

Alhambra Yesteryears

1909

The Student Body of 1909

Names of Pupils In Attendance During the Year 1908-1909.

SENIORS

Lydia Bulger
Orpha Dombaugh
Nellie Glass
Ida Hale
Villiant Hoey
Alma Honegger
Agnes Mayo
Elsa Morford
Irene Morford
Florence Morris
Hazel Soto
Lella Vende

JUNIORS

Raymond Cass
Morrell Hale
Clinton Ingraham
Fred Johnson
Freda Johnson
Albert Kelly
Vincent Kelly
Elsie Labaree
Ruth Parkhurst
James Rodgers
Adel Soto
Lucile Peck
Glenn Woods

SOPHOMORES

Eula Breneman
Ruth Carpenter
Mabel Holliday
Ida Honegger
Sarah Labaree
Lilah Morford
Alma Morris
Mabel Peck
Albina Raffetto
Opal Rice
Ruth Sharp
Hallie Temple
Mildred Wells
Harold Wilson
Helen Winfree
Hattie Rattan

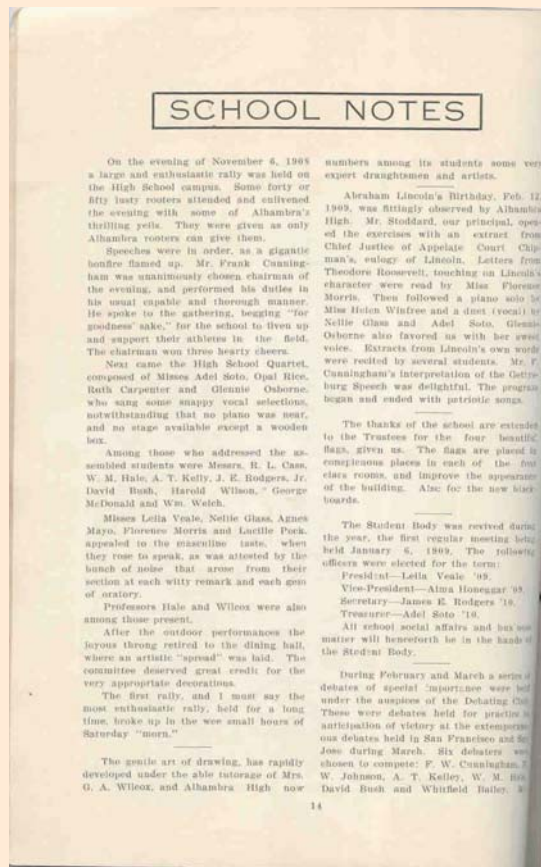
FRESHMEN

Whitfield Bailey
Ellnor Bertola
David Bush
Raymon Claes
Sadie Collins
Frank W. Cunningham
Ruth Duane
Herbert Dunkel
Helen Hale
Ruth Holliday
Horace Ludden
William Lynch
Glennie Osborne
Berlin Pasch
Pearl Pettit
Frank Slater

Here is the entire
student body for
Alhambra in 1908-
1909, a total of 57
students in all
4 classes

School Notes Page 1

- November Rally
- The Centennial of Abraham Lincoln
- List of School Officers for the Year
- February & March debates



School Notes Page 2



- Debating Convention & Debating Society
- Freshman Reception
- Plans for High School play
- Alhambra vs. Christian Brothers Basketball Game

School Notes Page 3

- Class articles featuring the class of Aught Nine
- The High School play "Checkmate"

FRESHMEN CLASS

Our Freshmen are a dandy class and their arrival has added a great deal to our School Spirit. They have taken an active interest in everything and have shown themselves eager to please, an attitude foreign to most Freshmen classes. Among their numbers are more boys than have ever entered High School, at one time before, and we hope that they will stay.

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SOPHOMORE CLASS

The Sophomores proved themselves quite capable of graduating from the "Freshie" stage and have held up the honors of their class very well, although they were rather lenient in their treatment of the Freshmen, this might be due to generosity of heart. The building would seem empty without their happy giggles.

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JUNIOR CLASS

The Juniors are a fine class, patriotic to '10 in the highest degree. Through all the year they have shown themselves ready to learn and eager and capable in receiving the responsibilities soon to be theirs, as Seniors.

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SENIOR CLASS

In commenting on the Senior Class more could be said than this short space will allow, but suffice it to say that never before in its history, could Alhambra High boast of a class with more dash and school patriotism, in addition to an executive ability and a record as enterprisers than the class of 1909. It is with fond recollections, of the past, sorrow at departure, and confidence in their success for the future that the combined classes of Alhambra High bid adieu to the illustrious class of Aught Nine.

"CHECK-MATE" A GREAT SUCCESS.

The comedy "Check-mate," presented by the students of the Alhambra Union High School Saturday evening, May 15, was attended by a very large number of people. Every seat was taken and many were standing in the rear of the pavilion. The players were ready for the curtain to raise promptly at 8:30.

Morrill Hale, as "Sir Toffet" carried the part well, interpreting the situation of perplexity as to his standing in the affections of his intended with commendable cleverness. His play as first master and then servant was all right. Fred Johnson, as "Sam Winkle," Sir Toffet's groom, made a decided hit. Fred was an all right man servant and when it came to making love like a lord to the waiting maid, whom he believed was a lady, "Sam Winkle" himself could not have done better. Miss Ida Hale, in the role of "Charlotte Russel," carried the part well. She was a lady in perfection, and when transformed, for the purpose of strategy, into a maid servant, was equally good, acting both parts so well that she won the hearty applause of the audience. Miss Adel Soto, as the waiting maid, who believed she was going to marry a lord, carried the dual parts in which she appeared with excellent effect, dividing equally the merits of comedy acting with her opposite, Fred Johnson. All of the other parts were well sustained and, as a whole, few audiences in Martinez have been so well pleased as on this occasion.

Martinez has the well deserved reputation of liberally patronizing home entertainments. The music for the evening was furnished by the Martinez Orchestra, and was excellent in every respect. After the play the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in until midnight.

Outstanding Student



LEILA VEALE:—

Always ready with an argument in
behalf of the school.

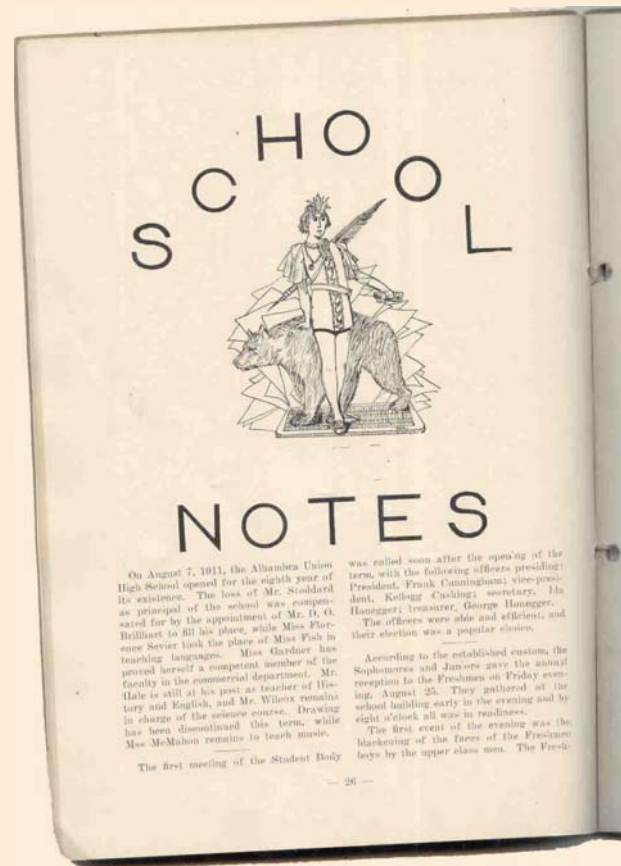
- Miss Leila Veale was class president and editor of this first volume of the Torch
- She also participated in the Debating Society

Alhambra Yesteryears

1912

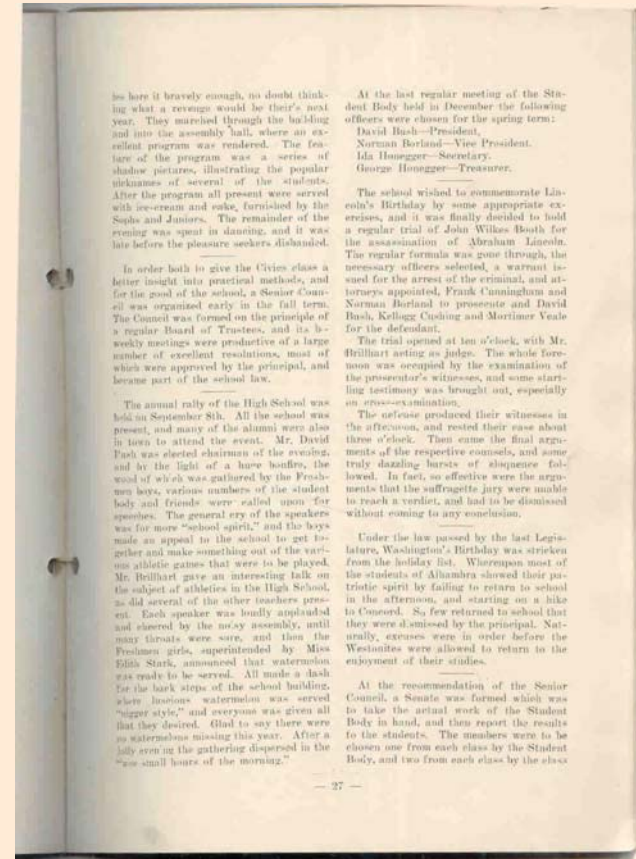
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- Similar to 1909 torch with cord binding
- List of student body officers
- Freshman reception



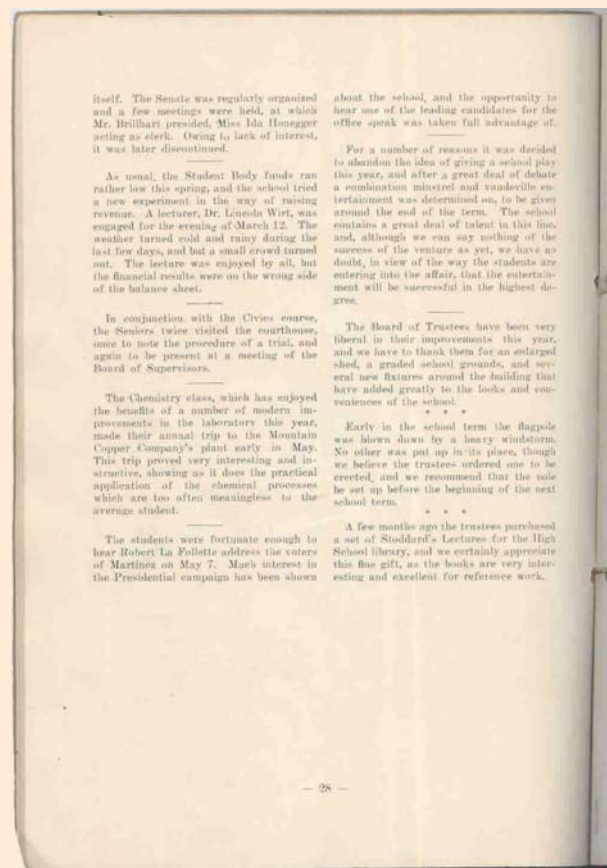
School Notes Page 2

- John Wilkes Booth trial to commemorate Lincoln's assassination
- The formation of the school council (beginning of class representatives)



School Notes Page 3

- Course articles
(featuring only 1 class
of Civics and 1 of
Chemistry)
- School Play changed
to a vaudeville show



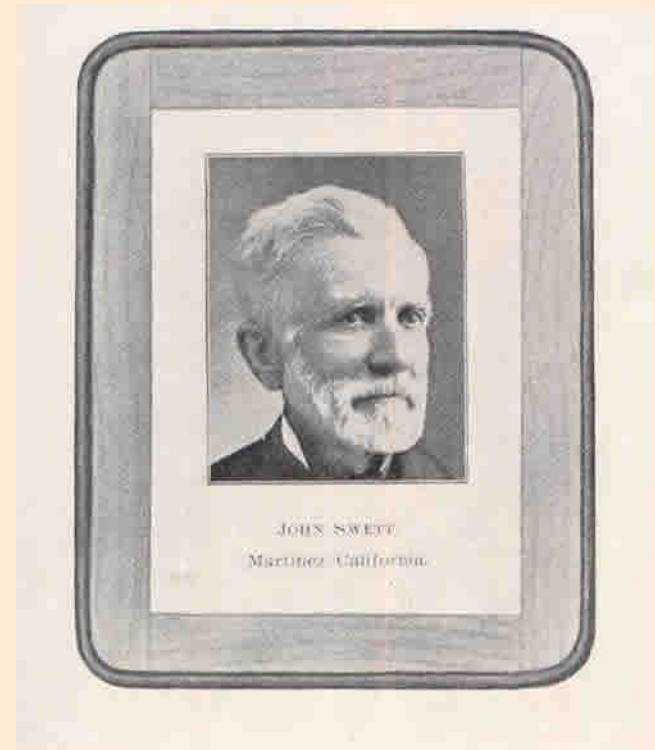
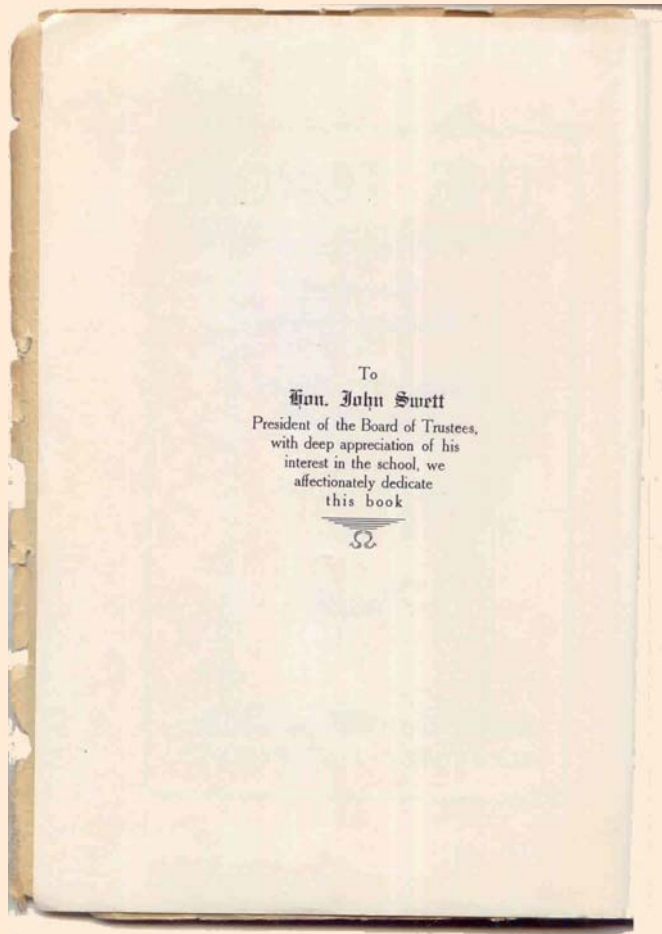
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1913

Alhambra High School 1913

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Dedication Page



John Swett,
President of the Board of Trustees

Faculty Page



PROF. D. O. BRILLHART, Principal.

Faculty

D. O. BRILLHART, Principal.....	English
E. D. HALE, Vice-Principal.....	History
G. A. WILCOX.....	Science and Mathematics
MISS FLORENCE SEVIER.....	Language
MISS IONE GARDNER.....	Commercial
MISS BESS FRIDLEY.....	Drawing and Sewing

Professor D.O. Brillhart, Principal

The New High School 1



- The explanation of the difference between graded schools and the “college preparatory school”.

The New High School 2

- The changes in the education system in Martinez

out how far our own school is in line with the general educational tendencies.

First, of course, in any scheme of education should be the open door to still further attainment for those possessing the ability and inclination. A course of study leading to the University is and should be a part of the New High School. That the Alhambra High School maintains an efficient course admitting to all the departments of the University of California is, I assume,

all. While from year to year the effectiveness of the teaching of these subjects varies, still for a number of years any student with the ambition to get the preparatory education could obtain it at our home school.

For one, I do not believe in the worthlessness of this training. In the first place more than fifty per cent of our present enrollment intends to go either to the University or to the Normal School, and of course for them the preparatory subjects must be thoroughly taught. We have no alternative; the university itself dictates to the high schools of the state what it will receive as an adequate training for its entrants. And it is worth while, for to all there comes a broader outlook on life and its problems, a sympathetic understanding of our surroundings, a culture, that makes the old college preparatory course desirable for all who can spare a few years from actual productive work, and for whom the school has found nothing better. But the New High School feels that for these there is often something better.

For example, looking over our own locality, we find quite a number of our young people are earning a living in office work. Our county offices, many of our local business men, and the large factories of our water front are asking for trained help, stenographers, bookkeepers,

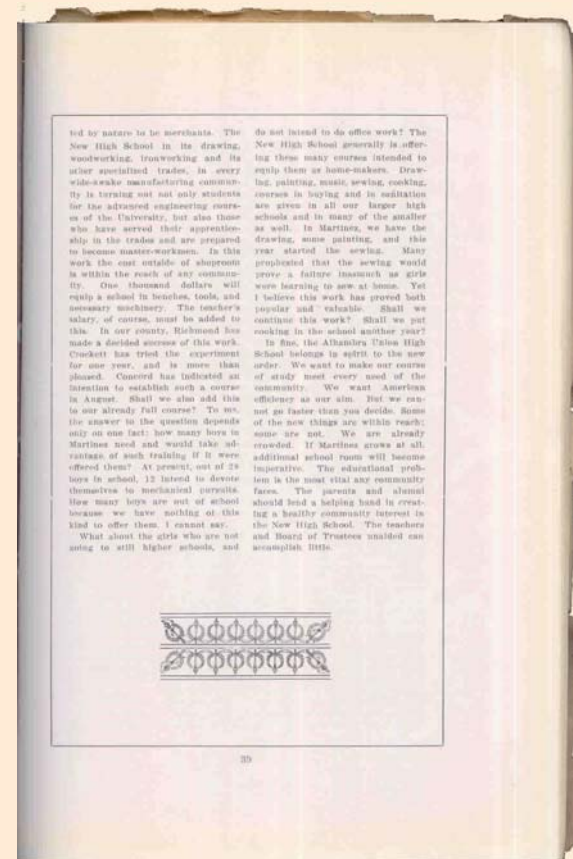
and special clerks. If the high school is filling the community need it should not be necessary for our children to go to a city business College to get this training. I know there are some who contend that the high school courses in these subjects are at best mediocre; but from what we have accomplished in a few years at Alhambra High I am sure that there is no reason why a thorough course in business subjects cannot be given in high school. We have a good equipment; the teaching is efficient. Whatever inequality of attainment there may be in our work as compared with the Business College is due to two facts: First, the average business college student is older than our pupils. It is a mistake, I am sure, for high school students to do much with their business work before their third year. Second, the impression that business subjects are easy often induces the weak ones to drift into this work. As a matter of fact, to succeed in stenography requires a keen mind, a better knowledge of English, and equal application with our work given in our schools.

