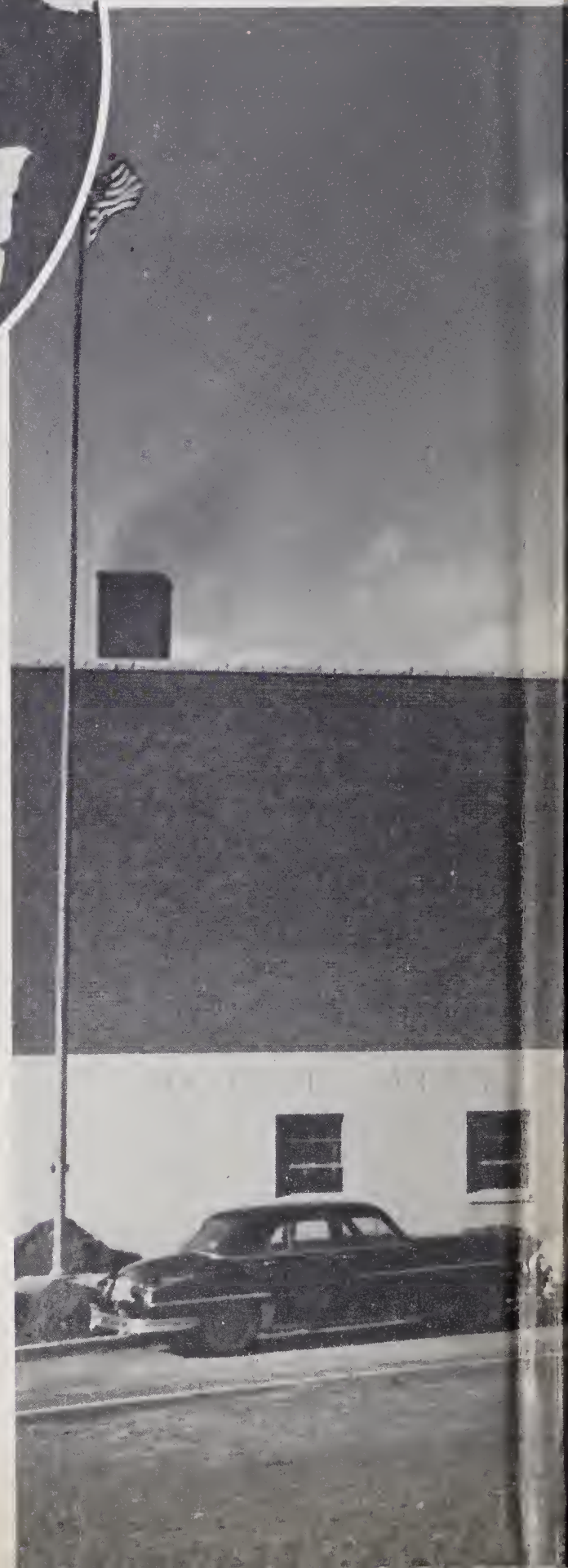




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*Our High School World*





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# The 1954 Airmont



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# THE 1954 AIRMONT

PRESENTS



The bear-- symbol not only of our athletic teams, but also of our student body as a whole-- is held in affection and respect by students past and present.



# SCHOOL WORSHIP

Shirley Perry, Editor-In-Chief  
Virgil Christian, Business Manager

## INTRODUCTION

The exciting, dangerous, fast moving world of today is ours to live in and to make more stable and peaceful. Its problems have largely molded our lives and now challenge our future.

Nevertheless our MAHS world of living, learning, and playing has been a happy, carefree time-- influenced by the spirit of our homes and community, our school, and the mountains that circle us. We will carry its imprint with pride. This third edition of Airmont brings you a lasting picture of our high school world-- our friendships, strivings, accomplishments, and growth-- a world that is ending all too soon but leaving a memory that will be cherished always.

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## OUR

Mount Airy-- its homes, churches, industries, places of business, and schools set like jewels at the gateway to the mountains-- has given us a good world in which to live and mature.





## COMMUNITY

Our community has given our high school world its own particular flavor-- a blend of humor, friendliness, belief in fundamentals, and love of beauty-- which we shall always cherish.



## OUR MOUNTAINS

“--- surrounded by a ring of mountains,  
hazy and blue in the distance--- I could not im-  
agine a horizon that was not cut by a distant  
mountain rim--- where a cloud might sit on a  
man's front step and mist his windows---.”

--Robert K. Marshall, Little Squire Jim  
and Julia Gwynn.





## OUR SCHOOL

Our school represents the fulfillment of the dream of many people for a great number of years. Although we have used the new building for three years, the thrill and pride we take in it are undiminished.





## DIRECTORS OF OUR WORLD

The Mount Airy schools are fortunate to retain the experience and interest of the administrative staffs to an unusual degree. Three of the five board members have served our school for over 25 years each; Superintendent L. B. Pendergraph for 27 years; and Principal H. M. Finch for 28 years-- 6 as teacher, 22 as principal.

Though we take for granted the smooth running of our high school world, we realize it is not accomplished without a great deal of effort and time on the part of the administration. Without fanfare this group renders a selfless service that merits our gratitude.







## BEHIND THE SCENES



Mrs. Priscilla Horton  
Clerk

Mrs. Betty Moir  
Secretary

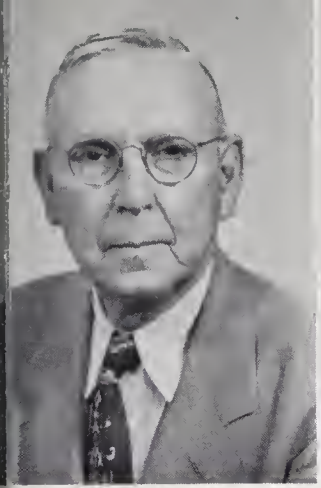
Those who work in the office and in the cafeteria endear themselves to us, not only because of their excellent service, but also because of their friendly interest.



Our cafeteria workers are: Mrs. Salena Moxley, Mrs. Lucy Beamer, Mrs. Verna Gilbert, and Mrs. Kate Jackson.

## OUR SCHOOL—A THING OF BEAUTY FROM ANY ANGLE





# ADMINISTRATION

L. B. Pendergraph  
Superintendent

H. M. Finch  
Principal



Superintendent, principal, school board member-- each in his own way works that our high school world may be the very best that can be provided. We are fortunate to have such able friends of long standing to be truly interested in our welfare.

Principal H. M. Finch confers with Robert Smith, Student Council President.

# SCHOOL BOARD

Chairman

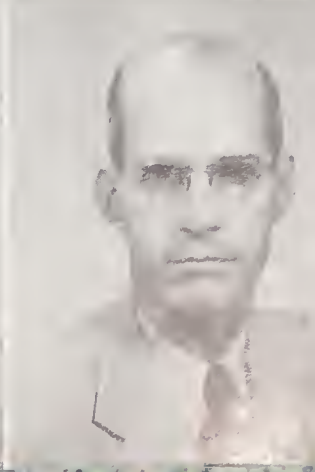
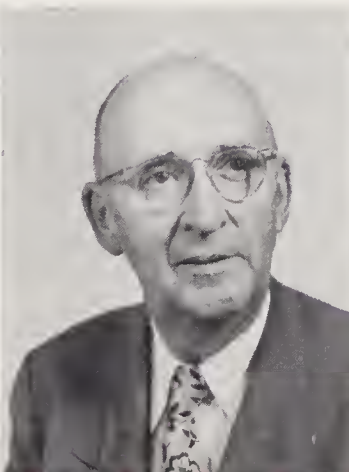
Dr. Moir S. Martin

W. I. Monday

R. M. Smith

W. S. Porter

R. M. Nelson



## A CANDID VIEW OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL WORLD

Activities of the classrooms, clubs, and athletic department occupy a justly prominent place in our high school world. However, some of our most treasured memories will be the little day-by-day school life events that are typical of our world and that give spice to its more serious aspect. These are the scenes our camera recorded for you.







We meet at the north entrance before school starts.



Bus drivers Nancy Brown, John Martin, Dexter Smith, Stuart Brown, and Jimmy Boyd help get us to school.

## A DAY IN OUR HIGH SCHOOL



The dismissal bell rings and the building becomes empty and quiet.



Before school and after, Mr. Bill Johnson and his staff, Melissa Gwyn, and Estella McCloud work



Assemblies provide a welcome break in our day.



We meet at the lockers to catch up on the news.



Classwork takes most of our time.

**WORLD INCLUDES MANY THINGS**



to keep our building comfortable and clean.



The library offers material for recreational reference reading.



The lunch line often offers a last chance to finish an assignment.



The staff gathering at Miss Simpson's for a first look at the annual.

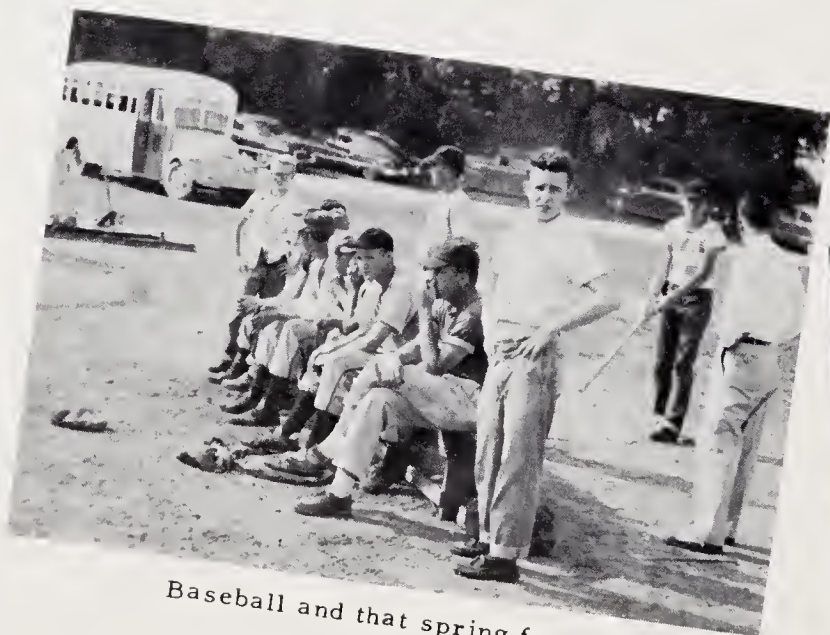


The presentation of a press camera to the 1953-1954 publications staffs by outgoing Air-mont editor, Barbara Pardue.



The romance and beauty of a formal dance.

## A WORLD



Baseball and that spring fever.

The last school assembly and Mr. Finch presiding at recognition day exercises.







The fun of annual twirp season.



The Home Economics Department's spring fashion show.



## OF MEMORIES



Future freshman day and an introduction to our high school world.

Commencement and the installation of the senior class.



Fall, football, and parades.



THE CAMERA CAUGHT  
MANY AND VARIED  
EXPERIENCES IN OUR  
HIGH SCHOOL WORLD:





Members of the High Spots and Airmont staffs at Chapel Hill for the NCSPA annual conference, a tense moment at a basketball game, projectionists getting ready to show a film, the band's new truck, a dinner given by the home economics department, the fifth grade with no room at North Main in our stagecraft room, Mrs. Pruet teaching the use of the mimeograph, and our high school members of the CAP.



