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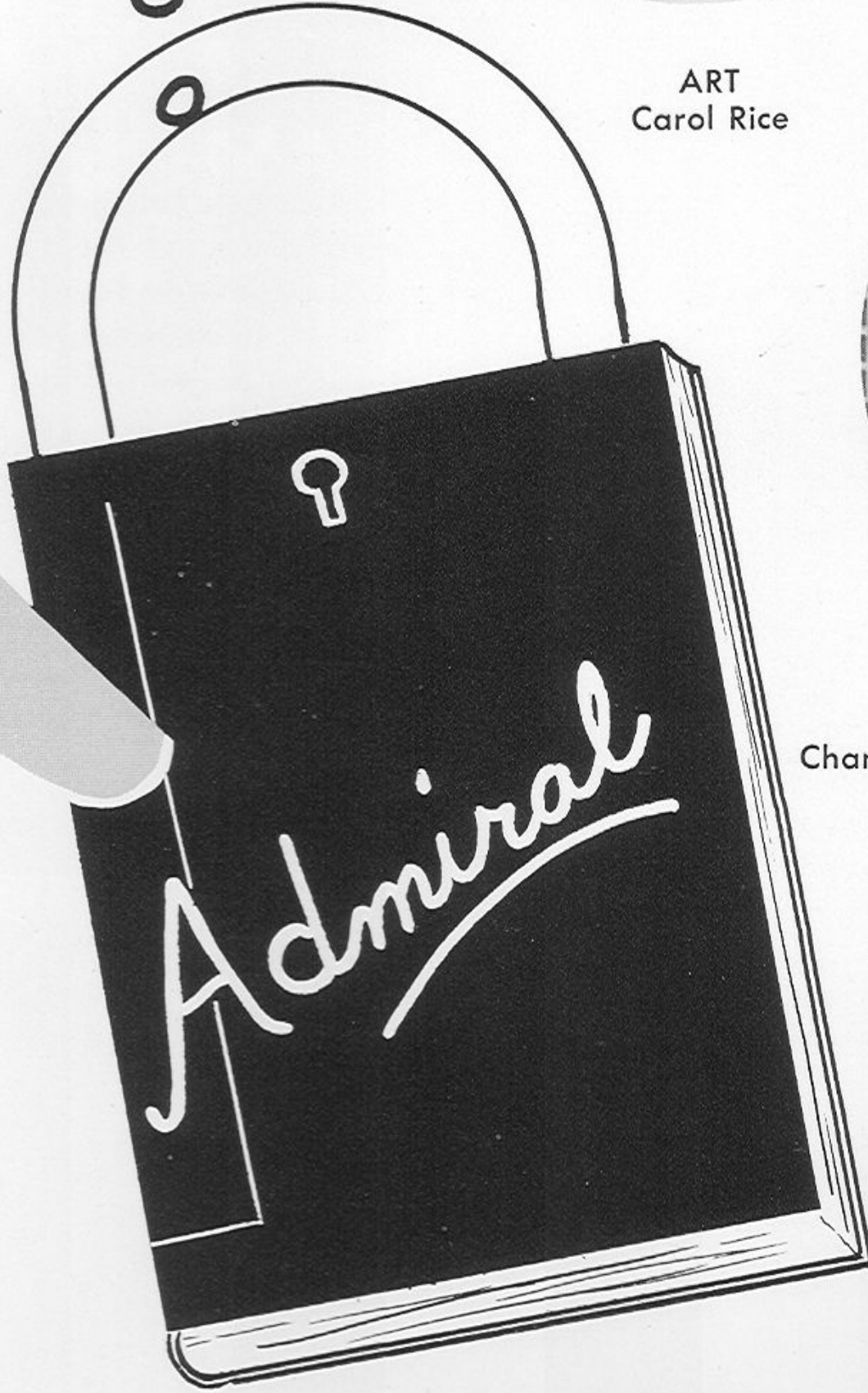
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# The Shipmate

CRADOCK HIGH SCHOOL, PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, FEBRUARY 1956

Students



Miss Ruth Credle and  
Mr. Noble Moore  
SPONSORS

New methods bring new problems, with off-set printing being used for the first time in several years. The Shipmate staff was faced with many troublesome matters. The staff worked hard and long to issue the ten copies of the paper printed during the year.

Hand-set headlines, exact and straight spacing, and meeting deadlines were only a few of the jobs for the staff members.

The newspaper was represented at the annual Southern Interscholastic Press Association in Lexington in the spring. The staff was headed by Ann Werz under the direction of Miss Ruth Credle, the advisor.



Reporters: Seated, left to right—Carolyn Sands, Emma Jean Dorn, and Audri Odom. Standing, left to right—Jean Hampton, Nancy Adylette, and Joyce Powell.



