

THE BLACK CAT

PLANTATION Recalled DAYS

Elizabeth Matchett Edt Elbert Doughtie Art Edt Carl Anderson Bus. Mgr.









To coy belles and gallant gentlemen of Plantation Days, life was a vigorous pursuit of social grace, military success, and personal honor.

Through days of seriousness and pleasure mingled the genteel drawl from aristocratic drawing rooms and the spontaneous, echoing laughter of slaves in the cotton fields.

Life was gay; life was worthwhile.

And in the hearts of her people, master and slave, burned the torch of a deep loyalty to the ideals of the Old South.

It is this loyalty, this abiding appreciation of her solid virtues and her luxuriant beauty, her courageous ideals and wholesome pleasures, that forms our heritage as today's sons and daughters of Plantation Days. To us, as Seniors in high school, life has been a vigorous pursuit of knowledge, poise, and personal achievement.

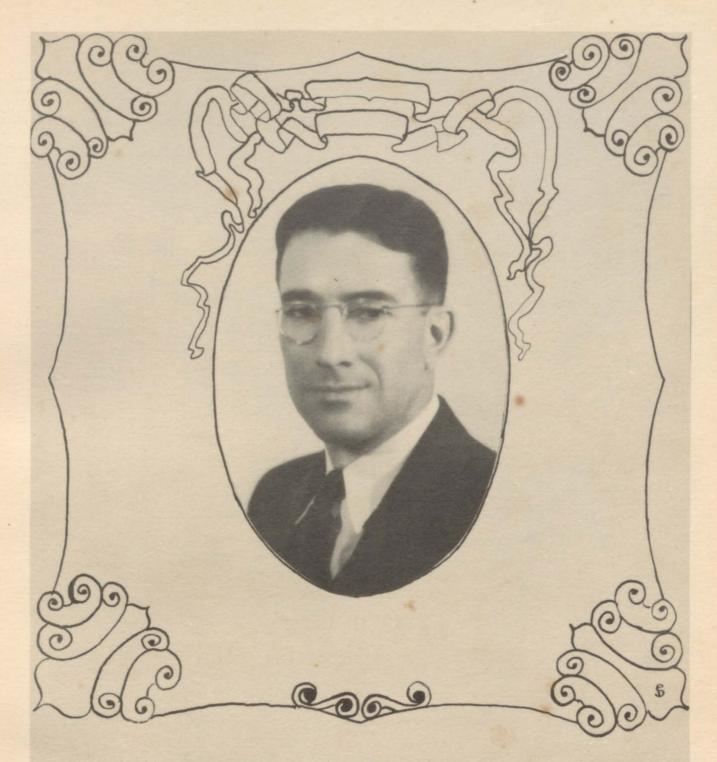
Through days of seriousness and pleasure have mingled the busy hum of recitation and the carefree, laughing chatter of our lighter moods.

Life has been earnest, but joyous withal.

And ever in our hearts has burned the torch of loyalty to Bay City High.

It is this loyalty—to her high record of scholarship, citizenship, sportsmanship, and personal honor—that we challenge you, Undergrads, to guard and keep.

And it is in memory of the days spent in wholesome pleasures and earnest endeavors that we, coy belles and gallant gentlemen of '38, publish this book.



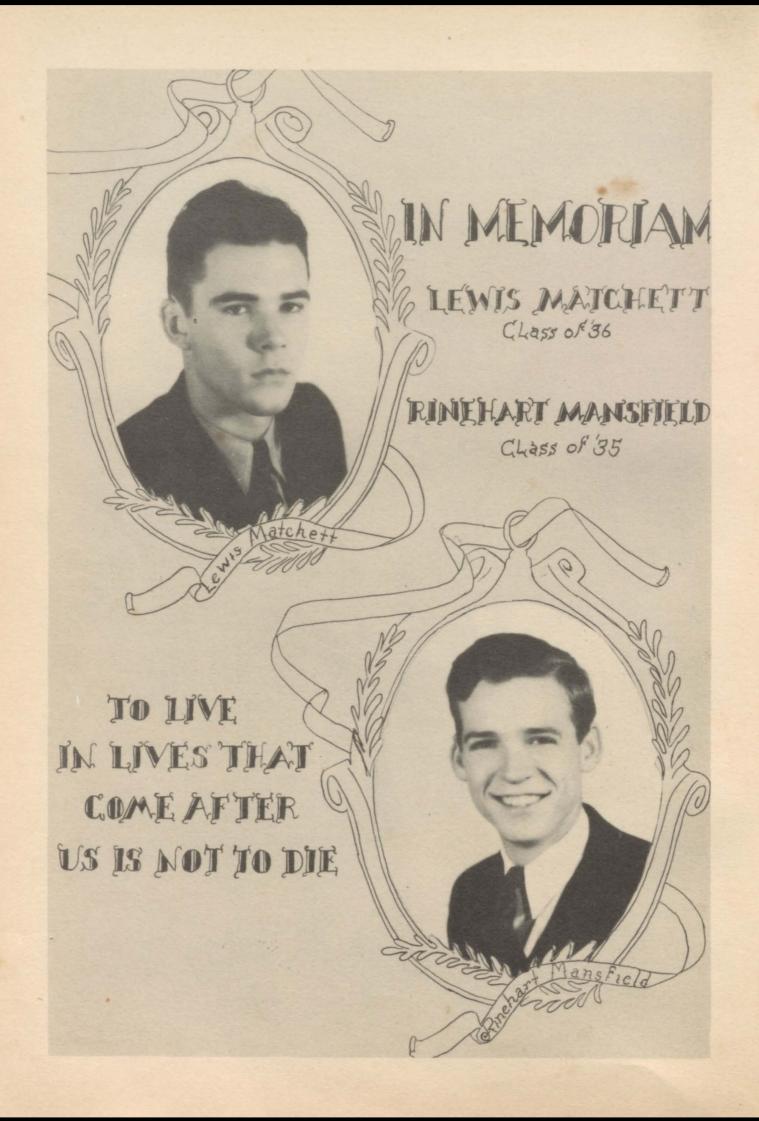
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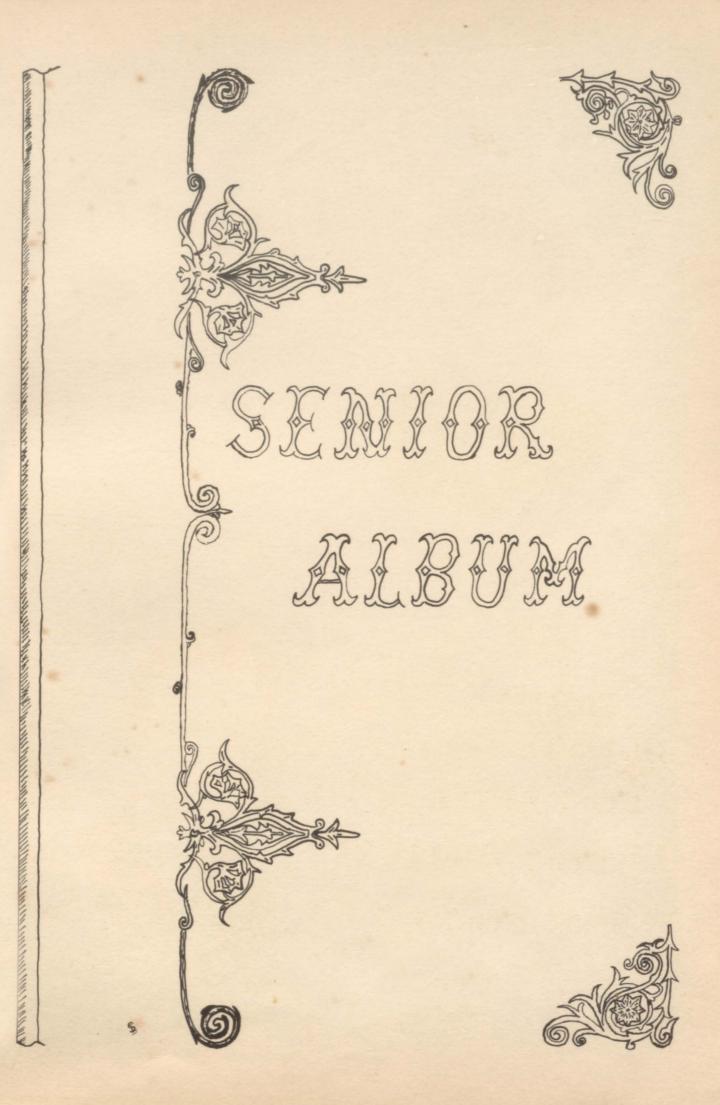
whose broad spirit, keen intellect, and loyalty to the Bay City Schools will long be remembered by the student body. In appreciation of his efficient service, we dedicate this volume of the BLACK CAT to our friend and superintendent,

