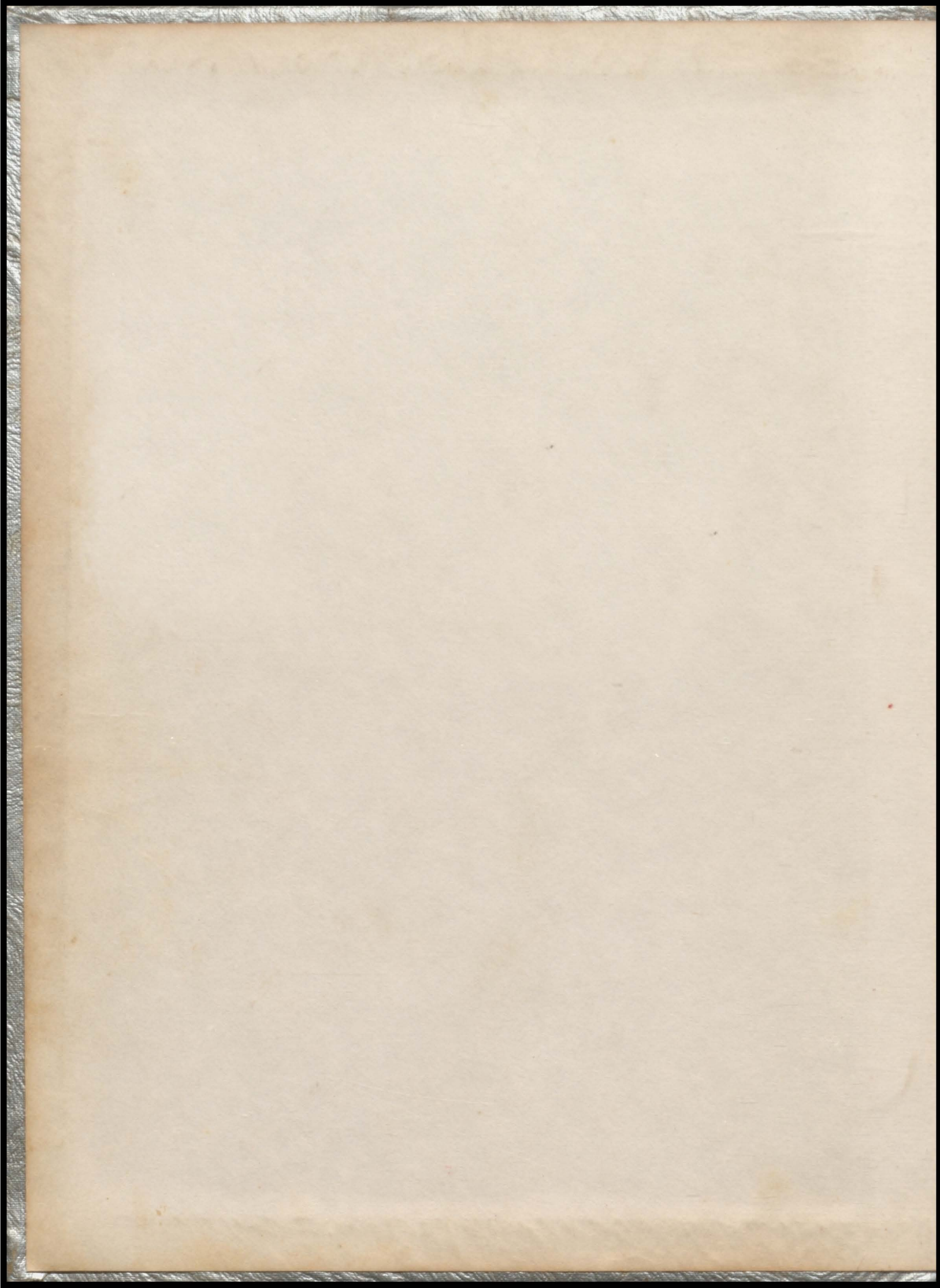


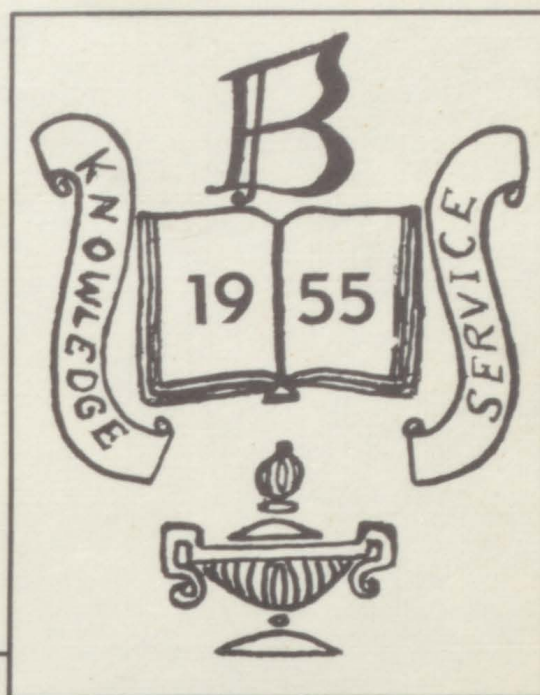


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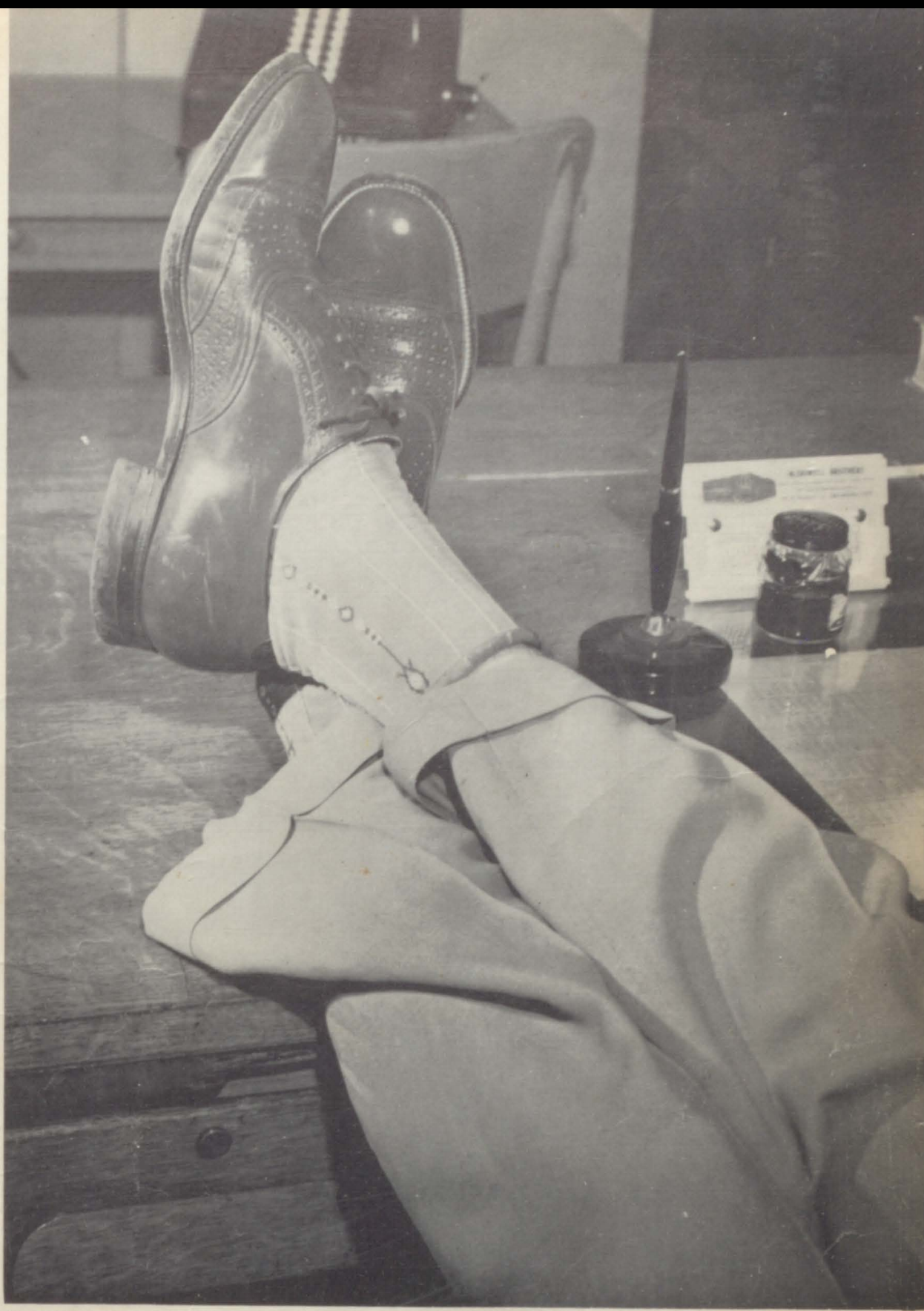
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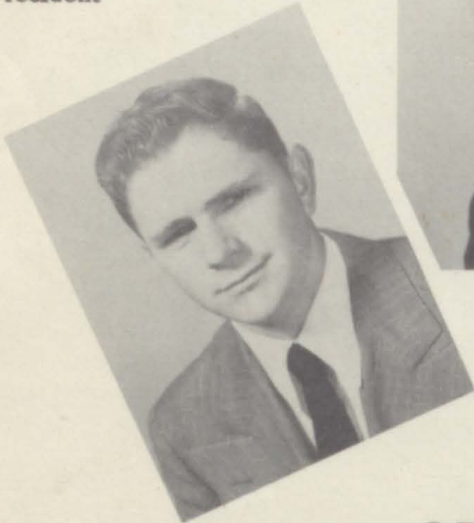
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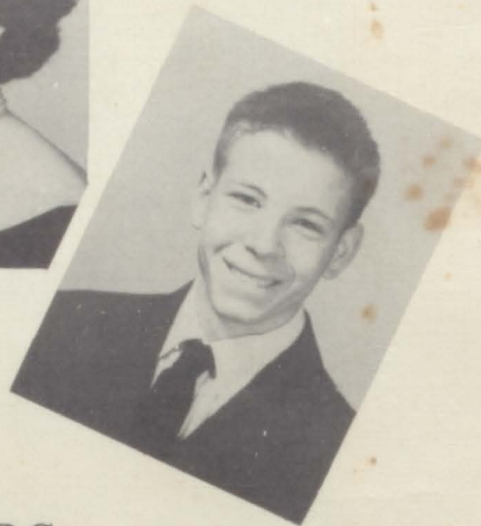
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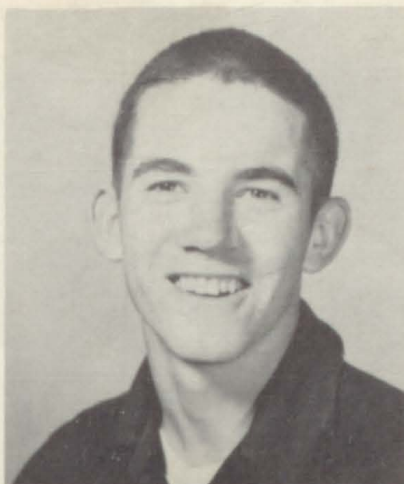
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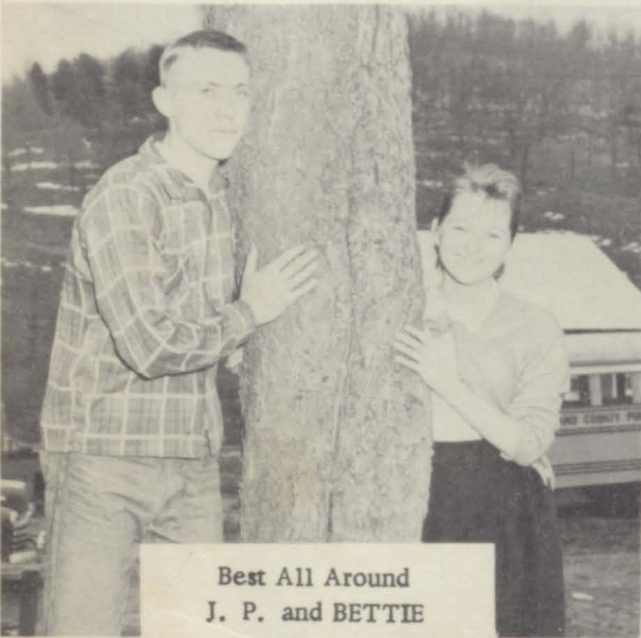
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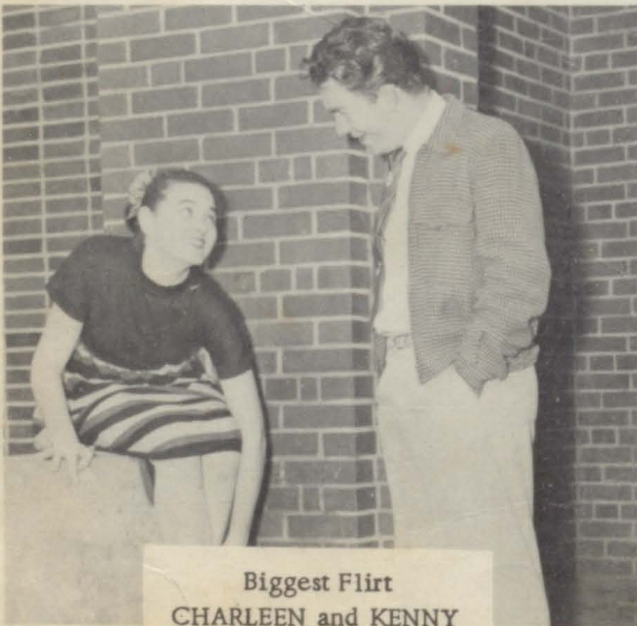
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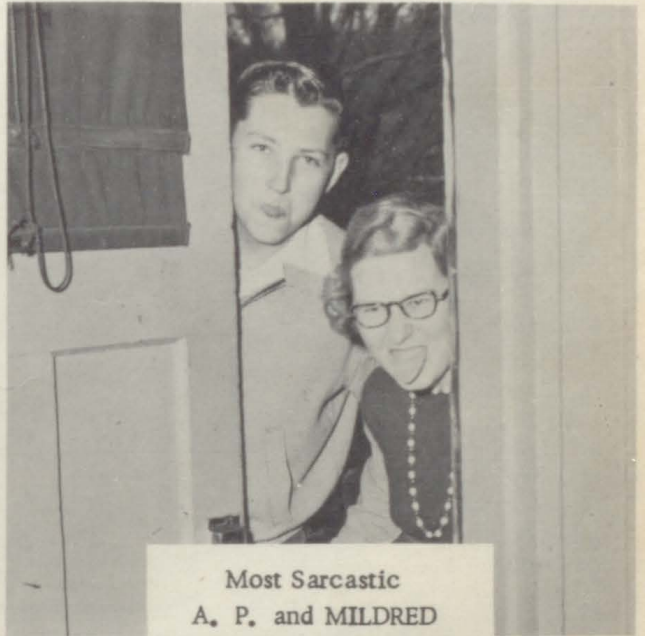
