proper history, which is the record of human advance toward that morality whereon is built the just and good.

As you go forth to meet the great challenge for service and leadership I believe you have "what it takes". Your opportunities as young Americans includes the building of strong characters, bodies and minds, in order that you as the men and women of tomorrow, will be able to reconstruct a new world founded on Justice, Security, and Truth.

Let us not speak of men who lost their vision because something went wrong. Tell us of men who held fast to the visions of their youth, in spite of adversities.





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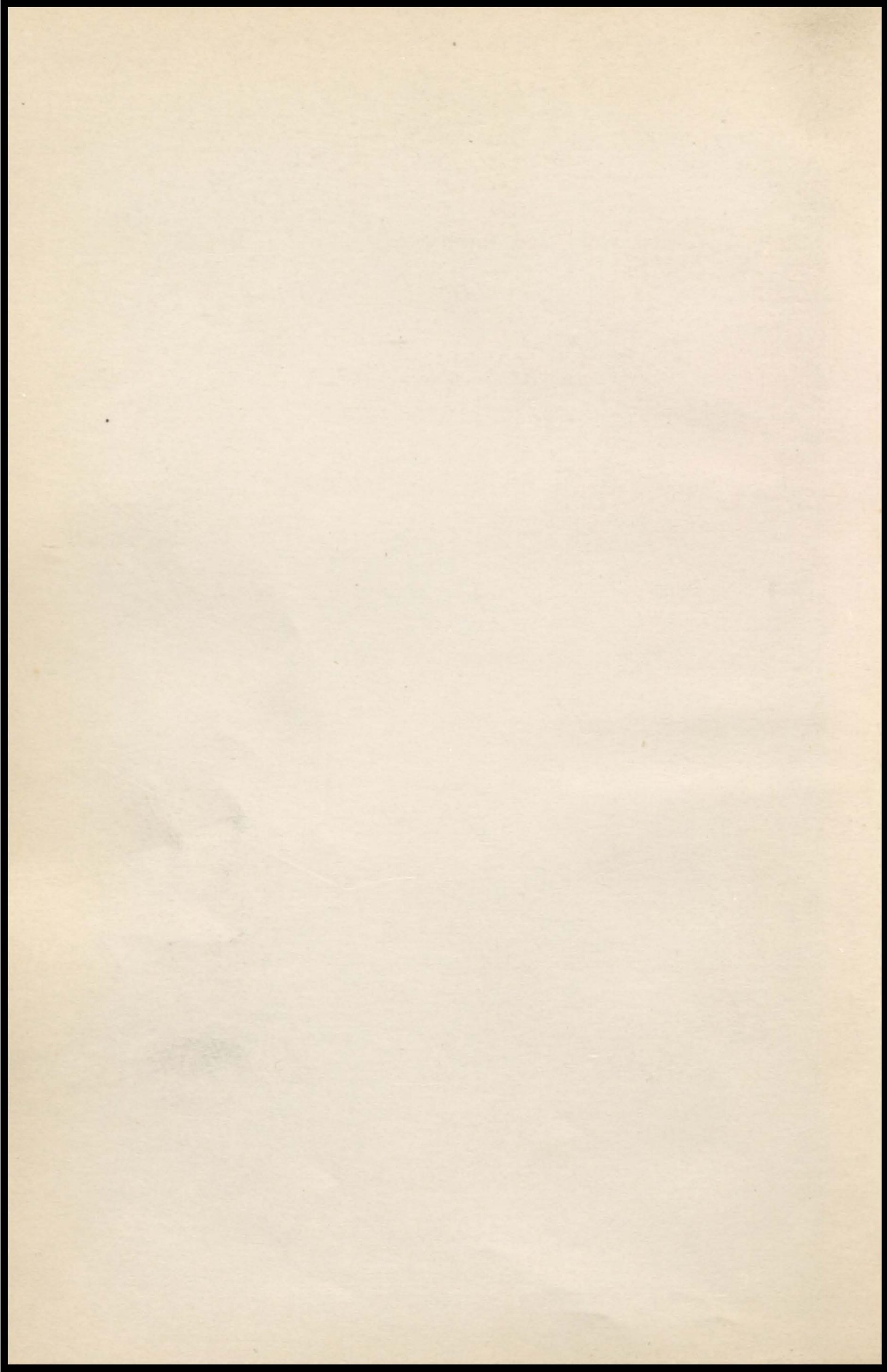
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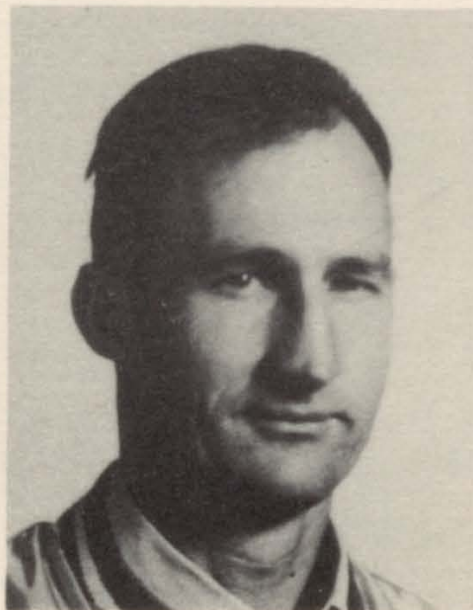


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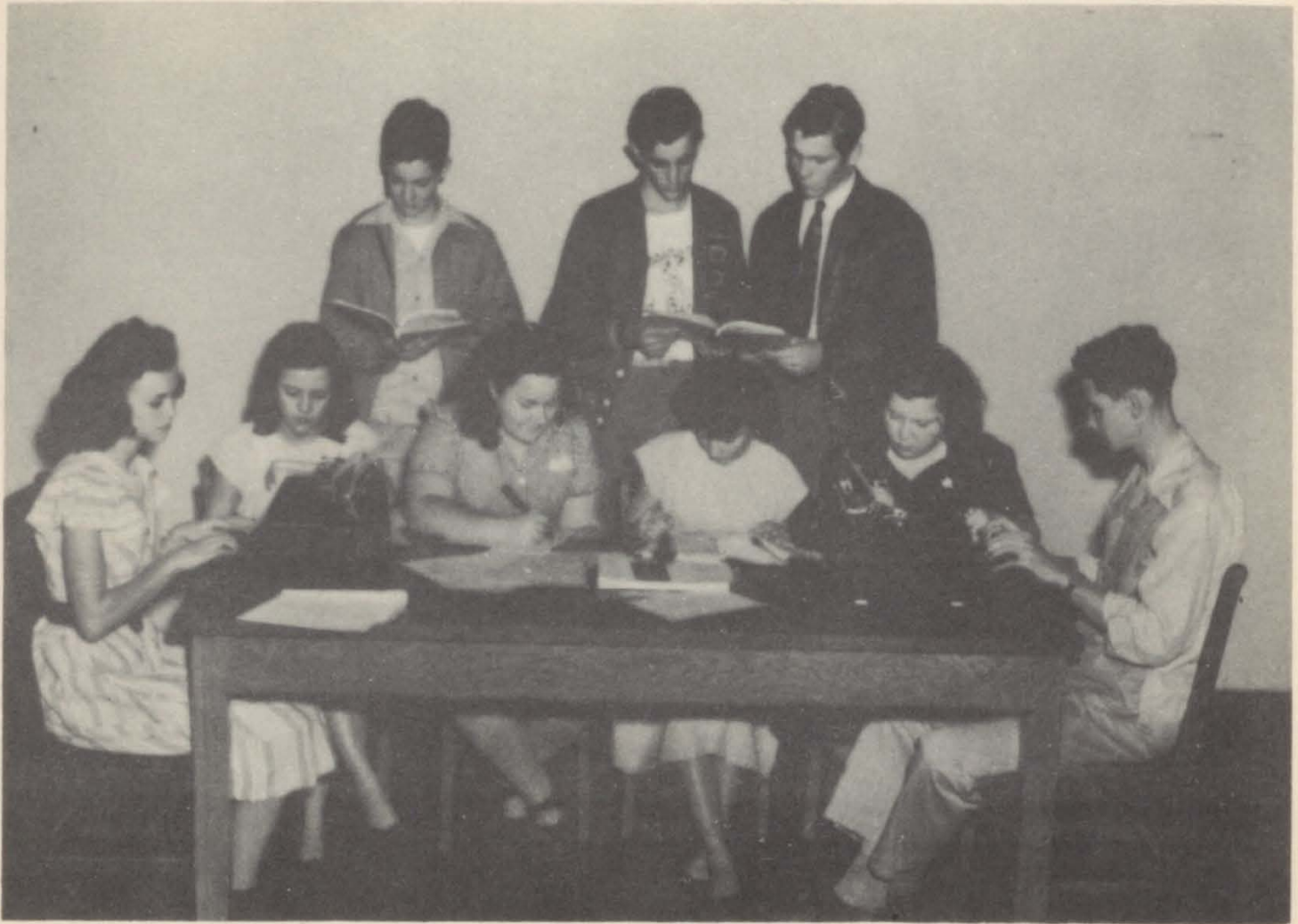
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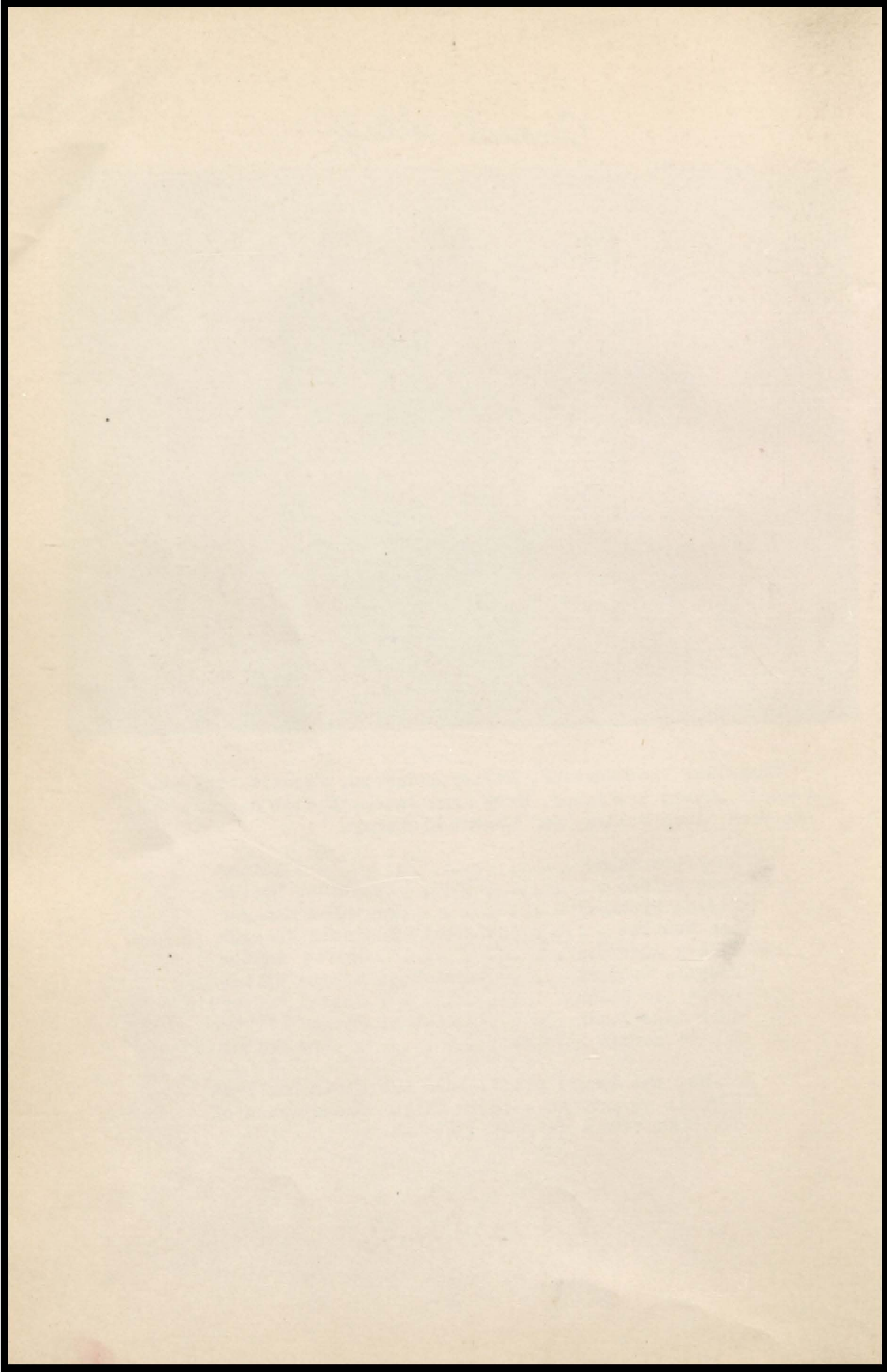
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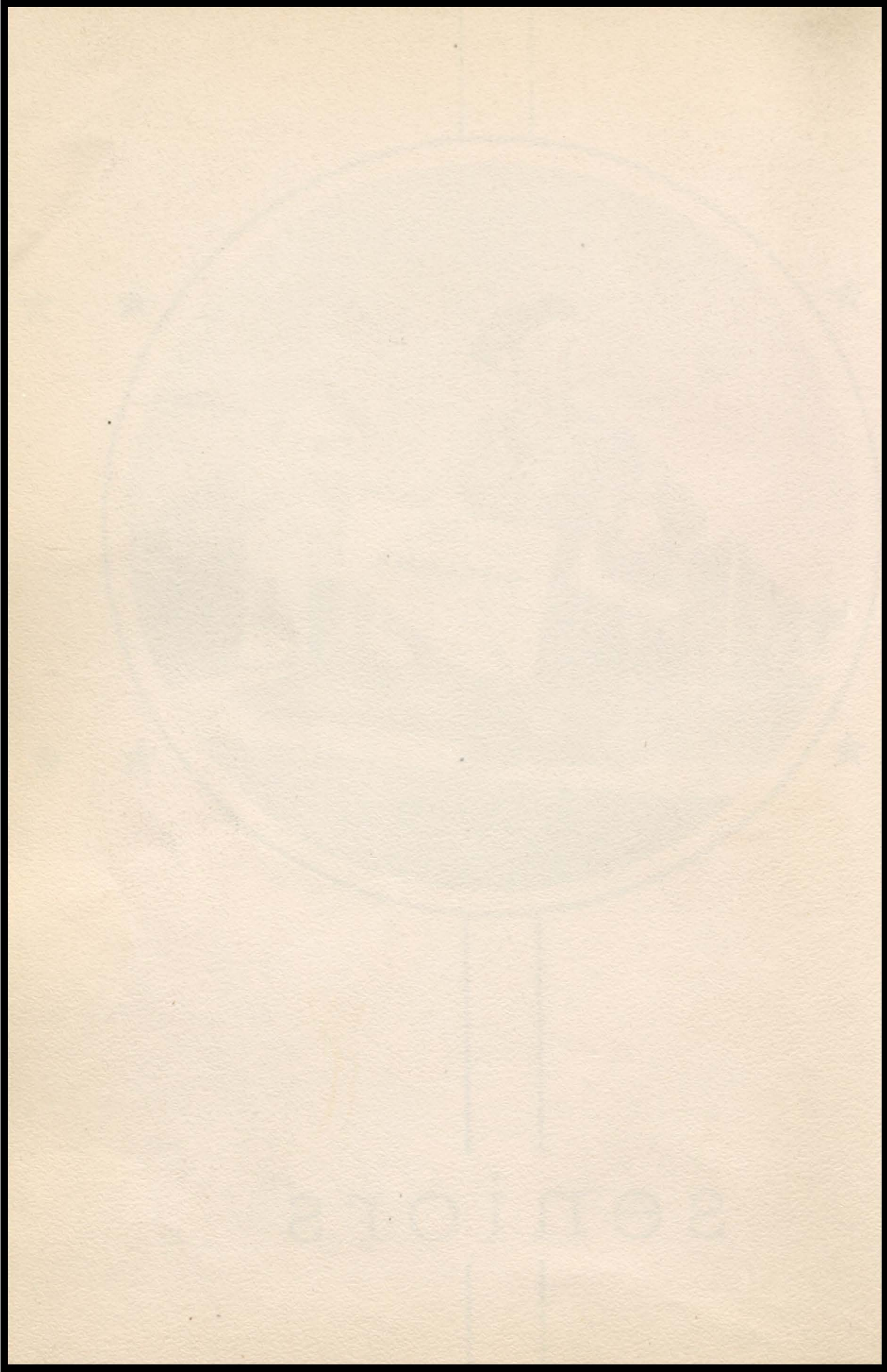
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We, the Annual Staff, have put forth our best efforts to publish a worth-while remembrance of our high school days of 1947-'48.





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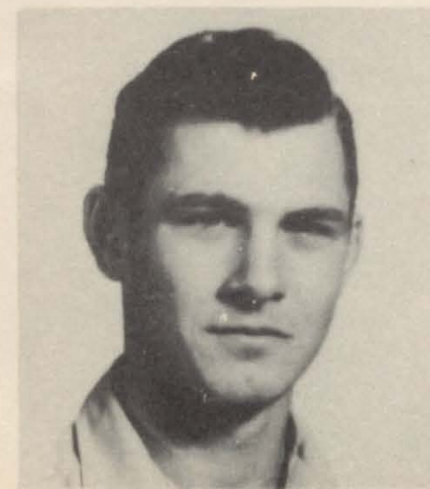
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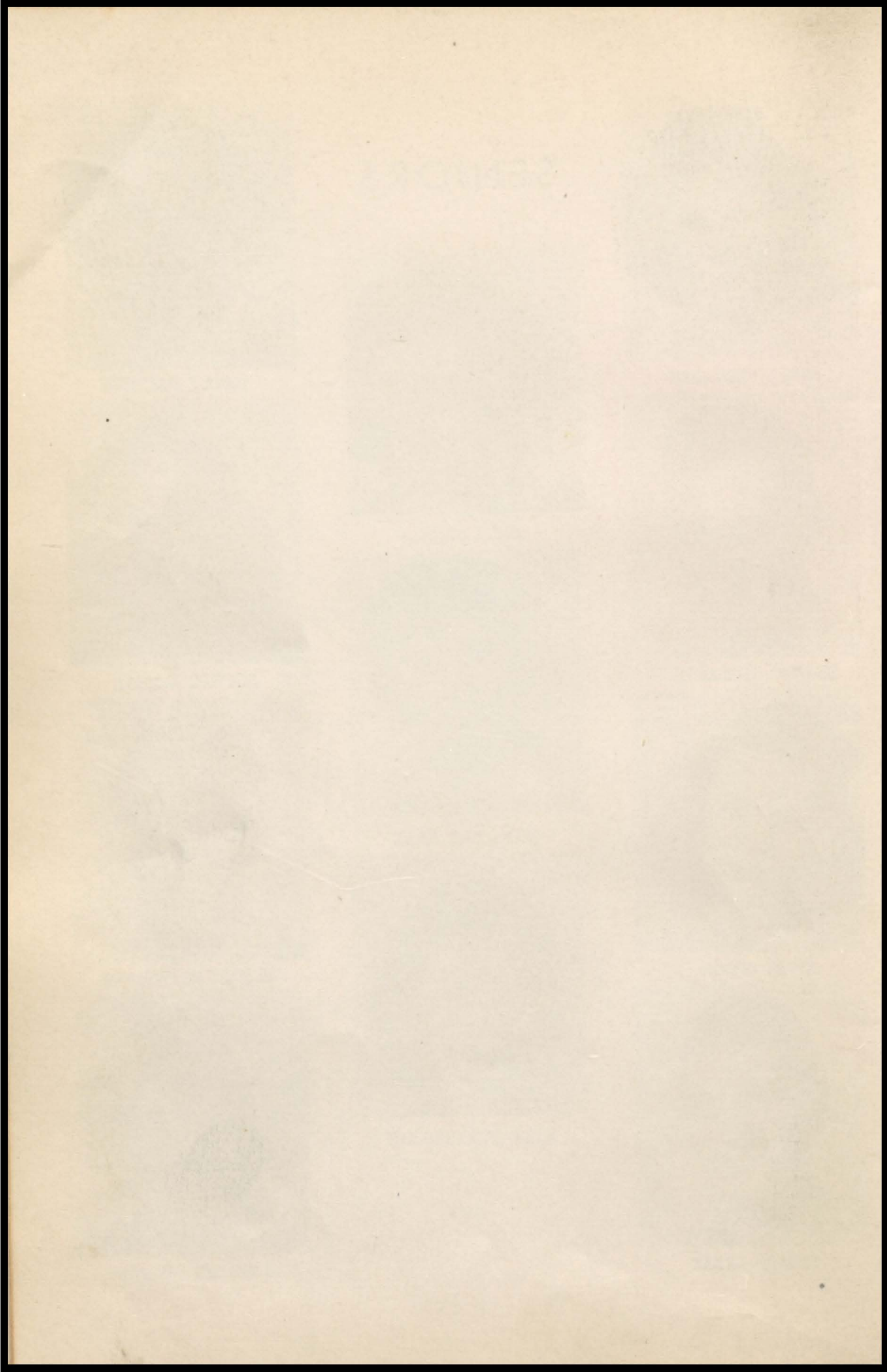
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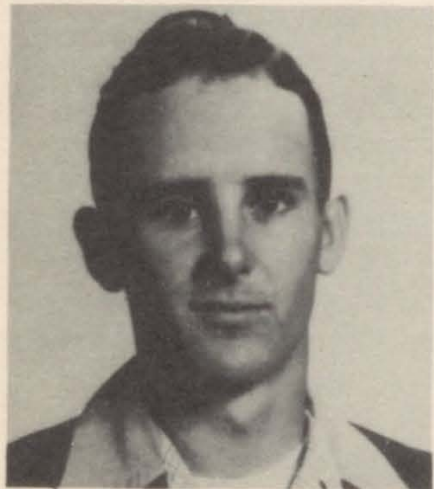
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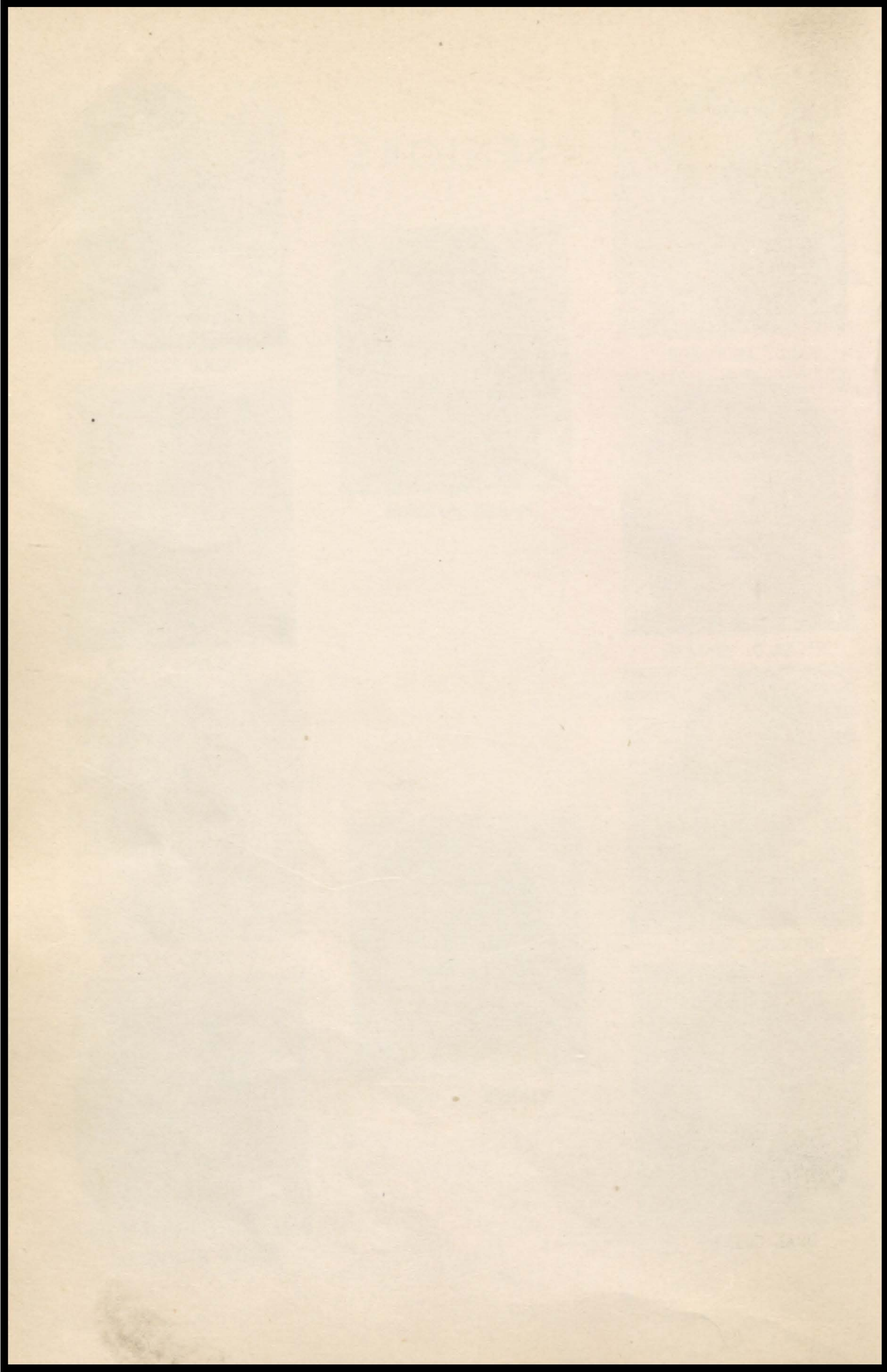
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Colors . . . . . Pink and White

### Motto

"Today we sail;  
When shall we anchor?"

### CLASS WILL

Halley Anderson . . I, Halley Anderson do hereby bequeath my ability to aggravate Mr. Black enough to stay in at dinner to W. M. Brown.

Tony Fabrygel . . I, Tony Fabrygel do hereby bequeath my well-built, husky body to Leo Neuszer.

Lila Fitzgerald .. I, Lila "Ray" do hereby bequeath my love for volleyball and the opposite sex to Mary Jane Junek.

Bernard Gaas.. I, Bernard Gaas do hereby bequeath my ability to go out for football and basketball just to sit by the girls on the bus to Bugger.

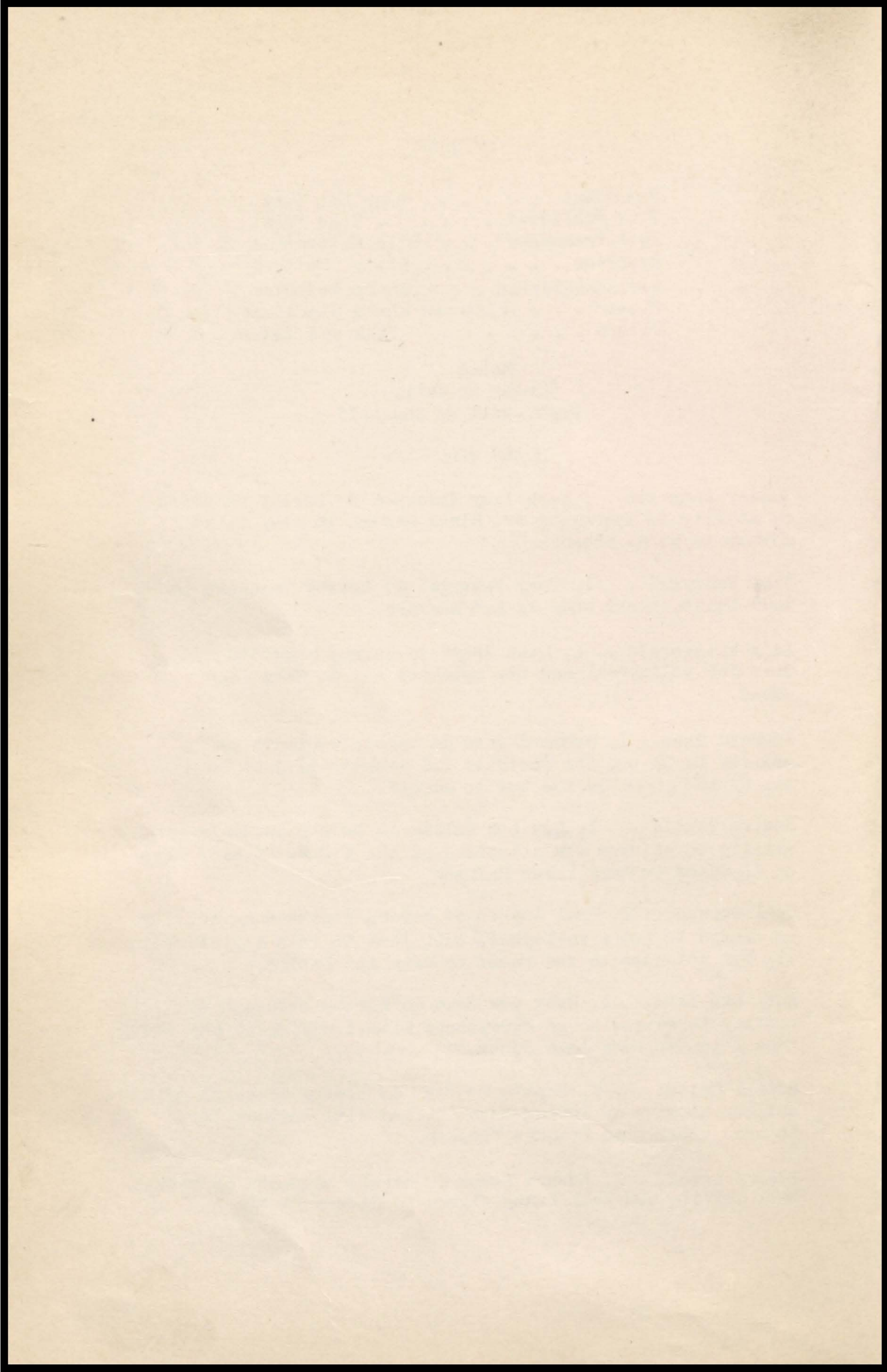
Louise Gallia . . I, Lou Lou Gallia do hereby bequeath my ability to attract the attention of two B.H.S. senior boys of El Maton to Mary Ellen Balusek.

Opal Guynes. . I, Opal Guynes do hereby bequeath my ability to manage to get a volleyball suit just to take a picture in it, but not come to the games to Mary Ann Laslie.

Ruby Lee Hahn. . I, Ruby Lee Hahn do hereby bequeath my ability to manage to go everywhere with a different boy every time I go, to Emma Jean Junek.

Sophie Lejsal . . I, Sophie Lejsal. do hereby bequeath my ability to give my loving heart filled with endless love to none other than Frankie Trojcak.

Edward Lezak. . I, Edward Lezak do hereby bequeath my basket-ball ability and tall lanky figure to Sidney Pecha.



Betty Matthes. . I, Betty Matthes do hereby bequeath my non-interest in all B.H.S. boys to Jean Nelsen.

Richard Mozley . . I, Richard Mozley do hereby bequeath my desire to be a perfect book worm and an "A" student to Joyce Harris.

Annie Nedbalek . . I, Annie Nedbalek do hereby bequeath my ability to be the sweetest and friendliest girl in school to Elaine Spoor.

Marie Nicholson . . I, Marie Nicholson do hereby bequeath my ability to accept watches, rings, and other jewelry from anybody who will buy them for me to Charlsie Brister.

Eugene Rickaway.. I, Eugene Rickaway do hereby bequeath my interests in Ashby and the Spoor family to Buster Guynes.

Willa Dean Rogers. . I, Willa Dean Rogers do hereby bequeath my ability to leave the Pavillion when I suggest it and not wait until R.L.P. wants to go to Mamie James.

Ella Saha . . I, Ella Saha do hereby bequeath my ability to flip boys around like flap-jacks but still manage to have them come back to Georgia N.

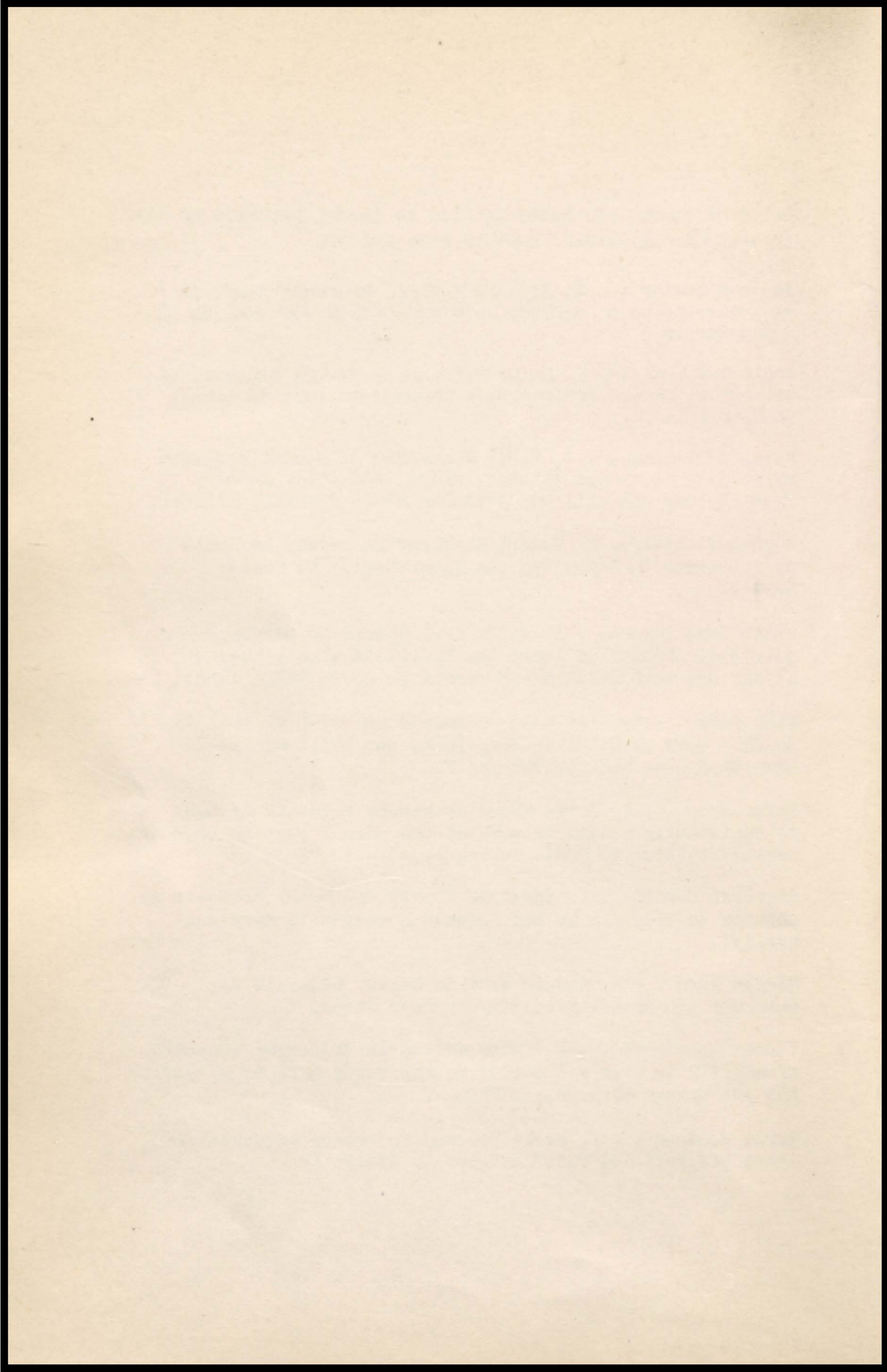
Dovie Spoor. . I, Dovie Spoor do hereby bequeath my wish to continually demand to work on the annual just to be near her heart throb to Rosie Fabrygel.

Angeline Stasta. . I, Angeline Stasta do hereby bequeath my ability to keep all my boy friends a secret to Mary Ann Laslie.

Minnie Warn . . I, Minnie Warn do hereby bequeath my twirling and prancing ability to Faye James.

Victor Watzlavik . . I Victor Watzlavik do hereby bequeath my ability to talk all period in the study hall to my girl, but yet manage to pass, to Thomas.

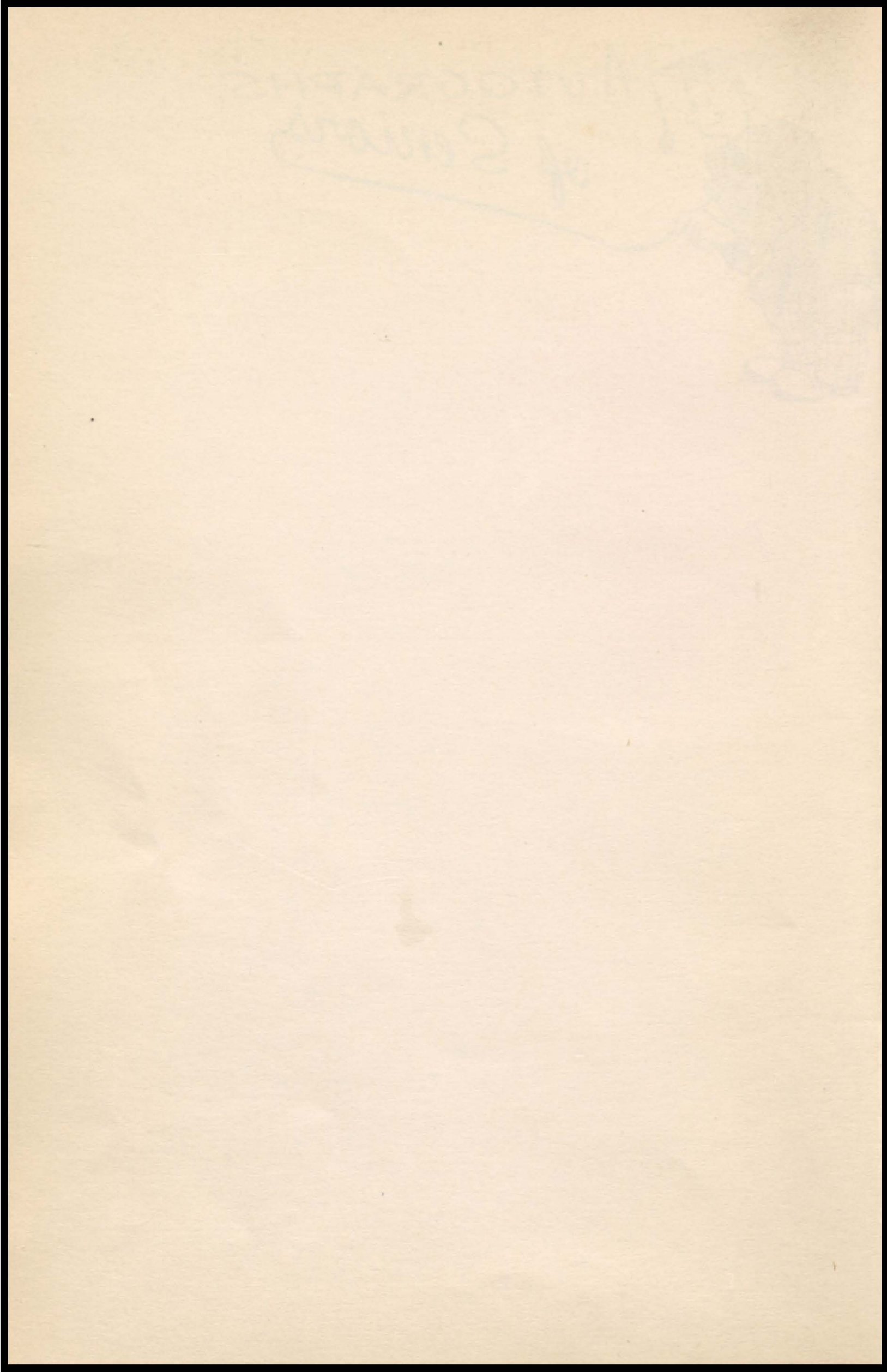
Marie Woodson . . I, Marie Woodson do hereby bequeath to leave off boys and catch sailors to Evelyn K.