MR. E. O. HUTCHESON



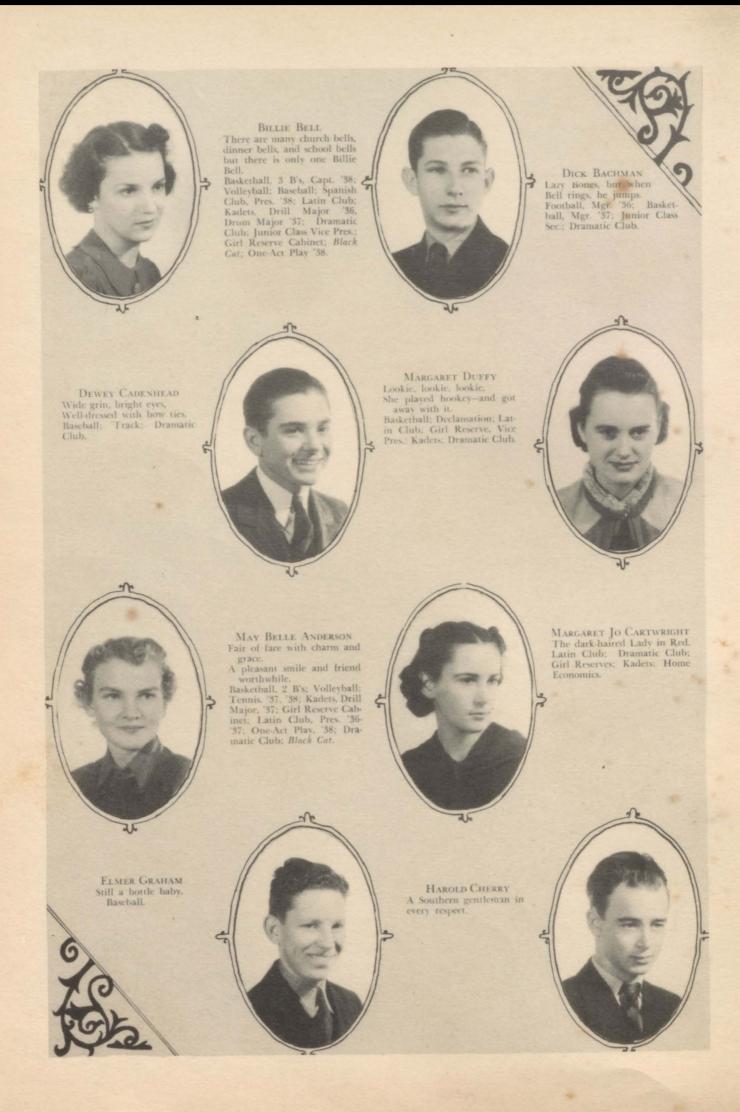




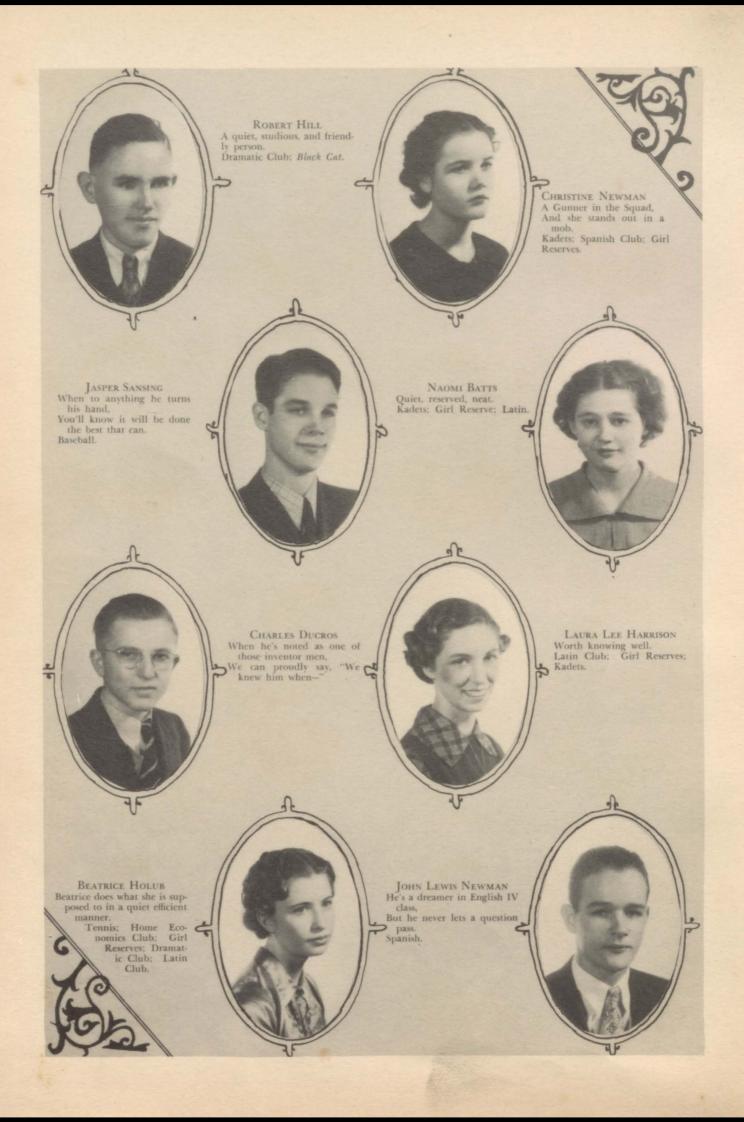








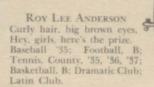














TRUETT RAINER A fine sport on and off the athletic field.

