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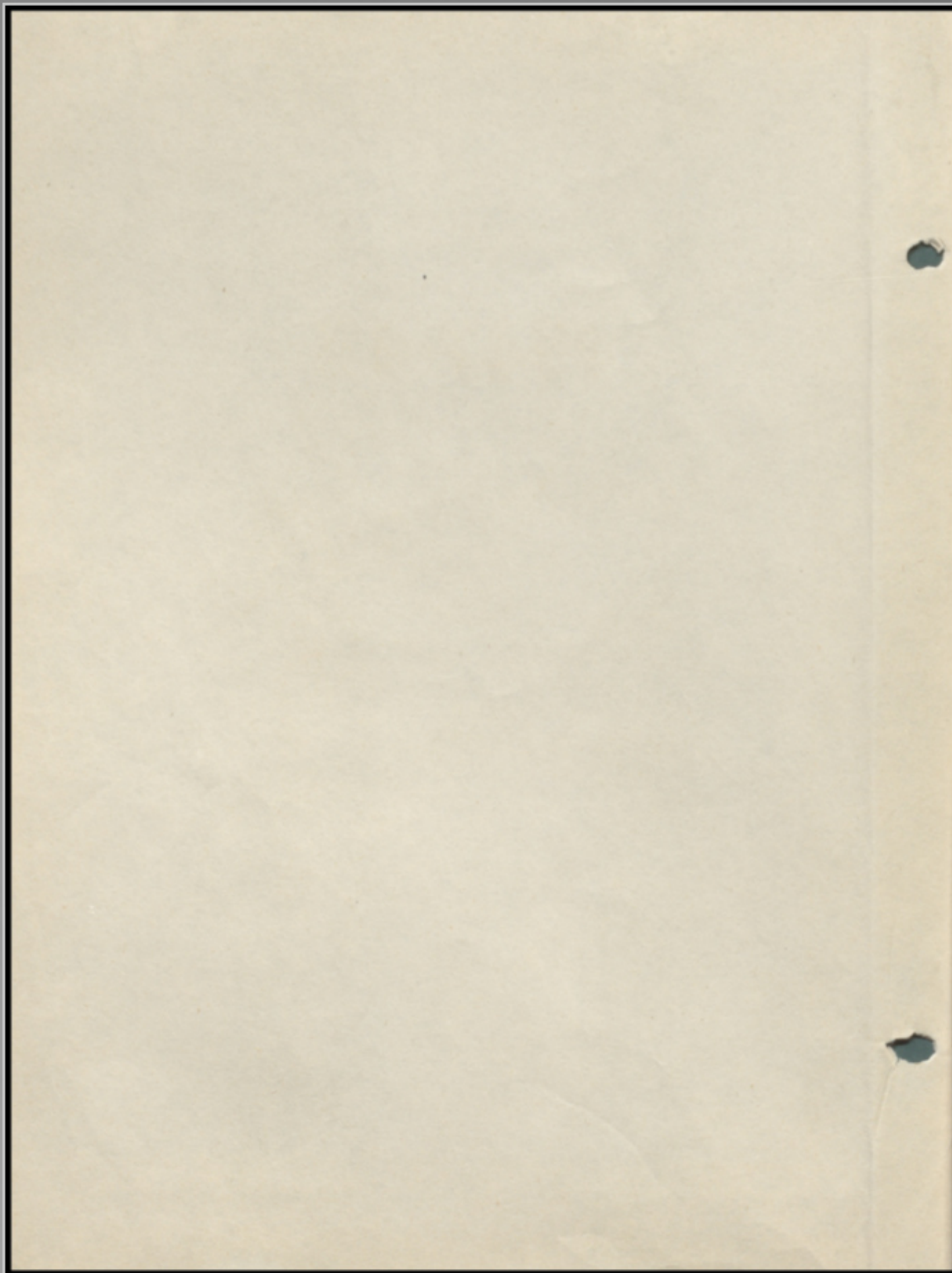
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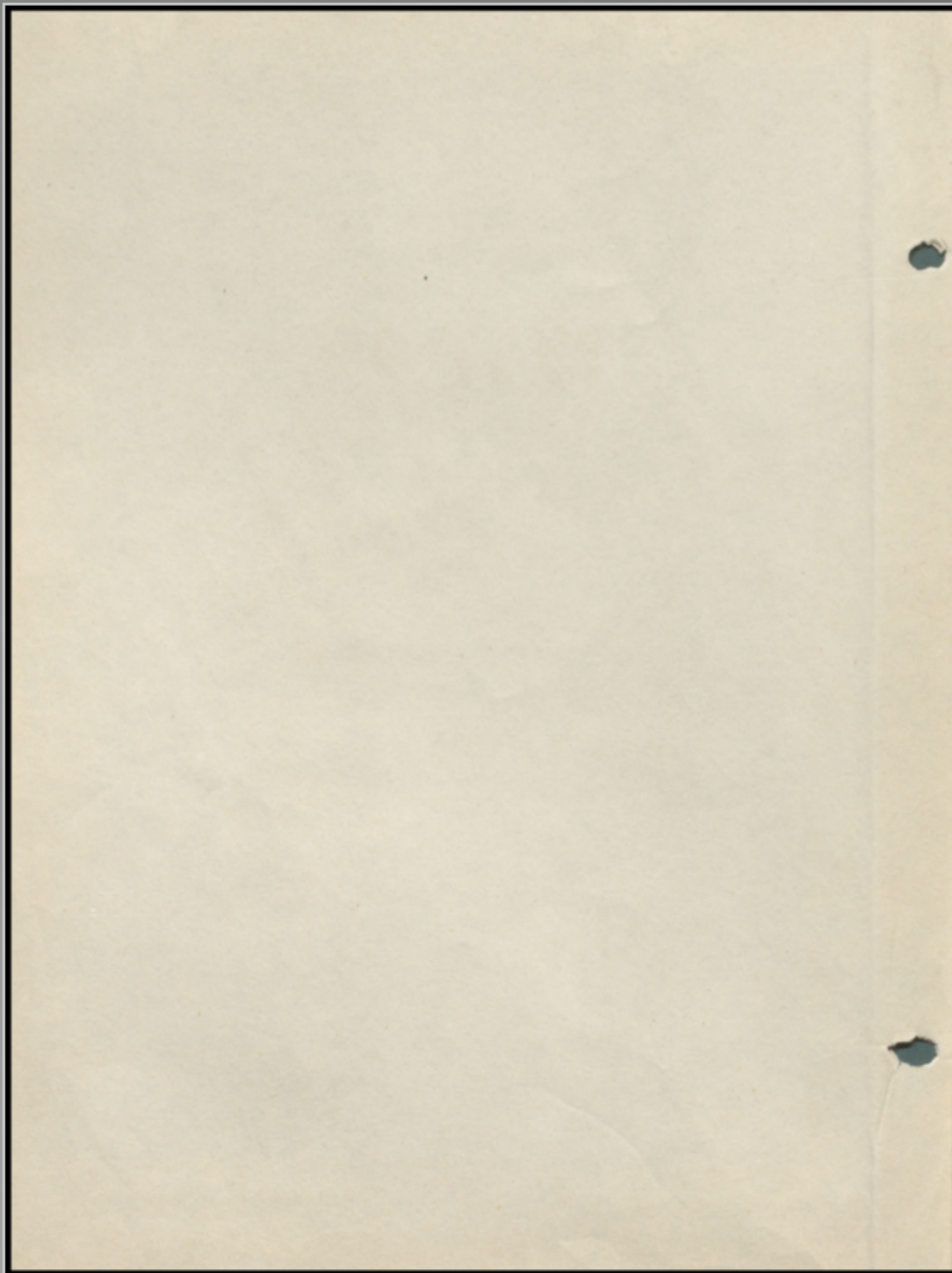
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Foreword



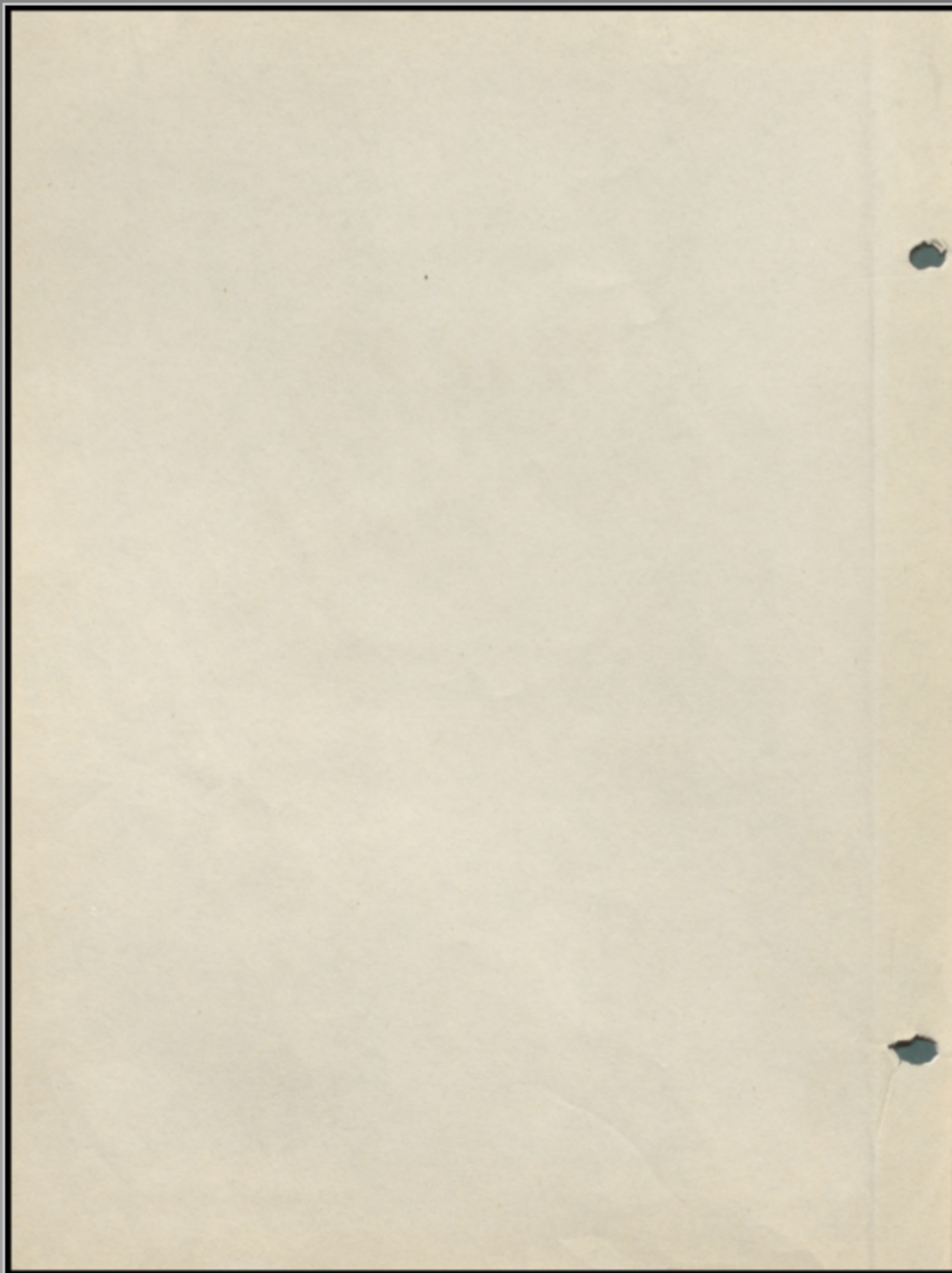
The Associated Student Body of Douglas High School wish to present this issue of the "Taku" for the purpose of promoting school spirit and supporting the tradition and ideals for which Douglas High has long been known.

This Taku, the first since 1936, is a journal of the important social, scholastic, and athletic activities of the current year and those who took part in them. It represents a step taken toward re-establishing a worth-while tradition and a challenge to the integrity and ability of future students. If it serves this purpose, no task that we may have encountered will seem to have been too great.



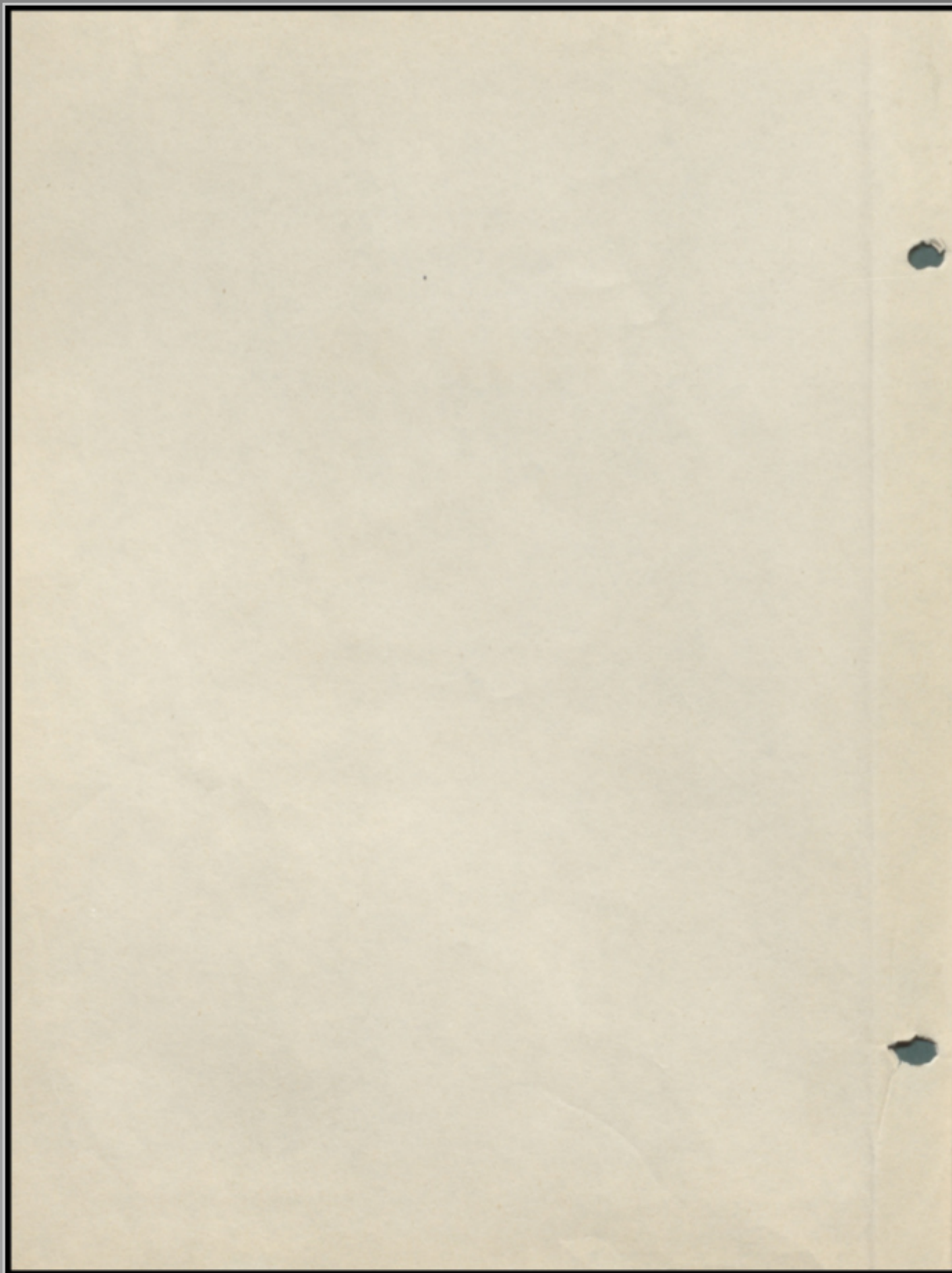
Calendar

School Opened.	September 2
Freshman Initiation.	September 12
Teachers Reception	October 3
First Six Weeks Examinations	October 9-10
Columbus Day Assembly.	October 13
Athletic Exhibition.	October 24
First "Breeze" Issue	November 7
Armistice Day Assembly	November 11
Second Six Weeks Examinations.	November 21-22
Thanksgiving Holidays.	November 27-28
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Darnell's Sport Center.	December 3
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. V. F. W.	December 6
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. A. C. S.	December 10
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Juneau High	December 12
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Columbia Lumber	December 17
Christmas Holidays Begin	December 19
Christmas Party.	December 19
Christmas Program.	December 19
Second "Breeze" Issue.	December 24
Christmas Holidays End	December 29
Basketball Game.	December 30
New Year's Vacation.	January 1-2
First Semester Examinations.	January 7-8
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Mike's Nite Owls.	January 7
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Imperials	January 14
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Juneau High	January 17
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Mike's Nite Owls.	January 20
Senior Ball.	January 24
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Imperials	January 27
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Skagway	February 7
Fourth Six Weeks Examinations.	February 9-10
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Columbia Lumber	February 13
Basketball Game -- Douglas vs. Juneau.	February 17
Basketball Games -- Douglas-Sitka Series at Douglas.	February 20-21
Basketball Games -- Douglas-Sitka Series at Sitka.	March 6-8
Sophomore Hop.	March 26
Primary Room Assembly.	March 26
Fifth Six Weeks Examinations	April 1-2
Senior Play.	April 16
Junior Prom.	April 24
Publications Banquet	May 1
Track Meet	May 8
Baccalaureate Services	May 9
"Taku" Published	May 11
Grade School Program	May 11
Third "Breeze" Issue	May 12
Graduation Exercises	May 13
Vacation Begins.	May 14





DEDICATION

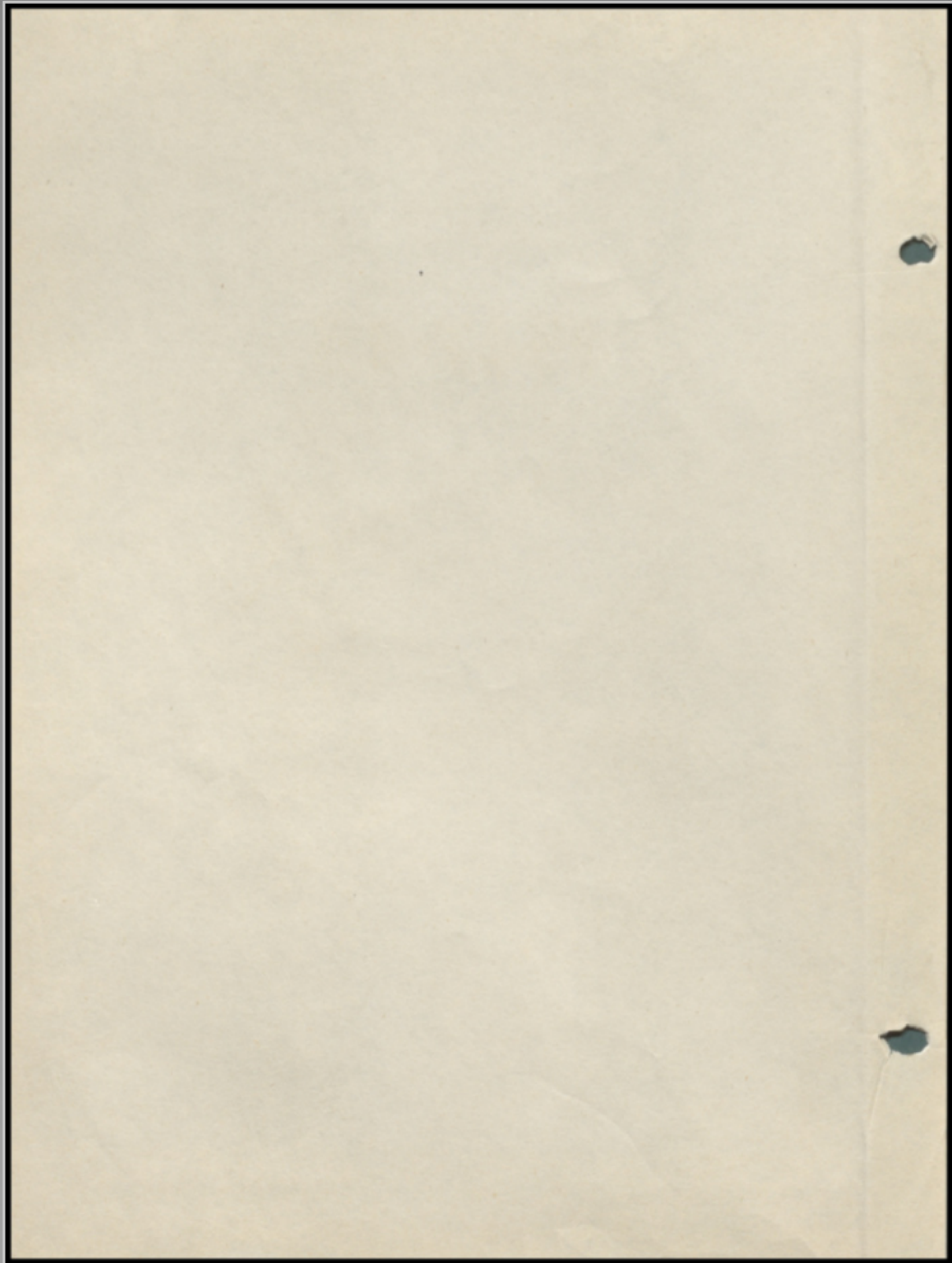


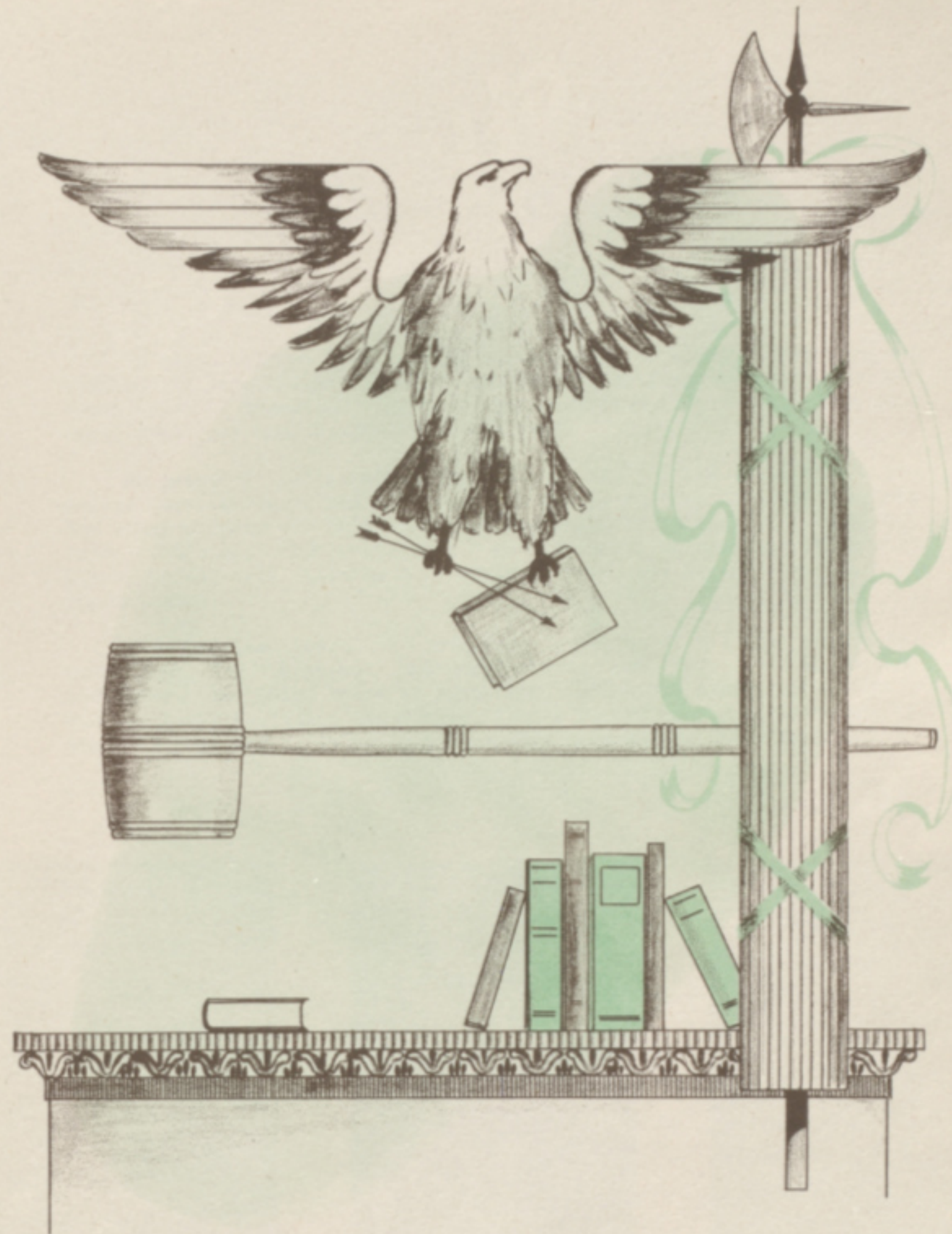


We, the Taku Staff of 1948, wish to dedicate this issue of the "Taku" to Mr. Raymond Reed, our friend, coach, and advisor.

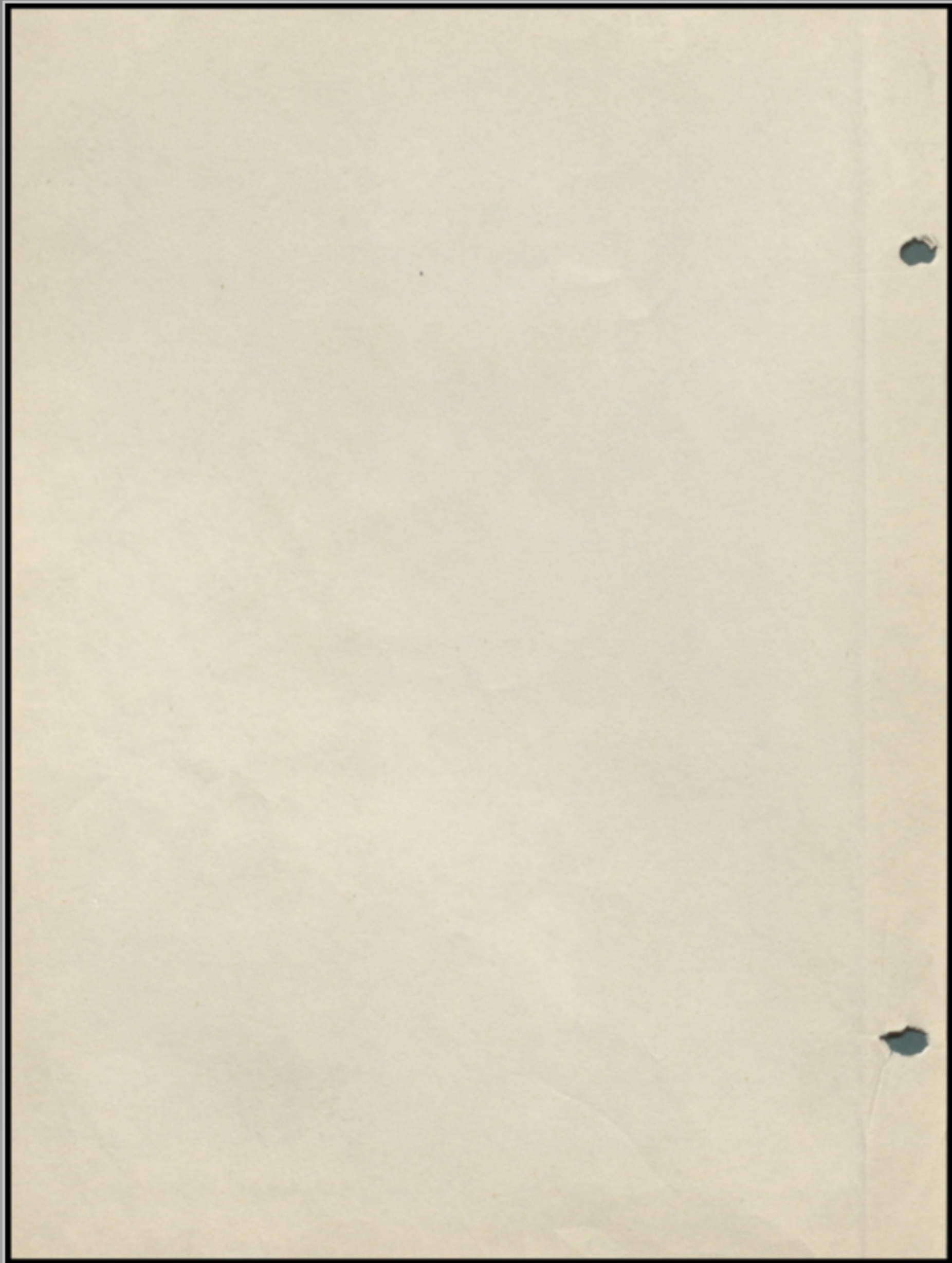
During his two years in Douglas, Mr. Reed has promoted many worth-while projects both for the school and for the entire community. He has created a lively interest in athletics and won the support of all. He started the first interscholastic track meet on the Charnel and is now supervising the cement school playfield which will provide recreation for the people of Douglas. The successful Athletic Exhibition last fall, in which the new tumbling mats were used for the first time, was the first of its kind in this area.

In addition to these activities, Mr. Reed has been the Senior Class advisor for two years. With his help and advice, they were able to raise sufficient funds and have had many extra-curricular activities which would otherwise have been impossible. To Coach Reed we give a vote of thanks for all he has done for us.





ADMINISTRATION



Board of Education

To work without pay, giving unstintingly of time, experience, and wisdom, is rare in this land of industrious self-advancement, and yet every board of education for every school system in the land does this conscientiously and cheerfully, every year.

No group of public officials has more fault found with it or receives more unreasonable requests. To act as referee between teachers and angry parents who think their erring children perfect; to be always calm, judicial, and progressive, and to remain on speaking terms with other people—all this is a herculean task and deserves our highest appreciation.

The Douglas Board of Education consists of Mr. Arne Shudshift, president; Mrs. Kathleen Andrews, clerk; and Mr. J. S. McClellan, treasurer. May this Board of Education, which has always consistently and admirably fulfilled its duties, find a reward in the achievements of the many boys and girls to whom they have made an education possible.



