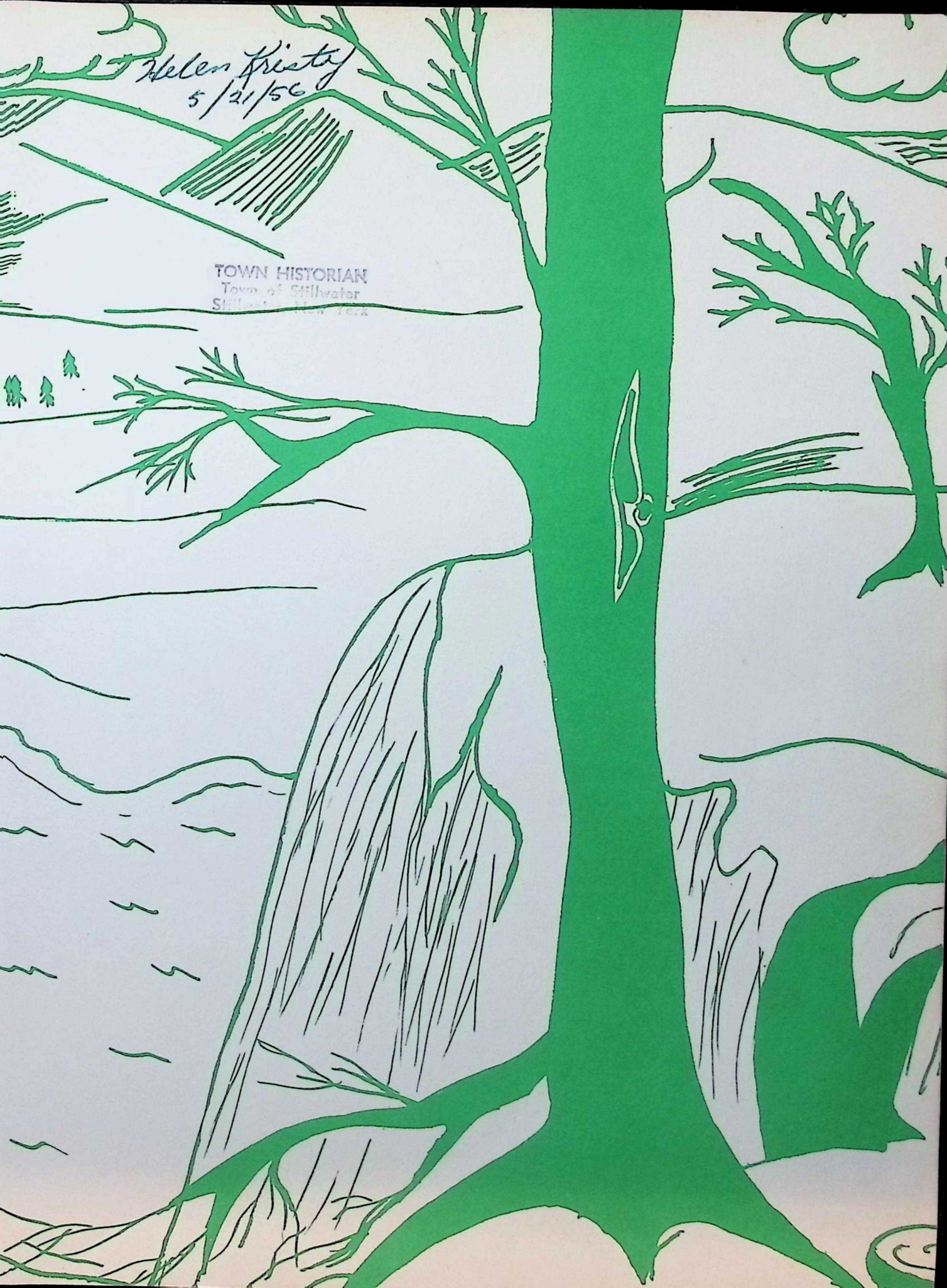


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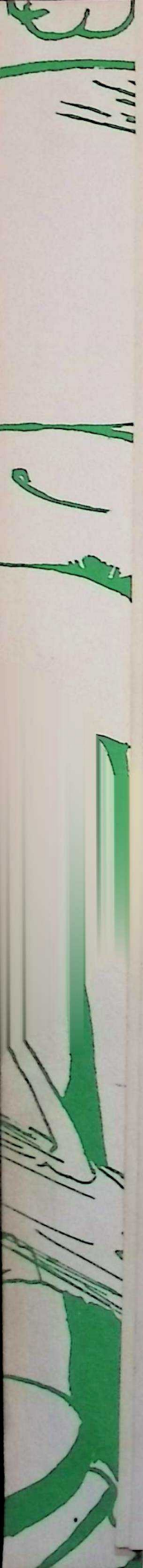


Helen Kristy  
5/21/56

TOWN HISTORIAN  
Town of Stillwater  
Stillwater, New York



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# The CAHOTATEA



presented by

THE SENIOR CLASS

STILLWATER CENTRAL SCHOOL

STILLWATER, NEW YORK

1956

Best of luck, Helen  
Successful happenings  
in the years to come.  
M. J. O'Connor



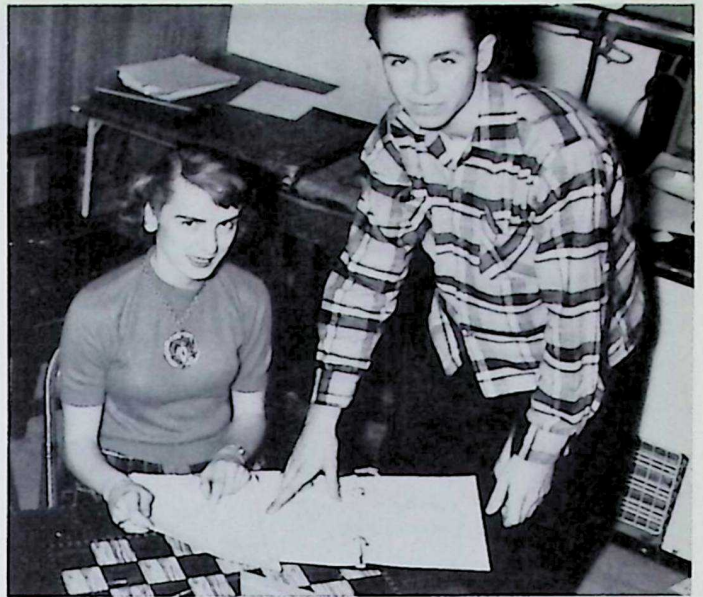
## Dedication

It is with deep and sincere gratitude that we dedicate our Cahotatea to Mr. Maurice O'Connor, our senior advisor. Mr. O'Connor has been the initiative behind our money-raising projects which have enabled us to make our Washington trip. He has been the sparkplug of our scholastic engine, our friend in need and our motivation toward higher goals. From us to you, Mr. O'Connor, our humble and heartfelt,  
Thank You.

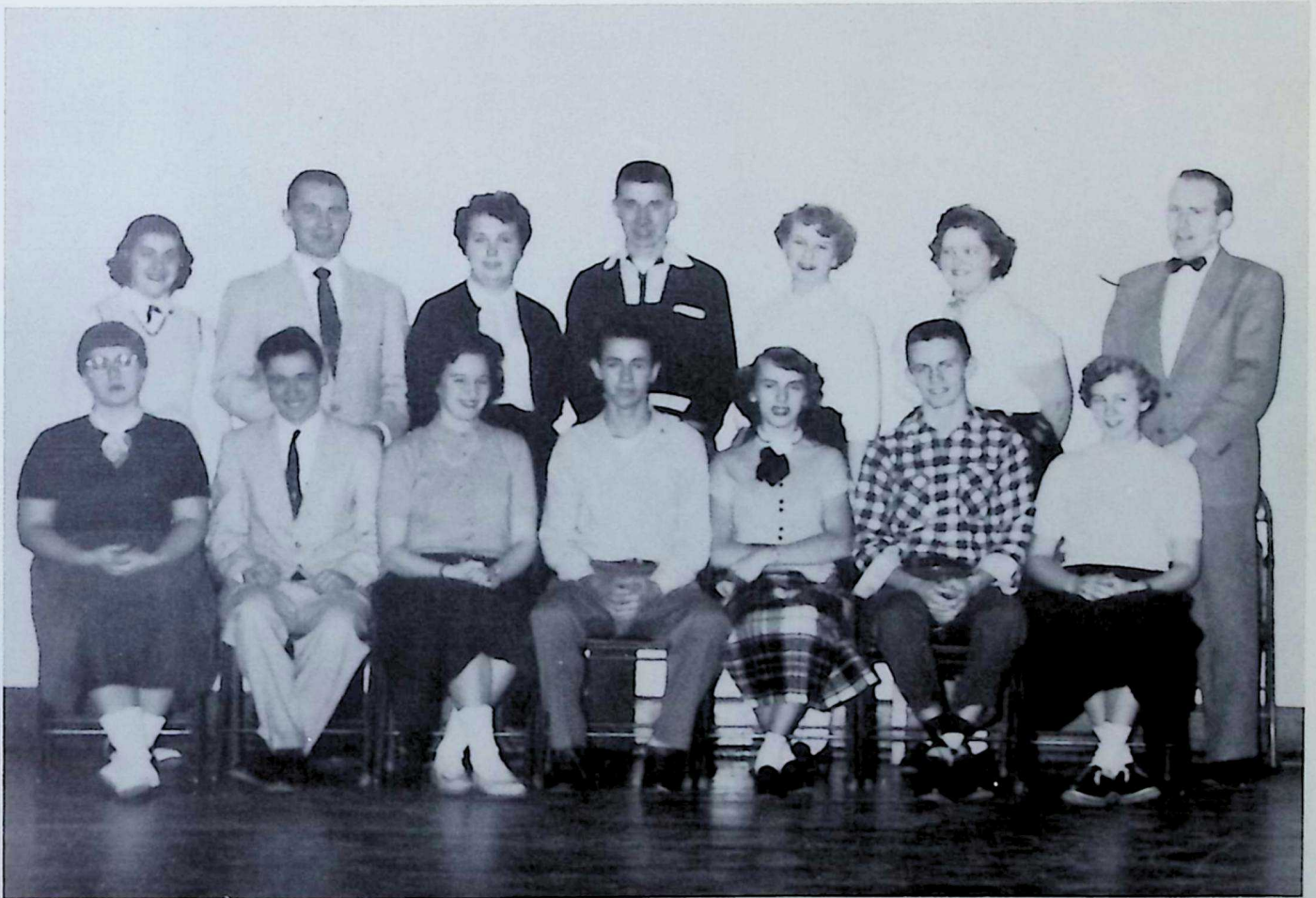
# Message From The Editors

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who have made our yearbook possible. To our advisor Mr. O'Connor goes our heartfelt thanks for all his efforts toward the culmination of our high school activities - Cahotatea '56.

