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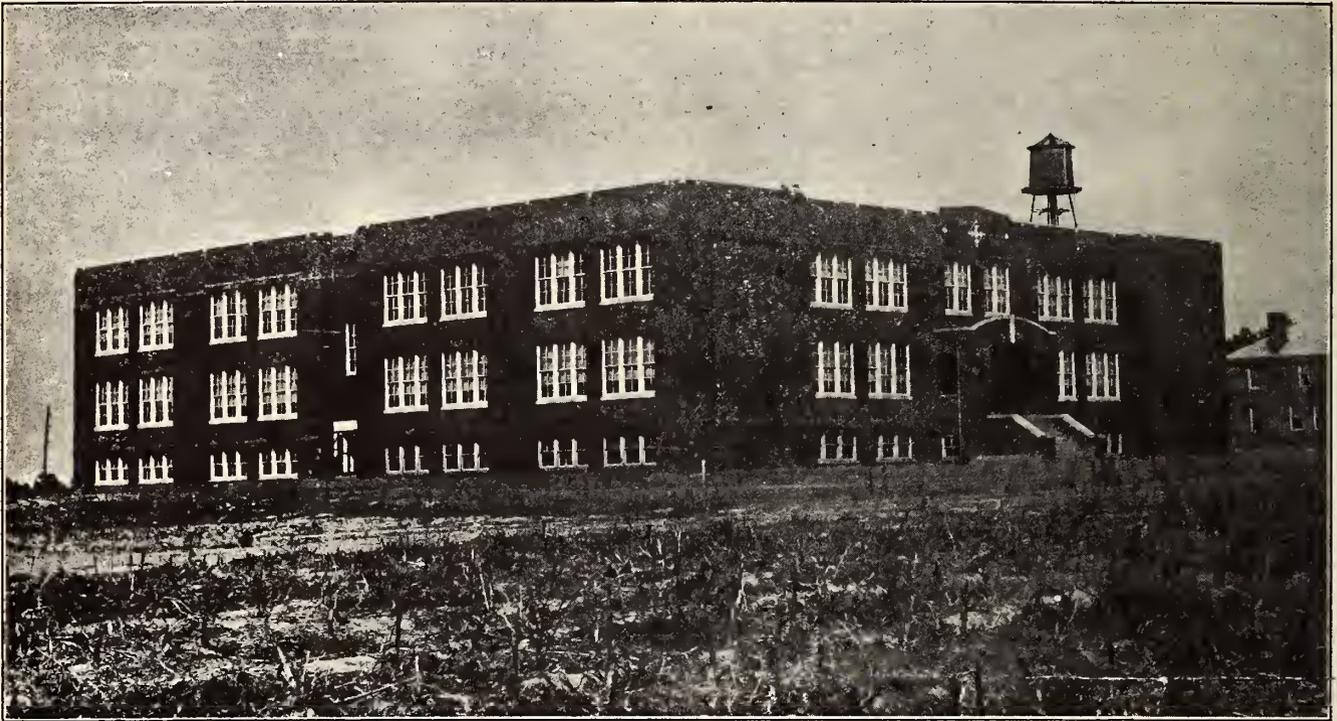
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FOUR OAKS SCHOOL BUILDING

OUR SCHOOL—THE PAST

(Mrs. B. B. Adams)

When we see or hear the word pioneer we are accustomed to think in terms of vast forests, wild Indians, and a few brave white families with all their worldly goods in a covered wagon, going west, battling with primitive conditions, all in order to make a home for themselves. But there are other places than a western frontier where pioneers are needed; there are other causes to sponsor and battle for than dominating nature and subduing Indians.

As I came into Four Oaks in the year 1891 on the first passenger train that ran over this railroad I had an opportunity to observe the primitive conditions of this section and to give a helping touch to the many needs of the community when possible. Probably the most thriving institutions here at that time were the three open bars, each better than the one small school building. For four months in the year the school building in what

was a small unpainted plank one room affair which stood on the site where Mr. W. R. Keen now lives. In fact, if you could eliminate all of Mr. Keen's house except the kitchen and a small part of the dining room and turn it with the end facing the highway, you would have the identical building. There was a door in the

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OUR SCHOOL—THE PRESENT

(J. T. Hatcher)

The growth of our school, so well told in the article by Mrs. Adams, has been so rapid, especially during the last seven or eight years, that the average citizen in our community can hardly realize just how large a school we really have, large not only in numbers but in the work done as well. Several things combine to make a modern efficient school possible. We shall discuss a few of these things that make our school what it is today.

First, we may consider the school district, the territory from which the school draws its children and its financial support. The Four Oaks district is

is a basis. Our school officials can now plan a program of real work for the future.

Another element in our school that deserves consideration is the school plant. We have a school house and grounds of which we are proud. The school lot contains nearly ten acres of land almost perfectly situated for school

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OUR SCHOOL—THE FUTURE

(Supt. H. B. Marrow)

The well rounded school system must develop in several ways. First it must be financially able to provide adequate buildings and efficient instruction. Second, the citizens of the district must possess a clear conception of what is a good school and be willing to help obtain it.

The Four Oaks Special School Taxing District as enlarged by the recent election is financially able to provide for that part of the school term which is not provided by the county; and further under the present policy of the county the responsibility of adequate buildings and equipment rests on the county as a

district and the adequate buildings of a district are all of no avail unless that intangible thing we call school spirit exists and is directed along right lines. The Four Oaks District possesses a splendid school spirit which has moulded their present school into an institution which is more than mere material

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THE OLD BUILDING—IN USE UNTIL FOUR YEARS AGO

Our School—The Present

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purposes. It lies just the right distance from the railroad and is high enough to assure good drainage and yet level enough to furnish the best play grounds for the children. At present there are on the school grounds an excellent baseball diamond, two fine out door basket ball courts and a tennis court. There is lots of space outside these courts and every day hundreds of boys and girls are at play all over the ten acres. This Spring the local Parent-Teacher Association led in a movement to beautify our grounds with plants and shrubbery. A landscape gardner planned the plantnigs, and a few weeks ago the shrubbery came and is now growing nicely. The pupils have put out numbers of long leaf pines and dogwoods. In a year or so we shall have as beautiful school grounds as can be found in our county.

The building is the main part of our school plant. It contains twenty four class rooms, a library and an auditorium seating nearly 600. The class rooms are all equipped with the best of everything necessary in the teaching of the children. The desks are the latest type single style. Blackboards are of slate. Light

cost far below that usually paid by teachers in homes.

Another important part of any school system is the teaching staff. This year our faculty is composed of twenty-four teachers—two men and twenty two ladies. All of these teachers have had special training for teaching. Many of them are college graduates. The high school faculty of seven teachers is especially well trained. Every one is a college graduate, some have done graduate work, and one has secured the master's degree. The elementary and primary teachers are all trained for their work. We have no elementary B certificates and only one or two elementary As. All in all we believe we have a strong faculty which is doing a big part in making our school what it is. Besides the twenty four teachers at Four Oaks there are four teachers at Royall, two at Parker, and one at Corinth.

The most important thing in any school is the student body. The grounds, the buildings, the teachers—these are all here for the one purpose of training the children who come to school. In the Four Oaks district we have an enrollment of over a thousand. Nearly eight

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Our sincere wish is that this 1954 ACORN may bring to mind vividly thoughts of individuals whom you want to remember, and high school activities in which you have participated. It is a memory book of our high school, now an





actual fact as we go from class to class; soon it will be a vague memory. Our high school days run swiftly by, and though parting may be sweet, in the years that are to come, these memories will be deeply graven on each heart.





It is only in looking back that we realize how much these days we are living now—these days of triumph and disaster, love and hate, success and failure, victory and defeat—mean.

Good luck to each of you personally





To Mrs. Ernest Allen, who will always remain in our memories as one who with a helping hand and friendly smile, made our stay at F.O.H.S. a profitable and pleasant one, we, the Seniors of 1954, dedicate "THE ACORN."

JOHN THOMAS HATCHER
and
RUTH GEDDIE HATCHER

The Four Oaks School was indeed a young institution when in 1925 John and Ruth Hatcher began to pilot it through so many growing pains.

Two years before their arrival the district had erected a new school building containing sixteen rooms and an auditorium. Their work began with only thirteen other teachers and 400 students.

Gradually the Four Oaks School District was enlarged to include seventeen adjoining districts. Forty-eight additional classrooms and many other facilities have been added to accommodate a 400 per cent increase in number of students and faculty members.

But the vision of John and Ruth Hatcher is, and always has been, much more than the securing of the brick and mortar for the physical plant. Their vision always included the concept of an educational home for every individual in this large community.

In the school room, as in their own happy home, the rigid requirements of the educational processes, and the stern requirements of formal discipline were always warmed by affection and cheerfulness. In every walk of life, they have practiced and taught kindness, tolerance, justice and love.

