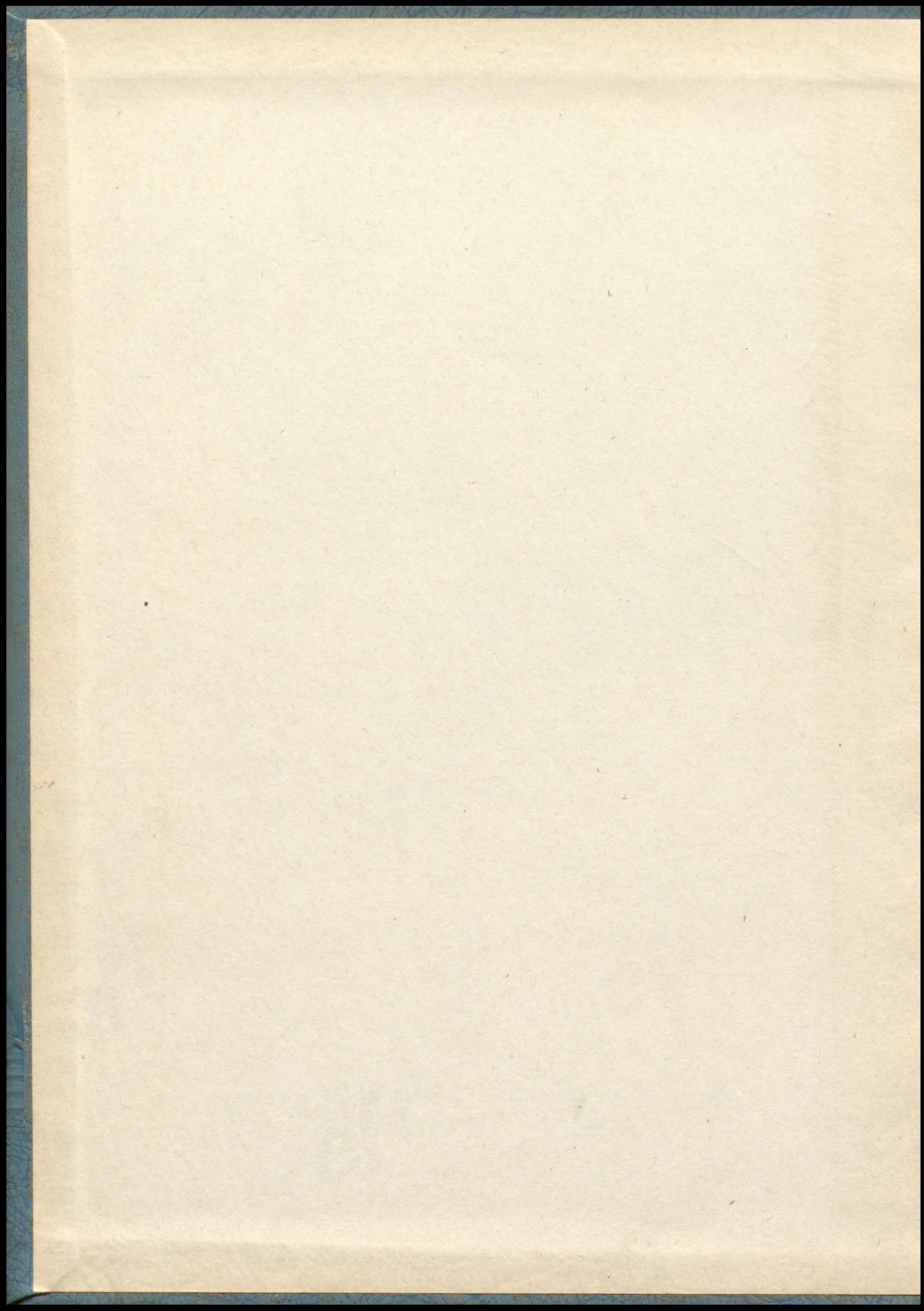
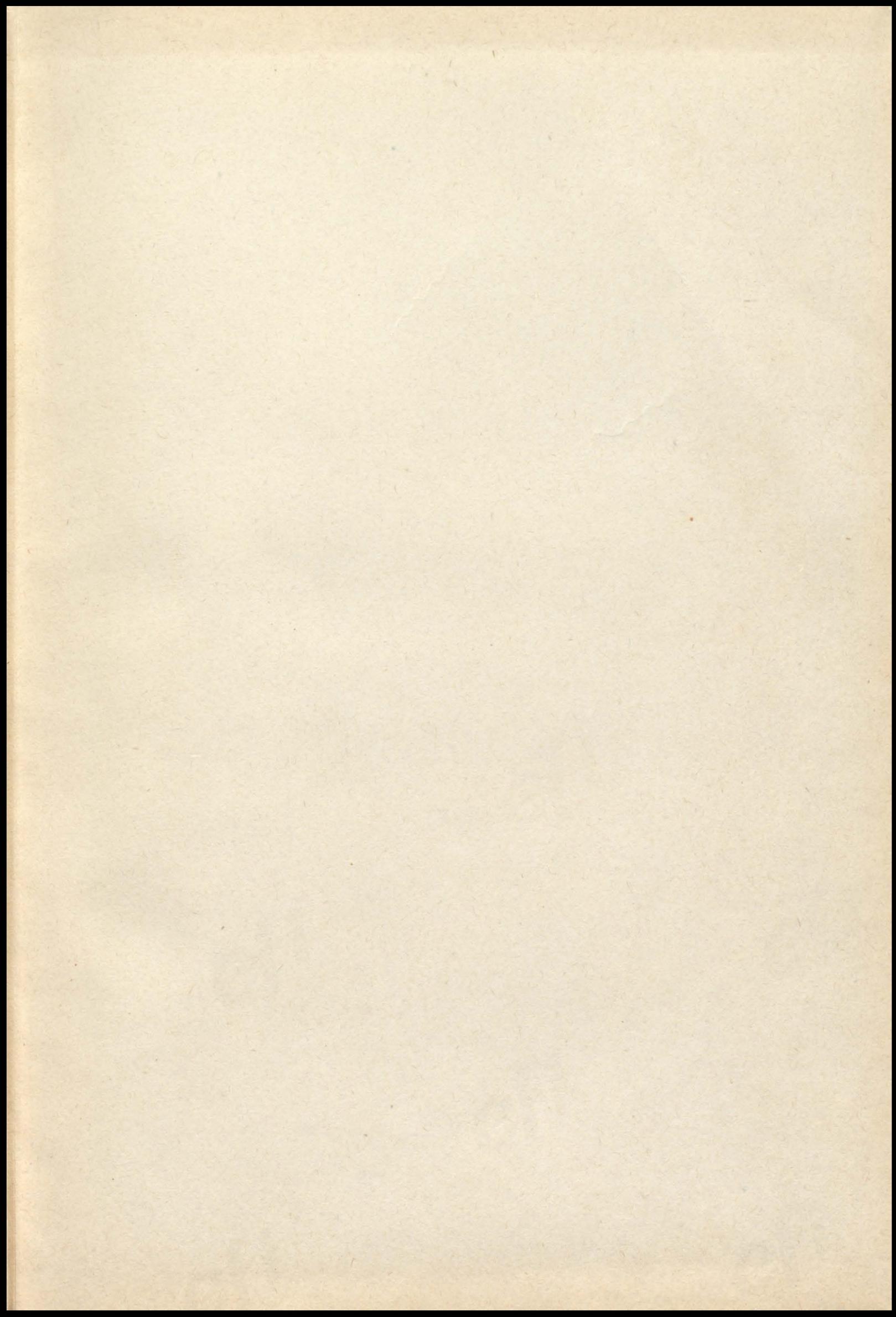


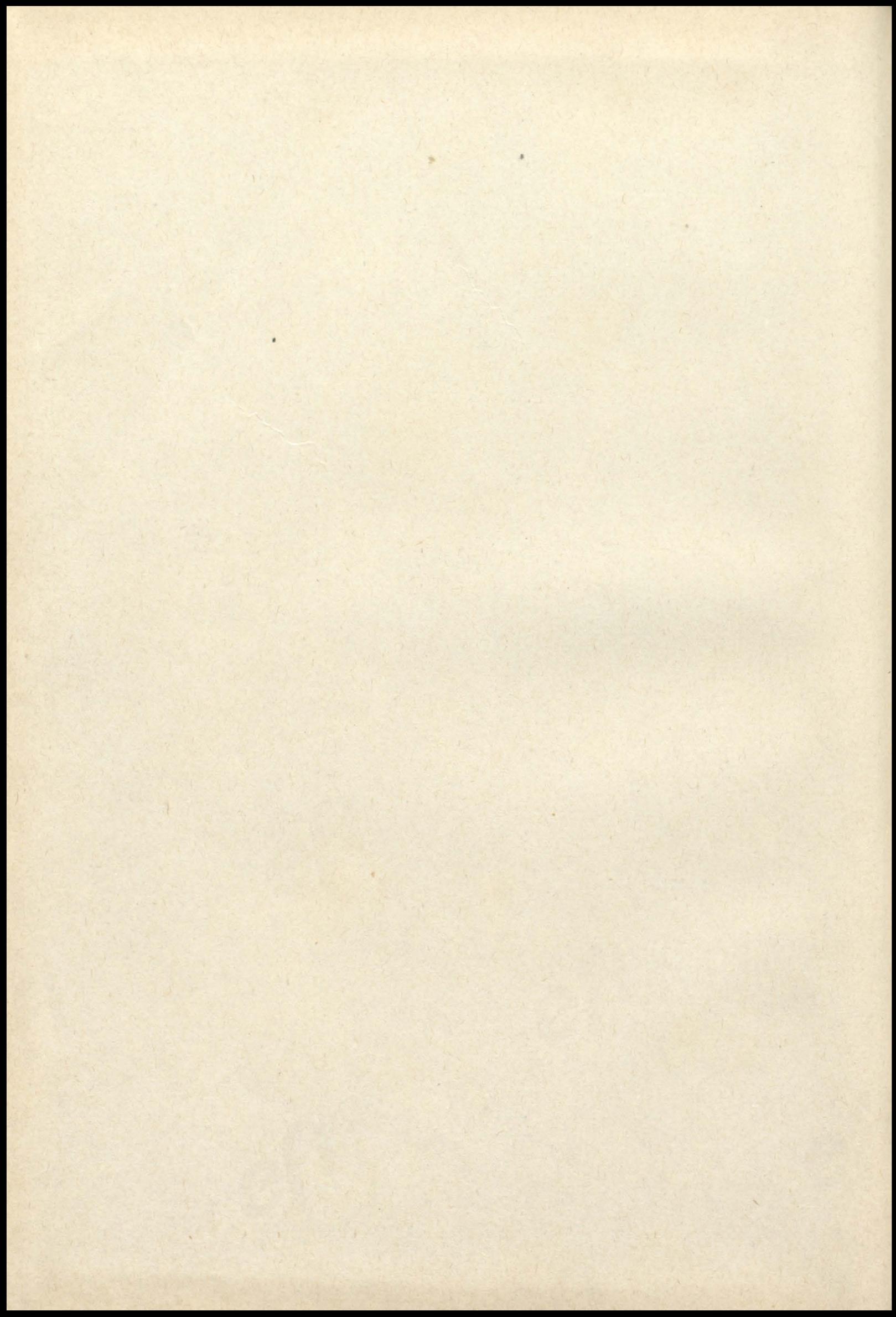


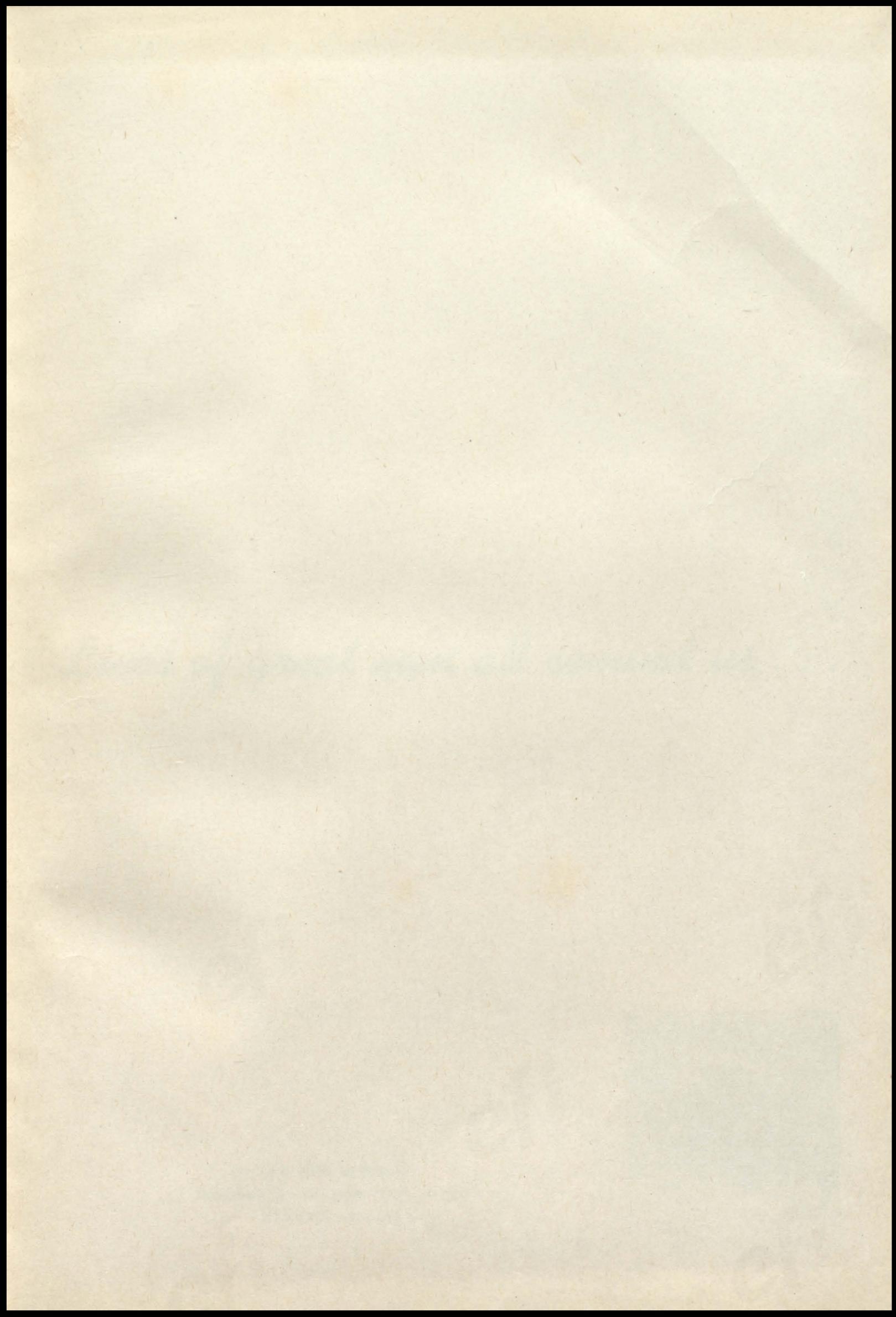
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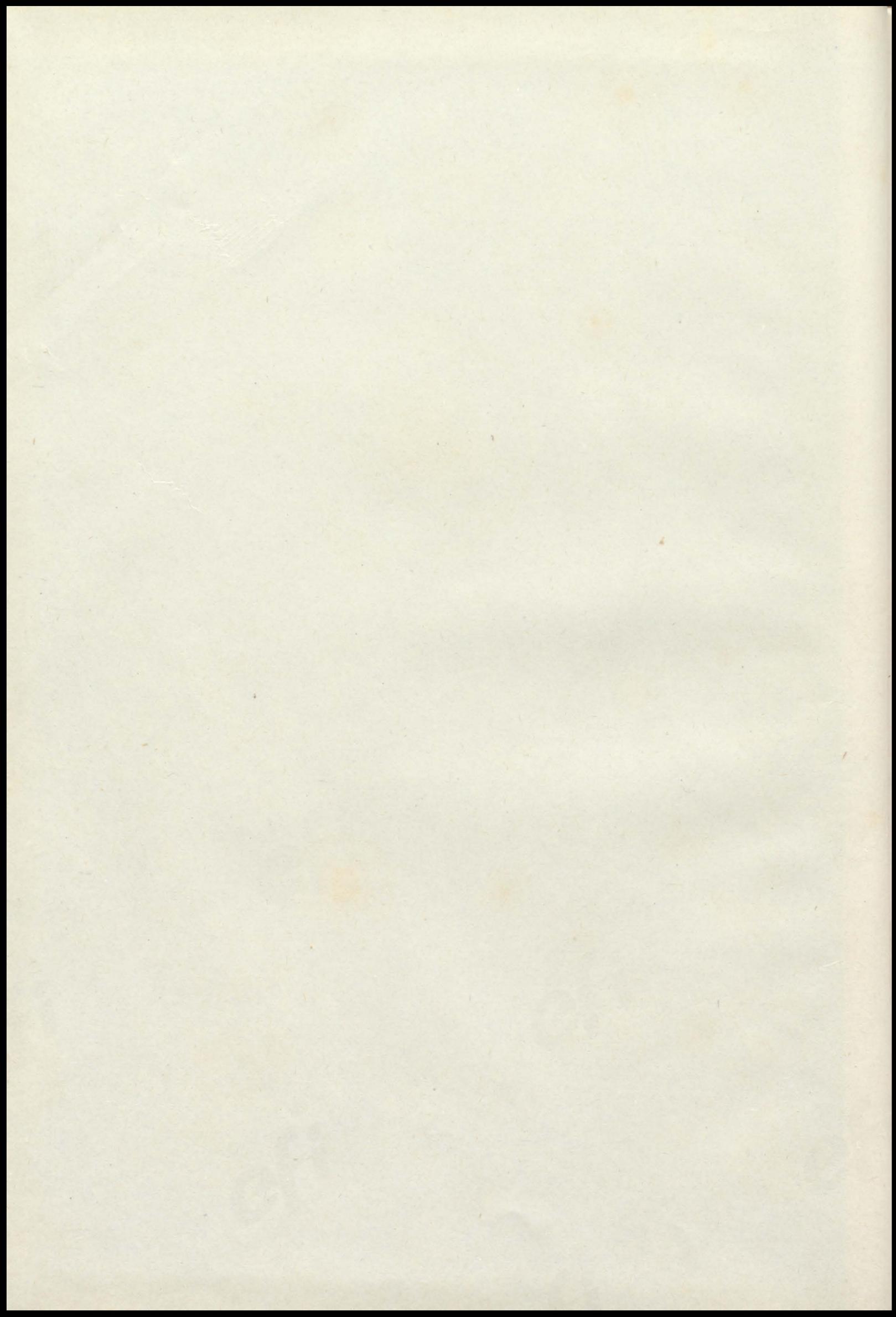
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Lives of great men all remind us . . .

