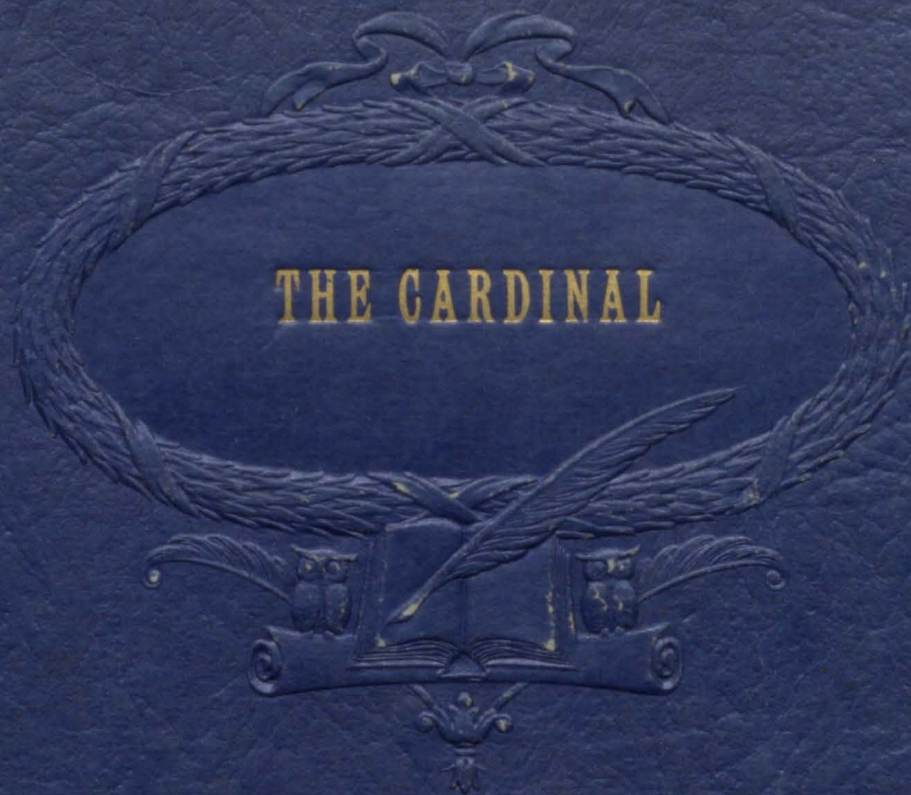
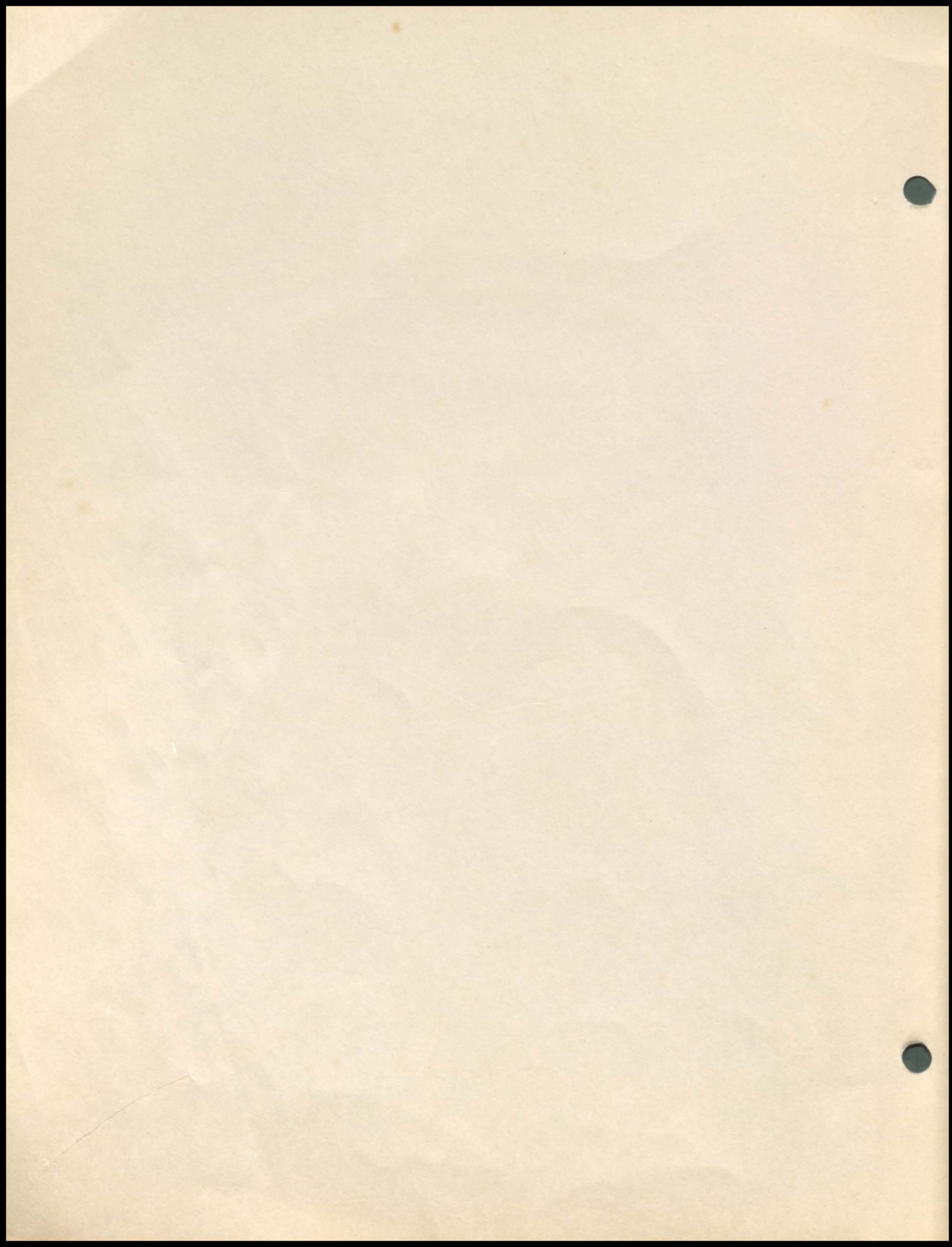
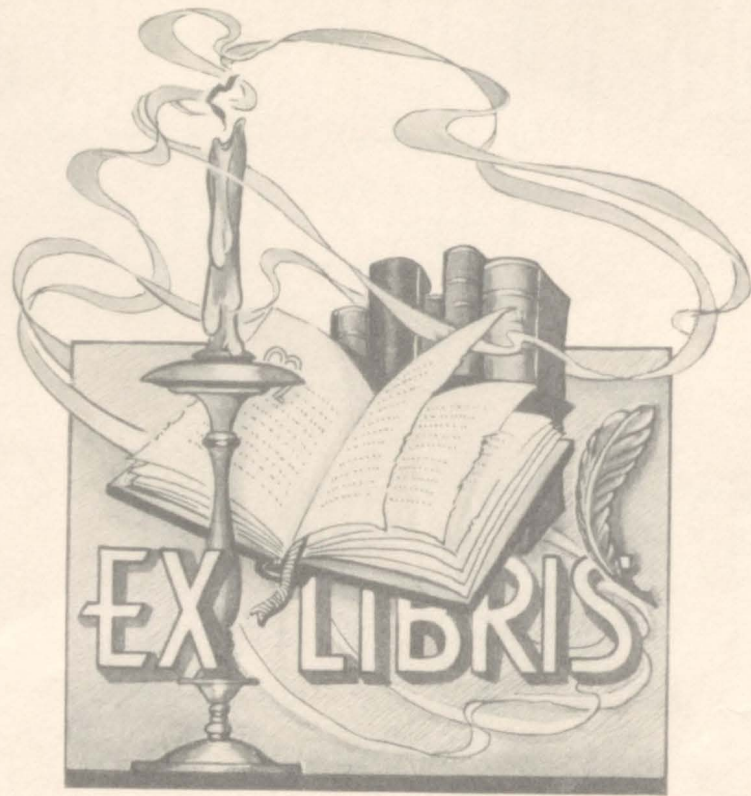


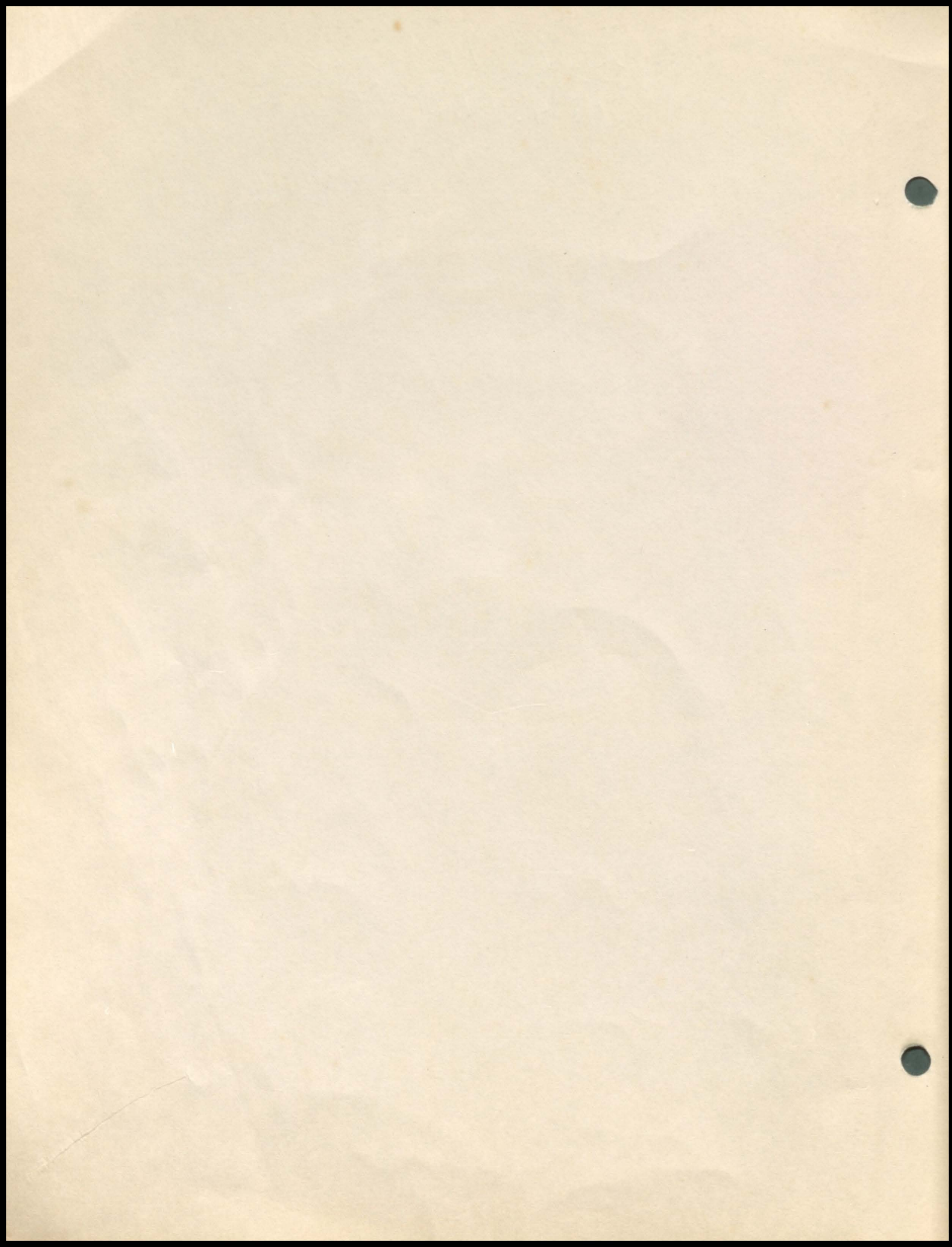
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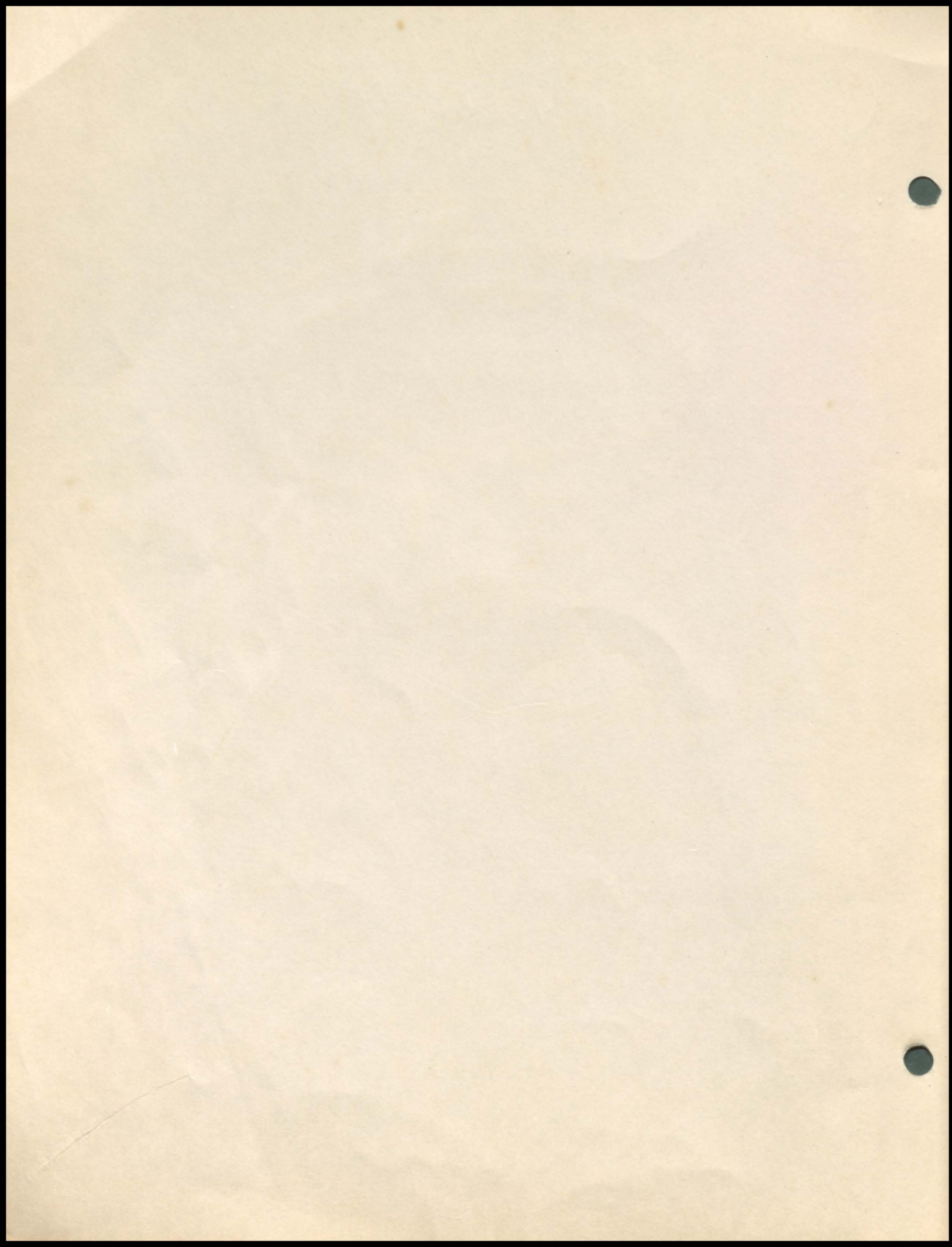
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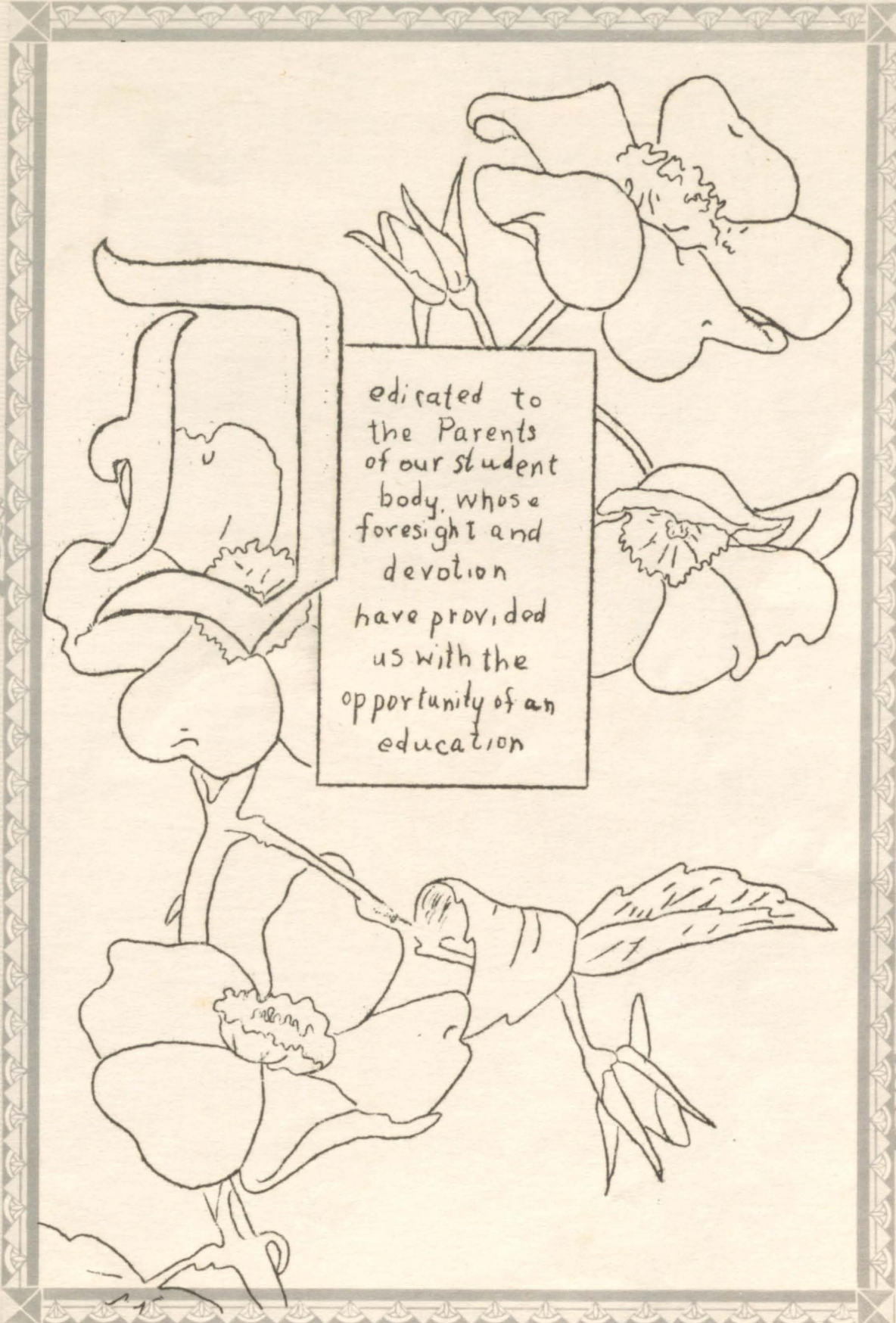
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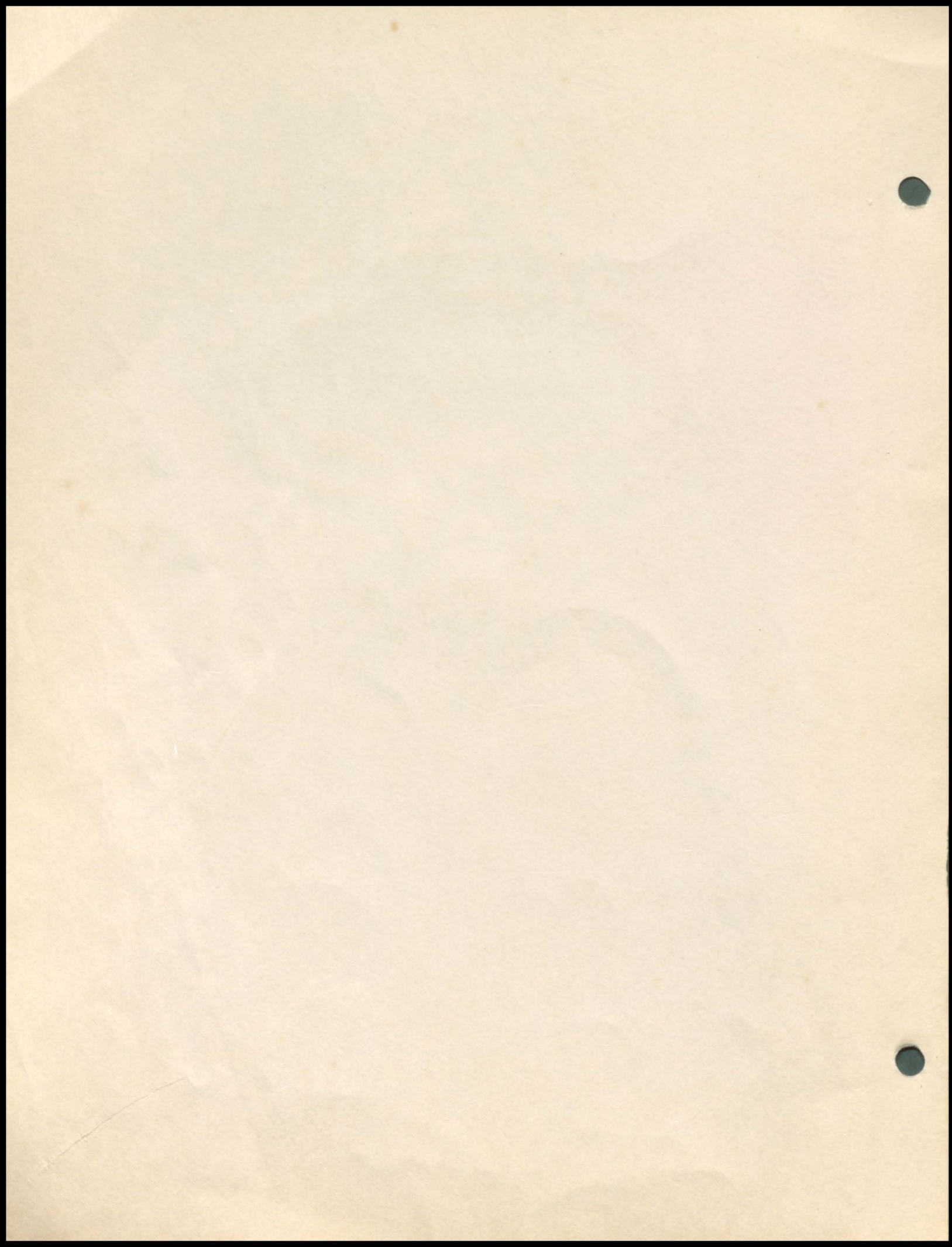
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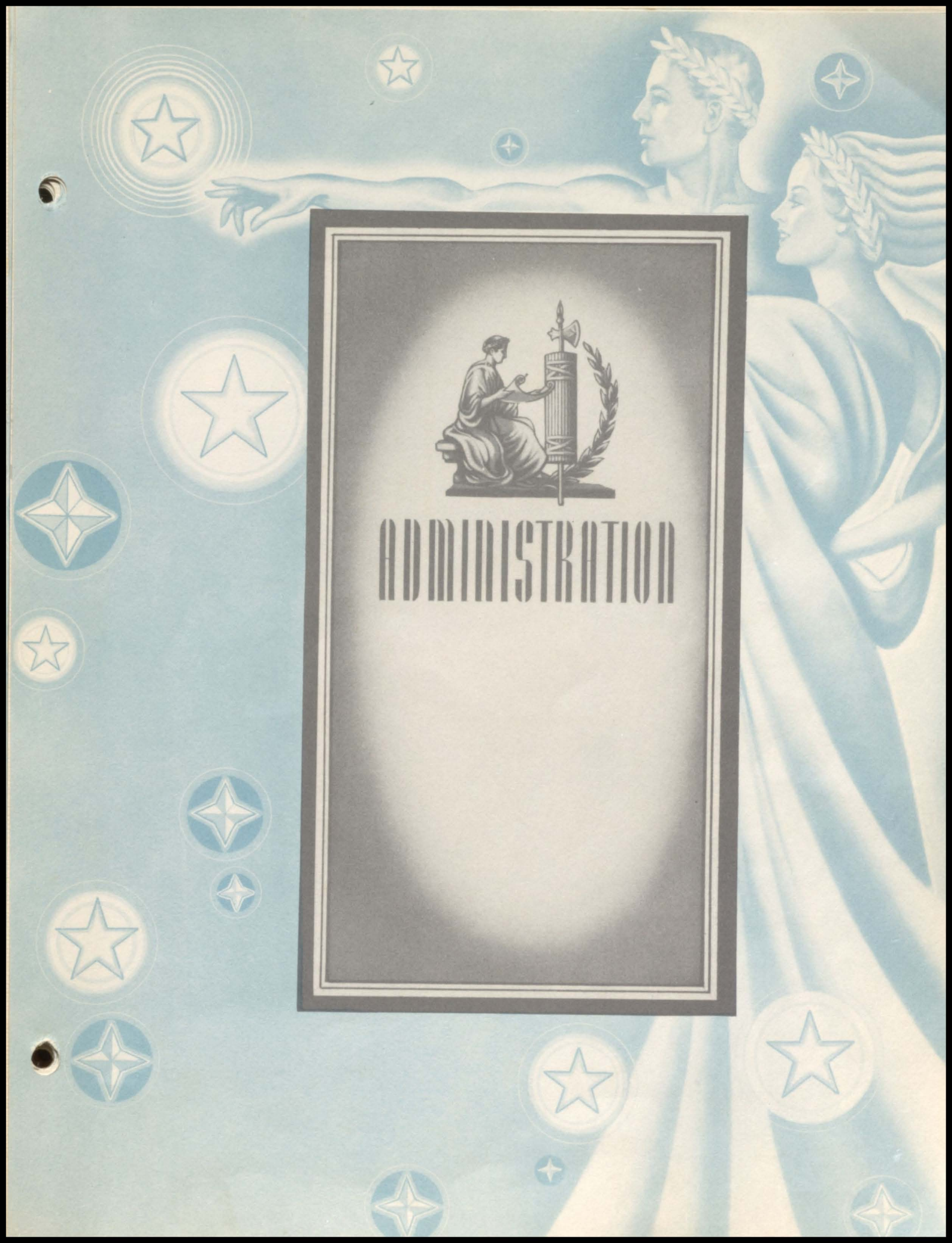
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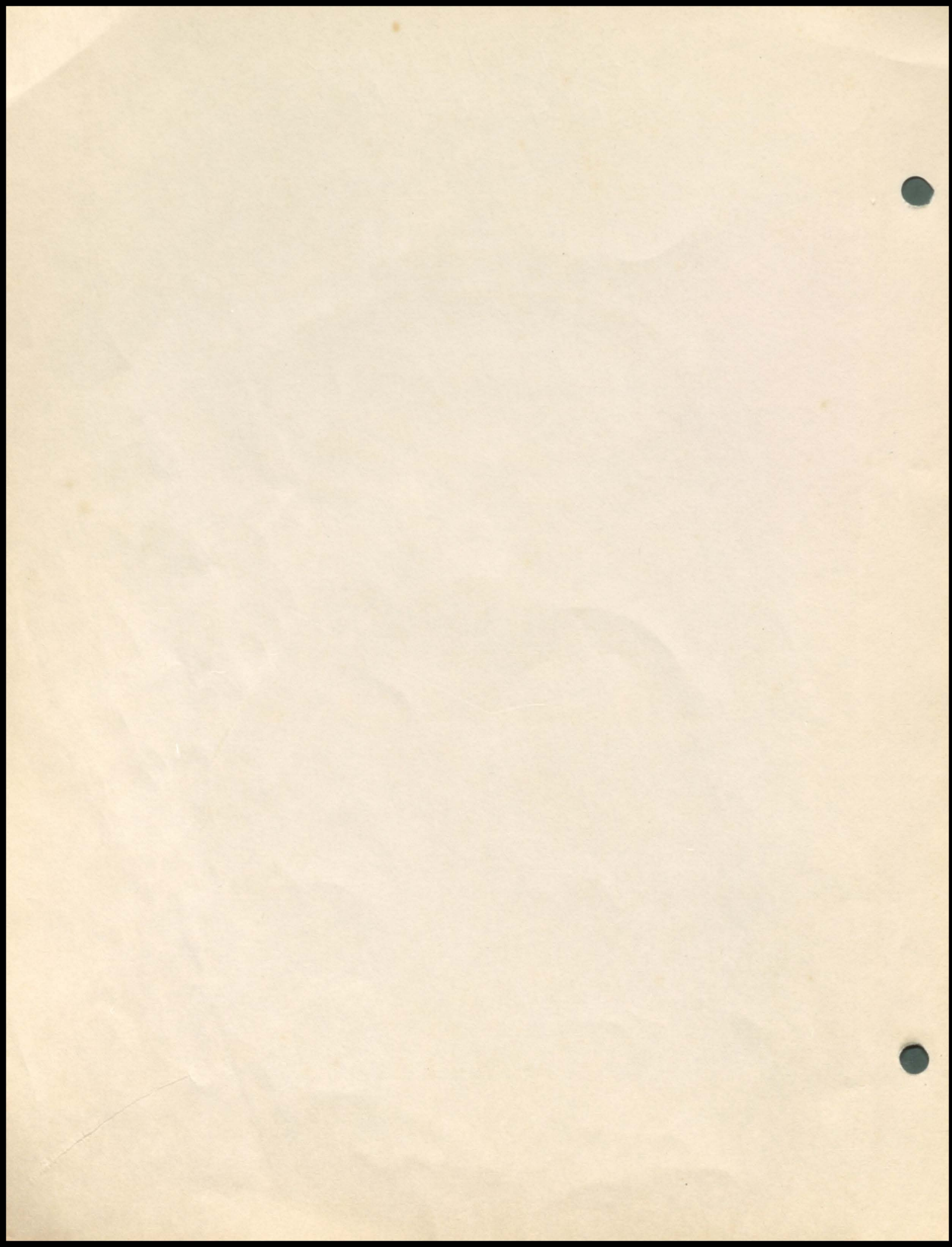


