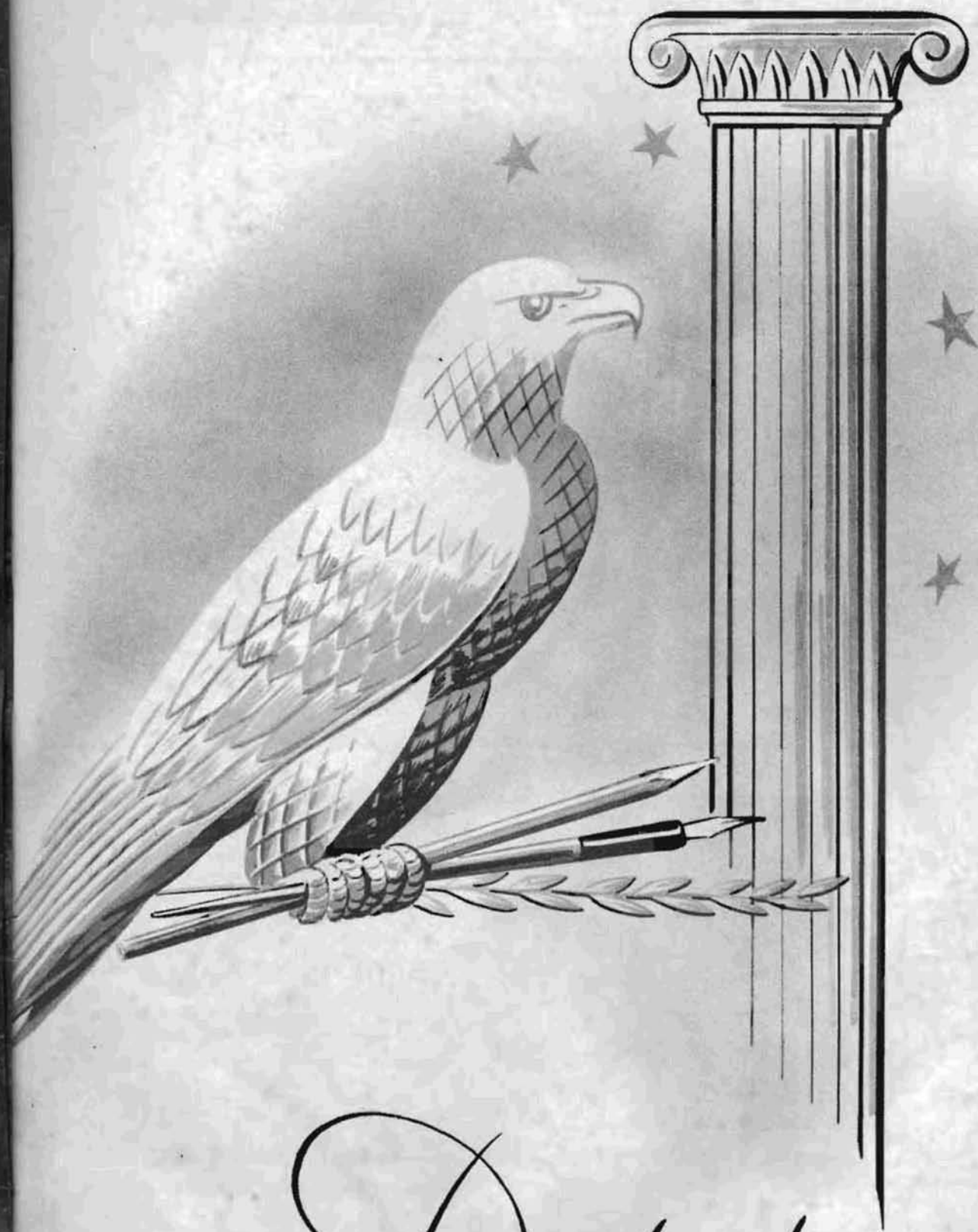
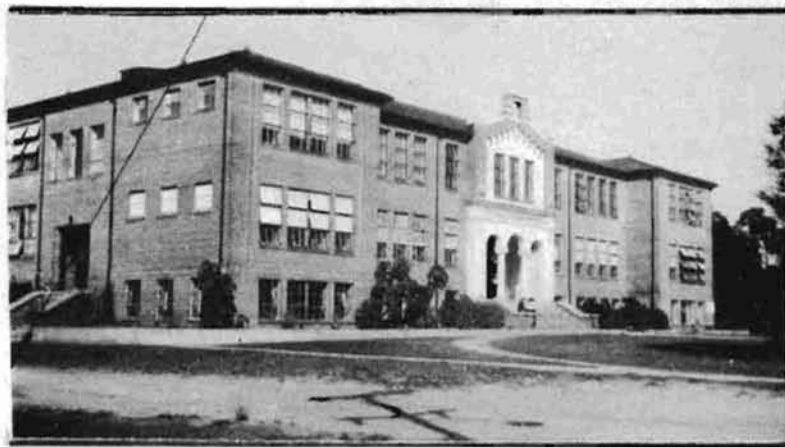


PARAGON

1945-46



Dedication



To This School
from which we will carry so many
happy memories
We Dedicate This Book

