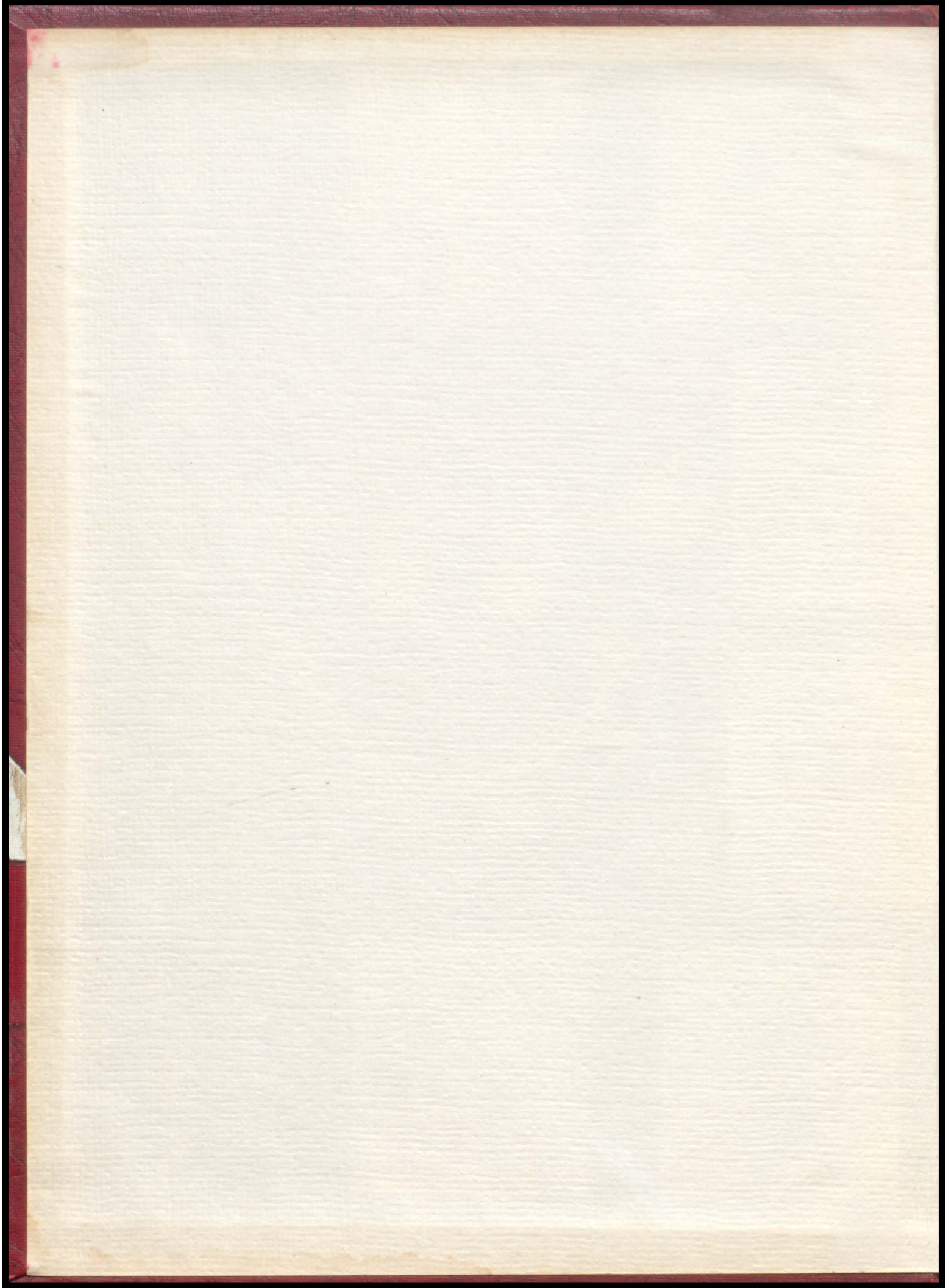
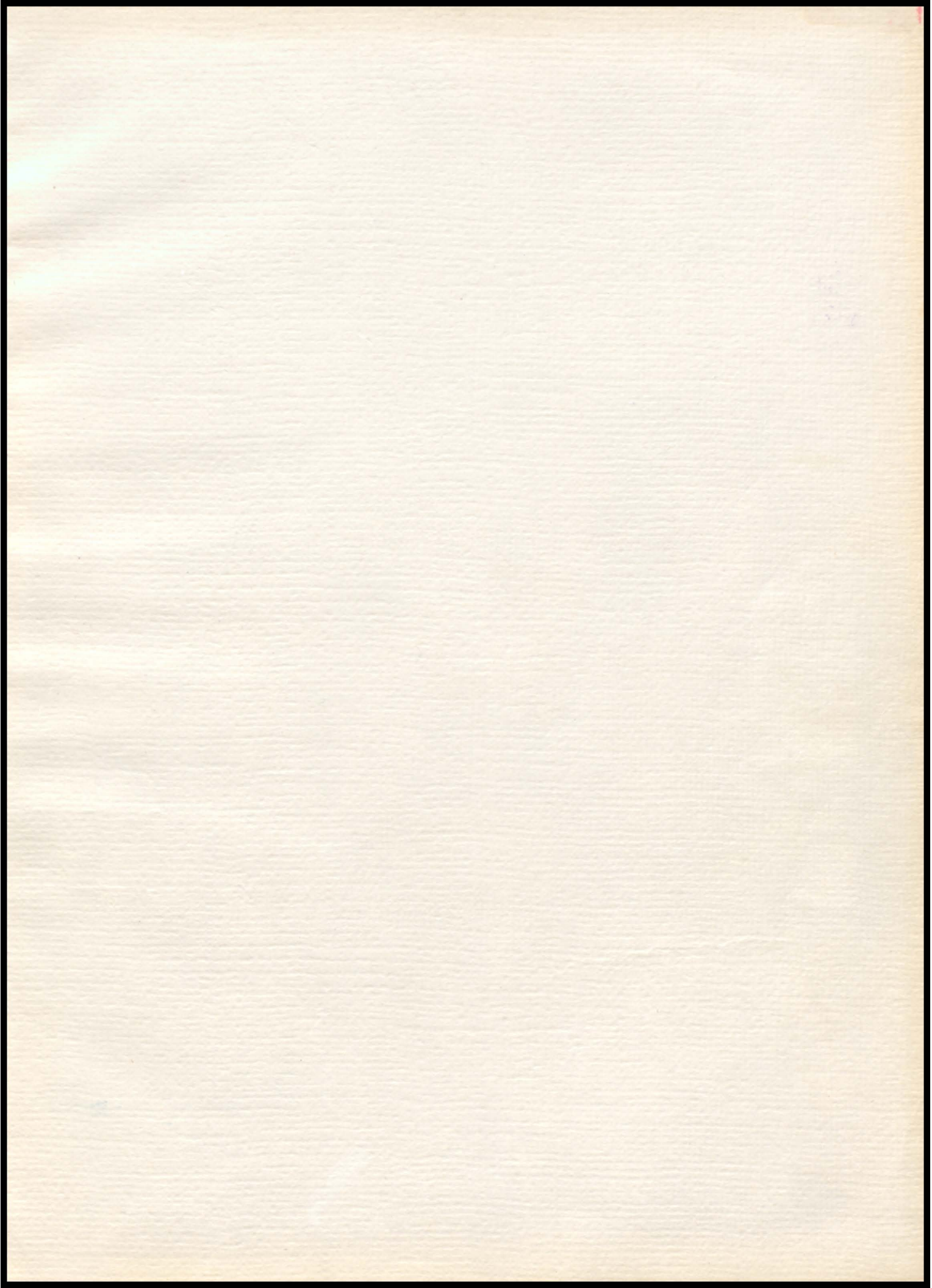
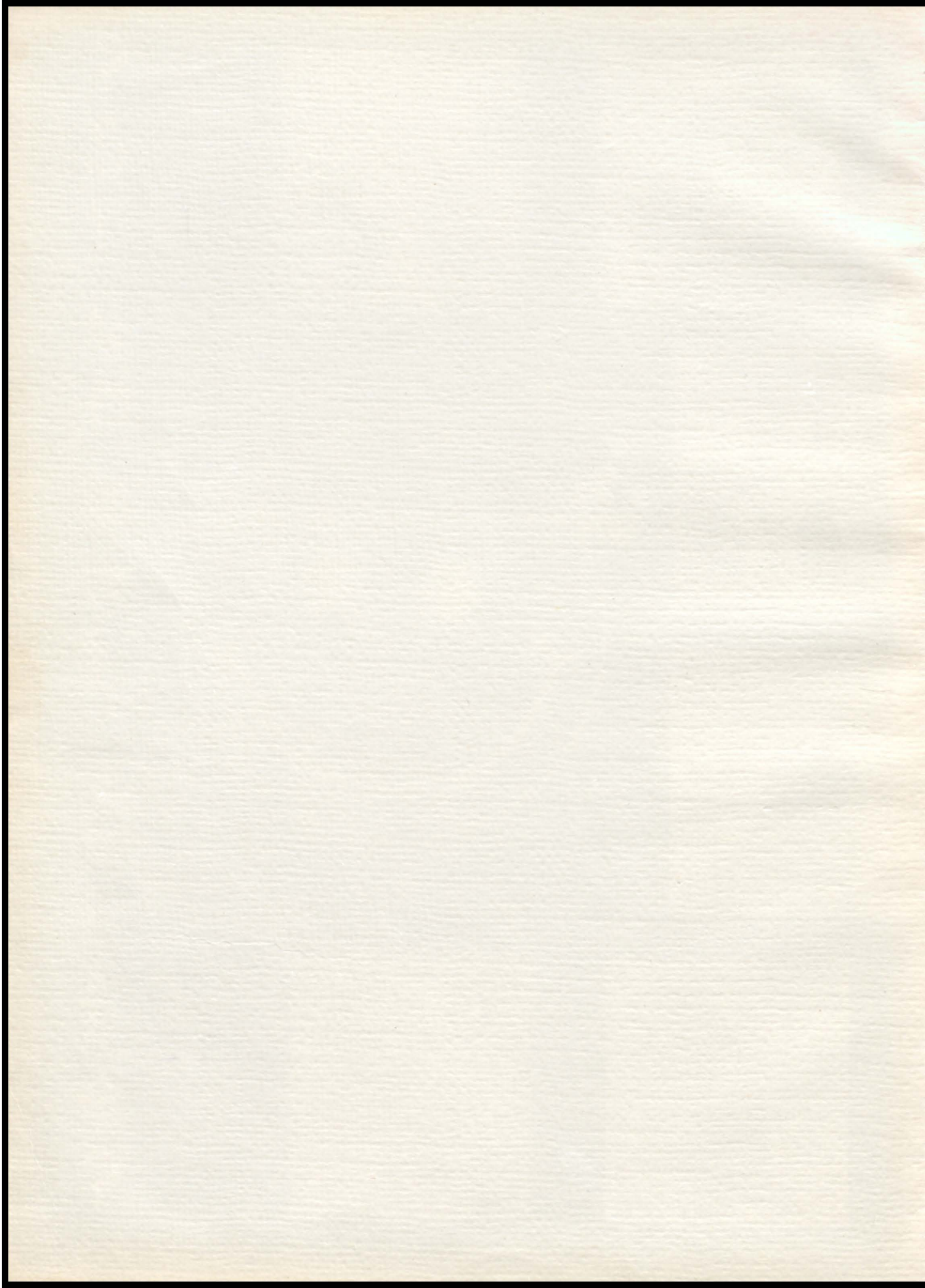


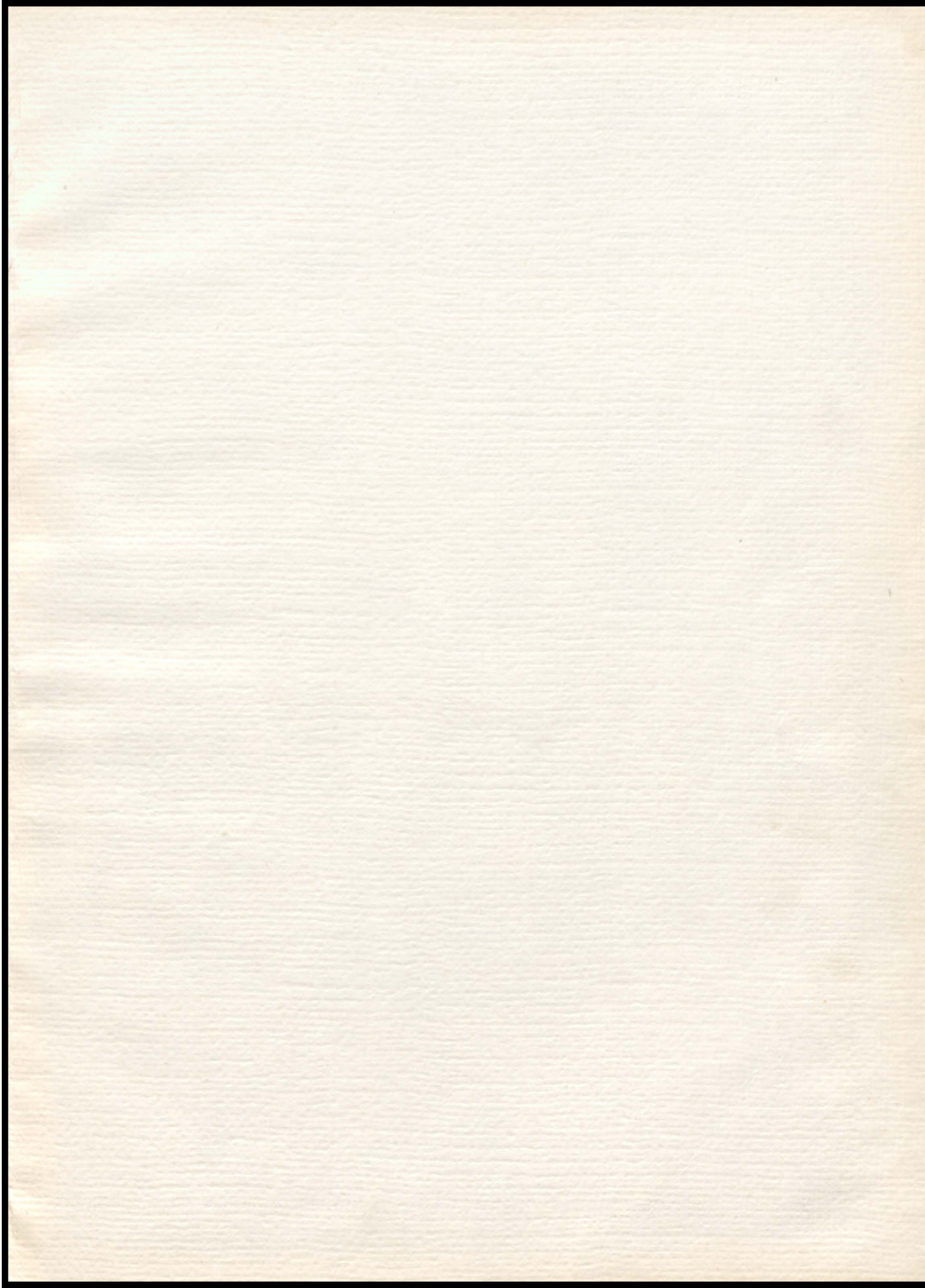
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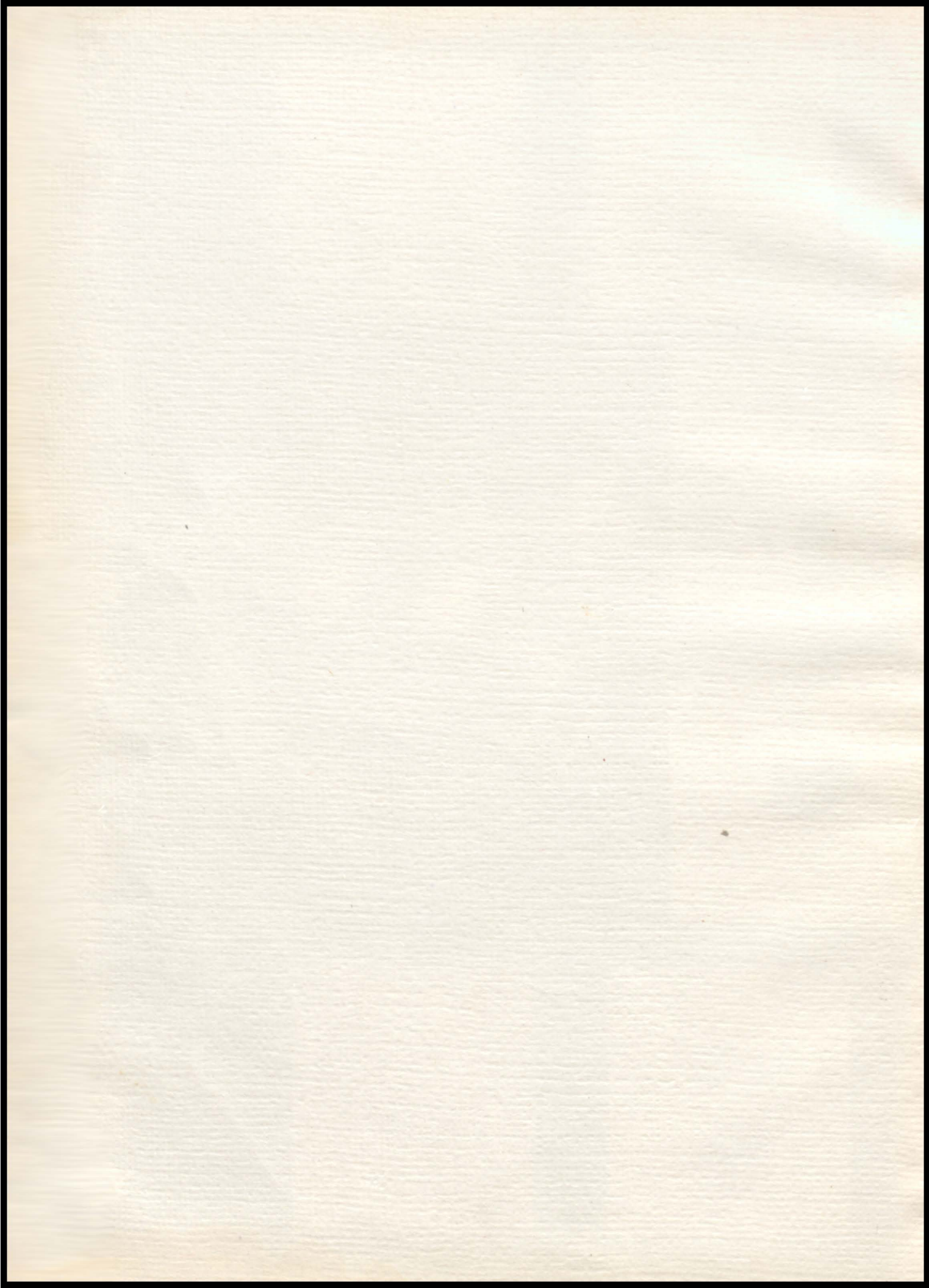
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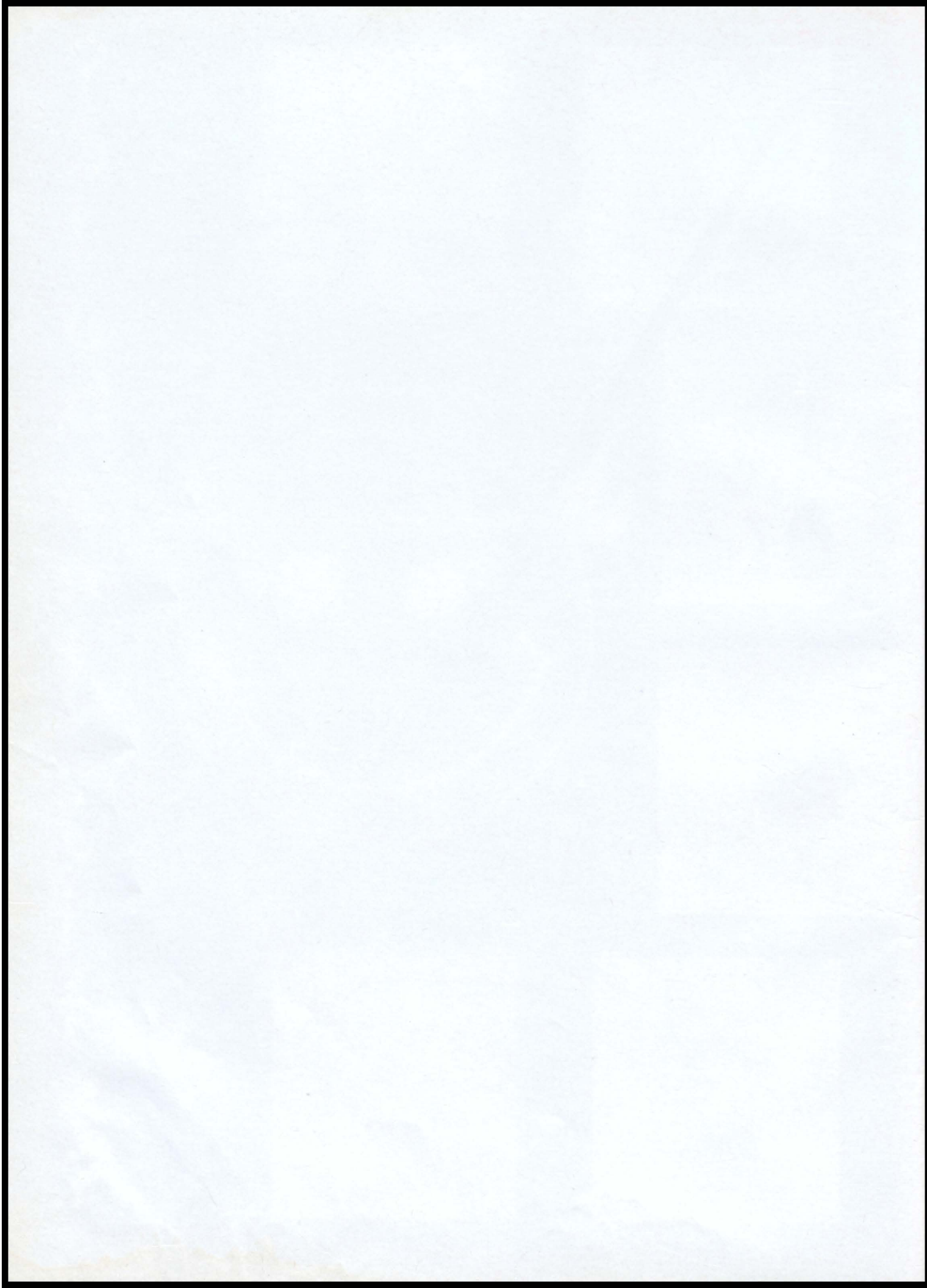