## HOME COMING ADDS EXCITEMENT TO OUR WORLD



Five girls were elected by the student body from the ten homecoming candidates nominated by the football players. In a second election the students chose from the five a queen whose identity was a closely guarded secret until she was crowned during the half-time festivities of the homecoming game with Tri-City Central on October 30.

Climaxing an effective performance by our band and twirling corps and parade of sponsors and homecoming candidates, Captain Virgil Christian announced that Margaret Jones, escorted by Dale Phillips, had been elected homecoming queen of 1953.



As Barbara Jester holds epitaph for rival Tri-City High, "Husky" Elaine Hoover crowns the "great beauty," Daniel Ellis. This fake portrayal of the homecoming crowning won homeroom 6 second place in the parade.



Candidates for homecoming queen were: Margaret Jones, Elise Harris, Rebecca Hatcher, Lucy Tilley and Sandra Midkiff.

**INFORMAL MOMENTS GIVE OUR  
WORLD NEEDED CHANGE.**



Mrs. McKinney accepts jury duty to help the seniors put on a dress rehearsal for their play.



Miss Holder puts aside her red pencil to make one of her specialties-sugar-cake.



Miss Shumaker ends a busy day.



Mrs. Pendergraph has dinner with home economics students.



Janey Waggoner, Tommye Cox, and Margaret Jones go window shopping.



Chipper Calloway, cheerleader mascot, rehearses a new yell.



Anne Allred, Shirley Perry, and Mary Nell Parker relax after a hard evening's work on the annual at Miss Simpson's.

## CLASS WORK AND TEACHERS IN

In our world of living and learning our teachers and the class work they supervise give us facts, practice in the ability to study and acquire knowledge, exercise in thinking, and contact with inspiring and interesting personalities--all necessary ingredients for a well-rounded life. As we have taken advantage of these priceless opportunities in varying degrees, we have experienced varying degrees of the joy of attainment and have matured at varying levels. Our gratitude for our faculty and the class experiences they offer will grow with the years.



OUR WORLD:



## SEPTEMBER-OUR 1953-'54 SCHOOL WORLD BEGINS

WE MEET NEW FACULTY MEMBERS AND WELCOME THOSE RETURNING.



The four new teachers become acquainted with material which they are to use. Getting books out of the bookroom for their students the day before school opened are: Mrs. Anne Pruitt, Miss Mary Lou Johnson, Mr. Frank Steed, and Miss Eleanor Shumaker.

Mrs. Kate Barringer, Mr. Arnold Ramey, Mrs. Lavinia Mackie, and Mrs. Caroline Sydnor-- four returning faculty members-- enjoy a discussion and make us feel at home for the new school year.



This was a familiar scene in all homerooms at the beginning of school. Mrs. Neal is checking books to Jerry Nester.



## WE ALL HAVE CLASSES IN THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Miss Eva Holder  
English, Journalism

Mrs. Mary Neal  
English

Our English department consists of five instructors teaching seventeen regular English classes, plus journalism and commercial English. The fundamentals of grammar, ability to think, speak and write correctly, and knowledge and appreciation of literature are stressed in the regular courses. Senior commercial students take commercial English. The journalism class, which publishes High Spots, is drawn from eligible seniors.

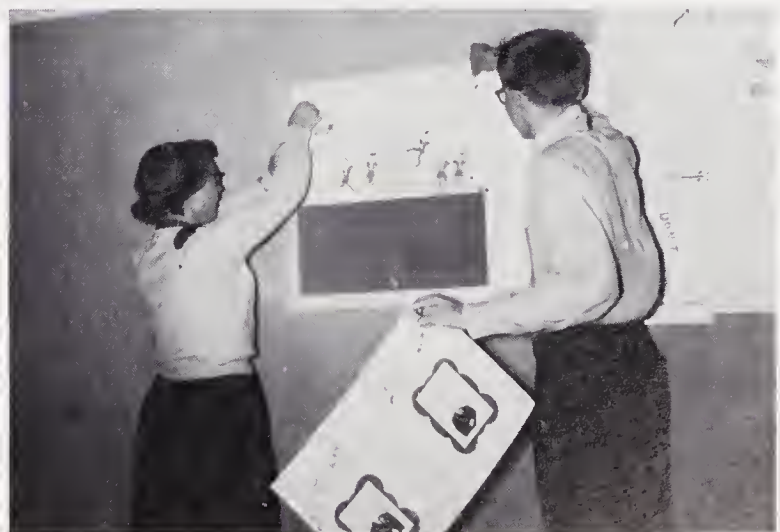
Mr. Wallace Shelton  
English, Coaching

Miss Annie Thomas  
English



A new word sends Barbara Fowler and Dick Phillips to consult Webster. Vocabulary building is a regular part of English IV through both literature and grammar work. A new word displayed each day, spelling books, and vocabulary notebooks for words found in reading and discussions furnish the material. Games such as take-it-or-leave-it, husking, and baseball help polish vocabularies before inspection.

Students in Mrs. Neal's English classes show both their artistic ability and their grammatical knowledge by drawing posters and illustrating rules. Sylvia Hantzopoulos and Ray Hemrick display work from English III.



## SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS FIT



Two well-equipped laboratories and lecture rooms have given our science department a boost. This year two teachers conduct two classes in chemistry, one in physics, and five in biology.

Four instructors teach twelve classes of mathematics including arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry.

Physics students enjoy experiments more than book work, so J. C. Kirkman and James Merritt have everyone's attention as they demonstrate pressure in liquids.

Perhaps there is a twentieth century Urey or Hare in the making as students explore the mysteries of the chemistry lab. Frances King and Margaret Joyce seem satisfied with their effort to produce oxygen.



In biology class Janice Leftwich and Owen Shelton prepare for a trip into microbe land by selecting slides to view under the microscope.

# US FOR OUR MODERN WORLD

Mr H. M. Finch  
Trigonometry

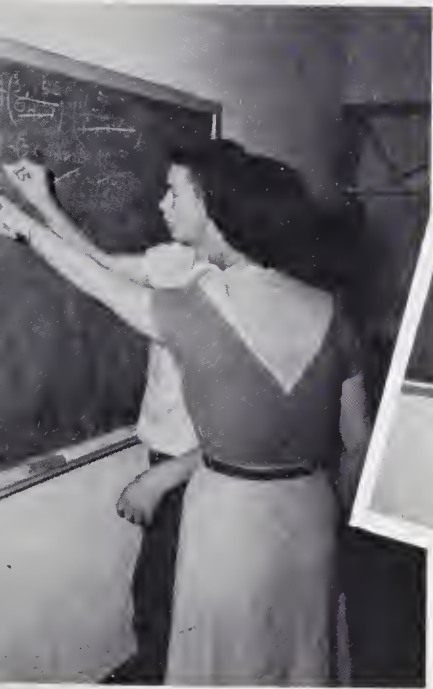
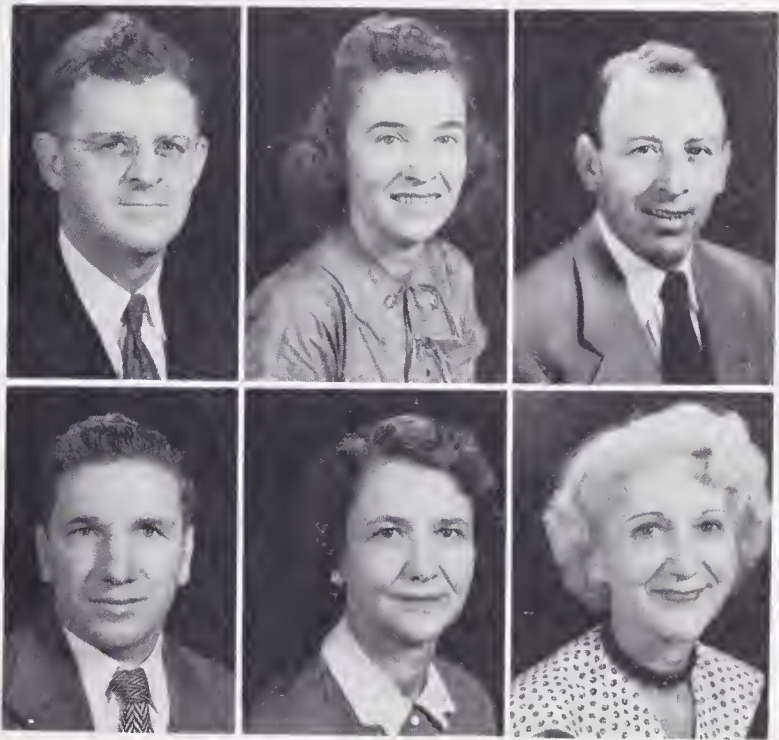
Mrs. Lorraine McKinney  
Chemistry, Biology

Mr. Arnold Ramey  
History, English, Aviation

Mr. Frank Steed  
Biology, Arithmetic, Physics

Mrs. Caroline Sydnor  
Algebra, Geometry

Mrs. Vera Thomas  
Algebra, Arithmetic



Four heads are often better than one-- especially if a trig problem is involved. Bud Warren, Elise Harris, John Clifton, and Tommy Cox join forces to find the correct answer.

"You forgot to cancel your  $4a^2$ ," explains algebra teacher Mrs. Sydnor to Tommy Kerr, who is having difficulty proving the value of  $x$ .

Shirley Paul, Don Parris, Charles Kirkman, Charles Smith, and Phillip Gough prepare for the day's work in aviation with their models and work books. They find it fun to be members of the first aviation course offered in MAHS.



# FOREIGN LANGUAGES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, LIBRARY MATERIALS,



Mrs. Kate Barringer  
Social Science



Miss Ada Haymore  
Latin



Mrs. Lavinia Mackie  
History, Spanish



Mr. Sam Moir  
Civics, Physical Ed.  
Coach



Miss Jean Simpson  
Librarian



History IV students use the library to prepare for class. Ed Foy checks the stock report for progress of his mythical investments while Gary Perry and Jimmie Sparger read up on the latest world events.

Spanish students find corresponding with Spanish-speaking pen pals from south of the border adds interest to their regular class work. Jo Anne Woodie and Gary Perry use dictionary and map to translate their letters and locate their Mexican correspondents.



Mythology, history, grammar, translation-- "tempus fugit," and before the hard-working Latin II students know it, they will be preparing to end their high school Latin years.



## AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION GIVE US A WELL-ROUNDED WORLD

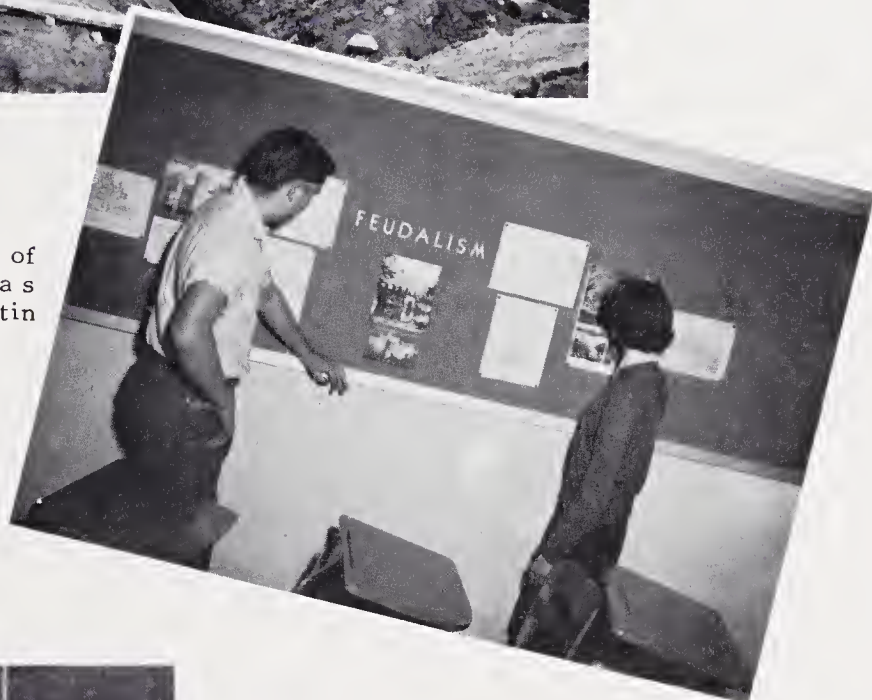
Four Latin classes, two Spanish, two world history, three United States history, five civics, one world problems, two physical education and a well-stocked library-- all these offer us variety for our every need.



