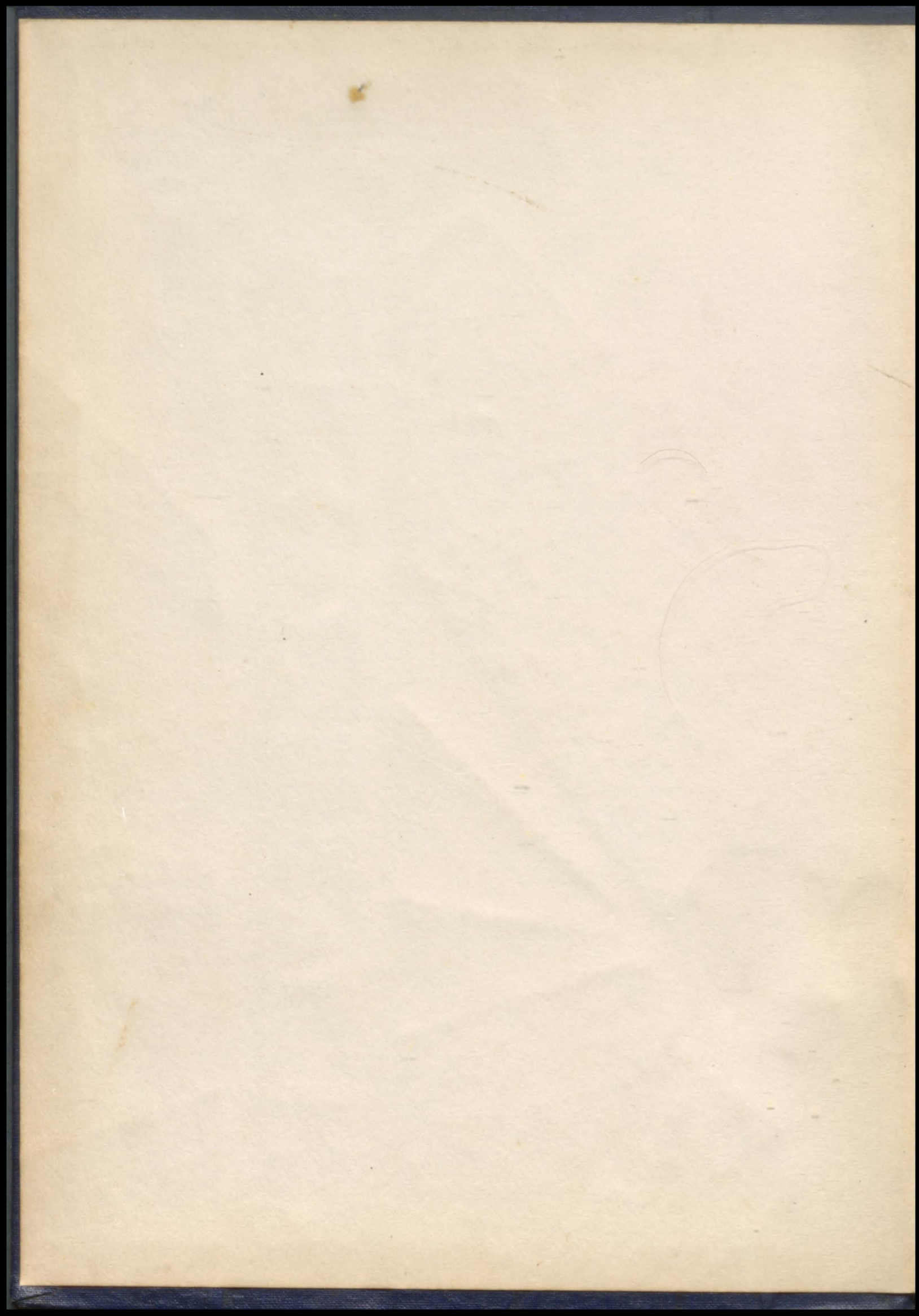


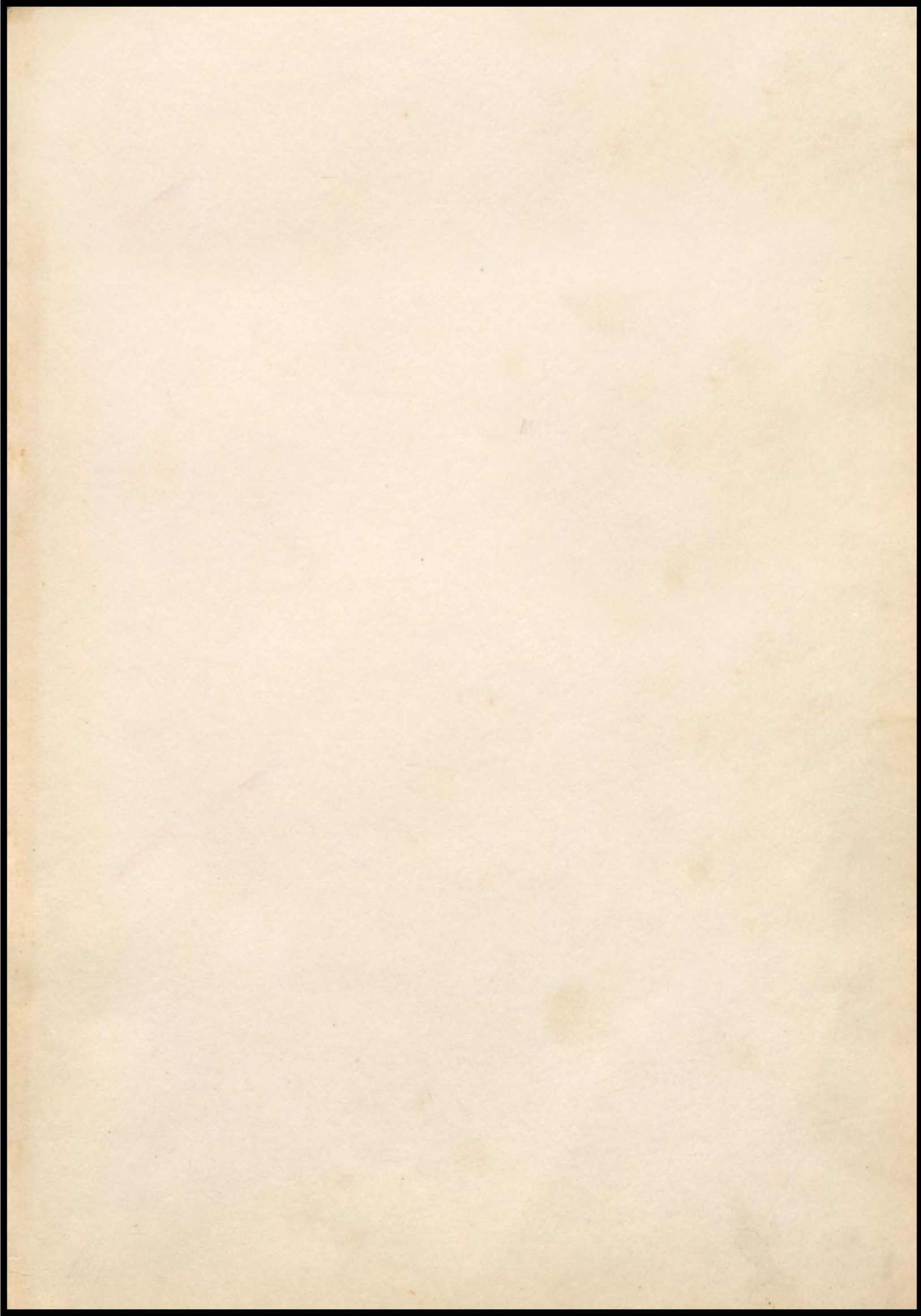
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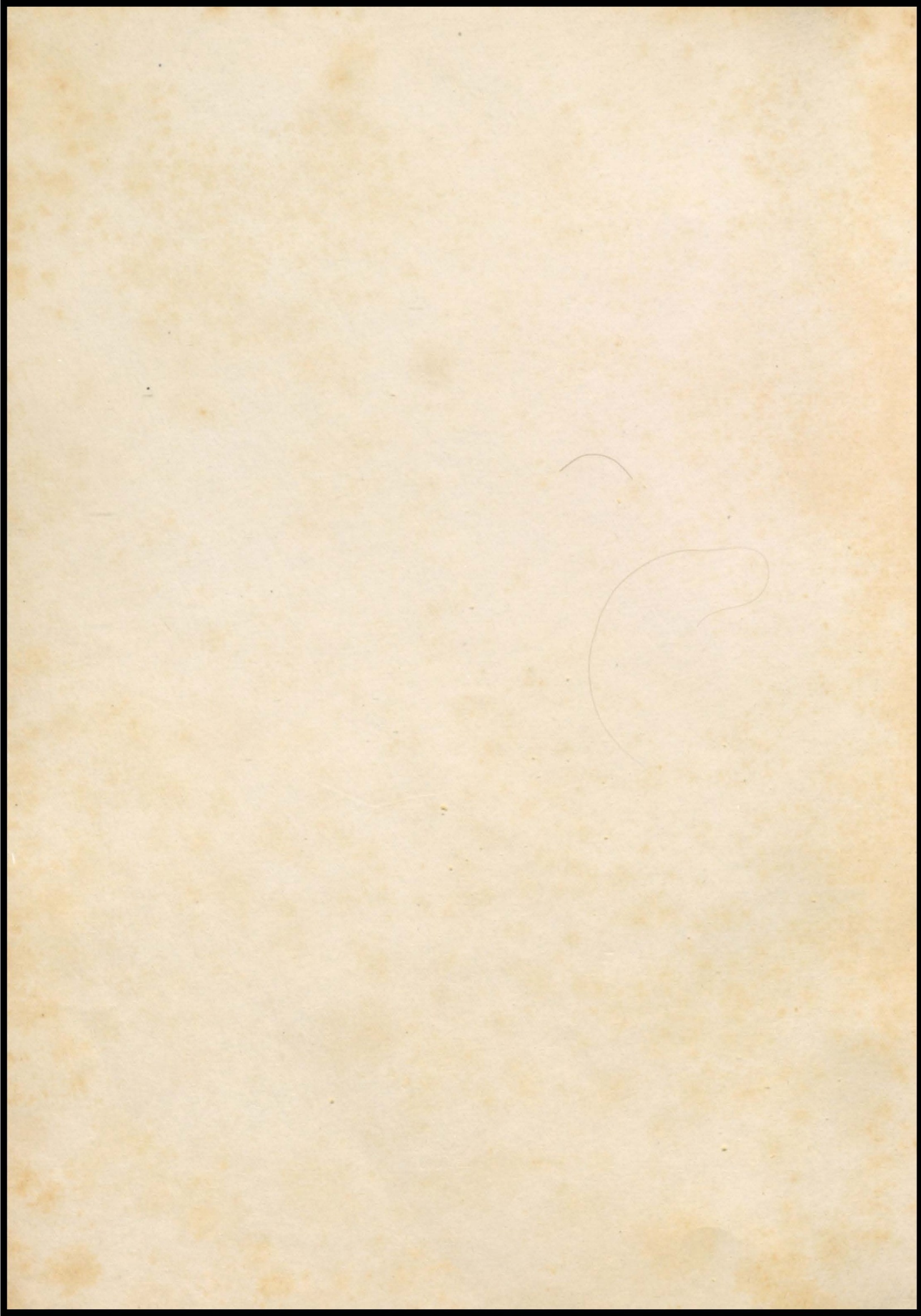




