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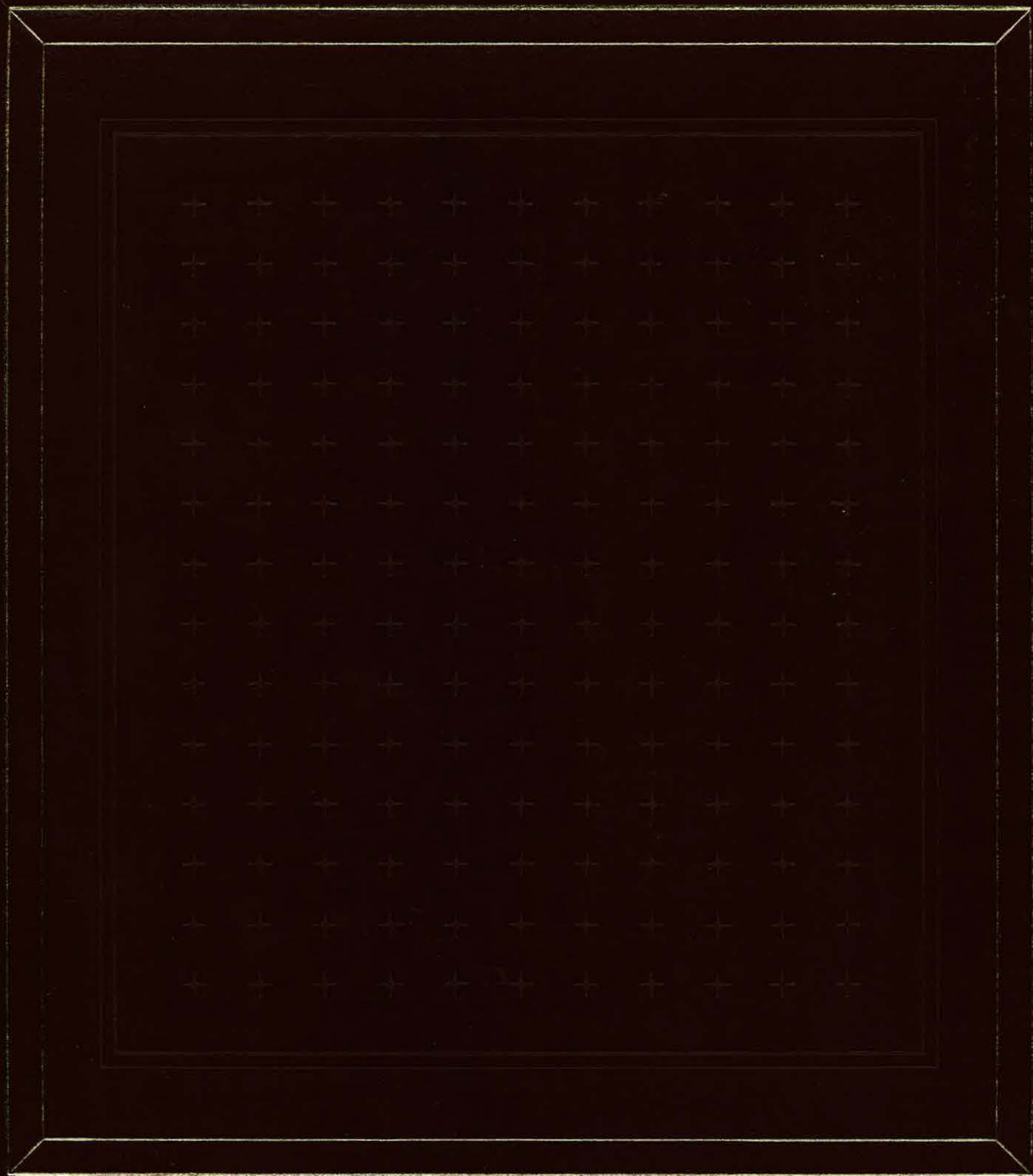