AUTOGRAPHS  
of Seniors



# Commencement Exercises

COMMENCEMENT SERMON  
WAS DELIVERED BY

Rev. Vaclav Bily  
St. Peters Catholic Church, Blessing

PLACE Blessing High School Auditorium

DATE Sunday, May 23, 1948

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS  
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Dr. Calicutt  
Professor of Education  
University of Houston

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DATE ~~Friday~~ May 27 1948 Thursday

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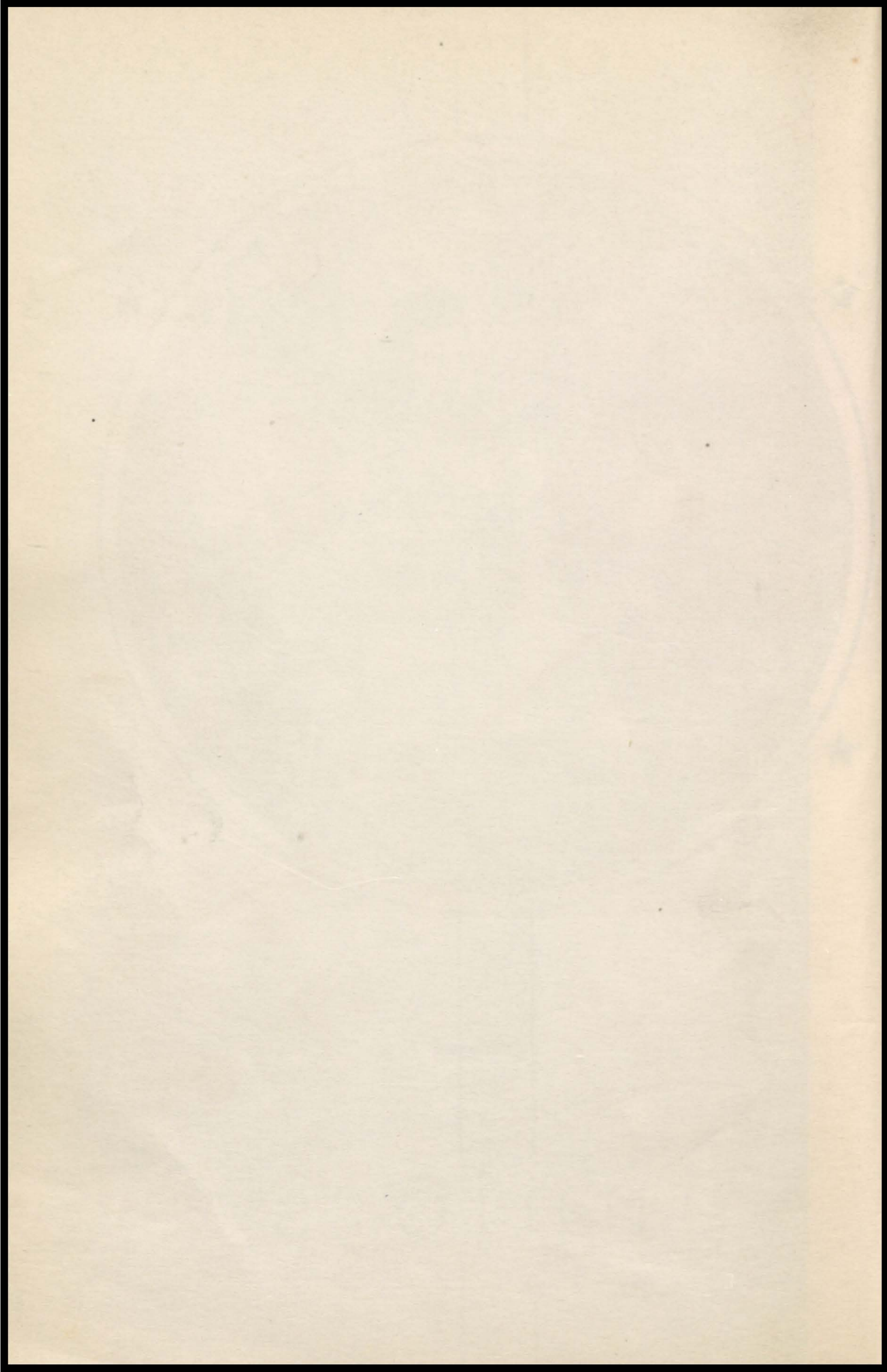
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juniors





JEAN NELSEN



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MARY JANE  
JUNEK



THOMAS  
HAVEL



EMMA JEAN  
JUNEK



MARION  
LEZAK



MAMIE J.  
JAMES



FRANKIE  
TROJCAK



GEORGIE  
NEMEC



LEO NEUSZER



MARY ANN  
LASLIE



GILBERT  
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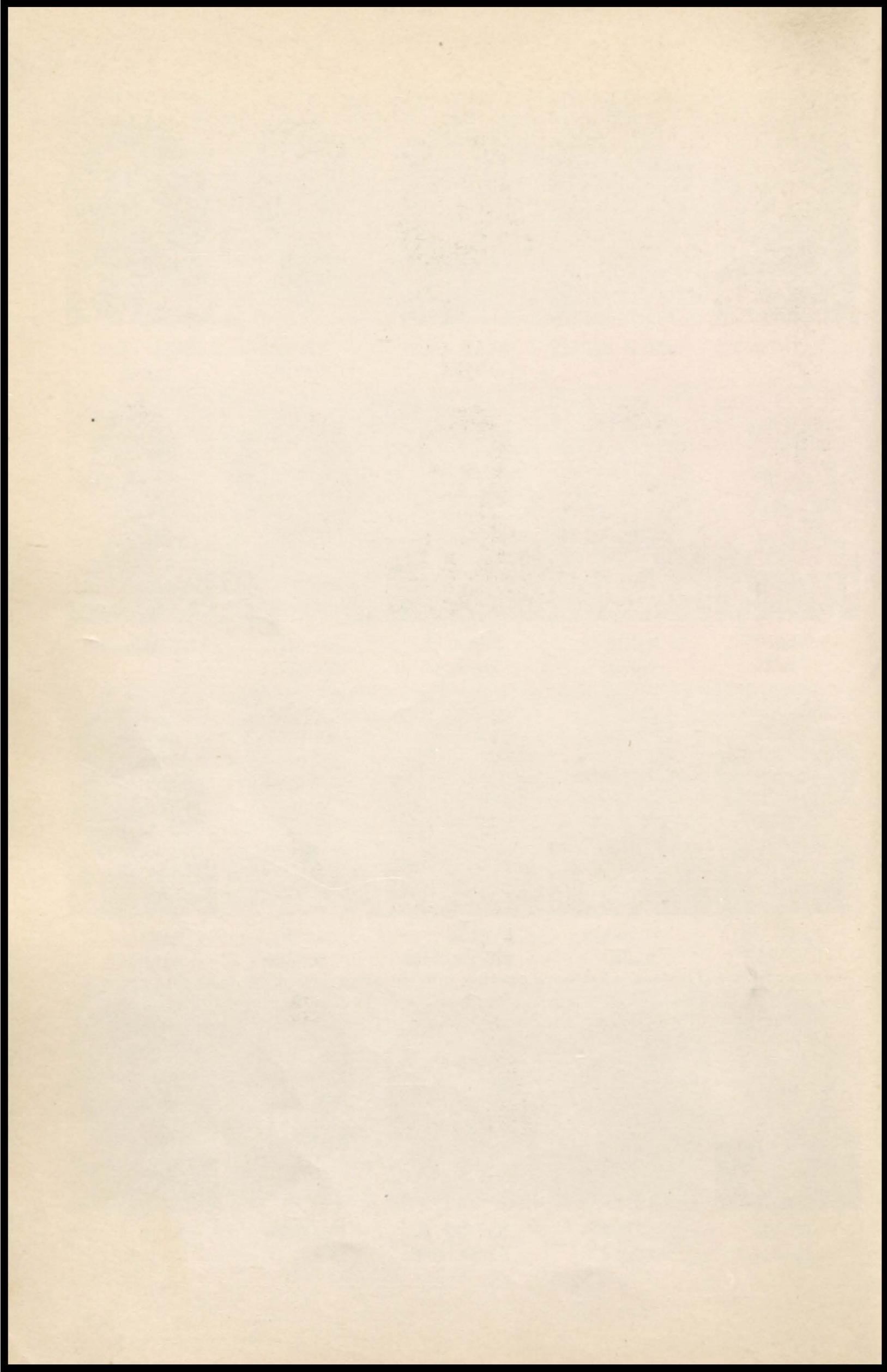
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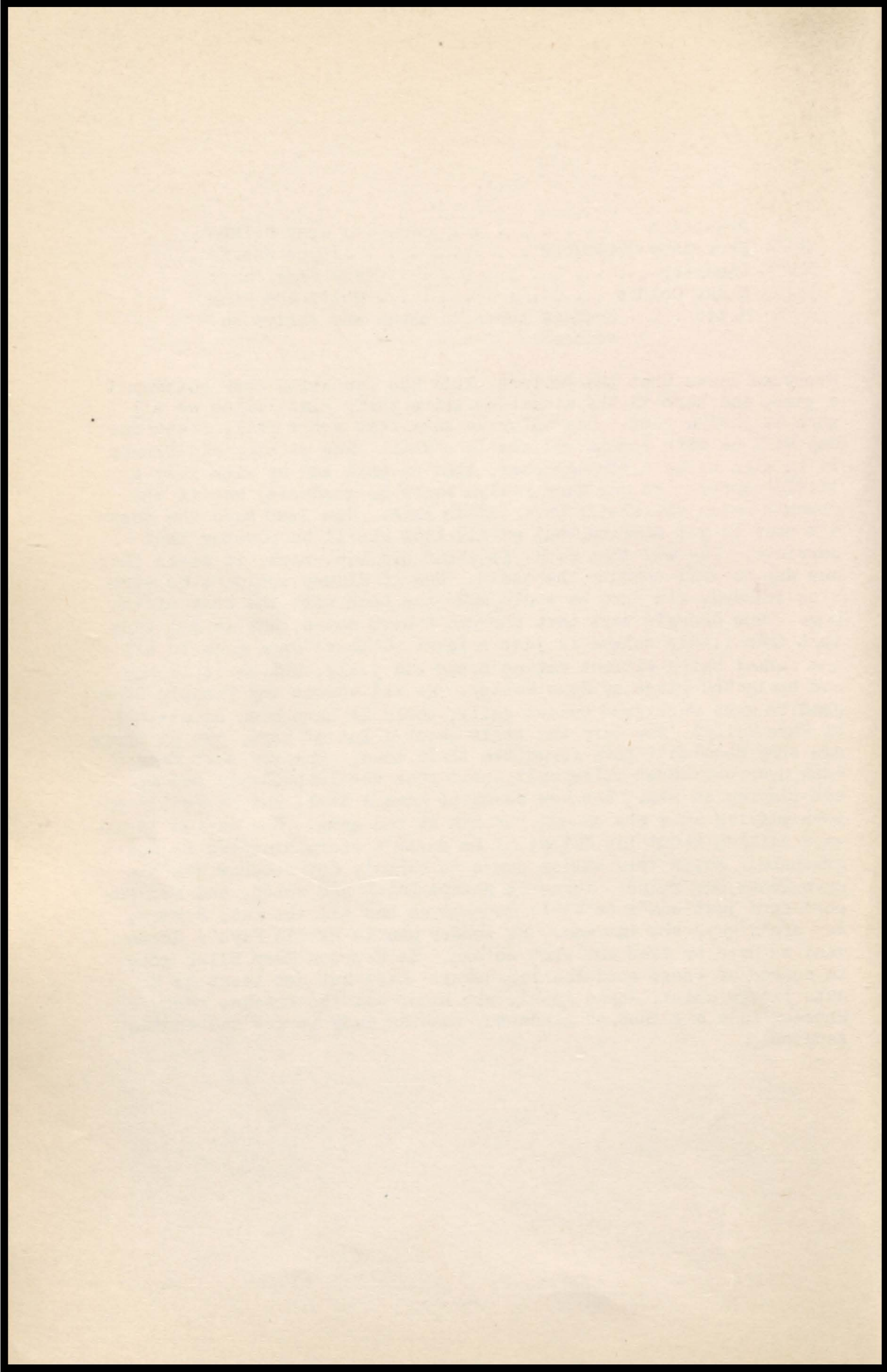
FAYE  
BAILEY





President . . . . . Jean Nelsen  
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 Reporter . . . . . Mary Jane Junek  
 Class Colors . . . . . White and Pink  
 Motto . . . Success comes to those who strive to  
 succeed.

Everyone knows that the Juniors claim the education they got wasn't a game, and here in the annual we write their aims, which we all know is just a game. One thing we know that won't fail, Frank one day will be with Sophie and she in a veil. Now we pity old Thomas if he aims to be a stenographer, that he will end up with just a little copper. We all know Evelyn wants to graduate, but if she doesn't watch out, she'll be a little late. Now Jean says she doesn't want to get married, but we all know she'll be pushing that carriage. The way that W. M. is about his Lab. work, it seems that one day he will conquer the earth. Now if Sidney wouldn't be striving so hard, I'm sure he would make the team with the rest of the boys. Now Georgie says that she can't have dates, but we all know that this little scheme is just a fake. Gilbert Saha goes to all the formal balls without eating bread and jelly, but he still may end up in the place of Gene Kelley. We all wonder why Frankie Gaas used to make such good grades daily, could it have been on account of Faye Baily? Now Mary Ann talks about a lot of boys, but at their age they shouldn't have forgotten their toys. The way that Emma Jean quarrels about volleyball, next year she'll probably end up not playing at all. Leo now seems to have a dame, and he really enjoys playing when she cheers for him at the game. Now Marion is always talking about his dates; if he doesn't start studying he won't graduate. Julia very seldom comes to school, but somehow she always knows our rules. Joyce is always quiet and sweet, and her report card just can't be beat. Mary Jane has all the fun, Robert, her dream guy, she has won. We wonder who is Hattie Faye's dream man; we have to find out what we can. To Houston Mary Ellen goes, in search of those good-looking beaus. Last but not least is a cute little chick, Mamie Jewel, who knows all the tricks. Mrs. Wheeler is a big hunk of gladness, washing away sorrow and ending sadness.



# Junior-Senior Banquet



PLACE Hotel Blessing DATE May 15, 1948

COASTMASTER Jean Nelson: Pres. of Jr. Class

ADDRESSES Mr. Tom Hale... Introduced by G.K. Nelson

Maypole Theme of Decorations

WENT WITH Victor Watzlavik

## COMMENTS

Pianist: ... Mrs. Abel H. Pierce

Invocation & Benediction: ... Rev. R.E. Black

Sr. Class Will: ... Sophie Lejsal

Response To Trs. ... Ruby Lee Hahn

James Fenimore  
Bangs



Hotel B... .. May 12 1880

Dear Mr. ... ..

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Yours truly

James Fenimore Bangs

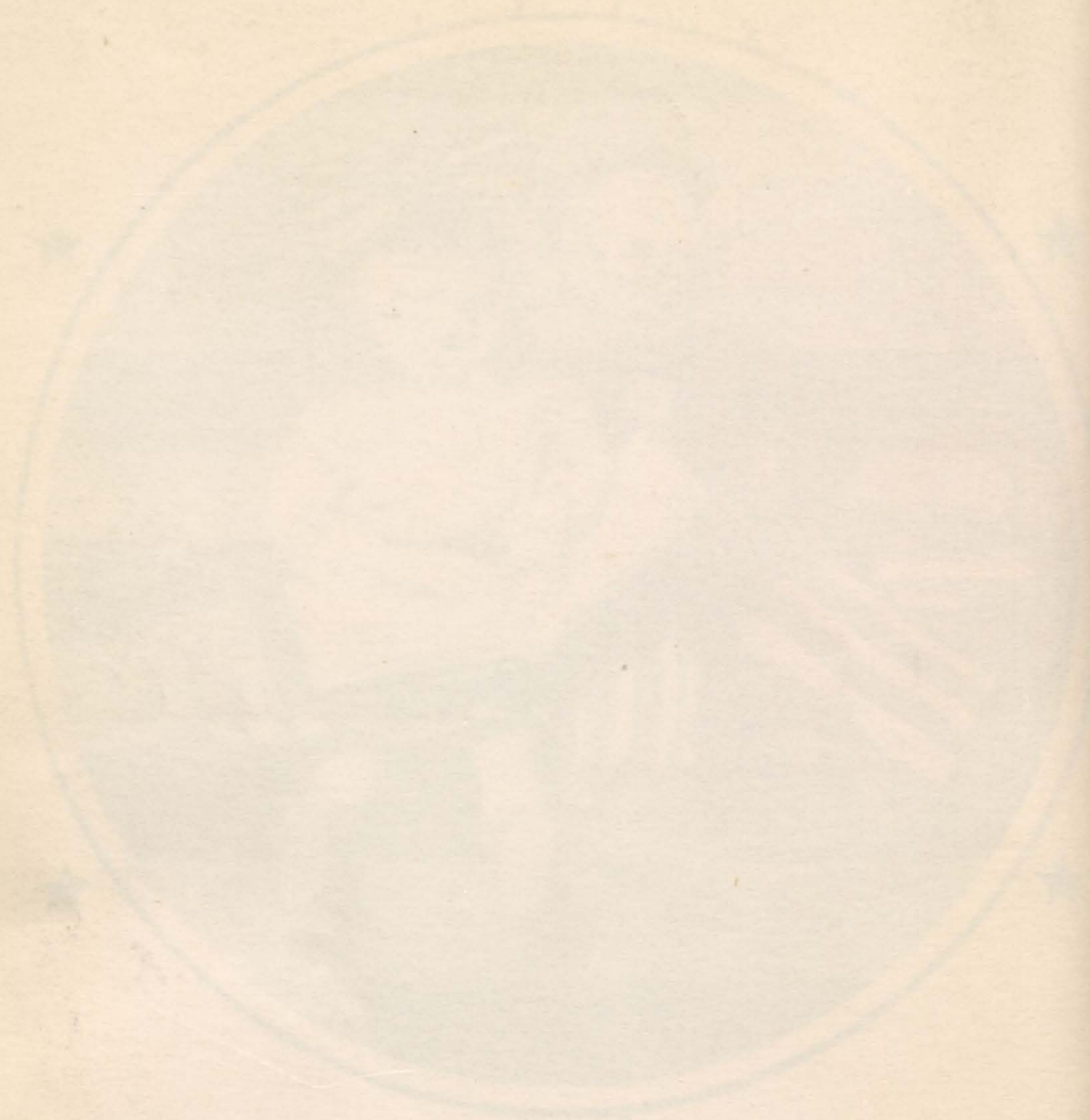
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TRAVIS  
RICHARDSON



ANN  
HORECKA



HERBERT  
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OLA MAE  
SMITH



CHARLES  
WARN



CHARLSIE  
BRISTER



BEN  
MURPHY



DOROTHY  
MATURA



J. B.  
NICHOLSON



FAYE  
JAMES



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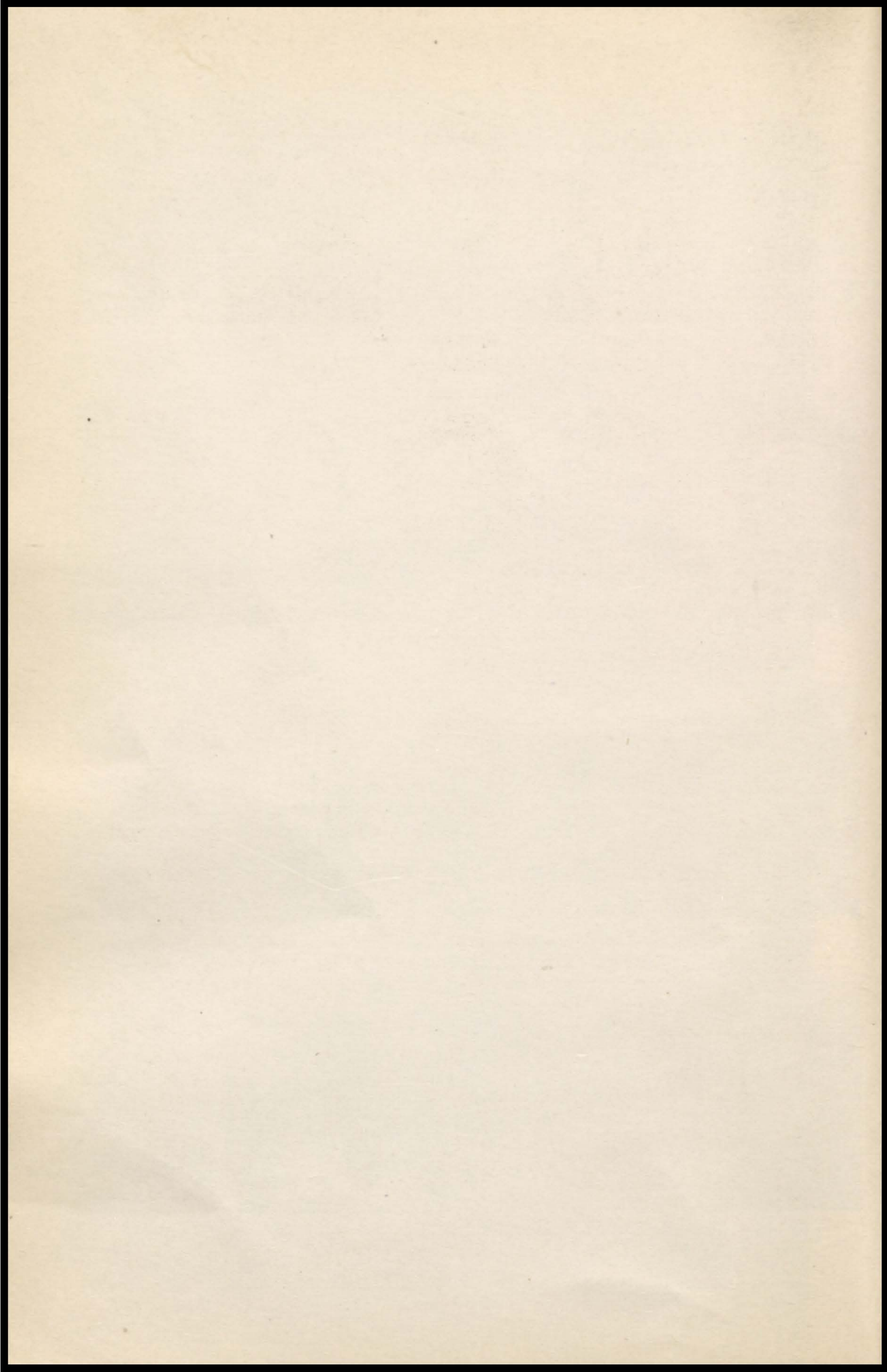
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ROSIE  
FABRYGEL



BETTY  
MORTON



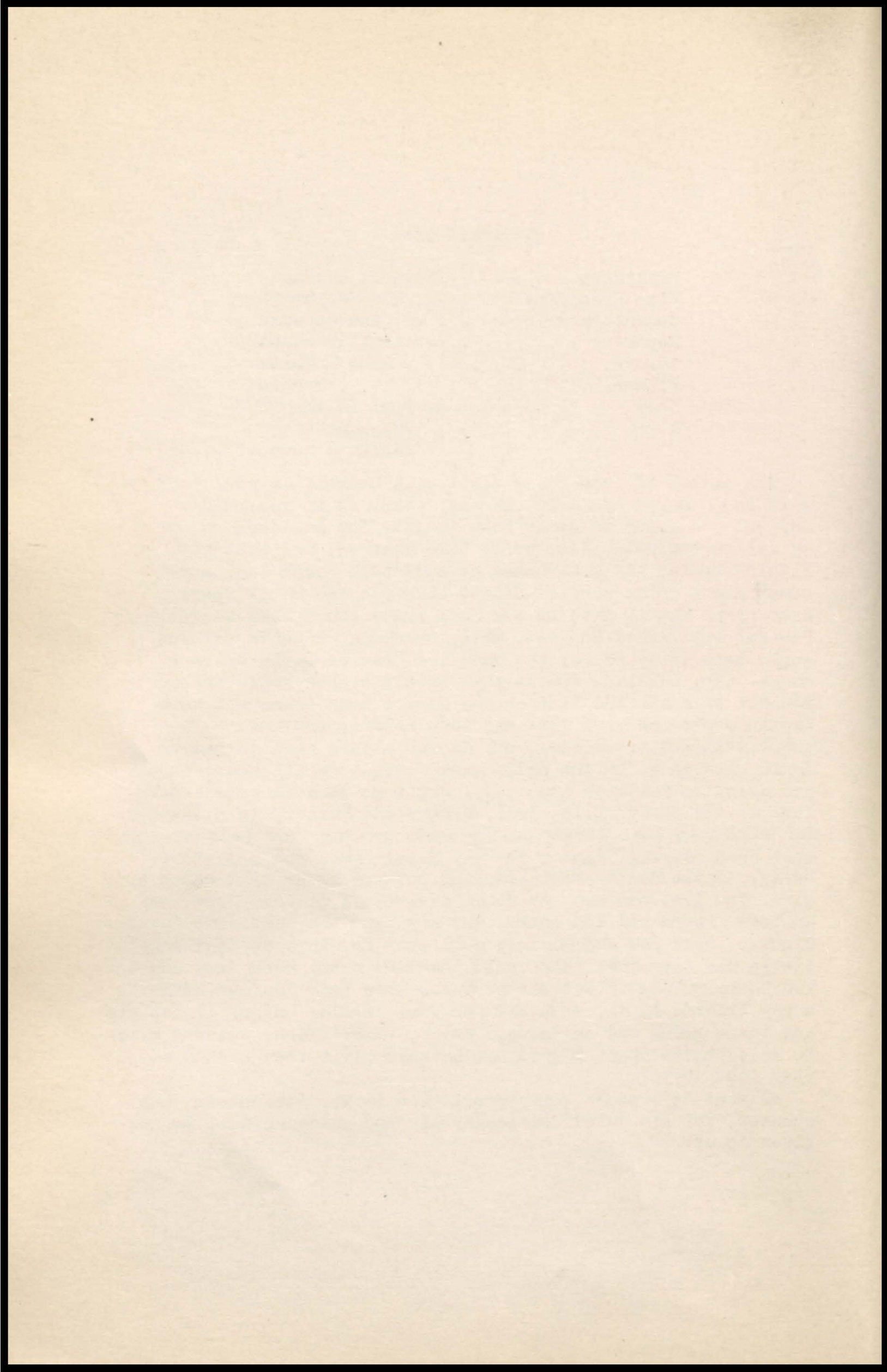


## SOPHOMORE NEWS

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Secretary & Treas. . . . . Ann Horecka  
Reporter . . . . . Travis Richardson  
Colors. . . . . Blue & White  
Flower. . . . . : . . . . . Orchid  
Song "I Love You So Much It Hurts"  
Motto. . . . . "Forward Ever  
Backward never."

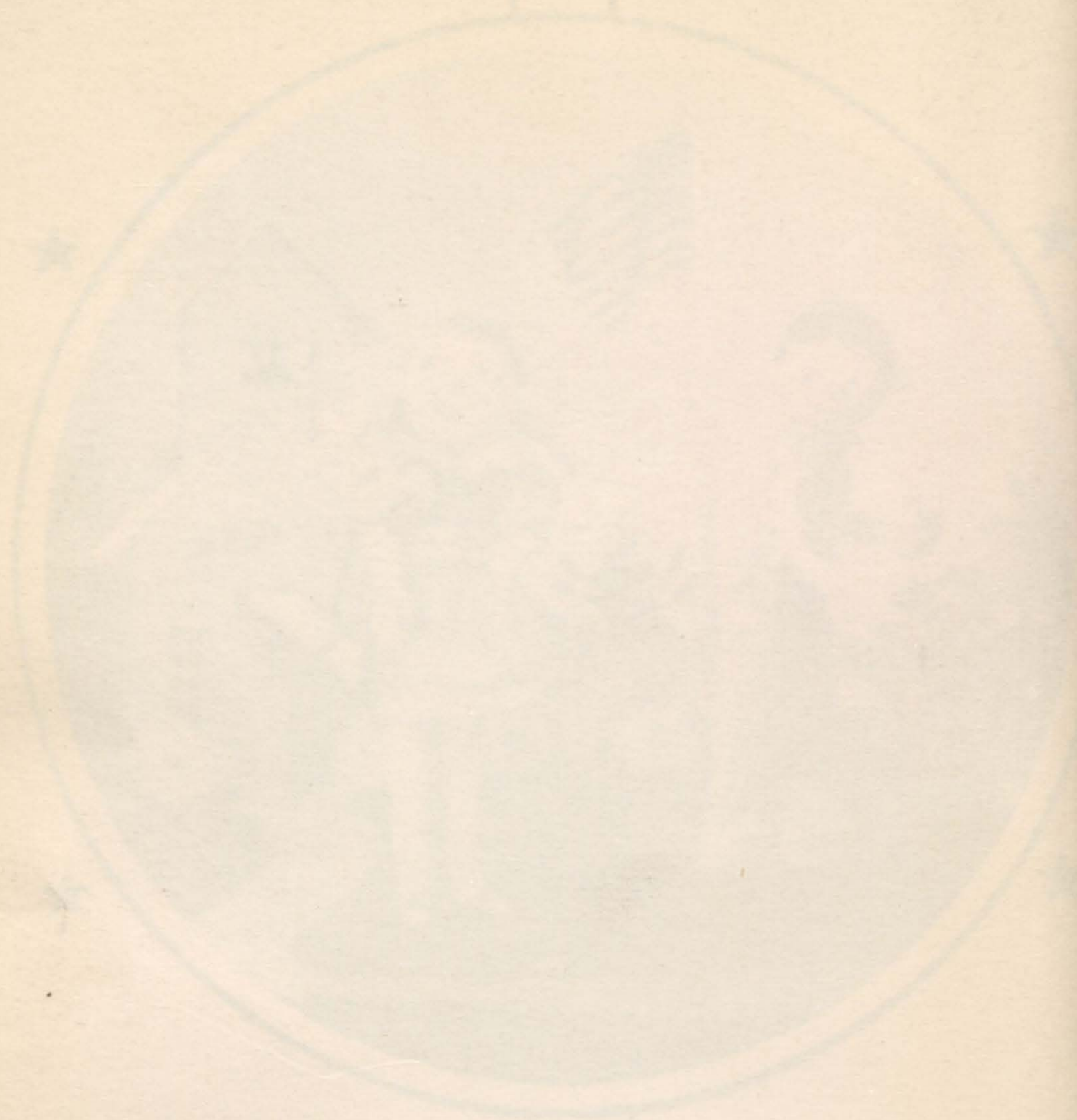
The author of this ditty isn't very bright, as you will see as you continue reading, (that is if you read on) but I'm going to do my best to give the low down on my fellow students. Now, we'll take Charles, for instance, I think he dug his grave when he came back South San, and sometimes I think Herbert didn't like Ola Mae until Charles came back. You'll have to ask Faye James about that secret Pen Pal boy friend she has. Well, Charlise, I think all you would have to do is say the word and Charles would be in a dream. Say, Lillian, who is that little eighth grade boy you sit with all the time on the bus. I hear there was some little Sophomore girl that was left holding the bag, "How about that Rosie!" Buster, why do you always want to sit by Annie when we go to the ball game? Oran, we all heard about you going to Palacios next year. Don't go down there and make love to all those girls. Well, Elaine and Buster, we all wonder will this love affair really work out. Ann, you just keep up that band playing. That's the way Harry James got his start. Duffy, if you don't start stepping out you never will catch a girl. Tom Lee, you are our dream basketball player. Just keep up that record and who knows, you may make the team some day. Ola Mae, have you and Georgia quit that Feudin over that sweet little Bay City boy? "Who could that be?" Betty Fern, why don't you throw another class party? Maybe this year you can catch a boy friend. J. B., when are you ever coming out of the sticks and start going out on dates. We. ., there's Ben, yet you know he never talks about a girl but he sure gives them a look as they pass by.

We want to express our appreciation to Mr. Strandtman, our sponsor, for his unselfish leadership and guidance that he has given to us.





freshmen



Members



DOROTHY  
POWELL

BERNICE  
GAAS

ALBINA  
VACULIN



VIOLET  
HARRIS

A. V.  
BOSAK

ANNIE  
HICKL

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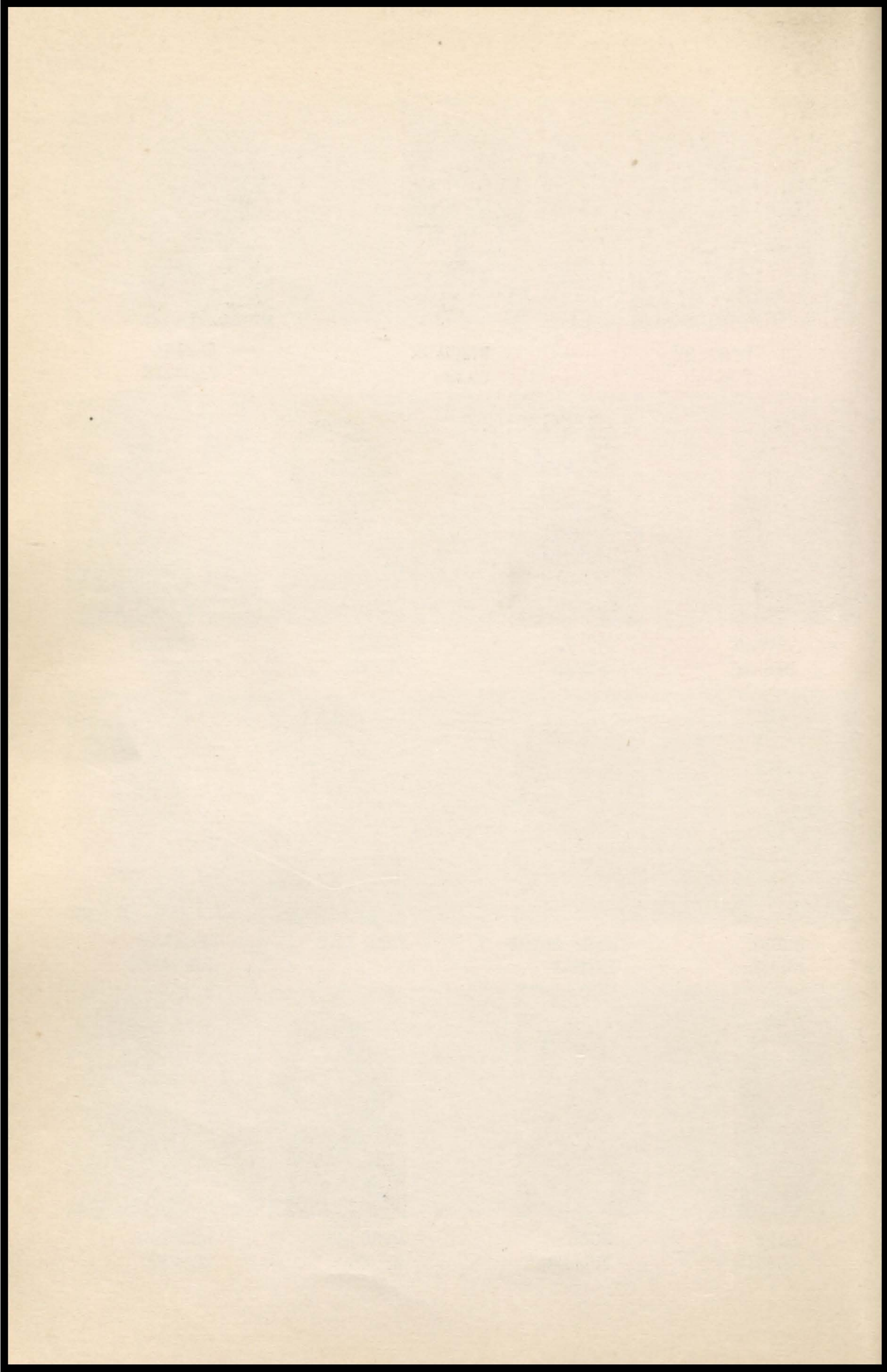


LUPE  
ALANIZ

NOEL  
FULLER

DOROTHY  
HICKL

LEONARD  
MURPHY



## FRESHMEN NEWS

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Reporter . . . . . Violet Harris  
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Song . . . . . Home Sweet Home  
Colors . . . . . Red and White

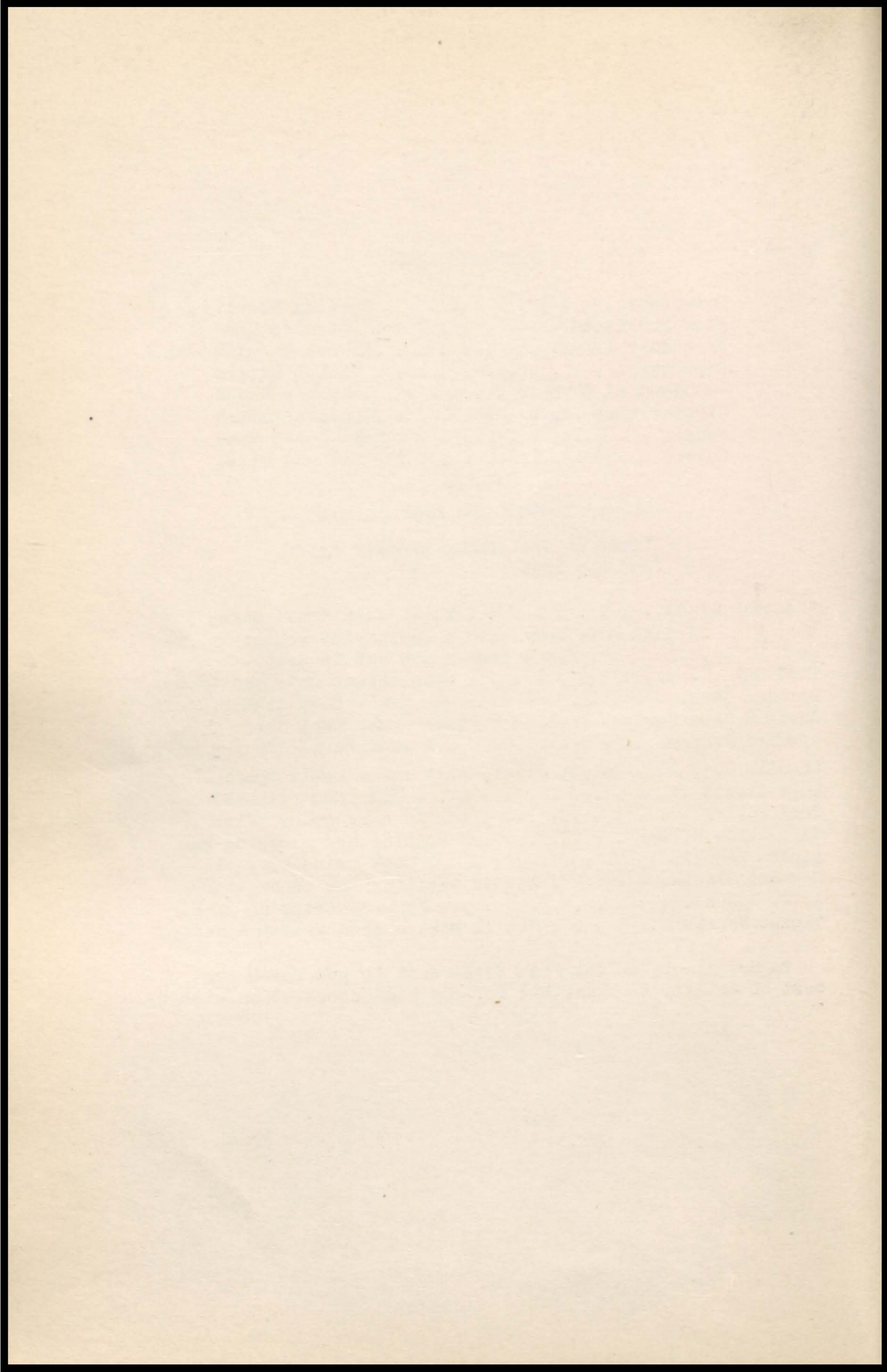
### Motto

Climb, though the rock be rugged.

Those on the campus usually heard  
but not seen.

"Cactus" Black . . . . . nutty as a fruit cake.  
Dot. P. . . . . A pint size body with a quart size mouth;  
Dot. H. . . . . Has a loud mouth but is swell.  
Fred Day . . . . . The silent cave man type.  
Bernice Gass. . . . . A girl you can't help liking.  
Annie H. "I'm forever Blowing Bubbles" (gum, that is).  
Leonard Murphy . . . . . A good farmer in the making.  
Lucille G. . . . . Quiet, sweet, neat and a swell sport.  
Lupe Alaniz . . . . . Dizzy but likeable.  
Noel Fuller . . . . . An easy going "Fish".  
Mary Alice Herman . . . . . Popping and slopping gum.  
Albina Vaculin . . . . . Look twice boys !!!  
Raymond Stasta. . . . . Always visiting the candy store.  
A. V. Bosak . . . . . Forever tripping D.P.  
Violet Harris . . . . . She'll make a good artist someday.