Now there are in school, children and grandchildren of some of the first pupils the Hatchers taught. The sterling influence of their character can be seen in thousands of students of three generations. Seldom have two teachers done so much "to make reason and the will of God prevail."

They have lived to witness in the lives of so many others their own immortality, and also, to feel a soul satisfaction in the knowledge that what men often ignored in them, that were they worth to the children of the district and to God.

H B Marrow



Ruth Geddie Hatcher



John Thomas Hatcher



ANNE BEASLEY
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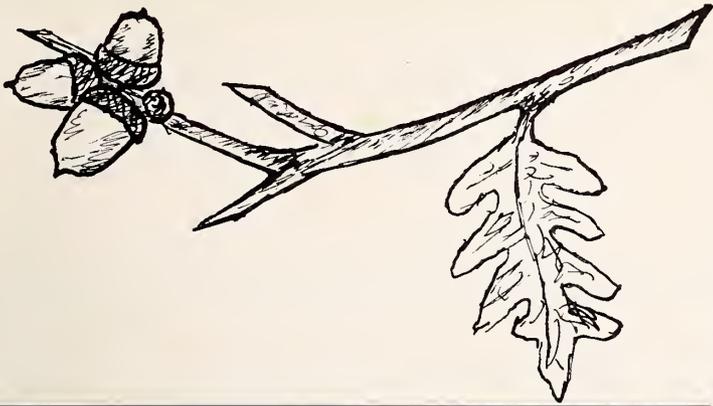
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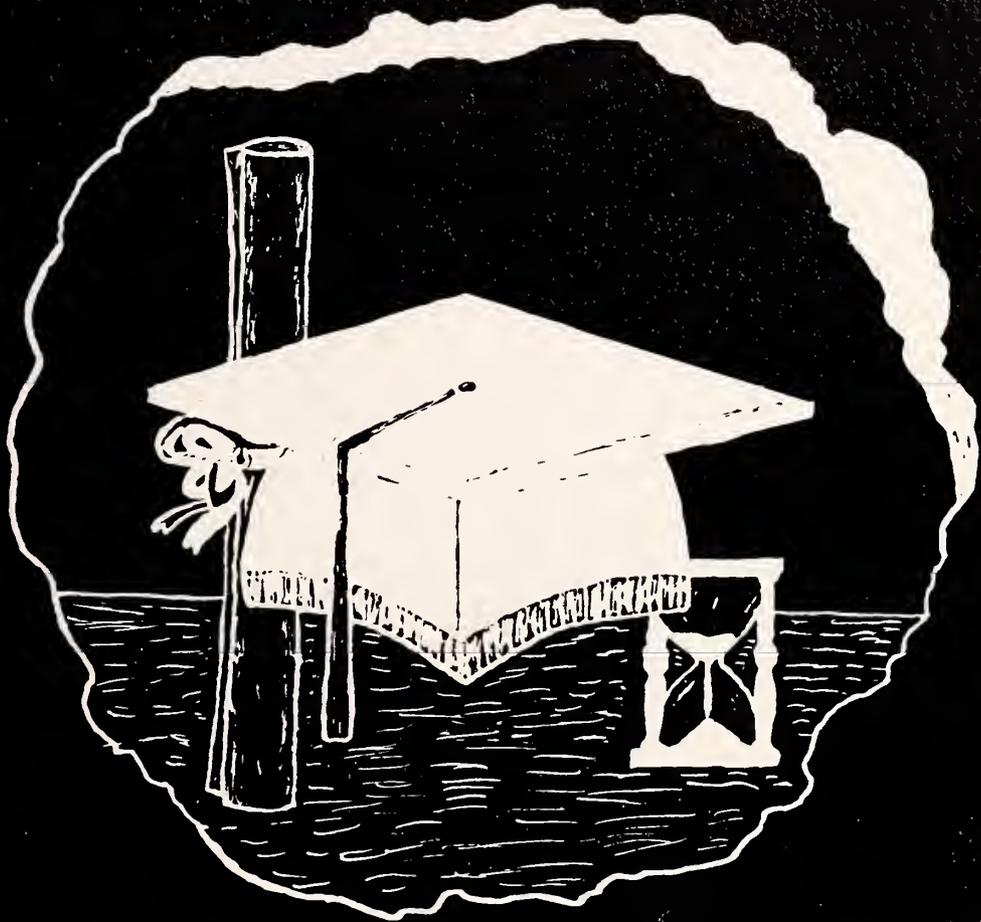
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Seniors

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MARGARET ADAMS

"To make the world a friendly place, she shows to it a friendly face."



MARLENE ADAMS

"Small in size, but big in smiles."



JEANETTE ALLEN

"Her diligence is outstanding; her perseverance undying."



JOHN HAYWOOD ALLEN

"Full of life, sense and wit, lots of fun and plenty of grit."



DEVAN BALLANCE

"He has a head to contrive, a tongue to persuade and a hand to execute any mischief."



BETTY BARBOUR

"Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows."

BETTY BAREFOOT

"If actions did not speak louder than words, we'd never have known her."



Seniors



ANNE BEASLEY

"She's kind, she's modest, sincere and true, more studious, more generous than most of you."



LESSIE BEASLEY

"When she thinks, she must speak."



BARBARA BENSON

"Brunette, polite, pretty and sweet, she isn't likely to be beat."



BOBBY BLACKMON

"Wherever he may go, he will be known as a gentleman."



JACKIE BLACKMON

"She's full of zest, she's full of cheer, she'll keep you laughing if you are near."



DELORES BOYD

"Silence is a virtue of the wise."

ALICE BOYKIN

"If she says she will, she will; you can depend on't. If she won't she won't and there's an end on't."



Seniors



ZEKE COX

"Kind and courteous is Zeke every day of every week."



MARGARET CREECH

"Here is a girl with a heart and smile that makes the bubbles of life worthwhile."



MARVIN DODD

"A friendlier chap you'll never find if you search till the end of time."



ANNE HOCKADAY

"The world is always ready to receive talent with open arms."



BETTY HOLLEY

"Silence accomplishes much that noise cannot."



JEAN HOLMES

"Her heart is like the moon, there's a man in it."

ANNETTE INGRAM

"She has the greatest of gifts, that of making friends"



Seniors



EVA WOOD JOHNSON

"A willing heart, a helping hand,
always ready on demand."



IRIS RUTH JOHNSON

"May she always stay the same,
changing nothing but her name."



KENNETH JOHNSON

"Full of fun and mischief too, likes
doing things he shouldn't do."



LEVAY JOHNSON

"Always jolly and carefree, life
may be dull but never she."



PEGGY M. JOHNSON

"She packs her troubles in a box,
sits on the lid and smiles."



RETA MAE JOHNSON

"Quiet, gentle, good, kind, a better
girl is hard to find."

ROY JOHNSON

"He's a real nice friend to have
around."



Seniors #18v



SHIRLEY JOHNSON

"No matter when or where you see her she is jolly."



SPOTTSWOOD JOHNSON

"Not only good-looking according to rule, but take my word, he's nobody's fool."



BETTY LANGDON

"Always laughing never sad sometimes naughty but never bad."



RENA LANGDON

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a good pal, day by day."



PETE L'ASSITER

"All for love, nothing for reward."



HAMPTON LEE

"You can't help but like a fellow who's always liking you."

MARY LOU LEE

"A perfect woman, nobly planned to warn, to comfort, and command."



Seniors



REBECCA LEE

"Always happy, cheerful, and gay ready for anything—work or play."



SHERRILL LEE

"A helping hand, a smile indeed always helpful to a friend in need."



CHARLES MASSENGILL

"The man who blushes is not quite a brute."



JOANNE MASSENGILL

"The world opens its arms to embrace a sweet and simple girl."



PEGGY MASSENGILL

"Love is blind—my eyes are growing dim."



ANN MOORE

"An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace."



MAVERENE McCABE

"Quiet and sweet she makes no sound but even the silence gets around."

Seniors



JO LINDA MOORE

"Her big blue eyes have a secret in them."



VERNON NORRIS

"Let us be of good cheer, however, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come."



LEROY PARKER

"Always ready to lend a helping hand."



NANCY PARKER

"So like the lady with the mystic smile."



THOMAS PARKER

"A friend and helping hand to his classmates."



DOROTHY SANDERS

"He has half the deed done, who has made a beginning."

TALMADGE SNEAD

"His ready smile and quick wit seem to say 'Let's be friends'."



Seniors



DOROTHY STANLEY

"She is just a human phonograph set to the tune of giggles."



FAYE STANLEY

"This li'l gal has quite an air, a perky grin and light brown hair."



LaRUE STEPHENSON

"Calmly and peacefully she treads life's way."



EVELYN STRICKLAND

"Men may come and men may go but not if I can help it."



SHELBY STRICKLAND

"She is little, but wise, quite a surprise for her size."



IRENE THORNTON

"Every joy is gain, and gain is gain however small."

SHERRILL THOMPSON

"Quiet and shy, a real nice guy."