But the High School does not stop when it has met this need. Is the community an agricultural one? If so, why should the high school not shape its course to demands of the community? Noteworthy results have been accomplished by some Eastern schools, especially in the corn-planting states. Harkersfield, Stockton, and other California cities have shown us that this is thoroughly practical. But from these experiments has also developed the fact that to teach agriculture to advantage an expensive equipment is necessary. In fact so much money is required in this work that its cost is prohibitive except in the County High School or in localities where a great many students demand this kind of training.

What about the boys who are fit-

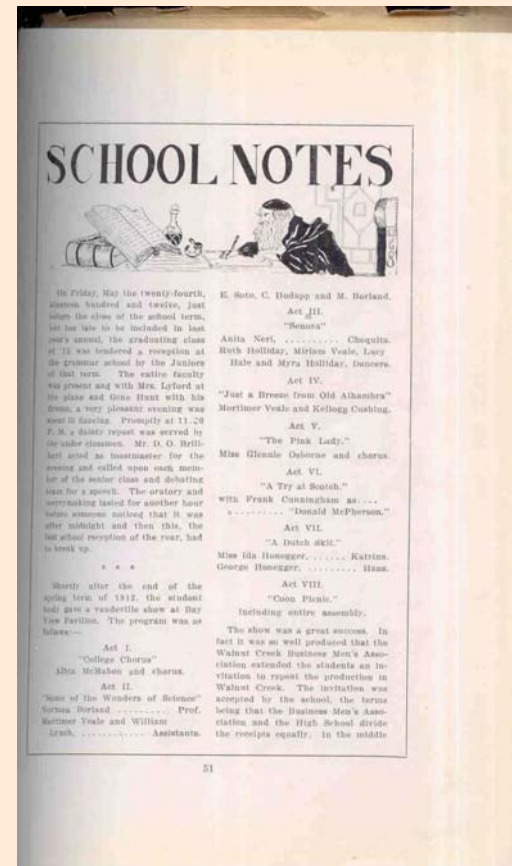
The New High School 3

- The future possibilities for this school system



School News 1

- Senior Reception for Class of 1912
- Vaudeville Show at Bay View Pavillion



School News 2

- Student Body Officers
- Freshmen Reception
- Annual Athletic Rally

of the summer vacation, the young actors and actresses, under the chaperonage of Mrs. Moring, journeyed to Walnut Creek in two bus loads. The same show, with the exception of the "Wonders of Science" and "A Dutch Mail", was started before an equally appreciative audience as in Martinez and caused quite a little stir in the neighboring town. A short dance followed the play.

While both shows were very successful dramatically, financially the expense of producing them were too high to return much profit. In figure the receipts of the two plays were \$275.48, and the expense were \$229.95, leaving a balance of \$45.53, of which \$24.68 was cleared in Martinez and the rest, \$20.85, was received from the Walnut Creek production.

Alhambra Union High School threw open its doors for the admission of its students Monday, August the fifth, nineteen hundred and twelve, the ninth year of its existence. All the teachers of the preceding year, including Prof. D. O. Brilhart, principal; E. D. Hale, G. A. Wilson, Miss Florence Revier and Miss Gardiner were present to greet their old and new pupils. Also this year, a new teacher, Miss B. Fridley, was added to the faculty to receive the much desired art department.

The officers in charge at the first meeting of the student body were as follows:—Alvin McMahon, president; Ruth Holliday, vice - president; Phoebe Kelly, secretary and Francis McMahon, treasurer.

The annual Freshmen reception was held Monday evening, August the twenty-sixth. Just at dusk, the whole school met at Lubbo's stable

and the work of initiation began. The faces of the boys and girls at the evening time were well blackened; drums and immense signs were placed in their hands and with Yankee's donkey at the head, the procession marched up and down the main streets of Martinez amidst a great clamor and uproar.

The Freshmen did the "Turkey Trot" and sometimes the "Turkey Trot". They also "crabbed" on awful lot. At the shameful waste of time.

But nevertheless they had to do it and after they were marched till they could not march any more, they were taken up to the school and given a crackling hot supper by the upper classes, including piano and vocal solos, reading and the speaking of poems, followed by the serving of delicious ice-cream and cake. The rest of the time until twelve o'clock was spent in dancing and singing. Thus was the time of '12 ushered into the life of the high school.

On Friday, Aug. 29, a skating party was given at Bay View Pavilion under the name of the high school. It was first proposed to make it an invitational affair but at the last moment it was changed to public. Mr. Sturgeon, owner of the rink, allowed the high school five cents out of every ten cents collected on admission and a very neat business was realized.

The annual athletic rally was held on the school grounds just before the opening of the foot-ball season. The students of the school and many outsiders gathered around a huge bonfire, placed on the basketball court, and with Albin McMahon as chairman of the evening, speeches were in order. The topic of the evening was generally football and great so-

School News 3

thousiam was raised in the breasts of the students before the flow of talk ended. As midnight approached, "hot dogs" and buns were served by the committee of young ladies in charge of supper and a long serpentine was started. This ended with a serenade under the window of Tax Collector Martin Joast. Bedlam reigned supreme until he came to the window and agreed to treat the crowd to ice-cream. With many cheers a crowd of forty or more then continued on to town, received their ice-cream and then left for their various homes. However ten or twelve of the football team, with horns and drums continued to keep the town awake until the wee hours of the morning.

During the first quarter of the year, the Senior Council petitioned the School Board of Trustees to have feed boxes built into the barn and to repair the watering trough so it would be useful. The trustees gladly installed these badly needed articles and are to be thanked for their kindness and promptness in doing so.

To raise money for the hiring of a coach, the girl's Basket Ball Team gave an entertainment and dance at the Grammar School Sept. 28, 1912. The program rendered was as follows:—

- (1.) Piano Solo, . . . D. Elwell
- (2.) Basket Ball Chorus by girls.
- (3.) Vocal Solo, . . . G. Smith.
- (4.) Recitation, . . M. Crutchfield.
- (5.) Vocal Solo, A. Neri.
- (6.) Cornet Solo, . . . H. Briare.

The program was very entertaining and the great applause following each selection showed how it was appreciated by the audience. A dance finished out the evening in fine style. The admission fee was 25 cents and with a candy booth on one side, a very neat sum was realized.

After the annual convention of the C. D. L. at Martinez in October, a dance was given by the A. C. H. S. at Bay View Pavilion. Much time was devoted to decorating the hall with colored paper and evergreens. The result was a very pleasing scene and with the Martinez Orchestra supplying the music a pleasing evening was accorded the visitors. This was one of the prettiest and best conducted social events of the season. The floor committee in charge of affairs included Richard Briare, chairman; Mortimer Yeale, Ralph E. West, Ruth Holliday and Edna Jensen. The expense of the dance was very heavy however, though the grandeur of the affair made it very noticeable.

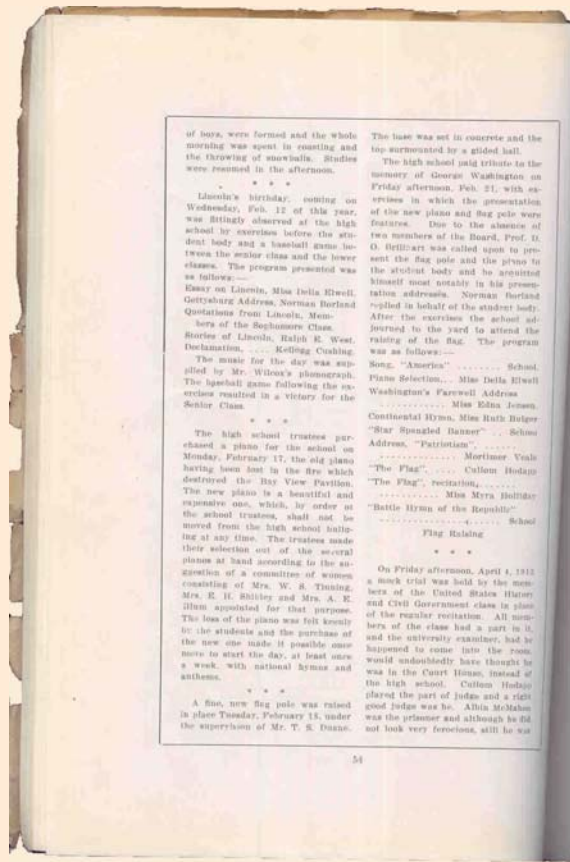
At the last meeting of the student body during the fall term, the officers elected for the following semester were as follows:—Norman Moriand, president; Mortimer Yeale, vice-president and Francis McMahon was re-elected treasurer.

On January the eighth a new and revised constitution was submitted to the student body by the committee appointed for this purpose by the president. The need of a constitution containing definite and compact statements had been long felt and with a couple of revisions advised by Prof. Brillhart, the new constitution was accepted by the two-thirds majority necessary and immediately went into effect. The revised constitution called for a second vice-president and Miss Edith Stark was elected to office.

Thursday, Jan. 9, was declared a half holiday by the principal to afford the students of the school a chance to enjoy the snow which had fallen the night before. Two gangs, one composed of girls and the other

- Senior Council requests repair of feedboxes and watering trough at barn
- Girls raise funds to hire a basketball coach
- New student body constitution accepted
- January 9th declared a half holiday to enjoy the snow

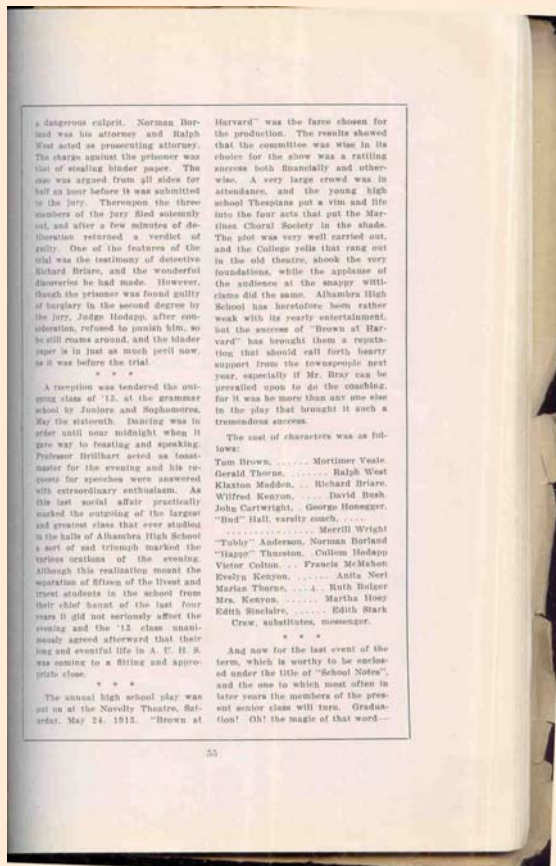
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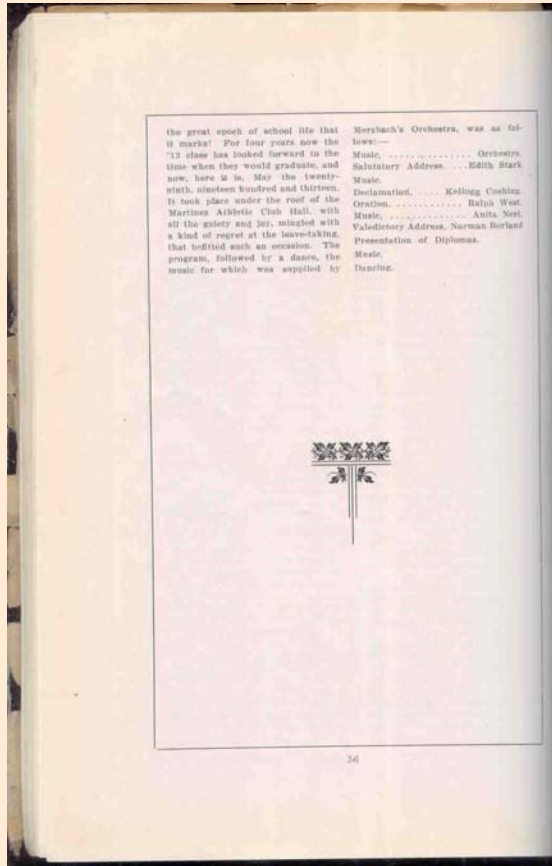
- Lincoln's Birthday celebrated with a baseball game: seniors vs. lower classes
- New piano purchased to replace one lost in fire
- New flag pole installed
- New piano and flag pole displayed at George Washington tribute Feb. 21
- History & Civic classes mock trial

School News 5

- Senior Reception hosted by Juniors and Sophomores
- High School play "Brown at Harvard"



School News 6



- Graduation details for class of '13
- Note: This is the first class whose entire high school history is documented in the Torch

Alhambra Yesteryears

1917

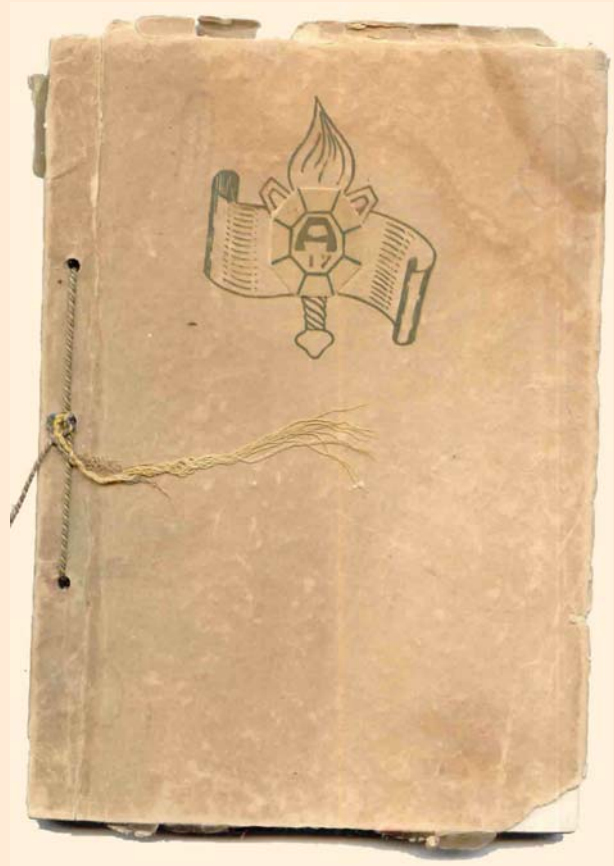
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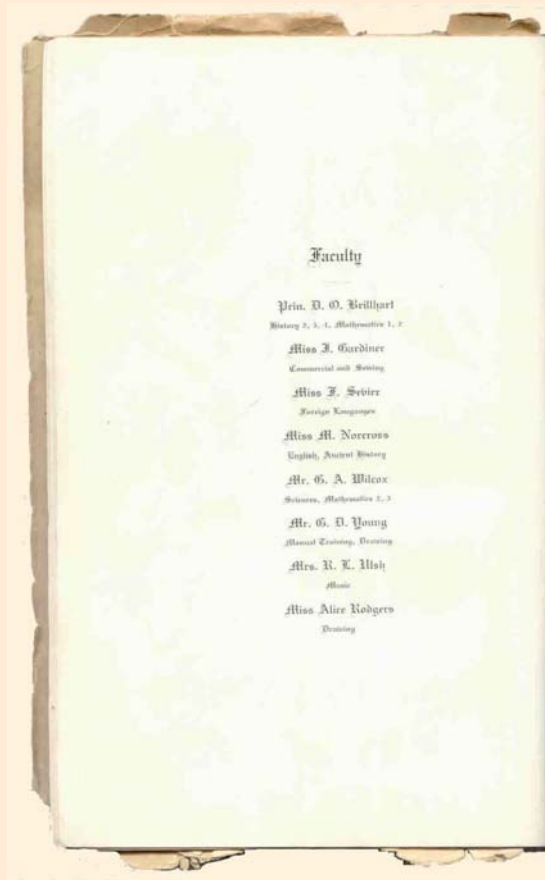
ALHAMBRA UNION HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

