



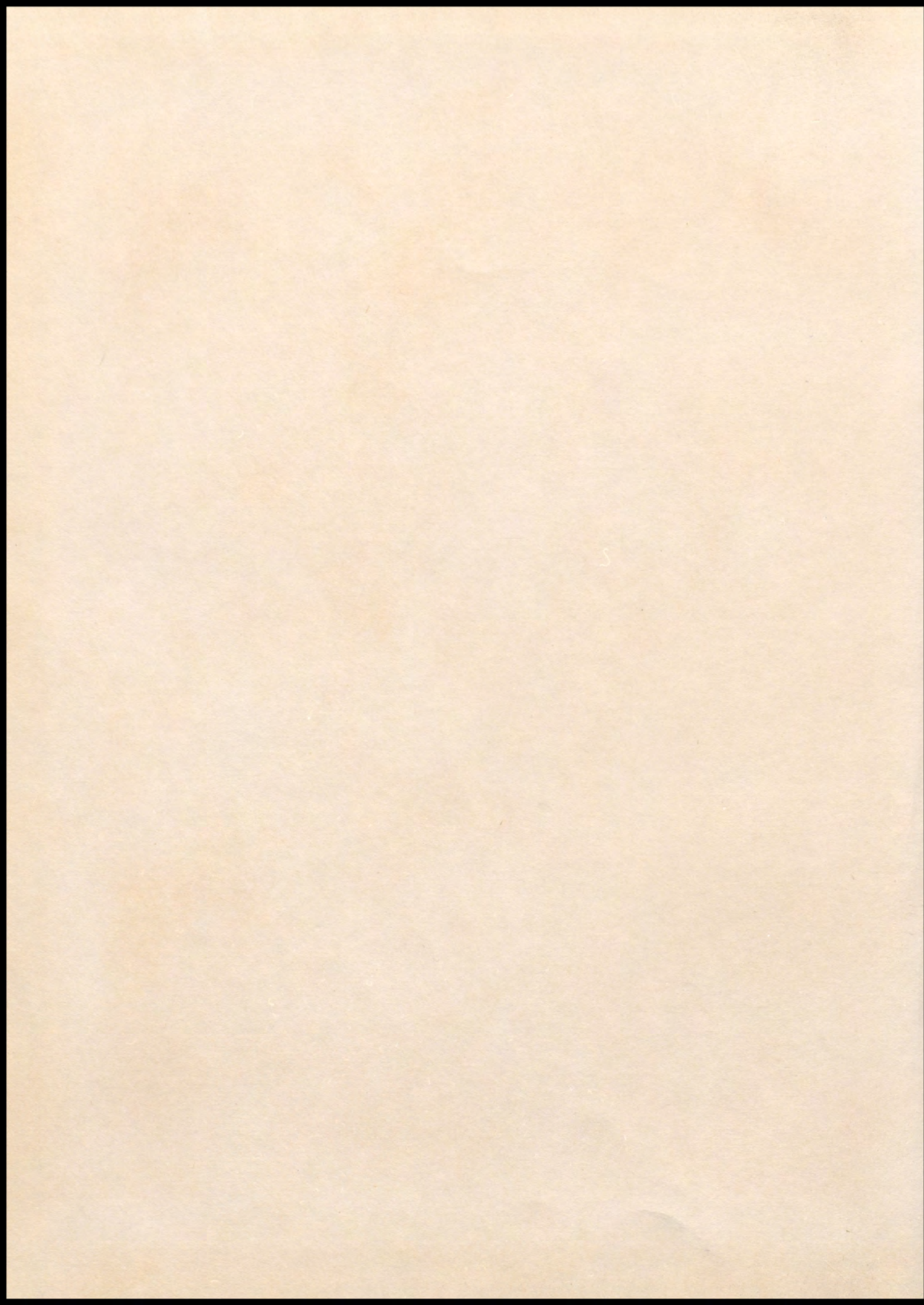
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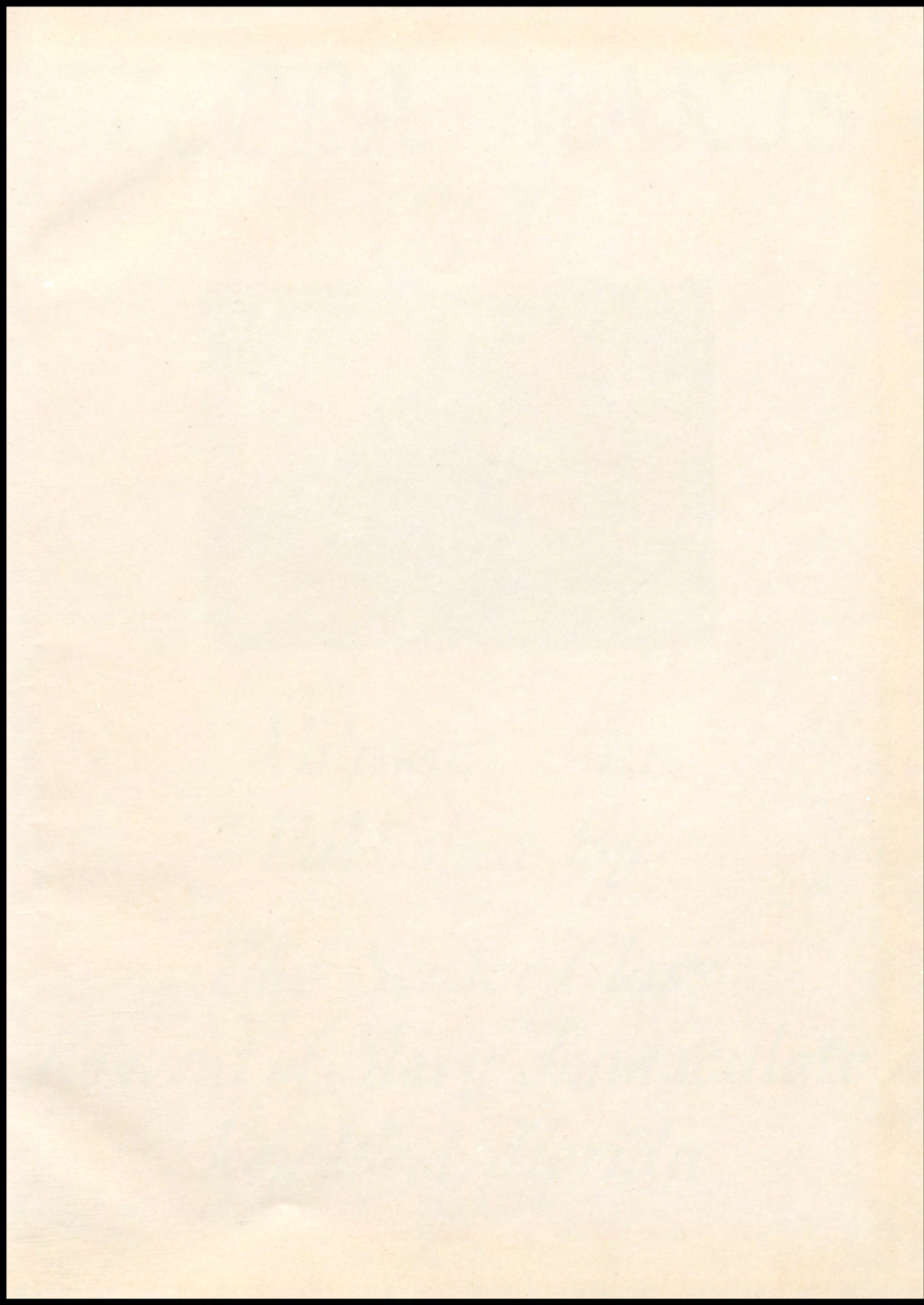
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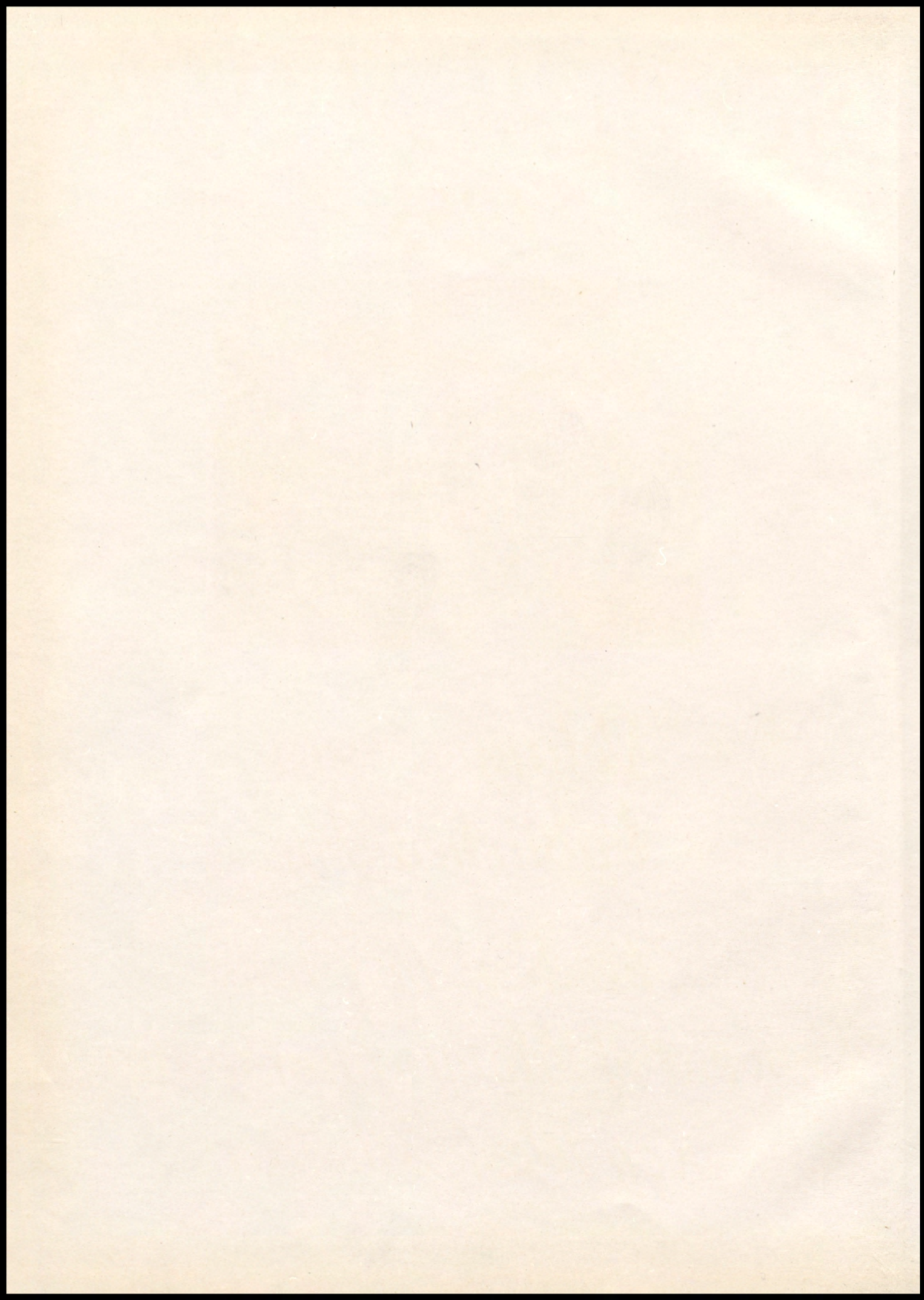


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Foreword

Hands entertaining the world, hands doing the necessary work of the universe, hands lifted up in prayer, all of these have made the history of mankind.

