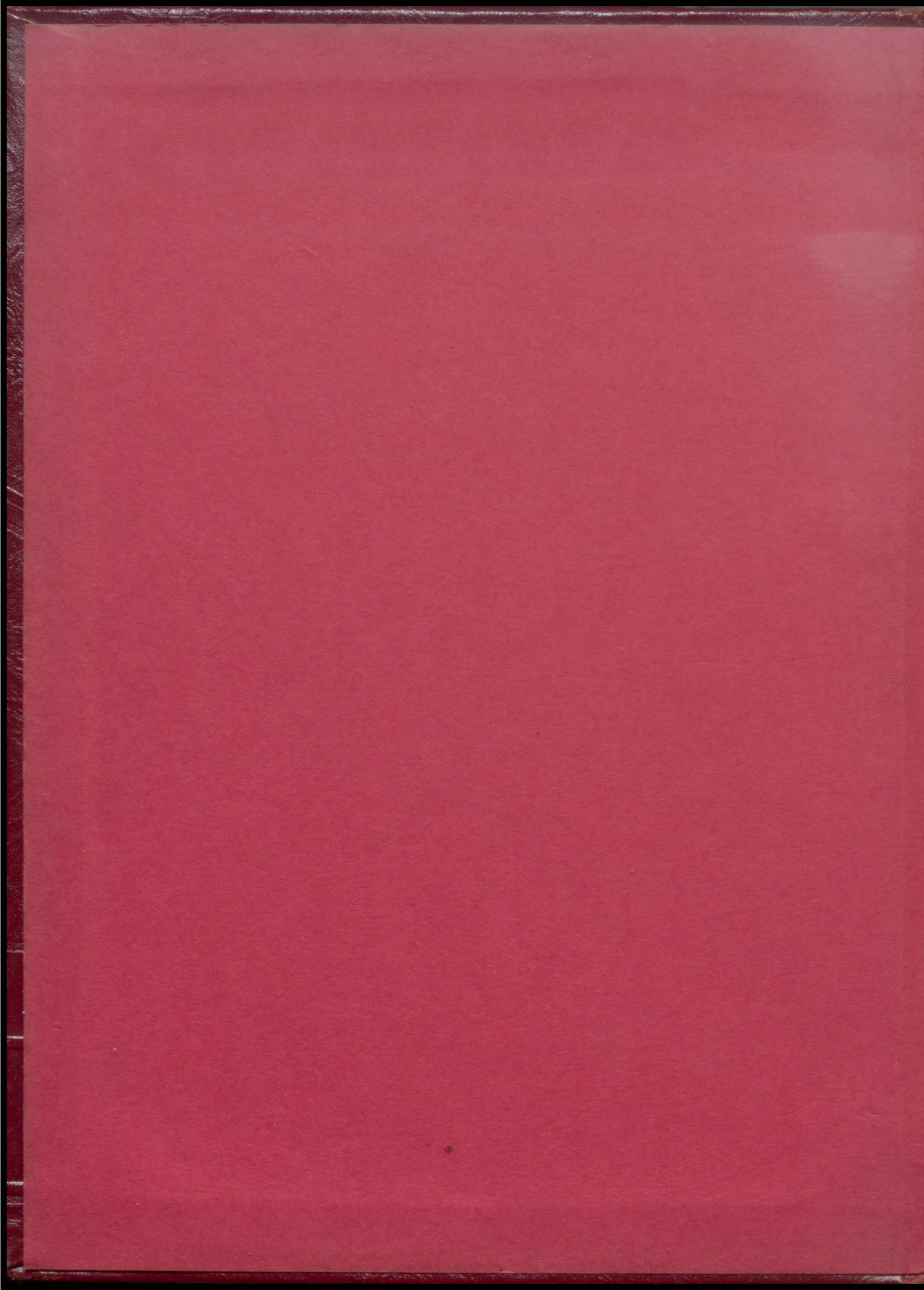
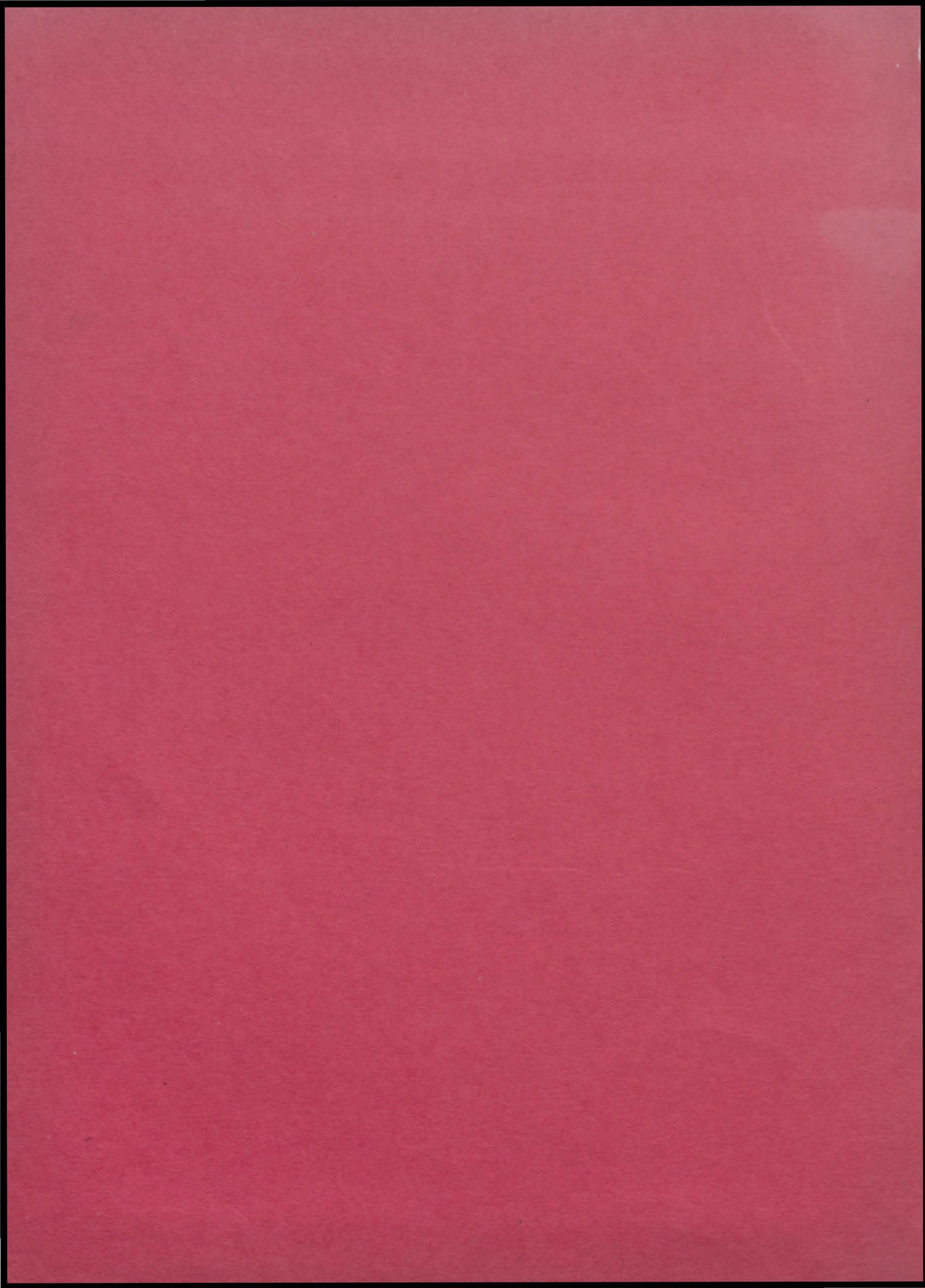


