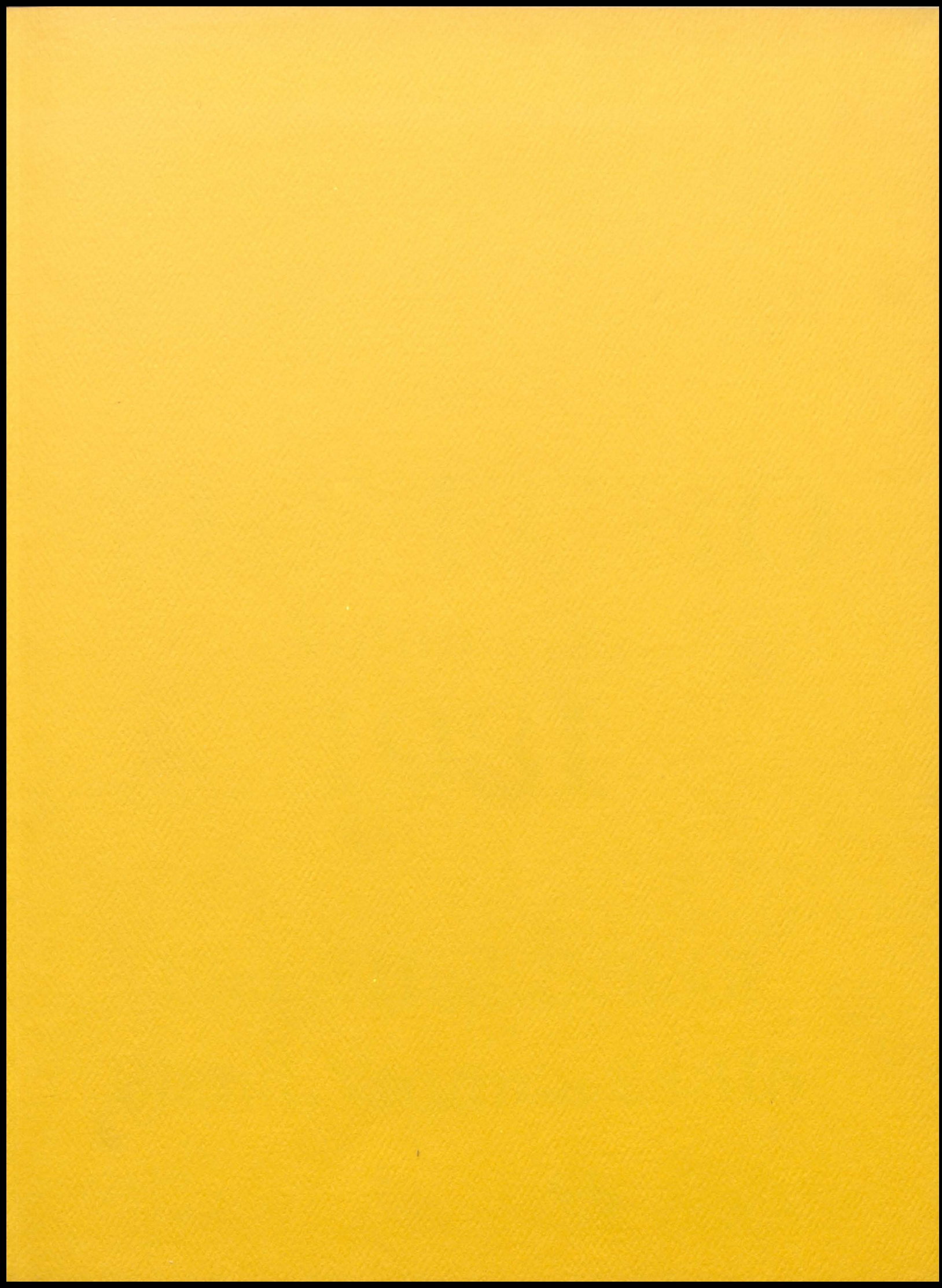
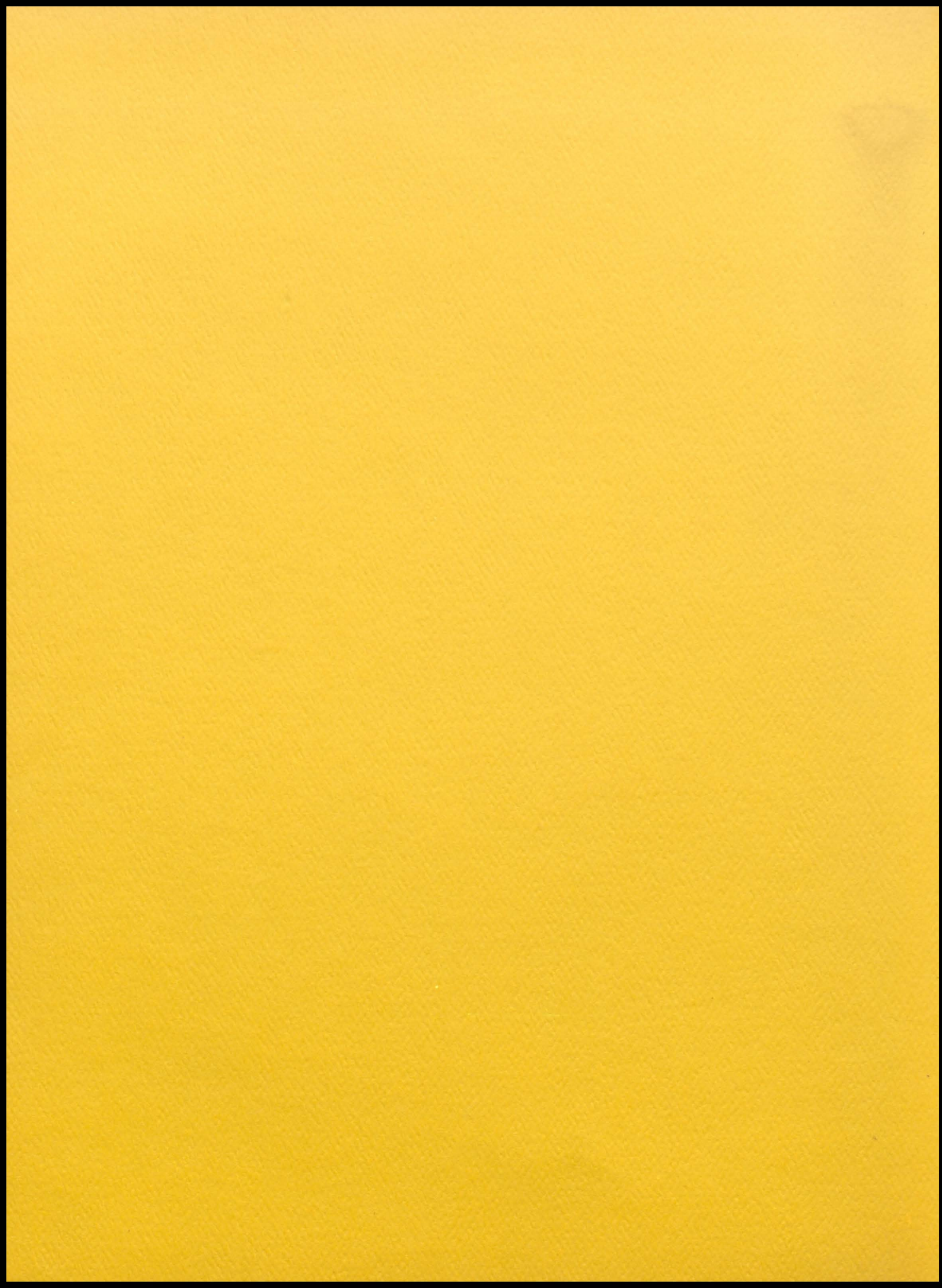


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Bland High School is situated on the Walker's Creek and Holston Turnpike, approximately one-fourth mile south of the Bland County Courthouse. It is bounded on the south by Walker's Big Mountain and on the north by Brushy Mountain.

The area is basically rural, with the majority of its population being landowners of inheritance with a strong sense of independence and self-sufficiency.

With the completion of Interstate 77 which bisects the county, Bland has grown steadily year by year. However, heritage still plays a big part in Bland County.

Thanks to the guidance of Bland County parents and teachers, Bland High School students are brought up in an atmosphere of loyalty to their school and patriotism toward their country. Perhaps this is why Bland alumni excel in their chosen fields.

As well as an abundance of clear, free-running creeks and lush, green meadows, Bland boasts a high school student body that is capable of winning state basketball championships and rating first in the state on competency tests—not a bad record for a group A school!

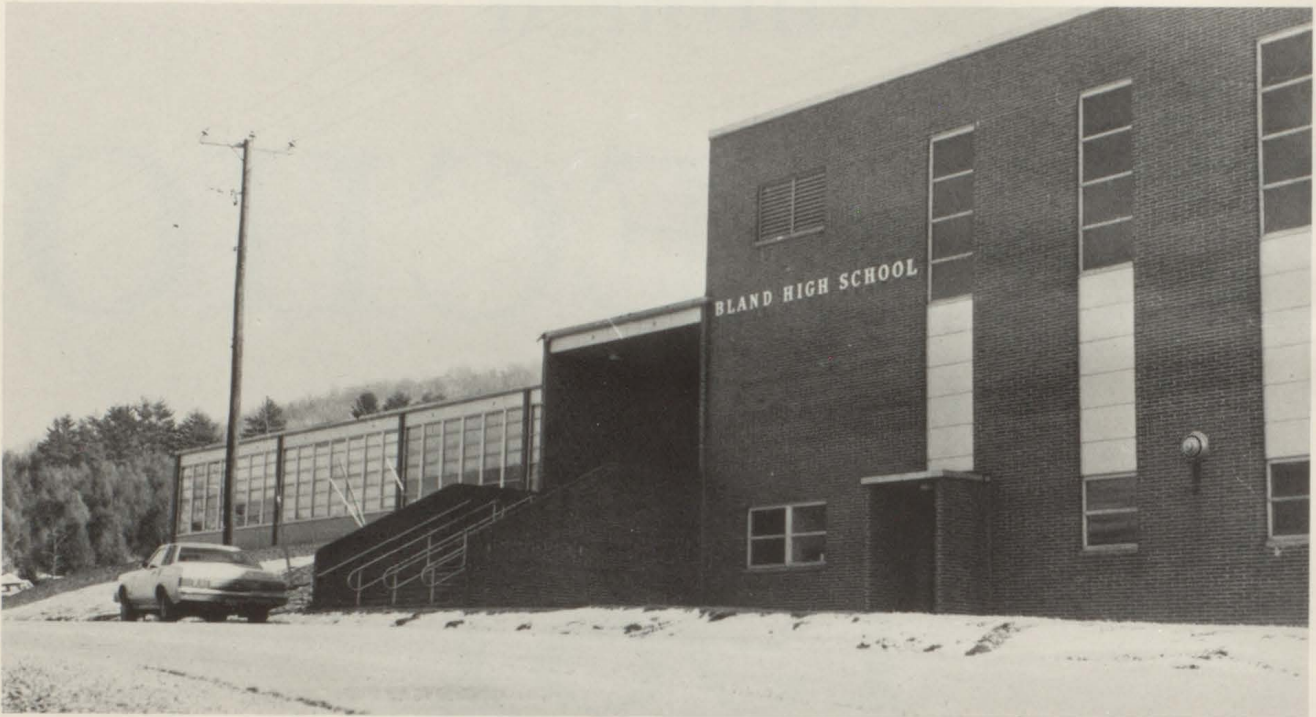
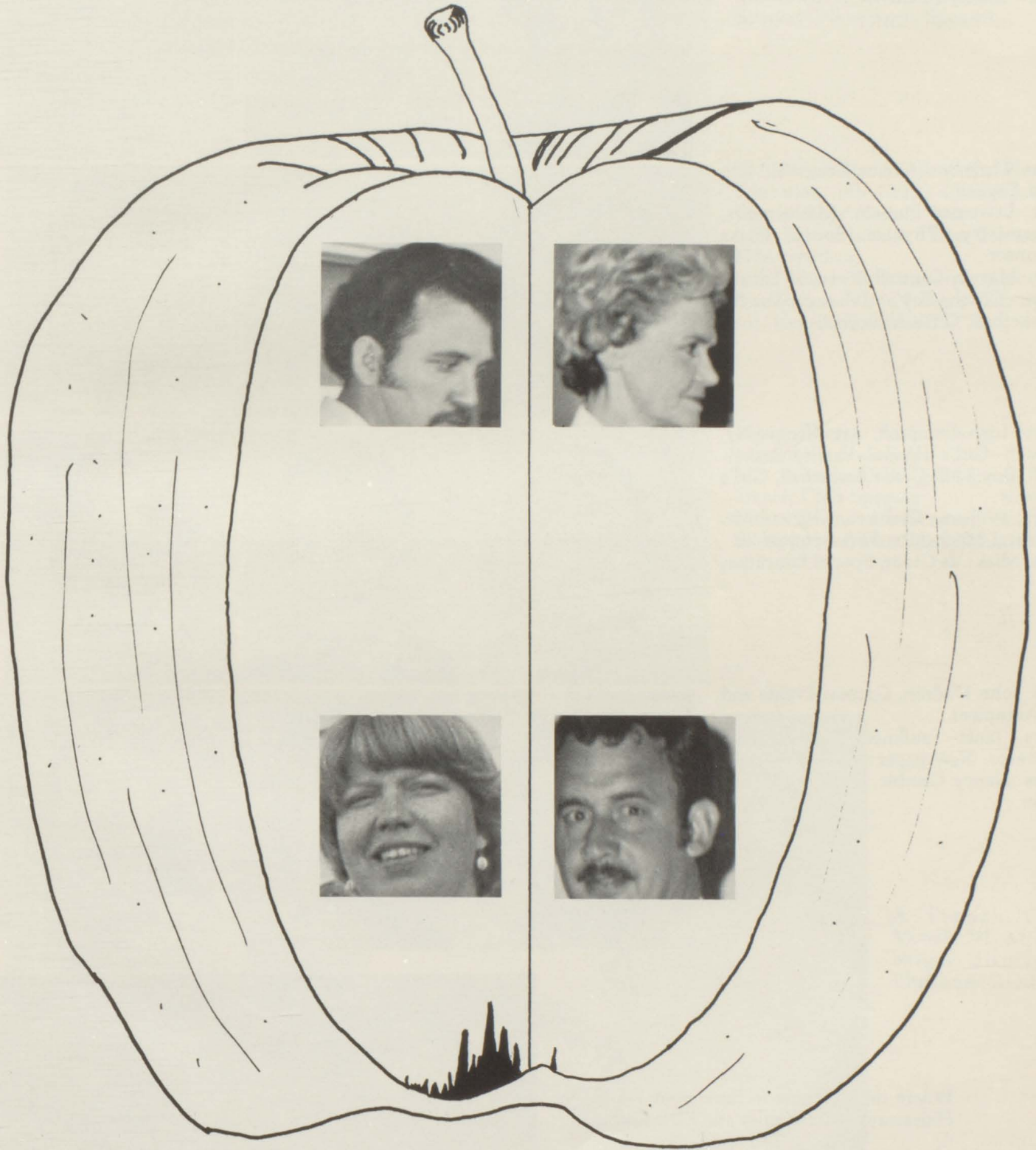


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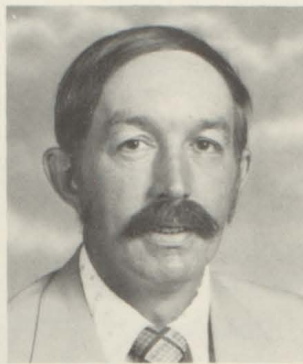
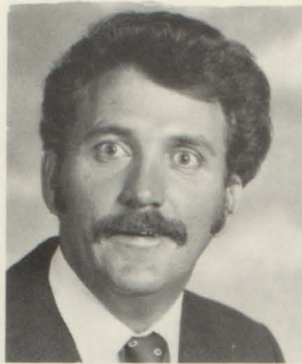
With a step that is steady and strong . . .



FACULTY

Teachers Have Class

Mr. Roger Thompson, Principal
 Mr. Richard Havers, Assistant Principal, Social Studies, Business, Junior Class Sponsor
 Mrs. Carolyn Bane, ICT



Mrs. Chris Bird, Civics, Remedial Math and English
 Mr. Lawrence Bunyan, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Senior Class Sponsor
 Mr. Marvin Cantrell, Physical Education, Coach—Boy's JV and Varsity Basketball, Girl's Volleyball



Mrs. Irish Compton, Art, Geography, Coach—Girl's JV and Varsity Basketball, Boy's 8th Grade Basketball, Girl's Tennis
 Mr. William Crabtree, Agriculture, General Mechanics, FFA Sponsor
 Ms. Mieke de Groot, Special Education



Mr. John Dodson, Current Events and Government
 Mrs. Janet Faulkner, English, Beta Sponsor, Newspaper Sponsor
 Mrs. Nancy Gamble, Guidance Counselor



Where do you hide to have your HEATH?
 Hideaways—Mrs. Kegley and Mrs. Compton.





Mrs. Karen Greene, Band and Chorus
 Ms. Mary Greever, English,
 Geography, SCA Sponsor
 Mrs. Jessie Kegley, Business,
 Sophomore Class Sponsor, FBLA
 Sponsor, Newspaper Sponsor



Mrs. Kay Mabe, Mathematics, Physical
 Education, 8th Grade Class Sponsor,
 Coach—Boys' Tennis Team
 Mrs. Betty Munsey, Home Economics,
 FHA Sponsor
 Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry, Librarian,
 Yearbook Advisor, Library Club Spon-
 sor, General Business



Mrs. Sheila Richardson, Home
 Economics, Sociology
 Mrs. Cheryl Umberger, French, and
 French Club Sponsor
 Mrs. Diane Umberger, Science,
 Biology, Freshman Class Sponsor



Mr. Thompson seems assured after casting his vote.

A French Cookie
 Monster??? Mrs. Um-
 berger displays her
 Christmas Goodie!



Dietitians setting a nutritional example—Mary Melvin and Doris Tibbs

Mrs. Toni Bailey
First Grade

Mrs. Jackie Barlow
Sixth Grade
Mrs. Louise Bird
Fourth Grade
Mrs. Violet Bird
Aide



Mrs. Helen Blankenship
Aide
Mrs. Joyce Cassell
Aide
Mrs. Oma Farmer
Aide



Mrs. Suzanne Haga
Title II School Nurse
Mrs. Ruth Ann Havens
Special Education
Pep Club Co-Sponsor
Ms. Kathy Horton
Special Education



Happiness Is . . . Sharing

One of the happiest times in a person's life is to be able to share a little of his knowledge and skill with another person. Making sure that each student gains enough knowledge to seek his hidden goal, preparing assignments and making out tests . . . learning new ways to make ideas interesting — this is a part of a teacher's life. Under the influence of the faculty the students are able to mature in their ability to think independently as well as to assimilate a vast amount of facts.





Another day of leisure—Mr. Thompson, Mr. Burge, Mr. Irvin.



School Nurse Haga compares notes with County Health Nurse King.



Mrs. Sue King
Third-Fourth Grade
Mrs. June Miller
Third Grade
Mrs. Norma Newberry
Fifth Grade



Mrs. Marige Powers
First-Second Grade
Mrs. Katherine Reynolds
Kindergarten
Mrs. Becky Scott
Second Grade



Mrs. Janet Scott
Seventh Grade
Mr. Fred Simpkins, III
Sixth-Seventh Grade, Jr.
Beta Sponsor, Pep Club
Co-Sponsor
Ms. Libby Smith
Special Education
Cheerleader Sponsor



Mrs. Susan Thompson
Aide
Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle
Aide
Mrs. Ruth Wimmer
Aide

People Serving People

These people, from clerk to custodian, work to maintain the smooth running of the school. Their individual duties include: keeping track of money, transporting students, planning and preparing meals, providing resources for the teachers, and cleaning the building. Mrs. Sue Beavers, not pictured, is the driver of the Red Hot Reader.



OFFICE WORKER: Marie Lambert—general clerk



MEDIA ASSISTANT: Mrs. Nancy Stockner



WORK STUDY: Kim Smith, WCC



WORK STUDY: Eddie Blankenship, ICT



CUSTODIANS: Mr. Paul Burge, Mr. Herbert Blankenship

RIGHT-LUNCHROOM WORKERS: Mrs. Doris Tibbs, Mrs. Hazel Ellison, Mrs. Mary Melvin



CUSTODIANS: Mr. Charlie Muncy, Mr. Roby Cregar, Jr.

BUS DRIVERS: Miss Becky Harris, Mrs. Regina Newberry, Mrs. Carmella Sarver, Mr. Jerry Chewning (substitute), Mrs. Charlene Muncy (substitute). Mr. Eugene Mustard, Mr. Mark Harris, Mr. Frank Warden (Not pictured: Mr. Curt Stowers, Mrs. Margaret Miller, Mr. Tony Wright)





Ole Bland High Marches along . . .

Seniors are the Best!

2+2=(√8x)6

Help I'm trapped
behind this
blackboard!!

Eat more spinach!

T+G

I will not talk in class.
I will not talk in class.
I will too!

Kilroy was here!

A large hand-drawn rectangular frame containing several black and white photographs of students and handwritten text. The photos include: a group of students at desks; a student leaning over a desk; a student hugging another; a student and a teacher; and a classroom scene. The text includes a vertical note 'Seniors are the Best!', a math equation '2+2=(√8x)6', a mirrored note 'Help I'm trapped behind this blackboard!!', a note 'Eat more spinach!' with a heart containing 'T+G', a note 'I will not talk in class. I will not talk in class. I will too!', and a drawing of a mole with the text 'Kilroy was here!'.

STUDENT LIFE

The Wisdom of Today

SENIOR WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS — Randy Strock, Charles Brown, Mary Lynn Pruett, Susan Kegley, Teresa Tolbert, Rhonda Ellison, Colene Munsey.



WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS is an honor award which is obtained by juniors and seniors for demonstrating achievement in academics, athletics or extra-curricular activities. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of "B" or better. Those nominated for Who's Who are eligible to compete for scholarship awards.

The flag girls represent the school by raising and lowering the flag each day.

Office workers take on the responsibility of the financial transactions and run school errors.



JUNIOR WHO'S WHO AMONG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS — FRONT ROW: Geneva Clark, Jeff Cassell, Edwina Stowers. BACK ROW: Jimmy Harper, Karen Hounsehll, Sheri Tolbert, Laura Gordon.



FLAG GIRLS — Terri Price and Sharon Conley.



OFFICE WORKERS: Sue Catterton, Mary Lynn Pruett, Marilyn Penley, Debbie Atwell, Sharon Conley, Terri Price, and Jeff Cassell.

