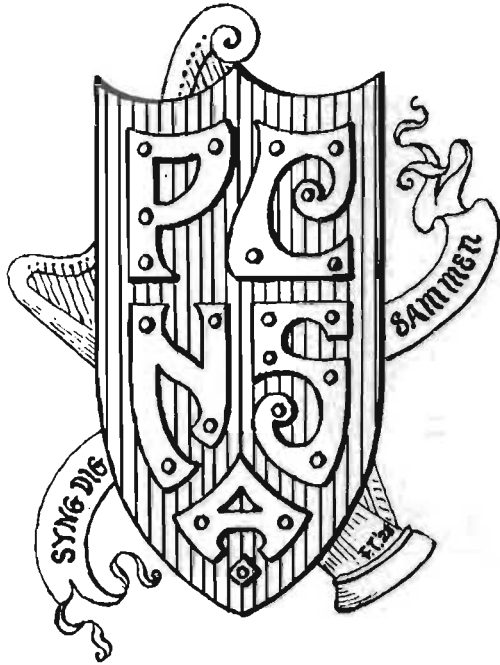




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63rd SANGERFEST

Aug. 3·4·5, 1972
San Francisco, California



Brief Historical Sketch of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' Association

SONG AND MUSIC are a birthright which have been entrusted to all nations in a greater or lesser degree.

That such a birthright has been richly entrusted to the Norwegian Nation is a well known fact. As music lovers, composers and performers the Norwegians have always been in the foremost ranks. Singing, and then in particular male chorus singing, has a very broad place in the daily musical life of the country. Virtually every little community has its singing societies which contribute much towards keeping the high standard of patriotism and love. Everybody takes part and the great Sangerfests with massed choruses numbering 5000 to 6000 men are realities.

Immortal composers like Grieg, Sinding, Svendsen, Ole Olsen, Kjerulf and numerous others have given us male chorus compositions of lasting beauty, compositions that rightfully belong among the finest the world has produced in this form of music.

The Norwegian sons and daughters who have emigrated to America have brought with them this great love for song and music, and have contributed honorably to make this country an outstanding musical nation. For over sixty years Norwegian singing societies have existed on the Pacific Coast, and in 1902, chiefly through the efforts of Mr. F. A. Tomte, Portland, Oregon, the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' Association was organized in Seattle, Washington. The first officers were John Norman (Everett), President; A. J. Thuland (Seattle), Secretary; Dr. O. A. Loe (Seattle), Treasurer, and Dr. Carlo A. Sperati, Director-in-Chief. The original founders of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association are as follows: Norwegian Glee Club, Portland, Oregon, organized November 6, 1886; Normanna Male Chorus, Tacoma, Washington, organized October 15, 1888; Norwegian Male Chorus, Seattle, Washington, organized December 6, 1889; Norden Sangforening, Ballard, Washington, organized in 1901; Everett Norwegian Male Chorus, Everett, Washington, organized August 5, 1902.

The first Sangerfest was held in Everett, Washington, August 1, 2 and 3, 1903. Since then Sangerfests have been held and celebrated in the principal cities of the Pacific Coast.

The present Sangerfest in San Francisco is the 63rd in the history of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' Association.

President's Greeting



On behalf of the Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco, may I extend to each and every one of you a warm and gracious welcome to this the 63rd Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association. This will be the fifth time that San Francisco has had the pleasure of opening its Golden Gate to the Pacific Coast Singers since its founding on September 30, 1903.

Many things have changed since that day so long ago. Singers have come and gone but their spirit of song and effort will linger on forever in the history of Norwegian male chorus singing.

May we take a moment to remember singers past, such as Caspar Hexberg, who inspired the Norwegian Singers of San Francisco during three Sangerfests, and Reuben Anderson who contributed so much toward establishing cooperation between the Norwegian and Swedish singing groups.

To the memory of singers such as these may each and every one of you glow with the pride that you are part of the greatest group of singers anywhere and may this 63rd Sangerfest live long in your hearts.

Med sangerhilsen

Alwyn J. Nelson

Alwyn J. Nelson, President

Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association

Sangerfest Schedule

Thursday, August 3

- 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Registration . . . Mezzanine Lobby, Jack Tar Hotel
6:00 P.M. Flag Ceremony Van Ness Entrance, Jack Tar Hotel
6:15 P.M. First buses leave for Dovre Hall
6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. "Skål time" Dovre Hall
3543 - 18th Street, between Valencia and Guerrero Streets
8:00 P.M. Dinner, Program, Dancing Dovre Hall
10:30 to 12:00 P.M. Shuttle bus on half hour return Jack Tar Hotel

Friday, August 4

- 10:00 A.M. Rehearsal Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Van Ness and McAllister
11:00 A.M. Ladies' Bus Tour Buses leave from Jack Tar Hotel
1:00 P.M. Ladies' Luncheon Sabella's Restaurant
Fisherman's Wharf
12:15 P.M. Men's Lunch Veterans Memorial Building
Downstairs Auditorium No. 2
1:45 P.M. Rehearsal Veterans Memorial Auditorium
8:00 P.M. Grand Concert Veterans Memorial Auditorium

Saturday, August 5

- 10:00 A.M. Singers' business meeting El Dorado Room, Jack Tar Hotel
6:30 P.M. No host cocktail hour El Dorado Room, Jack Tar Hotel
7:30 P.M. Grand Banquet and Ball Grand Ballroom, Jack Tar Hotel



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Your kind request for Mrs. Reagan and me to attend the 63rd Sangerfest of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association, to be held in San Francisco August 3-5, is indeed appreciated.