Seniors



CARLYLE UPCHURCH

"Lazy, slow and unconcerned, he went to class and sometimes learned."



CHARLES UPCHURCH

"Oh, well, there's always tomorrow."



WILLIE WILKINS

"She's ready to lend a smile or a tear to everyone who needs her."



LEVON WOOD

"Give me Sally—or give me death."



LOIS WOOD

"Here's a girl with coal black hair, who plugs along on the wings of prayer."



SHIRLEY WOOD

"The good and the wise lead quiet lives."

JUANITA WOODALL

"She's never sad, she's never blue, she's always kind, and good to you."



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CREECH
ANNE BEASLEY

FAYE
ANN MOORE
STANLEY
DOROTHY

ANNETTE
INGRAM
ZEKE COX

JEAN HOLMES

IRENE THORNTON
BETTY BARBOUT

THOMAS PARKER
ARENA H.
LANGDON

CARLYLE
UPCHURCH
H.C.

HEVELYN STRICKLAND
SHEDY
JUANITA ALLEN
WOODALL

JOHN HAYWOOD

BOBBY BLACKMON
ROY COHNSON

MASSENGILL
CHARLES

SHIRLEY WOOD
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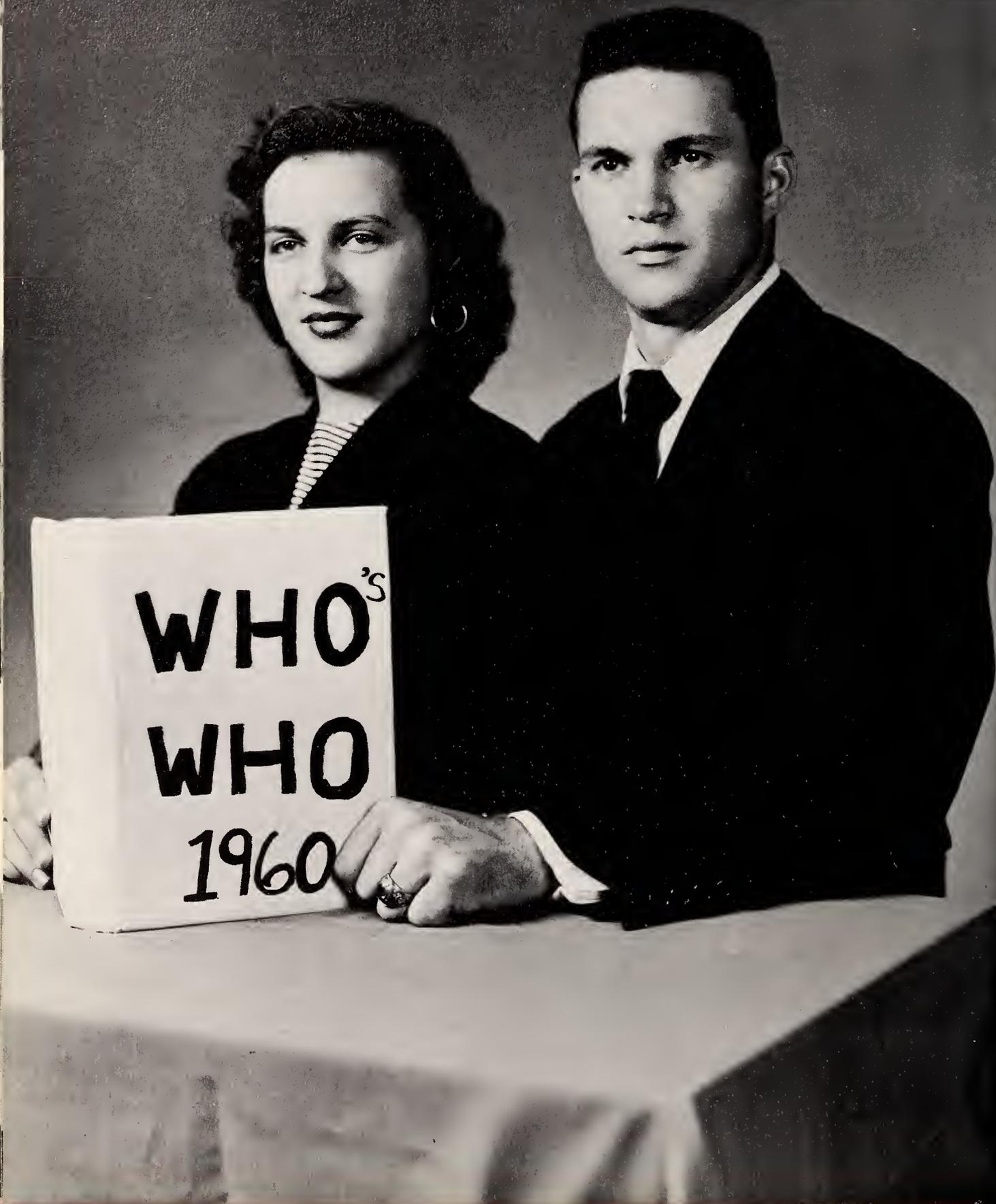
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WANDA SANDERS
ORR

MARY LOUISE LEE

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Anne Beasley Pete Lassiter



Most Popular
Devan Ballance Jo Linda Moore





Best All Round

Bobby Blackman

Margaret Creech



Best Looking

Peggy Massengill

Spottswood Johnson

Best Personality

Anne Hockaday Sherrill Lee



Most Courteous
LaRue Stephenson *Sherrill Thompson*





Friendliest

Margaret Adams

Marwin Dodd



Wittiest

John Haywood Allen *Betty Langdon*

Most Athletic

Peggy Johnson

Charles Upchurch



Best Sport

Iris Ruth Johnson

Leroy Parker





Best Dressed

Dorothy Sanders

Hampton Lee

Our Last Will and Testament

We, the Class of 1954, of Four Oaks High School, being of relatively sound mind, of unvacillating purpose, and of the keenest foresight, seeing as we do that we are about to be ejected from these walls which have sheltered us so long and carefully, do hereby make the following disposition of our various properties and benefits:

Item I. We, the Senior Class of 1954 leave to the Junior Class:

- (A) Rooms 28 and 13—if you happen to need two.
- (B) Our effervescent faculty.

Item II. We, the Senior Class leave to the Sophomore and Freshman Classes:

- (A) A warning that you better get some soft shoes or you won't be able to withstand the hardships of the path through which you must pass to become a Senior.
- (B) Our word study lists.

Item III. To the Faculty:

- (A) We are just leaving.

Item IV. I, Margaret Adams, leave my love for the Air Force to Faye Lee.

Item V. I, Marlene Adams, leave my love for Benson to Charlotte Ingram.

Item VI. I, Jeanette Allen, leave my Junex reducing pills to Jane Ingram.

Item VII. I, John Haywood Allen, leave my height to Bobby Bass.

Item VIII. I, Betty Barbour, leave my integrity to Shirley Ann Thompson.

Item IX. I, Betty Barefoot, leave my patience and endurance to Genevieve Lassiter.

Item X. I, Anne Beasley, leave my place as Editor of the Acorn to Janice Wilson and Carolyn Massengill.

Item XI. I, Lessie Beasley, leave my love for the Navy to Anne Brown.

Item XII. I, Barbara Benson, leave black and white saddle oxfords to anyone who can fill them.

Item XIII. I, Bobby Blackmon, leave my capability to Phil Parrish.

Item XIV. I, Jackie Blackmon, leave my cheer leading to Doris Pearl Barefoot.

Item XV. I, Delores Boyd, leave my bashfulness to Geraldine Strickland.

Item XVI. I, Alice Boykin, leave my quick temper to Barbara Moore.

Item XVII. I, Ezekiel Cox, leave my knowledge of cars to Linwood Parker.

Item XVIII. I, Margaret Creech, leave my love for State College to Mary Keene.

Item XIX. I, Marvin Dodd, leave my size to Johnnie Joyce.

Item XX. I, Anne Hockaday, leave my talent to LaRue Canaday.

Item XXI. I, Betty Holley, leave my calmness to Sandra Austin.

Item XXII. I, Jean Holmes, leave my seat in the Senior Class to Roena Wadsworth.

Item XXIII. I, Annette Ingram, leave my sweet smile to Betty Jane Jackson.

Item XXIV. I, Iris Ruth Johnson, leave my co-operative ways to Carolyn Massengill.

Item XXV. I, Kenneth Johnson, leave my title "Smartest boy in Senior Class" to Robert Beasley.

Item XXVI. I, Levay Johnson, leave my keen sense of humor to Margie Faircloth.

Item XXVII. I, Peggy Johnson, leave my school bus to whoever wants it.

Item XXVIII. I, Reta Mae Johnson, leave my pretty blonde hair to Ruth Langdon.

Item XXIX. I, Roy Johnson, leave my proper methods of study to Linwood Johnson.

Item XXX. I, Shirley Johnson, leave my stick-to-itiveness to Annette Bass.