The 1945 Crescent
Wendell L. Wilkie High School
ELWOOD, INDIANA



DEDICATION

To the man whose untiring efforts in the cause of humanity have won the respect of all . . . whose efforts to bring all nations together as "One World" with liberty and justice for all, will live in the history of mankind

To the man who stood for freedom for all regardless of race, creed, or color . . . one whose kindly personality, keen interest, and warm understanding have won the hearts of kings as well as commoners . . .

To this man, Wendell L. Willkie, and his doctrine of "The American Way of Life" in which he so firmly believed, we respectfully dedicate this 1945 Crescent.



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Charles F. Keene

FOREWORD

Here in picture, story, and rhyme The Crescent Staff proudly presents life in Willkie High School during 1944-1945. It is our wish that when you turn these pages for even the millionth time your spirits will be refreshed by pleasant memories recorded here.

The Crescent Staff wishes to thank those who in any way contributed to the success of this publication. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation the faculty, students, and townspeople have given us. Without this aid our 1945 publication would not have been possible.

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Since this picture was taken the main entrance to our high school has undergone some changes in lettering. During this year the name Wendell L. Willkie High School replaced the familiar E. H. S.



Six months old



Seventeen years

His Spirit Marches On

What prophet among us could have foreseen some forty odd years ago that here in Elwood was beginning a brilliant career which was destined to know no national boundaries nor to recognize any international barriers? Yet here in our very streets and parks, churches and schools was laid the foundation for a life's work which was to take Wendell L. Willkie far from the limits of his small, midwestern, farming community even into the far corners of the globe.

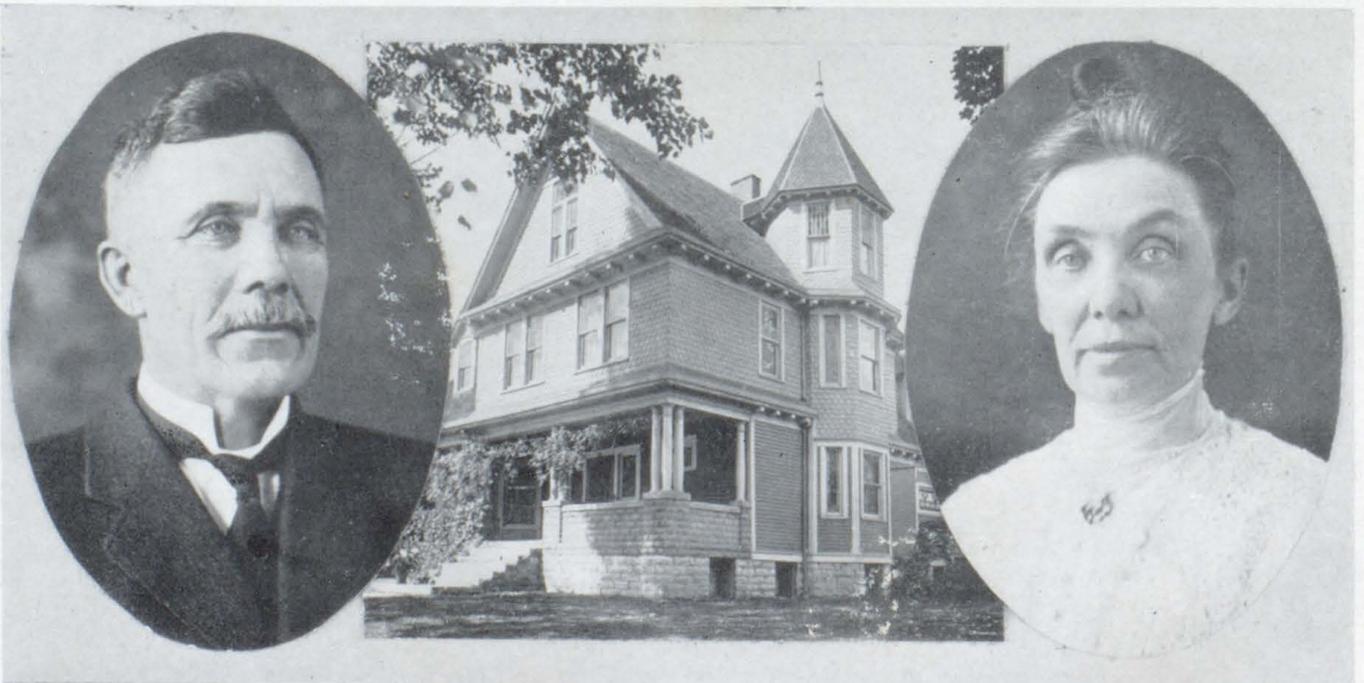
Through Indiana University to a teacher's desk in a Kansas High School we follow the trail of our favorite son. Back to an Akron, Ohio law office his footprints lead us and from there to the firm of a corporation lawyer in New York City. Next we stand with him at the nominating convention of 1940 in Chicago and watch and listen as he leads us through a vigorous presidential campaign across the nation.

Even defeat for the highest elective office in the land could not dampen his indomitable spirit. We cheer when he offers full cooperation in governmental matters and in the war effort. We fly with him on a 'round the world trip during which he walks with kings and eats with the common man. We read his thoughts, his warnings, and his dreams in **ONE WORLD**.

Humanly speaking, Willkie's trodden path comes to an end in a cemetery near Rushville in his native Hoosier State. Here the personal side of the humble world leader rests.

But men like Willkie never die. They live forever in the hearts of all who knew them. Their ideals are passed on from generation to generation. These heroes, become more respected in death than in life. Memory of them comes to be eternally enshrined in memorials and monuments throughout the world. In keeping with the spirit of remembrance, our schools have been officially renamed the Wendell L. Willkie Junior and Senior High Schools.

Tributes of this kind bear little weight, however, in perpetuating the undefeatable courage of Wendell L. Willkie. History and time alone will inscribe in the lasting record his true worth. Already his spirit was present at the council tables of Dumbarton Oaks. It has again been felt at the council tables at San Francisco. It will again be harkened unto in the coming peace conferences when the guns of this war will be forever silenced. His spirit will not be pushed aside. It will stop only when all nations clasp hands in a friendly and peaceful **ONE WORLD**.





Second row: Wendell Willkie is second from the right; Edgar Ball is second from the left

—Courtesy of Edgar G. Ball

PRESIDENT'S TRIBUTE

"The nation will long remember Wendell Willkie as a forthright American. Earnest, honest, wholesouled, he also had tremendous courage. This courage—which was his dominating trait—prompted him more than once to stand alone and to challenge the wisdom of counsels taken by powerful interests within his own party. In this hour of grave crisis the country loses a great citizen through his untimely passing."

(Editor's Note: This tribute is published with the permission of the late President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and was sent to The Crescent directly from the White House, Washington, D. C.)



He grew to manhood from an humble birth;
Through boyhood days he walked the
common way,
Building a life of sterling worth
As on he toiled through each weary day.

Building, ever building,
Reaching for that star
Of high ideals for all mankind
He had visioned from afar.

A statesman, great among the great,
Noble of soul and mind;
Striving to bring unity,
Freedom, and peace to all mankind.

Great though he was, he loved to walk
The path with the common man—
To talk with him, be friends, with him
According to God's plan.

God rest you, Wendell Willkie!
You've fought a noble fight,
Holding high the banners
Of a cause you knew was right.

You were sent a while to help us
To face reality,
A noble soul from ageless realms
Of immortality.

—Orville Bowers

The American Way of Life

"The American Way of Life." These five words mean something different to each and every one of us. To most of us the meaning takes the form of a tangible reality such as the coke at the Sweet Shoppe, a ride in the country, or trip to visit friends. No matter what it means to you, there is one basic word in this philosophy of life that includes all—**FREEDOM.**

Freedom is not an abstract quality, but an intimate part of our life. It is the church we attend, the books we read, the vote we cast. It is ours to hold and to defend. It was the word freedom that set the course of the seventeenth-century sail boats towards the West. This freedom was handed down to us through the tears, laughter, and speeches of our forefathers. Patrick Henry was aware of the full force of the meaning of liberty and many others followed him in his cry for liberty. This element is ever present in our songs, nature, and even our breath of life.

Let us remember that this freedom is created in sunlit streets of America, in children's play, in the sound of church bells, and in the right to stand up and speak the truth as we see it. Someday we hope that people all over the world will know the meaning and strength of freedom.

Americans, take up the torch of Freedom today, light this darkened world, and make it a better world for tomorrow.



Mr. Zeiger Miss House Miss Helmbock

Faculty

ADMINISTRATION



C. C. Hillis, A. B., M. A.
Indiana University
Superintendent



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Indiana State Teachers College
Principal, Chemistry

School Board



Melvin C. Robinson, Treasurer

Mark H. Noble, Secretary

Missing from the picture is C. G. Norris, President.

Mary Records, A. B.
Indiana University
Spanish, English

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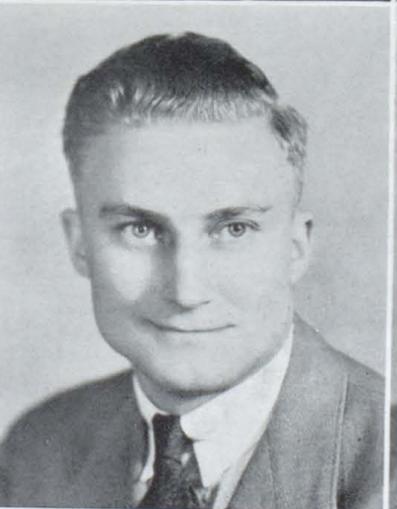
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M. S.
Purdue U., Butler U.
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Ball State Teachers Col-
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Ball State, University of
Mich.
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Bradley Institute
Shop

Shirley Whitesell Smith,
B. P. S. M.
Indiana University
Music

L. Rush Hughes, B. S.
Indiana University
Music

Betty House, B. S.
Indiana University
Bookkeeping, Adv. Steno.,
Typing

Lucile Meacham, A. B.
Ohio Wesleyan University,
Ball State
Shorthand, General Busi-
ness, Bookkeeping

James Allen, B. S.
Central Normal College
Physical Ed., Coach

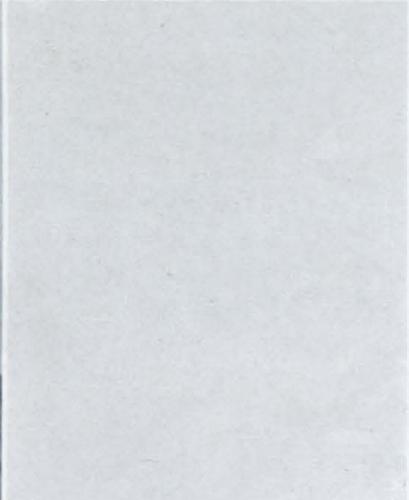
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Chicago Art Institute
Art, Mechanical Drawing

Mary M. Allen, B. S.
Indiana University, Ball
State Teachers College
Librarian

Esther Koons, B. S.
Purdue University and
Butler University
Home Economics

Mary Edythe Frazier
High School Clerk and
Secretary to Principal

Lillian Mikels
Secretary to
Superintendent



SERVICE MEN

Every once in awhile you miss the face of a person you know and you ask, "Where is Johnny Jones?" or "Where is Sally Smith?" And the answer is, "Serving in the armed forces of their country." Stop and think. Does this mean something to you to have a friend fighting for you or do you take it as "just one of those things of life?" No one really and truly wants to fight; but when called upon to serve his country, he willingly answers the call. He faces dangers many of us refuse to think about. Why this willingness to sacrifice? Here is the answer.

These friends of ours believe in "The American Way of Life" and the ideals it stands for. They believe in it so whole-heartedly that they will die for it if necessary. Our fighting men are carrying out this doctrine on every battlefield in all parts of the world. They do not stop to ask questions such as these: "From whom were you descended? What are your politics? Your religion? Your general beliefs?" Instead of debating on these questions, they stand united in one cause—to make a better world for future generations.

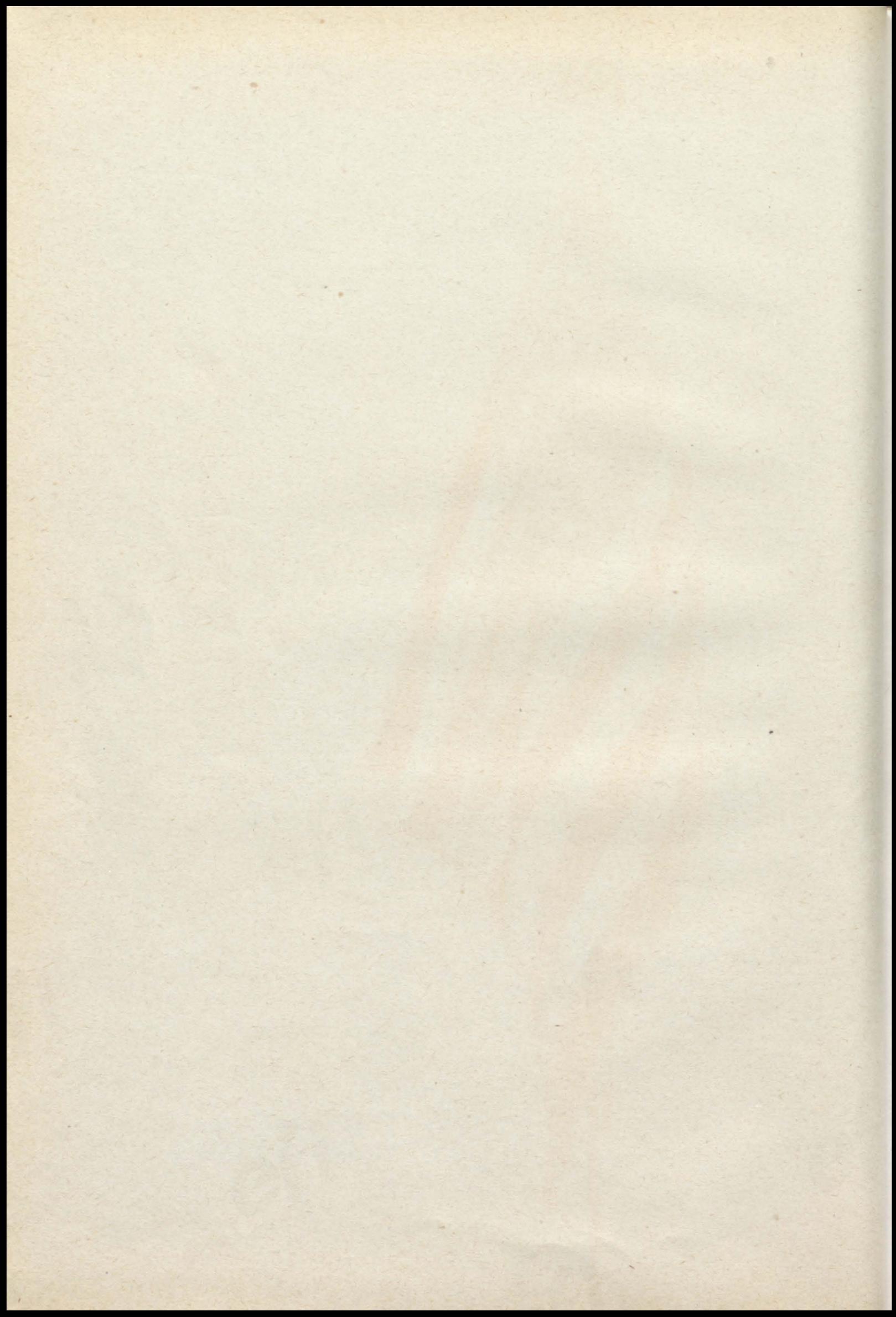
Willkie High School graduates are joined in this struggle for a free world. In nearly every corner of the globe touched by the cursed conflict, our former students are sharing their everything for us. Many of the boys with whom we joked, studied, and played only yesterday have today made the supreme sacrifice.

Continually this roll of honor grows. Daily more stars are added to Elwood windows. In this spirit the Class of '45 has given its full share of boys to the cause of liberty and freedom everywhere. There will be many vacant chairs at Commencement this year.

Anything we could say becomes mere idle words as we attempt to honor our boys of this year and former years. The American language does not contain suitable words for such tribute.

Recognizing our short comings, therefore, we sincerely and reverently devote this page to our service men and women wherever they may be. May your efforts be not in vain. May your hopes and ambitions be realized in bringing about a truly ideal One World.







Tom Rood, Junior; Mick Magers, Senior; Gloria Gilmore, Freshman; Arlene Coats, Sophomore

Classes

S E N I O R



S T O R Y

Mary Francis Robertson, Vice President; William Gilbert, Treasurer; Margery Coats, Secretary. Missing from the picture is Shirley King, President.

Four years—that seemed like a long time, practically an eternity, when it lay before us; but now it is like a dream. From the first, we never experienced a dull moment. During our freshmen year we had our usual round of parties and in addition to our social life, representatives of our class helped in the writing of the Student Council Constitution. As sophomores, we organized under the leadership of Jack Squier. We became business people that year by taking over the concessions at basketball games. Our junior year was a very successful one with Mike Justus as our President. In early spring we presented the play, "Laff That Off." Later, we gave the first Junior-Senior Prom., "The Apple Blossom Ball." We worked very hard decorating the new gym, but the beautiful result and evening's enjoyment were well worth the effort. We also enjoyed a skating party and believe it or not, there were no broken bones!

Now, it doesn't seem possible that we are seniors. It is our turn now to confuse underclassmen and initiate freshmen. Yes, we have had many good times. Remember how silly we all looked and acted at the Sadie Hawkins' Party? More of us will probably remember the impressive "Rhapsody In Blue", and who will ever forget the play? "Here Comes Charlie" was one of the best received plays ever presented. Much of the credit for the success of this year goes to Shirley King, President. However, we can not enjoy the fruits of success without the hard work and co-operation of the members of the class. We have had just this and the members of our class have also worked with equal zest in other activities of high school.

With Senior week and graduation just around the corner, we can look back and be sorry that we are parting. Many of us will go to the armed forces, others will go to college; but wherever we are, we will always remember our days at high school and with the hope that we have left it a better school for our having been there.

Anna Acres
Commerical
Simple and Sweet

Walter Anglemeyer
College Prep.
Baby Take All
of Me

Lula Ballard
Home Ec.
Easy Like

Joyce Balser
Commercial
Shy

Clara Beck
General
Stay As Sweet
As You Are

Herschel Beck
Voc. Ag.
Happy As A Lark

Rosemary Bell
College Prep.
Take Me Out To
The Ball Game

JoAnna Bever
General
Already Spoken
For

Carolyn Blackburn
College Prep.
"Pinky"

Margaret Blubaugh
General
Always In a Mellow
Mood





Marjorie Bohlander
College Prep.
I Wanna Make
Music

Martha Bouslog
College Prep.
Mine Alone

Patricia Bowman
College Prep.
Small in Stature;
Great In Mind

Earl Boyer
Ind. Arts
I Wanna Be A
Milkman

Martha Jane Boyer
Home Ec.
Number Please?