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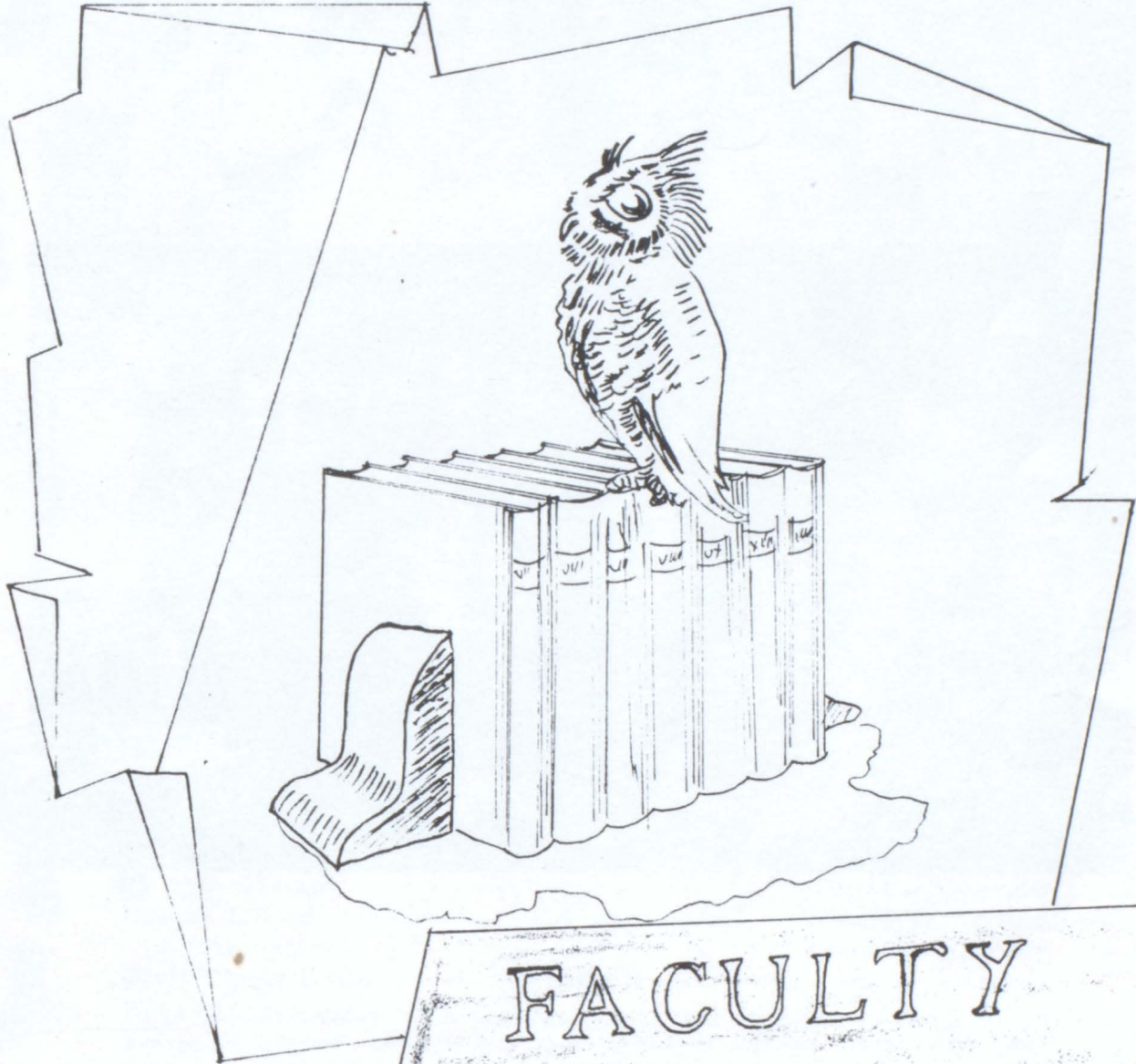
We, the students of Besse High School, hereby dedicate this issue of the Besse Breeze to you, our devoted teacher and friend.

For many years you have served faithfully, both as a teacher working for the good of the student and as a friend striving for the betterment of the school. These reasons along with many others make you deserving of this dedication.

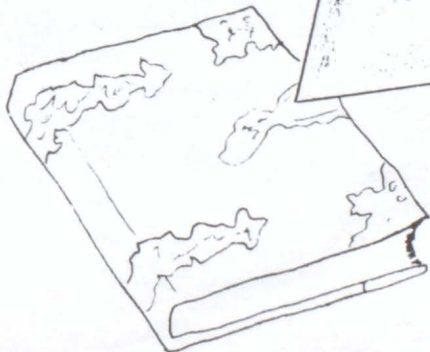
For everything you have done for us or for students of the past we take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to you.

Respectfully yours,

Students of Besse High



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Nelson Robinson
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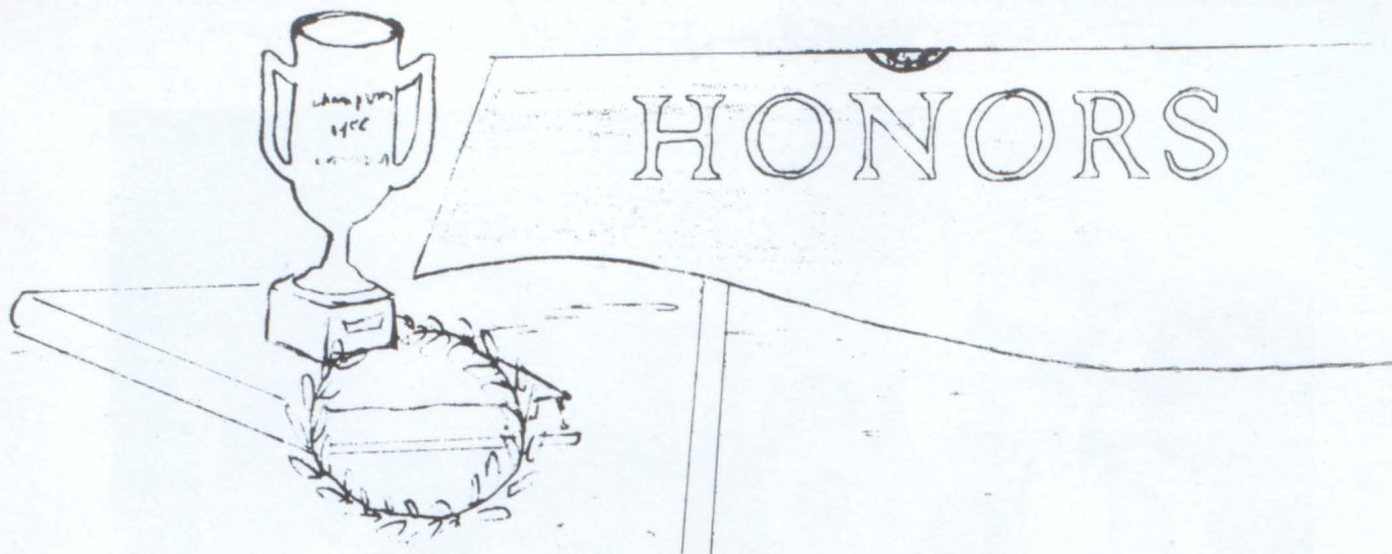
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Yearbook Staff



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 THIRD ROW: R. Reynolds, E. Drake, R. Marks, R. Littlefield, C. Spearrin, A. Rood, R. Littlefield, F. Blaisdell, H. Quimby, L. Gordon.

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Highest Honor

Seniors	Karl Keay	Gladys Brown
Juniors	Shirley Barton Ronald Littlefield Robert Littlefield	Audrey Drake Carolyn Fowler
Sophomores	Judith Meader	
Freshmen	Alice McKiel	Everett Drake

HIGH HONORS

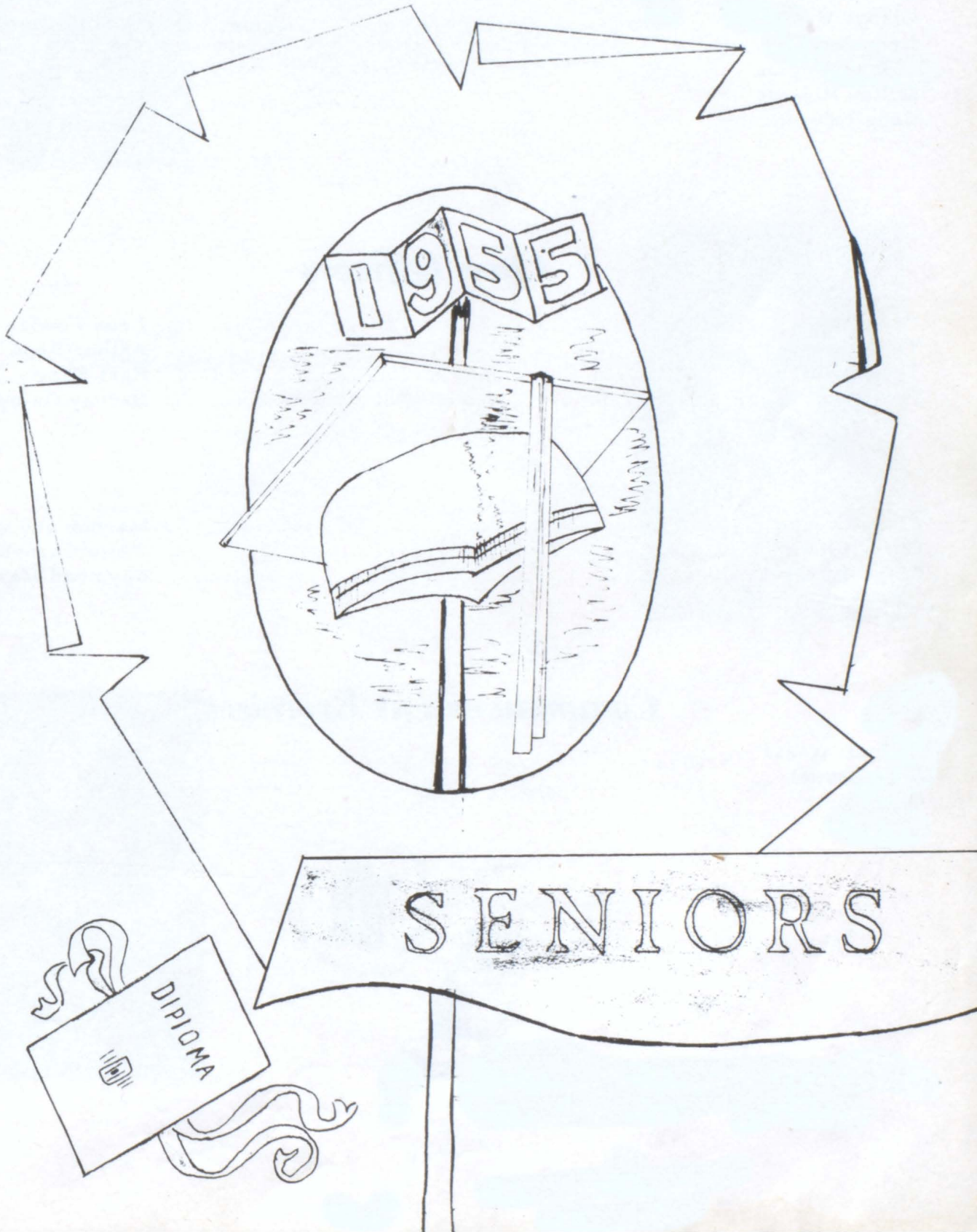
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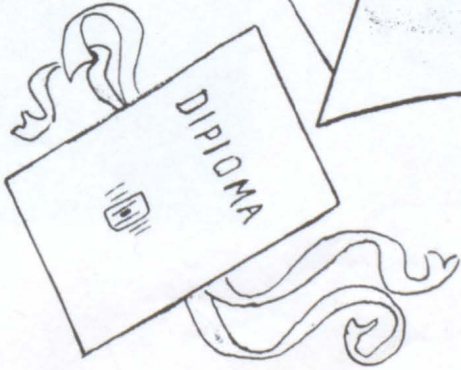
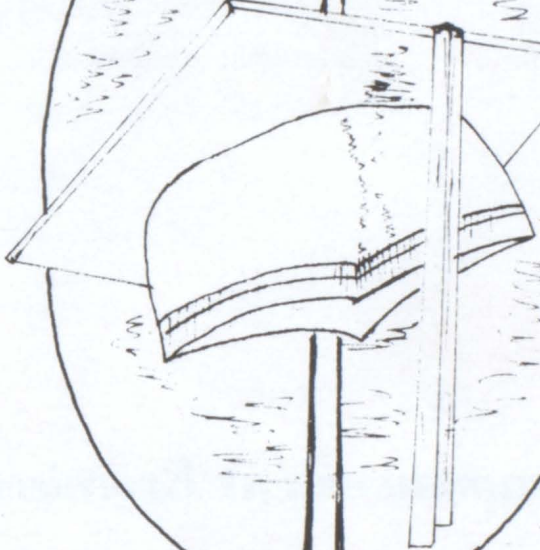
Seniors	Leon Fowler	
Juniors	Raymond Marks	Charles Spearrin
Sophomores	Ronald Lee	
Freshmen	Ronald Marks	

Special Awards '53-'54

Science	Karl Keay	
Mathematics	Karl Keay	
Prize Speaking	Harvey Quimby	
Music	Joan Waddell	Richard McDonald



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SENIORS

Seniors

"Forward Ever, Backward Never"

Class Roll

Floyd Blaisdell
Laura Brockway
Gladys Brown
Leon Fowler
Kelvin Higgins
Milton Higgins
Gene Lawrence

Richard MacDonald
Karl Keay
Harvey Quimby
Rodney Reynolds
Arthur Rood
Herbert Shores
Sherrill Spiller

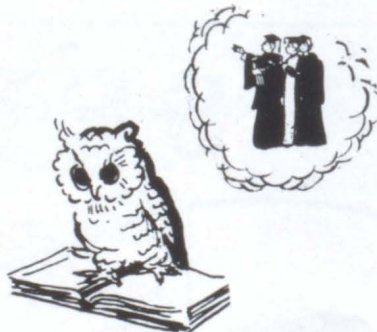
Class Officers

President	Leon Fowler
Vice President	Arthur Rood
Treasurer	Karl Keay
Secretary	Harvey Quimby

Class Colors	Maroon and white
Class Flower	White Carnation
Class Marshal	Raymond Marks

Commencement Exercises

Baccalaureate	June 5, 1955
Last Chapel	June 6, 1955
Graduation	June 9, 1955





FLOYD LAWRENCE BLAISDELL

Palermo, August 23, 1937

"Skeet"

"2nd Honor Essay"

"Silence is the absence of knowledge."

Basketball 1 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, ; Commercial Club 3, 4; B. A. A. 3, 4; Editorial Board 4; Junior Prize Speaking 3; Class Marshall 3; Student Council 2; Class Vice President 2.



LAURA LEOLA BROCKWAY

Albion, Maine, December 6, 1937

"Lauly"

"Address to Undergraduates"

"Patience is a remedy for every sorrow."

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Minstrel Show 2; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Librarian 3; Cheerleader 1; Student Council 3; Member of B. A. A. 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Softball Manager 3.



GLADYS A BROWN

Albion, July 1, 1936

"Glad"

"Salutatory"

"Do unto others as you should have them do unto you"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Exchange Editor 2, 3; Prize speaking usher 3; Graduation usher 3; Transferred from Freedom Academy 4; Honor Roll 4.

LEON E. FOWLER

Albion, Maine, September 4, 1936

"Leon"

"1st Honor Essay"

"Every man stamps his value on himself"

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3; Minstrel Show 2; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Class Captain Magazine Drive 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain of Magazine Drive 4; Glee Club 2; Eastern Maine Music Concert 2; Librarian 4; Editorial Board 1, 2, 3, 4; Assistant Printer 1, 2; Assistant Business Manager 3; Business Manager 4; Class Officers 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 1, 2; President 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 2; Auditor 3; President 4; B. A. A. 3, 4; Vice President 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; President 3, 4.



KELVIN ALBERT HIGGINS

Albion, Maine, October 13, 1937

"Kit"

"Prodhecu"

"Nothing is impossible to him who will."

Prize Speaking; Commercial Club 3, 4; Class President 1; Student Council 1.

MILTON K. HIGGINS

Albion, July 6, 1936

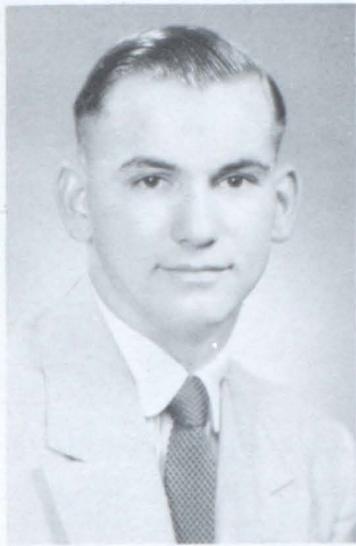
"Milt"

"Prophecy"

"Study?" What a waste of time."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Member of B. A. A. Club 3, 4; Member of Commercial Club 3, 4.





KARL L. KEAY

Albion, June 29, 1936

"Johnny"

"Valedictory"

"Strive for Mastery"

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; All Waldo County League Team 3; Captain 4; Minstrel Show 2; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Captain of Magazine Drive 4; Glee Club 2; Eastern Maine Music Festival 2; B. A. A. 3, 4; Librarian 4; Editor-in-chief 4; Assistant Editor-in-chief 3; Local Briefs Editor 2; Student Council Treasurer 4; Vice President 3; Auditor 2; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; English Award 1; Science Award 3; Mathematics Award 3; Scholarship Awards 1, 2, 3.



GENE ROGER LAWRENCE

Pittsfield, November 22, 1936

"Rog"

"Gifts"

"Be not simply good; but good for something."

Commercial Club 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3.



RICHARD C. MacDONALD

Lincoln, August 5, 1935

"Mac"

"Gifts"

"Let him that would move the world, first move himself."

Class Reporter 3, Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; All Kennebec Valley Chorus 4; Eastern Maine Festival 2, 3, 4; Commercial 3, 4.