Administration





Lucille Johnson
Class Editor



Idell Tomlinson
Ass't. Editor



Mollie Boettger
Art Editor



Miriam Harvey
Activities Editor



Ellis Draughon
Editor-in-Chief



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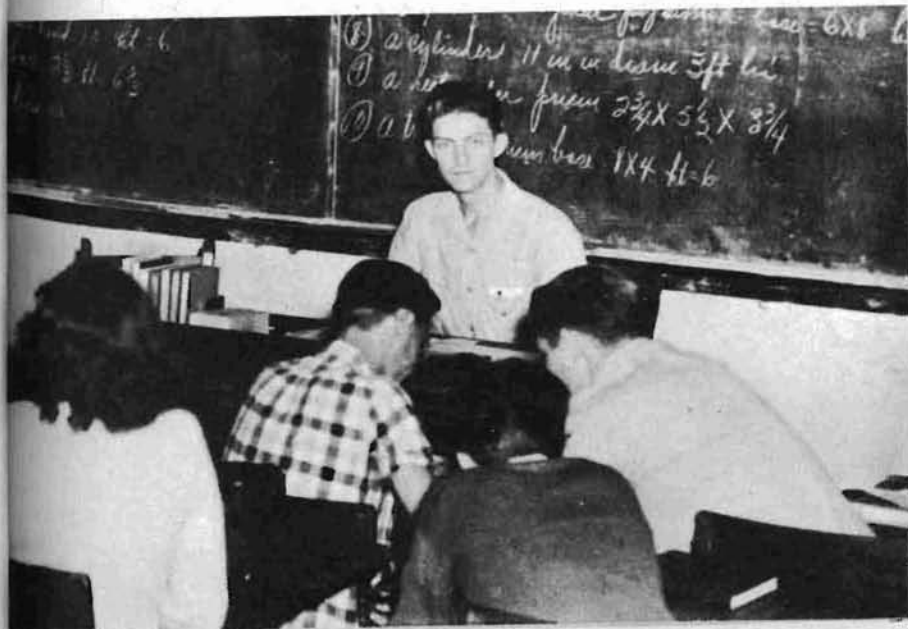
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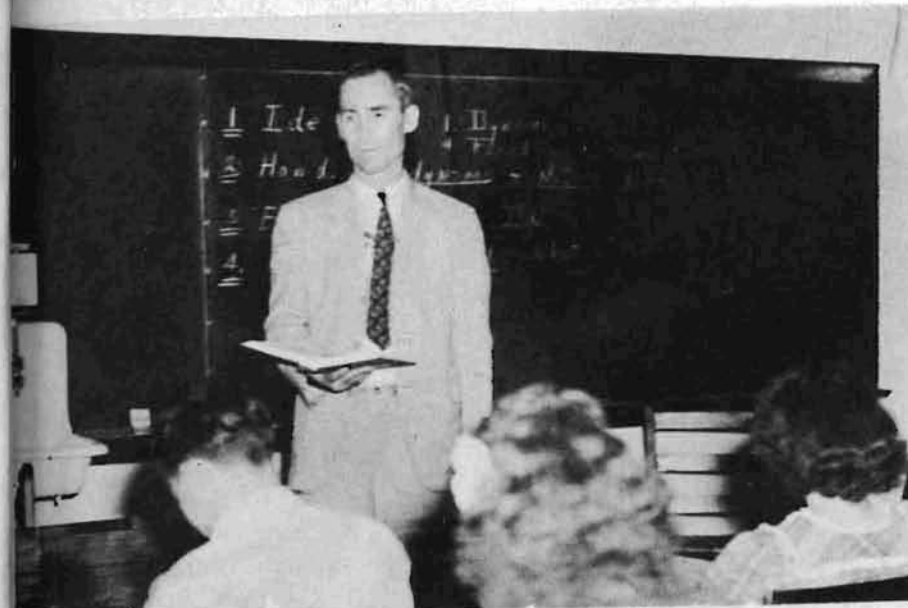
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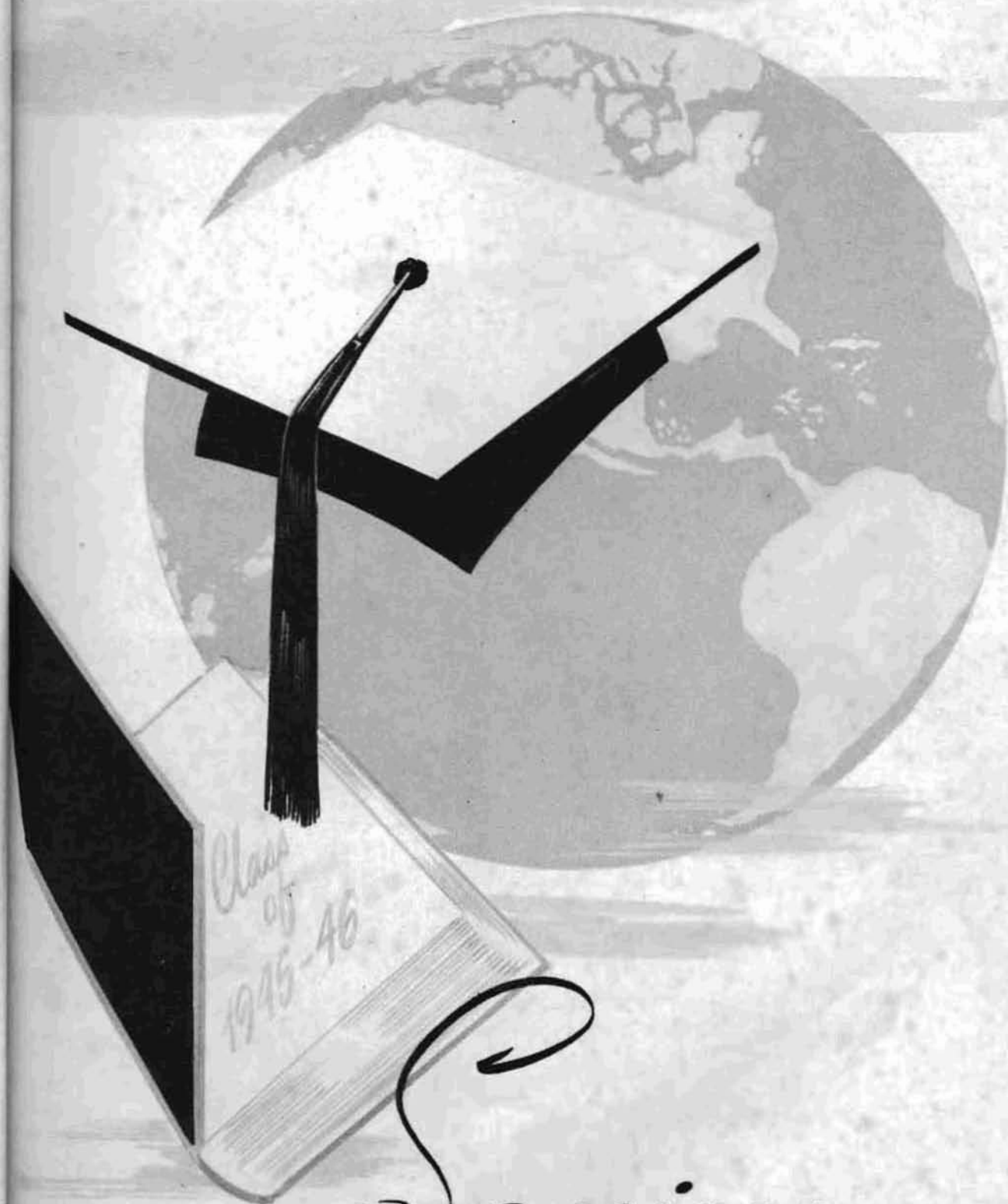
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Florida Southern
Physical Education Director



Merle M. Bartlett
F. S. C. W.
Music



Seniors



HAYNES WILLIAMS

Football '44, '45, '46; Class Pres. '45, '46;
Paper Staff '46; Tennis Club '46; King
Halloween Carnival '45



IRA DOSIER CLEMENTS

Class V. Pres. '43; Football 43, 44, 45,
46; Class V. Pres. 46; Paragon Staff '46.



MARY R. BASS



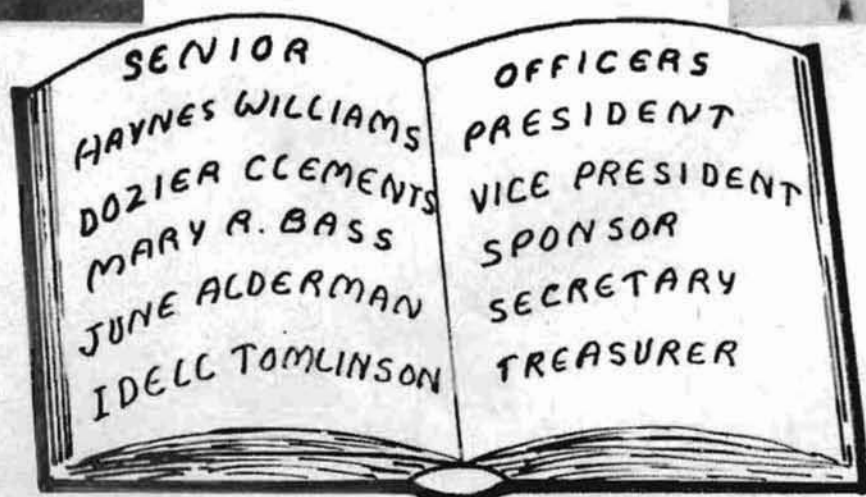
JUNE EVELYN ALDERMAN

Transfer Clearwater '44; Paper Staff '45,
'46; Glee Club '44; Cheer Leader '46;
Sec. '46; Paragon Staff '46; Tennis Club
'46.



FRANCES IDELL TOMLINSON

Cheerleader '43, '44, '45, '46; Theta
Beta Club '44; Glee Club '43, '44, '45;
Class Treas. '46; Paper Staff '45, '46;
Paragon Staff '46; D. A. R. Award.





GEORGE EDWARD ALDERMAN
Student Council '43; Paper Staff '45, '46;
Band '45, '46; Bus. Man. Paragon '46;
Tennis Club '46; Class Orator.



MOLLIE RAE BOETTGER
Glee Club '42, '43, '44; Class Sec. '44;
Pep Squad '45, '46; Theta Beta '44; Art
Ed. Paragon '46; Tennis Club '46.



LOU ANNE CHANDLER
Transfer Basinger '43; Class Pres. Basinger '42.



GEORGIA MARGARET
CHANDLER
Class Sec. '43; Glee Club '43, '45; Paper
Staff '45, '46; Paragon Staff '46; Vale
dictorian



HOMER ELLIS DRAUGHON
Theta Beta '44; Paper Staff '45, '46;
Band '46; Dance Band '46; Editor-in-
Chief Paragon '46.