# Newspaper Staff

Pat Edwards  
ASSISTANT EDITOR



Shelvy Ritter  
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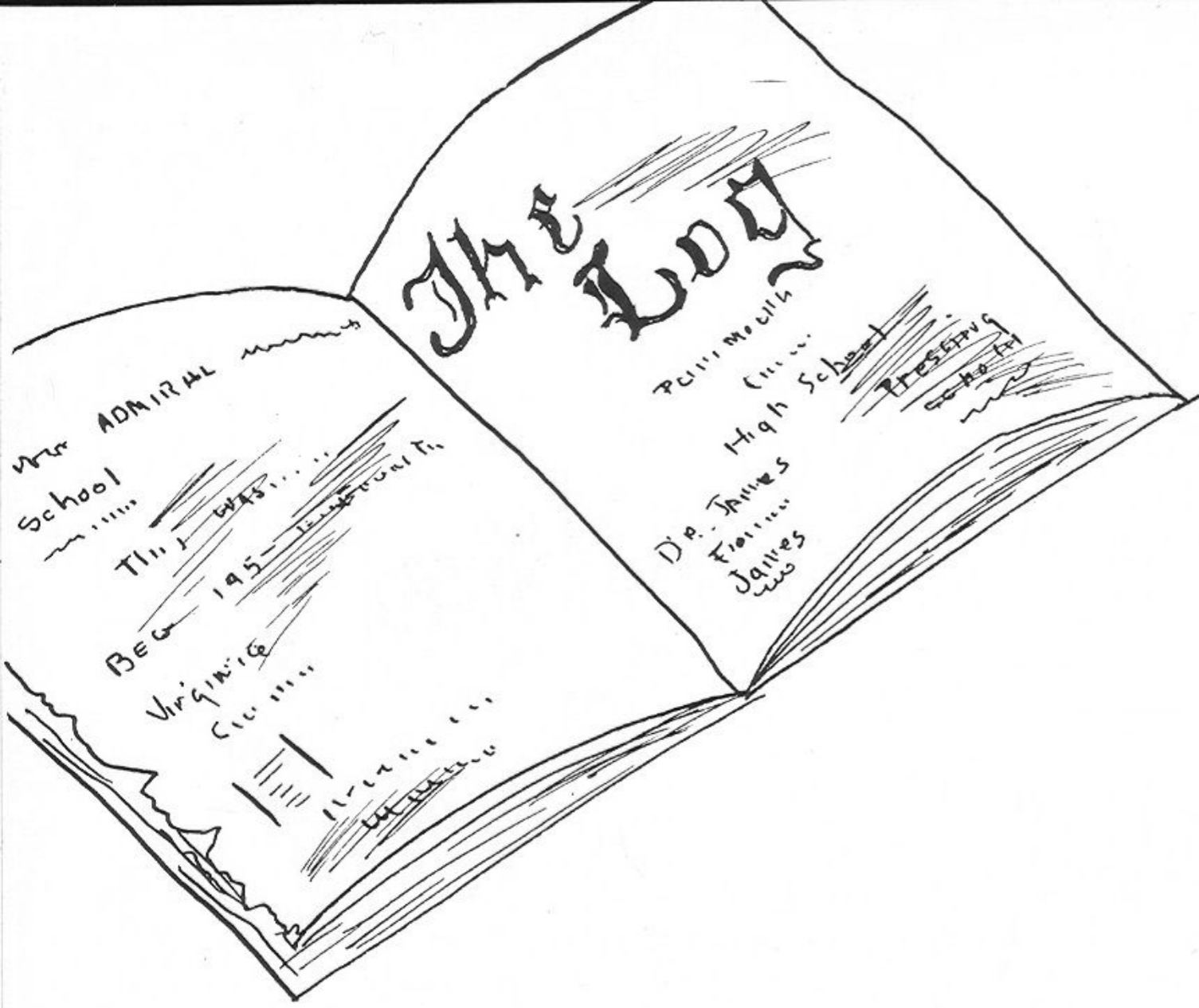
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CIRCULATION MANAGER



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Henry Asble  
SPORTS EDITORS



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CO-EDITORS  
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Charles Fowler



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# Magazine Staff

The Log is Cradock's new literary magazine, designed to serve as an outlet for these students who have special writing abilities and for those who wish to give expression to their ideas. The Log is sponsored by the Belles Lettres club and is now in its second year of publication. This year there were two issues—one in January and one in May. Featured in The Log are poems, essays, short stories, and special features as well as the clever art designs of Sarah Romberg and Carolyn Carson. Cradock is the only school in Eastern District to publish its own magazine.

The Log Staff: Seated, left to right—Nancy Booth, Jackie Pinilli, and Carolyn Carson. Standing, left to right—Carolyn Kennedy, Anne Cairness, Sarah Romberg, Charles Fowler, and Tommy Chilton.



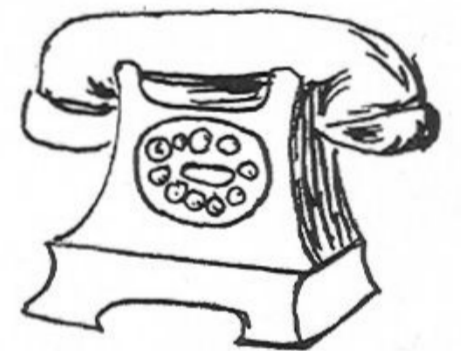


Seated—Mrs. Katherine Nance. Standing—F. Ladd, S. Broome, V. Wildman, K. Prince, A. Simpson, J. Jeffries, N. Hemp, D. Marlowe, F. Wimberly, B. Bailey, D. Carawan, and S. Oliver.



Miss Margaret Miller

Mrs. Katherine Nance



The girls and boys who serve as office assistants are those especially selected by the senior clerk after a two-week try-out period. These students who distribute absentee lists, deliver messages, use the ditto machine, type, and run errands for the administrators, are also taught the proper use of the telephone, how to meet people, how to offer general information and how to assist with minor problems. Office assistants must keep a good average in grades and be cooperative, dependable and pleasant.

## Office Assistants



# Seniors of Cradock

1st row, left to right: B. Ryder, N. Aydlette, M. Grant, A. Cartwright, J. Edwards, P. Hughs, P. McClellan, R. Norris, L. Sawyer, C. Elliott. 2nd row, left to right: F. Gilbert, C. Burton, J. Morris, B. Eckroade, M. Grant, K. Page, B. Roe, J. Vance, D. Bice, C. Hales, Mr. Henry Carter. 3rd row, left to right: B. Oliver, R. Parsons, B. Twigg, E. Powell, C. May, J. Grimmer, B. Ewell.