Recognizing this truth we have tried to record in this volume of STELL MARIS what our hands have accomplished.

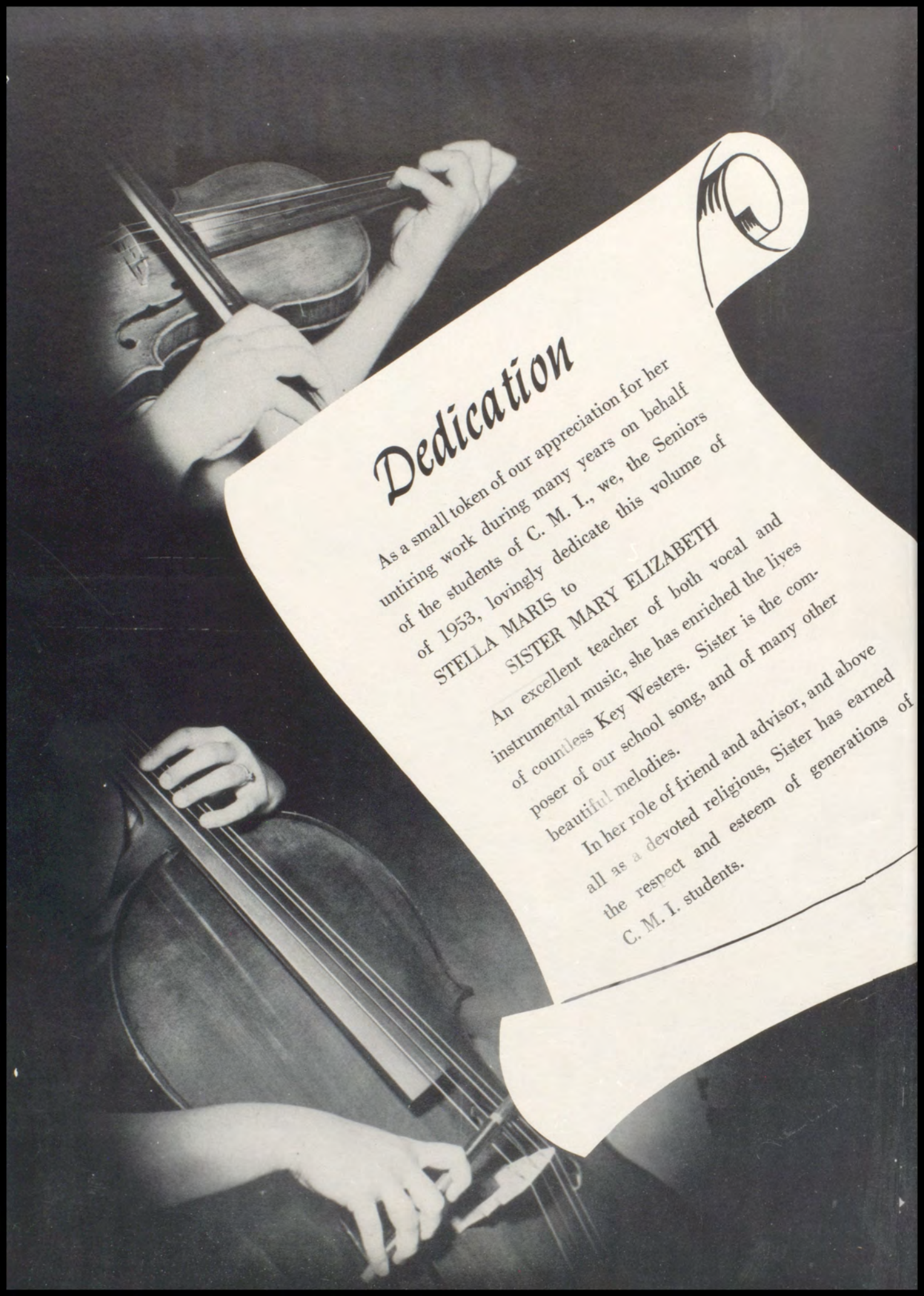
We hope it will serve as a memorial of past achievements and as an inspiration for the future.

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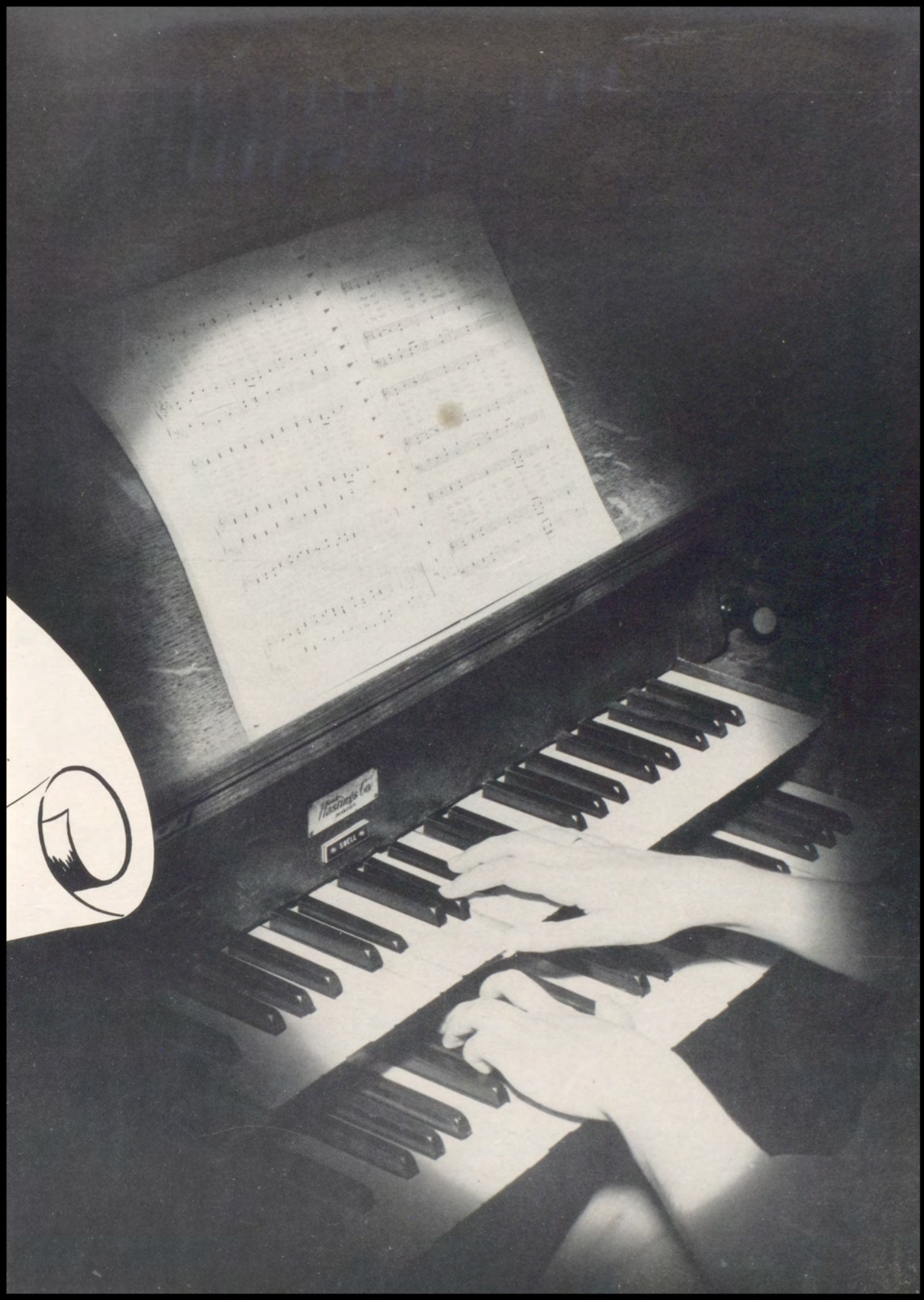


Dedication

As a small token of our appreciation for her untiring work during many years on behalf of the students of C. M. I., we, the Seniors of 1953, lovingly dedicate this volume of STELLA MARIS to

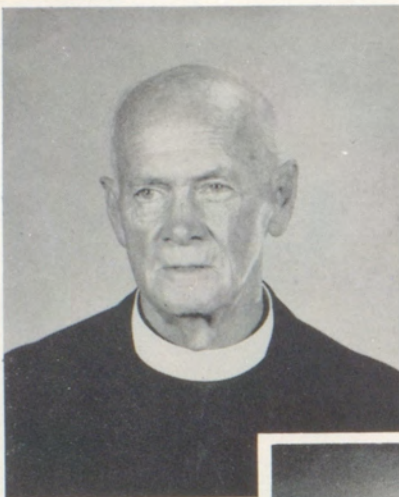
SISTER MARY ELIZABETH
An excellent teacher of both vocal and instrumental music, she has enriched the lives of countless Key Westers. Sister is the composer of our school song, and of many other beautiful melodies.

In her role of friend and advisor, and above all as a devoted religious, Sister has earned the respect and esteem of generations of C. M. I. students.





Our Pastors



Daily the consecrated hands of our pastors bring Christ to earth to strengthen and enrich the souls of men.

By their teaching and example they aid us in our endeavors to make our lives more Christ-like.



From top to bottom: Father J. Maring, S. J., Father M. J. Cronin, S. J., Father M. A. Watters, S. J.

OUR COACH

Mr. Joseph Richardson has given C.M.I. students an increased enthusiasm for sports of all kinds; and has taught us to prize good sportsmanship.





Faculty

Who holds the chalk that answers the unending questions of how, when, and why? Who rings the bells for prayer and silence? Who leads us in the right direction?—Our teachers do this always; but they do more.

The Sisters of the Holy Names prepare our hearts and minds to meet courageously whatever the future may bring. Correcting our work and pointing out mistakes are not the only tasks they do to reach this objective. With their hands clasped in prayer they ask God to help us.