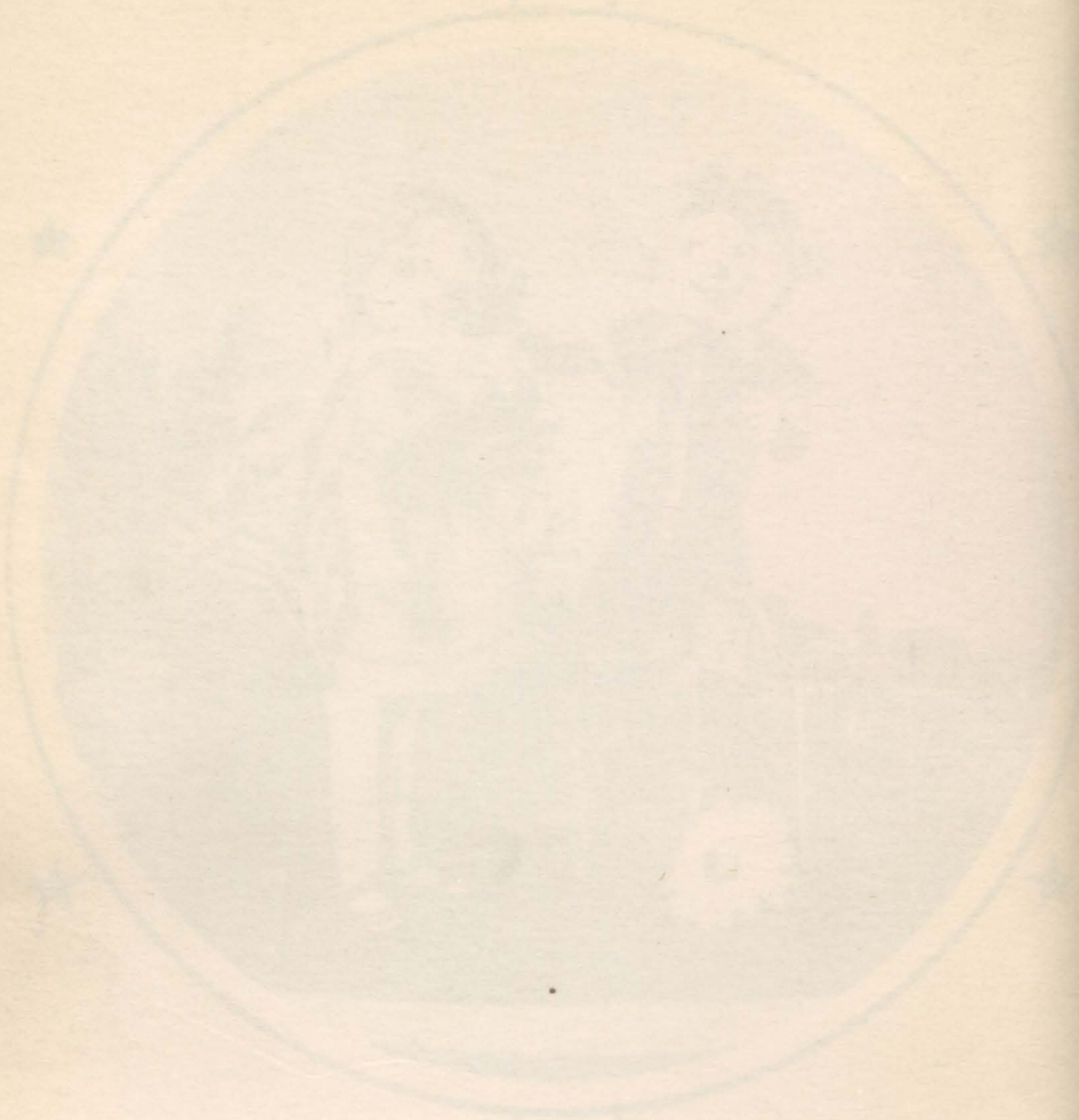
To Mr. Black, we the Fish Class want to put forth our  
best of ability to thank him for his kind cooperation with us.







elementary



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MARILYN  
SPOOR



J. D.  
TOMASEK



ANN  
VACLAVIK



BILLY  
COLESON



MILDRED  
GREEN



WALTER  
HALE



LA VONE  
NICHOLSON



KENNETH  
HARRIS



BETTY  
BROWN



JAMES  
GREER



PETE  
DAVENPORT



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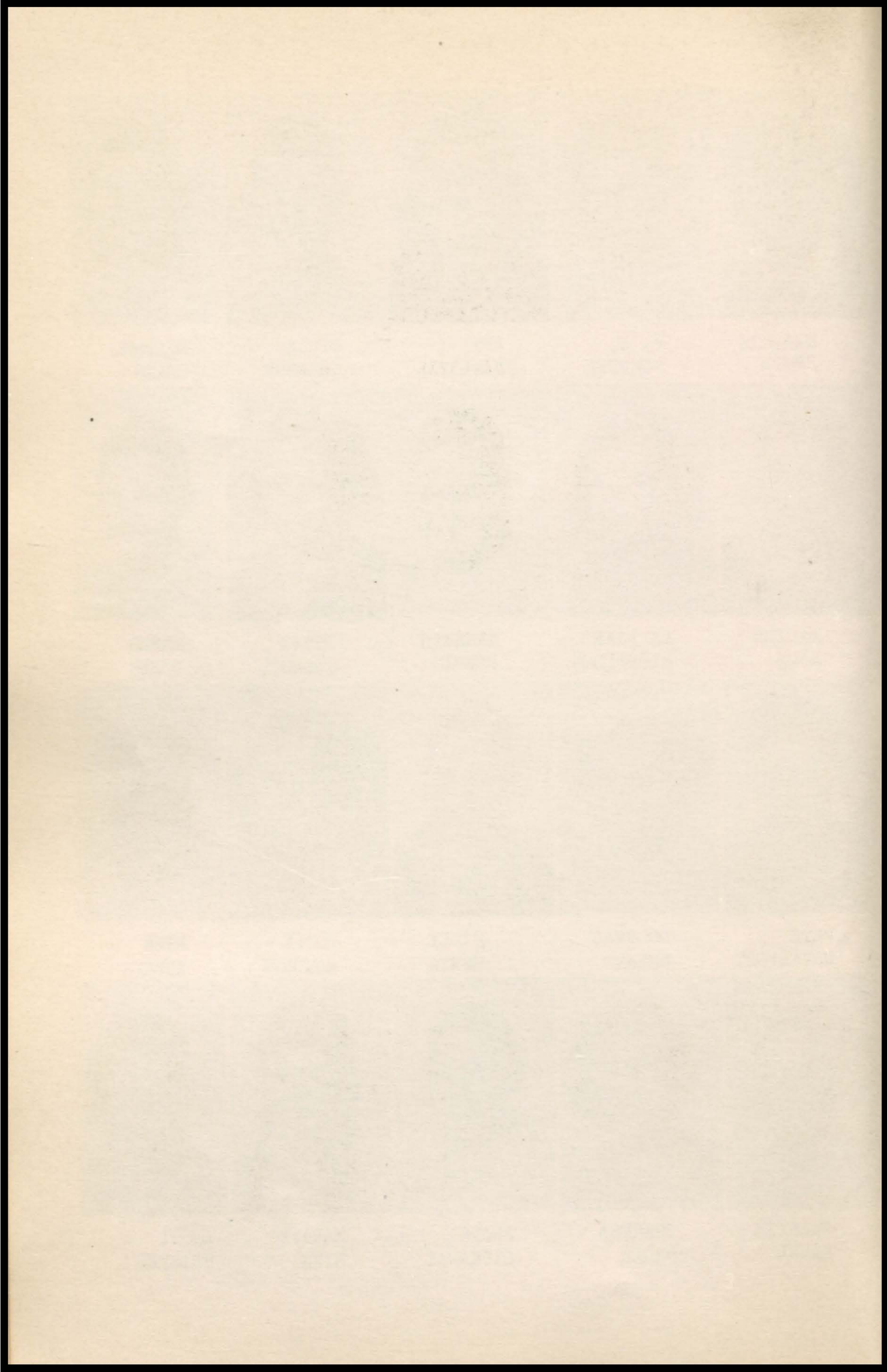
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BRISTER





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DRISCOLL



JOY  
HERRETH



EDWIN  
KACER



RAYMOND  
BALUSEK



FRANCES  
SHAMBLEE



LEO  
ORSAK



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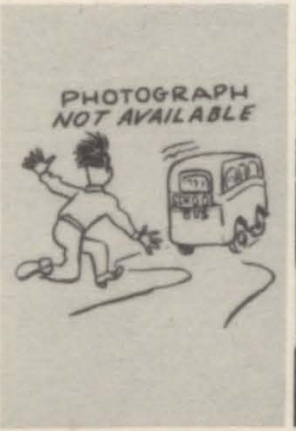
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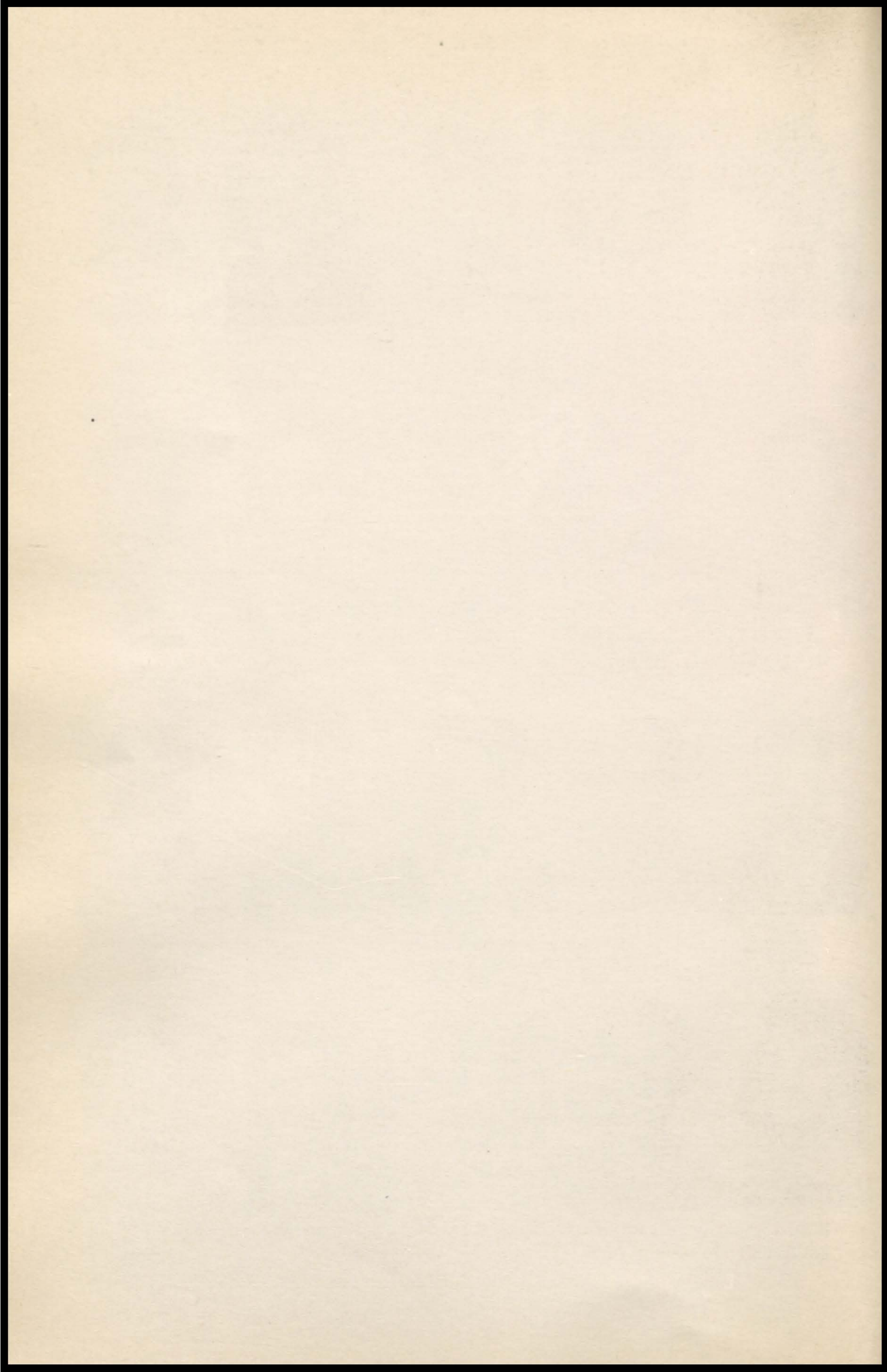
MYRTLE  
DE REESE



FRANCES  
ROBLES



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 Reporter . . . . . Anne Vaclavick  
 Flower . . . . . Red Rose  
 Colors . . . . . Red and White

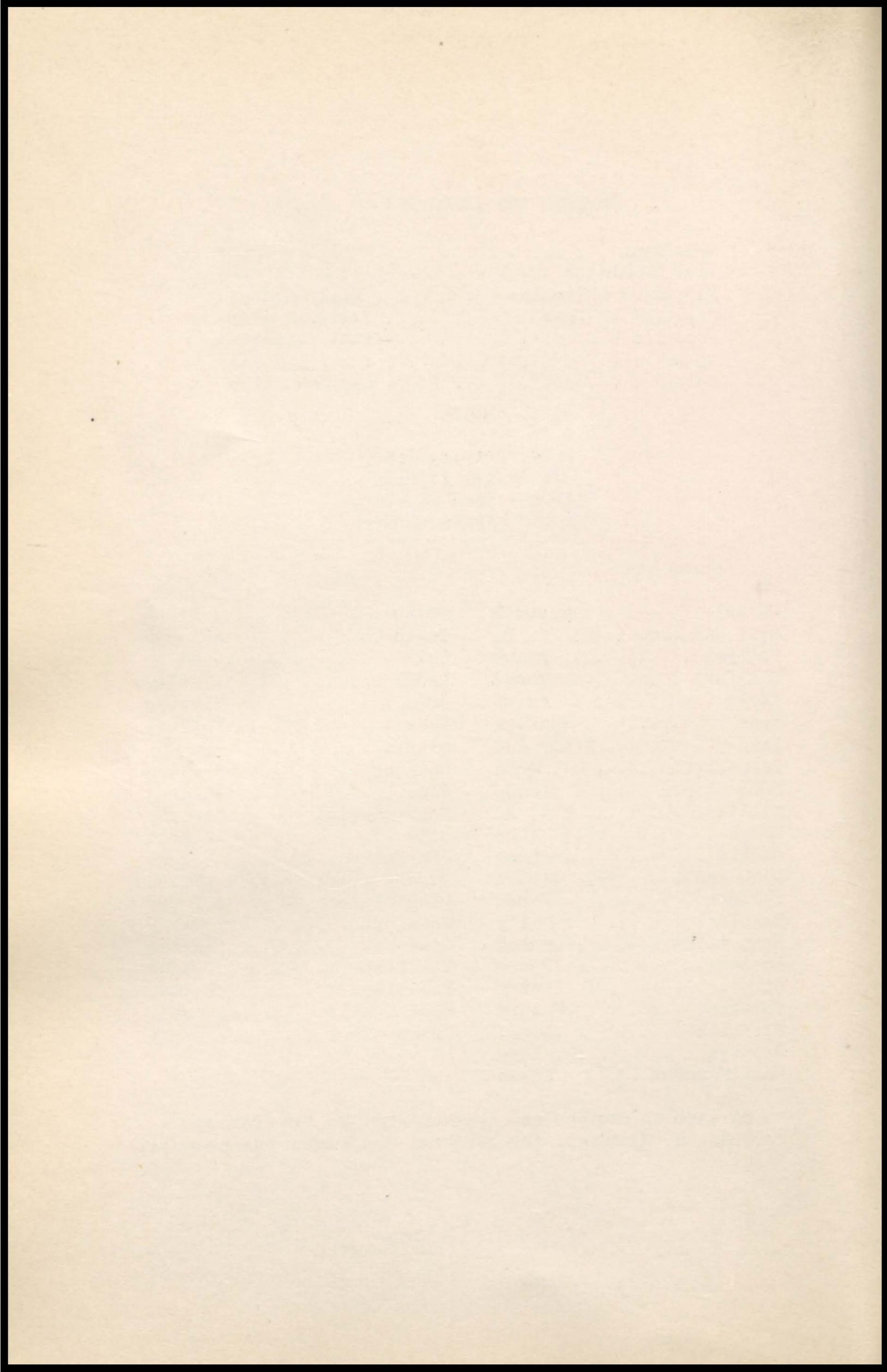
Motto

Good, Better, Best,  
 Never let it rest  
 Till the good is better  
 And the better is best.

Ideal Boy

Cutest . . . . . Kenneth	Smile . . . . . Ethel
Most Handsome . . . . . J. D.	Teeth . . . . . Delores
Fattest . . . . . Frank	Hair . . . . . Helen
Smallest . . . . . Raymond	Laugh . . . . . Betty
Teeth . . . . . James	Grin . . . . . Marilyn
Eyes . . . . . Charles	Eyes . . . . . Theresa
Hair . . . . . Billy Joe	Giggle . . . . . Myrtle
Disposition . . . . . Wynn	Smallest . . . . . Frances
Most Stupid . . . . . James	Nose . . . . . Mildred
Silliest . . . . . E. R.	Most Bashful . . . . . Dorothy
Laugh . . . . . Leo	Lips . . . . . Frances
Giggle . . . . . Johnny	Pig Tails . . . . . Margie
Dumbness . . . . . Robert	Cutest . . . . . Helen
Tallest . . . . . James	Disposition . . . . . Joy
Sassiest . . . . . Billy	Sassiest . . . . . Mable
Most Talkative . . . . . Frank	Craziest . . . . . Evelyn
Posture . . . . . Henry	Silliest . . . . . Anne
Grin . . . . . Donny	Prissiest . . . . . Lavone
Quietest . . . . . Howard	Most Stupid . . . . . Rosie
Flirtiest . . . . . L. J.	Primpiest . . . . . Vona
Meanest . . . . . Andy	
Most Bashful . . . . . Edwin	

We wish to express our appreciation to our dear sponsor, Mr. E. R. Adams, for his kind leadership and cooperation.







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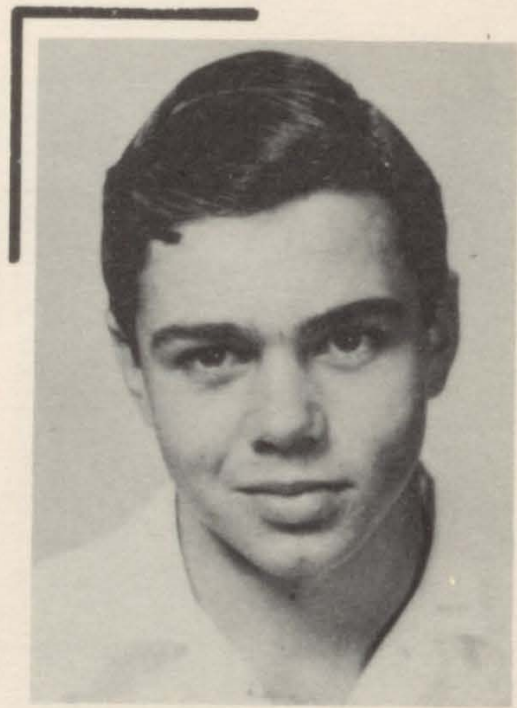


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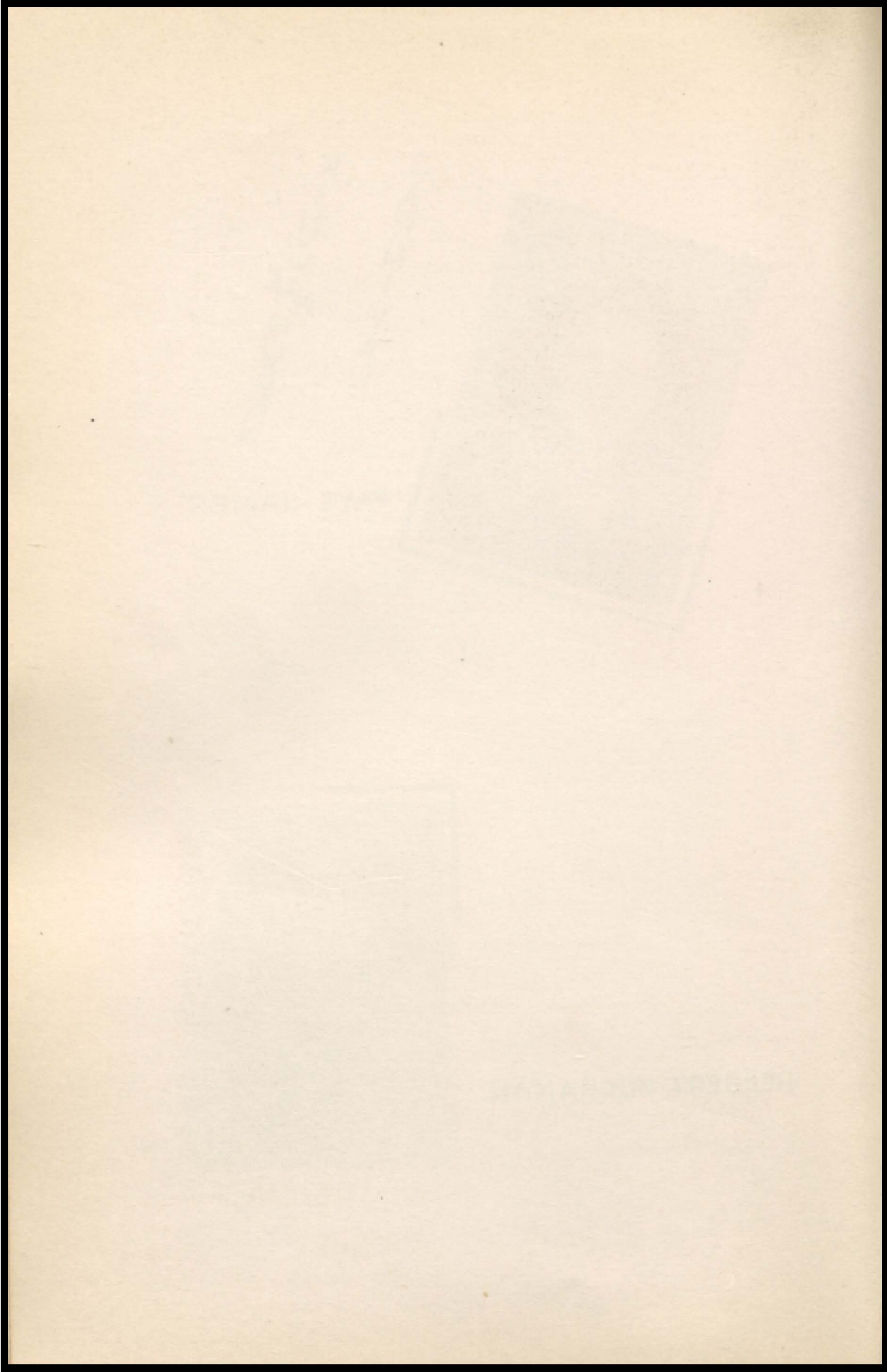


CARNIVAL  
KING  
and  
QUEEN

FAYE JAMES



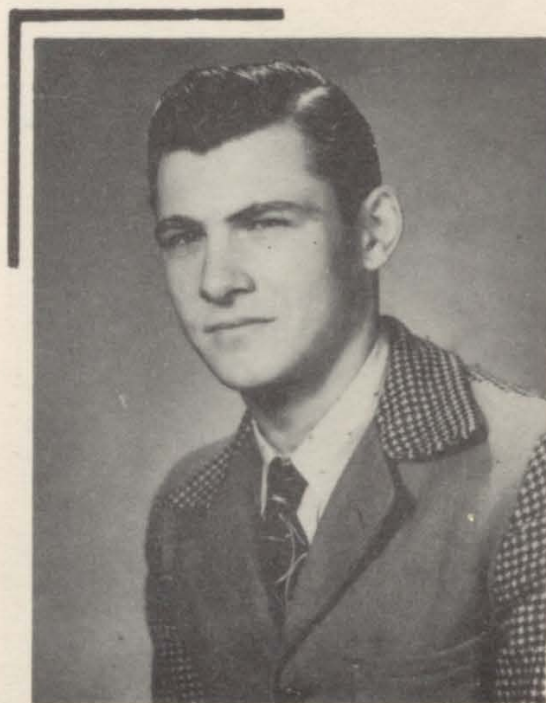
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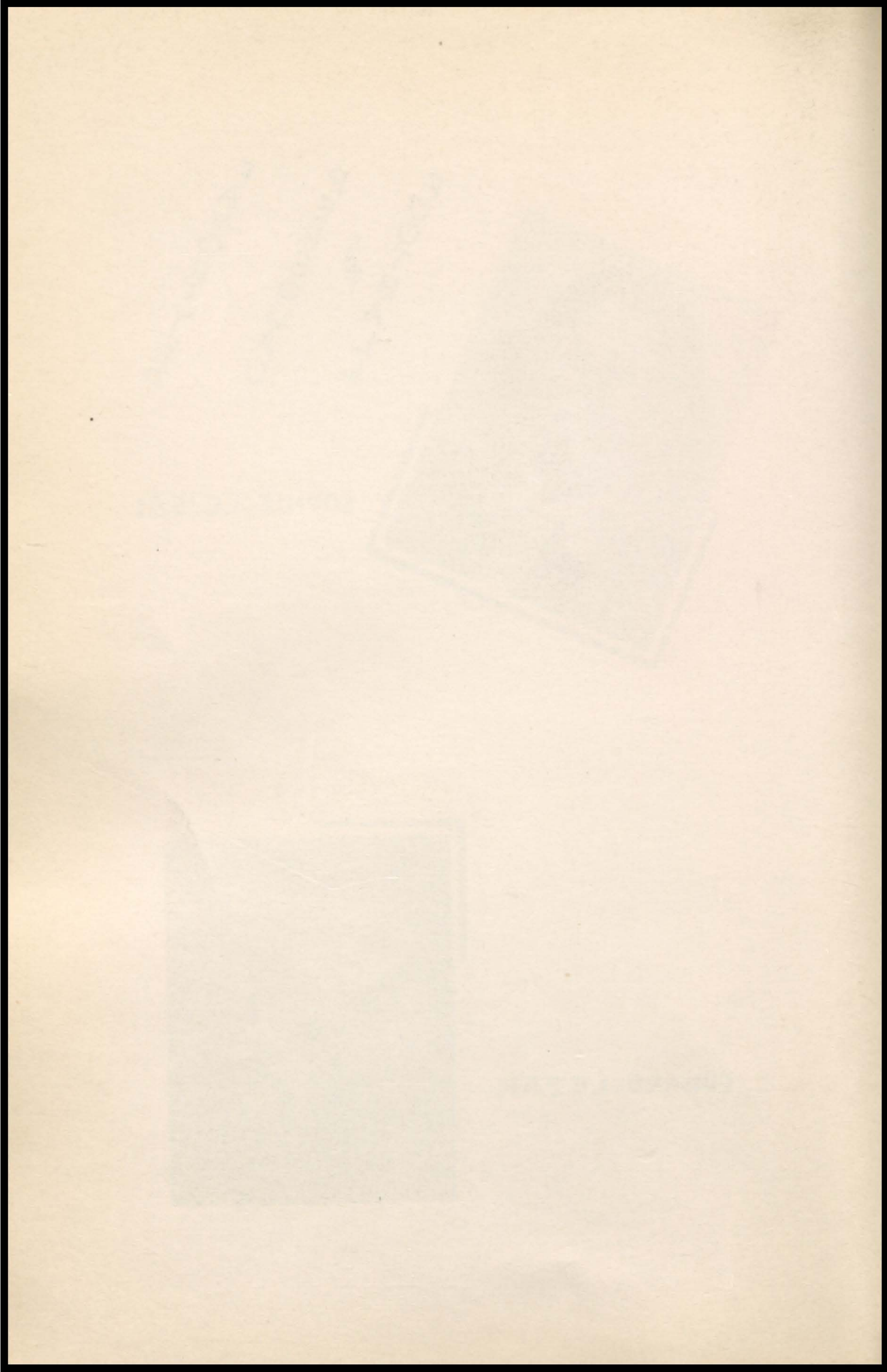


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LESLIE B. SMITH

SOPHIE LEJSAL



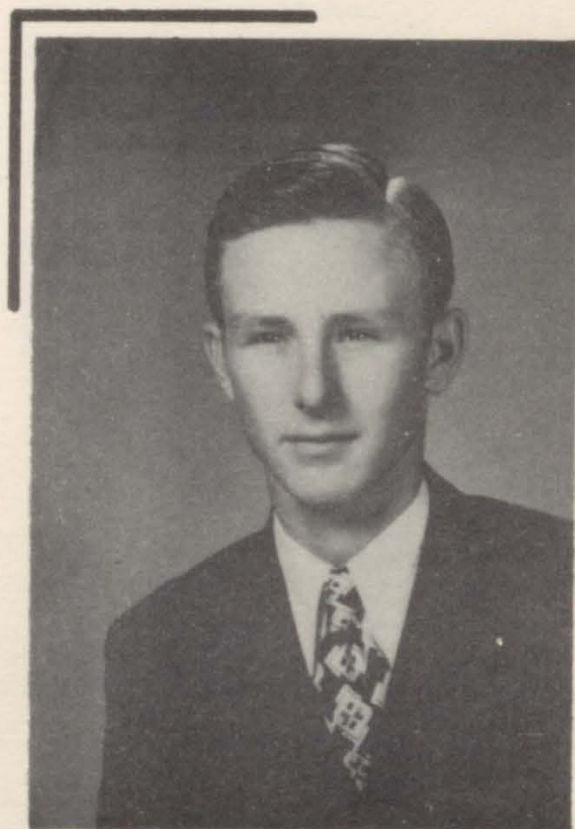
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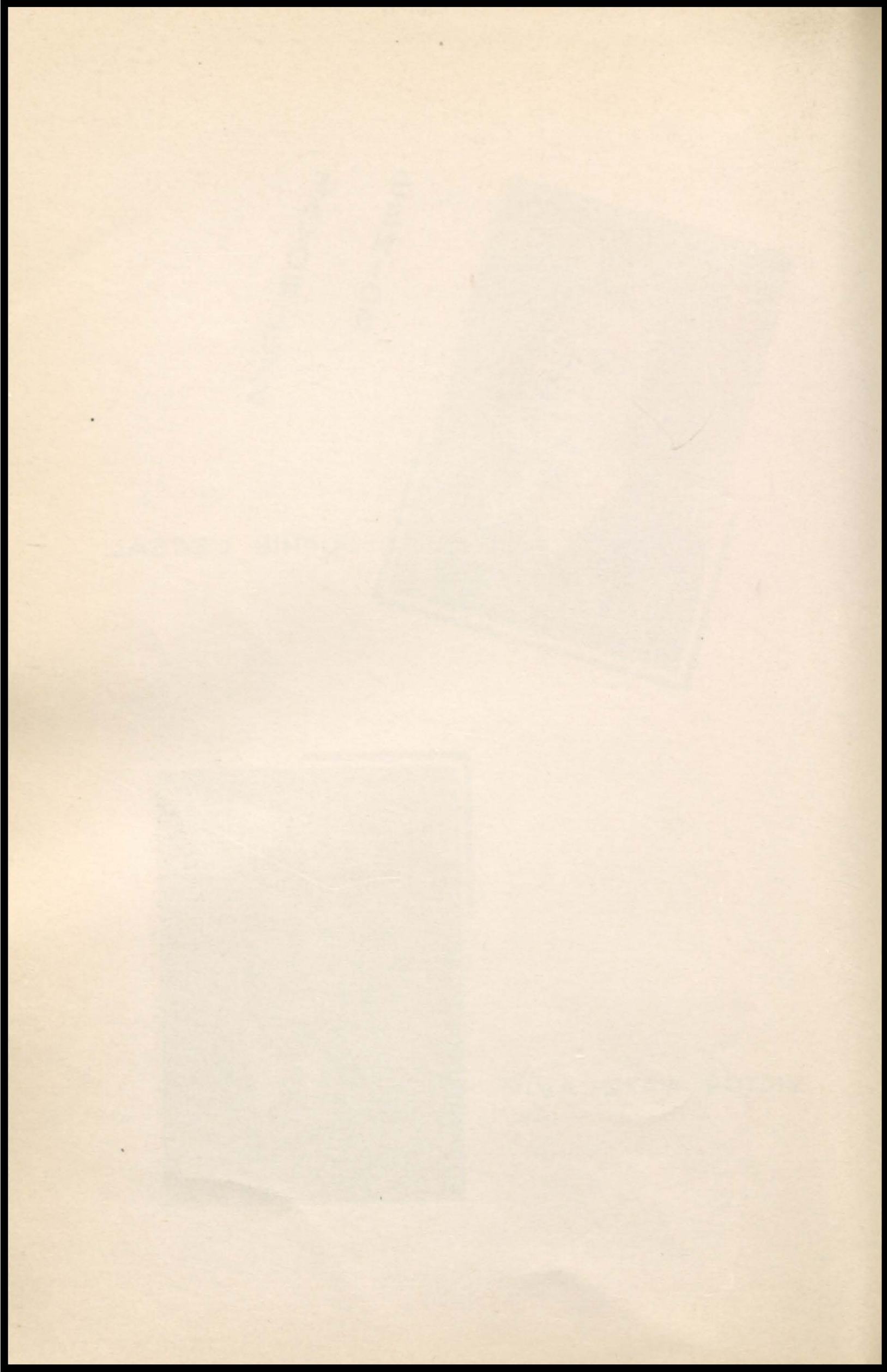


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FAVOR-ITES

SOPHIE LEJSAL



VICTOR WATZLAVIK

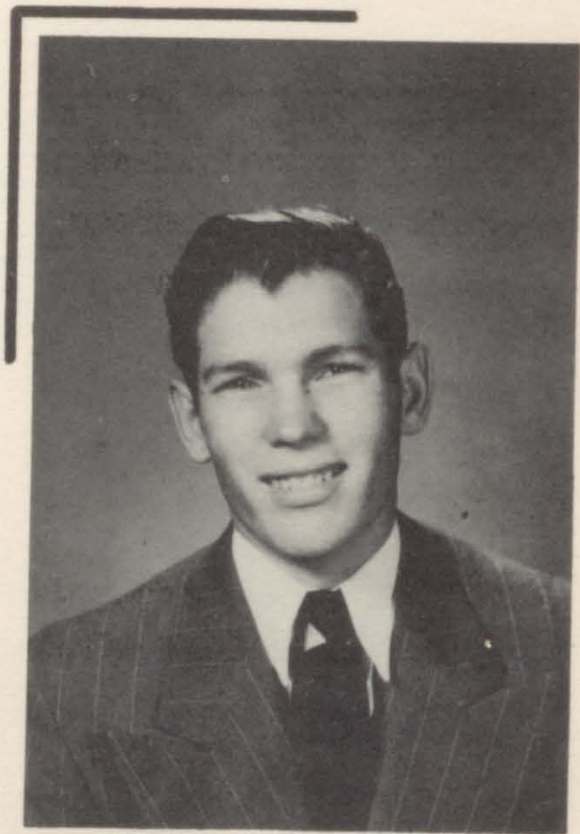




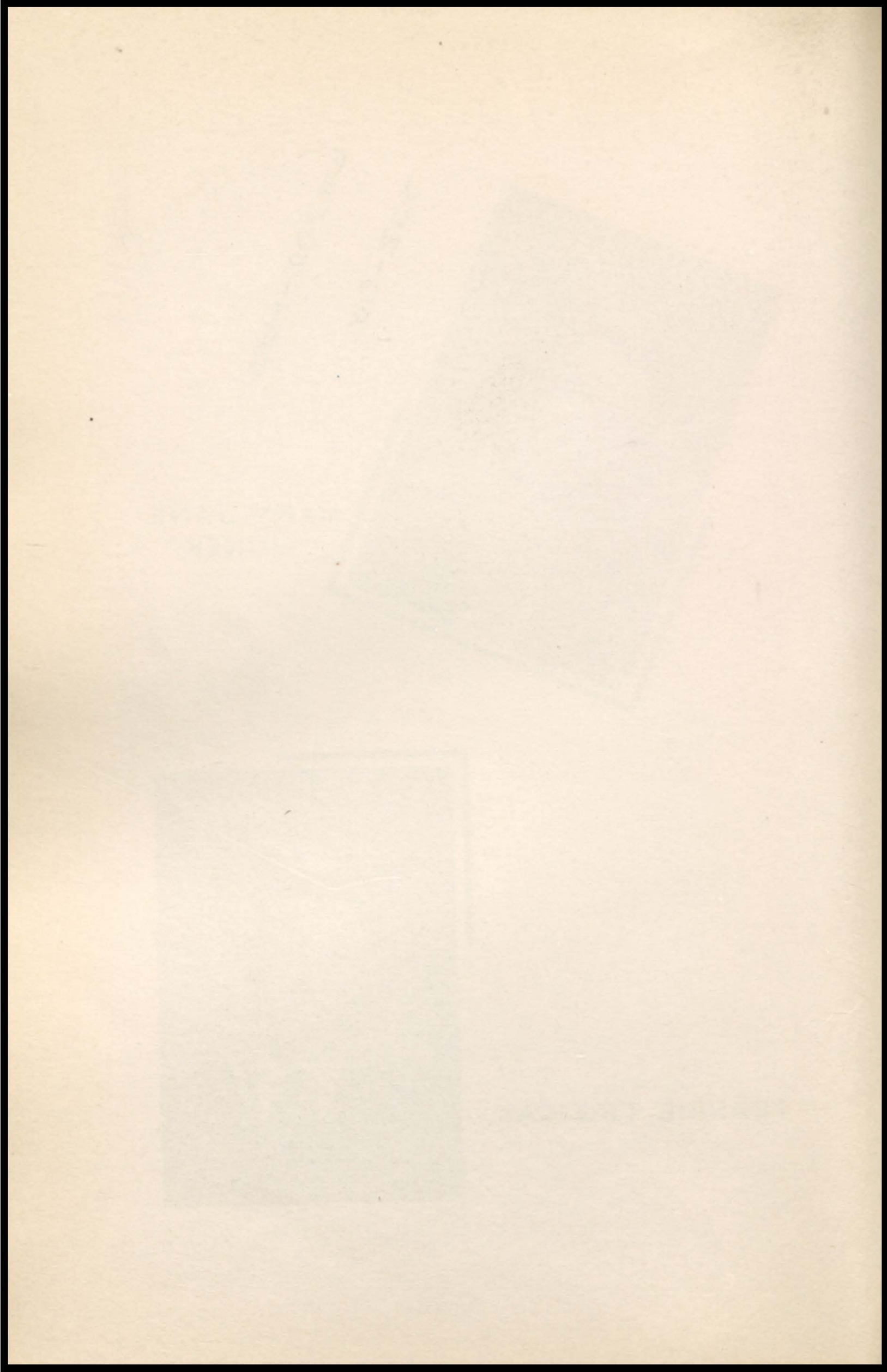


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FAVORITE

MARY JANE  
JUNEK



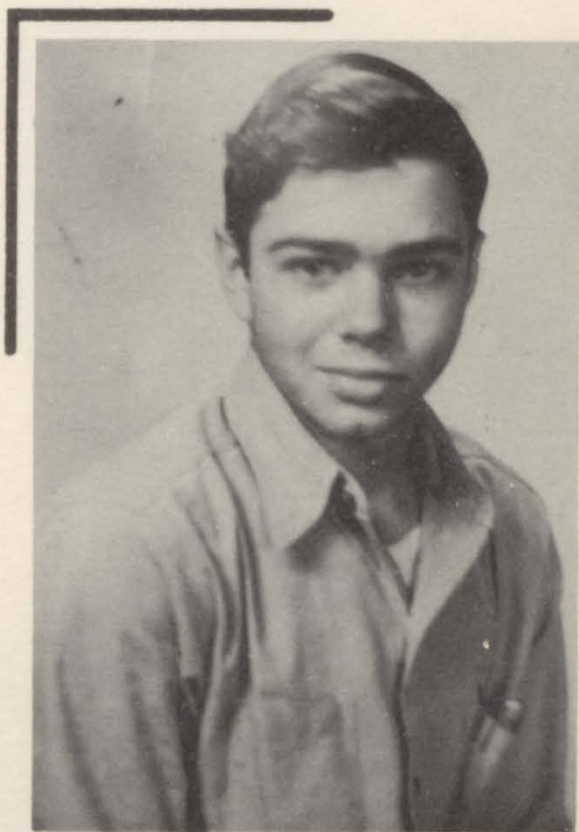
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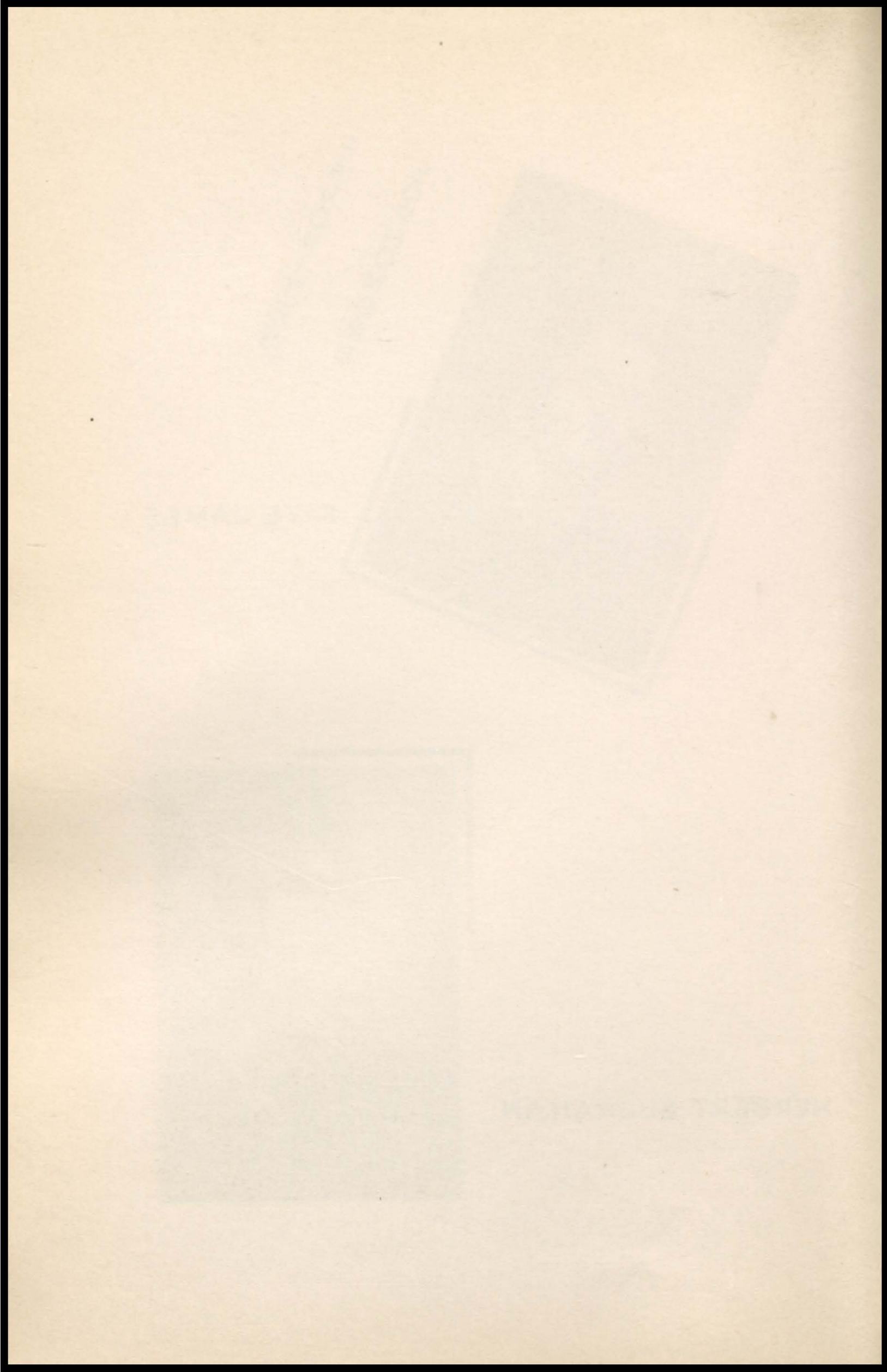