Florence Bright
College Prep.
Little Bit
Independent

Jeanne Brillhart
Commercial
Saucy Little
Redhead

Josephine Carvelli
Commercial
True Individualist

Carolyn Chriss
General
Independence Is
Her Virtue

Margery Coats
Commercial
"Margy"

Elmer Cole
Commercial
You're Okay

William Conwell
College Prep.
My Heart Is An
Open Book.

Lloyd Courtney
Voc. Ag.
Love Me Always

Russell Courtney
College Prep.
Feather In a
Breeze

Sarah Alice Dudley
College Prep.
Sophisticated Lady

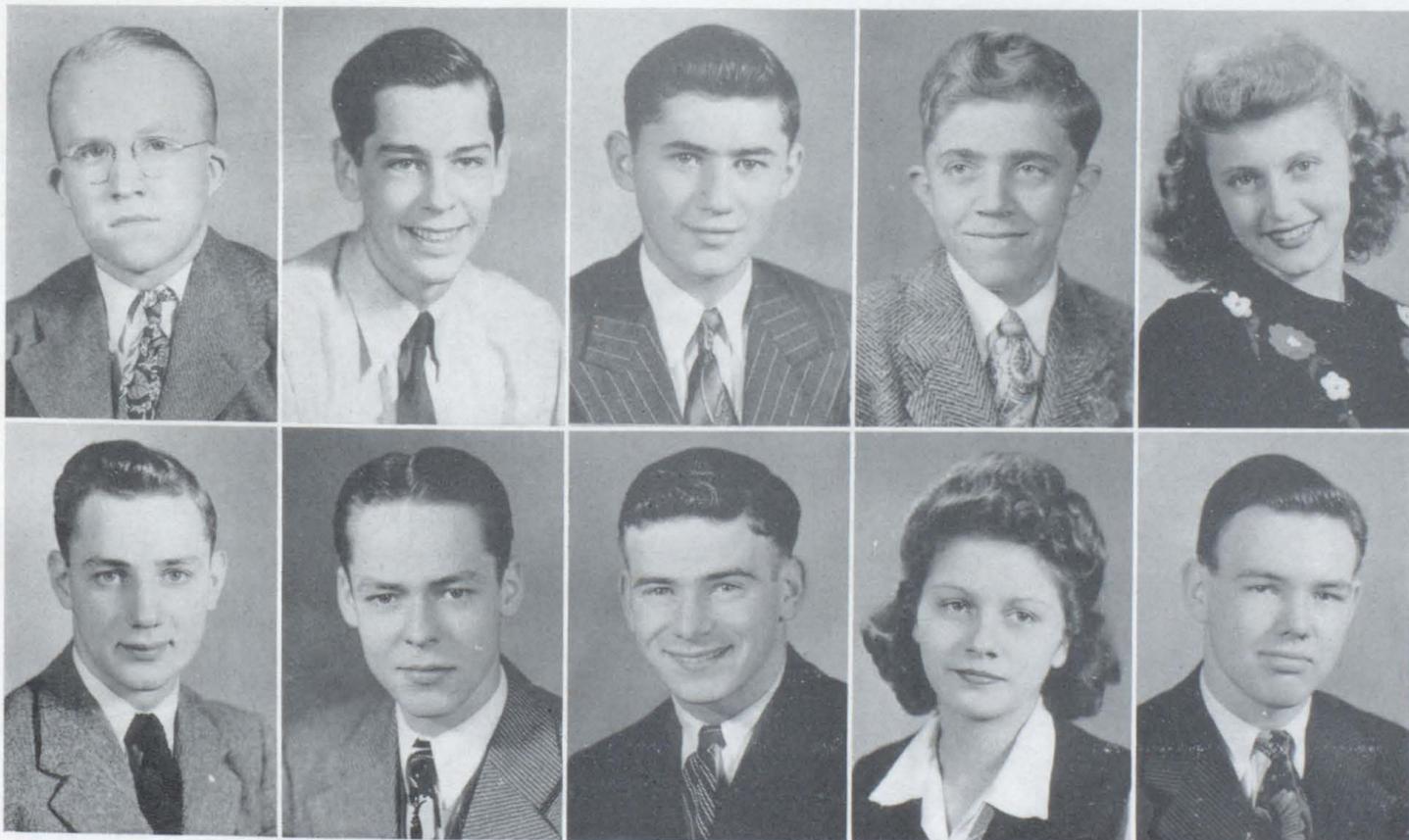
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General
Nobody Loves
Me, Now

Eugene Durr
Technical
Never a Worry

Harold Evans
General
Gee! Its Great To
Be Alive

Beverly Fisher
College Prep.
Baby Me

Walter Franklin
College Prep.
Music Maker





Janice Fritz
Commercial
Curly Top

William Gilbert
General
What Is This Thing
Called Love

Betty Gootee
Commercial
Little Sleepyhead

Royal Harrison
College Prep.
"Hot Durnit"

Lauranell Harting
Commercial
Don't Mention
Love To Me

William Hight
Ind. Arts.
In My Merry
Oldsmobile

Charles Hobbs
Commercial
Lazybones

Dana Hocker
General
Ain't Misbehaving

Joy Holmquist
College Prep.
Faithful Forever

Freda Hoppes
Home Ec.
My Heart Is
Unemployed

Norma Hosier
Commercial
All Smiles

Janice Kelly
Commercial
Quiet But Not
Idle

Shirley King
College Prep.
A Leader True To
School Work and
Friends

Danny Magers
College Prep.
A True Friend To
All

Michael Magers
College Prep.
Somebody Loves
Me

William Manolis
College Prep.
Man In Earnest
Finds Means

Howard Martz
Ind. Arts
Do I Have To Be
A Football Hero?

Dorothy Merritt
Commercial
To Have A Friend
Is To Be One

Ruth Mike
Commercial
Mighty Like A
Rose

Alice Miller
College Prep.
Sweethearts
Forever





Martha Nell Moore
General
Love Is Never Out
Of Season

Virgil Morehead
Ind. Arts
What Should A
Man Do But Be
Merry

Mary Morgan
Home Ec.
Beautiful Brown
Eyes

Martha Mort
College Prep.
Joyous, Eager, In
For Anything

Raymond McDaniel
College Prep.
Scatterbrain

Robert McGill
Ind. Arts
When Duty And
Pleasure Clash,
Let Duty Go To
Smash

Willis McGraw
Voc. Ag.
"Always On The
Lebel Kiddies"

Dorothy Pace
College Prep.
No love, No
Nothing

Betty Reeves
Commercial
Democrat

Edna Reveal
General
Blondie

Edward
Richardson
Ind. Arts
Taken, But Not
For Granted

Michael Robbins
Technical
That's My Weak-
ness Now

Mary Frances
Robertson
Commercial
Its June In Jan.
—No Hose

Richard Sacksteder
College Prep.
"According to My
Calculations"

James Schafer
Commercial
Just A Memory

Joyce Scholl
Commercial
Variety Is The
Spice of Life

Rosemary Seibold
Commercial
"Smoke" Got In
My Eyes

Joyce Ann Shaw
Commercial
Mama, Make Up
My Mind

Jack Shaw
Ind. Arts
What Have You
Got That Gets Me?

Roderick Shaw
Ind. Arts
I'm Looking Over





Rodney Simmons
College Prep.
Ain't She Sweet

Crystal Singer
Commercial
Smiles

Alberta Sizelove
Home Ec.
No Limit To My
Love

Eugene Skirvin
Commercial
Man of Few Words

Paul Sloan
College Prep.
I Live For
Tomorrow

Jack Squier
College Prep.
Ain't Nobody's
Business

Trula Stewart
Commercial
A Sweet Disposi-
tion Is Always
A Passport

Dewaine Taylor
Ind. Arts
Don't Worry
About Me

Martha Thurber
Commercial
Alex Bound

Lewis Vinson
Commercial
Let Yourself Go

Beryl Updegraff
General
My One and
Only

Wanda Walker
Commercial
Laughing Lady

Robert Ward
Ind. Arts
Rarely Seen,
Seldom Heard,
But Always Mean.

Betty Mae Warner
College Prep.
You Must Be
Mine Alone

Bonita Warner
Commercial
Anchors Aweigh

Patricia Weller
Commercial
Not Shy Just
Cautious

Raymond Wiltshire
General
No Harm In That

Marilyn Wright
Home Ec.
Silence Is Golden

Kathleen Zimmerman
Home Ec.
Love Is The
Sweetest Thing



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Marilyn Jones, Secretary; James Mays, President;
Hubert Hook, Vice-Pres.; Billie Lou Silvey, Treas.

Juniors! Which means we are upperclassmen at long last—something we have dreamed about since our freshman year. Since then, too, we have all given our best to uphold the standards of our school. We cannot say it has been easy, but we can say it has been well worth it.

We have done well as individuals—and as freshmen that is mostly the way we did things. Then came our sophomore year. We were given the right to organize and to elect officers. We chose officers who very ably represented our class to the rest of the school. Beverly Fisher was our President. Our sophomore year was a memorable one for it was that year we learned the meaning of co-operation; of the phrase "united we stand." This year, our junior year, we chose to follow James "Spud" Mays. We are all grateful for the fine leadership of our well chosen sponsors.

Our dances, parties, and other social functions always proved very successful. The juniors are well represented on the Crescent, the Megaphone, Debate, and all other school activities. Never has a six weeks passed without some junior names on the honor roll. Nor have all our achievements been scholastic. We have fared well in athletics—football, track—and who made up the basketball team this year? Four juniors played practically every game. The junior play "Gabriel Blow Your Horn" was a huge success. Later the cast formed The Dramatic Club, a thing that our school has not had for many years.

Yes, our junior year has been something we can be justly proud of. But perhaps the best thing of all is the fact that we still have another year to add to our record. Let's hope it will be as successful as the past years.

Verna Jean
Adair

Vaughn
Alexander

Pamela
Auxter

James
Babbitt

Geraldine
Baldwin

Jeanette
Ballard

Mary
Ballinger

Robert
Beck

Frederick
Beeman

Richard
Bollinger

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William
Brunnemer

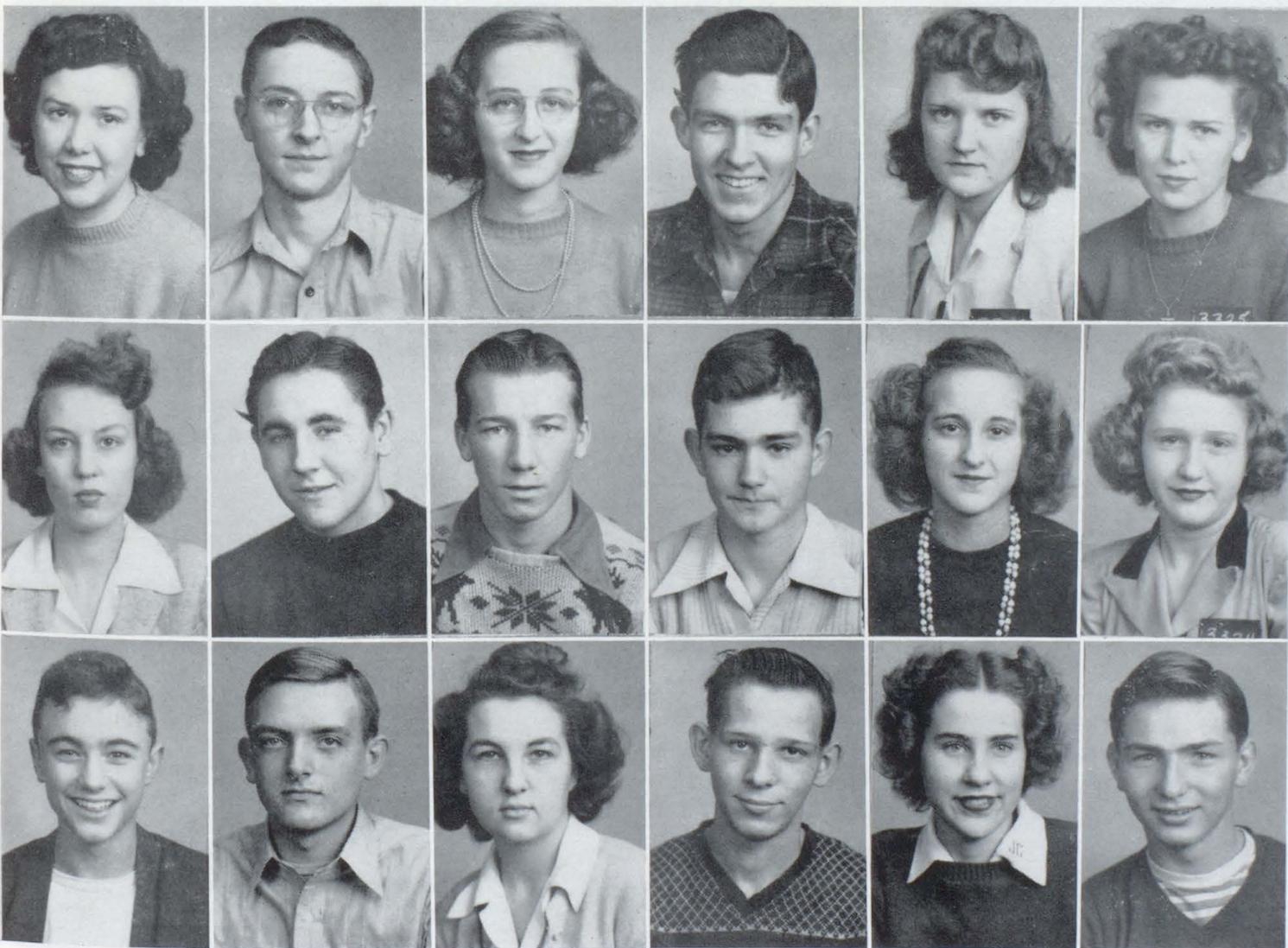
Howard
Bull

Marjorie
Cain

Jean
Cloud

E. Jean
Clyde

Herman
Cole





Jack
Cole

Rosemary
Collins

Marian
Commons

Gene
Conwell

Ronald
Coulder

Robert
Courtney

Lucille
Davies

Margaret
Davies

Beatrice
Davis

Robert
Dean

James
Demos

William
Dudley

Wayne
Ellyson

Daniel
Evans

Carolyn
Faulstick

Lawrence
Faulstick

Richard
Fox

Lenora
Franklin

Ted
Gardner

Catherine
Gilbert

Wilbern
Gillam

Nedra
Gray

James
Green

Frank
Hancock

Fred
Hartley

Florence
Hiatt

Patricia
Hibst

John
Hickner

Hubert
Hook

Mary Ann
Hoose

Joan
Huntsinger

Lindell
Jarrett

Carrel
Jcnes

Marilyn
Jones

James
Juday

James
Kelich





Mary Pat
Keller

Melvin
Kleyla

Emmagene
Knotts

Ralph
Lasley

Charles
Leaky

Bill
Leavell

Kathryn
Leeson

Mary
Legg

Richard
Leisure

Richard
Lewis

Robert
Lilly

Theresa
Lytle

Ralph
Maley

James
Mays

Joan
Manghelli

Rosanne
Manghelli

Robert
Metz

Eugene
Miller

James Miller	Ray Miller	Raymond Miller	Louis Moschell	Sarah Mutt	Charles McCarthy
Marilyn McCorkle	Sara McDaniel	Gilbert McDaniel	Joann McGill	Doris McMinn	Eleanor McWilliams
Wilberta Naden	Norman Norris	Rebecca Orbaugh	Doneta Ozenbaugh	Marietta Parr	Betty Patz





Lois
Pennington

Leatha
Phillips

Mary
Pierce

Charlene
Pollock

Cristal
Quick

Phyllis
Quick

James
Rich

Nolan
Rittenhouse

Max
Robertson

Dennis
Robinson

Thomas
Rood

Floyd
Schimmel

Robert
Scircle

Herman
Scott

Billie Lou
Silvey

Carolyn
Sparling

Joyce
Spitzmesser

Norma
Stam

Alma
Stockdale

Sharlene
Strangeway

Phyllis
Summers

Helen
St. Clair

James
St. Clair

Phyllis
Tharp

Steele
Vest

Eugene
Vinson

Dan
Walsh

Mary Jane
Ward

Edward
Waymire

George
Webb

Roland
Webb

William
Whisler

Mabel
Whitenack

Edward
Williams

Genevieve
Williams

Sarah
Williams





Onda
Wilson



Mary Ellen
Wire



Wilbert
Wise



Dwight
Wittkamper



Eugene
Woods

PRIZE WINNING ORATION

ENEMIES OF THE CONSTITUTION

By Wanda Walker



WANDA WALKER

As we live from day to day in the freedom, safety, comfort, such as so few people have ever before enjoyed, we come to look upon our Constitutional Democracy as an impregnable fortress. Because it is the oldest experiment in Democratic Government now existing, we come to believe that what has been, will always be. This is blind unreasonable faith! Important as faith is, faith alone cannot keep democracy living. Our form of government is most vulnerable. It is constantly open to attack—forever fighting for survival. However much we may wish this struggle did not exist, it is unavoidable—one of the necessary evils of Constitutional Democracy.

I would like for you to think with me for a while about the enemies of democracy. There are three types—the enemy from without, the one in our midst, and the enemy in our own hearts.

The enemies from without are those forms of government that are not democratic and which are conducted in a manner unlike our own. Three such forms of government are known as Monarchies, Totalitarian states, and Communism.

All three have been notorious in their opposition to democracy because their principles and our principles do not coincide. Each has felt, at different times, that democracy could not exist in a world with-in itself and they have tried to stamp it out.

In the American Revolution we fought the soldiers of a monarch in order to gain our independence. Shortly thereafter, the French followed our example. In modern times we have the monarchy of Japan, who really has a combination of a holy emperor and a military dictator. The Japanese hate democracy; they hate us because under our Constitutional Democracy we have become the most powerful people in the world. We are fighting with them now to see which form of government will survive. **THE JAP DIES FOR HIROHITO, BUT THE AMERICAN BOY DIES FOR THE PRESERVATION OF FREEDOM THAT OUR CONSTITUTION HAS RECORDED AND THEREIN LIES THE BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A VASAL AND A FREE MAN—BETWEEN THE SERF ON BENDED KNEES AND THE MAN WHO CAN STAND UPRIGHT AND LOOK SQUARELY INTO THE EYES OF ALL MANKIND.**

Dictators are just as bitter as monarchs in their enmity. Hitler has made it only too clear in "Mein Kampf" and other utterances that democracy must go out of existence. Mussolini has echoed his master's sentiments. Why do dictators despise us? Because our privileges and their total regimentation are at opposite poles. Under our principles the rights of every individual citizen are supreme. Under theirs the Fuhrer and the state are supreme. Their homes, churches, schools, industry, and everything are subversive to one leader. Totalitarian states can thrive only upon slavery, but democracy is nourished upon freedom.