Is the Success of Tomorrow

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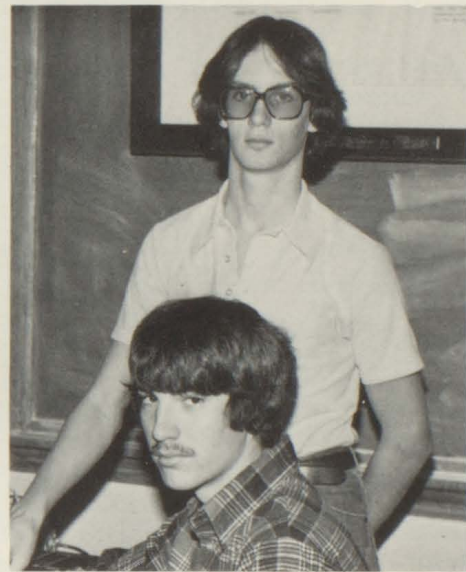
Teresa Tolbert was the recipient of the DAR award and was also a double bar student.

The DAR award is given each year to the senior girl who has demonstrated qualities of leadership, citizenship, and participation in school activities. The members of the senior class nominate three girls and the teachers vote selects the winner.



These students received their Honor Letter this year. STANDING: Linda Atwell, John Sarver, Lonnie Thomas. FRONT ROW: Wendi Price, Laura Gordon, Geneva Clark.

Each year at Bland High, students who have attained a grade average of 95 or above receive an Honor letter or bar. Students who qualify for the first time receive a letter and a bar is given to students who qualify for more than one year.



Randy Strock (standing) and Jeff Cassell (seated) acquired their first bar.



The following students are members of the Society of Distinguished American High School Students: Jeff Cassell, Geneva Clark, Laura Gordon, Teresa Tolbert.

The Society of Distinguished American High School Students is an honor presented to students across the nation each year. It is the highest academic honor a student can receive.



Is Paul really telling the truth? Paul Dillow, Marq Newberry, Dave Thomas



Girl talk. Kim Kidd, Donna Dalton, Rita Lambert, Mary Anne Cochran, Kaye Cox, Linda Ellison

From 9 a.m.
To 3 p.m.

Working 9 to 3 — just waiting for the weekend, it's a teacher's world — all working and no playing, the — "just use your mind" and the — "love that extra credit," it's enough to drive you crazy if you let it . . .



Mrs. Kegley's typing class hard at work. Dawn Newberry, Karen Hounshell, Rita Pruitt.



Getting the job done. Gebie Clark, Edwina Stowers, Mary Pruett.



Jamie Morehead plays basketball along with faculty.

Randy Strock does his bit at the BHS Gong Show.



Bland County citizens appear on Election Day.



Taking a toy to English class. Tommy Clark, Todd Taylor, Barry Underwood, Elbert Shelton.



An orange anyone? Charlie Brown



Just goofing off. Jon Braithwaite, Gebie Clark, Jo Neel, Karen Harden, Cris Riddle, Colene Munsey, Mary Pruett, Kevin Cox, Mike Barker.



Seniors have fun at the fair. Darrell Tibbs, Angie Dillow, Susan Kegley, Rhonda Ellison, Teresa Tolbert, Randy Strock, Lisa Pruitt, Jon Braithwaite, Marilyn Penley, Debbie Wright, Timmy Richardson, Tim Townley, Rita Pruitt, Mark Harris, Colene Munsey, Charlie Brown, Cris Riddle, Mary Pruett, Kevin Cox.

Angels aren't we? Marilyn Penley, Patty Hylton, Jerri Owens, Rhonda Ellison, Lucy Muncy, Debbie Dillow, Dreama McPeak, Teresa Tolbert, Kim Townley, Colene Munsey.



Skipping Class. Colene Munsey, Teresa Tolbert

Lights, Camera, Action. Randy Strock, Charlie Brown, Mr. Bunyan and TV Camera-men.

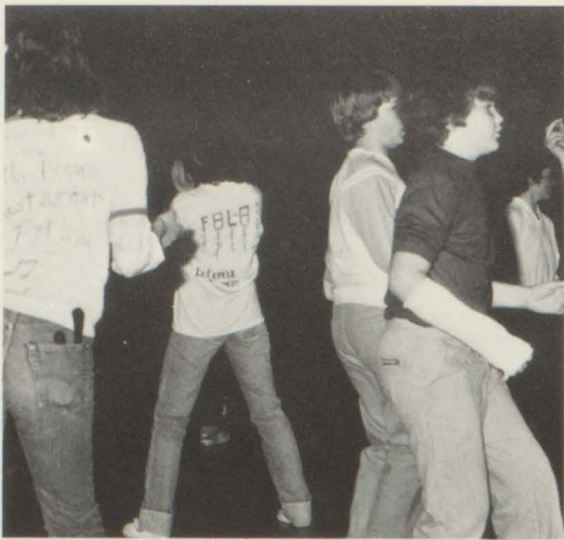
FBLA on Election Day. Rhonda Etter, Rhonda Ellison, Juanita Harris, Debbie Atwell, Roberta Young, Mary Pruett, Colene Munsey.



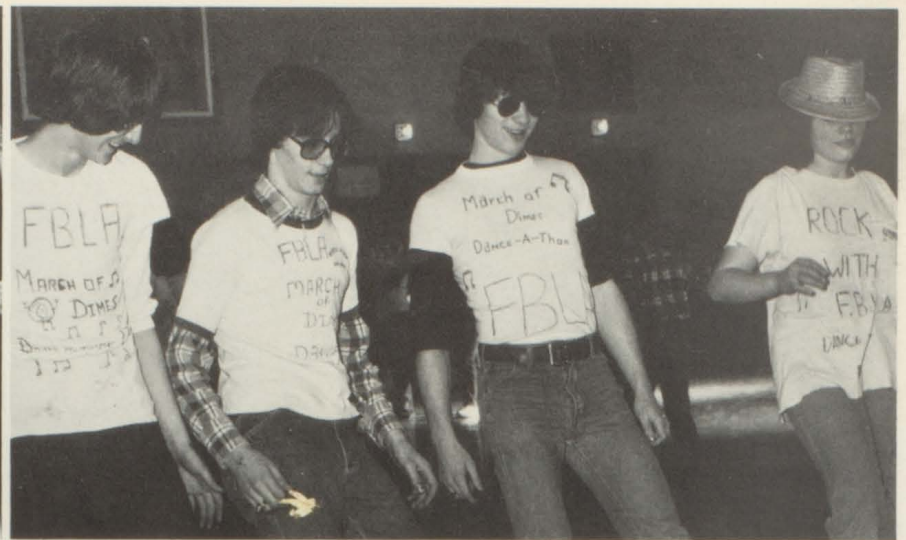
That's really disgusting. Mark Harris, Marige Sheppard, Cris Riddle, Karen Harden, Colene Munsey.

Just taking one day at a time. Charlie Brown, Linda Atwell, Randy Strock.

Asleep on the job. Rhonda Ellison, Kim Townley



Sponsored by . . . Jo Neel, Wendi Price, Bob Hylton, Lyle Muncy



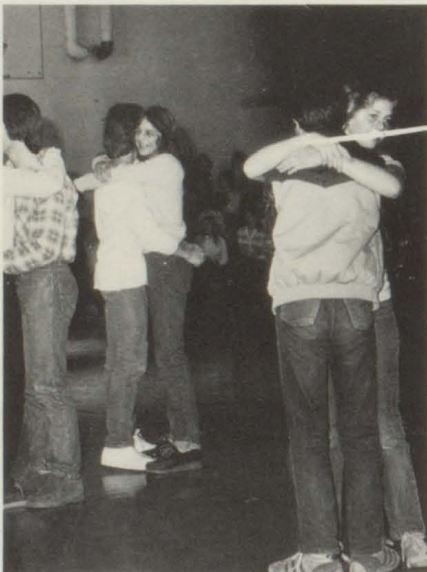
FBLA Strutters at Dance-a-thon for March of Dimes — Tommy Clark, Randy Strock, Charlie Brown, Roberta Young



Bunny hopping through U.S. History! Rhonda Etter, Sheri Tolbert, Jo Neel, Lora Groseclose, Sharon Conley, Terri Price, Wendi Price, Edwina Stowers



Bob Hylton, Dawn Pruitt, Pam Melvin, Delisa Miller, Sheri Tolbert, Brad Dillow, Debbie Atwell



Lynn Tate, Mike Umbarger, Mike Smelser, Laura Cochran, Shauun Neal, Angie Thompson

Fourth graders involved in the learning process.

Second grade takes time out for fun. Clinton Kegley, Patricia Stowers, Alison King, Angel Underwood, Sherri Shewey



Lyle Muncy, Martin Vineyard, Tina Putman, Ritchie Havens



Sonja Chewing and Kathy Kidd maneuver the see-saw.



A Time For Sharing



Mike Smelser, Sharon Simmons, Mark Compton, Paul Dillow, Tammy Cline, Mike Thompson, Colene Munsey, John Muncy, Delisa Miller, Richard Turner.

Sharing is fun when it's the FBLA March of Dimes Dance-a-thon. FBLA'ers danced in the halls, during class, and at the afternoon school dance on February 5, 1981. With determination these students sought the support of the community, businesses, and individuals to help in the March of Dimes drive. The class collecting the most was Mrs. Bailey's first grade and they were honored with entertainment and refreshments by the FBLA.

Who's the fairest of them all? Students and faculty chose Tammy Cline as their Sweetheart Queen on February 6, 1981, with second and third places going to Sharon Simmons and Lora Groseclose. Each organization sponsored a candidate and secret ballots determined the winner. The Sweetheart Dance was sponsored by the Pep Club.



Beth Tibbs, Jeff Shelton, Jimmy Barker, Juanita Harris.



Lora Groseclose, Sweetheart Queen Tammy Cline, Sharon Simmons



Bob Atwell, Lora Groseclose, Delisa Miller, Debbie Dillow, Jimmy Barker, Charlie Brown, Susan Kegley, Kevin Cox, Lucy Munch



Mark Compton and Robin Underwood exchange small talk while dancing.



CANDIDATES (sponsor) AND ESCORTS:
 Tammy Cline (Varsity Cheerleaders), Paul Dillow, Wanda Bevil (French), Mark Compton, Gebie Clark (FBLA), Jon Braithwaite, Kaye Cox (Jr. Beta), Jeff Cassell, Debbie Dillow (Band), Jimmy Barker, Lora Groseclose (SCA), Bob Atwell, Susan Kegley (Annual), Charlie Brown, Delisa Miller (FFA), Richard Turner, Lucy Muncy (Pep), Kevin Cox, Colene Munsey (Sr. Beta), John Muncy, Wendi Price (Newspaper), Mike Thompson, Margie Sheppard (Chorus), Joey Bane, Sharon Simmons (FHA), Mike Smelser, Charity Young (JV Cheerleaders), Cecil Compton.

Patty Crowned Queen

BHS's annual Homecoming, sponsored by the senior class, was held on January 9. The crowning of the queen, selected by popular vote, began the evening. Students then danced the night away to music provided by A & W productions.

CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS

Patty Smith—Arnie Wimmer
Becky Umbarger—Mark Compton
Mary Ann Cochran—Jeff Cassell
Paula Mustard—Terry Umbarger
Glenda Conley—Larry Newberry
Kim Kidd—Dave Thomas
Karen Hounshell—Joey Bane
Carla Morehead—Marty Wolfe
Patty Hylton—Mike Sarver
Marilyn Penley—Randy Strock
Kim Townley—Todd Hoge



Patty Hylton
1981 Homecoming Queen



The lively sounds of A & W productions put bodies in motion.



Participants soft-shoe.



The candidates and their escorts await the announcement of the winners.

The Chosen Few



"You see, Karen, she did it like this." Tim Richardson explains to Karen Hounshell how Mrs. Carney got in the Pepsi can.



Rex Winesett finds Mr. Dodson's government class fascinating!



"How's that again?" Ruth Havens, Betty Parker, Sue Catterton, Randy Strock, and Chris Bird at the fair booth.



That's the biggest tobacco worm we ever saw! Mark Compton at the fair.



If you think it's easy, *you* try it! Jeff Cassell, Jimmy Harper, Mike Sarver



"I have to sell these tickets before four o'clock. They're 50¢, and I only have two more." Roberta Young selling raffle tickets at the fair.

Festivities For Multi-talented Candidates



Echo crowd waits in suspense



Debbie Dillow, Linda Atwell, and Lucy Muncy entertain with their trio of "The Rose".



Miss Echo 1981, Karen Harden



Marilyn Penley taking a bow.



The Price Family entertains with country and gospel flair through voice and instrumental selections. Hazel, Randy, Terri, and Wendi Price.



Choir selects "Tragedy" — FRONT ROW: Mrs. Greene, Cathy Morehead, Renee Thompson, Lucy Muncy, Karen Harden, Margie Sheppard, Colene Munsey. 2ND ROW: Chris Riddle, Charity Young, Linda Atwell, Patty Hylton, Marilyn Penley. 3RD Row: Lisa Sarver, Roberta Young, Joey Bane, Cliff Pauley

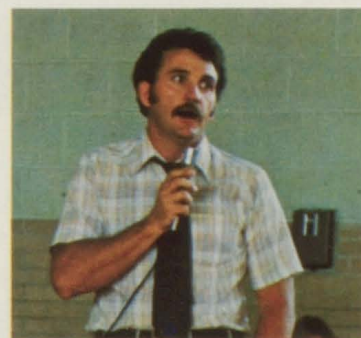
Multi-talented is a word defined by Webster as "having great diversity." Not only did the 1981 Miss Echo candidates have to be multi-talented, they also had to play roles of slaesman, Miss Congeniality, and bookkeeper.

Karen Harden, senior candidate, showed her knack in the above qualifications by selling 142 annuals and was declared Miss Echo on September 26 during Miss Echo Day festivities.

Colene Munsey and Marilyn Penley introduced the candidates and participants. Performers not pictured were Roberta Young and Laura Cochran.



The Echo Staff "hams it up" with a skit entitled "We're the Bland Staffers". Kim Townley, Rhonda Ellison, Charlie Brown, Teresa Tolbert, Gebie Clark, Mary Pruett, Susan Kegley, Randy Strock, and Patty Hylton.



Do-bee-Do-bee-Do. Mr. Thompson.



CANDIDATES AND ESCORTS: Gretchen Carleson, Tommy Clark; Linda Atwell, Kevin Cox; Karen Harden, John Muncy; Edwina Stowers, Timmy Richardson; Sue Smith, Barry Underwood.

"This Moment In Time"



Stephanie Danko
Little Miss Bland County 1980



Sheri Woody
Miss Bland County 1980



Delisa Miller
Junior Miss Bland County 1980

What comes in all ages, sizes, and shapes? The contestants in the annual Bland County beauty pageants. On March 21 and 22 eighty-two young ladies vied for the top honors in three different categories. Patty Chewning served as mistress of ceremonies.

Entertainment consisted of a dancing duo — Mary Pruett and Patty Hylton; vocal selections by Wendi Price, Ila Conley, Fred Simpkins, David Tibbs, Debbie Burton; instrumentals by Rhonda Etter and Lori Gibson; and a routine by the Rocky Gap Cheerleaders.



Miss Bland County Contestants: Gebie Clark, Sharon Conley, Debbie Dillow



JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANTS

Delisa Miller, Tammy Gravley, Lisa Gravley, Kim Danner, Teresa Richardson, Kitten Richardson, Lori Neal, Cathy Morehead, Janet Millirons



MISS BLAND COUNTY CONTESTANTS

Terri Price, Betty Parker, Jo Neel

Shirley Wolfe, Debbie Wright

JUNIOR MISS CONTESTANTS

Linda Ellison, Kim Danner, Tammy Cline



LITTLE MISS CONTESTANTS

Becky Hess, Kathy Wynn, Pammy Wright, Tonya Smith, Tresila Sink, Vickie Sarver, Carrie Riley, Jessica O'Brien, Stephanie Danko, Kathy Childress, Amy Bradshaw



Ann Dunn
Miss Bland County 1973



Nancy Compton
Miss Bland County 1971



Debbie Shockley
Miss Bland County 1972

SOMETIMES WHEN WE TOUCH



Randy Strock entranced by Prom magic.



Phil Peery contented between Lora Groseclose, Jerri Owens.

Amidst flashing lights and disco sounds, the Junior-Senior Prom got underway on May 10, 1980 at the Wytheville Recreational Center. All the secrets of many months planning unfolded.

The room overflowed with fluffy clouds, angel hair and glittering streamers everywhere. The theme, "Sometimes When We Touch" came to life in our make believe world of fantasy and delight.

Mr. Jim Wolford provided the music, setting the mood for the evening until our dream world ended and the Prom 1980 became history.



Tim Richardson hands out senior gifts.



The theme "Sometimes When We Touch," is revealed to all. Presiding are Susan Kegley and Rhonda Ellison as DJ Jim Wolford sits back and enjoys it all.



Between dances and waiting to hear the announcement of Queen and King, the crowd is quiet and subdued.



UPPER LEFT: Debbie Atwell and Lisa Wood replenish the food and punch bowl. UPPER RIGHT: Queen Anita Rankin and King Joey Pauley

Seniors decide on pictures—Geraldine Faulkner, Jay Hoge, Rhonda Winesett, Donna Webb, Steve Faulkner.

Ginger McPeak recognizes seniors with individual gifts.



Relaxing and enjoying the Prom—Cliff Walker, Lisa Pruitt, Rita Pruitt, Mike Lucas. He thinks it's just punch! Charlie Brown and Jon Braithwaite

We're Known as the Cream



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: Teresa Tolbert, treasurer; Susan Kegley, secretary; Patty Hylton, vice-president; Mike Sarver, president.



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: BOTTOM — Jo Neel, president; Jeff Cassell, vice-president; TOP — Karen Hounshell, treasurer; Gebie Clark, secretary; Jimmy Harper, reporter.



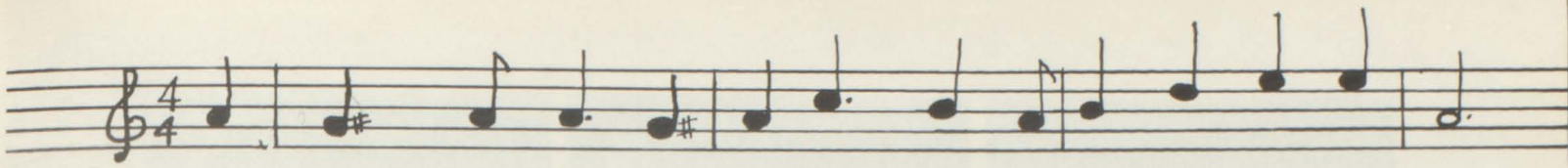
SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: Barry Underwood, president; Linda Atwell, vice-president; Todd Taylor, secretary-treasurer.



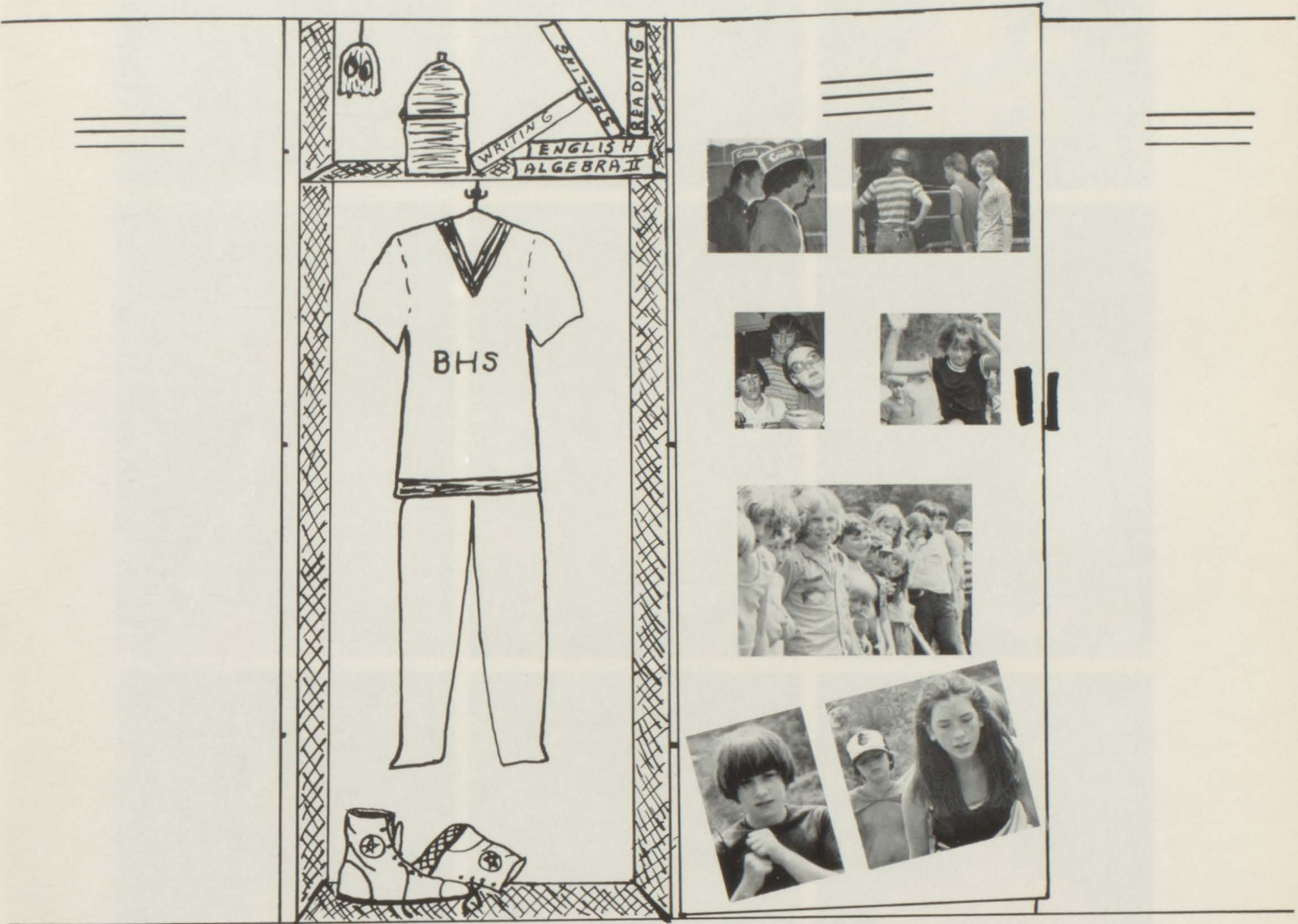
FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: Mary Anne Cochran, vice-president; Cecil Compton, president; Linda Ellison, reporter; Rita Lambert, secretary-treasurer.