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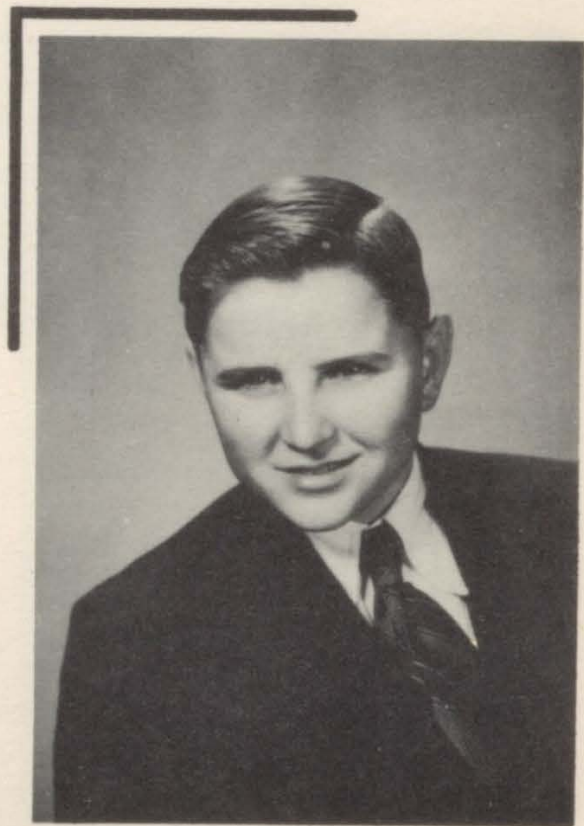


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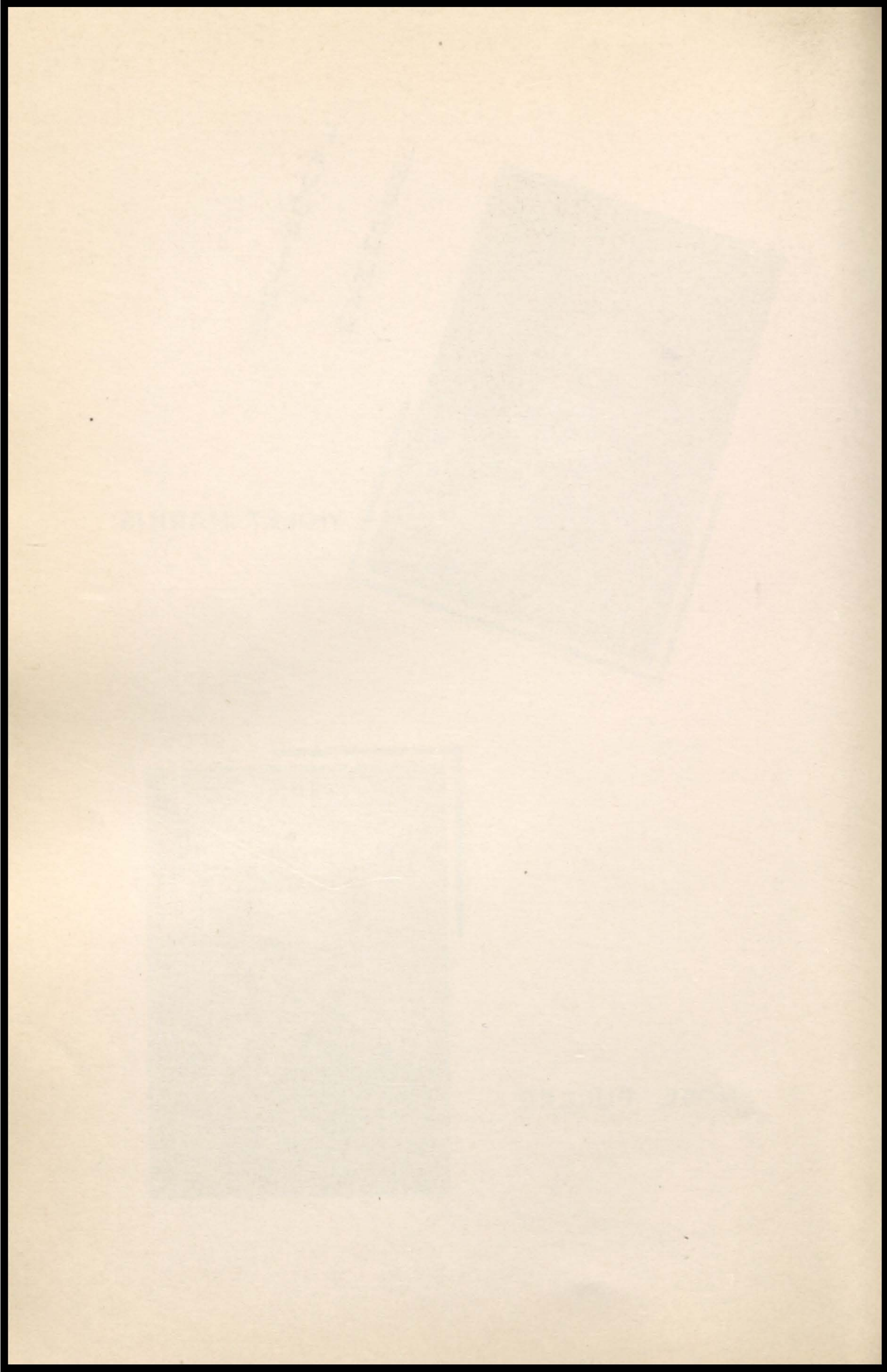
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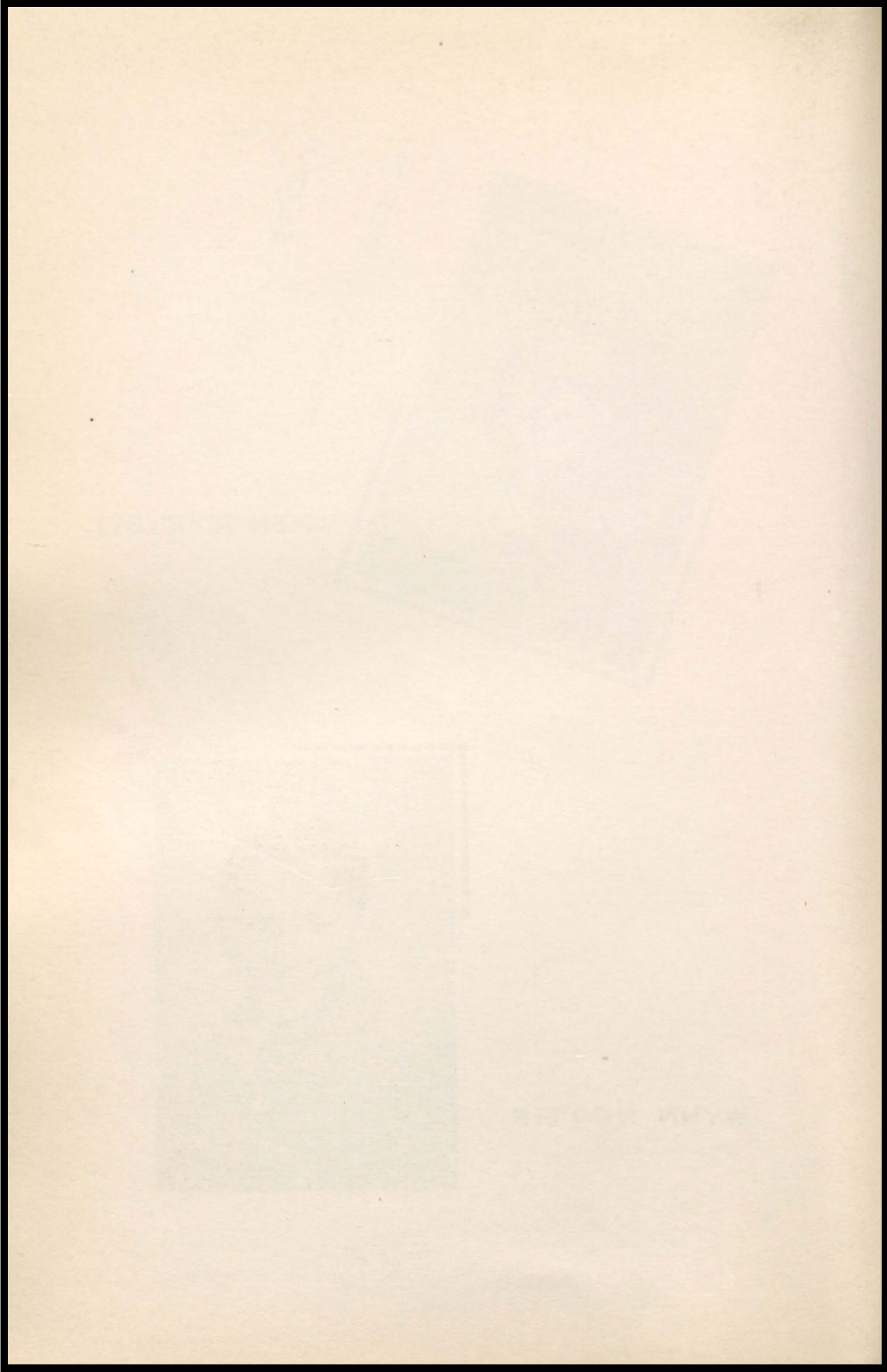


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FAVORITES

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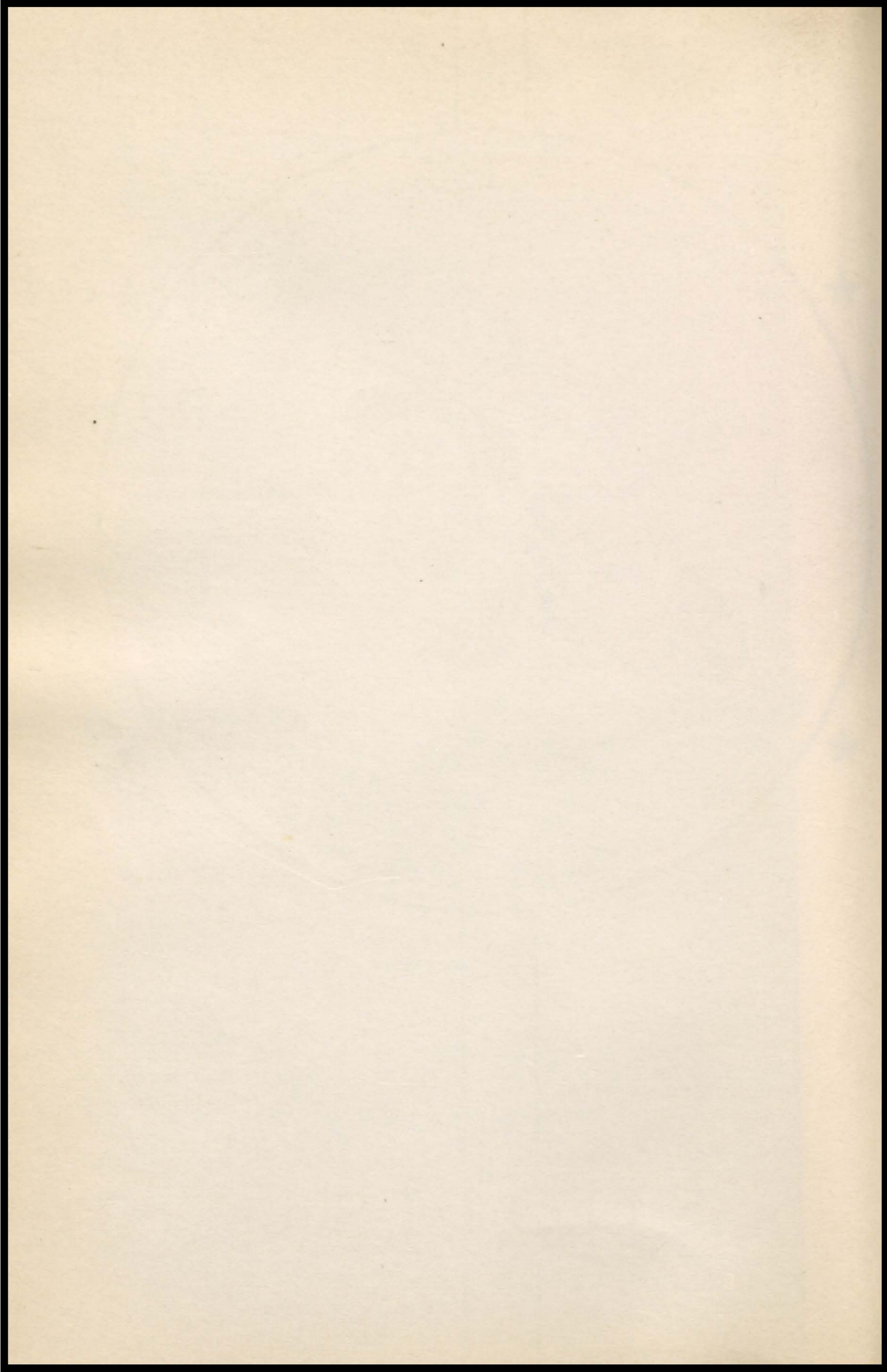
WYNN NORRIS







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# BASKETBALL



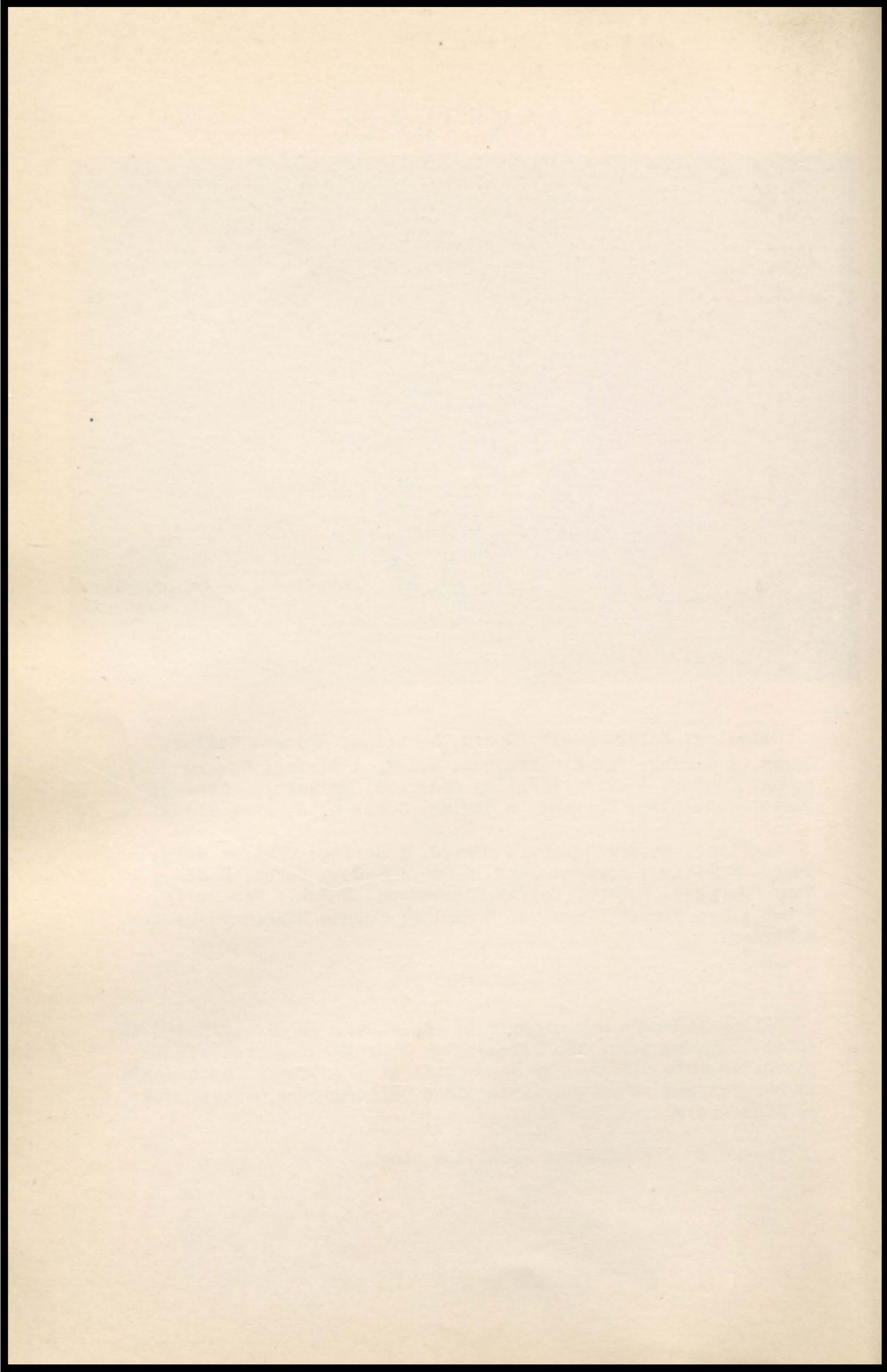
Standing: Marion Lezak, Guard, B String; Richard Mozley, Guard, A String; Frankie Trojcak, Guard, A String; Edward Lezak, Center, A String; Halley Anderson, Forward, A String; Victor Watzlavik, Forward, A String; Coach N. E. Strandtman.

Kneeling: Buster Guynes, Forward, B String; Charles Warn, Guard, B String; Bernard Gaas, B Sub.; Sidney Pecha, B Sub.; Tony Fabrygel, B Sub.; Travis Richardson, B Sub.; Dan Duffy, B Sub.; Leo Neuzer, Forward, B String; Eugene Rickaway, Center, B String.

DISTRICT CHAMPS . . '48

Halley Anderson was captain of the squad. We participated in three tournaments. . the Bloomington Tournament we won first place; we were defeated by Vanderbilt at the Ganada Tournament; at our Tournament we won first place. Bloomington defeated us at Kingsville.

Thanks to Strandtman's swell coaching.



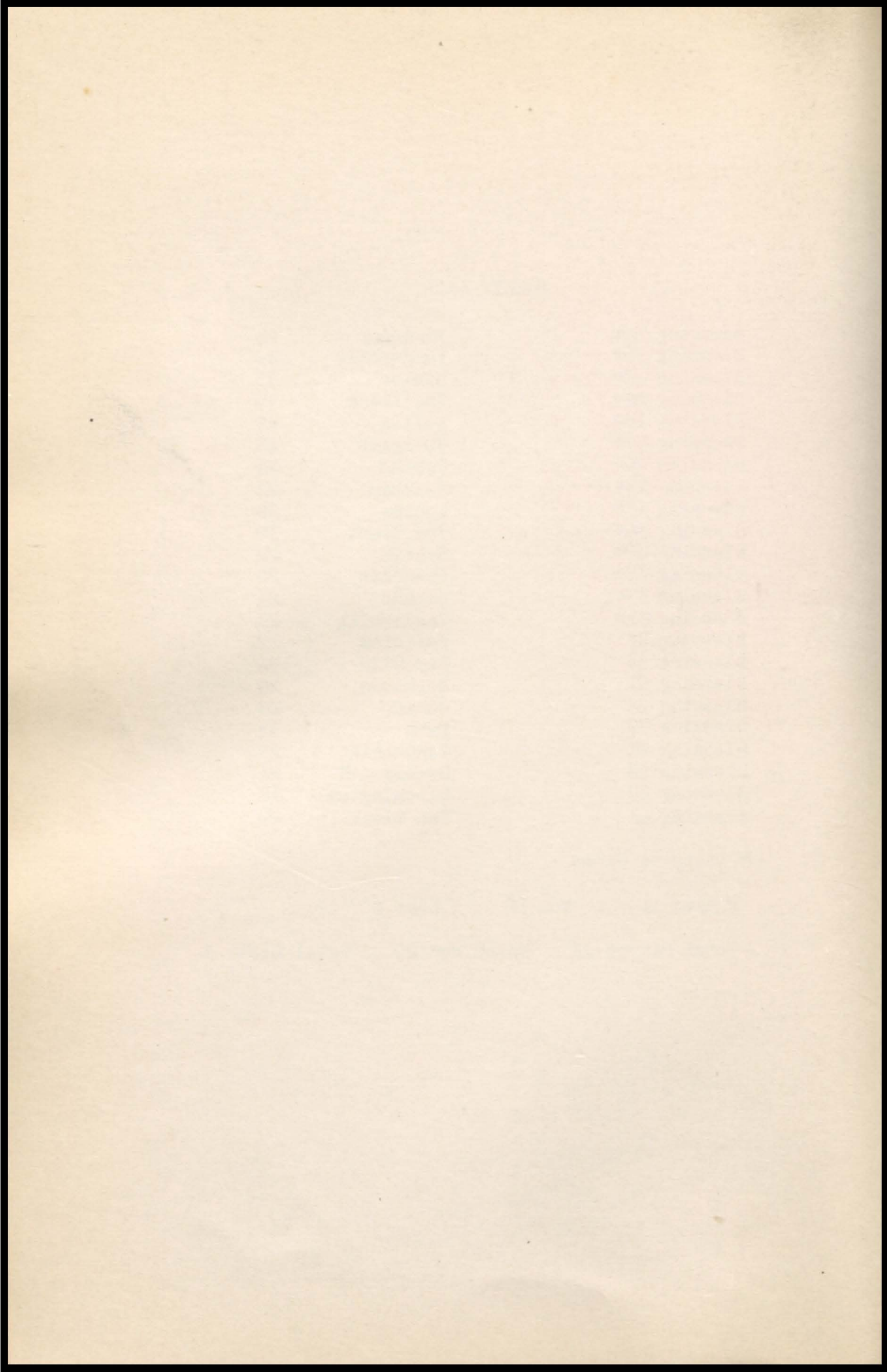
BASKET BALL

Blessing 54*	Markham	24
Blessing 36*	Vanderbilt	23
Blessing 48*	Louise	33
Blessing 28*	Van Vleck	17
Blessing 18*	Lolita	23
Blessing 57*	Crescent	28
Blessing 26*	Ganado	21
Blessing 23*	Markham	22
Blessing 19*	Louise	30
Blessing 36*	Van Vleck	30
Blessing 42*	Lolita	22
Blessing 47*	Crescent	20
Blessing 47*	Ganado	21
Blessing 51*	Vanderbilt	23
Blessing 28	Palacios	12
Blessing 36	Bay City	34
Blessing 31	Yorktown	20
Blessing 35	Ganado	23
Blessing 39	Edna	33
Blessing 21	Vanderbilt	25
Blessing 28	Sweeny 4-H	24
Blessing 30	Bloomington	18
Blessing 61	Van Vleck	29

\* District Games

Played 14          Won 12          Lost 2

Total Played 23      Total Won 20      Total Lost 3



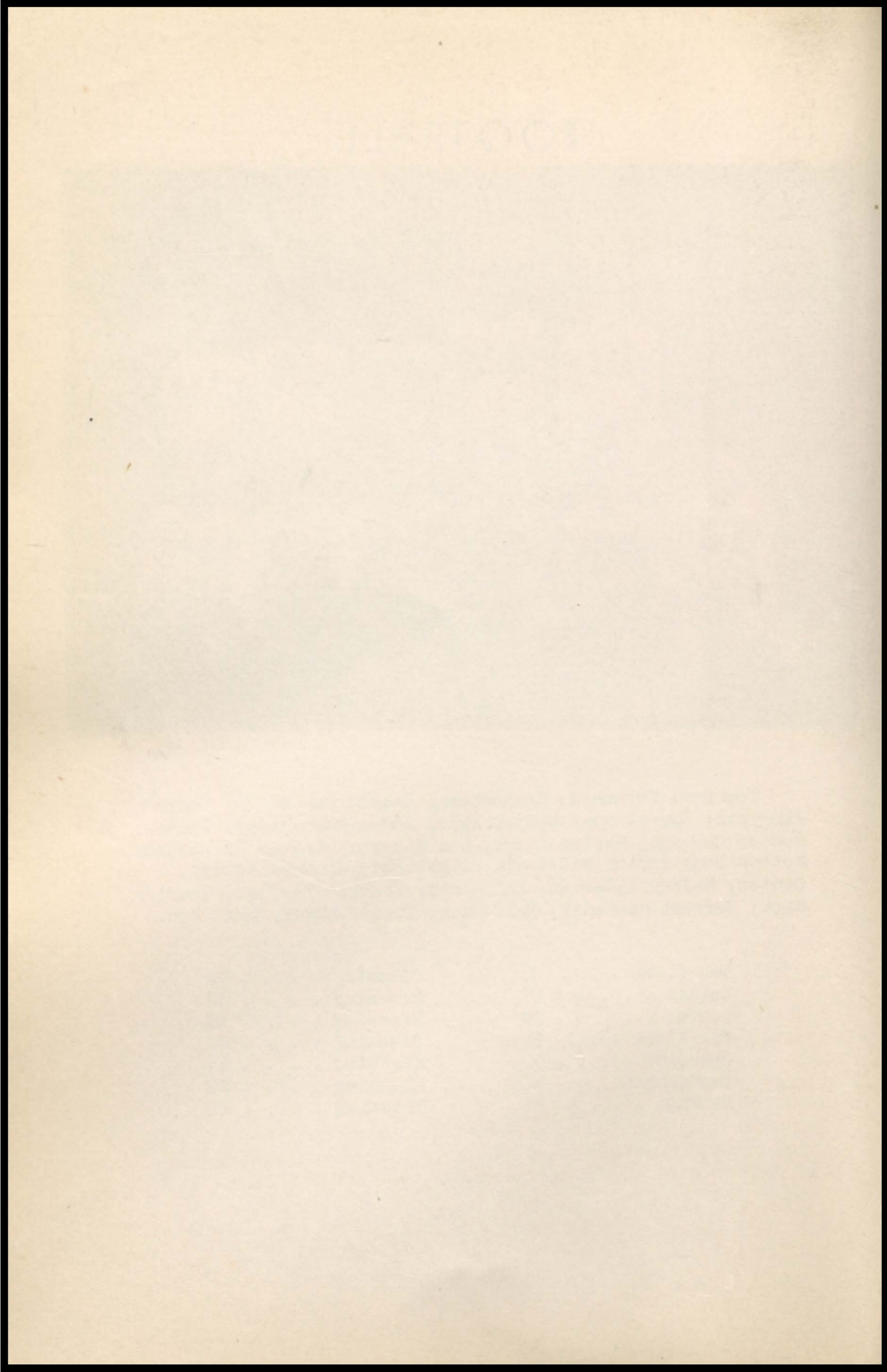
# FOOTBALL



Top Row: Norman E. Strandtman, Coach; Dan Duffy, Tony Fabrygel; Second Row: Walter Hale, Water-boy; Sidney Pecha, Buster-Guynes., Marion Lezak, Leo Neuszer, Travis Richardson; Bottom Row: Victor Watzlavik, Right end; Richard Mozley, Center; Halley Anderson, Full-Back; Frankie Trojcak, Quarter Back; Herbert Buchanan, Half-Back; Edward Lezak, Left End.

Van Vleck . . . . .	0
Lolita . . . . .	38
Louise . . . . .	29
Van Vleck . . . . .	21
Crescent . . . . .	56
Vanderbilt . . . . .	64
Markham . . . . .	35

Blessing . . . . .	24
Blessing . . . . .	52
Blessing . . . . .	28
Blessing . . . . .	42
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Blessing . . . . .	21





# VOLLEYBALL

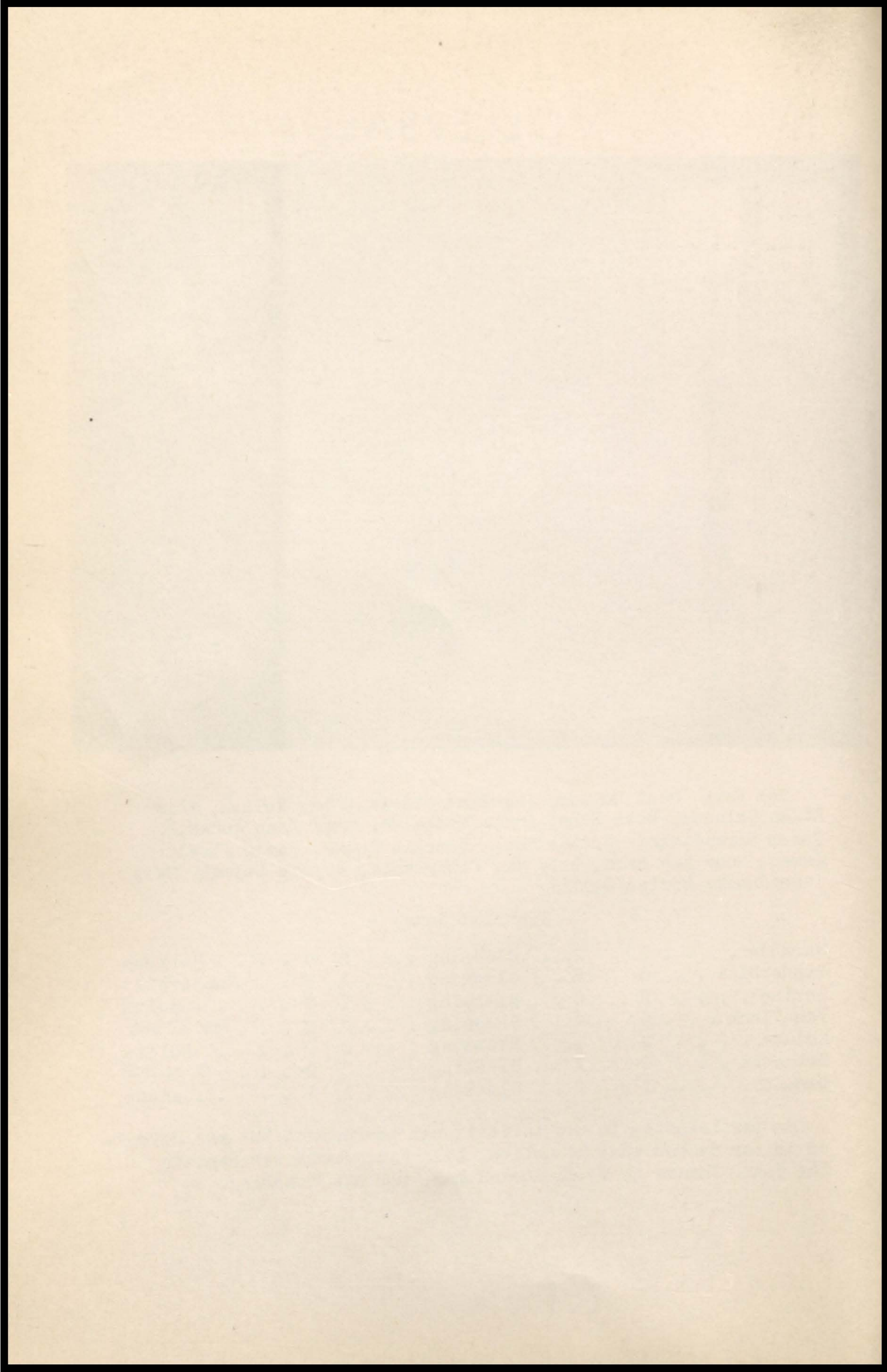


Top Row: Opal Guynes, Angeline Stasta, Jean Nelsen, Mary Ellen Balusek, Ella Saha, Annie Nedbalek, Emma Jean Junek, Coach Strandtman; Bottom Row: Georgie Nemeck, Mamie Jewel James, Ruby Lee Hahn, Lila Mae Fitzgerald, Sophie Lejsal, Mary Jane Junek, Louise Gallia.

## District Games

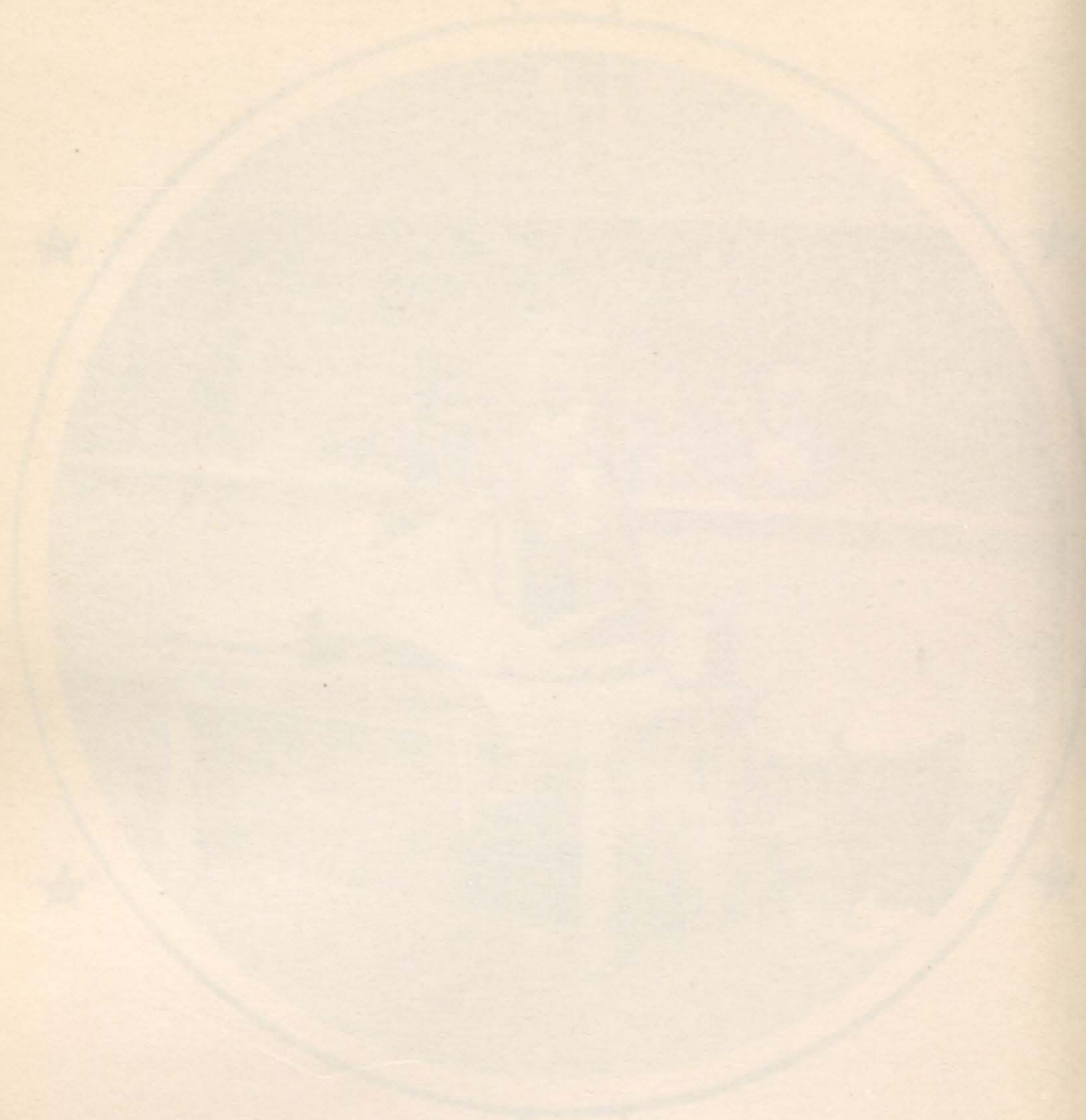
Markham . . . . . 0	2 . . . Blessing . . . . . 2	0 . . . . . Markham
Vanderbilt . . . . . 0	2 . . . Blessing . . . . . 2	0 . . . . . Vanderbilt
Louise . . . . . 2	0 . . . Blessing . . . . . 1	2 . . . . . Louise
Van Vleck . . . . . 0	2 . . . Blessing . . . . . 2	0 . . . . . Van Vleck
Lolita . . . . . 2	1 . . . Blessing . . . . . 0	2 . . . . . Lolita
Crescent . . . . . 0	2 . . . Blessing . . . . . 2	0 . . . . . Crescent
Ganado . . . . . 1	2 . . . Blessing . . . . . 2	1 . . . . . Ganado

We participated in one invitational tournament but was defeated in our second game by Lolita. Lila Fitzgerald was captain of the team. Thanks to N. E. Strandtman, for his coaching.





