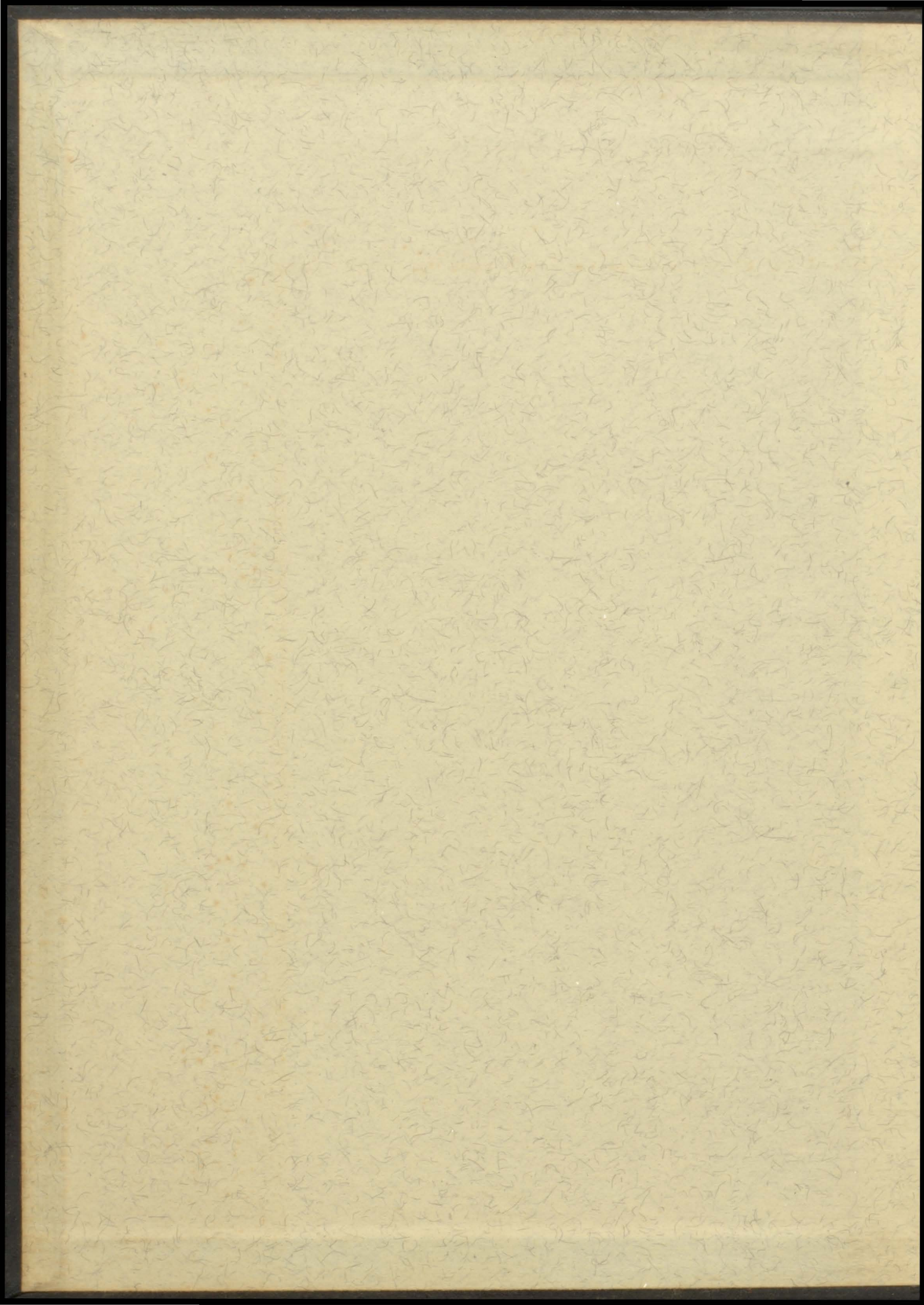
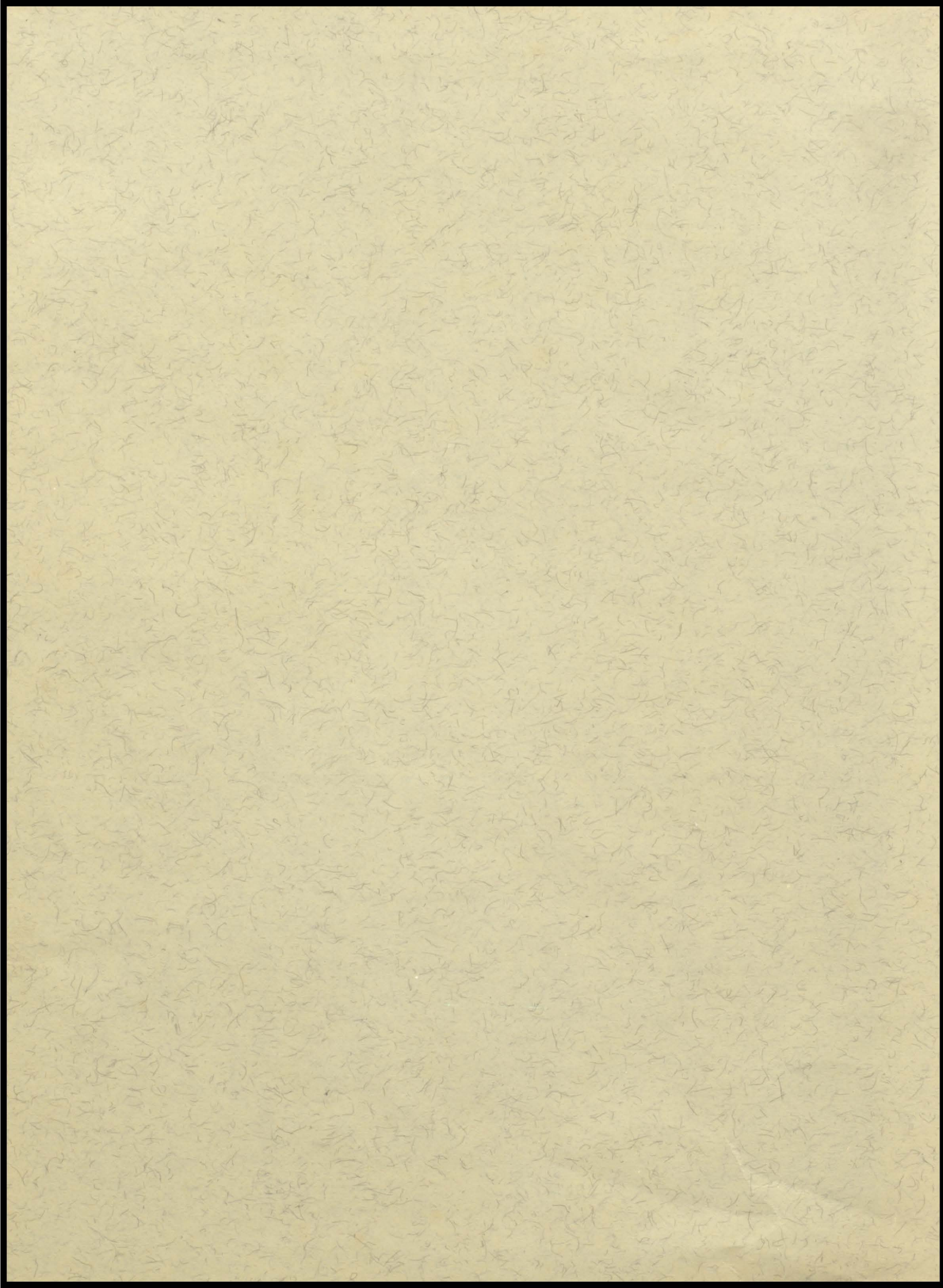
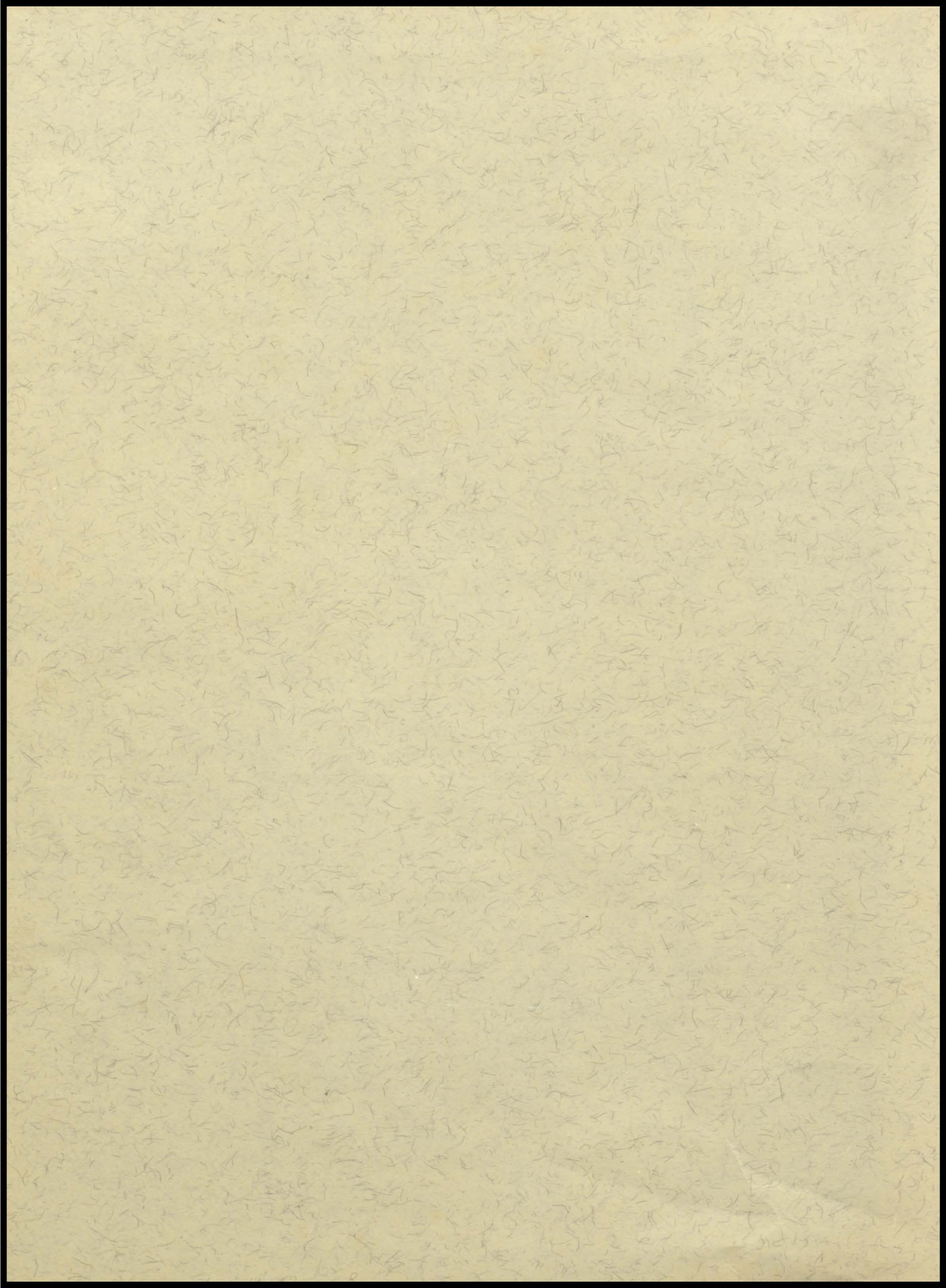


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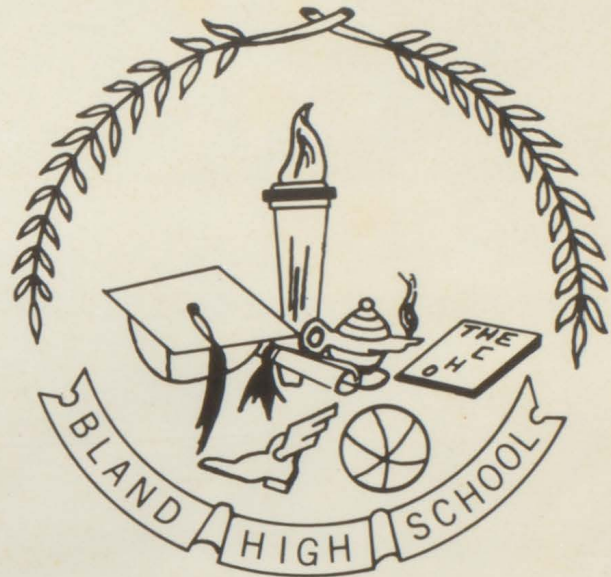