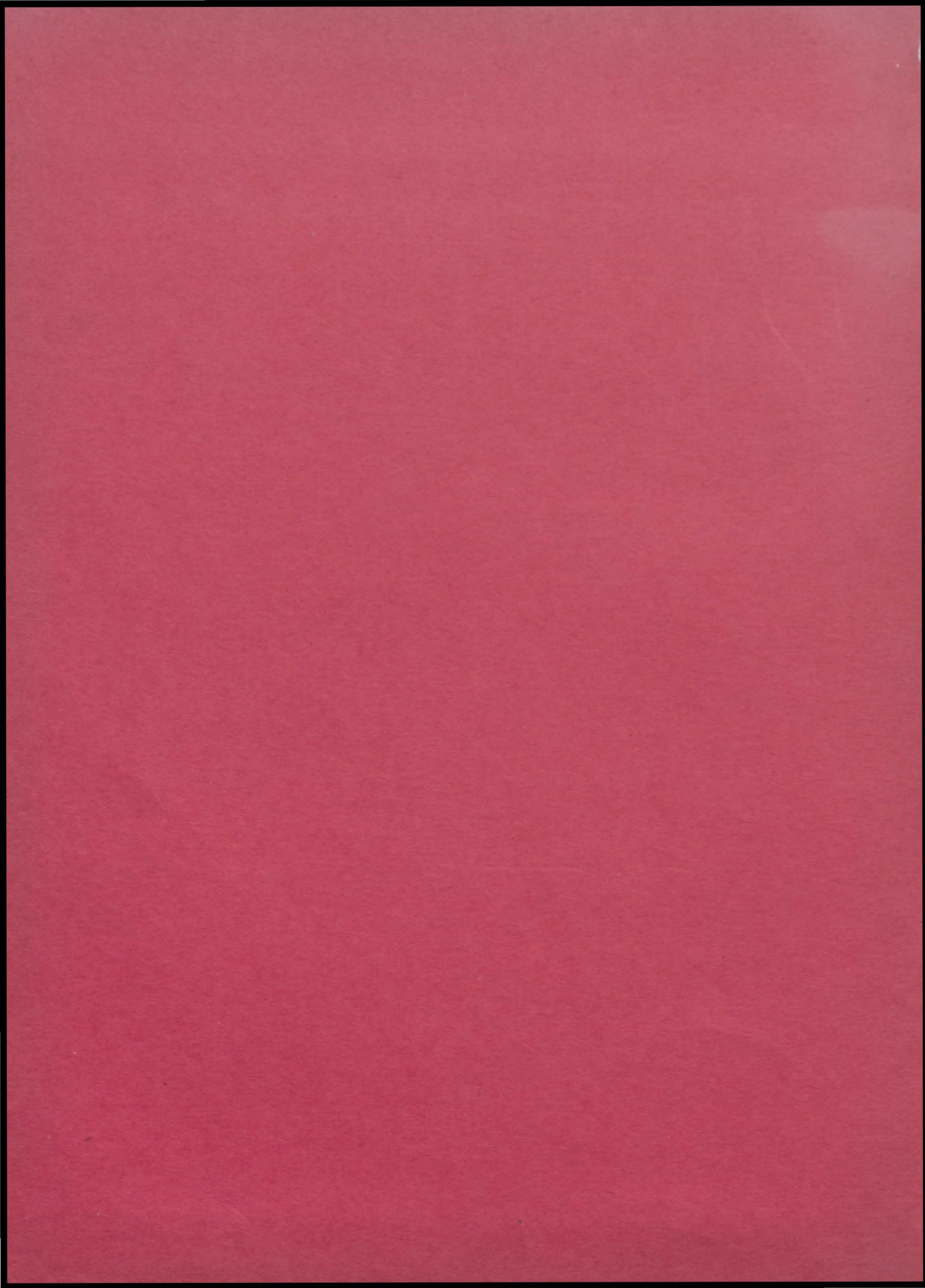


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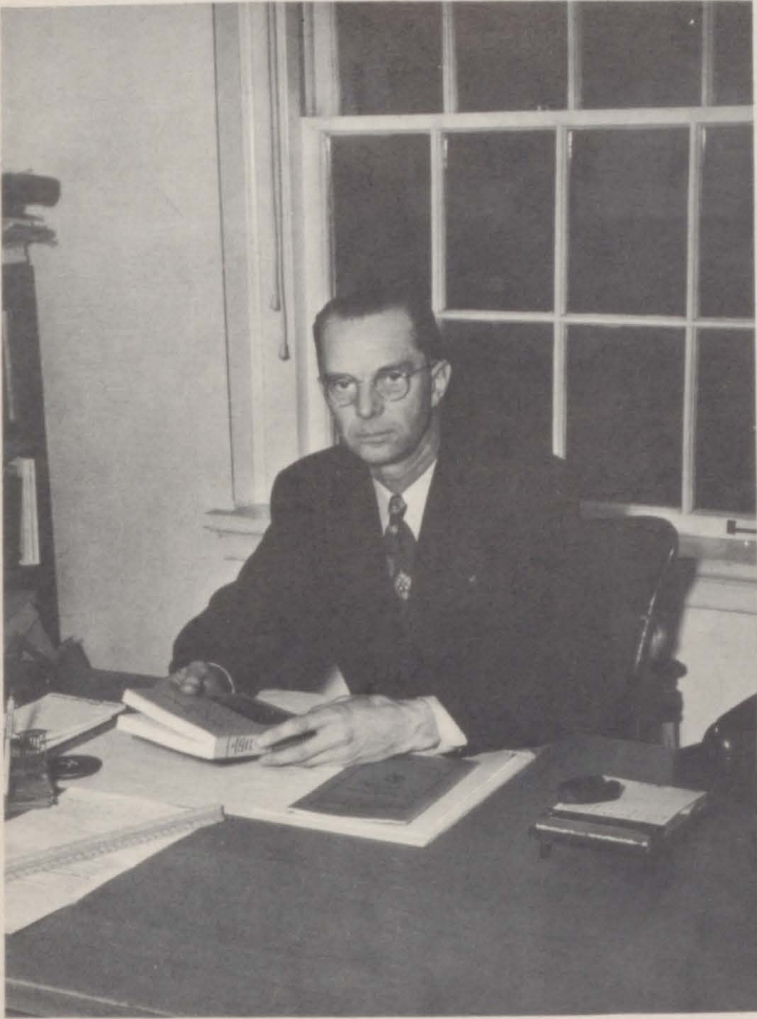


We, the Seniors of 1953, do proudly dedicate this the eighth edition of "The Echo".

TO OUR PARENTS:

In sincere appreciation for their untiring and faithful understanding of us as we have ventured along life's pathways, we, as Seniors, wish to express our gratitude to them.

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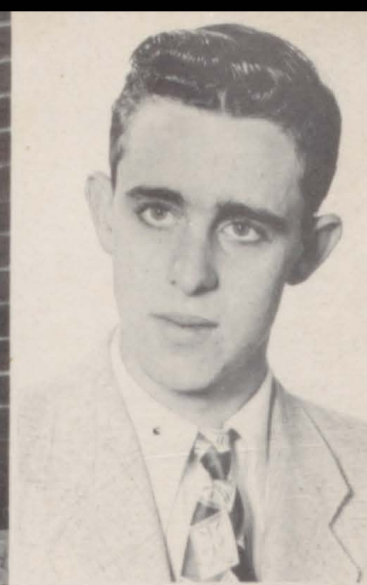
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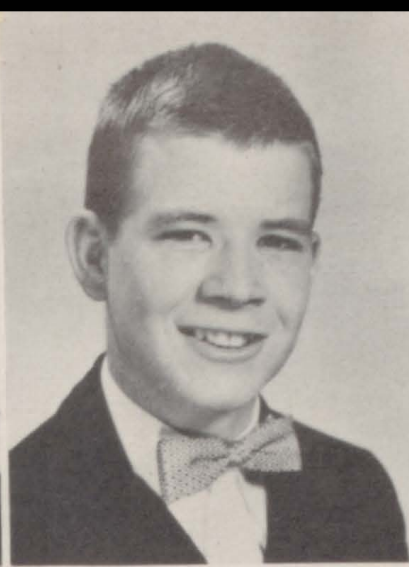
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Motto ..... "Not The End, Just The Commencement"  
 Colors ..... Cherry Red and Silver  
 Flower ..... Red Rose Buds and Fern