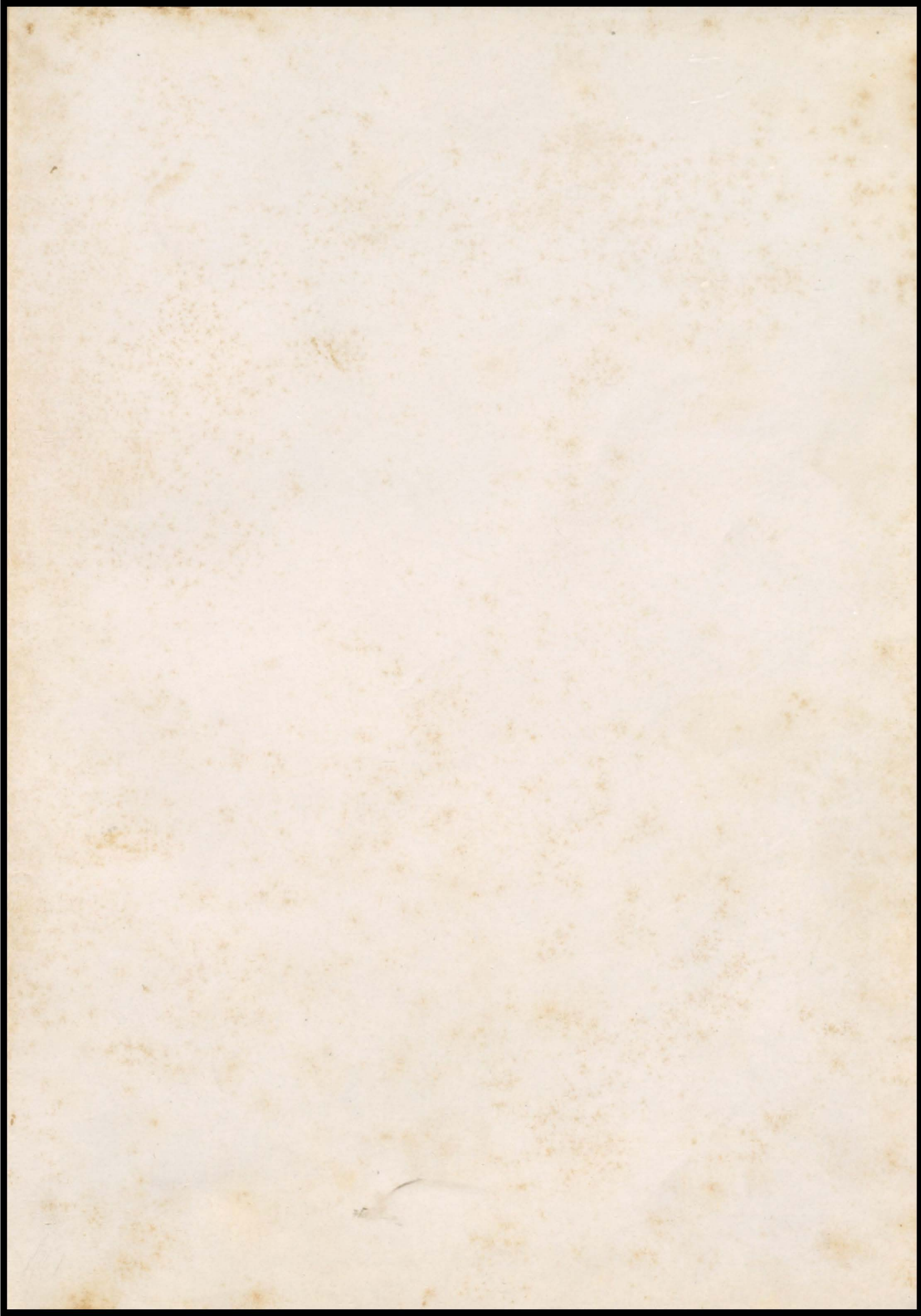










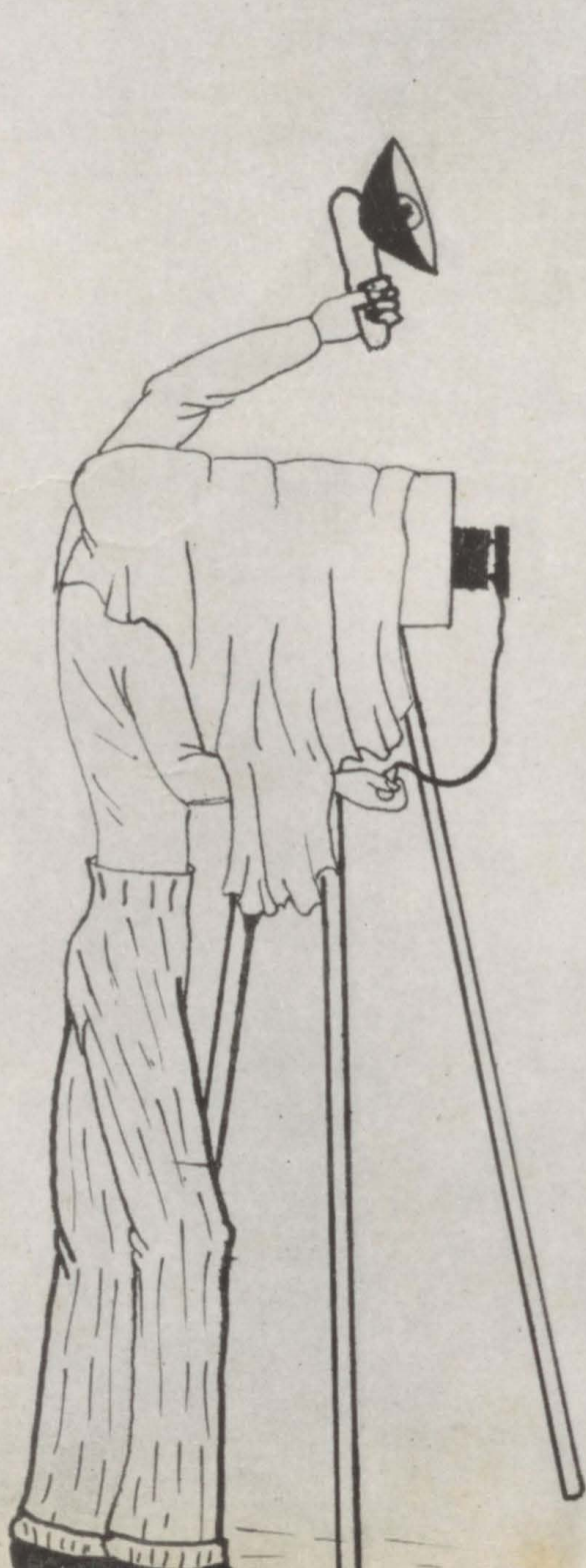








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As seen through the eyes of the camera by  
Sansing, Boney, Taylor, Adams



# Foreword

**I**N THIS volume we have tried to be the keepers of your diary, recording in words and in pictures the impressions of many hours spent in classes, of happier moments idled away on the campus, of football games, and various other good times mingled with work, troubles, and cares.

**I**F IN later years you can look through the errors and frailties of this book and see therein only those factors that bring memories of happy school days and that make you love the Alma Mater a little better as the succeeding years come and go, we, the staff, shall feel that our efforts have not been in vain.





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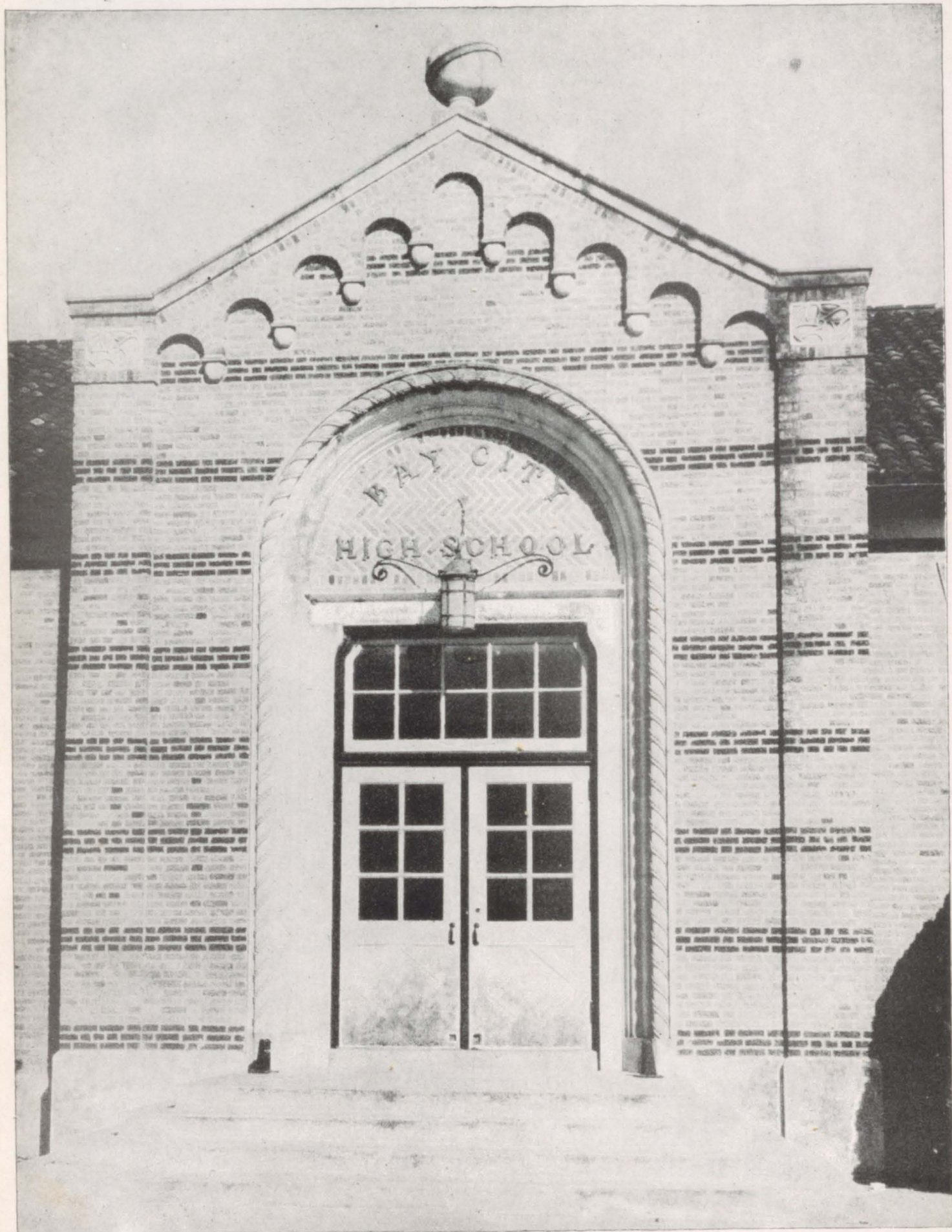
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For her years of service and fidelity to our Alma Mater; for her noble Christian character and personal worth; for her devotion to duty and her friendship to every student; the Senior Class of 1940 dedicates, with deepest sincerity, this volume of *The Black Cat* to  
MRS. BESS EARLY.





DONALD HATCH



MISS NELL SHIVERS



JOHN HUTCHISON



MISS BARBARA WILSON



MISS LOIS SPARKMAN



JOE HARRIS



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H. J. McALLISTER



E. J. MYERS



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VIC DRISCOLL



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FRANK J. BALUSEK



MRS. VIRGINIA WYNNE



MRS. KEY INGRAM



MISS AGNES COOKE

E. O. HUTCHESON,  
*Superintendent*



H. BRANDON,  
*Principal*







HARRY FOWLE

*"Education begins this gentleman; courtesy completes him."*

Football '37, '38, Capt. '40; Basketball '37, '38, '39, '40; Track '38, '39, '40; Baseball '37, '38; Foreign Language Club; Pres. Junior Class '39; Pres. Senior Class '40; Class Favorite '39.



SUSIE WINSTON

*"A splendid brain whose cover is curly hair."*

Home Ec. Club, Pres. '40; Foreign Language Club, Pres. '40; Latin, Pres. '38; Band, Student Council; Girl Reserve, Cabinet '39, '40; Press Club, Ass't. Editor '39; Dramatic Club '39; Baseball '37; Volley Ball '39, '40; Kadets; Vice Pres. Senior Class '40; Annual Staff, Senior Play Cast.



GENE PARKER

*"All of the day the halls resound  
With Gene's merry chuckle  
for miles around."*

Dramatic Club '39; Baseball '37; Football '38, '39; Band; Foreign Language Club, Vice Pres. '40.



MARY NELL VERSER

*"Here is a sterling character;  
she is a girl with a capable  
level head."*

Dramatic Club '39; Home Ec. Club, Pres. '39; Girl Reserve, Cabinet '39, '40; Foreign Language Club; Volley Ball '37, '38, '39, '40; Tennis '37, '38, '39, '40; Band, Student Council; Kadets; Cheer Leader '39; Class Favorite '38.







ALLIE JOY ADAMS \*

WINNIE ARNOLD

*"When around her you  
wi'l hear  
Words of wisdom and  
good cheer."*

*"Beware, boys, beware!  
Blue eyes and blond  
hair!"*

Foreign Language Club;  
Home Ec. Club; Press  
Club; Annual Staff.

Foreign Language Club;  
Home Ec. Club; Girl  
Reserve; Kadets.

INEZ BAKER

LOUISE BAKER

*"To know her is to love  
her."*

*"With a mind for books  
and a nose for news,  
Elviry's quaint in her  
wholesome views."*

Girl Reserve; Baseball  
'37; Volley ball '37, '38;  
Home Ec. Club; Kadets.

Foreign Language Club;  
Home Ec. Club; Girl  
Reserve; Press Club;  
Kadets; Annual Staff.



WOODY BOND

BILLIE JEAN BONEY

*"It's time for a girl to  
say goody, goody  
If she has a date with a  
good looker like  
Woody."*

*"Though teachers say  
she's a menace in the  
hall,  
Still Billies a friend to  
one and all."*

Baseball '36; Press Club;  
Dramatic Club; Senior  
Play Cast.

Foreign Language Club;  
Girl Reserve, Pres. '40;  
Press Club, Ass't Editor  
'40; Dramatic Club '39;  
Home Ec. Club; Kadets;  
Band, Twirler '40; Stu-  
dent Council; Annual  
Staff, Ass't Editor;  
Senior Play Cast.



MARIAN BRUCE

HAZEL BRUMLEY

*"Love understands love,  
It needs no talk."*

*"Silence is often the  
best of replies."*

Kadets; Band; Foreign  
Language Club; Girl  
Reserve; Press Club;  
Dramatic Club '39;  
Senior Play Cast.

Foreign Language Club.





GRACE BULLARD

*"Hobby — Taking life easy and taking her time doing that."*

ROBERT BYRD

*"He has a yearning to be a poet, And some day the world will surely know it."*



DENA CATES

*"For she's a jolly good fellow nobody can deny."*

Latin, Pres. '39; Press Club; Kadets; Home Ec. Club; Cabinet '40; Girl Reserve, Cabinet '38, '39, '40; Baseball '37, '38; Annual Staff; Senior Play Cast.

EDNA MERLE CLEMENTS

*"Possesses that rare quality of being the same wherever you see her."*

Girl Reserve; Home Ec. Club; Foreign Language Club; Band.



LOLA RUTH CLEMENTS

*"She listens while others talk."*

Baseball '36; Volley ball '36; Home Ec. Club:

GERALDINE CRIST

*"She has proved her worth during her short time with us."*

Foreign Language Club.



BYRON CUMMINGS

*"A gentleman at all Times."*

JOHN HENRY CUMMINGS

*"The secret of success is constancy of purpose."*

Foreign Language Club.





