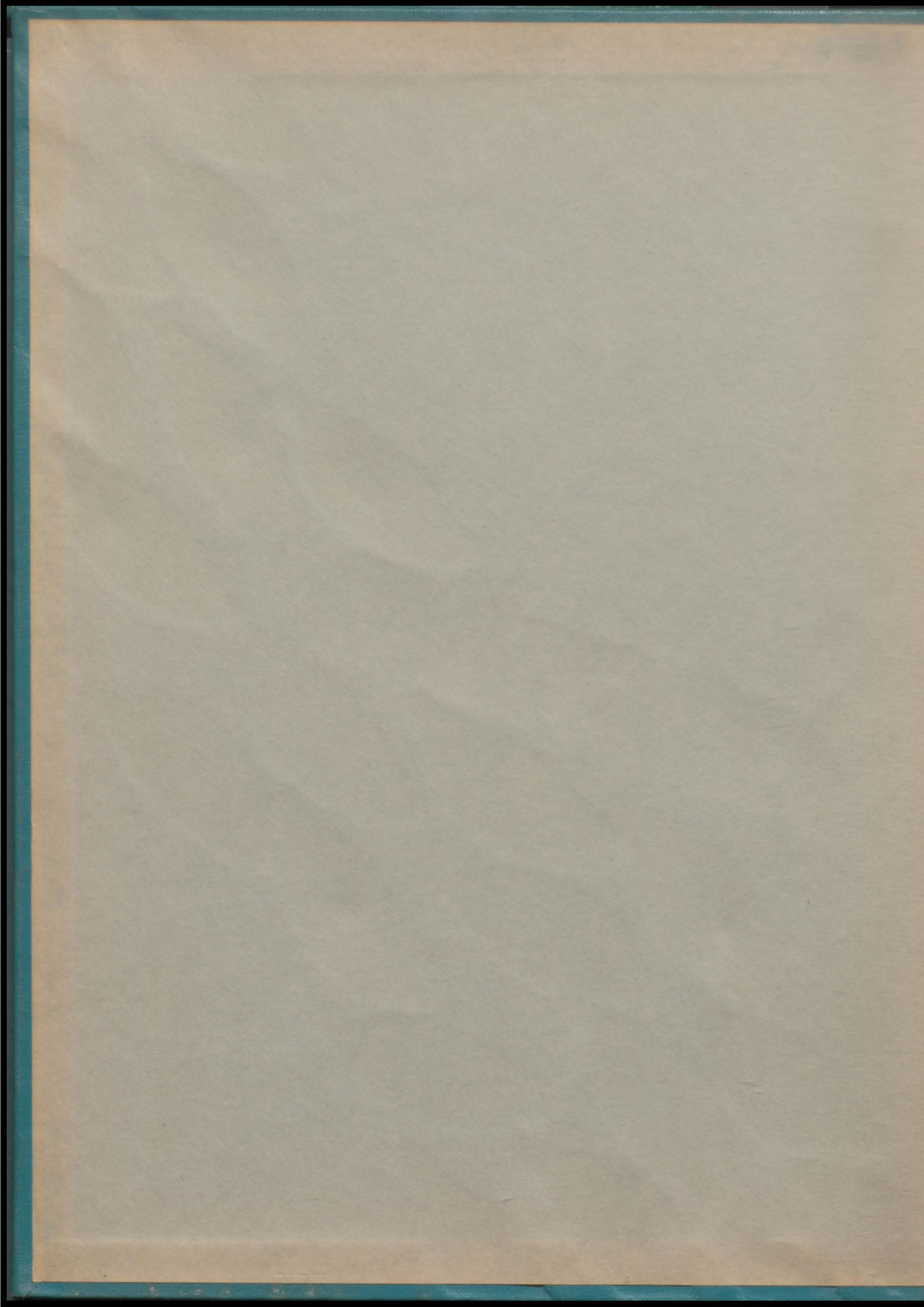
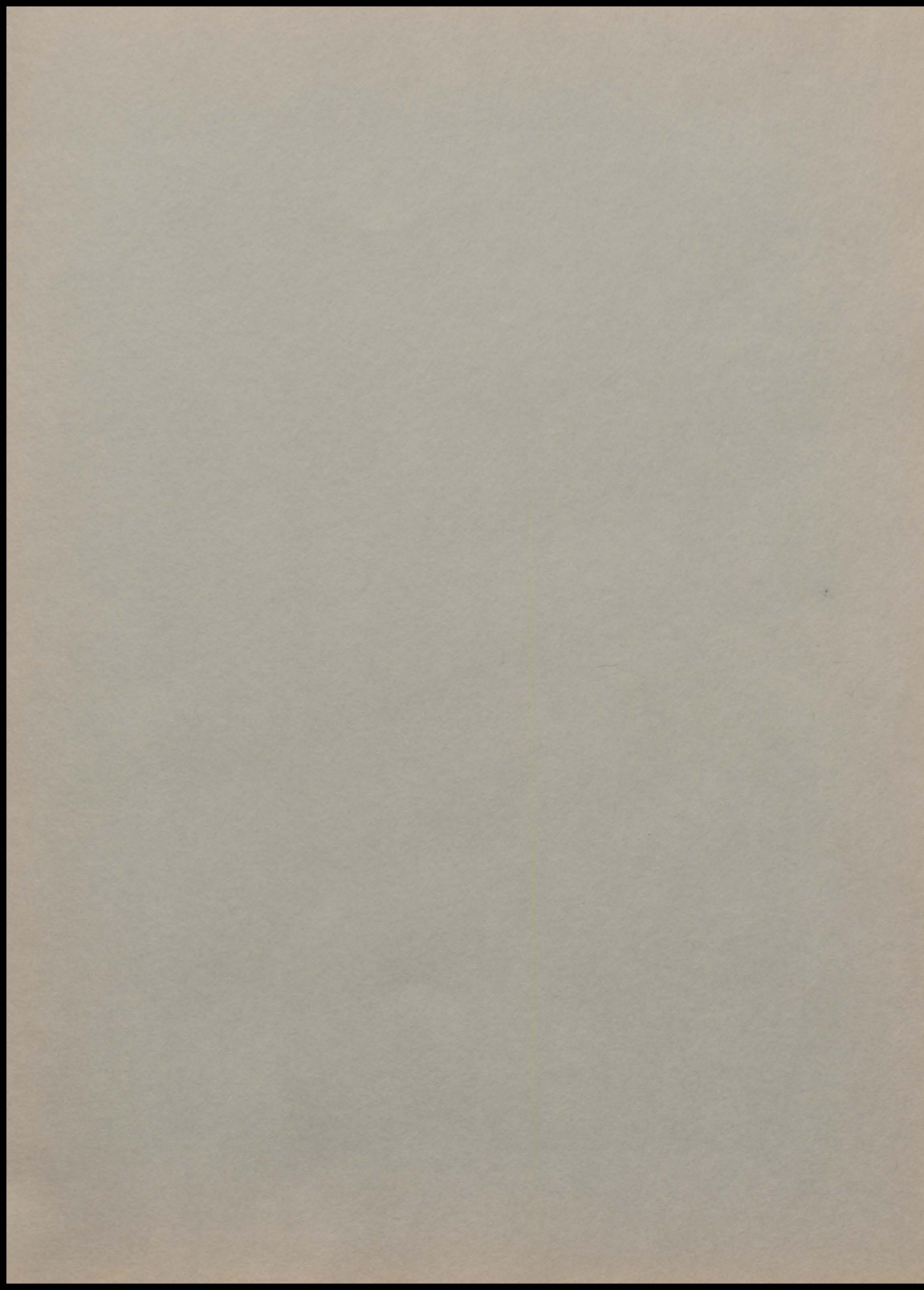


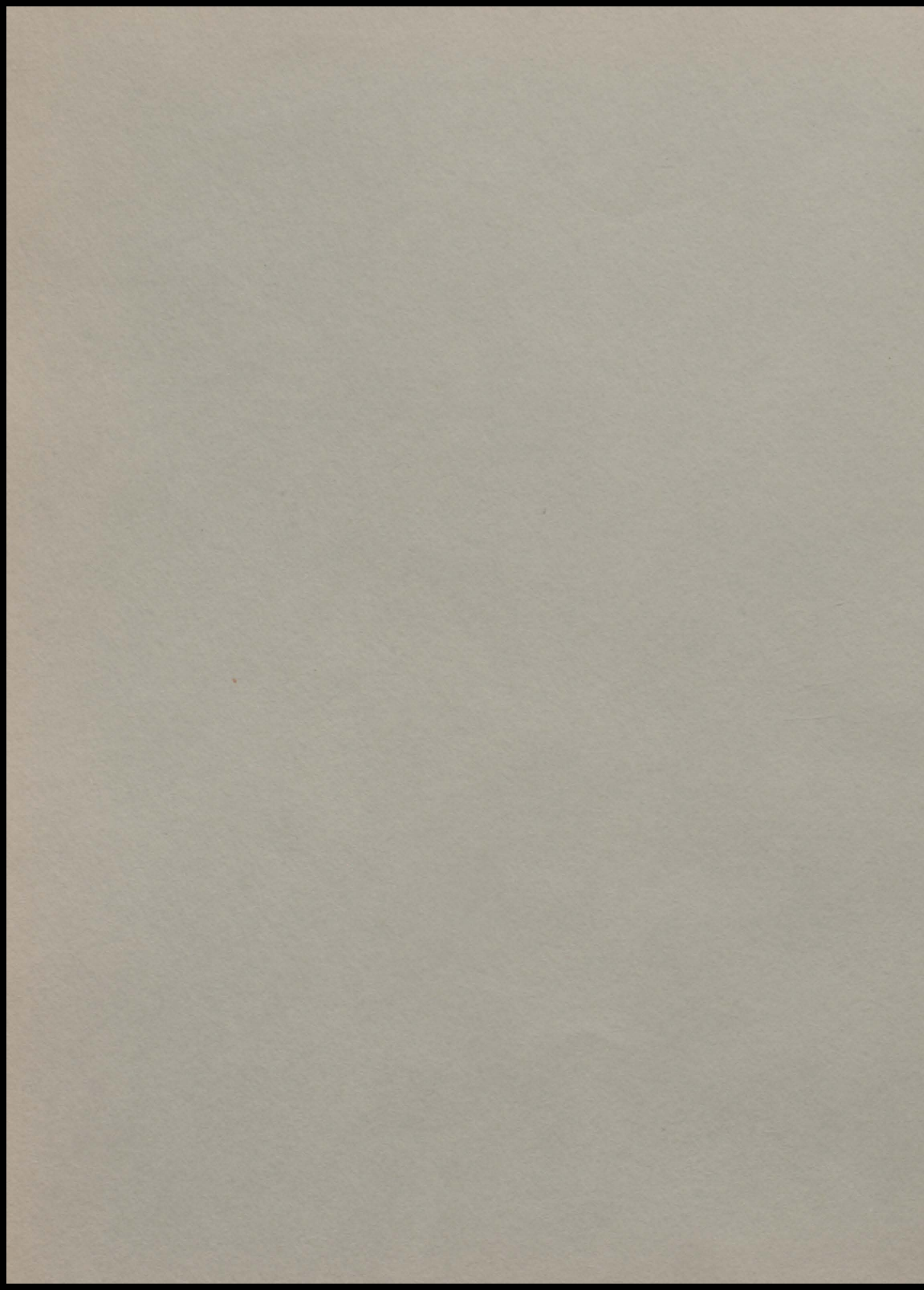
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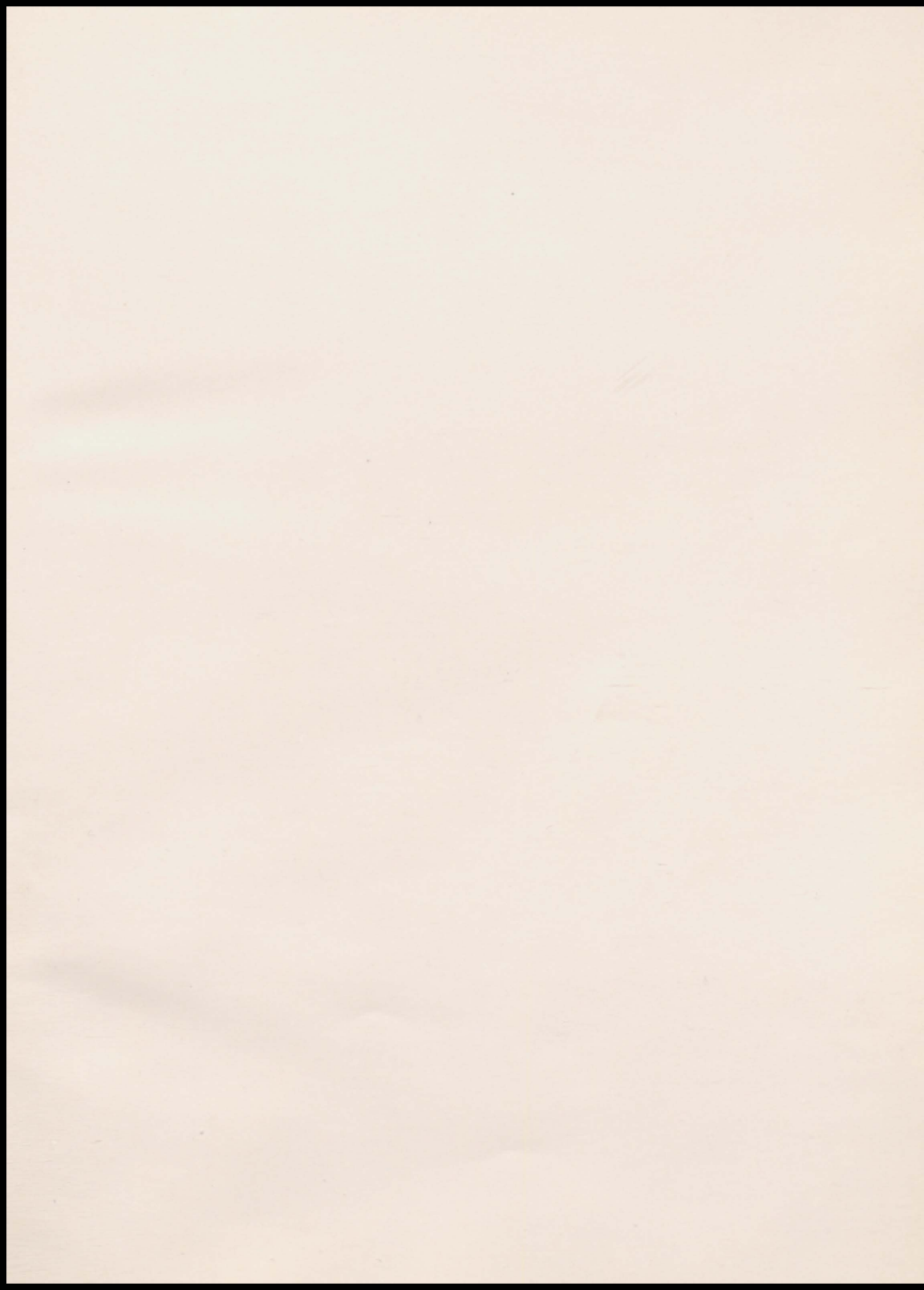
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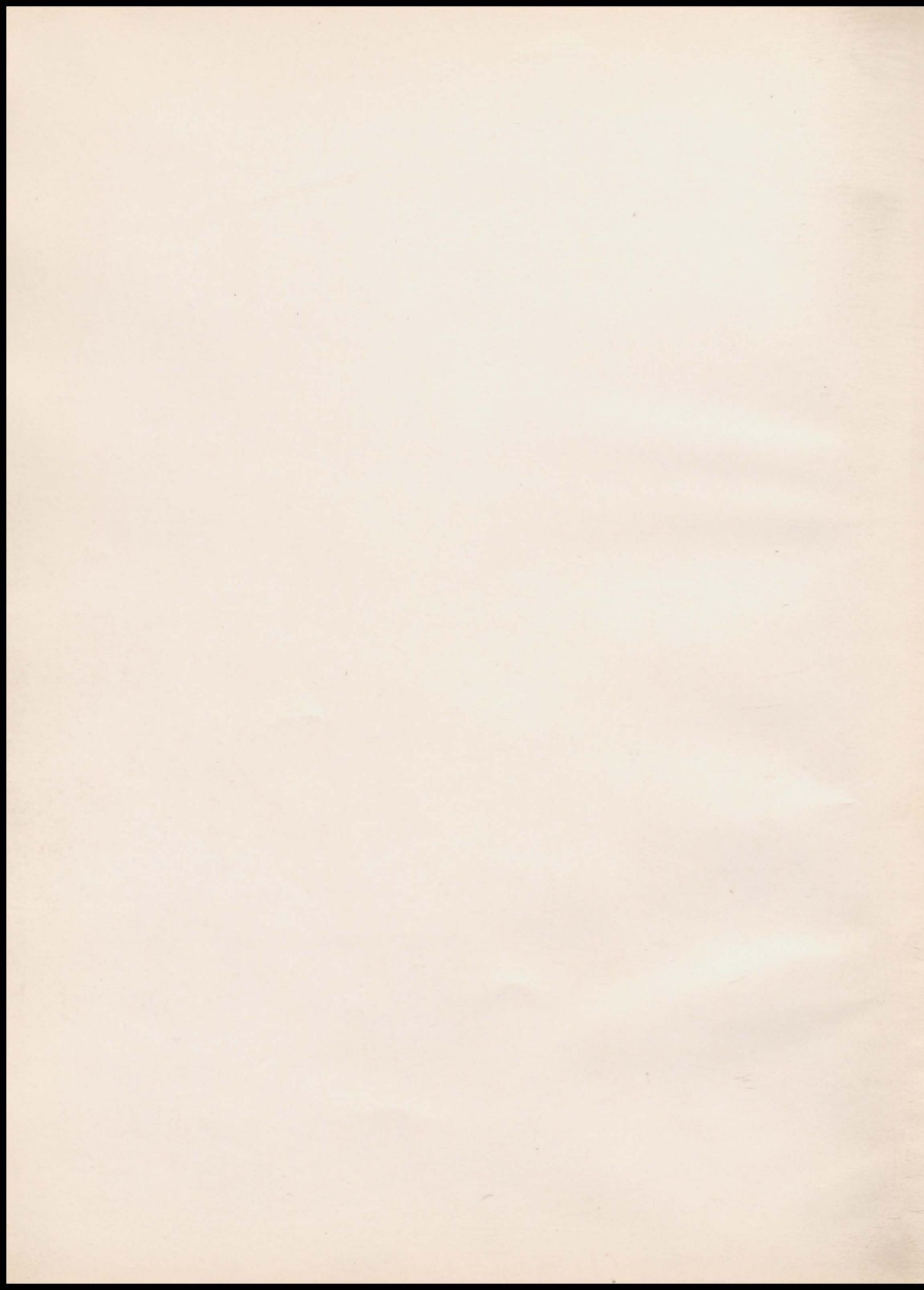
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The class is ready as Miss Sutter says, "Fifteen minute time-writing; five space indentation; double spacing; set your margin!"