The second enemy is the one in our midst. He may take one of many forms. He may be a saboteur, trained in the process of espionage and who by physical means tries to handicap our war effort or, by more subtle devices, tries to undermine morale. Or he may profess to be a citizen while aiding the enemy in some way. Such a person is a traitor and a spy, and when apprehended he can receive the most severe punishment man can give.

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SOPHOMORE



SAGA

Nancy Haynes, Secretary-Treasurer; Perry Mangas, Vice-President; Katherine Fetz, President.

Wise fools—that's the meaning of Sophomores, but we would rather be wise fools than green freshies again. Being a Soph has its advantages, though, for we no longer get those awful stares from the Seniors and we can do our "good little deeds" for the new freshman. We also have a priority on the seats under the balcony—no more upstairs for us.

The Class of '47 functions smoothly under the leadership of Katherine Fetz. We are well represented in sports, scholarship, and other activities. In fact we have in our midst the only student who holds the gold award for scholastic ability. I guess we're trying to live up to the part about being wise.

The best part about being a Sophomore is that the next year we will be Juniors, upperclassmen the year in which we give our first play, our first prom, and will be envied by the new Sophomores. Yes, our daydreams will soon come true and we will be out of the "awkward age."



Billy
Allen

Charles
Allen

Burvia
Anderson

James
Barker

Thursa
Beavers

Louis
Benedict

Donald
Benefield

Edna
Bennett

Evelyn
Bennett

Margaret
Bohlander

Ralph
Bohlander

Jack
Boyer

Donald
Brown

Jo Ann
Burchette

Mary
Champion

Alice
Claybaugh

Joan
Claybaugh

Margaret
Clay

Arnold
Cluggish

Arlene
Coats

Doris
Cochran

Clifford
Conard

Gene
Conard

Kay
Cotton

Pansy
Corbett

Leroy
Dellinger

Wilma
Derrickson

Betty
Dickey

Rosemary
Durr

Roy
Erdman

Raymond
Eskridge

Lois
Everling

Donald
Farmer

Ben
Farr

Bruce
Fetz

Katherine
Fetz

Joanne
Fisher

Treva
Fowler

Kenneth
Free

Betty
French

Mary
Frye

Helen
Gill

John
Glotzback

Harold
Goins

Sandra
Gray

Donald
Green

Patricia
Griffin

Bertha
Grover

Beverly
Hahn

Bobby
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Alfred
Harting

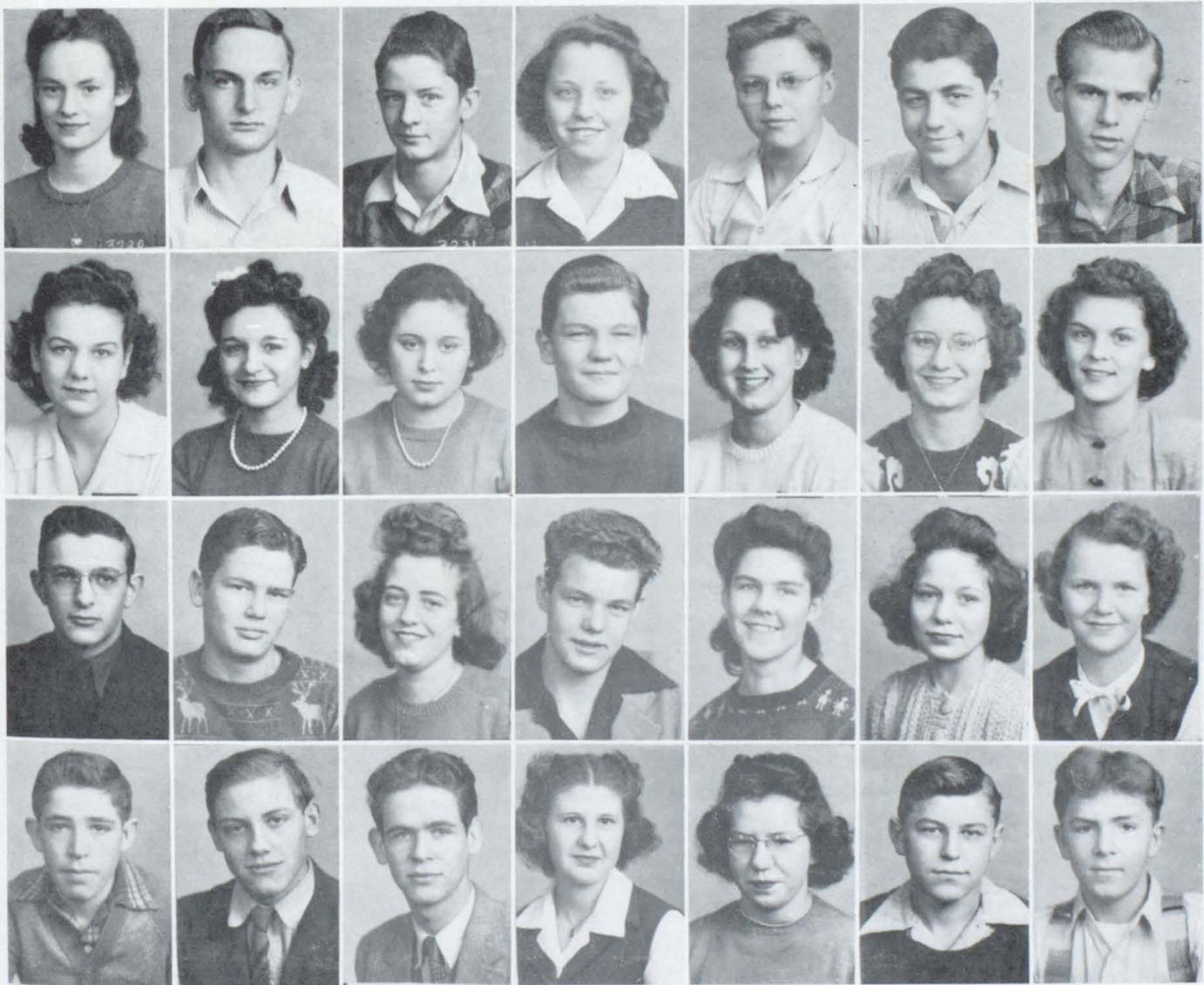
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Charlene
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Nancy
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Richard
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Floyd
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Doreen
Jones

Max
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Kelly

Karol
Kleinbub

Rosella
Knotts

Carol
Kurtz

Barbara Nell
Leisure

Wilma
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Helen
Lilly

Fred
Lloyd

Dorothy
Long

William
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Robert
Lytle

James
Merritt

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Miller

David
Morgan

Tom
Morgan

Ruth
McCreary

Joan
McQuinn

Robert
Naden

Mildred
Noble

Richard
Ott

Virginia
Perry

Rose Alice
Pennington

Bobby
Reed

Betty
Ritter

Richard
Robbins

Rita
Robbins

George
Robinson

Raymond
Ross

Betty
Rott

Anna
Rush

William
Sanders

Victor
Seright

Joyce Eileen
Shaw

Harold
Schimmel

Robert
Shuck

Gwendolyn
Simmons

Carolyn
Singer

Clayton
Smith

Karl
Smith

Minnie
Sosbe

Curtis
Sparks

Lois Ann
Stack

Patsy
Stoner

Tom
Striker

Robert
Sullivan

Fredrick
Swihart

Juanita
Sykora

Lois
Thalls

Doris
Todd

Donald
Thomas

Avis
Thompson

William
Tranbarger

Joyce
VanNess

Jim
Wardwell





Ronald Warfel	Russell Warner	Dolores Watson	Marjorie Wqymire	James Webb	Wanda Welches	Barbara Wells
Bernetta Wittkamper	Jeannine Wimer	Jack Wood	Darlene Young			

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freshmen flitters

last but not least are the freshmen. they come into high school ready for anything—and that is just what they get. they smile even though they are sent to the wrong classes or are told that the principal wants them when he really doesn't at all. they can take it and when the time comes, they can also dish it out. no matter what is said about the freshies, no school is complete without them.



jack adair	donald allen	bill anderson	philip arnold	jo ann ault	beverly balser	murray balser
anita beckett	john beebe	clara beeman	betty beihartz	louise bell	patricia benedict	rosalie bennett
lloyd bever	virginia blair	mary boring	donald bohannon	virginia bouslog	beverly boyden	mary brandon
richard brenner	amber bright	roland brown	margaret broyles	bill burton	mary francis cain	donald caldwell
fred caldwell	berdina campbell	john campbell	johnny carroll	harold chriss	betty clark	jack clark

barbara klien	mary coe	mary lou collins	charles copher	joan cotton	john cox	ruby crockett
robert cranson	charles cunningham	jacqueline cunningham	kathryn davis	marilyn davis	margaret davis	verna jean davis
john deckard	ilene dellinger	irene dellinger	beverly dennis	bill dever	virgie dickie	donel dietzer
patty dillon	wilfred dudley	howard ebert	shirley ellis	betty erdman	willis fern	helen ford
georgia fowler	evelyn franklin	carolyn gill	donald gill	gloria gilmore	mary glotzback	betty green





jack gordon	beverly jo hancher	joyce hannah	laura jo hardebeck	donna jean harting	charles hasecuster	virginia haynes
betty heaton	robert heflin	jimmy hennegan	jack hershey	phyllis hiatt	bill hocker	henry hollensbe
billie holliday	amelia hollingsworth	robert hook	paul hoover	joyce hossong	evelyn hughes	alice huntsinger
barbara hutcheson	jack hutcheson	john hutcheson	pauline jordan	dorothy karch	edna keim	harlan kiddy
mary lou knotts	marcella koons	scott lasley	tom leathers	marilyn lee	bob lee	david leeson



dorothy leisure	wanda lou lewellyn	bud livengood	joyce locke	carol loser	charlene loser	bill lynas
dolores mccann	rosemary mcelwee	harold mcguire	don mcphearson	esther mcwilliams	beverly miller	franklin miller
rex moody	betty morris	bill moschell	henry nikel	jack parker	leola perry	mary perry
james poole	evelyn price	verlin quick	donald rains	delores ramey	yugetta reeves	barbara reynolds
betty riley	maurice robertson	donald roop	mary rott	margaret sanders	jack scott	jack shaffner



barbara shaw	richard sivert	phyllis sizelove	vernard skinner	lois slayton	fred small	eva mae smith
wanda smith	william smith	dorothy snipe	carol southern	austin sparks	kenneth stage	crystal stanton
leroy stewart	david stockdale	joan stone	pat strangeway	max summers	darla lou tranbarger	fred tyner
jacqueline updegraff	betty van buskirk	patty van ness	madeena walker	howard wardwell	harvey warner	charlotte waymire
fred webb	bob webb	benny wells	anna whalen	eugene whisler	james whisler	mary whisler
	jack white	jack wilson	ronald wilson	william smith	jimmy yohe	



Patricia Bowman, Paul Sloan, Miss Swengel, Carolyn Blackburn, Ray McDaniel

Activities

Here's the Staff—is there more to say?
On this book they've labored, day by day,
Now for your approval, they present this book to you
And hope and trust and pray that it will do.
If it suits your taste, please tell them so
Don't waste any time, they are anxious to know.
A pat on the back, or a shake of the hand
Either will do—they'll understand.
P. S. This is intentional. We knew you'd look.

No yearbook could be completed without the guiding hand and the watchful eye of a faculty advisor. To our sponsor, Floyd E. Zeiger, goes our appreciation and thanks for his daily devotion, his clever suggestions, and his timely criticisms. Mr. Zeiger's zeal has been an inspiration to every member of the 1945 Crescent Staff.

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Not pictured—
Martha J. Boyer
Make-up Editor



Crescent



James Babbitt, President; Marjorie Bohlander, Treasurer; Joyce Scholl, Secretary.

STUDENT COUNCIL

A new sponsor, Miss Digel, together with a new group of student representatives, did a splendid job this past year in Student Council.

One of the most important things the Council did was to get the Panther Den started. They can be congratulated for the fine work they did.

The Council also has kept the Service Board up to date and has added one gold star to our Service Flag. Still another thing accomplished this year was a discussion of the Honorary Society and the completion of some further details pertaining to that organization.

The most important job of all came with the preparation for Award Day, which was started in Willkie High School in 1944. On this day each year all those receiving awards of any kind are honored. The Student Council hopes to make this event a yearly tradition of the high school.

The members of the Student Council are as follows: Marjorie Bohlander, Dorothy Merritt, Shirley King, Joyce Scholl, Frederick Hartley, James Babbitt, Richard Fox, Ralph Maley, Perry Mangas, Don Green, Margaret Bohlander, Marjorie Waymire, Louise Bell, Victor Seright, Gloria Gilmore, Alyce Kaye Hughes, Joan Stone, James Mays, Eugene Vinson, Virginia Haynes, and Jack Parker.

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PROGRAM COMMITTEE

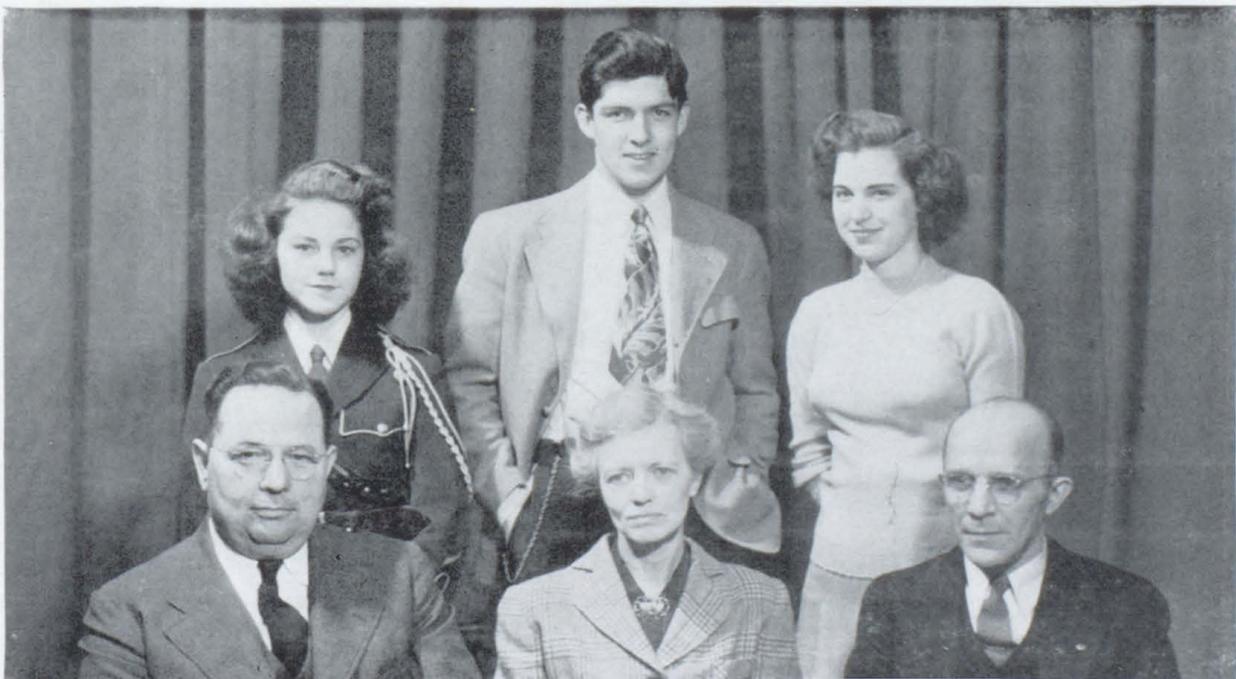
Thursday activity periods are reserved for assembly programs. Only a small percentage of these are staged by school organizations and students, the remainder are planned by the high school Program Committee which at various intervals during the year gives students a taste of outstanding talent and personalities.

Farremost among these renowned individuals who have appeared this year was Holmer Chaillaux representing the American Legion and who dramatically showed us what citizenship really is. Another enjoyable period was presented by George Davis of Purdue University whose fine art was reading and personifying the poetry of James Whitcomb Riley.

Newsman, humorist, and philosopher "Dusty" Miller returned this fall and held us spellbound by one of those addresses for which he is always welcome at W. H. S. Nelson Covey's first hand accounts of a life that refound itself climaxed the auditorium card.

Members of our student body are formulating a program for VE Day. Plans are now being made in advance to lessen the confusion when that day arrives. The group is working and co-operating with other organizations throughout the city.

Standing (left to right)—Gloria Glimore, James Babbitt, Joyce Scholl.
Seated—Mr. Davis, Mrs. Records, Mr. House.



STAMP COMMITTEE

As every student knows, Tuesday is Stamp Day in Willkie High School. You hand your money to your home room representative and think nothing more about it until the stamps are handed back to you.

But what goes on behind the scenes? Stamps and bonds must be purchased, records kept, and percentages figured. It's not an easy job. The committee, under the leadership of Mr. Forney, has done much to boost the sale of war bonds and stamps in W. H. S.

Top row (left to right)—Doneta Ozenbaugh, Mr. Forney, Marjorie Bohlander.
Bottom row—Norma Stam, Rebecca Orbaugh, Sarah Alice Dudley, Doreen Jones.



Top row (left to right)—Joyce Scholl, Miss Allen, Bob Courtney, Jeanette Ballard.
Bottom row—Clara Beck, Bonita Warner, James Mays, Marilyn Jones, Marian Commons.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

Any sophomore, junior, or senior may become a member of this organization. Their duties are to help students find books, check out books, and put away books at the end of each period. Miss Allen requests that the members know the shelf numbers so that books may be put away quickly. The assistants agree that it is not hard work but a lot of fun.



Top row (left to right)—Ray Miller, Avis Thompson, Patrice Strangeway, Nancy Haynes, Jack Parker, Mr. Brown, Wilberta Naden, Florence Hiatt, Karol Kleinbub, Mary Whisler

Bottom row—Joan Stone, Thursa Beavers, Mary Cain, Patty Benedict, Barbara Klein, Betty Beilhartz, Kay Cotton, Charlotte Waymire.

