

1960



DECADE







THIS BOOK BELONGS TO ME

BRENDA Woolfolk



The

1950

# DECADE

Edited By

THE SENIOR CLASS

"1960"

UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Bowling Green,

Virginia

1960



# FOREWORD



We build our lives at Union High School. As the years pass, we pause to catch a final glimpse of our accomplishments. During the five years which most of us spend here our lives are shaped in many different ways, physically, mentally, emotionally, and socially. During this period we have earned many friendships. We have learned to work with and get along with others. And we have grown from uncertain freshmen to seniors——young adults ready to make our place in the world.

Within this yearbook, we have endeavored to record pleasant memories of the school year of 1959-1960.

We deeply appreciate the help and co-operation of our advertisers, the faculty, and the student body in making possible this annual.

We take pride in presenting to you

the DECADE of 1960

The Annual Staff



## DEDICATION

Time moves swiftly and our school grows in size and prestige. It is our world.....we live in it.....the build-ups.....the let-downs.....the confusion.....the growing pains.....the sometimes quiet still of the corridor.....the murky, mist-filled mornings on the way to the school bus.

To you, our parents for your loving care, to you, our faculty for your sincere guidance, and to you, the business men of our community for your loyal support, we, the Senior Class, dedicate the 1960

# OUR BEGINNING

1903 ..... 1930

## Principals

Rev. L. Davis  
Mr. Buchanan  
Mr. A. M. Walker  
Rev. H. M. Ruffin  
Rev. H. R. Young

Faculty  
Enrollment  
Library Books  
Auditorium (seating capacity)  
Dining Room or Cafeteria  
Gymnasium (seating capacity)  
Home Economics Rooms  
Agricultural Equipments

|      |      |
|------|------|
| 1    | 5    |
| 5    | 38   |
| 63   | 278  |
| none | none |
| 13   | 22   |
| none | none |
| 1    | 1    |

Hoes, rakes  
Wheelbarrow  
Nails, etc

## Industrial Arts Equipments

Hammers, nails, saws, etc.

## Subjects

|             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Grammar     | English      |
| Spelling    | History      |
| History     | Latin        |
| Arithmetic  | Mathematics  |
| Agriculture | Science      |
|             | H. Economics |
|             | Agriculture  |
|             | Shop         |
|             | Basketball   |
|             | NHA          |
|             | NFA          |
|             | Baseball     |
|             | Choir        |

## Extracurricular Activities

Croquet  
Baseball  
Checkers  
Group singing



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NOW

## OUR PROGRESS

1950 ————— 1960

### Principal

Mr. Ruffin

Faculty  
Enrollment  
Library Books  
Auditorium (seating capacity)  
Dining Room or Cafeteria  
Gymnasium (seating capacity)  
Home Economics Rooms  
Agricultural Equipment

|      |      |
|------|------|
| 16   | 23   |
| 434  | 590  |
| 1200 | 4123 |
| 300  | 500  |
| 200  | 200  |
| 600  | 600  |
| 1    | 5    |

Tractors, trailers, forging machines, etc.

### Industrial Arts Equipments

Circular saws, jointers, electric planes, drills, etc.

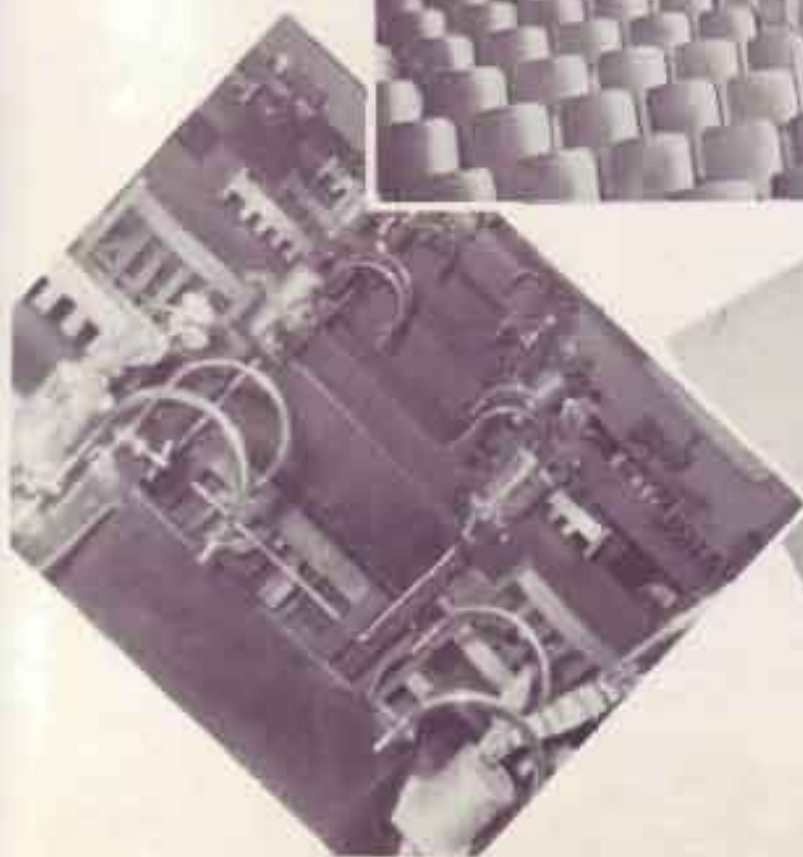
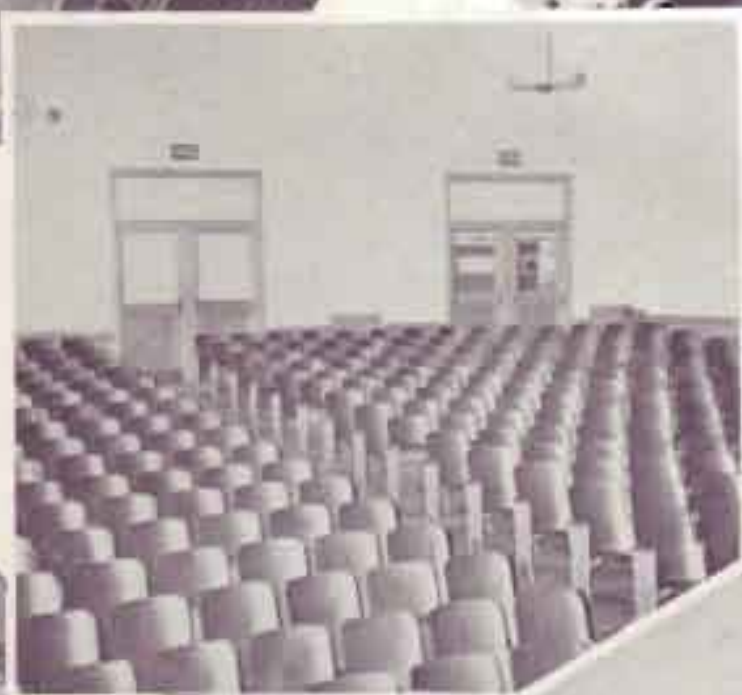
### Subjects

English  
Civics  
Geography  
American Government  
World History  
American History  
Mathematics  
Algebra  
Geometry  
Science  
Trigonometry  
Biology  
Tri Music Society  
French Circle  
NHA & NFA  
Science Club  
Dramatic Club  
Band and Choir  
Athletics Association

