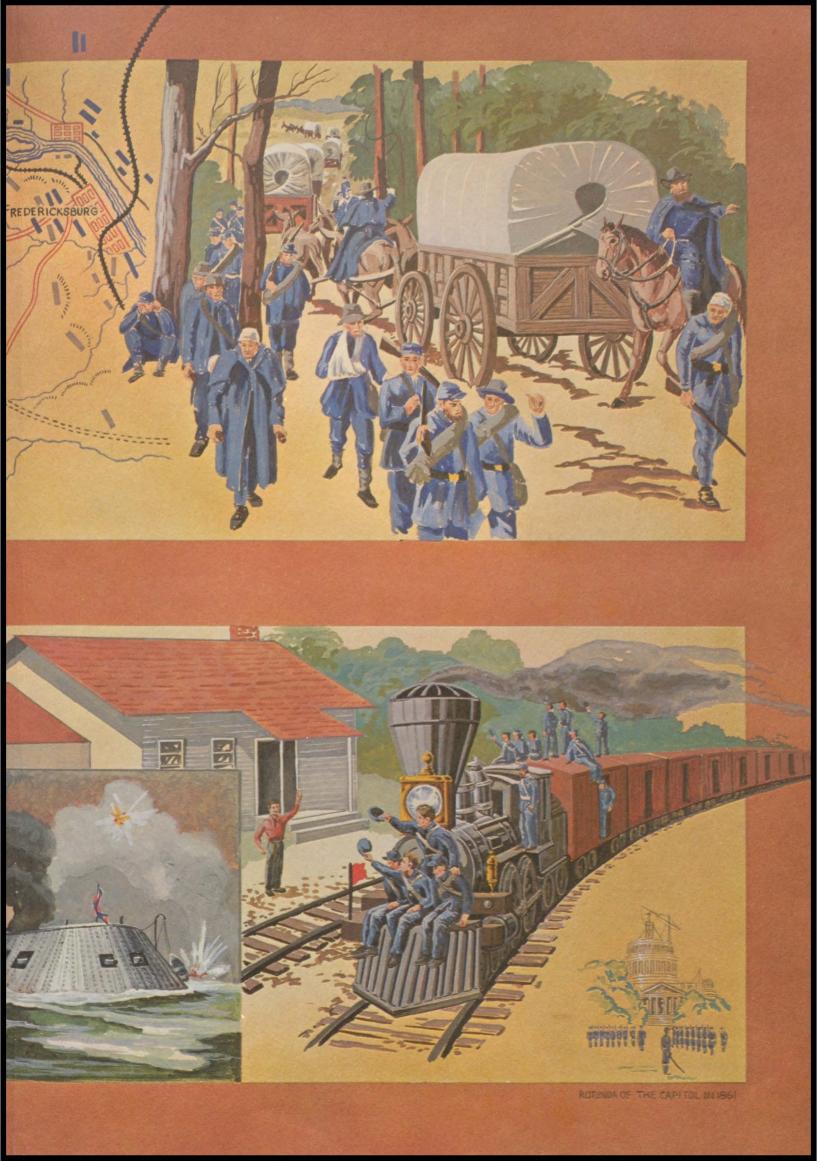


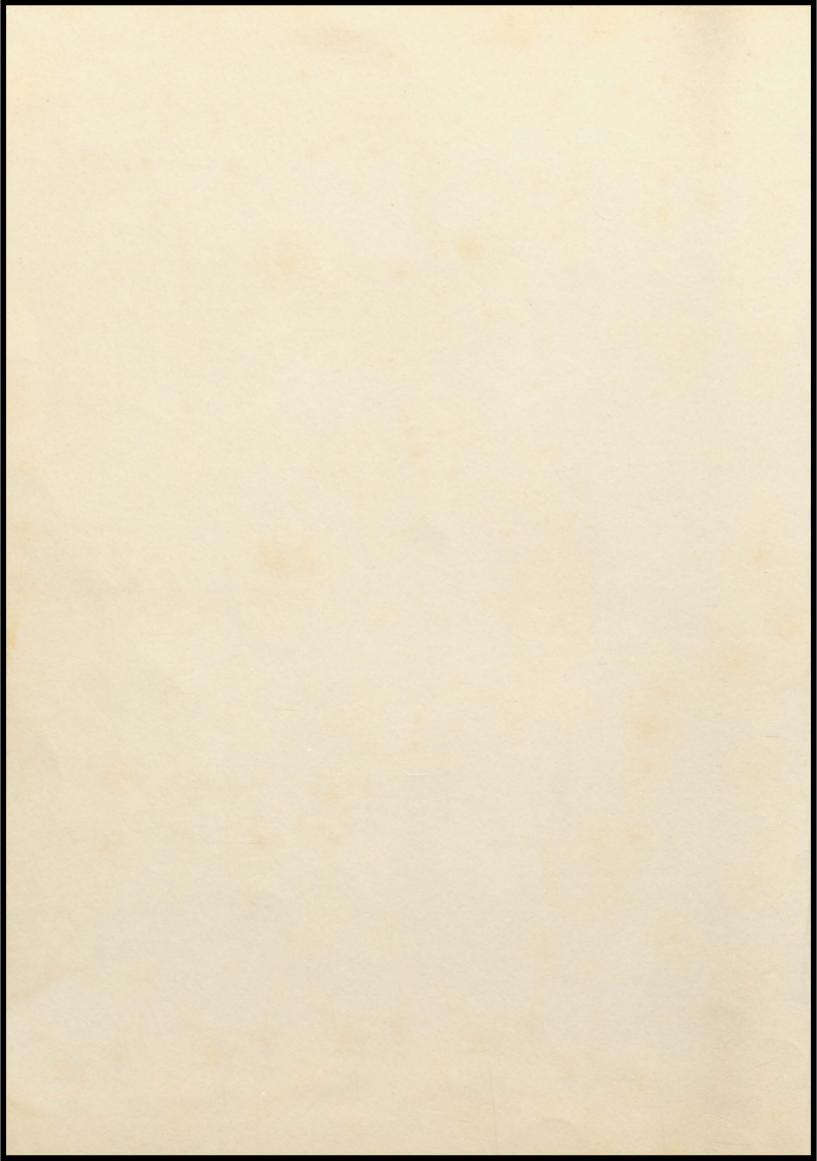
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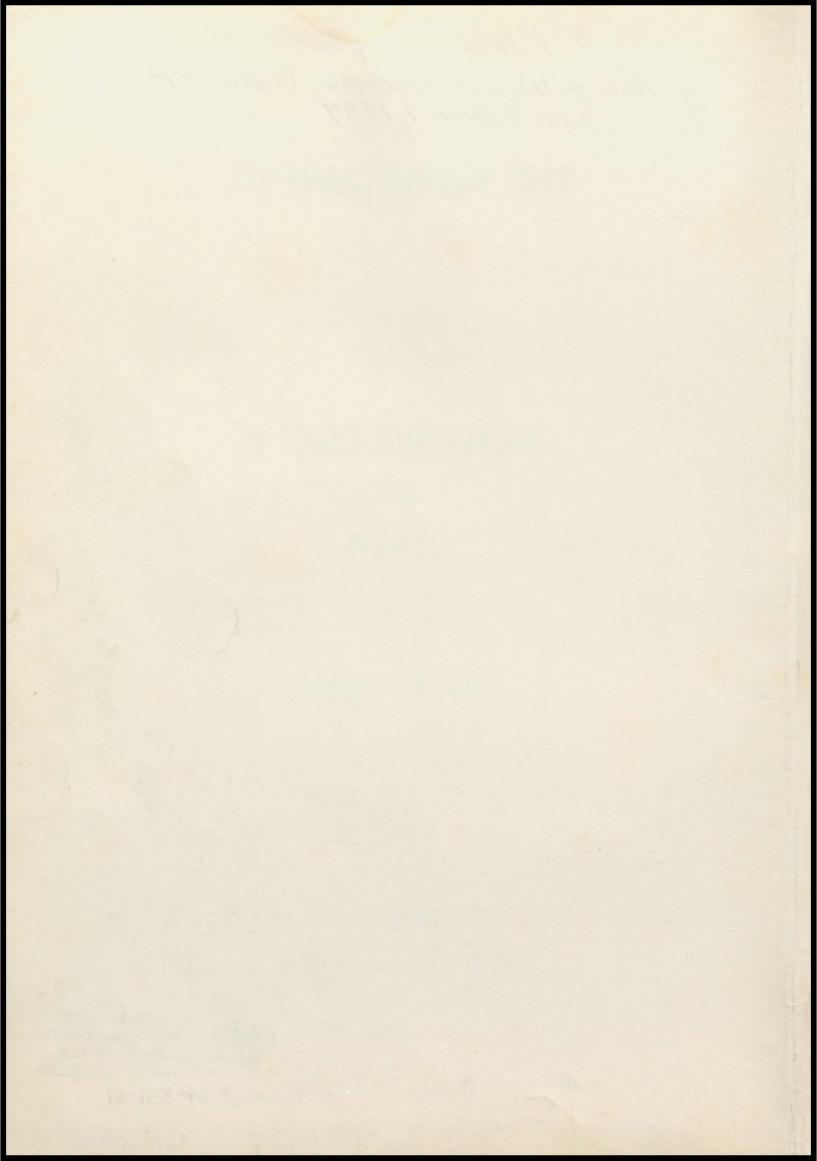


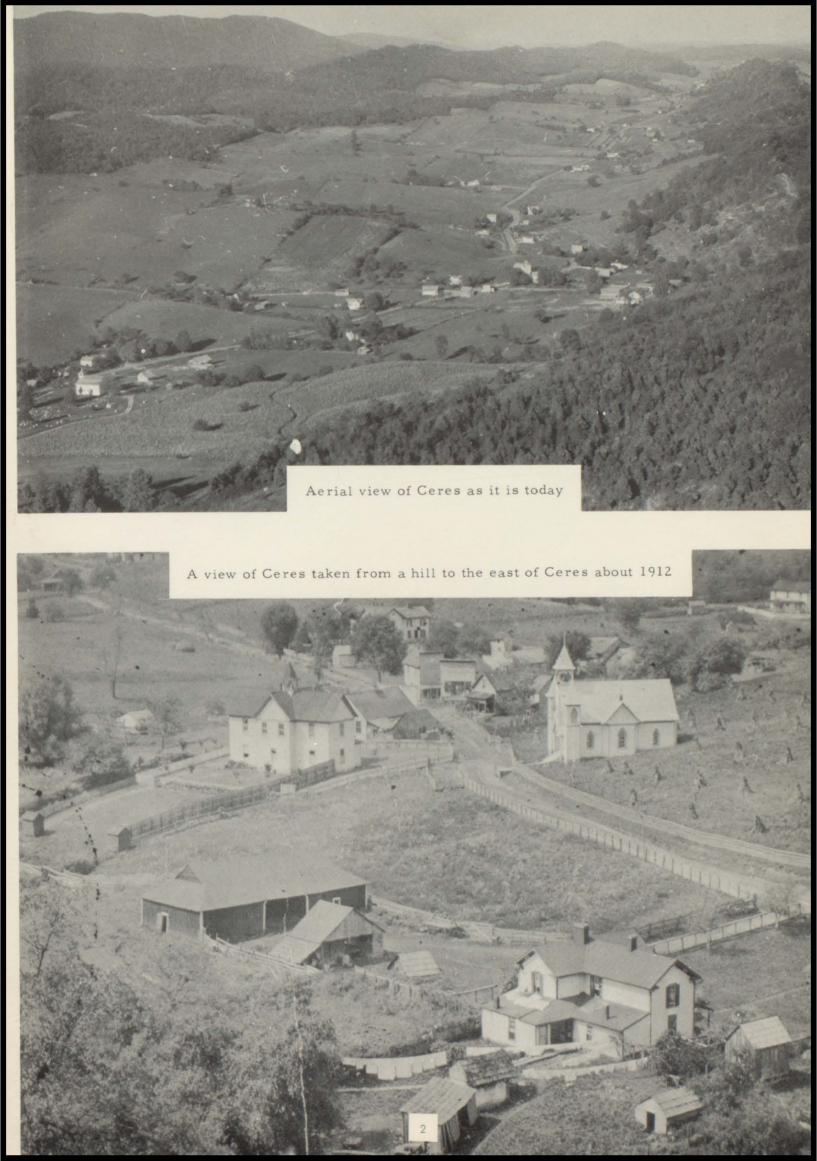
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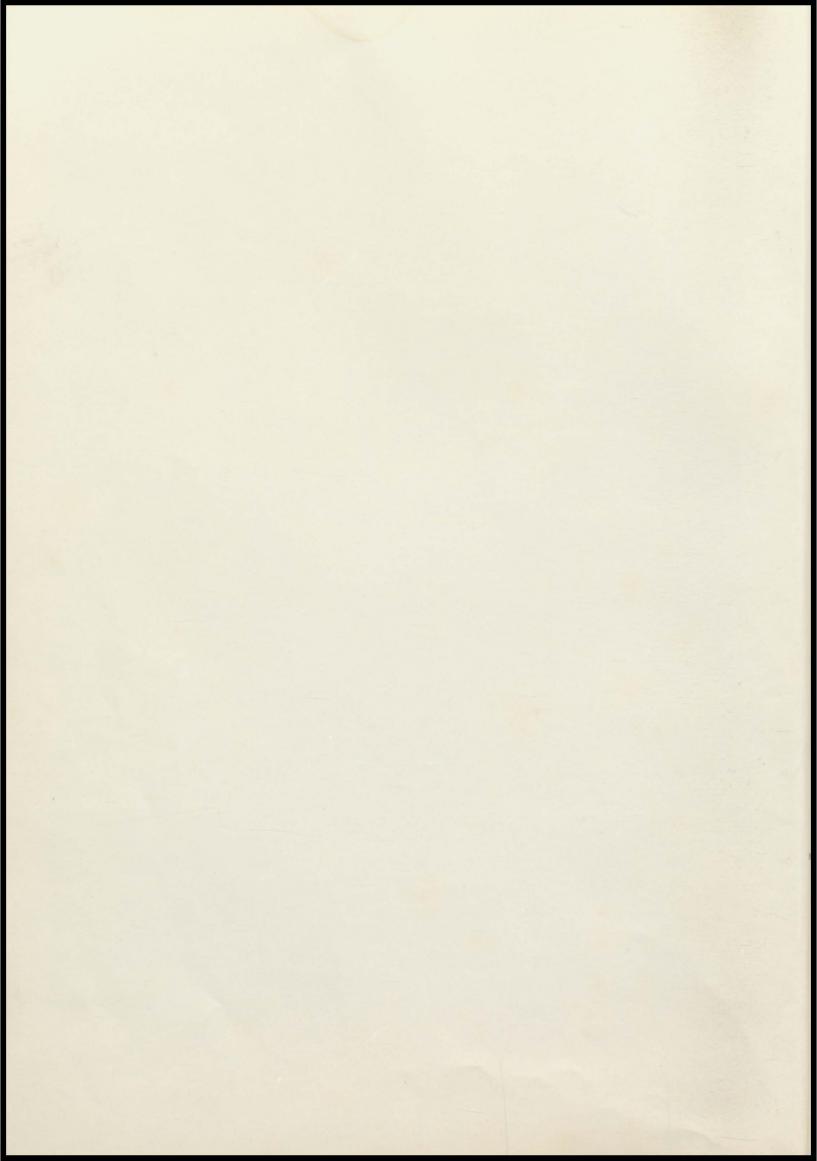
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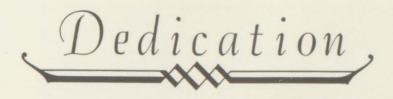
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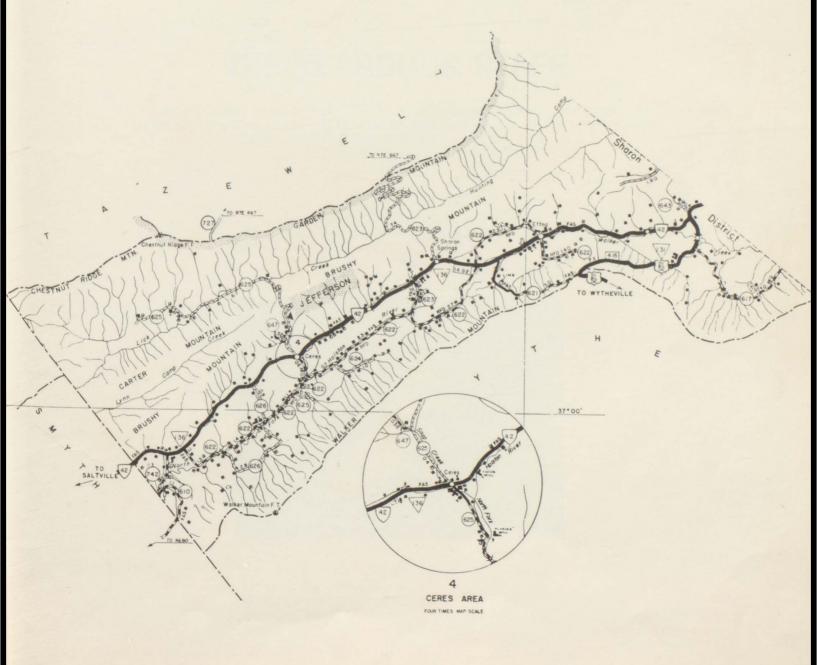


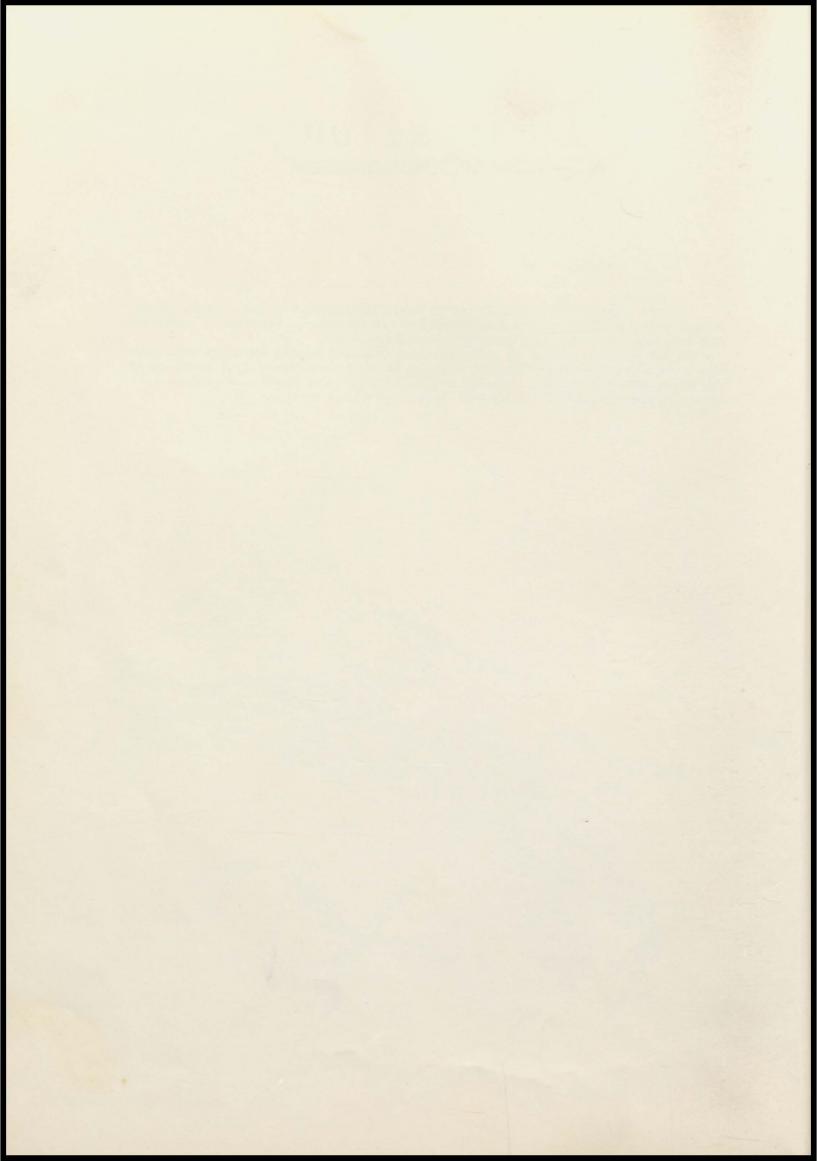




It is the wish of the Junior Class of Ceres High School to pay tribute to the memory of the pioneers who Contributed to the discovery, settlement, protection and development of the territory designated as Ceres.