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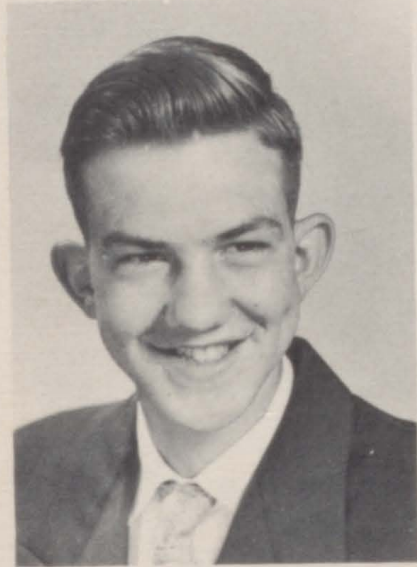
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*a friend? Gene*  
BERNICE NADINE LAMBERT

JOHNNY KING, JR.

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JIMMY LEWIS HYLTON



*Jane always  
"Sheng"*



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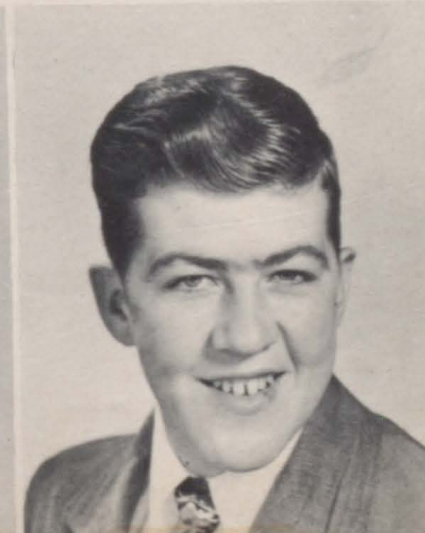
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*As Always, Trigg*





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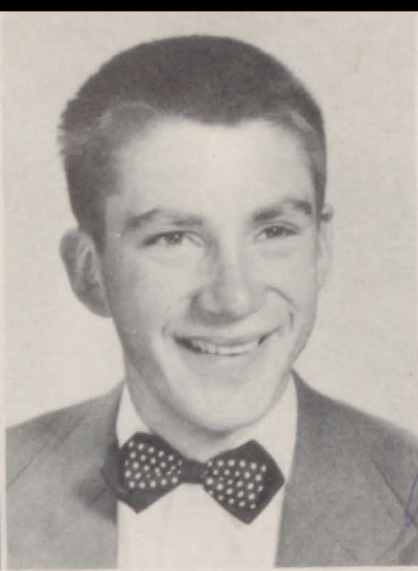
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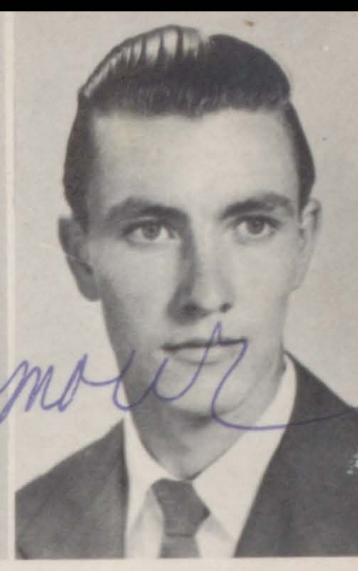
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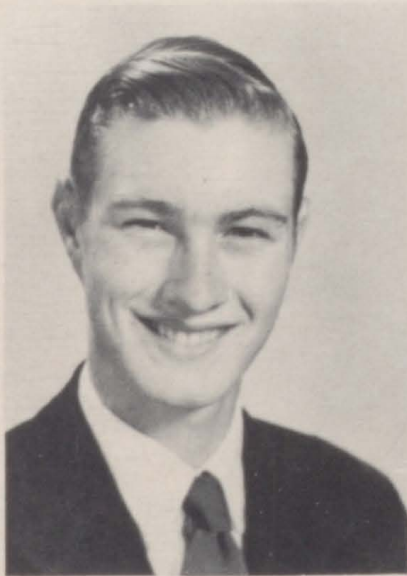
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SUE ANN KIDD

