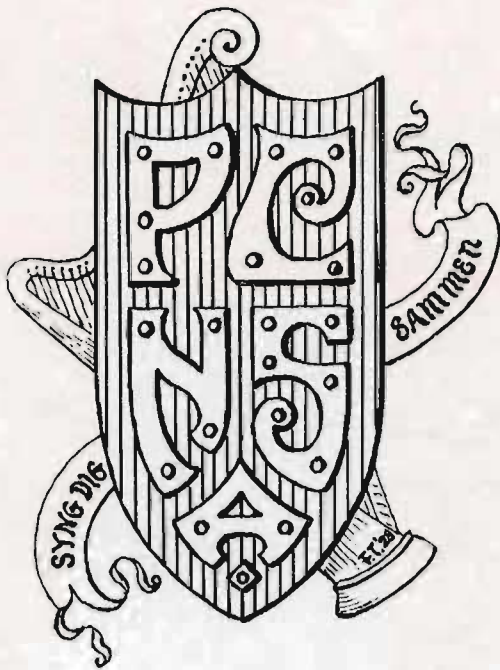


52nd Sangerfest



San Francisco 1961

PACIFIC COAST
NORWEGIAN
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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 52nd in the history of the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers' Association.

President's Greetings



IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE on behalf of the Norwegian Singing Society of San Francisco, to wish the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association and all their ladies and friends welcome to San Francisco for the 52nd Sangerfest. This is the third time I have had this pleasure, and I hope this Sangerfest will come up to your expectations, musically and socially, and that you will enjoy this visit to our city to your heart's fullest content, and that the usual good fellowship will prevail so that our younger and newer members and prospective members will get a spark of that wonderful and harmonious singer's spirit, so gloriously exemplified by our older veteran members of our association.

It is my hope that this singer spirit will have the effect of inspiring all singers to make greater efforts to get more singers and strengthen our choruses musically and socially, then you will go home with our profoundest blessing and gratitude.

CASPAR HEXBERG, *President*
Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association

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Los Angeles, Calif.....	Norwegian Male Chorus
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Oakland, Calif.....	Normanna Glee Club
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Record of Sangerfests

1. Everett	1903
2. Seattle	1904
3. Portland	1905
4. Tacoma	1906
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48. Vancouver, B.C.	1957
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52. San Francisco	1961

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SANGERFEST SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 17

REGISTRATION (at Headquarters) HOTEL WHITCOMB

9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

8:00 P.M. — WELCOME RECEPTION, Dovre Hall

3543 - 18th Street, between Valencia and Guerrero

Cold Supper in Banquet Room, Given By Ladies'

Auxiliary of the San Francisco Singing Society.

All Registered Guests — Free Admission

Friday, August 18

10:00 A.M. — REHEARSAL, Dovre Hall

12:15 P.M. — LUNCHEON —

for the Singers in the Banquet Room

Given by the Norwegian National League of

San Francisco

Ladies' Luncheon at Hotel Claremont, Oakland

Given by Ladies Auxiliary of

Normanna Glee Club of Oakland

Buses leaving Whitcomb Hotel at 11:30 A.M.

2:00 P.M. — General Rehearsal at Nourse Auditorium

8:30 P.M. — Grand Concert at Nourse Auditorium

10:30 P.M. — Dancing at Dovre Hall

Refreshments in Banquet Hall

Given by SONS OF NORWAY

Henrik Ibsen Lodge No. 7, and

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Anna Kolbjornsen Lodge No. 4

Saturday, August 19

**10:00 A.M. — Business Meeting, Vista Room, Hotel
Whitcomb**

6:00 P.M. — Banquet, Vista Room, Hotel Whitcomb

9:00 P.M. — Grand Ball, Vista Room, Hotel Whitcomb



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Program Notes

Varde "The Beacon." Words by Per Sivle, music by Johannes Haarklou. History relates that the Norwegian King Haakon the Good (919-961) gave order to build great beacons on the highest mountain peaks throughout Norway. They were only to be lit in case of foes entering the country. Thus the ominous message could reach from the southernmost point of Norway all the way to North Cape within seven nights. In rousing words the poem paints a picture of the awakening at night of each man! The Beacon is Burning!! No need of telling them the foe is entering the Fatherland. They rush to the defense of home and country, and the hapless foe shall taste what it means to be the cause of Burning Beacons. Still, though no beacons are burning on the mountain tops they burn in the hearts of Norway's youth. It burns! Burns! --- The powerful musical setting has made the song one of the most beloved of Norwegian choral music.