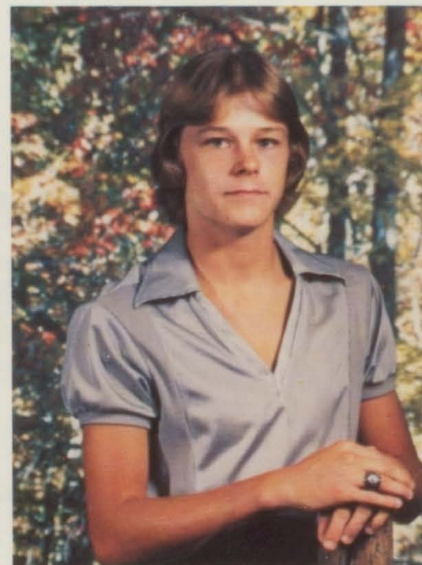
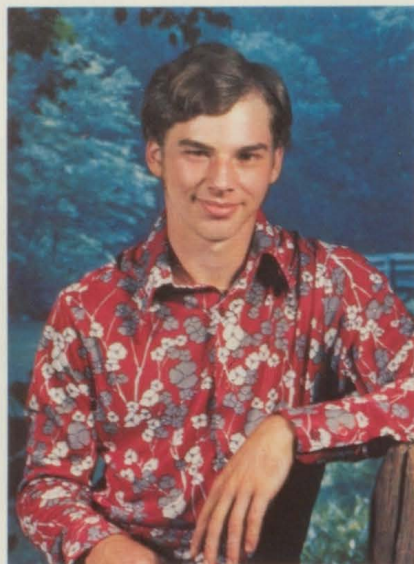
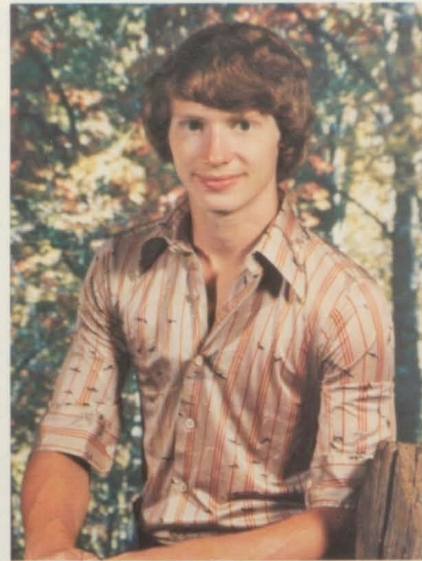
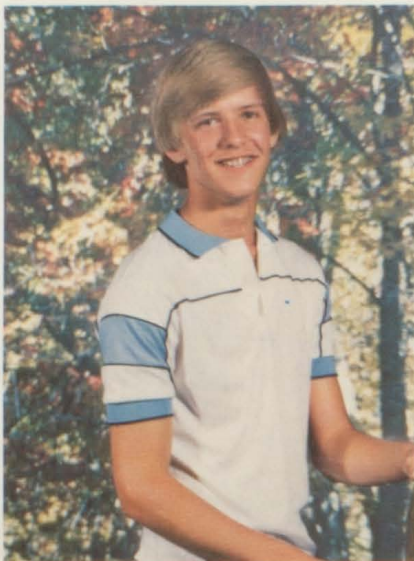
EIGHTH-GRADE CLASS OFFICERS: BOTTOM — Jimmy Barker, parliamentarian; Shawna Carr, treasurer; Dreama Underwood, secretary; Arnie Wimmer, vice-president; Becky Umbarger, president.



True to the col-ors we wear To ma-roon and gold so fair. . .



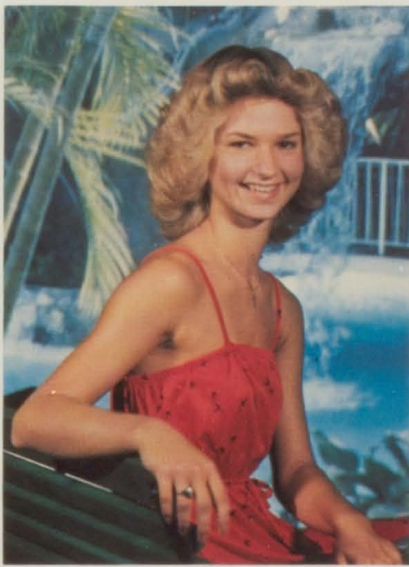
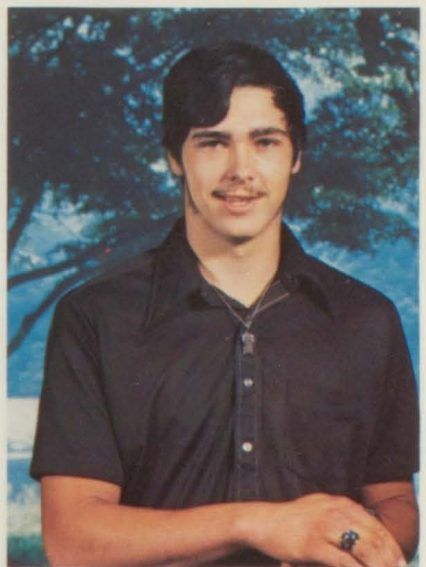
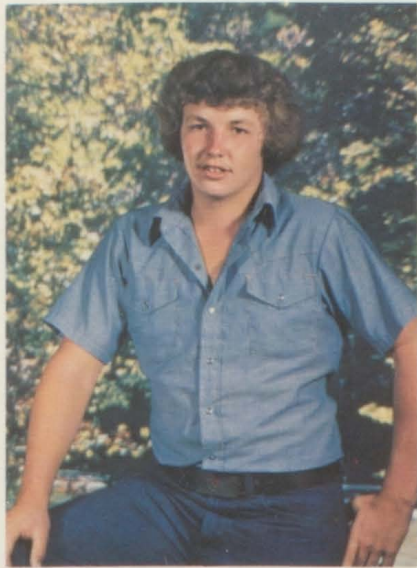
STUDENTS



Robert Clay Atwell
 "Bob"
 Eleanor Frances Bruce
 "Eleanor"
 Robin Sue Catterton
 "Sue"

Jon Edward Braithwaite
 "Jon"
 Ricky Lynn Burcham
 "Ricky"
 Pamela Kay Clemons
 "Pam"

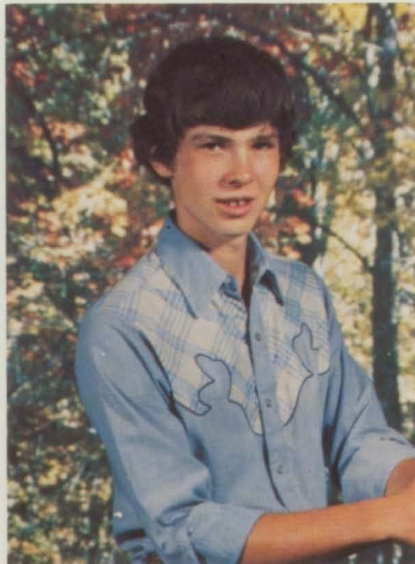
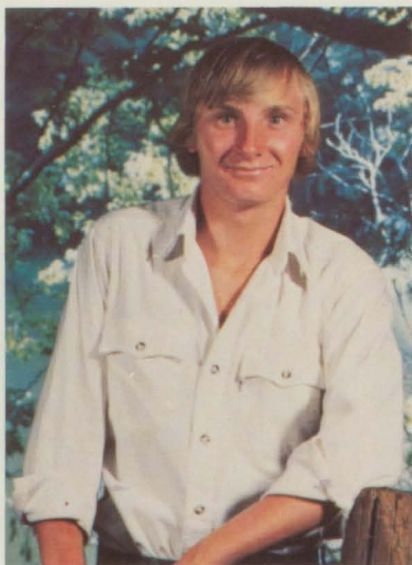
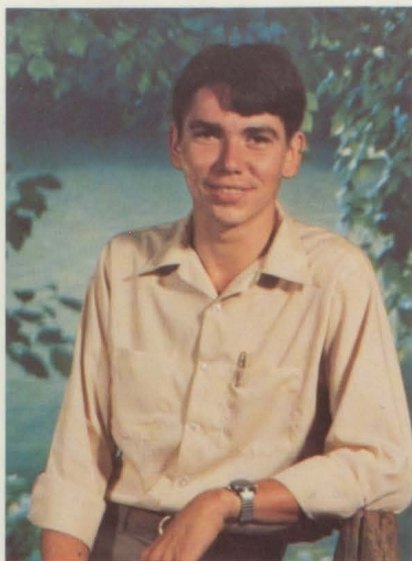
Charles William Brown
 "Charlie"
 Ruby Darlene Burcham
 "Darlene"
 Kevin Glen Cox
 "Kevin"



Duane Calvin Davis, Jr.
 "Calvin"
 Rhonda Faye Ellison
 "Rhonda"
 Kathy Caroline Havens
 "Kathy"

Angela Dawn Dillow
 "Angie"
 Karen Faye Harden
 "Karen"
 Patricia Evelyn Hylton
 "Patty"

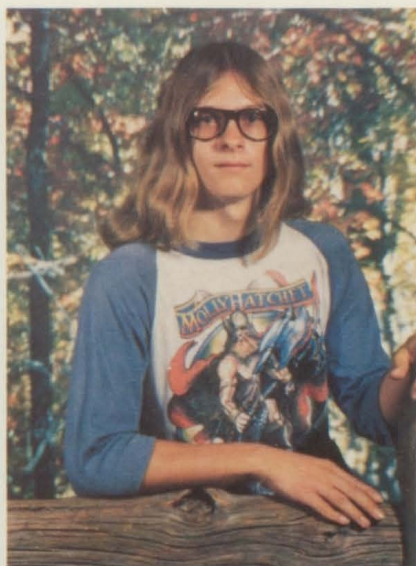
Debra Lynn Dillow
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 Mark Vincent Harris
 "Mark"
 Susan Kaye Kegley
 "Susan"



Robert Michael Lambert
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 Ginger Dawn Kent McPeak
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 "Stick"
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 "Mark"

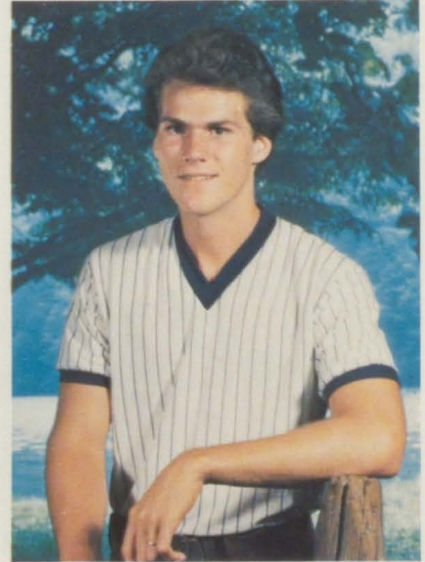
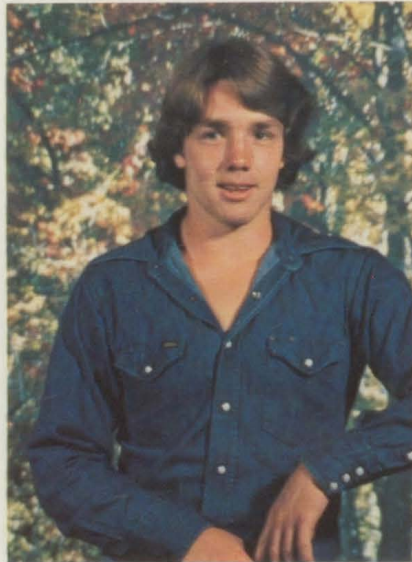
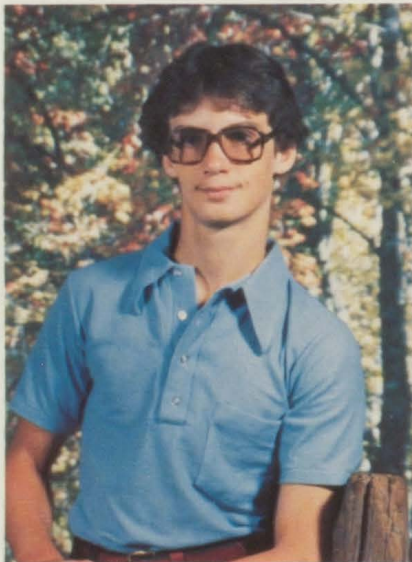
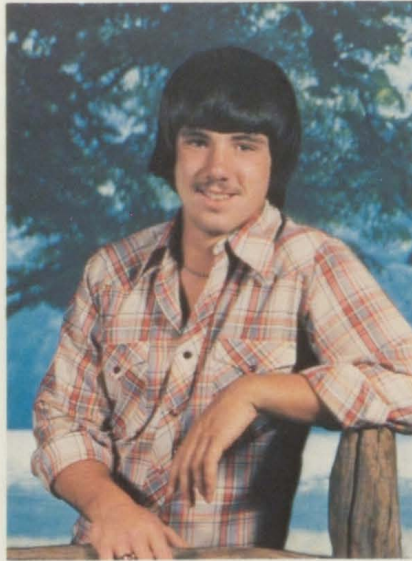
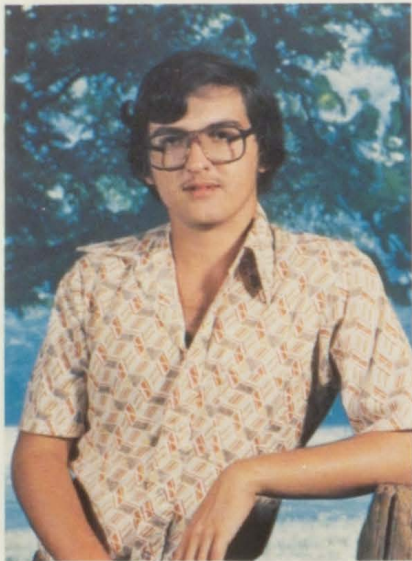
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 Lucy Moore Muncy
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 Robert Allen Mustard
 "Allen"



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 Phillip Lawrence Peery
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 "Hoot"
 Rita Jane Pruitt
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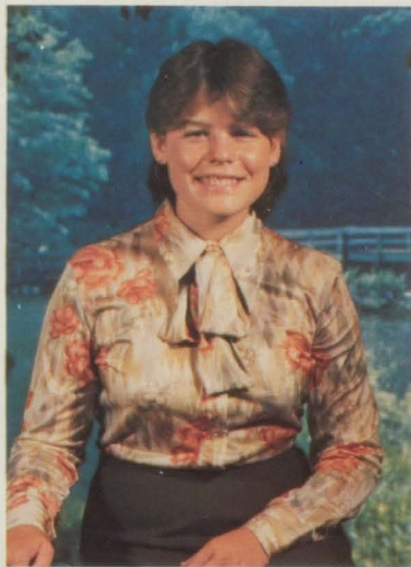
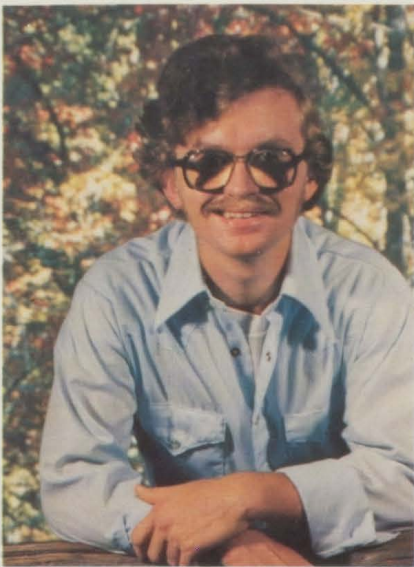
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 Cris Noel Riddle
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 Teresa Lynn Tolbert
 "Teresa"

Michael Douglas Sarver
 "Mike"
 Tony Wayne Taylor
 "Tony"
 Kimberly Denise Townley
 "Kim"

Margie Ann Sheppard
 "Margie"
 Darrell Linton Tibbs
 "Darrell"
 Mary Etta Umbarger
 "Mary Etta"



"I never want to see another hot dog or hamburger," seniors said after three days and nights of mustard and mayonnaise coated fingers. Hard work and perseverance at the fair booth netted a tidy sum toward the anticipated "senior trip."

"And I thought the senior year was supposed to be easy." Seniors this year found more involvement and commitment required to meet their goals.

Our lives revolved around clubs, academics, sports, politics and dating.



We, the senior class of 1981, express our appreciation to our sponsor, Mr. L.P. Bunyan, for his guidance through our high school years.

He has led us through many rocky paths. He started us out with an empty bank account, and with many projects and hours of hard labor and planning, developed it into enough to cover our expenses on our senior trip. Our class has worked hard, but we could never have made it alone. "Thanks, Mr. Bunyan."

Shirley Marie Wolfe
"Shirley"
William Thomas Wynn
"Billy"

Debra Lynn Wright
"Debbie"
Roberta Faith Young
"Roberta"

Sarah Marie Wynn
"Sarah"

"Somebody please buy this food, I'm tired looking at it." Margie Sheppard

"I just wear these for looks." Mr. Bunyan

Not at the Top,

Debbie Atwell

Joey Bane

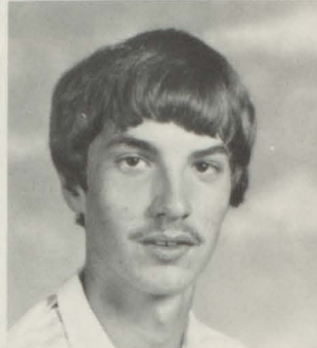
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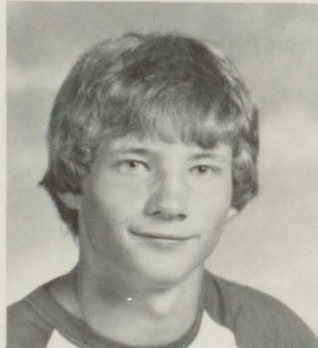
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Mark Compton

Becky Conley

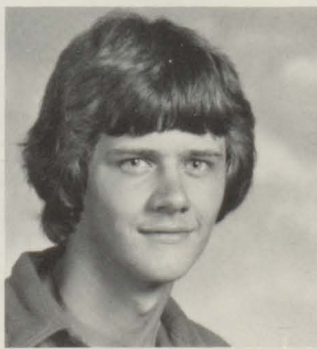
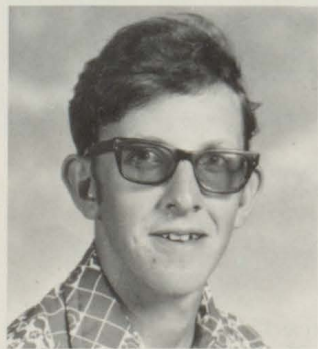
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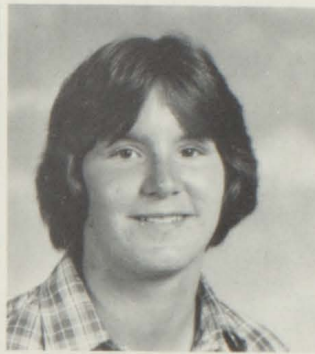
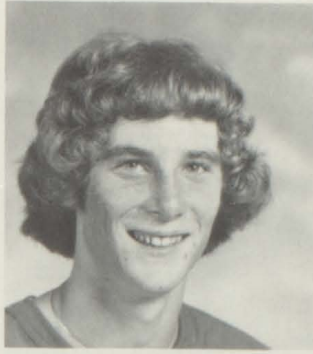
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Paul Dillow

Norman Dillow



But Climbing



Rhonda Etter

Bobby Fulford

Laura Gordon



Lucy Gray

Lora Groseclose

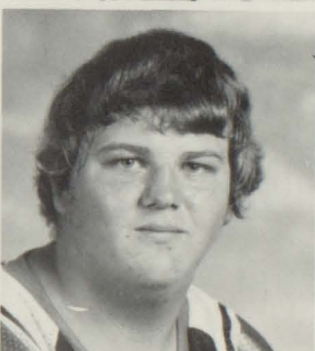
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Jimmy Harper

Todd Hoge

Karen Hounshell



Tim Karns

Lisa King

Mark King



Bobby King

Becky Lambert

Paul Lucas

Looks Like We're

Pam Melvin

Connie Millirons

Carla Morehead



Teresa Morehead

Jo Neel

Danny Newberry



Dawn Newberry

Larry Newberry

Mark Newberry



Marq Newberry

Cliff Pauley

Terri Price



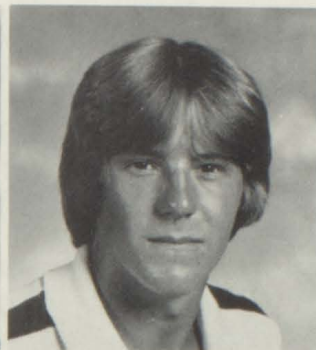
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Tammy Smelser



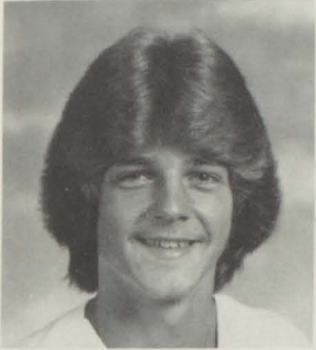
Making It



Edwina Stowers

Thomas Stowers

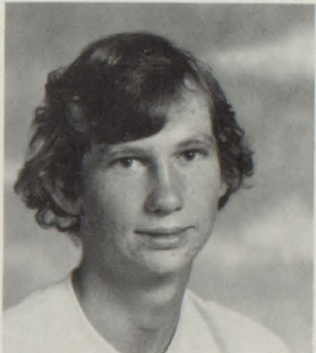
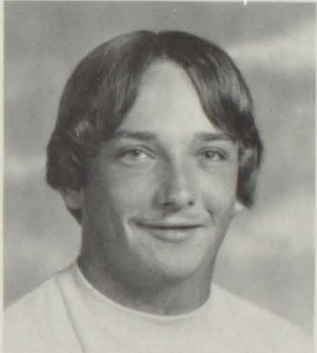
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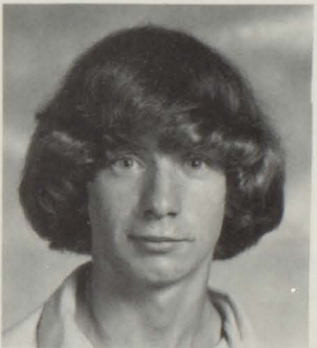
Mike Umbarger



Rex Winesett

Chris Wright

Eric Wright



Rusty Wright

Troy Wright

Desperately in need of money to help finance the prom . . . but too chicken to rob a bank . . . the Junior Class participated in many money-making activities throughout the year. The first project was a raffle during the Bland County Fair. To further their goal, candy was sold.

While the class of '82 was not earning money, they were preparing for their PSAT's and SAT's. Along with studying and prom preparations, the class also found time to relax and have fun.

Sophomores — "Feeling

While not being bombed out from the smell of formaldehyde from biology class, sophomores stay busy with money-making projects. Raffling an AM/FM tape player and radio and sponsoring community bake sales comprise service projects.

Sophomore class members also play a big role in extra-curricular activities. Many boys play on the JV basketball team and the tenth grade girls also take an active part in athletics.