Basketball, 3 B's; Football, 2 B's, Capt. '37; Senior Class Vice Pres; Dramatic Club; Latin Club; One-Act Play '38; Black Cat. Black Cat.



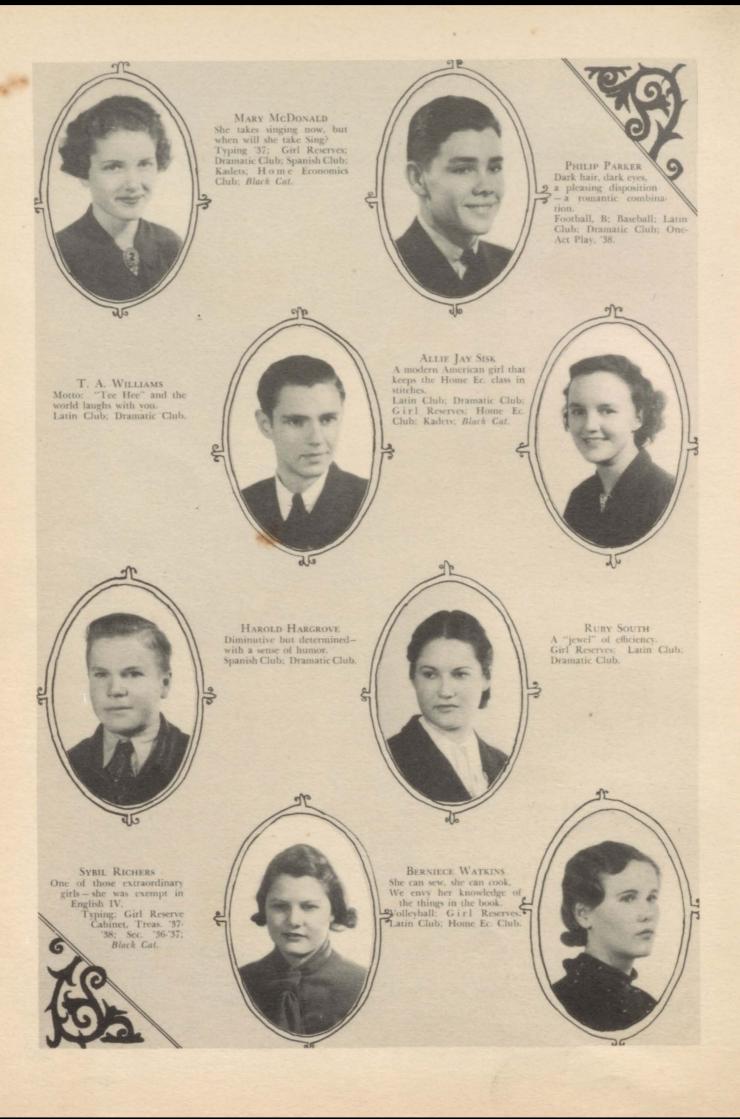
JOHNNIE WEAR
Oh Wear, oh Wear, has our
Johnnie gone?
To spend his time with a
musical Horn. Dramatic Club; Track



MARY ALICE HORN
Mary, Mary, pretty Mary, how
does your garden grow?
Johnny-jump-ups. my dear,
are all I care to show.
Basketball, B; Volleyball,
Captain '37; Kadets,
Cheer Leader '36-'37;
Latin Club; Dra
matic Club; Girl

matic Club; Girl Reserves Cabi-net, Pres. '87-38; Black Cat.







ROBERT WINSTON
Poker-faced vocabulary wizard.
Football B; Black Cat; Track.

HAZEL WOLFFARTH

Hobby: Plane Geometry (attention & Mrs. Wynne) and Yankees. Latin Club; Spanish Club; Girl Reserves; Dramatic Club; Kadets; Black Cat.



ALBERT HITE

Ambitious, persevering.

Basketball '36, '37; Baseball '34, '35.

To the Senior of 1938:

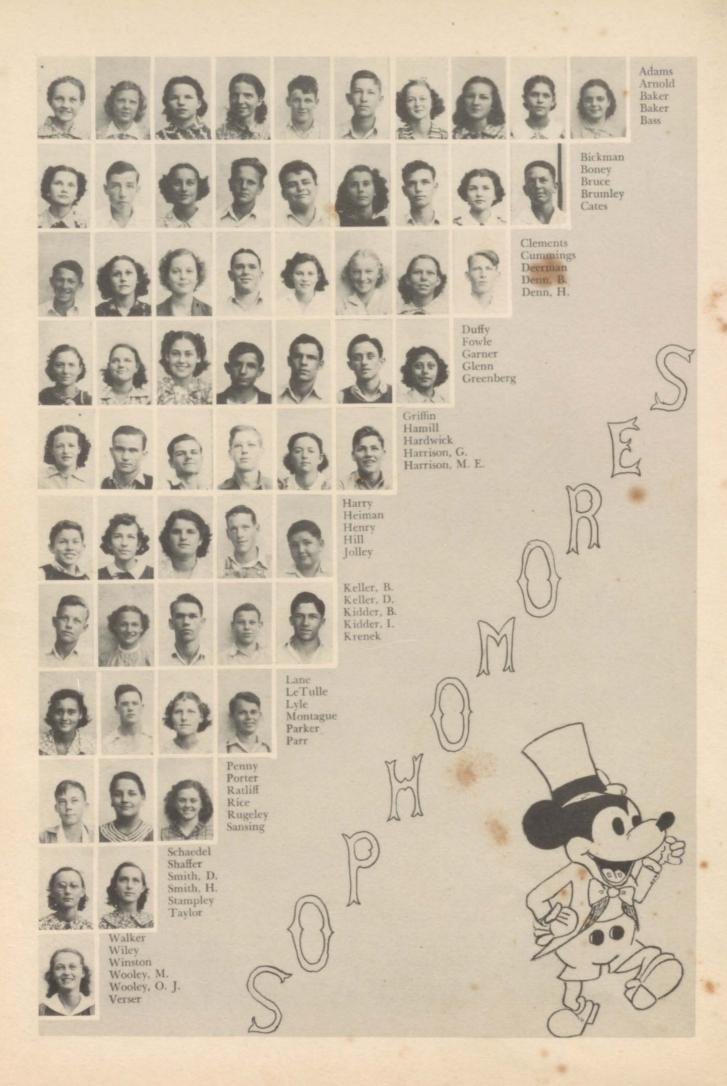
I trust your four years in high school have, in part at least, fitted you to enter into the affairs of our complex society. I hope you will never become satisfied, but will ever thrive to advance in your chosen field of service.

