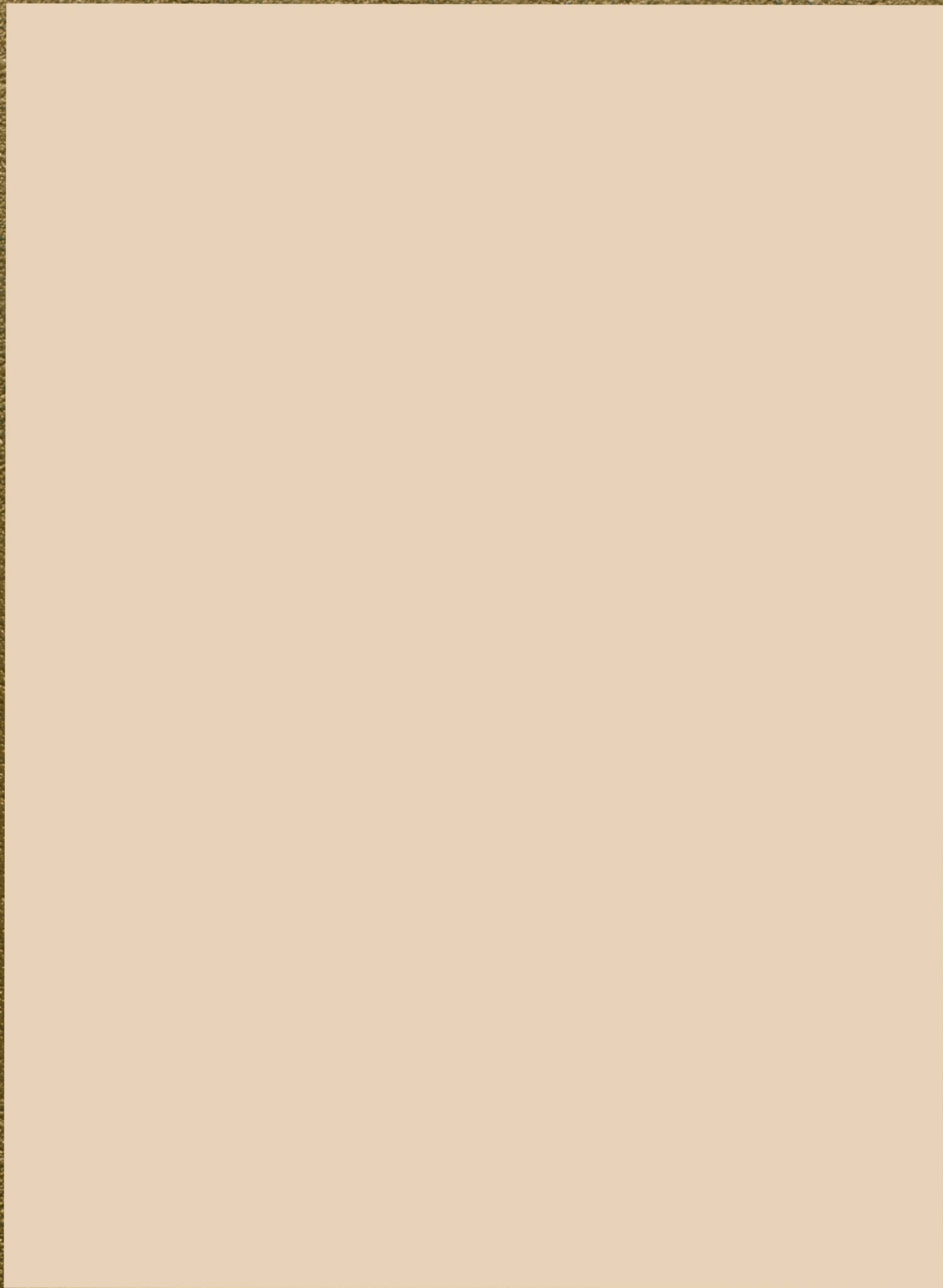
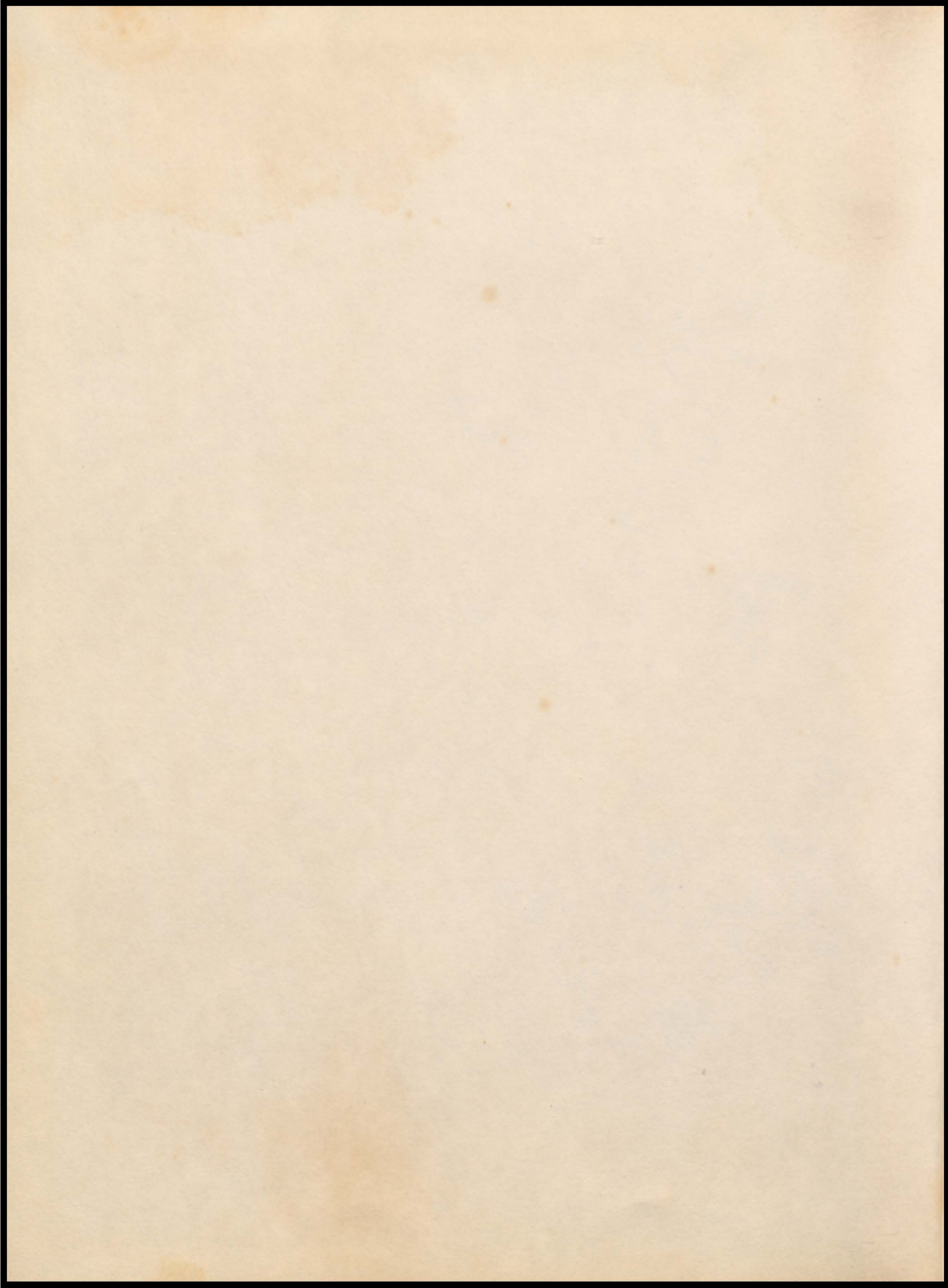