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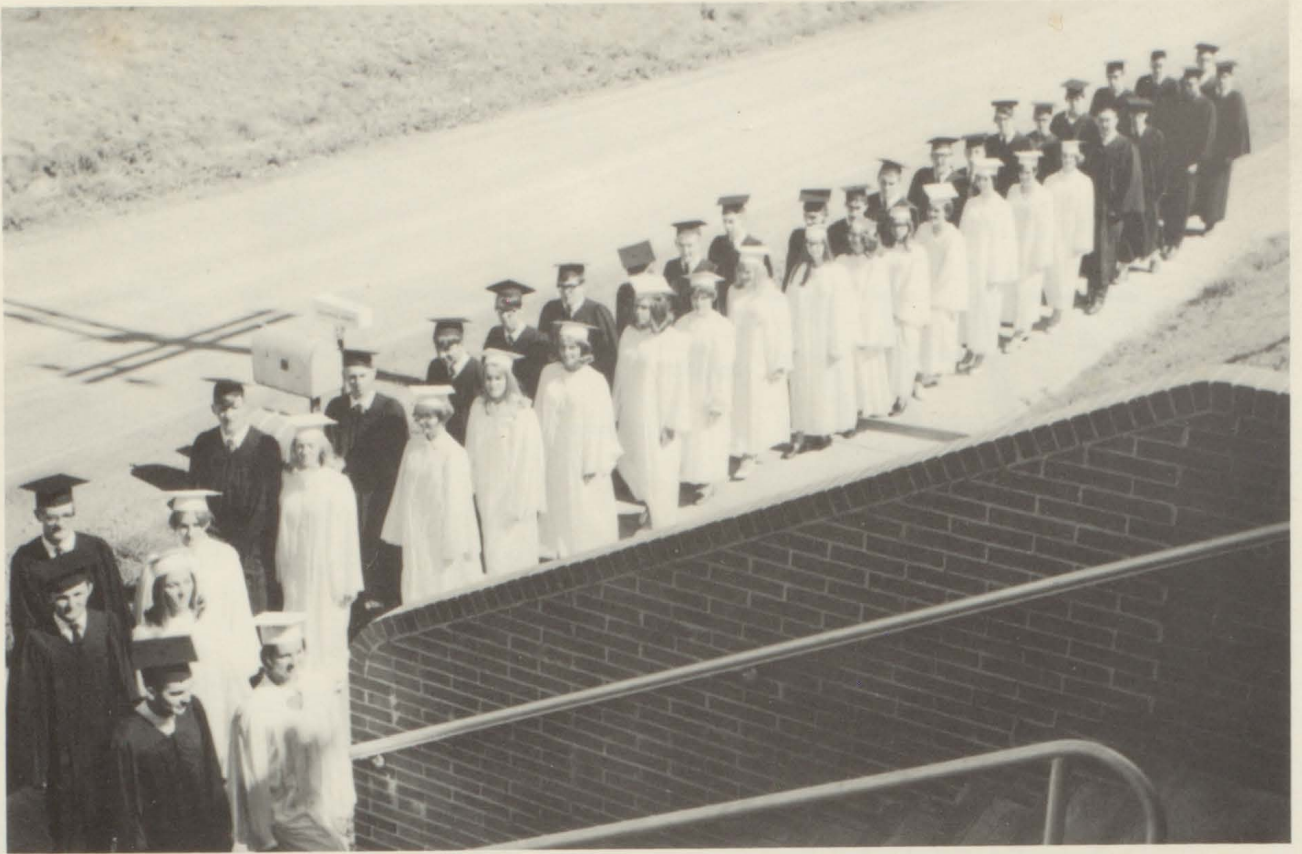
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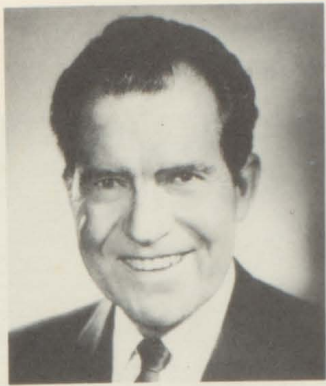


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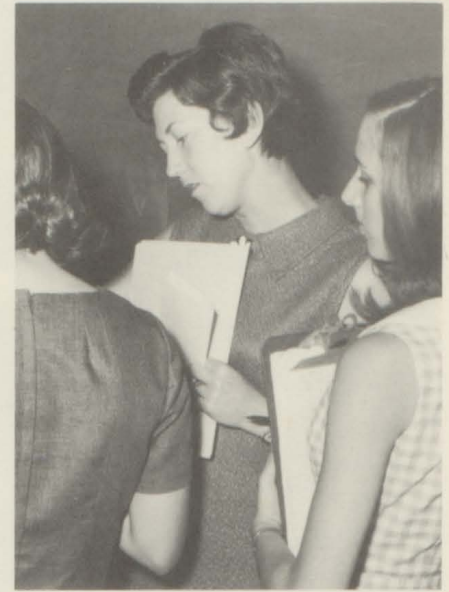
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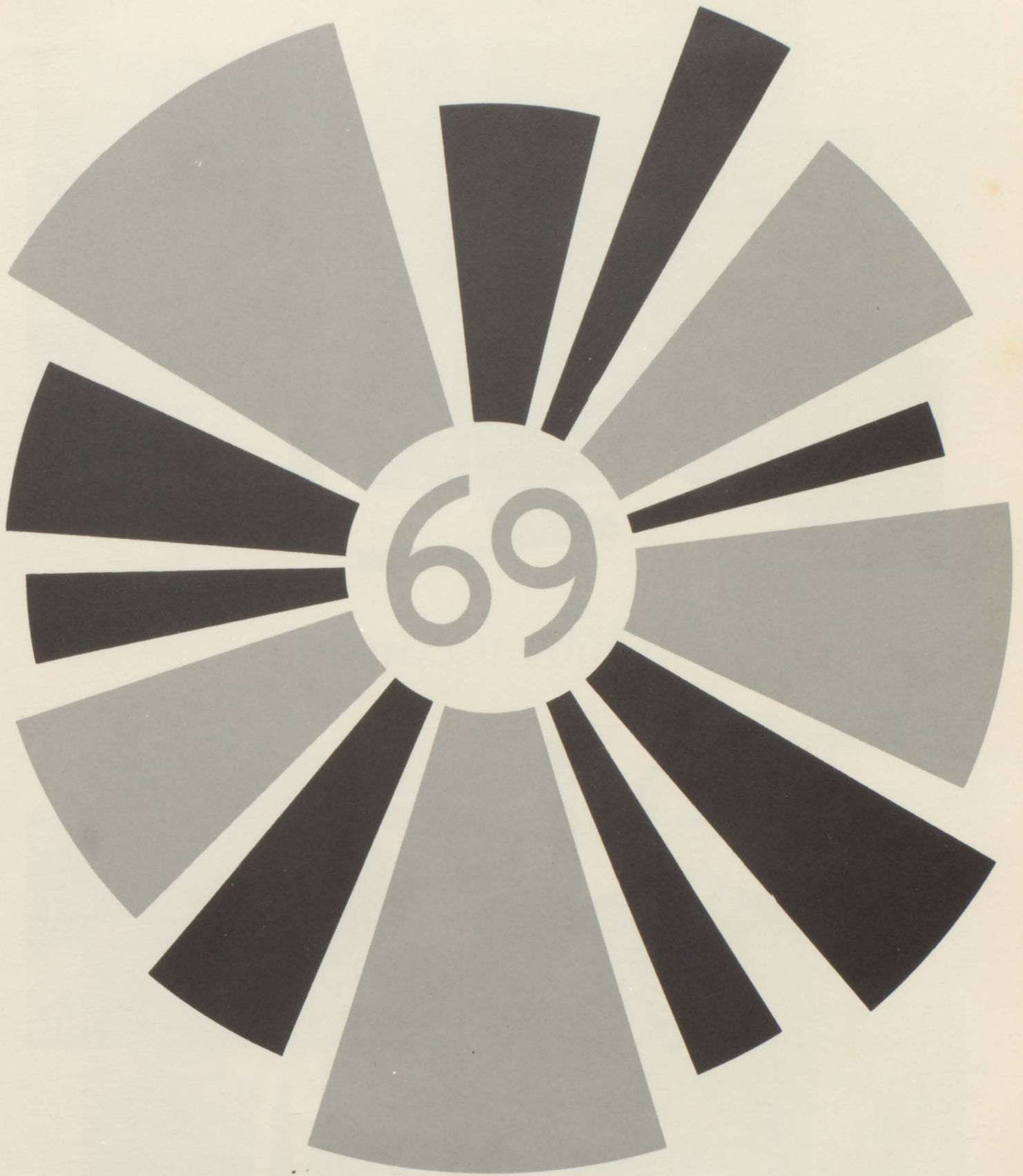


Dedication

To one who has guided us through one of our hardest years by her kindness and understanding, We, the Senior Class of Bland High School, wish to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation by dedicating this, the 1969 edition of "The Echo", to Mrs. Jessie D. Kegley.

Mrs. Kegley and daughters Tracy and Susan





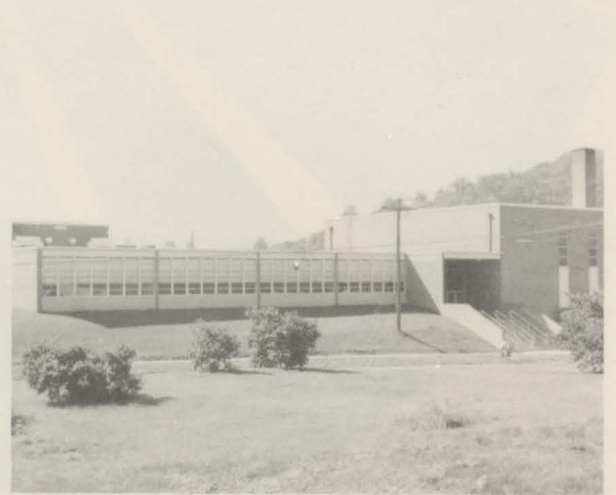
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Mr. Victor R. Gilly
Superintendent of Schools



Mrs. E. E. Shannon
Secretary



Ralph R. Reynolds, Principal
Bland High School



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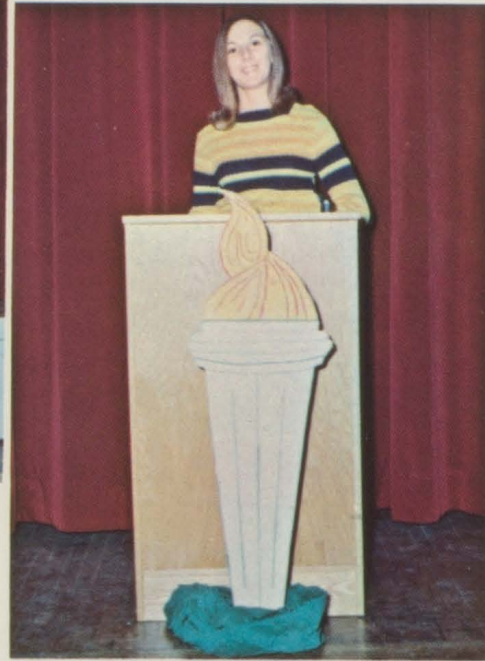
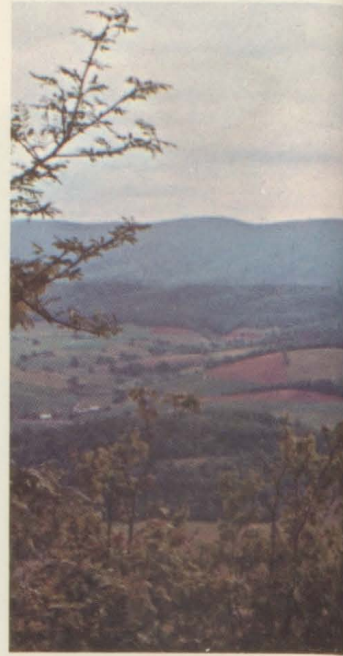
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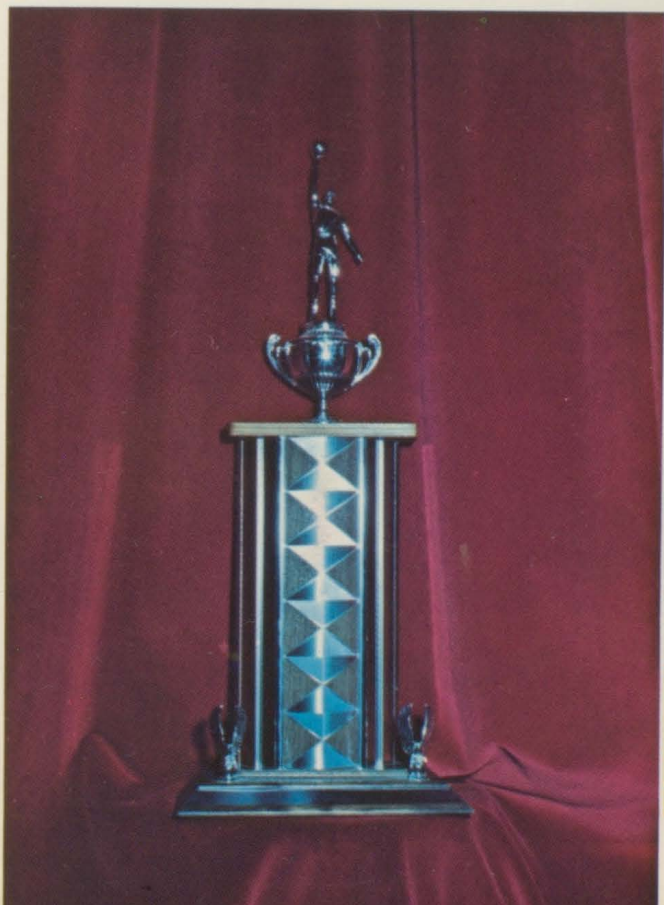
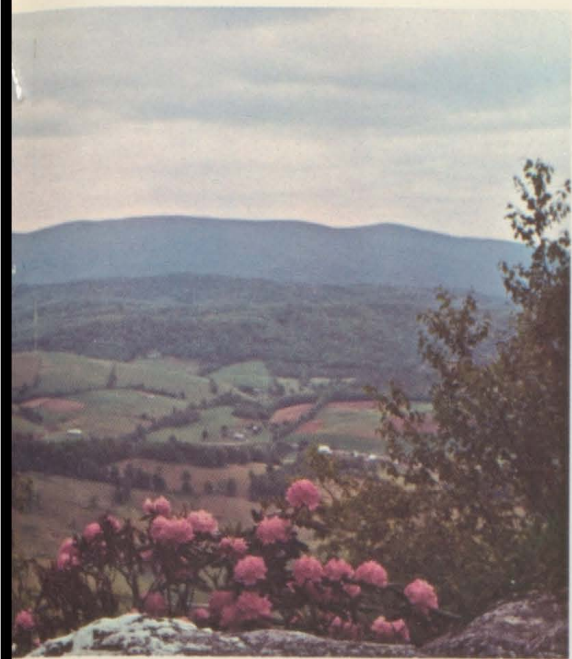