On the 100th Anniversary of the forming of Bland County we offer hope that this generation and those to come, through reading these historical sketches of the development of Ceres, may appreciate the efforts of those who worked diligently to preserve for the people of Ceres a glorious heritage.







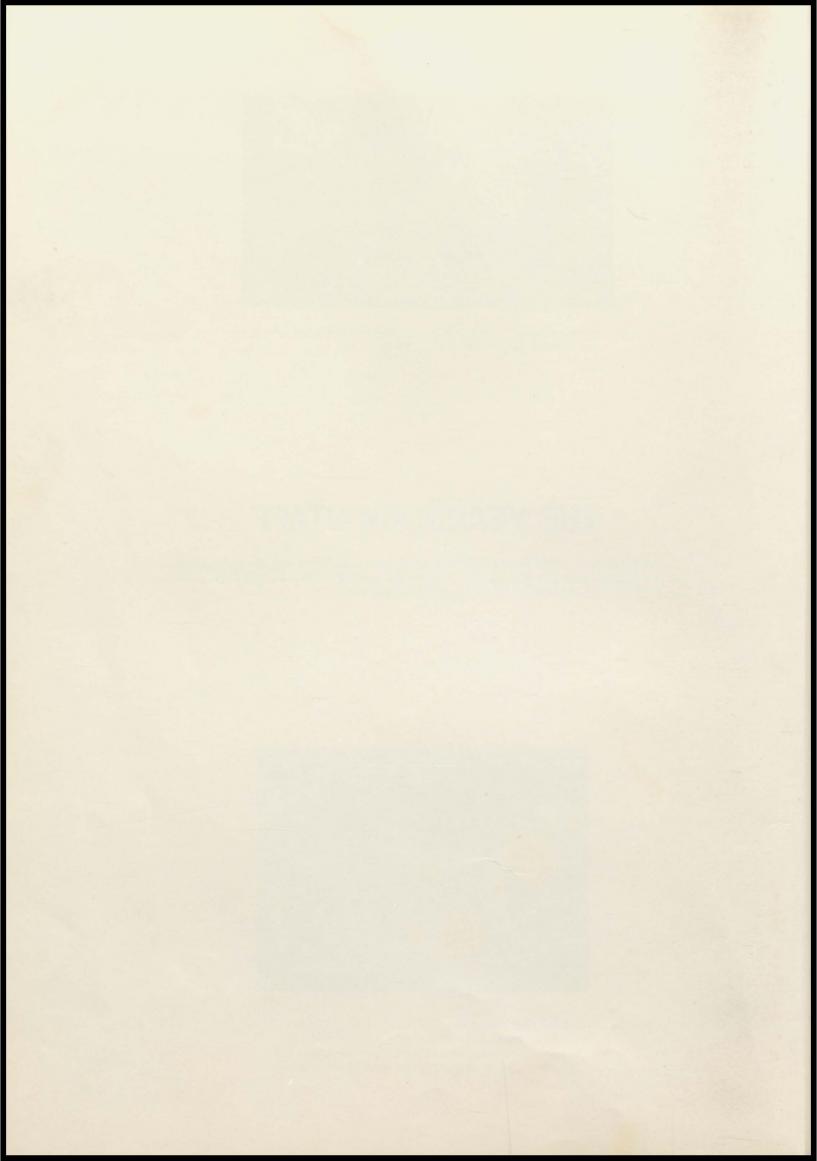
The Staff of the first yearbook to be published by Ceres High School in 1938.

THE YEARBOOK STAFF

Since there is no Senior Class at Ceres High School this year, the Junior Class has prepared this yearbook to give a history of the founding of Ceres Community and Ceres High School.



SEATED: Martha Cassell, Editor: Donna Houck, Business Manager. STANDING: Wanda Fields, Johnny Ingram, Charolette Harden, Joan Umbarger, and Otho Cassell, Advisor.



HISTORY OF CERES

Lying in the western portion of Bland County is a small rural community, Ceres, bounded by Brushy Mountain to the North and Big Walkers to the south.

About 1880 Captain H. C. Groseclose was appointed postmaster of their newly organized community; he named the post office, located at the crossroads of the Blue Grass Trail, Ceres meaning "the goddess of agriculture."

Previous to the establishment of the post office this territory was, before white men settled here, known as Bear Garden. The area was fruitful with game and the Cherokees spent the summer here hunting to carry game back South with them for winter. The Indians resented the white men's taking their hunting grounds. History indicates that a Major Lewis passed through this valley on his way to Burkes Garden in 1756. He commanded a company of soldiers marching against the Indians.

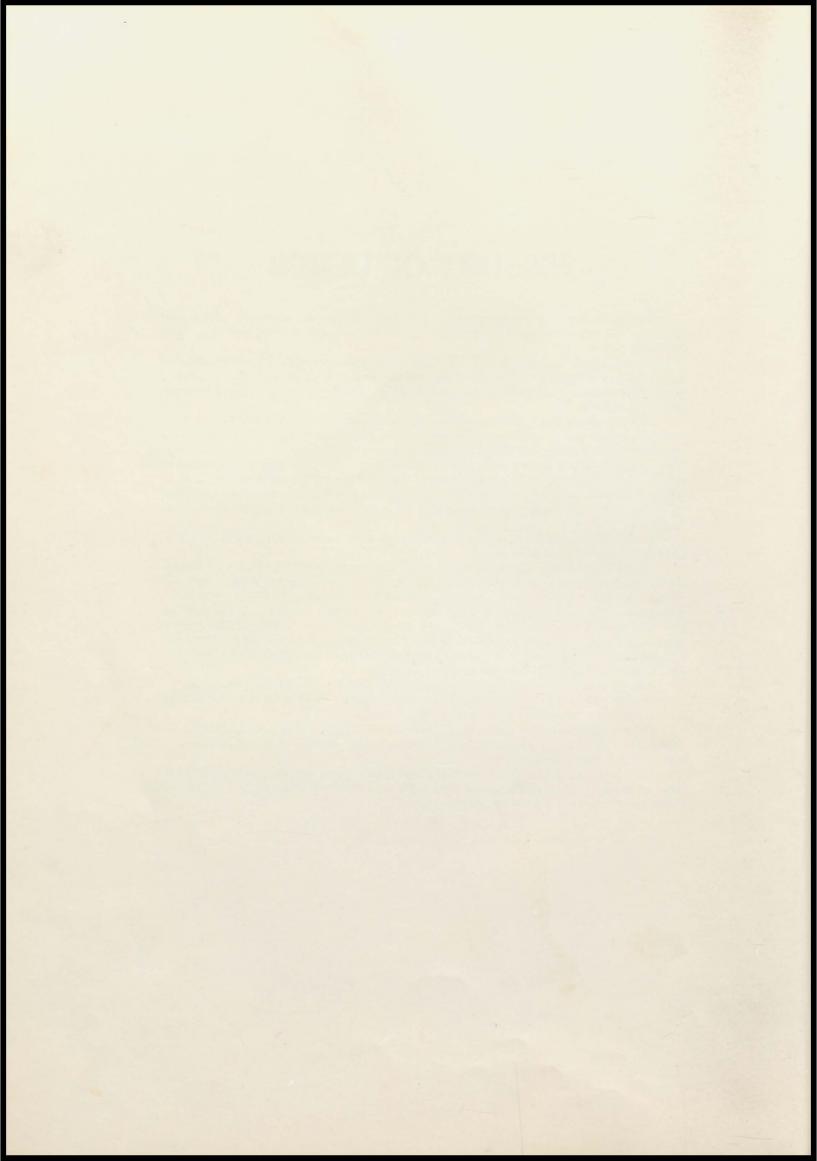
In 1749 James Burke passed through this Community to Burkes Garden named in his honor.

In the late 1700's after peace was declared with the Indians white settlers began to move into the valley, some coming up Walkers Creek from the New River settlements. It may be assumed that a larger majority migrated up the North River. A James Anderson settled on the North Fork of Holston River as early as 1770. Some of the familiar names of the earliest settlers in the Community were Sluss, Harmon, Groseclose, Foglesong, Crabtree, Cassell, Hudson, Lambert, Bruce, Umbarger, Repass, Tilson and Spanglers.

About 1/2 mile south of Ceres on the west bank of the Holston River the early settlers built Spangler's Fort. Some of the residents of Ceres can probably remember this fort.

Other post offices were established at Effna, Tilson's Mill and Olympia. These have been discontinued and Crese Post Office now serves all these people.

As early as 1848 settlers boasted a turnpike which extended from Wythe County through Sharon Springs into Tazewell County. This turnpike was used by various stage lines.



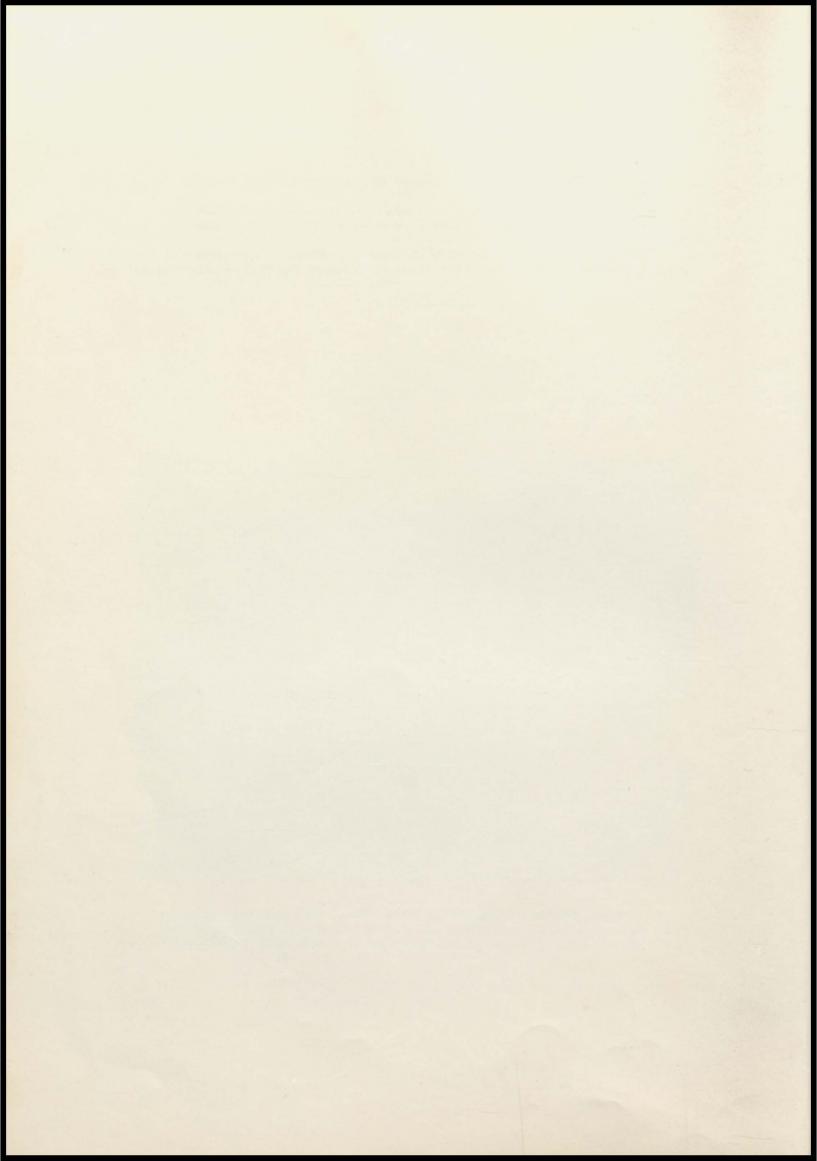
Today the Blue Grass Trail, Route 42, extends the length of the community and is a much traveled road.

The valley is well watered by Walkers Creek and North Fork of Holston River. The soil is fertile limestone covered with an aboundance of good timber.

Today Ceres proves worthy of its name "goddess of agriculture," as its inhabitants depends chiefly upon agriculture for their livelihood.



Above is a sketch of Spangler's Fort. The lower part was of large hewn stone and the second story was of hewn logs with gun slits in the upper story. This likeness of the fort was sketched by Harlow Bales.





THE MASSACRE OF THE SCHLUSS FAMILY

The weather was warm and mild for the season of the year. The time was last of April, 1788. The place was in what is now near Ceres, in Bland County, Virginia. The locality was very thinly settled. The Schluss and Spangler families were near neighbors, for they lived a little less than a mile apart. The family consisted of Old Mr. and Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. Spangler's two sons, John and Gideon Hubble, by her first husband. Young Frederick Copenhaver, son of a neighbor some miles away was at Spanglers on this eventful morning, and the three young men began the necessary but somewhat frolicsome work of shearing the sheep.

The Schluss family consisted of John Schluss, the father, and Mary, his wife, their two daughters, Jemima and Katie, age 16 and 20 years, and just blossoming into womanhood, and Peter, a youth of 10, David a lame boy about 7, and Mary a child about 6 months old.

Rather early one morning Mr. Schluss and his son Peter harnessed the horses and started off to the new ground a mile distant to plow. As they passed through a thick woods skirting near their farm, their horses snorted and shied considerably at some large "Root heads" near the path, along which they rode. Peter said, "There must be some bears around here!" A sharp lookout for a few minutes revealed no bears. However, father and son rode up to their work. How near to death the father and son were while peering around for the bear, none will ever know! Of course, as was customary in these troublesome days, they had their guns with them, and these probably saved their lives, but they rode on away from death themselves, yet innocently leaving their family to fate behind them.

About 10:00 o'clock the attention of the Spanglers was arrested by the violent barking of the farm dogs and the screams of the women up at the Schluss'; A sheep half sheared was on the shearing board at the time.

One of the young men said, "Boys, there are Indians at the Schlusses, run for the guns; let's go! Hands off." The last of the flock, unsheared, was freed and permitted to go, the whole summer long half shorn in memory of the sad interruption.

Before the young men could come near the house the massacre was over and the bloody murderers gone. Three stalwart Indians had entered the house. The three women, taken by surprise and unarmed, fought a moment as best they could. Just inside the door Mrs. Schluss head was cleaved by one of the tomahawks.

Katie was found tomahawked and scalped in the rear of the house, and Jemima, who had snatched up David, the lame boy, and tried to escape with him, reached a fence at the woods, a little distance in the rear of the house and tossing the lame boy over she had just attempted to climb over the fence when one of the Indians caught the poor girl by her long flowing hair, for which she was noted, and pulling her back, drove his accused weapon into her skull and then scalped her in fiendish glee.

The Indians didn't cross the fence, or they would have seen the little lame boy hidden behind a tree. The little boy looked around the tree and saw his sister murdered.

It is thought that the approach of the young men from Spanglers prevented the Indians from crossing the fence to look for the lame boy.

In the house was a singular case of preservation. May--little May, the infant, was lying in her cradle asleep when the Indians rushed in upon the family, and so hurried were they that they didn't notice the child in the cradle. She escaped!

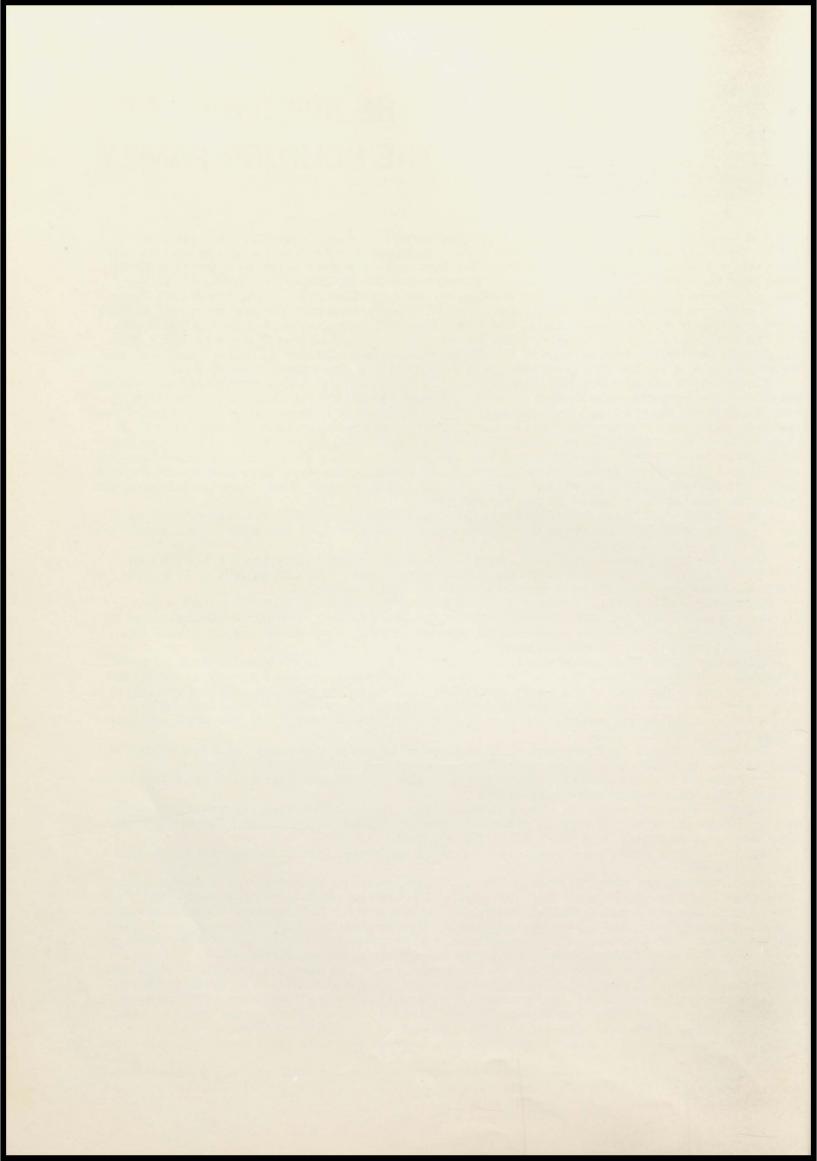
When the young men from Spanglers arrived at the house, they found murdered ones as before described.

Poor Jemima, the rosy cheeked girl with the long, flowing hair, was not found for some little time. A search was made with the hope of finding her alive, perhaps hidden. She was betrothed to one of the young Hubbles--Gideon. In his anxiety and anguish he called aloud and searched everywhere, and started to the woods. Gideon was the first to come upon--to find his dear dead, intended wife. Could anyone have ever passed through a more heart sending, awful hour than poor Gideon Hubble did at the side of his dead intended wife?

There was a pursuit of the Indians by these young men and others by the aid of dogs, but the Indians beat the dogs back and fired the mountains in their rear, and so made good their escape to the valleys of Ohio. The graves of the three murdered women may still be seen just inside of the little grave yard at Sharon Church, pictured above. Nothing but smooth round stones lie at the head of the graves. A closer search of the Old "Root-heads," where the horses scared, revealed the fact that the Indians were at that time lying there concealed in the piles of leaves.