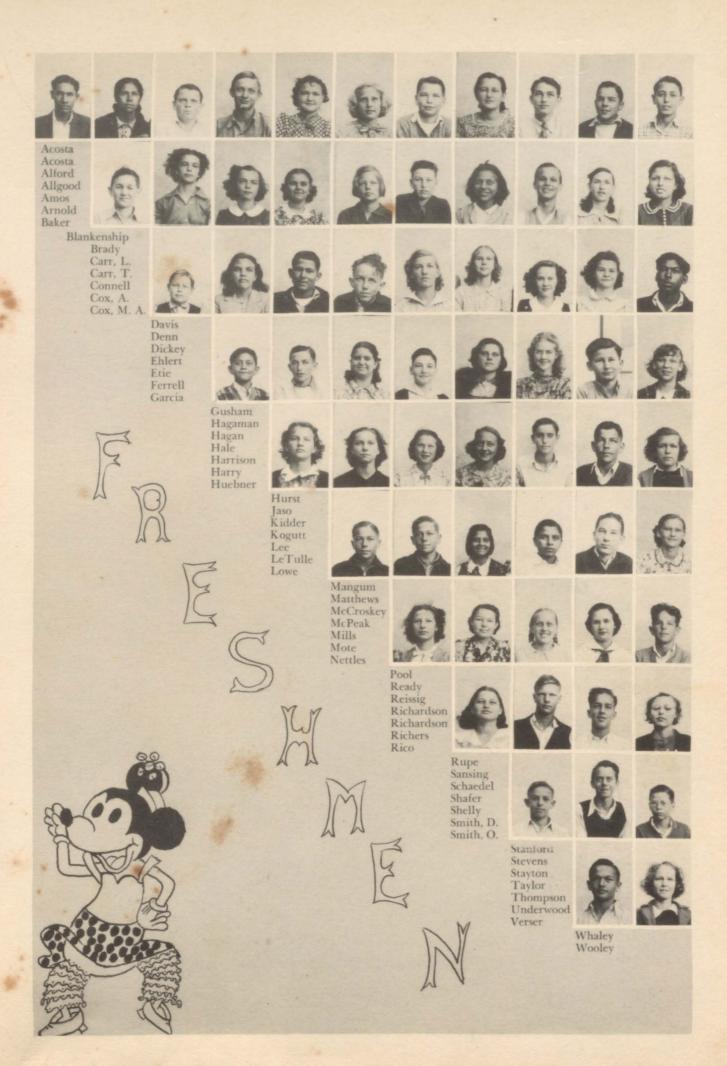
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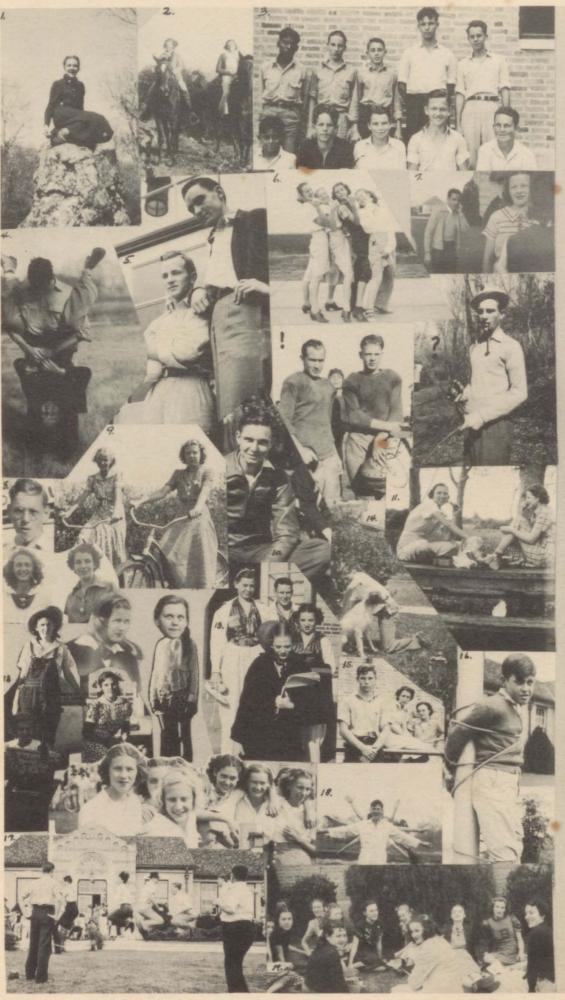
Juniors Senior FAY SMITH ZATHE LOW DICKEY Freshmen ZINA FOWLE SYBIE RICHERS FERN SCHMERSAHL LOUISE AMOS GENEVIEVE VERSER ELIZABETH MATCHETT Sophomores AUBIN COX MARY GARCIA BETTY MILES MINNIE LEE SCHAEDEL NORMA LOWE MARGEY JOLLEY VAN SHAW TRYLOT SAMUEL LYLE ADELBERT VERSER MARTHA RUGELEY





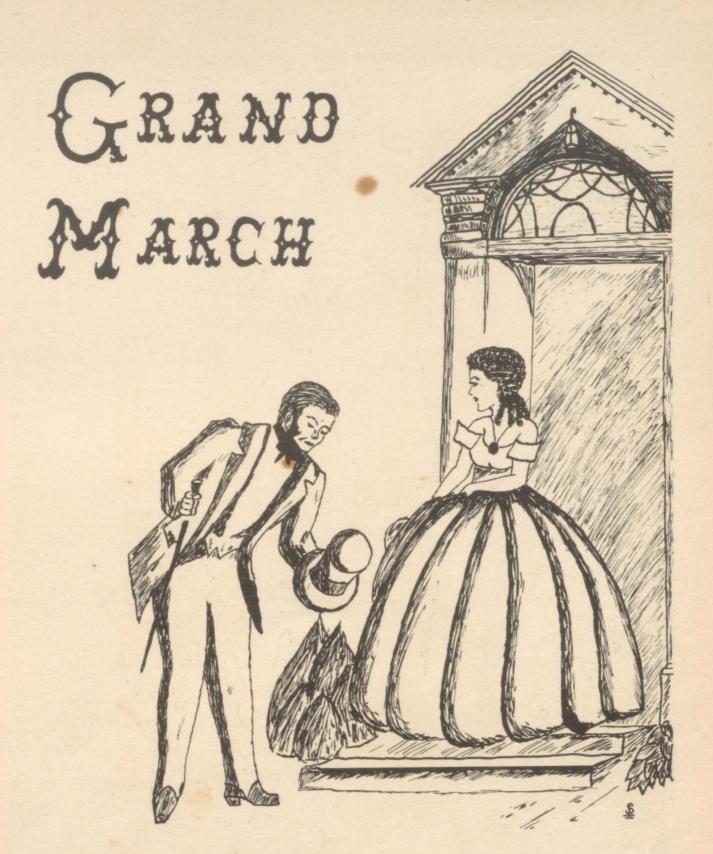






- 1. Sittin' high on a rock.
- 2. Two little cowgirls.
- 3. The boys county baseball team.
- 4. One of us is upside down.
- 5. Two sheiks.
- 6. Goin' our way?
- 7. The great prof. of science and math.
- 8. Could this by chance be Billy?
- 9. Out for their daily dozen.
- 10. Harry to you.
- 11. Please girls, don't be stingy.
- 12. Those Latin initiates.
- 13. Off again!
- 14. It must be Saturday.
- 15. So this is where he spends all his spare time.
- 16. Am I mad! Just wait and see.
- 17. Caught in mid-air.
- 18. Who is Gene unsuccessfully trying to shield?
- 19. Don't mind us, what was that you were saying?
- 20. A day at county meet featuring some of the hard workers.

