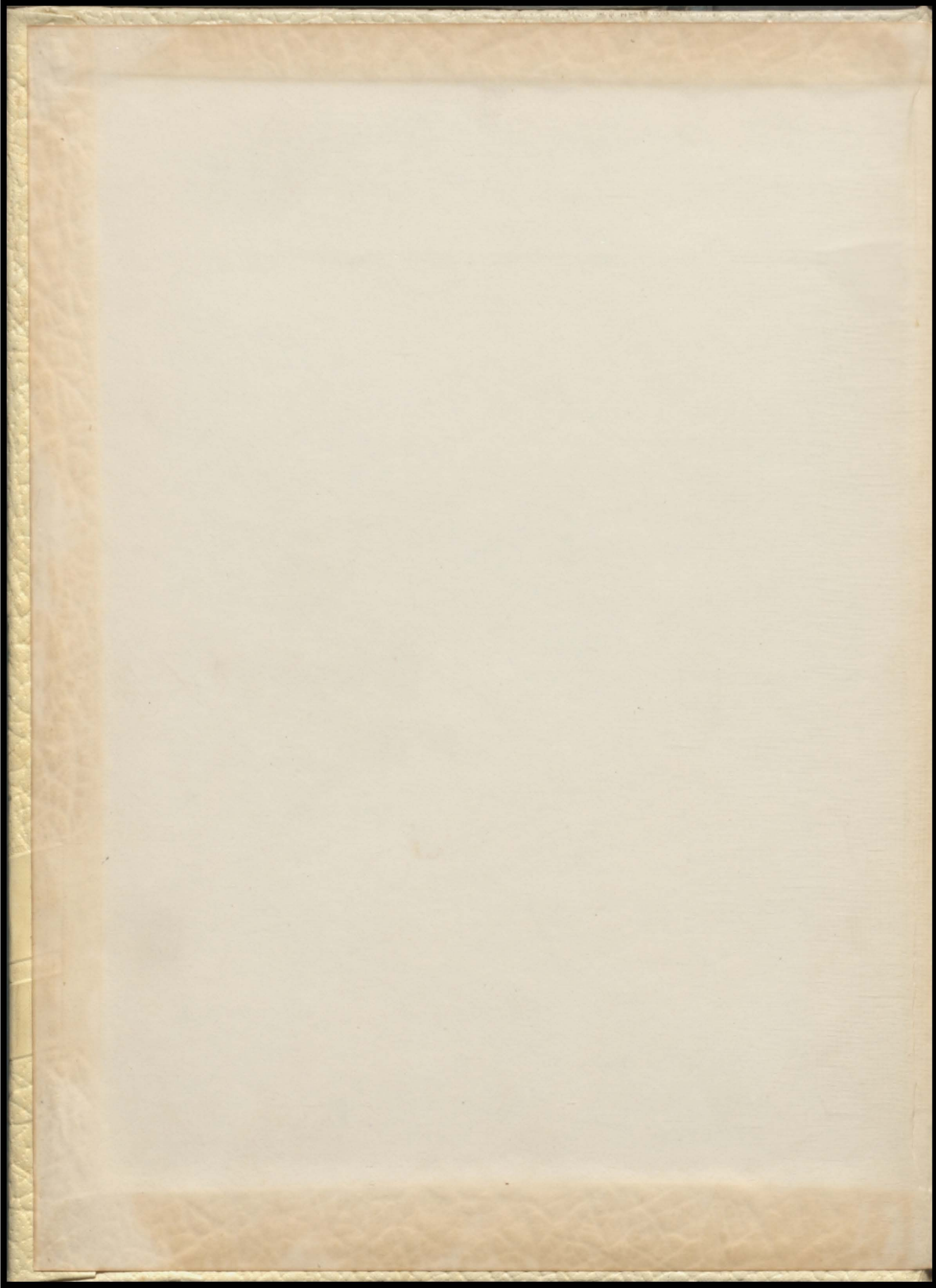
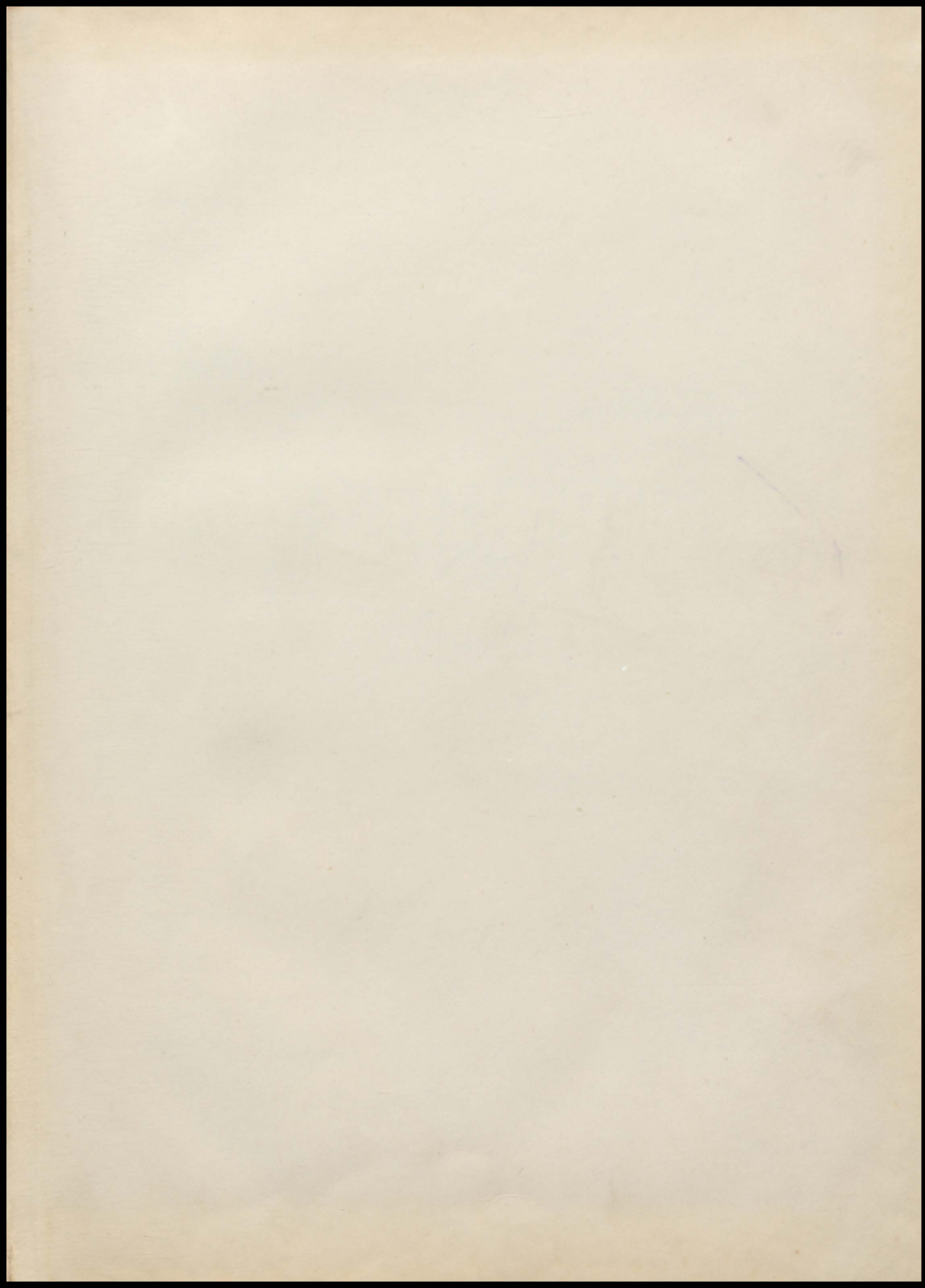