ALICE MARGARET HANCOCK
Glee Club '43, '45; Pep Squad '44, '45,
'46; Class Treas. '43.



MIRIAM HILDA HARVEY
Transfer Leesburg; Cheerleader '45, '46;
Paper Staff '46; Pres. AO Club '46;
Paragon Staff '46.



ALMA LUCILLE JOHNSON
Glee Club '43, '44; Class Treas. '45; Pa-
per Staff '46; Pres. Tennis Club '46;
Cheerleader '46; Paragon Staff '46,
Salutatorian.



DONALD RUSSELL MACK
Band '45, '46; Tennis Club '46; Sports
'46; Dance Band '46.



DEWITT LEROY PEARCE
F. F. A. '45; Pres. Class '44



ROBERT ELMER PEARCE
Football '44, '45, '46; F. F. A. '45;
V. Pres. Class '45.



YVONNE DOLORES PRESCOTT
Transfer Basinger '43; Glee Club '46;
Sec.-Treas. Basinger '42.



OCIE JEAN PRICE
Transfer Sebring '44; Glee Club '46;
Paragon Staff '46.



JOHN CECIL SMITH
F. F. A. '42; 4-H Club '46.



RETA REBECCA SPARKMAN
Transfer Basinger '43; Glee Club '46.



DOROTHY WORTH
Glee Club '45; Sports '46; Pep Squad
'46.



CLASS HISTORY

It was in 1934 that about forty-five little boys and girls wandered about the halls of Okeechobee Elementary School for the first time, only to find themselves lost among what seemed like a giant's dominion. At first we were eager, although a little frightened. We skipped merrily to greet Mrs. Elledge and Mrs. Shuler every morning. After a short while however, we learned the ropes and took lagging steps, not merrily but merely resigned to that fate which was before us.

As we look back on the past, the picture of that first registration day occurs to us. There, standing on the threshold of that great adventure which was about to begin were several little kiddies which strike familiar chords in our memories. Among them were Dozier Clements, John Smith, Alice Hancock, Miriam Harvey, Robert Pearce, Idell Tomlinson, and Peggy Chandler. We were a congenial little group, except for the fact that Miriam and Dozier insisted on bashing each other every time Mrs. Elledge turned her back.

The second grade was more or less uneventful, except for the addition of a little Portland, Oregon boy, Donald Mack. After struggling through the third grade, we were finally allowed to enter a classroom on the upstairs floor. Molly Boettger came into our lives then, and California's loss was definitely our gain. However, our hearts were saddened by the loss of Miriam to Leesburg and Dozier to Pahokee.

Life in the fifth grade was brightened by the addition of Lucille Johnson to our class roll and by the return of Dozier. Lucille has continued with us for the rest of our united lives except for a few times when she has just had to "get away from it all" and received her education elsewhere.

Our first graduation took place on April 29, 1940, when our sixth grade class, to which D. L. Pearce from Brighton had been added, became the babies of O. H. S. We were well prepared to take our place among our elders for we had received all the advantages of our sixth grade education and had received our dramatic training in the various operettas which we had presented.

Miriam returned for a brief visit in the seventh grade but she was always like "the little man who wasn't there," and soon disappeared. Edward, with his Physic mind which insists on exactness in everything, arrived by his calculations, on April 8, 1941.

In the eighth grade, our students became resigned to the fact that "A's" and "B's" were a thing of the past, although we were determined to struggle through until next year when we could pick our own subjects. Boy, would we get easy ones! That year, we picked up Haynes Williams from Brighton, and Dorothy Worth from Perrine.

But the next year, it was a sad moment to discover that Mama had different ideas, and, instead of those nice, simple subjects, it was generally algebra or science.

The tenth grade brought us Yvonne Prescott, Lou Anne Chandler, and Reta Sparkman from Basinger, and June Alderman from Clearwater. That year we showed that at last we were independent by giving the Seniors a swell rib roast out at the dike.

A fine example of our class unity of spirit is the fact that with Mrs. Bass as sponsor and Haynes Williams as president, we have managed to make our way through both the junior and senior years. Ellis Draughon had always been considered practically "a member of the family" so he just skipped the tenth grade in order that he might join us as Juniors. Peggy Chandler, late as usual, arrived from Brewton, Alabama, six weeks after school had begun. Jean Price arrived from Sebring, and with the return of Miriam, our class was made complete. After giving the Seniors a really wonderful banquet in a Hawaiian setting, we Juniors finally became the present class of dignified Seniors.

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CLASS HISTORY

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As graduation time grew near, we were not so anxious to leave dear old O. H. S. as we had anticipated. It had been a long, hard struggle, but the class of 1946 had come through with flying colors, and her purple and gold will always recall pleasant hours in our efforts to be always at the top.

So ends our history, but it is surely certain that the future holds its best in store for this outstanding class as its members really know how to "get around."

CLASS WILL

We, the Seniors of Okeechobee High, being of sound mind and member, believing that we as members of the Senior Class of Okeechobee High School are about to terminate our school career and each of us having a kind and loving feeling for the lowly and incompetent members of the Junior Class of our school, and thus having a strong desire to assist those fortunate enough to form the Senior Class of next year, make this our last will as Seniors and bequeath as a group the following to the faculty and student body:

To Mrs. Bass, our sponsor, we bequeath our great admiration and our gratitude for her patience and guidance during our Junior and Senior years. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts.

To Mr. Williams and the faculty, we leave the job of running the school without our valuable aid and help; and without the inspiration we gave them in their work.

To the Junior Class, we leave the task of doing everything we have left undone when they get to be Seniors.

To the Sophomores, we leave our desire to be the outstanding and smartest class in school and our ability to succeed in this undertaking.

To the lowly Freshmen class, we leave our good looks. They need them. Our brains would be of no use to them. They have quite a few of their own.

We, believing that there are certain individuals of the high school who possess indications of attaining the skill that some of us have shown, specifically and individually bequeath the following:

I, Alice Hancock, bequeath my small and shapely figure to Alma Joyce Trumble.

I, Ira Dozier Clements, one of O. H. S.'s star football players, bequeath to Tumbo Hendry my football uniform.

I, June Alderman, bequeath to Mary Hood my tap shoes along with my physical poise and co-ordination.

I, Haynes Williams, bequeath to all future Class Presidents, and to Elphia Harden, Junior Class President, my ability to convince Professor Williams of my good judgment and sound reasoning.

I, Lucille Johnson, bequeath to Betty Jean Hansel, my ability to remain true to one boy over a long period of time.

I, Edward Alderman, bequeath to Mike Barber my executive ability but not my good looks. Note: This could be arranged even though good looks do not seem to be an item needed by the student body.

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SENIOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Senior Class of 1945-46 has, indeed, been an enterprising and industrious one. This group has sponsored many special functions that provided wholesome fun and entertainment for the student body, and with the aid of their sponsor, Mrs. Bass, embarked upon projects that have been considered too difficult to undertake heretofore.