Torch Cover 1917

- This was the common binding for the early issues of the torch



Alhambra Faculty

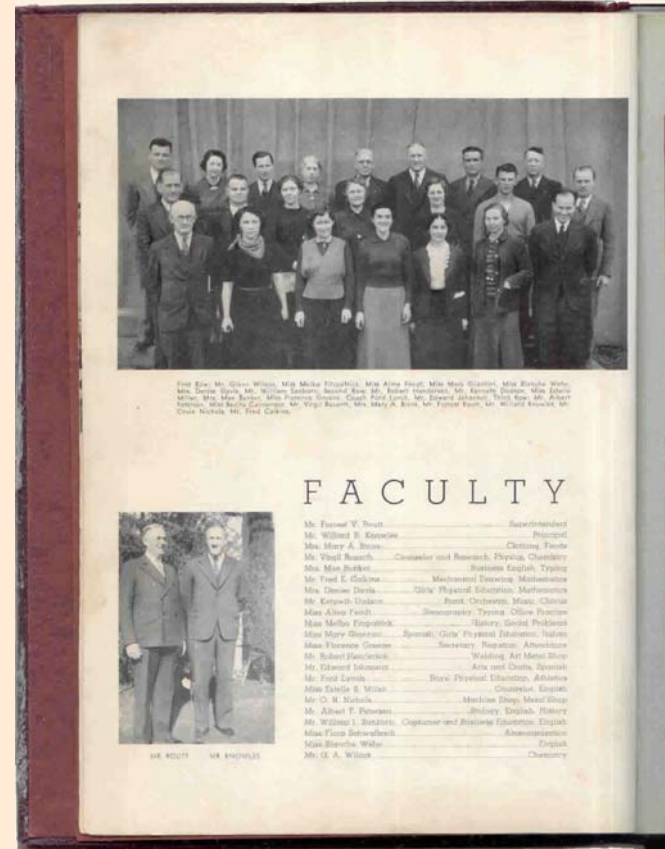


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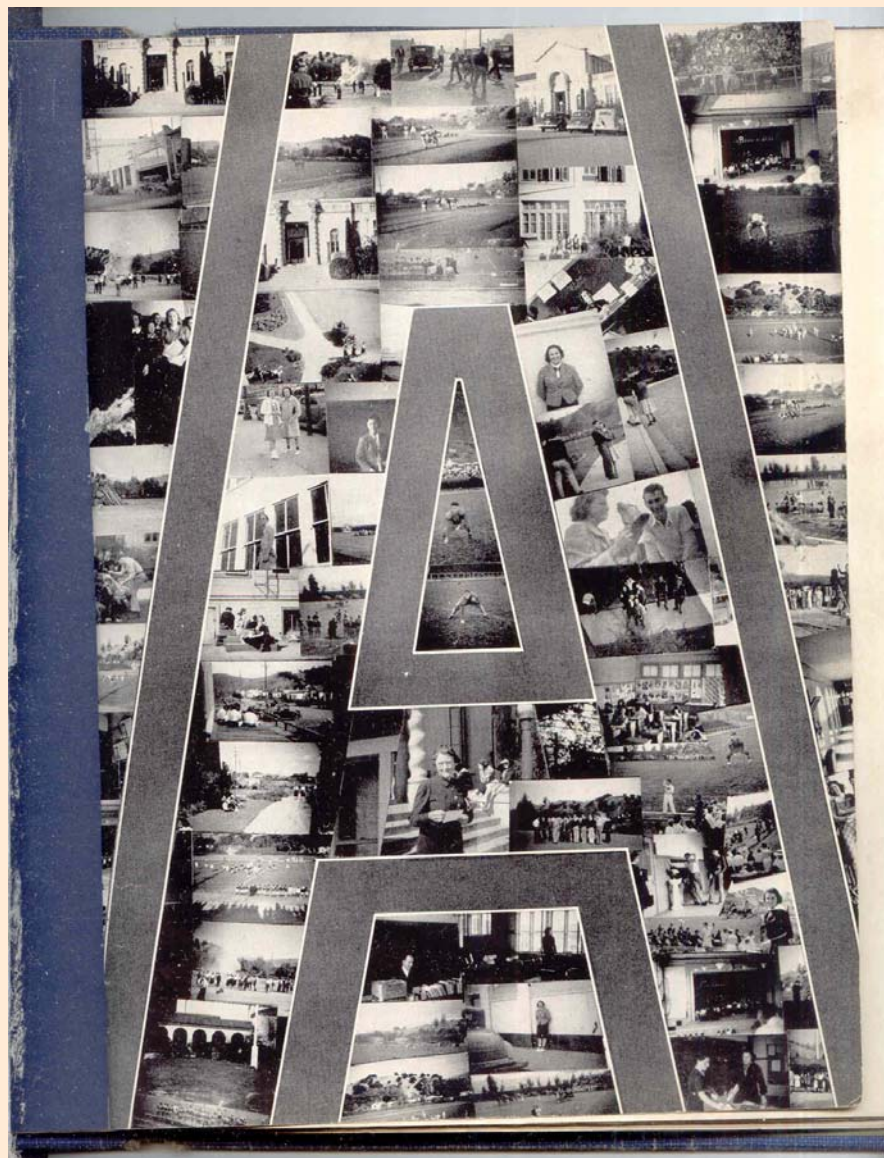
- Among the faculty names were:
- Forrest V. Routt, superintendent
- William B. Knowles, principal



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1939

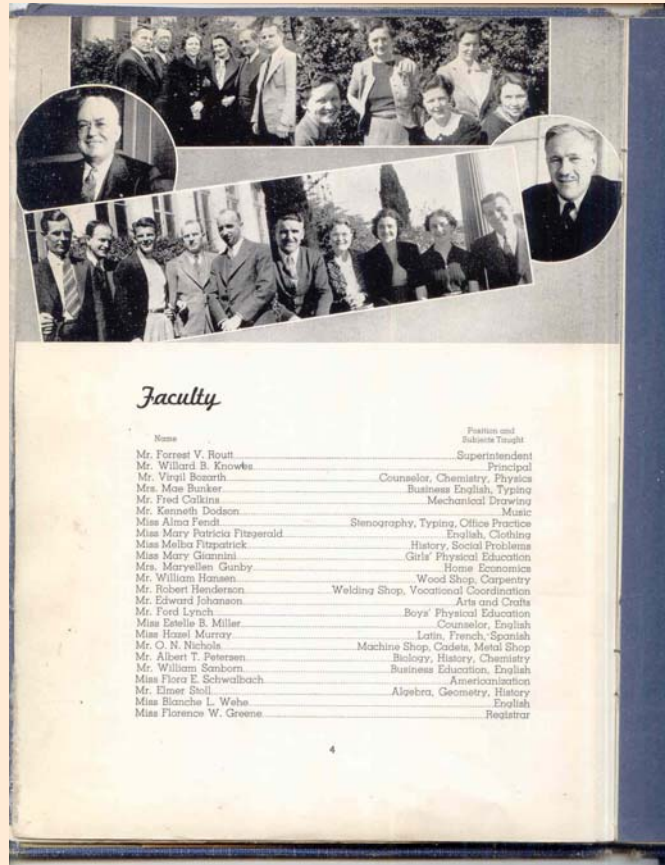
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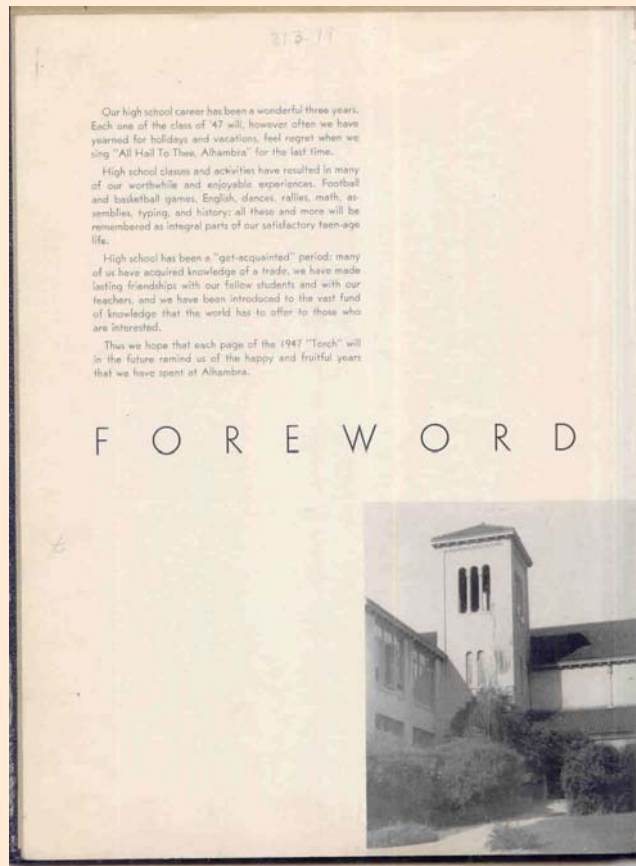


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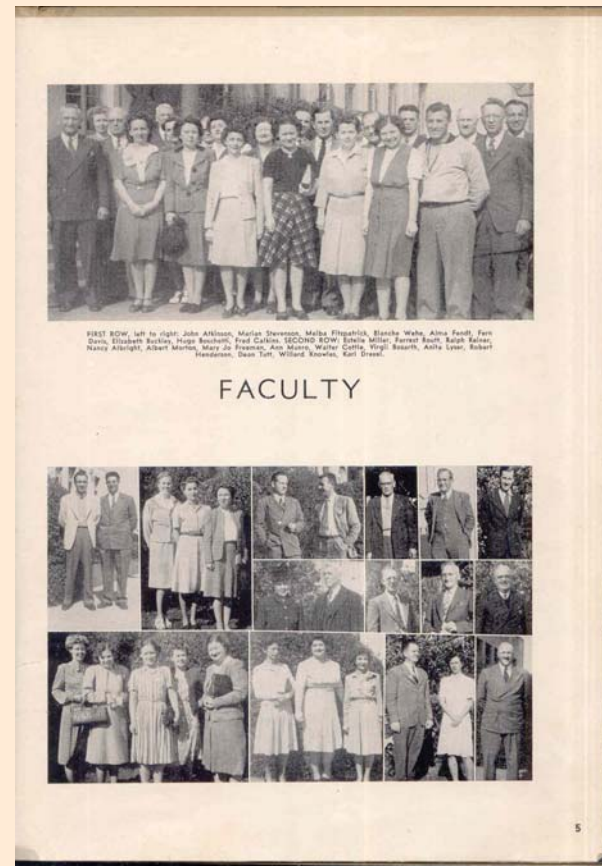
Torch Foreword

- Class philosophies and a photo of Alhambra high school.



Alhambra Faculty

- Guides for our future leaders

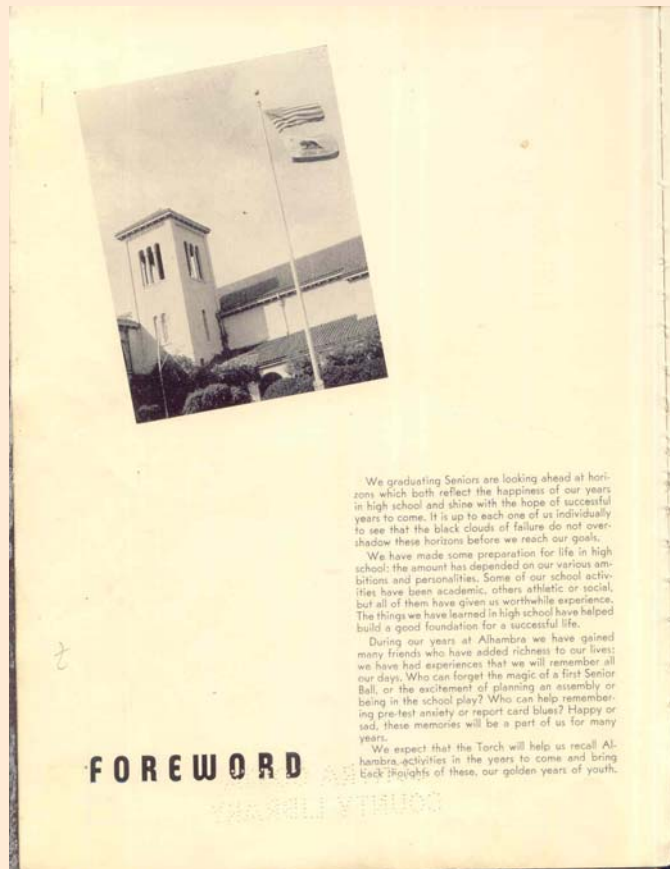


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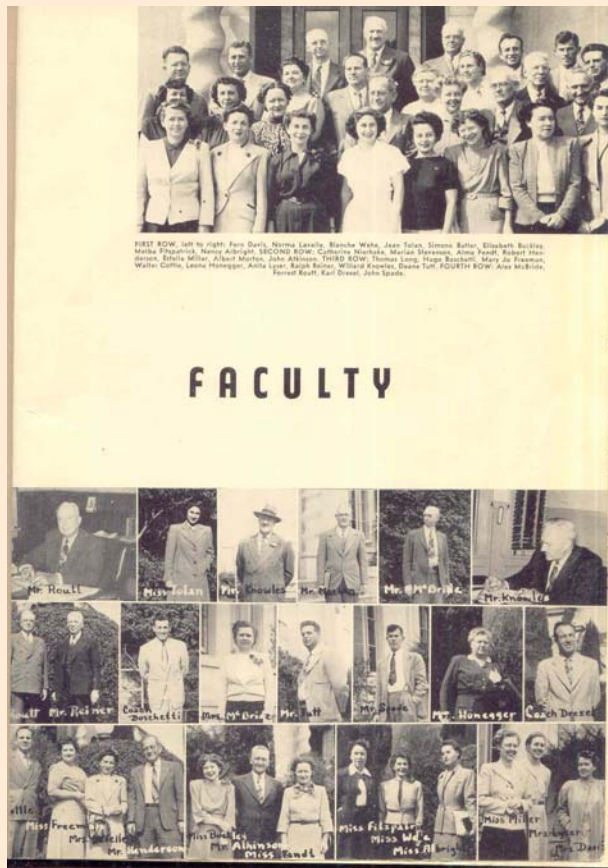
1949

Torch Foreword

- The 40th anniversary of the Torch



1949 Faculty



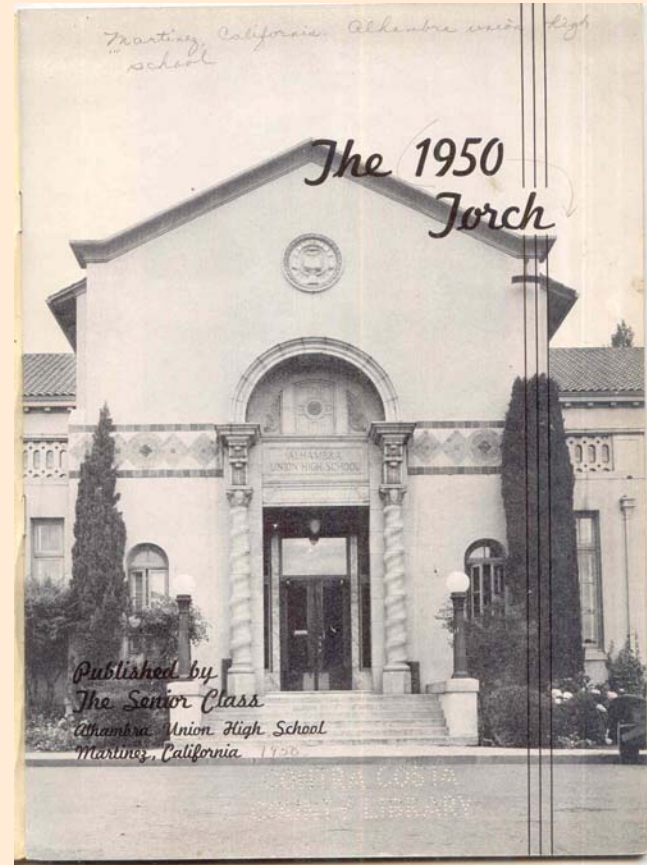
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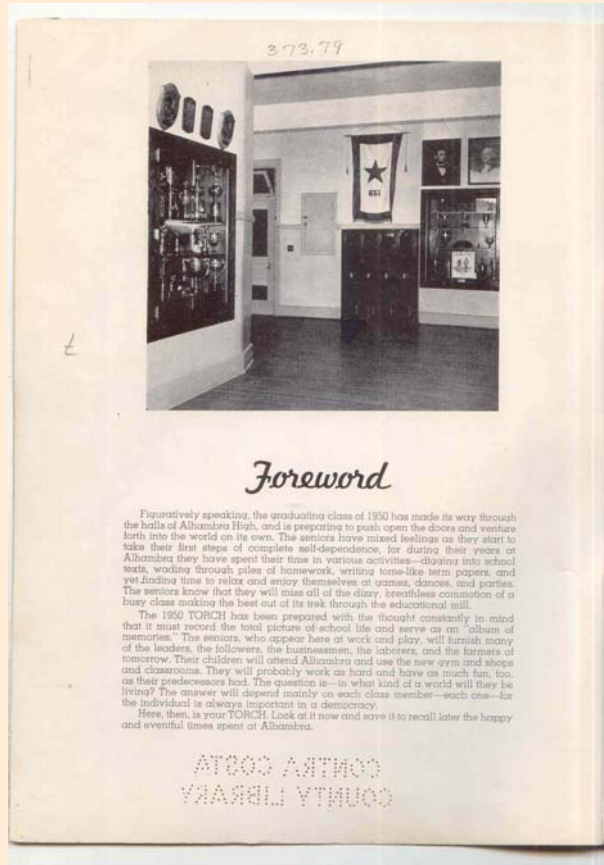
1950 Front Page

This photo features a classic view of the front of the high school.



Foreword

This foreword talks
about the present, the
past, and the future.
Be sure to read it.



1950 Pictorial

- Just a few shots of our Alhambra in those days and a panoramic view of our campus.