There were doubtless members of the Shawnees, who on the 14th. of July, fourteen months before, had murdered the Moore family who lived in Abbs Valley about 35 miles north of the Schluss family.

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SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH AND LUTHERAN PARSONAGE

SHARON LUTHERAN CHURCH

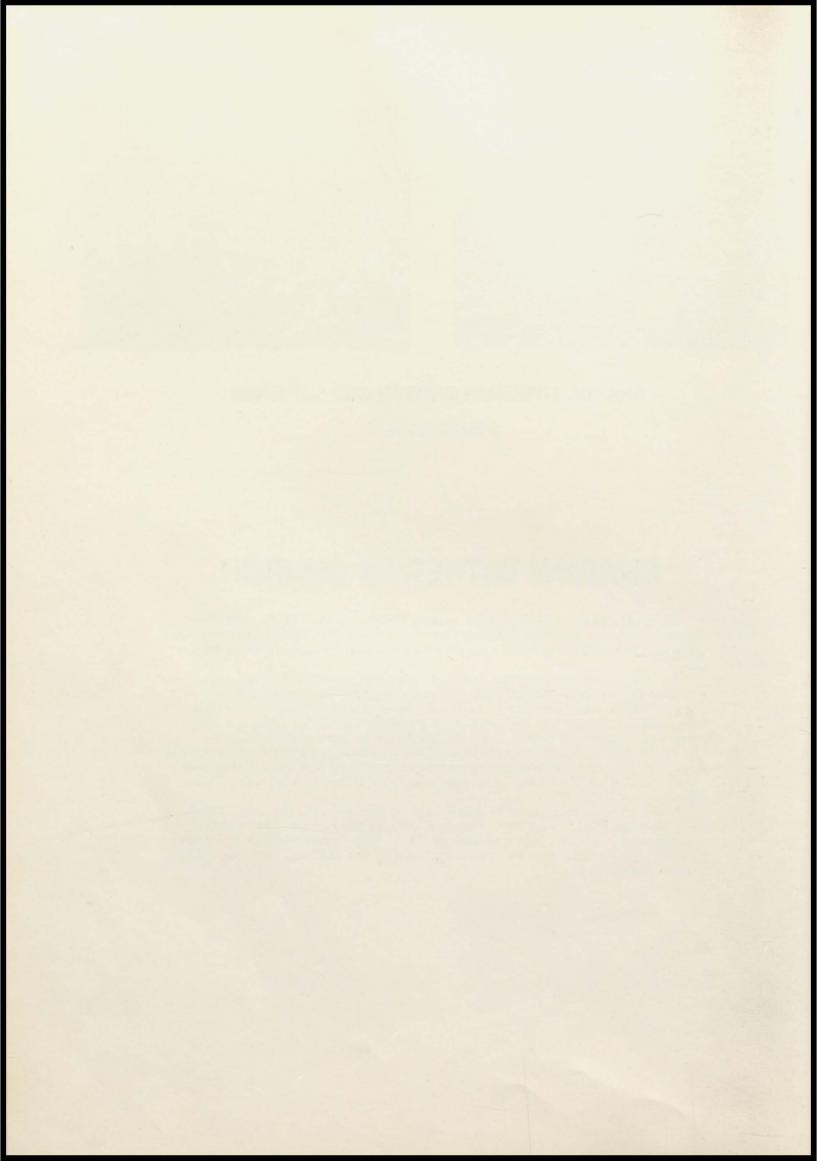
On a hill overlooking Ceres, stands Sharon Lutheran Church, the oldest Lutheran Church in Bland County. Records indicate that the land on which the church stands was given by Jacob Groseclose in October 1817.

In 1821 a log church was erected and owned jointly by Lutherans and Presbyterians. About 1856 the two congregations built a brick church which was torn down about 27 years later, because it's condition made it unsafe for the people to worship there. In 1883 the two congregations constructed the building used at the present time.

About 1910 the presbyterians sold their interest to the Lutherans for a sum of \$301.00. The building has been repaired and remodeled and today serves as the house of worship for the Lutherans of Ceres Community.

Many outstanding pastors have served this parish, the first was Rev. George Flahr, and Rev. Roger Kluttz is the present day pastor.

Adjacent to this church is one of the oldest cemeteries in the area. The Schluss Family, who were massacured by the Indians, are buried in Sharon Cemetery.





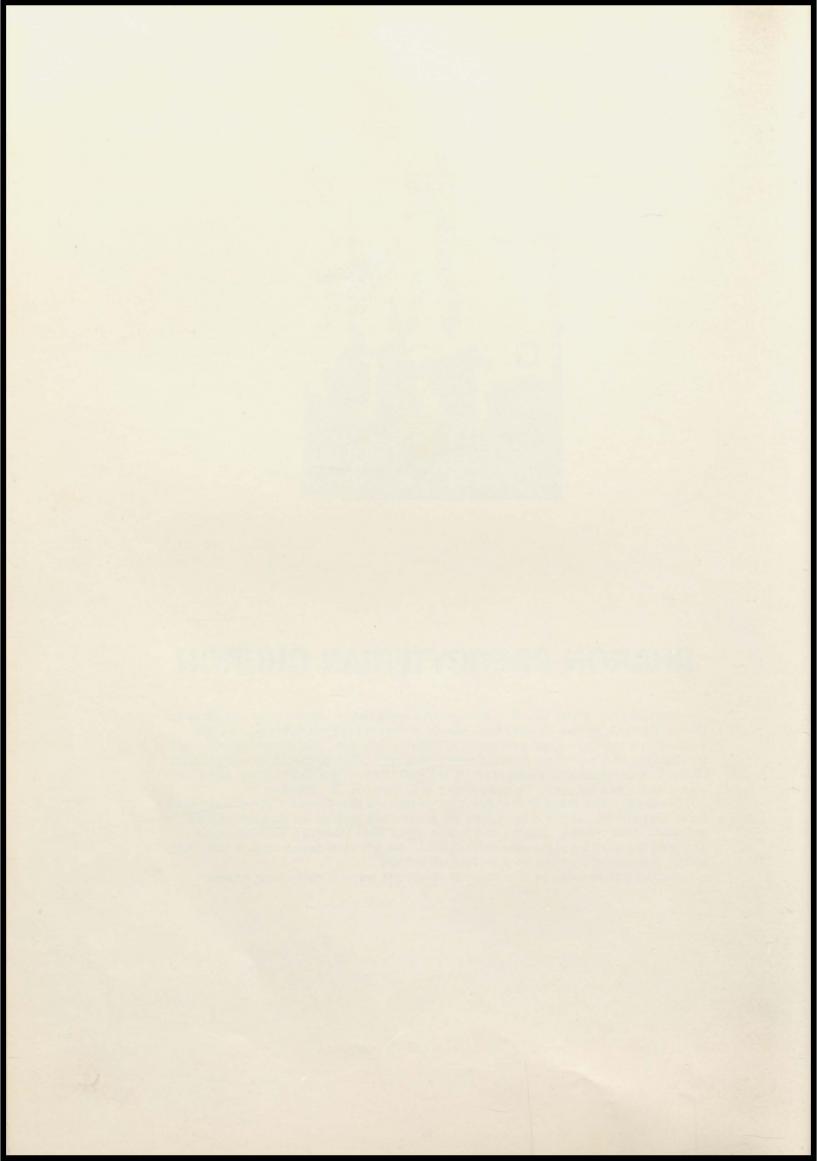
SHARON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Until 1910, when the Presbyterians sold their interest in the Sharon Union Church to the Lutherans, the Presbyterians worshipped at the Lutheran church. This probably accounts for both the Presbyterian and the Lutheran Churches being named Sharon. The present Presbyterian Church was built and dedicated in fall of 1911. The dedication service was conducted by Rev. Dabney Carr and Rev. R. B. Hudson.

Probably the first Presbyterian pastor in the Ceres Community was Rev. Dugald McIntyne who came as a visiting pastor in August of 1827 to conduct services. Later the same year Rev. George Crawford organized a church called Sharon Church, which was taken under the care of the Abingdon Presbytery in October 1827.

At the present time the church does not have a full-time pastor.

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METHODISTS CHURCHES IN THE CERES AREA

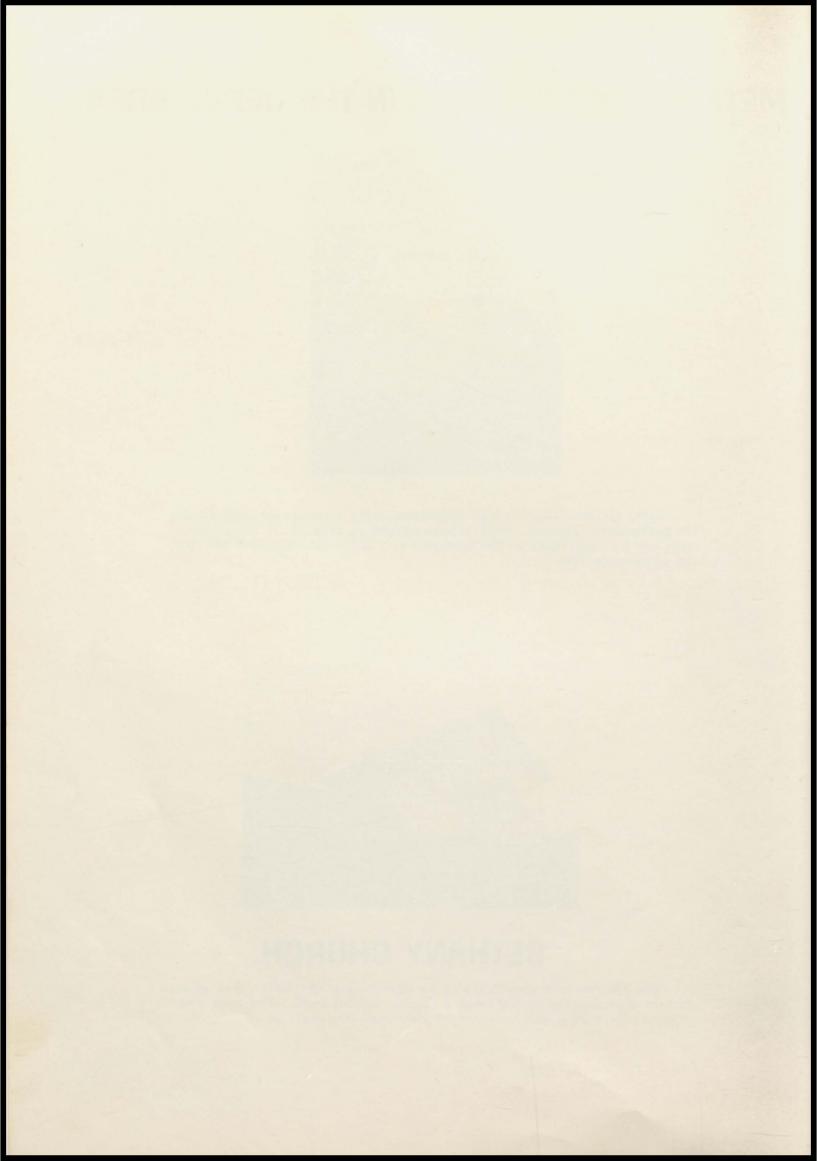


North Holston Church was dedicated in the summer of 1907 during the pastorate of Lyle M. Neel; it was named by Mrs. A. N. Bogle who with her husband donated the land and at a later date donated land for the parsonage also.



BETHANY CHURCH

The church now standing was build in November 1880. The church before was located on the Doak's Chapel School yard. The land was supposedly sold to the trustees by Hezekiah Repass.





THE METHODIST PARSONAGE IN CERES



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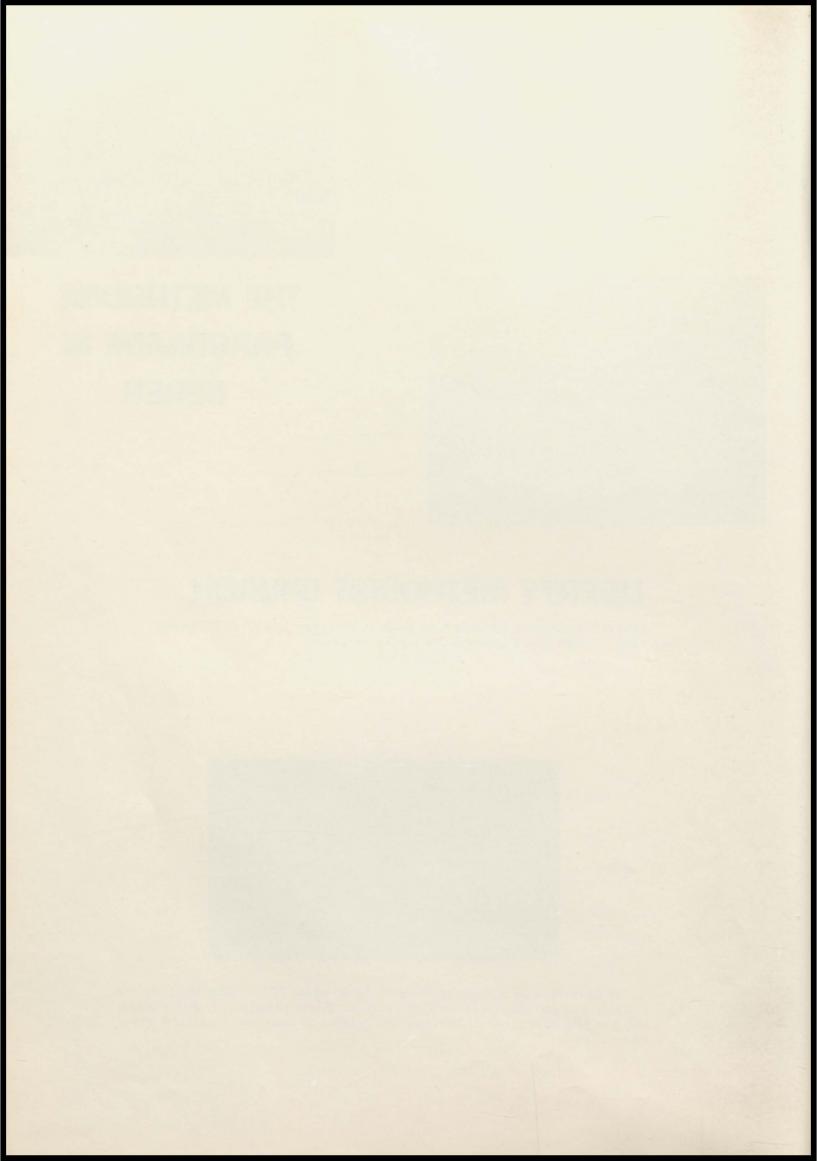
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LIBERTY METHODIST CHURCH

Liberty Methodist Church was built in the year 1883. The church has been rebuilt and repaired during its 78 years.



O'Listery was a Baptist Church, built about 1888. The land for the church was purchased from Dr. Cooper. Some people call this church the striped door Church because the planks in door were painted red and green.







RED OAK CHURCH

Before Red Oak Church was built, an old school house was used as a church for the circuit rider, Bob Sheffey.

The land for the church was given by Jonas Umbarger. The amount of land as recorded in the deed was two acres and sixteen poles.

The deed was written October 10, 1858, and recorded May 8, 1874. The land was deeded to the first trustees of Methodist, Lutheran, and Presbyterian demoniations.

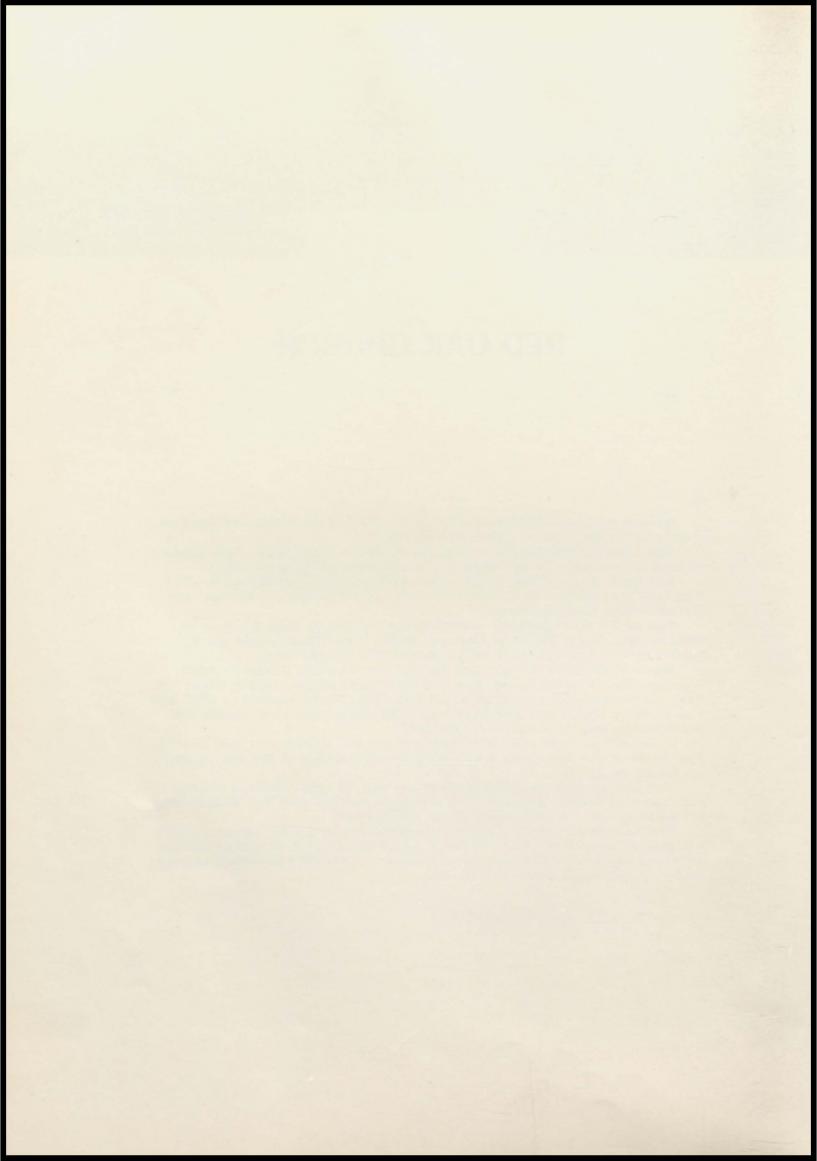
One of the first persons buried in the cemetery, that there is record of, was Sarah Bales in October 1870. Two other people were buried before her but there is no record of who they were.

When plans were being made for the new church, it was decided that the church would be built on the other side of the road in order to have more room for the cemetery. The church was started in 1945 and was built by free labor and donations with the exception of laying the brick which was done by Mr. McConnel.

In the summer of 1947 the first service was held in the new church. The service was the closing of a singing school held in the old church by James A. Leslie.

The new church was dedicated in the fall of 1947. The old church building was sold at auction. It was bought by Ted and Will Foglesong. It was torn down in December of the same year.

The church has three Sunday School rooms in the basement. There are now 80 people on roll. Three Sundays out of each month preaching services are held. The Methodist pastor is Reverend Clemons and the Lutheran pastor is Reverend Kluttz.