Sister M. Isabella, Superior and Principal
Sister M. Rose Eucharista, Treasurer

HIGH SCHOOL

Sister M. Catherine of the Blessed Sacrament, Seniors
Sister M. Lewina, Juniors
Sister M. George Edmund, Sophomores
Sister Barbara Mary, Freshmen
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GRADE SCHOOL

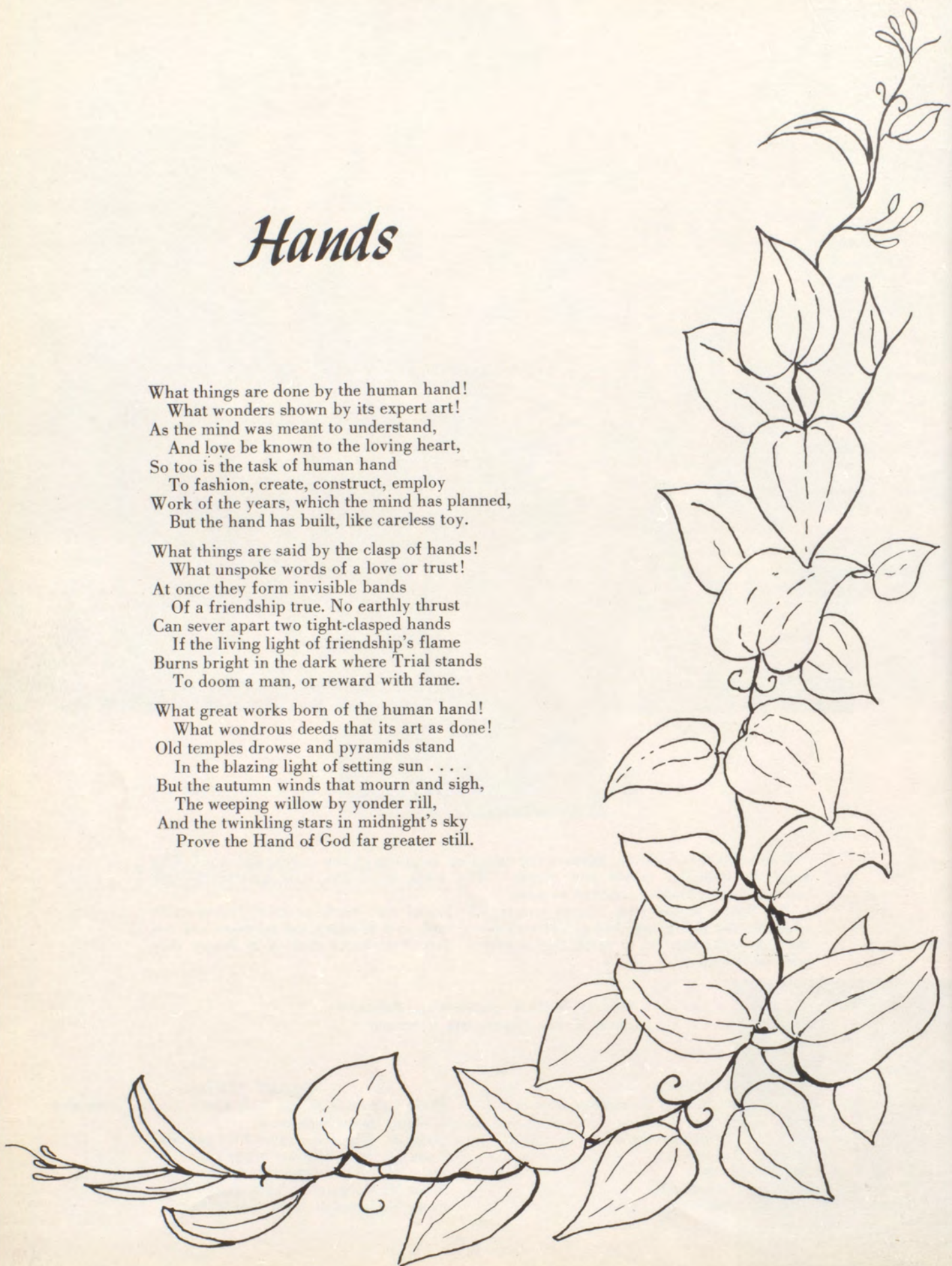
Sister Catherine of the Holy Child, Grade Seven and Eight, Home Economics
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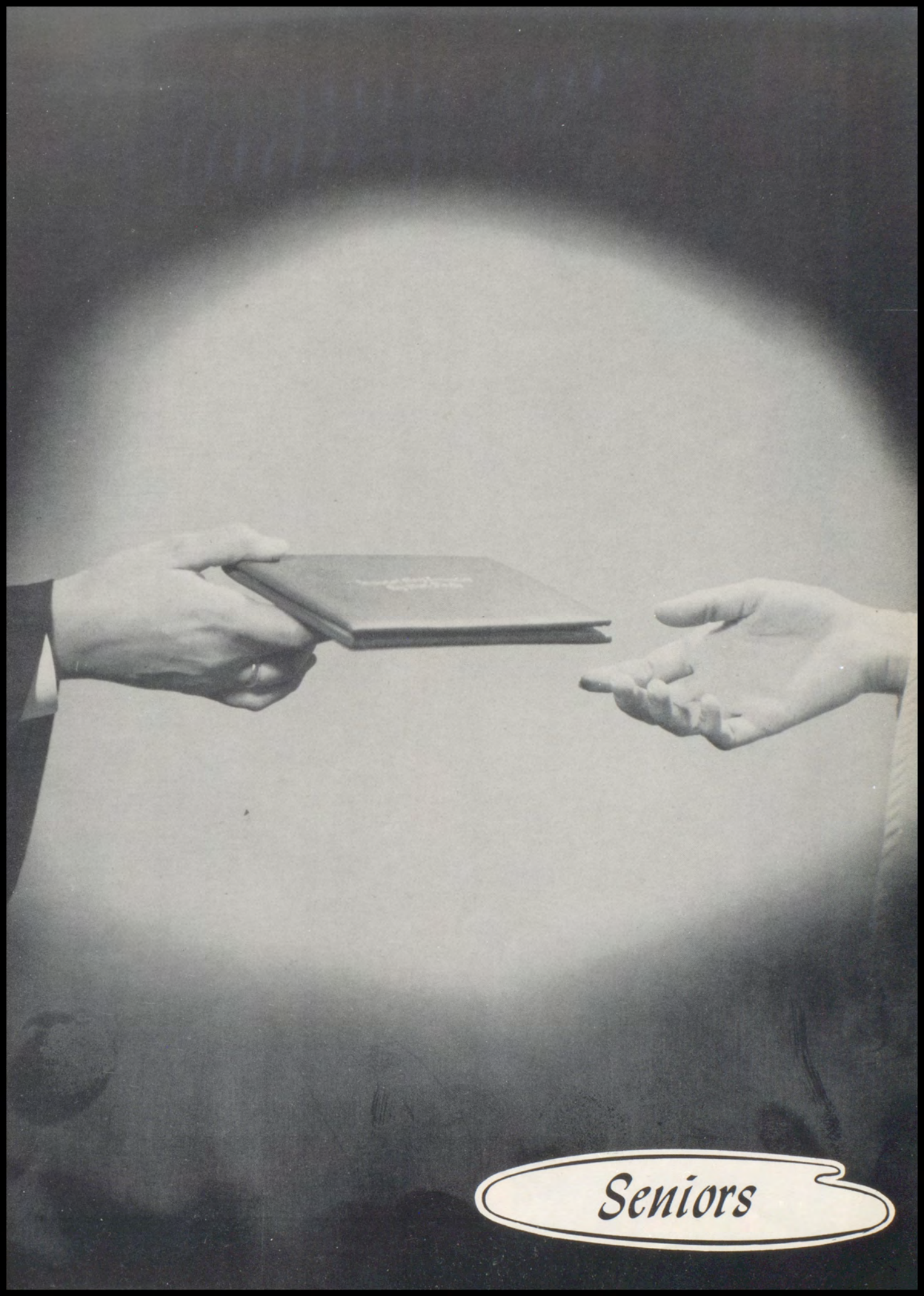
Hands

What things are done by the human hand!
What wonders shown by its expert art!
As the mind was meant to understand,
And love be known to the loving heart,
So too is the task of human hand
To fashion, create, construct, employ
Work of the years, which the mind has planned,
But the hand has built, like careless toy.

What things are said by the clasp of hands!
What unspoke words of a love or trust!
At once they form invisible bands
Of a friendship true. No earthly thrust
Can sever apart two tight-clasped hands
If the living light of friendship's flame
Burns bright in the dark where Trial stands
To doom a man, or reward with fame.

What great works born of the human hand!
What wondrous deeds that its art as done!
Old temples drowse and pyramids stand
In the blazing light of setting sun . . .
But the autumn winds that mourn and sigh,
The weeping willow by yonder rill,
And the twinkling stars in midnight's sky
Prove the Hand of God far greater still.





Seniors



Two Spanish señoritas aboard a U. S. submarine

SENIOR CLASS

President, Teresita Valdes
Secretary, Donna Sawyer

Vice President, Carleen Moore
Treasurer, Mary Bernreuter

Class Advisor, Sister M. Catherine of the Blessed Sacrament

The orchestra strikes up the traditional strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" and we seventeen Seniors march up the auditorium aisle, happy to know that we are actually graduating, but, at the same time, filled with nostalgic regret for the ending of four memory-filled years. We remember: Our entry in C.M.I. as Freshmen . . . our first dramatic triumph in Sunbonnet Sue . . . holding lighted candles as we consecrated ourselves to Mary on World Sodality Day . . . the Commencement breakfast WE gave the graduates when we were Sophomores . . . our never-to-be-forgotten Junior Prom . . . the best convention at Daytona Beach . . . our part in the Parish centennial celebration . . . the "Coral Key." Events rushed to a climax in our Senior year: putting out our yearbook . . . entertaining the Juniors with a banquet . . . enjoying ourselves as guests at the Junior Prom . . . our reception into the Alumnae . . . Class night—pressing our roses; above all else preparing our hearts and minds and hands for this moment when we will face the world prepared to give back in some small measure what we have received from our Alma Mater.

MARIA ANTONIA LOPEZ

Being an honor student, staff artist of the yearbook, and a member of the Quill and Scroll, has kept Maria fully occupied during her two years stay at C.M.I. Maria also belongs to Our Lady's Sodality. She plans to attend Florida State University after graduation.



AMERICA OLGA PEREZ

A Spanish senorita, Olga is renowned for her friendliness to one and all. As chairman of the Eucharistic Committee, she was a leader in Sodality work. She showed her dramatic ability in the operetta "Mary, Mary." She is a member of Internos.





Donna, Olga and
Jennie stop at the
yacht basin.

DONNA LOUISE SAWYER

Donna is one of the few Seniors who has been in C.M.I. from kindergarten. She has served as Sodality Treasurer in 51 and 53, Class President in 52 and Class Secretary in 53. She has been artist on the yearbook staffs of 1952 and 1953. Her interest in Home Economics (an "A" student) coupled with her artistic ability, augurs well for the success of her future career as a housewife and mother.



JENNIE INGRACE ARANGO

An honor student during her four years in high school, Jennie successfully combines scholarship with an active interest in school life. She has been Class President in 51, Vice Prefect of the Sodality in 52, Maid of Honor in 51, and Student Council Secretary in 1953. She was also Editor-in-Chief of the yearbook, a member of the Quill and Scroll and the National Honor Society.



