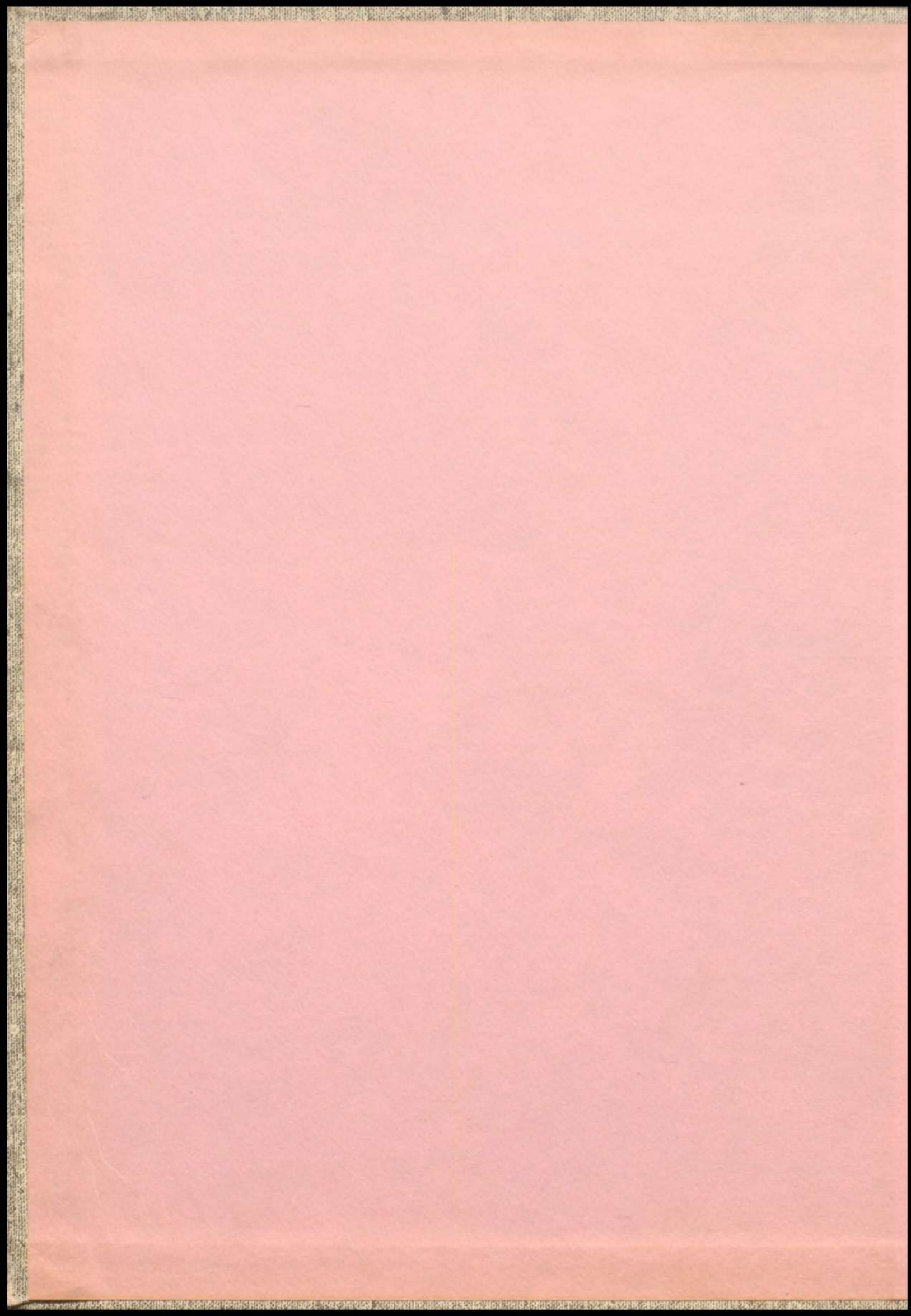
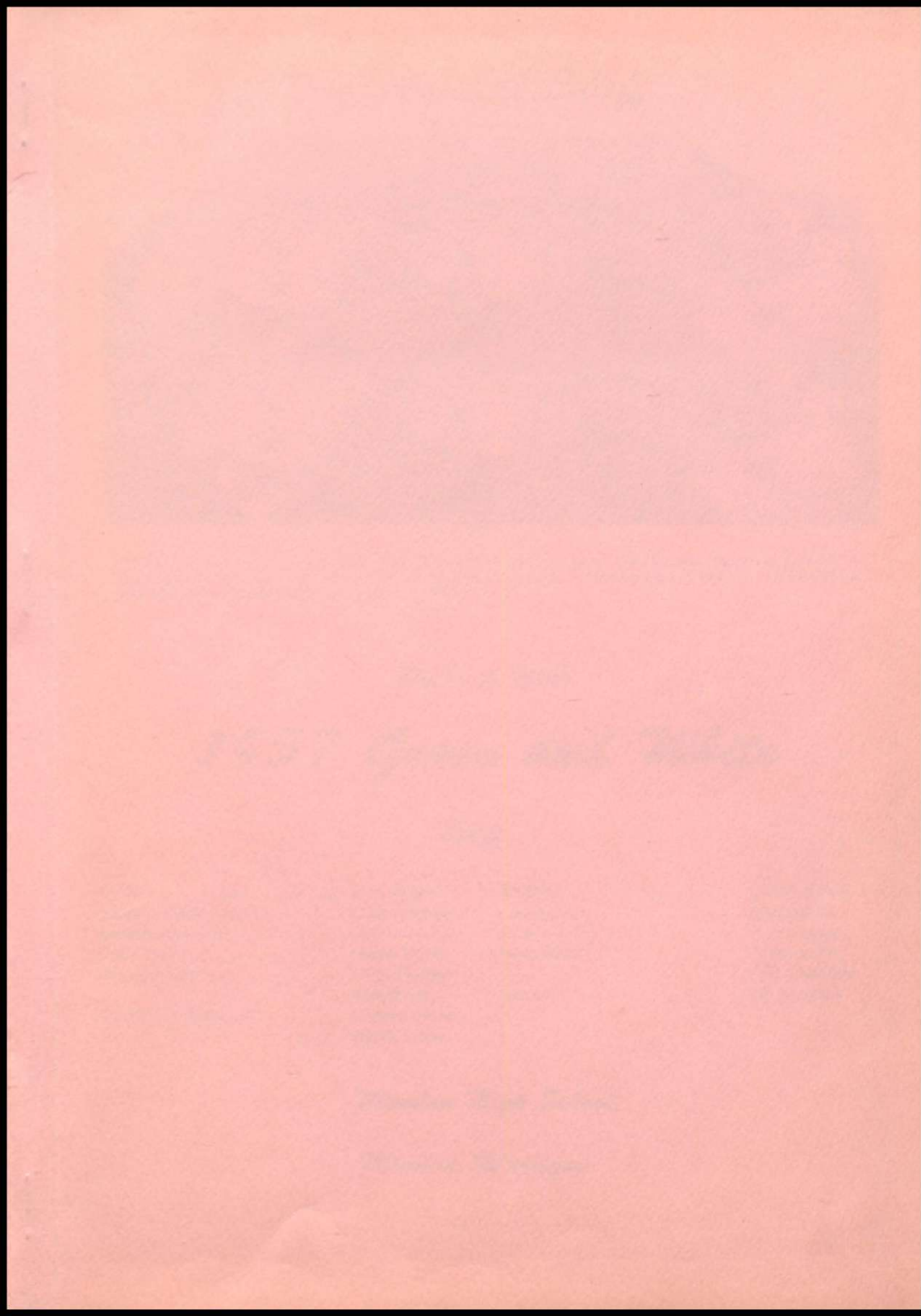