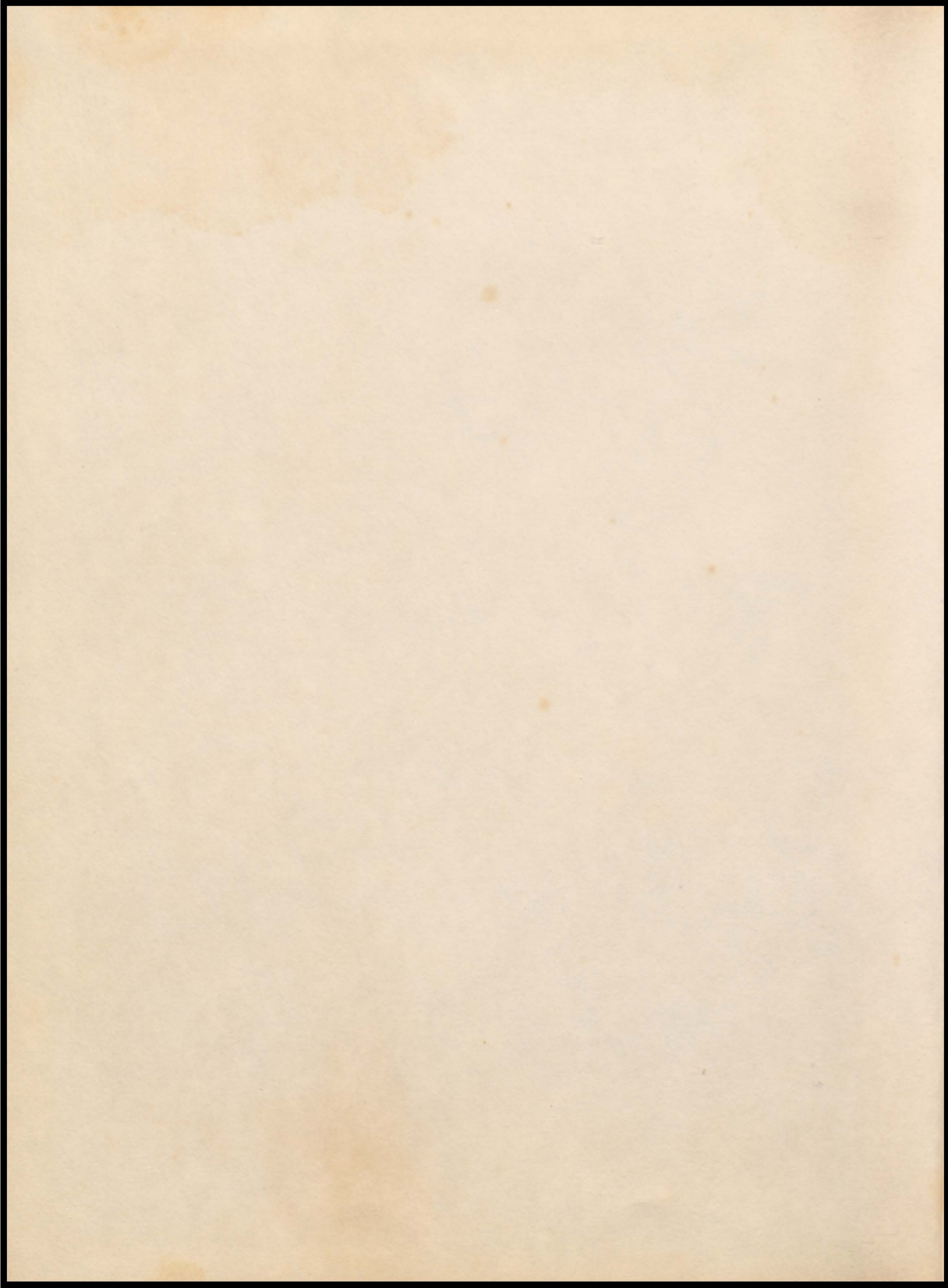
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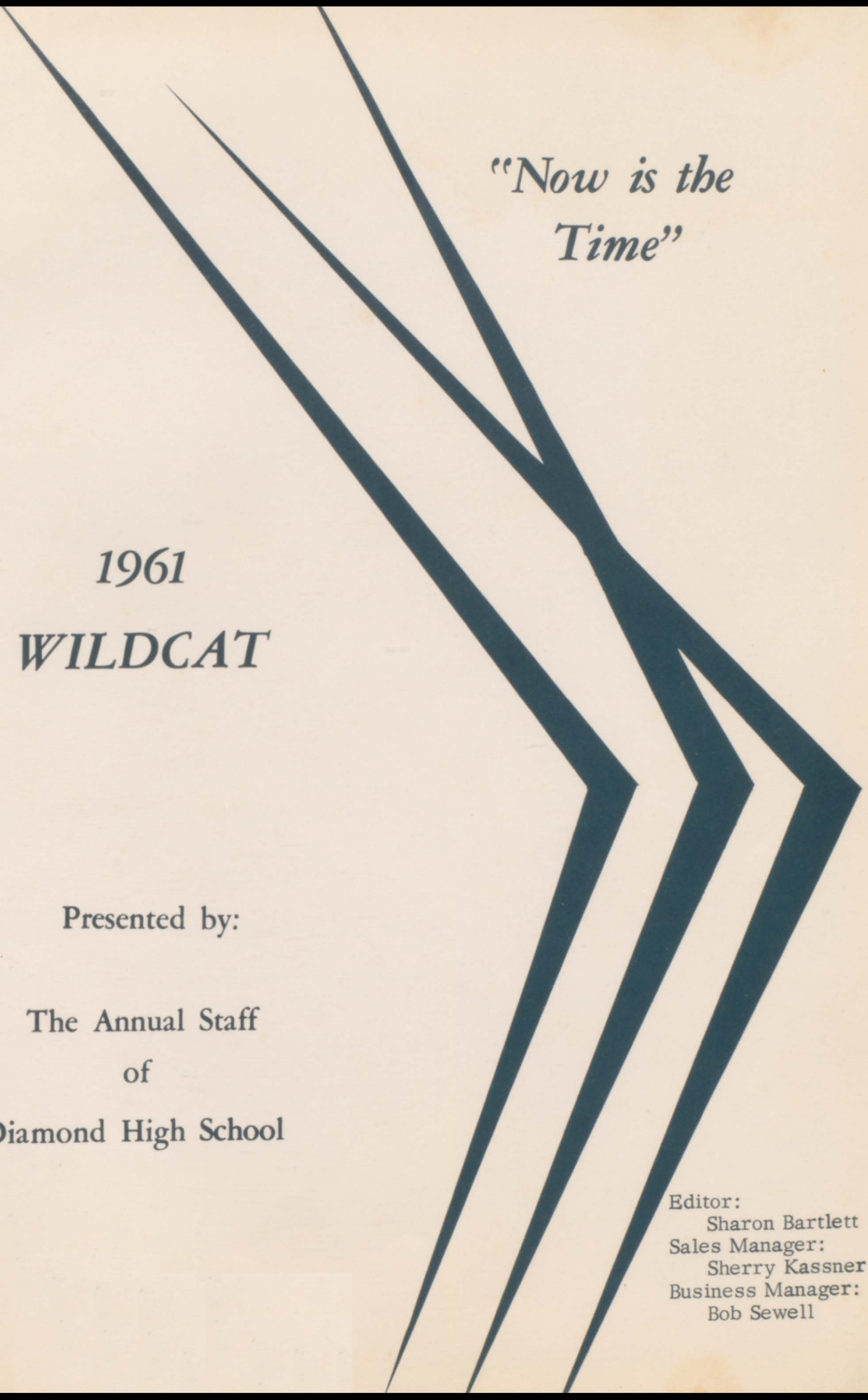












*"Now is the  
Time"*

*1961  
WILDCAT*

Presented by:

The Annual Staff  
of  
Diamond High School

Editor:  
Sharon Bartlett  
Sales Manager:  
Sherry Kassner  
Business Manager:  
Bob Sewell





## *Foreword*

Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow,  
How well you'll work perhaps another year;  
Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow--  
Today is here.

Boast not too much of mountains you will master,  
The while you linger in the vale below;  
To dream is well, but plodding brings us faster  
To where we go.

Talk not too much about some new endeavor  
You mean to make a little later on;  
Who idles now will idle on forever  
Till life is done.

Swear not some day to break some habit's fetter,  
When this old year is dead and passed away;  
If you have need of living, wiser, better,  
Begin today.

Author unknown.



# ANNUAL STAFF



## Business. . .

Bob Sewell  
Sherry Kassner  
Cleva Smith  
Bill Whitson



Encouraged by the knowledge that they were doing something for the student body, the members of the Wildcat staff worked hard to produce an excellent annual. Although the staff worked during school, many week-end and after-school sessions, under the direction of their expert sponsor, Mr. Jack Armstrong, were held to complete copy to meet the deadlines.

Now, after seeing the results of their work, it is their hope that you will truly enjoy and appreciate the 1961 Wildcat.

## Editorial. . .

### Sponsor. . .

Mr. Jack Armstrong

### Editor. . .

Sharon Bartlett

### Assistants. . .

Barbara Howard  
Karen Thurman





# ANNUAL QUEEN

*And*

## ATTENDANTS

Selected by the  
Student Body



"Action shot of coronation."



Queen  
Donna Smith  
Sophomore



Wylene Bull  
Freshman



Leta Klotz  
Junior



Carol Johnson  
Senior



# ANNUAL KING

*And*

## ATTENDANTS



King  
Larry Carlisle  
Junior



"Taken at crowning."



Johnny Hirshey  
Freshman



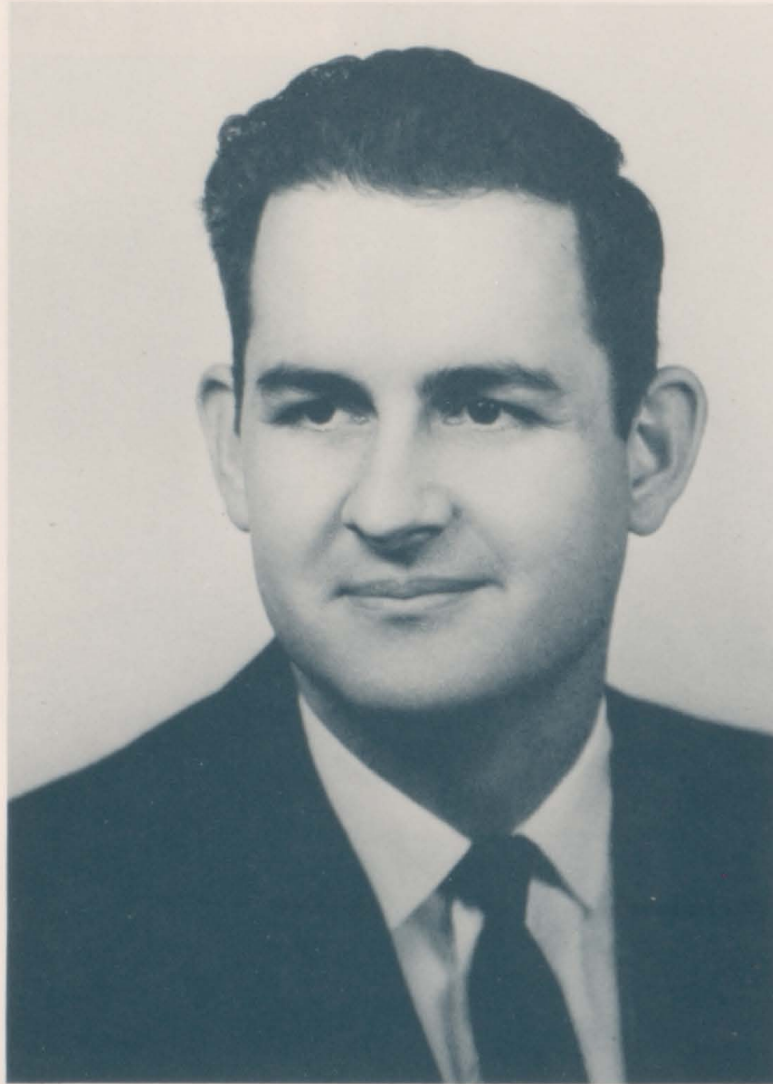
Roger Hirshey  
Sophomore



Delbert Goen  
Senior



# DEDICATION



Mr. Armstrong's job is perhaps the most diversified of our school faculty. He devotes his time to many projects. They range from sponsor of the senior class and school newspaper to teaching commercial subjects.

His invaluable assistance has been given to the Annual Staff, and to the students who needed his help, because he is a "good Joe" without seeking popularity.

In appreciation for his willing service, we dedicate this edition of "The Wildcat" to our friend and teacher, Mr. Jack Armstrong.

The 1961 Annual Staff



# *Administration and School Personnel*



To each man is given a day and his  
work for the day;  
And once, and no more, he is given  
to travel this way.  
And woe if he flies from the task,  
whatever the odds;  
For the task is appointed to him  
on the scroll of the gods.