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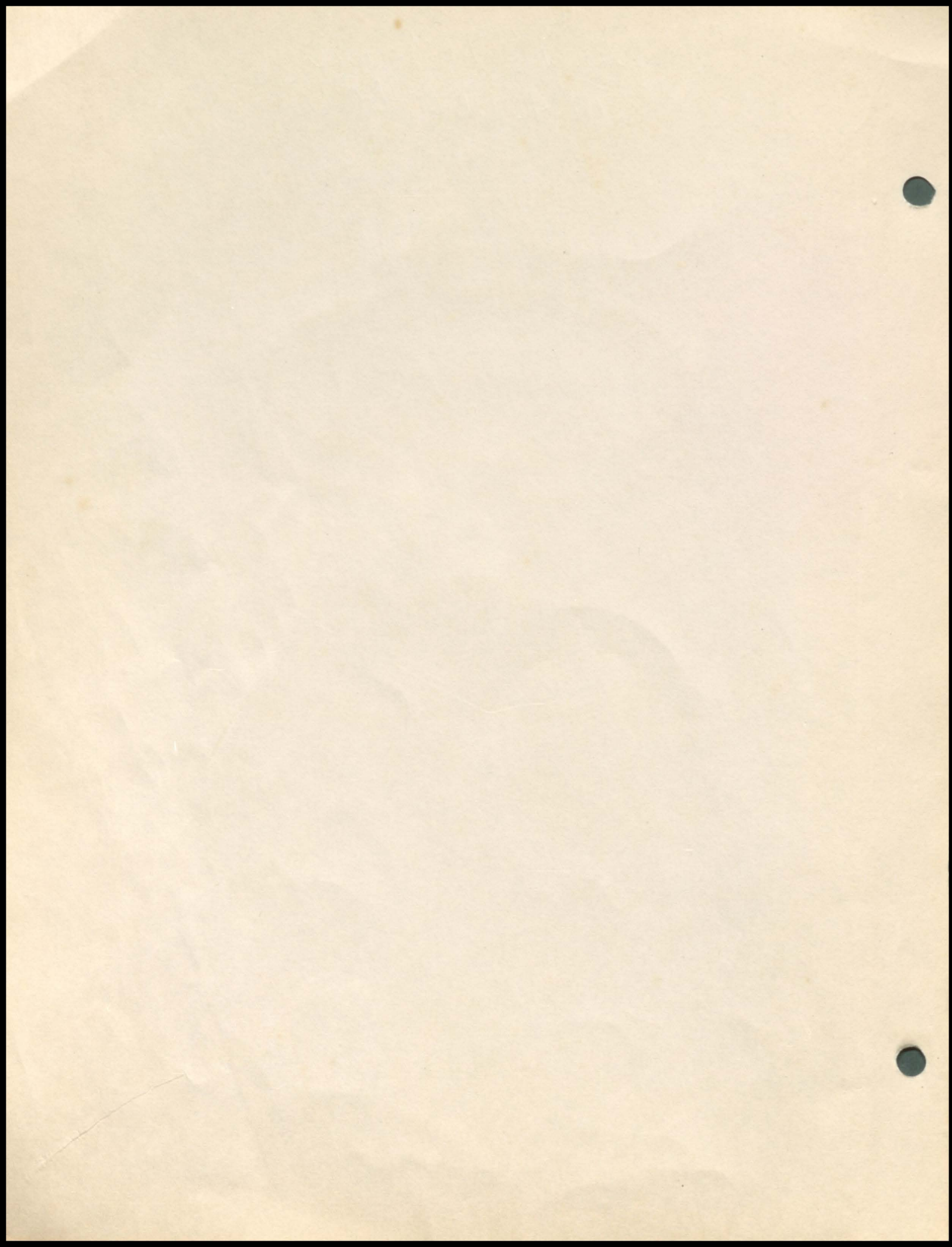
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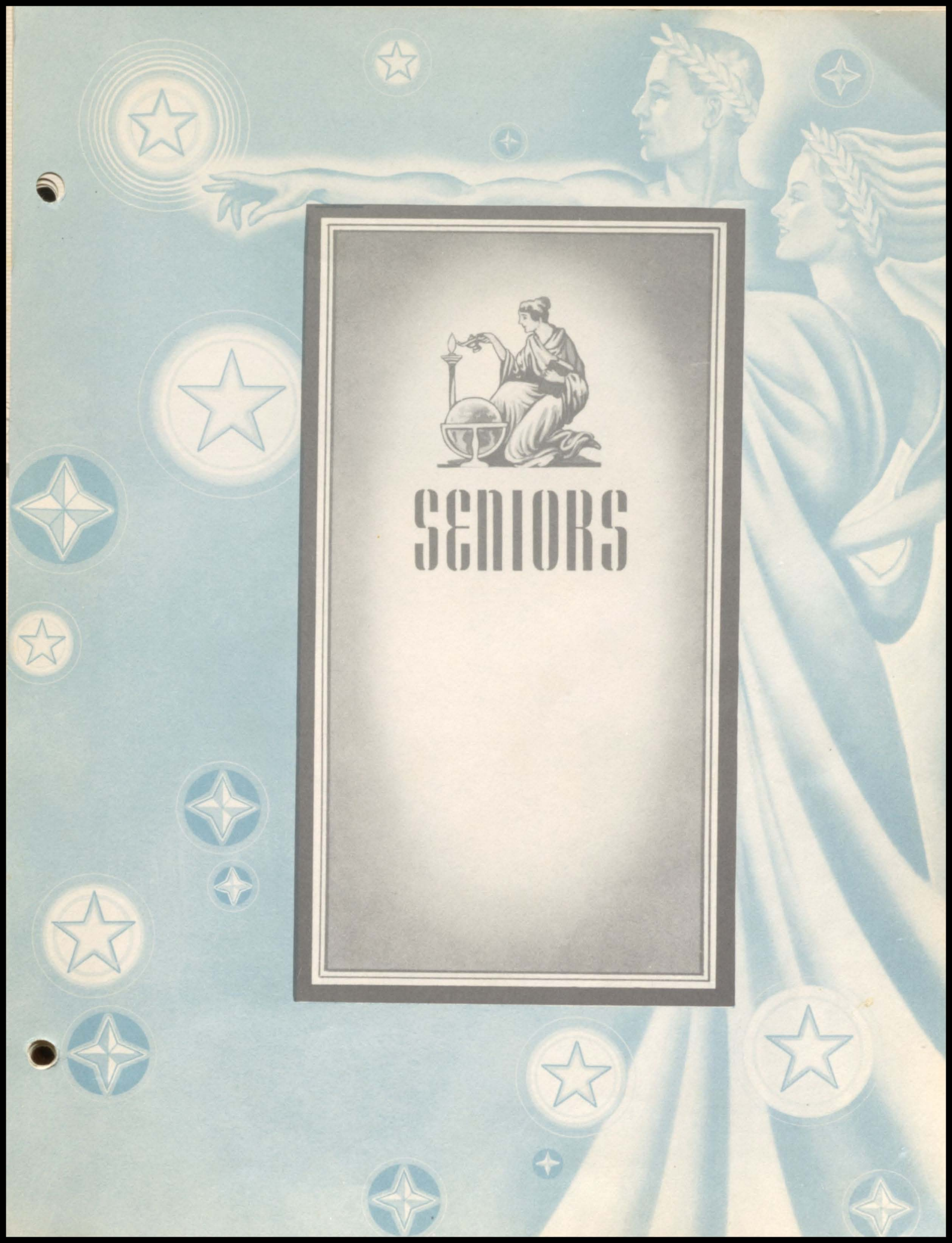


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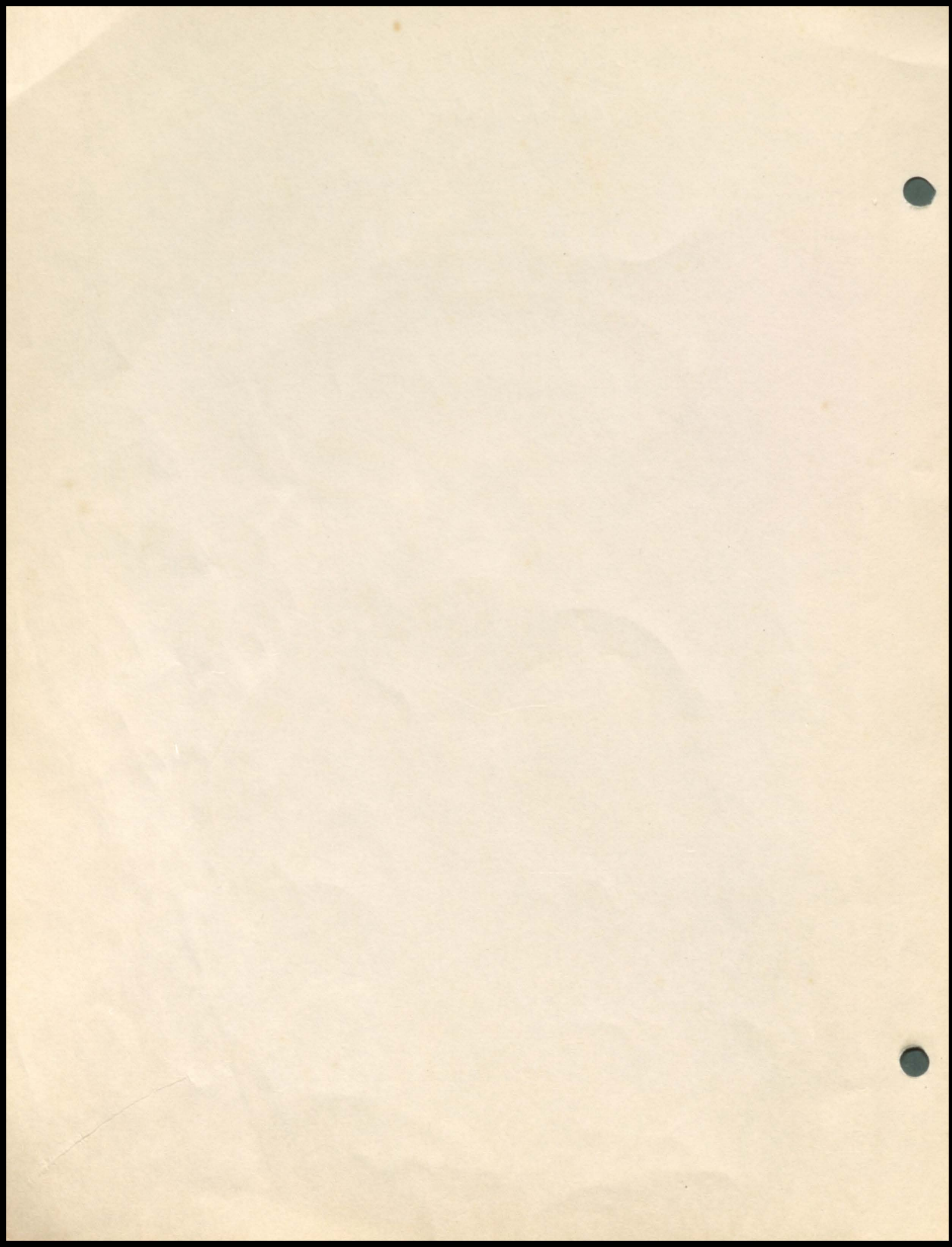


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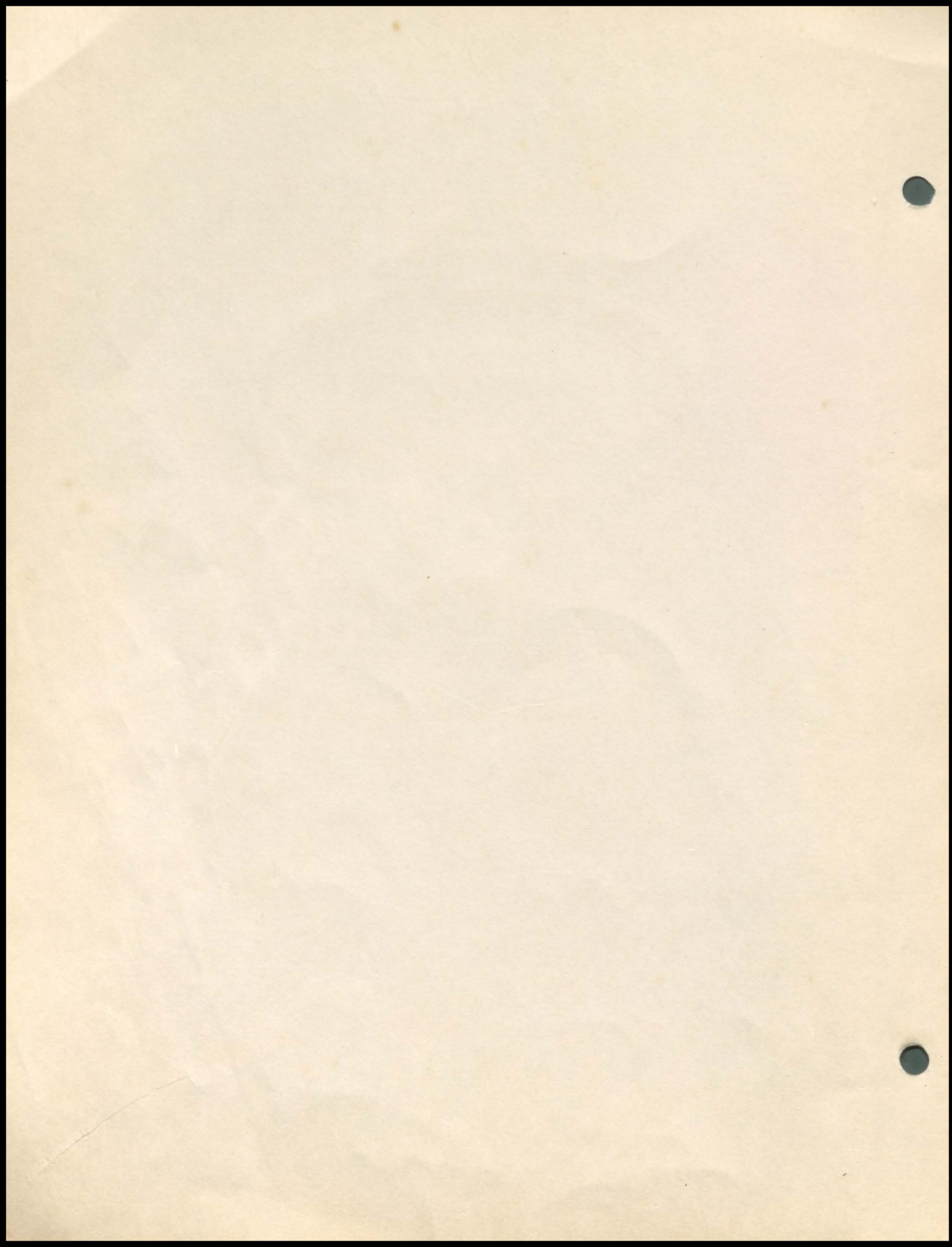
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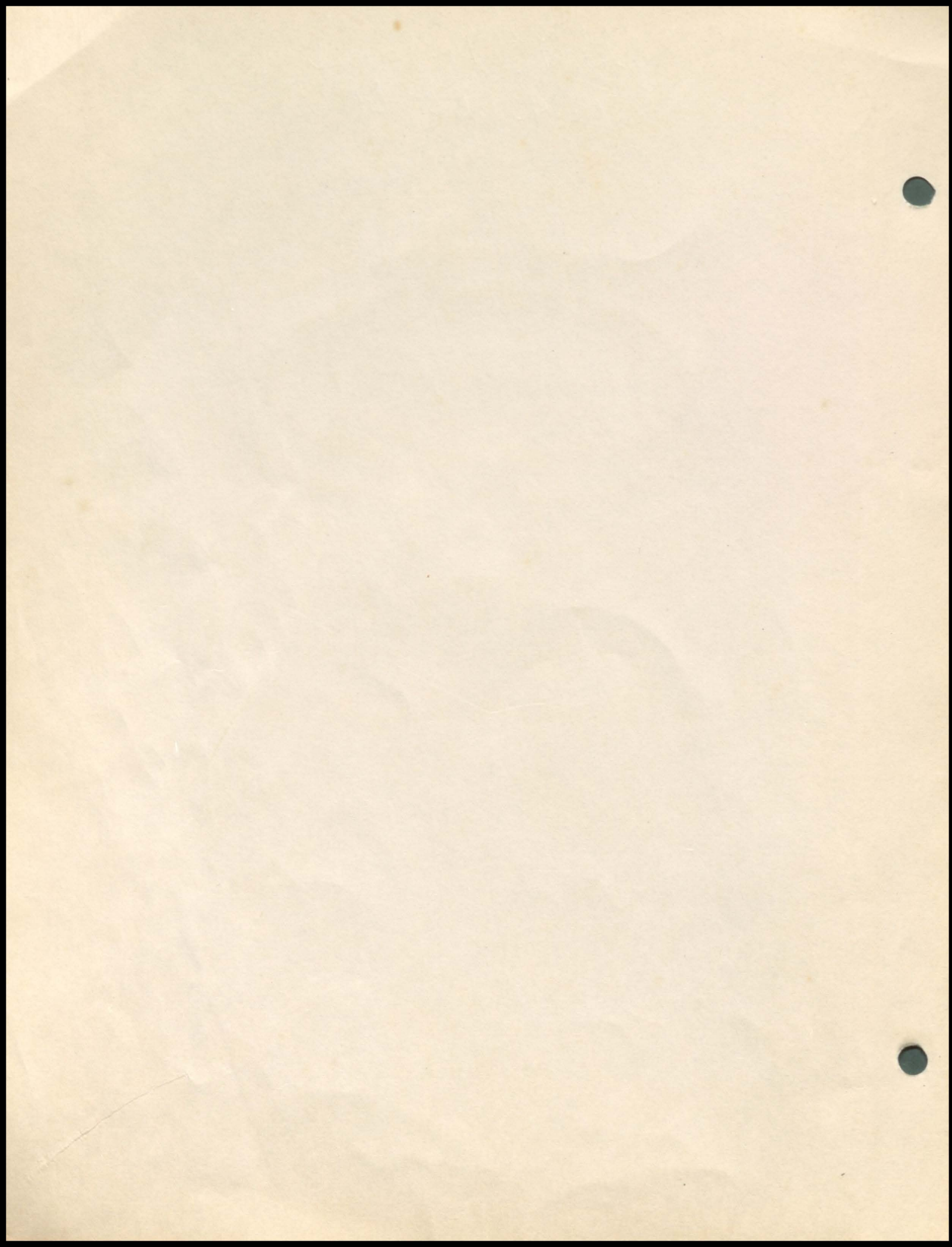
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Mary Swenson



Eliza Alaniz



Class Will

To Joyce, Dolores wills her way with Marlow.
Good luck, Joyce.

To Clara, Estelle wills her scholastic
ability.

To Marlow, Billy R. wills his way with the
girls.

To Joseph, Cookie wills his humorous nature.

To Faye, Louise wills her joking ways.

To Marcella, Cricket wills her ability to
play volley ball.

To Billie, Robert wills his sportmanship.

To Eugene, Joe wills his dancing ability.

To Elenora, Emiley wills her shyness.

To Elsie, Katherine wills her singing ability.

To Elsie H., Dorris wills her stout figure.

To Charles, Ginger wills her love for tennis.

To Lorene, Eva wills her sweet disposition.

To Della Mae, Loretta wills her ability to
win a husband.

To Edith, Georgia Ann wills her ability to
go with four boys at once and pick Alfonse out
of the four.

To Willie Mae, Elsie wills her ability to
hold one boy so long. (W. T.)

To Blanche, Vlasta wills her silence.

To John H., Bohus wills his mischevious
ways while riding the bus.

To Jewel, Otha Floyd wills her ability to
master school work.

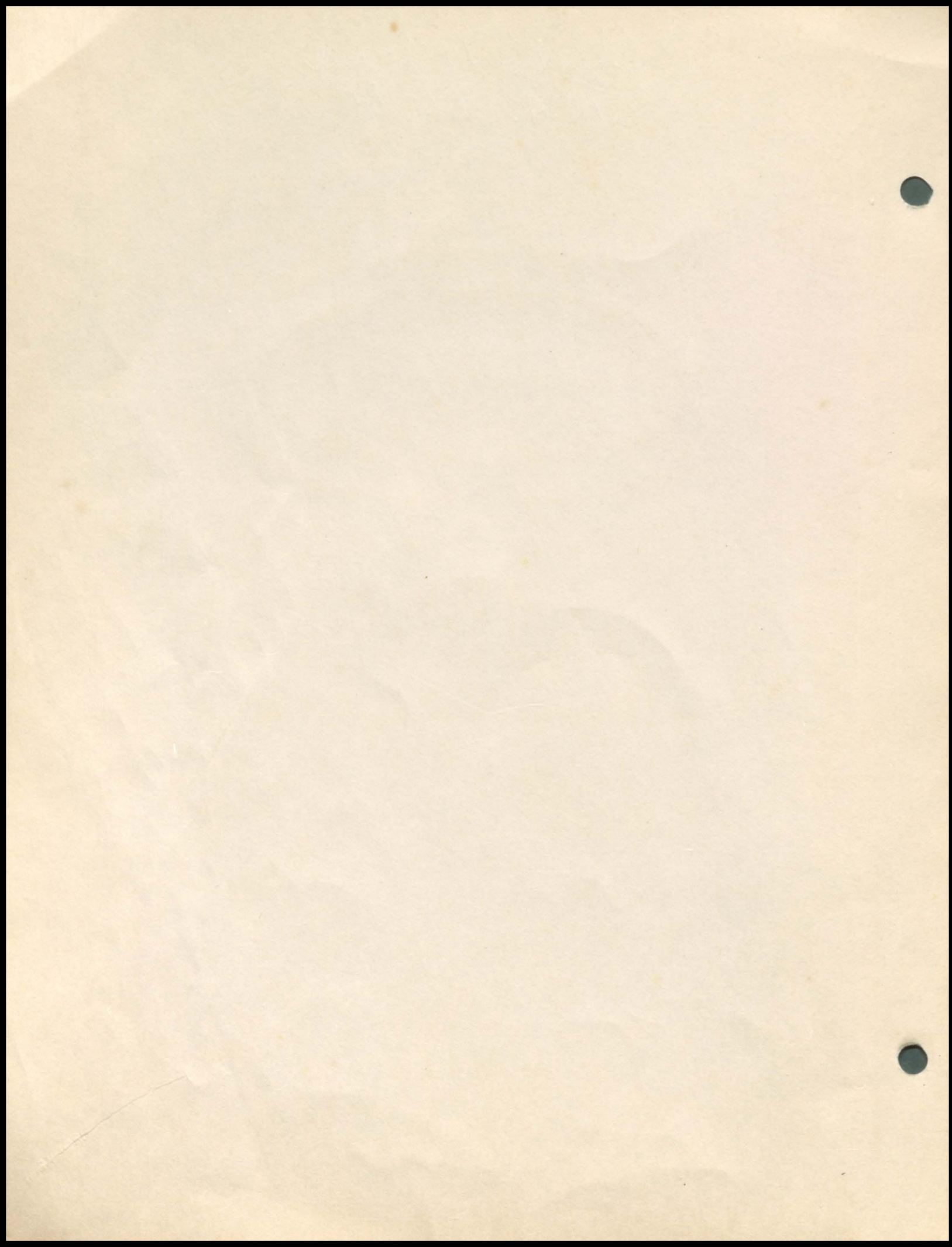
To Victoria, Eliza wills her scholarly way.

To Gladys, Juanita wills her ability to keep
her marriage a secret.

To Ben, Lex wills his permanent wave.

To Jewel and Joe Z., Ray Lee and Wesley
will their patriotism.

To Wesley and Ray Lee, the entire senior
class will all the courage and good luck they
possess.



HOBBIES, AMBITIONS AND ACTIVITIES OF '43 SENIORS

Louise wants to be an Air Craft Mechanic. She is President of the senior class, entered in volley ball and is a swell giggler.

Estelle wants to take up Air Craft work. She entered in volley ball, editor of annual and has done a lot of work on our beam.

Lex wants to be a "driller". He is very interested in a little blonde freshman.

Dolores is one of the "Three Musketeers". She wants to be Mrs. Vernon Marlow. Need anymore be said?????????????

Wanda wants to be an army nurse. Some day after the duration she will be a housewife. She is a little girl that oversleeps and misses the bus.

Otha Floyd intends to be a secretary, preferably at Camp Hulen. She is one of the original "dogs".

Katherine is a nurse in the making, commonly known as "Kat" who likes to sing.

Ginger, wants to be a Air Craft Mechanic. A very able assisstant on the annual and has also served on the beam staff. She likes to play tennis.

Loretta is a good house wife. She likes most any good fun and belongs to the Homemaker's Club.

Milton wants to join the Air Corp. He likes basketball and is one of the shortest in the Class.

Eva is one of our more "studious students" and wants to be a secretary.

Vlasta wants to work in a department store. She likes a lot of conversation.

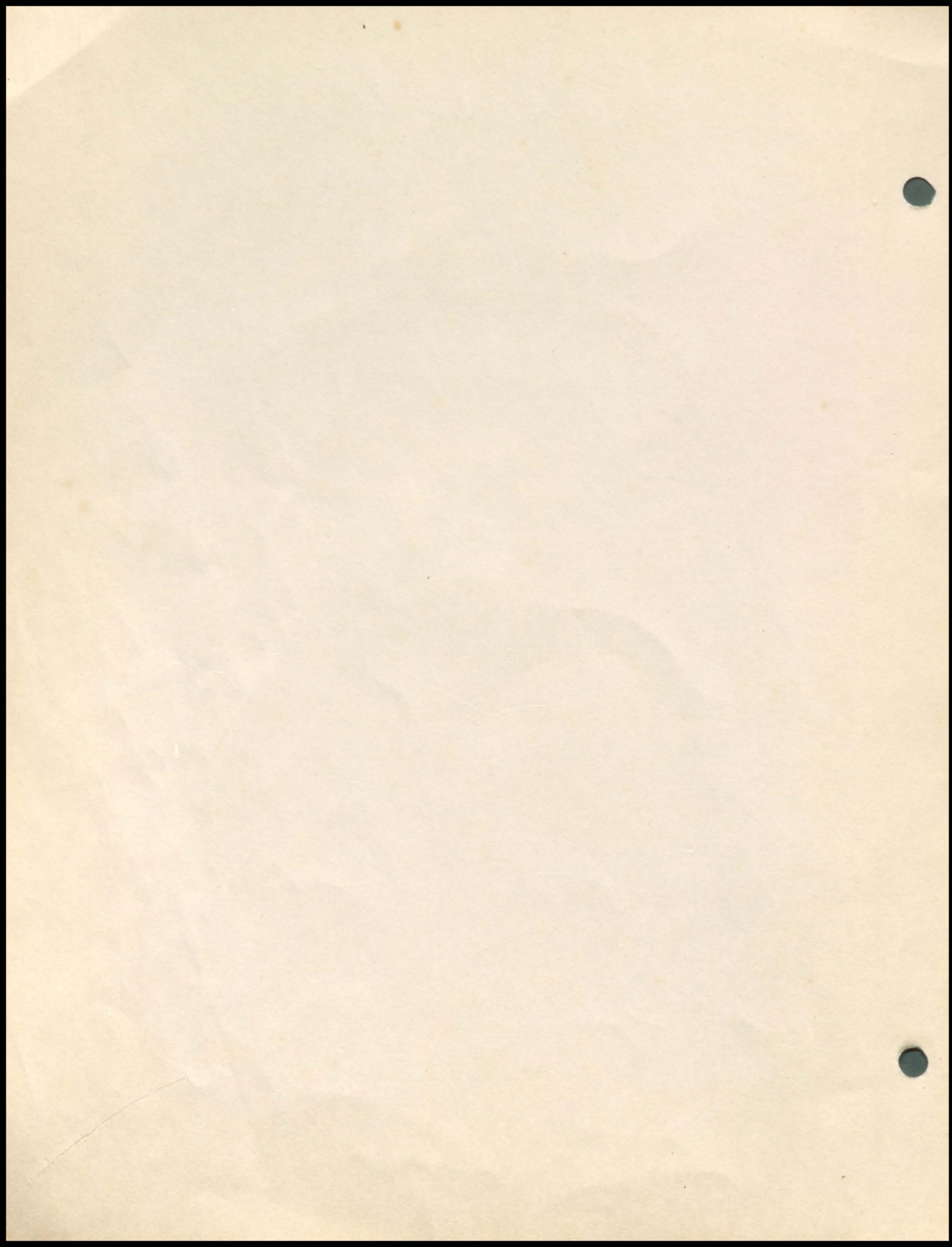
Emiley as usual wants what Vlasta wants and it's a department store for her to.

Mary is another "studious student", wants to become a secretary.

Georgia Ann has high hopes of working in an Air Craft Factory. She is on the volley ball team, Future Homemaker's Club and loves to dance.

Eliza is a "studious student" who wants to be a secretary and belongs to Future Homemaker's Club.

Juanita wants to be nurse, She also wants to become Mrs. Kent Boeker. She is President of H. E. Club, one of the "Three Musketeers", and is Society Editor of the Annual.



Dorris wants to become a switch board operator at Foster Field. She belongs to the H. E. Club, is the Doc of the "Lo, Flo, Doe", member of pep squad, and likes to dance.

Elsie wants to take a beauty operator's course. She belongs to H. E. Club and is manger of volley ball team.

Cricket thinks she would like to be a secretary. She is senior reporter for the annual, president of H. E. III Club and loves to jitterbug. She is one of the three "Musketeers."

Robert wants to join the Marines. He is captain of the basketball and football teams and is everybodys boyfriend.

Joe wants to join the armed forces. He plays basketball and likes to get "hep to the jive."

Frank also wants to join the Marines. He plays basketball and does not like to come to school.

Curtis is co-captain of basketball and football teams, likes to dance and definitely interested in a cute little Sophmore.

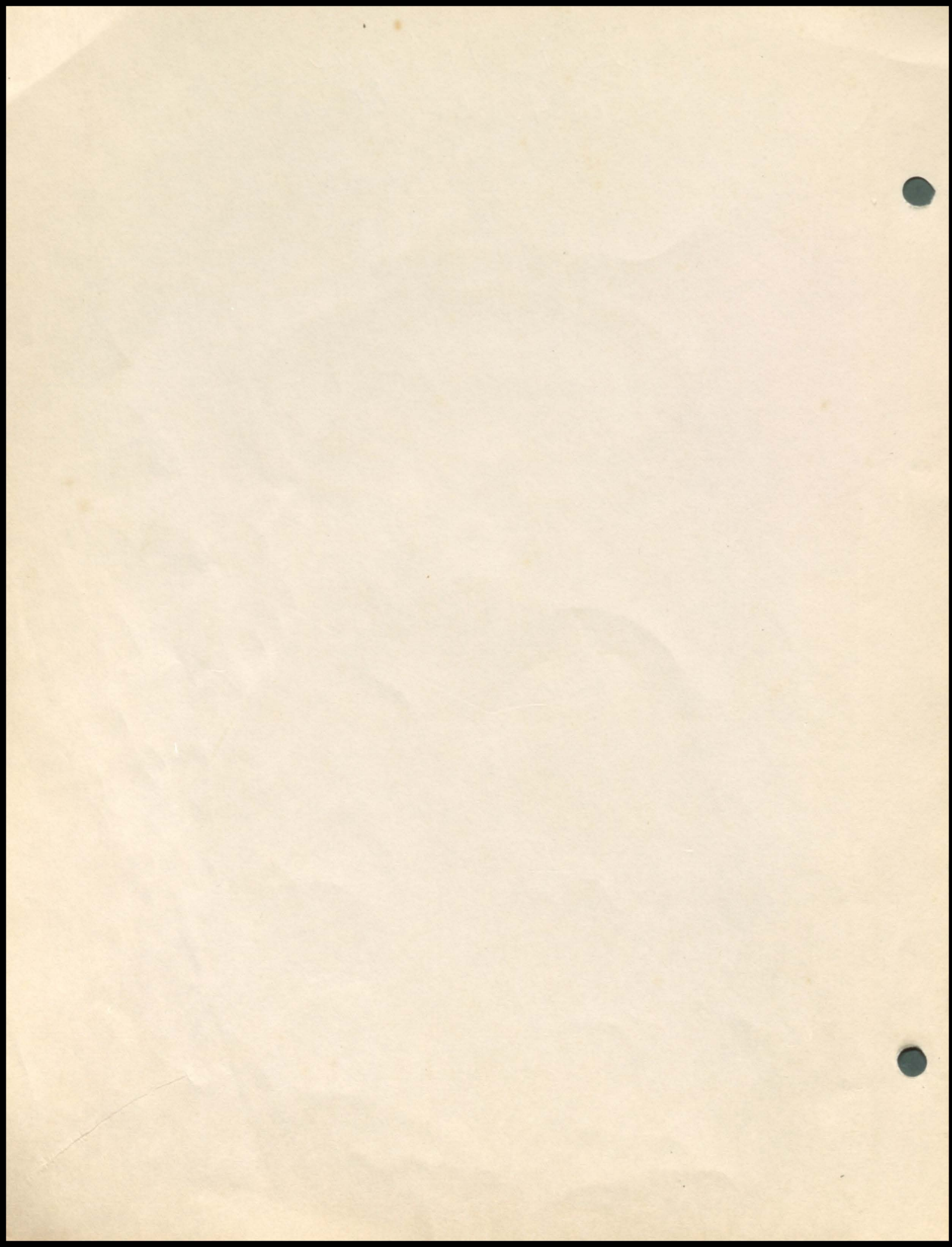
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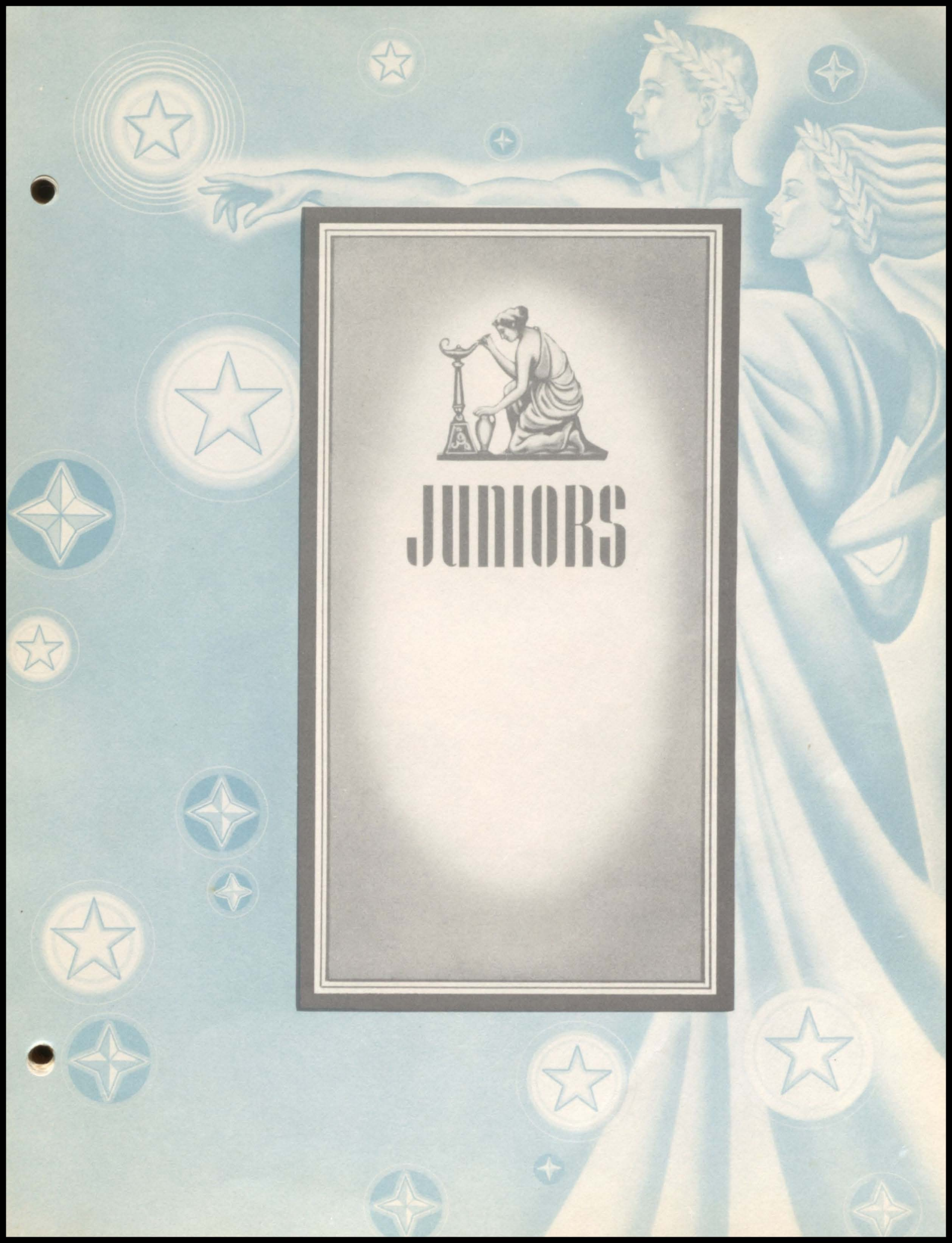
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Hair-----Juanita
Complexion-----Eva
Teeth-----Georgia Ann
Disposition-----Eliza
Lips-----Vlasta
Sportsmanship---Estelle
Smile-----Dolores
Figure-----Cricket
Hands-----Ginger
Dimples-----Emiley
Grin-----Katherine
Sense of Humor----Otha
Eyebrows-----Loretta
Health-----Dorris
Feet-----Elsie
Eyelashes-----Wanda