As you may know, President Nixon has asked me to travel to Europe to represent him in meetings with the chiefs of state of several western European countries. I am honored to carry out this important mission for the President of the United States. Unfortunately, my itinerary does not call for me to visit Norway.

Because of this lengthy trip abroad, and due to the pressures of business upon my return, I regret exceedingly that Mrs. Reagan and I shall not be able to have the privilege of joining you and the members of your society at the Sangerfest.

For the people of California I wish to welcome the members of the Norwegian Singing Society and their guests to our state. I send each of you best wishes for an entertaining and successful program. May the 63rd Sangerfest be a memorable one.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN
Governor



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Greetings

On behalf of the people of San Francisco I am honored to extend cordial greetings and a warm welcome to the members and friends of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association on the occasion of the 63rd Sangerfest.

A convention of Norwegian Singers is held in San Francisco once every fifteen years and at this convention men from Vancouver to Los Angeles gather to perform, singing in commemoration of their home land of Norway and their adopted land of America.

The Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association was founded in 1902 and San Francisco joined the following year.

I know that this year's event will be outstanding and I wish every success and happiness to all concerned in presenting this fine cultural attraction.

Joseph L. Alioto
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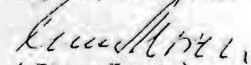
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My wife and I thank the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association for the invitation to attend the "Sangerfest" on August 4 and 5, 1972. We both much regret that we are unable to accept the kind invitation as we will be in Norway at that time.

We both had the opportunity to be present at a "Sangerfest" in U.S.A. some years ago. It was wonderful experience and a memory we shall always treasure. None has to such an extent as the Singers been able to present the Norwegian cultural heritage to a foreign country and to care for that this heritage is preserved for the benefit of Norway as well as U.S.A.

I am convinced that the 5th "Sangerfest" in San Francisco will be a great success and of the same high quality as the previous ones. I take the opportunity to ask you to convey my warm greetings to the Directors, the Soloist and to all the Singers who take part in the Festival Concert.

Yours very sincerely,


(Finn Koren)
Consul General
of
Norway



ROYAL CONSULATE GENERAL
OF SWEDEN

Greetings!

On the occasion of the Convention of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Organization in San Francisco, California, August 3-5, 1972 I wish to extend to all the participants my most heartfelt greetings.

I congratulate you on your accomplishments and send you my best wishes for the future.

Yours sincerely,

Göran Wide

Acting Consul General for Sweden



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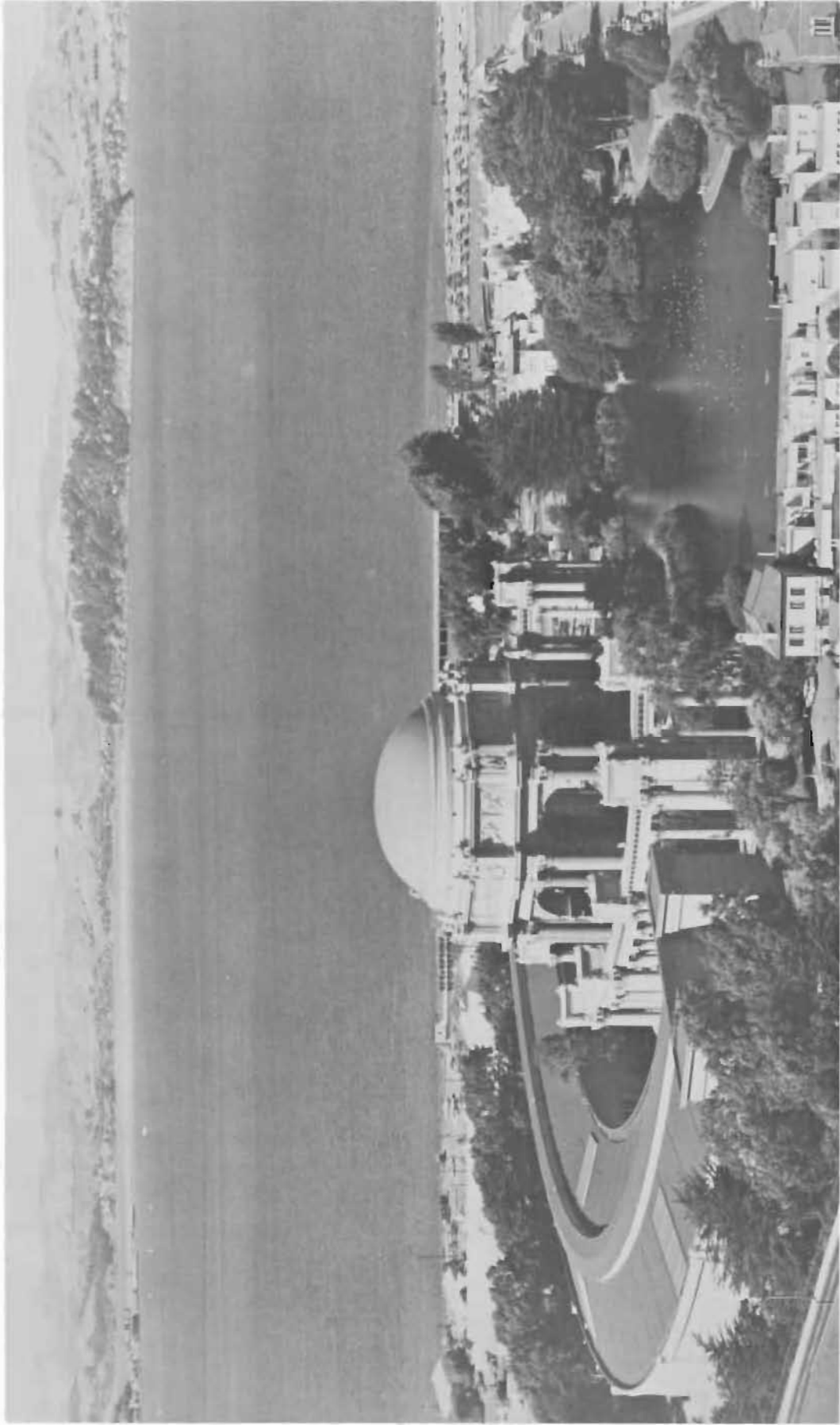
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RECORD OF SANGERFESTS