--Edwin Markham



Keeping his popularity with the students while being responsible for enforcing school regulations and handling problems is no trick for Mr. Marlin Pinnell, superintendent at Diamond. In his eighteenth year here, having served 4 years as superintendent, his view of activities from his office and his close connection with all extra-curricular activities here at school is an optimistic one as each year brings an improvement in student responsibility and maturity.



Mr. Marlin Pinnell, Superintendent



Emma York  
Secretary

Her smiling face is familiar---"Give her a typewriter, a telephone and she is content." Let the office become noisy and she's very "Disturbed." Being the office secretary means real work, and there's plenty that Mrs. York does in the Diamond office.



Don Maupin  
Science  
Athletic Director



Lela Whitworth  
Home Economics  
Shorthand



Charles A. Rupp  
Vocational Agriculture



Harry E. Fay  
Music Director





John M. Tadych, Principal

In his second year at Diamond, our principal, Mr. John Tadych, has his eye on the over-all picture here at Diamond. He holds meetings, confers with parents about their student's development, makes announcements, "peps up" pep assemblies, and frowns upon "bad" boys.

Plus teaching 4 English classes, he is a capable advisor of Student Council, National Honor Society, and Debate Club. Here, too, his work is never done. There's always more to do yet he doesn't mind helping people with individual problems.



Jack Armstrong  
Commercial Instructor



E. Paul Dieckhoff  
American History  
Citizenship



Hugh Roberts  
Mathematics  
Social Studies



Kitchen Cooks



Rex Armstrong  
Custodian



Bus Drivers



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Superintendent



Without the BOARD OF EDUCATION our public schools would have a slim chance for existence.

We, Americans, proudly boast of our free education. The men elected to this office must be courageous, dependable, and trustworthy. The highest standards of education, as well as many other school functions, lie in the hands of these few men.

The Board of Education deals with all problems confronting our school. We are grateful for the careful consideration the Board gives in arriving at each decision.

## STUDENT COUNCIL



The 1960-61 Student Council may be best described as enthusiastic, original, and aggressive. More efficient leaders could never be found than those who led the student body of Diamond High through the past school year.

It is said that an organization never rises above its leaders. We may well apply this old, but true, saying and give credit where it is due when we recognize the high level leadership which every student has felt during these months.

Various projects were highly successful under the guidance of such leaders. The All-School Christmas Party afforded great pleasure for each student. Also, the council has helped our Principal, Mr. John Tadych, institute many worthy rules to better govern our student body.

FIRST ROW: Jim Vannaman, President; Sherry Kassner, Secretary; Dennis Cole, Vice-President.

## *Classes*



Now is the time,  
The time to live,  
No other time is real.  
Yesterday has gone,  
Tomorrow is a guess,  
Today you can see and feel.  
--Richard Rogers



# FIRST GRADE



Miss Grace Ely  
Southwest Missouri  
State College  
B. S. Degree  
14 Years at Diamond



Debarah Brown  
Michael Faulkner



Millicent Garrett  
Glenda Gilmore  
Darrell Greenwood



Steven Heckmaster  
Vicki Hendrix  
Becky Higgs  
Kathie Janes



Linda Knorpp  
Patty Lane  
Judy Laws  
Donna Lewis  
Mary Long



Alan Loyd  
Becky Martin  
Howard Moreland  
Bobby Morgan  
Vickie Mosley



Melinda Owens  
Dana Palmer  
Karen Patrick  
Holly Rentfro  
Jim Rubottom



Brenda Sartin  
Ricky Stewart  
Stephen Strick  
Vicki Thurman  
Danny Williams

# SECOND GRADE



Mrs. Dorothy Pinnell  
B.S. in Dept. of  
Education from  
S. M. S.  
Taught 13 years at  
Diamond

Kenneth Collins  
Alan Crane  
Connie Denney  
Rita Devins

Mark Donica  
Fred Ellison, Jr.  
Debra Greninger  
Alan Hance

Terry Hartman  
Eddie Heckmaster  
Robert Jackson  
Brent Kelley  
Marcia Kimbrough

Michael Lane  
Roger Laws  
Brenda Little  
Nancy Love  
John Lytle

Sarah Martin  
Kay Morgan  
Steven Mosley  
Glen Patrick  
Ann Petty

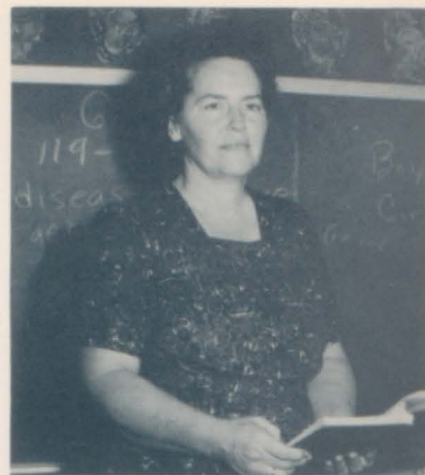
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Steven Shull  
Edward Smith  
Claude Spilman  
Edmond Stewart

Nancy Stewart  
Raymond Thomas  
Pamela Thorn  
Wanda Whitson  
Gary Youngblood





# THIRD GRADE



Mrs. Eva Cohu  
Southwest Missouri  
State College  
B.S. Degree  
8 Years at Diamond



Kathleen Alford  
Stephen Buchanan  
Willard Coates



Cathy Cook  
Gary Cooper  
Shirley Faulkner  
Donna Fowler



Michael Gilmore  
Wanda Gilmore  
Gary Hansford  
Sharon Hardy  
George Harris



Jerry Harris  
Melody Heckmaster  
Billy Henry  
Keith Hirshey  
LeRoy Housh  
David Hutchison



Ray Irwin  
Stephen Kyger  
Debra Laws  
Connie Lewis  
Jenny Lyttle  
Johnny Martin



Diane Miksell  
Ruby Moss  
Danny Palmer  
Mary Petty  
Randy Renfro  
Johnny Schultz



Tim Shropshire  
Camelia Slavens  
Judy Smith  
Ruth Smith  
Betty Whitson  
Donnie Youngblood



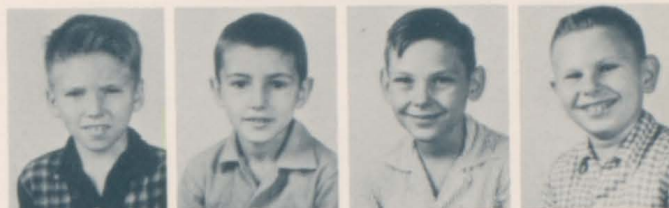
Mrs. Twyla Arnett  
 Attended S. M. S. and  
 K. S. C.  
 Taught 3 years at  
 Diamond

# FOURTH GRADE

Brenda Bryan  
 Linda Cole  
 Shirley Collins



Jackie Degginger  
 Joe Degraffenried  
 Terry Devins  
 Mike Donica



Mary Fowler  
 Johnny Greathouse  
 Leon Hall  
 Sue Hance



Rickey Higgs  
 Karen Hubbard  
 Linda Irwin  
 John Jones



Johnny Kyger  
 Ginger Lauber  
 Terry Love  
 Debra Macy



Patty Moore  
 Lloyd Mosley  
 Harrel Owens  
 Alice Petty



Linda Reber  
 Bobby Showalter  
 Charlotte Smith  
 Carla Swearingen





# FIFTH GRADE



Georgia Bradley  
Larry Brunner  
Sharon Buchanan



Allan Capps  
Janet Coates  
Pamela Cole



Adabelle Dipper  
Garvin Dunaway  
James Faulkner  
Jackie Fields



Jimmy Gillmore  
Robert Gillmore  
Shelia Kay Hendrix  
DeAnna Hirshey  
Becky Kassner



Wayne Kimbrough  
George Koon  
Judy Lewis  
Mary Jane Martin  
Renniah Miksell



Grace Moss  
Wanda Mullins  
John Musser  
Lucinda Owens  
Geraldine Packer



Ida Fay Samson  
Carl Schultz  
Connie Scribner  
Jimmy Smith  
Jenell Spillman



Stephen Taylor  
Mike Thomas  
Mark Winter  
Charles York  
Lloyd Youngblood



Mrs. Margaret Greer  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Education  
Kansas State College  
of Pittsburg  
Taught in Diamond 8 years





Mrs. Lola Whitchurch  
Kansas State College  
of Pittsburg  
Taught in Diamond 3  
years

# SIXTH GRADE

David Alford  
Gary Armstrong  
Bruce Bowers  
Galen Bowman



Michael Bryan  
Nancy Cawyer  
Wiley Cawyer  
Alvin Cohu



Randy Collins  
Karla Cook  
Betty Crahan  
Danny Degginger  
Holly Dunaway  
Jimmy Gipson



David Grant  
Shirley Greathouse  
Mickey Henry  
Donald Higgs  
Joy Hirshey  
Kenneth Housh



Eugene Hoyer  
Jenna Hutchison  
Linda Janes  
Janice Jeans  
Charles Judd  
David Kimbrough



Jackie Lauber  
Billy Lewis  
Jimmy Martin  
Michael Morgan  
Ethel Mosley  
Billy Palmer



Carolyn Plagman  
Dale Reber  
Charla Rhodes  
Allan Showalter  
Martha Schultz  
Kevin Smith



Carolyn Stewart  
Kenneth Stewart  
Robert Thomas  
Donnie Thorn  
Vivian Whitson  
Tommy Winter





# SEVENTH GRADE



Roger Askins  
Keith Carlisle



Mrs. Mary Martin  
Kansas State College  
of Pittsburg  
Associate in Education  
Taught 6 years at  
Diamond