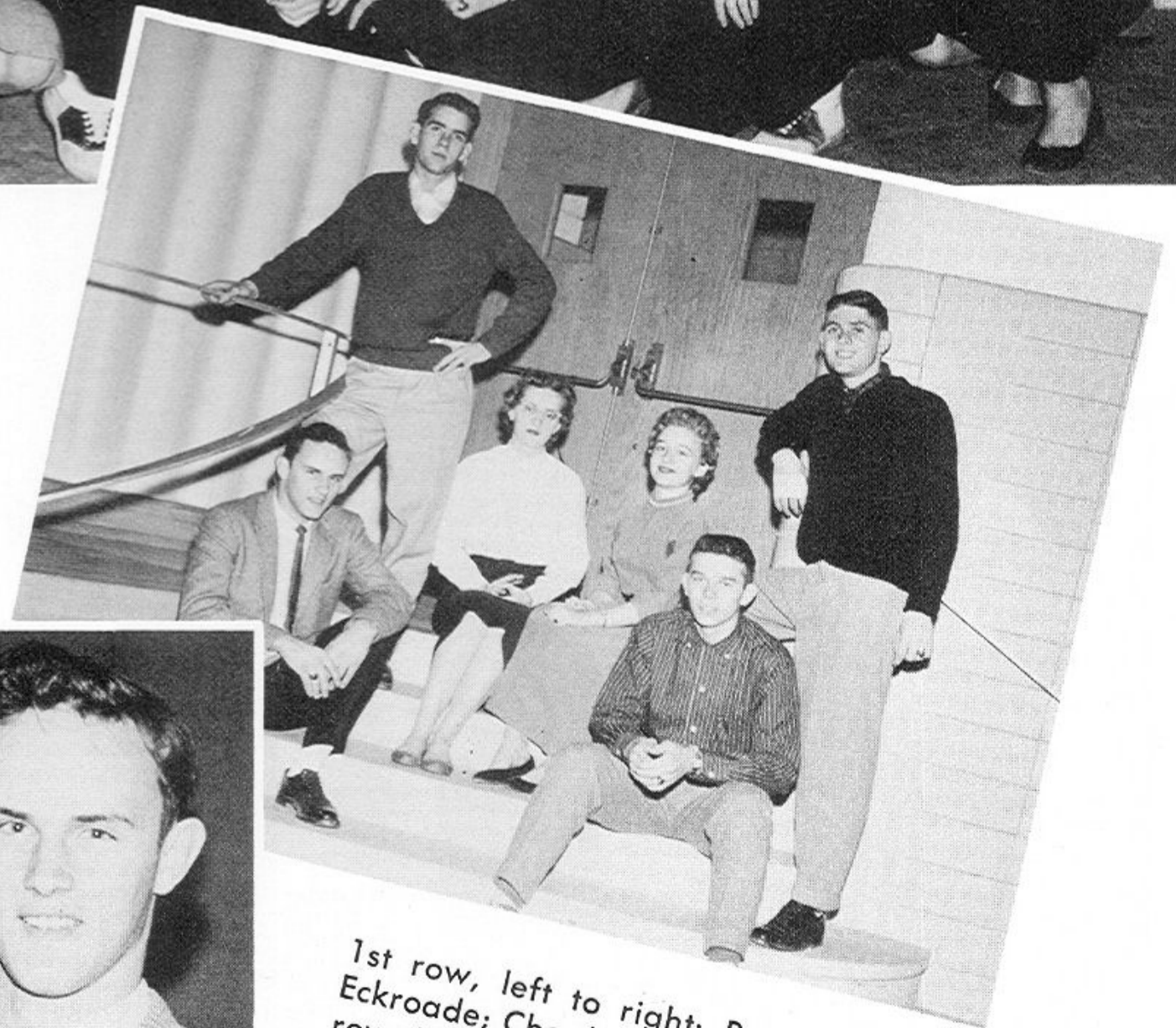
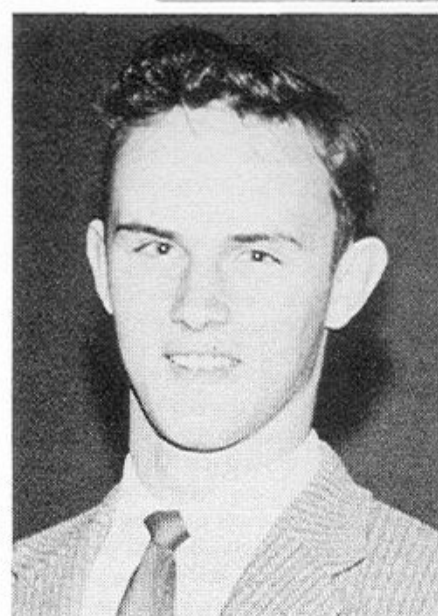


This year the club was re-organized by the Seniors of Cradock. The first regular meeting was held in September, officers were elected and objectives were set up. Some of the objectives were (1) to collect food for Thanksgiving, (2) to promote school spirit throughout the school.

The club had a float to enter in the Homecoming parade. The float received an award of honorable mention. The club along with the Literary Club and Art Club gave a Christmas Dance, "The Winter Whirl."

This year's officers were: president—Bill Eckroade; vice president—Jerry Vance, secretary—Kay Page; treasurer—Merle Grant; chaplain—Burgess Roe; reporter—Jerry Morris.

PRESIDENT  
Bill Eckroade



1st row, left to right: President, Bill Eckroade; Chaplain, Burgess Roe. 2nd row, left to right: Vice-President, Jerry Vance; Secretary, Kay Page; Treasurer, Merle Grant; Sergeant-at-Arms, Jerry Morris.



1st row, left to right: C. Burton, C. Fowler, P. Hicks, R. Montzingo, J. Braggs, S. Safford, J. Thiemer, C. Harrison, J. Winston, C. Hibble. 2nd row, left to right: A. Maxson, B. Chapman, B. Fisk, J. Turner, L. Latham, R. Leasure, M. Wellman, M. Sexton, M. Duncan, D. Jones, R. Creamer, R. Pierce, P. Elliott, P. Malone, C. Kelly, M. Edwards, F. Gilbert, J. Hanbury, F. Asque, N. Parker, E. Winston. 3rd row, left to right: S. Bowler, B. McManis, C. Jones, P. Brower, V. Wade, W. Davis, E. Prillaman, C. Buck, P. Dodd, K. Bass, B. Harris, E. McNew, K. Early, D. Smith, L. Wagner, T.

## Band

"Watch that procession." "How about those flashy colors." "Dig that sound." Yes, these and many other phrases are heard the year round from thousands of spectators, students, and adults, as the maroon and gold wave of the Cradock High School Band is seen and heard.

Polished performing before the public in football games, parades, concerts, festivals, and many other outings is the rule rather than the exception with the band.

Most of us are familiar with the musical honors of our band. It has received awards in music festival for 5 straight years, which are based on playing difficult music excellently before nationally known judges. The band has received prizes for marching. The band has placed more of its members in All State Band than most of its competitors. The band has been a service to the community by making forty some performances a year, including special invitations to perform for

the Tobacco Festival in Richmond, the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, and the Patomac River Festival at Patomac Beach.

It's schedule is a hard one and hectic moments are numerous, but the thought of a deadline met, a job well done, the excitement of parades, concerts, football games, a top rating at the music festival, and the support of the student body more than compensate for the trouble, time, and effort of all concerned.