DEBATE

Undoubtedly you have heard some heated discussions on the topic "Resolved that the legal voting age should be lowered to eighteen years." This is the National Question for debate throughout the United States. Of course, there are two sides to every question, the affirmative and the negative. On the A team (affirmative) are Shirley King and Thursa Beavers. On the A team (negative) are Kay Cotton, Pamela Auxter, Florence Hiatt, and Ray Miller. All other members make up the B team. Mr. Brown is the advisor of this organization and handles it very capably as this year's meets have shown.

In inter-school competition, Elwood had Fairmount here for debate and a banquet. We then journeyed to Rushville to an invitational debate tournament where we lost two and won two. Marion was the next invitational meet. The affirmative won their debates here. On Saturday, March 10, the District Debate Tournament was held at Marion. The different schools entered were Marion, Peru, Wabash, Sharpville, Fairmount, and Elwood. Elwood represents the Fifth Congressional District. We tied Marion, each having won four debates. Elwood now had excellent chances of winning the State Tournament which was to be held at North Manchester. However, because of lack of transportation, our team had to forfeit our debate.

To be eligible for an award, one must participate in an elimination contest. There are gold pins for the seniors and silver pins for underclassmen. A reward for all is the celebration of the year's achievements.

A secretary is their only officer. Kay Cotton holds this honor for 1945.

The Debaters maintain their organization by publishing basketball programs. Money is obtained from the merchants' ads in these programs.

Elwood is a member of the Indiana High School Debating League which enables them to participate in sectionals, regionals, and other debates.

Mr. Brown states that there have been an extra large number of pupils interested in Debate this year. We hope the future Debaters have as much success as they have had this year.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

This organization, composed entirely of seniors, is selected by the faculty from the upper fifteen per cent of the class. They are chosen not only for their scholarship, but also for citizenship and all around desirable qualities.

Standing—Richard Sacksteder, Paul Sloan.

Seated—Patricia Weller, Carolyn Blackburn, Patricia Bowman, Alice Miller.



Top row (left to right)—Charlotte Waymire, Jacqueline Cunningham, Rosemary Durr, Joan Stone, Kay Cotton.

Bottom row—Patricia Bowman, Carolyn Blackburn, Rebecca Orbaugh, Katherine Fetz, Betty Dickey.

SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

The semester honor roll is made up of those having a semester average of not less than four A's. We are proud to have such a fine group in our high school.

SUNSHINE SOCIETY

Perhaps one of the ablest organizations in our school—and certainly one that has been doing some fine work—is the Sunshine Society. The Society is established for girls of high school age in many communities throughout the nation. Their goal is to help poor people, bring sunshine and good cheer to the less fortunate, and to share their happiness with others.

The Elwood Chapter was organized in September of 1943. On several occasions our girls have sponsored candy sales, the profits of which go to the Riley Hospital in Indianapolis. They have also carried out other projects to help the needy and the ill, especially at Christmas time.

The members have elected officers and meetings are held semi-monthly. The officers of our chapter are: President, Phyllis Summers; Vice-President, Norma Stam; Secretary, Doneta Ozenbaugh; Treasurer, Mable Whitenack.

Top row (left to right)—Virigina Blair, Barbara Nell Leisure, Betty Patz, Irene Dellinger, Helen Ford, Katherine Davis, Carolyn Faulstick, Juanita Sykora, Phyllis Tharp, Phyllis Strong, Beverly Dennis.

Second row—Delores Commons, Shirley Krebs, Rosalie Bennett, Leatha Phillips, Lois Pennington, Miss Koons, Betty French, Joanne Fisher, Alice Clabaugh, Joyce Shaw, Mary Pierce.

Third row—Sarah Mutt, Mary Duffey, Genny Williams, Joan McGill, Norma Stam, Phyllis Summers, Doneta Ozenbaugh, Joan Manghelli, Roseanne Manghelli, Marietta Parr.

Bottom row—Margaret Broyles, Marilyn McCorkle, Ilene Dellinger, Mary Glotzbach, Carol Kurtz, Treva Fowler, Betty Reese.





Top row (left to right)—Beverly Dennis, Betty Lou Reeves, Elmer Cole, William Loser, Mary Brandon, Wilbern Gillam, Daniel Evans, Ray McDaniel, Betty Patz, Wanda Walker, Clara Beck, Marcella Koons.

Bottom row—Onda Wilson, Miss Swengel, Sarah Alice Dudley, Margery Coats, Carolyn Blackburn, Paul Sloan, Patricia Bowman, Dorothy Merritt, Martha Mort, Joyce Shaw.

TRAYS AND BUCKETS CLUB

Pop corn, ice cream, soft drinks! What would we do without them at a basketball game? If it hadn't been for the Class of '45, we would have been minus refreshments at the games. Two years ago the upperclassmen decided they did not want this job, so when offered to the sophomores, they accepted. We are glad now that such a fine group of students took over.

As juniors they really went to town. At the end of the season, this group organized and became an all school activity. They set up a constitution and decided upon the name of Trays and Buckets.

This group not only served at ball games but did other things, such as buy trellis for the school for use at dances. This year they are taking care of the coke bar at the Panther Den two nights a week.

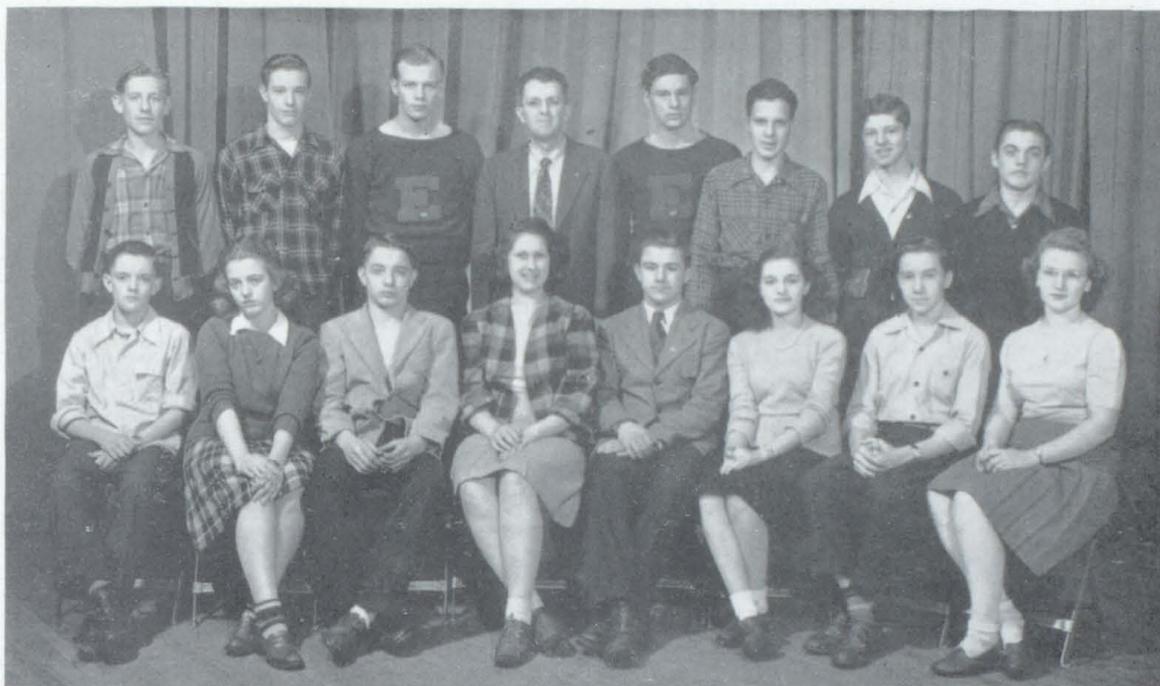
The officers for the past two years are: General Chairman, Paul Sloan; Chairman of Supplies, Patricia Bowman; Chairman of Sellers, Martha Mort; Chairman of Equipment, Walter Franklin; and Secretary, Margery Coats. For the past year, Sarah Alice Dudley has been Chairman of Panther Den coke bar, and Miss Swengel has been the sponsor.

PROJECTION CLUB

Whenever Willkie High students enjoy a film or the public address system is used for a program you can bet that this was possible because of the Projection Club. We do not realize all the work it has taken to prepare the equipment. Mr. Waymire has done an excellent job training these students to be operators. Let's give them a hand.

Top row (left to right)—Don Allen, Lawrence Faulstick, Bob Dean, Mr. Waymire, Curtis Sparks, Louis Kelly, Charles Hobbs, Frank Hancock.

Bottom row—Jack Scott, Sandra Gray, Charles Barnes, Betty French, Bill Loser, Joanne Fisher, Lindell Jarrett, Alice Clabaugh.



Top row (left to right)—David Peters, Bill Lynas, Ronald Webb, Herschel Beck, Dwight Wittkamper, Floyd Schimmel, Bill Benefiel.

Bottom row—Clayton Wittamore, Fred Tyner, Bob Lee, Jonathan Bryan, Willis Fern, David Stockdale, John Glotzback, Lowell Ebert.

USHERS

Those attractively "sweatered" boys who stretch the ropes around our gym floor at basketball games and other athletic events are members of The Ushers Club. Protecting our playing court, however, is merely one of the many tasks of this group whose chief duty is to direct spectators to their correct seats and to handle auditorium crowds.

THE MEGAPHONE STAFF

1945—year of achievement! Certainly this is true with regard to the Megaphone, our school newspaper. And that's just what it has been this year. Several changes have been made, the most important being the change from a mimeographed paper to a regular printed type. The mimeographed type had been used for the past four years. Advertisements have also taken their place in the columns of the Megaphone.

All these achievements have been made possible through the very capable supervision of Miss Allen and Miss Barnes, the sponsors. The Staff also deserves a great deal of recognition for the faithful way in which they have performed their duties this past year.

The Staff is made up of:

Editor.....	Shirley King
Ass't Editor.....	Carolyn Blackburn
Sports.....	Max Summers
Jokes.....	Wilberta Naden
Society.....	Rosemary Seibold
Senior Scooper.....	Alice Miller
Junior Scooper.....	Eugene Woods
Sophomore Scooper.....	Mary Champion
Freshman Scooper.....	Shirley Ellis
Service Survey.....	Lois Thalls
Music.....	Wilberta Naden
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	Joan Clabaugh
	Genevieve Williams
	Jeannette Ballard
	Evelyn Bennett
	Barbara Hutchison
	Patsy Stoner
	Rita Robbins
	Carol Southern
	Robert Harrison
Circulation.....	Royal Harrison
Art.....	Rosemary Collins
Business Manager.....	Paul Sloan
	Genevieve Williams
	Rosemary Seibold

LONG AWAITED
YOUTH CENTER
READY TODAY

The "Panther Den" is opening this week!!! The drapes are

SENIORS PRESENT
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM
THIS AFTERNOON

You LUCKY LITTLE freshmen
are right in line for a real
right Santa Claus w
school to

Homage to a Great
American and Alumnus

MOUNTAINEER STORY
BY TALENTED CAST—
ON STAGE, EVERYONE

The third annual junior class play will be given on December 7 and 8. They have a "Gabriel" play by Wm.

"PANTHER DEN" READY

SENIOR DANCE WAS A RHAPSODY IN BLUE
By Alice Miller, Senior
We seniors want to thank you for the compliment of our dance party

SWENGEL'S MEN FETED
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their talent when trombone, E. Rosema.

"PANTHER DEN" READY

BASKETBALL
HI GIRL!!
Seeing red? You know it, only it's not because you saw Joe walk Jane to fifth period study locker when he should have

CRESCENT STAFF
Under the editorship of Boxman, the 1945-46 promises to be an enlarged former years. D. more pleasing edition



boys, just trying to make you see what do we hear about me, but you never do, why do you innn and hoh, merrison or

Elwood 35 Greenfield 28 The E.H.S.ers will be over Tip-

OFFICERS OF STUDENT COUNCIL
The new officers on Council are:

Musical Notes

WILLKIE TRIBUTE
By Wilberta Naden

for MEN only...
By Eugene Wood
WITH CHRISTMAS MINDS, Frost o
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rosie's roundup
by rosemary seibold
merry xmas, ev
time ov

PANTHERS LOSE A PAIR
The Panther Cubs have run up some tough going and The B's lost to Windfall's eight point margin, 19-

DEAR SANTA,
YOU HAD BETTER prepare to do some overtime work to fill the stockings of all good little boys

THE MEGAPHONE

WILLKIE HIGH SCHOOL ELWOOD, INDIANA

EDITORIAL
WERE LOV
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FRESHMAN SCOOP!!!
By Shirl Ellis
ROOM 300-A
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Lights! Curtains! Action! "Gabriel, Blow Your Horn" was a huge success. It was every junior's dream come true. So many girls tried out for the play that a double cast was chosen. By giving the play four times, each girl was able to appear twice.

The play was a three act comedy which told the story of the troubles of three South Carolina mountaineers—Gabriel Pennington, Zerusia, his wife, and Daisy May, their daughter. The audience was kept laughing from beginning to end by these three and their utter bewilderment when they were invaded by the "city folks" for whom they were caretakers. The "city folks" included Miss Thelma, owner of the cottage, Janet, her niece, and a party of house guests. Also involved in the general misunderstanding were Herbert Brown and his son, Herbert Jr.

Yes—there was romance, two to be exact. One was of the long lost lover type; the other, the eternal triangle of which one of the guests, Harold, was a perfect third party. "All's well that ends well" and the play did just that.

A great deal of credit and thanks goes to T. B. Lindley for his very able direction of this play. Without his contribution the play would not have been the success that it was.

CAST:

Zerusia..... Carol Jones, Norma Stamm
 Daisy May Theresa Lytle, Florence E. Hiatt
 Miss Thelma..... Mary Ann Hoose
 Kathryn Leeson
 Eleanor Baines..... Margaret Davies
 Verna Jean Adair
 Mildred Clyde... Marietta Parr, Sally Williams
 Janet Smith..... Phyllis Tharp
 Emma Jean Clyde

CAST:

Gabe..... Jim Babbitt
 Pete Wright..... Vaughn Alexander
 Frank Stephens..... Eugene Wood
 Harold Dillen..... James Mays
 Herbert Brown Jr..... Richard Fox
 Herbert Brown Sr..... Herman Scott

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Listen my children, what do I hear?
 Sounds of much talking fall on my ear.
 "She said," "he said," and words like that—
 Were all I could hear from where I sat.
 Everyone's excited about the dance
 Formals, flowers, and, of course, ROMANCE
 'Twas quite beautiful, it is true
 For it turned out to be "Rhapsody In Blue."

Yes, the Senior Prom was a success but only because of much planning and hard work of the committes. But on the evening of January 19th, the Panther Den, decked out in blue, was ready for the occasion. Bob Connors and his Orchestra journeyed from Wabash, Indiana, to provide our musical background. During the evening Wilberta Naden and Florence Ellen Hiatt played a duet arrangement of Gershwin's "Rhapsody In Blue." However, like in the story of Cinderella, the enchantment ended at twelve.

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Juvenile delinquency? A little, maybe; but you can bet your last pair of bobby sox that it won't be a serious problem now that we've found the answer. "Panther Den"—that's our solution and our challenge to any community in the United States that moans about the bad boys and girls milling in its streets.

Students, faculty, and townsfolk alike combined to bring us a model recreation center. Finally, after weeks of impatient waiting, we could hardly believe our eyes when we flocked into the completed project for the first time. How that "old gym" was changed!!

Words can't describe the beauty of the newly painted walls and matching drapes, the galaxy of United Nations flags along the south wall, the new padded booths and other furniture all around—not to mention the spectacular "coke bar." And the lounge? Perfectly super—fireplace and all.

Now each Tuesday and Saturday nights members of the "Den" gather to chat, dance, shoot a game of pool, try a hand at ping pong, play any one of hundreds of new games, or merely to meet and talk things over. Best of all, this form of entertainment can be enjoyed here all summer. Yes, there may be other youth centers and kid kanteens, but there's only one "Panther Den."



THE SWINGSTERS

"We can make our lives sublime;"

Music

MUSIC HISTORY

Back in 1921 the Band was organized with Bob Birt as director. Mr. Cole replaced Mr. Birt in 1937, and in 1938 Lesley Gilkey took over Mr. Watkins' place as director of music. At that time effort was concentrated on symphony work with a small band of 38 members. An Acappella Choir broadcast from Indianapolis proved to be the outstanding achievement of that era.

Then came the revolution! In 1941, L. Rush Hughes took over. New Horns, new music, and a remodeled music room started us on our next key. As a result, we now have a High School Band of 75 members, a High School Boys' and Girls' Glee Club, and an Acappella Choir. Rhythm and Tonette Bands have been started in the grade schools. Shirley Whitesell Smith now supplements the vocal work and during the past year has won much acclaim with her Acappella group.

Under the leadership of Mr. Hughes, the Glee Clubs have presented several minstrels complete with black face, jazz bands, and straw hats. Since 1941, moreover, two dance bands—The Overtones and the Swingsters by name—have sprung up.

During this time, also, the entire Music Department has been placed under a merit system which has been tried and not found wanting. Student directors, captains, and their officers chosen by us personally give us the feeling that the musical organizations are really our own. No longer are these groups formal, cold, and lifeless.

—1944—45—

DALE HARPHAN

Appearing too late in the season to make last years' Crescent but worthy of more than mere honorable mention was Dale Harphan, former pupil of Mr. Hughes. Now a member of the United States Marine Band, Dale presented a program before the student body on January 9, 1944. He is one of three trombonists in the WORLD who can play four tones on the instrument at one time.

—BAND ACTIVITIES—

Highlighting the current year in band music, Willkie High School took part in the Central—Southern Indiana Band and Orchestra Contest held at Terre Haute. In this contest we distinguished ourselves by coming home with five first-place honors, five second-place awards, and one third-place win.

Something new in the line of merit acclaim was bestowed upon our Band this spring when it became the only high school band to present entertainment programs to service veterans in various army hospitals throughout the state. Sponsored by the local Elks as their part of a state-wide Elk "war effort" movement, this musical series will be continued through the summer months and will take us to a return engagement at Camp Atterbury, Ft. Billings, the Veterans' Hospital at Marion, and other places to be determined.

In writing up the first visit of the group to Camp Atterbury, newspapers stated that this had been the first time that entertainers had consented to present a program to last longer than the original schedule had called for. The press also commented that it was also the only time that the entire audience had remained at an entertainment there until the last number had been presented.