Staff Page 1



- Staff led by Forrest Routt as Superintendent and Willard Knowles as Principal

Staff Page 2

- School Board featuring Charles Laird as President

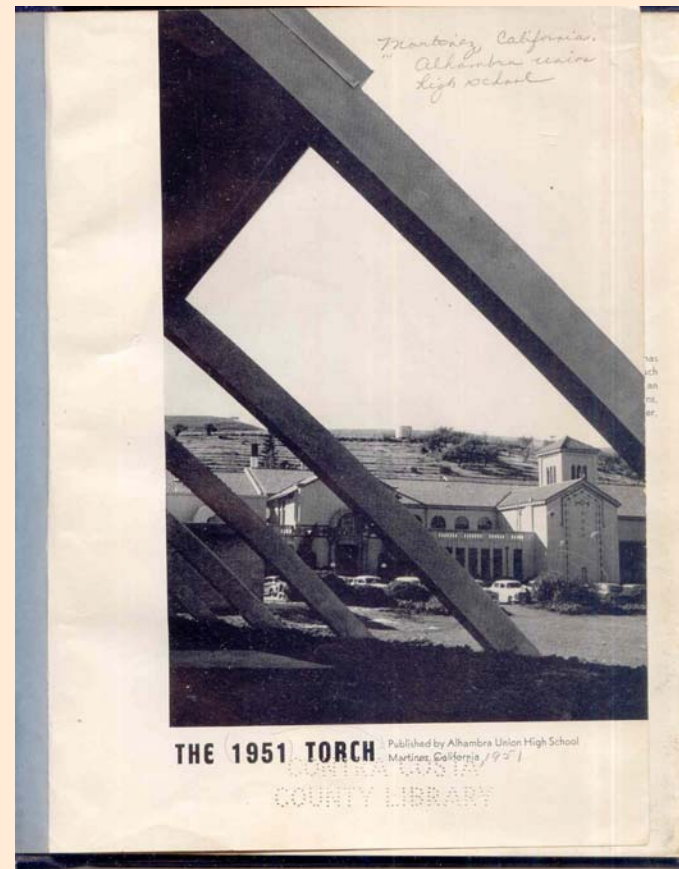


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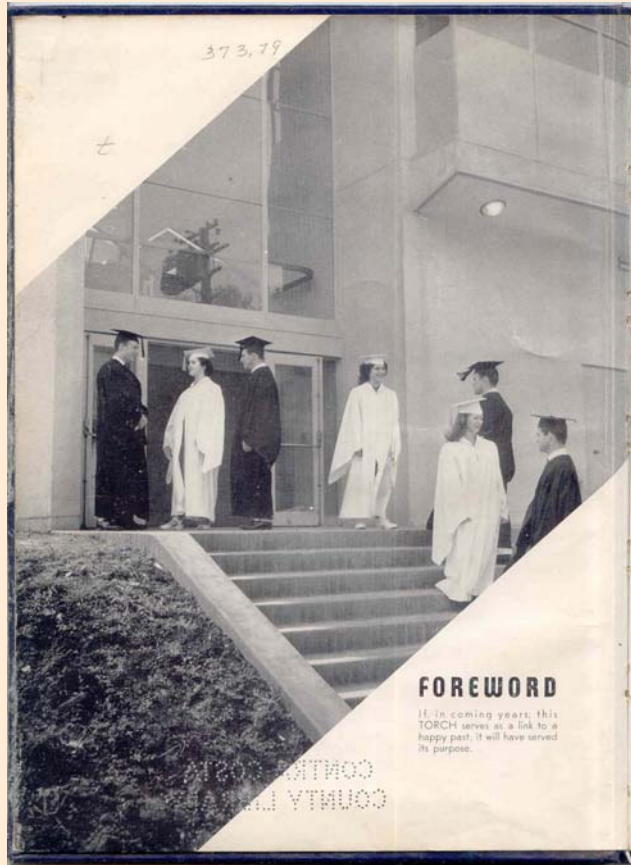
1951 Front Page

An interesting view of
Alhambra High
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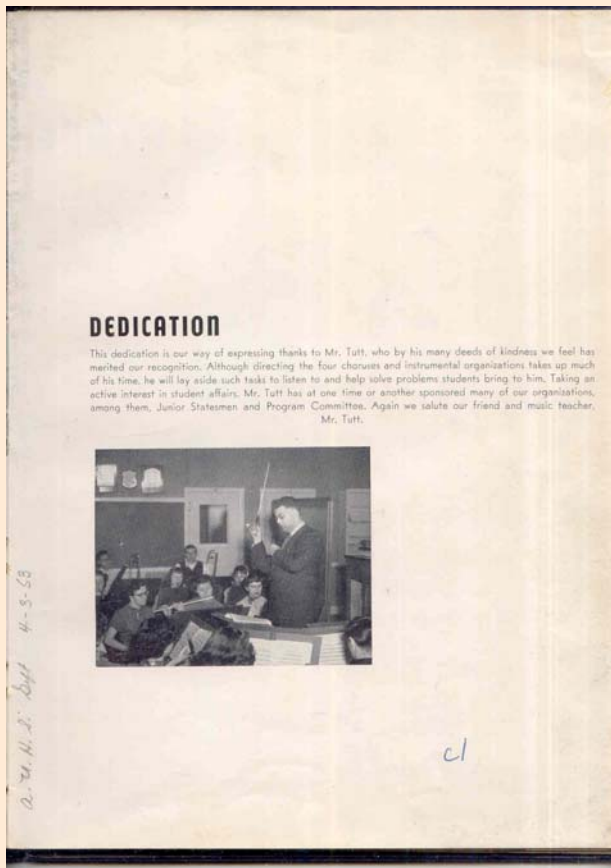


Foreword

This volume of the
Torch was meant to
“serve as a link to a
happy past”.



1951 Dedication



- This Torch was dedicated to Mr. Tutt who taught music, directing four choruses and instrumental organizations as well as supporting other student affairs.

1951 Pictorial



- Images of Alhambra
High – growing,
learning, and
discovering ourselves

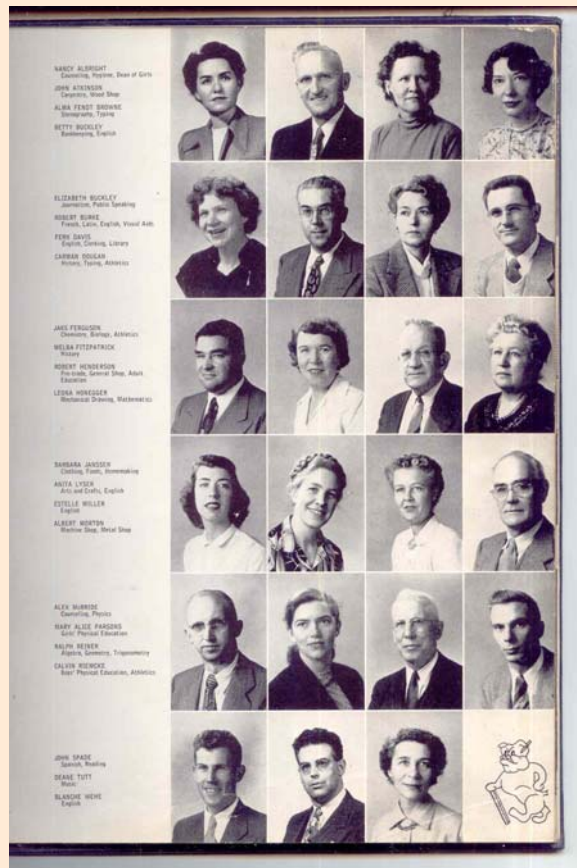
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- Staff led by Willard Knowles as Superintendent and Grenville Jones as Principal

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- A variety of people guiding the leaders of the future

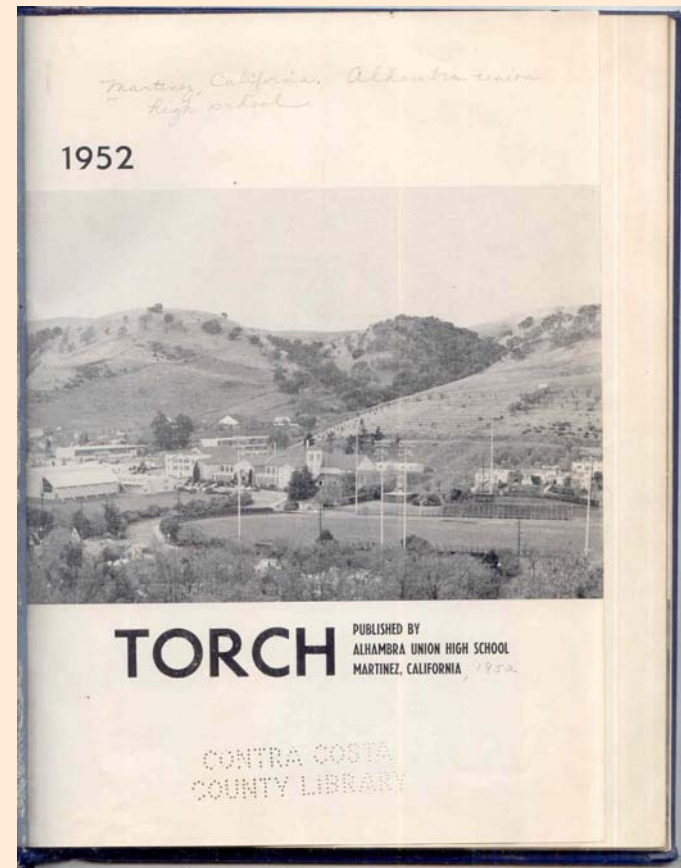


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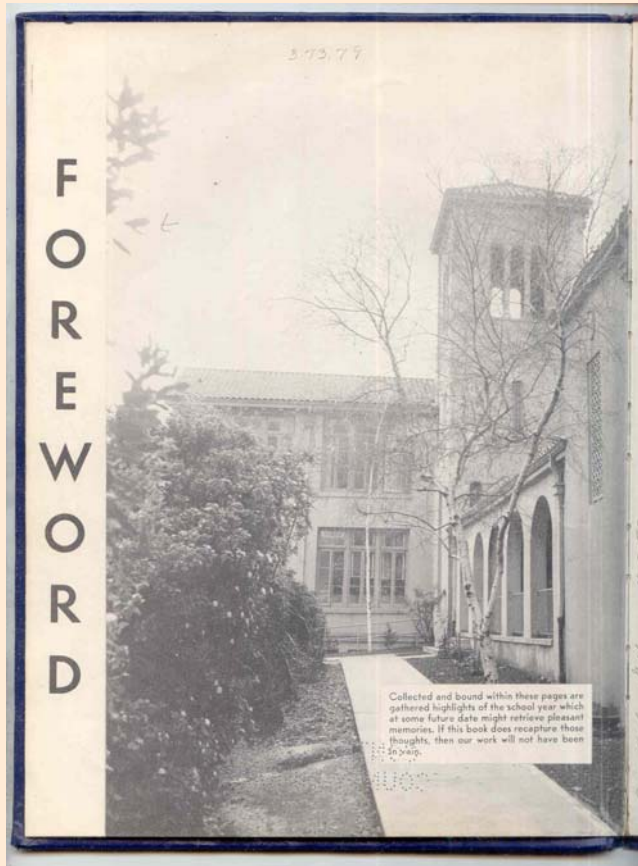
1952

1952 Front Page

A panoramic view of the
athletic field

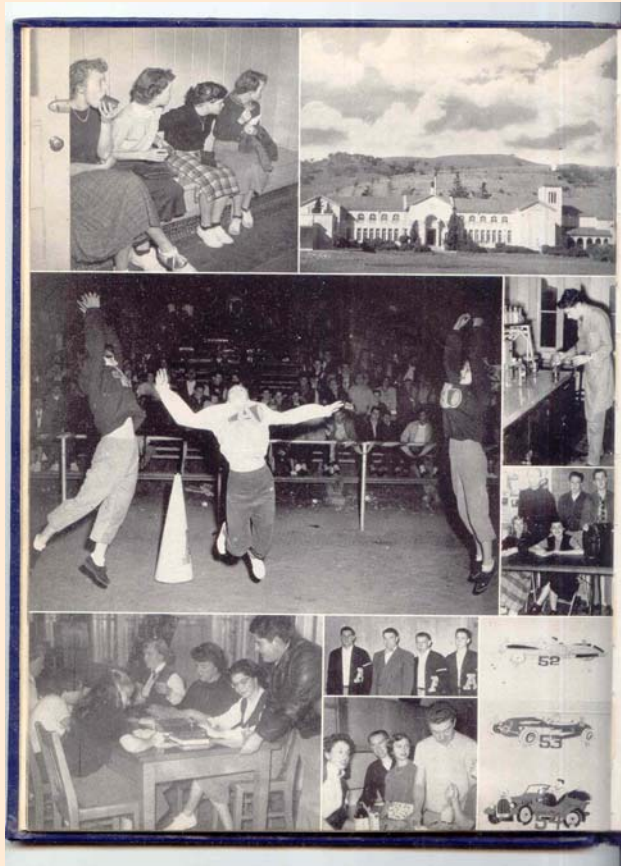


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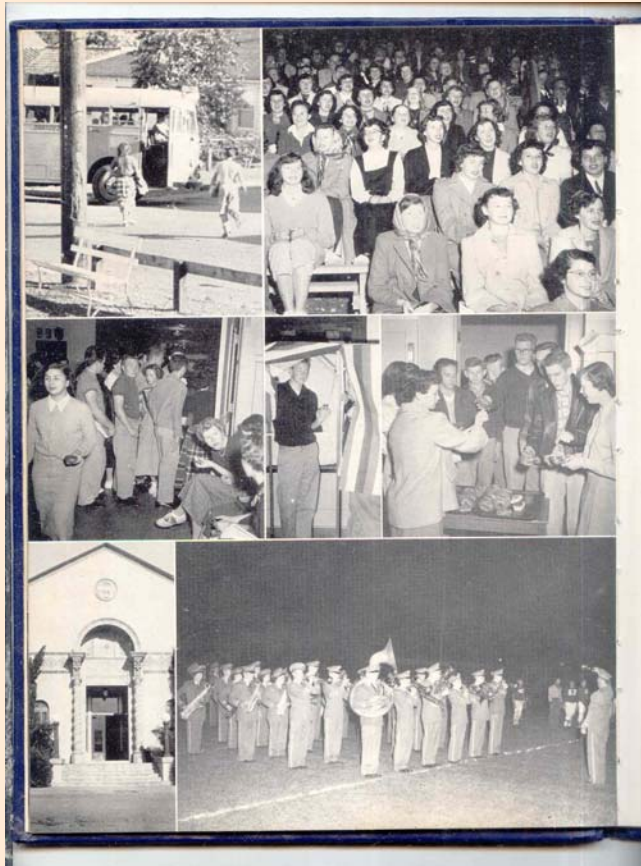
The highlights of this year are meant to recapture pleasant memories for all who read it

1952 Pictorial



- Snapshots of happy memories

1952 Pictorial



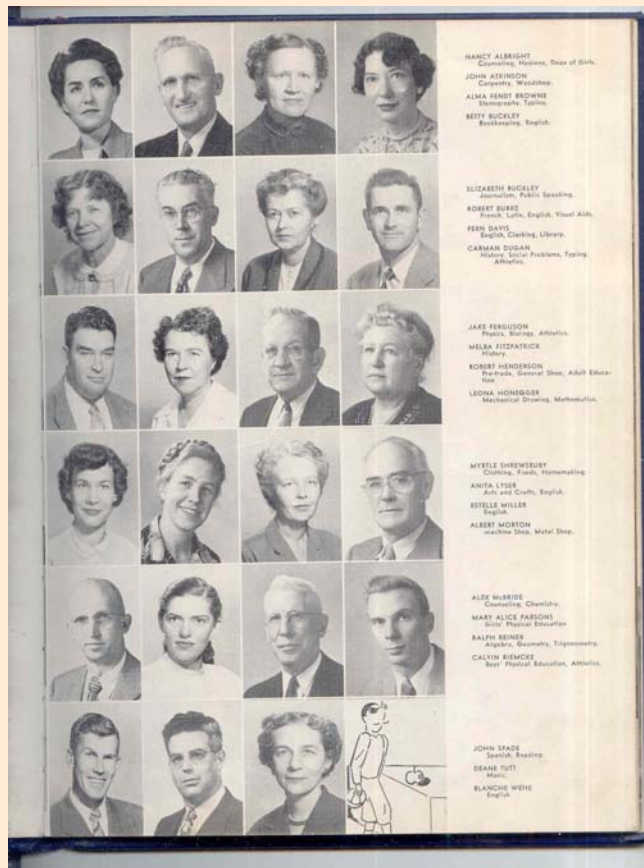
- More images including the marching band on the athletic field

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- Staff led by Willard Knowles as Superintendent and Grenville Jones as Principal

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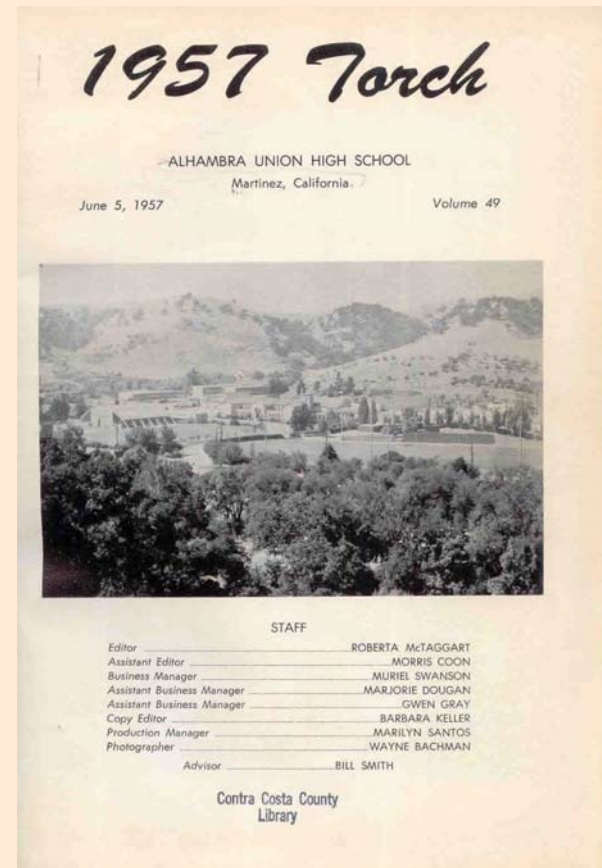
- The guiding force for the leaders of the future

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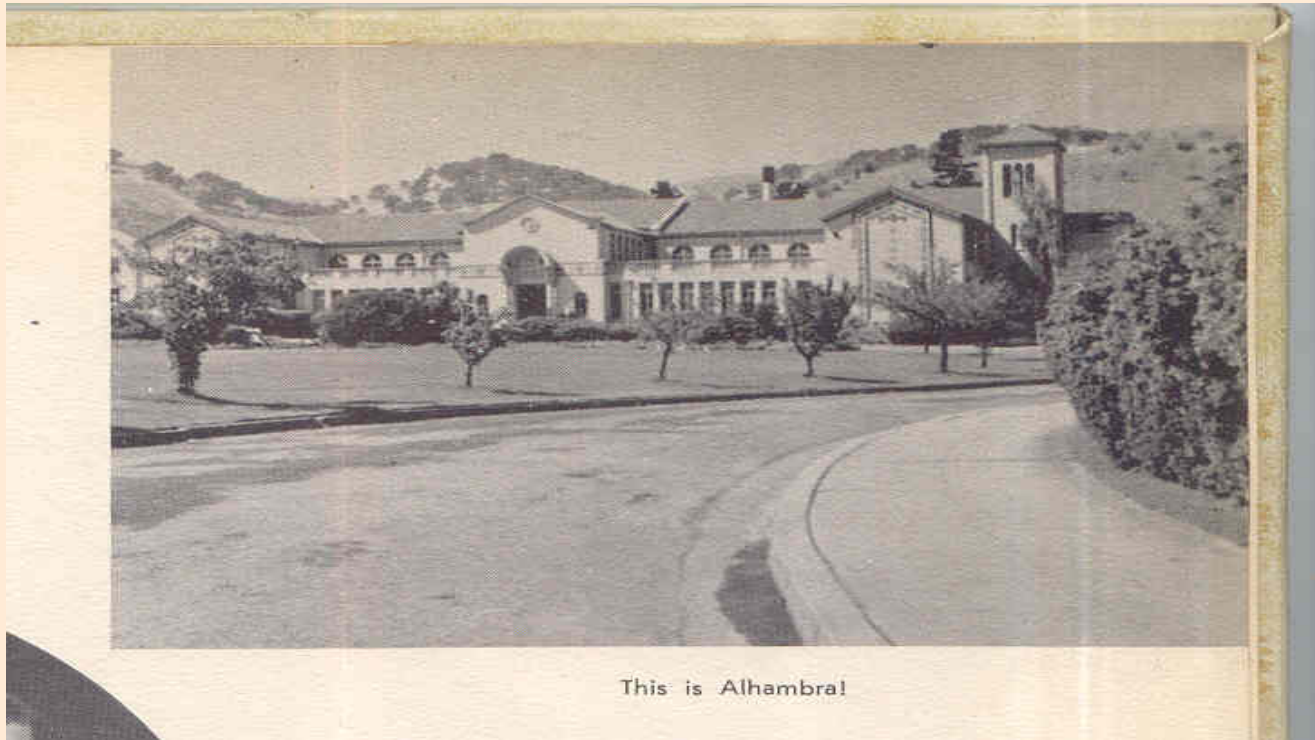
1957

1957 Front Page

The Alhambra Athletic
Field framed by the
names of the yearbook
staff

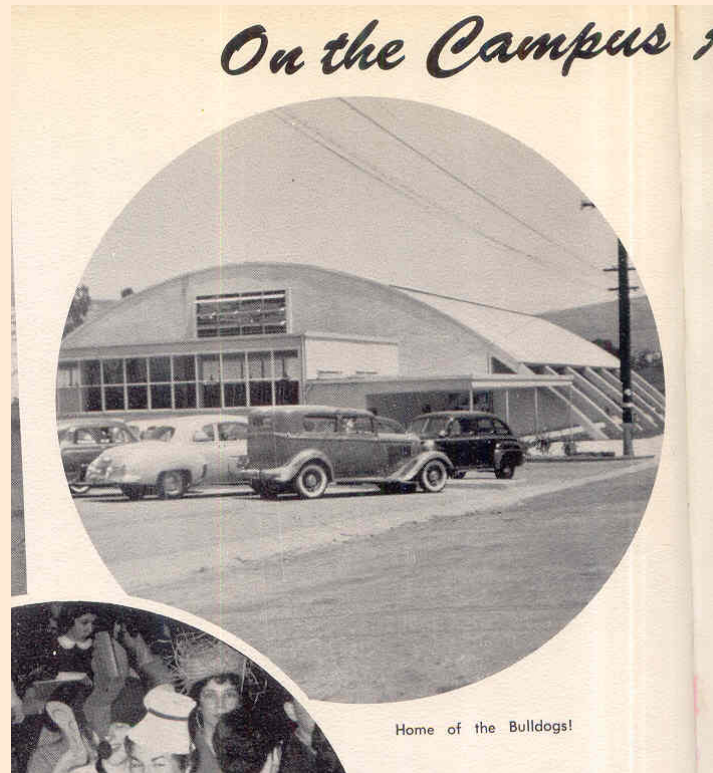


Alhambra High School 1957



This is Alhambra!