Item XXXI. I, Spottswood Johnson, leave my good looks to David Earl Strickland.
Item XXXII. I, Betty Langdon, leave my spontaneous combustibility to Laura Faye Rhodes.
Item XXXIII. I, Rena Langdon, leave my dependability to Peggy Jo Lee.
Item XXXIV. I, Pete Lassiter, leave my "professor-looks" to Joe Lassiter.
Item XXXV. I, Hampton Lee, leave my hair tonic to John Aaron Penny.
Item XXXVI. I, Mary Lou Lee, leave all my many worries to Janice Wilson.
Item XXXVII. I, Rebecca Lee, leave my "saying what I think" to Melba McLamb.
Item XXXVIII. I, Sherrill Lee, leave my love for women to Johnnie Adams.
Item XXXIX. I, Maverene McCabe, leave my size to Sylvia Lassiter.
Item XL. I, Charles Massengill, leave my glasses to anyone whose eyesight is poor.
Item XLI. I, Joanne Massengill, leave my quietness to Toby Batten.
Item XLII. I, Peggy Massengill, leave my beauty to Barbara Barnes.
Item XLIII. I, Anne Moore, leave my love for Oldsmobiles to Margie Johnson.
Item XLIV. I, Jo Linda Moore, leave my popularity to Laverne Ingram.
Item XLV. I, Vernon Norris, leave my love for Four Oaks to Donald McLamb.
Item XLVI. I, Leroy Parker, leave my trips to Blackmon's Crossroads to Kelly Lee.
Item XLVII. I, Nancy Parker, leave my ambition to Lois Johnson.
Item XLVIII. I, Thomas Parker, leave my favorite teacher to Terry Brown.
Item XLIX. I, Dorothy Sanders, leave my neatness to Rebecca Critcher.
Item L. I, Talmadge Snead, leave my nickname "Shortie" to Jimmie Parker.
Item LI. I, Dorothy Stanley, leave my job as Editor of the Oak Leaf to Jo Ann Snead.
Item LII. I, Faye Stanley, leave to Shirley Lee Thompson the thought that "Big things come in small packages."
Item LIII. I, LaRue Stephenson, leave my courteousness to Jean Parker.
Item LIV. I, Evelyn Strickland, leave my cuteness to Betty Sue Lee.
Item LV. I, Shelby Strickland, leave my good grades to Helen Lee.
Item LVI. I, Sherrill Thompson, leave my courteousness to Harold Mayo.
Item LVII. I, Irene Thornton, leave my everlasting faith in school to Patricia Allen.
Item LVIII. I, Carlyle Upchurch, leave my long hair to Toby Lee.
Item LIX. I, Charles Upchurch, leave my ability to study to Larry Hugh Barbour.
Item LX. I, Willie Wilkins, leave my slimness to Betsy Ruth Lee.
Item LXI. I, Levon Wood, leave my ability to catch a wife to Thel Langdon.
Item LXII. I, Lois Wood, leave my left-handedness to Toni Brock.
Item LXIII. I, Shirley Wood, leave my ability to work B. A. to Janice Langdon.
Item LXIV. I, Juanita Woodall, leave my skillfulness at the typewriter to Pat Keene.
Item LXV. We, Devan Ballance and Eva Wood Johnson, leave our flair for writing, which we don't have, to any one who is befallen to this job.

Let no man violate or misconstrue the above document to which we do hereby set our sign and seal.

Witnesses:

MRS. E. V. WILKINS
BETTY HOLLEY

Attorneys:

EVA WOOD JOHNSON
DEVAN BALLANCE

Class Prophecy

It was a bright sunny day when Bobby Blackmon suggested to Anne Hockaday that the Cadillac was getting a little worn and that they should trade for a limousine. Having done this, they started out on one of their biggest tours of eastern United States. Here is an account of the trip as later related by them.

We were playing one of the swankiest night spots in New York, co-owned by Hampton Lee, and Spottswood Johnson, when we received the biggest surprises of our lives; for whom should we see on the dance floor but Juanita Woodall, Jackie Blackmon, Rebecca Lee and Lessie Beasley. After talking with them for a while, we learned that they were prosperous models for the ZANZY AGENCY in New York. While our comedian, John Haywood Allen, was going through his sidesplitting act, there was a familiar peel of laughter in the audience and there sat Betty Langdon, a prominent TV comedienne.

Next, our tour carried us to Philadelphia. We were cruising down main street and didn't realize that our chauffeur, Talmadge Snead, had such a heavy foot until a whistle blew. Then a handsome muscle-bound cop walked up to the car and we practically fell over with surprise for we recognized him to be none other than Thomas Parker. We could hardly wait to arrive at our destination and meet our hostess, Peggy Johnson. Night found many people checking their hats with lovely Barbara Benson. While the show was in progress, we almost swallowed our mikes when we saw Marlene Adams, now a cute little cigarette girl, flirting away with one of Philadelphia's most prominent young lawyers, Carlyle Upchurch.

Next day, after rehearsing until 'way past noon, we went into the COZY GRILL, owned by Rena Langdon and her husband. Our orders of Southern fried chicken and Northern baked ham were taken by two attractive waitresses who seemed to recognize us. We learned later that they were two of our classmates, Jean Holmes and Alice Boykin. While in the restaurant however, a great catastrophe occurred—Anne spilled gravy on her newest drees, a creation by Peggy Massengill. Having no other suitable attire for the matinee performance, she rushed to the nearest FASHION SHOP owned by LaRue Stephenson who employs two of the country's leading fashion designers, Eva Wood Johnson and Jo Linda Moore. Following a very successful week in Philadelphia, we headed for Baltimore.

Everyone knows that you can't ride too far on an empty stomach and being in this predicament, we begin to look for a snack bar. Luck was ours for soon we saw a cute little place called MA'S DINNER. Shock was again ours for we saw a smiling woman standing in the door wiping her hands on her white apron and we knew right off that she was Shirley Johnson. After a delicious meal served to us by two oldtimers, Faye Stanley, and Reta Mae Johnson, we hit the road again.

We arrived in Baltimore a little earlier than expected and decided to catch a pro basketball game between the "Boston Red Stockings" and the "Baltimore Celtans." On the court we saw Charles Upchurch who was running the Boston opposition ragged with his long set shots and his daring charges. The Boston team was sparked up by a lad named Sherrill Lee who was matching Charles with his fine exhibition. After the game, we returned to the theatre to make ready for the night's performance. Upon arrival, we found the stage manager, Charles Massengill, in a frenzy because our band leader, Pete Las-siter, had knocked over a piece of scenery.

We were glad when our week's run in this fair city ended because we are a restless lot and we like to move on. Since we had not spent much time in our Capital City, we planned to visit it now. We smiled with pleasure, as our guide, Ann Moore, showed us around. We passed the tomb of the Unknown Soldier and were proud to find Roy Johnson as one of the Honor Guards. We were still prouder to find the Veep's secretary was now Dorothy Stanley. As we were leaving Washington, our heavy footed chauffeur once more got us into trouble and this time it didn't look so easy, for we didn't know the cop. We found that there was one necessary undesired visit—to court. But it wasn't as bad as we had anticipated for we knew the judge; Shirley Wood let us off with a small fine plus a promise that we'd be more careful next time.

Since we were passing through, we stopped in for a visit with our dear old Alma Mater. Our eyes popped and our mouths dropped when Leroy Parker greeted us and told us he was now principal of dear old F.O.H.S. He led us down the corridor past the homerooms of Margaret Adams, Dorothy Sanders, Anne Beasley, Annette Ingram, and Mary Lou Lee and out to the gym where Margaret Creech was readying her still undefeated basketball team for their next game. Hearing a familiar buzz, we hurried over to the agriculture building to see Levon Wood instructing the prospective Future Farmers. Leroy told us that Iris Ruth Johnson and Maverene McCabe were married and living happily on their large farms near Four Oaks. The chauffeur met us at the school door and sadly stated that our limousine was no longer standing on all fours. Rushing to the phone, we called the MESSO OIL STATION. We were quickly serviced by the proprietor, Kenneth Johnson and his two assistants, Vernon Norris and Zeke Cox. While we were waiting for the tire to be fixed, we sauntered down to the AMALGAMATED DRUG STORE and ordered a big orange from Evelyn Strickland. While we were reminiscing we were startled to see old Devan Ballance busily filling prescriptions in the back.

Time would not permit us to linger long in our hometown so we moved on—to Atlanta. Just as we arrived Bobby was stricken with a horrible toothache. He hurried to the nearest dentist's office and was greeted by the receptionist, Shelby Strickland, who informed him with a smile that he would soon encounter Dr. Sherrill Thompson and his nurse, Lois Wood.