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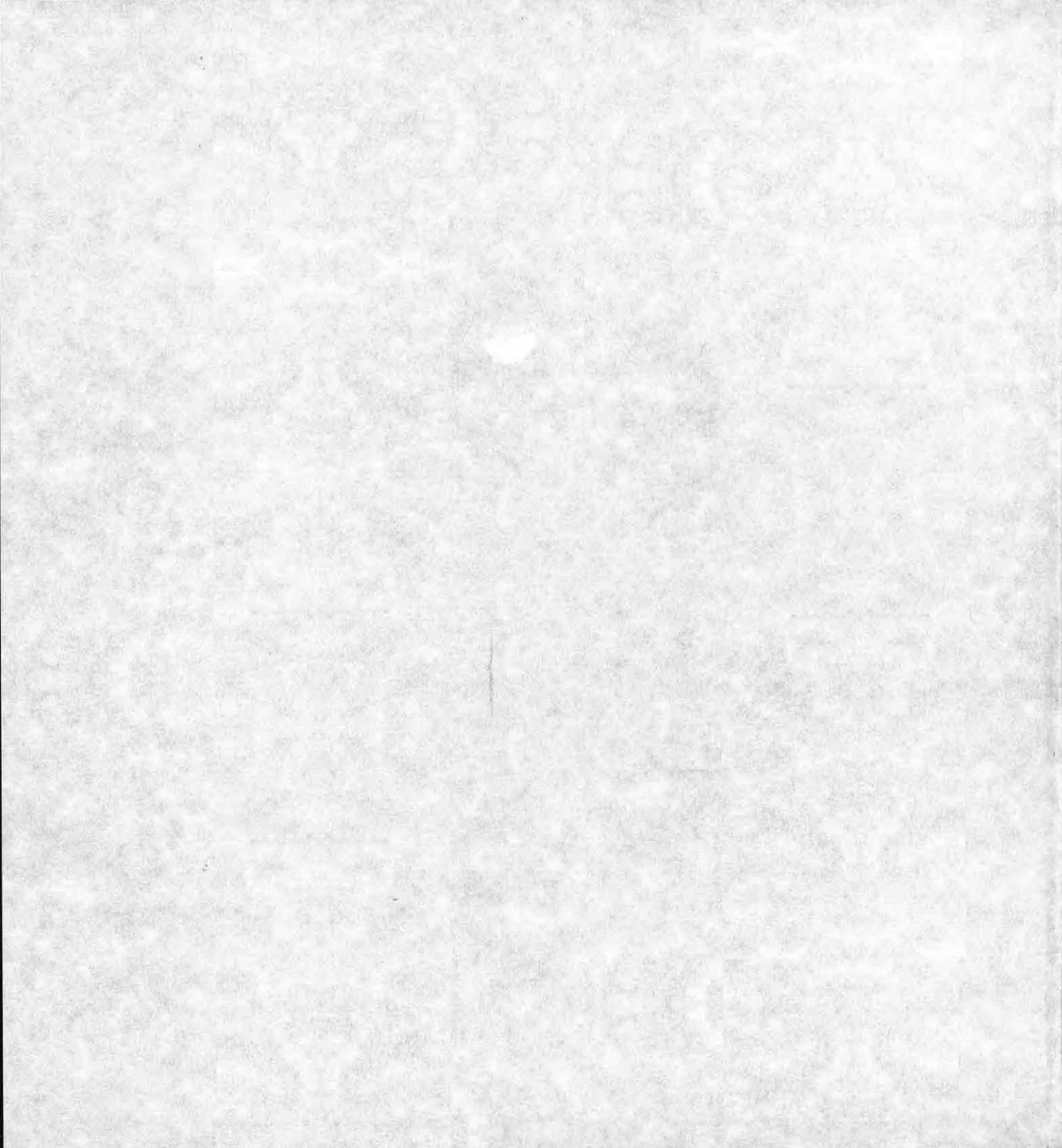