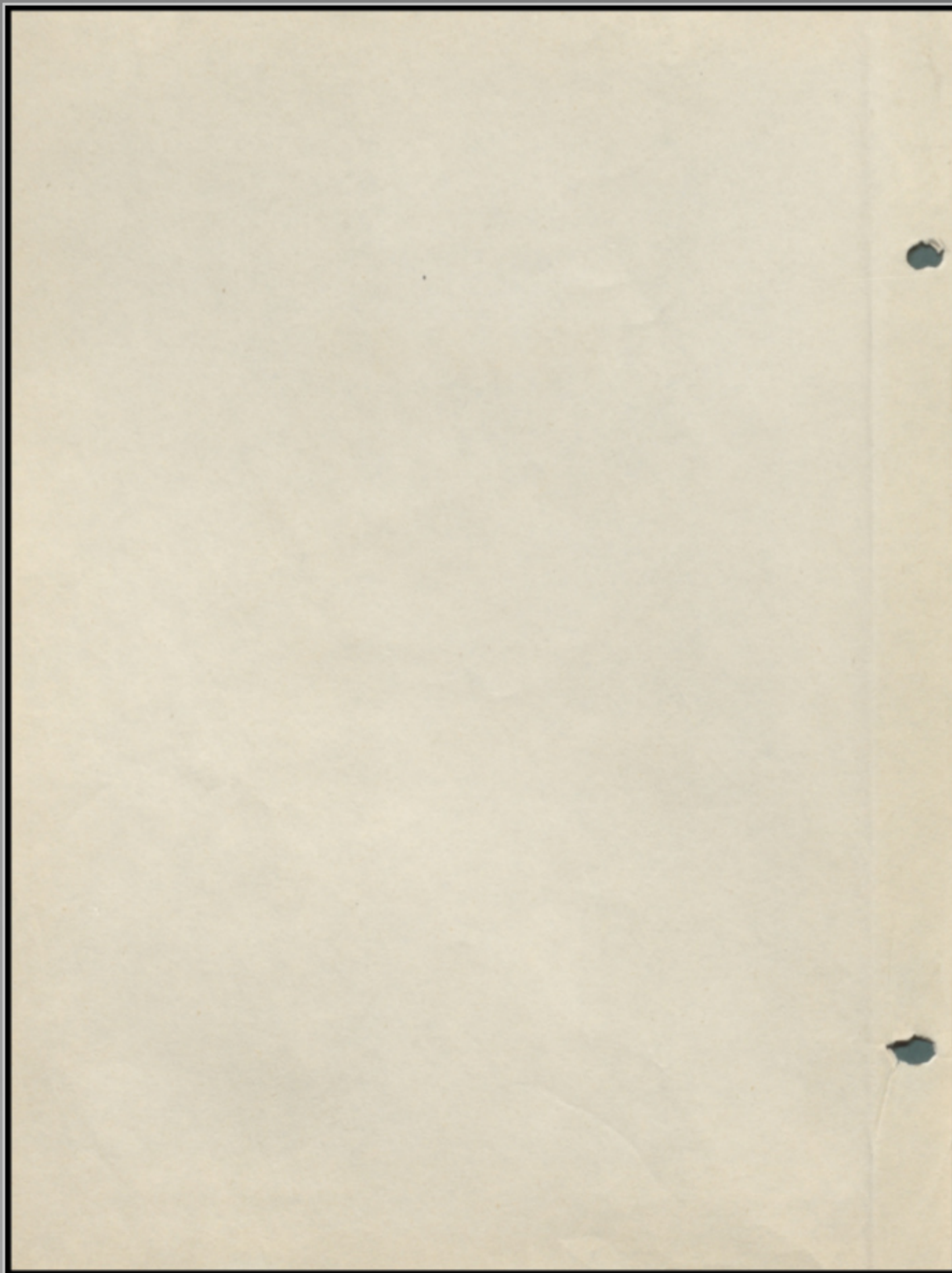
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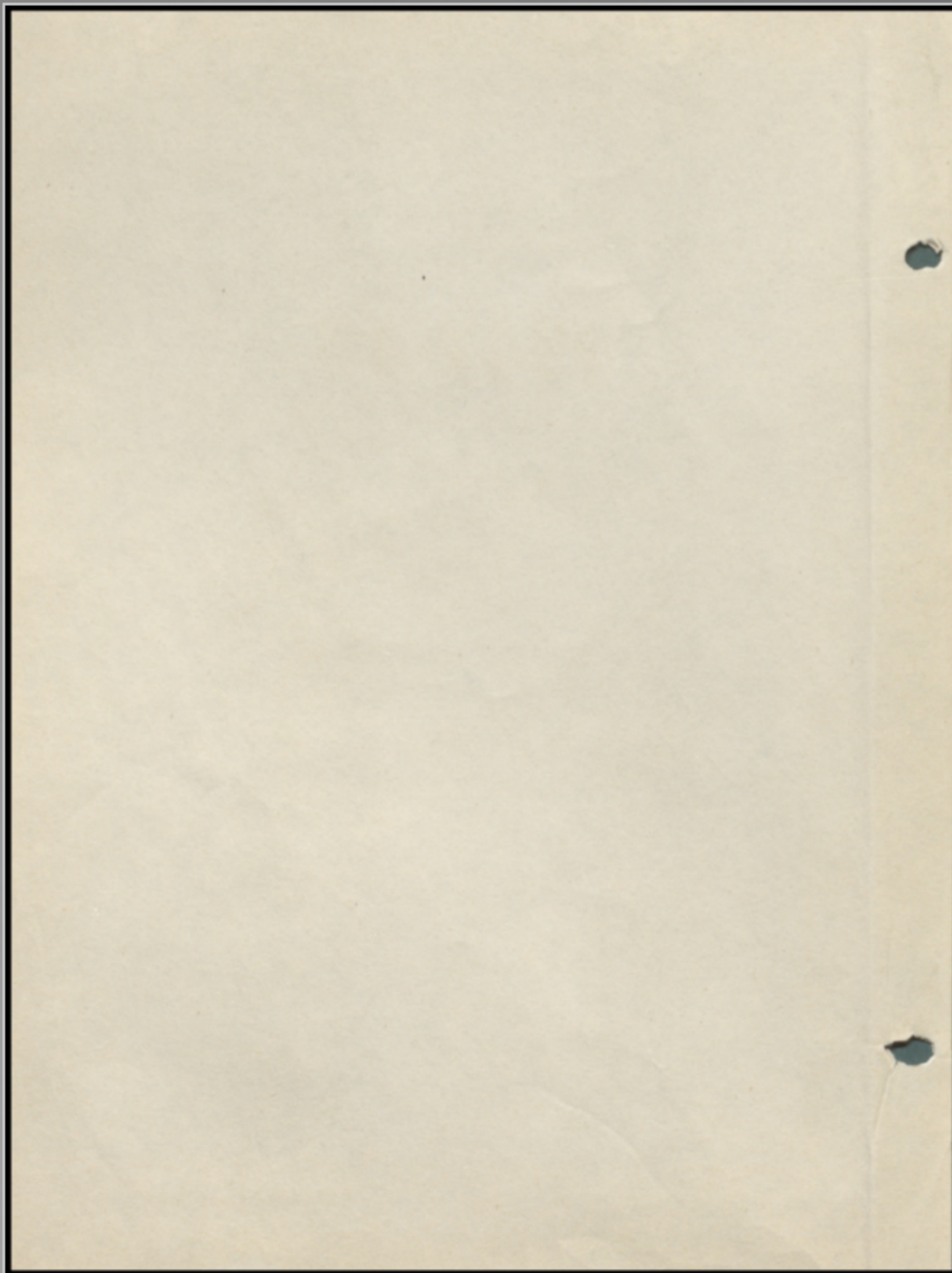
SUPERINTENDENT LON C. RICE



MR. RAYMOND REED



MRS. IRENE REED



Faculty

Superintendent Lon C. Rice, B. A., Southeastern State College, Durand, Oklahoma; M. A., Oklahoma A & M; Freshman Class Advisor; Teaches World History; Alaskan History; American History; Geography; Economics; and Civics.

Mr. Raymond L. Reed, B. S., Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts; Junior and Senior Class Advisor; Girl's Athletic Coach; Grade School Athletic Coach; High School Athletic Coach; Teaches Algebra, Geometry, and General Science.

Mrs. Irene Reed, B. A., Colorado University, Boulder, Colorado; Sophomore Advisor; Advisor for "Castineau Breeze" and "Taku"; Dramatic Coach; Girls' P. E. Club Advisor; Teaches English II, English IV, Typing I, and Secretarial Practice.

Superintendent's Message

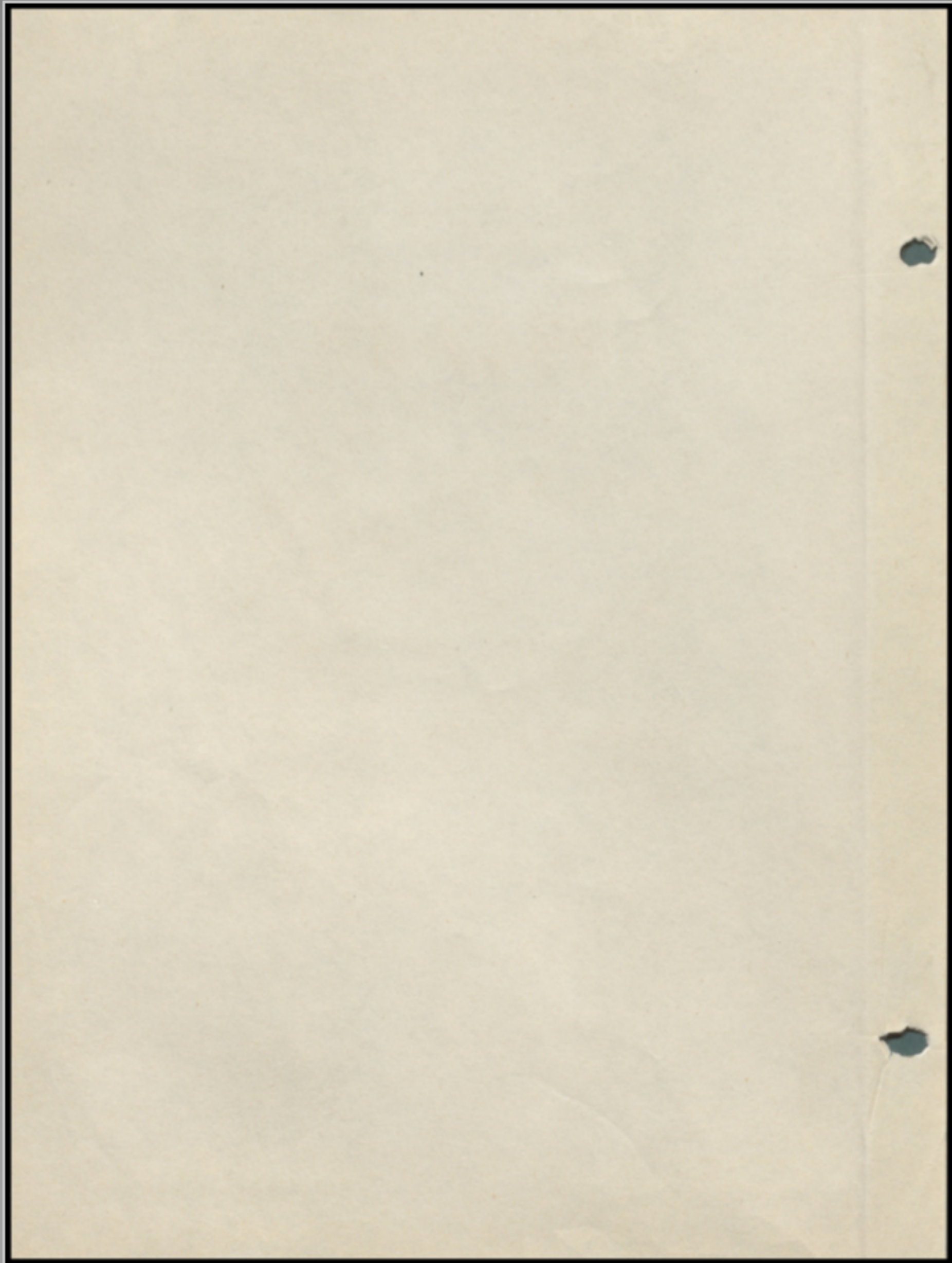
A TRUE REQUISITE FOR SUCCESS—"OBEDIENCE"

Obedience to authority is one of many essentials to progressive living. Co-operation is impossible without obedience. All persons who achieve greatness have begun their careers by serving an apprenticeship in submission, with loyalty and respect, eager to carry out instructions or orders issued by their superiors or those in authority.

You cannot successfully promote any project of importance without organization; to have it we must recognize obedience, co-operation, and leadership. We have been admonished often to observe this essential requirement of obedience. It has been an individual's asset, is, and must inevitably continue as such—too valuable to be brushed aside.

My counsel to the entire student body is: By observing well, obedience, you will most certainly profit by this acquisition. Be eternally vigilant and guard yourselves against insubordination and carelessness.

Lon C. Rice





MRS. ETOLIN WITTANEN

Instructor in First and Second Grade room. Mrs. Wittanen graduated from the University of Oregon with a Normal Certificate. This is her second year in the Douglas School.

MISS ELIZABETH LANCASTER

Instructor in the Third and Fourth Grade room. Miss Lancaster received her B. S. at Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, Michigan, and has done graduate work at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. This is her second year in Alaska.



MRS. MARY PETER

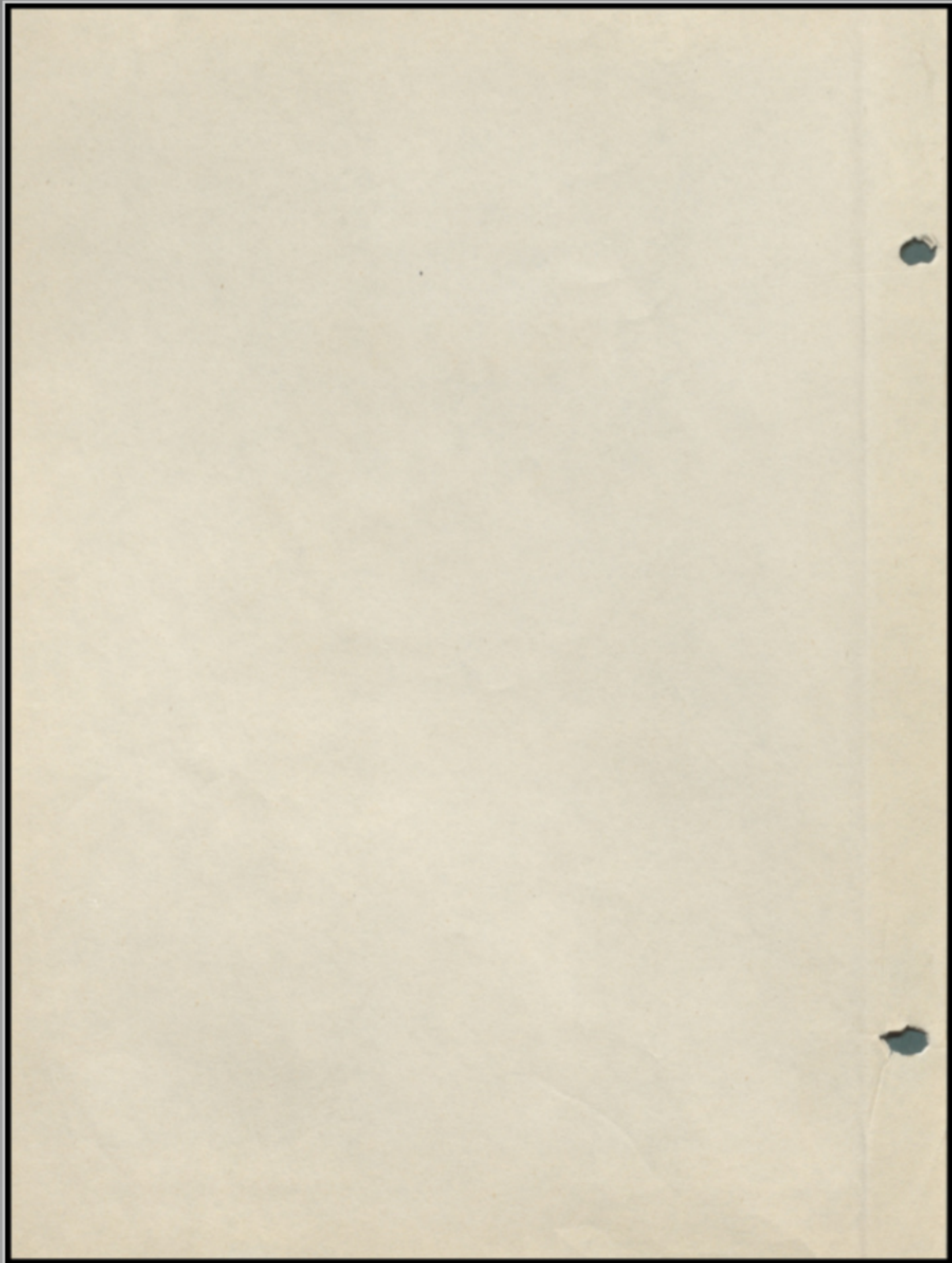
Fifth and Sixth Grade Instructor. Mrs. Peter received her B. S. from the State Teacher's College at St. Cloud, Minnesota. This is her third year of teaching in the Douglas Grade School.

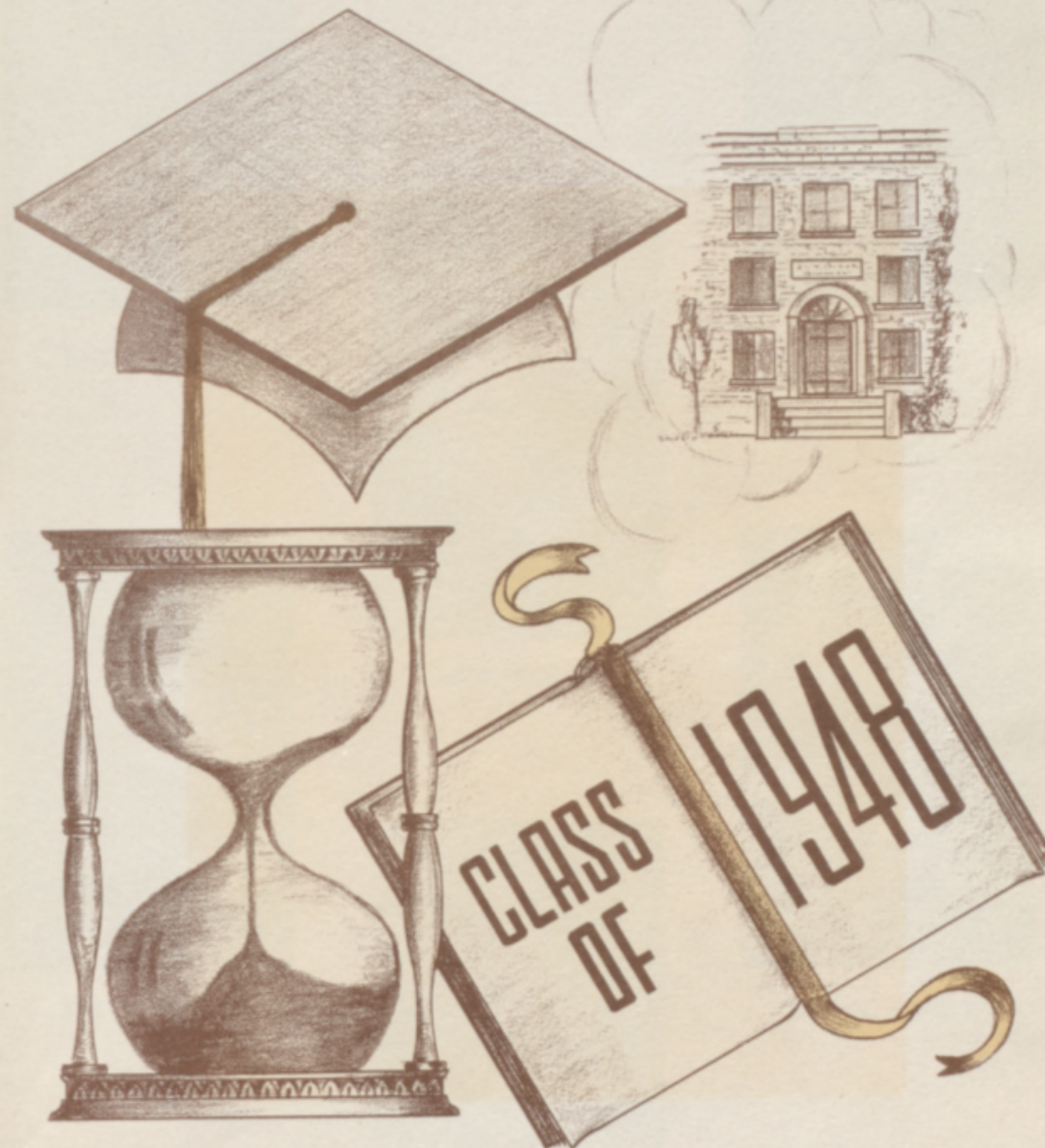


MR. ROBERT WAGNER

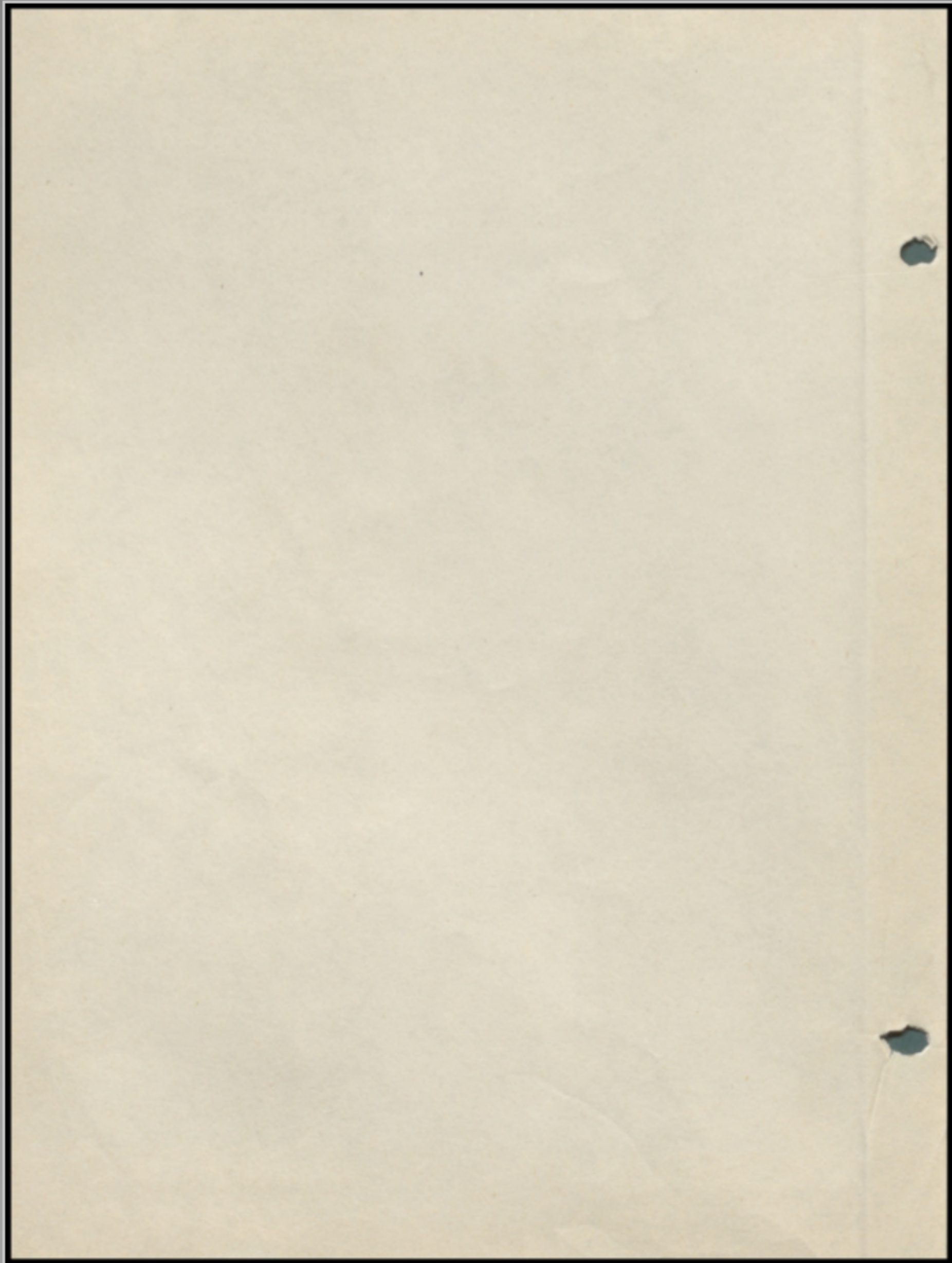
Seventh and Eighth Grade Instructor and Shop Instructor in the High School. Mr. Wagner graduated with a B. S. C. from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. He has also attended South Dakota State Normal College at Madison. This is his third year in Douglas.







SENIORS





PATRICIA BALOG



MAE CUTHBERT



CAROL RUOTSALA



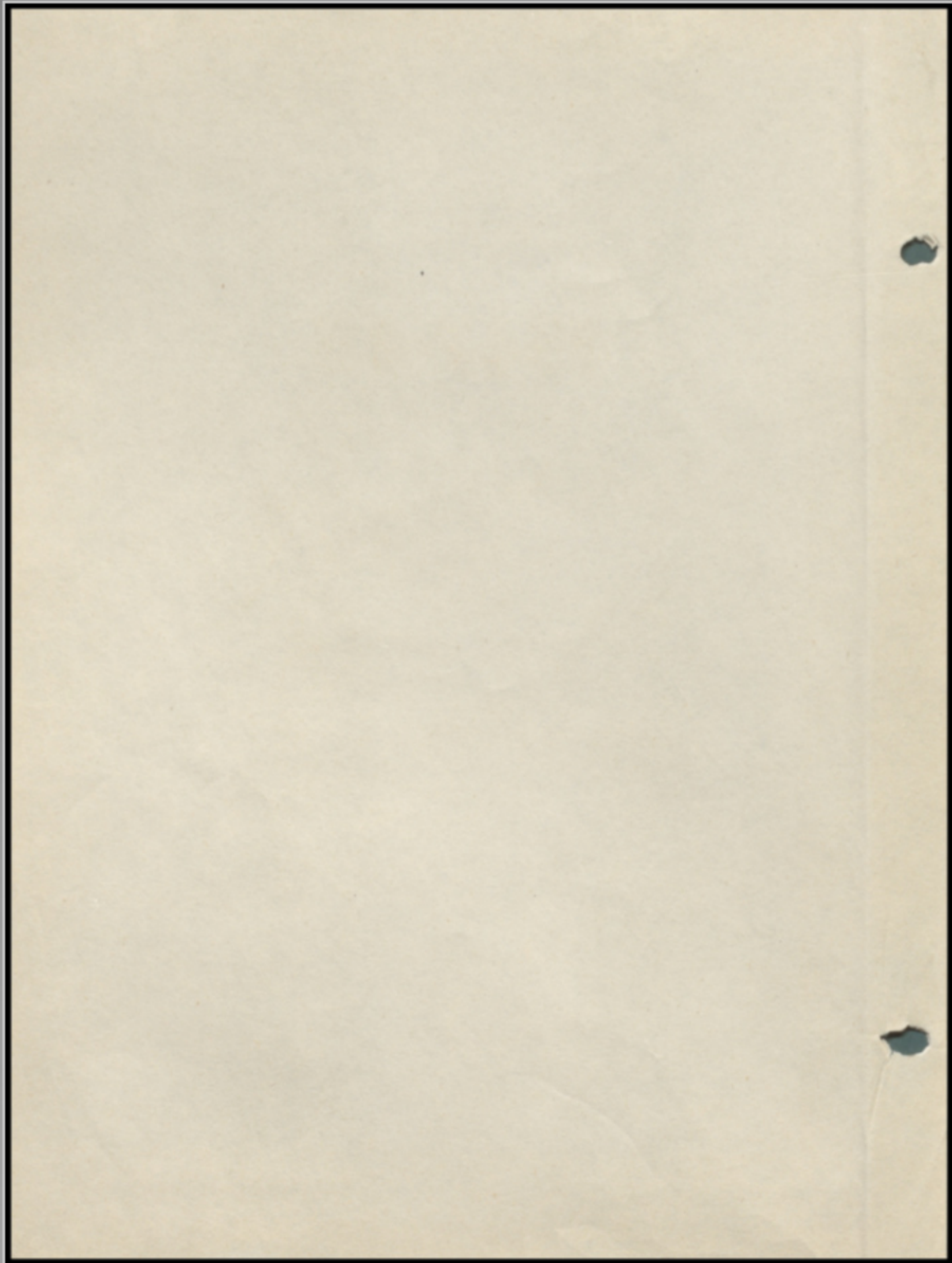
HERBERT BONNETT



JAMES MC CORMICK



BETTY KIRBY



Senior Class

PATRICIA BALOG

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Band 2
Photo Club 3
Girls P. E. Club 1, 2, 3, 4
President of P. E. Club 4
Yell Leader 1, 2, 4
Breeze Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Business Manager of "Taku" 4
Senior Class Play 4
Majors: English, Commercial,
Mathematics
Minors: History, Science

BETTY KIRBY

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Band 1
Photo Club 3
Breeze Staff 4
Taku Staff 4
Ass't Business Manager
of "Breeze" 3
Girls P. E. Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Yell Leader 3
Senior Class Play 4
Majors: English, Commercial,
History
Minors: Science, Mathematics

HERBERT BARNETT

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4
Breeze Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Taku Staff 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Photo Club 3
Senior Class Play 4
Track 3, 4
A. S. B. President 4
Majors: English, History,
Mathematics
Minors: Science

MAE CUTHBERT

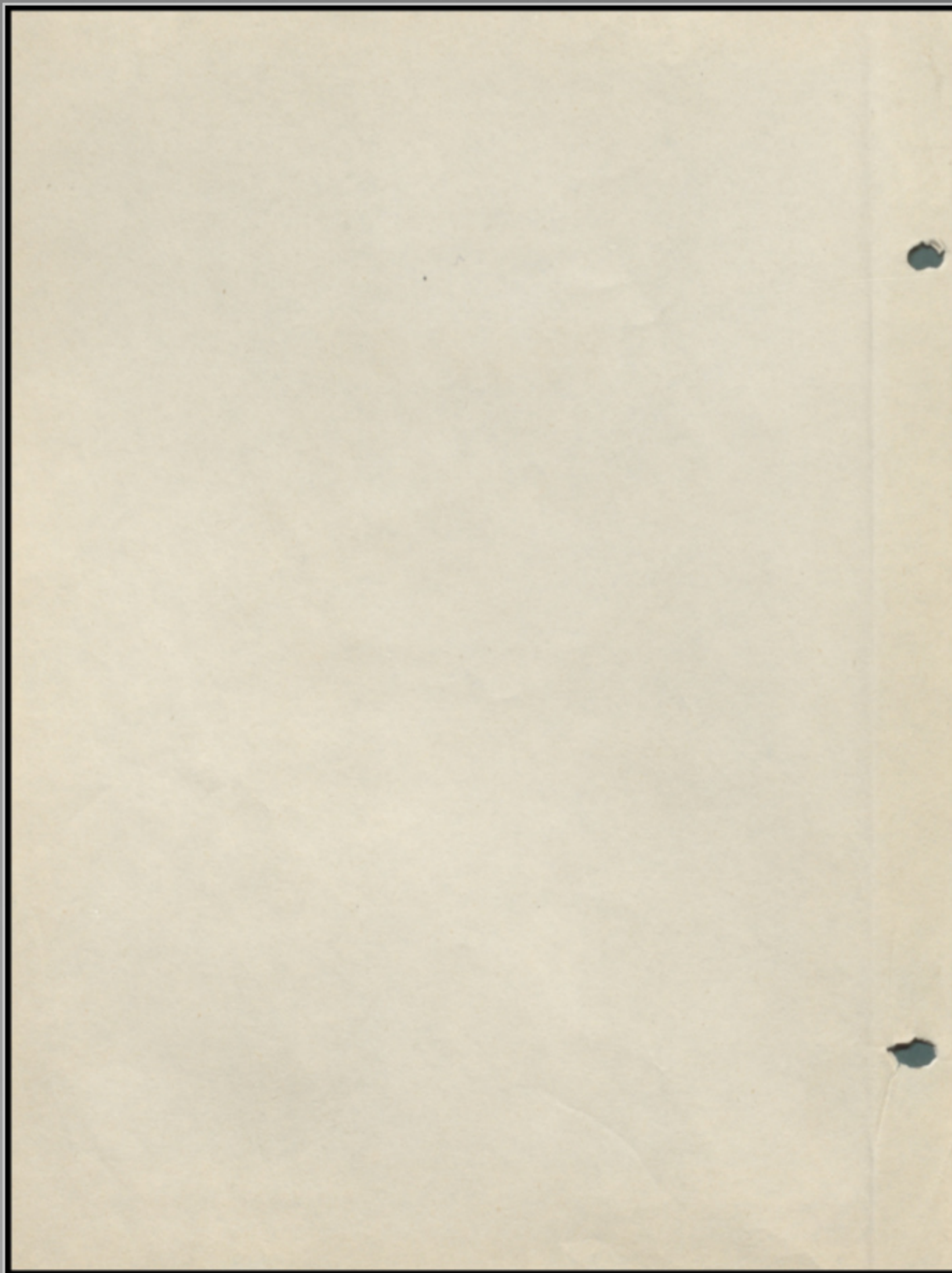
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JAMES MCCORMICK

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A. S. B. Officer 2
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Class History

The purpose of this history is to relate, only in part, the story of our progress from our humble beginnings as Freshmen, four years ago, to our arrival at the dizzy height we now occupy. There were eight of us in those early days, Jim McCormick, Mae Cuthbert, Herbert Bonnett, Betty Kibby, Pat Balog, Carol Ruotsala, Della Poor, and Sophie Helge. We were named Freshmen and were required to learn difficult lessons. The most unpleasant thing about this Freshman year was the contempt in which we were held by the older inhabitants of the school. Knowing that this was the custom of the school, we ignored it. The Freshman Frolic was our contribution to the social functions in that year of 1944.