Helen D'Avignon  
William Goodrich

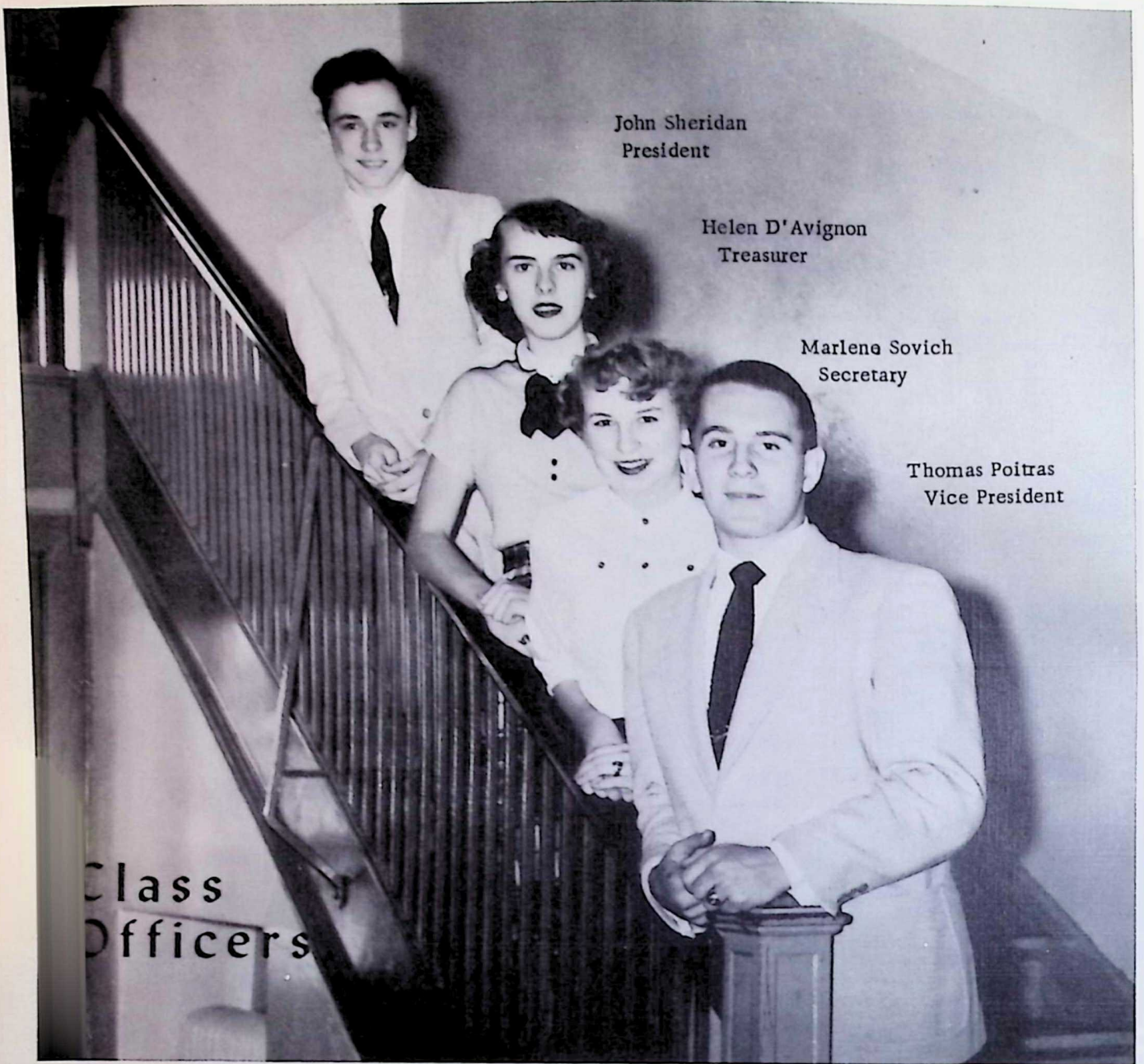


## Co - editors



## Yearbook Staff

First row; left to right: B. Hammond, J. Sheridan, M. Aldrich, (Co-editors) W. Goodrich, and H. D'Avignon, M. Lilac, S. Robinson. Second row: J. Gooley, T. Poitras, P. Parker, D. Gilgallon, M. Sovich, L. L. Laisdell, (Advisor) Mrs. O'Connor.



John Sheridan  
President

Helen D'Avignon  
Treasurer

Marlene Sovich  
Secretary

Thomas Poitras  
Vice President

Class  
Officers

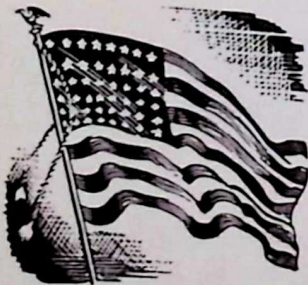
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Class Colors  
Green and Gold

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Class Flower  
Carnation



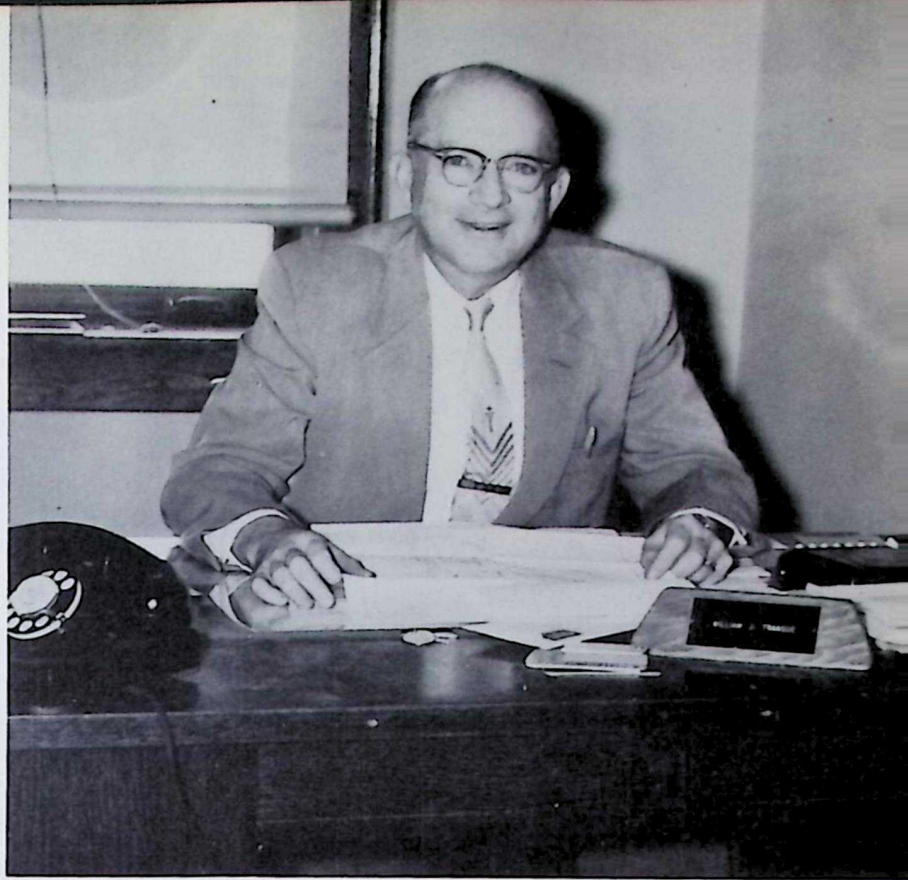
# Principal's Message

Twelve years ago, in most instances, the members of the graduating class of June, 1956 made its initial appearance in the corridors of Stillwater Central School.

I regret your departure--but I know that the future will bring you experiences I would never have you miss.

Many opportunities will be presented to each of you. Make the most of each and every one. Never neglect your duty to your Country--uphold it always and the principles upon which it was founded.

My farewell words to you as a Class are these: Be good Americans always--and no one will ever attempt to destroy that which God has chosen to endow us.



William J. Transue



Miss Diane Writer  
Office Secretary

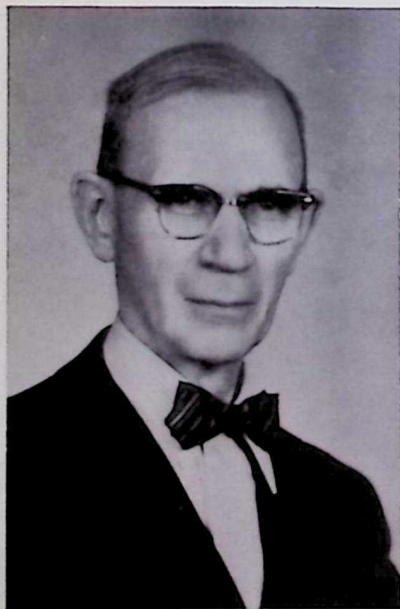
Mrs. Mary Hickey  
Secretary to Principal



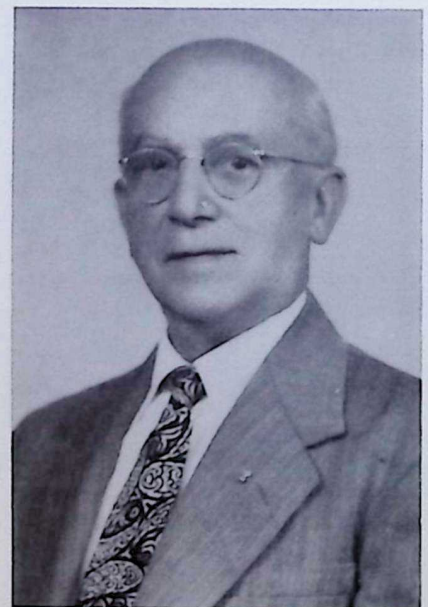


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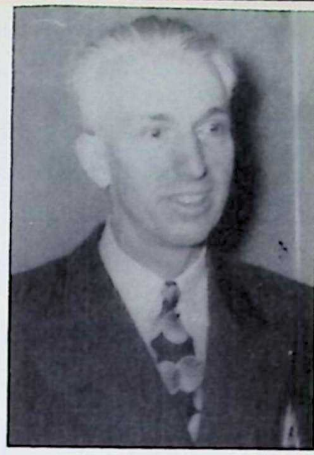