MARY LOUISE PUCKETT





MOST TALENTED  
Barbara Bane  
Roger Morehead



MOST POPULAR  
Mary Ella Mann  
John Lundy

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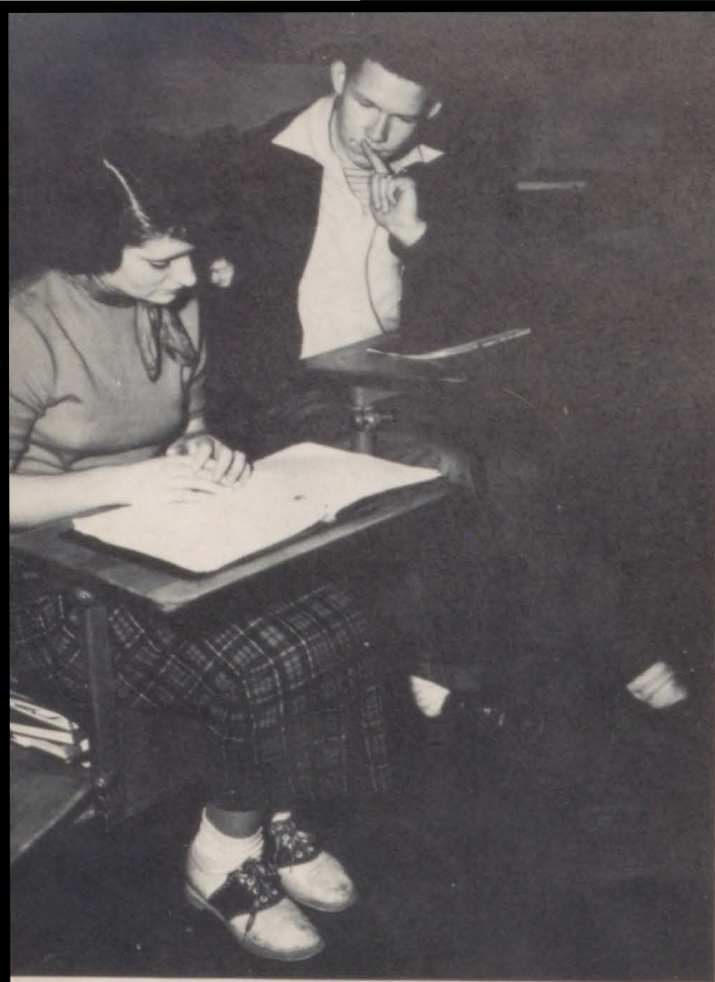
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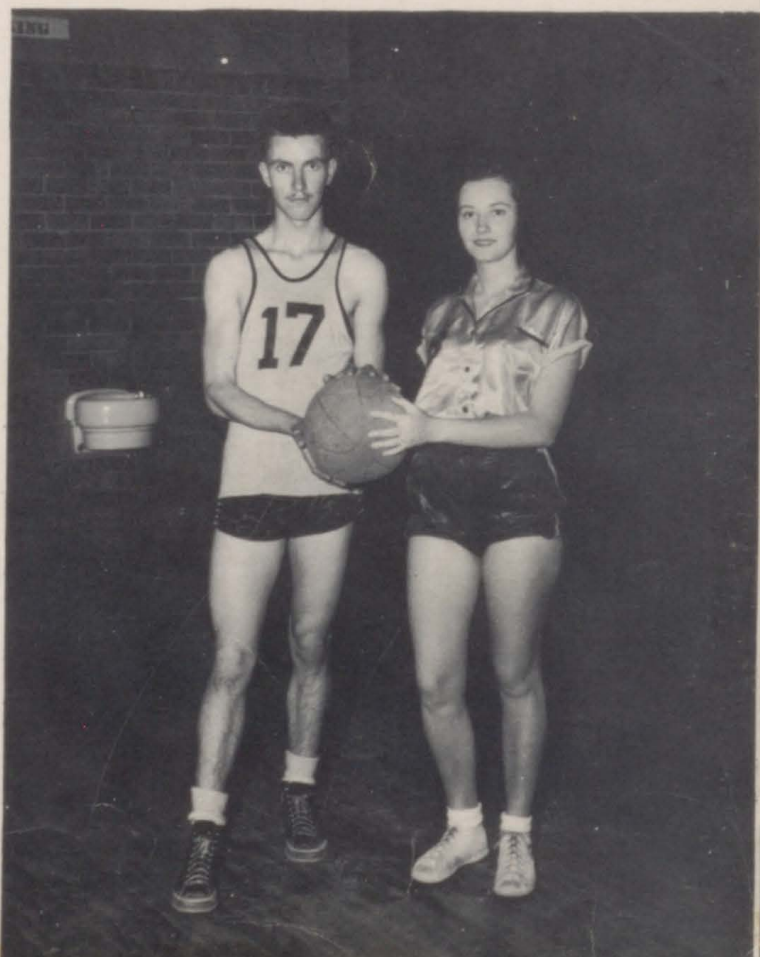
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Tommy Morehead



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Jimmy Pauley

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MOST DEPENDABLE  
Nancy Waddle  
Richard Baker  
Robert Morris



# CLASS PROPHECY

The what, the who, the why and how.....

What will be going on Ten Light Years from now

In other words, take a squint and come with me

And we'll view the whole Class Prophecy

John Lundy is now in Tennessee judging livestock. He owns and operates one of the largest farms in Virginia.