All unnumbered pictures are left for you to figure out to the best of your ability. We got tired.



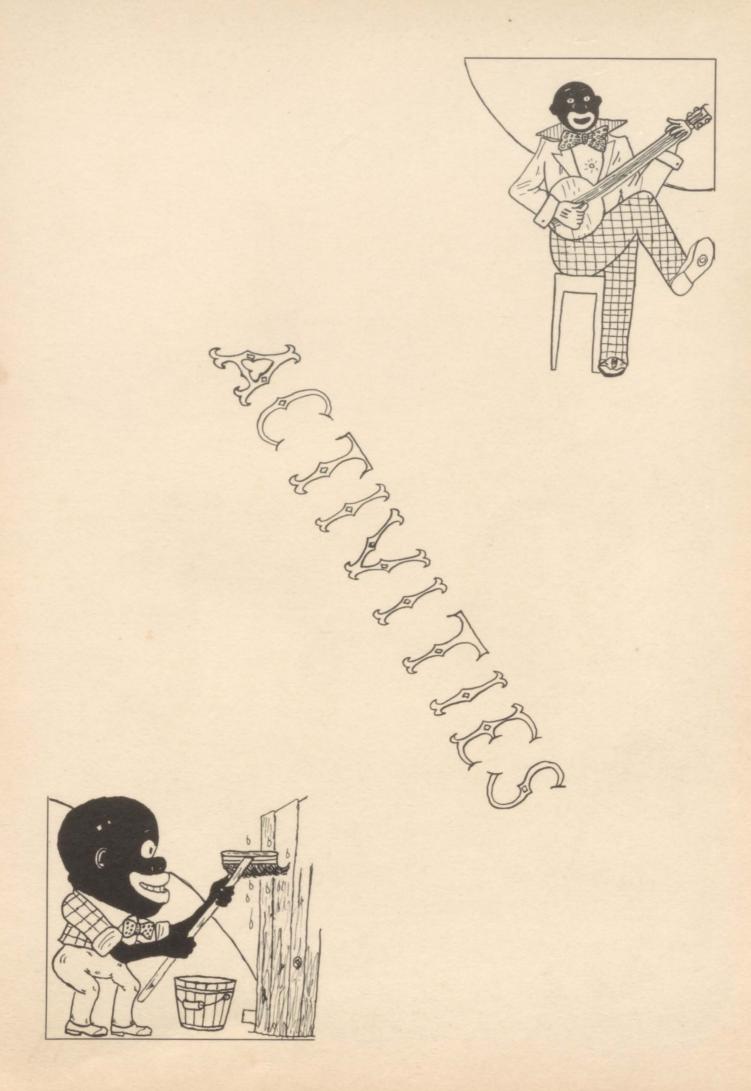


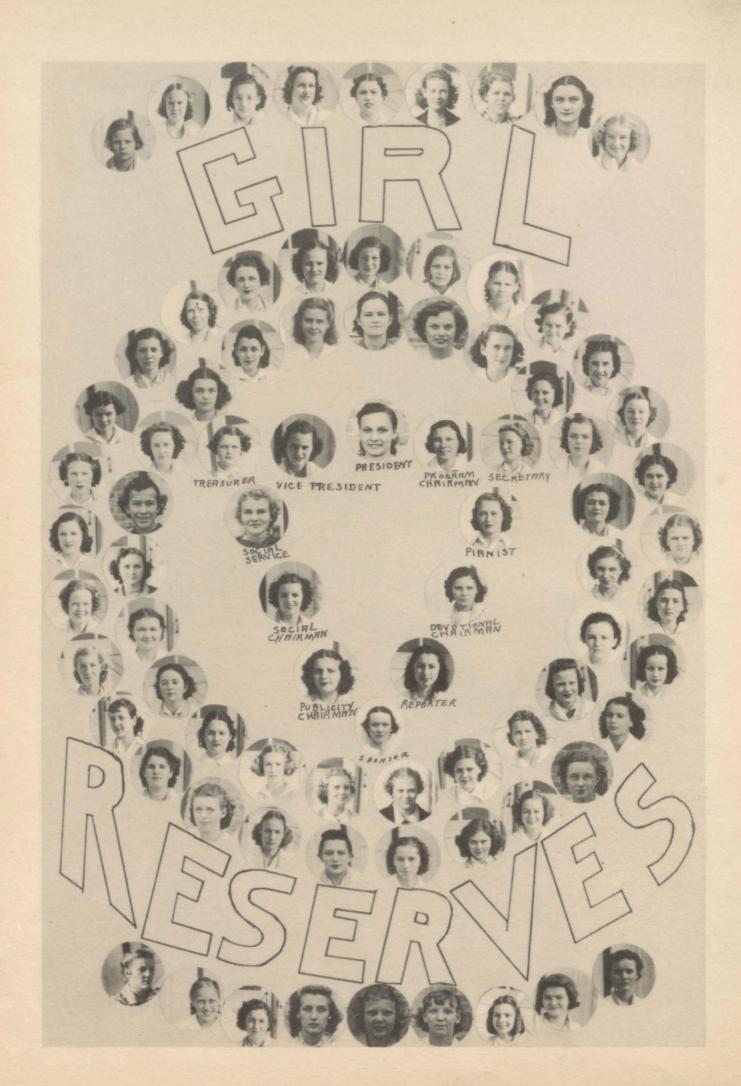




Mary Nell Verser LAwrence Shaffer













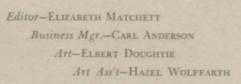
STAFF of the BLACK



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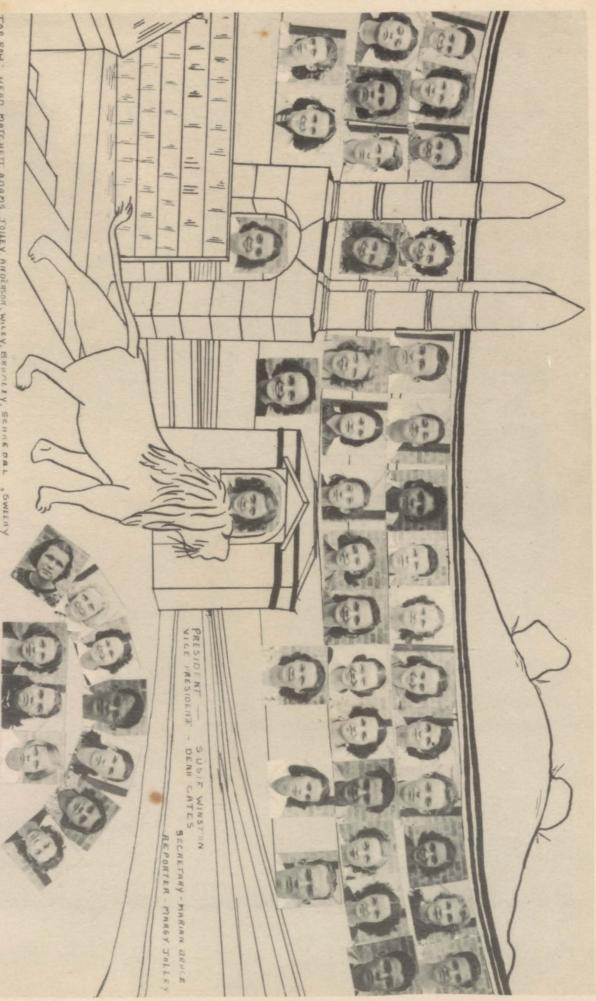
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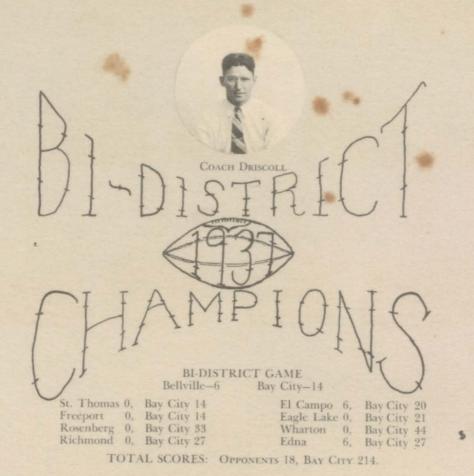