OUR IDEAL BOY

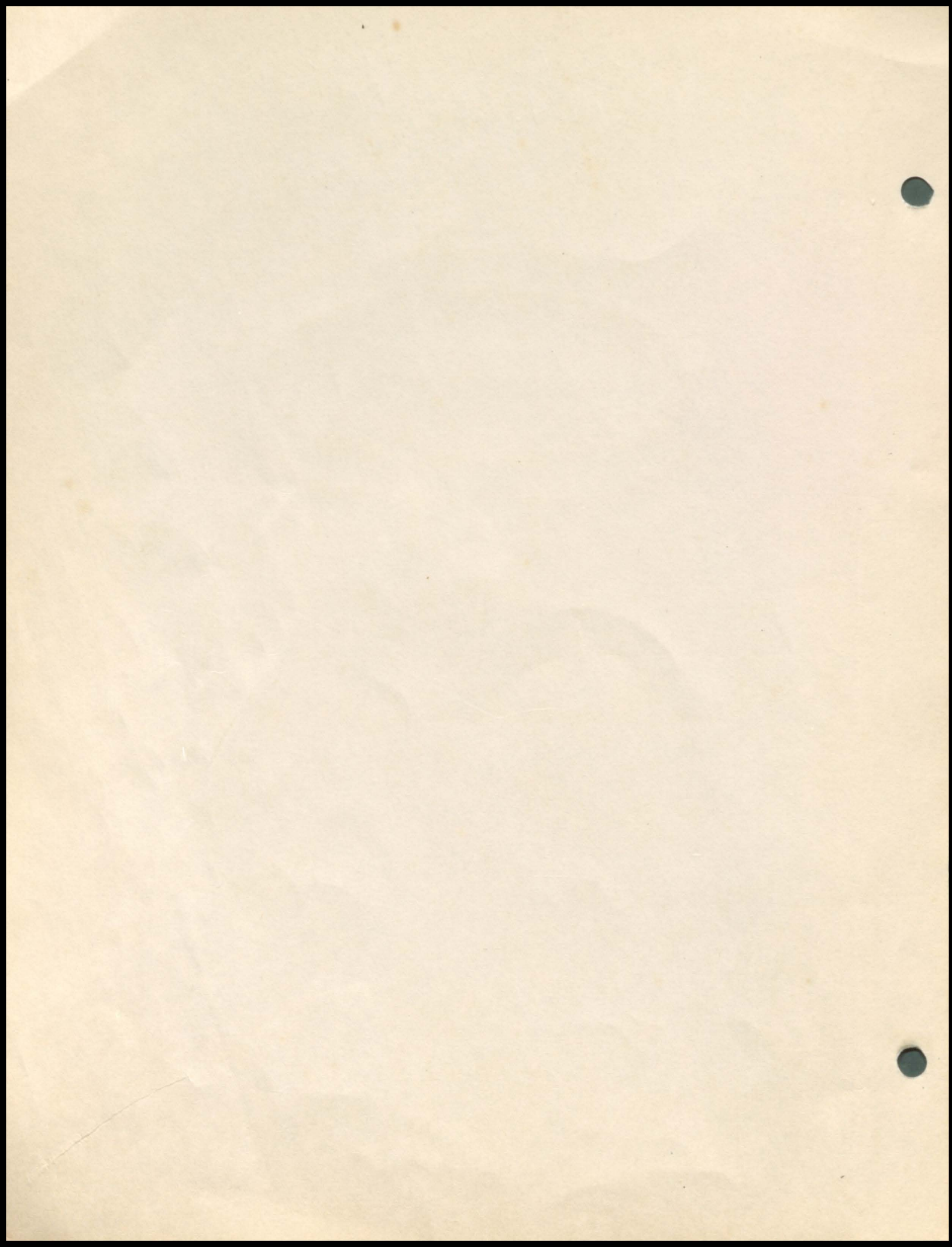
Eyes-----Billy
Hair-----Billy
Physique-----Cookie
Teeth-----Lex
Disposition-----Joe
Walk-----Billy
Sportmanship---Bohus
Grin-----Robert
Sense of Humor---Cookie
Lips-----Cookie
Complexion-----Bohus
Eyebrows-----Robert
Smile-----Milton

To all of our Senior boys, who are going into the Armed Forces after graduation, we wish them the best of luck and may they come home soon.





JUNIORS





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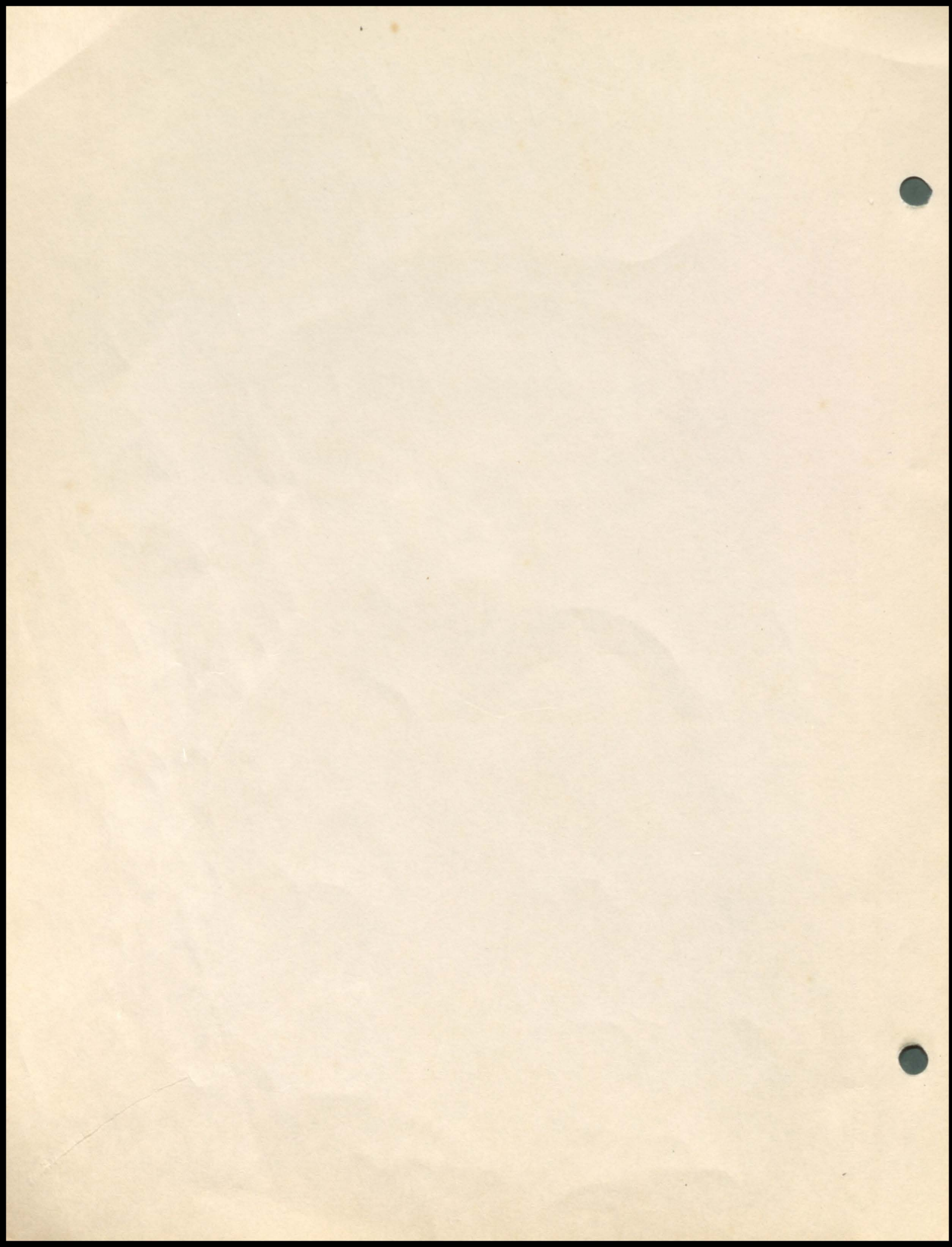
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HOWARD Mozley



BLESSING NEWS

Special Junior Edition

EXTRA

Weather Forecast - Dark and Gloomy for the Japs

BLESSING SOLDIERS KILL 1000 JAPS!

The Scrap Has Just Begun

Monday Afternoon At 1:15 P.M. the Blessing High School had a meeting in the Auditorium for the purpose of becoming Junior Texas Rangers.

Each high school boy and girl took the oath of the Texas Rangers and pledged their services for a period of two weeks, in collecting scrap metal of all kinds for making war equipment to use against the Japs.

Just six years ago we were gathering scrap to send to Japan for

the money we could get out of it. Today we are sending it for another purpose.

We estimate that one pound out of five should reach the Japs in the form of "Hot Lead". We figure if it takes a pound to kill a Jap, the Juniors will have done their part in killing at least 1000 Japs.

Here's to you, sons of Hiro-Hito - a pound of lead to shoot you dead

Buy WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Juniors Lead in Scrap Drive

Juniors Discuss Holiday

The Juniors have been almost sure for several days that they would win in the Scrap drive. They have been discussing the holiday and some want a Friday or Saturday soon.

Others want this extra day added to the Thanksgiving holidays so as to have a longer vacation at that time.

Good work Juniors! we are proud of what you have done

Come to the Hal-o-ween Carnival Oct. 30 Community House



The Winnah!

The Juniors worked under a system of promotion in gathering scrap. The workers started as Buck Private each fifty pounds brought in entitled each to one rank of promotion.

The five bringing in the most Scrap were awarded the metal shown above. The winners are given in the extreme right column Total - 5412

In the battle for scrap, the Juniors are leading

From Monday Oct 5, The Juniors have really been on the job.

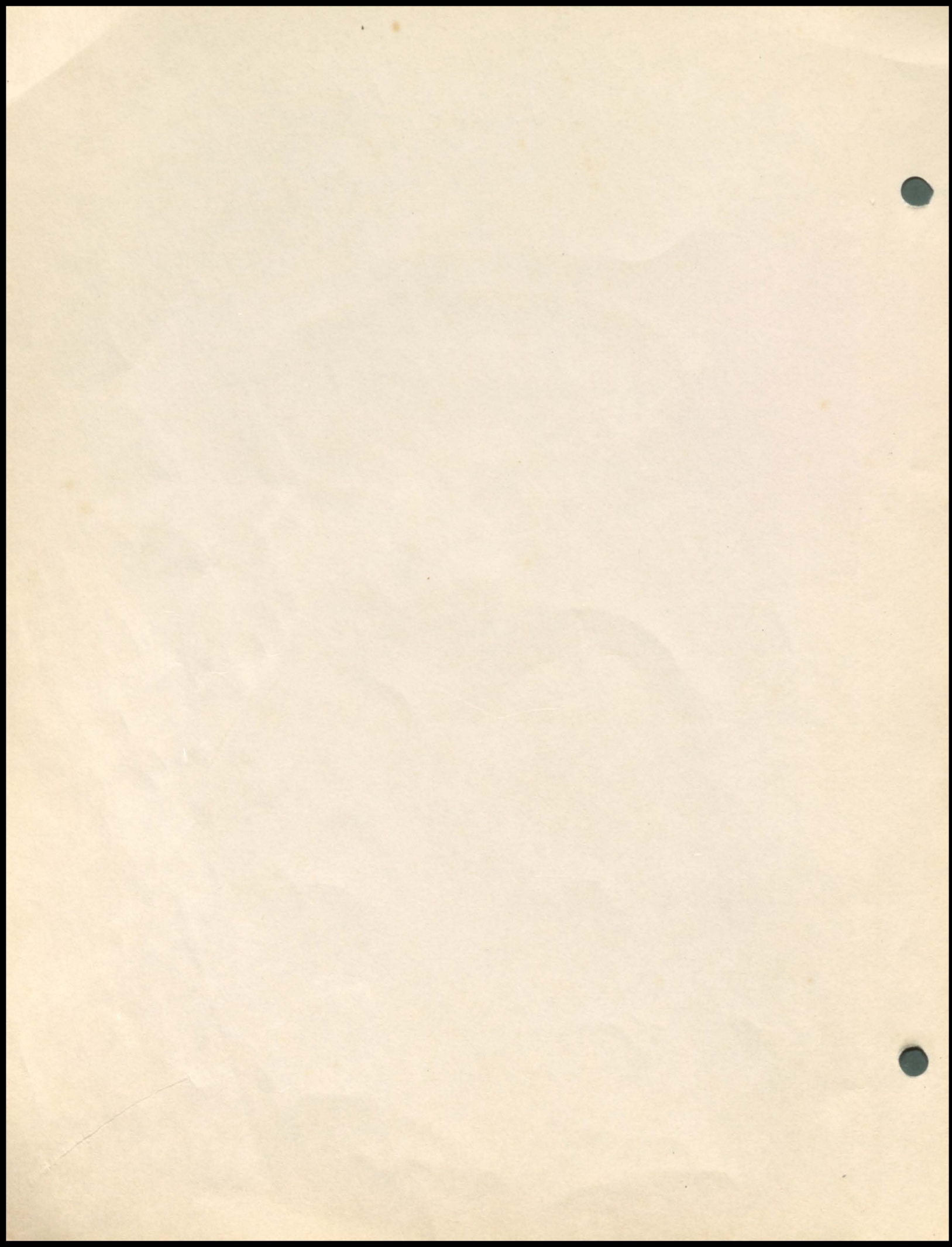
Today the results of the Junior fight for scrap has netted more than 5000 pounds for the Japs.

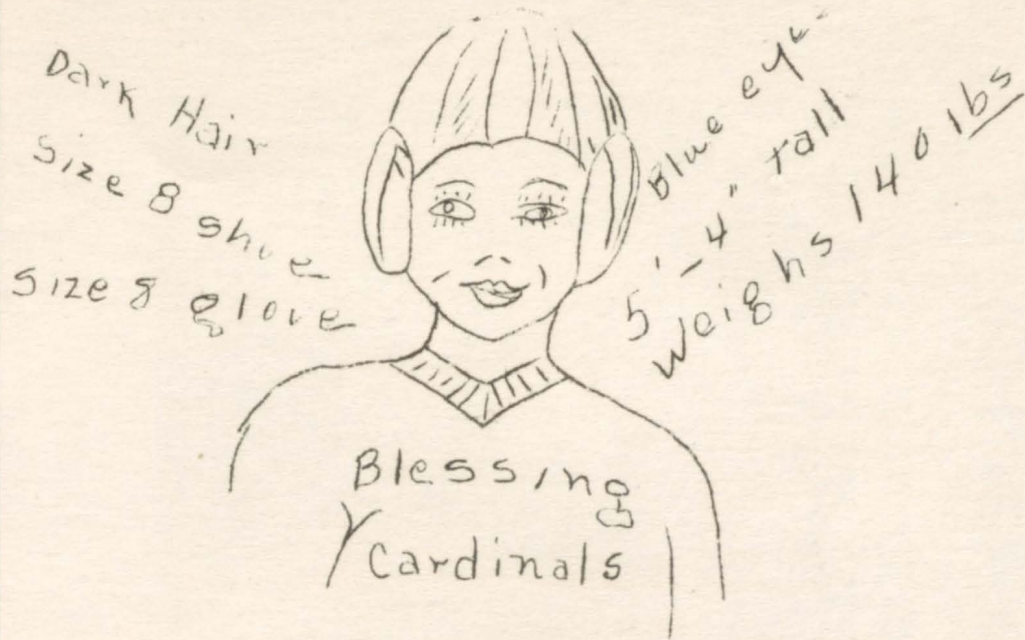
Promotions are in order for several Juniors. Medals for outstanding service to the United States will be presented to the five having

brought in the greatest amount of metal by the end of the drive. The class that gets in the most

scrap has been promised a holiday. The final date for the drive is Monday Oct. 19. At this time it looks as though the Juniors will get the holiday. The following is a report of the class

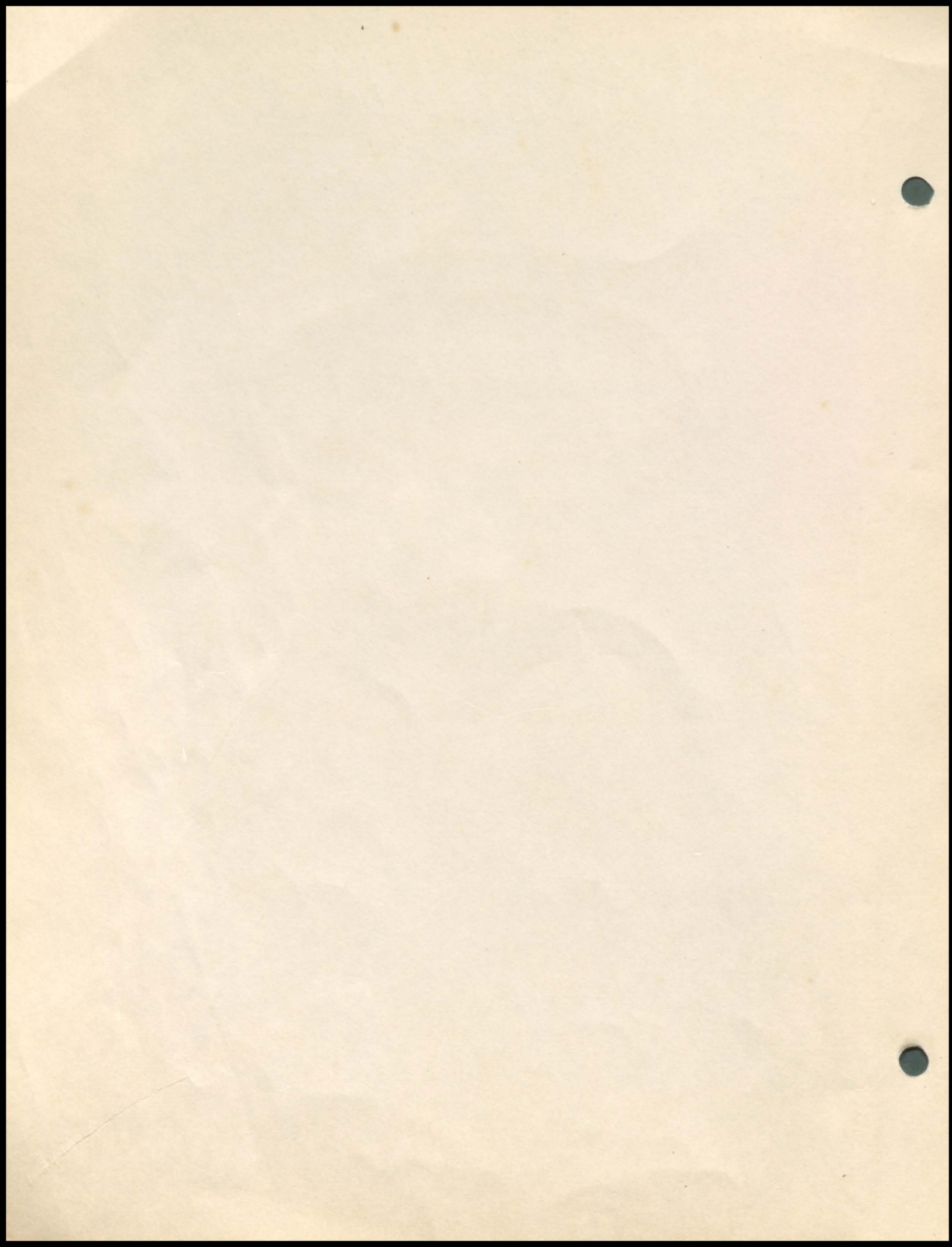
- Charles W. 1401
- Malvin Lee
- Billy L.
- Vernon M.
- Total 2000
- Harold N. 608
- Eugene K. 512
- David W. 408
- Victor P. 193
- Victoria D. 148
- Joseph Z. 110
- Erma L. 25
- Josephine K. 9

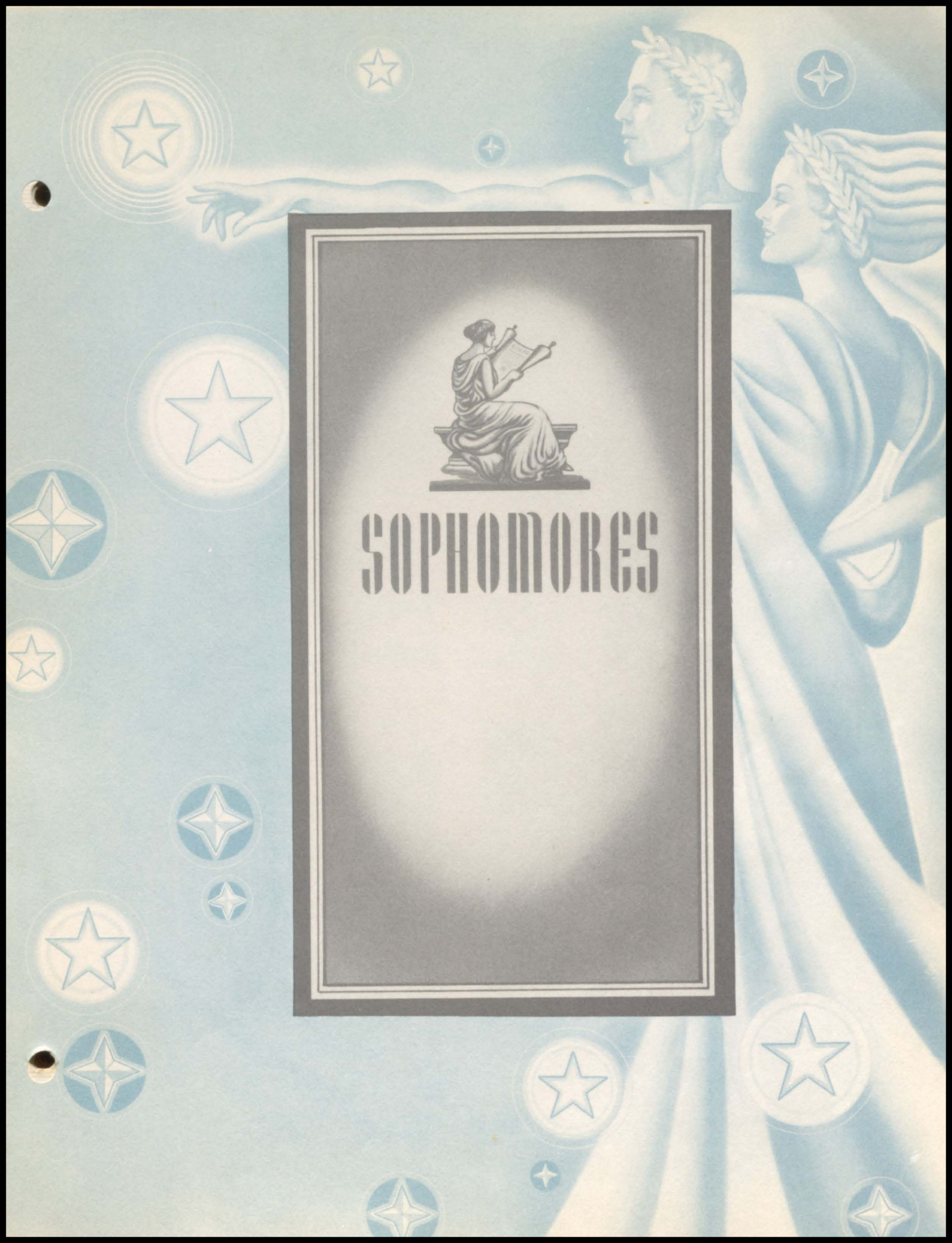




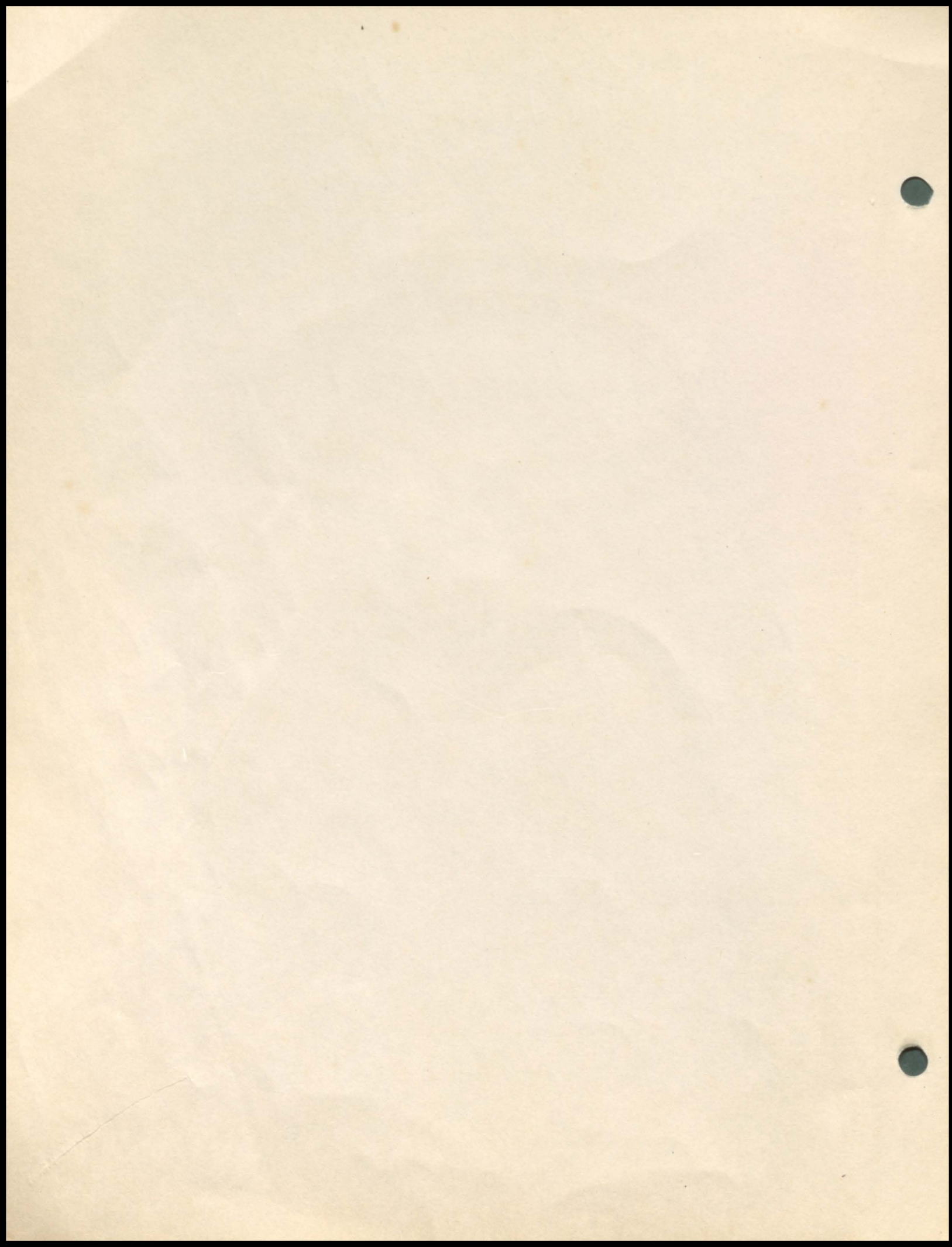
"Mr. Fire-By-Five" The Junior Class

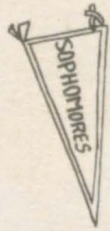
on the average, here is the Junior Class. He is inclined to be very masculine, want to be a farmer likes Tyrode Power, Bluebonnets, and ice-cream. His favorite color blue, song; "There's A Star Spangled Banner waving Somewhere; season Summer; and of course he prefers football as a game.





SOPHOMORES





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Willie Mae Laskie



A.C. Harter



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Bessie Bagley



Garland Guynes



Mary Ondrneck



Dudley Heath



Maxine Powers



Evelyn Daniels



John Hawkins



Eleanora Mondrik



Edith Kana



Elsie Hutson



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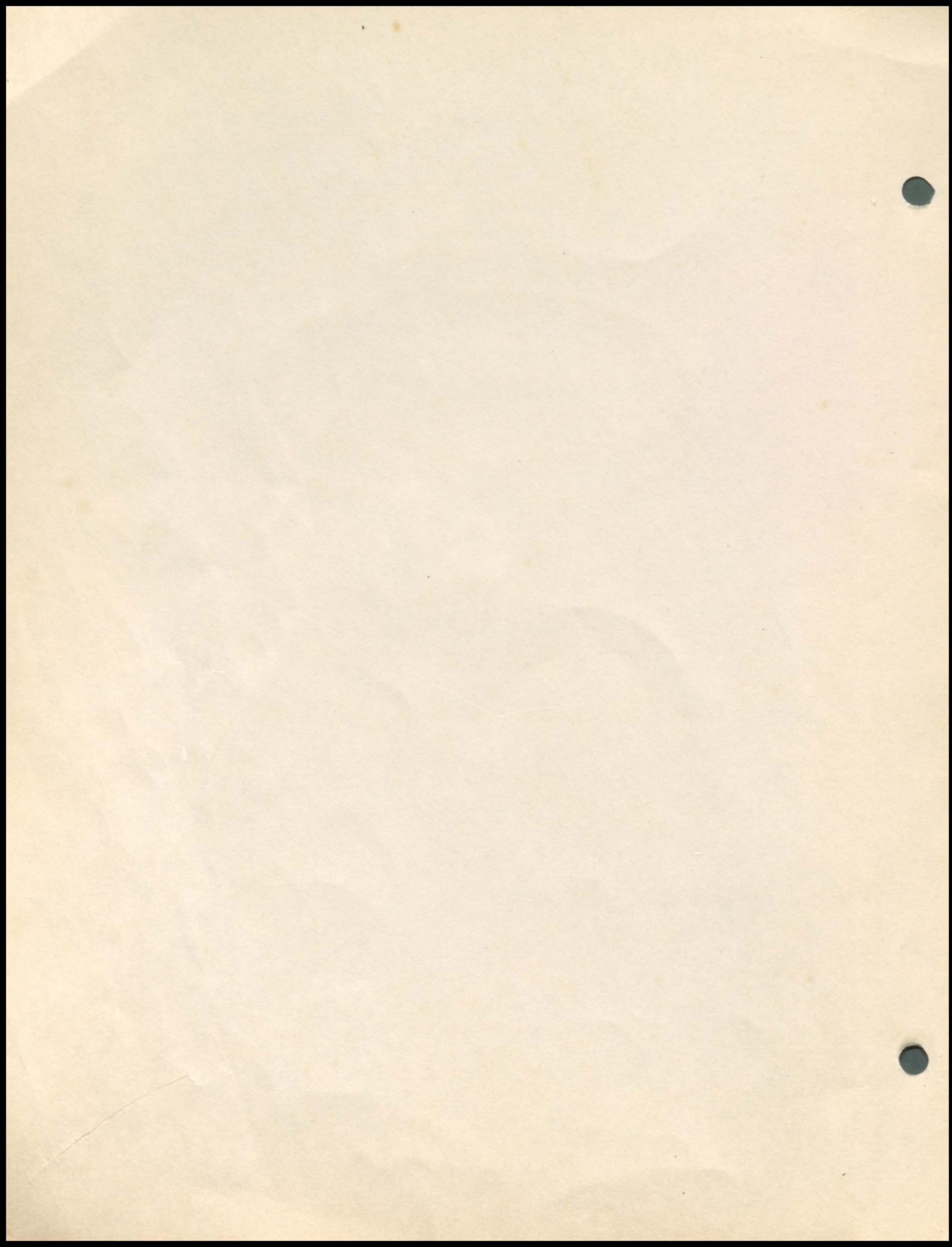
Dolores Barron



Kathryn Bowers



Charlie Lubojasky



SOPHMORE NEWS

Class officers are:

President--Lorene Hahn
Vice-President--Clara Junek
Secretary of Treasure--Marcella Orsak
Sergeant-of-Arms--A.C. Harter
Reporter--Elsie Hutson
Sponsor--Mr. Coffin

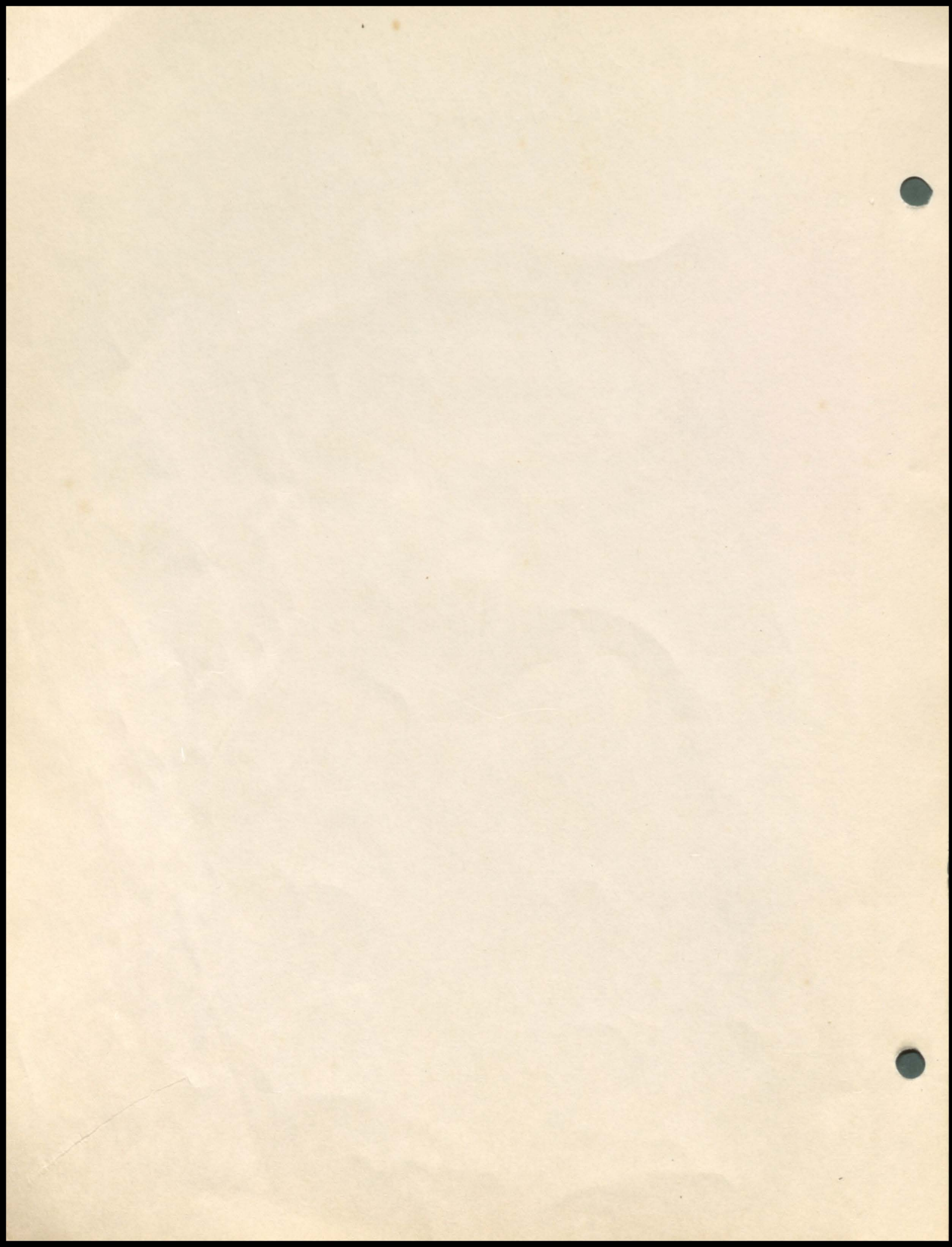
Class Motto: If it can't be done, do it
Class Flower: Red Carnation
Class Colors: Green and White

Popular sayings of the Sophomore pupils are:

Evelyn Dannels--ignorant!
Marcella Orsak--Judith Priest!
George Hejtmanek--I'll be a monkey's uncle.
Lorene Hahn--Sour Kraut!
Clara Junek--My Gosh!
Garland Guynes--Barnacles!
Mary Ondracek--You know!
Elenora Mondrik--Crazy!
Ben Guynes--What do you say boys?
A.C. Harter--Black Head!
Jewell Bullington--Could have been!
Charlie Lubojasky--At last!
John Hawkins--Could be!
Willie Mae Laslie--Golly bum!
Lewell Johnson--Is that right?
Martha Peters--Golly!
Elsie Hutson--Are you kiddin'?
Bessie Bagley--I'm in a hurry!
Dolores Barron--My Heavens!
Kathryn Bowers--Monotonous isn't it?
Dudley Heath--Well I'll be
Edith Kana--My Goodness!
Maxine Powers--Oh, a boy!