Chemistry  
Typing  
General Business  
Shorthand  
Social Problems  
Vocal Music  
Instrumental Music  
Home Economics  
Agriculture  
Industrial Arts  
Physical Education  
Cheering Squad & Pep Club  
Basketball Teams  
Baseball Team  
Softball Team  
Student Council  
Future Business Leaders of America

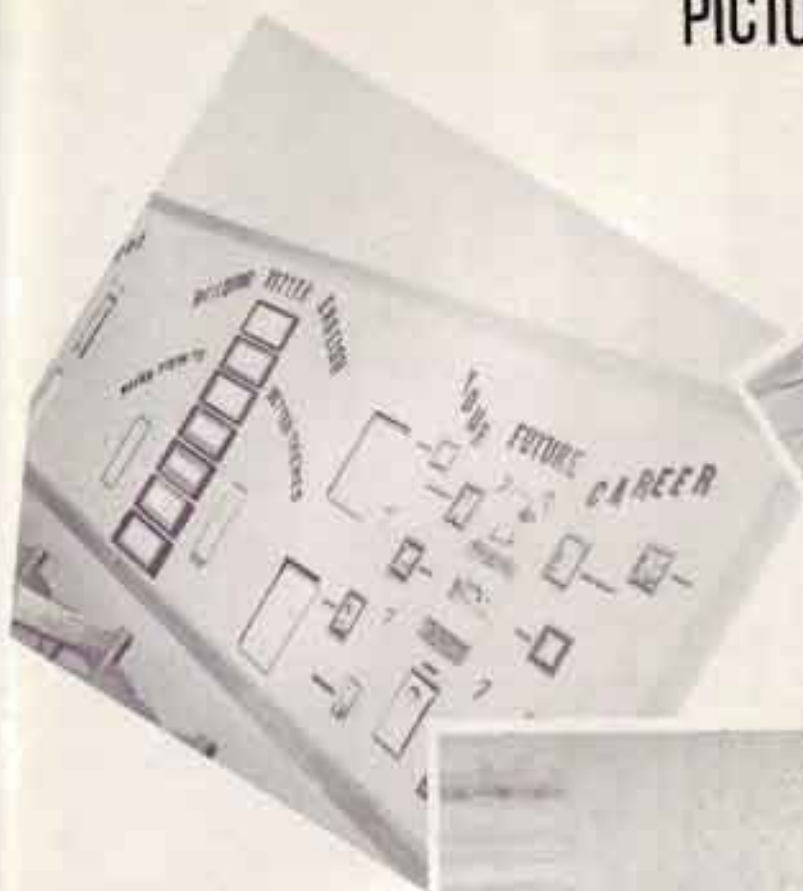
### Extra Curricular Activities

# PANORAMA





# PICTORIAL







Dear Class of 1960,

The tree of knowledge is always full of fruit, but if there are never any windfalls, one must climb to reap the harvest. Your accomplishments in achieving this portion of your training shows that you wish to broaden your horizon. I sincerely hope that you will strive to participate in educational, recreational, and religious activities which will take you far beyond activities of elementary needs.

I congratulate you, therefore, for this achievement and urge that you continue your pursuit for knowledge and experiences that will make for you a fuller and richer life. All men do not live in a world of the same size. He, who depends entirely upon his own unaided senses of sight, touch, and hearing, lives in a tiny world as compared with the person who equips himself with a telescope, telephone, radio and other scientific inventions. Perhaps the most important functions of educational institutions are to make man truly a human being and to give him a richer world in which to live.

However, no matter how exact a scientific conclusion may seem; nor how definite a mathematical calculation may appear, nor how firmly a moral principle seems to be established, man soon runs against the limits of his own ignorance. And unless he is mentally blind he recognizes a huge realm of the unknown of which he knows practically nothing. Faced with the great uncertainty that lies beyond his proven knowledge, man requires faith in order to do this work. For faith gives meaning to human life and religion develops and strengthens faith. He, who believes, is strong, but he, who doubts, is weak.

As you become sisters and brothers to the many illustrious sons and daughters of Union High School, may your noble deeds and consecrated services bring additional glory to your Alma Mater.

A sincere friend,

*George B. Ruffin*

George B. Ruffin

# Administration



MR. A. McKEE BANKS  
Agriculture  
Virginia Normal and  
Industrial Institute  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 30



MRS. MARY BANKS  
Home Economics  
Peabody High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
M.S., Cornell University  
• 25

MR. WALTER LOWE  
Industrial Arts  
(2 yrs.) Sussex Training School  
Virginia State High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 21



MR. REGINALD BEVERLY  
Science & Mathematics  
Union High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 19

MR. JAMES LUCKIE  
Mathematics & Geography  
Public High School No. 16  
B.A., Morris Brown College  
• 18



MRS. CELESTINE RAGLAND  
Home Economics  
Union High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 14

MRS. MARY DUNGEE  
History & English  
Bruton Heights High School  
B.A., Virginia Union Univ.  
M.A., Columbia University-  
Richmond Professional  
Institute  
• 13



MR. LLOYD BOXLEY  
Agriculture  
Union High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 13



MISS MARUERITE DAVIS  
English  
Union High School  
B.A., Virginia Union Univ.  
M.A., New York University  
George Washington University  
• 11

MRS. RUTH BROWN  
Physical Education  
Lincoln High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 8

MR. CHRISTOPHER LEE  
Science  
Julius Rosenwald High School  
B.S., Virginia Union Univ.  
• 8

MRS. RUTH WILSON  
Music & English  
Union High School  
B.S., Hampton Institute  
M.S., Columbia University  
• 6½

MRS. ARLITHA RUCKER  
Social Studies  
Union High School  
B.A., Virginia Union Univ.  
• 5

MISS OLA LUCK  
Librarian  
Southside High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 5

MR. EARL RICHARDS  
Physical Education  
Union High School  
B.S., A & T College  
• 5

MR. WALTER YOUNG  
English  
Union High School  
B.A., Virginia Union Univ.  
• No. of years teaching at  
Union High School.



MRS. CAROLYN JOHNSON  
Mathematics  
Union High School  
B.A., Virginia Union Univ.  
• 4



MR. NATHAN WASHINGTON JR.  
French & Social Studies  
Kimball High School  
B.S., West Virginia State  
• 3

MR. JAMES BARRETT  
English  
Armstrong High School  
B.A., Virginia Union Univ.  
• 3



MR. WILBER CHANCE  
Science & English  
Pamela High School  
B.S., Virginia Union Univ.  
M.A., New York University  
• 1

MRS. BLONNIE TIPTON  
Band  
Christiansburg Institute  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 1



MISS MILDRED EASTER  
Commerce  
E.W. Wyatt High School  
B.S., Virginia State College  
• 1

MRS. RUTH BARKSDALE  
Government  
Union High School  
B.A., Virginia State College  
• 1



MRS. JEANETTA LEE  
Secretary  
Union High School  
Virginia State College  
• No. of years teaching at  
Union High School.



# Seniors







IRENE ANDERSON  
Hewlett, Va.  
Activities:  
F.B.L.A.,  
N.H.A., Pep  
Club, Dramatic  
Club, Choir

CHRISTINE BAKER  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, Chees-  
ing Squad, N.H.A.,  
Dramatic Club,  
Science Club



HERLAND BAKER  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, N.F.A.

LOUISE BAYLOR  
Hanover, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, N.H.A.,  
F.B.L.A.



VIRGINIA BAYLOR  
Port Royal, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club,  
F.B.L.A., N.H.A.,  
Library Club,  
Student Government

JACK BRAXTON  
Loose, Va.  
Activities:  
French Circle,  
Dramatic Club,  
Science Club,  
F.B.L.A.



