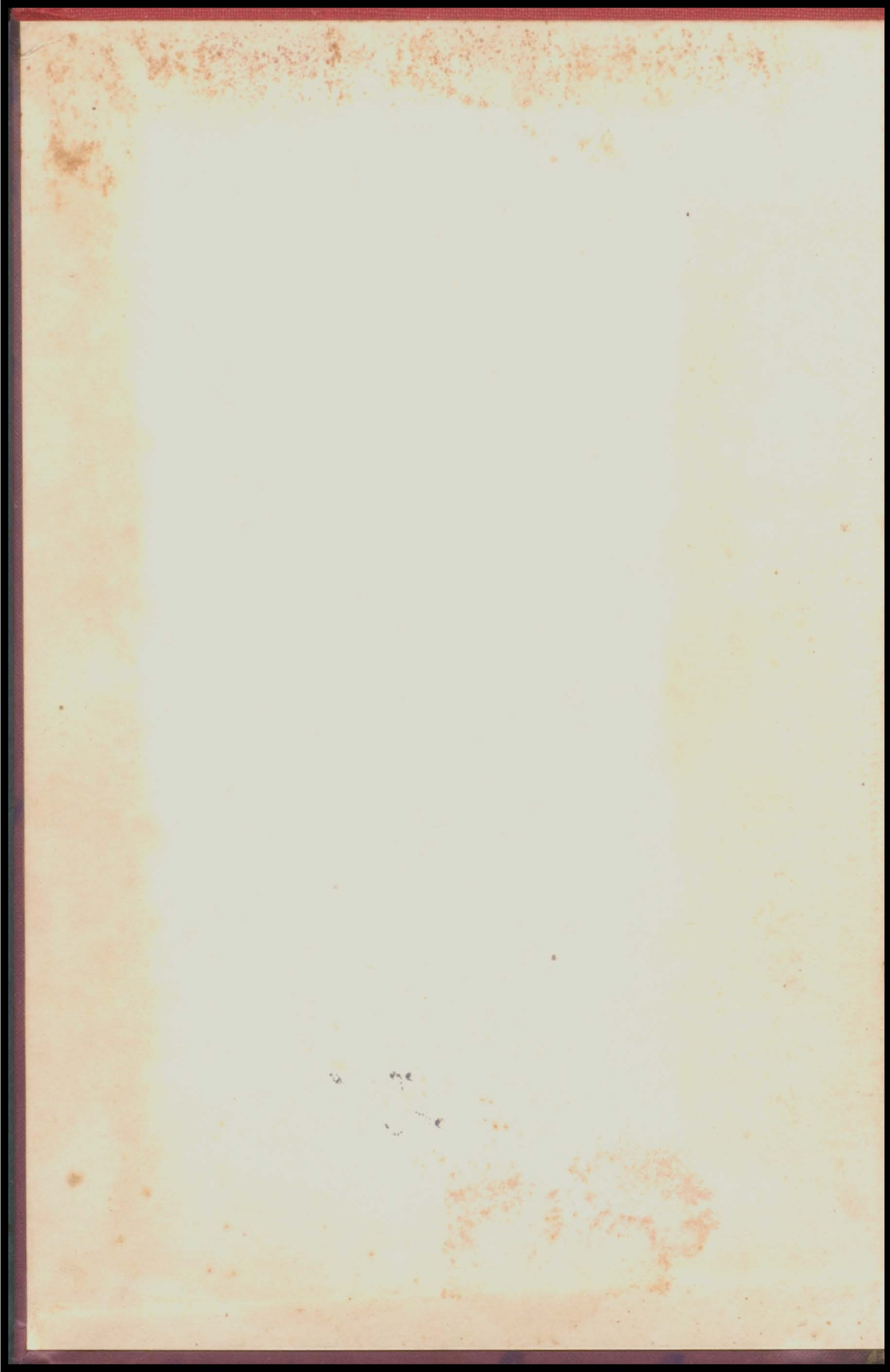
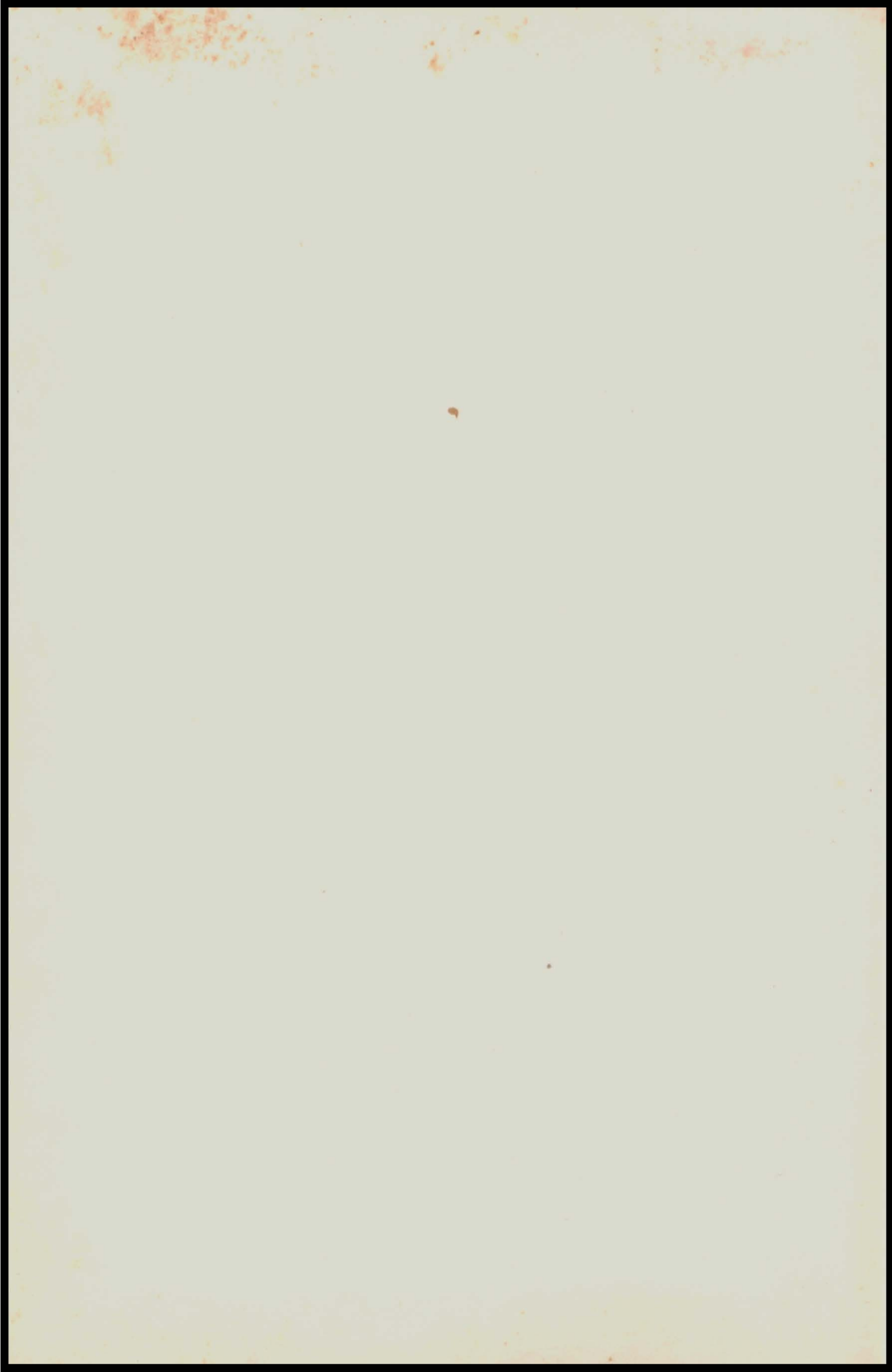
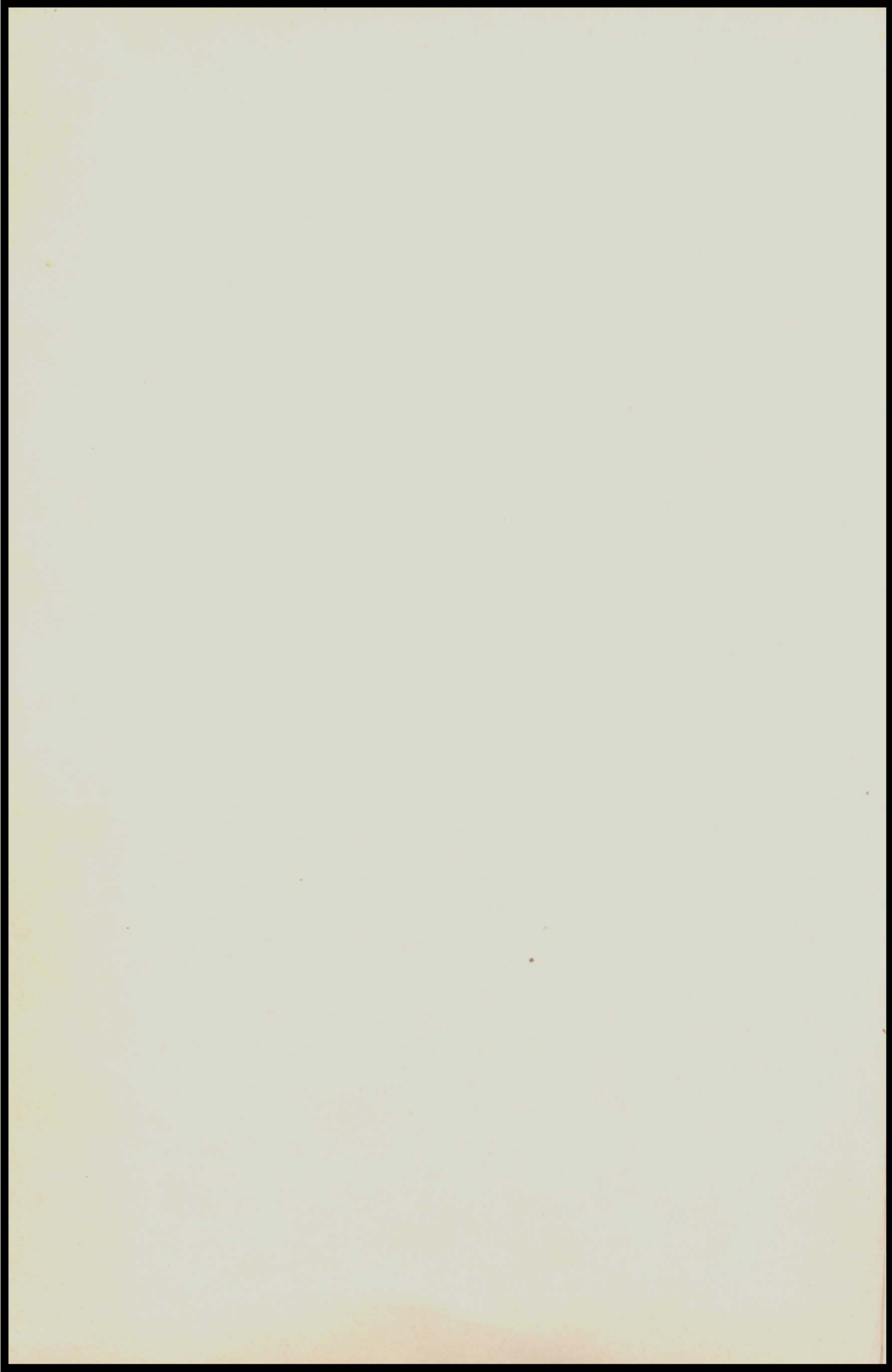