HAPPY DAYS AT SHS

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Our favorite pianist accompanies our new singing discoveries of SHS.

"Wish I were getting these dolls for Christmas!"



"Ah! Cold water at last!"



Happy days at SHS are many and varied. From the first bright Fall day when school begins to the last warm Spring day, there is an abundance of fun, frolic, and laughter.

There are our wonderful assemblies, some of which we will long remember, and special activities, too numerous to mention. Dances, sports, and plays, too, are always looked forward to and appreciated. A special attraction this year, and worth mentioning, is the addition of cold water—really ice cold—fountains in the halls. Oh! How we loved them!

And at three thirty-five—who will ever forget the wild rush to be dismissed, in spite of the fact that we knew that our happiest days were probably the ones we spent at SHS.



"Never thought that final bell would ring."



The "mad scientists" of the sixth period chemistry class look as though they're trying to blow up the school.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SENIOR YEAR



Dolores, Lovey, and Cynthia stroll to school on a sunny Fall morning.



"Wonder if he'll ask page 88?" ask Gene, Gary, and Barb.



"You'll have to reach, Jerry. I'm too short," exclaims Lyn Koontz.



"Make sure my eyes are brown," Marion reminds Mr. Carter.

What is a senior? Well, he is a specially privileged person who is happy to think that he will soon be out of school and on his own, yet sad, because he also knows that he must soon leave the sheltered life within the walls of SHS.

A senior is a student, intent on learning chemistry and firm in his belief that he will be another Einstein. He is a person with the best seats in assembly and also the first one allowed to leave. The loudest cheering at games and pep meetings, you can be sure, comes from the senior section. A senior participates in sports, clubs, plays, or any other activity offered, and usually supports his choice with great enthusiasm.

Oh, a senior is a great many more things. He thinks himself great, kind, generous, helpful, unbeatable, and, as mentioned before—a privileged character. And you know what? He is! !



Alice, Evelyn, and Noreen look on as Caroleen hands Audrey a star for the Y-Teen tree.



The final day arrives! Tom Ribich presents the Senior Key to Frannie Conti.

ADMINISTRATION

A school is only as strong as its foundation and a school's foundation is its administration. This being so, then SHS will long stand.

We are really fortunate in having a superintendent like Mr. Bailly. He is a kindly man who really understands our most complicated problems. He tries to the best of his ability to help us in every way possible.

Mr. Weichel, our principal, is always ready to offer help and encouragement. He aids

students with projects, helps them seek vocations or colleges, and gives students understanding talks to boost their morale—and grades. A student who sincerely seeks his help never goes away empty handed.

Behind the entire organization of the school is the Board of Directors, which takes care of finances, school upkeep, and other problems which most of us are not aware of but which are of prime importance to the smooth running of our schools.



CARL S. BAILLY
Superintendent of Schools



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Secretary, Superintendent's Office



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Secretary, Principal's Office



Seated: Charles J. Wright, Jr.; Margaret Graf Willson, secretary; Clarence H. Lewis, president;
Charles Thomas, vice-president; John R. Smith, solicitor.
Standing: Dr. Roy M. Smith, Dr. Leonard A. Burgard, Frank Stewart, Clyde O. Brugh.

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SENIORS

OUTSTANDING SENIORS



The following students were selected by a vote of the senior class:

Top Row—

Most active in school affairs: Carol Farkas, Bob Lucas; Most popular: Marian Havranek, Tom Fulton; Most likely to succeed: Marjie Adams, Larry Camberg.

Second Row—

Best looking: Dan Scott, Caroleen Beninati; Nicest personality: Augie Tammariello, Jovonna Cimino; Most athletic: Jerry Jones, LaVerne Harper.

Third Row—

Wittiest: Pat Robinson, Gary Haberle; Neatest: Donna Alexander, Ronnie Scharbo.

See Page 66 for "runners up."

SENIOR MAY CROWNING

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Marian Havranek, May Queen



Joann Chadwick, Maid of Honor
Georgia Simko
Carol Beninati



Donna Alexander
Barbara Dufalla
Gertrude Wahl



SENIOR CLASS PLAY

Put your "Best Foot Forward" in rehearsal! From upper left: Marion Venturella, Mary Ann Holley, Pat Robinson, Carol Farkas, Georgetta Catone, and Marlene Seman try to strike up a pose; Sam Begg, Tex Ritter, Ken Jones, Bob Dreistadt, and Lewis Ruth are reprimanded by Larry Camberg and Augie Tammariello; Bob and Sam look surprised; Tex, Ken, Sam, Bob,

and Lew receive instructions from Jerry Jones; Jack McKibben and Carol Farkas try to impress Bob and Lou Byers; Sam, Ken, Lew, and Tex watch while Carol and Bob pose for Lou, and here they are: seated: Marion, Mary Ann, Pat, Lew, Georgetta, Marlene, Carol. Standing: Karlin Clinger, Tex, Ken, Bob, Sam, Lou, Jack, Augie, Jerry, Miss Emmerling, Larry.



Madeline, Jovonna, Marjie. Seated: Carol, Larry.

QUILL AND SCROLL

Honored for outstanding work on the Valistic and Swissvalian by membership in Quill and Scroll were Madeline Klaus, Jovonna Cimino, Marjie Adams, Carol Farkas, and Larry Camberg. In order to become a member of this international society, a student must not only make an exceptional contribution to school publications but must also stand in the upper third of the class scholastically.

Marian, Larry, Bob, Carol.

SWISSVALIAN EDITORS

Marian Havranek and Larry Camberg, co-editors of the 1956 SWISSVALIAN, look over senior layouts with Bob Lucas, business manager, and Carol Farkas, literary editor. These students spent many extra hours after school to prepare this yearbook. They hope you like it!





MARJORIE MAY ADAMS

Pert, poised Marjie, with her beautiful, expressive eyes, played a major part in dramatics, Y-Teen, and the Valistic. She worked wonders with pencil and brush for many school activities and made as much noise with her trumpet as she did captaining intramurals. Picture her surrounded by thirty little tots in a mission school.

DONNA MARIE ALEXANDER

Donna was one of the most attractive girls in the senior class. Her personality, appearance, and manner will assure her success in the business world. As for her interests, she enjoys dancing and just any kind of sports. Taking care of the money for Y-Teen and for Room 7 was one of her many jobs.



JAMES ALLEN AMTOWER

Jim, one of the nicest boys in school, was very active when it came to intramurals — with Room 7, of course. Besides being dependable in sports, Spider was also a member of the Bowling Club for two years. Potomac State College is next on his schedule, and after that—engineering.

ANITA LOUISE ANDRECHAK

Punky, our pint-sized package of wit and charm, never failed to make an attractive appearance. Her warm personality and bright smile will certainly aid her when she becomes a secretary for some "handsome boss." Experience on the Valistic will help, too.



AUDREY ANNE ARTEM

"Oh, those beautiful eyes!" fits this talented dancer very well. She is another member of the famous SHS Hall Patrol. Y-Teen and Valistic wouldn't have been the same without Scoobie. Swimming and driving are favorites of hers and her ambition is to make Broadway someday.

EDWARD JOHN AUGUSTY

Now here is a boy whose pet peeve is rather unusual—short gym classes, with not enough time for laps! Gus expects to join the Air Force when he gives up Room 11, but in the meantime he likes to tinker with cars, while away the 25 minute periods, and take part in intramurals.



ANTHONY BARBARINO

This popular lad is tall, dark —and handsome, too. Neat clothes and a hearty chuckle always identified his presence. Football, baseball, basketball, Choir, and especially Student Council were a few of his interests. Tony hopes to further his education in college next fall.

GERALDINE BARRY

Pep meetings and assemblies were Gerry's happiest times in school. This member of Room 23 also enjoyed Y-Teen, Camera Club, and bowling. She will have to change her mind, though, about men drivers if she really wants to be an airline hostess.



JOSEPH BATTAGLIA

Joe, our senior class treasurer, was a scrappy guard on the football team. Weight lifting is a great hobby of "Little Joe's" and has already won him some prizes. His tumbling at May Day activities has gained him the admiration of all. His fondness for algebra will help this future engineer.

SAMUEL N. BEGG

Always on the go—that's Beggsy! And when it comes to math, he really can go. Sam was a member of the Choir, Camera Club, and Intercom Crew. Plans for his future include college next Fall, and then he'll be down in the mouth (as a dentist, that is).

**CAROLEEN FRANCES
BENINATI**

Carole is an attractive and well-liked girl. She has been ever faithful to Room 3, as she has played in intramurals for three years. Carole spends her spare time swimming, dancing, and bowling. She is a whiz at shorthand and plans to put it to good use when a secretary.

JOSEPH BRATTINA

Although Joe's hobby is CARS, he plans to enlist in the Air Force after graduation and use his talents for mechanics aiding Uncle Sam. Joe's job during the past year was—you guessed it—in a parking lot! Intramural sports were Joe's favorite activity in school.

LAWRENCE R. CAMBERG

Larry, the capable co-editor of the SWISSVALIAN, was also sports editor of the Valistic. With his great interest in sports, he has made them his hobby. Larry's was a familiar voice around school, both with the Choir and the Intercom Crew. In addition he announced at all the football games—good experience for this future radio broadcaster.

JOSEPH CAPEZZUTO

Joe was the "Michael Angelo" of the Class of '56; he earned this title because of his hobby of painting in oils. The Valistic mimeograph, the Choir, and Stage Crew have had the services of this "good Joe" for the past three years. His ambition to be an engineer starts next Fall.

**GEORGETTA ANN
CATONE**

Full of bounce, with snappy dark eyes—thar's George. When anyone needed art work done, especially for the Valistic or stage scenery, they always called on her. The Y-Teen, Glee Club, "My Little Margie," and Frank's Bakery kept George continually on the run.