Alhambra HS Gymnasium



Home of the Bulldogs!

Administration

Superintendent's Message

The class of 1957 is to be congratulated on your educational achievement thus far. The twelve years of education provided by taxpayers has offered an opportunity to you that is unparalleled in any other country of the world. All of you will soon face the responsibility of providing educational opportunities for youths of the future. I hope all of you will meet the challenge and assume your full share of that responsibility.

Willard B. Knowles
Superintendent of Schools

Many Educational Problems Were

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Kermit W. Coon, Mr. L. B. Small, Mrs. Phyllis B. Wainwright, Mr. Charles Laird, Mr. C. Emory Taylor.

Principal's Message

The past year was one of challenge and achievement for the Alhambra Union High School. The student body helped win the bond election, thus assuring the community of a second high school. Student government became more active and more effective. Problems caused by a record enrollment of 935 students were solved cooperatively by students and teachers.

New problems face us in 1957-58. I know that the administration and the faculty can call upon the student body for help in meeting the challenges that lie ahead.

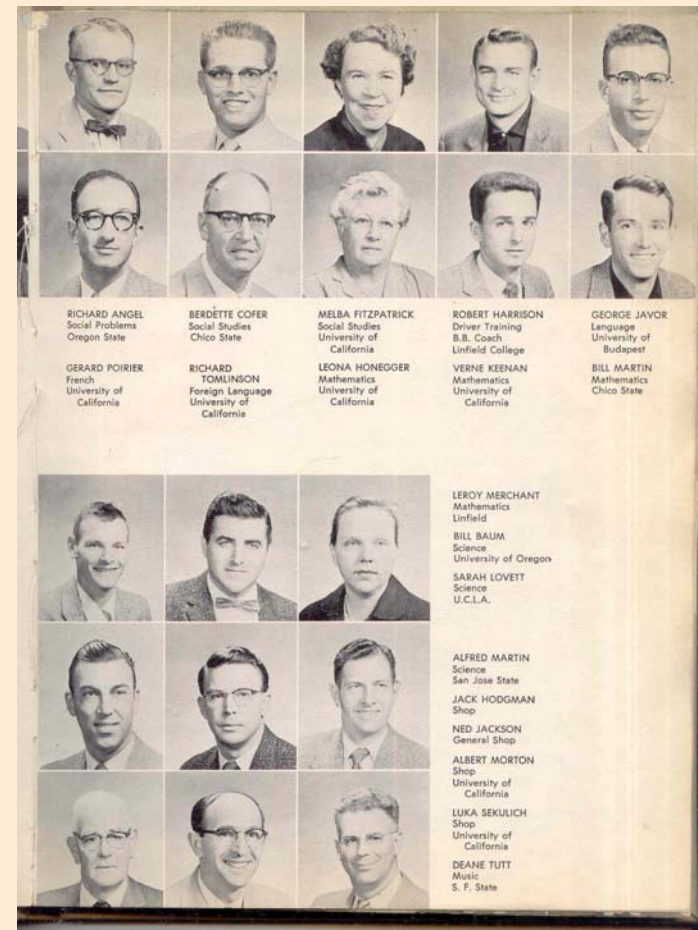
Grenville C. Jones, Principal

Solved by Our Administration

OFFICE STAFF

LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Head, Mr. Deluhery, Mrs. McGrath, Mrs. Nierhake.

Faculty



Faculty



FRANCIS BAUCH
Librarian
University of
California

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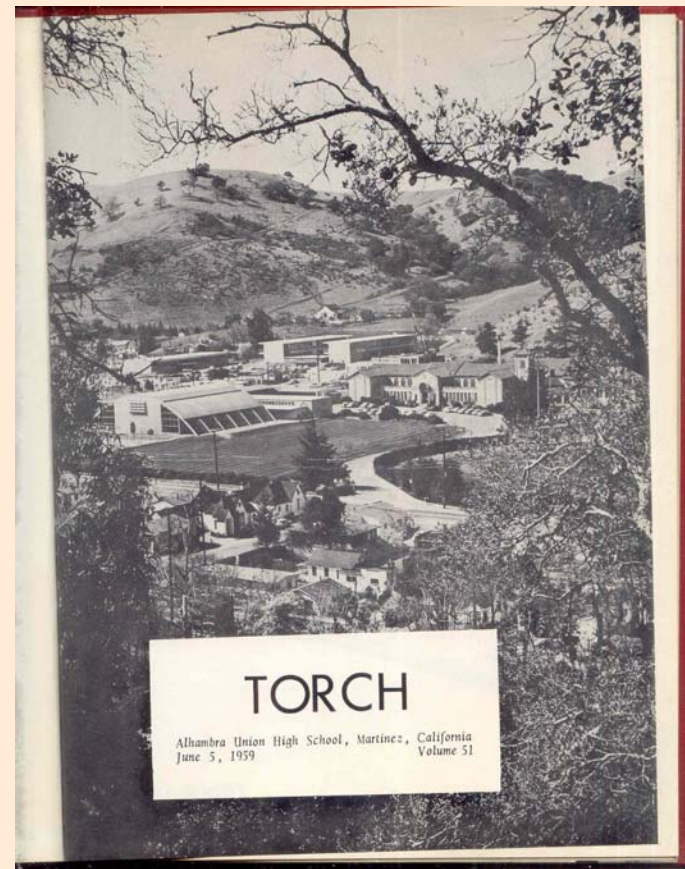


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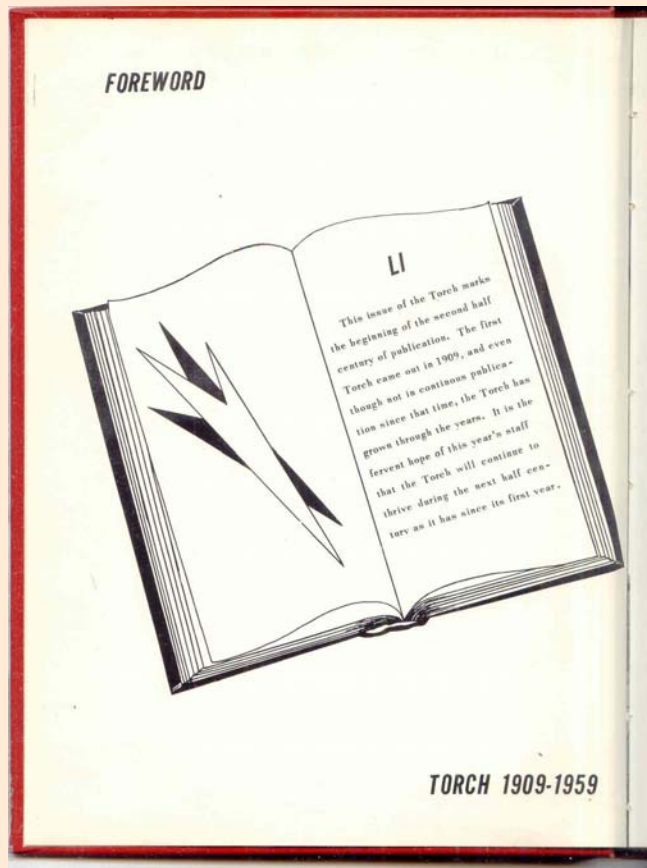
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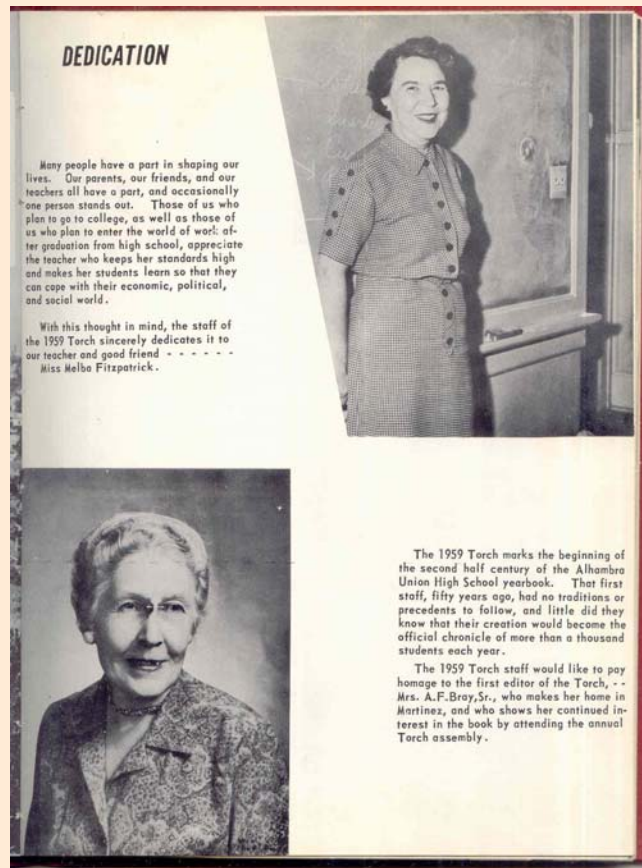


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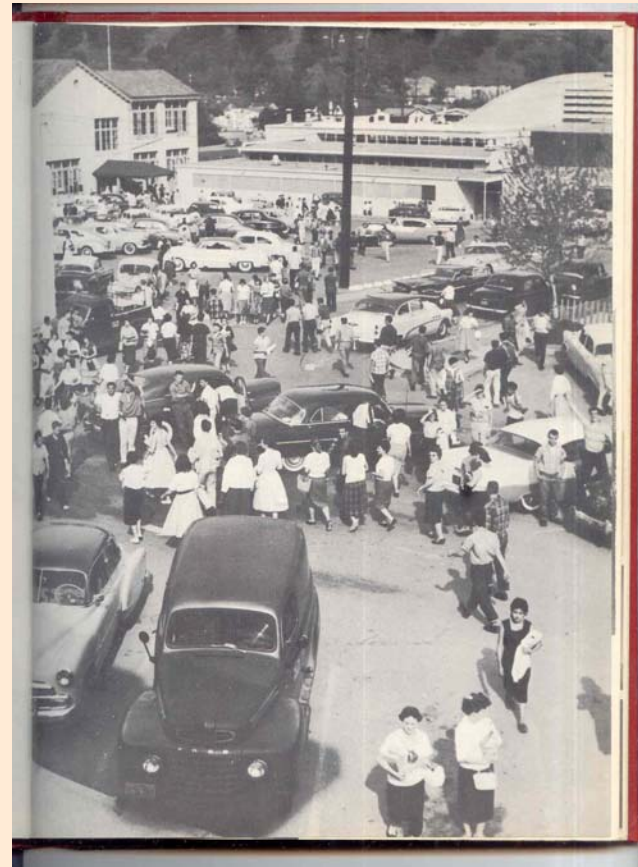


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End of the School Day

- A version of our school's traffic jam – in 1959!



Alhambra's Athletes

- Featuring our school's swimming pool, the track hurdlers, and the pole vault competition



John Giberti, Gary Kalsbeek, Alan La Fleur, Fred Ziem, Jack Gasaway, and Mike Collins practice their racing dives.

Bob Cummings won this low hurdles race against Livermore but he was too fast for the cameraman.



Steven Kinoshita goes over at eleven feet in the Livermore-Alhambra track meet.

Commercial Classes

- Featuring typing and bookkeeping classes in 1959!

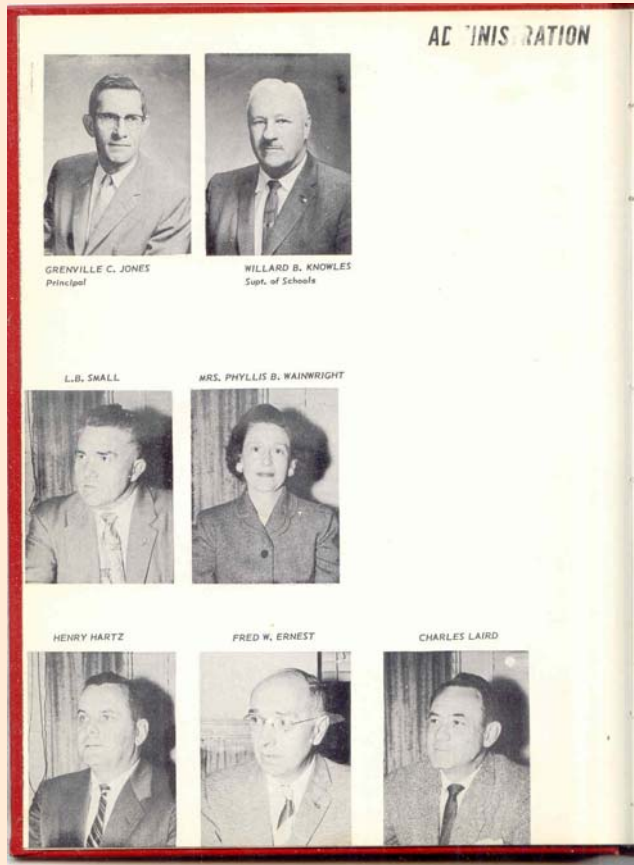


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- Our guides for Literature, Public Speaking, Dramatics and other parts of the English language



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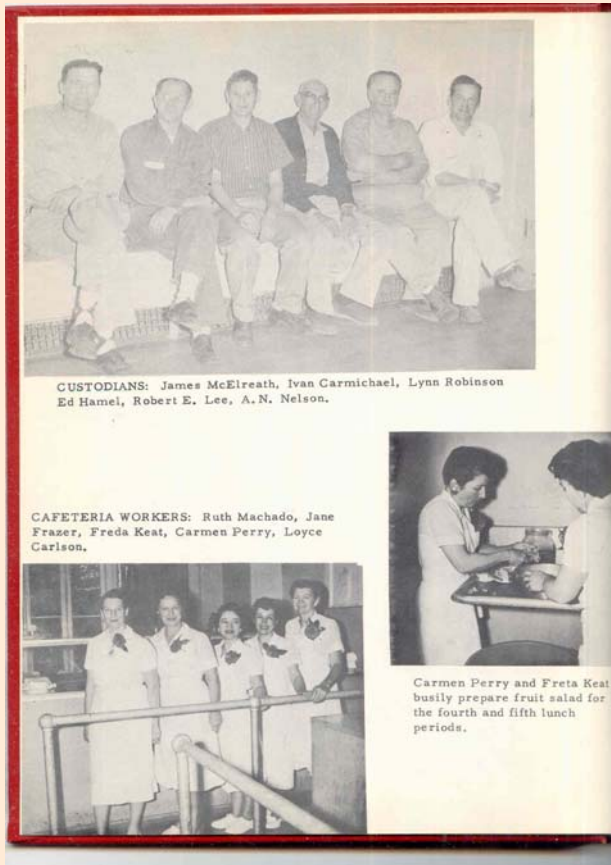
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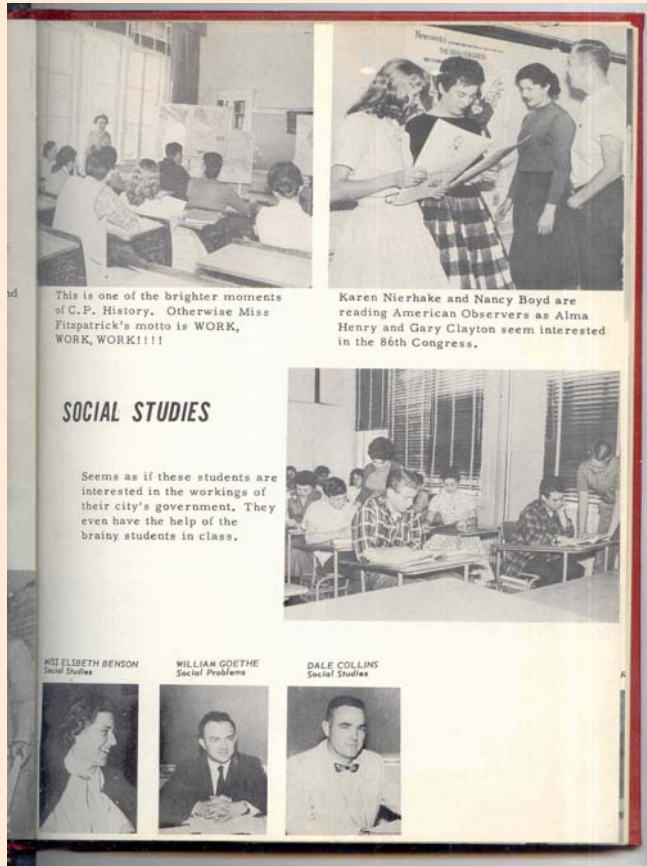