Following a successful week in Atlanta, we motored on to Miami. Our Miami club was owned by two young ladies just starting out in show business, Joanne Massengill and Betty Barbour. Florida beckons many vacationers; so be it with Marvin Dodd, a wealthy oil tycoon, who was passing away his leisure time with two co-eds from the University of Florida. After the matinee, we took a stroll down the beach where we tripped over Betty Holley, Levay Johnson, Nancy Parker, Betty Barefoot, Irene Thornton and Willie Wilkins, who were holding prominent secretarial jobs in Miami and the surrounding towns.

So ended our tour and strange enough to say, we met all the Four Oaks '54 grads somewhere along the way.

Bobby Blackmon—Manager of the GAY ROUSTABOUTS

Anne Hockaday—Star of the GAY ROUSTABOUTS



Juniors



Billy Dan Allen



Ella Allen



Lloyd Allen



Patricia Allen



Joseph Baker



Joe Carl Barbour



Kaye Barbour



Lawrence Barefoot



Barbara Barnes



Bobby Bass



Charlie Batten



Cooper Beasley



Robert Beasley



Billy Blackmon



Anne Brown



Cecil Cobb



Earl Cobb



Cornell Cox



Linwood Creech



Rebecca Critcher



Robert Ferrell



Vaden Hartley



Sherwood Hayes



Curtis Hines



La Verne Ingram



Betty Jane Jackson



Eddie Ray Johnson
Treasurer



Linwood Johnson



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Ann Keen



Mary Keene



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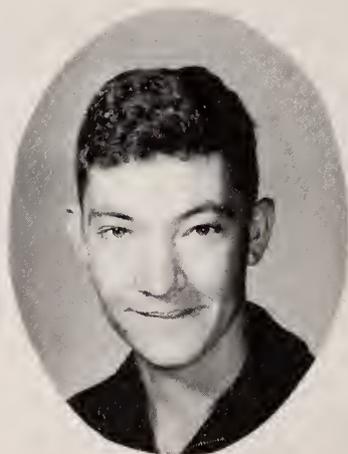
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Nancy Mitchell



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Secretary



Bobby Stanley



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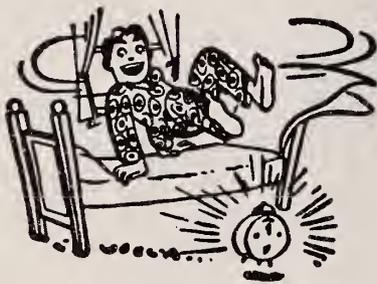
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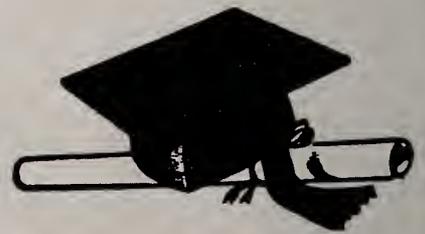
Roena Wadsworth



ONE MORE YEAR OF THIS



Janice Wilson



TO REACH THIS



Sophomores



Johnnie Adams
 Marjorie Allen
 Jerry Barbour
 Annette Bass
 Shelby Bizzell

Charles Allen
 Ray Allen
 Larry Hugh Barbour
 Avis Beasley
 Alice B. Blackmon

Faye Allen
 Sandra Allen
 Patricia Barbour
 Bobby Beasley
 Alice F. Blackmon

Janice Allen
 Sherrill Allen
 Shelby Barbour
 Ruth Beasley
 Bruce Blackmon

Jasper Allen
 Charlotte Barbour
 Lawson Barefoot
 Betty L. Benson
 Evelyn Blackmon



Thomas Blackmon
Emogene Clifton
Gwendolyn Dodd
James Grant
Ray Holmes

Betty L. Boyd
Wilson Coats
Elgie Evans
Cecil Guin
Jane Ingram

Toni Brock
Durwood Cobb
Margie Faircloth
Van Hansley
John Dee Johnson

Terry Brown
Vira Collier
Jeanette Garner
Frances Hargis
Lois Johnson

Janice Byrd
Joseph Creech
Camilla Grady
Howard Hockaday
Mary A. Johnson



Myrtle Johnson
 Edward Keene
 Hurley Langdon
 Frances Lee
 Maxine Lee

W. H. Johnson
 Louise Keene
 Janice Langdon
 Frank Lee
 Odell Lee

Wilma J. Johnson
 Patricia Keene
 Peggy Langdon
 Graham Lee
 Peggy Lee

Jimmie Jones
 Marlene Keene
 Betsy R. Lee
 Jerry Lee
 T. W. Lee

Johnnie Joyce
 Anton Kennedy
 Clelma Lee
 Kelly Lee
 W. T. Lee



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 Katie Massengill
 Elizabeth Norris
 Joyce F. Parker
 Eldridge Penny

Shelby J. McLamb
 Barbara Moore
 Marie Owens
 Mittie Parker
 John Penny

Melba McLamb
 Carolyn Moore
 Dennis Parker
 Wade Parker
 Margie Raynor

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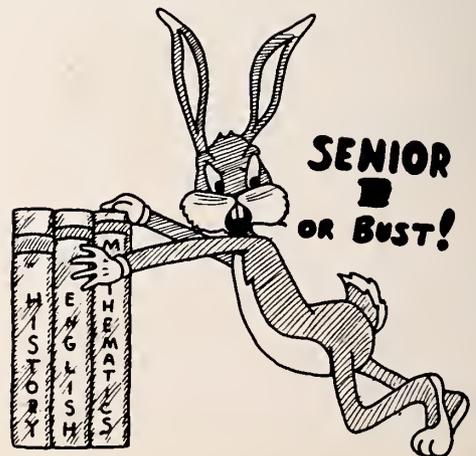
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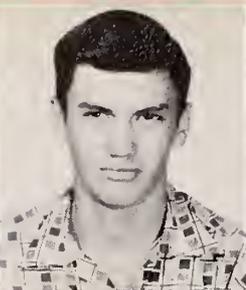
Thelma Stanley
 Janice Thornton
 Larry Williams

Gene Stephenson
 Betty Tyner
 Jerry Wood





Freshmen



Gayle Adams
 Greta Adams
 Roy Adams



Cherry Allen
 Donald Allen
 Lois Allen
 Margaret Allen
 Victor Allen



Margaret Austin
 Sandra Austin
 Melba Ballance
 Faye Barbour
 Betty Barbour



Brookie Barbour
 Evelyn Barbour
 Mitchell Barbour
 John Barbour
 Barbara Barefoot
 Betsy Barefoot
 Doris Barefoot



Roland Barefoot
 Linda Sue Beasley
 Myrtle Blackmon
 Joseph Buffkin
 LaRue Canaday
 Carolyn Coats
 Lucille Corbett
 Melba Evans
 Victor Evans



Sheila Hockaday
 Patricia Honeycutt
 Charlotte Ingram



Donald Ivey
 Julius Ivey
 Janice Jackson
 Annie Ruth Johnson
 Dennis Johnson
 Gerald Johnson
 Glenda Johnson
 John Johnson
 J. W. Johnson
 Margie Johnson
 Mary Johnson
 Roy Lee Lassiter
 Sue Lassiter
 Tony Lassiter
 Betty Sue Lee
 Frances Lee
 Jimmie Lee
 Peggy Lee
 Elaine Love
 Charlotte McLamb
 Kenneth McLamb
 Alfred Massengill
 Cecil Massengill
 Clifford Massengill
 Faye Massengill
 Hazel Massengill
 Lola Massengill
 Nancy Massengill
 Larry Medlin
 Sue Mitchell
 Otis Moore
 Shelby Moore





TO GRADUATION



- Shirley Moore
- Sue Moore
- Wade Norris
- Rotha Overby
- Bobby Parker
- Franklin Parker
- James Ed Parker
- Jimmy Parker
- Laverne Parker
- Lynwood Parker
- Mary E. Parker
- Ray Parker
- Carson Peacock, Jr.
- Alice Powell
- Laura Faye Rhodes
- Carolyn Smith
- Robert Snead
- Margie Stanley
- Lois Thornton
- Jean Wallace
- Vida Wilkins
- Henry Woodall

Activities



Baseball



Cheers

Memories

Of



N. H. S.



Lessons



Music Club



School days!