OLGA CARMEN MARTINEZ

Olga came to C.M.I. from Havana, Cuba, in 1945. She was elected Class Treasurer in '50 and Vice President in 51. She has been an active Sodality member. Her ambitions are to be a secretary and ultimately to have a home of her own. Her classmates feel sure that her "bubbling over" personality which won her many friends at C.M.I. will insure success for her future hopes.





Shirley, Jo-Anne, and Sylvia
board a shrimp-boat in
Key West harbor.

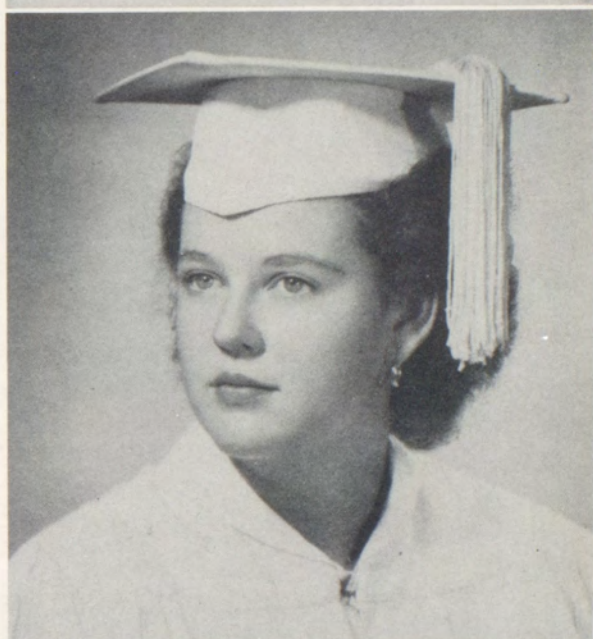
SYLVIA MAE KNOWLES

Quiet Sylvia's love of shorthand makes her an outstanding pupil in commercial work. She has been a member of Our Lady's Sodality during her four years of high school.



JO-ANNE KATHERINE WITTO

Jo-Anne likes chemistry—even equations—and home economics. She is one of our "old-timers" from way back in the grades, that is, and is noted for her helpfulness and willingness to oblige. Her school activities were centered in science and in Sodality work.



SHIRLEY MAE PHILLIPS

Our quietest classmate is demure Shirley Phillips. She has done much moving about during her high school career, and has spent only two years at C.M.I. Her devotedness to duty suggests a successful future as a housewife and mother.





Elena, Yolanda and
Teresita pose on
C.M.I.'s campus.

TERESITA DE JESUS VALDEZ

"Terry" came to us from Havana, Cuba, in 1950. She is everyone's idea of a perfect leader. Under her able leadership as Prefect of the Sodality, this organization has prospered. As President of the Senior Class, she excels. Teresita is also Business Manager of the yearbook, and was Maid of Honor in 1952. Her vigorous leadership inclines us to believe that she will have a successful career in politics.



ELENA AMERICA NAPOLES

Since Elena's arrival in the latter part of the 1950 school year, she has been much in demand for decorating boards, bulletins, and making posters. In other words, Elena is our "artist." As Staff Artist she did excellent work for the 1952 and 1953 issues of the Stella Maris, and won admittance into the Quill and Scroll.



MARIA DEL CARMEN YOLANDA SAN JUAN

"Yoli" has been part of the class from our Freshman year. Her mathematical ability made her a capable participant in the Chemistry class—except for the handling of H_2SO_4 ! She was an active member of the Sodality and took part in all the functions of Internos. She also served as President of the Keyboard Club in 1953.





Mary, Donna, and Eleanor
at the rustic ruins of
Martello Tower.

ELEANOR FRANCES MOMM

Ellie, one of our Navy girls, came to us at the beginning of the school year. A serious student with special interest in mathematics and language, she early earned membership in the National Honor Society. Eleanor is also a member of the Quill and Scroll and assistant editor of the yearbook.



DONNA MACKENZIE

Donna is one of our newest friends. She arrived in C.M.I. in her Senior year. An honor student, Donna finds time from studies to put her dramatic ability to work. She took part in the Student Body presentation of "Anne of Green Gables," and in contests sponsored by local and national civic groups. A member of the National Honor Society, Quill and Scroll and assistant editor of the yearbook, she plans to attend Connecticut College.



MARY ISABEL BERNREUTER

The impact of Mary's personality was such that a week after her arrival in C.M.I. she was elected Freshman Class President. Successively, she has been Student Body Treasurer 51, Class Vice President and Girls' State Representative in 51 and Class Treasurer in 53.





Carleen, Patsy and
Marguerite by
one of the many tropical
palm trees on the grounds
of the Casa Marina Hotel.

CARLEEN ANITA MOORE

A whiz at the typewriter (yearbook typist), the Vice President of the Senior Class, and a member of the C.A.A. and Our Lady's Sodality, Carleen finds time from her busy schedule to work on her hobby—that of collecting photographs.



PATRICIA ANN YATES

In the years to come whenever we think of Patsy, we'll all be sure to remember a high, bubbly laughter combined with a memorable sense of humor. This characteristic should make Patsy a favorite nurse with her future patients. Patsy has also been a music student and has been active in Red Cross and Sodality work.



MARGUERITE JANE SMITH

Marguerite is synonymous with vitality, and this excess energy helped her to collect our class dues in 51 and keep the record of our class minutes in 52. A sports lover, Marguerite is very active in basketball and volleyball, and an outstanding member of the C.A.A.



Last Will And Testament

Convent of Mary Immaculate
Key West, Florida
May 21, 1953

We, the Senior Class of 1953, being of sound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To the Faculty, we bequeath our sympathy; for never again will they have a class like ours, composed as it was of assorted geniuses, artists and comedians.

To the Class of '54 with right good will we give our subscriptions to SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINE, and our superlative ability in working the tests.

To the Class of '55 we will our quiet ways, and any other ability of ours of which they have need, including the contents of our desks.

To the Class of '56 we leave our gold-framed, hand-painted motto which we followed for four years: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

To all future classes, we regretfully will our classroom, with the hope that their presence will grace it as much as ours did.

I, Jennie Arango, leave to the next Student Council Secretary, my ability to read Student Council minutes off blank paper.

I, Jo-Ann Witto, leave to Gloria Muniz, my pushmobile.

I, Maria Lopez, leave to Maria Rodriguez, my ability to learn English in a year.

I, Donna MacKenzie, will to Joann Witherell, my ability to spell French.

I, Yolanda San Juan, leave to the first new Junior boarder the first bed in the dorm, and my height to Sylvia Alvarez.

I, Olga Martinez, will to any brave Junior, my unique faculty of having trouble come looking for me.

I, Elena Napoles, leave to Guarina Rodriguez, my sewing kit, and to Annemarie Duke my ability in making layouts.

I, Maria Lopez, leave to Thelma Acuna, my piano-playing technique.

I, Marguerite Smith, do bequeath to Roberta Danek my power to grow.

I, Teresita Valdes, leave to Martha Padilla, my fearlessness in the chemistry lab, and my share of hot-dogs to Guarina Rodriguez.

I, Mary Bernreuter, leave to Barbar Twiehaus, my unique Spanish pronunciation, and my one-word-per-minute typing speed to any Junior who can bear with it.

I, Olga Perez, leave to Josefina Fradera, my "hmm, hmm" during shorthand.

I, Marguerite Smith, will to Catalina Santamaria, my shorthand notes.

I, Eleanor Momm, bequeath to Anna Rodriguez, my extra classes of solid geometry and trig.

I, Sylvia Knowles, will to Josefina Fradera, my quiet ways.

I, Donna Mackenzie, leave to any Junior who wants them, and who has loads of scotch tape, my red tennis shoes.

I, Jennie Arango will to Eleanor Gato, my ability to have a finger in every pie.

I, Carleen Moore, leave to Elvira Perez, my short curly tresses, and to Bonnie Del Hatch, all the things I left uncollected during my five years stay at C.M.I.

I, Patricia Yates, will to Annemarie Duke, my poetic "works."

I, Donna Sawyer, leave to Davie Casas, my famous brown oxfords in the hope that they are big enough.

I, Olga Martinez, leave to Jackie Delaney, my ability to be heard before being seen.

In witness thereof, I, Teresita Valdes, President of the Class of '53, do herewith set my hand and seal.

Teresita Valdes



Undergraduates

JUNIOR CLASS

<i>President</i>	Ana Rodriguez
<i>Vice President</i>	Barbara Twiehaus
<i>Secretary</i>	Jacqueline Delaney
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gloria Muniz
<i>Class Advisor</i>	Sister Mary Lewina



Barbara Twiehaus



Ana Rodriguez



Rose Santander



Joann Witherall



Sylvia Alvarez



Gloria Muniz



Josefina Fradera



Eleanor Gato

The third of September found us sixteen Juniors becoming acquainted with Sister Mary Lewina, our teacher and class advisor. We renewed old friendships and grew wistfully nostalgic over those of our classmates who did not return. We missed our old friends; Magda, Miriam, Elsa, Frances, Iraida, Dolly, and Theresa; but were glad to welcome Martha Padilla from Cuba, Bonnie Hatch from Matecumbe, Catalina Santamaria from Panama, and Jackie Delaney from Key West, new companions who came to fill up the missing ranks.

Our social activities were many; our benefit dances, our class Christmas party, and school movies. We honored the Seniors with the best Junior-Senior Prom ever, at the Elks Club Annex.

Scholastically we struggled with subjects which seemed to grow harder as the months went by. Some of us enjoyed uniting H₂ and O₂ to form water, but when it came to balancing equations . . . The same could be said of elgebraic equations. Our studies in "espanol" and "francais" filled us with a longing to visit Madrid and Paris. Intensive study of American literature and church history rounded out our curriculum. Eleanor Gato and Barbara Twiehaus managed to remain on the honor roll throughout the year. Jacqueline Delaney, our classmate, won the "I Speak for Democracy" contest in the school.



Martha Padilla



Bonnie Del Hatch



Jacqueline Delaney



Guarina Rodriguez



Annemarie Duke



Catalina Santa Maria



Elvira Perez



Davie Casas



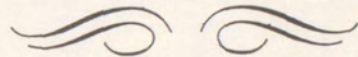
Thelma Acuna

Juniors were active in the Sodality, attended the Sodality convention in St. Petersburg, and took part in the Living Rosary, held in honor of Our Lady.

Our class was in charge of the October Assembly at which we presented a panel discussion on Education. Juniors took prominent parts in the two dramatic productions "Anne of Green Gables" and "Mary! Mary!"

Through the months we have advanced in knowledge and understanding, and in the ability to take the position of leaders in C.M.I.

"In behalf of the class of 1953, I give you this lighted candle. May it be the guiding light to success and happiness for you at C.M.I., and may the principles inculcated here remain with you, and bring us together once again in the Land of Eternal Happiness." So spoke our graduating classmates on Class Night as they handed each of us a lighted candle in exchange for a rose. We feel sure that the light from that candle will guide our steps through our senior year.