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Third Supervisory District



Lester Sharp  
Treasurer of the Board

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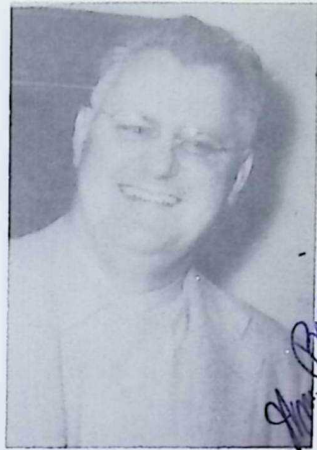


C. Bruno

# Faculty



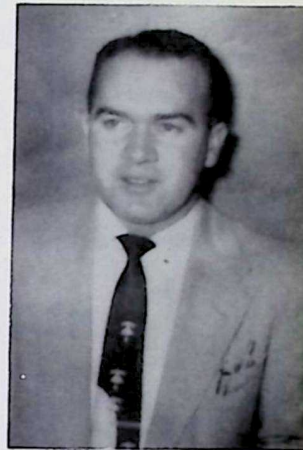
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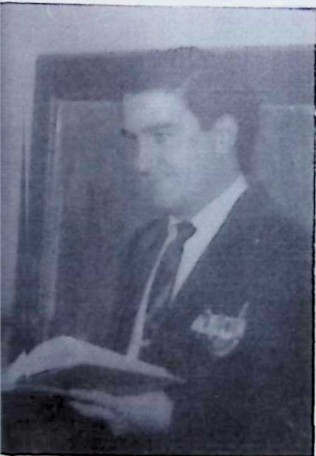
W. Barringer



M. Phillips



J. Connors



C. Canary



D. Canary



T. Brophy



C. Krivosh



L. Rooney  
*L. Rooney*



D. Kelly



S. Grey



E. Cummings

# Elementary Faculty



Left to right: First row-Mrs. Descend, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. Chase, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Sheehy, Mrs. Herlt, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Haile. Second row-Mrs. Dellinger, Mrs. Borst, Miss Tubbs, Mrs. Case, Mrs. Leamy, Miss Farrell, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Hajos.

Miss Claire Noshier  
Guidance Teacher



Mrs. Marjorie Boyce  
School Nurse



*Seniors*

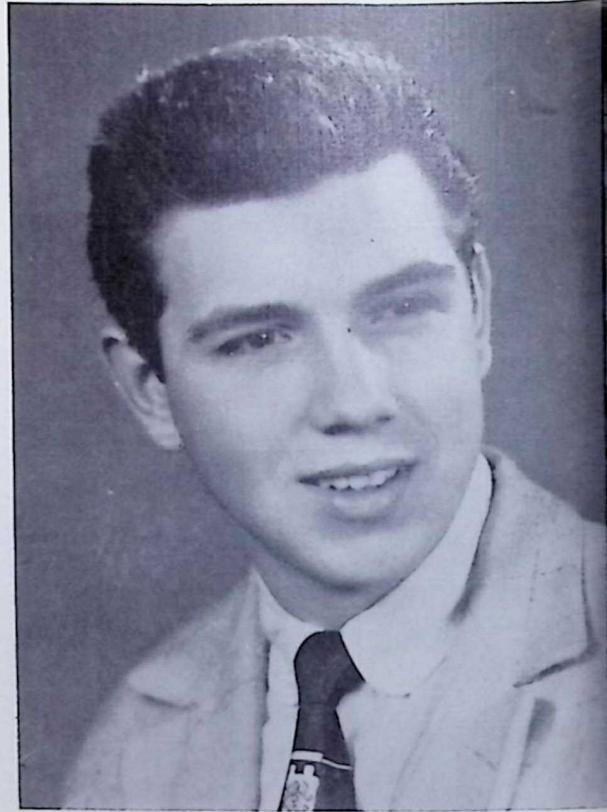


Myrna Aldrich  
Aversion: Study Hall  
Diversion: Cooking  
Ambition: Nurse

*Good Luck  
Myrna  
56*

*Good Luck  
and keep trying  
for your boat Cruise  
Canada  
John*

John Baranski  
Aversion: Haircuts  
Diversion: National Guard  
Ambition: Executive in  
General Motors

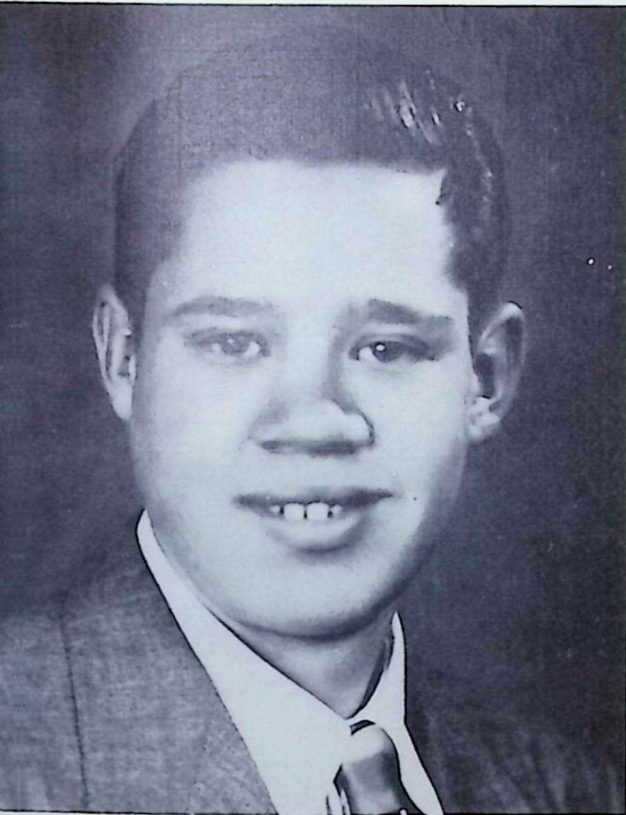


Helen D'Avignon  
Aversion: Doing Dishes  
Diversion: Music with Homework  
Ambition: Civil Service Stenographer

*Best of luck  
with everything  
and hope you get  
to "C." some day.  
"Hel"*

Best of Luck in  
 the future to a  
 swell girl. I hope  
 your future plans  
 come true.  
 Dave

Mary Dale Ford  
 Aversion: Alarm Clocks  
 Diversion: '54 Red Ford Convertable  
 Ambition: Lab Technition

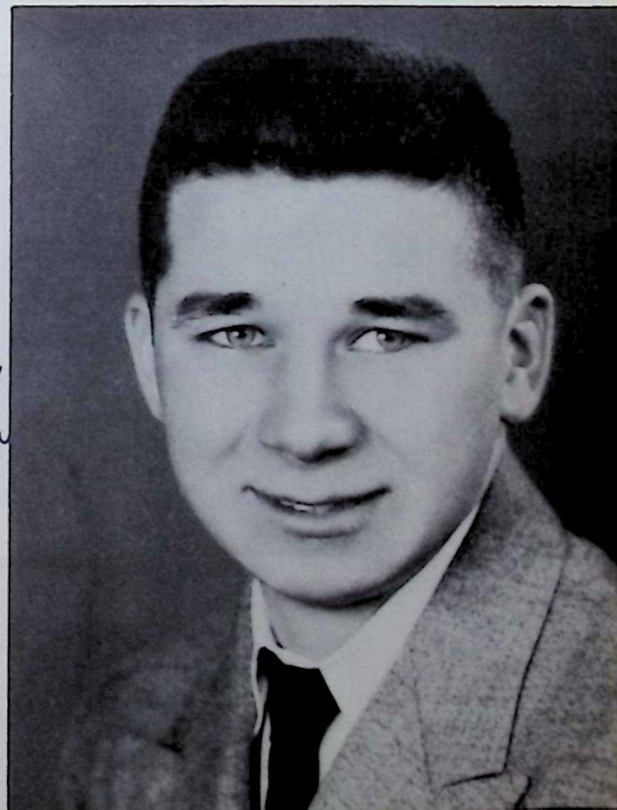


Best of Luck  
 to a quiet girl  
 "George"

George Foster  
 Aversion: Late Risers  
 Diversion: Working with Livestock  
 Ambition: To be a good farmer

Donald Gilgallon  
 Aversion: Overheated rooms.  
 Diversion: Tall Brunette  
 Ambition: To become a  
 millionaire

The Best of Luck to  
 you and your  
 seaman  
 "Don"





William Goodrich  
 Aversion: Sophisticated Girls  
 Diversion: Photography  
 Ambition: Commercial Artist

*Good luck in the future to  
 a quiet but busy senior.*

*Bill*

*Good luck  
 Best of luck  
 in the future years ahead to  
 a real sweet  
 girl  
 Joan*



Joan Gooley  
 Aversion: Too Much Homework  
 Diversion: Driving Cars  
 Ambition: Secretary in  
 Advertising Agency

*Good Luck in future  
 years and I hope you  
 get your chance to go  
 to Canada and learn  
 to speak French  
 Barb  
 56*



Barbara Hammond  
 Aversion: Getting up in the Morning  
 Diversion: Dreaming of Vacations  
 Ambition: Nurse in the Armed Forces

~~Bushy Hair~~  
~~in the hair~~  
~~shape~~

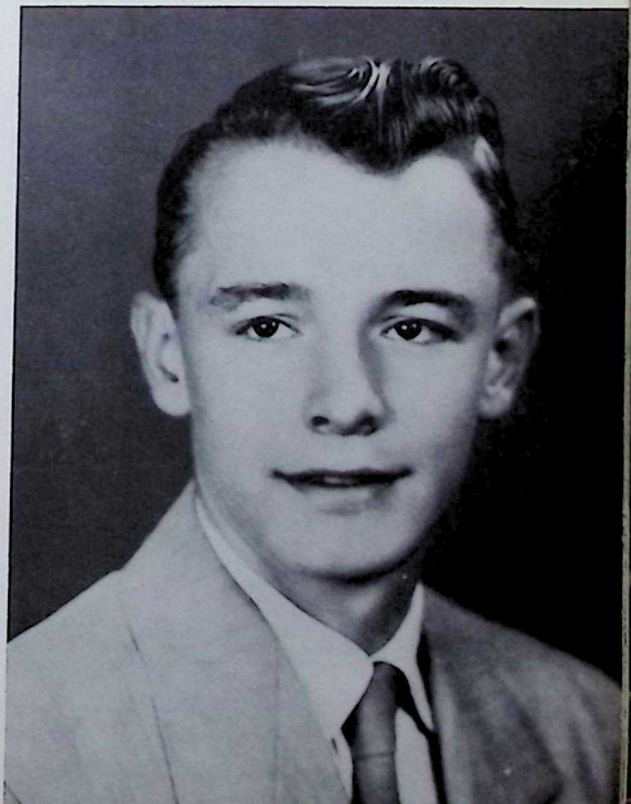
Helen Kristof  
Aversion: Public Speaking Class  
Diversion: Canadians  
Ambition: Comptometer  
Operator