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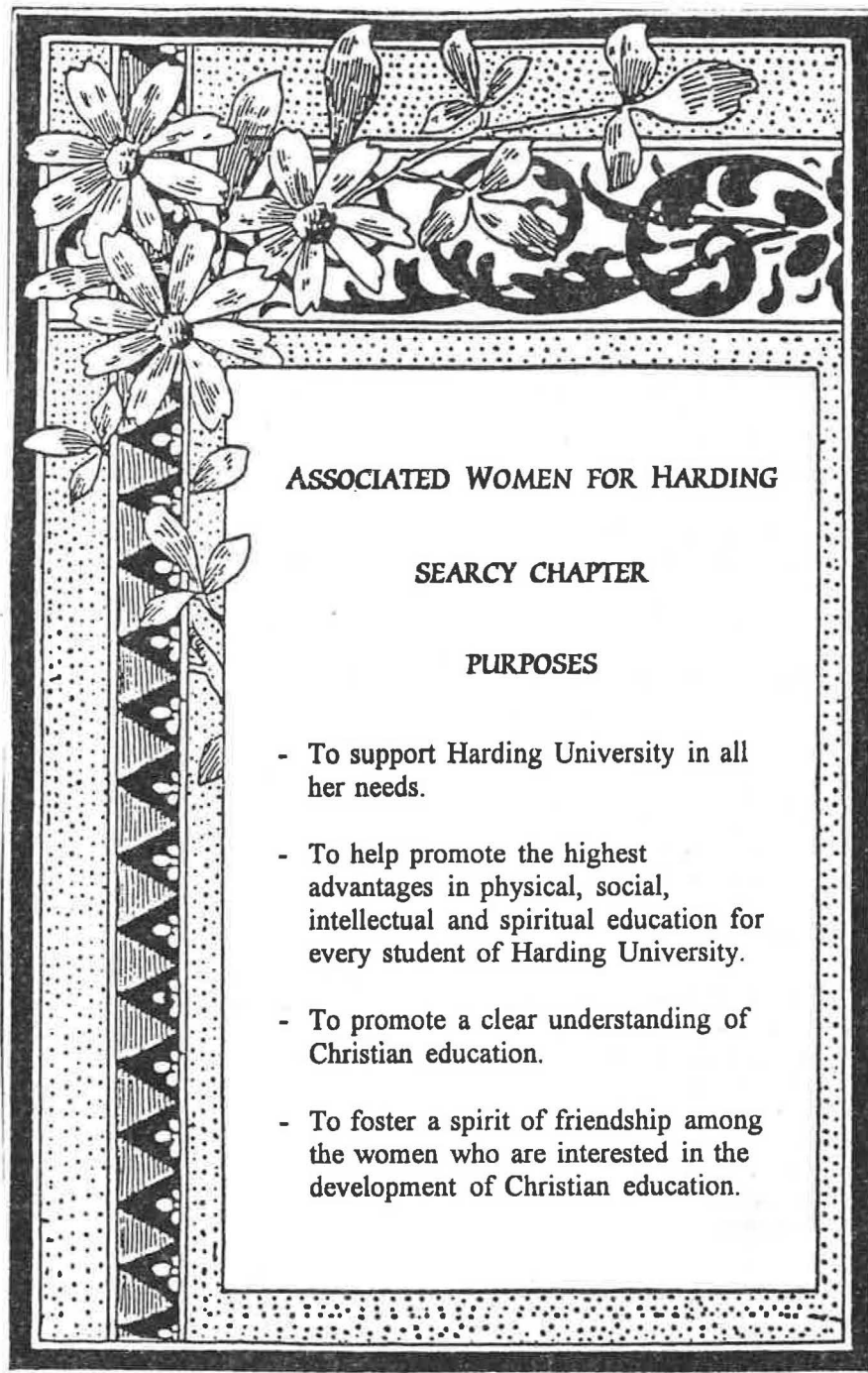