LOUISE DEERMAN

*"Another of those we hate to see go."*

LEONA DAVIS

*"A girl worth knowing well."*

Foreign Language Club; Girl Reserve, Cabinet '38, '39; Mgr. Volley ball '39; Press Club; Home Ec. Club, Vice Pres. '39; Kadets; Cheer Leader '40.

BILLY DENN

*"We now present a very fine boy, Who is his mother's pride and joy."*

HERMAN DENN

*"His motto is to do tomorrow that which he should have done last week."*

Press Club; Baseball Mgr. '37.



MELBA DRAKE

*"If a friend you are going to select, Choose one like Melba with a fine intellect."*

Girl Reserve; Foreign Language Club.

NANCY DUFFY

*"Miss Nancy is inclined to be a bit on the 'Oomph' side."*

Foreign Language Club; Tennis '37, '38; Press Club; Baseball '38; Band, Twirler '39, 40; Dramatic Club '39; Girl Reserve, Vice Pres. '39; Home Ec. Club, Vice Pres. '39; Kadets; Drum Major '39.



LURLYN DUNBAR

*"A little lady so petite, With charming ways and dancing feet."*

GLADYS FLOURNOY

*"She couldn't be called a problem child, This little maid so meek and mild."*

Home Ec. Club; Girl Reserve.





CLEO GARNER

*"A letter from A. & M.  
each day  
Will surely keep her  
blues away."*

Girl Reserve; Home Ec.  
Club; Annual Staff;  
Senior Play Cast.

NERINE GARNER

*"Tis the songs ye sing  
and the smiles ye  
wear  
That 'a d'makin' the  
sunshine everywhere."*

Girl Reserve; Kadets;  
Home Ec. Club; Press  
Club; Cheering Section.



JACK GLENN

*"Mathematical Wizzard  
They're few and far  
between."*

Camera Club '39; Base-  
ball '38; Annual Staff.

WOODROW GERNAND

*"Tis a bet that no one  
below or above  
Has ever seen a boy so  
much in love."*



MILTON GREENBERG

*"Motto — Do unto the  
other fellow the way  
he'd like to do unto you  
but do it fust."*

Foreign Language Club;  
Track '37, '38, '39, '40;  
Camera Club '39; Press  
Club; Dramatic Club  
'39; Senior Play Cast.



SINA JANE HANSON

*"Kind, sweet, and  
always gracious,  
All of that and still  
she's vivacious."*

Foreign Language Club;  
Home Ec. Club.

ELIZABETH HARRISON

*"Lizzy has made many  
everlasting friends be-  
cause she is one of those  
who always thinks of  
the other fellow."*

Girl Reserve; Home Ec.  
Club; Foreign Lang-  
uage Club; Kadets;  
Baseball '37, '38; An-  
nual Staff.

DOYLE HARDWICK

*"With freckled face  
and auburn hair,  
Red has plenty of  
charm to spare."*

Football '37, '38, '39;  
Basketball '39; Track  
'37, '38, '39.







GERTRUDE HARRISON  
*"Pete is a good sport  
 who is always on  
 hand,  
 As friendly a chap as  
 any of the Harrison  
 clan."*

STACY HARRISON

*"We expect to hear of  
 Stacy's being an out-  
 standing theatre man-  
 ager one of these days."*

Volley ball '39, '40; Girl  
 Reserve, Vice Pres. '40;  
 Cabinet '39; Kadets;  
 Dramatic Club '39;  
 Press Club; Home Ec.  
 Club; Baseball '37, '38;  
 Annual Staff; Senior  
 Play Cast.

MILDREN HARRY

*"With a smile upon her  
 face  
 She has charm and  
 womanly grace."*

Foreign Language Club;  
 Girl Reserve, Cabinet  
 '40; Home Ec. Club;  
 Dramatic Club '39;  
 Kadets; Press Club;  
 Annual Staff; Senior  
 Play Cast.

BERT HEAD

*"Lady's man of Van  
 Vleck."*



FRANCES HILL

*"Frankie is the right  
 sort of gal,  
 Always willing and a  
 good old pal."*

Foreign Language Club;  
 Home Ec. Club; Kadets;  
 Press Club.

MARGY JOLLEY

*"Everyone who knows  
 her will tell you for  
 sure  
 Margy's just as sweet  
 as she is demure."*

Foreign Language Club;  
 Girl Reserve, Cabinet  
 '39, '40; Latin, Vice  
 Pres. '39; Kadets; Band;  
 Home Ec. Club; Volley  
 ball '38, '39, '40; Dra-  
 matic Club '39; Baseball  
 '37, '38; Tennis '38; An-  
 nual Staff; Senior Play  
 Cast.



BILLY KELLER

*"A friend to all and a  
 lad with a very good  
 sense of humor."*

IRENE KIDDER

*"Possesses a very charm-  
 ing disposition."*

Foreign Language Club;  
 Home Ec. Club.





CHARLES KLING

*"Charles is a boy who is hard to beat In spite of his egotism and conceit."*  
Track '39, '40; Baseball '39; Basketball '39, '40; Football '39; Foreign Language Club; Press Club.

MILDRED KRENEK

*"Life may be short but she has time for courtesy."*



BURTON LETULLE

*"Late to bed and late to rise Makes you happy if not so wise."*

Dramatic Club '39; Foreign Language Club; Senior Play Cast.

SAMUEL LYLE

*"Keep it up, Sambo, you have the right stuff to make good."*

Foreign Language Club; Baseball '37; Track '38, '39, '40.



MARVIN MITCHELL

*"Marvin says that while Kate Smith is bringing the moon over the mountain he'll be showing the moon to the Hill."*

MARY ELLA MONTAGUE  
*"'Armistice' is a typical Southern Belle, With a charming gaiety none can excell."*

Volley ball '37, '38, '39, '40; Baseball '37, '38, '39; Basketball, Capt. '38; Tennis '38, '39, '40; Kadets; Girl Reserve, Cabinet '40; Band; Student Council; Cheer Leader '38, '39; Home Ec. Club; Press Club; Dramatic Club '39; Annual Staff; Senior Play Cast.



JAMES LEE PARR

*"Quick of eye and nimble of feet He makes our dancing team complete."*

Foreign Language Club; Dramatic Club '39; Press Club '39; Band; Annual Staff.

SALLY PENNY

*"This little Penny is known by the wise To be worth much more than her name implies."*

Foreign Language Club; Home Ec. Club; Girl Reserve; Band; Dramatic Club '39; Press Club; Kadets.







BOBBIE PORTER

*"Miss Bobbie is a nice sized bundle of pep and personality."*

GEORGE RATLIFF

*"Ambition — To swing real jazz on his trombone."*

Foreign Language Club; Girl Reserve, Cabinet '39, '40; Dramatic Club '39; Home Ec. Club; Baseball '37; B a n d; Kadets; Annual Staff; Senior Play Cast.

HARVEY RYMAN

*"Harvey is always searching for opportunities of getting out of things, and usually finds them."*

MARCELLE RYMAN

*"No one's business but her own does she heed; She is definitely a carrot top indeed."*

Girl Reserve; Baseball '36, '37.



VIRGAL SANSING

*"Blondie has a wicked eye And a love for things at A. & I."*

Editor Annual '40; Press Club, Editor '39; Foreign Language Club; Football '37, '38, '39, Capt. '39; Basketball '38; Baseball '37; Track '37, '38, 39.

CHARLES SCHAEDEL

*"He reads much; he is a great observer; and he looks quite through the deeds of men."*

Foreign Language Club; Football '38, '39; Band; Baseball '36; Senior Play Cast.



BURNETT SCHULTZ

*"A lad of spring, for his thoughts have turned to those of love." Baseball '36, '37.*

LAWRENCE SHAFFER  
*"Shaf, the guy with the very sweet grin Is happiest when toting that good old pig skin."*

Football '37, '38, '39; Basketball '38, '39, '40; Track '37, '38, '39, '40; Tennis '37, '38; Baseball '37; Dramatic Club '39; Class Favorite '37, '38; Band.





DOROTHY SMITH

*"She has a pleasant time with her mind because it is so happy."*

VANN SHAW TAYLOR  
*"A mind equal to any undertaking he puts it along side of."*  
Foreign Language Club; Press Club; Dramatic Club '39; Camera Club '39; Band; Pres. Student Council; Drum Major '40; Ass't. Mgr. Football '38; Senior Play Cast; Annual Staff.



THOMAS WHEELER

*"At last a dignified senior."*

DELILAH WILEY

*"A bit of happiness and cheer  
She passes on from year to year."*

Foreign Language Club; Home Ec. Club; Spelling First '38, '39.



MAUDIE WOOLEY

*"A quiet, studious, and friendly person."*

Foreign Language Club; Home Ec. Club.

OLIVE JANE WOOLEY

*"Although she is slightly shy  
She'll reap her reward by and by."*

Foreign Language Club; Home Ec. Club.



THELMA YEAMANS

*"She does her share of planting seeds of friendship along life's highway."*

Foreign Language Club; Home Ec. Club.

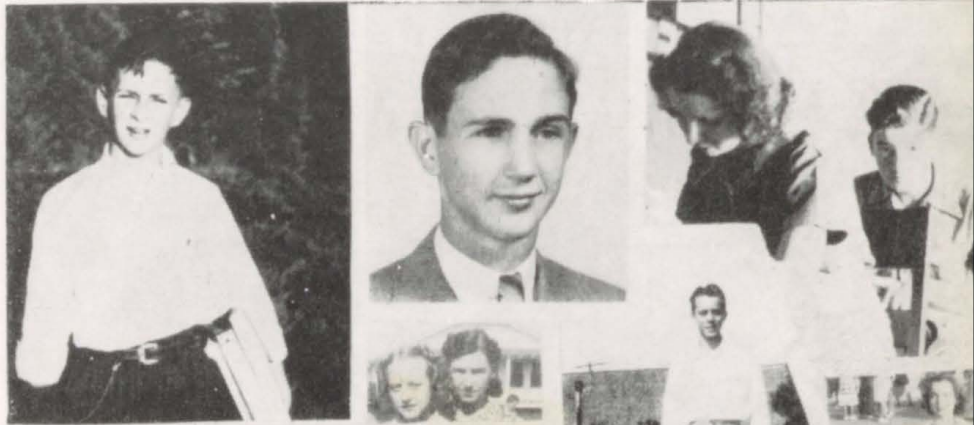
MARY ELVA ZIPPERIAN

*"Mary Elva is diminutive and wise,  
With pretty hair and oh! those eyes."*

Home Ec. Club, Treas.



# Juniors







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AMOS  
ANDERSON  
AENOLD  
BASS  
BAKER



Second Row:  
BALL  
BATTEN  
BLEDSOE  
BRADY  
CAER, L.



Third Row:  
CARR, T.  
CARTWRIGHT, H.  
CARTWRIGHT, M.  
CLOUGH  
COX, A.



Fourth Row:  
COX, M. A.  
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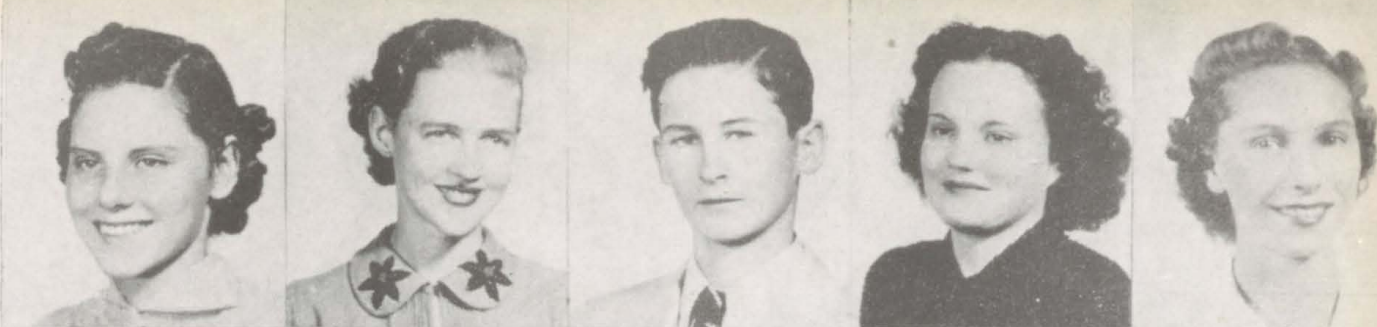
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Seventh Row:  
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LAWTON  
LEE  
LETULLE  
LESICO



