

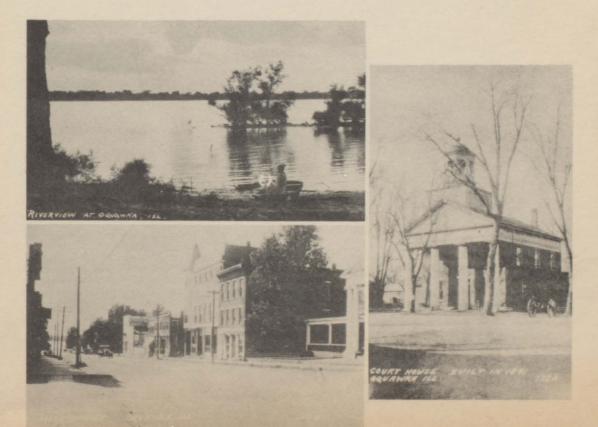


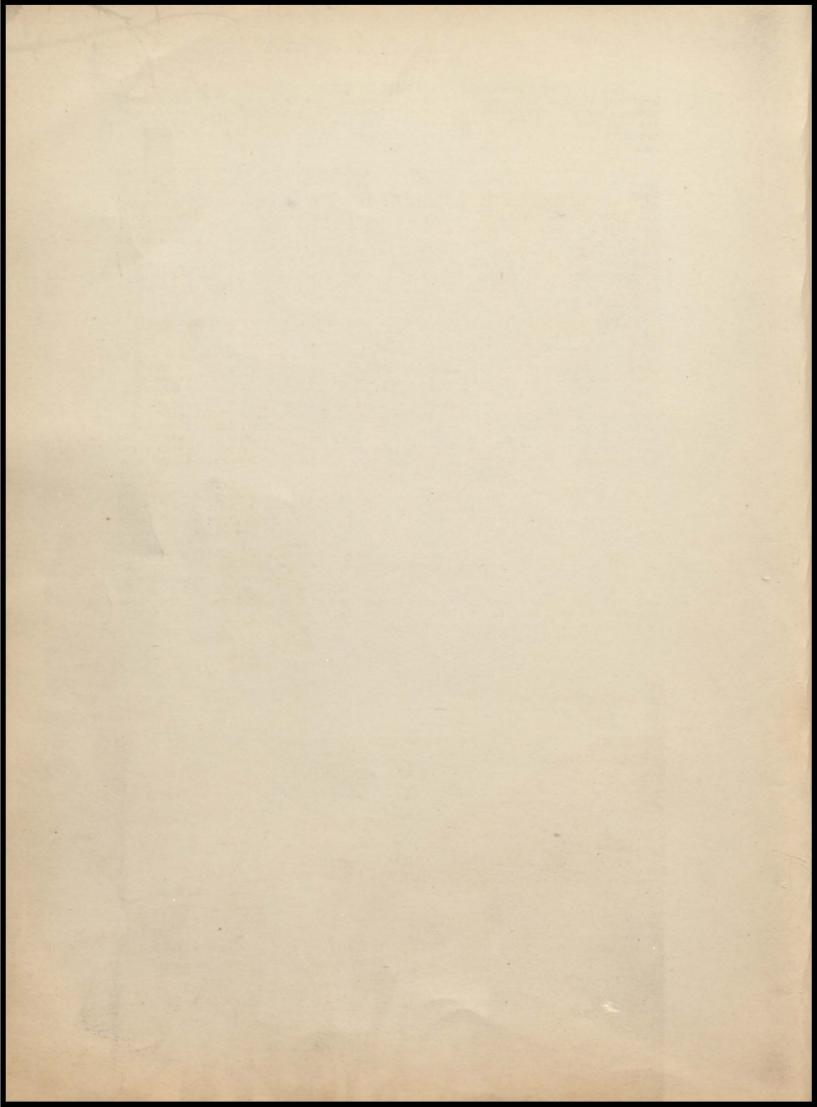
The town of Oquawka was laid out in 1836, by Alexis Phelps and his brother, Stephen S. Phelps. It is situated on the Mississippi River, about midway between the Des Moines River and the Rock Island Rapids. Oquawka owes its name to the Indians with whom it was a noted point in their travels and tribal convocations. The name Oquawka means Yellow Banks. It was given this name because of the high sand bluffs along the river.

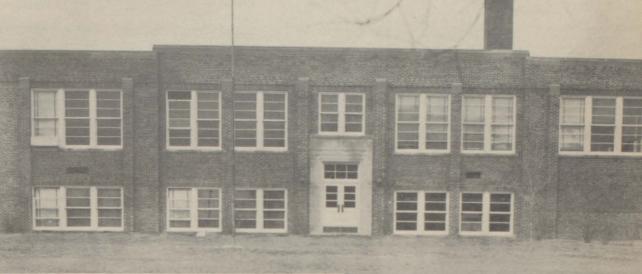
Oquawka was the hunting grounds for the Sac and Fox Indian Tribes. They came to this settlement in the spring of 1831. They dwelt here in large numbers and lived peacefully with one another. With the coming of the white man some of them moved further up the river and some of them remained in the town. The renown warrior and chief, Black Hawk, and his tribe of Sac Indians always made Oquawka one of their stopping places when they came down the Misšissippi on the way to their winter camp. On Black Hawk's last visit to Yellow Banks in the fall of 1836, after the town had been laid out, he was told that the town had taken the Indian name instead of its English interpretation. Black Hawk was very grateful for this because he had always known it as Oquawka ever since his first recollection. Many hundreds of troops of Indians came to Oquawka on their way to fight in the Black Hawk War.

Upon the laying out of the town, it became a place of commercial importance. Extensive warehouses lined the river landing in which products of the surrounding country were stored in winter. Oquawka was the outlet for the produce of the surrounding counties of Warren and Knox. It was one of the best shipping points on the upper Mississippi and trade increased with every year. There was no probability of Oquawka's declining. At this time the population was about 1,800. But just as Oquawka began to prosper and was destined to become one of the most important shipping towns, in what was at this time the western part of the United States, the Chicago, Burlington, and Quincy railroad was built and trade began to decline in Oquawka. Towns began to spring up to the east and west of it along this railroad, and many of the prominent business men found that their interests could be served better elsewhere. As a result the population also began to decline. At present, the population of Oquawka is about 1,000.

When Oquawka was but a rude settlement in the wilderness of the West, the thoughts of the people, even in those early days, turned to education. There were not many children of school age but, nevertheless, the first school house was erected in 1837. This building was a very rude one erected in the north part of town. As the town began to grow, the people felt the need for a larger school and so the court-house became a school house. A tuition had to be paid to attend this school which was \$2.50 per term of twelve weeks. This school was fairly successful, lasting about two years, with an attendance of about 100 pupils. At one time an effort was made to establish a seminary. A building was erected, but soon sold for a German Lutheran Church. The first Oquawka Township High School opened in the fall of 1914 in this church building. The new Oquawka Township High School was built in 1938.







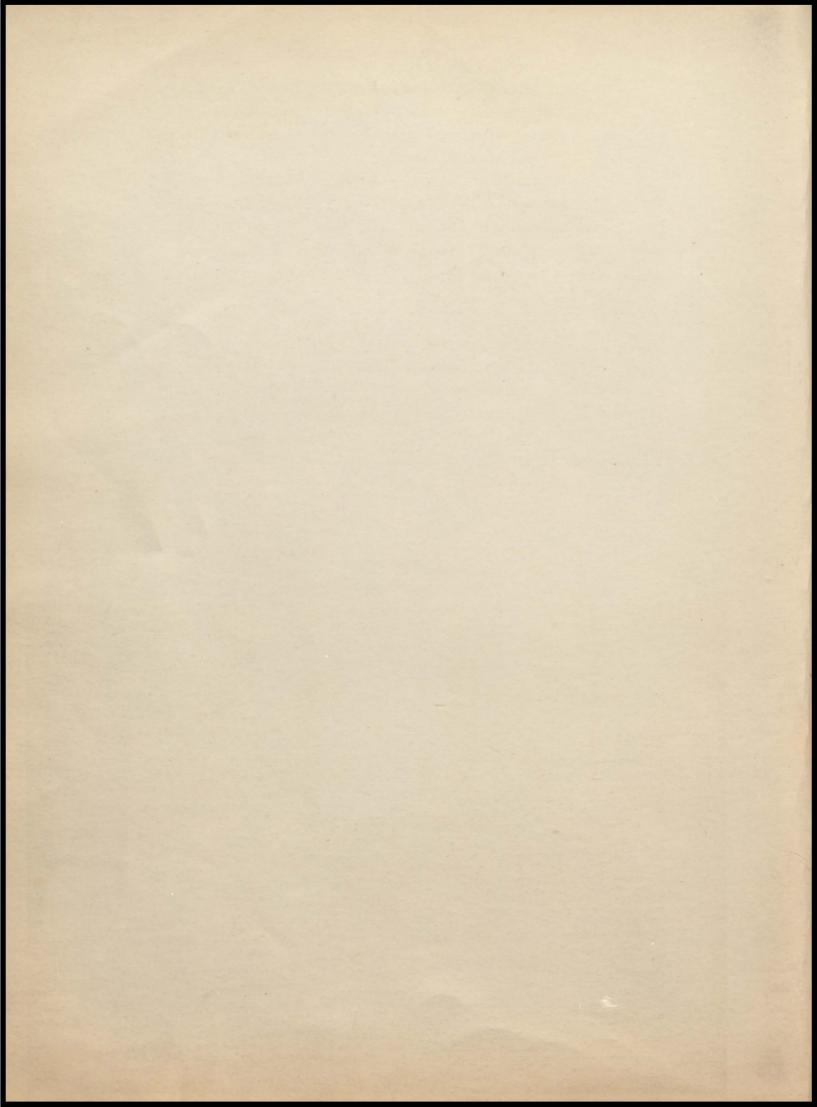
Oquawka Township High School

Mr. and Mrs. McOlgan



Morning at the Lockers





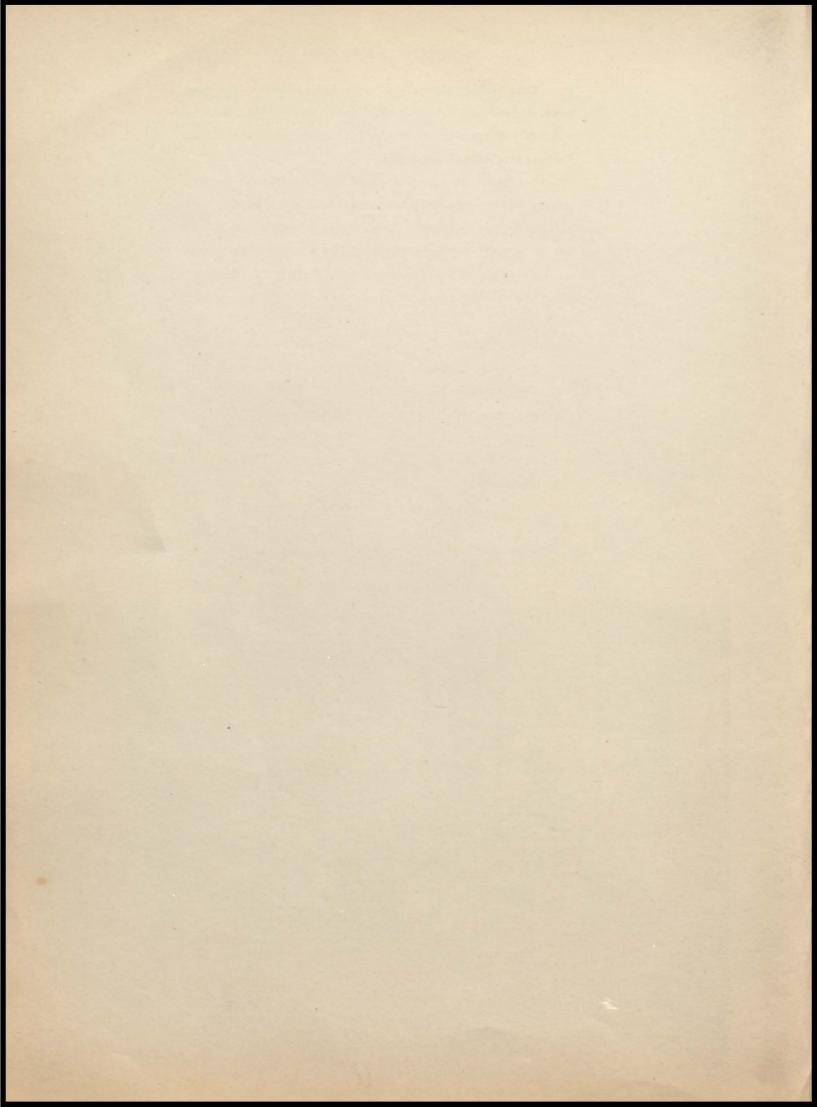
RIVERSIDE ECHOES STAFF

This is the second year of publication for our year book, "Riverside Echoes." The staff has worked hard to compose and type the pages in this book, which were then finished in offset printing.

The goal of each member of the staff has been to record the events of school days in such a manner that by looking through this book, happy memories of O.H.S. may be quickly brought to mind. If we have succeeded, we have each individual member of the staff to thank and also our faculty adviser, Miss Jamison.

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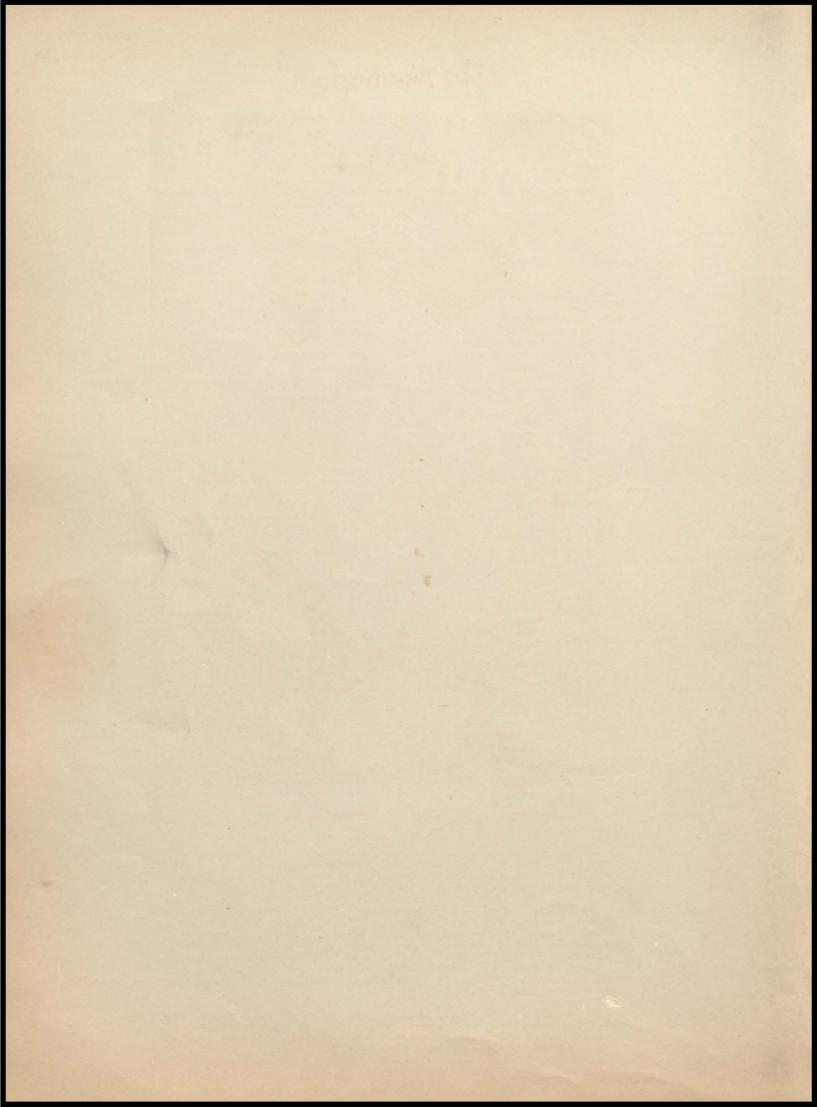
DEDICATION

To the men and women of the armed forces who have so willingly left their homes and loved ones, and especially to all of those who have lost their lives fighting to make this world sofe for all mankind, we dedicate this book.

The boys and wirls from this community who have or are serving their country are:

Hess, Andrew Hinshaw, Durbin L. Hinshaw, Doss Huss, Clarence Huss, Clarence Huss Leroy D. Jern, Milton L. Jones, Earl L. Jones, Joseph R. Jones, Norman Jones, Richard Jones, Norman Jones, Richard Jones, Ted Kitchen, Glen C. Klenzing, Barney Kloster, Earle Kokos, Dean A. LaFond, George P.

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"In Memorium"

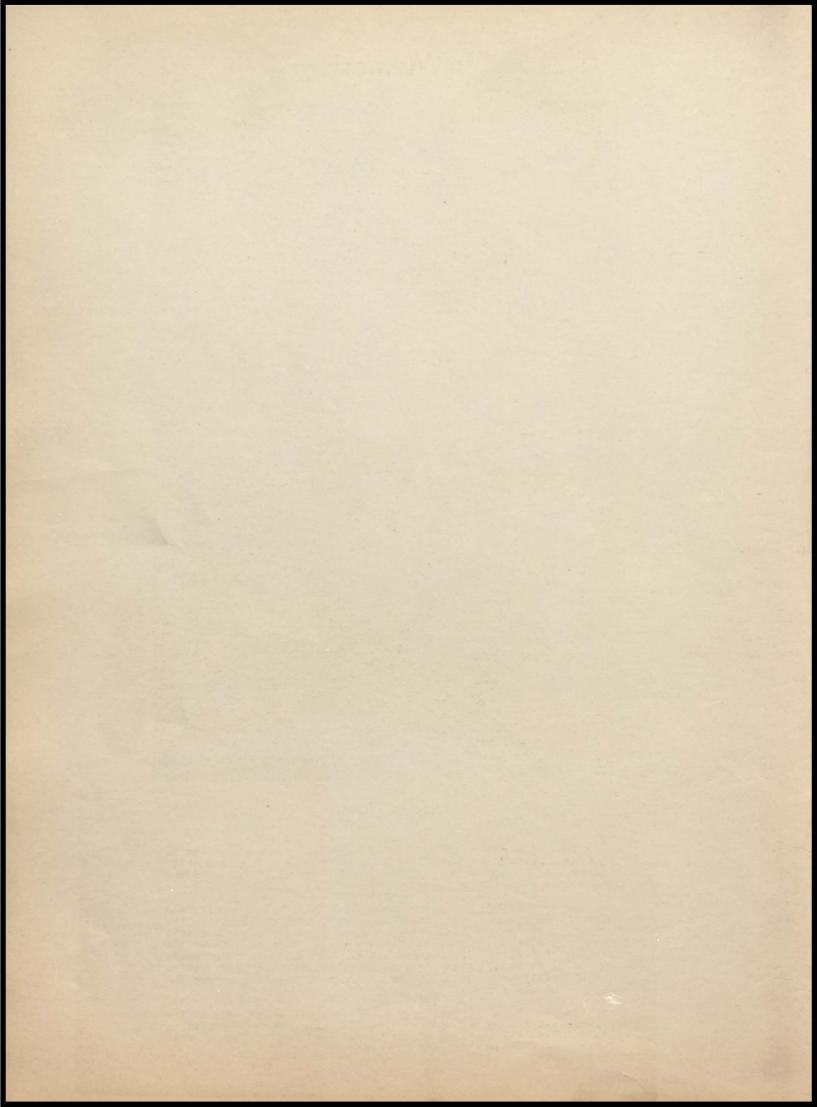


John A. Ricketts

In loving memory of our friend and classmate, Pvt. John A. Ricketts, Jr. of the U.S. Marine Corps who gave his life while engaged in battle on Guadalcanal on January 26, 1943. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ricketts of this community.

He entered Oquawka High School in the fell of 1938 and became one of the best liked and most popular boys in the school. His jolly, fun-loving disposition is one that will always be missed by everyone who knew him. When he entered the service in July, 1943, little did we know that he would never return to Oquawka. After going overseas, he saw much action while bravely engaged in the performance of his duty and in the service of his country.

We are proud to say that our O.H.S. graduates are in the service almost 100 per cent at this time, and are represented in practically all branches of the Armed Forces, fighting, that Junior's sacrifice shall not have been in vain.



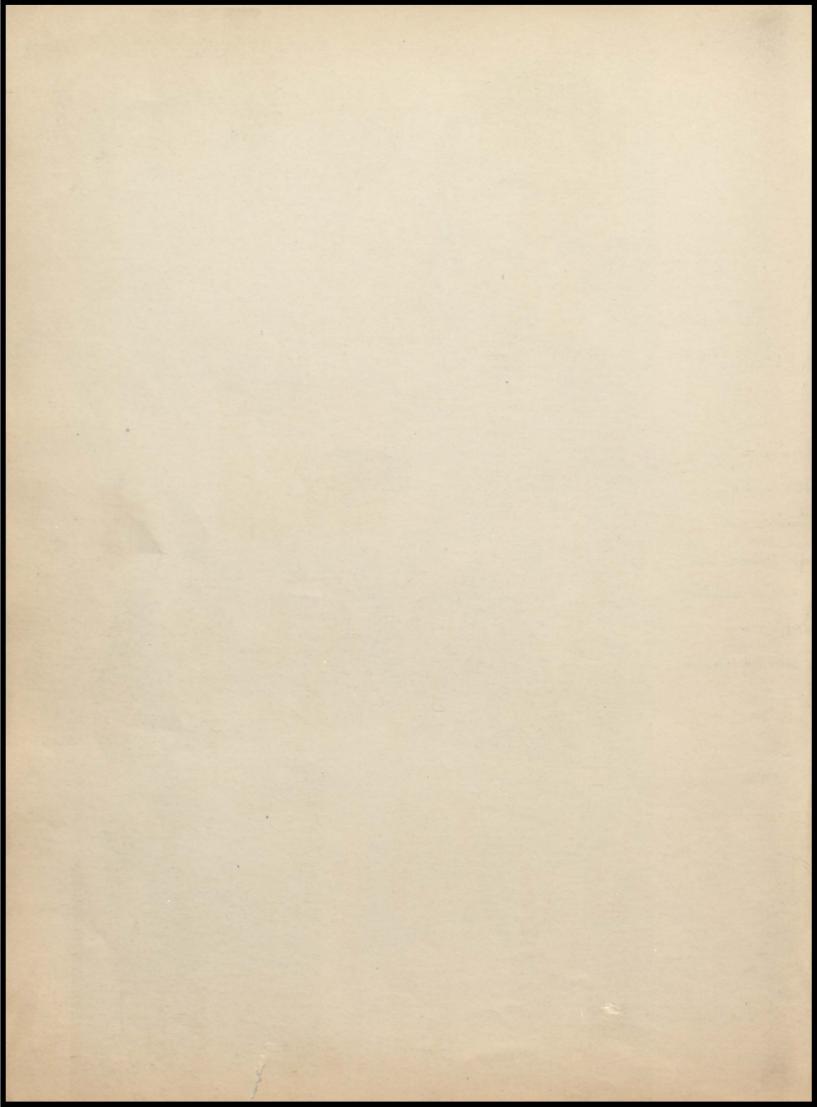
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3 Claude S. Gillette