Linda Atwell

Ricky Baker

Charlie Bane

Jane Banes



Wanda Bevil

Tommy Clark

Glenda Conley

Thomas Dillow



James Farris

Bobby Gordon

Tammy Gravley

Lechia Hager



Joyce Harper

Melissa Havens

Kim Kidd

Tony Lambert



A Tiny Bit Bigger''



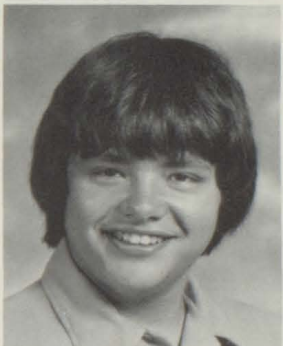
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Brian Pauley



Wendi Price
Harvey Pruett
Wallace Rankin
Lisa Sarver



Donna Shelton
Elbert Shelton
Anna Tate
Todd Taylor



Lonnie Thomas
Barry Underwood
Bryan Underwood
Tracey Walker



Mark Woolwine
Cindy Wright
Rita Wright
Charity Young

Frosh Set

Marsha Agee

Joyce Alexander

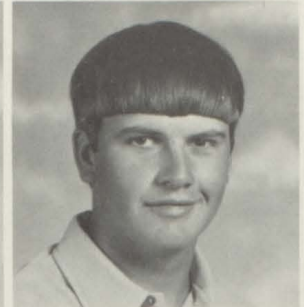
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Sandy Bane

Lynn Baner

Laymond Barger



Eddie Baxley

Tonnie Carver

Andrea Cassell



Melanie Cassell

Dee Clemons

Melba Clemons



Tammy Cline

Mary Anne Cochran

Cecil Compton



Sherry Conley

Kaye Cox

Steve Cox



New Pace



Donna Dalton

Alex Davis

Libby Dent



Eric Ellison

Linda Ellison

David Etter



Geoff Fanning

John Farlow

Becky Farmer



Winifred Foglesong

Rick Goins

Sammy Groseclose



Mike Hall

C.W. Havens

Tracy Hylton



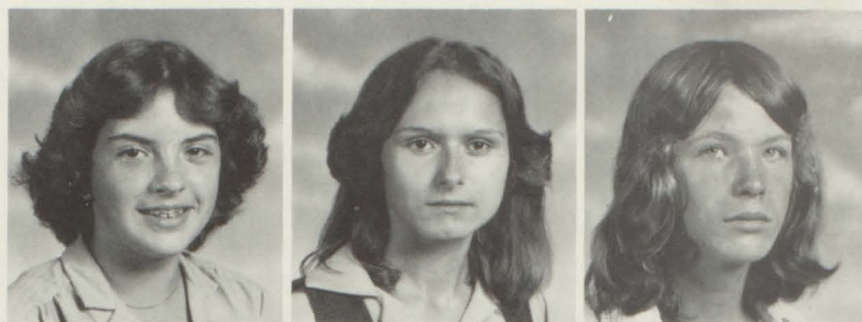
Kandy Kent

Vicky Kincaid

Donna Lambert

Ninth Settles Into

Rita Lambert
Jeanie Mallory
Ricky McKinney



Kathy Melvin
Gary Nelson
Cathy Morehead



Dawn Morehead
Brian Mustard
Paula Mustard



Tim Neal
Joey Newberry
James Nunley



Todd Parker
Ricky Pruitt
Sarah Pruitt



Barbara Ramsey
Sharon Simmons
Mike Smelser



High School Scene

Cramming for exams, getting involved in cheerleading, newspaper, tennis, and volleyball . . . such is the life of Freshmen at BHS.

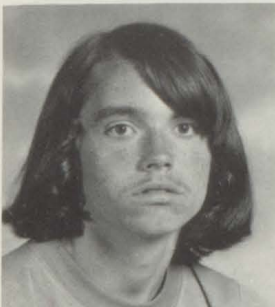
This is really a bigger step up the ladder than becoming a high schooler in the 8th grade. No longer is one known as a punky little squirt, but is actually treated as a real live student. For the first time one feels comfortable in the high school scene, and can really get into the spirit of BHS as a doer instead of being a watchful bystander. Being a freshman can really keep one busy . . . but, just wait until next year!



Sue Smith

Anita Stowers

Donna Strock



Billy Taylor

Renee Thompson

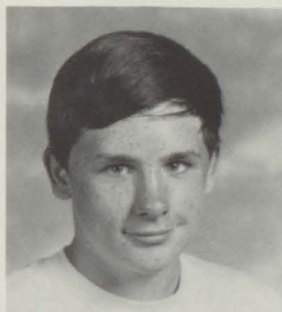
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Terry Umbarger

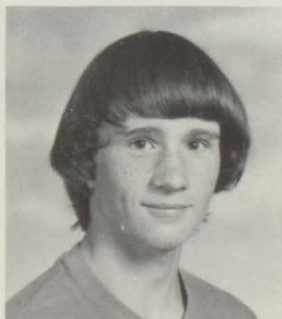
Jeff Vineyard



Bridget Wright

Dwayne Wright

Sheila Wright



Wesley Wright

David Yates

Gary Young

Pre-Freshmen



Karen Asbury
Tania Burcham
Julia Clemons
Jasper Davis
Ricky Faulkner

Jimmy Barker
Gretchen Carlsen
Lonnie Clemons
John Dillow
Tina Fulford

Arthur Bartleson
Barbara Carpenter
Matt Clemons
Ronnie Dillow
Gina Groseclose

David Braithwaite
Shawna Carr
Dreama Cox
Doug Farlow
Helen Hamblin

Jimmy Mac Brown
Tammy Carroll
Greg Davis
Pam Farmer
Norma Harden

Endure Adjustment



Matt Harman
Sammy King
Delisa Miller
Marci Newberry
Bruce Shelton

Charlotte Harris
JoAnn Matz
Lisa Morehead
Mike Perkins
Jeff Shelton

Terry Hubble
Vanessa McKinney
Packy Morehead
Kitten Richardson
Debbie Simmons

Marty Hutchins
Marty McPeak
Mitch Munsey
Teresa Richardson
Patti Smith

Annette King
Mike Melvin
Lori Neal
Stina Rosenberry
Regina Stansell

Eighth Gets Involved

What class is always last in the lunchline, locks keys in their lockers, actually takes showers in physical education? Eighth graders, of course!!

Sixty-four pre-freshmen were added to the high school population this year under the guidance of Mrs. Kaye Mabe, sponsor.

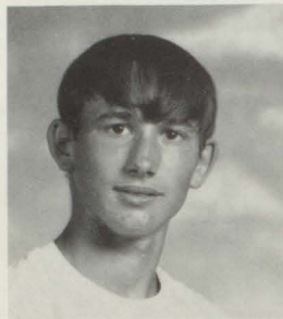
Digging for gold? Drema Cox, JoAnn Matz, Pam Farmer and Delisa Miller, laying rock.



Betty Tibbs



Greg Tolbert
Chuck Turner
Richard Turner



Becky Umbarger
Susie Umbarger
Drema Underwood



Lisa Waddle
Debbie Warden
Arnie Wimmer



Artie Wolfe
Tammy Wolfe
Glenn Young



Seventh Tops Totem Pole

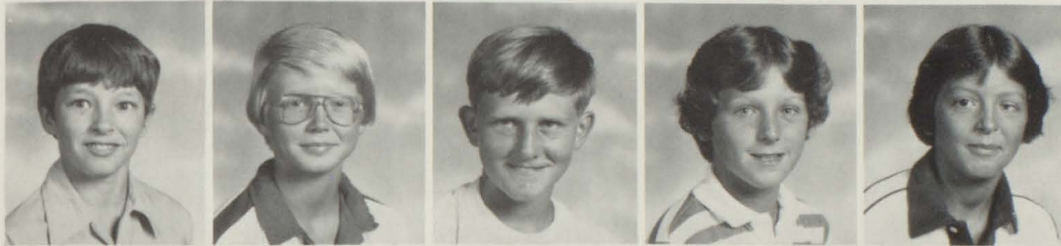


Growing up, having responsibilities, and receiving education are the main goals of seventh graders. They are saying good-bye to elementary years and are looking forward to many future years in high school.

CLASS OFFICERS: Ben Dillow — president, Kenny Froy — vice-president, Shawn Neel — secretary-reporter, Ryland Wade — treasurer, Jeri Mustard and Angie Thompson — song leaders, Lynn Tate — county council.



Everett Baxley
David Blankenship
Kim Boardwine
Laura Cochran
Jeff Cox



Glenn Davis
Timmy Davis
Joe DeWilde
Ben Dillow
Kenny Froy



Sara Gilliam
Tracy Kegley
Gene Lambert
Teresa Miller
Gary Mustard



Jeri Mustard
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Eddie Price
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Lynne Tate



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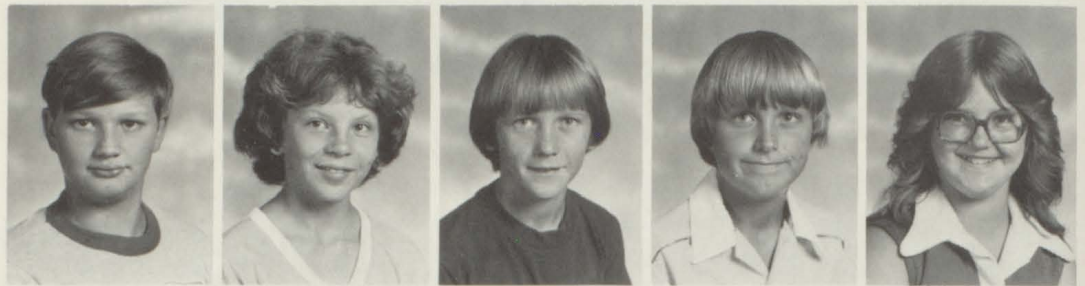
Seventh Looks Ahead

Learning, growing and discovering new things are a part of the lives of the sixth and seventh graders. They become active in safety patrol and high school activities such as pep rallies, school dances, and band participation.



CLASS OFFICERS: Sherri Wimmer — president, Pam Davis — vice-president, Steve Fanning — Secretary, Becky Melvin — Treasurer.

Ronnie Clemons
Pamela Davis
Barry Dillow
Steve Fanning
Lisa Gravely



Jimmy Harden
Billy King
Denise King
Becky Melvin
Leanna Mustard



Tammy Mustard
Terry Mustard
Wendell Parker
Carla Pauley
Brian Perkins



Donna Richardson
Ernie Shelton
Michael Shelton
Eric Strock
Lisa Talbert



Eric Taylor
Elizabeth Umbarger
Sherri Wimmer
Melissa Yates



Polishing the Routine



Michael Shawn Compton
May 19, 1969 — July 10, 1980

A sixth grader, Shawn was the only son of Allen Dean Compton and Patricia Compton Mitchell. To family and friends he epitomized the all-American boy — involved in rock music, 4-H, fishing, hunting, motorcycling, little league basketball and baseball.



Phillip Bogle

When combining the skills involved in square dancing, sampling foreign foods while quipping their lingo, mixing exponents with do-re-me, one finds a typical sixth grader.



Kim Danner
Darnell Davis
Lisa Davis
Onie Davis
Amy Drummond



Tammy Haga
Bob Hylton
Samantha Hylton
Robert Janney
Ricky Kent



Idette King
John King
Rusty King
LaMoore Muncy
Lyle Muncy



Lori Nelson
Regina Paris
Dawn Pruitt
Carrie Shelton
Leon Sink



Ervin Sparks
Timmy Thompson
Hope Townley
Mike Townley
Tony Yates

Action Spotlight

Bottom: Curtis Taylor, Pam Dillow, Jamie Barnett, Dawn Dillow, Todd Steffey. Top: Brian Townley, Brad Dillow, Bryan Townley, Roberta Kegley, Ritchie Havens, Mike Hounshell, Bobby Hale.

These Fifth graders have come to life in participating in the annual Field Day events.

This is the time to feel important, and get further involved in school activities.



Angela Atwell
Billy Burton
Bradley Davis



Freda Davis
Wayne Davis
Tammy Davis
Brad Dillow
Dawn Dillow



Pam Dillow
Bobby Hale
Leroy Hamblin
Mark Hamblin
Ritchie Havens



Mike Hounshell
Roberta Kegley
Ronnie King
Shannon King
Scott Lambert



Terry Lang
Janet Millirons
Sarah Newberry
Gerhard Schoenthal
Jennifer Stafford



Todd Steffey
Curtis Taylor
Bryan Townley
Martin Vineyard
Samatha Yates



Actively Involved



Doug Boardwine
 Jamie Chewning
 Sonya Chewning
 David Danner
 Kathy Kidd
 Deana Lakey



Robert Lambert
 John Melvin
 Heath Muncy
 Aaron Newberry
 Kari Paciga
 Mark Shelton



Tammy Swanson
 Brian Townley
 Mark Vineyard
 Robbie Waddle
 Donna Warden

Fourth and fifth graders finally get the chance to branch out and prove themselves. At this point in their school life, they are permitted to participate in 4-H, band and the Honor Roll for the first time.



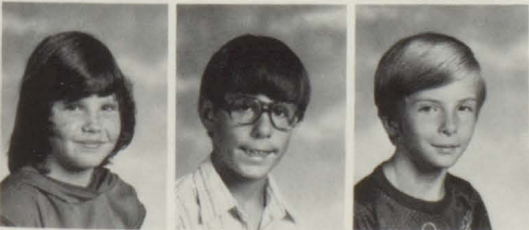
Amanda Baxley
 Chip Bird
 Junior Blevins
 Tiffany Bowen
 Kevin Cox
 Santa Fe Davis



Randy Dillow
 Mike Fanning
 Cheryl Graham
 David Mutter
 Chippie Nelson
 Mike Nelson



Shawn Nelson
 Julie Pauley
 Lori Perkins
 Sammy Simmons
 Tonya Smith
 John Stafford



Sarah Strock
 Ellis Wade
 Rusty Warden

Future Leaders

The lives of 2nd and 3rd graders revolve around multiplication and cur-sive writing. Mrs. Margie Powers' class also has time for plays and time to watch "Electric Company" on TV once a week.

Mrs. June Miller's 3rd graders take part in reading contests and bulletin board preparation. They also learn the days of the week, the months, and beginning division.

Julie Baxley
Alan Cassell
Randy Clemons
Ruth Dunn
Amy Haga
Brian Hall



Charlie Hall
Rita Hamblin
Rachel Havens
Donna Lambert
Tonya Looney
John Michael Mustard



Jessica O'Brien
Wendi Pettrey
John Simmons
Alan Taylor
Brian Toler
Randy Townley



Samantha Waddle
Kathy Wynn



Robby Brown
Chad Chandler
Pam Chewning
Brent Davis
Chris Dillow
Mary Echols



Jimmy Graham
Dusty King
Eugene King
Travis Munsey
Allan Newberry
April Newberry



Jennifer Simms
Tresila Sink
Heather Smith
Sammy Steffey
Chad Thompson
Becky Winesett



Exploring Big Ideas



Oh, how important second graders feel. They learn writing sentences with cursive writing. They also read stories and start their multiplication tables. Indeed the second grade is a great jump from the first.



Rusty Bird
Bobby Boardwine
Tina Brown
David Chandler
Lillie Bea Davis



Michael Dillow
Eric Faulkner
Amanda Harden
Tina Johnston
Clinton Kegley



Alison King
David King
Teresa Lester
Rusty Meadows
Miracle Mitchem



Marshall Schoenthal
Sheri Shewey
Shane Smelser
Patrick Smith
Patricia Stowers



David Strock
Crystal Tibbs
Angel Underwood

Bigger And Better

Just a little less bewildered than last year, the first grader is off and running toward bigger and better things such as learning to read, building writing skills, becoming artists and working with numbers.

Enjoying games at their leisure are: Sarah Umbarger, Sammy Dent, Jason Hall, Colby Taylor, Hope Pike, Sarah Thompson, Jeana Dalton.



Shannon Atwell
Becky Bird
Shelly Bowles
Heather Burton
William Clemons
Patricia Corder



Angela Dalton
Jeana Dalton
Rachel Davis
Robert Davis
Ginger Dillow
Kandi Farley



Cheryl Hall
Jason Hall
Tina Hounshell
Heather Olinger
Kevin Pauley
Hope Pike



Heather Saunders
Angela Stowers
Julie Strock
Forrest Taylor
Sarah Thompson
Sarah Umbarger



Holly Warden
Donna Wiley
Robin Yates



A New Day in a New World



Up the stairway of life we climb, following footsteps left behind.

LEFT PHOTO: Scarecrow visits kindergarten room.
Kindergarten enjoys cafeteria lunch in above photo.



Chris Bowles
Danny Bowles
Sheree Burton
Michael Cochran
Carl Davis



Jamie Dunn
Jeremiah Gibson
Mary Margaret Gibson
Stephanie Goins
Tracy Hall



Pamela Harden
Rebecca Mallory
Angel Mitchem
Chad Morehead
Matthew Newberry



Bridgette Penley
Nathan Romano
Robert Sexton
Cathy Shewey
Travis Simmons



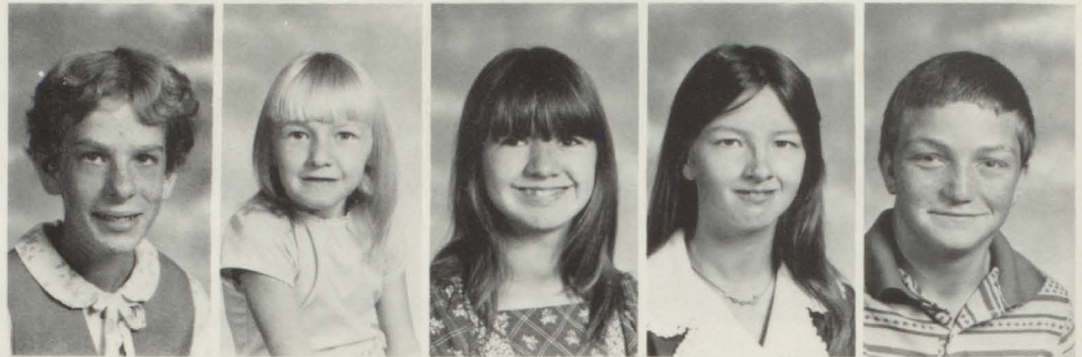
Jimmy Sparks
Jason Stafford
Stacy Tibbs
Crystal Thompson
Douglas Wiley

Special Education

The Special Education Class, under the guidance of Ms. Horton and Ms. Smith, kept very busy during the year. Some of the activities they enjoyed are: FHA, 4-H, classroom parties, special olympics and main streaming.



Donna Alexandra
Cindy Blevins
Lola Blevins
Tammy Blevins
Eddie Carpenter



Wayne Colley
Roscoe Davis
Tony Dent
Jeff Gwynn
Emmett Kelly



Jack Knight
Micheal McPeak
Billy Mutter
Patty Mutter
Henry Nash



Regina Ramsey
Lee Steffey
Betsy Yates



"Making School Days Brighter"

FRONT ROW: Roberta Young, Eleanor Bruce, Shirley Wolfe, Rita Pruitt, Pam Clemons, Marilyn Penley, Colene Munsey; 2ND ROW: Karen Hounshell, Kim Townley, Lora Groseclose, Mary Pruett, Jerri Owens, Lisa Pruitt, Randy Strock; 3RD ROW: Edwina Stowers, Sheri Tolbert, Geneva Clark, Lucy Gray, Rhonda Ellison, Juanita Harris, Mike Barker, Jimmy Harper; 4TH ROW: Laura Gordon, Jo Neel, Pam Melvin, Dave Thomas, Charles Brown, Tammy Smelser, Mike Umbarger; 5TH ROW: Teresa Tolbert, Marquis Newberry, Karen Harden, Margie Sheppard, Mark Newberry, Jeff Cassell, Johnny Sarver, Susan Kegley, and Kevin Cox.



"I'll hold back that Crowd!" states Charlie Brown to helpers Lisa Pruitt and Colene Munsey.



OFFICERS: Charles Brown, president; Margie Sheppard, vice-president; Colene Munsey, secretary; Randy Strock, treasurer.



Betas preparing for the State Convention.



SENIOR BETA SPONSOR: Mrs. Janet Faulkner

and Our Paths Lighter"

Every organization has a cause for being, a goal to achieve. Beta members are a guide to youth, a beacon in the night. They promote scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship.

The Beta Club has taken the responsibility of forming a Jr. Beta club consisting of members of the freshman and sophomore classes. Being prospective members of the Senior Beta Club, they are encouraged to be industrious, honest, just, and accept greater responsibilities.

"We shall strive with our minds alert to understanding, and our hands ready to perform promptly and fully the tasks that may come our way."



OFFICERS: Todd Taylor, president; Kaye Cox, vice-president; Donna Lambert, secretary; Linda Atwell, treasurer.



JR. BETA SPONSOR: Mr. Fred Simpkins



"Just look at that delicious candy bar," states Kevin Cox to Junior Betas.



FRONT ROW: Winifred Fogelson, Donna Shelton, Kim Kidd, Gary Young, Lonnie Thomas, Wendi Price, Tammy Cline, Donna Lambert. SECOND ROW: Melanie Cassell, Sarah Pruitt, Sonja Asbury, Anita Stowers, Andrea Cassell, Sue Smith. THIRD ROW: Joyce Alexander, Bridget Wright, Donna Strock, Todd Taylor, Donna Dalton, Kaye Cox, Linda Ellison. FOURTH ROW: Charity Young, Barry Underwood, Linda Atwell, Valerie Lambert, Rita Lambert, Mary Ann Cochran, Eric Ellison. BACK ROW: Tommy Clark, Terry Umbarger, Mark Woolwine, Sammy Groseclose, Bobby Gordon, Steve Cox.

Newspaper Generates Interest

The Hilltop News consists of 20 members who work to cover school events fully and reflect concerns of students. They also maintain a balance of entertainment and significant stories and cover events outside of the school. The staff writes the articles, plans pages, types final copy, and duplicates and distributes the

paper.

Each year the paper is entered in VHSL Publications Competition. For the past four years *The Hilltop News* has placed first in this contest. The paper is commended for upholding the rating even though the size and location of the school limit its production.



Page editors with performing arts! Todd Taylor — sports; Susan Kegley — news; Jimmy Harper — editorial; Rhonda Ellison — grade; and Patty Hylton — feature.

A traffic jam in the business room doorway on deadline date for newspaper! NEWSPAPER STAFF — TOP — Wendi Price; Debbie Dillow, Sonja Asbury, Andrea Cassell, Sharon Conley, Rhonda Etter, Paul Lucas, Terri Price, Rita Pruitt, Tommy Clark, Joyce Alexander, Charlie Brown, Sheri Tolbert, Lucy Muncy and Jimmy Harper



"But I thought you had the key to the paper supply!" Sponsors — Jessie Kegley and Janet Faulkner.

RIGHT Teresa Tolbert — editor, always has her neck in a noose when trying to meet final newspaper deadlines.



Teresa Tolbert and Rhonda Ellison hit the keyboards!



FBLA Leads The Way



Debbie Atwell, Juanita Harris, Rhonda Etter, Rhonda Ellison holding March of Dimes drive.

After officially organizing in October 1979, the Future Business Leaders of America, a business oriented chapter, participated in enough activities to earn an honor chapter.

During the school year, the Bland Chapter of FBLA attended regional meetings in Radford, participated in competitive events, collected money for the March of Dimes, gave socials, held a Christmas Party for handicapped children and sold M&M's as the money-making project.