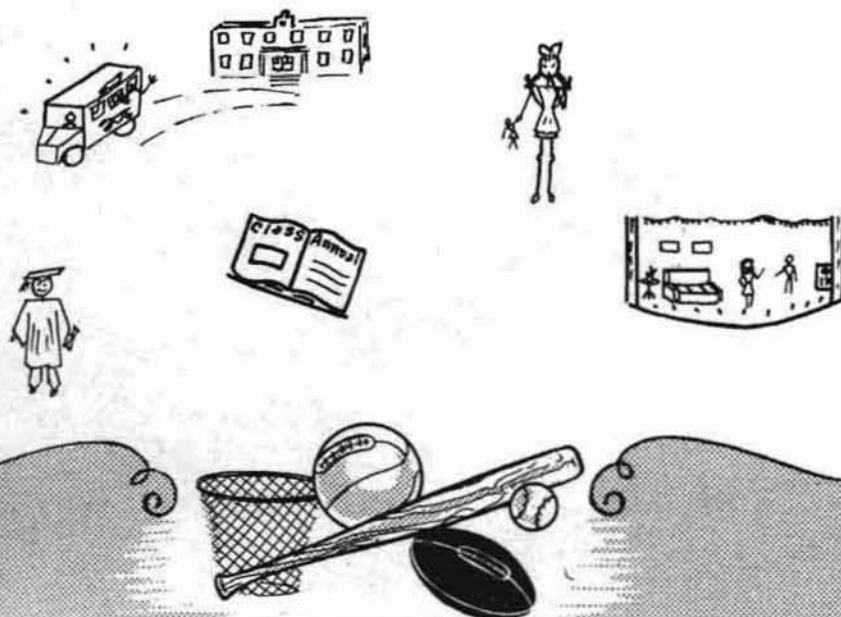
On April 26, the Seniors presented a three act comedy entitled "Here Comes the Prince." This play, given in the school auditorium, involved five men and six women in a highly entangled maze of circumstances that resulted in a hilarious evening of entertainment for everyone. The cast was as follows: Fred Halliday, Edward Alderman; Carol Halliday (his daughter), Lucille Johnson; Granny Halliday, Peggy Chandler; Joan, Idell Tomlinson; Terry Donovan, Ellis Draughon; Professor Chipper, Robert Pearce; Sonya, June Alderman; Mrs. Lovejoy, Mollie Boettger; Wanda Lovejoy, Yvonne Prescott; Winks (the butler), Dozier Clements; and Prince Rudolph of Zenobia, Donald Mack.

Making its debut, along with that of the Seniors, was new stage scenery especially constructed and presented to the school and student body by the Seniors. This project had long been their secret desire and its fulfillment on the night of their play was gratifying to both the Seniors and the remainder of the school.

A class of twenty, possessing a determination to succeed, and a sponsor with the ability to promote this success, decided to put out a High School Annual. This decision was not without difficulties, for there were numerous problems. Okeechobee does not contain a portrait studio and a large number of individual and group pictures had to be made. A staff was elected from the Senior Class and they promptly set to work to try to conquer these obstacles. After a photographer was contacted and the necessary pictures taken, a period of waiting ensued while the film was in the process of being developed. Eventually, the Annual was completed, and the Seniors relaxed from this strenuous routine long enough to take a Skip Day to.....destination unknown (to the student body) and had themselves one grand time.

Previously, the Senior Class sponsored a Kid Day. Everyone in school was instructed to dress as a child. The momentous day arrived, but not quick enough for Old Man Winter who sneaked in during the night with a cold snap to chill the legs of all would-be children in short skirts. However, quite a number of students dressed thus (despite Mama's objections) and the over-all effect was that O. H. S. students had changed countenance overnight. A clever program was presented in chapel and prizes awarded for outstanding costumes.

The Seniors have been a busy a class, haven't they?



Juniors





ELPHIA HARDEN
President



VERNON WRIGHT
Vice President



BETTY J. HANSEL
Secretary

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MARY V. SWAIN
Treasurer



RUBY S. HANCOCK
Sponsor

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Alta Addison
Iris Conrad



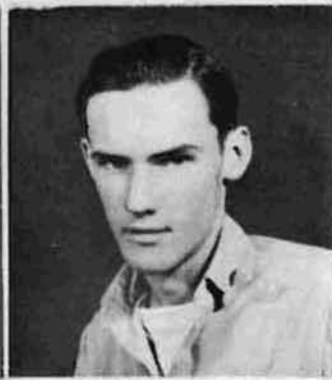
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Kathryn Conrad

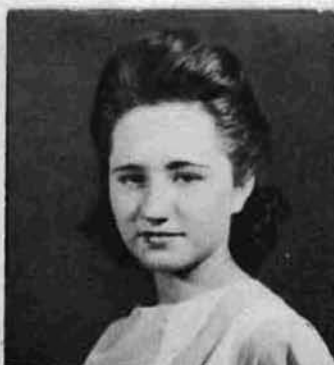


Dorothy Chandler
Carl Dunn



Bettye Clay
Wayne Fulford





Clifton Godwin
 Leslie Hendry
 Al Raulerson
 Earl Walker

Billy Hair
 Virginia Parkerson
 Mary F. Thomas
 Marie Weekley

Carol Hall
 J. C. Pearce
 Pat Thomas
 John Whidden

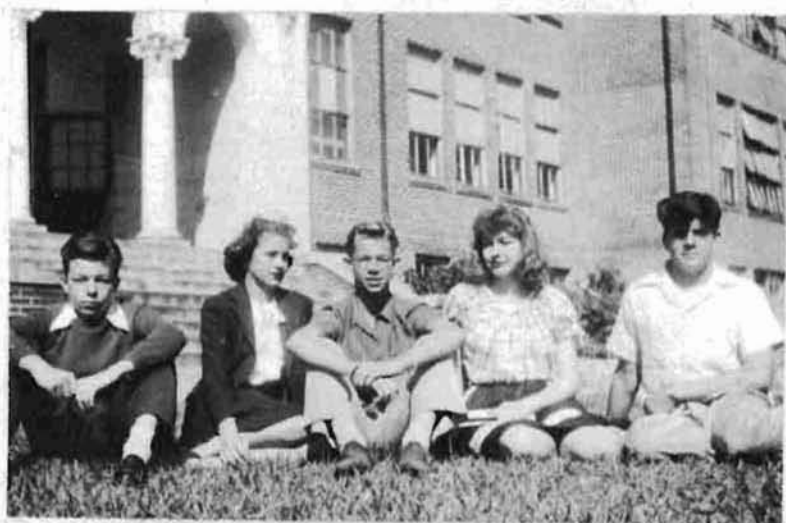
Cecil Harden
 Mildred Phelps
 Alma J. Trumble
 Juanita Worth