CERES HIGH SCHOOL

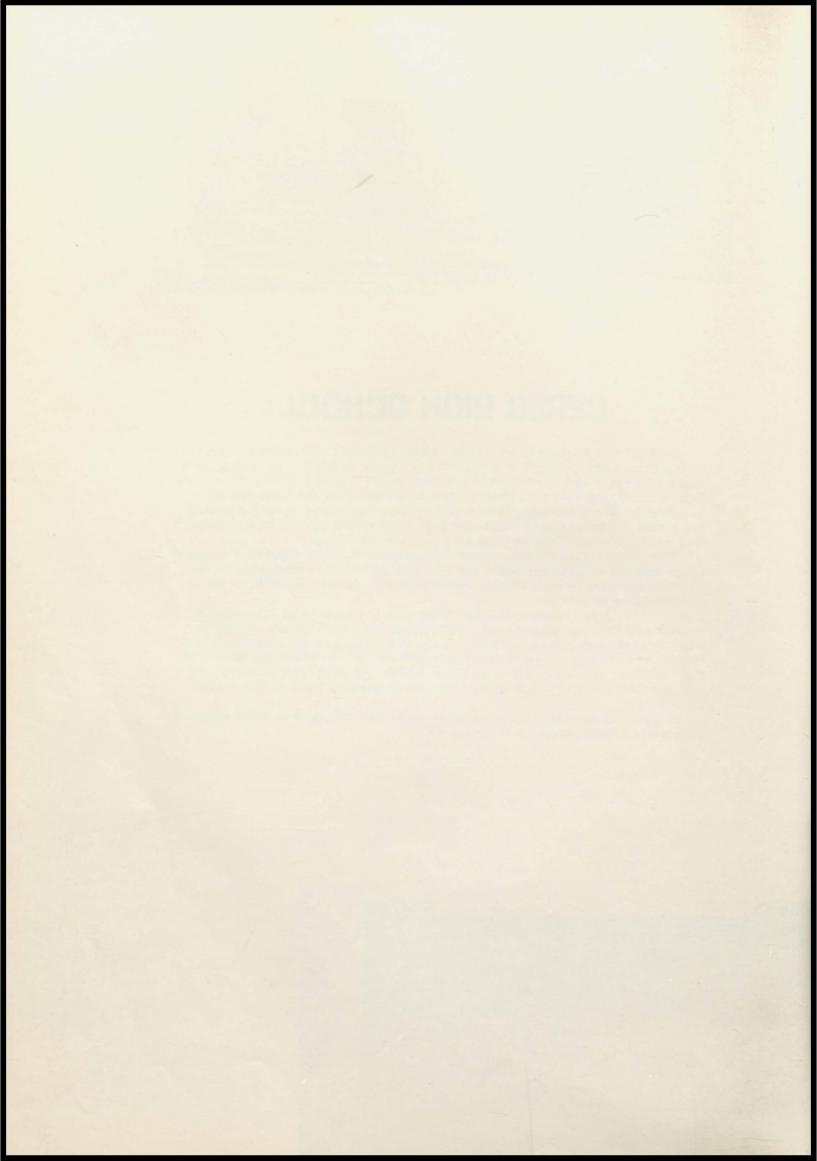
In 1903 the residents of Ceres, wanting better educational opportunities than were offered in crowded one-room schools, formed a joint stock company and constructed a seven room frame building known as Ceres Academy. At that time Ceres Academy was the best school building in Bland County. The building was used as a school building for about thirty years without any expenses to the school board; then it was sold and since has served as a private dwelling.

The people of Ceres Community realized that the Academy was not large enough to accommodate the increasing school population or to provide necessary educational opportunities, so they worked to get a new building erected.

In 1931, a six room brick building with furnace heat, indoor restrooms and running water was constructed; this was known as Ceres High School, and it was the most modern building in the county at that time. In 1938 two more classrooms and an auditorium were added to the building; about this time an agriculture building was constructed and agriculture and home economics were made a part of the school curriculum.

A gymnasium and cafeteria were built in 1952, and in 1959 a Home Economics Department was completed.





SHARON COLLEGE

Sharon College was founded in 1892 at Sharon Springs the head water of the North fork of the Holston River. The College was to be housed in structures built for a health resort and hotel, which had a bowling alley and billiard tables. It was located on the turnpike from Wytheville to Tazewell Court House. W. A. Evans, a Tennessean, was responsible for the organization of the college. At that time L. M. Newberry was living in the hotel and Mr. Evans made arrangements with him to board the students. About forty pupils attended college at Sharon the first year, twenty of these were boarding students who paid \$10.00 a month.

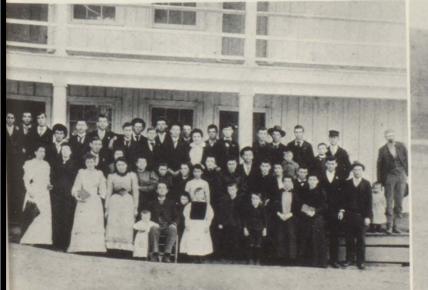
Mr. Evans was principle and was in charge of advanced courses; his wife and his niece were also instructors there.

After 1 year the hotel closed and Evans rented the property. In 1897 because of small enrollment the college was closed.

In the fall of 1897, J. C. Crabtree opened the school with a large enrollment and high public interest. Mr. Crabtree served as head of the school until it was permanently closed in 1901. During the session 1899-1900 the enrollment was 80 pupils and there were 7 faculty members. Doctors, lawyers, preachers, teachers, business men and civic leaders were among those who received education at Sharon.

Today the only momento of the old College standing is a chimney.

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SCHOOLS OF THE PAST



RED OAK SCHOOL

In 1875 the people of the Red Oak Community got together and decided they would build a school. Everyone contributed either money or time so their children could have a school.

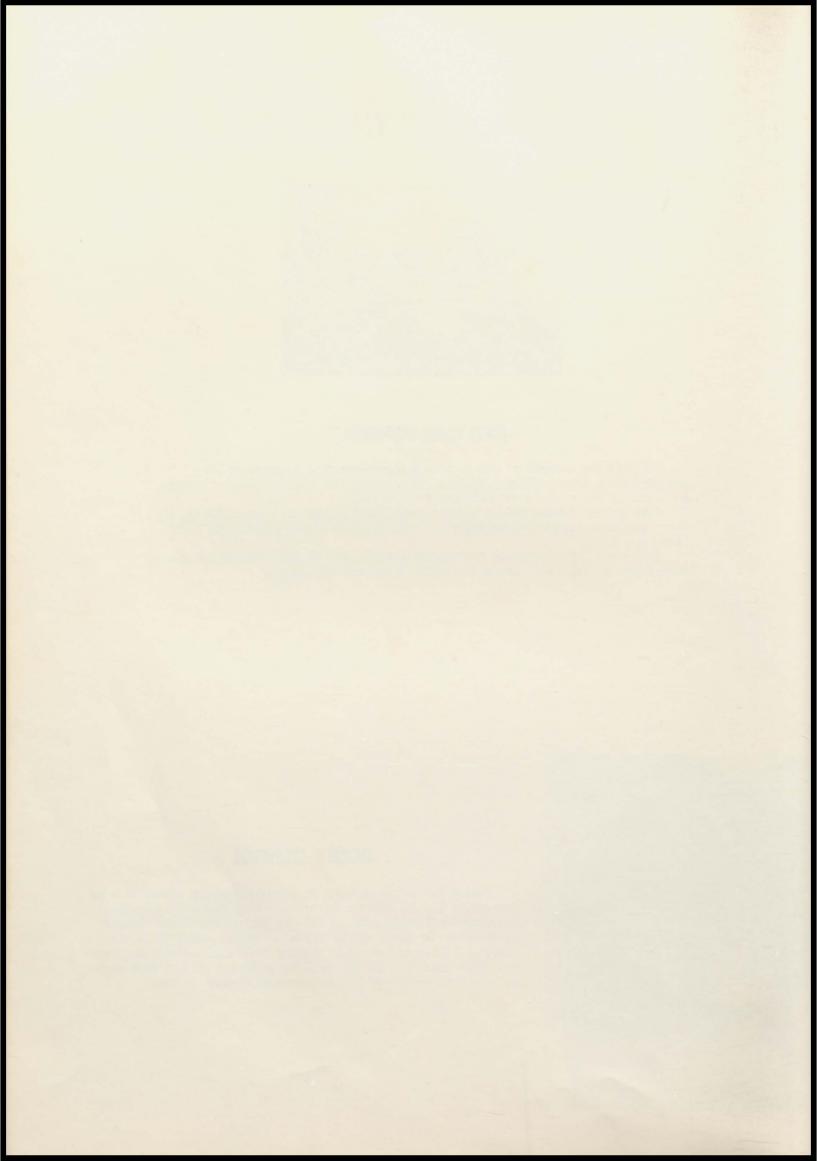
The school house was a weather-boarded structure, about 20 by 40 feet, and was supported on logs. It was located about one fourth mile from the road.

After the school house had given sixty-eight years of service, it was torn down about 1943, after Ceres High School was built.



BOGLE SCHOOL

Bogle School was built in approximately 1908. It was known as Tilson School before moving from its original location at Tilson's Mill. It was moved by Glenn Groseclose and cut down about 1/2 of original size. It is located about 3 1/2 miles west of Ceres in Bland County on Route 42. The land was given by Jimmy Bruce and at end of use as a school building it went back to Bruce heirs.



Here are brief accounts of the schools of the past of which the annual staff was unable to obtain pictures.

The Gap School was located 1/4 mile from Ceres on the North Fork of the Holston River on Route 625. The one room building, built of hewn logs dabbed with mud, was heated by a fireplace. The only subjects taught were reading, writing, and arithmetic. There really weren't any definite grades; when a child finished one book, he mastered a harder one. When the building was no longer used for a school, it was moved and made a part of the dwelling now occupied by Mrs. M. C. Tibbs.

Liberty Log School House, build about 1883, was probably built by James Lindamood from Wythe County. Liberty Frame School House, built about 1898, was probably built by Bob and Will Ellett. The school house, torn down about 1948, was located about seven miles east of Ceres on Route 42. The pupils entered the school and went through the seventh grade; then they went to Ceres School.

Birch Grove was located about 1/2 mile from route 42 on route 626. It was located on the east side of the Holston River, on the Henry Groseclose estate. The land is now owned by Luther Groseclose. The School house was bought and moved by Jimmy Mahood.

The school was built sometime before 1775: when it was moved is unknown.

There were no grades, when a pupil finished one book, he started another. Some subjects taught were reading, writing, arithmetic and spelling.

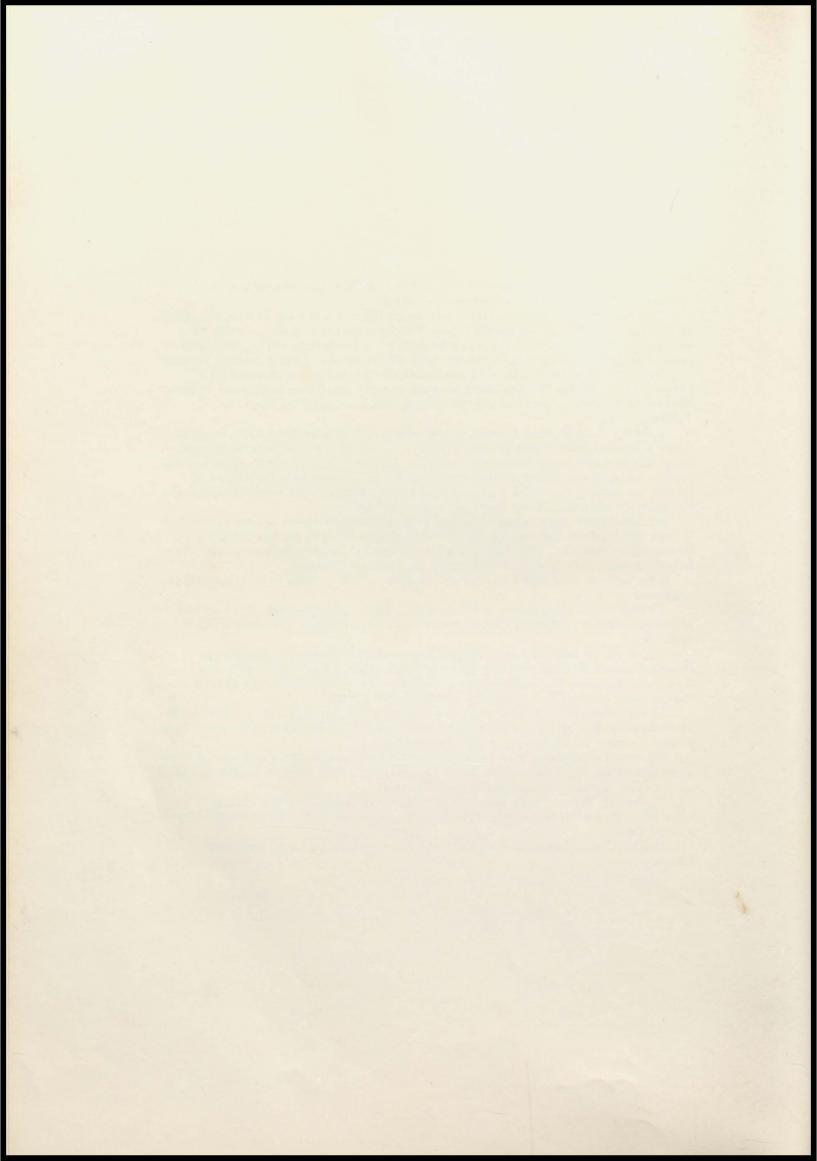
We want to mention the Groseclose School, Norveau Academy, Doaks Chapel School and the Dam School, which were probably the first institutions of learning in the area. We were unable to obtain information, except for location, about these schools.

The Groseclose school was located near the intersection where the road leaves Route 42 leading down the "swag" to Bethany Church. The property now is owned by J. B. Groseclose.

Norveau Academy was located on the bank of North Fork of the Holston River on land owned by Jess Umbarger. The school building stood in front of Elmer Umbarger's residence.

The Dam School was located on Route 42 near North Holston Church. The school probably received its name because it stood near a mill dam.

Doaks Chapel School was located on a hill in front of Bethany Church.



WALKING JIM LAMBERT

In Bland county there was a character by the name of Walking Jim Lambert. I suppose you know by his name that he was known for his walking.

When Mr. Lambert was seventy years old, Peery Groseclose went to see him and to ask him about some of his walking exploits. Following are three short stories that he told Mr. Groseclose.

One Saturday Mr. Lambert was going to Wytheville to do his trading. Coming off one of the slopes, he met a man on horseback. They stopped and passed the time of day. After a while the man on horseback said, "I wish you had a horse so you could ride along side of me, and we could chat."

"I wish I did too," said Mr. Lambert, "but as it "Tis I'm in a hurry." With that he took down through the bushes.

Well, Mr. Lambert went on to town, did his trading, and about three or four miles this side of Wytheville he met the man on horseback going to town. Mr. Lambert chuckled and said, "I guess he stopped somewhere to feed his horse."

One day Mr. Lambert was going through Ceres, when Mr. Henry Groseclose called for him to come in the store. Mr. Groseclose asked, "Mr. Lambert will you do something for me?"

"Well, I'll have to know what it is first," said Mr. Lambert.

"I have a bet with a man in Burkes Garden that you can walk around the mountains 'twixt sun up and sun down," said Mr. Groseclose. Mr. Lambert said, "I guess I will."

"Tell me about where you think you will be at dinner time," said Mr. Groseclose, "and I'll have your dinner up there."

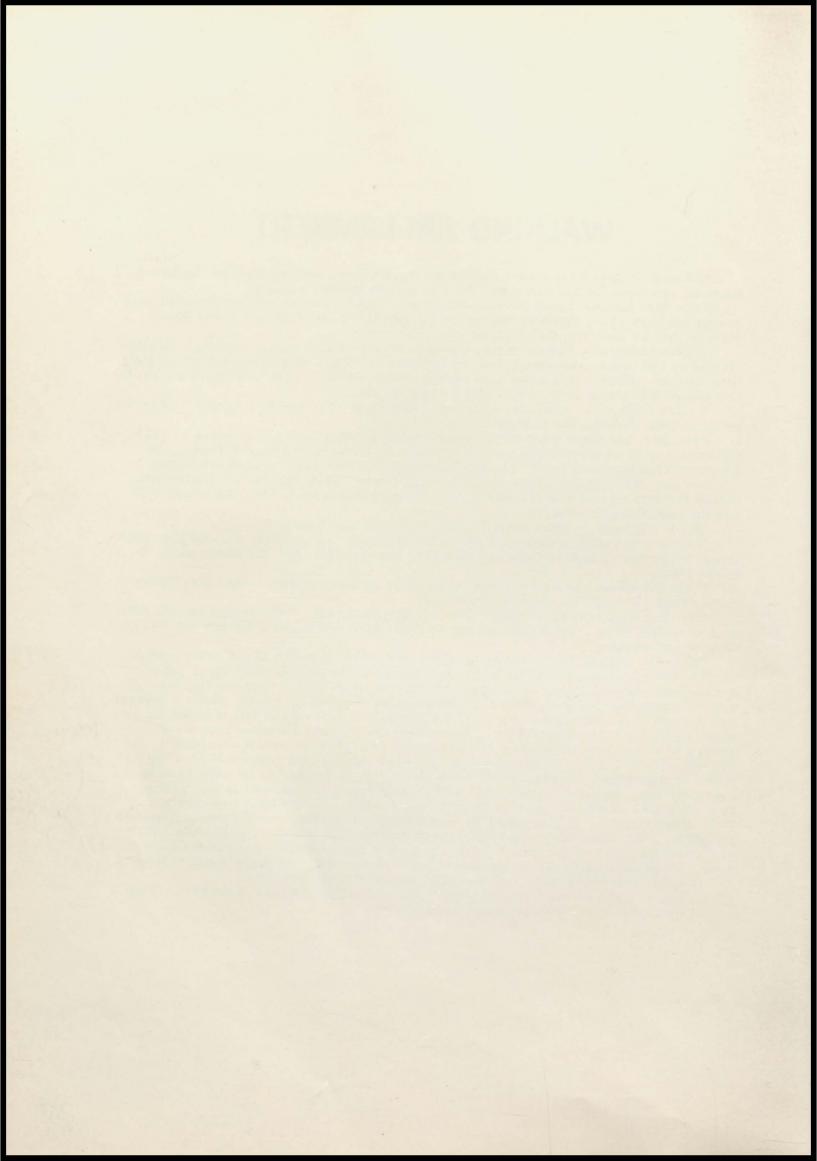
"Oh, that won't be necessary," replied Mr. Lambert. "The house is just four or five miles down over the mountain; I'll just step down, get a bite to eat and go on with my walking."

"Will you tell me the story about the blacksnake?" asked Mr. Groseclose.

His eyes lighted up, and he began the story. "One Sunday evening, I got all dressed up and was going to see my girl friend, who lived in Burkes Garden. As I was crossing Barger Ridge, I saw something in the path up ahead, which I thought was a cane or a umbrella stick. When I got to it, I saw that it was a black racer standing on his tail. There was no use to look for a rock because they were everywhere, so I reached down and picked up one. I threw it but somehow I missed. Well, I took a rippet down through the bushes and jumped over a log. I threw at that snake for nigh on to three hours but he jumped from side to side, so I missed him. Finally, I saw that I wasn't getting anywhere, and it was getting late, so I took another rippet up through the bushes with the snake behind me. Well, I threw rocks at that snake for another three hours. I was getting tired, so I picked up a flat rock and pitched it underhanded at the snake. I guess the snake was tired too because he didn't jump. The rock hit the snake and knocked him down. I was on that snake in a minute, and I stamped the daylight's out of Him."

"What happened to your girl friend?" asked Mr. Groseclose.

"Well, she got so mad that she married me," explained Mr. Lambert. "That's her in there rattling those pots and pans around."