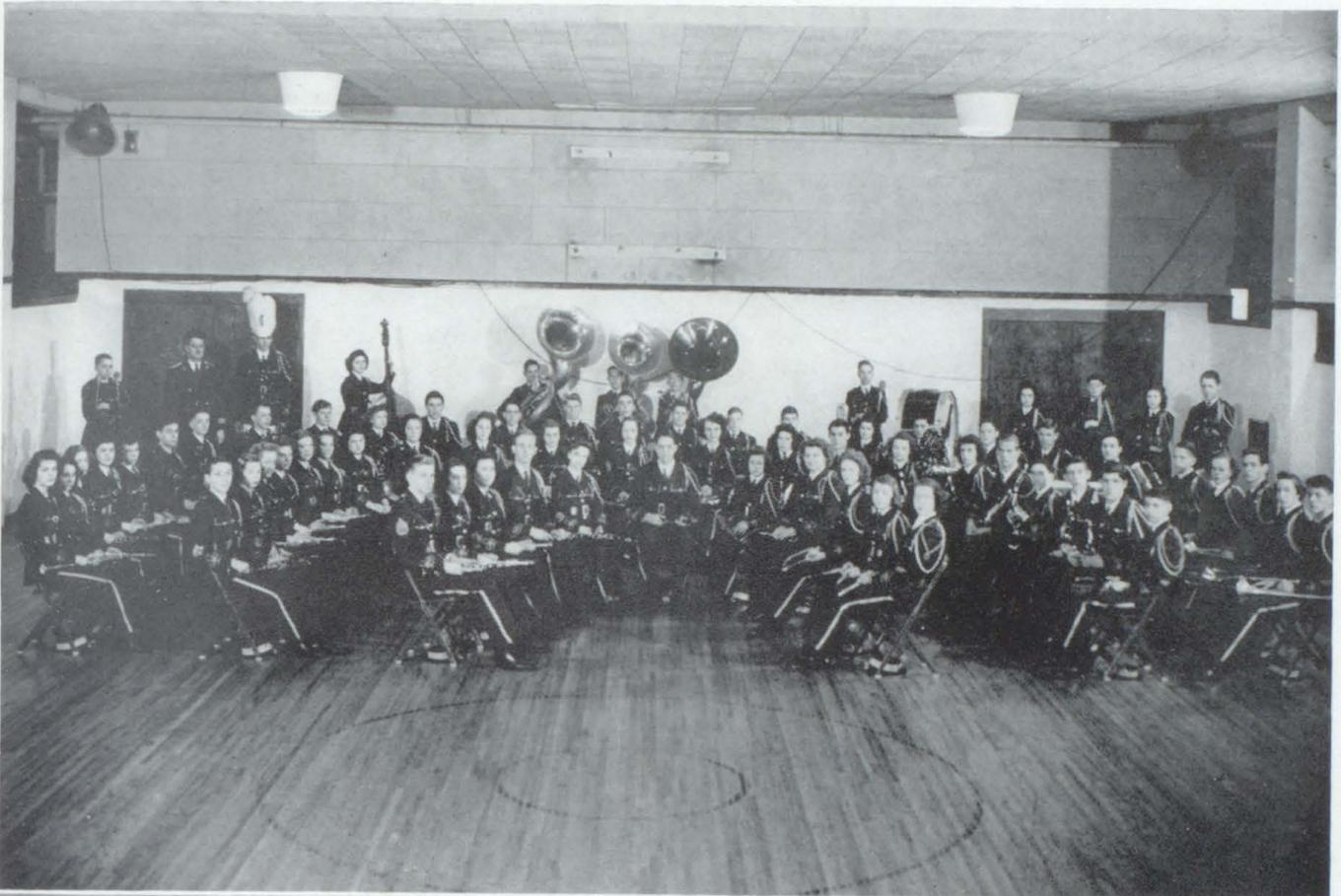
This season the Band marched and worked up formations on both the football field and the basketball floor. Between halves of the Tipton game, which came just before Christmas vacation, the entire band of 75 members formed a huge human Christmas tree, and, with lights on the cap of each member, presented a medley of Christmas carols.

Three concerts were presented by the Band during the year. Each of the Sunday afternoon programs were well received by the public, and will be held annually to correspond to the three seasons Fall, Winter, and Spring.

—CHORAL FESTIVAL—

On Friday April 20, boys and girls from Summitville, Frankton, Pendleton, Alexandria, Markleville, Anderson, and Elwood assembled here to take part in the Eighth Annual Madison County Choral Festival. This was the first time we had served as host school for the occasion but compliments still continue to pour in concerning the efficient way in which every detail was handled. After each chorus had presented two vocal numbers, Guest Conductor J. R. Paxton, of Technical High School, Indianapolis, directed the Mass Chorus of 500 voices in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Way Over Jordan," "Nocturne," and "The Song of the Jolly Roger."

BAND



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Mrs.
Zimmerman

Walter Franklin

Carolyn Sparling
Joanne Bozell

MRS. MARIE ZIMMERMAN

Mrs. Zimmerman, teacher of strings, has come to Elwood one day a week since 1925. One year during this time she directed the orchestra as well as taught strings. Mrs. Zimmerman gives private work only. She is a graduate of Arthur Jordan School of Music with a degree in violin and a special teacher's or master's degree in violin.

WALTER FRANKLIN

Walter has been studying violin under Mrs. Marie Zimmerman for the past ten years. Graduating with the Class of '45, he played violin in the orchestra, base horn in the band, and sang tenor in the acappella choir and mixed quartet. Through competitive contests, Walter received a scholarship to Indiana University. Since entering I. U. in January, he has received two more scholarships. He has always played violins made by his Grandfather Franklin.

TWIRLERS

Twirlers are selected by competitive try outs. The head twirler has charge of training new students. Only three can be in the marching band besides the Drum Major who leads the band while marching and during formations.

BAND OFFICERS



OVERTONES

ORCHESTRA



ACAPPELLA CHOIR

BOYS GLEE CLUB



GIRLS GLEE CLUB

OVERTONES

Birth of the Overtones can be attributed to the shortage of orchestras to play at dances in Elwood and vicinity. This year the Overtones played for several dances in Anderson as well as in the Panther Den assembly programs.

For several years Jack Squier, Oliver Haynes, David Locke, and Rosemary Scott had been working to get such an orchestra started. In 1942 Mr. Hughes added new members and they became known as the Overtones.

Each student paid so much to finance this organization. Music, stands, and other equipment were bought with this money. The personnel is selected by Mr. Hughes and changes on graduation of the members. Only high school students may belong to this orchestra. The organization is now completely self supporting financially and is well past the growing pain stage.

BAND OFFICERS

Officers of the band are elected each year in April at the first regular band meeting. They take office on May 1st. Members of the band understand the choice is by majority vote and they must abide by the rules set up by these officers. The treasurer of the Music Department is chosen by the Director.

B BAND

From 1920 to 1943 the High School Band was made up of grade students, Jr. Hi and High School students. In the fall of 1943 Mr. Hughes formed a Jr Hi or B Band of students in grades from 5 to 8.

ACAPPELLA CHOIR

In 1943, the acappella choir, directed by Miss Whitesell, was organized with 18 members. Since this group sings unaccompanied, they must have perfect harmony of tones. This organization meets one evening a week after school and they have appeared on two programs—the Christmas chapel and an assembly program. No credits are given.

BOYS GLEE CLUB

The Boys Glee Club was organized in 1941. Three boys responded to the first call for members. With the co-operation of Coach Francis, Mr. Hughes was successful in getting a membership of 23. The boys have appeared in two minstrel shows and at the local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. They have also taken part in County and State Choral Events. As yet this is a one semester course, the second semester being combined with the Girls Glee Club to form a mixed chorus.

GIRLS GLEE CLUB

The Girls Glee Club has been directed for the past two years by Miss Whitesell. They have sung for chapel services and various programs in the city. They have added to the success of two Minstrels. Keep up the excellent work!

ORCHESTRA

In sharp contrast to the typical band music—marches, college songs, etc.—come the softer and sweeter selections of the Willkie High School Orchestra. Of all our music organizations this is perhaps the oldest, having been at one time the principle mainstay of the entire department.

This year the Orchestra has carried on its tradition. Not only have the members presented various programs in concerts here. but they have been in demand for providing music at various schools outside the city. Music for our own Commencement was also furnished by our Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Hughes.



—Courtesy The Indianapolis Star

During the Broadripple Tournament

Athletics



Top row (left to right)—Howard Wardwell, Roderick Shaw, Curtis Sparks, Eugene Durm, Roland Webb, James Babbitt, Robert Lilly, Fred Hartley, Coach Jim Allen.

Middle row—Eugene Skirvin, Wilbert Wise, Louis Moschell, Edward Williams, Hubert Hook, Bob Dean, James Wardwell, Edward Waymire, Richard Davis.

Bottom row—Fred Beeman, Bob Courtney, Dick Gregg, Bob McGill, Dana Hocker, Tom Rood, Gene Vinson, Willis McGraw.

FOOTBALL

When the future stars of Willkie High School reported for football this fall, it was a small and aggressive squad that faced the new coach, Jim Allen. The first couple of days the workouts resembled a track meet more than a football practice, but as it came time for the season to open against our friends (Ha! Ha!), the Anderson Indians, we realized how this helped and prepared us for our first taste of blood.

You all remember the fateful season but here goes a bird's eye sketch of the glories and achievements of Willkie's warriors (in other words the Panthers).

Anderson—39, Elwood—0

As the Panthers came out on the field some fans remarked that they looked like Notre Dame as the first four teams ran out and the snappy workout before the game began. The Panthers are a spunky team and though from the start it looked like an Indian victory, they fought and never gave up plugging. Few will remember that it was in this game that Hughie Hook injured his shoulder.

Wabash—40, Elwood—6

The first game on an out-of-town field and a beautiful field at that. The boys were all strung up at the beginning of the game and for the first half they didn't even resemble the team which had opposed Anderson the Monday before. At the half the score was 34—0 and things looked gloomy, but the Panthers came back the second half and played the Apaches to a 6 to 6 tie.

Noblesville—49, Elwood—0

This was the first of a group of incidents which caused the fans to think of these rather than the improvement which the team made during those eight weeks of football. It was in this game that Hughie Hook broke his leg. This didn't break the boys' morale and they continued to fight all during the season.

Muncie Central—70, Elwood—0

This was the only game in which we were really out-classed. Several boys showed their valor particularly in this game. There isn't much to say about this game except that both teams were the finest sportsmen and that they got along just fine.

Kokomo—32, Elwood—0

Again the Panthers went to foreign soil. It wasn't the Kats that beat us but it was a pair of 6' 4" ends which caught anything in the hemisphere. Even so our line-backers did a wonderful job in holding them down as good as they did. This credit goes to Bob Courtney, "Zip" Davis, Howard Martz, and the other boys who knocked passes down all over the lot. In this game Dick Gregg lost three teeth and got the "Smile of Beauty, Use Ipana" (All comments made in this annual are not indorsed by the people that sponsor it.)

Alexandria—32, Elwood—12

Alex sure knew that they had been through a meeting that night after the game. The team has really improved this season and it was in this game that they showed it. At no time were the fans sure who would win. Howard Martz made a beautiful touchdown and Bob Courtney kept the Tigers worried all evening along with "Zip" and Fred Hartley.

Huntington—37, Elwood—0

It was partly because of this game that "Big Moe" and Gene Vinson got mentioned on the C. I. C. team this year.

Marion—19, Elwood—0

This was the final game of the season and the Panthers really did right by themselves. They hit like they never had before and looked like a first rate team.

In summarizing, I would like to remind you of the vast improvement the varsity made this year. Also while giving credit where credit is due, a lot of it should go to the valiant efforts of the senior lettermen and the untiring improvements of the underclassmen. In closing I would like to submit this poem:

The Panthers they had might,
But the team it was light.
Just watch them next year
No team will they fear.

Written by

An Eager Beaver With The Football Fever.



LEFT PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM

James Babbitt—Junior out for his first time—played a little at center—may be handy next fall.

Fred Hartley—Quarterback—can really throw passes—junior—may be around next year if Uncle Sam doesn't have other intentions.

Willis McGraw—Senior—fullback—foot injury kept him out of the running most of the season—could have been of great value.

Robert Dean—"Diz"—not out at first of season; did make up for lost time when he did report—expected to manage tackle job next fall.

Dana Hocker—Senior—guard—"bang up" game at guard position—hard to replace.

Roderick Shaw—Another senior—could catch almost anything near him.

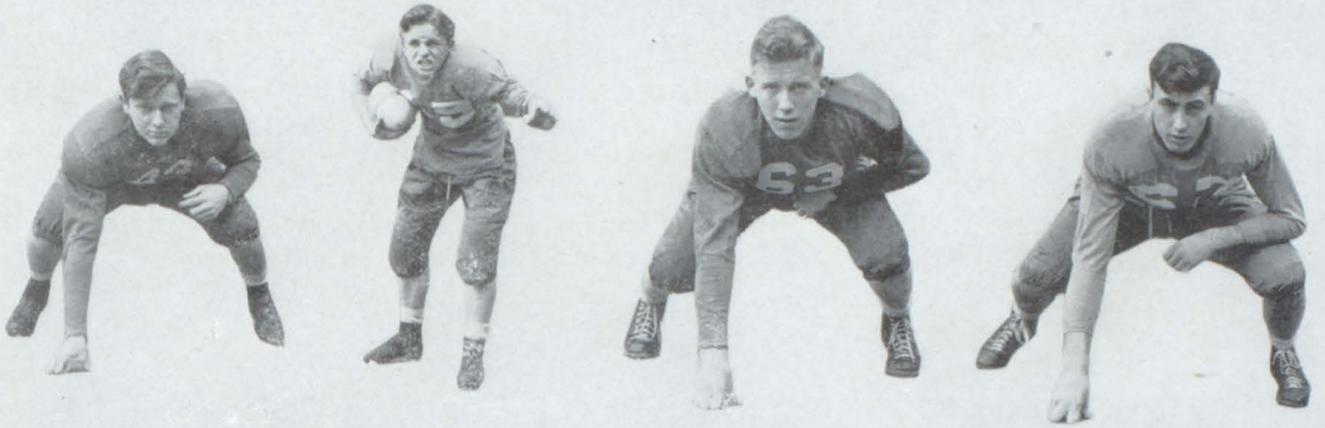
Richard Gregg—The other "tough luck" kid—just over one injury when "bang" would come another.

Howard Wardwell—"Bud"—freshmen—voted most improved player on the team—did fine job at end—just think what he'll be when a senior.

Eugene Durm—Knut Rockne's sure answer to "a clown on every team"—senior—will miss his corn next year.

Robert McGill—Senior—tackle—dependable for more than his share—we'll all miss Bob.

Frederick Beeman—Junior—played a lot of guard—(no, lady, that's his face)—can be counted upon to be an asset come next September.



RIGHT PAGE—FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Edward Waymire—Plays a mean cornet; played a mean game at guard—junior—will be back next year.

Robert Courtney—One of those boys who was always in the opponet's hair (should use dandruff remover)—junior—back next year.

James Wardwell—Sophomore—has plenty of that old fight—guard—will see a lot more action next season.

Edward Williams—"Horse"—played end, tackle, and guard this year—knew his way about in all positions—junior—just watch that guard position in the coming season.

Richard Davis—"Zip"—one of fastest backs in the state—will really go next year—only a sophomore now.

Eugene Skirvin—Senior—plugged along all season—could use more like him.

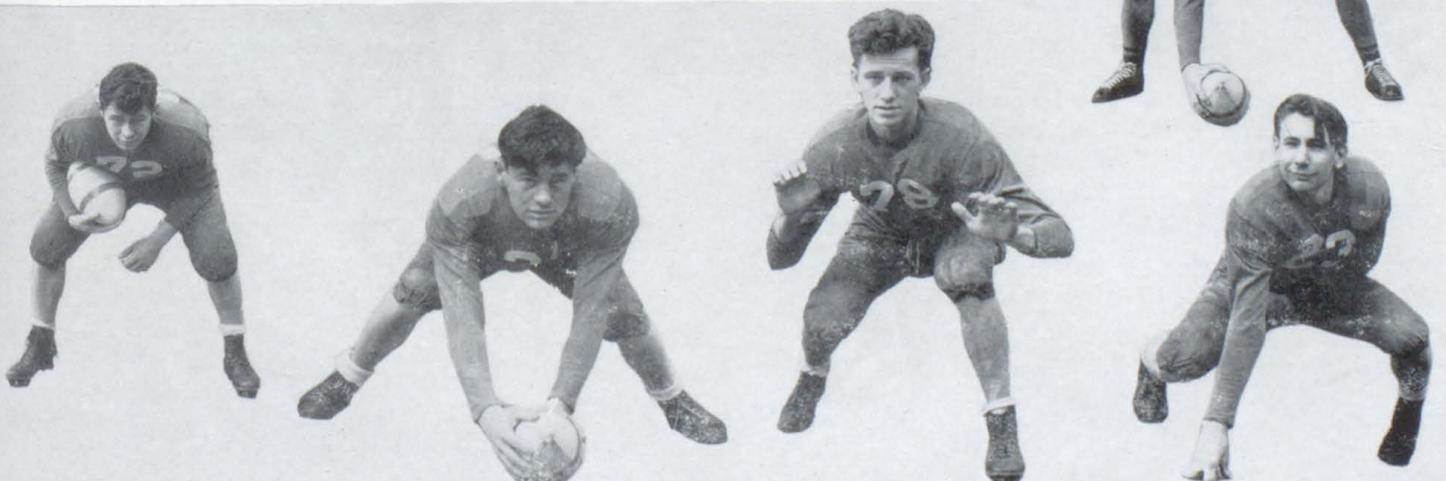
Hubert Hook—Our "tough luck" kid—Here's hoping momma lets him play next year—junior—and tough.

Louis Edward Moschell, jr.—"Big Moe"—opponents didn't try tangling with him—junior, too—received C. I. C. honorable mention.

Thomas Rood—End changed to quarterback—another junior—looking for him back.

Curtis Sparks—"Mickey"—sophomore—started season without specific position—ended at first string center.

Eugene Vinson—"Gene"—fullback—received C. I. C. honorable mention award for outstanding play in Huntington game—junior—one more year to go.



TOP ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT:

Richard Bollinger—a junior who really came up as the season ended—quite a rebound artist.
 Fred Hartley—guard—played his best at beginning of the season—swell long shot thrower.
 William Tranbarger—sophomore whom any coach would be glad to have around next season—keep an eye on him.