MARIE BOONE  
Bairy, Va.  
Activities:  
Science Club, N.H.A.,  
French Circle, Pep  
Club, Library Club,  
Dramatic Club



RACHEL BRYANT  
Fenola, Va.  
Activities:  
Science Club, N.H.A.,  
Dramatic Club, Pep  
Library Club, Year-  
book & Newspaper Staff



BESSIE CARTER  
Shumansville, Va.  
Activities:  
Science Club  
Majorette, N.H.A.  
Cheering Squad  
Student Government

HELEN CARTER  
Hanover, Va.  
Activities:  
N.H.A., Pep  
Club, F.B.L.A.  
Dramatic Club  
French Circle



MARY CARTER  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Majorette, N.H.A.  
French Circle  
Pep Club, Science  
Club, Commercial  
Club

OTIS COATES  
Bulky, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A.  
French Circle  
May King



EARLENE COLEMAN  
Poncha, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir  
N.H.A.  
F.B.L.A.

FRANK COLEMAN  
Sparta, Va.  
N.F.A.



JAMES CHANDLER  
Poncha, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A.



EMILY CHILDS  
Kids Fork, Va.  
Activities:  
F.B.L.A., N.H.A.  
Library Club,  
Student Council,  
Science Club



EMMITT CHILDS  
Pensla, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A., Choir

ETHEL CHRISTOPHER  
Milford, Va.  
Activities:  
N.H.A., F.B.L.A.,  
Cheering Squad,  
Dramatic Club,  
Pop Club



CLARA DERRICOTE  
Golansville, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club,  
F.B.L.A., N.H.A.,  
Student Govern-  
ment, Choir

CARLTON DUDLEY  
Milford, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, N.F.A.



ROSA DOBBINS  
Port Royal, Va.  
Activities:  
French Club,  
N.H.A., Dramatic  
Club, Basketball  
Team

IRENE FIELDS  
Lynch, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club,  
Science Club,  
Choir, N.H.A.,  
Library Club



BRANCIS FORTUNE  
Spotts, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, N.H.A.



GENEVA FORTUNE  
Passing, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, Student  
Council, N.H.A.,  
Dramatic Club,  
French Club





MABLE FORTUNE  
Alpi, Va.  
Activities:  
Science Club  
Dramatic Club  
N.H.A.  
Cheering Squad

MELVIN FOXX  
Bowling Green, Va.  
Activities:  
Basketball Team,  
N.F.A., Choir,  
French Circle



WILBUR FOXX  
Hewlett, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A.  
F.B.L.A.

LAURA FREEMAN  
Ruther Glen, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club,  
Choir, N.H.A.



MYRTLE FREEMAN  
Bulky, Va.  
Activities:  
Majorette  
N.H.A.  
F.B.L.A.  
Science Club  
Pep Club

CATHERINE GILES  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
F.B.L.A., N.H.A.



RAYMOND GARNETT  
Shamonsville, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A.



FANNIE HOLMES  
Rappahannock Academy, Va.  
Activities:  
N.H.A., Science Club,  
Pep Club, Usher  
Board, Majorette,  
Dramatic Club



RYLAND JACKSON  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club, Band,  
Choir, Student Govern-  
ment

THEODORE JAMES  
Poula, Va.  
Activities:  
Usher, N.F.A.,  
Dramatic Club,  
Student Government



LAURA JOHNSON  
Bowling Green, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, Band, F.B.L.A.,  
N.H.A., French Circle,  
Cheering Squad, Tri-M  
Society, Glee Club

GLADYS JONES  
Ruther Glen, Va.  
Activities:  
N.H.A., Choir,  
Dramatic Club



ROBERT JONES  
Golanville, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club,  
N.F.A., F.B.L.A.

DOROTHY LINDSEY  
Bowling Green, Va.  
Activities:  
Science Club,  
French Circle,  
Dramatic Club,  
Choir, N.H.A.



THELMA LINDSEY  
Bowling Green, Va.  
Activities:  
Science Club, N.H.A.,  
Dramatic Club, Choir,  
French Circle,  
Student Government



BENJAMIN LEWIS  
Poula, Virginia  
Activities:  
Basketball Team,  
Dramatic Club,  
Choir, N.F.A.



JAMES LINDSEY  
Central Point, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A., Student  
Government

ROGER MINES  
Hanover, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, Student  
Government,  
Dramatic Club



ELNORA MINES  
Bristol, Va.  
Activities:  
Library Club, N.H.A.,  
F.B.L.A., Dramatic  
Club, Yearbook  
Staff, Pep Club

EARL MINOR  
Ruther Glen, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A.,  
Dramatic Club



EUGENE MINOR  
Milford, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, N.F.A.,  
Dramatic Club

JAMES MINOR  
Woodford, Va.



JOHN MONTE  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Student Government,  
N.F.A.



JOHN MOORE  
Hewlett, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A., Frush  
Circle





LUTHER MORRIS  
Lorne, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A.,  
Dramatic Club,  
Student Govern-  
ment, F.B.L.A.

JOHN POLLARD  
Bowling Green, Va.  
Activities:  
Basketball Team,  
N.F.A., Choir



ANN ROYE  
Sparta, Va.  
Activities:  
French Circle,  
Dramatic Club,  
N.H.A., F.B.L.A.  
Science Club

ALICE ROCK  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Dramatic Club,  
N.H.A., Science  
Club, Tri-M Society  
Band, Pep Club



KENNETH RAGLAND  
Milford, Va.  
Activities:  
Band, Choir,  
Dramatic Club,  
Student Government

LUCILLE SAMUEL



SHIRLEY SAMUEL  
Shumanville, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, Cheerleader,  
Science Club, N.H.A.,  
Dramatic Club



FLOYD SCOTT  
Milford, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A., Student  
Council, Dramatic  
Club



CLARA SMITH  
Hewlett, Va.  
Activities:  
Library Club,  
Student Government,  
N.H.A., F.B.L.A.,  
Dramatic Club

LOUISE SMITH  
Ruther Glen, Va.  
Activities:  
Basketball Team,  
Band, N.H.A.,  
French Circle,  
Dramatic Club



EUNICE SMITHERS  
Hanover, Va.  
Activities:  
French Circle,  
Student Government,  
Science Club, N.H.A.,  
Cheering Squad

CLARA SIZER  
Chilesburg, Va.  
Activities:  
Band, Choir,  
N.H.A., Dramatic  
Club, French  
Circle, F.B.L.A.



JAMES TAYLOR  
Bowling Green, Va.  
Activities:  
Choir, N.F.A.,  
Dramatic Club,  
Basketball Team

MARION TAYLOR  
Shumanville, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A., Student  
Government



JEROME TERRELL  
Penola, Va.  
Activities:  
N.F.A., Dramatic  
Club



YVONNE THOMAS  
Ruther Glen, Va.  
Activities:  
Glee Club, Choir,  
Science Club,  
Basketball Team,  
F.B.L.A., N.H.A.



