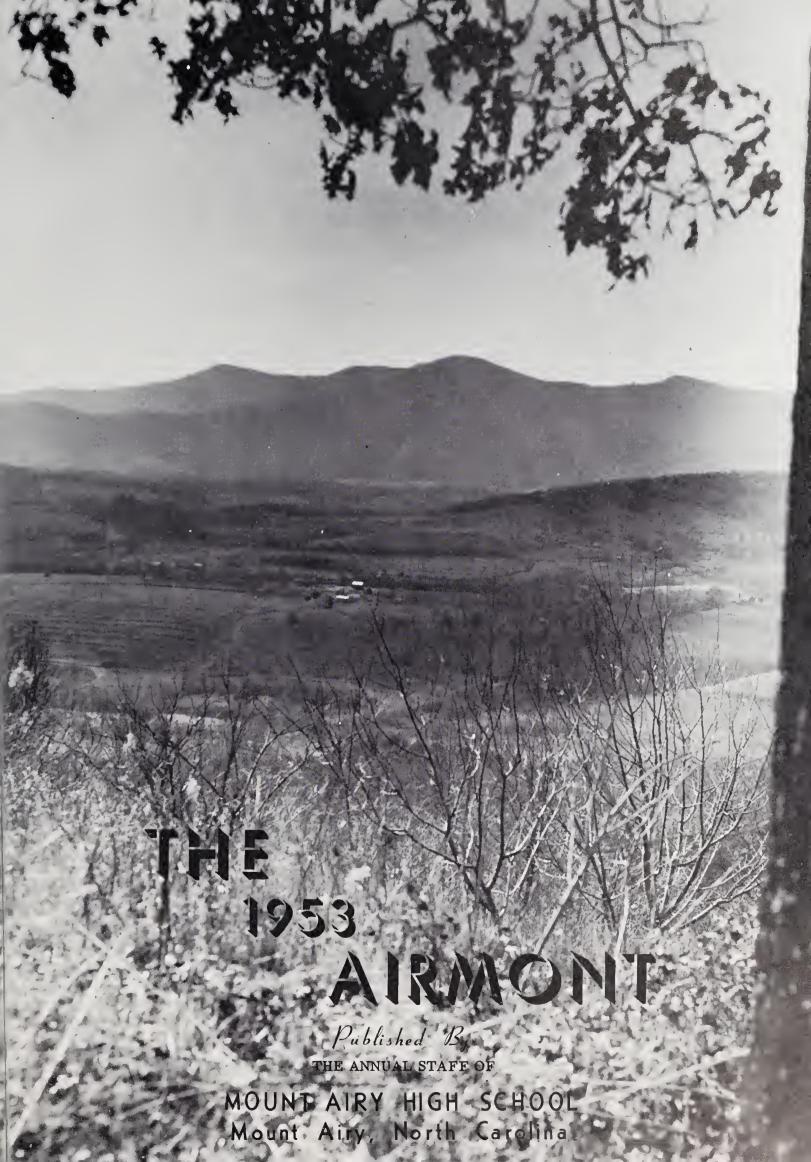






Mr. 71. M. Finch Compliments of annual Staff



## Foreword

As the exciting, cherished, and swift moving experience of our time at M.A.H.S. nears an end, we look back with nostalgia on the days we have taken for granted and often wished away. The pleasant times we have had together at M.A.H.S. will always be a part of us. We hope that this 1953 edition of the <u>Airmont</u> will help you recall these pleasant times, along with memories of the countless high school romances you experienced, the friendships that you formed, and the understanding and helpfulness of the faculty who guided you.





## Contents

Memories of our time at M. A. H. S. will include our school, our friends, our class and school activities, and the business men who helped make this second volume of <u>Airmont</u> possible. We hope you find them all within these pages.

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Our Time

In Mount Airy High School

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In our time at Mount Airy High School we moved from old South Main to the new building, published the first annual since our parents' time, enjoyed a fine new athletic field, and opened windows for our minds and personalities. The people, the activities, the classes of 1952-1953-all make up the special feeling of our time at M.A.H.S. and will be remembered and treasured by each of us.



## IN MEMORIAM



SHIRLEY PETERS 1935-1952

A member of the class of 1954, Shirley will long be remembered by Mount Airy High School students for her cheerfulness, her sparkling smile, and her shining personality. (Photo by Eckenrod)



# **ADMINISTRATION**





W. I. Monday Vice-chairman







L. B. Pendergraph Superintendent



H. M. Finch Principal



W. S. Porter



Miss Libby Brown Clerk



Mrs. Betty Moir Secretary

## **FACULTY**



Miss Ethel Bailey Home Economics



Coaches Shelton and Moir confer on strategy to win more trophies.



Mrs. Kate Barringer Social Science



Miss Simpson and cadet librarian Ailene Chappell work on a Christmas display.



Mr. Johnson listens to Spanish music with the foreign language teachers.



Mrs. Mary Boyles Commercial



Miss Mary Lewis Dickens Commercial



Mr. Howard M. Finch Mathematics



Miss Ada Haymore Latin, English

## **FACULTY**



Miss Eva Holder English and Journalism



Mr. Charles Johnson Band and Chorus



Mrs. Lavinia Mackie History and Spanish



The history teachers discuss Mr. Ramey's bulletin board.



Commercial and vocational teachers examine the mysteries of the mimeograph machine.



Mrs. Lorraine McKinney Science



Mr. Samual A. Moir, Coach Civics, Physical Education



Mrs. Mary E. Neal English



Mr. Arnold Ramey History and English

## **FACULTY**



Miss Jean Simpson Librarian





The English teachers look at new books in the library.



Science and math teachers stage a friendly get-together on the way to class.



