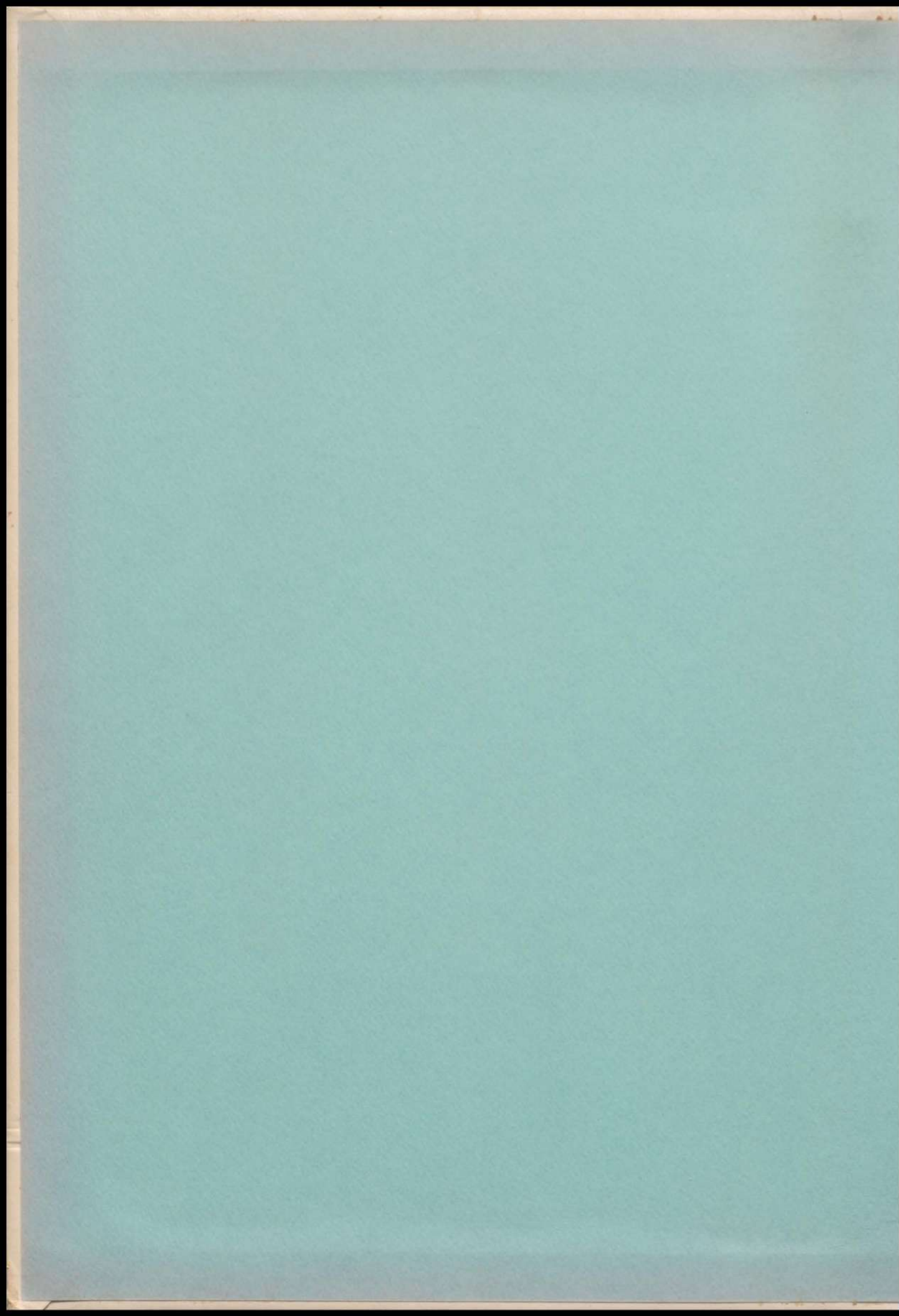
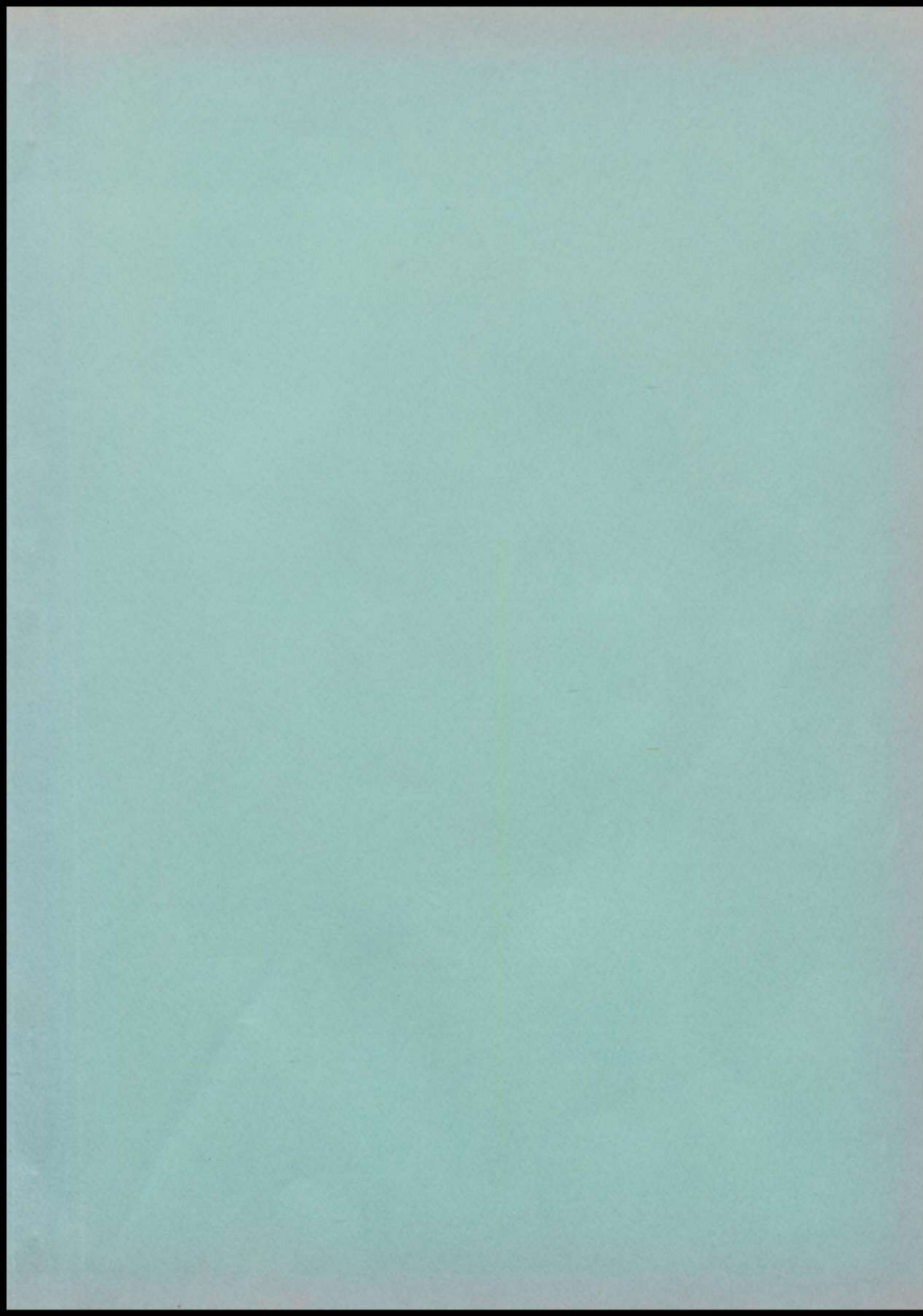
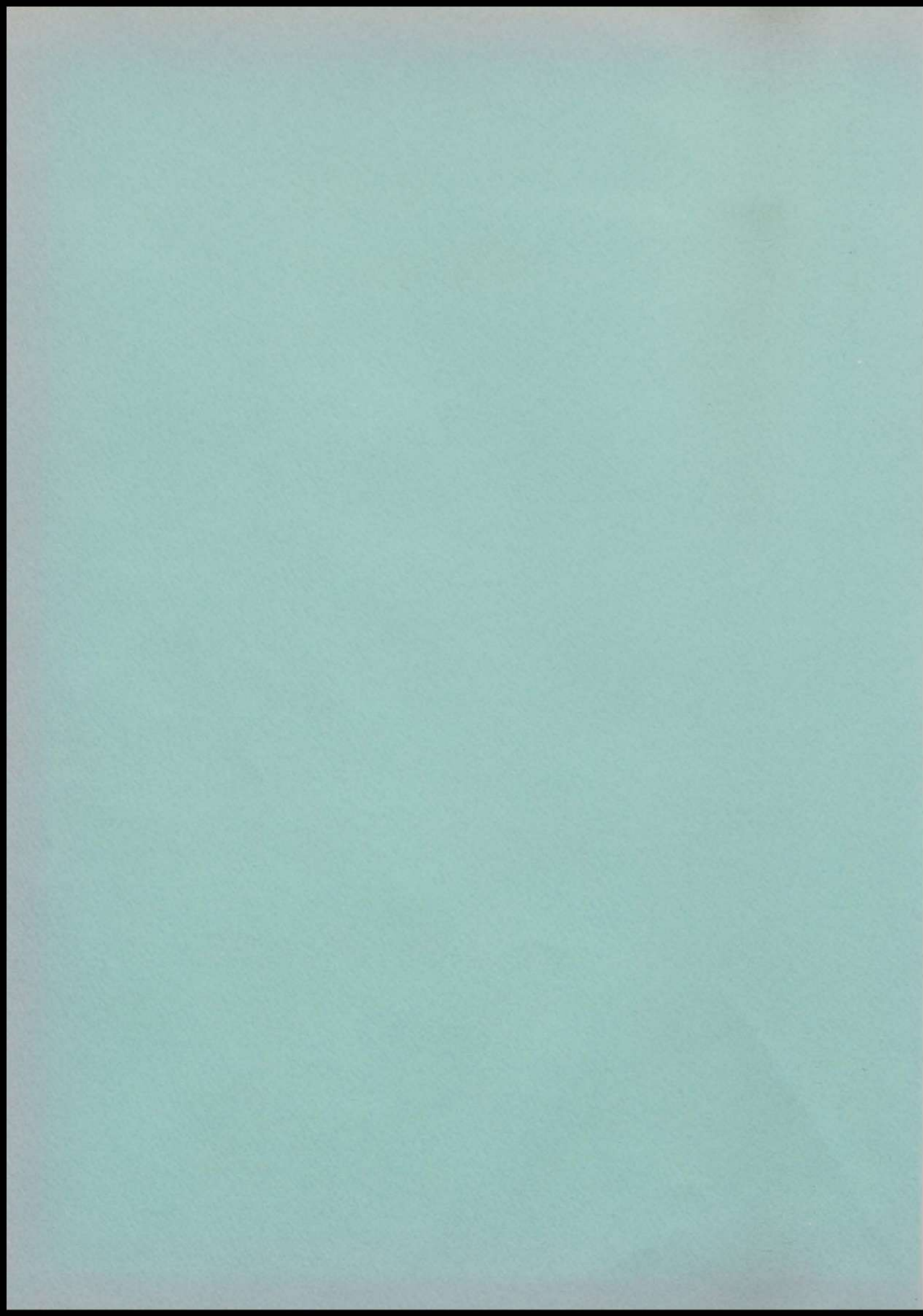