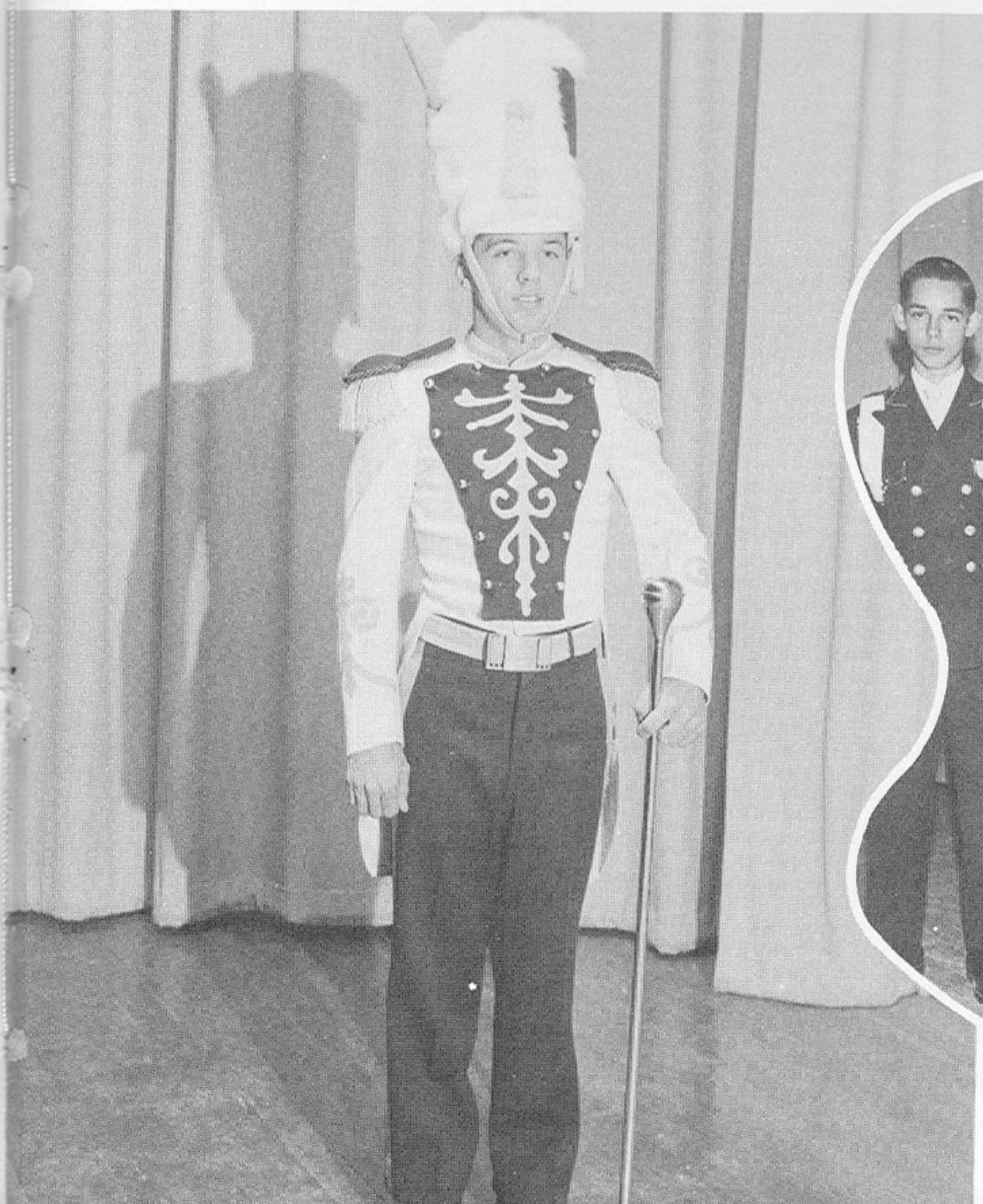
This year's representatives to the All State Band include: Carlene Burton, Phyllis Hicks, and Charles Fowler, clarinets; David Smith and Eddie McNew, cornets; Margaret Edwards and Frances Gilbert, alto clarinets; Cary Hibble, flute, Gary Hayes, Tom Davenport, and William Holland, trombones; Ernestine Winston and Bernie Kirsch, saxophone.