Basketball



Typing



Carefree Days



Plays



Themes



Picnics



Speech



Exams



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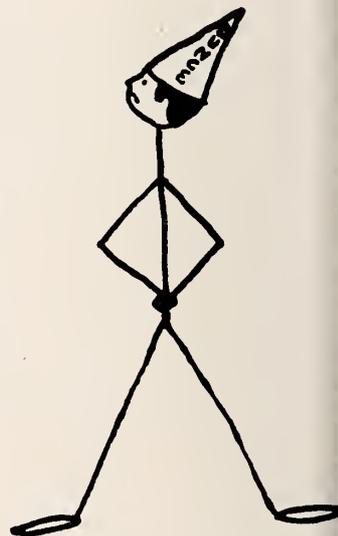
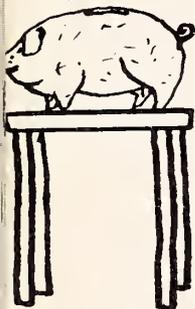
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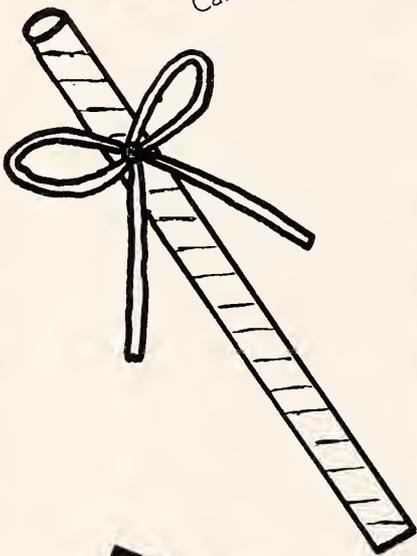
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Bobby Stanley

Marshals



Linwood Creech



Jo Ann Snead



Lloyd Allen



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NUT CRACKING



when I'm in the gang. I just ain't much for pop-tests.

Charles Upchurch
Peggy Massengill

Leroy Parker
Peggy Johnson

Eva W. Johnson
Joanne Massengill

Dorothy Stanley
Mr. Creech

Kenneth Johnson
Annette Ingram

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... happiness

Think - ing of you

Glee Club

I'm dream-ing — of oth-er

melodia ben marcata

ben tenuto



a-waits the dew, And here I wait for you, — I wait for you. — A gar-den

poco rit.

molto rit.

Miss Scarborough
Director

Bus



- Kelly Earl Lee
- Jeanette Allen
- Iris Ruth Johnson
- DeVan Ballance
- Anne Beasley
- Ruth Langdon
- Peggy Johnson
- Lois Wood
- Annette Ingram
- Carlyle Upchurch
- Zeke Cox
- Vernon Norris



Mr. J. W. Allen



Mr. J. T. Hatcher

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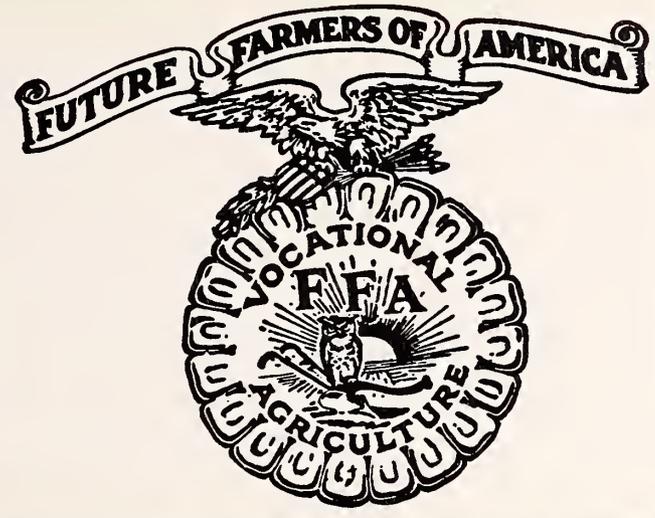


Mrs. Sorrell





Mr. Sanderson

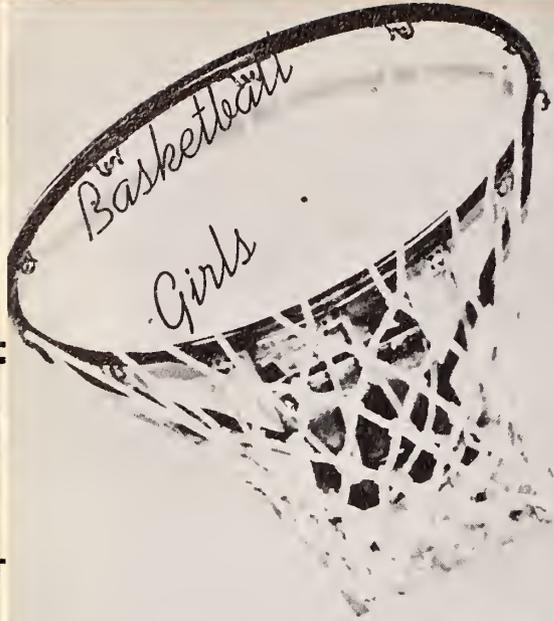


Mr. Jackson



*Future
Farmers
of
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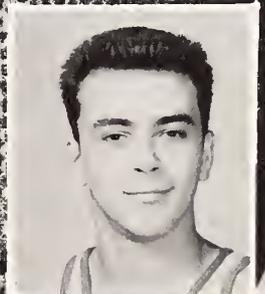
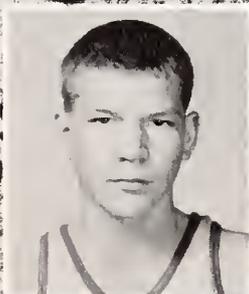
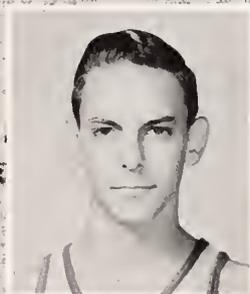
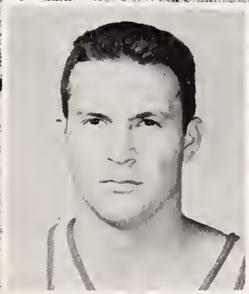
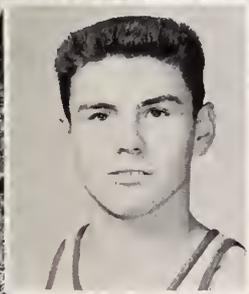
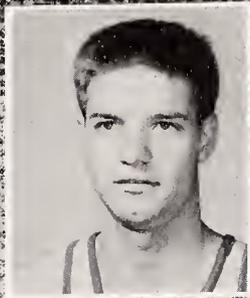


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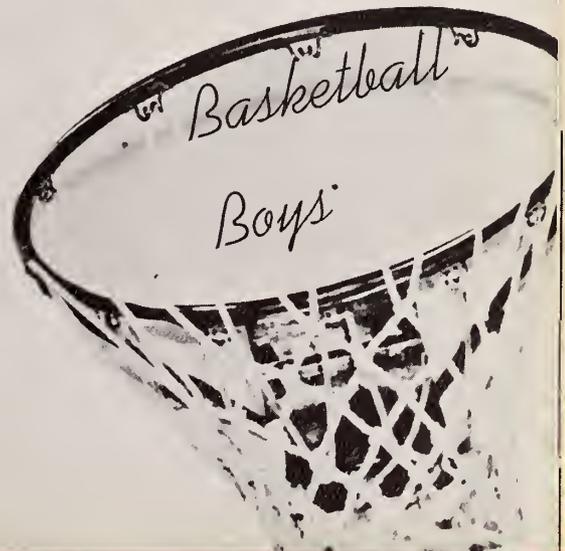
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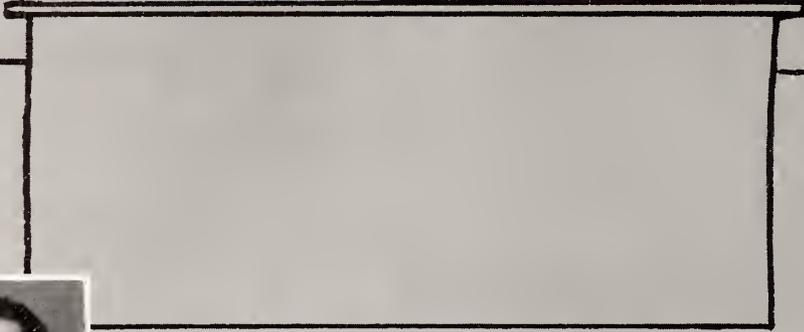
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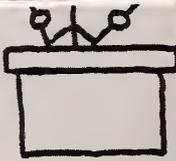


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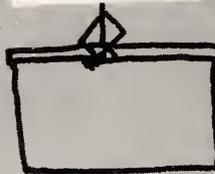
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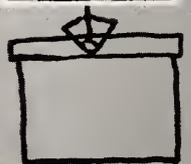
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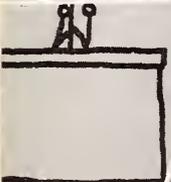
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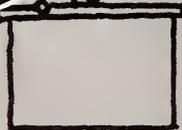
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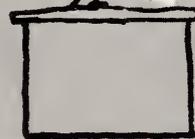
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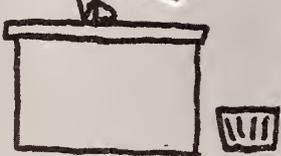
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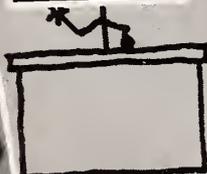
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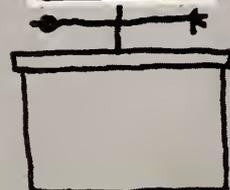
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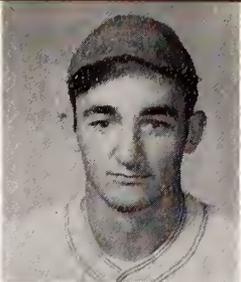