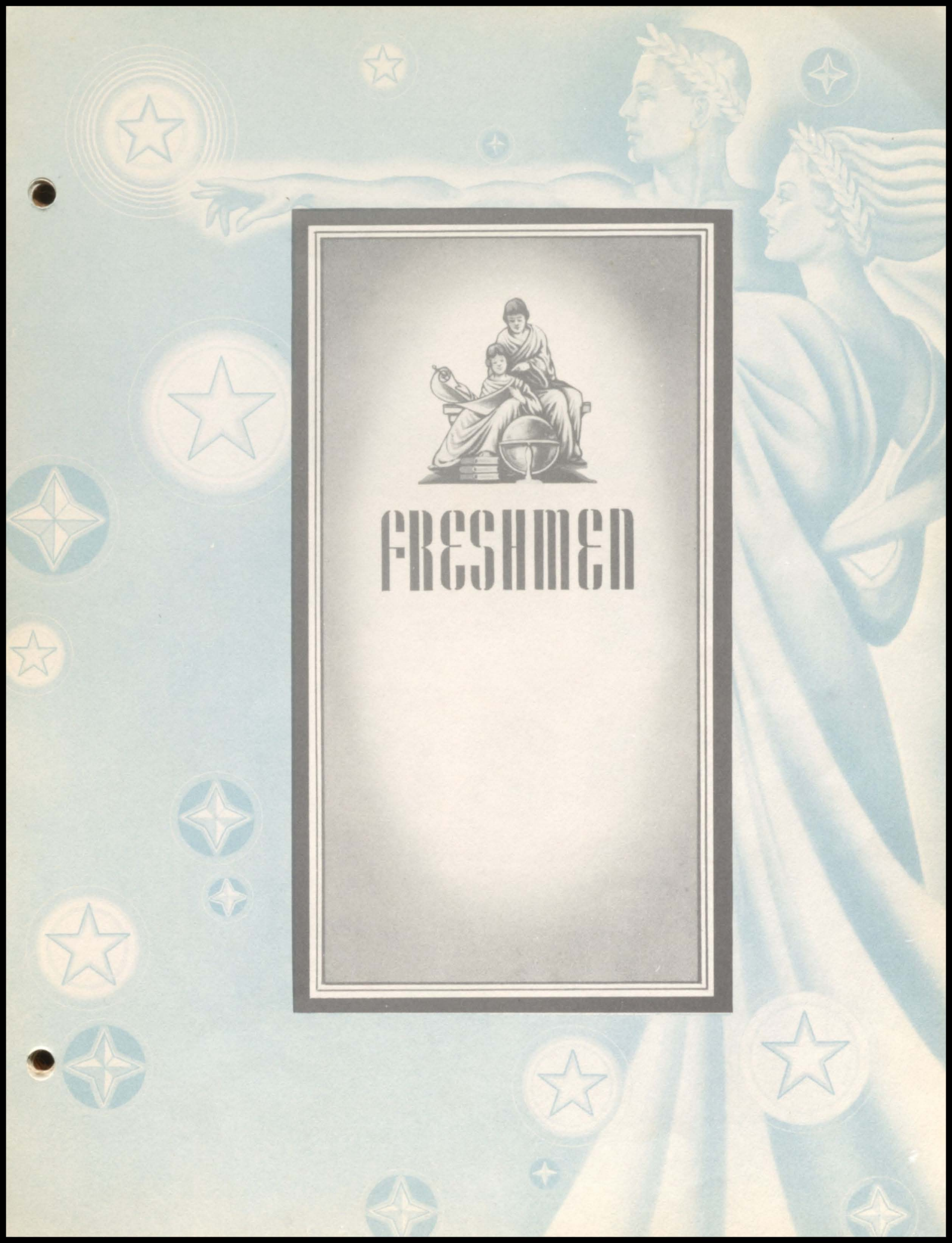
In addition to those listed above, the following were enrolled but have left.

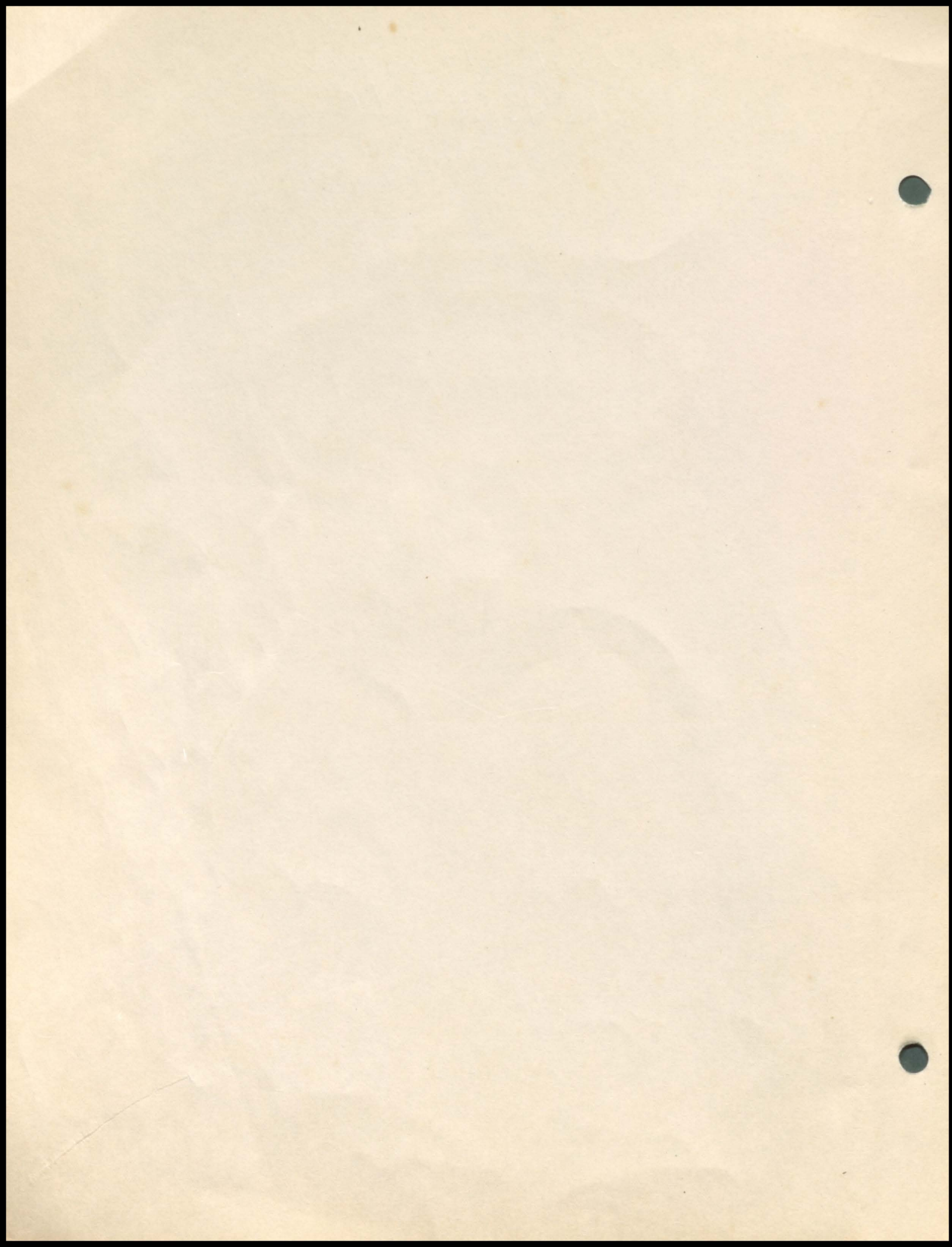
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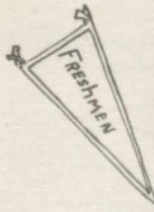




FRESHMEN







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Joyce Young



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Blanche Bowers



Lonnie B. Laskie



Mary Alice Baurp



Eddie Knebel



Gladys Mica



Albert Hoelckaway



Alma Adamsick



Johnnie Nedbak



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Margie Housner



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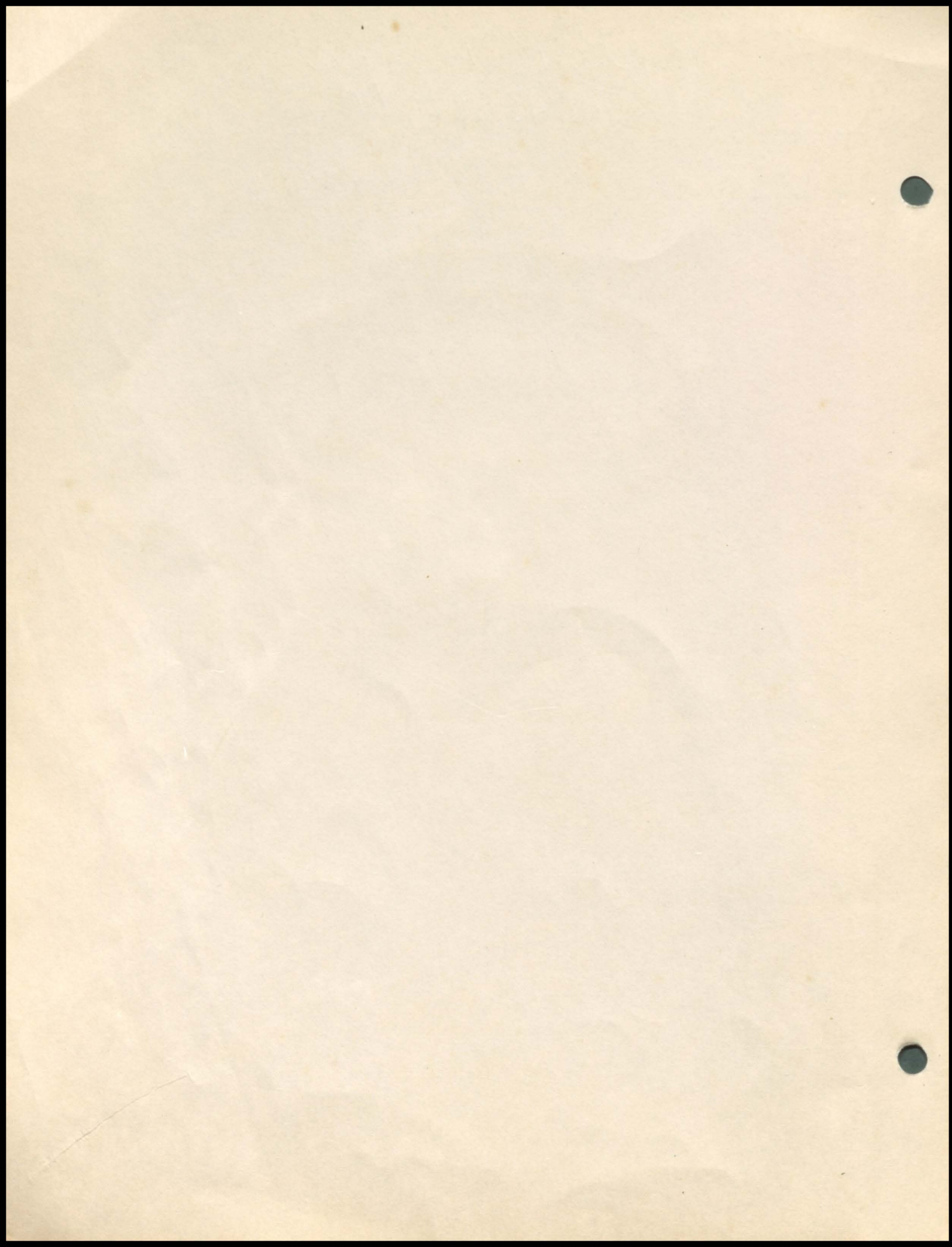
Hellen Taska



Edna Day



Dorothy Brisler



Freshman News

President--Joyce Young
Vice-President--Barbara Hermansen
Secretary--Elsie Maddox
Sergeant at Arms--Albert Rickaway
Reporter--Eddie Knebel
Sponsor--Mrs. Huth.

Motto: We finish to begin.
Colors: Blue and silver
Flowers: Cape Jasmine

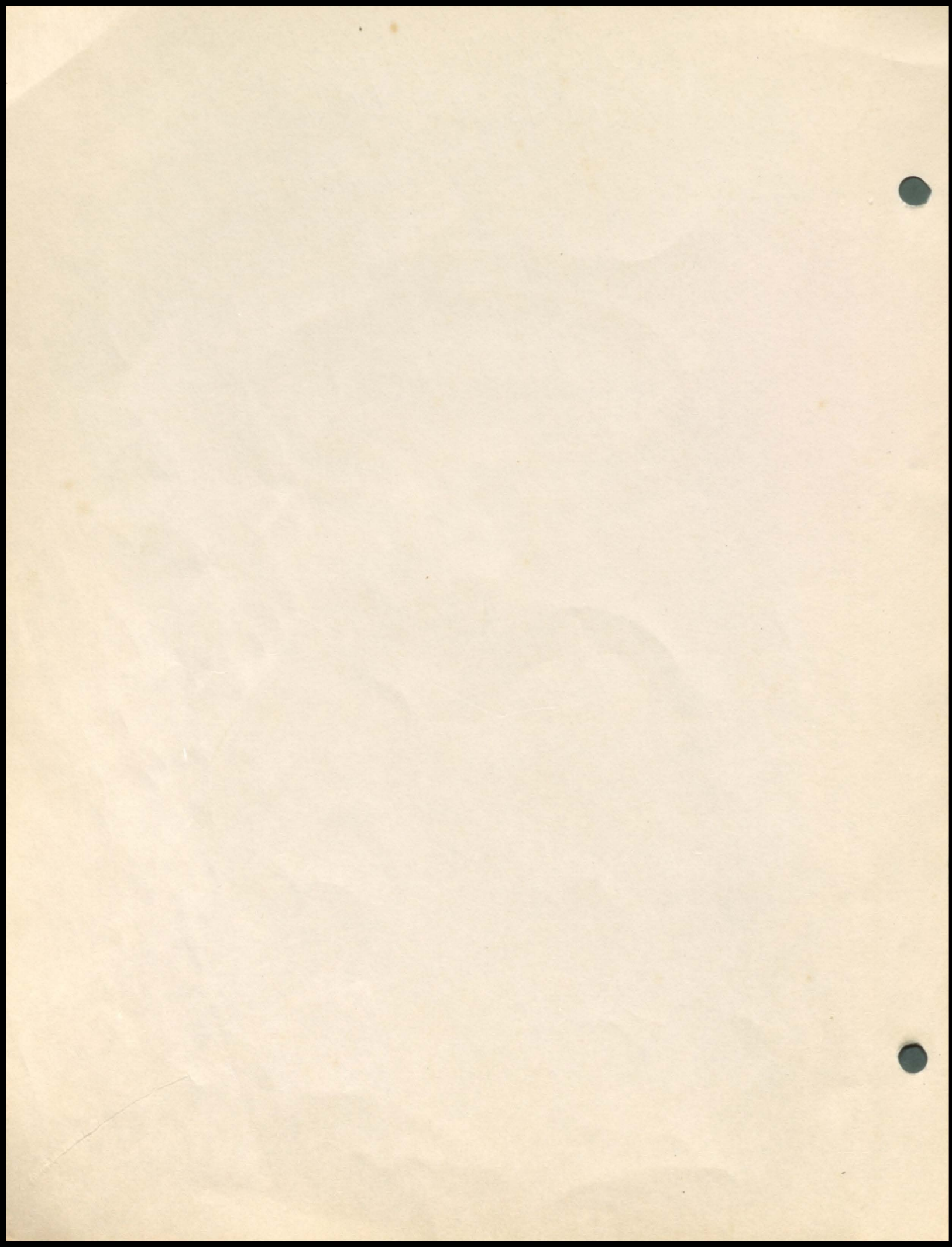
The people who have left us are: Mrs. Hogue, our first sponsor, who we all loved dearly. Tom Lilley, our first Annual reporter, was a guy we all liked. John Murphy was caught in the draft. Ray Winfield and Red Baldwin also withdrew. We would like to express our appreciation to Mrs. Huth for her leadership and guidance, also the other teachers. We also want to thank the other kids for their guidance. We're green, but we'll learn. Thanks.

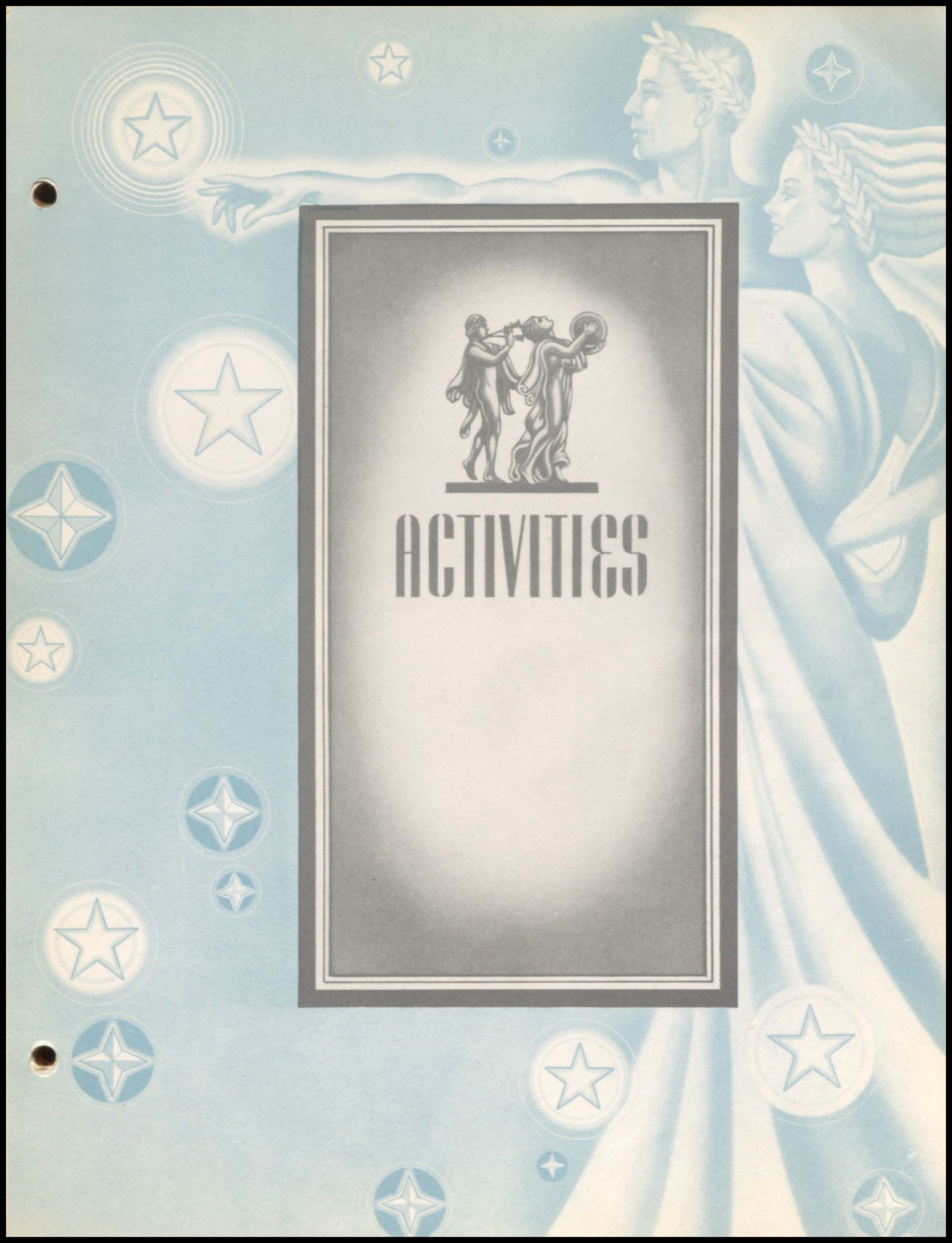
OUR IDEAL GIRL

Hair-Della Mae
Eyes-Joyce
Lips-Elsie
Smile-Edna
Grin-Barbara
Teeth-Blanche
Complexion-Margie
Legs-Dorothy
Figure-Alma
Disposition-Mary A.
Politeness-Gladys
Friendliness-Jeannine
Sense of Humor-Faye
Eye lashes-Zan

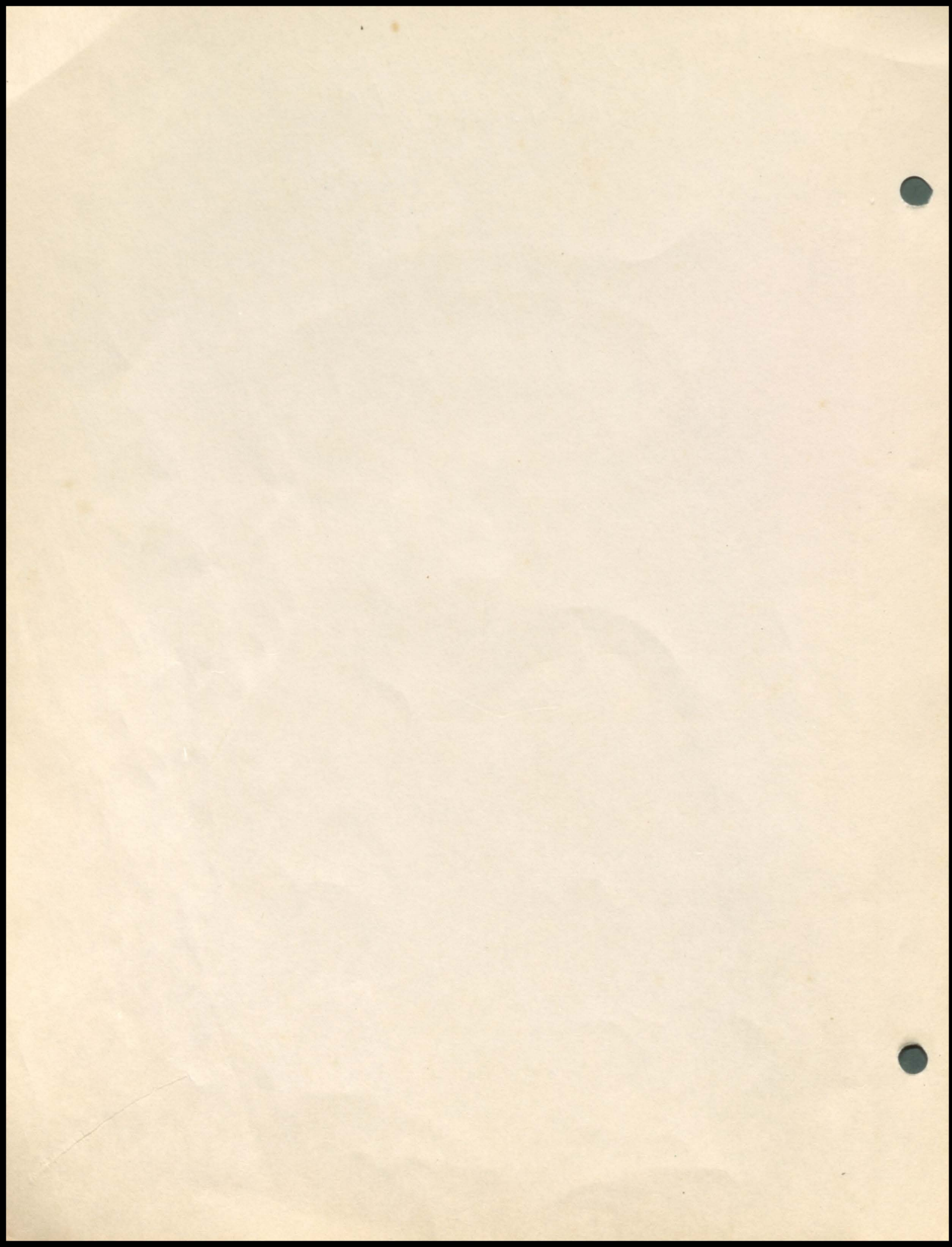
OUR IDEAL BOY

Hair-Eddie
Eyes-Jug
Lips-Albert Lee
Smile-Johnny
Grin-Hollieen
Complexion-George
Physique-Jack
Disposition-Henry
Politeness-Lonnie





ACTIVITIES



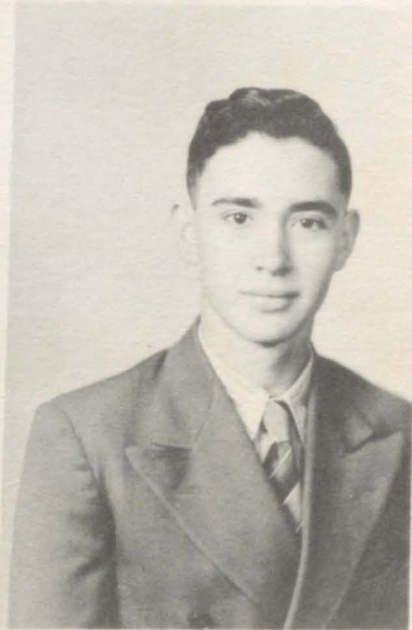


Lorene Hahn
Most Beautiful Girl
President of Soph Class
Member of Volleyball
Member of Home Economics Club



Robert Lilley
All Around Boy
Captain Football - Basketball
Boys Sports Reporter

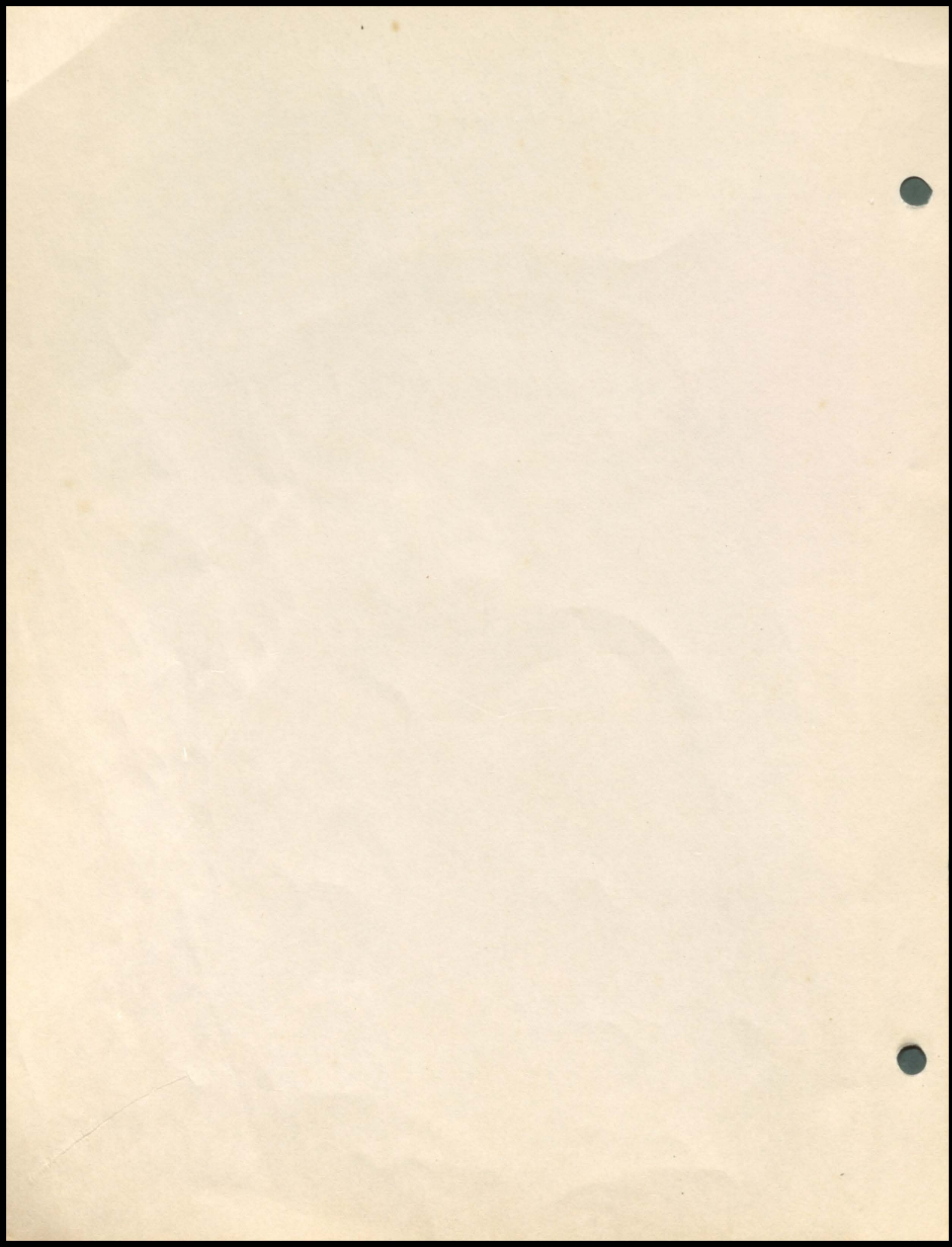
Billy Ramsey
Most Handsome Boy
Football - Basketball
Business Manager of Annual



Clara Junek
All Around Girl
Member of
Volleyball - Pop Squad - Home Ec
Secretary Treasurer of Soph. Class



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PEP SQUAD

Front row, left to right:
Evelyn Dannels-Drummer
Joyce Young-One of the leaders
Arrieta Warn-One of the leaders

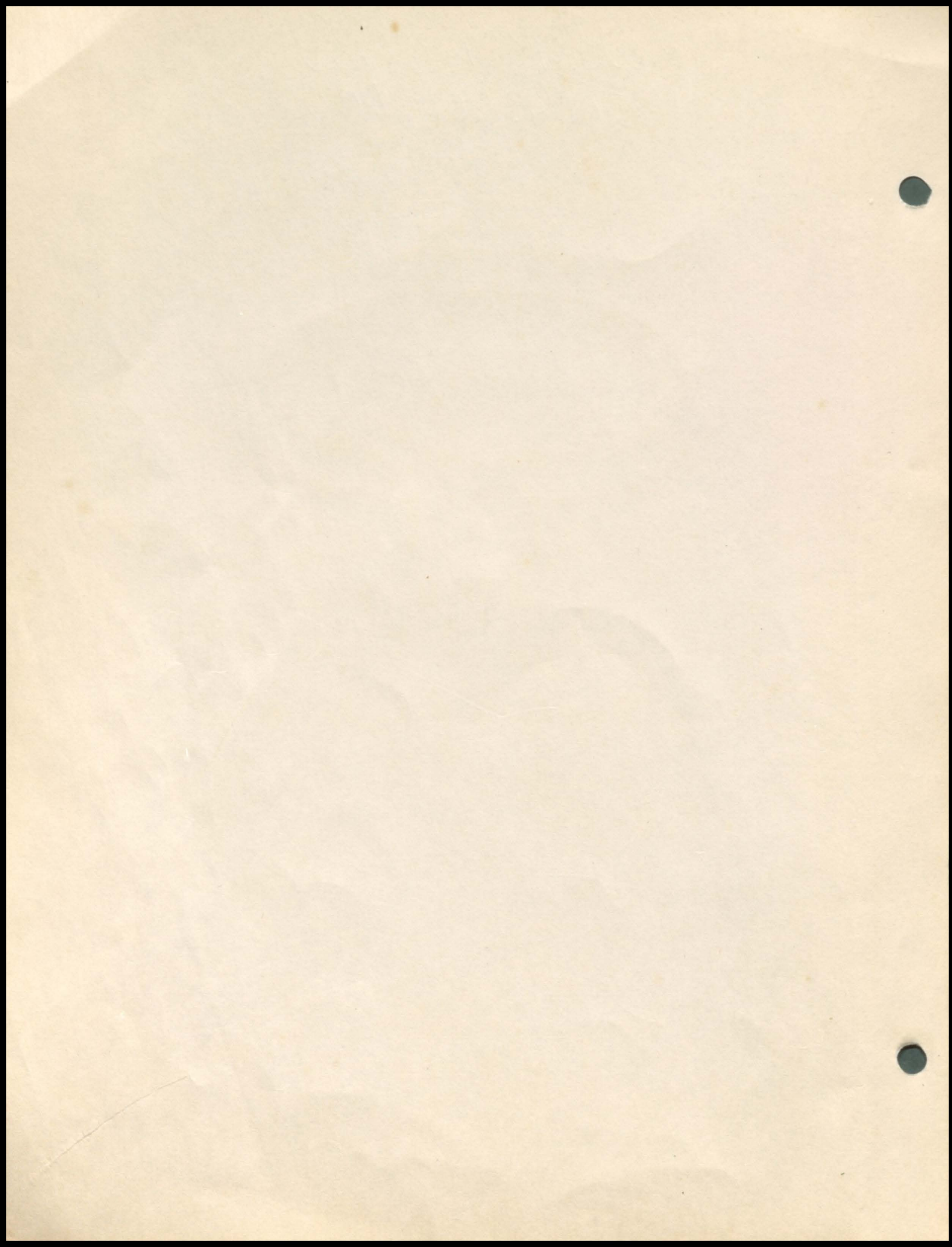
Middle row, left to right:
Mary Alice Bump, Della Mae Hebel, Margie Neuzer,
Kathryn Bowers, Elsie Maddox, Jeannine Spoor, Faye
Shambly, and Clara Junek.