Red Oak School Children 1920

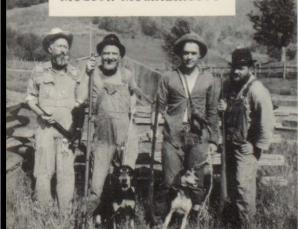
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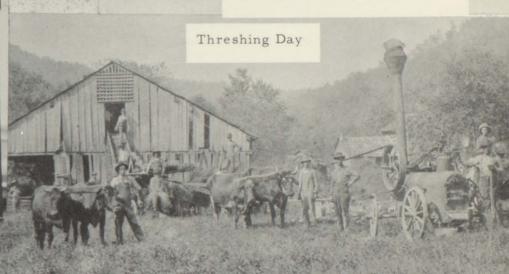
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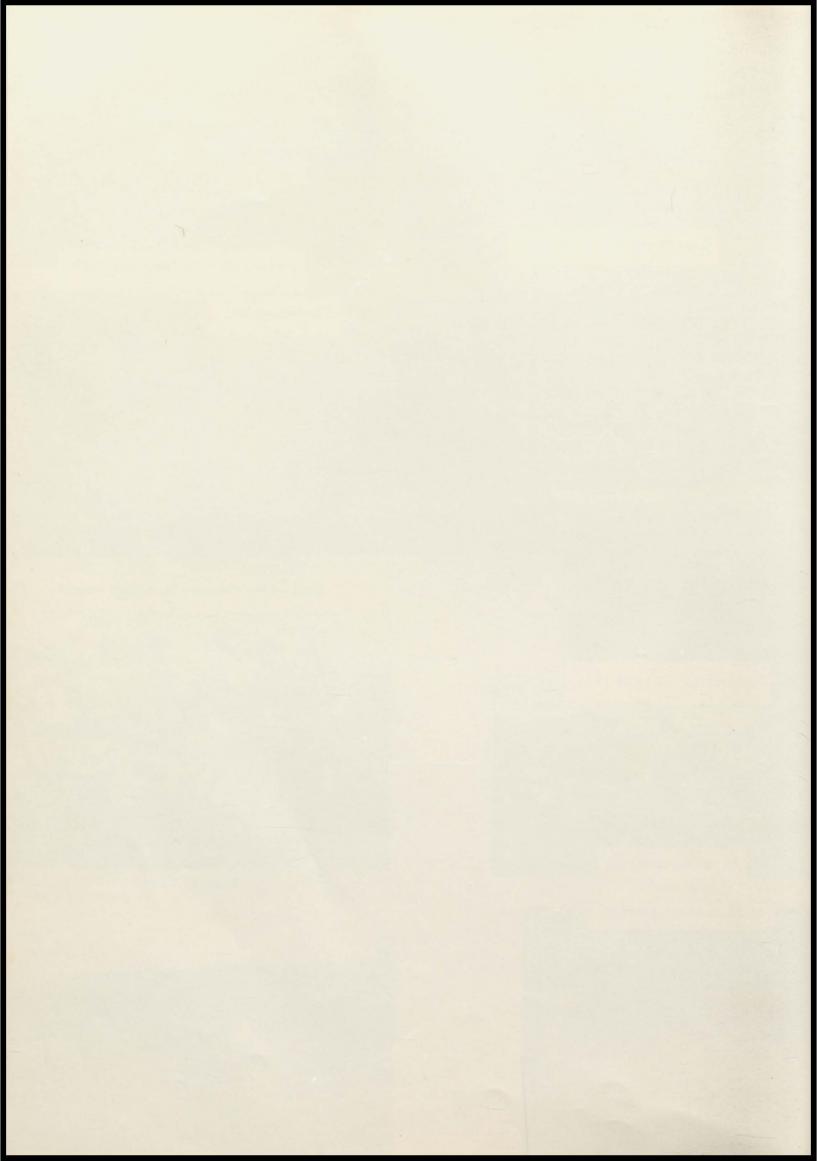


Turn of the Century Baseball Players



View of Effna





STUDENT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

The first S.C.A. was organized in 1905. It was called the Junior Community League, but in 1937 it was changed to the Student Cooperative Association.

The S.C.A. is composed of all students in high school. President of this organization is the highest office one can have in high school.

The Ceres S.C.A. was organized in 1941, and it has been a banner member since the 1941-42 school year. The counties are divided into twenty districts. Ceres is in the Clinch Valley District which is composed of Bland, Buchanan, Russell, and Tazewell counties.

Some of the S.C.A.'s aims and purposes are to build good citizenship, to promote cooperation, to improve health, to encourage recreational activities and self-improvement.

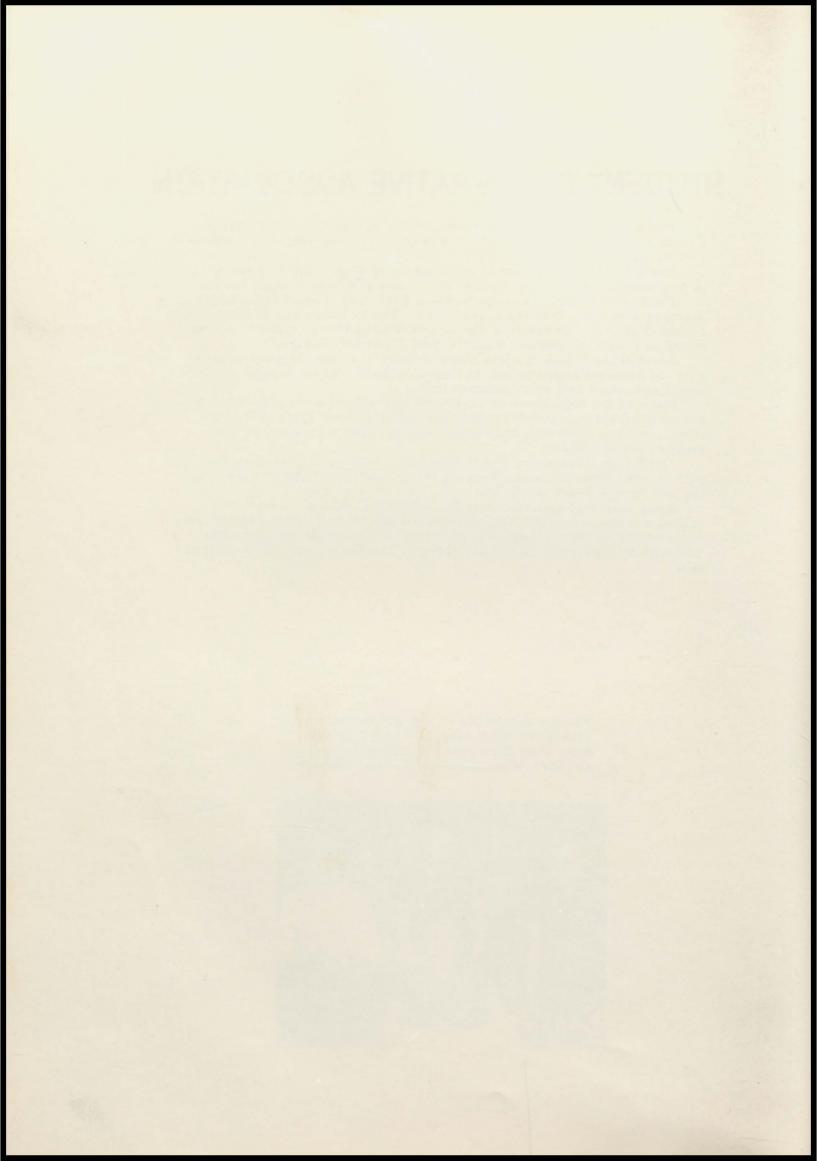
Some of the objectives are to serve our school and community, to prepare ourselves in body, mind, and spirit for our duty, to live the truth and keep faith with knowledge, and promote education as the right of every child.

The S.C.A. slogan is "The School and Community Growning Together;" the emblem is the flaming torch; the flower is the dogwood; the colors are green and white.

Some material contributions the Ceres S.C.A. has made to the school are the automatic bell, the United States flag in the auditorium, contribution to trophy case, the pictures of George Washington and Franklin D. Roosevelt in the auditorium, and the outside water fountain.

> The present officers are Wayne Unbarger, Vice-president, Martha Cassell, President, Judy Hancock, Executive Secretary, and Mrs. Anne Cassell, Faculty advisor.





THE BETA CLUB

The Beta Club is a non-profit, leadership--service organization for high school students. Its purpose is to stimulate effort, reward achievement and to encourage and assist its members to continue their education after high school. Qualifications are worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude.

The first Beta Club organized in Bland County was at the beginning of fall semester in 1938 at Ceres High School, just five years after the National Beta Club was founded. It also became a charter club in 1938.

The first Beta members were Bonnie Crabtree, Owen Wilson, Mary Davis, Mildred Perry, Wayne Brown, Hubert Burke, Marvin Crabtree, and Audrey Neel.

The Crees Beta Club has been awarded two Certificates of Merit because of meritorious service rendered in the organization of the Rocky Gap Beta Club in 1953 and the Bland Beta Club in 1958.

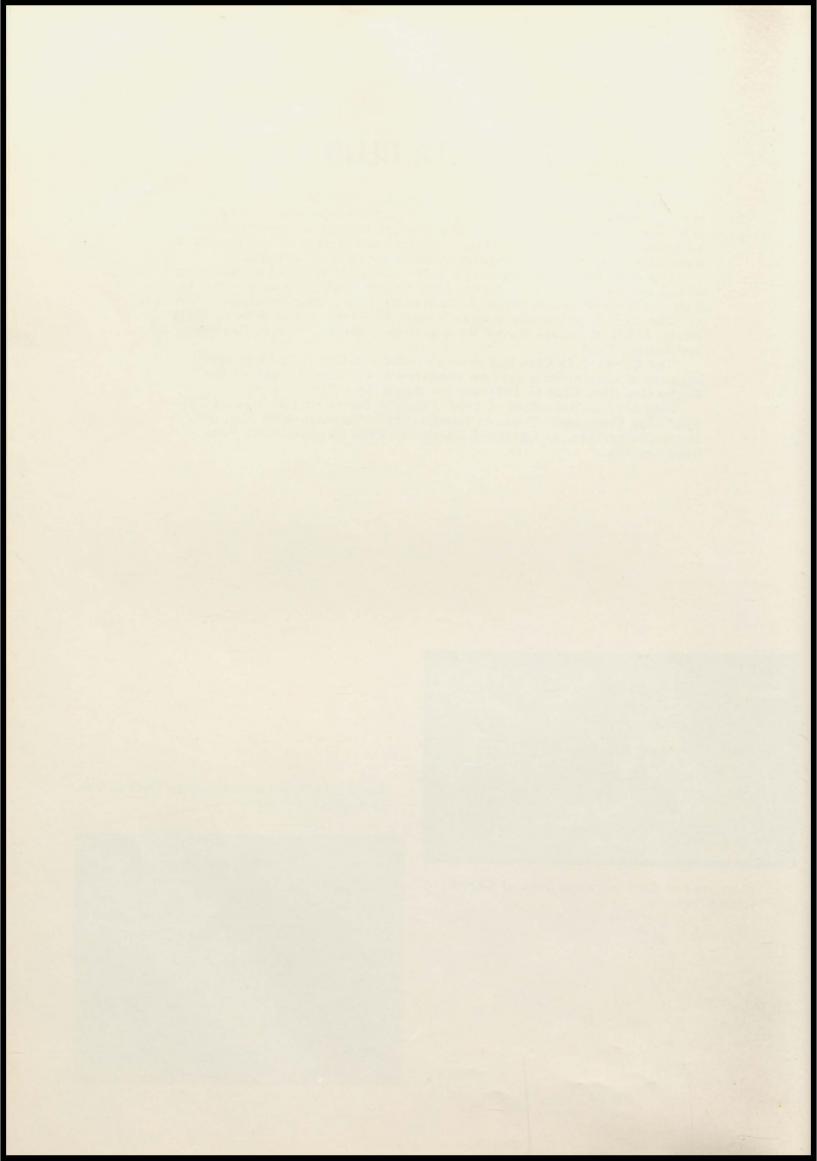
Members of Beta Club of 1960-1961 are Donna Houck, Martha Cassell, Joan Umbarger, Frances Harden, Doris Cassell, Judy Hancock, Jerry Groseclose, and Richard Lambert. Otho Cassell is the Beta Club advisor.



Members of the first Beta Club at Ceres High School.

Members of the present Beta Club at the initiation ceremony.





FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

In 1939 Miss Nancy Jones started the Homemaking Club at Ceres High School. This club was formed to give the girls a better understanding of homemaking. The first officers of the Homemaking Club were President, Mary L. Davis; Vice President, Katherine Harner; Secretary, Bernice Harner; Song leader, Floriene Harner; Reporter, Vida Neel. All girls in high school were members of the club.

The Future Homemakers of America was organized in June, 1945, and in 1946 Miss Ruth Crabtree organized the local club at Ceres.

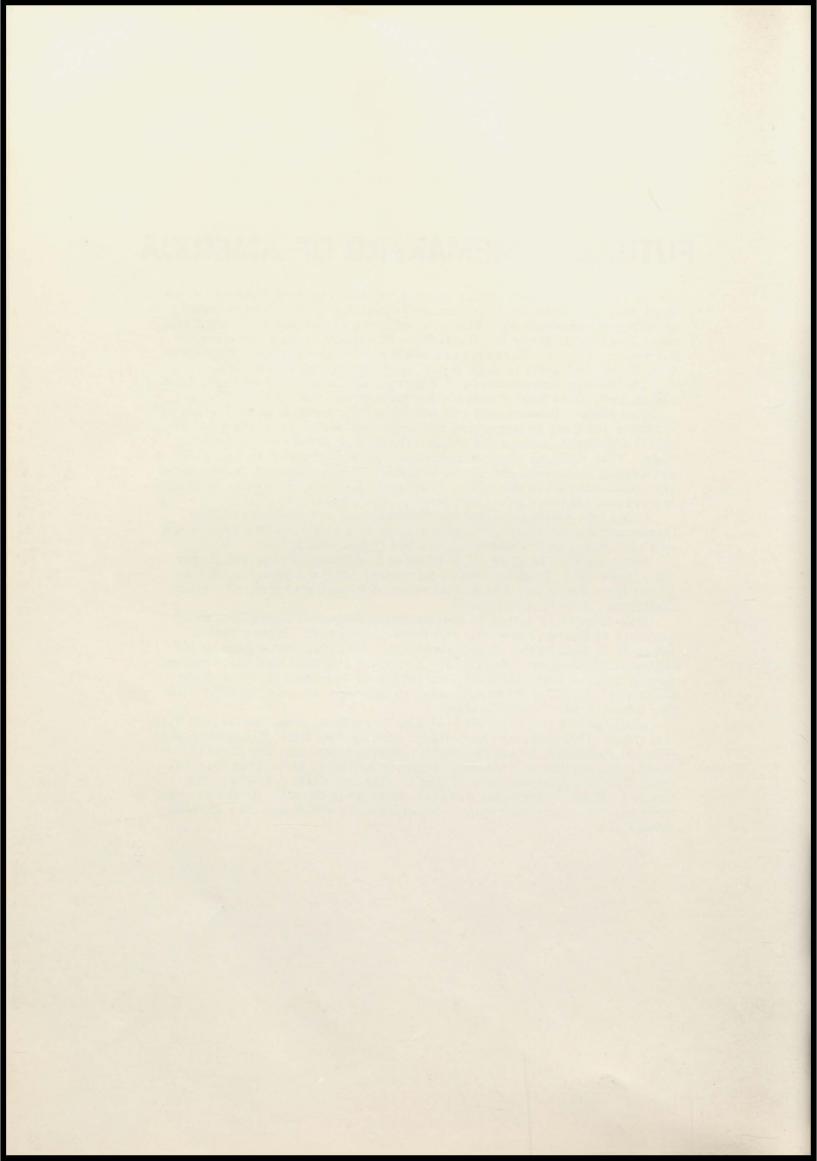
The Future Homemakers of America is a national organization of students studying homemaking in junior and senior high schools. It is an incorporated, non-profit organization, supported by membership dues. This national youth organization provides opportunities for developing individual and group initiative in planning and carrying out activities related to the home. The goal of F.H.A. members is to help individuals improve personal, family, and community living.

Our club, patterned after all national clubs, has "Toward New Horizons" as our motto; the club flower is a red rose; the colors are red and white; and "Guiding Us" is the F.H.A. song.

Officers for the year 1946-47 were President, Francis Catron; Vice President, Elizabeth Neel; Secretary, Annie Catherine Davis; Treasurer, Betty Joe Smith; Reporter, Evelyn Groseclose; Program Chairman, Alta Mae Winesett.

Our chapter is active in the Mountain Empire Federation, which consists of Bland, Tazewell, and Russell chapters. Every year a delegate is sent to the state convention. Two girls have gone to the National Convention. Peggy Jane Crabtree attended National Convention at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1948 with her advisor, Mrs. Ruth Crabtree. Dorothy Umberger went to Chicago, Illinois, in 1959 with her advisor, Mrs. Lois Crabtree.

Officers for the year 1960-61 are President, Joan Umbarger; Vice President, Donna Houck; Secretary, Martha Ann Hall; Treasurer, Ann Hubble; Reporter, Frances Harden; Parliamentarian, Sue Repass; Historian, Martha Sue Cassell; Chapter Advisor, Mrs. Lois O. Crabtree; District Advisor, Mrs. Eliza C. Gordon; State Advisor, Mrs. Helen C. Hopper; National Advisor, Miss Lois Oliver. At the present time the club's membership is twenty-three, which includes all high school girls.



Until 1958, when the new Home Economics Department was constructed, the club held its meetings in the main building in the room which served as a class room for students taking home economics. The members of the club are very fortunate and very proud to have the new department which provides ample space and better facilities for carrying on their work and projects.



F.H.A. Officer's of 1946-1947

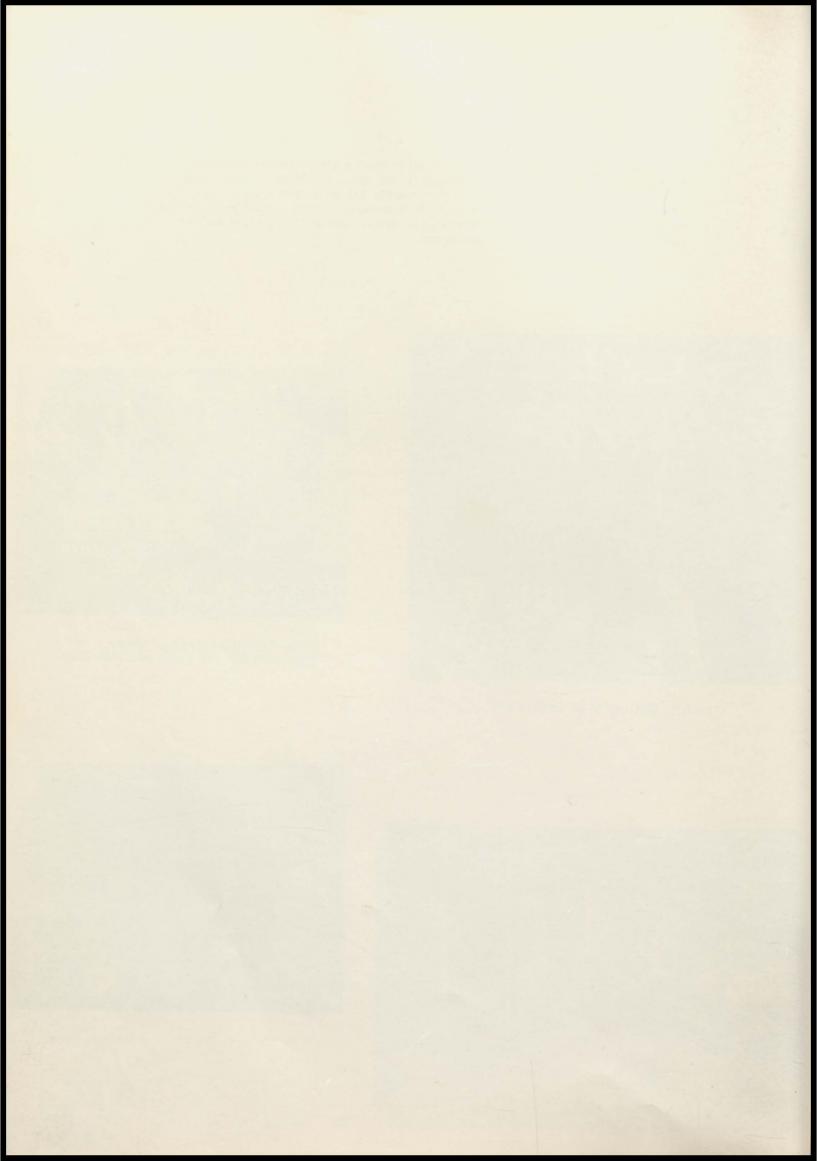


Mrs. Lois Crabtree, Advisor, and officer's for the year of 1960-1961.