Benny Childers  
Loretta Crahan  
John Dipper  
Melvin Fowler



Chris Garrett  
Donald Gibson  
Judy Grant  
Evelyn Greer



Glenda Hall  
Sammy Harris  
Mike Haynes  
Aronald Koon  
Linda Rae Martin



Terry Martin  
Pamela McDaniel  
Star Miksell  
Susan Moore  
Judy Mosley



Georgia Mouse  
Judy Packer  
Linda Sue Petty  
Mary Kay Pinnell  
Nancy Rentfro

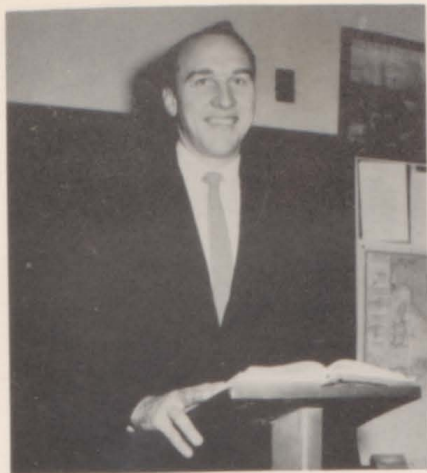


Vicki Rhodes  
Mary Rinehart  
Terry Salsman  
Carolyn Shropshire  
George Smith



James Snodgrass  
Jo Ann Snodgrass  
Myrna Southern  
Truman Stewart  
Sharon Williams

# EIGHTH GRADE



Mr. Paul Dieckhoff  
Masters Degree from  
the University of  
Missouri  
Teaches American History  
and Eighth Grade

Janet Sue Bass  
David Bernett  
Carolyn Brown



Dennis Brummett  
Eddy Cawyer  
Linda Chapman



Bobbie Collings  
Ray Collins  
Gary Cook  
Norma Devins



Patricia Fowler  
Terry Fields  
Mary Gillmore  
Jane Heifner  
Ricky Henry



June Hirshey  
Ronnie Housh  
Cheryl Janes  
Johnnie Lee Jeans  
Mike Kelley



Alan Lauber  
Linda Lewis  
Sandy Macy  
Linda McAllister  
Carole Moreland



Larry Mullins  
Louise Palmer  
Mike Rentfro  
Lynn Slavens  
Barbara Smith



Melvin Souders  
Georgia Turner  
Lavern Whitson  
Alice Winter  
Darrell Youngblood





# FRESH MEN



Jim Askins, V. Pres.  
Carolyn Aubrey  
Susan Bartlett, Pres.  
Ronald Brunner



Mr. Don Maupin, Sponsor  
Science and Physical  
Education  
Bachelor of Science  
in Education  
Kansas State College  
of Pittsburg  
Taught in Diamond  
4 years



Stephen Bryan  
Wylene Bull  
Towanna Butts  
Charles Carlisle



Phyllis Carterman  
Merle Childers  
Delbert Collins  
Virginia Dipper

Beverly Fields  
Lyn Frisbie  
Sharon Gillmore  
Elaine Harris  
Rose Hartman  
Johnny Hirshey, Treas.



Pauline Housh  
Charlotte Howard  
LaVern Hoyer, Sec.  
Ruth Ann Jones  
Leyla Knorpp  
Lester Martin



Linda Martin  
Keith McAllister  
Dia Mensink  
Paul Mershon  
Pauline Moore  
Sandra Moyer



Wayne Moss  
Sherry Mullins  
Freddie Parks  
Phyllis Pruitt  
Carol Ryno  
Cheryl Ryno



Della Samson  
Roy Smith  
Bob Swanson  
Bob Talley  
Richard Taylor  
Jean Trent

# SOPHOMORES



Mr. Charles Rupp, Sponsor  
Vocational Agriculture  
Bachelor of Science  
University of Missouri  
Taught in Diamond 6  
years

Ruby Askins  
Wayne Atkins  
Patricia Ballentine  
Linda Brashears



Kay Cole  
Joyce Edens  
Gaylen Evinger  
Bruce Fullerton



Paul Grant  
Bill Heifner  
Roger Hirshey  
Patty Hober  
Dewayne Holland  
Paul Housh



Coy Jones, Pres.  
Judy Koon  
Elaine Lockhart  
Paul McClendon  
Betty McDaniel  
Joyce Mosley

Patricia Pinnell  
Sharon Rentfro  
Donna Smith, Treas.  
Johnny Smith  
Jack Souders



Linda Spor, Sec.  
Connie Taylor  
Marlene Throop  
Frank Vance  
Linda Vannaman





# JUNIORS



Sam Bernett  
Sharon Burkey  
Glenda Butts  
Gerald Capps, V. Pres.

Mr. Harry E. Fay, Sponsor  
Music  
Kansas State College  
of Pittsburg  
Taught in Diamond  
3 years

Larry Carlisle  
Betty Childers  
Steve Cohu, Treas.  
Irene Denny  
Joe Dickerson

Vernon Duncan  
Joyce Furrow  
Sheilah Gillmore  
Delores Greninger  
Billie Ann Harper  
Karen Hirshey

Barbara Howard  
Kent Hubbard  
Ronnie Janes  
Karolen Jeans  
Mary Johnson  
Bob Judd

Leta Klotz, Sec.  
Gary Kyger  
Judy Long  
Jerry Macy  
Larry Martin  
Robert McClendon

Darla McCoy  
Brenda Meyer  
Linda Meyer  
Bill Mosley  
Margaret Rentfro  
Linda Riddle

Frank Samson  
Ann Smith  
Cleva Smith  
Darrel Smith  
Ron Springer  
Bill Talley

Charles Taylor  
Roger Taylor, Pres.  
Karen Thurman  
Bettie Wallace  
Donna Whitchurch  
Bill Whitson



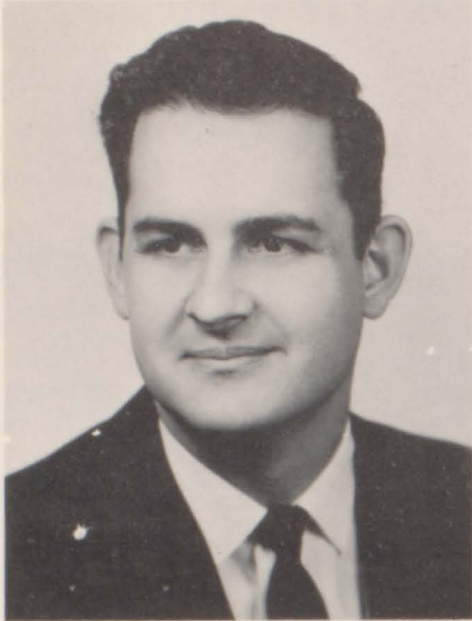
# *Seniors*



Now is the time,  
The time to act,  
No other time will do.  
Live and play your part  
And give away your heart  
And take what the world gives you.  
--Richard Rogers



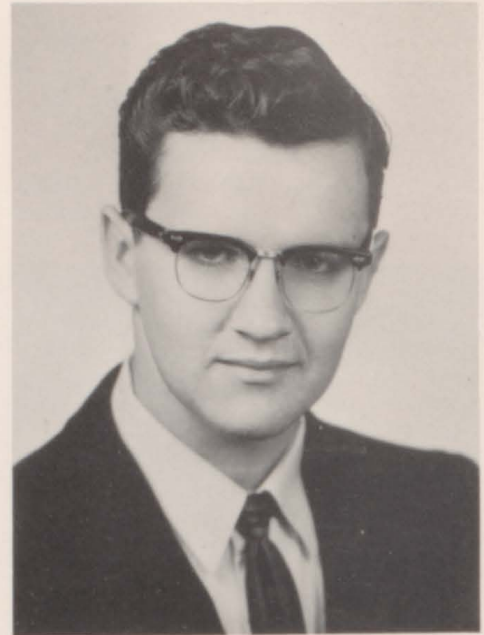
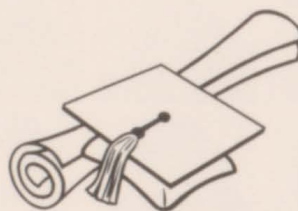
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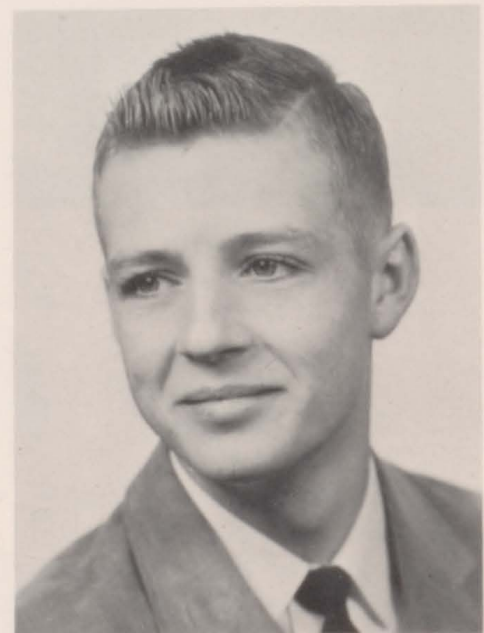
JACK D. ARMSTRONG  
Sponsor

At last coming up through the years, thirty-five seniors reached their final goal at D.H.S. This is the year that fulfilled the old dream of being on top.

DALYS MARIE ANDERSON



GARRY DON DENNEY  
President



BOB RAY SEWELL  
Secretary

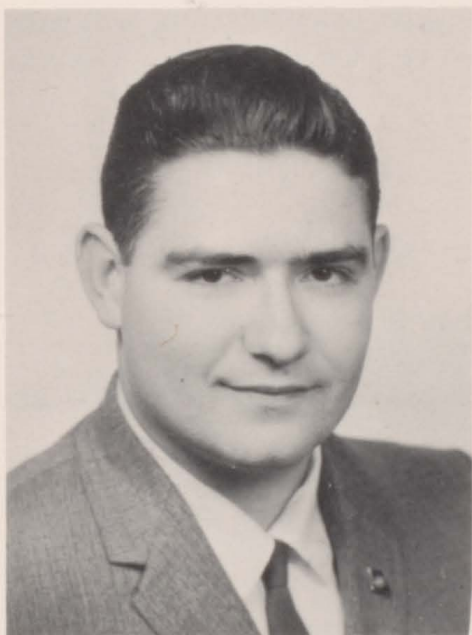
# THE HONORABLE GROUP

JAMES LOYD VANCE  
Vice-President



THOMAS GLENN ATKINS

For one triumphant year they could rule the world.  
Looked up to, admired, they were at last accepted as  
mature and wise individuals.