Physical education classes have been handicapped by the lack of a gymnasium. The hole back of the school building and work of students promise better things for the future. Mr. Williams and his afternoon shop class (inset) took time off from their construction job to prepare the prize-winning float for homecoming day.



World history students find the Age of Feudalism a fascinating topic. Thomas Burrus and Jo Ann Gough study a bulletin board display on the subject.



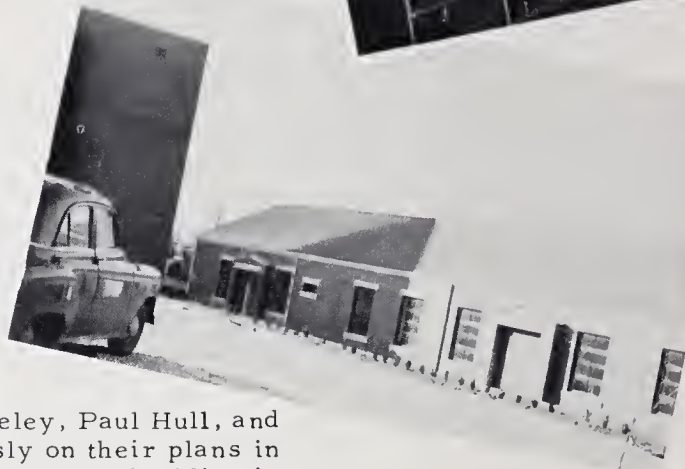
Magazines are interesting and the dictionary is a big help in enlarging one's vocabulary agree Anita Massey and Wilma Jarrell as they take advantage of our collection of 4800 books and 60 periodicals.

## MUSIC AND VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS



In addition to class work girls in the home economics department enjoy the activities of the F. H. A. Club.

Left to Right, Seated: Miss Bailey, Betty Haynes, Martha Jones, Peggy Carter, Ruth Brown, Alice Jessup, Norma Brown, Annette Baber, Nancy Brown, Connie Nance, and Shelby Marsh. Standing: Martha Jean Walker, Barbara Brower, Betty Royal, Barbara Hull, Billie Jean Horton, Wilma Smith, Mary Frances King, and Dorothy Hull.



Wade Roberts, Linda Moseley, Paul Hull, and Ed Norman work industriously on their plans in mechanical drawing. Below is the shop building in which they work.



Mr. George Williams clears up a point for boys in his shop class.

# GIVE US TRAINING FOR SPECIAL INTERESTS



Miss Ethel Baily  
Home Economics

Mrs. Anne Pruitt  
Commercial

Miss Mary Lou Johnson  
Commercial

Mr. Charles Johnson  
Band, Glee Club

Mr. George Williams  
Shop

Miss Eleanor Shumaker  
Commercial

Glee club and band appearances show the results of hours of class work in the music department. Director Charles Johnson turns his attention to a small part of the band during an auditorium performance.



Three commercial teachers offer four classes in typing, three in shorthand, three in bookkeeping, three in business arithmetic, one in law and salesmanship.

Becky Hatcher stops to look with amazement at her typing, while Mary Mon Key and Glenda Snow go busily on their way in the typing laboratory.



## PERSONALITIES OF OUR

The friendships, challenges, and opportunities offered by our contacts with other students have immeasurably enriched our school years. The differences in personality, appearance, and ability make the people in our high school more interesting to us. Some have led while others followed, but each has done his part in making MAHS the school we will continue to hold in affectionate regard.

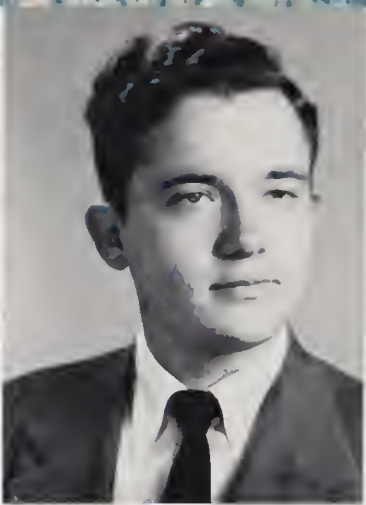
You will want to remember everyone who made up your high school world, so each student is pictured in this section, by class.





HIGH SCHOOL WORLD





CASSA DEAN BECK

GAYDELL BELTON

J.C. BENNETT

BONNIE BLUE

HILDA BONDURANT

# SENIORS

GAYDELL BELTON

Biology Club 2; F. H. A. 2.

J. C. BENNETT

Hi-Y 3, 4.

BONNIE BLUE

Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Band 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; High Spots Feature Editor 4; Class Secretary 1; Basketball 1; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3.

HILDA BONDURANT

(Hillsville 1); F. H. A. 1; Glee Club 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Biology Club 1; Office Page 4; Spanish Club 4.

PEGGY BOWMAN

Wittiest 4.

MARY LOUISE BOYD

Class Vice-President 3, 4; Marshal 3; Airmont Staff 4; Office Page 4; F. H. A. Vice-President 1; Student Council 1, 3, 4, Parliamentarian 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Committee Chairman 4; Glee Club 4; Best Personality 4.

PENNY BOYLES

Twirling Corp 1, 2; Majorette 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

BEN BRANNOCK

Hi-Y 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Track 3, 4.



## SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

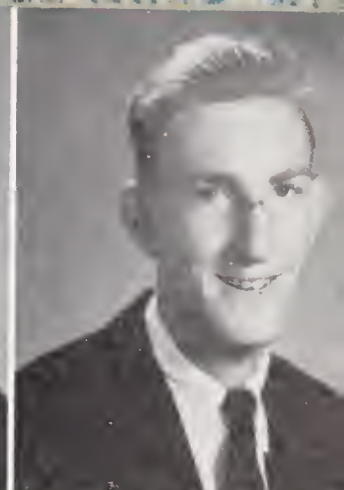
Dick Freeman . . . . .	Secretary
Barbara Fowler . . . . .	Treasurer
Mary Louise Boyd . . . . .	Vice-President
Virgil Christian . . . . .	President

PEGGY BRITTS

BARBARA BROWER

NANCY BROWN





RUTH BONDURANT

PEGGY BOWMAN

MARY LOUISE BOYD

GLORIA BOYLES

BEN BRANNOCK

PEGGY BRITTS

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; Office Page 4; High Spots Advertising Manager 4; Hall Monitor 2, 4; Lion's Club Essay Contest Winner 3.

BARBARA BROWER

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

NANCY BROWN

F. H. A. 1, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 4.

SALLIE ANN CARROLL

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; High Spots Picture Editor 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club Secretary 2; Class Prophet 4; Hall Monitor 2.

CHARLES CARTER

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Most Studious Boy 4.

PEGGY ANN CARTER

F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3; Library Assistant 2.

SHIRLEY CHAPPELL

F. H. A. 1; Office Page 2, 3; Marshal 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Airmont Staff 4.

# SENIORS

TREVA BROWN

SALLIE ANN CARROLL

CHARLES CARTER

PEGGY CARTER

SHIRLEY CHAPPELL





FRED CHILDRESS



LARRY CHILDRESS



VIRGIL CHRISTIAN



JOHN CLIFTON



TED COX

## SENIORS



The arrival of class rings marked one of the most memorable days on the senior calendar. Although all the rings are alike, Hilda Bondurant, Shirley Chappell, and Edward Foy proudly display theirs for admiration.

### LARRY CHILDRESS

Student Council 2; Airmont Staff Artist 3, 4.

### VIRGIL CHRISTIAN

Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, President 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Airmont Business Manager 4; Class President 1, 4; Student Council 1, 4; Track 3; Latin Club President 2; Candidate for Mr. MAHS 2, 3, 4; Most Popular 4.

### JOHN CLIFTON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3, 4, Sergeant at Arms 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4.

### TED COX

Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4.

### TOMMYE COX

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Committee Chairman 4; Latin Club 2; Marshal 3; Airmont Staff 4; Girls' State 3.

### GAYLE DOBSON

Student Council 1, 2, 4, Secretary 2, Treasurer 4; Latin Club Secretary 2; Class Vice-President 2; Office Page 3; Tri-Hi Y 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Editor-in-Chief High Spots 4; Lion's Club Essay Winner 1; World Peace Speaking Contest 3; Marshal 3; Most Likely to Succeed 4.

### JANICE DOBSON

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

EDWARD FOY



DICK FREEMAN



G. L. GENTRY





TOMMYE COX



GAYLE DOBSON



JANICE DOBSON



LUTRICIA EASTER



BARBARA FOWLER

BARBARA FOWLER

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3, Vice-President 4; Latin Club Treasurer 2; Student Council 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Treasurer 4; Office Page 4; Business Manager High Spots 4; Marshal 3; Hall Monitor 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Chairman Hall Committee 2; Second Place World Peace Speaking Contest 3; Class Poet 4; Candidate for Miss MAHS 4.

EDWARD FOY

Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3.

DICK FREEMAN

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Class Secretary 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Track 3, 4.

G. L. GENTRY

Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2.

JACKIE GILLEY

Latin Club 1, 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Office Page 4.

PHILLIP GOUGH

Hi-Y 3, 4.

ELISE HARRIS

Band 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; High Spots Staff 4; Student Council Vice-President 4; Latin Club 2; Homecoming Attendant 1, 2, 3, 4; Candidate for Miss MAHS 2; Hall Monitor 4; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3.

REBECCA HATCHER

Twirling Corps 1; Student Council 1, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Council 3; Basketball 1; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Secretary 4; Spanish Club Secretary 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Secretary 4; World Speaking Contest 3; Homecoming Attendant 3, 4; Candidate for Miss MAHS 2; Marshal 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Candidate for Piedmont Bowl Queen 4.

BOBBY HAWKS

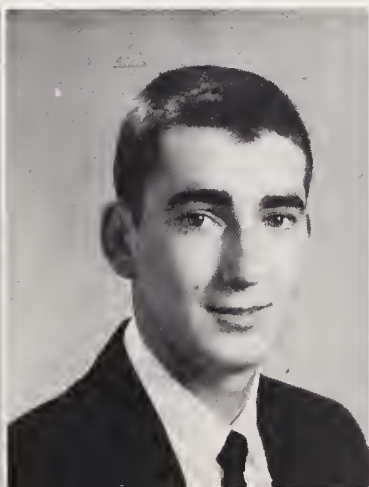
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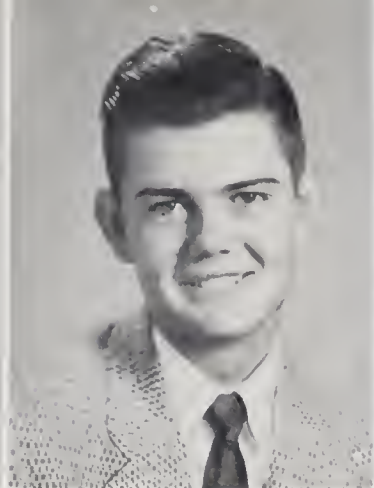
AGEE HIATT



FREDA HIATT



LESTER HILL



SMITH HOLCOMB



BARBARA HULL

# SENIORS

## AGEE HIATT

Class Secretary 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Most Improved 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4.