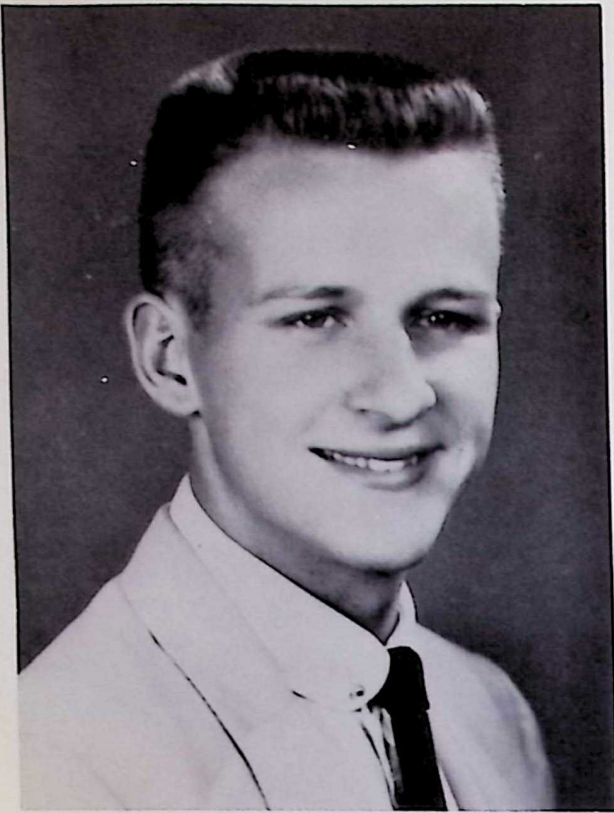


Lora Lee Laisdell  
Aversion: Homework  
Diversion: Popular and Semi-classical  
Music  
Ambition: Child's Nurse

*Helen  
Best of luck to a wonderful  
friend I hope you reach the  
right decision on your  
problems  
Lora Lee*

Leo Le Febvre  
Aversion: Faulty typewriters  
Diversion: Bev. and Horses  
Ambition: Draftsman





Gerald Stevenson  
Aversion: Men Officers  
Diversion: Women Officers  
Ambition: Getting out of the Air  
Force.

## When We Were Very Young" First Grade 1944



Those in the Picture who are still with us: Barbara Hammond, Helen Kristof, Myrna Aldrich, Mike Lilac, John Sheridan, and Bill Goodrich

# Senior Achievements

MYRNA ALDRICH-Student Council, Press Club, Yearbook, Minstrel Show  
 JOHN BARANSKI-Basketball, Football, Press Club, Yearbook, Ad. Mgr.  
 HELEN D'AVIGNON-Treasurer, Honor Society, Press Club, Yearbook (co-editor)  
 DALE FORD-Cheerleading, Band  
 GEORGE FOSTER-Camera Club, French Club, Library Club  
 DONALD GILGALLON-Football, Yearbook, Hall Patrol  
 BILL GOODRICH-Basketball, Football, Honor Society, Press Club, Yearbook  
 JOAN GOOLEY-Hall Patrol, Yearbook, Press Club  
 BARBARA HAMMOND-Student Council, Newspaper, Yearbook  
 HELEN KRISTOF-Yearbook, Business Manager, Press Club  
 LORA LEE LAISDELL-Press Club, Yearbook, Hall Patrol  
 LEO LE LEBVRE-High School Chorus, Football, Band  
 MIKE LILAC-Basketball, Baseball, Football, Student Council, Yearbook  
 PATRICIA PARKER-Minstrel Show, Yearbook, Camera Club  
 TOM POITRAS-Football, Basketball, Baseball, Audio-Visual, Yearbook, Newspaper  
 SANDRA ROBINSON-Yearbook, Minstrel Show  
 JOHN SHERIDAN-Honor Society, President, Yearbook  
 MARLENE SOVICH-Honor Society, Press Club, Yearbook, Minstrel Show



# Class History

Autumn 1944 -- St. Louis Cardinals won the World Series, Roosevelt was nominated for a fourth term in the White House, MacArthur was leading the United States back to the Philippine Islands -- all historic and memorable occasions; however, there is one event that will remain uppermost in the mind of the class of 1956. September 5, 1944, that day we climbed our first step on the educational ladder. It truly was a shaky step but with the help and guidance of Mrs. Howe, we were soon able to grasp a firm hold. And so we wended our way slowly but surely up this "ladder of success". On each succeeding rung we found a devoted and wonderful teacher to help and guide us. This was the case for six wonderful years and soon the "babes" of '44 were becoming lambs in the secondary school.

The change of classes, the various teachers, extracurricular activities -- these made us soon realize that things were to be a little different from now on; however, we found one aspect which didn't change -- the kindness and helpfulness of our teachers.

Quickly we took two more steps on the ladder and presently received the glorious appellation, Freshmen. It sounded terrific. Mr. Shrader, our homeroom teacher, helped us organize many successful endeavors in the extracurricular field. We had several successful food sales and a wonderful dance.

As ever so wise Sophomores and very confident Juniors, we continued to make headway with the assistance of Mr. Barringer, our new homeroom advisor. It was on the eleventh rung of the ladder that we chose our class rings. Upon receiving them, we became more acutely aware that we were nearing the top.

September 1955 was soon upon us and the "babes of '44" had finally reached the final rung of the ladder. We elected the following officers: President, John Sheridan; Vice-President, Thomas Poitras; Secretary, Marlene Sovich; Treasurer, Helen D'Avignon. They together with our advisor, Mr. O'Connor, have helped us put forth many successful projects. Two dances "The Hobo Hop" and "Autumn Leaves" followed up by the selling of Christmas and all occasion cards and the promotion of magazine subscriptions, all helped to lighten our burden for the Washington trip.

Sixteen of us made the trip to our nation's capitol during our Easter vacation. Upon our return we expectantly looked forward to June, the Senior Ball, the class picnic, and commencement. We were deeply conscious that June 1956 marked the end of twelve years of joy. We knew, moreover, that this phase of our life had provided us with the means for success in our future endeavors. We realize that we could have never climbed the ladder without the unfailing assistance, guidance and love of our teachers and parents. And so we write "finis" to our history as boys and girls of S. C. S. At this moment we wish to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to all those who have helped us ascend this "ladder of learning".

*M. Aldrich*

# The Prophecy

Doctor Salk gave us the vaccine, Ford gave us the Thunderbird and the Navy gave us the Nautilus but in 1956 the boys and girls of Stillwater High will long remember the great time machine by Mr. Borst and his staff. This magnificent invention is first reaching the public's ears through the medium of our publication, namely the "Cahotatea." It is with this revolutionizing machine that I am able to look into the future and vividly see how the class of '56 will fare. The machine is set for 1970. So let's be on our way.

We find ourselves in Hollywood and see Dale Ford once again refusing to make a picture. She says if Marilyn could do it in '56 I can do it now. Moving from MGM to 20th Century Fox, we see the very talented Bill Goodrich, scenarist. He is now working on the background for the spectacular, "The Moon is Green." The factual information for this picture was gathered by scientific explorer, John Sheridan, who has made several flights through the lunar region. Just as we were leaving Hollywood we noticed people flocking into a beautiful little cottage. It was Hollywood hopefuls trying to persuade our own Pat Parker, the new Louella Parsons, to give them a break in her column.

Our screen is now bringing us across country and as we make this sweep we can't help but notice the hundreds of ultra-modern service stations all having the name "Tom's" in bright neon lights. The owner none other than our own versatile Tom Poitras. Tom's energies and his wife's money have really put him in the big time. Snow flakes appear and we find ourselves in Montreal, where the rave in FOOD CIRCLES is Helen Kristof's pea soup. Helen got the recipe from an old Canadian sailor. Bigger snow flakes appear and we find ourselves at our military base in Nome, Alaska. The name leading to the commander's room reads, John Baranski, Captain. The National Guard must have really sold him.

I soon begin to notice familiar land marks and the city of Albany looms upon the screen. Here in Albany City Hospital, we find Myrna Aldrich, and Barbara Hammond. Barbara took the night job as she didn't like to get up early in the morning and Myrna took the day job as she wanted her nights open for certain----

And then on the screen came the old home town. Three of our class have married and settled down here, Helen D'Avignon, Marlene Sovich and Joan Gooley. All have left their careers for the joy of family life. Before marching down the aisle, Helen ascended in her profession to become private secretary to Honorable John Stevens, governor of New York. Marlene, after five years modeling at Saks in New York is now raising five little "models" of her own. Joan Lilac, who had won bouquets in the advertising field now has several, "Flowers" who blossom sweeter every day. On the outskirts of town we see the most modern of all farms and its owner, our own George Foster. However, George is not at home as he is not in Washington seeking higher parity prices from the legislature.

Something just shot by the screen. I vaguely make out Gerry Stevenson, designer and maker of Gerry's Canary, the new hot-rod which really whistles as it sails along. A huge airliner comes upon the screen. Among its occupants is Lora Lee Laidsell, 1st Lieutenant of the U. S. A. F. Lora looks happy but seems to be bothering the pilot quite a bit. The pilot looks familiar; its none other than Don Gilgallon. Don seems to know that we are watching him and he tips his wings. This threw the stewardess into focus. Could it be, it is, Sandra Robinson. She looks real trim in her bright blue uniform.

The next picture on the screen brought tears to our eyes. As we gaze finally on dear S. H. S. there seems to be a good deal of excitement at the present time. Leo LeFebvre, dramatic coach, is lining up the cast for "The Mikado" in the auditorium. In the gym, Mike Lilac, head coach at his Alma Mater, is presenting block letters to his championship team. The scene begins to fade as the assembly is closing to the strains of "On the banks of the Noble Hudson." It's a wonderful close to a happy picture.

J. Gooley

# Last Will and Testament

We, the Class of 1956, of the Stillwater Central School, Stillwater, in the county of Saratoga, and the state of New York, being of sound mind and memory, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be our Last Will and Testament, that is to say:

We the undersigned leave a brand new Cadillac to each of the faculty, for their past kindness to us.

We bequeath to the Juniors our superior ways and the right to walk the corridors in a regal manner.

To the Sophomores we leave a used commuter's ticket to Mechanicville as an asset on the way to Washington.

To the Freshman, three years in which to acquire enough knowledge to graduate.

To the old school we leave our best wishes for a new school.

We also leave personal bequeaths as follows:

Myrna Aldrich bequeaths her temper to Anita Hollmer.

John Baranski leaves his dirty white bucks to Jim Price.

To Miriam LeFebvre, Helen D'Avignon leaves her quietness and lack of "gab."

Dale Ford leaves the enjoyment of Gerry's Ford to Marilyn Mathewson.