1 Robert Tinker 63 Justus Schlotzhauer





Arthur C. Melburg Harley Davenport

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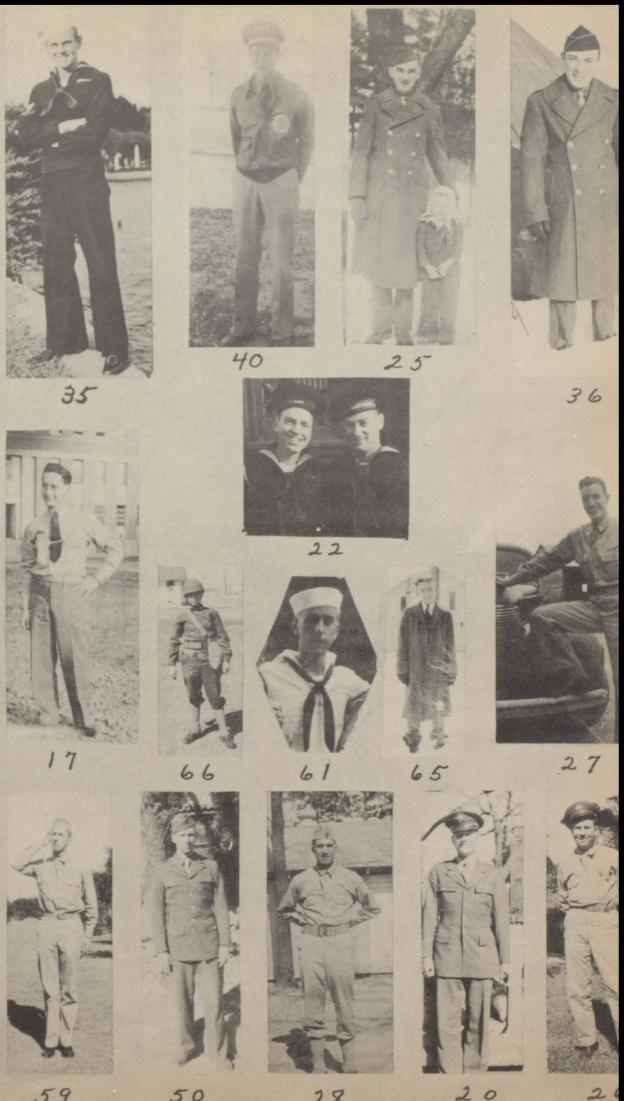
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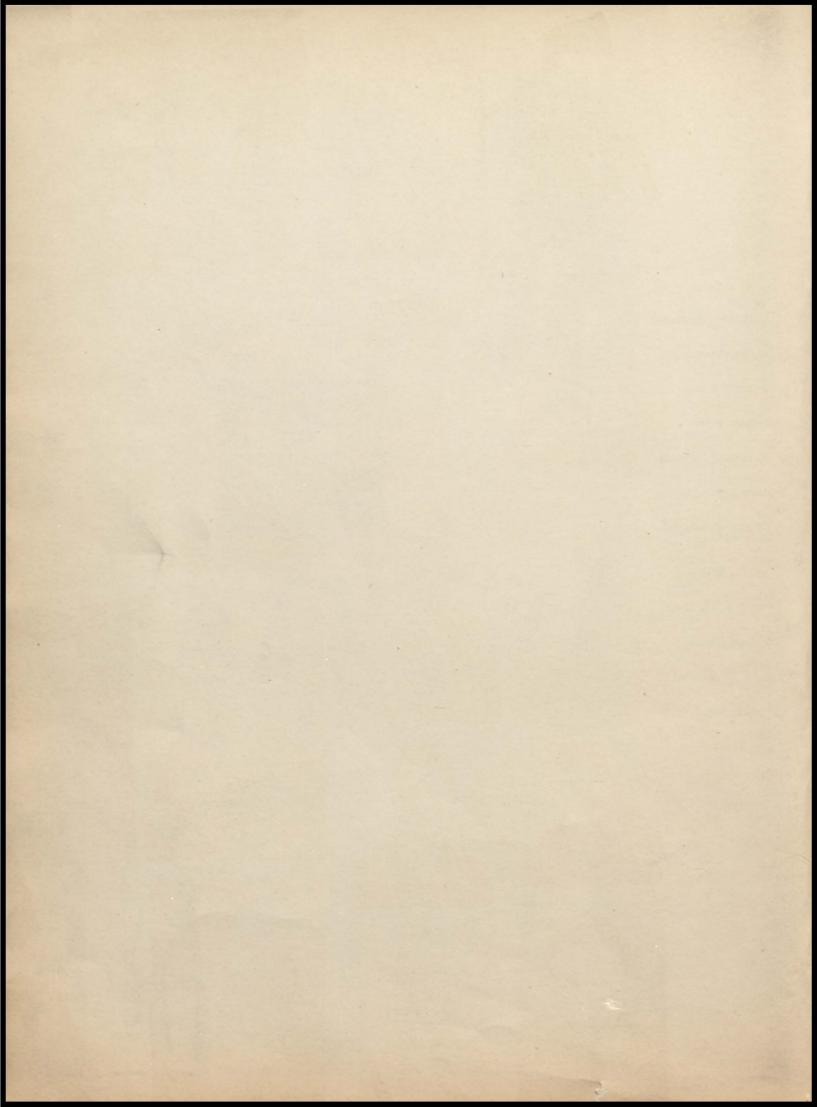
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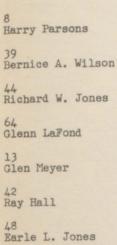
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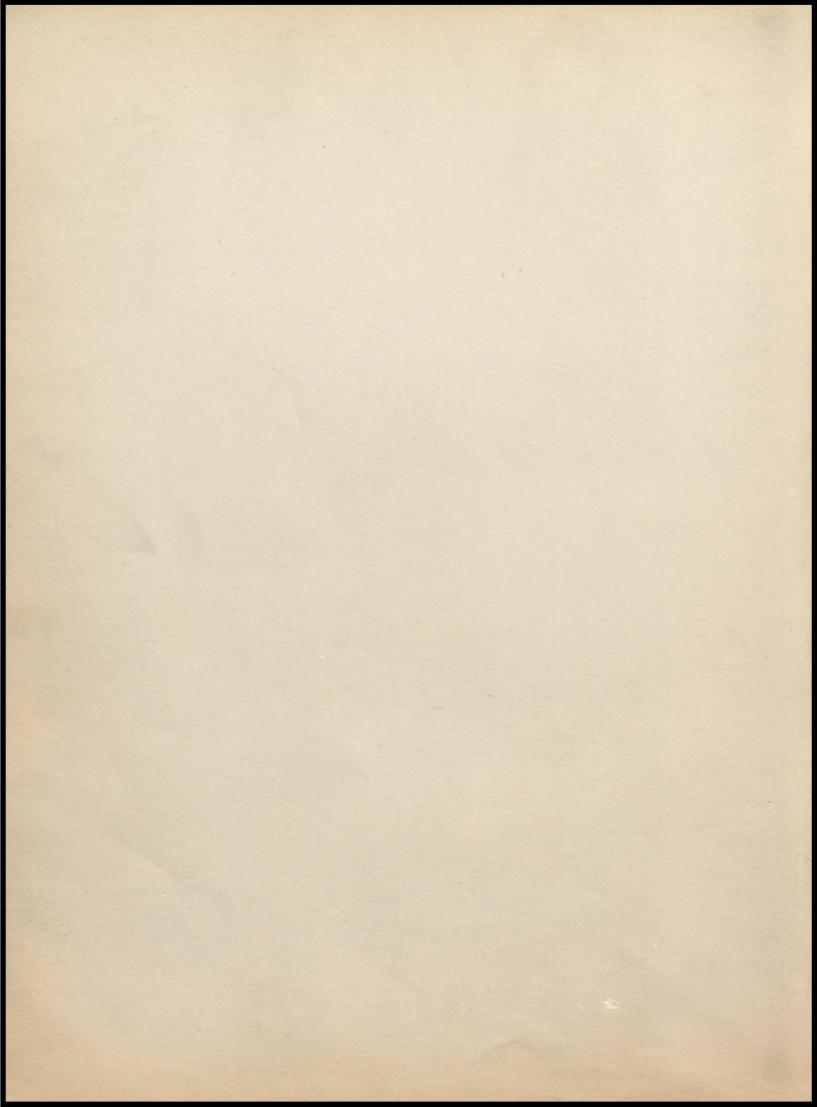


















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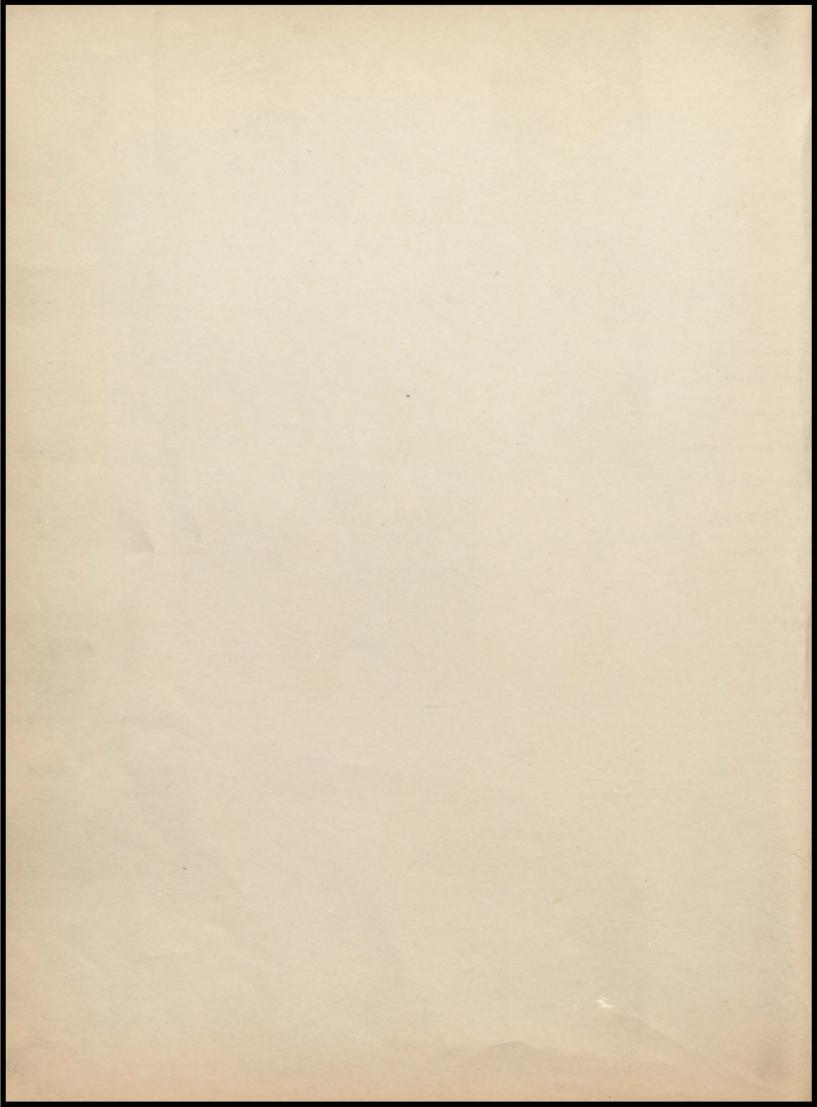














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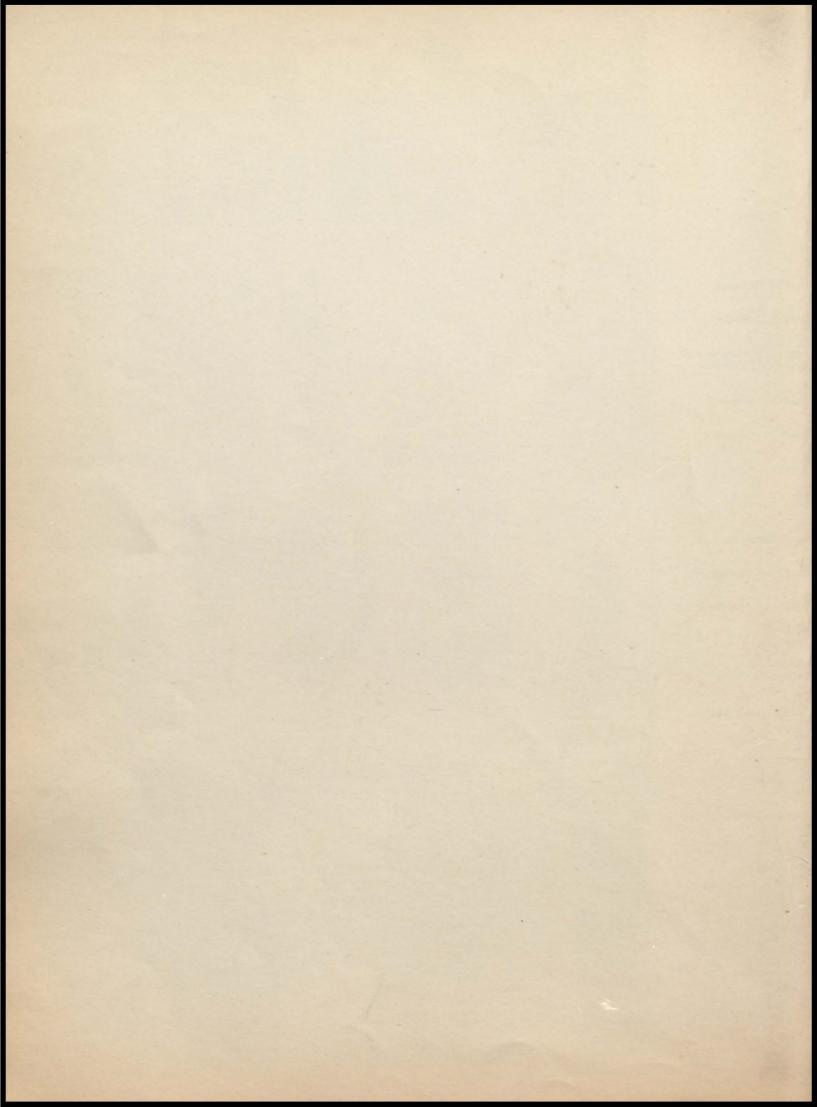


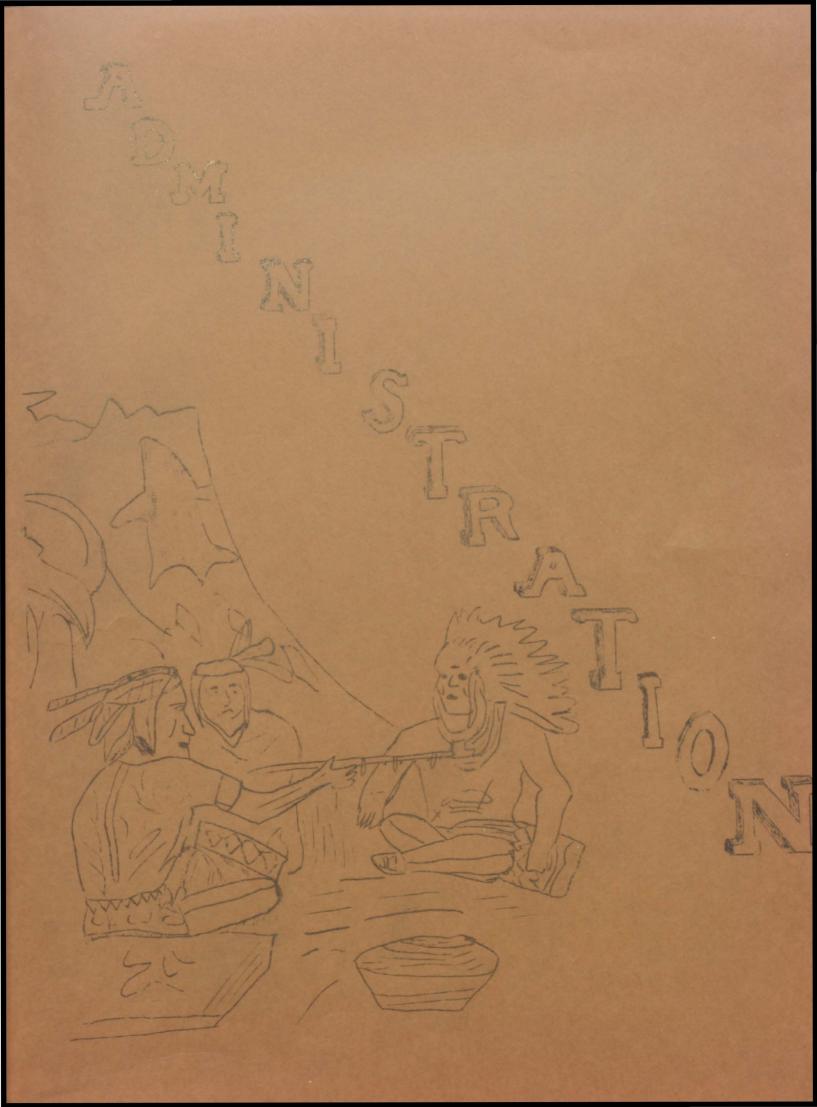


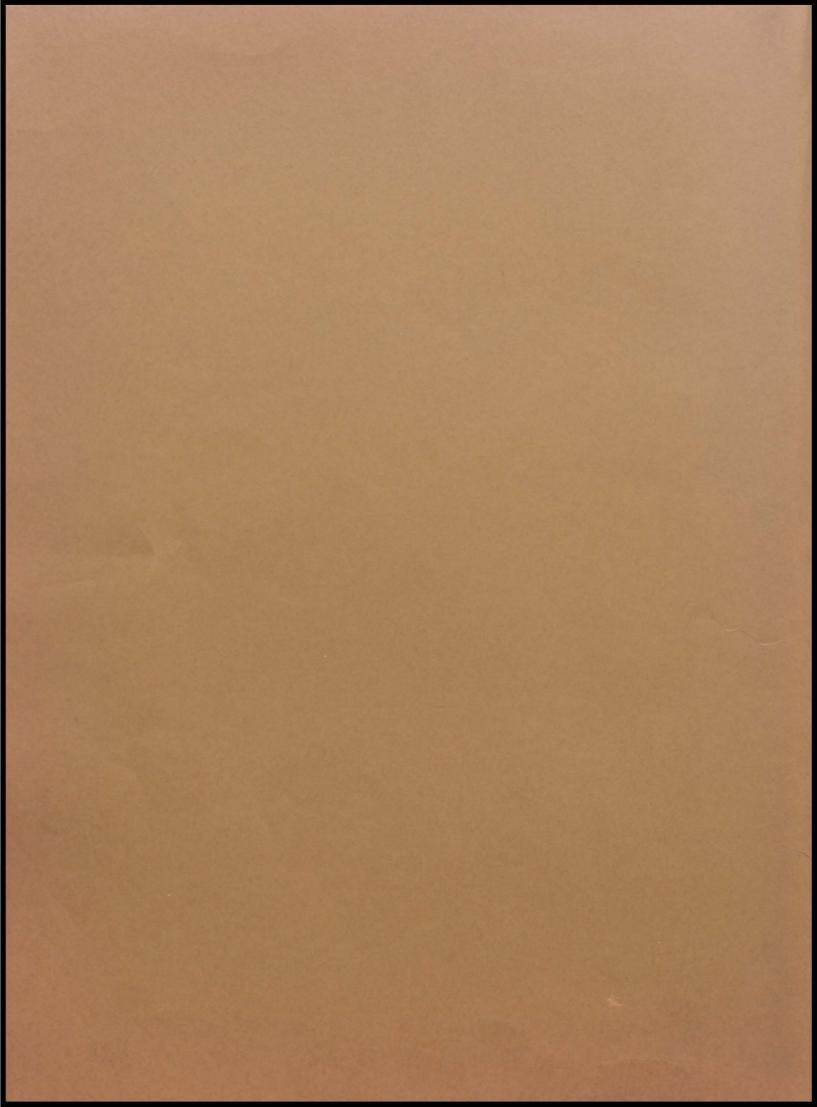
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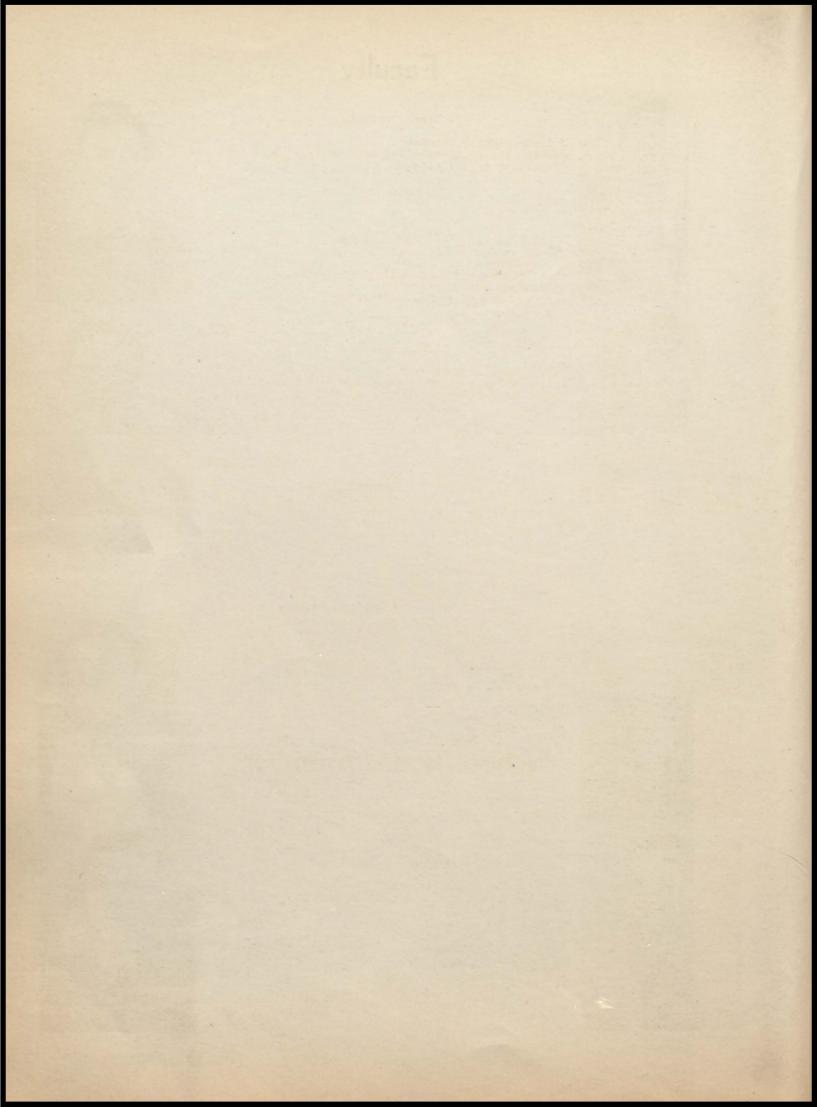




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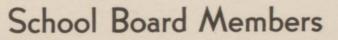
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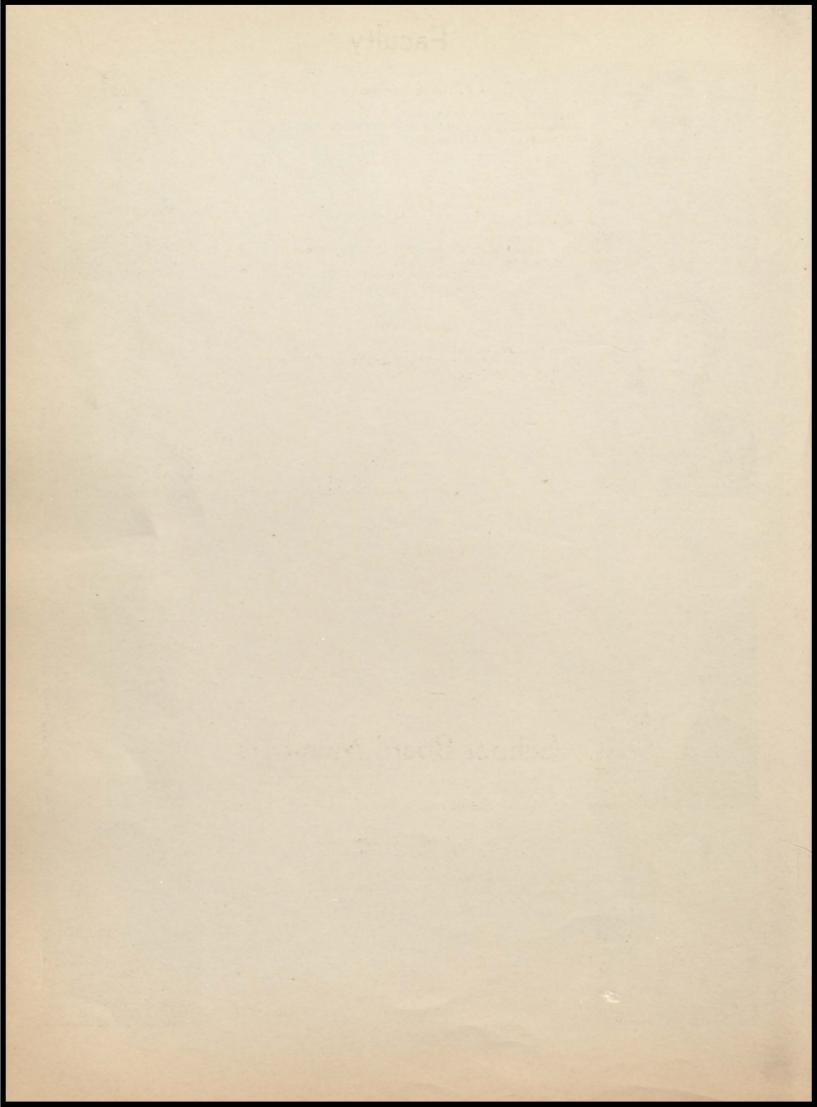
















Marianna Nesbit

Class President 3,4 Class Reporter 1 Latin Club 1,2,3 Vice-Pres. 2 Pep Club President 4 Editor Wigwam Whispers 4 Editor Annual 4 Class Queen 3 Tri-County Chorus 1 Declamation 1 Home Economics Club 1,2 G.A.A. 1,3 Senior Play Shorthand Team 4 Typing Team 4 Co-Valedictorian



Senior Activities



Marlin Blythe

Class Vice-President 3,4 Class Secretary 2 Class King 1,3 School King 3 Publicity for Senior Play

Mary Lou Harris

Class Sec.-Treas. 4 Typing Team 4 Senior Play Cheer Leader 3,4 Sec.-Treas. Home Economics Club 2 (Stronghurst)





Betty Jean Melburg

Class Reporter 4 Latin Club 1,2,3 Tri-County Chorus 1 Home Economics Club 1,2 Pep Club 4 Senior Play Annual Staff 4 Wigwam Whispers Staff 4 Co-Valedictorian

Kenneth Huss

Softball 1,4 Student Council 2 Pep Club Secretary 4 Properties for Senior Play







Elizabeth Curtis

Home Economics Club 2 President G.A.A. 3 School Queen 4 Music (Gladstone) 1 Tri-County Chorus 1

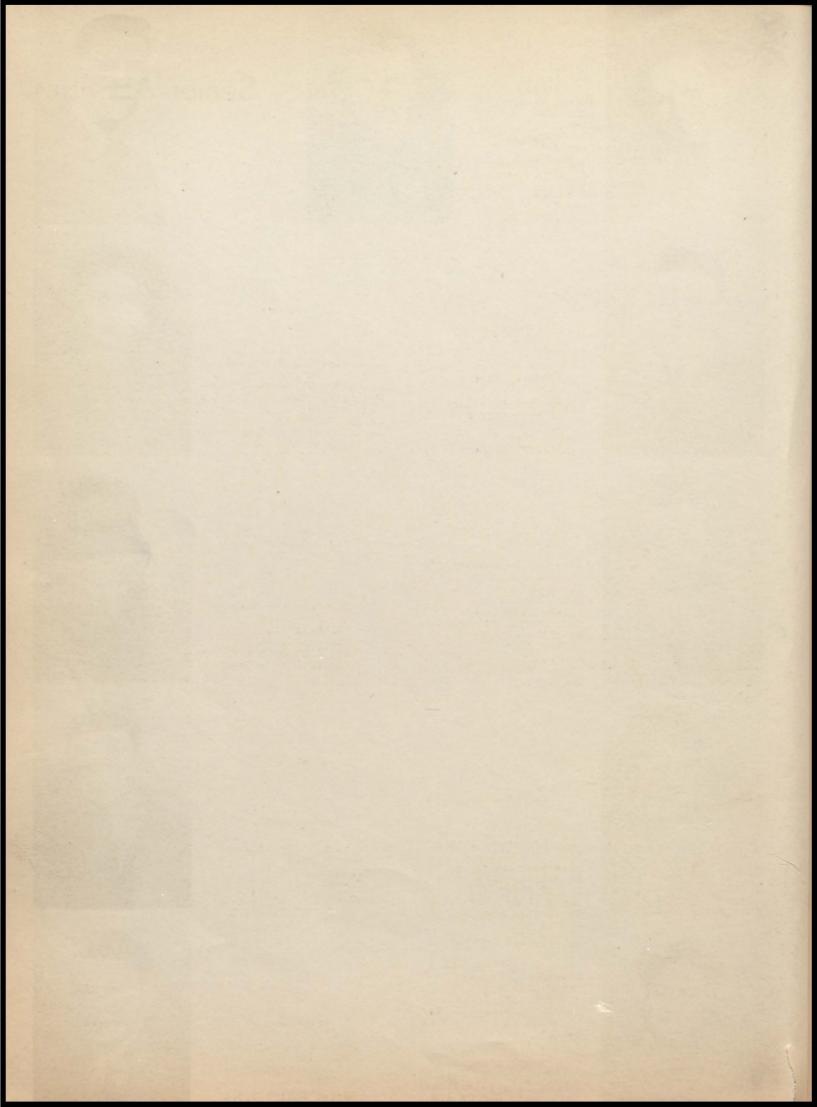
Lorene McDavid

Class Vice-President 1 Class Reporter 3 Latin Club 2,3 Cheer Leader 1,2,3,4 Home Economics Club 1,2,3 Class Queen 1 School Queen 2 G.A.A. 1,3 Pep Club 4 Annual Staff 4 Wigwam Whispers Staff 4 Shorthand Team 4 Tri-County Chorus 1 Student Council 2 Dick Shorts