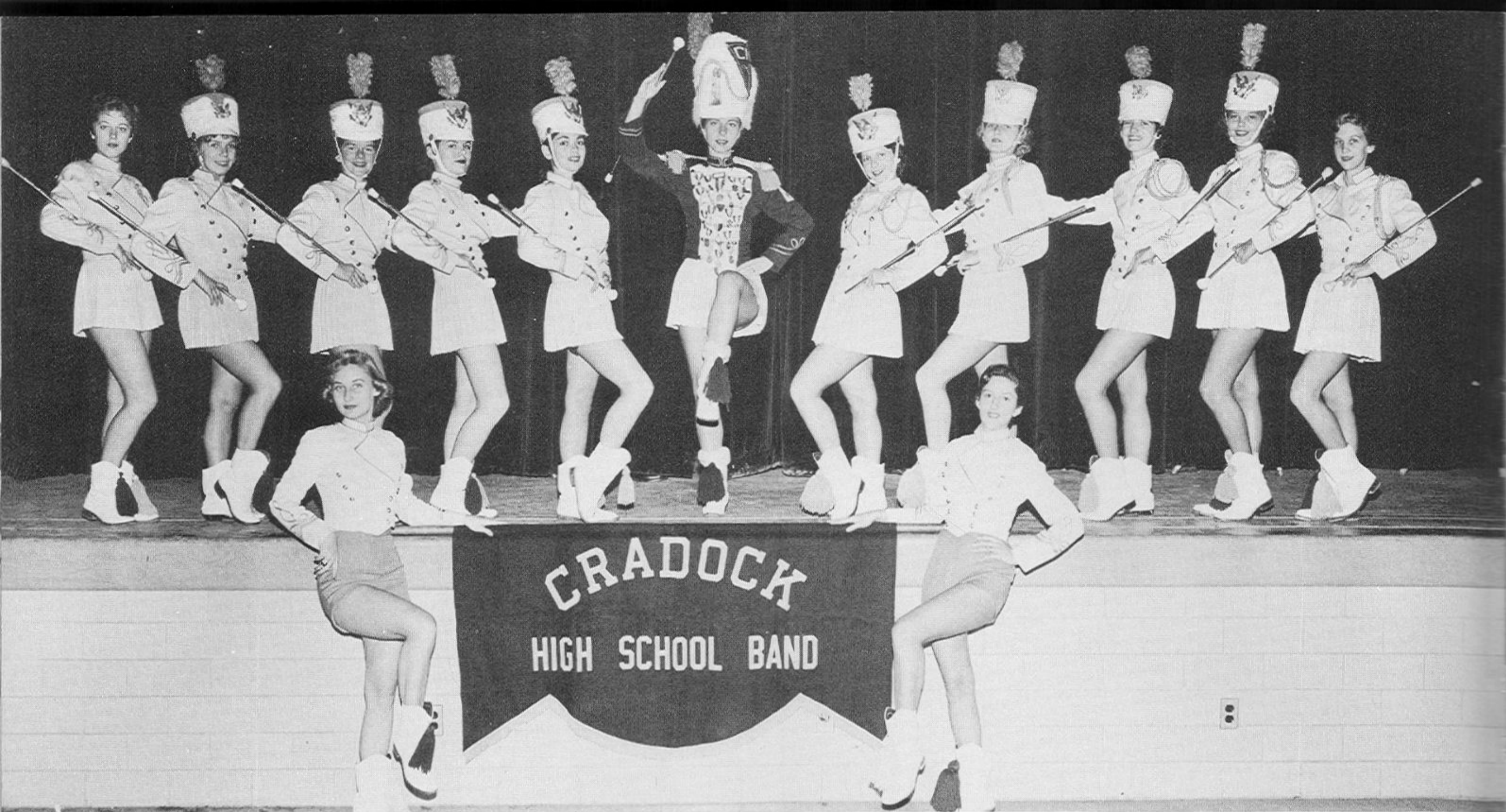
Simpson, B. Crisp, C. Moore, G. Hayes, T. Davenport, W. Holland, D. Caffee, G. Whitehurst, E. Seager, J. Randall, B. Kersh. 4th row, left to right: S. Hales, M. Wiggins, P. Billy, D. Cooper, R. Gregory, D. Willard, E. Mills, B. Wood, K. Nelson, J. Vance, R. Jones, T. Cox. Standing, left to right: S. Spindel, J. Boone, V. Bess, D. Taylor, R. Sweazey, B. Lane, B. Kenny, N. Boothe, G. Bass, B. Gilbert, B. Smith, P. Thompson, M. Robinson, M. Roe, C. Irving.

Dick Jones: Drum Major



Bandstaff, left to right: V. Bess, G. Hayes, S. Bowler, E. McNew, J. Thiemer, T. Davenport, D. Jones, B. Harris, C. Burton.





1st row, left to right: N. Booth, C. Irving. 2nd row, left to right: B. Gilbert, B. Comer, M. Roe, M. Robinson, B. Smith, Jo Theimer, P. Thompson, P. Hasty, G. Bass, P. Elliott, G. Gurganus.

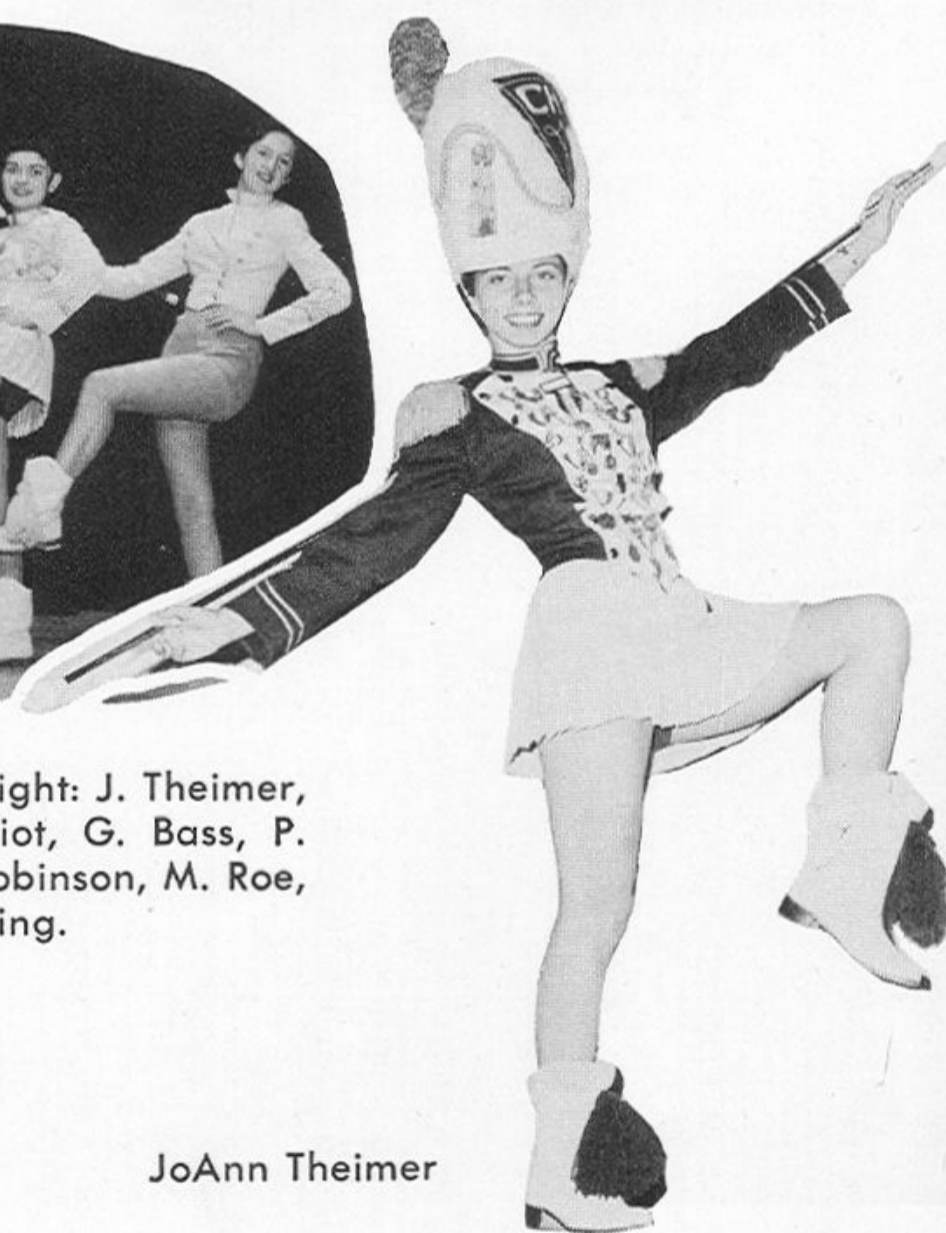


The Cradock Majorettes under the direction of their head majorette, JoAnn Theimer, who is the Senior State Champion Baton Twirler of Virginia and winner of 22 medals and 12 trophies in different contests, are known throughout Tidewater for their strutting ability and precision of march. They are the only majorettes of high school age in this area who use Fire Batons at football games. They also performed with fire in the Charity Bowl game.