George Foster leaves his ability to do math to Jack Dyer.

Donald Gilgallon bequeaths his hot rod Ford to Everett Hurd.

Bill Goodrich leaves his fancy haircuts to Bob Lewis.

Joan Gooley leaves her knack of arguing to Celia Abel.

To Vivian Northrop, Barbara Hammond bequeaths her gossip column.

Helen Kristof bequeaths her secretarial practice book to Linda Peterson.

Lora Lee Laisdell leaves her blushing ways to Betty Joyce.

Mike Lilac leaves his ambitiousness to Buddy Ford.

Pat Parker leaves her flirtatious ways to Pat Farnam.

Tom Poitras bequeaths his stool in "Hanks" to Donald Goodrich.

Sandra Robinson leaves her pink and black shoes to Joyce Yaschur.

John Sheridan leaves his boxing ability to John McLaughlin.

Marlene Sovich leaves her messy portfolio to Mr. Barringer.

To Donald Baker goes Gerry Stevenson's military career.

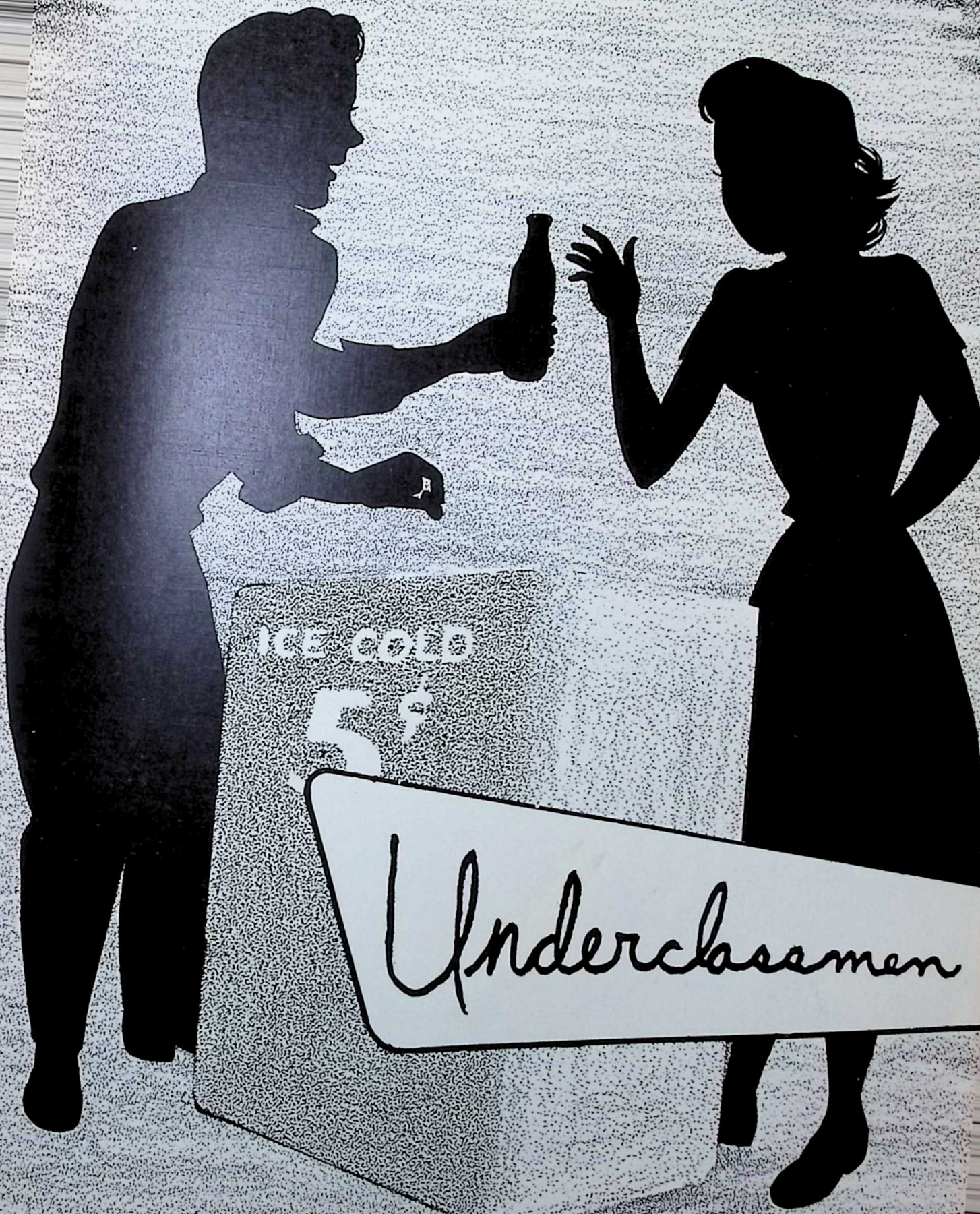
Leo LeFebvre bequeaths his knowledge in Social Studies to Joe Poitras.

Likewise, we make, constitute, and appoint William J. Tarnsue to be executor of this, our last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former wills by us made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto subscribed our name the 25 day of June, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

Mike Lilac  
Class Lawyer





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Underclassmen



Celia Abel  
 Jeannine Aldrich  
 John Dyer  
 Judith Eagan



Patricia Farnan  
 Frank Gemmitti  
 Donald Goodrich  
 Anita Hollmer



Everett Hurd  
 Elizabeth Joyce  
 Mariam Lefebvre  
 Marilyn Mathewson



Vivian Northrup  
 Nancy Parker  
 Linda Peterson  
 Joseph Poitras



James Price  
 Mary Lou Sgambati  
 Edward Tabor  
 Joan Tedesco



Joyce Yaschur

William Barringer, Advisor



# Juniors



Sophomore Class



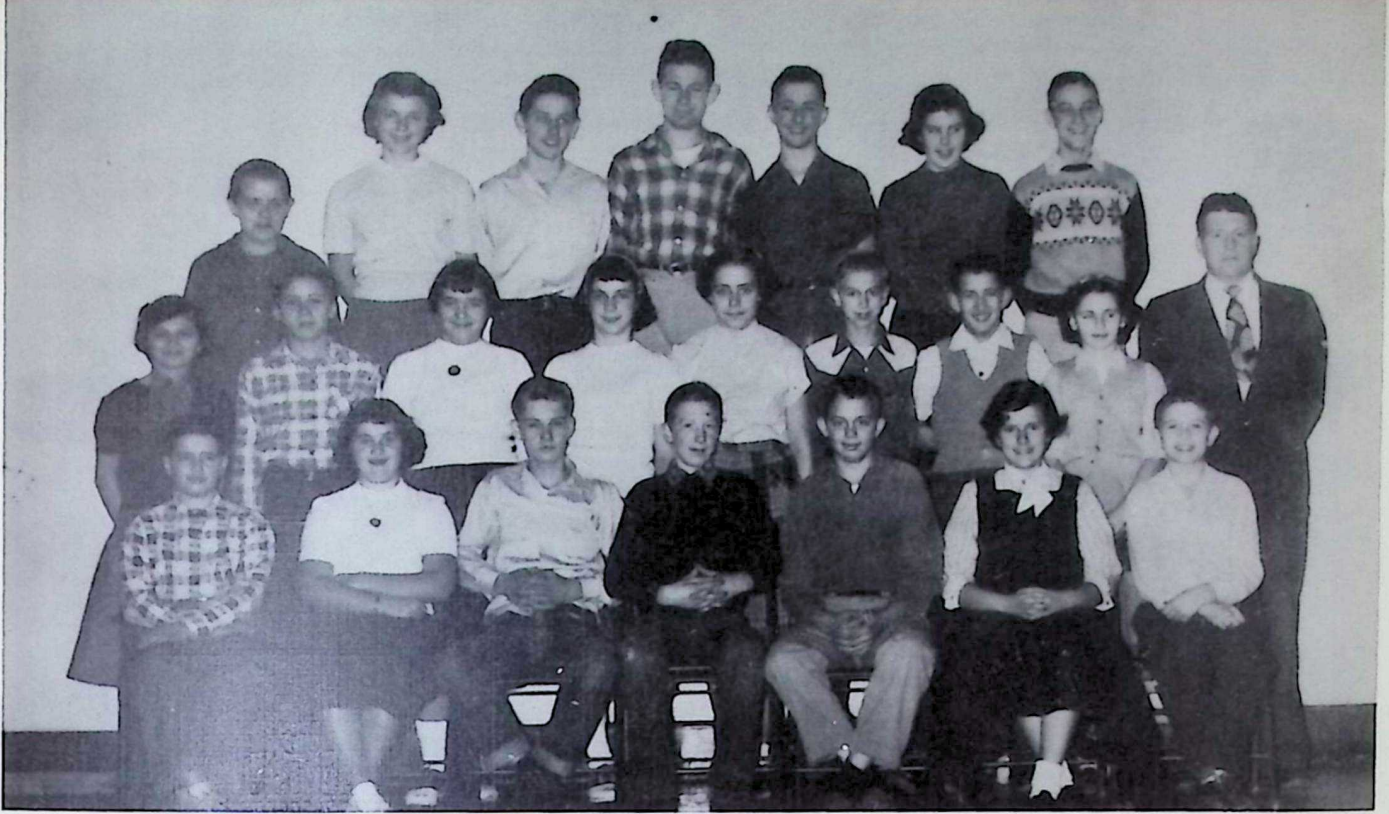
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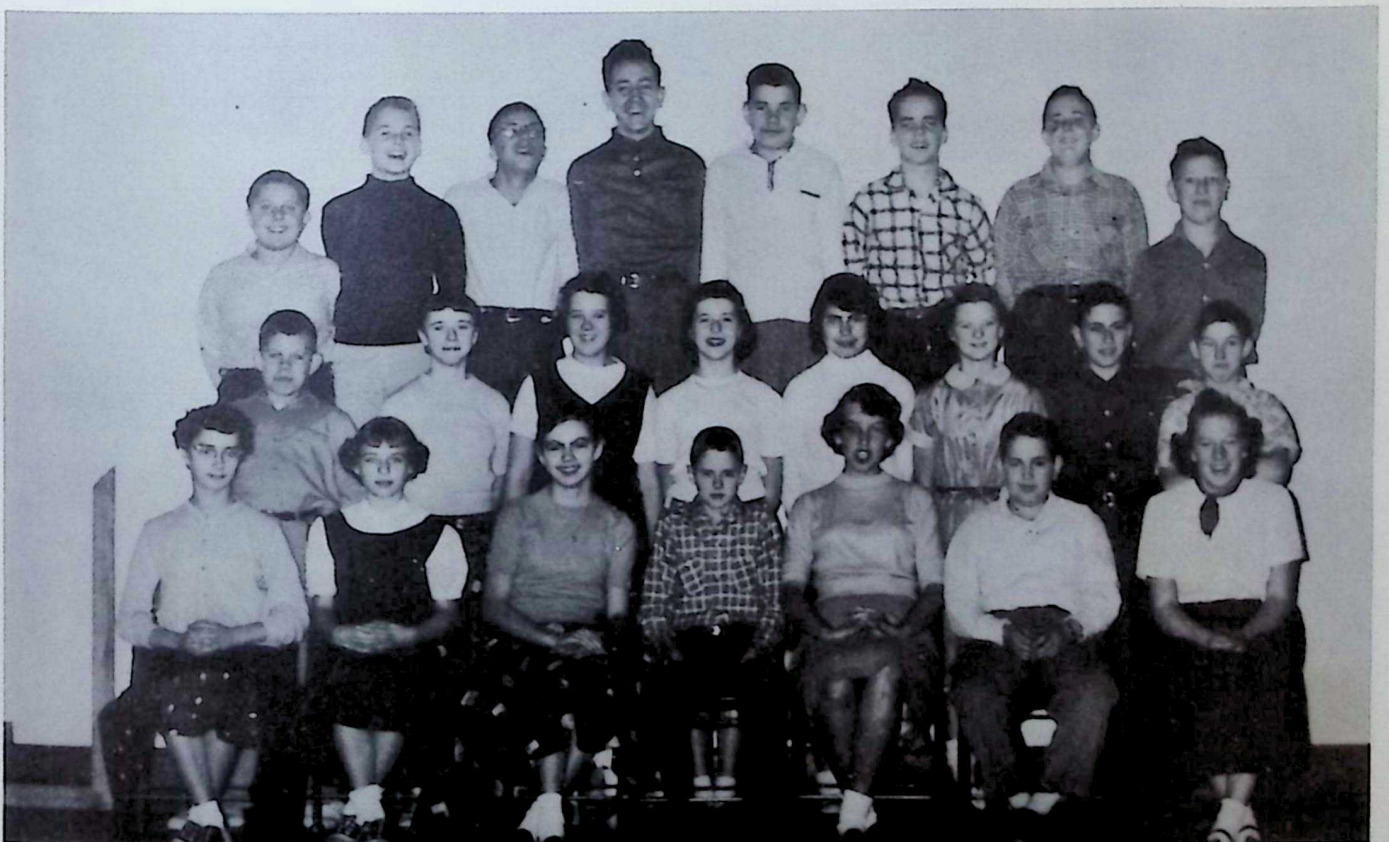
Freshmen