After an intermission of twelve weeks, six of the original eight returned in September as Sophomores. A few changes were made in the personnel of the class. Della Poor returned to Kalispell, Montana, and Sophie Helge also went to the states. The Freshman initiation was a success, according to the unhappy Freshmen. After working hard in the Physical Education Club, Mae Cuthbert, Pat Balog, and Betty Kibby earned their "D." Jim McCormick and Herb Bonnett also received a "D" in the "Major D Club."

Next came the Junior year. Our pride and position were continually advancing. The social highlights of the year were the Junior Fall Dance and the Junior Prom in which we used "a starlit night" as the theme. Our time was completely occupied that year and I fear that some of our lessons suffered greatly.

And now we come to the fourth and greatest year in the history of the class. We automatically (as was our custom in many things) became Seniors in September. Our teachers regarded us as though they had converted a band of ignorant, untamed aborigines into intelligent, courteous citizens of their great school. Better yet, they had found that for which they had been searching so eagerly, a genius—in fact, several of them; and all of the class were passable.

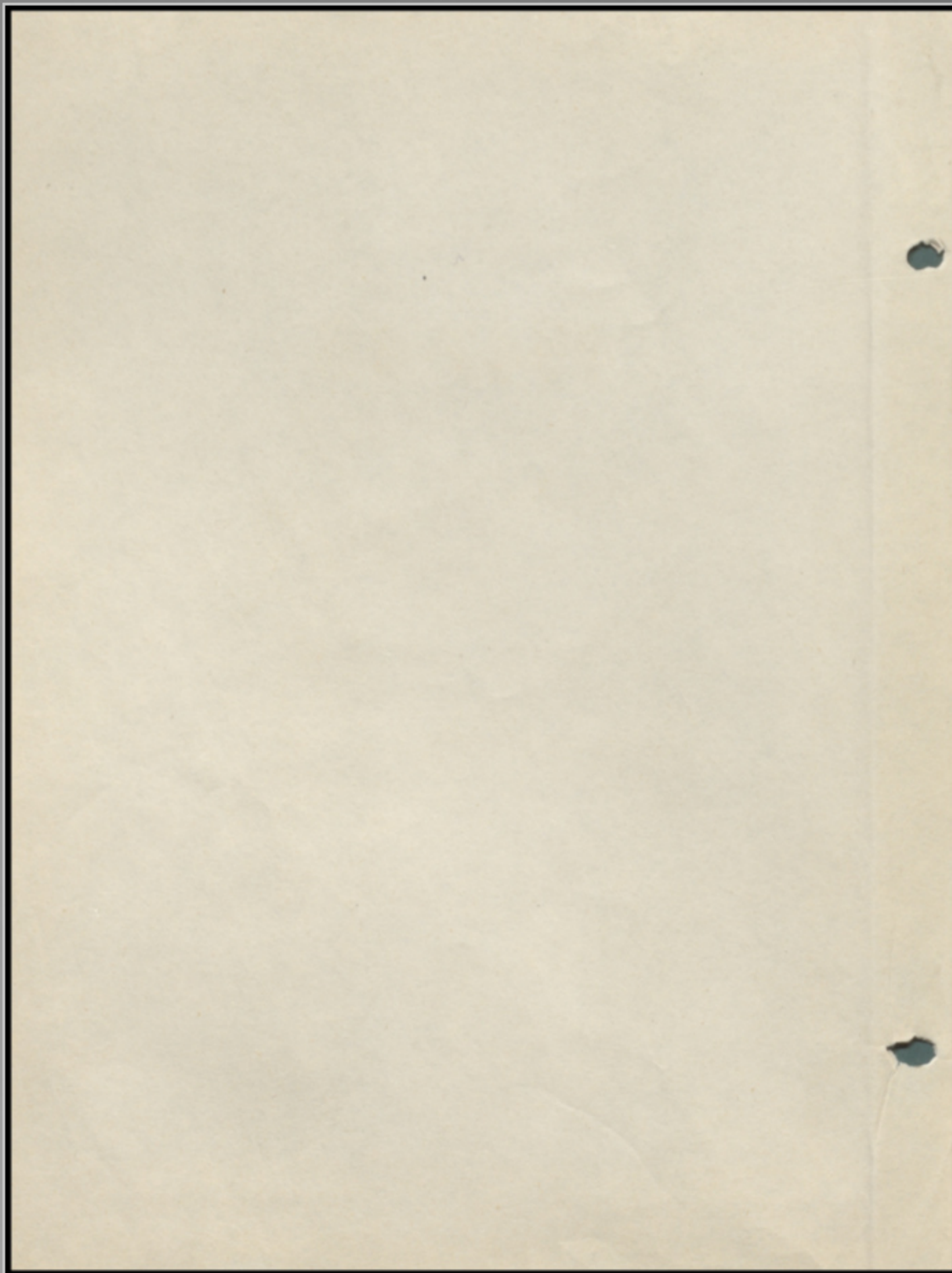
The organization of the Senior Class was noteworthy, the following list of officers being in charge: Carol Ruotsala, president; Betty Kibby, vice-president; Pat Balog, secretary; Mae Cuthbert, treasurer; Jim McCormick, Sergeant-at-Arms; and Herb Bonnett, representative to Student Council.

Several Seniors gained unusual distinction during the year. After four years of hard scholastic work, Mae Cuthbert had the highest grade average, and as a result, was Valedictorian. Carol Ruotsala, a worthy competitor, was Salutatorian. Jim McCormick and Herb Bonnett's prowess on the maple court is unquestionable.

The social events of the year were of marked brilliance. The Senior Ball and the class play "Mystery In The Library" are outstanding examples. The Class Colors, red and white, and the Class Flower, the red rose, were carried throughout the four years. The motto was "Aim High and Hold Your Aim" and the Slogan was "Who are we? We beg to state—we're the class of forty-eight.

Our Senior class has done well. Of course, there have been a few occurrences during our scholastic career that are nothing to brag about. Our class average in mathematics is mentioned only in whispers, and our athletic prowess leaves the sports world cold. On the other hand, our dramatic ability is unquestioned. We wish our ability in history might also remain in that happy state—unquestioned. We may have no geniuses in our midst. On the other hand, we have no morons—at least, none officially branded as such.

Our days together have not been entirely peaceful or always filled with loving fellowship, although it's decidedly bad form for me to mention it. There are several occasions still fresh in my mind when a class period turned into a near riot. And there have been any number of personal feuds, all, however, settled without bloodshed. On the whole, we've gotten along together remarkably well. We'll insist together upon the superiority of our class over any other, past, present, or yet to come. And you will all agree with us that Douglas High School can have no superiors.



Last Will and Testament

We, the class of 1948, in the town of Douglas and the Territory of Alaska, being in as good mental condition as usual, and in much better temper than usual, do hereby make this, our last will and testament, rendering void and of no avail any former will or wills that may have been previously made by us during a period of temporary optimism.

We have no specific directions to leave concerning our funeral, but we do hope you will come prepared to praise as well as bury us, forgetting the trifling faults that may have been ours and remembering only our manifold and remarkable virtues.

And in this manner do we dispose of our possessions:

Item I. We leave to the Junior class our good luck. It made us what we are today, and it should satisfy them. In addition to this, all our privileges and rights as Seniors in classroom and assembly will revert to them, as well as any notebooks, pencils, fountain pens, unfinished lollypops, or unfinished business, including debts. We also bequeath to them our well-known nerve, which they will need next year, and all the examination questions we have been given during the past year. We believe that an examination, like history, often repeats itself.

Item II. To our good friends, the Sophomore class, we leave our patience. It will be found useful as the only means by which they can endure the Juniors.

Item III. To the young and unsophisticated Freshmen we leave our little book entitled, "How to Tell the Teachers," a pamphlet compiled by us after four years of arduous study. The legates will notice this book is not what to tell the teachers but how. It contains specific information as to which teachers can be bluffed, which are easy and which are hard to please and those whom it is impossible to please. It tells who your favorite authors must be to stand well with the English department, that the history teacher is especially fond of Napoleon, and what questions to ask to make the science teacher forget the lesson and be interesting. This information is invaluable to any wishing to make high grades in the subjects mentioned.

Item IV. To our teachers, the faculty of Douglas High School, we hereby give, free from all inheritance, luxury, or income tax, our entire store of knowledge. From them it came and to them it should be returned, that others may be benefited by it as we have been.

Item V. To Shirley Edwards, the over-ambitious undergraduate, we leave the perfect indolence of Jim McCormick. Some people sit and waste time. Jim just sits. This indolence, properly used, will insure her against nervous breakdowns resulting from overstudy and fully qualify her, later in life, for the job of founding a phoney oriental cult, which specializes in relaxation and repose.

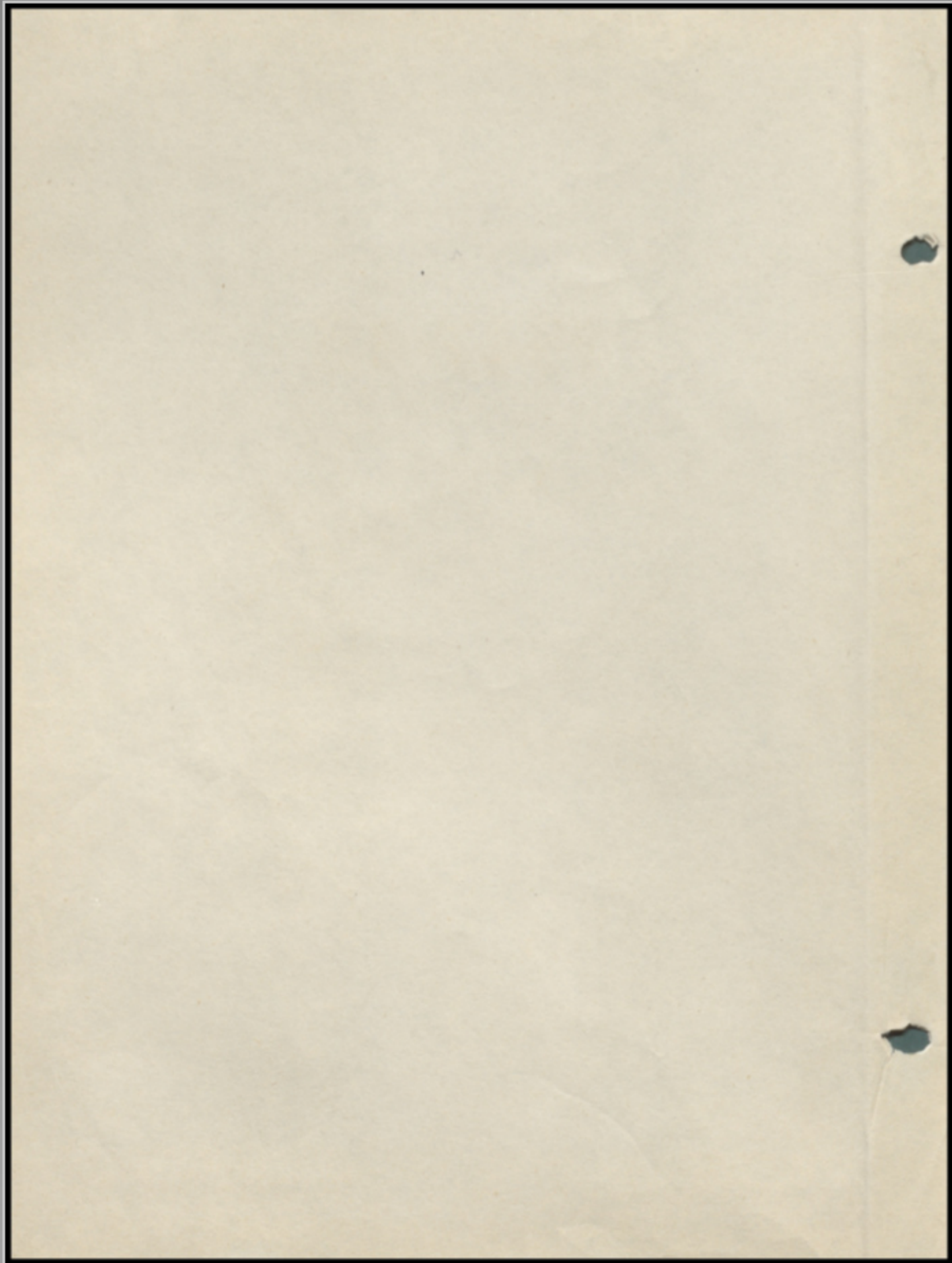
Item VI. To Raymond Robertson, the laziest member of the Senior class-to-be, we bequeath Mae's ambition. If it is combined with the laziness previously mentioned, the result will be normal activity.

Item VII. To Dick Anderson, the undergraduate needing it most, we give Pat's supply of language, which will enable him to talk more and say less than any other human being. Also, to Alfred Beerli, who seems to have a hard time passing his courses we bequeath Betty's store of information which will make it easy for him to pass any test in any subject, at any time.

Item VIII. To Terry Snethen we leave Carol's musical ability. She may have lost a measure or skipped a beat in her music occasionally, but she never missed anything--or anybody--in school activities. Also, Herb would like to leave to Hugh his unusual dramatic ability--a talent that could interpret a character with so much originality that its own author wouldn't know it.

Finally, we do hereby name and appoint as the sole executor of this, our last will and testament, our class advisor, Mr. Reed.

In witness whereof we, the class of 1948, the testator, have set our hand and seal on this eleventh day of May in the year of 1948.



Class Prophecy

The members of the class of 1948 have always been very much interested in psychology. When the world-renowned Professor Abdullah Freudson-Brilling came to Douglas and opened a consulting room for the mentally unfit and the intellectually unsettled, all of these earnest students rushed to see him. Now I am not implying that they were unfit, unsettled, or un-anything. They just wanted to be psychoanalyzed. No one ever found out what the Professor told them, but it was reported that they were most anxious to learn in what field of endeavor they would be most successful.

Last night I, too, had occasion to enter Professor Abdullah Freudson-Brilling's office. Not because of any mental weakness but merely to collect the rent. My father owns the building. The Professor wasn't in, and to kill time I read the magazines on the table in the waiting room. Some of these were "Modern Pricilla" for December, 1910; "Literary Digest" for June, 1927; the "Etude" for February, 1914; and "Grandma's Home Companion" for April, 1890. I then looked around for some more new, snappy literature.

All I could find was a black-covered notebook at the very bottom of the pile. Just as I was about to close it, I saw, to my amazement, the names of my classmates. I confess it without shame: I read that notebook. And what I found out! I copied it down, so I'd not forget. This is exactly what the famous psychiatrist wrote about the members of the Senior class.

Jim McCordick, a stolid, slow-moving chap, who will never display either speed or animation. Can be trusted implicitly never to hurry. He will find his proper position in life early. He will become a plumber's assistant--the one who goes back for the monkey wrench and can't find it. He will continue in that restful occupation until he dies of old age. In his spare time, Jim will propagate a new species of icebergs, warrented to keep their bulk and weight in torrid zones.

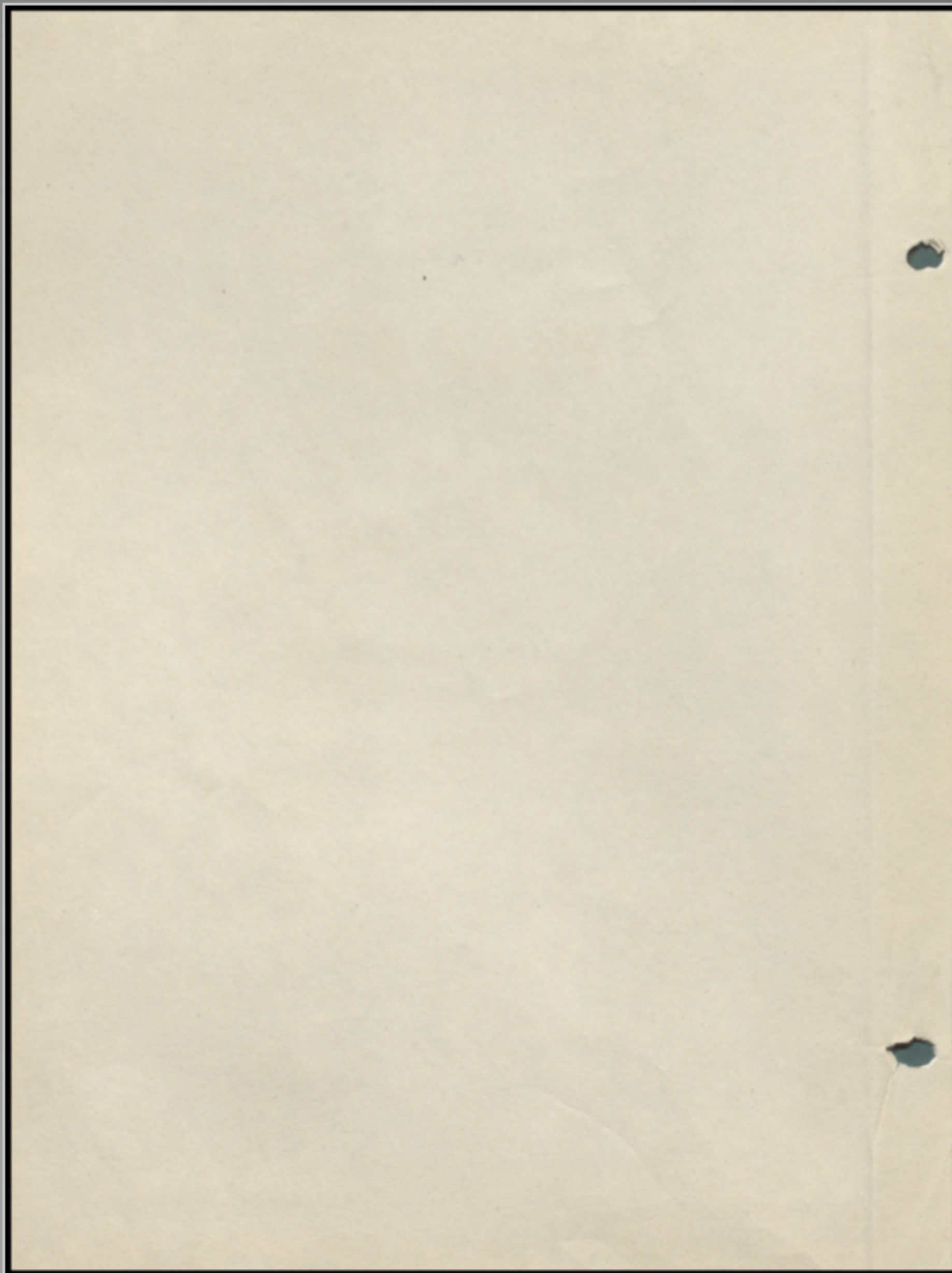
Mae Outhbert is a very ordinary case, having no outstanding characteristics. She wishes to be a dancer and is noted for her grace, beauty, and originality of dances. She has already introduced the popular ballroom steps, the grapevine glide and the thistledown float. However, due to corns, she will, of necessity, be a very successful song writer even though she has no knowledge of music. Irving Berlin will be her only rival, if any, and she will be receiving royalties by the barrel from such songs as "Monte Carlo Moon" and "There's a Ga Ga Girl in Guatemala."

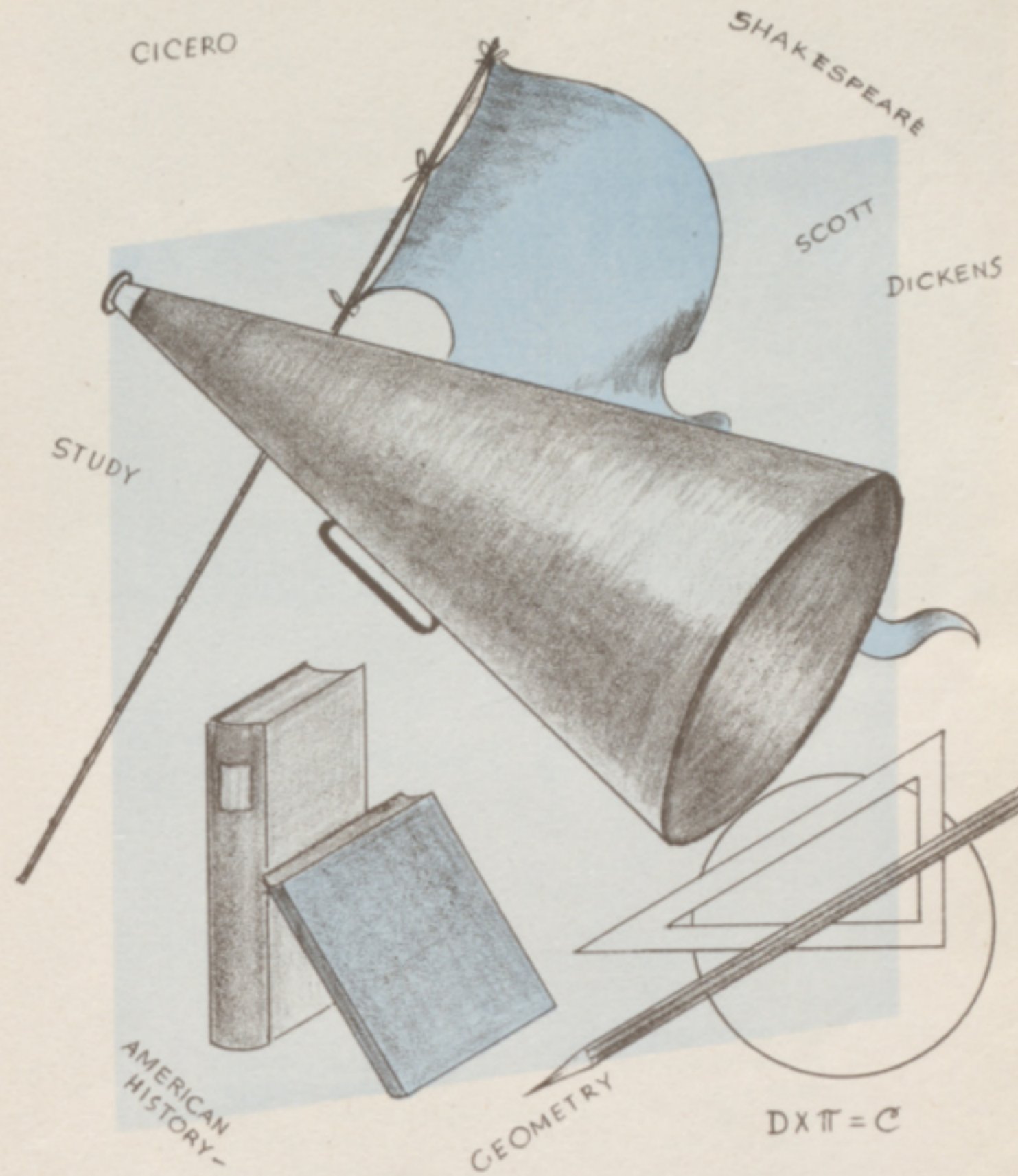
Carol Ruotsala has artistic ability, keen business sense, and an understanding of the so-called human race. In the years to come she will be a music teacher. I can see a small boy with sticky fingers and a look of agony on his face trying to play exercise Number 13, and his teacher, gritting her teeth to keep from spanking him, is determinedly counting one, two, three, as woodenly as a metronome. At last she sweeps the child off the stool and plays the exercise for him, making even its mechanical precision sound interesting.

Herb Bonnett is an interesting case. An overdeveloped imagination and an underdeveloped digestion are producing a wonderful result--the ability to concoct the weirdest tales at practically a minute's notice. He will probably be a great detective in the future. I can see him in a disordered room, down on all fours, looking at the rug through a magnifying glass. In one pocket is a notebook labeled "Clues" and in the other is a pair of handcuffs.

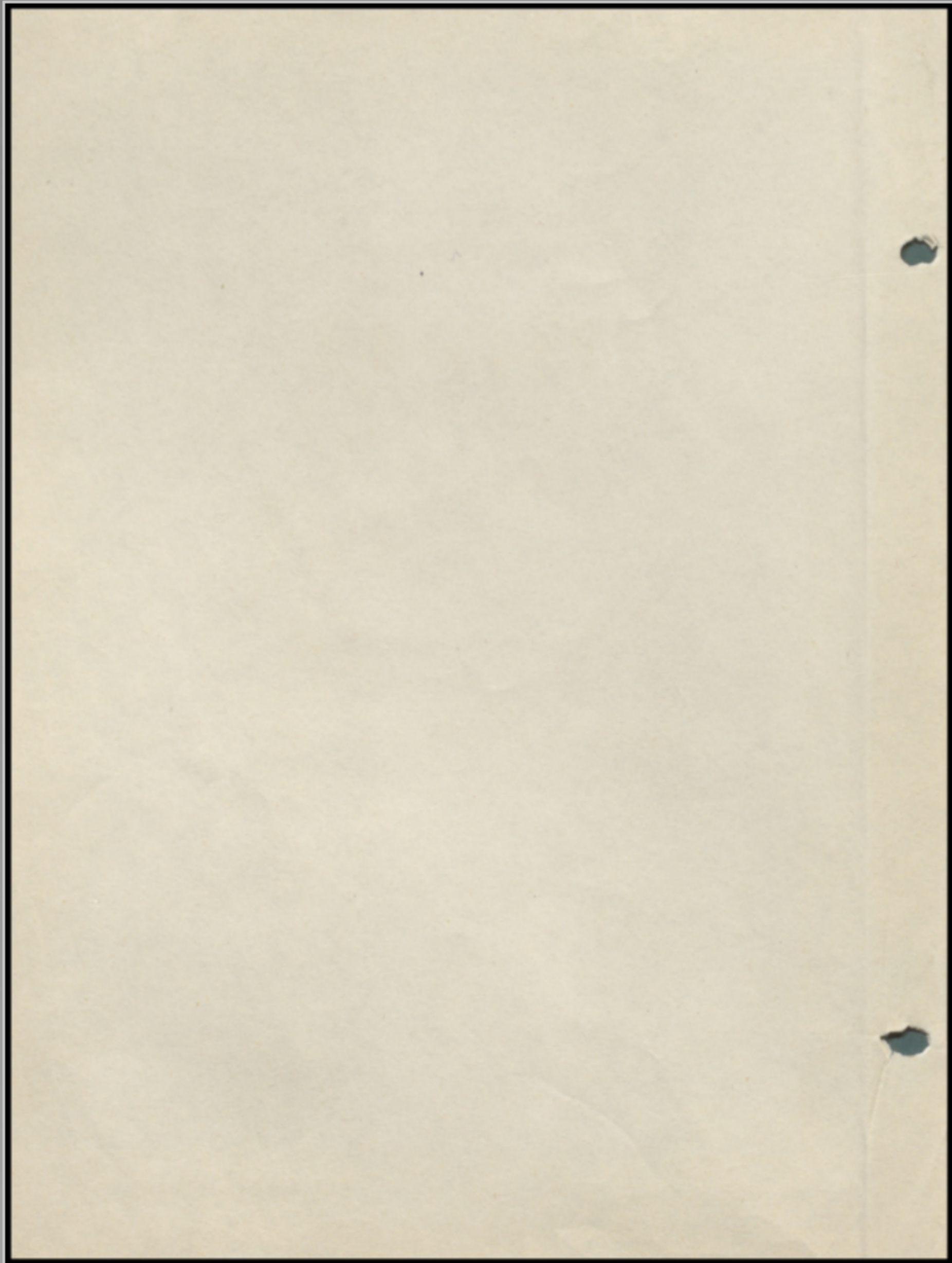
Pat Balog is a composite type, with no inhibitions and few ideas, and she loves publicity. Belongs to no type in particular, and to all in combining the worst features of each with a comely appearance and a striking personality. She has a good, strong voice and has been known to sing two entire songs without losing the tune. Ten years from now she will probably be the favorite motion picture actress. Miss Balog's publicity will be that she talks, sings, dances, and plays three musical instruments, including a vacuum cleaner.