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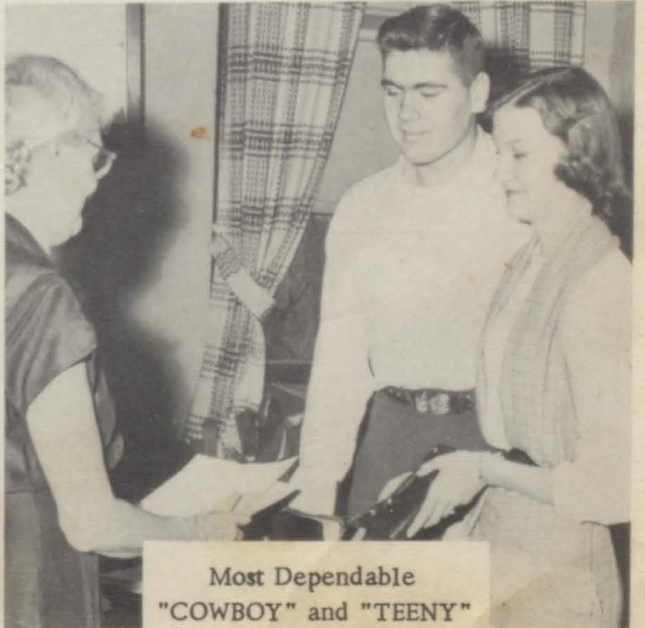
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- I, June Burton, will my quiet ways to Barbara McPeak.
- I, Jane Tickle, will my alarm clock to Nancy Kitts.
- I, Jack King, will my interest in girls and in the Beard Club to Elwood Cash.
- I, Jake Repass, will my ability to argue politics with Miss Blankenship to Billy Muncy.
- I, Betty Wilson, will my title "Miss Bland County" to Ann Hardy.
- I, Charleen Perkinson, will my flirtatious ways to anyone who wants them.
- I, Richard Kidd, will my ability to stay out late on Saturday night to Danny Bird.
- I, Charles Chandler, will my artistic talents to Wayne McPeak.