FRONT ROW — Debbie Atwell, Dawn Newberry SECOND ROW — Juanita Harris, Rhonda Ellison, Lucy Gray, Edwina Stowers, Lisa Sarver, Terri Price, Wendi Price, Sharon Conley THIRD ROW — Pam Melvin, Lora Groseclose, Sheri Tolbert, Gebie Clark, Rhonda Etter, Rita Pruitt, Charlie Brown BACK ROW — Karen Hounshell, Jo Neel, Mrs. Jessie Kegley, sponsor, Jon Braithwaite, Tommy Clark, Mr. Richard Havens, sponsor, Randy Strock, Jimmy Harper.



Rex Winesett, Jimmy Harper, Jon Braithwaite, John King FBLA'ers selling office supplies



OFFICERS: STANDING — Rhonda Ellison — president, Wendi Price — vice president, Gebie Clark — secretary, SEATED — Rhonda Etter — treasurer, Sharon Conley — historian, Terri Price — reporter, Randy Strock — parliamentarian



Joey Crockett, Debbie Atwell, Lora Groseclose, Thomas Stowers FBLA'ers selling office supplies

Council Builds Interest in Government

The Student Council Association is dedicated to keeping the Student body on top of school events.

Students elect the SCA Council every fall after a week of campaigning and speeches. Those elected serve as the student government and give students a chance to experience the

democratic process of government.

Ms. Mary Greever sponsors the SCA. She is dedicated to working with the officers in planning the annual Christmas program, holding mock elections, and upholding the standards of student life.



FRONT ROW: Karen Hounshell, Kim Townley, Lora Groseclose, Mary Pruett, Rita Lambert, Kaye Cox. SECOND ROW: Edwina Stowers, Sheri Tolbert, Lucy Gray, Patty Smith, Jimmy Barker, Lisa King. BACK ROW: Becky McPeak, Terry Umbarger, Mike Umbarger, John Muncy, Charlie Brown,

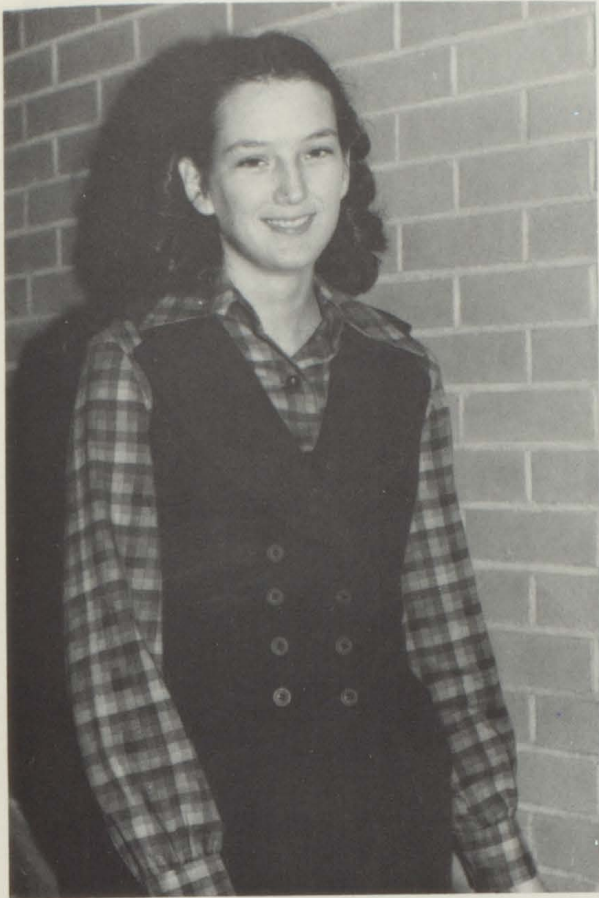


President elect Mary Pruett and sponsor, Ms. Greever, work diligently on making plans for the Christmas program.



FRONT ROW: Mary Pruett — president; Lora Groseclose — vice-president; Edwina Stowers — secretary; Karen Hounshell — treasurer, BACK ROW: Kaye Cox — reporter; Rita Lambert — chaplain; Jimmy Barker and Patty Smith — sergeants-at-arms.

The Echo Staff Gives Debut of '81



EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Susan Kegley



STAFF. FRONT ROW: Patty Hylton, Charlie Brown and Kim Townley. BACK ROW: Marilyn Penley and Randy Strock



ADVISOR: Betsy Newberry



EDITORS: Edwina Stowers, Mary Pruett and Teresa Tolbert



BUSINESS STAFF: Geneva Clark, Colene Munsey, Karen Harden, and Rhonda Ellison

Canada Trip Sparks Interest

Le Circle de francais is a club for those students who are dedicated to the French language. During each meeting, the students are requested to speak French. This year's club consists of 32 members headed by Mrs. Cheryl Umberger.



Mrs. Cheryl Umberger, SPONSOR.



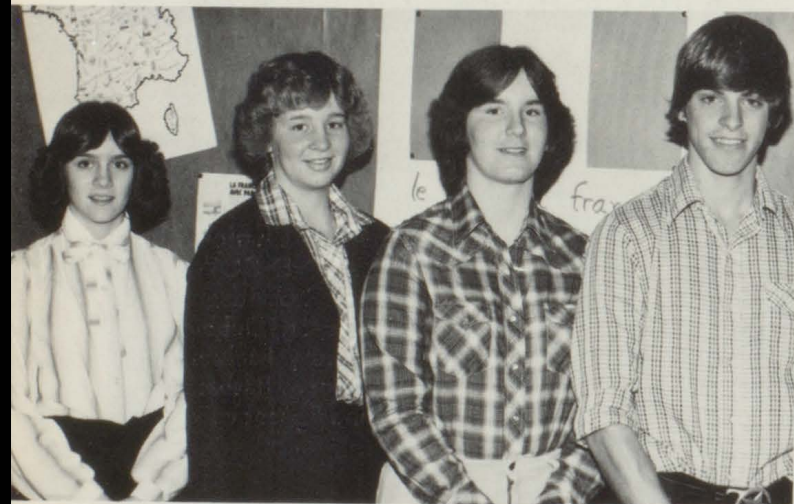
Wanda Bevil, Karen Harden, Margie Sheppard, and Mrs. Umberger are up to their desk tops in candy money.

The members display their language fluency by performing at various P.T.A. meetings, school assemblies, and concerts throughout the year.

They also make an annual field trip to Hollins College for a French performance.



Teresa Tolbert, Sheri Tolbert, Pam Melvin, Wendi Price. The French Club has been busy, busy, busy selling candy and T-shirts, holding dinners, and other fund raisers for their trip to Canada.



OFFICERS: Wendi Price — reporter, Karen Hounshell — secretary-treasurer, Laura Gordon — vice-president, and Jon Braithwaite — president.



FRONT ROW: Sandy Bane, Shawna Carr, Joyce Alexander. **SECOND ROW:** John Sarver, Laura Gordon, Paul Lucas, Lonnie Thomas, Wanda Bevil, Edwina Stowers, Donna Strock. **THIRD ROW:** Karen Hounshell, Jimmy Harper, Lisa Pruitt, Teresa Tolbert, Pam Melvin, Sarah Pruitt, Randy Strock, Wendi Price, Todd Taylor, Mary Pruett, Sheri Tolbert, Gebie Clark, Sonja Asbury. **BACK ROW:** Margie Sheppard, Karen Harden, Bryan Underwood, Charlie Brown, Jon Braithwaite, Barry Underwood, Linda Atwell, Lucy Muncy, Jo Neel.



Libby Faulkner presents a program on hair styling at one of the monthly meetings.

Spending hours planning, making decorations, and organizing committees for the Christmas Party, Mother-Daughter Banquet, and the annual Miss Bland County Beauty Pageant are some of the activities that the Future Homemakers of America are working toward.

Developing Home and Community



Mrs. Betty Munsey and Mrs. Shelia Richardson supervise the Home Economic classes.



OFFICERS. FRONT ROW: Eleanor Bruce — president, Carla Morehead — 1st vice-president, Sylvia Ramsey — 2nd vice-president, Colene Munsey — secretary, Teresa Morehead — treasurer. **BACK ROW:** Debbie Dillow — recreation leader, Sonja Asbury — historian, Donna Dalton — reporter, Joyce Alexander — historian, Cindy Wright — chaplain.



2ND YEAR. FRONT ROW: Colene Munsey, Debbie Dillow, Kim Kidd, Rita Lambert, Mary Anne Cochran, Donna Dalton, Becky McPeak, Shelia Wright. **BACK ROW:** Barbara Ramsey, Dawn Morehead, Sonja Asbury, Joyce Alexander, Bridget Wright, Sylvia Ramsey, Melanie Cassell, Winifred Foglesong, Connie Nelson.



3RD YEAR. FRONT ROW: Lynn Banes, Cindy Wright, Tammy Gravley, Sharon Simmons, Tracy Walker, Kandy Kent, Marsha Agee, Rita Wright, Shelia Carroll. **BACK ROW:** Sandy Tolbert, Carla Morehead, Lechia Hager, Teresa Morehead, Connie Millirons, Becky Lambert, Donna Shelton.



1ST YEAR. FRONT ROW: Lisa Morehead, Charlotte Harris, Becky Conley, Andrea Cassell. **SECOND ROW:** Donna Strock, Kitten Richardson, Teresa Richardson, Annette King, Glenda Conley, Renee Thompson, Debbie Wright. **BACK ROW:** Vickie Kincaid, Kathy Melvin, Helen Hamblin, Tina Fulford, Karen Asbury, Barbara Carpenter, Julie Clemons, Betty Tibbs, Stina Rosenberry, Donna Lambert.



4th YEAR: Darlene Burcham, Eleanor Bruce, Betty Jo Parker, Mary Etta Umbarger.

Building Tomorrows Today

FIRST YEAR



FRONT ROW: Shelia Wright, Cathy Morehead, Anna Tate, Mike Perkins, Glenn Young, Dreama Cox, Jeff Shelton. SECOND ROW: Arthur Bartleson, Greg Tolbert, Packy Morehead, Artie Wolfe, Lonnie Clemons. THIRD ROW: John Dillow, Ronnie Dillow, Arnie Wimmer, Mike Barker, Delissa Miller, Terry Hubble. BACK ROW: Mitch Munsey, Matt Clemons, Marty Hutchins, Larry Newberry, Matt Harmon, Mike Melvin.

SECOND YEAR



FRONT ROW: John Farlow, Jeff Vineyard, Paula Mustard, Sandy Bane, Brian Mustard, Wesley Wright. SECOND ROW: David Etter, James Nunley, Gary Young, Geof Fanning. THIRD ROW: Tim Neal, Tony Taylor, Eric Ellison, Kaye Cox. FOURTH ROW: Gary Miller, Cecil Compton, Mike Smelser, Steve Cox. BACK ROW: Tim Richardson, Ricky Pruitt, Terry Umbarger, Doug Farlow, Sam Groseclose, David Yates.

FOURTH YEAR

Nearly a half-million students of vocational agriculture are members of Future Farmers of America. This organization provides an opportunity for youth in agriculture to learn, to do, to earn, and to serve.

The FFA Chapter at Bland High has a clear objective — to unite its members with career opportunities in the agriculture industry.

Numerous activities such as cattle and forestry judging, sheep shearing, public speaking, tractor driving, federation meetings, KVG beautification programs, county fairground preparation and cleaning, and attending state congress keep FFA'ers busy all year.

THIRD YEAR



FRONT ROW: Harvey Pruett, Bobby King, Brian Pauley, Clif Pauley, Tonnie Carver, Richard Bartleson, Darrell Banes, Laymond Barger. SECOND ROW: Eric Wright, Bobby Fulford, Billy Talbert, Tony Lambert, Mike Umbarger, Thomas Stowers. THIRD ROW: Chris Wright, Mark Newberry, Joey Bane, Paul Dillow, Rusty Wright. BACK ROW: Gerald Clemons, Chuck McKinney, Tracy Hylton, Danny Newberry, C.W. Havens, James Farris.

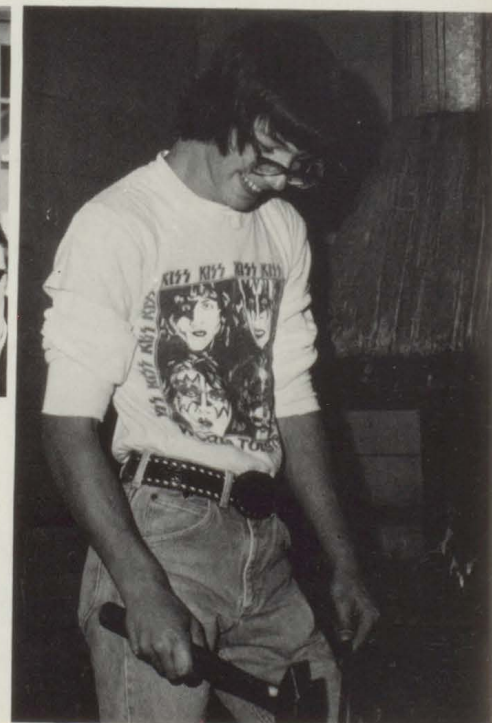


OFFICERS: Phil Peery — president, Mike Sarver — vice-president, Mike Umbarger — second vice-president, Allen Mustard — sentinel, Mark Newberry — treasurer, Kaye Cox — secretary, Steve Cox — reporter, Bill Crabtree — advisor.



FRONT ROW: Phil Peery, Allen Mustard, Joey Crockett. SECOND ROW: Calvin Davis, Mark Harris, Mike Sarver. BACK ROW: John Muncy, Mark King.

Mark Newberry hammering out a cold chisel.



Promoting Library Resources



OFFICERS: Sharon Conley — president, Terri Price — secretary, Wendi Price — vice-president, Lucy Gray — treasurer.

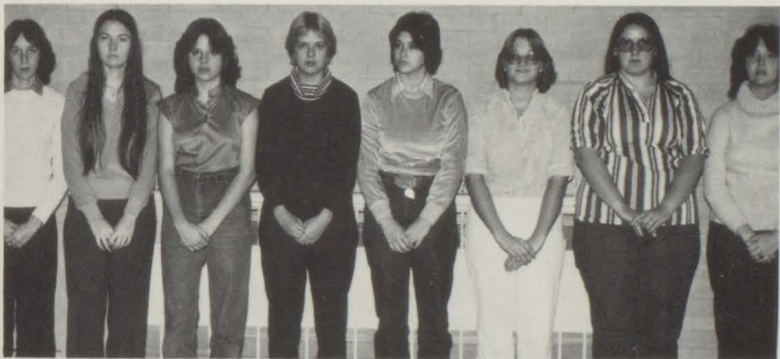
Library club members use their skills to improve and organize the library. Their main money-making project is selling candy for Christmas. Annually they sponsor the book fair for the students.



SENIORS: Lisa Pruitt, Lucy Muncy, Mary Pruett, Jerri Owens, Debbie Dillow, Roberta Young.



SOPHOMORES. FRONT ROW: Bryan Underwood, Linda Atwell, Tommy Clark, Todd Taylor, Barry Underwood. BACK ROW: Lisa Sarver, Brian Pauley, Sandy Tolbert, Wendi Price, Kim Kidd, Charity Young, Wanda Bevil.



JUNIORS: Terri Price, Lucy Gray, Rhonda Etter, Debbie Atwell, Dawn Newberry, Pam Melvin, Connie Millirons, Sharon Conley.



FRESHMEN. FRONT ROW: Mary Anne Cochran, Sarah Pruitt, Linda Ellison, Sheila Wright, Tammy Cline. SECOND ROW: Rita Lambert, Kaye Cox, Sue Smith, Anita Stowers, Cathy Morehead. BACK ROW: Sonja Asbury, Joyce Alexander, Bridget Wright, Andrea Cassell, Donna Lambert.



EIGHTH GRADE: Debbie Warden

Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry — SPONSOR

A New and



Mrs. Carolyn Bane, sponsor of VICA and instructor of ICT, puts in a full days work.



VICA OFFICERS: (Right to Left): Darrell Tibbs — president; Rebecca Conley — vice-president; Sue Catterton — secretary-treasurer; Carla Morehead — reporter; Marq Newberry — parliamentarian

The Vocational Industrial Clubs and Wythe County Vocational School offer various programs which train students for an occupation in their chosen fields. These organizations help students understand professions and management in their chosen trades.

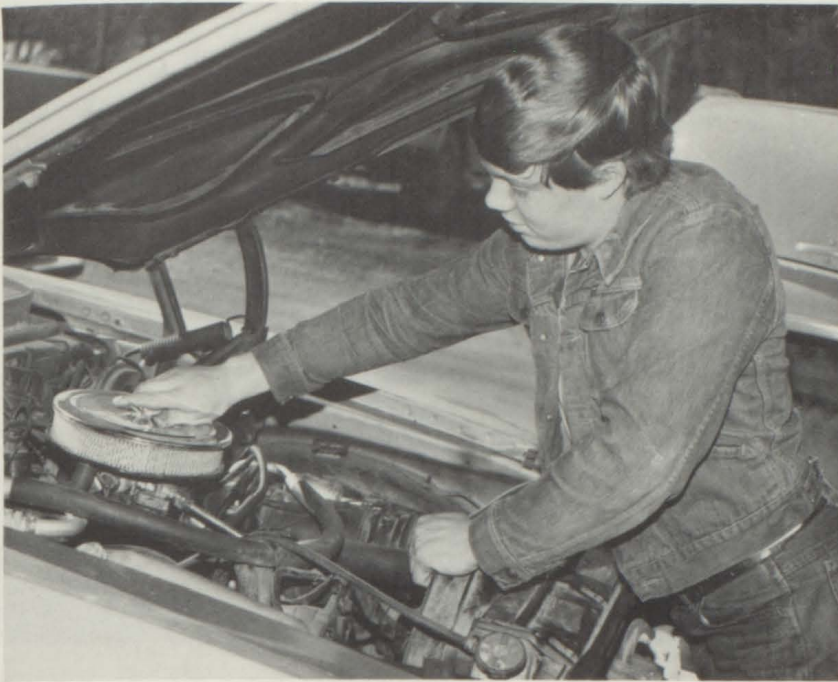


VICA — FRONT ROW: Carla Morehead, Becky Conley, Darrell Tibbs, Marq Newberry, and Sue Catterton. BACK ROW: Chris Wright, Sylvia Ramsey, Troy Wright, Teresa Morehead, Eric Wright, Mark Mustard, Ricky Burcham, Kevin Cox, and Angie Dillow.



THIRD YEAR VOCATIONAL OFFICERS: (Right to Left): Debbie Simmons — vice-president; Marilyn Penley — secretary; Ginger McPeak — treasurer; Patty Hylton — president

Better Life



Rex Winesett illustrates auto mechanic skills.



Lisa Pruitt involved in drafting.



Dora Catterton applies horticultural skills.



Cosmetologist Patty Hylton demonstrates a new hairstyle on Mary Pruett.



Cosmetologist Lisa King administers facial to Patty Hylton.

Step To the Music



FRONT ROW: Gretchen Carlson, Shawna Carr, Lucy Muncy SECOND ROW: Barry Underwood, John Dillow, Bryan Underwood, THIRD ROW: Todd Taylor, Chuck Turner, David Braithwaite.

Excellent ratings came to the band early in the fall when they attended the George Wythe Marching Band Festival and Parade. A trophy was presented to the band for participation. Marching in the parade was the combined bands from Bland and Rocky Gap.

During the year the band participated in the All Regionals at Patrick Henry High School on December 13. They exhibited their talents in solo and ensemble competition.

The band marched in the Wythe County Christmas Parade and in the Citizenship Day Parade in March.

Besides participating in the parades, the band also presented concerts in the fall, at Christmas and at Easter.



OFFICERS: Todd Taylor — president, Lucy Muncy — vice-president, Bryan Underwood — librarian, Barry Underwood — secretary-treasurer.



George Wythe Marching Band Festival and Parade.



Band entertains Bland County Fair — go'ers.

Of Harmony and Sound



FRONT ROW: Joey Bane, Cliff Pauley, Roberta Young, Lisa Sarver SECOND ROW: Linda Atwell, Charity Young, Cris Riddle, Ginger McPeak, Patty Hylton, Marilyn Penley, THIRD ROW: Colene Munsey, Margie Sheppard, Karen Harden, Lucy Muncy, Jerri Owens, Renee Thompson, Cathy Morehead, STANDING: Bryan Underwood – pianist



OFFICERS FRONT ROW: Lisa Sarver – librarian, Roberta Young – Secretary, BACK ROW: Rene Thompson – vice-president, Patty Hylton – president

Successful was a good word to describe activities of the Chorus Class. Besides giving their annual concerts in the fall, winter, and spring, the Chorus performs for Miss Echo Day and at the May Parade. They also added spirit to each boy's home basketball game by singing the National Anthem.

Four members of the Chorus tried their hand at the All Regional Tryouts held at George Wythe High School. Three of these members became a part of the Chorus and traveled to Marion High School for All District Chorus competition. These four members were Marilyn Penley, Patty Hylton, Roberta Young, and Lisa Sarver.



Chorus sings for Miss Echo Day.



Karen Green assumes responsibilities for the band, the chorus, and the All County Band.

Attempting New Responsibilities

Being a seventh grade band member enables one to have his own uniform, try his skill at learning sheet music, hold an individual concert and participate with the high school band in activities — including parade marches and money-making projects.

The beginning band sets out to learn the basic techniques, which includes the learning of notes and how to read music. All that is needed to be eligible for beginning band is the determination to practice and the desire to learn. With a lot of hard work, the band is able to demonstrate their accomplishments through concerts.



FRONT ROW: Tracy Kegley, Brian Perkins, Angela Strock, Wendell Parker, Jeri Mustard. SECOND ROW: Sarah Gilliam, Angie Thompson, Laura Cochran, Joe Dewilde, Gary Mustard. BACK ROW: Pam Davis, Ryland Wade, Kenny Froy, LeAnna Mustard, Eddie Price.



Mrs. Janet Scott, Safety Patrol sponsor, adjusts a safety patrol belt.



Mrs. Karen Green, Band Director, teaches the band members a new rhythm.