ELEANOR LOUISE BODNER

This SHS lass really has the pep when it comes to leading the students in a cheer. Eno has added her writing talent to the Valistic for two years and has also participated in the Glee Club, Bowling Club, Camera Club, and Y-Teen. The business world comes next for Eno.

LOUIS HALE BYERS

Lou claims that what he likes best about school is "between periods," which accounts for those split second arrivals in class. An avowed interest in gossip and girls explains this further. Playing the harmonica, reading science fiction, and engaging in gymnastics are a few of this future traveler's activities.

**AUDREY ANN
CAPEZZUTO**

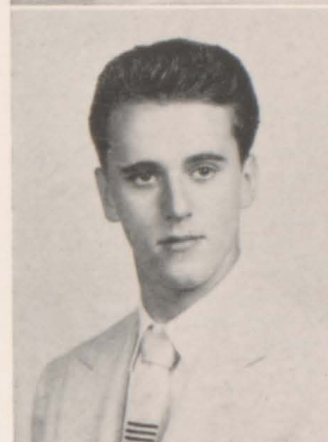
A pretty face and snappy dark eyes belong to Tootsie, whose pep made her an important member of the Bowling Club, Camera Club, Y-Teen, and Room 11's intramural teams. Tootsie's ambition is to operate an IBM machine after a training course at their downtown school.

JAMES CARSON

This "Rolling Stone" is trying to change the proverb and gather some moss, especially by using his vocal cords. Until he makes his mark in the entertainment world, Jim hopes to get a government job. Another talent is dancing; when you see some real cool steps, there you'll find Jim.

MICHAEL J. CENCARIK

Mike, an active member of the Camera Club, also had a real interest in Room 7's intramural contributions. In the future—next year, to be exact—the air will have another inhabitant, as Mike will join the Air Force. After that, he may come around pestering you to buy the product he'll be selling.



JOANN CHADWICK

Besides being one of our prettiest seniors, Joann has a warm personality and a quick smile. Forever loyal to Room 23, she was a member of their intramural teams—both in basketball and volleyball. It's no surprise to us that this Prom Court attendant hopes to make a career of a happy marriage someday.

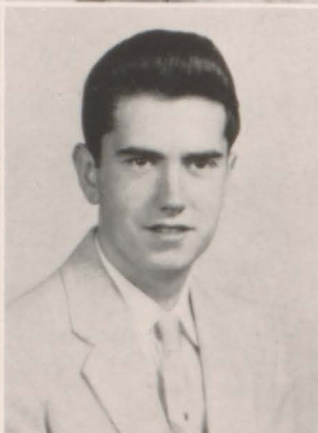


DOROTHY JUNE CHARNICK

Dot was one of Mr. Brace's "daffy drivers" and a member of the Valistic, Y-Teen, and Glee Club. A cheery word and an untiring smile helped make many a fellow student happy. She was part of the group of faithful fans who attended all the sports. The business world will have another secretary in Dot.

JOVONNA EILEEN CIMINO

A beautiful girl with a contagious laugh, Jovonna was one of our most active seniors. Besides being in the Glee Club, Y-Teen, and feature editor of the Valistic, she also was president of the junior class, president of Room 3 for two years, and Prom Court attendant. College, she hopes, is next.



THOMAS CLAWSON

Everybody knows Tom, a familiar figure in the halls and at the Star Market. Tom and his record collection were invaluable at school dances, and he expects to turn that hobby into a business one of these days when he opens his own record shop.

KARLIN ANN CLINGER

Kar is one of the charming senior girls who was interested in Y-Teen and Valistic as well as in her hobbies—driving, dancing, and bowling. Although she likes to drive herself, she just hates women drivers! Business school will take up her time for a few years, and then, a good job.



JOSEPH M. COLONDRE

Well liked by everyone, Joey was at his best on the baseball diamond (around second base) at all times between March and August. He was also a lively participant in Room 21's intramural competition. Some college campus will be made better by his presence next year.

THOMAS COSTELLO

Tom was a newcomer, but that didn't stop him from making himself right at home in the senior class. He took part in Room 21's intramurals and promptly joined the Camera Club. To get that diploma, to be a success, and to make plenty of money add up to Tom's plans for the coming years.



WILLIAM COTTOM

A great outdoors boy, Bill particularly enjoys hunting. For a career, however, he would like to do office work. A course at business school, naturally, will follow SHS. This tall red-head was one of those important behind-the-scenes workers at plays and assemblies.

ALBERT B. CRAMER

Elmer is one of those lads who gives all he has to a sport, whether he be in the starting position or not. But besides being a great sports enthusiast, he was also a standout in the classroom. Among his varied interests are sports, stamp collecting, and reading. Engineering at Penn State is next for him.



COSIMO CRAVOTTA

A favorite sight at all football games is that big bass drum with Cosy behind it, beating away. He plans to attend college next Fall and after that go into business with his father. Music and cars appeal to Cosy and he knows plenty about each.

CYNTHIA YVONNE CRAWFORD

There is never a dull moment with Cinny! She kept that first floor and especially Room 7 on the beam with her antics. Cinny is a lover of good music and enjoyed singing with the Glee Club. Business school is next for her, and then secretarial work.



GARY DANIELS

A regular outdoors boy is Gary, who likes above all else to hunt and fish. Maybe that's how he got his unusual nickname, Turtle! He has also played in homeroom sports, especially basketball and volleyball. He looks forward to college next year and a career as a druggist.

CAROL ANN DELLER

Those lovely green eyes and pretty smile can always identify Carol. She sang gaily with the Choir, was in the Bowling Club and Y-Teen, and was a faithful receptionist. Her pet peeve was the long time between weekends. Carol plans to attend college in September.



EILEEN DENNY

This attractive senior hopes to fill the position of receptionist in a big office someday and will start on that road next Fall. Y-Teen and the Camera Club kept her busy, along with her favorite activity — attending football games. Eileen was a firm believer in seniors leaving assembly first. Make a note, underclassmen!

VINCENT R. DESIMONE

A likable young chap like Vince can only be found in SHS. He is looking forward to graduation with great "anticipation." Vince was a member of the Bowling Club for two years and worked on the Stage Crew for three. He plans to go to college and study engineering.



ROSE MARIE DICHIERA

Rose was a happy, smiling senior who spent her first periods over the mimeoscope in Room 6. Y-Teen, Bowling Club, the Valistic, and making pizza were among her chief interests. To be an efficient private secretary is Bootsie's ambition. Her sweet voice made many assemblies more pleasant.

CAROLE JEAN DONNELLY

Carole, who claimed Room 28 as her second home, is a quiet and talented girl. Gifted with a flair for writing, she hopes someday to earn enough to go to Duke University and major in journalism. Until then, she has been contributing her clever poems to the Valistic.



ALICE PATRICIA DOYLE

Study periods and pep meetings, Y-Teen and Glee Club, swimming and dancing — all these topped Alice's list of pleasant things to do, in and out of school. Her ambition is to attend nursing school. Her pleasant personality makes this a good choice.

MARY ELIZABETH DRAVECKY

A future nurse, Mary plans to enter the Montefiore School of Nursing in the Fall to specialize in the field of psychiatry. Choir, Y-Teen, and Camera Club were high on her list of "do's" as well as loafing, talking, and dancing. "Smart Alec" driving heads her list of "don't's."



ROBERT DREISTADT

Bob really enjoyed those active 25 minute periods in Room 3, though more often than not he was in the "Broadcasting Room" with the sound crew or backstage working on scenery. This boy looks like a sure bet to achieve his ambition — a career as an electrical engineer after C.I.T.

**BARBARA ELVA DUFALLA**

With her beautiful blue eyes goes a smile to match. To be a freshman in college is her hope for the Fall—and then some lucky schoolroom will be brightened with Barbara's beauty and personality. Dufy's alertness lends very well to Room 3's intramurals.

**SUZANNE DORIS DUNAY**

Our fair-haired, blue-eyed Sue has done a terrific job as editor of the Valistic. In addition, high school was brightened for her by Student Council, Y-Teen, Keough's jeep, and driving. Sue's attractive appearance and her reliability are just the assets she needs to make a successful secretary.

**EILEEN MARIE EARLY**

Visitors to our school got a good first impression when they were greeted by Eileen at the receptionist's desk. Among her favorite activities were the Valistic and Y-Teen. Business school and a job that pays lots of money sound good to Eileen.

**DOLORES EVANCHEC**

Dolly joined our class at the beginning of her junior year, having come from Baltimore. She has been a good sport and everyone's friend. The candy counter won't be the same next year with Dolly not there filling her sweet tooth!

**CAROL ANN FARKAS**

A mainstay of Room 28 and of the senior class in general is Carol, whose interest in all school activities and whose reliability are unquestioned. Under her leadership the Y-Teen flourished and the literary portion of the yearbook moved steadily forward. It will be hard for SHS to give Carol up to some college!

**PATRICIA ANN FERRENCE**

Pat's pleasing smile and happy way kept the candy counter in the front hall going. She also lent her enthusiasm to the Y-Teen, Glee Club, and Room 6's Valistic staff. And remember her role in "My Little Margie"? Either business school or a secretarial job will claim Pat soon.

**DOLORES JEAN FLETCHER**

One of the most pleasant personalities in school belonged to Dolores, who never seemed to be ruffled or upset. Business law classes and chemistry made up her happiest hours while in school. Her fondness for children ought to make her a great success in a Nursery Nursing School.

**PHILOMENA MARIE FLOTTA**

In a pinch? Call on Phil! She was always ready to step right in and do her best—and do it cheerfully. Her lovely voice won acclaim in the Christmas program, and her skillful typing is another accomplishment. Will she settle for a singing or a secretarial career?

**JOAN CAROLE FORGIONE**

Joan, a faithful member of SHS's hall patrol, could often be heard saying, "You don't know, do you?" Always ready for fun and laughs (except when it came to those early morning classes) she enjoyed Camera Club and Y-Teen. Someday Joan hopes to be an interior decorator.

**MARLENE FRANCES FRANK**

A cute little Bunny with a great big smile! Marlene hopes a course at a local business school will help her attain a job as a government secretary. She enjoys dancing, driving, and had a lot of fun playing volleyball for Room 28. Y-Teen, Camera Club, and Valistic were among her other school activities.

THOMAS FULTON

Troubs is a born leader and his record at SHS proves it—sophomore class president, junior and senior vice-president, homeroom president for three years, plus many other activities too numerous to mention. One of our grandest seniors, he could always be depended on, no matter what. There just isn't enough room to say what we'd like about him!

DONALD GOOD

Don has been a faithful clerk at Gardill's Drug Store and a reliable member of the Choir. He was one of the fine looking lads who marched at the head of the band with the Color Squad. Don will be roaming the wild blue yonder when Fall rolls around.

GARY HABERLE

The cheer, "Full of Pep," applies to Gary, for he was always rarin' to get in a football, basketball, or baseball game to help the Flashes win. He has been a great help ever since coming here from St. Thomas in Braddock. Next Fall comes college and then an engineering career.

PATRICIA JANE HARENCAME

Pat, a neat senior from Room 21, really found those Monday morning classes hard to take. Participating in intramurals and work on the Valistic and in the Bowling Club made school a little more endurable for her. After school, she plans to become an airline hostess.

GILBERT A. HARRIS

Gibby is a real swell guy who seldom, if ever, complains. He was a member of the baseball team for three years and hopes to play the game professionally. But first he plans to study at the University of Pittsburgh and then be a chemical engineer.

WILLIAM GLENN

Road Eagle Bill is a familiar figure around SHS. Among his numerous good qualities are a pleasant personality and lots of enthusiasm — especially where automobiles are concerned. Bill plans to enter the Navy soon to take up electronics, but during the past year he was busy with his job at Alexander's and with stock car races.

HERMAN L. GOUBEAUD, JR.

Herman's ambitions range from agriculture to architecture, but judging by his interest in art, we'll wager on the latter choice. A Room 7 inhabitant, it's only natural that he should claim chem lab as his favorite school activity. Intramurals belong on his list of interests, too.

WILLIAM ALLAN HAPSIC

Bill came to SHS at the start of the second semester last year, and has fitted right into our class. He has athletic ability in track, but because Swissvale has no track team, that talent went to waste. Bill is working for his father now, doing landscaping, and he hopes to make that his career.

LAVERNE HARPER

Tootie was best known for her dazzling play in intramural basketball and for her two-year captaining of Room 21's team. But the Y-Teen, pep meetings, assemblies appealed to her, too. LaVerne's pleasant manner and neat appearance make her a natural for a career as a dental technician.

JANE WILLETTE HARTZFELD

If you can find a girl with more energy than Janie, show her to us! Aside from being peppy, she was a great supporter of all school activities, especially the Valistic mimeograph crew and the football and basketball teams. To be a florist is Janie's dream for the future.



MARIAN HAVRANEK

Marian was not only our beautiful Prom Queen but was also co-editor of the 1956 SWISSVALIAN, secretary of the senior class, and an active member of the Valistic, Y-Teen, and Glee Club. This future secretary can type—and play a mean game of tennis, too.



HOWARD HOFFMAN

This is one long standing member of the SHS Band, as Howdy has been tooting his trumpet for five years. During the past year he worked on many backstage projects. Automobiles are his favorite pastime next to girls and music. To go to college and be an engineer is Howdy's ambition.

MARY ANN HOLLEY

Holley's hobby is collecting records, but that one leads to another—dancing to them. She was an enthusiastic member of the Camera Club and Bowling Club. One good secretarial lesson she has already learned before entering Robert Morris is how to achieve a neat appearance.



PHYLLIS MARIE HOTUJEC

Phil is another of our attractive blondes, but this one not only plans to be a model but has already begun to prepare for the future by attending the Earl Wheeler school for models. Phyllis enjoys sports, driving, music, Y-Teen, Glee Club, and the Camera Club.

JEROME FRANCIS JACKSON

Jerry was one of the men behind the scenes—as a member of the Stage Crew. His chief interests, besides seeing that all went well on the stage, were Band, Camera Club, and study periods. Could be that his interest in cars will be a help to this future airplane pilot.



JAMES JENKINS

Jim is with the 107th Field Artillery of the Pennsylvania National Guard, but in the Fall he plans to join the Air Force or else enter college to study science. In school his favorite subjects were art and driver training; out of school he enjoys hunting and listening to hillbilly music.

GERALD JONES

Great! Terrific! Swell! That's our Jerry. He added punch to the football team, bounce to the basketball team, and pep to the baseball team, besides working on the SWISSVALIAN. Soft-spoken and well-mannered, Jerry is seriously thinking of entering the ministry.