## FREDA MAE HIATT

Glee Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 4.

## LESTER F. HILL

Lexington High School 1; Latin Club President 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Class Secretary 3.

## SMITH HOLCOMB

Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Football Manager 2; Latin Club 2; Airmont Staff 2, 3, 4; Picture Editor 4.

## BARBARA LEAKE HULL

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Committee Chairman 4; F. H. A. Treasurer 4; Latin Club 2; Office Page 3; Hall Monitor 4; Girls State 3.

## LOUISE JARRELL

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, 3, Reporter 4.

## MARGARET JONES

Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, President 4; Latin Club 2; Homecoming Attendant 3, Homecoming Queen 4; Miss MAHS Candidate 3; Student Council 4; High Spots Staff 4; Prettiest 4.



Mrs. Lavinia Mackie, senior sponsor, and senior officers display the Shirley Peters Citizenship Cup, established by the Class of '54 in memory of their deceased classmate. Inset: Shirley Peters.

MARY FRANCES KING    WADA LEE KINZER    CHARLES KIRKMAN





LOUISE JARRELL

MARGARET JONES

MARY JO JONES

SYLVIA JONES

SHIRLEY KENNEDY

# SENIORS

MARY JO JONES  
Band I, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

SYLVIA JONES  
Glee Club 1, 2; F. H. A. I, 2.

SHIRLEY KENNEDY  
Latin Club I, 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council I.

MARY FRANCES KING  
Basketball I, 2, 3, 4; Softball 3, 4; Track 3, 4;  
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 4, Treasurer 1, Par-  
liamentarian 4; Spanish Club 3; Monogram Club  
2, 3, 4; Most Athletic Girl 4.

WADA LEE KINZER  
Glee Club 3.

CHARLES KIRKMAN  
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Baseball 3, 4;  
Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Class Treas-  
urer 2.

J. C. KIRKMAN  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3, Vice-President 4;  
Glee Club 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2.

MAYNARD McMILLIAN  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 4; Hi-Y 3, 4.

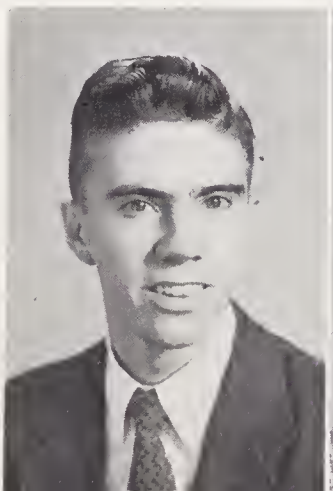
JOHN MARTIN  
Band I, 2, 3, 4, Librarian 2, President 3; Glee  
Club I, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, Secretary 4; Latin Club 2.



Senior band members J. C. Kirkman, James Merritt, Charles Carter, and Johnny Martin perform for the students.

J. C. KIRKMAN

MAYNARD McMILLIAN JOHN MARTIN





JAMES MERRITT



EDWARD NORMAN



GEORGE PACE



JO ANN PALMER



DON PARRIS

JAMES MERRITT  
Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3; President  
4; Glee Club 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2.

EDWARD NORMAN  
Hi-Y 4.

GEORGE PACE  
Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram  
Club 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3; Hall Moni-  
tor 2, 4; Track 3, 4.

JO ANN PALMER  
Student Council 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Chap-  
lain 4, Delegate to Rock Hill Confer-  
ence 4; Monogram Club 3, 4, Treas. 4;  
Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Chief 4; Miss  
MAHS Candidate 3, 4; Glee Club 3;  
Most School Spirited 4.

DON PARRIS  
Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 1, 2.

SHIRLEY PAUL  
Student Council 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Glee  
Club 4; F. H. A. 2, 3.

GARY PERRY  
Hi-Y 3, 4; Hall Monitor 4; Spanish Club  
4.

SHIRLEY PERRY  
Student Council 1, 2, 3, Treas. 3; Bas-  
ketball 1, 2; Softball 3; Latin Club 3;  
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Sergeant at Arms 4; Li-  
brary Ass't. 3; Ass't. Ed. Airmont 3,  
Editor-in-Chief 4; Glee Club 4; Mar-  
shal 3.

## SENIORS



DICK PHILLIPS

JUDY PRUETT

HOWARD PRUITT



A queen is crowned. Captain  
Virgil Christian places the  
crown on Margaret Jones.





WADE ROBERTS



BETTY ROYAL



BILLIE SIMMONS



BETSY SMITH



DEXTER SMITH

DICK PHILLIPS

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Business Mgr. 3; Pres. 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Pres. 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Winner World Peace Speaking Contest 3; Associate Editor High Spots 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Sergeant at Arms 2; Parliamentarian WDNCSCC 3; Treas. Latin Club 2; Candidate for Mr. MAHS 3; Historian 4.

JUDY PRUETT

Twirling Corps 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Song Leader 2, 3, Pianist 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Pres. 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Softball 3, 4, Capt. 3; Spanish Club 4.

HOWARD PRUITT, JR.

Glee Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Cheerleader 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; High Spots Staff 4; Latin Club 2; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Best Looking Boy 4.

WADE ROBERTS

Basketball 1, 2, 3, Mgr. 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; (Franklin 1).

BETTY ROYAL

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Track 3; F. H. A. 1, 4, Pres. 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Class V-Pres. 1; Softball 3; Library Ass't. 1, 2, 3, 4; Airmont Staff 2, 3, 4; Most Popular 4.

BILLIE RUTH SIMMONS

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Spanish Club 4.

BETSY SMITH

V-Pres. Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Office Page 3; Chief Marshal 3; Track 3, 4; Most Studious 4.

DEXTER SMITH

Bus Driver 4.

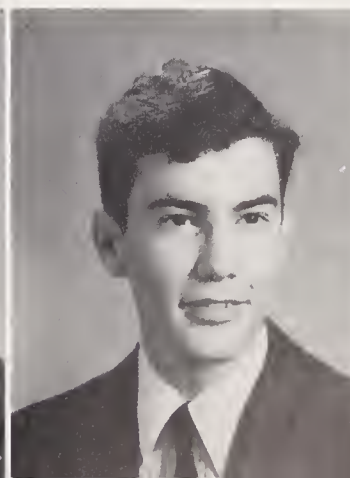


Charles Carter, G. L. Gentry, Shirley Perry, and Betsy Smith clean out their lockers as they check on the day's assignments.

SHIRLEY PAUL



GARY PERRY



SHIRLEY PERRY





ROBERT SMITH



GLENDA SNOW



JAMES SPARGER



JO ANNE SPARGER



DON SPEIGHT

## SENIORS

### ROBERT SMITH

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, V-Pres. 3, Business Mgr. 4; Student Council Pres. 4; Office Page 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Chaplain 4; Projectionist 3, 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4; Testator 4.

### GLENDA SNOW

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Reporter 4; Student Council 1; F. H. A. 1; Spanish Club Treasurer 3.

### JIMMY SPARGER

Glee Club 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Airmont Staff 3, 4.

### DONALD SPEIGHT

Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Baseball 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4.

### NANCY THARRINGTON

(Concord High School 1, 2, 3) Art Club 1; Forensic Club 1, 2, 3; Class Debating 2, 3; Dramatics Club 2, 3; Thespian 3; Future Teachers Club 2, 3; Journalism Club 3; Essay Contest Winner 3; Library Ass't. 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4.

### BOBBY TAYLOR

Hi-Y 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Candidate for Mr. MAHS 2.



Peggie Britts, winner of the Lion's Club Essay contest studies the trophy case to find a place for the cup she won.

JANEY WAGGONER

PEGGY WAGGONER

MARTHA WALKER





NANCY THARRINGTON BOBBY TAYLOR

JANEY WAGGONER

Class Pres. 2; Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Treas. 4; Basketball 2; Softball Manager 3; High Spots Staff 4; Winner Lion's Club Essay Contest 2; Hall Monitor 2, 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Student Council 4.

PEGGY WAGGONER

Student Council 1, 2, 4.

MARTHA JEAN WALKER

Latin Club 2; Library Ass't. 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; F. H. A. 3, 4, Parliamentarian 3.

GARLAND WARREN

Glee Club 1, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Spanish Club 3.

MARGARET WELCH

Tri-Hi-Y 3; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3.

FOYE WILLIS

F. H. A. 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Library Ass't. 3, 4.

JO ANN WOODIE

Basketball 1; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Office Page 4; Spanish Club 4.



Class night speakers receive directions from Mrs. Kate Barringer. Speakers elected by the seniors are Dick Phillips, historian; Barbara Fowler, poet; Sally Ann Carroll, prophet; and Robert Smith, testator.

## SENIORS

GARLAND WARREN    MARGARET WELCH    FOYE WILLIS    JO ANNE WOODIE    VERNON WORRELL





MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED  
Gayle Dobson  
Robert Smith



MOST STUDIOUS  
Betsy Ross Smith  
Charles Carter

## SUPERLATIVES IN

MOST ATHLETIC  
Mary Frances King  
Agee Hiatt



WITTIEST  
Peggy Bowman



BEST PERSONALITY  
Mary Louise Boyd



BEST LOOKING  
Margaret Jones  
Howard Pruitt

OUR SENIOR WORLD



MOST POPULAR  
Betty Royal  
Virgil Christian



MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED  
Jo Ann Palmer

# JUNIORS



## CLASS OFFICERS

Linda Cox . . . . . President  
 Juanita Dix . . . . . Secretary  
 Jerry Nester . . Vice-President  
 George Wright . . . . Treasurer



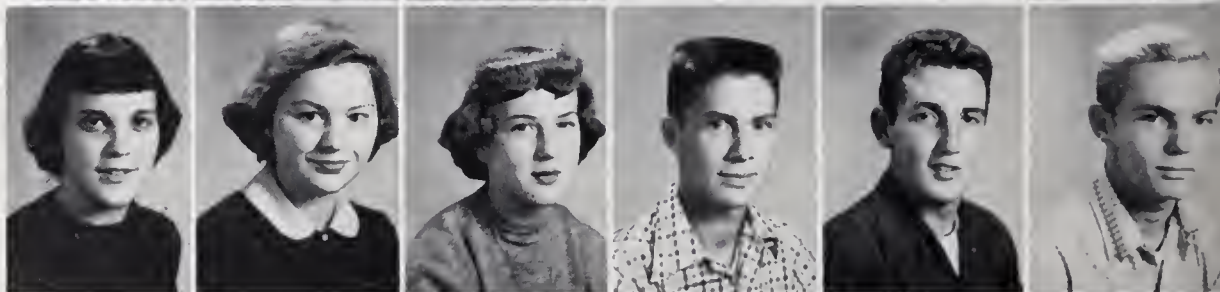
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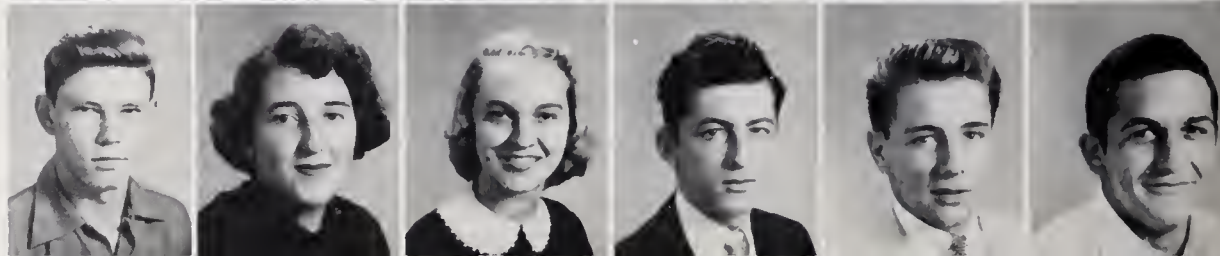
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Henry Coe  
 Jessie Ruth Cooke  
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# JUNIORS



Libby York at the piano is a familiar figure at assemblies and concerts.