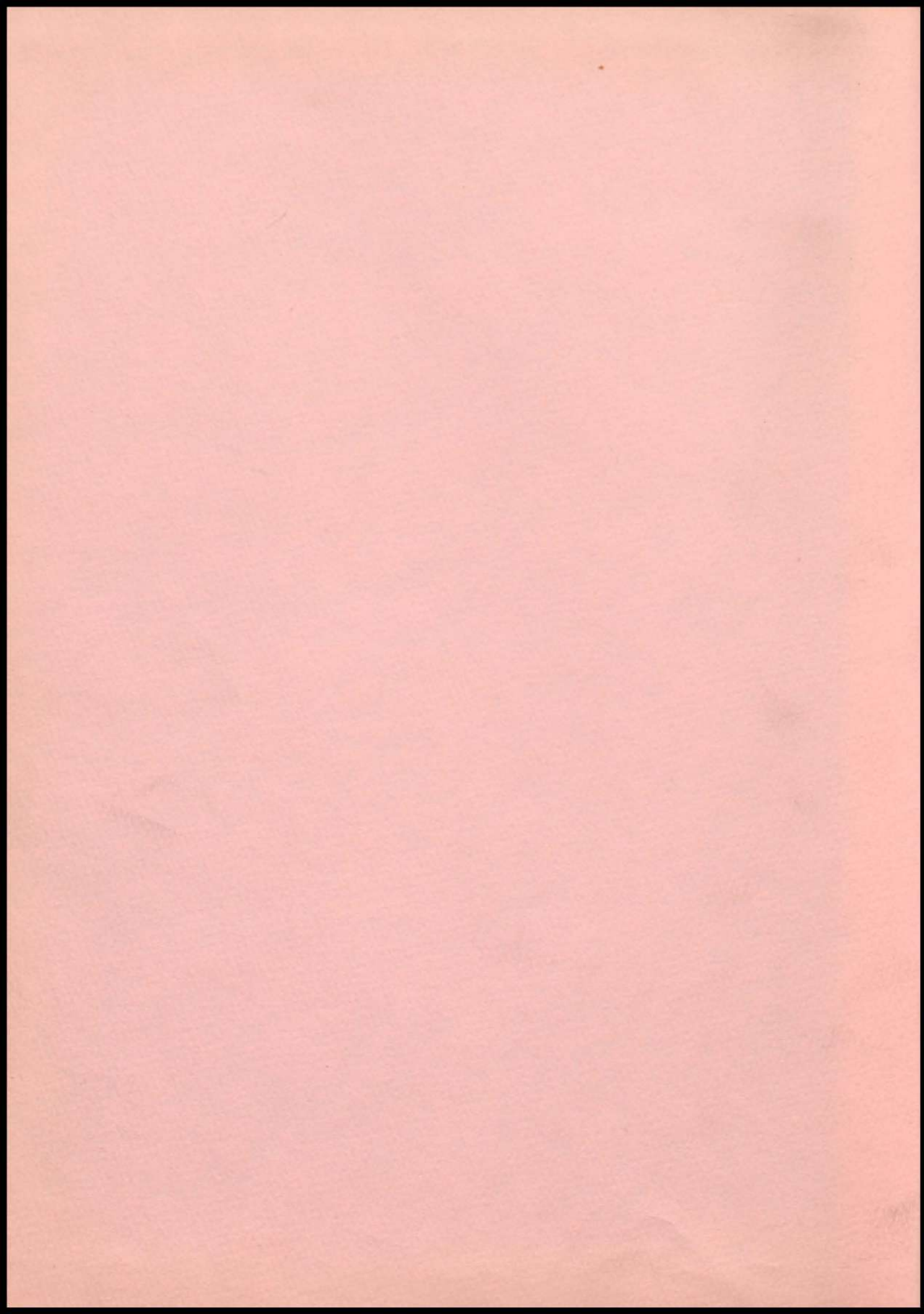