KENNETH A. JONES

Those clever announcements over the intercom were mainly the work of Kenny. Activities in the classroom and on the sports scene, as well as membership in various clubs, made him an all 'round student. Kenny hopes to enter Annapolis someday and to make a career of the Navy.

CECELIA MAE JONES

Blonde Cel was always ready for a party, especially if it included Mambo music. The expression "Woman driver!" made her boil (because she's one herself). The Camera Club and Bowling Club were among her school activities, as well as being Room 21's salesman. Cel hopes to attend college—and then marry a millionaire.



MARIE ANN JONES

Marie is one of those blonde twins who brightened our class as well as the Bowling Club and Camera Club. Ree is a devotee of Latin American music, dancing, driving, and record collecting. Loud alarm clocks are a necessary evil in her life. A lab technician's job comes next.

KATHRYN ANN JOYCE

Judy is an attractive little mermaid who just loves swimming and water skiing. Although she hasn't made definite plans for next Fall, there is no doubt about what her special activities were—Choir, Y-Teen, Camera Club, intramurals, and handling Room 3's money matters.



EUGENE KANE

Gene's lively personality was such a part of Room 7 we just can't imagine it without him. Weight lifting, playing the piano, and driving the "Merc" help burn up some of his abounding energy, but just wait till he starts studying to be a surgeon!

TERRY L. KELLEY

Terry is an active, sports-minded student. He was a member of the baseball team three seasons and the football team for two. Besides this, he enjoys swimming and has been a life guard. College is next for him, and then he will start designing those tall skyscrapers for us.



THOMAS KELLY

Tim's car was a familiar sight in the parking lot behind good old SHS. He was one of the school's great advocates of dry wit. Graduation and then a hitch in the Army are his chief concerns right now. After service—well, that's the \$64,000 question.

NOREEN KENNELLY

Noreen is a sweet lass who hailed from Room 23. Full of enthusiasm, she enjoyed the Bowling Club, Y-Teen, Camera Club, dancing, swimming, and tennis. On the gym floor she was a whiz. Room 23 will miss her! She plans to transfer her energies to business school soon.



LOUIS F. KEOUGH

St. Vincent's sent this good looking senior, who claims his favorite school hours are 11:55 and 3:35. "Goozle's" hobby is model railroad building. He does not, however, plan to make railroads his vocation, for he expects to become a lawyer.

MARILYN R. KOONTZ

Lyn, who is one-half of our Jackson-like twins, ponytail and all, is a girl with a wonderful personality. A lively cheerleader, Lyn also belonged to as many school groups as possible — among them Camera Club, Y-Teen, and a Prom Court attendant. One-half of a future beautician team.



MARY JOSEPHINE KOONTZ

The latter, but by no means the lesser, of our pony tail duo is Josie. Identical to Lyn, not only in appearance but also in attitude and personality, Jo was a gay and friendly girl. Her ambitions and activities are the same, as you might guess, as those of her twin.

MADELINE KLAUS

A bright smile and a sweet "Hello" could always be expected from Lin. As Valistic news editor, she was usually seen chasing news stories. Lin would like to do nothing but dance, ice-skate, and read books, but a civil service job promises to take much of her time.



LOUIS LANYI

Lou is known around SHS for his cheery "Hello!" and for his musical ability. He is a member of a small combo but plans to further his musical career next Fall when he enrolls at the Navy School of Music in Washington. Someday we expect to see Lou's name in lights.



RICHARD LANYI

Richie was an active and faithful participant in sports, whether on the basketball and baseball squads or in homeroom intramurals. His specialties are swimming, driving, and golfing. During school, he made his spending money at the Brad-dock Instrument Co., but later it will be as a government worker.



MARLENE GAY LICHKA

The long trip down from the hill, even in the coldest weather, never put Marlene out of sorts. Her pleasant disposition brightened Room 3 as well as the Y-Teen, Glee Club, intramurals, and her favorite class—gym. Marlene will be job hunting after graduation. She deserves a good one.



DAVID LOCKE

Khaki will replace blue and gold as Bumpy's favorite colors for the next few years, because Uncle Sam will have another soldier. Sports rate high in Dave's mind, and his support of Room 3's intramurals proved his ability. Talking about cars and taking care of them is tops with him.



CAROL J. LUCAS

Lukie is a darling little blue-eyed miss whose ambition is to become an X-ray technician. You will, therefore, find her at Mercy Hospital in the near future, learning all about it. Choir and the Y-Teen were her principal activities, but Carol always seemed to be in the midst of things, doing her share.



ROBERT M. LUCAS, JR.

Luke put a lot into school and got a lot out of it, too. Homeroom president for two years, Student Council president, Bowling Club president, SWISSVALIAN business manager, Band member—this is a partial list of his school interests. Bob has set his sights on college.



EDWARD LYNCH

An easy-going fellow, Eddie spent most of his time either talking about cars or working on them. Girls, too, were a favorite pastime. Eddie plans to become an apprentice draftsman next Fall, with the hope of eventually becoming an independent draftsman.



RICHARD MARTIN

Dick, our most favorite short-stop since Dick Groat days, is also an active member of the Choir and Bowling Club. Next to baseball, this Room 23 member lists as his favorite activities bowling and swimming. Dick plans to work this Fall and later become a machinist.



DONALD MAURY

It seems to be that this young man enjoyed the study halls in school the most. Wonder why? To study, of course! Don contributed much to the Choir in the three years he was a member. He plans to go to college, and after that—well, just call him Dr. Maury.



FRANCES MARY McALLISTER

A dazzling redhead and full of fun, Fran belonged to just about everything. She was president of Room 11, served on Student Council two years, was an active member of Choir and Y-Teen, and played intramural sports. This lovely Prom Attendant will soon be a "woman in white."



ROBERT D. McCOLLAM

Bob was one of Room 11's contributions to the intramural games and one of the ardent supporters of the idea that school ought to start at noon instead of at 8:35. Next year Log will start working hard to save money toward the establishment of a good home and a good home life.

DONALD McCOOL

Duquesne University can expect to see Don on their campus next September if his plans work out. At present he has an after school job in a bakery shop, but he plans to prepare for a career as a draftsman. Study periods, Kuke claims, are his favorite "classes."

S. GRACE McGREGOR

Sally just loves to ride around town, like all the rest of us. In school she preferred fussing around Room 6, running the mimeograph for the Valistic and anyone else who needed help. Her knowledge of business machines will come in handy when she begins to learn how to operate a comptometer.

MATTHEW McKIM

Matt found it rather hard to be enthusiastic about school, but when it came to water skiing—that was different! However, he does not intend to make water sports a career, but rather plans to join the Navy. With Matt's looks, he'll make quite a sailor.

S. JUDITH McWILLIAMS

Judy plans to be a home economics demonstrator after learning all about it at Carnegie Tech. She has the appearance and the personality for such a job, so watch for her on TV. Judy was an active member of the Y-Teen, Choir, and Valistic, and enjoys all sports and cooking.

ROBERT MILLSLAGLE

Rhythm and sports played big parts in the life of this boy, as he participated in the regular Band, Dance Band, and JV baseball. Swimming and photography were his main interests outside of school. Bob hopes to become a radio and TV technician one of these days.

THOMAS McCORMICK

Corky was the life of Room 3. Although he was an active intramural player, one of his chief gripes was running laps in gym. Like the rest of us, driving is a hobby. Corky has two things lined up for the coming years—the service and then college.

JON HARRIS McKIBBEN

Jack was fond of a good time, whether in school or down at KDKA visiting "Rege." Happy days lie ahead at college for this future engineer, though happy days prevailed in high school, too, with membership in the Camera Club, Stage Crew, and the Valistic—not to mention managing the basketball team.

PATRICIA McTIERNAN

P. J. is a member of the endless clans of McTiernans in SHS. Her pet peeve—you guessed it—was being mistaken for her sister or one of her many cousins. Y-Teen, Bowling Club, and study periods were what she liked best about school. Pat hopes to be one of those good secretaries SHS is noted for.

NADINE MARIE MILLER

Short and sweet fits Dean better than anything else we can say. The domestic arts of embroidery and cooking appeal to her, as well as the desire to make marriage her career. After business school will come a job, and then a paycheck, and then that black poodle dog she longs to own.

AUDREY P. MITTENDORFER

One of Room 7's most ardent sports fans was Aud, who specialized in intramurals. Running second to sports came photography and writing (she belonged to the Camera Club and the Valistic all through high school). Aud will enroll at Slippery Rock State Teachers College to study physical education.



PATRICIA A. MURRAY

When you see Pat, you see people, for she is always interested in meeting new friends. This asset will help Pat reach her goal of being a receptionist. The popular column, "SHS Correspondent," was Pat's journalistic masterpiece. In addition, she regularly attended Y-Teen and Bowling Club meetings.



RITA VIRGINIA ANN NEEDHAM

Gaining valuable experience in the business world with her job at Venables Printing is Rita's after-school interest. Typing, shorthand (at both of which she was a "natural"), and football were the "Most," this neat, efficient senior says, along with Camera Club, intramurals, Glee Club, and Bowling Club.

ARLENE J. PAGANO

A little extra touch of style characterized Arlene, so it will be no surprise to learn she plans to attend Carnegie Tech to study fashion designing. Her long list of activities included the Valistic art staff, Y-Teen, Choir, Camera Club, and Room 7's intramural teams.



JOSEPH PALMIERO

Joe has dreams for the future, but right now he has other things to think about. His hobby is working with model planes, and besides that, Joe holds a job at Isaly's Dairy Store. Now for a further look into the crystal ball—oh yes! Business school is next for Joe.

ELLERY JAMES PANAI

This colorful character played football and held the office of vice-president of Student Council. The members of Room 7 can depend on homeroom president Panai to defend them, as he plans to be a lawyer. That gift of gab will certainly help him in the courtroom!



EVELYN PENNINGTON

Here is one of the few "lady nimrods" in our class. Not only does Eve like to fish, but she enjoys jumping right in and swimming, too. A neat, attractive blonde, Evelyn participated in the Glee Club and Y-Teen. She plans a career as a typist. Her pleasant personality will fit right into any office.

GLORIA LOUISE PREISACH

Gloria spent many of her school years in Braddock, but she adapted herself to SHS very well. She enjoys painting figurines, loves to ice-skate, and helped maintain Room 21's reputation in intramural sports. A stenographic job for next Fall looks good to Gloria.



JANET MAE REID

Janet is pretty, neat, and pleasant—just the kind of girl who will adapt nicely to a secretarial job. Her interests are varied, sewing and painting being most popular with her. Besides liking Room 23, Janet appreciated study periods so she could devote after school hours to her job.

THOMAS RIBICH

Ribs is a real terrific guy, with looks and charm, who, as president, led the Class of '56. Another college-minded student, Tom hopes to become a lawyer and plans to pursue his chosen field at Pitt. Besides being on the literary staff of the SWISS-VALIAN, Ribs played football, baseball, and basketball.



ANN KATHERINE RITMANICH

This modest and able senior intends to do a lot of traveling someday. Listening to and collecting records are her main hobbies. The Valistic and Y-Teen were also aided by her help during the past two years. A government job is what she is aiming for next.

DAVID RITTER

Dave was a welcome addition to the football team this year, having played for Taylor Allerdice for two years. In his short time here, Tex won many friends with his sincere, pleasant personality. There's a lot of hard work ahead for this future electronics engineer.



PATRICIA ANN ROBINSON

This "crazy, mixed-up blonde," with the cute West Virginia accent, is never at a loss for words. She is full of fun and fancy free, with dancing, swimming, and hall patrol using up part of her boundless energy. Pat hopes to be flying high one of these days as an airline hostess.



PATRICIA ROBERTS

Pat, a flashing redhead who reported to Room 23, twirled a tricky baton at the head of our Band. An active member of the Bowling Club and Glee Club, Pat plans to attend Robert Morris Business School next September. This future secretary could always find time to swim or dance.

SAMUEL N. ROCCO

Sam was one of the stars on the Flashes' football team for the past three years, but an injury to his leg in the early part of this season put him on the inactive list. Besides football and other sports, Rock has a fine talent for art. He plans to get a job until Uncle Sam calls on him.

ALLAN ROTH

Want to buy a ring, washer, or a round trip ticket to the moon? Then go see Al, businessman deluxe, salesman supreme. (It just so happens he works at a discount house). His next step is to go to college, to become—of all things—a hotel manager!



LEWIS W. RUTH

The greatest, and a champ in anything he does. Lew will always be remembered for his happy smile and that great laugh. He enjoys swimming and eating more than anything else except football, which he played during his junior and senior years. Lew hopes to become a big research chemist someday.

RICHARD SADVARY

Saddy spent much of his time hunting, fishing, and working with cars. He especially enjoys designing those lo-o-ng, low cars of the future. He was a dependable member of the Band for five years. Perhaps it's because of his artistic ability that Dick plans to make a future in commercial art.



RONALD WILLIAM SCHARBO

Ronnie is one of our good-looking senior boys. He was a member of Student Council for two years and was also a member of Room 7's intramural teams. Swimming, dancing, and especially cars were among his favorite interests. College—or the Army—comes next for Ronnie.

LUCILLE L. SCOLATA

Tootie's skill at the piano carried over to the typewriter, and so she spent most of her spare time typing away vigorously on the next issue of the Valistic. It's business school after graduation and then a good secretarial position, where her wonderful sense of humor is sure to be appreciated.



DANIEL SCOTT

As junior class treasurer, Scotty saw to it that we were solvent. He was a great sportsman, well known for his flashy play on the gridiron and well liked for his flashing smile around SHS. It's a job or the Navy for this good looking "crew cut" next year.



MARLENE ANN SEMAN

Mar is an attractive girl who twirled a baton in our Band. Besides being head field majorette, Mar participated in Glee Club, Y-Teen, Camera Club, and was a reporter for the Valistic. Skating with the Ice Capades next season is in Mar's immediate future, but someday she plans to be a lawyer.

GEORGIA ANN SIMKO

George was an all 'round girl—good to look at, interested in all school activities, and a member of the Prom Court. Y-Teen (she was their 1955-56 Sweetheart), Bowling Club, Valistic, and Room 21 were among her main interests. College or business school will be the next step.



JEAN SLANTZ

Jeanie is a lively girl who belonged to just about everything. Her work on the Valistic, Y-Teen, Camera Club, and intramurals really kept her busy, but time always was left for her to go dancing and swimming. Her aim? None other than to become a private secretary with the U. S. Steel.