Eighth Grade



**Eighth Grade**



**Eighth Grade**



Seventh Grade



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## Seventh Grade



## Bus Drivers

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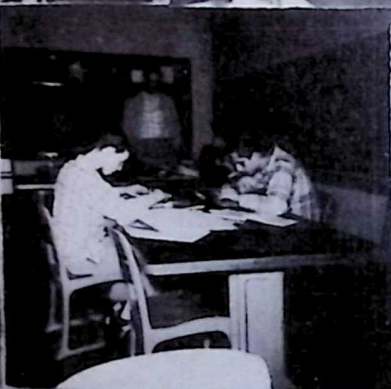


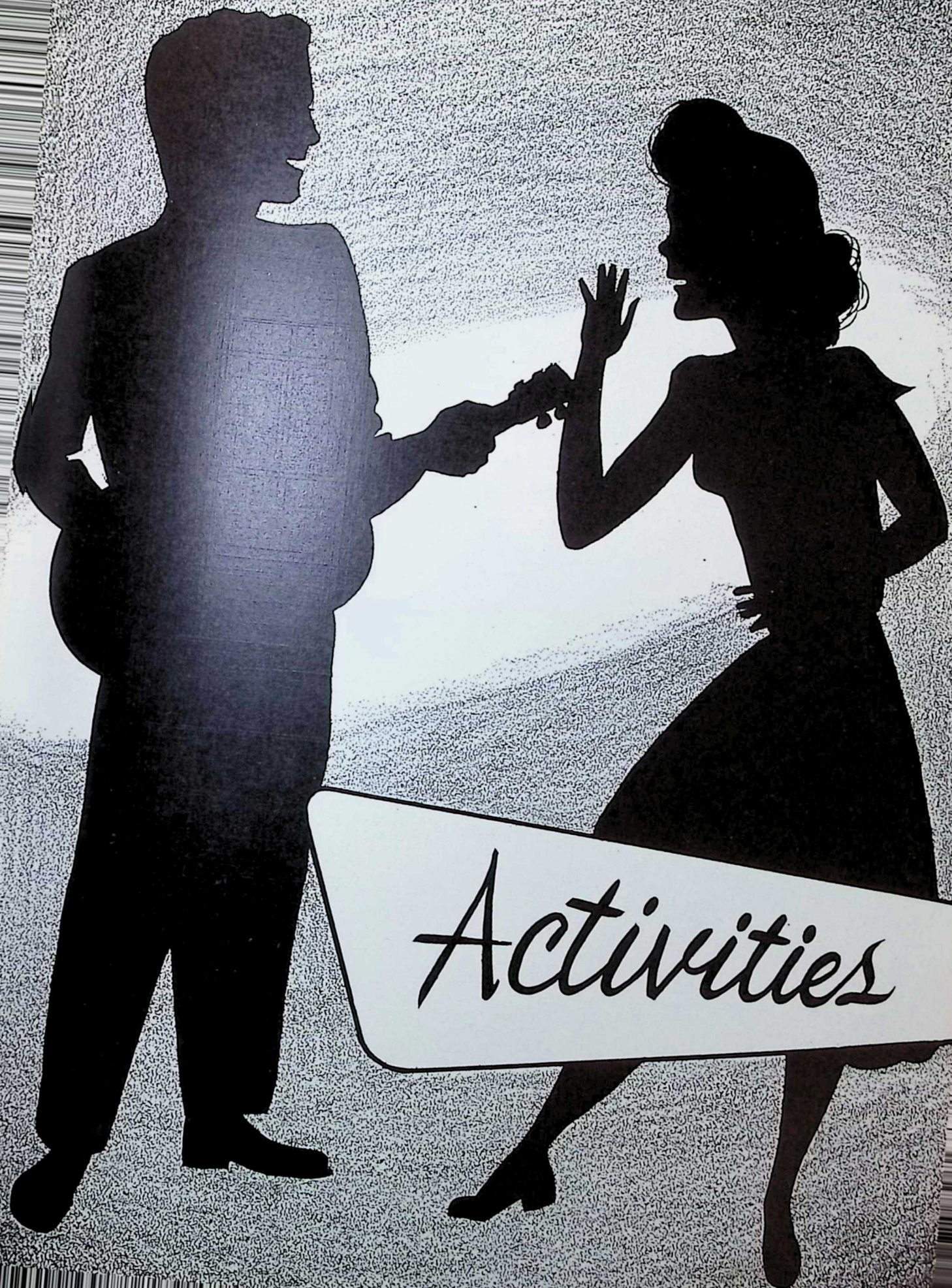
## Cafeteria Staff

Left to right: B. Hutton, H. Canary, J. Whitman, A. Baldwin, L. Morrissey.



Dave  
and  
Earl





*Activities*



STUDENT COUNCIL: Front row- Mr. Mathewson, Moderator; J. Poitras, J. Post, M. Lilac, Pres.; D. Case, D. Ferris. Standing- B. Brooking, J. Petronis, E. Nass, W. Estill, M. Griffith.

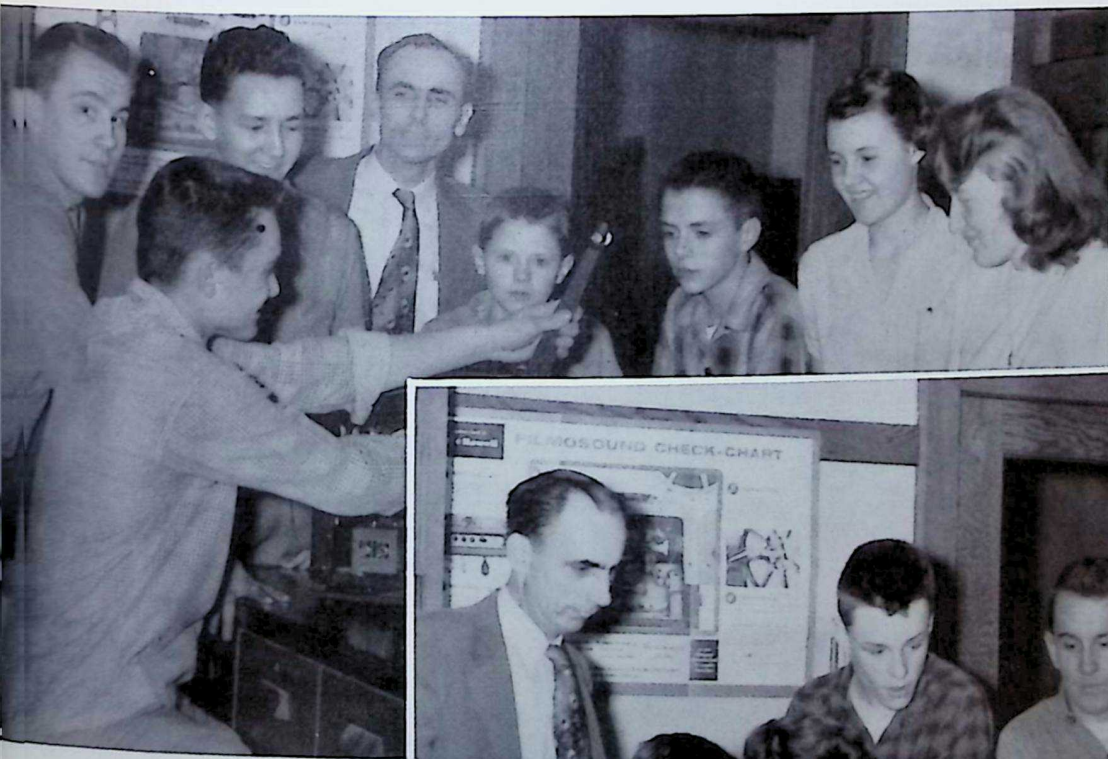


HONOR SOCIETY: Front row- H. D'Avignon, B. Goodrich, M. Sgambati, M. Sovich, Pres.; A. Hollmer, N. Parker. Standing: J. Yaschur, J. Egan, L. Peterson, Mr. Canary, Moderator.





**PRESS CLUB:** First Row- H. Kristof, J. Egan, B. Goodrich, Editor; Mr. O'Connor, Moderator; C. Abel, A. Hollmer, E. Tabor. Second Row- M. Sgambati, B. Hammond, L. Laisdell, T. Poitras, M. Aldrich, M. Lilac, M. Sovich, H. D'Avignon, J. Gooley, L. Peterson.