Banquets mean work as well as fun say Kathleen King and Mary Jean Marshall.



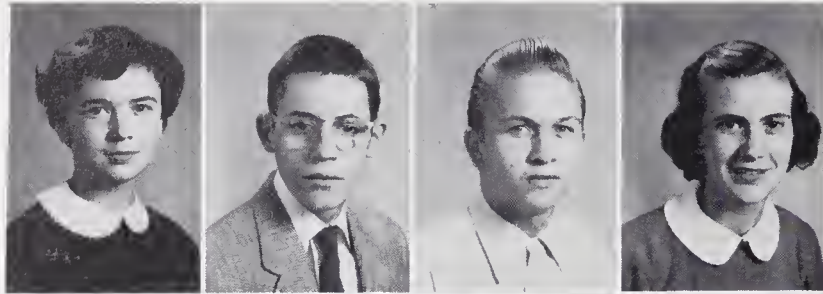
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 Mary Jo Goad

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 Gibbs Gwyn  
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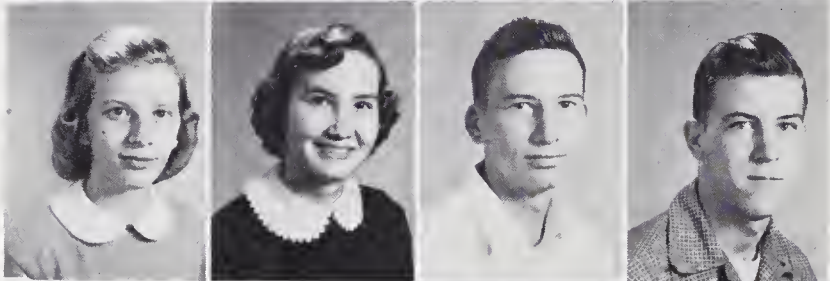
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Mary Faye Jackson  
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Kathleen King  
Newton King  
Bobby Kizer

Betty Jean Leftwich  
Wilma Loftis  
Mary Jean Marshall  
Anita Massey  
Robert McKinney



Ronald McMillian  
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Bobby Perkins



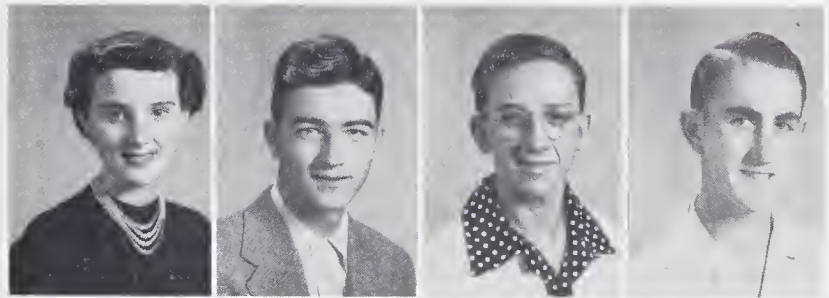
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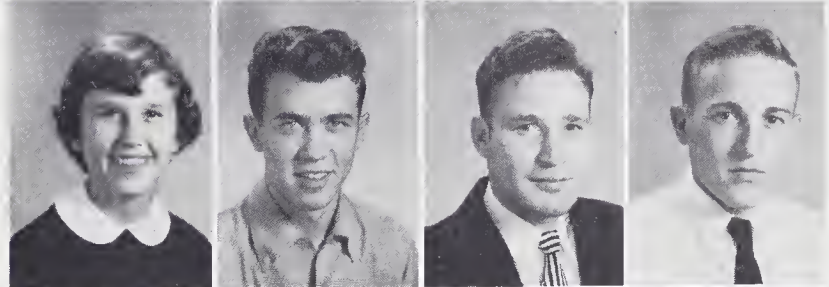


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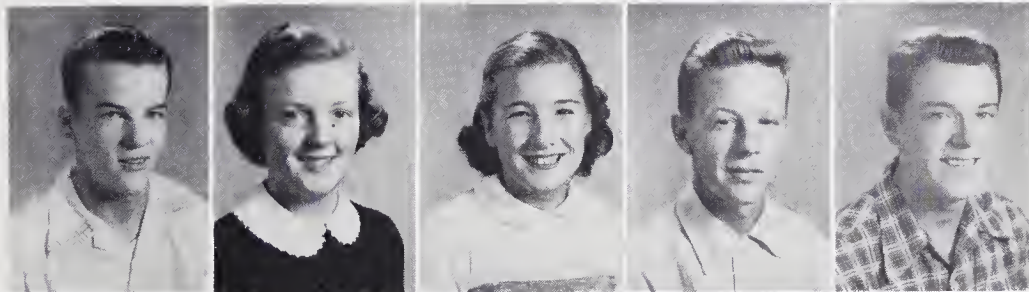
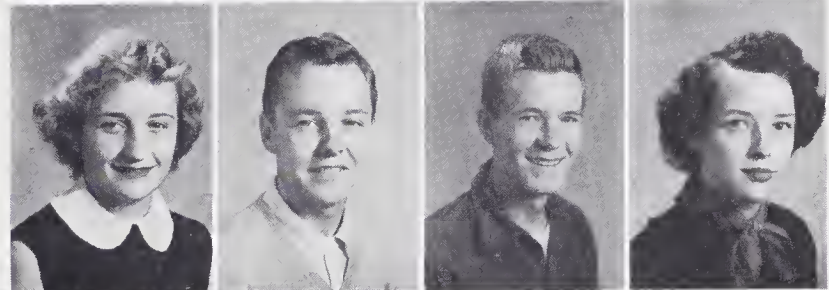
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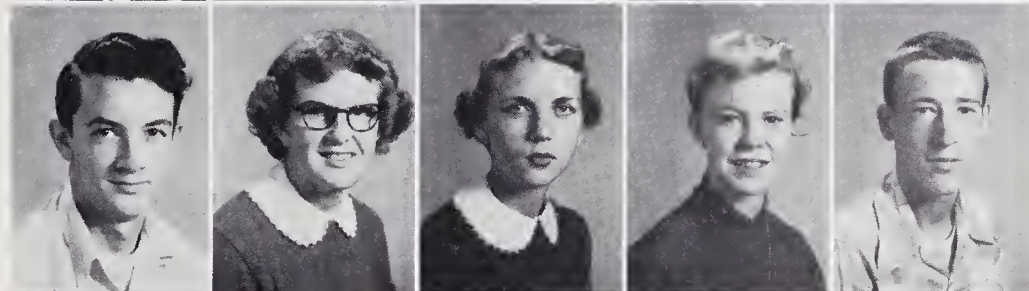
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Louise Tilley  
Lucy Tilley  
Barbara Tolbert



Billy Tracy  
Jewell Wagoner  
La Rue Welch  
Wanda Willard  
Rayno Wilson



George Wright  
Margaret Wyrick  
Libby York



Wayne Adkins  
Ann Allred  
Jimmy Ashburn  
Geraldine Atkins

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Carroll Baldwin

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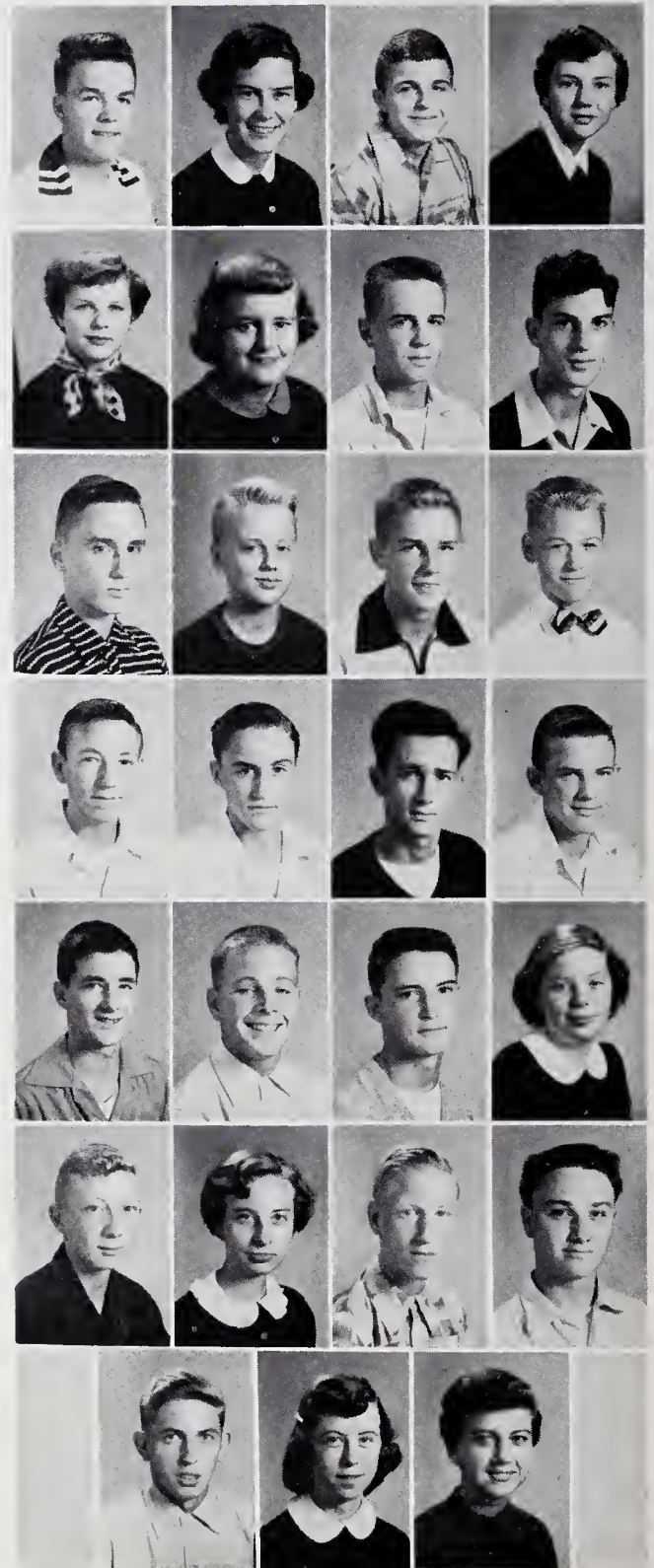
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# SOPHOMORE