- I, Charles Muncy, will my habit of "perching" in the window to Tommy Harden.
- I, A. P. Morehead, Jr., will all the tobacco juice I left in the shop to Mr. Reynolds.
- I, Keith Kitts, will my habit of biting my fingernails to Minnie Burton.
- I, Janet Bird, will my F. H. A. gavel and my ability to cook to Stewart Stafford.
- I, Juanita Childress, will my cheerleading ability to Thelma Wilson.
- I, Bettie Kidd, will my affectionate thoughts for Miss Brown to Charles Kirby.
- I, Trovia Townley, will my long curls to Etta Mae Patterson.
- I, Ethel Lee Gusler, will my ability to catch boyfriends to Barbara Wright.
- I, Nadean Blankenship, will my cousin Chester to Maxine Conley.
- We, Barbara Ann Ramsey and Marlene Blankenship, will our secret of taking the Ceres Girls' boyfriends, to Nancy Tate and Treva Tolbert.
- I, Bobby Strock, will my energetic ways to Maybelle Dillow.
- I, B. C. Atwell, will my brother Johnny to Martha Penley.
- I, J. P. Ramsey, will my fondness for Jean Melvin to Dan Wiley.
- I, Earnest Pauley, will my typing speed to L. B. Townley.
- I, Annette May, will my hopes for the present and future to Dona Wright.
- I, "Teeny" Newberry, will my twenty-one inch waistline to Eula Hooker.
- I, Opal Morehead, will my ability to have a wonderful time in school to Irma Myers.
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- I, Nancy Dunn, will my love for "Blackie" to Mona June Scott.
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- I, Kenneth Carter, will my ability to drive to Carolyn Bird.