Miss Annie Thomas English



Mrs. Vera Thomas
Mathematics



Mrs. Helen Thompson Commercial



Mr. George Williams Industrial Arts

#### **SENIORS**



CLASS OFFICERS

Etta Mae Cundiff - Vice-president Jeanette Morgan - President Jo Ann Harbour - Treasurer James Key - Secretary

ATWOOD, AVOLENE Glee Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

AUSBURNE, PATRICIA F. H. A. 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

BADGETT, PATSY Student Council 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Library Assistant 2, 3, 4.

BANNER, CAROLYN
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4;
Secretary 4; Twirling Corps 1, 2; Latin Club 2;
Miss Mount Airy High School Candidate 3; Junior
Play 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Class Officer 1, 2,
3; Track 1.

BAUM, PHYLLIS Tri-Hi-Y 4; Office Page 4; Spanish Club 4.

BEASLEY, BILL Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Basketball 3; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; President of Student Council 4; <u>High Spots</u> Staff 4.













BELTON, JOHNNY Hi-Y 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2.

BELTON, PEGGY JANE Glee Club 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4; F.H.A. 1, 2.

BELTON, DICK Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; Best Looking 4; Most Athletic 4.

BENNETT, DORIS F. H. A. 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3.









BLIZARD, BONNIE
Tri-Hi-Y3, 4;F.H.A. 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 1; Library Assistant 1, 2, 3, 4.

BOYLES, FELICIA Glee Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Band 1.

BRANNOCK, JOYCE ANN Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

BROWNE, DAVID
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club
3, 4; Junior Play Staging 3; Best Sport 3; Senior
with Best Personality 4.

CARPENTER, JAMES
Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball Manager 1, 2, 3;
Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 4.

CASHWELL, GEORGE
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Basketball 3, 4; Baseball 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; President 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; President 4; Student Council 1, 2, 4; Associate Editor of High Spots 4; Junior Play 3; Class President 1; Latin Club 3.

#### SENIORS



CASSELL, VERNON Hi-Y 3, 4.

CHANDLER, BARBARA



CHILDRESS, BONNIE Band 1, 2, 3.

COBLE, DeLANE Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 4.

COCKERHAM, JANICE Office Page 4.

COE, PATSY
Glee Club 1; Student Council 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4;
Junior Play 3; Class Poet 4; Office Page 4.

COLLINS, J. W. (Westfield) F. F. A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2.

COMBS, MARY LOU

CRADDOCK, BRUCE
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1,
2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; VicePresident 4; Class Treasurer 3; Student Council
4; Junior Play 3.

CUNDIFF, ETTA MAE
Latin Club 2; Page 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class VicePresident 4.



DOWELL, PATRICIA Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

EDWARDS, JAMES
Hi-Y 3, 4; Secretary 4; (Sub.) Bus Driver 4.

GEIGER, JOHN
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Monogram Club 3, 4.

GILBERT, JIMMY Hi-Y 3; Bus Driver 4.



GILLESPIE, JACK

GOODSON, BETTY SUE 4-H Club 1; Annual Staff 1; Cheerleader 2; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Latin Club 4; (Beulah High School 1, 2.)







GORDON, HOWARD Glee Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4; <u>High Spots</u> Staff 3; Monogram Club 4; Cheerleader 4.

GRUBLE, BILL Football 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Baseball 4; Staging Junior Play 3.

GWYN, GLENDA
Glee Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;
Monogram Club 2, 3; Junior Play (Make-Up) 3.

HALE, BARBARA
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Marshal 3; Office Page 4; Annual
Staff 4; Student Council (Alt.) 4.

#### SENIORS







HALEY, DORIS

Basketball 1, 2,

HALL, PEGGY SUE Glee Club 1; Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 3; High Spots Staff 4; Prompter Junior Play 3.

HARBOUR, JO ANN

Glee Club 1, 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; Class Treasurer 4; Band 3; Basketball 1, 2; (Alt.) Student Council 1, 4; Latin Club Secretary 2; Historian 4.

HARDY, BILLIE

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Annual Staff 4; Prophet 4; Marshal 3; Vice-President 1; Twirling Corps 1, 2; Latin Club 2; Winner World Peace Speaking Contest 3; First Place Lion's Club Essay 2; Alternate Cheerleader

HAYNES, DORIS Basketball 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Office Page 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4: Prettiest Girl 4.

HAYNES, JIMMY Band 1, 2, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 4.

HIATT, GLORIA Glee Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

HILL, ROBERT Glee Club 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Track 3, 4.

HOOVER, DONALD

JARRELL, BETTY SUE Tri-Hi-Y 3.





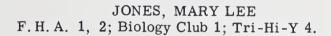






JARVIS, ROBERT Baseball 3; Hi-Y 4.

JOHNSON, DORA ANN Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Picture Editor of Airmont 4; Twirling Corps 1, 2; Junior Play 3.



KENNEDY, HAZEL Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Office Page 4; High Spots Staff 4; Most Studious Girl 4; Marshal 3.





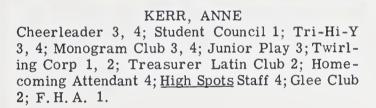












KEY, JAMES Latin Club 2; Marshal 3; Hi-Y 3, 4; Most Studious Boy 4; Student Council 3.

KEY, NORMAN Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Manager 4; Hi-Y 3, 4.

KIRKMAN, JOAN Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Twirling Corp 1; Junior Play 3; Girls' Trio

KURTZ, FRANK Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 4; Baseball 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 4; Monogram Club 4.

LAWRENCE, MARY FRANCES Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Marshal 3; Student Council 3.

#### **SENIORS**



LEFTWICH, HENRIETTA Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Wittiest 4; Twirling Corp 1, 2.

MANER, SHIRLEY Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

MIDKIFF, DONALD Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Chief 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play Music 3; Most School-Spirited 4.

MIDKIFF, RONALD Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Chief 4; Junior Play Music 3.

MILLER, BETTY JEAN Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

MILLS, DOLORES Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Manager 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Homecoming Queen 2; Student Council 2, 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Junior Play Music 3; Apple Bowl Queen 2; Homecoming Candidate 3, 4; Candidate Piedmont Bowl Queen 4.