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M. Osgood kindergarten, J. Cooley 1 grade.
Second Row: E. Price 3&4 grades, A. Smith 6 grade, L. Weber 5&6 grade,
D. Hudson 3 grade, T. Milhollin 2 grade.

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High School Principal
Bookkeeping
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ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL
FIRST GRADE





"LARRY" ROLFE
Music Director
Sponsors: Junior Class



FLOYD LOCKE
History
Government
Economics
Sponsors: Safety Patrol



BETTY MATTSON
Typing I
Geography
Civics
Speech



ARTHUR ELLINGER
Chemistry
Biology
Coach
Sponsors: Senior Class
Varsity Club



BETHEL SCHMIDT
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Physical Education
Sponsors: Cheerleaders
F. H. A.



FRANK WALLACH

Shop
Drivers Training
Sponsors: Sophomore Class



JUNE FROST

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Home Economics
Librarian
Sponsors: Eighth Class



DEE LABATT

Science
Agriculture
Mathematics
Sponsors: Freshman Class



DOUG HALVERSON

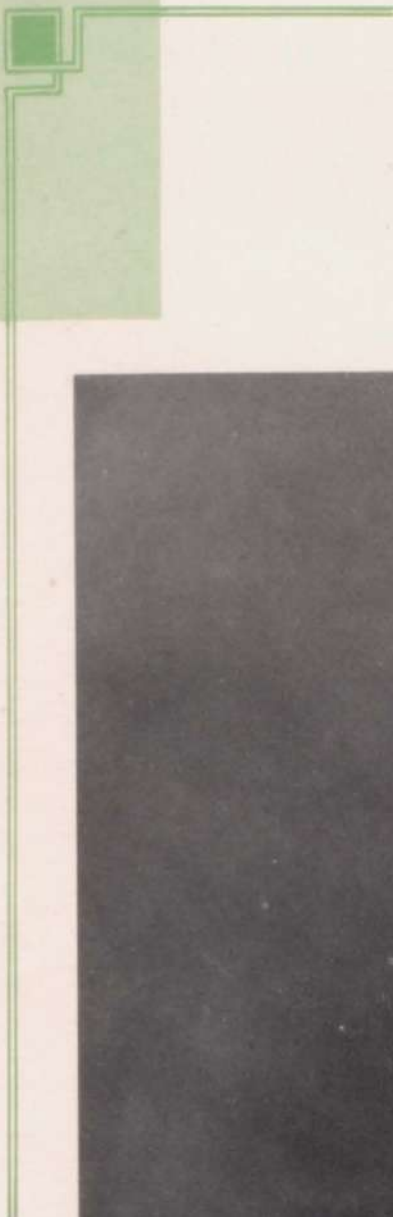
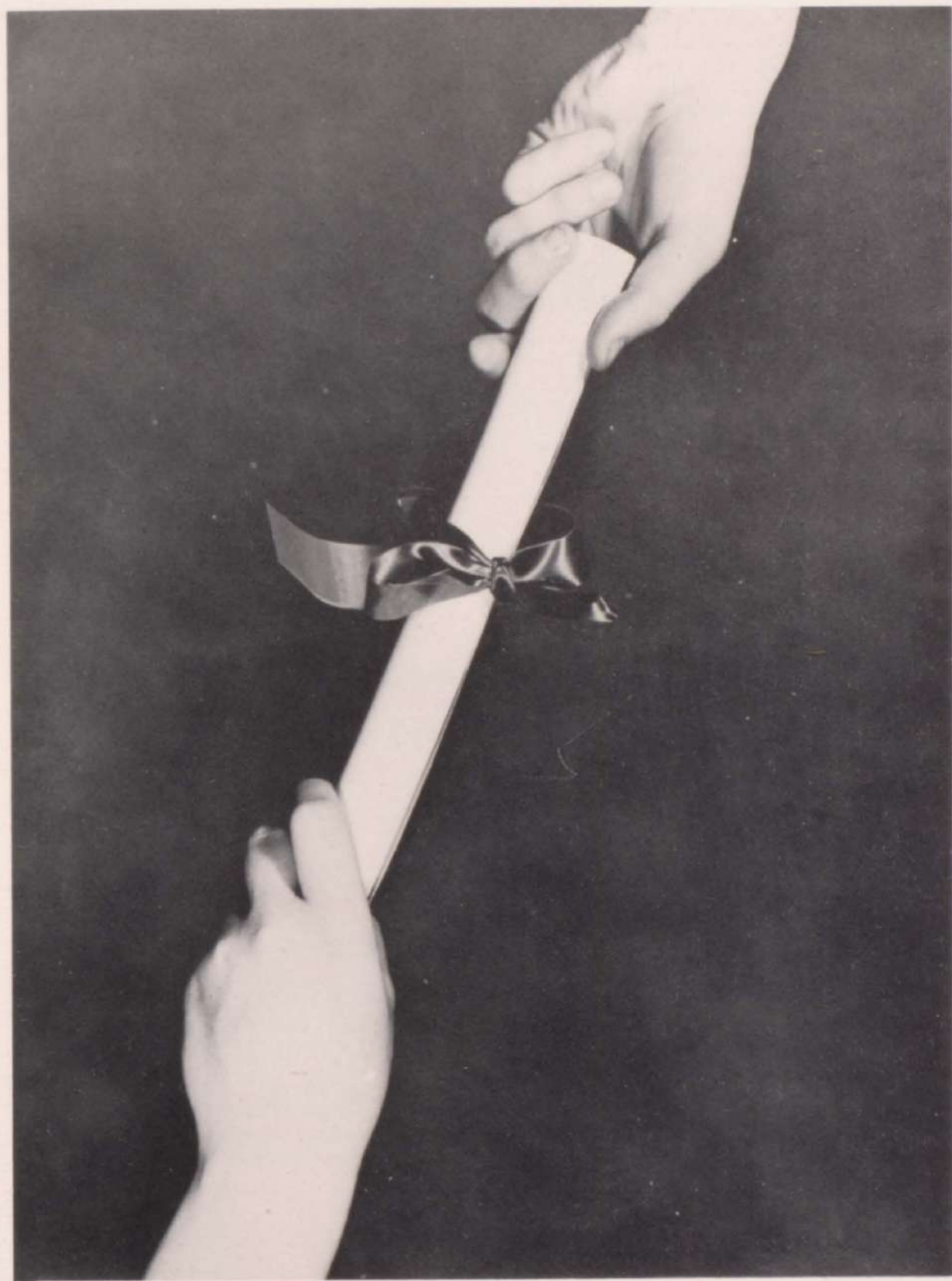
Mathematics
General Business
Ass't. Coach
Sponsors: Seventh Class

GWEN LANIER

English
Dramatics
Sponsors: Hi-Lite



**SENIORS
OF
'56**



VALEDICTORIAN

HELEN PHENICIE

"If accuracy in her class work is any indication of her future, we may know that she will be successful."