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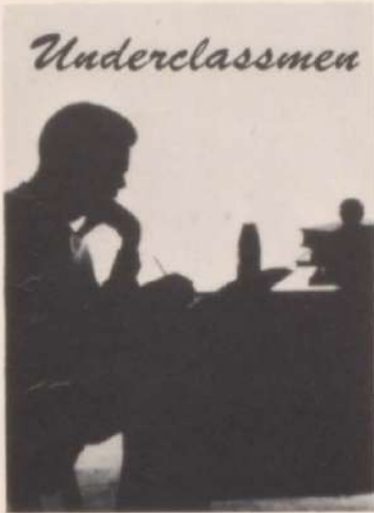


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Seniors





PHILIP ANDROSKY

"A man made to be loved."

Band 1,2,3,4; Hi-Lite 1,2; Annual 3; Plays 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Track 3; Varsity Club 1,2,3,4; Safety Council 3.



RONALD BATTEN

"A good fellow among fellows."

Class Treas. 3; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 1,2,3,4; Treas. 4.



LOUISE BARNEBEE

"Who can predict what she will do next."

Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1; Hi-Lite 1,2; Annual 3,4; FHA 1,2; Pep Club 1,2; Pep Band 1; Librarian 2; Plays 3,4.



JOHN BENNETT

"An equal mixture of good humor and good sense."

Class Secretary 4; Class Vice-Pres. 3; Student Council 2,3; Hi-Lite 1,2; Plays 3,4; Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 3,4; Track 3,4.



SHARON BATTEN

"Every girl has her mischievous moments."

Class Treas. 4; Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; Hi-Lite 1,2; Annual 4; FHA 1,2; Cheerleader 4; Pep Club 1,2; Pep Band 1; Plays 3,4.

JERRY CHARTRAND

"He who is born full of nonsense is never cured."

Hi-Lite 2,3; Annual 4; Plays 3,4; Basketball 1.



JOYCE BENNETT

"Be yourself and you cannot fail to be of some value."

Hi-Lite 4; Annual 1,2,3,4; FHA 1, 2,3,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Pep Club 1,2; Plays 3; Student Council 1,3, 4; Vice-Pres. 3; President 4.



JANET CROTSEY

"Better to be small and shine, than to be large and cast a shadow."

Band 1,2,3,4; Secretary 4; Glee Club 2,3,4; FHA 2,3,4; Pep Club 2; Pep Band 1,2,3,4; Plays 3.



HELEN BIRR

"An innocent face, but you can never tell."

Glee Club 2; Hi-Lite 1,2,3,4; Editor 4; Annual 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Pep Club 2; Librarian 2,4; Plays 3, 4.



LEONA DECOLA

"We shall not look upon her kind again."

Glee Club 3; FHA 1,3.





EVELYN FELTZ

"She is liked by all and deserves to be."

Class Secretary 2; Annual 2,4; Band 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3; Pep Club 1, 2; Plays 4.



BEATRICE HAMMINGA

"Scholarship, leadership, and character-but what a character!"

Glee Club 3; Hi-Lite 3,4; Annual 4; Librarian 2; Plays 4.



THOMAS FITZSTEPHENS

"He may look serious, but his eyes and his heart are always smiling."

Class President 2; Class Secretary 3; Band 2,3,4; Glee Club 3; Hi-Lite 2; Annual 3; Plays 2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 1, 2,3,4; Dance Band 3.



CLIFFORD HAMPTON

"There's alot of devilry 'neath his mild mind."

Plays 4; Football 2,3; Baseball 2.



JACK FRYLING

"His friends, they are many,. . .His foes, are there any?"

Class Treasurer 2; Band 2,3; Glee Club 3,4; Football 2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; Track 3,4; Varsity Club 2,3,4; Sec.-Treas. 3.

RODGER HUGHEY

"A sportsman through and through."
Hi-Lite 2; Annual 3,4; Football 1,
2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball
1,2,3,4; Track 3; Varsity Club 1,2,
3,4; President 4.



JO ANN HEDGES

"A 'live-wire' who sparks any class
she's in."
Band 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Hi-
Lite 1,2,3,4; Annual 4; Pep Club 2;
Pep Band 2,3,4; Librarian 2; Plays
3,4; Student Council 4.



CHRISTINA KLEIN

"We do not hesitate to say she has
a very pleasing way."
Annual 3,4; Pep Club 2; Plays 4.



MARY HUGHES

"She surely is a wonderful find.
For she's quick of movement . . .
as well as mind."
Class Vice-President 4; Glee Club
1; Hi-Lite 1; Annual 2,3,4; Assist-
Ed. 3; Editor 4; FHA 2,3; Pep Club
1,2; Librarian 1; Plays 3,4; Student
Council 4.



ROBERT MAHER

"Oh, why should life all be labor?"
Band 1,2,3,4; Annual 3,4; Plays 3,
4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,
4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club
1,2,3,4.





NANCY MATTAX
 "We'll never again ask, why gentlemen prefer blondes."
 Class Secretary 1; Band 1,2,3; Glee Club 2,3,4; Hi-Lite 2,3,4; Annual 4; FHA 2,3; Pep Club 2; Librarian 1; Plays 3,4.



JERALD RHODES
 "Oh mind of mine, Where art thou roaming?"
 Glee Club 3; Hi-Lite 1,2; Annual 3; Librarian 3; Plays 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 3,4; Safety Council 3.



RICHARD McCLISH
 "Not a ladies man, but a lady's man."
 Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Varsity Club 1,2,3,4.



SHIRLEY ROBERTS
 "A maker of friends; a redeemer of friendship."
 Glee Club 3; FHA 3; Plays 3.



TERRANCE PRIDE
 "Beware. . .even yet I may do something sensational."
 Class Vice-President 2; Class President 3; Band 1; Hi-Lite 1,2; Annual 3,4; Student Council 2; Football 1,4; Basketball 1,2; Varsity Club 4.

JOANNE WOLFE

"To argue was her greatest delight,
She would argue from morn 'til
night."

Band 1,2,3,4; Vice-President 4;
Glee Club 4; Annual 2,3,4; Co-
Editor 3; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Pep
Club 1,2; Pep Band 1; Plays 3,4;
Safety Council 1,2.