MONEY, ALVIS

MOOREFIELD, BOBBY Hi-Y 3, 4; Bus Driver 3; (Sub.) Bus Driver 4.

MORGAN, JEANETTE Latin Club President 2; Class President 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Chief Marshal 3; Annual Staff 3; Editor of High Spots 4; Testator 4; Girl Most Likely to Succeed 4; Most Popular Girl 4.

NANCE, FAY

Tri-Hi-Y 3.



NANCE, PHYLLIS

Tri-Hi-Y 3.

NORMAN, JERRY Glee Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 4.

PARDUE, BARBARA

Assistant Editor of <u>Airmont</u> 3; Editor-in-Chief of <u>Airmont</u> 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Chaplain 4; Junior Play 3; Marshal 3; D. A. R. Award 2; Spanish Club 4; Second Place World Speaking Contest 3.

PETERS, EVELYN

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Volleyball 2, 3; Class Secretary 3; Band Secretary 3; (Beechwood High School, Kentucky 1, 2, 3,)







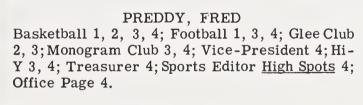




PHILLIPS, BERNIE Hi-Y 3, 4; Bus Driver 4; Baseball 3, 4.

PHILLIPS, CHARLOTTE
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play
3; Track 1.





PRUITT, ILENE Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 3, 4.





PUCKETT, MARGARET F. H. A. 1, 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

ROBERTS, BARBARA F.H.A. 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3.

#### SENIORS





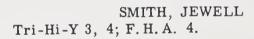


ROBERTSON, MARY ANN
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram
1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

SCOTT, PHYLLIS
Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Junior Play
(Make-Up) 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Library Assistant 2, 4.

SHELTON, CHARLES

SIMMONS, LELIA Tri-Hi-Y 3; Office Page 4.



SMITH, PATRICIA
Glee Club 1, 2; Student Council 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4;
Lions Club Essay Contest Winner 3; High Spots
4; Office Page 4.

SPEIGHT, SYLVIA
Student Council 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Tri-Hi-Y
3, 4.

TALLEY, HUGH
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Basketball
Manager 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4;
Latin Club Vice-President 3.

TATUM, BARBARA
Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Track 1, 2;
F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2.

TAYLOR, BETTY JEAN Tri-Hi-Y 4; (Beulah 1, 2, 3.)













THOMAS, DONALD Hi-Y 3, 4.

Hi-Y 4.

VOGLER, RONALD









WALKER, LARRY Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Manager Airmont 4; Marshal 3; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; National Association of Student Council 3, 4; Latin Club 2.



WALL, SHIRLEY Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Office Page 4; Student Council 2; Basketball 3, 4; Monogram Club 4; High Spots Staff 4; Most Athletic Girl 4.





WEDDLE, BARBARA JO Class Treasurer 1.

WILLIAMS, L. J. Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 1.





WILLIAMS, MARY FAYE Student Council 1, 2; Office Page 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; President 4; Marshal 3; High Spots Staff 4; Class President 3.

WOOD, ELAINE Tri-Hi-Y 4; F. H. A. 4.



Wittiest Senior Henrietta Leftwich



Most Popular David Browne and Jeanette Morgan

## **SENIOR**



Most Studious James Key and Hazel Kennedy



Most School Spirited Donald Midkiff



Best Looking Doris Haynes and Dick Belton



Most Athletic Shirley Wall and Dick Belton

# SUPERLATIVES



Senior with Best Personality David Browne



Most Likely to Succeed Jeanette Morgan and Larry Walker

#### **JUNIORS**

#### CLASS OFFICERS

J. T. Morgan - President
Mary Louise Boyd - Vice-President
Lester Hill - Secretary
Robert Smith - Treasurer













Connie Anderson Robert Beasley Casa Dean Beck Gaydell Belton

J. C. Bennett

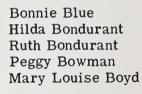






















Gloria Boyles Ben Brannock Peggy Britts Barbara Brower Nancy Brown























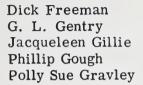




Larry Childress Fred Childress Virgil Christian John Clifton Ted Cox Tommye Cox

## **JUNIORS**

Lutricia Easter Gayle Dobson Janice Dobson Barbara Fowler Edward Foy



James Hall Elise Harris Rebecca Hatcher Bobby Hawks Agee Hiatt

Freda Hiatt Lester Hill Smith Holcomb Shelby Holder Barbara Hull

Priscilla Inman Louise Jarrell Margaret Jones Mary Jo Jones Shirley Kennedy

Mary Frances King Newton King Wada Lee Kinzer Charles Kirkman J. C. Kirkman

Maynard McMillian Johnny Martin James Merritt J. T. Morgan Edward Norman







































































#### **JUNIORS**



George Pace Jo Ann Palmer Don Parris Shirley Paul Gary Perry

Shirley Perry Shirley Peters Dickie Phillips Judy Pruitt Howard Pruett

Violet Puckett Wade Roberts Betty Royal Stewart Shelton Calvin Shusky

Billie Simmons
Betsy Smith
Bobby Smith
Dexter Smith
Robert Smith

Glenda Snow James Sparger Jo Ann Sparger Don Speight Bobby Taylor

Janey Waggoner Peggy Wagoner Donald Walker Martha Walker Bud Warren

Margaret Welch Bill Williams Foye Willis Jo Ann Woodie Vernon Worrell

## SOPHOMORES

#### CLASS OFFICERS

Sarah Springthorpe - President Jerry Nester - Vice-President Libby York - Secretary Jewell Wagoner - Treasurer