GIRLENE WARE  
Central Point, Va.  
Activities:  
N.H.A., Choir,  
Science Club

GEARLDINE WASHINGTON  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
N.H.A., F.B.L.A.,  
Dramatic Club,  
Student Government



PATRICIA WILLIAMS  
Milford, Va.  
Activities:  
Student Government,  
Dramatic Club, N.H.A.,  
French Circle, Band,  
Science Club

LEWIS WILLIAMS  
Hewlett, Va.  
Activities:  
F.B.L.A., N.F.A.,  
French Circle,  
Baseball Team,  
Dramatic Club



DELORES WILSON  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
Pep Club, N.H.A.,  
Dramatic Club

WARREN WOOLFOLK  
Woodford, Va.  
Activities:  
French Circle, N.F.A.,  
Dramatic Club, Science  
Club, Basketball Team



## IN THIS OUR TIME

### Senior's Prayer

Oh, Lord, our God, it is with hearts full of gratitude that we come before Thee today.

As we enter a new and greater realm of life, it is with great humility that we turn to Thee for help and guidance.

Guide us, oh God, in the way of Thy statutes so that we may choose and make well of the opportunities which thou hast set forth for us in this our time.

Give us insight that we may understand perplexities.

Give us faith that we may dispel fear.

Give us wisdom that we may love our neighbors as ourselves.

Give us will and strength that we may carry our hopes and ideals on beyond this our time. --- Amen



# THE CLASS HISTORY

Now the history of 1959-60, of the Union High School, of the City of Bowling Green, County of Caroline, State of Virginia, is in this "Decade".

In the beginning, of the four and fiftieth year of our Lord, in the ninth month, and on the seventh day of the month, there entered into this land of learning about 163 seekers of knowledge. Some came up from various schools, where they had for many years been busily engaged in storing their minds with the honey of wisdom; some came from farms, where they had been tillers of the soil; and some were from other communities.

And it came to pass, as they did enter this land, that they were received with welcomings and rejoicings by those who were of higher grades.

Likewise it came to pass, also that they were received with glee by a certain land of beings who were called "Sophomores" who caused them to say in their hearts, "Behold, blessed be the name of education, for because of it we have endured many and great torments, both of the body and mind; verily have we been martyrs to its great and noble cause."

And as they each dwelt long in the land, they fell in with the customs of the inhabitants thereof, and their strangeness wore away, and they each became as one among the rest.

Now it came to pass, soon after they entered that land that certain students were seized with a strange infirmity. Wise men were called to look upon them, who did examine them with much care and pains, and did finally pronounce the infirmity in the male basketball and baseball. The greatest victims among these were James Taylor and Benjamin Lewis. The infirmity in the female was basketball and softball and the greatest among these were Fannie Holmes and Bessie Carter. The frightened leaders were assured that the malady, while its needs must be contagious and likewise sometimes fatal, was yet necessary evil, and one that even the wise men knew not the way to cure. So, with many anxious fears, and dire forebodings did the instructors allow the disease to run its natural course and lo, none were killed, nor injured, whereas there was great rejoicing throughout the land.

And it came to pass, as the years quickly passed by that our eyes were turning toward graduation, but many, with one consent, began to make excuses.

The first said, "I am poor in health; therefore, I cannot graduate."

Another said, "I must toil at home; therefore, I cannot graduate."

A third said, "I am dull and cannot learn: I pray thee, have me excused."

And still another said, "I am going to be married and therefore, I need not graduate." So the class decreased in number.

Now it came to pass at the beginning of the year, we had accomplished much by participating in various programs and contests, and singular honors had been conferred on individuals of our class. Mary Carter was awarded the title "Miss Union High."

Now it so happened at the beginning of the third year, we found ourselves divided and our homeroom teachers spake unto us saying: "Go gather ye in a body, and organize yourselves into a class, that ye may gain in strength and that your courage may long endure."

Now in the same year Rachel Bryant was awarded an honor pen for obtaining a straight "A" average.

And lo, the whole number at the end of the third year was 70. Now this, the fourth year in the history of this great prodigious class of 1959-60, has been one of much hard labor; but little resisting by the wayside; for preparations were being made ready for the final departure from school. So far many activities were sponsored as the crowning of Otis Coats for the King of Union High.

The basketball team was not complete without the ardent zeal of James Taylor and Benjamin Lewis. There were other activities, however, we will not be able to mention.

Now the curtains are slowly closing, and this means a great deal to us, for we shall always be trying to reach the top, but we must still remember like the poet says, "Heaven is not reached by a single bound, but we build the ladder by which we rise, from the lowly earth to the vaulted skies, and mount each summit round by round."





SPONSOR: Mrs. Dungee

**JUNIORS**

## CLASS OF 61

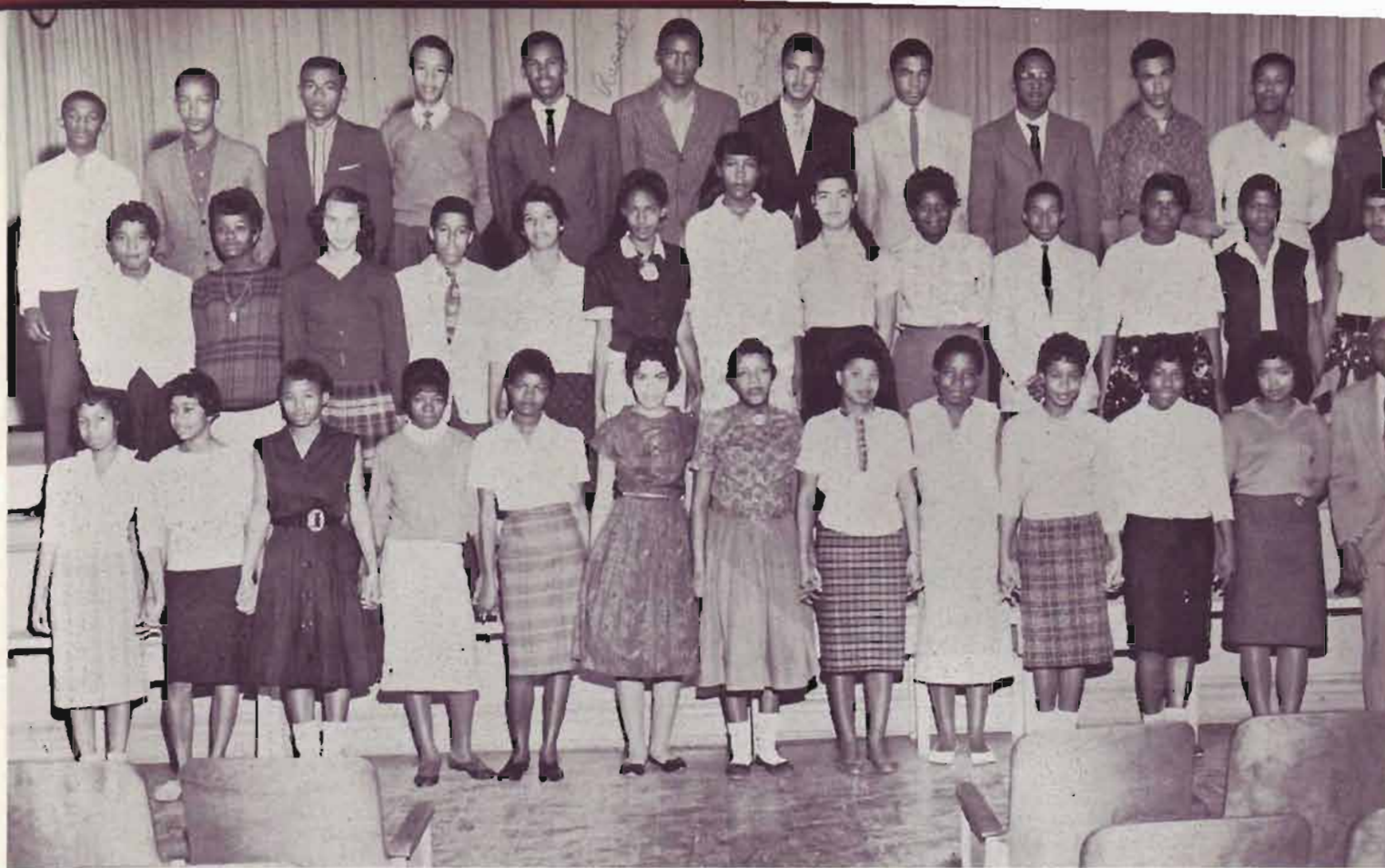
*"Two years have swiftly passed away  
And we're still striving for graduation day."*