Sophomores



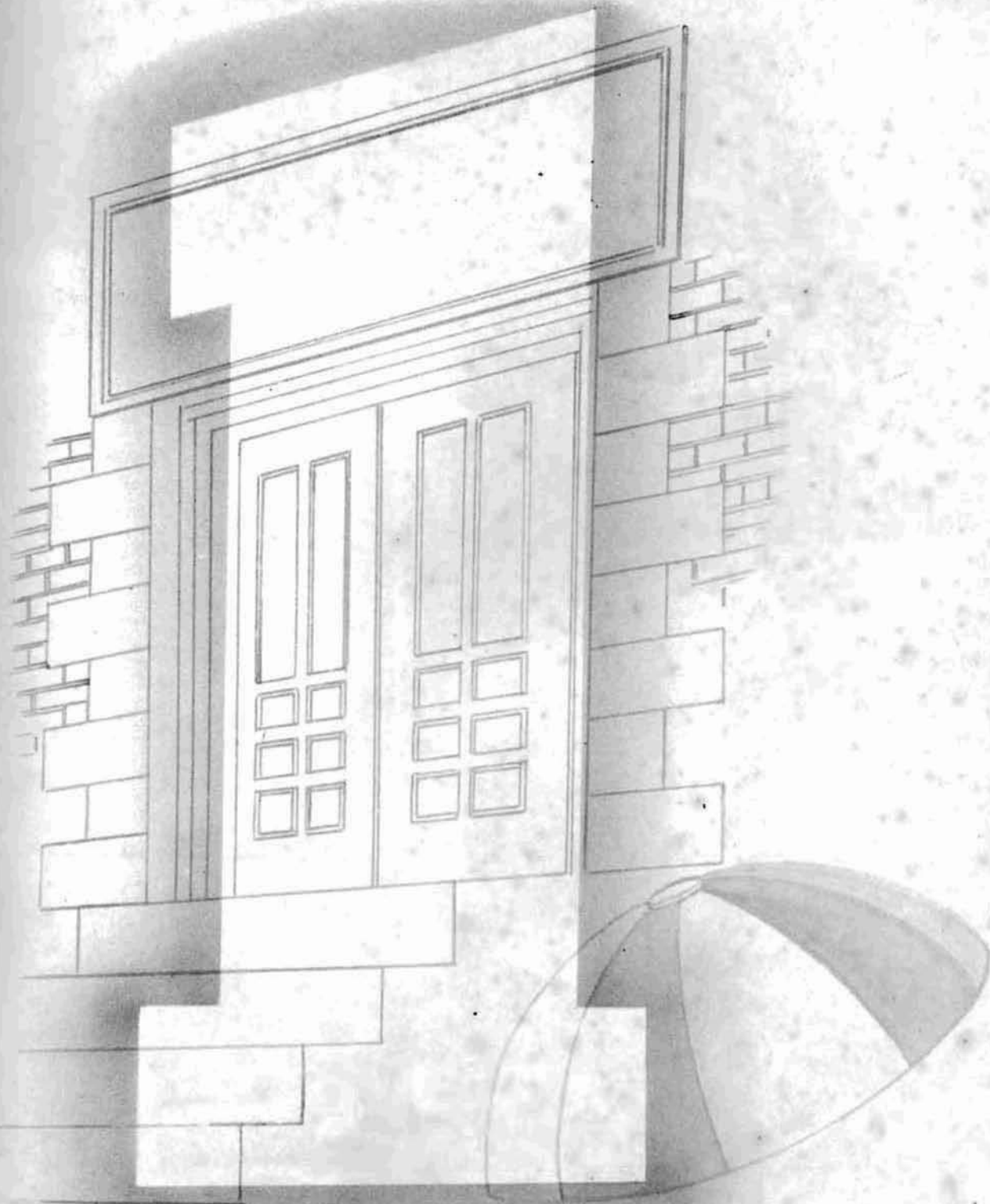


CLARENCE J. BOWMAN, SPONSOR



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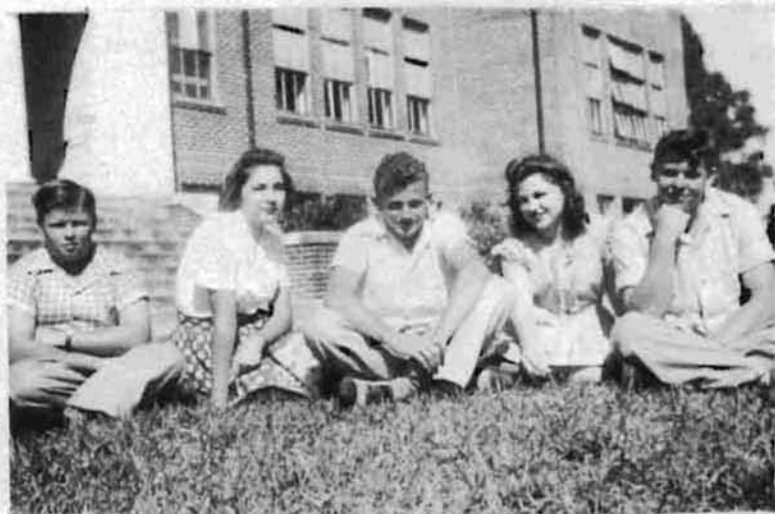
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 SUSAN HANCOCK, Secretary-Treasurer
 CHARLES CORNELIUS, Representative
 MCKINSTER ROE, Reporter



Freshmen



MATTIE LEE McCRANIE MERLE O. KENT
SPONSORS



CLASS OFFICERS

ROBERT HAYES, President
JOHNNY MACK KINSAUL, Vice President
RUTH FULFORD, Secretary
RAULIE RAULERSON, Treasurer
ALIENE YATES, Reporter



SECTION ONE A-L

LUCY E. LINK, TEACHER



SECTION TWO M-Z

JULIA T. McMULLEN, TEACHER

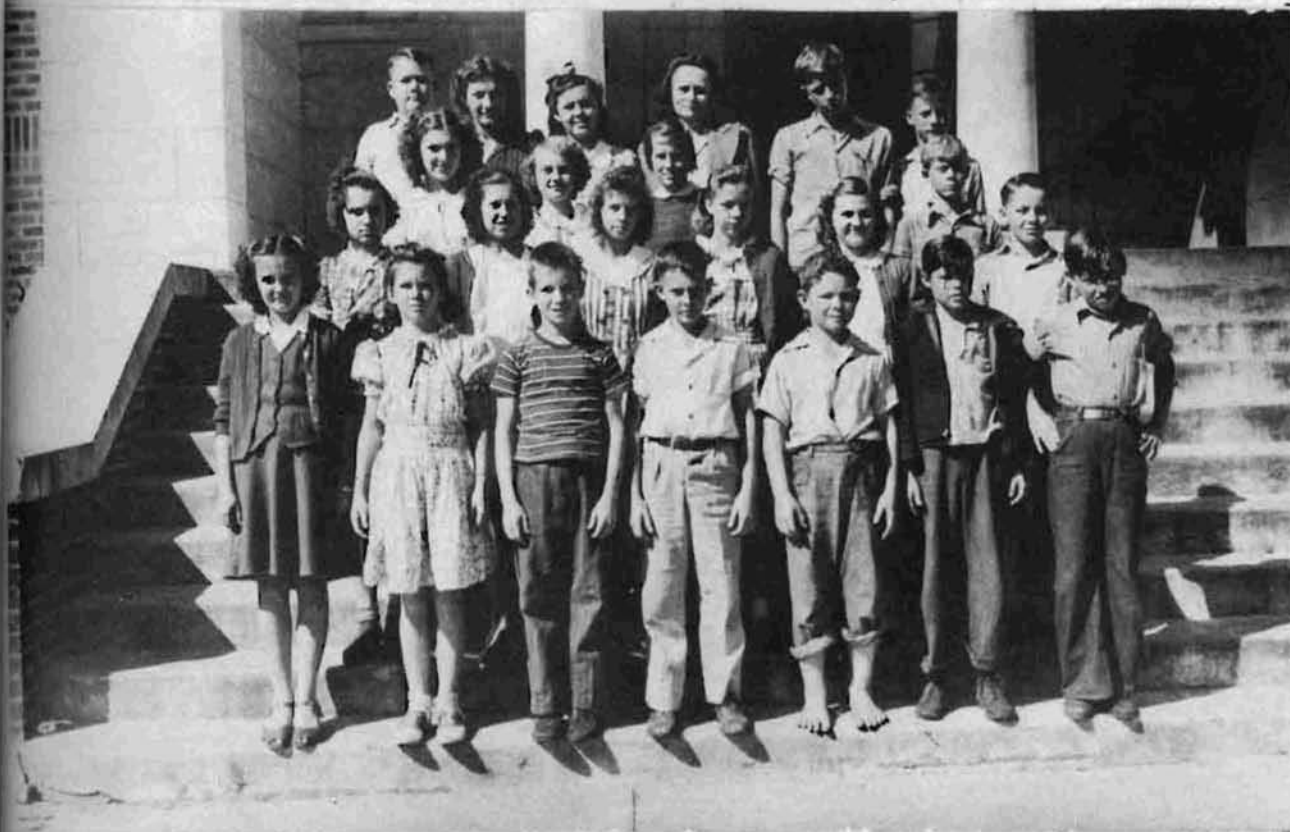
RUTH ROE (in picture) SUBSTITUTE

EIGHTH GRADE



SECTION ONE A-L

RUBY S. HANCOCK, TEACHER



SECTION TWO M-Z

HAZEL EUGENIA HOLTZCLAW, TEACHER

SEVENTH GRADE



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Best Looking Boy
HAYNES... reserved... tall... ..
good-natured... fullback... WILLIAMS

Best Looking Girl
LUCILLE... gracious manner... lovely... ..
cooperative... sophisticated... JOHNSON



Most Popular Boy
ELLIS... inquisitive... reliable
generous... ambitious... DRAUGHON

Most Popular Girl
IDELL... pleasant... lively wit... ..
friendly to all... .. TOMLINSON



Most Versatile Girl
MIRIAM... attractive... good sport
giggly... loquacious... .. HARVEY

Most Versatile Boy
ELLIS... big-hearted... witty
mischievous... likable... DRAUGHON

Most Studious Girl
PEGGY... trustworthy... fun... ..
dry sense of humor... CHANDLER

Most Studious Boy
EDWARD... dependable... quiet
conscientious... dreamer... ALDERMAN





Most Athletic Girl

DOROTHY... genuine...
fair... good sport...
... tiny ... WORTH

Most Athletic Boy

DOZIER... good sport...
on the field... play for love
of the game... CLEMENTS



Most Conceited Girl

LUCILLE... keen...
efficient... in love...
leader... JOHNSON

Most Conceited Boy

EDWARD... quiet...
nitty... conscientious...
dependable... ALDERMAN



Best Personality

DOZIER... merry
laugh... active...
very tall... CLEMENTS

IDELL... peppy...
secret love...