JOAN MARIE SLANTZ

This twin is the fashion plate of Swissvale High. Her hobbies include dancing, swimming, and bowling. She was a member of Y-Teen, Camera Club, and Glee Club. When it came to supporting school sports, Joni was always ready and willing. Here is a girl who can find time for anything except people who boast.



GERALDINE SLATTERY

Gus, a girl with many friends and no enemies, will long be remembered for her pleasant Irish smile. An active member of Student Council, Gerry also presided as president over the Camera Club and was an enthusiastic sports fan. Her kindness and understanding make her choice of career—nursing—a good one.

ROBERT SLIVA

Bob's interests lie mainly in the field of radio and television. After a hitch in the Marines where he hopes to learn more about these subjects, he will make the field his career. Bob, who reports to that lively Room 28, played in the intramural volleyball and basketball competitions.



LOVEY SNELL

Lovey became quite an accomplished seamstress while at SHS and always looked very attractive. Next Fall she hopes to attend modeling school and then we'll see her modeling her pretty clothes professionally. Y-Teen and volleyball intramurals helped Little Bit enjoy high school.

SHIRLEY JEAN SPOSIT

Shirl's "hobby" is a good one—just living, and loving every minute of it. Her fondness for being around people may explain why her pet peeve is staying after school for talking! Jeannie's plans for the future include Thiel College and a career as a medical technician.



JOAN STEELE

Joan's kindness, patience, and helpfulness have come in handy here at SHS, but think how they'll be appreciated when she's a nurse. Joan had a finger in almost every pie and a thumb on all stamps put on Valistics sent to other schools. The Candy Corporation got a lot of her time, too.

SHERRY MERELENE STEIN

The things Merelene likes best about school are her fellow teen-agers and the activities. This stands to reason, as she was a member of the Camera Club, Y-Teen, and Bowling Club. Mere spends her spare time baby-sitting, which will help her when she enters Montefiore Hospital School of Nursing.

STEPHANIE R. STONE

Stevie, the gal with beauty and brains, can solve almost any physics or algebra problem. Choir, Y-Teen, and intramural sports were among her favorite activities. After the University of Michigan, Stevie will be seeing stars—as a famous astronomer, that is.

RICHARD DANIEL TAYLOR

Someday if you are in trouble it may be Dick who will get you out of it. If you haven't already guessed, he plans to enter pre-law school. A boy who just naturally wins the confidence of people, tall Titch was friendly, pleasant, and sports-minded. Among his favorites were bowling, tennis, and swimming.

MARION A. VENTURELLA

Pep meetings, plays, and Proms were the best things about school, says Marion. She also took part in other school activities, such as Y-Teen, the Valistic, intramurals—and the Prom Court, of course. Being beautiful herself, she will be a living ad for Maison Felix, where she plans to study the beautician's art.

GERTRUDE DOROTHY WAHL

Gertie was Room 28's contribution to the lovely misses of the Prom Court. She added her pleasant voice to the Choir, showed her sportsmanship in intramurals, and brightened the halls with her blonde beauty. Her plans for next Fall are to attend the Pittsburgh Hospital for training as a nurse.

ROBERT WHALEN

Bob's plans call for seeing the world and obtaining an education—courtesy of Uncle Sam. Outside of school, his spare time was employed by the Thorofare Market, but in school, those few moments of spare time were spent talking and laughing with the kids in good old Room 7.

AUGUST R. TAMARRIELLO

With his wonderful personality and great sense of humor, Augie need never worry about having friends. This guy has more than he can count! Real wild about sports, he played football, basketball, and baseball. This future physical education teacher lists eating his spaghetti as a very favorite hobby.

JOSEPH VALKO

Intramural sports is Joe's first love—but those lo-o-ng Latin assignments don't rate too high with him. One of the very hard workers (?) on the furnace crew during the summer months, he'll probably find being a GI Joe next year not too hard an occupation.

ROSALIE ANNETTE VERGONA

Rosie, one of the best "tiny tippers" (of a basketball and volleyball, that is) the intramurals have seen for the past few years, has a very pleasant personality and is liked by all of us. Her voice, which she never used to chatter in class, was one of the strong ones at pep meetings. The future looks promising for this steno-to-be.

EDWARD WEMM

The clown of the class was Wimpy. He came to us in his junior year from Braddock, and here at SHS he continued his career as a football manager. Dancing rates high on his popularity list, along with swimming. Look out, Navy! Here comes Wimpy.

JAMES WHITE

Whitey's big sax was a big help in the Band. Although he didn't care for running laps in gym, he was always around when Room 3 played their intramural games. An avid movie fan! Looks like the Army, Navy, or Marines will claim the attention of this patriotic senior next year.





GEORGE WHITEHEAD

Some people like study hall best, but Whitey always enjoyed the dismissal bell more than anything else. Right now, Whitey is employed by Isaly's Dairy, but photography and modern mechanics play an important part in his spare time. The Navy is next for him, with tool making his eventual goal.

BARBARA LEE WILLIAMS

Barb was a faithful member of Room 23, where her official capacity as saleslady kept her running up and down the stairs. This, however, kept her in good trim for skating and dancing. Her biggest interest right now is making preparations to enter Columbia Hospital as a student nurse.



THERESA WINER

Terry never enjoyed being absent from school, for she missed too much seeing her pals. She put herself whole-heartedly into anything she undertook—bowling, Y-Teen, Glee Club, dancing. Chalk up another secretary for Swissvale High, though a course at a local business school will come before a career.

JOSEPH ZAGORAC

One of Room 11's sturdiest boosters was Joe, who went in for intramurals in a big way. Warm water in the fountains used to be his chief complaint, but now he can complain no more. Joe was easy to get along with in school, so we expect him to fit right in with the Air Force soon.

Senior class officers at the World War I Memorial: president, Tom Ribich; secretary, Marian Havranek; vice-president, Tom Fulton; treasurer, Joe Battaglia.



HONOR ROLL

Swissvale High School is proud of her students who combine a high scholastic standing with good citizenship, a well rounded personality, and an interest in a variety of school activities.

Seniors who were graduated in the upper tenth of their class are listed here. Underclassmen are those whose names appeared on the Honor Roll the first four periods. They have maintained an average of at least 90, with no grade below 85.

SENIORS

MARJORIE ADAMS, Salutatorian
SAM BEGG
LAWRENCE CAMBERG
CAROL FARKAS
PATRICIA FERRENCE
PHILOMENA FLOTTA, Valedictorian
MARLENE FRANK
GILBERT HARRIS
MADELINE KLAUS
TOM RIBICH
DAVID RITTER
LEWIS RUTH
JEAN SLANTZ
STEPHANIE STONE

JUNIORS

NICK MORAYTIS
NANCY PRICE
KATHERINE RADAKOVIC
PAUL SCHULTZ
SALLY WONDERS

SOPHOMORES

BARBARA BLISS
BEVERLY DELL
CHARLENE FLOSS
JANICE GAMBINO
MARY ELLEN GILDROY
JOHN HALCHAK
DIANE HUOT
BARBARA MURRAY
BARBARA NEFF
EMMETT O'HARE
GRACE PAGE
MARTIN POAD
GEORGE SEMAN
JOAN YUHASZ
ALICE YANKURA

JUNIORS

PROM QUEEN

.....



Constance Koval, Junior Prom Queen

AND ATTENDANTS

.....

Martha Wahl
LaVerne Johnson
Catherine Hosper
Mary Lou Pascarella

Patricia Wollerton
Linda Murray
Jacquelyn Elzer
Nancy Price

JUNIORS IN "FAMILY CIRCLE"



Kathy Radakovic tries to impress Bill Carlson when Sally Wonders introduces them.

Bill Shortz, Madeline Paris, and Gretchen Kelley remove Kathy's makeup.

"Dying Swan scene," with Bill, Gretchen Kelley, Linda Murray, Kathy, Nancy Price, Gretchen Paff, and Sally.

"Sleep Walking scene from Macbeth" being rehearsed by Nancy, Sally, Kathy, Gretchen Kelley, and Linda.

A rehearsal of the "Wrestling Scene," with Gretchen Kelley, Sally, Linda, Nancy, Kathy, and Gretchen Paff.

Sally and Kathy look on as Linda coos, "William, pet," to John DeLucia.

The cast relaxes after a fine performance: Kathy, Nancy, Gretchen Paff, Sally—John, Bill, Phil, Nick.



ROOM 17

John Anderson
Norma Barefoot
Nina Chambers
Connie Clifford
Bill Creighton
John DeLucia

Gloria Dugan
Jeanne Ford
Tony Lamberti
Sam Maury
Ed Mihaly
Tim Mise

Carol Morrissey
Terry O'Connor
Madeline Paris

Paul Schultz
Bill Shortz
Nancy Simonelli

Bill Thompson
Carol Whalen

OFFICERS

Nancy Raynor, treasurer; Pat Kearns, secretary;
Frank Habic, vice-president; Ruth Ludwig, president.

CLASS OF '57

This year's Junior Class got off to a booming start by showing their school spirit in supporting the school's activities. Many of the junior boys were successful in sports, especially basketball and football. The class play, an amusing comedy called "The Family Circle," not only provided a lot of fun for the cast, but also lots of amusement for the audience.

The class participated in many school organizations. The girls supported the Y-Teen loyally and even sponsored a spaghetti luncheon for the benefit of the club. Many of this class belonged to various staffs of the Valistic, while Bowling Club and Camera Club claimed faithful members.

Under the capable leadership of Frannie Conti, the Junior Prom got underway, with its theme being "Melody of Love." The decorations were so gay and festive and the music so dreamy that everyone had a wonderful time.

The Class of '57 is sorry to see their junior year pass by, but everyone is confident that their senior year will be quite spectacular.



OFFICERS

Pat Wollerton, secretary; Grant Norris, vice-president;
Francis Conti, president; Larry Olinger, treasurer.

ROOM 24

Ray Berry
Gretchen Burgard

Mickey Byrne
Marlane Colondrea

Anthony DeLia
Joan Emricko

Jacque Ghrist
Charles Jadot
Bob Klemmer
Don Protheroe
Norma McCollough
Rita McTiernan

Judy Sheaffer
Carol Tomasic
Glenn Topping
Sally Wonders



ROOM 13

Barbara Chizmar
Jackie Donohue
Steve Kuzmich
Phil Lynch
Dave McGough
Elizabeth McKim

Mary Pane
Marie Russo

Tom Scanio
Virginia Shogan

Jean Waters

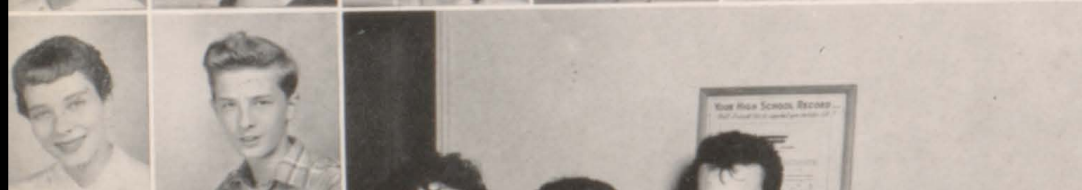


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Shirley Anderson, treasurer; Audrey Miller, secretary; Francis Conti, president; LaVerne Johnson, vice-president.

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Joanne Miele, vice-president; Bill Carlson, president; Ardie Schweinberg, secretary; Bill Stanton, treasurer.



ROOM 12

Paul Agnew
Mike Borellis
Joanne Donovan

Bob Gratton
Carole Grimm
Annette Johnson

Richard Johnson
Gretchen Kelley
Joe LaVerde

Gretchen Paff
Mary Lou Renkes
Peggy Shedlock
Mike Valko
Shirley Wardrobe
Henry Weber

ROOM 18

Sully Amodeo
Dorothy Bechtol
Gerry Biehl
Jack Bradley
John Cresto
Eddie Frantz

Henry Fusarini
Edith Granite
Elma Hosie
Bobbie Kerr
Willard McKay
John Mehalik

Linda Murray
John O'Donnell

Georgia Ratica
Ray Schreiber

Robert Sivak
Charlotte Zaccari

OFFICERS
Joan Spangler, treasurer; Mary Lou Pascarella, vice-president;
Jack Hogan, secretary; Noreen Whalen, president.

ROOM 19

Bette Grace Davison
Bernie DiBernardo
John Dierst

Rosemarie Errera
Connie Granaty
Frank Grandizio

David James
Aldean Johns
Regis Major

Barbara McTiernan
Russell Newman
Jean O'Grady
Vince Pascarella
Carol Prentice
Al Reid

Jim Smolinski
Mike Toth
Martha Wahl
John Walsh
Pat Woods
Jim Zetwo

ROOM 22

Dolores Bucar
Dick Davies
Frank Gambino
Emily Gernhardt
Dale Hayes
Cathy Hosper

Joe Malley
Barbara MacCumbee
Kirk Metzger

Pat Neafsy
Margaret Pollard
Josephine Radelja

John Smith
Joan Thompson
Barbara Williams

OFFICERS

Nancy Price, president; Paul Boory, vice-president.



OFFICERS

Connie Koval, president; Larry Olinger, vice-president; Jackie Elzer, secretary; Pat Wollerton, treasurer.

SOPHOMORES

No class could have been as mixed up and nervous as the Sophomore Class that entered the high school in September of 1955! There were so many things to get used to—having three minutes to get to class (and, if not arriving on time, having detention), learning how to obtain and use a pass slip, knowing when the seniors were teasing and when they were serious, and so on.

For days ahead, the sophomores cut out snowflakes and labored to construct a huge snowball, all to make a fairyland of the gym for the big Snow Ball. Adding to the pleasure of the evening was the Dance Band, along with entertain-

ment by Metalyn Yetka, Angelo Talarico, Tommy Harris, Donna Capasso, Carol Franzetta, Gayle Paulie, Diane Huot, Loretta Veri, and Beverly Dell.

The boys of the class contributed their athletic ability in basketball and football. The sophomore homerooms did well in intramural sports, with Room 8's boys emerging as basketball champions of the school.

The class advisers thought well of this year's crop of sophomores, and everyone of the students hopes they will continue to think so throughout the next two years.

ROOM 26

Susan Bietenduefel
Mary Lou Casillo
Carol Coleman
Rita Costello
Larry Cuccaro
Arthur Cunningham

Pat Donnelly
Elaine Fusia
Barry Holmes
Grace Jadot
Barbara Kneebone
Lois Lanyi

Dennis Legal
Rosemarie Mancen
Penny McGahee
Jack Neal
Ruth Nelson
John Osley

Joe Ponsi
Ed Petro

Illene Stein
Jake Sullivan

Paul Tomko
Joan Yuhasz

OFFICERS

Guy Catone, president; Georgia Pcholinski, vice-president; Tom Fallon, treasurer; Jackie Weichel, secretary.