Jimmy Hylton is still working as Miss Brown's "test tube". They are now doing extensive research on the atomic bomb. Looks like the Class of '53 has an Einstein.

The "round chase" of 1963 is Nancy Waddle chasing Curtis Lester and Robert Morris chasing Nancy Waddle. We never could understand why Nancy and Robert never hit it off so well.

Jo Ann Morehead finally succeeded in getting Jimmy Pauley. They think Bastian is just the place for "newly weds".

Dewayne Kitts and Raymond Lambert are now in Alaska raising polar bears and chasing Eskimo women.

John Wayne Pennington is now playing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. His latest hit is the "Pennington Boogie".

Roger Morehead is really living. Right now he is in Tennessee playing for the "Grand Ole Opera". From the way gossip travels it looks as though he and "Minnie Pearl" are really hitting it off.

Betty Jean Chandler, waitress at the "Brush Mountain Drive-in", really keeps those service boys in line.

Dayton Ramsey is very heartbroken because Doris Tomlinson is now Mrs. Junior King. Doris says being a "Fuller Brush" salesman's wife is just the "stuff".

W. R. Dillow, one of Radford College brainiest professors, thinks there is nothing like teaching at a girl's school.

Jean Kimberling plans to marry a soldier by the name of Ray as soon as she finishes her last basketball game in New York.

Since Junior Sarver and Peggy Waddle vowed to never break up, she is now happily married to a college professor. It's hard to believe that Junior is still single.

Richard Baker is really going places with those "big hands". He can make anything from a table to a ten story building.

Mary Ella Mann, a white capped nurse, is really keeping folks from riding in a hearse.

Donald Kidd is now president of the Ladies Bus Drivers Club. He thinks there is nothing like working with women.

Nadine Lambert, as Mrs. Wayne Bridges, is a very efficient housekeeper.

Johnny Stafford is the biggest banker in Bland County. We always knew he would take his father's place.

Kathleen Muncy, after training at Pulaski Hospital, is now working for the Kegley Clinic.

Betty Bruce and Sue Ann Kidd are top Air force officers. We see they are still sticking together.

Shirley Temple Patton is now finishing her last picture at M. G. M. Studios.

Tommy Morehead who has received his M. D. after 10 years of training is moving into the Kegley Clinic soon.

David Dunn is spending a Jewish Holiday in Florida. He plans to return soon and take over the Bastian Sportswear.

Barbara Bane's remarkable talent as a pianist has placed her on a popular T. V. Program called the "Concert Hour".

Polly Shewey is now private secretary to Mr. Curry at Bland Hosiery Mill.

Eddie King is having trouble getting his children to attend school. It's no wonder Eddie spent half of his time loafing.

Last but not least, Glamour and Screwball, the two pests of Bland High, are making something of themselves. They are on a T. V. Program called the "Shooting Screwballs".

Sara Betty Muncy  
Louise Puckett

# SENIOR CLASS HISTORY

We, the Seniors of 1953, would like to review for you some of the high lights of our history during the four years we have spent in Bland High School.

When our class entered school as Freshmen we were a group of enthusiastic, eager, and ambitious students with never a doubt that life would run smoothly for us. We entered with fifty-two members strong. Mr. Smith, our principal, gave us Mrs. Annie K. Dunn for our home room teacher, which pleased us greatly. First she helped us organize our class with the following officers:

President ..... Floyd Taylor  
Vice-President ..... Sue Ann Kidd  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Kathleen Muncy  
Reporter ..... Sara Betty Muncy  
Home Room Representative ..... Barbara Bane

We did not escape the usual tortures of the Sophomores which have become a tradition in all schools. We accepted their tantalizing as a part of the high school game and were none the worse for it.

The Freshmen year with all its difficulties had passed very quickly.

At the beginning of our Sophomore year sixteen members of the class did not come back. Some moved away, a few had to stop school to go to work and others were lured away by outside interests. The number that returned was thirty-six.

Our class officers for our Sophomore year were:

President ..... Kathleen Muncy  
Vice-President ..... David Dunn  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Barbara Bane  
Reporter ..... Eddie King  
Home Room Representative ..... Peggy Waddle

Many of our members turned out for basketball this year, as we had become more grown-up. Again we had Mrs. Annie K. Dunn as our home room teacher.

Now we will see what took place in our Junior year.

We returned in September 1951 as upperclassmen-Juniors. A deeper sense of responsibility had seized us, and we assumed the air of having big things to accomplish, so we began our campaign at once.

It was our Junior year that we looked forward to the day we should receive our class jewelry and also the Junior-Senior Banquet which turned out very successful.

Our class officers were:

President ..... Sue Ann Kidd  
Vice-President ..... Kathleen Muncy  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Peggy Waddle  
Reporter ..... Sara Betty Muncy  
Home Room Representative ..... Betty Bruce

At the close of the Junior year we chose two boys and two girls to attend Old Dominion Boys State and Virginia Girls State. They were David Dunn, Dewayne Kitts, Betty Bruce and Mary Ella Mann.

We entered the Senior year with thirty-four members. We felt a great sense of dignity and responsibility.

Our class officers were as follows:

President ..... John Lundy  
Vice-President ..... Mary Ella Mann  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Peggy Waddle  
Reporter ..... Barbara Bane

Mr. Gilly, our principal, gave us Mrs. Helen P. Hardy for our home room teacher. She proved a great help as class sponsor and "The Echo" sponsor.

Some interesting high lights during the senior year were:

Senior girls and sponsor had pictures taken in drapes for school annual. A number of seniors attended a football game at Charlottesville in October. The Junior-Senior Banquet was the outstanding social event of the year. Several one-act plays including the "Pink Dress" to enter the play festival and the Senior Play were outstanding events during the Senior year.

All too soon the time came for making commencement plans, as all good things must come to an end, our class must separate, but each member will carry with him these traits, accomplishments and influences that Bland High has given him.

Sue Ann Kidd  
Doris Tomlinson

## CLASS WILL

We, the senior class of Bland High School, County of Bland and State of Virginia being of unsound mind and disintegrating memory after four strenuous years, do hereby make, publish and declare this our last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills, bequests and devices of whatever nature by us already made.