DAR Award... TOMLINSON



Wittiest Girl

MOLLIE... likable...
artistic... big hearted...
garrulous... BOETTGER

Wittiest Boy

D.L. ... dubious... easy
going... friendly...
tempestuous... PEARCE



Biggest Flirts

MIRIAM . . . merry eyes . . . ready
smile . . . restless HARVEY

ELLIS . . . good dancer . . . easy
smile . . . good sport . . . DRAUGHON



Sweetest Girl

YVONNE . . . pretty . . . amiable
. . . sensible PRESCOTT

Most Thoughtful Boy

DONALD . . . considerate . . . depend-
able . . . cooperative MACK



Best Physique

JOHN . . . good-natured . . . honest
sincere . . . capable SMITH

Best Figure

ALICE . . . sensitive . . . shy . . .
demure . . . shapely . . . HANCOCK



Most Bashful Girl

LOU ANNE . . . quiet . . . nice looking
. . . pleasant . . . blonde . . . CHANDLER

Most Bashful Boy

ROBERT . . . athletic . . . unassuming
genial . . . obliging PEARCE



Cutest Seniors

JEAN... winsome... zealous
... neat... congenial... PRICE

Best Dressed Girl
JUNE... attractive... different
... imaginative... ALDERMAN

DOZIER... happy-go-lucky
... buoyant spirit... CLEMENTS

Best Dressed Boy
ELLIS... clever... musical
... impulsive... : DRAUGHON

RETA... quiet... coy...
blonde... composed.. SPARKMAN

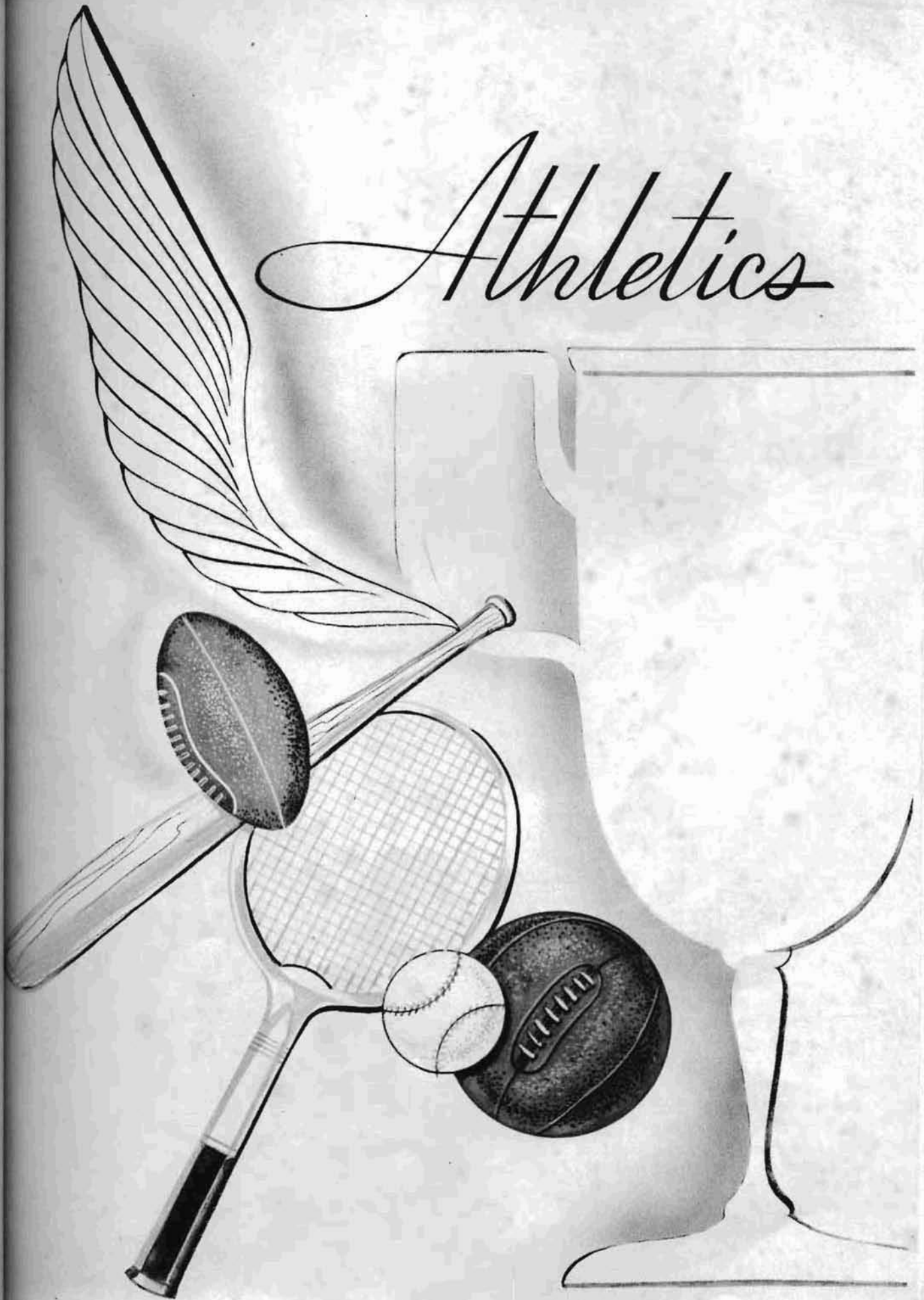
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SHOTS



Athletics





Coach Starling Howell Williams Watford Brewer
 Mgr. Mason Raulerson Hayes Barber Mgr. Kinsaul
 Pearce Capt. Clements Harden



Coach Starling
 Managers Mason and Kinsaul

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 1945

OKEECHOBEE.... 7	STUART..... 0
OKEECHOBEE.... 0	VERO BEACH....19
OKEECHOBEE.... 7	FORT PIERCE...60
OKEECHOBEE.... 0	PAHOKEE.....32
OKEECHOBEE....33	ST. ANN..... 0
OKEECHOBEE....14	CLEWISTON....25
OKEECHOBEE....13	PONCE DE LEON.31
OKEECHOBEE....21	LA BELLE.....14

This year, the Okeechobee Catfish were coached by Tom Perrin, whose picture does not appear on this page, and Ed Starling.

The team was small throughout the season, but their spirits never wavered. In the game against St. Ann of West Palm Beach, the entire game was played without one substitution.