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Baadn-Laot. "Nursery Rhyme." This humorous piece is a little Norwegian Folk Song, a Children's Ditty. The setting is by Grieg in his own inimitable style and shows his mastery in male chorus arrangement. The besom lies in the closet. The cat is drumming and four mice are dancing, so the whole earth is shaking. The cat sits on the roof speaking to its daughters: "How shall we keep our feet dry, our paws are freezing?" We shall travel to Denmark and buy shoes for two bits, and corn and gingersnaps. Meow!

★

Den store hvite flok. "The great White Host." Behold a Host arrayed in white, like thousand snow-clad mountains bright. Their voices they in worship raise, before the throne of God, mid Angels' song of praise! This religious poem is from the prolific pen of the Bishop H. A. Brorson (1694-1722). Several Norwegian Folk melodies, greatly varying, are to be found to this text, but Grieg selected the one used here and arranged it for baritone solo with male chorus accompaniment. Of the three verses of the song only the first is used in this setting which has long since become a great favorite with all male choruses.

Klara Stjaerna. Twinkling Star in heaven's deep blue, do not hide your eye to me. To the realms where you shine my soul is longing.

★

Landkjending. "Land-Sighting." The poem is by Norway's great writer Bjornson and the music by the immortal Grieg. It is one of the most popular male chorus songs in the world, depicting the young Hero-King Olav Trygvason's return to his native Norway and the first impression of land he and his followers got from the gleaming mountain peaks and thundering waterfalls as they sailed in through the deep blue fjords in the shimmering sunlit air. In the baritone solo the King gives profound expression for his belief, that here was home, and here he would raise the Cross which should lift his spirit high and strong like the mighty glittering mountains! And his men intone the prayer carrying the song to a grand soul stirring finish.

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Olav Trygvason. Poem by Bjornson, music by Reissiger. It is perhaps the favorite of all the Norwegian male chorus songs, and hardly a concert is given without its appearance on the program. The epic background of the song is the Naval Battle fought at the peninsula of Svold, off the German-Baltic coast in the year 1000, where the famous Norwegian Hero - King Olav Trygvason fell against his combined Norwegian, Danish and Swedish foes. His Dragon Ship, the "Long Serpent," the most famous of all Viking ships, was taken -- and Olav Trygvason, wounded, jumped overboard and disappeared. But the song itself with King Olav's Earl, Erling Skjalgson and his men, who with 36 lighter warships had outsailed the 11 heavier Dragon Ships of the King, and unaware of the sad fate of their beloved Hero were laying waiting for him -in vain. And then from the depth of the ocean, like a sigh, came the message carried by sobbing waves to the waiting men: "Taken is the Long Serpent! Fallen is Olav Trygvason!"

FESTIVAL PROGRAM

GRAND CONCERT

Friday, August 18 - 8:30 P.M. - Nourse Auditorium

AUGUST WERNER, *Director-in-Chief*
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CAROLE LARSEN, *Guest Artist*
ROLLIN JENSEN *at the Piano*
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1. Dear Land of Home Sibelius
2. Lill' Anna Mari (Folk Song from Holstein Arr.) Werner
3. Let There Be Music Williams
4. Klara Stjarna Wetterling
5. Varde Haarklou

Grand Chorus

Incidental solo by Trygve Bjornstad

1. En Svane - Ibsen Edv. Grieg
2. Kiddenes Dans - Fortaelling Edv. Grieg
3. Solveigs Song - Ibsen Edv. Grieg
Carole Larsen - Rollin Jensen, Accompanist

1. Hill Dig, Norge Forwald
2. Hjemover Fra Langreis Wendelborg
3. Baaden-Laot, (Norwegian Folk Song Arr.) Grieg
Incidental Solo, Trygve Bjornstad
4. Stout Hearted Men Romberg

Gran: Chorus

1. The Norwegian Echo Song W. Thrane
2. Un bel di "Madame Butterfly" G. Puccini
3. D'amor sull oli rosee - "Il Trovatore" G. Verdi
Carole Larsen - Rollin Jensen, Accompanist

1. The Lost Chord Sullivan
2. Den Store Hvide Flok (Norwegian Folk Melody, Arr.) Grieg
Solo, Carole Larsen
3. Olaf Trygvason Reissiger
4. Naar Fjordene Blaaner Paulsen
5. Landkjending Grieg
Grand Chorus Soloist, Elmer Holm