HARVEY A. QUIMBY

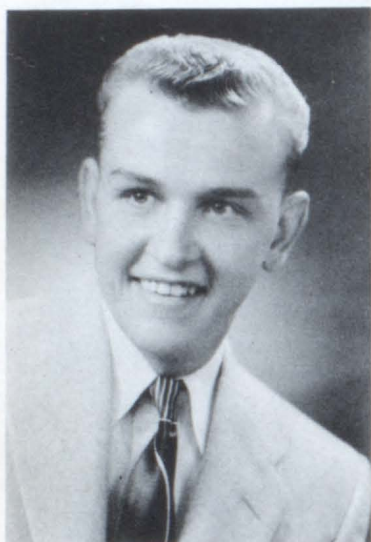
Albion, December 3, 1936

"Hiram"

"3rd Honor Essay"

"A Laugh is Worth a Hundred Groans in Any Market."

Basketball Assistant Manager 2; Class Secretary 1, 2, 4; Member of Student Council 1, 2, 4; Editorial Board Typist 4; Member of Commercial Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 1; Glee Club Member 2, 3; Graduation Usher 3; Prize Speaking 1, 2, 3.



RODNEY S. REYNOLDS

Albion, April 2, 1936

"Rod"

"Prophecy"

"No man is hurt but by himself."

Editorial Board 3, 4; Member Commercial Club 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Graduation Usher 3; Prize Speaking 3.

ARTHUR E. ROOD

East Vassalboro, June 18, 1936

"Roody"

"Gifts"

"Either I will find a way, or I will make one"

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3; Graduation Usher 3; Student Council 3, 4; Class Officer 3, 4; Vice President 3, 4; Member of B. A. A. 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.





HERBERT ERLON SHORES

Albion, March 2, 1936

"Herb"

"History"

"Be happy today, for tomorrow may never come"

Commercial Club 3, 4; Prize Speaking 3.



SHERRILL ELAINE SPILLER

Waterville, June 28, 1973

"Spiller"

"Will"

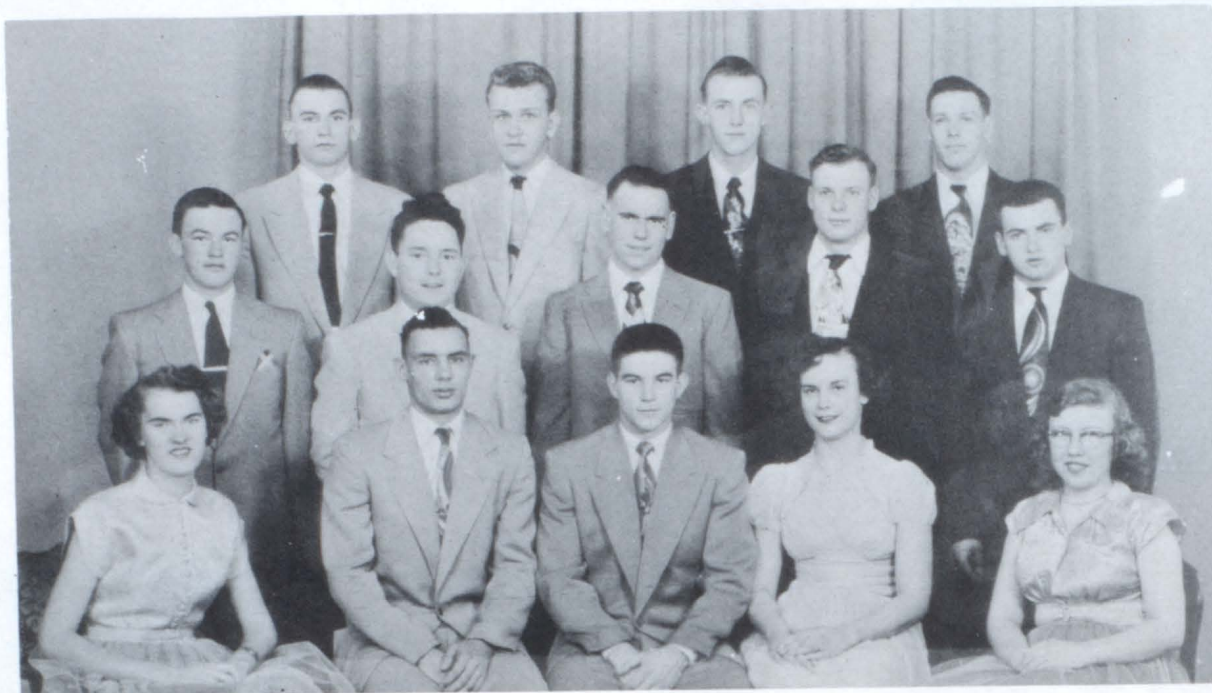
"To learn much is to undertake a little at a time."

Prize Speaking 1, Honor Roll 1; Class Reporter 1, 2, 4; Librarian 2; Editorial Board 1, 2, 4; Ass't Literary Editor 1, 2, 4; Winslow High School 3; American Legion Oratorical Contest 3; Junior Play 3; Raiderville News Club 3; Exchange Editor 3; D.A.R. Candidate 4; Republican Journal Reporter 4.





SENIOR CLASS

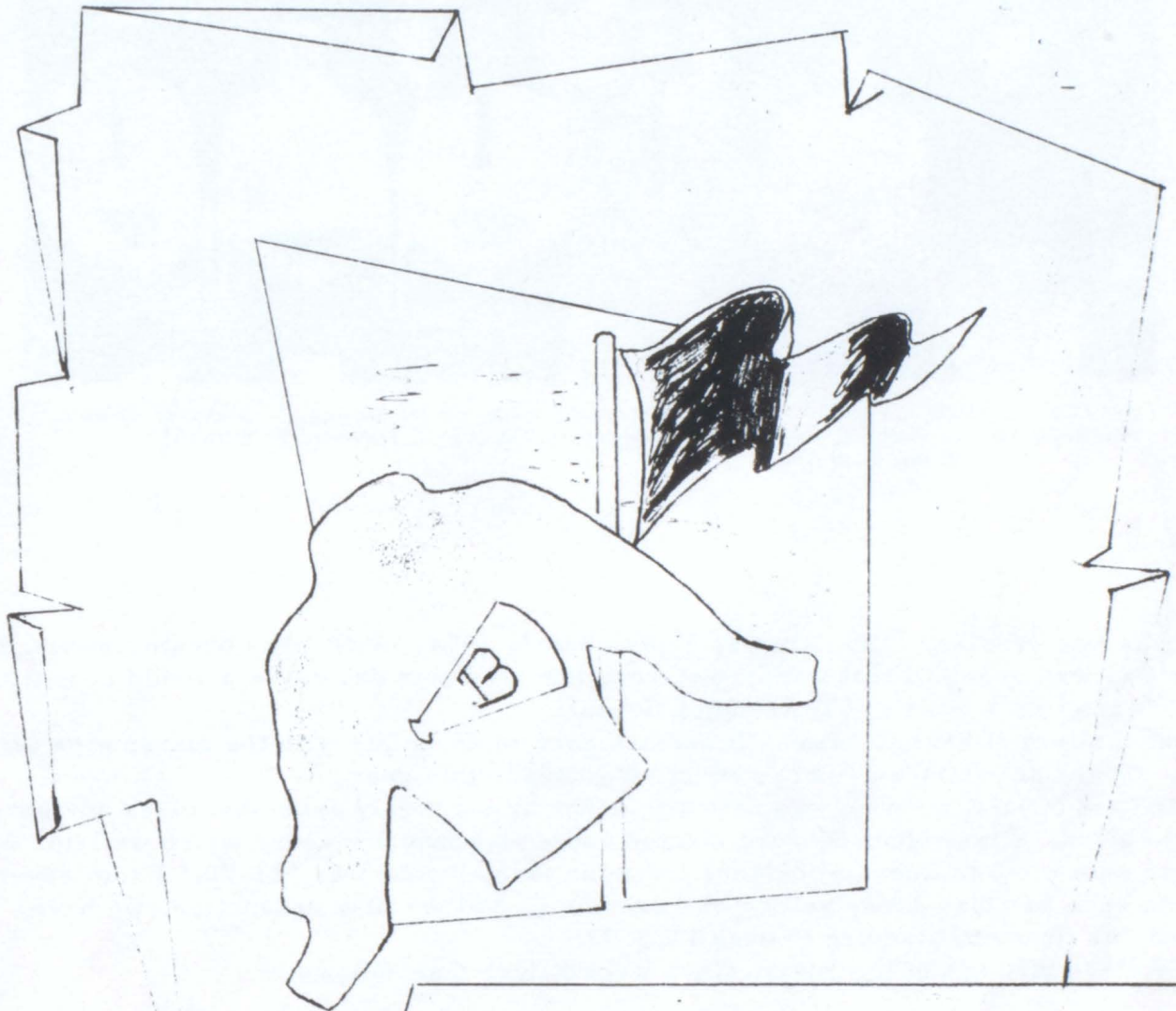


SEATED: Left to right: G. Brown, L. Fowler, A. Rood, L. Brockway, S. Spiller.
SECOND ROW: F. Blaisdell, H. Quimby, K. Higgins, G. Lawrence, H. Shores.
THIRD ROW: K. Keay, R. Reynolds, M. Higgins, R. MacDonald.

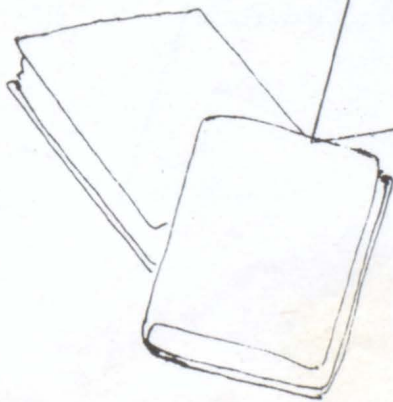
The beginning of the year found the senior class composed of fourteen members. We elected the following officers: President, Leon Fowler; Vice President, Arthur Rood; Secretary, Harvey Quimby; Treasurer, Karl Keay; Class Reporter, Sherrill Spiller; Advisor, Miss Mitchell.

Our activities for the year include picking potatoes, putting on two chicken suppers, sponsoring a paper drive, and selling refreshments at the Freedom, Monroe and Stockton Springs basketball games. These activities plus our class dues boosted our class trip fund to approximately \$700.00.

We wish to thank Mr. Robinson and Mr. McKiel for employing us to pick potatoes because this was the chief source of the money that we need for our trip to Washington and New York in April.



JUNIORS





JUNIOR CLASS



SEATED: Left to right: R. Rowe, S. Barton, Mr. Bickford, M. Harding, A. Drake, C. Fowler.
 SECOND ROW: L. Fitch, R. Hayward, R. Littlefield, R. Marks, C. Spearrin, R. Littlefield, C. Mason, G. Mason.

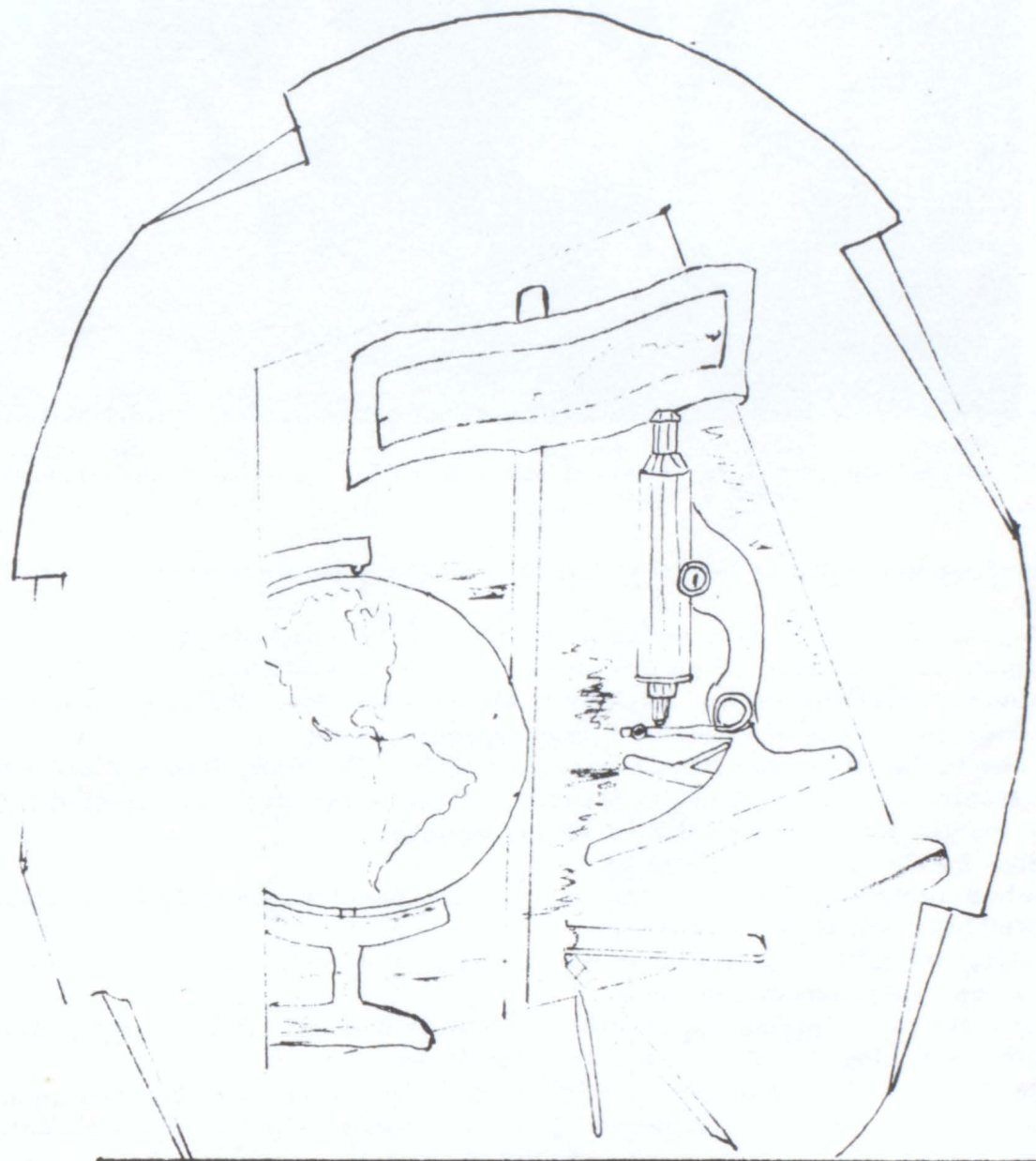
It was late evening. The date was September 7, 1954. Suddenly I became aware that Labor Day was over and that tomorrow, yes, the very next day classes would resume and I would enroll as a Junior at Besse High School.

School began at 8:30 as usual. It seemed good to associate with the classmates once again. There are thirteen Juniors enrolled at Besse this year.

Our first official meeting was called to order by our newly appointed class advisor, Mr. Bickford. Class officers were elected and a play was discussed which we later decided to put on. Our financial balance from the former year was \$81.20. From several sources such as class dues, selling refreshments, and the play production, we have boosted our financial standing to over \$125.00.

The class officers of the Junior class were selected as follows:

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| President ----- | Raymond Marks |
| Vice President ----- | Charles Spearrin |
| Secretary ----- | Carolyn Fowler |
| Treasurer ----- | Ronald Littlefield |
| Class Reporter ----- | Robert Littlefield |



SOPHOMORES



SOPHOMORE CLASS



SEATED: Left to right: M. Rowe, H. Pottle, M. Meader, J. Waddell, J. Meader, Miss Askov.
 SECOND ROW: R. Lee, M. Cookson, G. Shores, B. Rowe, J. Sylvester, N. Fletcher, B. Cole, W. Robbins, E. Wiggins.

Our Sophomore Class began with fifteen pupils. We were sorry to lose Faylene Emery.

We held our first class meeting September 9, 1954 and elected the following officers: President, Joan Waddell; Vice President, John Sylvester; Secretary, Judith Meader; Treasurer, Helen Pottle; and Reporter, Menetta Meader. We ordered our class rings September 10, 1954. We received them November 1st.

Those in the Glee Club from our class are Joan Waddell, Nancy Fletcher, Beverly Cole, Maxine Rowe, and Menetta Meader. Menetta Meader was selected from the Glee Club to participate in the Kennebec Valley Chorus.

Helen Pottle is a cheerleader this year.

Girls playing softball are Helen Pottle, Judy Meader, Beverly Cole, Barbara Rowe, Joan Waddell, and Menetta Meader.

Ronald Lee is the only boy from our class on the basketball team. Keep up the good work in the center position Ronnie.

The girls participating in basketball are Joan Waddell, Helen Pottle, Barbara Rowe, Gloria Shores, Judith Meader, and Menetta Meader.

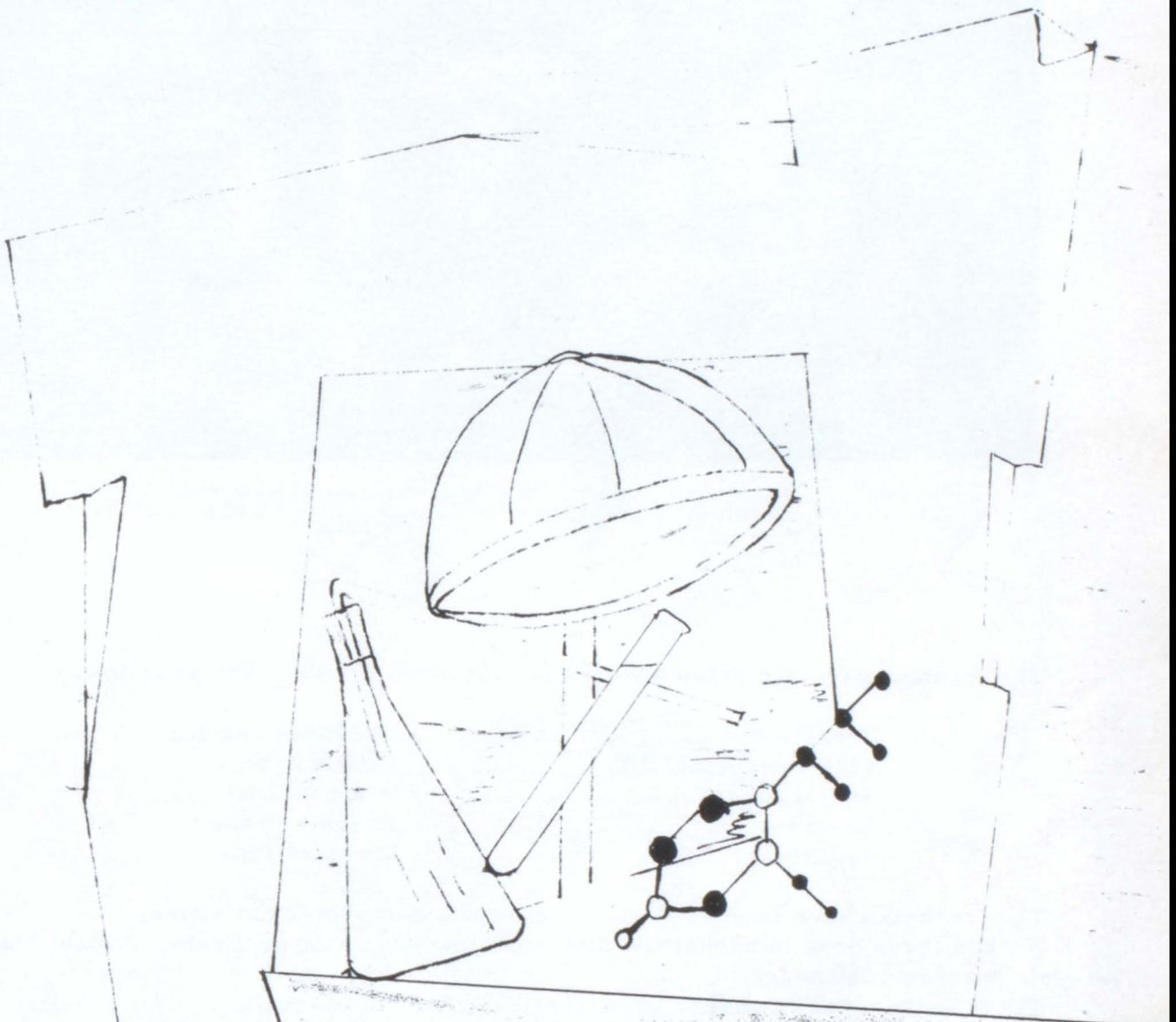
The boys taking part in baseball are Ronald Lee, Mayo Cookson and John Sylvester.

We held our first social October 18, 1954. It was called a Hobo Convention. All the hobos of Besse High were present. The party was the first one of the year and it was enjoyed by all who attended.