SHIRLEY SHREVE

"If you've never heard her laugh,
you're missing something."

Class Treasurer 2; Band 1,2,3,4;
Glee Club 3,4; Annual 2,3,4; Co-
Editor 3; Cheerleader 2,4; Pep
Club 1,2; Pep Band 3,4.



NANCY TAYLOR

"A good nature conquers all."

Class President 4; Band 1,2,3,4;
Hi-Lite 1,2; Annual 3; FHA 1,2,3,
4; President 3; Pep Club 1; Pep
Band 1,2; Plays 3,4.



RAYMOND YEAMONS

"I give my thought no tongue."
Plays 4.





FRONT ROW: Joanne Wolfe, Sharon Batten, Janet Crotser, Louise Barnebee, Terry Pride, Shirley Shreve, and JoAnn Hedges. MIDDLE ROW: Mary Hughes, Nancy Taylor, and Beatrice Hamminga. BACK ROW: Robert Mather, Leona DeCola, Helen Birr, and Ronald Batten.

Now and Then





Janet Crotser



Joanne Wolfe



Louise Barnebee



Shirley Shreve

Senior Baby Pictures



Mary Hughes



Beatrice Hamminga



Joyce & John Bennett



Nancy Taylor



Rodger Hughey



Philip Androsky



JoAnn Hedges



Jerry Chartrand

Sharon Batten

Nancy Mattax

Thomas Fitstephens

Cristina Klein

Richard McClish



Senior Snaps



Underclassmen



Juniors

Under the supervision of their advisor Mr. Wallach the junior class has had a wonderful year. They received their class rings to start the year right. They have had fun with the usual money making schemes and they have all experienced the enchantment of the Junior Senior Prom. Let's hope the enchantment carries them through their senior year. This year officers were Pres. Howard Richmond, Vice-Pres. Marlene McCain, Sec. Charlene Huff, Treas. Sharon Blanchard



S. Adams
R. Anderson



E. Barton
S. Blanchard
B. Cooley



G. Feister
J. Fitzstephens
J. Fryling



L. Garman
J. Heath
C. Huff
B. Kaiser



S. Kline
L. Lafler
J. Lee
S. Mangold



R. May
M. McCain
K. Milhollin
A. Orr
D. Oxender



D. Phenicie
H. Richmond
L. Salisbury
B. Smith
T. Spence

Absent:
Tom Ruggles

Sophomores

To start the year off to a "Bang" the class devised a most exciting Freshman initiation. They have sponsored skating parties and had bake sales to raise money for their Senior trip. They have delightful memories of their Sophomore year with the expert guidance of Mr. Van Ness. This years officers were Pres. Juanita Bennett, Vice-Pres. David Kauffman, Student Council Vera Gage, Trea. Doug Stump, Sec. Janet Wheeler

S. Baker
J. Bennett
G. Blood
J. Brower



V. Crotser
B. Dentler
B. Ellis
L. Feller
A. Foltz



V. Gage
P. Haas
B. Heister
J. Hoover
P. Josef



D. Kauffman
J. Kline
G. Linebach
K. Linebach
E. Manwarren



C. Millard
S. Millard
K. Moyle
R. Mumby
D. Pride
P. Rauh



R. Ross
P. Sand
G. Smalley
N. Snyder
D. Stump
J. Takacs



Absent
Sheila Wagner

S. Trucker
S. Wagner
B. Warner
J. Wheeler
K. Wright
M. Yoemans



Freshmen



J. Adams
J. Altimus
B. Anderson
M. Androsky
D. Barton
E. Bontrager

C. Boudier
M. Boudier
D. Bowdish
R. Carpenter
C. Carthan
B. Chapman

D. Cook, Class Pres.
S. Copenhafer
J. Crabtree
J. Crotser, Class Sec.
N. Custard

G. Davenport
D. Eastes
S. Eickhoff
D. Ellis
D. Forbush
L. Garman, Class V. Pres.

M. Haas
L. Hamilton
D. Harrison
R. Harsh
D. Heath
R. Howe

R. Huckendubler, Class Treas.
W. Jospf
J. Kelly
D. Larkin
J. Lomison

S. Mathews
R. Mazurek
E. McClish
R. McNeal
R. Moughton
L. Penn

H. Richards
P. Richmond
J. Riley
D. Rowe
H. Smith
L. Smith

S. Smith
S. Stoldt
G. Stuck
J. Stump
J. Taylor

SPONSOR: Mrs. Manis

ABSENT:

D. Smith, T. Millard, A. Dreger, J. Blough, H. Hurt, S. C. Rep.,
D. Cook

8th Grade

R. Anderson
 N. Birr, Class V. Pres.
 D. Dick
 J. Eickhoff
 D. Everson, Class Pres.
 J. Everson, Class Sec.



J. Flack
 W. Garvey
 P. Garvey
 R. Gentry
 D. Gifford
 C. Goudy



D. Holroyd
 E. Howe
 J. Hurt
 S. Jones
 S. King
 J. Lash



C. May
 B. McClish
 C. Meyer
 L. Millard, S. C. Rep.
 D. Minger
 P. Mitchell



J. Oder
 R. Preston
 B. Schrader, Treas.
 D. Smith
 T. Smith
 S. Smith



S. Springer
 R. Swihart
 W. Swihart
 W. Timm
 F. Rosen
 L. Wade



D. Moyer
 D. Snyder



SPONSOR: Mr. Halverson

ABSENT: E. Bontrager, K. Bontrager,
 R. Dentler

Seventh Grade



J. Alber
R. Aronld
N. Baker
P. Bingaman
C. Blanchard
S. Bowdish



J. Dalman
P. Boyde
M. Comadoll
J. Cook
R. Cook
D. Custard



D. Bowen
T. Dalman
B. DePue; S.C. Rep.
J. Engel
D. Everson
P. Feister



G. Fitzstephens
N. Foster
S. Gentry
M. Goudy
L. Griffith
L. Harriger



N. Lee
N. Lee
H. Meggison
D. Minger
M. Moyle; Pres.
J. Mumby



J. Pippitt
M. Riley; Sec.
T. Schrader
D. Seiler; V. Pres.
B. Smith
L. Smith



R. Smith
D. Starr
D. Truckey
J. Wilber
D. McClain

Absent: K. Miller

Sponsor: Mr. Prisuta

ATHLETICS



St. Joe Valley Champions

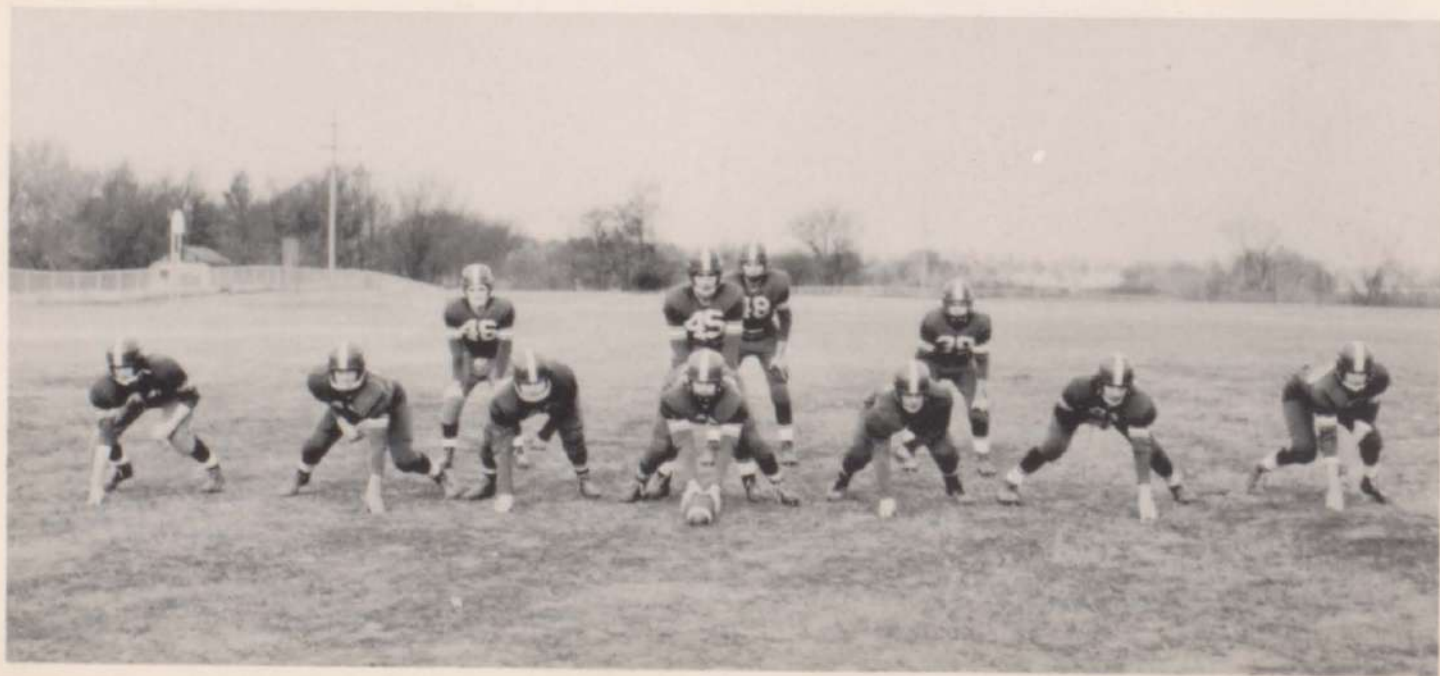


STANDING: Coach Prisuta, R. Huckendubler, L. Garman, R. Carpenter, E. Carpenter, D. Phenicie, P. Androsky, R. Hughey, J. Kelly, P. Sands, R. May, H. Richman, Coach Halverson. SEATED: T. Fitzstephens, J. Bennett, T. Pride, R. Batten, J. Rhodes, J. Fryling, R. McClish, B. Maher, J. Brower, D. Minger. FRONT: D. Seiler, P. Richman, A. Orr, M. Haas, J. Altimus, L. Penn, S. Copenhaver, P. Haas, S. Stoldt, J. Stump, N. Birr.

MENDON	OPPONENT
19	St. Charles 18
13	Centreville 07
07	Colon 00
31	Burr Oak 00
26	Schoolcraft 00
25	Marcellus 06
19	Constantine 13
21	White Pigeon 07

The Mendon Football Hornets had one of it's most successful seasons this year, sweeping through an eight game schedule without a loss or a tie to blemish their record. For the second year in a row the Green Hornets walked off with the St. Joseph Valley Athletic Association football championship, having won seven and losing none in conference play. They also were awarded the Kalamazoo Gazette plaque as the outstanding class D team in Southwestern Michigan for the second year in succession.

Their outstanding record was due to the tremendous desire of the boys and the excellent leadership of coach Prisuta and assistant coach Halverson.



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Cheerleader giving coach a piece of victory cake.

Varsity Basketball Team



STANDING: R. May, J. Bennett, T. Fitstephens, J. Rhodes, D. Phenice, T. Ruggles, L. Garman, Coach Prisuta.
 KNEELING: R. Batten, P. Androsky, R. Hughey, R. Maher, J. Fryling, Manager N. Birr.

The basketball team got off to a good start, winning their first two league games after dropping the opener by two points to a good Tekonsha team. Then everything went wrong, they lost nine straight before they could recover to win two out of their last four games. The team was 4-10 in league play for a sixth place finish.

Mendon drew centreville in the district and gave a good account of themselves until the fourth quarter. Centreville went on to win the District Championship.