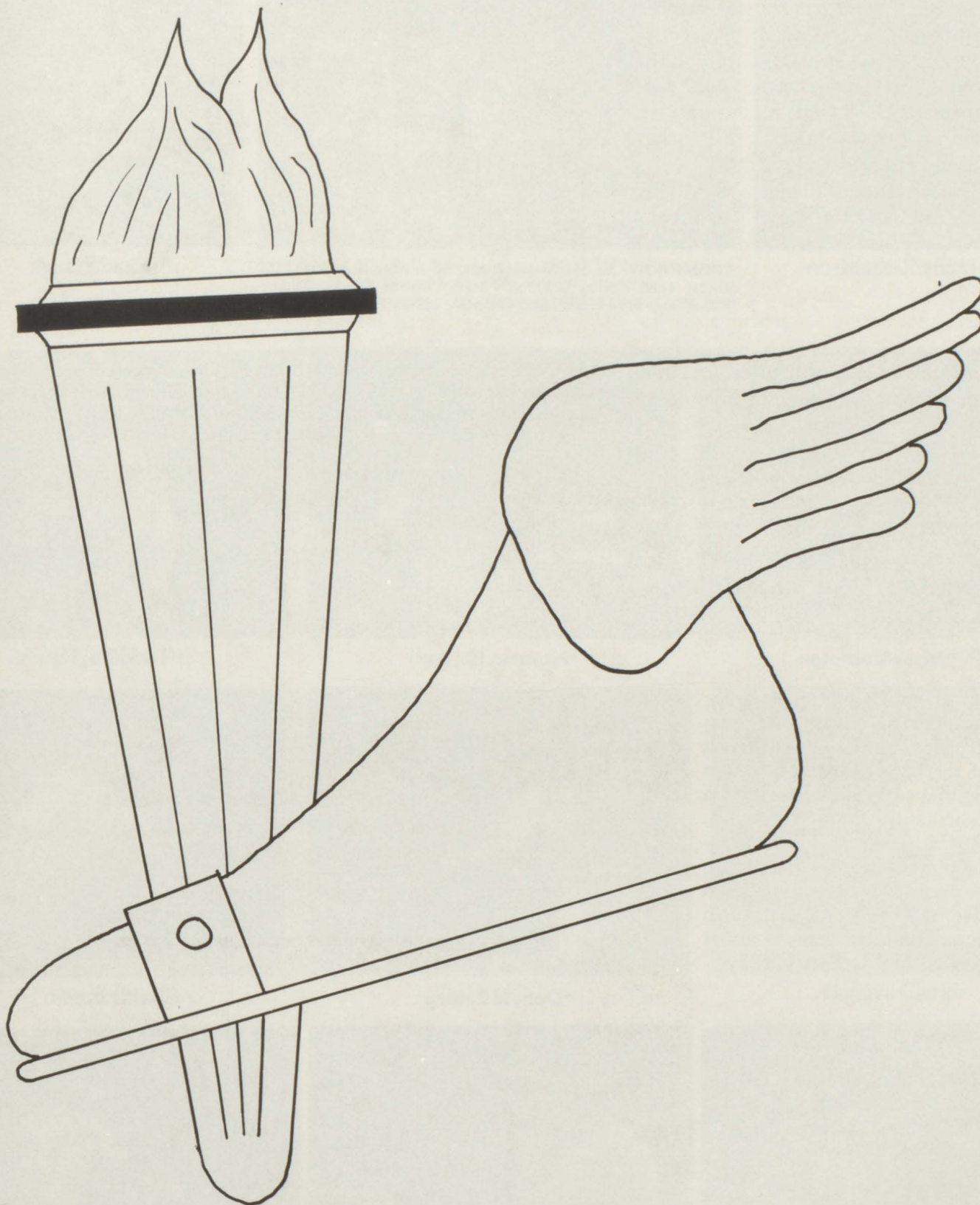
FRONT ROW: Tracy Wolfe, Samantha Hylton, Karen Carlson, Kim Boardwine, Renee Ring. SECOND ROW: Tammy Davis, Ernie Shelton, Hope Townley, Amy Drummond. BACK ROW: Robert Janney, Todd Turner, Jimmy Shrader, Denise King, Martin Wright.

SAFETY PATROL. FRONT ROW: Ben Dillow, Glen Davis, Brian Perkins, Tracy Wolfe, Robby Wynn, Kim Boardwine. SECOND ROW: Jeri Mustard, Lynn Tate, David Blankenship, Timmy Davis, Jeff Cox, Wendell Parker. THIRD ROW: Angela Strock, Tammy Mustard, Teresa Miller, Timmy Thompson, Eddie Price, Ryland Wade. FOURTH ROW: Pam Davis, Tracy Kegley, Laura Cochran, Tammy Haga, Kim Danner, Terry Mustard. BACK ROW: Sherri Wimmer, Kenny Froy, Carla Pauley, Sarah Gilliam, Carrie Shelton, Dawn Pruitt.





To you we will always be true, to Bland High, to Bland High forever.



ATHLETICS

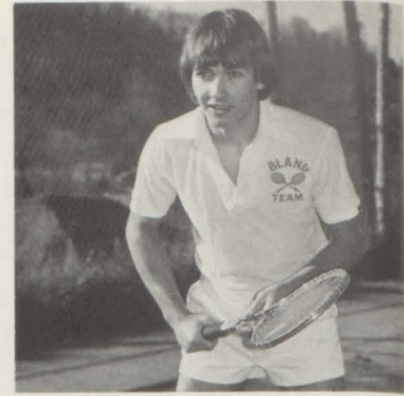
Racquet Report Of



Timmy Richardson



FRONT ROW: Jon Braithwaite, Bobby Bane, Norman Dillow, Paul Lucas, Todd Taylor. SECOND ROW: Donald Pauley, Timmy Richardson, Todd Hoge, Mark Compton, Charlie Brown.



Todd Hoge



Mark Compton

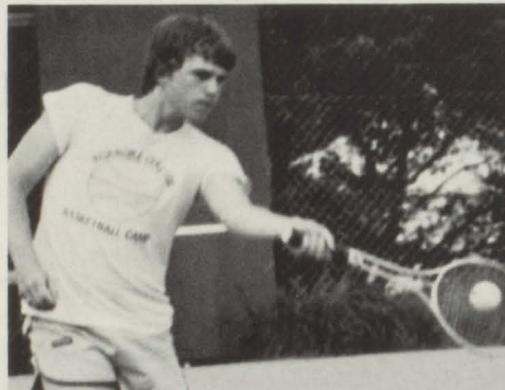


Norman Dillow



Todd Taylor

Although lacking in experience, the members of the tennis team show excellent spirit. The strongest facet of the team is the willingness of each player to accept criticism and to constantly strive to improve. In conjunction with this determination, the players practice every day, weather permitting. The boys' team is under the direction of Trish Compton. The girls' team is under the direction of Marilyn Carney.



Donald Pauley



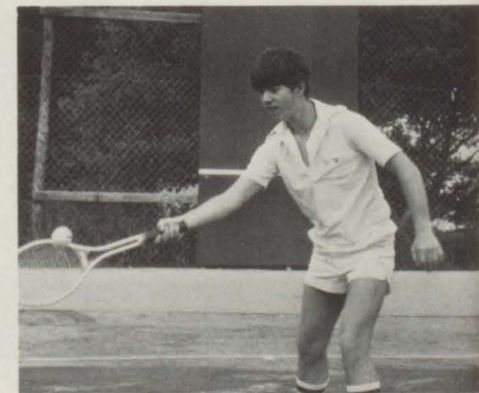
Charlie Brown



Jon Braithwaite



Paul Lucas



Bobby Bane

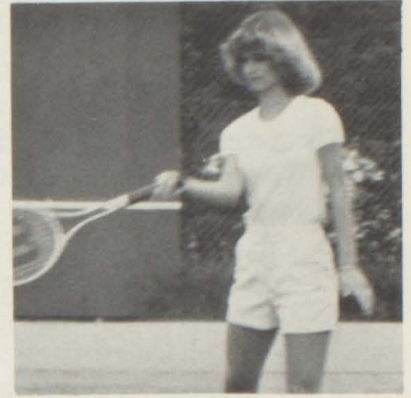
Nineteen-Eighty



Kim Townley



FRONT ROW: Kim Townley, Patty Hylton, Mary Lynn Pruett, Rhonda Ellison, Karen Harden. BACK ROW: Wendi Price, Geneva Clark, Dawn Newberry, Terri Harden, Debbie Dillow, Coach Mrs. Marilyn Carney.



Patty Hylton



Mary Lynn Pruett



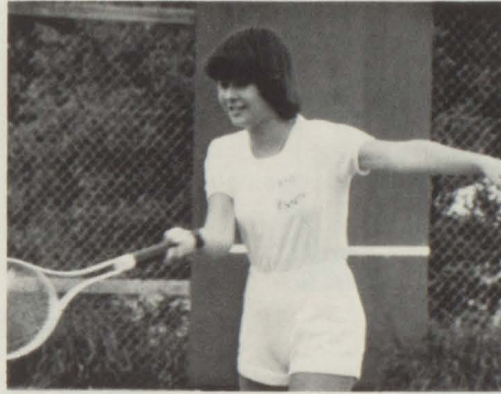
Has tennis gone to the dogs!



Rhonda Ellison



Karen Harden



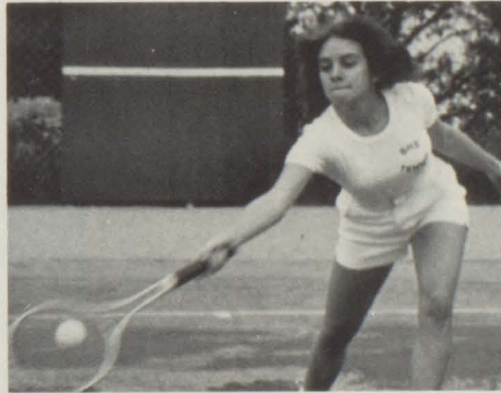
Debbie Dillow



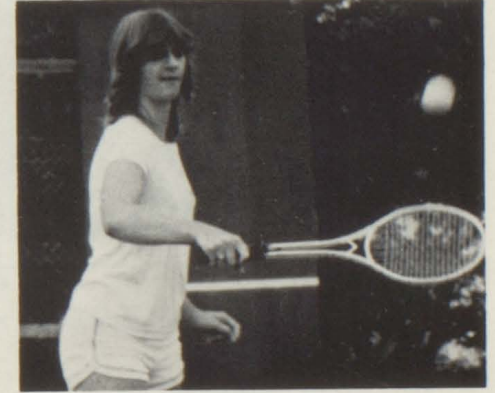
Geneva Clark



Dawn Newberry



Wendi Price



Terri Harden

Keen Competition is the

The second annual Bland County Field Day was held in May 1980. All entrants were on the field and ready to compete by 9:00 a.m. Everyone couldn't win a first place ribbon, but all competitors were winners. Pictured at right are some participants and their ribbons: Top — Ervin Sparks, Tammy Mustard, Samantha Hylton, Amy Drummond, and Onie Davis; Bottom — Idette King, Mike Townley, Rusty King, Stephen Fanning, Shawn Compton, Leon Sink.



Edwina Stowers leaps ahead of the pack in the long jump.



Jimmy Shrader flying toward victory in the elementary long jump.



Karen Hounshell competing in the softball throw.

Sarah Wynn putting the shot for a good finish.



Greatest Sport of All



Sixth and seventh graders racing for the finish line — Leon Sink, Ervin Sparks, Alice Neel, Joe Simms, Alan Massey.



Mary Pruett after a successful jump.



The Exchange is made cleanly in the relay race — Randy Strock and Ricky Burcham.



Concentration is the key to success — Patty Hylton.



Bland High Faculty and spectators enjoying the events — Marvin Cantrell, Fran Cantrell, Suzanne Haga, Lawrence Bunyan.

Let's Get R-o-w-d-y

The Pep Club was officially organized on October 22, 1980 with the purpose of promoting school spirit during basketball season.

Any high school student interested in joining the club was required to pay dues. If one participated in any previous sport, the dues was \$2.50. If one was not active in sports, it was \$5.00.

The 38-member club sold spirit ribbons throughout the season. They also accompanied the basketball team on six away trips.



Sponsors — Fred Simpkins, III and Mrs. Ruth Ann Havens.



Pep Club Officers — Left to right — Larry Newberry — President; Barry Underwood — Vice-President; Lucy Muncy — Secretary; Rhonda Etter — Treasurer; Joey Bane and Tim Neel — Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Pep Club members have been actively involved in promoting school spirit throughout the year. Before each game the members decorate the gym. One unique project that the club has established is the Computer Dating Service. The Club also help promote a Valentine Dance.



Pep Club Members — FIRST ROW — Left to right — Linda Ellison, Karen Hounshell, Debbie Warden, Becky Umbarger, Tammy Smelser, Rhonda Etter, Debbie Atwell, Dawn Newberry, Teresa Richardson, Kitten Richardson. SECOND ROW — Tammy Cline, Geneva Clark, Sheri Tolbert, Regina Groseclose, Dreama Underwood, Lisa Sarver, Donna Strock, Melba Clemons, Regina Stansell. THIRD ROW — Mike Sarver, Mark Newberry, Linda Atwell, Randy Strock, Charlie Brown, Tommy Clark, Becky McPeak, Andrea Cassell, Kim Kidd, Pam Melvin. FOURTH ROW — John Muncy, Tim Neel, Larry Newberry, Joey Bane, Barry Underwood, Todd Taylor, Lucy Muncy, Paul Lucas.

Action To Win



1980 VOLLEYBALL TEAM — FRONT ROW — Lucy Muncy, Debbie Dillow, Edwina Stowers, Kim Townley, Mary Pruett, Ruth Shannon, Tammy Smelser, Lisa King. BACK ROW — L to R — Rhonda Ellison, Susan Kegley, Andrea Gordon, Terri Harden, Laura Gordon, Dawn Newberry, Sharon Simmons, Karen Hounshell — Scorekeeper.

The qualities to make a good volleyball team consisted of staying after school to practice and having the determination to try to be the best. The 22-member team was proud of their accomplishments. At the closing of the season, the team had moved from last place to second place in the district.



What goes up must come down!



Kim Townley goes up for two points against county rivals, Rocky Gap, in a tight game as the Rockettes go to victory 51-49.



Anita Stowers plucks Eagles.



Senior Rhonda Ellison shows concentration from the foul line.



Warming up for the big game against the Cap.



Patty Smith uses her speed to outwit her opponent.



Susan Kegley excels high for the jump ball.



SCOREKEEPERS — Teresa Tolbert and Laura Gordon.

Rockettes Aim For Fame

The Bland Rockettes' Season ended with overall records for JV 15-3 and for Varsity 17-8.

The young, dedicated, and aggressive JV team entered the Mountain Empire District Tournament tied with Floyd County for second place; however they were defeated 25-24.

Under the guidance of Coach Trish Compton, the Varsity Rockettes had another successful season. In 1980 the Varsity Rockettes district record was 11 wins, 5 losses.

In the Mountain Empire District Tournament the Rockettes were seeded number 2. The Rockettes were defeated in Sub-Regional competition by Floyd.



JV TEAM (Left to Right): Becky Umbarger, Wanda Bevil, Sue Smith, Kandy Kent, Mary Anne Cochran, Valerie Lambert, Kaye Cox, Patty Smith, Anita Stowers, Rita Lambert, Teresa Richardson, Manager, Wendi Price, (not pictured) Coach Trish Compton.



Anita Stowers feels she needs elbows and knees in her JV game.



According to Anita Stowers a little meditation always helps to gain control of the ball.



Could this be a good place for a stick-up? Patty Smith is playing against her rival, Rocky Gap.



Kaye Cox is wondering where everybody went to. Patty and Sue Smith play kickball with the Rocky Gap Eagles.





Kim Townley drives in for 2 points.



Edwina Stowers has her own free style as she goes up for 2 points against the Rocky Gap Eagles.



Guard Rhonda Ellision practices dicsus throw during Varsity action.



Jump Susan! Jump Susan! Whoa! Splat!



Now this is the plan . . . Coach Trish Compton explains to Laura Gordon.

VARSDITY TEAM (Left to Right): Kim Townley, Edwina Stowers, Mary Lynn Pruett, Patty Hylton, Dawn Newberry, Susan Kegley, Laura Gordon, Karen Hounshell, Karen Harden, Rhonda Ellision, Sarah Wynn, Coach Trish Compton, Manager Wendi Price.

Igniting



Cheerleaders lead the school song.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Left — Karen Harden — co-captain, third year. Center, Bottom — Tammy Cline — first year; Geneva Clark — third year; Mary Pruett — co-captain, fourth year; Patty Hylton — captain, fourth year; Right — Sheri Tolbert — second year.



Varsity Cheerleaders perform one of their formations.



Charity Young and Sheri Tolbert rest between cheers.

The Spirit



Ms. Libby Smith, cheerleading sponsor.

A BHS Cheerleaders' world is a busy world of "Terrible Towels", Spirit Ribbons, and spring tryouts.

They sell "Terrible Towels" and work with the Pep Club in distributing Spirit Ribbons. In the Spring, tryouts are held and a panel of judges select the cheerleading squads.

The five-member JV squad supports the eighth grade and JV basketball teams. These girls work to build spirit with posters, new cheers and pep rallies.

The Varsity squad, consisting of 6 girls, brings spirit to the Varsity Basketball Team and student body through pep rallies, formations, tumbling, and pom pom routines.



JV CHEERLEADERS: Left - Donna Dalton - first year; Center, Bottom - Charity Young - co-captain - first year; Kaye Cox - first year; Kim Kidd - Captain, second year; Right - Mary Anne Cochran - first year.



FEEL ALRIGHT TONIGHT! FRONT TO BACK: Geneva Clark, Sheri Tolbert, Tammy Cline, Kim Kidd, Donna Dalton, Charity Young.

Action on the Courts

This year BHS went up against schools in a larger district and found themselves in the championship game of the Rural Retreat 8th Grade Tournament. After a forfeit from Rich Valley, and defeating Rural Retreat, they advanced to the championship game with Marion. They were handed a 44-61 defeat, but received a runners-up trophy for their efforts. Ronnie Dillow and Richard Turner were named to the All-Tournament team.



8th Grade Rockets—FRONT ROW: Jeff Shelton, Lonnie Clemons, Matt Harmon, Jimmy Mac Brown, Greg Davis, Mitch Munsey. BACK ROW: Terry Hubble, Sammy King, Johnny Dillow, Richard Turner, Ronnie Dillow, Arnie Wimmer, Coach Trish Compton.



Patty cake or basketball? Jimmy Brown, Matt Harmon, and Johnny Dillow.



Lonnie Clemons grins like a treed possum as he knocks the ball to Greg Davis.

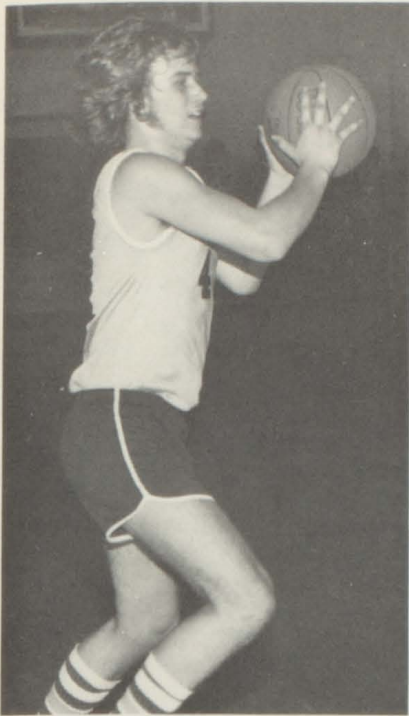
Bland vs.	Sugar Grove	35-28
	Fries	34-27
	Rocky Gap	35-58
	Floyd	24-56
	Ft. Chiswell	34-27
	Auburn	33-32
	Shawsville	46-37
	Fries	43-23
	Independence	44-38
	Floyd	33-31
	Rural Retreat	39-30
	Marion	44-61
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	Auburn	



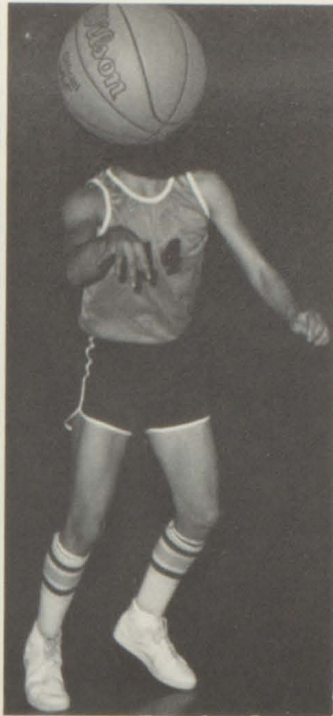
"I knew my ballot lessons would come in handy!" Sammy King



Matt Harmon takes one last look before shooting .



"I know this is gonna be the perfect pass." Tracy Hylton



Is this really Terry Umbarger, or has BHS recruited the Great Pumpkin???

Bland vs.

Rich Valley	46-27
Mt. Rogers	45-28
Fries	36-21
Independence	33-28
Floyd	43-60
Rocky Gap	35-36
Ft. Chiswell	35-36
Auburn	60-53
Shawsville	39-38
Fries	39-73
Independence	34-30
Floyd	34-51
Mt. Rogers	27-23
Rocky Gap	60-50
Ft. Chiswell	44-52
Auburn	38-57
	42-55



Bobby Gordon sends a pass to Geoff Fanning



JV TEAM. FRONT ROW — Mike Smelser, Eric Ellison, Thomas Dillow, Lonnie Thomas, Gary Nelson, Elbert Shelton. SECOND ROW — Cecil Compton, Barry Underwood, Tim Neal, Harvey Pruett, Mark Woolwine, Steve Cox. BACK ROW — Geoff Fanning, Ricky Baker, Bobby Gordon, Ricky Pruitt, Eddie Baxley, John Farlow, Tony Lambert, Coach Marvin Cantrell.



"You wouldn't like me when I'm angry!" Barry Underwood



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Loyalty and United Efforts



How can the other team win if they can't even score? — Bobby Fulford, Todd Hoge, Paul Dillow, Mark Newberry, and Joey Bane.



Mark Newberry goes up for an easy two points against Auburn.

The Varsity Rockets bounded into the 1980-81 season with hopes of improving their record over last year's. As the season continued, the Rockets faced some tough opponents, winning some games and losing some. By the end of the year their record was 7-10. With all five starters and nine players altogether returning for next year's squad, the rockets are on the upward move.

Bland	49	Rich Valley	45
Bland	55	Mount Rogers	40
Bland	50	Rich Valley	65
Bland	35	Fries	34
Bland	60	Independence	54
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Bland	54	Fort Chiswell	53
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Bland	32	Shawsville	64
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Bland	44	Floyd County	84
Bland	96	Mount Rogers	87
Bland	61	Rocky Gap	82
Bland	51	Fort Chiswell	67
Bland	40	Auburn	49

BLAND HIGH VARSITY ROCKETS: Dave Thomas, Mike Sarver, Randy Strock, Tracy Hylton, Norman Dillow, Joey Bane, Bob Atwell, Mark Newberry, John Muncy, Tim Richardson, Bobby Fulford, Billy Tolbert, Paul Dillow, Todd Hoge, and Mark Compton. Kneeling: Charlie Brown (Manager) and Coach Marvin Cantrell.



Bring Improvement



Joey Bane intently studies the Eagles' defense.



Todd Hoge rolls shot off of his fingertips as Mark Newberry and Joey Bane fight for position under the boards.



Paul Dillow escapes the grasp of an Eagle defender.