- I, Donald Gross, will my pick and shovel to Lewis Tickle.
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 I, Henry Wyrick, will my serious, but friendly ways to Bobby Myers.
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 I, Nora King, will my ability to play basketball to Eleanor Bird.
 I, Mary Ann Pauley, will my nickname "Shorty" to Henry H. Newberry.
 We, Nancy Wolfe and Ellen Faulkner, will our ability to study and make good grades to Shelby Ramsey and Paul Wiley.
 We, Mary Ellen Wolfe and Inez Morehead, will our ability to stick together to Jackie Ann Thompson and Gail Chandler.
 I, Allen Burton, will my ability to get a raise to Jimmy Dehart.
 I, Winston McPeak, will Shelby Ramsey to Dan French for safe keeping only.
 I, Larry Chewning, will all my love for Mr. Davis to Nancy Faulkner.
 I, "Buddy" Wagner, will my ability to throw paper wads in Government Class to Billy Strook.
 I, Joe DeWilde, will my Northern accent to Louise Gusler.

Signed:

"Teeny" Newberry
 Opal Morehead
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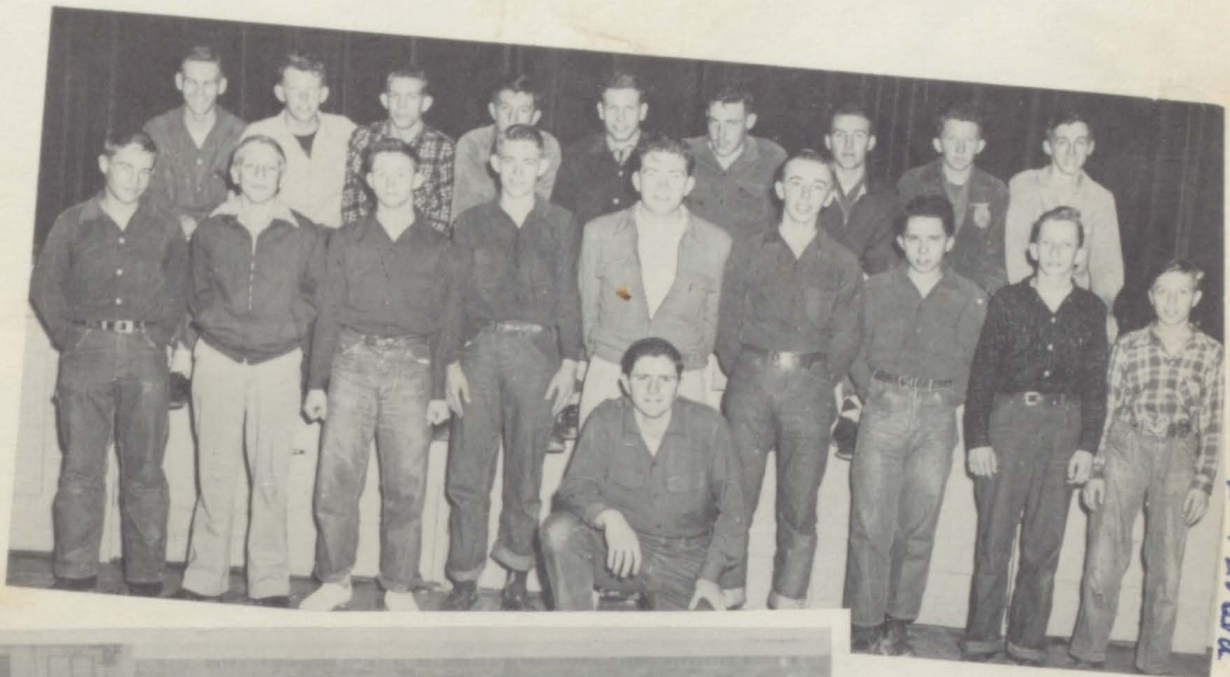
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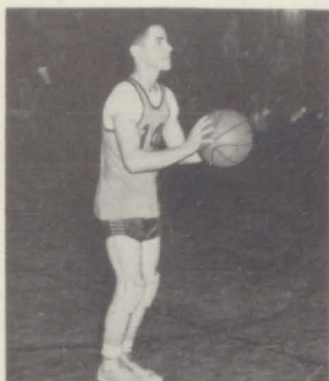
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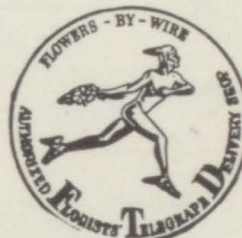
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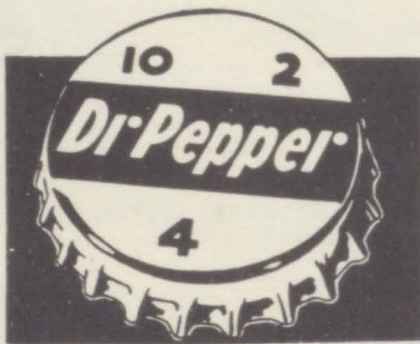
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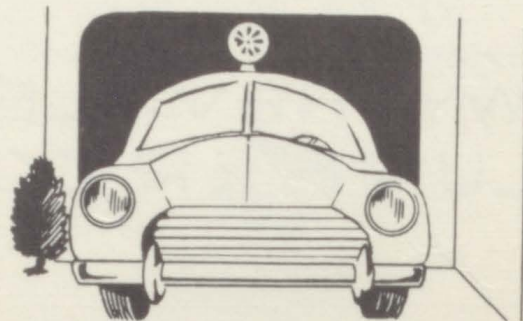
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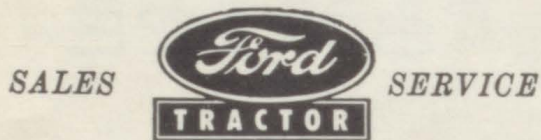
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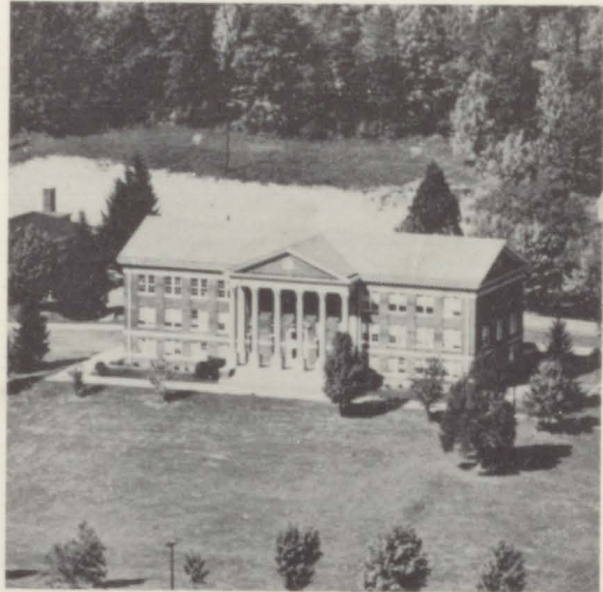
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CLASS PROPHECY

1954-1955

Looking into the space of time we see the members of the Senior Class of '55 of Old Bland High reaching their highest goals and ambitions.