Bill Adams Charles Adams Beth Ashby Billie Nell Ayers Joyce Ayers

Harvey Ayers Carl Badgett John Baity Dawn Belton Kermit Bondurent

Barbara Bowman Pansy Bowman Jimmy Boyd Geraldine Brannock Mary Lynn Brannock

Dorothy Brown Sylvia Brown Kenneth Busick Jimmy Carpenter Roy Clifton

Bobby Coble Henry Coe Kay Collins Sharleen Cook Jessie Ruth Cook

Linda Cox Leon Davis Betty Deatherage Juanita Dix Grady Eaton Edward East



## SOPHOMORES



Marie Edmonds
Donald Edwards
Louise Eldridge
Gaynell Everhart
Libby Finch
Zane Gaylean

Edwin Goad Mary Jo Goad Betty Lou Gunnell Gibbs Gwynn Clive Hall Jack Hall

Sylvia Hantzopoulos Ivan Harold Mary Louise Hatcher Betty Ann Hawks Curtis Hawks Gary Hemrick

Ray Hemrick Shirley Henderson Betty Hiatt Nelda Hill Patty Hiatt Lou Ann Holloway

Elbert Hull
Paul Hull
Carolyn Inman
Dick Jackson
Mary Faye Jackson
Wilma Jarrell

Archie Johnson Shirley Jones Jimmy Journey Margaret Joyce Mary Mon Key Charles Kiger

Edwin King
Kathleen King
Betty Jean Leftwich
Wilma Loftis
Shirley McHone
Ronald McMillan

Mary Jean Marshall Anita Massey Irma Matthews Bobby Monday Kenneth Monday Clyde Monday

## SOPHOMORES

Linda Moseley Shelby Moser Jerry Nester Priscilla Nixon Mary Nell Parker Larry Patterson

Lynda Ann Pell Bobby Perkins Gino Ratti James Reynolds Betty Ruth Roberts Charlotte Robertson

Isabella Scott Edward Seal Denny Shelton Gary Shelton Kenneth Shelton Sandra Shelton

Conrad Simmons Glenn Simmons Kay Simmons James Sitison Charles Smith Helen Smith

Sarah Springthorpe Margaret Starr Granville Sydnor Jimmy Talley Denver Taylor Jack Taylor

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Patricia Tickle
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Billy Tracy Jimmy Vernon Peggy Wall Jewell Wagoner Bobby Ward Shelby Ward

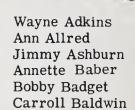
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#### CLASS OFFICERS

Billy Belton - President Bob Tyndall - Vice-President Sarah Doggett - Treasurer Ausiva Mills - Secretary



Billy Beamer Jack Beamer Yancey Beamer Billy Belton Bobby Benge Donald Beverly

Douglas Bingman Wayne Blue Bobby Booker Glenn Boyd Blanche Brannock David Britts

Gary Brown Norma Brown Stuart Brown Robert Burgess Thomas Burrus Dick Carswell

Bernelle Childress Grey Childress Melverine Childress Geraldine Chilton Ann Christian Shirley Clifton

Judy Coe Eddie Colbert Shirley Collins Ralph Cooke Jo Ellen Crews Green B. D'Amico

Bobby Davis Eddie Davis Sarah Doggett



#### **FRESHMEN**

Norma Draughn Posey Edwards Dan Ellis Ann France Joe Felts Brockly Frye

Tom Frank Glass Curtis Gordon Jo Ann Gough Donald Gravely Arnold Griffeth Bobby Hall

Elbert Hall Belle Harkrader Maggie Harris Ralph Harris Betty Hawks Roger Haymore

Frances Haynes
Frances (Tiny) Haynes
Helen Haynes
Carlton Hiatt
Ralph Hiatt
Sherry Hiatt

Ken Hill Elaine Hoover Charles Hornaday Billie Jean Horton Gaye Jackson Wayne Jackson

Alease Jefferson Barbara Jester Allan Johnson Maryann Johnson Alverta Jones David Jones

Larry Jones
Dean Jones
Howard Journey
Tommy Kerr
Barbara King
Delmar King

Wilma King Jimmy Kirkman Wanda Kirkman Dick Lacky Janice Leftwich Norma Leftwich

Lois Levering
David McCarty
Clara McDowell
Hubert McMillian
Melvin Marian
Doris Marshall



## **FRESHMEN**



Nancy Marshall Anne Martin John Martin Barbara Matthews Bobby Matthews Charles Matthews

Leon Matthews
Joan Midkiff
Sandra Midkiff
Ausiva Mills
Margaret Money
Jessey Montgomery

Barbara Moseley
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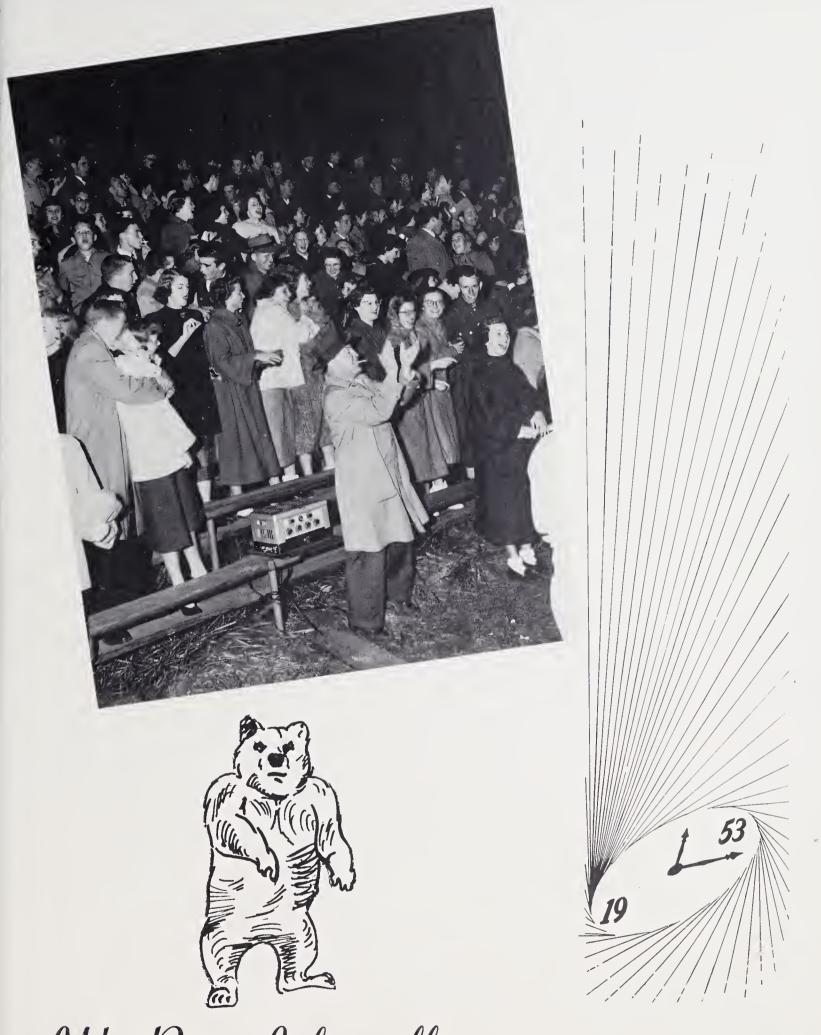
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Owen Shelton