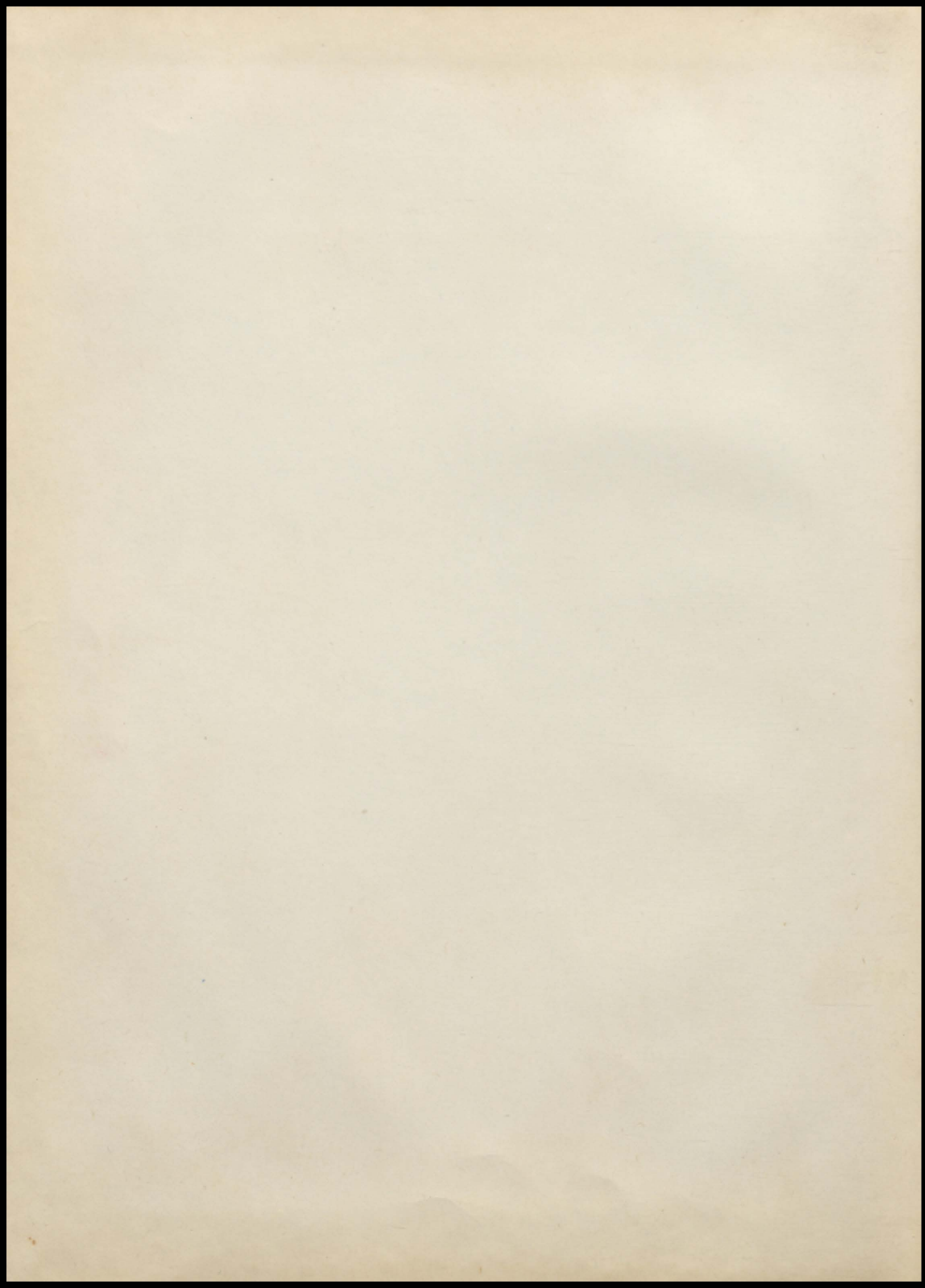


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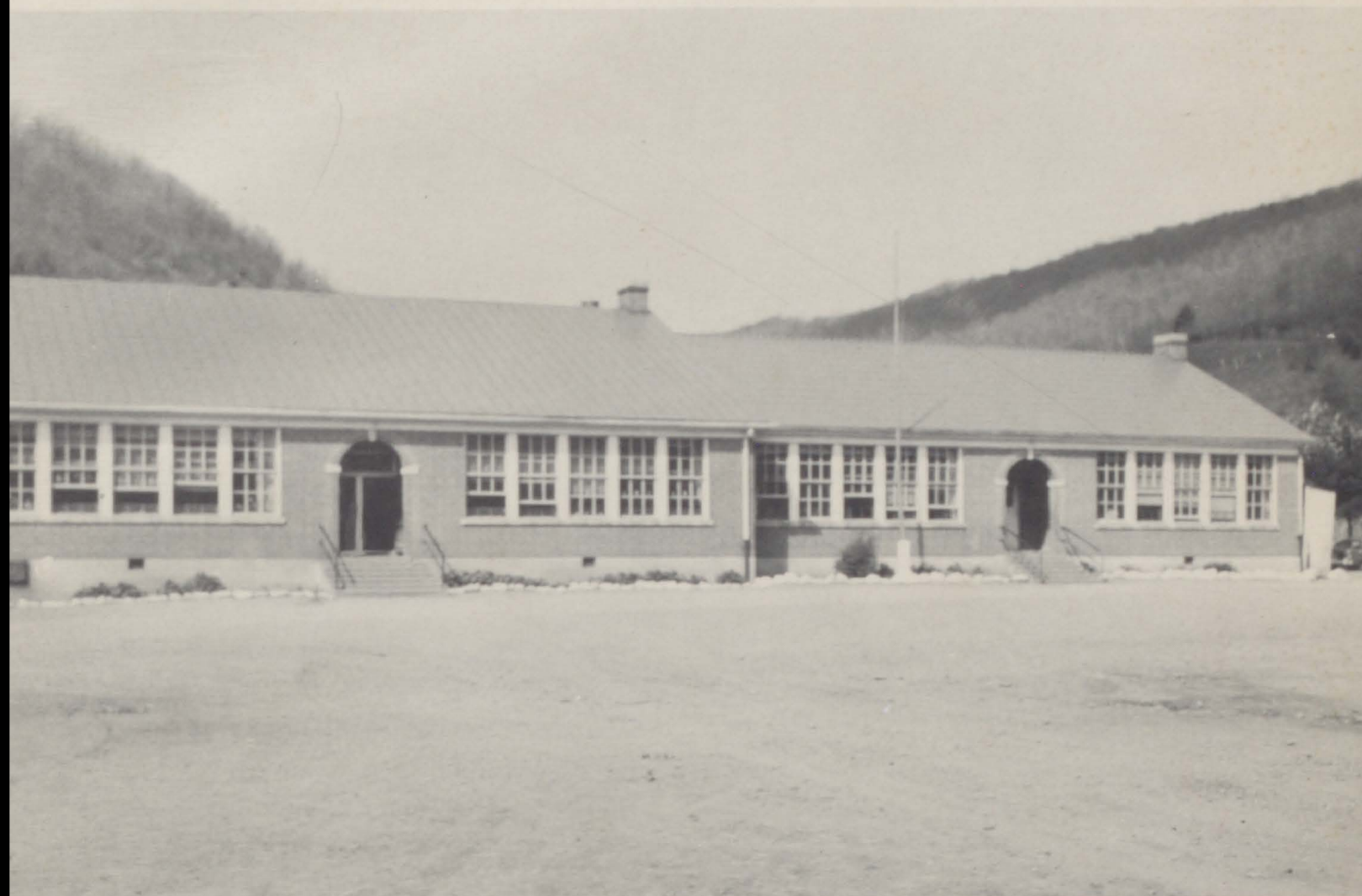
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ROCKY GAP HIGH SCHOOL
Rocky Gap, Virginia

FIRST EDITION



DEDICATION

We, the students of Rocky Gap High School, wish to dedicate this first volume of "The Rogahi" to Mrs. Rosa S. Gordon. We realize that the dedication of this book can never repay her for the many burdens that we have caused her to bear. With this dedication, we wish to express our thanks, and appreciation for her kindness and understanding and her never-failing interest in all the students of Rocky Gap High School.