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Searcy Chapter





ASSOCIATED WOMEN FOR HARDING

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PURPOSES

- To support Harding University in all her needs.
- To help promote the highest advantages in physical, social, intellectual and spiritual education for every student of Harding University.
- To promote a clear understanding of Christian education.
- To foster a spirit of friendship among the women who are interested in the development of Christian education.



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Librarian, annual advisor turns yet another page

By THOMAS JACQUES
News Editor

Longtime Harding Academy instructor and librarian Ruth Browning is to be honored with a drop-in reception at the school on Sunday, June 18, as she retires after more than 40 years as an educator.

The event is slated from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the academy's dining hall. It's another of the many events and activities that are keeping Browning from getting a few extra winks of shut-eye that she says she thought would come with retirement.

Thanks to a busy summer schedule, it hasn't happened much.

"Unfortunately I've only been able to sleep in two days," she said, laughing.

During the summer, she is taking on a number of tasks, including assisting new Harding Academy librarian Mona Diles as she becomes familiar with the library.

Browning is also genealogy buff, tracing her ancestry's long history in Lawrence County, Missouri, and further back through Tennessee, North Carolina and other states. She has abstracted several newspapers in southwest Missouri and looks forward to getting a new start on some of her genealogy research which she calls "fascinating."

She also plans to volunteer her time to assist in the College Church of Christ resource room, and aid Hastings Books' summer reading program.

In addition, Browning is a member and third grade Bible class teacher at College Church of Christ. She is also president-elect of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity, and a member of University Women Affiliated, Associated Women for Harding and Harding Businesswomen.

Looking back, Browning has more than 35 years of fond memo-



RETIRING ... Longtime Harding Academy teacher and librarian Ruth Browning is retiring after more than 40 years as an educator.

ries concerning Harding Academy, starting with her association with Superintendent Dr. Perry Mason and Principal J.E. Berryhill when she began teaching at the academy in the fall of 1959.

"If I hadn't had a good superintendent and principal, I would probably have moved on," she says now, reflecting back on her early days of service to the school and community. Looking ahead, she predicts the future will be bright for the academy.

"I think that the academy will continue to do what it has done all along," Browning says. "We try to provide a strong academic program in a spiritual environment."

Browning came to the private school after teaching in the public system in Missouri. Though she

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Browning looks back

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remembers fondly her early years as a teacher in Rolla and Joplin, she clearly has enjoyed the private school atmosphere.

"I wanted to be able to not only lead a Christian life, but I wanted to tell students what it means to lead a Christian life," she said.

She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Southwest Missouri State at Springfield, and a master of arts in teaching from Harding. Over the years, she has taught numerous courses from English and literature to American history, world history, civics, math, social studies, Bible and journalism.

In the fall of 1975, she became librarian at Harding Academy and completed her library science courses in the summer by returning to Southwest Missouri State.

"I enjoyed the classroom and I missed that when I became a librarian. But as a librarian, I've enjoyed helping students find things they need."

Browning has also enjoyed the many challenges she has met as advisor for the school's yearbook. In 1966, she became the advisor to Harding University's **Petit Jean** yearbook, which contained a section on Harding Academy within its pages. In 1987, with the state mandate for journalism classes, the academy began its own annual publication.

"One of the joys was when we started our own yearbook, even though it was met with fear and trembling," she said, recalling the initial publication.

"This was a scary year — 1987-'88 — for the journalism staff because no one thought Harding Academy students could really do their own book," she remembered. "With the many hours put in by our Josten yearbook representative, Dean Bawcom, we did get a good volume published." With the print-

Life in White Country

ing of the yearbook, her journalism class eaped compliments from students, parents, and faculty.

"That makes the staff feel good — and that makes the advisor feel good," she said.

"This year was volume eight," she says proudly. "Deciding to do its own yearbook was a good decision made by Harding Academy."

Dear AWH members,

I would like to thank you for the scholarship I was awarded by your organization. If it wasn't for your help, there would be many students unable to attend a university of this status. Thank you again for your help.

In Him,

Ryan S. Caldwell



Scholarships are awarded each year.

Past presidents honored

Past presidents were honored at the September 11 meeting of AWH (Associated Women for Harding). The meeting was hosted by Mae Ann Tucker in her home with 45 present. Debra Shelton conducted the meeting and Brenda Allen led the group in a devotional with "Service" as the theme. After business was taken care of, it was a time for reminiscing, and the meeting was turned over to Lisa Williams, program chairman.

A trio consisting of Lana Bawcom and her two sisters, Dana and Nana, sang several songs in close harmony as a tribute to the past presidents. Slides were shown from the club's scrapbooks of those who have served as presidents from the beginning of AWH 30 years ago to the present. A certificate with a long-stemmed red rose was presented to each one present.