Back row, left to right:
Marcella Orsak, Elsie Hutson, Blanche Bowers, Vic-
toria Driscoll, and Edna Day.

The girls wore the same jackets they had last year.

Mrs. Hogue was their sponsor this year, and they appreciated her leadership very much.

Due to the rubber shortage, busses were not allowed to be used to carry them to and from ball games, but we managed to attend most of the games and had a swell time.





FUTURE HOMEMAKERS CLUB

Color: Blue and Silver

Flower: Cornflower

Motto: Our dreams of today, Are the
realizations of tomorrow.

Song: H. E. Girl (Tune of Peggy O'Neil)

Our club officers are:

President--Juanita Bullington

Vice-President--Loretta Hale

Secretary of Treasury--Dorris Rickaway

Parliamentarian--Georgia Ann Kana

Song Leader--Lula Maud Hawkins

Reporter--Marcella Orsak

Sponsor--Mrs. Nelson

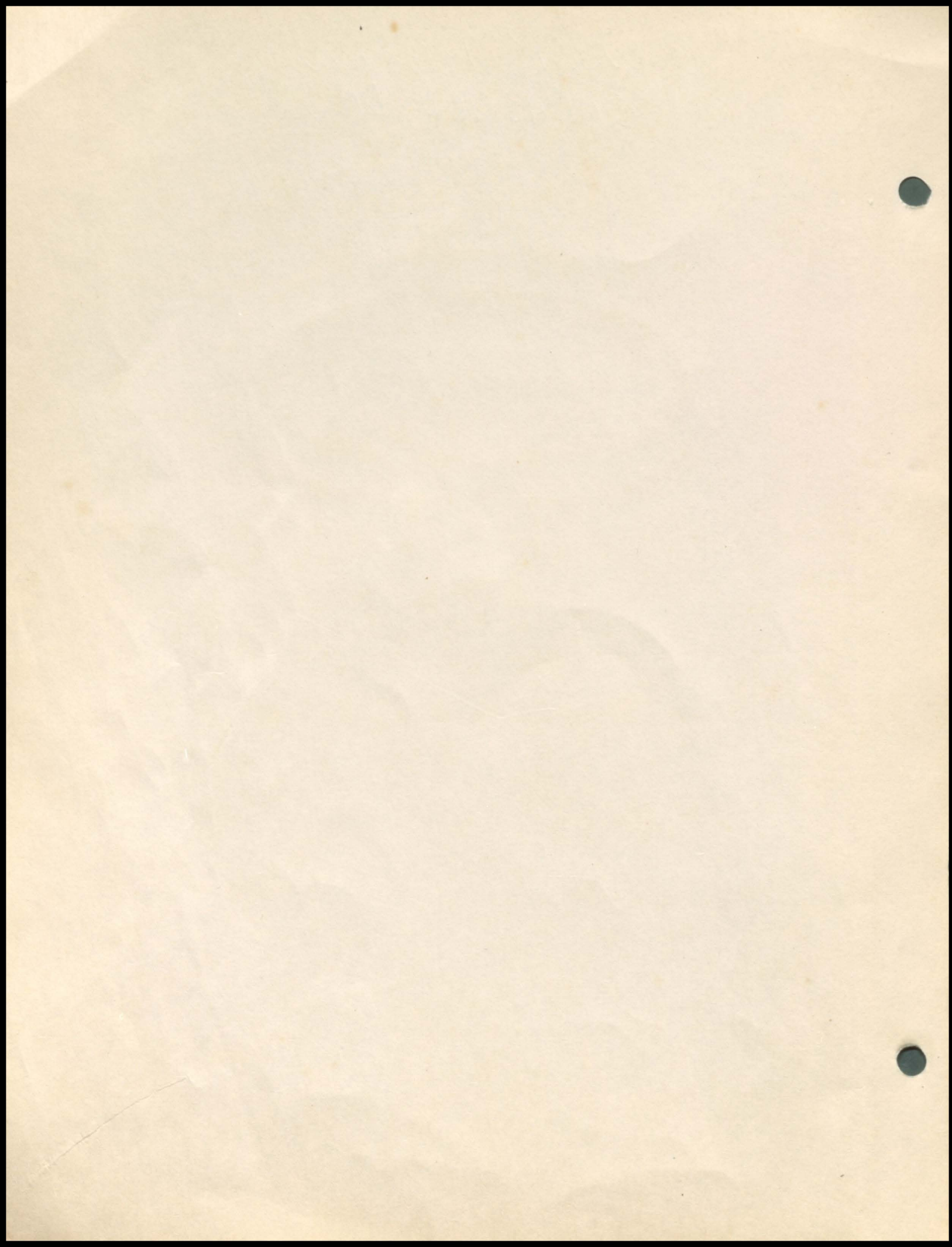
Theme of our Program is "Victory Program"

Some of the things towards National Defense the
club has done are:

1. Plant a victory garden at home or either assist with a victory garden.
2. Practice food health and good food habits in order to be a good example.
3. Make talks in assemblies about nutrition.
4. Make posters on nutrition.
5. Collect all scrap, tin cans, tinfoil, aluminum, rubber, metal, rags and paper.
6. Publish an article in the paper each week.

Our five main points we followed were:

- A. To Build Self-Defense for National Defense.
- B. Promote a Community Youth Council.
- C. To Do Our Part for Uncle Sam.
- D. To Be a Good Neighbor.
- E. To Participate in Nutrition Program for National Defense.



"ALL A MISTAKE"

BY W.C. Parker

PRESENTED BY THE SENIOR CLASS

Cast of Characters

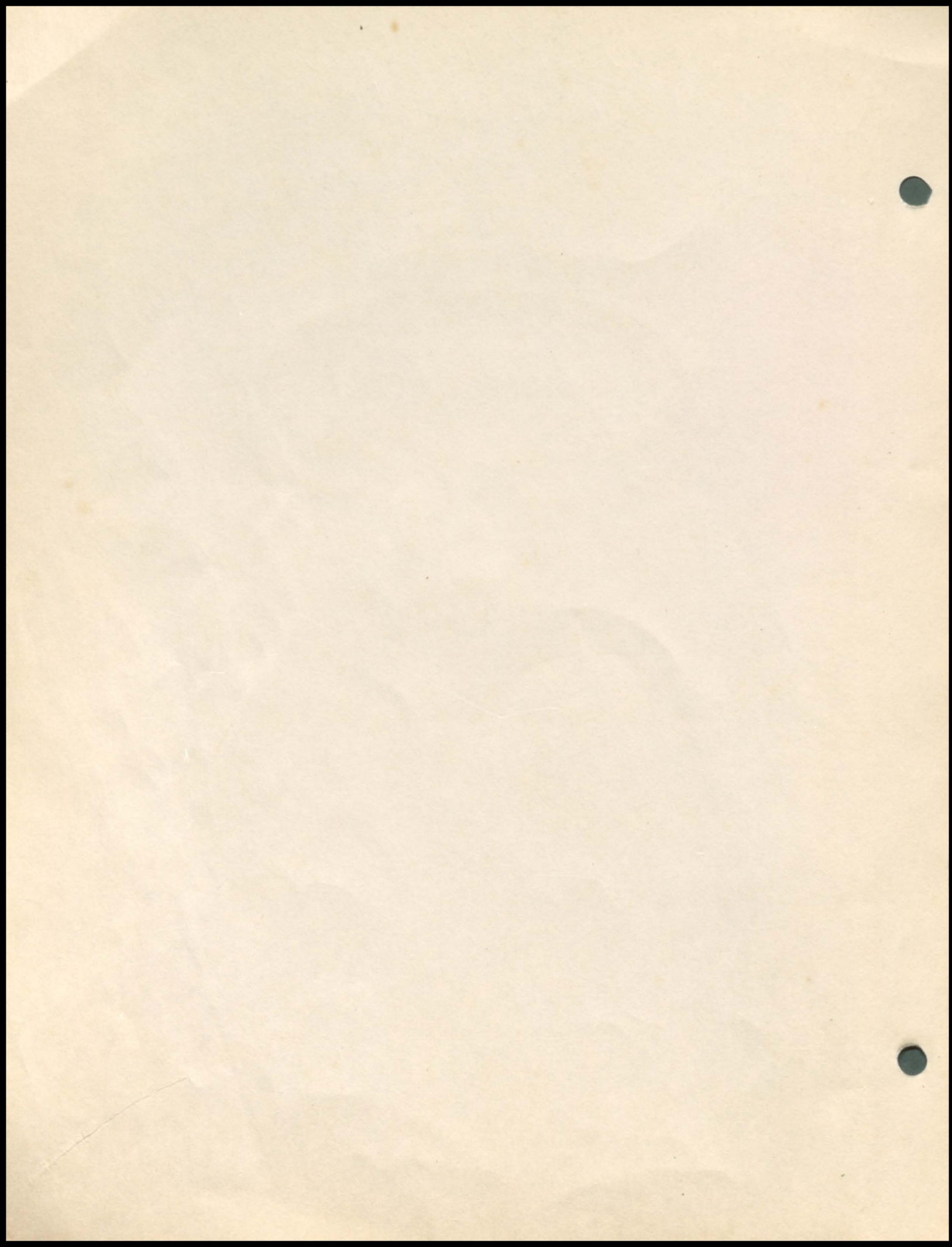
Capt. Obadiah Skinner.....Curtis Rickaway
Lieut. George Richmond(His Nephew)...Robert Lilley
Richard Hamilton(Country Gentleman).Billie Lindner
Ferdinand Lighthead(A Neighbor).....Billy Ramsey
Nellie Richmond(George's Wife).....Estelle Zhanel
Nellie Huntington(A Friend).....Arrieta Warn
Cornelia (Nellie) Skinner.....Ginger Lucas
Nellie McIntyre(A Servant).....Louise Waldrop

SYNOPSIS FOR PROGRAM

Act I..... The arrival of George and his bride. The dilemma. A friend in need. The plot against the Captain and its disastrous effect. The old maid and her secret. Ferdy in search of a wife. George's jealousy. The sudden appearance of a most undesirable part. George's quick wit prevents discovery.

Act II..... The plot thickens. Cornelia in search of her "Romeo". Nell gets a letter, which adds to the mystery. The downfall of Ferdy. Richard attempts to try the "soothing system" on a lunatic. George has a scheme connected with a fire in the furnace and some pitch tar.. Richard runs amuck amid general confusion.

Act III..... The Captain arms himself with a butcher knife and plans revenge. Richard attempts to escape. Nellie hopelessly insane. The comedy duel. "Romeo" at last. Only one Nellie in the world. The unraveling of a skein of mystery, and the finish of an exciting day, to find it was "ALL A MISTAKE".



SENIOR DAY

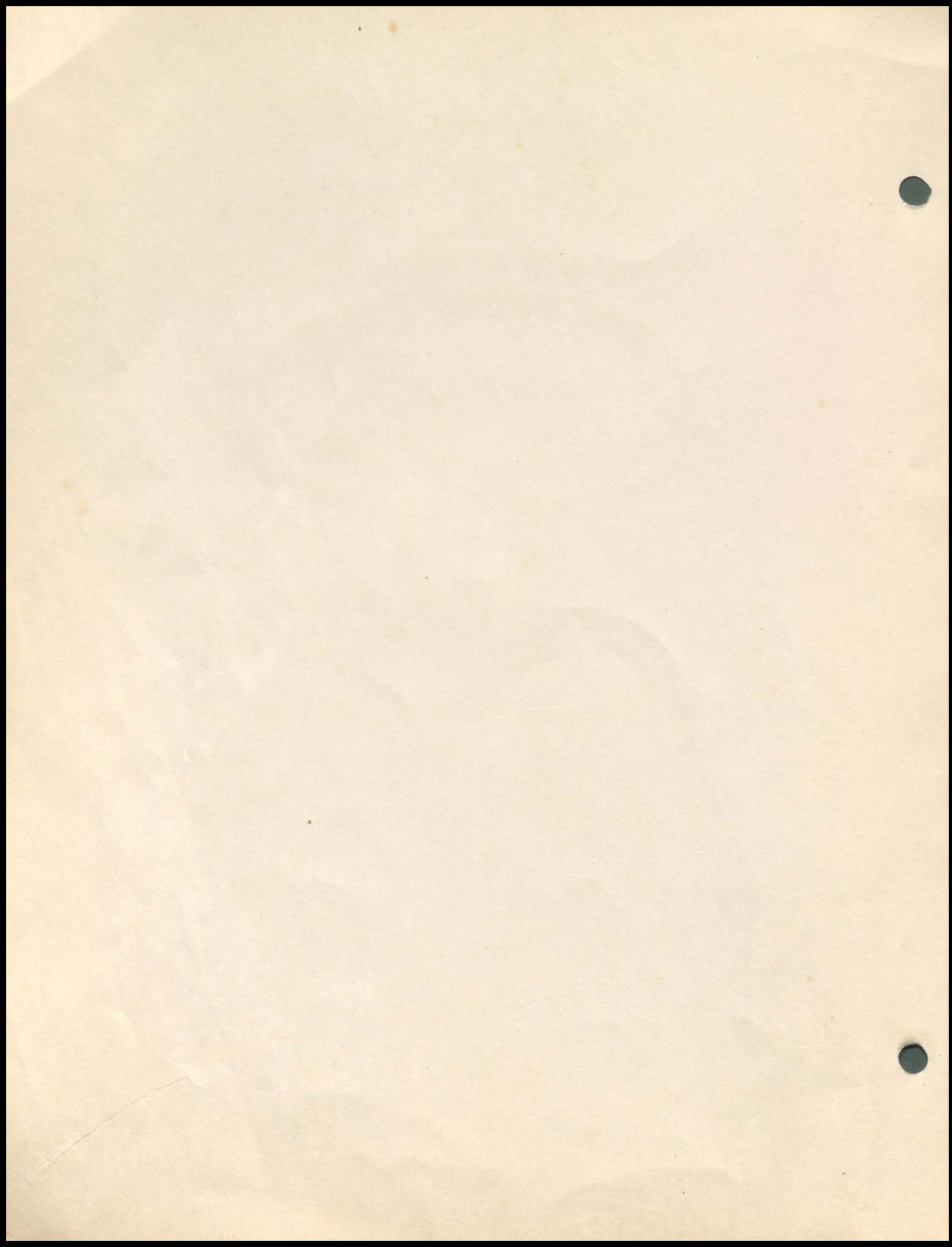
The seniors went on Senior day, May 13, 1943. They went to LeTulle park in cars and spent the entire day. Attending a show in the afternoon. Plenty of chicken, ice cream, sandwiches, etc. were on the menu. Camera's were clicking everywhere and many pictures for future memories were secured. Everyone wandered around the park before eating but after eating, resting seemed the most comfortable thing to do. Everyone enjoyed themselves tremendously. Mr. Nelson and Bohus seemed to enjoy the food more than anything. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were their chaperones. After returning from the show, supper was eaten and everyone went home with a light, happy, heart, and many happy memories for the future.

JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION

A reception was given by the Juniors in honor of the Seniors on May 14, 1943. It began at eight o'clock and lasted until eleven thirty. Dancing began at once and a short program was given later. Estelle Zhanel gave the Senior Class history. Erma Lashbrook gave a Senior prophecy which was very cute. Charles White gave a few jokes. Cake and ice cream were served as refreshments. Everyone seemed to have a delightful time.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

After the Reception some of the Juniors and Seniors went to Bay City and finished their dancing there. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Some of them didn't get home until quite late or should we say early in the morning.





A Gal



The original "Dog"



A Guy + A Gob



The end of the Day



Two of a Kind



What a Man



Leanin' Towers



"The" Teacher



Our Scrap for The "Japs"



The Limers



"3" Musketeers



Didja say Fish



We wonder Who? Babe



Niece + Aunt



Schools Attraction



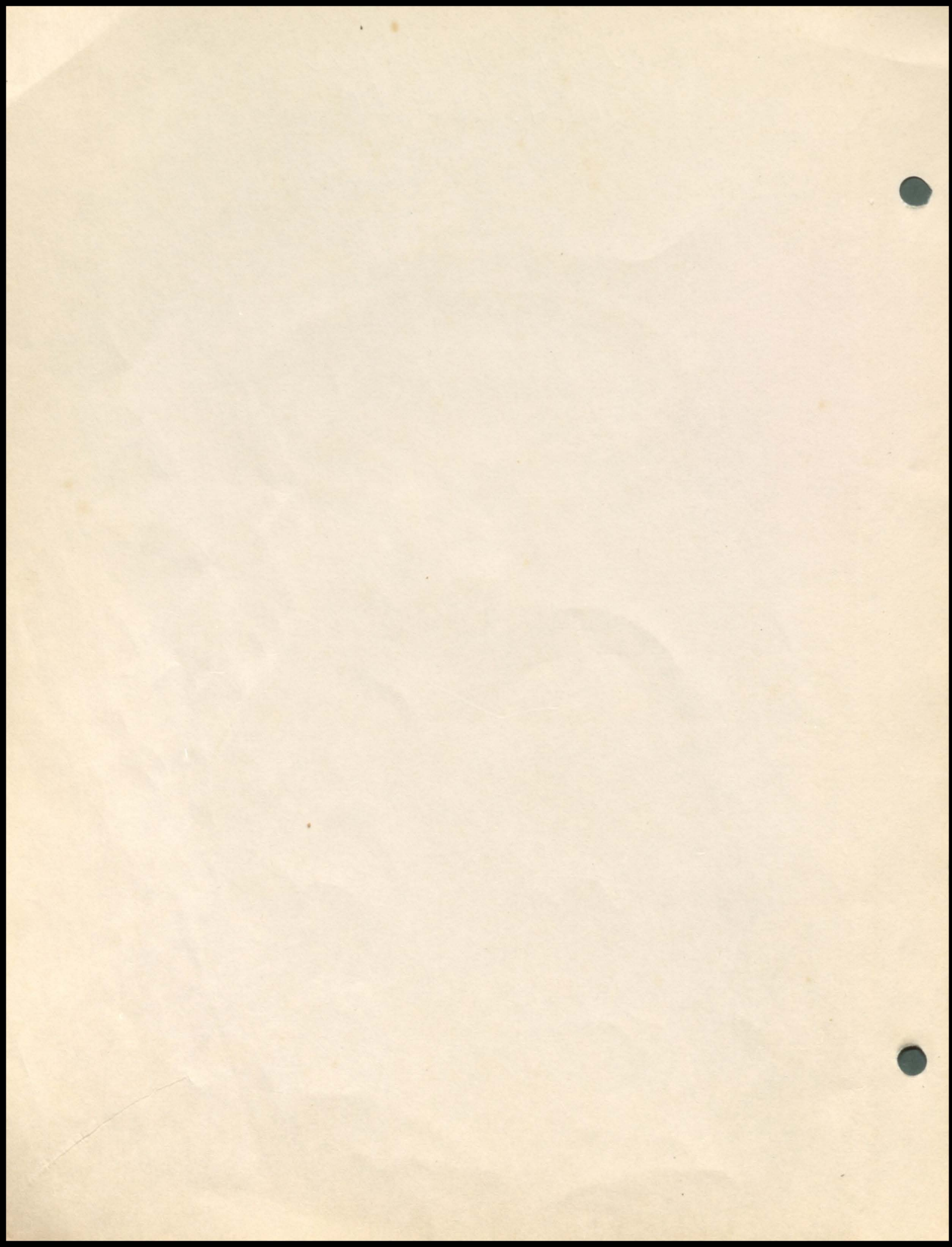
Love Birds



Babe's sailor



Just a pint of icecream



Snoop

The writer of this Snoop Column knows all, sees all and tells all.

Why is "Babe" so lonesome and blue this year? Her friends are girls and not a boy. She and Cricket always seem to be together writing and reading letters.

Joyce, what has happened to yours and Robert's romance? You haven't called it quits have you?

Cookie and Clara seem to get along very nicely together. They make a cute couple.

Ruby is true to Wesley since he has become a "Gob". Since he left she stays home and reads her magazines and shall I say "books"- But they are usually letters.

Otha Floyd, what has happened between you and Victor?

Billy and Estelle seem to have a lot of business in the annual room. Or is it business? He doesn't ever want her to go to town.

Well Cricket, can't you make up your mind? Is it Elvis, L.D. or Harry? Every time we decide one way you surprise us.

Lex has a good many romances but it seems that Margie is the one that is holding his heart.

Georgia, who are all the cute little soldier boys you write to? Do they always go to the service club?

Dosey where is Billy? Vernon seems to have excluded him completely. Is that right?

What little girl tries to watch a certain Senior girl's husband kiss her goodbye when he starts to leave. Couldn't be Katherine V. could it?

What's this we hear about Louise getting married in June? Can it be true?

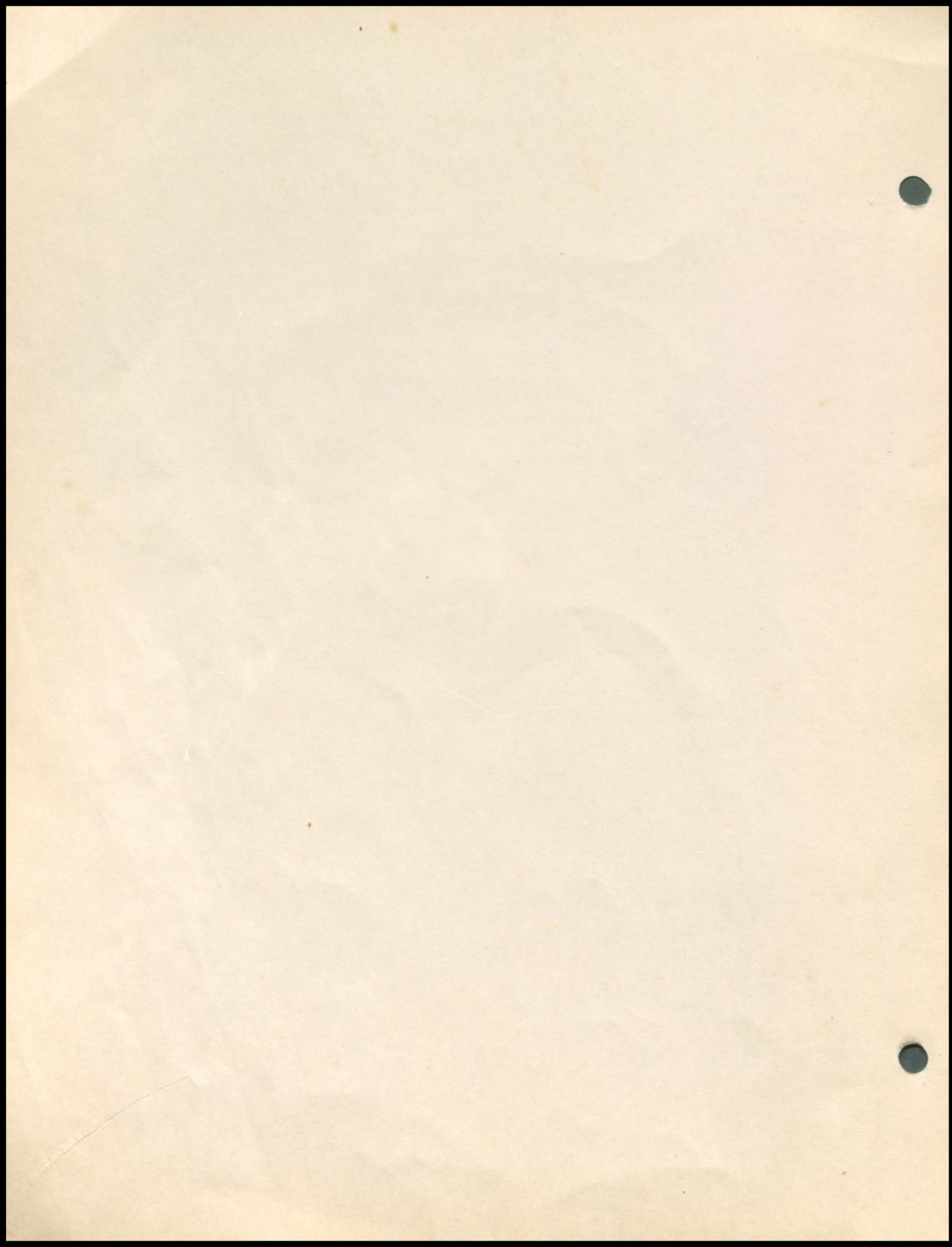
What happened to the senior girls this year? The love bird must have bitten them. We expect Cricket next.

Marcella what happened to that beautiful romance between you and J. C.?

Estelle, what kind of graduation present is August going to give you? My, my a birthstone ring for Christmas. Romance????

Vernon seemed to love all the girls until Dosey started going with him. Now he breathes and dreams Dosey. Woo! Woo!

Lee where did you hear that baby poem of yours? What certain Freshman girl insists upon writing



notes to other girl's boy friends?

Has L.D. rekindled the old flame in Cricket's heart? We know she hears from him often.

Blessing boys seem to like G. I. hair cuts. What could the reason be?

What has happened to Margie since her boyfriend became a Sailor? The latest reports are that they are on the outs and we do mean outs.

One Senior girl who is always so mysterious about her boyfriends seems to be partial to a little Sailor Boy. At least she was seen with a cute one. Ask M. S.

We wonder why Dosey goes to El Campo on these week-ends? What could her important business be?

What is this about Lorene going to Victoria with "The Freddie"? From all appearance he seems to be head man in her life. After all if he can do it, power to him.

There is a very cute affair budding here if any of you have noticed. This refers to Harold and Dorothy Faye. There seems to be little hand holding parties when going to the station every afternoon.

What is this we hear about Edith's celebration in El Campo? We hear she had a lot of fun.

Who is the girl that says she is going to get a husband who is smaller than she is so she can whip him every morning before breakfast? Couldn't be O. F. M.

All the girls seem to miss Mr. Coffin but we welcome Mr. Havlik.

Why does Ginger and Squeezer go to Houston so much? What about those cute R. A. F. fliers??????

Vlasta is your romance still budding with L. P?

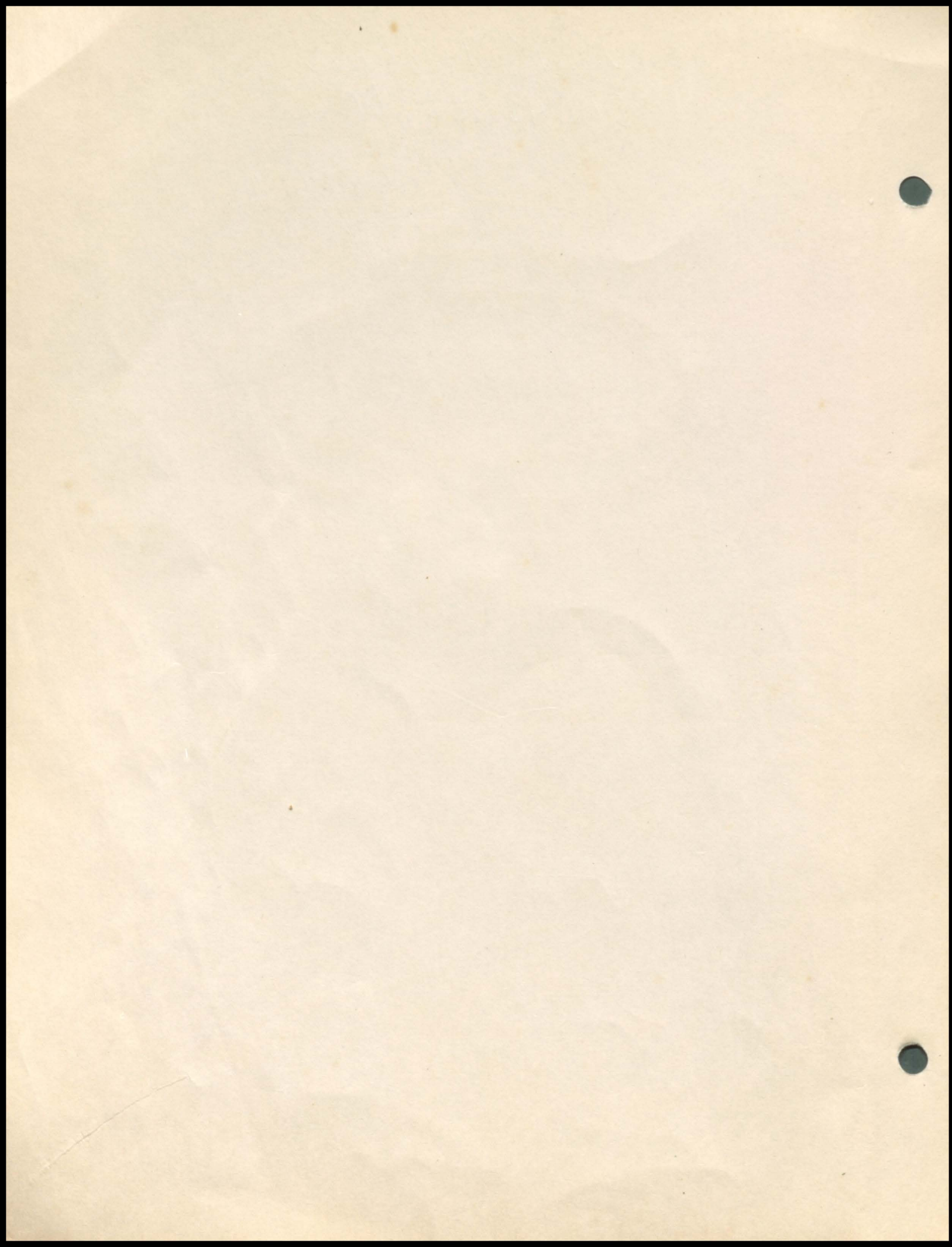
Elsie seems to be two-timing Edwin since he has become a Sailor. Could this Sargeant Brown be all we hear he is?