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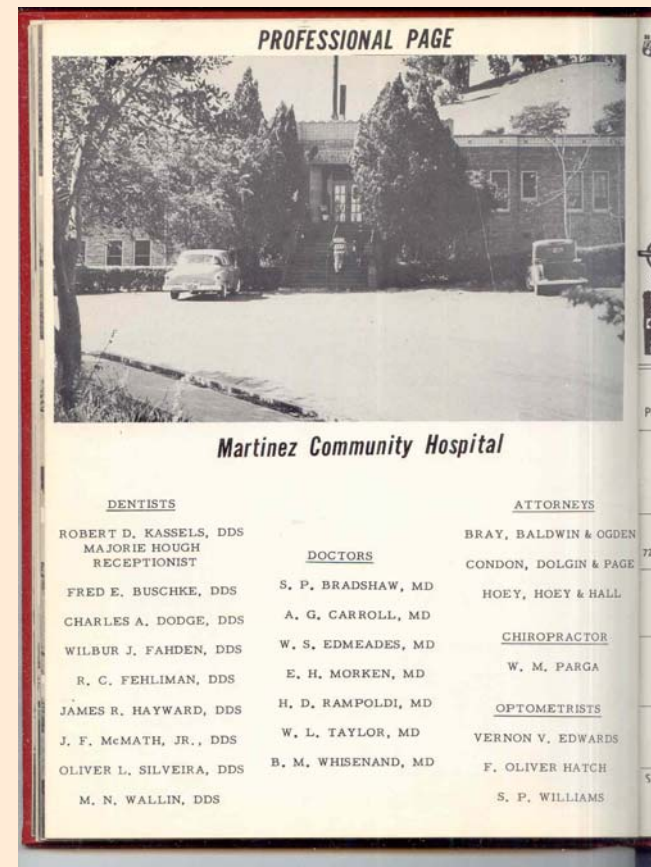
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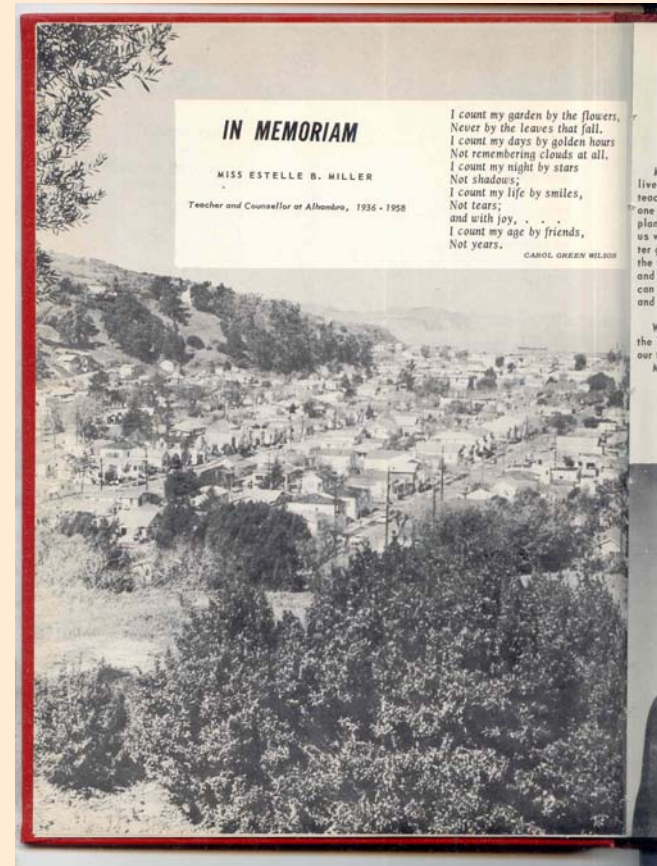
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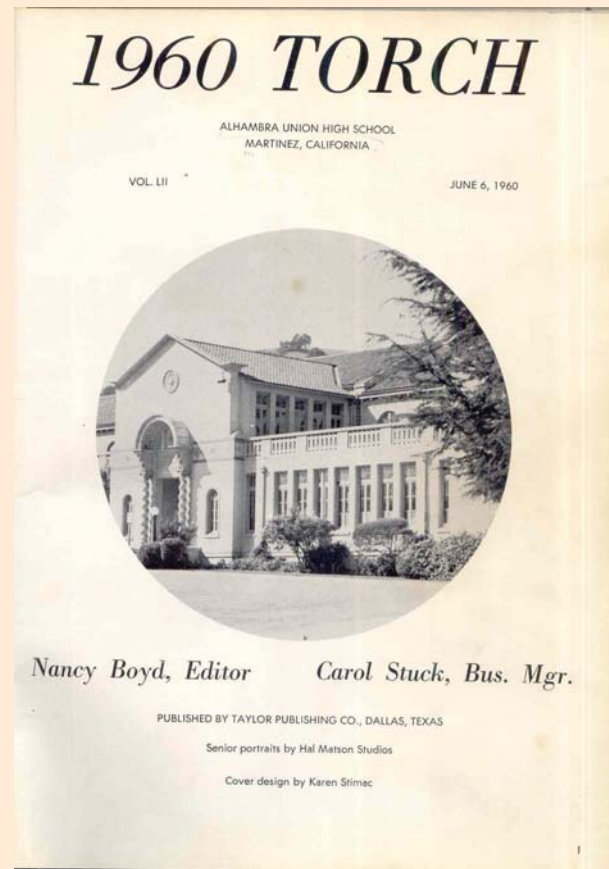
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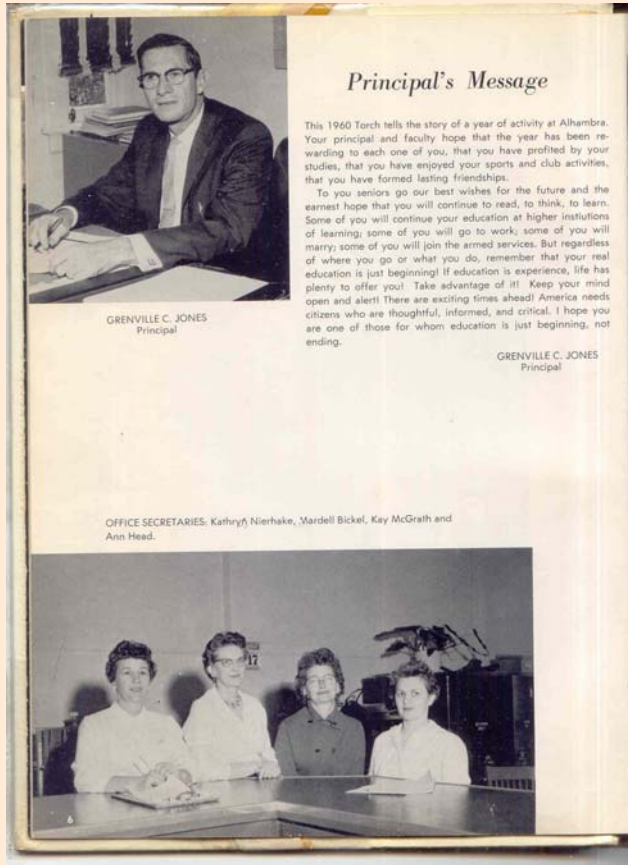
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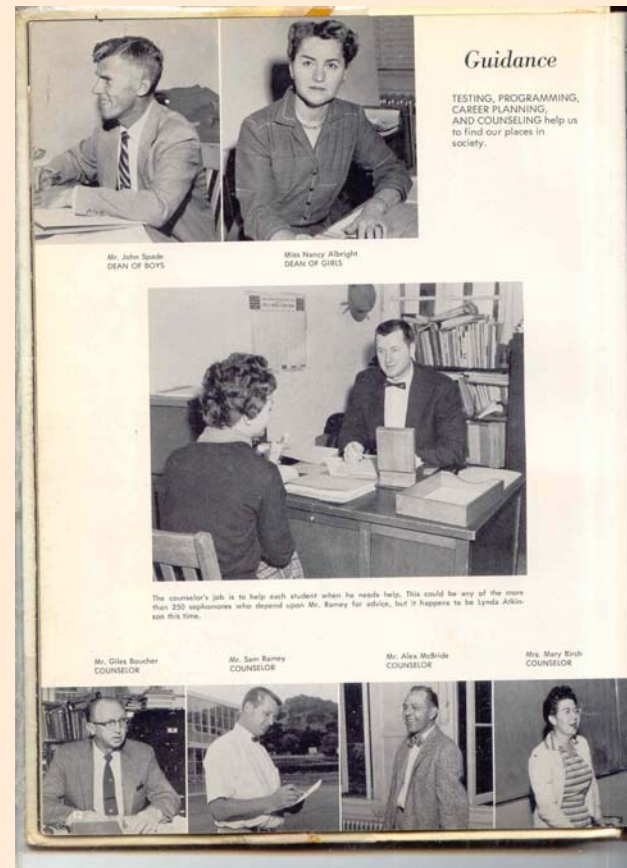
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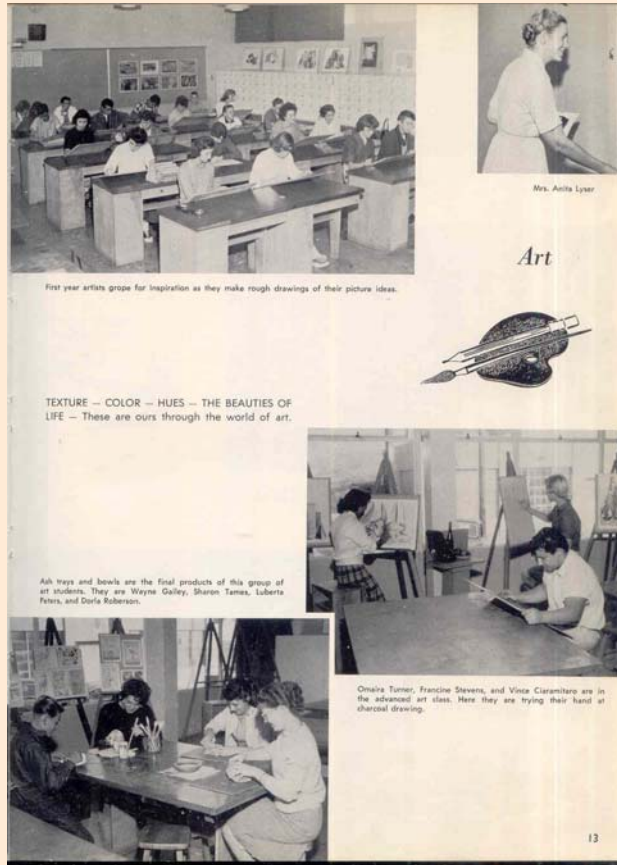
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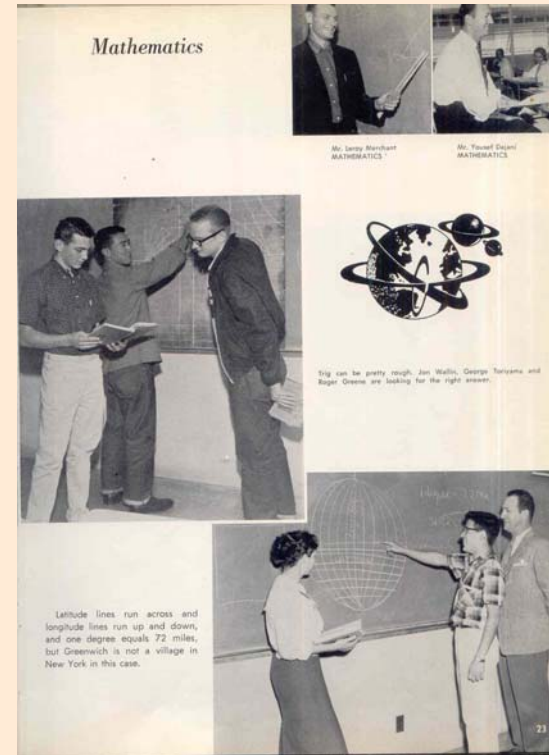