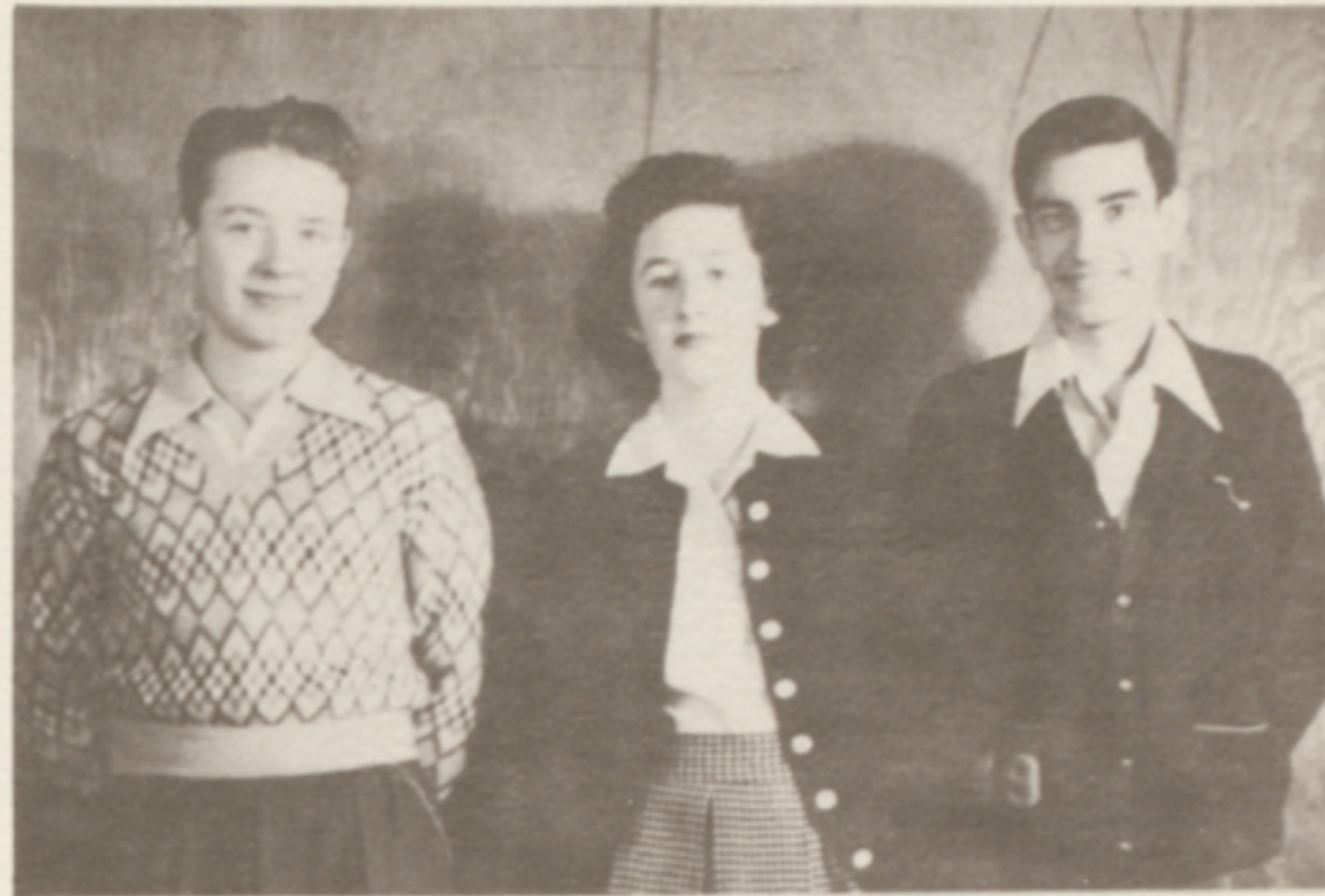
Betty Kibby belongs to the great body of people who have a superiority complex. Evidently some one, when she was very young, praised her to excess for something she did, and she has never recovered. Her delight and skill in getting others to work while she watches, and her ability to answer all questions, sometimes, correctly, to say nothing of the forceful manner in which she orders other people around, point to but one calling--that of a school-teacher. Fifty years from now, gray-haired and a trifle wrinkled, but young at heart and still going strong, she will be found in our school, bossing not only her own pupils, but everybody on her floor.





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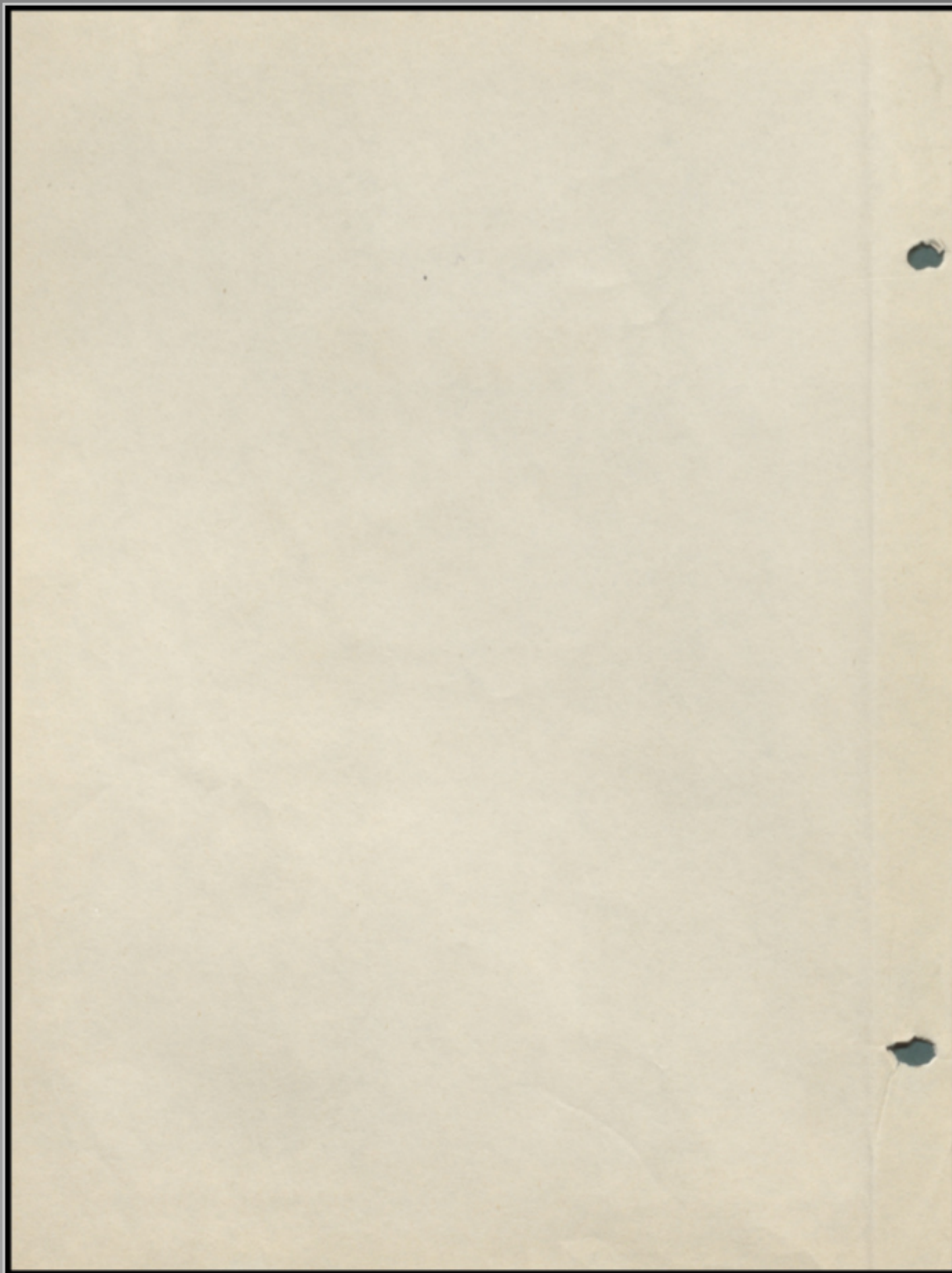




Junior Class

Raymond Robertson, Edith Wellington, Lyle Riley

President. Edith Wellington
Vice-President Raymond Robertson
Secretary-Treasurer. Lyle Riley
Student Council Representative . . . Lyle Riley
Class Colors Green and White
Class Flower Daffodil
Class Motto. . . . "Hitch Your Wagon To A Star"
Class Slogan . . . "We're the class that always
shines--we're the Class of '49."
Class Advisor. Mr. Ray Reed



Junior History

In September, 1945, a shy little group of three presented their report cards to the Douglas High School superintendent. It was the usual procedure and Tom See, Edith Wellington, and Phyllis Andrews were eager to please their new instructors. These trophies were supposed to denote the degree of mental alertness possessed by the owners. Their intellects were found to vary in keenness from sponges to razors, but, on the whole they turned out to be very satisfactory. They were even permitted to form an organization of their own at which they chose class colors, a class flower, and a motto.

The next year, owing to an advance in rank, they became Sophomores. Bob Miniers, formerly of Craig, Alaska, joined the carefree ranks. These members soon gained a charm and a feeling of security which were noticeably lacking in their Freshman year. Puppy love affairs and make-up were much more elaborate. More time was spent than before in preparation against the enemy Study which proved helpful in the Examination crisis.

Edith Wellington was the only one able to stagger back for her Junior year. Phyllis Andrews drifted to sunny California and Tom See departed for Sitka High School. However, two new members were welcomed in that fall of 1947. But let's look at these three students individually.

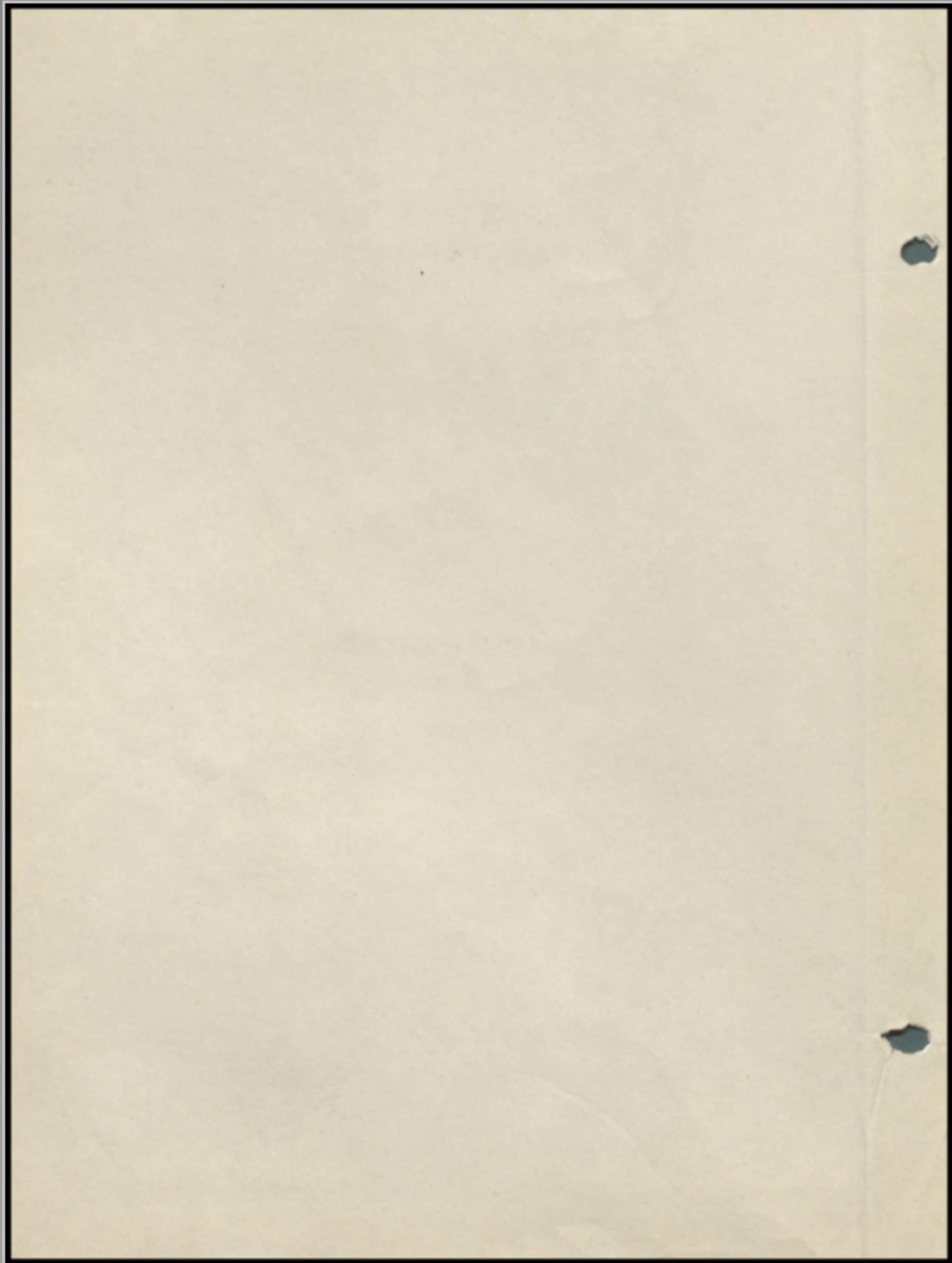
Raymond Robertson, coming from Juneau, is a splendid example of perfect self-control. He never stutters or stammers, never hesitates for a word, has no complexes and no bad habits of any kind, and doesn't mind how late hours he keeps or with whom he keeps them. He can talk very rapidly. His enunciation is so perfect that he seems to take the syllables out of a word, dust them off, and put them back again. And his pronunciation! He can say "Tchaikowsky," the names of the members of the Russian choir, "adieu," and "Saint Antoine," without mislaying a consonant or displacing a vowel. His motto is "All for one and that one me."

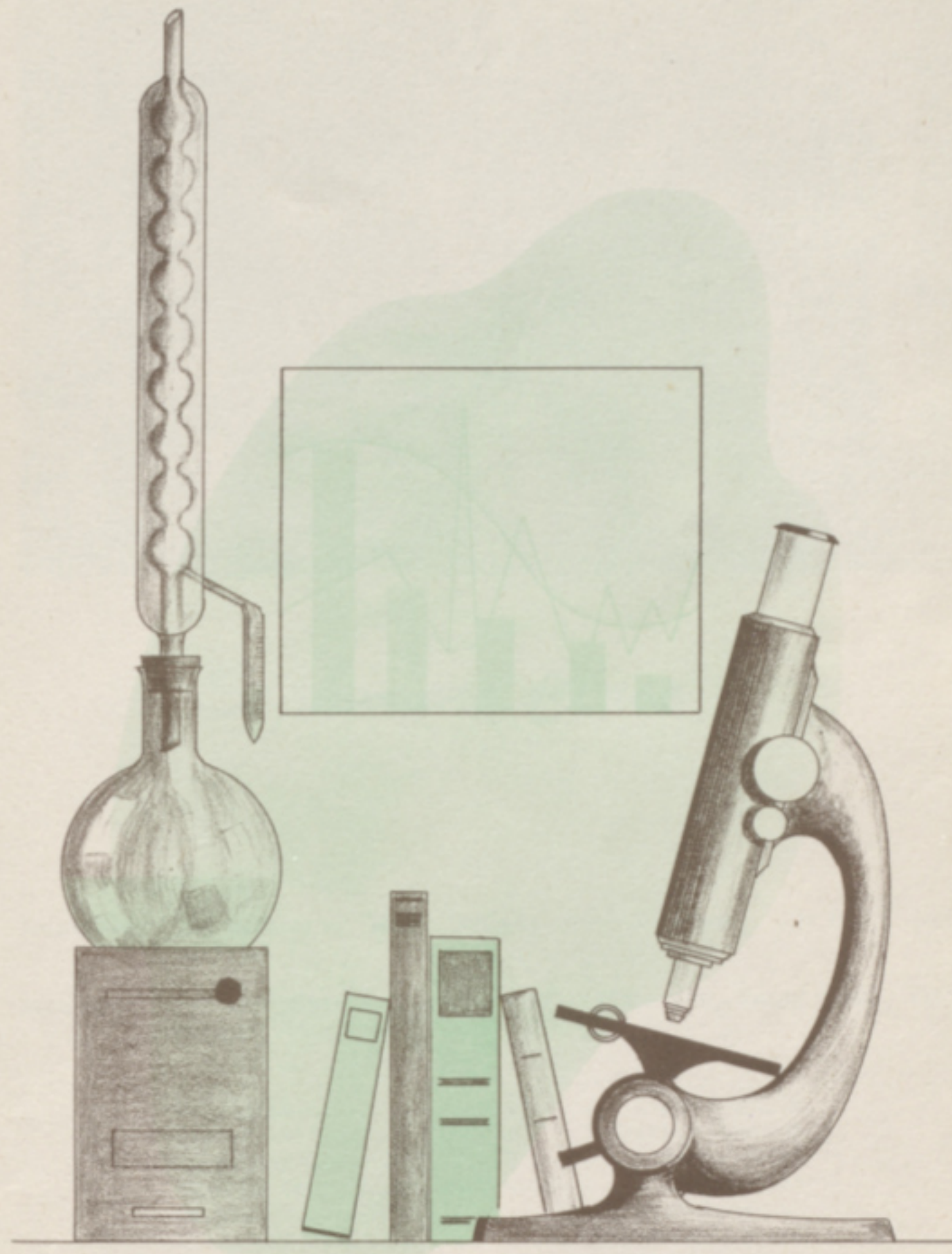
We are very proud of Lyle Riley and his record. Lyle flew up from Seattle in September and hasn't calmed down much yet. The combination of his brains and his industry produces wonderful results. If anything hard is assigned, he doesn't fret or worry. He just rolls up the sleeves of his mind and does it; and it is always right. And the things he does!

Some of us wouldn't know Latin if it came and laid an egg in our hat, but it eats right out of his hand. In any test, he is getting just nicely started by the time we are all out of answers and he always has some information left when the time is up. Think of that! He can do assignments that make us look like a limp--very limp--edition of Ounga Din and retain a cool and unruffled demeanor. What he knows about ancient history would surprise the people who made it, and he's so familiar with prehistoric affairs that he wouldn't be alarmed if an ichthyosaurus walked up the aisle and sat down by him. He'd just scratch its head and say, "Hello, Ikky." He has too much knowledge for one person, and we suggest that he incorporate. We'll all take shares in his company and get rich on his dividends of knowledge, so it will be profitable for all of us.

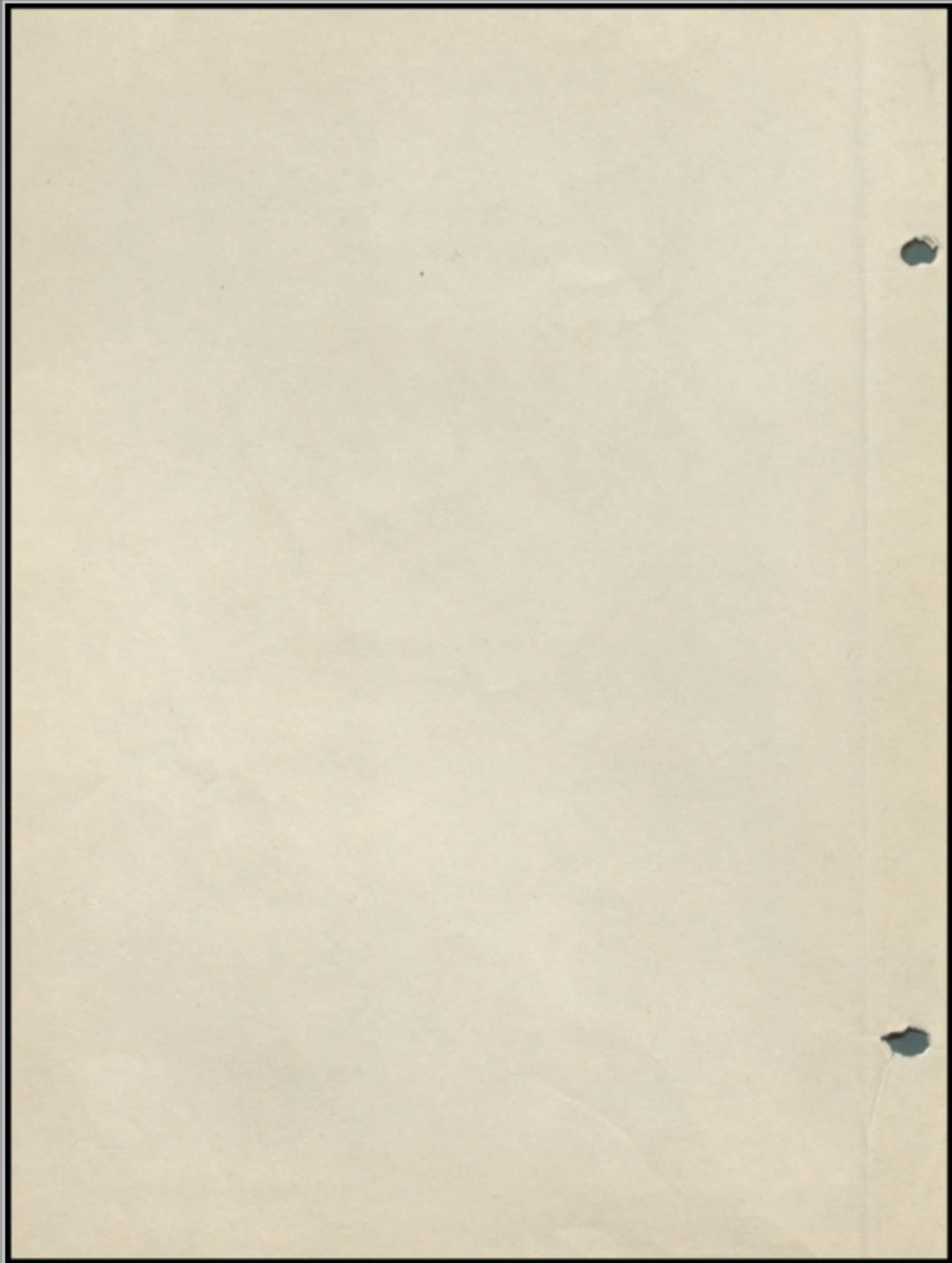
We sometimes think that Edith Wellington has a double complex. As a result, her reactions range from blackest despair to sitting on top of the world. She starts a thing in one mood and finishes in another. The result is sometimes confusing, even to Edith. She is fond of light music--the kind you type with one finger but she is determined not to play second fiddle. Her place in the social life of the school is by no means small and in the field of athletics she is widely known. She has been advised by her friends to avoid being a bookworm since a rush of information to the head could result in complications.

The Junior year was one of hard work. This small band struggled with a successful raffle and the Junior Prom which was held in April. The dreaded ordeal of examinations was passed with few casualties and their promotion to Seniors made their sense of importance increase out of all due proportion. They are already dizzy with dignity.





SOPHOMORES



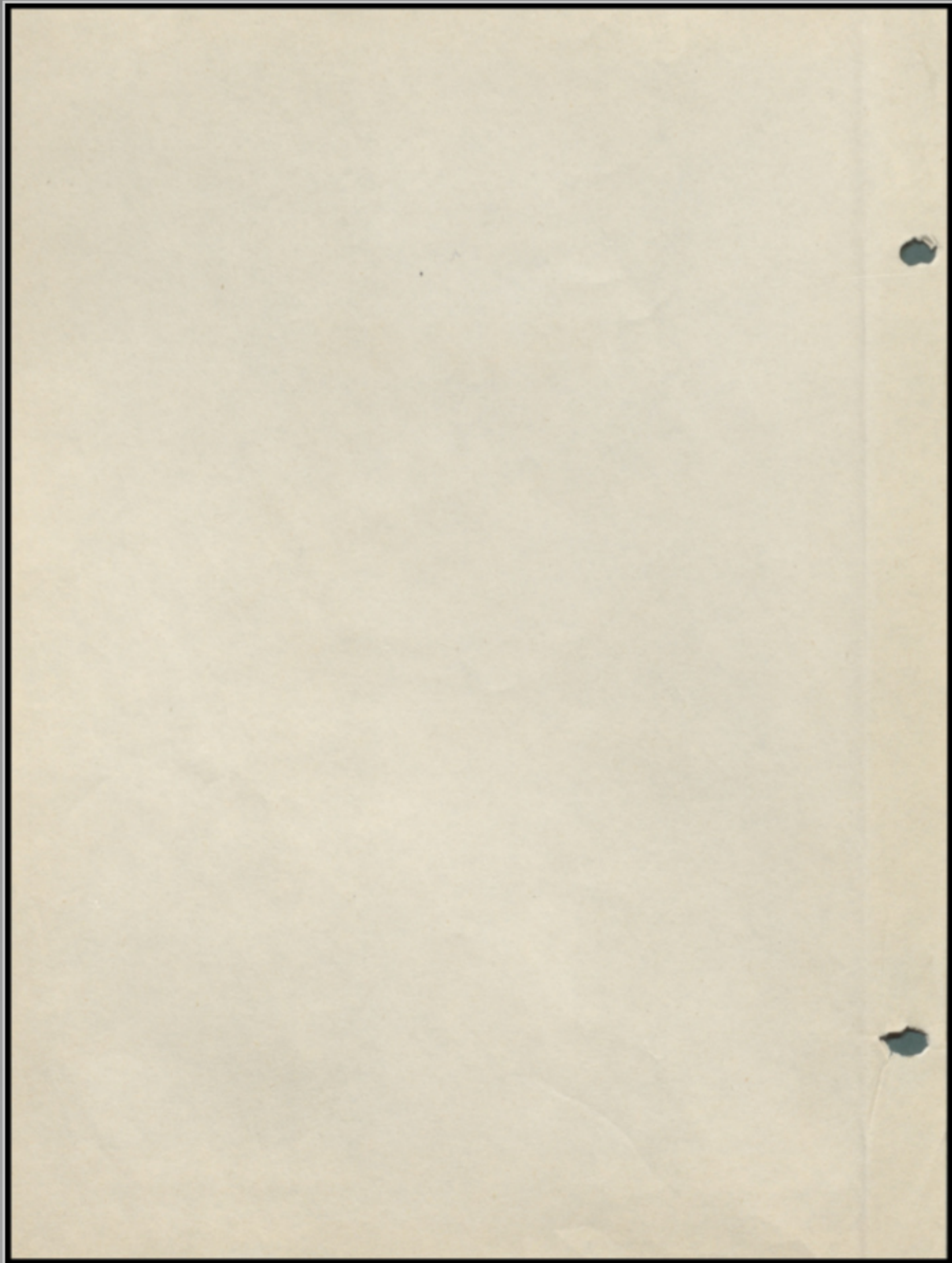


Sophomore Class

Front Row: Jim Cuthbert, Hugh Doogan, Dick Anderson, Jim Sey, Jack Carlyle

Back Row: Shirley Edwards, Gloria Maki, Elsie Lee, Nancy Niemi, Ruth Wilson

President. Jack Carlyle
Vice-President Shirley Edwards
Secretary-Treasurer. Nancy Niemi
Student Council Representative Elsie Lee
Sergeant-at-Arms Dick Anderson
Class Colors Maroon and White
Class Flower White Carnation
Class Motto. . "A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss"
Class Slogan "We're the class that's neat and
nifty—we're the class of 1950"
Class Advisor. Mrs. Irene Reed



Sophomore History

It was in September, 1946, A.D., that this brilliant group of boys and girls made their triumphal appearance in the halls of Douglas High, and from that day to this there has been more intellectuality in the atmosphere of that institution than was ever known before or probably will ever be known again.

Right here I want to give you a brief description of the personality of the class.

William Richard Anderson was an impetuous youth, always ready to try new ventures. In the chemistry class he is a genius, especially in the laboratory. "Ole" is a great lover of hunting and became immortal to Alaskan hunters after a mountain peak was named after him.

Shirley Ann Edwards is a girl of energetic disposition and prominent in the activities of school life. She is a great believer at all times in the rights of women and strives to follow in the steps of Eleanor. Her hobby is collecting De-Hi admirers.

Now let us dwell for a moment on an equally famed character in the eyes of science--Jack Carlyle. Jack is known as "Crayfish" to his intimates and is a quiet unobtrusive lad of the Einstein type. Many times was his power of thought and concentration used to the betterment of his class.

One of the most talented sophomores is Elsie Lee whose skill in drawing is second to none. Many geometry students envy her ability to understand that if from a point outside a circle a secant and a tangent are drawn, the tangent is the mean proportional between the secant and its external segment.

James David Outhbert, another brilliant sophomore, has been described as "five feet of dynamite" on the maple court. Of course, he's one of the "first five." His favorite hobby is lighting magnesium wire.

A talented young lady with a lovely soprano voice--and a lovely ring on her third finger, left hand--is Ruth Wilson. Her beaming face greets you when you patronize the Twentieth Century Theater. Ruth's favorite song is "Oh, Johnny."

Hugh Doogan transferred to De-High this year from Juneau. He is the lad who is always out of typing paper, pencils, and books. It is now being rumored that he has a great love for horses. Hugh is also one of the big basketball five.

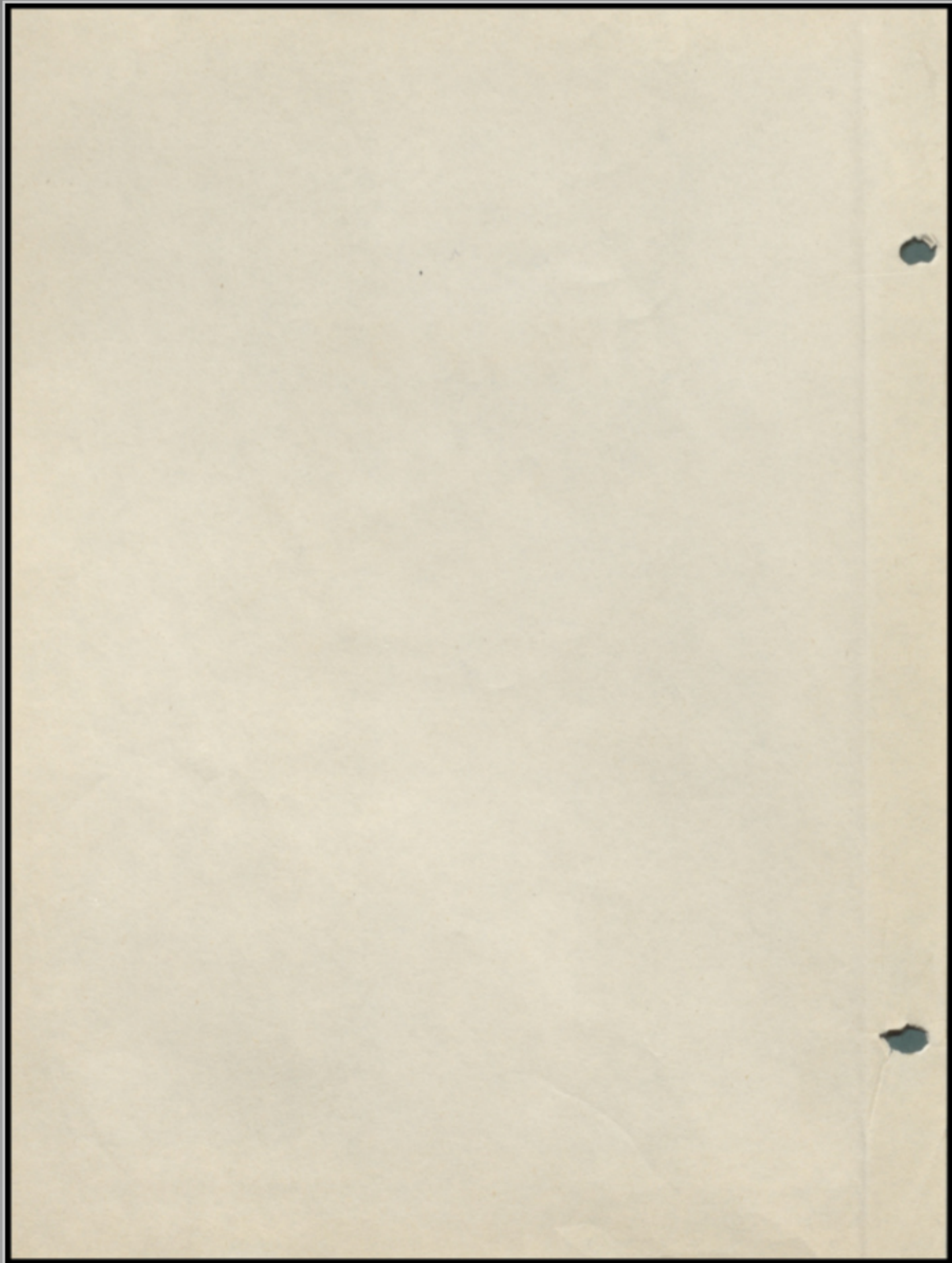
Nancy Edith Marie Niemi is that shy, cheerful lass who is one of the more studious members of the sophomore class. Nancy's favorite actor is Robert Walker and her favorite drink is a warm goat milk and honey highball.