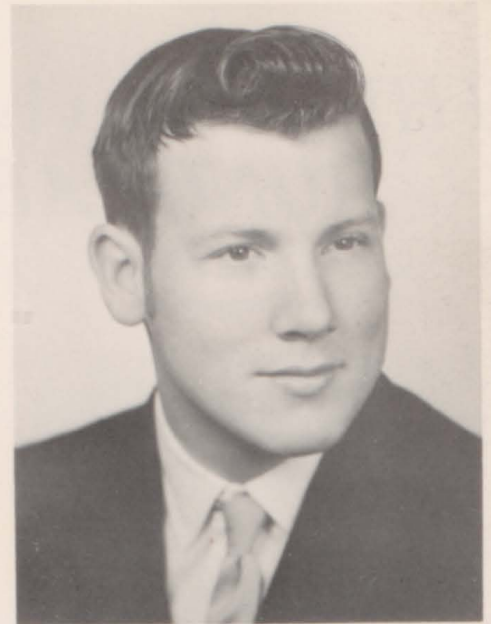
CARL LEROY GOODNIGHT  
Treasurer

SHARON PAULINE BARTLETT





NOAH GLEN BROWN



JERRY LEE BRASHEARS

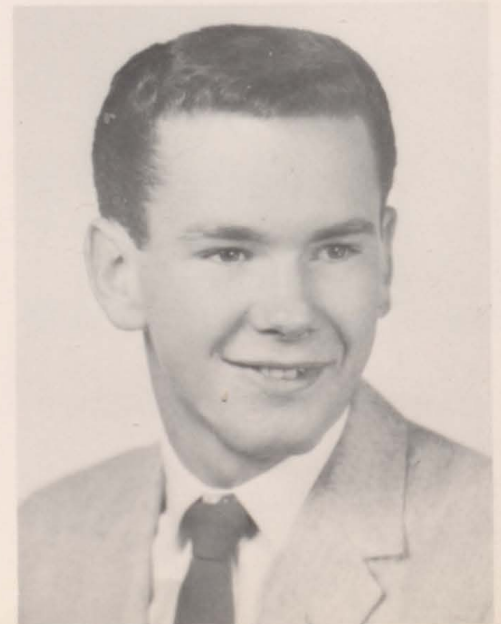
## SENIORS ASSUME- -

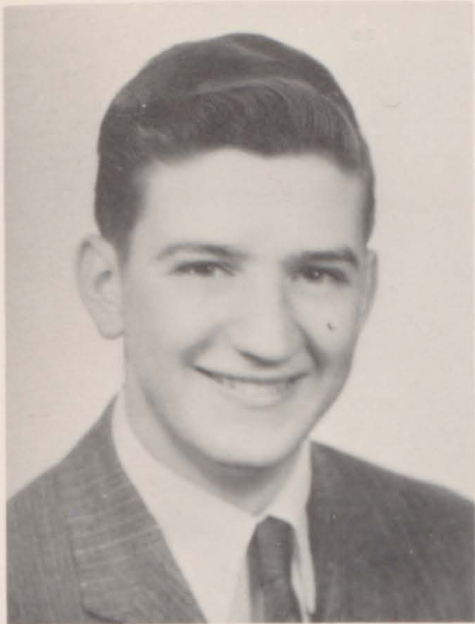
This was a year that marked a different paragraph in each life. This was the year of conflicting feelings. They were between the past and the future.



LARRY WAYNE BRYAN

WILLIAM HARVEY CARLISLE, JR.





LARRY DEE CAWYER

## *--PRIVILEGE RANK*

Behind them are happy memories. They are proud of the past, but already it is receding into misty memories.

SANDRA LEE GIBSON

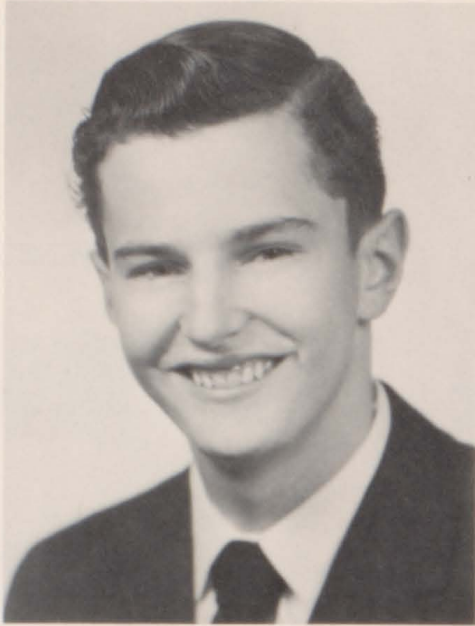


DENNIS H. COLE



RONALD GENE EDENS





DELBERT MICHAEL GOEN



LINDA LOU GRANT

## The Top - - -

Not long, will these seniors remain at the top. Graduation will place them in a new world in which they must again earn their position.

DONNA MAE HARPER



MARILYN JOYCE HARRIS





BRENDA JO HARTMAN

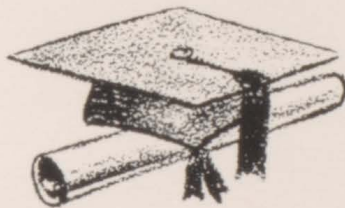


RONALD EUGENE HENRY

## - - -IN COMMAND

To them, then life as a Diamond senior will enter into the past.  
A past from which school days will be recalled by looking through  
old annuals or by the sight of a classmate in a crowd.

DONNA DARLENE HIRSHEY



MARY JEAN HOBER







CAROL JEAN JOHNSON

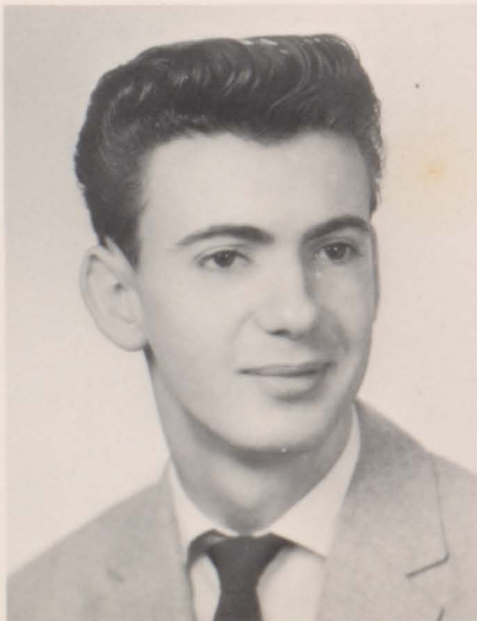


PAUL RONALD JOHNSON

## *SENIORS AIM AT QUALITY,*

The seniors are now old hands at taking and passing exams. To them exam papers became a usual part of the course. With a crowded schedule, many students burnt midnight oil to make that passing mark.

JAMES M. JONES



SHERRY ROSE KASSNER





LARRY GENE KELLOGG



SAUNDRA SUE McDANIEL

## CONFIDENCE IN THE FUTURE

The thrill of the banquet, the careful planning and rehearsals for the play, the senior day assembly, and the honor of the senior year made "this the time!"

BOB R. MOORE



JIM LEE RENFRO







PAT RINEHART

## *FOUR GOALS DOWN- -AND A LIFE TO GO*

Somehow it is hard for them to say good-bye to the people and events which have helped them live four of the happiest years of their lives. They know their course; they have their goals set; and they are ready for the rank for which they have trained. So with this they say "So Long!"

JAMES LOWELL VANAMAN



MELVIN LEE SOUTHERN



JANICE LOUISE TATUM

# *Organizations*



Of the many things on earth  
That are useful to us all,  
Perseverance and the will to do  
Make every task look small.  
In this big, old world today,  
There is much one must possess--  
The will to toil and get ahead,  
If we wish to gain success.

--P. F. Freeman





Miss Patricia Rinehart is "Valedictorian" of the 1960-61 senior class, with a 10.52 average.

Miss Dalys Anderson is "Salutatorian" with a 10.35 average.

Miss Carol Johnson placed "Third" with a 9.41 average. She "edged" Miss Sharon Bartlett by 34-hundredths of a point.



## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society is the most outstanding organization in high school. Each member has to have at least an 8 point average in his grades out of a possible 11 points.

Each senior, who is a member of this organization, will receive, at the time of his graduation, a gold emblem on his diploma. On this emblem is found four letters, C.S.L.S., which stand for CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, and SERVICE.





## BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE



Carl Goodnight, Dalys Anderson

Dalys and Carl were chosen by the faculty as representatives to Boys' and Girls' State. Each year one boy and one girl are chosen for this honor.

Dalys attended Girls' State June 19-26, at William Woods College, in Fulton, Missouri.

Carl attended Boys' State June 18-25, at Central Missouri State College, in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Both Dalys and Carl had a wonderful time.

## SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

It is quite an honor to be chosen by your teammates to receive the Sportsmanship Awards sponsored by the American Legion.

Dennis and Roger were chosen because of their outstanding sportsmanship in all the activities in which they participated; regardless, of whether they were winning or losing.



Dennis Cole and Roger Hirshey

Dennis Cole and Pat Rinehart

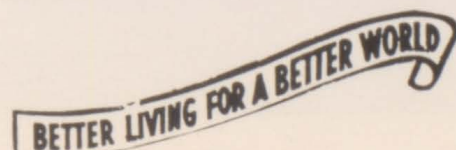


## OUTSTANDING SCHOOL CITIZENS

Pat and Dennis were chosen by the faculty as the "Outstanding School Citizens." Any student in high school is eligible for this award.

They are chosen on the basis of their leadership, character, personality, and scholarship.

Pat and Dennis definitely fit these requirements.





# OFFICE STAFF

A tremendous amount of work must be done from day to day to insure that the activities of the school will continue to function efficiently. This is the job of Mr. Tadych's office staff. They have volunteered their free time to carry out the business of his office in a dependable manner.

MEMBERS: Dalys Anderson, Sharon Bartlett, Darlene Hirshey, Alice Winter, Barbara Howard, Johnny Smith, Karen Thurman, Cleva Smith, Janice Tatum, and Mr. John Tadych, Principal.



# LIBRARY CLUB

Fifteen librarians, under the supervision of Connie Taylor, Head Librarian, and Mr. Hugh Roberts, Sponsor, dealt effectively with many problems to make our library the most efficient one possible. Our library underwent many changes this year, but emerged as a helpful source for many inquiring students.

MEMBERS, First Row: Mr. Hugh Roberts, Sponsor; Charlotte Howard, Betty Childers, Linda Brashears, Wylene Bull, Irene Denny, Glenda Butts, Brenda Meyer, Bruce Fullerton, Roger Hirshey, Connie Taylor. SECOND ROW: Sheilah Gillmore, Beverly Fields, Joyce Mosley, Susan Bartlett, Linda Spor, Pat Ballentine.