PRINCIPAL

It would be almost impossible to attempt a further review of our school without first paying tribute to Mr. Updyke, our principal. Although this is his first year with us, we always find him busy trying to make improvements in our school. He always finds time to be a friend and advisor to every student. We deeply appreciate his interest and friendliness which is always needful in making any school year a success.



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Seniors

CLASS HISTORY

In September, 1949, thirty-six Freshmen started on their high school journey, but our happiness turned to sadness when we found that everyone looked down on us as "The awful Freshmen." We were not familiar with the daily routine of lessons.

Wonder if Charles Hare and Billy Shrader remember the many times that they transferred Mr. Mauldin's thoughts from Civics to Army life.

During this year we were unfortunate in losing Margaret Gunter, Douglas Hancock, Donnie Hart, Oakie Starling, Curtis Lester, Ruby Owens and Walter Sarver. With eight of our first year members missing we decided to carry the burden alone.

During our Sophomore year our Biology teacher taught us the art of pickling snakes and dissecting frogs. The girls felt highly honored to be able to serve at the Junior and Senior Banquet. It was at the end of our last semester that Lois French Burton decided that she had gained enough knowledge to become a housewife.

In our Junior year we decided that we needed dignity and distinction to distinguish us from "those Sophomores and Freshmen."

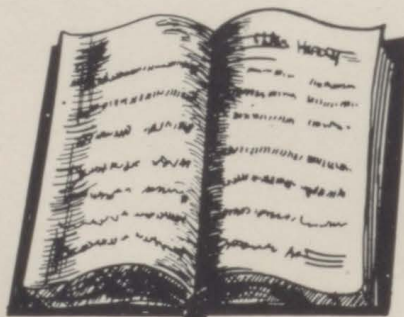
We received our class rings in January of our Junior year. Several received engagement rings, and class pins. We lost Lorraine Conley, Yvonne Bradshaw and Betty Lawson in our Junior year.

After our Junior year, we carried the name of "The Dignified Seniors."

As our Senior class stands now, we have two girls who have chosen themselves husbands. We were very sorry to lose one of our senior girls, Susie Smith. We now have nine boys and eleven girls.

Although we have had many hardships to endure, we will have to admit that probably some of the happiest days of our lives were those that we spent with our classmates at Rocky Gap High School.

Now as we face the future, we do not know what it holds in store for each of us. Though we may say "good-bye" to our classmates, our thoughts will always be with them in hopes that everything they endeavor to do may be crowned with success.





SENIOR OFFICERS

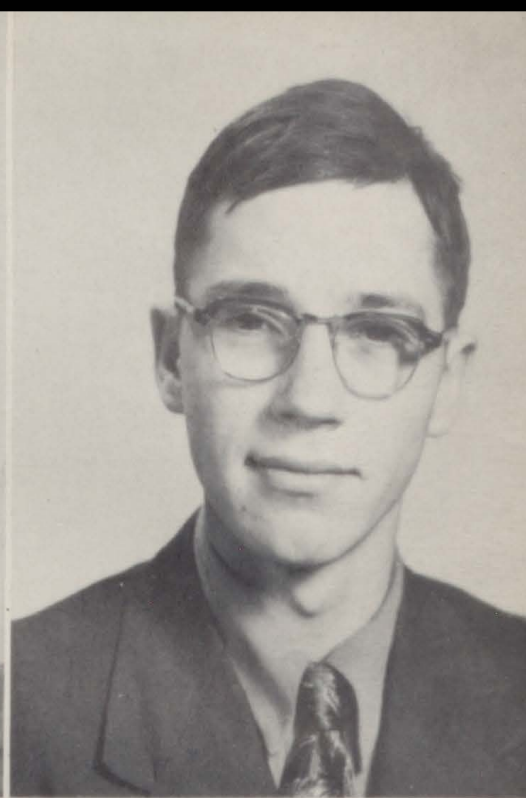
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'51-52.



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WILSON BELCHER
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ball '52-53.



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Class Salutarian; Class President
'53; Beta Club, Pres. '53; 4-H County
Council President '51; School Pianist
'50-53; Winner of Bankers' Speaking
Contest '50; Citizenship Award '51;
School Spirit and Public Speaking
Award '52.

SENIORS





CHARLES D. HARE
F. F. A. Reporter; 4-H; Public Speaking Award '51.



LORA GAY STINSON
4-H '50-51; Basketball '50-53; Softball '50-51.



EUGENE R. ANDREWS
F. F. A. '53; K. V. G. '53; Softball '52-53; Basketball '52-53.

1953



DORIS LOVELEEN HEILEMAN
Class Valedictorian; Class Vice-President '52-53; Editor, "Rogahi" '52-53; Home Ec. Honor Award '51.





PATSY JEAN PARKS
 Class President '50-51; Class Secretary '52-53; 4-H '50-52; F.H.A. '49-52--Vice President '50-51.



RUTH LANE
 Class Secretary '50-51; 4-H '50-52; F.H.A. '50-52; Songleader.



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 F.F.A. Treasurer '52-53; K.V.G. '51-53; F.F.A. '50-53.



DANIEL STOWERS
 Class Treasurer '52-53; K. V. G. '52-53; F.F.A. '49-53; Forestry Award '51; Forestry Editor '51-52.

SENIORS





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ZANE LOIS TURNER
Class Reporter '52-53; 4-H '50-52;
F.H.A. '50-52; Softball '52-53.



CORA ELLEN NUNN
Softball '52-53.

1953



PAUL TAYLOR
Class Vice-President '52; F.F.A. --
Secretary '51-52, President '52-53;
Assistant K.V.G. Leader; Winner of
1st--American Farm Youth Essay
Contest (Nat'l); 2nd--Swift & Co.
(Nat'l); 4th--Virginia Wildlife Essay
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FREDA YVONNE SIMPKINS
4-H '50-52; F.H.A. '50-52; Basket-
ball '50-53; Softball '50-53.



BILLY GENE SHRADER
4-H; K.V.G. '50-53; Softball '52.



ROSELLA SARVER
4-H '50-51; Softball '50-53; Basket-
ball '52-53.



RICHARD GREGORY
Class Secretary '51-52; F.F.A.
Vice-President '52-53, Federation
President '53; K.V.G. Leader '50-
52.

SENIORS 1953





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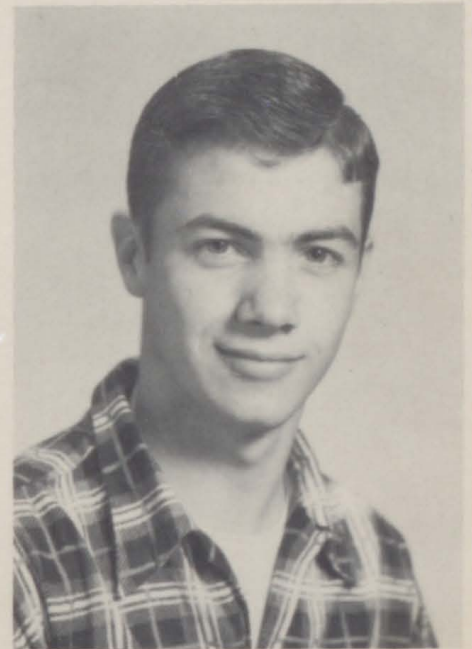
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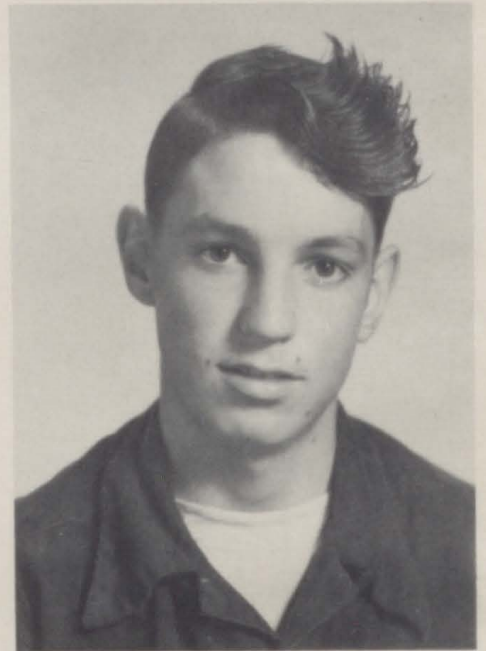
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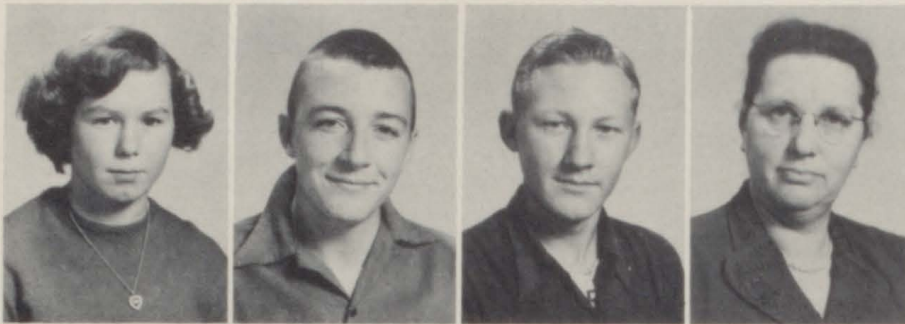