Wigwam Whispers Staff 4 Senior Play Annual Staff 4 Treasurer Pep Club 4 Latin Club 1,2,3 Class Sec.-Treas. 1

Ralph Chapin

Softball 4 Annual Staff 4 (Business Manager) Pep Club 4 Class Reporter 2 Tri-County Chorus 1 Ticket Sales Senior Play





Joy Lox

Music (Gladstone) 1,2,3 Play (Gladstone) 3 Operetta (Gladstone) 1 Operetta (Gladstone) 3 Tri-County Chorus 1 Class Secretary (Gladstone) 3 (Gladstone)

John Anderson







LaVerne Hainds

Basket Ball 1,2,3,4 Softball 1,2,3,4 Declamation 1,2 (Gladstone) Class Play 3,4 Class President 3 (Cledstone) (Gladstone) Sports Editor (Wigwam Whispers) Music 1 (Gladstone)

Mildred Link

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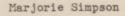


Lewis Adams

Basket Ball 2,3,4 Softball 2,3,4 Track 1,2,3

Keith Slover

Basket Ball 1,2,3,4 Softball 3,4 Track 3 Stage Crew Senior Play



Class President 2 G.A.A. 1,3 Home Economics Club 1,2,3 Class President 1 Student Council 2 Shorthand Team 4 Annual Staff 2,4 Senior Play Pep Club 4 Tri-County Chorus 1

Donald Swann

Class Vice-Pres. 2 Senior Play Latin Club 1,2,3 Activity Fund Committee 4 Ticket Taker for all functions 4





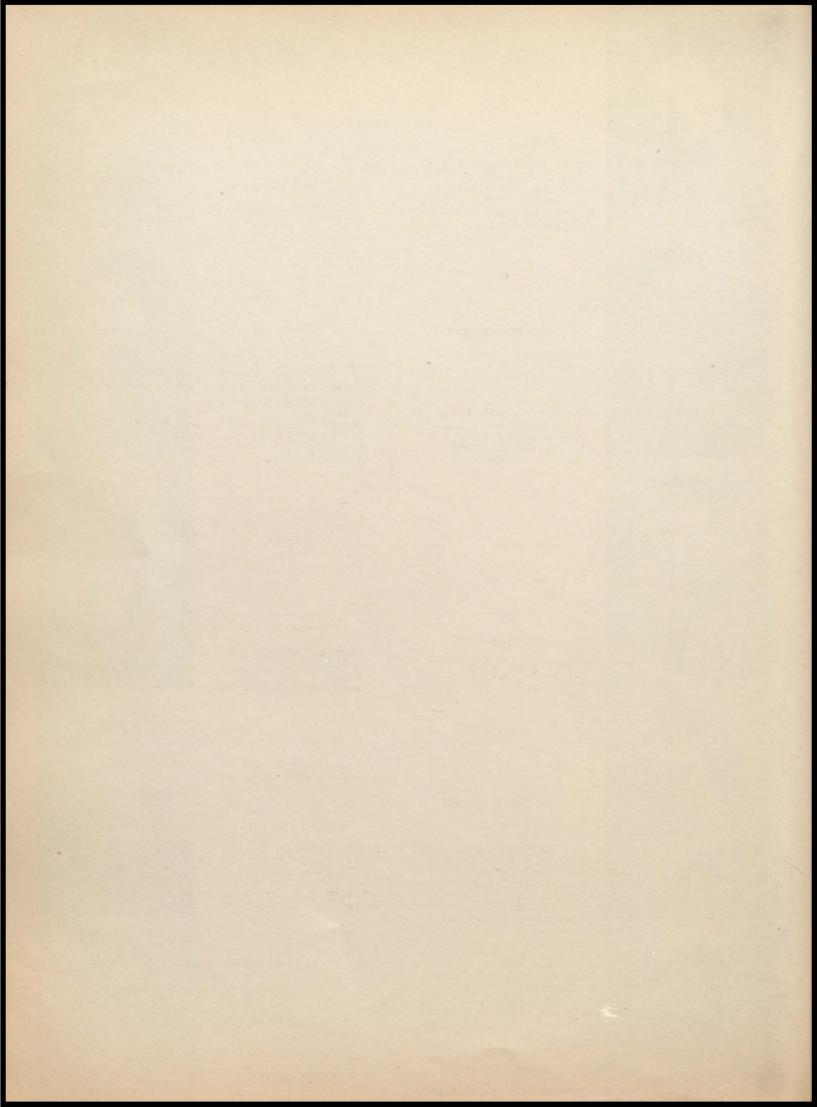
Norma Gipson

Junior Play (Gladstone) Tri-County Chorus 1,2 Music (Gladstone) 1,2,3

Bill Anderson

Basket Ball 1,2,3,4 Softball 1,2,3,4





SENIOR CLASS POEM

Four vears have come and gone, Now we, the Seniors shall march on. Out into the world with its many walks of life, There lies happiness ahead, but also days of strife. Bearing the bitter with the sweet, But always striving onward up lifes uncertain street.

Now we are ready to start anew Success is the object of our view. Competition will be our foe; But to the top we hope to go. With a certain degree of reluctance we leave 0.H.S. For we realize these years of happiness were the best.

CLASS HISTORY

Four years ago a group of timid freshmen entered Oquawka High School, ready to pick up the oars and start up the treacherous river of success. About the first thing we did was to elect our class officers and proceeded to plan a wiener roast, which everyone took part in with great enthusiasm. Being those "Green Freshies" we lived in constant fear those first few months, of being initiated. However, our worries might just have well been saved for semesters, for the sophomores somehow didn't get around to the job of initiating us. Thank goodness.

The enrollment for that year was twenty-three. A few dropped out and a few enrolled during the course of four years. We soon got into the swing of things and with a attitude of full speed ahead, we learned the duties and responsibilities of efficicient students. Having accomplished this, if nothing more, we finished our first year.

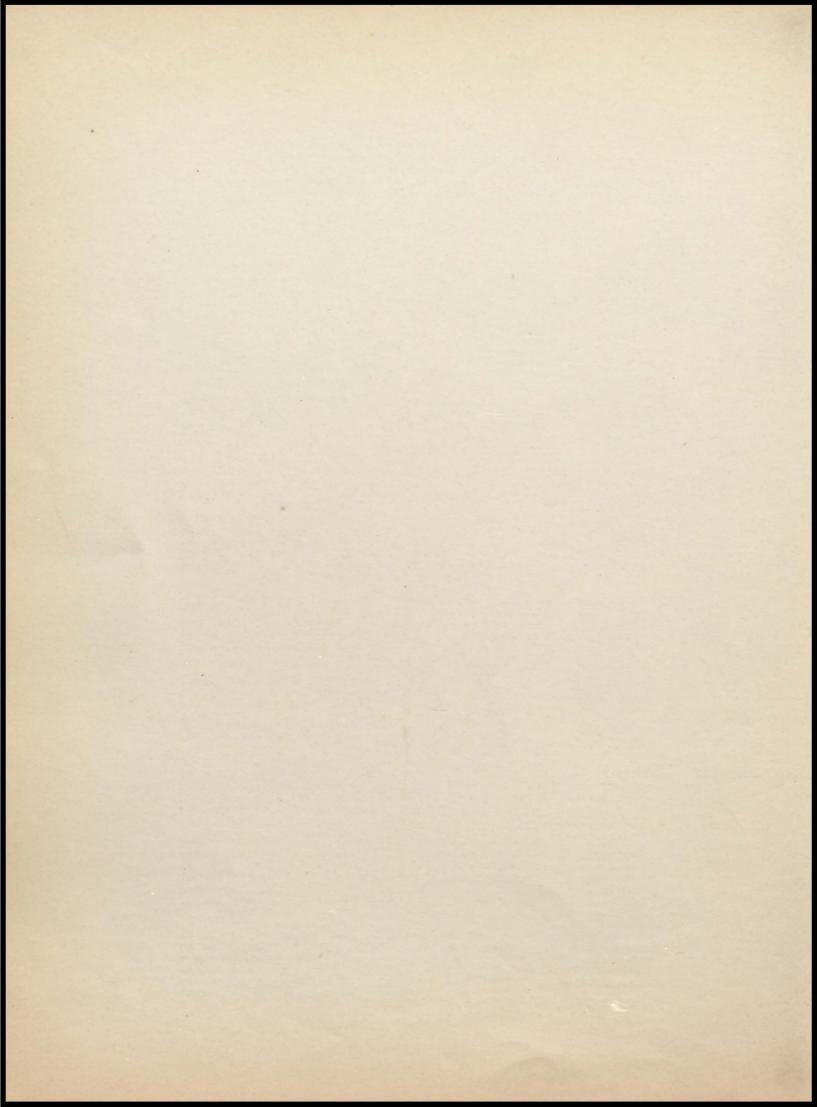
Feeling a bit more secure we entered our second year. The group known as "Green Freshies" the year before, were now in the thick of planning a party followed by initiation for the new freshmen. The party was a great success and everyone had a hilarious time, especially when the freshmen were blindfolded and fed worms (cooked spaghetti).

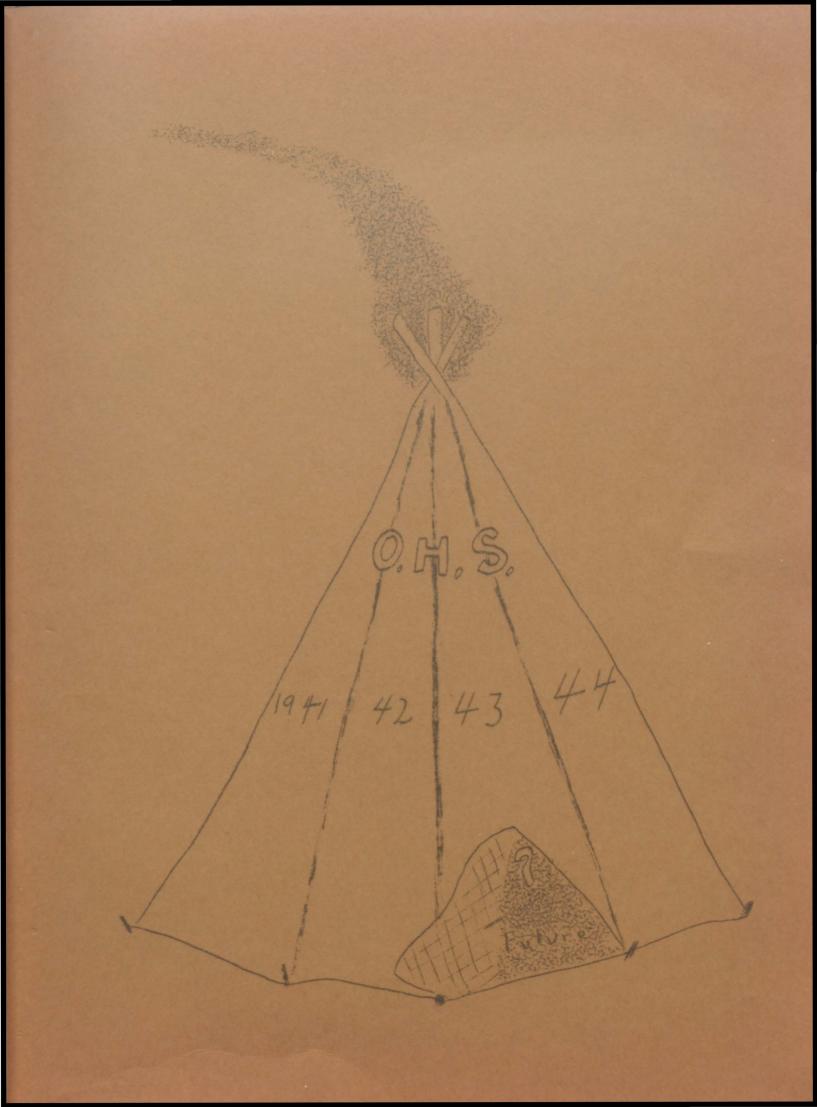
Our privileges were rather few during that first year. Those much envied "upper classmen" excercised most of the priorities in conducting school affairs. Then came semesters for the year's ending; how we longed to be seniors with no semesters to worry about. We were looking forward to the school picnic held at Lake Storey, so we didn't mind taking them.

Too short a vacation and then we trooped back up the trail all set to battle another year. We were then proud juniors. Several activities were conducted with the efficient engineering of this class. Much time and effort were put forth getting ready for the Junior and Senior banquet, which was held in the high school.

At last our secret desires were realized! We were "Seniors", those established personalities who "awed" all under classmen. We took no chances on losing out on skip day, so instead of waiting until spring, the first nice day after school started found us trooping off to Burlington on a picnic. Having added a bit of social activity to brighten the work-a-day world, we enjoyed ourselves in all respects.

We found the current swifter as we drew nearer our goal. We sponsored a scrap drive and later in the year, a paper drive to aid in the war effort. The Senior dance, held March 10 was a great success, as well as the class play and other activities for the benefit of the class fund. Our days now grow to a close and we leave 0.H.S. with a feeling of triumph, but wishing that the years had not gone so fast.







CLASS PROPHECY

Friends, just as I was coming into the auditorium tonight an Indian handed me this box. He was painted in war paints and when I asked him his name he said, "Black Hawk" He had just came from the medicine man who had been looking into the future of the Class of '44, and he had seen many strange things. The box is stamoed, "Not To Be Opened Until 1964", but I'm too curious to wait that long If you folks will excuse me from my speech, I'm going to open it up right now.

(Unties a large, red ribbon, then examines the label) "Well would you believe it, folks? Listen, this ribbon was manufactured by the Anderson and Harris Company. Mary Lou added wads of chewing-gum she accumulated in high school days to ordinary silk to give it new elesticity. Bill created the beautiful color by melting down several of the many lipsticks left in his car.

Here's another label. "This package was wrapped by Miss Joy Lox, head of the slap-happy wrapping department of the Schlotzhauer's Dry Goods Store.

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Don Swinn

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Wrapping Rates Christmas Gifts-----5¢ each Stubbed Toes-----5¢ each Time Bombs-----5¢ each

(Lifts out articles one st a time, reading each before taking out the next one.)

"This doughnut was baked by Mrs. A. McOlgan, the former Miss Marianna Nesbit. She says that her husband 5,5 a deep-sea diver, fills his pockets of his special-made suit with her doughnuts before submerging each day.

"Gee, isn't this cute, a thermometer from Sis Curtis She is a registered nurse at the Mercy Hosotial, I always knew Sis would become a nurse."

"Whew! I wish I hadn't opened that box! This rare snake was captured by explorer Shorts, and is to be donated to the famous museum which millionaire Donald Swann has erected in Oquawka. Shorts is now searching South American jungles for the aviator Slover, who made a forced landing there last summer and is believed to be soending his time teaching native tribes jitter--bug dancing. The new president of U.S., Raloh Chapin, has asked that Slover be brought back before relations between the Americas become too strained.

"Let's see what this is all about. Marjorie Simpson 5 wants her many friends to know that she has recently become the wife of a well-known Hollywood Ster. Producer of J. Anderson was the best man at the wedding. The Prima Donna, Norma Gipson, sang 'O Promise Me'

"Oh! look what we have here, a beautiful hat. This lovely model was created by the famous New York Designer Madam McDavid. Lorene designs hats for such celebrities as Miss Myldred Link, Pultizer prize winner, Miss Betty Melburg, voted the world's best dressed woman."

"Ah! look what this is. A cook book, yummy salads by Huss and Blythe." "Who ever dreamed those boys would turn out to be cooks instead of car dealers?"

"Here is something really sensational! This atom -izer contains the startling new spray recently invented by Professor Adams. This spray has the power to reduce any article to a mere fraction of its normal size. This magic spray reduced a large, ferocious grizzly, recently shot near Oquawka, by Game Warden Hainds."

"Sa-ay! this job is getting dangerous! I think I'll obey orders after all. Because I want to stay alive, I'll wait until 1964."



PRIVAT

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BOYER

S. Andersen

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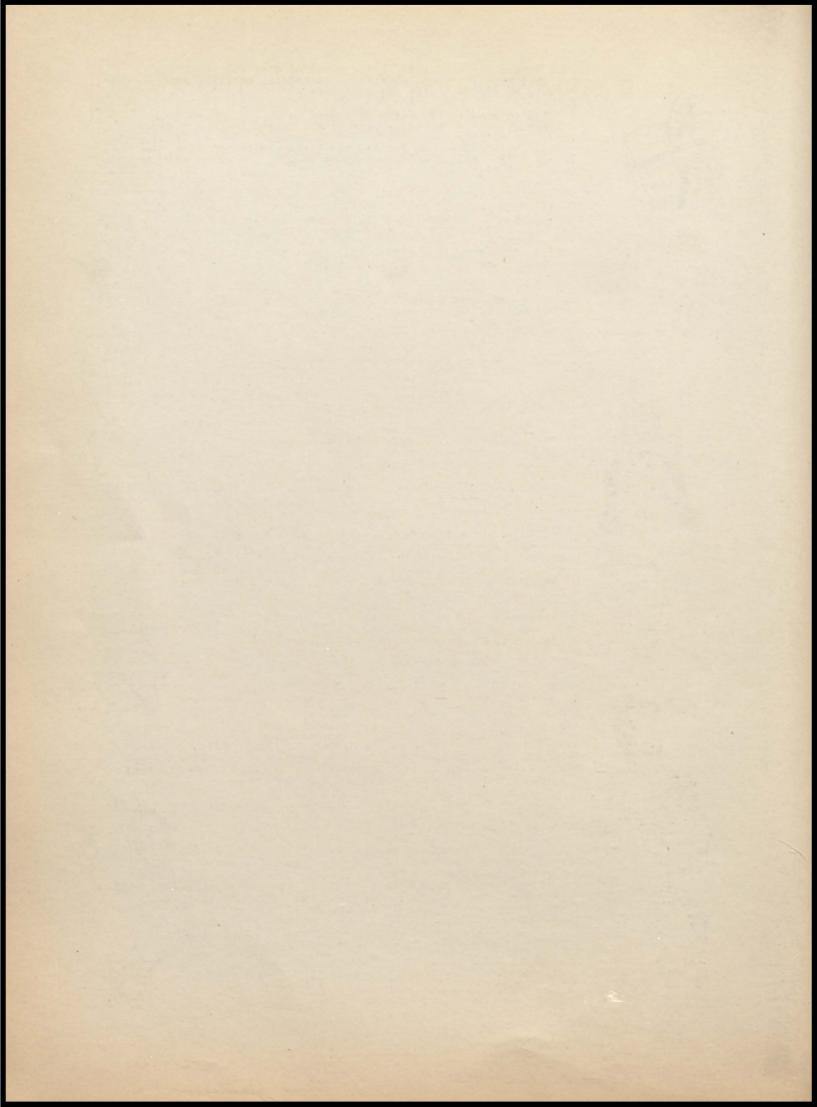




Huss







We, the Senior Class of 1944, being of sound mind and memory, and fearful that we may soon be otherwise, do ordain, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

> Now in despair -- we sadly will part And with O. H. S. leave part of our heart

This class of Seniors of forty-four Wills all this and nothing more

To the class of forty-five, we dedicate our best Use each one carefully and by us you'll be blest

Now our guy, <u>Bill</u>, with his unending line Leaves it to Ferris, we say it is fine

Mariorie Simpson wills her yen for men To bashful Betty Ann, Oh! what a sin

This fellow, <u>Hainds</u>, leaves his nice wavy hair To little Stan Frank, which is only fair

Elizabeth Curtis wills her ability to drive To Glenna Jean. With this she'll survive

Her admiration of sailors wills our <u>Betty</u> Jean To the sweet little girl you call Kathleen

Both <u>Huss</u> and <u>Shorts</u> co-star in this deal Leaving to Finch their womanly appeal

Mary Lou, wills an evening with Bill To Louise Hall, just to give her a thrill

Norma Gipson wills her witty routine To shy little Margery, who is never mean

Our fellow, <u>Johnny</u>, who is quite a guy Wills all his troubles to the stars in the sky

Good-natured <u>Lorene</u> wills her pleasant way To Gracie Ditto, forever and a day

<u>Slover</u> and <u>Adams</u> will their horror of a book To Miss Saville who by hook or by crook Resolved to teach them good English sometime And also the ismbic and pentameter rhyme

Mildred and Scoop will their bright replies Their reliable excuses and thoughtful alibies To Mrs. Martin, who knew they were in fun And laughed them off when all was done

Marianna and Donald will their love for work To Miss Edna Jamison, who never will shirk

Last but not least, wills our darling <u>Joy</u> Her whole-hearted sweetness to some lucky boy.

We have hereunto subscribed our names and fixed our seal this nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and forty-four.

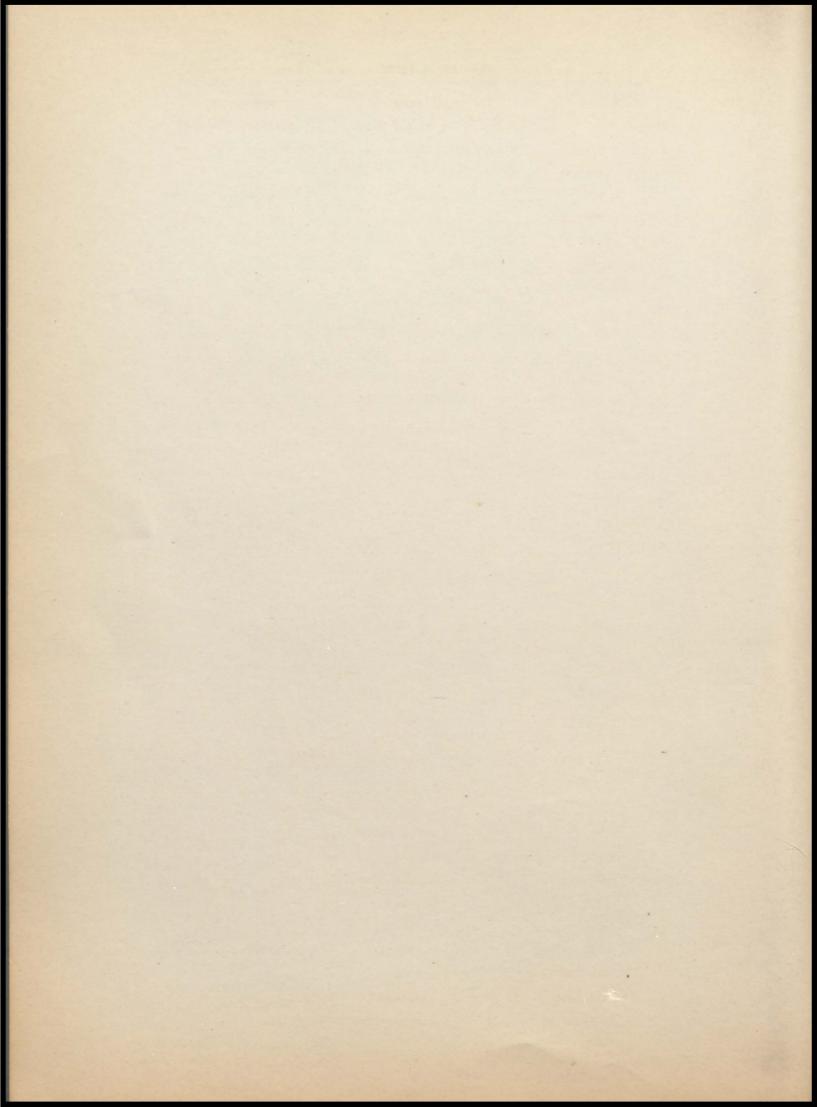
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Witnesses:

Winnie B. Martin Mildred M. Saville Edna Jamison



THE SENIOR TRIBE

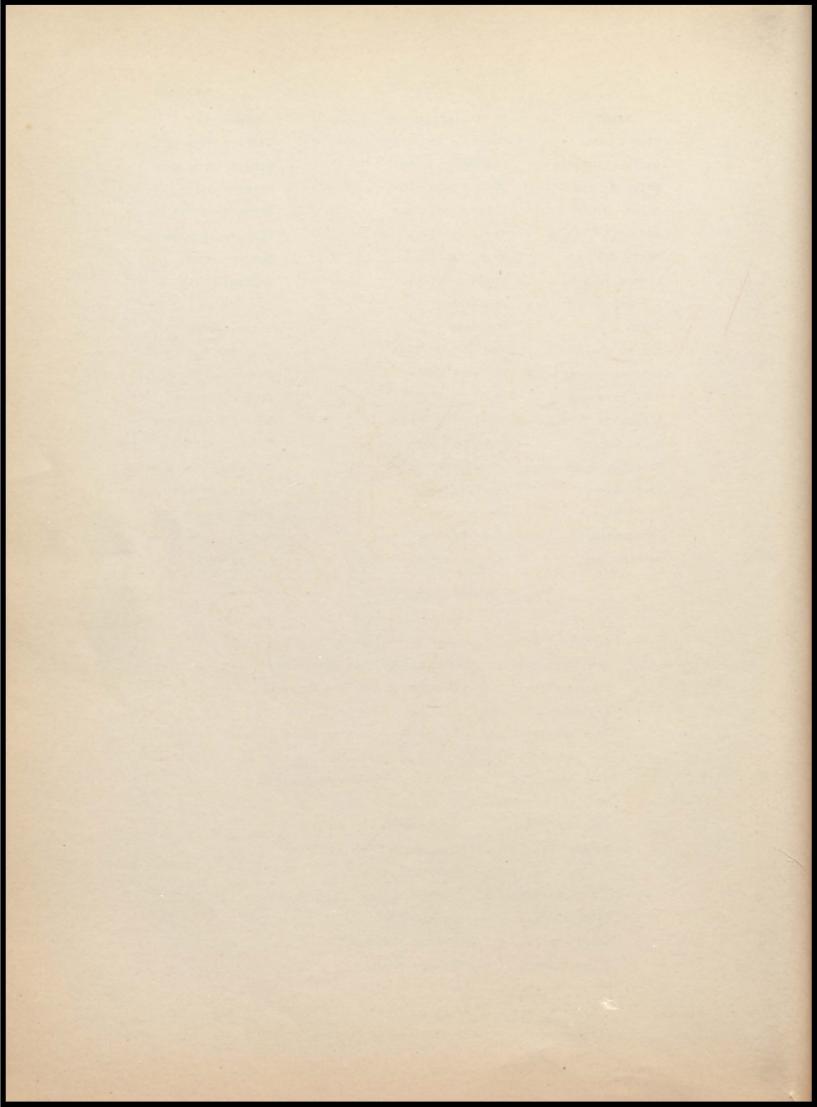
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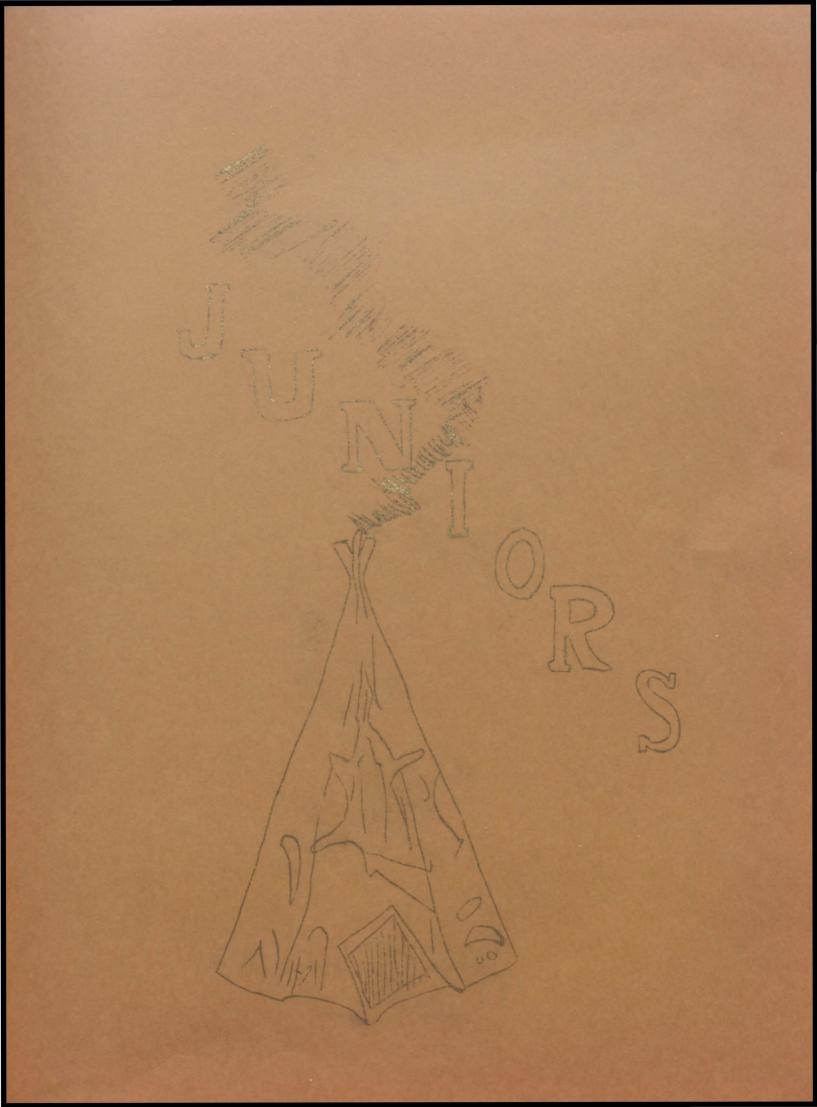
INDIAN NAME Chief Smile at the Girls Little Sunflower Minnie Talk Talk Chief Little Man Smile Awhile Babbling Lingo Pow-Wow Pal Minnehaha Big Game Heap Red-in-Face Handsome Brave Chief Talk Alot Whispering Leaves Tom-Tom Rythmn Little Dear Face Fearless Brave Shy Breve Night owl Wampum Holder

PET HABIT Driving "Harvey" Always being gay Writing poetry Going to Gladstone Taking pictures Day dreaming Confiding with M. S. Laughing a lot Hitch-hiking to Monmouth Flirting with girls Looking innocent Making excuses Worrying over shorthand Saying something witty Worrying over a certain boy Getting to school late Avoiding speeches Keeping late hours Saving money

FAVORITE LULLBIES

| Kenneth Huss "Murder, He Says" |
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| LaVerne Hainds "Show Me the Way to go Home" |
| Marlin Blythe "Good Little, Bad Little Boy" |
| Lorene McDavid "When Irish Eyes are Smiling" |
| Marjorie Simpson "My Heart Tells Me" |
| Dick Shorts "Cuddle Up a Little Closer" |
| Marianna Nesbit "I Wish I Could Hide Inside |
| "This Letter" Bill Anderson " What a Girl, What a Night" |
| Mary Lou Harris "Blues in the Night" |
| John Anderson "Little Man You've Had a Busy Day" |
| Mildred Link "Hang On To Your Lids, Kids" |
| Joy Lox "My Mama Done Tol' Me" |
| Donald Swann "That Greenback Dollar Bill" |
| Keith Slover "The Dreamer" |
| Ralph Chapin "Down on the Farm" |
| Norma Gipson "Cow-Cow Boogie" |
| Betty Melburg "My Ideal" |
| Elizabeth Curtis "Just Imagine" |
| Lewis Adams "My Suppressed Desire" |







JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

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| Treasu | rer | | • | | | | .Betty Richmond |
| | | | | | | | Louise Hall |
| Advise | r. | | + | | | | Miss Saville |

We entered high school in September 1941, as green freshmen. Everyone was very glad to receive us as members of O.H.S. and immediately the sophomores gave us an initiation which we all remembered for quite some time.

The most remarkable event of our Freshman year was on that rainy day, October 9, when we went to Chicago. We left here at 4:30 a.m. It was raining so hard that when we arrived at Gales-4:30 a.m. It was raining so hard that when we arrived at Gales-burg we were stopped because of it but not giving up, we event-ually arrived at our destination. We visited many interesting places such as the Field Museum, the Aquarium and the Planetarium where we saw an exhibit of the stars.

In our Sophomore year, our biggest thrill was initiating the freshmen.

Now we are "Jolly Juniors" and looking forward to next year when we will be "Sophisticated Seniors."

The enrollment of our class has decreased to eight members.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

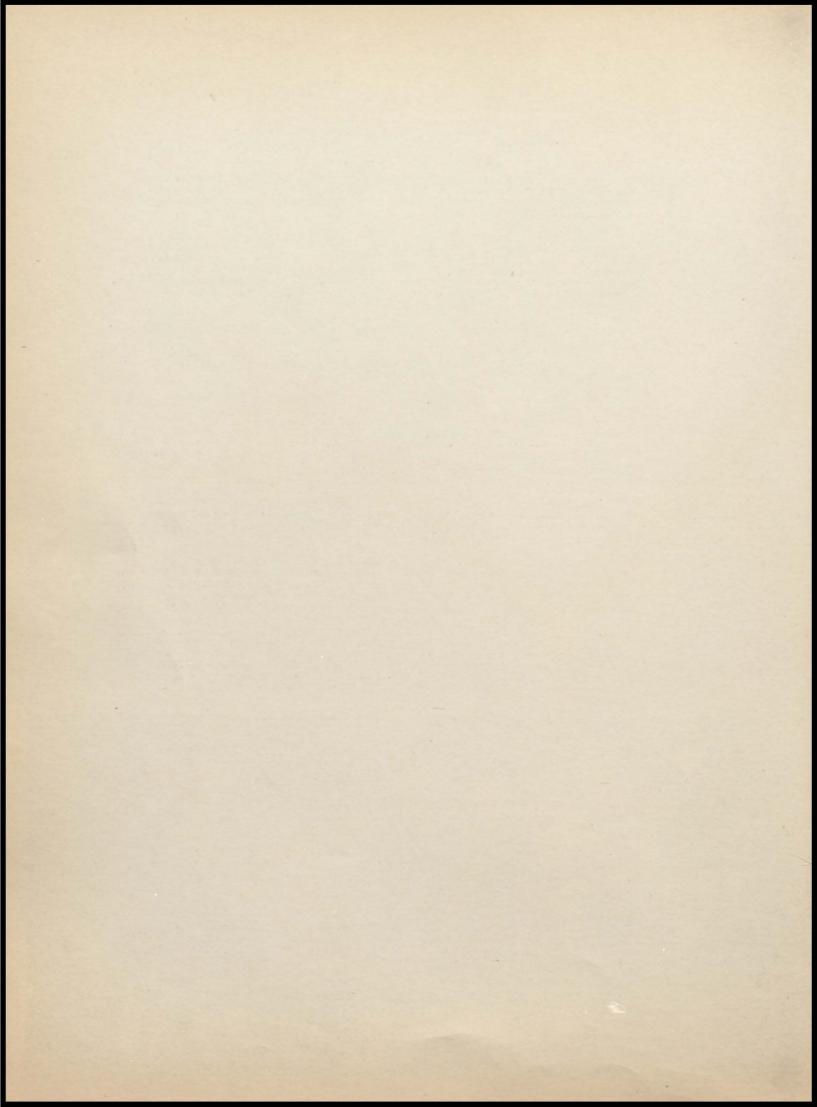
At 7:00 p.m., April 28, members of the Junior and Senior Classes and the Faculty assembled at the Hotel Burlington for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet sponsored by the Juniors.

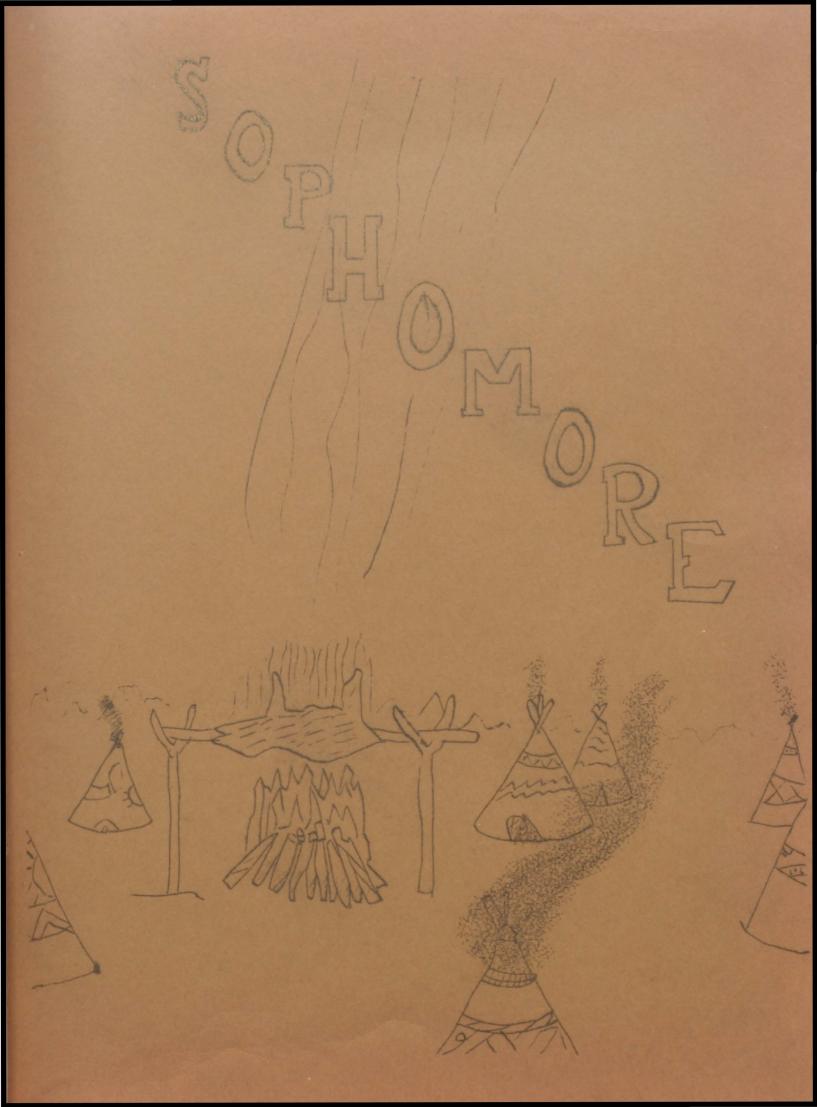
An Indian scheme was carried out and the room was a riot of color. Indian headbands which served as place cards caused much merriment when the guests started reading the Indian names given to them.

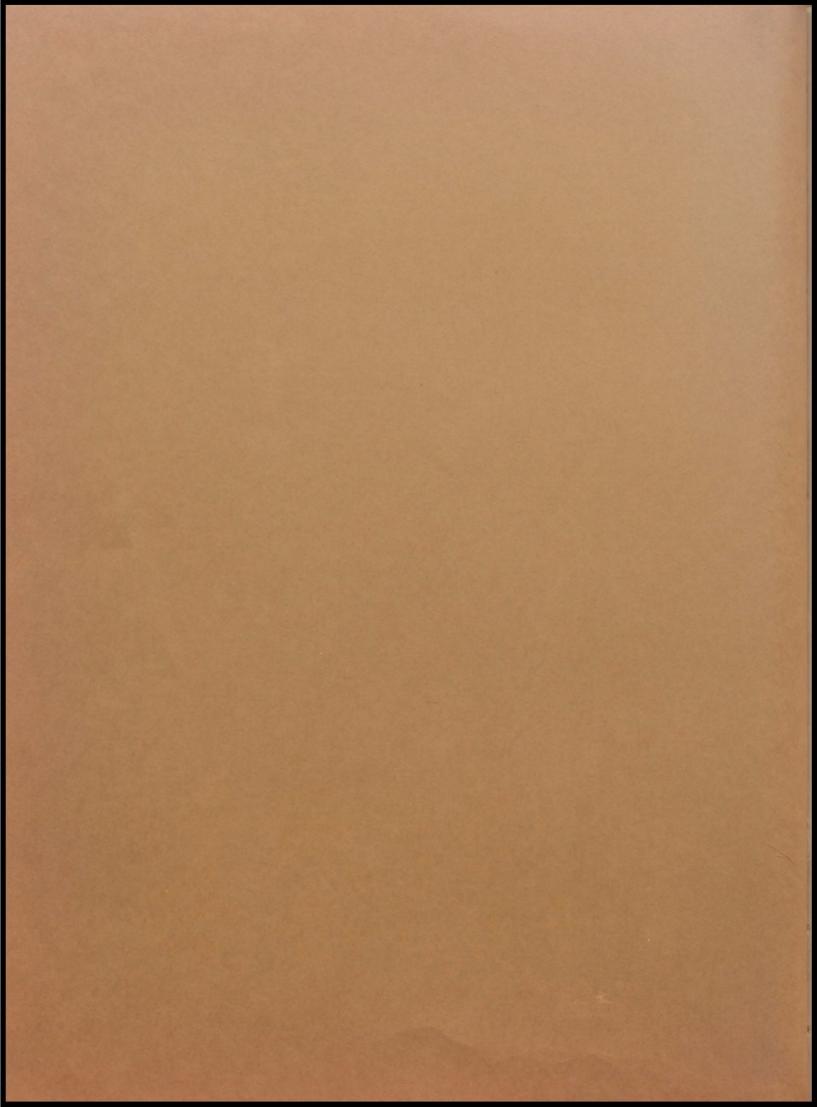
Robert Finch, president of the Junior Class, served 00 toastmaster and welcomed the seniors. Marianna Nesbit, Senior Class President, gave the response. Mr. Campbell then spoke on the subject of Indian Summer. The Senior Class Prophecy, which was read by Louise Hall, was a source of laughter. After this, the Senior Class Will was read by Mildred Link.

For amusement, the Indians danced. One of the surprises of the evening was the album of square dance records. Most of the would probably receive the impression that the banquet was a success, with both classes enjoying being good Indians for an evening.









SOPHOMORE HISTORY

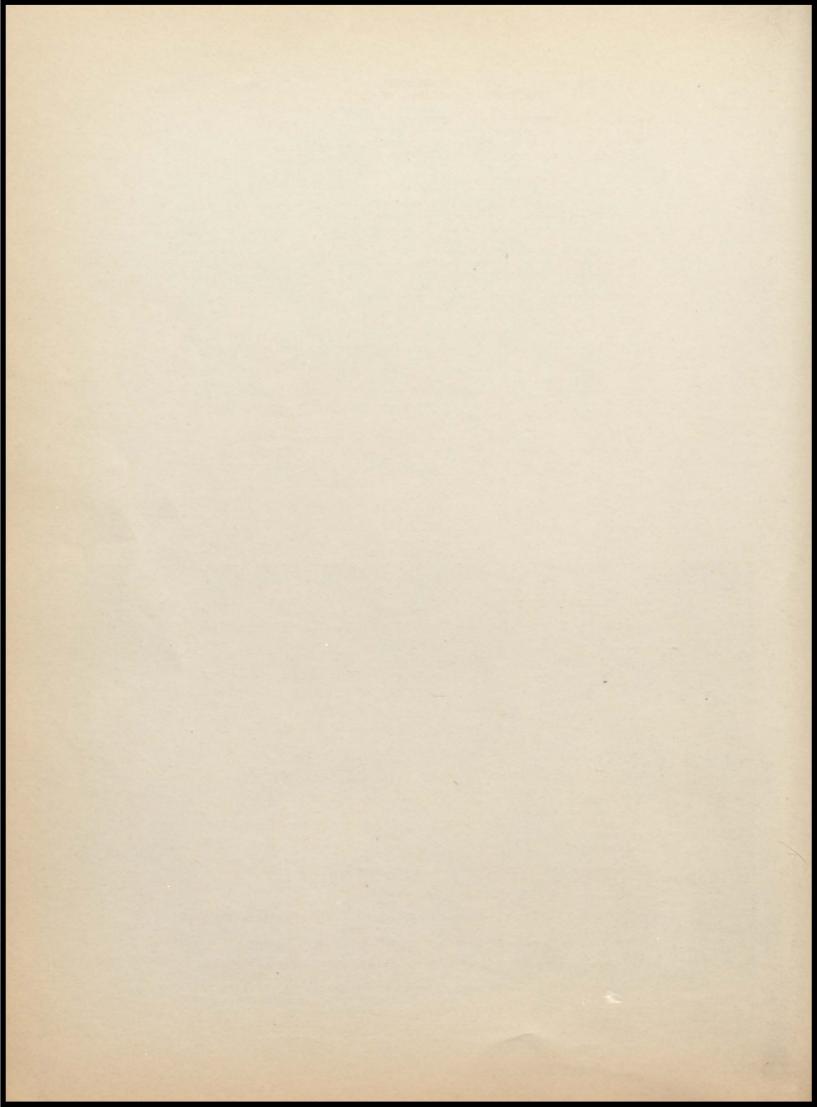
| Presiden | t. | | | James Gillette |
|----------|-----|----|--|---------------------|
| Sec. and | Tre | a8 | | Jimmie Essex |
| Reporter | | | | . Barbara Finch |
| Adviser | | | | Miss Jamison |

We entered Oquawka High School in the year of 1942. Our class consisted of nineteen boys and girls all looking forward to our high school days. All of us were quite busy with our studies, but we found time to have several roller skating parties during the year. At our first class meeting, the following officers were elected: President, James Gillette; Vice-president, Bud Berlin; Secretary and Treasurer, Boyd Curtis; Sponsor, Mr. McKim. James Gillette and Jean Swann were chosen as candidates for the king and queen of the Carnival.

At the beginning of our Sophomore year, several of our class discontinued school. There are now fourteen boys and girls. Big plans were made during the first of the year for a party for the freshmen followed by initiation. Both were successful. Early in the year, we sponsored a scrap drive to help with the war effort. Beverly Blythe and Boyd Curtis were chosen as candidates for king and queen at our school Carnival.

We are usually thought of as "Silly Sophomores", but as our Sophomore year draws nearer to the end, we feel that we are progressing and are becoming more interested each year in our high school work and activities.





SOPHOMORES (The Problem Children of O. H. S.)

Slowly trudging, creeping, crawling, Last minute decisions--some of us gawking. Then into the study hall--right through the door, Quoting the Raven--we quote, "Nevermore".

Down in our seats--some diving, some sitting. Wilbur John Avery crashes in--lightly flitting, Notebooks and textbooks--on the floor, Quoting the Raven--we quote, "Nevermore".

English and Business both in the morning, Other subjects haven't escaped our exploring. Roberts and Parsons dig into historical lore, Quoting the Raven--they quote, "Nevermore".

Geometrical figures dancing in our face, Circles and triangles--all over the place. Berlin and Bushong show Biology the door, While quoting the Raven--they quote, "Nevermore".

Rubys here, Rubys are there, Just one more Ruby--she's everywhere. She says Home Ec. is really a bore, When she quotes the Raven--she means "Nevermore".

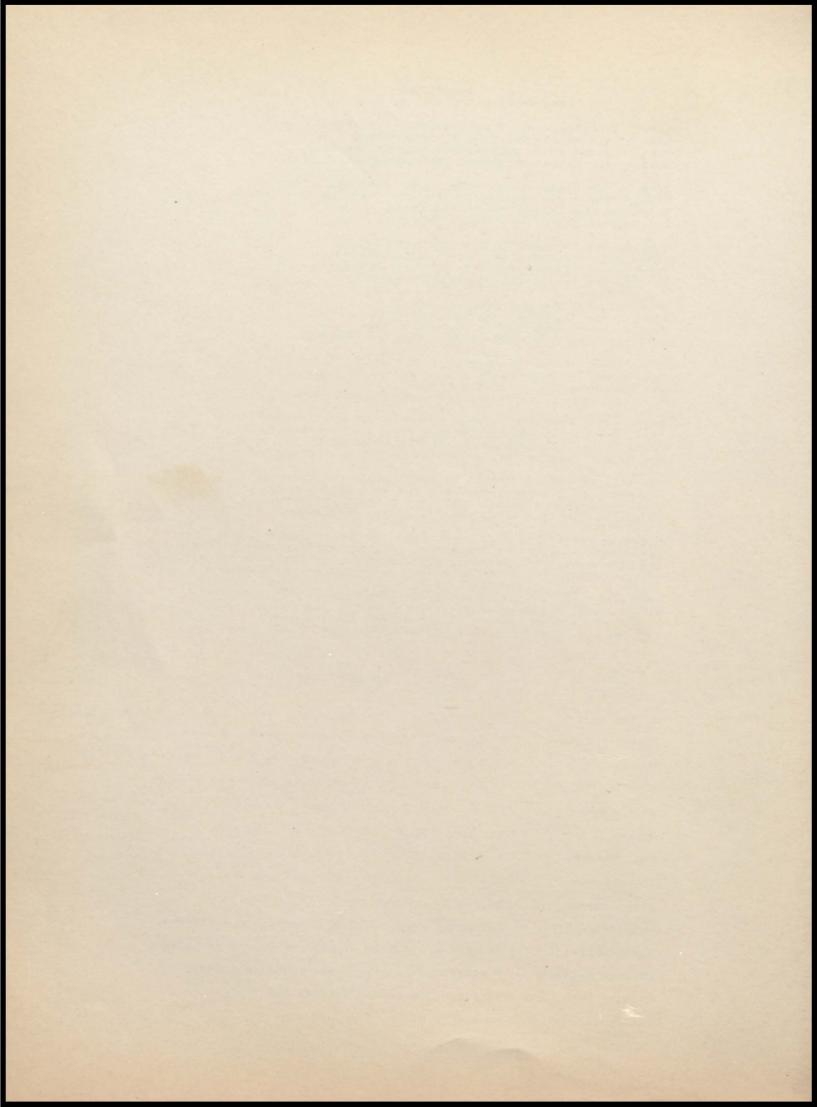
Stern words from the faculty keeps Curtis minding. "Now, students be quiet, Barbara Finch is reciting." Essex holds back temptation--little thoughts by the score, No, he can't quote the Raven--let us quote, "Nevermore".

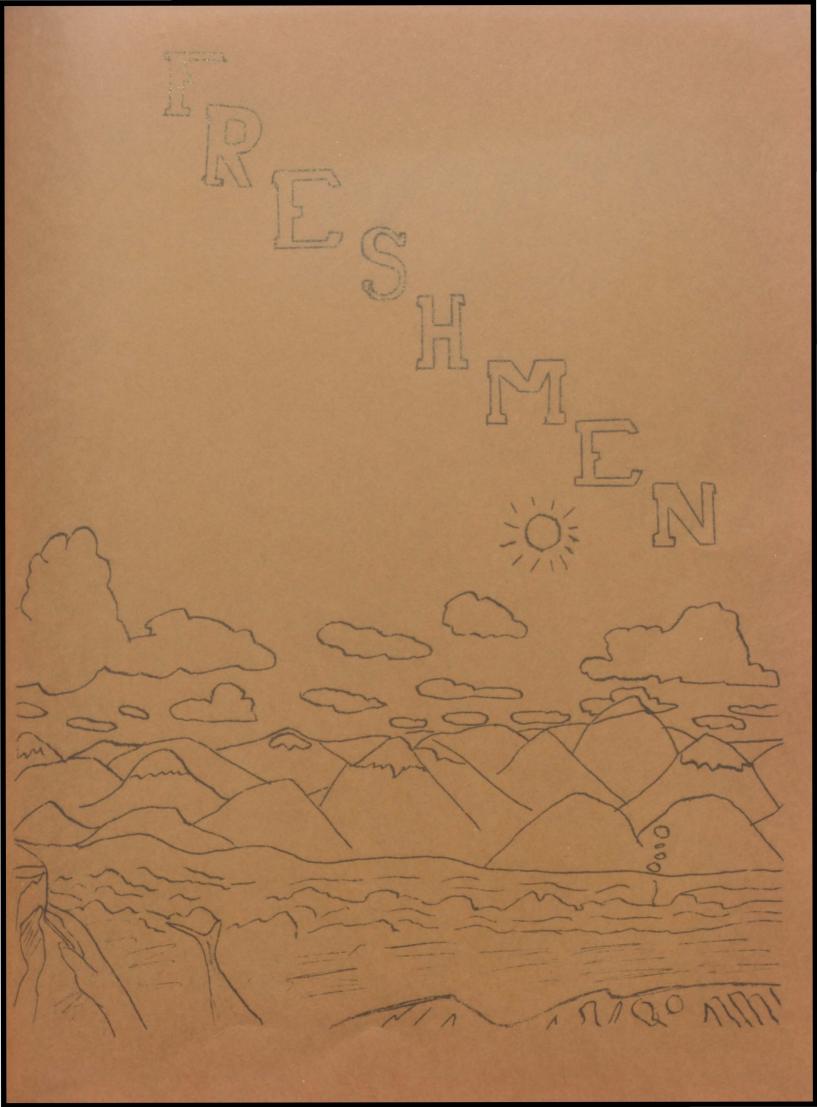
The pill of education must be swallowed by us all, For most, it's a big job--for a few it's just a small. Have you pushed a pencil till your fingers are sore? It's work-(quoting the Raven)-we quote, "Nevermore".