Class offices:

Treasurer-----	1
Band-----	1-2-3-4
Glee Club-----	1-2
Junior Play-----	3
Librarian-----	4
Pep Band-----	1-2-3



CLASS MOTTO: "Do The Best You Can Today, And Tomorrow You Will Do Better."

CLASS FLOWER: White Carnation

CLASS COLORS: Heliotrope and Charcoal Black

CLASS SPONSOR: Mr. Arthur Ellinger

SALUTATORIAN



W. BETTY SCHMIDT

"She has a sweet disposition a good quality for a good position."

Class offices:

Treasure-----	1
Glee Club-----	1
Hi Lite-----	1



EMERSON A. LADD

"Of few words but to the point."

Class offices:

- President-----4
- Basketball-----1-2-3-4
- Baseball-----1-2-3-4
- Varsity Club-----3-4
- Band-----1-2-3-4
- Glee Club-----2
- Junior & Senior Plays-----3-4
- Student Council-----1
- Safety Patrol-----3

IRMA A. RICHMAN



"When I am dead you'll find it hard to ever find another woman like me."

Class offices:

- Secretary-----4
- Band-----1-2-3-4
- Glee Club-----2
- Senior Play-----4
- F.H.A.-----1-3
- Pep Club-----2-3
- Hi-Lite-----3
- Annual-----4
- Cheerleader-----3-4
- Girls Club-----1
- Pep Band-----2

JANET L. SCHENIDER

"Shy- no - not acquainted."

Class offices:

- President-----1
- Secretary-----2
- Treasurer-----3-4
- Band-----1-2-3-4
- Glee Club-----1-2-4
- Hi-Lite-----2-3
- Annual-----4
- Cheerleader-----4
- Safety Patrol-----3
- Girls Club-----1
- Pep Band-----1-2



EDWARD J. GRIFFITH

HELEN I. TURNER

"A silent woman except when she talks."



- Glee Club-----4
- Jr. & Sr. Plays---3-4
- Hi-Lite-----4
- Annual-----4
- In many activities
in Three Rivers.

"A smile for everyone."



- Football-----1-2-3-4
- Basketball-----1-2-3-4
- Baseball-----1-2-3-4
- Varsity Club-----2-3-4
- President-----4
- Student Council-----2-4



WILLIAM E. SPENCE

"His blush would make a white rose red."

Class offices:
 Vice-President-----2
 Football-----2-3-4
 Captain-----4
 Baseball-----1
 Varsity Club-----2-3-4
 Student Council-----2-3-4
 Vice-President-----3
 President-----4



BETTY M. COPENHAVER

"She's quiet but never serious,
 happy but never delirious."

Class offices:
 President-----2-3
 Glee Club-----2
 Jr. & Sr. Plays-----3-4
 F.H.A.-----1
 Hi-Lite-----2-4
 Girls Club-----1
 Librarian-----2

ARLEEN S. BENNETT

"When there is anything to do, all
 others count on you."

Glee Club-----4
 Jr. & Sr. Plays-----3-4
 F.H.A.-----1-2
 Pep Club-----3
 Annual-----4
 Librarian-----2-3-4
 Girls Club-----1



JAYNE A. OXENDER

"Her life is like a moon—there is
 a man in it."



Band-----1-2-3-4
 Glee Club-----2
 Senior Play-----4
 F. H. A.-----1-3
 Pep Club-----2-3
 Secretary-----3
 Annual-----3-4
 Girls Club-----1
 Pep Band-----2-3

CLARK D. HUCKENDUBLER

"Variety is the spice of life."



Football-----2-4
 Varsity Club-----2-3-4
 Band-----1-2-3-4

LAWERENCE WAGNER

"I hate being late but it beats hurrying."

Class offices:
 Vice-President-----4
 Football-----1-2-3-4
 Basketball-----1-2-3-4
 Baseball-----1-2-3-4
 Varsity Club-----1-2-3-4
 President-----3
 Junior Play-----3
 Student Council-----3-4



MARY L. MITCHELL

"Man has his will, but woman has her way."

Glee Club-----1
 Junior Play-----3
 F.H.A.-----1-3
 Pep Club-----3
 Annual-----2-3
 Safety Patrol-----2



CAROL M. HICKS

"Having a cool head and a carefree heart is more important than being smart."

Jr. & Sr. Plays-----3-4
 Student Council-----3
 Hi-Lite-----2
 Librarian-----4

JERRY E. DALMAN

"Collecting A's is my business, but collecting girls is my diversion."



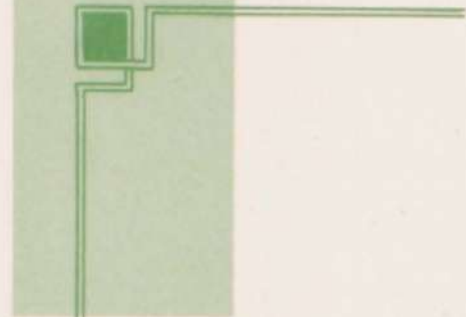
Football-----1-2
 Basketball-----1-2
 Band-----1-2-3-4
 Junior Play-----3
 Student Council-----1
 Hi-Lite-----2
 Annual-----3-4
 Safety Patrol-----3
 Pep Band-----1-2-3

SANDRA L. CHARTRAND

"Good musicians don't have to talk."

Band-----1-2-3-4
 Junior Play-----3
 Pep Club-----1
 Pep Band-----2-3





PATRICIA E. PRIDE

"She'll do her share as long as you do your's."

- Band-----1-2-3-4
- Glee Club-----1-2
- Senior Play-----4
- F.H.A.-----1-2-3-4
- Hi-Lite-----1-2-3-4
- Assit'-----3
- Editor-----4
- Annual-----2
- Girls Club-----1

CAROL A. KRONTZ



"Never worry until you have run out of better things to do."

"Thank Heavens, they never watch the 'quiet' girls."

- Band-----1-2-3
- Glee Club-----2
- Junior Play-----3

PHYLLIS E. BARKALOW



DONALD PEARSON



"Why let the Devil have all the fun?"

- Football-----1-2-3-4
- Baseball-----1-4
- Varsity Club-----1-2-3-4

MILDRED L. THAYER



"A girl in love is always laughing."

- Glee Club-----1
- F.H.A.-----1-2
- Pep Club-----2
- Girls Club-----1

"Love makes the world go round, but weok keeps you spinning with it."

- Glee Club-----1
- F.H.A.-----2

AMANDA L. KROLL



JANYCE K. WRIGHT

"A typical blond, but not light headed."

Band-----1-2-3-4



DORTHY Y. CROTSEY



"If you try hard enough you can do anything."

Glee Club-----2
F.H.A.-----1
Hi-Lite-----4
Girls Club-----1

"To have fun does not always mean making noise."

Junior Play-----3
Pep Club-----3
Girls Club-----1

MARTHA M. BROUWER



ROBERT E. GENTRY



"Small men don't necessarily have to have big ambitions."

Football-----1-2-4
Varsity Club-----2-4

MARY L. DeCOLA



"Being happy is more than a condition; it's a way of life"

F.H.A.-----1-2-3

"Her life's an open book, well worth reading."

Glee Club-----2-3
Senior Play-----4
F.H.A.-----1
Safety Patrol-----2
Girls Club-----1

PHYLISS J. YEOMANS





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E
N
"48"**

FIRST ROW: J. Schneider, P. Barkalow, (absent) B. Gentry.
 SECOND ROW: B. Copenhafer, P. Pride, B. Spence.
 THIRD ROW: J. Dalman, C. Dick, E. Ladd.
 FOURTH ROW: C. Huckendubler, P. Yeomans, M. Mitchell, M. DeCola

**N
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"56"**



S N A P S



Which are the Stronger Em? ?