First Row:  
 LOWE  
 MANGUM  
 MATTHEWS  
 MARTIN  
 MILLS



Second Row:  
 MOSER  
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Third Row:  
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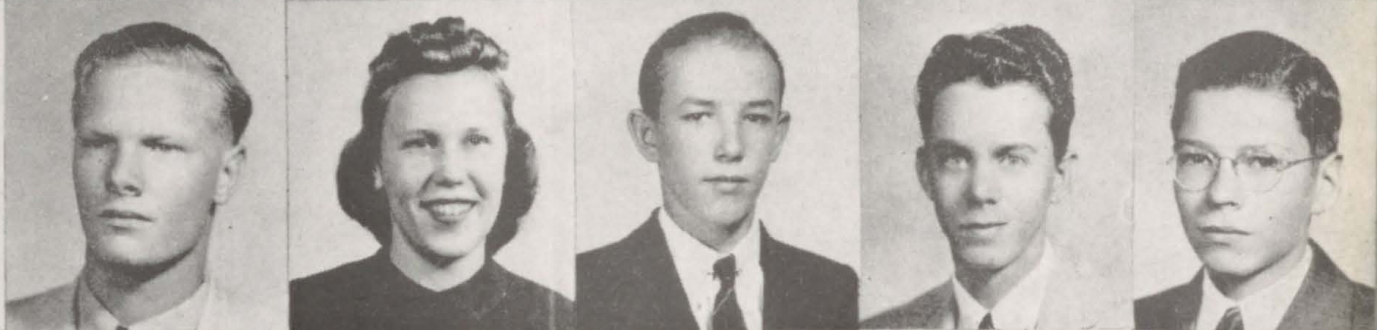
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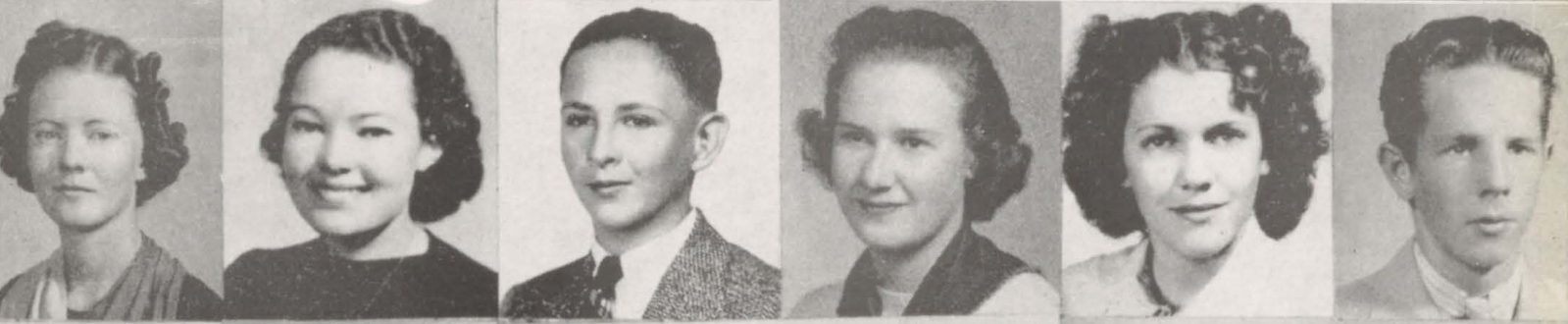
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 SMITH, O.



Sixth Row:  
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 STEVENS  
 THADDEUS  
 THOMPSON  
 UNDERWOOD  
 VERSER



Seventh Row:  
 WALKER  
 WEATHERS  
 WELDON  
 WELLA  
 WHALEY  
 WILLIAMS





# Sophomores



ACOSTA, E.; ACOSTA, R.; AINSWORTH; ALBERT; ALFORD; ARLITT; ASHCRAFT, WADE; ASHCRAFT, WYATT

BAKER; BANYANCO; BATES; BELL; BIRKNER; BROWN, A.; BROWN, E.; BRUMLEY

BURKE; BUSSELL; BYARS; BYRD; CARROLL; CATCHINGS; CLEMENT; COBB

CORDES; CROW; CURTIS; DOUTHITT; DAVIS, D.; DAVIS, L.; DIERLAM; DIETRICH

DYE; EIDLEBACH, I.; EIDLEBACH, K.; EIKENBERG; EHLERT; ENGLE; ESTILL; FIELDS

FINCH; GAEDCKE; GENTRY; GOODALL; GOODALE; GREENE; HAGAMAN; HALLIBURTON

HARKINS; HARRISON; HENDERSON; HITE; HORN; HUSTON; JOHNSON; JOICE

JOLLEY; KAIN; KEENER; KELLER; KIMBREL; KRENEK; LEE; LETULLE, H.

LETULLE, I.; LONG; LOWE; LUKEFAHR; MANGUM; MARSHALL; MASON; MCKELVY

MILLER; MILNER; MIXON; MORROW; NEWBURN; NOLAN; NORED; O'NEAL

O'REAR; OSBORNE; PARSONS; PRUETT; RATLIFF; READY; REYNAL; RICE, C.

RICE, M. E.; RICE, N.; RICHARDSON; RUPE; RYMAN; SANDUSKY; SCHMERBER; SHAFER

SHEARER; SHERRER, K.; SHERRER, L.; SIFFORD; SKUCA; SVETLIK, R.; SVETLIK, W.; SWINFORD

TIPPEN; THOMPSON, B.; THOMPSON, D.; TOGKE; TUCKER; TYLER; WISE; WRIGHT; WOOLEY



# Freshmen

AINSWORTH; ANDERSON; BAKER; BARNETT;  
BERGLAND; BICKHAM; BIRKNER, OTHA;

BIRKNER, OTIS; BLACKMON, M.; BLACKMON, O.;  
BRADY; BRANSTETTER; BRUMLEY; BUNK

BURNS; BUTTER, E.; BUTTER, M. L.; CARTER;  
CLARK; CLAYPOOL; CORD'S

COX; CRAFT; CULVER; DAVANT; DICKERSON;  
DOSS; DOUBEK

DOUGHTIE; EIDLEBACH; EPSTEIN; GAINER, H.;  
GAINER, M.; GARCIA; GRIFFIN;

HAINES; HARMER; HARMON, D.; HARMON, L. M.;  
HARRISON, M.; HARRISON, M. E.; HENDERSON

HITE, E.; HITE, M.; HISON; HUD-  
SON; HUEBNER; JARRELL; JOHN-  
SON; JOICE

JUREK; KING; KOGUTT; LANE, B.;  
LANE, J.; LEAL; LEE; LEGG

LONG; LUKEFAHR; LYLE; MAGOL-  
DI; MANGUM; MEYER; MINDEOLA;  
MILLER

MONTAGUE; MOSHER; NINI; OL-  
VERA; OTTIS; OWSLEY; PEREZ;  
POLLARD

PORTER; PRUETT; READY; RED-  
DOCK; RICE, A.; RICE, F.; RICE,  
W.; RICHERS

RYMAN, F.; RYMAN, M.; RYMAN,  
M. R.; SANDUSKY; SAVAGE; SAY  
LORS; SERRILL; SIERRER

SHERRILL; SHERRY; SMITH; SO-  
LIS; SUMMERS; SWENSON; TES-  
TERMAN; THOMPSON

VALIGURA; WATKINS; WEAVER;  
WHITE; WILEY; WILLIAMS; WISE;  
YORK







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1. THE BIGGEST "FAKE WEDDING" OF THE YEAR.



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2. THE HOME MAKERS ENTERTAIN.



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3. BIG CHIEF HARRY OF THE SENIOR TRIBE.



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4. HAS A PET CALLED "DONALD DUCK."



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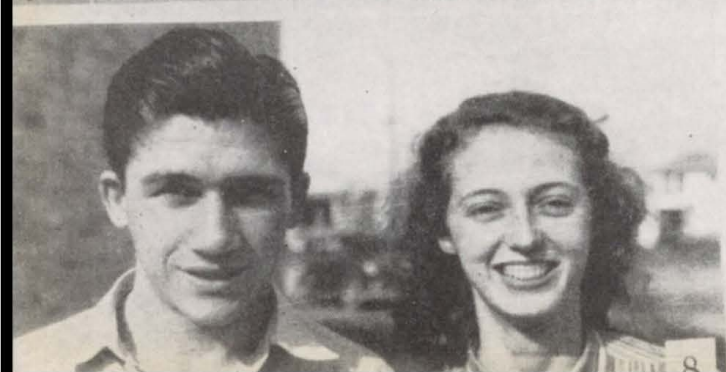
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6. ONE OF THE JUNIOR INTELLECTUALS.



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7. EL MAESTRO!



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8. SAID TO BE ONE OF THE BEST ALL AROUND COUPLES.



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9. MR. EDITOR-IN-CHIEF!



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10. A GOOD ASSISTANT TO THE ONE ON HER RIGHT.