SOPHOMORE CLASS



CLASS PRESIDENT
Gertrudis San Juan

<i>President</i>	Gertrudis San Juan
<i>Vice President</i>	Barbara Foley
<i>Secretary</i>	Donna Williams
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marie Rendueles
<i>Class Advisor</i>	Sister M. George Edmund

Eighteen girls are enrolled in this year's Sophomore class. Our "quiet quotient" ranges all the way from Judy Witherell who probably rates 100, with Esther and Gail somewhere in the zero mark. The rest of us range somewhere in between. Trying to equal the scholastic standard set by Pat, Barbara, and Tuty keeps us busy. Marie, the school's most active treasurer sees that we pay our dues. Tuty is supposed to see that we behave; and since we always have been a class working in obedience to the motto, "All for one and one for all," things are bound to happen—which events Donna duly writes down.

On September 2nd, 1952 our class began its second year of high school. We missed Jean Davis and Josie Toth, but the Navy sent us Gail Becker and Pat Buckley to take their places. We also welcomed four other new Sophomores, Marjorie Fedyshyn, Sandra Taylor, and Jacky Leahy from Key West, and Aura Navarro from Venezuela.

Our first class activity was a candy sale held October 31st. Next our class took charge of the November school assembly just before the Thanksgiving holidays. Our program consisted of a choral recitation: *Now Thank We All Our God* against an appropriate background of music and pictures. Gail, Madeline De Barcee, Marie, Esther, Nancy, Donna, Pat, and Jackie had solo parts.

The Christmas holidays which followed shortly after were preceded by much festive activity. Our artists, Noemi, Marjorie, Sandra, Rose, and Barbara Foley decorated the classroom. We trimmed a tree and held a merry party at which we exchanged gifts in the traditional Christmas spirit. Then we went home for a much needed two weeks rest.

Right at the beginning of the New Year—or so it seemed—we had our mid-term exams. We wonder if every class enjoyed them as much as we did? Hmmmmm?

On the thirteenth of February we entertained our Junior classmates at a Valentine luncheon and party. It was a huge success and everyone had loads of fun.

We are proud of our athletic record, too. Our basketball team was undefeated in the intramurals and many of us made the varsity. Madeline Lloredo was our volleyball star. "Anne of Green Gables," the student body play counted many of us in its cast, as did the operetta, "Mary! Mary!"

Graduation morning found us serving the Seniors at the traditional "Commencement Breakfast."

And so to final examinations. We hope that results will insure our meeting together again as Juniors in September.





Noemi Barrero



Barbara Ladd



Esther Trujillo



Marjorie Fedyshyn



Gail Becker



Marie Rendueles



Sandra Taylor



Nancy Jones



Barbara Foley



Madeline Lloredo



Madeline DeBarcee



Patricia Buckley



Jacqueline Leahy



Rose Yates



Joanne Witherell



Donna Williams



Andrew Saunders



Charles Van Dorsen



Jean Van Goidsthoven



Ann Zorsky

FRESHMAN CLASS

President Sandra Johnson
Secretary Ronald Barsanti
Treasurer Lourdes Gonzales
Class Advisor Sister Barbara Mary

Our Freshman class made history. For the first time in the history of the school, boys were admitted to Convent classes. Seven boys were pioneers in this experiment, and broke the ice for more of their sex who may come to C.M.I. in later years.

Our new teacher and counselor, Sister Barbara Mary, who came to us from the Academy of the Holy Names in Silver Springs, Maryland, made us welcome at once and soon welded both "old-timers" and newcomers into a compact smooth working group of earnest students.

Our social activity started off with a bang. On Freshman Initiation Day we were supposedly the slaves of the mighty seniors; but really, we enjoyed the day as much as our upper classmates. At their order, we wore loud and clashing colors, turned our clothes inside out, shared a delightful lunch of baby food, and reverently bowed to each "glorious senior" that we met.

We took charge of the Christmas assembly program, presenting a play "The Perfect Gift" which was so well received that we were asked to give a repeat at the Naval Hospital. Our Christmas party on December 23 was served buffet style. After lunch everyone enjoyed dancing, playing Bingo and exchanging gifts. Our room mothers were largely responsible for the party's success.

The spirit of St. Valentine was heightened on Freshman Day by the selling of hearts and little yarn dolls—a tag day in fact. We also had a terrific Valentine Day luncheon.

Our class has been active in all school activities: In athletics, although we came in fourth, three of us made the basketball varsity, and we know we will improve.

Our members were starred in the school's dramatic. and we consistently had members on the Honor Roll.

We Freshmen selected green and white as our class colors, The Little Flower as our patroness, and the white lily as our class flower. We chose for our motto "Live to Learn;" and we hope in the next three years to live up to that motto, and cause Convent of Mary Immaculate to be proud of its class of '56.



Haydee Ardonez



Cecilia Barcello



Ronald Barsanti



Celi Bezanilla



Allan Bonamy



Marie De Cardenas



Tracy Fairfield



Ileana Fueyo



Gisela Garcia



Rose Garcia



Judy Garnett



Dona Gomez



Lourdes Gonzales



Bernice Green



Myrna Gutierrez



Anne Hinke



Patricia Holik



Sandra Johnson



Leticia San Juan



Dolores Knowles



Dolly Owens



Geraldine Porter



Caridad Rodriguez



Beatriz Rojas



Sandra Santini

GRADE EIGHT



First row: Annette Dion, Sandra Owen, Myrna Powell, Elsie Faraldo.

Second row: Shirley Fernandez, Karla Gilson, Ilka Munoz, Catherine Griffin.

Third row: Kay Shamer, Marie Sikes, Cecilia Lopez, Gail McLeod.

Fourth row: Patricia Brennan, Betty Mansfield, Donna Graham, Joyce Roberts.

Fifth row: Sandra Kemp.



Elementary

GRADE SEVEN



Haydee Lopez
Juliette Perez
Anabel Morales



Barbara Garsick
Yolanda Avila
Adrienne Gomez



Ann Horsman
Elsa Acevedo
Edwina Sweeting



Patricia Guzewich
Jo Ann Farrell
Rosemarie Rao



Carol Cubbedge
Judy Hardin
Gloria Padfon



Teresita Sanchez
Anna Haskins
Cathie Zimmerman



Cecilia Nicolau
Nyria Guerra
Sonia Fernandez



Sandra McGrievy
Beverly Maloney
Elizabeth McCarthy
Catherine McCarthy

Not pictured: Margaret Rabon, Virginia Payne, Adair Jameson, M. Celine Dowdell.

GRADE SIX

J. Edwards
K. Faraldo



M. Garcia
J. Aguiar



M. Carroll
S. Gilson



R. Curry
D. Hancock



P. Recuperio
A. Estenoz



R. Brewster
J. Pianka



S. Wickers
M. Morales



Not pictured
S. Stensland



N. Dank
P. Sosin
P. Mesa
C. Munoz

A. Esperdy
R. Foster
M. Fernandez
M. Smith



Not pictured
R. Mattingly

GRADE FIVE



R. Taylor
D. Blanco
R. Braun
S. Lanasa



C. Rivas
B. Hinkle
J. Lauanders
S. Lane



P. Pianka
G. Tyler
K. Kossert
E. Spear



N. Conly
D. Loeblich
T. Demeritt
A. Hinton



I. Hernandez
J. Kinion
E. Pick
V. Rios



V. Garing
N. Garnett
F. Delaney
P. Newhouse



C. Delaney
G. Diaz
K. Dopp
M. Lopez
I. Gonzalez



J. Bettinger
B. O'Brien
S. Selby
S. Pierce
P. Nicholson



M. Lopez
F. McCarthy
L. Curry
J. Ellis
H. Sands

GRADE FOUR



First row: D. Cobo, D. Colette, P. Hurdle, J. Lajuanie, S. Vidal.

Second row: C. Vargas, D. Kemp, R. Mattingly, M. Ramirez, F. Chiarelli.

Third row: J. Quirk, D. Garcia, B. Yates, O. Lopez, M. Rodriguez.

Fourth row: D. Ambler, G. Wheeler, C. Castagna, M. Holik, A. Curry.

Fifth row: G. Young, M. Bratenahl, C. Strakal, G. Sholes, T. Duhe.

Sixth row: A. Esquinaldo, J. Rao, R. Estenoz, V. Robison, C. Riggs.

GRADE THREE



First row: H. Waterman, K. Merlo, D. Adams, R. Horne, M. Pick, M. Gentiline.

Second row: C. Hearn, J. Johnson, M. Vargas, J. Hahn, S. Rios, D. Wiggins.

Third row: L. Hinton, C. Dion, K. Abston, T. Anderson, J. Kinion, A. Foster.

Fourth row: Marilyn Kelly, Tana Kakol, Mary Alista Clements, Margaret McCafferty, Elsa Monroe, Constance Sands.

Fifth row: M. G. Nicolay, J. Moore, T. Miller, M. L. Merrill, E. McGonigle, L. Castengera.

Sixth row: I. Clark, J. Fazakerly, P. Maidens, C. Hardin, N. Ramirez, D. Ronan.

Seventh row: C. Schultz, E. McCarthy, N. Diaz, K. Carroll, B. Park, M. McDermott.

Not in pictures: M. A. Berres, M. A. Radmacher, P. Russell.

GRADE TWO

Bonnie Fleming
Dana Wiggins
Georgia Copeland
Donna Linehon



Lynn Johnson
Mary Acheson
Gloria Recupero
Charlene Toppino



Constance Swan
Ranilda Goodrich
Marcia Ketchings
Patricia McKinley



Carolyn Artman
Gayla Gilson
Joan Vaughan
Eileen Fazakerley



Mari Jean Kubecki
Juliette Stokes
Sheila Hill
Susan Cole



Sallie Ballentine
Angela Recupero
Virginia Holmes
Sandra Herce



Marlene Kingerski
Paula Vecchione
Patricia Kwiatkowski
Laura Scott



Terry Ann Behrens
Elizabeth Kleffner
Trudy Rider
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 Eighth row: C. Murphy, M. Rath, C. Gilbert, J. Miller, P. Cirotte, L. Edwards, N. Rose.
 Not pictured: H. Urban.

Clubs



And Classes

RELIGION

Religion classes at C.M.I. hold an honored place in the school program. All classes use "Our Quest for Happiness" series as a basic text.

The picture at the right shows the hands of Noemi Barrero, Sophomore at work on her scrapbook of the Life of Christ—a second year religion project.

Juniors and Seniors this year study Church history—book three in the series.

At the right we see them occupied in doing just that under Sister Mary Lewina's guidance.

Freshmen study "Our Goal and Our Guides" a volume which "accents faith and tells the story of the Divine Love that led God the Father to create us and promise us a Redeemer.

Non-Catholics have special classes in moral guidance.

But whatever the central theme of the religion class may be, all aim at inculcating the same love of God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for His love.