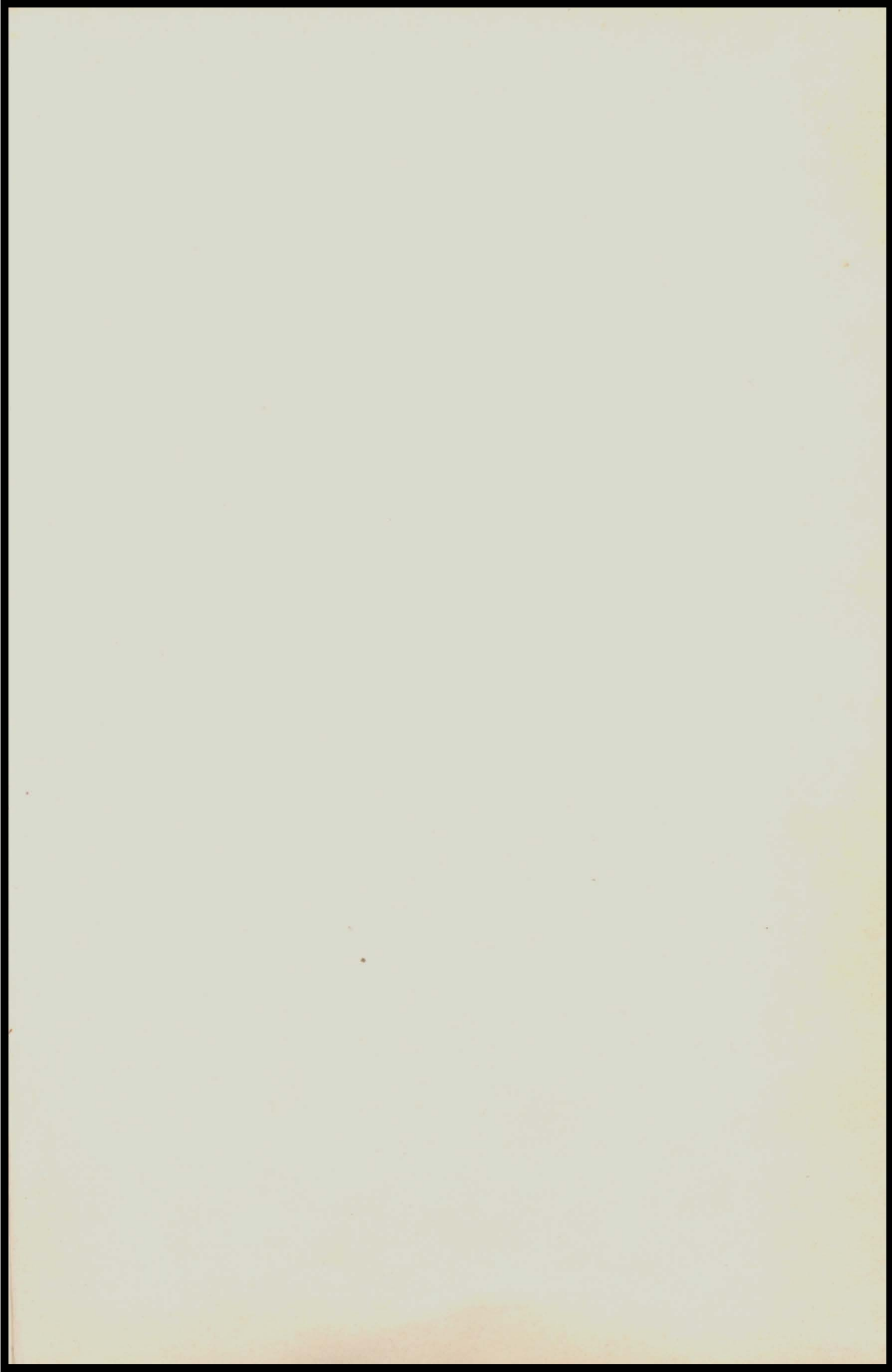
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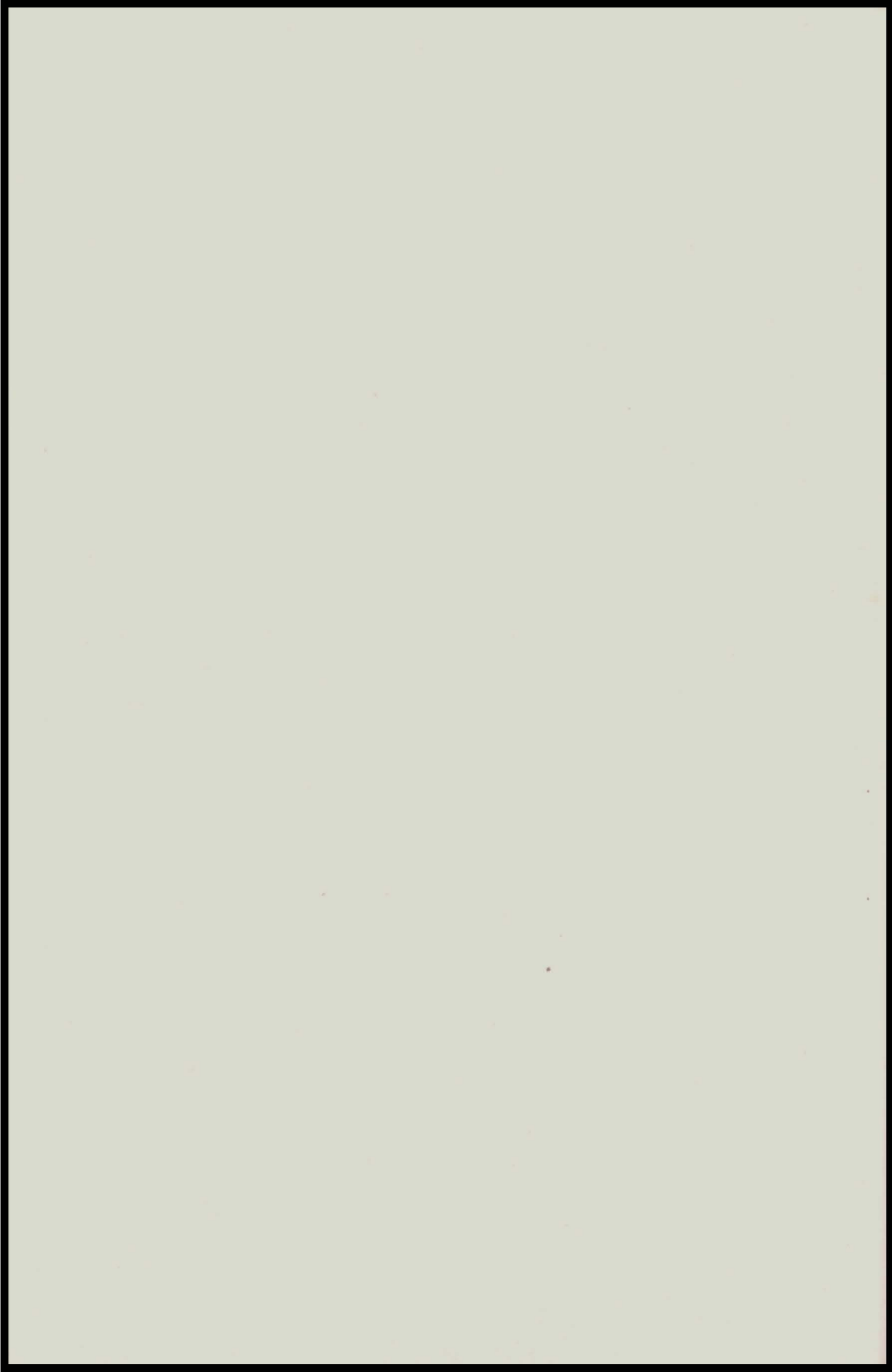
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Dedication



Jerry Loftus

To Terry — who for four years has served Hoosac capably and faithfully, who has seen it undergo a great change, who has been part of that change and has helped Hoosac become a better school, who represents for us an ideal in leadership, integrity of character, conscientious scholastic attitude, and good sportsmanship, — we of The OWL Board dedicate this book. May his spirit be forever a part of Hoosac.



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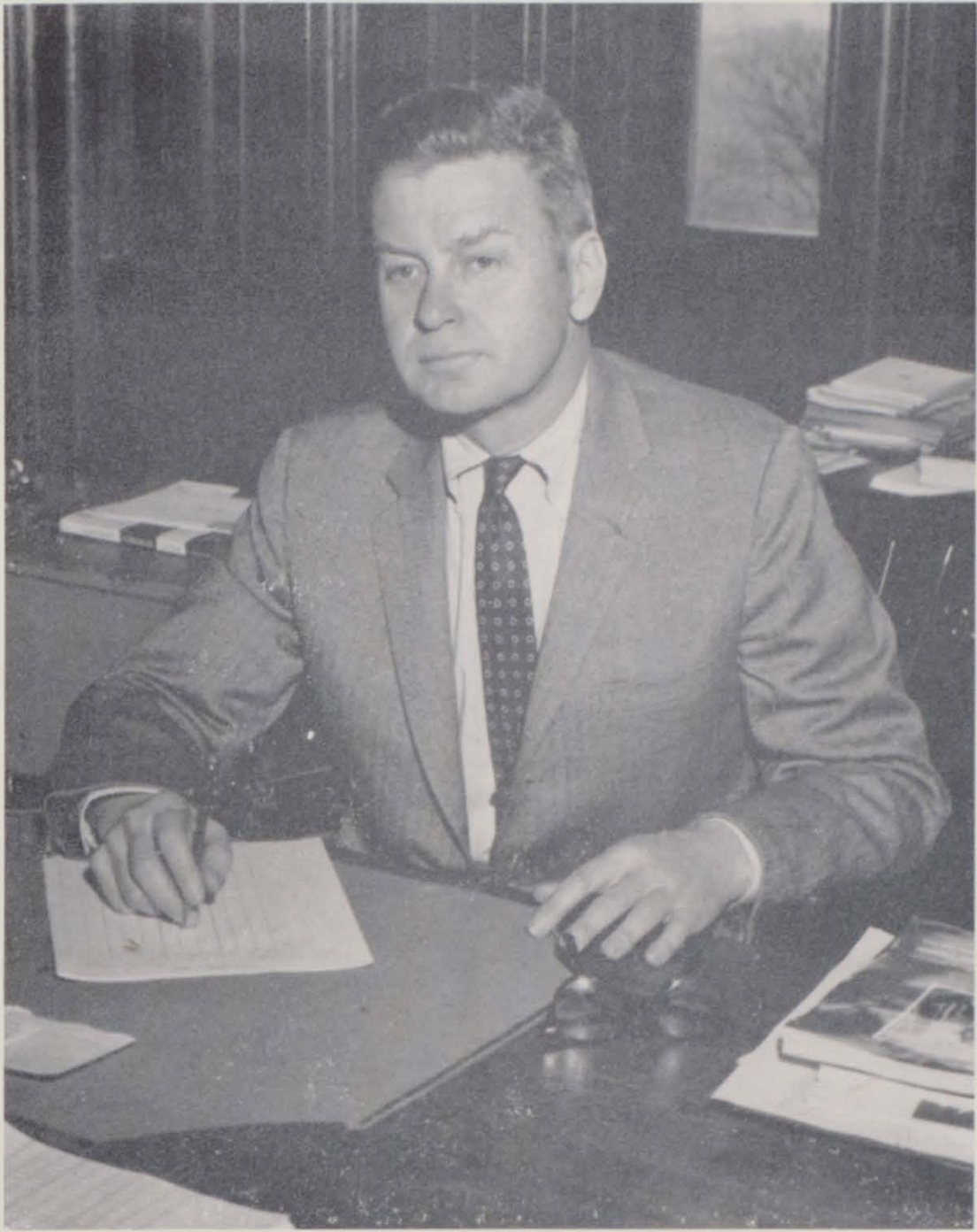
Headmaster's Message