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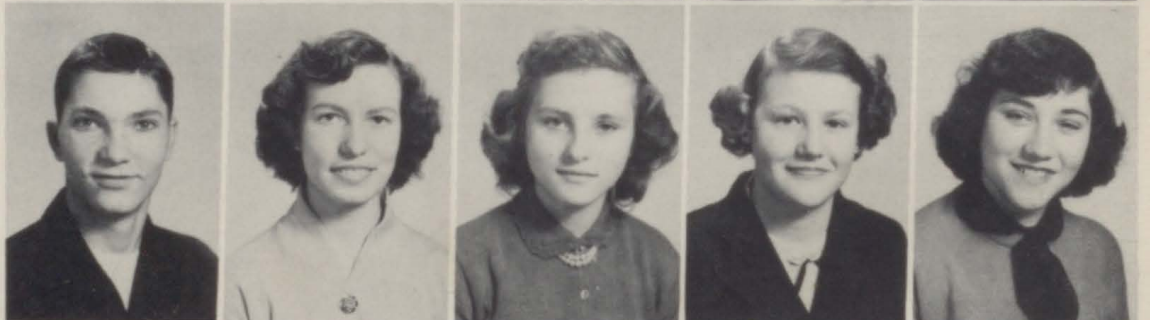


Nellie Lockhart
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Jimmy Shrader
Janice Simpkins
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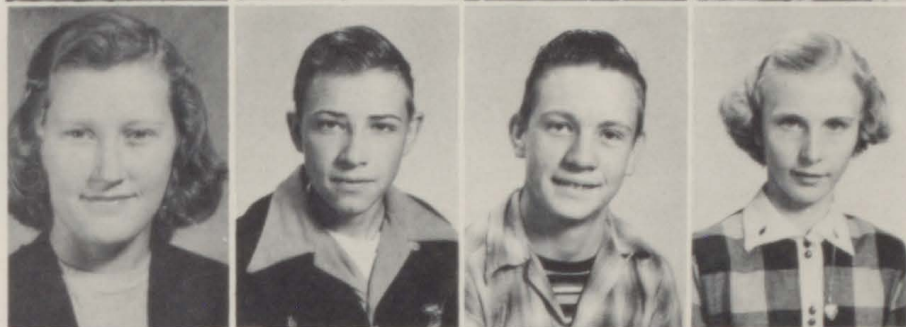


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 Pearl Blankenship
 Phyllis Clark
 June Gail Conley



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 Oren Gregory
 Billy Hull
 Phyllis Kimberline



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 Joyce Lambert
 Juanita Lawson
 Barbara Lindamood



Glorena Looney
 Richard Mills
 Reeda Nelson
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 Peggy Parks