Strange things are Happening



New Friend Arleen???



What's Happening Here Pat?



The Three Musketeers

Play it Cool Jan



What Characters!!





MARTHA BROUWER



CLARK HUCKENDUBLER



MARY MITCHELL



DON PEARSON



JERRY DALMAN



PAT PRIDE



ED GRIFFITH



HELEN PHENICIE



IRMA RICHMAN



ARLEEN BENNETT



PHYLISS YEAMONS



LARRY WAGNER



BETTY COPENHAVER



BETTY SCHMIDT



BILL SPENCE



JANET SCHNIEDER



PHYLISS BARKLOW



BOB GENTRY



CAROL KRONTZ



SANDY CHARTRAND



JANYCE WRIGHT

WILL OF 1956

We, the Senior Class of 1956, being of unsound mind, insane judgement, and undying wit do hereby will our following traits, be they good or bad, to the students and faculty of Mendon High School.

- 1st To the Freshmen, we leave the desire of someday becoming seniors.
- 2nd To the Sophomores, we leave our ability to have a large number on the honor roll.
- 3rd To the Juniors, we leave what we inherited last year, just one word which means so much, SENIOR.
- 4th I, Arleen Bennett, leave my poetic ability to anyone who knows how to use it because I'm sure I won't need it.
- 5th I, Larry Wagner, leave my scoring record to anyone who can break it.
- 6th I, Mary DeCola will my ability to have fun and still stay in classes to anyone daring enough to try it.
- 7th I, Peggy Feister Thayer, leave my ability to catch em' young to any Junior girl tired of being single.
- 8th I, Sandra Chartrand, will my gift of having fun and being able to stay on the honor roll to any brain who needs it.
- 9th I, Mary Mitchell, will and bequeath my Black Papermate Pen to anyone with a black ford to match.
- 10th I, Betty Schmidt, leave my dimples to any girl who thinks she would like them.
- 11th I, Betty Copenhafer will my pleasant manners and pleasing personality to any girl who needs them.
- 12th We, Martha Brouwer and Helen Phenicie leave all our broken test tubes to any future chemistry students who might find a use for them.
- 13th I, Carol Hicks, will my mischievous eyes and smile to any girl brave enough to accept them.
- 14th I, Phyllis Barkalow, leave my ability to get along with Mr. Rolfe in case any band member is planning on going to Florida.
- 15th I, Patricia Pride, will and bequeath my royal typewriter to Rodger Hughey so he can get better marks on his time writings.
- 16th I, Janet Schneider, leave my height to Jack Fryling, with my 5 feet and $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and his 6 feet, maybe he can break Larry Wagner's scoring record.
- 17th I, Dorothy Crotser leave my bookkeeping books to any lucky person who needs them.
- 18th I, Amanda Kroll, leave the dishwasher in the hot lunch room to Phil Sands and hoping that his nervous condition might improve.
- 19th I, Jayne Oxender, leave my ability to put my personal pride in second place when true love comes along to any lonely girl.
- 20th I, Irma Richman, will my friendship with Larry Garman and a slightly used bottle of "Light and Bright" to Joanne Wolfe.
- 21st I, Jerry Dalman leave my ability to play the trombone like Tommy Dorsey to Larry Garman
- 22nd I, Helen Turner, leave my glasses to Coach Ellinger. Because I'm sure that he can never see without them when he corrects our chemistry tests.
- 23rd I, Janyce Wright, leave my ability to play the cymbals to anyone who has enough ambition to chase them across the football field.
- 24th I, Don Pearson, leave all my brains, talent, and vivaciousness to the Junior class because I'm sure they'll need them.
- 25th We, Clark Huckendubler and Bill Spence, trade in our football uniforms for some of Uncle Sam's.
- 26th I, Robert Gentry, leave my Maxwell to anyone who is too lazy to walk.
- 27th I, Phyllis Yeomans, leave my friendly smile to any bashful Freshman girl.
- 28th I, Emerson Ladd, will my sizzling fast ball and my fast breaking curve to Robert Maher whom I hope will make good use of them.
- 29th I, Edward Griffith, leave my way with the girls to Dick McClish.
- 30th To any underclassman who wants to travel the wide open spaces, I, Carol Krontz leave my seat on Bus Number 3.
- 31st And last, but not least, we the class of '56' leave all our heartaches, joys, gripes, foolish giggles, and happy times behind. But always remembering them in the years to come.



"55"



BLUE



MIRAGE





"56"



Hay



Paruel



SUNHEADS



THE LINE UP**MENDON HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY?



How nice Jan and Nan!



Age does change you doesn't it Sharon B.



Two Donna's!



Rolfe's Offspring!!



What cute little boys!



Who's the girl Terry?

STUDENT COUNCIL





BACK ROW: A.Bennett, H.Turner, J.Dalman, J.Bennett, P.Androsky,
Mr. Mattson (advisor), R.Hughey, B.Kaiser, L.Garman,
J.Rhodes, T.Fitzstephens, N.Taylor.

FRONT ROW: B.Maher, I.Richman, M.Hughes (ass't editor), J.Schneider,
S.Shreve, J.Wolfe, C.Klein, L.Barnebee.

ABSENT: T.Pride



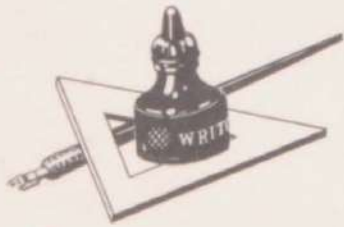
The yearbook, a most treasured possession of every student, records activities of the students throughout the school year.

The 55 - 56 annual staff worked hard at trying to prepare an outstanding yearbook. Much credit goes to our co-editors, Joanne Wolfe and Shirley Shreve for the planning and organizing of our annual. They worked many long hours to present this book.

Our advertising was ably solicited by Louise Barnebee and Christina Klein. The very fine job of photography was submitted to the annual by Terry Pride, Jerry Dalman, and Bob Maher.

These people were ably assisted by the other members of the annual staff in assembling the yearbook. The staff advisor Mr. Mattson worked many hours, with the staff, to help produce a successful yearbook for you.

We hope you will enjoy it as much as we've enjoyed preparing it for you.



The school newspaper - The Hi-Lite - was under the competent editorship of Pat Pride and Miss Lanier. Pat did a commendable job and the paper won state-wide recognition when it was chosen by the Michigan TB Association for outstanding reporting regarding the dangers of TB, its detection, prevention and its cure. Our school regards the paper as very important in the school life of the student and a means whereby the parents can learn of the activities at the school. It also gives our students an opportunity to express themselves on paper.

HI - LITE

First Row: Left to Right - H. Smith, B. Copenhafer, J. Hedges, P. Pride, D. Oxender.

Second Row: Left to Right - N. Mattax, H. Turner, B. Schmidt, S. Blanchard, B. Warner, J. Fryling, J. Chartrand, Miss G. Lanier.





First Row: Left to Right: L.Wagner, J.Bennett, B.Spence,
J. Wheeler, E.Griffith.

Second Row: Mr. Mattson, C.Fross, H.Rickman, J.Bennett,
L.Garman, P.Heas.

STUDENT

The Student Council is the service organization for the entire school with representatives chosen from each of the classes as its members. The Council speaks for all of the students and tries to promote those things that the majority of the students desire. The Council provided the general assemblies, which we all enjoyed, promoted the homecoming dance and election of the queen, gave prizes for the best acts at the Christmas party, and gave of its time and money for the collection of food and clothing for the needy. It also promoted the noon hour entertainment and sponsored the ping-pong tournament. Bill Spence was the President and will be succeeded by Joyce Bennett.

COUNCIL

The Varsity Club is composed of letter winners from the various athletic teams of our High School. This organization makes money during the Varsity Club Carnival in the fall and then during the remainder of the year dispense the money for worthy school projects. This year it was to buy and erect the new flag pole at the athletic field and also set aside a sum of money to help the less fortunate athlete who is hurt in athletic competition. Coach Ellinger has been the advisor.

VARSITY CLUB

First Row: Left to Right: D.Pearson, R.Hughey, P.Androsky,
B.Maher, T.Ruggles, D.Phenicie, H.Richman.

Second Row: Left to Right: Coach Ellinger, T.Fitzstephens,
R.Batten, E.Griffith, L.Wagner, E.Ladd,
J.Fryling, C.Huckendubler.





First Row: Left to Right - M.Hughes, S.Roberts, N.Taylor, E.Feltz, J.Crotser

Second Row: Left to Right - Mrs. Schmidt, B.Anderson, N.Snyder, H.Birr, P.Pride, N.Mattax, L.DeCola, J.Bennett, B.Warner, S.Eickhoff

F.H.A.