## DEBATE CLUB

The Debate Club, organized last year, had a very successful year. The debaters acquired a near 500 percentage against larger schools. Individual honors were won, and Connie Taylor presented the school with a handsome first place trophy. Her major event was oratory. These students represented us at Monett, Jasper, Granby, S.M.S., and at the County and District American Legion Oratorical Contests. MEMBERS OF THE DEBATE CLUB ARE, First Row: Pat Ballentine, Joyce Mosley, Cleva Smith, V-Pres.; Connie Taylor, Pres.; Kay Cole, Sec.; Beverly Fields, Sharon Bartlett. SECOND ROW: Susan Bartlett, Ruth Jones, Irene Denny, Sandra Gibson, Elaine Lockhart, Karen Thurman, Betty McDaniel, Mr. Tadych, Sponsor. THIRD ROW: Johnny Smith, Gaylen Evinger, Roger Taylor, Paul Grant, Bob Swanson, Larry Cawyer, and Freddy Parks.



AT LEFT: Connie Taylor.  
AT RIGHT: Cleva Smith  
and Johnny Smith.



Connie won first place at the Monett, Newton County, and 2nd at the District Meets. A fine record!

Cleva and Connie teamed in debate, and Cleva rated highly in extemporaneous speaking.

Johnny placed third in oratory and declamation at Joplin. Congratulations!



# ENSEMBLES



Quartet No. 1--Received a #1 rating at the Sub-District Contest. Members: Linda Riddle, Donna Smith, Karen Thurman, Connie Taylor, and Delores Greninger--Pianist.

Sextet No. 1--Received a #1 rating at the Sub-District Contest. Members: Cleva Smith--Pianist; Linda Riddle, Connie Taylor, Karen Hirshey, Delores Greninger, Sharon Burkey, and Susan Bartlett.



Trio No. 2--Received a #2 rating at the Sub-District Contest. Members: Donna Smith, Sheilah Gillmore, Sharon Burkey, and Delores Greninger--Pianist.



Sextet No. 2--Received a #2 rating at the Sub-District Contest. Members: Dalys Anderson, Betty McDaniel, Sherry Kassner, Connie Taylor--Pianist; Linda Grant, Sharon Bartlett, and Billie Ann Harper.



Trio No. 1--Members: Connie Taylor--Pianist, Mary Johnson, Karen Thurman, and Bettie Wallace.



Quartet No. 2--Received a #2 rating at the Sub-District Contest. Members: Mary Johnson, Sharon Bartlett, Cleva Smith, Linda Grant, and Delores Greninger--Pianist.





Connie Taylor

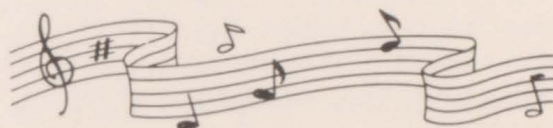
## PIANISTS



Delores Greninger

## CHORUS

Music certainly wasn't overlooked in school activities, as the Girls Chorus received a one rating in the sub-district contest at Monett and participated in the district at Springfield. Under the capable direction of Mr. Harry Fay, the forty-five voice organization presented numbers at the County Oratorical Contest and the Thanksgiving Assembly. Other traditional appearances of the chorus included a breath-taking candlelight ceremony at the Christmas Program and an impressive Spring Concert. This year was another successful step for our fine Girls' Chorus.







## BAND

The D.H.S. Band had an active year under the direction of Mr. Harry Fay. During the year the band played at the annual music concert, marched in the Republican Rally at Neosho, Christmas parades at Neosho, Monett, and Joplin, and also presented exhibition drills at various times at school.



Cheryl and Carol Ryno received a #1 rating for their saxophone solos at the Sub-District Music Festival at Monett and participated in the District Contest at Springfield.



## TWIRLERS

One of the main attractions of our band is our twirlers. In flashing gold and white uniforms, they led our band to fame in the various parades and drills given here at school. The twirlers are, LEFT TO RIGHT: Donna Smith, majorette; Leyla Knorpp, Charlotte Howard, Linda Martin, Georgia Turner, and Sandy Macy.





## CHUCK WAGON SUPPER



"Chuck Wagon Royalty"  
Roger Taylor and Delores Greninger, Bruce Bowers and Joy Hirshey.

## FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

"We're learning to live a more useful life through our future homemaker activities," is the theme of the Future Homemakers of America.

A special feature of the term was the adoption of a little eight year old girl, Letha White, from the St. Louis Christian Home. The F.H.A. brightened her Christmas by sending her many gifts; and made her Easter more enjoyable by presenting her with a complete outfit, and even a basket from the Easter Bunny.

The state F.H.A. convention was held in Jefferson City during March with four members and our sponsor attending. The last meeting of the year was an annual picnic where the new members and officers were initiated.

This year the chapter was directed by president, Saundra McDaniel; vice-president, Sherry Kassner; secretary, Betty McDaniel; treasurer, Mary Hober; historian, Sharon Burkey; reporter, Linda Vannaman; and parliamentarian, Karen Hirshey. Mrs. Lela Whitworth, our sponsor, was very helpful in planning and presenting many of the programs.







## *SWEETHEART PARTY*

The Future Homemakers of America rounded out its year by giving the annual Sweetheart Party. The evening of square-dancing was highlighted by the coronation of the "Heart-throb," Darrel Smith. The decorations were accented by a huge heart suspended over the royalty, and made in the F.H.A. colors, red and white.



## WOOL CONTEST

"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." That is exactly what Sharon Bartlett has done in competition in the Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest.

Sharon, in her freshman year, placed first in the county and district contests. During her sophomore year, Sharon placed first in the county and third in the district. In her junior year, Sharon placed first in the county and fourth in the district contest. In her senior year, the top was reached. After much careful work and preparation, Sharon won first place in the county, district, and state contests, and participated in the national contest at Denver in January of 1961.



## EMPIRE

### COOKING CONTEST



Representing Diamond in The Empire District Cooking Contest this year were Connie Taylor and Kay Cole. Their meal consisted of: crown roast; broiled potatoes; green beans; pineapple rings; tossed green salad; jam gems; fruit meringe shells; milk and coffee.

Connie and her assistant Kay, although they did not take the top prize, gave a fine demonstration.



## BETTY

### CROCKER AWARD



Each year all senior girls interested in Home Economics take a test for the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow Award. The girl who received honor this year was Pat Rinehart. Her test was sent to the state contest.



# STATE FARMER CANDIDATES

Jim Vannaman, Bob Moore, and Carl Goodnight were selected as candidates for the State Farmer Degree. This degree is the highest award offered to F.F.A. boys on the state level.

Each boy selected for this award is given a gold charm as a token of his achievements. The winners will be awarded this charm at the State Convention held each spring at Columbia.

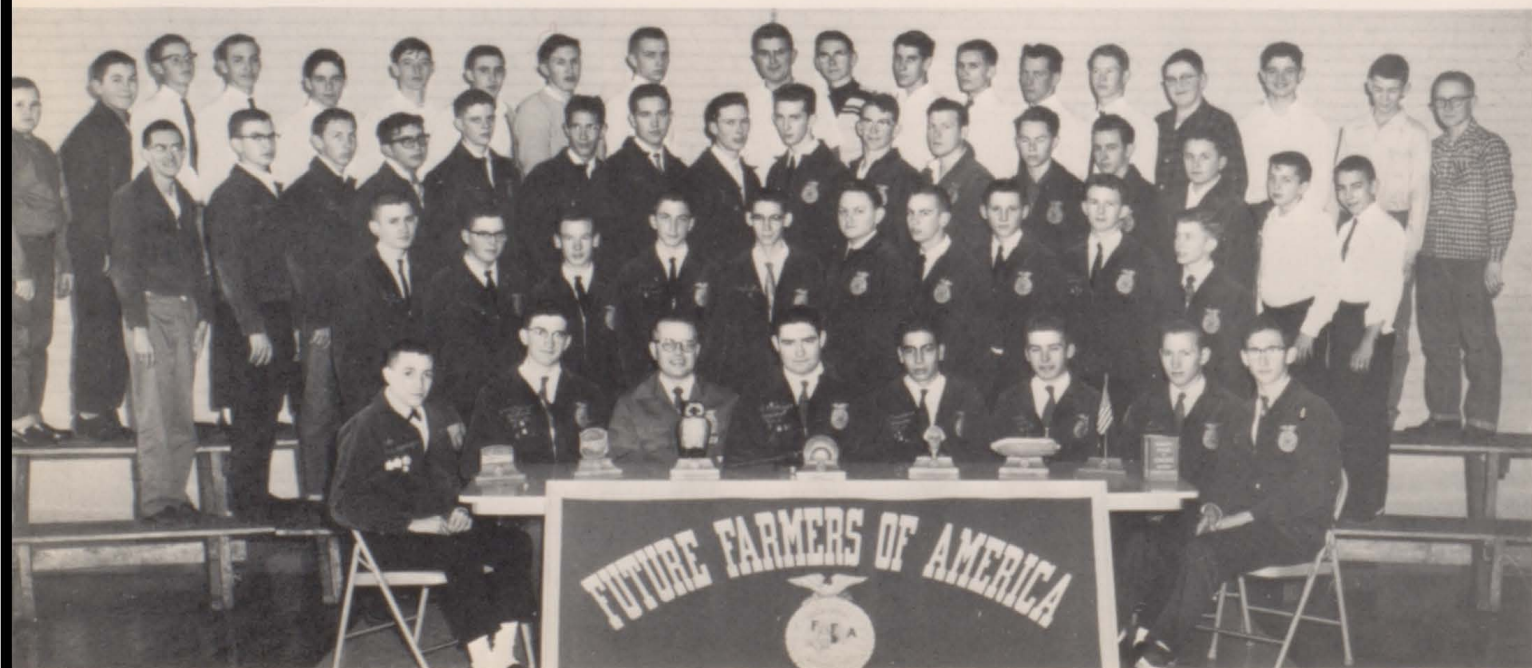


## FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA



For many years the Future Farmers of America has been one of the most active groups in school. The F.F.A.'s calendar was filled with many activities this year. Early in the fall term, the boys and their dates had an enjoyable time on a hayride. Also, the annual Barnwarming was held in the school gymnasium in November. Other activities were the donkey ballgame, judging contests, and the annual Parent and Son Banquet held in May.