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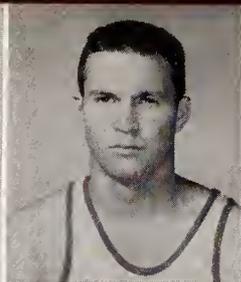




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Baseball



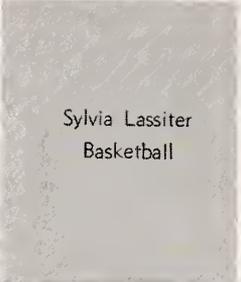
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Pete Lassiter
Baseball and
Basketball



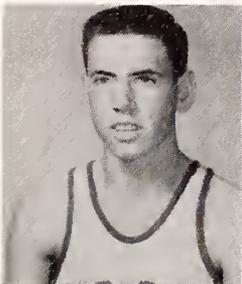
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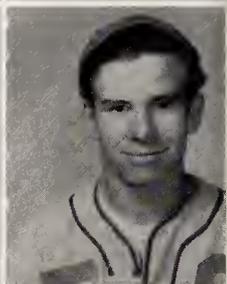


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Basketball

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Lettermen*



Carlyle Upchurch
Baseball



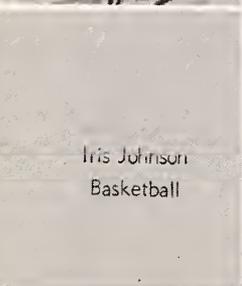
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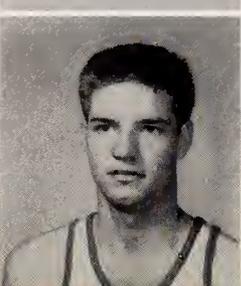
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Baseball



Chas. Upchurch
Baseball and
Basketball



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Basketball



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Baseball and
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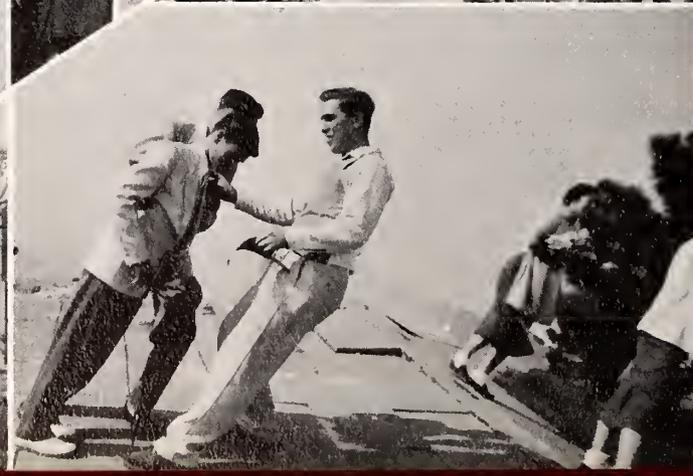
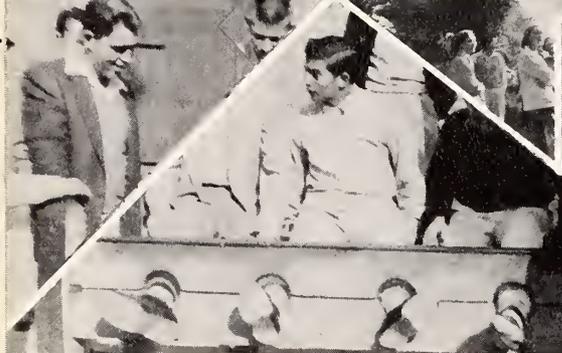
Barbara Barnes—Secretary



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Future Teachers Club





*Choosing
Mascots*



*Is No
Cinch*

*Winners
Ronnie Wood Dianne Parker*





*Papa bad,
mama speak! Senior Play '53
"Wedding Spells"*

Help! I'm fainting!



Poise



Just acting?



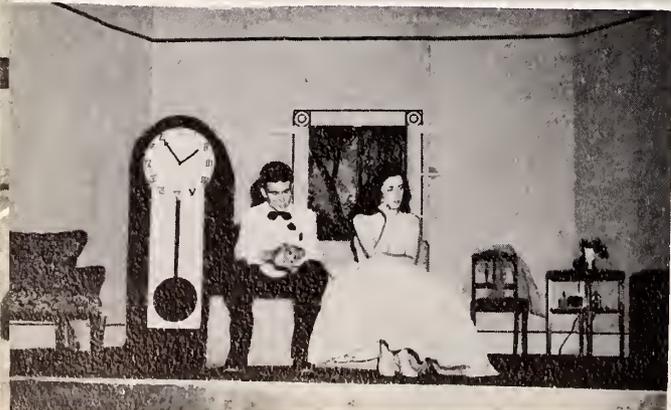
I'm sun



Tch, tch, tch!



*The perfect
butler*



Boiling?





Soup's



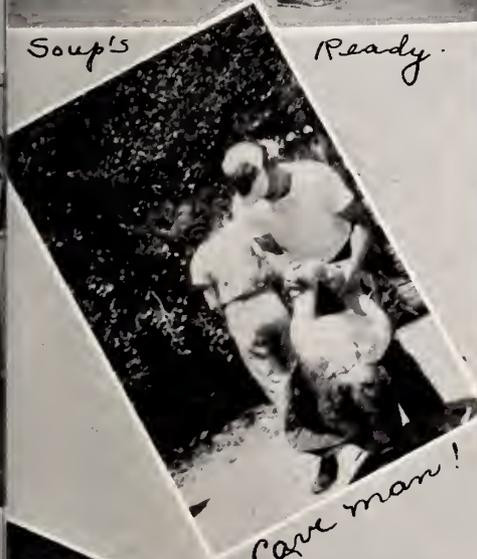
Legs galore!



Have a Coke



Your tonsils are showing!



Ready

Cave man!



Happy Birthday!



Brains!



Cotton Pickin'!



All tied down now!



English exam

Poor Cliff!



What's the news?

3 Stooges







Open the funnel,
Margaret!



Crows Line



What's
he
done
now?



Who're
you
smilin'
at?



Gossiping
& Cramming



End of a
Perfect day



Speech Class



No place to dream



Wake up!



Oh you kid!



Your turn

will come

How

cute



Shucks, I'm bashful Attraction



It goes back!



Nothing to it



Oh fiddle, I forgot! Center of



Need any help

Oh Shamus 2 of a kind



Think real hard!



I'll bet it's good



That's the way



Is it that funny?

Stared



Stiff



Swing your Partner!

Come On - a My House



Caught?

Camera light and ferns

2 peas in a pod







19



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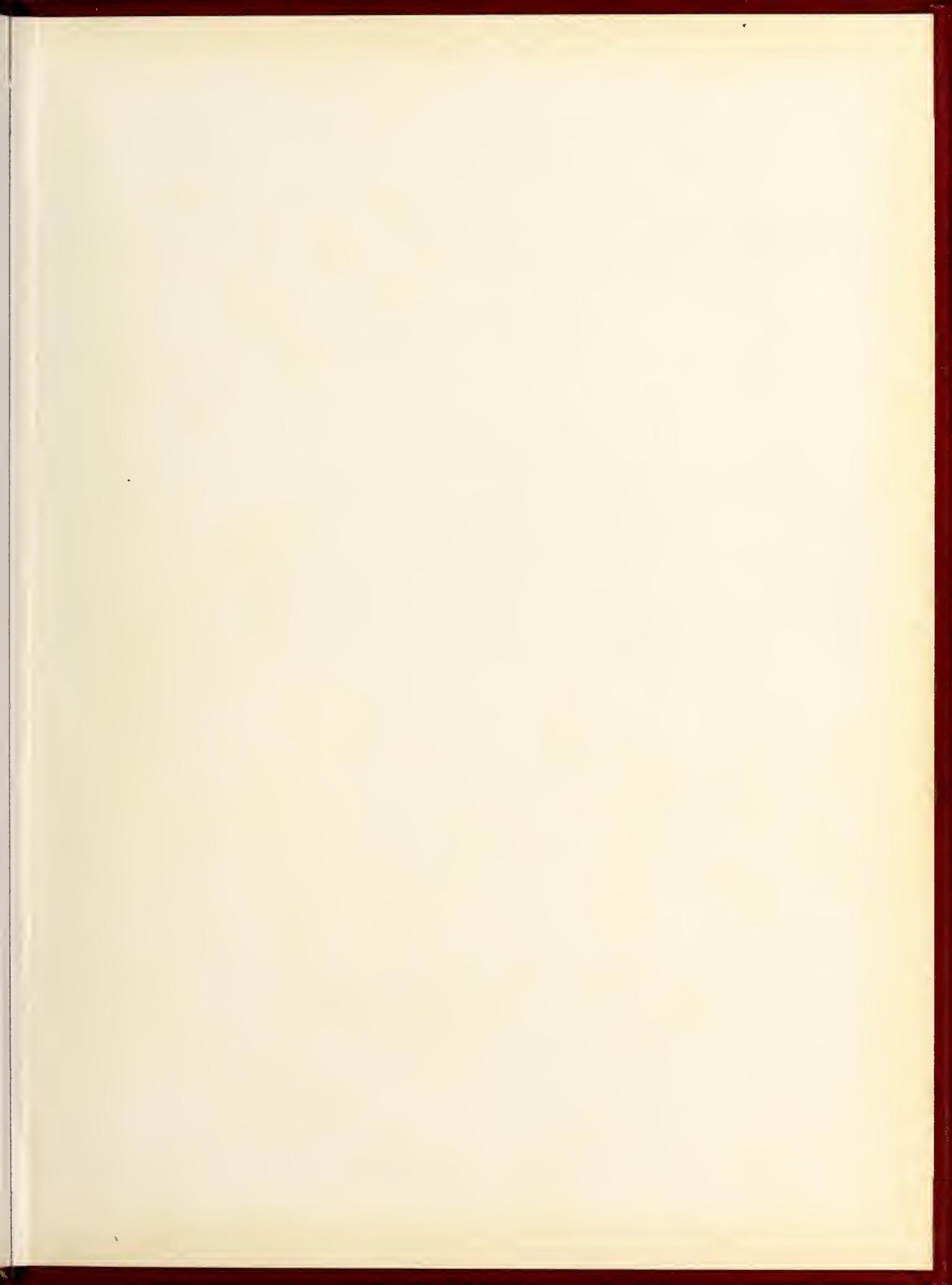