In the picture below, students from C.M.I., St. Joseph's and St. Francis Xavier schools put into practice some of the lessons learned during religion classes by attending weekday Mass on the First Friday of the month to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



SODALITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Sodality offers C.M.I. students an excellent opportunity to advance in the spiritual life. This year the Sodality was under the direction of the following officers: Teresita Valdes, Prefect; Ann Rodriguez, Vice Prefect; Barbara Foley, Secretary; and Donna Sawyer, Treasurer.

Five committees were formed to sponsor sodality projects: Literature, Mission, Eucharistic, Our Lady's and Publicity. Thursday was chosen as a day on which the group would hold a Missa Recitata.

On the Feast of the Holy Rosary, October 7, the Sodality sponsored a candlelight procession from the Convent grounds to the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, during which all participants recited the rosary aloud.

Projects to help their neighbor included the preparation of Thanksgiving baskets for poor families, and the distribution of Christmas gifts to the old people at the County Home.

Twelve Sodalists attended the S.A.S.U. Convention in St. Petersburg over the Thanksgiving holidays. All returned home inspired by the sessions and filled with determination to put new ideas into practice.

All were privileged to make a retreat under the guidance of Father Sebastian, O.F.M. Cap. just before the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Father's conferences filled all sodalists with new zeal for Christian living.

This year the sodalists purchased new mantles in order to enhance the solemnity of their ceremonies.

The year closed with the annual May procession and crowning of Our Blessed Mother's statue.

Sodality officers, left to right: R. Yates, Literature; B. Foley, Secretary; T. Valdes, Prefect; O. Perez, Eucharistic Committee; Ana Rodriguez, Vice Prefect; T. Acuna, Our Lady's Committee.



HISTORY AND SOCIAL STUDIES

What makes this wonderful country of ours what it is? How can we students take an active part in the betterment of our nation?

These are some of the questions discussed and debated during our history classes.

At the right, the Seniors are busily engaged in studying American History. Below, Allan, Charles, Andy, Kenneth and Ronald ponder global strategy during their Social Studies class.



AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS

The Junior Red Cross group offers C.M.I. students an excellent opportunity to put into practice lessons in community living learned in social studies classes.



During the past year, C.M.I. attained a 100 per cent enrollment in the organization. They also made holiday favors for the sick in Navy and Monroe County Hospitals as well as for the old people in the County Home.

To the left: M. Lloredo, D. Casas, G. Becker, P. Buckley, N. Barrero work on favors for Washington's birthday. Inset: Sylvia Alvarez, C.M.I. Representative presents Mrs. Nettles, Red Cross Chairman with funds collected by our school during the Red Cross drive.



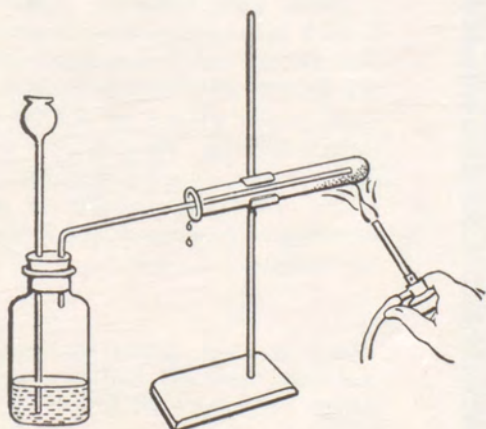
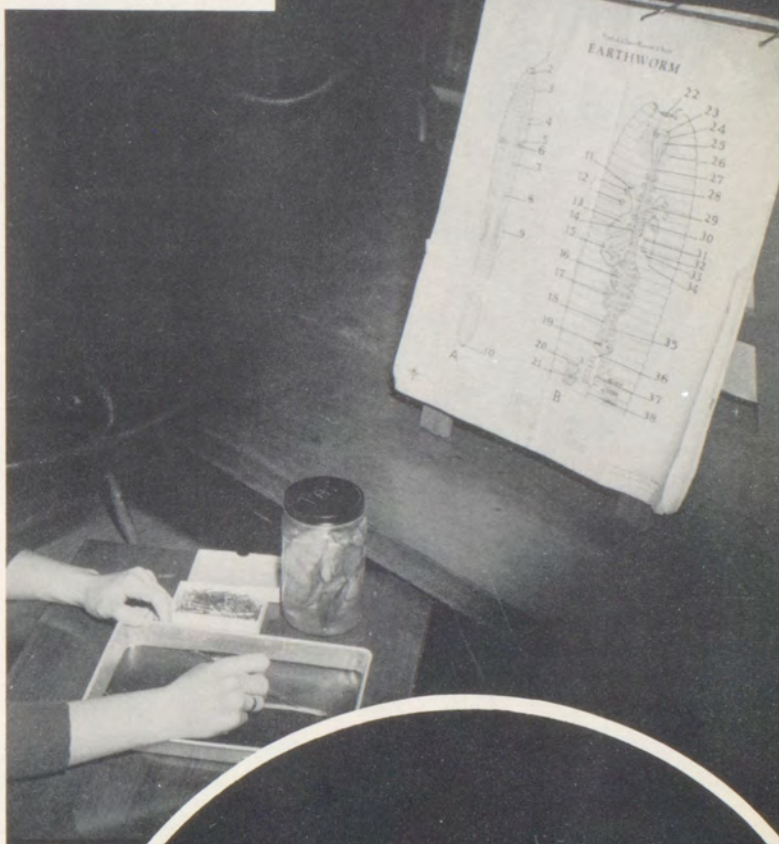
Science

Young minds turn towards the scientific side of life in the biology and chemistry classes taught by Sister George Edmund.

It's a wonder that the chemistry class never succeeded in blowing up the lab,—they tried hard enough. Above, we see them making something—laughing gas perhaps? We hope the flasks don't blow up and send more glow Donna's way.

The sophomore wrestled with biology—trying to find minute animals under the microscope. It's Pat Buckley who's dissecting that earthworm. And in the circle below, some sophomore is about to draw blood from another sophomore.

Above, working in the chemistry lab left to right are: Joann Witto, Donna MacKenzie, Patsy Yates, Martha Padilla, Teresita Valdes and Yolanda San Juan.



LANGUAGE CLASSES

French, Spanish and Latin classes fill a large part of the schedule of every boy and girl. Their purpose is to give the student a fair knowledge of another language and a better understanding of the history, customs, and culture of various countries.

The freshmen and sophomores study Latin. Gradually the pattern of "hic, haec, hoc" begins to make sense. By the second year, in the midst of Caesar's immortal words and his "Veni, vidi, vici", they realize the Latin is not as incomprehensible as at first thought.

Sister Lewina teaches us Spanish. The first year is devoted to grammar and to the mastery of idioms. In the second year we learn also of the history and culture of our southern neighbors and Spain in addition to language.

French students, too, study vocabulary, and idioms and grammar.

Above: Latin I checks work with Ileana Fueyo's.

Below: Spanish I practices with vocabulary flash cards.



LE CERCLE DES ECLAIREUSES

Those girls especially interested in French belong to a French club called "Le Cercle des Eclaireuses." Meetings are held twice a month during French class. Only French is spoken during these gatherings. We play French games, sing French songs, and enjoy refreshments. This club provides us with interesting entertainment and enlarges our knowledge of French.

French members Donna MacKenzie, Anna Rodriguez, Gertrudis San Juan and Noemi Barrero listen to "Frere Jacques."





COMMERCIAL AND MATHEMATICS

Most Juniors and Seniors take shorthand and typing. They aver that the former is like learning a foreign language—although Olga Perez and Olga Martinez below don't seem to be having too much trouble. The typists in the second picture seem to have acquired the knack of lightly moving fingers to the rhythm of "Now is the time for all good men."



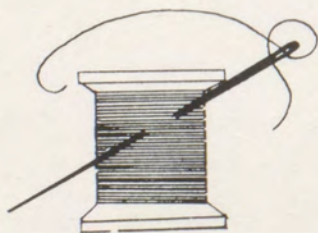
Above: Junior, Elvira Perez, and Sophomore, Marjorie Fedyshyn (with the pointer) seem to be demonstrating that y equals x in algebra II if you try hard enough. We have no picture to show you how the Freshmen go about showing that if $2x$ equals 4; x will equal 2.



HOME ECONOMICS



In sewing classes C.M.I. students learn skills in cutting and fashioning garments that will stand them in good stead in years to come. Above: Caridad, Gisela, Judy, and Patricia operate the machines. In the center Berenice thumbs through fashion magazines — planning for her next assignment. Below: Celi, Cecilia, Delores and Ann demonstrate their prowess at the cutting table.





LIBRARY COUNCIL

The Library council at work. Patsy Yates checks out a book for Annette Dion. Anne Henke looks for cards in the charging tray; and Madeline De Barcee types out a new card by the hunt and peck system.



INTERNOS

A group of resident students—all members of INTERNOS—enjoy a friendly game of canasta in the recreation room.

Table I: Haydee, Martha, Betty and Josefina.

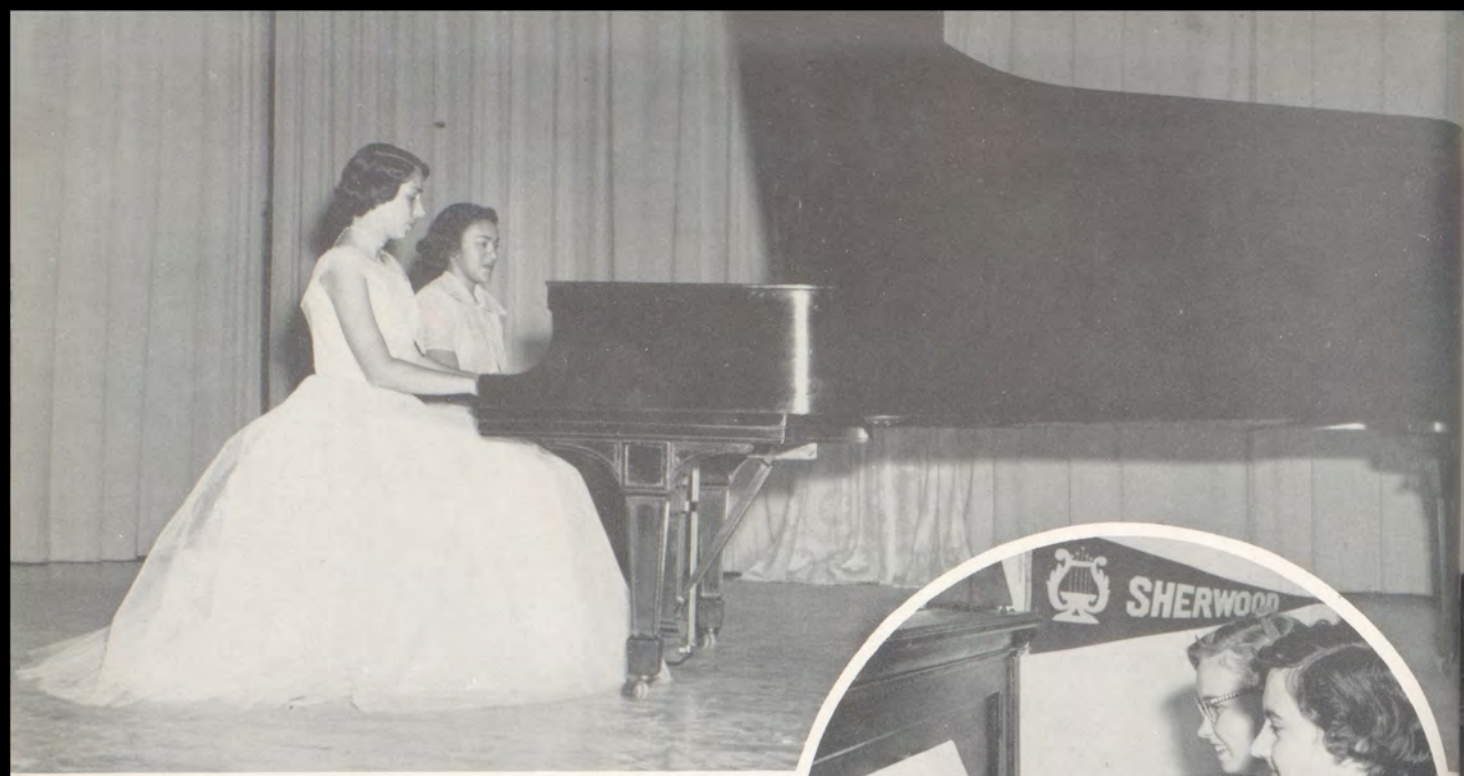
Table II: Catalina, Anne, Olga and Ileana.