Some of the large parades they have marched in are: the Cherry Blossom parade in Washington, D.C., the Oyster Bowl, and the Apple Blossom parade in Winchester where they made a fine showing that helped to bring 3rd place for their band.

## Majorettes

1st row, left to right: J. Theimer, N. Booth, P. Elliot, G. Bass, P. Thompson, M. Robinson, M. Roe, B. Smith, C. Irving.



JoAnn Theimer

Their leader, Jo Ann Theimer, won 2nd place as best majorette in Winchester.

Among the varieties of twirls with the majorettes are: flag, plain, lighted, and fire batons. With these they do a number or routines.

# Sextette



The 1955-56 Cradock High School Sextet was composed of Ann Stephens and Katherine Powell, 1st sopranos, Pat Thompson and Mary Lou Livermon, 2nd sopranos, and Jackie Pinelli and Linda DeAlba, altos. This was another busy year for the group since it included performances for clubs, assemblies, radio and television. In addition the Sextet sang at the an-

nual Norfolk County Music Festival, April 4. This was the third time that the singers had been in competition with other similar groups. The sextet also took part in the variety show which took the place of the minstrel this year. Music coach for the group was Mr. Franklin Kingdon.



Left to right: Linda DeAlba, Jackie Pinelli, Katherine Powell, Ann Stephens, Pat Thompson, Mary Lou Livermon.

# Mixed Chorus

This year the Mixed Chorus has 42 members. Our first performance was on November the 3rd. for the S.C.A. district meeting. Our 2nd. was the Thanksgiving assembly. We sang in the Messiah, which was held at the Norfolk Arena with a combined chorus of all the schools in Norfolk and Portsmouth. It was given on December 11th.

In 1955 we went to New York for three days during the Easter holidays, this year we plan to go for four days.

Every year there is a choral festival for all County schools. Last year it was held in the Great Bridge High School auditorium. It will be in the Churchland High School this year. We had a very high rating last year, and we are hoping for the same this year.

Last year our pianist, Dan Reaser, graduated, and we have a new accompanist, Mary Lou Liverman.

In 1955 our theme for the Minstrel was "Mardi Gras". This year we are planning to have a musical comedy and review for our annual show.

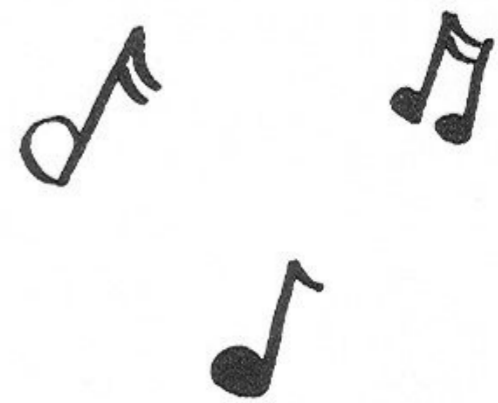
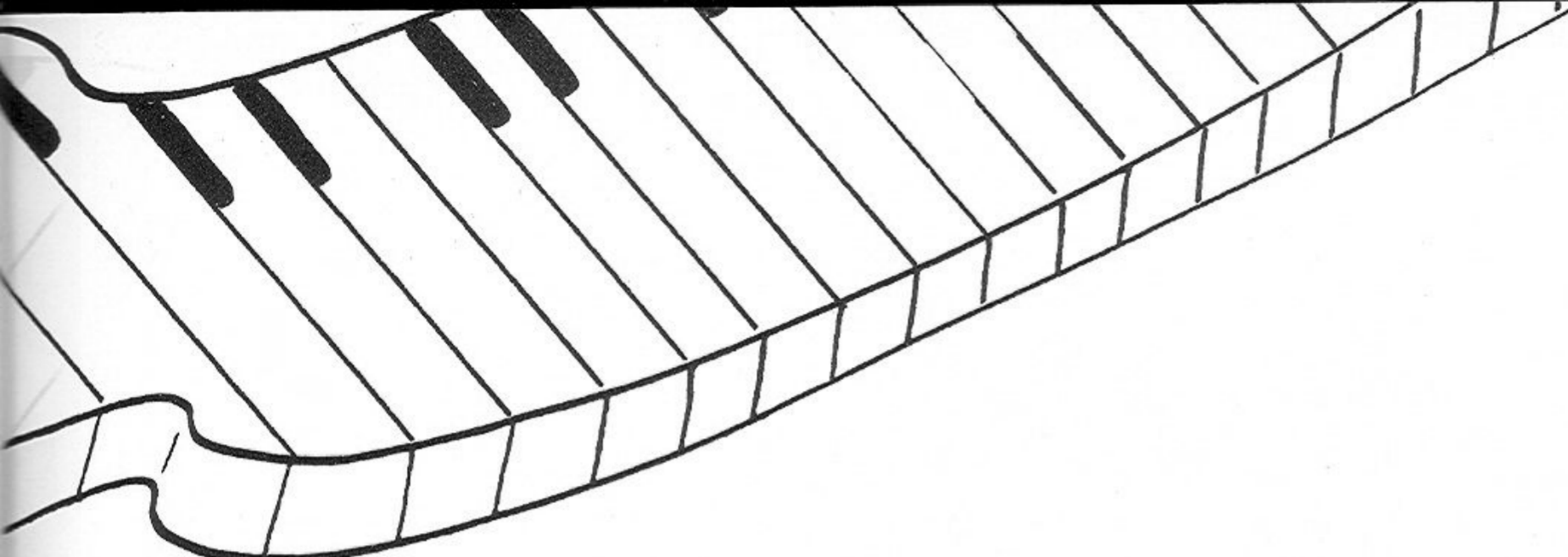
The high school Christmas assembly was given on December 22, for which we gave the choral program.