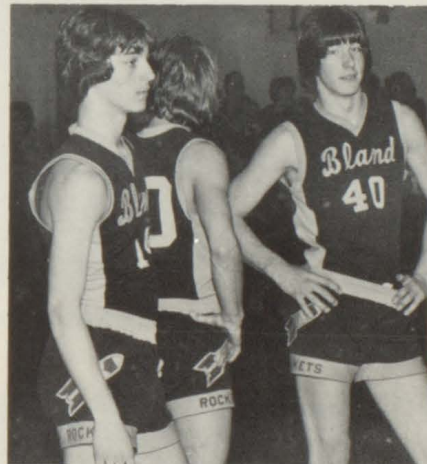
Paul Dillow leads the Rocket team onto the floor for pre-game warm-ups.



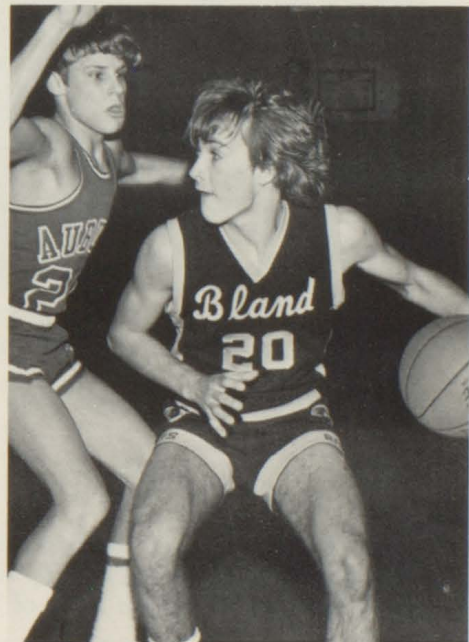
Co-captains Paul Dillow, Todd Hoge, and Mark Newberry await instructions from the referee.



Norman Dillow puts up a shot versus Fries.



Todd Hoge looks for an opening in Auburn's defense.



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Mark Compton striving for extra footage in the running broad jump.



Bob Atwell blasts onto "Rocket Territory"



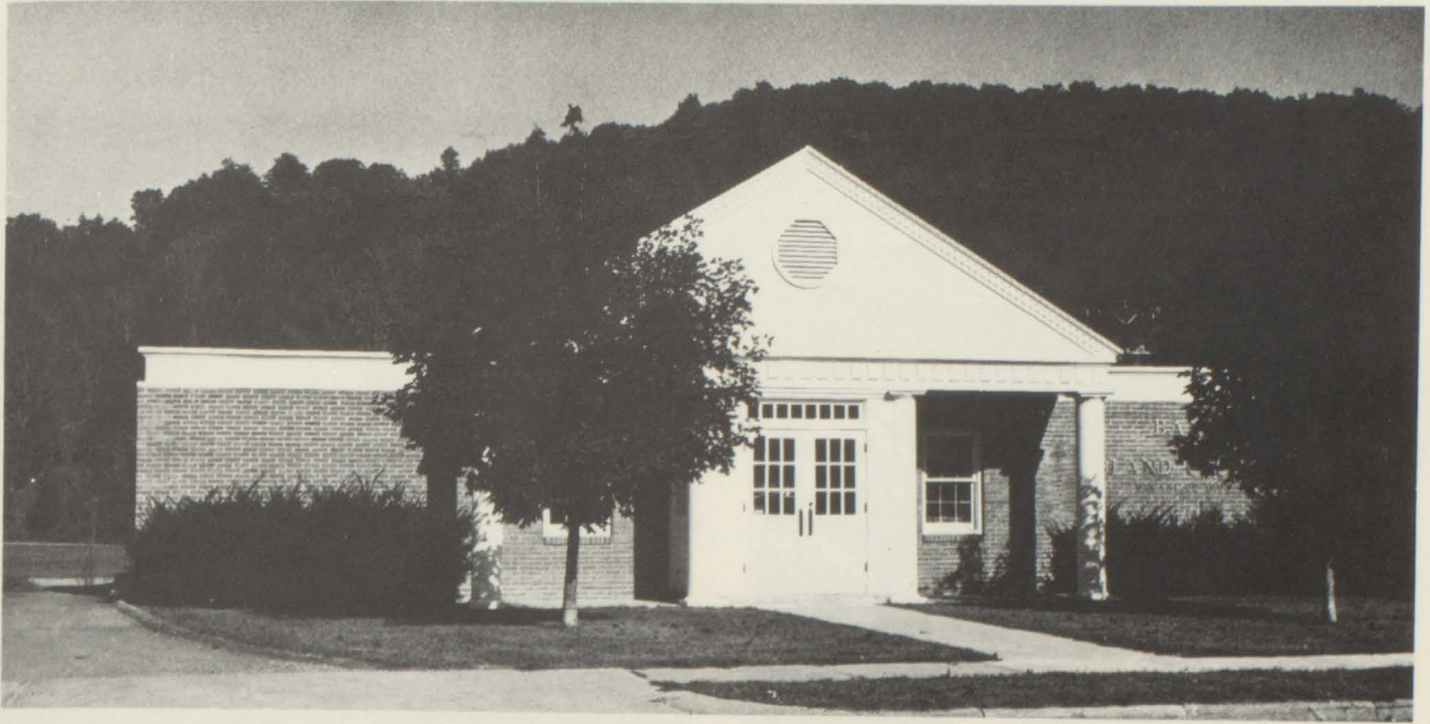
Kaye Cox in the softball throw as Dawn Newberry, Sarah Wynn and a Rocky Gap competitor await their turn.



Is Tim Richardson bewitching the ball?

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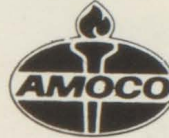
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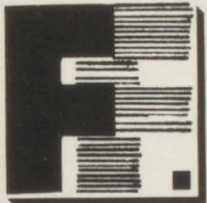
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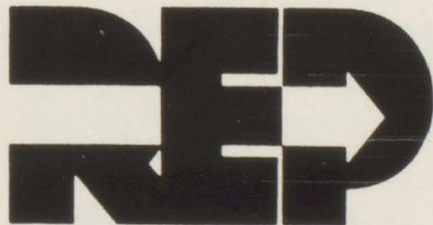
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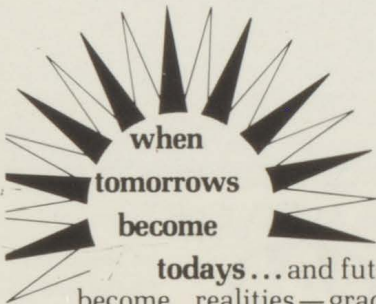
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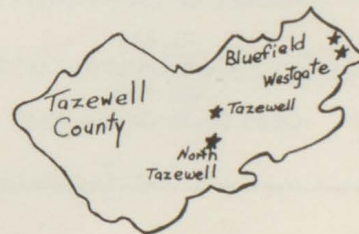
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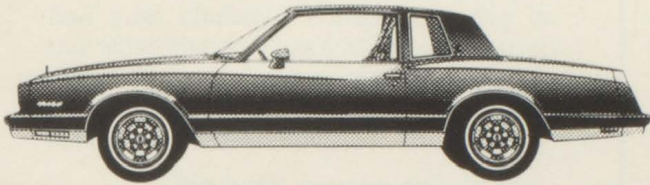
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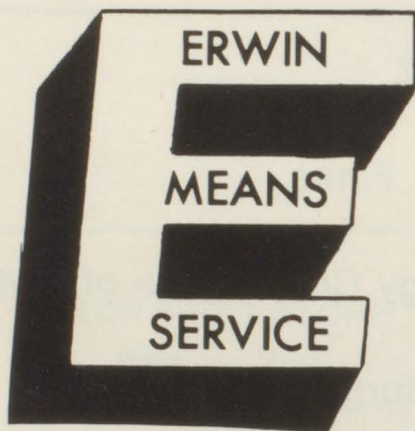
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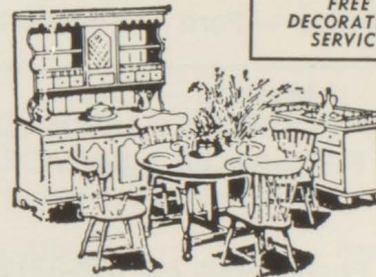
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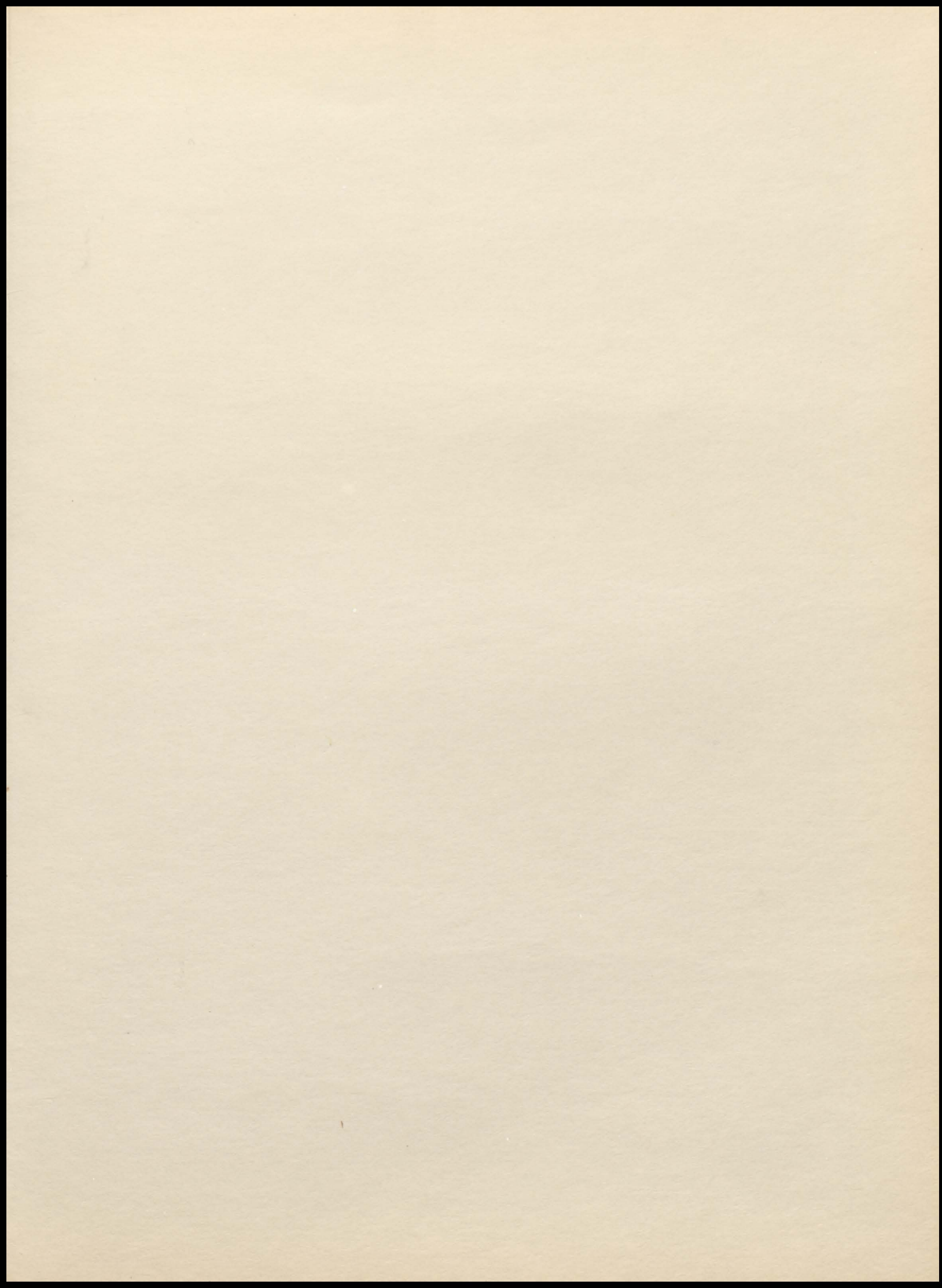
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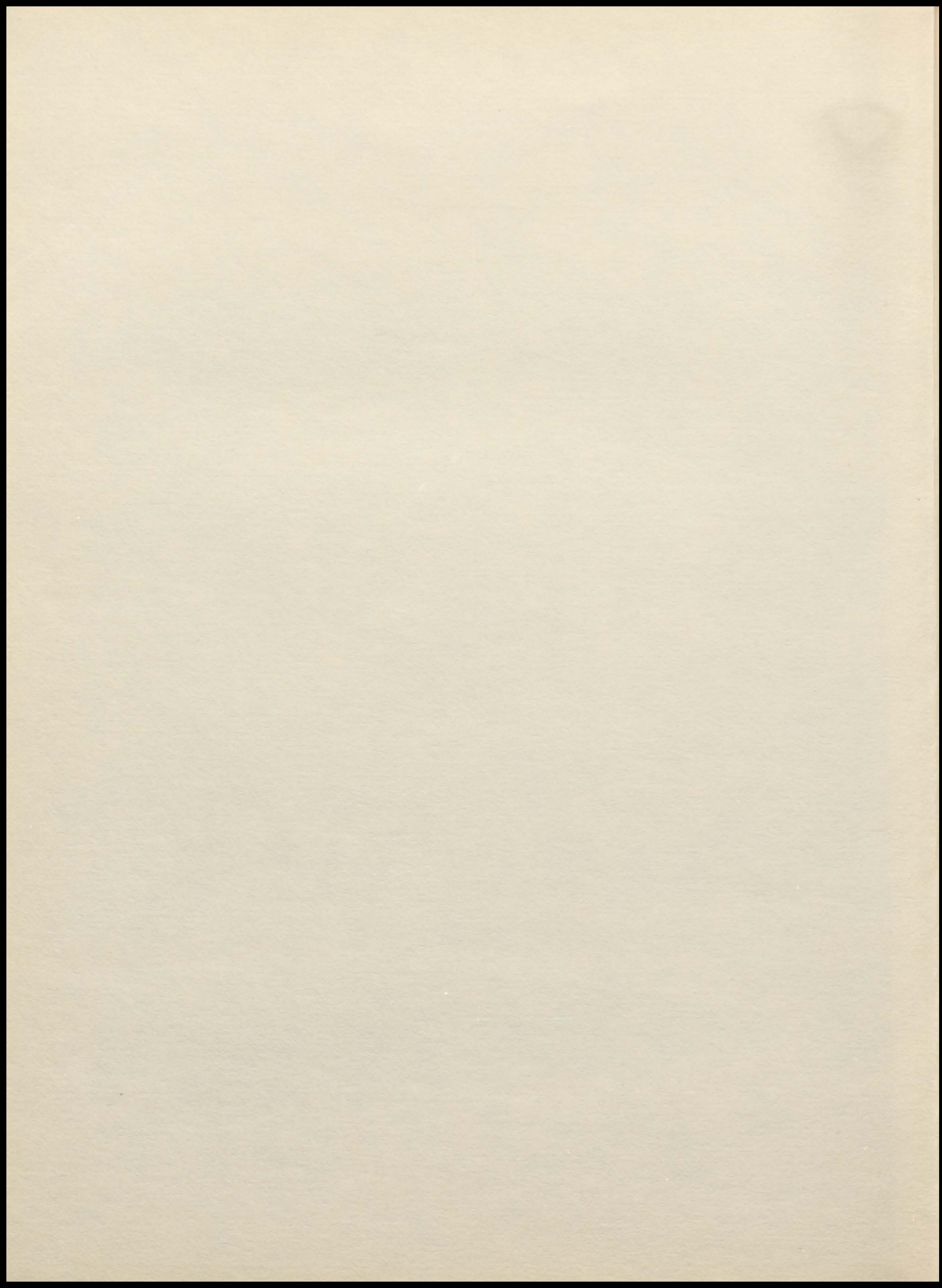