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Registration

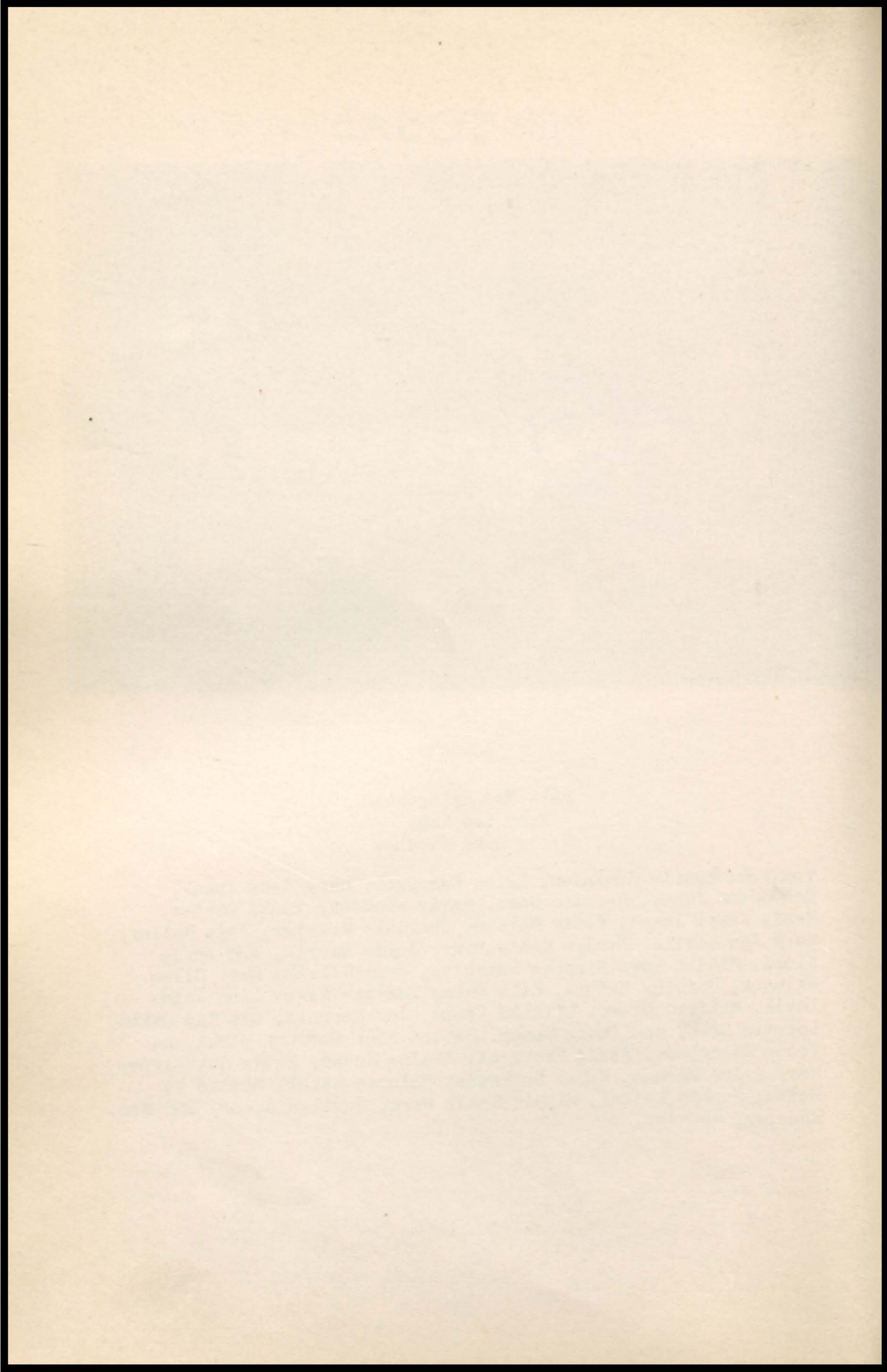
# PEP SQUAD



## LEADERS

Lila Mae Fitzgerald  
Ruby Lee Hahn  
Betty Gene Matthes

Top Row: Lucile Gonzales, Helen Fabrygel, Mary Jane Junek, Emma Jean Junek, Bernice Gaas, Marie Woodson, Vonna Harter, Mamie Jewel James, Betty Morton, Charlsie Brister, Faye Bailey, Mary Ann Laslie, Evelyn Kretschmar, Joyce Harris, and Annie Hickl. Middle Row: Frances Shamblee, Jean Nelsen, Mary Ellen Balusek, Dorothy Matura, Ella Saha, Georgie Nemec, Ann Vatzlavik, Mildred Green, Lillian Pecha, Joy Herreth, Ola Mae Smith, Loretta Gaas, and Dovie Spoor. Bottom Row: Dorothy Hickl, La Vonne Nicholson, Rosie Fabrygel, Elaine Spoor, Betty Ruth Brown, Mary Alice Herman, Mabel De Reese, Dolores Lezak, Myrtle De Reese, Sophie Lejsal, Minnie Belle Warn, Marilyn Spoor, and Mrs. Wheeler, Sponsor,

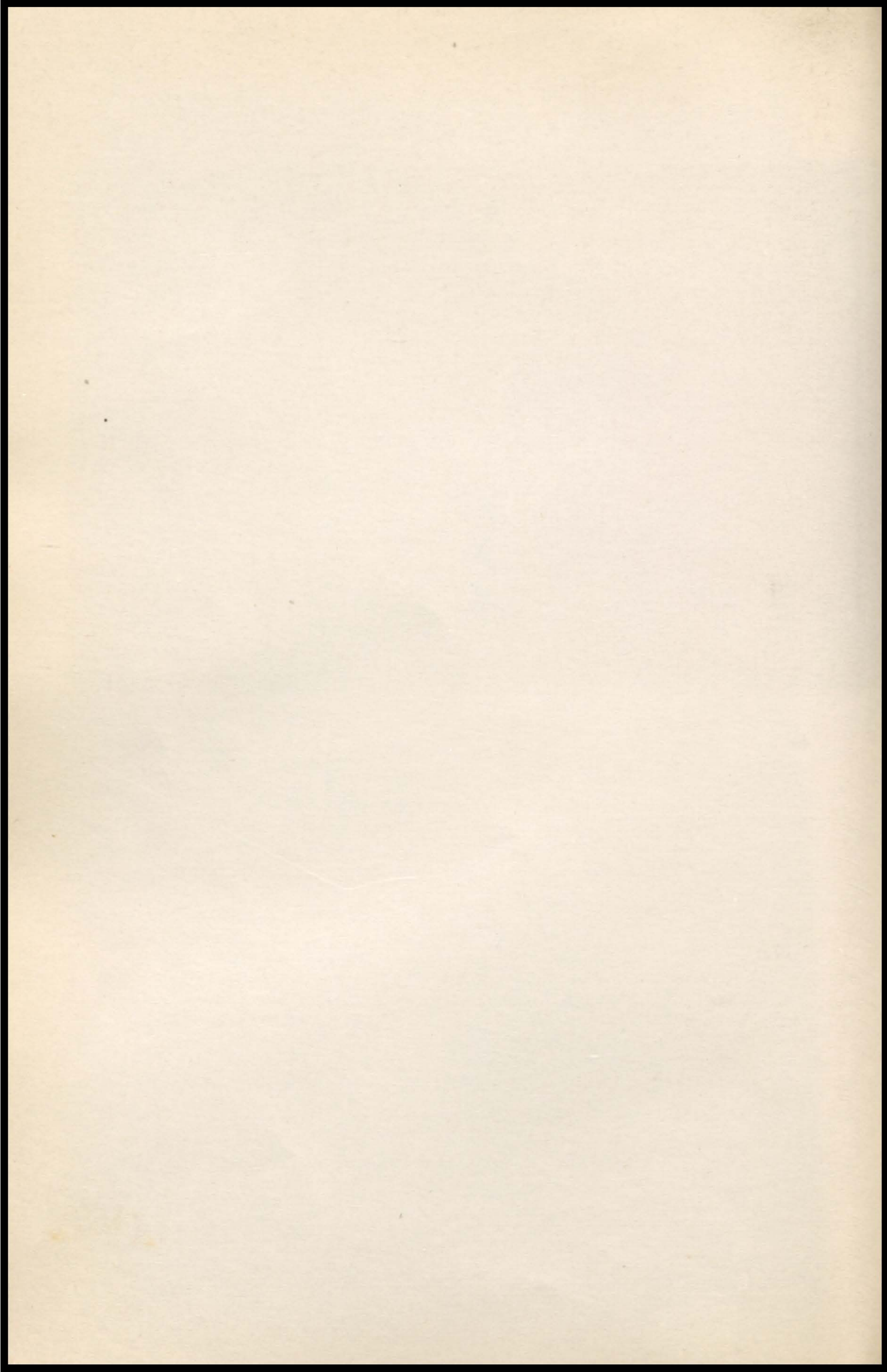


# BAND



Back Row: Frank E. Rickaway; Travis Richardson; Frank Trojcak; James Greer; Billie Coleson; Betty Brown; Herbert Buchanan; Frances Shamblee; Marilyn Spoor, Wilma Vaclavick; Front Row: Opal Guynes; Leo Neuszer; Ann Horecka; Noel Fuller; Ola Mae Smith; Marion Lezak, Elaine Spoor; La Vone Nicholson; Joy Herreth; Betty Morton.

The band, under the direction of Mr. Earl Adams, was organized at the beginning of the school year, and is progressing rapidly. Because of the limited number of instruments only a few students have had the opportunity to practice during one time. But by next fall we hope to have a real band to entertain the fans at football games, and other activities.





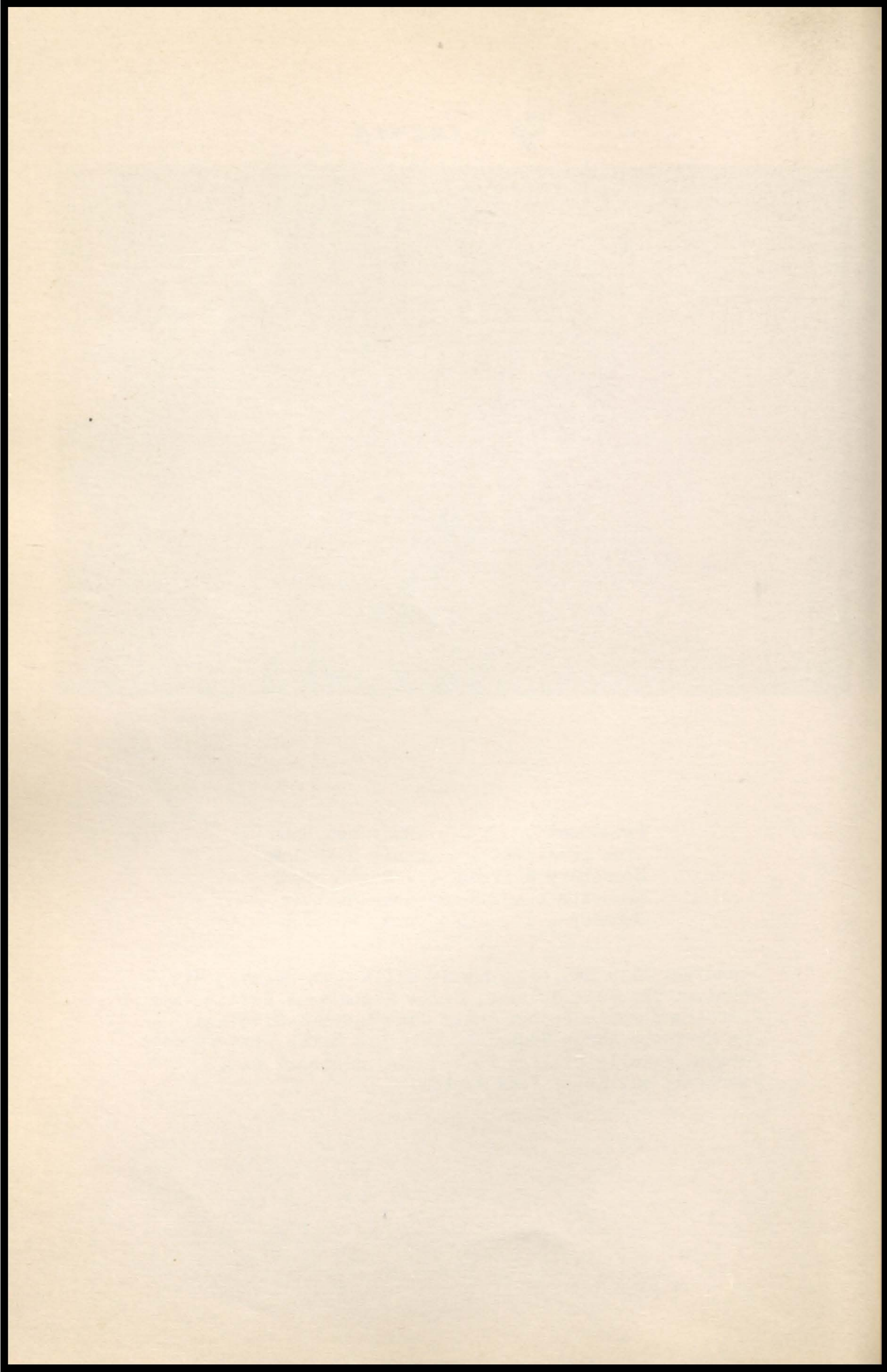
## Y-Teens



### Officers

President . . . . .Ruby Lee Hahn  
Vice President . . .Annie Nedbalek  
Secretary & Treas. . . Dovie Spoor  
Reporter . . . Betty Gene Matthes  
Sponsor . . . . .Mrs. Wheeler

Standing: Lila Mae Fitzgerald; Willa Dean Rogers; Mrs. Wheeler; Charlsie Brister; Marie Nicholson; Hattie Faye Nicholson; Dovie Spoor; Betty Gene Matthes; Sitting: Joy Herreth; Annie Nedbalek, Ruby Lee Hahn; Opal Guynes; Dorothy Powell; Lillian Pecha; Elaine Spoor; Rosie Fabrygel; and Betty Fern Martin.



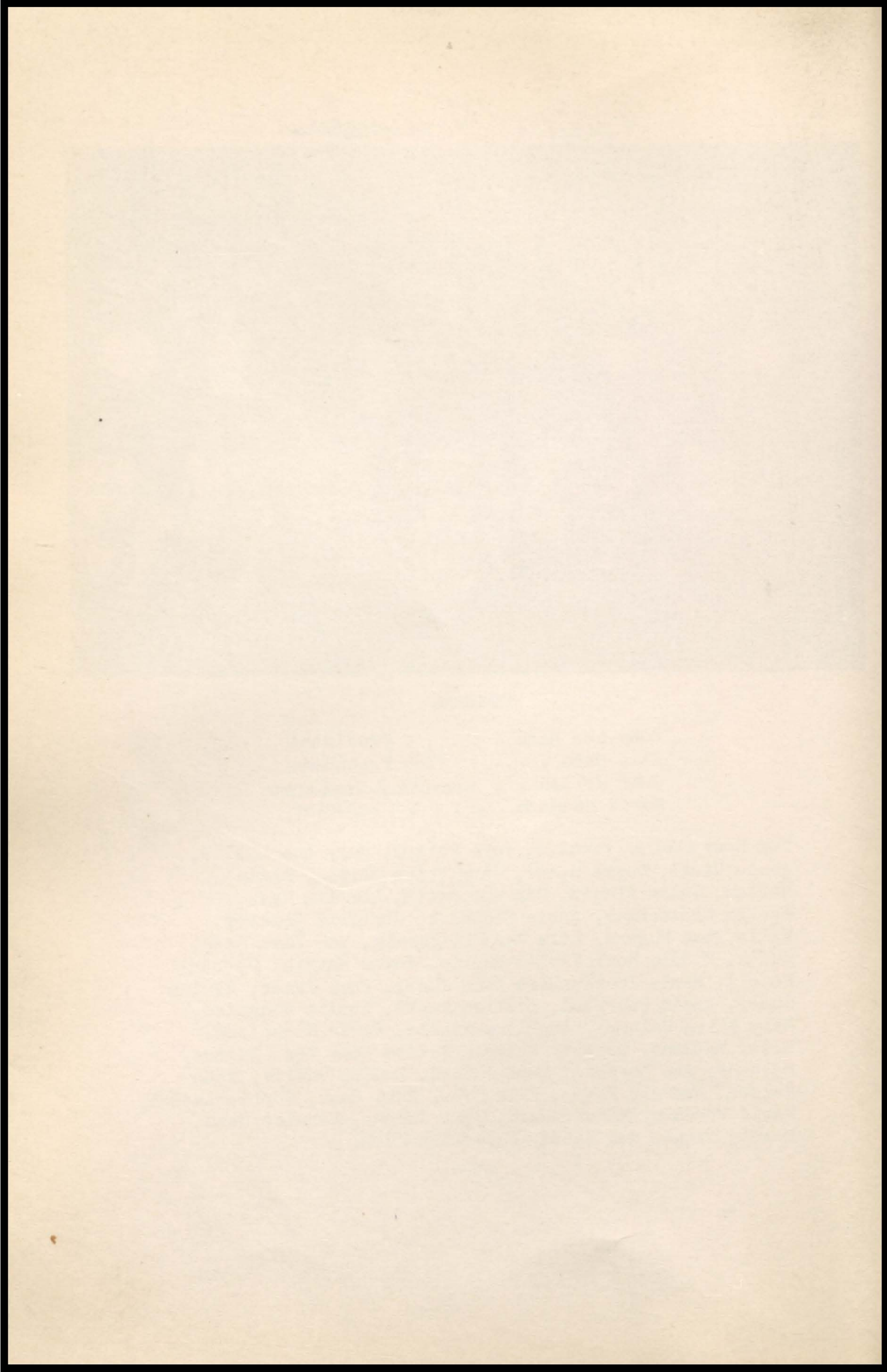
# Future Homemakers



## OFFICERS

Ruby Lee Hahn . . . . . President  
 Ella Saha . . . . . Vice President  
 Jean Nelsen . . . . . Secretary-Treasurer  
 Marie Woodson . . . . . Reporter

Top Row: Albina Vaculin, Faye Bailey, Mary Ann Laslie, Annie Hickl, Dovie Spoor, Mary Alice Herman, Betty Morton, Julia Alaniz, Ola Mae Smith, Loretta Gaas, Evelyn Kretschmar, Annie Nedbalek, Charlsie Brister, Willa Dean Rogers, Lila Mae Fitzgerald, and Emma Jean Junek. Middle Row: Violet Harris, Joyce Harris, Dorothy Powell, Mamie James, Mary Jane Junek, Faye James, Elaine Spoor, Rosie Fabrygel, Lillian Pecha, Lucile Gonzales, Mary Ellen Balusek, Angeline Stasta, Marie Nicholson, Betty Matthes, Dorothy Matura. Bottom Row: Mrs. Nelson, sponsor, Ann Horecka, Lupe Alaniz, Louise Gallia, Jean Nelsen, Georgie Nemeck, Ella Saha, Ruby Hahn, Sophie Lejsal, Marie Woodson, Minnie Warn, Opal Guynes, Bernice Gaas, Doroty Hickl, and Hattie Faye Nicholson.



H. E. NEWS

Motto: Toward New Horizons  
Color: Red and White  
Flower: Red Rose

CREED

We are the Future Homemakers of America  
We face the future with warm courage,  
And high hope.  
For we have the clear consciousness of seeking  
Old and precious values.

For we are the builders of homes,  
Homes for America's future.  
Homes where living will be the expression of  
everything,  
That is good and fair.  
Homes where truth and love and security  
and faith  
Will be realities, not dreams.

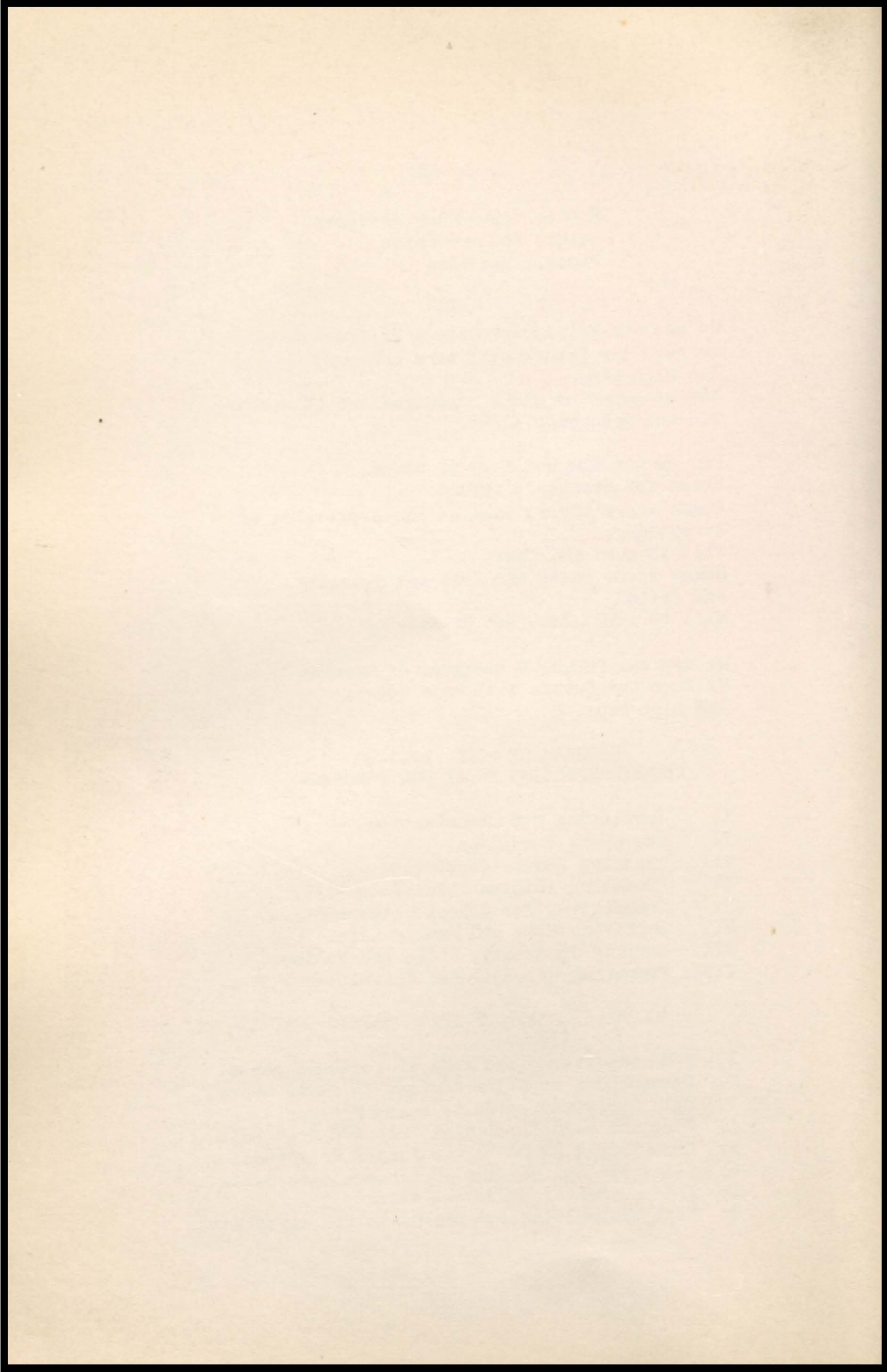
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PROGRAM OF WORK, 1947-48  
THEME: "BUILDING TODAY FOR TOMORROW"

- I. Developing our organization
- II. Improving ourselves.
- III. Training for leadership.
- IV. Promoting International Good Will.
- V. Cooperating for School Betterment.
- VI. Improving Home and Family Life.
- VII. Serving Community, State and Nation.
- VIII. Promoting Recreational Activities.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FHA CHAPTER 1947-48

1. Sold sandwiches and cake at football games.
2. Sponsored a magazine contest to raise money.
3. Sold Christmas cards to raise money.
4. Made and sold lapel pins from old felt hats.
5. Contributed \$2.00 to the Junior Red Cross.
6. Sponsored the selling of Tuberculosis Seals.
7. Made a special Christmas Party.
8. Made buttonholes for ladies in the community.



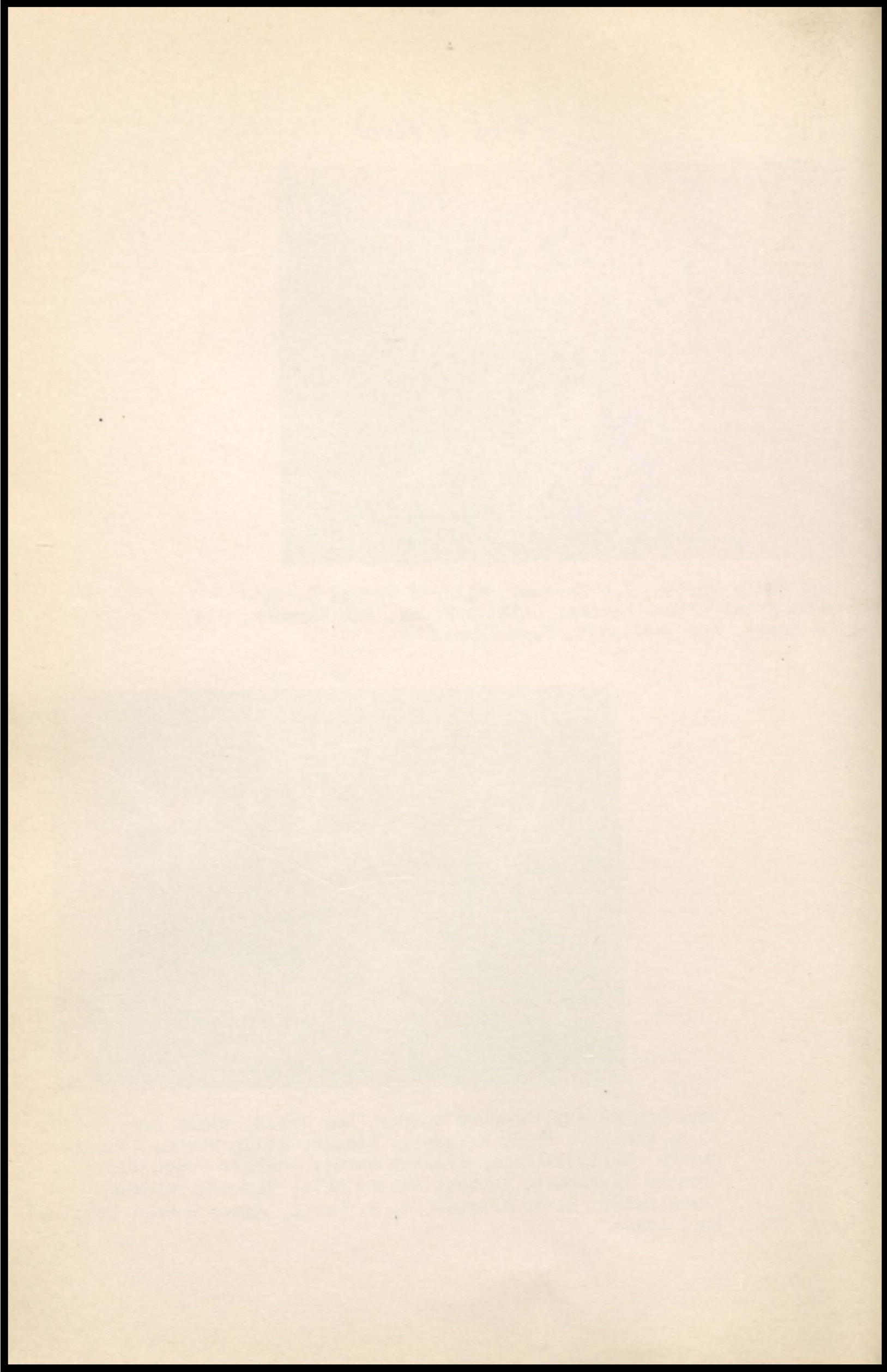
## 4-H Club



Top: Betty Morton, Joy Herreth, Mildred Green, Loretta Gaas, Ethel Allan, Bottom: Lillian Pecha, Ann Horecka, Ola Mae Smith, Ann Vatzlavic, Faye James.



Top: Ben Murphy, Leonard Murphy, Leo Orsak, Henry Day, J. D. Tomasek, Frank Rickaway. Middle: Billy Hurta, Johnnie Swinky, Billy Coleson, Frankie Havel, Charles Driscoll, Chester Davenport, Bottom: Walter Hale, Raymond Balusek, Edwin Kacer, L. J. Brister, E. R. Vacek, James Henkes, Mr. Earl Adams.

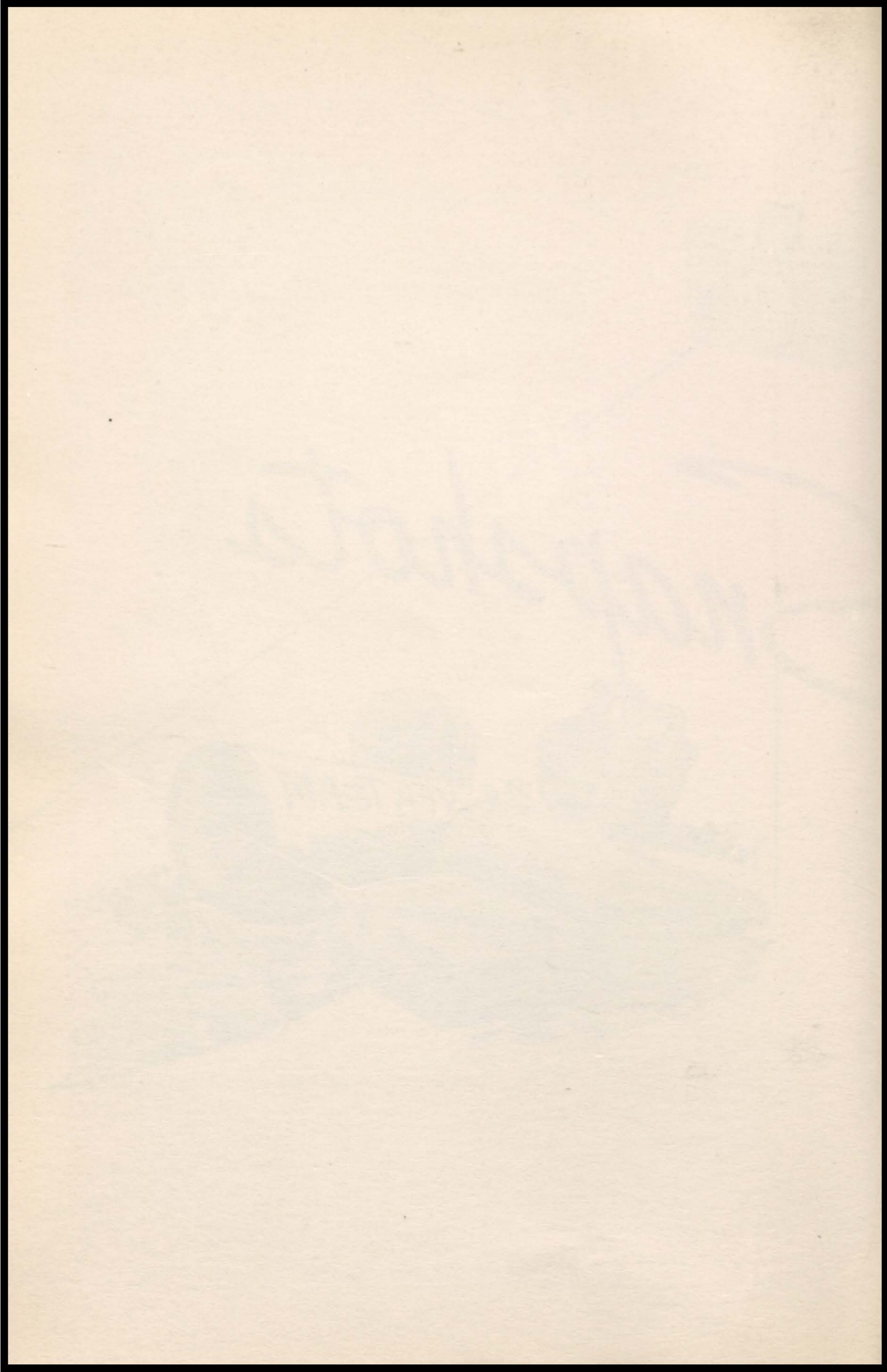






# Snapshots







"He did it"



Oh!  
"My Man"



mmm mmm



"Where is Frankie?"



MARIC



TWINS



"Women"



"Watch it"



"Love can be grand"

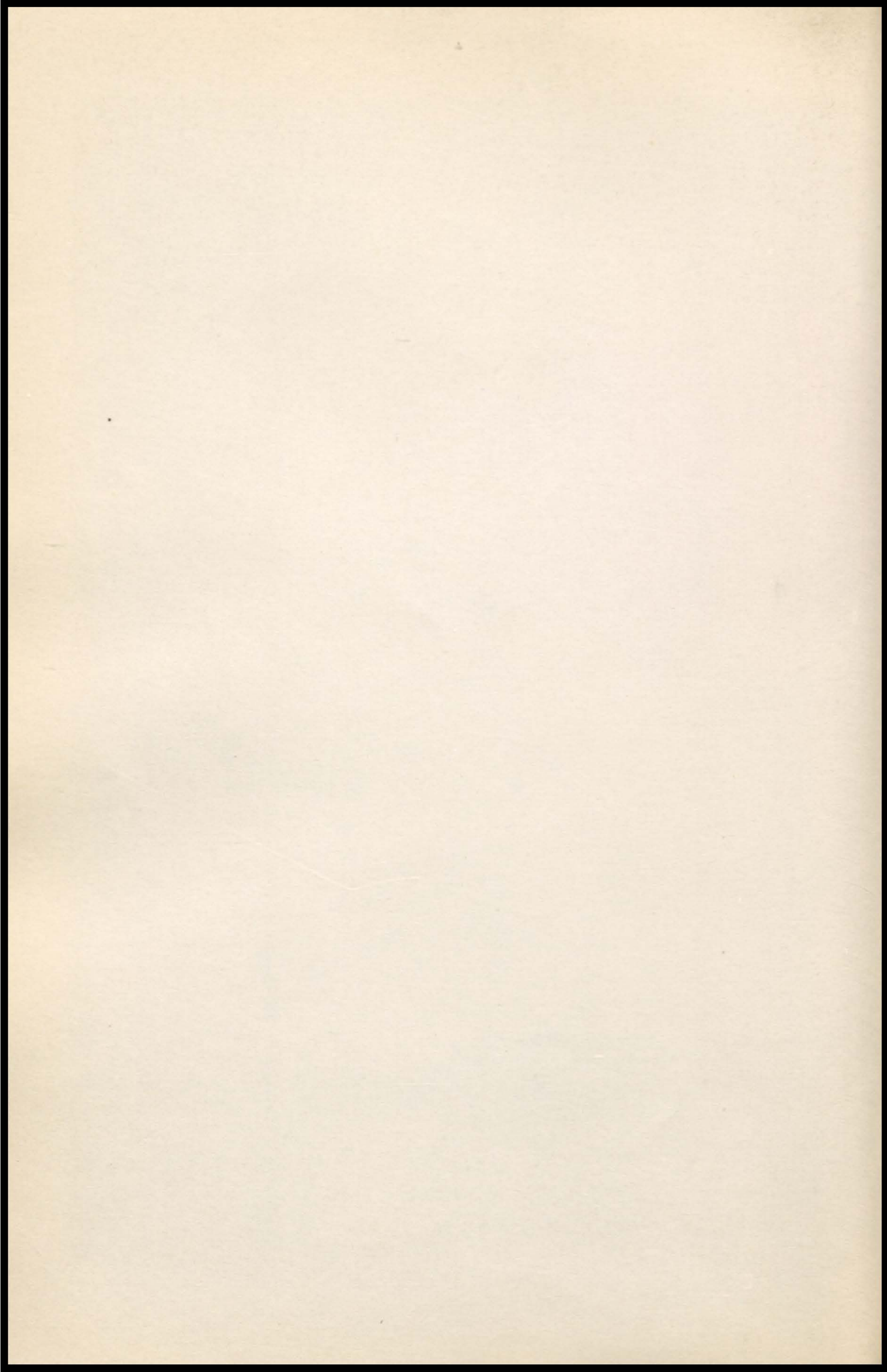


"Big Shots"

Guess Who

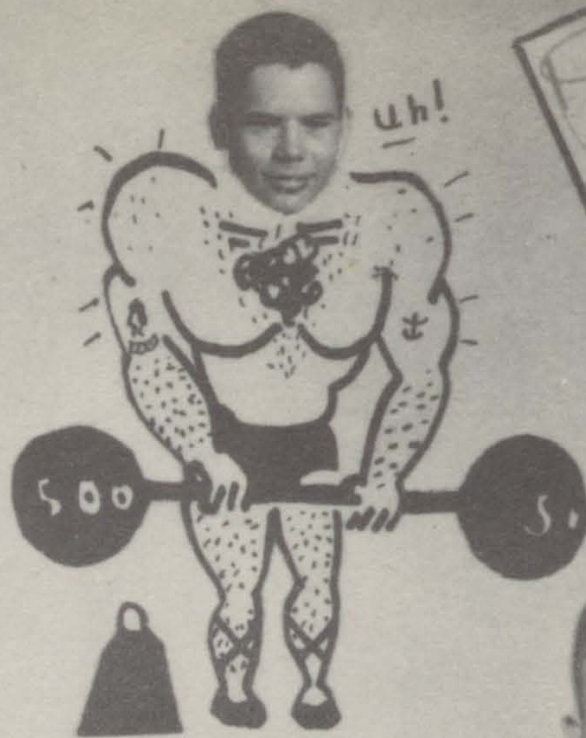


"It could happen to you"

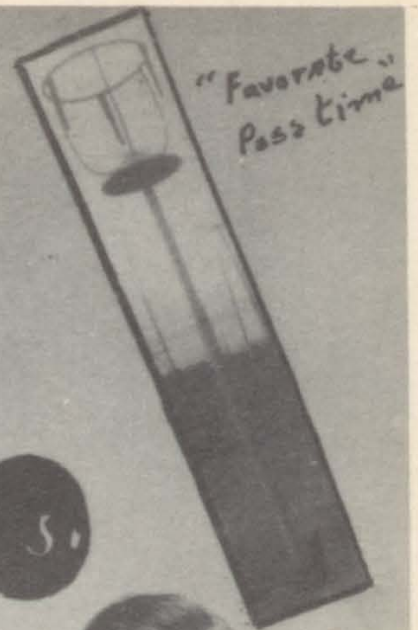




"Georgie"



Oh! Travis



"Brown and his Pet" (sidney)



"Cactus"



Ou-La! La!