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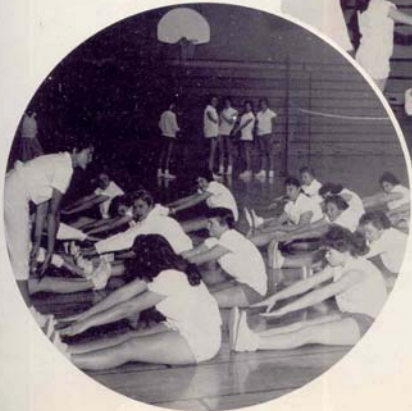
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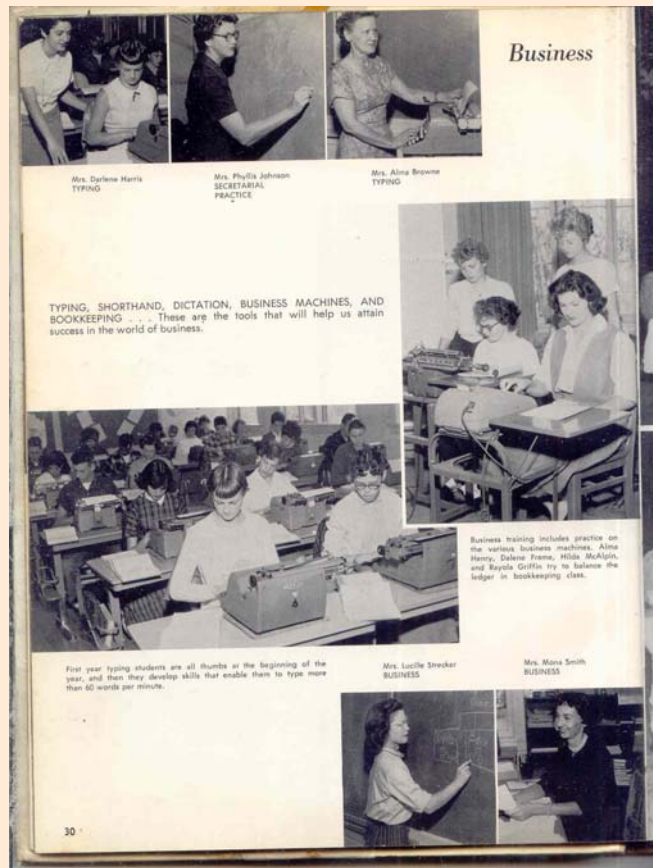
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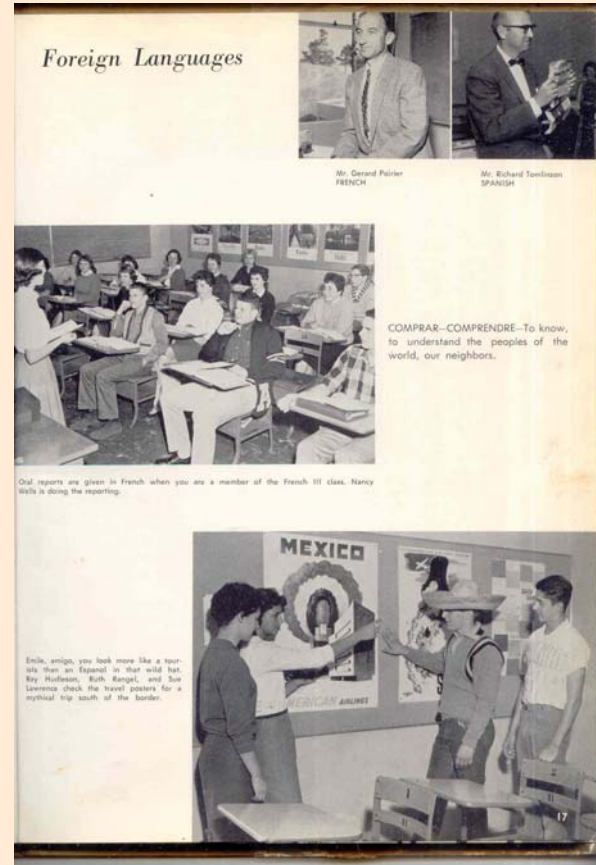
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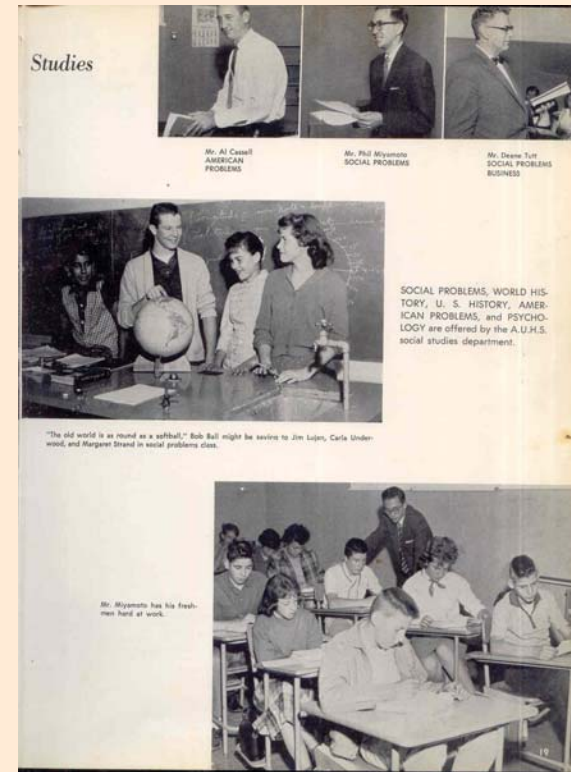
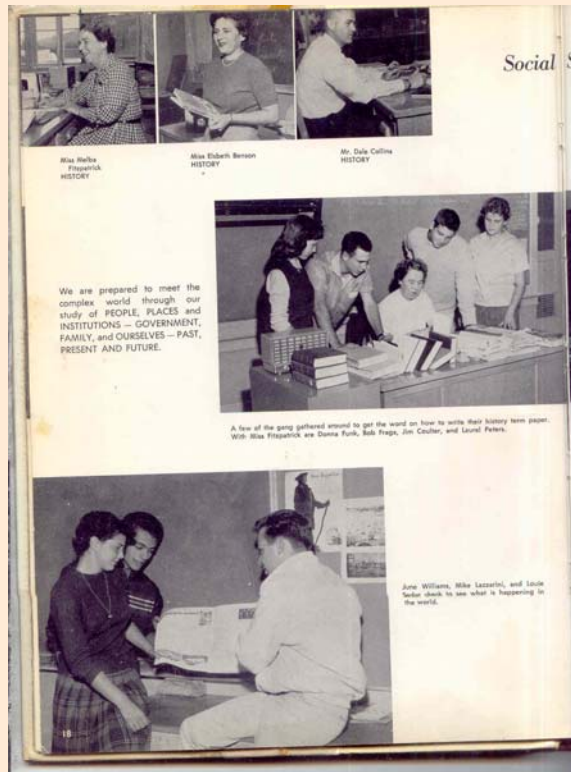
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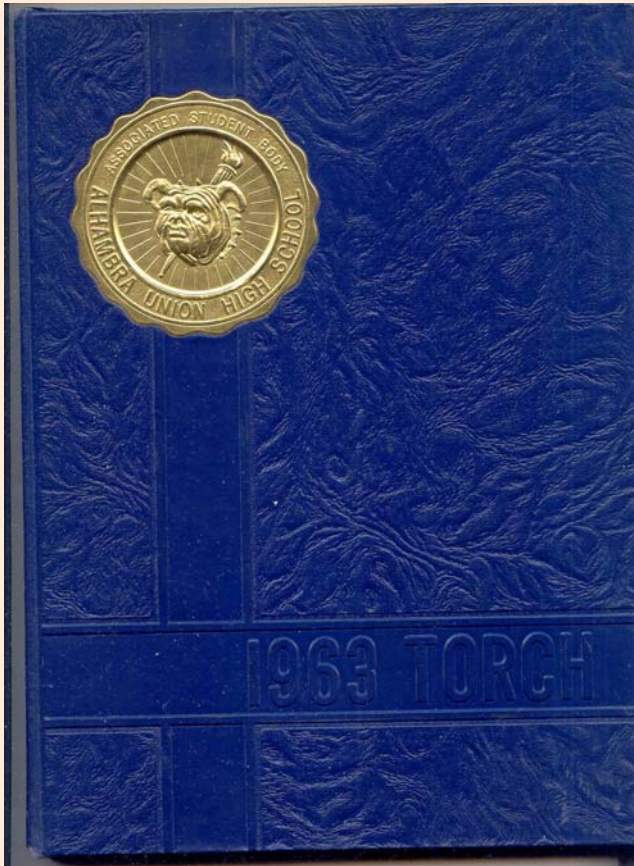
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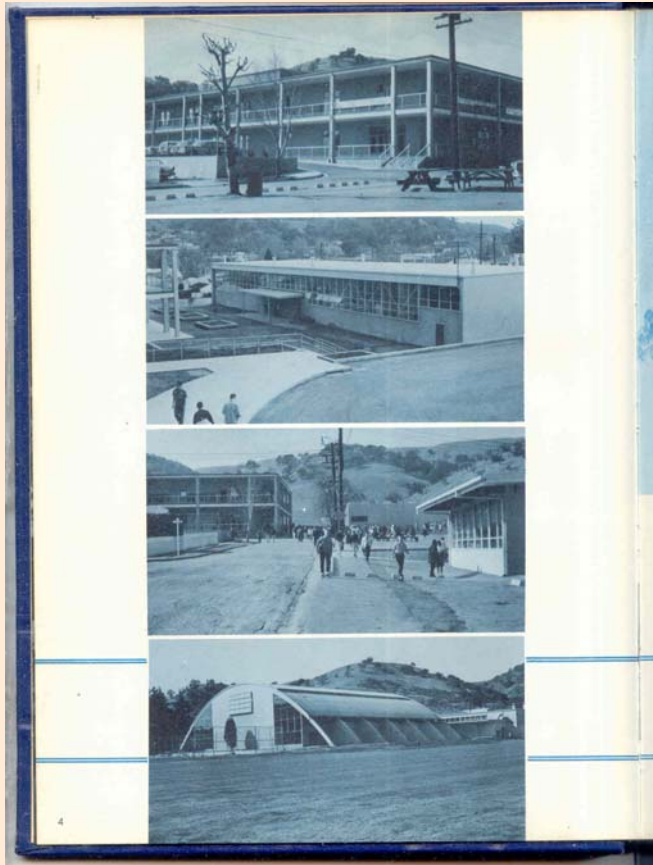
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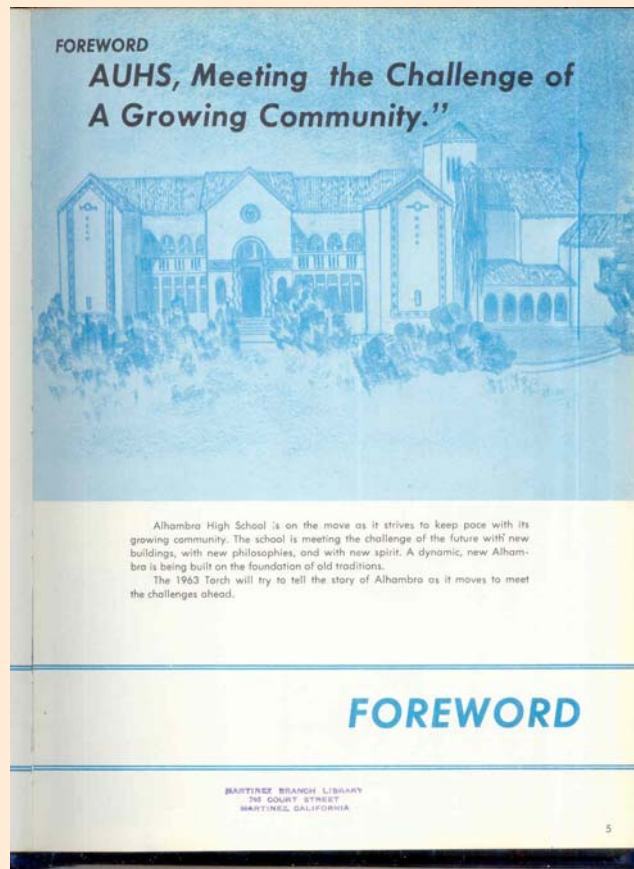
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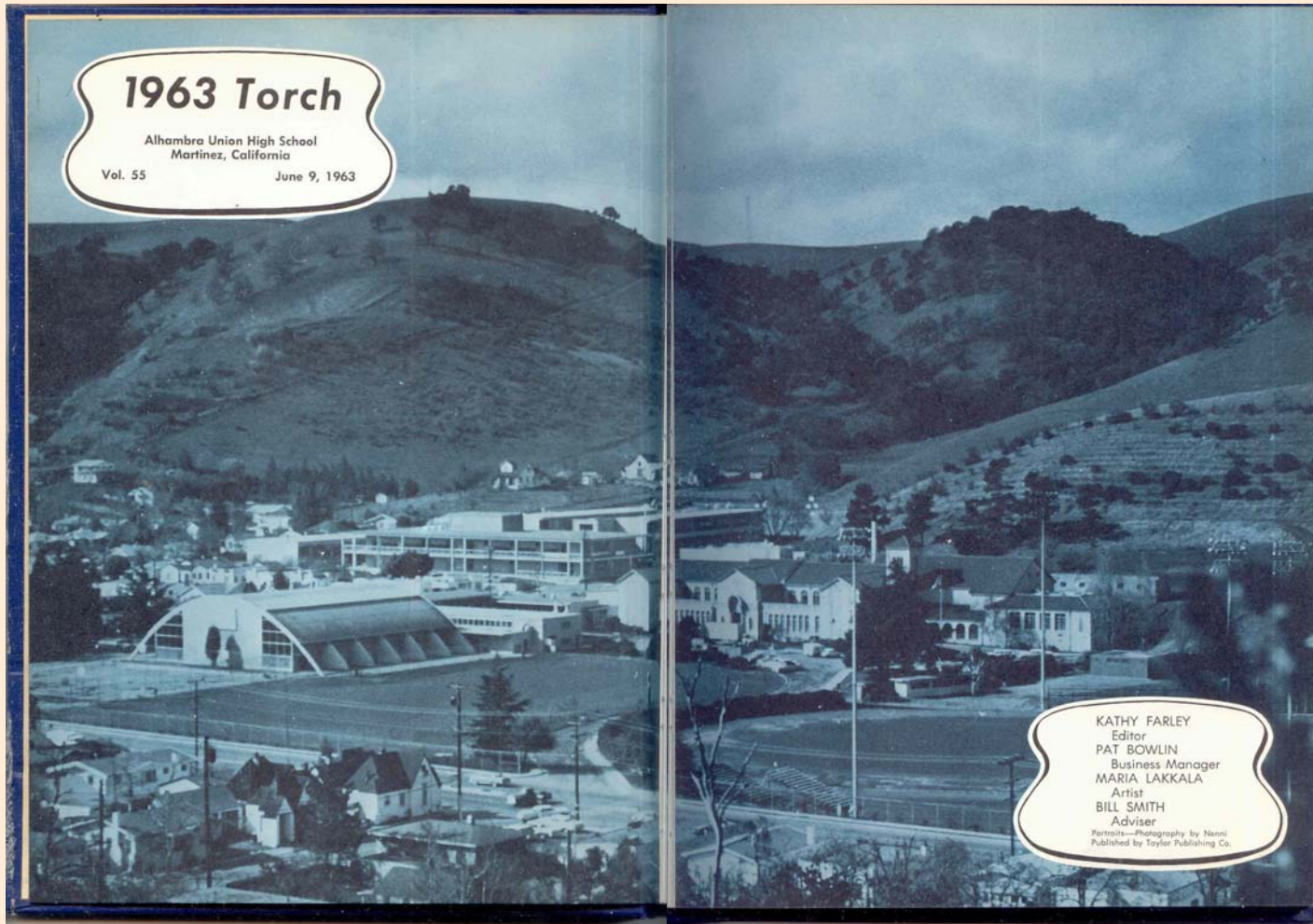
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- The foreword announcing the changes and challenges of the new Alhambra High School as it becomes part of Martinez Unified School District

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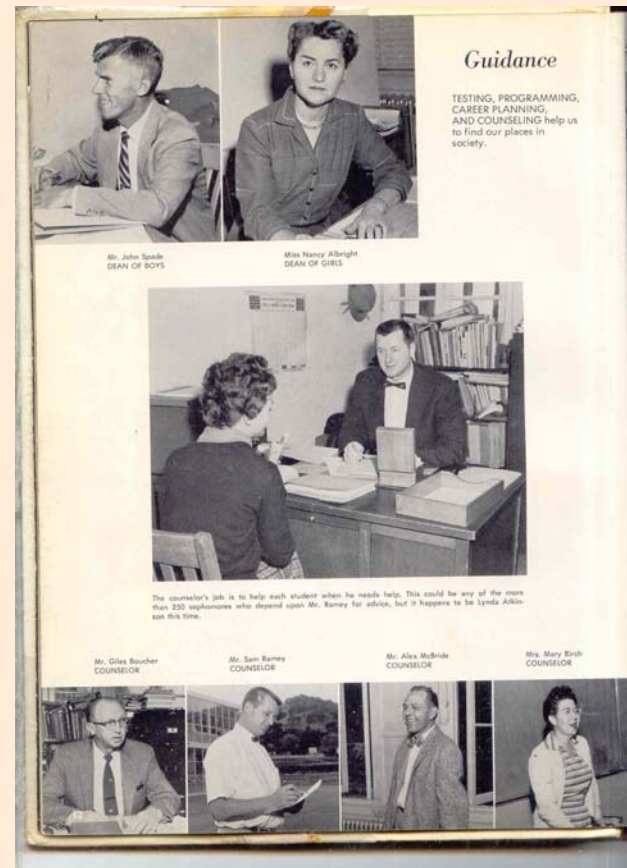
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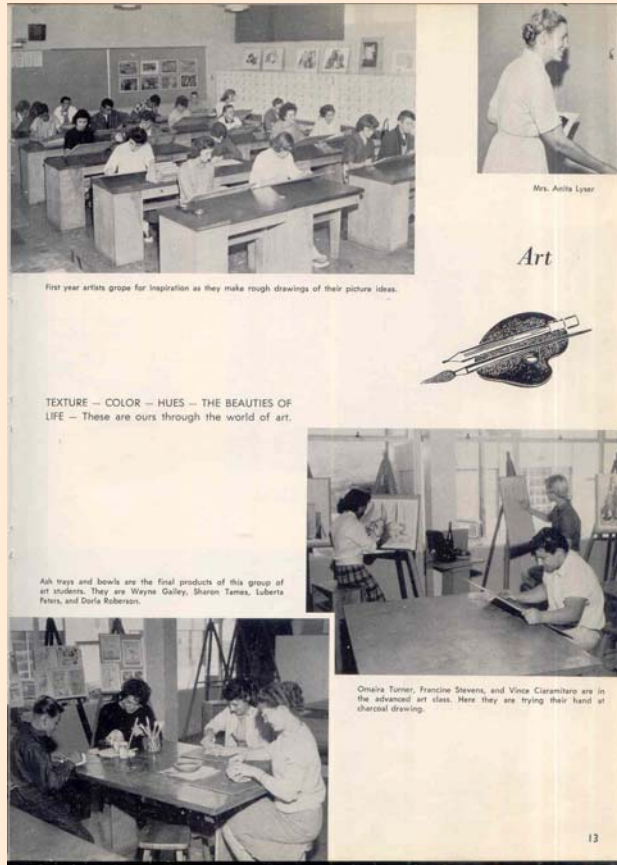
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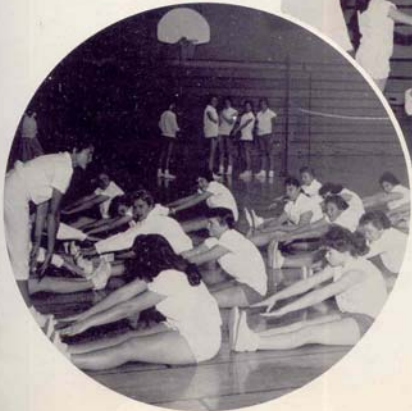
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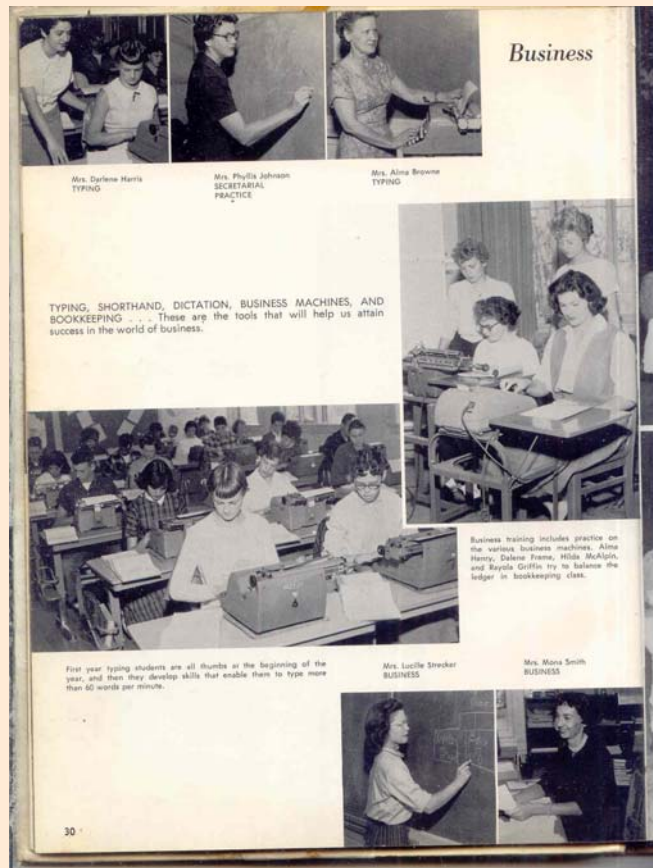
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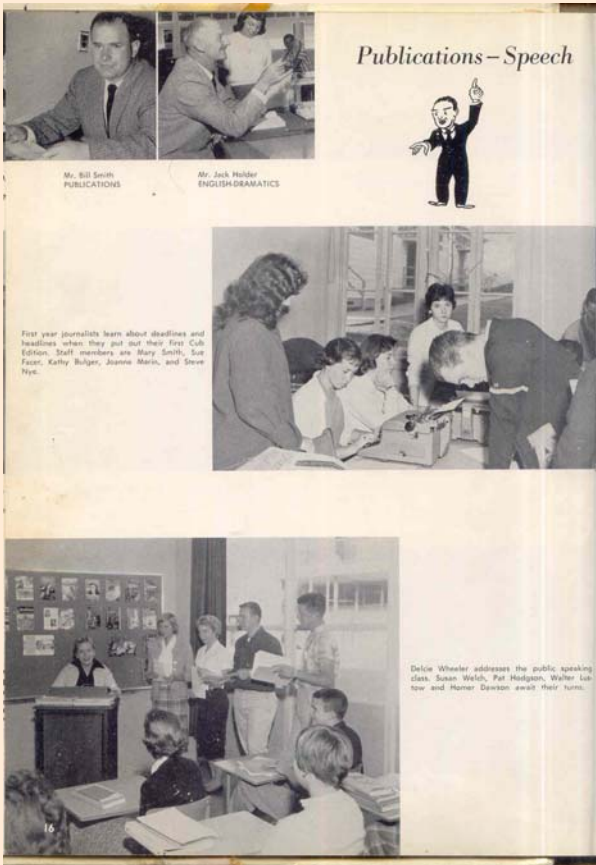