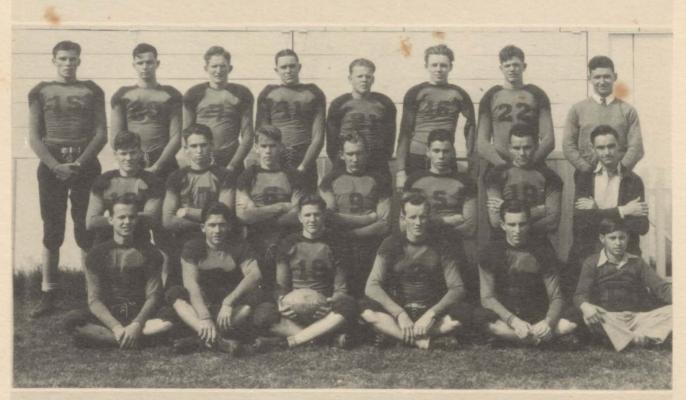
TOP ROW: HEAD, MATCHETT, ADAMS, JOLLEY, ANDERSON, WILLY, BRUNLEY, SCHAEDAL , SWEERY

SECOND ROW: BATTS WATKINS HEIMEN BRUCE ARNOLD SOUTH KELLER HOLUB HORN, WOFFOTH BELL WILLIAMS MEYER WALKER PARKER

BOTTON ROW: SCHAEDEL, HAGAMAN, DENN TOPROW: REISSIG, ARNOLD, CHAPMAN, TAYLOR, FERRILL, LOWE, BOWIE







SQUAD

Standing: Engle, Fowle, Harrison, Hardwick, Creech, Winston, MacDonald, Driscoll, coach. Second Row: G. Parker, Johnson, Sansing, Kappe, P. Parker, Anderson, Horn, Assistant Mgr. Seated: Etie, Shaffer, Rainer, Curtis, Doughtie, Yeager, Mgr. Wilkinson (picture does not appear).



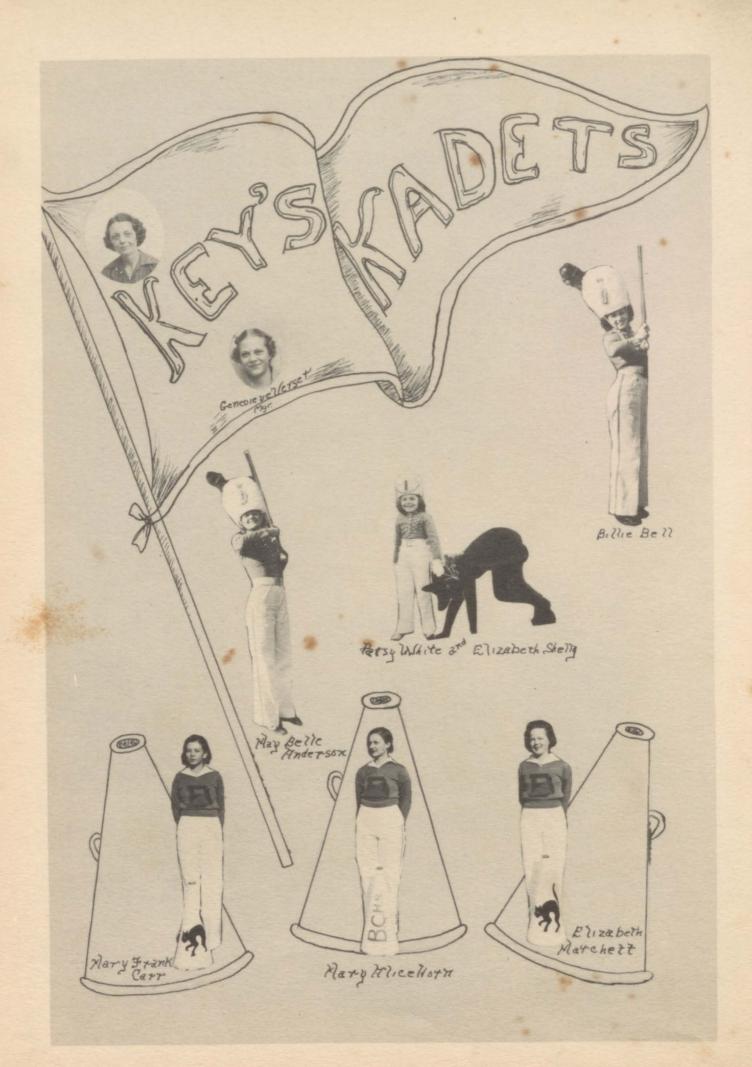
Coach Driscoll has climaxed a series of four district wins with the first bi-district victory in school history. He well deserves the applause of the entire community, not only for his football technique but also for the fine principles of fair play and manhood his boys have learned from him.