The year was started off with the annual Region 5 meeting held at White Pigeon. The first money making project was serving the dinner for the Eastern Star. For our program of work, we chose Better Bou and Girl Relationships, this was carried out by our FHA Skating Party. At the State meeting held at Grand Rapids, Helen Birr represented our chapter along with Mary Hughes, Sue Eickhoff, Nancy Snyder and Barbara Warner. For Civil Service, we collected much clothing for the needy children of the world, this was a huge success. Our end of the year party was a weiner roast and a movie.

SAFETY

The Safety Patrol is a voluntary group of safety minded students who devote part of their noon hour to aiding and assisting the students - elementary grades mostly - crossing the streets. On rainy days they are quite conspicuous by their bright yellow slickers. They are also organized to aid the teachers in curtailing the running and pushing in the halls and on the stairs. Mr. Locke has been the advisor for this group.

PATROL

First Row: Left to Right - B.Schrader, N.Birr, J.Rhodes, P.Androsky, H. Smith.

Second Row: Left to Right - Mr. Locke, D.Barton, C.Meyers, A.Rhodes, W.Swihart, D.Minger.





First Row: Left to Right-A.Foltz, M.Yeomans, P.Pride, J.Wheeler, L.Millard, K.Moyle, E.Barton, D.Bowdish, S.Millard, C.Millard, L.Garman, S.Wagner, B.Kaiser, T.Ruggles, J.Crotser, C.Fross, E.Ladd.

Second Row: Left to Right-L.Barnebee, J.Schneider, S.Batten, P.Barkalow, N.Mattax, J.Crotser, S.Chartrand, J.Tackas, I.Richman, P.Haas, J.Hedges, B.Cooley, B.Moughton, D.Kauffman, D.Oxender, J.Stump.

Third Row: Left to Right-Mr.Rolfe, S.Smith, S.Wagner, J.Lee, S.Baker, J.Wright, M.Haas, T.Fitzstephens, D.Stump, J.Fryling, N.Taylor, J.Dalman, C.Huckendubler, R.Huckendubler, L.Garman, L.Penn, D.Pride.

Top Row: Left to Right-J.Wolfe, P.Androsky.

SR. BAND

The Band had another good year under the leadership of Mr. Rolfe. At the Marching Festival, held at Vicksburg, the band received a First Division rating, and at the District Concert Contest, held at Mendon, the band was given a First Division rating for the 5th consecutive year. At the State Contest, held at East Lansing, the band received a Second Division rating. The Band played and marched at all the home football games and attended the Band Day festivities at Western Michigan College and University of Michigan. We also participated at the cemeteries for Memorial Day. The band also gave two concerts, one at Christmas time and the other during the spring. The Band Parents held dances for us and provided a roller skating party.

The Glee Club has made a terrific start in its first season under the direction of Mrs. Whelan. The singers have contributed much to the culture of the school by their willingness to sing at all of the school functions as well as for the various civic organizations that have called upon them. Their numbers have been varied - religious, humorous, folksy and popular. They have also sung as quartets and trios as well as soloists. Della Oxender has been the accompanist.



GLEE CLUB

First Row: Left to Right: B.Dentler, V.Gage, J.Bennett, N.Mattax, J.Crotser, J.Fryling, S.Batten, J.Hedges, S.Truckey, D.Oxender.

Second Row: Left to Right: J.Swihart, L.DeCola, S.Roberts, J.Rhodes, J.Fryling, J.Fitzstephens, V.Crotser, H.Turner, B.Hammिंगia, J. Schneider.





First Row Left to Right: R. Crotser, B. Hemple, L. Millard, L. Barkalow, K. Culp, C. Foster, L. Erwine, C. Oxender, P. Gerritsen, B. Garman, S. Penn

Second Row Left to Right: S. Bowdish, E. McClish, F. Cook, B. McClish, S. Smith, D. Forbush, M. Haas, D. Gifford, P. Garvey, V. Morey

Third Row Left to Right: W. Timm, T. Dalman, D. Custard, C. Fross, Mr. Rolfe, M. Riley, B. Garvey, J. Flack, M. Bingaman, L. Harriger

Absent: E. Olney, J. Lash, K. Haas

The Junior Band played in the Christmas Concert and the Spring Concert. They marched in the Memorial Day Parade this year. The members are all looking forward to the day they become Senior Band members.



JUNIOR BAND



"Sandy" the sleeping beauty.

Mary DeCola in a chair built for two.



Skip Batten---"A genius at typing."



Terry Pride--- "A living dolllllllllllll"

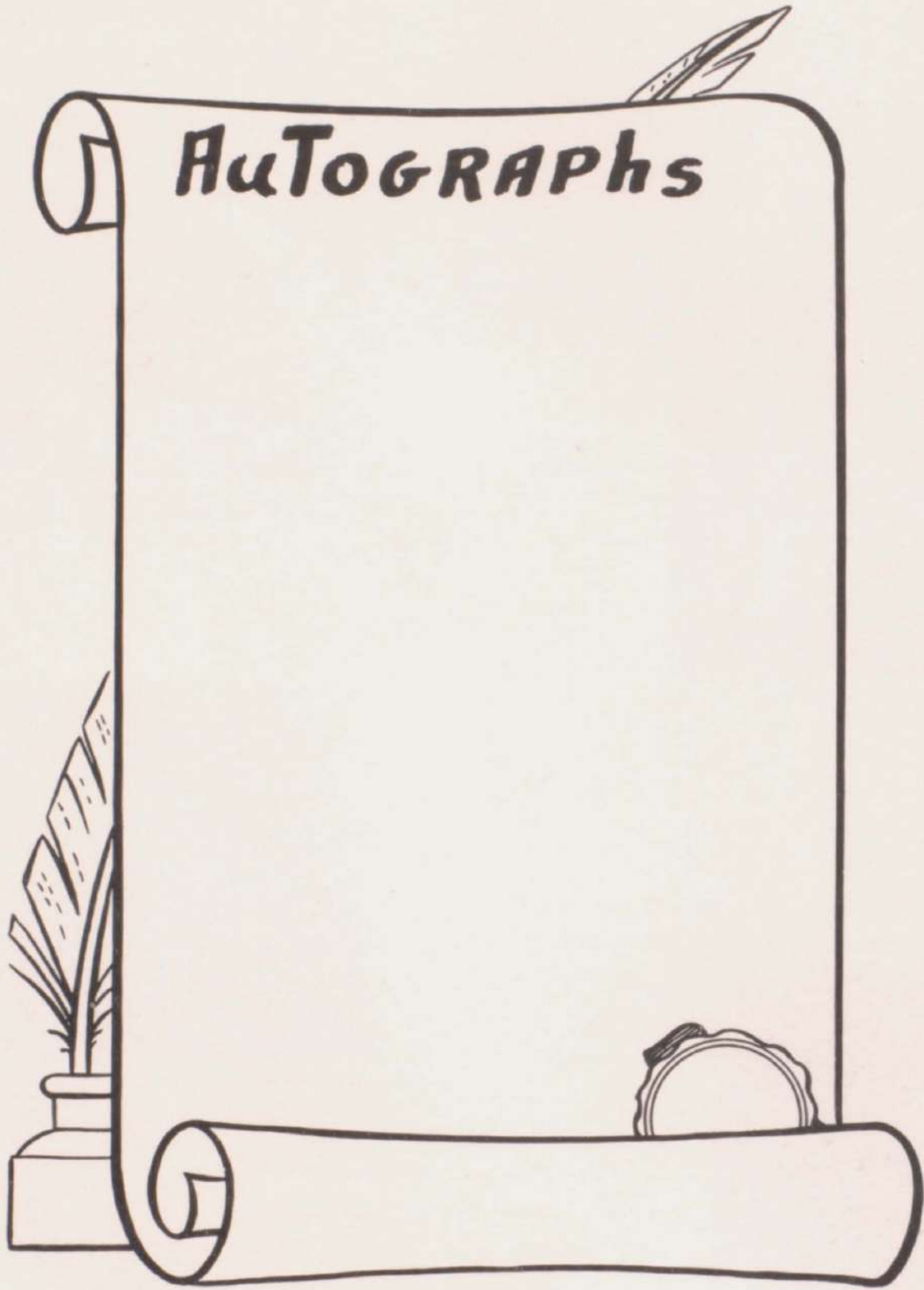


"Our Glamour Girls of 1955 & 1956"

Skating Trio--- "Who are you looking for girls?"



a PARTY---"Was the root BEER good?"