VARSIITY BASKETBALL TEAM

Back row: Mr. J. Richardson, Coach; Donna MacKenzie, Pat Buckley, Barbara Twiehaus, Mary Bernreuter, Judy Witherell.

Front row: Gail Becker, Eleanor Gato, Judy Garnett, Gertrudis San Juan, Marie Rendueles.





MUSIC

The music department of C.M.I. is one of the finest. Under the excellent teaching of Sister Mary Elizabeth and Sister M. Margaret Kathleen, the music students learn to execute the works of classic and modern composers, and acquire a knowledge of the history of music, and harmony, too.

Twenty are enrolled in the Sherwood School of music courses. All pupils may belong to either the Junior or Senior division of the Keyboard Club.



In the pictures from top to bottom: (1) Yolanda San Juan and Catalina Santa Maria pose at the Steinway in the auditorium; (2) Judy Garnett and Donna Gomez, practice a duet; (3) Members of the Keyboard Club sing Christmas carols at a December meeting.



STUDENT COUNCIL



Left to right: A. Rodriguez, R. Santander, J. Arango, G. San Juan, E. Gato, M. Bernreuter, B. Twiehaus, S. Johnson, G. Muniz.

Under the presidency of Eleanor Gato, the Student Council successfully conducted monthly assemblies, and enforced discipline. Officers of the Council were: Eleanor Gato, President; Barbara Twiehaus, Vice President; Jennie Arango, Secretary; and Gloria Muniz, Treasurer. Class presidents also formed part of the council.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Friday, February 13th, the following Junior and Senior students were inducted as members of the National Honor Society: Eleanor Gato, Eleonor Momm, Donna MacKenzie and Barbara Twiehaus. The picture below is of the induction ceremony.



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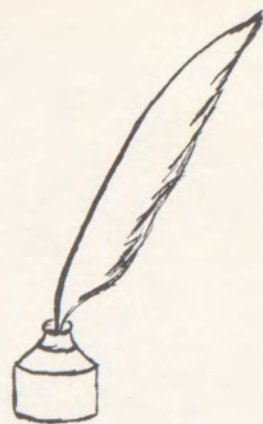
The Quill and Scroll is an honorary society for Senior high school journalists. Membership requires a scholastic standing in the upper third of one's class, and superior work in journalism for either the school paper or the yearbook. This work may be done in the art and business departments as well as on the editorial staffs. This year, seven Seniors and one Junior met the requirements, and received their pins at an assembly sponsored by the organization.

ENGLISH

English classes do the necessary groundwork for later participation in debating, dramatics, and for membership in the National Honor Society and the Quill and Scroll.

Below: the Sophomores enjoy an al fresco session with their literature books.





STELLA MARIS STAFF 1953

In the pictures above the yearbook staff is busy with editing, checking business accounts, and planning layouts. Top picture shows, left to right: Carleen Moore, Typist, Donna MacKenzie, Editor; Eleonor Momm, Editor; Jennie Arango, Editor-in-Chief; Gertrudis San Juan, Subscription Manager; Teresita Valdes, Business Manager. The art staff in the lower picture are: Elena Napoles, Donna Sawyer, Mary Bernreuter and Maria Lopez.



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The Stella Maris Staff of 1953 wishes to express its sincerest thanks and appreciation:

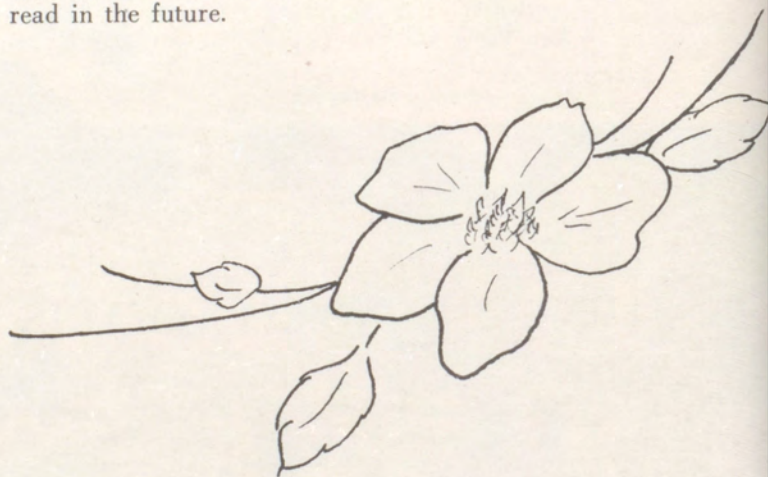
To Sister Mary Isabella, Superior, and the entire faculty for their patience, cooperation and encouragement.

To Sister Mary George Edmund, our yearbook advisor and friend, for her guidance, advice and unending help.

To Mr. J. Rozanski of Poray Studio for the photography, quick service, and above all for his friendly, helpful advice.

To our ADVERTISERS whose financial aid made this yearbook publication possible.

To all our readers, with the added wish that there will be many more volumes of Stella Maris to read in the future.





Activities

EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1952-1953

September 2nd found all the students, old and new, buying their books and greeting friends. A few days later at a general assembly our new Superior, Sister Mary Isabella greeted the student body and wished them a happy and successful school year.

For the Feast of the Holy Rosary, on October 7th, the student body dressed in white—the Seniors in caps and gowns for the first time—carried lighted candles in a Living Rosary procession to the Grotto.

Together with the girls of Key West High, C.M.I. Seniors took over the city the third of October. Teresita was Mayor for a day, with Yolanda as her secretary. Marguerite Smith was deputy fire chief with Jennie, Sylvia, Donna, and Maria Lopez as firemen. Chief of Police was Carleen Moore. Other city offices were filled as follows: Public Works Chief, Patricia; Tax Collector, Donna MacKenzie; Finance Director, Eleonor Momm; Police Sergeant, Olga Martinez; City Commissioner, Joann.

Halloween brought the grades to school in costumes to participate in a carnival with food, games, and sport events. (The High School went too. A half day! Many thanks, Alumnae!)

On December 3rd the High School held the opening exercises of their annual retreat. Father Sebastian, O.F.M. Cap. was retreat master. For three days students attended special conferences, and gave themselves up wholly to the development of their spiritual life.



C.M.I. Seniors gather around the "Mayor" in the City Hall on Girls' Day.



First row, left to right: S. Knowles, S. Phillips, J. Witto. Second row: J. Arango, Y. San Juan, D. MacKenzie, T. Valdes, E. Momm, C. Moore. Third row: D. Sawyer, M. Bernreuter, O. Martinez, M. Smith, O. Perez, M. Lopez, E. Napoles, P. Yates.



The Living Rosary Procession.

In January, Mother Rita Mary, Provincial Superior of the Sisters of the Holy Names came to C.M.I. Mother visited our classes and spoke to us about our futures; urging us to pray that we might know and follow God's will in our regard.

February was a busy month for us. On the sixth, the Juniors feted the Seniors at their annual prom. The dance was held at the Elks' Club—beautifully decorated to follow out a Valentine theme.

On the sixteenth, the student body presented a very successful play, "Anne of Green Gables," under the direction of Sister Barbara Mary.

A unique experience was afforded us on February 24th when we were privileged to attend a Greek rite Mass celebrated by a visiting Byzantine priest.

Spring was ushered in with the Junior-Senior banquet, and the induction of new members into the Quill and Scroll. Easter Monday witnessed the annual get-together of the Convent Alumnae.

"Mary, Mary," an operetta presented under the direction of Sister M. Clarence and Sister M. Therese Martine was April's outstanding event.

May was high-lighted by the observance of World Sodality Day on the tenth. First Holy Communion took place at the 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's Star of the Sea Church. In the evening there was the May procession and the crowning of the statue of Our Blessed Lady.

May 19th! Class Night! Juniors and Seniors exchange roses and candles as well as good wishes for happiness and success. At last, Commencement! May 21 was the date every senior had looked forward to since the beginning. Very dignified in their caps and gowns, the seniors left C.M.I. on graduation night to follow their future careers. All agreed that September 2nd seemed like yesterday.



FRESHMAN INITIATION—The Seniors had fun, and the Freshmen can look forward to 1956!

JUNIOR PROM

Valentine red and white, hearts and flowers formed the motif for this year's Junior Prom.

Olga Martinez and her escort, Mr. Peter Fernandez were crowned Queen and King of the prom.



A group of smiling dancers enjoy the Junior-Senior Prom with a gaiety that youth alone possesses. Stardust in the air . . . the strains of soft music . . . what more needed for an evening never to be forgotten?