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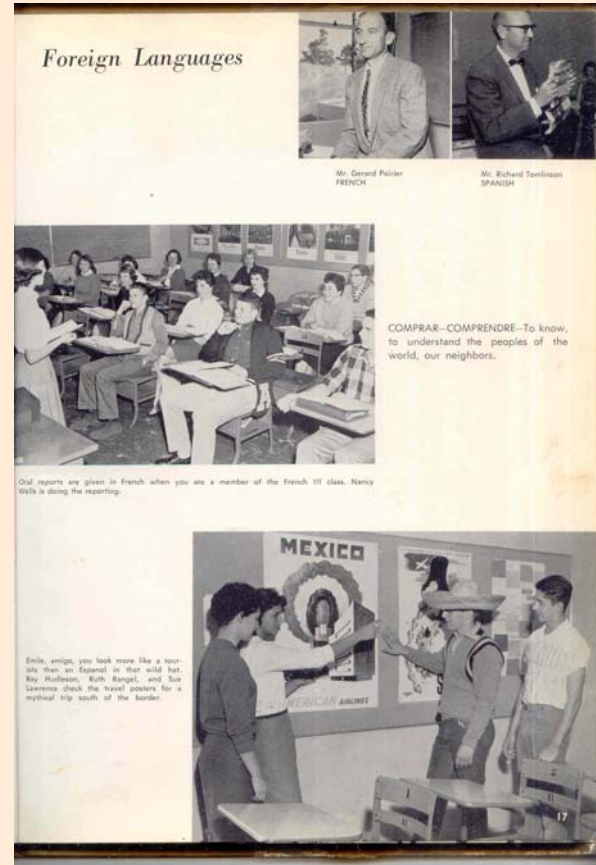
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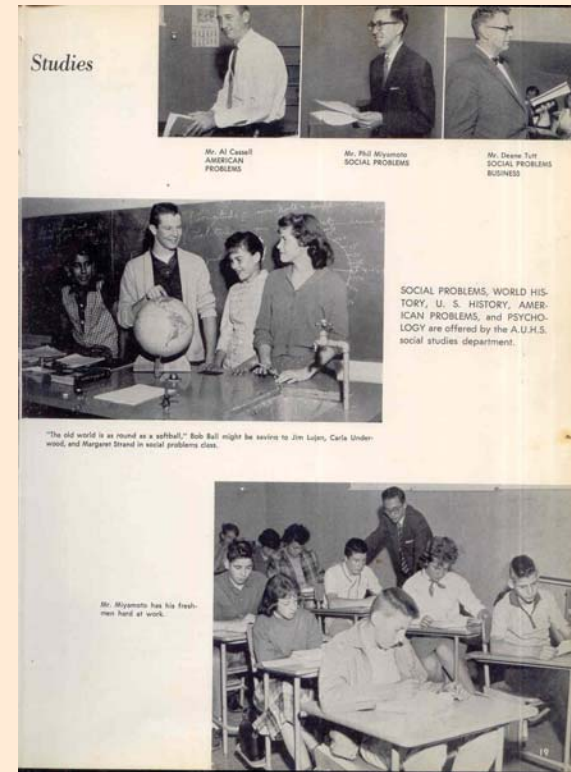
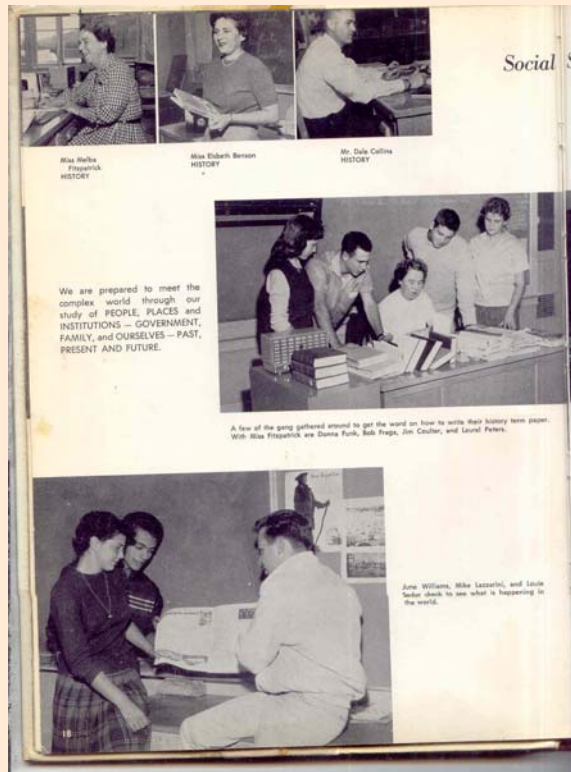
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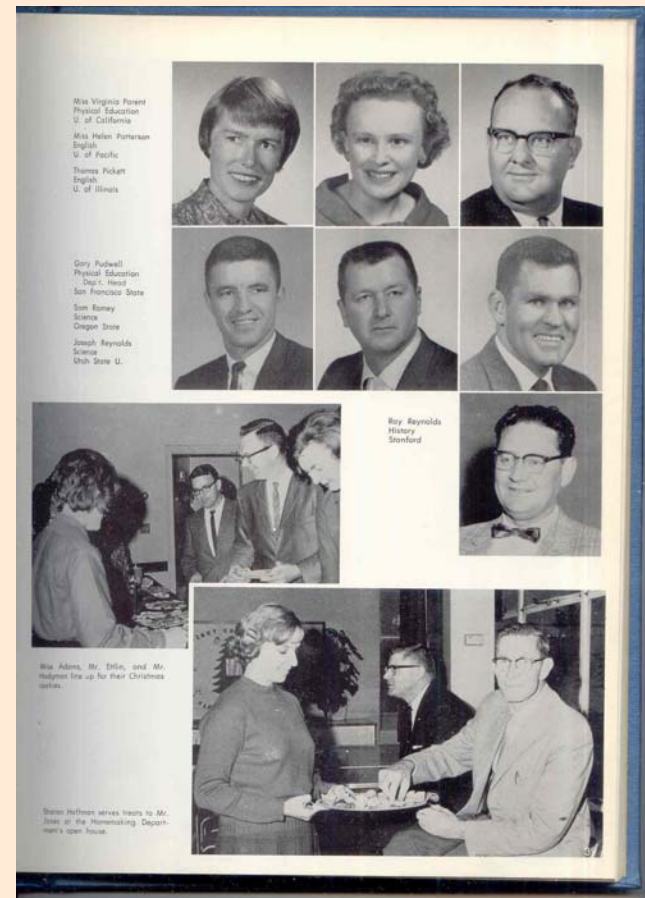


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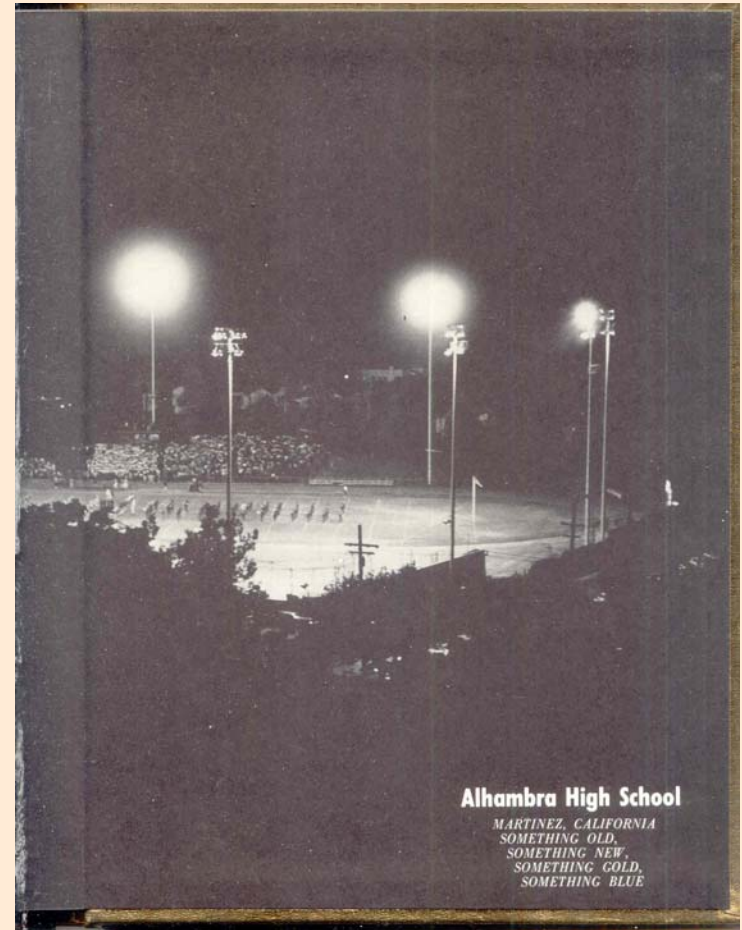
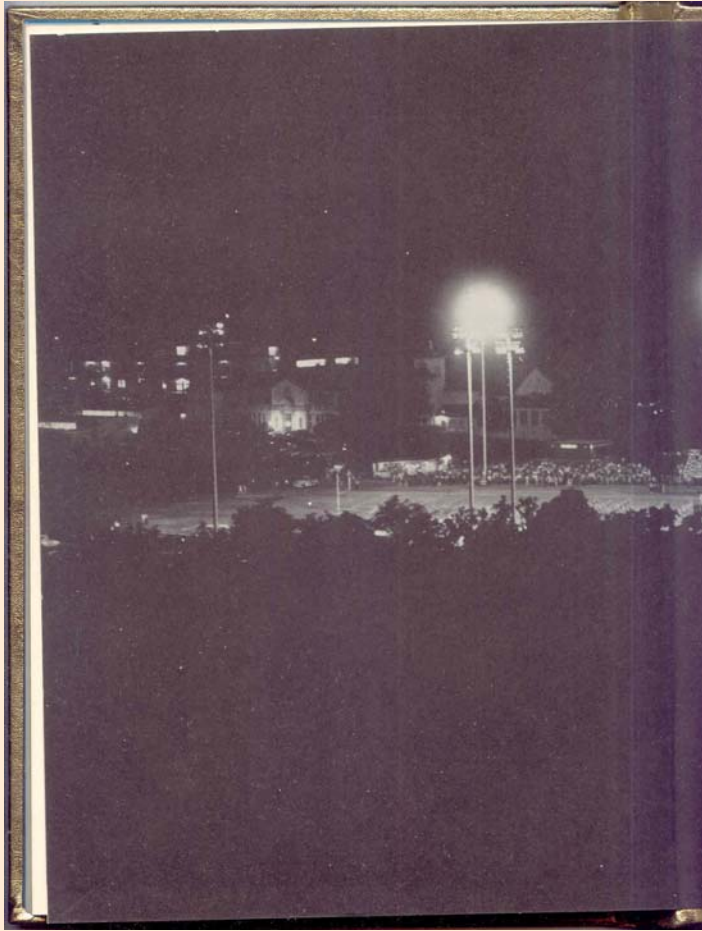


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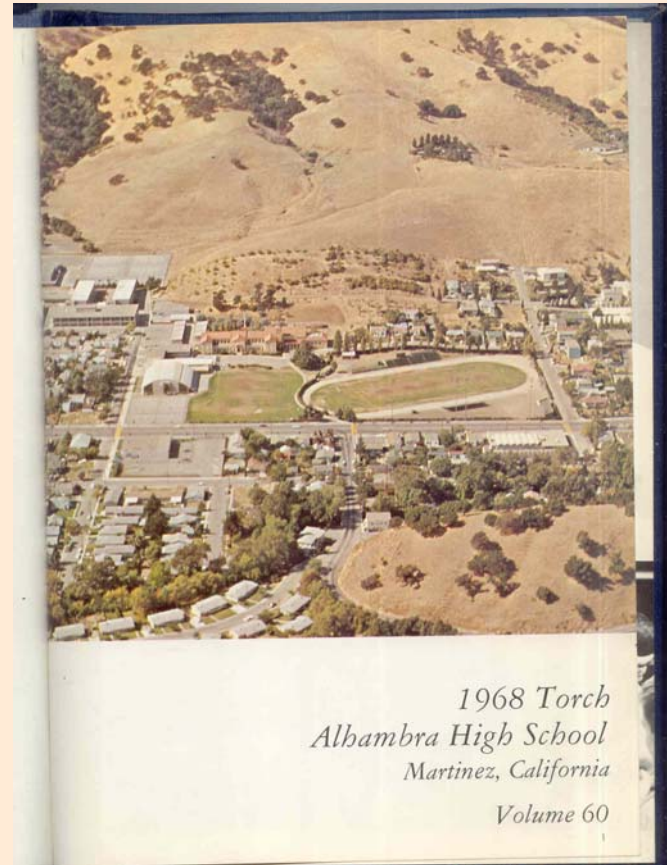


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- Front page of Volume 60 of The Torch, featuring an aerial shot of the athletic field



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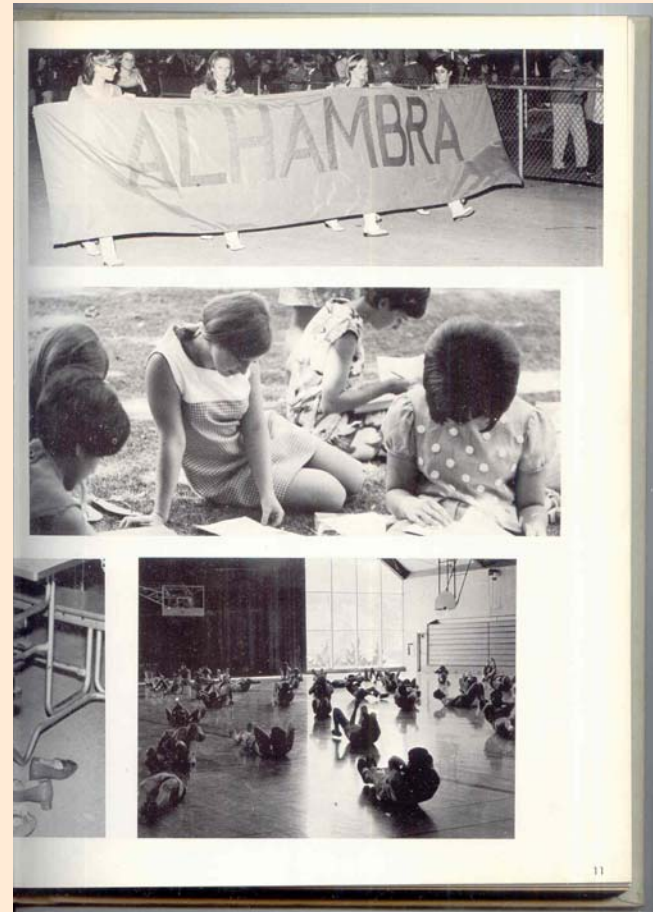
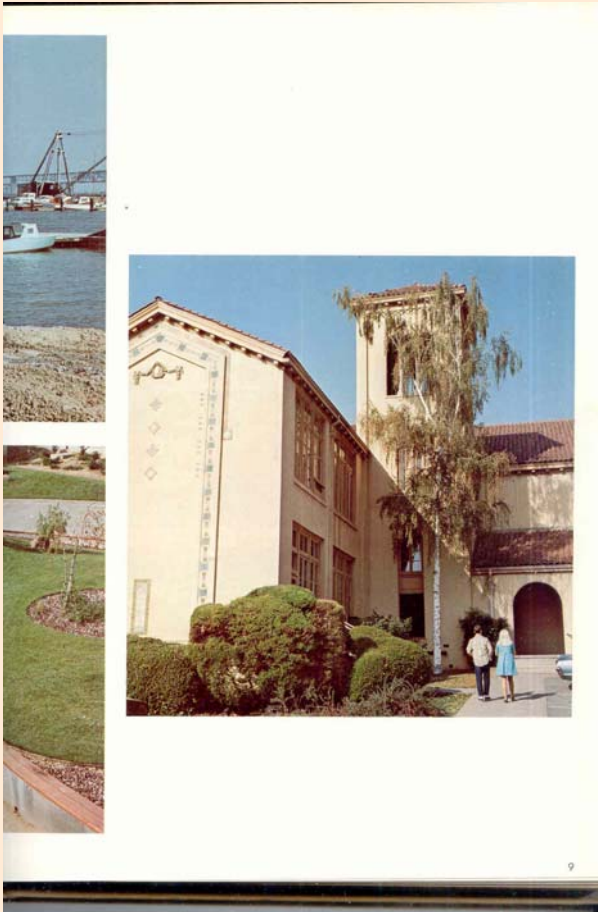


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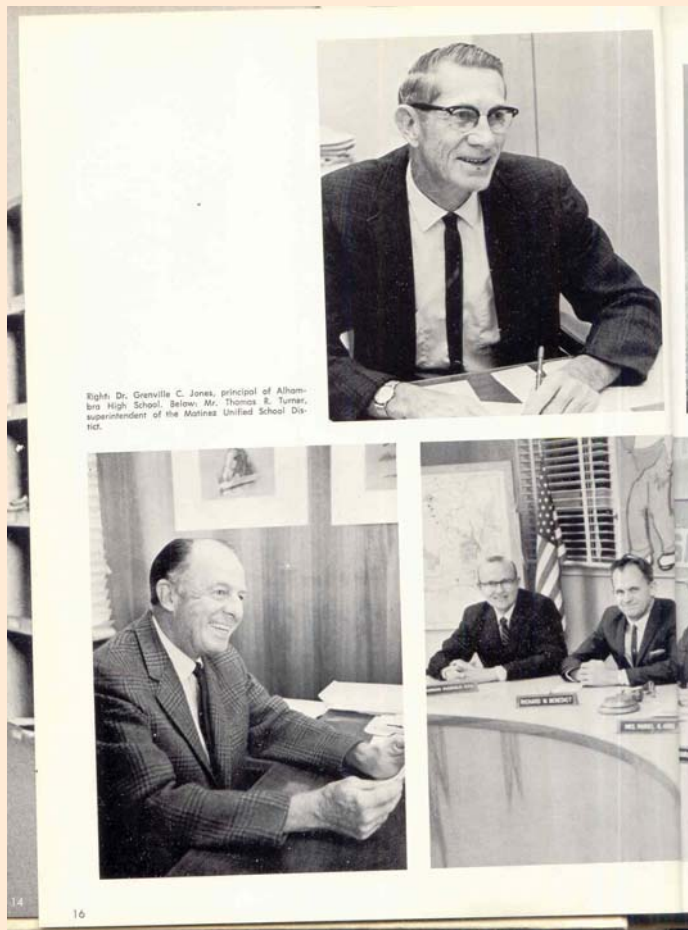
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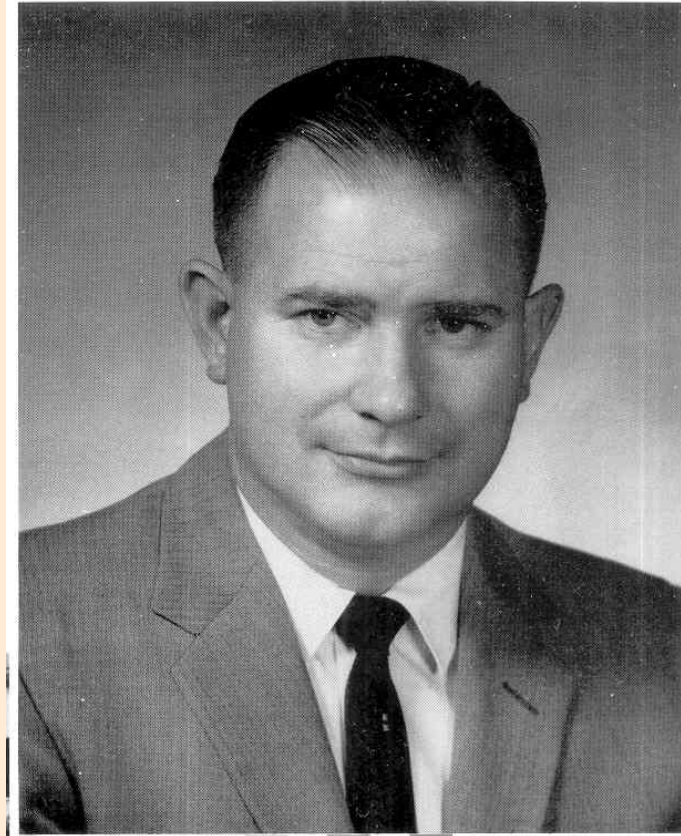


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