Becky Simmons Shirley Simmons Joanne Smith Shirley Smith Betty Snow Steve Sparger

Gary Suphin Robert Taylor Betty Tilley Ken Tilley Bob Tyndall Betty Vogler

James Wagoner
Betty Ward
Eleanor Warren
James Weathers
Frank Welch
Robert Westmoreland

Bessie Whitaker Elmer White Johnny Williams Sybil Williams Bobby Withers Sherrill Youngblood



We Pose Informally

## It's All In A Day







We walk to school

....or ride a bus

....or drive a car.



# ACTIVITY PERIOD MEANS

.... studying in homeroom, attending club meetings, and keeping our school clean and attractive.

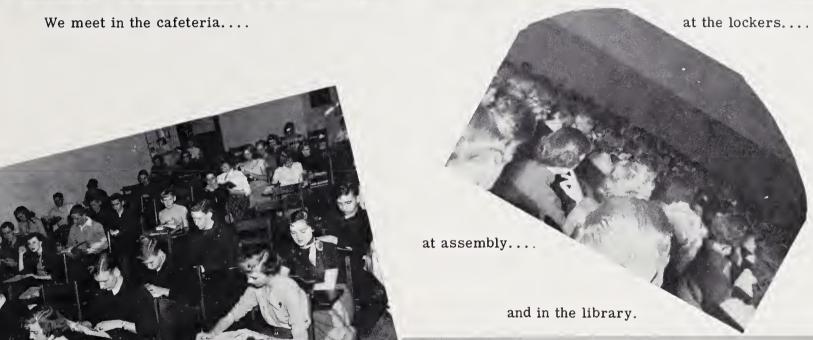




### At M. A. H. S.







in study hall....



a student getting a blue slip signed in the office....



the boys who run the movie projector at work....



A hall monitor signing slips....



an assembly program or rehearsal....



students leaving school as another day ends.

### Our Time In Class



Virgil Christian, Peggy Sue Hall, Hugh Talley, and Shirley Maner slave over one of Mrs. Mc-Kinney's pet chemistry experiments.



"Let me see,  $x^2 = 9$ -no, that's not it." Betty Jean Leftwich and Gino Ratti prove algebra is not too much for them.



"I came, I saw, I conquered." David Britts, Barbara Jester, and Shirley Simmons learn about Julius Caesar in literature class. (Posters by Larry Childress)





#### Leisure Moments



These happy four find leisure time from studies!



The day begins happily for these M. A. H. S. students.



Rebecca finds music very relaxing!



You mean Mr. Ramey can cook?



Judge never misses a day!



A dance at the "Y" follows the game.



These lassies prefer Hawaiian music!



These are our sleeping beauties!



#### They Are Our Leaders



Bill Beasley, President Larry Walker, Vice-president Mrs. Kate Barringer, Adviser The Student Council is composed of two representatives from each homeroom. As one of its chief activities the Council has charge of the care of the building. For this purpose there are committees, such as the hall monitor committee, the traffic committee, and the clean-up committee. There is also a senior committee to try any student disobeying a school rule.

This year for the first time the Council is working on a constitution for the student body.

President Bill Beasley presides over a Student Council meeting.



Student Council representatives are: Linda Cox, Mary Louise Boyd, Delane Coble, Shirley Perry, treasurer, Bruce Craddock, Sonny Cashwell, Edwin Goad, Dickie Phillips, Bonnie Pennix, Bud Oliver, Doris Marshall, Geraldine Chilton, Betty Hiatt, Bill Beamer, Carl Badgett. Alternates are: George Wright, Barbara Hale, Shirley Peters, Jo Ann Harbour, Jimmy Haynes, Libby York, Barbara Fowler, secretary, Ann Allred, Gay Jackson, Ronnie Pruett, Joan Smith, Dickie Jackson, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, and Sarah Springthorpe.

Jri- Hi- Y

Tri-Hi-Y members sort food received from the talent show they sponsored.



Patsy Badgett - Vice-president Jeanette Morgan - Treasurer Carolyn Banner - Secretary Mary Faye Williams - President

Club members distribute food to needy families in Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes.



The Tri-Hi-Y, made up of junior and senior girls and advised by Mrs. Caroline Sydnor, is one of our most active clubs. Traditionally, the Tri-Hi-Y girls are responsible for the Christmas assembly program and the distribution of food to needy families.