Mendon		Opp.	Mendon		Opp.
45	Tekonsha	47	48	Burr Oak	51
55	Burr Oak	30	45	Centreville	52
65	Centreville	62	57	Colon	55
51	Colon	54	46	White Pigeon	45
48	White Pigeon	65	62	Constantine	73
46	Constantine	50	75	Marcellus	45
42	Marcellus	50	59	Schoolcraft	84
53	Schoolcraft	59	50	St. Charles	55
			48	Centreville	62 (Tournament)



Reserve Basketball

Our reserve team started the season with a victory over Tekonsha and entered league play with high hopes. However, the team ran into a string of hard-luck and lost several close games. They played well in most games and improved greatly as the season progressed, getting back into the win column late in the season.

STANDING: H. Richman, S. Stolt, E. Carpenter, D. Rowe, R. Carpenter, L. Penn, Coach Halverson. SEATED: G. Davenport, D. Harrison, J. Altimus, H. Richards, J. Taylor, J. Stump, D. Kauffman, P. Haas.



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Baseball Team



BACK ROW: N. Birr, S. Manager, L. Garman, D. Phenicie, A. Orr, L. Penn, D. Minger, S. Manager. FRONT ROW: R. Batten, B. Maher, Coach Prisuta, R. Hughey, T. Ruggles.





STANDING: S. Shreve, J. Wolfe, L. Garman, S. Batten. KNEELING: J. Bennett, B. Cooley

Cheerleaders

Two new cheerleaders joined the squad this year, they are Sharon Batten and Shirley Sreve. The girls cheered our football team on to many victories this year Basketball brought extra work but this didn't stop our fighting six. The girls made a slight change in the uniforms which improved the looks very much.



Activities





Student Council

The student council representing each class serves the walls of the students. Under the guidance of Mr. Hanichen and direction of Joyce Bennett, president, and Tom Ruggles, vice-president, the council provided various general assemblies, directed the election of the homecoming queen, and the homecoming dance. It also promoted noon entertainment of records for dancing.

The council set up permanent committees this year to make sure activities ran smoothly. The committees were: Ways and Means, Social, Assembly, Citizenship and Pep.

STANDING: L. Garman, J. Hedges, Mr. Hanichen, H. Hurt, D. Kauffman. SEATED: N. Birr, V. Gage, L. Millard, J. Bennett, T. Ruggles, B. DePue, M. McCain. ABSENT: M. Hughes, D. Seiler.



Chorus



BACK ROW: J. Lee, L. DeCola, J. Crotser, J. Crotser, B. Cooley, B. Kaiser, J. Hedges, S. Shreve, J. Wolfe, S. Batten, J. Fryling, H. Richards; D. Eastes, B. Chapman, K. Linebach, Mr. Van Ness. FRONT ROW: D. Oxender, E. Barton, K. Milhollin, C. Meyer, L. Hamilton, J. Lomison, L. Garman, D. Minger, H. Birr, J. Pippitt, N. Mat-tax, S. Bowdish, P. Feister, M. Comdoll, S. Gentry, H. Smith. ABSENT: B. Smith, M. Haas, D. McClain, J. Eickhoff, H. Hurt, P. Josef, G. Blood.



The chorus has rehearsal on its own time at noon hours in addition to Club Day, which is held once a month. They sang at the school Christmas Assembly.

Hornets Tale



STANDING: J. Hedges, D. Pride, J. Bennett, G. Feister, T. Spence, H. Richards, Mrs. Misner, S. Stoldt, S. Batten, H. Smith, J. Flack, K. Milhollin, D. Oxender. SEATED: B. Warner, J. Bennett, C. Huff, J. Fryling, S. Blanchard, H. Birr, N. Mattax.

"The Hornets Tale" - the school news paper, is known by this name from a contest in which all students could participate to select a new and better name. Mary Hughes was the winner of this contest and won a pass to all the sports activities for the school year. The name was changed from Hi-Lite to Hornets Tale.

Under the editorship of Charlene Huff the school paper edited the paper with many humorous articles and news of the school activities. The paper enabled the students to express their feelings and let the parents learn about school activities.



Hall Monitors

The Hall Monitors is an organization made up of students, whose job is to keep order in the halls and to be sure a student does not wander in the halls without a cause to be there. This group was organized for the first this year and seems to be a worthwhile organization. The advisor is Mr. Hanichen.



BACK ROW: B. Maher, J. Bennett, J. Chartrand, J. Fitzstephens, D. Kauffman, D. Pride. FRONT ROW: Mr. Hanichen, J. Bennett, S. Roberts, J. Lomison, B. Warner. NOT IN THE PICTURE: M. Hughes, T. Pride, S. Stoldt, S. Truckey, P. Haas, G. Linebach.





The members enjoyed a very enjoyable year. The formal and informal initiations were a big success and a lot of fun. Some of our civil service activities were collecting food for Christmas baskets and clothing for the needy. We had a Christmas party and a dinner for the members. We have done the usual activities of the Future Homemakers. The club mothers, Mrs. Huff and Mrs. Truman, did much to help out the club. We sponsored a Stanley party and other activities throughout the year.

STANDING: D. Oxender, N. Custard, J. Crotser, J. Bennett, H. Birr, E. Manwarren, R. Harsh, R. Mazurek.
SEATED: C. Huff, N. Snyder, B. Warner, B. Anderson, S. Eickhoff, Mrs. Voelker. ABSENT: S. Springer, J. Everson, J. Hurt, J. Adams, B. McClish.





Varsity Club

STANDING: Mr. Prisuta, H. Richmond, R. May, D. Phenicie, T. Spence, P. Sands, E. Carpenter, T. Ruggles, L. Garman, R. Huckendubler, Mr. Halverson. SEATED: R. Batten, B. Maher, T. Pride, J. Bennett, D. McClish, J. Rhodes, R. Hughey, T. Fitzstephens, P. Androsky, J. Fryling.