MIDDLE ROW—LEFT TO RIGHT:

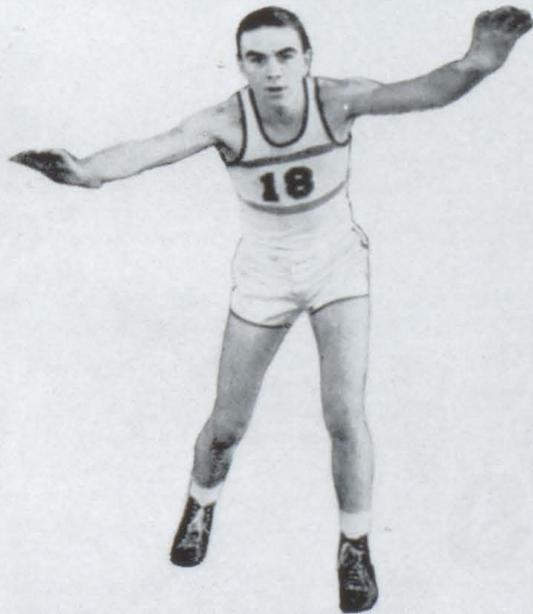
James Merritt—"Arkansas" played guard—dependable long "shooter" and good dribbler—will be even better next year than he was this.
 Robert Courtney—Captain for most of the games—fans called him "sparkplug"—a junior—will be back next year.
 Fred Beeman—Fast, aggressive forward or guard; equally efficient in either position—one of high scorers this year—will be around again next winter.
 Edward Williams—Extra dependable; will come through in a clutch—has at least another good season ahead.

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Richard Gregg—The one all opponents looked out for—beautiful push shot—certainly will miss him.
 James Judy—Junior out for the first time—can't understand why he waited so long—one of Madison County's most consistent scorers.
 Robert Dean—Needn't worry about "Diz"—quite able to take care of most every situation—will see more of him next season too.

BASKETBALL SCOREBOARD

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E. H. S.....26	Marion.....28	W. H. S.....30	Burris.....27





Top row (left to right)—Edward Williams, Bill Tranbarger, Bob Dean, Dick Bollinger, Jim Juday.
Bottom row—Fred Beeman, Jim Merritt, Dick Gregg, Fred Hartley, Bob Courtney.

BASKETBALL

From November to March our fair city along with the rest of Indiana, caught a contagious disease, Hoosier hysteria or basketball. Elwood was well represented in this epidemic with a varsity, second team, freshman outfit, junior high squad, Palmer Davis' Ag quintet, and Mr. Allen's intramural boys.

All did not go well in the opening weeks of the Panther varsity season, but, believe me, even Jess says he can't remember when such remarkable improvement was shown all in one year. How can we explain? Simple—and without apology too. Until the Fairmount game our varsity was made up of all juniors and sophomores. Finally Dick Gregg's leg injury healed enough to permit him to come back into the line up.

Things began to change—and fast! Elwood looked exceptionally good in splitting with Tipton; and what a heartbreaker that last one was. And that photo finish of the season! Bang. Bang. Bang. Down went Peru, Burris, and Alexandria in that order. All this after Burris had beaten us on their own floor in a dead heat. But the feat that climaxed the season was our thorough cleaning of Alex in the sectional. For a team that had been beaten twice by the Tigers to come back and trim them by a margin of eight points is truly a feat of great morale and of skillful (in the basketball sense) improvement.

When one adds in, for good measure, the overtime contests, the games lost by one point, and those ended with only a one-bucket deficit (well, you look them up, I can't bear to), it really has been an up and coming, progressive season.

For a short review of the highlights of the battles en route, well let's look back to the gallant warriors who fought for us throughout the season, especially "Slugger" Beeman. Oops! Sure let that one slip. Now take the Fairmount game for instance. Nope'. Ed Johnson took that one, didn't he? Oh well, "Life's not a bowl of cherries." Keats said that, or was it Joe Slayton.

A good round of applause should be given Mr. Allen and Mr. Bridges and to their helpmeet Mr. Stuffle. But when all's said and done, it's the boys themselves who build the reputation of Willkie's teams in the future.

I almost forgot the most important fellow. To Mr. Zeiger something should be given (No, not the frying pan) for finally learning to stop the clock when we were ahead. As they say in French, "Adieu" or is it "aw foo," anyway "good bye until next year."

SECOND TEAM

Top row (left to right)—Robert Shuck, Donald Brown, Jr., Ronald Webb, Leland Boyer, Ray Eskridge.
 Bottom row—Bob Sullivan, Jean Conard, Wilbert Wise, Dave Morgan, Max Robertson.



FRESHMEN TEAM

Top row (left to right)—Jack Scott, Harold Chriss, Jack Hoover, Charles Copher, David Peters, Bud Livengood, John Hutcheson, Willis Fern, Bobby Clark.
 Middle row—Jack Adair, Jack Hutcheson, Roland Brown, Bill Lynas, Jack Hershey.
 Bottom row—Bobby Lytle, Mgr., Maurice Robertson, Howard Wardwell, Philip Arnold, Jack Shaffner, Bill Hocker.

JUNIOR HIGH TEAM

Top row (left to right)—Thomas Leathers, John Lowder, Frederick Henderson, Loren Boyer.
Bottom row—Frank Bannon, Jack Wilson, Jack Coston, Richard Brenner, Vernard Skinner.



AG TEAM

Top row (left to right)—Lindell Jarrett, Willis McGraw, Herschel Beck, Robert Beck, Howard Ebert, Ralph Bohlander.
Bottom row—James Green, Frank Hancock, Charles Hobbs, Mgr., Charles Leakey, Donald Thomas.

TRACK BOYS

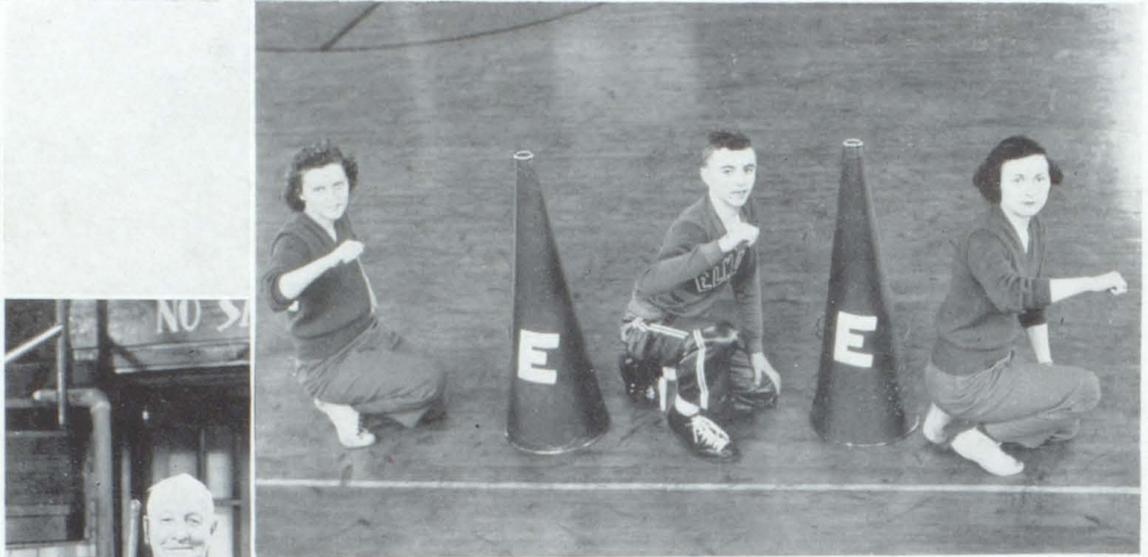
Kneeling (left to right)—Richard Davis, Dana Hocker, Earl Boyer, Bob Scircle, Tom Rood, Eugene Miller.
Standing—James Babbitt, Bill Tranbarger.



FRESHMEN FOOTBALL

Top row (left to right)—Bud Livengood, Philip Arnold, Howard Wardwell, Coach Harry Bridges, Lowell Ebert, Bill Lynas.
Middle row—Jack Adair, George Acres, Jack Hutcheson, Fred Lloyd, John Hutcheson, Charles Barnes.
Bottom row—Louis Benedict, Willis Fern, Bill Hocker, David Peters, Jack Hoover.

Martna Noll
Moore
Bill
Brunnemen
Jackie Elliott



Jess Warner



Coach Allen
Harry Bridges
Roy Stuffle



YELL LEADERS

Yes, cheering takes an active part in the winning of our athletic contests; but without good yell leaders this would not be possible. They must be on hand at out of town games as well as home games. It is not an easy task to to make the student body quit booing or keep them yelling, but our yell leaders have certainly done a good job. Let's give them three cheers!

JESS

Jess Warner probably does more for the basketball boys than any other person except the coach. He keeps the floor in A-1 condition and also gives our boys a word of encouragement when it is most needed. I don't know what we would do without Jess for he is tops with all of us.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

Something new was added around the Athletic Department this season when Jim Allen put in his appearance as head coach and director of physical education. (Ask any of the boys about those Gym Classes. Whew!) Not exactly a newcomer to the sports world, Jim stepped via Central Normal College to Danville High School, to Hobart, and now to the beginning of a successful career here. Assisting "The Boss" this year were two work horses, Harry Bridges and Roy Stuffle. In the hands of these two maestros was placed the destiny of the Freshman and Junior High lads. Watch us next year when their patience and efforts bear fruit.



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At a meeting of the Board of Directors of
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held October twenty-four, one thousand nine hundred and forty-
four, the following resolutions were adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Directors of The Commonwealth & Southern Corporation, record a memorial of our former President, Wendell L. Willkie.

Wendell L. Willkie was born in Elwood, Indiana, February 18, 1892. He served as Lieutenant in the 325th Field Artillery in World War 1, retiring as Captain. The following degrees were conferred upon him: A. B. Indiana University (1913), LL.B. (1916); LL.B. Birmingham-Southern College (1944); LL.D. Indiana University (1938), Colgate University (1939), Dartmouth College, Yale University, Bowdoin College and Rutgers University (1941), Union College (1942), Boston University and Oberlin College (1943); and Sc. D. Stevens Institute (1941). He was a member of the Bar in Indiana, Ohio, New York, U. S. District and Circuit Courts and of the U. S. Supreme Court. He practiced his profession continuously in Indiana, Ohio, New York and in the Federal Courts except during his presidency of The Commonwealth & Southern Corporation (1933-1940). He was the Republican nominee for President in 1940. He died October 8, 1944. No better American survives him.

Wendell L. Willkie was an able, far-seeing, loyal, magnetic and courageous American, known to and respected and admired by the peoples of the earth. He attained a high place among powerful men in national and international affairs and all lovers of peace and freedom in this "One World" will ever revere his memory.

This corporation's personnel was fortunate in having years of close contact with a professional and business leader whose counsel and ability in managing the system's operations and protecting its property rights, whose generous good fellowship with all his associates and whose consideration of the rights of employees and his especial personal regard for them, endeared him to all.

He married Edith Wilk, January 14, 1918, who, with their son Philip Herman Willkie, a graduate of Princeton University and now a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, survives him. We condole with his widow and son in their irreparable loss which God alone can temper.

Justin R. Whiting, President.
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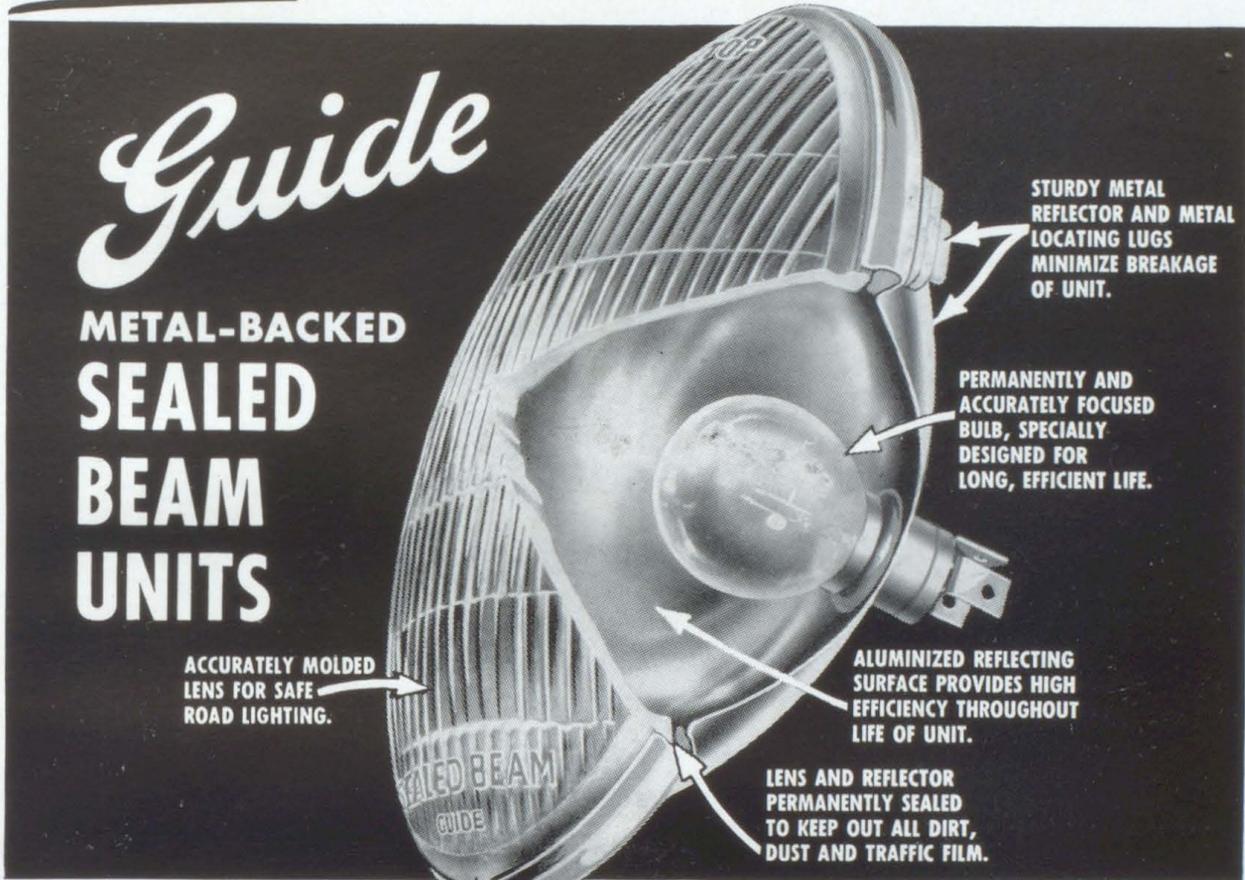
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SCHOOL CALENDAR

- September 11 School opens. Oh, Gosh!
First football game of the season. What a massacre by the Indians!
- September 28 The Crescent Staff proves themselves to be some book salesmen during their program in the assembly.
- October 5 Dr. George Davis of Purdue entertained us with poems by Riley.
- October 12 Discovery day! We discovered today that there was a Megaphone. The Staff presented an assembly program.
- October 25 Smile and show your dimple. Seniors started having their pictures taken.
- October 26—27 Teacher's Institute. Happy day! No school.
- November 1 Seniors go hill billy at a Sadie Hawkins' Day Party. More business for Marrying-Sam.
- November 2 An extra period free and an interesting talk by Holmer Chaillaux of the American Legion.
- November 3 Junior Sadie Hawkins' Party—every dog has his day but Sadie seems to have had two.
- November 7 Armistice Day Program—"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.
- November 10 First basketball game. We played Windfall—guess who won????
- November 15 Senior Home Room 305 goes social.
- November 16 Mr. Scott gave us a talk on school awards. Now we can hitch our wagon to a star.
- November 19 Band concert in new gym. Mr. Hughes may well be proud of this organization.
- November 20 Teachers' Party. Wonder if they lost their dignity???
- November 23 Hooray! We get to stay home for two days and eat turkey.
- November 28 Bond Drive Program made interesting by a talk by Major Eric Cox.
- November 30 We were again made happy by the appearance of "Dusty" Miller.
- December 7 Juniors get anxious for a little music and said, "Gabriel, Blow Your Horn." The play really clicked.
- December 12 Sophomores take the limelight and have a big party all their own.
- December 21 Christmas Chapel with sermonette by Rev. Hill.
- December 22 The seniors lost their dignity and put on a lively Xmas program. Santa Claus gave the freshies a thrill by giving them a treat. The day was climaxed by beating Tipton!
- January 4 Hockett brought his cotton gin and took the underclassmen pictures. It's still a mystery to me.
- January 9 Math 9 test dreaded by every senior. Ugh!
- January 11 Speech Class Program—amoozin' but confuzon'
- January 18—19 Semester finals!? * " † \$ ½ & - * ----!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- January 18 Overtones tried to cheer us up before exams. All jokes aside, the music was wonderful.
- January 19 I'll be down to get you in a taxi, honey, and we'll go to the Senior Prom.
- January 23 Benson and Jim spent the day around school taking all those group and Athletic pictures. What a day—fire alarm and all.
- February 2 Game with Peru and what a game!
- February 3 Red letter day in the lives of the youth of Elwood—Panther Den opens.
- February 13 Junior Class Party. Wonder what they did?
- February 22 An impressive and unusual program depicting the lives of the great men of our country.
- March 16 Methinks St. Patrick would have been proud to have been a guest at the Shamrock Shag given by the Crescent Staff. It is expected to be an annual affair.
- March 22 "Yawn!! Life is such a bore." However the audience wasn't bored at the Senior Play.
- April 12—13 Spring vacation! Does us more good than sulphur and molasses.
- April 19 Such a day! Two programs. Why can't we do this more often?? Swingsters give out with some good music and Nelson Covey gave us very instructive information.
- April 20 A big day for W. H. S.! We were hosts to Choral Clubs from schools in Madison County. A very good Choral Festival.
- April 26 Dramatic Club shows their stuff.
- May 3 Another delightful program by the Speech Class.
- May 8 Crescent Staff splurges a little and has a dinner at Mangas Cafeteria.
- May 16 The rededication of our school and the unveiling of this yearbook.
- May 18 Honor Day.
- May 22—23 Finals for the seniors.
- May 24—25 Finals for rest of school.

SENIOR WEEK

- May 24 Wiener roast and get together at Panther Dan.
- May 25 Seniors take over the city. Junior-Senior Prom.
- May 26 Trip to Indianapolis.
- May 27 Open house at the Panther Den.
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- May 28 Luncheon.
Commencement.
- May 29 Senior Program.
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- May 30 Last day for everyone!

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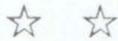
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NOV. 29.	MUNCIE	THERE	JAN. 19.	GREENFIELD	THERE
NOV. 29.	ALEXANDRIA	THERE	JAN. 26.	HUNT'NGTON	HERE
DEC. 6.	FAIRBANKS	HERE	JAN. 27.	FRIENDS GARY	HERE
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Upon the beach she held my hand, I let my soul fely pleadings flow;
I coaxed, I begged, I swore but yet—that doggone crab would not let go.

If a body meet a body
In the upper hall,,
Can a body stop and visit?
Surely not at all.
Can't we talk our troubles over?
Comfort give and get it too?
When we see Mr. Scott coming,
Must we all skidoo?

Forney is my teacher, I shall not flunk;
He maketh me to study thru the midnight hours;
H leadeth me over the paths of algebra
He aroused my drowsness, and leadeth me over the paths of completeness for his
namesake.