Lillian Radford
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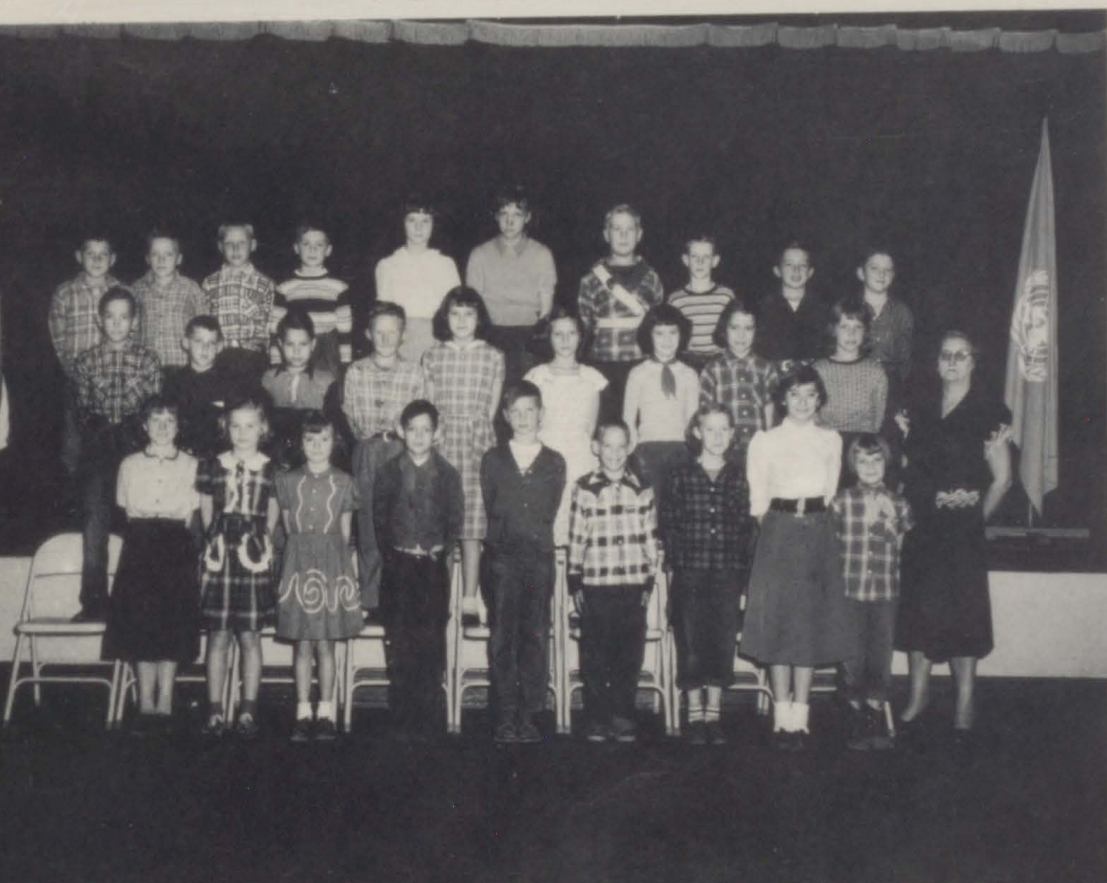
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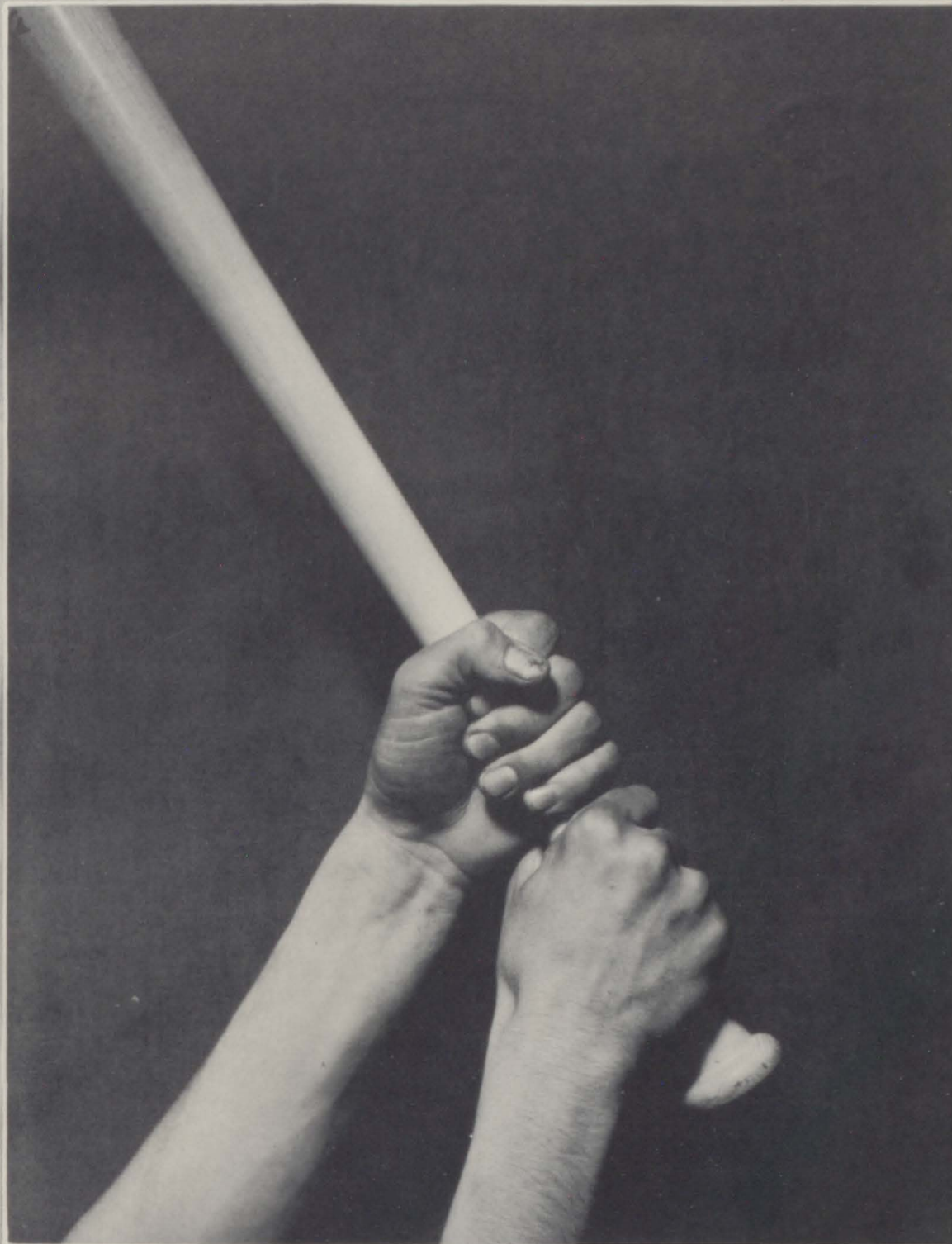
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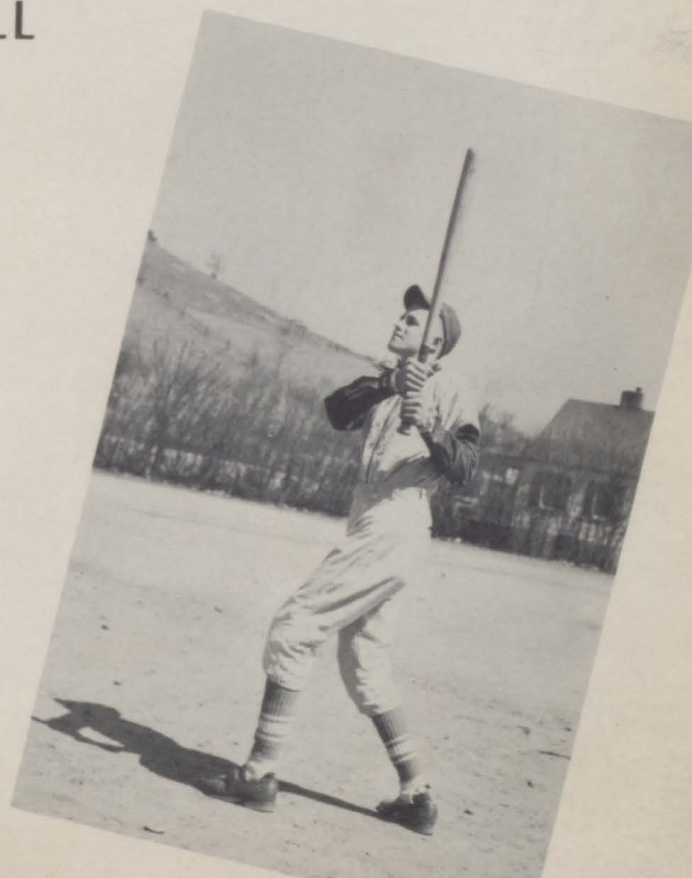
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Front: L. B. Tolbert; Richard Gregory; Raymond DeHart; Bud Childress; Dallas Looney; Wilson Belcher; Back: Mr. Porterfield; Gene Tiller; Lewis Lane; Gene Andrews; Charles Hare; Daniel Stowers; O. K. Spence; and Mr. Updyke.

BASEBALL





VARSIY SOFT BALL

Front: Freda Simpkins--short stop; Zane Turner--short field; Rosella Sarver--Pitcher; Iris Harless--Second Base; Cora Ellen Nunn--Left Field, Back: Shirley Turner--Third Base; Juanita Bradshaw--Center Field; Janice Simpkins--Catcher; Peggy Hutchinson--First Base; Shirley Steele--Right Field.