R. Kieffer Irvin
Federal Coordinator
Bland County Schools

Mrs. Rose B. Bowen
Secretary







Teachers Aids



Mrs. Nadine Bridges



Mrs. Jeannette Pruitt



Mrs. Nancy Pruitt



Mrs. Connie Muncy



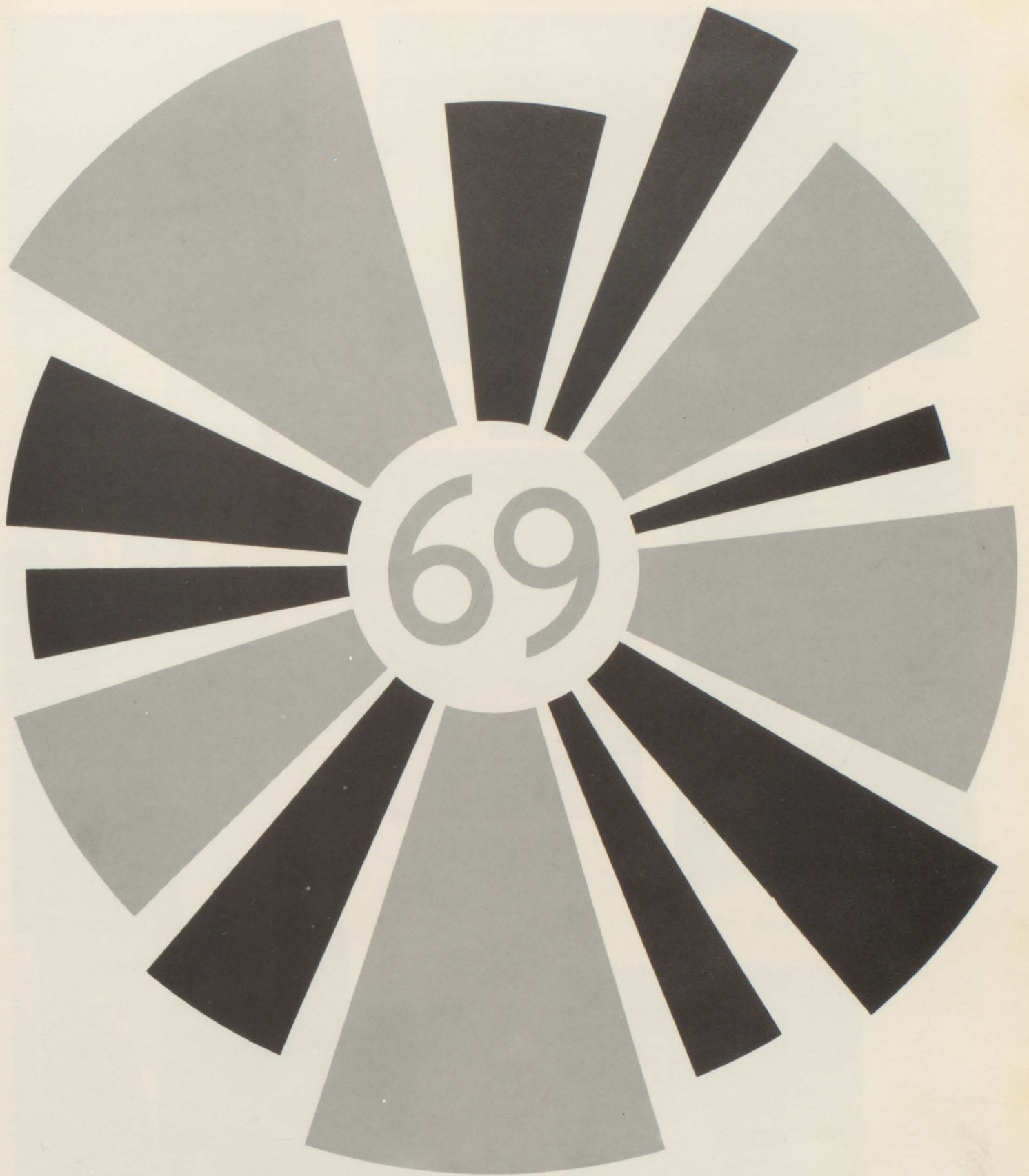
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Mrs. Mary Lee Tickle



Mrs. Mary Lizzie Tickle



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Mr. Ralph R. Reynolds, Principal



Miss Mary Greever



Mrs. Helen Hardy

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Mrs. Elizabeth Newberry



Mr. A. J. King



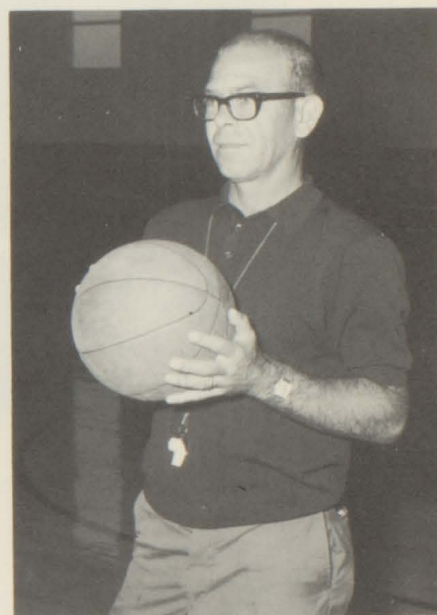
Mrs. Ruth Kegley



Mr. R. D. Davis



Miss Lucille Cole



Mr. S. Francis Groseclose



Mr. J. M. Thomas



Mrs. Lois Crabtree



Mrs. Lorine Wagner



Miss Gail Evans



Miss Elizabeth Neal



Mrs. June Miller



Dr. Henley Altizer



Mrs. Louise Bird



Mrs. Marie Groseclose



Miss Loisellen Zook



Miss Ethel Billips

Bland High Honors Those Retired



Mr. G. Claude Cox
Coordinator of Federal Program



Three outstanding Bland County teachers, Miss Myrtle Stuart, Miss Georgia Mustard, and Mrs. Lena T. Burton retired from the teaching profession June 1968. The words of Henry Brooks Adams, "A teacher affects eternity, he can never tell where his influence stops," expresses the feeling of all who have come in contact with these three teachers.



Seniors Honor

Thoughtfulness, encouragement, patience, guidance, and genuine interest in the welfare of every member of the Senior Class . . . For these reasons, the Class of 1969 wishes to share its moment of honor with our sponsor, Mr. Roger Thompson, who has given us his best to mold a strong, united class with one aim-- Achievement.



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SENIORS

Seniors



Class Officers: Jerry Tickle--President, Edgar King--Vice-President, Linda Martin--Secretary, Bobbie Wimmer--Chaplain, Pat Green--Treasurer, Gary Munsey--Reporter, Mr. Roger Thompson--Sponsor.

Valedictorian



Anna Kate Munsey
96.75

Salutatorian



Susan Carol Lambert
95.73

Historian



Bonnie Katherine Bruce
95.68



John Franklin Goins



Linda Gay Martin



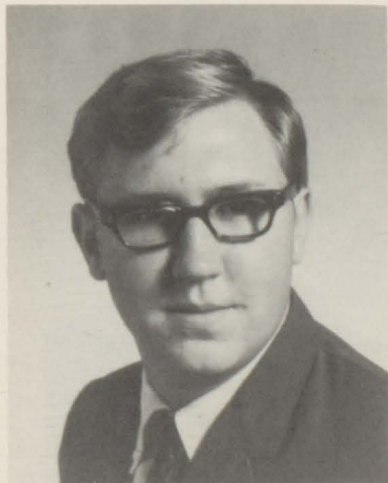
Constance Dean Shupe



Best Disposition:
Benny Shockley
Helen Burton



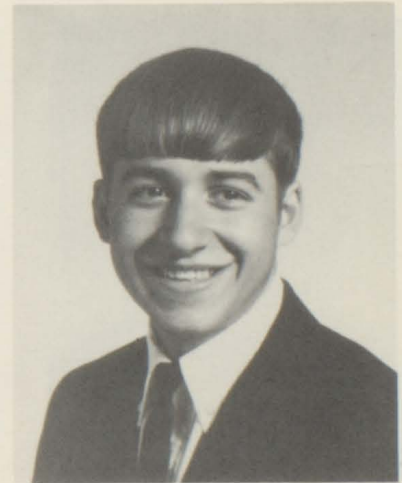
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Carson Atkins
Bonnie Bruce



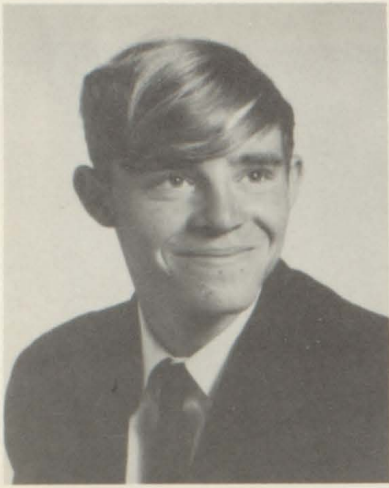
Jimmy Ray Shewey



Beverly Carroll Faulkner



Jerald Shelton Tickle



Benny Gene Shockley



Connie Marie Baker



James Gary Munsey



Most Athletic:
Jennie Songer
Phillip King



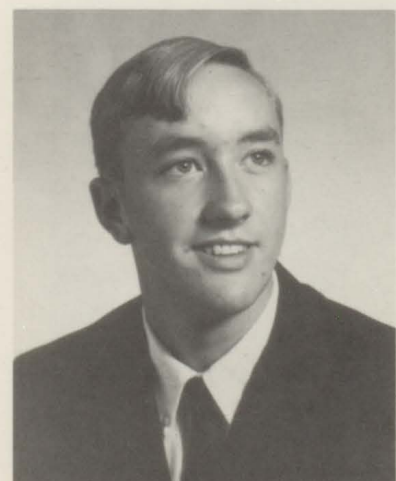
Sweetest:
Steven Brown
Nancy Chandler



Larry Dean Shupe



Helen Leigh Burton



Alan Dean Compton



Robert Nye Green



Patricia Ann Green



Gary Wayne Pauley



Most Musical:
Randy Newberry
Carolyn Billips



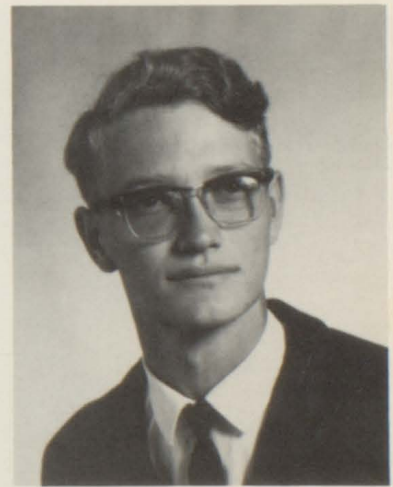
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David Pauley
Mike Blankenship



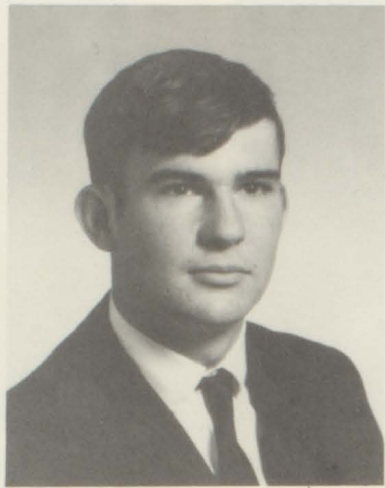
William Marvin Caldwell, Jr.



Anna Myrtle Curry



Bobbie Clyde Wimmer



Henry Charles Dillow



Melissa Iowa Tolbert



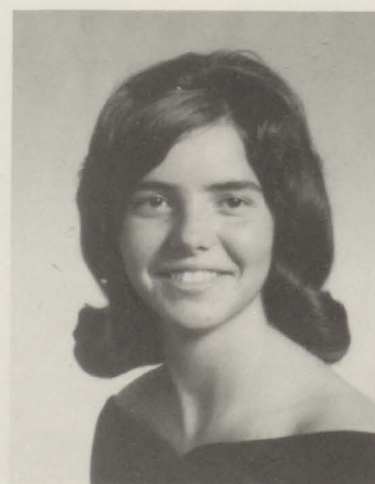
Best Sense of Humor:
Donald Clemons
Carl Harris



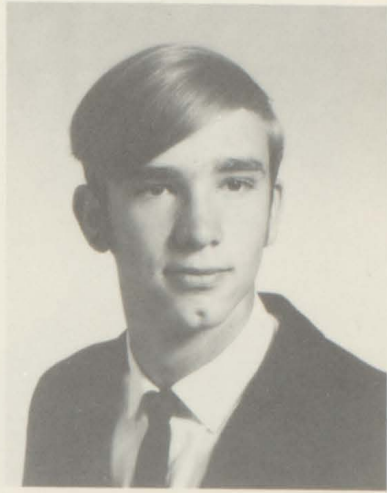
Friendliest:
Linda Shockley
Gary Pauley
Nancy Melvin



James Colin Baker



Linda Susan Shockley



Gary Steven Brown



Nancy Louise Chandler



Most Dependable:
Janet Wolfe
Gail Carroll



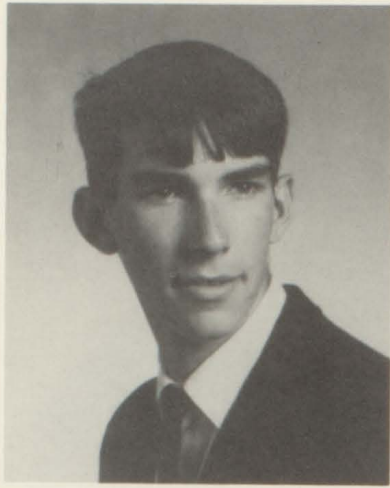
Most Likely to Succeed:
Susan Lambert
Jimmy Shewey