Kay Newsome, Secretary; Mac Kincaid, Treasurer; Bobby Allen, President.

1st row, left to right: G. Bass, P. Newsome, B. Saddler, P. Thomas, J. Rary, F. Powell, M. Livermon, L. DeAlba, S. Willis, B. Allen, S. Breon, S. Smith, K. Newsome, R. Logan, L. Batten, S. Slaughter. 2nd row, left to right: C. Overstreet, T. Leary, E. Smith, K. Richerson, T. Lawson, B. Dail, P. Spivey, F. Whitlock, M. Kincaid, J. Grimer, R. Keel, D. McSwain. 3rd row, left to right: B. Eddins, M. Hudson, L. Spain, J. Spear, A. Linkous, S. Jenkins, N. Tiller, P. Fisher, M. Morris, J. Howell, J. Pinelli, K. Waters, P. Owens, G. Bass, J. Franklin, C. Hales, N. Lowe, M. Shoff. 4th row, left to right: L. Tucker, B. Richerson, J. Stokes, D. Carawon, F. Crouch, J. Scott, Mr. Franklin Kingdon, D. White, R. Wynn, H. Amory, J. Feinglass, T. Chilton.





# Girls' Chorus



The Girl's Chorus has participated in assemblies during the year, but our main activities included singing at the "Messiah", which was held in the Norfolk Arena, Dec. 11, with different schools from around the city and the William and Mary, V.P.I. Chorus, "Miss Virginia" was soloist. It was the fourth year it had been presented with dignitaries from the city present; and the Spring Concert, the first of which we hope will be annual.

We will sing at Wilson and other schools, and on May 4, at the County Festival, when we will be given our rank in chorus. We also plan to sing at different churches.

Nancy Pritchard, Librarian; Linda Hayes, Secretary; Barbara Williams, President; Gail Page, Vice-President; Carol McKinney, Treasurer.

1st row, left to right: C. McKinney, R. Cullen, P. Marlow, G. Tiller, M. Winston, R. Sutton, A. Bowles, S. Whitford, N. Pritchard, C. Dennis. 2nd row, left to right: G. Page, L. Hayes, N. Neal, B. Williams, G. Bradshaw, A. Spivey, J. Singleton, P. Watson, S. Eddins, M. Corp.





1st row, left to right: B. Harris, E. McNew, K. Bass, S. Spindel. 2nd row, left to right: D. Caffee, G. Hayes, B. Kenny, D. Smith, C. Hanchey, R. Early.

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## Dance Band

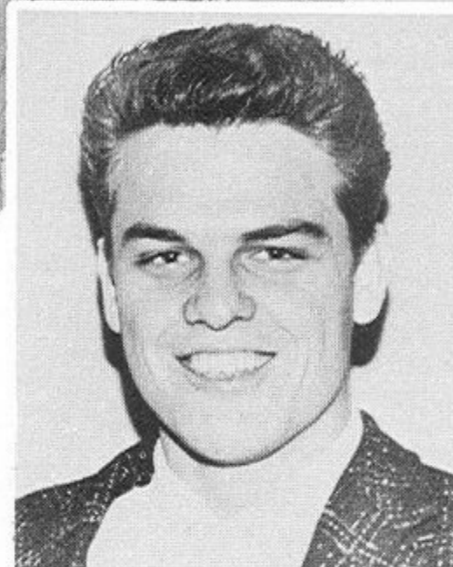
This organization recently formed only last year provides music in all styles for both a study in music and entertainment for all those connected. In spite of limited rehearsal time, enthusiastic response has been shown by the students.

This organization had come to such a demand by the student body and also by band members that it was formed and was getting a good start by the end of last year

Improvised, chord, arrangement, bop, vibrato, blended tones, blend, are all words for study, and by the end of the year, as the audience is listening, we might hear them say, "Dig that crazy band, solid man!"



PRESIDENT  
Kenneth Bass





1st row, left to right: G. Pipkin, D. Carawan, T. Perry, S. Breon, J. Foster, W. Langford, E. Turner. 2nd row, left to right: P. Elliot, N. Pritchard, P. Marlowe, E. Tillery, M. Bowman, S. Edwards, A. Stephens, P. Edwards, D. Jones, J. Stalls, B. Early. 3rd row, left to right: C. Collins, R. Rush, N. Parker, A. Biddle, N. Jordan, F. Wimberly, P. Billy, B. Wynn, P. Elliot, D. Tillery, N. Carter, F. Whitlock.



PRESIDENT  
Ann Stephens

## Dramatics



Left to right: Shirley Edwards, Secretary; Marvin Bowman, Vice-President; Ann Stephens, President; Pat Edwards, Treasurer.

The Dramatics Club has been very active this year. We began our year by entering a float in the homecoming parade. At Thanksgiving we canvassed for food for the needy.

In December we worked with the dramatics class to present the annual three-act play, "Time Out For Ginger". After the play, we gave a party for the members of the cast.

At Christmas we worked with the Inter-Club Council in providing for a needy family.

In the club we worked to further the members' interest in dramatics by having well planned and rehearsed programs.

Through the presentation of our annual best actor and best actress awards, the school is kept alerted concerning dramatic activities. The club feels that it is responsible to promote an interest among the other members of the school in drama.



# National Thespian Society



1st row, left to right: Miss Cora Mae Fitzgerald, B. Early, A. Brown, C. LaMore, E. Tillery, M. Schaffer, A. Stephans, P. White. 2nd row, left to right: L. Koon, T. Perry, J. Stelmack, A. Biddle, N. Parker, D. Jones, F. Wimberly, M. Bowman, H. Slaughter, M. Wilkins.

The Cradock Thespian Troupe 1491 was organized in April, 1955. It was officially installed in an impressive ceremony by the Woodrow Wilson Thespian Troupe. The purpose of our troupe is to encourage the advancement of dramatic arts in the secondary schools.

The Thespians have produced in cooperation with the Dramatics Class, the 3-act play "Time Out For Ginger" and the 3 one-act plays in the spring.