## CLASS OFFICERS

Ralph Cooke . . . . . Treasurer  
Barbara Jester . . . . . Secretary  
Owen Shelton . . . . . Vice-President  
Bud Oliver . . . . . President



# SOPHOMORES



Shirley Clifton  
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 Shirley Collins  
 Ralph Cooke  
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 Bobby Davis

Eddie Davis  
 Jerry Dodson  
 Sarah Doggett  
 William Doss  
 Norma Draughn  
 Grady Eaton

Dan Ellis  
 Anne France  
 Brockley Frye  
 Tom Glass  
 Jo Ann Gough  
 Curtis Gordon

Donald Gravley  
 Arnold Griffith  
 Elbert Hall  
 Belle Harkrader  
 Ralph Harris  
 Betty Jo Hawks

Roger Haymore  
 Frances Haynes  
 Helen Haynes  
 Carlton Hiatt  
 Ralph Hiatt  
 Dolly Hicks

Ken Hill  
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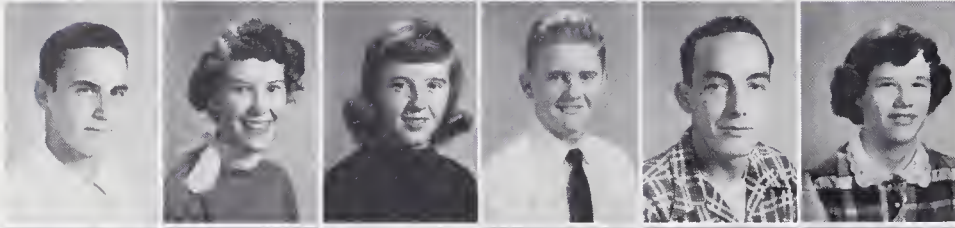
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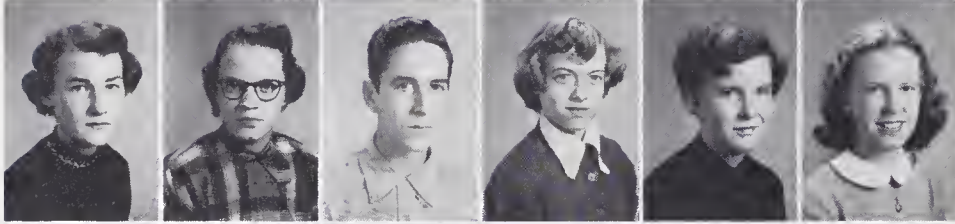
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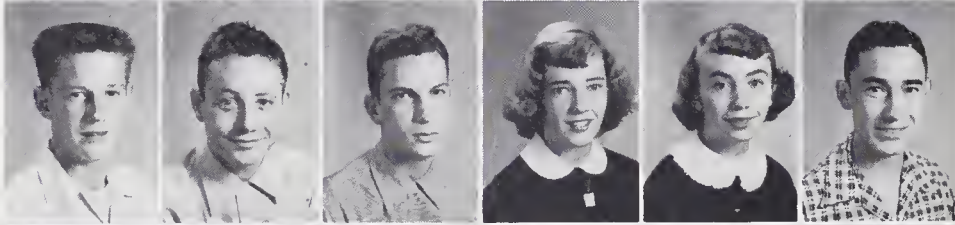
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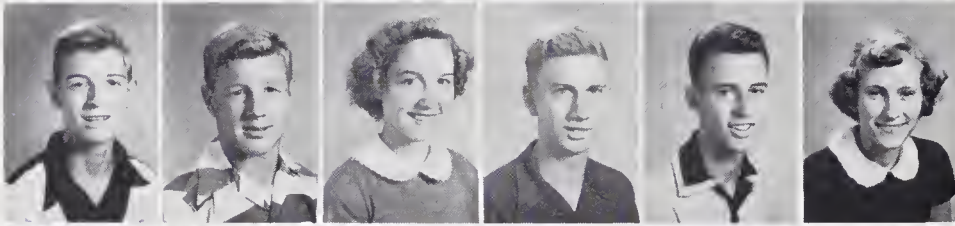
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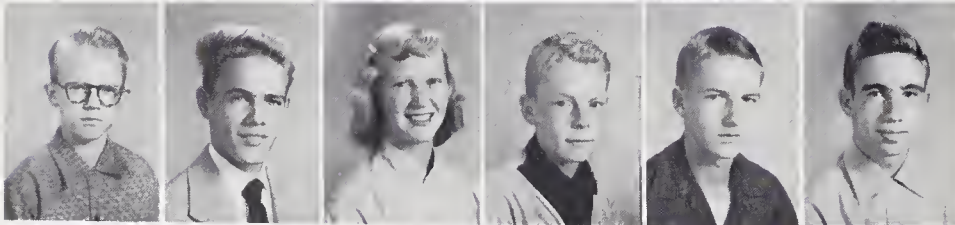
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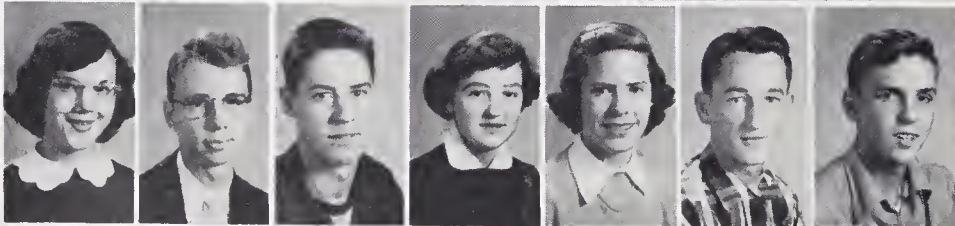
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Steve Sparger  
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Ken Tilley  
Burton Timmons  
Bob Tyndall