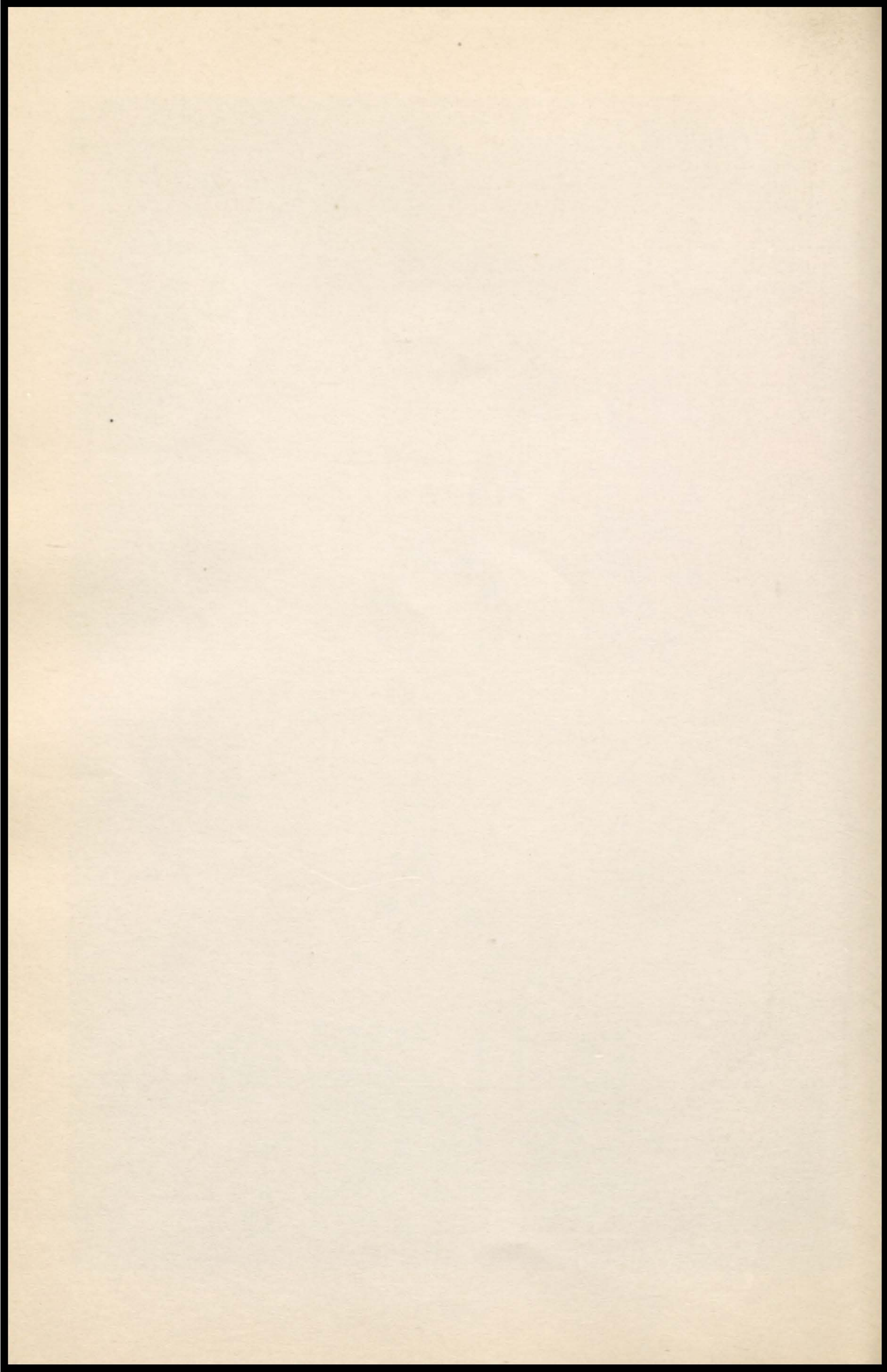


Emma and Mary Jane



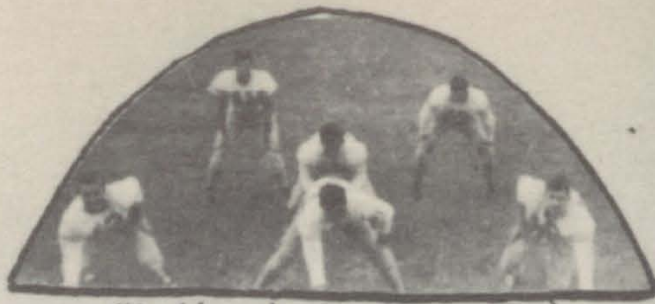
"Future Prospects"







Oh!  
My



"What a Team"



"Center"



"Looks  
Easy"



"Dear old School"



"What a Pose"



"HAPPY"  
Halley



"This is all of  
them"



"Watch That FAKE"



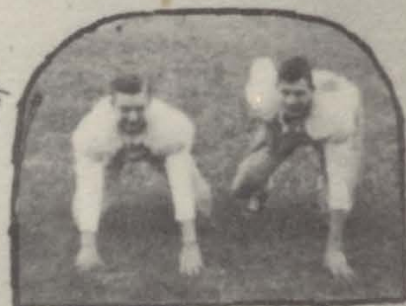
"Looks  
Worried"



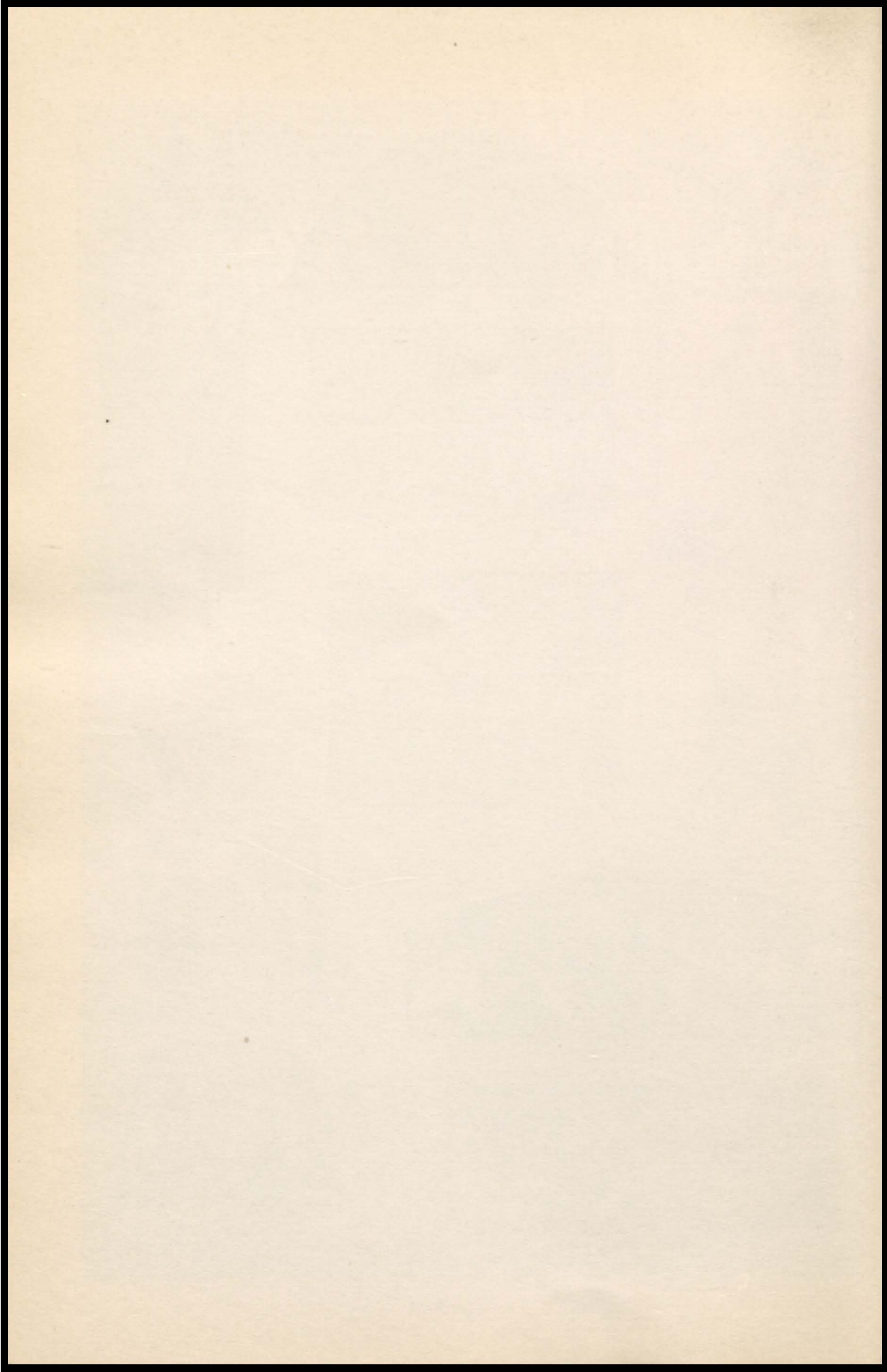
"Sophie's  
MAN"



"Now The Real  
Thing"



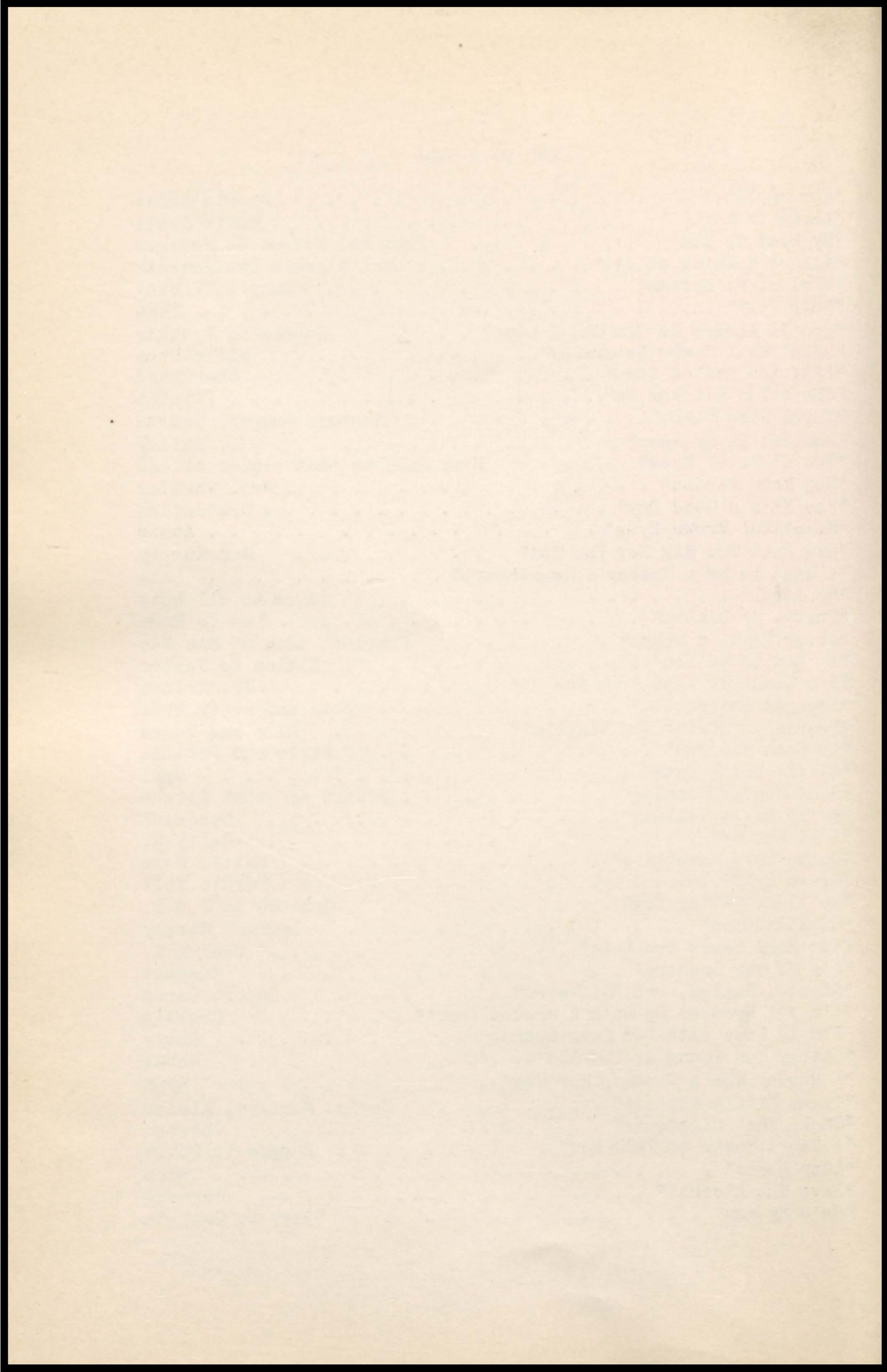
"The Ends"





TWO OF A KIND

"Personality" . . . . .	Minnie Belle
"Lucky in Love" . . . . .	Mamie Jewel
"My Best to You" . . . . .	From Mr. Nelson to Seniors
"All or Nothing at All" . . . . .	Mr. Black's assignments
"Girl of My Dreams" . . . . .	Ruby to Victor
"Roly Poly" . . . . .	Jean
"You'll Always Be The One I Love" . . . . .	Sophie to Frankie
"Doin' What Comes Naturally" . . . . .	Willa Dean
"Till the End of Time" . . . . .	Shorthand
"She's Too Fat For Me" . . . . .	Violet
"Three Wise Fools" . . . . .	Buster, Bugger, Cactus
"Bubbles In My Beer" . . . . .	Halley
"You'll Never Know" . . . . .	Mary Jane to that senior of '46
"Beg Your Pardon" . . . . .	Mrs. Wheeler
"For It's a Good Day" . . . . .	Graduation
"Beautiful Brown Eyes" . . . . .	Annie
"His Feet Too Big For The Bed" . . . . .	Ben Murphy
"I Want to be a Cowboy's Sweetheart" . . . . .	Lila
"My Ideal" . . . . .	Joyce to all boys
"That's My Desire" . . . . .	Leo to Emma
"Never Trust a Woman" . . . . .	Charles' idea of Ola Mae
"It Had to be You" . . . . .	Elaine to Buster
"I'm Gonna Be Boss From Now On" . . . . .	Mr. Nelson
"Younger Generation" . . . . .	Hoss and Betty Ruth
"Feudin', Fussin' and Fightin'" . . . . .	Ella and Bucek
"To Each His Own" . . . . .	Marie and Johnnie
"Little Did I Know" . . . . .	Opal
"Some-Sunday Morning" . . . . .	Edward and that Blonde
"Ev'ry Day a Holiday" . . . . .	Our Wish
"I'll Get By" . . . . .	Betty M.
"Gotta Have Something" . . . . .	Hattie Faye
"Green Eyes" . . . . .	Margie Nell
"We'll Be Seeing You" . . . . .	Seniors to B.H.S.
"Civilization" . . . . .	Leonard Murphy
"Too Many Years Too Late" . . . . .	Evelyn K.
"I'm MY Own Gran'pa" . . . . .	Sawdust
"Signed, Sealed, and Delivered" . . . . .	Report Cards
"I'm All Dressed Up With A Broken Heart" . . . . .	Charlie
"I'm in Love with Two Sweethearts" . . . . .	Dovie
"Either Too Young or Too Old" . . . . .	Mabel
"I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now" . . . . .	Wynn
"Three Little Sisters" . . . . .	Dovie, Marilyn, Elaine
"Smoke That Cigarette" . . . . .	Chester
"I Can't Begin to Tell You" . . . . .	Eugene to Dovie
"Lazy Bones" . . . . .	Coach
"Save The Alcohol" . . . . .	Bernard
"He's My Man" . . . . .	Silvy to Georgie



## KRAZY KRAKS

When someone asked Pooch about the show he saw "Two Blondes and a Redhead", he merely commented on the blonde that he was with and knew nothing about the show . . . Hummmmmmmmm, wonder what he was doing??????

Dorothy Powell, that let's go fish, seems to really have it bad with Harold Brown.

What's this "graveyard business" about that Thomas, Bugger, and Charles continually talk of???????? Come on one of you and admit who shot who??????

Mamie Jewel seems to have found her ideal. Stick to him, Mamie, he's a "much fine" boy.

Mary Ellen just can't make up her mind between two boys. Whenever you decide whom to take, may the best one win.

Herbert, you have never given your opinion of a woman. Who do you really like????? We know someone that is nuts over you!!!!!!

Richard, what became of your class ring?? Couldn't be that a gal from another state is wearing it, could it?????????

Say Vic, was that show so good that you had to see it twice or was it because you had to make up to Pee Wee?????????

Wynn Norris seems to be the ladies' man in his class. Every week he has a new girl friend. That's the younger generation for you!!!!!! They'll learn sooner or later.

Mary Jane, don't give up yet. Some of these days your dream boy (the ex-senior of '46) will wake up in the world and admit he missed a lot during his days.

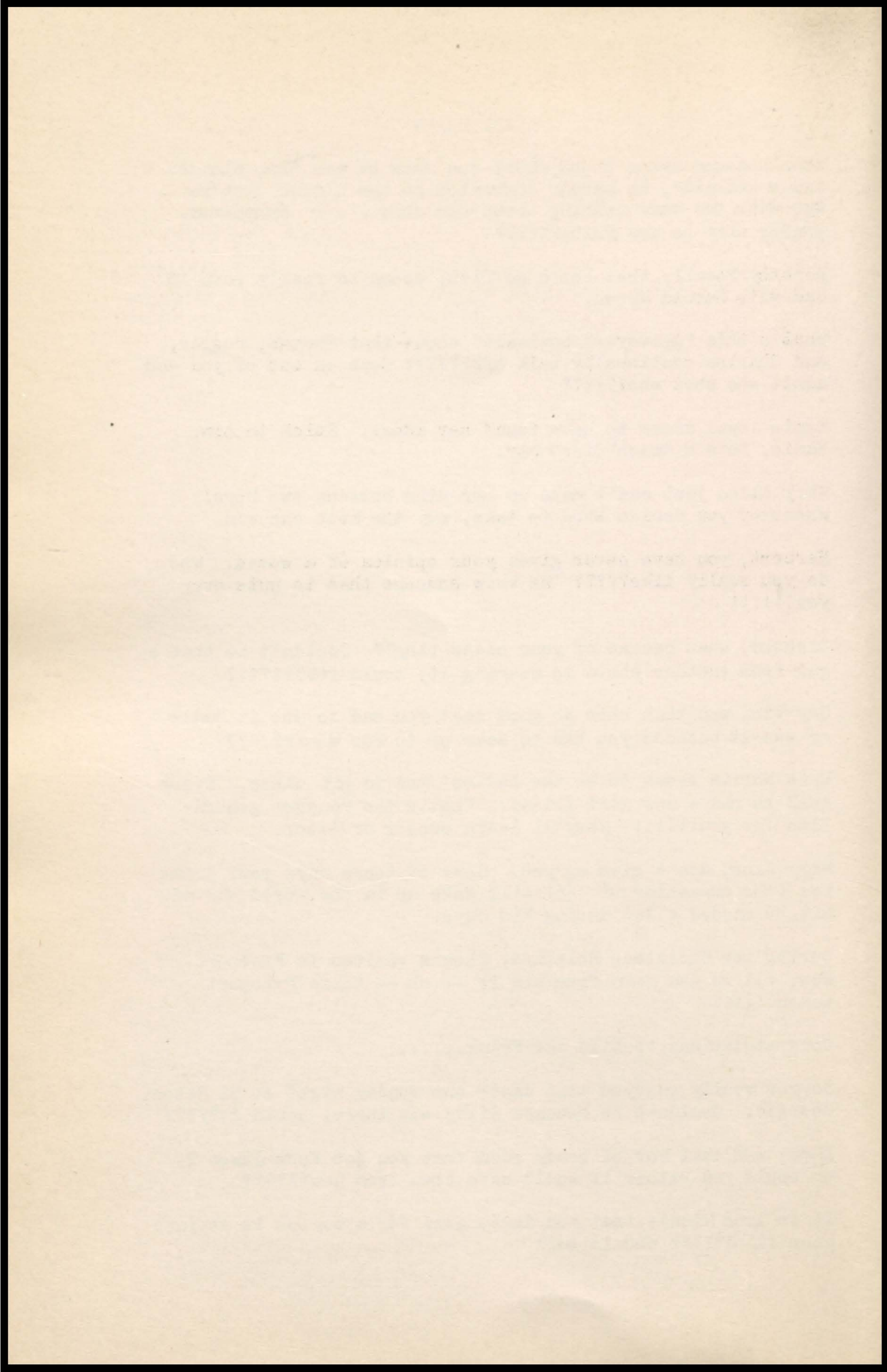
During the Christmas Holidays, Thomas visited in Freeport. Now, all we can hear from his is -- oh -- those Freeport women!!!!!!

Congratulations to Lila and Frank.....

So you really enjoyed that dance one Sunday night at El Maton, Georgie. Couldn't be because Silvy was there, could it?????

Emma, was that box of candy good that you got from James T. or would you rather it would have been from Leo??????

Is it true Minnie that you don't care for a boy or is it just your alibi????? Who is he??



Looks as if George H. and Eugene are having battles over Dovie. Come on, one of you boys give in!!!!!!

Faye, we hear you certainly enjoyed that American Legion Dance?????? They say that you and A. W. were doing O.K. Right????????

Opal will probably be married as soon as school is out. If he doesn't ask her, she'll ask him, for after all, it is Leap Year.

We wonder how Betty manages to make such good grades coming to school only one-half of the required time????????

It sure was swell to eat candy in shorthand class during the winter, telling the teacher, "Aw, its only a cough-drop".

Annie, was it only a mistake or did you actually mean to send him those beautiful baby pictures of you??? I bet he was saying "You must have been a beautiful baby".

What's the matter Ola Mae, can't you make up your mind???? First you say that you go with Edward so you could be around Marion. Then it's Edward all the way around!!!!!!

Ella and Leonard seem to be having a swell time, how about it Ella??????

What was the matter Halley, wouldn't any girl go with you to the Basketball Barbecue that you didn't want any of the other boys to get a date????? Or was it that you wanted that much more barbecue for yourself????????

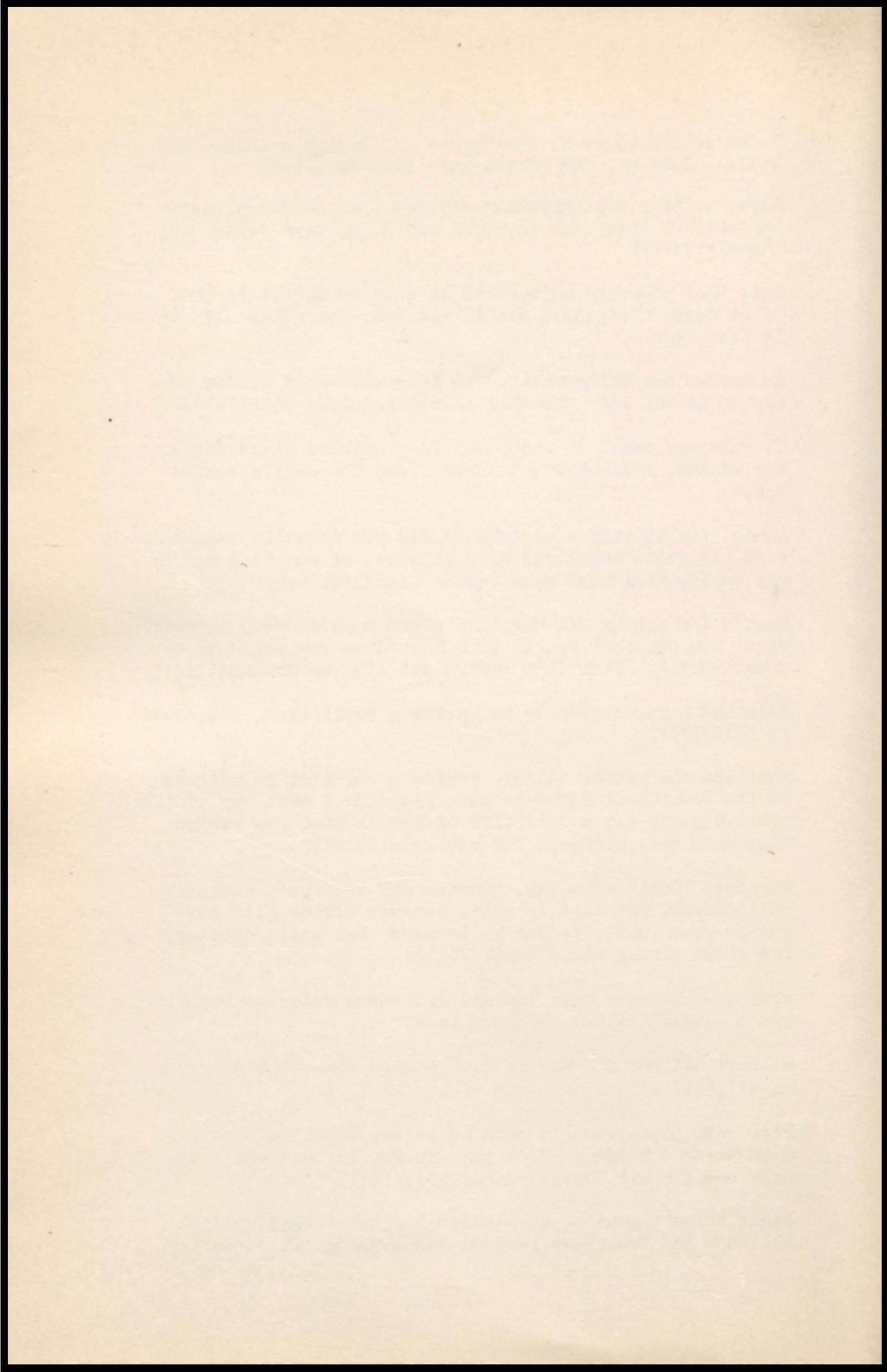
Warning. Don't ever say, "Buster may be a good basketball player, but that is all", because Elaine will sure change your tune. To her he is more than that. Buster, how about giving her a break??????

What's up between Mary Ann and all those Palacios boys???? She's always telling us about them.

Gilbert did you and Marion have a good time at that dance in Hilji?????

This year there doesn't seem to be any doubt in Sophie's mind about Frankie.. He's the one for her and she's the only one for him, by all means!!!!!!!!!!!!

Annie doesn't want to talk about her boy friend, but we all know its true love between her and that El Campo boy.



Mary Ann, what really happened to your gum that day Mr. Nelson walked into the typing room??? You didn't get scared and swallow it did you???????

Hoss sure shows an odd kind of interest in Betty Ruth!!! Couldn't be love could it?????? Oh! These kids!!!!!!

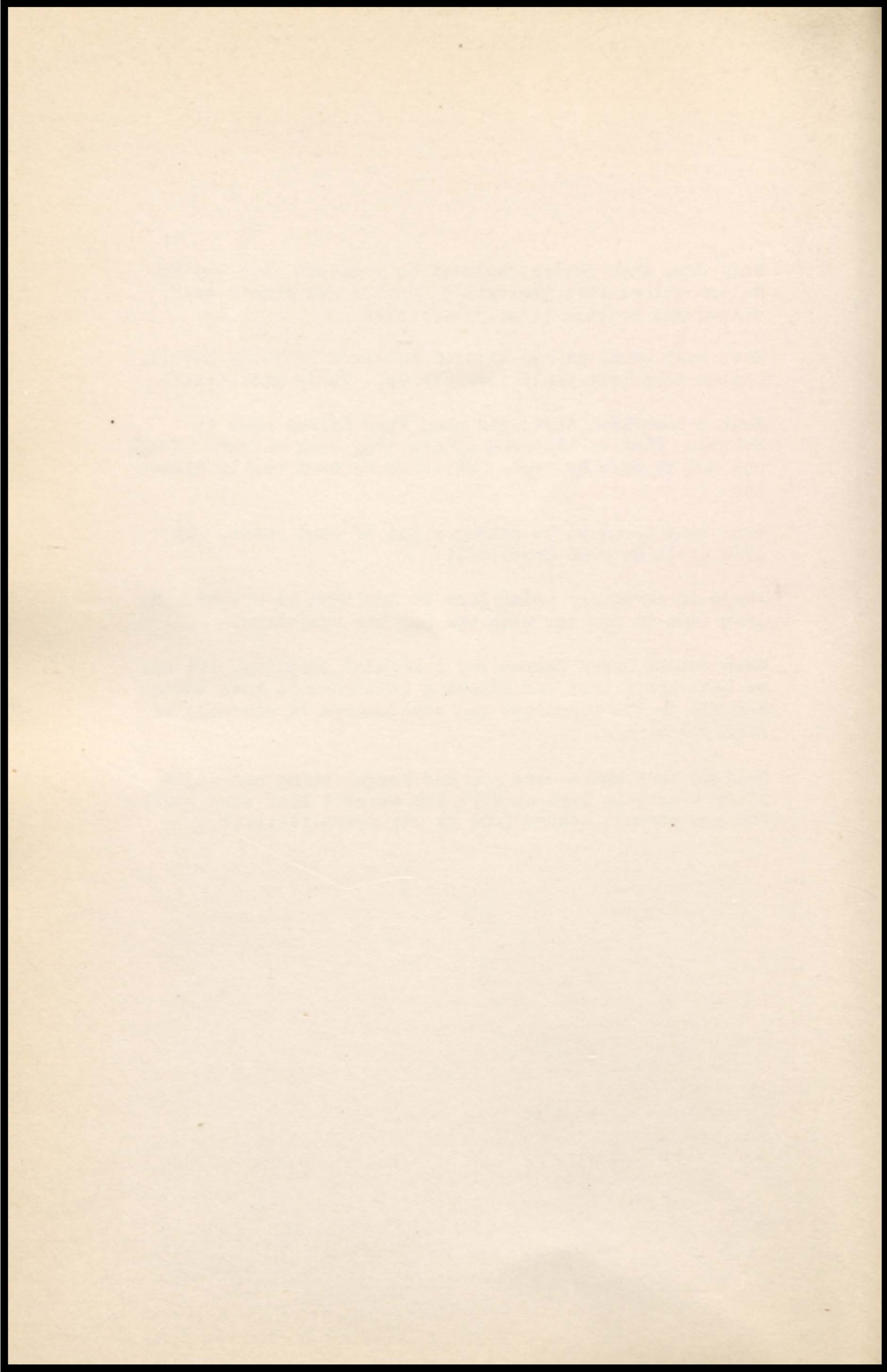
What a commotion there was when Faye Bailey came to school. Pity is that she didn't stay long enough. Tough she had to move so soon. We think Bernard really misses her.

That band seems to be making a lot of good noise. By 1950 it'll be SOME band!!!!!!

Joyce is certainly being true to her beau in Crosby. He even came to see her when she had her operation.

When school began Cactus was a regular comedian, but now we have proof that our Blessing environments have educated him to the practices and seriousness of students of high school age.

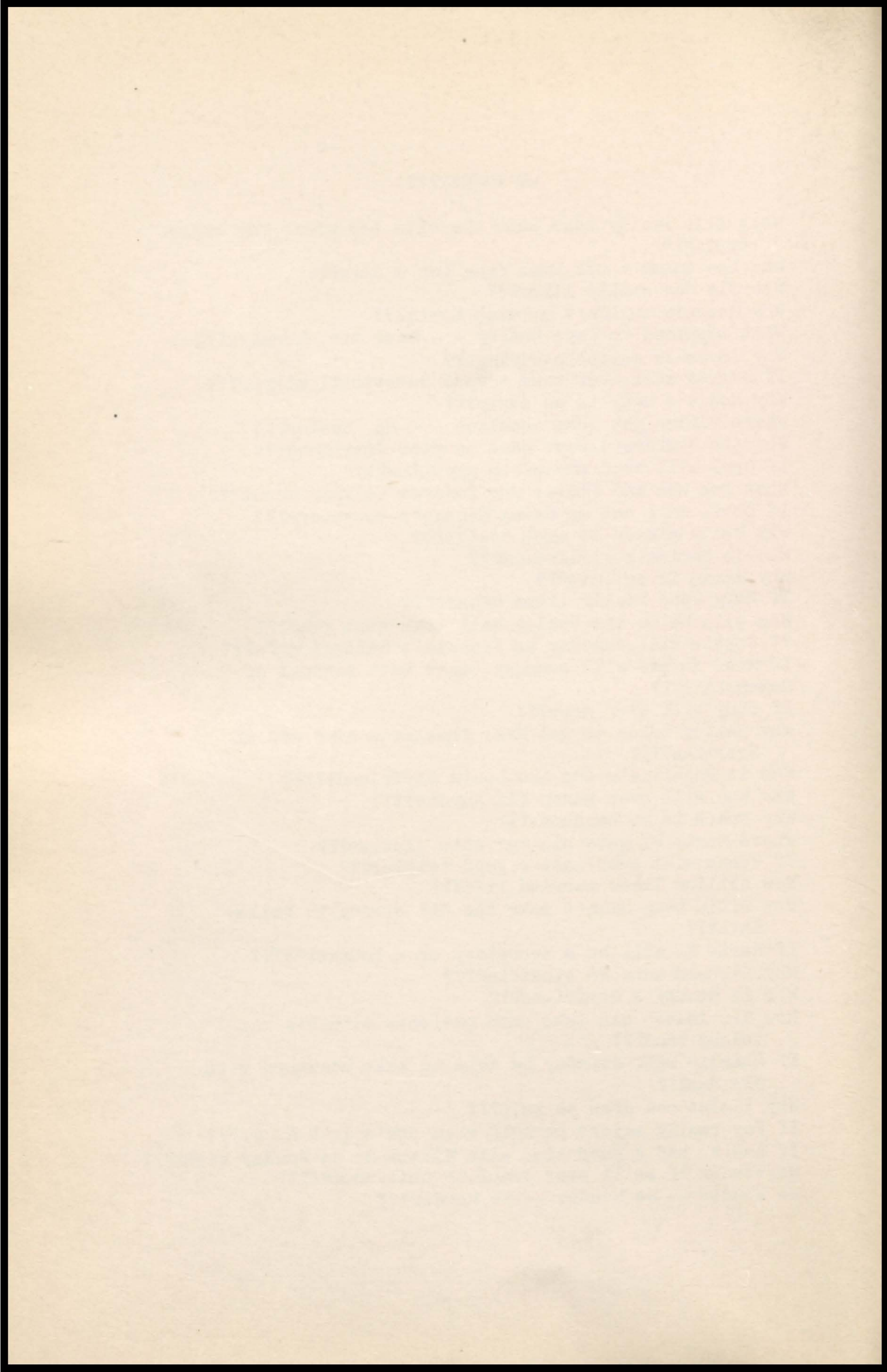
Halley, just where were you and Booger going one night after a certain barbecue???? You weren't lost were you?? And you weren't headed home by any means!!!!!!!!!!

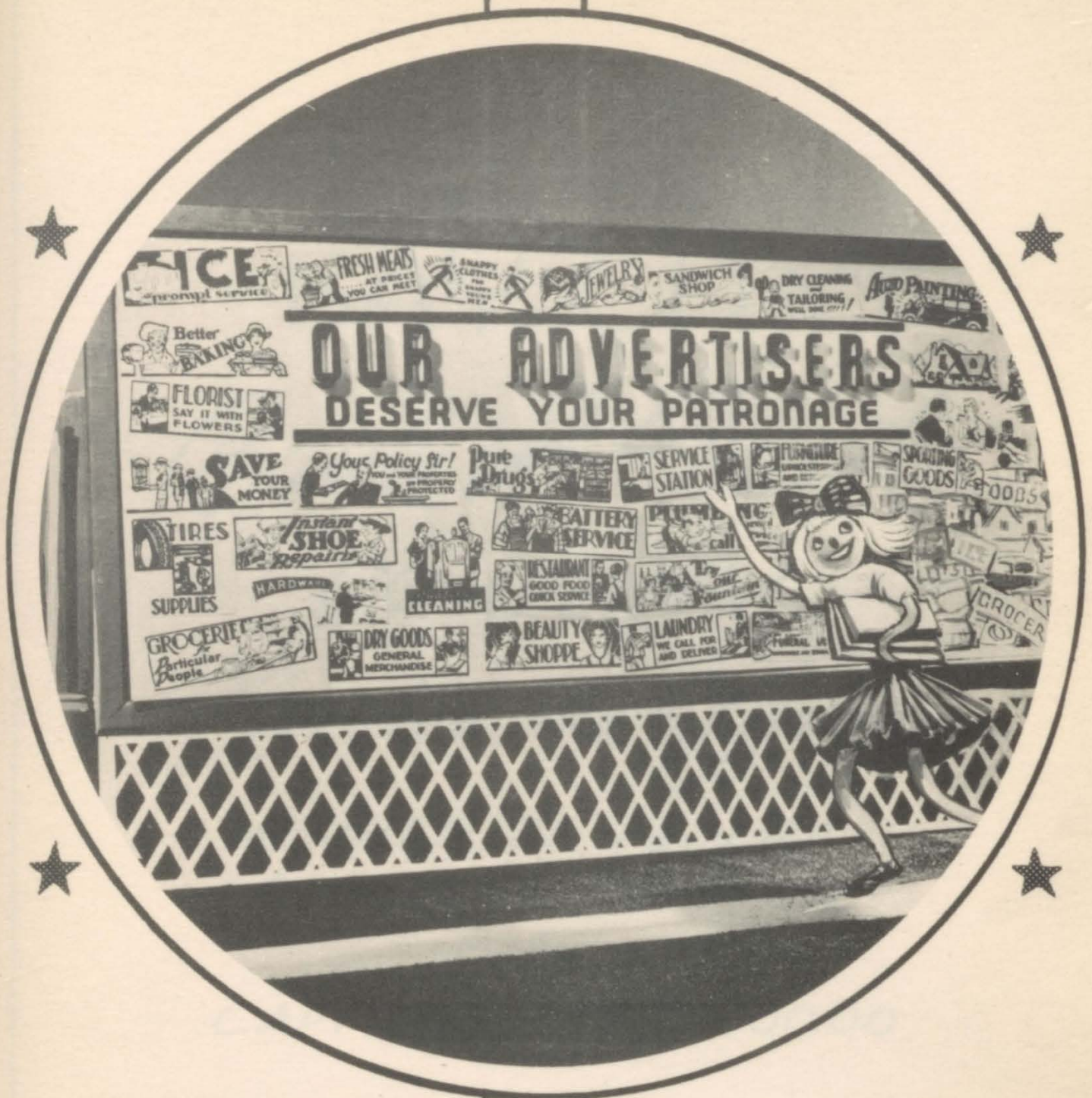




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- What Ella really says when she hits the wrong key while typing???
- Why Leo doesn't ask Emma Jean for a date???
- Who Ola Mae really likes???
- Why Georgia couldn't go with Ervin???
- What happened to Faye Bailey -- Miss her, Bernard???
- Why Joyce is always studying???
- If Bugger will ever make a good basketball player???
- Why Rosie's hair is so curly???
- Where Elaine got that necklace -- Eh, Buster???
- Why the Seniors always want to miss Shorthand???
- If Opal will ever amount to anything???
- What Pee Wee and Victor are forever talking about???
- If Dovie will end up being Eugene's secretary???
- Why Betty misses so much school???
- Who is Marion's girlfriend???
- Why Annie is so cute???
- If Mary Jane really likes Robert???
- Who will be on the volley ball team next year???
- If Sophie will someday be Frankie's beloved wife???
- If Mrs. Nelson will someday teach Math instead of Homemaking???
- If Tony will ever grow???
- Why Halley tries to get Mrs. Wheeler's mind off of Shorthand???
- Who is Angeline's and Lou Lou's boyfriends????
- Who Ben will ever marry (if anyone)???
- Why Pooch is so handsome???
- Where Marie W. gets all her cute clothes???
- If Vonna will ever make a good twirler???
- How Lillium likes married life???
- Why Willa Dean didn't make the "A" string in Volley Ball???
- If Marie N. will be a secretary or a housewife???
- Why Richard acts so sissified???
- Who is Monkey's boyfriend???
- How Mr. Adams' can take such patience with his marvelous band???
- If Charlie will someday be able to make headways with Ola Mae???
- Why Violet can draw so well???
- If Fay really enjoys herself when she's with A. W.???
- If Ann V. had a good time with Milton S. on Sunday night???
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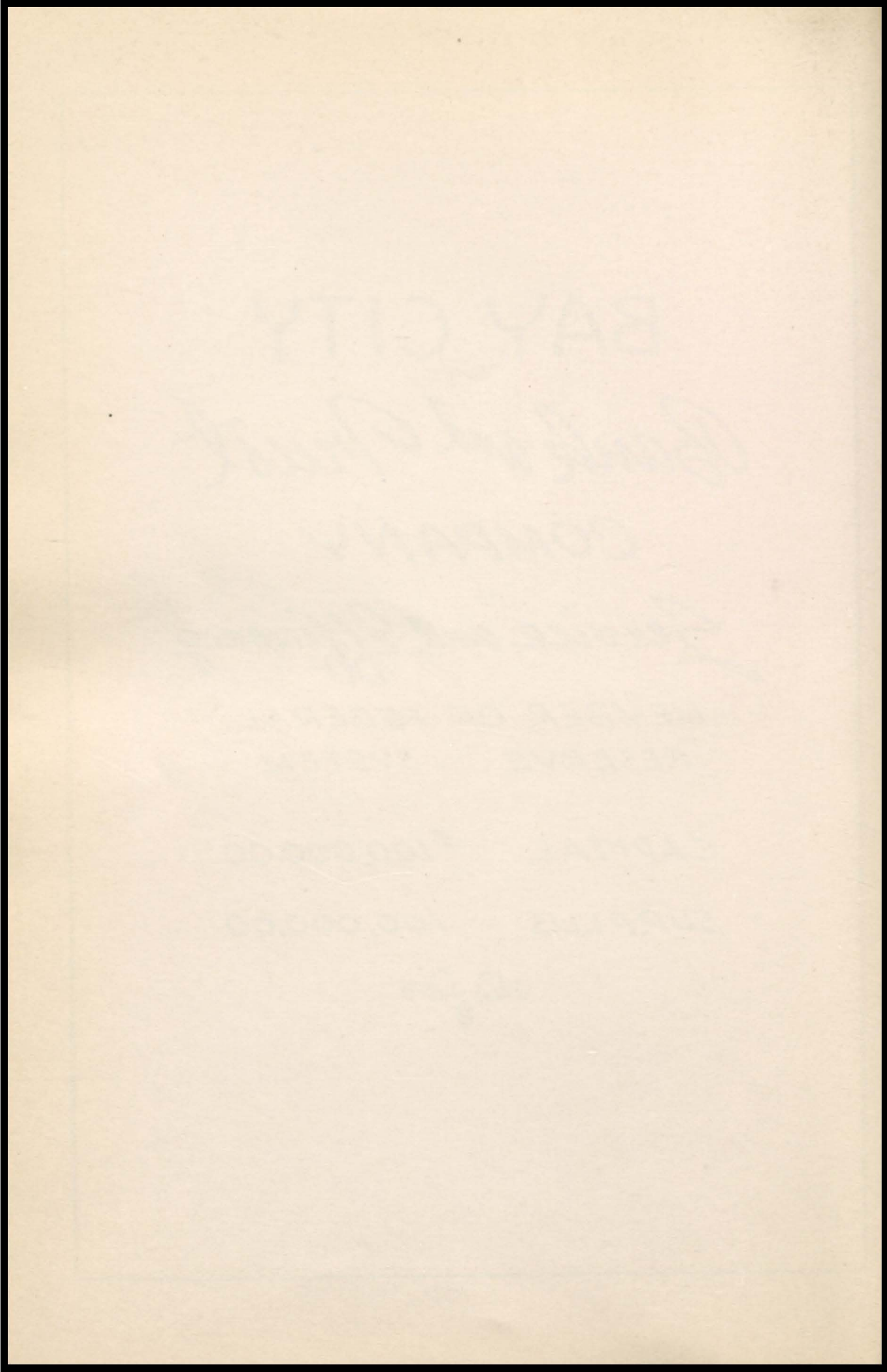
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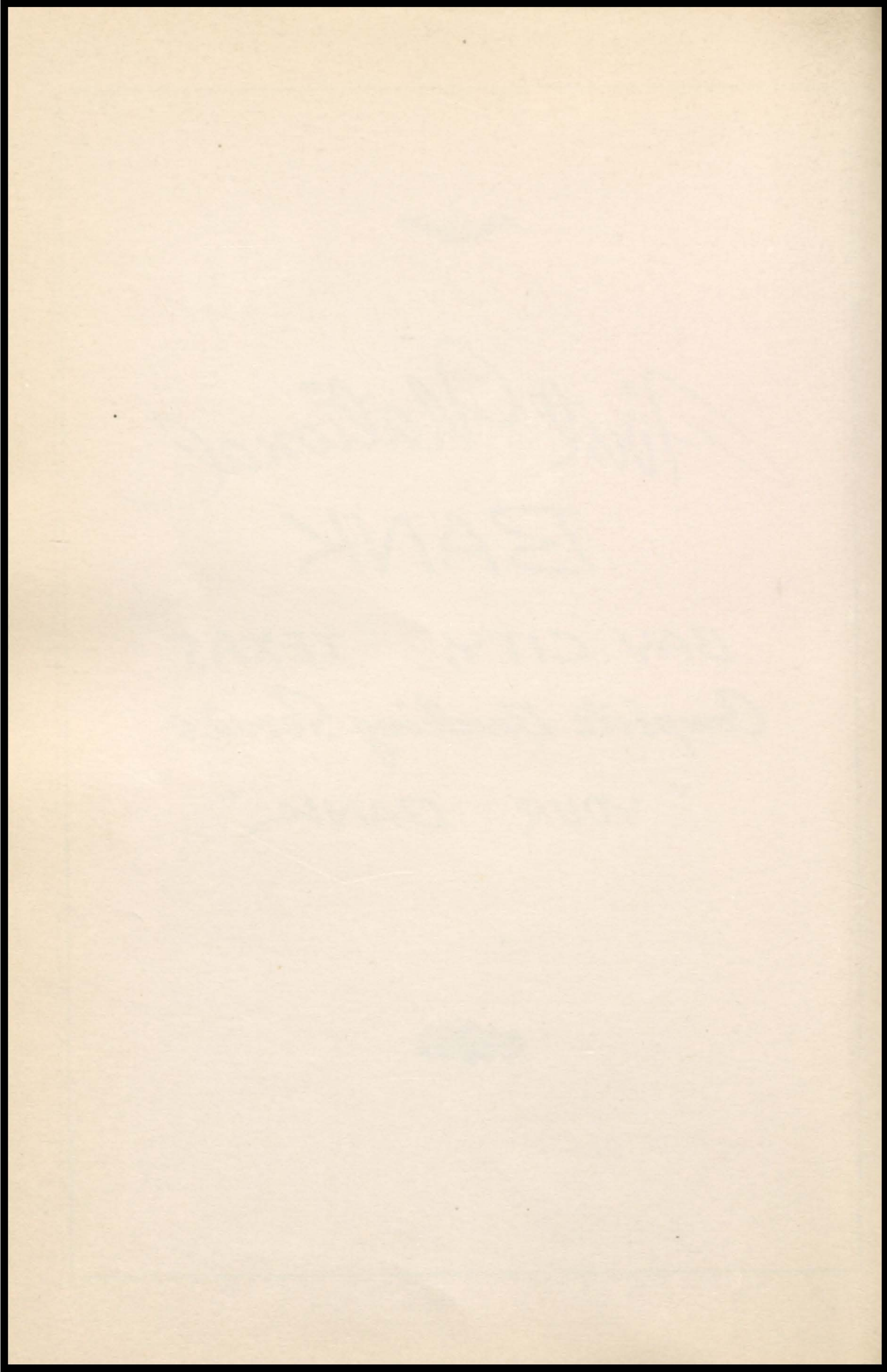