# *Favorites*

WE PRESENT TO YOU

MARY NELL VERSER

Best All Around Girl

LAWRENCE SHAFFER

Best All Around Boy

MARGY JOLLEY

Most Attractive Girl

HARRY FOWLE

Senior Class Favorite

KENNETH ETIE

Junior Class Favorite

NELSON CARROLL

Sophomore Class Favorite

LENA MAUD POLLARD

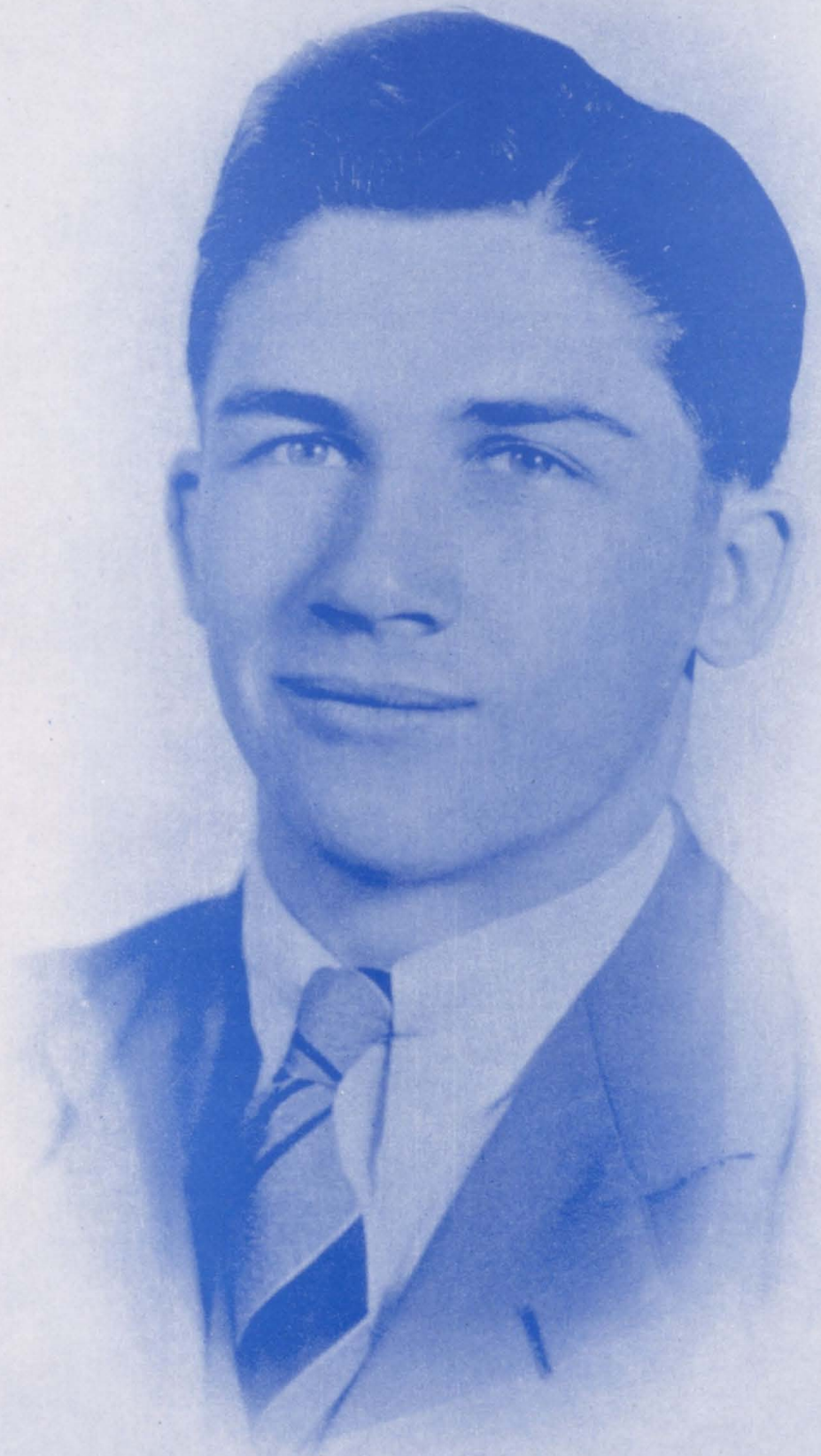
Freshman Class Favorite





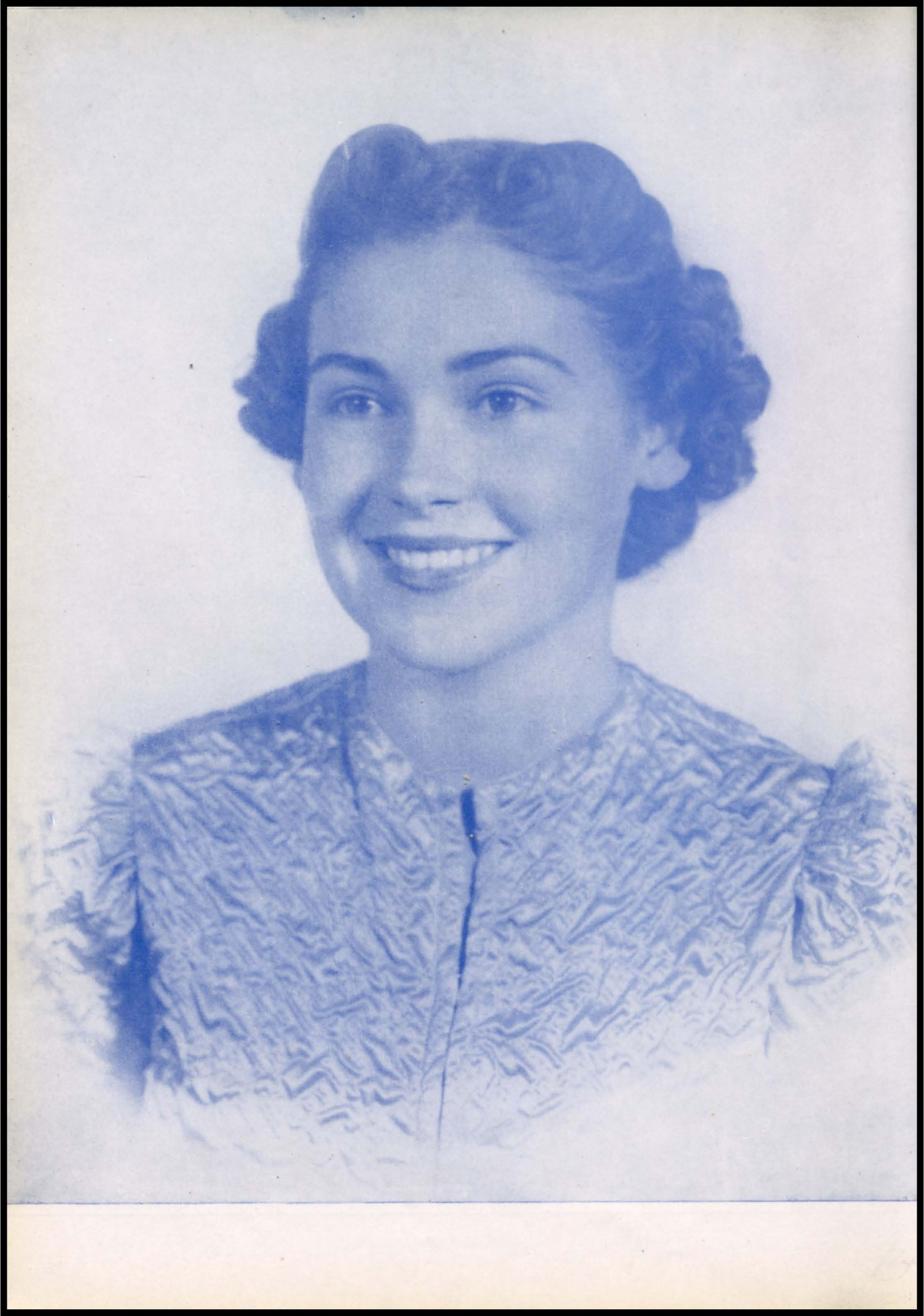




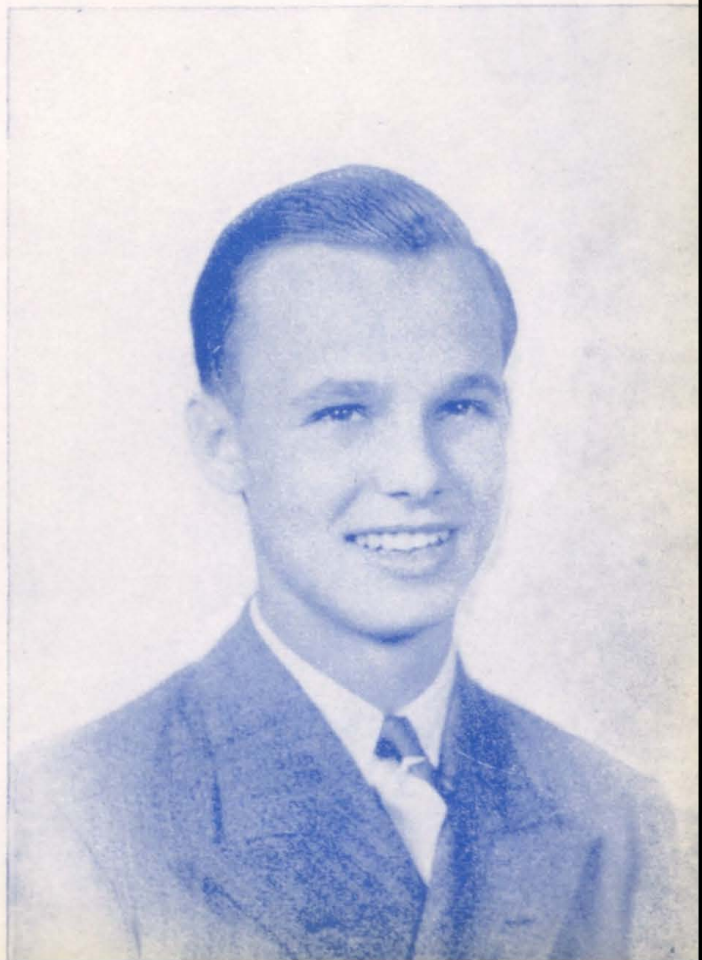
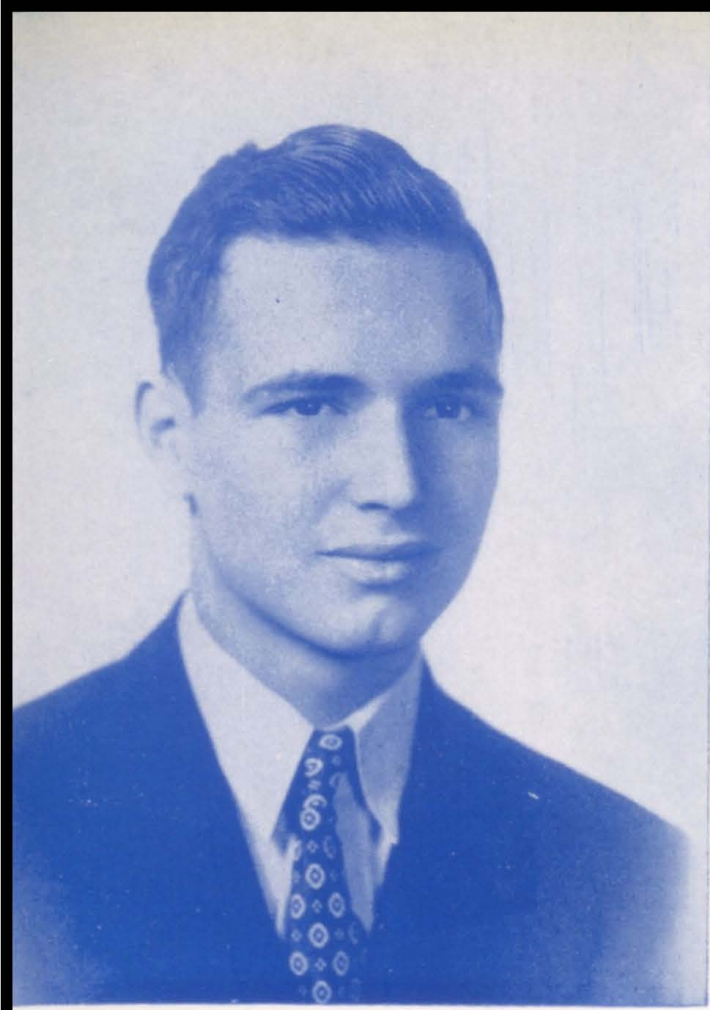


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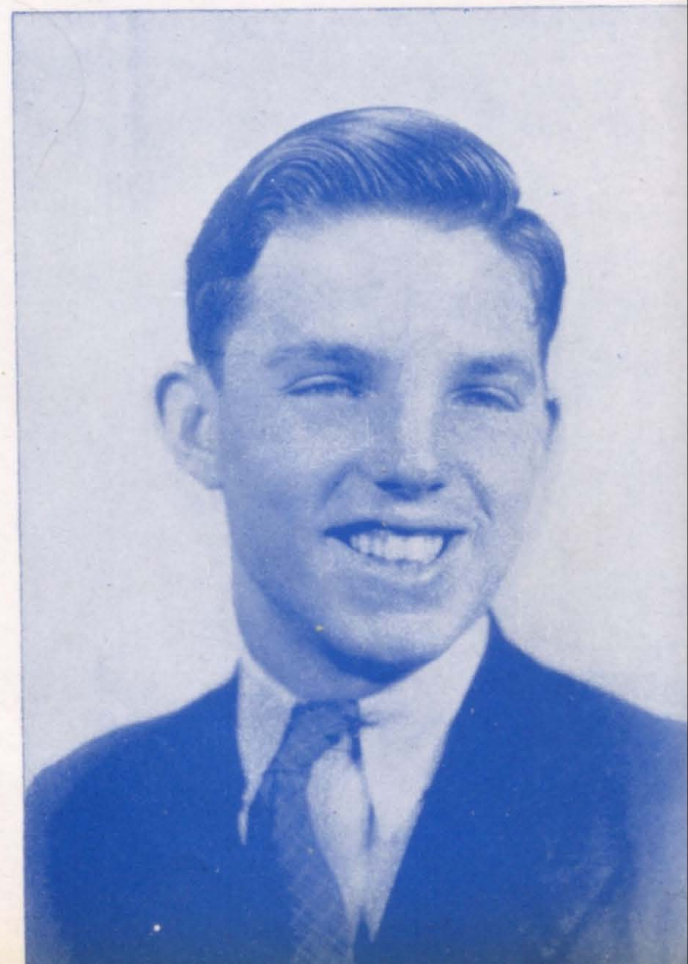






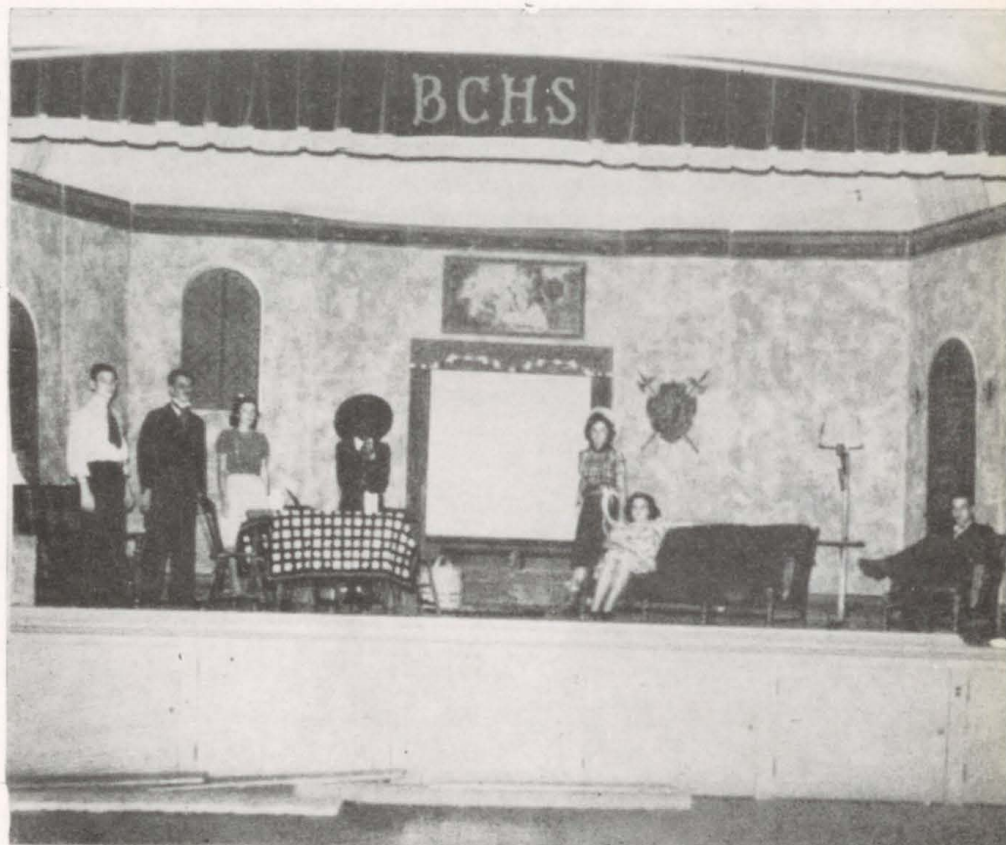








# Activities







J. E. HUTCHISON, *Advisor*

## Future Farmers of America

The Bay City Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was organized in September, 1939, and is now fully accredited with the State and National organizations.

The boys' activities for the year have been numerous. They sponsored a radio program over KPRC, Houston; competed in the Wharton-Matagorda County Fair's F. F. A. judging contest; sponsored a Father and Son Banquet which was attended by seventy-six persons; furnished a speaker, Joe Birkner, for the local Chamber of Commerce Banquet; attended and entered teams in the State F. F. A. judging and leadership contests held in April at College Station.

The purpose of this club is to offer Vocational Agriculture boys' training for future rural leadership and responsibility, to sponsor worthwhile projects, and to provide wholesome entertainment for the boys of the Vocational Agriculture classes.

### OFFICERS

<i>President</i> .....	Joe Birkner
<i>Vice-President</i> .....	Frank Harrison
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Donald Nored
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Harvey Ryman
<i>Reporter</i> .....	William R;man
<i>Watch Dog</i> .....	Woodrow Gernand
<i>Parliamentarian</i> .....	Albert Brown
<i>Historian</i> .....	Harlan Bass

### MEMBERSHIP

Barnett, Bobby	Hale, Pete	Lee, Burton	Smith, O'Neal
Birkner, Otha	Harman, Dennis	Matthews, Steve	Stephens, Frank
Birkner, Otis	Head, Bert	Richardson, Marvin	Svetlik, Ray
Gaedcke, Willie	Huebner, Jack	Richardson, Melvin	Tooke, John
Goodale, Raymond	Huston, Bernard	Ryman, Freddie	Weathers, Ben
Goodall, J. D.	Kimbrel, Royal	Sherrer, Kenneth	Wheeler, Thomas
Hagaman, Max	Laird, Wayne	Sifford, William	Wiley, Leslie







AGNES MURIEL COOKE,  
*Instructor*

### Home Making Club

The Home Making Club has completed another year of successful organization in Eay City High School. During the three years of its organization there has been a continued growth in interest and enthusiasm, the individual members having taken an active part in every phase of the year's program.