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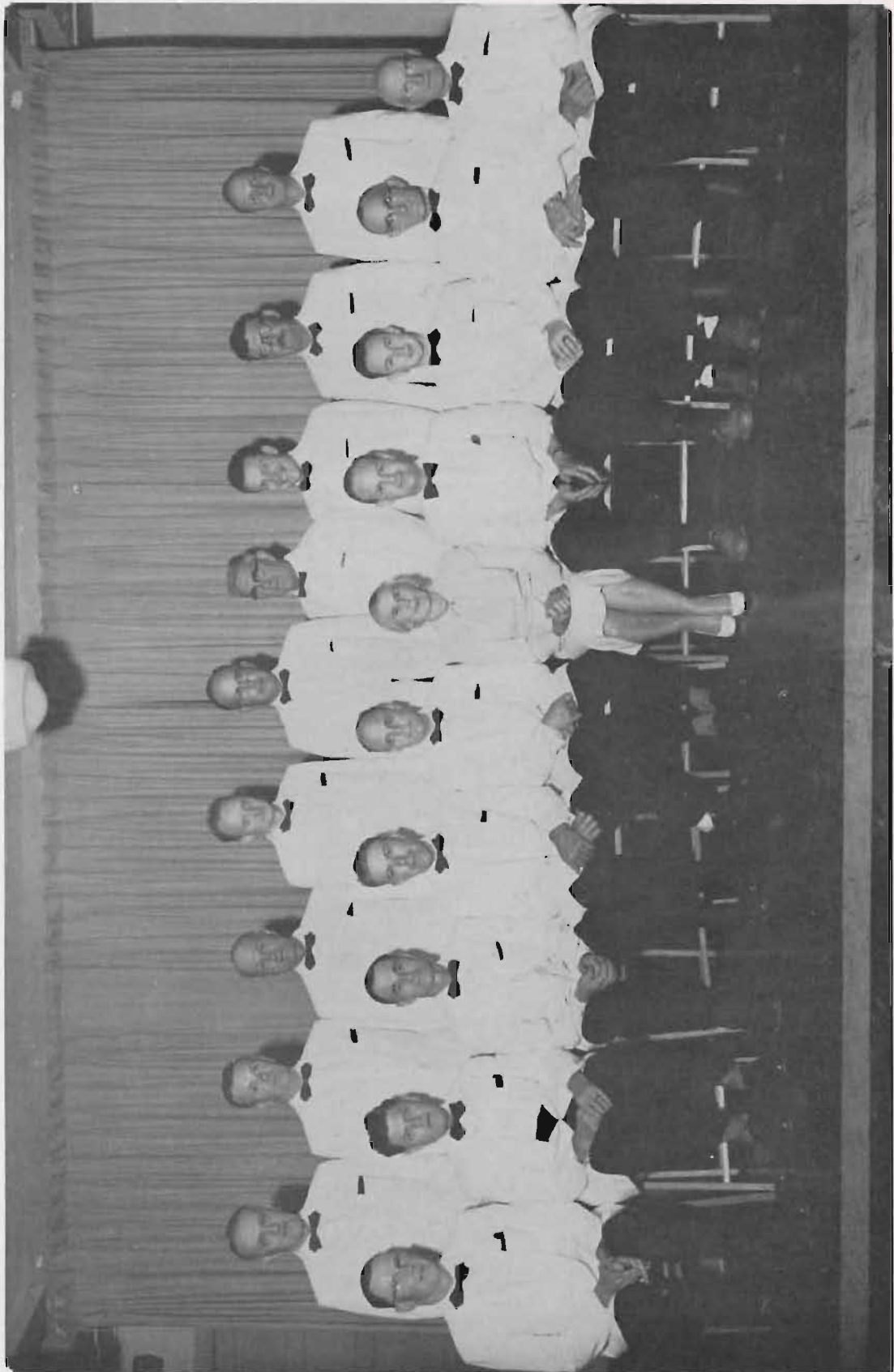
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