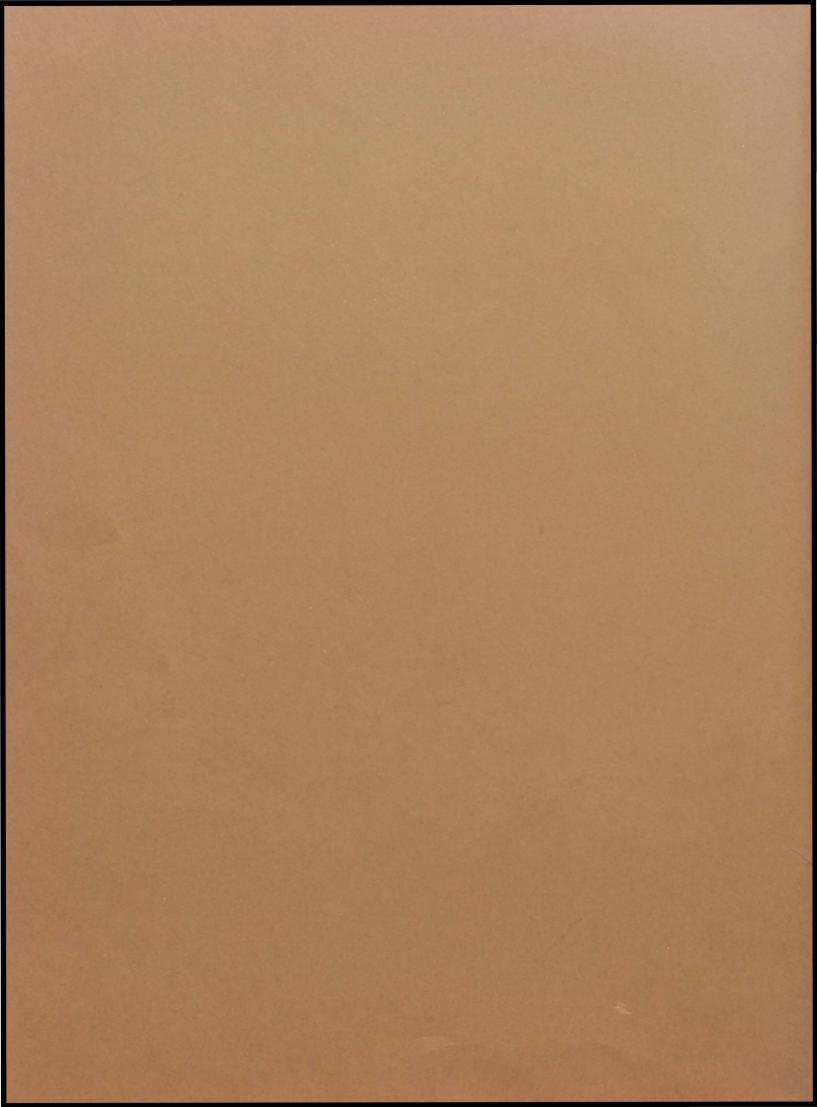
But when the school year's over we stop to count our score, The majority of the students here feel better than ever before. And if you want to know what happenened to our familiar "Nevermore". To heck with all that Raven stuff, we tossed it out the door.

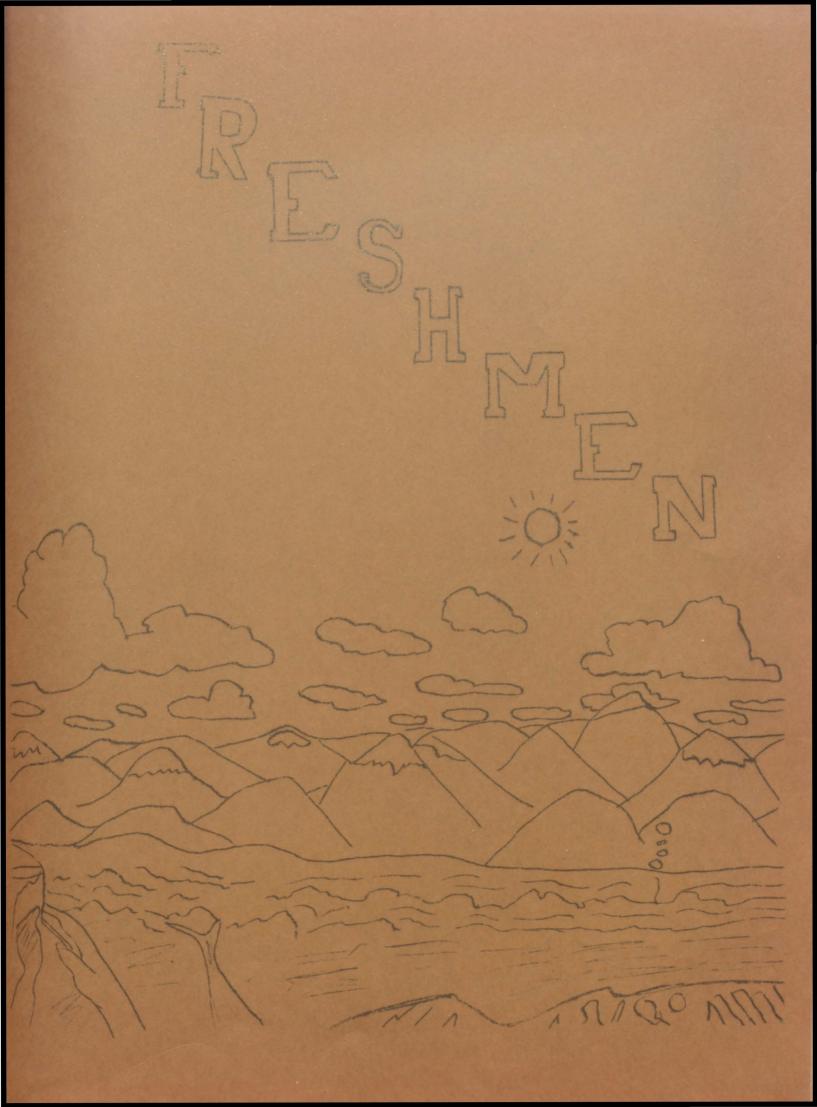
Cheers and yells resounding--lifting off the roof, We have passed our finals-(a report card is our proof) Bright and shining faces, still shining all the more, Will we ever quote the Raven?--we're quoting, "Nevermore".

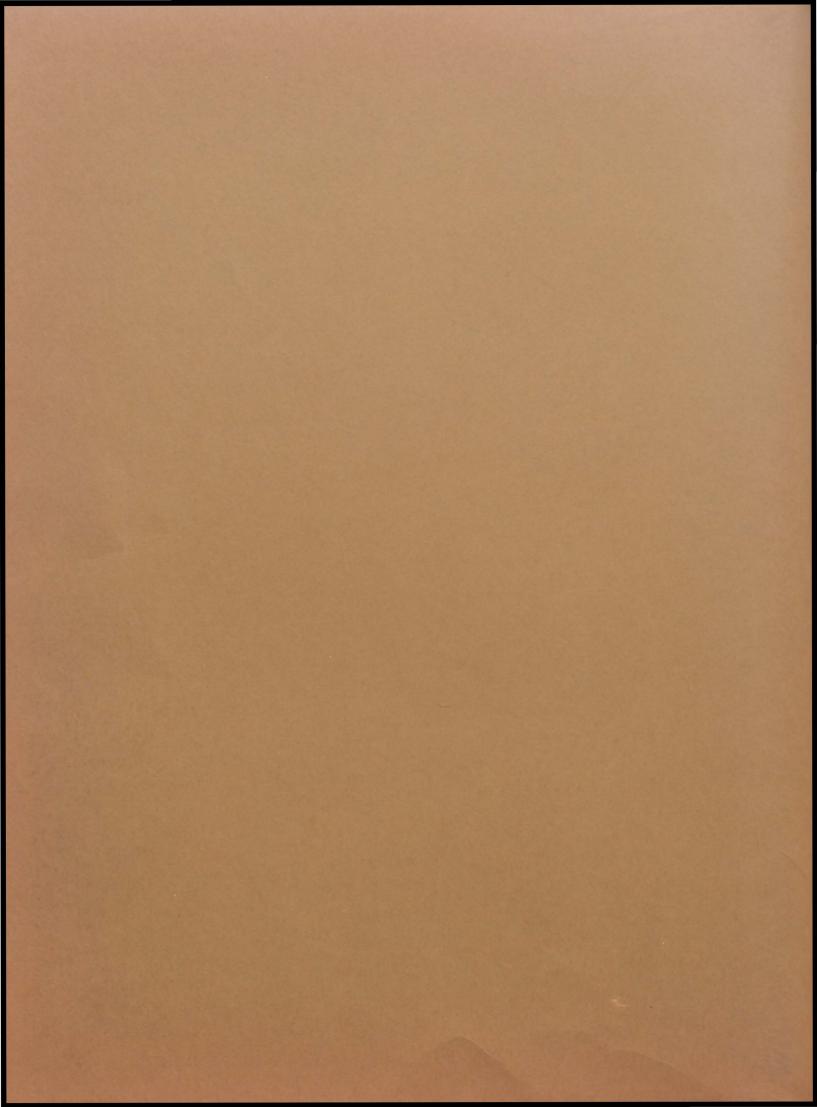
| MAIDENS AND BRAVES | PET AMBITIONS |
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| Wilbur Avery | To learn to control my feet |
| Barbara Finch | To get a letter from someone besides a buck private |
| Bud Berlin | To grow a few more inches before I die |
| Ruby Morris | To get a new cer. About time don't you think? |
| Bud Parson | To use every moment of my time properly, next year |
| Phoebe McCabe | To loose some weight and get under that 150 mark |
| Boyd Curtie | I wish the girls would leave me alone now that I have a new car |
| Ruby Bielser | To discard my double chin and long nose |
| Jimmie Essex | Become manager of the theatre |
| Ruby Colley | To settle down and live a normal life for ever |
| James Gillette | To play a trombone as good as Dorsey or Miller |
| Roberta Baldwin | I wish I could gain a few pounds and loose |
| Stewart Bushong | some legs To learn how to win friends and to influence |
| Jean Swann | To try to be on time just once people |











FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

On September 6, 1943, fifteen green freshmen enrolled for high school. Hardly any of us knew where to go or what to do but we soon learned and knew our way around as well as anyone else.

Soon after school got under way, we had a class meeting and elected our class officers. They are as follows:

| President | | | | | | Barbara Thomas |
|-----------|----|-----|--|--|---|----------------|
| Vice-Pres | id | ent | | | | . Tom Gilbert |
| Secretary | | | | | | . Joan Randall |
| Adviser | | | | | • | . Mrs. Martin |

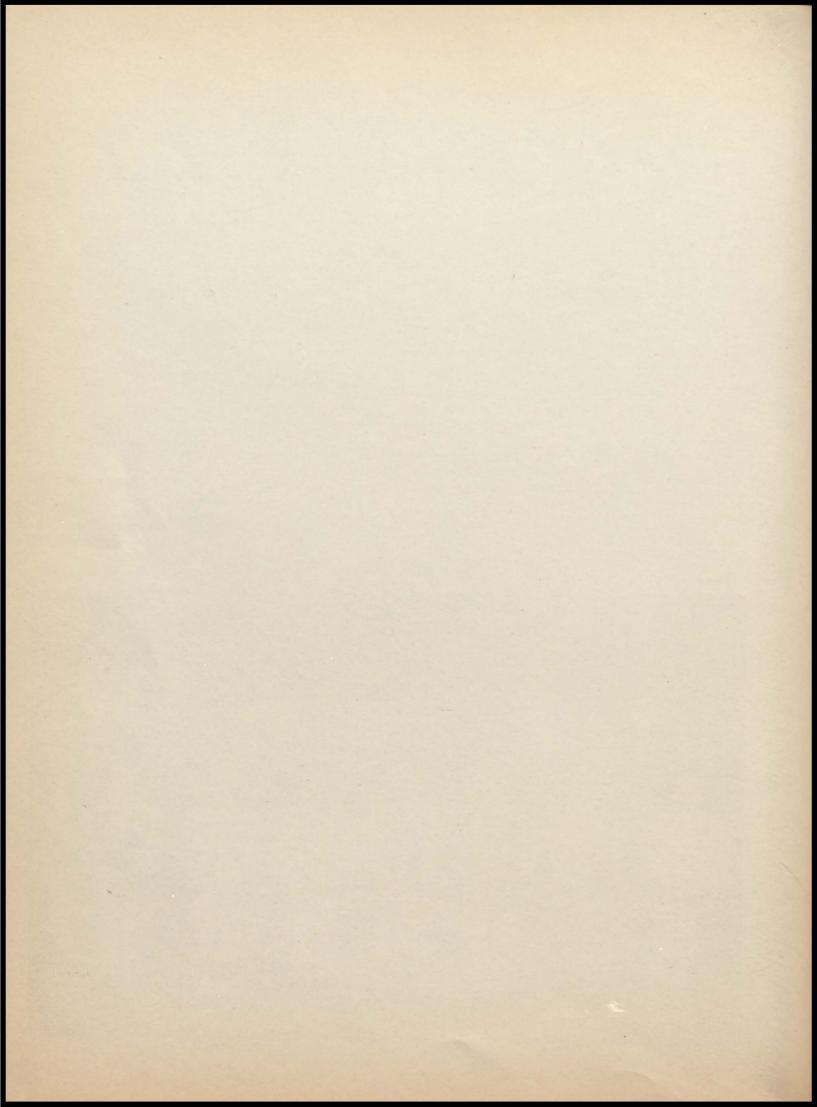
To obtain funds for the athletic funds, all the classes in school went on a scrap drive. The class who collected the most scrap received fifteen dollars for their class fund. Our class won this drive but we had close competition with the juniors.

On October 7, 1943, the sophomores held an initiation for us. We looked quite silly but the majority of the class had fun.

On February 1, 1944, we returned the sophomores party and invited them all to come and have a good time at O.H.S.

This concludes the main events of our beginning trek in higher learning.





FRESHMAN POEM

Here is the Freshman Epistle We hope you'll enjoy each little missle, Many mistakes you're apt to find But have a laugh and please don't mind.

Margie Avery always has the giggles She can be heard after school at Riggles' Louise Butcher studies hard She can recite history by the yard.

Every class must have a Juliet Barbara DeLeBar's it, on that you can bet, Billy Essex with his eyes of blue, Loves to tease the girls and that's so true.

Aline Gilbert, did you hear Everyone likes her, she's a dear, Next we'll introduce Tom Gilbert Now he's a boy who is always alert.

Bernice McDavid, is a little tom boy Outdoor activities is her greatest joy, Pauline McGraw, our red-haired lass, Continually worries for fear she won't pass.

Hel Olson with hair so blonde Just speak of sports and he'll respond, Gene Randell just loves to dance Swing out with boogie and watch him prance.

Now we view a dainty little miss, Joan Randall There's no subject too difficult for her to handle. Lon Simpson, a likeable lad, When he leaves for the navy, we'll all be sad.

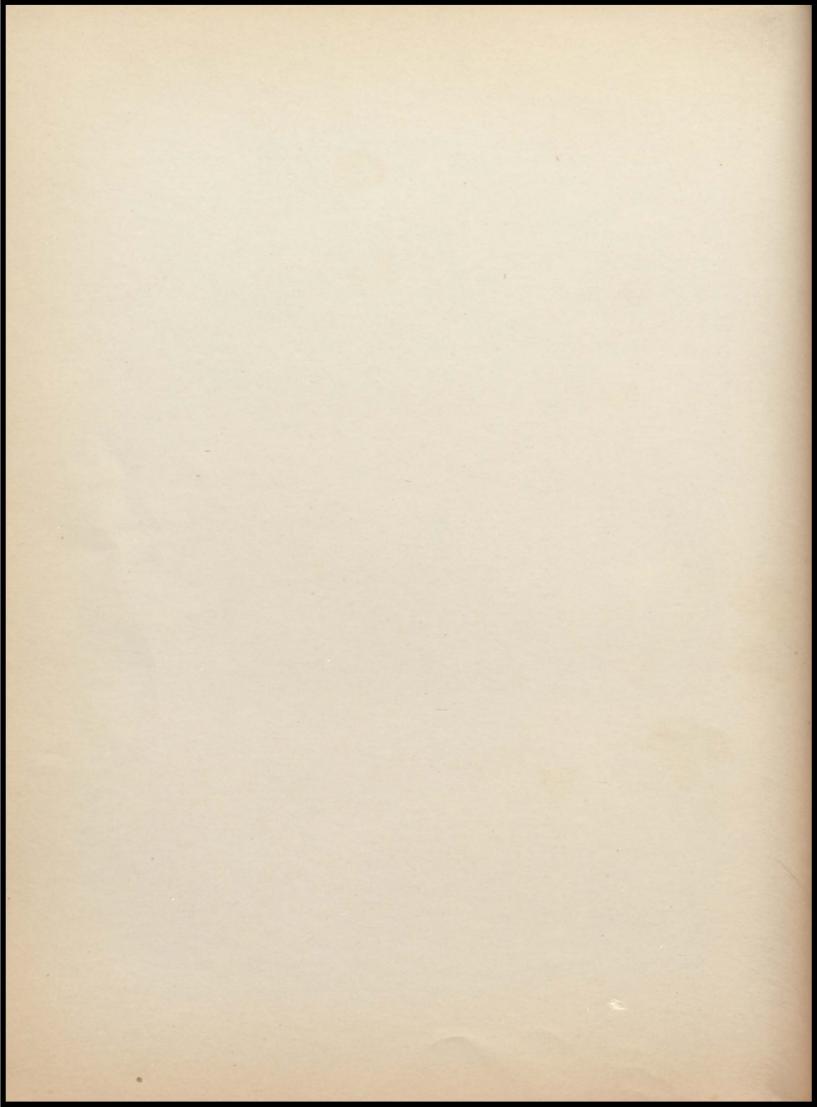
Presenting Richard Slover, and he's a worker It is furtherest from his mind to be a shirker, Last but not least there's Barbare Thomas A girl whose future holds great promise.

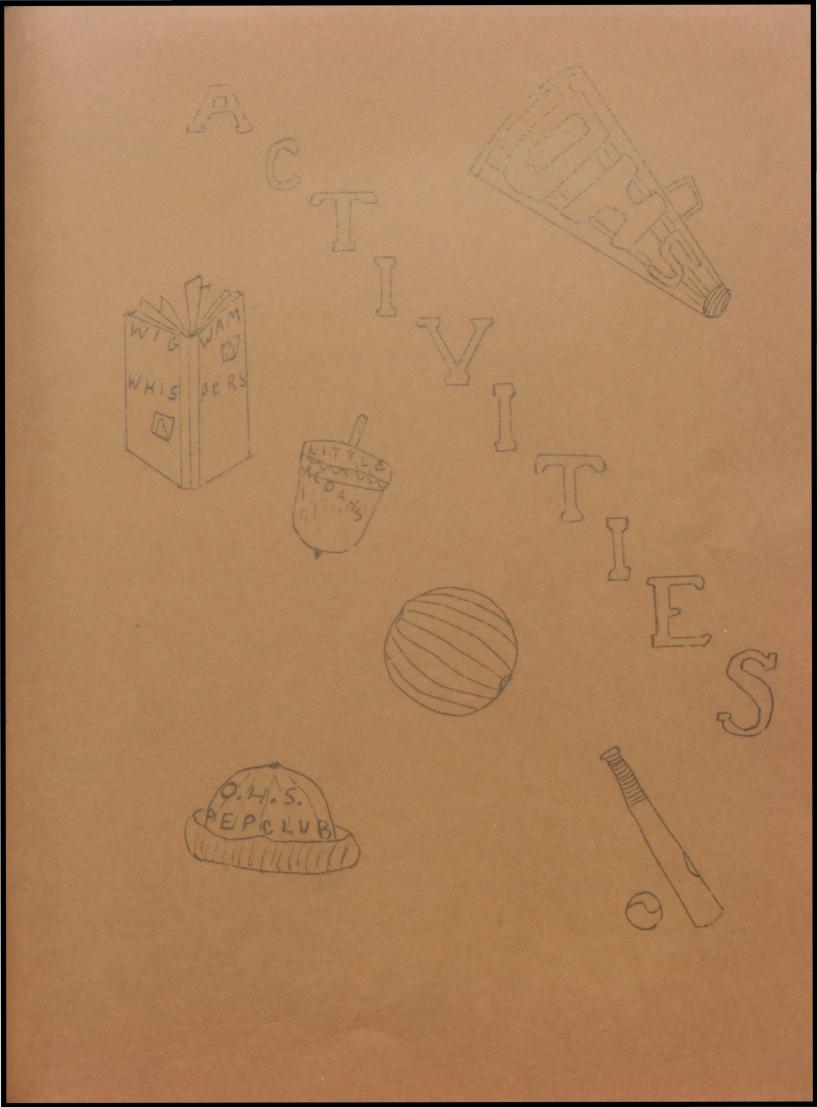
A Freshman's Plea Just Before a Public Speech

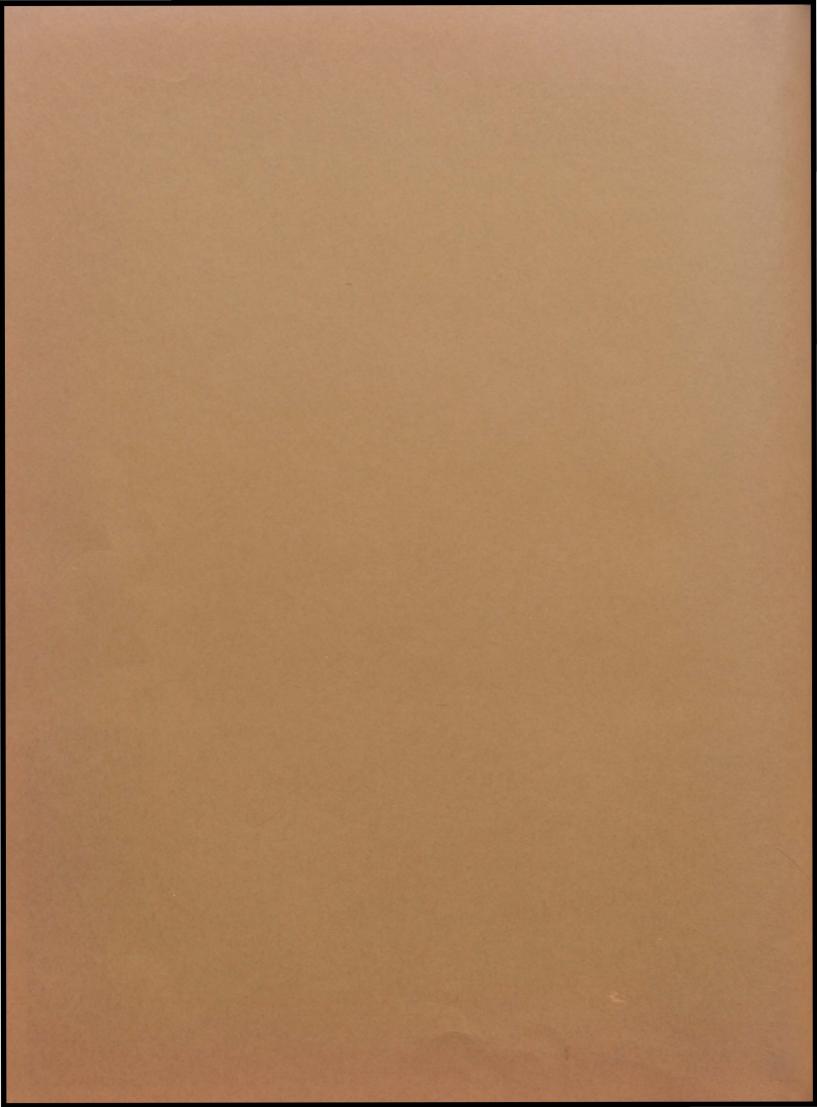
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"Be still o' knees, and cease thy shaking, You're not the first that have been quaking. There really nothing is to fear, and when you shake I feel so queer That the words come not so clear."







LITTLE ACORNS

On Thursday, April 20, 1944, the Seniors of Oquawks High School presented "Little Acorns", a somewhat humorous play of three acts.

The Collins family-consisting of Millicent, a pleasart and romantic-minded young woman of eighteen; Dennis, a young man who is just coming out of the growing woman of eighteen; bennis, a young man who is just coming out of the growing pains of adolescence, and Lorna who is at the stage of development where she wonders if it is wiser to be animal vegetable, or mineral—has grown up under the watchful eye of Pandora, the family housekeeper. But matters have reached a stage where the father, Charles Collins, is considering remarriage, some twelve years after the death of his first wife.

The idea does not receive the warmest reactions from the children who have preconceived notions of the sort of person Father has picked out-a former friend of the family, Judith Wentworth, who has been operating her own successful business shop, and who has a daughter of her own, Diana. Here trouble begins, for not one of the family wants a step-sister.

Matters come to a crisis when Millie ill-advisedly steams open one of her father's letters and discovers that Judith and Diane are expected for a visit which may end matrimonially for Father, and cause a change of interest for Sidney Lanfield, in whom Millie has more than a passing interest. Plans must immediately be made to block such a possibility they decide if life is made miserable for the guests they will soon leave. Lorna, Dennis, and Millie go out of their way to be rude. Pandora does what she can via the cook stove to smooth out the troubled situation.

Matters reach a head when Lorna tries hypnotism to get them out of the house and finds herself caught in her own trap. It is then that Judith decides that she cannot battle the odds against her and Charles so she leaves to return to her home in Chicego taking Diana with her.

The family are confronted with many problems, but Judith and Diana come back, and a satisfactory conclusion is finally worked out.