The eight boys of the Sixth Form who are to be graduated this spring have helped in innumerable ways to write the history of Hoosac of tomorrow. On the occasion of any change from the normal routine some ties with the past have to be maintained, and some new ideas must be introduced. The Sixth Form has contributed to the smooth transition which we have experienced in the past months. Perhaps we have not chosen the best from the past, but we have tried to keep Hoosac as it has been in the hearts and minds of her loyal alumni. In making our contributions to the new Hoosac, together we have enjoyed the fun and pleasure of evening coffee hours, and the sober realization that our decisions would help succeeding Sixth Formers to do their job better.

Mrs. Cooley and I will never forget the part you boys have played in shaping our first year at Hoosac. We wish for each of you the fulfillment of every dream you may have as you leave this place and take up your responsibilities wherever you may be.

Roger G. Cooley.

The Headmaster



Dr. Roger Cooley

Our Headmaster — without whose firm backing and leadership this book would not have been possible. He has undertaken a great project — perhaps for a lifetime — and we who are privileged to enjoy the first fruits of his successful efforts, who are proud to count ourselves among those who knew him when he first came to Hoosac, to him we of the Sixth Form, Hoosac's Class of 1958, extend our sincere appreciation and best wishes for the future.



THE FACULTY—Seated: Canon Williams, Chaplain, Dr. Cooley, Headmaster, Mr. Wood, Director of Admissions. Standing: Left to right, Mr. Dingman, Mr. Giammattei Mr. Gilman, Coach Dickie.

The Faculty

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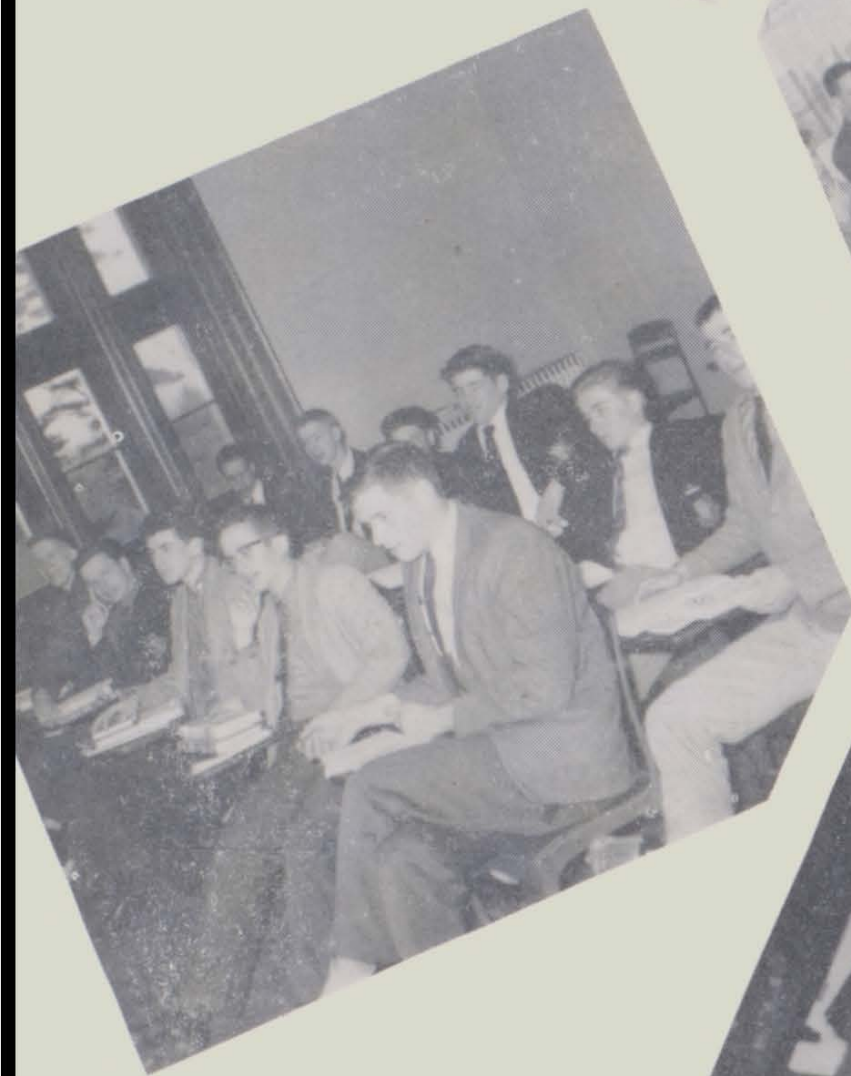
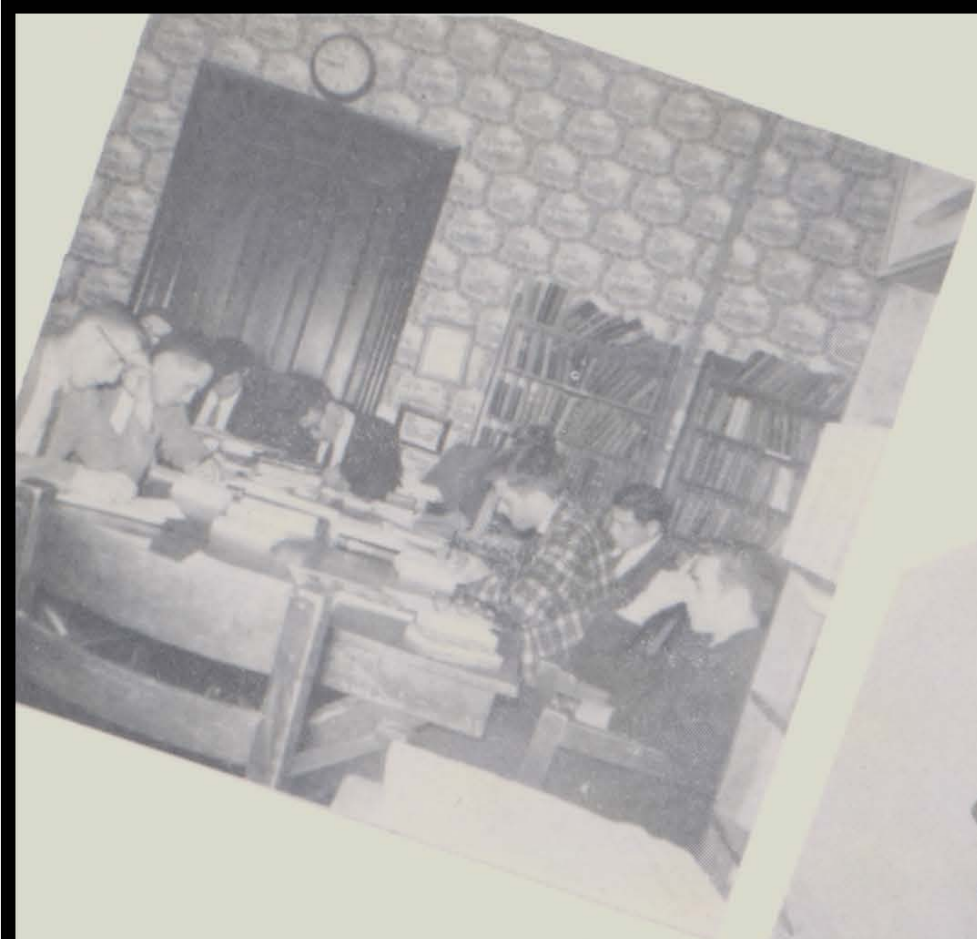


The Faculty

As Mr. Wood said, "I teach the best Biology course at Hoosac." Mr. Giammattei? Well, he's leaving Hoosac. It was too big for him. He couldn't handle it. Mr. Dingman? He's playing his second inning next year. Mr. Gilman? He's in solid, man, really solid! As for Mr. MacCracken, he hopes to have William fluent enough in French to take over half his courses. Just keeping it in the family. Canon Williams is hoping for third formers more enthusiastically interested in the dative and ablative absolute of *amo*, *amas*, *amat*. Coach Dickie is wondering how he can continue to have winning teams with our best athletes graduating, and Dr. Cooley is just wondering.

Seriously, though, we all owe a sincere and hearty vote of thanks to these eight men, without whom we would be as nothing. It takes both students and faculty to make a school, and while neither group may be unaminously satisfied with any one member of the other, we cannot fail to recognize all that they have done for us, and the many times they have gone out out of their way to do us favors.

Trustees, Alumni, and Parents; we, the student body of Hoosac School, present to you our faculty!



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The Staff

Buildings, faculty, and a student body - a complete school? Never! Who's to keep them all clothed and fed? The buildings and grounds looking well? Who has to go around picking up after us? Who replaces and fixes the things we break? Or sorts our mail? We could go on at great lengths, but such a list would require more space than is here available.

Without its staff Hoosac would be at a great loss. To them - to Mrs. Spiak, Mrs. Hillman, Mr. Greene, Jim Frost, Mrs. Frost, Charlie, Dick, Flo, Fred, Walt, Mr. Frost and his helpers - we extend our sincere appreciation for the untold amount of effort they have expended in our behalf during this past year.

In Memoriam

Late in April, Mrs. Jessie May Balderson, for more than half a century connected with Hoosac School, passed away. For many years she headed the school's pantry and dining-room staffs. She died in the Kenyon Nursing Home in Hoosick Falls following a lingering illness.

A Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated from All Saints' Episcopal Church in Hoosick by Rev. James L. Whitcomb of North Bennington, a former rector-headmaster of Hoosac. Rev. Meredith B. Wood, O. I. W., of Boston, also a former rector-headmaster of Hoosac, was deacon, the sub-deacon being Rev. Knight Dunkerly, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Troy, and formerly assistant headmaster of Hoosac School.

The Burial Office was recited by Rev. Walter A. Perkins, rector of All Saints' Church in Hoosick. Assisting at the Burial Office was Rev. Canon Edward T. H. Williams, our chaplain here at Hoosac.

The bearers were the members of the Sixth Form: John Allen, Geoffrey Ball, Richard Buck, Anthony Kingsley, Terry Loftus, Paul Rodia, Tibo van der Does, and Everett Willis.