Some of the outstanding activities of the past year were a formal initiation, a Christmas party, a Valentine buffet supper honoring the faculty, a barbecue at LeTulle Park, and a banquet for the Rotary Club.



*Cabinet*

*President*

*Cabinet*







MRS INGRAM, *Spanish*

## FOREIGN

The Foreign Language Club is a very new organization, having been formed early in the fall of the past year by a combination of the heretofore separate Latin and Spanish Clubs. The event of their union was celebrated at a very clever mock wedding at which time Miss Spanish became the devoted bride of Mr. Latin. This impressive ceremony was immediately followed.







Mrs. EARLY, *Latin*

## LANGUAGE

Since their union the students of the Foreign Language classes have enjoyed mutual fellowship and companionship on a number of occasions. Among these enjoyable activities were a picnic in the spring at LeTulle Park and a Sadie Hawkins dance in the High School auditorium.







Cabinet



Cabinet



MARGY JOLLEY, Ideal Girl



Sponsor



President

GIRL RESERVE CLUB

The general theme of the Girl Reserves' study during the past year was woven about the interests and characteristics of an ideal girl. In the spring the year's program was climaxed in a Rose Coronation where Margy Jolley was crowned as the girl having best lived the Girl Reserve Code. Her Princesses, chosen also by the club were, Billie Jean Honey and Mary Nell Verser with the following as Duchesses: Maxine Sansing, Mary Ella Montague, Susie Winston, Gertrude Harrison, Lilly Richers, Dorothy Smith, Mildred Harry, and Betty Jean Thompson.





# The Tribune Junior

BAY CITY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 1940

## ETIE, CARROLL, AND RD CHOSEN CLASS FAVORITES

### Workbooks More Students

The teachers spend more time thinking of ways to get students to work more. It is time for dad to get his pockets for workbooks for Christmas and it is hard to tell which is best.

For some, the teachers have decided to order workbooks but let the student make their own.

### Boys Receive Friendship Buttons

The Farmers of America at B.C.H.S. has received friendship buttons and the initiates' society boys have been given garden company, who will

### Shaffer, Verser, And Jolley Carry Off Honors

Bay City High School turned to the annual election for class favorites. The round girl and boy, and attractive girl.

Taking off the honors round boy was Lawrence the up and coming young man. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer is seen at the tennis court Monday and Tuesday, 1940.

Mary Nell is an all-around active in was a cheerleader she also was section in plays a school band daughter of Verser and Jolley. The young "most attractive" girl

## Texas Home Ec Grads Called For Several Jobs

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 24—Fifteen jobs in six states have been calling for University of Texas-trained graduates.



business director of University residence halls, said.

Many of the requests for trained and experienced directors of tea rooms, country clubs, college residences, and frey tin, bure Assc now high insti nutr old. In the Illinois has been who al a labora tories and training centers.

The perennial increase of openings in the sprig, records show, indicates that institutional work has matrimonial as well as professional advantages. A large percentage of the women doing work in dietherapy, research or hospital administration marry young doctors.

"Naturally," Miss Streit explained, "institutional administration is excellent training for prospective housekeepers."

## Volley Ball Tourney Scheduled For Feb. 17

Thursday evening, January 8, a battle royal was waged between two girls' volleyball teams, Bay City and Boling at Boling. Both schools placed strong playing units on the court, but Bay City unleashed a surprising offensive attack.

The first the with this They day- Thurs A Febu pech ball before school. not only the first sixteen to reply will be accepted. This is only a week before the interscholastic league tournament, and all teams should be on their mettle. Volleyball is truly a clean, hard fought game and with the fine

## ONE HUNDRED ARE FED D AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL CAF

### Plans Being Made for "Twirlees" Lunch Rooms In Wadsworth, Van Black and Blessing

cafeteria at grammar school December 8, and is now published under the supervision of Mrs. M. B. Penny. This Penny's second year as principal. There are seven other help in the cafeteria, emment.



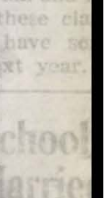
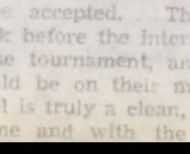
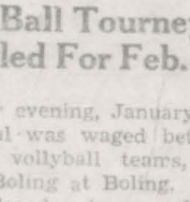
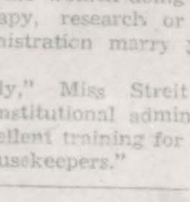
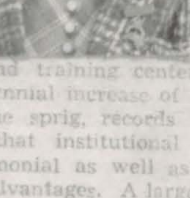
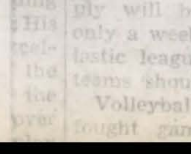
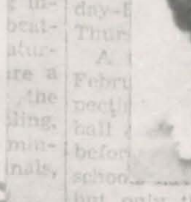
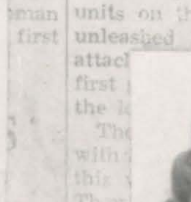
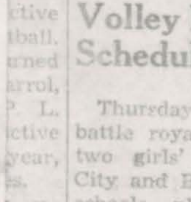
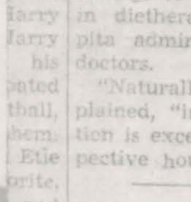
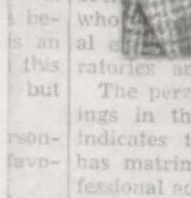
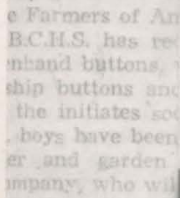
If you wonder you will see some students around Bay City gaily colored buttons are ambitious because to hold the title of "Twirler" next year.

In the high school Vann Shaw, Tom Charles Dickey, Bill Joan Horn, Louis Cobb, Dorothy Thibby Davis, Ida Mae Russell Harry Bradvant, Lilly Richers, and Margaret Allen.

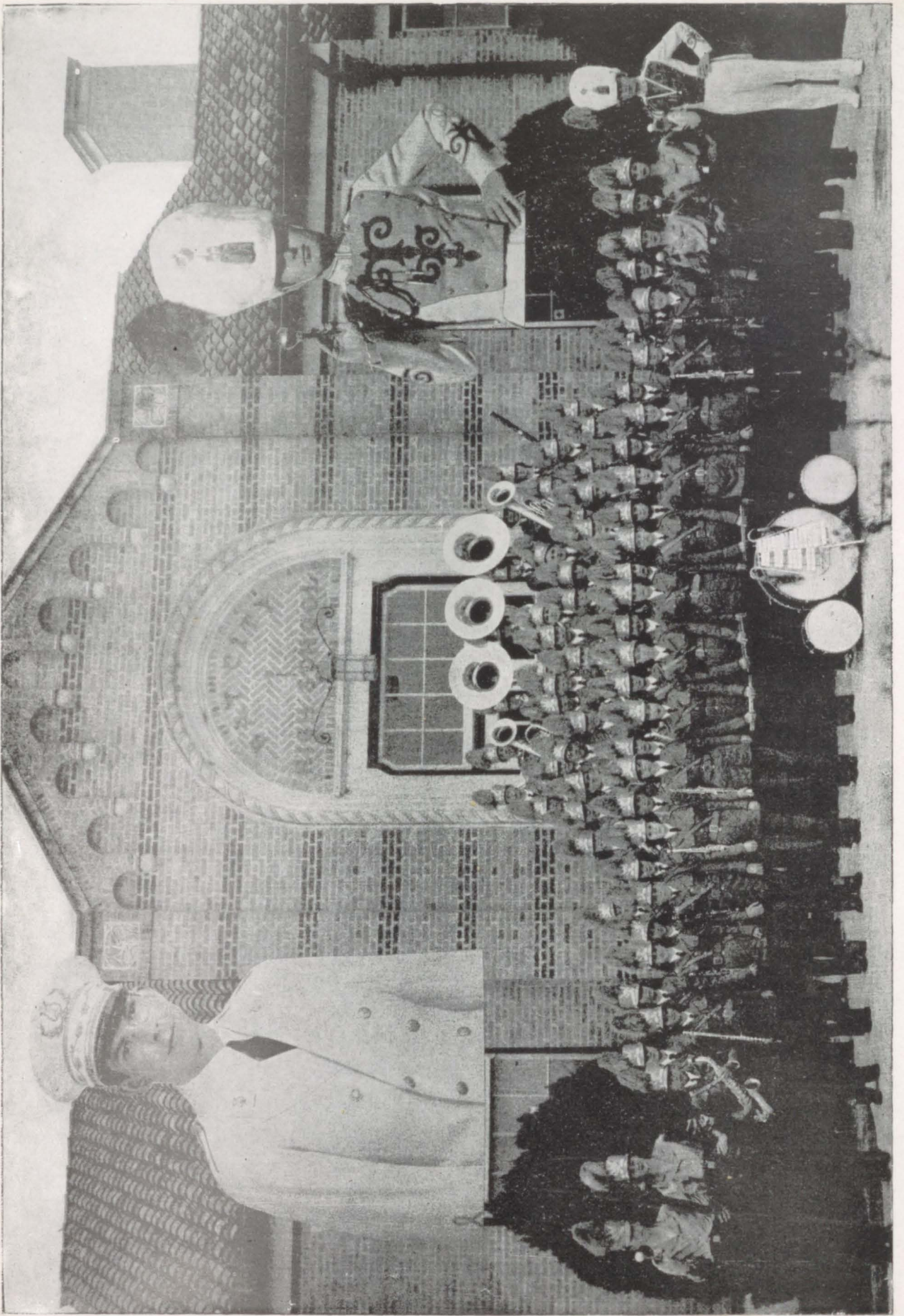
The grammar school are taking a great Cloe Bond, Joan Ballinger, Curtis Verser, Jean Routley, Ella Francis, Joyce Davis.

Mrs. Ingram and some of these clubs get to have Twirlers next year.

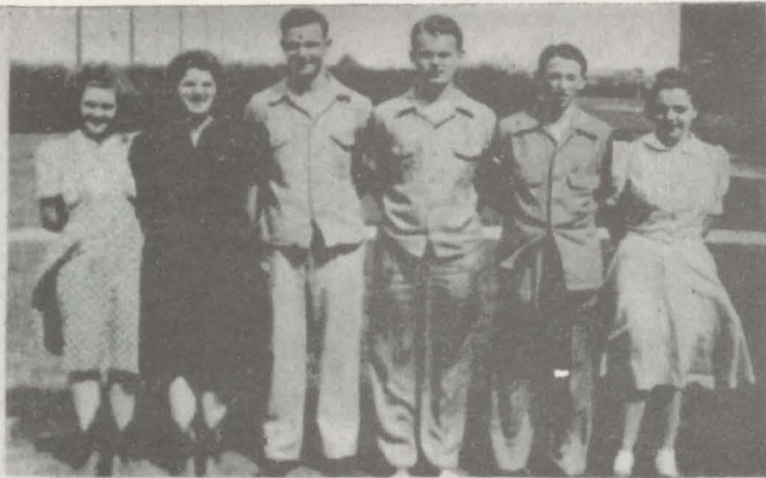
## High School Gets Married











Cast of "A Young Man's Fancy"  
Directed by Nell Shivers



Shorthand Team — *First place*



Typing Team — *Third place*



Spelling

*First Place* — Essay



Second Place, Senior boys  
Declamation



Second Place, Senior  
Girls Declamation



First Place, Junior  
Girls Declamation



First Place, Junior boys  
Declamation





Art

Editor

Ass't. Ed.

Bus. Mgr.

### Black Cat Staff

The members of the Black Cat Staff, working under Virgal Sansing as Editor-in-Chief, feel that a large part of their success in publishing this year's annual is due to the fact that they worked in close contact with a local photographer, Chester Mowan of the Mowan Studio, and with a local printer, Carey Smith of the Tribune.



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Whether blame or praise will be a part of this Black Cat, the farewell token of the Senior Class of 1940, the Staff sincerely hopes that you will consider it as an earnest effort to help you keep Bay City High School ever in mind and thus repay in a small way the debt of honor to Alma Mater.