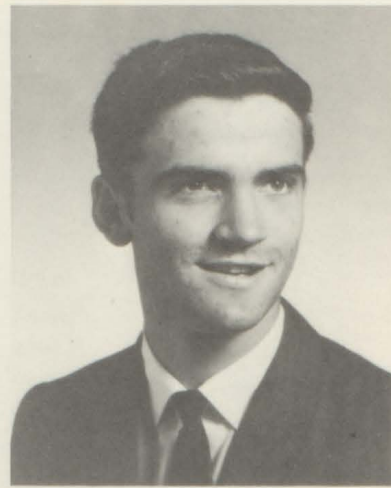
David Ray Pauley



Janet Marie Wolfe



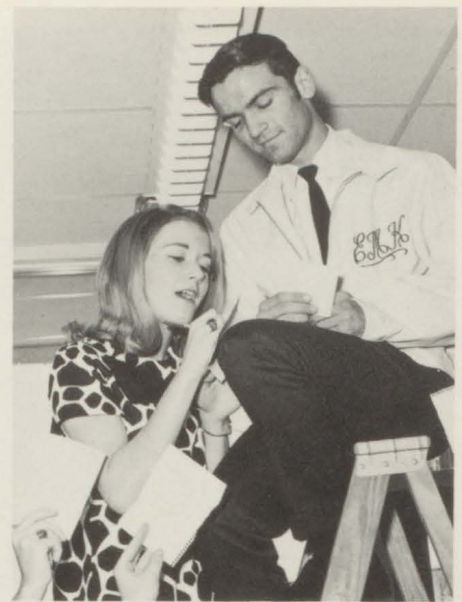
Jerry Umbarger Dunn



Edgar Mason King



Most Carefree:
Colin Baker
John Umbarger
Larry Shupe



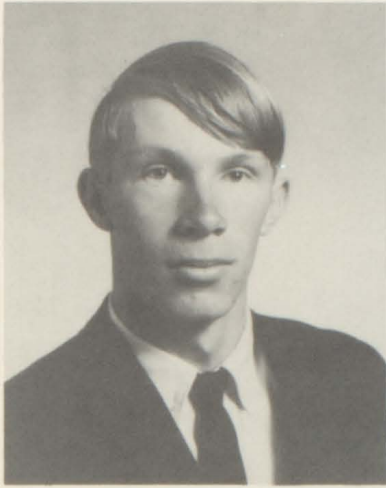
Most Popular:
Anne Munsey
Edgar King



Michael Jackson Blankenship



Elaine Drummond Sword



William Carson Atkins



Mary Frances Umberger



Most Talkative:
Melissa Tolbert
Anna Curry
Elaine Sword
Beverly Faulkner



Cutest:
Linda Martin
Pat Green



Carl Henry Harris



Juanita Gail Carroll



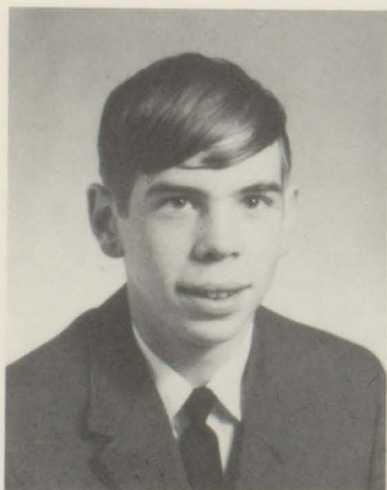
Donald Raymond Clemons



Best All Around:
John Goins
Connie Baker



Biggest Flirts:
Dean Compton
Mary Umberger



Randolph Grayson Newberry



Phillip Eugene King



Arthur Ronald Harrell



Best Craftsmen:
Gary Munsey
Bobbie Wimmer



Best Leaders:
Jerry Tickle
Connie Shupe



Most Mischievous:
Randall Meadows
Harry Morehead



John Robert Umbarger



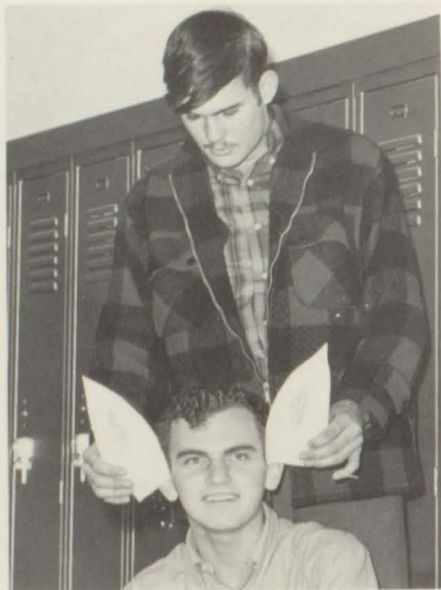
Carolyn Jean Billips



Randall Lee Meade



Nancy Lyn Melvin



Wittiest:
Charles Dillow
Bobby Green



Best School Spirit:
Marvin Caldwell
Jerry Dunn



Harry Maxwell Morehead, Jr.



Jennie Lou Songer

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JUNIORS

Juniors



OFFICERS: Sarah Dunn--President, Wanda Richardson--Vice-President, Brenda Waddell--Secretary, Terry Parker--Treasurer, Kathy Mustard--Reporter, Susan Tate--Chaplain, Mr. Claude Stowers and Mrs. Lois Crabtree--Sponsors.



Debra Blankenship



Gary Blankenship



Stephen Brown



Judy Cox



Linda Davis



Marie Dillow



Sarah Dunn



Freda French



Douglas Goins



Terry Gordon



Dale Gusler



Kathy Hamilton



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Randy Lambert



Randy Lester



Teresa McPeak



Kathy Melvin



Charlotte Morehead



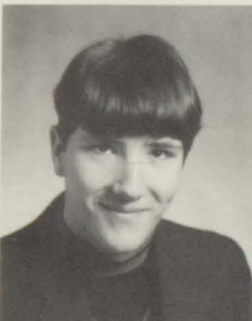
Ronda Morehead



Kathy Mustard



Barry Newberry



Larry Newberry



Terry Parker



Billie Pauley



Deborah Puckett



Wanda Richardson



Robert Robertson



Amy Robins



Tommy Scott



Linda Shewey



Thomas Shewey



Linda Shupe



Sue Sink



Sandra Smith



Alan Strock



Patty Strock



Hal Tate



Susie Tate



Bobby Thompson



Margaret Thompson



Bobby Tickle



Brenda Waddell



Deborah Walker



Larry White



Carolyn Wright

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SOPHOMORES

Sophomores

OFFICERS:
 President:
 Timmy Dillow
 Secretary:
 Sandy Green
 Sponsor:
 Mr. J. M. Thomas
 Treasurer:
 Carol Breedlove
 Reporter:
 Patsy Bruce
 Vice-President:
 Patty Tickle
 Sponsor:
 Mrs. Ruth Kegley



Brenda Agee



Jesse Birchfield



Danny Bogle



Carol Breedlove



Patsy Bruce



Blake Cox



Roby Cregar, Jr.



Rosabelle Cregar



Regina Davis



Brenda Dillow



Randy Dillow



Timmy Dillow



Ann Foglesong



Glada Goins



Sandy Green



Darlene Hager



Margaret Hamblin



Brenda Hicks



Mary King



Audrey Lambert



Geneva Lambert



Patty Meadows



Eddie Morehead



Bruce Muncy



Chuck Muncy



Linda Munsey



Bobby Penley



Ruth Robertson



Debra Sadler



Belinda Saunders



Nancy Smith



Kathern Swanson



C. M. Thompson



Patty Tickle



Charles Talbert



Jane White



Carol Wolfe



Sammy Wolfe

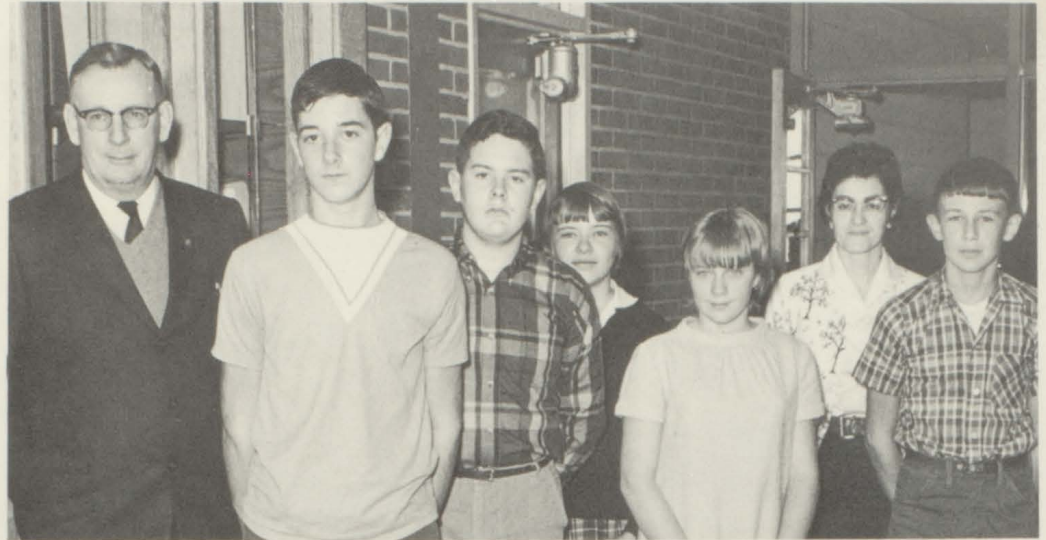
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FRESHMEN

Freshmen

OFFICERS:

Sponsor:
Mr. Dow Davis
President:
Tommy Kitts
Vice-President:
Tony Richardson
Reporter:
Linda Eaton
Secretary:
Toni Pauley
Sponsor:
Mrs. Betsy Newberry
Treasurer:
Mark Umbarger



Billie Blankenship



Dee Blankenship



Jerry Blankenship



Randy Bridges



Gerald Carroll



Patsy Clemons



Karen Compton



Vernon Davis



Connie Dillow



Linda Eaton



Randy Farlow



Rebecca Goins



Eddie Gusler



Jerry Harden



Mary Hayton



Ginger Kidd



Tommy Kitts



Carolyn Lambert



Evelyn Leonard



David Melvin



Randall Morehead



Sandra Morehead



Dusty Neel



Margaret Pauley



Toni Pauley



Tony Richardson



Gary Sadler



Luther Shewey



Billy Shockley



Debra Shockley



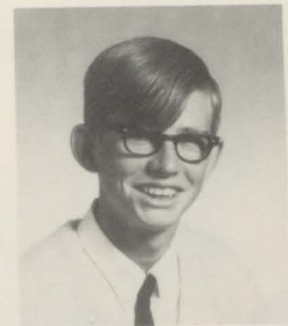
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Jean Strock



Glen Tate



Jerry Townley



Kenneth Umberger



Mark Umberger

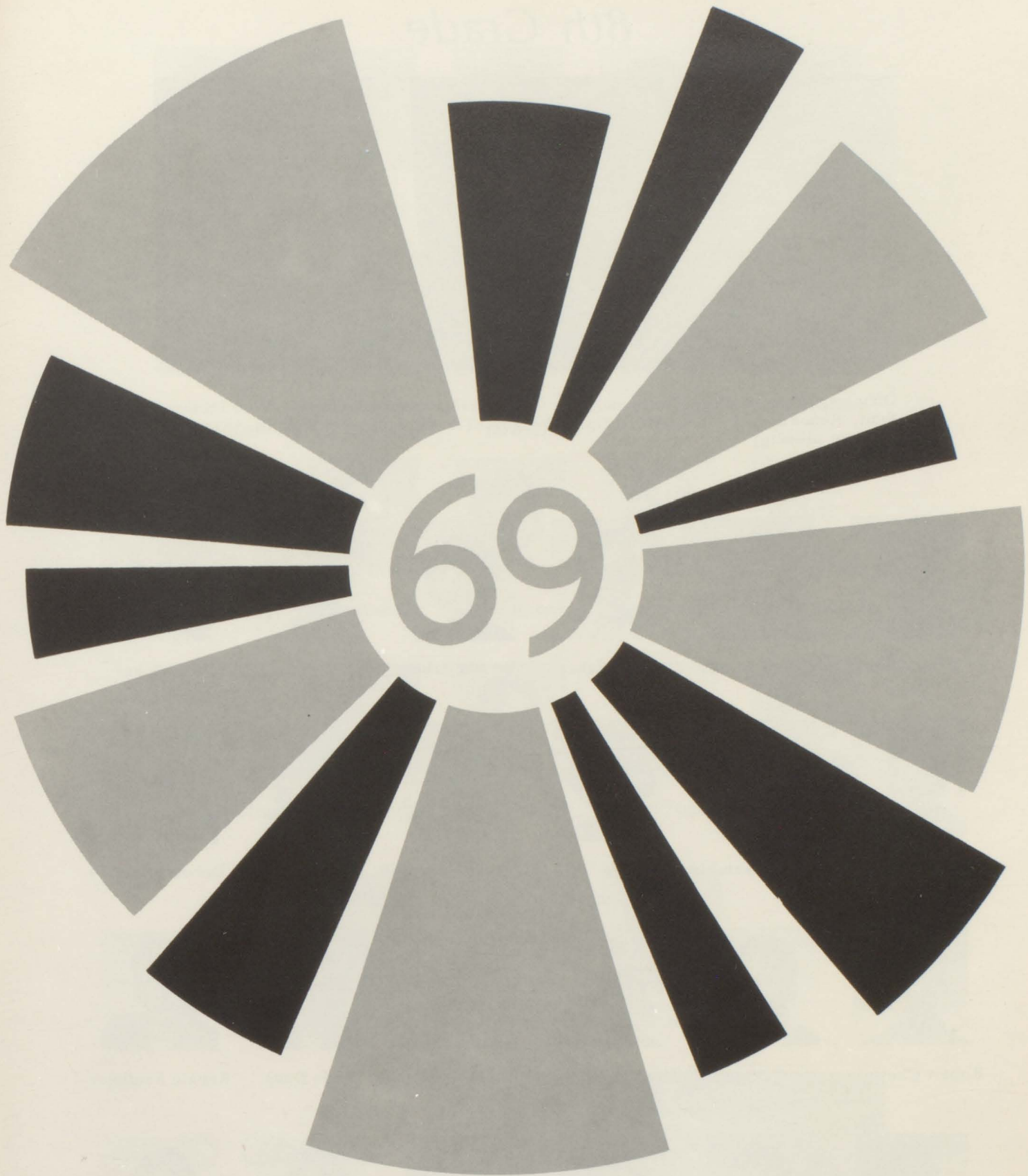


Juanita Wright



Lois Yonce

1969



GRADES

8th Grade



Officers; Sheree Sadler--President, Miss Greever--Sponsor, Hal Gusler--Vice President, Renee Repass--Secretary, Elaine Wright--Treasurer, Cheree Runyon--Reporter
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Bryce Atkins