<i>Place</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Year</i>
1. Everett	1903	22. Vancouver	1927	43. Spokane	1952
2. Seattle	1904	23. San Francisco	1928	44. Tacoma	1953
3. Portland	1905	24. Astoria	1929	45. Portland	1954
4. Tacoma	1906	25. Grays Harbor	1931	46. Bellingham	1955
5. Astoria	1907	26. Everett	1933	47. Los Angeles	1956
6. Seattle	1909	27. Vancouver	1934	48. Vancouver, B. C.	1957
7. Eureka	1910	28. Bellingham	1935	49. Everett	1958
8. Everett	1912	29. Seattle	1936	50. Eugene	1959
9. Spokane	1913	30. Portland	1937	51. Seattle	1960
10. San Francisco	1915	31. San Francisco	1939	52. San Francisco	1961
11. Bellingham	1916	32. Tacoma	1940	53. Salt Lake City	1962
12. Seattle	1917	33. Grays Harbor	1941	54. Tacoma	1963
13. Portland	1918	34. Everett	1942	55. Portland	1964
14. Tacoma	1919	35. Seattle	1944	56. Oakland	1965
15. Grays Harbor	1920	36. Tacoma	1945	57. Bellingham	1966
16. Astoria	1921	37. Portland	1946	58. Eugene	1967
17. Everett	1922	38. Vancouver, B. C.	1947	59. Everett	1968
18. Edison-Bellingham	1923	39. Los Angeles	1948	60. Santa Monica - Los Angeles ..	1969
19. Seattle	1924	40. Everett	1949	61. Seattle	1970
20. Portland	1925	41. Oakland	1950	62. Tacoma	1971
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Donna Petersen
Mezzo-Soprano



Carroll L. Heath
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Basso Cantante

Program Notes

Faedrelandssong (God Bless Norway)

The poem by Arne Garborg was originally written to the music of "God Save the King." Many composers have written arrangements to this composition, but the best known arrangement is by Oscar Borg, written for male chorus.

Fremad (Forward)

The music was written by Edvard Grieg for male choruses. The poem was written by Björnstjerne Björnson, who said that it was written for the youth of Norway. The song was first performed at the flag procession to Welhaven in 1868 by the students' chorus.

Midnattsolen

This is a sight that one must see to realize its beauty – the sun at midnight in the northern part of Norway and Sweden.

En Glad Trall

This is a happy ditty about three maidens walking down the country road in a joyful state of mind.

Hör Oss, Svea

Svea is the symbolic name for Sweden. This patriotic song begins, "Hear us, Svea, mother of us all."

Hjärtats Saga (Remembrance of past happy days)

Every forest has its spring
Every meadow has its flower
Every heart has its saga from the fleeting youthful days.

Höie Nord

Song to the northern countries. Let life grow forth to grant harvest in the summer.

Naar Fjordene Blaaner

This lovely song, a favorite with Norwegian singers in the homeland as well as in our country, is the work of an American citizen, Alfred Paulsen, who was active in Norwegian singing circles in Chicago a generation ago. The song reaches a solemn climax in the prayer "God bless thee, dear Norway, my beloved land."

Den Store Hvide Flok (The Great White Host)

"Behold, a host arrayed in white." Edvard Grieg made this arrangement for solo voice and male chorus. At Edvard Grieg's funeral this song was sung by a large male chorus.

Landkjenning (Land-sighting)

This is one of the most popular male chorus songs in the world. King Olav Trygvason returns to his native Norway and expresses in song his belief that here is home, and here he will raise the Cross which will lift his spirit high and strong like the mighty glittering mountains. His men intone the prayer carrying the song to a grand soul-stirring finish.

Grand Concert

War Memorial Veterans Auditorium

Friday, August 4, 1972 — 8 P.M.

I

Faedrelandssong (Gud Signe Norigs Land)	Oscar Borg
Fremad	Edvard Grieg
I Midnattsolen	Alf Wold
En Glad Trall	Felix Korling
Hör Oss, Svea	Gunnar Wennerberg

August Werner, Director-in-Chief

II

The Sound of Music	Rodgers
Saa bittert var mit Hjerte (from "Moderen")	Carl Nielsen
So sad and bitter was my heart, Oh, come, Spring,— come, Denmark's soft Summer,—come, sweet song of birds!	
Mon coeur s'ouvre a ta voix (from "Samson et Dalila")	Saint-Saens
My heart, at thy sweet voice, opens, as does a flower at dawn.	