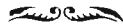
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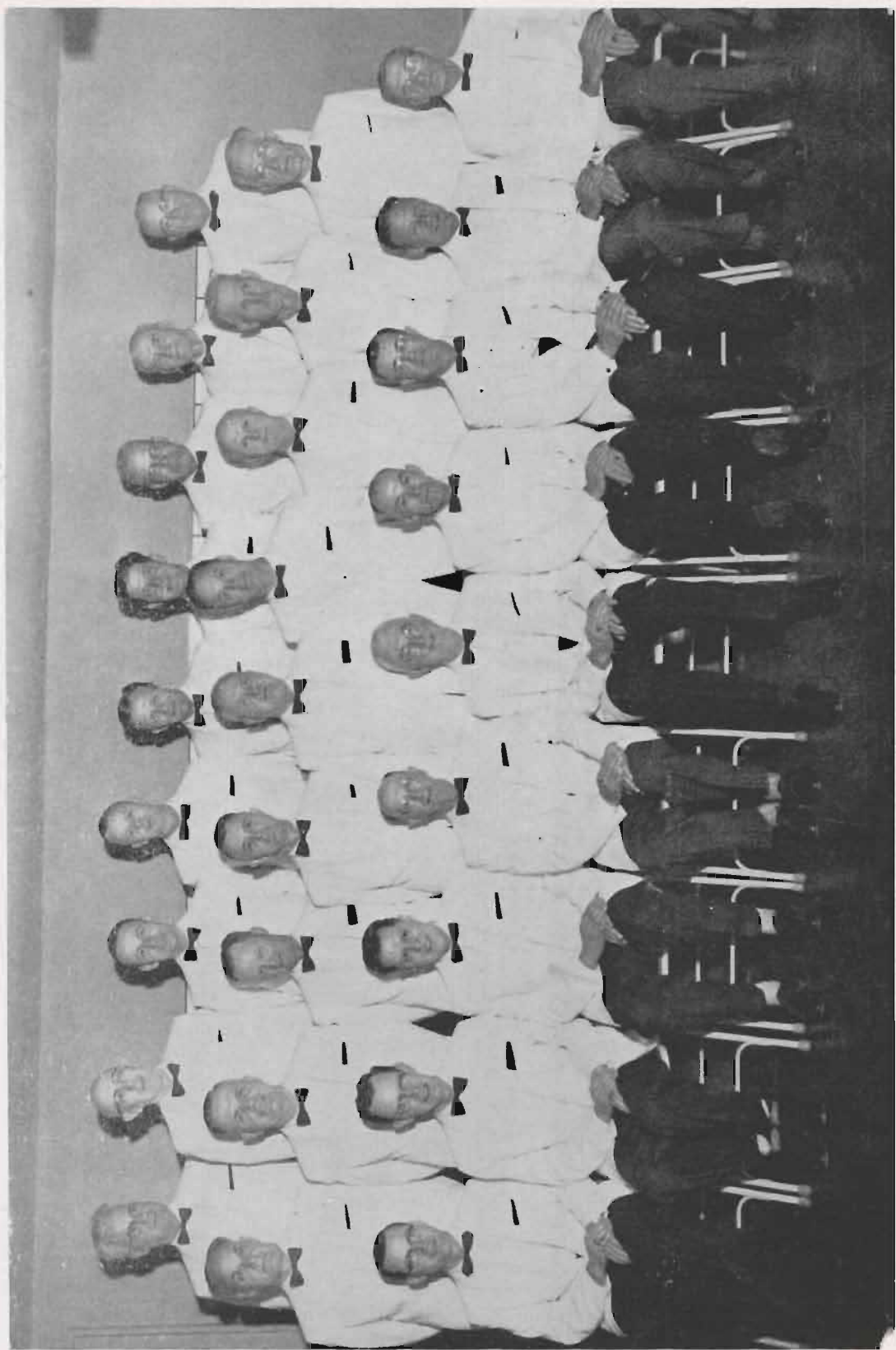
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