Betty Vogler  
James Wagoner  
Bobby Ward  
Betty June Ward  
Eleanor Warren  
James Weathers  
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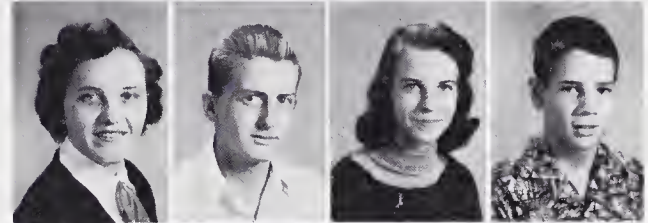
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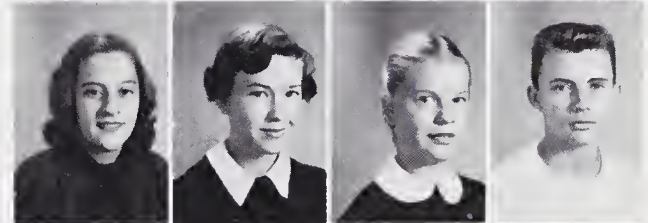
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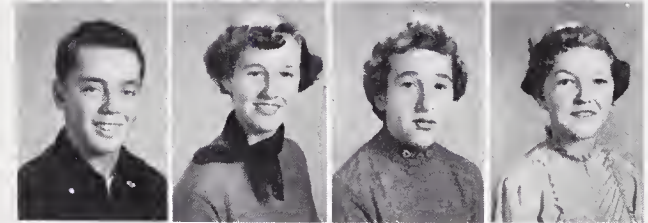
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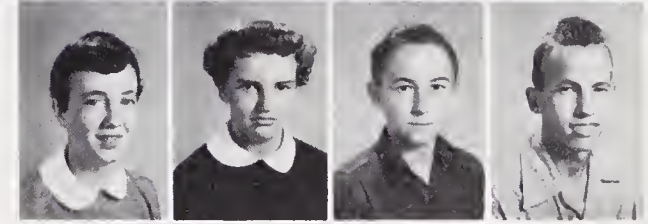
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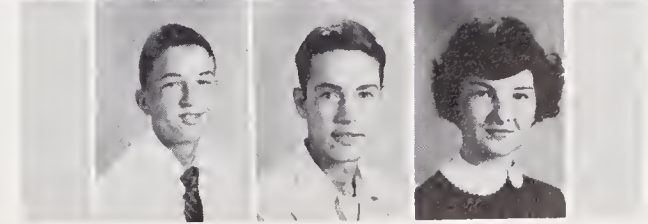
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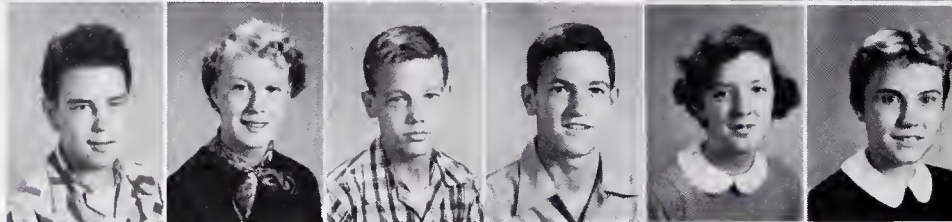
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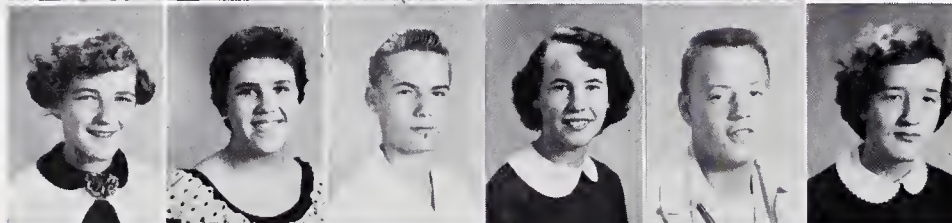
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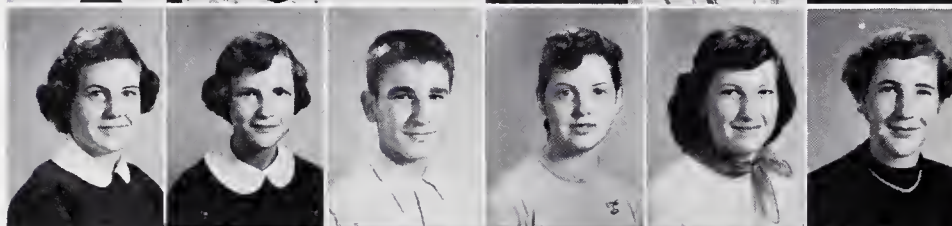
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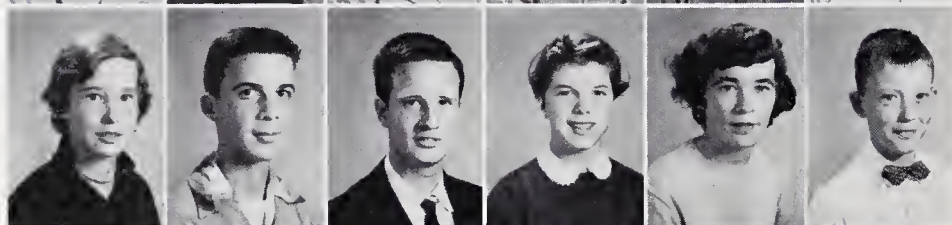
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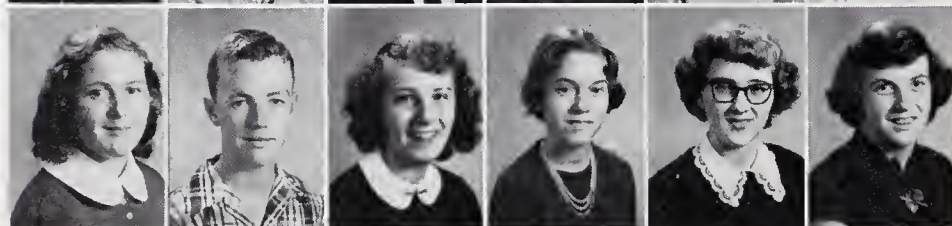
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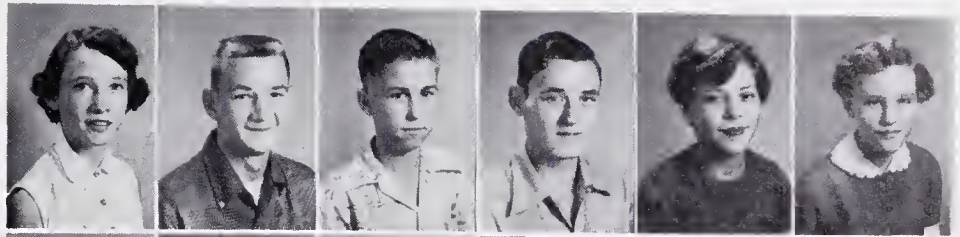
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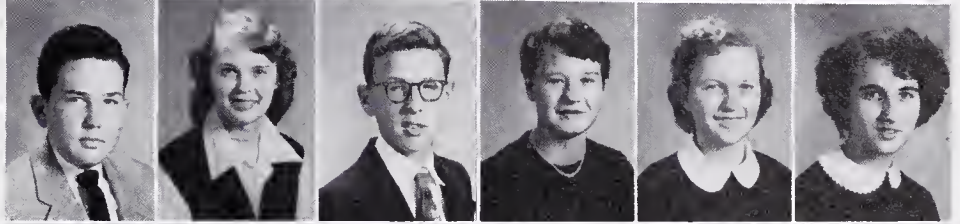
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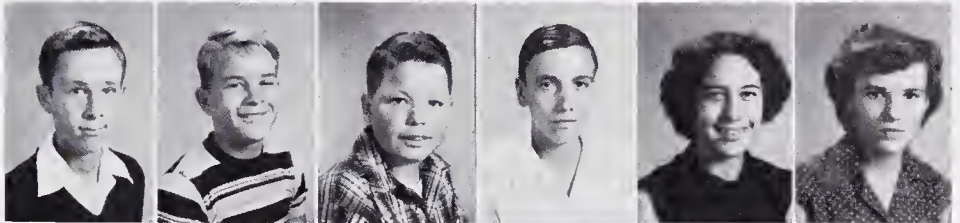
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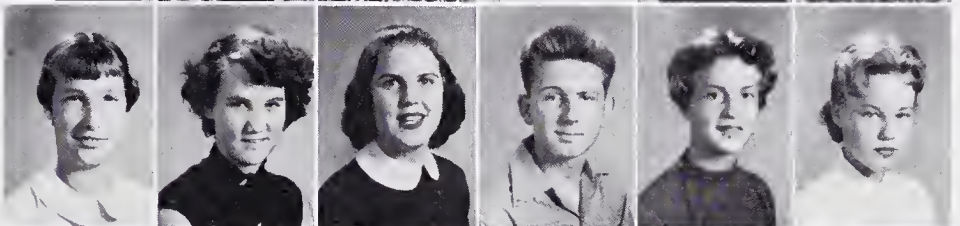
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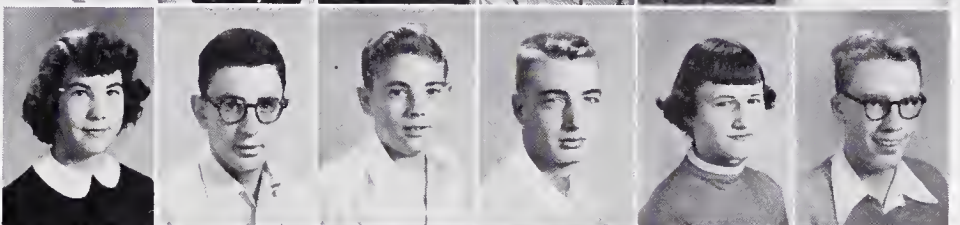
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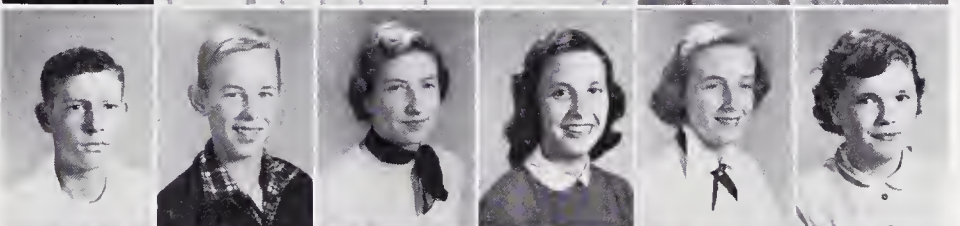
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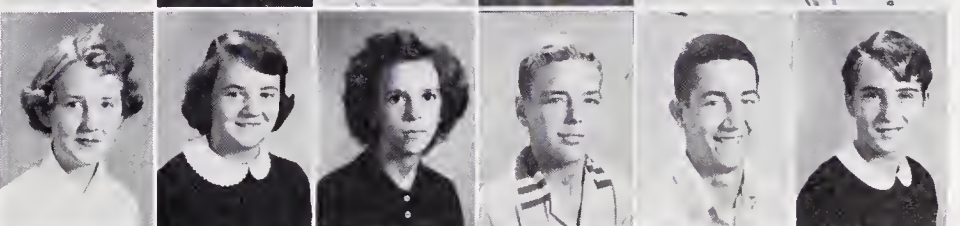
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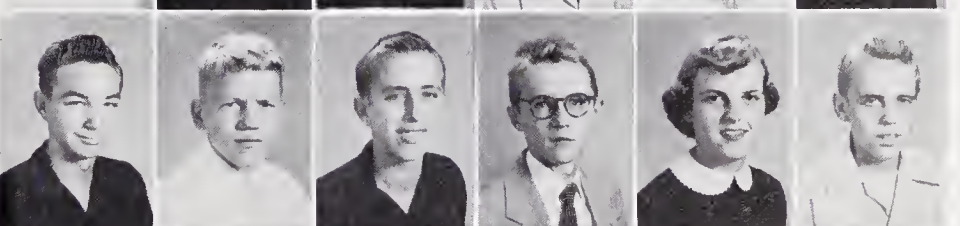
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Edward Tickle  
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 Bobby Watson  
 Kenny Watson  
 Jane Welch  
 Joe Welch



Rebecca Westmoreland  
 Randell Willard  
 Bonnie Wilson  
 Donald Woodruff  
 Barbara Young



## ACTIVITIES OF OUR WORLD

Our school world extends from the classroom into extra-curricular activities that add much to our enjoyment and well-rounded growth. Through our clubs, service groups, and organizations we are better able to develop our talents, leadership, cooperation, and understanding, and to satisfy our desire for fun and variety.







# WE CHOOSE THE LEADERS FOR



President - - - - - Robert Smith  
 Campaign Manager-Delores Mills  
 Vice-President - - - Elise Harris



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Robert Smith presides over a  
 representatives are: First Row:  
 Oliver, Bill Lamb, Mary Louise  
 Ann Allred, Mary Jean Marshall,  
 thy Hull, Margaret Jones. Third  
 Mary Frances Simpson, Barbara



President - - - - - Gayle Dobson  
 Campaign Manager-Dick Freeman  
 Vice-Pres. - - Mary Louise Boyd



President - - - - - Dick Phillips  
 Campaign Manager-Sonny Cashwell  
 Vice-President - - Virgil Christian



Barbara Fowler and Mr. Ramey count the votes  
 from room 108 for the presidential election.

All qualified juniors were nominees  
 for the student council election. In the  
 primary election the five receiving the  
 largest number of votes were eligible to  
 run for president. Each candidate chose  
 a vice-president to run on his ticket. In  
 the 1953 elections two students eligible for  
 president decided to run as vice-presidents  
 instead, leaving three slates of officers.  
 A campaign manager was selected by each  
 candidate. Posters, speeches, an assembly  
 program-- all resulted in a spirited cam-  
 paign. In the final election the candidate  
 and his running mate receiving the major-  
 ity of votes became president and vice-  
 president of the student body.

# OUR HIGH SCHOOL WORLD



Mrs. Kate Barringer  
Advisor



Robert Smith is sworn in as the 1953-54 Student Council President by outgoing President, Bill Beasley.

## IN SESSION

student council meeting. Homeroom Elise Harris, Virgil Christian, Bud Boyd, Dick Phillips. Second Row: Carolyn Jacobs, Libby York, Doro-Row: Jo Ann Woodie, Betty Jo Bray, Fowler, Mrs. Barringer, Advisor.

The student council is composed of a representative and an alternate elected from each homeroom and the presidents of all school organizations. To remain on the council a student must maintain a scholastic average of 85 and a citizenship average of 90. A qualifications committee checks on the grades of all members.

Each week the two homerooms which have best cleaned their assigned areas of the building are awarded a view-master and a blue ribbon for a week. The clean-up committee checks all parts of the building each day and awards the prizes each Tuesday.

The constitution for the student body, started last year, was completed this year. The committees of both years are to be praised for their excellent work.



Robert Smith explains the intricate workings of the audio-vision equipment to the freshmen on Future Freshman Day, sponsored by the student council.

THEY REPORT OUR

# HIGH SPOTS

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The journalism class is made up of selected seniors who have done superior work in English.

Each spring three candidates for Editor-in-Chief are selected from the eligible juniors-- one by the High Spots Staff, one by the advisor, and one by the junior class. The juniors vote on these candidates by secret ballot. The student receiving the highest number of votes is Editor-in-Chief of High Spots, the runner-up is associate editor. Other staff members are named by the editors from the class enrollment.

Miss Holder and Barbara Fowler, business manager, are delighted that a check on High Spots books assures them of enough money to keep them out of the red.



Picture editor Sallie Ann Carroll checks with Miss Holder on cuts to be ordered from the engraver.

Inside circulation manager Elise Harris is helped by Margaret Jones and Dick Phillips as she happily checks on the High Spots subscription drive. For the third time in four years the high school has subscribed 100 per cent.



# HIGH SCHOOL WORLD



Editors Gayle Dobson and Dick Phillips plan layout for the next issue of High Spots.



"And how does it feel to be one of the two girls taking aviation?" Howard Pruitt interviews Shirley Paul.

The staff meets daily as a class, doing both text book work and the laboratory work of publishing eight issues of the school newspaper.

Securing funds to finance the paper, making assignments, and planning layout, writing, correcting, and rewriting stories, proofing the galleys, and working with the local printers to iron out any difficulties—all these efforts and more go into the High Spots we enjoy, but too often take for granted.

Another issue is off the press! Peggie Britts pauses to look at a stack of High Spots as she prepares to deliver them to subscribers.



Bonnie Blue and Dick Freeman proof the galleys of articles they wrote.



Bonnie Blue, Gayle Dobson, Miss Holder, and Dick Freeman visit the Times to proof make up before High Spots is printed.

ANNUAL STAFF



Smith Holcomb works in the dark room he set up for Airmont. Smith and David McCarty have enlarged pictures for both publication staffs this year.