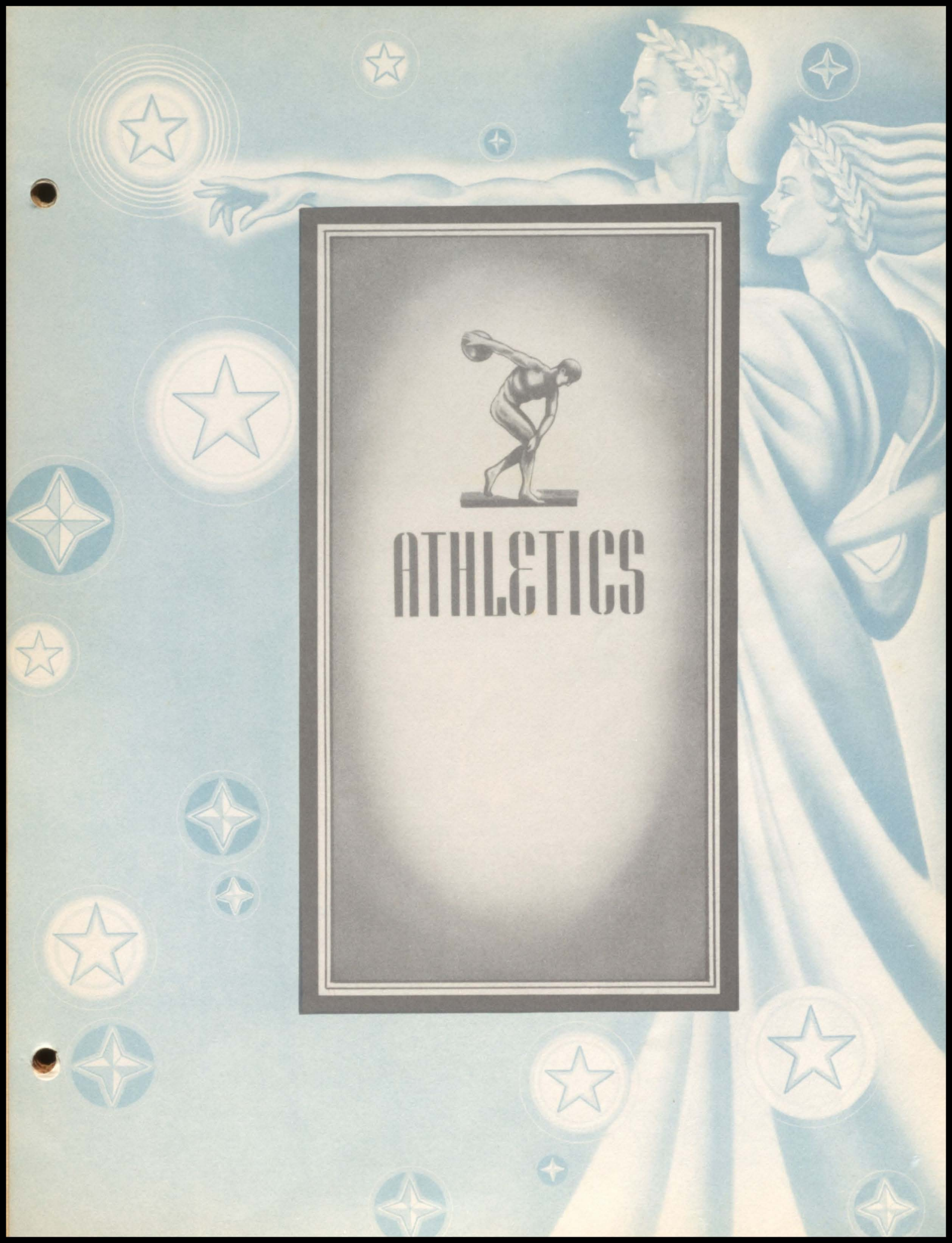
What is this we hear about Babe saying, "I'd give a million dollars if I had Kent back"? Could it be she still loves him? We wonder.....

Does Howard have a girl friend? He never seems to talk about any.

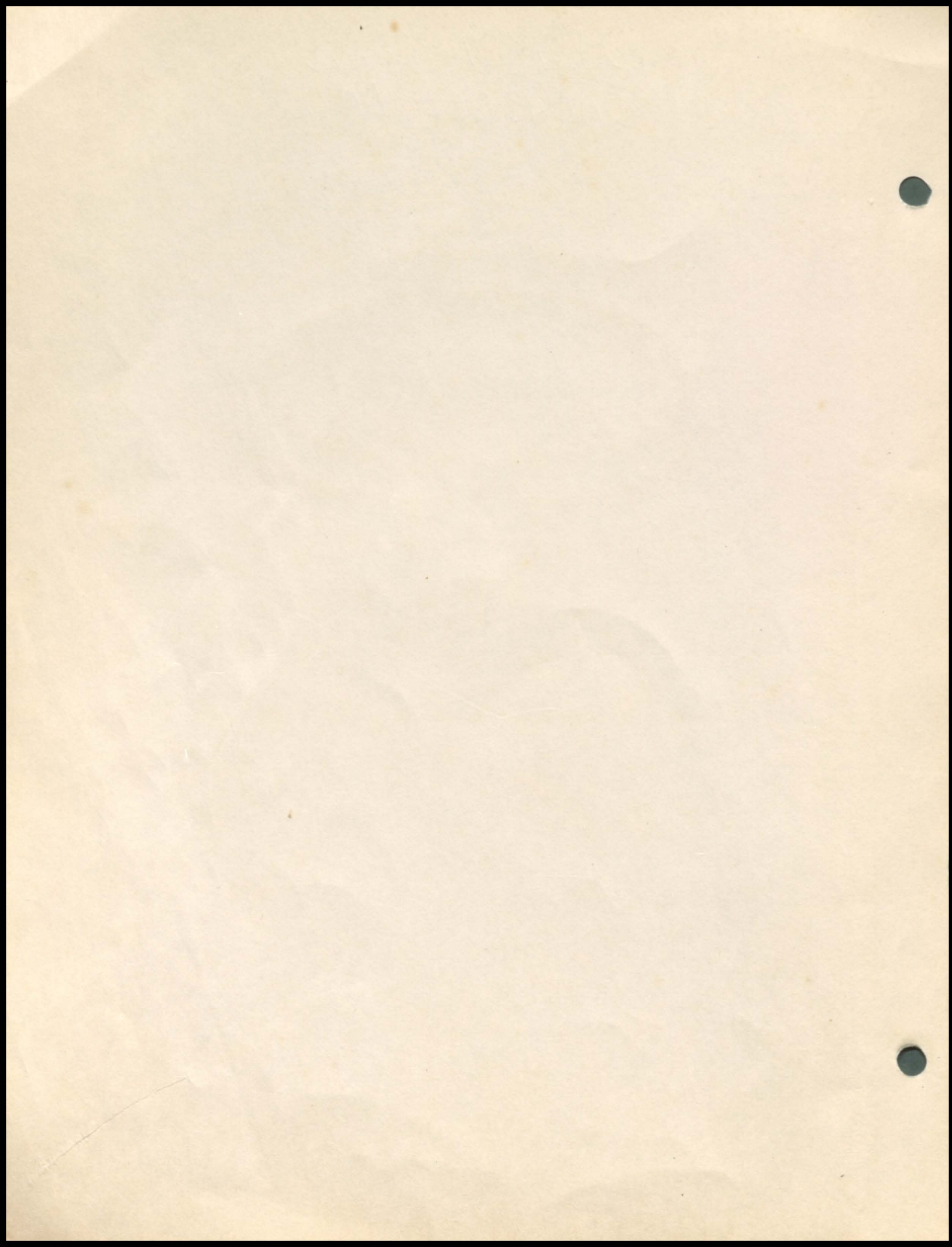
Is Della Mae trying to become a glamour girl? She is always talking about some boy.

Say what is this about Maxine trying to beat Willie Mae's time or visa versa? W. T. seems to be a real important guy in these gals lives.





ATHLETICS





FOOTBALL NEWS

The football boys put in a good showing this football season. Winning all games but one. It was to Markham and Markham was defeated by La Ward who was defeated by Blessing High twice this season. We ran up a score of 219 points to our opponents 95.

Lee, Spies and Lindner held down the line in fine fashion while Guynes, Lilley, Marlow and Rickaway did their duty in the backfield.

The starting line up:

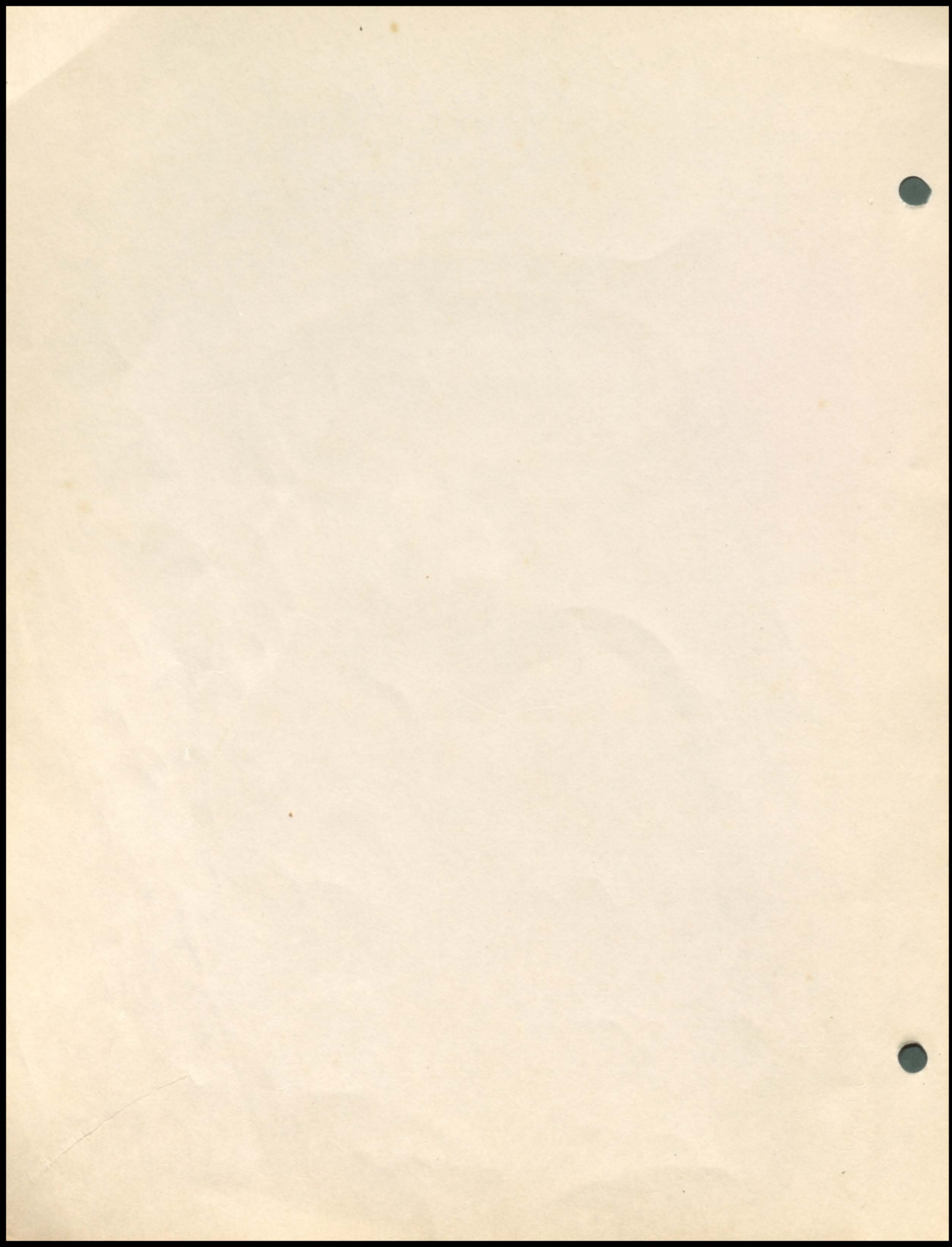
Billie Lindner-Left End
 Melvin Lee-Center
 William Spies-Right End
 Ralph Guynes-Halfback
 Curtis Rickaway-Fullback
 Robert Lilley-Quarterback

Substitutes were: V. Marlow, J. Zemanek, B. Ramsey, D. Taska, T. Lilley, L. Sutton, A. Rickaway, C. Lubojasky, and G. Hejtmanek.

The boys returning next year will be Lindner, Lee, Guynes, Lubojasky, Taska, Hejtmanek, and Zemanek.

Those not returning are: C. Rickaway, R. Lilley, B. Ramsey, and L. Sutton. Lilley and Rickaway were starters.

Our schedule consisted of:	Score--We	They
La Ward-----	20	15
Van Vleck-----	63	6
Markham-----	36	54
Lolita-----	63	13
La Ward-----	27	7





VOLLEYBALL NEWS

We have not been able to play as many games as usual due to the war. However, we have played two games. The first one was played with Markham the last week in January. We were defeated. The next game was played here with Palacios. We beat them four games. When we return the game with Palacios, and Markham returns ours we will get to play two more games. We sincerely hope to play more. Due to the fact that transportation was unavailable we couldn't play more games. We have enjoyed the games we have played. And when Markham comes over here we hope to beat them.

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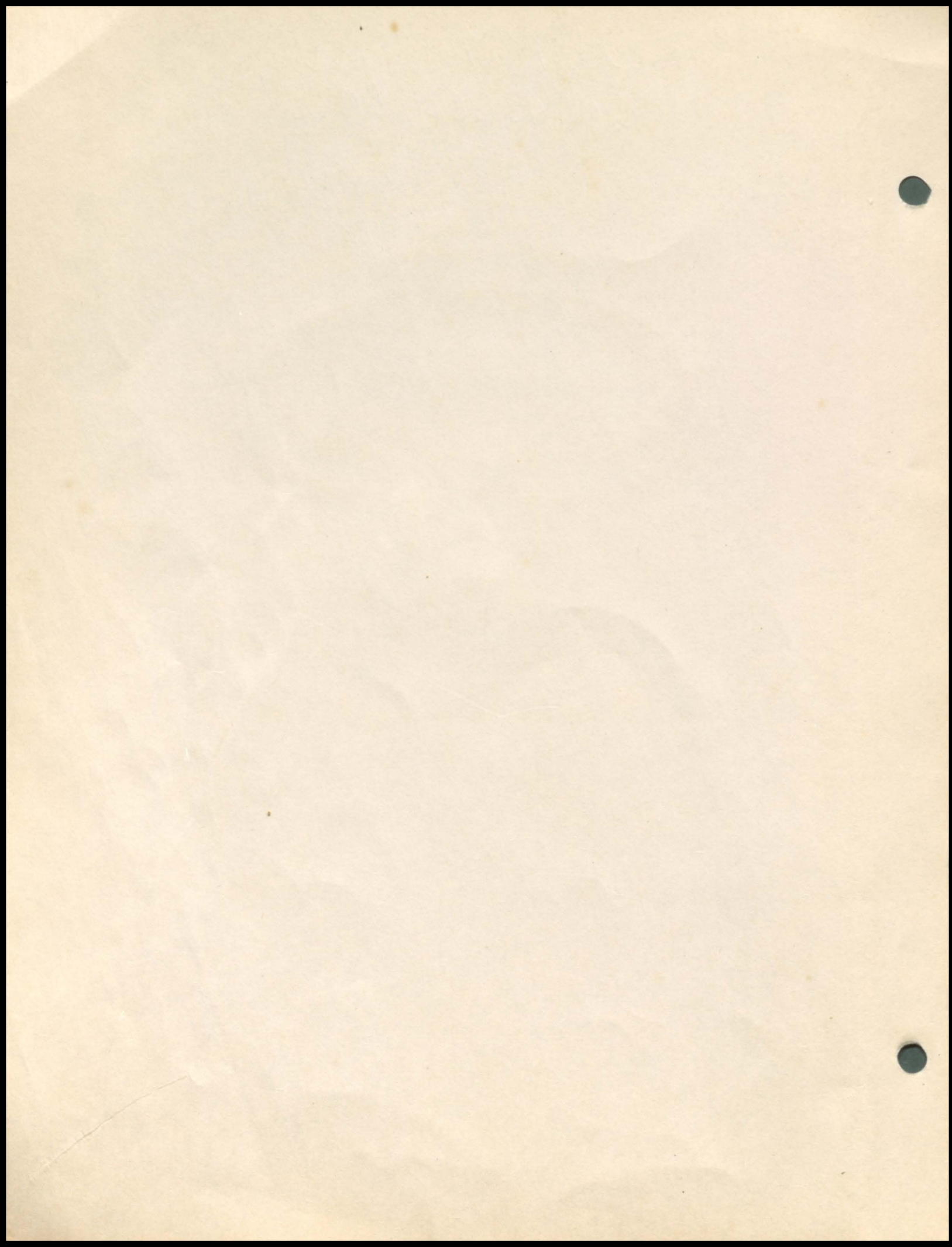
Captain--Marcella Orsak
Co--Captain--Arrieta Warn
Edith Kana

Georgia Ann Kana
Evelyn Faye Eannels
Elsie Hutson

The B string:

Lorene Hahn
Clara Junek
Josephine Krenek

Barbara Hermansen
Estelle Zhanel
Edna Day





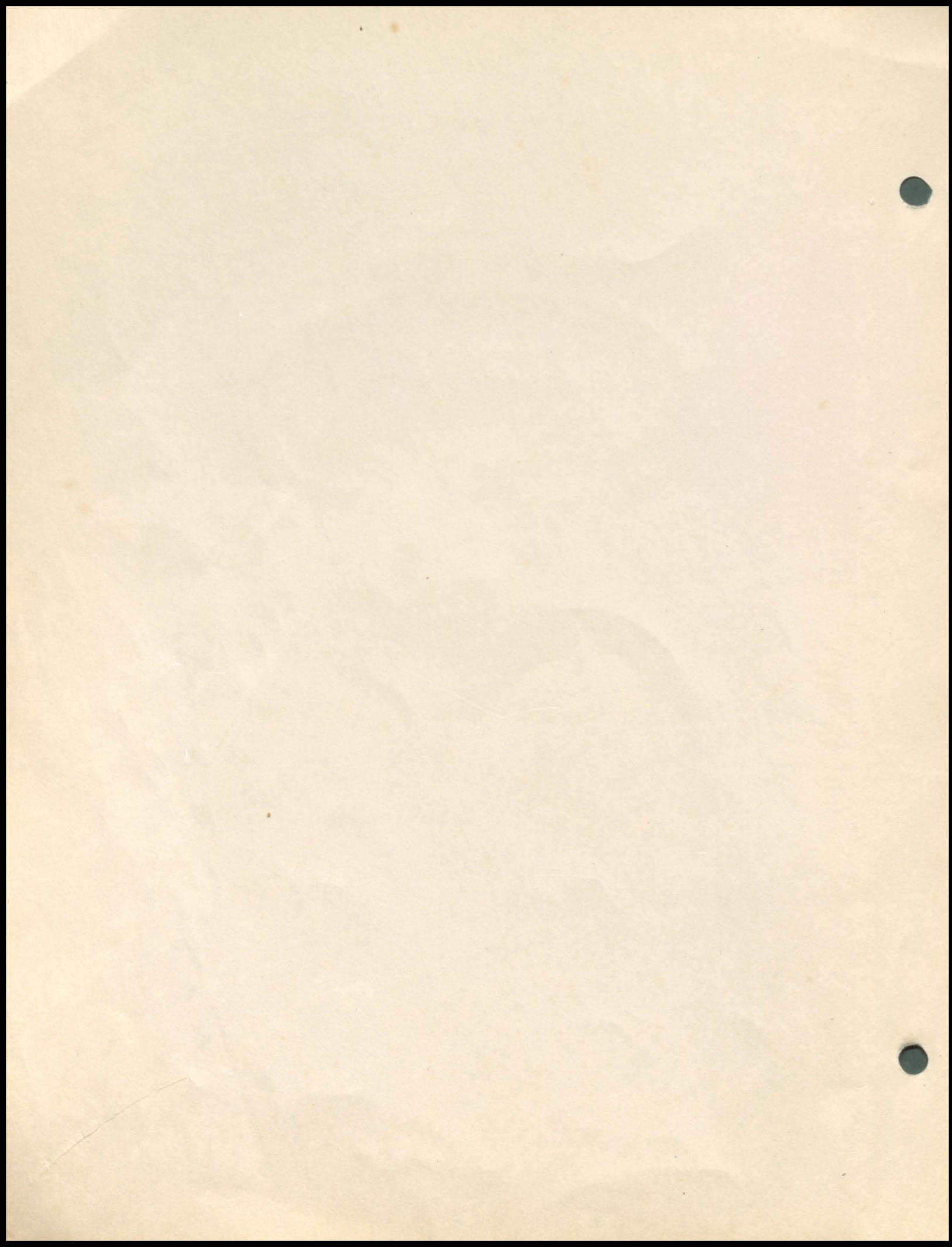
BASKET BALL NEWS

The basket ball boys this year made a good showing. We won all of our district games by a wide margin. The following boys played on the main string:

Ralph Guynes-Center
Billie Lindner-Forward
Robert Lilley-Forward
Joe Zemanek-Guard
Curtis Rickway-Guard
Vernon Marlow-Forward

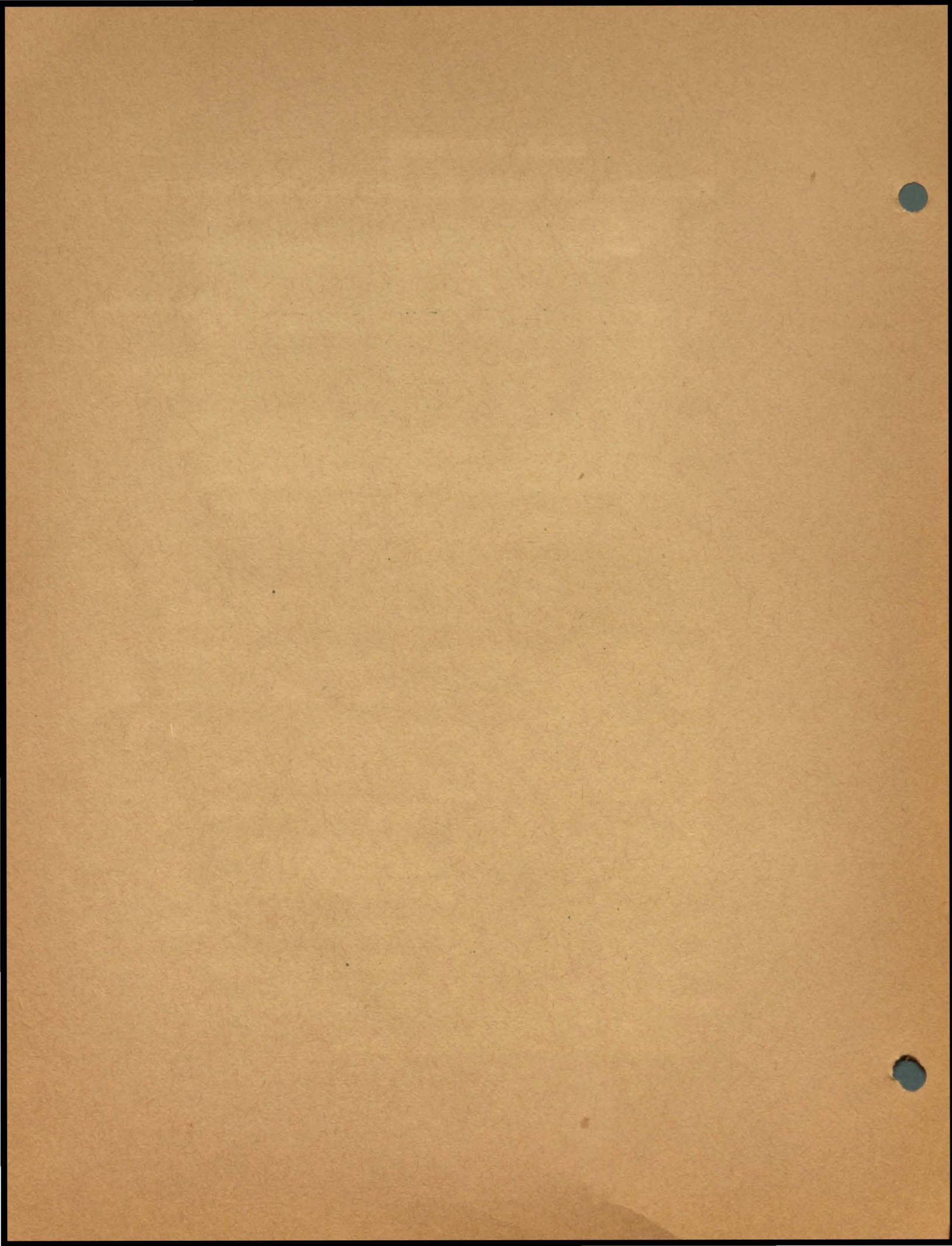
The boys who went out are-left to right:
Delvin Taska, Vernon Marlow, Joe Juneck, Billie Lindner, Billy Ramsey, Robert Lilley, Ben Guynes, Ralph Guynes, Charlie Lubojasky, and Joe Zemanek.

We won at 4 tournaments this year: Van Vleck, El Campo, Sweeny, and Blessing. Altogether we won 5 trophies. We won our district by defeating Markham by 21 points and went to Kingsville to Regional and were defeated 3 points by Ingleside.



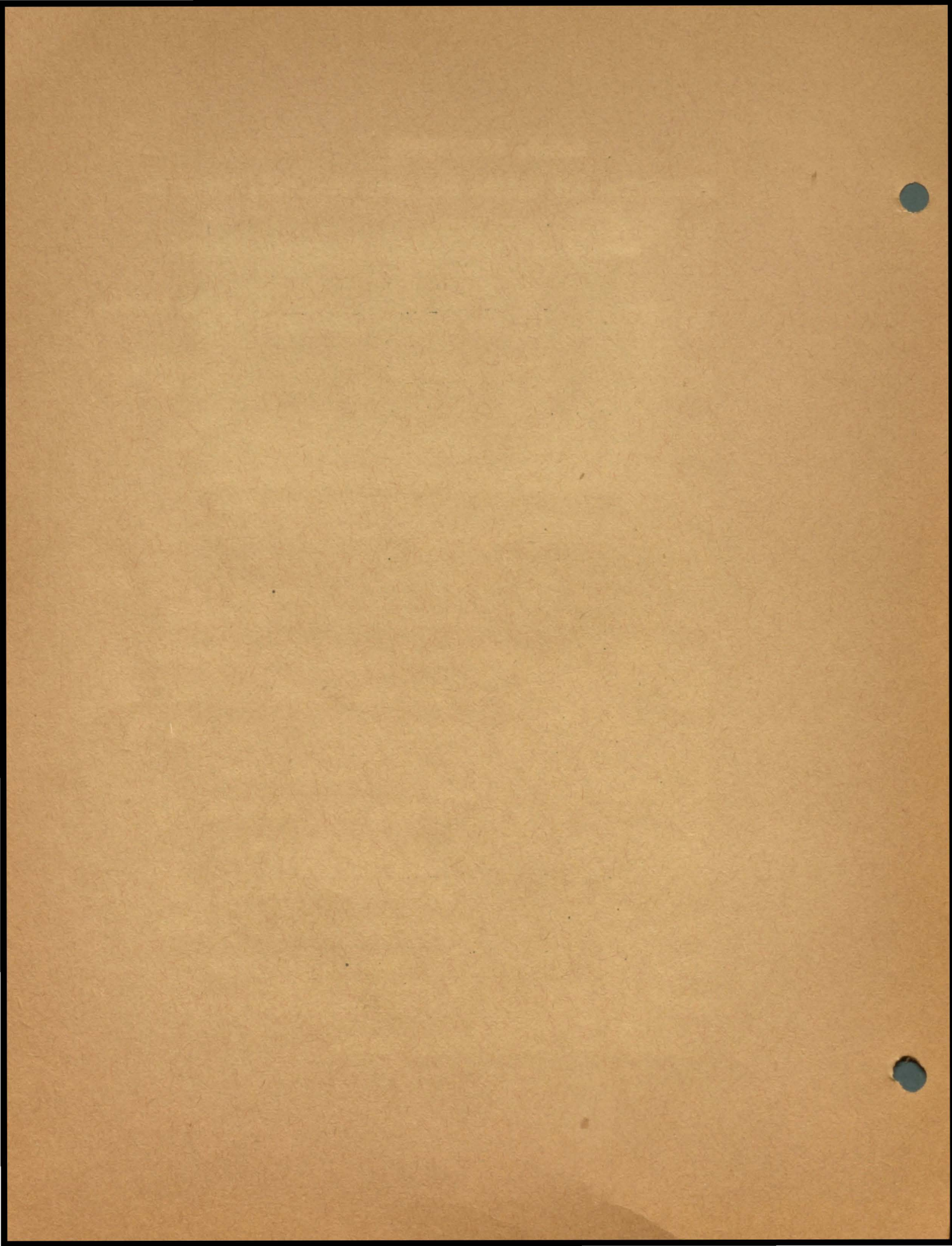
B.H.S. DICTIONARY

- FLOUNDER--what Willie Mae does when W.T. tries to kiss her.
- FRACTIOUS--Milton's hair.
- GLIMPSE--what all the Seniors do during tests.
- JUNK--Micky's description of Shorthand.
- JUVENILE--the way Bohus acts on the bus.
- LACUNA--what some of the Seniors have in their heads.
- DIPLOMA--what all the Seniors want when they grow up.
- ABILITY--what Estelle has and everyone else wants.
- SLEEP--what some of our Sophomore girls should do at night. (M.P. and E.F.D.)
- JITTERBUG--What some girls go to Palacios for.
- RATION--what Ginger didn't get when they passed out the brains.
- X--what everyone hates to see on a test paper.
- MINK--the only thing that May West has that Mickey hasn't.
- ASSET--Cricket's chassis.
- PATRIOTISM--Wesley and Ray Lee.
- NEWLYWEDS--Wanda and Loretta.
- FAMOUS--what none of the seniors will be.
- FUN--what some of the Freshmen insist on having in class.
- DIMINISH--what grades do when you get a demerit.
- ENDLESS--English test.
- PARK--something to do when there isn't anything else to do.
- ENCHANTING--Billie Linder's kisses. (Ask D.M.H')
- QUITE--what Cookie just can't be.
- HEART--something all teachers should have.
- ROMANCE--Dosey and Vernon.
- AGREE--what Billy R. and Mrs. Duce can never do.
- END--May ____, 1943.
- SCHOOL--Enter to court, go forth to marry.
- TWO-TIMER--Babe (What about it, Kent?)
- LITERATURE--the mail that Babe and Cricket seem to collect.
- FAN--something some Senior girls make up a song about. (Ask O.F.M.)
- THREE TYPES OF SPREADING NEWS--1. telephone
2. telegraph and 3. tell-a-Freshman.
- SUITCASE--something most all the Senior girls carry constantly.
- NEWSPAPER--a few Freshmen girls.