Debra Atkins



Dean Baker



Brenda Baker



James Baker



Kay Baker



Jeffery Baxley



Kyle Blankenship



Virginia

Blankenship



Larry Blankenship



Freida Cox



Deborah Conley



Robert Chewning



Carol Cregar



Elizabeth Dillow



Gayle Dillow



Anne Dunn



Ronnie Faulkner



Sandra Faulkner



Louis Fletcher



Hal Gusler



Karen Hall



Pat Hamilton



Randy Hicks



Jimmy Kidd



Grant King



Sylvia King



Cindy Muncy



Peggy Neel



Darlene
Newberry



Leigh Anne
Newberry



Stephen
Newberry



Kenneth Pauley



Danny Penley



Tommy Perkey



Buford Ramsey



Renee Repass



Cheree Runyon



Sheree Sadler



Carol Smith



Pammy Smith



Jerry Songer



Sharon Strock



Sally Tickle



Timmy Tickle



Pam Wolfe



Elaine Wright

Class
Of
'73



1968 7th Grade Graduation



Mrs. Groseclose's 7th Grade



Mrs. Marie Groseclose, Bobby Bevil, Vickie Blankenship, Arlene Bohara, Ricky Brown, Joey Cassell, Debbie Dillow, Eddie Dillow, Ricky Dillow, Vickie Ellison, Karen Farmer, Patty Foster, Gregory Green, Barry Hounshell, Garland King, Judy King, Kay Kitts, Debbie Lambert, Nancy Lambert, Connie Martin, Nathan McPeak, Paula McPeak, Brenda Miller, David Moore, Mary Muncy, Richard Muncy, Frankie Newberry, Mike Pauley, Will Pauley, Denise Peery, Susan Reynolds, Jerry Scott, Nancy Stanley, Barry Tickle, Tony Townley, Billy Vanover, Karen Wright.



Miss Evan's 7th Grade



Miss Gail Evans, Kathy Agee, Dale Billips, Debbie Billips, Revonna Blankenship, Glen Campbell, Janice Davis, Bobby Dillow, Jenny Hamblin, Mike Hoffman, Michael Hanshew, Jerry Meadows, Joann Shupe, Mary Tate, Diane Thompson, Loyd Thompson, Billy Umberger, Bonnie Warden.



6th Grade



Dr. Henley Altizer, Eddie Asbury, Caroline Banes, Jane Baxley, Otis Bowles, Everette Brunk, Sandra Brunk, Pamela Campbell, Clifford Chewning, J. D. Davis, Terry Davis, Brenda Dillow, Mary Dillow, Sharon Goins, John Green, Ronnie Hamblin, Tommy Harner, Allen Harrison, Becky Ingram, Joyce Meadows, Miller Meadows, Gary Moore, George Pauley, Roxanne Pauley, Arlene Repass, Tommy Richardson, Joanne Stowers, Butch Tabor, George Taylor, John Thompson, Robin Thompson, Linda Thompson, Patricia Vanover.



5th Grade



Mrs. June Miller, Mary Ann Bishop, Loyd Breedlove, Danny Bridges, Jerry Chewning, Dale Clark, Bobby Fogle-son, William Green, Wanda Hicks, Emily King, Larry King, Debbie Lester, Brenda Meadows, Sarah Miller, Donna Moore, David Moorehead, Lynda Muncy, Jackie Mustard, Alma Mutter, Jeana Neal, Dottie Nelson, Jeffery Pauley, William Ray Puckett, Shelia Richardson, Barbara Sadler, Bobby Sadler, Dean Saunders, Debra Simpkins, Jerry Smith, Jimmy Sparks, Tammy Strock, Jimmy Tate, Joey Tickle, Douglas Wolfe.

Fourth Grade



Mrs. Louise Bird, Janet Blankenship, Shirley Blankenship, Michael Brunk, Drema Campbell, Ronald Cox, Debbie Dillow, Barbara Dillow, Page Hancock, Timmy Harmon, Timmy Harner, Becky Hoge, Kathy Hounshell, Matthew King, Trubie Lambert, Jerry Miller, Larry Muncy, Becky Munsey, Rose Mary Mutter, Debbie Newberry, Amanda Sadler, Steven Scott, Rita Simmons, Connie Smith, Joe Stiltner, Junior Stowers, Billy Tate, Johnny Taylor, Tony Thompson, Donald Wilson, Cathy Woaten.

Third Grade



Miss Elizabeth Neel, Linda Baker, David Banes, Michelle Blankenship, Kathy Bowles, Bobby Carver, Maxine Davis, Debra Dillow, Betty Epperson, Steven Faulkner, Lee Gordon, Steven Harman, Melissa Miller, Patty Morehead, Sandra Pauley, Jennifer Pauley, David Robinson, Remona Robinson, Judy Sauls, Carla Simpkins, Robert Thompson, Lisa Walker, Joyce Wiley, Charles Wolfe.



Grade Commencement, 1968
Rhythm Band

Second Grade



Mrs. Lorine Wagner, Robert Baxley, Anna Bivens, Timothy Bivens, Meek Bowen III, Elizabeth Brown, Manley Felty, Gary Foster, William Hamilton, Lesa Hardin, James Hoge, Michael Kent, Vicie King, Vance Lambert, Laura Meadows, Mary Mitchell, Marshall Morehead, Rebecca Robertson, Joseph Simmons, Kimberly Smith, Robert Stowers, William Taylor, Robert Tompson, Gary Walker, David Wilson, Michael Woolwine.

First Grade

First Day of School



Miss Ethel Billips, Eddie Blankenship, Mary Bowen, Larry Bowles, Charles Chandler, Patty Chewing, Ila Conley, David Curry, Geraldine Faulkner, Ricky Foster, Michelle Gravley, Andrea Gordon, Terri Hardin, James Harman, Ginger Kent, Bobby Lambert, James Miller, Scott Mustard, Theron Newberry, Joey Pauley, Timmy Richardson, Michael Thompson, Howard Walker, Kathryn Wiley, Carla Wolfe.



STANDING BACK: Karen Farmer, Kay Kitts, Sharon Goins, Paula McPeak, Connie Martin, Judy King, Miss Carol Dunn--Sponsor. STANDING: Vicki Blankenship, Susan Reynolds, Arlene Bohara, Brenda Miller, Becky Ingram, Sandra Brunk, Brenda Dillow, Robin Thompson, Joanne Stowers, Arlene Repass, Denise Peery. KNEELING: Will Pauley, Garland King, Billy Vanover, Barry Hounshell, Bobby Bevil, Mike Pauley, Barry Tickle, David Moore, Jerry Scott, Ricky Brown, Tony Townley, Ricky Dillow, Nathan McPeak, Tony Richardson, George Pauley, Tommy Harner, Terry Davis, George Taylor, CAPTAINS: Richard Muncy, Eddie Dillow

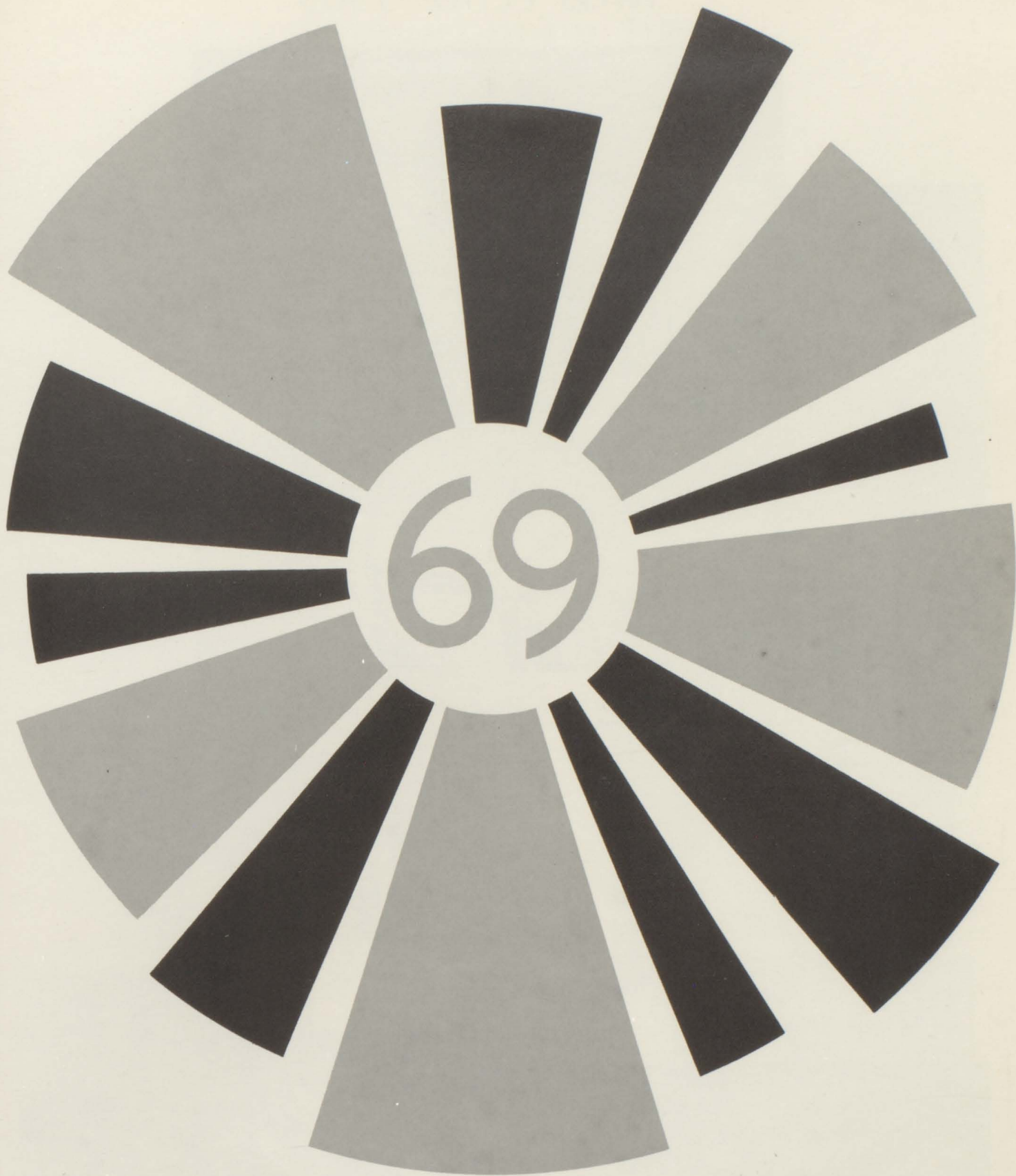
Safety Patrol

Up To Date With Safety And Courtesy



"Flag Girls"

Bonnie Bruce and Helen Burton



FEATURES

Miss Echo—1969



Miss Jennie Songer and Court--Miss Juanita Wright; Miss Rhonda Morehead; Miss Belinda Saunders; Miss Pat Hamilton

Miss Bland County



Miss Sandra Havens
Miss Bland County--1968



Miss Havens and Miss Connie Shupe,
Junior Miss

Homecoming 1969

Bland Varsity Victorious

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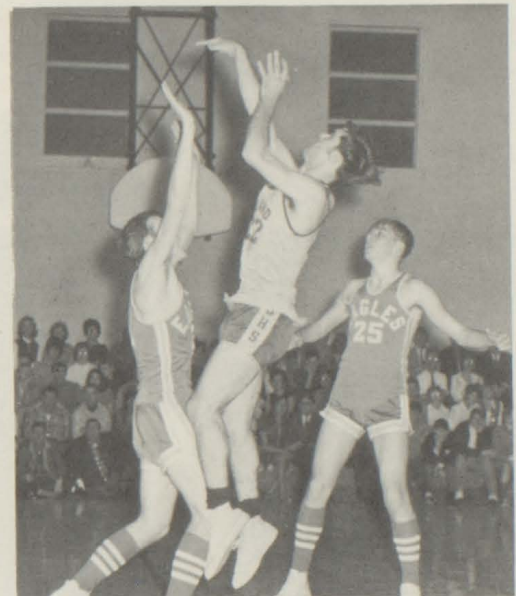
Bland retrieves the ball in a close game with Rocky Gap.



First quarter conference.



B. H. S. Cheerleaders give incentive to the Rockets.



Two points from close quarters

Sheree
Sadler,
Carolyn
Lambert,
Queen--
Anne
Munsey,
Susie
Tate,
Nancy
Chandler,
Carol
Wolfe.