1st. Row: WINSTON, CATES, PORTER, VERSER, HARRISON, HARRISON, 2nd. Row: JOLLEY, MONTAGUE, DUFFY, HARRY, BATES, DIERM

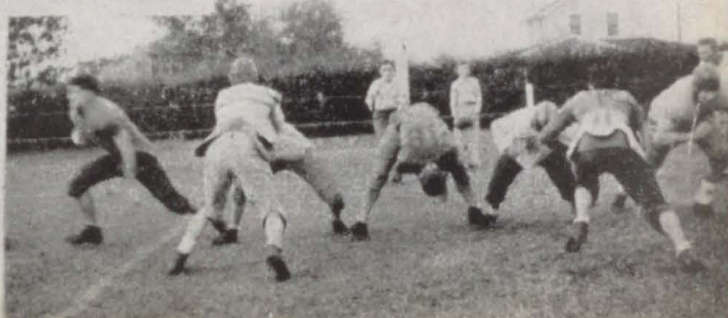
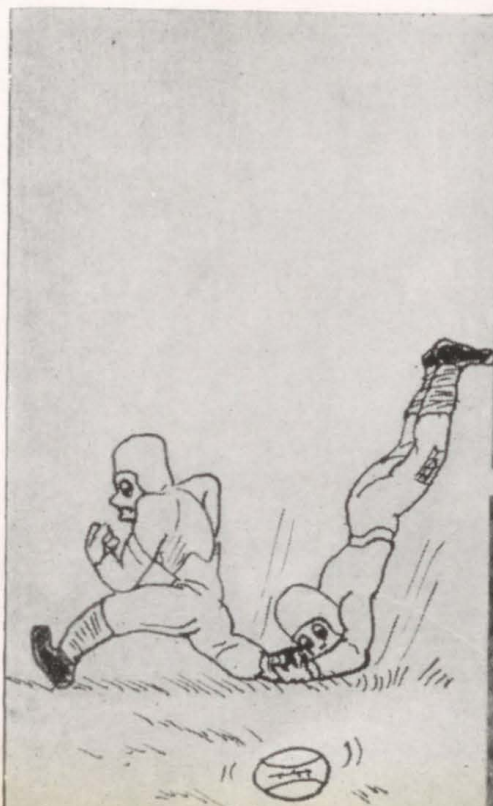
THE FACULTY TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE FOLLOWING NAMES OF THE STUDENTS WHOSE RECORDS SHOW NO GRADE LOWER THAN "A" DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR:

- VANN SHAW TAYLOR
- MARGY JOLLEY
- ALLIE JOY ADAMS
- JACK GLENN
- MINNIE LEE SCHAEDEL
- SHIRLEY PICKLE
- BUDDIE CROW

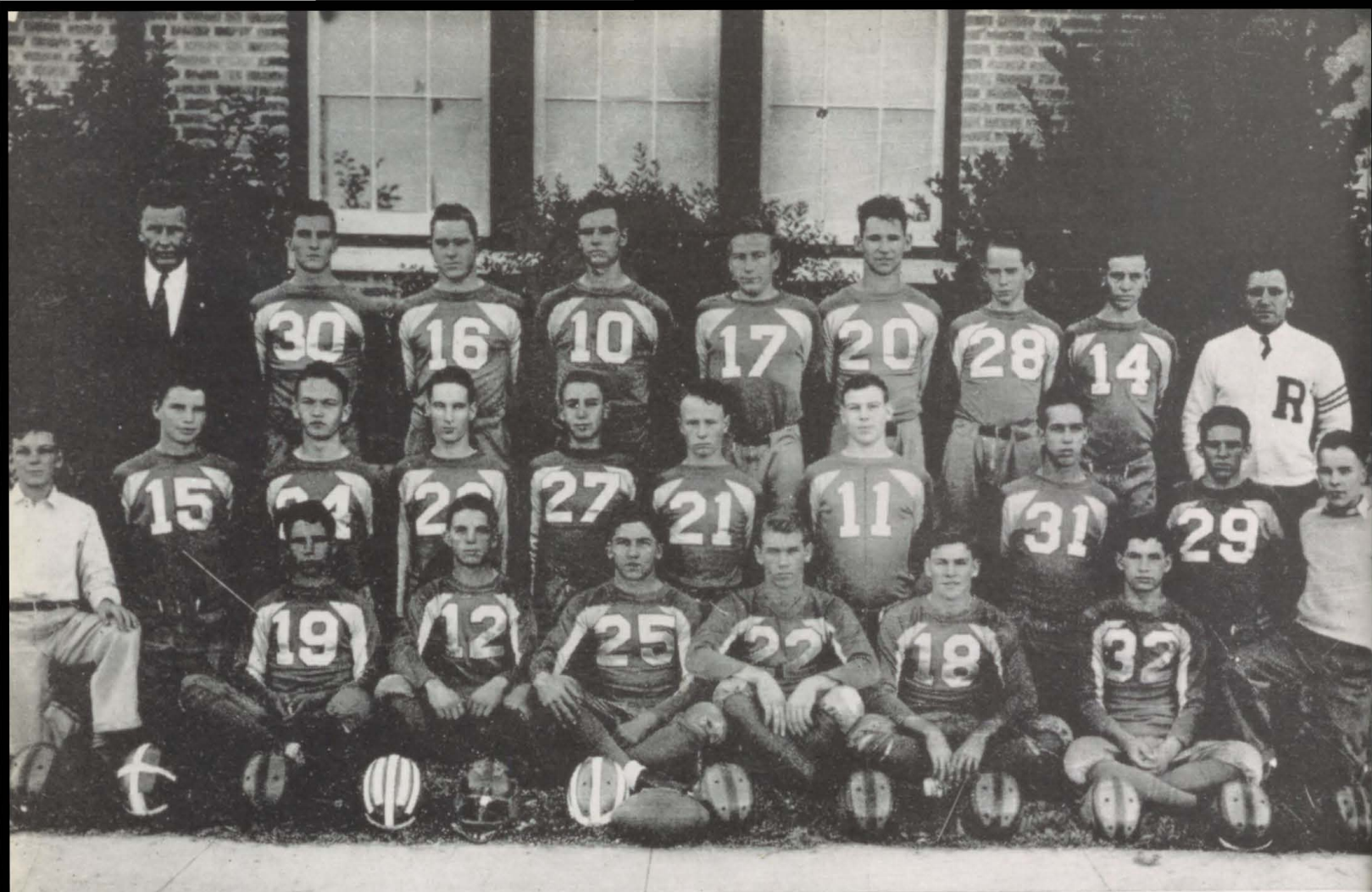
- GERTRUDE HARRISON
- OLA ANN DIERLAM
- ELLANORA BELL
- AILEEN BUSSELL
- KATHLEEN BURKE
- MILDRED HARRY
- MARIE LOWE



# Athletics







The Bay City Black Cats, coached by Vic Driscoll and E. J. Myers, had a very eventful season in spite of the fact that they did not win the District Championship because of forfeiting two games to the conference early in the season. In the face of this disappointment, however, the team kept on fighting until the end of the season in the true Black Cat spirit, and every man on the team deserves a great deal of praise for having done his part to make the season as successful as it was.

Those players gaining special recognition were Lawrence Shaffer, who was awarded the Crofoot trophy as the most valuable player; Shaffer and Fowle, who were selected for All-District Championship; Parker, Sansing, Hardwick and Etie, who were selected for second team All-District Championship; and Shaffer, again who was selected for the All-Southeast Champions.







BIRKNER



CARROLL



ETIE



HARDWICKE



JOHNSON



STAYTON



SCHAEDEL



BAKER



KLING



EHLERT



PARKER



SHAFFER

SANSING  
Co-Captain



FOWLE  
Co-Captain





CARR,  
Manager



CURTIS,  
Ass't. Manager



MORROW



CADD



WHALEY



NORED



RUPE



REDDOCH



SHAFFER



BAKER

**RAH! RAH! RAH! BLACKCATS! BLACKCATS! BLACKCATS!**



Let's give a cheer for Bay City High,  
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,  
Send a volley cheer on high,  
Shake down the thunder from the sky  
What though the odds be great  
Bay City High will win over all  
While our loyal students  
are marching  
Onward to victory!





SHAFFER

FOWLE

CARR

KLING



GREENBERG

LAWHON

KOGUTT

STAYTON



ETIE

RYMAN

WHALEY

BAKER

SCORES

WE		THEY
21	Sweeny	7
17	Markham	29
32	Blessing	28
27	Boling	32
31	Sweeny	9
37	Blessing	21
35	Markham	45
37	Van Vleck	8



CARR, Manager

SCORES

WE		THEY
38	Ganada	33
32	Blessing	33
33	El Campo	27
26	Boling	29
46	Edna	19
44	Blessing	30
36	Markham	38
32	Blessing	33

DRISCOLL, Coach



MYERS, Ass't. Coach



BASKETBALL

With a scrappy team Bay City was nosed out by two and one points respectively in the county tournaments. Although the scores do not indicate a winning team, Coaches Driscoll and Myers put out a well coached machine.

The lettermen were as follows: Capt. Shaffer, Fowle, Ryman, Lawhon, Etie, and Greenberg.





RICHESON, *Coach*



MONTAGUE, *Captain*



PORTER, *Mgr.*

The individual members of the 1940 volley ball team working in close fellowship with each other and with their coach, Mary Belle Richeson, although not so successful from the standpoint of scores feel that their season has been highly successful from the standpoint of loyalty, sportsmanship, and cooperation as a unit. This common bond of fellowship which they experienced during the season will remain with them through the years to come.



AMOS, *Mgr.*



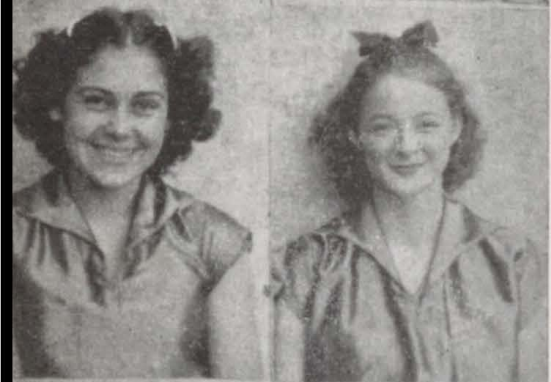
HARRISON, P.  
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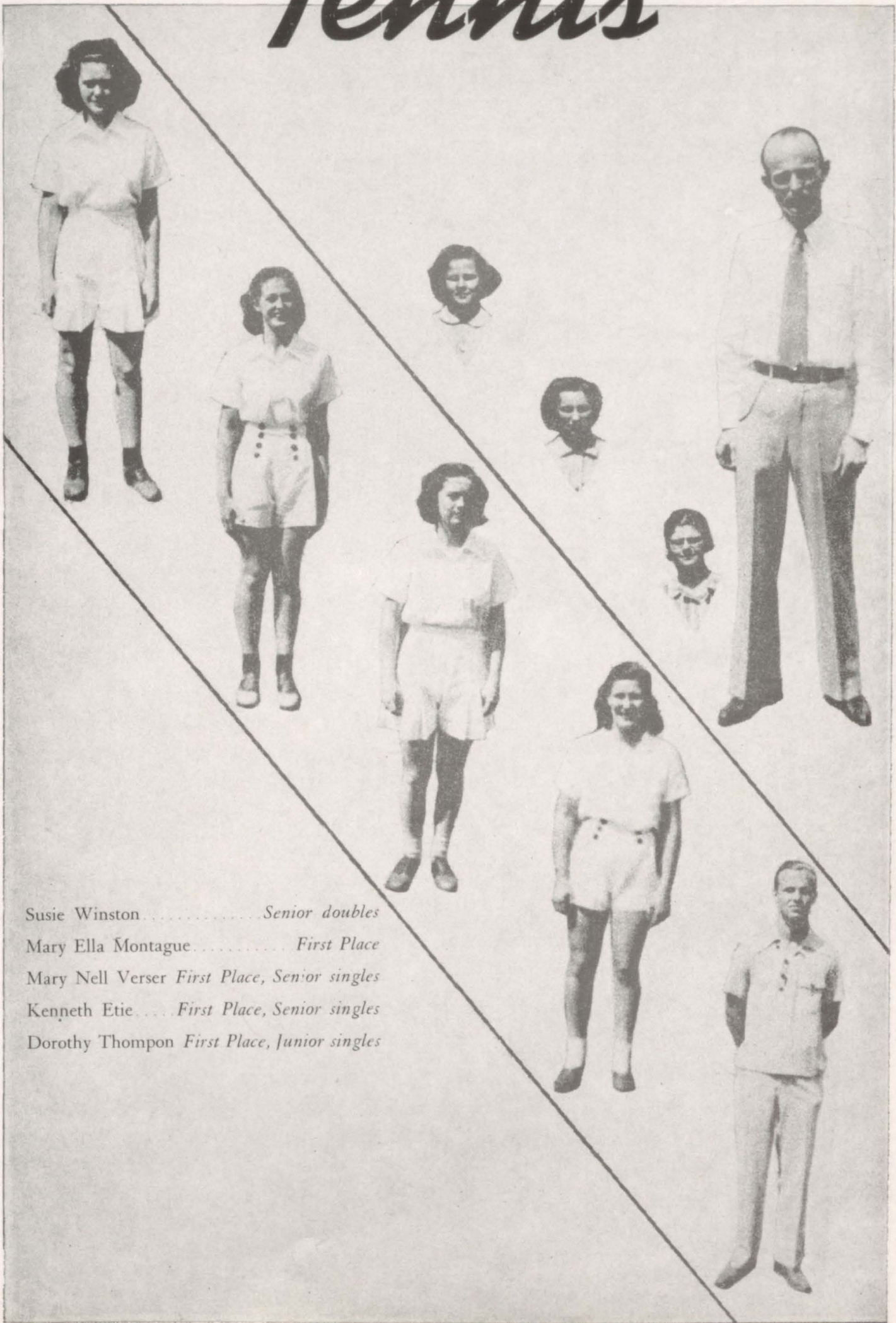
SANSING  
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RUPE  
COBB





# Tennis



Susie Winston..... *Senior doubles*  
Mary Ella Montague..... *First Place*  
Mary Nell Verser *First Place, Senior singles*  
Kenneth Etie.... *First Place, Senior singles*  
Dorothy Thompon *First Place, Junior singles*



# Track

100 Yard Dash—Shaffer, 1st; Morrow, 3rd; Greenberg, 4th.  
 220 Yard Dash—Shaffer, 1st; Morrow, 3rd; Greenberg, 4th.  
 Pole Vault—Birkner, 1st; Etie, 2nd; Sansing, 3rd.  
 440 Yard Run—Kling, 1st; Greenberg, 3rd.  
 120 High Hurdles—Etie, 1st; Kling, 2nd; Carr, 3rd.  
 220 Low Hurdles—Etie, 1st; Carr, 2nd; Thompson, 3rd.  
 Broad Jump—Shaffer, 1st; Greenberg, 2nd; Carroll, 3rd.  
 Javelin—Fowle, 1st; Sansing, 2nd, Etie, 4th.  
 880 Yard Run—Lyle, 1st; Kogutt, 3rd; F. Baker, 4th.  
 Mile Run—Gordon Shaffer, 1st; Schaedel, 2nd; Acosta, 4th.  
 Mile Relay—(L. Shaffer, Greenberg, Morrow, Lyle), 1st.  
 High Jump—Etie, Carr, Johnson, tie for first.  
 Discus—Fowle, 1st; Hardwick, 3rd; Ehlert, 4th.  
 Shot Put—Fowle, 1st; Hardwick, 2nd; Ehlert, 4th.  
 (Kenneth Etie was high point man with 19 points.)