Mrs. Balderson was buried in Hoosick Rural Cemetery, where the officers of the Mass officiated at the grave.

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Seniors



THE SIXTH FORM—Front Row: Kingsley, Willis, Buck, Rodia, Van der Does, Allen, Loftus,
Rear Row: Ball

The Sixth Form

This year's graduating class has made outstanding achievements during the past months. It has demonstrated its versatility in all aspects of school life — sports, extra-curricular activities, and scholarship.

In sports the class has shown many different kinds of talent, from soccer through varsity basketball to baseball, and in addition, even track. Needless to say, it is a well-rounded athletic group.

In the scholastic field, the Sixth Form has maintained the highest over-all average in comparison with the other three forms, and within the class competition has also been very keen.

The class has been most versatile within its participation in extra-curricular activities. The Liturgical Choir, the Riding Club, The OWL, the school play, "Twelve Angry Men", the Social Committee and the Recreation Hall Committee have all had their share of sixth formers.

It has been an emotionally varied year also, and though extremely dark at times, we hope they will look back on it with only fond memories. To have been under their direction and guidance has certainly been a privilege, and we hope to carry on in the coming years as they have during this past one. With deep sincerity we wish them all the success and happiness in the future.

John Spencer Allen

R. F. D. 2
Troy-Shaker Road
Albany 5, New York

HOOSAC 1956 - 1958

Activities: Senior Prefect VI, Social Committee VI, Recreation Hall Committee VI, Literary Club V, Dramatics VI, Aristocracy V, VI, Student Council VI, The Liturgical Choir VI, The Owl Board V, Basketball V, Captain Basketball Team VI, Baseball V, VI, Track VI, Yule Log.



School previously attended: Troy High.

Johnny came to Hoosac in 1956, and joined the Aristocracy! As prefect this year, John has found quite a change in the wild life he lead last year. He still forgets that his home has moved, and continues to say, "I'm from Troy." In basketball John was glued to the back-boards, and captained the team on to both the league championship and the conference victory. In the spring he also played first-string baseball. One of the school's most* avid readers of worthwhile literature, John is a conscientious student and his scholastic qualities will carry him far. Our best to John always, wherever he is, and our congratulations to those who find him in their midst.



"John Barrymore"



Geoffrey G. I. Ball

13 Front Street
Schenectady, New York

HOOSAC 1952 - 1958

Activities: Field House Society VI, The Owl Board I through VI, Debating III, IV, V, Library Committee I through VI, Audio-Visual Committee I through VI, Dramatics IV, V, VI, Yule Log I through VI.

Geoff is the oldest Hoosac boy here this year in terms of residence. He knows the campus better than most and has been found in all its nooks and crannies. He even has his own camp near the inlet of the pond, which is accessible only by boat—his own boat! If the lights in the Field House are on later than usual, that's only Geoff reading another of his "books". He really enjoys reading and is sometimes carried away by it. So much so, in fact, that he talks about it night and day. His abilities in conversation are such that he can sell anything, even ads for the Owl.



"Admiral Ball"

Richard James Buck

75 South Irving Terrace
Kenmore 23, New York

HOOSAC 1957 - 1958

Activities: Dramatics VI, Owl Board Business Manager VI, H Club VI, Co-captain Soccer Team VI, Yule Log, Vice-president of Senior Class VI.

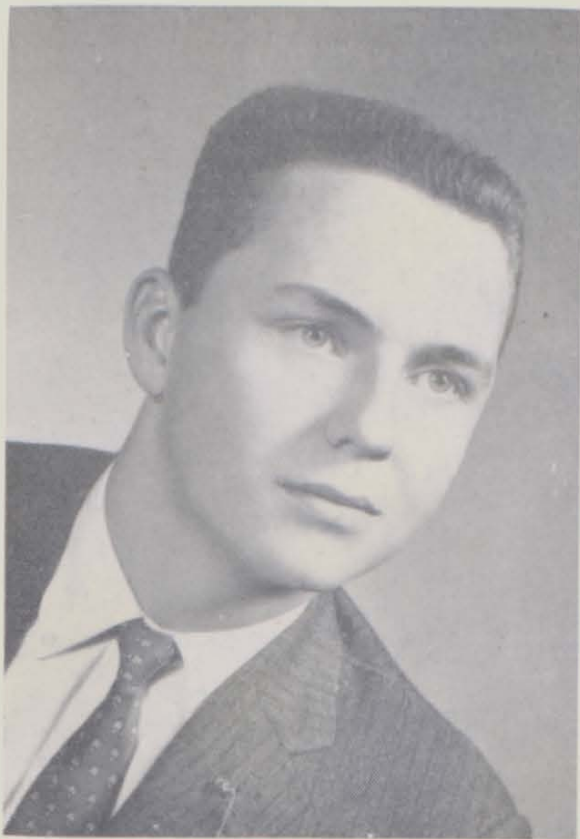


School previously attended: Kenmore Senior High.

Strolling up the road between the Field House and the Mansion is a boy of medium stature who is a staunch Buffalonian. Dick has an outstanding record this year at Hoosac. Co-captain of the Soccer Team and Vice-president of the Sixth Form, he has managed, despite hundreds of amorous epistles aimed to Sherri, to maintain a high scholastic average. Dick is also greatly responsible for the present OWL. As Business Manager Dick scraped together the necessary funds with help from others to publish such an annual. Wherever he goes and whatever he does, Dick can never fail to be a success.



"I'm from Hoosac"



Lyle Anthony Kingsley

118 Sparling Drive
Rochester 16, New York

HOOSAC 1957 - 1958

Activities: Editor-in-chief of Owl Board VI, Class Secretary VI, Chapel Treasurer VI, Yule Log VI, Dramatics VI, Soccer VI, Basketball Assistant Manager VI, Baseball Manager VI, Field House Society VI.

School previously attended: DeVeaux School.

Tony Kingsley is probably the person most responsible for your being able to hold this book in your hands. During the very short time that was available to prepare this year's OWL, Tony has been staff photographer, writer, Editor-in-chief, and also one of the Owl's men in grey flannel suits. He has brought together all the journalistic talent in the school and without this neither the 1958 yearbook nor the Owlet would have existed. To Tony—Editor-in-Chief of the Owl Board—we of the staff would like to thank him for his help and leadership. The best of luck, always!



"No Sweat, Boys!"

Terry David Loftus

201 McLennan Avenue
Syracuse, New York

HOOSAC 1954 - 1958

Activities: Senior Prefect VI, Student Council IV, V, VI, Social Committee IV, V, VI, The Owl Board III, IV, V, VI, Dormitory Prefect V, Head Waiter V, Literary Club V, Dramatics VI, President of Student Council VI, Varsity Soccer IV, V, Baseball III, IV, V, VI.



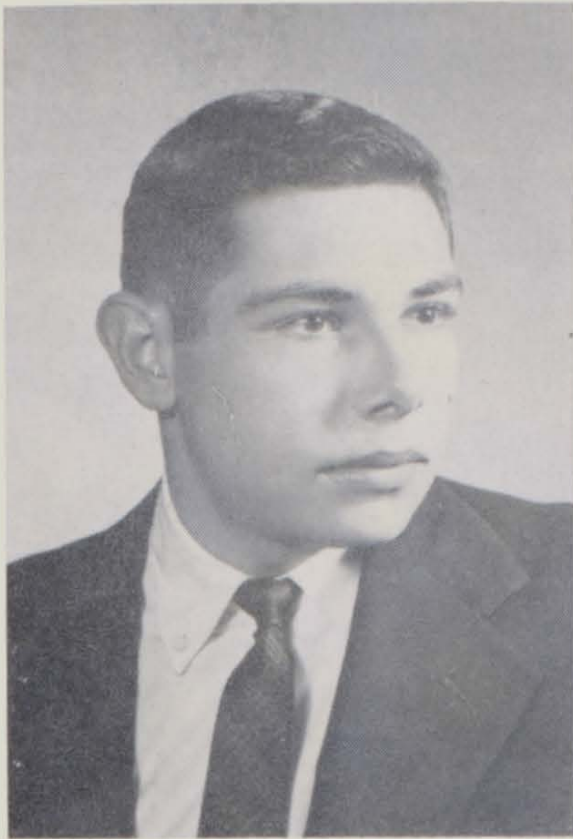
School previously attended: Roosevelt High.

Terry, our Senior Prefect, came to Hoosac as a lowly third-former four years ago, and since then has set the place on fire (not literally, of course!). At the start of this, his last year, he had a very hard time finding second gear in the blue truck, but when he did we had to put a sign on it reading "Explosives", to keep the population safe. One



of the hardest workers in studies, athletics, and extra-curricular activities, his attitude consistently set an example for others to follow. Good luck, Terry, we know that you'll do well.

"Hello . . . Selective Service?"



Paul Michael Rodia

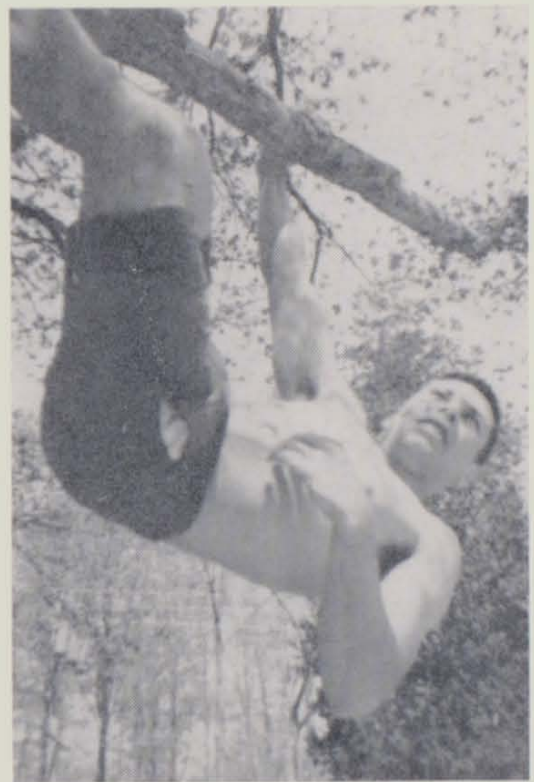
441 Woodbury Road
Watertown, Connecticut

HOOSAC 1957 - 1958

Activities: Dramatics VI, Riding Club VI, Liturgical Choir VI, Chairman Recreation Hall Committee VI, Co-captain Soccer Team VI, Basketball VI, Captain Baseball Team VI, Track.

School previously attended: Watertown High

Paul came to Hoosac as a Senior. A product of Watertown, Connecticut, he wasn't really all wet. Having been one of the co-captains of the soccer team and the basketball team's high scorer (sparking the team to the league championship) is evidence enough of his athletic prowess. Usually found in Willis' room or on the phone, Paul is a hard worker and a very conscientious guy. He demonstrates unusual leadership not only in sports but in the classroom as well.



"Hoosac -- '58"

Tibo van der Does

Onteora Park
Tannersville, New York

HOOSAC 1957 - 1958

Activities: Dramatics VI, The Liturgical Choir VI, The Owl Board VI, Senior Meeting Arbitrator, Field House Society, Soccer VI, Track VI.



School previously attended: Berkshire School.