Next on the list is that handsome laddie, James Sey, Jr. Jim is well-known for his cruelty to the girls who fall at his feet, victims of his magnetic charm. His basketball ability has made him the "man-of-the-hour" to dozens of De-Hi girls.

Gloria Maxine Maki is the little blond who likes the Arthur Godfrey show. She is another example of sophomore ambition and good will. Glo is a perfectionist at bicycle riding, likes to type and read. It is not a known fact, but she has a crush on an upperclass De-Hi boy.

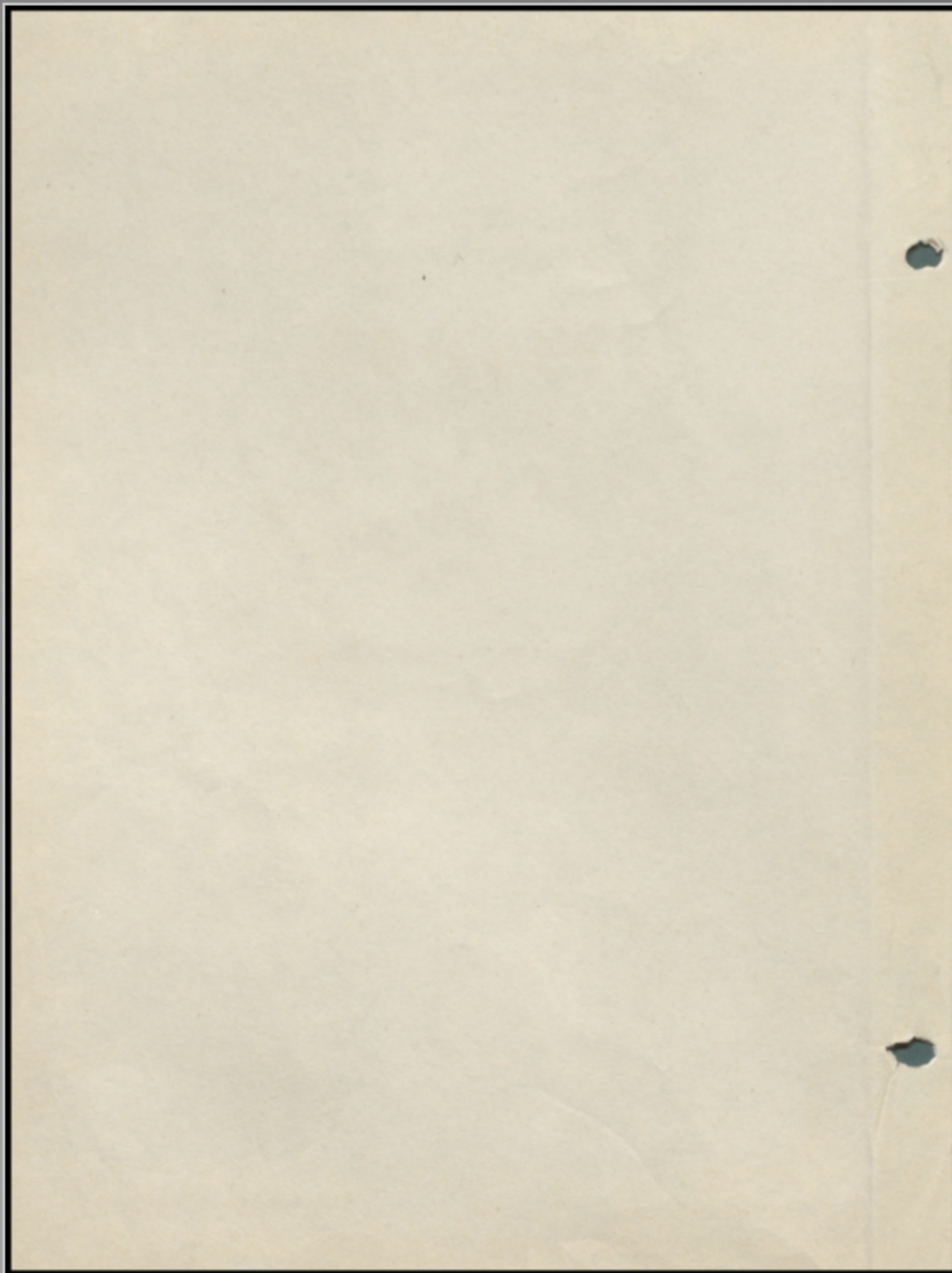
Knowing the characteristics and peculiarities of each member of the class, it will not be difficult to guess who were the heroes and heroines in the activities of the freshman and sophomore years. Of course, as freshmen, they suffered many indignities at the initiation but this year they passed them on to the current green freshmen. The Sophomore Hop was a feather in the cap of this fair class.

The slogan of this secunda class is "We're the class that's neat and nifty--we're the Class of 1950." The Class Flower is the white carnation with maroon and white as the Class Colors. Indicative of the class itself is their motto "A Rolling Stone Gathers No Moss."





FRESHMEN





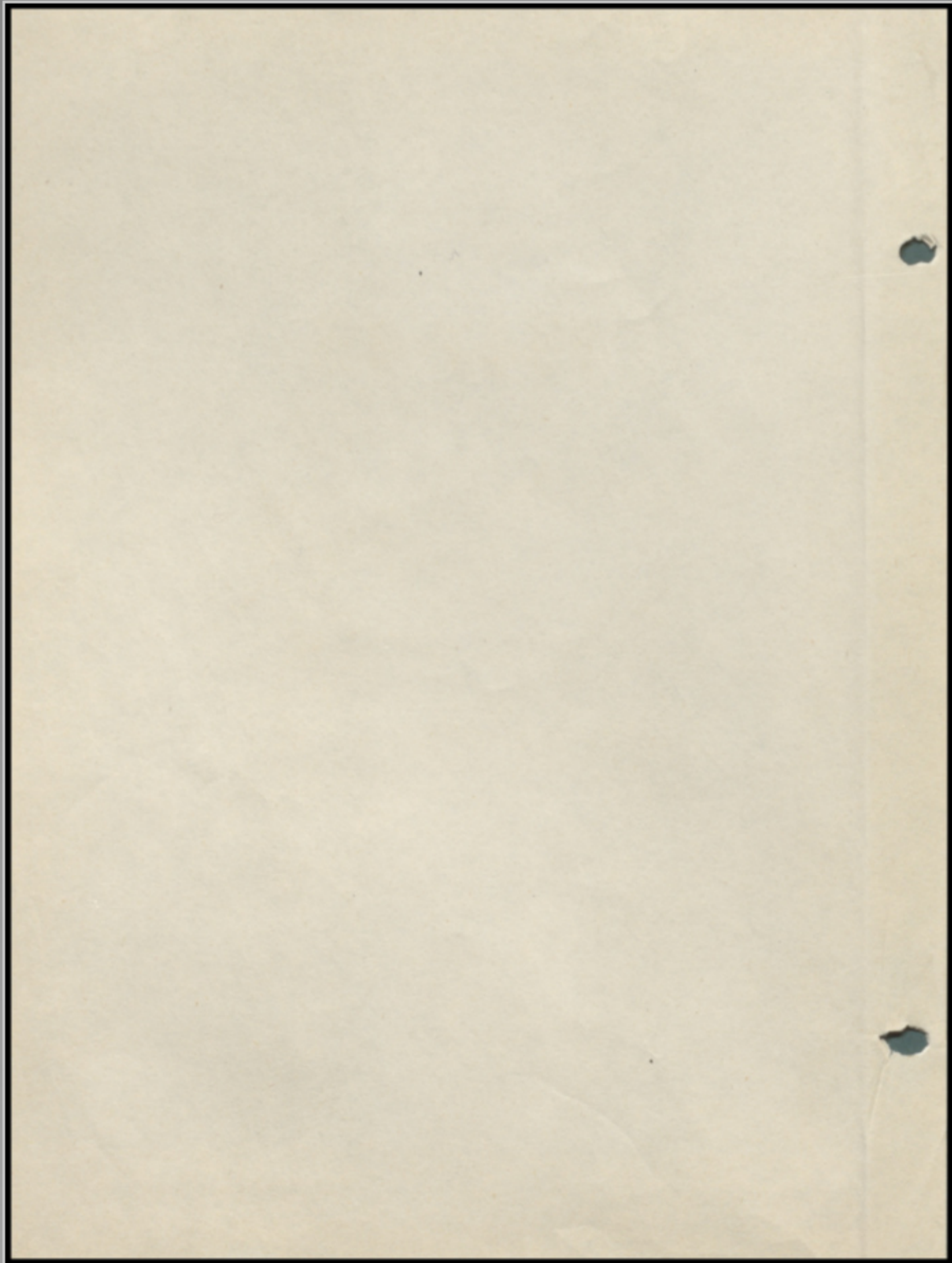
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Freshman Class

Front Row: Alfred Beerli, Arden Vinson, Terry Snethen, Gloria Anderson, Dorothy Tassell

Back Row: Bill Goetz, Larry Pusich, Gary Bach, Bob McCormick, Lowell McClellan, Rex Hermann

President. Terry Snethen
Vice-President Rex Hermann
Secretary. Gloria Anderson
Treasurer. Larry Pusich
Student Council Representative . . . Arden Vinson
Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Goetz
Class Colors Green and Gold
Class Flower Yellow Rose
Class Motto. . "Nothing Ventured—Nothing Gained"
Class Advisor. Mr. Lon C. Rice



Freshman History

Early one morning on the 2nd of September, 1947, the faculty of Douglas High School was confronted by a new and strange sight. Just inside the front door, huddled together in mute embarrassment and anxiety, were eleven members of the new Freshman class.

During the beginning of the year, this group suffered much inconvenience because of their unfamiliarity with the school building and with traffic rules. They were forever taking the wrong turn and arriving at their classroom half an hour late. However, by Thanksgiving they had become familiar with the school building and were sometimes in the right place at the right time. Freshman week was a period of torture but these brave souls bore up beautifully under the steady fire of remarks and insults from the upperclassmen. However, we must treat these Freshmen as individuals rather than as a group.

If Larry Pusich were to propose a toast it would be "The Ladies, God bless 'em." And there is a reason. Ever since his infancy, he has been irresistible to the so-called gentler sex. In kindergarten all the pretty little girls cried to sit near him. In high school, the girls do all of his work so that he might be spared effort.

With practically less than no effort at all, Bill Goetz has made a reputation for himself as one of those strong, silent people. When wildly excited he has been known to utter three complete sentences in succession, but usually says merely "yes" or "no."

Terry Smetten must go down in history as the irresistible personality of our class. She smiled at the teachers and got good marks on her report. Is it her fatal blond beauty? You can see for yourself it isn't. It must be her personality.

Our friend, Gary Bach, reminds one of Tennyson's brook, "for men may come and men may go, but he goes on forever." He talks clearly and continually. He even knows what he's talking about--sometimes.

A striking contrast to others of our number is Dorothy Tassell. If it be true that speech is silver and silence is golden, then she is a veritable gold mine. She does not wish to converse until she has something worth while to say.

We have all been fearful of the effect high school would have on the tender Alfred Beerli. He is constantly going around the rooms and halls in a daze. We gave him a map of the school building but even now he gets in our way looking for his classroom.

A lad of optimistic nature is Lowell McClellan. We have no doubts as to his artistic ability. When a baby he refused to play with anything but paint brushes; and his first coherent words were, "Paint and Palette."

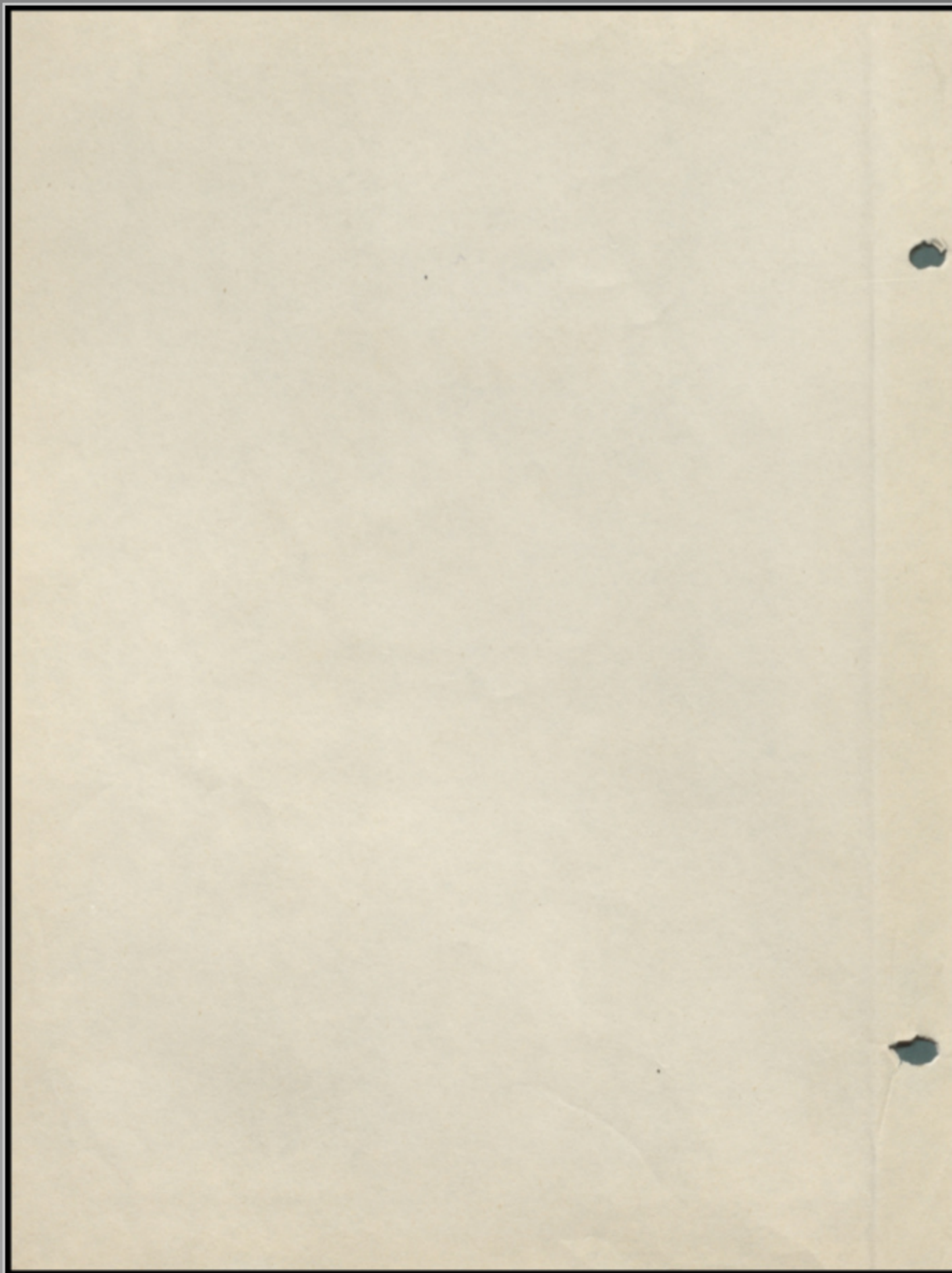
We have all heard of the girl who wants what she wants when she wants it. Arden Vinson can do better than that! She gets what she wants when she wants it. Her skill in getting others to do her work for her is unbelievable. It's a gift and she deserves no special credit for it.

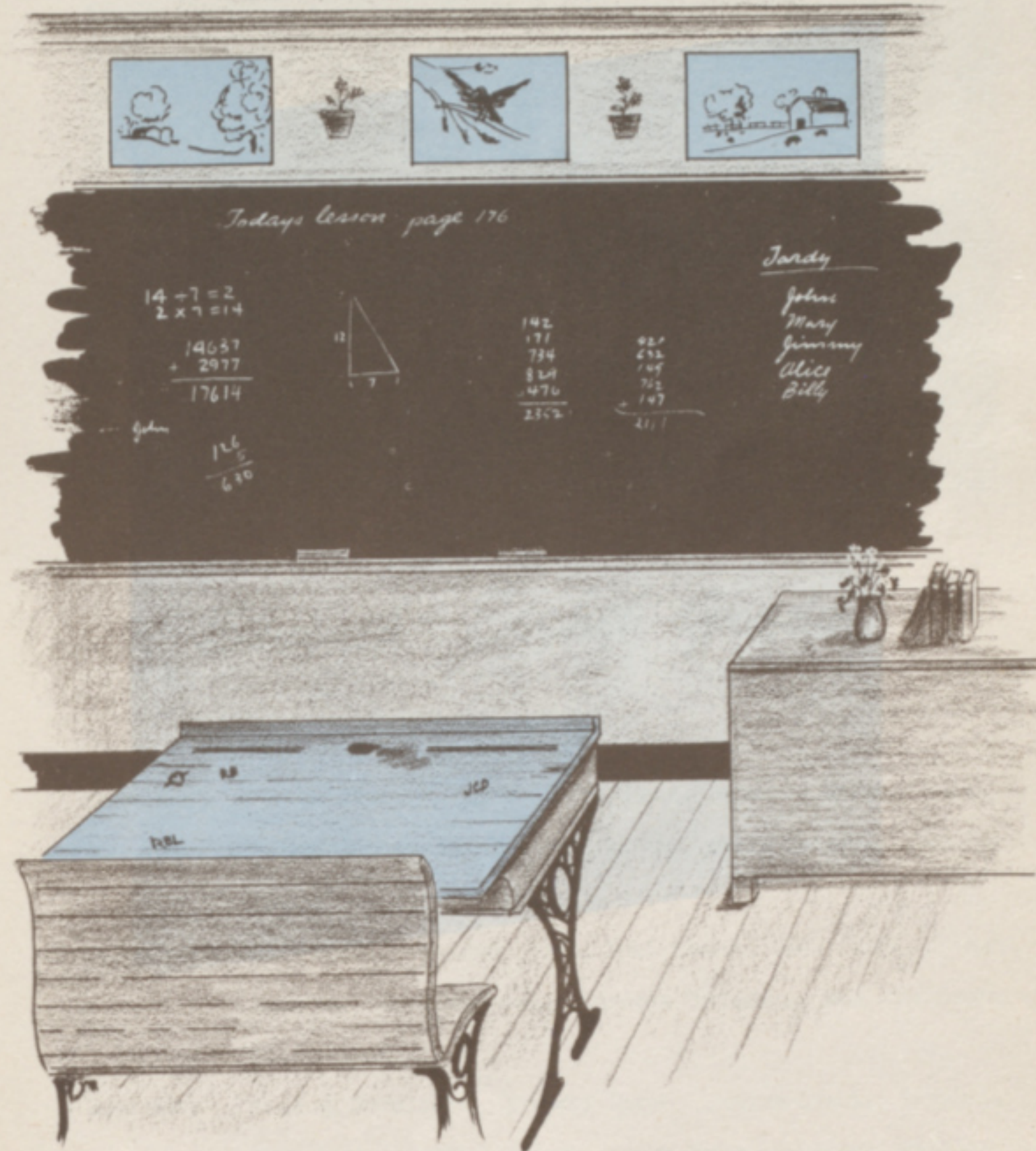
When in class we were called upon to discuss something about which our ignorance was great, Bob McCormick always came to the rescue. He simply opened his mouth and the words came out in torrents. By the time the teacher succeeded in turning him off, the fact that we had failed was quite forgotten.

Rex Hermann is an interesting case. He is the patient type. He likes to sit and watch things. His calm disposition, combined with his alertness, make him one of the students of the Freshman class. He has the possibility of becoming the champion of champions by simply making up his mind what he wants to do and then do it.

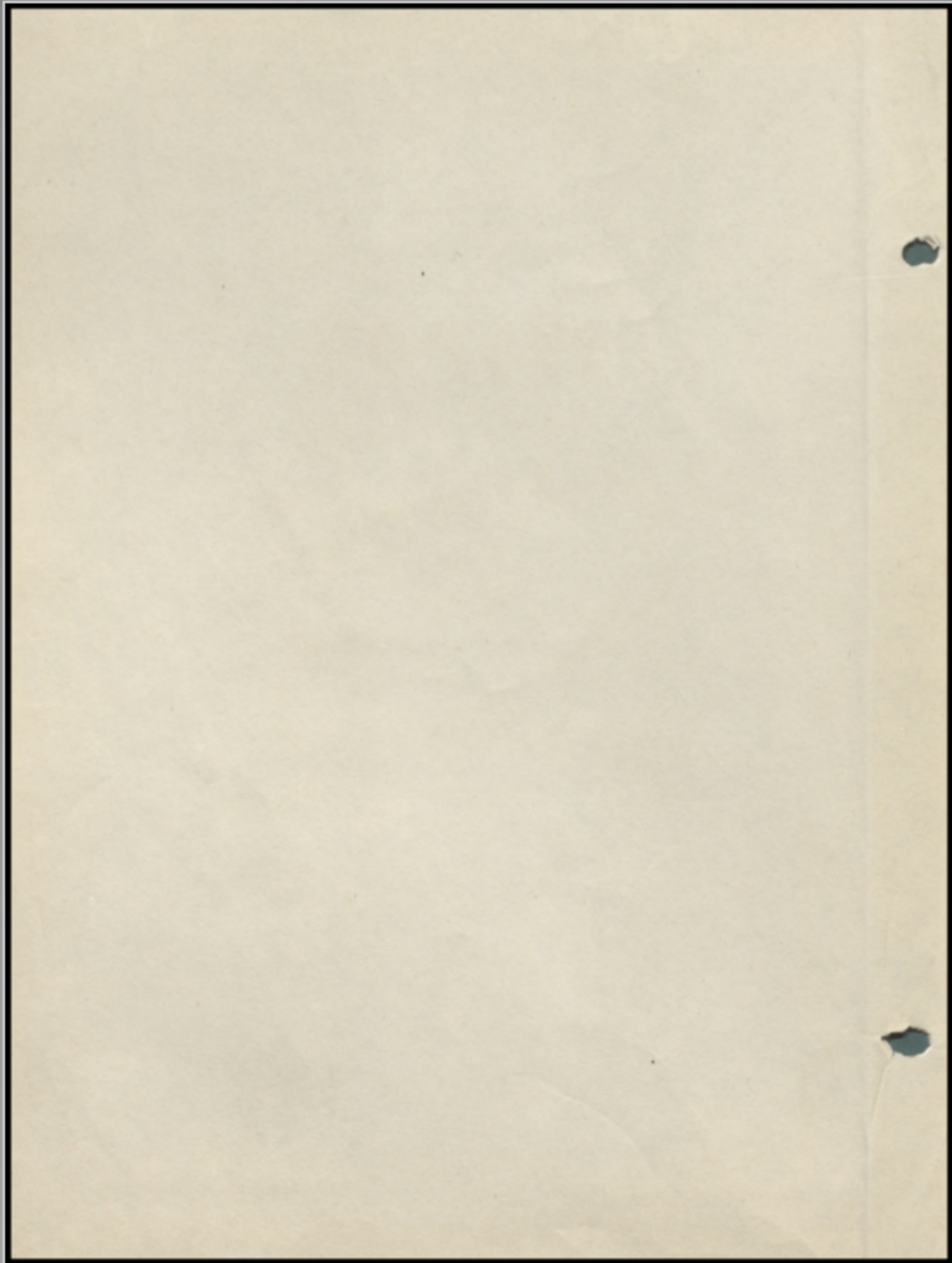
Gloria Anderson, our class treasurer, takes her job very seriously. Many times we have seen her surrounded by ledgers, bills, and receipts, as well as piles of bills and coins. She always seems to be mumbling, "I must have spent that nickel for postage."

The social highlight of the 1947-48 year was the Freshman Frolic given in October. We all attended in order to acquire poise and dignity. The boys in particular found the dances torture, but the girls enjoyed them greatly. Later in the year, these functions became festive occasions for all.





ELEMENTARY





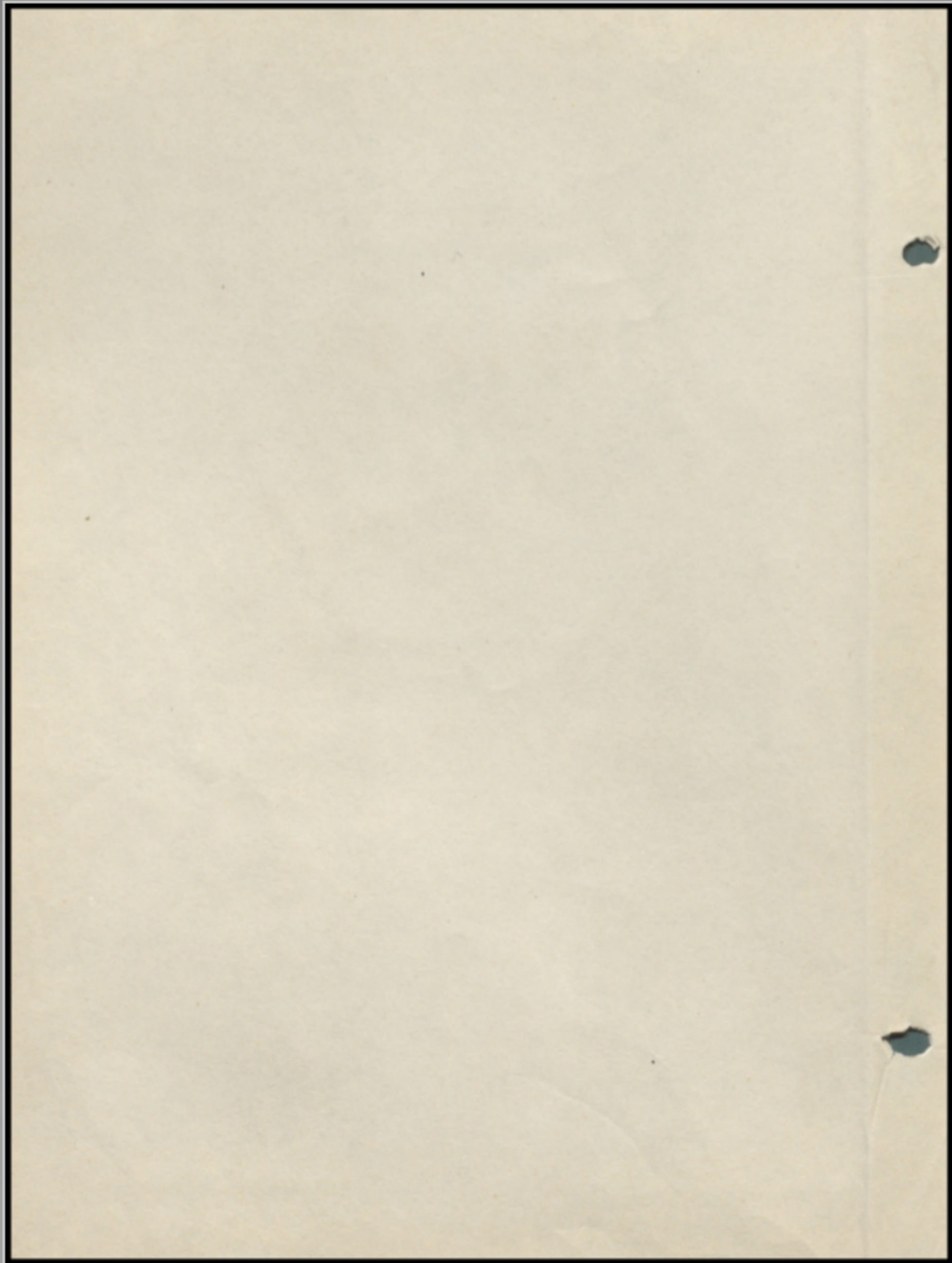
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Seventh - Eighth Grades

Front Row: Vernon Stevens, Henry Jimmie, Ronnie Coletti, Richard Isaak,
Thomas Cashen, Patrick Wellington, Delia Estrada, Carolyn
Isaacs

Second Row: Herb Riley, William Fleek, Moni Vinson, Beth Fleek, Jo Ann
Cochran, Marilyn Isaak, Darlene Buchanan, Mary Cuthbert,
Elsie Niemi

Back Row: Dick Gildersleeve, Beverly Black, Louise Grant, Virginia
McCulloch, Bonnie Wagner, John Jensen, Geneva Parsons,
Caroline Haro





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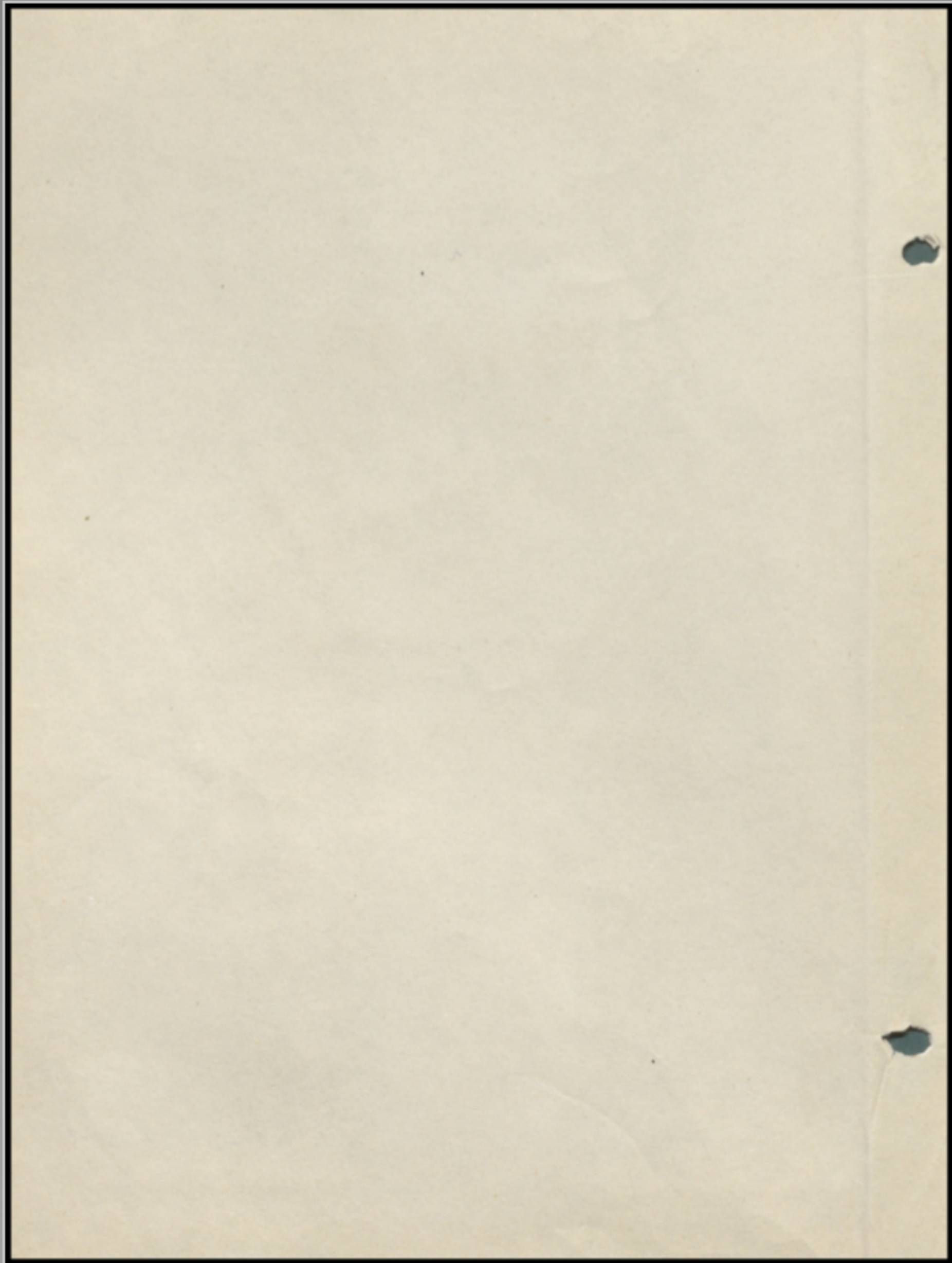
Fifth-Sixth Grades