**RADIO CLUB:** E. Tabor, J. Sheridan, Pres.; D. Peterson, T. Poitras, G. Case, J. Poitras, Mr. Borst, Moderator.



**AUDIO VISUAL:** J. Poitras, Pres.; T. Poitras, D. Rathbun, Mr. Borst, Moderator; G. Case, D. Case, A. Hollmer, H. Aldrich.



## Senior Band

MR. FRANK ALEXIK

(Moderator)



## Chorus

Snow  
Queen



Pat Church, gracious and lovely sophomore, reigned at the annual Snow Ball on Dec. 17. Pat, escorted by Don Gillgallon, was chosen from a court of five of S. H. S. 's beautiful girls.

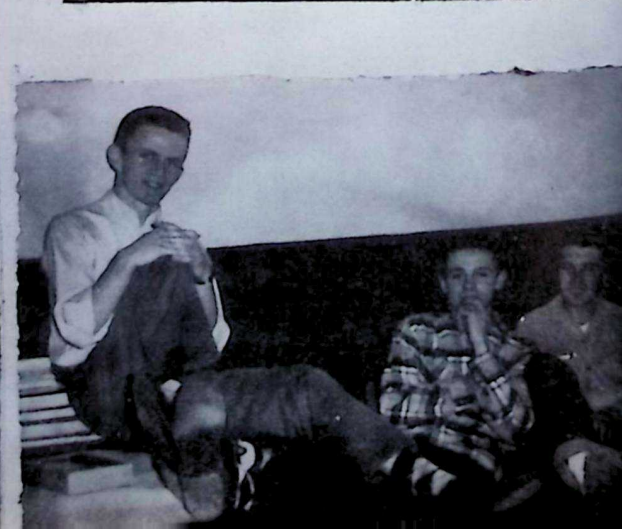
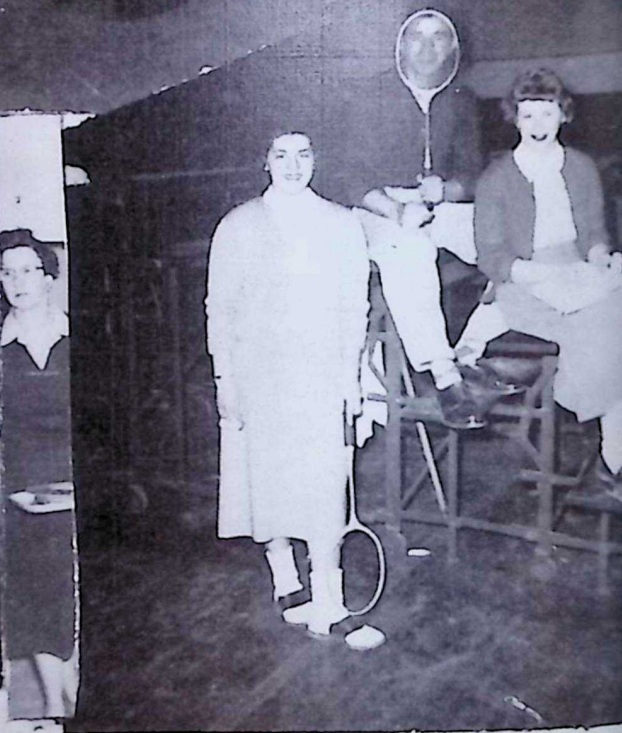
Heart  
Queen



Queen of Hearts, Dale Ford with her escort, Bill Goodrich.



Frosh enjoying Snow Ball. Left to right: sitting--J. Phillips, M. Goodrich, S. Cheney, G. Baker. Standing--J. Gutridge, D. Ferris, J. Tromans, J. Rychik.





*Sports*



VARSITY: Left to right: "Duke" Benz (coach), Bob Lewis, Tom Poitras, Jim Price, Mike Lilac, Bill Goodrich, Cal Kirby, Joe Poitras, Ed McClements, Dave Mehan, Jack Dyer, Billy Ford.



Co-captains:  
Mike Lilac, --"Duke"--Tom Poitras



"Duke", Tommy, Mike, Billy--Seniors

# Sports



With the cancellation of the football schedule, as a result of shortage of players, everybody at Stillwater Central looked forward to the opening day of basketball season, November 1. "Duke" Benz, our new and very capable coach, quickly realized that he must offset the team's inexperience and lack of height. A team which had players in top condition and which had a hustling spirit could overcome these obstacles. Slowly but surely "Duke" welded the team consisting of one letterman into a smooth running and hustling ballclub.

The season closed and the Warriors had posted a 9-9 over-all record and found themselves third in the S. C. L. with a record of 8-6. The nucleus of this class D team, which had played ball with a class "A" spirit, was co-captain, Mike Lilac. Mike was the floor general, scored consistently though often doubled and triple teamed and really showed how much a boy could learn from good coaching. Senior, Tom Poitras, the other co-captain, put forth such a defense in every contest that the opposition often wondered how one man could cover so much ground. He hustled from the opening tap to the final buzzer, and scored when S. H. S. needed it the most. The third senior on the squad, Bill Goodrich, came along slowly but surely and gave the Warriors plenty of help off the boards. His excellent screening helped Jim Price immensely in his driving lay-ups. Jim, a real dead eye, made great strides on the defensive ledger and played great ball all season. Jack Dyer, with his deadly set shot kept the opponents zone defense vulnerable in many encounters. Cal Kirby, the "Babe" of the quintet got to know the boards real well and did yeoman underneath them. Pinky Mehan and Buddy Ford rounded out the team and both boys showed their true colors when called upon by "Duke" to spell his starters.

The Junior Varsity although inexperienced came along strong under the guidance of coach Cy Krivosh and put in a creditable season. Bob Lewis, Joe Poitras, Dick Starks, Ed McClements, and Doug Case paced the Junior Warriors to an over-all 7-11 record.

In closing we wish to thank sincerely, those individuals who helped to make the court game go all the way. So thanks to our cheerleaders, to Chris DeLaRosa, a most generous gentleman and most competent timer, to Terry Morris a top notch manager and his assistants, and to the boys and girls of S. H. S. and the people of our community who have supported the Warriors. We are sure they were not disappointed in any game regardless of the score. And from the depths of our hearts thanks to our great and inspiring coach "Duke" Benz and to his boys who have brought nothing but honor and glory to S. H. S. We know that if the boys play the game of life as they have played the game on the court, their future shall be a success and their life a happy one.

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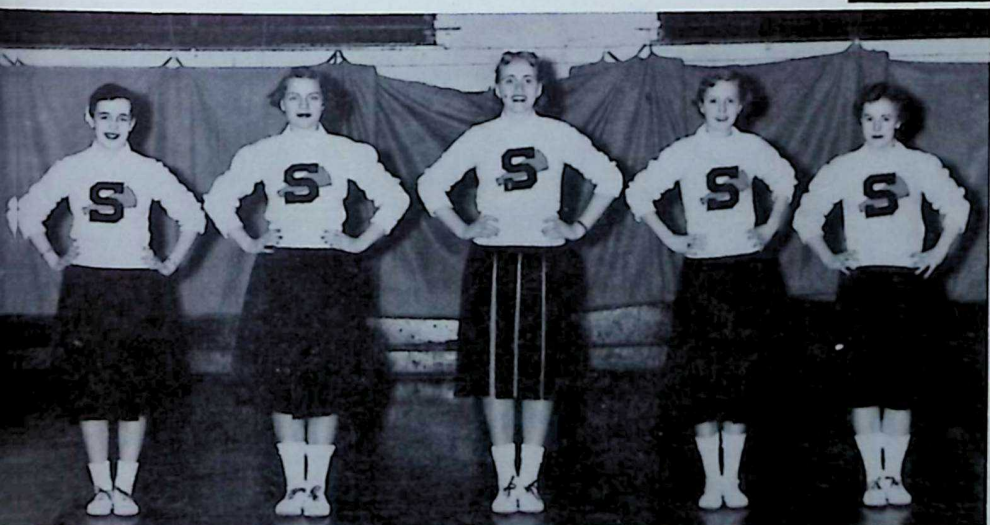
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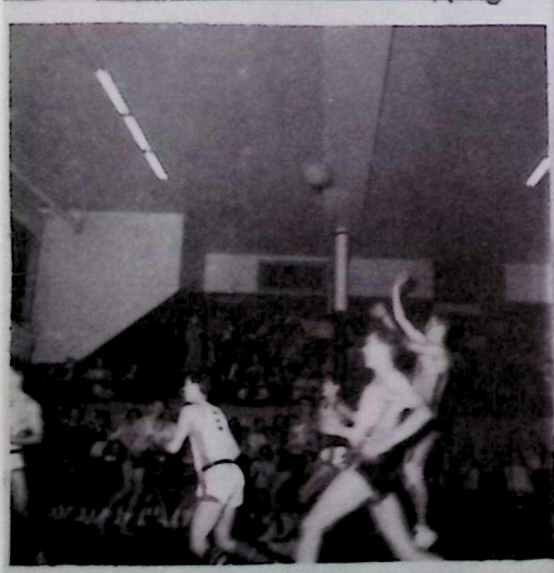
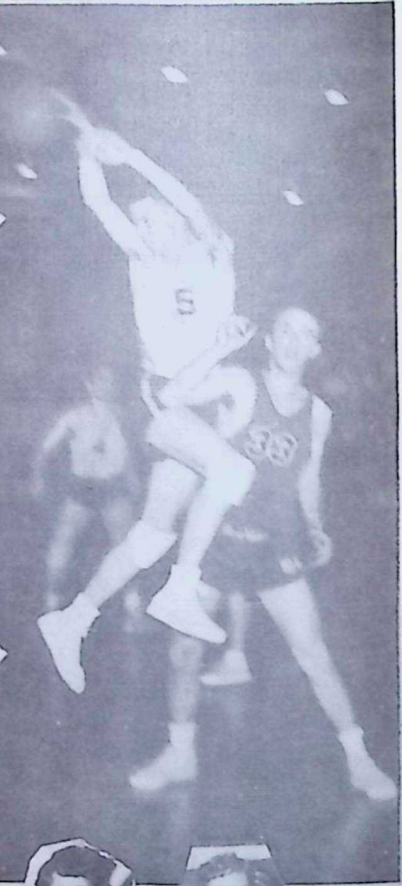