Tibo is not only an outstanding scholar but also a capable and well-rounded athlete. In either soccer or track, when Tibo lets out a yelp you know he's coming home for victory. One of the most voracious readers and debaters, he is consequently one of the more consistent



honor roll members. Tibo is also extra-curricularly responsible for many of the articles you'll find scattered throughout the OWL'S pages. His determination and stick-to-it abilities are the outstanding qualities which will pave a bright future for him in everything.

"Did I Forget Something?"



Everett Irving Willis, Jr.

Hillandale Road
Rye, New York

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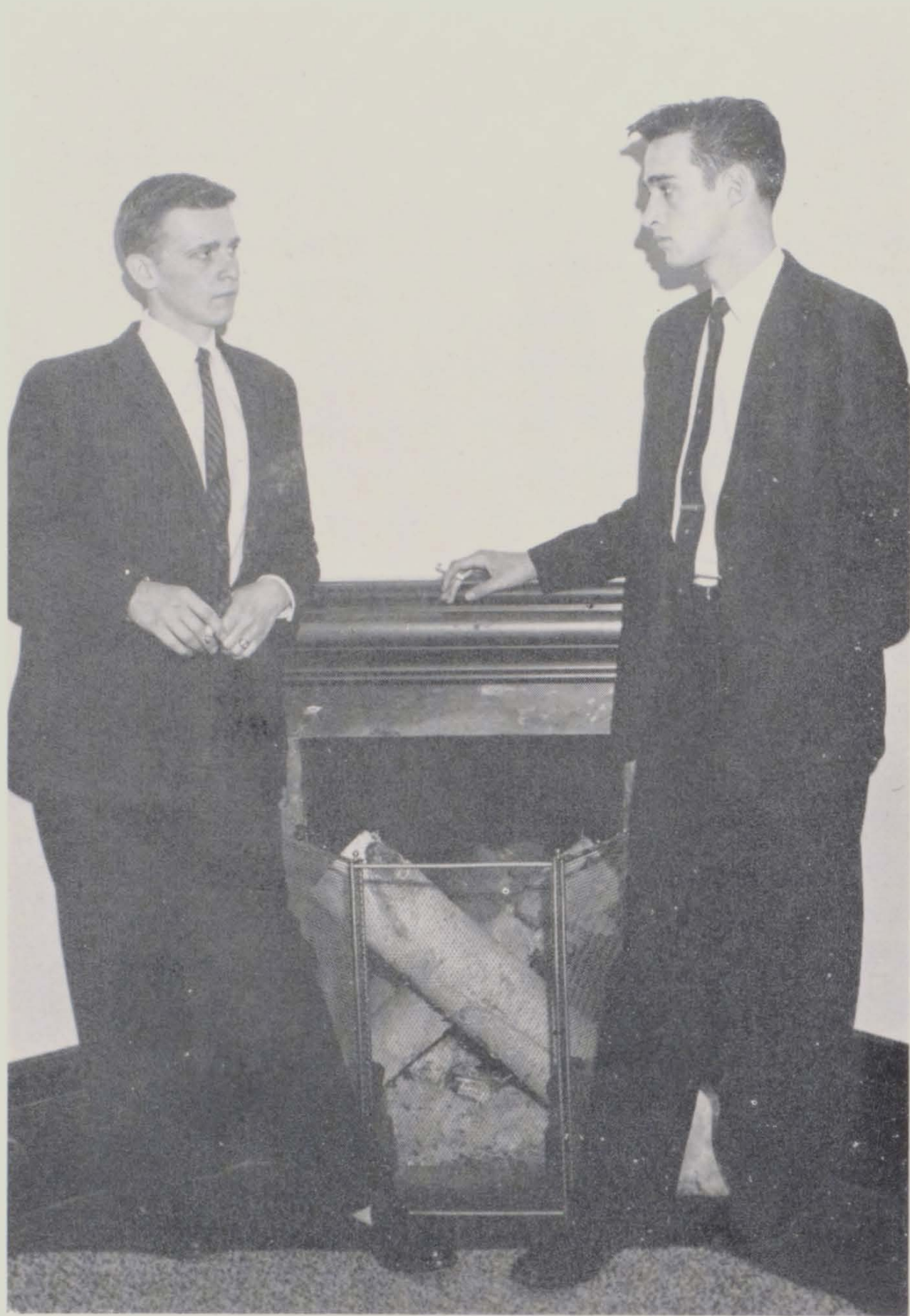
Activities: The Riding Club VI,
The Liturgical Choir VI, The Owl
Board VI, Dramatics VI, Class
President VI, Baseball VI.

School previously attended: Westminster School.

Rett came to Hoosac from Rye, New York, and with him brought the polished ways of Rye society. Much of this brushed off on the boys here and solved some of the masters' problems. Of his many interests and talents his primary one is a girl named Gay. Rett is a conscientious and hard-working student. On many occasions Rett has entertained us with his guitar music. He has a very forward personality and probably for this reason cannot help but do well in later life.



"Peter Prep"



THE PREFECTS—Terry Loftus and John Allen.

The Prefects

Terry and John—the driving force behind the student body, the coordinators of numerous committees, the go-between for the administration and the student body, the ones who did the job when no one else would—this was their responsibility. This task of being prefects was theirs, and it has been performed with little recompense.

Perhaps most of you think it's an easy job and a soft life being a prefect. But just ask them. It isn't. It involves a great deal of personal effacement and mental and physical sweat, of times when you just wish you could drop the whole thing and let someone else pick it up. But maturity is accepting responsibility and performing faithfully, sincerely, and diligently the tasks assigned to one in life. This trait has characterized this year's prefects.

To those who follow we do not say Terry and John were infallible. No one is. We do say that at present better examples could not be found among our student body. We express the hope that next year's prefects will be at least as good, and that Terry and John will be able in the coming years to put into use the invaluable experiences they have had at Hoosac.

Farewell

Farewell, Hoosac—a phrase lightly used by so many, and yet capable of expressing so much emotion and deep-seated feeling. Where did it originate? The Elizabethan English, “Fare thee well,” is the complete form, and “farewell” a contraction of it. Fare thee well, Hoosac. We, as a class and as individuals, must leave you. Time will gloss over the minor sharp edges that at times seemed to cut deeply, but never will the image completely fade into oblivion. No, never. Not if we can help it. Through continued and renewed associations we may still serve you as you have served us, faithfully and sincerely.

Yes—we’ll see you again. This isn’t good-bye forever. The French have a phrase for it: “Au Revoir,” which, freely translated, means “Until we meet again.” Alumni gatherings, class reunions, special occasions—each year holds out many possibilities. The opportunity will be ours, and we will take advantage of it.

Farewell, Hoosac—until we meet again—fare thee well!

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Under Formers



THE FIFTH FORM—Front Row: Clayton, Torey, Thompson, Hunt. Rear Row: Battin, Comer, Palmer, Bennett.

The Fifth Form

The Fifth Form this year has shown a wide variety of talent, both in scholastic attainment, sports, and extra-curricular activities.

Leading the class in scholastic attainment is the class president, Alden Thompson. In sports Don Hunt, the man from Cranston High, has shown skill as a goalie for the soccer team. During the winter Don was known also for his perseverance in keeping the hockey rink in shape. Skip Clayton is no soccer enthusiast, but proved to be an excellent manager for the team. This winter he showed the school his natural athletic ability in basketball and even made the All Star Team. Bill Comer, Skip's roommate, is also a good athlete. Bill received his letter in soccer and was also a good morale booster for the basketball team. This spring both Skip and his friend, Tom Palmer, have done a good job in baseball. Tom was a good team pitcher, and his comical antics on the mound will be long remembered.

The Fifth Form is a recognized leader in activities. Although these activities have not always been official, such as the Herb Bennett and Edgar Torey Lumber Corporation, they have been quite diverse. Bill Comer ably represents the class on the Social Committee. The Riding Club, under the direction of Mr. MacCracken, has a large percentage of the Fifth Form. In the great outdoors we shall never forget Herb and his cabin committee, which included Don and Ed. They have also been quite busy this spring building the track. Another Fifth Former who has really contributed to Hoosac this year is Chuck Battin. He is well-known for freely expressing his opinions and perhaps will be more of a leader in his senior year.

In reviewing the Fifth Form's achievements the room for improvement is obvious, but we hope that next year's senior class will continue to lead the school in the Hoosac tradition.



THE FOURTH FORM—Mitchell, Hogg, Hendrickson, Bohn, Grochowski, Yerburch, Amidon, Reeder, Areson, Maddux.

The Fourth Form

This year the Fourth Form was one of the most well-rounded classes. It made an outstanding record for itself in sports as well as in scholastic achievement, and has also greatly contributed to the betterment of the school.

Last fall the Fourth Form quickly made its way into the arena of sports here at school. Bill Areson, Norm Bohn, George Mitchell, Steve Grochowski, and Clay Hogg received the varsity H in soccer. Norm, elected next year's captain, made the All Star Team along with Clay Hogg. In the winter term Mark Yerburgh, Russ Reeder, Norm and Clay all played on the varsity squad in basketball. Norm again made the All Stars. The class helped to clear the snow off the pond during the winter, and this spring many Fourth Formers were again out for sports. Among them were Steve, his roommate, Mark, and John Maddux who were out for track, a new sport at Hoosac. Norm, George, Pete Hendrickson, Bill and Clay helped do their part in baseball. The class is certainly athletically inclined and the upper forms look forward to continued success on the fields in the near future.

In scholarship, the class scored very high. Bill, Mark, and Steve helped to create competition in the class and all of them attained the honor roll for at least two marking periods during the year. For the first period Bill led all mathematics sections and the two roommates, Mark and Steve, led the language and science sections respectively.

The form has shown a great interest in school activities. John, Steve, Clay, and George were all members of the Liturgical Choir. Others were members of the Riding Club. In the school play, **Twelve Angry Men**, Steve, George, Clay, and Norm had parts. Roger Amidon, the class electrician, has helped the school in some of its electrical troubles and also set up a radio transmitter with which he makes frequent broadcasts.

If the Fourth Form continues to follow up its outstanding record this year, it will certainly be one of the most distinguished classes that Hoosac has had.



THE THIRD FORM—Front Row: Adams, Walsh, Cross. Rear Row: Dunihue, Rhodes, Shaw, Lorraine, Cahill, Klinkhardt, Honness.

The Third Form

The Third Form this year is unique in that it has had probably the most productive year of any third form in Hoosac's history. The form itself has served the school effectively in such necessary jobs as dishwashing, pantry-boy, and waiting.

The class is not able to gain varsity sport recognition but the upper forms feel sure that the class will receive many letters in all sports in the years to come. Tom Shaw, Pete Lorraine, John Klinkhardt, Henry Adams, and Eddie Walsh were all members of the J. V. basketball team. Tom was one of the varsity baseball pitchers and we are sure that he will step in next year as the main pitcher on the team.

The Third Form has participated a great deal in general activities. Dave Honness has been actively creative in the field of automobile mechanics, Fred Donihue was a member of the **Owl** Board and helped solicit advertising. The Eight Room was mostly occupied with listening to jazz over Harry Rhodes' tape recorder. Fred, Peter, and Eddie have also been members of the Riding Club and Dave had a part in the play, **Twelve Angry Men**.