Pages make our time run smoothly by taking care of many office details, such as typing, mimeographing, filing, making up absentee lists and doing countless errands. Shown above are (left to right) Gayle Dobson, Barbara Hale, Shirley Wall, Barbara Hull, Shirley Chappell, Lelia Simmons, Janice Cockerham, and Phyllis Baum. Not present for the picture were Larry Walker and Freddy Preddy.

Patricia Smith plugs in the intercom for an announcement.

file permanent records.

Hazel Kennedy and Etta Mae Cundiff J. T. Morgan, Patsy Coe, and Betsy Ross Smith handle sixth period office work.







#### Time Run Smoothly

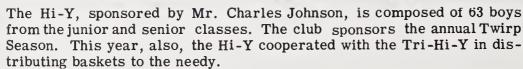


The library assistants also make our time run more smoothly. They check books to students, collect overdue fines, help students locate materials, type, prepare new books, and keep the library in order. The above assistants are: (seated left to right) Bonnie Blizzard, Patsy Badgett, and Phyllis Scott; (standing left to right) Mary Mon Key, Betty Gunnell, Sarah Springthorpe, Sylvia Hantzopolous, Pat Tickle, Billie Hardy, Sarah Doggett, Betty Royal, and Shirley Perry; (inset) Martha Walker and Foye Willis.









Hi-Yofficers are (seated) James Edwards, secretary; Bruce Craddock, vice-president; Larry Walker, chaplain; (standing) Sonny Cashwell, president; Hugh Talley, sergeant at arms; and Freddy Preddy, treasurer.





Monogram Club Members: Adams B., Adams C., Adkins, Ayres, Beasley, Belton, Brannock, \*Brown, \*Browne, Carpenter, Cashwell, Christian, Clifton, Coble, Cox, Craddock, Davis, Edwards, Freeman, Galyean, Geiger, \*Gordon, Gruble, Hatcher, Hiatt, Holcomb, Hull, Jarvis, Jones, Kerr, King, Kirkman, Kurtz, Midkiff D., Midkiff R., Mills, Mosely, Nester, Pace, Palmer, Peters, \*Phillips C., Phillips D., Preddy, Pruitt, Roberts, \*Robertson M., Royal, Smith, Speight, Sydnor, Talley, Taylor, 'Walker, Wall, Ward, Warren Welch, Wilson. \* Not Pictured.

# Pep Clubs MAJORETTES



#### **CHEERLEADERS**

Left to right: Sue Tilley, Penny Boyles, Sara Springthorpe, and Linda Cox.



Rahs for the M. A. H. S. Granite Bears from cheerleaders Ann Kerr, Jo Ann Palmer, Rebecca Hatcher, Howard Gordon, Dolores Mills, Margaret Jones, Shirley Peters and co-chiefs Donald and Ronald Midkiff. The '52-'53 Cheerleaders have been a hard working group--securing new uniforms, chartering buses to out-of-town games, and giving special pep to all athletic contests.





Editor Jeanette Morgan makes assignments to High Spots staff members.

Reporters write their stories and retype corrected copy. Patricia Smith and Peggy Hall seem to enjoy their work.



Drawing up dummy for printers are: Bruce Craddock, Hazel Kennedy, Mary Faye Williams, Bill Beasley, and Ann Kerr.

Working out final arrangement at the <u>Times</u> office are: (left to right)Shirley Wall and FreddyPreddy, sports editors; William Carter, printer; Sonny Cashwell, assistant editor; Miss Eva Holder, adviser; and Jeanette Morgan, editor-in-chief. Mr. Beauford Towe is at the Linotype.



Finally staff members deliver the finished paper to eager students. Patsy Coe enters room 5 with an arm full of <u>High Spots</u>.





Staff members discussing ideas for the 1953 <u>Airmont</u> are Mary Nell Parker; Ann Allred; Frances Haynes; Barbara Hale; Dora Ann Johnson, picture editor; Larry Walker, business manager, Miss Jean Simpson, adviser; Barbara Pardue, editor-in-chief; Libby York; Billie Hardy, Smith Holcomb; Priscilla Inman; Shirley Perry, assistant editor; and Betty Royal.



<u>Airmont</u> subscription drive brought in 287 orders. Staff member Priscilla Inman takes deposit from Charles Adams, sophomore.



Dora Ann Johnson and Barbara Hale, members of the business staff, find typing the copies a real task.

ing house.





The glee club and band are an important part of the life of a music-loving student body. The glee club, besides its always welcome school programs, has had a heavy schedule of public appearances through the school year. The band, busy rebuilding, has added many new instruments and twenty beginning players. The joint spring concert by these two musical groups is a highlight of our time at M. A. H. S.



Mr. Charles Johnson directs the Mount Airy Glee Club and Band.



The band is composed of grammar grade and high school students.



BAND
Johnny Martin,
Robert Smith,
James Merritt,
J. C. Kirkman,
Norman Key,



#### GLEE CLUB

The combined Glee Club is composed of members of the first and second period music classes.



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Libby York, Glee Club Accompanist.



Ann Kerr



Carolyn Banner



Margaret Jones





Homecoming Queen, Carolyn Banner, center. Runners-up Ann Kerr, left and Margaret Jones, right.



Dolores Mills

Elise Harris



Rebecca Hatcher



Court



Lucy Tilley



Billie Hardy, prophet



Jo Anne Harbour, historian



Speakers



Class Night

Jeanette Morgan, testator



# Mr Mount Airy High School

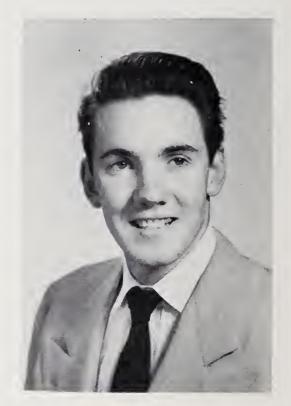
David Browne

The second annual contest to choose Mr. and Miss Mount Airy High School was sponsored by <u>High Spots</u> in December. Candidates were chosen by the staff on the basis of scholastic work, popularity, school spirit, and participation in school activities.