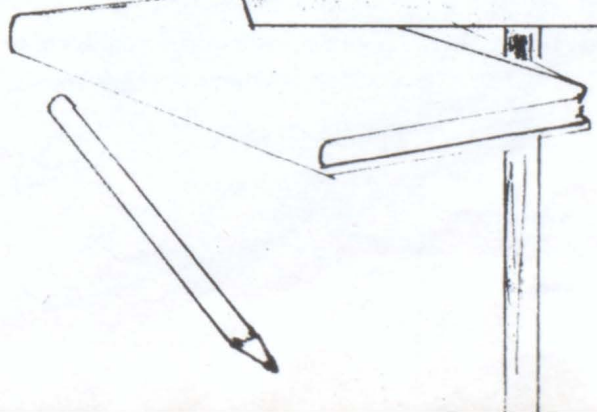
We sold refreshments at the Clinton and Winterport basketball games, making a profit of \$20.49 at the two games.

Cash on hand January 21, 1955 was \$74.52.

Reporter
Menetta Meader



FRESHMEN





FRESHMAN CLASS



SEATED: Left to right: P. Emery, B. Fletcher, Mr. Ayers, A. McKiel.
SECOND ROW: N. Willette, E. Drake, M. Boivin, G. Reynolds, L. Gordon, R. Marks.

The freshmen elected class officers for the year of 1954-1955 as follows:

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| President | Lawrence Gordon |
| Vice President..... | Ronald Marks |
| Secretary | Alice McKiel |
| Treasurer | Everett Drake |
| Reporter | Maynard Boivin |

The freshmen have been very active in sports and school activities.

We had three boys in basketball this year, namely: Everett Drake, Ronald Marks and Lawrence Gordon, Manager.

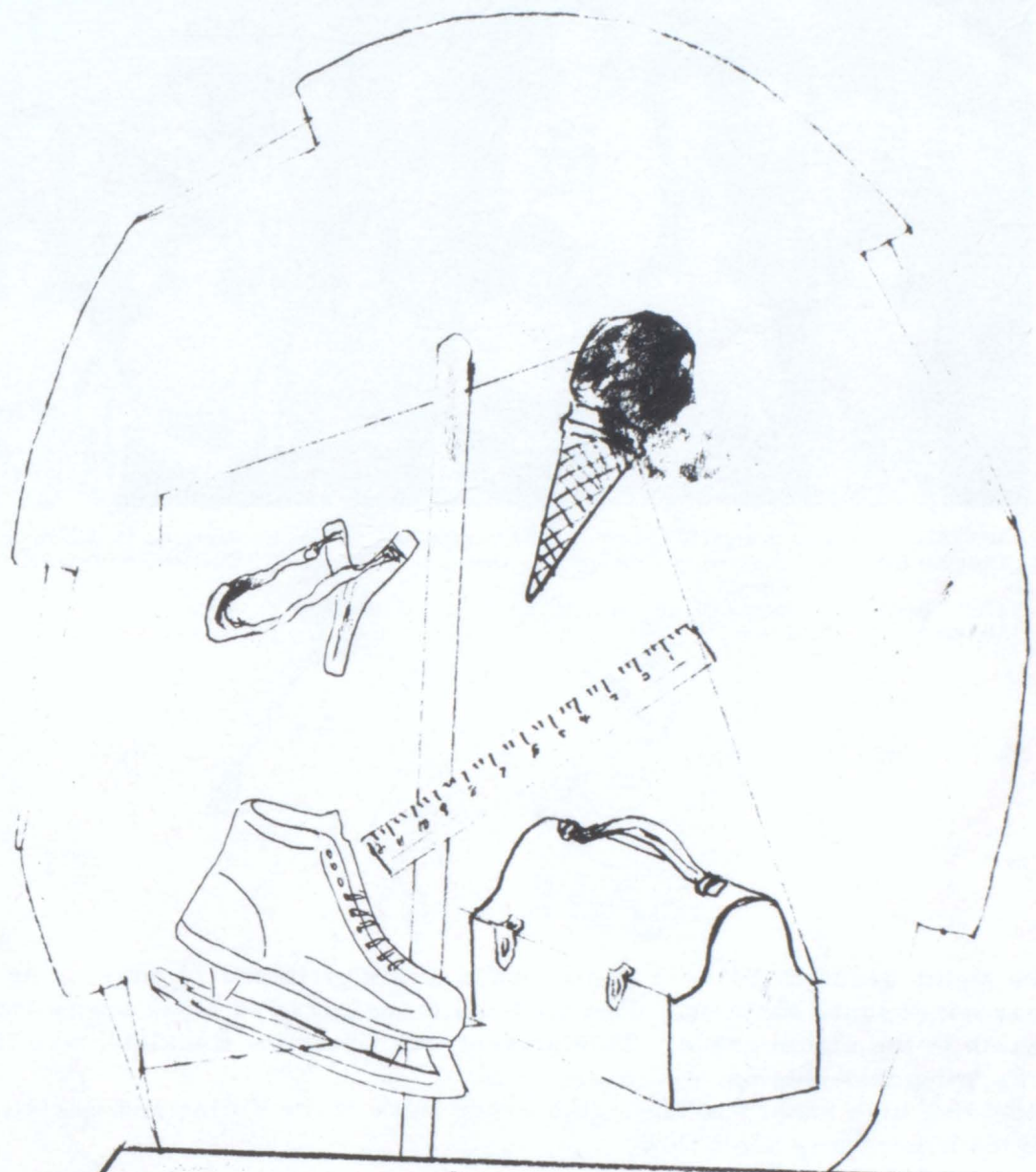
These same class members represent our class in baseball.

We have one cheerleader, Alice McKiel, who also plays on the girl's basketball team.

We made \$16 over our quota of \$96 in the Magazine Drive. We placed second in the intramural race for Salesmanship Award.

We had the concession of refreshments for the Liberty and Searsport basketball games.

Under the supervision of our advisor, Mr. Ayers, we plan to have a Spring Dance.



EIGHTH GRADE





EIGHTH GRADE



SEATED: Left to right: D. Pottle, M. Emerson, M. Fuller, C. Rackleff, M. Fitch, L. Willette.
SECOND ROW: R. Hayward, M. Gilbert, N. Young, G. Wiggins, Mr. Ouelette, S. Dow, K. Raven,
R. Young.
THIRD ROW: D. Shores, S. Harding, D. Rowe, R. Meader.
ABSENT: C. Brann.

The eighth grade of 1954-55 is composed of six girls and 13 boys. The class started the year with twenty students. Two students transferred to other towns and one new student came to the eighth grade. This student was Christine Rackleff, who transferred from Farmingdale, Maine.

Receiving high honors in the eighth grade were Mary Fuller and Christine Rackleff. Receiving honors was Scott Dow.



ACTIVITIES



STUDENT COUNCIL



SEATED: Left to right: Miss Mitchell, Advisor; C. Fowler, K. Keay, L. Fowler, R. Marks, A. McKiel.
 SECOND ROW: R. Marks, E. Drake, J. Waddell, H. Pottle, J. Meader, H. Quimby.
 THIRD ROW: L. Gordon, A. Rood, C. Spearrin, J. Sylvester, R. Littlefield.

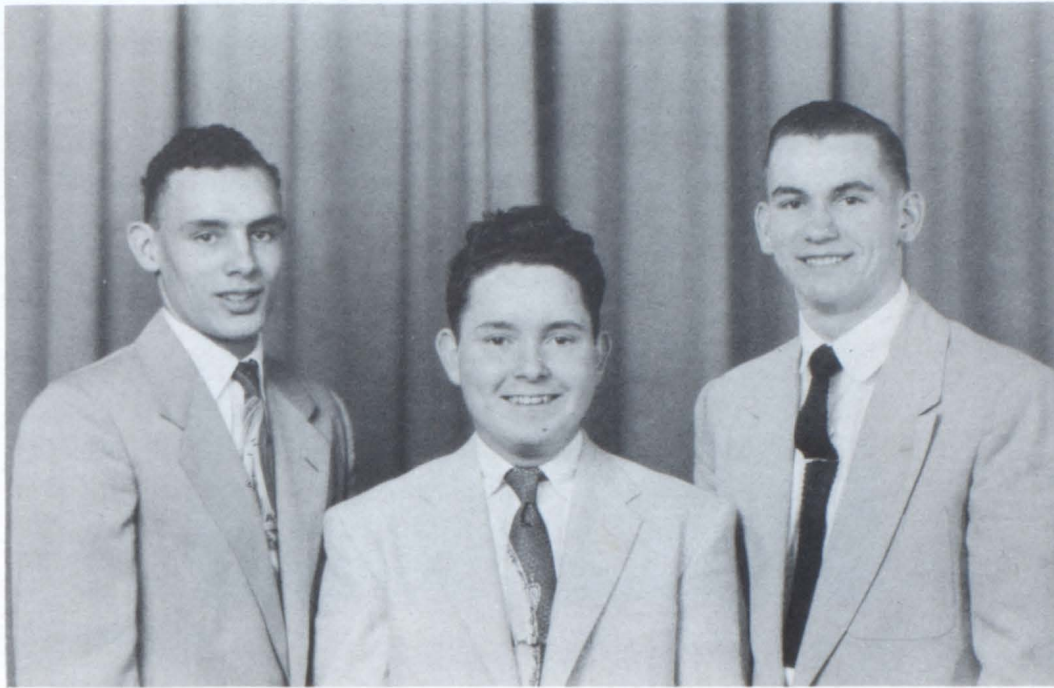
Besse High's Student Council* consists of the officers of the four upper classes. This governing body chose the following officers to lead them: President-Leon Fowler, Vice President-Raymond Marks, Secretary-Carolyn Fowler, Treasurer-Karl Keay, and Auditor-Harvey Quimby.

The Student Council chose the members of the Editorial Board. Tryouts for cheering were held and after two weeks of practice, they were chosen.

National Education week was observed by Besse High School on November 6. Miss Mitchell welcomed all parents and friends into the school.

A second-hand safe was purchased for the safe-keeping of all loose money and accounts. Also an electric scoreboard was bought. The Student Council wishes to thank Nelson Robinson for his services in installing same.

Carolyn Fowler, Secretary



Left to right: L. Fowler, H. Quimby, K. Keay.

Junior Prize Speaking

The annual Junior Prize Speaking was held May 4 with each member of the Junior class participating. The program was as follows:

America Is Americans
 What Price Freedom
 Listen America
 The Show Must Go On and On
 Gimlet vs. Corkscrew
 Why Did They Fight
 Are Animals Really Wild
 The Black Horse and His Rider
 I Speak for Democracy
 Bill
 The Responsibility of Youth

Harvey Quimby
 Karl Keay
 Leon Fowler
 Rodney Reynolds
 Richard MacDonald
 Kelvin Higgins
 Gene Lawrence
 Arthur Rood
 Milton Higgins
 Laura Brockway
 Floyd Blaisdell

The Prizes were awarded as follows: 1st Prize Harvey Quimby, 2nd Prize Karl Keay, 3rd Prize Leon Fowler. The Coaches were Miss Mitchell, Miss Cyr, and Mr. Bickford.

Harvey Quimby '55



GLEE CLUB



SEATED: Left to right: C. Fowler, A. McKiel, R. MacDonald, M. Boivin, J. Waddell, M. Meader.
SECOND ROW: M. Rowe, N. Fletcher, B. Fletcher, P. Emery.

The Glee Club started the year off with 16 members. We now have 10 members. They are: tenors, Maynard Boivin and Richard MacDonald; altos, Joan Waddell, Betty Fletcher, Nancy Fletcher, and Maxine Rowe; sopranos, Carolyn Fowler, Alice McKiel, Patricia Emery and Menetta Meader.

We had two Christmas Concerts. Our club was combined with Unity and gave one concert at the Albion Elementary School and the other at the Unity Grammer School. We are now practicing for a spring concert.

Menetta Meader and Richard MacDonald were selected to participate in the Kennebec Valley Chorus which was held during the last part of January and the first part of February. Maynard Boivin, Joan Waddell and Menetta Meader have sent in applications to attend All State Music Festival which will be held in April at Portland.

Menetta Meader

Junior Play Cast



SEATED: Left to right: A. Drake, J. Meader, Mr. Bickford, Coach; A. McKiel, C. Spearrin, C. Fowler.
 SECOND ROW: C. Mason, R. Marks, M. Meader, R. Littlefield, R. Littlefield.

The Juniors presented a three-act comedy called "Here Comes Charlie" under the direction of Mr. Bickford.

The cast was as follows:

Nora Malone	Judy Meader
Officer Tim McGrill	Clayton Mason
Mrs. Tanny Tarnham	Audrey Drake
Larry Elliott	Charlie Spearrin
Ted Hartley	Robert Littlefield
Vivian Smythe-Kersey	Carolyn Fowler
Uncle Aleck Twiggs	Ronald Littlefield
Charlie Hopps	Alice McKiel
Mrs. Caroline Smythe-Kersey	Menetta Meader
Mortimer Smythe-Kersey	Raymond Marks

We wish to thank the under classmen who helped us in producing this play.

Librarians



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SECOND ROW: L. Fowler, R. Marks, K. Keay.

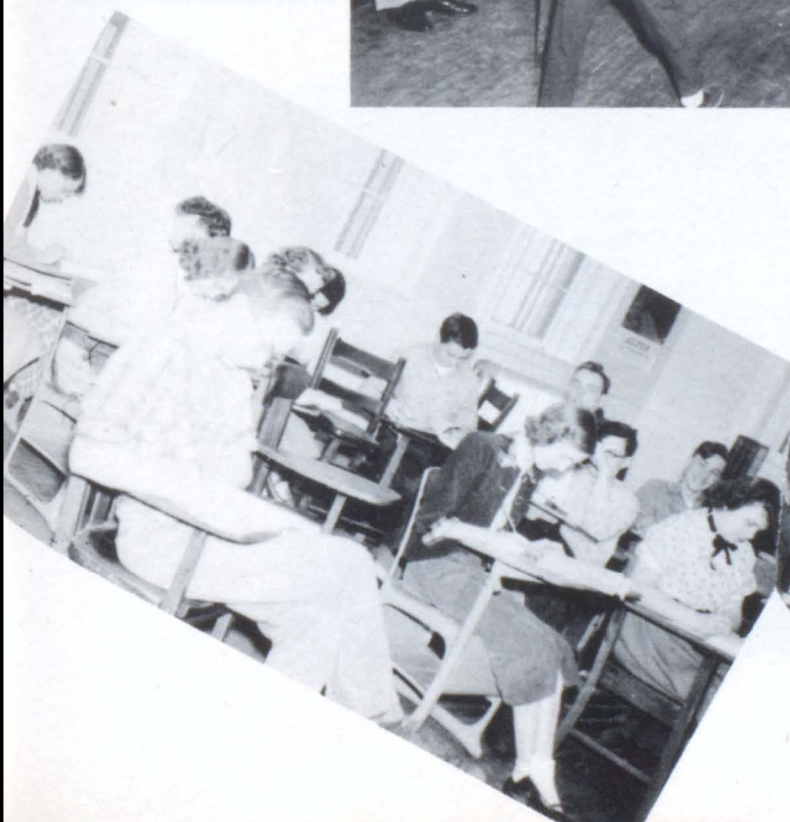
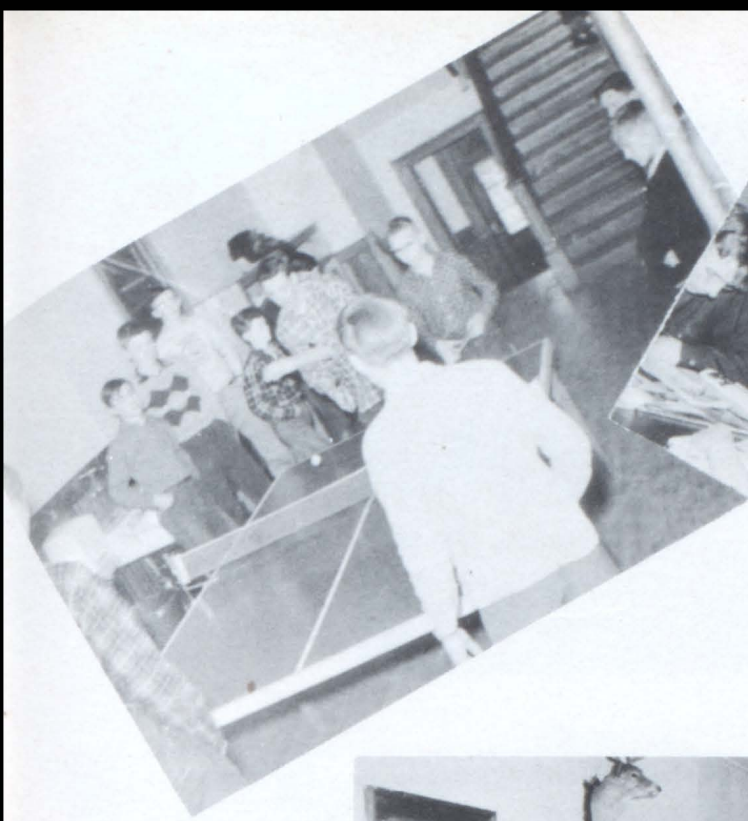
Beginning on Monday, October 11, 1954 the library has been open from 8:30 A. M. until 2:00 P. M. A set of library rules was presented to the student body and student librarians were appointed. They are Karl Keay, Maxine Harding, Leon Fowler, Raymond Marks, and Joan Waddell. Each librarian has charge of the library during one period each day.

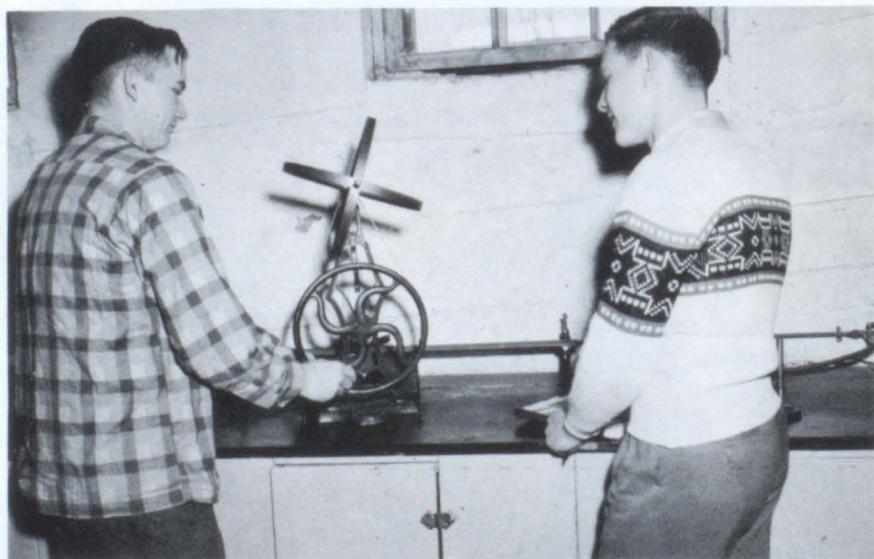
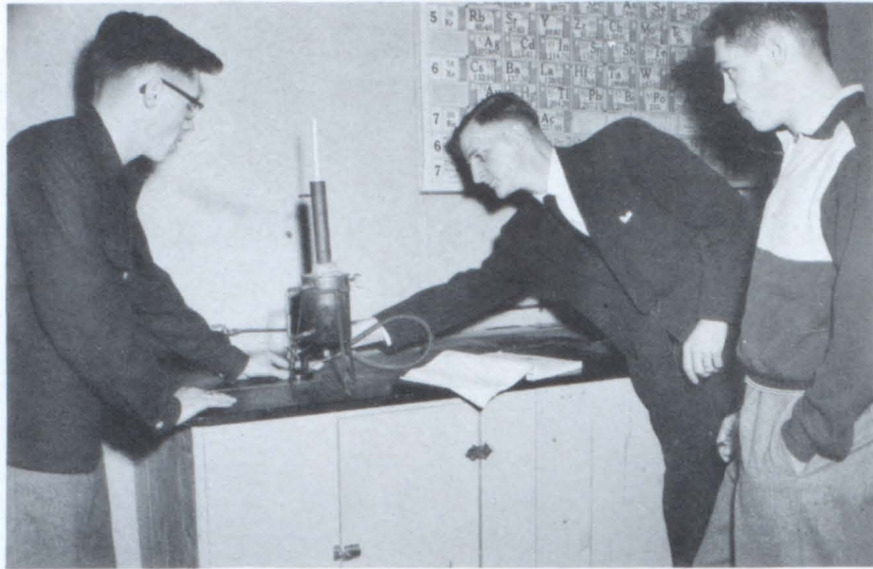
A library pass signed by the study-room teacher gives students admission to the library during their study periods. The library may be used for reference, borrowing and returning books, and reading newspapers and magazines. This year we have three different newspapers and seven of the more popular magazines.