ROOM 15

Gilbert Austin
Virginia Benson
John Cohill
Joann DeNardo
Clare Fahey
Charlene Floss

LaRue Grubb
Carol Hall
Jack Jones
Eileen Madden
Mary Jane McClintock
Grace Page

Nancy Preisach
Ed Richards

Ann Sullivan
Gloria Tomasic

Mike Tomina
Joann Tomko



OFFICERS

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Rita Wach, secretary; Diane Huot, treasurer.

ROOM 8

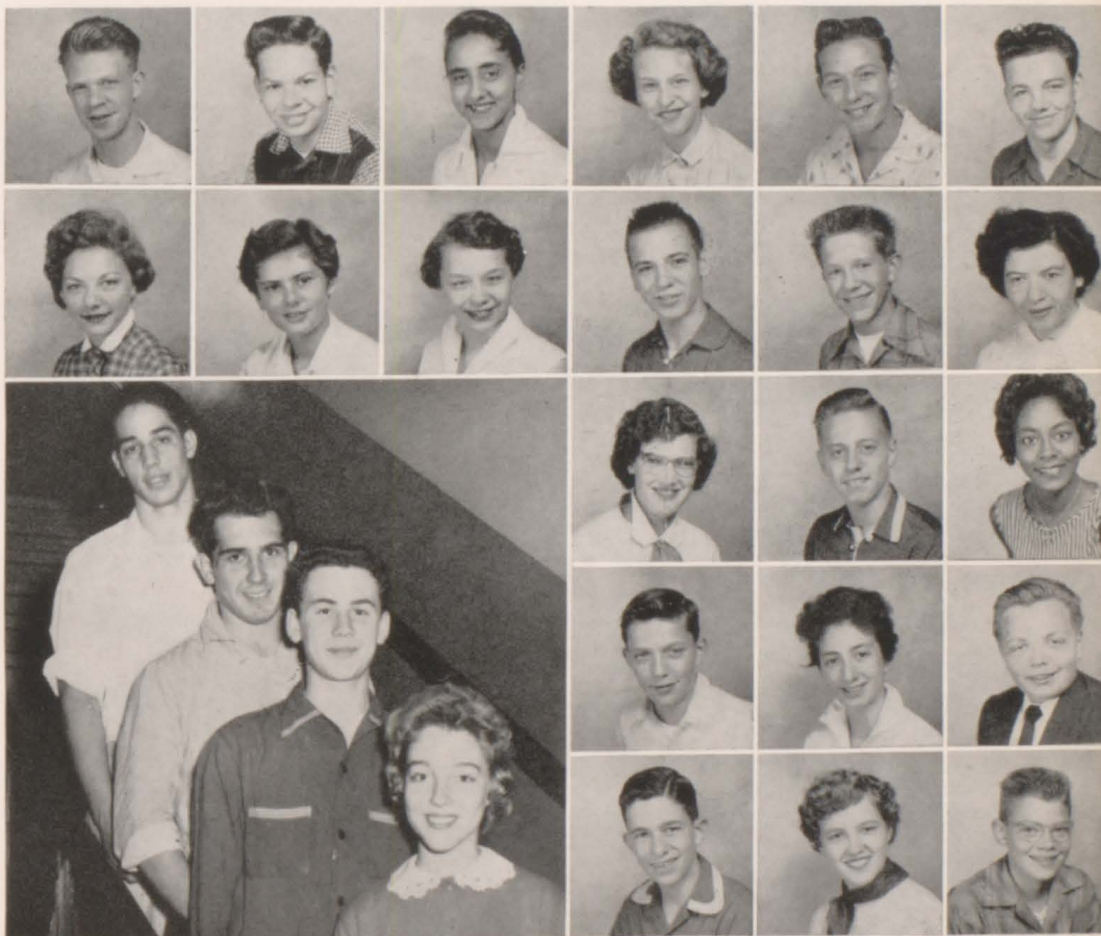
Walter Allen
Martin Amodeo
Helen Barbarino
Sharon Bole
Bill Byrnes
David Champion

Ethel Charnick
Pat Durbin
Betty Fish
Pat Hart
Ronnie Johnson
Bertha Lamberti

Peggy Logan
Paul Lucas
Joyce Moorman

Emmett O'Hare
Donna Pagano
Dick Schuda

David Spagnola
Madeline Weber
Dale Wentroble



OFFICERS

Martin Poad, president; Paul Hosper, vice-president;
Lester Scott, treasurer; Carole Scholtz, secretary.



ROOM 27

OFFICERS

Frances Coletta, vice-president; Gayle Paulie, secretary; Bobbie Ann Bliss, president; John McEliece, treasurer.

Marie Capezzuto
Georgine Carlo
Dick Cencarik

Jane Collins
Bill Dattola
Joe DiBernardo

Eileen Farren
Peggy Galvin
Bill Hood

Elaine Kurtz
Barbara Lewis
Bill Mangretta

Lois Maxwell
James McCluskey
Dave Madigan
John McFarland
Jean McFarlane
Barbara Neff

Fred Ritter
Joan Spargo
Peggy Sproull
Pat Urbanic
Gene Valko
Bill Zelen



ROOM 10

OFFICERS

Norman Milchalk, treasurer; Mary Ann Barclay, vice-president; Nick Andrejko, president; Carol Franzetta, secretary.

Isabel Camillo
Arlene Chunko

Nancy Cravotta
Gail Eagleson

Phyllis Gibson
John Halchak

Betty Ann Hrizo
Ed Hutchison
Benjamin Jones
Mike Marino
Marie Morelli
Shiela O'Grady

Dick Ozarchuk
George Seman
Maude Simpson
Elizabeth Skover
Bill Taylor
Bill Tishko



Loretta Veri
Judy Whalen
Sandra Wright

ROOM 14

OFFICERS

Angelo Talarico, treasurer; Barbara Murray, president; Jim Speer, secretary; Tommy Harris, vice-president.

Joe Appleton
Lisa Battaglia
Jimmy Cimino

Shirley Clark
Louise Cohill
Delores Cresto

Peggy Early
Jim Fulmer
Janice Gambino

Mary Ellen Gildroy
Lance Good
Pat Hughes

David Jones
Carole Mahler
Charles O'Connor
Bobbie O'Connor
John Preusse
Russell Ragan

Eleanor Reid
Pat Ruffner
Nancy Spinosa
Gloria Tomasic
Margie White
Alice Yankura



OFFICERS

Mary Ann Barclay, secretary of the Class of 1958; Lester Scott, treasurer; Nick Andrejko, president; Martin Poad, vice-president.



STUDENT COUNCIL

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Student Council, one of the most important organizations in the school, met every Monday morning in Room 25. Bob Lucas, as president, brought the meetings to order while Ellery Panaia, vice-president, assisted. Secretary Tom Fulton was always on hand to read the minutes, and Anthony Barbarino kept us up to date on the financial situation.

Student Council consists of a representative from each homeroom and school organization. At the meetings, these representatives bring up problems which affect the student body, while

the other members then try to find solutions for these problems. The members also present suggestions which their homerooms or organizations have made for improving assemblies and other school functions.

Intramural games, student-faculty games at Dickson, and various assemblies such as the Awards Assembly in May, are all sponsored by Student Council.

All these things are done with the help of Mr. Dandar, faculty adviser.



First row: Ruth Ludwig, Noreen Whalen, Barbara Murray, Janet Malma, Marian Havranek.
Second row: Nancy Price, Martin Poad, Grant Norris, Tom Ribich, Bob Lucas, president;
Ellery Panaia, vice-president; Anthony Barbarino, treasurer; Frances McAllister, Jovonna
Cimino.

Standing: Guy Catone, Nick Andrejko, Bill Carlson, Sue Dunay.

Not in picture: Francis Conti, Connie Koval, Barbara Bliss, Tom Fulton, secretary.

ACTIVITIES

MAJORETTES

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BAND



Majorettes: Janet Malma, Connie Koval, Arden Schweinberg, Pat Roberts, Marlene Seman, Diane Huot.
 First row: G. Weaver, D. Hags, R. Cramer, B. Lehm, R. Cimino, G. Zeok, R. Lester, G. Smith, J. Ludwig, J. Cresto, E. Brugh, B. Bowman, L. Beeman, M. Hunt, W. Hollstein.
 Second row: C. Coleman, D. Evanchec, M. Adams, S. Sposit, L. Johnson, R. Wach, R. Ludwig, L. Lanyi, M. Capezzuto, D. Schwarzbach, C. Floss, P. Urbanic, J. Spargo, D. Madaras.
 Third row: D. Champion, W. Hood, J. Preusse, R. Sadvary, R. Ragan, R. Gratton, L. Toribio, D. Hayes, F. Coletta, R. Dukate, B. Millslagle, J. Cresto, C. Cravotta.
 Fourth row: D. Good, E. Frantz, H. Hoffman, J. White, R. Lucas, L. Lanyi, J. Dierst, R. Bennett, P. Schultz, N. Moraytis, T. Scanio, J. Cimino, E. O'Hare, F. Gambino, W. McKay.



Lou Lanyi and his sax.

A familiar scene during football season is the half-time activities of the Swissvale High School Band. Each mid-game the spectators enjoyed a variety of performances built around such themes as "Junior Joins the Band" and "Tunes of Days Gone By." These entertainments, under the capable direction of Edgar J. Hill, not only exhibited the musical ability of the students, but also their fine sense of precision, timing, and coordination.

Among the members of the Band are many fine musicians, and we are especially proud of our senior saxophone player, Louis Lanyi, who was chosen to represent Swissvale High in the State Band at Meadville, Pennsylvania.



First row: Lois Lanyi, Louis Lanyi, Bob Millslagle, Carol Coleman, Jimmy White.
 Second row: Paul Schultz, Johnnie Cresto, Howard Hoffman, Bob Lucas, Nick Moraytis.
 Standing: Frances Coletta, Bob Hill, Donna Capasso.

DANCE BAND

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GLEE CLUB

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First row: Nancy Preisach, Barbara Bliss, Beverly Dell, Mary Jane McClintock, Carole Scholtz, Judy Whalen, Joanne Tomko, Elaine Fusia, Pat Hughes, Rita Costello, Ethel Charnick, Shirley Clark.
 Second row: Joan Yuhasz, Grace Page, Maude Simpson, Betty Hrizo, LaRue Grubb, Barbara Murray, Marie Russo, Connie Clifford, Gail Eagleson, Shiela O'Grady.
 Third row: Pat Durbin, Margie White, Georgine Carlo, Sandra Wright, Georgia Pcholinski, Joanne Gates, Lois Maxwell, Virginia Benson, Charlene Floss.
 Fourth row: Barbara Neff, Donna Pagano, Gerry Tomasic, Phyllis Gibson, Madeline Weber, Alice Yankura, Peggy Early, Arlene Chunko, Mary Pane.



CHOIR

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As I look back into my sophomore year I see a lot of fun as well as sadness connected with the Choir. We had wonderful times doing our funny songs and trying very hard to please Mr. Hill. We sophomores really got treated like underclassmen! Everytime we sang with our robes, guess who would have to take them up to the third floor and hang them up? You guessed—we did.

We also got our first taste of what goes on before graduation. We sang the "tear jerker songs," such as "After Graduation Day," "Moonlight and Roses," and "Now Is the Hour." When Senior Day finally rolled around, we saw a lot of red-faced seniors whom we certainly hated to see leave.

As we entered our junior year, we thought we were pretty big. We passed on to the sophomores some of the same treatment we got and made a lot of new friends. As a memorial toward a former classmate who had recently died, the Choir sang one of the most beautiful songs—"Day Is Dying in the West." As we left Choir that day, there was a dark shadow hanging over the halls of the school.

We are now seniors and have reached the top of the ladder. A lot of pleasant times are before us, but we leave a lot behind. One of the highlights of this past year was the operetta, "The Mystery of the Nativity," with Phil Flotta as Mary and Larry Camberg as Joseph.

First row: Donna Alexander, Phil Flotta, Lucille Scolata, Judy Joyce, Judy McWilliams, Nancy Simonelli, Joan Thompson, Gretchen Kelley, Josephine Radelja, Nancy Price, Kathy Radakovic.
 Second row: Jo Koontz, Stevie Stone, Martha Wahl, Georgia Simko, Jean Waters, Barbara Nemitz, Jacquie Ghrist, Mary Dravecky, Jeanne Ford, Ruth Ludwig.
 Third row: Jim Smolinski, John Dierst, Regis Major, Augie Tammariello, Don Good, Joe Capezzuto, Paul Boory.
 Fourth row: Don Maury, Frank Habic, Anthony Barbarino, Dick Martin, Larry Camberg, Charles O'Connor, Joe LaVerde, Lou Byers, Gene Kane.



CHOIR OFFICERS

Seated: Philomena Flotta, secretary-treasurer.
 Standing: Augie Tammariello, president; Gene Kane, vice-president.



First row: Gayle Paulie, Frances Coletta, Bobbie O'Connor, Betty Fish, Eileen Farren, Mary Ann Barclay, Elaine Kurtz, Mary Lou Casillo, Carol Franzetta.