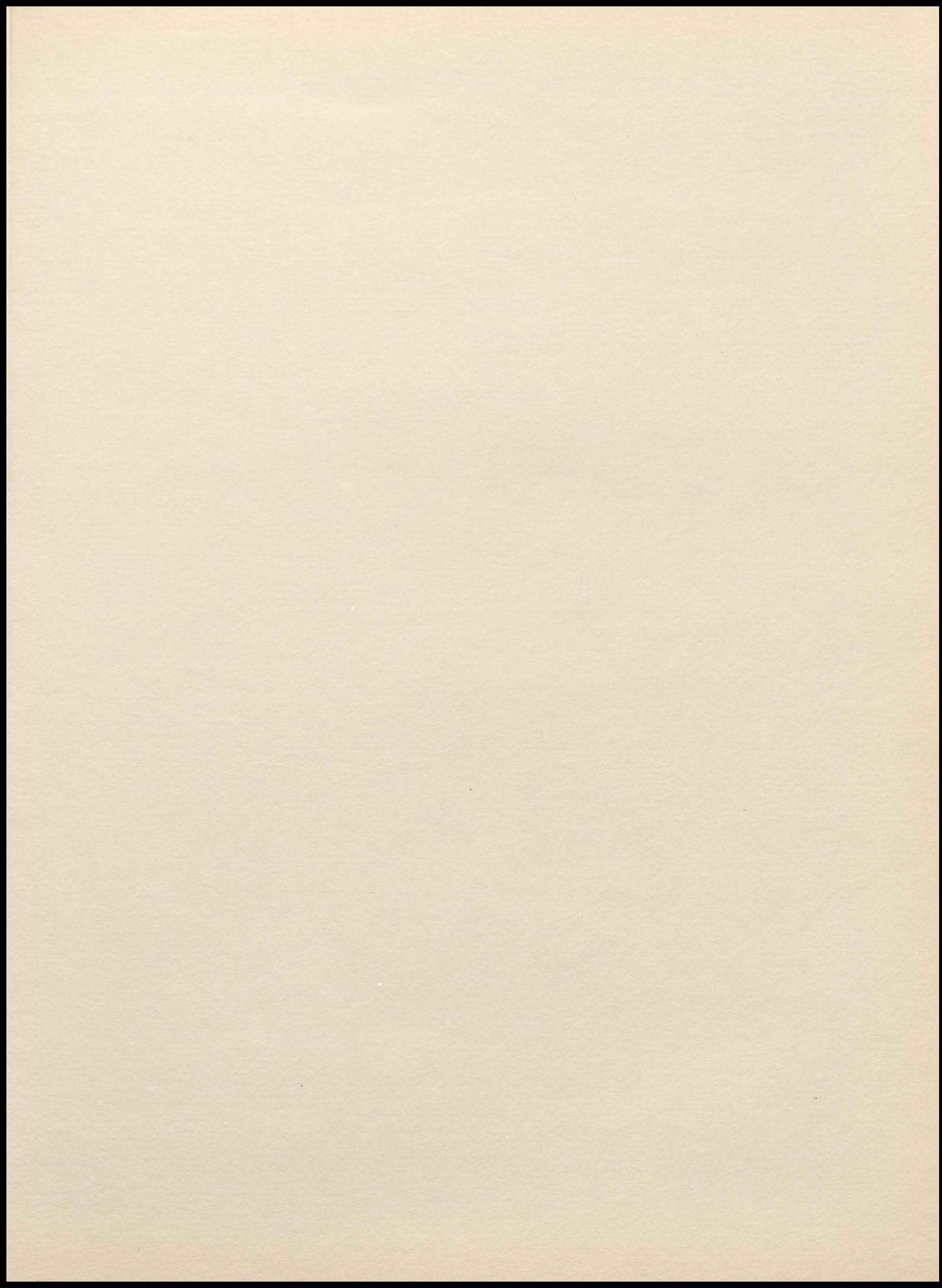
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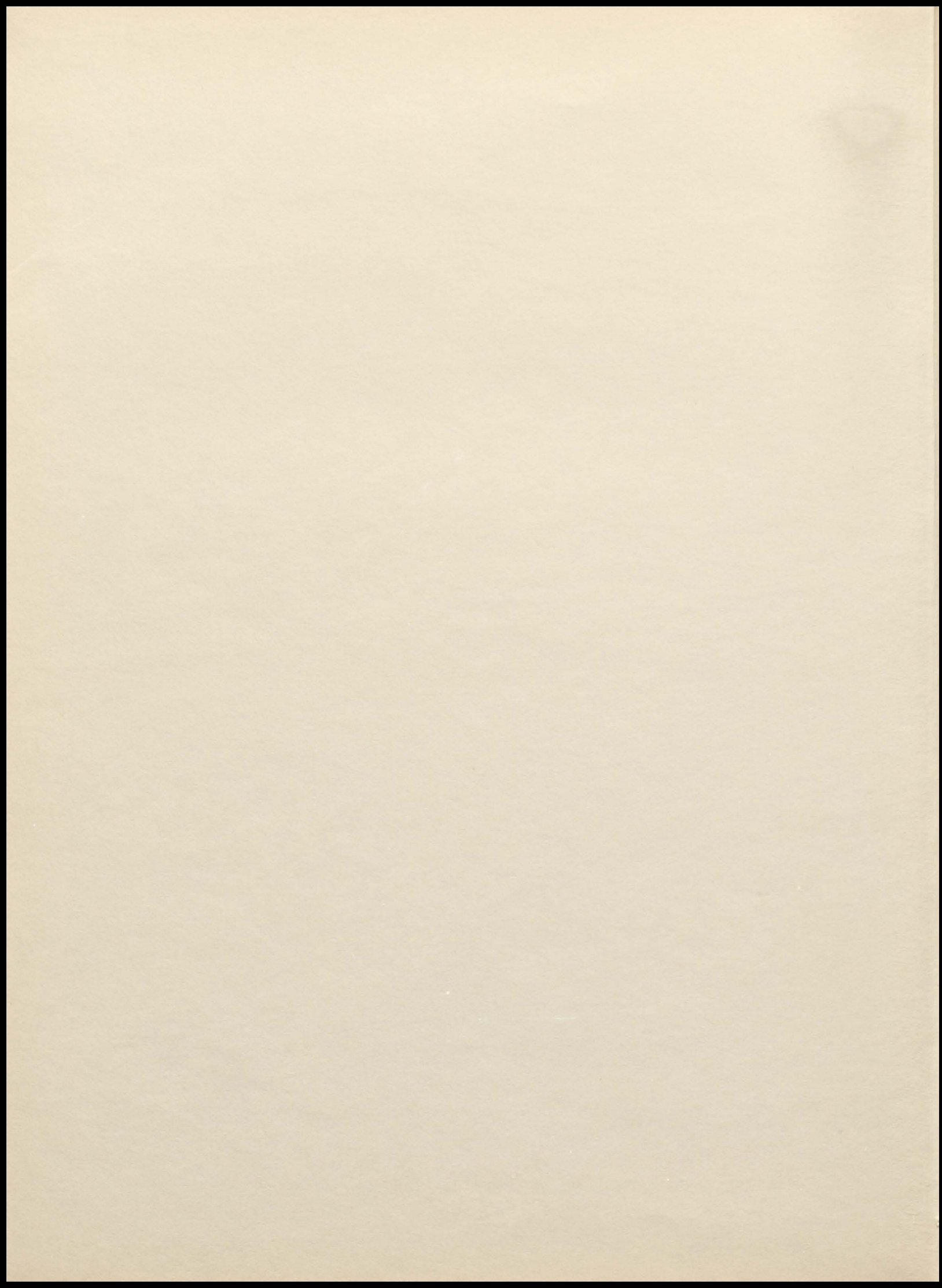
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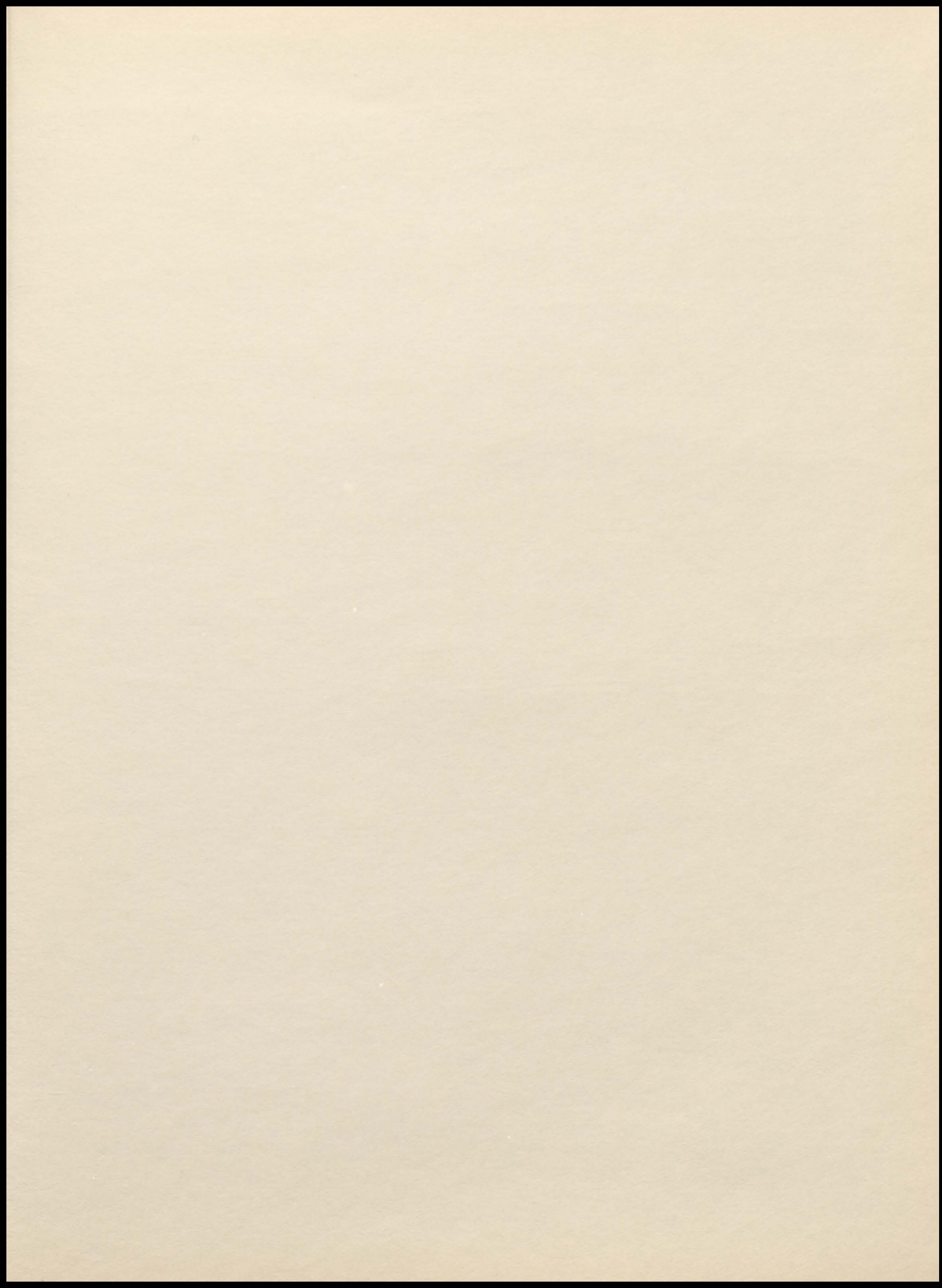
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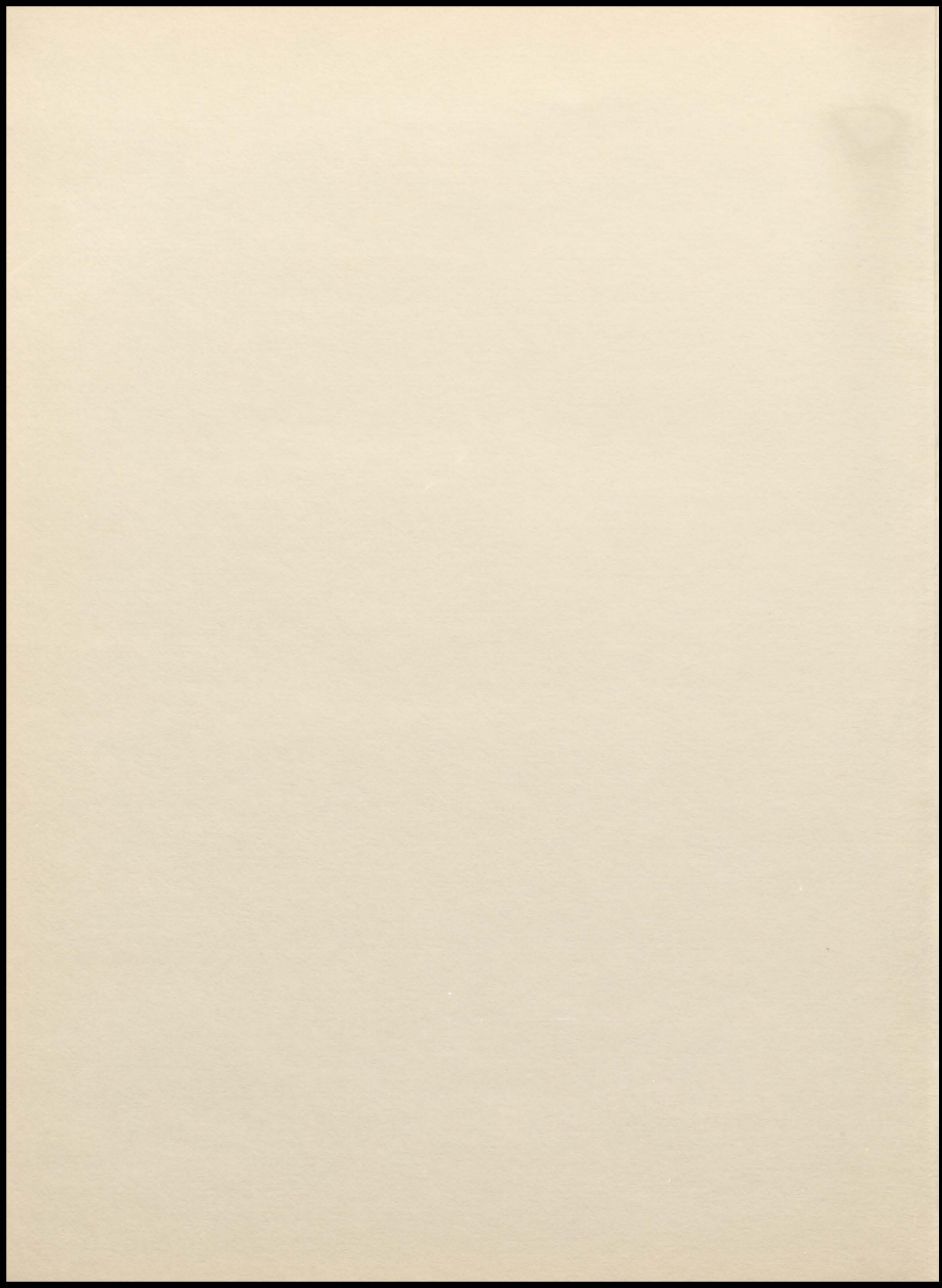


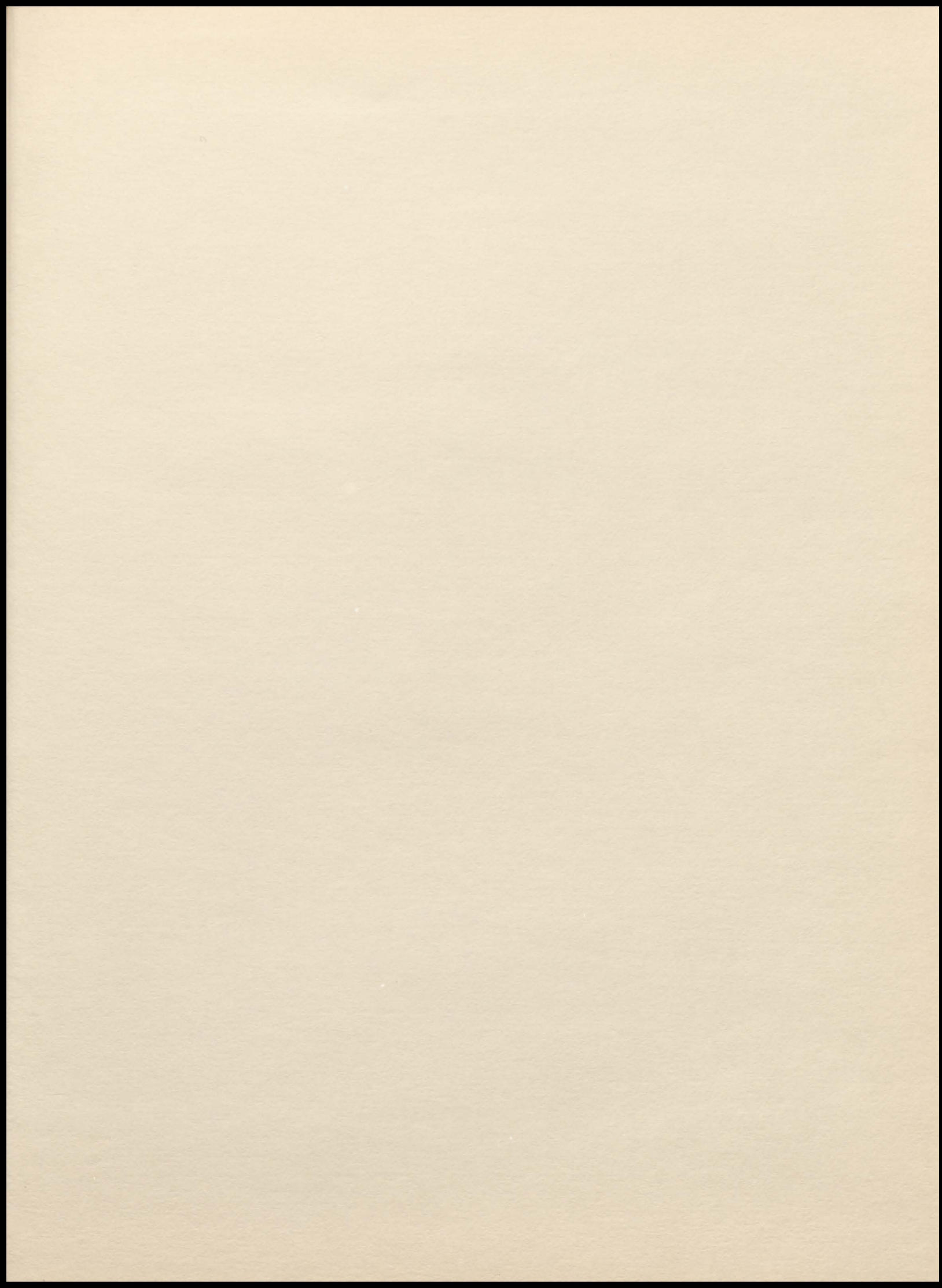


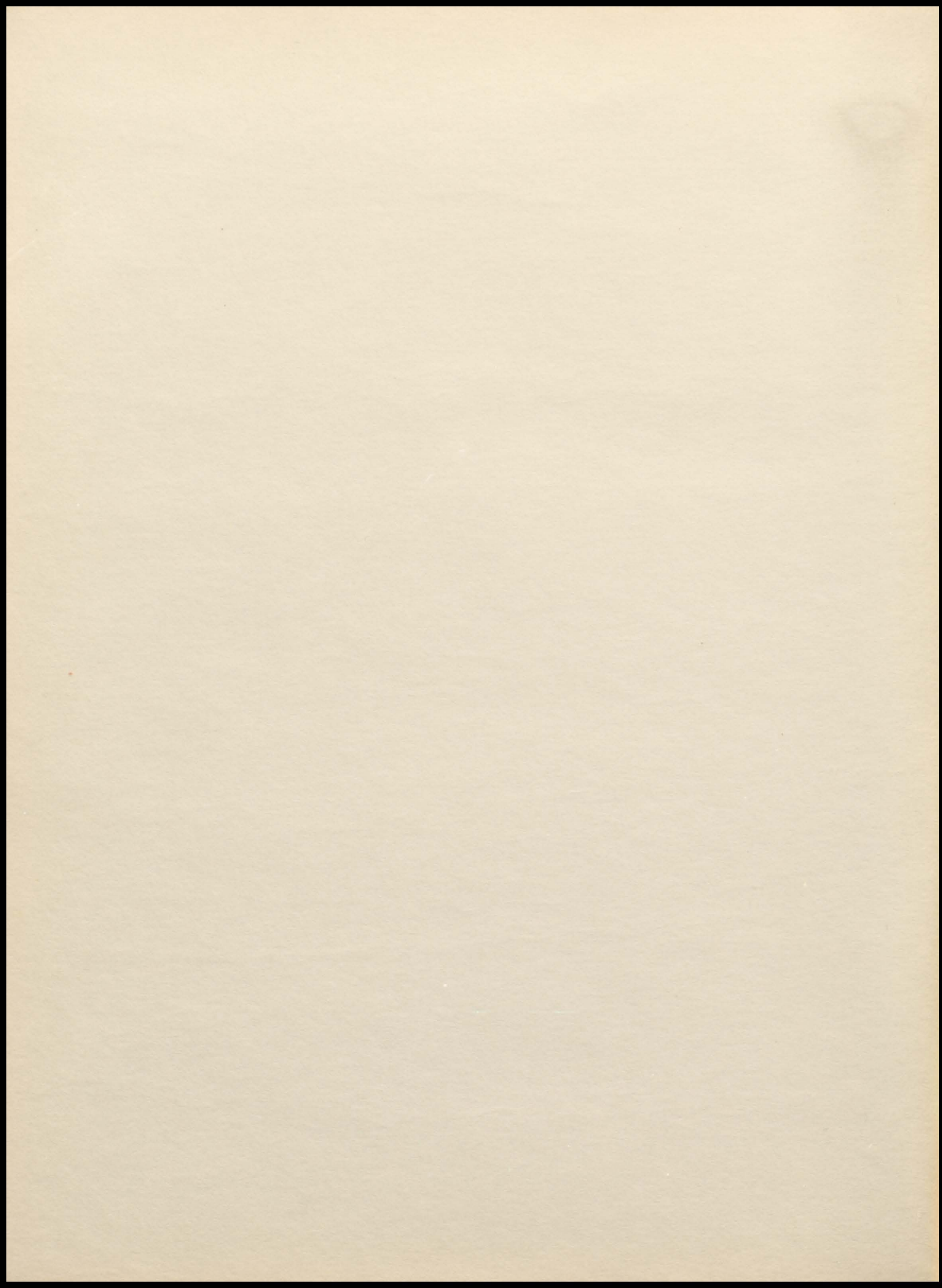


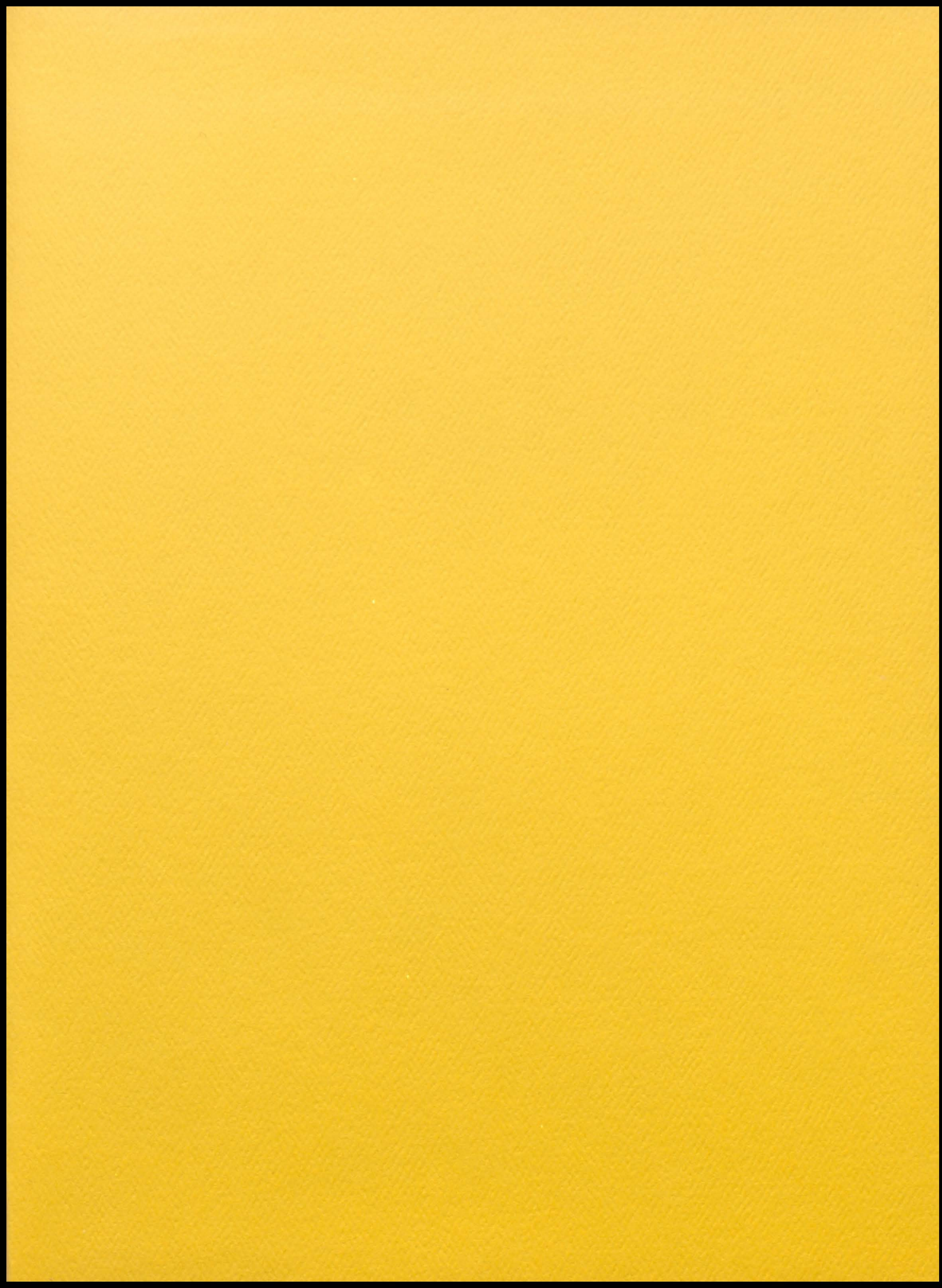


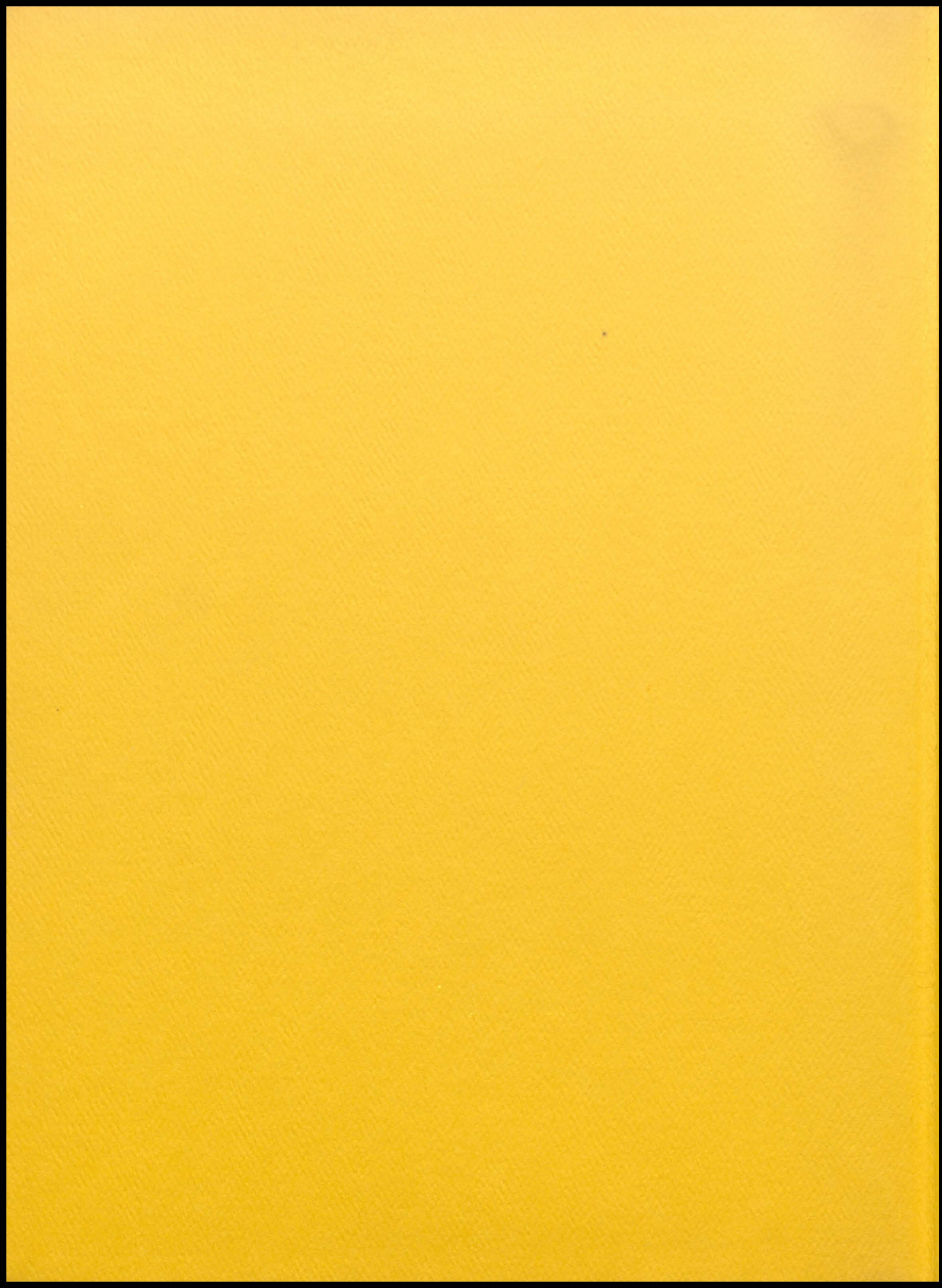














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