Early in the fall the state extension librarian visited us and helped to determine the basic collection. Since then we have received a large donation of books from Albion Farm Bureau, Falmouth Memorial Library and from individuals. These books together with the few we have purchased number 175. The whole collection is being organized into the Dewey Decimal classification. Students have helped with this work. The card catalog will be begun this spring.

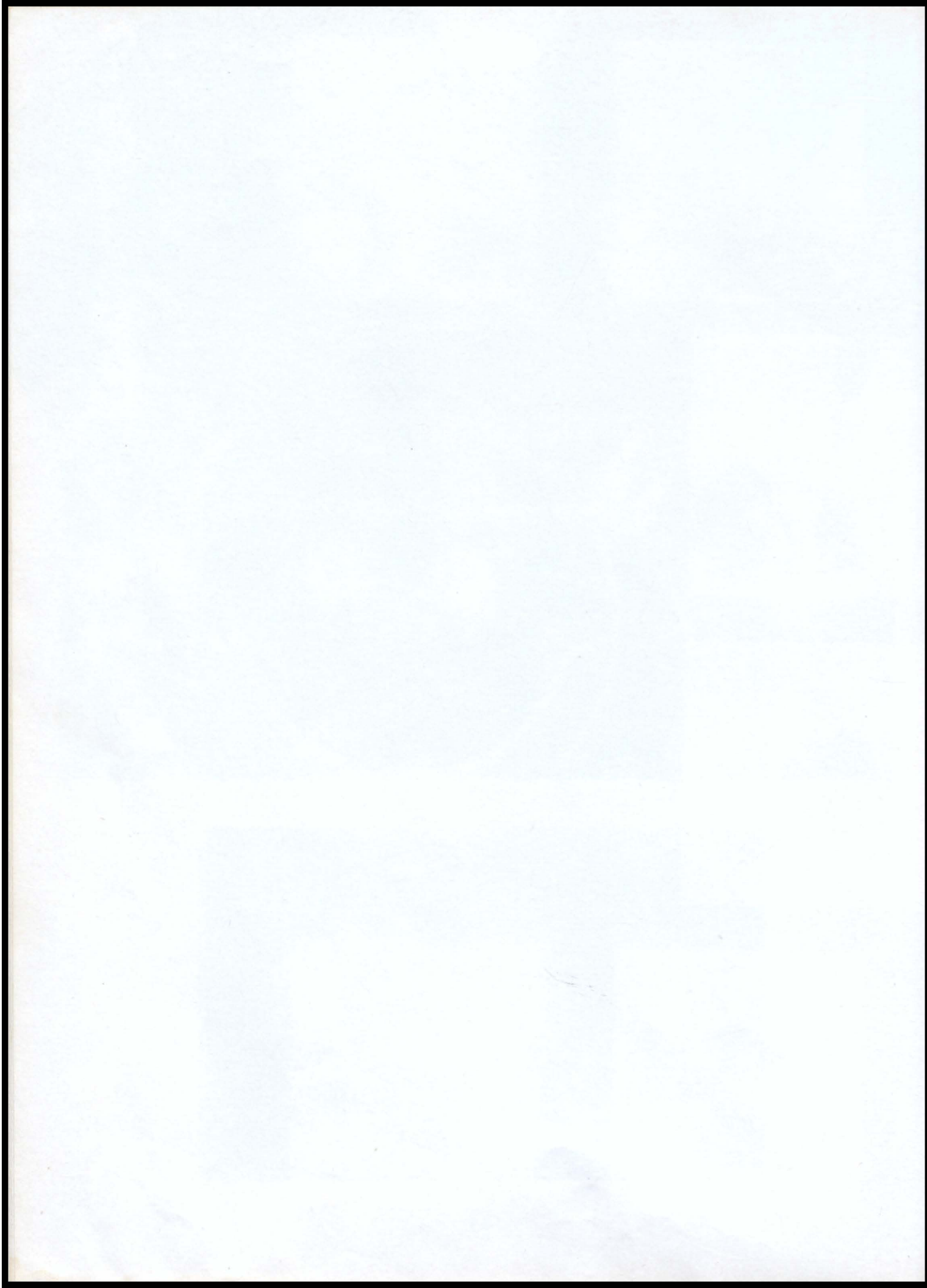
We are very grateful to Miss Aaskov for the time and interest she has given us in her efforts to improve our library.

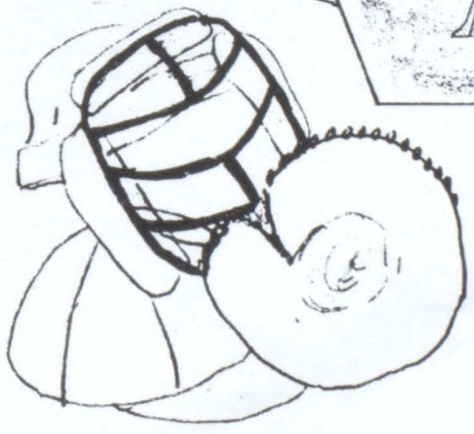
Joan Waddell











ATHLETICS



CHEERLEADERS



Left to right: M. Harding, A. Drake, C. Fowler, head-cheerleader; H. Pottle, A. McKiel.

The Besse cheerleaders loyally supported the "Owls" throughout their successful season of 1954-55.

Our new cheer "Eiffel Tower" was the sensation of the year, as it was new for the tournament.

Rah! for the spectators! We have enjoyed your support this year, especially when we do our school song.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW: Left to right: H. Pottle, R. Rowe, C. Fowler, J. Meader, A. Drake, G. Brown.
 SECOND ROW: Mr. Ouelette, Coach; J. Waddell, A. McKiel, M. Harding, M. Meader, G. Shores, B. Rowe, S. Barton, Manager.

On October 18 twelve ambitious girls, under Mr. Ouellette's watchful eye, held their first basketball practice of the season. This was only the first of what we hoped to be a very successful season. Mr. Ouellette had scheduled eighteen games for us but only sixteen were played, half of which were victorious.

At the first practice we chose Shirley Barton manager, and Rita Rowe captain.

The starting six were: Rita Rowe, R. F.; Carolyn Fowler, C. F.; Maxine Harding, L. F.; Audrey Drake, L. G.; Gladys Brown, C. G.; Menetta Meader, R. G.

The two forwards getting the most scores were Rita Rowe with 298 and Carolyn Fowler with 238.

We are very sorry to be losing Gladys Brown, first team guard, through graduation.

Thanks to Mr. Ouellette for the patience, understanding and time that he so willingly spent with us girls.

Schedule

	HERE		THERE	
	Ours	Theirs	Ours	Theirs
Brooks	51	62	41	52
Freedom	65	67	51	52
Liberty	70	31	45	31
Searsport	55	51	21	48
Monroe	56	32	54	44
Clinton	63	36		
Stockton Springs			55	39
Winterport	71	46	42	59
Unity	40	44	25	50



SEATED: Left to right: A. Drake, M. Meader, M. Harding, J. Waddell, H. Pottle, C. Fowler.
 SECOND ROW: Mr. Ouelette, R. Marks, S. Barton, J. Meader, R. Rowe, L. Brockway, K. Keay, R. MacDonald.
 THIRD ROW: M. Cookson, R. Littlefield, L. Fowler, R. Lee, C. Spearrin, A. Rood, R. Littlefield, F. Blaisdell.

These students have earned letters for participating in school athletics.



SOFTBALL



FIRST ROW: Left to right: J. Waddell, R. Rowe, J. Meader, A. McKiel, M. Harding.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Bickford, Coach; M. Meader, B. Rowe, S. Barton, H. Pottle, C. Fowler.

Well, another softball season is just about to go into full swing. All eleven Besse girls have been practicing their hardest under the direction of Mr. Bickford in hopes that this first game with Freedom will be a victorious one.

The Freedom girls are on the field and the first one up to bat for Besse is Helen Pottle. After a couple of pitches she slides into first just as the first baseman catches the ball. She's sprained her ankle. A runner takes her place and the game goes on. Rita Rowe is up to bat. The pitcher throws low balls, Rita won't bite. She waits for a good one. Another pitch--She swings. It's a homer. But wouldn't you guess it? Not a person on base. Freedom wins 10-3.

Yes, that's the way our softball season started and it didn't improve much. Freedom also won the return game 15-9.

The fall season didn't prove too successful as far as winning any games goes, but we feel that the enjoyment we got playing made it worthwhile.

Thanks, Mr. Bickford, for your unlimited time and efforts that you spent with us.



BASEBALL



FIRST ROW: Left to right: R. Marks, R. Littlefield, E. Drake, R. Marks, M. Cookson, K. Keay.
SECOND ROW: R. Lee, L. Fowler, C. Spearrin, A. Rood, J. Sylvester.
THIRD ROW: Mr. Ouelette, Coach; R. Littlefield, L. Gordon, Manager.

The boys started out this year with eleven members. We had a fair season this year winning three games and losing three. Our manager was Lawrence Gordon.

Arthur Rood '55





BOYS' BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW: R. Marks, R. Marks, R. Littlefield, F. Blaisdell, R. Littlefield, E. Drake.
SECOND ROW: Mr. Ouelette, Coach; A. Rood, L. Fowler, C. Spearrin, R. Lee, K. Keay, L. Gordon, Manager.

The Besse Owls had a very successful season this year winning sixteen games and losing one.

A very exciting game was seen at Waterville Senior High, February eleventh. Besse and Freedom played the tie-off for the championship of the Waldo County League. Besse was ahead of the Indians at the first quarter 10-4. Freedom didn't make many field goals the first half but oh, how they were making their foul shots! Both teams were raring to go and to top it all off, Charlie Spearrin had a nose bleed in the third quarter. The fans were sitting on the sidelines, hearts in their mouths, praying that Charlie would be able to play. Their prayers were fulfilled.

The boys went into the fourth quarter with 13 points in the lead. But they didn't stop fighting for those points. No siree! They tried freezing the ball, but Freedom's boys kept snatching it away from them. With five minutes to go and only two points ahead, we started to get worried. After awhile we made it a 5 point margin. What a relief it was when the buzzer rang and the ball game was over. Besse had won 40-35. We hope to have a good run in the tournament.

Karl Keay was high scorer this year with 229 points. Next in order was Charlie Spearrin with 199, Robert Littlefield with 183, Ronald Lee with 163 and Raymond Marks with 152.

Our schedule this year was as follows:

	HERE		THERE	
	Ours	Theirs	Ours	Theirs
Brooks	76	56	75	67
Freedom	48	26	30	42
Walker	82	18	74	38
Searsport	62	33	73	40
Monroe	74	36	102	51
Clinton	83	57		
Stockton Springs	88	43	77	45
Winterport	77	34	90	44
Unity	40	35	49	36
Freedom (Play-off)			40	35



Commercial Club

SEATED: Left to right: Mr. Bickford, Advisor; A. Rood, L. Fowler, C. Spearrin, H. Quimby, F. Blaisdell.
 SECOND ROW: R. Marks, S. Barton, R. Rowe, A. Drake, C. Fowler, L. Brockway, G. Mason.
 THIRD ROW: H. Shores, R. Hayward, G. Lawrence, R. Reynolds, R. MacDonald.

Exchange Report

We, the students of Besse High School wish to express our appreciation to all of the schools with whom we exchanged yearbooks and school papers this year. The following is a list of the yearbooks.

- "Pinacle", China
- "Morsonian", Brooks
- "Monitor", Unity
- "Academy Echo", Freedom
- "Riverside", Winterport
- "Windjammer", Searsport
- "Flash", Monroe

The school papers that we received were:

- "Raiderville News", Winslow
- "Pow Wow", Freedom
- "Bulldog", Madison
- "Antioch", Unity

Judith Meader '57

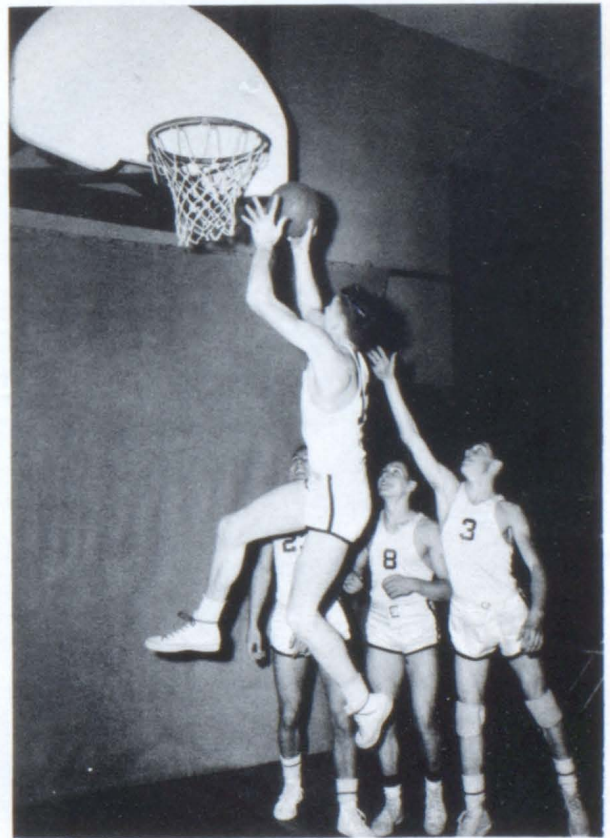
Besse Bombs Freedom, 48-26 To Tie For League Lead; May Need Playoff

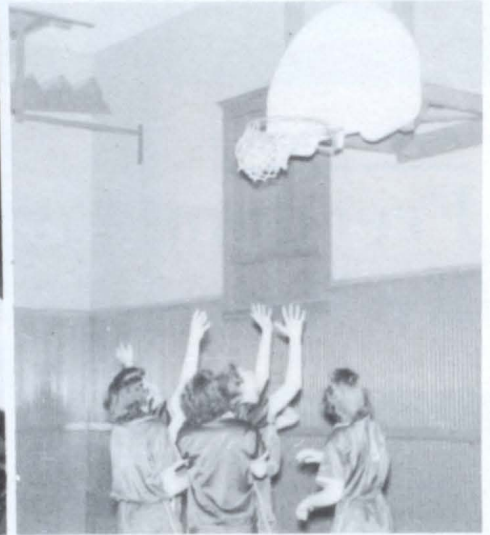


Waldo Champ

Freedom Toppled By Besse, 40-35

Besse High New Waldo League Court Champions







Jr. High Cheerleaders & Basketball

KNEELING: Left to right: K. Marks, R. Meader, G. Wiggins, S. Dow, D. Hodges.
 SECOND ROW: E. Keay, M. Fuller, G. Green, Mr. Ayers, Coach; W. Towers, M. Emerson, J. Littlefield.

The seventh and eighth grades basketball team didn't have very good luck this year, having won just one game out of five. Although the luck was bad the boys had fun, and showed some improvement.

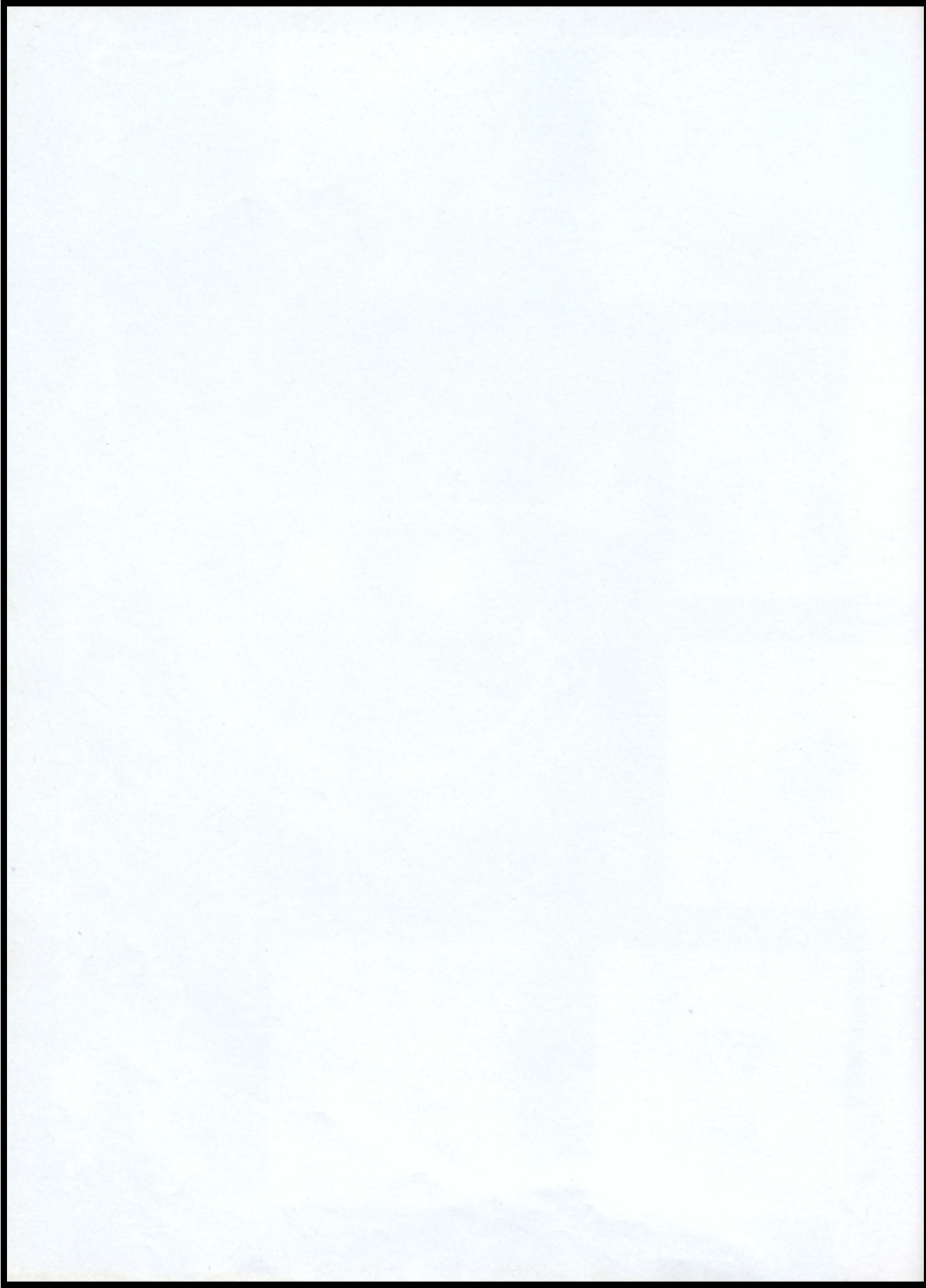
The first two games were with Brooks. We lost by a wide margin. Then we played Unity there and lost by only one point-28 to 29, in a three minute overtime. When Unity came to Besse, we beat them 32-22. Then we lost another game to Knox, 27-25.

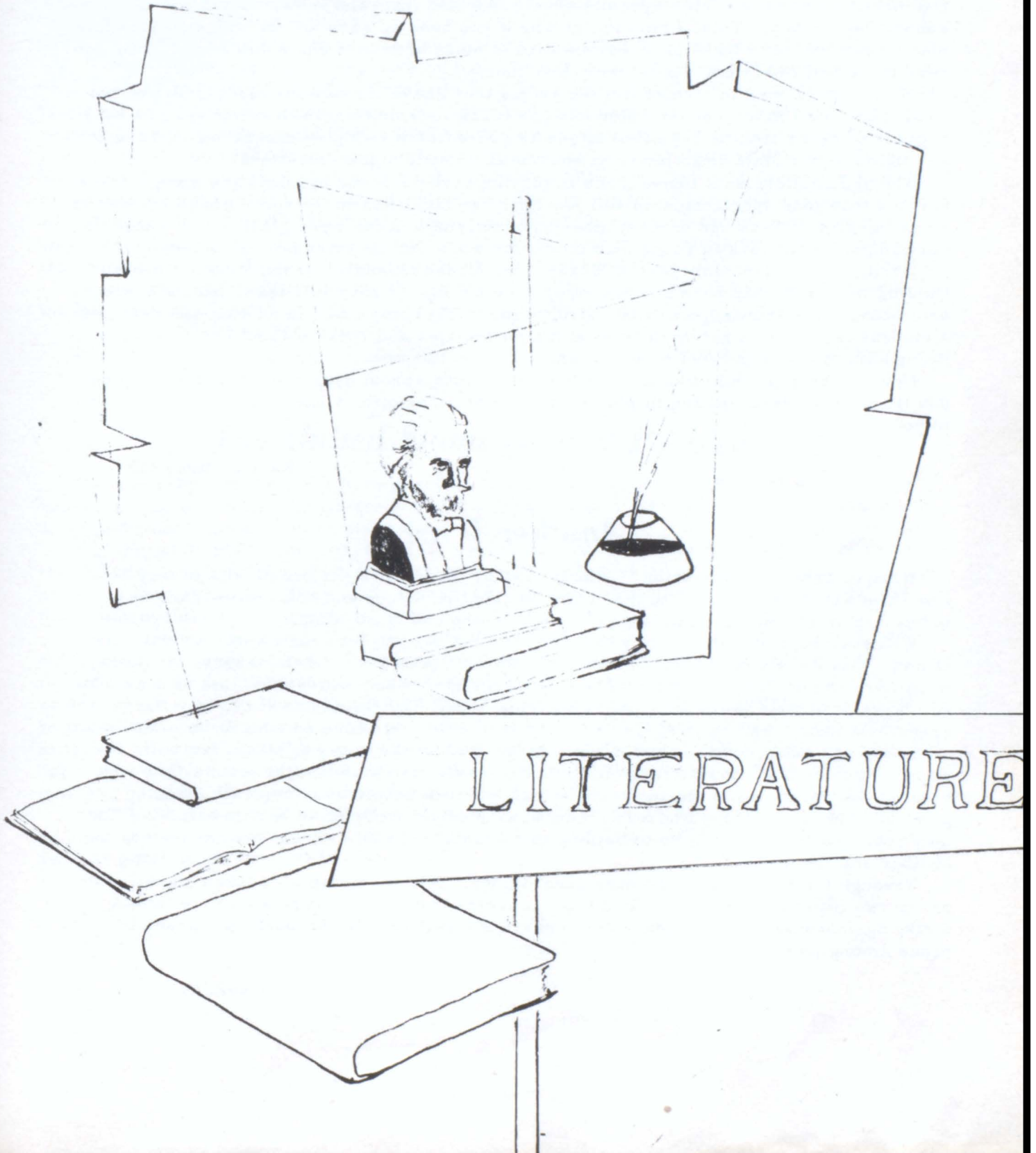
We won our first game in the tournament 26-21 over Winterport. The second one we lost to Belfast, 21-31. The third we lost to Knox, 14-16.