Front Row: Robert Riess, Maria Worobec, Jerry Faye Ferguson, Judy Niemi, Donna Lee Swift, Ted Estrada, William Andrews, Jay Maker

Second Row: Frederick Wittanen, Gerald Smith, Patrick Tassell, Oscar Niemi, Carole Lockert, Louis Pusich, Donald Niemi

Back Row: Willow Estrada, Sam Pekovich, Peggy Parsons, Ray Hermann, Gilbert Bonnett, Dennis Anderson, Robert Johnson, Michael McClellan

Not in Picture: Charlotte Conine, Peter Tassell





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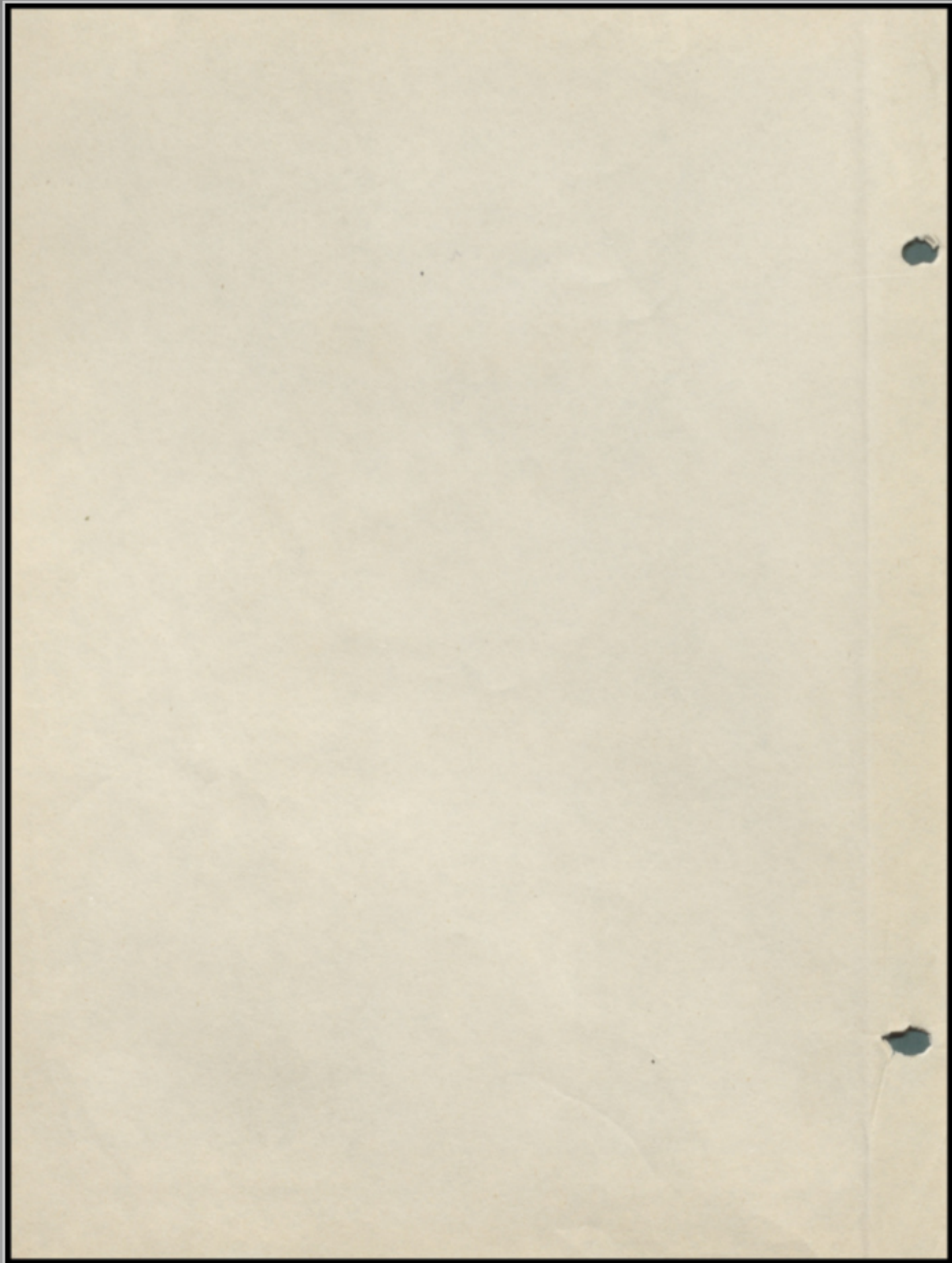
Third - Fourth Grades

Front Row: Bobbie Jean Smith, Dently Wagner, Howard Hayes, Richard Pusich, Harry Robinson, Vandra Fleek, Barabara Jean Smith

Second Row: Mary Ann Buchanan, Joan Featherstone, Anne Pusich, Lucile Isaak, Jo-Anne Maker, Stuart Johnson, Sandra Boehl

Back Row: James Buchanan, Jerry Rogers, Sam Wagner, George Bullard, Dee Duncan

Not in Picture: Patricia Isaak, Howard Lammers, Molly Estrada, James Swift, Feliverto Estrada, John Hoisington





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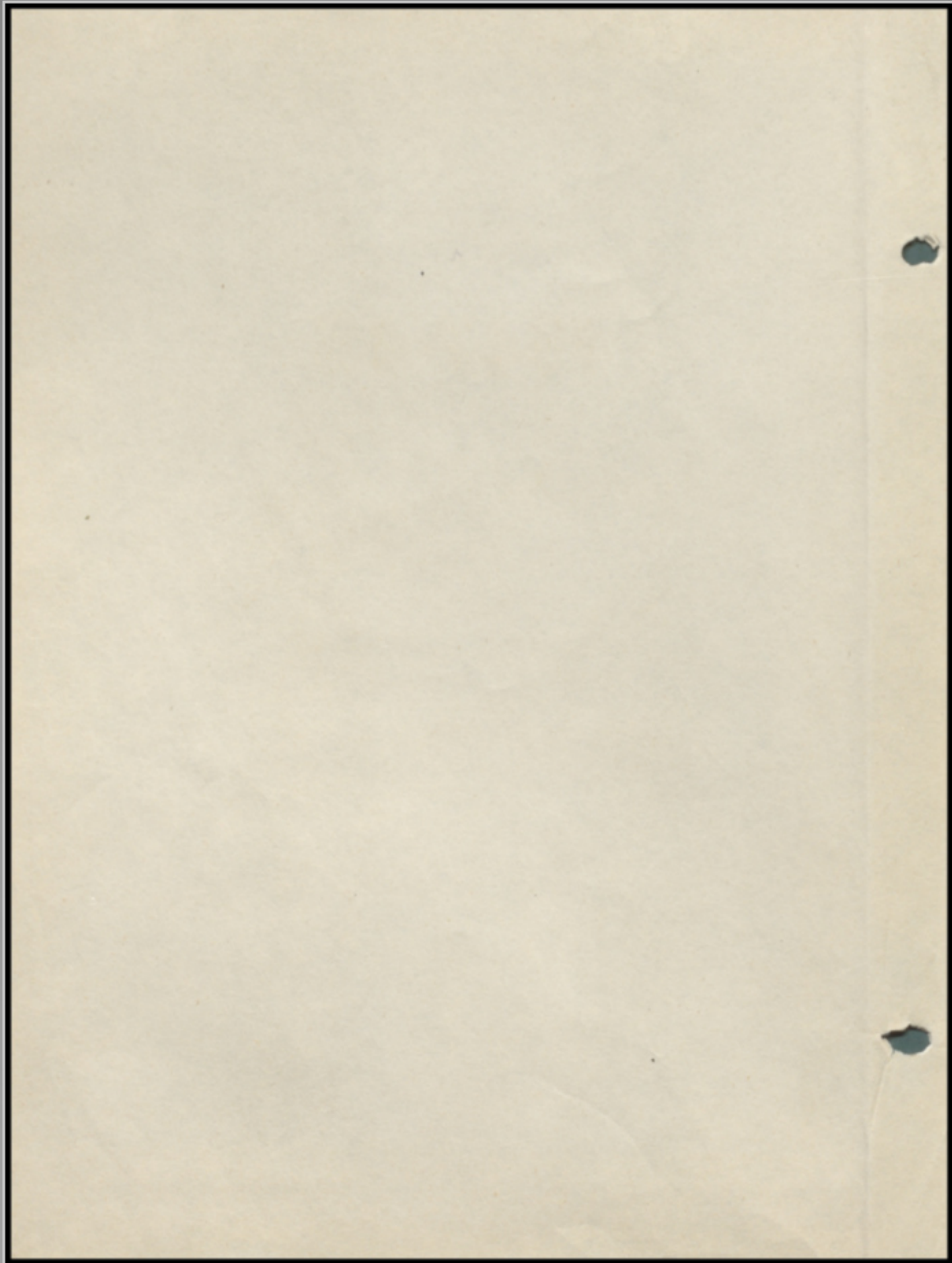
Primary Grades

Front Row: Jerry Lammers, Frank Wilson, Ina Franklin, Ernest Lundstrom,
Patricia Robinson, Joe Poor, Juanita Graham

Second Row: Richard Boehl, Harold Conine, Charlene Sims, Billy Evans,
Jack Rogers, Carol Nickel, Billy Isaacs, Arlene Anderson

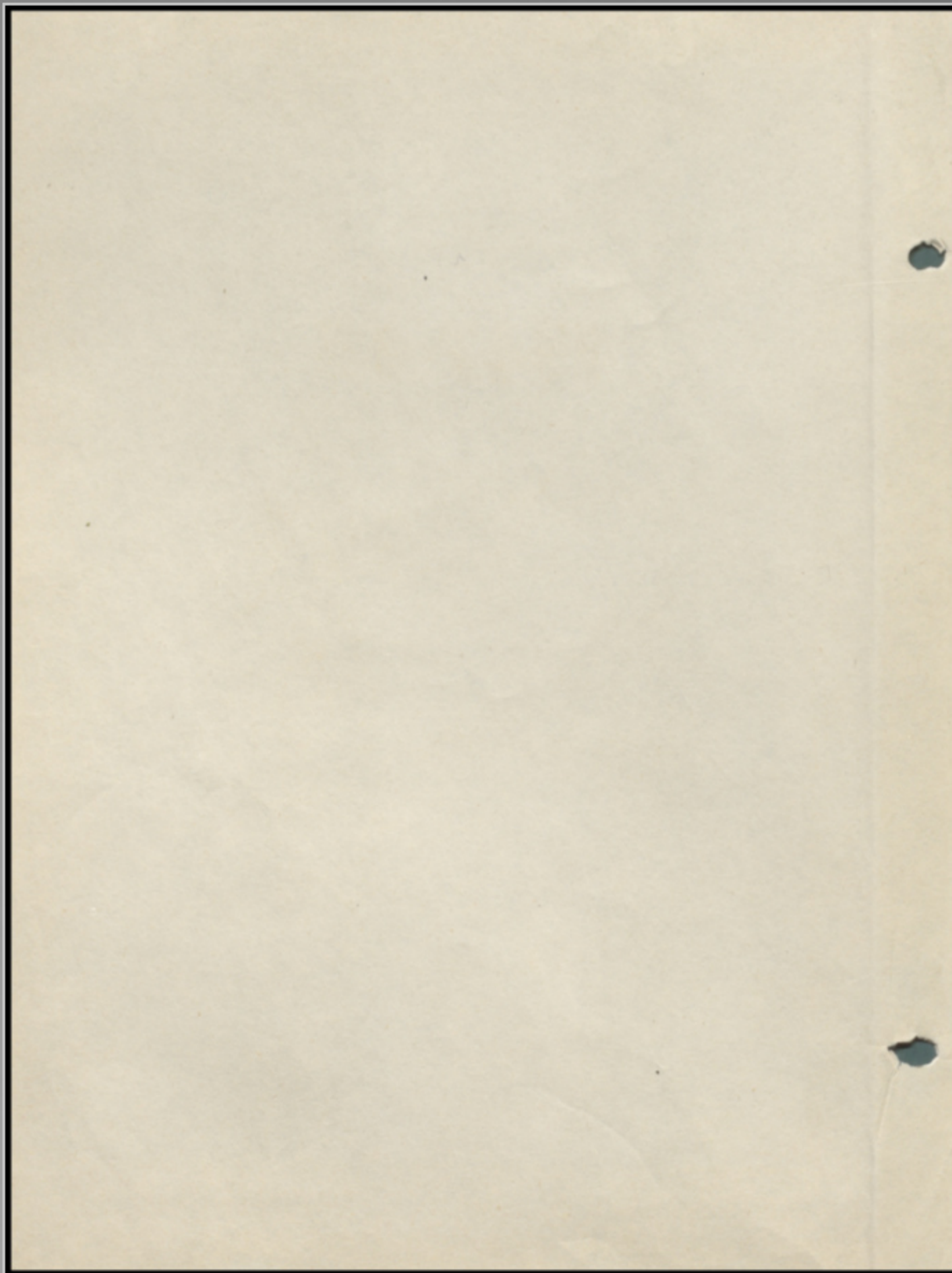
Back Row: Florence Wilson, Mary Lee Cashen, Albert Wilson, Eileen
Nickel, Bernie Hanson, Erlene Miller, Gloria Hulk, Barbara
Estes, Della Cuthbert, Dennis Shannon

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ACTIVITIES





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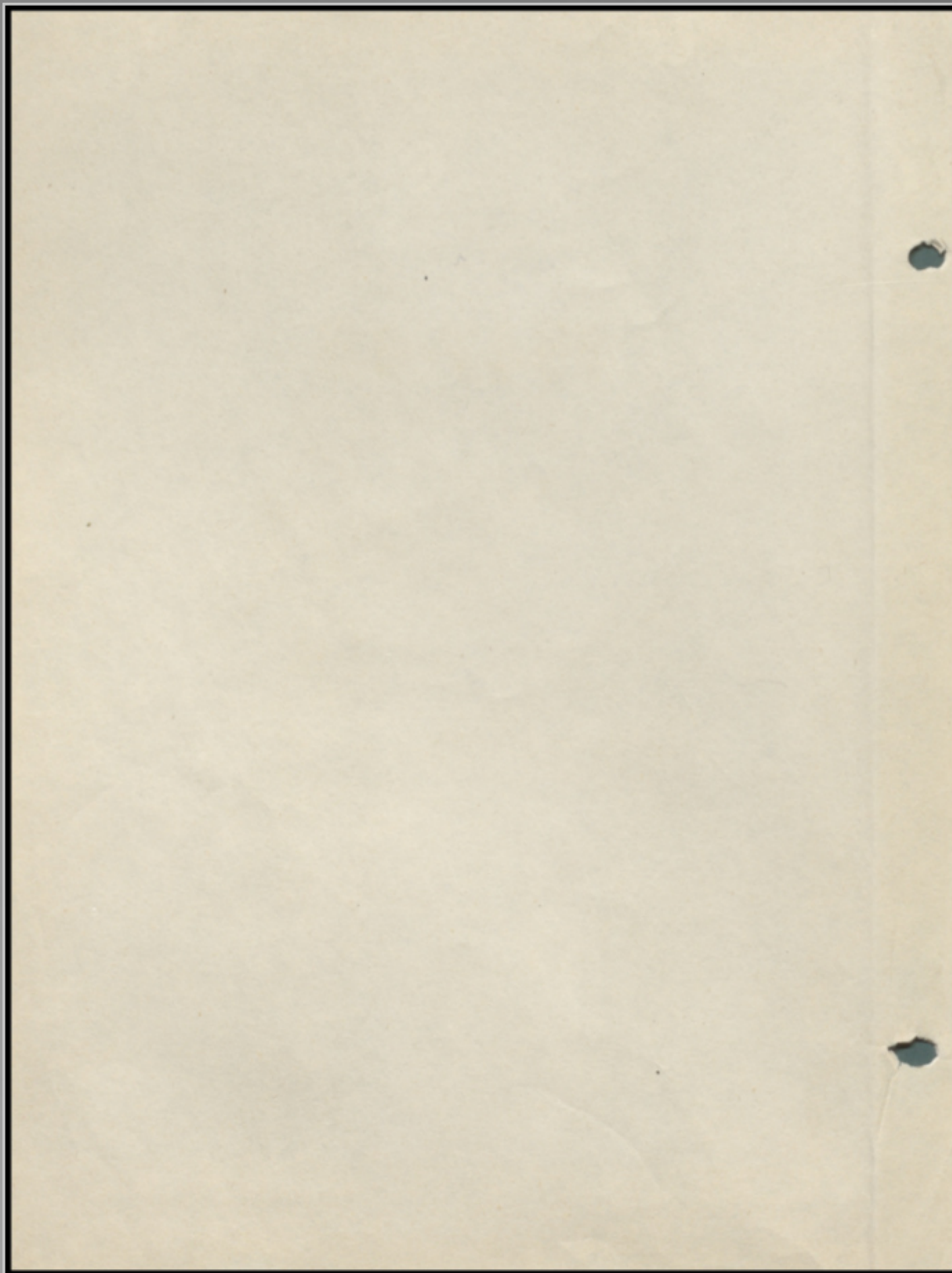
Senior Ball

The annual Senior Ball was held in the high school gymnasium on January 24. It was a semi-formal affair and Bill Matheney's five piece orchestra furnished the music.

Evergreen boughs were used to decorate the wooden half of the gymnasium walls. The doorways were also outlined with boughs. Several spotlights lent color and dash to the scene. Tickets were printed in red and white, the class colors.

Members of the decoration committee for the Ball were Herb Bonnett, Jim McCormick, and Mae Cuthbert. Pat Balog, Betty Kibby, and Carol Ruotsala were on the program committee.

Chaperones for the evening were Mrs. A. J. Balog, Mrs. Alfred Bonnett, Mrs. William Cuthbert, Mrs. Richard McCormick, and Mrs. Bert Ruotsala.



Student Council

President. . .Herbert Bonnett

Vice-President.Lyle Riley

Secretary. Mae Outhbert

Treasurer Edith Wellington

Sergeant-at-Arms Shirley Edwards

Associated Student Body Representatives

Senior Representative

Herbert Bonnett

Junior Representative

Lyle Riley

Sophomore Representative

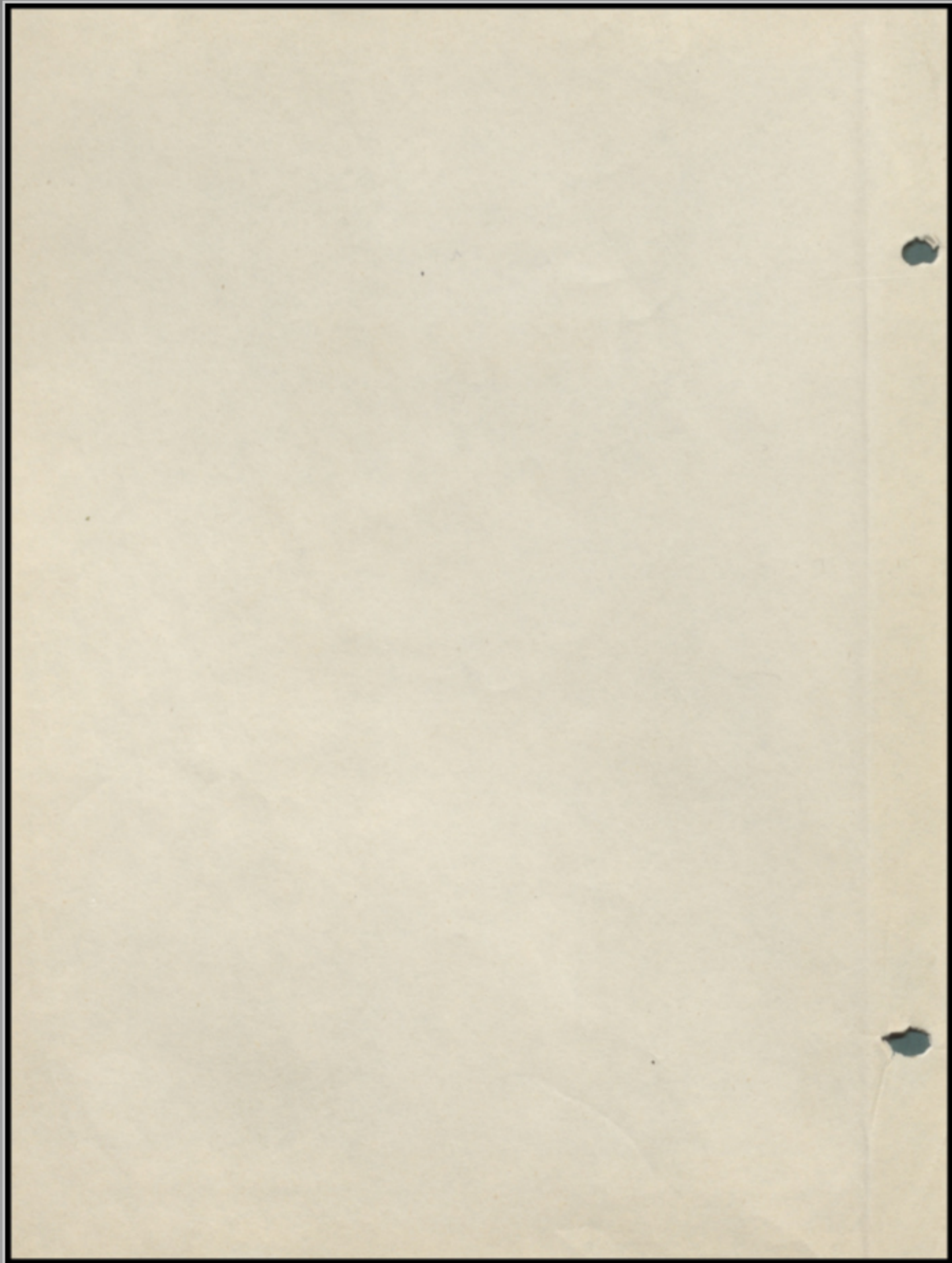
Elsie Lee

Freshman Representative

Arden Vinson

The Associated Student Body re-organized at the beginning of the school year. Regular meetings were held and the organization showed its ability and resourcefulness in many ways.

The annual Christmas Party on December 19 was planned and given by the A. S. B. This group and appointed committees carried out the plans. A capable organization such as the A. S. B. should be congratulated upon their activities.





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Breeze and Taku Staff

Front Row: Dick Anderson, Betty Kibby, Pat Balog, Edith Wellington, Terry Snethen

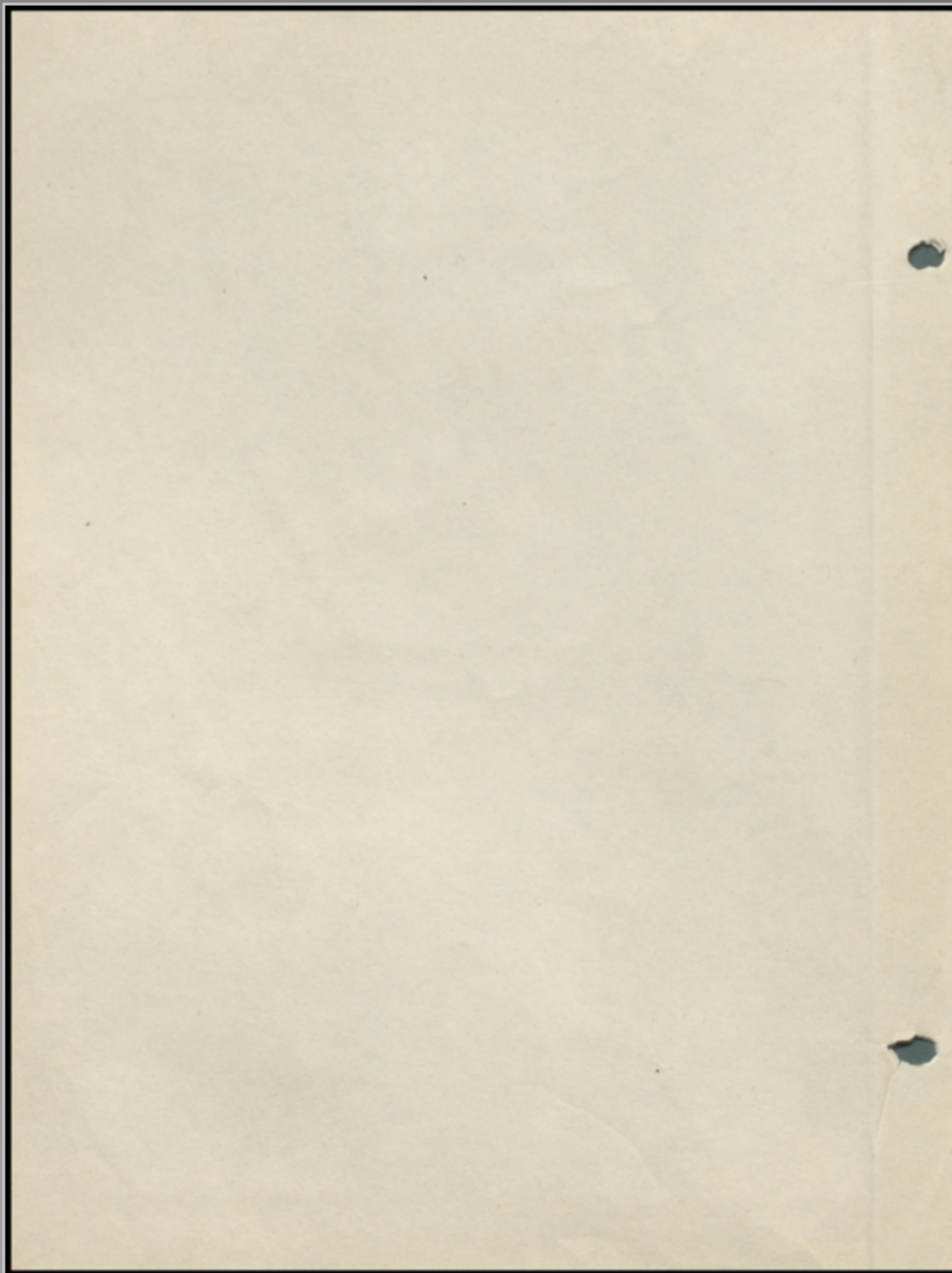
Back Row: Jack Carlyle, Lyle Riley, Mae Cuthbert, Carol Ruotsala, Shirley Edwards

BREEZE STAFF

Editor-in-chief, Carol Ruotsala; Managing Editor, Lyle Riley; Feature Editor, Pat Balog; Sports Editors, Jim McCormick, Herb Bonnett; Exchanges, Terry Snethen; Reporters: Shirley Edwards, Pat Balog, Edith Wellington, Mae Cuthbert, Terry Snethen, Betty Kibby, Lyle Riley, Rex Hermann, Jack Carlyle, Dick Anderson; Typists: Pat Balog, Carol Ruotsala, Mae Cuthbert, Betty Kibby; Literary Advisor, Mrs. Irene Reed

TAKU STAFF

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GASTINEAU BREEZE

"Oldest High School Paper in Alaska"

DOUGLAS, ALASKA 1947-1948

SUPPORT GIVE NEW PLAYGROU

The plan for a new playground is now under the spotlight at Douglas High. In order to finance the project, the students sold seventy-five cent tickets to the public for a gymnastic review given on October 21. Each Reed's sure-

STUDENTS GIVE HOLIDAY PARTY

At the last meeting of the Associated Student Body held in the Assembly room December 5, it was decided by the students that a Christmas party would be given for the high school students, city members and the Douglas High. This party was held on the night of December 19, in the Assembly Room after the completion of the Christmas program.

and Cuthbert led Yell Queens

Two queens, to spur the Douglasies on to victory, were elected at the A. S. B. meeting on November 25. Mae Cuthbert and Pat Balog were elected to the positions. The girls required to demonstrate their positions at the meeting as indicated by the line.

DOUGLAS HIGH NOSES OUT V.F.W.

Douglas fans were thrilled on December 6 when the high school quintet, wearing their new purple and gold basketball suits, engaged in a well-fought combat and emerged the victor over the V.F.W. of Juneau.

At the half, the Huskies were leading with a score of 23 to 20. In the last minutes of play, the V.F.W. scored 10 points in a very short time, and Douglas boosters were relieved to see the 41 to 40 score when the final whistle blew.

Lusty Douglas yells were given from the sidelines led by the enthusiastic yell queens, Mae Cuthbert and Pat Balog.

It has become traditional for student body to sponsor such party every year. Names were chosen by the students and teachers for the exchanging of Christmas gifts. They were distributed the afternoon of the 19th. The appointed Santa Claus, J. Christened Anderson Peak.

The assembly room was adorned with colored streamers and a tree was placed on the stage. The gaily decorated Christmas tree was placed on the stage. The lights featured strings, and a streamer notation for the bookcases. Wreaths were placed over doors leading to the hall.

The evening was spent in singing to recorded music.

Brownie Scout Organization Active

There are now nine active members in Brownie Scout Troop Number 7.

Roving Reporter

Joanna was elected president. Finding myself with nothing to do but get in people's way, I decided to do something constructive. So I stole ten sheets of paper from my locker and started out to take a poll of opinion on the proposed playground. The results are as follows:

I smelled acid wafting out of the lab, and desiring the opinion of Jack Carlyle, whom I knew would be behind the odor, I plugged my nostrils and plunged in. Upon asking Jack what he thought of the deal, I was happy to find this answer ran something like: "Sure I think it's a good idea."