This year the Future Farmers of America has made great strides in accomplishing its purpose, which is, "to further the promotion and improvement of agriculture."





# FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA

## BARNWARMING



FFA Chapter Sweetheart  
Karen Hirshey



Early in the fall term, the annual Barnwarming was held in the school gymnasium. Karen Hirshey, crowned by president of the F.F.A. Carl Goodnight, reigned as Barnwarming Queen over the festivities that followed. Decorations included autumn foliage and corn stalks accented by the traditional blue and gold of the F.F.A.





# MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS



Sandra McDaniel, Miss Merry Christmas for the 1960-61 school year, was elected by the student body. Sandra represented our school in the Miss Merry Christmas contest in the Joplin Christmas Parade and rode in various other Christmas parades during the holiday season.



# JUNIOR AND SENIOR BANQUET



The 1959-60 Junior and Senior Banquet was held at Spring River Inn in River-ton, Kansas. The room was decorated around the theme "Buttons and Bows," in pastel shades of aqua, pink, and silver. A large banner was placed across the room with the theme written in buttons.

A welcome address was given by the president of the junior class, Janice Crocker. After the welcome address, Mr. Bob Tracy, of Pitts-burg, Kansas delivered the banquet address.



After dinner, a band from Springfield, Missouri, called the "Missourians," provided the entertainment for the banquet. They also provided the music for the dance, which was held after the banquet.

The banquet and the dance was a big success and was enjoyed by everyone who at-tended.







CAST: Karen Hirshey, Larry Martin, Billie Ann Harper, Larry Carlisle, Karen Thurman, Roger Taylor, Clea Smith, Gerald Capps, Linda Riddle, Barbara Howard, Brenda Meyer, Frank Samson, and Kent Hubbard, not shown.

## *JUNIOR PLAY*



The Junior Class Play, entitled "Stranger in the Night" by Paul S. McCoy, was presented on December 8.

The 3-act comedy-mystery was centered around two young women who owned the Boulevard Hotel Book and Gift Shop. Suspense mounted when a reporter came to town and warned the girls that a murder had been plotted to take place in the hotel.





CAST: Carol Johnson, Larry Kellogg, Sandra McDaniel, Pat Rinehart, Delbert Goen, Mary Hober, Dennis Cole, Sharon Bartlett, Carl Goodnight, Dalys Anderson, Bud Southern, Brenda Hartman, Sherry Kassner, Ronald Edens, and Donna Harper.



## SENIOR PLAY



The Senior Class presented a play on March 23. The play, written by John Henderson, was entitled "Lock, Stock, and Lipstick." It was centered around a young woman who came to the school to become the girls' counselor. Suspense mounted when over \$500. of the yearbook money was stolen and one of the students was suspected of stealing it. In the end the money was found and all the problems were solved.





# SENIOR AWARDS



## D. A. R. AWARD

Pat Rinehart was chosen by the Senior American History Class as the recipient of the D.A.R. Award. Pat took an examination, given by Mr. Tadych, to earn her eligibility to this award. The results of this examination have been sent to the state contest, where we hope Pat will receive other honors.

Every year, the seniors select from their class, a boy and a girl as "OUTSTANDING SENIORS."

This year the honor of "Outstanding Senior Girl" was given to Sharon Bartlett. Sharon has always participated in school activities and is known to everyone for her friendly smile and sunny personality. Jim Vannaman was selected as "Outstanding Senior Boy" this year. Jim is very active in sports and is known for his authority as president of the Student Council.

The faculty of Diamond High School picks a senior girl and boy each year for the AMERICAN LEGION SENIOR CITIZENSHIP AWARD. This year the honored students were Pat Rinehart and Carl Goodnight. Both Pat and Carl are members of the National Honor Society and have been very active in all activities of their class. Also, Pat is valedictorian of this year's graduating class. These two are certainly deserving of the honor that has been bestowed upon them.



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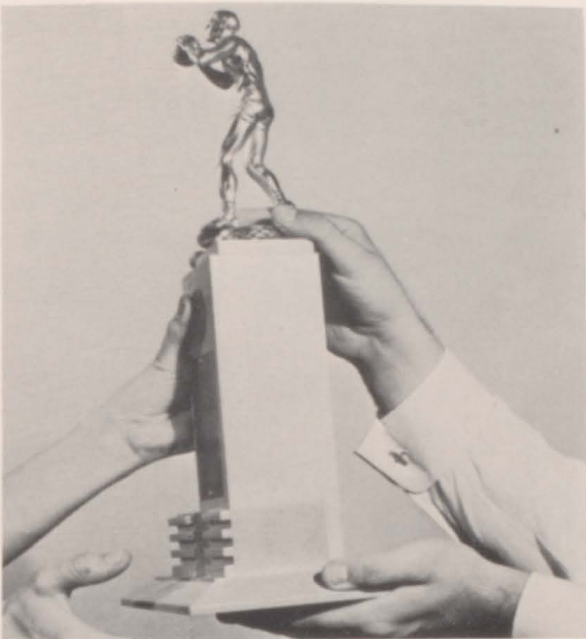
OUTSTANDING SENIORS  
Sharon Bartlett  
Jim Vannaman

AT RIGHT:

OUTSTANDING SENIOR  
CITIZENS  
Pat Rinehart  
Carl Goodnight



# *Athletics*



Why flee in fear  
Of a future year  
And accept defeat with a bow?  
While your limbs are sound,  
While your pulses bound,  
You can conquer the future now!  
--Richard Rogers



# B A S K E T B A L L



# R O Y A L T Y

Queen Karen Hirshey  
Co-captain Jim Vannaman

CO-CAPTAINS  
Dennis Cole  
Jim Vannaman



Karen's attendants were Donna Smith and Sherry Kassner.





Homecoming was celebrated at D.H. S. as the Wildcats played Liberal in a conference game. The homecoming activities were climaxed by Karen Hirshey being crowned as the 1960-61 Basketball Queen by co-captain Jim Vannaman.



## *HOMECOMING*





# CHEERLEADERS



Cleva Smith



Karen Thurman



Terri Thurman



Linda Riddle



Karen Hirshey



Sharon Burkey



Sherry Mullins



Donna Smith



Ticia Pinnell



Leyla Knorpp



Donna Faye Whitson



Charlotte Howard

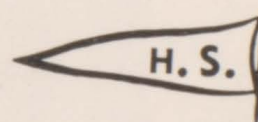


## PEP CLUB

Adding that splotch of color to the rooting section and those cheers to let the team know Diamond was behind them no matter what the score, members of the Pep Club were vibrant with school spirit. During the basketball season, the voices rose from the Pep Club to rock the rafters. Members of the Pep Club entertained by "yelling for our boys" away from home as well as on the D. H. S. court.

### THE BEST SHOCK-PROOF LUNGS FOUND IN DIAMOND HIGH

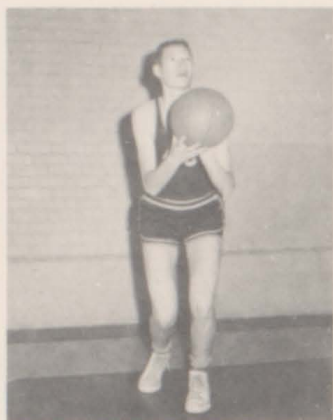
Ten human dynamos, our cheerleaders, deserve much of the credit for Diamond's spirit and its will to win. The cheerleaders readily admit that leading a student body isn't as easy as it looks. Long hours of hard practice are needed to get precision among the ten pepsters. However, cheerleading also means fun! Fun was in the form of out-of-town bus trips, games, and pep assemblies. Fifteen rahs go to these hard working girls who strive to build the spirit of D. H. S.



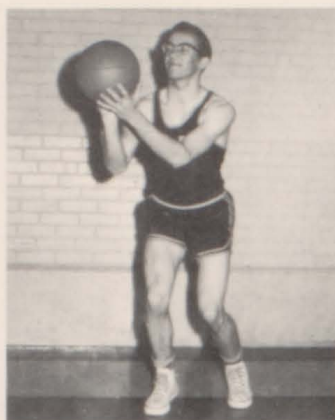


# "A" TEAM

# INDIVIDUAL



Jerry Macy  
Forward



Dennis Cole  
Co-Captain  
Center



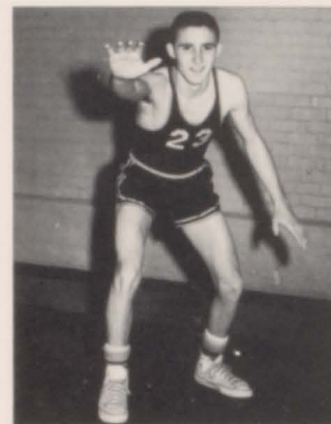
Darrel Smith  
Forward



Tom Atkins  
Forward



Guard



Joe Dickerson  
Guard



Gerald Capps  
Center



Jim Vannaman  
Co-Captain  
Guard



Sam Bennett  
Center



## "A" TEAM

STANDING: Joe Dickerson, Darrel Smith, Sam Bennett, Gerald Capps, Ron Springer. SEATED: Tom Atkins, Jim Vannaman, Jerry Macy, Dennis Cole, Don Maupin, Coach.

### "A" TEAM RECORD

Won-5; Lost-16

### "B" TEAM RECORD

Won-9; Lost-7

## "B" TEAM

STANDING: Frank Vance, Johnny Hirshey, Roy Smith, Jim Askins, Roger Taylor, Merle Childers, Ronnie Brunner, Charles Carlisle. KNEELING: Gary Cohu, Larry Martin, Bob Swanson, Freddy Parks, LaVern Hoyer, Paul Housh, Roger Hirshey.







## LITTLE LEAGUE

The Little League was comprised of four teams. Their names and records are, FIRST ROW: Falcons, 7-0. SECOND ROW: Darts, 4-4. THIRD ROW: Bombers, 1-6. FOURTH ROW: Rockets, 3-5.

## MANAGERS

Behind every team is someone to see that every detail of work is completed. In our athletic department, this job is carried out by the managers. These boys often do not receive the credit that is due them; nevertheless, they are a vital part of our team. These boys, shown with Coach Maupin, are: First Row; Delbert Goen, Bob Judd, Paul Grant. Second Row; Gaylen Evinger, Larry Kellogg.