Jack King, newly elected President, has decided to make a good will tour of his old home town.

June Burton, wife of Eddie Hubble, is America's greatest typist. She types 135 words per minute.

Jane Tickle is now married to a pilot whom she met at Weavers Airline School.

Jake Repass, known as "The Great Repass," recently won the world's championship wrestling trophy.

Betty Wilson, "Miss America" winner, will soon compete in the "Miss Universe" contest.

Charleen Perkinson, Hollywood's newest star, is out "Monroeing" Marilyn.

"Teeny" Newberry, now Mrs. Billy Atkinson, gave a talk on child care before the National Convention of Homemakers.

Annette May, gave up college life at Radford to become the wife of Jeff Burton.

Nancy Wolfe, a graduate of Radford College, won top honors. Teaching is her goal, then marriage.

Mary Ann Pauley? She's still short, but an all around athlete. "To develop her muscles," she says.

Nora King decided to be a music teacher after many successful tours as a concert singer.

Joe DeWilde, famous band leader, is a second Dorsey.

Buddy Wagner, star ball player for the N. Y. Giants, is expected to win the next world series.

Mary Ellen Wolfe is the wife of Cecil Melvin. No wonder she didn't study government!

Charles Chandler, a great architect, has completed his designs for the new White House.

Ethel Lee Gusler is now living on a large farm in Bland County. She is Mrs. Mack Kitts.

Richard Kidd just won the 500 mile race at Indianapolis.

Nadean Blankenship, a nurse in one of Virginia's largest hospitals, has her eye on a rich young doctor.

Trovia Townley, New York's fastest gossip columnist, has just announced that Juanita Childress has finally teamed with Eddie Fisher on his TV program, "Singing with a coke."

Janet Bird, a Home Economics graduate of Madison College, is the mother of 3 boys. Her husband is Dr. D. S. Miller II.

Keith Kitts owns a large amount of stock in the Ford Motor Company. He may become their president soon.

A. P. Morehead is an Army officer. He always did have commanding ways!

Allen Burton is now a minister. We all knew he was a good boy!

Betty Goins is a model in one of New York's Dress shops.





Winston McPeak is running a farm in Holly Brook. He really became attached to H. B.

Inez Morehead is happily married and raising a family of little Carlyles.

Henry Wyrick, who got tired of hoeing corn is now in the forestry business.

"Cowboy" Muncy has recently graduated from V. P. I. as a Veterinarian.

Ellen Faye Faulkner is now a private secretary to "Bing" Crosby, his twin sons, and his millions.

"Jerry" Morehead is a happily married gal these days. She now has that curly headed baby boy she always wanted.

Donald Gross is now agriculture teacher at V. P. I. He was the genius that made the good grades at Bland High School.

Barbara Ramsey is now living in Ceres and the mother of a bouncing baby boy. He looks just like his father, J. C.

Bobby Strock, boy wonder, has invented a new type of feed for cows. Feed them, push a button, and you have milk shakes in assorted flavors.

B. C. Atwell is in training for the Olympic games and is entering as a Pole Vaulter.

Marlene Blankenship just hit Hollywood. She's a second Jane Russell starring in "Gentlemen Prefer Curly Heads."

J. P. Ramsey is a doctor in California. He just had to be near "Marilyn."

Ernest Pauley has joined "Barnum and Bailey Circus." He is "Bozo," the leading clown.

Nancy Dunn joined the "Waves" for 7 years. She can not stay away from the sailors.

"Kenny" Carter made the headlines again by divorcing his fifth wife.

Opal Morehead is owner of "Tootie's Beauty Shop" in Pearisburg.

Larry Chewning is practicing law in Roanoke, Va. A recent client was David Fanning, who was suing Sears, Roebuck and Co. because they sent him 25 pigs instead of chickens.

Mildred J. Davis now owns a 3000 acre ranch in Utah which still has the flavor of Little Creek.