GIRLS' SOFTBALL

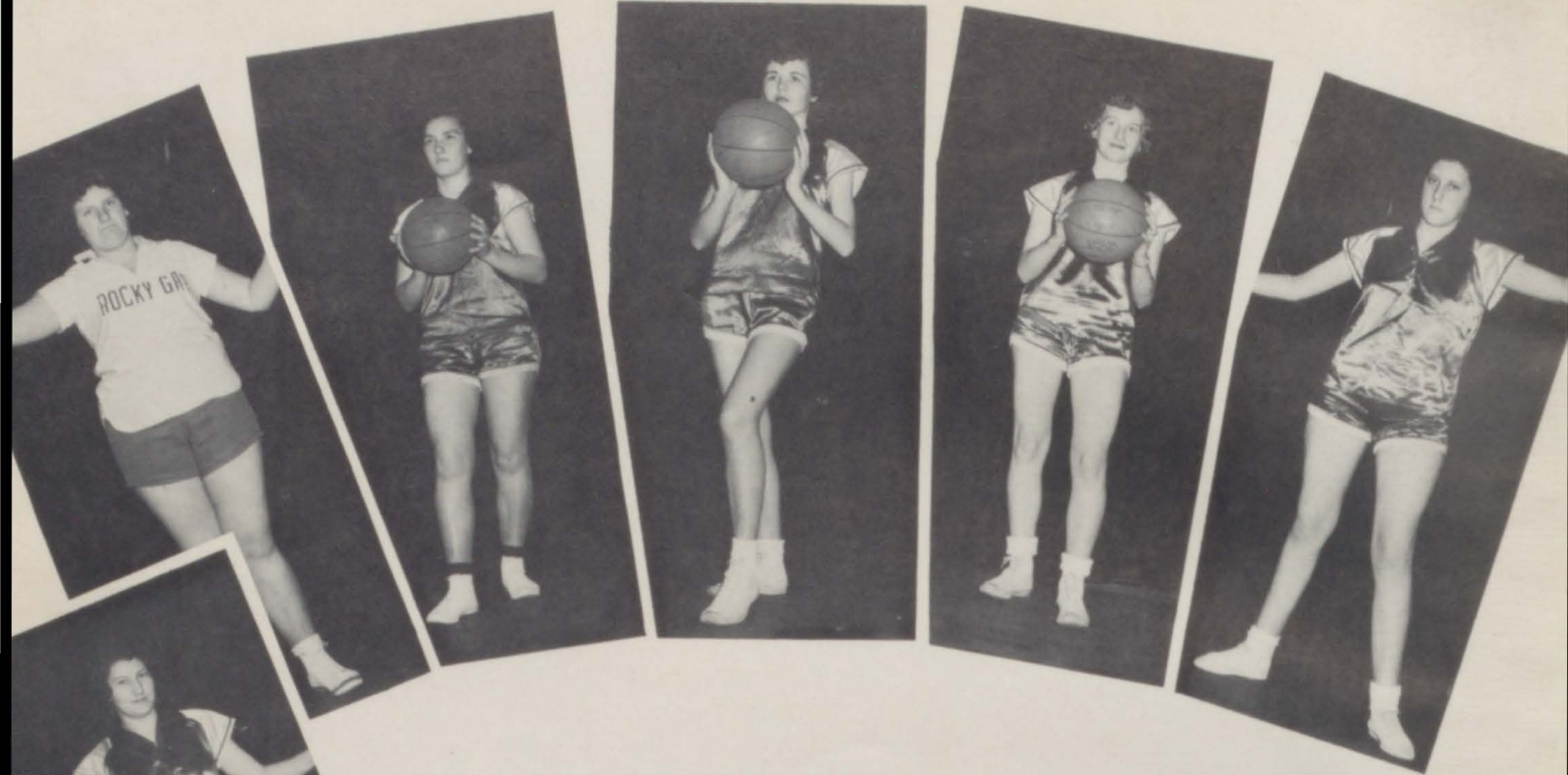




BOYS' SOFTBALL

Front: L. B. Tolbert-Pitcher; Richard Gregory-Left Field; O. K. Spence-First Base; Lewis Lane-Center Field; Raymond DeHart-Catcher; Back: Charles Hare-Third Base; Jackie Stowers-Sub; Gene Andrews-Short Stop; Dallas Looney-Right Field; Gene Tiller-Sub. and Mr. Porterfield, Coach.

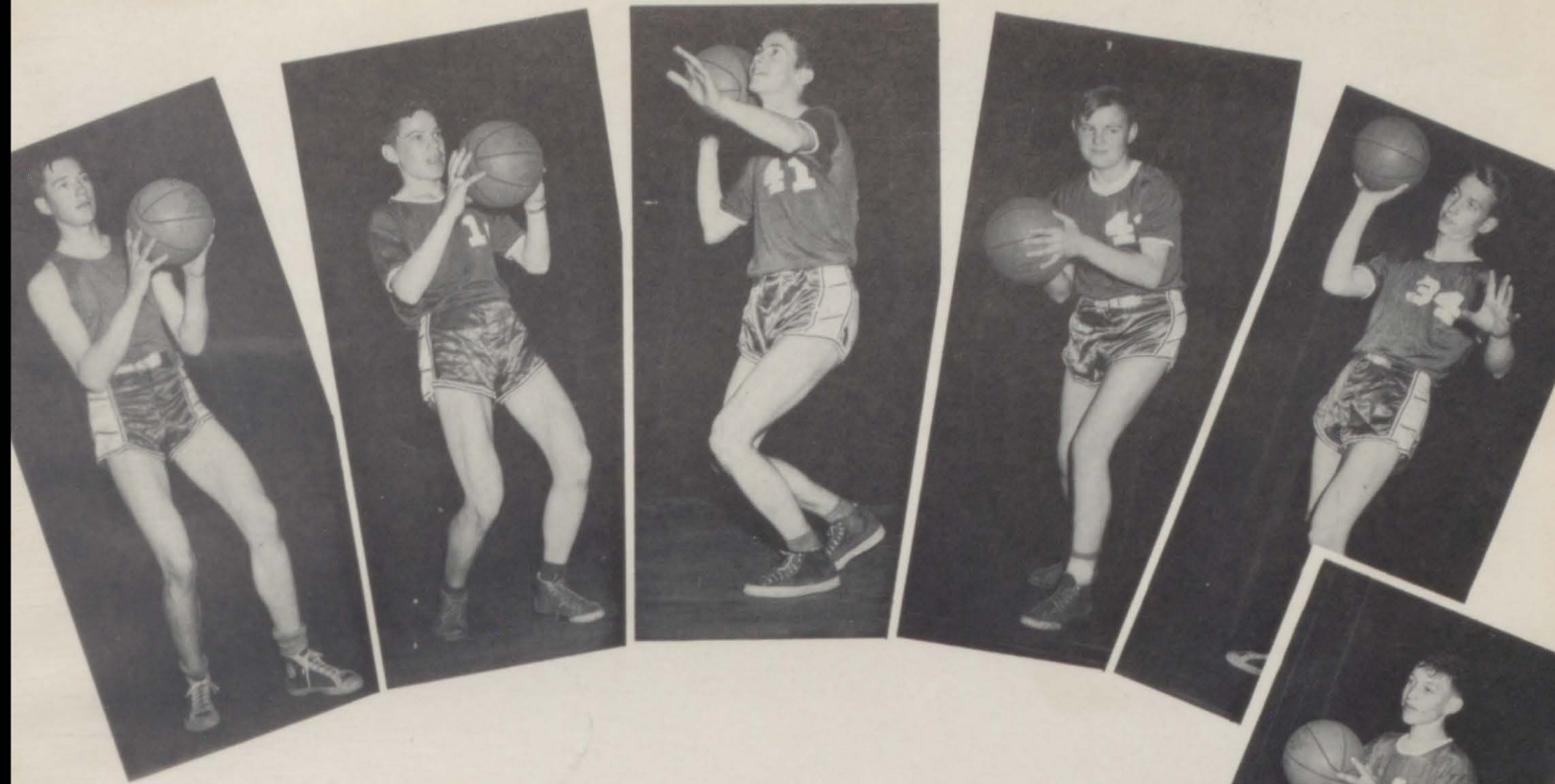




BASKET

Front: Lora Gay Stinson, Billy Jean Walters, Shirley Steele, Peggy Hutchinson, Rosella Sarver, Freda Simpkins. Back: Lillian Radford, Virginia Richardson, Janice Simpkins, Frances Looney, Peggy Weddle, Barbara Stowers, June Gayle Conley.





BALL

Front: Richard Gregory, O. K. Spence, L. B. Tolbert, Jackie Stowers,
 Back: Rod Andrews, Donnie Walters, Wilson Belcher, Buck Lane, Gene
 Tiller.



GIRLS FRESHMAN TEAM



Front: June Gale Conley, Phyllis Clark, Juanita Bradshaw, Virginia Richardson, Lillian Radford, Billy Jean Walters. Back: Mr. Walter Porterfield, Coach; Stella Stowers, Glorena Looney, Betty Lambert, Shirley Stowers, Janice Simpkins, and Peggy Weddle.

FRESHMEN - SOFTBALL - SOPHOMORE

Front: Buck Lane, Jackie Stowers, Gene Tiller, Raymond DeHart, Back: Garland Updyke, Coach; Donald Stowers, Dallas Looney, Donald Walters, Oren Gregory, and Richard Mills.

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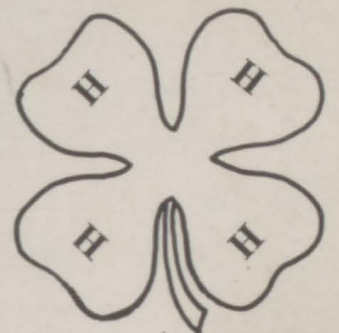


Buddy Carroll, Patsy Parks, Mary Jane Umbarger, Walter Porterfield, Doris Heileman, Bobby Moses, Peggy Hutchinson, Paul Taylor, Shirley Steele, (Not Pictured) Betty Joyce Blessing, Typist.