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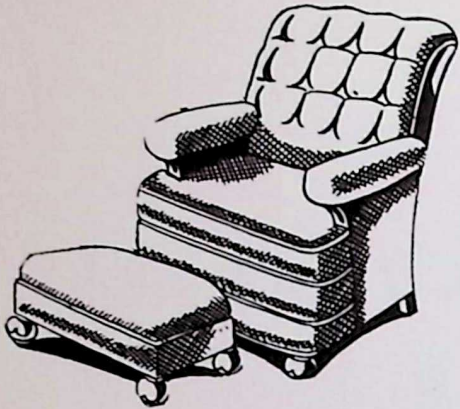
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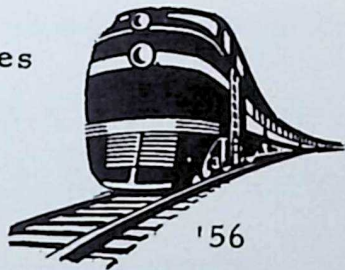
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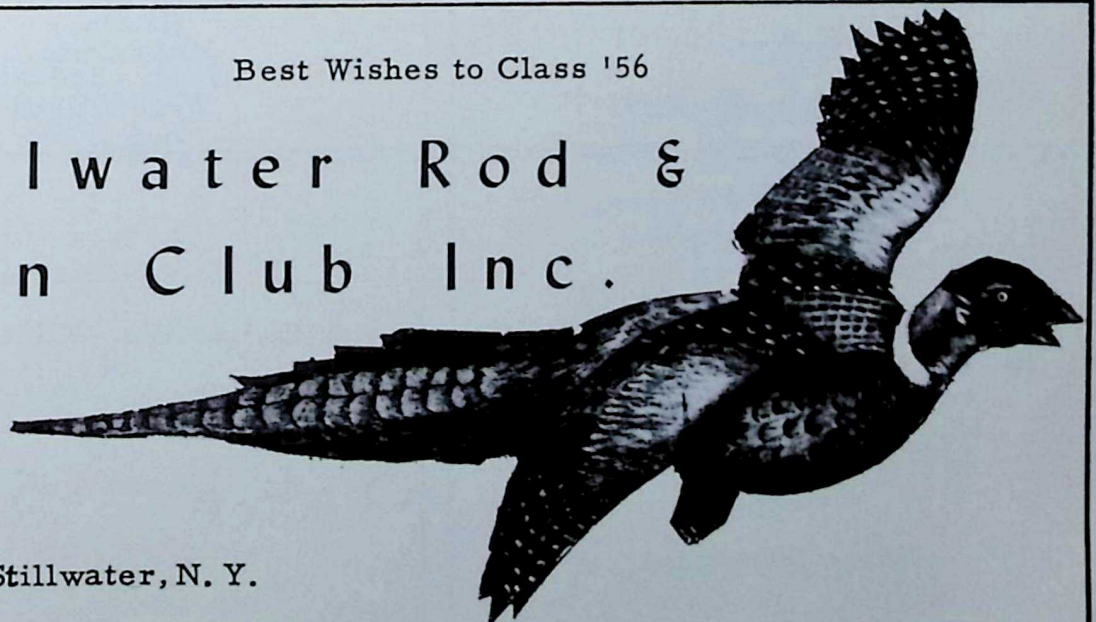
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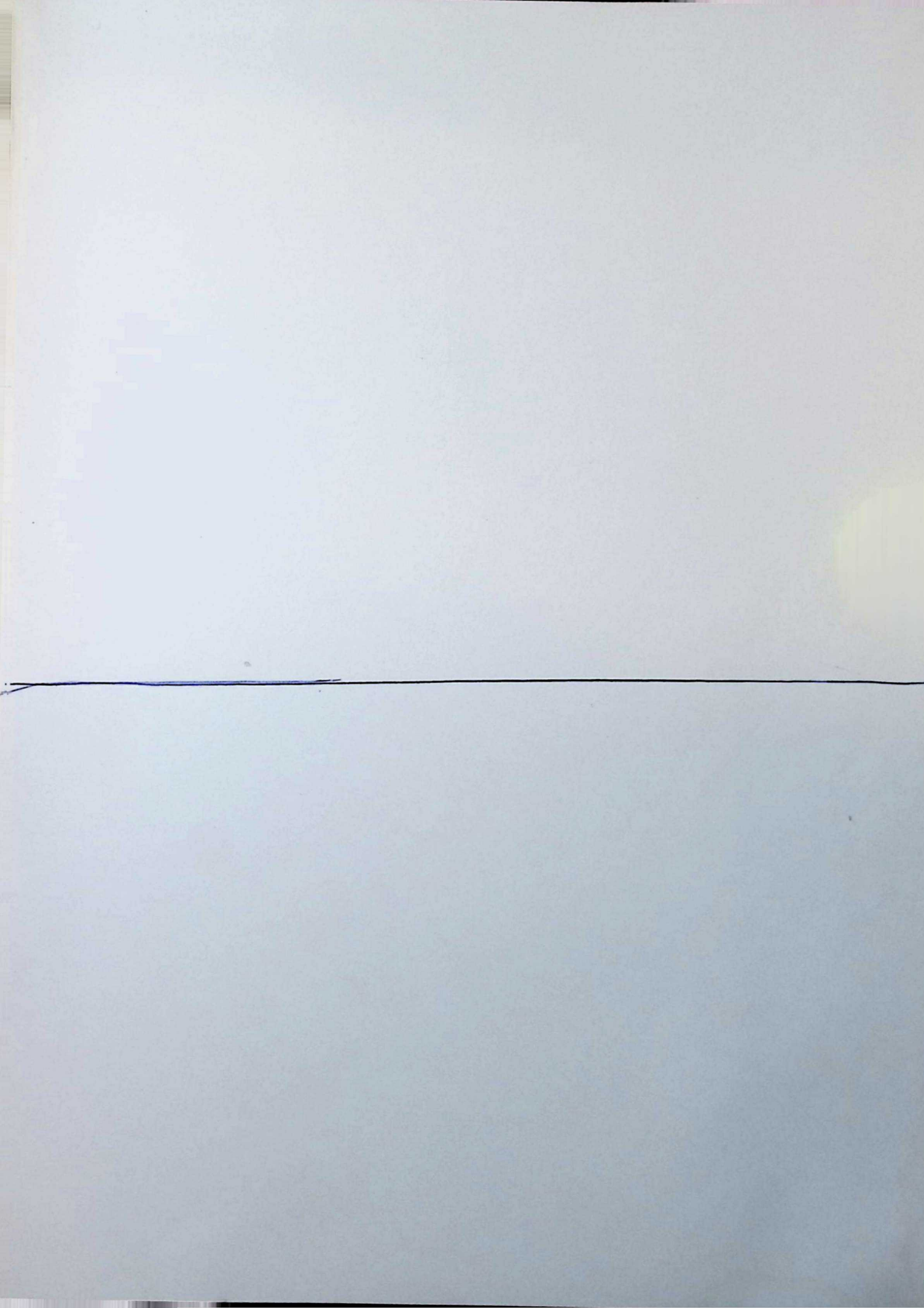
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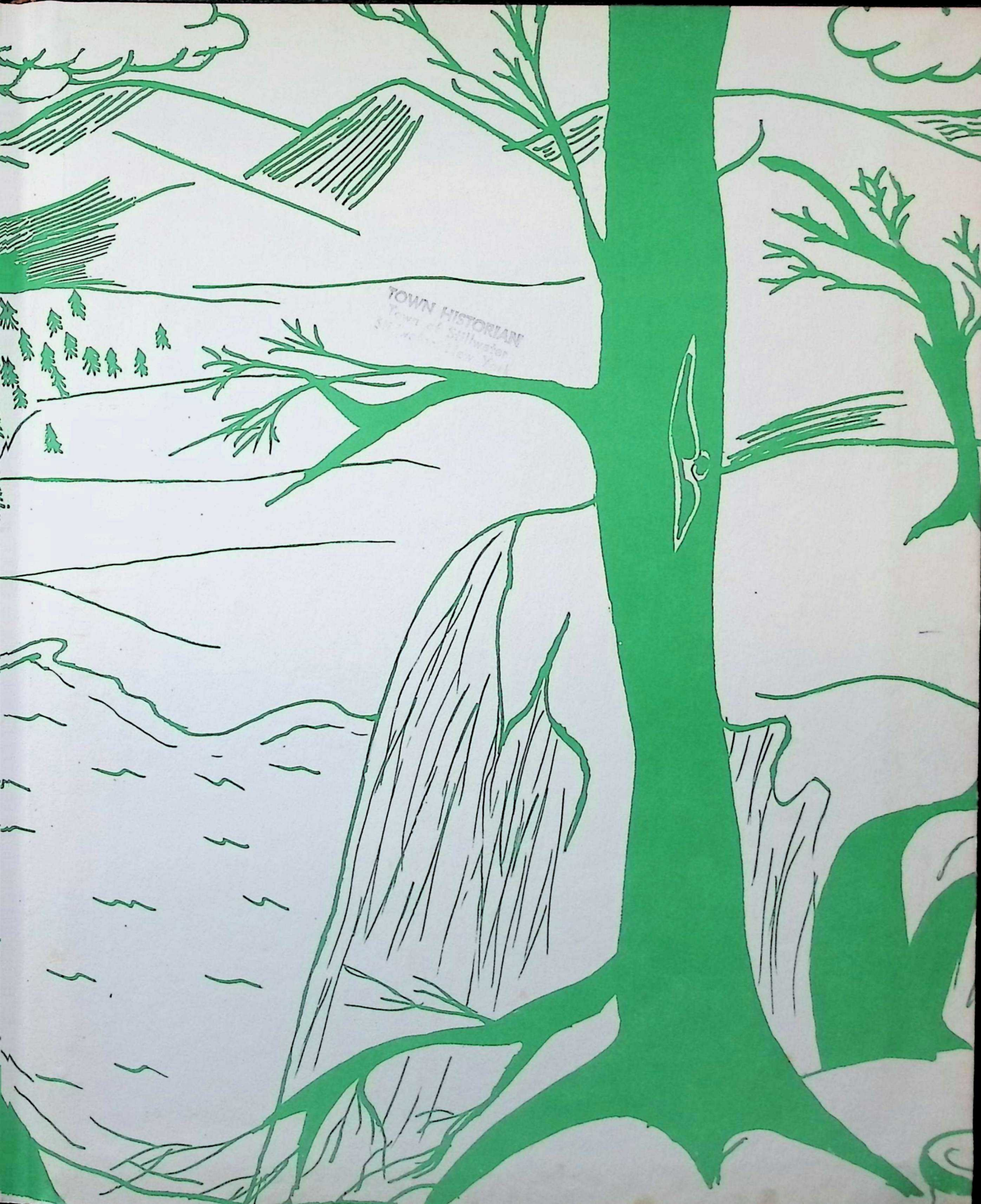
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