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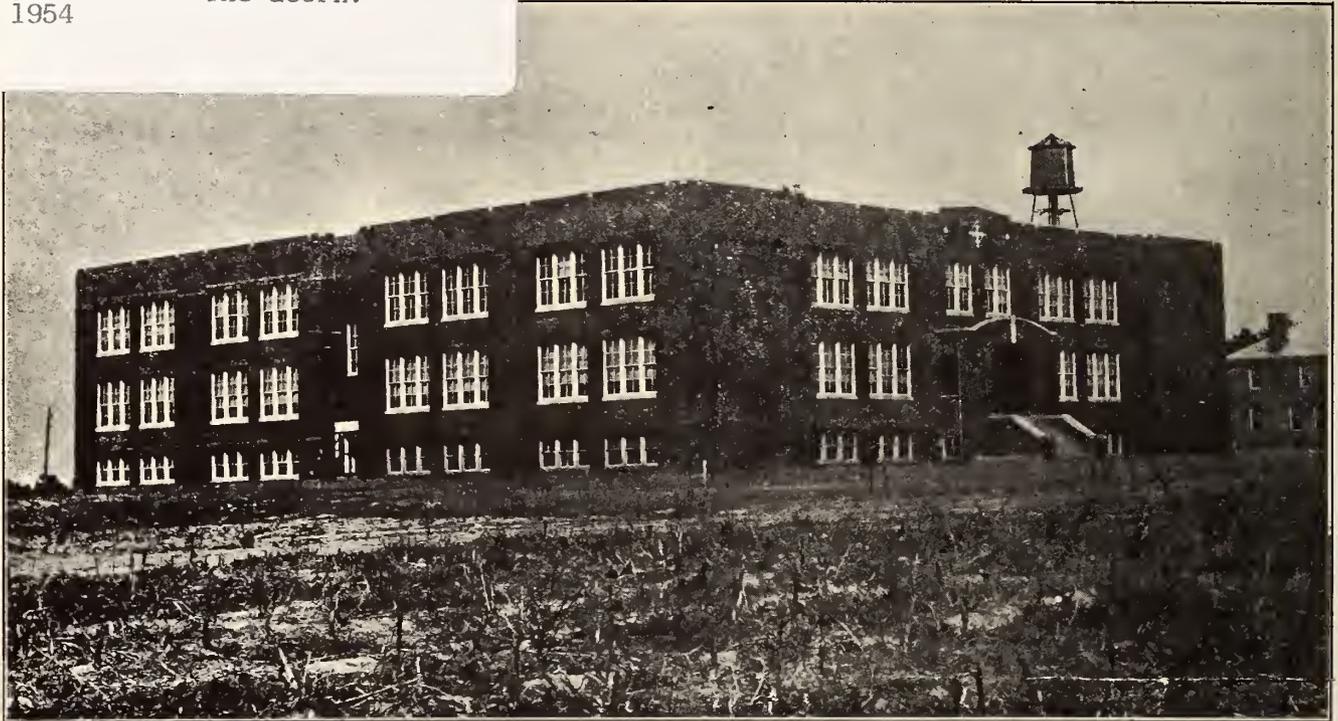
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OUR SCHOOL—THE PAST

(Mrs. B. B. Adams)

When we see or hear the word pioneer we are accustomed to think in terms of vast forests, wild Indians, and a few brave white families with all their worldly goods in a covered wagon, going west, battling with primitive conditions, all in order to make a home for themselves. But there are other places than a western frontier where pioneers are needed; there are other causes to sponsor and battle for than dominating nature and subduing Indians.

As I came into Four Oaks in the year 1891 on the first passenger train that ran over this railroad I had an opportunity to observe the primitive conditions of this section and to give a helping touch to the many needs of the community when possible. Probably the most thriving institutions here at that time were the three open bars, each better than the one small school building. I spent four months in the year building in what

a small unpainted plank one room affair which stood on the site where Mr. W. R. Keen now lives. In fact, if you could eliminate all of Mr. Keen's house except the kitchen and a small part of the dining room and turn it with the end facing the highway, you would have the identical building. There was a door in the

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OUR SCHOOL—THE PRESENT

(J. T. Hatcher)

The growth of our school, so well told in the article by Mrs. Adams, has been so rapid, especially during the last seven or eight years, that the average citizen in our community can hardly realize just how large a school we really have, large not only in numbers but in the work done as well. Several things combine to make a modern efficient school possible. We shall discuss a few of these things that make our school what it is today.

First, we may consider the school district, the territory from which the school draws its children and its financial support. The Four Oaks district known



is on a basis. Our school officials can now plan a program of real work for the future.

Another element in our school that deserves consideration is the school plant. We have a school house and grounds of which we are proud. The school lot contains nearly ten acres of land almost perfectly situated for school

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OUR SCHOOL—THE FUTURE

(Supt. H. B. Marrow)

The well rounded school system must develop in several ways. First it must be financially able to provide adequate buildings and efficient instruction. Second, the citizens of the district must possess a clear conception of what is a good school and be willing to help obtain it.

The Four Oaks Special School Taxing District as enlarged by the recent election is financially able to provide for that part of the school term which is not provided by the county; and further under the present policy of the county the responsibility of adequate buildings and equipment rests on the county as a

district and the adequate buildings of a district are all of no avail unless that intangible thing we call school spirit exists and is directed along right lines. The Four Oaks District possesses a splendid school spirit which has moulded their present school into an institution which is more than mere material

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THE OLD BUILDING—IN USE UNTIL FOUR YEARS AGO

Our School—The Present

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purposes. It lies just the right distance from the railroad and is high enough to assure good drainage and yet level enough to furnish the best play grounds for the children. At present there are on the school grounds an excellent baseball diamond, two fine out door basket ball courts and a tennis court. There is lots of space outside these courts and every day hundreds of boys and girls are at play all over the ten acres. This Spring the local Parent-Teacher Association led in a movement to beautify our grounds with plants and shrubbery. A landscape gardner planned the plantings, and a few weeks ago the shrubbery came and is now growing nicely. The pupils have put out numbers of long leaf pines and dogwoods. In a year or so we shall have as beautiful school grounds as can be found in our county.

The building is the main part of our school plant. It contains twenty four class rooms, a library and an auditorium seating nearly 600. The class rooms are all equipped with the best of everything necessary in the teaching of the children. The desks are the latest type single style. Blackboards are of slate. Light

cost far below that usually paid by teachers in homes.

Another important part of any school system is the teaching staff. This year our faculty is composed of twenty-four teachers—two men and twenty two ladies. All of these teachers have had special training for teaching. Many of them are college graduates. The high school faculty of seven teachers is especially well trained. Every one is a college graduate, some have done graduate work, and one has secured the master's degree. The elementary and primary teachers are all trained for their work. We have no elementary B certificates and only one or two elementary As. All in all we believe we have a strong faculty which is doing a big part in making our school what it is. Besides the twenty four teachers at Four Oaks there are four teachers at Royall, two at Parker, and one at Corinth.

The most important thing in any school is the student body. The grounds, the buildings, the teachers—these are all here for the one purpose of training the children who come to school. In the Four Oaks district we have an enrollment of over a thousand. Nearly eight

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