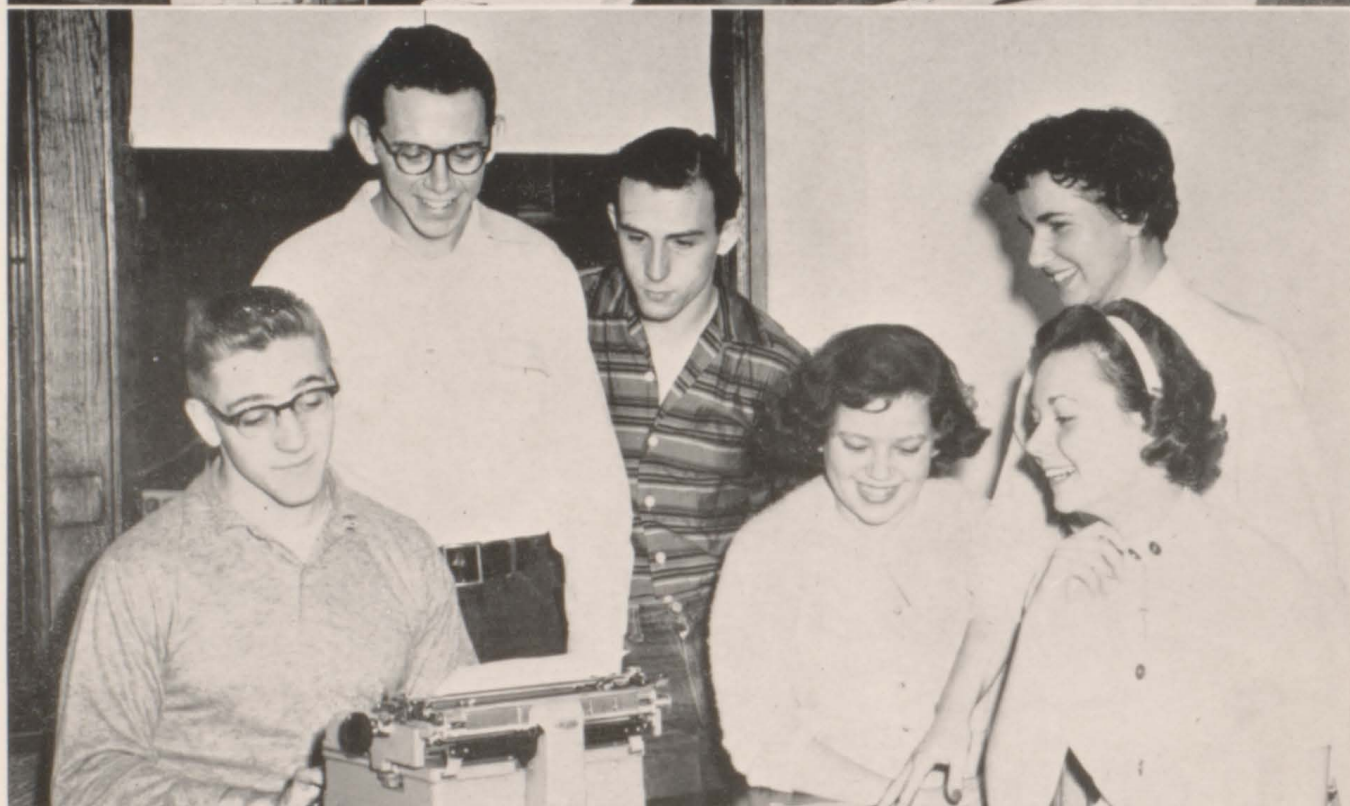
Second row: Donna Capasso, Marie Capezutto, Carol Coleman, Rita Wach, Lois Lanyi, Pat Ruffner, Joan Spargo, Joyce Moorman, Diane Huot.

Third row: Tom Fallon, Nick Andrejko, Guy Catone, Emmett O'Hare, Tom Harris, John Preusse, Dave Champion, Anthony DeLia, Jim Fulmer.

Fourth Row: Sam Maury, Salvatore Amodeo, Bill Shortz, Martin Poad, Ed Hutchison, John McEliece, Al Reid, John Shipman, Bob Weber.



1956 SWISSVALIAN STAFF



The upper photo shows the people who brought in ads for the 1956 SWISSVALIAN: Carole Donnelly, Ken Jones, Louis Lanyi, Bob Lucas, business manager; Sam Begg, Cosimo Cravotta, Georgia Simko, Phil Flotta, Sue Dunay, and Tom Fulton.

Deep in thought, Augie Tammariello works feverishly on his sports writeups as Jerry Jones, Tom Fulton, Carole Donnelly, Carol Farkas, literary editor; and Shirley Sposit look on with amusement. Not pictured are Jovonna Cimino and Tom Ribich.

CANDY CORPORATION

Behind those smiling faces at the candy counter was a strong and faithful Board of Directors, headed by an able group of officers—Madeline Klaus, president; Jean O'Grady, vice-president; Jean Slantz, secretary; Gloria Dugan, treasurer. These girls, with the aid of their sponsor Mrs. Flannick, kept the Candy Corporation a successful business venture.

RECEPTIONISTS

No one ever wandered into SHS without a friendly greeting from these cordial and attractive receptionists. They were always ready to do that little extra job, such as delivering absence sheets, collecting the absentee cards, and most important, giving visitors a wonderful impression of Swissvale High.

Madeline Klaus, Gloria Dugan, Nancy Raynor, Jean Slantz, Jean O'Grady.



Kneeling: Carol Deller, Joann Chadwick, Sally Wonders, Marlene Frank.

Standing: Norma McCollough, Gretchen Kelley, Jackie Donohue, Jo Koontz, Barbara Chizmar, Gertie Wahl, Carol Coleman, Nina Chambers.

At desk: Eileen Early.



Upper photo: Marjie Adams, art editor; Sue Dunay, editor-in-chief; Jovonna Cimino, feature editor; Larry Camberg, sports editor.

Lower photo, kneeling: Jane Hartzfeld, Joe Capezuto, Sally McGregor, mimeographers.

Standing: Pat Kearns, Ardie Schweinberg, Rita McTiernan, Jacquie Ghrist, Nancy Price.

VALISTIC

Since Michael the Mouse was one of the best known characters to write for our Valistic, we thought it only proper that he should write the Valistic story for the yearbook.

i, michael m. mouse, this day of february 29, submit my findings on a visit to room 6.

today is the day for the valistic to come out so lets look into this busy room. there is sue dunay standing at the counter pulling her hair out waiting for that old sports editor, whats his name, to get that story in. if sue could only get those stories in, the paper would be complete. look whos standing by the funny machine the kids are so proud of. oh I know now—thats sally and beside her is jane.

what a picture this room makes. jovonna and lin are sitting there racking their brains to see what reporter gets what subject to write on. my what a clatter is coming from that real high desk in the corner. i better rush over there to see whats the matter. oops i knocked over the correction fluid. now i know what is making that noise. pat and phil are going to town on that typewriter—baby i think they call it because it is their pet. marlene is there too correcting mistakes. they almost caught a glimpse of me so i ran over to where i would be safe with all those handsome and strong men on the board, but what did i do? i almost got stabbed by a stylus in the hands of marjie adams. i had to jump quick and do you know where i landed? in the slot of the valistic box!

Lower photo, first row: Judy McWilliams, Linda Murray, Jeanne Ford, Eleanor Bodner, Audrey Mittendorfer, Bette Grace Davison.

Second row: Madeline Paris, Sally McGregor, Ruth Ludwig, Kathy Radakovic, Carol Farkas, Pat Murray, Marlene Seman.

Third row: Jack McKibben, Paul Schultz, Jimmy Cimino.





Typing staff and proofreaders: Marlene Frank, Pat Ferrence, Lucille Scolata, Anita Andrechak, Philomena Flotta, Marlene Seman.

DEPARTMENT OF VALISTIC

A very candid shot of the Valistic staff at their annual Christmas Party.



The Y-Teen Club is an organization made up of junior and senior girls, whose main purposes are to teach better understanding among the girls, to complete as many worthwhile and interesting activities as possible, and to have fun while doing these things.

The club got off to an active start in September with almost complete reorganization. Treasurer Donna Alexander collected dues for the year, and secretary Sally McGregor enrolled all the new members. Homeroom representatives were selected and then the planning of the entire year was underway.

The Harvest Hop, a semi-formal dance in November, was the first activity planned. The music was provided by a local band, and for excitement, the club crowned their Sweetheart, who was pretty Georgia Simko. The affair was the first of its kind for the club, and the girls worked hard to make it an outstanding success.

December found the Y-Teens collecting toys

of every size, color, and description. They made a notable contribution of about 300 toys, cleaned and painted, to underprivileged children.

A spaghetti luncheon for the students and the teachers was a new project. Planned mainly by the juniors, the seniors pitched in and helped, too.

Next came a project for the new YWCA, which will be built in Pittsburgh. The club sold "bricks" to individuals who contributed to the building fund.

There were many more activities, such as a chicken dinner, which was so successful that there were requests for another one soon. Others that deserve mention were candlelight, dances, and bake sales.

The girls' goal, under Mrs. Flannick's guidance, was finally reached in May, when a deserving senior was awarded the one hundred dollar Y-Teen Scholarship.

Y-TEEN JR.

First row: Bette Grace Davison, Shirley Wardrope, Gretchen Paff, Connie Clifford, Emily Gernhardt, Sally Wonders, Jacquie Ghrist.
 Second row: Charlotte Zaccari, Nancy Price, Audrey George, Norma McCollough, Liz McKim, Gerry Biehl, LaVerne Johnson, Rita Wach, Kathy Radakovic.
 Third row: Linda Murray, Carol Whalen, Dolores Bucar, Norma Barefoot, Marlane Colondrea, Joan Spangler, Gretchen Burgard, Nina Chambers, Annette Johnson, Jean Waters, Rita McTiernan, Pat Kearns.
 Fourth row: Georgia Ratica, Josephine Radelja, Elma Hosie, Jackie Donohue, Joan Emricko, Jeanne Ford, Cathy Hosper, Martha Wahl, Mary Lou Pascarella.
 Fifth row: Aldean Johns, Jackie Elzer, Connie Koval, Ardie Schweinberg, Bobbie Kerr.





First row: Eileen Early, Carol Deller, Judy Joyce, Joann Chadwick, Pat Ferrence, Marlene Frank, Anita Andrechak.
 Second row: Evelyn Pennington, Shirley Sposit, Pat McTiernan, Rose DiChiera, Norene Kennelly, Phil Flotta, Audrey Capezzuto, Eileen Denny.
 Third row: LaVerne Harper, Eleanor Bodner, Jo Koontz, Marlene Seman, Judy McWilliams, Lyn Koontz, Marion Venturella, Kathy Ritmanich, Gertie Wahl.
 Fourth row: Caroleen Beninati, Frances McAllister, Stevie Stone, Sue Dunay, Phyllis Hotujec, Dorothy Charnick, Carole Donnelly, Karlin Clinger.
 Fifth row: Donna Alexander, Cynthia Crawford, Jovonna Cimino, Gerry Barry, Georgia Simko, Mary Dravecky, Merelene Stein.

Y-TEEN SR.

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OFFICERS

Donna Alexander, treasurer, seated in front of Carol Farkas, president; Madeline Klaus, vice-president; and Sally McGregor, secretary.



ART CLASSES



Top, first row: V. Desimone, T. Ribich, J. Carson, C. Deller, E. Early, A. Pagano, B. Dufalla, G. Catone.

Second row: D. Sadvary.

Third row: M. Cencarik, P. McTiernan, L. Koontz, S. Rocco, J. Koontz, J. Jenkins.

Center section, left to right: J. Emricko, R. Berry, J. Anderson, V. Shogan, E. Hosie, B. Nemitz, J. Radelja, D. Bucar.

Lower section, counterclockwise: C. Hosper, S. Kuzmich, N. Barefoot, E. Frantz, T. Lamberti, M. Renkes, P. Shedlock, C. Prentice, A. George, D. Madigan, J. Miele.

Art class was as active as a mobile, with a variety of projects underway most of the time. In addition to our artists' help with stage settings and May Day backgrounds, they embarked on projects of their own. A decidedly modern trend was seen in the paintings, and the walls of Room 20 were as gaily up-to-the-minute as the International!

Besides abstracts, scenes, and portraits, the art classes frequently stayed after school to finish maps and other projects for history, English, geography, etc. Giving a lot of help here and suggestions there was Mr. Regan, who managed to keep all these highly individualistic enterprises going while still maintaining each class as a whole.



First row: S. McGregor, D. Evanchec, S. Sposit, E. Bodner, P. Roberts, G. Catone, J. Joyce, E. Denny.

Second row: M. Stein, A. Pagano, C. Beninati, Joan Slantz, J. Koontz, L. Koontz.

Standing: A. Roth, S. Begg, T. Costello, J. McKibben, M. Jones, M. Dravecky, P. Hotujec, M. Cencarik, Mr. Jelbart, sponsor; A. Mittendorfer, N. Kennelly, K. Jones, C. Jones, G. Barry, M. Frank, R. Needham, A. Capezzuto, M. Seman, J. Chadwick.

First row: W. Taylor, B. Dell, B. Bliss, J. McFarlane, L. Grubb, S. Wardrope, E. McKim, J. Cimino, J. Halchek.

Second row: J. Spargo, C. Floss, B. Kneebone, E. Kurtz, M. Capezzuto, D. Bucar, N. McCollough, L. Murray.

Third row: P. Ruffner, B. Chizmar, J. Weichel, B. Davison, B. Neff, J. Emricko.

CAMERA CLUB



Camera Club officers are snapped as they are about to enter the darkroom, equipped and operated by members of the club. At the left is secretary Sam Begg, who records the activities of the club. Jack McKibben, vice-president, assists Gerry Slattery, president. Funds are ably handled by Georgetta Catone. Sponsor of the group is C. M. Jelbart.

INTERCOM CREW



The voices behind the scenes: Jack McKibben, Bob Dreistadt, Nick Moraytis, Sam Begg, John Shipman, Dale Wentroble, Ken Jones, and Larry Camberg.



STAGE CREW

The hands behind the scenes that were responsible for stage settings, lighting, sound effects, etc.:

First row: Dick Cencarik, Bill Zelen, Jim Cimino.

Second row: Joe Capezzuto, Mike Cencarik, Bill Cottom, Ken Jones, Eddie Frantz.

Third row: Jack McKibben, Sam Begg, Bob Dreistadt.

Hangers-on: Howdy Hoffman, Lou Lanyi, Phil Lynch, Vince Desimone.

Mr. F. L. Arensberg, Chairman of the Board of Vesuvius Crucible Company, looks over a copy of the Swissvalian with Bob Lucas, business manager of the 1956 yearbook.



Juniors Drew Anderson, Louis Green, and Emily Gernhardt talk with Grace Dolak, a new classmate from St. Louis, Missouri.

"Will we go to class or won't we? It's so nice outside," Joann Gates, Bob Weber, Beverly Dell, Dick Simko, Metalyn Yetka, John Shipman, Rudy Yurco, and Mary Jane Holderbaum, sophomores, just might be saying.



SPORTS



Clockwise: Eleanor Bodner, Frances McAllister, Lyn Koontz, Norma Barefoot, Jackie Elzer, Jo Koontz (center).

FOOTBALL SCORES

Swissvale 19	Rankin	19
Swissvale 0	Belmar	13
Swissvale 13	Shaler	13
Swissvale 12	Homestead	26
Swissvale 6	Braddock	13
Swissvale 13	Tarentum	13
Swissvale 14	Glassport	14
Swissvale 0	Wilmerding	20



Assistant Coach John Brace, Coach Arnold Koepka.