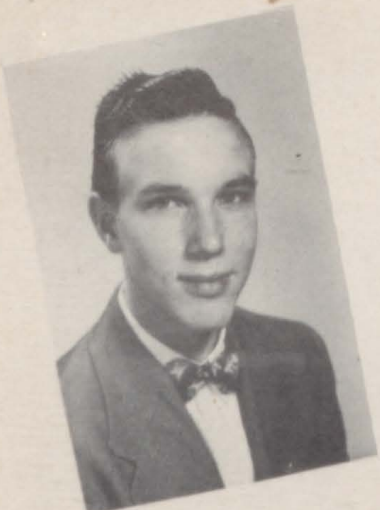
- I, W. R. Dillow, leave my studious ways to Jack Hylton.
- I, Jimmy Hylton, will my ability to be Miss Brown's little test tube to Bobby Kegley.
- I, Eddie King, will all my excuses for going to the library to Kenneth Walker.
- We, Nadine Lambert and Polly Shewey, hereby will our ability to stick together as Siamese twins to Billy Muncy and Danny Bird.
- I, Richard Baker, leave my ability to do carpenter work to Bobby Newberry.
- I, Donald Kidd, will my nickname "Charley Goat" to my brother, Richard.
- I, David Dunn, will my ability to argue, to Tommy Mallory.
- I, Barbara Bane, will my ability to have a good time in Chemistry class to Janet Bird.
- I, Tommy Morehead, bequeath anything but my ambition to Lois Pruett.
- I, Roger Morehead, will my singing ability to Jamie Muncy.
- I, Johnny Stafford, will my blonde hair to Barbara Sadavonik.
- I, Dayton Ramsey, leave a portion of my weight to Ruby Wilson.
- I, Kathleen Muncy, will my gift of gab to Betty Hardy.
- I, Raymond Lambert, will Mrs. Hardy's red pocketbook to Bobby Strook.
- I, Jimmy Pauley, leave my baseball ability to Russel Pennington.
- I, Dewayne Kitts, leave my driving ability to Mrs. Hardy, should she need it?
- I, Betty Bruce, will my position as being the youngest member of my class to Jr. Hall.
- I, Sue Ann Kidd, will my silly ways to Jane Bird.
- I, Doris Tomlinson, will my ability to sing in English to Alfred Smith.
- I, John Wayne Pennington, will my ability to play the piano to Ralph Cahill.
- I, Louise Puckett, leave my modesty and bashfulness to Betty Wilson.
- I, Sara Betty Muncy, will my everlasting love and friendship for Miss Brown to Gail Lambert.
- I, Jean Kimberling, will my seat in the senior room to Elmer Lundy.
- I, Shirley Patton, leave my ability for mopping the lunchroom floor to Rayella Terry.
- I, Robert Morris, leave my good nature to the faculty.
- I, Jo Ann Morehead, will all my excuses for staying out of class to Iretta Kidd.
- I, Johnny King, will my sarcastic ways to Mack Kitts.
- We, Nancy Waddle and Betty Chandler, will our height to Phyllis Newberry.
- I, Mary Ella Mann, will my friendly disposition to Carolyn Morehead.
- I, Peggy Waddle, will my well groomed hair and ability to have a good time to Irene Hounshell.
- I, J. H. Sarver, will my charming personality to David Miller.

To Mr. Gilly and the faculty, we leave all loose paper on the floor and all the chewing gum on the desks. To the Junior class we will the light bulb in the closet, if they can find it, and everything we were promised, but were not given.

Witnessed By:  
Helen P. Hardy  
Victor R. Gilly

Signed by Class Attorneys:  
Kathleen Muncy  
Jo Ann Morehead

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   Junior Sarver  
   Louise Puckett  
   Sara Betty Muncy

*wimp!*



# JUNIORS

## OFFICERS

President ..... Mac Kitts  
 Vice-President ..... Gayle Lambert  
 Sec. -Treas. .... Betty Hardy  
 Reporter ..... Dorothy Gusler  
 Class Sponsor .. Miss M. Blankenship

Motto ..... "Not At The Top,  
 But Climbing"

Flower ..... Pink Roses

Colors ..... Pink and White



MACK KITTS  
 GAIL LAMBERT  
 BETTY HARDY  
 DOROTHY GUSLER



PATSY BAKER  
 RONALD KIDD  
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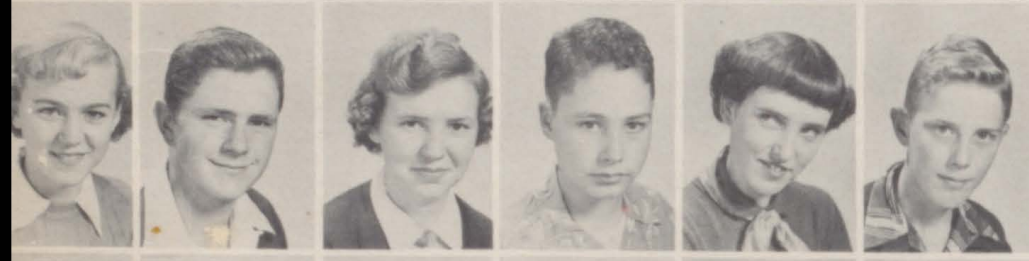
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"TENNY" NEWBERRY  
A. P. MOREHEAD, JR.  
NANCY WOLFE  
WINSTON McPEAK



BETTY GOINS  
CHARLES MUNCY, JR.  
JANET HOOISER 8  
"RICHIE" KIDD  
BETTY KIDD  
KEITH KITTS



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JACK KING  
SHIRLEY LESTER  
TOMMY MALLORY, JR.  
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JAKE REPASS



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CARL COX



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DAN WILEY  
JANET BOGLE



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BOBBY C. MUSTARD



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BOBBY NEWBERRY  
JIMMY STROUSE