"The Chipmunks" in centennial dress





FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

In 1939 the Ceres Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was organized. A new agriculture building had just been completed and Mr. J. E. Rutrough, who had been assigned as the agriculture instructor at Ceres, organized the club.

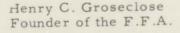
The primary aim of the F.F.A. is the development of agriculture leadership, cooperation and citizenship. The F.F.A. is an outgrowth of the F.F.V., Future Farmers of Virginia, formulated by Mr. Henry Groseclose and associates. The first National Convention was held in November of 1928, and since that time the growth of the F.F.A. has been rapid and steady.

Henry C. Groseclose, founder of the F.F.V. was born and reared in Ceres, where he received his secondary education. Later he attended Washington and Lee University and V.P.I.

Since 1939 six instructors have filled the position of agriculture instructor.

Several agriculture students have earned the Degree of State Farmer and two have risen to the Degree of American Farmer.

The F.F.A. Father and Son Banquet is a tradition with the local chapter. Each year there seems to be increasing interest in vocational agriculture.



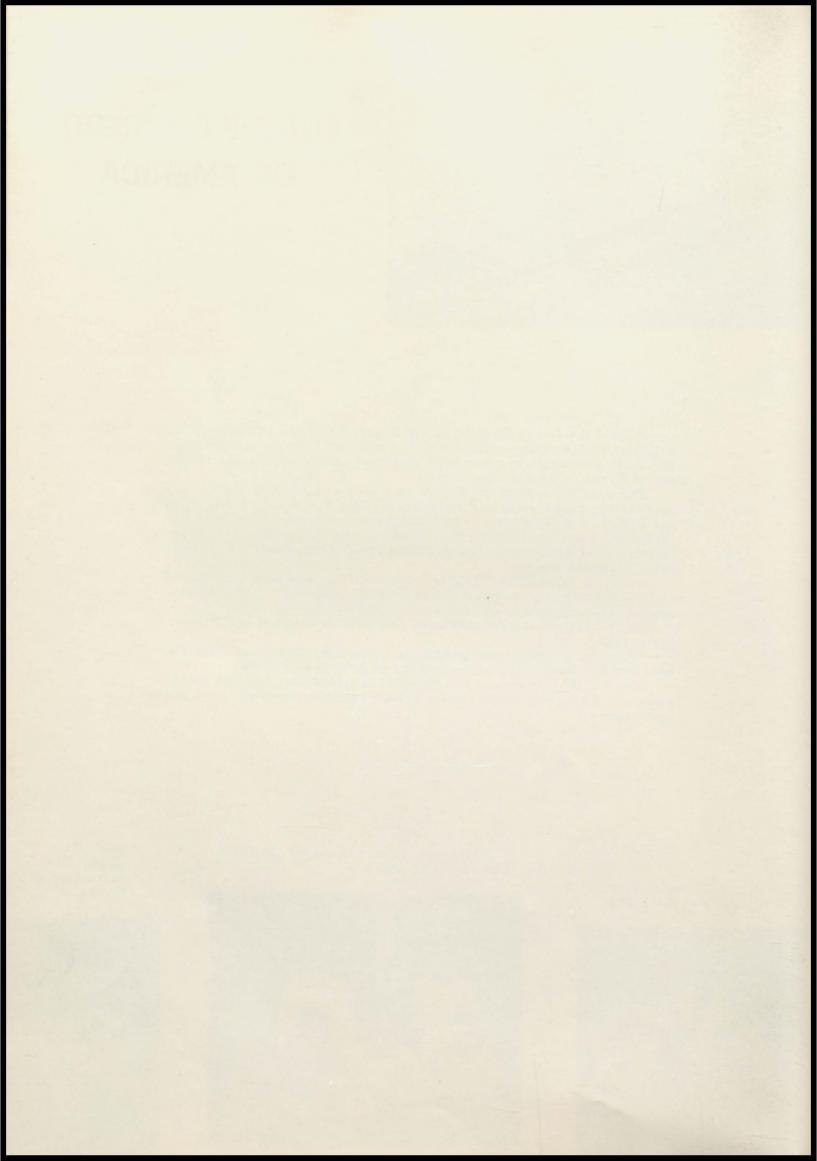


S. B. Harvey, seated in center, F.F.A. Advisor, with officers.



J. E. Rutrough, first instructor at Ceres.





BASKETBALL



1959 Southwest Regional Champions

Basketball has been a favorite sport at Ceres High School ever since the school was founded, but the Ceres teams did not join the Virginia League until 1940. That same year Ceres team played for the first time in the district tournament at Blacksburg, Virginia.

There have been many outstanding teams, both boys' and girls', but not until 1959 did a Ceres team win the Southwest Regional Championship which entitled them to enter the state tournament at Lexington, Virginia where they were defeated.

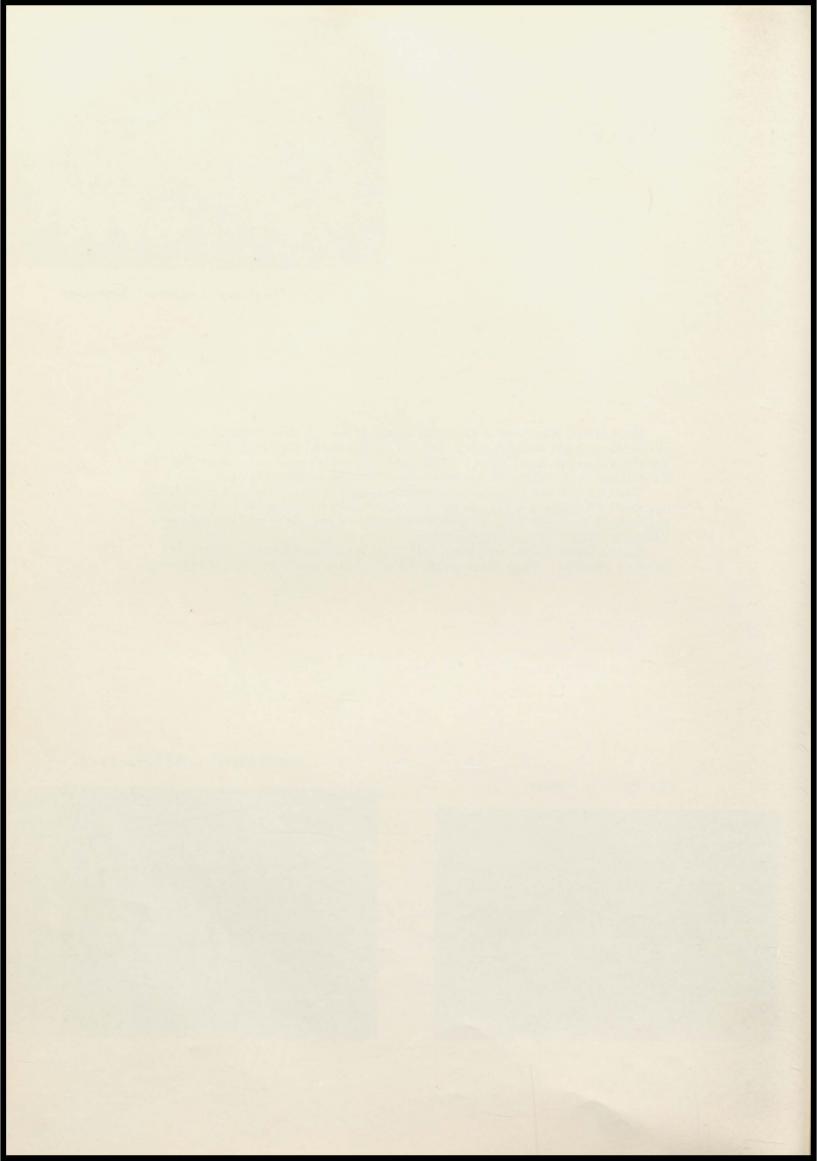
Ceres boys' team ended the 1959-60 basketball season with a record of 18 wins. They were runners-up in the District "S" tournament.

1961 Team in huddle



1960 District "S" Runners-up





BAND



The first Ceres Band organized in 1938, consisted of all grades, except the seventh grade. The grades worked hard during the fall, bought instruments and obtained costumes designed by Mrs. Helen Groseclose. This band was under the direction of Miss N. Hudson.

A royal Beta Band Choral Club was organized by high school members in 1939.

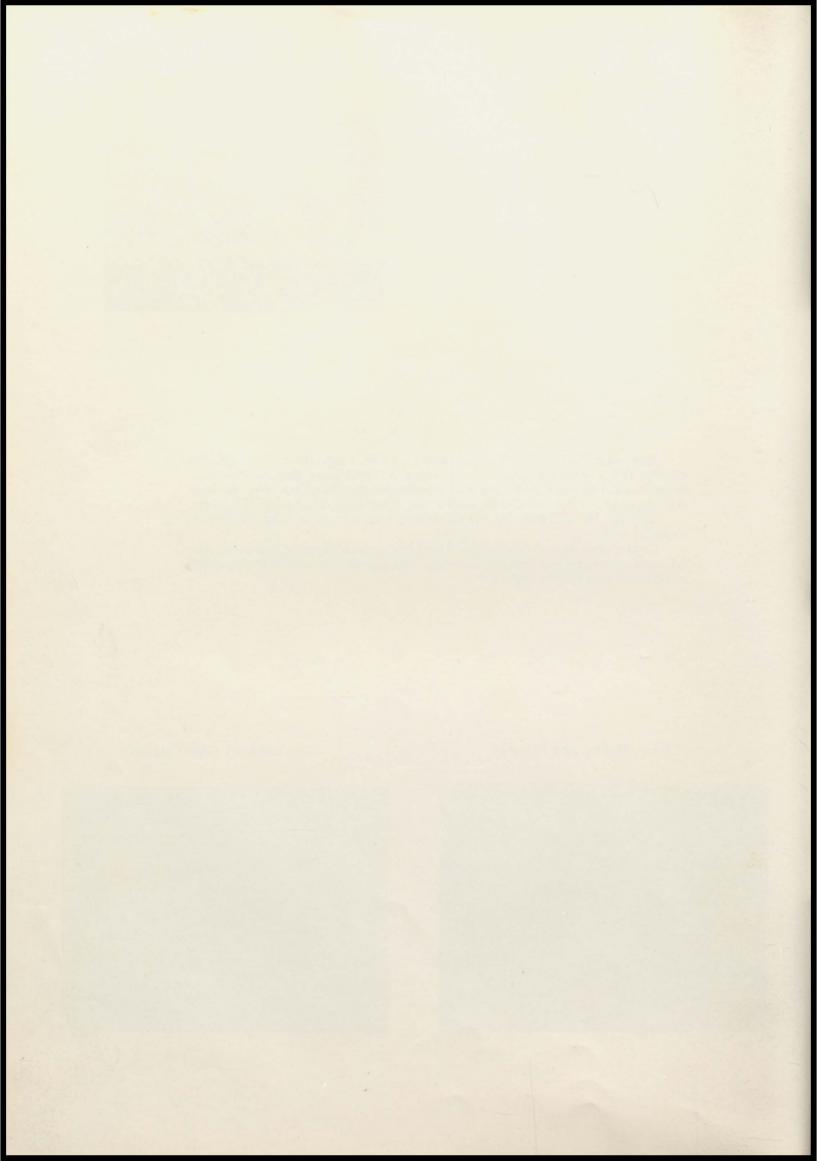
Ceres now has a "Combo" This consists of Lanny Lindamood, Allen Umbarger and Bobby Brown. They provide music for school activities and public dances.

Lanny, Bobby and Allen



The 1960-61 Cheerleaders







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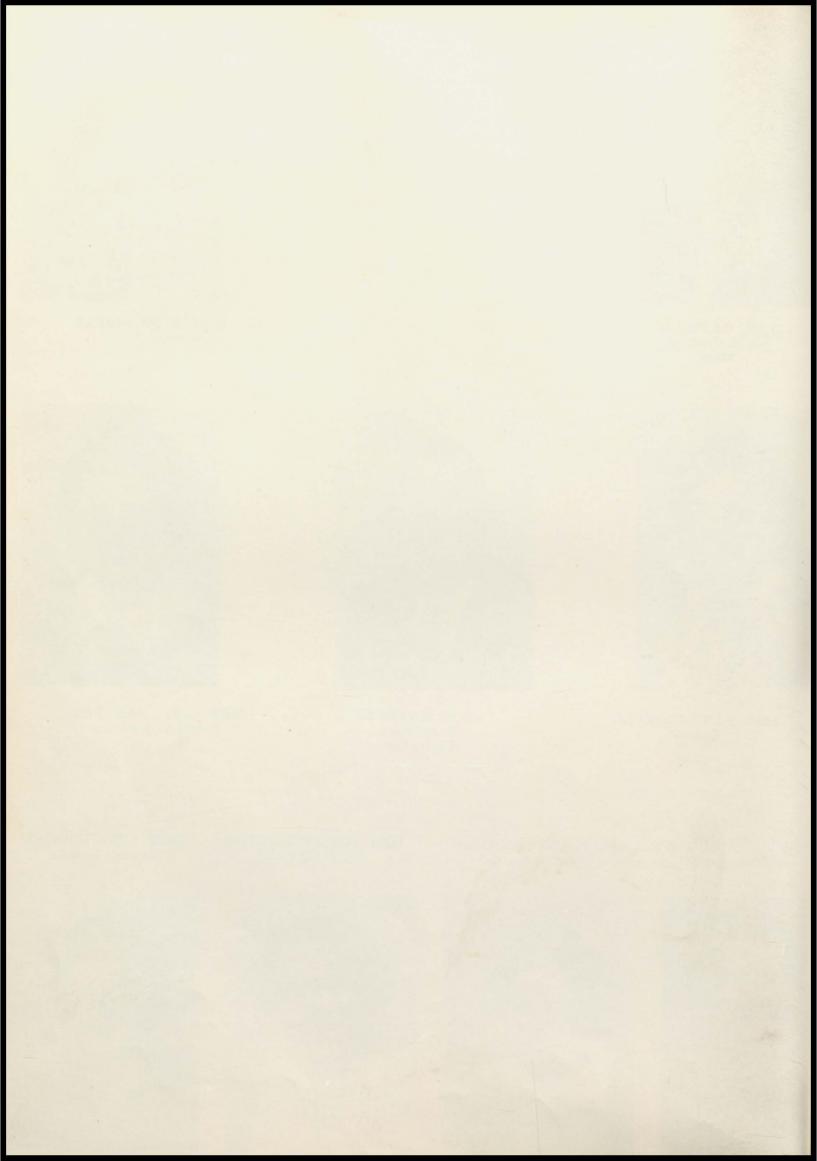
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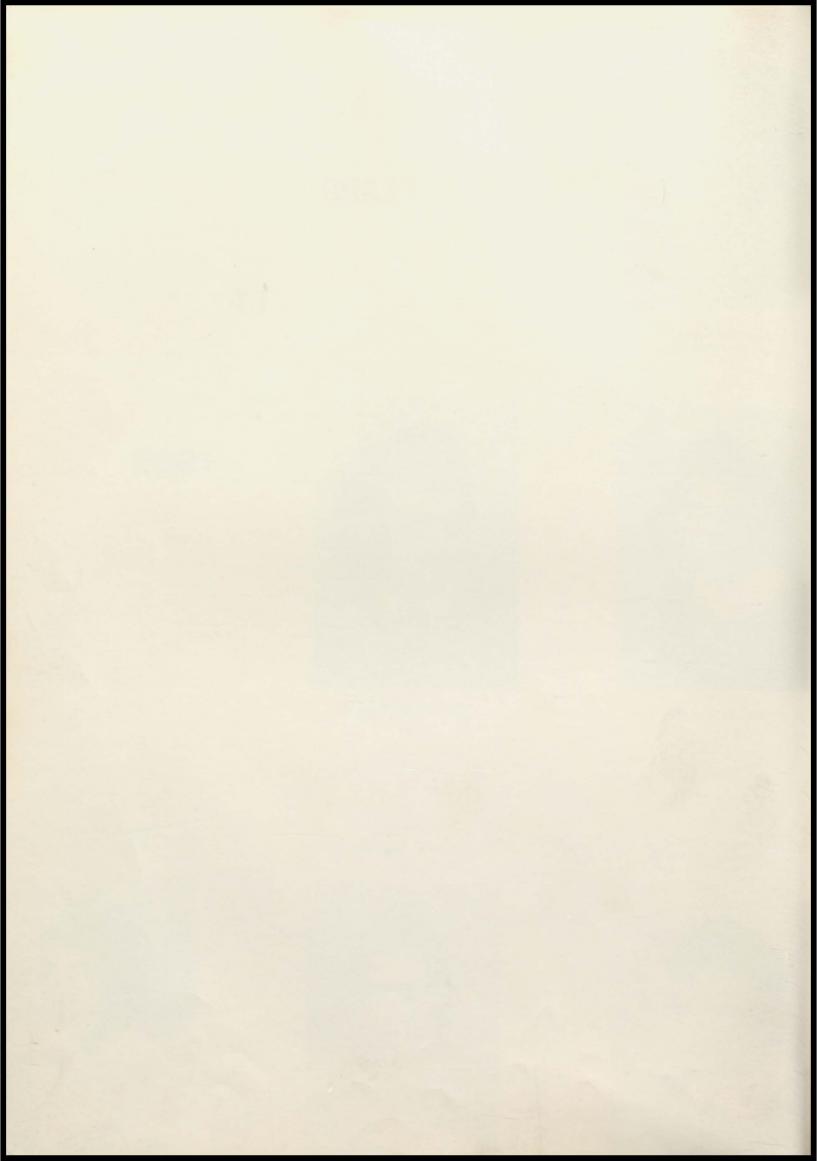


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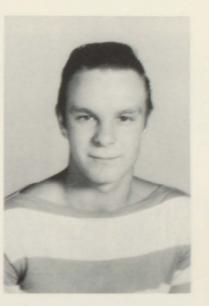


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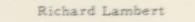