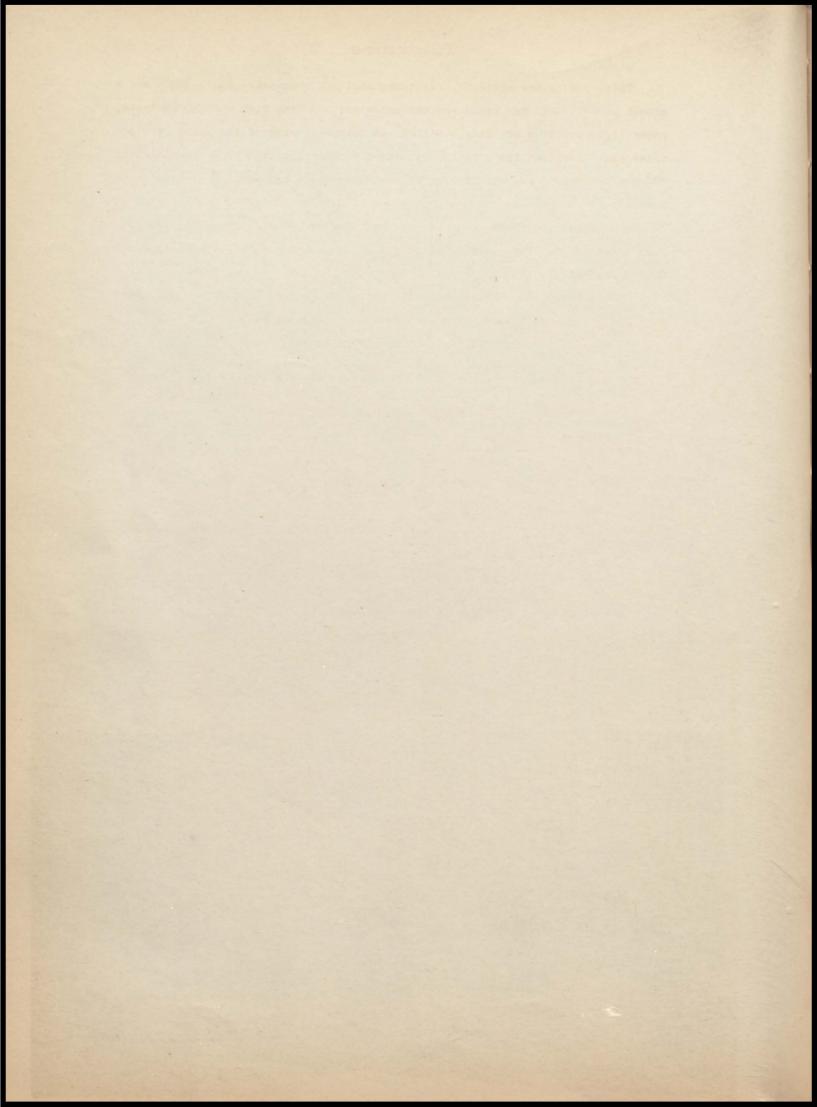
CAST

Millicent Collins, a young woman of opinions..........Marjorie Eimpson Pandora, the housekeeper.....Betty Jean Melburg Diana Wentworth, a young woman from Chicago.....Mary Lou Harris Mrs. Judith Wentworth, a charming matron.....Marisnna Nesbit Dennis Collins, an All-American boy.....LaVerne Hainds Sidney Lanfield, a young man with a timid heart.....Richard Shorts Charles Collins, a father with family problems.....Don Swann Willow The Time and Flace

The Time and Flace

ACT I ACT II A morning in June Scene 1 Seven-thirty that evening Early evening three days later Scene 2 Evening two days later ACT III





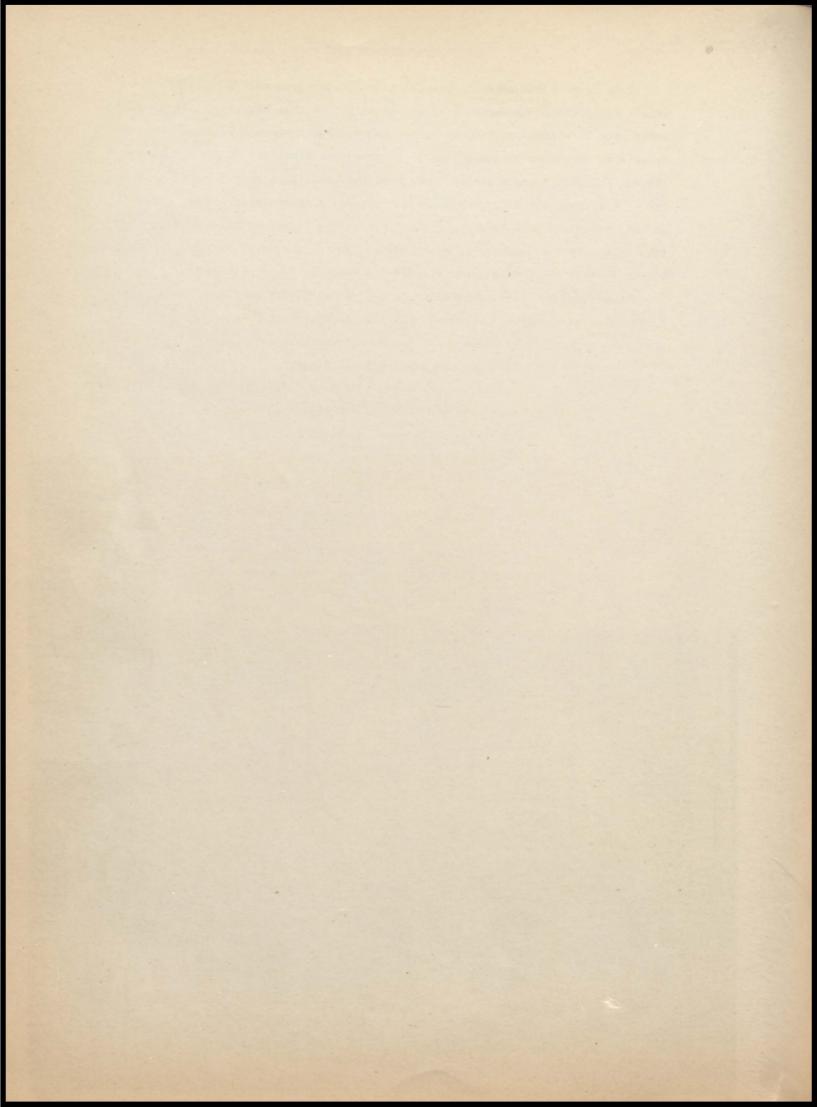
WIGWAM WHISPERS

This year a new activity was introduced into Oquawka High. This was a school paper which has been written and edited by the high school students, under the direction of Miss Saville. At the beginning of the year, Various, names were submitted for this paper. and the name submitted by James Gillette, "Wigwam Whispers," was selected. We feel that this has been good experience for us all, as well as an enjoyable extra-curricular activity. The material is due on Monday of each week, looked over and approved by Mr. Campbell, and then typed by the Commercial Department. It is then sent to the Henderson County Journal and printed on our special columns in the weekly paper.

Staff members were selected with great care and have done their work faithfully the whole year through. They are as follows:

> Editor - - - - - Marianna Nesbit Asst. Editor - - - James Gillette Sports - - - - - LaVerne Hainds What's Buzzin' - - Cuzzin Whattsin Inquiring Reporter - Kathleen Olson Class Reporters- - Joan Randall Barbara Finch Louise Hall Betty Jean Melburg Who's Who- - - - - Mildred Link Gracie Ditto Calendar - - - - Lorene McDavid Proof Readers- - Betty Ann Richmond Dick Shorts





This year every member of the Pep Club wore yellow sweaters to the games.

Mildred Link, Pauline McGraw, Lorene McDavid, and Mary Lou Harris were chosen as our cheer leaders. Our yells were bigger and better, and the cheering section produced more volume than ever as we cheered our boys to victory. More members of the Pep Club were present at the games this year than in any preceding year.

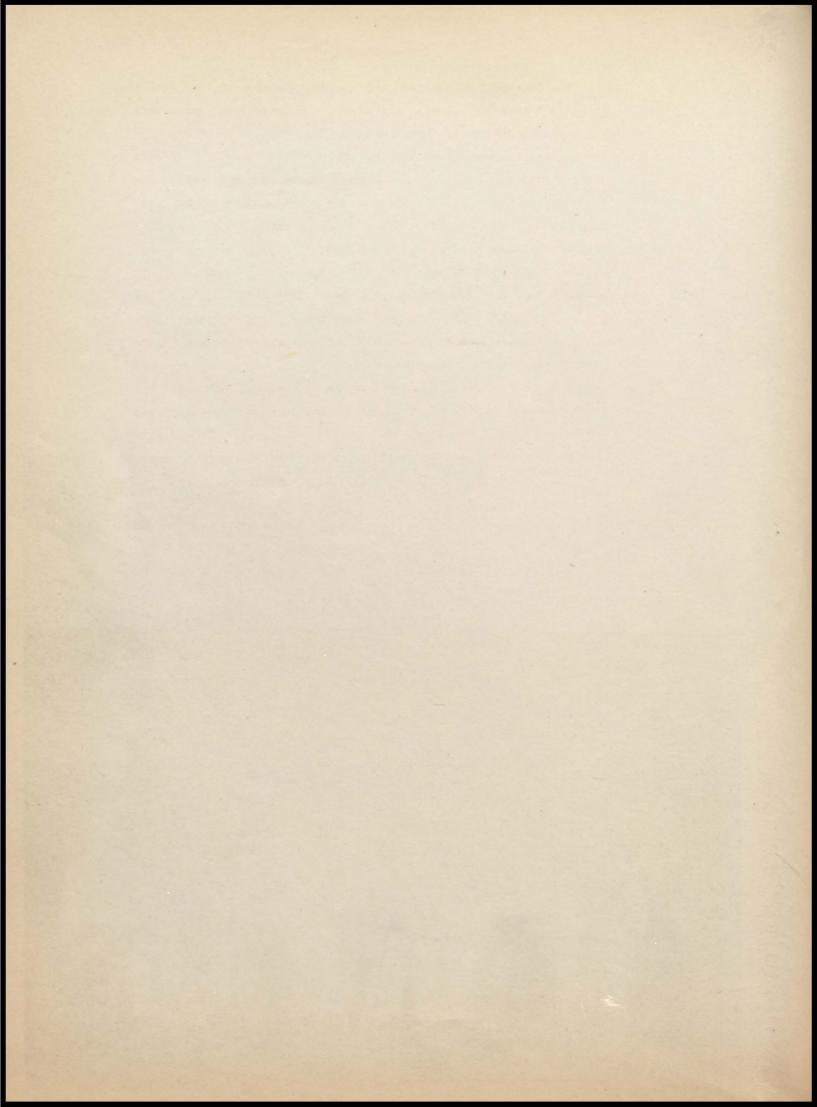
During the basket ball season, the Pep Club sold pop corn and hot dogs for the purpose of making money to pay for crew hats for the members.

The purpose of the Pep Club is to stimulate school spirit and to urge the students to attend as many games as possible.



CHEER LEADERS

PEP CLUB



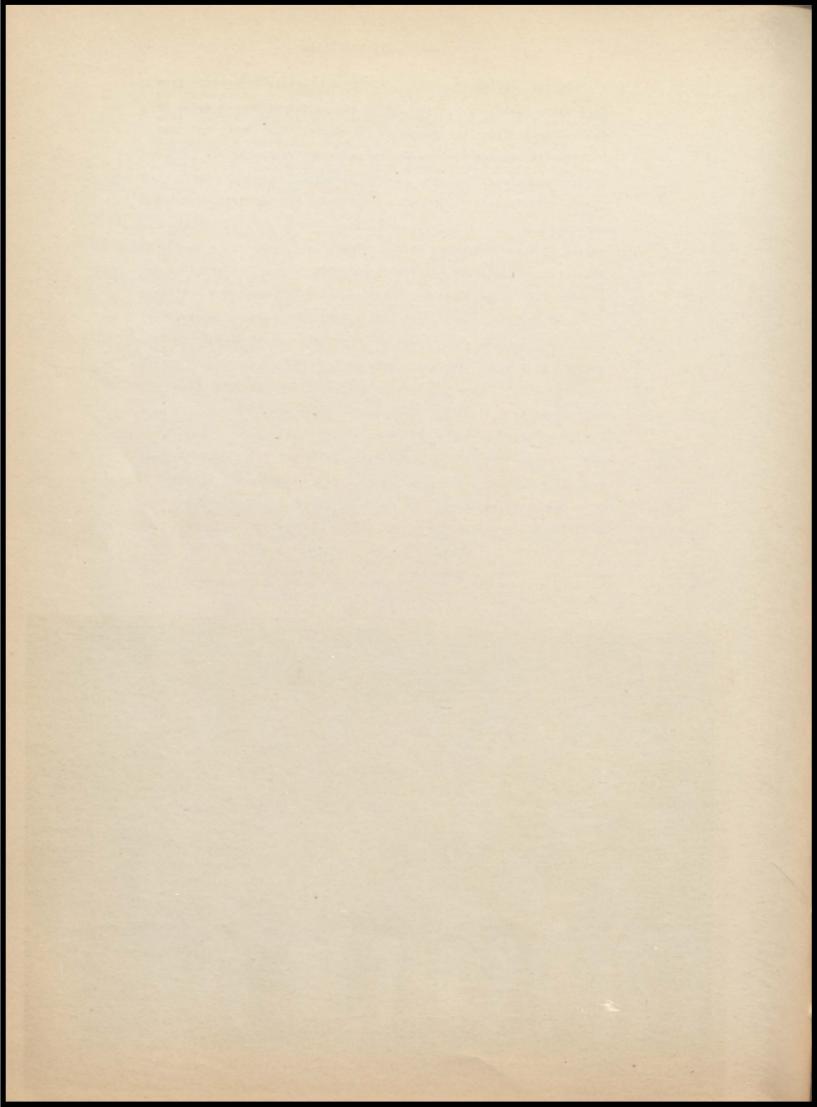
The Oquawka Indians ended the softball season of 1943 with 4 wins and 7 losses, a little bit on the losing side but maybe this was due to a bit of bad luck.

Curtis started the season by pitching and later was relieved by Bill Anderson. "Gabby", as he is called, suffered an injured thumb which proved to be quite a handicap. Olson did an excellent job catching, and his Swedish chatter kept up the morale of his fellow players. Gilbert, with his long arms, made some very neat pick-ups at his third base position. Brandy Simpson, while at his position at first, made several impossible catches. Gilbert's and Simpson's hitting was a great help to the team. Hainds played left field making some sensational catches and coming through with some pretty good hits. James Gillette filled the short field position and when a ball came his way it seemed always to fall into his waiting mitts. Finch did a good job of holding down second base and came through with a hit when it was most needed. Bud Berlin and Bushong covered their fielding positions very well. Huss, the pinch hitter, did a fine job of hitting when he was needed.

The above mentioned are the first string players and here are the ones who replaced the vacant places at various times.

> Huss R.F. Chapin S.S. Essex S.S. Randell C.F. Avery C. & 2nd





In the spring of 1943, a group of seniors graduated from O.H.S., five of whom were the boys that made up our varsity for that year. This meant that a whole new squad of boys were to be shaped up for the next year's basket ball season. In the late fall, the practice season began, and the athletes began to shape up a new team. Hard practice and the coaching of Mr. Campbell whipped them into shape and a temporary varsity was chosen, which remained permanent throughout the year.

The boys played good ball all season, winning four games. The second team had about as much luck as the varsity, winning about the same amount of games.

After the sesson had drawn to a close, an intramural tournament was organized, and in the final stages, all classes were eliminated except the seniors and members of the grade school team. The championship game was postponed to be featured on the night of the athletic banquet, which was to be held in honor of both high and grade school athletic teams. The general public was invited to the final game, and quite a crowd attended. An exciting game was played, and the seniors came out as victors.

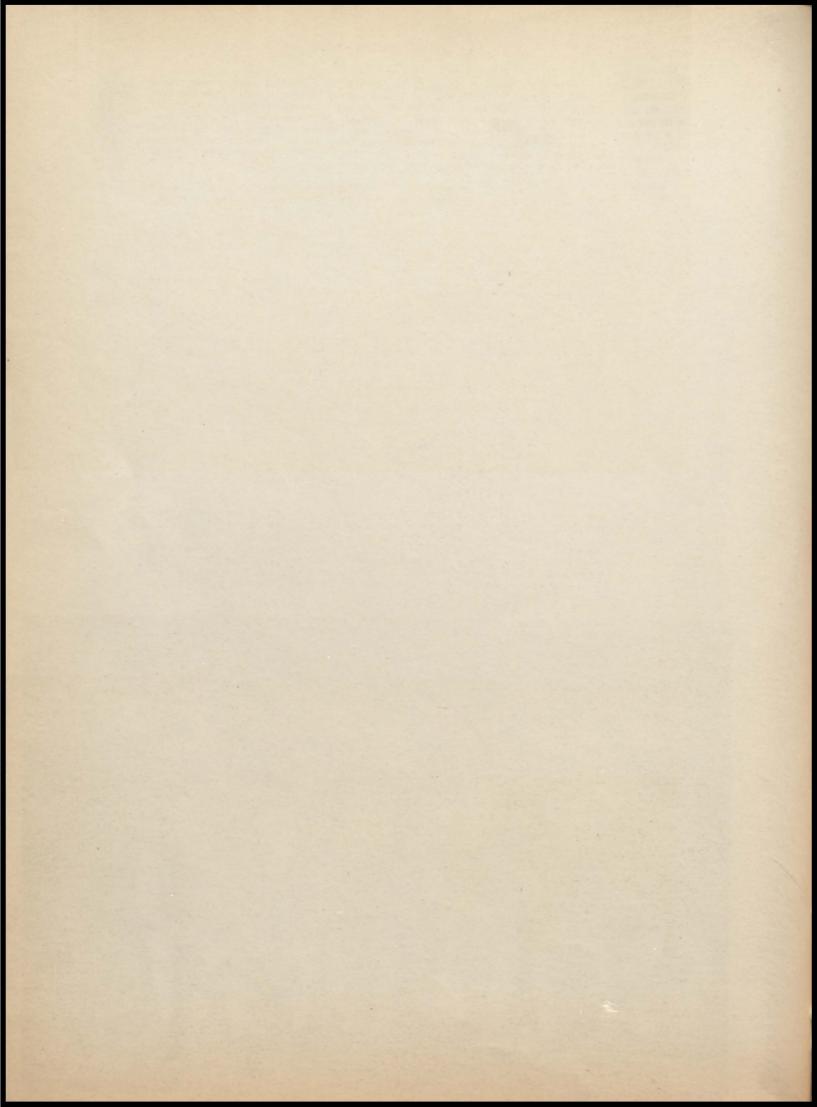
James Gillette was chosen as honorary captain by the basket ball squad and gave the response in behalf of the boys at the banquet.

Sixteen boys were on the basket ball squad this season:

| Lewis Adams | Bernard Parsons |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Bill Anderson | Keith Slover |
| Tom Gilbert | Bud Berlin |
| James Gillette | Stewart Bushong |
| LaVerne Hainds | Boyd Curtis |
| Wilbur Avery | Jimmy Essex |
| Robert Finch | Gene Randall |
| Hal Olson | Lon Simpson |

In the minds of the coach, and all the non-graduating players, there are thoughts and hopes of a better five-man com-bination next year, and if the manpower of our high school is scanned carefully, then those thoughts and hopes should become a reality. Some points for our future squad to remember are: Hard practice, obeying the coach, and the right spirit. These can put Oquawka's team right up on top, where it really belongs, and keep it there.



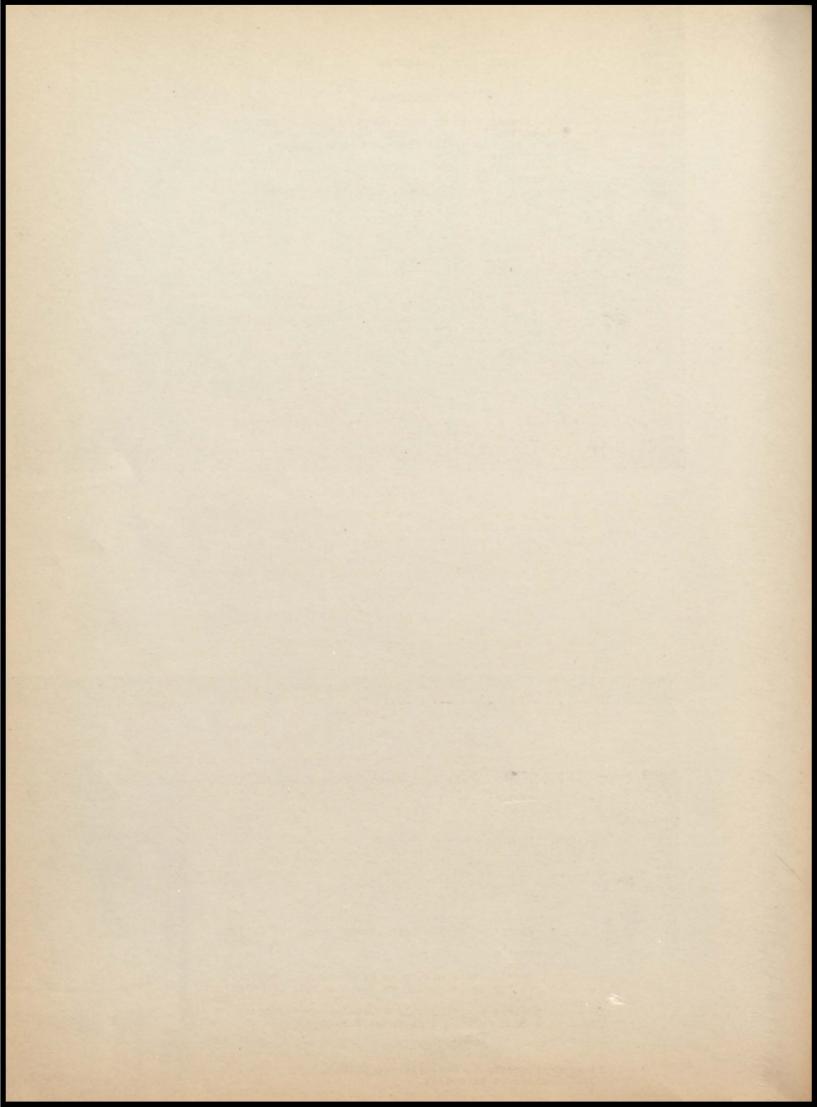




Chemistry Class

Home Economics Class





1943 CALENDAR

1944

SEPTEMBER

5--School opened with an enrollment of sixty-four. 17--First softball game--defeated Gladstone here. 24--Oquawka Vs. Biggsville there. Defeat for us. 29--Class officers elected.

24--Oquawka vs. Biggs file onere. Defeated for active
 29--Class officers elected.
 Defeated Little York in softball game.
 Bond drive, sponsored by Seniors, opened.
 30--Freshmen initiated at party given by sophomores.

OCTOBER

1--Kirkwood Vs. Oquawka here. A defeat for us.
5--Ball game at Gladstone--easy Victory.
7--BiggsVille Vs. Oquawka. Defeat for our team.
8--Teachers' Institute at Galesburg. School dismissed.
13--Junior Class benefit movie at State Theatre--Great success.
14--Senior pictures taken by Burch Studio of Davenport, Iowa.
15--Kirkwood Vs. Oquawka, there. Another defeat.
18--Senior skip day--Seniors had a good time at Burlington.
High School scrap drive opened.

19-Lomax Vs. Oquawka, here--they met with defeat. 28-Juniors enjoyed Halloween party at Gracie Ditto's home. 29-We defeated Lomax there. 30--Softball tournament at BiggsVille.

NOVEMBER

10--All school carnival for benefit of Activity Fund. 11--Armistice Day--School dismissed. 24--Six weeks' exams. 25--Thanksgiving Day--School dismissed. 26--No school.

DECEMBER

2--First basket ball game--we defeated Lomax here.
9--Our team won at Gladstone.
14--Terre Haute Vs. Oquawka, there.
Pep Club organized.
16--Little York Vs. Oquawka, here. We defeated them.
17--Gift exchange. School dismissed for Christmas Vacation.

Christmas Vacation

JANUARY

3--Back to school after wonderful vacation.
6--Kirkwood Vs. Oquawka, here.
13--Little York Vs. Oquawka, there.
14--Semester examinations--Oh, oh!
17--Basket ball game with Burlington Reserves there.
20--Tri-County Tournament at Gladstone.
21--Senior paper drive--quite a success.

FEBRUARY

3,4--Teachers' Institute. School dismissed. 14 --Valentine's Day. 17,24,28--Solicited ads in Monmouth, Galesburg, and Burlington for the annual.

MARCH

8--Athletic banquet, sponsored by the Pep Club.
10--Senior dance. Growd exceeded all expectations.
13--Shorthand contest at Gladstone. Our team won.
23--Commercial contest at Biggsville. Our shorthand team won! Juniors sponsored a Victrola dance at 7:30.

APRIL

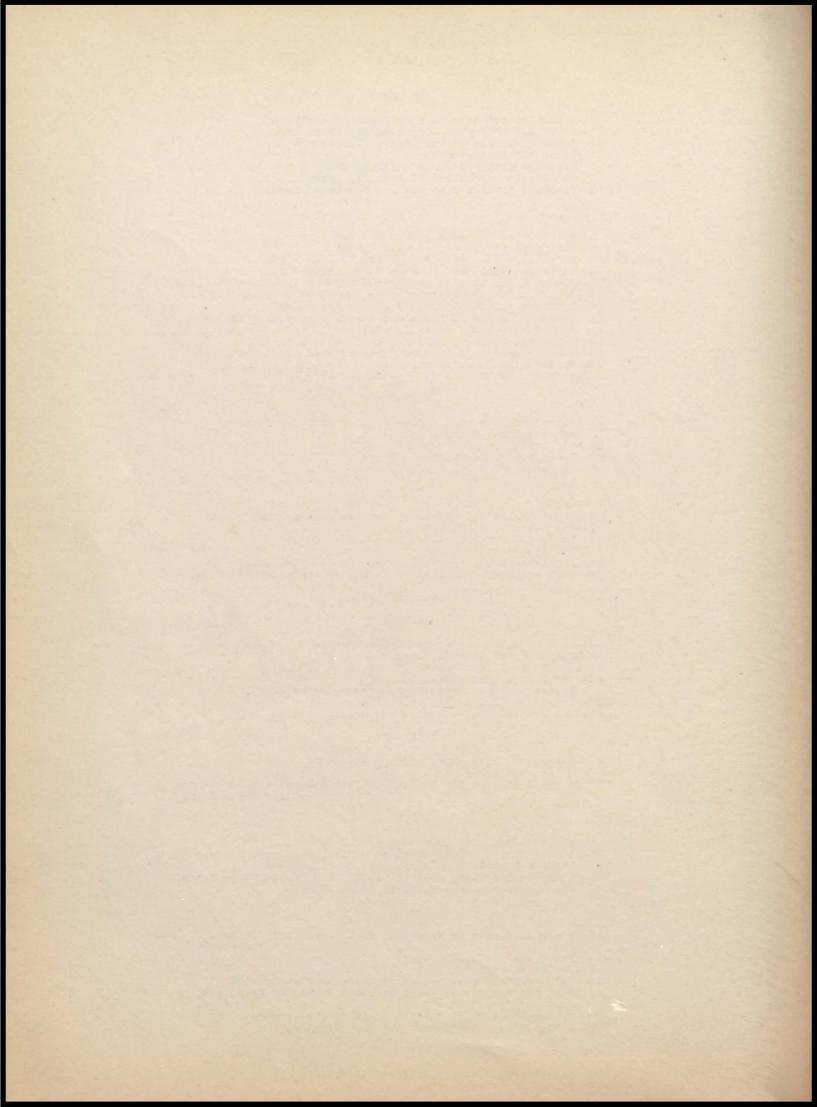
6--Dance sponsored by Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. A success.