Jr. High Baseball

SEATED: Left to right: R. Hayward, K. Marks, R. Grandmaison, W. Towers.
 SECOND ROW: Mr. Bickford, Coach; G. Green, N. Young, R. Meader, G. Wiggins, S. Dow, D. Hodges.





LITERATURE

In Restrospect

With the nearing of graduation upon me, I look back over my four years at Besse High School. I ask these questions of myself. What teachers have taught me the most? What events during this time have I learned the most from? What have I accomplished by playing basketball and baseball? What good has it done me to hold offices in our school?

The teachers that have taught me the most and the ones that I have learned the easiest from are Miss Leola Mitchell and Mr. George Ayers. Miss Mitchell, in my opinion, has a way of presenting the subject to the student so that he is interested in it and is eager to find out more about it. Mr. Ayers is a well educated man who knows very much about the subject he teaches. This, I believe, is why it has been so easy for me to learn from him. Many other teachers that I have worked with in other activities and studies have taught me very much and I have enjoyed working with them.

While I have been in high school the events that I have learned the most from are the field trips that I have been on. Students can learn very much from these trips. To have the process of paper making explained to you as you watch it is highly educational. To watch and listen to our State Legislature in session is enjoyable and educational.

The accomplishments I have made in playing basketball and baseball are many. I have learned that good sportsmanship will pay off large dividends in the end. I have learned to compete with others and to meet other boys striving for the same goals as I. These are very important factors to young men facing the world for the first time alone.

During this, my senior year at Besse. I have been treasurer of the Student Council. Holding this office has been a great experience for me. I have learned to handle accounts and money, this knowledge will be useful to me in everyday life. In holding other offices a student can learn to get up in front of his classmates and speak without being nervous. Being able to speak in front of an audience is essential when facing the world.

Now maybe you would like to think back over your school days. What teachers taught you the most? Participating in what events, sports, or offices have proved most valuable to you?

Karl L. Keay '55

Another War?

What will the next war bring? Will it destroy the world? Its people should take action before it is too late. With the highly destructive bombs and new air weapons developed in an atomic age, another year could be the end of all things.

Whatever happens, the country that strikes first has the best chance of survival. As of now, with Russia the great opponent, the United States could be the target. At times, we Americans don't realize that there is a threat of war hanging over us just as a dreaded plague of former years hung over countries of Europe, waiting to sweep over large areas. So today, we are in danger of being destroyed, this time by man made weapons.

In our age many things are still a mystery. Man seeks a way to Mars, but he is also in search of God. It is strange to think that early man also thought about a God who created the world, made storms come and go and took people away by death. Some pictured God as some one who was trying to save them, and prayed to Him believing that they received help. It is hard to believe that such a God would create man to destroy one another and the world.

Through the years, man has done great things. But wars have also taken place, each one worse than the one before. In a way, it seems that if there were a God, He would strike against man's ideas, and come to earth Himself to rule the world and promote peace among men.

Herbert Shores '55

Inventor

Do you have an idea that could be developed into fame and a money making sensation? The U. S. patent offices in Washington, D. C. file thousands of new inventions every year from new versions of can-openers to the most delicate of modern instruments.

The U. S. patent laws provide that "any new and useful art, machine, composition of matter, article of manufacture, or any new and useful improvement thereof may be patented if the act of invention is involved."

The people that send in their ideas are not all acclaimed inventors or scientists, but they are people that feel that they have an idea and not afraid of being ridiculed because the idea appears to be far-fetched and unrealistic. The fact is that the most startling inventions in all history are those which at one time appeared to be unrealistic. Certainly, twenty years ago most people would have called sending television pictures through the air at the speed of light and recreating them in your living room a very far-fetched dream. Even today some people regard such modern inventions as miracles, but it is dreamers like the television inventors that bring new development into the world. There is a saying, "Those who Wonder shall Reign." Certainly, those who create have asked the questions how and why. When confronted with these questions, the real creator will come up with an answer that perhaps will be the forerunner to another great invention.

People with the initiative to use this creative quality, which we all have in differing amounts, will continue to advance the civilization of the world.

Robert Littlefield '56

The United States Largest Problem

We, the people in America have everyday problems. One of the greatest problems we Americans face today is the affairs behind the Iron Curtain. Nobody can really explain to us just what Russia's future plans are.

The United States believes that Russia's main idea is to conquer the world. One thing that makes us believe this, is the way they have recently started an aggression on Formosa an island east of China. Their main threat is to set up Communist parties throughout the East, and eventually the world.

We Americans try to get information to these Communist people, telling them of how unfair they are being treated. Congress is all the time thinking up new schemes in order to overthrow the Communist party. But it still remains one of our greatest world wide problems. It can't be fought by a small majority of the people. It is a problem that must be taken into consideration by each individual. We don't know just where Communist aggression will start next. This aggression does not always take the form of open warfare, but can be any scheme to weaken our social structure, to arouse and increase racial prejudices, political corruption and to overthrow industries.

It might be in our town or state so all people should be aware of the fact. We should also know and appreciate our present day government, and do all within our power to combat any and all evils that may befall it.

Charlie Spearrin '56

Going To College

"No, I'm not going to college. I can't afford it."

"I am. My family has saved for years for this purpose."

"I've got a job waiting. I'm going right to work after I graduate."

These are some reactions to the question of going to college. Before a person decides whether or not he is going to college, he should carefully analyze the advantages of a college education. In this age of tough competition for the best jobs, a college education is important. Doctors, lawyers, teachers, scientists, and clergymen must be college trained. The business and industrial world needs men and women with a college education for positions of leadership. Many other jobs demand men and women who through their college training have mastered the skills of their trades.

Statistics have proved that college graduates earn \$50,000 more during their lifetime than high school graduates.

One of the most important things, however, that a college education can do for you is to help you become an interesting personality. Your college courses expand your knowledge and sharpen your mind. A college education helps you to have a better social life and how to get along with other people. In college you learn to appreciate the better things in life such as good books, music, etc.

Today, with the many scholarship and student-aid plans, it is possible for anyone to go to college if he or she really wants to and has the ability to learn. Whatever you do, I don't think there is a substitute for a good college education.

Ronald Littlefield '56

A Moment To Remember

It will be a moment to remember when Herbie and I take off in our space ship to the planet Mars. We expect to have our ship completed on or about the year of 1969. We have not yet begun the actual structure, but we have all the blue prints and plans.

We founded our corporation back in 1955. Last year we test flew a new rocket ship for the U. S. Air Force. Our first stop was the moon. There we found a new kind of metal that can be heated to a high degree, put into shape and hardened. Bullet proof, it is so tough that if a space ship constructed of this material should crash, it would not dent or scratch.

Our next stop was to be Mars, but we ran low on fuel and had to come home. We don't expect to have difficulty with fuel again, because while we were doing some research work in the laboratory the other day we made an eye-stinging discovery. We found a new formula for space ship fuel. We call it $H_c UMS_1 F$.

We think our fuel will revolutionize the whole field of space travel.

When we land on the Planet Mars we will send a detail report of our trip back to earth by a supersonic carrier-pigeon.

Roger Lawrence
Herbert Shores '55"

The Great Wall Street Crash

The following is a report based on articles written by John K. Galbraith, "Harper's Magazine," and editorials from Newsweek:

The great depression in New York in October, 1929 was one of the most harmful things that ever occurred in the history of the United States, allowing only one exception, "The Civil War."

There was a lot of discussion at the time as to what day the great panic seized the market. The majority of the people believe it struck on Thursday, October 24. On Monday and Tuesday the losses were very great, but on Wednesday things were tolerably quiet. The great crash lasted all of the autumn of 1929.

The reason for the stock crash was because during the early 20's there was a great boom in manufacturing, in the building of modern buildings, and in industry. Before the great crash a large group of people were buying stocks because they had heard that the stock market was a place where they could get rich fast and their right of getting rich was as good as anyone else's.

For an example of the great change of stock prices, one hundred dollars worth of shares which provided an average return of \$5.90 in 1921 paid only \$3.50 in 1929. Stock that had been worth \$47 in 1932 dropped to a mere \$6 per share.

On October 24, the crash came and in that one day more than 12,000,000 shares were sold at tumbling prices that ruined the fortunes of thousands.

During this depression there were hard times because the consumer dollars were scarce, and as unbought products gathered dust on the Nation's shelves, manufacturers had to cut down further on production. This meant laying off help. The vicious cycle continued. Unemployed workers had no money to buy goods, and goods were not produced because there was no market. Farm income dropped from a total of \$7 billion in 1929 to \$2 billion in 1932. Money needed to buy farm equipment was nonexistent. The blight extended to industries which produced farm machinery. Salaries of those working were cut. By the end of 1932 about 15,000,000 Americans were unemployed.

Some people believed that 1929 would be different because Mr. Hoover would replace President Coolidge. Mr. Hoover said that President Coolidge knew nothing and cared less about the speculative orgy in which the country was indulging itself. But I don't think it mattered as to who was president, because the stock crash, in my opinion, under the circumstances couldn't have been prevented at the time.

The government took over by having President Hoover administer the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, an agency to aid in the financing of industry and agriculture. Under President Roosevelt the alphabet took on new meaning for those out of work: The WPA, PWA, CCC, and NYA were all government projects in which men, women, and young people were put to work and paid with tax money. During this period \$10 billion was spent for work relief through these agencies. Projects included erection of public buildings, construction of roads, planting of trees, and building of parks, creating clerical jobs for students on college campuses, etc.

In addition the Federal Emergency Relief Administration provided direct relief to destitute families.

Some happenings from the Great Crash to the present time affecting our economic status are World War II, which brought death to more than 407,000 Americans; atomic bomb in 1945; mass production of television sets; creation of conservation projects, such as TVA; and the enormous production of goods to meet the demands of our defense program and ever increasing population. Annually we now produce 112 M. tons of steel, 7 M. cars and trucks, 1 M. new homes and 275 M. tons of food. Even so, our unemployed at the present numbers about 3 million.

I think that the United States may and probably in time will have another slump, but that we shall never again see what is known as a great depression, because the government has organized and still will organize different devices to employ men and that by these government projects we will stay out of a depression.

Leon Fowler

Juvenile Delinquency

Juvenile delinquency is something that most people don't think too much about. When people do think of juvenile delinquents they usually think of boys who come from slum areas of the city. These people believe that if a child is given a congenial home and good environment he will turn out to be a nice, young man. This opinion, however, is somewhat wrong for almost one half of the juvenile delinquents come from well-to-do homes with doting parents.

For instance, Sammy Smith, a young boy who lives down the street from us, has a nice home. There isn't anything his parents wouldn't do for him; but yet he runs around with the wildest gang in town. It certainly isn't money he needs! Then what could it be? Maybe it's affection and understanding, for there must be some reason for his waywardness.

Did you know that in the last five years juvenile delinquency has increased 45% and that if it keeps increasing at this rate that by 1960 there will be 2,000,000 juvenile delinquents annually?

If people could only realize the enormity of these startling facts they wouldn't just shrug their shoulders and say, "What is this younger generation coming to?" or "Why don't the police do something about it?" The police alone can't decrease juvenile delinquency. In order to prevent these juvenile atrocities people must study the cause to determine the cure.

In many juvenile cases, it has been found that the teen-ager has been exposed to unfavorable conditions at home. We believe that the training in the home is the primary factor that influences the child. The parents, therefore, should do their utmost to help their children. Education or money alone doesn't make a good home. Parents' understanding, love and humor are necessary elements. Parents should give their children what they need and not always what they desire.

Perhaps if a parent had to pay for the damage caused by his children he would make more of an effort to be a good parent. This pressure would be most apt to make the parents keep a closer eye on the kind of "fun" their children enjoy.

Activities are good for teen-agers, taking up their mind and extra time. For this reason much effort should be given to civic, school, and church organizations which provide worthwhile programs for youth. If more law-abiding citizens in every community would co-operate and do their part, there is no reason why juvenile delinquency can't be reduced.

Just remember, crime is as catching as the measles and unless something is done to stop this dreadful "disease" your teen-ager may be the next one to become "infected."

Maxine Harding '56

Audrey Drake '56

My Darkest Hour

What a wonderful day! What shall I do to absorb the sunshine and fresh air? I know, I haven't visited my friend, Kathy Green, for quite a while. I guess I will bike over to pay her a visit.

The weather was so invigorating that I started to peddle my bike as fast as I could. Oh, what a beautiful day! I could ride on like this for hours. Boy, there is that steep hill that I just love to coast down. I will be able to coast for hours. Whee, I must be traveling about 50. It's a good thing no cop's around, he'd arrest me for speeding!

Oh, oh! I've never noticed that rut in the road before. I wonder how it got there. I hope I can miss it, but, gee, how can I? It runs the whole length of the road. I'm scared. What shall I do? Shall I apply my brakes or keep right on coasting? I guess I will apply my brakes. (I applied my brakes and as I did this I lost control of the handle bars.) Oh, oh, I'm going to fall. I hope I don't scar my new bicycle or break a leg.

Oooh, my leg hurts awful. My arm, too. Where am I? What happened? I can't remember lying down here for a nap. What's shining in my eyes? Oh, it hurts to move. Wish I knew what happened. Last I remember I was going over to Kathy's house. I know now, I must have fallen. Well, I'll continue on my way now. Ow! that hurts! I guess I'll have to lie here until the pain in my leg goes away. That light, it hurts my eyes. What is it anyway? Pieces of glass, but why so bright? I wish somebody'd come along and help me. That glass is going to drive me crazy and what is that ringing sound I hear so plainly? Somebody's radio is playing awfully loud, what horrible music! How am I going to stand up? Will it do me any good to scream? I just can't stand it any more, with that noise in my ears and the reflection from that glass shining in my eyes. Won't somebody please help me? I know, I can pray, for in the darkest hour, He will listen.

"Dear God, please help me in my turmoil and bring me back home again. If the time has come for me to join You in heaven, please let it come quickly, without pain. Please! Amen."

I wonder how long I've been lying here. Hours, I guess. What's that sound? It's coming closer and closer. A motorist? Will he see me? He's stopping. Thank heaven, somebody's found me at last. And who's to receive my gratitude? "Thank Thee, God, for answering my prayer."

Carolyn Fowler '56

A Thrilling Experience

Tim Brown, a friend and classmate of mine, went deer hunting with me one day last fall, shortly after the first snowfall. It was a chilly day but a good one for tracking deer. Tim had his 30-30 Winchester rifle his father had given him on his last birthday. I had a shotgun that I had borrowed from a friend.

We had been hunting all morning but had not seen any signs of deer. We did, however, see a rabbit but it wasn't rabbit hunting season yet..

About 3:30 several shots rang out just ahead of us. We jumped into the brush thinking that it was someone shooting at a deer and that he might chase the deer our way. We had only to wait a few seconds when a man raced past us and down the narrow wood road. The man had a machine gun. I thought he had a mighty powerful gun for deer hunting.

In a few more seconds two more men came up the path; one was a sheriff, the other his deputy. The sheriff told us that the first man was an escaped convict

The sheriff said we could help him if we could show him the way to go through the woods and try to head off the convict. We said that we knew the woods around these parts and we knew of an abandoned shack up the hills, where the convict would likely stay until things cooled off a bit. The sheriff said to lead the way to the shack. We did.

When we got near the shack we saw smoke coming out of the chimney so we knew the convict was there. Tim and the sheriff stayed there to attract the convict's attention by shooting in the air, while the deputy and I made our way around in back of the shack.

The deputy went to the back door, kicked it open and told the convict to drop his gun. The deputy took another step and one of his feet went through a rotten board in the floor. The convict was about to shoot the deputy when I yelled, "Drop that gun!" He dropped it. By this time the sheriff and Tim had reached the cabin. The sheriff took custody of the convict and I said that it was time Tim and I were getting along home. We got many thanks from the sheriff and his deputy.

On the way home we saw a deer, too far away for me to hit with my shotgun, but Tim got him with his rifle. So I wasn't the only hero of the day.

Clayton Mason '56

A Squirrel, A Boy And The Boy's Parents

There lived a young boy named Tim. He was ten years old, and lived with his parents on the outskirts of a small town called Diablo.

This boy had a great love for wild animals and birds. He used to go to the woods every day to watch the birds and animals, to hunt for different types of and odd shaped shells. He would take them up to his room and place them on his desk, in anything that would hold them. After a while his room got all cluttered up with his precious articles. When his mother saw that his room was filling fast with what she called "junk" she became angry, and told Tim that he would have to take his "junk" out doors. But Tim didn't like the idea of having to move his precious articles out doors.

One day while Tim was on his daily walk he came upon a large mass of rocks, of course Tim had to see what was on the other side of these rocks. What do you think he found? A cave. And he decided then and there that this was the place for him to bring his collection.

After he had moved all of his belongings into the cave, he set out for home. On the path leading to his house he spotted one of his little friends lying on the ground, suffering from great pain. When he reached his friend he saw that it had a broken leg. Tim went quickly to work. He cut a splinter from a small maple, placed it on the wound, and wrapped it up with his handkerchief. He then picked up the squirrel and took it to his room, where he nursed it until it was strong enough to go back to its home in the woods.

One day about a month later Tim was on his way to the cave when he spotted his friend up in a tree. The squirrel acted very strange today, it looked as though he wanted to tell Tim something. He kept jumping from one tree to another as if he wanted Tim to follow him. Tim followed the squirrel deep into the forest. Finally they came to a large hole that was filled with a lot of sparkling jewels, worth a lot of money.

With the money that he had found Tim set up a home for animals that had no one to care for them, both wild and tame. With the rest of the money, Tim lived happily ever after.

Russell Hayward '56

The Intruder

The house was built on the side of a steep hill overlooking a large village. Miles across on another hill was built a great city. From the living room of the lonely house, she could distinguish the more important buildings. There was the State House outlined against a background of skyscrapers. Over here was a radio tower and over there, a granite statue in memorial to the dead.

At night only the highest buildings were visible amid the colored lights. In the daytime the varicolored signs disappeared into the horizon. She knew that late at night they would vanish, too, and suddenly the horizon would be left black and gray.

Now it was ten thirty, and still the signs shone through the darkness. They were comforting for they seemed to tell her that somewhere was someone and she was not alone. She wasn't alone really. Tucked in their beds upstairs were her three children. The telephone was not far away. The music and chatter of the Saturday night jamboree came gaily from the radio at her elbow.

But somehow she couldn't relax. Then in a moment she knew why. Someone was outside the glass door. Something had moved outside there in the dark. She was scared. She didn't move. She thought, "I'm sitting right beside the door. He can see into the room but he can't see me." He moved, she didn't. She couldn't move, she was too weak. Besides if she moved, he'd see her. She could scream, but the nearest house was almost a mile away. If she could get to the telephone! But it was on the other side of the room, and she'd have to pass the door to reach it. If she could get to the children! The stairs were beside the door. What could she do?