Donna Petersen, Mezzo-Soprano

Carroll L. Heath, Accompanist

III

Let There Be Peace on Earth	Miller & Jackson
Hjärtats Saga	Wilh. Astrom
Bless This House	May H. Brahe
Höie Nord	J. Glaeser
Naar Fjordene Blaaner	Alfred Paulsen

Gunnar J. Malmin, Assistant Director-in-Chief

I Left My Heart in San Francisco	Cory & Cross
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IV

Saetergjentens Söndag	Ole Bull
Vaaren	Edvard Grieg
Solveigs Sang	Edvard Grieg

Donna Petersen, Mezzo-Soprano

Carroll L. Heath, Accompanist

V

Chorus of Priests (Isis and Osiris)	Mozart
Den Store Hvide Flok	Edvard Grieg
America, the Beautiful	Samuel A. Ward

Donna Petersen, Soloist

Landkjenning	Edvard Grieg
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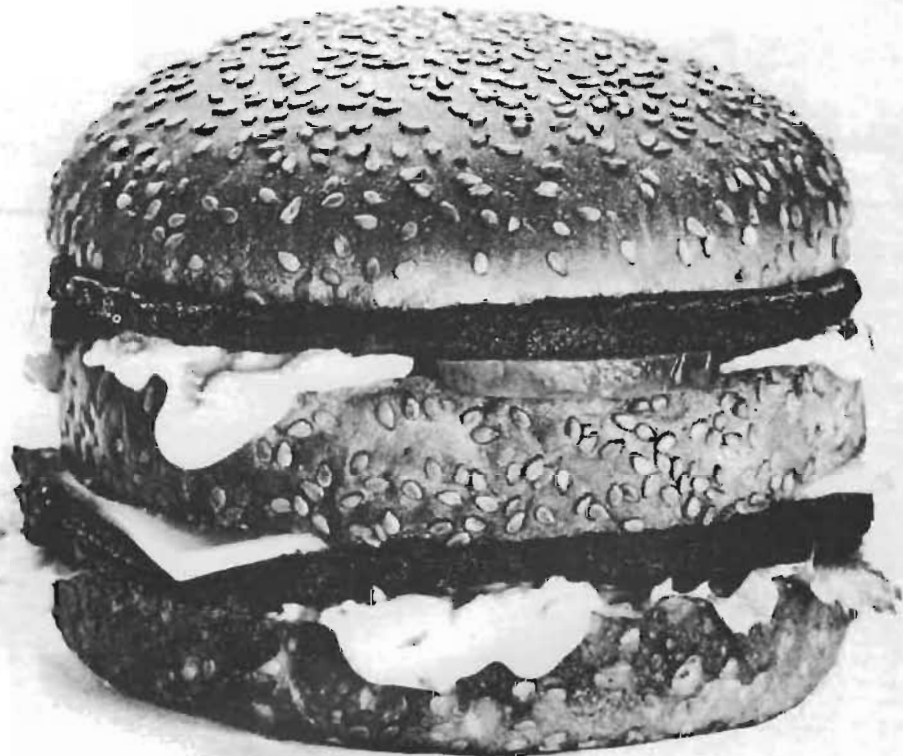
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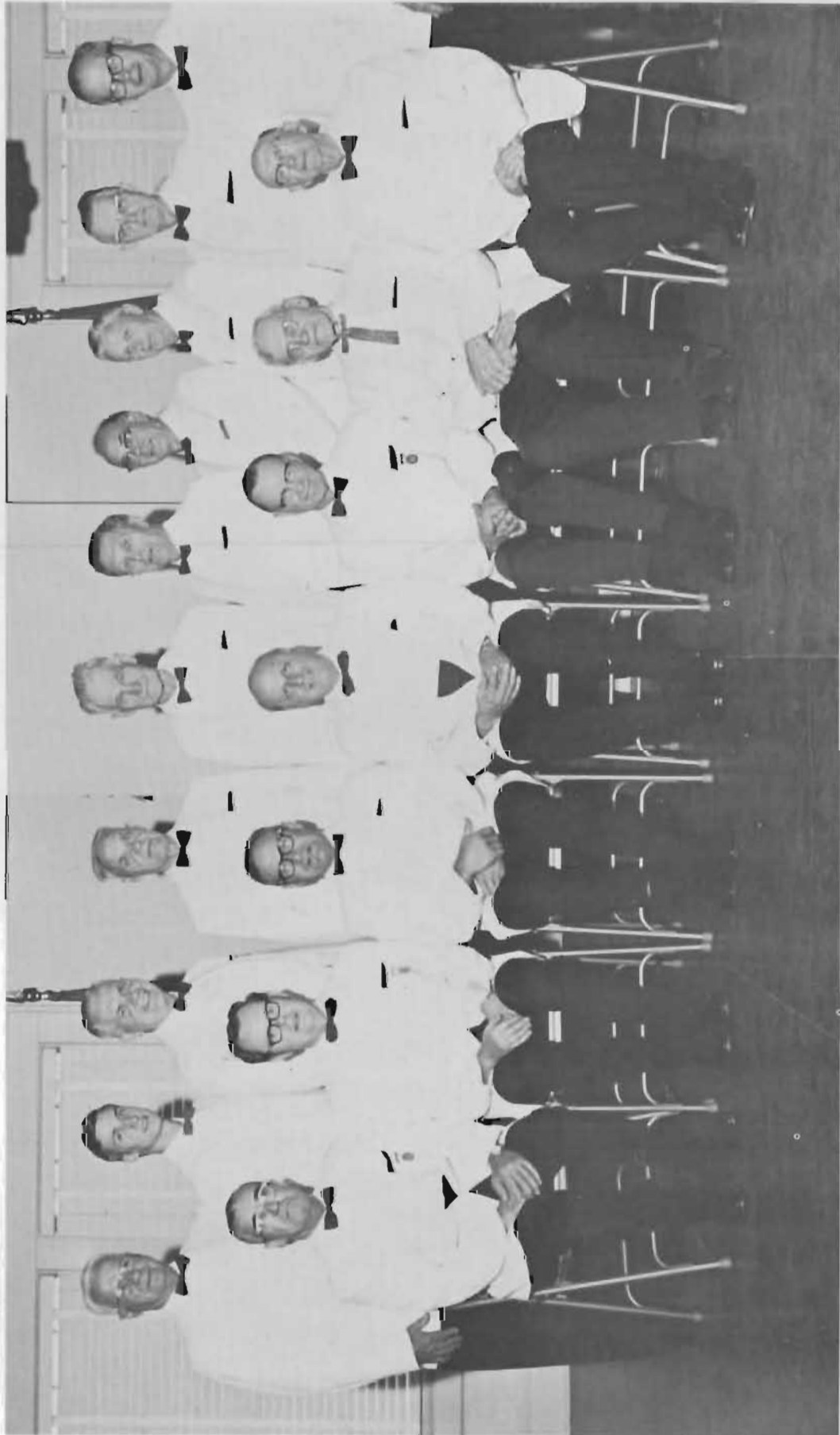
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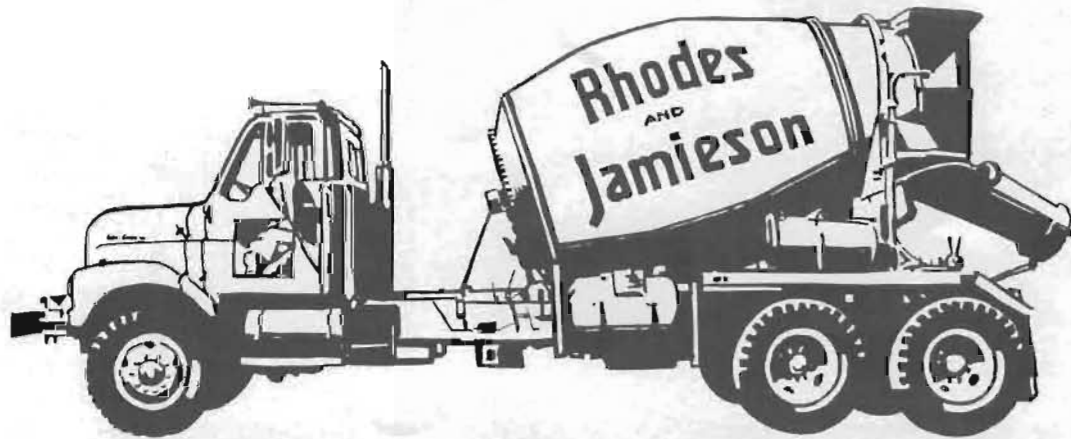