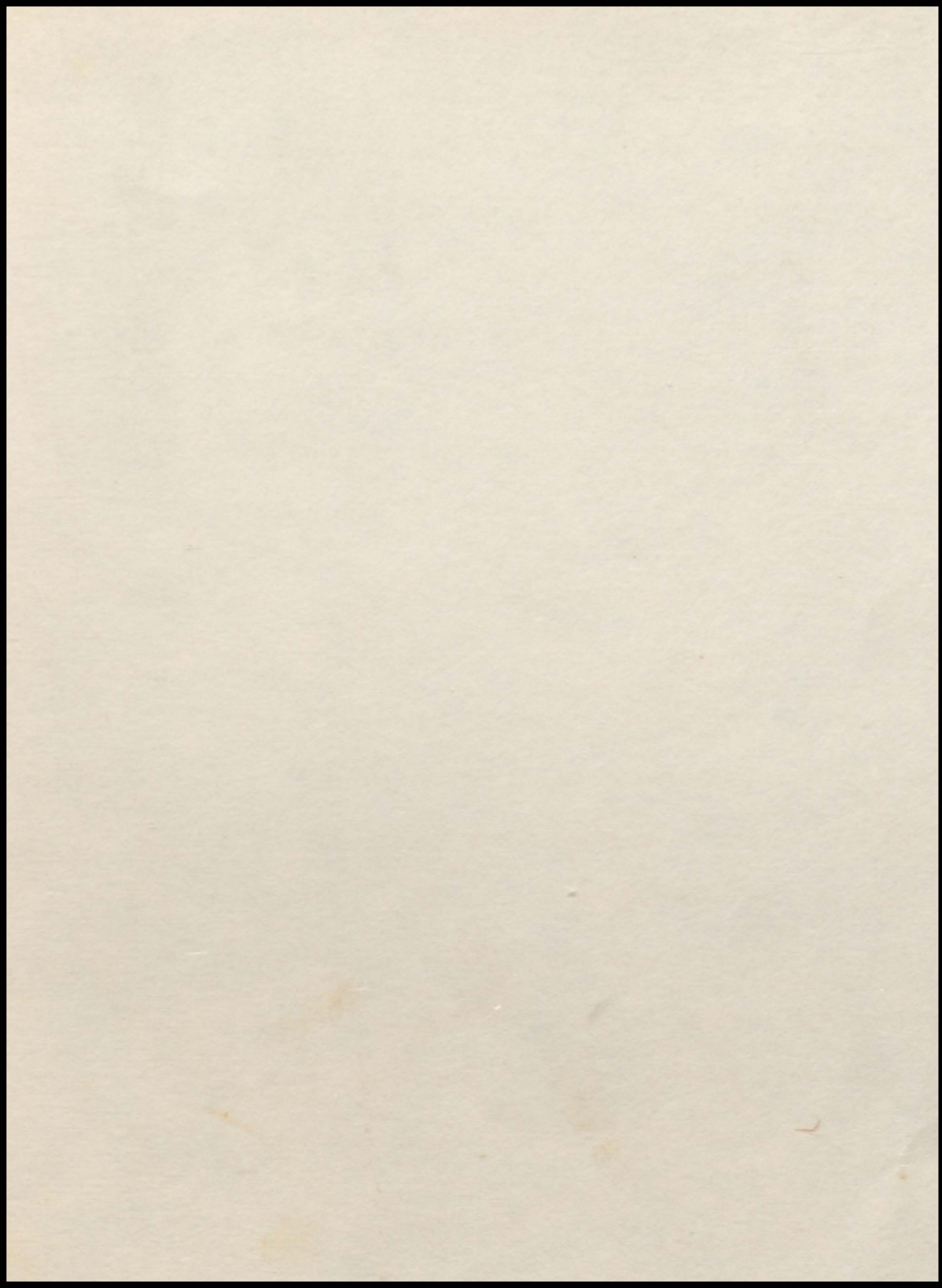
Bettie Kidd, now Mrs. Guy Madison, is happily married in her role as the wife of "Wild Bill Hickok."