Autographs

C L A S S E S



FRONTIERS



1st row: J. Wolfe, J. Chartrand, L. DeCola, N. Mattax,
S. Batten, J. Crotser, L. Barnabee, J. Hedges,
A. Alber, E. Feltz.
2nd row: J. Rhodes, R. Batten, J. Fryling, H. Birr, T. Pride,
T. Fitzstephens, R. Maher, R. Yeomans, R. Hughey,
P. Androsky.
3rd row: N. Taylor, B. Hamminga, J. Bennett, S. Shreve,
J. Bennett, Mr. Rolfe, C. Hampton, C. Klein, M. Hughes,
S. Roberts.

OFFICERS

J. Bennett; St. Council,
J. Bennett; V. President,
T. Pride; President,
T. Fitzstephens; Secretary,
R. Batten; Treasure.



As Juniors we have had a busy year and are looking forward to an even busier Senior Year. Back in 1953 when we got into the High School we thought we'd never get to become Seniors, but here we are. As usual, our class has many of the athletes, musicians and school leaders. We presented the play "Men are Like Street Cars", gave the Seniors and Alumni a wonderful prom when we decorated the gym in the Gay Paree motif and won the first prize for our Christmas Presentation. We used the usual money making schemes and even sold the Green and White "Beanies". Mr. Rolfe was an excellent help in helping us make up our collective minds.



OFFICERS

As Sophomores we have had a wonderful year under the guidance of our excellent class officers and the steady hand of Mr. Wallach. We have been well represented in athletics, senior band, and vocal music. We have been busy with many money making projects--magazine, candy and bake sales. We are all looking forward to our Junior year with keen interest. We also ordered our class rings.

L. Garman; Treasure, B. Kaiser;
Secretary, D. Phenicie; President
H. Richmond; V. President.

- 1st row: B. Kaiser, S. Kline, S. Adams, M. McCain,
L. Lafler, B. Cooley, R. Anderson, E. Barton,
D. Oxender.
- 2nd row: T. Spence, D. Truckey, J. Fitzstephens,
G. Feister, J. Heath, D. Phenicie, H. Richmond,
J. Lee.
- 3rd row: D. Happel, T. Ruggles, R. May, S. Mangold,
Mr. Wallach, L. Garman, J. Fryling, N. Keffer,
S. Blanchard, B. Smith.
- absent: C. Huff, Karen Milhollin.



SOPHOMORES



First Row: G.Smalley, B.Warner, J.Kline, M.Yeomans, C.Millard, B.Dentler, V.Gage, D.Pride, K.Linebach, B.Heister.
 Second Row: J.Sampsell, K.Wright, J.Takacs, S.Baker, J.Wheeler, D.Stump, L.Millard, L.Feller, V.Crotser, S.Truckey, N.Snyder, B.Ellis, J.Swihart, S.Wagner, R.Ross, J.Brouwer, Mr. LaBatt.
 Third Row: G.Linebach, P.Haas, K.Moyle, S.Millard, P.Rauh, A.Foltz, S.Wagner, W.Miller, R.Mumby, J.Bennett, J.Hoover, D.Brown, D.Kauffman, P.Sands.



P.Hass, Vice-President; S.Wagner, Secretary;
 R.Mumby, President; J.Wheeler, S.Council;
 D.Hochstetler, Treasurer.

FRESHMAN

We started the year off by having our initiation. We followed that by a cake raffle Dec.2. We all enjoyed participating in the carnival booth and Christmas program. The first part of 1956 we had another cake raffle on Feb.10. We followed that with a skating party and a sophomore party in February.



EIGHTH GRADE

J.Crotser, Secretary; J.Stump, President
L.Penn, Vice-President; D.Cook, Treasurer
Absent; L.Garman, S.Council.

We, the eighth grade enjoyed our junior high years at Mendon. It was quite a change from grade school. There were quite a few members representing our class in the band. The boys enjoyed playing little league ball, but I'm sure they will enjoy the high school sports better next year. Another change in the schedule, this year, enabled both the boys and girls to have gym everyday which is very necessary for all kids our age. We encreased our treasury by the usual functions, candy sales cake raffles, etc.



First Row: D.Bowdish, S.Mathews, N.Custard, D.Barton, J.Riley, R.Howe, R.Moughton, W.Garvey, S.Eichoff, J.Stump, J.Taylor.
Second Row: D.Forbush, S.Smigh, M.Androsky, R.Rhodes, S.Copenhafer, D.Ellis, B.Anderson, H.Hurt, J.Lomison, C.Fross, L.Hamilton, P.Hass, L.Garman, S.Stoldt, Mrs.Frost.
Third Row: H.Richards, J.Crabtree, D.Harrison, L.Penn, R.Huckendubler, G.Davenport, W.Swihart, H.Smith, C.Carthon, E.McClish, M.Bouder, C.Bouder, J.Crotser, D.Cook.



1st row: W. Timm, R. Preston, P. Mitchell, J. Eickhoff,
 J. Flack, L. Millard, S. King, T. Smith,
 R. Gentry, R. Anderson
 2nd row: Mr. Halverson, J. Sell, D. Smith, D. Minger,
 C. Gowdy, N. Birr, R. Cook, D. Holroyd,
 D. Gifford, P. Garvey, C. Fross
 3rd row: D. Snyder, D. Everson, J. Everson, B. Schraeder,
 B. McClish, D. Dick, H. Bogun, D. Moyer,
 C. Meyers.

OFFICERS

C. Fross; St. Council, B. Schrader;
 Secretary, L. Millard; President,
 P. Garvey; V. President, R. Preston;
 Treasure.



The seventh grade came upstairs in the fall of 1955. They have done many things this year to earn money for their senior trip. We are sure they have enjoyed their first year upstairs.

7TH GRADDE



Don't say it*-
MARY

"Don't
fall
in Jerry"



Can this be Mrs. Mattson??



Is the snow cold?

Is it good Betty?



Don't blow us up, girls=

"Emerson don't hurt Tom"



"Gosh----Larry"



STUDENTS



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FRESHMAN



SEPT 23

What's in the bucket??????



Wow--Pat.



Having Trouble?????



Make them shine Mary Ellen.

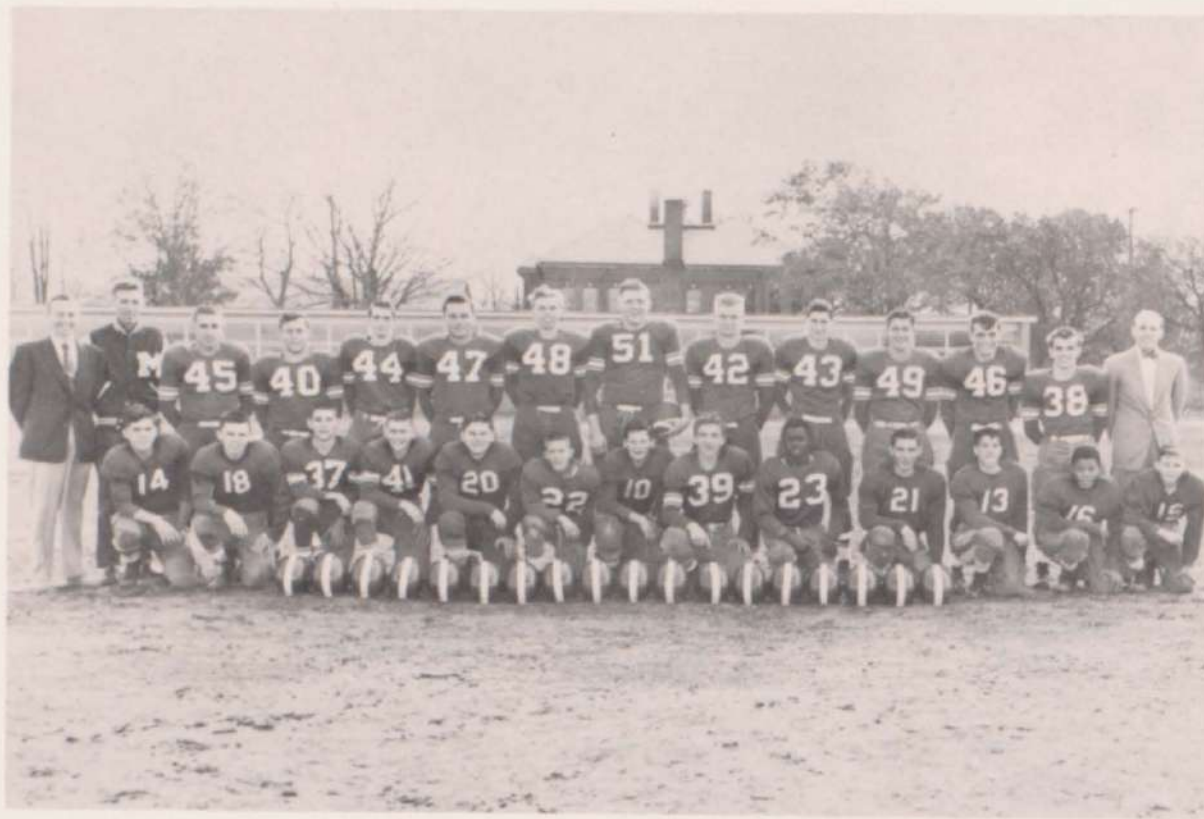


Mmmm----Your a good group.