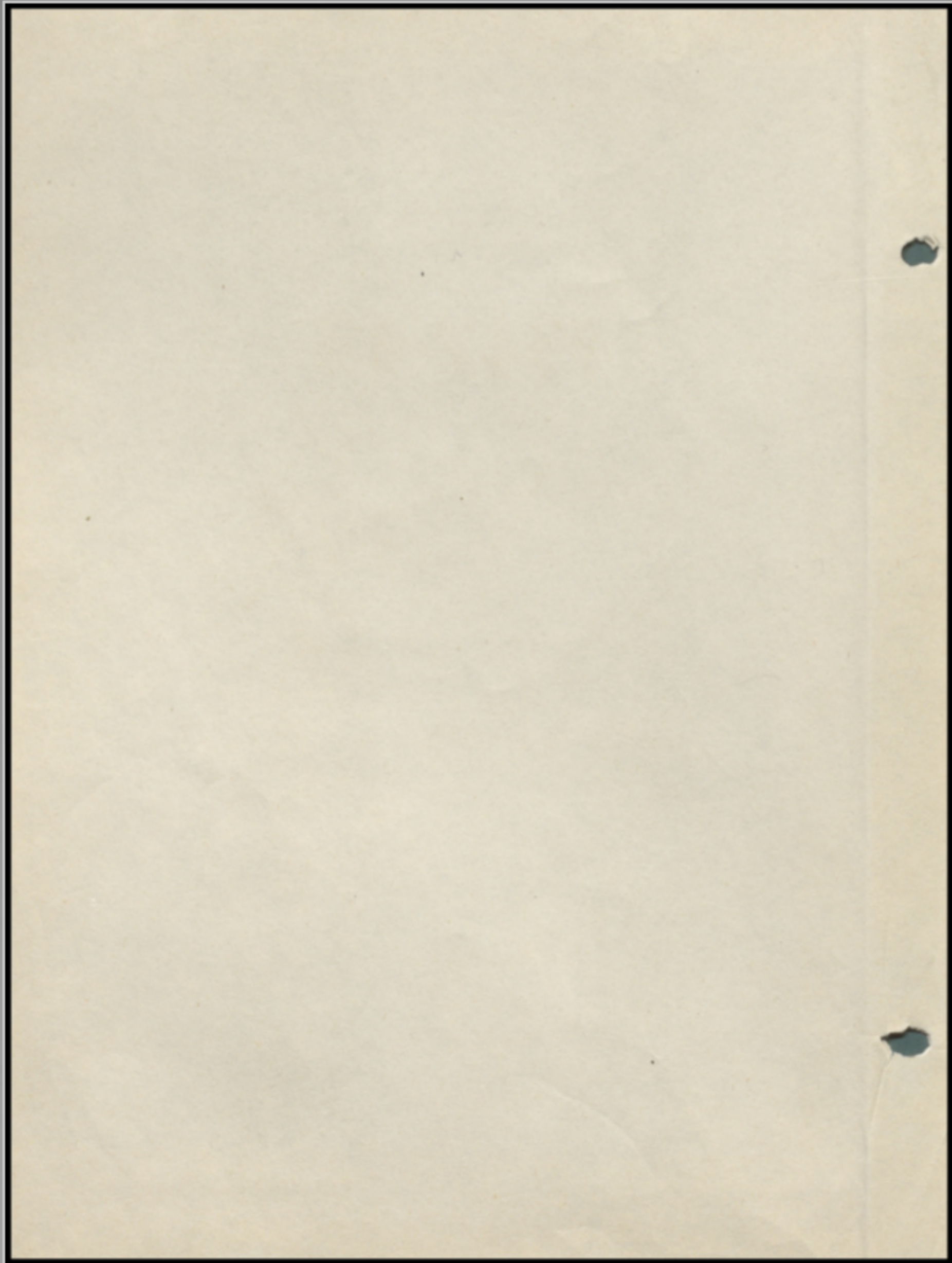
DEER ANTLERS DONATED TO COLORADO A&M

The deer antlers taken by Jim McCornick, De-Hi Senior, at Point Bishop on November 7 have been turned over to the Regional Forester. The antlers are being shipped through the Colorado Forester at Denver to the Colorado A & M College, Fort Collins, Colorado. This college has an extensive collection of antlers of all the American species with the exception of the Columbia black-

A Friend

It sure seems good to have a friend who, in a jovial mood will smile at a flitting in gay pose. You always like the things he likes.

He always reveled in my friends and always felt that he would bend to his own will, and I to his. He was with whom I'd share all now in reverie or bliss.

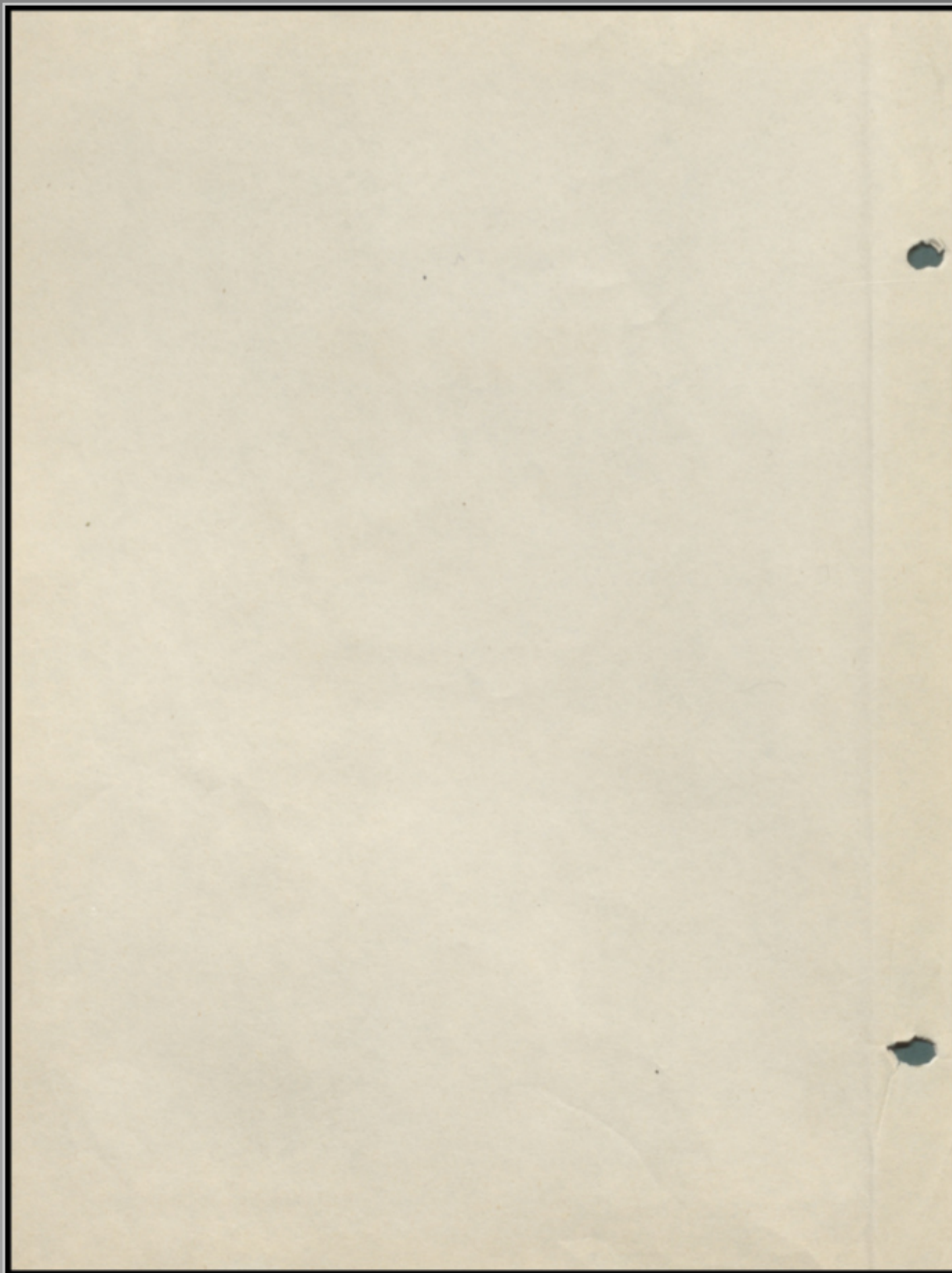


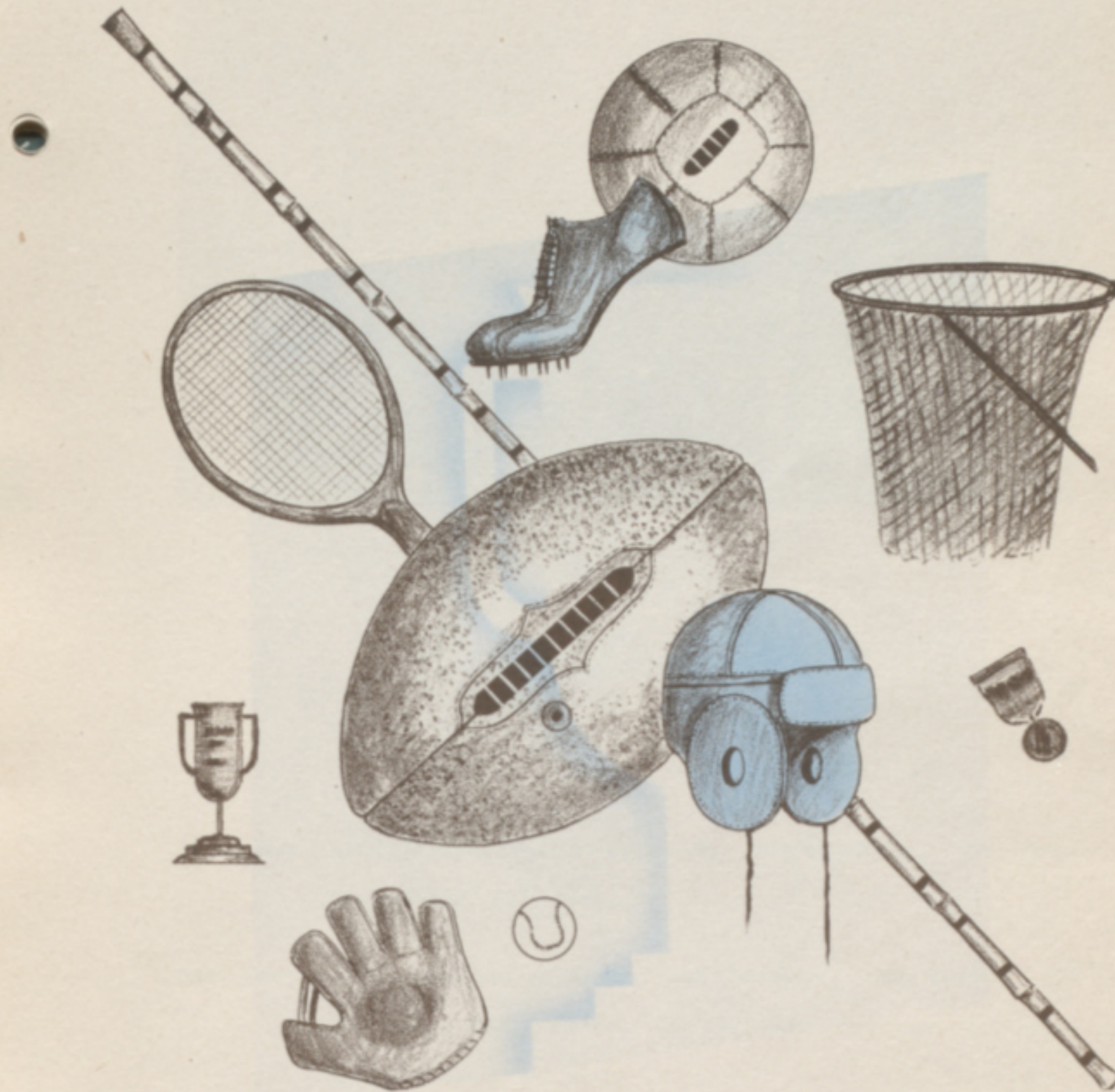
Senior Play

On the evening of April 16, the Senior Class of Douglas High School presented their class play "Mystery in the Library" in the school auditorium. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Irene Reed.

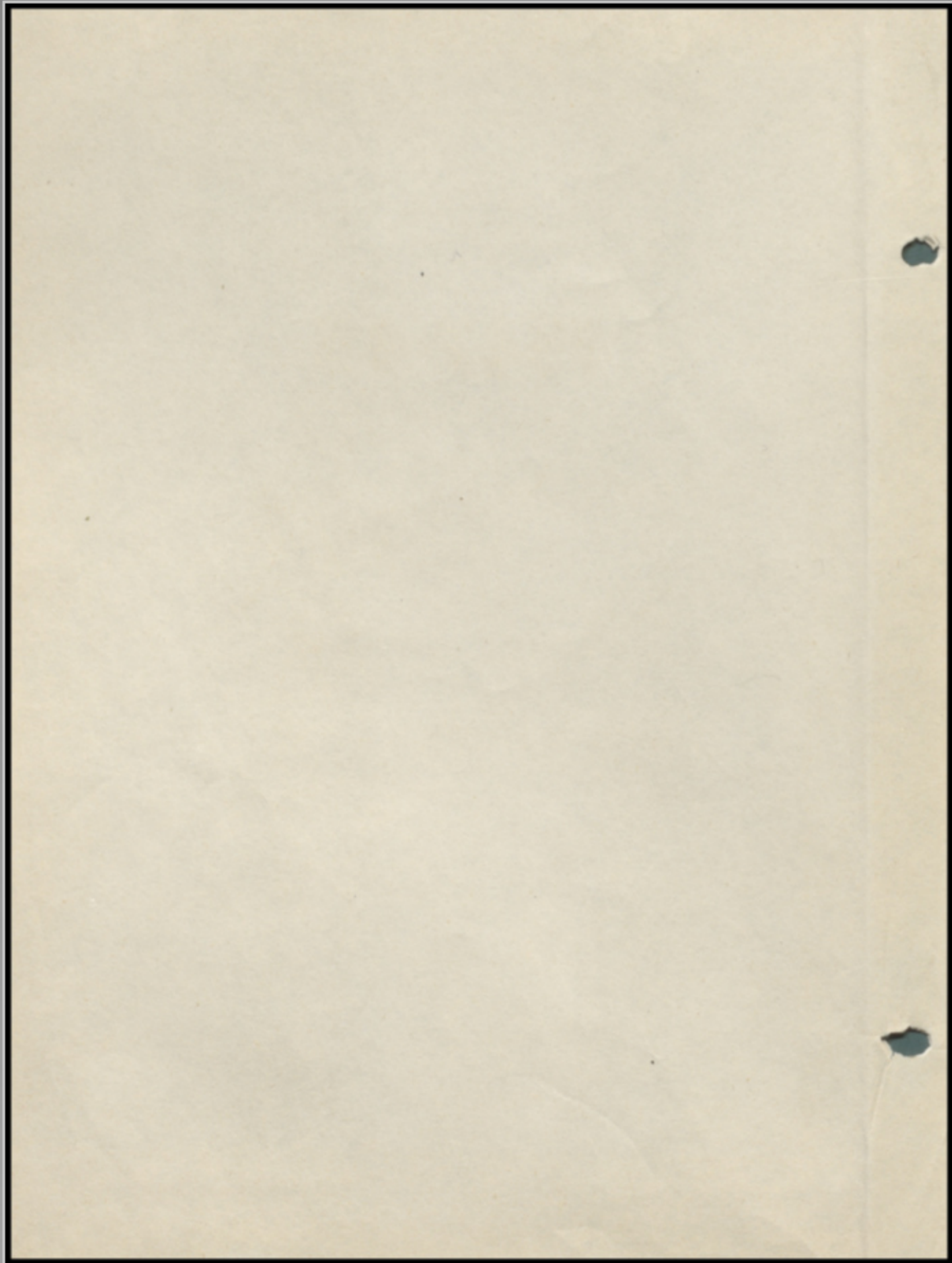
The Editorial Staff of the college paper, the "Bugle", in session on a dark and stormy night in the college library, finds itself involved in a mysterious affair which is to have national significance. The terrifying events which break up the meeting are at first accredited to a fraternity initiation, then taking place in the gymnasium. However, it soon becomes apparent that some force, entirely alien to the school, is menacing the safety of the students. The highly efficient Police Department with the aid of President Hartman and Dick Martin solve this mystery which has baffled Federal Authorities for months. The cast of characters follows:

Ellsworth Larson.	Herbert Bonnett
Editor of "The Bugle"	
Claribeth Harris.	Mac Cuthbert
Assistant Editor of "The Bugle"	
Dick Martin	Jim McCormick
Sports Editor of "The Bugle"	
and in love with Claribeth	
Jay Manson.	Jim Sey
The "It" boy of the school	
Shorty George	Jim Cuthbert
Eternal pal of Jay Manson	
Dora Dean	Betty Kibby
Society Editor of "The Bugle" and	
Jay's chief cause for worry	
Margaret Allison.	Carol Ruotsala
Literary Editor of "The Bugle"	
Annie Goopy	Pat Balog
The three Chinese monkeys in reverse. She	
"Sees all," "Hears all," and "Tells all."	
President Hartman	Lyle Riley
President of Clarke College	
Inspector Burke	Dick Anderson
Of the Police Department	
Swenson	Raymond Robertson
Dumb sock of the police force	
Heinrich.	?????
The mystery man	





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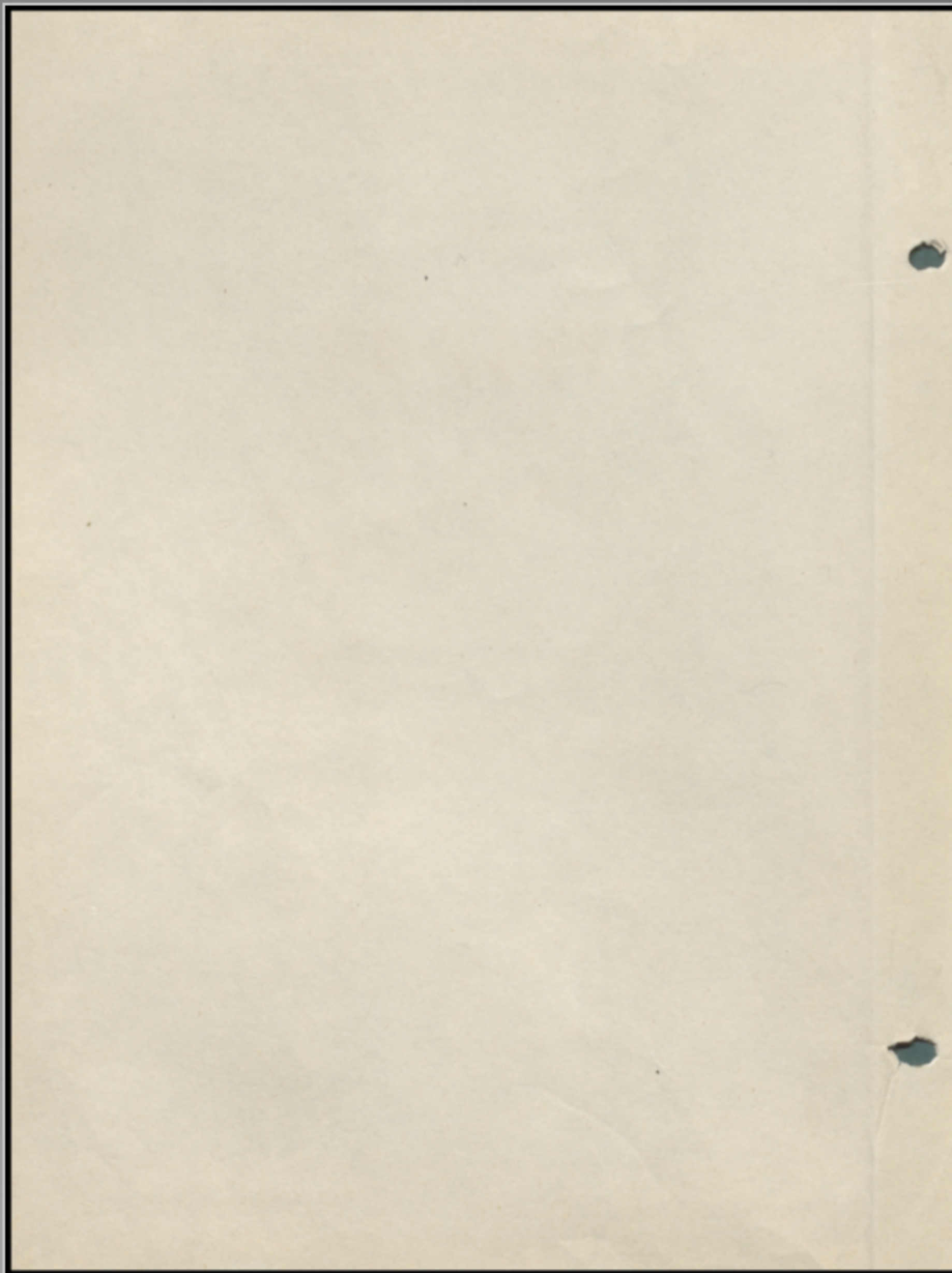


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Basketball Team

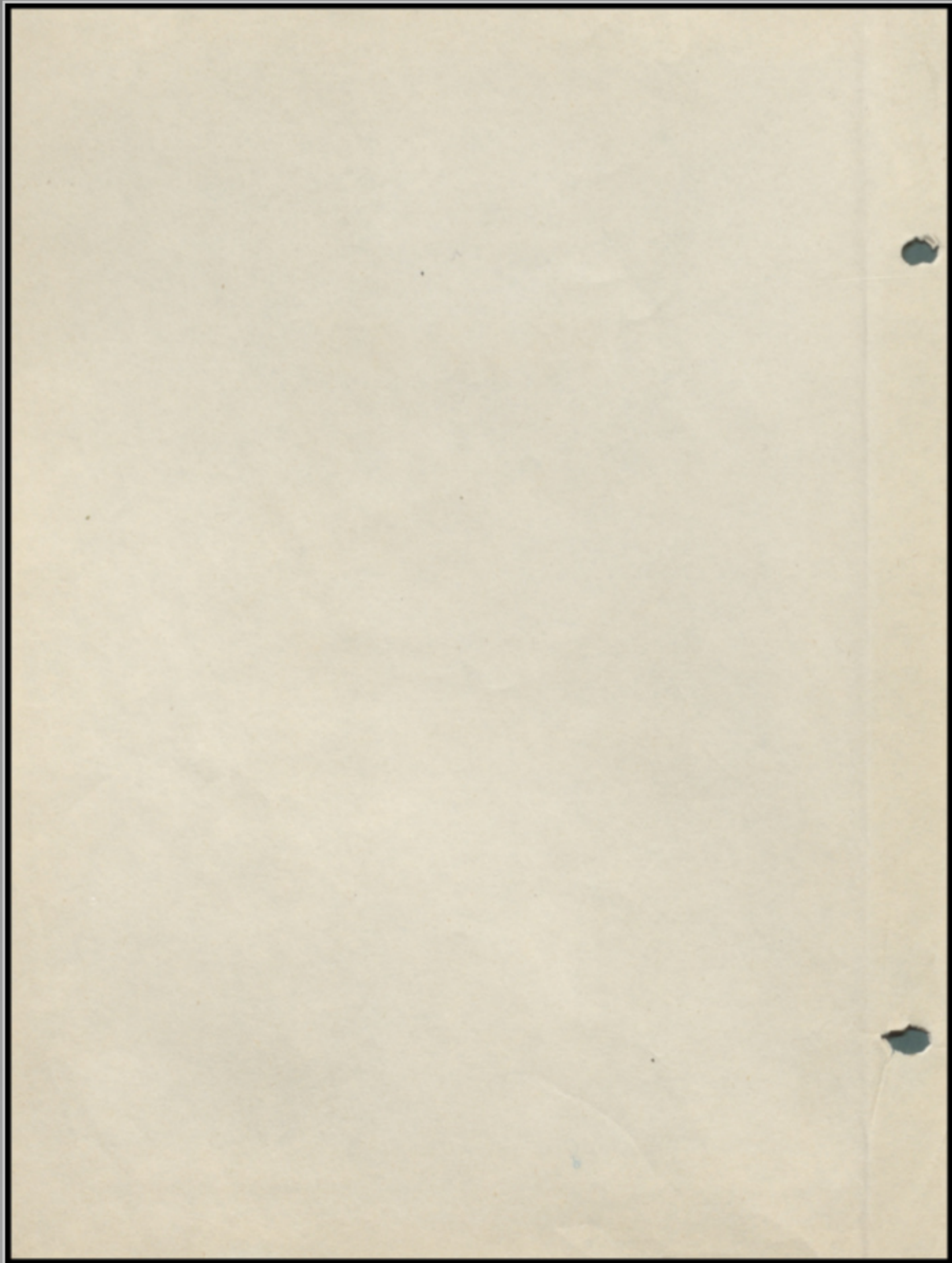
Front Row: Larry Pusich, Lowell McClellan, Bob McCormick, Gary Bach,
Rex Hermann, Bill Goetz

Back Row: Dick Anderson, Manager; Jim Cuthbert, Hugh Doogan, Jim
McCormick, Herb Bonnett, Jim Sey, Jack Carlyle, Assistant
Manager; Coach Ray Reed



BASKETBALL STARS





Basketball

The Douglas High Huskies of the 1947-48 basketball season have a group of victories to their credit which is to be highly commended considering the experience and size of their Gastineau Channel opponents. Sparked by co-captains Jim McCormick and Herb Bonnett, the team gained a reputation for perseverance, courage, and fair play.

Sophomores Jim Cuthbert and Jim Sey were forwards; Hugh Doogan, center; and Seniors Jim McCormick and Herb Bonnett played guard. Substitutes were Freshmen Larry Pusich, Bob McCormick, Gary Bach, Bill Goetz, Rex Hermann, and Lowell McClellan. The managers for the team were Dick Anderson and Jack Carlyle.

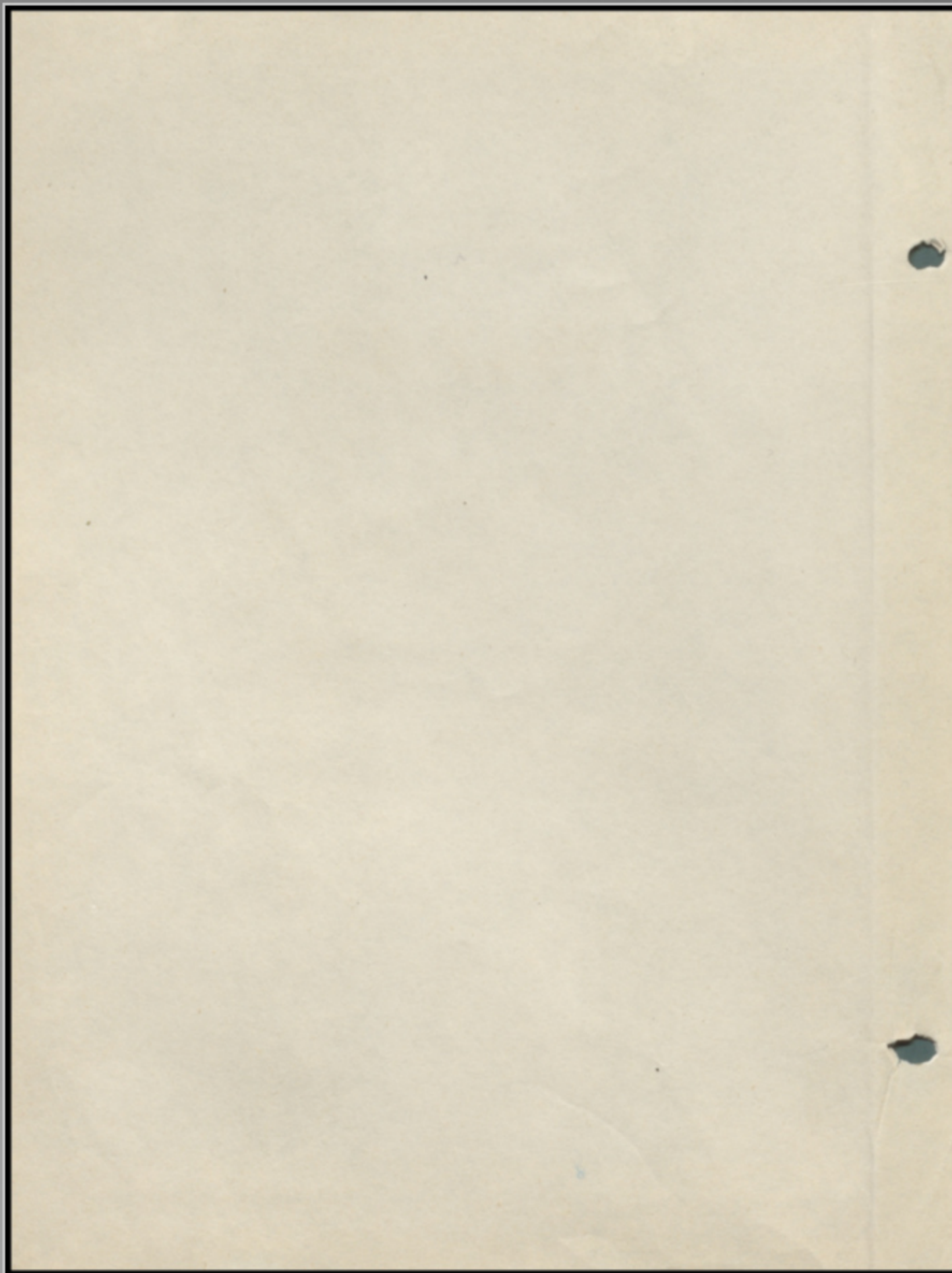
The Douglas High Huskies met the following teams:

Douglas High School	40	Veterans of Foreign Wars	39
Douglas High School	29	Darnell's Sport Center	46
Douglas High School	34	Alaska Cable Service	29
Douglas High School	27	Juneau High School	44
Douglas High School	32	Columbia Lumber	48
Douglas High School	35	Wachusettes	31
Douglas High School	38	Mike's Night Owls	56
Douglas High School	40	Imperials	69
Douglas High School	33	Juneau High School	41
Douglas High School	44	Mike's Night Owls	46
Douglas High School	40	Imperials	55
Douglas High School	38	Skagway High School	26
Douglas High School	29	Columbia Lumber	44
Douglas High School	28	Juneau High School	61
Douglas High School	36	Sitka High School	39
Douglas High School	44	Sitka High School	36
Douglas High School	24	Sitka High School	28
Douglas High School	21	Sitka High School	37

With the exception of the Juneau and Sitka series, all of these games were played in the Douglas gymnasium. Backed by a strong cheering section and community boosters, Coach Reed's quintet played good ball throughout the season. Early in March, the basketball team flew to Sitka to play a return series of games.

Letters were awarded to Jim McCormick, Herb Bonnett, Jim Sey, Jim Cuthbert, Hugh Doogan, and Larry Pusich for their participation in the scheduled games.

Since half of any team's efficiency is due to its coach, we congratulate Coach Ray Reed, as well as the team, on a successful basketball season.



Grade School Basketball

The Douglas Grade School boys spent a great deal of their time in the gymnasium this year. Their scheduled games were limited but their interest in basketball was unlimited. The Juneau Catholic School and the Juneau Grade School were their only competitors, but the results predicted a good future for Douglas Basketball interests.