SPONSOR: Mr. Beverly







SPONSOR: Mr. Luckie

**SOPHOMORES**

## CLASS OF 62

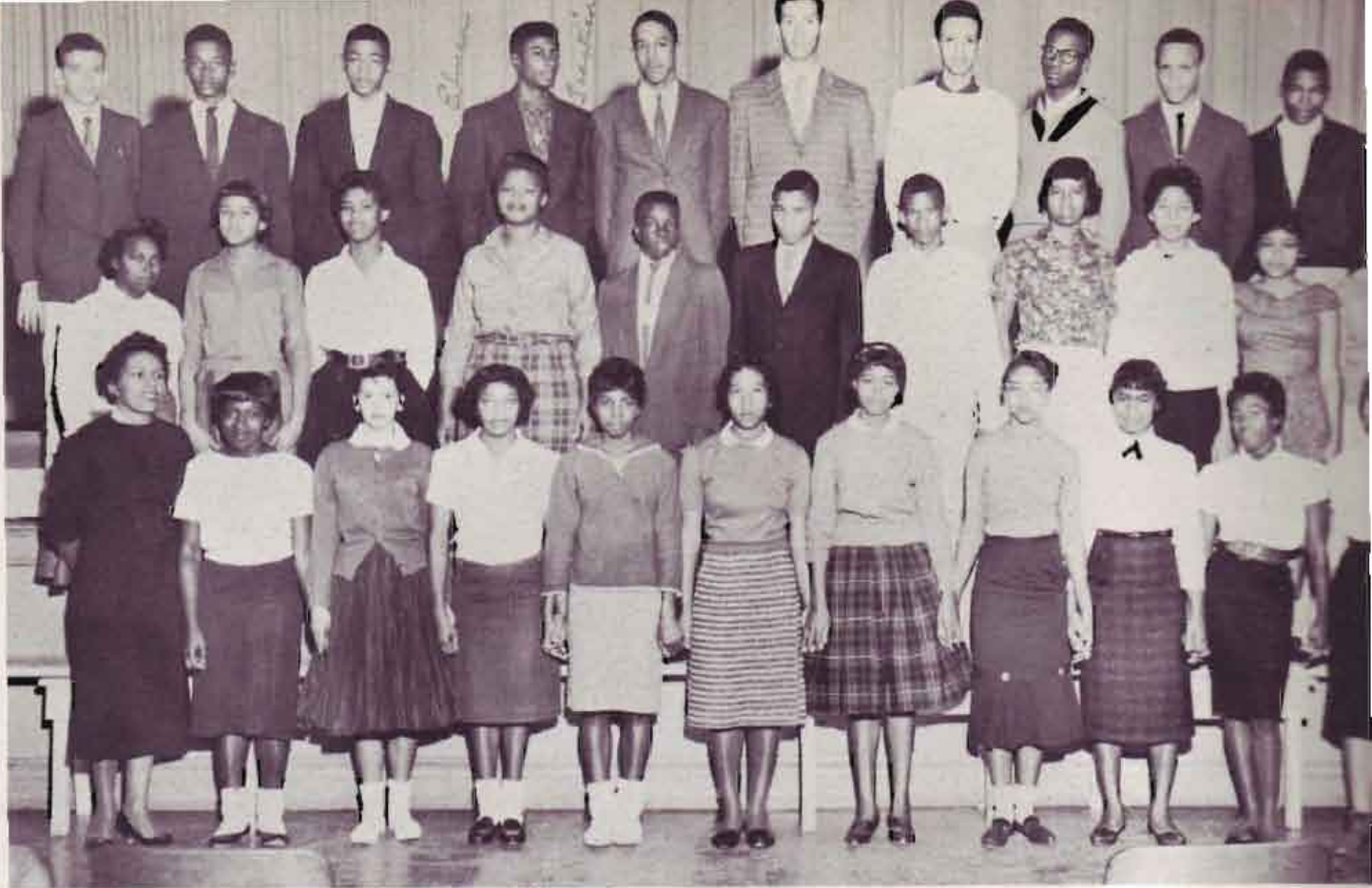
"Within these hallowed walls so firm,  
Thou sweet memories shall be our concern"



SPONSOR: Mr. Lee







SPONSOR: Mrs. Johnson

LET US BE THANKFUL







SPONSOR: Miss Luck

# FRESHMEN

Preparing to live in a united society,  
With the hope of success in view.



SPONSOR: Mr. Barrett







SPONSOR: Mr. Young

**FRESHMEN**

## CLASS OF 64



"Piercing into the future as far as we can see, many doors will unlock, with knowledge as the key."





SPONSOR: Mrs. Wilson

**EIGHTH GRADERS**

## CLASS OF 65

"Through the shadowy gloom we'll whirl, into an older-ever changing world. For the old must give away to the new, of thee dear Union, we will be true."



SPONSOR: Mrs. Hagland







SPONSOR: Mrs. Rucker

**EIGHTH GRADERS**

## CLASS OF 65

"We will forever be reaping something new,  
With hope and success, we'll graduate, too."

SPONSOR: Mr. Washington





# Activities



# THE STUDENT COUNCIL



WE VOTE



WE CAMPAIGN

The Student Council is a body composed of representatives from each class and organizations which has the authority to vote on and arrange scholastic and extracurricular activities for the students. Assembling under the guidance of Mr. Lowe, the council has succeeded in planning a more zestful school life.