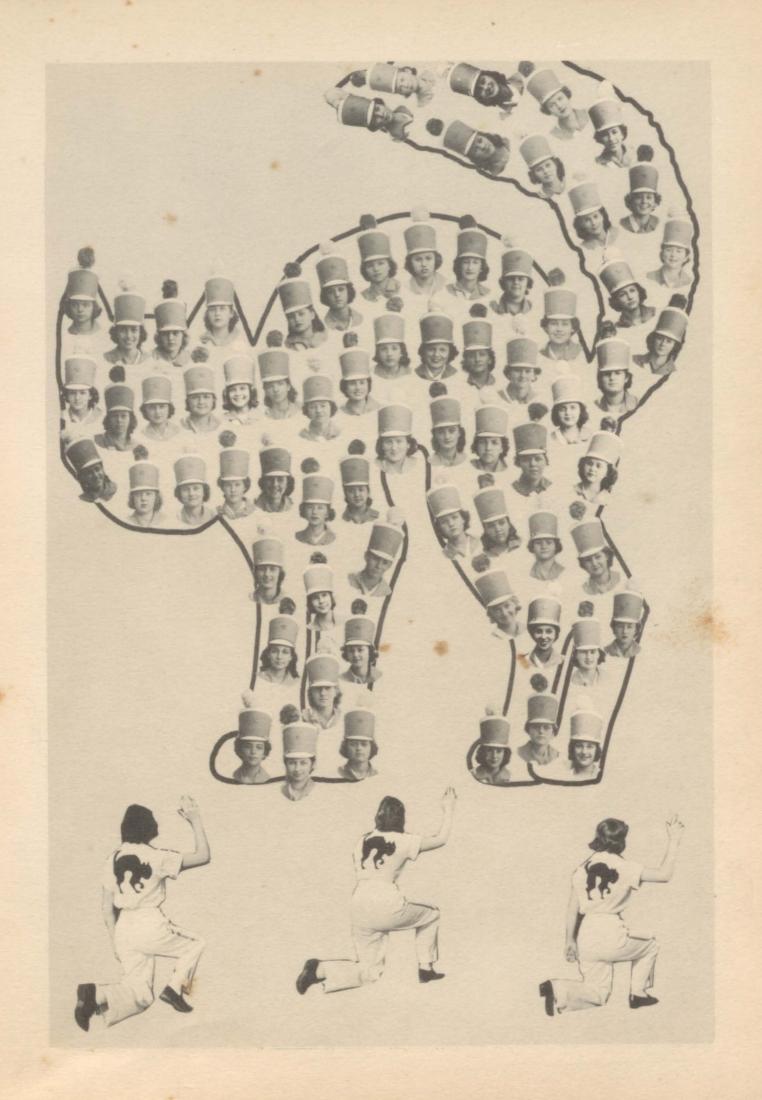


The team placed six members on the various picked squads throughout the state. Herbert MacDonald placed on the All-State team as well as the All-Southeast and All-District squads. Truett Rainer, Captain, won the All-District quarterback position for the second time and was awarded the Crofoot Trophy as the most valuable player. He also received honorable mention on the All-Southeast Texas Squad. Keith Curtis, Captain-elect, and Lawrence Shaffer were selected All-District halfbacks and won honorable mention on the All-Southeast string. Vernon Harrison and John Wilkinson won All-District honors.

The entire team was characterized by a spirit of cooperation.









BELL NICKOLSON



ANDERSON

fairly to the end.



HEAD

Ella Montague, and Genevieve Verser, Mgr.

won their loyalty and cooperation.

finer points of the game.



CARR

BASKETBALL

When the One Great Scorer comes to judge your name, It's not whether you won or lost, it's how you played the game. This year was one of our best years in basketball. We had practically all of last year's first string back again, captained by Billie Bell. Even though all the games were not won, they were played hard and

Those receiving letters this year are: Billie Bell, Billie Head, Margaret Trousdale, Mary Frank Carr, May Belle Anderson, Mary

Beulah Erickson-"Teacher" to you-has put her heart and soul into the coaching of basketball for the last four years. She has scolded, petted, and preached the idea of fair play and sportsmanship into her girls. She has taught them to love the game for the fun of it and has

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Unusual interest was shown in volleyball, which began this year on a new basis. County teams entered a double round-robin tournament, each team meeting every other team twice. This plan developed enthusiasm for the game and brought out many skilled players. Under the efficient leadership of Mary Ella Montague, the girls learned cooperation (even in picking their team mates up off the floor), and the

VOLLE YBALLE



TROUSDALE











HARRISON ERICKSON-COACH









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FOWZE HOLLEY





WINSTON VERSER, G. -MGR.







RUGELEY



BRUCE



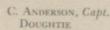


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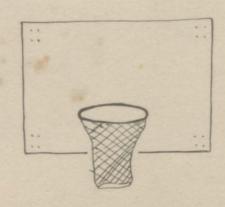


RAINER ETIE









BASKETBALL

The boys' basketball squad, captained by Carl Anderson, came out second in the county tournament. They made a splendid showing in invitation tournaments at Rosenberg, where they reached the semi-finals, and in Blessing, where they lost only to the winners of the meet. This season's lettermen include Carl Anderson, Roy Lee Anderson, Kieth Curtis, Elbert Doughtie, Vernon Harrison, Truett Rainer, Virgil Sansing, and Lawrence Shaffer.



WHALEY









SHAFFER FOWLE







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SENIOR PROPHECY

Tumult. Expressions of anxiety. Talking in undertones. Shrill blast from trumpet. Pearly gates of Heaven open. Old man appears. Speaks in voice of thunder. "This is last judgment day. Each mortal will now confess his greatest sin and receive his sentence. As your name is called, step forward, testify, and pass to my left."

"Stunting my growth and ruining my health by eating chocolate-covered Essie Dell Meyers - - cherries in school.

- "Learning about women too late-from her." ROY LEE ANDERSON - -"Using the name of Waurika in vain." ZINA FOWLE - -

T. A. WILLIAMS and

DEWEY CADENHEAD - -"Falling for the Wharton girls"

"Using my heart as a useless toy and giving it away." ELIZABETH MATCHETT -

BEATRICE HOLUB - -"Thinking that silence is golden.

"Thinking that woman came after man and that she's been after him JOHN WILKINSON - - ever since.

May Belle Anderson and

- "Being one-man women." MARY ALICE HORN - -"Letting my hair be the cause of it all." ELMER GRAHAM - - -ELMER GRAHAM - . . . Letting my hair be the cause of it an.

SYBIL RICHERS - . . . "Letting meekness hide my real disposition."

CARL ANDERSON - . . "Having the measles after I was grown."

MARGARET TROUSDALE - "Setting snares to catch them all—large, or fair, or dark, or small."

JONNY WEAR - . . "Being just another slave to Mary Alice." SYBIL RICHERS - - - - - CARL ANDERSON - - - - -

JONNY WEAR - - - - "Being just another slave to Mary Alice."

BILLIE BELL - - - - "Trying to prove that a girl can love more than one."

TRUETT RAINER - - - "Trying to make good in chemistry by eating the most chocolates."

BACHELORS' CLUB PREDICTED

The very aggressiveness of certain little high school girls in their crude methods to get their man is driving-so we are told-a number of the more prominent boys in high school into serious contemplation of strict celibacy. The boys who were more and more determined as the close of school drew nearer and nearer were as follows:

> John Wilkinson Elbert Doughtie Sid Creech Harry Smith Keith Curtis

And the action of the aforementioned boys brought an air of seriousness never before noticed in the manner of the young ladies. There were growing threats of taking the vows and of living a life of complete seclusion. You may pair them off as you like:

Belva Minton Arthurene Jones Hazel Wolffarth Montie Dacke Lucy Nickolson

SPECIAL TO THE "BLACK CAT" By Ima Snooper

I submit to you choice phrases that I overheard during an experiment in Mr. Harris' chemistry

Boy, you haven't got the sense God promised a rag doll.

Gimme some flame.

Somebody's messin' around.

Look what I've got.

I want air

Is this stuff poison?

Smell of this.

Oh, go hop a stick.

Were you talking when you should have been listening also?

Clear up that mess. Order, please! Whoa! Whoa, I say!