1969 HOMECOMING COURT



Tender Is The Night

Prom—1968



King Jodie Richardson
Queen Molly Penley



Gifts for Junior Class Sponsors,
Mrs. Jessie Kegley and Mr. Roger
Thompson

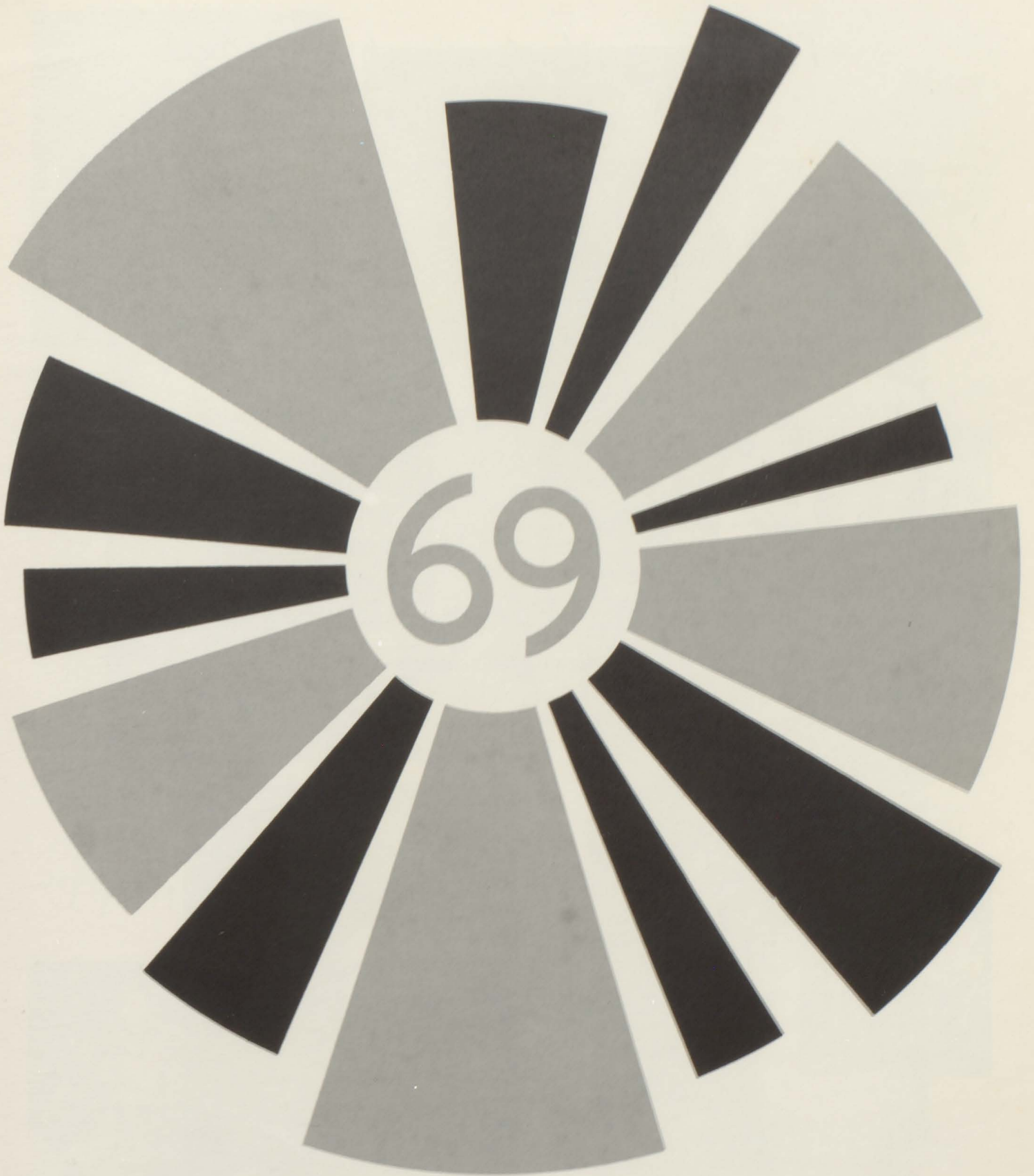
April 20, 1968 is a date that will hold a special place in the hearts of the 1969 Senior Class. After months of planning and two tiring days of rushed decoration, the faculty, seniors, juniors, and guests were presented with "Tender Is The Night."



The scene was a colonial garden with its winding moss-covered paths and the beautiful pond with its bridge entwined with ivy.

Seated in the shadows of a pink canopy, those attending enjoyed refreshments by candlelight and danced to music of a sixteen piece orchestra. As a final farewell to the 1968 Senior Class, they were reminded that, "Tender Is The Night."





ACTIVITIES

The Seventh Annual Harvest Festival



1968-1969 Harvest Festival Court



Queen Belinda Saunders &
Escort Thomas Shewey



Princess Kathy Hounshell &
Escort Tony Thompson



Sarah Dunn, narrator,
"taking a break."

Girl's acrobatic "troupe" performing.



A military drill presented in honor of the American Flag.



Local talent providing a Country-Western instrumental

"I Am An American"



Interpretive Egyptian dance performed by the dramatics class.



Bland High girls solo;
using Folk, Rock, and
country music as proof
of their talents.



The fifth grade medicine-man works his spell on the audience.



The second grade appears as autumn leaves.



Japanese dancers from the third grade enchant all spectators.



Vivid imaginations transformed the fourth grade into butterflies.



Students of the seventh grade presented a Swedish oriented dance.

Harvest Festival Scenes



Skip-to-my-Lou was the chant of the sixth grade.

Honor Students

1967-1968

In 1964, the Bland High S.C.A. established a system whereby students maintaining a 95 or above average would be presented a scholastic honor card at mid-term. If students keep this average until the end of the school year, they are awarded an honor symbol--a letter for first year recipients or a bar for second, third, and fourth year students.



Anne Munsey & John Goins
"Double-bar" Students

"Single-bar" Students

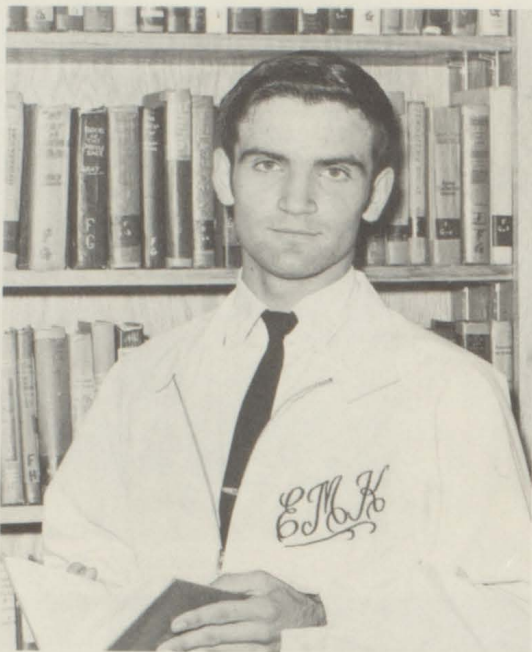


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These Students



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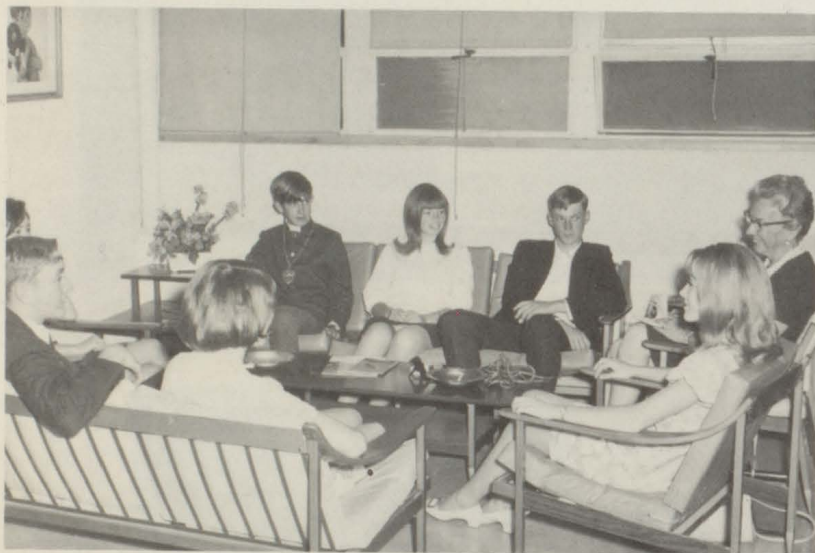
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Virginia Wildlife Essays

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Current Events—"Youth Speaks"

Reporters from the ROANOKE TIMES interview B. H. S. Students for their opinions on current events. Students participating: Dean Compton, Debra Sadler, Bobby Tickle, Shirley Kidd, Hal Tate, Anne Munsey.



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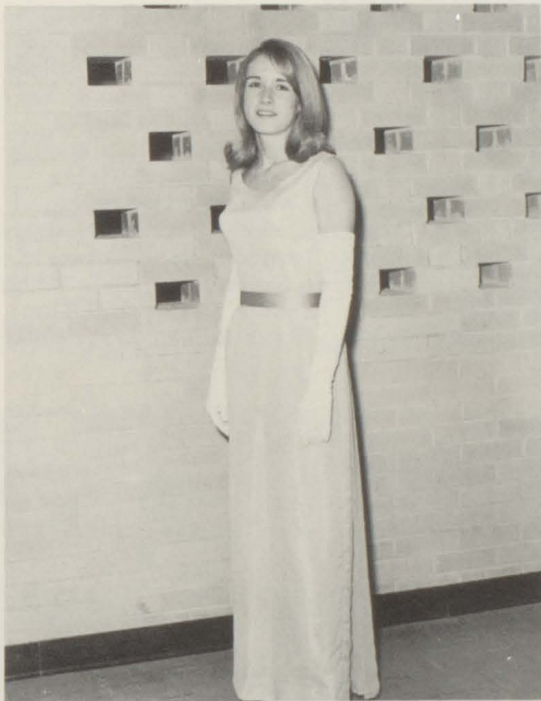
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Represent Us . . .



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First Year Students: Shirley Kidd & Terry Parker.
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Anne Munsey

Mountain Empire Junior Miss--Second
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Representative to National FHA Con-
vention, Miami, Florida and State FHA
Convention.



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Connie Shupe

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STATE FHA VICE PRESIDENT
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First year Students: FRONT ROW seated; Rhonda Morehead, Teresa McPeak, Sarah Dunn, Patty Tickle, Brenda Hicks. SECOND ROW Seated; Susan Tate, Glada Goins, Larry White, Glenn Tate, Terry Gordon, Belinda Saunders. STANDING; Shirley Kidd, Connie Baker, Linda Shewey, Mary Margaret Thompson, Barry Newberry, Doug Goins, Larry Newberry, Jerry Dunn, Dean Compton, Jerry Tickle, Chuck Muncy.

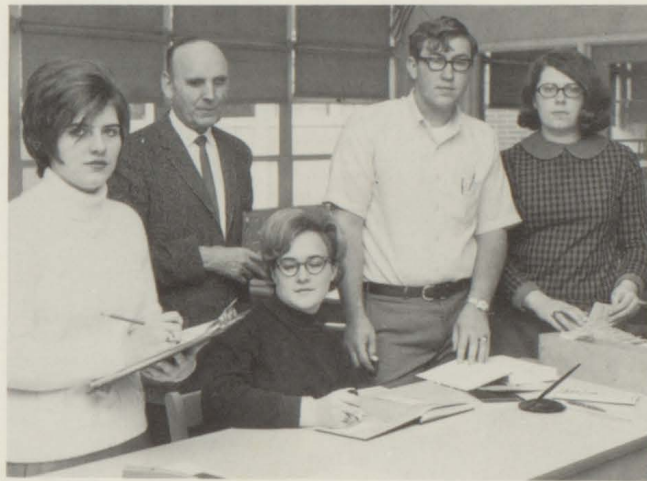


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Gayle Carroll, Shirley Kidd, Janet Wolfe



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Custodian

Bob Andy Dillow



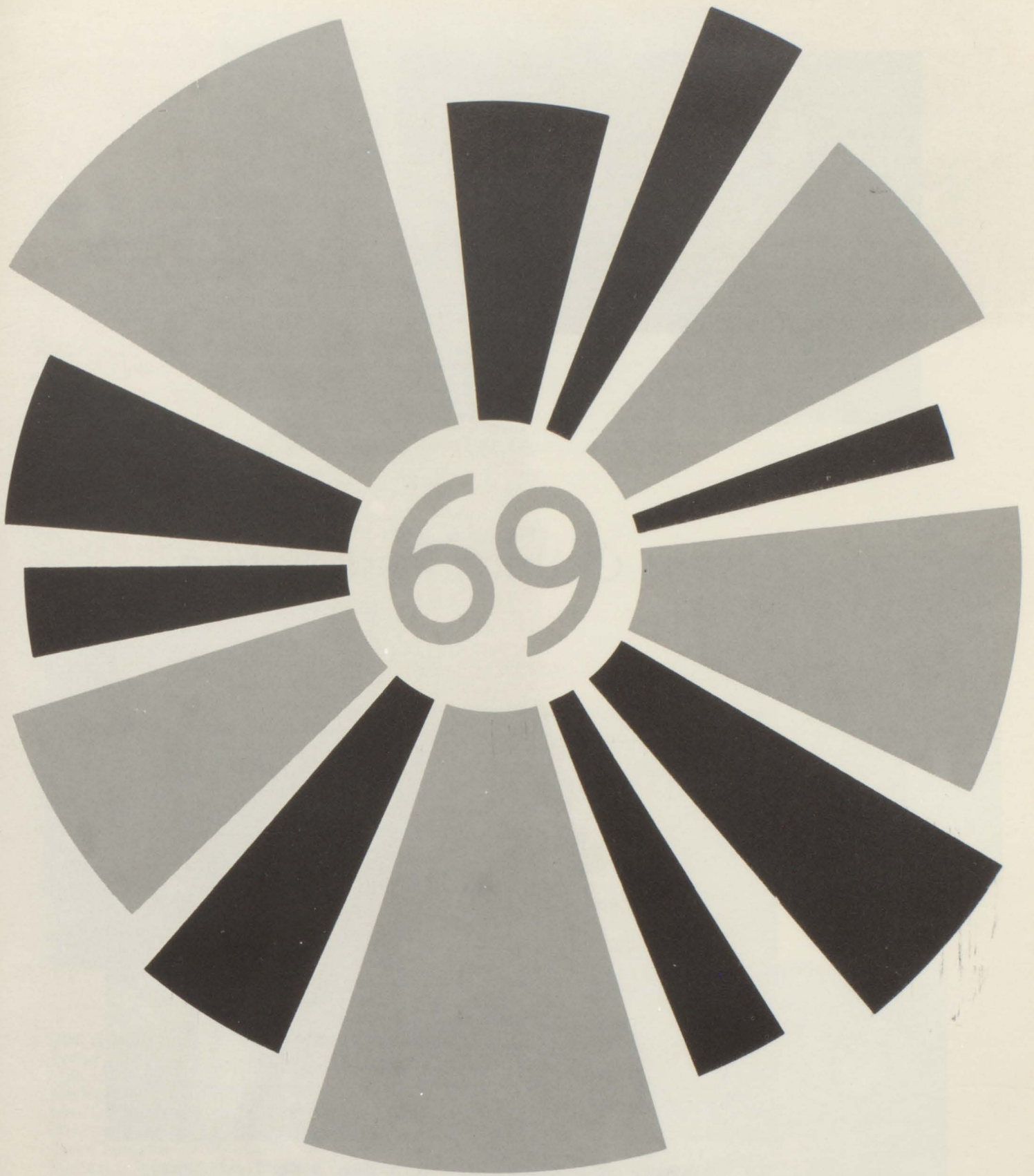
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Benny Shockley

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Walter Pruitt, Alfred Penley, Eugene Mustard,
Denny Harden, Student Driver.