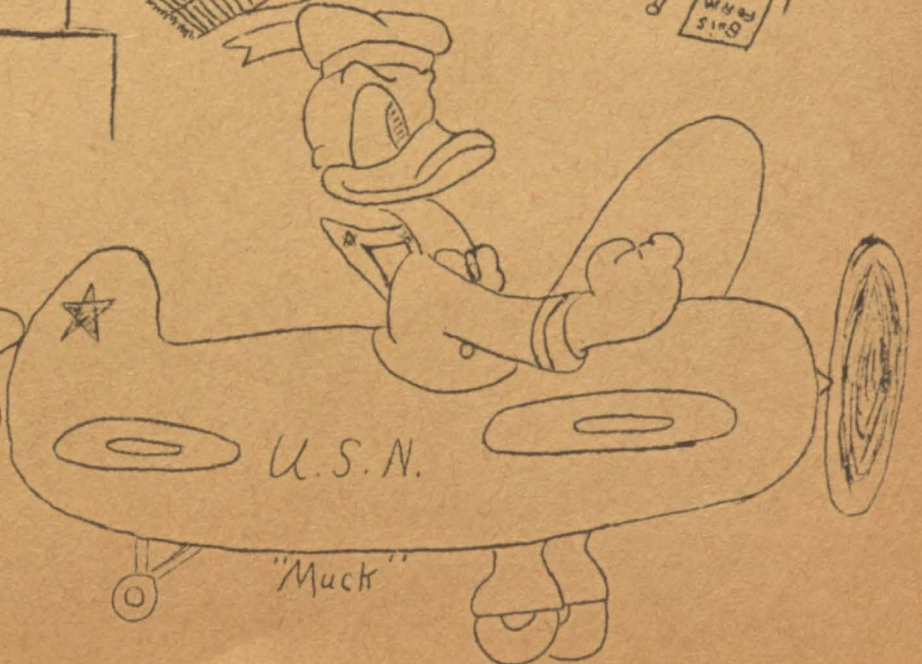
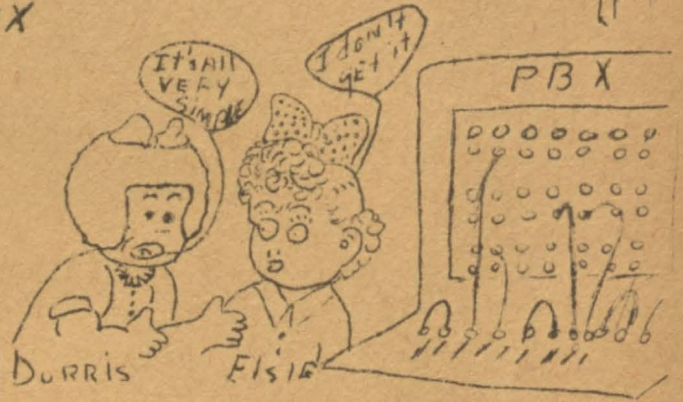
Seniors of 1943

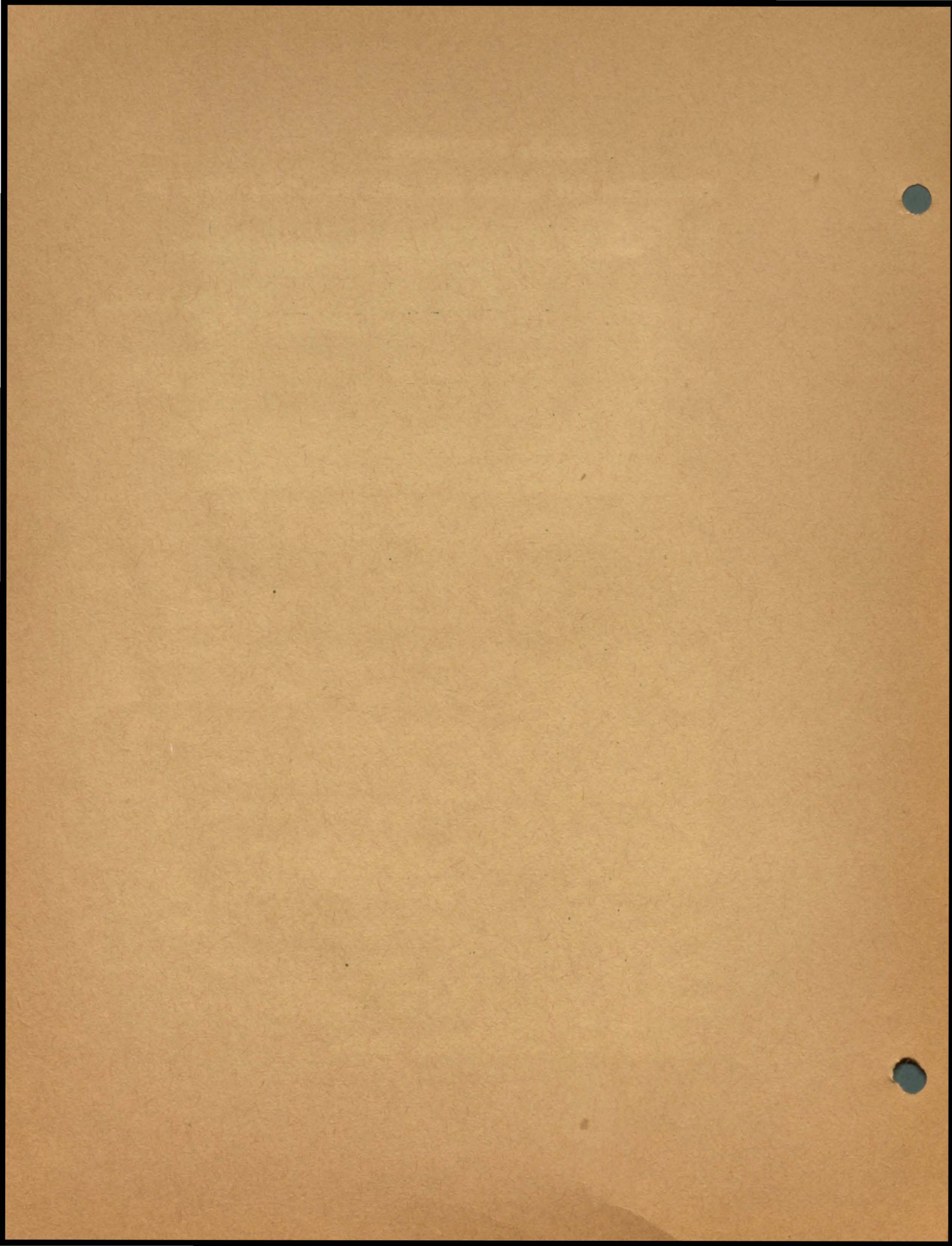
Our seniors may be a dumb looking lot,
But they just haven't shown you all they've got.
Let's take each one as they come,
Starting with the smartest one.
Here is "Estelle" the sweetest of all,
Studies hard and loves volley ball.
Then comes "Babe" a charming girl,
She'd rather dance than knit and purl.
"Eva" is quite and a modest one,
But she works and plays and has her fun.
As for "Dosey", I sometimes wonder,
But I think her mind is always yonder.
Now here is "Mickey" our typical May West,
She only does what she thinks best.
She and Vlasta read the magazines all,
You should see them in the study hall.
Here comes "Mary" and I should say Liz,
Because at writing shorthand she's a whiz.
"Katherine" is funny and all that,
But she'd look funnier if she wasn't so fat.
"Georgia Ann and Ginger" are crazy its true,
But the school couldn't go on without these two.
"Loretta" is romantic on the marrying side,
Went to town and came back as a bride.
"Cricket" we wonder when you'll marry,
We all know you're wild about Harry.
"Elsie" now is our one man lady,
She sticks to Edwin and we don't mean maybe.
Then we have "Wanda" so sweet and domure,
She's crazy about Lindsey of that we are sure.
"Dorris" likes to take a long ride,
She is a bit plump on the solid side.
Then there's "Otha" the life of the party,
The funniest girl and not a smarty.
"Louise" is the last of the Senior girls,
But take it from me she don't knit or purl.
Now let's take the boys in their rotation,
They are all wanting to fight for their nation.
But that will come sooner or later,
Right now their education is the greater.
First we have "Billy" that nice looking lad,
He works on the annual and never gets mad.
Then we have "Robert" the basketball fan,
One swell kid that will make a fine man.
"Cookie" that funny guy from town,
Is always having fun and acting like a clown.
Then there is "Bohus, Milton and Joe",
Three nice guys, but just a bit slow.
And last but not least we have "Lex"
Wonder why he wasn't named Tex.
Folks we hope you like this little dity,
We are all from the country and not from a city.



1943 SENIORS FOR DEFENSE

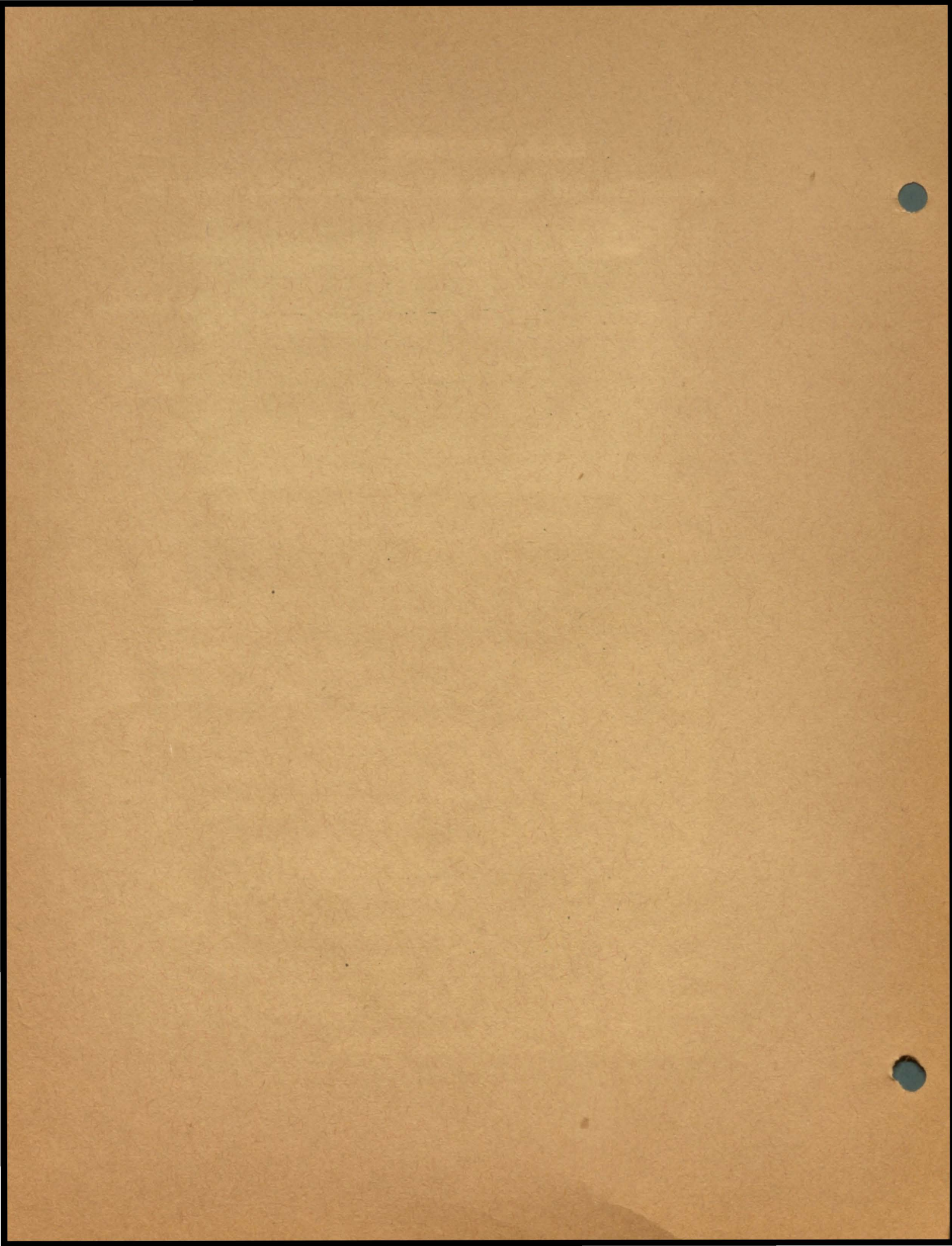






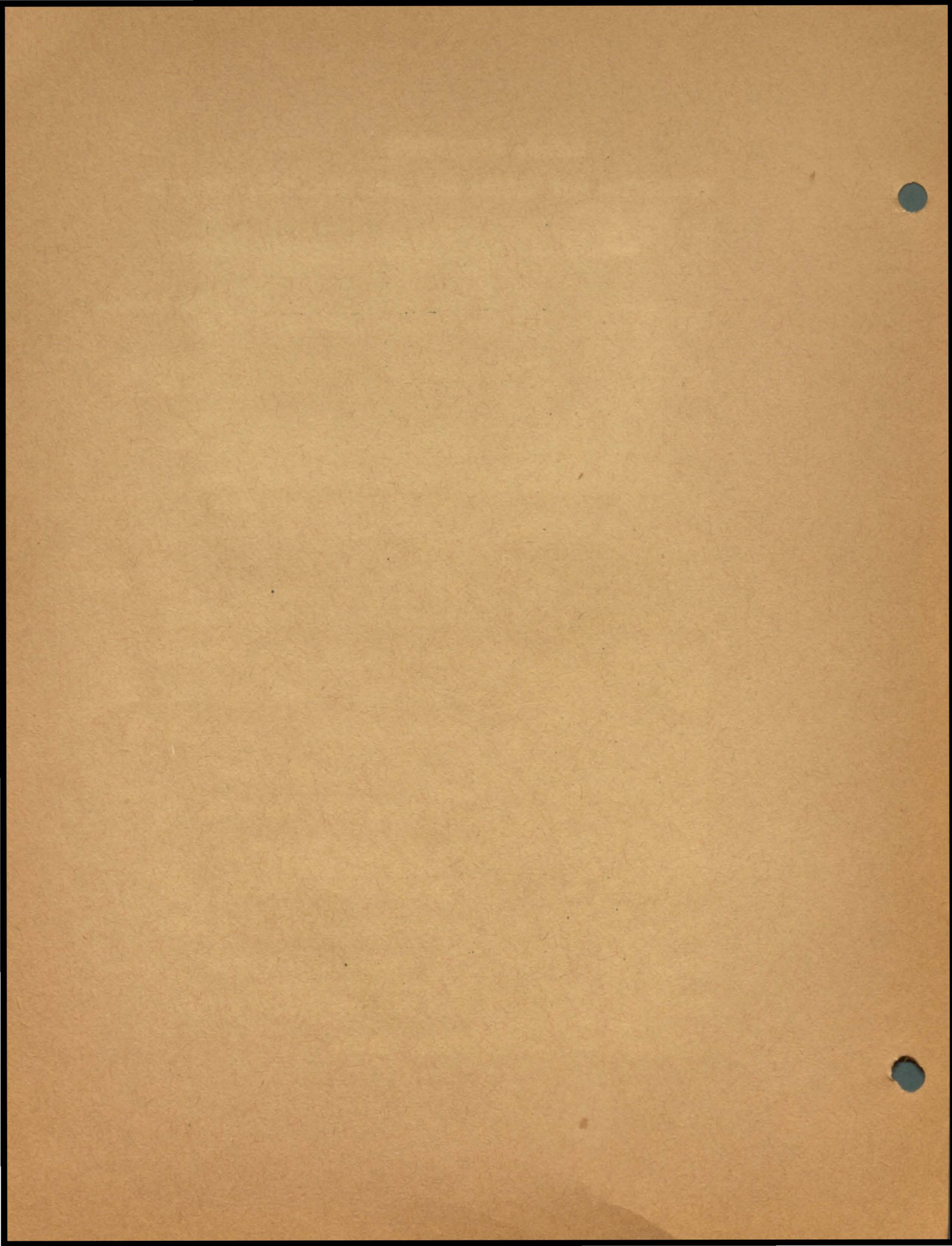
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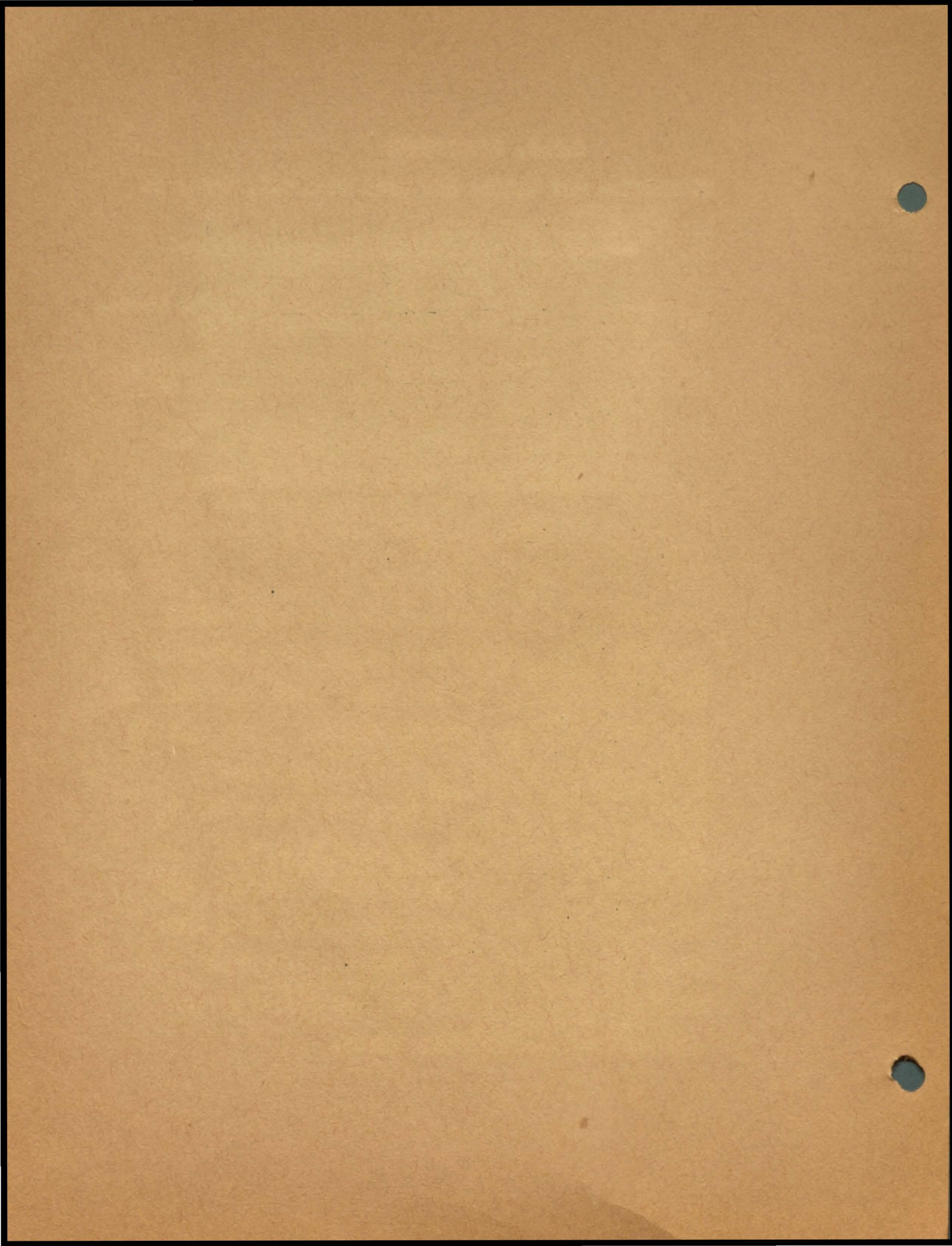
THE HEIGHT OF RIDICULOUS

Elsie is wide and John is stout, and the breathe of
Lorene is sweet,
And this is the time for George to sieze her off her
feet.
Ben's tired of going around himself with the star-
light on his face.
Lowell and Marcella want to exchange the outside for a
human dwelling place.
Garland never did see Willie Mae when she didn'
want to roam,
By Katheryn's Edith's, Mary's side or anywhere
except home.
Bessie will sit on the grass and stay at ease so
long as the sun is high,
But when Jewell calls she wants to get dressed to
sit under the moon and sky.
If Dolores calls Evelyn ignorant, I think she does
her wrong,
And Charlie never goes atraveling alone, but takes
Maxine along.
And the only reason Martha goes to school, as all
the Sophomores know,
It's just to play volley ball, and for the games to
which she goes.
Clara says that life's a highway, and it's milestone
are the years,
And sometimes Dudley or Elenora buys his way with tears.
It's a Harter road than you think, and it stretches
broad and far
But the "Coffin" leads to a golden town, where golden
houses are.

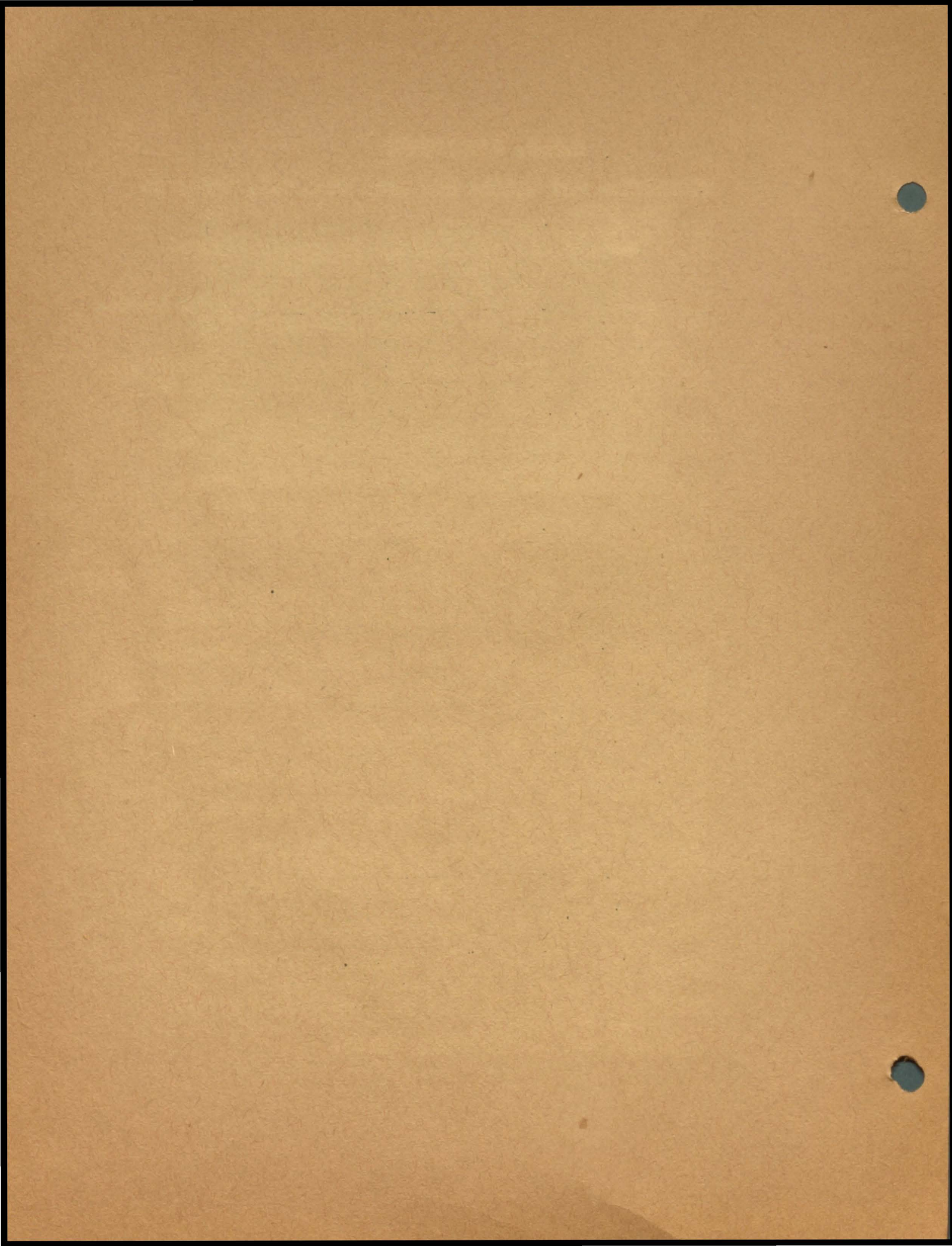


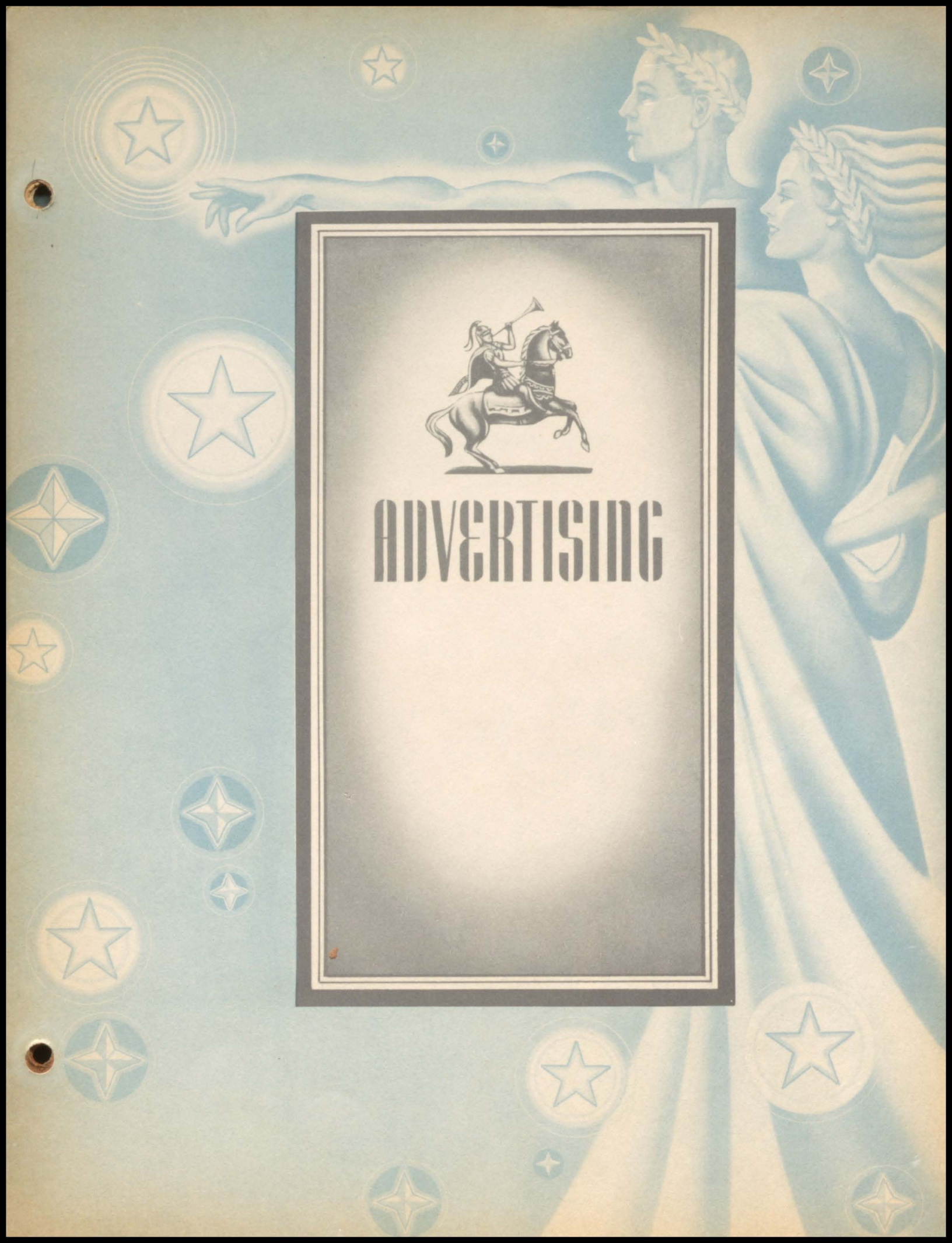


Who's foolin' who?
I seen ya' when ya' done it

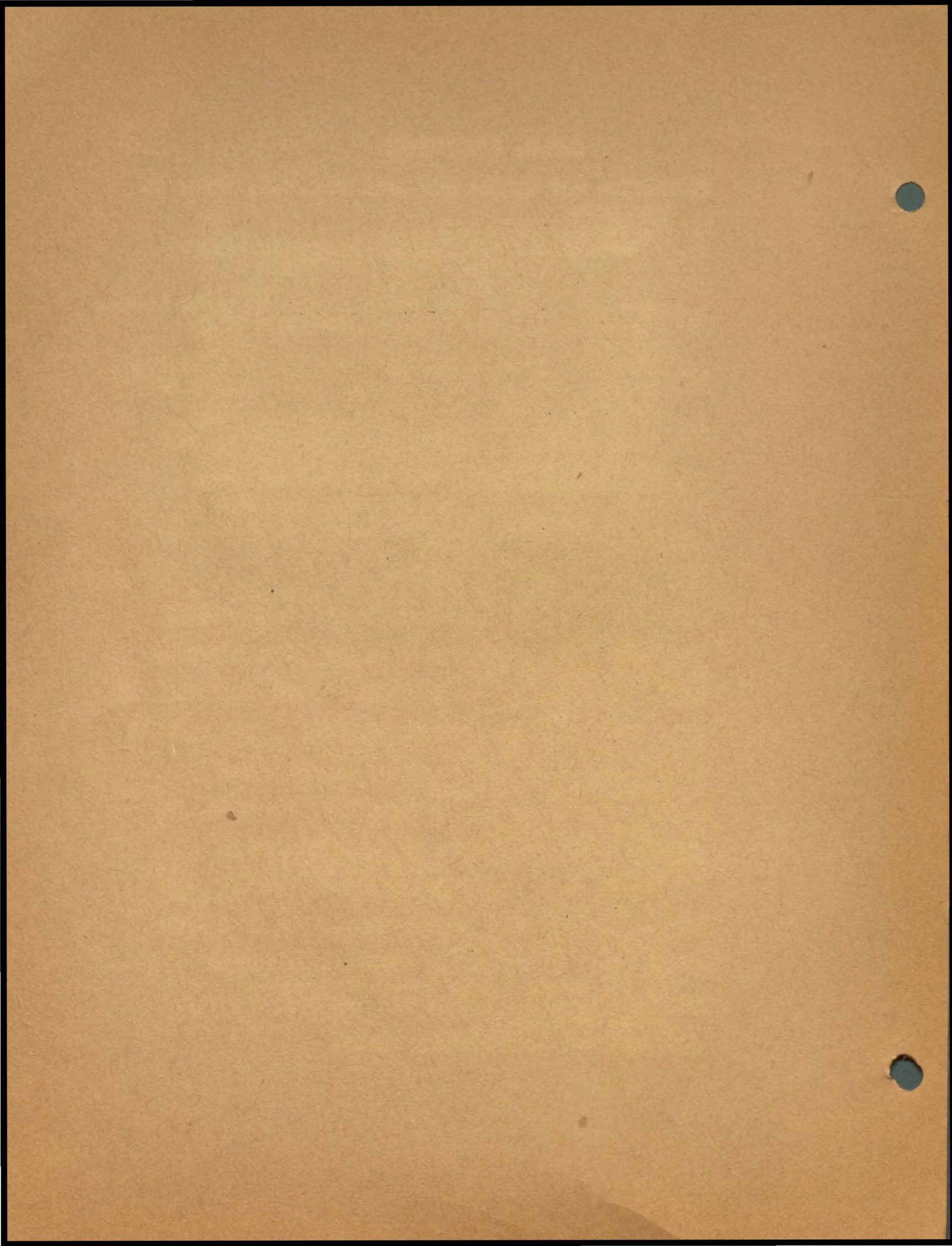








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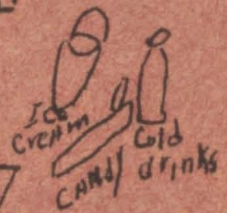
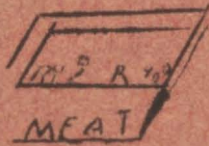
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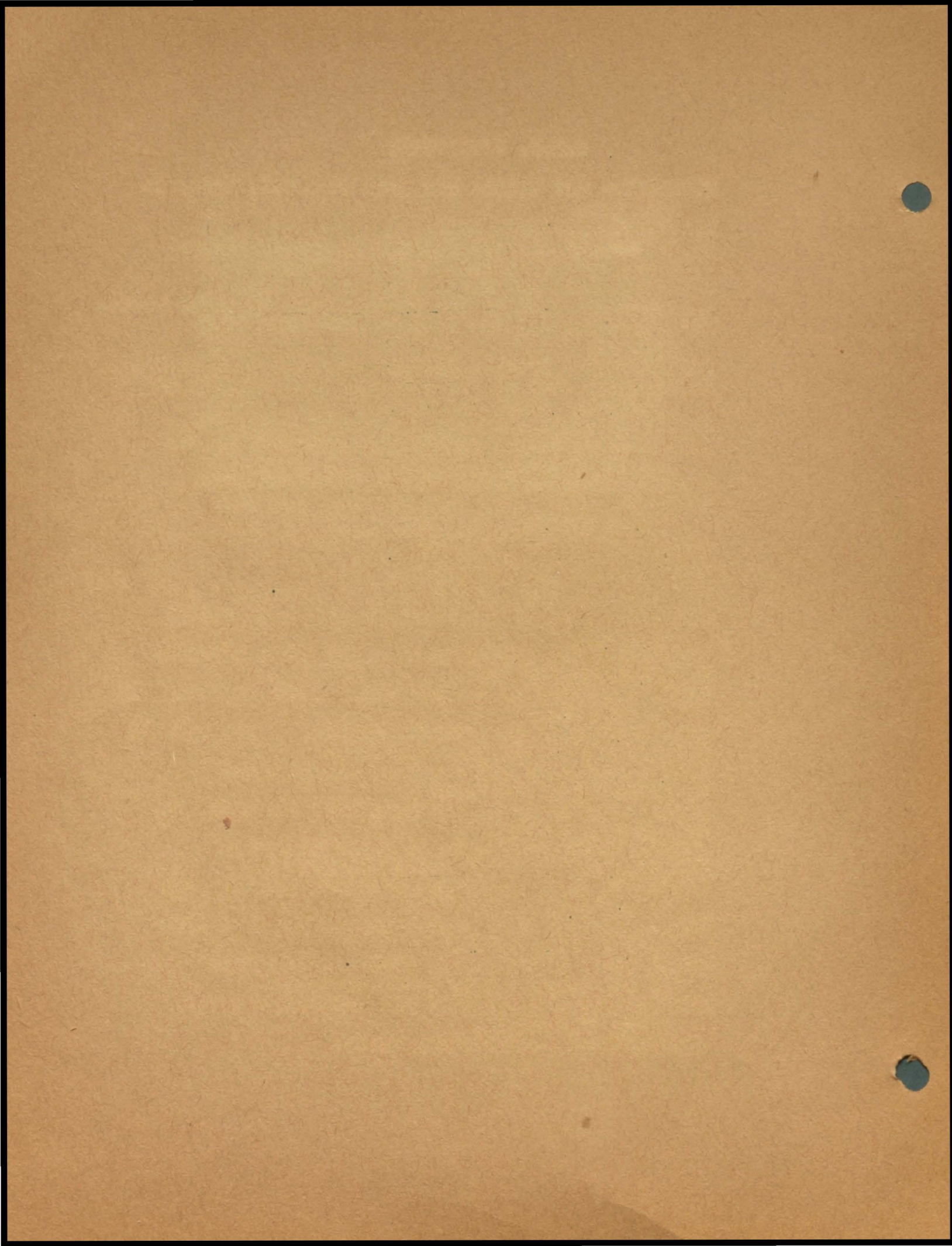
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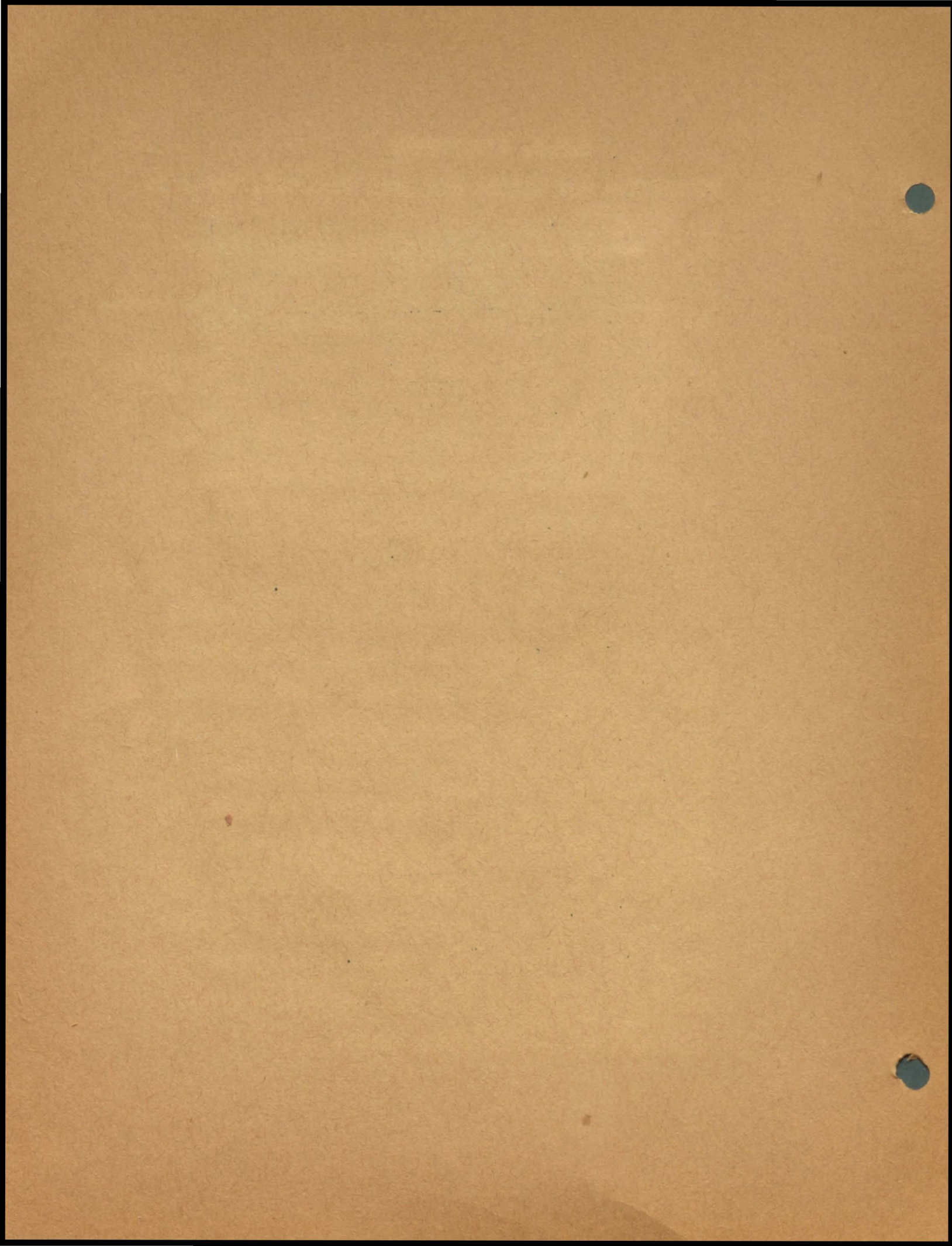