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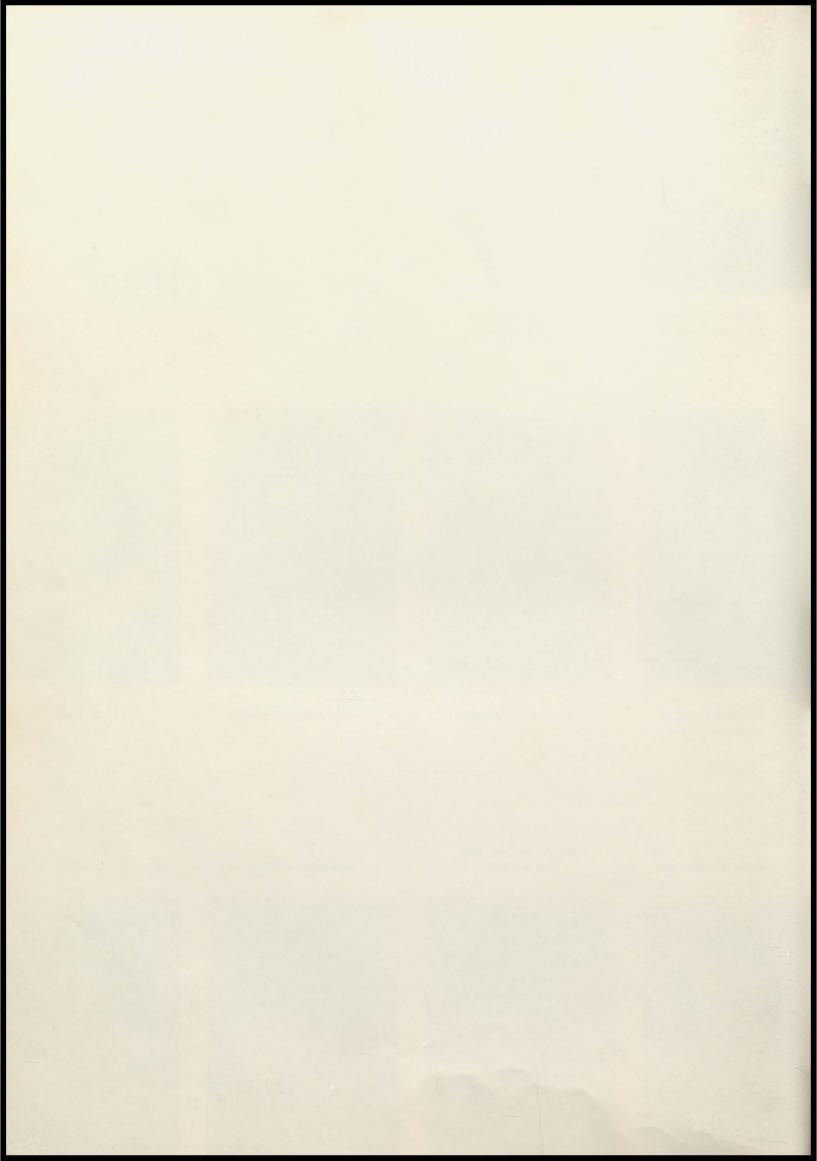
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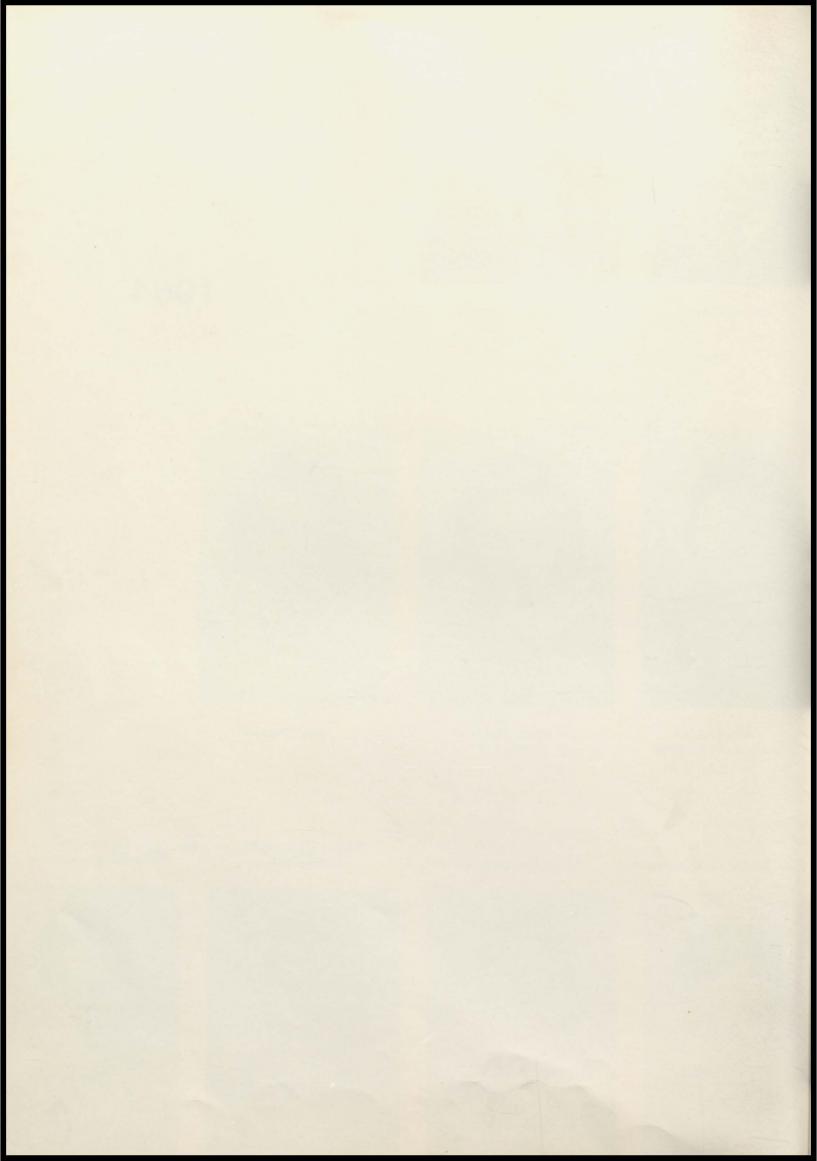


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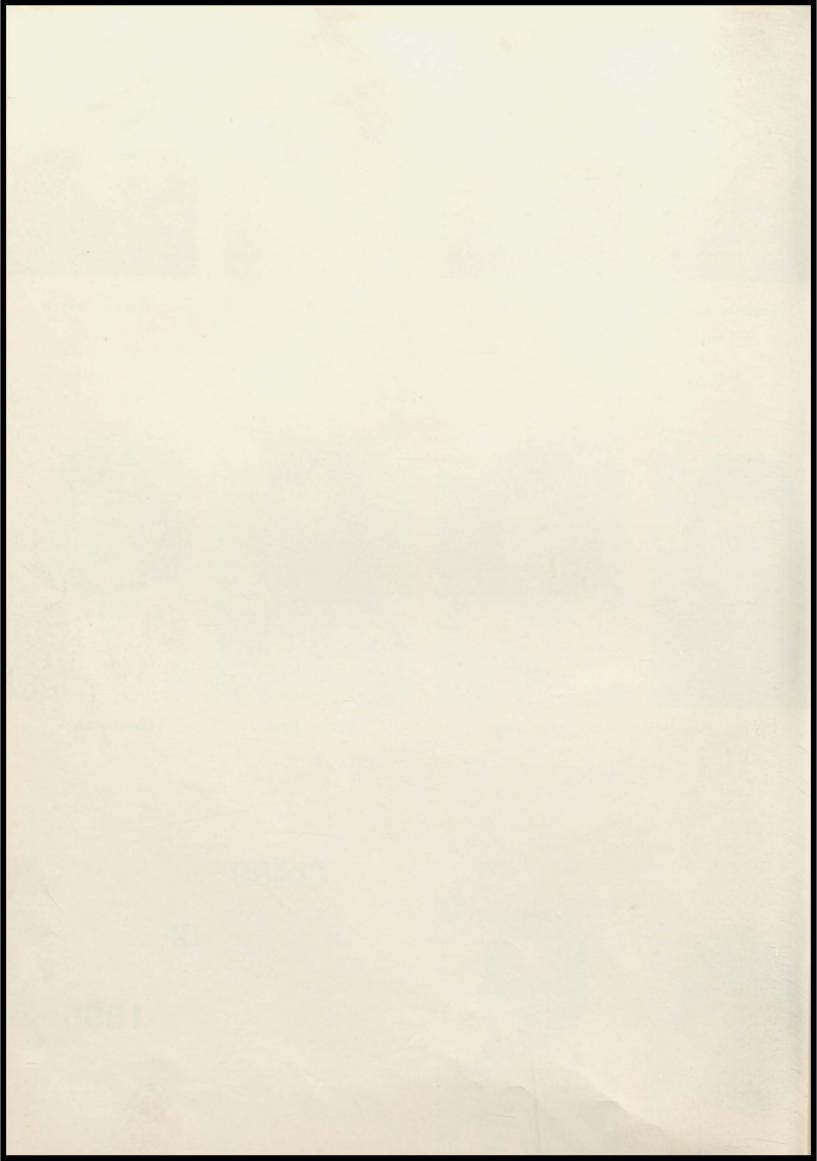
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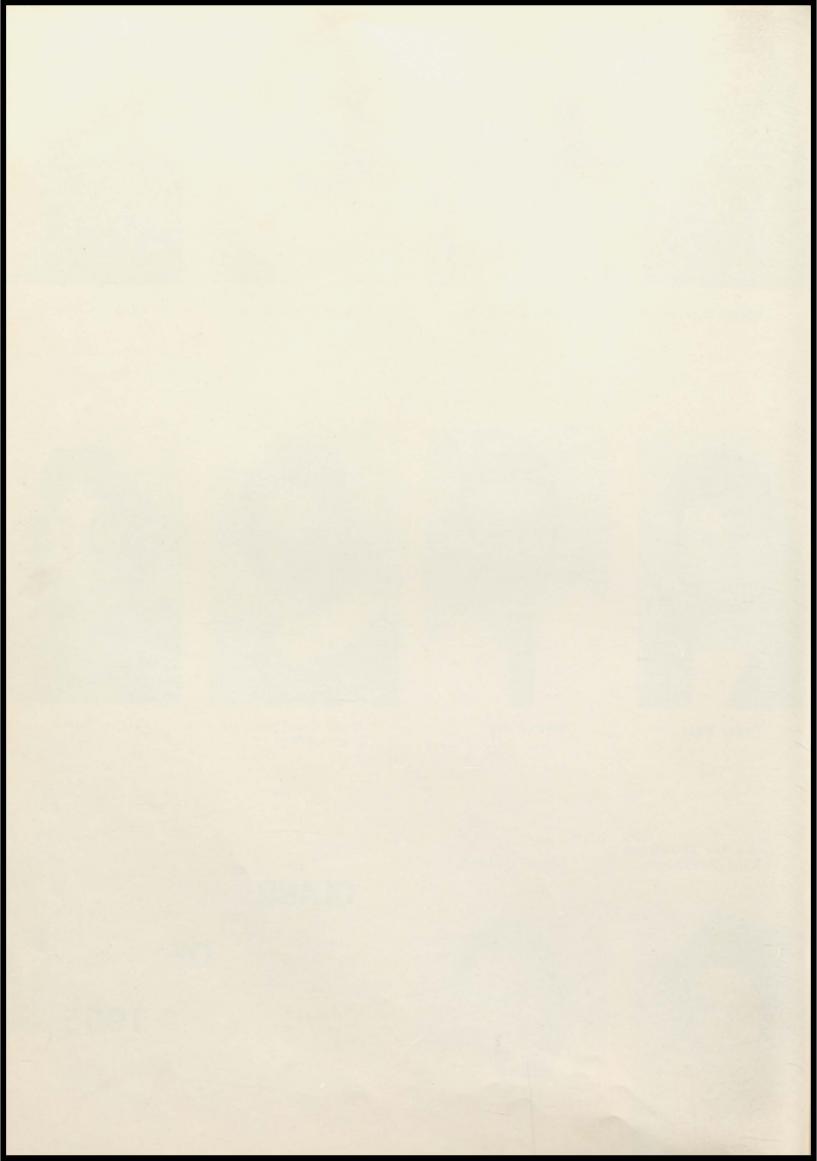
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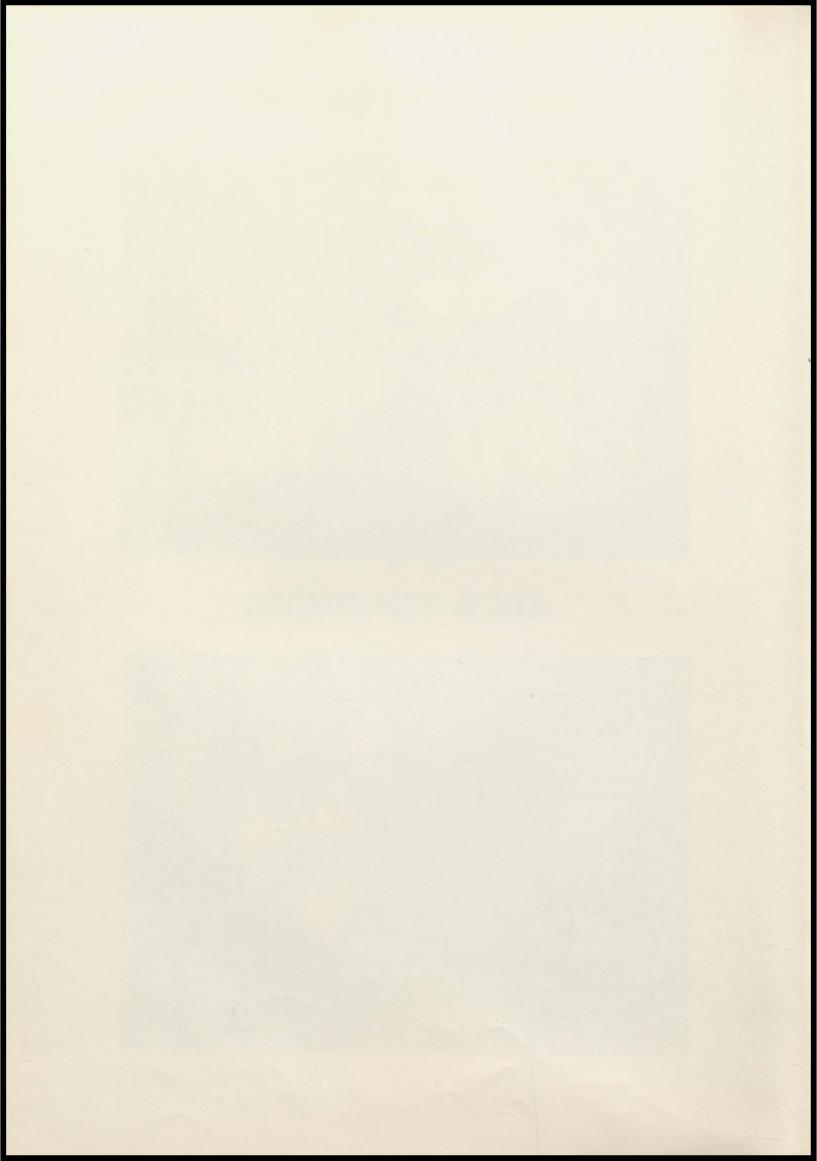


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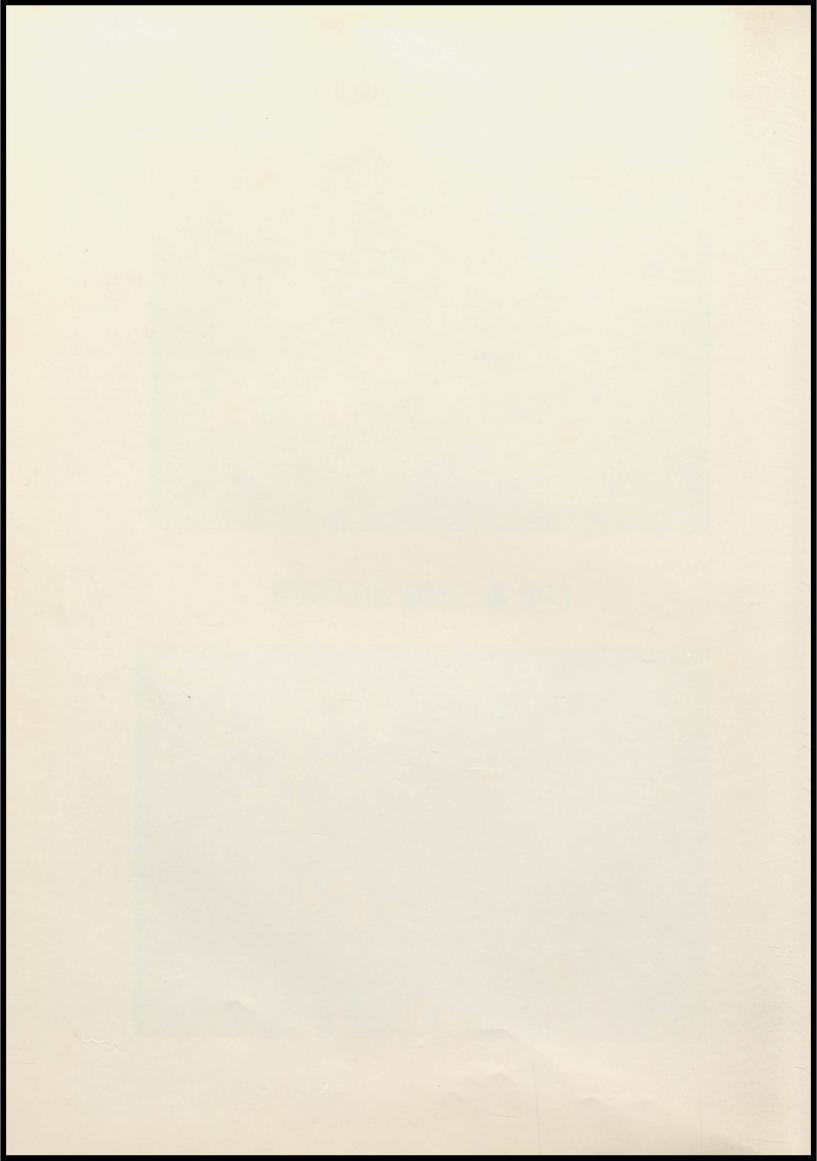


2ND & 3RD GRADES



1ST & 2ND GRADES





Valentine Program At Ceres High A Big Success



On Tuesday night, February 14 the S. C. A. and F. H. A. of Ceres High School sponsored a Valentine Program.

The feature attraction was the crowning of the Valentine Sweetheart and the Valentine Princess. Joan Umbarger, mistress of ceremonies, presented the rhinestone tiara to each of the escorts, who respectively placed the tiana on the head of the Sweetheart and Princess. Tillie Tilson, the Valentine Sweetheart, was escorted by Woodson Umbarger, and Ann Brown, the Printess, was escorted by Larry Perky.

by Larry Perky. Other girls narticipating in the Valentine Sweetheart and Princess contest were Mary Sue Scott, Sue Repass, Ann Hubble, Martha Hall, Frances Harden, Wanda Fields, Donna Houck, Linda Harden, Gay Dale, and Faye Foglesong.

In the "Miss Elementary"" beauty pageant Gay Dale was first place winner, Judy Hall and Sharon Cox were runners-up.

Martha Hall won the title of "Miss Ceres High School" and runners-up were Frances Harden and Mary.Sue Scott.

Fun and laughter were added to the program when a boys' beauty pageant was presented. The boys were dressed as girls, and Ronnie Neel, dressed as a, party girl was the winner of this hilarious contest.

Pianist of the evaning events was Judith Hancock.

The Judges of the beauty contest were Mrs. E. E. Sharnon, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Morehead.