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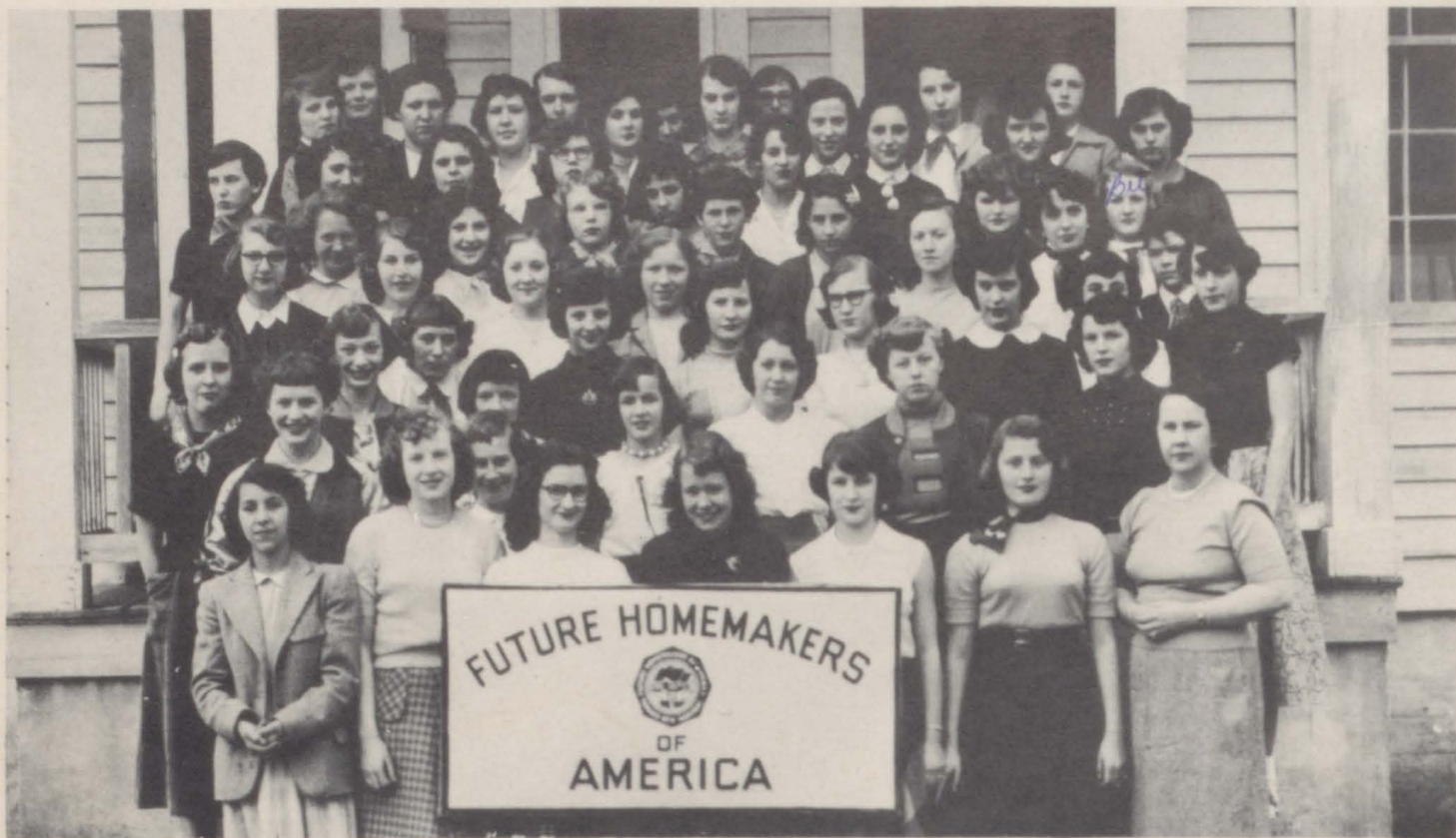




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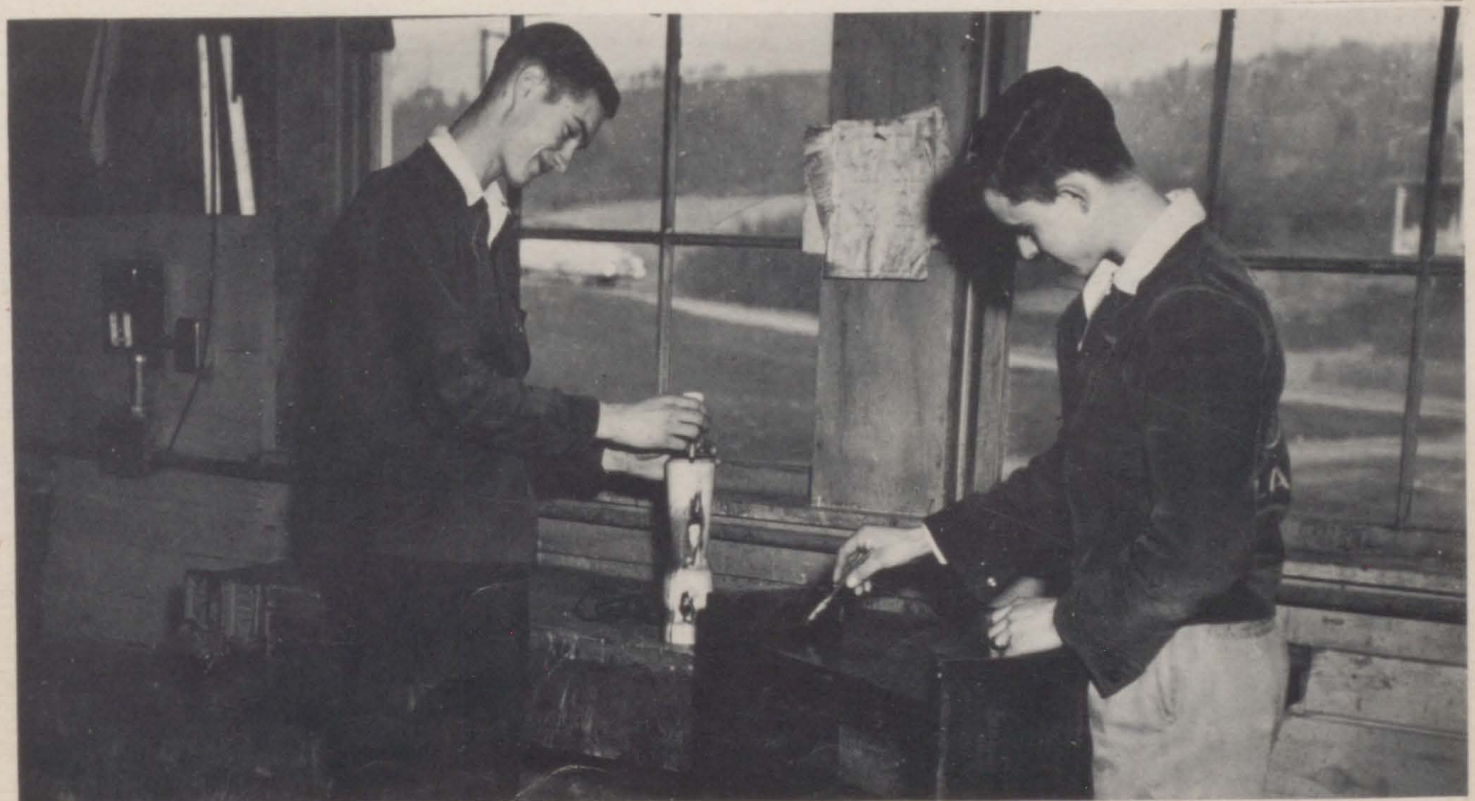