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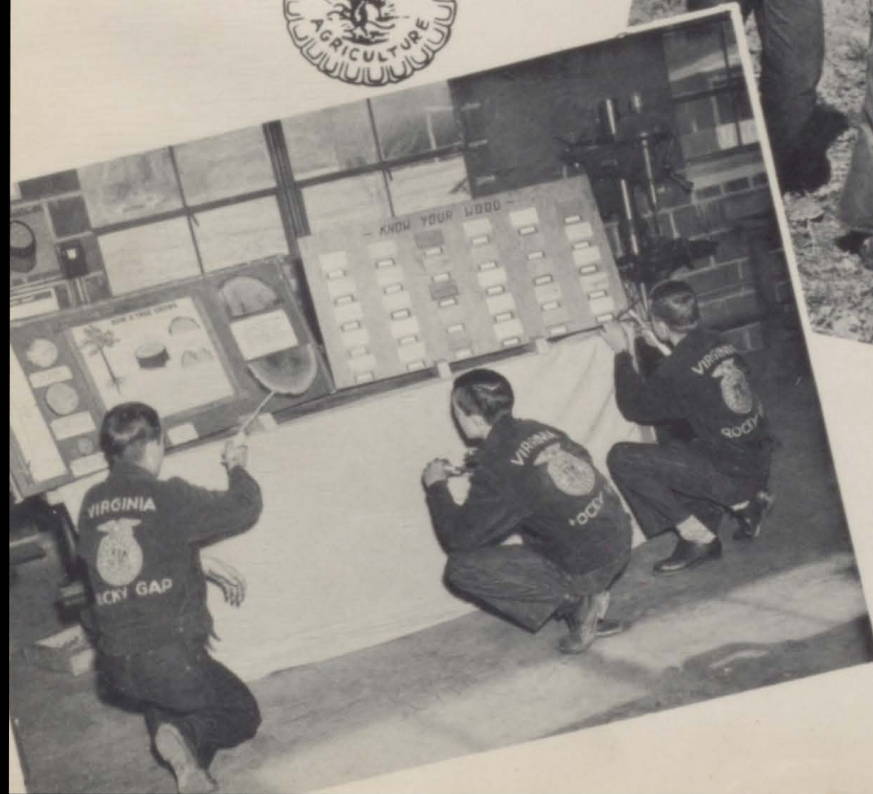
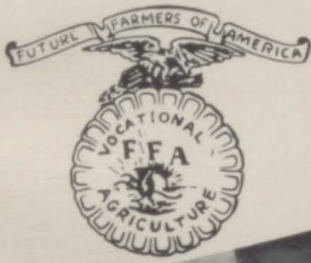
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F.F.A.