The letter winning athletes made money this year by the Varsity Club Carnival in the fall and cake sales through-out the year. They have enjoyed some suppers put on for the members. This year they gave a sum of money for the needy, to help with the FHA at Christmas time. They were advised by Coach Prisuta this year, and Mr. Halverson.

*Class Meetings
in Progress*

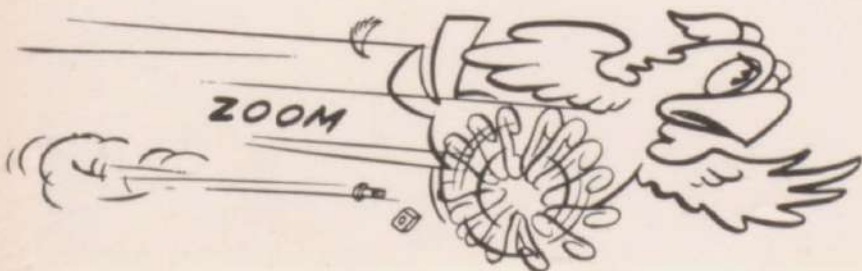


Safety Patrol



STANDING: J. Wilbur, G. Blood, J. Engle, K. Linebach, N. Lee, T. Schrader. SEATED: Mr. Locke, G. Linebach, N. Birr, D. Smith, D. Minger, J. Eickhoff.

Under the guidance of Mr. Locke these boys have made our students observe practices that put safety first. They have guarded our halls, stairs, playgrounds, and street crossings during their noon-hours through out the year.



Librarians



Under the guidance of Mrs. Cordes, the librarians kept the library neat and ready for service.



STANDING: D. Phenicie, H. Birr, S. Smith. SEATED: Mrs. Cordes, C. Huff, E. Barton, S. Truckey.



L I F E
A T
M. H. S.



C H E R R Y
P I E
C O N T E S T

The winner of our Cherry Pie Contest was Thomas Fitzstephens, Helen Birr was second, with Patty Josef as third. Because boys aren't allowed in the county bake off, Helen and Patty represented Mendon in the county contest.





Senior Play

Hillbilly Weddin'

TOP ROW: T. Pride, J. Fryling, C. Klein, C. Hampton, J. Rhodes, R. Yeomans, B. Hamminga, H. Birr, T. Fitzstephens. MIDDLE ROW: B. Maher, S. Batten, L. Barnebee, E. Feltz, S. Shreve, P. Androsky, J. Chartrand, J. Bennett. SEATED: J. Hedges, N. Taylor, J. Bennett, N. Mattax, J. Wolfe, M. Hughes.



Beginners Band



BACK ROW: B. McClain, P. Meyer, D. Mitchell, Mr. Van Ness. THIRD ROW: T. Happel, M. Quinn, R. Baker, S. Smith, J. Engle, B. Rexford, D. Lewis, T. Large, J. Haas, E. Robinson, J. Riley, J. Wise. MIDDLE ROW: K. Harri-ger, N. Rexford, P. Alber, M. Gilbert, E. Reinbold, J. Oder, R. Drake, D. Butler. FRONT ROW: M. Manchester, J. Heath, S. Cook, D. Loker, R. Harmon, S. Miller, Kay Wade, M. Goudy.

These grade school youngsters rehearse three days a week. The band is composed of first year players. As the name implies this is the very beginning of the other two bands.



As Mr. Van Ness directs them, they are formed into the star musicians Mendon is known for. They performed very well at both the winter and the spring band concerts.



Junior Band

STANDING: N. Lee, C. Danley, C. Taylor, Mr. Van Ness. BACK ROW: M. Wolfe, J. Riley, B. Hemple, L. Lash, H. Smith, R. Kingman, R. Harrison, K. Haas, S. Riley, S. Batten, R. Crotser, L. Erwine, R. Wheeler, M. Bingaman, D. Eastes, P. Gerritsen. FRONT ROW: M. Anderson, C. Oxender, K. Culp, D. Howe, B. DePue, C. Blanchard, F. Cook, D. Salisbury, C. Foster. ABSENT: T. Haas, J. Oder, W. Timm, L. Harriger, S. Penn.

All of the intermediate band students in Junior band are looking forward to the day when they take their big step into Senior Band. So they are working hard every day to improve their musical ability and learn the art of marching and playing at the same time. Under the direction of Mrs. VanNess they marched at the last home football game during the half. Also they showed their skill at the bands winter and spring concerts.



Senior Band

As the finished products of the band program, these students continue to work with Mr. Van Ness to have an honor winning group. Besides the band concerts they marched for all of the home football games, at St. Joe county fair, and in the Vicksburg Frontier Days Parade. They have played excellently at Western Michigan College and the University of Michigan band days; receiving a straight first division at the District Marching Contest. Ever striving to perfect their performance they often hold night rehearsals in addition to daily ones. The students at Mendon High and the towns people enjoy the band concerts held through out the year.



BACK ROW: S. Shreve, J. Lee, S. Smith, E. McClish, L. Barnebee, S. Baker, T. Fitzstephens, Mr. Van Ness, D. Forbush, N. Taylor, B. Chapman, D. Larkin, D. Barton, T. Dalman, J. Hedges, D. Pride, J. Lash, P. Garvey, V. Morey, L. Penn, L. Garman. 1st ROW: C. Bauder, M. Bauder, L. Millard, M. Riley, D. Custard, K. Milhollin, L. Millard, J. Wheeler, B. Kaiser, R. Mumby, M. Haas, D. Rowe, J. Stump, P. Haas, R. Huckendubler, D. Kauffman, J. Crotser, B. Garvey, J. Takacs, B. Cooley, B. Moughton. 2nd ROW: C. Millard, S. Millard, K. Moyle, E. Barton, J. Flack, C. Huff, B. Garman, T. Ruggles, J. Crotser. FRONT ROW: S. Wagner, L. Garman, J. Wolfe, H. Hurt, S. Batten, D. Oxender, S. Bowdish, A. Foltz, M. Yeomans. ABSENT: D. Bowdish, S. Wagner.