In reviewing the activities of the Third Form this year, it becomes evident to the upper forms that this class could mature and become proficient and capable in continuing the traditions and aspirations of Hoosac. The challenge and the opportunity are theirs; theirs also is the choice.



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Activities



Activities

Hoosac is far from being all of any one thing, but that facet of the school life which perhaps best reflects the diversity of interests among the student body is the extra-curricular. On the following pages you'll see in words and pictures a summary of what kind of activities have been taking place during the past year.

As long as the quality of participation and interest does not flag, we hope to see the quantity of various activities more than doubled in the next few years. With an increased student body, there is little reason to doubt that such a paucity of spirit would occur.

Read on, Hoosac of 1957 - 1958, and remember!



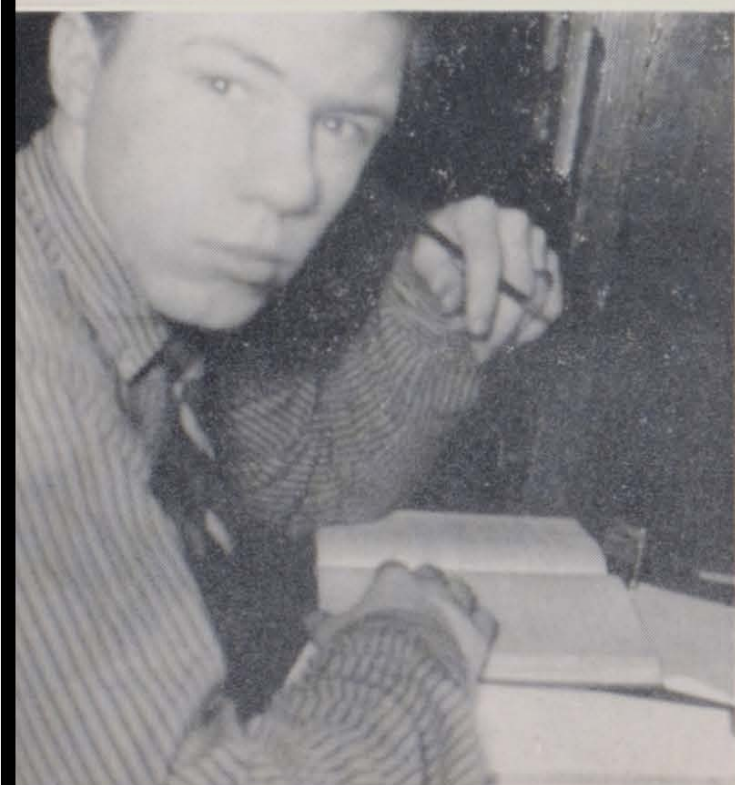
THE OWL BOARD—Seated: Ball, Kingsley, van der Does. Standing: Clayton, Loftus, Buck.

The Owl

“What about track—don’t we get our picture taken?” “How much did you make today, Dick?” “What places **haven’t** we covered, Geoff?” “I’ve got six articles to write and you expect ME to do my English homework!” “Have you read my articles yet, Mr. Dingman? How are they? What did you think of them?” “I’ve got two rolls of film left and four flash blubs. Ansco? Lousy stuff!” “Don’t give me that ‘I don’t know bit’—these are good sport stories!” “No, Fred, you may NOT drive the red bus today.” Will you drive us over to Eagle Bridge, Mr. Dingman?” “May we use the red bus today, Dr. Cooley?” “I will NOT have my picture taken in Lorraine’s bathing suit. I absolutely refuse. Shorts, yes, but those, no!” “What’s the caption for this picture going to be?” “You don’t know, do you?” “I hear its being dedicated to Fred.” “I thought it was going to be to Pierre.” “I hear that even THEY don’t know.”

“I’ve got another ad to put in. We can’t? To press? What’s that? Do I HAVE to return the money?” “But these are the latest Hoosac baseball scores!” “It’s done?” “It’s back?” Is this it?”

“This IS it!”





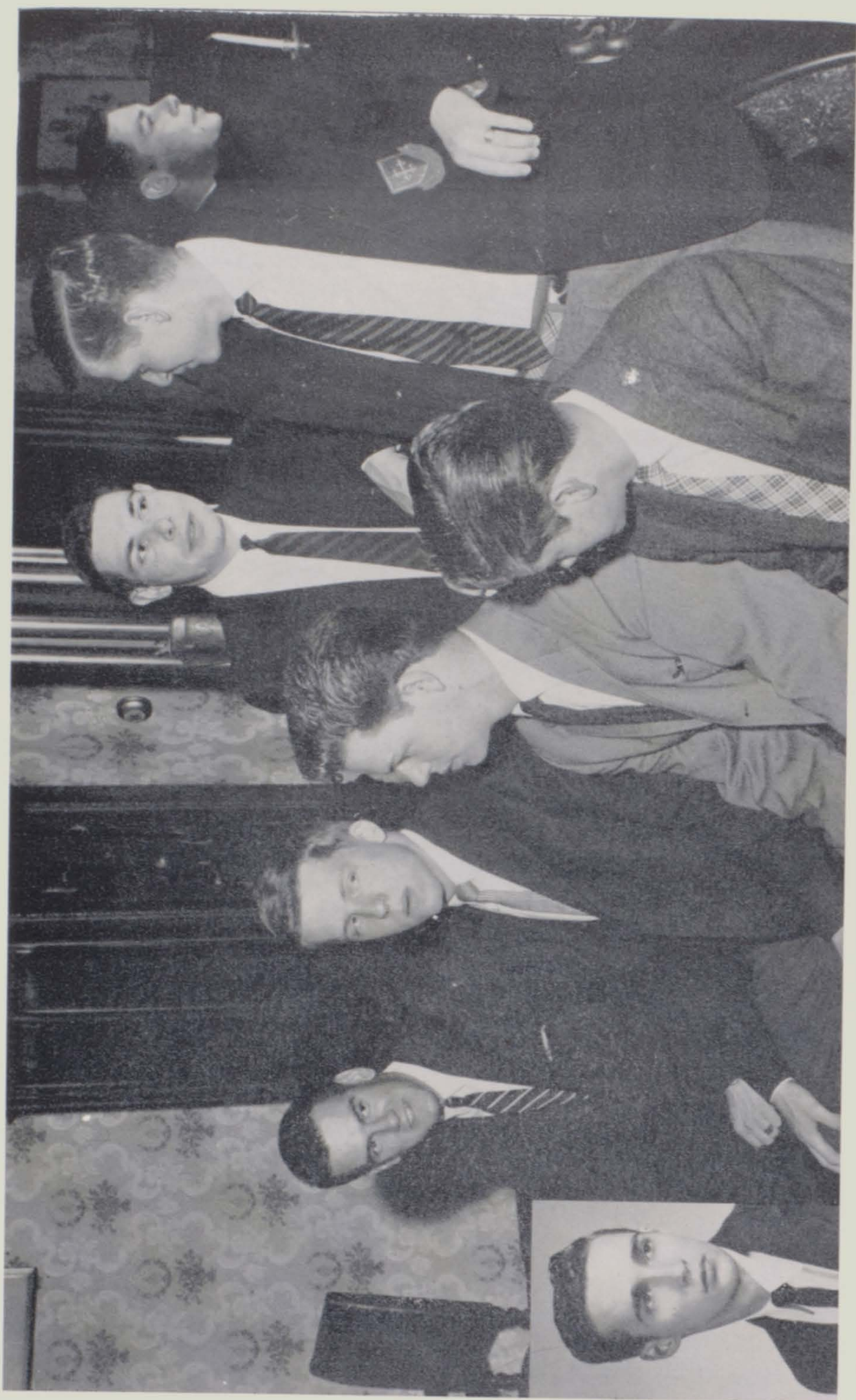


THE LITURGICAL CHOIR—Maddux, Mitchell, Comer, Willis, Reeder, Loftus, Canon Williams, Hogg, Mr. Gilman, van der Does, Grochowski, Battin, Rodia, Insert, Allen.

The Liturgical Choir

Although not as active this year as it might have been because of a late start, the Liturgical Choir has given one exceptional performance this year at St. Peter's Church in Bennington. Under the able direction of Canon Williams and with the keyboard gymnastics of Mr. Gilman, the group practiced and rehearsed diligently for their debut. They were exceedingly fortunate in the generous appearances of Mr. Hollister on the scene to more precisely define their harmonics.

A number of the underformers in the Choir have very good voices, and we look forward to their return next year as a nucleus around which to build another choir equally as good.



THE RECREATION HALL COMMITTEE—Seated: Willis, Comer, Maddux, Walsh. Standing: Allen, Rodia, Loftus.

The Recreation Hall Committee

Organized late in the year because of the late opening of the Recreation Hall itself, this group really never had a chance to get started. To be truthful, they certainly could have been more active. As it was, their responsibilities involved setting up the regulations under which the Recreation Hall would be open and available for for use by the student body.

Its present facilities include two ping-pong tables, indoor horse shoes, shuffleboard, volley ball, and a pool table.

Although the faces will have changed by next year, this group certainly has its work cut out for them, and our hopes are high for a more active committee and a more actively used Recreation Hall next year.



THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE — Loftus, Willis, Allen, Comer, Reeder.

The Social Committee

This year's Social Committee was very successful and provided an eventful season. With the understanding guidance of Dr. Cooley, the committee found themselves enjoying more well-planned dances. Those members who made the year such a success were Terry Loftus, John Allen, Rett Willis, Bill Comer, and Russ Reeder. Our thanks go to these boys for their many nights of planning.

On November 9 Hoosac had its first dance with its sister school, St. Agnes. On November 16 Hoosac had its Victory Dance with the girls of Emma Willard, who were enthusiastically expressing their delight in Hoosac's winning the soccer championship that afternoon.