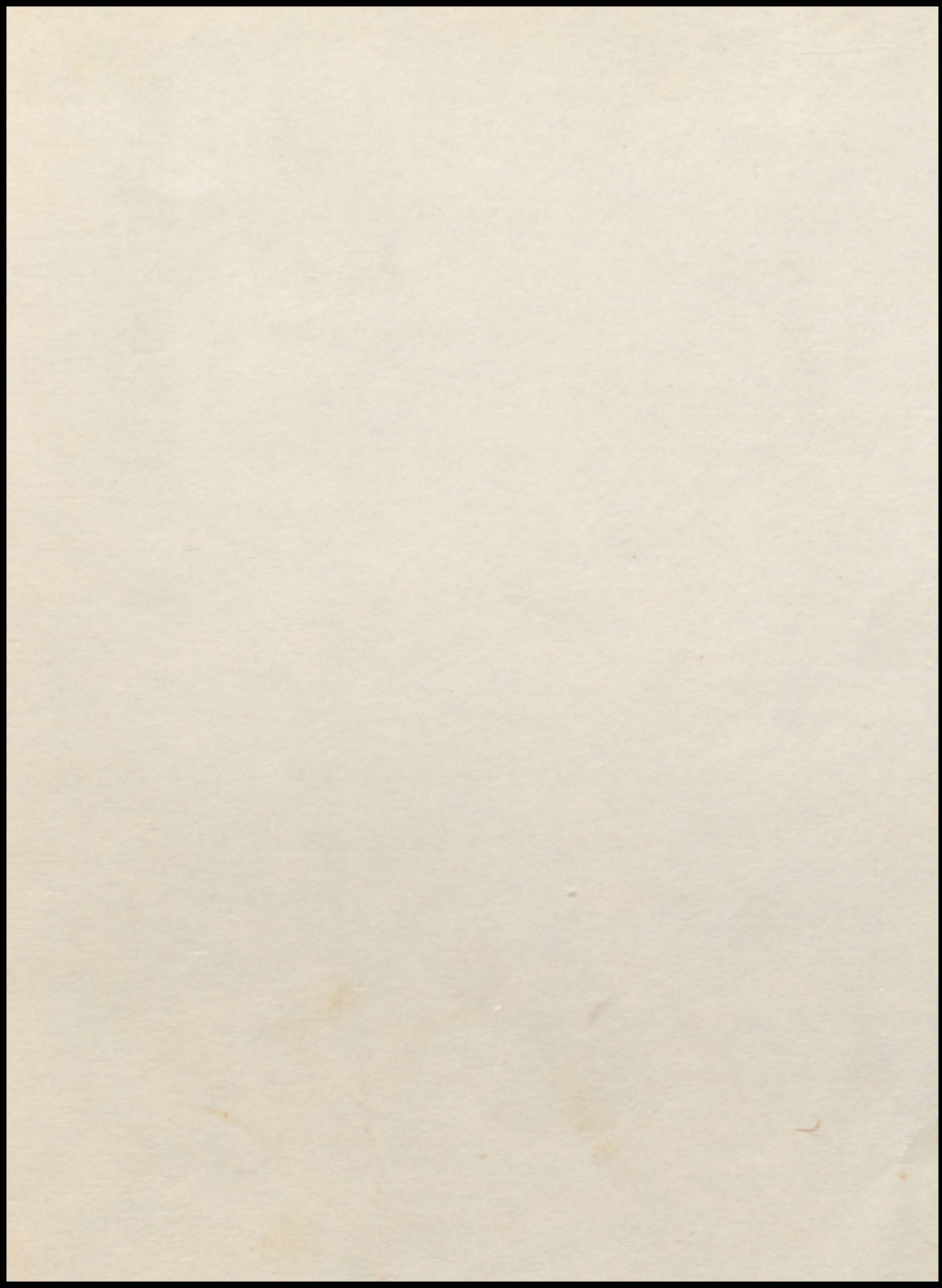
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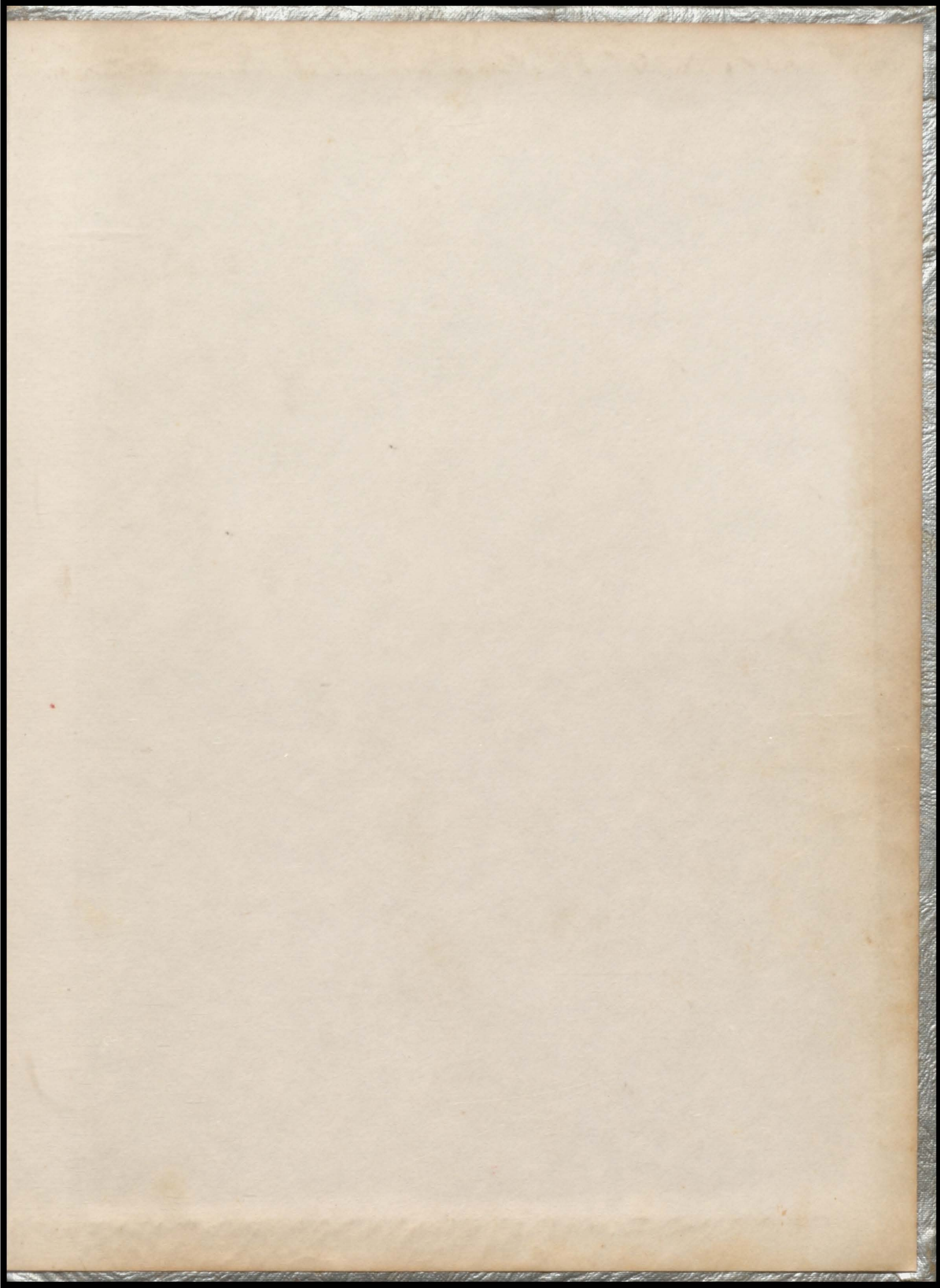
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