Freshmen Initiation

One day a year the Freshmen at Mendon High are outstanding. The Sophomores are in their glory as they make them bow, polish shoes, carry their books, and many other interesting jobs. Laughter flows freely all day long but is at its peak in the afternoon assembly where these stunts were performed. To even things up the Sophomores later in the week held a party in honor of the Freshmen.



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J. Wolfe, J. Bennett, J. Crotser, J. Lee, B. Cooley, N. Taylor



These six girls under the supervision of Mrs. Hanichen performed daily tasks around the office.

Work



Irene Bolz and Vada Blanchard took care of feeding the hungry M.H.S. students this year.



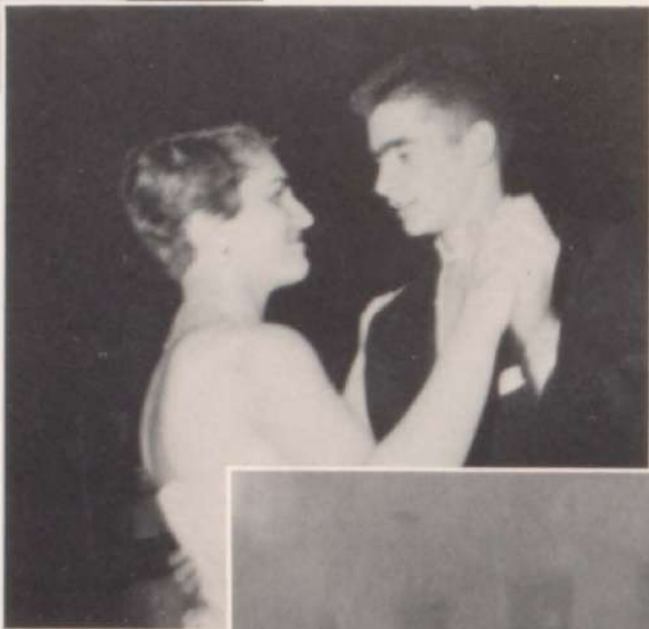
THE HOT LUNCH HELPERS: A. Orr, L. Feller, S. Kline, L. DeCola, S. Mangold.
ABSENT: J. Kline

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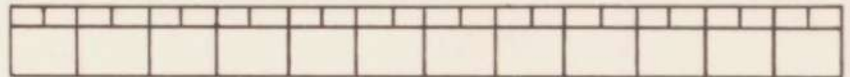
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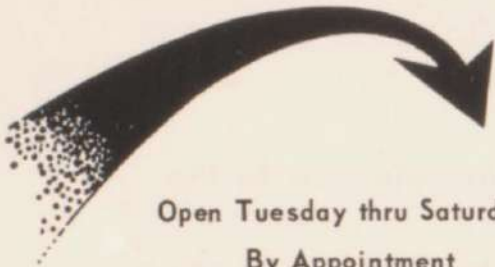
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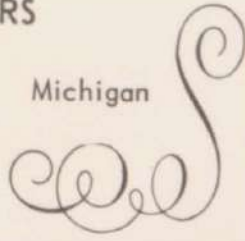


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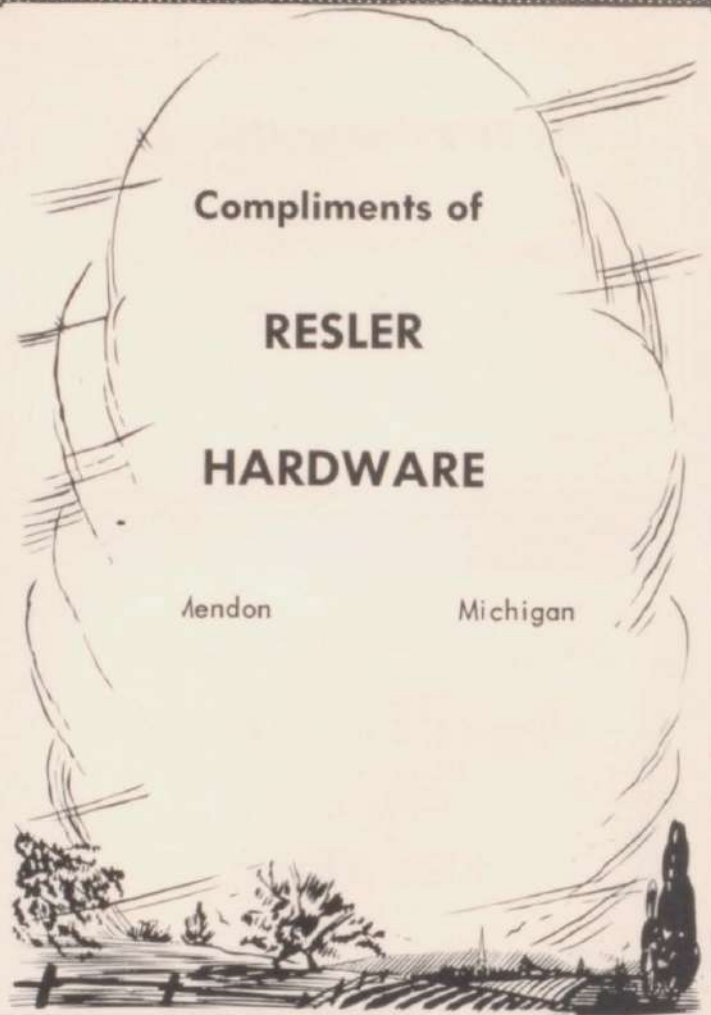
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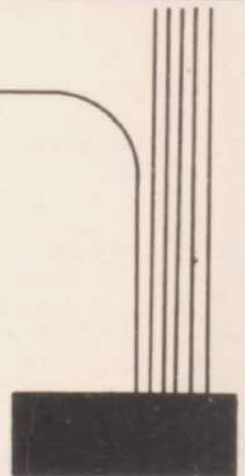


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