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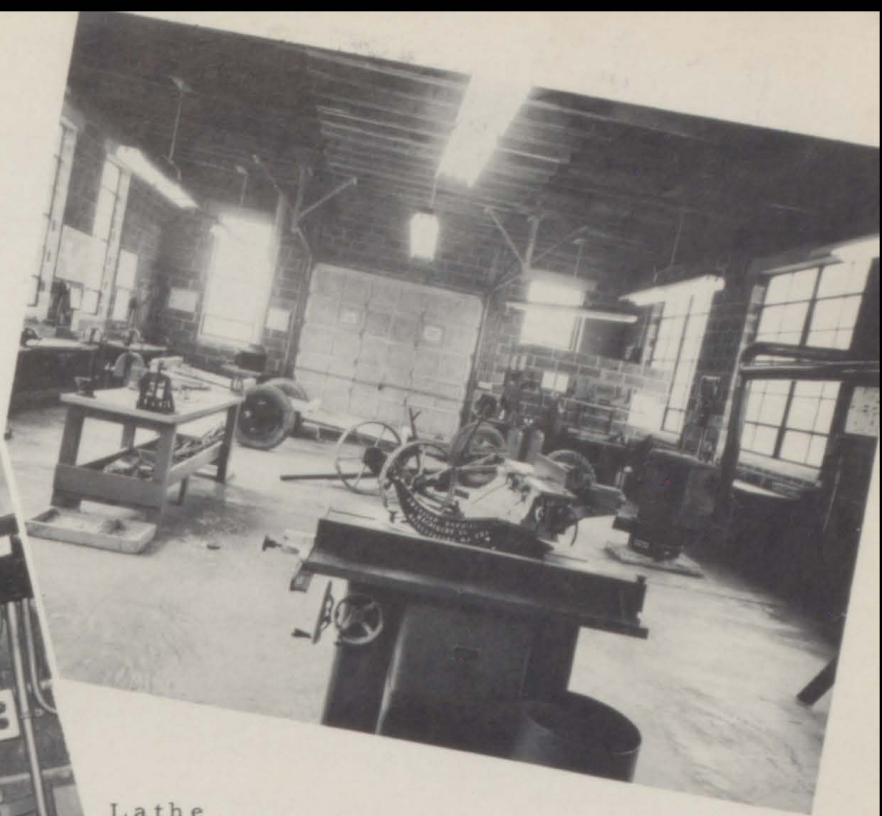
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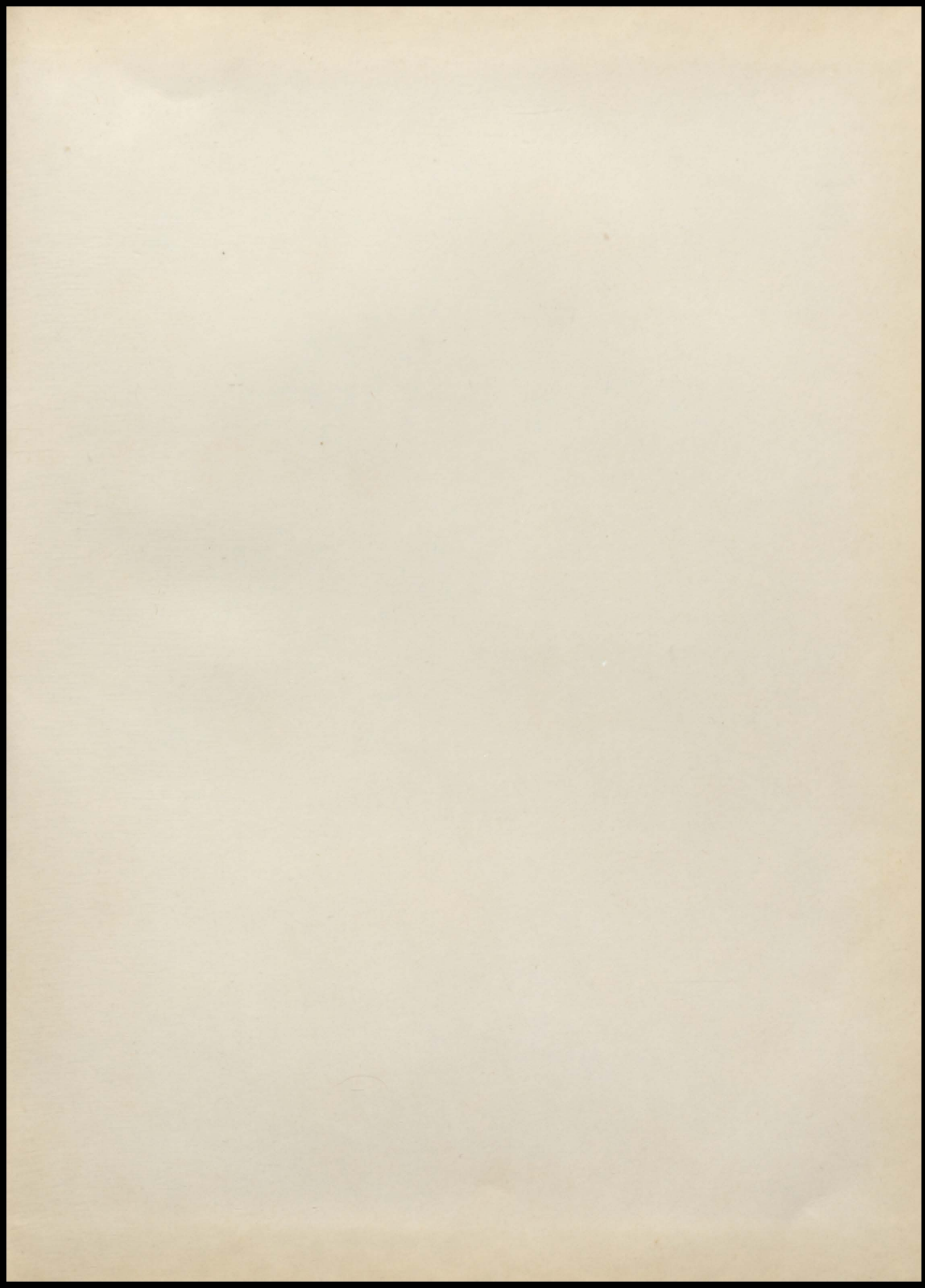
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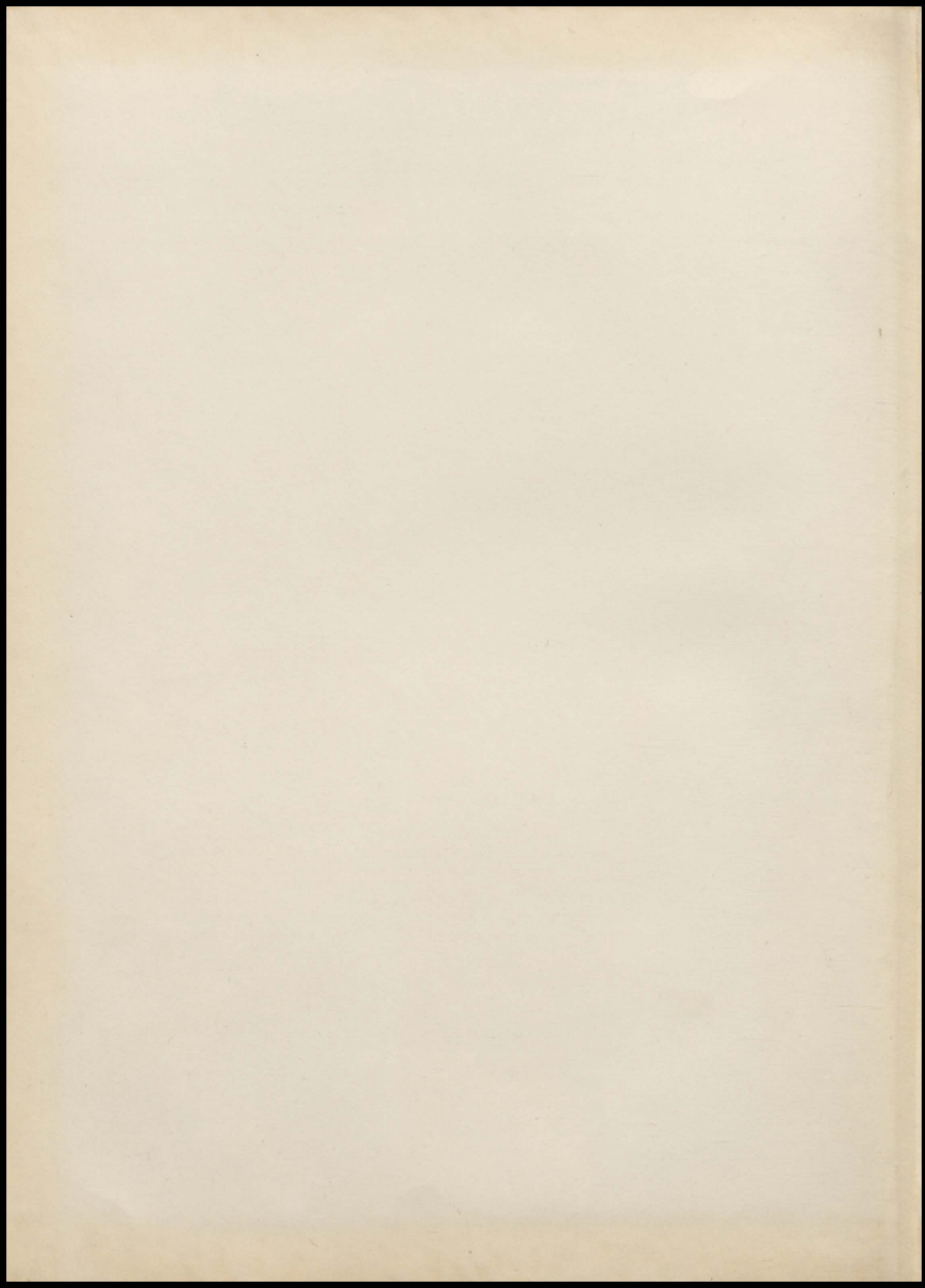
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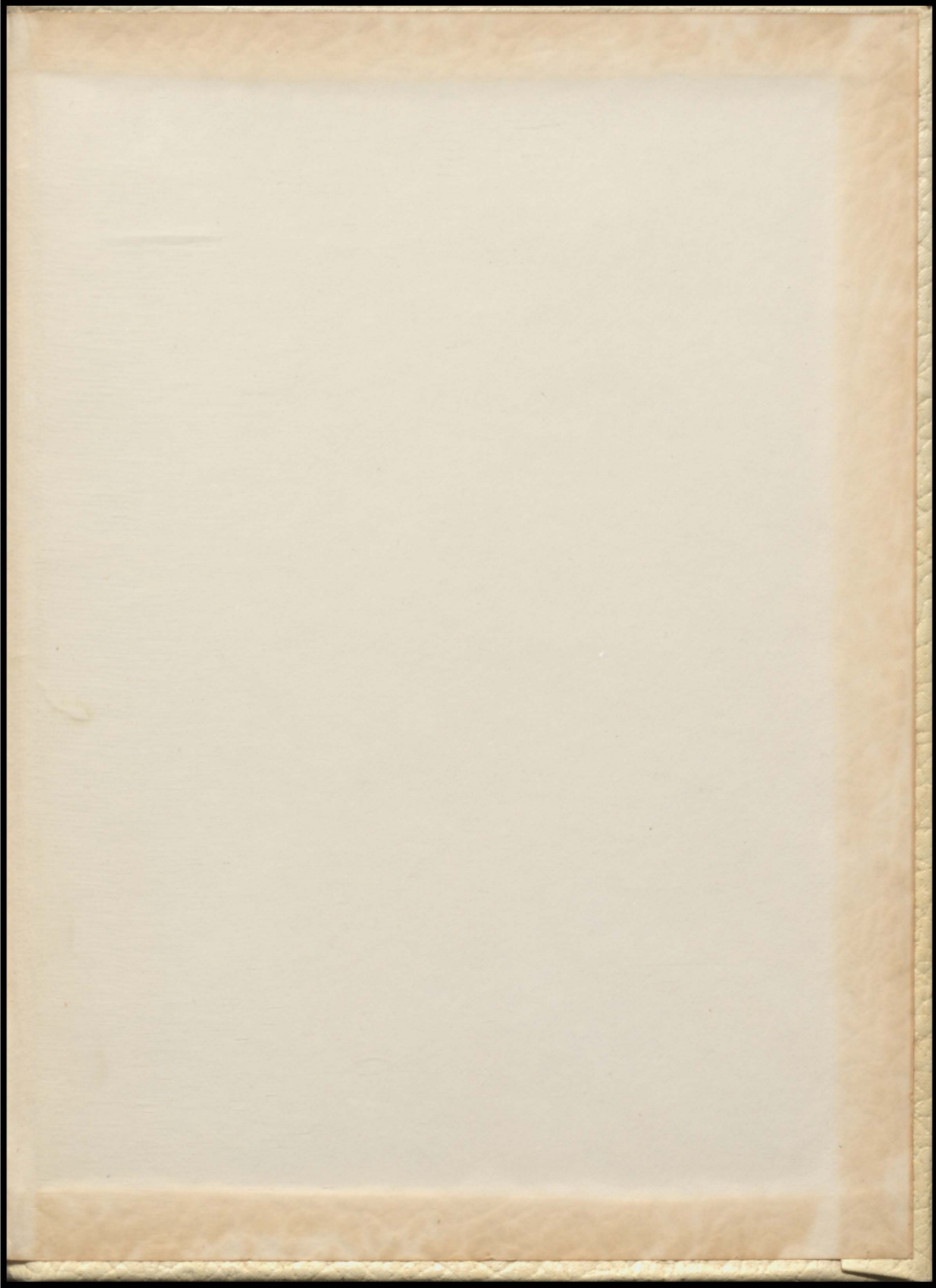
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