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PERSONAL NOMINATIONS

The school's loudest giggler: Edna A. The coyest maiden in school: Dorothy S. The ugliest Senior boy: Philip P The most perfect gentleman: Albert H. The most conceited Senior boy: Truett R. The most dryly humorous person: Robert W. Snooper-in-Chief: Mr. Miller. The best "Sport": Allie Jay. Pupils with "hangover names":

Fern Schmersahl Charles Ziegenhal Everett Brandstetter Zina Fowle **Eunice Shivers**

A CRUCIAL MOMENT

Over the noise and confusion involved in the chemistry experiment Truett was heard to say, "I'm after Fern." One could have heard a pin drop in the awed silence which followed. Could it be that May Belle had competition? Alas, no. To the relief of all, and most of all to May Belle, it developed that Truett was merely waiting to use the one bottle of concentrated sulphuric acid after Fern had finished with it.

TRUE OR FALSE?

Robert Hill knows all about pressure and what is wrong with Lois Purcell's ribs.

Billy Head is "that way" about a certain T., D., and Handsome.

Charles Dickie is ambitious to have a pugilistic

Joan is too bashful for her own good. Genevieve has a managing complex.

Frances Davis is reducing.

Joe Harris, before broken with old age, was another Lawrence Tibbett.

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SENIOR SMAPS.



1. Mr. J. C. Penney and Mr. Frels State.

2. This is so

3. The "eyes" have it.

4. Flash Harrison meets "heap big chief" Walker.

5. Zina on horseback, Zina on top.

6. Four-legged horseman.

7. Principal in the making.

8. Always truckin'.

9. Pennies from heaven.

10. Thinking hard?

11. The smile was for—you guess.

12. Equilateral triangle—weak base.

13. Don't be fooled—this was posed.

14. Boot

Miss Everett: "What is a phantom?" Hazel: "Six feet deep."

Mr. McAllister: "Yes, in teaching stenography, we are strong on accuracy."

Billie Fay: "How are you on speed?"

Mr. Mac: "Well, the last girl we graduated from here married her employer in two weeks."

Harold C.: "Work, nothing but work!"

Elmer: "How long have you been at this grind?"

Harold: "I begin tomorrow."

. . .

Lilla: "Say, it's half past midnight. Do you think you can stay all night?"

Howard: "Gosh, I'll have to ask mother first."

Mr. Driscoll: "Do you know what makes the tower of Pisa lean?"

Ruby South: "I only wish I knew; I would take some myself."

Philip: "My greatest sin is vanity. Only this morning I looked into the mirror and thought how handsome I am."

St. Peter: "Go in peace. To be mistaken is not a sin."

Robert W.: "Say, I'm smarter than you are. Why I'll bet you don't even know the Lord's Prayer."

Paul: "Why, I do too. 'Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take."

Robert: "Gosh, I didn't think you'd know it!"

Chas. D.: "And what did Margy say when you kissed her last night?"

Carl: "That I should come again on Friday, that's amateur night."

Naomi: "School is a place where I see all my friends, so I endure it."





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If you get ammonia in your hair, what happens?
I bet this stuff will sober you up.
Will this burn?
Who wants a bite?
Wouldn't you hate to have this place explode and

No need of just stinking us out; stink the whole school out.

Shut up, you dope. Hey, you fellows. Don't set anything on fire back there but yourselves.

Say, what is this, anyway? Did I get it on you?

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True or False—(Cont'd) Bobby and George have made up. John Newman will probably be valedictorian of the Senior class.

Mary Porter is a man-hater. Miss Sparkman likes being followed. Harold Hargrove is a wit.

Billie Norton has turned "snooty." Iris Mae has a future in the business world. Harold Cherry can't distinguish ten cents from

Earnest K. prefers grammar school to high school so far as girls are concerned.

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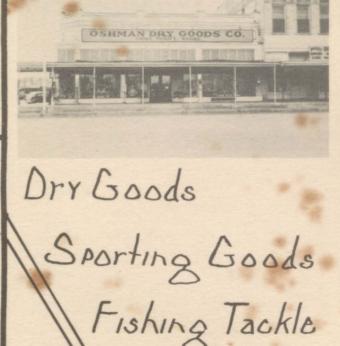
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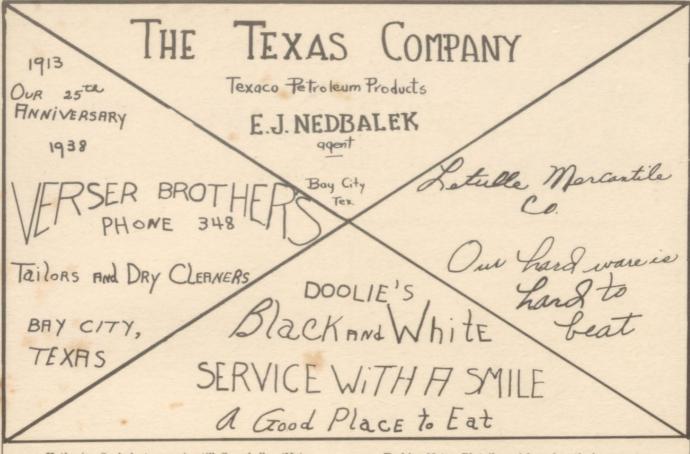
Billie Head said that she and some more boys used to play bandit on horses.

Ruth: "What's the difference between a girl and a horse?"

Jasper: "I don't know."
Ruth: "Gee, I bet you have some swell dates."

RICE IS YOUR BEST FOOD EAT MORE OF IT AY CIT RICEMILLS

COMPLIMENTS



Katherine Sue's last name is still Campbell. (Note

Billie and Dick look too, too domestic riding around

in the grocery wagon.

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Arthurene Jones says she is never sure Spring is here until she falls in love again.

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Doyle: (embarrassed) "Er, it means nothing in tennis."

John Wilkinson would pay a good price for a twolegged chair. Mrs. Brandon: "Dear, you have your shoes on the wrong feet again."

Mr. Brandon: "Well, these are the only feet I have."

Want Ad: Position wanted about June 1. At present am employed at Bay City High School, but will work if I have to. See Fisher Smith.

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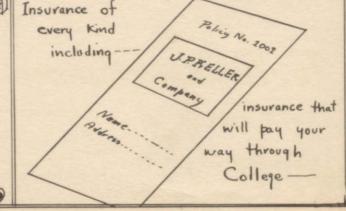
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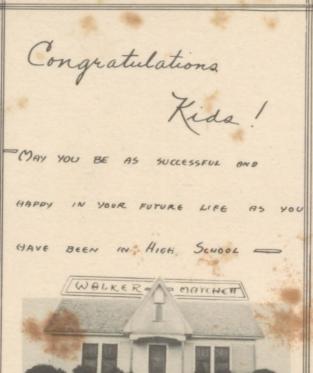
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Lucy Mae: "Last night J. C. tried to put his arm around me three times."

Henrietta: "Some arm, I say."

Dear Lord, prayed Allie Jay, I don't ask anything for myself—just give mother a son-in-law.

Sid: Thinking of me, dear?

Mary Frank: Was I laughing? I'm sorry.

Gene: "May I have this dance?"

Martha: "Certainly, if you can find a partner."

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