He was right at the door now trying to open it. She knew if she didn't open it for him, he'd break it. Quietly she turned her head, and saw him. Oh what a sight! But not horrible at all for, you see, he was a dog.

Shirley Barton '56

The Biggest Wind In The Breeze

Miss Mitchell: "Arthur, did you miss any of the five questions on the test?"
Arthur Rood: "Yes, I missed the first two and the last three."

Teacher: "Have you finished your outside reading?"
Students: "No, sir, it's been too cold."

Mr. Ayers: "Now tell me in your own words, what you have just read."
Ronald L: "I don't know. I wasn't listening."

"What did the hen say when she saw the scrambled eggs?"
"Dig those crazy mixed up kids."

Two high school students were driving on the highway and in front of them a car was crawling, taking up the whole highway. "That must be my physics teacher," said one. "He never lets me pass---in physics, either."

A sad story. An English teacher received a theme with no punctuation marks and died holding his breath till the last page. Ha, Ha.

First student: "Have you read Webster's Dictionary?"
Second student: "No, I'll wait until they make it into a movie."

"Did you kill any moths with those moth balls I sold you the other day?"
"No, I tried for five hours, but I couldn't hit one."

Karl K. "I flunked that quiz flat."
Leon: "What was the matter, didn't you know the answers?"
Karl K: "Yes, but I had vaseline on my hair and they slipped my mind."

Prosecuter to defendant: "You are accused of stealing this car, just how did you obtain it?"
Defendant: "Why the honest way, of course."
Prosecutor: "And what is the honest way?"
Defendant: "Ha, ha, I didn't think you knew that."

Judy: "I don't see how football players ever get clean."
Charlie: "What do you think the scrub team is for?"

First student: "My uncle is a famous author."
Second student: "Who is your uncle?"
First student: "Number 9668"
Second student: "That's not his real name."
First student: "Of course not. That's just his pen name."

Alice M. : "I fell down and hit my head on the piano yesterday."
Judy M. : "Did you hurt yourself?"
Alice M. : "No, I hit the soft pedal."

"When I was once in danger from a lion", said the big game hunter,
"I tried sitting down and staring at him, as I had lost my gun. The
lion didn't even touch me."
"Strange! How do you explain that?"
"Well," mused the hunter, "It must have been because I was sitting on
a high branch of a tall tree."

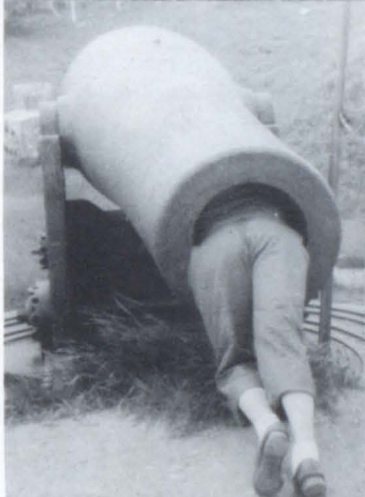
Mr. Bickford: "Charlie, is it wise to economize?"
Charlie S. : "Not always. I knew a man who took long steps to keep from wearing
out his \$4.00 shoes, and then split his \$8.00 trousers."

The Dog

Downstairs in the English room
We have a dog who needs a groom.
He needs some very special care
Although he hasn't got much hair.
His ribs anyone can count.
He's standing on a wooden mount.
This dog will never ever bite
Nor neither will he ever fight.
His tail is very, very short,
And brains he hasn't even got.
So if you'd like a special job,
Come and see about this dog.

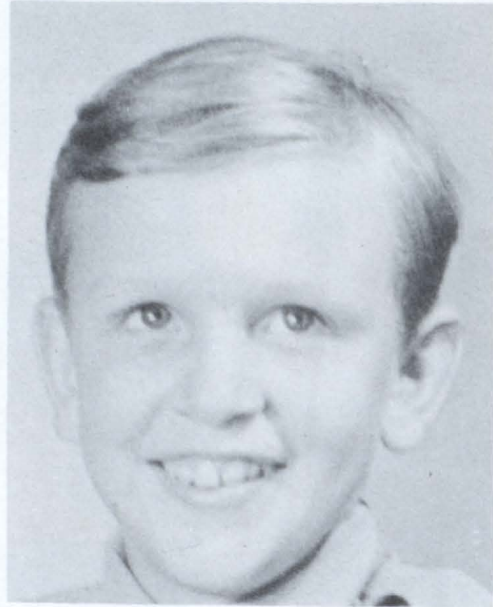
Menetta Meader '57







Senior Class



School Calendar 1954-55

Sept.	6	Labor Day--Holiday--school opened.
Sept.	7	No Classes--Meeting of all teachers.
Sept.	8	Classes began! Oh dear!
Sept.	9	Sophomores ordered class rings. What excitement!
Sept.	24	County convention--No school!
Oct.	12	Columbus Day--No school!
Oct.	16	Safe was robbed! No money stolen!
Oct.	18	Basketball practice started. Oh Boy!
Oct.	22	Tri-State Ad Director came.
Oct.	27	Ad Trip to Waterville.
Oct.	28-29	State convention--no school!
Nov.	1	Sophomores class rings arrived.
Nov.	3	Hobo dance.
Nov.	5	Senior class supper.
Nov.	9	National Education Week observed by Night School. Parents invited to attend the session.
Nov.	10	Reverend Nelson M. Heikes spoke.
Nov.	11	Armistice Day--no school!
Nov.	12	Workshop
Nov.	25-26	Thanksgiving Recess.
Dec.	14	A new safe was brought from Freedom.
Dec.	22	School closes for Christmas vacation.
Jan.	3	School reopened.
Jan.	18	Marine Reserve speaker.
Jan.	26	Pictures taken for yearbook.
Jan.	26	Senior Class Supper.
Feb.	14	Besse Beat Freedom 40-35 in league play off.
Feb.	18	Schools close for one week's vacation.
Feb.	28	School reopened.
Mar.	11	Junior Class Play.
Apr.	15	School closed for one week's vacation.
Apr.	25	School reopened.
May	30	Memorial Day--no school!
June	5	Baccalaureate.
June	6	Last Chapel.
June	7	School Picnic.
June	9	Graduation--See you next year!

As you enter the building you see four boys playing ping pong and three or four more looking on. Up stairs in Mr. Bickford's room a few students are coming and going buying hot lunch tickets. (Everyone must think of his stomach!) Entering the main room you find two or three students just sitting around talking. Miss Mitchell enters the main room about eight-thirty and rings the bell (that is, if the old thing works.) There is quite a lot of noise now and sometimes Miss Mitchell has to remind us the bell has rung. Each class has an attendance monitor who at this time reports to Miss Mitchell the students absent from his class. Miss Mitchell now asks, "How many are not going to hot lunch?" Five or six raise their hands. The Lords Prayer and Flag Salute are repeated and then everyone is on his way to class.

At 11 o'clock there is a mad rush up to the cafeteria. As you go through the door you can see and sometimes hear Mr. Ayers counting the tickets. After lunch, down at the high school the ping pong ball gets another work out-back and fourth until finally someone misses. At eleven thirty classes are resumed until 2 o'clock and then some of the boys are back at ping pong, others go to the gym. At two thirty five school is dismissed for all (?)--except those whose names are read by the teachers for make-up work.

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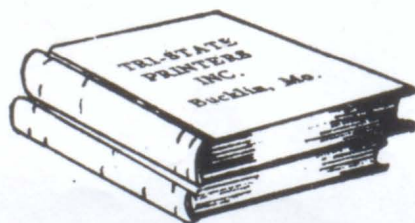
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Arthur Blaisdell			Albion	Thomas Business College
Barbara Knight			Albion	Office work, Warren Champlain
Ralph Fuller			Albion	Sears and Roebuck
Walter Gordon			New Jersey	Army
Faith Hendsbee			Bangor	E. Maine General Hospital
Charles Scribner			New Jersey	Army
Ralph Meader			Fairfield	Barrows Transport
Mary Lyn Nelson			Albion	New England Tel. and Tel.
Carroll Harding			Albion	Thomas Business College
TheLma Woodbury			Albion	Thomas Business College
Lloyd Pottle			Germany	Army
CLASS OF '53				
Nancy Blanchard	Wesley Drake	Timothy	Albion	Housewife
Kathryn Keay			Albion	Sec. C.F. Hathaway Co.
Wesley Drake	Nancy Blanchard	Timothy	Albion	Jones Garage
Frederick Shores			Albion	Farming
Kenneth Gould			Albion	Dairy Farming
Robert Sulvester			Albion	United Farmers
Virgil Coffin	Shirley Lowell		Gardiner	Paper Mill Augusta
CLASS OF '52				
Stephen Fowler	Beverly Dinsmore	Anthony	Albion	McCormick's Filling Station
Althea Hendsbee			Albion	At Home
George Gould			Albion	Raising Chickens
Allen Higgins			Albion	Raising Broilers
Barbara Quimby			Albion	Warren Champlain
Lawrence Reynolds			Bath	Bath Iron Works
Harold Crosby			England	Air Force
Maurice Scribner Jr.	Betty Perro		Maryland	Navy
CLASS OF '51				
Ida Marks	Elwin Stephens		Waterville	Housewife
Virginia Mason	Earl Dow		Albion	Housewife
Dexter Higgins	Marilyn Miller		Canaan	Farming
Keith Noyes	Mary Lou Nelson		Albion	Farming
Charles McKiel			Orono	University of Maine
Nelson Bezanson			Canada	New Brunswick Bible Institute
Guy Higgins			Albion	At Home
Oswald Cash Jr.			Germany	Army
Rosamond Keef	Richard Bouchard	Richard Jr.	Waterville	Housewife

CLASS OF '50	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Carol Knight	Leslie Clark	Sandra, Brian	Albion	Housewife
Seth Bradstreet, Jr.	Betty Blake	Dawn	Farmington	Teaching, Farmington H. S.
Joyce Fuller			Vermont	Teaching Bible School
Leslie Clark	Carol Knight	Sandra, Brian	Albion	Lee Bros.
Betty Blake	Seth Bradstreet	Dawn	Farmington	Housewife
Betty Sylvester			Portland	Telephone Operator
Bernice Bezanson	Yes		Buffalo, N. Y.	Housewife
Roderick Robinson	Hattie Rood		Florida	Air Force
Robert Cookson	Evelyn Buzzell	Dale	Wyoming	Army
Danny Lawrence			Virginia	Working in Pulp Mill
Carolyn Keef	Bernard Southard	Little Girl	Portland	Housewife
CLASS OF '49				
Carleton Fuller	Pearl Rood	Stephen	Albion	Farming
Hattie Rood	Roderick Robinson		Florida	Housewife
Carlene Waugh	Rev. R. Biekman		Gardiner	Housewife
James Yeaton	Evelyn Bessey	Deborah, David Dianne	Albion	Yeaton's Garage
Elaine Rideout	Thomas Haley		Portland	Dentist's Assistant
Harold Hothan			Freedom	Farming
Danny Blake, Jr.			Albion	Cutting Wood
Ethel Carver	Clifford Lee	Tommy	Albion	Housewife
Catherine Knights	Robert Parks		Kansas	Housewife
Elma Lee	Carl Davis	Walter, Barry	Thorndike	Housewife
Dana Libby			Harrison, Me.	Home
CLASS OF '48				
Florence Flye	Clayton Alexander	Patricia, Jan	Benton	Housewife
June Bagley	Robert Flye	Dean, Brenda	Winthrop	Housewife
Donald Quimby			Arizona	Army
Mary Fuller	Ronald Paraday		Waterville	Lockwood
Brenda Braley	Ronald Hunt		Burnham	Housewife
Harriet McKiel			Rockland	Teaching
Rosella Rex	Byron Fletcher	Sally, Sandra, Carol	China	Housewife
Marilyn Shibles	Harold Kitchen	Baby	Waterville	Housewife
Geraldine Brown	James Day	Little Girl	Washington D. C.	Housewife
Ferne Keef	Rayno Boivin	Betty, Rodney	China	Housewife
Faye Cookson	Edward Pottle	Fredick, Barbara	East Benton	Housewife
Jean Bagley	Ennitt Porter	Diane	Mars Hill	Teaching Home Ec.

CLASS OF '47	MARRIED TO	CHILDREN	WHERE	OCCUPATION
Anne McKiel	Richard Wheatly		Springfield, Mass.	Teaching School
Norman Rideout	Maxine Studley	Sharon, Linda	Albion	Working in Creamery
Dorothy Robbins	Ralph Lee	Bonna Rae	Albion	Housewife
George Waugh			Albion	Farming
Pearl Rood	Carleton Fuller	Stephen	Albion	Sec. to Supt. of Schools
Maxine Studley	Norman Rideout	Sharon, Linda	Albion	Housewife
Roberta Bezanson	John Copeland	Kathy, Michael and a Baby	Waterville	Housewife
Shirley Fuller	Dennis Grudda	Carol, Daniel	Africa	Missionary
Henry Folger			New York	Working Peanut Factory
CLASS OF '46				
Evelyn Quimby	Hadley Howell	Gregory	Albion	Housewife
Arlene Sylvester	John Smiley		Albion	Housewife
Elizabeth Marden	Jay Bliss		Brunswick, Me.	Housewife
Ruth Bezanson	Arthur Venio	Diane	Massachusetts	Housewife
Arlene Harding	Sherman Honeychart		Turkey	Housewife
Ruby Higgins	Edgar Hanson		West Enfield	Working in Mill
Richard Harrison	Christine Conley		Portland	Farrar Brown Co.
Joyce West			Massachusetts	
Lorraine West	Lawrence McKenny	David, Donald	Massachusetts	Housewife
CLASS OF '45				
Virginia Bradstreet	Dr. Dean Hutchins	Jean, Sally	Worster, Mass.	Housewife
Ronald Bagley	Bernice Rood	Gregory, Robert	Albion	Lee Bros.
Murid Harding	Albert Adams	Lawrence, Nancy	China	Housewife
Janet Waugh	Harry Tuttle	Anthony, Sally and Jeffery	Albion	Housewife
Leland Bessey	Donna Andrews		Albion	Furbush Motors
Harley Reynolds			Illinois	Wheaton College
Eula Bragg	Theodore Knowlton		Freedom	Housewife
James Day	Geraldine Brown	Baby Girl	Washington, D. C.	Cook for the Navy
Vivian Libby	Lloyd Ireland Douglas			Housewife
Harold Marden	Kathryn Moses	Nancy, Martha and David	Albion	Storekeeper
Juanita Faulkner	Elias Joseph	Sharol, Micheal	massachusetts	Housewife
Forest Libby	Frances Libby	William, Richard Dana, Robert, Stephen	Chicago	Working for Motorola T. V.
Cecil Quimby			Augusta	Farming
Ralph Marden	Lorraine Pepper		New York	Engineer of I. B. M.