Pose pretty Jerry.

ST. JOSEPH VALLEY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CHAMPS!



Kneeling: P. Sands, J. Fitzstephens, T. Ruggles, D. Phenicie, H. Richmond, S. Stewart, C. Hampton, J. Rhodes, R. May, D. Stump, P. Haas, D. Brown, K. Linebach.
 Standing: Coach Ellinger, A. Mahoney (statistician), R. Hughey, D. Pearson, B. Maher, C. Huckendubler, J. Fryling, L. Wagner, E. Griffith, R. Batten, D. McClish, B. Spence, B. Gentry, Assit' Coach Halverson.

With a seven won and one loss record, the Mendon Green Hornets won the St. Joseph Valley Athletic Association Football championship. Three years ago Mendon was playing 8 man football but now is more than holding its own in 11 man football. With a squad of only 23 men, Coach Ellinger and Ass't Coach Halverson, did a marvelous job of keeping the team keyed up for the big game and shifting players when injuries cropped up. In the opening game with Climax, Tom Fitzstephens was injured and forced out of action for the remainder of the season. His loss put us at a disadvantage in the Colon game which was the only one we lost. The climax of the season was our decisive win over Centerville in the final game of the season, when the championship was at stake. This win gave us the league flag and the plaque given by the Kalamazoo Gazette was for the outstanding Class D team in Southwestern Michigan.

555 CHAMPS!



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ED. GRIFFITH, R.E.



BILL SPENCE, L.T.



CLARK HUCKENDUEHLER, L.H.



JACK FRYLING, L.G.



SKIP BATTEN, L.E.



BOB MAHER, R.T.



BOB GENTRY, R.H.



DON PEARSON, F.B.

CHAMPIONS

CLIMAX - 0
 BURR OAK - 0
 CENTREVILLE - 0
 CONSTANTINE - 19
 SCHOOLCRAFT - 12
 MARCELLUS - 0
 WHITE PIGEON - 12
 COLON - 7



LARRY WAGNER, C.



DICK McCLISH, R.G.



RODGER HUGHEY, Q.B.



Coach Ellinger, John Bennett, Phil Androsky, Rodger Hughey, Bob Maher, Tom Fitzstephens, Jerry Rhodes, Jack Fryling, Skip Batten, Ed. Griffith, Em. Ladd, Larry Wagner.

VARSITY



DISTRICT CHAMPS!

Seasons' Record	
Us	Them
60	Tekonsha 29
64	Centreville 37
66	Colon 40
53	W. Pigeon 44
68	Constantine 35
49	Marcellus 50
64	Schoolcraft 68
79	Burr Oak 36
64	Centreville 54
78	Colon 54
45	St. Charles 57
67	W. Pigeon 60
59	Constantine 49
78	Marcellus 60
63	Schoolcraft 53
54	Burr Oak 58
12 wins 4 losses	

Sturgis Tourney	
Us.	Them
57	Burr Oak 32
44	Centreville 33

Albion Tourney	
Us.	Them
45	St. Charles 62



Larry Wagner Our Catcher.



Emerson Ladd One of Our Pitchers.

'56 BASEBALL



Our Whole Team Hard at Work.

<u>WE</u>	<u>THEM</u>
14	W. Pigeon 6
8	Burr Oak 1
0	Colon 12
12	Tekonsha 1
17	Schoolcraft 0
18	Marcellus 3
14	Constantine 4
8	Centrevill 2



Rodger Hughey A Pitcher who will still be with us next year.



Ed Griffith One of Our Star Players.

BASEBALL 1955

E. Griffith
L. May
D. Phoenix
H. Bennett

B. Maher
D. Mc Clell
R. Batten

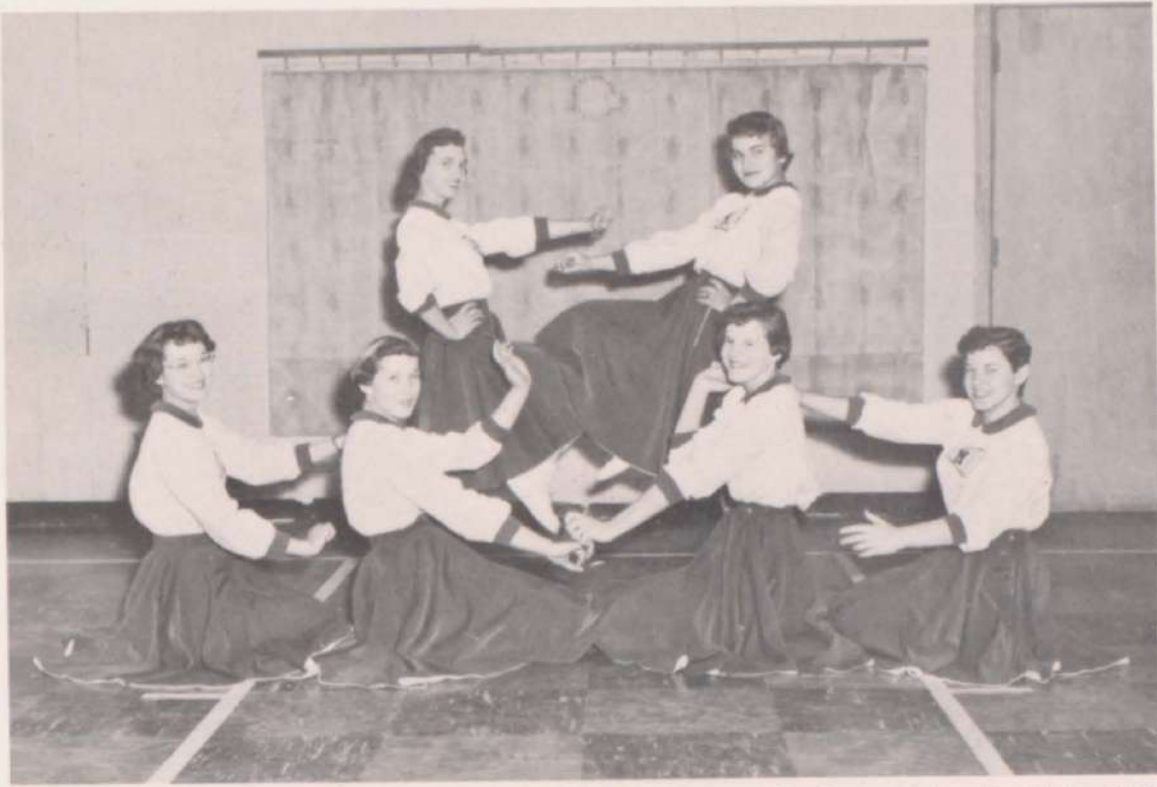
J. Fitzstephens

E. Ladd

E. Hopper

The Baseball team of 1955 maintained the tradition of fine baseball playing when they annexed the trophy - as co-champions - in the always powerful St. Joseph Valley League. The team had only one loss, a close one to Colon, and six wins. The 1955 team relied heavily on the strong arm of Emerson Ladd, the fielding of Ed Griffith, the catching of Larry Wagner. The 1956 team is also relying on this "big trio" to bring home the championship again.