**CANDIDATES** 

**SENIORS** 

David Brown George Cashwell







SOPHOMORES

FRESHMEN



Virgil Christian Dick Phillips

Edwin Goad Jerry Nester

Bobby Tyndall Bud Oliver











## Miss Mount Airy High School

Dolores Mills



All students voted free by secret ballot, with junior and senior votes counting twice as much as freshman and sophomore. Winners were announced in <u>High Spots</u> and crowned in a public ceremony.

Chosen by paid vote for the honor last year were Roger Simmons and Jeanne Gwyn.

**CANDIDATES** 

**SENIORS** 

Dolores Mills Jeanette Morgan







FRESHMEN

SOPHOMORES

**JUNIORS** 



Libby York Wilma Jarrell

Margaret Jones Jo Ann Palmer













the commencement exercises.

Evelyn Snow, Barbara E'dridge,

and Jackie Vogler.



lacs, white dogwoods and crepe paper, the Latin clubs had a Ro-man banquet Wednesday, April

23, at 6:30 in the school cafeteria. Approximately 80 people, attired in Roman togas, were present. The menu was entirely of food

as the Romans would have eaten.

Entertainment, furnished by members of the clubs, included a ballet dancer, flutist, a poem, a narration of Roman history en-

hanced by sound effect, and a skit of a Latin version of "Little Red Riding-Hood." The group al-

Patsie Coe Plays

"Men Are Like Streetcars," a three-ace comedy, will be presented by the junior class Friday evening, December 7, at 8 o'clock. This will be the first junior play ever to be given in the history of the school, and Mis. Christine Beamer, director, says, "I hope it yill be the beginning of a tradiion, just as it is traditional to ave an annual senior play."

This is also the first play to be ven in the new high school audi-

"Men Are Like Streetcars" deals with a young girl, Maudie, who has developed lines and techniques and tries to educate her friends to use her "systems."

The young trouble - maker, Maudie, played by Patsie Coe, whilosophizes that men are like treetcars—if you don't catch the irst one, there will be another

Playing the part of her mother Carolyn Banner and her father, arry Walker. Others taking part in the production are Mary Ann Robertson, Jerry Beamer, Dora Ann Johnson, Barbara Pardue, Sonny Cashwell, Hugh Talley, Henrictta Leftwich, Ann Kerr, Joan Kirkman, Billie Hardy. Jimmy Haynes, Bruce Craddock, and Charlotte Phillips.

This is the first spontaneous action of the students, to participate in activities for the benefit of payment of stage equipment in the new auditorium.

The proceeds will go toward paying off the debt on stage equipment.





Beth liked cowboys!



Patricia at Rockford.



Mrs. Mackie at W. C.





Miss Thomas relaxes.



Miss Holder and her kitten.



First Row: Sonny Cashwell, L. J. Williams, Bruce Craddock, Jimmy Tilley, Fred Dawson, Johnny Geiger, Norman Smith, Jack Cox, Dick Belton. Second Row: Bernard Willis, Larry Walker, Bobby Estes, Buck Jones, Richard Dobson, Jim Midkiff, David Browne, Carter Fourquen. Third Row: Bobby Simpson, Clyde Monday, Drake Shelton, Bill Worth, Bill Welch, Lin Holcomb, Fred Preddy, Butch Council, Ed Crossingham.



Edward East, Paul Hull, Clyde Monday, Bernie Phillips, and Jimmy Gilbert are the boys responsible for delivering students safely to school.



We are happy that Carolyn Jacobs could return to school this year after

Mrs. Kay Jackson, Mrs. Salena Moxley, Mrs. Lucy Beamer, and Mrs. Verna Gilbert are the ladies who prepare those good meals in the cafeteria.

To Estella McCloud and Melissia Gwyn we owe thanks for keeping the building so clean.

Bill Johnson, our janitor, is always ready to give a helping hand.

### Athletics Also Mean Pep Meeting And Dunies



Let's go, Big Blue!



Three pretty girls lend their support to the Bears.



Rah! Rah! M.A.H.S. made a touchdown!



The majorettes lend their support at a pep rally.



The student body is up for the big pep rally and parade.



The band marches in the parade.



The students enjoy a dance after a home game.



A big bonfire supported by the cheerleaders.



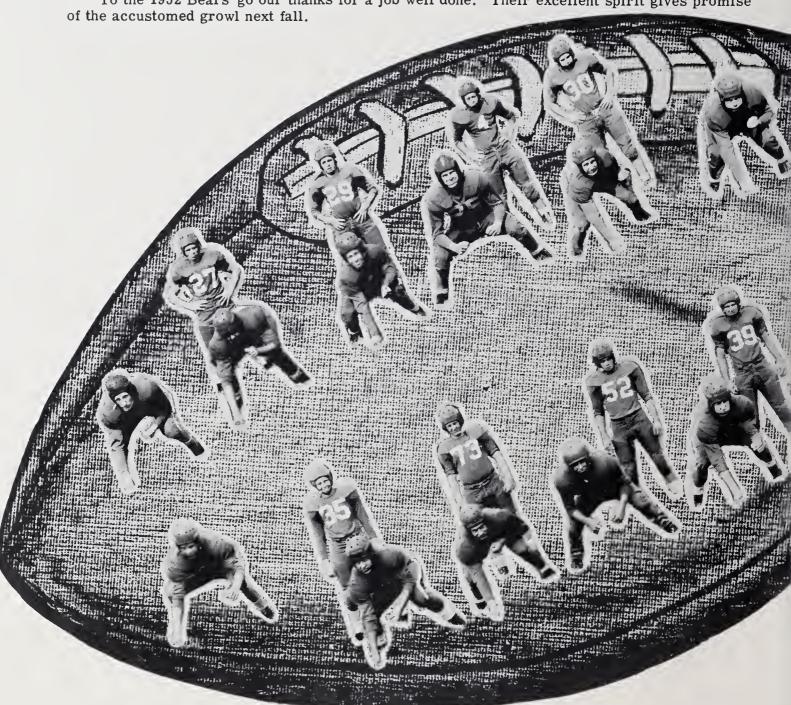
Our team is red hot! Red Hot!