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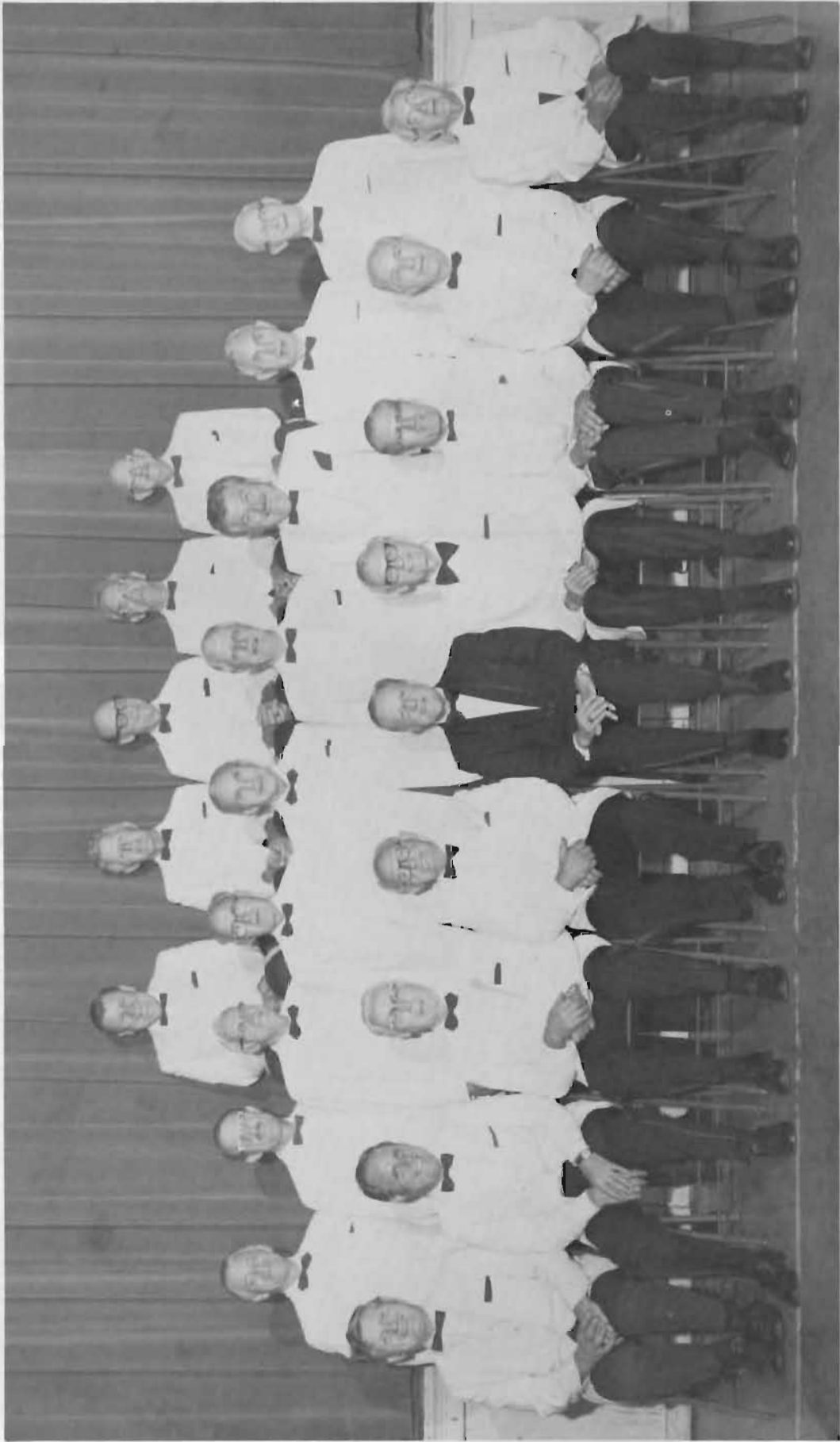
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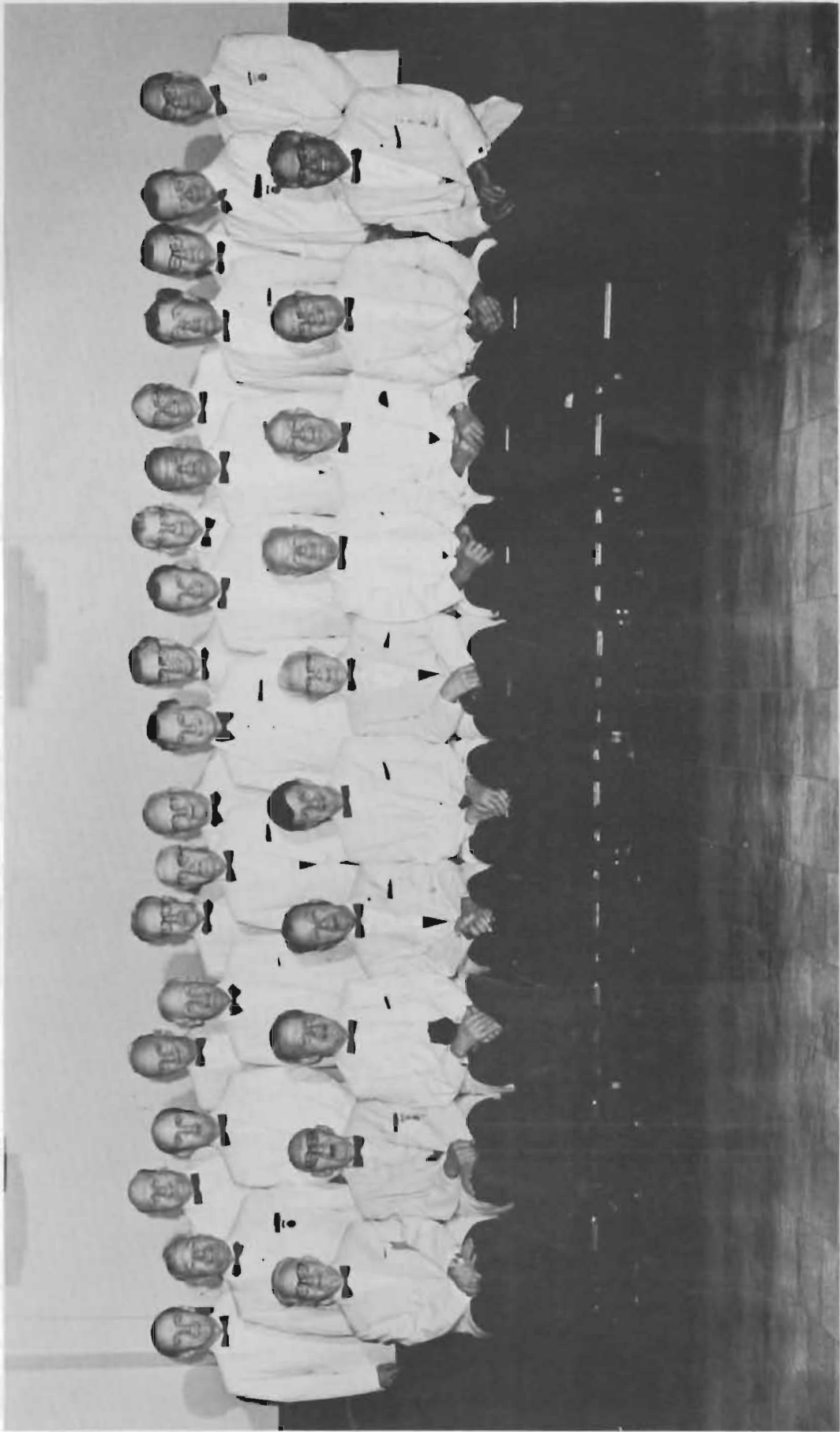
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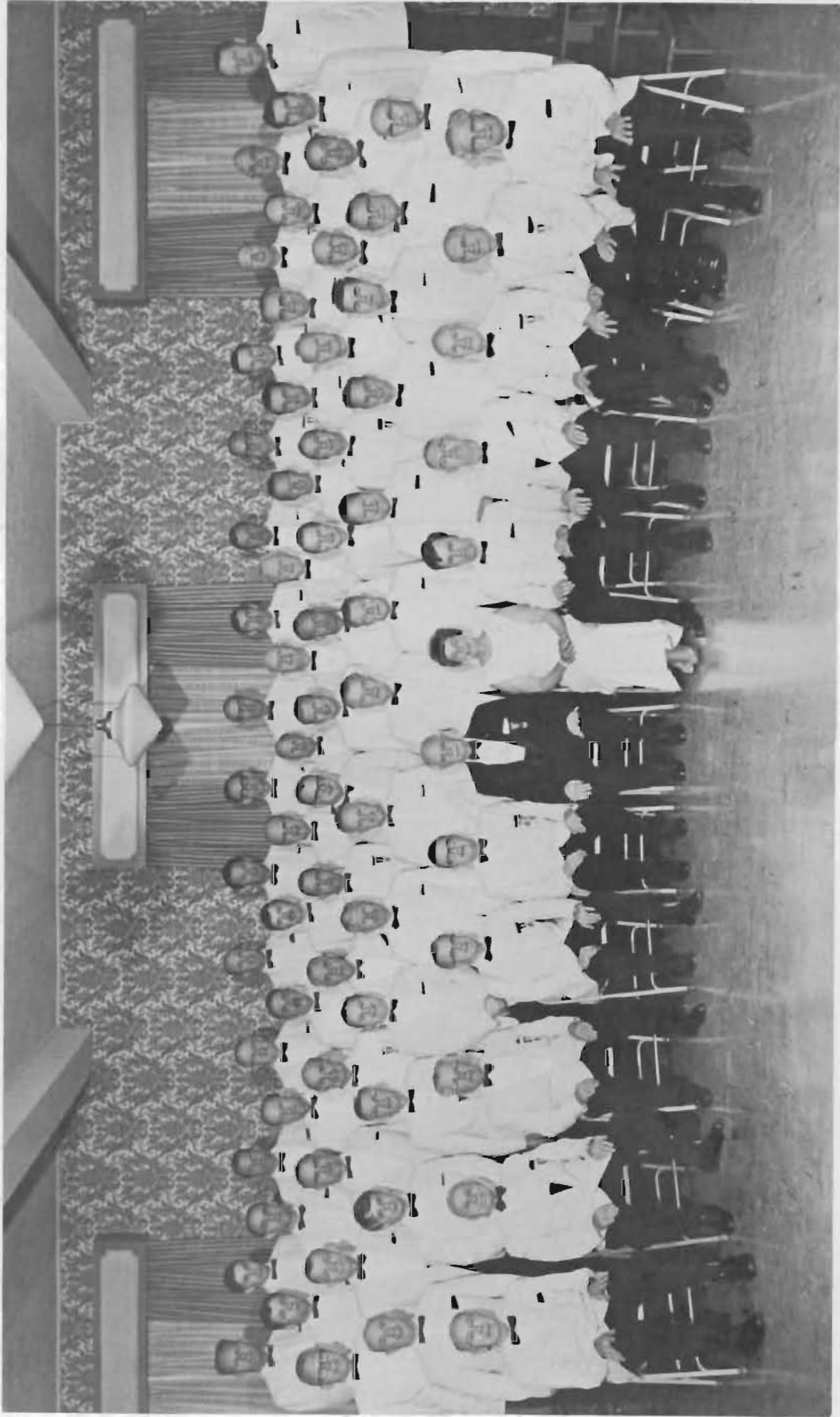