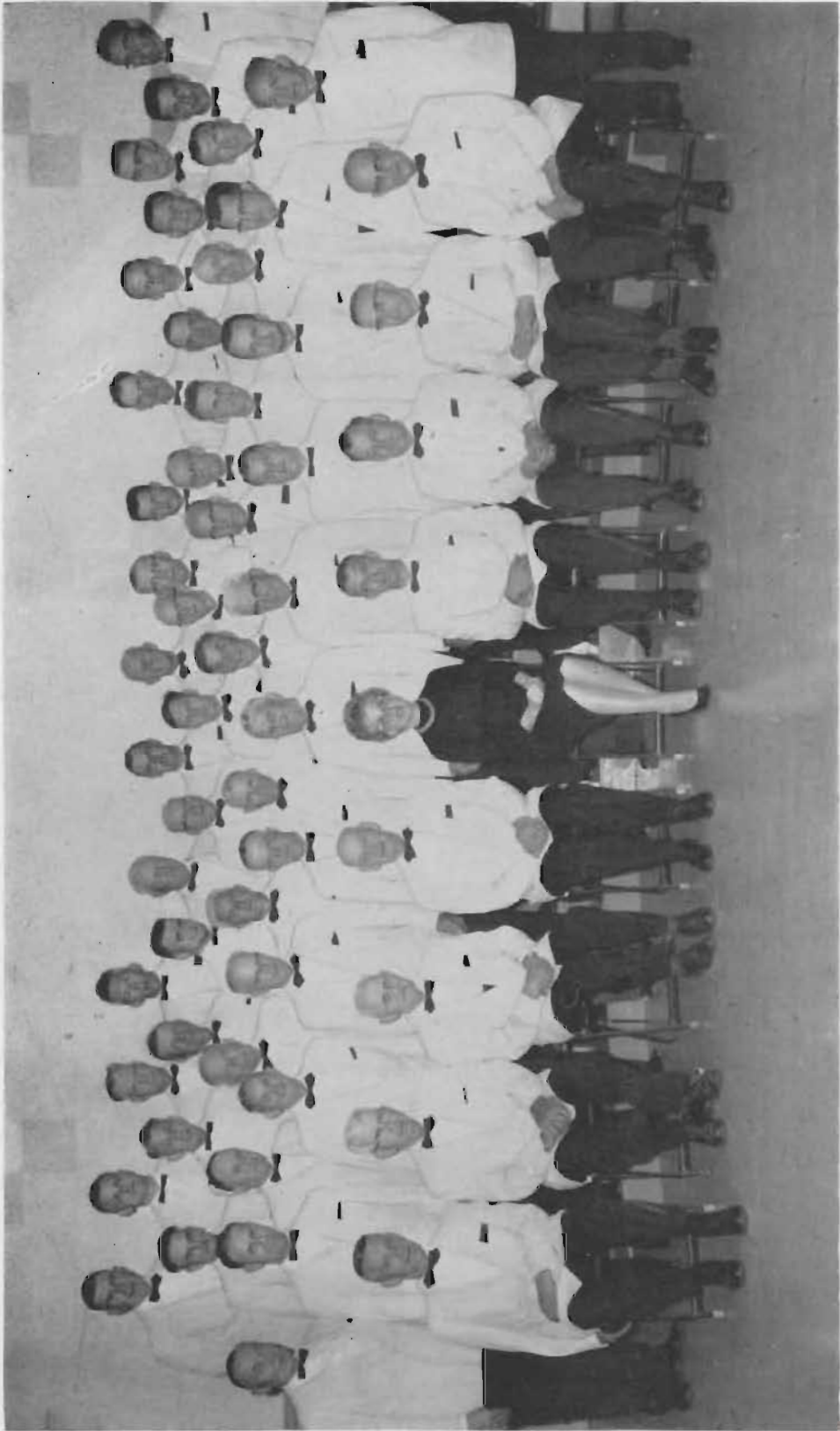
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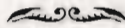