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Matthew Cuthbert, Anne's champion

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Mrs. Allan, the new Minister's charming wife

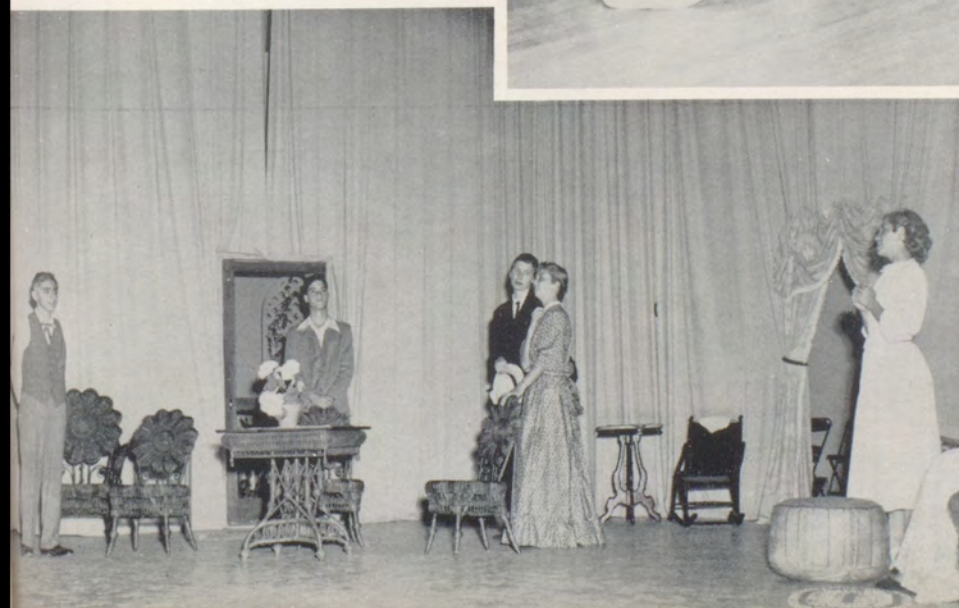
ELEANOR GATO

Josie Pye, in Anne's class

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EVENTS

1. Hallowe'en fun—scared?
2. Girls at rest.
3. Catalina.
4. Jackie Delany—"I Speak for Democracy contestant."
5. Father Maring officiated at Benediction at the Grotto on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.
6. Activity at Athletics.



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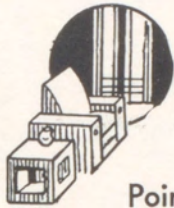
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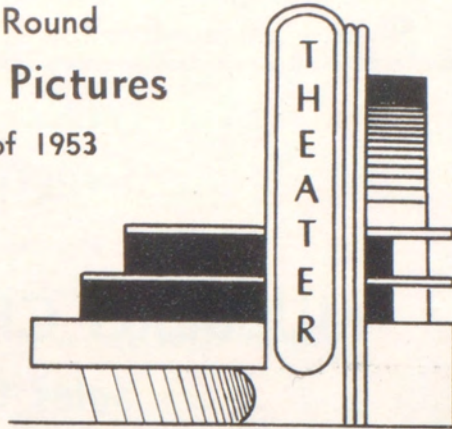
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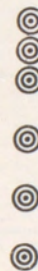
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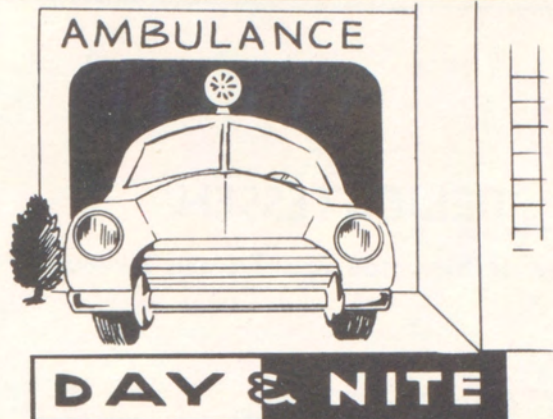
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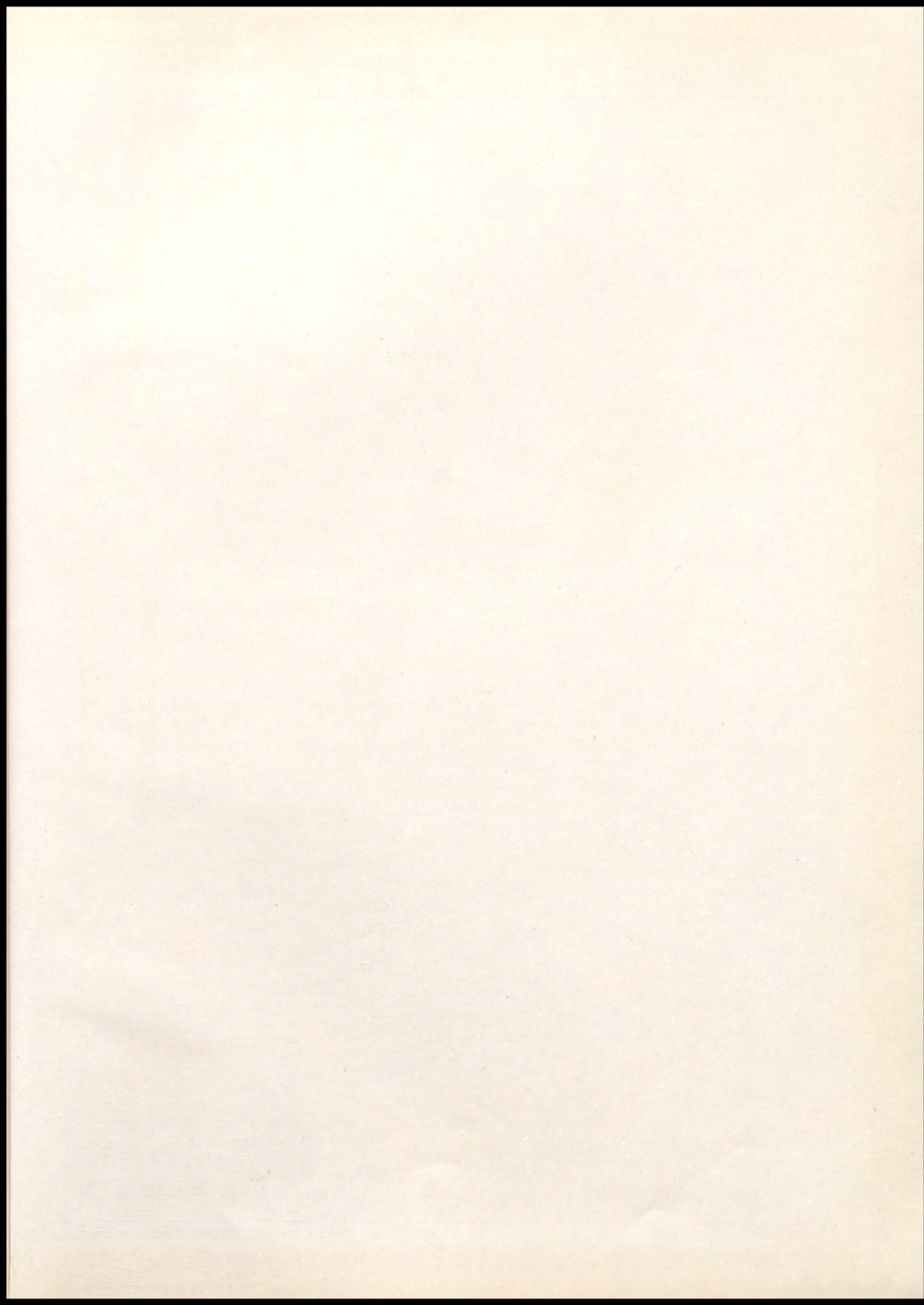


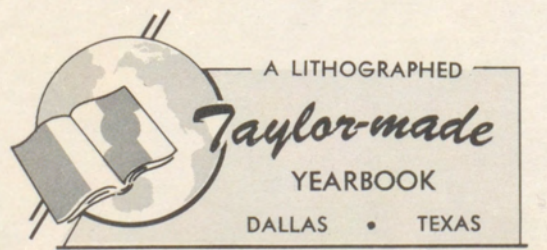
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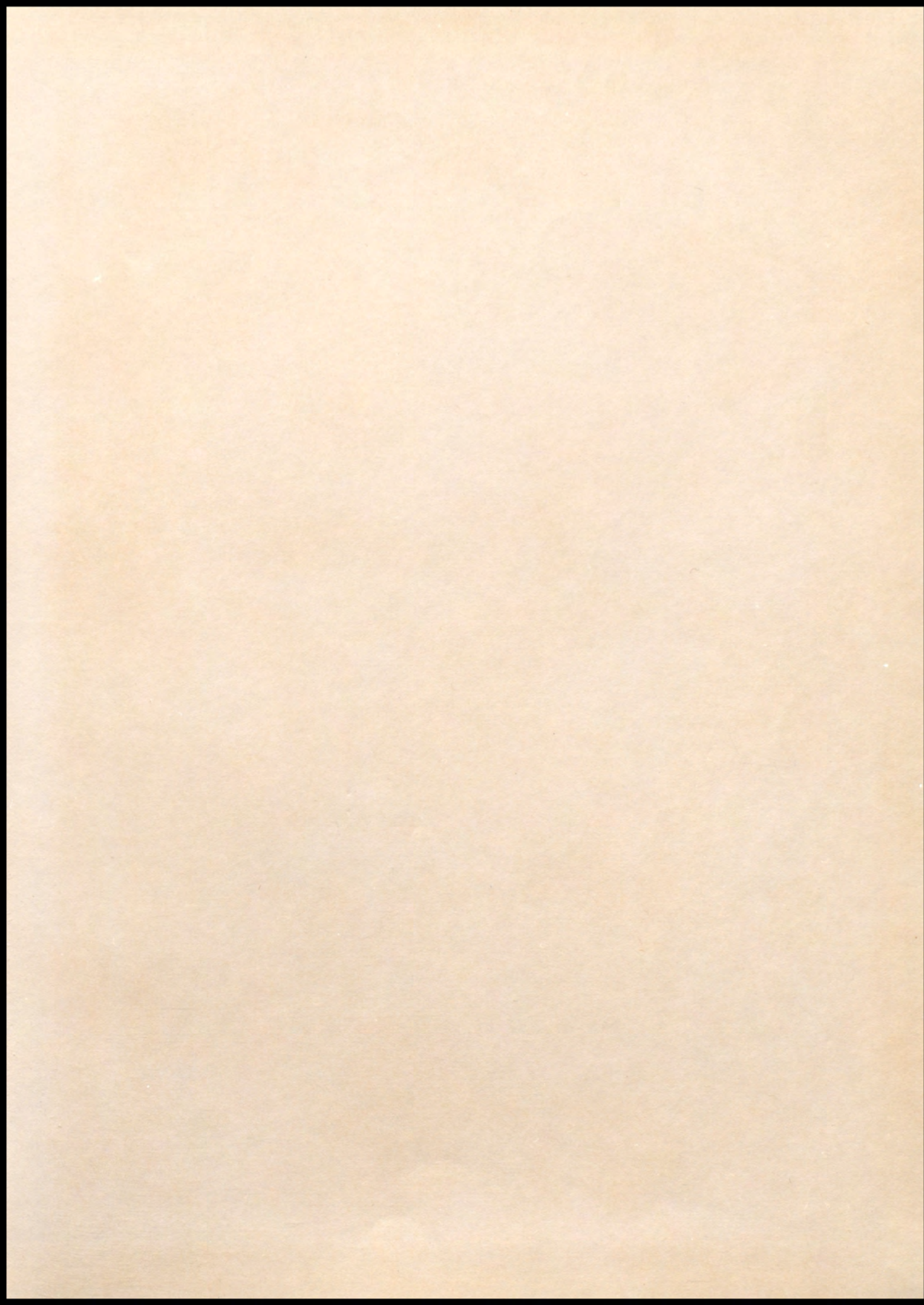


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