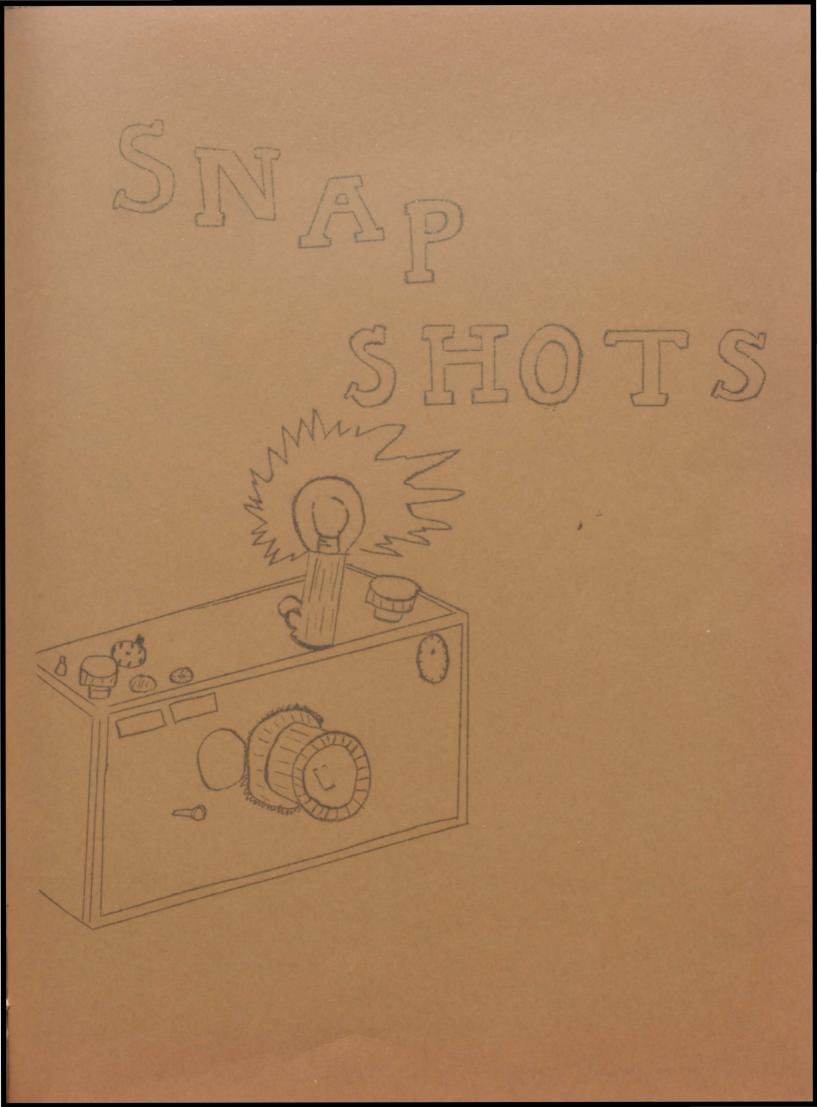
Six weeks' exams. 7--Easter Vacation. 15--Civil Service examination at Monmouth High School. 19--Pictures for annual taken by Burch Studio of Davenport, Iowa.

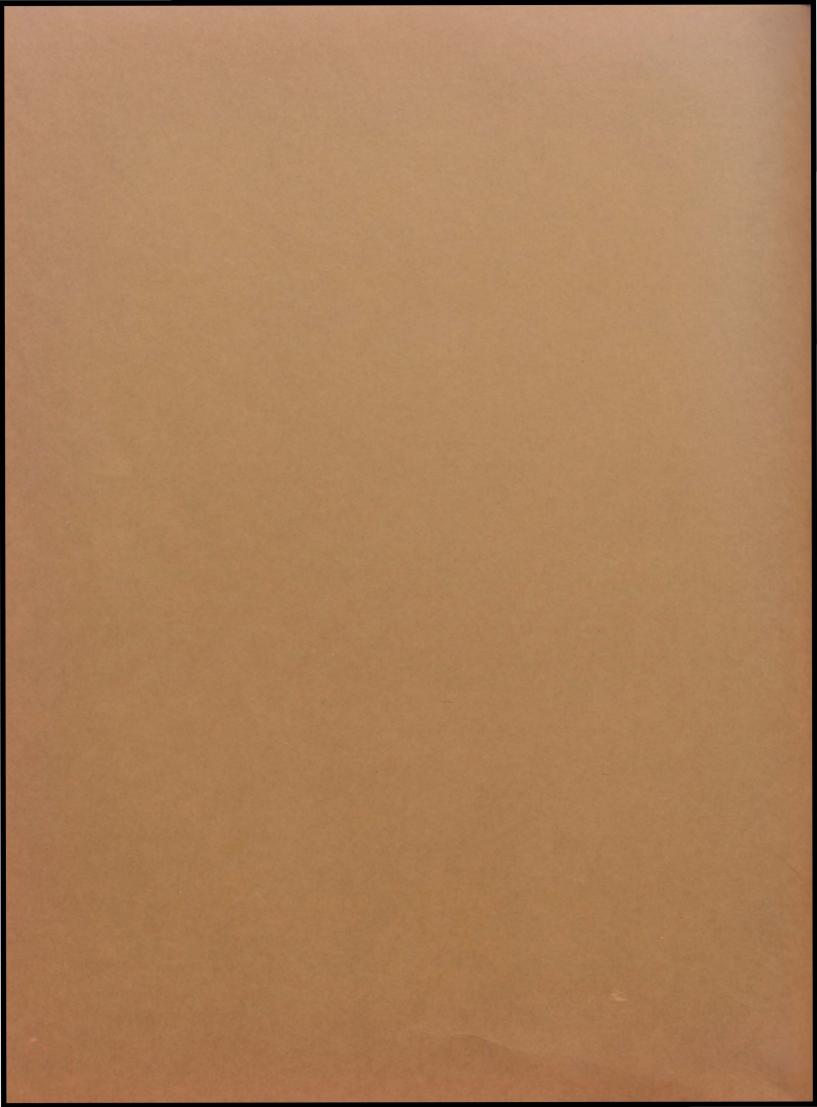
20--Senior Class play, "Little Acorns"--huge success. 28--Junior-Senior Banquet at Hotel Burlington.

MAY

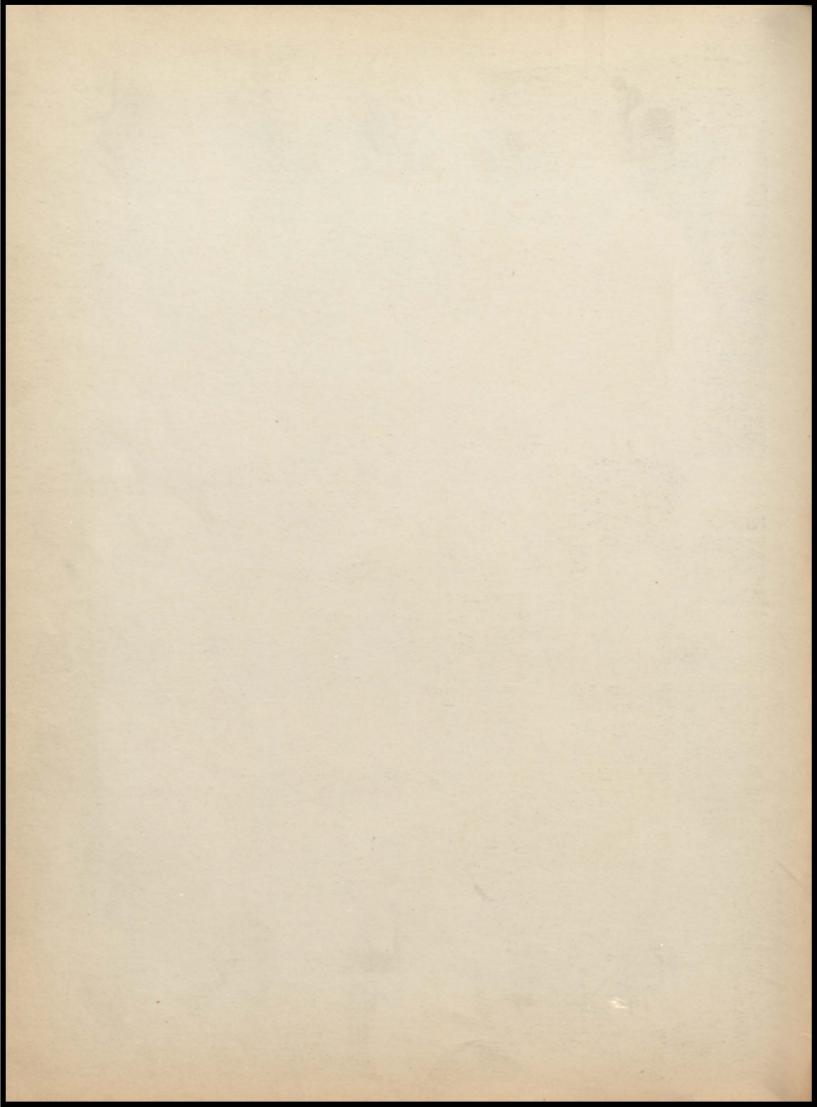
14--Baccalaureate at Presbyterian Church. 19--Commencement Exercises.











SNAPSHOTS

l Contortionist?

2 Swinging

The Baron and the Latest Model

4 Friends in the Snow

5 Yum! Yum!

6 Senior Skip Day

7 In Front of 0.H.S.

8 By the Old Mississippi

9 The Gang's All Here

10 Pals

ll Three Musketeers

12 Barbara T.

13 Barbara F.

14 Standing in the Shade

15 Smile, Betty!

16 Posing

17 What a Perfect Friendship:

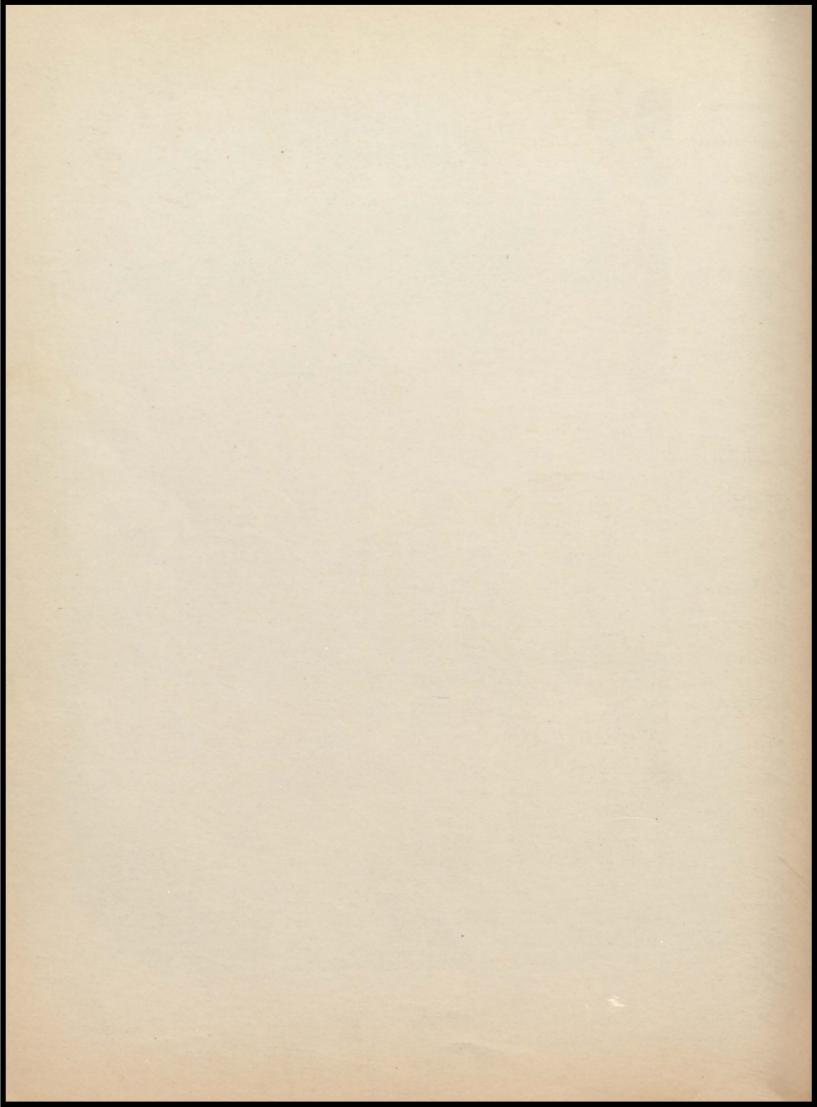
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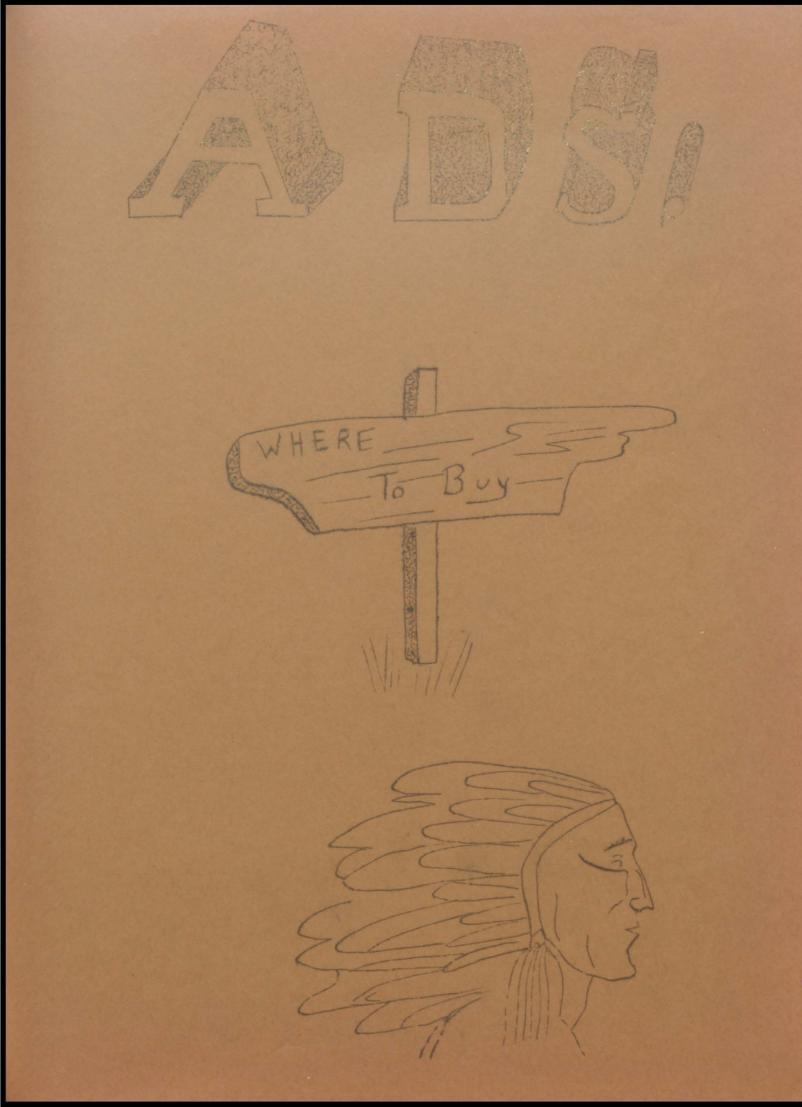
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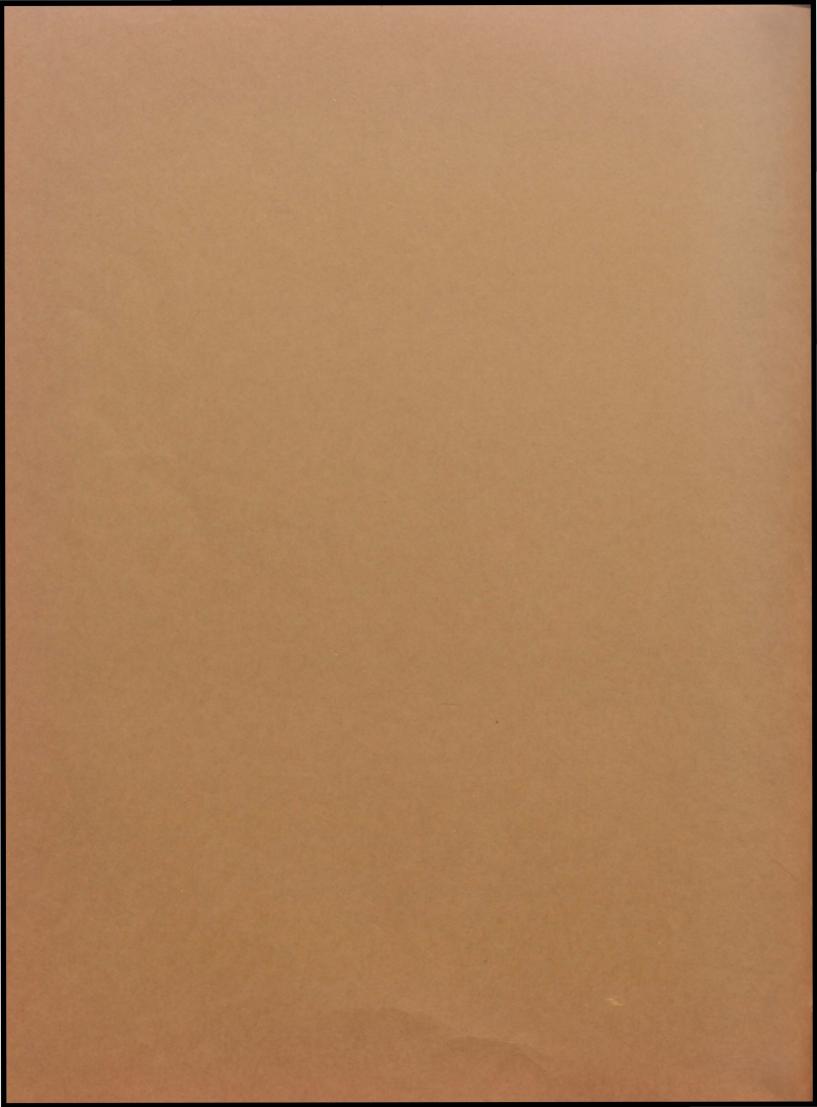
20 More Girls:

21 Sitting in the Sun









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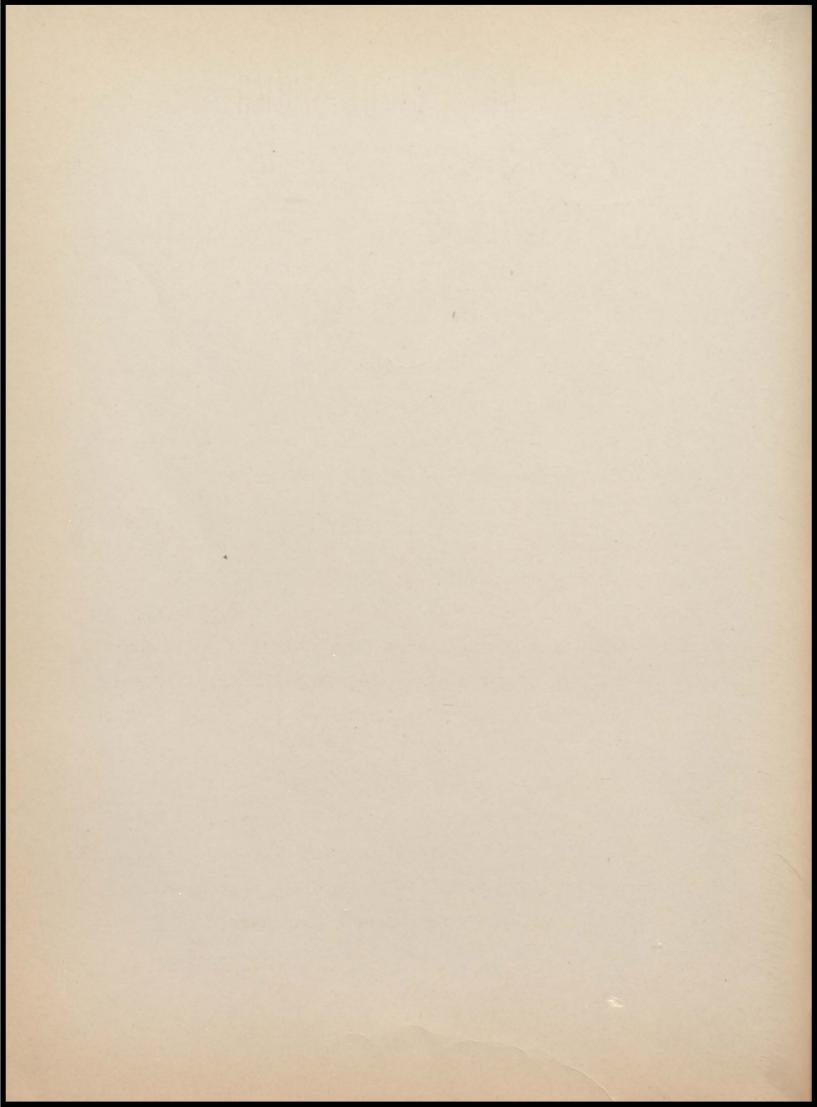
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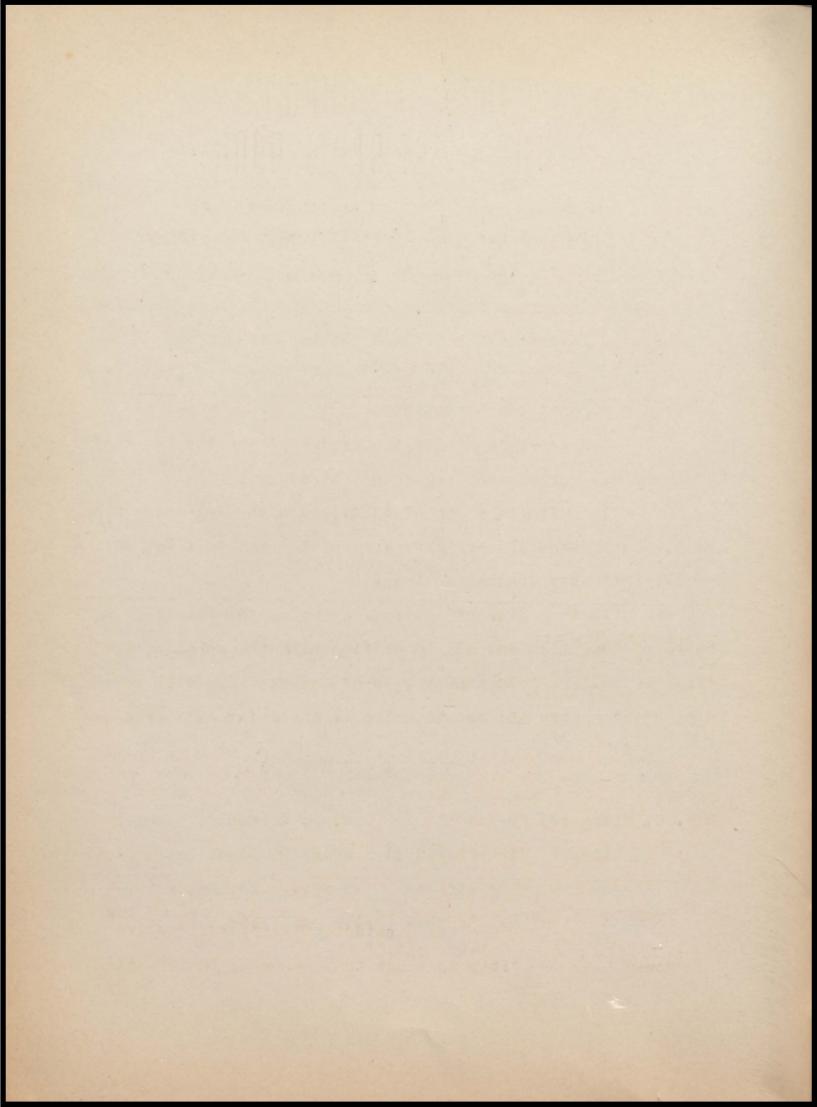
Congratulations to the graduates of the Class of 1944 and may success and happiness attend you.

The efforts of the faculty under the able direction of B. Clark Campbell are very commendable and to them, also, we extend hearty congratulations.

To the Student Body as a whole, the Faculty, the Board of Education and all identified with the school activities we believe this school year at Oquawka High will remain a pleasant memory and one to which we may point with pride.