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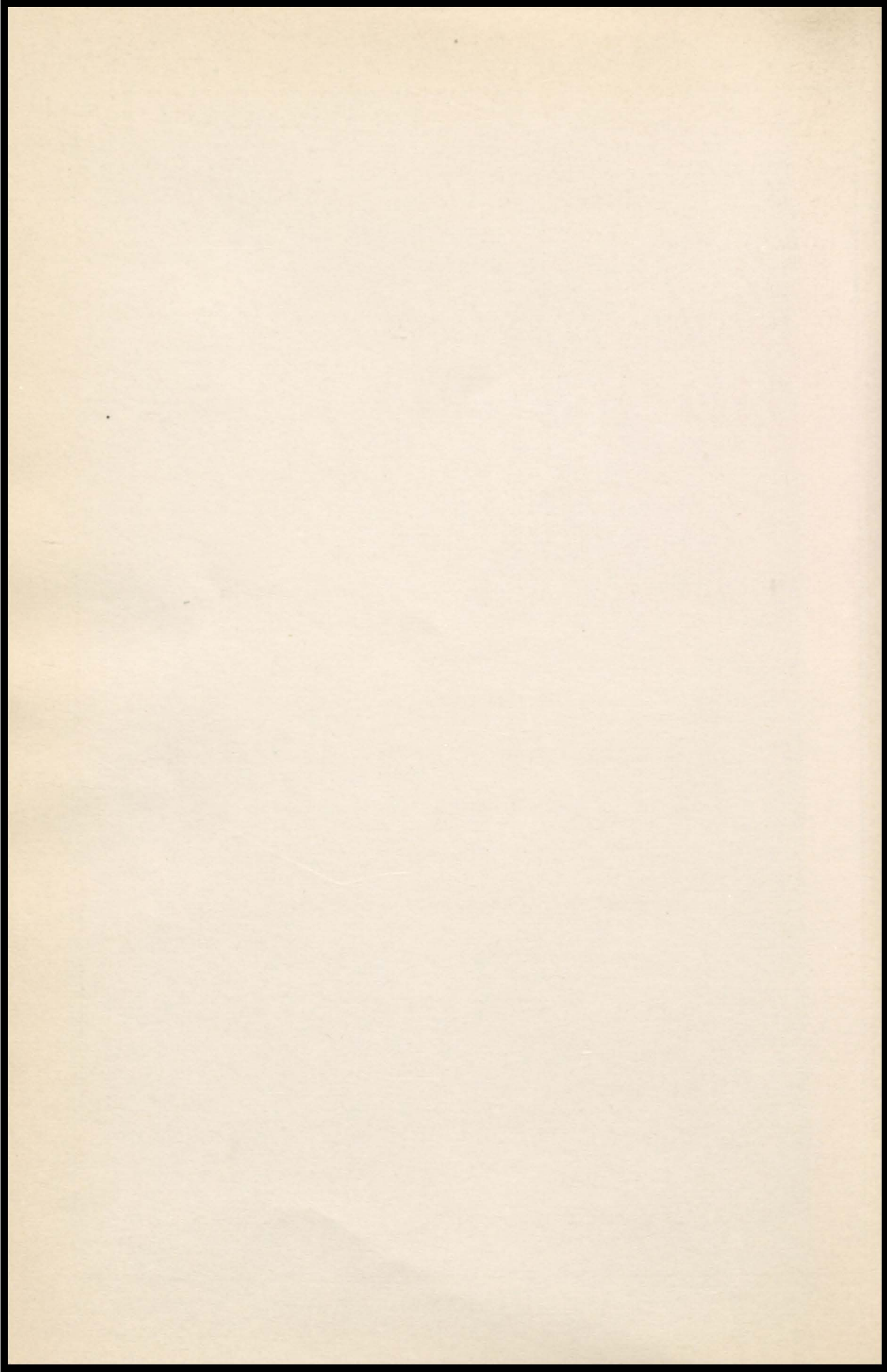
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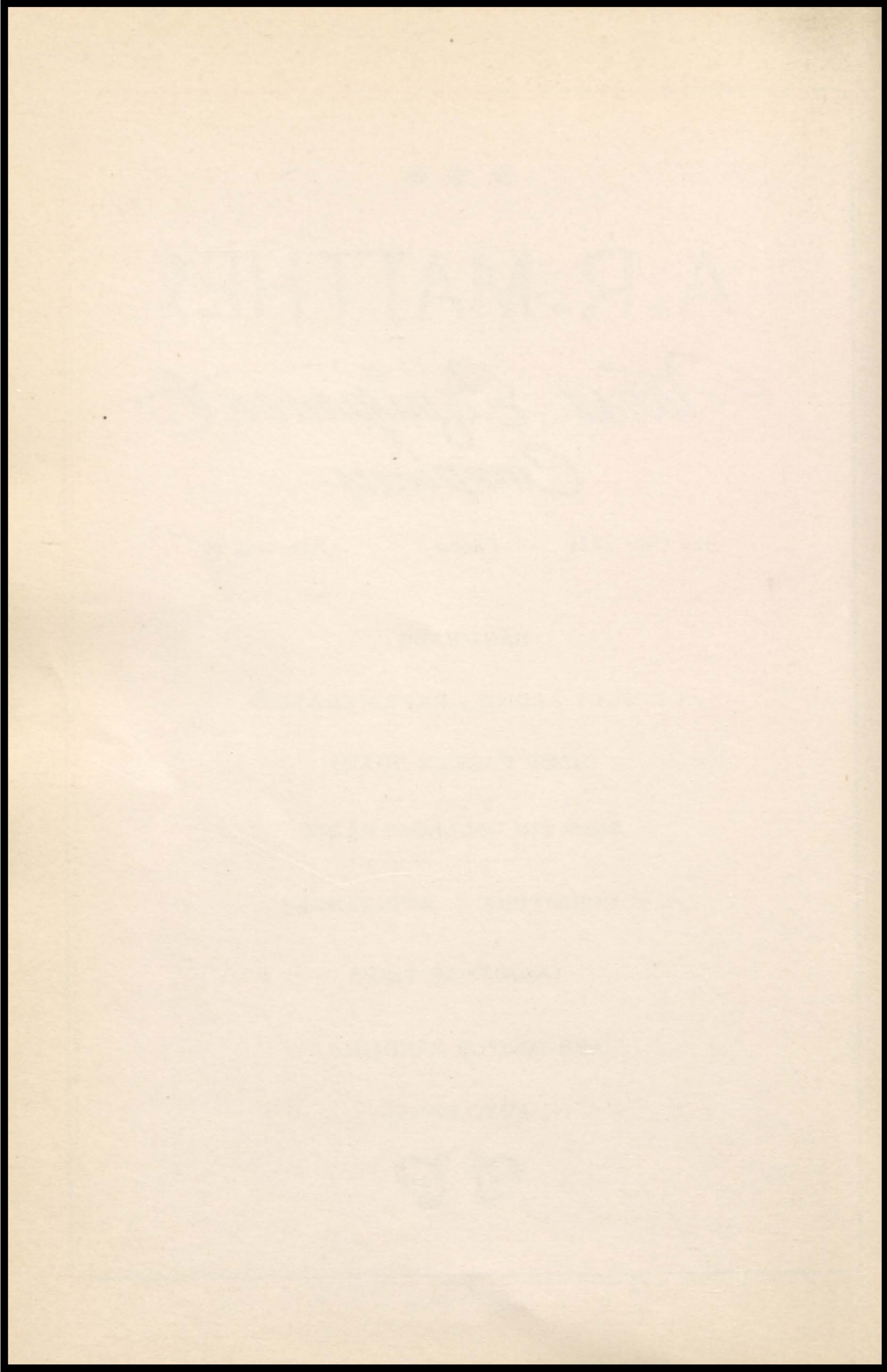
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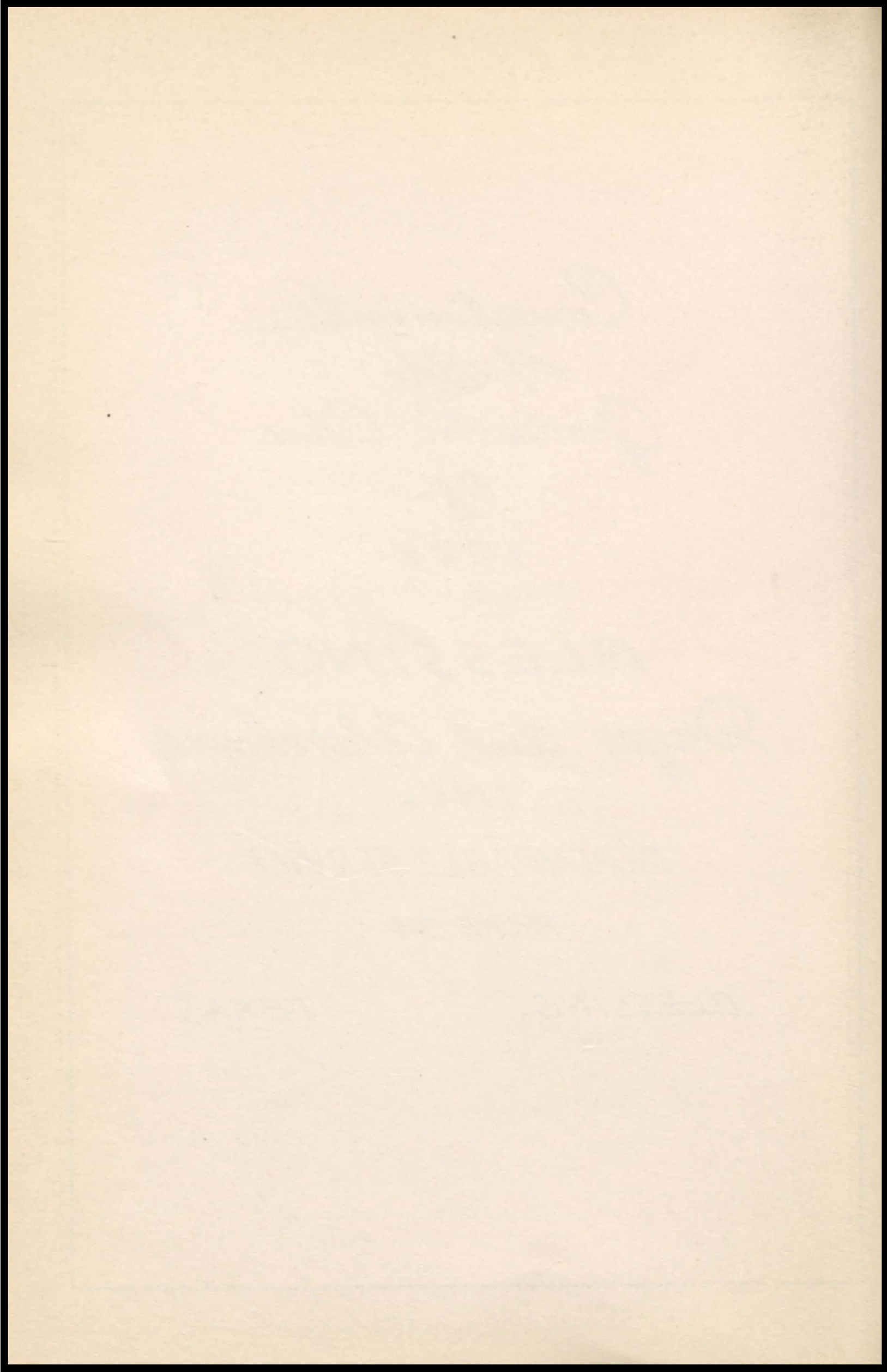
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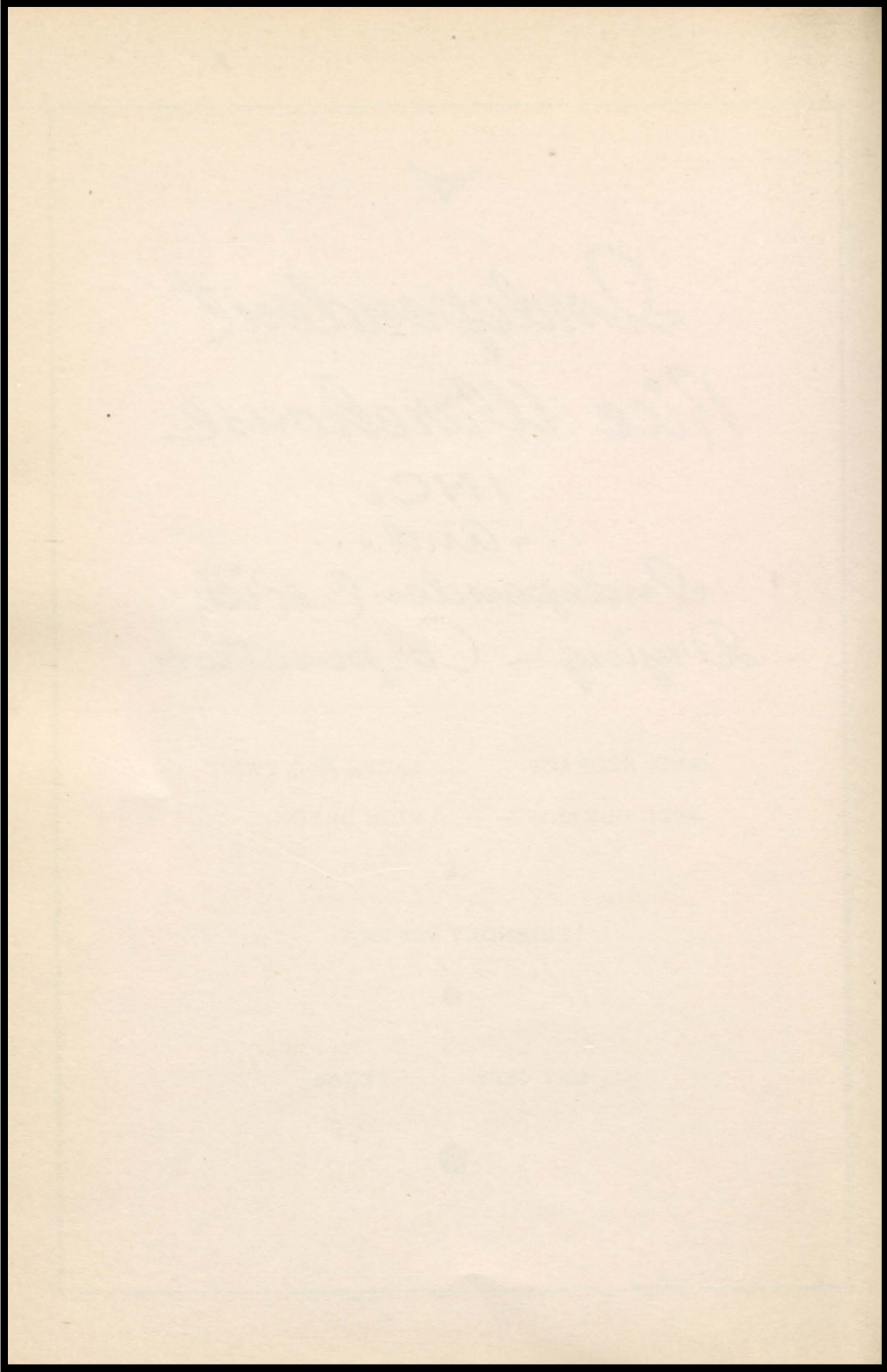
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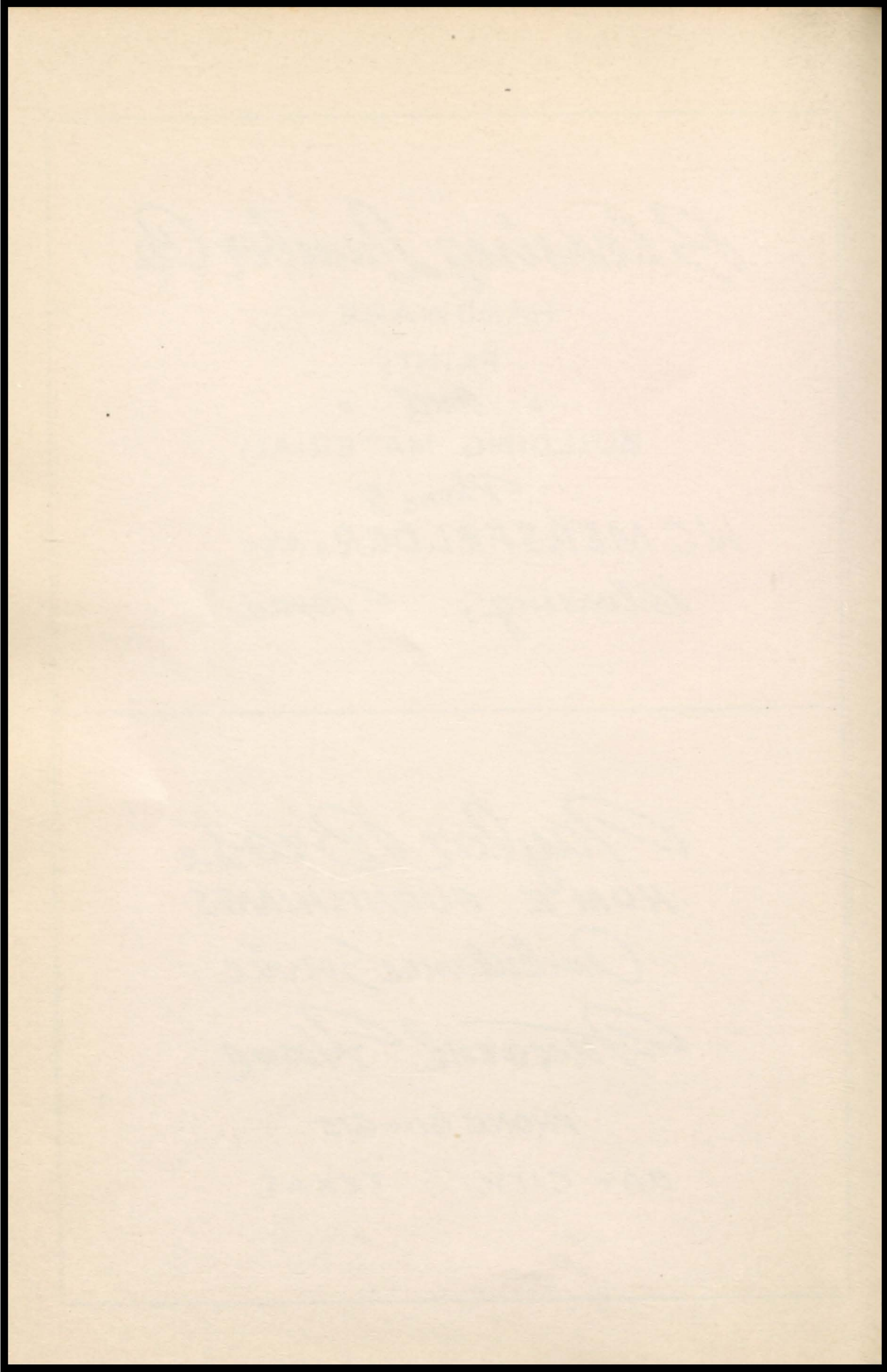
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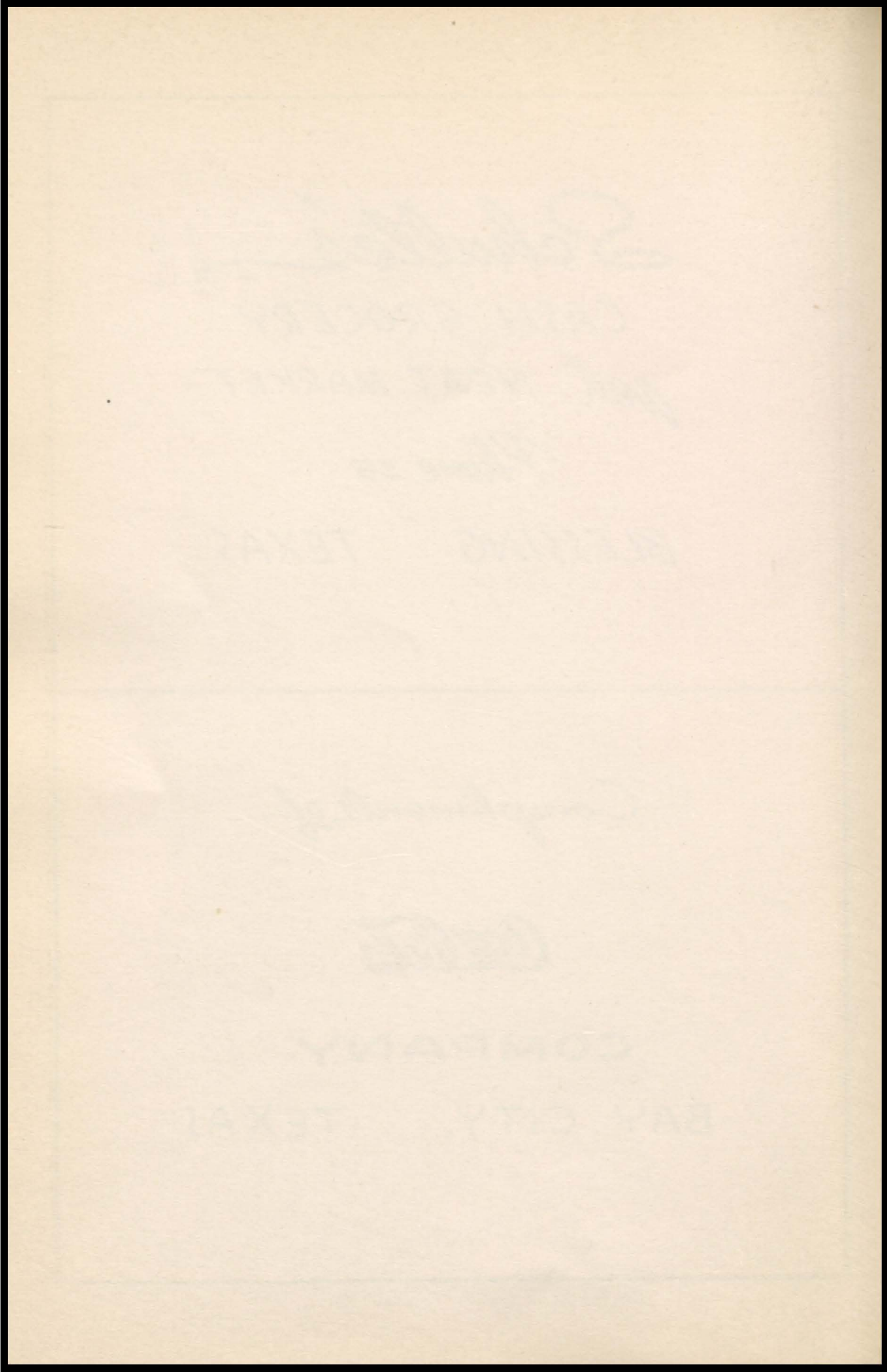
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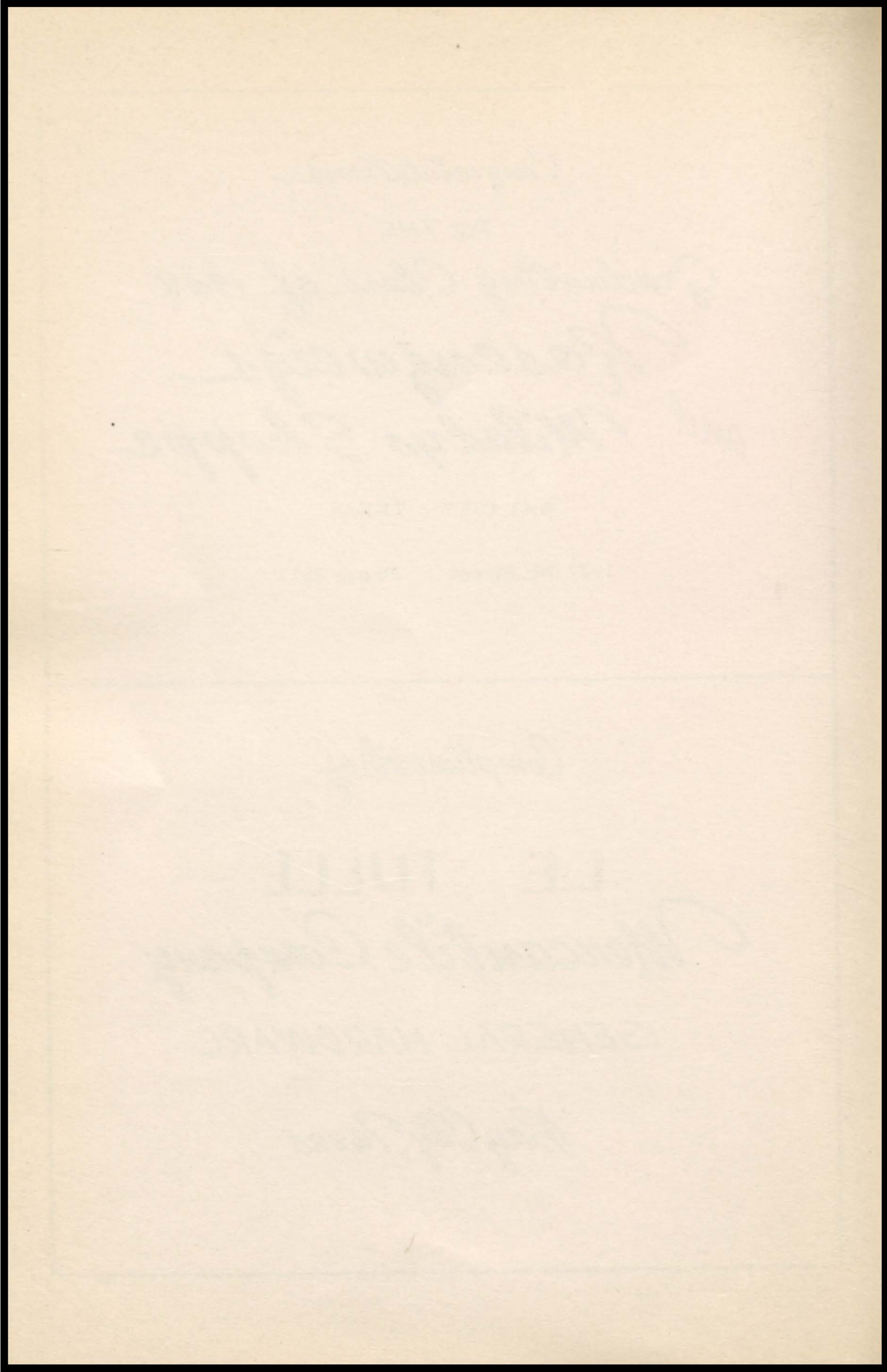
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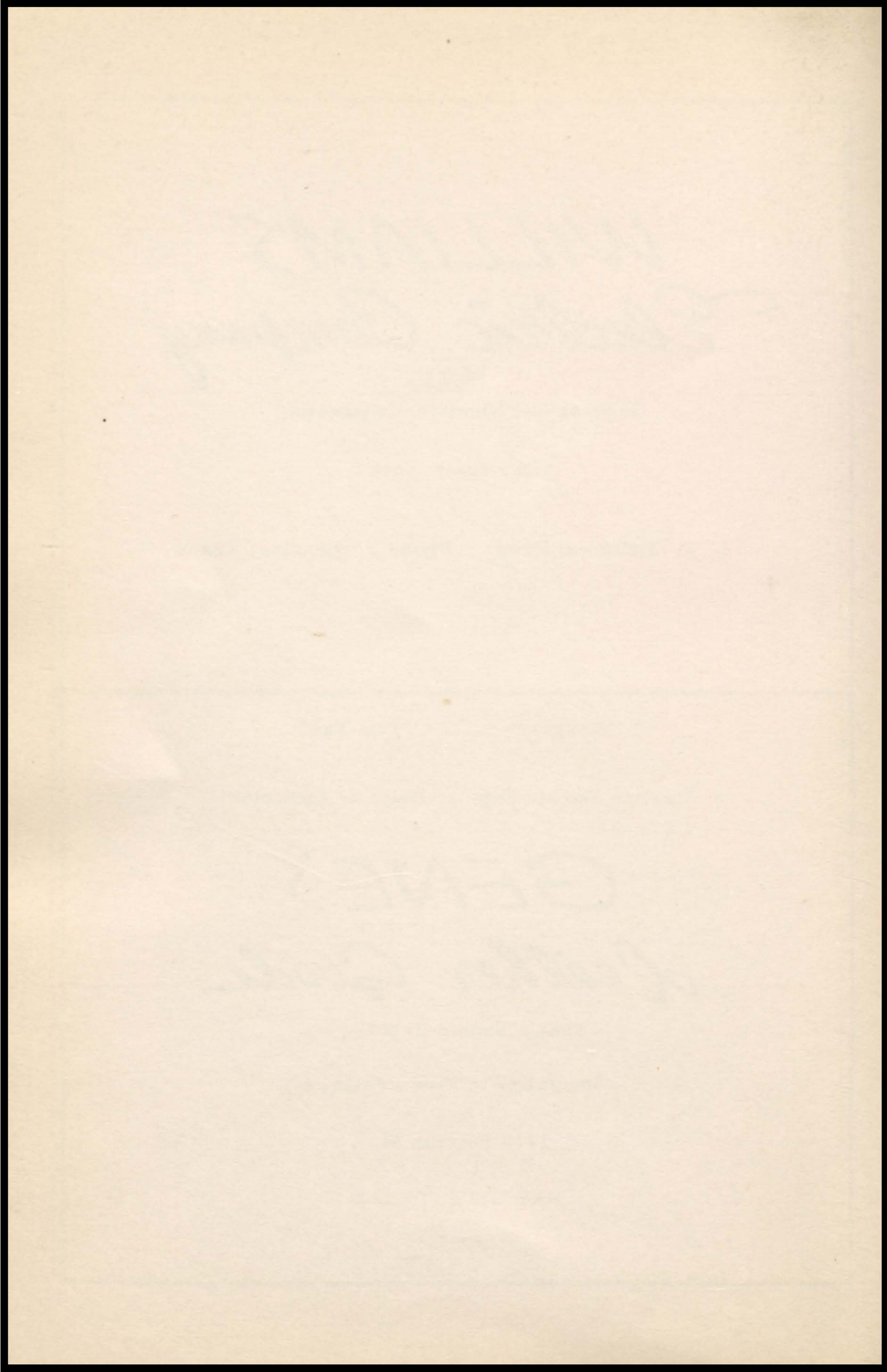
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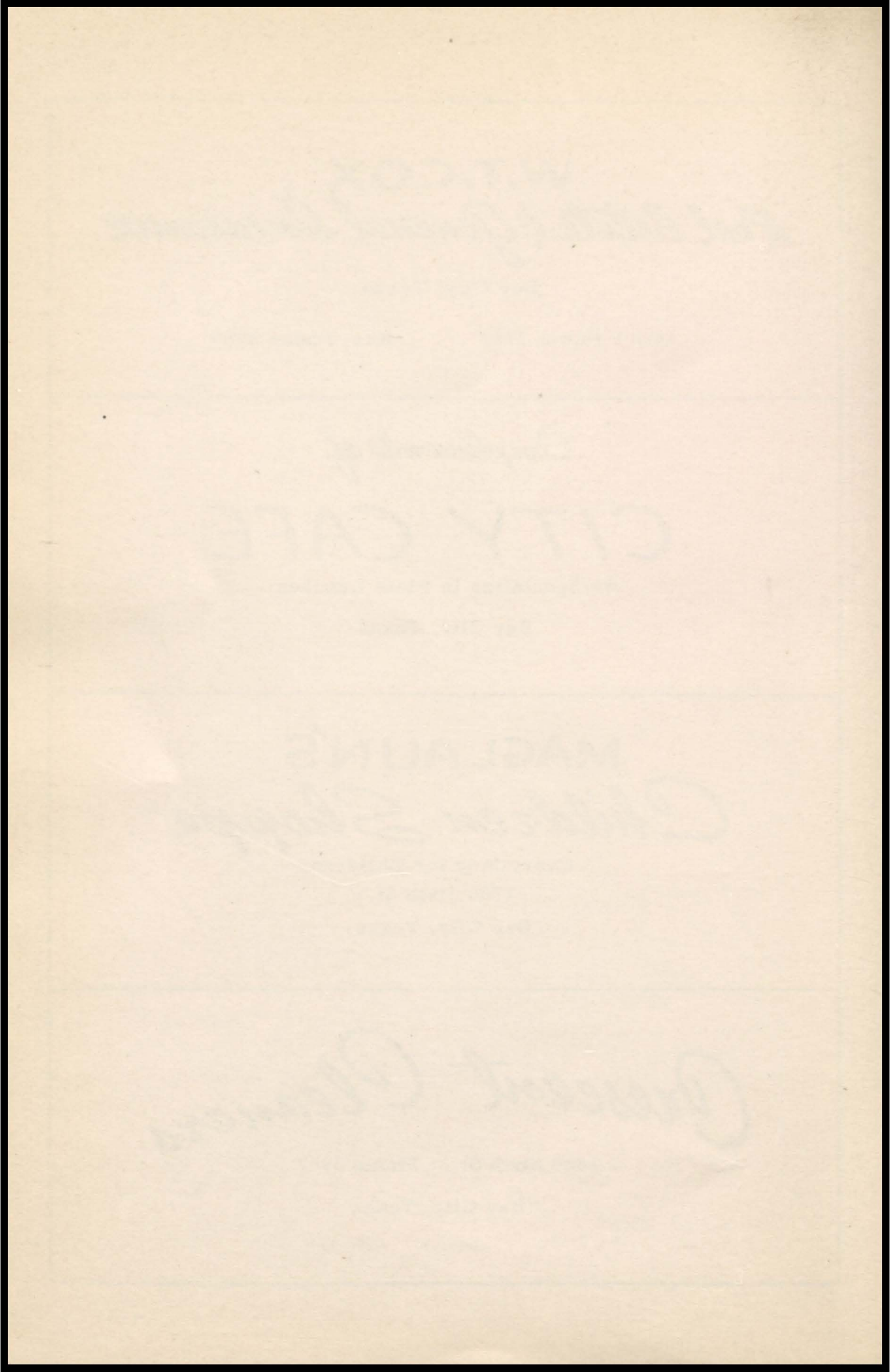
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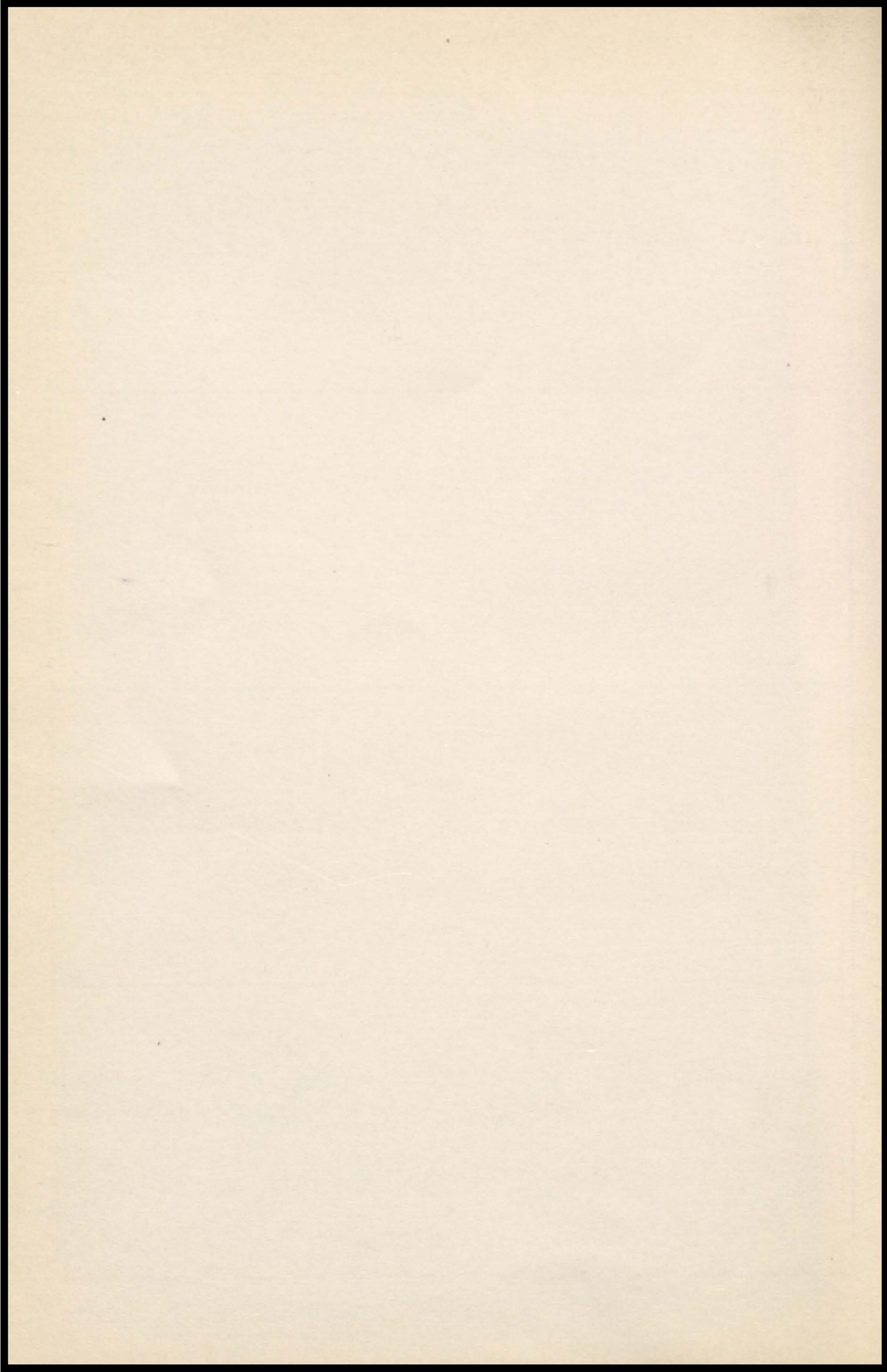