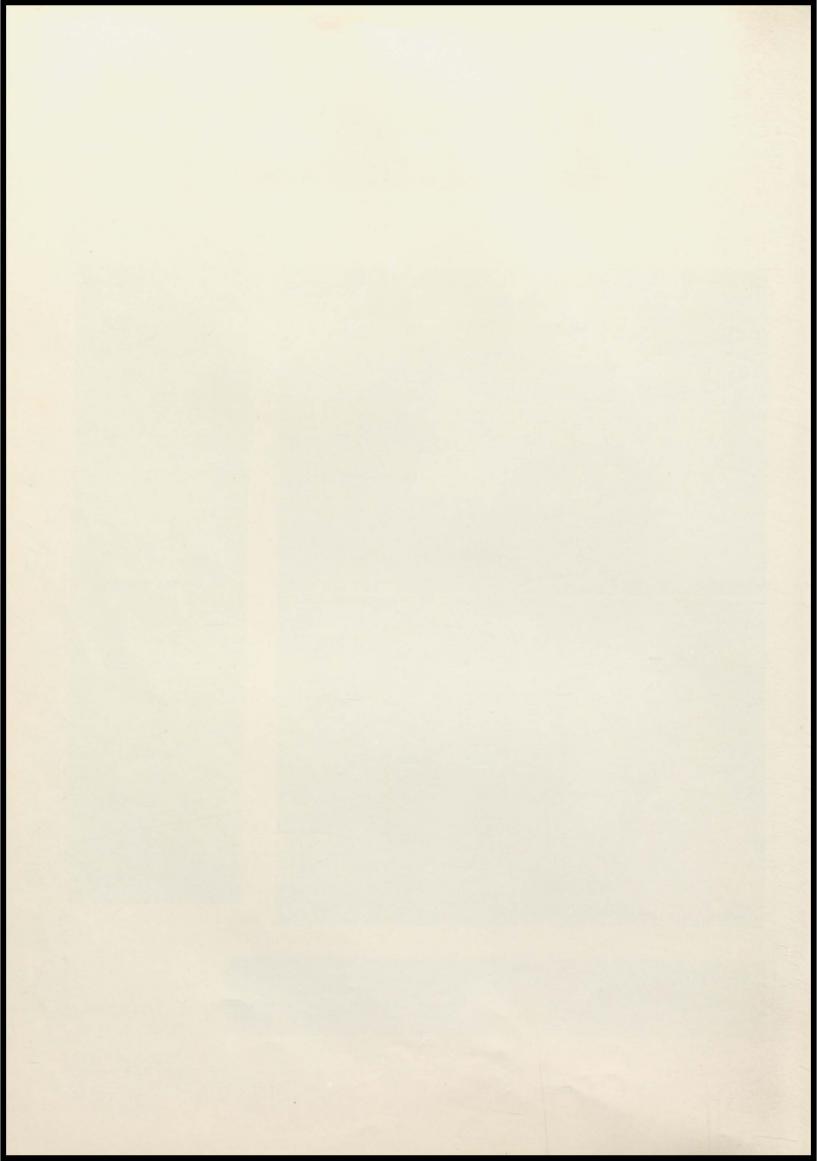
Bouquets for the winners of the girls' beauty pageant and boutomnicres for the escorts were donated by Coulter's Florists of Wytheville.

UPPER RIGHT PHOTO, VALENTINE SWEETHEART, Tillie Tilson with Woodson Umbarger (escort). UPPER LEFT PHOTO, VALENTINE PRINCESS, Ann Brown with Pat Han-

cock (escort).

LOWER RIGHT PHOTO, MISS CERES HIGH, Martha Hall and Allen Umbarger (escort).

LOWER LEFT PHOTO, MISS CERES ELEMENTARY, Gay Dale with Pat Hancock (escort).







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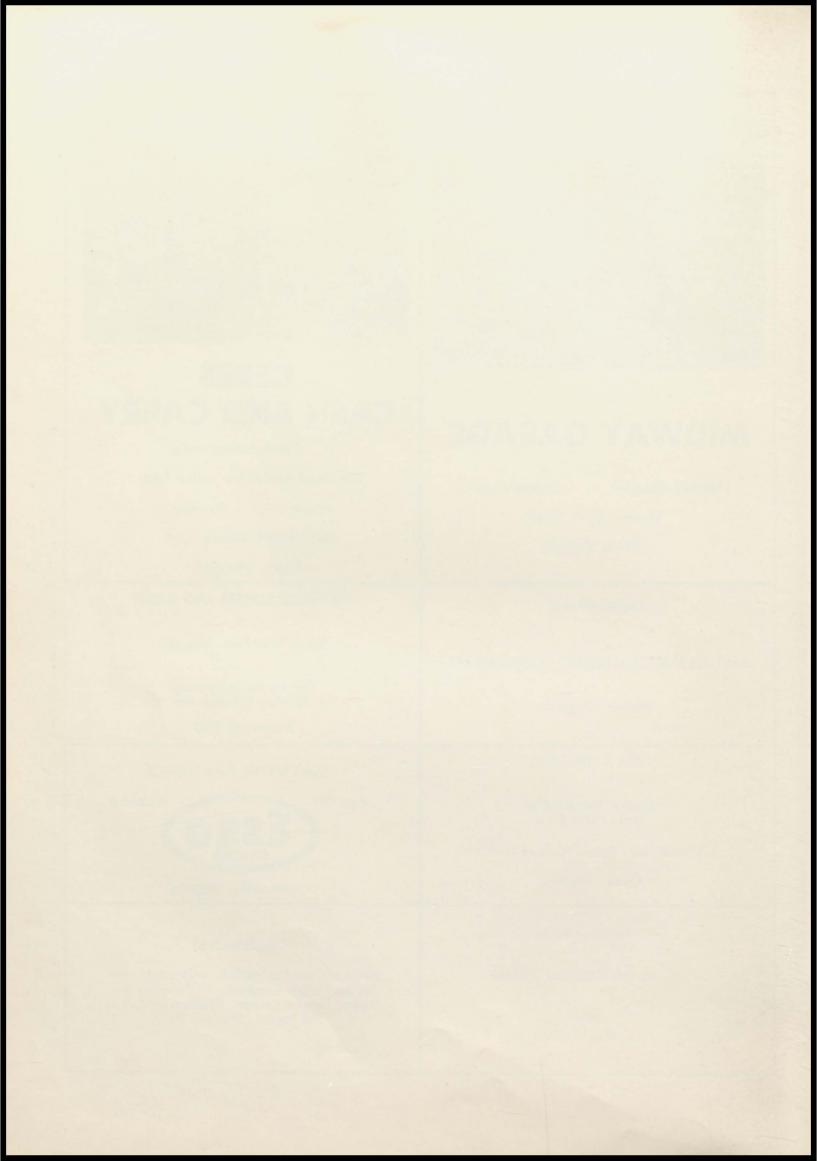
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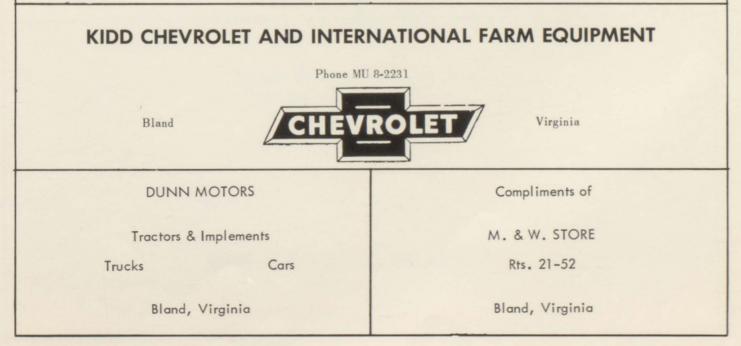
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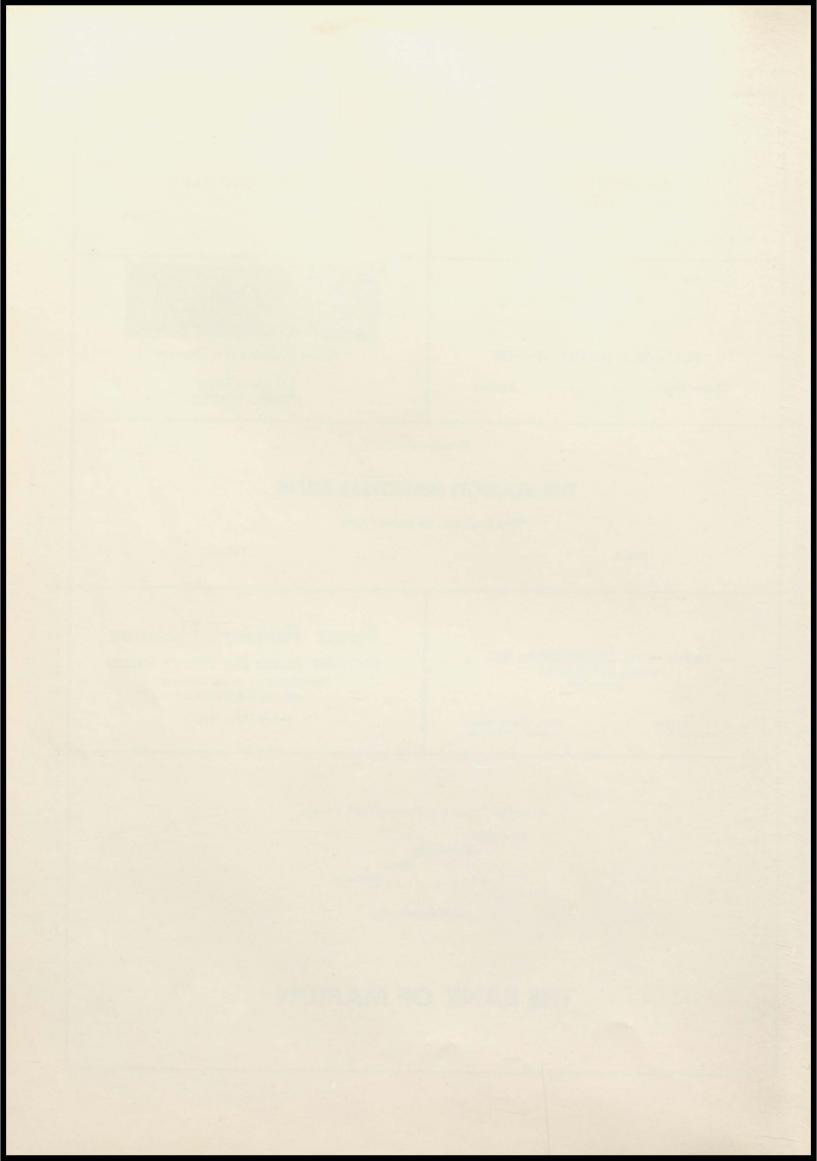
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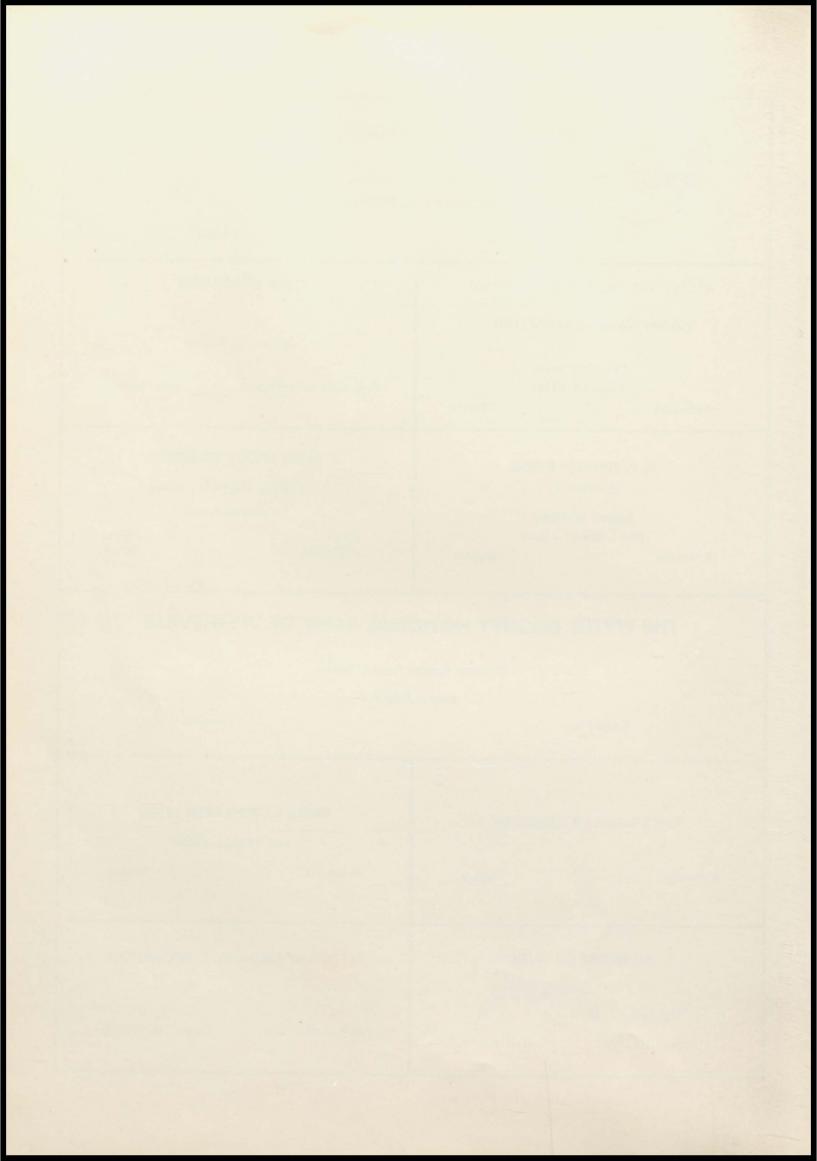
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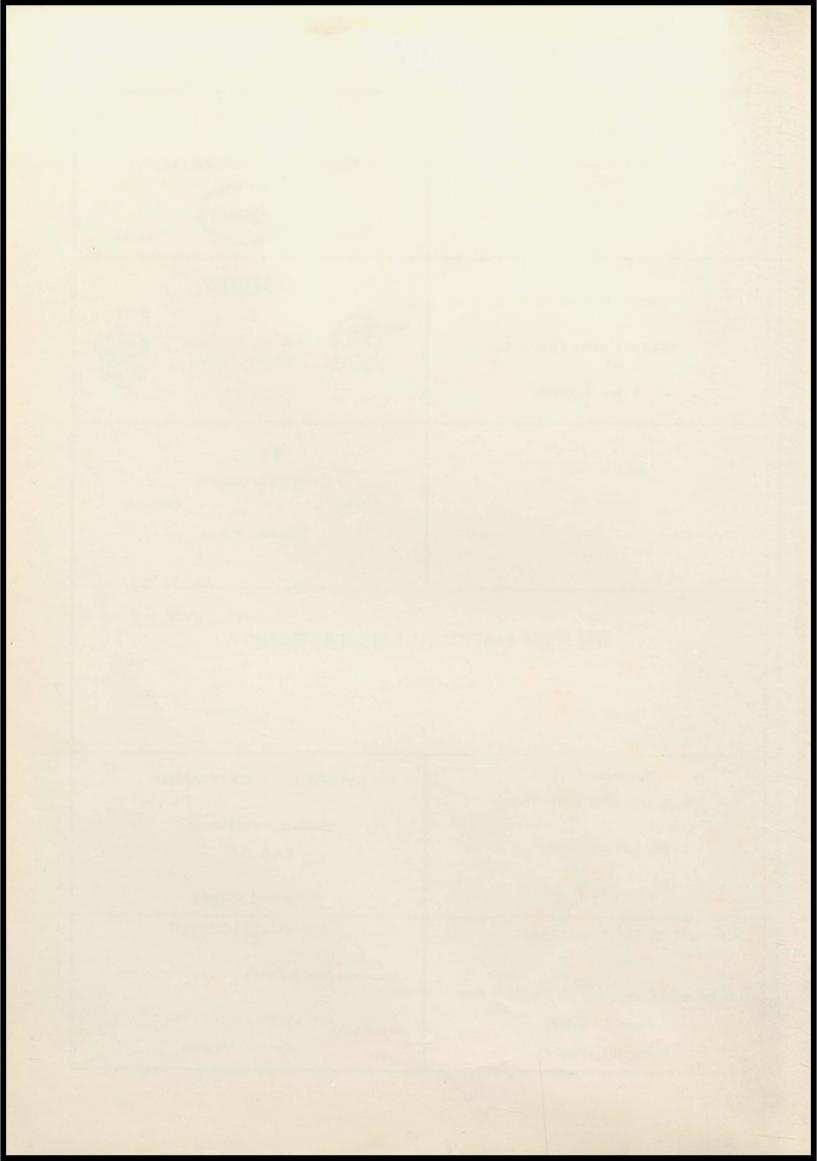
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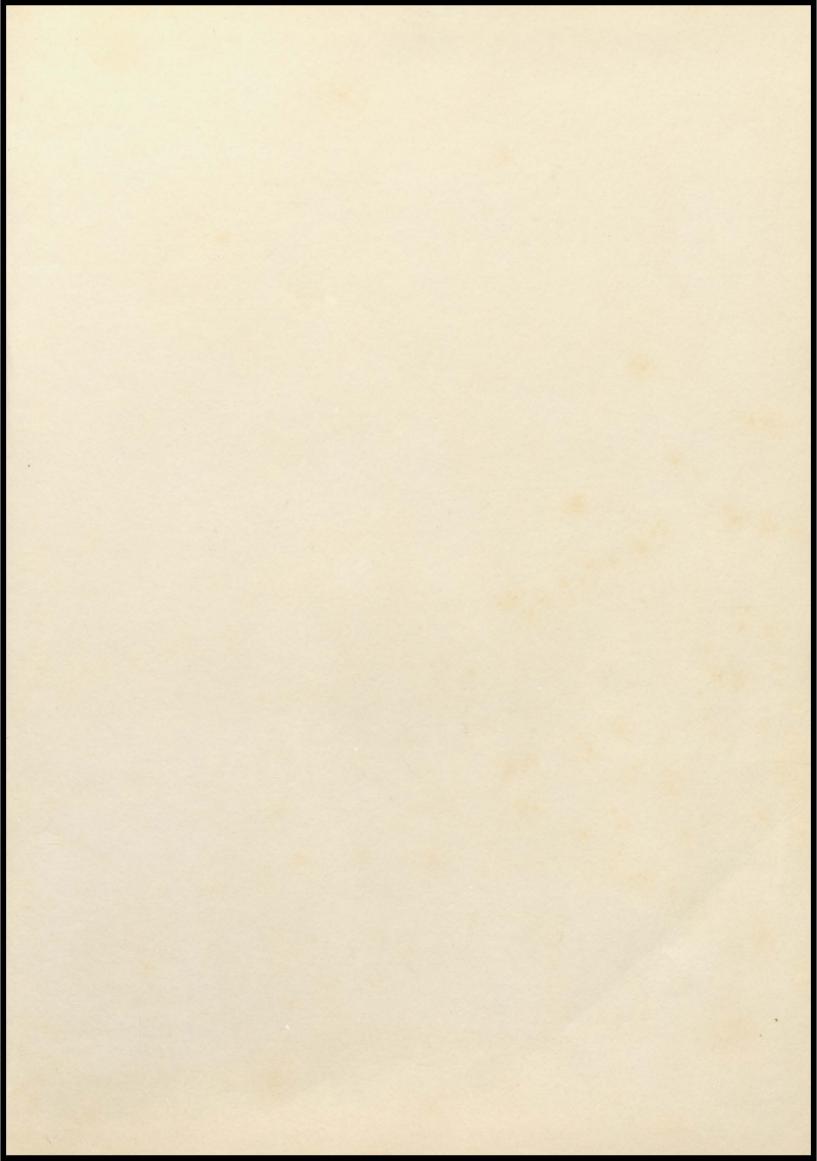


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