Yea, tho' I tremble in the hours of recitation, I will fear no evil,
For he is with me, his pointers and chalk they embarrass me;
He asigneth my head with wrath; my cup runneth over,
Surely study and examinations shall follow me all the days of my life
And I shall not wander thru the streets at midnight hereafter.

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V. Alexander: "Water gone crazy with heat."

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C. Hasecuster: "I'll bet Caesar was a strong man."

Mr. Snoke: "Why?"

C. Hasecuster: "Why the book says he pitched his tent across the river."

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More dangerous to democracy than the saboteur is the otherwise well-meaning American who seeks special privileges from our government at the expense of others, or who is so selfish and intolerant that he fans the fire of racial and religious hatreds; and it is he who believes that laws have been made to constrain the rights of others and that he is immune. It is he who thinks that in this man's world it is everyone for himself and he says, "I'm a free man so I can do as I please." Such a person has not yet learned that the privileges guaranteed in the Bills of Rights are not permits to disregard the general welfare.

Finally, let us consider the third and most dangerous enemy, the one that can lurk within ourselves. It may be termed complacency, indifference, or what you will. The American who has it is a menace to the democratic privileges he has been enjoying. It is complacency that keeps us from the polls on election day and that causes us to cash in all our war bonds to pay for non-essentials. It is indifference that permits us to accept every act of our government without question, that restrains us from active service in our own community and causes us to believe our contributions, our blood, our aid would be unnecessary when others are giving. This last enemy is the hardest of all to defeat because it must be conquered by the individual who harbors it. We can't hang complacency and we can't send it to jail. We can only drive it from our hearts with the strength of our own will. The enemy in our hearts comes to us unannounced, but once we have given it refuge, it will feed on rumor, indifference, and doubt. Like Frankenstein, it becomes our master and only a moral revolt or a spiritual awakening can make us again that true citizen of democracy.

Yes, Constitutional Democracy is vulnerable. Like all other good things in this world of ours, it is hard to get and harder yet to keep; but also like good things, it is worth the struggle. It was so much better said by Thomas Paine in his famous pamphlet, "The Crisis," which was often quoted by George Washington to his men: "WHAT WE OBTAIN TOO CHEAPLY, WE ESTEEM TOO LIGHTLY; IT IS DEARNESS ONLY THAT GIVES EVERYTHING ITS VALUE."

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Mr. Scott: "Did he hit you?"

Mr. Zeiger: "No."

Mr. Scott: "Then it wasn't my son who threw it."

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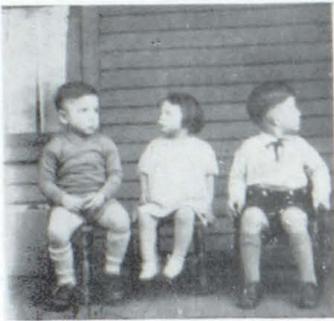
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Helen St. Clair: "It's something if you don't have you can't buy anything with."

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Mary Pat Keller: "The lower the gas the higher the pressure."

Mr. Bridges: "A fool can ask more questions than a dozen wise men can answer."

Bob McGill: "Yes, I guess that's why I flunked your last exam."

"I've always believed," said Mr. Scott, "that a hair on the head is worth two on the brush."

Fashion Note: What is the latest thing in men's clothing? Women.

D. Thomas: "Hey Bill, have you heard the one about the smoky window glass?"

B. Tranbarger: "No, I don't believe I have."

D. Thomas: "Well, never mind, you couldn't see through it anyway."

Mrs. Beeman: "They tell me your son is on the football team too."

Mrs. Courtney: "It is quite true."

Mrs. B.: "Do you know what position he plays?"

Mrs. C.: "I'm not sure, but I think he is one of the drawbacks."

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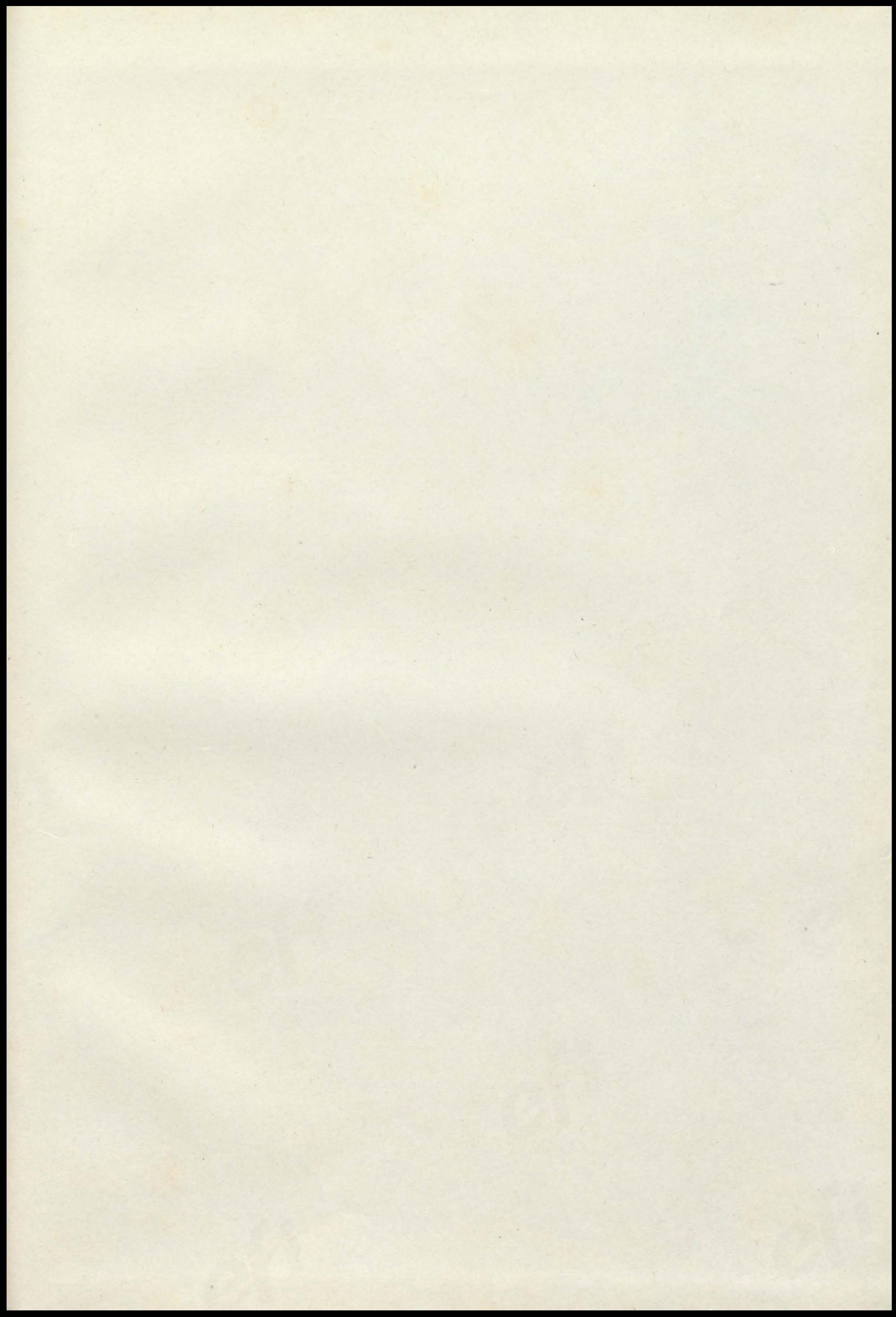
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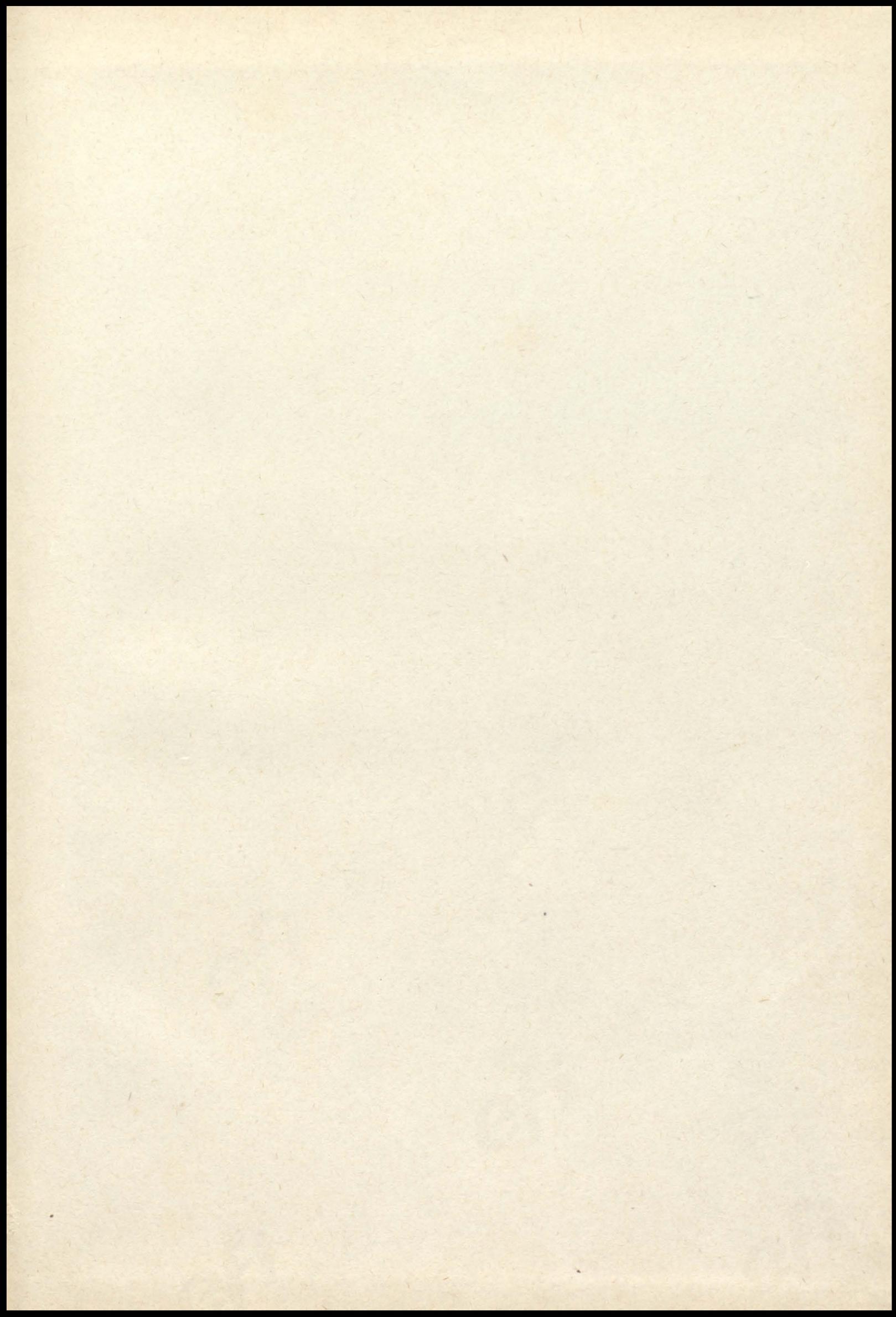
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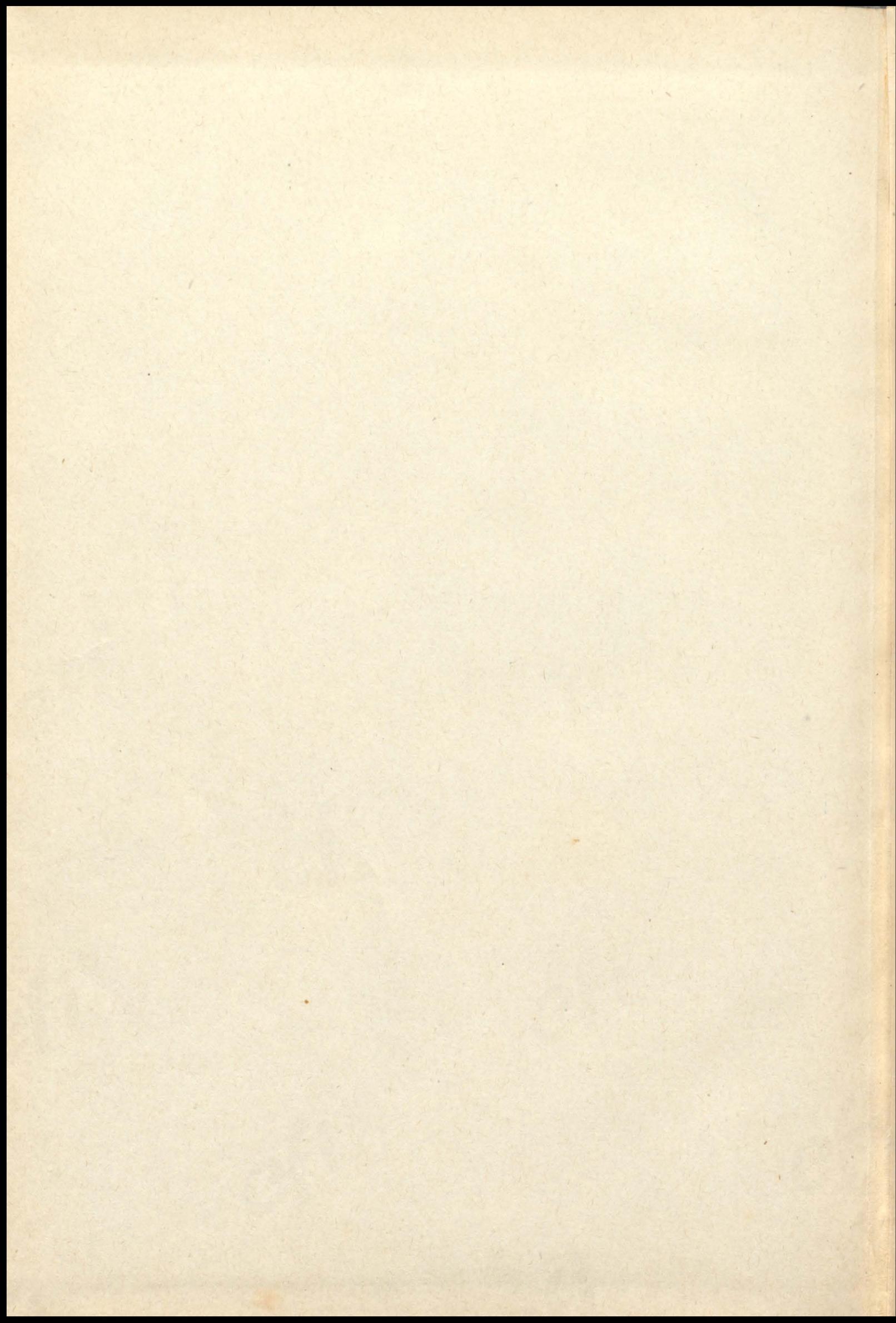


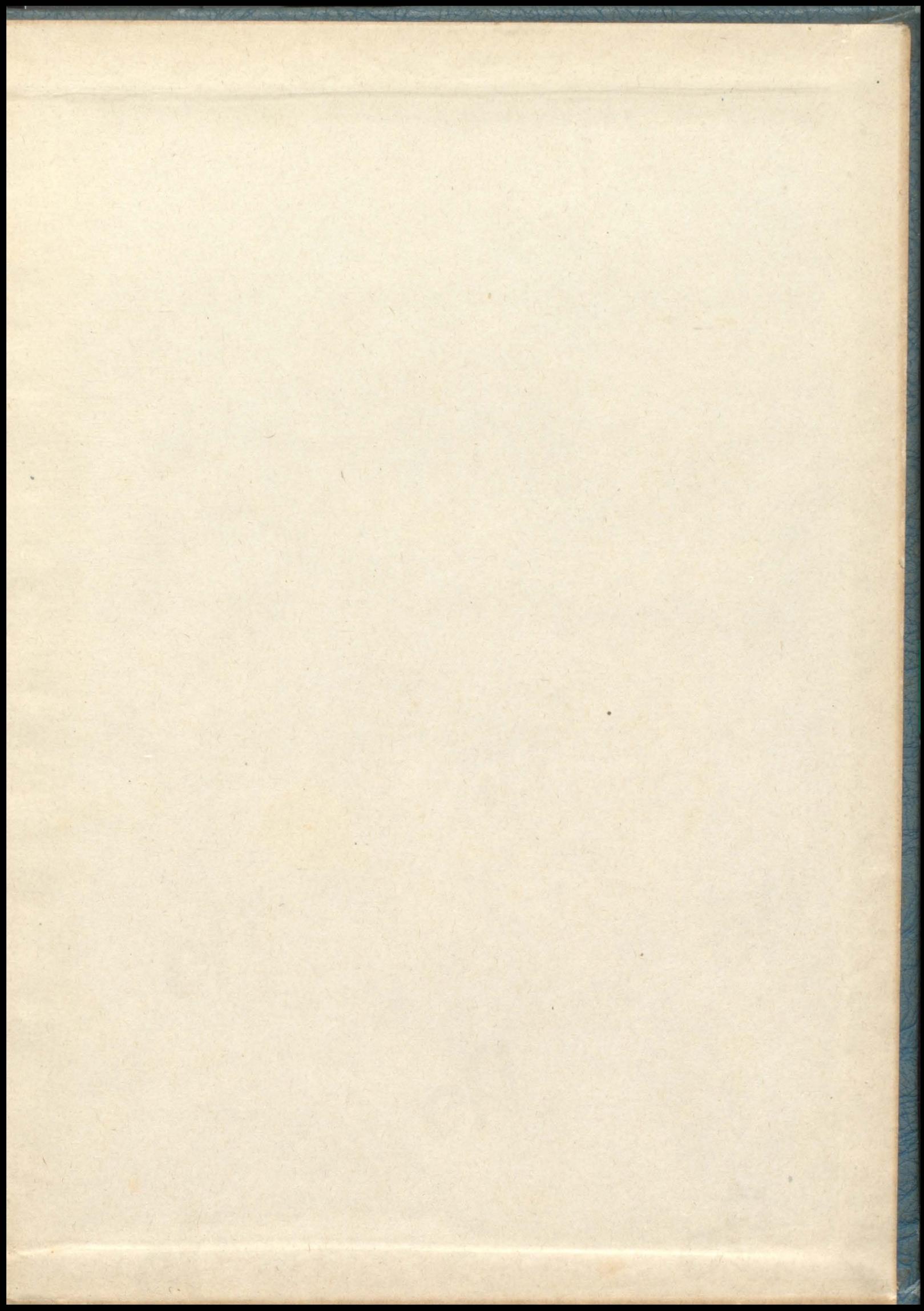
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