An outstanding athlete in the eyes of our coach, as well as our school, is Jim Renfro, who won the State Championship in the discus throw at the 1960 State Track Meet. Jim hurled the discus an outstanding 144 feet 8 1/2 inches, coming within one foot of the state record, while winning the championship. We quote Jim as saying, "I plan to break that record this year." Jim also holds the school, Little Eight Conference, and district records in the discus throw, as well as the school shot put record. Good luck, Jim.





#### OFFICERS

President--Dennis Cole  
 Vice-President--Jim Vannaman  
 Secretary--Jim Vance  
 Treasurer--Bob Sewell

## LETTERMEN'S CLUB

The Lettermen's Club is comprised of boys who have won the coveted school letter while participating in one of the sports in which Diamond takes part.

All members strive to promote three goals of their organization. These are to increase the significance of the athletic emblems, to encourage the spirit of teamwork among boys, and to promote wholesome athletics at D.H.S.

As an activity this year, the Lettermen's Club sponsored Christmas baskets for needy families. With money earned by sponsoring the Jr. League Championship Playoffs the boys traveled to Kansas City to view the N.C.A.A. basketball playoffs.

## TRACK TEAM

Three returning lettermen, joined by 34 other boys, looked to the "cinders" this spring as they began to train to defend their Little Eight Conference Championship. The track team won the championship in 1960, and they hope to retain their title. The team participated in six relays, and the league, districts, and state meets. Also the team hopes to have participants in the Jr. Olympics to be held in June.







## *JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL*

7th GRADE  
RECORD

Won 6  
Lost 2

8th GRADE  
RECORD

Won 8  
Lost 3





# SENIOR HISTORY

ANDERSON, DALYS MARIE--attended D.H.S. 12 years.--Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60 & 61"; Girls Chorus--4 yrs.; Girls' State, "60"; National Honor Society--4 yrs.; Office Staff, "61"; and Salutatorian of the 1961 Senior Class.

ATKINS, THOMAS GLENN--attended D.H.S. 1 yr.--Freshman Class Pres.; Junior Class Vice-Pres.; Basketball--"B" 1 yr., "A" 1 yr.; and Newspaper Class Reporter, "61."

BARTLETT, SHARON PAULINE--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Barnwarming Queen, "57-58"; Basketball Queen, "59-60"; 1st Place in the State Wool Contest, "60-61"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; Outstanding Senior Girl, "60-61"; and the National Honor Society--4 yrs.

BRASHEARS, JERRY LEE--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--Track--2 yrs.; F.F.A. 4 yrs.; and a Chapter Farmer of the F.F.A.

BROWN, NOAH GLEN--attended D.H.S. 1 yr.

BRYAN, LARRY WAYNE--attended D.H.S. 6 yrs.--Band--2 yrs.; Boys Chorus--3 yrs.; and F.F.A. 1 yr.

CARLISLE, WILLIAM HARVEY, JR.--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--Jr. Play, "60"; Newspaper Art Editor, "61"; Track--4 yrs.; and School Record for the Pole Vault.

CAWYER, LARRY DEE--attended D.H.S. 10 yrs.--F.F.A.--4 yrs.; Debate Club--2 yrs.; Sentinel of the F.F.A., "61"; F.F.A. Public Speaking--1 yr.; F.F.A. Dairy Products Judging Team--2 yrs.; and F.F.A. Radio Team--1 yr.

COLE, DENNIS HUGH--attended D.H.S. 5 1/2 yrs.--Basketball--4 yrs.; Track--4 yrs.; Student Council, Vice-Pres., "61"; National Honor Society--2 yrs.; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; Outstanding School Citizen Award, "61."

DENNEY, GARRY DON--attended D.H.S. 5 yrs.--Basketball--2 yrs.; Track--4 yrs.; Fall Festival King, "58"; Class Treas., "60"; Class Pres., "61"; and Student Council, "61."

EDENS, RONALD GENE--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--F.F.A.--4 yrs.; Track--4 yrs.; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; and Boys Chorus--3 yrs.

GIBSON, SANDRA LEE--attended D.H.S. 1 yr.--Girls Chorus--1 yr.; and F.H.A.--1 yr.

GOEN, DELBERT MICHAEL--attended D.H.S. 5 yrs.--Basketball--2 yrs.; Track--2 yrs.; Chuckwagon King Candidate, "59"; Newspaper Editor, "61"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; and Annual King Candidate, "61."

GOODNIGHT, CARL LEROY--attended D.H.S. 5 1/2 yrs.--National Honor Society--1 yr; Boys' State Representative, "60"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; F.F.A. Pres., "61"; Class Treas., "61"; and the Outstanding Senior Citizen Award presented by the American Legion, "61."

GRANT, LINDA LOU--attended D.H.S. 3 yrs.--F.H.A.--4 yrs.; Girls Chorus--3 yrs.; and Ensembles--4 yrs.

HARPER, DONNA MAE--attended D.H.S. 7 yrs.--Band--3 yrs.; Girls Chorus--3 yrs.; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; and F.H.A.--4 yrs.

HARRIS, MARILYN JOYCE--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Girls Chorus--3 yrs.; F.H.A.--4 yrs.; and Pep Club--2 yrs.

HARTMAN, BRENDA JO--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Girls Chorus--3 yrs.; F.H.A.--4 yrs.; Chuckwagon Queen, "59"; Barnwarming Queen Candidate, "60"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; and Sweetheart King Escort, "61."

HENRY, RONALD EUGENE--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--Annual King, "60"; Track--1 yr; and P.E.--3 yrs.

HIRSHEY, DONNA DARLENE--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--Girls Chorus--3 yrs.; Pep Club--2 yrs.; F.H.A.--4 yrs.; Jr. Play, "60"; Office Staff, "60-61"; and Chuckwagon Queen Candidate, "61."

HOBER, MARY JEAN--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--F.H.A.--4 yrs.; County Government Day, "60"; Annual Queen Candidate, "60"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; F.H.A. Treas., "61"; and Pep Club Vice-Pres., "61."

JOHNSON, CAROL JEAN--attended D.H.S. 4 yrs.--Library Club--1 yr.; F.H.A.--4 yrs.; Pep Club--3 yrs.; National Honor Society--2 yrs.; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; and Annual Queen Candidate, "61."



JOHNSON, PAUL RONALD--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Softball--1 yr.; Baseball--1 yr.; D.H.L.C.--3 yrs.; Track--3 yrs.; F.F.A.--4 yrs.; and Basketball--3 yrs.

JONES, JAMES M.--attended D.H.S. 1 yr.--F.F.A.--3 yrs.; Mixed Chorus--3 yrs.; and Shop--1 yr.

KASSNER, SHERRILL ROSE--attended D.H.S. 2 1/2 yrs.--Pep Club--2 yrs.; F.H.A. Member & Vice-Pres., "59-61"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; Barn-warming Queen, "60"; Student Council Representative & Sec., "61"; Annual Staff, "60-61"; and Chorus--4 yrs.

KELLOGG, LARRY GENE--attended D.H.S. 3 yrs.--Band 4 yrs.; Student Manager--2 yrs.; Track--2 yrs.; Basketball--1 yr.; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; and School Paper, "61."

McDANIEL, SAUNDRA SUE--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--F.H.A. Regional Treas., "59"; Outstanding Pep Club Member, "60"; Cheerleader, "60"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; F.H.A. Pres., "61"; and Miss Merry Christmas, "61."

MOORE, BOB R.--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Student Council, "59-61"; Track--4 yrs.; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; F.F.A. Dairy Judging Team--4 yrs.; F.F.A. Sec., "61"; and State Farmer Candidate, "61."

RENFRO, JIMMIE LEE--attended D. H. S. 4 yrs.--Softball--1 yr.; Baseball--1 yr.; Track--4 yrs.; and State Champion-Discus Throw, "60."

RINEHART, PATRICIA CHRISTINE--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Class Sec., "60"; National Honor Society Pres., "60"; Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61"; National Honor Society--2 yrs.; Student Council, "61"; and DAR Award, "61."

SEWELL, BOB RAY--attended D.H.S. 6 yrs.--Student Manager--2 yrs.; Student Council, "60"; King of Chuck Wagon Supper, "60"; Annual Staff--2 yrs.; D.H.L.C. Treas., "61"; and Class Sec., "61."

SOUTHERN, BUD--attended D.H.S. 3 1/2 yrs.--Annual King Candidate, "58"; Track--1 yr.; County Government Day, "60"; and Jr. & Sr. Plays, "60-61."

VANCE, JAMES LOYD--attended D.H.S. 12 yrs.--Basketball--1 yr.; Track--1 yr.; F.F.A.--1 yr.; D.H.L.C.--2 yrs.; D.H.L.C. Sec., "61"; and Class Vice-Pres., "61."

VANNAMAN, JAMES L.--attended D. H. S. 11 1/2 yrs.--"A" Basketball--3 yrs.; Student Council Pres., "61"; F.F.A. Treas., "61"; D.H.L.C. Vice-Pres., "61"; "A" Team Co-captain, "61"; and Outstanding Senior Boy, "61."

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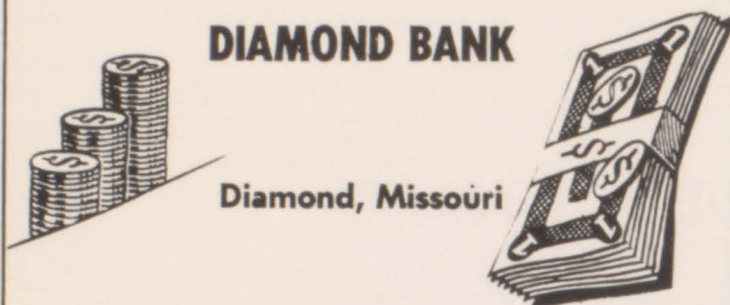
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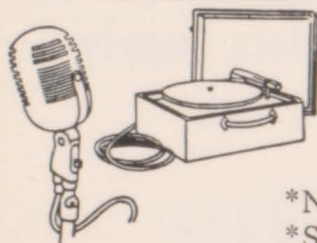
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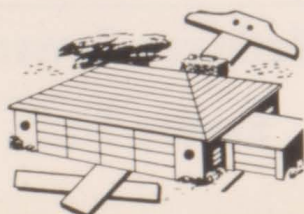
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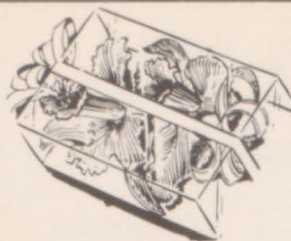


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