#### THE BEARS GROWL

This year the Bears growled but not as loud as they have growled in the past. They early lost three key players for the season and continued to be plagued by the injury jinx to the final game to rake up a score of 5 wins and 6 loses. The Bears began what appeared to be their most successful season by winning the first two games from Wilkes Central and Concord. Things looked bright until Agee Hiatt and Charles Kirkman received broken legs, and it was to be rough from there on in. They lost three straight games before coming back to take a decisive victory from a strong Greenville team. They then fought Gray a terrific battle before losing 13-6. The next week the Bears broke loose and ran wild in a homecoming game with Mineral Springs for a 39-12 win. The following two weeks were gloomy for the Bears, as they lost to Tri-City Central and Reidsville and saw two more key players, Granville Sydnor and Bill Adams, join the injured list. In the last game of the season the Bears rose to the heights and walloped a big Charlotte Tech Team in a game full of thrills, touchdowns, and passes.

To the 1952 Bears go our thanks for a job well done. Their excellent spirit gives promise



First Team: Linemen: Harvey Ayers, Larry Walker, Frank Kurtz, Bill Adkins, Dickie Phillips, Dick Freeman, Bill Gruble. Backs: Sonny Cashwell, Hugh Talley, Granville Sydnor, Charles Kirkman. Second Team: Linemen: Ben Brannock, John Clifton, Charles Adams, George Pace. Ted Cox, Bud Warren, Gary Hemrick. Backs: Bill Adams, Virgil Christian, Donald Walker. Agee Hiatt.



Belton gains for Bears against Mineral Springs. Talley, Sydnor, Phillips, Ayers, Walker, and Cashwell move in to help.

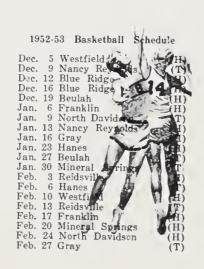
#### The Bears



First Row: Hiatt, Kirkman, Ayers, L. Walker, Kurtz, Adkins, Phillips, Freeman, Gruble, Talley, Cashwell. Second Row: Sydnor, D. Walker, Brannock, Clifton, Taylor, Pace, Cox, Warren, Belton, Christian, B. Adams. Third Row: Wilson, J. Kirkman, Vernon, Brown, Davis, Kerr, C. Adams, Worrell, Childress, Coble, Money. Fourth Row: Vaughn, Frank, Moody, Britts, Journey, Ward, Steele, Pell, Hemrick, Lackey, Pruitt. Fifth Row: Coaches Moir and Shelton.



Kneeling left to right: Harvey Ayres, Bruce Craddock, Johnny Geiger, and Freddy Preddy. Standing left to right: Larry Walker, Bobby Ward, Gary Childress, Dick Belton, and Coach Sam Moir.

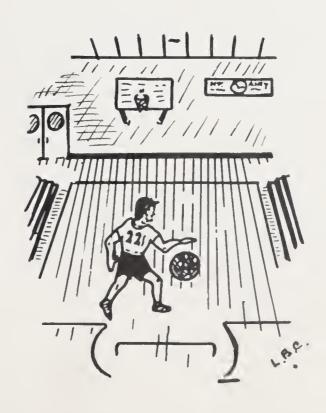






Kneeling left to right: Betty Royal, Joyce Ayres, Shirley Clifton, Captain Shirley Wall, Mary Frances King, Lou Ann Holloway and Pattie Hiatt. Standing: Coach Wallace Shelton, Mary Anne Robertson, Betsy Smith, Linda Mosley, Margaret Welch, Gay Jackson, Charlotte Phillips, and managers Mary Faye Williams, and Henrietta Leftwich.





#### Our Time With Spring Sports



Boys on the 1953 Track Team take it Easy.



Returning track award winners Kurtz, Gordon, Hiatt, Coble, Adams, Sydnor, and Jackson are joined by 1953 hopefuls for what looks like a successful season. Last spring the Mount Airy High boys placed either first, second, or third in all events in the annual Lions Club high school track meet to pull a second place lead even without extra points from the all girl events in which M. A. H. S. did not participate.

#### 1953 Track Team includes:

First Row: Arlyss Jackson, Gary Hemrick, Wade Roberts, Sherrill Youngblood, and Frank Kurtz. Second Row: Granville Sydnor, Agee Hiatt, Bill Adkins, Howard Gordon, Bill Adams, Harvey Ayers, and Bobby Coble.





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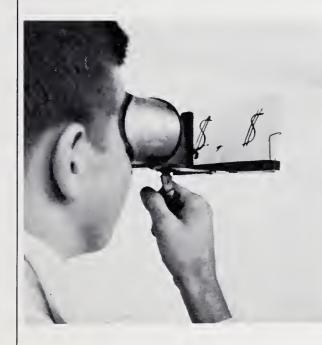


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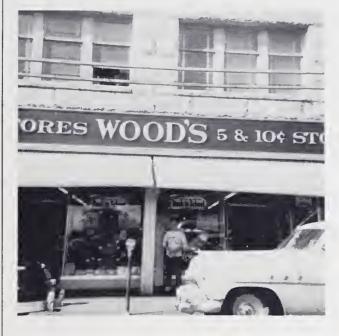
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Seated: Dora Ann Johnson, picture editor; Shirley Perry, assistant editor; Barbara Pardue, editor; and Larry Walker, business manager; Standing: Miss Jean Simpson, adviser; and Smith Holcomb.

The advertising section gives you a permanent record of our friends in town who helped make the 1953 <u>Airmont possible</u>. We hope you will thank them in words and in deeds!