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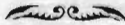
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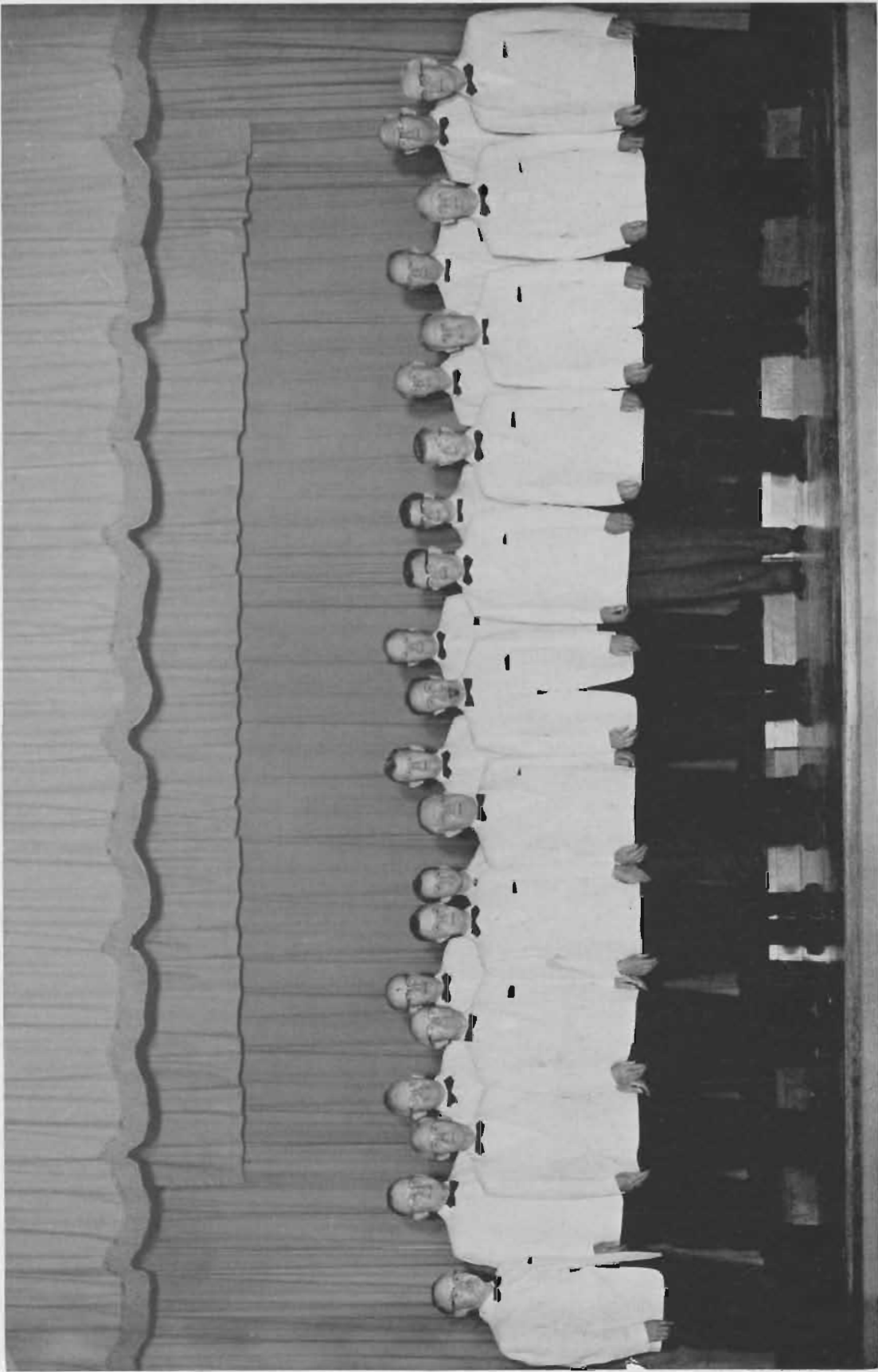
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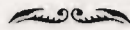
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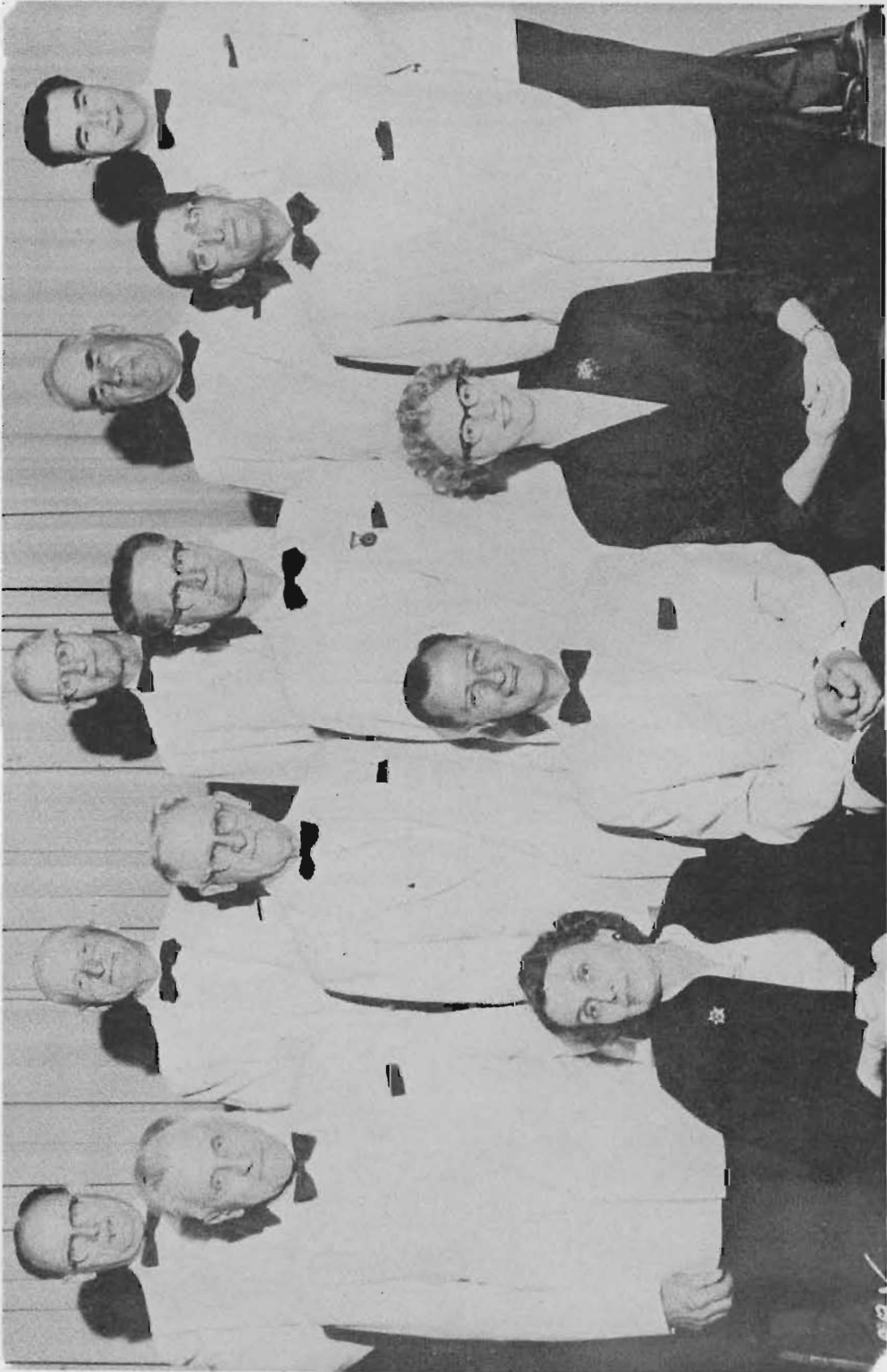