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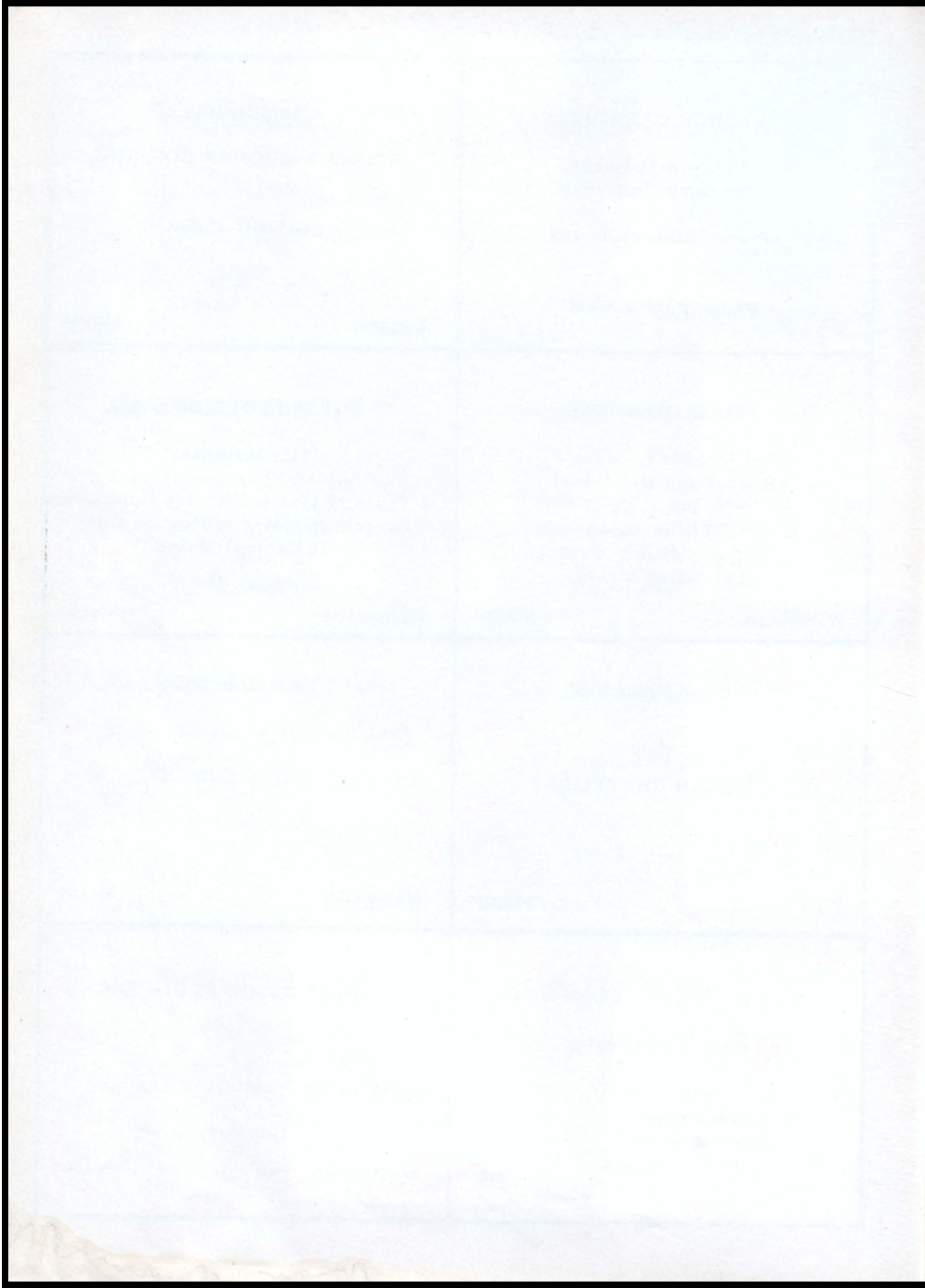
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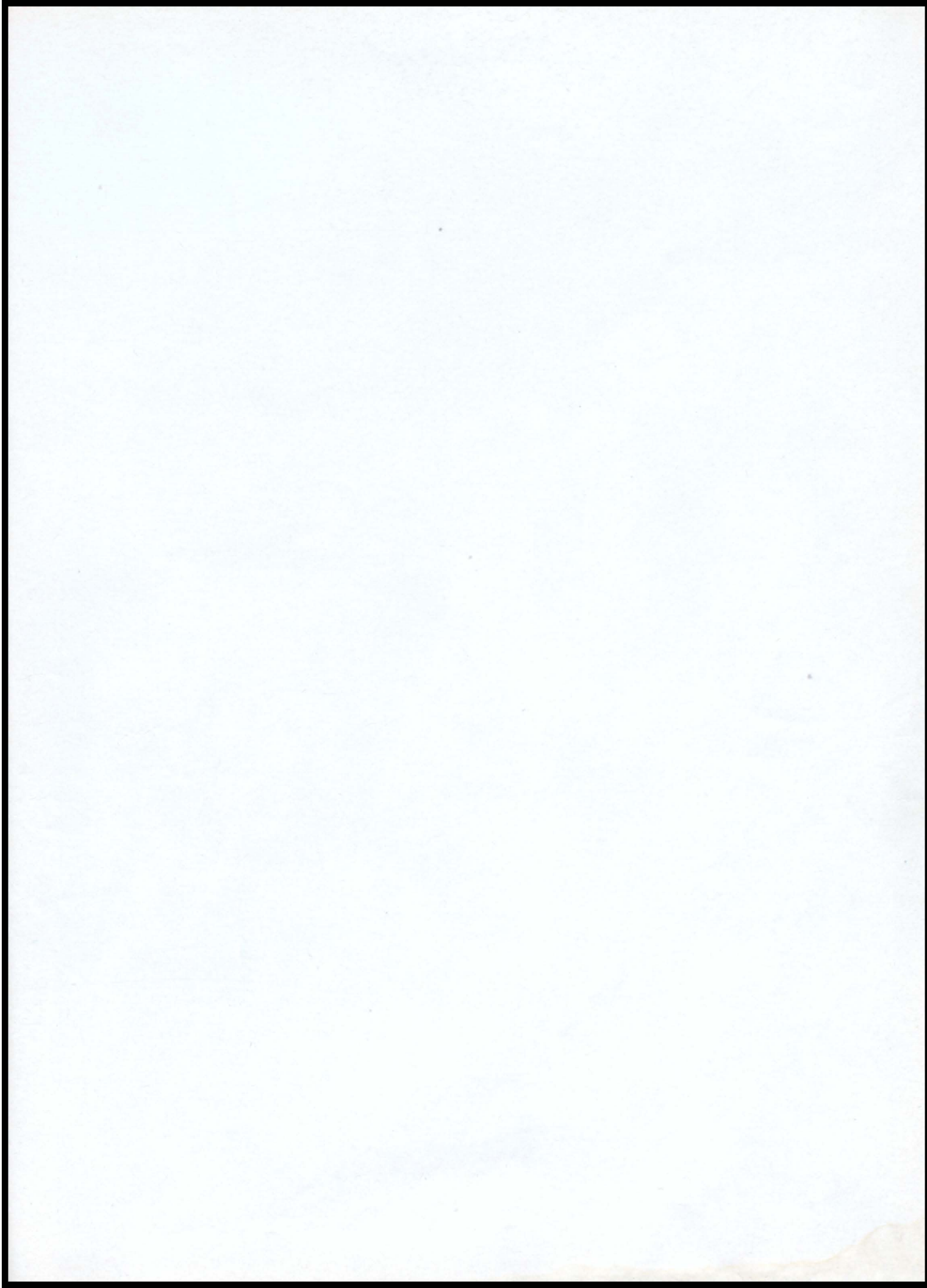
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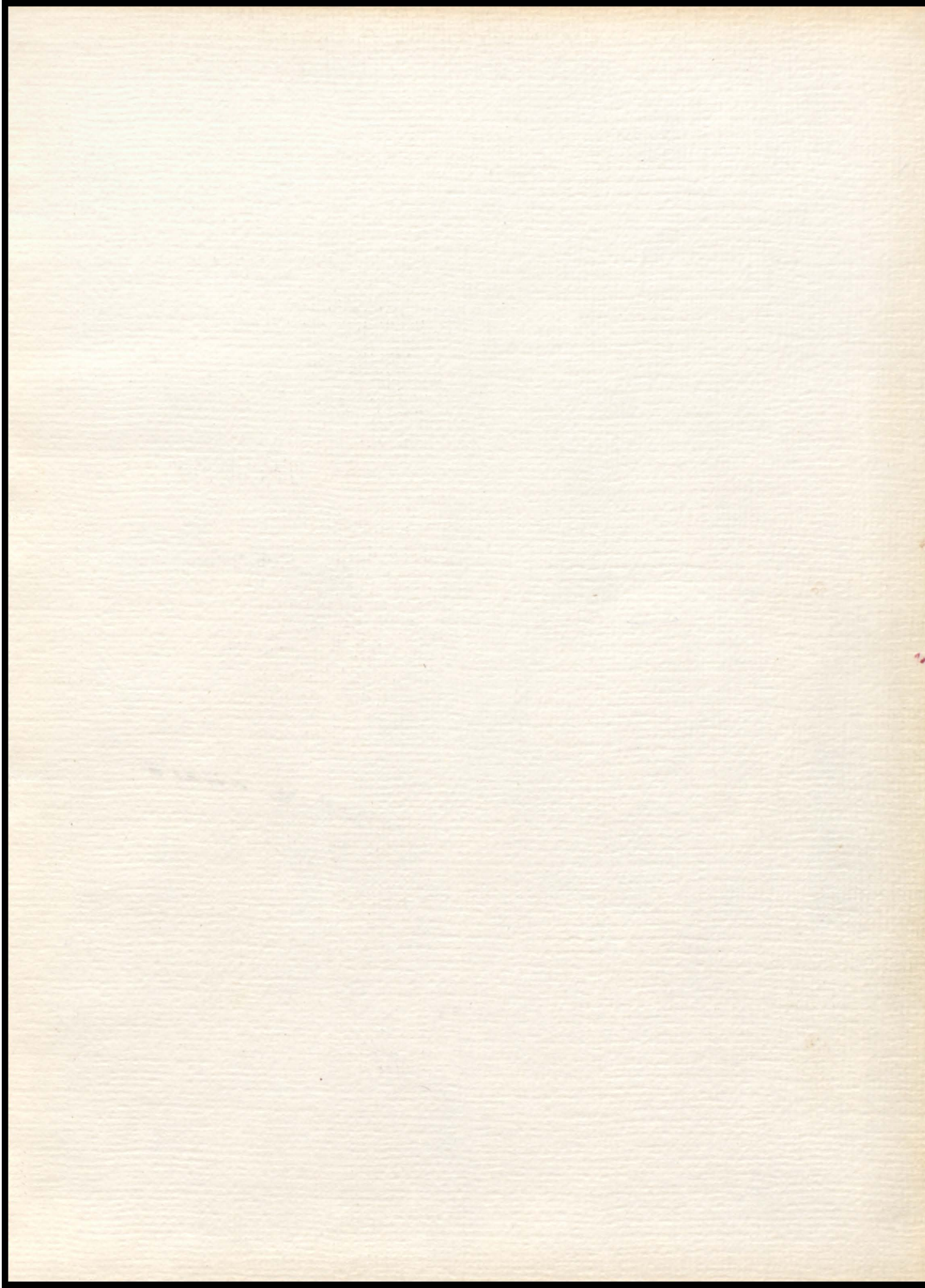
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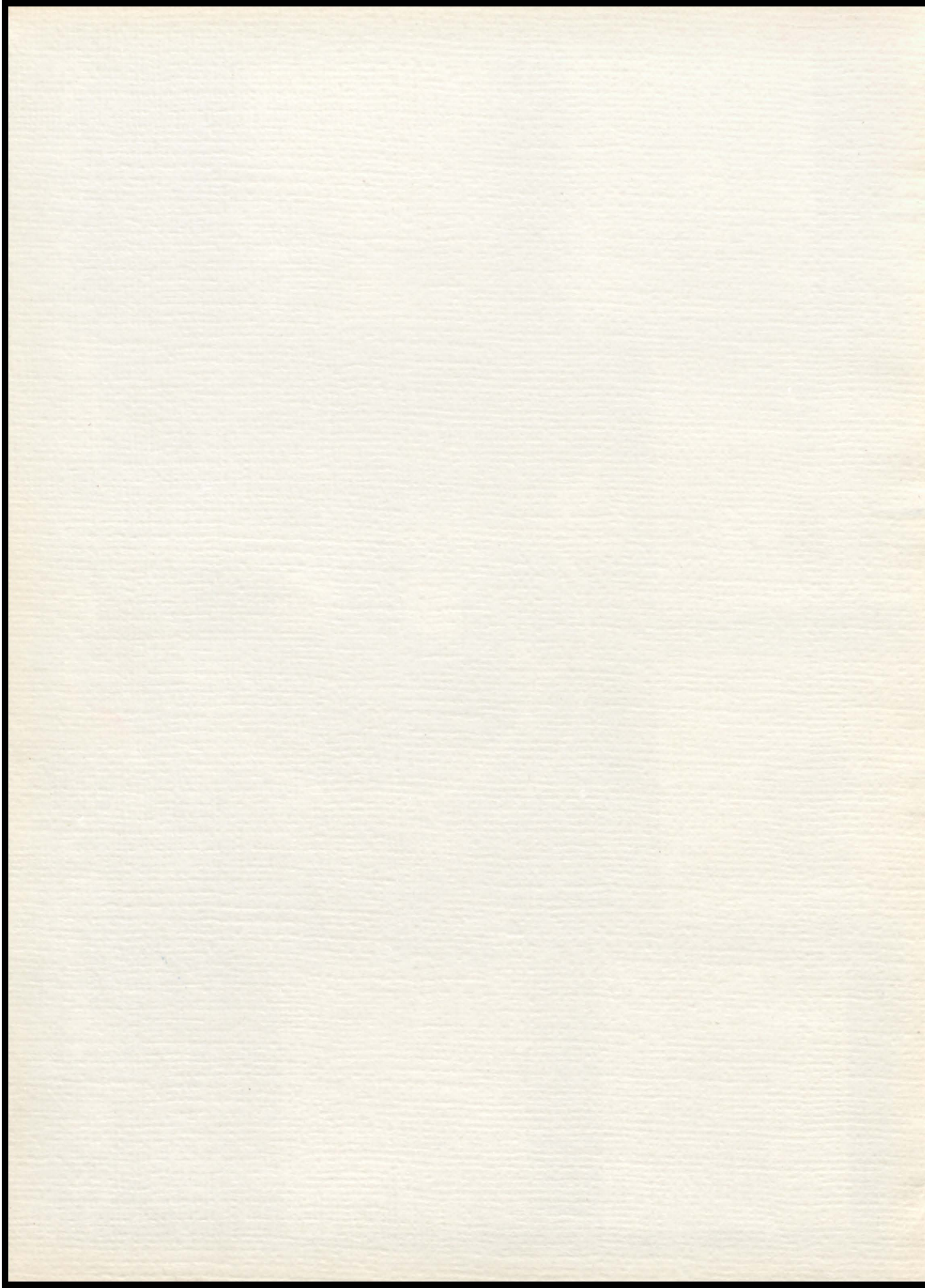
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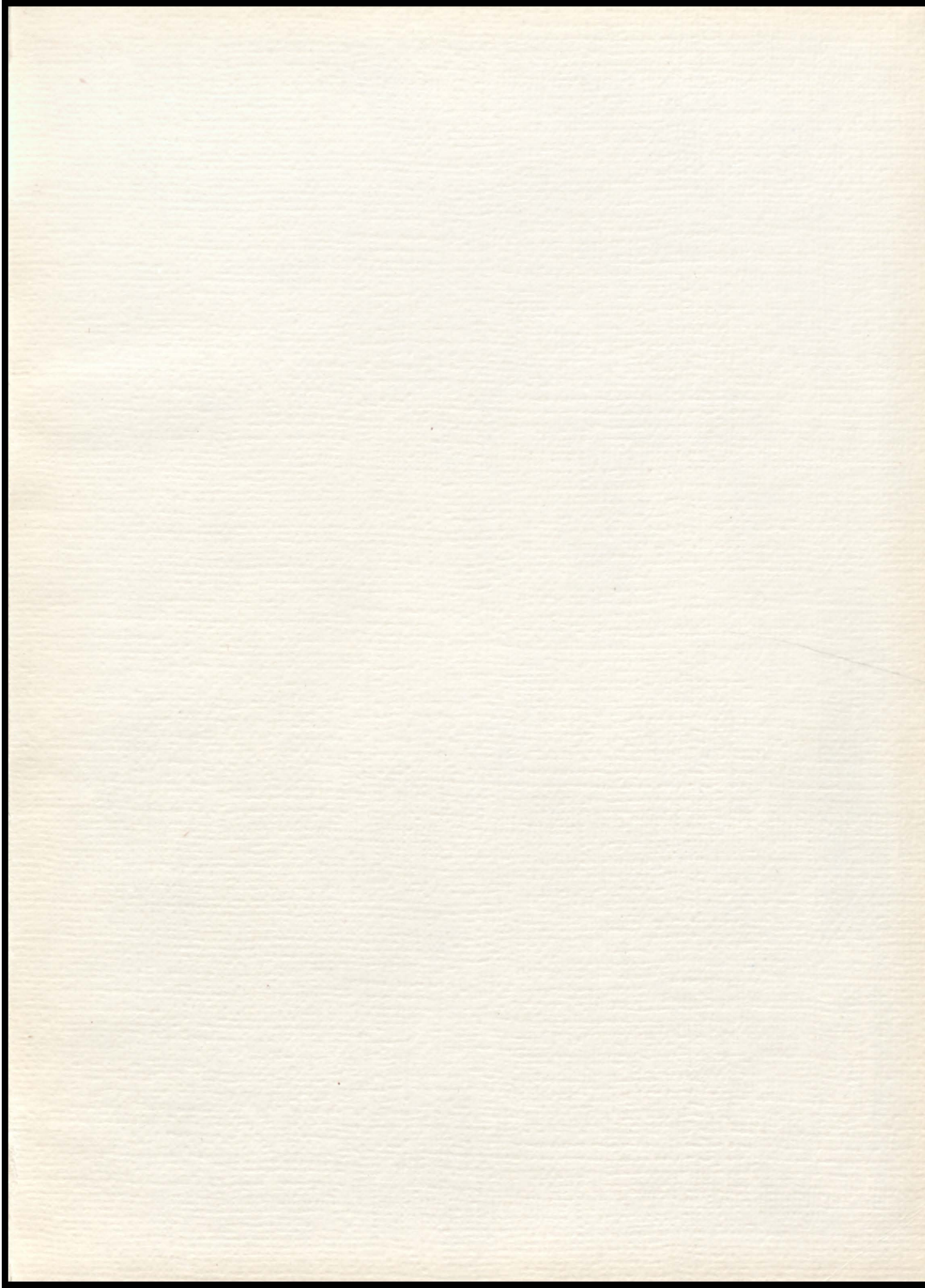
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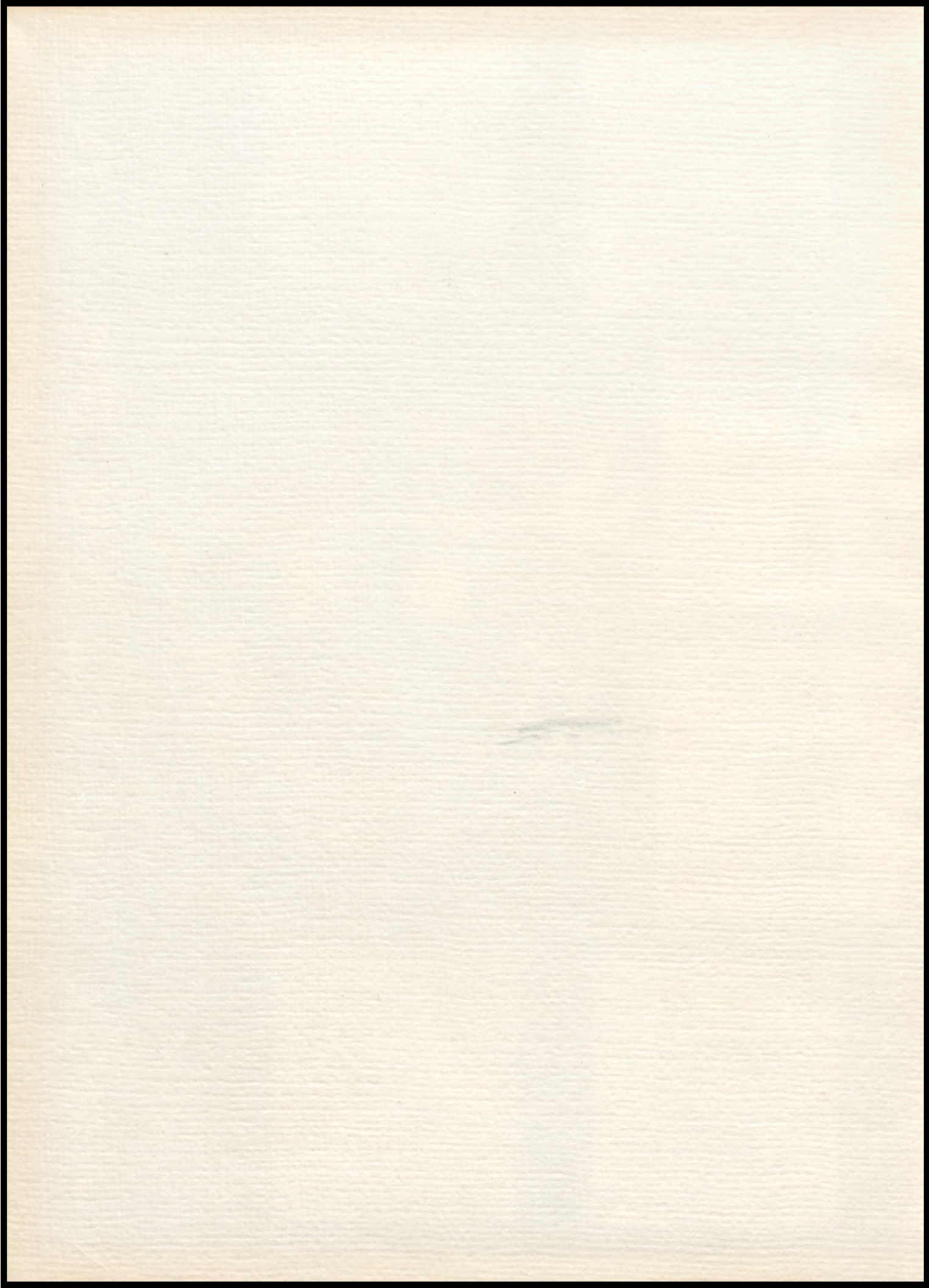
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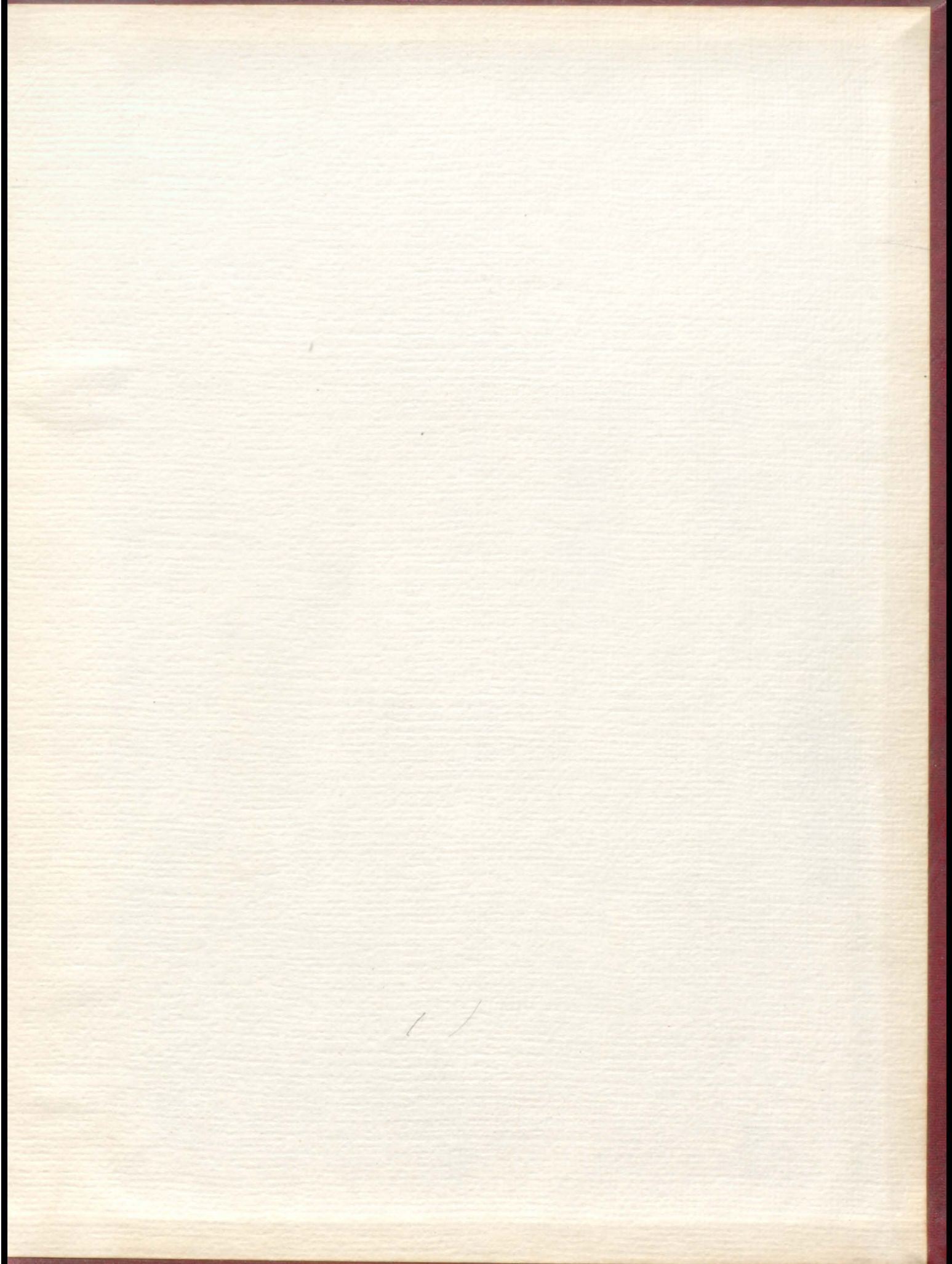
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