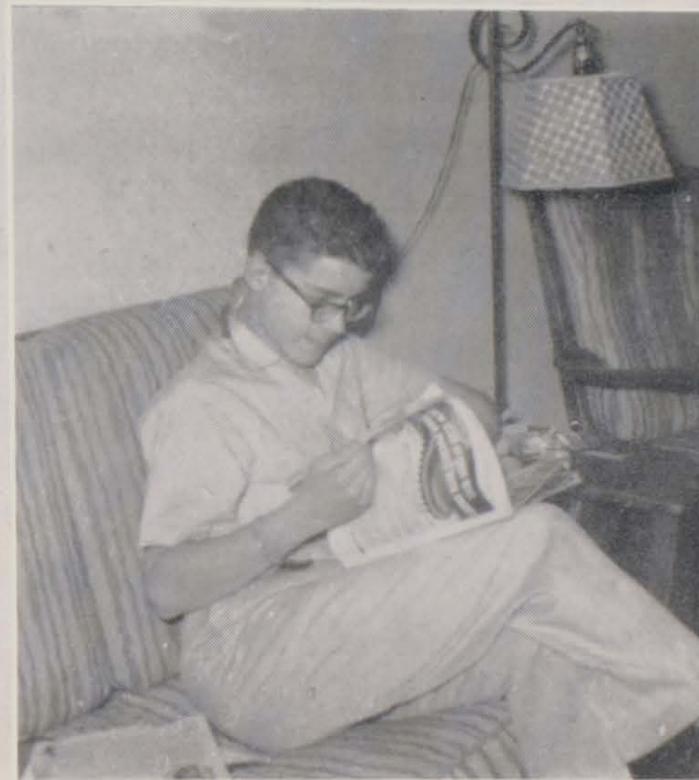
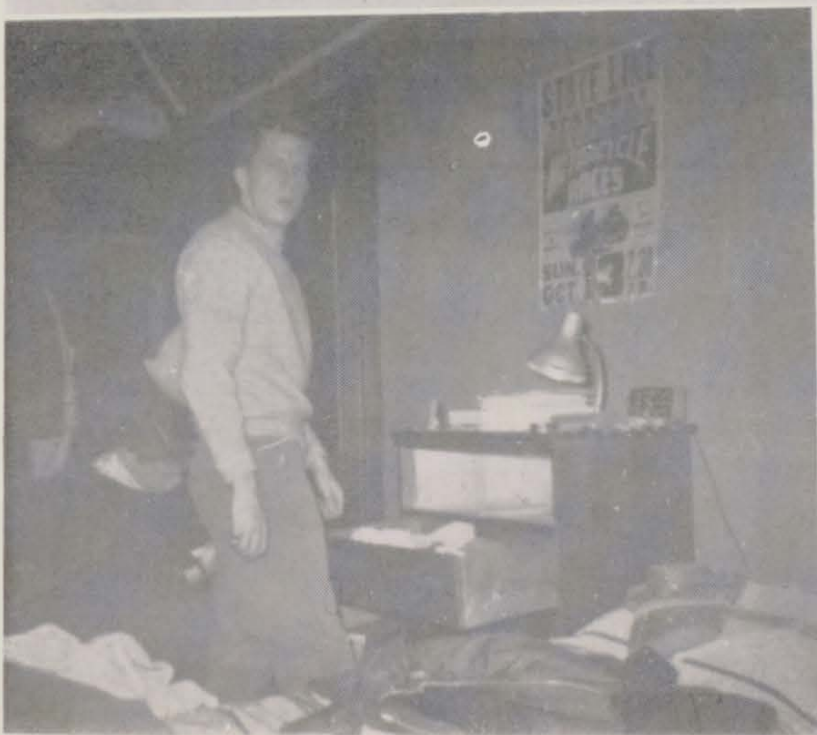
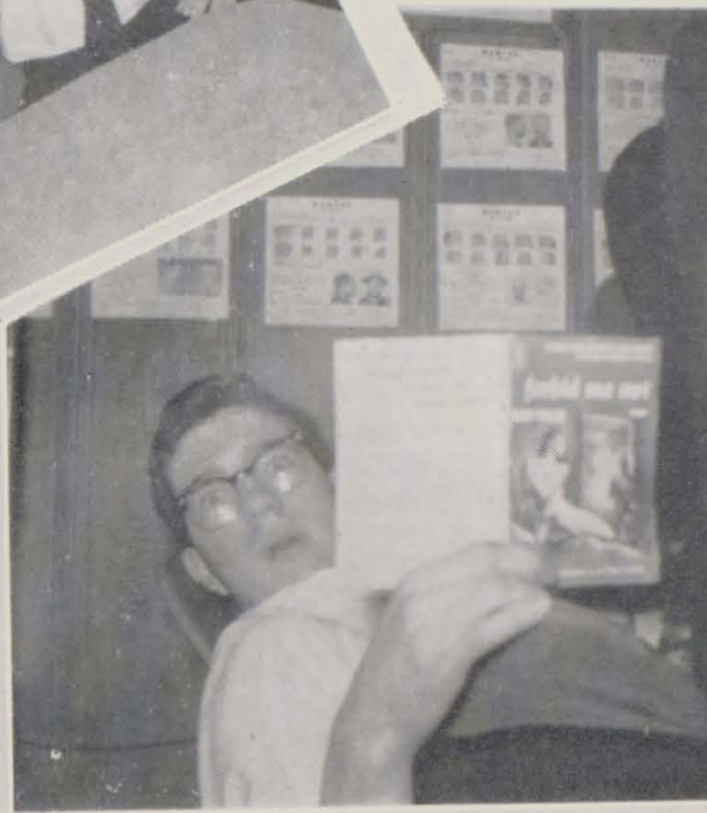
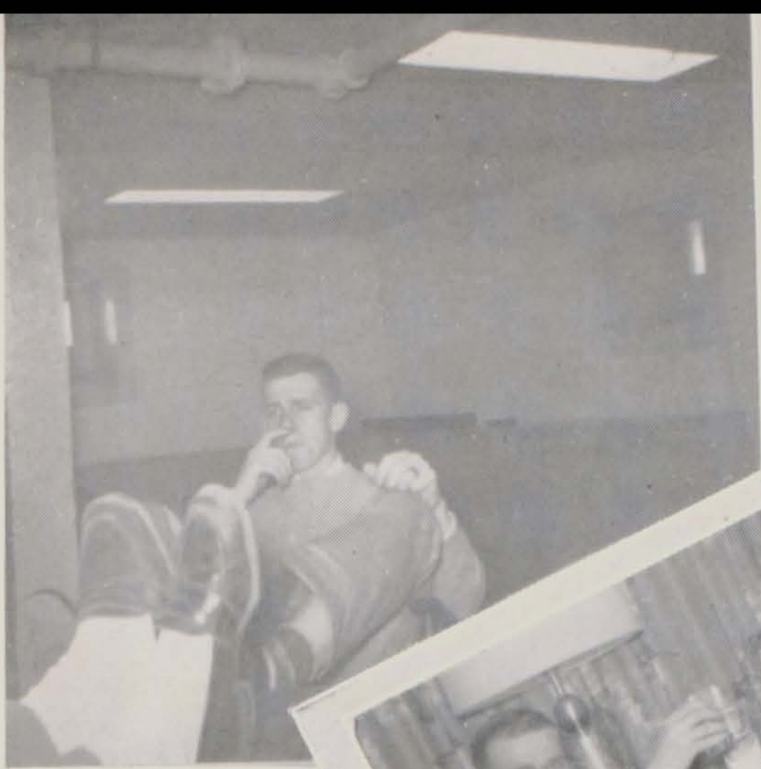
January 18 found the chartered bus of Hoosac boys arriving for a dinner dance at St. Agnes, and on the 25th of that same month the Hoosac contingent of Romeos were the guests of Emma Willard for a dinner dance in Troy.

May 3 was another first for Hoosac. Dinner was held at the school for the boys with St. Agnes dates, and the dance following was the first in our new Recreation Hall adjacent to the Cooley residence, which served as lounging and refreshment facilities.

The social season was capped by the prom during graduation weekend. Ask anyone who went what kind of time he had, and I defy you to find anyone who would not want to do the same thing all over again.

Our appreciation to the Social Committee, and the best of luck to next year's group. If they follow the example set this year, they can't go wrong!







THE "H" CLUB — Front Row: Loftus, Allen, Rodia, Areson. Second Row: Clayton, Comer, Grochowski, Buck, Coach Dickie. Third Row: Hogg, Bohn, van der Does, Mitchell. Fourth Row: Reeder, Palmer, Hunt. Last Row: Yerburgh and Battin.

The "H" Club

More honorary than active, this assemblage of distinguished members from among Hoosac's student body have one thing in common — each has been awarded a scarlet and purple "H" for their achievement in athletics.

Few will take up basketball or track for a life-time vocation, but no one can ever question the value of such activity. Its beneficial effects on the physical body alone are enough to justify its existence. But its influence has been found to stop not there. It promotes the ideals of group activity, of belonging to a social order, and such exercise frees the mind for fuller concentration on scholastic matters upon returning to the study hall and class room.

Here's to bigger and better "H" Clubs!



THE RIDING CLUB — First Row: Loftus, Hendrickson, Torey, Rodia. Second Row: Willis, Maddux, Hunt, Mitchell. Third Row: Lorraine, Comer, Palmer, Hogg. Last Row: Reeder, Mr. MacCracken, Bennett.

The Riding Club

An enthusiastic response came from the students this year when they were offered the opportunity to go horseback riding. With little or no persuasion a Riding Club was organized by Mr. MacCracken in order to give the Hoosac students the chance of learning horsemanship. Beginning after our return from Spring Vacation, the Club members went twice weekly, on Wednesdays and Saturdays, to the Troy Riding and Drving Club, a stable having twenty-eight horses, all good hunters and jumpers. The Club organized itself informally without electing officers and with no program for the present year except that of learning to ride well and develop an active interest in all aspects of horses and horsemanship.

The Club wants to continue its activities and develop among the Hoosac student body a group of well-trained riders in the hope that at some future date, riding will become part of the recreational program on the school's campus.



Twelve Angry Men

Although at the time this article went to press twelve insipid men were still in the throes of rehearsal, we have confidence in their ability to have shaped up rapidly in the past few weeks and to have presented a really good production on the Friday evening preceding Prize Day.

While Don Hunt took care of things backstage and Clay Hogg and Russ Reeder did admirably well in their microscopic parts, the rest of the cast was:

Juror number one	Tony Kingsley
Juror number two	Dave Honness
Juror number three	John Allen
Juror number four	Terry Loftus
Juror number five	Geoff Ball
Juror number six	George Mitchell
Juror number seven	Paul Rodia
Juror number eight	Rett Willis
Juror number nine	Tibo van der Does
Juror number ten	Dick Buck
Juror number eleven	Steve Grochowski
Juror number twelve	Norm Bohn

This was the first time the new Recreation Hall's platform has been used for live dramatic performances, and we look forward to its continued and more frequent use next year.



TWELVE ANGRY MEN—Ball, Mitchell, Buck, Honness, Grochowski, Allen, Bohn, Willis, Rodia, Loftus, van der Does, Hogg.



Clerk Hogg, Stage Manager Hunt, Guard Reeder.

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THE SOCCER TEAM — Front Row: Bohn, Pope, van der Does, Rodia, Mitchell, Comer, Hendrickson. Second Row: Mr. Giammattei, Reeder, Palmer, Hogg, Hunt, Buck, Kingsley, Coach Dickie. Rear Row: Areson, Cross, Lyon, Yerburgh, Battin, Bennett, Maddux, McKay, Walsh, Clayton.

Soccer

Under Coach Dickie, Hoosac won its first soccer championship this past year. The team played a very good game throughout the whole season. The starting positions were Don Hunt as goalie, Clay Hogg and Dick Buck as right and left fullback, at center half Norm Bohn, at right half Russ Reeder, and at left half Tom Palmer. On the line was Paul Rodia at center forward. Right inside was George Mitchell and at left inside was Tibo van der Does. At left wing was Stanley Pope and either Bill Comer or Steve Grochowski played right wing.

The rest of the squad was Bill Areson, Herb Bennett, Pete Hendrickson, Tony Kingsley, John Klinkhardt, John Maddux, Ed Walsh, and Mark Yerburgh. Skip Clayton was manager and Chuck Battin his assistant.

The team had a six to nothing league record and seven—two—one over-all score. Hunt, Hogg, Palmer, Bohn, and Pope made the Taconic Conference All-Star Team, Rodia was placed on the second string, and Grochowski received Honorable Mention.

Our thanks to Coach Dickie for the tremendous job he did with the team, and let's hope next year's season is as good.