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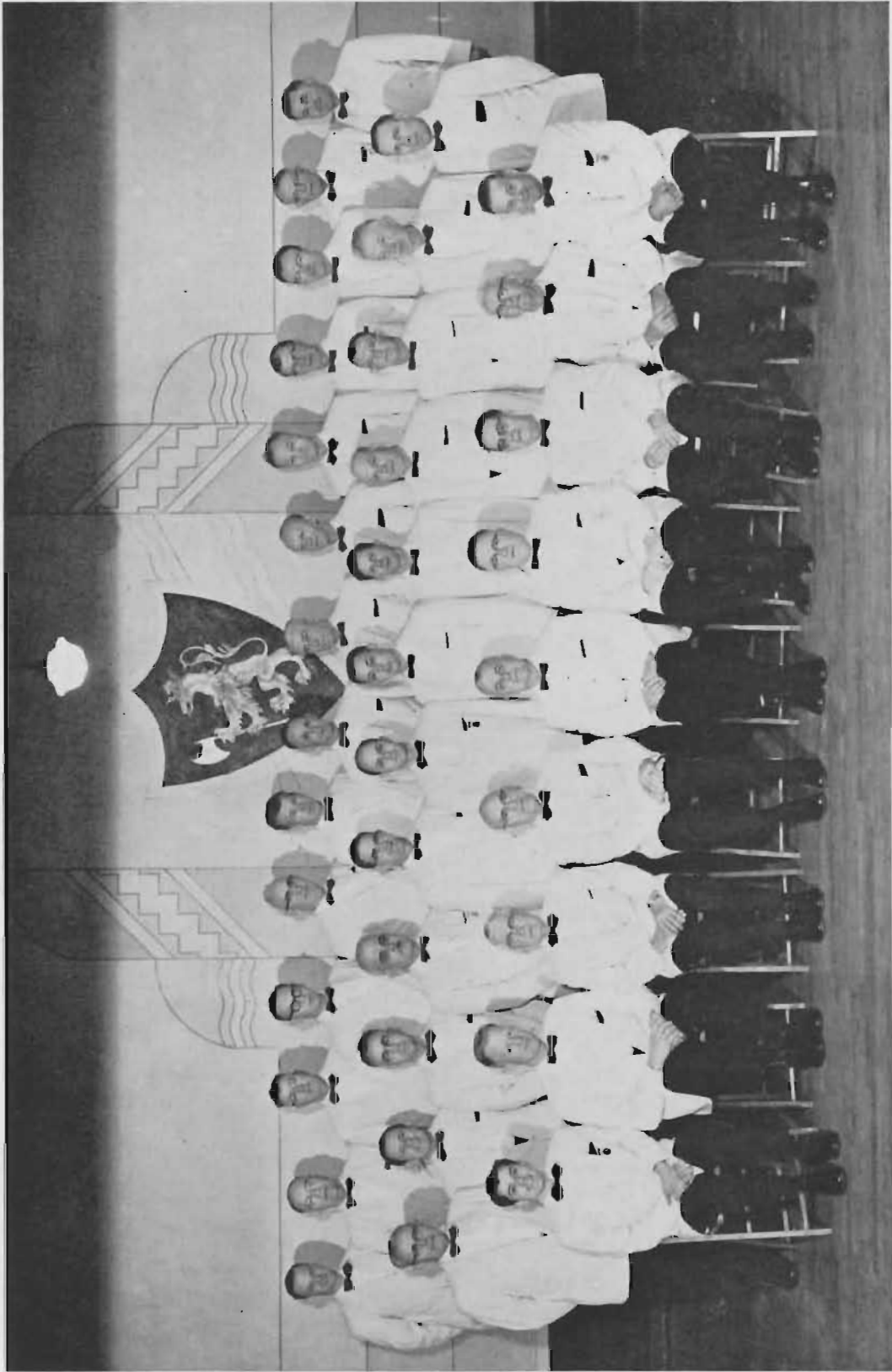
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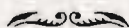
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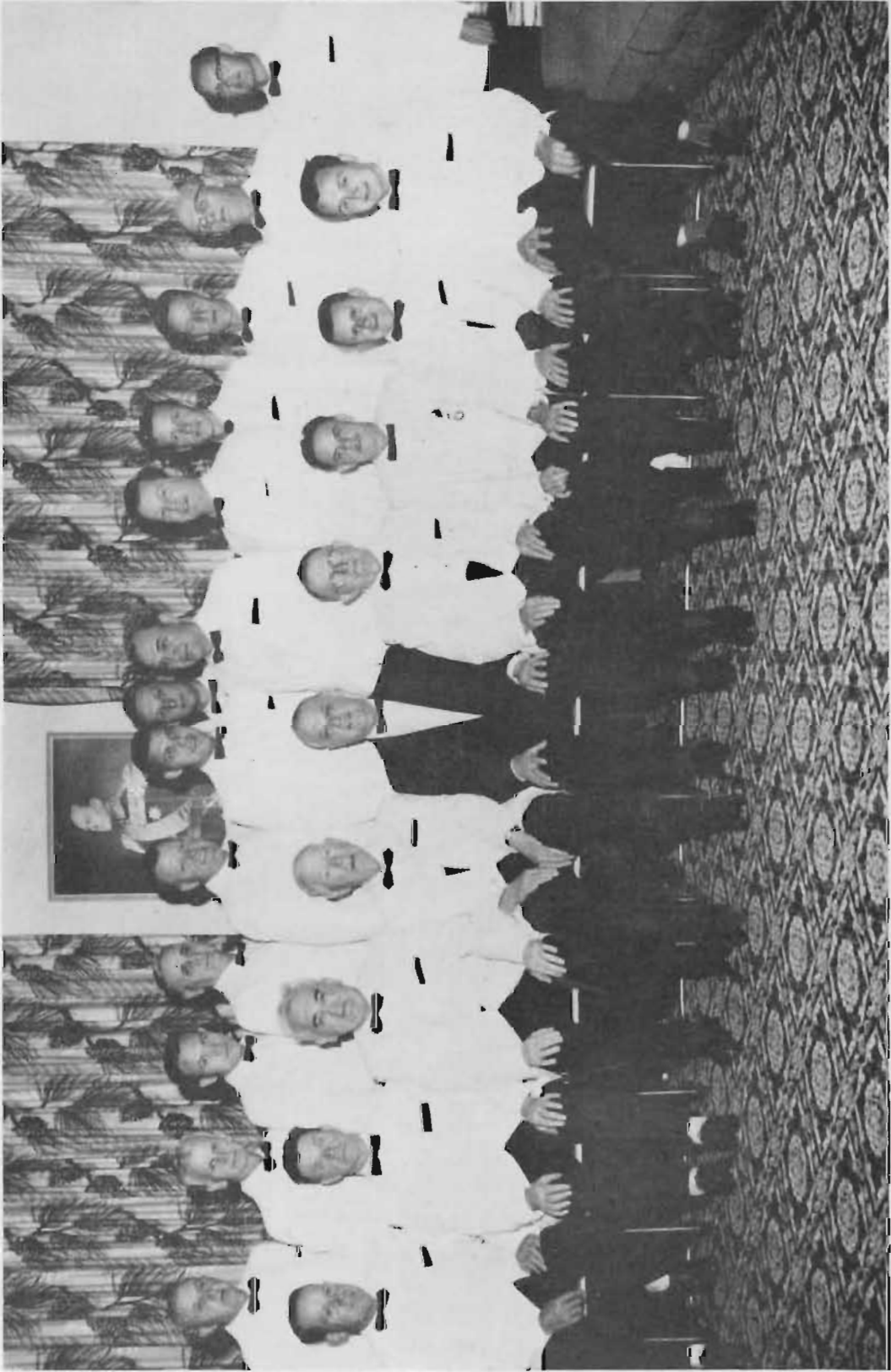
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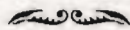


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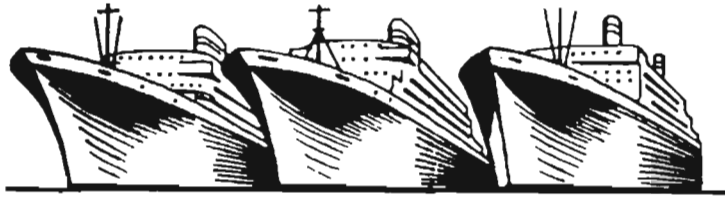
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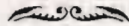
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