*Raulerson
Halfback*



*Pearce
Center*



*B. Williams
Guard*



*Howell
Tackle*



*Brewer
Guard*



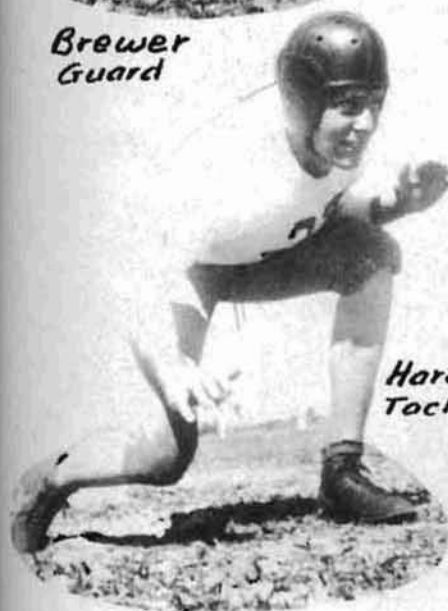
*H. Williams
Full back*



*Hayes
Halfback*



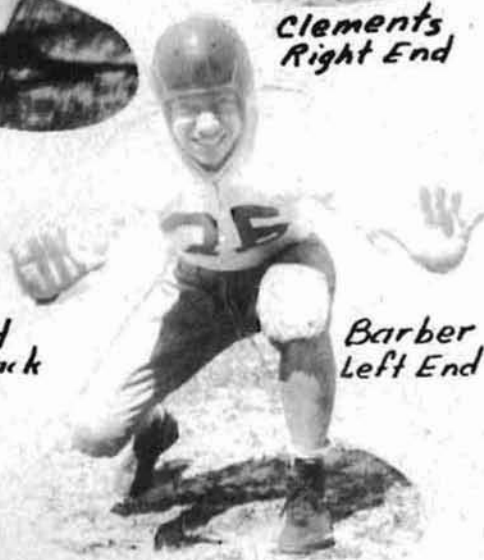
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Right End*



*Harden
Tackle*



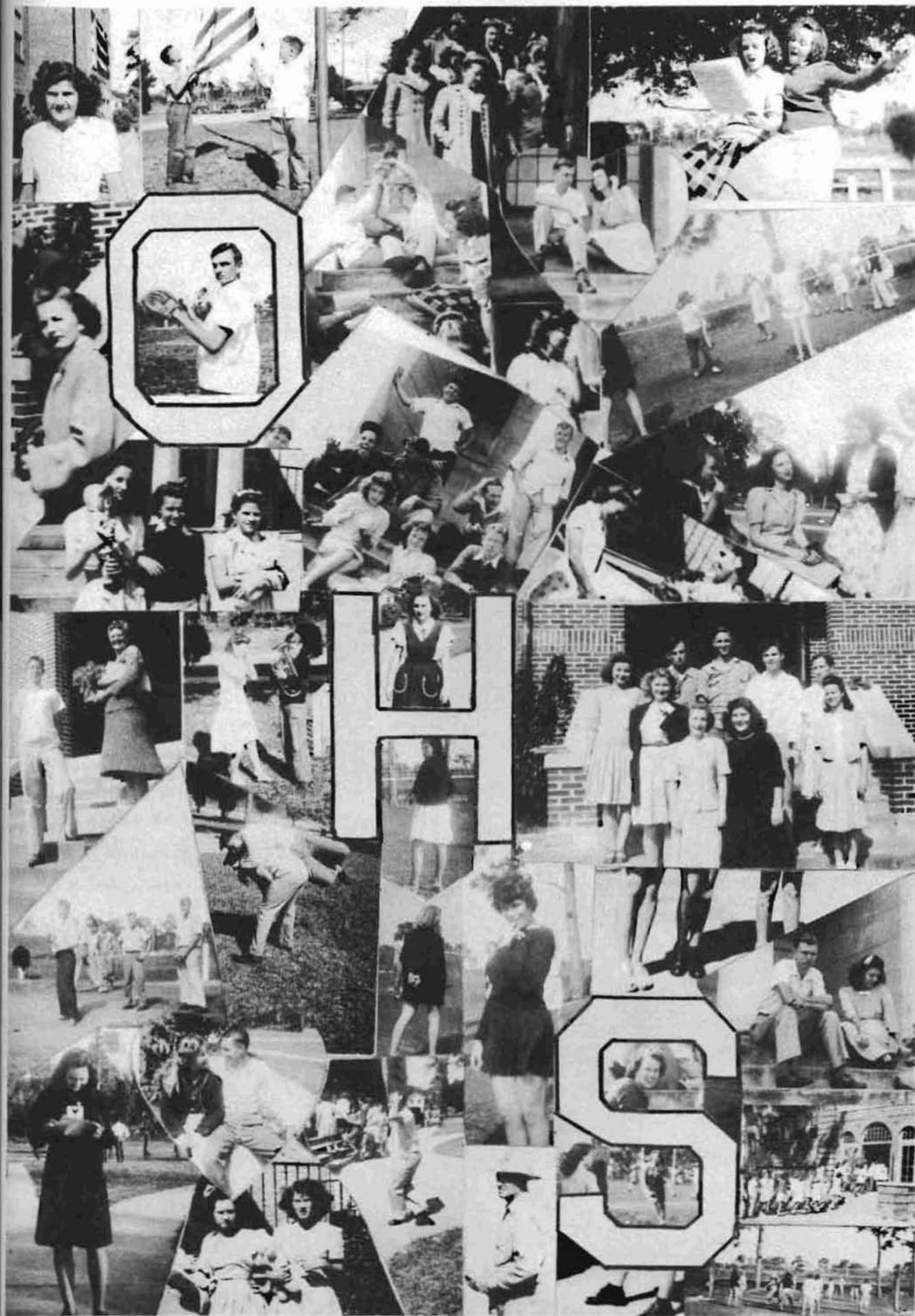
*Watford
Quarterback*



*Barber
Left End*



Activities





PEP SQUAD

CHEERLEADERS

Lucille Johnson	Miriam Harvey
Patricia Thomas	Betty Jean Honsel
June Alderman	Mary Va. Swain
Idell Tomlinson	Elizabeth Swain
Judy Durrance	



OUR



DIRECTOR
MR. KENT



BAND

The Okeechobee High School Band was organized January 11, 1945. It began with eight members. The present membership is forty-one. Plans are now under way for equipping the band with uniforms.



A-O CLUB

M. Kathleen McCarthy, Sponsor

The A. O. Club, a chapter of the Future Homemakers of America, was organized in 1941 and since then has become one of the most active clubs of our school. Our motto is "Toward New Horizons," and our colors are red and white. Our officers for the last semester are as follows:

President, Miriam Harvey; 1st Vice President, Rowena Thomas; 2nd Vice President, Betty Jean Dunn; Secretary, Marian Lee Whidden; Treasurer, Laverta Tripp; Reporter, Ruth Fulford

In order to make money for our club, we sold candy, cold drinks, etc. at the home football games. We are also selling candy and gum for money to go to summer camp. The camp is for the girls of Future Homemakers of America.

February 8th and 9th, there was a District Homemakers' meeting in Vero Beach. Our Sponsor, Miss Kathleen McCarthy, took some girls over in her car. They were: Miriam Harvey; delegates Libby Swain, Betty Jean Dunn; representatives Ernestine Hunt, and Ruth Fulford. While there, they attended a banquet given for the girls.

Throughout the year we have met once a month for business meetings at which several programs were presented. Our social functions have been varied and include a valentine party, Christmas Tree for the unfortunate children.



CAMPUS CAPERS



GLEE CLUB



4-H CLUB

JOHN SMITH, PRESIDENT





CHOBEE HI-TIMES STAFF

In 1943, the first issue of Chobee Hi-Times was printed and published. Sim Martin, Harry Paul Greenberger, and Mrs. Bass experimented with an old machine which belonged to the school and found that they could put out a school paper on it. From that time on the students have been putting out a paper each week.

Prior to this time, the school paper had been a part of the local newspaper.

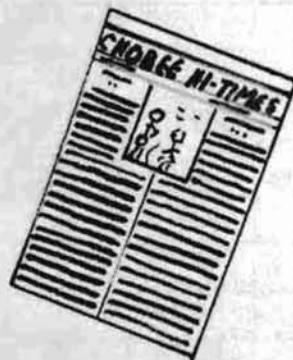
The newspaper staff has saved money for the past two years in order to buy a new printing machine. This year, the machine and a little type were purchased, but the experimentation process has just begun. Perhaps, next year we will have a regular printed paper.