VARSIY BASKETBALL—Kingsley, Ass't. Mgr., Rodia, Battin, Hogg, Bohn, Yerburgh, Reeder, Comer, Allen, Captain, Clayton, Loftus, Mgr., Coach Dickie in front.

Basketball

For the third consecutive year Hoosac won the basketball championship under the direction of Coach Dickie. The team also won the first Taconic Conference Tournament.

The line-up consisted of John Allen and Norm Bohn at forwards, Mark Yerburch at center, and Skip Clayton and Paul Rodia in the backcourt.

The team's record was ten to two in the league, two to one outside the league, and two to nothing in the tournament. The over-all record was fourteen to three.

Each player possessed a different kind of shot. Allen was good on his short jumps, Yerburch for his tapping in and hook shot, Bohn for long jump shots, Rodia for driving in, and Clayton for his long one-hander.

Chuck Battin, Bill Comer, Clay Hogg, and Russ Reeder made up the rest of the squad. Terry Loftus was manager and Tony Kingsley his assistant.

Bohn, Clayton, and Rodia made the Taconic Conference All-Star Team and Yerburch received Honorable Mention.

Bohn and Rodia were also chosen to the Taconic Conference All - Star Team in the Tournament.

Good luck to the team next year, and here's to four in a row!



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL — Front Row: Klinkhardt, Maddux, Mitchell, Capt. Adams, Walsh. Back Row: Clayton, Coach, Shaw, Lorraine, Hendrickson, Areson.

Junior Varsity Basketball

Skip Clayton coached this year's J. V. basketball team, and they had a record of seven wins and eight loses. The starting team was comprised of John Klinkhardt and Tom Shaw at forward, Pete Lorraine at center, and Pete Hendrickson and Ed Walsh were the guards. Henry Adams, Bill Areson, John Maddux, and George Mitchell made up the rest of the squad, and Tony Kingsley was the manager.

The J. V.'s were entered in the Y. M. C. A. league and came in second place with a five to three record. On other games they had a two to five record, but in every game they played hard and well, and we look forward to seeing some of them on the varsity squad next year.



THE BASEBALL TEAM — Front Row: Bohn, Hogg, Palmer, Willis, Rodia, Cooley, Loftus, Clayton, Hunt, Allen, Reeder. Rear Row: Kingsley, Manager, Shaw, Adams, Mitchell, Battin, Lorraine, Areson, Coach Dickie.

Baseball

This year's baseball team was sparked by returning lettermen John Allen, Skip Clayton, Terry Loftus, and Russ Reeder, along with newcomers Paul Rodia and Rett Willis. John Allen, Tom Palmer, and Tom Shaw were pitchers and behind the plate was Paul Rodia. The infield had Skip at first, Terry at second, Rett at third, and Norm Bohn at short. Going left to right in the outfield were Clay Hogg, Russ or Johnny, and Don Hunt.

The rest of the squad was composed of Bill Areson, Chuck Battin, Pete Hendrickson, John Klinkhardt, Pete Lorraine, George Mitchell, and Eddie Walsh. Tony Kingsley was manager.

At the time this article went to press, the team had won two and lost two, but was looking very good. Throughout the season so far the team has really hustled and if the breaks go their way, they should come home with another winning season.

To the team of 1959 the team of 1958 wishes the best of luck!







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Special Events



Friday Evenings

Another of the many firsts achieved this year was the introduction of special events of noteworthy interest on Friday evenings. These programs included films made by various colleges for showing to sub-freshmen and a few speakers. Two of them, Mr. Cyrus Dingman and Mr. John Roy of the Troy newspapers, came and spoke on the importance of public relations to Hoosac and what students could do to further such activity. This was directly related to the publishing of a school newspaper and the type of news big newspapers were interested in printing.

John Jennings, another alumnus of the school, also came and spoke one Friday evening about the writing profession and how he happened to enter it. Each speaker session has been held in the new Recreation Hall, with a question and answer period afterwards. An informal get-together followed at the Home Farm where coffee was served.

After a fairly successful trial venture this year, we contemplate a rather expanded program next year, with a series of as many as twenty speakers programmed throughout the school year.



BLEEZE

The Bleeze is the day when all the greens which have adorned the dining hall from Christmas until February are burned outside the mansion. For this occasion, we had another of our delicious banquets, this time crowned by the plum pudding dessert which had been saved from the Yule Log pageant.

After dinner, the seniors rose and went out to burn the greens, which were gathered on the front lawn. This is according to the tradition that has been handed down and is an honorary privilege. Unfortunately this year the weather was of a near-zero temperature. Ineffectual attempts to start the fire hastened Tony Kingsley down the hill to get five gallons of gasoline to eventually begin what proved to be the biggest blaze ever!

The Yule Log

The 1957 - 1958 Yule Log celebration was somewhat altered because of the newness of many at Hoosac to the old traditions of this festival. The presentation was, however, very precise and well-handled. Because of the facilities and new personnel, this year's performance was more like the old English Choir sing.

With the completion of the Recreation Hall, we hope to see the old format back, and to see next year's performance the best Yule Log since the school moved to the Tibbits' Mansion grounds.

Asado

On May 15 the school celebrated Ascension Day by a Feast of the Holy Eucharist Communion Service at 8:00 A. M. and a Mountain Holiday from 10:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M.

Some boys made their usual excursions into Bennington, others slept or read, a few worked around the school helping Jim Frost, and the rest really took a mountain holiday. Fishing in nearby streams or climbing surrounding hills occupied a number of the latter group and a hardy few scaled Mt. Glastonbury outside Bennington.

At 4:00 the school reconvened at Owl Spring for a banquet consisting of roast lamb, rolls, salad, coffee, milk, and ice cream for dessert. As a special surprise Dr. Cooley's birthday, only two days away, was celebrated with a large cake. Unfortunately the wind kept blowing out the candles as fast as they could be lit.

Dr. Cooley received two presents he had long hoped for. Through the combined auspices of St. Peter's Church in Bennington and the students, faculty, and staff of Hoosac, he was presented with his own custom-made doctor's gown, mortar board, and gold tassel. Canon Godfrey of St. Peter's Church then continued the generosity of his Church and arrayed Dr. Cooley with a doctor's hood. This vestment derives its design from 16th century hoods which originally served a very useful function as an article of clothing. Today it symbolizes by its colors and shape the scholastic degree achieved, the field in which it was earned, and the institution which granted it.

Parents, alumni, and friends interested in Hoosac had been invited, and about twenty-five guests arrived to swell the total number of participants to well over fifty.

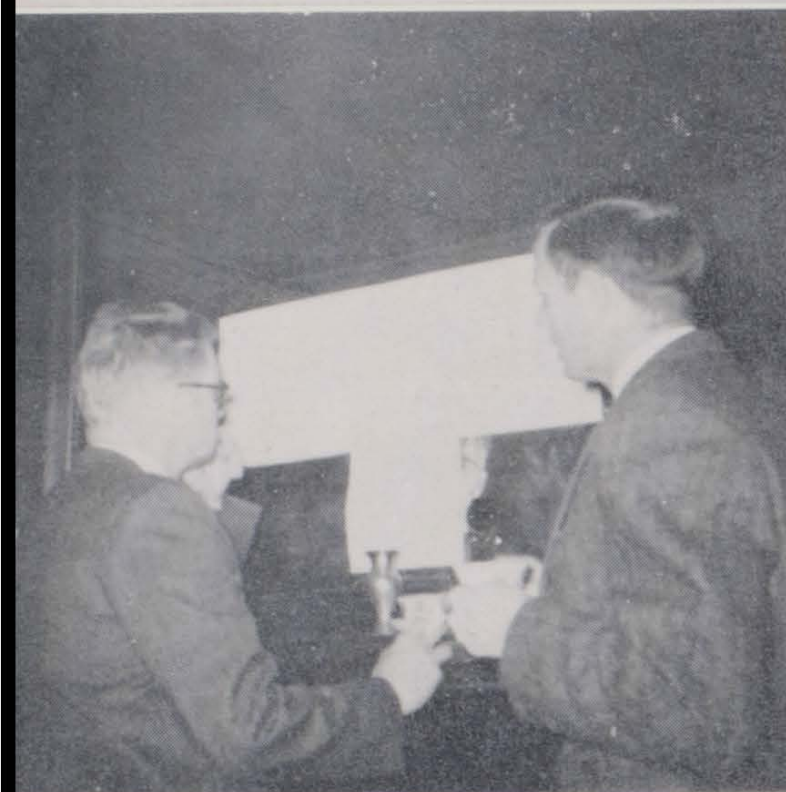
"Choose Something Like a Star"

So said Robert Frost. And the vision, the goal, that we have set for Hoosac and for ourselves is something very much like a star. It twinkles ever so brilliantly, and we see stars of similar magnitude all around it. Yet it remains a long way off, and will take many years of light to reach.

But a man cannot walk a mile without taking a first step, and it is for us to take now those first steps. We have taken a few during the past year. The steps we have taken and the steps we have yet to take involve many things. The dream we have already talked about for one thing. Planning is next most important. Whether on paper or in our minds through discussion groups, it is the keystone to a successful arch.

Another important factor is the actual doing. The renovation of existing structures is part of this. Just as a keystone does not make an arch, so mere planning does not work miracles. Whether it be mending walls or building new ones, the physical labor involved is the only means to accomplish part of those goals on which we have set our sights.

We dream, we search, we fight on, for what we consider to be worthy of our best efforts. Choose something like a star, and join us!





Track

Through the combined efforts of Herb Bennett and John Cahill and the help of others interested in track, Hoosac now owns a well laid out track of regulation size and the facilities for some other field events such as the broad jump, the high jump, and the shot-put.

This year's participants were coached by Herb. Under his direction Paul Rodia, John Maddux, and Ed Torey ran the 100 yard dash, the 220 by Ed Walsh, Herb, Tibo van der Does, and Steve Grochowski. George Mitchell, and Skip Clayton did the 440. Clay Hogg and Russ Reeder did the 880 while John Allen and Bill Comer ran the mile. Bennett, Comer, and John Maddux participated in the broad jump, and Maddux and Tom Thompson in the 180 low hurdles. Tibo van der Does, Norm Bohn, Hunt, and Russ did the high jump while Paul and Mark Yerburgh put the shot. Paul and Herb did the 440 relay in the first meet on May 5 with North Bennington. Their second meet was with Berkshire on May 24.

Off to such a successful start in their first year, the track enthusiasts look forward to a very active season next year.



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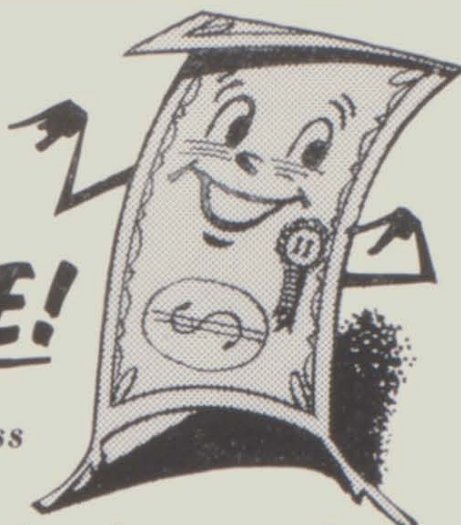
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