# The Cat's Claw





# Down Memory Lane-Class Prophecy

The diplomas of 1940 hold a future for each member of the graduating class of Bay City High. Shall we glance into the future and see these same individuals several years hence?

The President, Harry Fowle, has with all his dignity and stately bearing prospered by the leadership of his class. See him, not leading the affairs of his class, but the affairs of his state as Governor. His day time hobby is baseball. Samuel Lyle is astounding the world with his new inventions—having recently brought forth a rouge which, once on, neither soap nor water can remove.

Vann Shaw Howell has come far in ten years. He is now prospering as athletic director and coach at Vassar College for Women.

Thomas Wheeler, the greatest mathematician of the century, is head of the Math Dept. at our own T. U.

James Lee Parr is the new dance instructor at the Hollywood School of Dance.

Marvin Mitchell is long going from school to school trying to make a complete semester in any one school that will keep him that long.

Winnie (Arnold) Rupe is now running a chicken farm east of Bay City.

Mary Elizabeth Harrison, Prima Donna at the Met., is now starring in the opera "Carmen" with Billy Keller as her leading man.

Thelma Yeaman is owner of a prosperous Dude Ranch in Arizona.

Mary Elva Zipperian has just sold all of her cows and other property and has retired to the quiet life of Newgulf with her husband.

Burnette Schultz and Inez Baker are celebrating the success of their first publication, "How to Make Love", by spending their fifth anniversary in New York City.

Billie Jean Boney says that marriage is a great institution but still firmly believes that she is not quite ready for an institution yet.

Herbert Dennison is supplying Van Vleck with electricity generated by the perpetual motion of his jaw bone.

Mary Ella Montague has led a dizzy life in the Follies of 1950 but says she will finally settle down to run an old ladies' home with her old friend, Susie Marie Winston, who has jilted so many men that she is trying to live a quiet life of seclusion from the scandal sheet.

The world's greatest aviator, Lawrence Shaffer, blushing admits that he owes his success to his little lady, Mary Nell Verser, who dances on the wing of his airplane and does trick parachute jumps.

Mrs. Charles Schaedel, the former Melba Drake, will leave in early fall after a visit with relatives to join her husband in his missionary work in Japan.

Gene Parker is helping the wild game hunters in Africa catch "laughing hyenas" by his perfect imitations.

The raven locks you see in the Noxidene Ads are none other than those of our own dear Dorothy Smith.

Marcelle Ryman has recently married her boss, Billy Denn, who is superintending the ship docks in Cleveland.

Jack Glenn just published his book, "How to Remain a Successful Bachelor" and this week climaxed his glorious career by marching down the aisle with Lola Ruth Clements.

Flash! We just got the news that Sina Jane Hansen is graduating from B. C. H. S.

Burton LeTulle and Woody Bond are traveling with a circus, Burton as the wild man and Woody as his "ballyhoo" man. They claim they owe their success to their dramatic training in B. C. H. S.

Byron Cummings and Robert Byrd are "moonshining" in the hills of Kentucky.

Stacey Harrison may be found as engineer on the "Matagorda Limited".

George Ratliff, Casinova of the class of 1940, is now a dashing leader in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

The new gent for "No Run—No Smear Finger Nail Polish" is Bert Head.

John Henry Cummings just escaped from Alcatraz where he served time for bigamy, returned to seventh wife.

Sally Penny spends her time managing a tea room which caters to men only.

Maudie and Olive Jane Wooley are hostesses of a large passenger plane from Bay City to Palacios.

Turn your radio to station B.C.H.S. at four o'clock every Sunday afternoon and hear Aunt Gladys Flournoy read the funnies to all the kiddies.

We hear that Dena Cates is still hanging around the projection room of the Frel's Theatre.

Geraldine Crist is the owner and operator of Ye ole Honky Tonk—Jive In and Jam.

Marian Bruce is the charming wife of the Methodist minister in a small town in Missouri, doing her part of the work as president of the Missionary Society.

Lurlyn Dunbar is on her seven year bicycle tour around the world. She is now at the North Pole having a little tire trouble.

Harvey Ryman's pig, "Ribbon Snatcher," grabbed the Grand Championship for the tenth consecutive year at the Houston Fat Stock show.

Woodrow Gernand is now filling the place of Dorothy Dix as author of the column "Advice to the Lovelorn", which appears daily in "Tribune Jr."

Edna Merle Clements, after long years of study at A.&M., is now teaching American History at Rice Institute.

Jack Lawless was recently crowned "King of the Ring" after his surprising technical knock-out of Joe Louis.

William Ryman, after 2 years training at Hockaday in Dallas, is now an officer at Ft. Sam Houston, S. Antonio.

We really don't know where Milton Greenberg is, but we hear he is still trying to date a girl in Wharton.

Cleo Garner has finally become the target for the make-up originated by Westmore brothers.

Leona Davis, a true belle of the old South, is now doing a bubble dance speciality at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Allie Joy Adams is now reclining in an England prison, after having been arrested as a Nazi spy.

Virgil Gansner, the social climber, will soon become the blushing groom of "Sistie" Dahl, granddaughter of F.D.R.

Nerine Garner is amazing the opera goers with the rendition of "The Man Who Comes Around" in her mellow baritone voice.

Delilah Wiley is now happily at work in her dancing school in Ashwood.

Irene Kidder is now vacationing in Hawaii, and while there she is teaching the hula dancers how to tango.

Charles Kling is driving a truck for the Falstaff Brewery to make a living for his harem.

Home Town Girl Makes Good! Francis Hill is now playing opposite "Spanky" MacFarland in "Charley McCarthy Detective".

Doyle Hardwick is now lecturing on "Love is a Wonderful Thing" from the pulpit of your favorite church.

Miss "Pete" Harrison is head of the Spelling Department in the Bay City Grammar School.

Mildred Harry is travelling with a medicine show as candy saleslady and torch singer.

Jouise Deerman is now doing all the washing, ironing, and cooking for Bill, her sailor husband, and their son Nautical Navy.

Louise Baker (alias Elviry) was awarded the 1950 Novel prize on the production of her most recent novel, Oh! Mamma There's That Ice Man Again!

Nancy Duffy is being starred as Scarlett O'Hag in the greatest epic of the century and Bobbie Porter is sharing the same mansion with her as the world's greatest comedian.



# Our Who's Humor

## Who

- HARRY FOWLE—*Tops in athletics and senior class.*  
KENNETH ETIE—*A lot of hot air who's liked by everyone.*  
BETTY JEAN THOMPSON—*Smart, pretty, and friendly—that's Betty.*  
BILLIE JEAN BONEY—*Brains and originality.*  
GENE PARKER—*Most popular boy with his fellow grads.*  
LENA MAUD POLLARD—*A mite bit of might.*  
KATHLEEN BURKE—*Modest and adorable.*  
VIRGAL SANSING—*Quiet, but present when honors are passed.*  
ANTIONETTE RICHERS—*A prissy little darling.*  
SAMMY LETULLE—*There's that saxophone man again.*  
JOAN HORN—*Light on her toes.*  
LILLY RICHERS—*Overflowing with popularity.*  
NELSON CARROLL—*Bay City High's pet combination of brawn and brain.*  
DORTHY SMITH—*The girl with the golden tonsils.*  
GORDON SHAFFER—*Ran into B.C.H.S. and is still a running star.*  
NANCY DUFFY—*This girl swings a mean baton.*  
DOROTHY THOMPSON—*Big Noise.*  
LOUISE AMOS—*Heap big noise.*  
GAYNELLE GREENE—*Bang bang.*  
VANN SHAW TAYLOR—*A real asset to all enterprizes of advertising.*  
IDA MAE AND HATTIE LEE—*As twins, they're a necessity to B.C.H.S.*  
BOBBIE PORTER—*"Fifi" to her friends and friend to all.*  
MARIAN BRUCE—*Beats a wicked drum.*  
SUSIE WINSTON—*Smartest gal in school.*  
JEAN RATLIFF—*A honey.*  
VANCE PORTER—*A true Black Cat, a mascot of long standing.*  
CLEO GARNER—*Attractive.*  
DOYLE HARDWICK—*Ran "70" yards for a touchdown.*  
AUBIN COX—*The "Belle of the Ball."*  
JOHN WILLIAM HARMER—*Big noises sometimes come in little packages.*  
JAMES LEE PARR—*Twists a wicked ankle.*  
MAXINE SANSING—*Dependable in the highest degree.*  
OPAL REISSIG—*Quiet, smart, and lovely.*  
MARGY JOLLEY—*Always ready to help when needed.*  
ADELBERT VERSER—*Annoying.*  
LOUISE BAKER—*Promising.*  
MARY MARGARET MILEY—*Striking.*  
OLLIE FAYE DARNELL—*Spirited.*  
SHIRLEY McPEAK—*Nimble.*  
JOHN LOUIS UNDERWOOD—*Dreamy.*

It was midnight in the Arctic,  
Not a snowdrop was in sight;  
Mary Culver in her new sarong  
Was eating apple delight;  
Mr. Miller by her side  
Was eating savory whale blubber  
Herman Denn was in the ocean  
Taking a swim with Elaine Schmerber;  
James Rupe was in the kitchen  
Washing dishes for his Winne;  
Vera Clements was taking exercise  
To make her small and skinny;  
Harry Anderson was doing the tango  
With Mary Louise Butter;  
Mack Cartwright was making eyes at Neva  
Legg  
And making her little heart flutter;  
Ann Parsons was explain to Melody Lee  
About the triangle affair with Robert Byrd;  
Mrs. Wynne was talking nonsense  
And Mrs. Early was acting absurd;  
Frances Hill and Toney Carr were living  
happily  
In a little house made of sticks;  
Betty Jane Thadden was marching to the altar  
With none other than Bob Hicks;  
Harlan Bass was riding polar bears  
Over the desert with Irene Kidder;  
Susie Winston was auctioning her boats  
To the highest bidder;  
Mary Elva was selling cows to Joe Birkner  
To place on his famous dairy  
Where he lived so domestically  
With his charming wife, Billy Sherry;  
Pat Stayton was stealing Dorothy O'Connell  
From her sweetheart, Jack Glenn;  
Mary Gainer was walking down the street  
Winking at all the men;  
Allie Joy Adams was telling shady jokes  
To a good listener, Sammy LeTulle;  
Betty Mills was riding a stick horse;  
Billy Albert was acting the fool;  
Louise Amos was rocking back and forth  
Singing love songs to Billy Walker;  
Leona Davis was giving Bobbie Porter lessons  
On how to be a steady talker;  
It was midnight in the Arctic,  
And in the broad daylight  
The birds were singing joyously  
And the sun was shining bright.



Mr. Myers: "Why the quotation marks on this paper?"

John Louise Underwood: "Courtesy to the man on my left."

Mr. Hutcheson: "But you should love your enemies."

Doyle Hardwick: "I do. I love wine, women, and tobacco."

Barber, looking at Kenneth Etie's head: "Do you want a hair cut or just an oil change?"

Mrs. Hatch: "Oh, Don, the baby can walk."

Mr. Hatch: "Well, good! He can walk the floor with himself tonight."

Mr. Brandon says that the faculty is a group of people paid to assist the seniors in running the school.

Beulah Lee to Mildred Werlla: "Say, Anne Lesco is so dumb that she thinks the Girl Scout Movement is a new dance step."

Some people get more sleep than others, but then some people have more classes than others.

Dena: "Say, late hours are bad for one, aren't they?"

Bub Bub: "Yeah, but they are not so bad for two."

Hadden Dietrich: "My, how my bones ache!"

Buddy Crow: "Yes, a head ache is pretty bad, isn't it?"

Betty Mills: "Billy Walker makes me tired."

Maxine: "Well, it's your own fault. You should stop running after him."

Herman Denn lay sunning himself on the beach. Seeing a small boy idly playing with a shovel, he called: "Hey, come over here and cover me up!"

The little boy looking him over: "I can't. Gotta go home tomorrow."

Mrs. Ingram: "Young man, how many times have I told you to get to this class on time?"

Harry Fowle: "I don't know. I thought you were keeping score."

Chas. Dickey to Bobbie: "My! What a clutch!"

Chas. Kling from the rear: "Say, you watch the road; this is none of your business."





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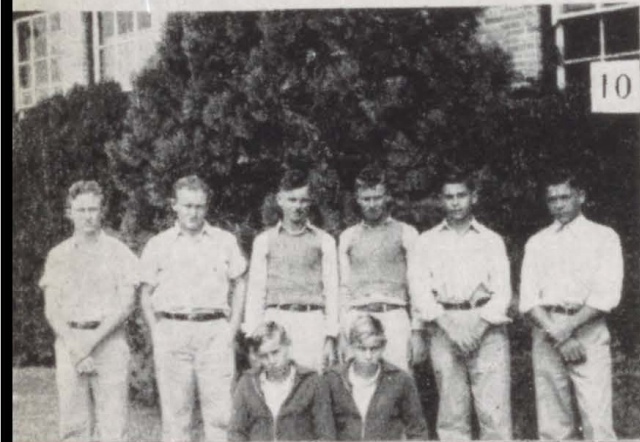
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