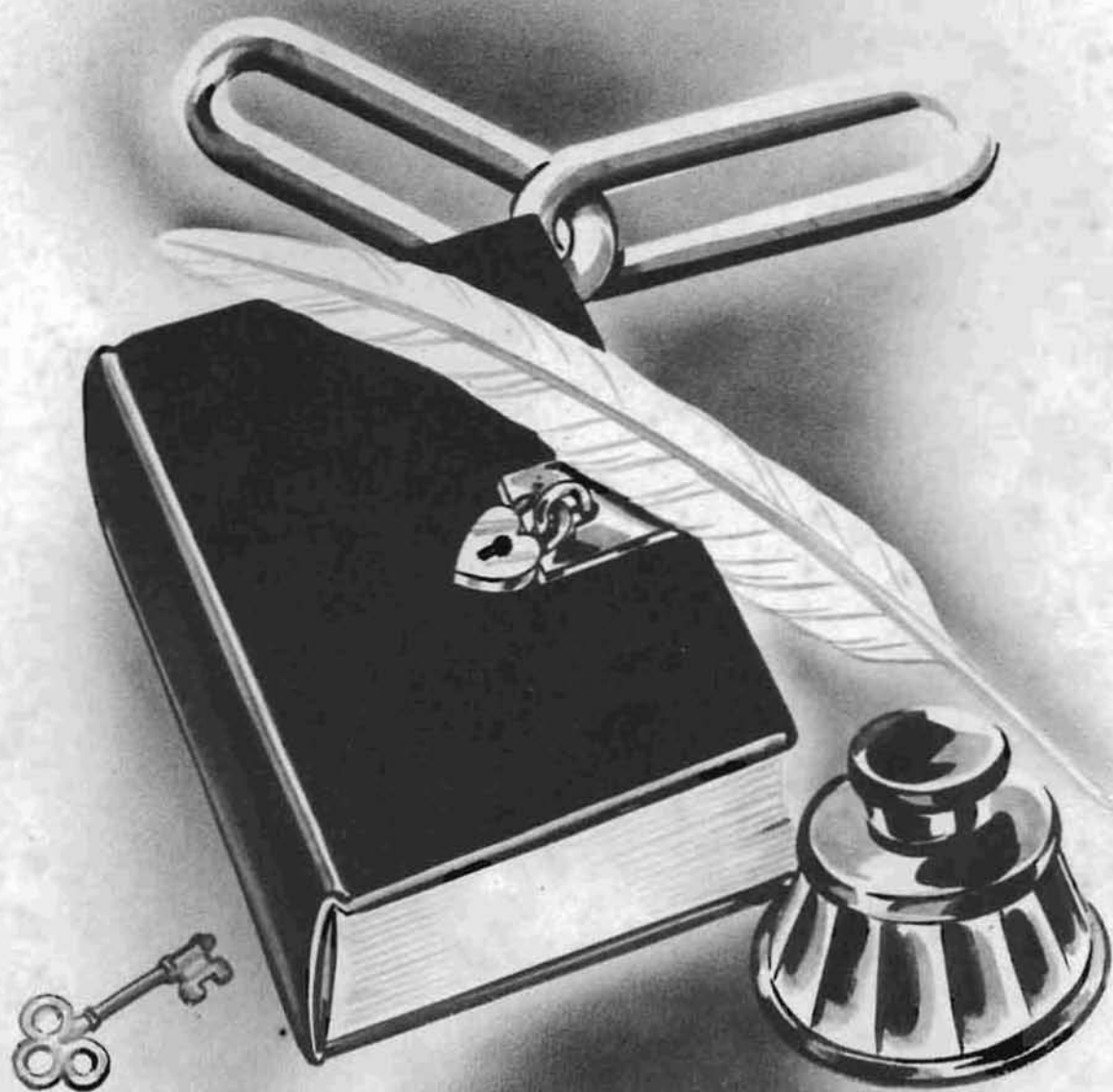
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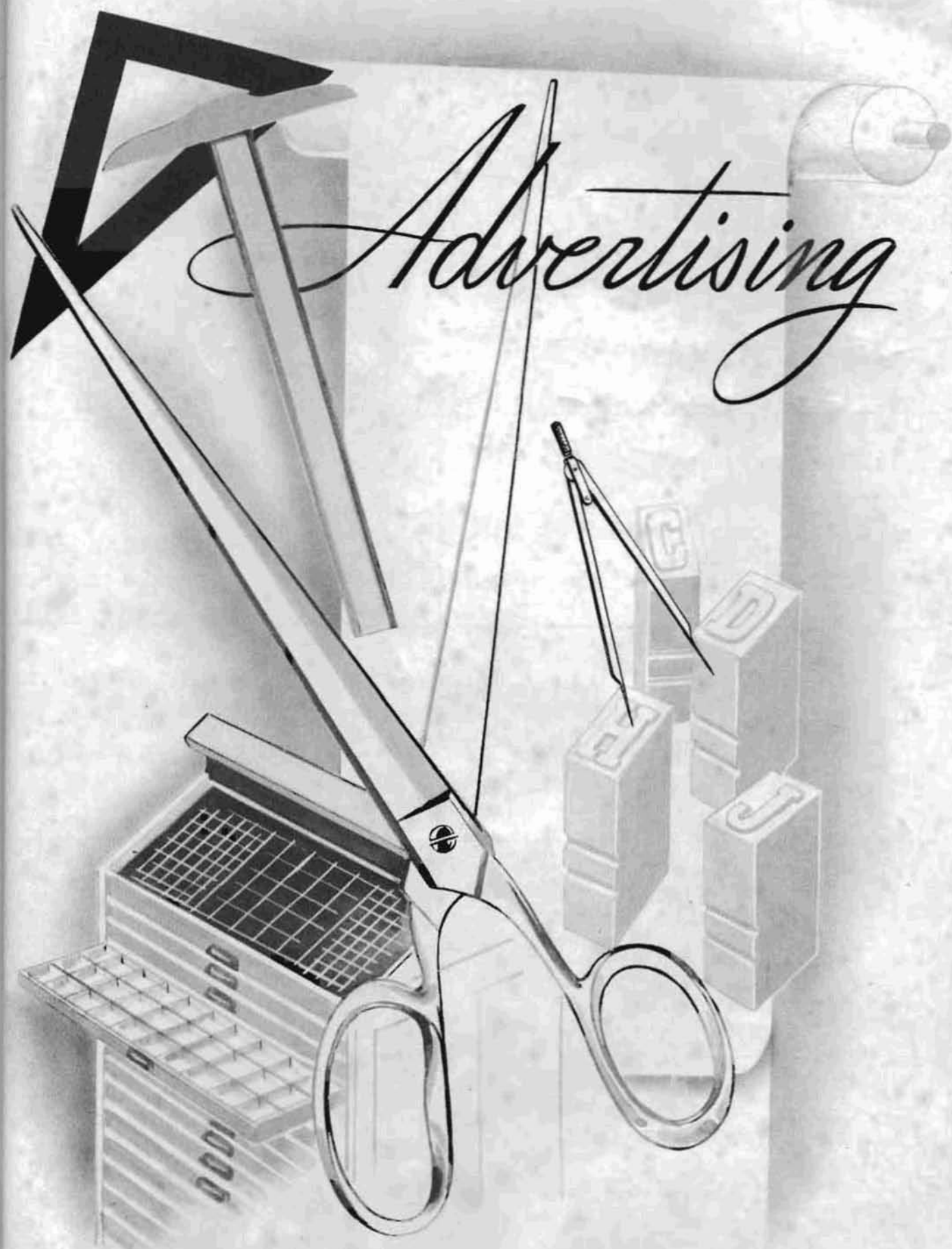
JUNE ALDERMAN

MARY R. BASS, Faculty Advisor





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STETSON HATS

COMPLIMENTS
OF
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BEAUTY & BARBER
SHOP

BEST WISHES
LAMB'S CAFE

CONGRATULATIONS
McCARTHY'S
GROCERY

CONGRATULATIONS
CONERLY'S
BARBER SHOP
I Need Your Head In My Business

'45 GRADUATING CLASS
CONGRATULATIONS
KNIGHT'S
SERVICE STATION

CONGRATULATIONS
SENIORS of '46
MODEL DRY CLEANER
HARVEY HAMRICK

OUR COMPLIMENTS
SENIORS
RAULERSONS
DEPARTMENT STORE

GOOD LUCK
SENIORS
CLAYTON'S CROCERY
AND
THOMPSON'S Meat MARKET

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AND
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Roy Hux, Prop.

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CLASS of '46
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TELEPHONE COMPANY

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