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REGULARLY AND RELAX

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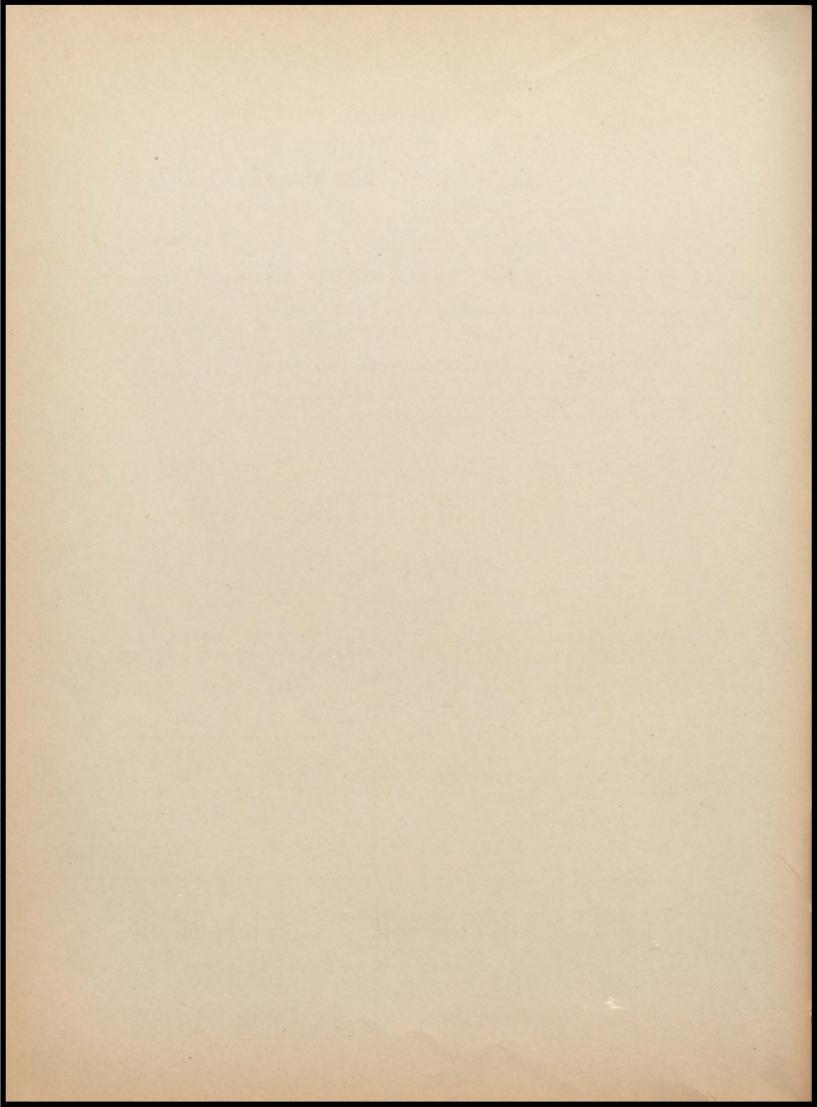
OQUAWKA, ILLINOIS

School Vistor: "So, you like your English, do you?" Biil: "Yes! "It's the only book that's big enough to hide a detective story." School Vistor: "So."

Stanley Frank looked long and thoughtfully at the second examination question which read: "State the number of tons of coal shipped out of the United States in any given year."

Then has brow cleared and he wrote: 1492 -- none."

Traffic Officer: "As soon as I saw you come around the curve I said to myself, 'forty-five at least,'" Woman Driver: "It's this hat that makes me look so old."



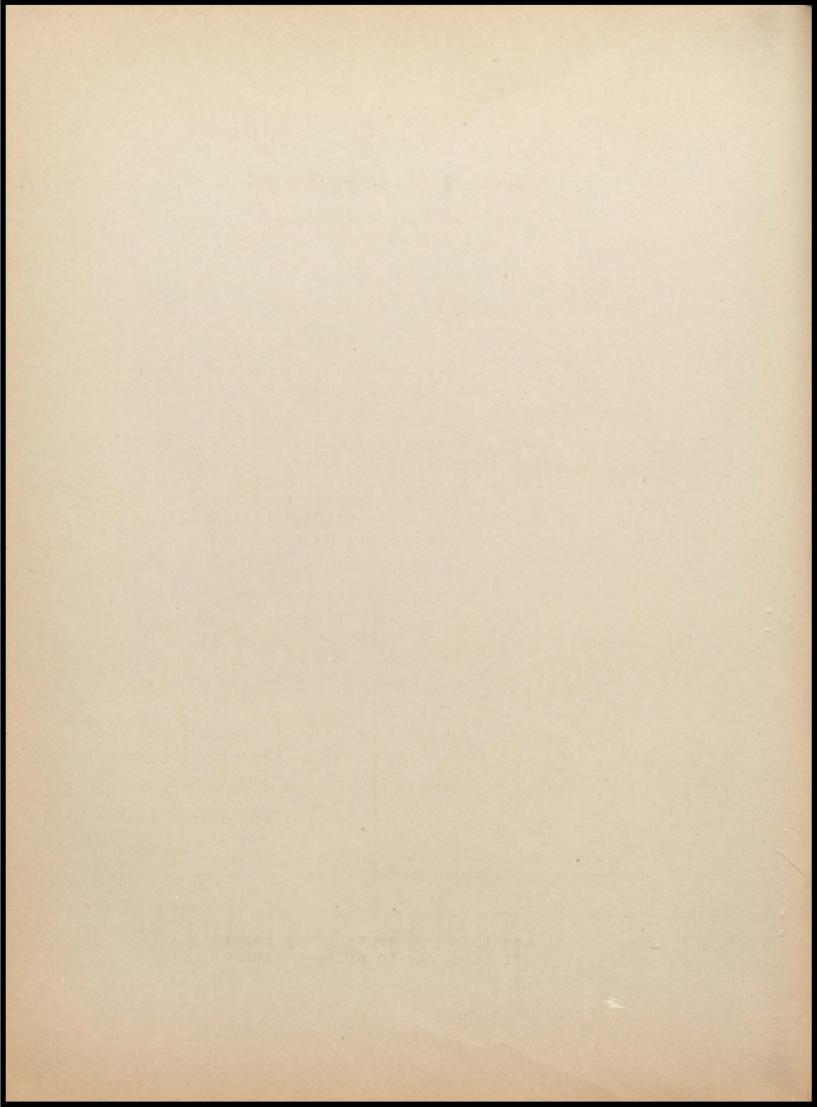
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Miss Jamison: "Who was the Smartest Inventor?" Robert: "Thomas A. Edison. He invented the phonograph and the radio so people would stay up all night and use his electric light bulbs."

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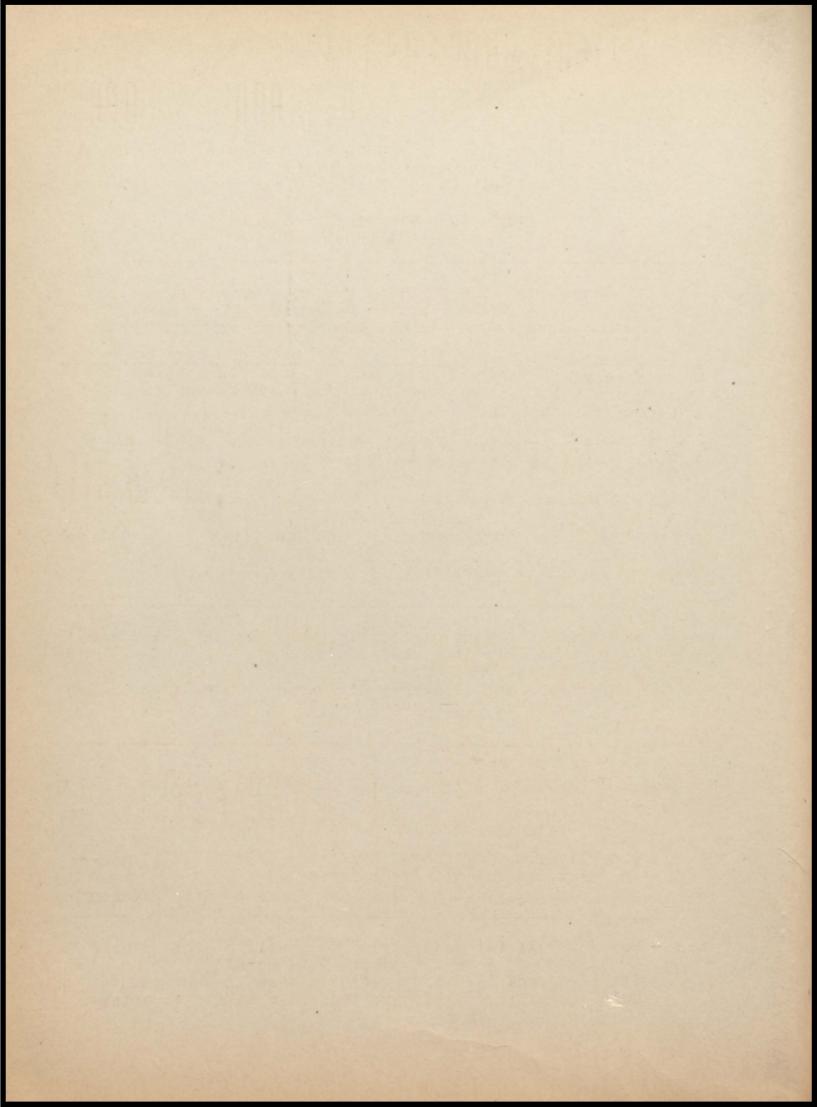
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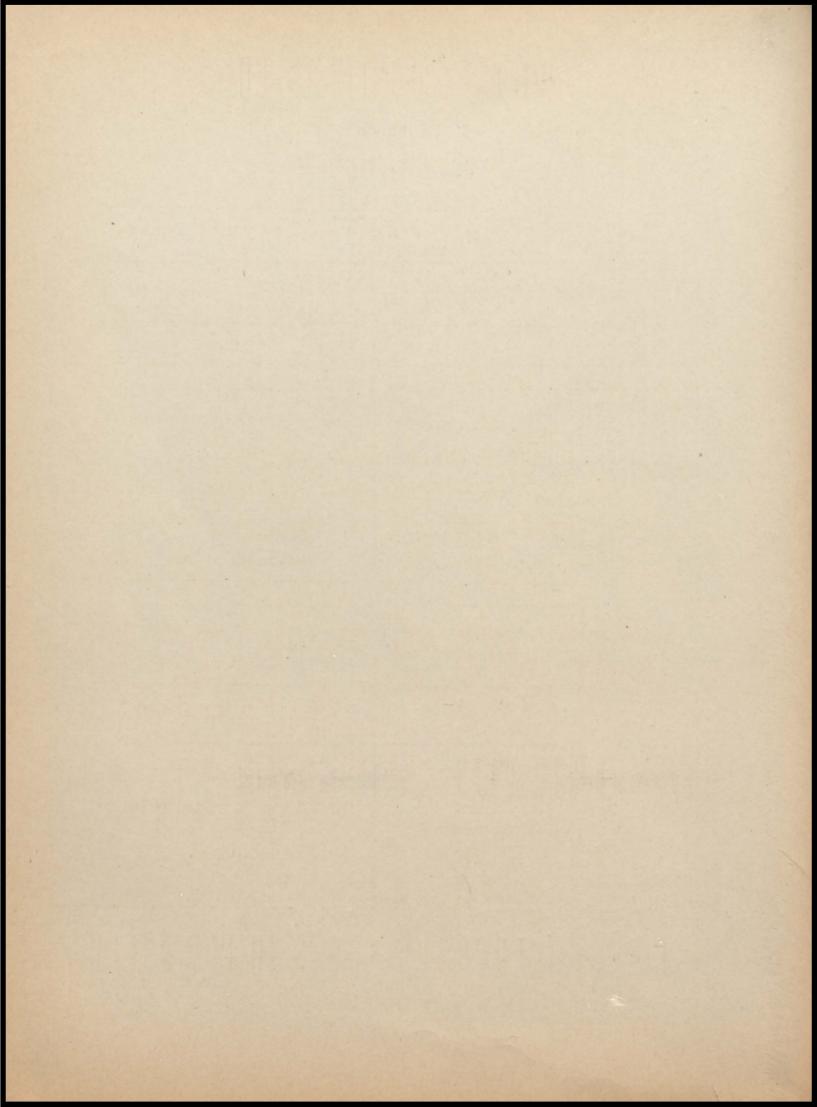
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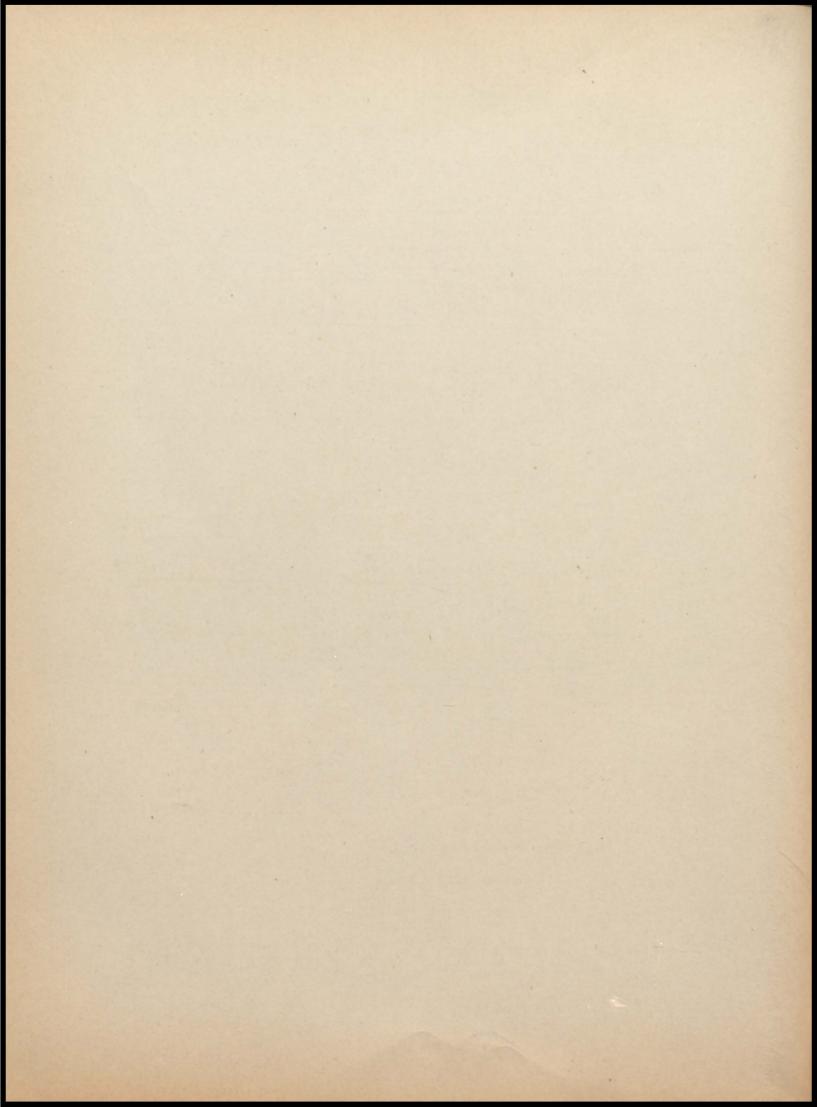
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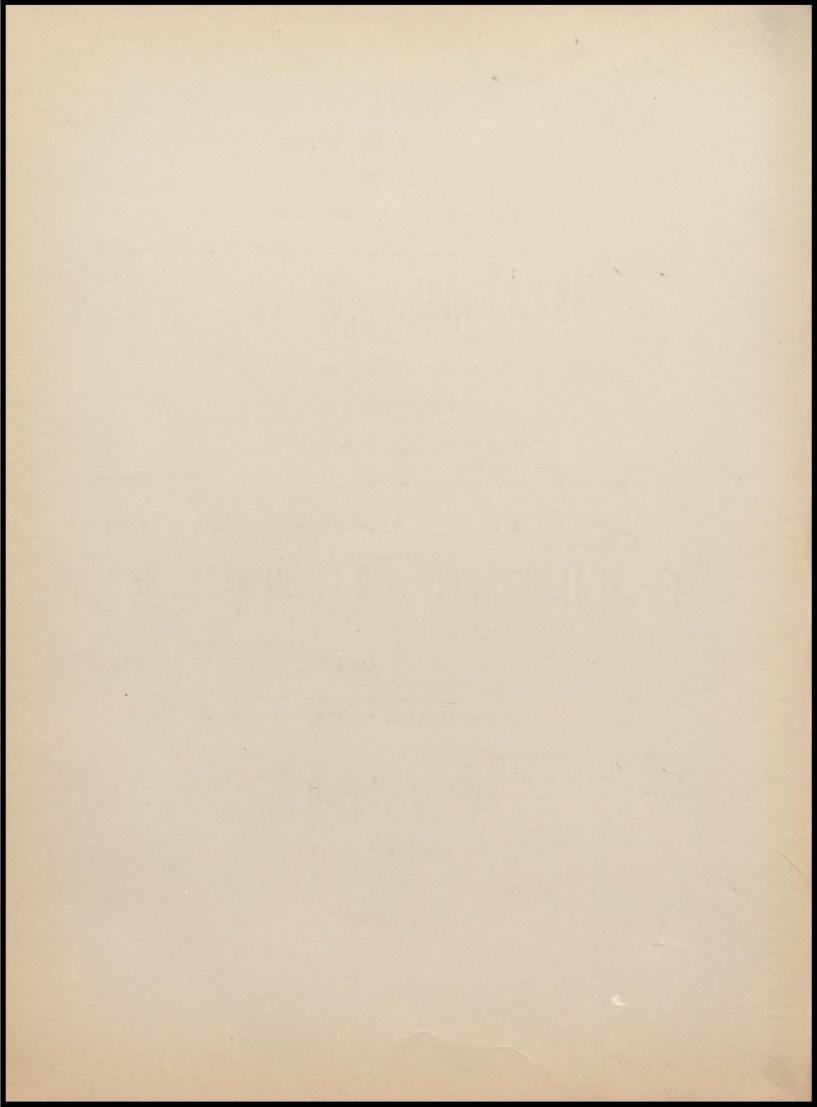
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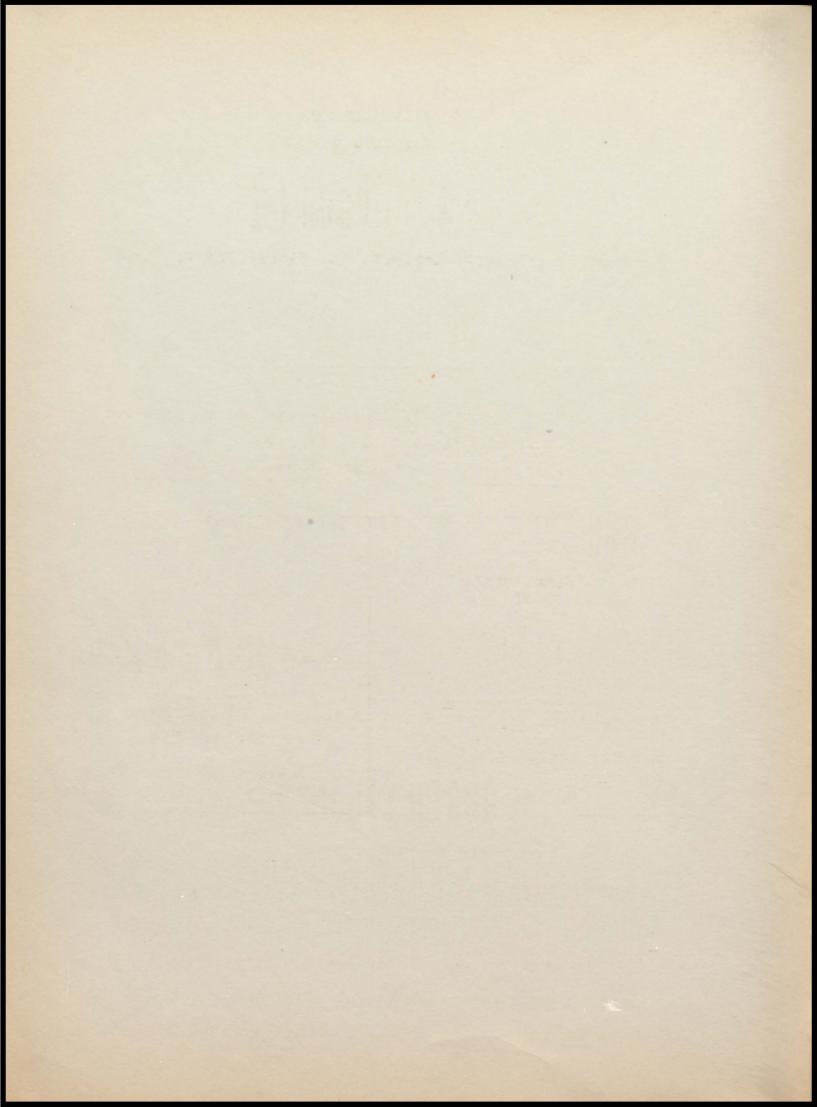
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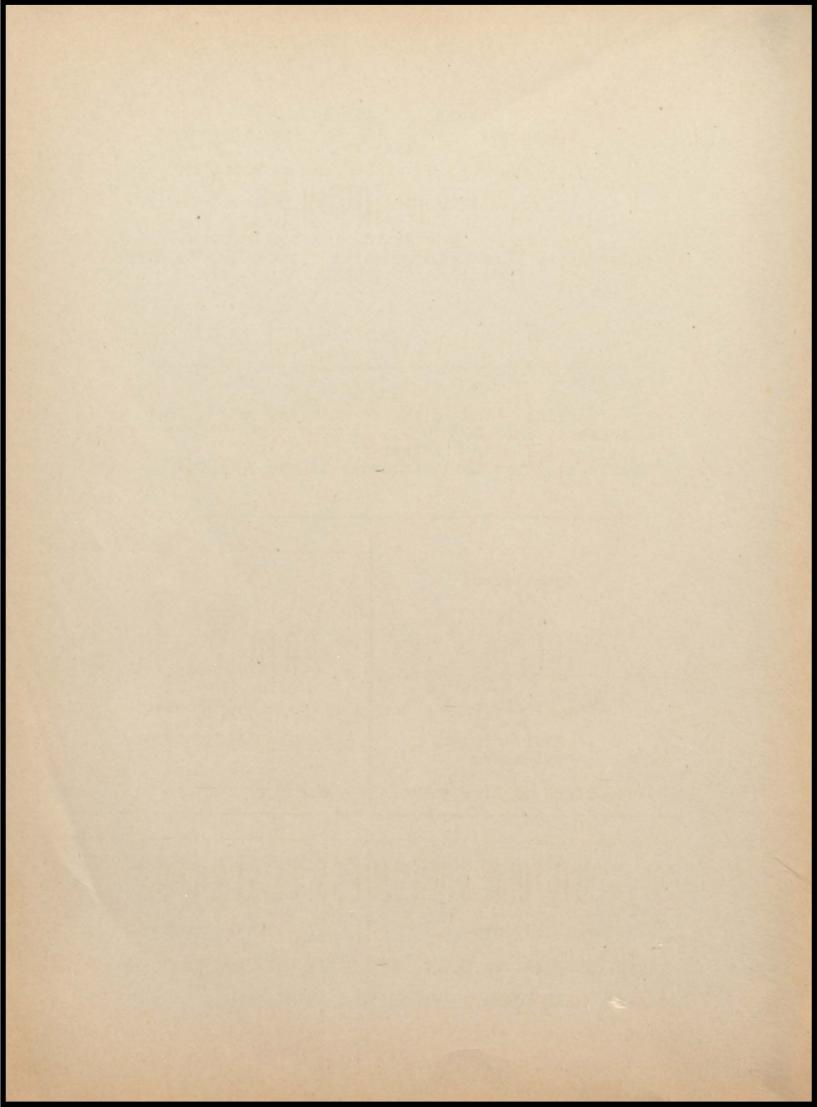
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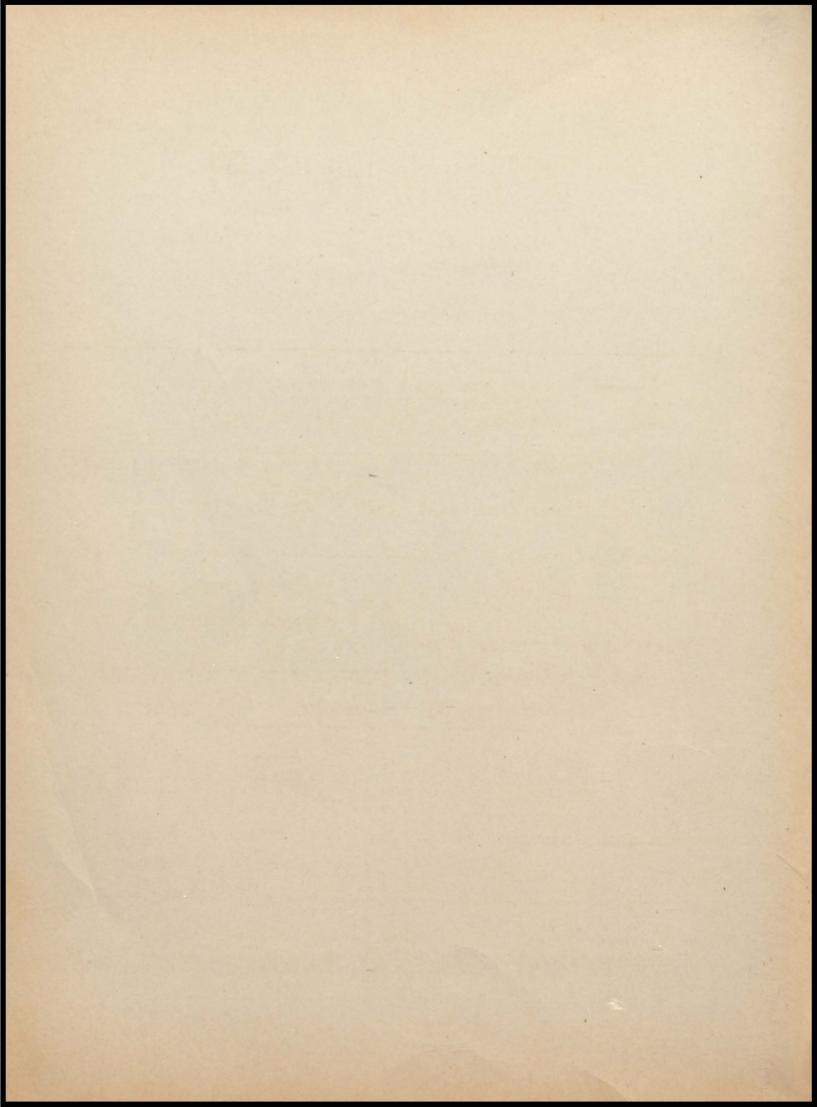
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