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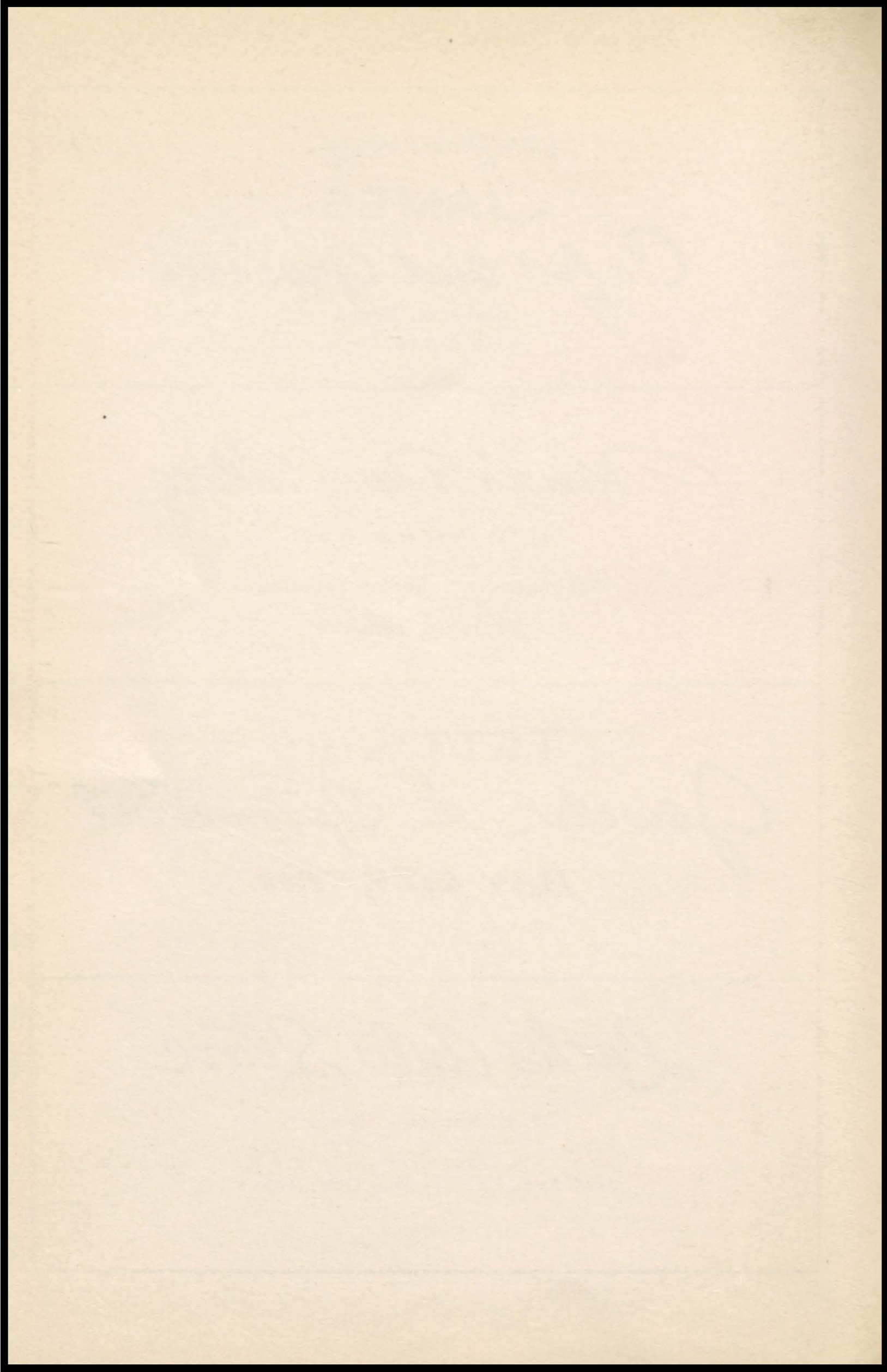
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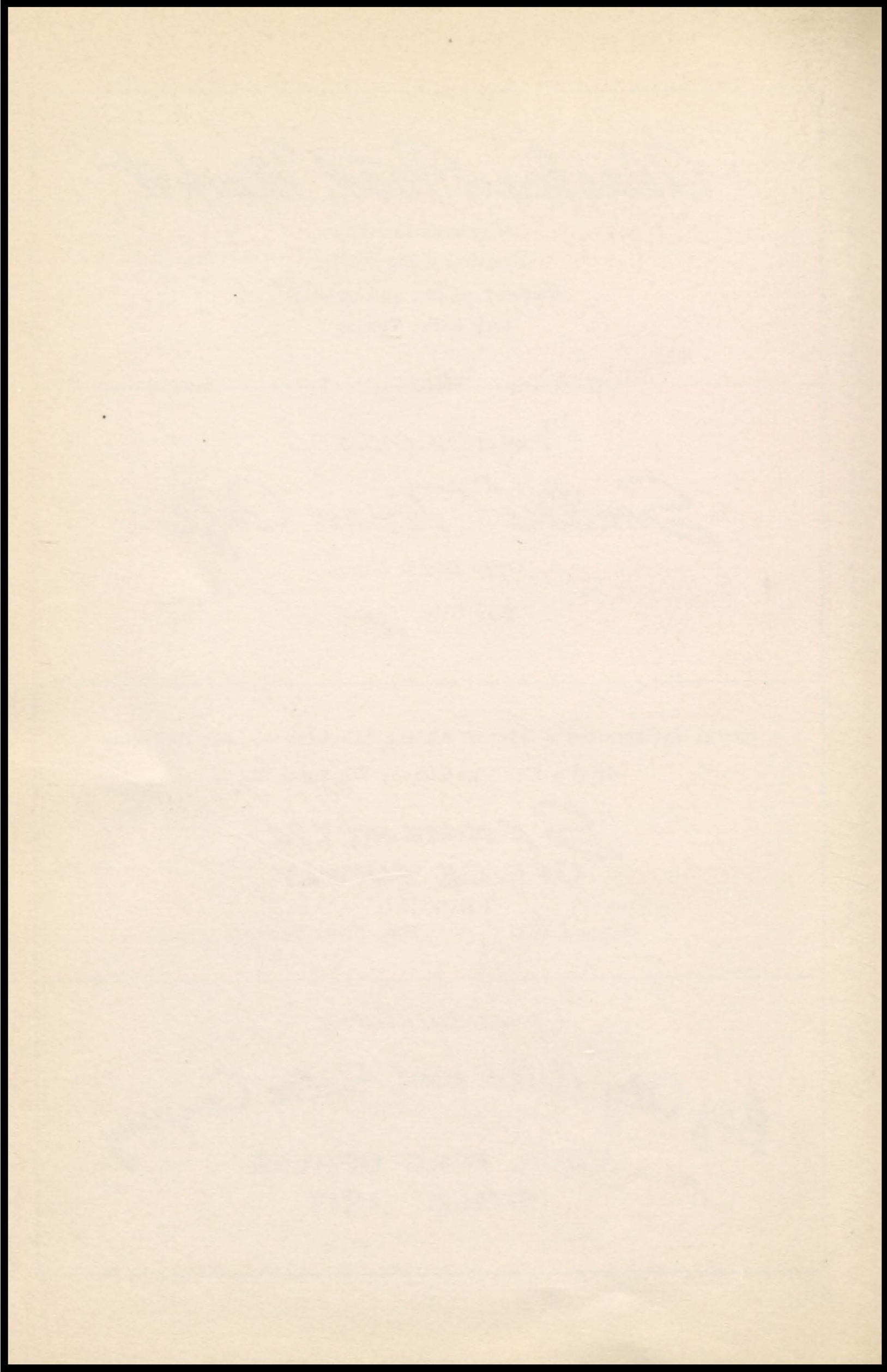
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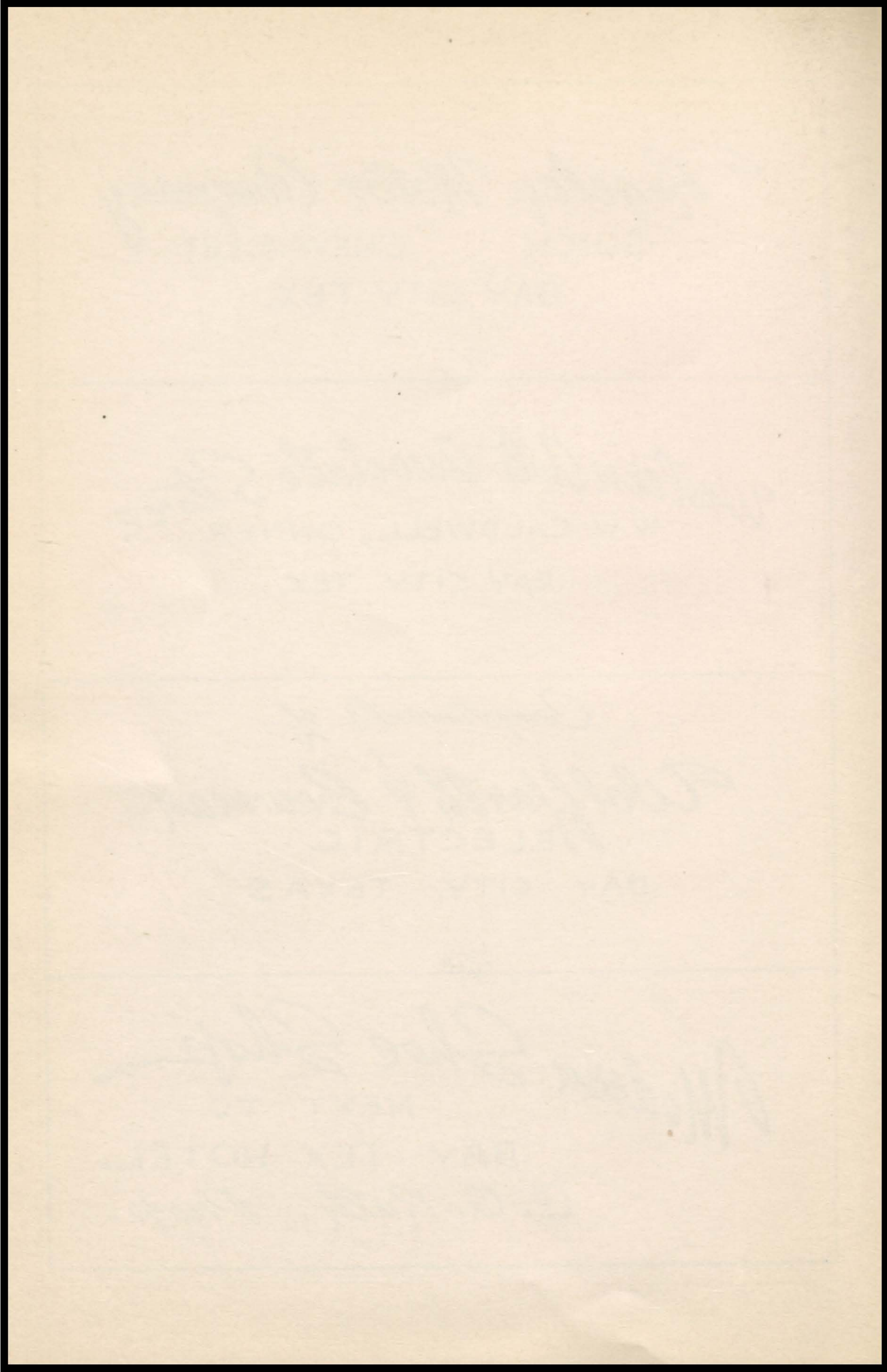
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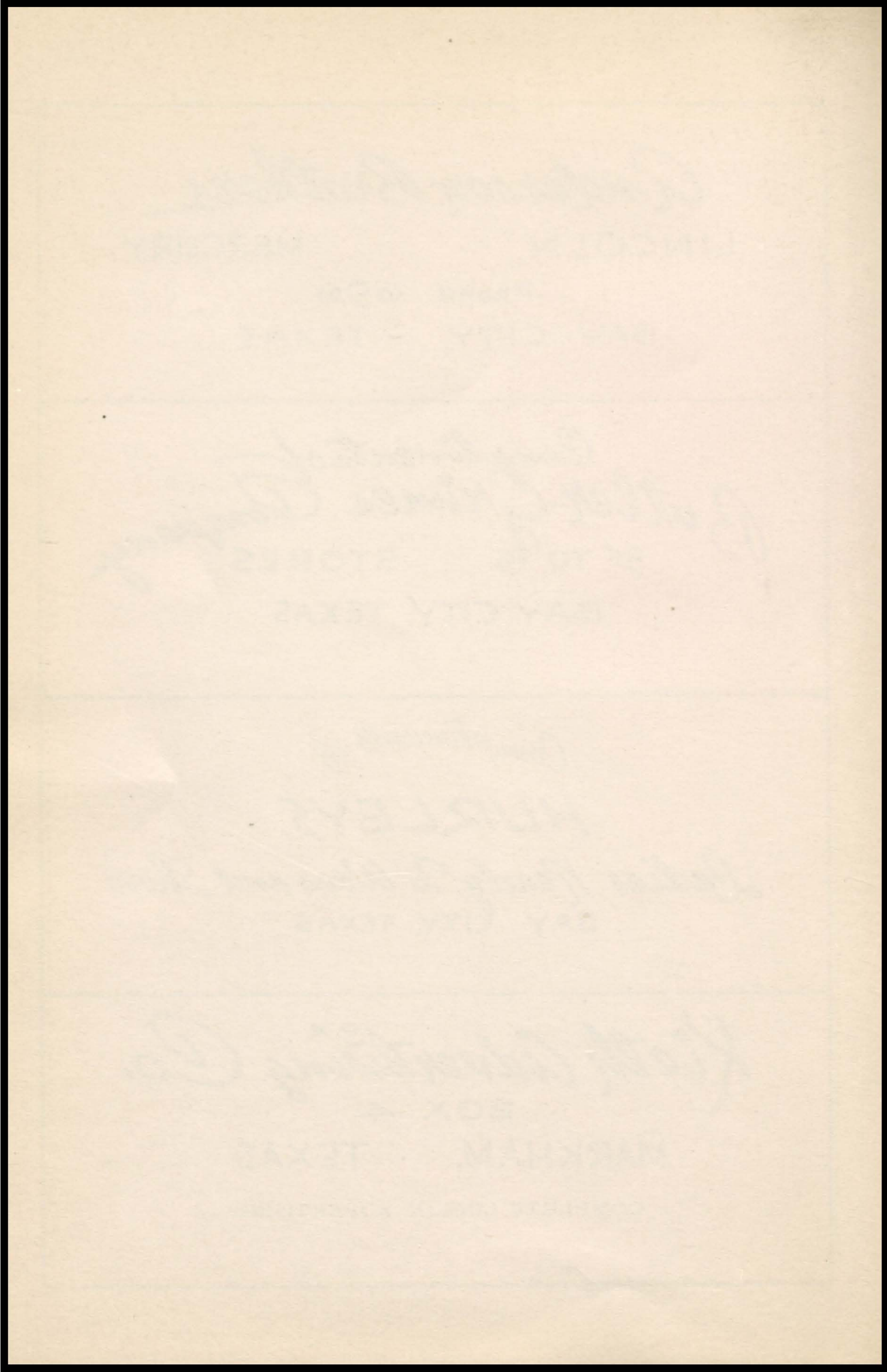
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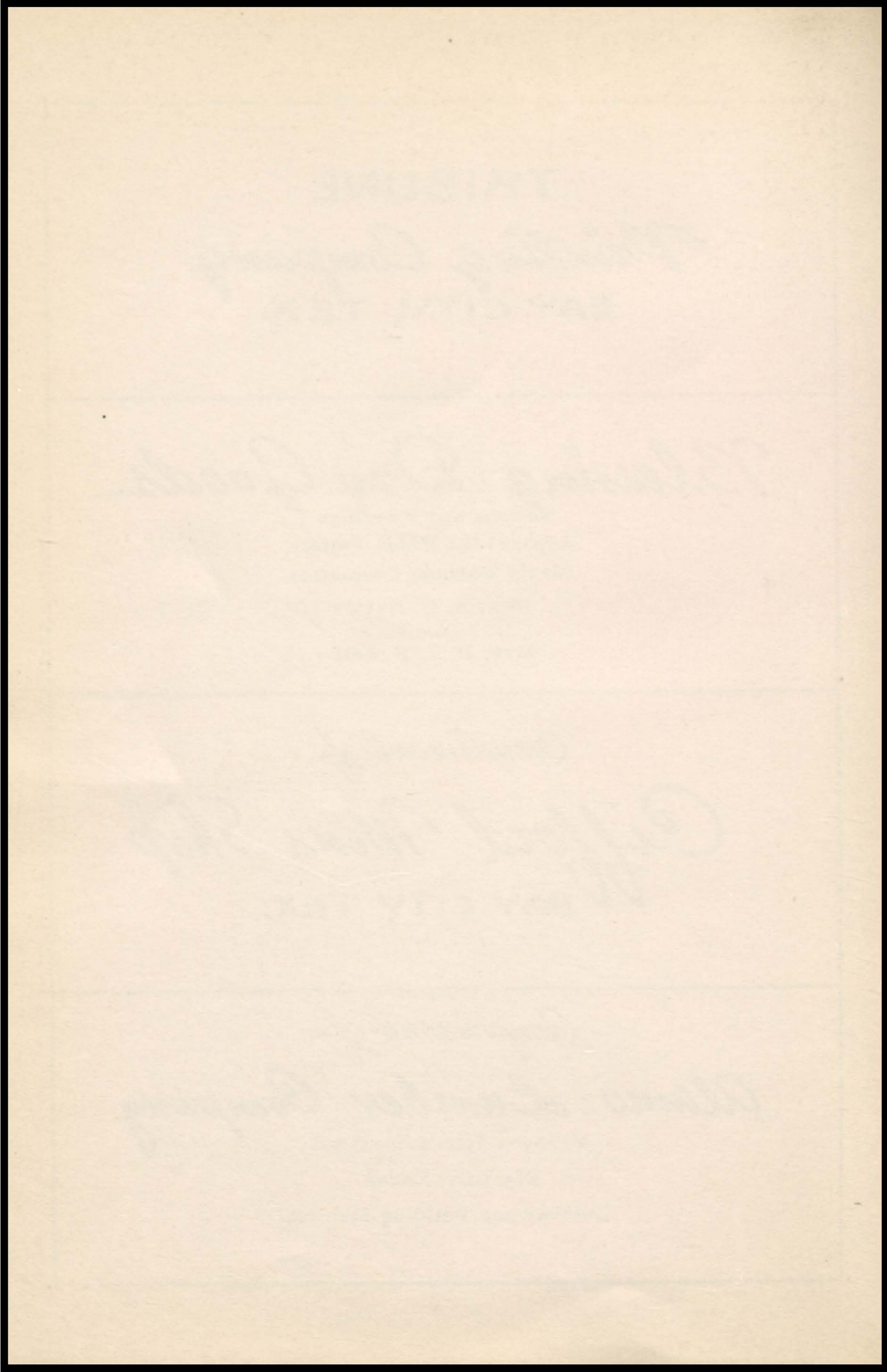
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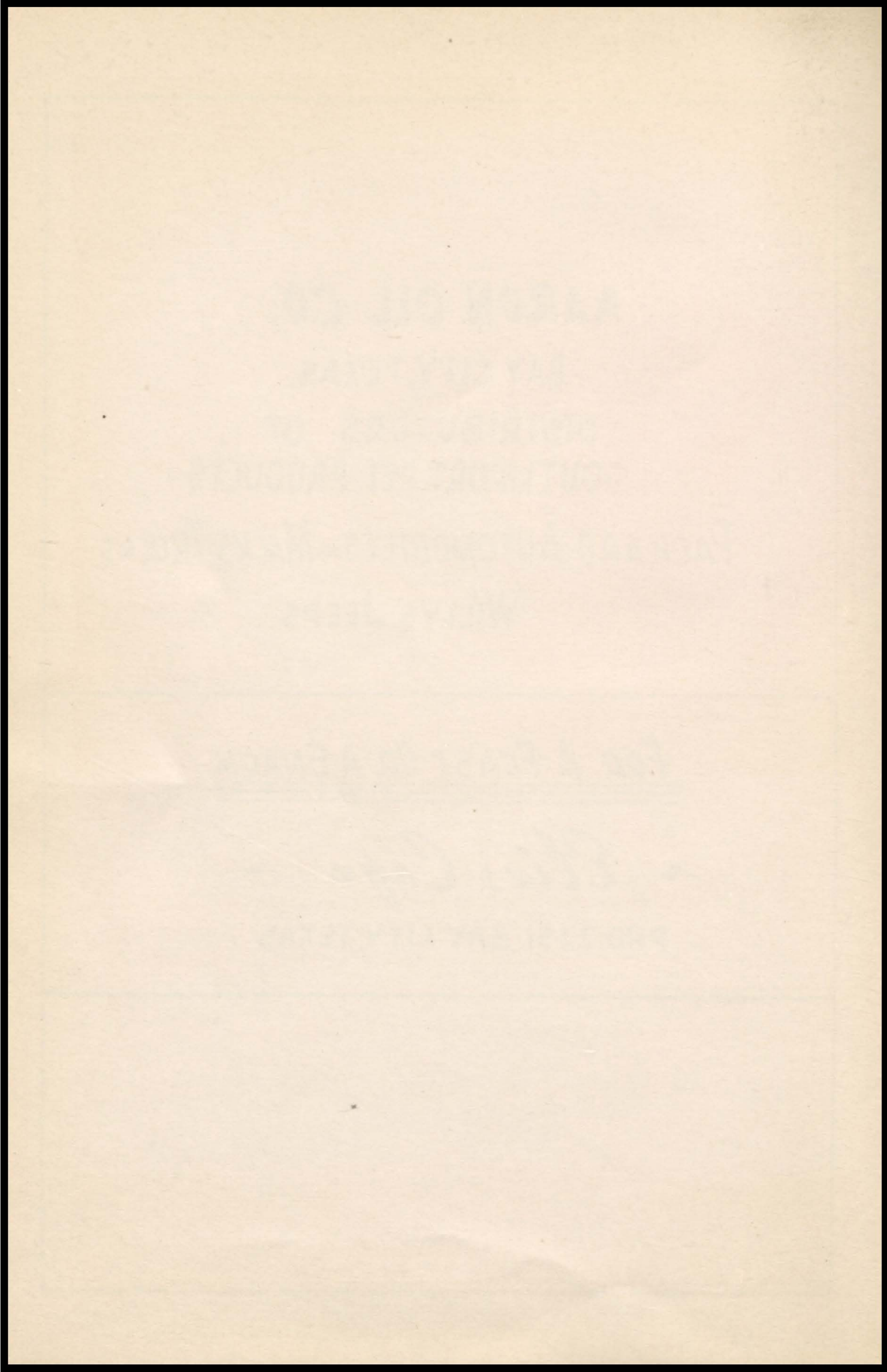
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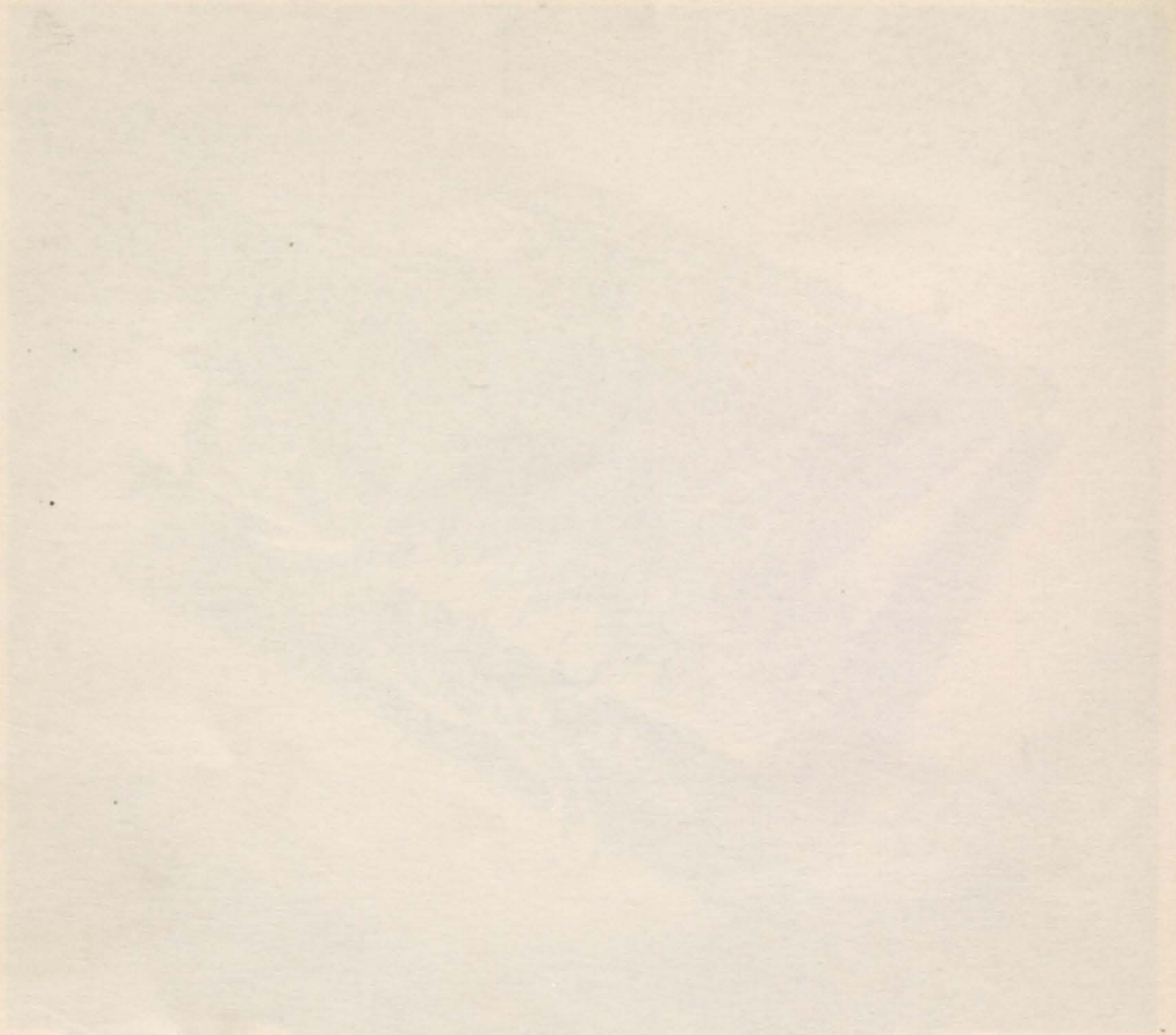
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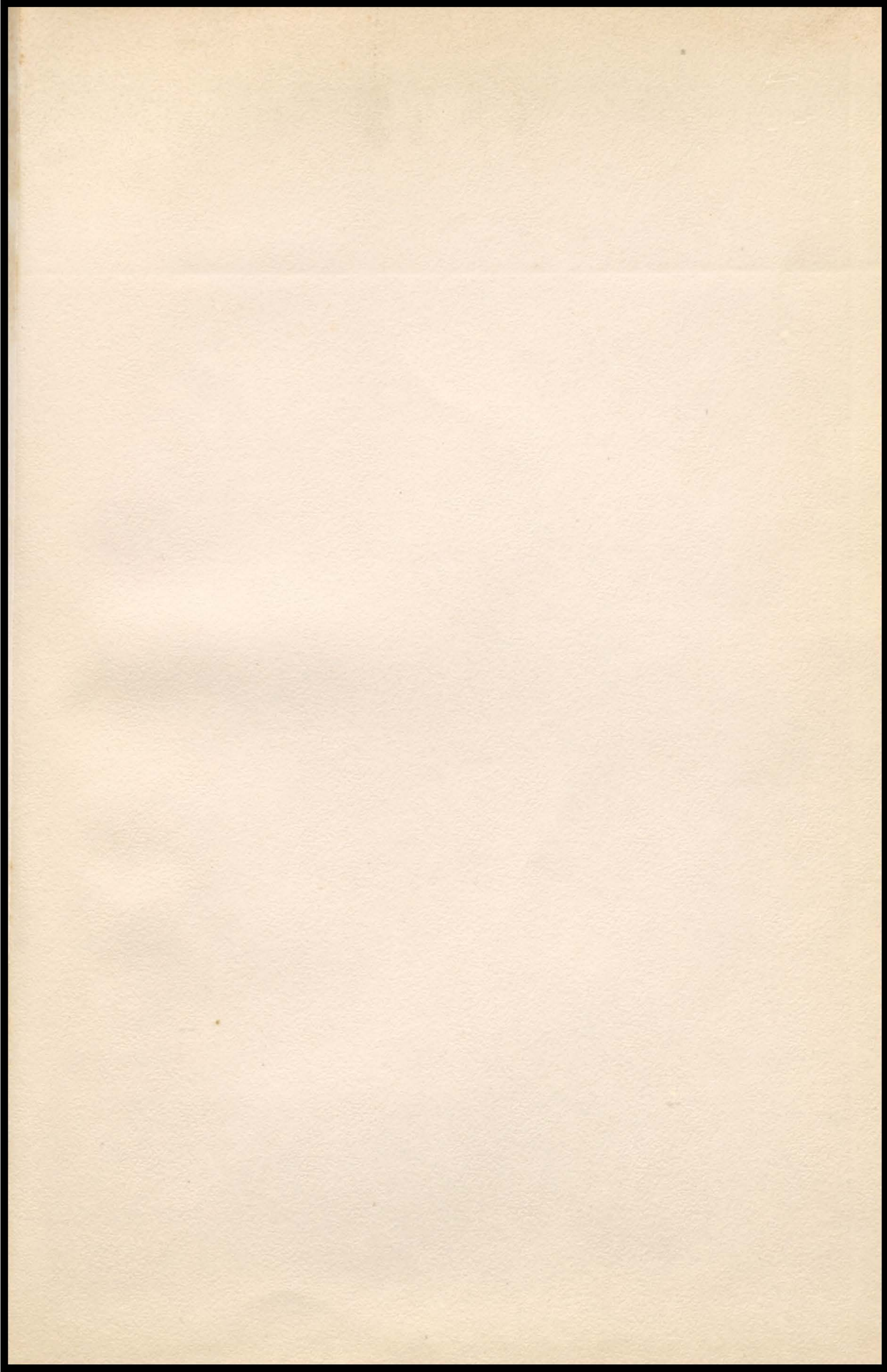
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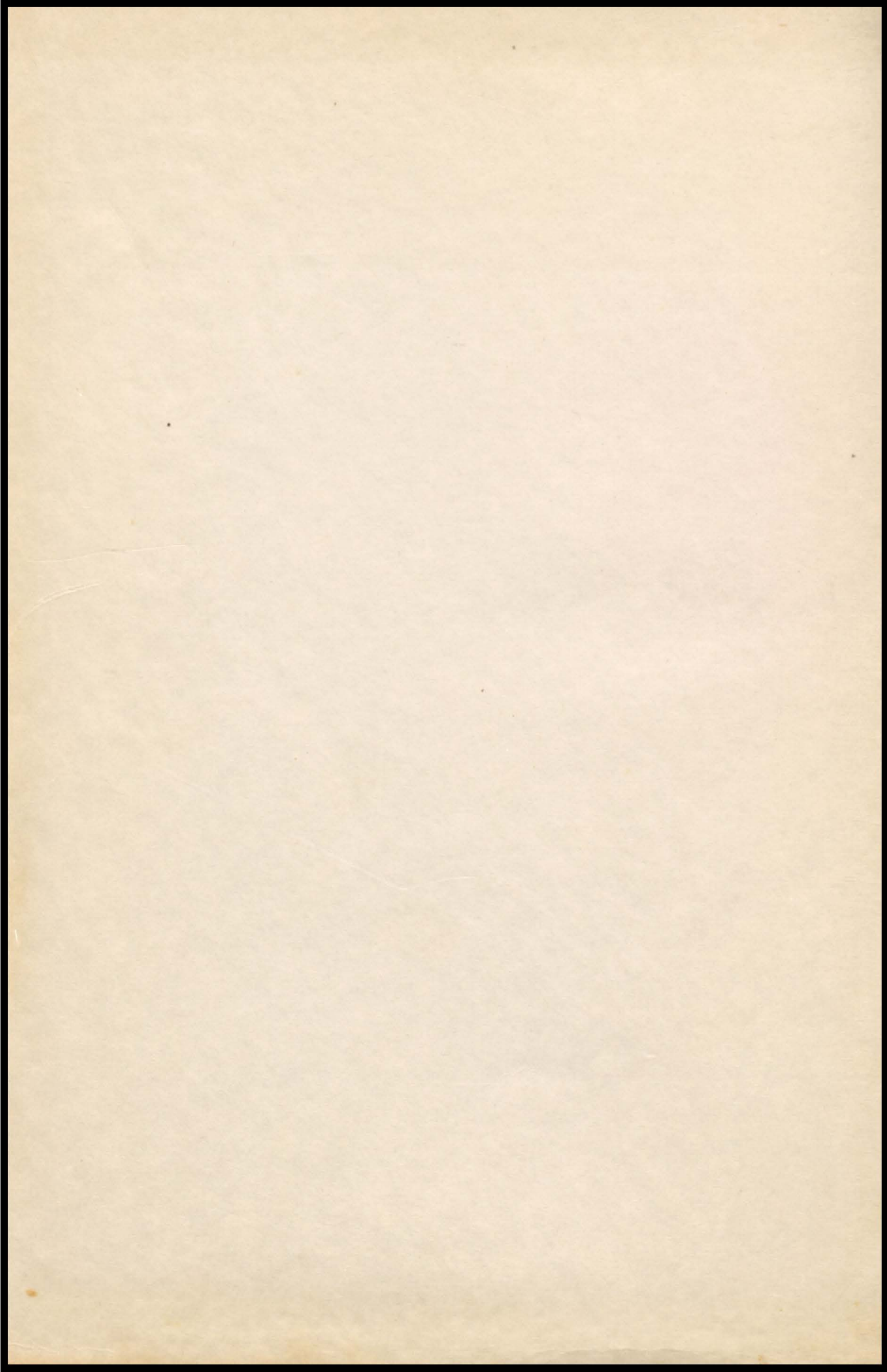
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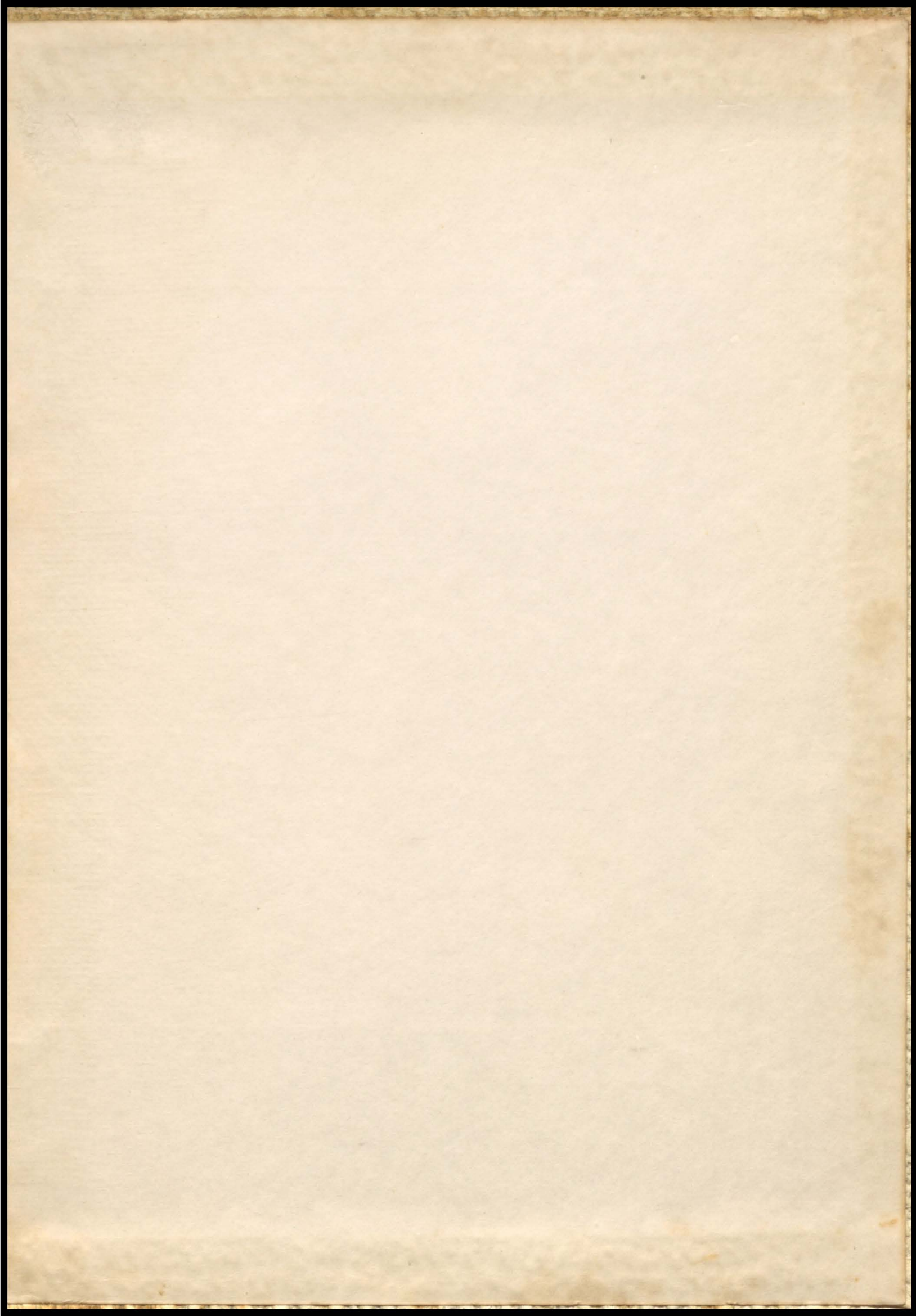
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