Annie Agee  
 Cafeteria Manager

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Advisor            President    Vice-President    Secretary    Treasurer    Reporter    Sentinel



# S.C.A.



Left to Right: Johnny Atwell, Freshmen Class President; Betty Kidd, Sophomore Class President; David Miller, S. C. A. Vice-President; Mary Ella Mann, S. C. A. President; Jack King, S. C. A. Secretary; John Lundy, Senior Class President; Mack Kitts, Junior Class President; Miss Virginia Brown, S. C. A. Sponsor.

## LATIN CLUB



# SAFETY PATROL



# MUSIC CLUB



# DRAMATIC CLUB



# 4-H CLUB





# Athletics



## CHEERLEADERS

First Row, Left to Right: Linda Jo Pauley, Paula Sue Gilly, Sandra Muncy. Second Row: Sue Muncy, Ann Hardy, Patsy Barger, Ruby Wilson (Absent). Third Row: Juanita Childress, Eleanor Bird, Jamie Muncy, Barbara Sadovnik.

VICTORY

You gotta fight 'em once,  
You gotta fight 'em again,  
You gotta fight 'em team,  
Until we win.

We ain't the kind that  
likes to nag, but this here  
game ain't in the bag.

You gotta fight,  
You gotta fight,  
You gotta fight by golly,  
You gotta fight.

VICTORY



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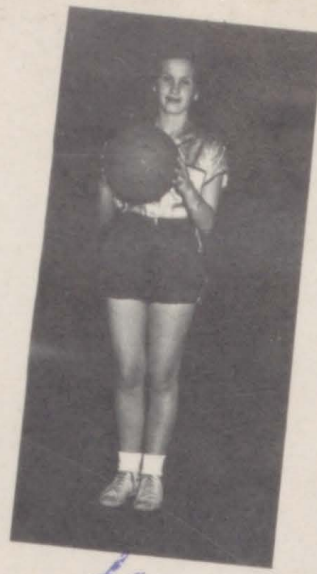
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"SHENE"



"GLAMOUR"



*Lane*  
"BET"



"JEAN"



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

*Janet Bird*

"DENE"



*A friend (Dene)*

"SHOESTRING"



*Remember me, Polly*

GILLY  
Coach

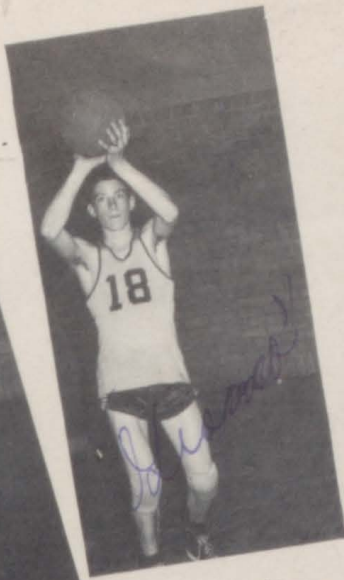


*Louise Buckett*  
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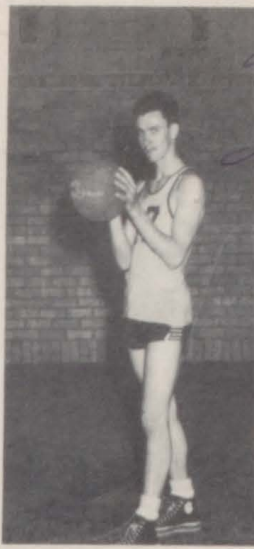




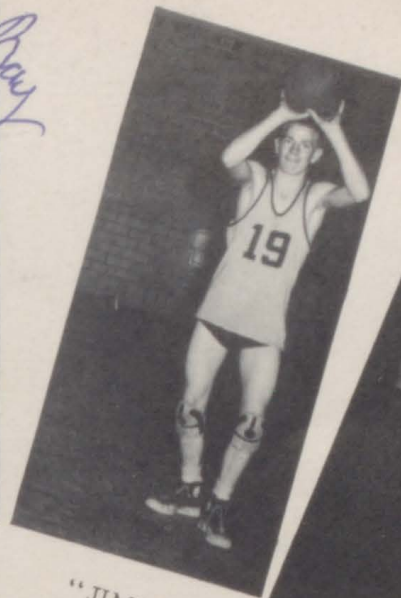
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"GISMO"



"RAY"



"JIM"



"DO"



*Danny Rinal*

**BOYS' BASKETBALL**



"KENNY"

*Jack Hyllton*

"JACKIE"



*David Miller*

"MILLER"



"RADAR"

*Archie Smith*



"RONALD"

*Ronald*



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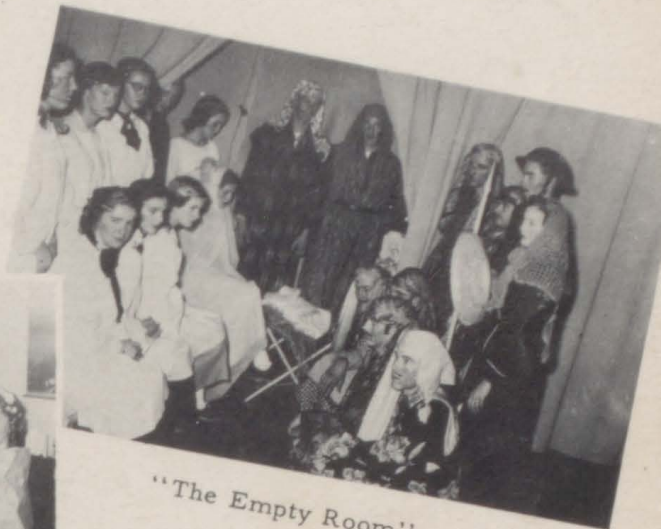


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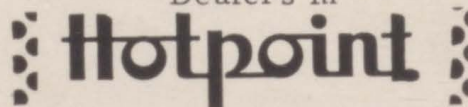
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