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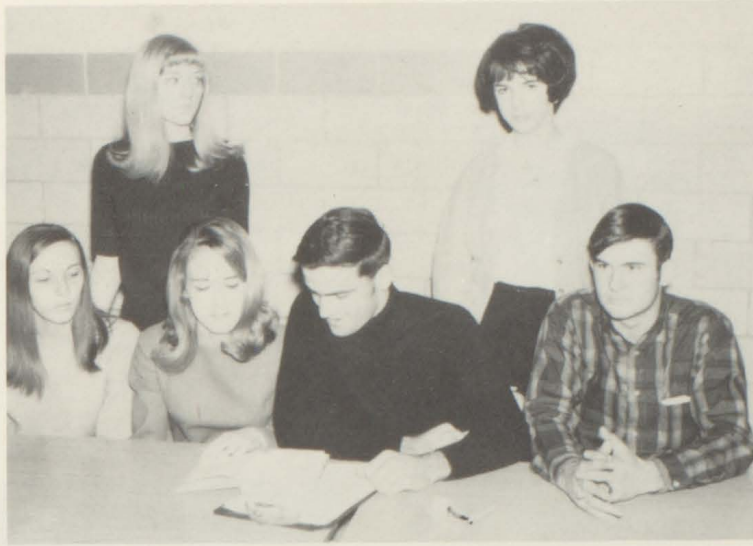


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TOP ROW: Judy Cox, Hal Gusler, Tony Richardson, Bobby Tickle, Patsy Bruce. SECOND ROW: Mary M. Thompson, Wanda Richardson, Dean Compton, Cindy Muncy, Sandra Green, Mr. R. R. Reynolds--Principal SEATED: Brenda Waddle, Miss Greever--Advisor, Sarah Dunn, Linda Martin, Carol Breedlove, Susie Tate, Teresa McPeak.



STANDING: Connie Shupe, Chaplain; Jennie Songer, Treasurer; SEATED: Linda Martin, Reporter; Anne Munsey, Secretary; Edgar King, President; Charles Dillow, Vice President.

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STAFF

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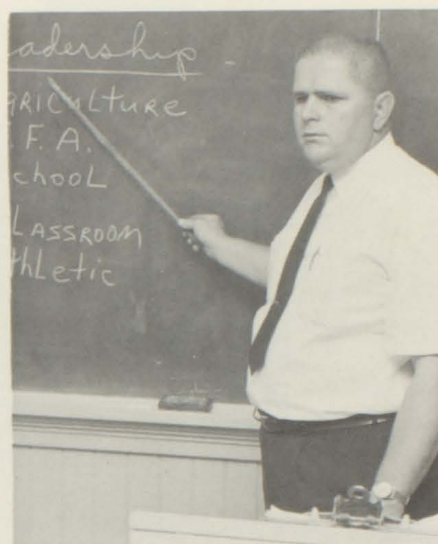
Mrs. Lois Crabtree--Advisor



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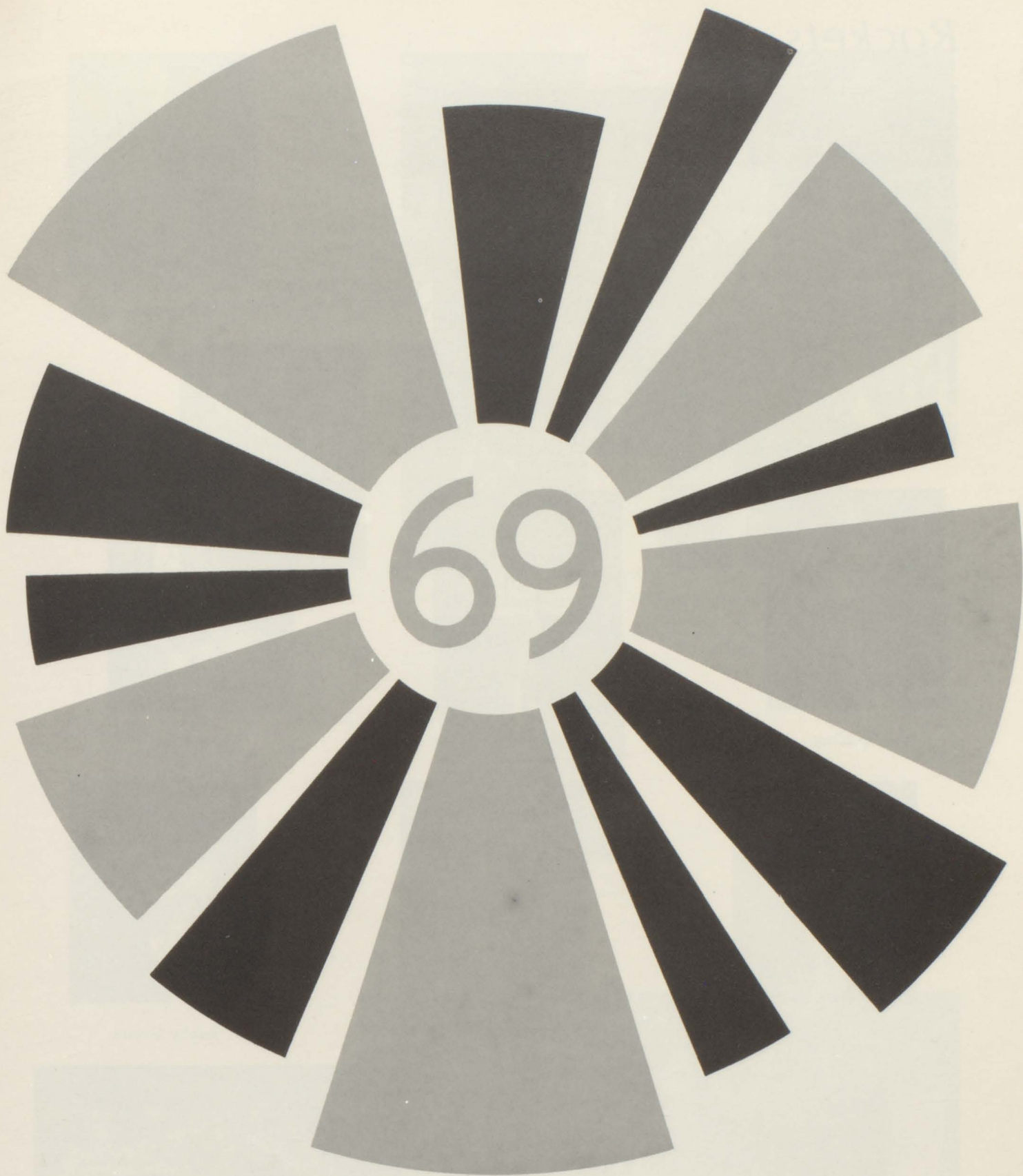
Dramatics



STANDING--TOP--Linda Martin, Pat Green, Benny Shockley, Helen Burton, Marvin Caldwell, Gail Carroll. CENTER--John Goins, Connie Shupe, John Umbarger, LAST ROW--Larry Shupe, Mrs. Ruth Kegley--advisor, Melissa Tolbert, Janet Wolfe, Colin Baker.



SKIT--"Those Hospital Blues" presented by the dramatics class in the annual Harvest Festival. Cast members shown--Larry Shupe, Marvin Caldwell, and John Goins.



ATHLETICS

Rockets



STANDING: Terry Gordon, Steven Brown, Jerry Dunn, Dean Compton, Hal Tate, Mr. Groseclose, Coach. BOTTOM ROW: Edgar King, Larry White, John Goins, Phillip King, Bobby Green.

Senior Stars



Phillip King



John Goins



Edgar King



Dean Compton



Jerry Dunn



Bobby Green



Steven Brown



District "S" Runner-up 1968



Anne Munsey



Wanda Richardson



Linda Martin



Jennie Songer



Nancy Chandler



Mary Margaret Thompson



Kathy Hamilton

Rockettes

Mr. Groseclose, Coach; Jennie Songer, Kathy Hamilton, Anne Munsey, Patty Strock, Nancy Chandler, Brenda Waddell, Linda Martin, Wanda Richardson, Mary Margaret Thompson, Susie Tate, Sarah Dunn--Manager.



Junior Varsity



BOYS--STANDING: Mr. Groseclose, Coach; Stephen Newberry; Timmy Dillow; Bobby Thompson; Sammy Wolfe; Mark Umbarger; KNEELING: Charles Tolbert; Glen Tate; Jerry Townley; Tommy Kitts; Danny Bogle.



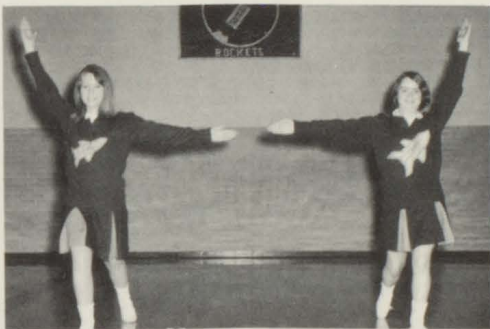
GIRLS--KNEELING: Mr. Groseclose, Coach; Carol Breedlove; Sandra Green; Karen Hall; Pam Smith; Jeanne Strock; Linda Muncy; Sandra Morehead; Sally Tickle; Regina Davis; Sarah Dunn, Manager. SEATED Patty Tickle; Pat Hamilton; Freida Cox; Ann Dunn; Lee Ann; Cindy Muncy; Carol Wolfe; Linda Eaton; Margaret Pauley.