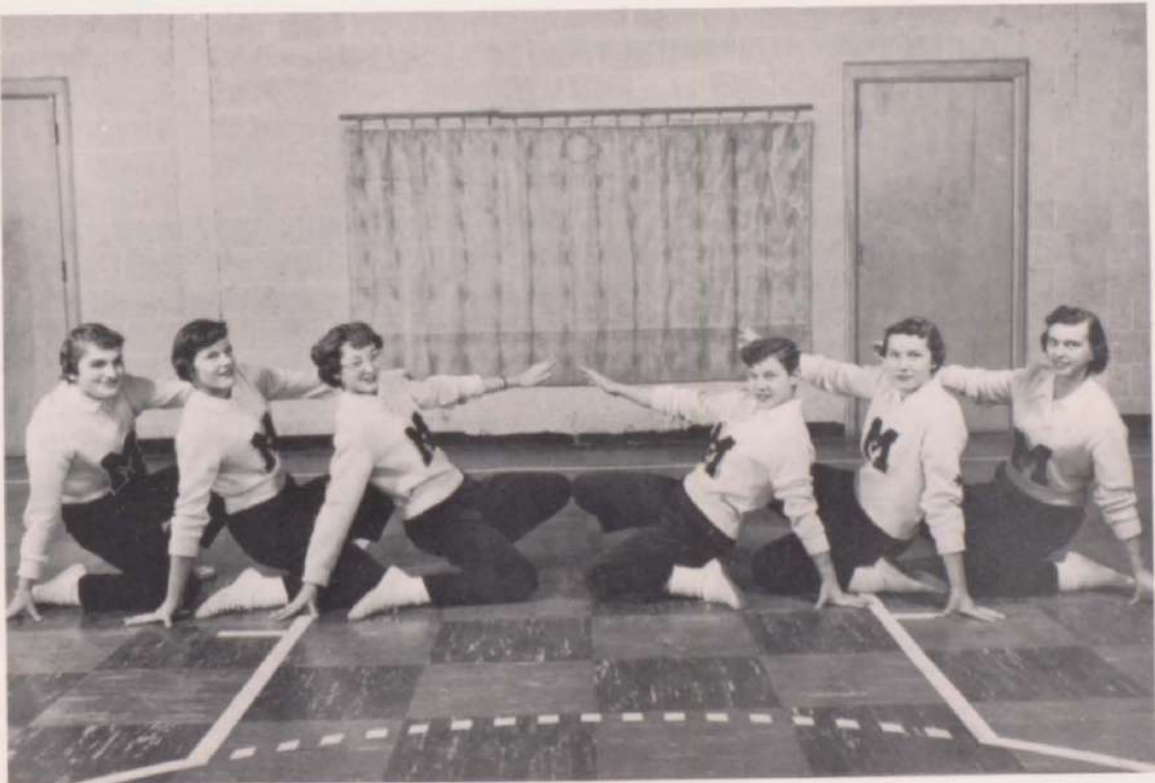
R. Huphey
J. Fitzstephens
P. Andrews
A. Krause
P. Zimmerman
J. Kuggler
J. Fitzstephens
H. Biss
E. Binkley



I. Richman, J. Wolfe, B. Cooley, L. Garman, J. Bennett, J. Schneider.

The cheer-leaders have put in alot of hard work this year. Through rain and snow they followed the football team to our wonderous victories. They sponsered cakes raffles, dances, and many other things. When basket-ball came round it meant double work for the girls but it didn't stop the yelling six. They continued their pep and did real nice. The decorations in the halls and gym stand for many hours of hard work on their part.

L. Garman, J. Bennett, I. Richman, J. Schneider, J. Wolfe, B. Cooley.





2nd Row: Coach Halverson; D. Stump; D. Phenice; J. Fitzstephens;
T. Ruggles; H. Richman; N. Birr.
1st Row: D. Pride; D. Kauffman; J. Hoover; P. Haas; L. Millard;
J. Eickhoff.

RESERVE BASKETBALL

The win record of the Reserve Basketball team was not impressive, less than the desired 50-50, but the team did win moral victories every game they played. The team lacked height and experience but went out with energy and enthusiasm in every contest. With Freshmen the majority of the team, and a strong 8th grade team coming into high school, the out look for next season is brighter.



Some of the Junior Play Cast.



Look who's skating!



Mendon's silly teachers.



Looks tough doesn't he!!!



Our Track Team



Big Man????

SOCIETY



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Are sure to find. Soups and dishes,
That answers their wishes.

Hot Lunch Helpers: M. Hughes, P. Sands,
S. Roberts.
Absent: A. Kroll, A. Albers, P. Yeomans.

What a keen bunch who help
with the lunch. They keep
busy hands and shine pots
and pans. Three cheers for
the crew and they deserve
it too.



Custodians: C. Isaacs, M. Smalley
Absent: H. Fuller

Here they are, with broom in hand,
sweeping away every little grain of sand,
dusting high and dusting low.
Keeping our school as clean as snow!

Back Row: C. Hoffman, L. Phenicie,
C. Bowdish, J. Garman
Front Row: F. Wallach, J. Cupp,
F. Locke



To and fro from school we go,
Riding the yellows driven by fellows,
Resembling the Lochinvars,
From out of the west,
OUR DRIVERS ARE THE BEST



This group of fine looking Mendon High School boys was the nucleus of a winning football team. This team won 7 and lost 1 game, clinching the St. Joseph Valley Athletic Association trophy as well as being chosen the Southwestern Michigan outstanding class D football team.

Front Row: B. Spence, D. Phenicie, T. Ruggles, H. Richmond, R. Hughey,
Standing: R. Batten, J. Fryling, L. Wagner, R. McClish, R. Maher, E. Griffith, C. Huckendubler, D. Pearson

At our annual Honor Day Assembly Jack Moss was present to present our 1955 football team with the Kalamazoo Gazette Plack. At this time Coach Ellinger also presented the team with the St. Joseph Valley Athletic Association Trophy. Bill Spence (captain in 55) accepted both trophy and plack on behalf of the team and the student body. Ronald Batten, our captain for the 1956 football team was also present at the presentation.



J. Moss, R. Batten, B. Spence, A. Ellinger.

LIBRARIANS

Teacher
librarian.
Mrs. Frost



Student
librarians
L. Wagner
J. Rhodes
B. Heister
H. Phenicie
A. Bennett
C. Hicks



2nd Row: G. Lanier (director); C. Dick; C. Hicks; P. Pride;
M. DeCola; B. Copenhafer; P. Androsky.
1st Row: T. Fitzstephens; I. Richman; H. Turner; E. Ladd;
A. Bennett.

" GOOD HOUSEKEEPING "

When Mom, (JAYNE OXENDER) gets armed with a psychology book, because she has nothing else to do, the home of University professor, Charles Burnett (EMERSON LADD) is liable to turn into a mad house. It does when Mom intices her daughter (IRMA RICHMAN) Chris's boyfriend (TOM FITZSTEPHENS) to start a campaign to run Prof. Burnett for governor! Daughter Katy and her boyfriend (HELEN TURNER AND CLIFFORD DICK) take opposite sides of the quarrel, Political boss (PHIL ANDROSKY) threatens slander, and Father is caught in the middle. After a parade and being carried around on the shoulders of two cheerleaders, Father takes Mom's advice and decides he will run after all; Mother has something to keep her busy, and the state is about to get some "Good Housekeeping."

Handsome isn't he!!!!!!



SR.
PLAY

This is play practice?????



The 1955-56 juniors demonstrated their dramatic talent in "Men Are Like Streetcars" which was held April 6. This was a big night in the minds of the hard working cast and crew. They really worked hard for two months and the results were marvelous! The audiences roared with laughter at the trouble that "Maudie" managed to get into and they sighed with sympathy about poor "Sylvia" who just couldn't get her man. "Mom" and "Pop" got grey hairs overnight because of their two darlings. But all was well in the end with everyone happy and for once, out of trouble. A great deal of the success was due to the untiring efforts of Miss Gwen Lanier, the director.



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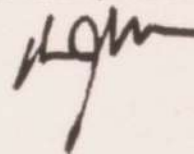
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I wish to thank the few who have done so much to make this yearbook possible. Their enthusiasm and determination to get this annual out entitles them the gratitude and the thanks of the student body. May the lessons learned on this project help them in the years ahead.



We, the co-editors of the 1956 Green & White Yearbook would like to Express our Sincere Gratitude to the Businessmen, Students, and Faculty of Mendon High School for their help and consideration this year. We know that it's a strange time for the yearbook to be coming out but we hope that the kids will enjoy the year-round book. Again we would like to express our appreciation to everyone concerned.

Shirley & Joanne

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Front Row: Douglas and David Lewis; Harold and Mary Lou Gilbert; Donald and Ronald Riley.
Second Row: Joy and Janice Baker; Susan and Sara Cook; DeWayne and DiAnne Bowen.
Back Row: Norman and Nancy Lee; Carolyn and Marilyn Bauder; John and Joyce Bennett; Marlene and Marilyn Spence.

GRADE HELPERS



Seated: L. Wagner, D. Croster, H. Turner, M. DeCola, B. Hamminga.
Standing: A. Albers, E. Griffith, D. Pearson.



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 P. Androsky, J. Bennett.
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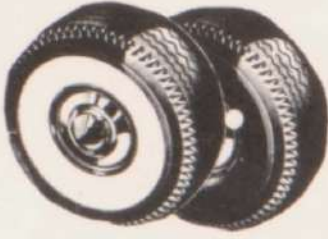
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Smile pretty Betty.



You look happy Jerry.

The long walk aye Mary?



Concerned Betty.

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