FOOTBALL

First row: Terry Kelley, Tom Ribich, Danny Scott, Dave Ritter, Timmy Mise, Augie Tammariello, Joe Battaglia, Gary Haberle, Al Cramer, Lewis Ruth, Ellery Panaia, Jerry Jones, Ben Jones, Tom Fulton.

Second row: Tony Lamberti, Lester Scott, Joe DiBernardo, Louis Green, Bob Klemmer, Bucky Norris, Paul Hosper, Bernie DiBernardo, Al Reid, Ray Schreiber, Kirk Metzger.

Third row: Coach Koepka, Tony Barbarino, Ed Mihaly, John Walsh, Sam Rocco, Frannie Conti, Dick O'Leary, Jack Hogan, Dave McGough, Paul Murphy, Martin Poad, Bill Creighton, John McFarland, Tom Harris, Assistant Coach Brace.





TOM FULTON

Mr. Troubles

That nickname fits him fine . . . he had a bad break and so did SHS when some of the bones in his foot were broken.



JOE BATTAGLIA

Mr. Dynamite

A guard on both offense and defense . . . respected by his opponents for his "shivering shiver."

TOM RIBICH

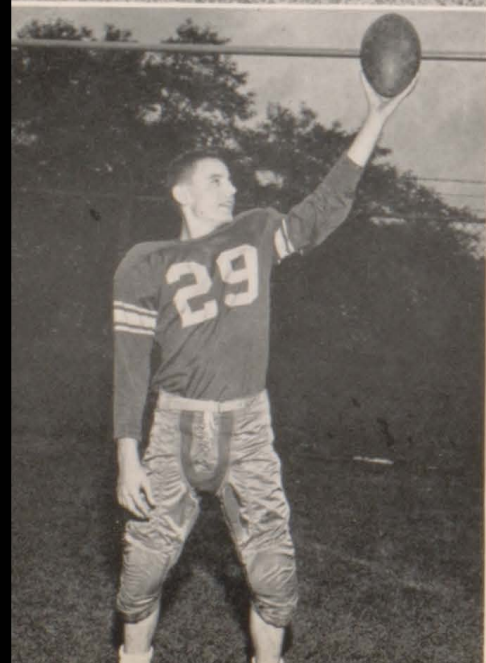
Tough Tackle

An offensive and defensive tackle . . . used his size and ability to manhandle his opponents.

GARY HABERLE

Hipless Wonder

"Rabbit," a defensive back . . . had a sixth sense for intercepting opponents' passes and returning them for good gains.



AUGIE TAMMARIELLO

Power Packed

An offensive and defensive back . . . always fought hard for that extra point or two.



ANTHONY BARBARINO

Punchy

Was a first string end for two years . . . could not continue his playing this year because of a head injury.



SAM ROCCO

Sam the Man

"Rock" an offensive guard and defensive linebacker . . . always ready to make those smashing tackles.

ELLERY PANAIA

Special Delivery

Both offensive and defensive center . . . always managed to deliver the "bread" and still block his man.



DANNY SCOTT

Shifty Halfback

Was high scorer for the year . . . "Brutus" really drove the tacklers crazy with his shifty running and speed.



JERRY JONES Glue-fingered

Started the season throwing passes, but ended by catching them . . . a three-letter man on the SHS gridiron.





TERRY KELLEY **Halfback Terry**
A back who put his notebook learning to use on the field . . . was always striving to get that starting assignment.

LEWIS RUTH **Hustling Guard**
A defensive guard who always managed to make that tackle and keep his teammates' spirits up.



AL CRAMER **Flashy End**
Known for his defensive ability . . . was always pushing the regulars for that starting assignment.

TIMMY MISE **Speed Demon**
That speedy halfback you saw scoring on those long runs . . . his swivel hips outfoxed many a defender.



First row: Jerry Jones, Bill Creighton, Lewis Ruth, Fran Conti, Augie Tammariello, Joe Battaglia.
Second row: Jack Hogan, Danny Scott, Terry Kelley, Bucky Norris, Dick Martin, Jack McKibben, Al Cramer, Ellery Panaia, Gary Haberle, Tom Ribich.
Third row: Coach Dennison, Bob Klemmer, Paul Hosper, Gilbert Harris, Martin Poad, Dave McGough, Anthony Barbarino, Coach Koepka.



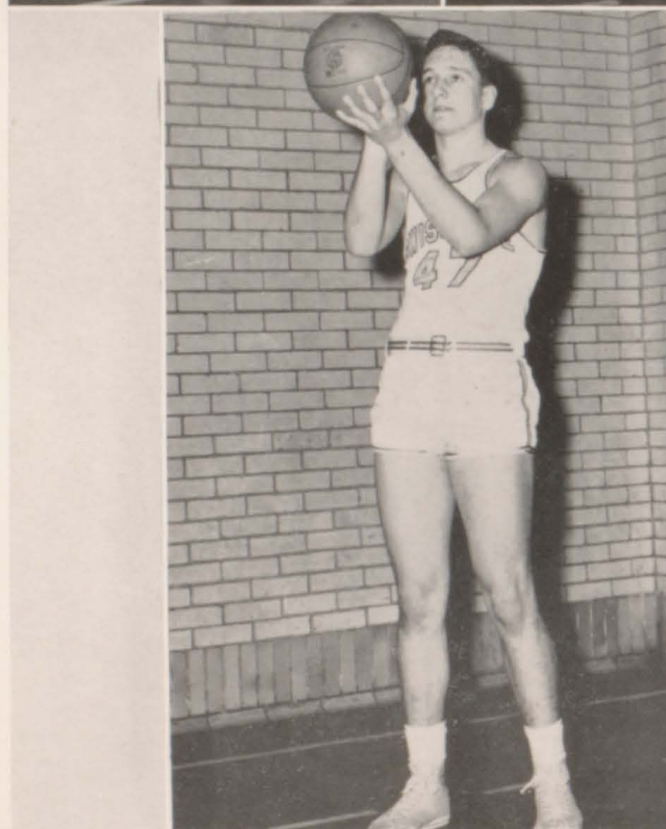
First row: Bill Creighton, Bucky Norris, Jerry Jones, Tom Ribich, Augie Tammariello, Gary Haberle, Kenny Jones, Dave McGough, Fran Conti, Marty Poad.

Second row: Coach Dennison, John Anderson, Bob Klemmer, Louis Green, George Seman, Al Reid, Vince Pasarella, Benjamin Jones, Assistant Coach Brace.

Third row: Bill Stanton, John Walsh, Bill Carlson, Jim Fulmer, Gussie Bahleda, Fred Ritter, John McFarland, John DeLucia.

BASKETBALL

Swissvale 48	Tarentum 56	*Swissvale 32	Wilkinsburg 44
Swissvale 53	Arnold 48	*Swissvale 67	Turtle Creek 84
Swissvale 28	East Pittsburgh 66	*Swissvale 37	Wilmerding 69
Swissvale 46	Latrobe 75	*Swissvale 65	Rankin 92
Swissvale 53	Peabody 66	*Swissvale 60	Penn 67
Swissvale 62	Pitcairn 51	*Swissvale 44	Scott 55
Swissvale 52	Latrobe 80	*Swissvale 61	Braddock 55
Swissvale 52	Jeannette 72	*Swissvale 44	Wilkinsburg 37
Swissvale 59	East Pittsburgh 55	*Swissvale 51	Turtle Creek 53
*Swissvale 51	Penn 58	*Swissvale 52	Wilmerding 74
*Swissvale 49	Scott 71	*Swissvale 69	Rankin 47
*Swissvale 57	Braddock 59	*League Games	



GARY HABERLE **Mr. Defense**
A fine all 'round player, with exceptionally fast reflexes. Always wound up stealing the ball from his opponents.

TOM RIBICH **Hustler**
"Ribs" was the boy who was always scuffling for those rebounds. An asset on both offense and defense.

JERRY JONES **Hoop-Eye**
Jerry was high scorer for three years. When you needed those foul shots, Jerry was the boy!

AUGIE TAMMARIOLO **Playmaker**
Augie was the boy who set up the scores with his passing and ball handling. Also had a good set shot.

KENNY JONES **Try Guy**
Kenny's hustle and spirit were always bright spots on the team. Showed a lot of development during the year.

BASEBALL

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First row: Ben Jones, Tom Fulton, Gary Haberle, Augie Tammariello, Jerry Jones, Dick Martin, Tom Ribich, Gibby Harris, Dan Scott.
 Second row: John McFarland, Russell Ragan, Joe Colondre, Bucky Norris, Sully Amodeo, Jim Zetwo, Richard Lanyi, Dave McGough, Fran Conti, Berny DiBernardo, Tony Lamberti, Wayne Richter.
 Third row: Bill Shortz, George Seman, Jim Fulmer, John Walsh, Bill Stanton, Willard McKay, John DeLucia, Albert Reid, Albert Cramer, Ray Schreiber, Joe Ponsi, Bill Carlson, Mike Borellis, Coach Dennison.

As in other years, poor weather has made it hard for local baseball aspirants to have practice sessions on the field. It is asking a lot to expect teams to have a good season when they can't practice, or when games must be rescheduled to the last week or so of the high school season.

By the looks of things, however, this may be another good year for Coach Dennison's boys in spite of the weatherman. With a high percentage of lettermen on the team, the Flashes are hopefully eyeing the Section 15 title. Of the

six teams in the section, Wilkinsburg, Turtle Creek, and Swissvale show the most promise, with Penn, Scott, and Braddock expected to trail. The race will be a close one, but the Flashes are determined to make the playoffs.

Swissvale had been handed one defeat (by Wilkinsburg) at the time the yearbook went to press, but the season was still young then, and, given good weather to match the boys' good spirit and good play, the Flashes' chances for another Section 15 crown are bright.

VERY IMPORTANT PEOPLE

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These seniors rated honorable mention in the vote for outstanding members of the Class of '56.*

MOST POPULAR

Anthony Barbarino
Joe Battaglia
Jovonna Cimino
Jo Koontz
Tom Ribich
Pat Robinson
Georgia Simko
Augie Tammariello

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Sam Begg
Carol Farkas
Philomena Flotta
Tom Ribich
David Ritter
Lewis Ruth
Jean Slantz
Stephanie Stone

BEST PERSONALITY

Anthony Barbarino
Carol Farkas
Tom Fulton
Marian Havranek
Tom Ribich
Danny Scott
Georgia Simko

WITTIEST

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*Arranged alphabetically

Another successful year was enjoyed by the Bowling Club, one of the most active organizations in SHS. Bob Lucas and Miss Robbins, the adviser, worked hard at schedule making and getting ready for their May picnic.

The first semester, Jim Zetwo's team rolled the highest score. Bob Lucas and Bill Thompson were leading boy bowlers. Jackie Weichel

headed the girls in high scoring.

New teams were started the second semester, with Captains Ken Lucas, Willard McKay, Bob Lucas, Jim Zetwo, Vince Desimone, and Jim Amtower.

The club's weekly dues came in handy at the end of the year, when the bowlers held a big picnic.

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INTRAMURALS



Miss Boretsky and Mr. Koepka, in cooperation with Student Council, have done a fine job in promoting one of the leading activities in our school—intramural sports. As a climax to this year's series, shortly before Easter vacation a benefit basketball game was staged to aid crippled children. A team of SHS girls lost to the Oriolles and the faculty men triumphed over Room 8's champs before one of the largest crowds ever to attend a game at Dickson gym.

The top photo shows Room 21's team, which continued as school champions in volleyball for another year. In the first of a series of Student Council games at Dickson gym, these boys won over Room 13 to bring another title to the seniors.

Kneeling: Bob Lucas, Joe Colondre, Don Good, Tom Kelly
Standing: Howard Hoffman, Tom Ribich, Tom Costello, Joe Valko.



Room 3 was "it" when it came to the girls' intramurals, as they rolled along to bring two titles to their senior home-room this year. They won the prized volleyball championship and then went on to defeat Room 8 for the basketball crown.

Kneeling: Marlene Lichka, Judy Joyce, Lucille Scolata, Carol Beninati, Jane Hartzfeld.
Standing: Rita Needham, Marjie Adams, Barbara Dufalla, Joan Slantz, Jovonna Cimino.



Only one more win was needed for a senior class clean sweep this year, but the boys in the lower photo, sophomores from Room 8, upset the seniors' plans by winning a thrilling contest over the Room 7 Jelbartians to wrap up the school championship. These were the boys who later, in an exhibition game, lost to the faculty men.

First row: Emmett O'Hare, Ronnie Johnson, Paul Hosper, Martin Amodeo.
Second row: Lester Scott, Bill Byrnes.

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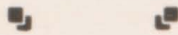
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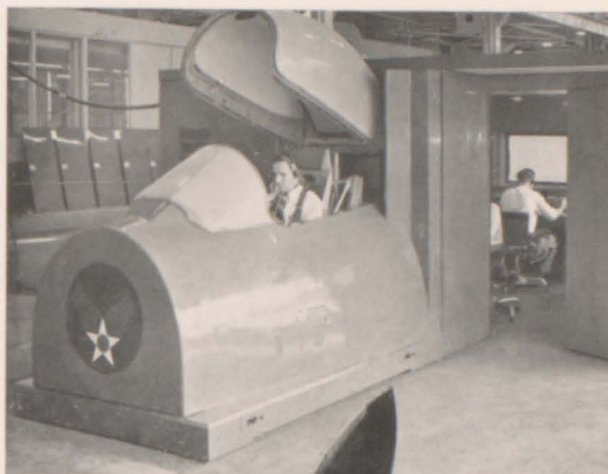
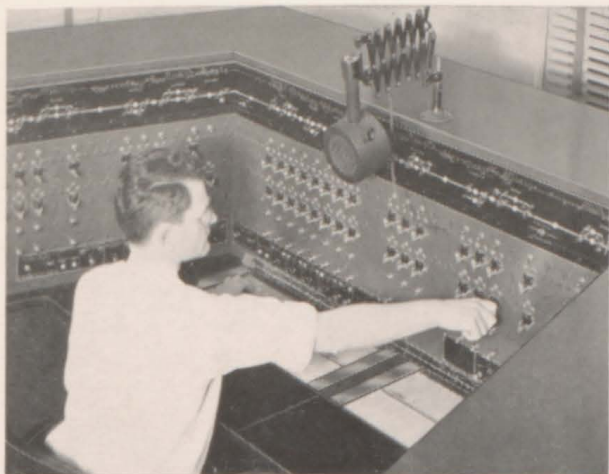
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
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