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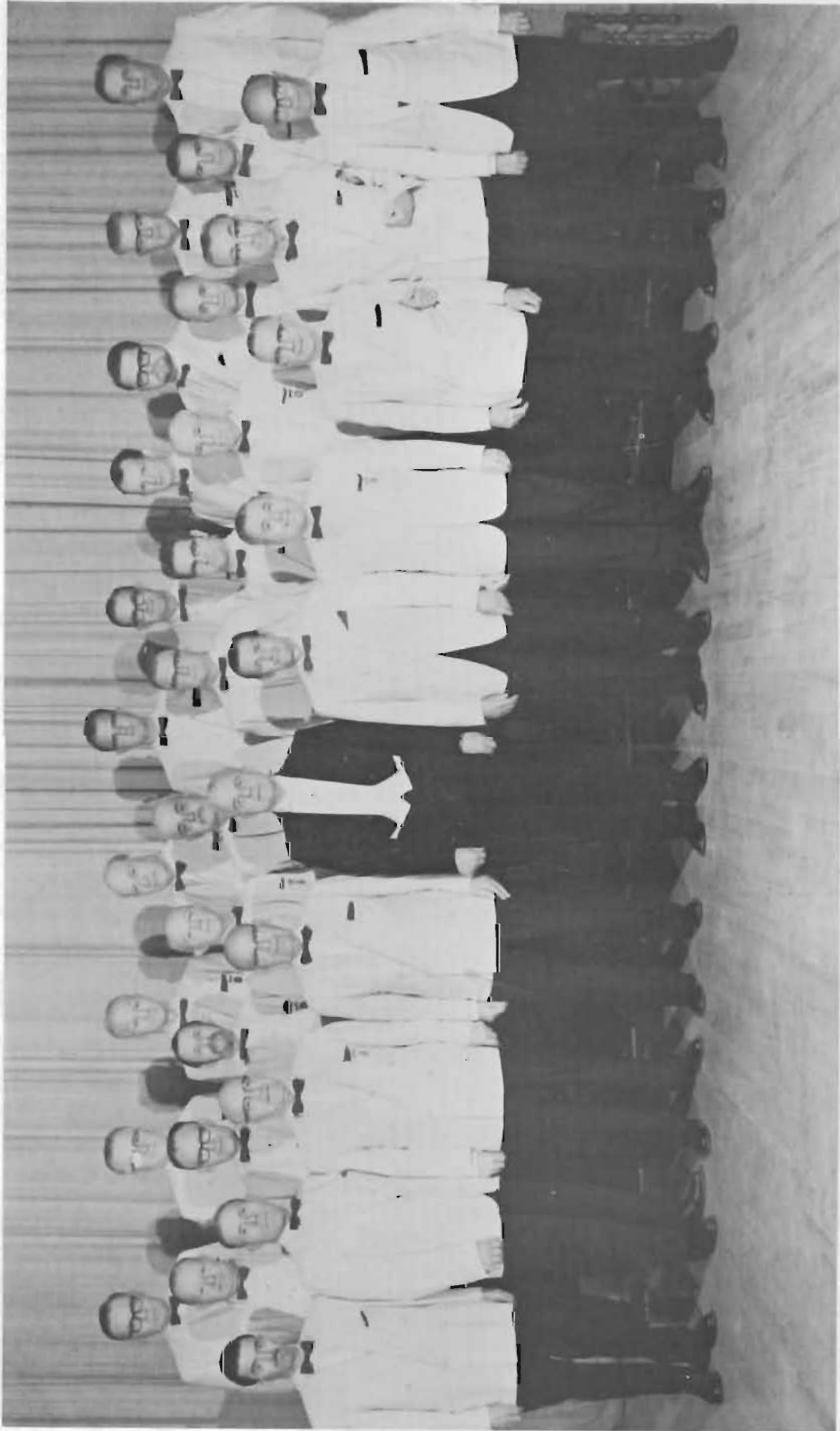
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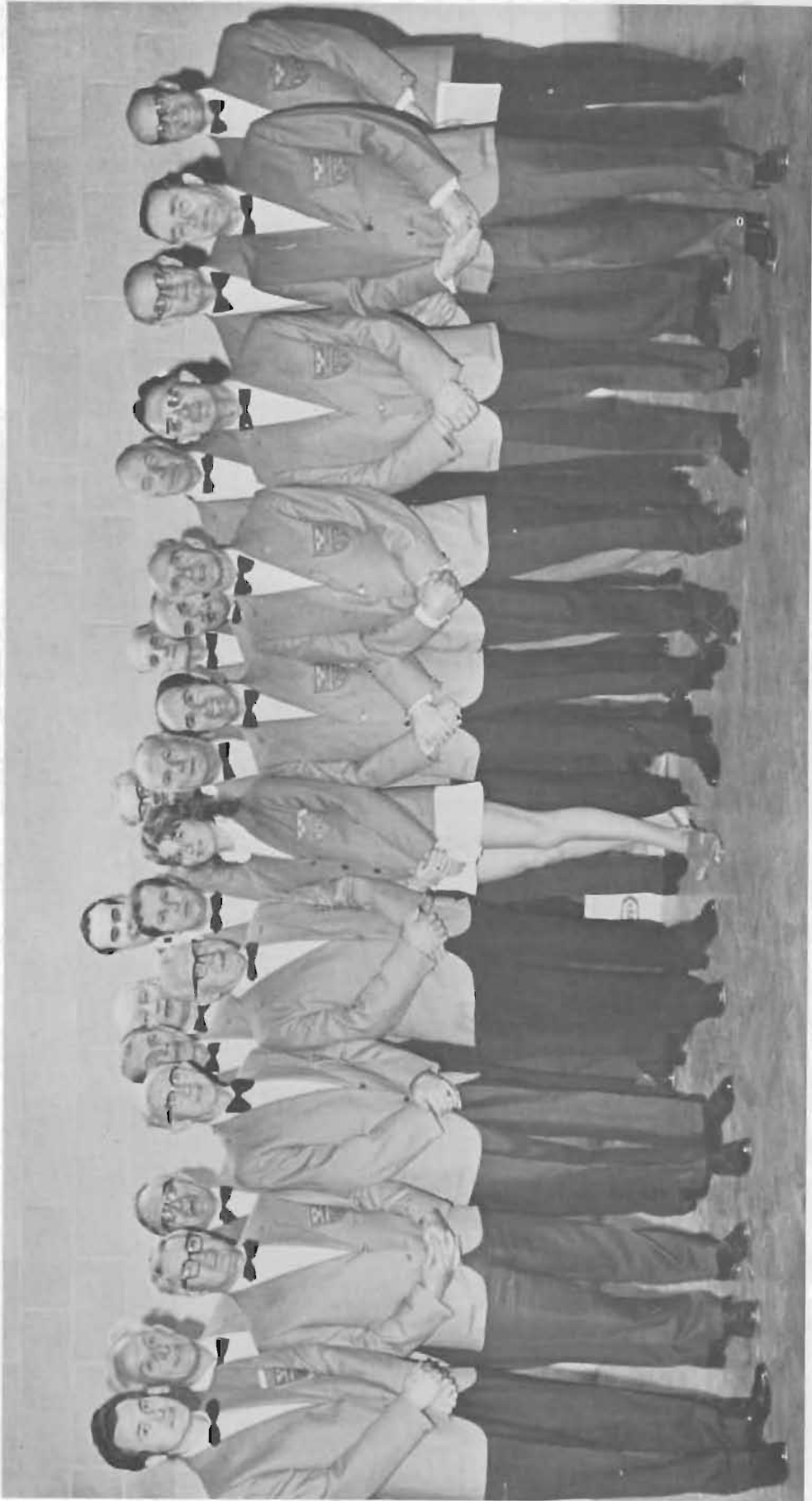
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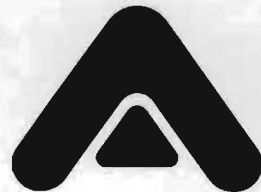
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