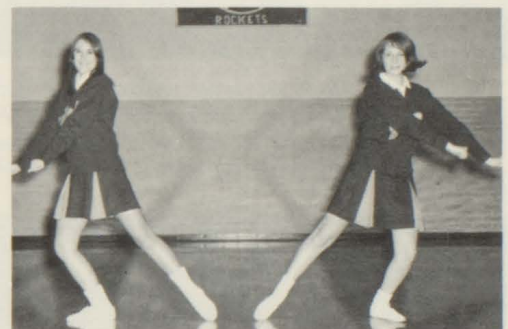
Cheerleaders



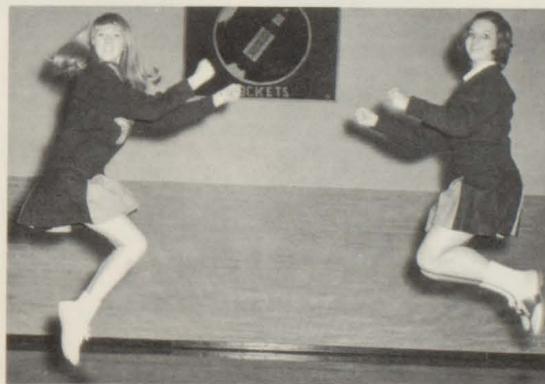
Marie Dillow



Teresa McPeak & Debra Shockley



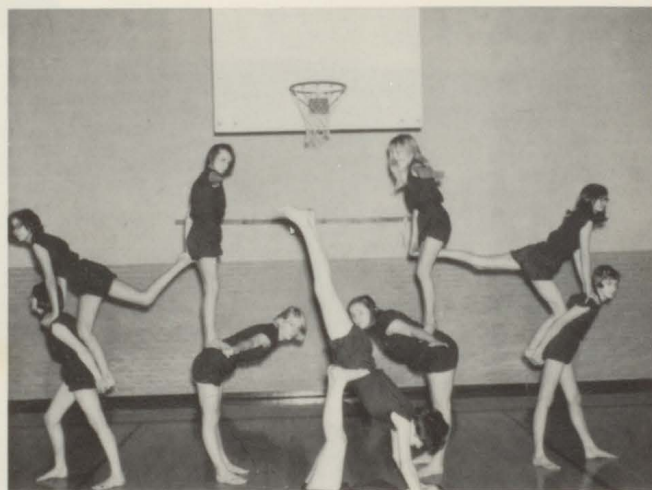
Becky Goins & Debra Sadler



Connie Shupe

Pat Green

Physical Fitness



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CONNIE MARIE BAKER--The Echo staff; Hilltop News staff; French Club; Beta Club; Library worker.
CAROL JEAN BILLIPS--Music Club; Class reporter; Beta Club.
MICHAEL JACKSON BLANKENSHIP--Junior class clean-up committee; Student custodian.
GARY STEVEN BROWN--J.V., Varsity basketball; Beta Club.
BONNIE KATHERINE BRUCE--FHA chaplain, parliamentarian, reporter; Beta Club; French Club; Hilltop News (grade page editor); Honor student; The Echo staff.
HELEN LEIGH BURTON--FHA Club; Beta Club; Hilltop News (feature editor); The Echo staff; French Club; Dramatics Club; Music Club.
WILLIAM MARVIN CALDWELL--J.V., Varsity basketball; FFA Club; The Echo staff; Dramatics Club.
JUANITA GAIL CARROLL--FHA Club; Dramatics Club.
NANCY LOUISE CHANDLER--FHA Club; Basketball team.
DONALD RAYMOND CLEMONS--Junior class clean-up committee.
ALAN DEAN COMPTON--French Club; FFA Club; SCA Council; Varsity basketball.
ANNA MYRTLE CURRY--FHA Club; Music Club.
HENRY CHARLES DILLOW--Class vice-president; Beta Club vice-president; The Echo staff; J.V. basketball; SCA Council.
JERRY UMBERGAR DUNN--J.V., Varsity basketball; Beta Club; French Club vice-president.
BEVERLY CARROLL FAULKNER--Choral Music; Latin Club vice-president; GAA; DECA song-leader; The Echo staff; Dramatics Club; Pep Club; Library worker; Phys. Ed. assistant; FHA secretary.
JOHN FRANKLIN GOINS--Class treasurer, president; Honor student; J.V., Varsity basketball; Chartkeeper; Hilltop News (assistant editor, editor); SCA Council; Beta Club; French Club; The Echo staff; Dramatics Club; The Echo staff (layout editor); Upward Bound.
PATRICIA ANN GREEN--Class treasurer, secretary; Hilltop News staff; Cheerleader, co-captain; Dramatics Club; The Echo staff.
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CARL HENRY HARRIS--Junior class clean-up committee.
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PHILLIP EUGENE KING--Varsity basketball.
SUSAN CAROL LAMBERT--Beta Club; Hilltop News staff; French Club; The Echo staff (editor); Honor student; Library worker; Upward Bound.
LINDA GAY MARTIN--SCA Council chaplain, vice-president, president; Class treasurer, reporter chaplain, secretary; Beta Club reporter; Honor student; The Echo staff; Hilltop News (news editor); Basketball; Dramatics Club.
RANDALL LEE MEADOWS--FFA Club; The Echo staff; Class chaplain.
NANCY LYNN MELVIN--Junior class preparation and food committee.
HARRY MAXWELL MOREHEAD--FFA Club.
ANNA KATE MUNSEY--FHA historian, secretary, 1st vice-president, student advisor, Federation historian, president, State vice-president; National FHA convention--Los Angeles, Calif., Miami, Fla.; Beta Club secretary; Music Club; French Club; The Echo (business manager); Honor student; Basketball; Mtn. Empire Jr. Miss Runner-up; '69 Homecoming Queen.
JAMES GARY MUNSEY--FFA reporter, secretary, Federation reporter; Class reporter; The Echo staff.
RANDOLPH GRAYSON NEWBERRY--SCA Council.
DAVID RAY PAULEY--Junior class ball game committee.
GARY WAYNE PAULEY--Class reporter.
JIMMY RAY SHEWEY--Beta Club; SCA reporter; J.V. basketball; Library helper; Class president.
LINDA SUSAN SHOCKLEY--Library worker.
BENNY GENE SHOCKLEY--FFA Club; Dramatics Club; Student custodian.
CONSTANCE DEAN SHUPE--Cheerleader, co-captain; French Club secretary; Music Club; Honor student; FHA songleader, 2nd vice-president, president; Federation secretary, State vice-president; Beta Club chaplain; American Oratorical winner (school, county, and district); Bland County Jr. Miss; The Echo staff.
LARRY DEAN SHUPE--Dramatics Club.
JENNIE LOU SONGER--Basketball; FHA secretary; French Club treasurer, president; Class secretary, vice-president; Music Club; SCA reporter, chaplain; Beta Club treasurer; Miss Echo 1969; The Echo staff; Upward Bound.
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MELISSA IOWA TOLBERT--FHA Club; Dramatics Club.
JOHN ROBERT UMBARGER--Dramatics Club.
BOBBIE CLYDE WIMMER--FFA sentinel; Class president, chaplain.
JANET MARIE WOLFE--FHA Club; Beta Club; Dramatics Club.

Faculty Directory

- MR. RALPH RODGERS REYNOLDS--B. S. & M. S. Degrees, VPI; Additional graduate work, University of Virginia; Principal.
- MISS NETTIE ETHEL BILLIPS--B. S. Degree, Radford College; 1st grade.
- MRS. LORINE UPDYKE WAGNER--Normal Professional, Radford College; Extension work, University of Virginia; 2nd grade.
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- MRS. JUNE M. MILLER--B. A. Degree, King College; Extension work, Radford College, Appalachian State University; 5th grade.
- MRS. MARIE CARR GROCECLOSE--B. S. Degree, Radford College; 7th grade.
- MISS PATRICIA GAIL EVANS--East Tennessee State University; 7th grade.
- MISS ALICE LUCILLE COLE--B. S. Degree, Concord College; Graduate work, West Virginia University, George Washington University; English 10, World History, American History.
- MRS. LOIS O. CRABTREE--B. S. Degree, Madison College; Home Economics; Sponsor, Ceres and Bland Young Homemakers; Co-Sponsor, 11th grade.
- MR. RANDOLPH DOW DAVIS--B. S. Degree, Roanoke College; Graduate work, VPI; William and Mary College; Alg. II, Math 8, Math 9; Assistant Principal; Co-Sponsor, 9th grade.
- MRS. JANET B. FAULKNER--B. S. Degree, Radford; English 8, English 9, World Geography; Co-Sponsor; 9th grade.
- MISS MARY NEWBERRY GREEVER--A. B. Degree, Lenoir Rhyne College; English 11, English 12, Economics; Sponsor, SCA.
- MR. SAMUEL FRANCIS GROCECLOSE--B. S. Degree, East Tennessee State University; Biology, Physical Education; Coach, Bland Rockets, Cheerleaders.
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- MRS. JESSIE DAVIS KEGLEY--B. S. Degree, East Tennessee State University, Bookkeeping I, Typing I, Typing II, Business Math, Office Practice, Co-Sponsor, Hilltop News.
- MRS. RUTH B. KEGLEY--B. S. Degree, Mary Washington College; Dramatics, Civics, Geography, Physical Education; Co-Sponsor, 10th grade; Co-Sponsor, Hilltop News.
- MR. ARTHUR JACKSON KING--B. S. Degree, VPI; Agriculture, General Shop; Sponsor, FFA, Sponsor--Bland Young Farmers.
- MR. CLAUDE SWANSON STOWERS--A. B. Degree, Emory and Henry College; Extension work, VPI, Radford; U. S. Government, U. S. & Va. History; Assistant Principal; Sponsor, Beta Club; Co-Sponsor, 11th grade.
- MR. J. M. THOMAS--A. B. Degree, King College; Library Science, Radford College; M. S. Degree, VPI; Graduate work, Columbia University; Librarian and Guidance Counselor; Co-Sponsor, 10th grade.
- MR. ROGER DALE THOMPSON--B. S. Degree, VPI; Science 8, Science 9, Chemistry; Sponsor, 12th grade.

Special Dates For— Teachers



Mr. Claude Stowers receiving a certificate of recognition from the Lieutenant Governor, for participation of B. H. S. students in Va. Wildlife Essay Contest.



Mrs. C. L. Faulkner on her first teaching assignment here at BHS.



Mrs. R. T. (Ellen) Newton played a large roll in the teaching of Home Ec. students in the absence of Mrs. Crabtree.

Miss Gail Evans and Miss Gloria Powers--after their first day of teaching.



Dates To Remember



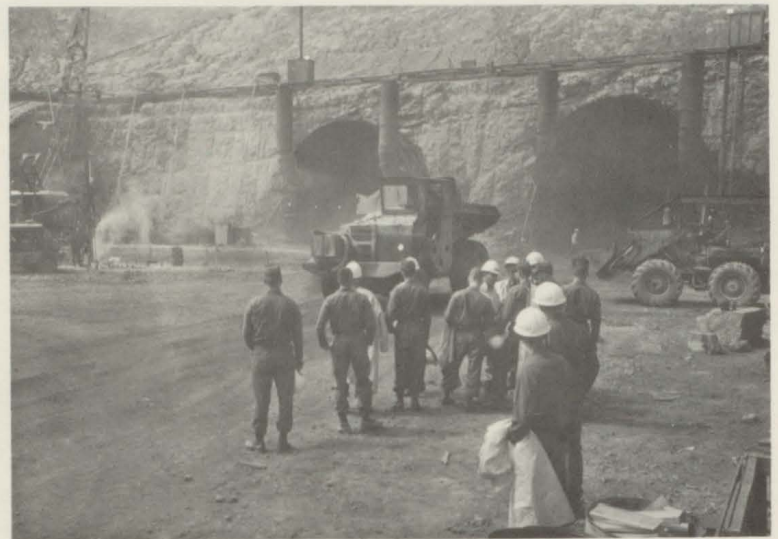
Teachers, as well as students, were honored at the 1968 Jr. -Sr. Prom.



Each year the "Rockets" and their rivals "fight-it-out" at the Homecoming game.



Days of slaves and the underground--Are they really gone?



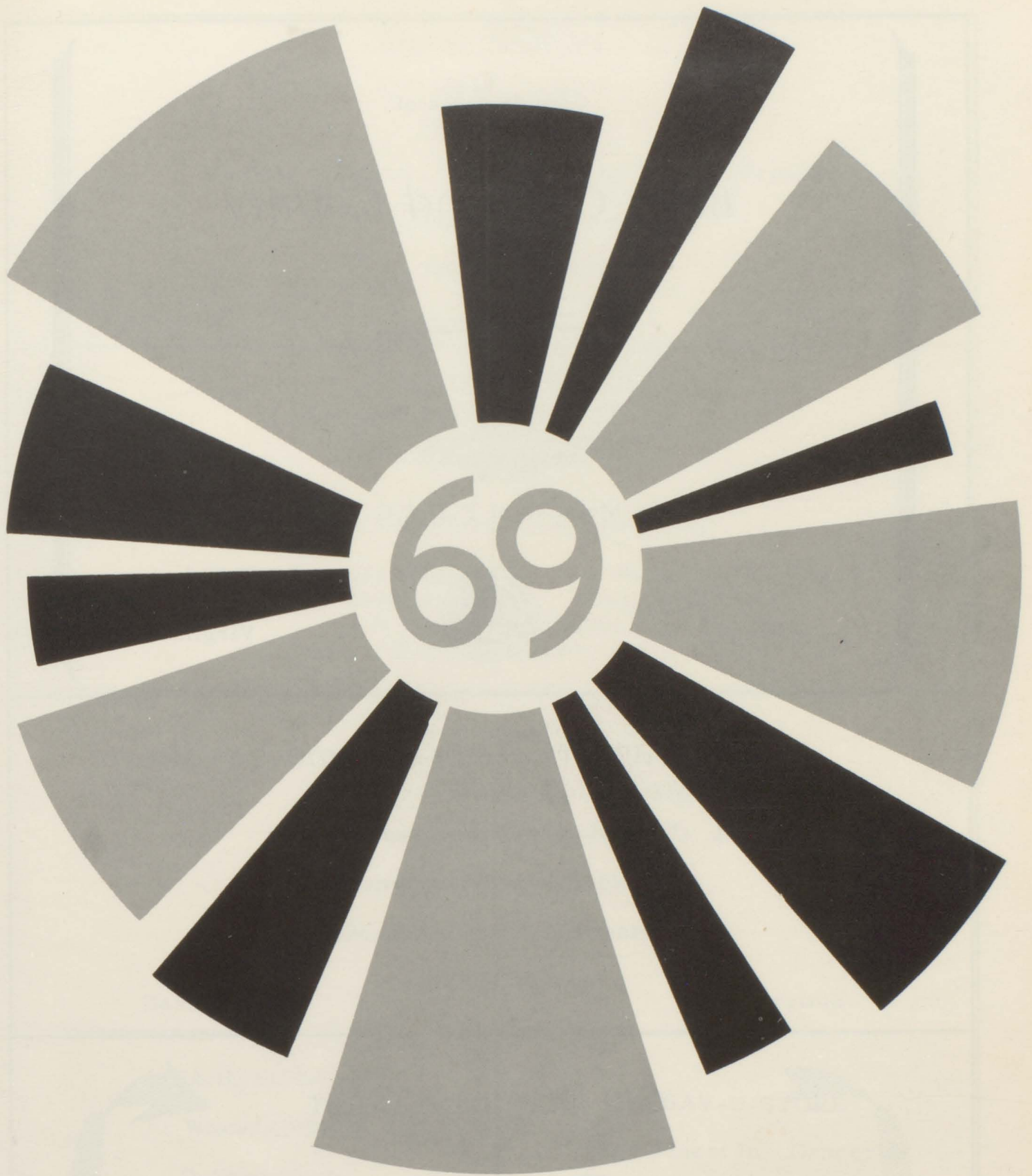
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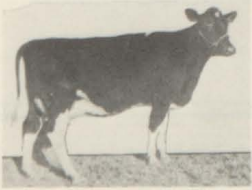
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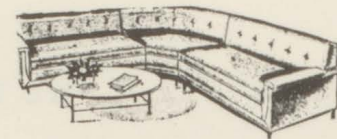
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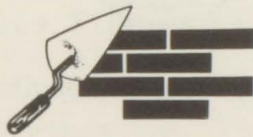
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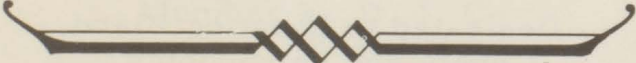


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