SPONSOR: Mr. Lowe







SPONSOR: Mrs. Wilson



# MUSIC

## A UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

SPONSOR: Mrs. Tipton





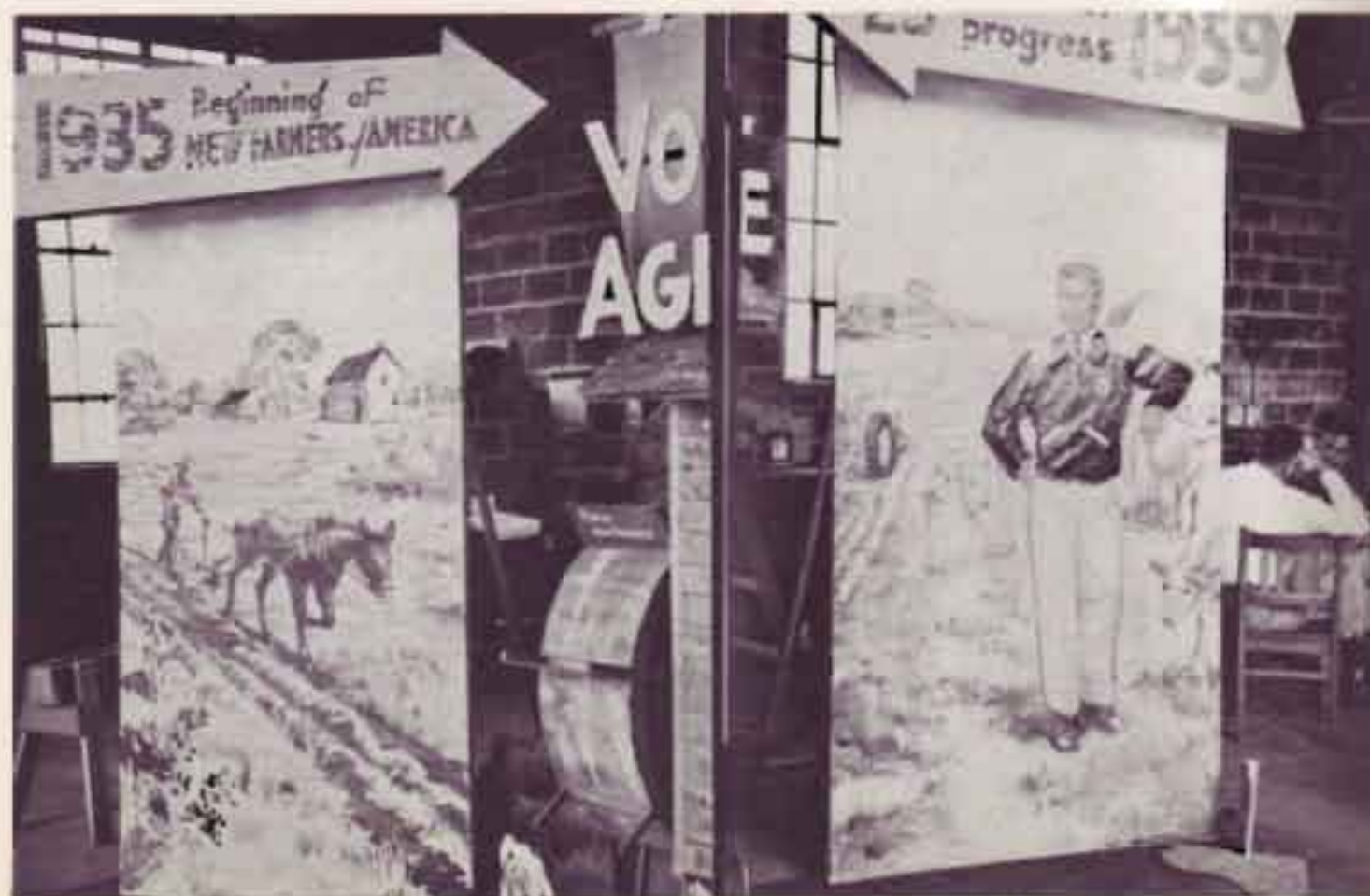


N.F.A.

SPONSORS: Mr. Banks  
Mr. Bosley

## OUR NATIONAL N. F. A. PROJECT

Atlanta, Georgia



Tracy

ANN

LOUISE



Virginia

CHRISTINE

ROSIE

JUDY

MAISE

FANNIE



ROSIE COACH: Mrs. Brown

COACH: Mr. Richards

## Basketball





# BUSINESS LEADERS

FUTURE



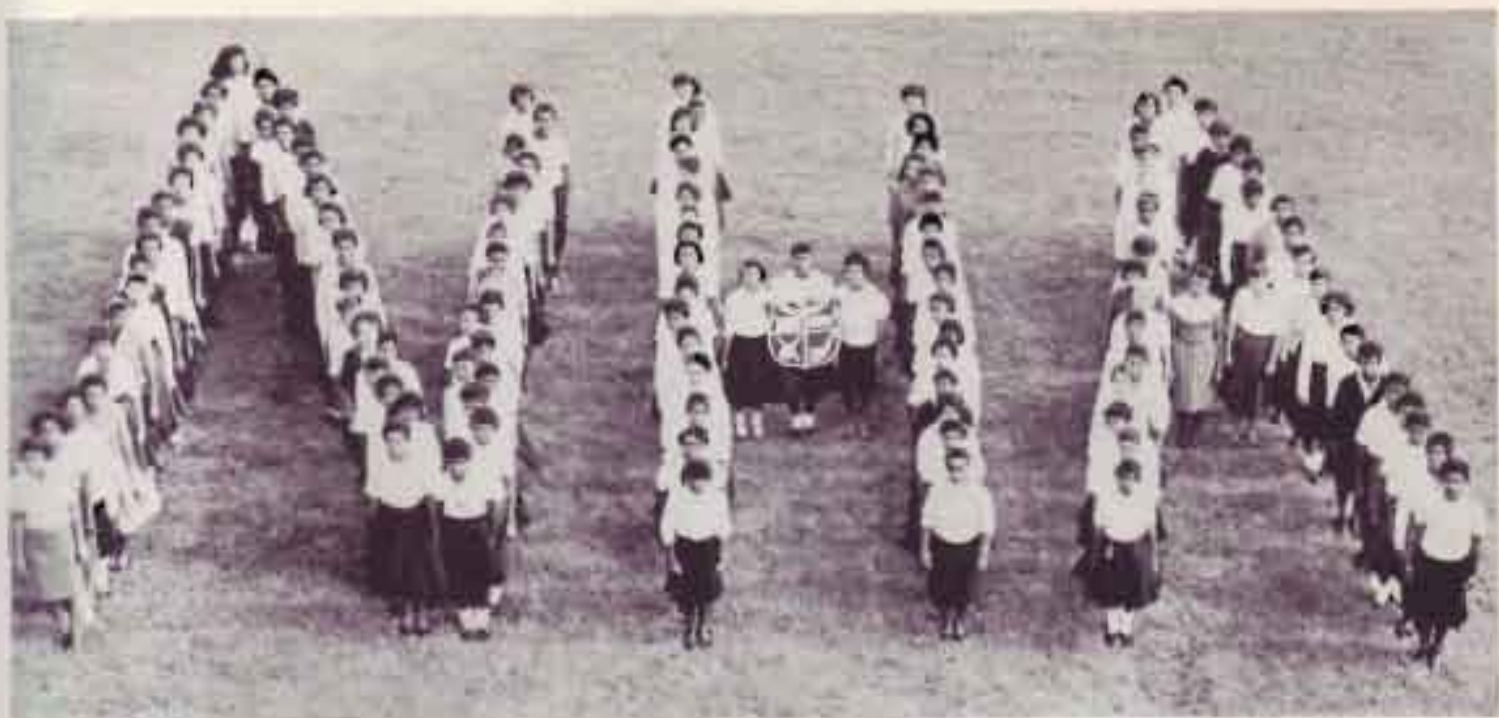
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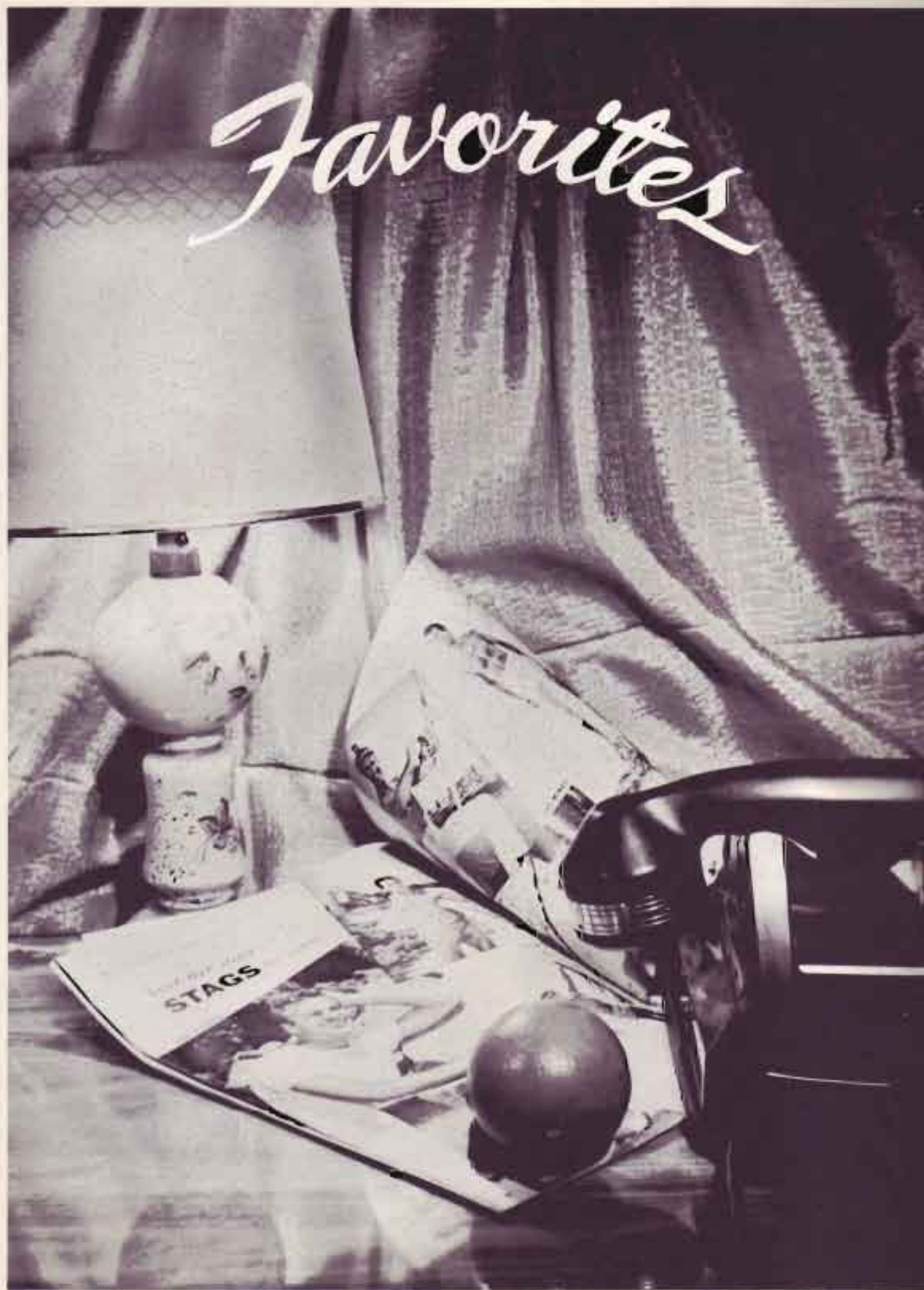
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# CLASS PROPHECY

NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, 1970  
Los Angeles, California

From far and near we had gathered for this grand and glorious occasion—the nomination of President and Vice-President of the United States of America. Prior to checking in at the convention headquarters, I stopped by the Conrad Hilton, headquarters for members of the press. John Moore, public relations director, was with Geneva Fortune and Delores Wilson, staff writers for *The Afro-America*. Jack Braxton and Elnora Mines were there representing the *Norfolk Journal and Guide*. Eunice Smithers, who was publicity manager for the convention, was in a huddle with Marion Taylor and Raymond Garnett, who were photographers for the *Atlanta Star*.

Luther Morris, undersecretary of the United Nations, came to pick up Clara Sizer, leading lady of the Broadway hit, "Flower Drum Song."

On leaving the lobby of the hotel, I entered the B & C Beauty College where I discovered that the owners were my old friends Helen Carter and Louise Baylor who informed me that preparations for the convention had kept them busy. Next door to this lovely building was a unique auto service shop operated by James Chandler, Carlton Dudley and Leroy Jones. After a brief chat, I rented a car from Floyd Scott, who seemed to be doing well for himself from the business that I saw there.

On arriving at the convention hall, I said "hello" to Virginia Smith, social studies teacher at UCLA. She informed me that Joe Taylor was the basketball coach there. Virginia Baylor was registering the delegates, assisted by Bessie and Mary Carter, and Fannie Holmes. Otis Coates was busy handing out "I like Bryant buttons" that he designed in his studio in New York. Theodore James, campaign manager for Rachel Bryant, was trying to persuade the North Carolina delegation to get on the "Bryant Band Wagon". Rachel, a native Virginian, was sure to give her fellow party members a fight for the nomination for the presidency. Emily Childs was proof-reading and putting the finishing touches on the speech of the candidate for Vice-President, Kenneth Ragland. As expected, I saw many other Virginians who had made the trip across the continent to take part in this spectacular democratic ordeal.

After morning session, I met Eugene Minor, Rogers Mines and John Monte at a restaurant. Robert Jones and Warren Woolfolk were owners of this fabulous place. Our filet mignon was prepared by the chefs, Lucille Samuels and Girdene Ware. The dinner was served by my old classmates, Catherine Giles and Thelma Lindsey.

After lunch, I decided to drive over to Denon to attend the Variety Show. Cosmetologists Earlene Coleman and Dorothy Lindsey were busy putting make-up on actress Patricia Williams, star of the movie "Mooncalf Mugford." Mrs. Dungee, her dramatic teacher at Union, gave a quaint smile as she chatted with her friends about the '60's at Union. Just to the right of the stage, I could see Barber Emmett Childs giving actor Benjamin Lewis a haircut. Ethel Christopher was busy making last minute preparations fitting the gowns on Irene Fields and Mable Fortune, models from Bonwit Teller's Fashion Shop in New York City. I had just glanced over the program when I noticed Jerome Terrell, a cab driver for the Yellow Cab Company, helping Dr. Alice Rock, who had just returned from Europe.

At last the show was under way, and the Mistresses of Ceremonies for the grand affair were Clara Smith and Yvonne Thomas. The opening selection was given by the California Choral Ensemble. Singing with this group were Gladys Jones, Clara Derricotte, Laura Freeman and Laura Johnson. Things really were pepped up when Ryland Jackson, John Pollard, Christine Baker, and Anne Royce commenced with the latest dance, "the space walk." Laughs were frequent while Irene Anderson and Brancis Fortune were portraying actresses Dinah Shore and Lena Horne. Lights were operated by Earle Minor, Frank Coleman and James Lindsey while Shirley Samuels and Lewis Williams waltzed very gracefully across the floor. A ballet duet was performed by Myrtle Freeman and Marie Boone. The program was concluded with a comedy routine by Herland Baker.



On my way back to Convention Hall, I saw James Minor, a clerk at the treasury department talking to his wife during coffee break. The remaining days of the convention were filled with the usual excitement and color that you would expect. It wasn't, however, until the very last day that I was stopped at the airport by Priscilla Fairchilds, who was returning to her school in northern California. Although the convention is over and all my friends have gone, never shall I forget this convention and *the Decade* that changed our lives and ideas.