SEVENTH GRADE TEAM

Forwards for the Seventh Grade team were Richard Isaak, Tom Cashen, and Patrick Wellington. Guards were Herb Riley, Vernon Stevens, and Bill Fleck. John Jensen was the center for this aggressive group. Their games with their opponents ended with the following scores:

Douglas Grade School	13	Juneau Grade School	31
Douglas Grade School	10	Juneau Catholic School	12
Douglas Grade School	32	Juneau Catholic School	30
Douglas Grade School		Juneau Catholic School	

SIXTH GRADE TEAM

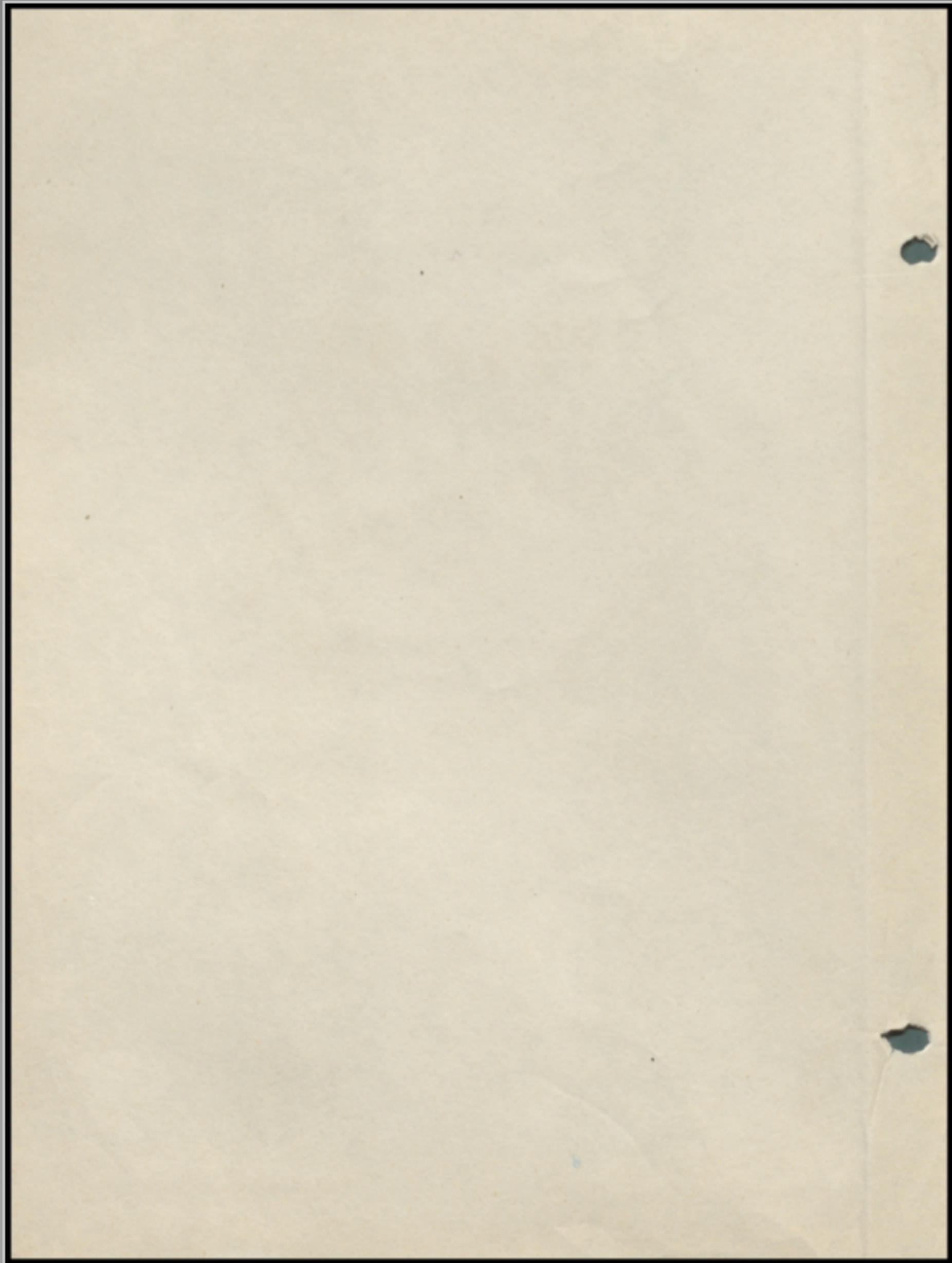
Donald Niemi, Louis Pusich, and Patrick Tassel were forwards for the sixth grade team. Dan Anderson, Peter Tassel, and Robert Johnson played guard. Gilbert Bonnett and Ray Hermann were centers. Their scheduled games were:

Douglas Grade School	14	Juneau Catholic School	20
Douglas Grade School	20	Juneau Catholic School	18
Douglas Grade School		Juneau Catholic School	

FOURTH and FIFTH GRADE TEAM

Of the fourth and fifth grade team, Bill Andrews and Richard Berry were guards. Frederick Wittanen, Bob Riess, Jimmy Swift, and Jerry Rogers were forwards. Sam Wagner was the center for the team. Their opponents and resulting scores were:

Douglas Grade School	0	Juneau Catholic School	10
Douglas Grade School	2	Juneau Catholic School	4
Douglas Grade School		Juneau Catholic School	





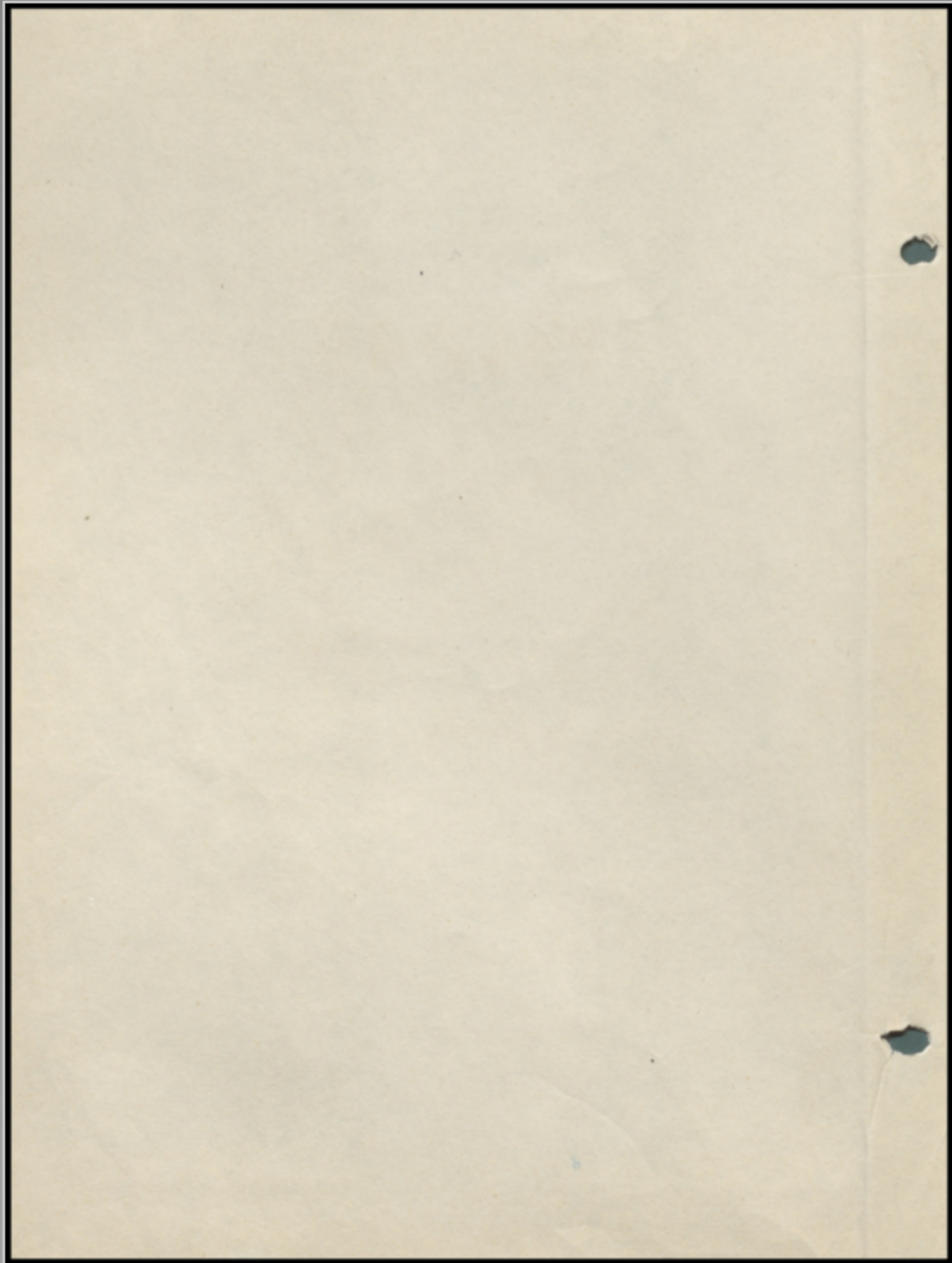
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Girls Athletics

This year the Girls' Physical Education Class took up volleyball, basketball, softball, and tumbling. In the Athletic Exhibition held last October, the girls were given a chance to show what they could do on the mats and in volleyball. Several basketball games were played with various girls teams from Juneau and the Douglas girls proved to be worthy competitors despite the fact that they had little experience.

The Girls' Physical Education Club met early in the year and elections were held. Pat Balog was elected president; Shirley Edwards, vice-president; Terry Snethen, treasurer; Ruth Wilson, secretary; and Carol Ruotsala, sergeant-at-arms. The club decided that it would pay only one-half of the price on the sweaters formerly awarded to the girls earning three "D's."

Necessary points for earning a "D" this year were fifty athletic points and twenty-five social points. Mrs. Irene Reed was the club advisor.



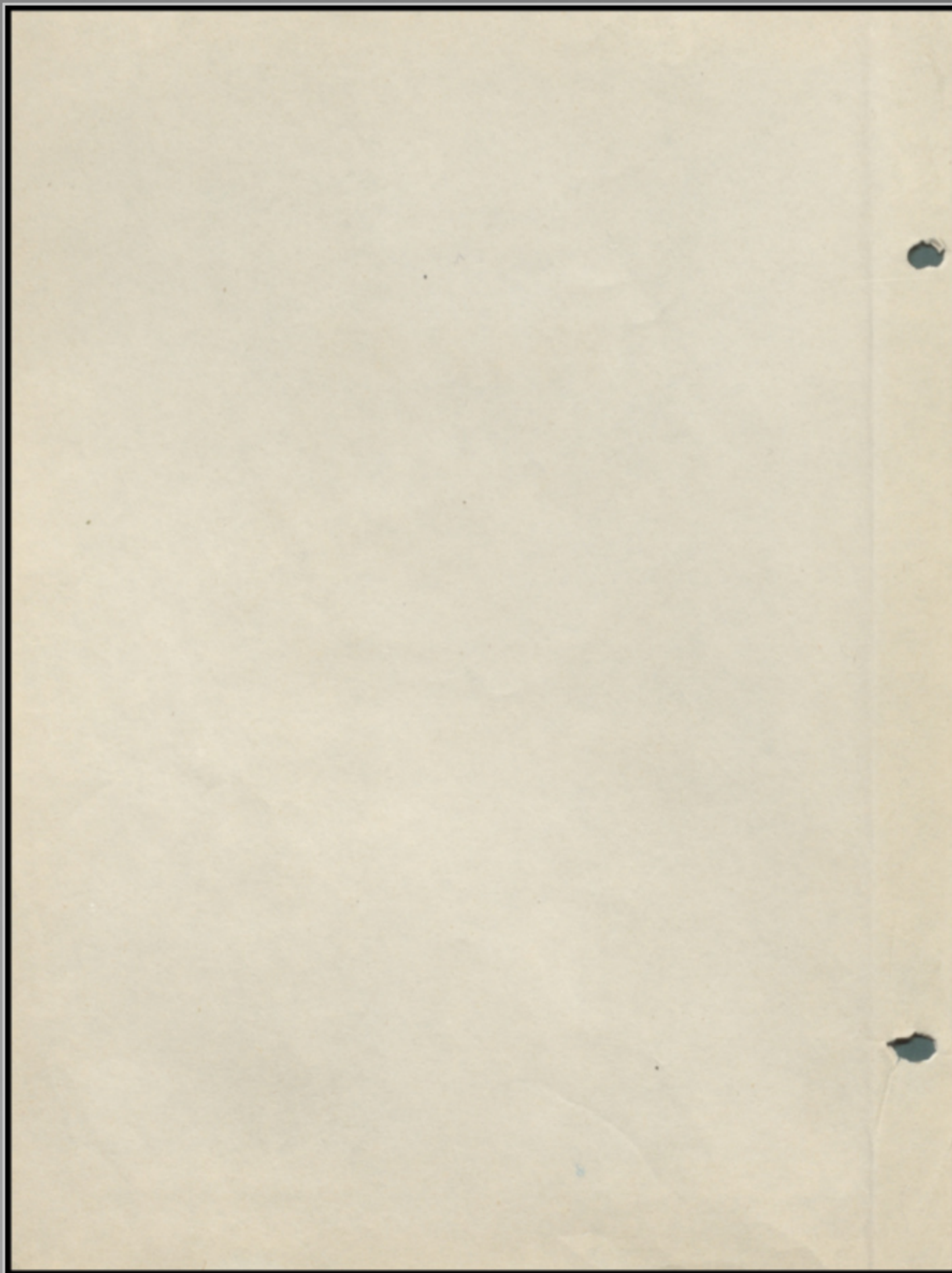


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Track Squad

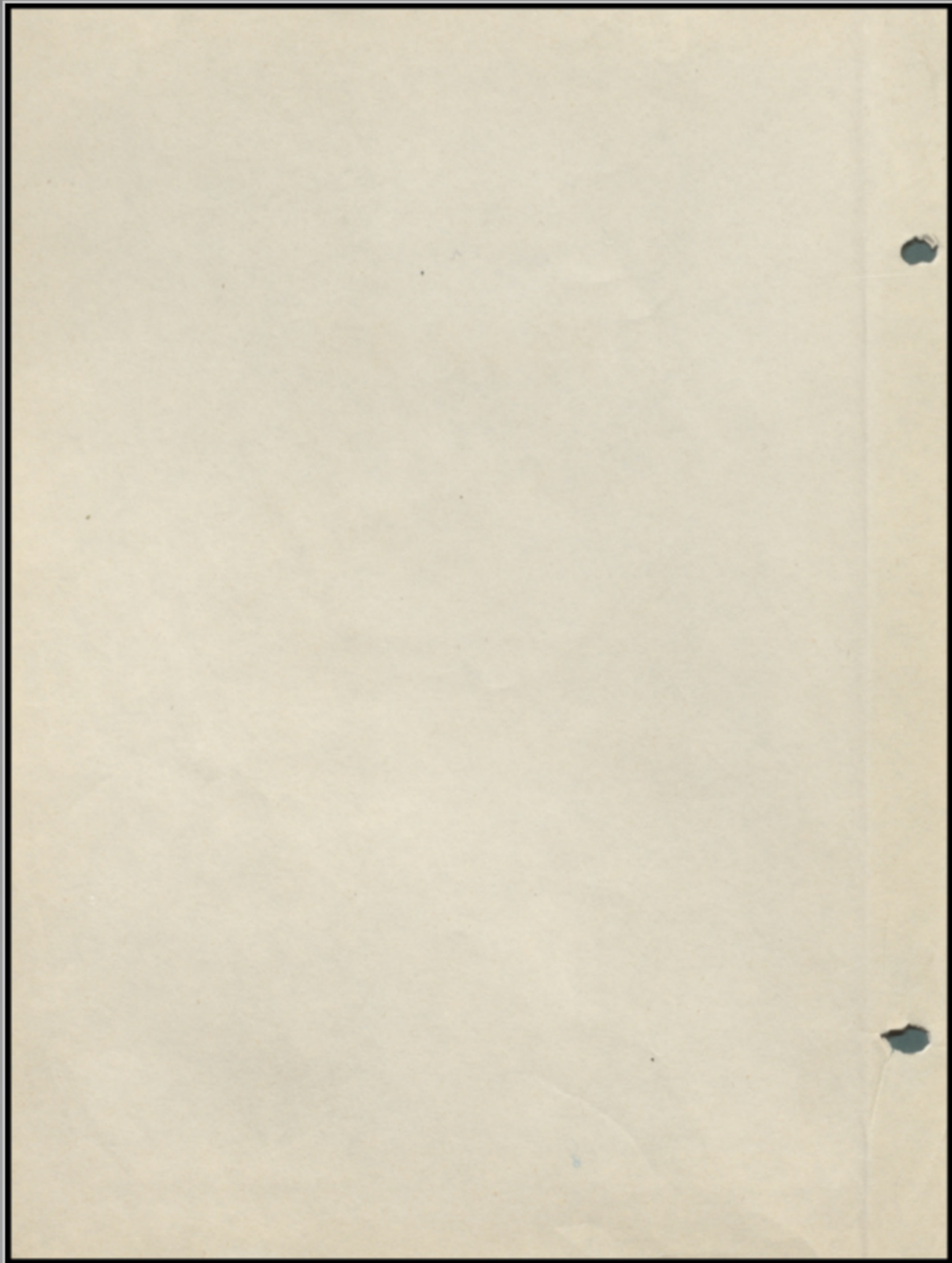
Front Row: Larry Pusich, Bob McCormick, Lowell McClellan, Rex Hermann,
Gary Bach, Bill Goetz

Back Row: Dick Anderson, Jim Cuthbert, Hugh Doogan, Jim McCormick,
Herb Bonnett, Jim Sey, Lyle Riley

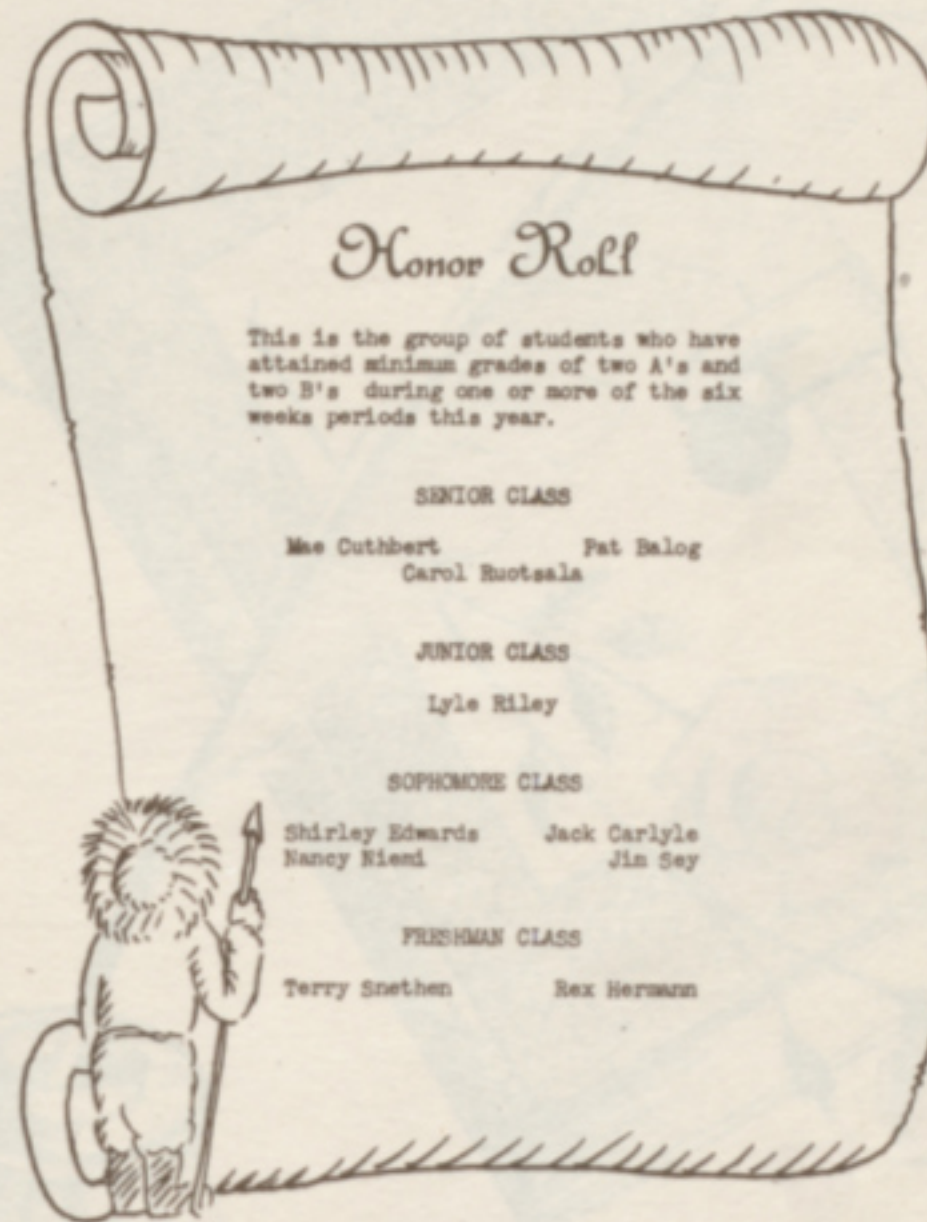




HONORS



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Honor Roll

This is the group of students who have attained minimum grades of two A's and two B's during one or more of the six weeks periods this year.

SENIOR CLASS

Mae Cuthbert Pat Balog
Carol Ruotsala

JUNIOR CLASS

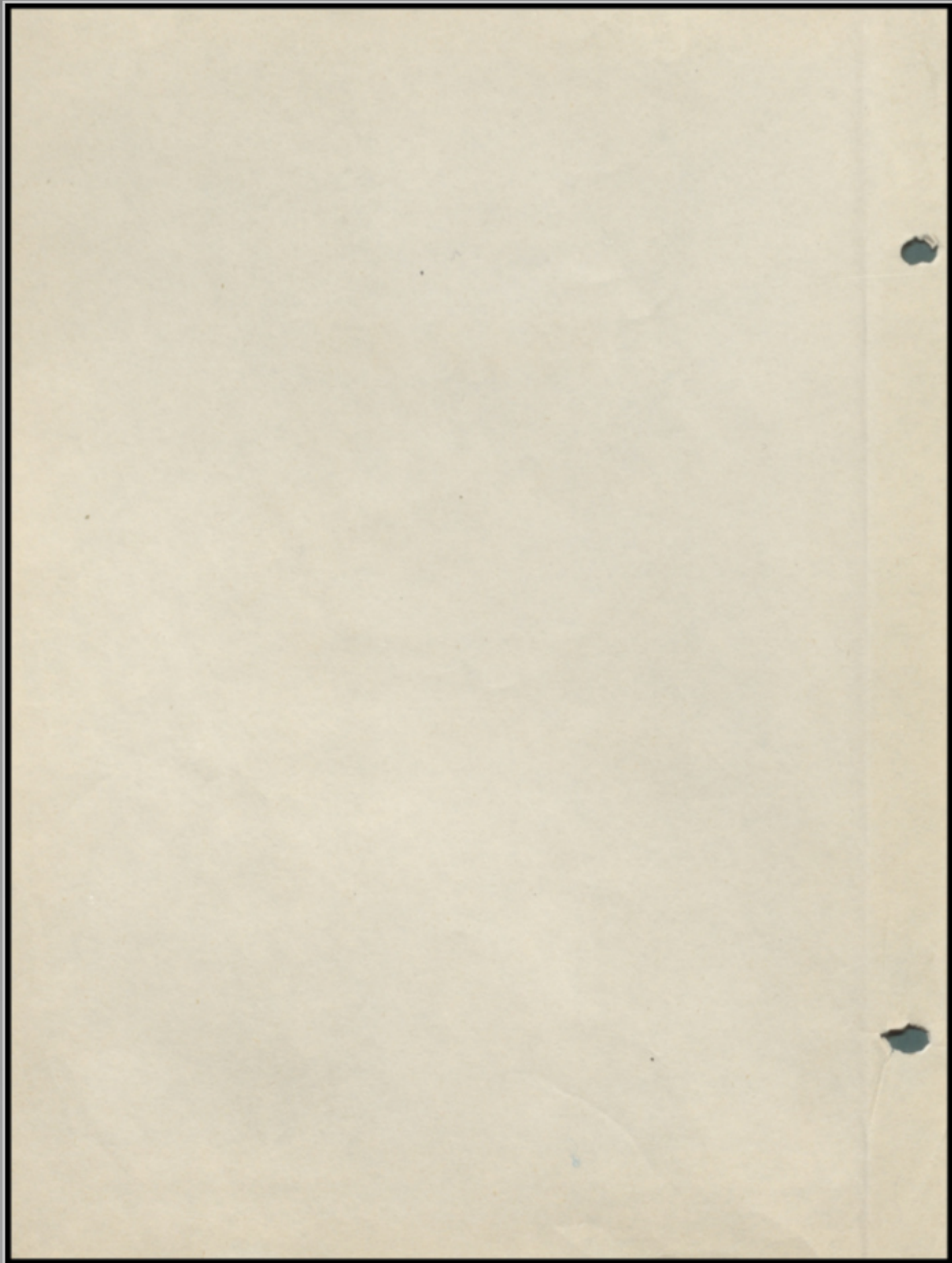
Lyle Riley

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Shirley Edwards Jack Carlyle
Nancy Niemi Jim Sey

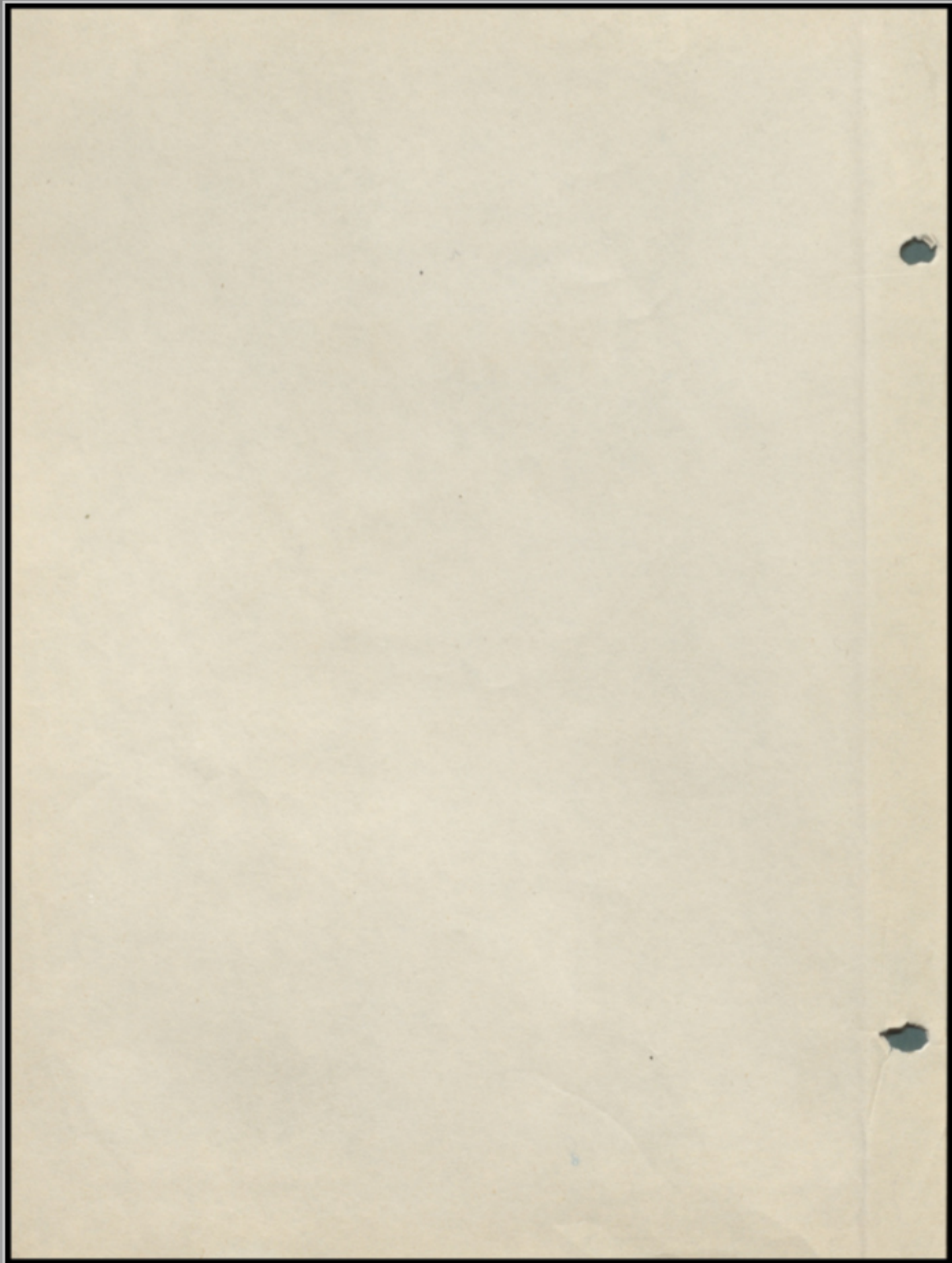
FRESHMAN CLASS

Terry Snethen Rex Hermann



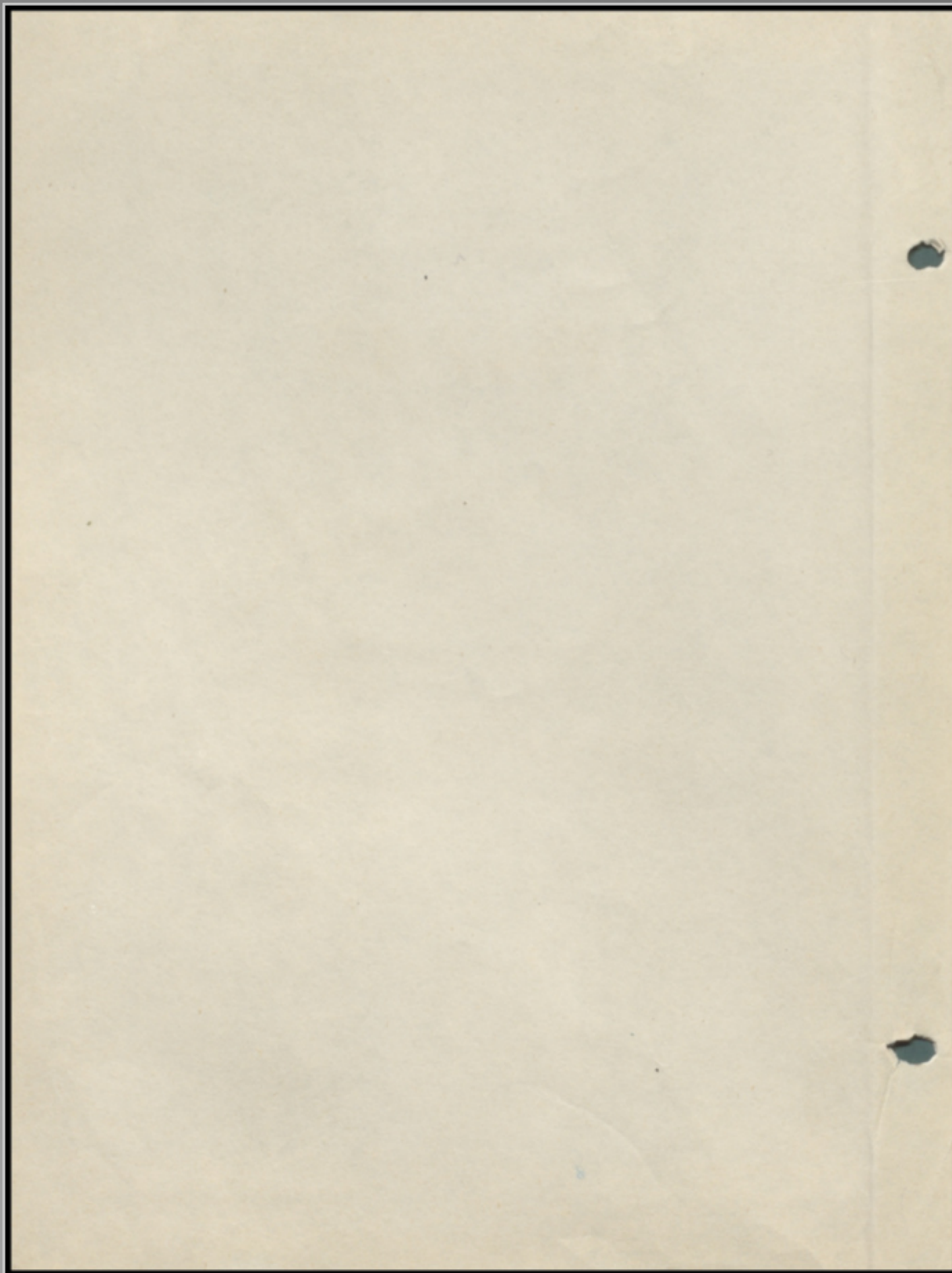


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