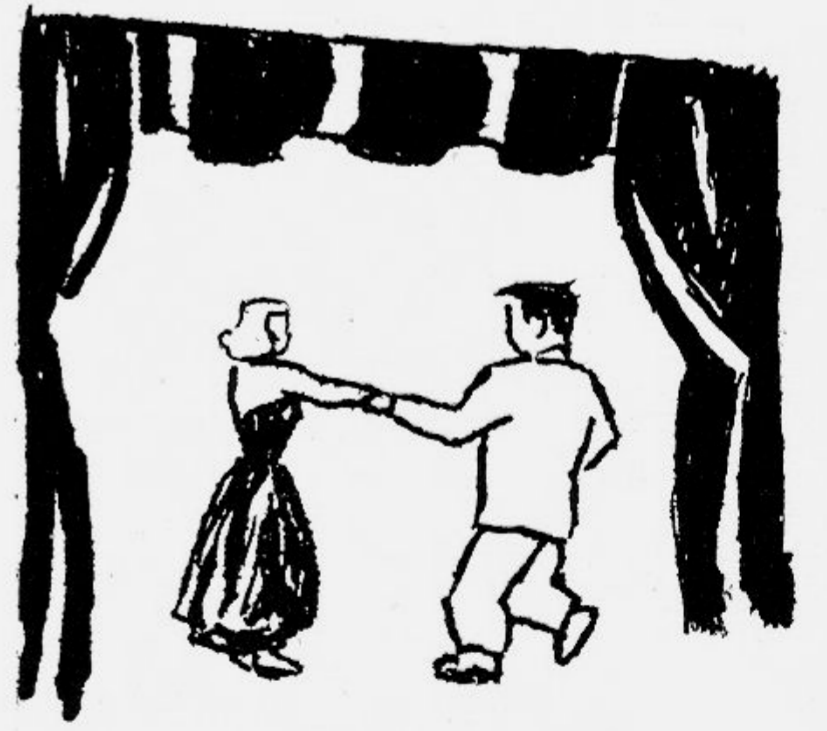
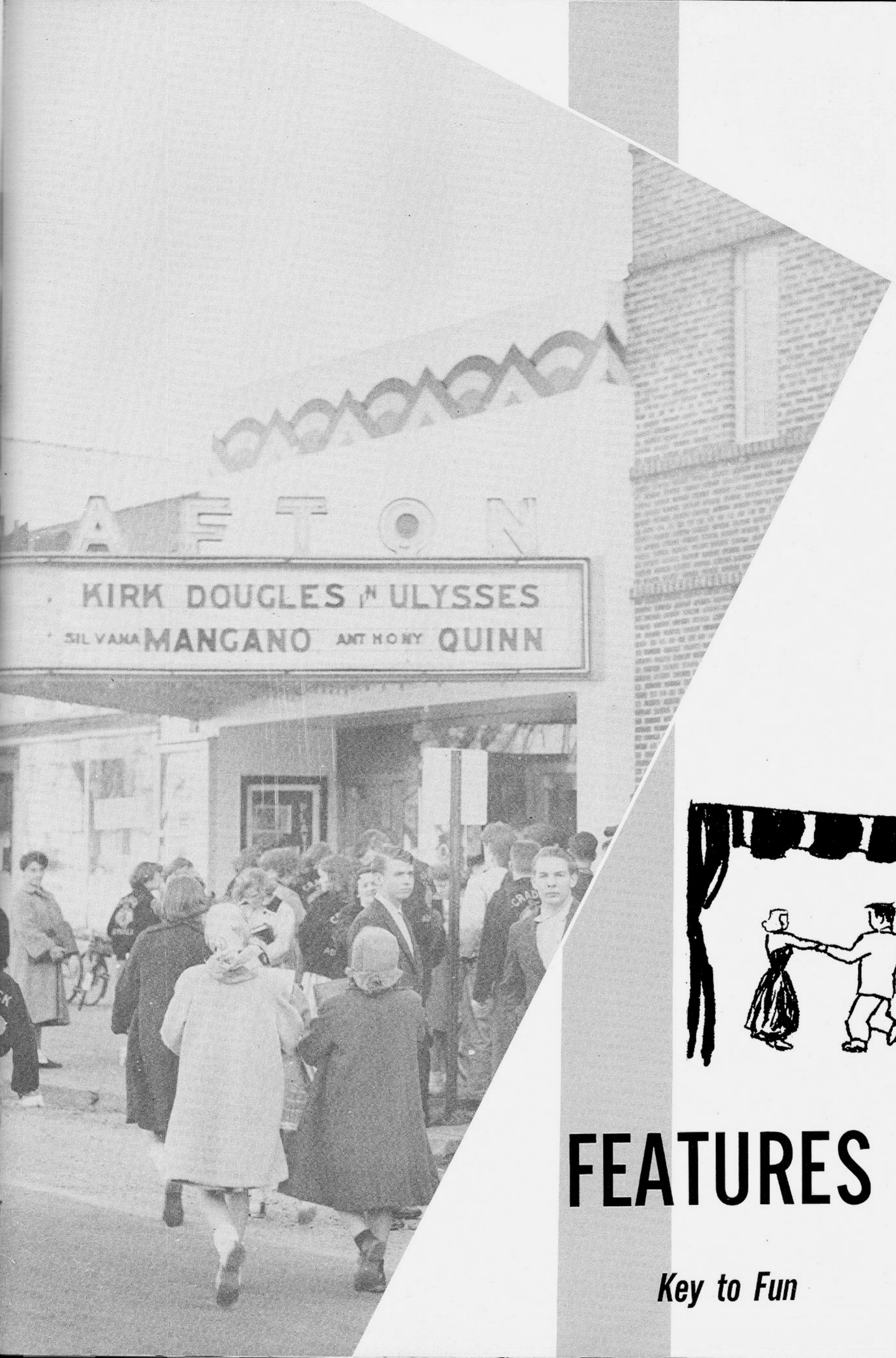
During the spring, members of the Troupe made a trip to New York City where they witnessed professional acting first hand.

Left to right: Marcella Schaffer, Treasurer; Hope Slaughter, Scribe; Larry Koon, President; Alma Brown, Secretary; Marvin Bowman, Vice-President.

PRESIDENT  
Larry Koon







# FEATURES

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