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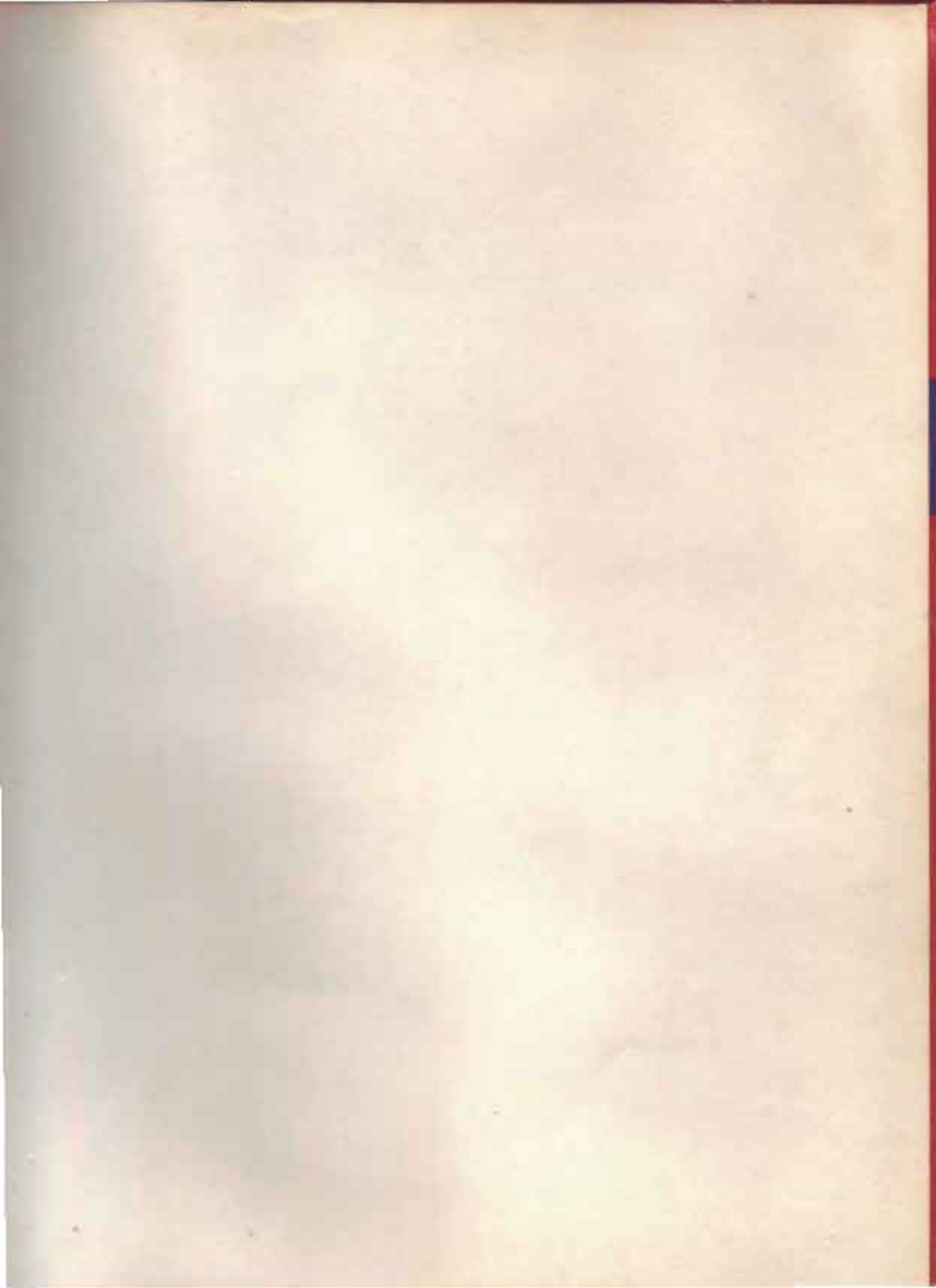
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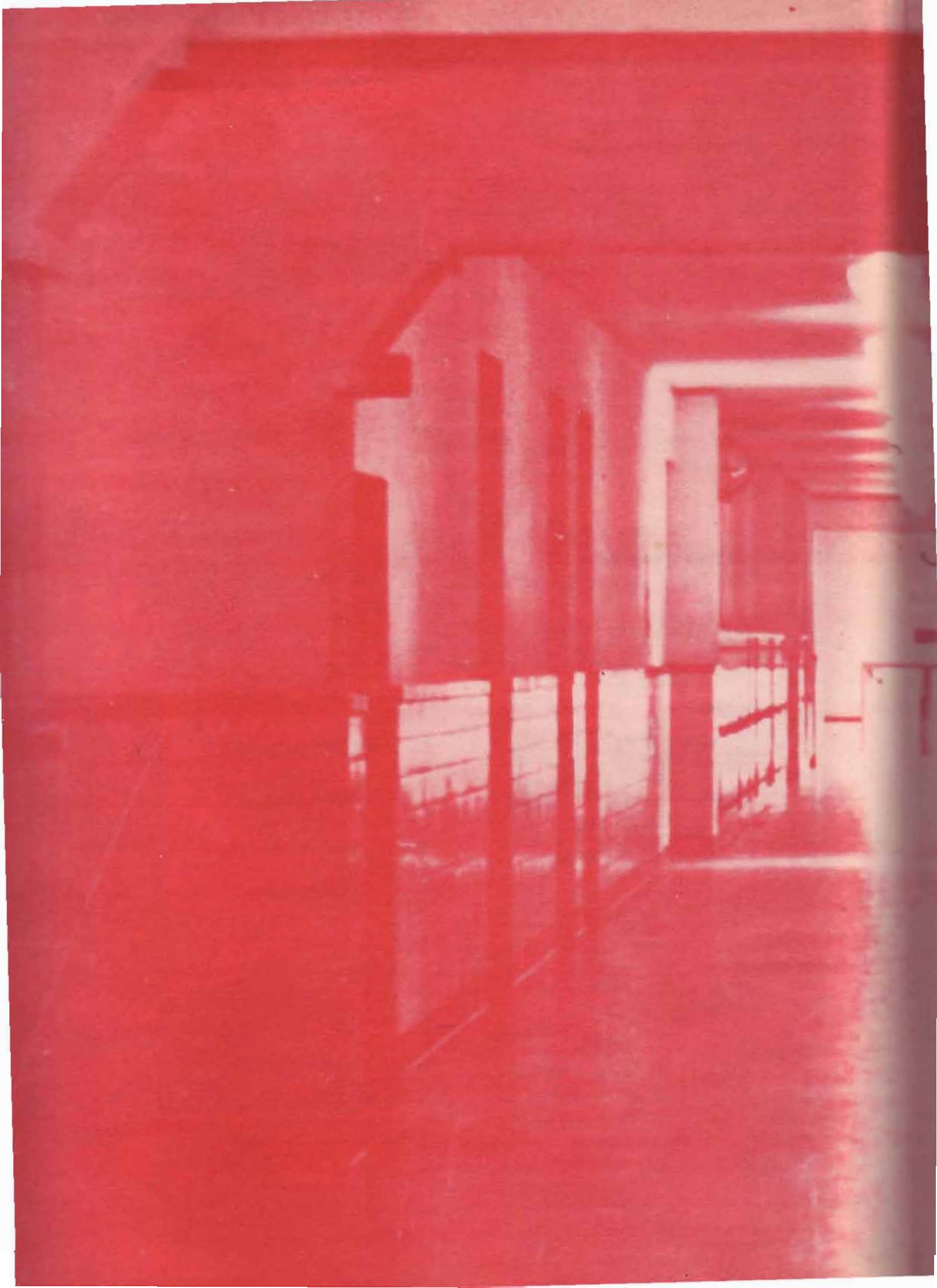
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