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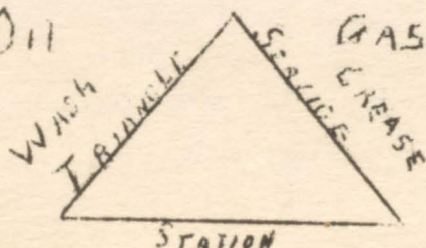
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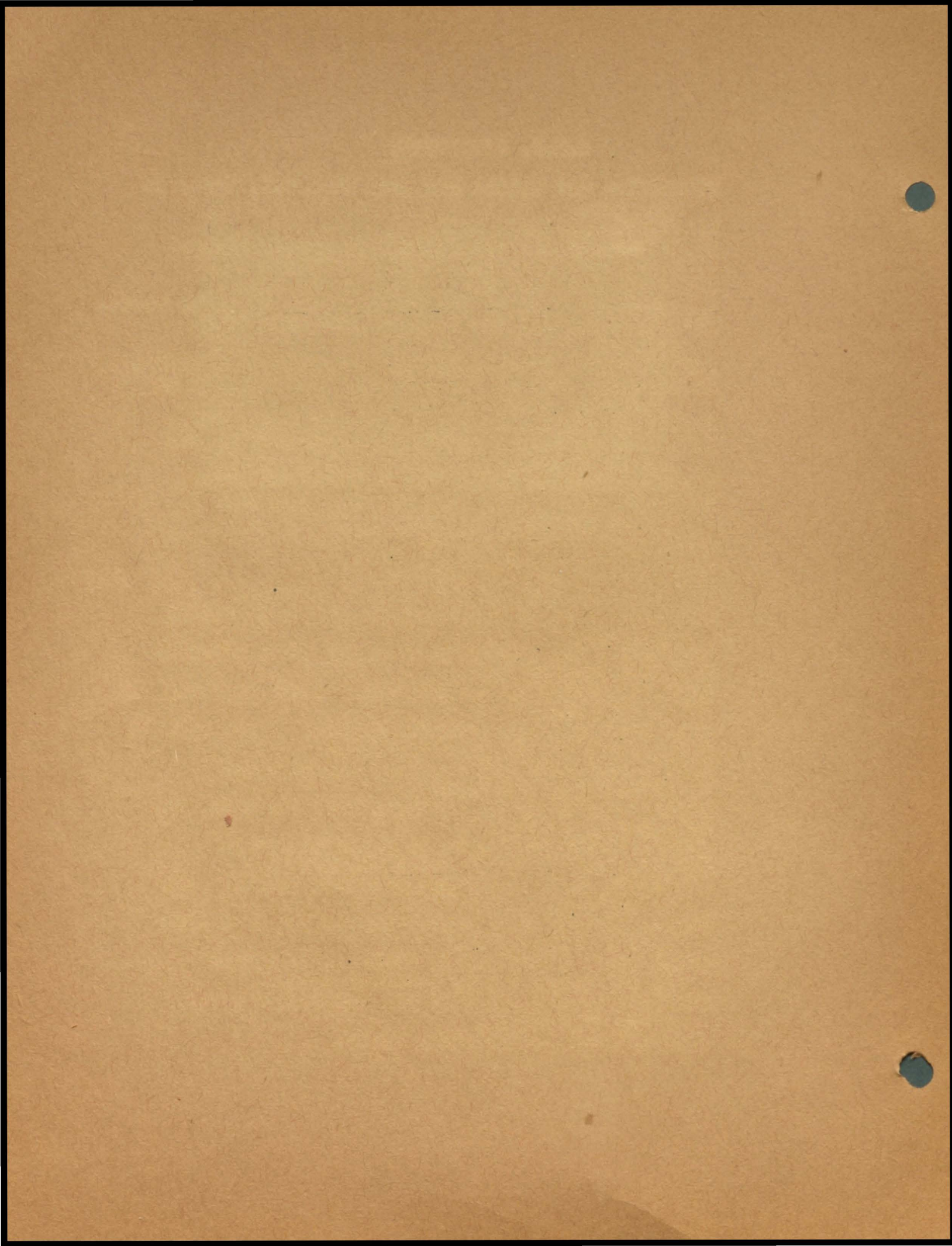
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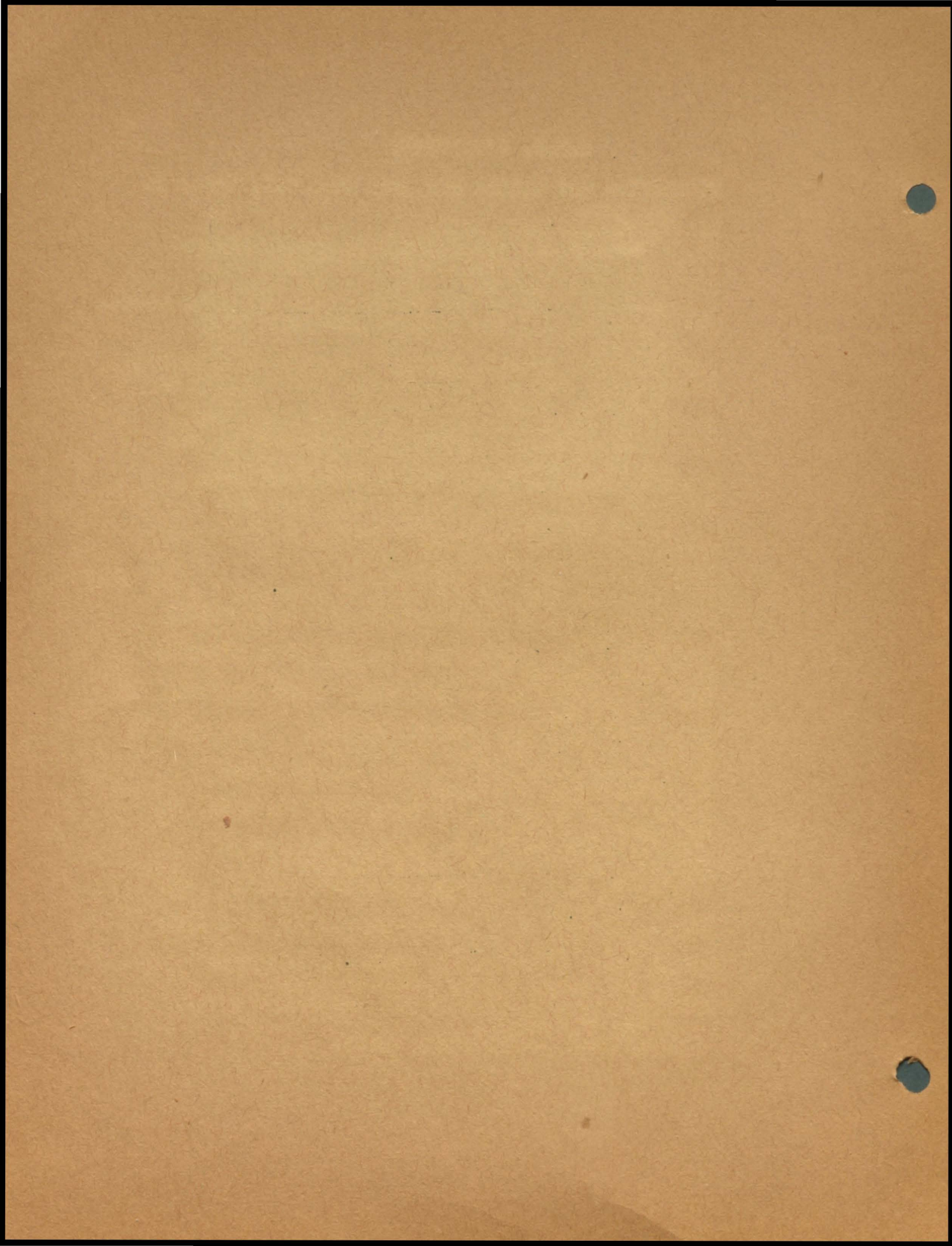
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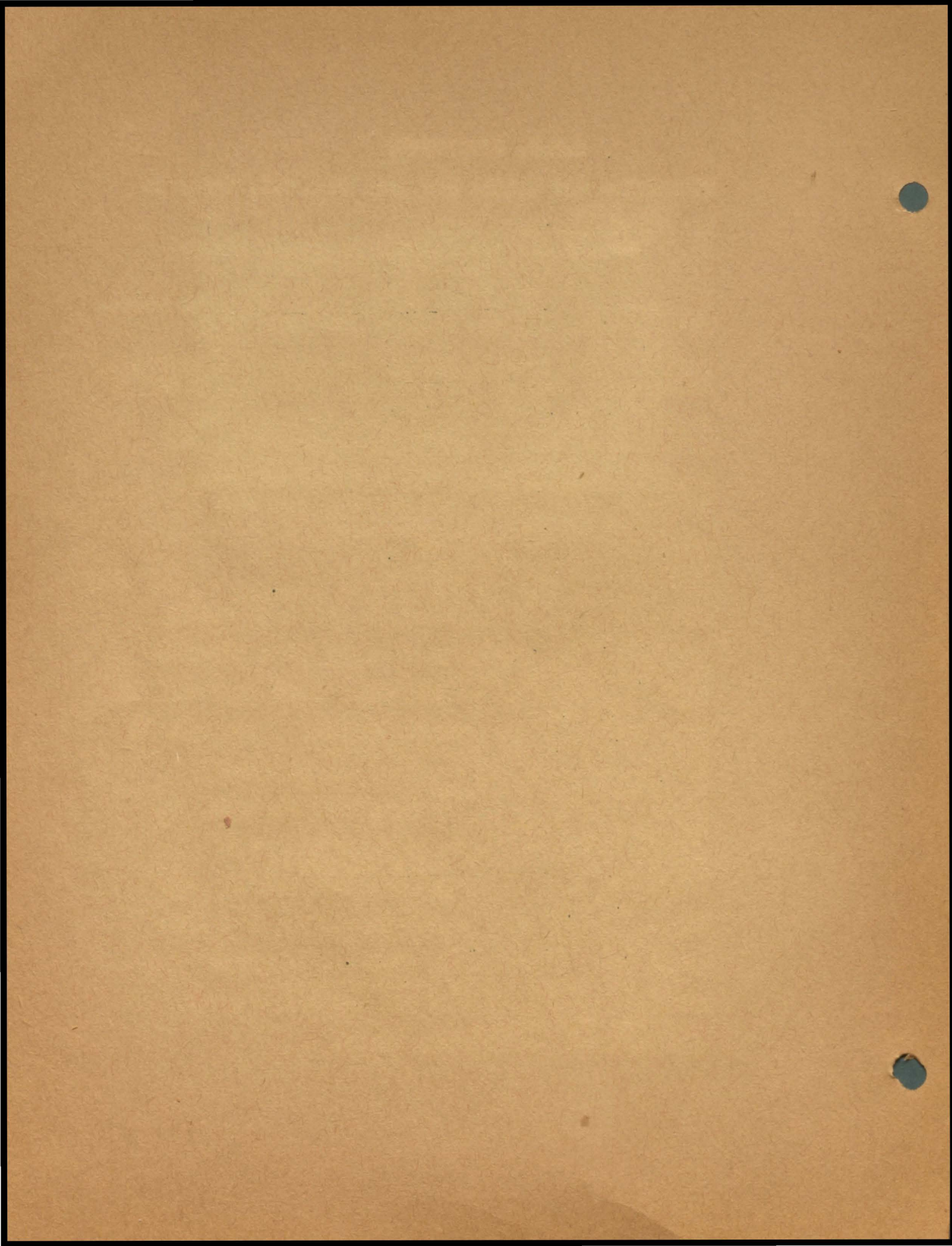
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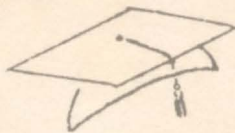
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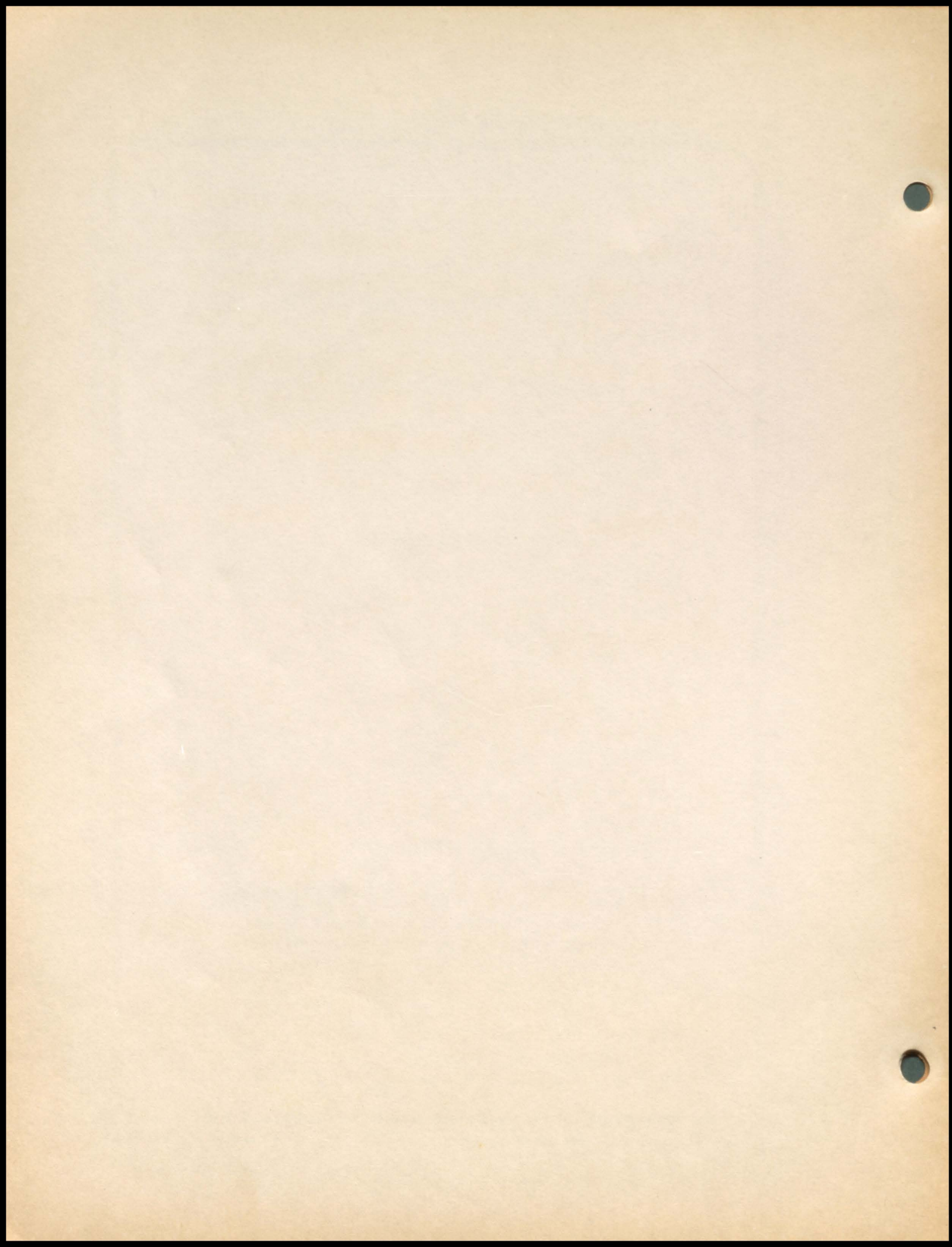
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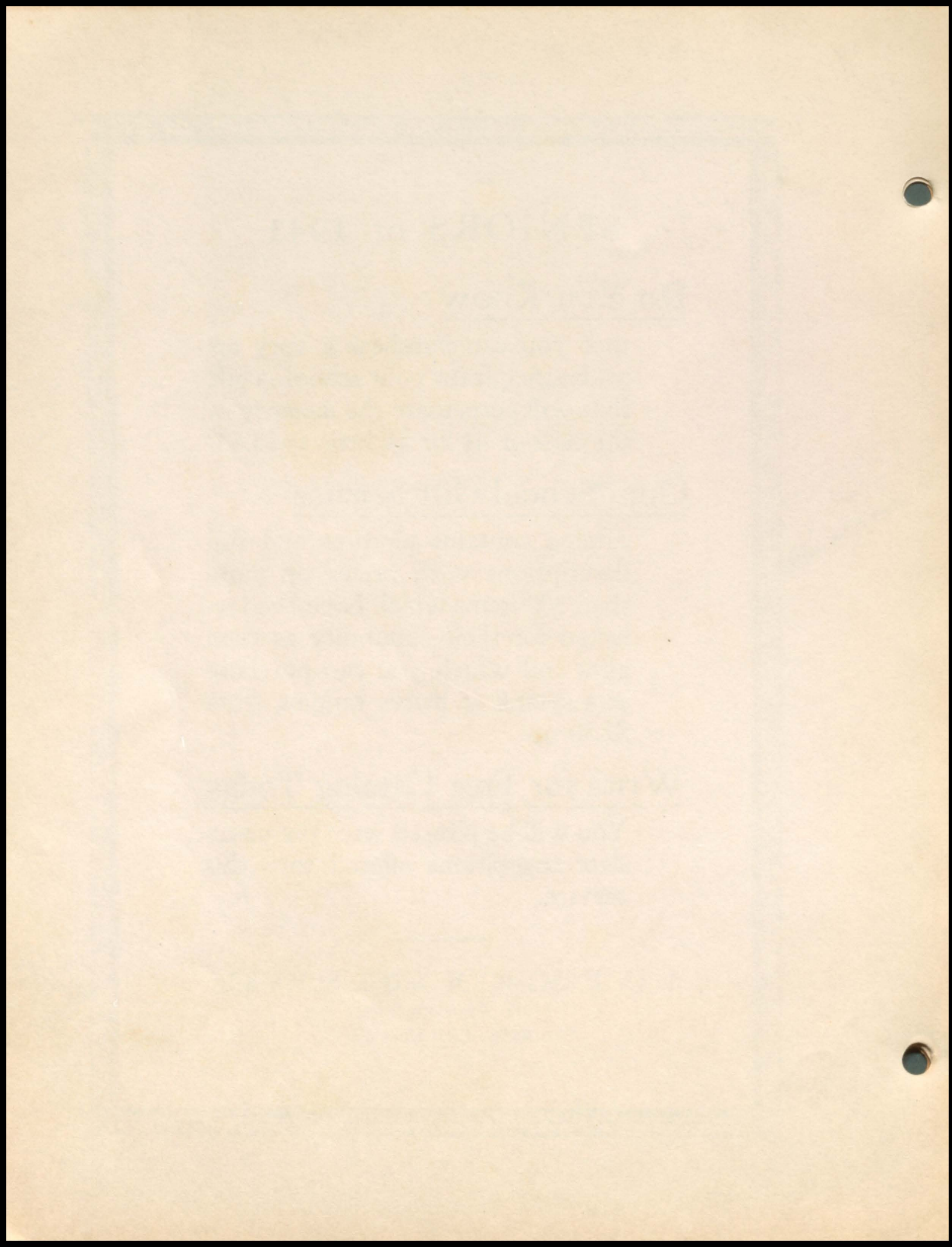
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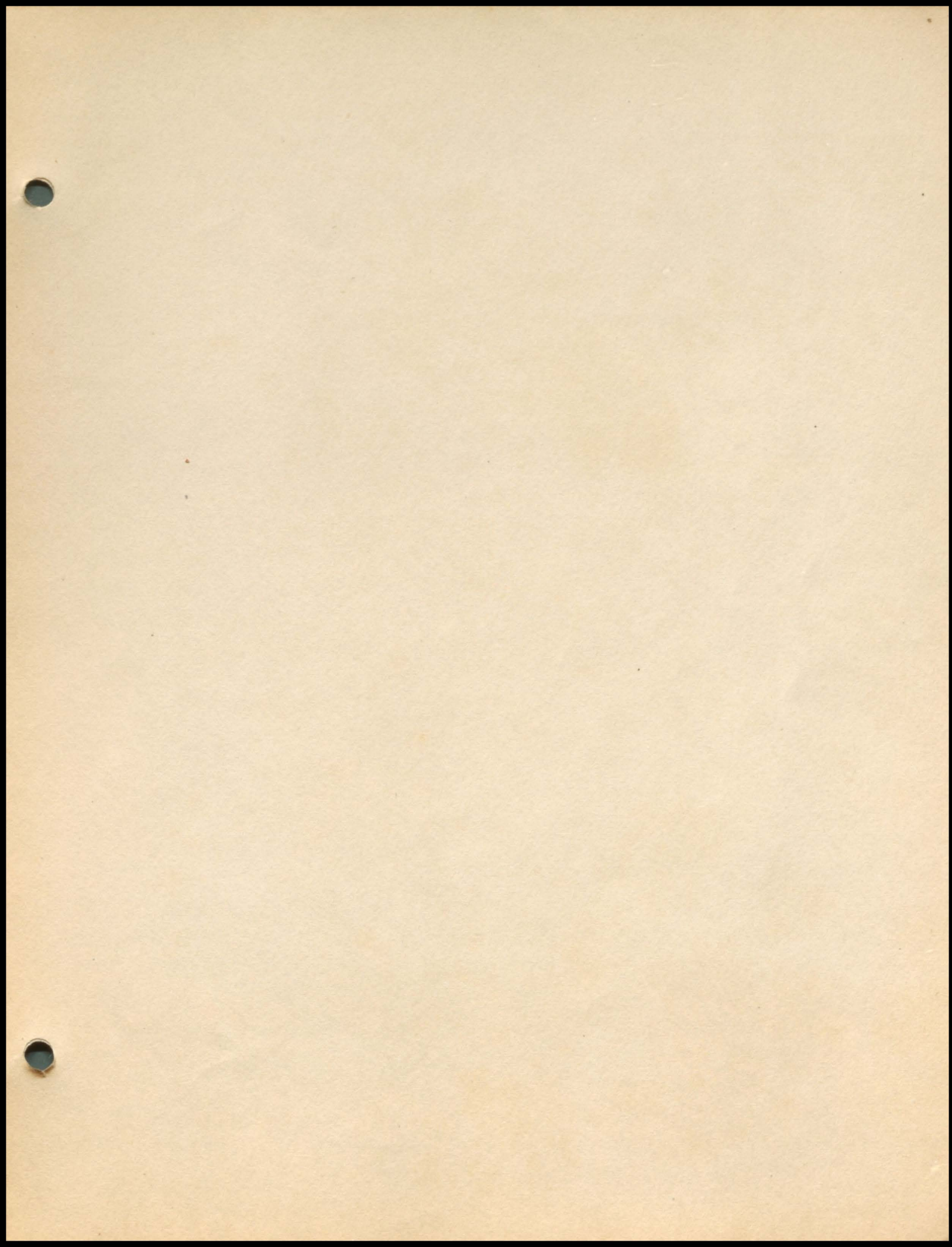
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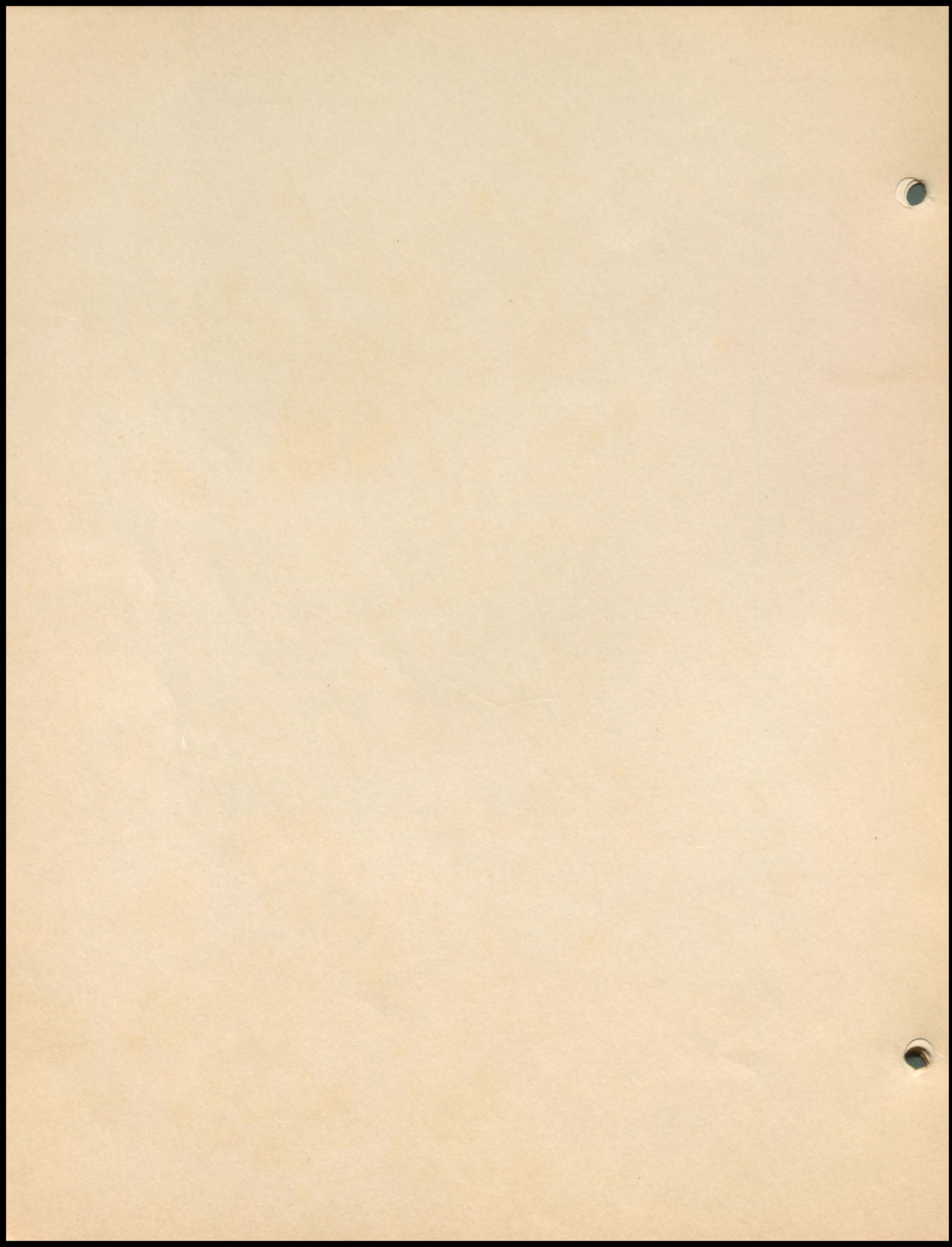
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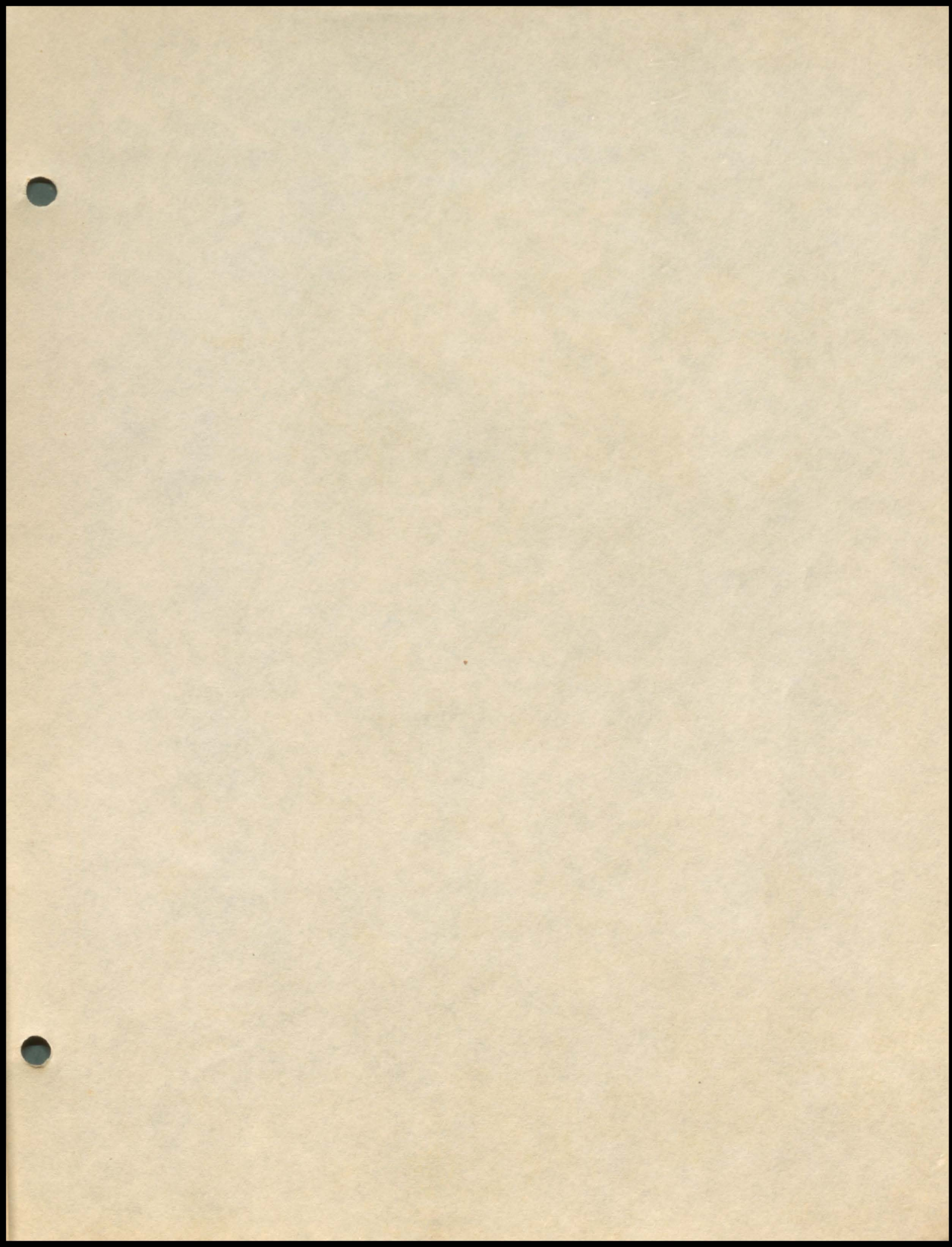
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