The next meeting will be October 2 with a speaker from "Citizens Against Crime" to be held at the Heritage Inn Auditorium on the Harding campus at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

*September
honored past
Presidents!*



*Executive
Committee
meeting...*



Lana Bawcom singing
"Unforgettable" to honor
the Past Presidents...

... Her triplet sisters
joined her with
more celebration!

... on the balcony
of Mae Ann Sucker's
beautiful home.





*A wonderful and
delicious breakfast
reception for inviting*



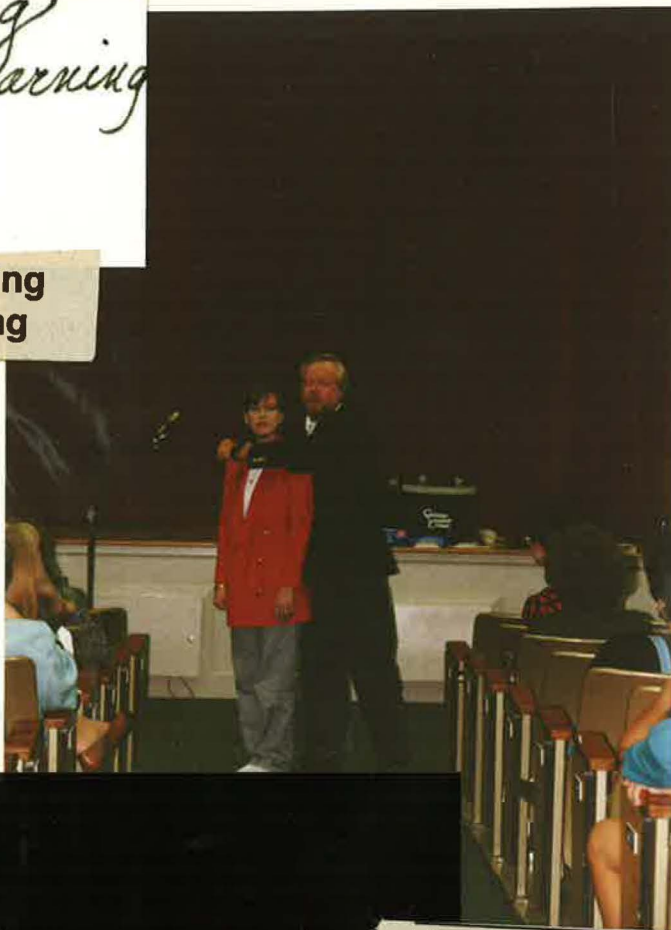


... new members in
the home of Brenda
Allen.



A very interesting
program for learning
about . . .

Anti-crime meeting
tonight at Harding



BY CITIZEN STAFF

"Citizens Against Crime" will be sponsored tonight at 6:30 by the Associated Women for Harding. The meeting will be at the Heritage Inn Auditorium on the Harding campus at 6:30 p.m.

A speaker will give information on protection.

The meeting is open to the public.





...Protection
Against
Crime!





*Holiday
Decorating
Tips...*



... in the home
of Margaret Blue.



'Tempting Tables and Tidbits'



One of the Associated Women for Harding's biggest fundraisers for the year will feature "Tempting Tables and Tidbits" in the home of Carolyn Boyd (left), 9 River Oaks Blvd., Sunday, March 3, from 2-4 p.m. Charlene Prock (right) and Joy Angel (not pictured) are hosting the event. Decorated tables will be set up throughout the house, each with a different holiday or special event theme. There will be "tempting tidbits" to sample as well as recipes on hand. The public may attend and admission cost is \$5 per person, payable at the door.



In the home of
Carolyn Boyd ...







South of the Border









We caught Charlene
and Carelyn sampling
in the garage! ☺



Landscaping discussed
in the home of
Mrs. Calvin Mitchell





A "Guess Who's Coming
To Dinner" Event at
Lana Bawcom's Home.





Let's go see...
Santa!







An evening of elect-
ing officers at the
home of Marilyn Citty.