Smith Holcomb, picture editor, explains to staff member Shirley Chappell how the new camera works.

David McCarty, also familiar with the new camera, discusses with Sarah Springthorpe how to adjust the camera for different pictures.



## WORLD IN PICTURES AND IN WORDS



Tommye Cox and Sarah Springthorpe check off and identify the pictures as they come in.



Carol Dobson and Larry Childress put up the posters that Larry drew for the Airmont subscription drive.

Mary Louise Boyd and Virgil Christian worked last spring to set up a card index of business firms and their advertising record to enable us to get an early start in soliciting advertisements.



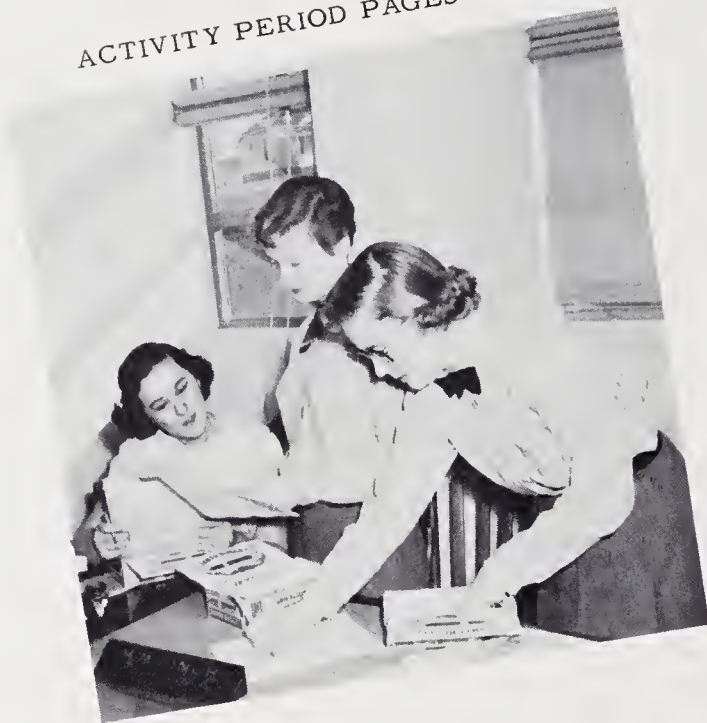
Checking last minute details in Airmont dummy are staff members Betty Royal; Mary Mon Key; Ann Allred; Shirley Perry, editor; and Mary Nell Parker, assistant editor.



Happy over the results of the staff's work, Shirley Chappell and Libby York prepare to send Airmont material to the publisher.

## OFFICE PAGES HELP MAKE OUR

### ACTIVITY PERIOD PAGES



Office pages have many important duties, such as counting money and banking, checking absentee lists, typing, mimeographing, answering the telephone, locating students' records, sorting mail, and running errands. These students are an important factor in our smooth running high school world.

"Which room sold the most Christmas Seals today?" Jackie Gilley, Barbara Fowler and Peggie Britts collect money from homerooms for ticket sales and special community drives and tabulate results.

### PAGES ON DUTY FIRST PERIOD



"Attention, please." Edwin Goad makes an announcement over the P. A. system as Dorothy Brown and Billy Tracy look on.

### AND SECOND PERIOD



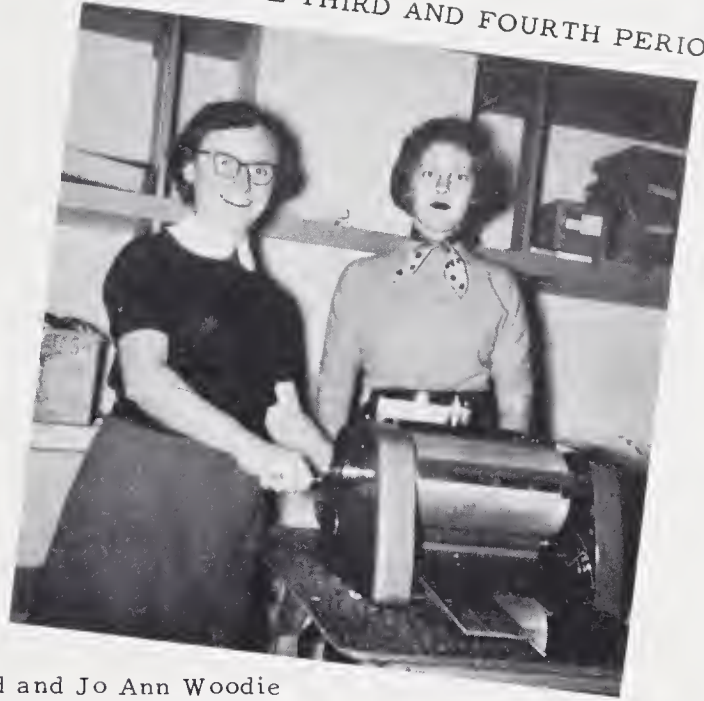
Robert Smith and Ruth Bondurant file the teachers' mail in the office.



# HIGH SCHOOL WORLD RUN EFFICIENTLY

Mr. Finch, teachers, and students rely heavily on the assistance of office pages, who willingly give up their study periods to help with routine office matters. The fifteen students who serve as pages this year report few dull moments around the principal's office.

THEY COMBINE THIRD AND FOURTH PERIODS



Mary Louise Boyd and Jo Ann Woodie demonstrate the use of a new mimeograph machine on which absentee lists are run off each day.

THEY WORK FIFTH PERIOD

"Where is Susan Jones 6th period?" Gaye Jackson and Barbara Jester check through the office files.



SIXTH PERIOD HELPERS



"Mount Airy High School!" Frances King answers the telephone while Jerry Nester and George Wright take the message to be delivered.

## LIBRARY ASSISTANTS CREATE A HELPFUL

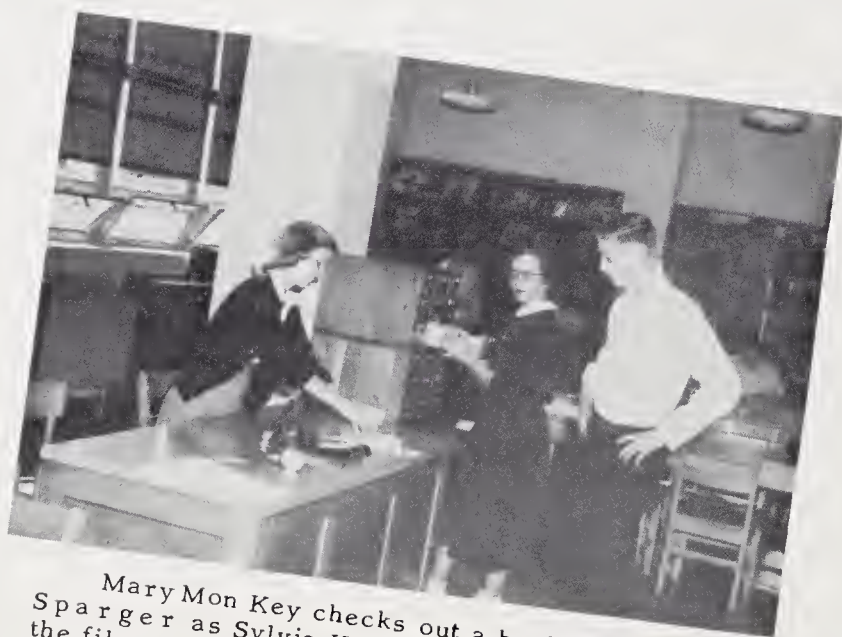
Need help? Ask the girl at the library charging desk. In addition to checking books in and out, library assistants help students find references, file catalogue cards, sign slips, prepare new books, type cards, prepare and file magazines and newspapers, and help with all library housekeeping. These girls willingly give up their study hall to help make our library world more efficient and enjoyable.



Betty Gunnell and Martha Jean Walker file cards for the new library books.



Betty Royal and Foye Willis prepare the magazines and newspapers for the shelf.



Mary Mon Key checks out a book for Jimmy Sparger as Sylvia Hantzopoulos looks through the files.



Recreation, reference, assigned reading -

# ATMOSPHERE IN OUR WORLD OF BOOKS AND READING

Library work grows on the MAHS students. The twelve 1953-1954 assistants-- two on duty each period-- represent 23 years library service. Three new assistants replaced last year's graduates; the other nine returned with one or more years experience. Betty Royal holds the record with four years of library work.



Wilma King and Sarah Doggett prepare new books for use. Eager students hardly allow new additions to reach the shelves before checking them out.



Patricia Tickle and Sarah Springthorpe help inventory the library at the end of the year.



"Football book? Right here!" Margaret Wyrick and Wanda Willard work on a bulletin board display.

There is never a lull in our library world.

# OUR HIGH SCHOOL WORLD IS



Hall monitor Shirley Paul signs Nancy Brown's hall permit slip.

## HALL MONITORS



Hall monitors selected by the student council are: First Row: H. Bondurant, Johnson, Marshall, Harris, Hull, Palmer, Tilley, Paul, Britts, King. Second Row: Roberts, Simmons, Kennedy. Third Row: Britts, Hill, Freeman, Speight, Taylor, Perkins, Davis, Tyndall, Perry, J. Kirkman, Kirkman, Pace, and Oliver.

## F. H. A. CONVENTION



Mount Airy was host to the District F. H. A. Convention last fall. Approximately 900 girls attended this convention.

## ALWAYS A BUSY ONE

## CHEERLEADERS



Smiling happily as they pose for their picture are cheerleaders Juanita Dix, Wilma Jarrell, Margaret Jones, Betty Royal, Rebecca Hatcher, Betty Tilley, Lucy Tilley, Sarah Doggett, Sandra Midkiff, and chief cheerleader Jo Ann Palmer.



Monogram club officers are John Clifton, vice-president; Rebecca Hatcher, secretary; Dick Phillips, president; and Jo Ann Palmer, treasurer.

## MONOGRAM CLUB



Monogram Club Members: First Row: Dix, Tilley, Doggett, Clifton, Hatcher, Phillips, Palmer, King, Royal, Jackson, Taylor. Second Row: C. Kirkman, Hiatt, Jarrell, Jones, Midkiff, Moseley, Clifton, Holloway, Ayers, Smith, Ayers. Third Row: Sydnor, Christian, J. Kirkman, Marion, Coble, Wilson, Roberts, Speight, Brannock. Fourth Row: Warren, Holcomb, Nunn, Davis, Freeman, Galyean, Brown, Adams, Nester, Reynolds, Hull, Ward.

# ACTIVITIES OF TRI-HI-Y GIVE

## TRI-HI-Y-CLUB



The Tri-Hi-Y composed of eighty junior and senior girls, is one of the most active clubs in school. Members have been kept busy working on special projects built around the monthly themes-- organization, dedication of new members, giving, honesty, boy-girl relationships, leadership, and Christianity.

Proceeds from a bake sale and the sale of Christmas cards supplemented the regular dues. The Tri-Hi-Y joined the Hi-Y to give a talent show for which the admission was an article of food.

Mr. Johnson directs the Tri-Hi-Y quartet composed of Sallie Ann Carroll, Margaret Joyce, Linda Ann Pell, and Libby Finch.



Mary Louise Boyd, group chairman in charge of the talent show, Bonnie Blue, and Virgil Christian leave to distribute the food.



Margaret Jones, Mary Louise Boyd, Peggy Britts, Shirley Paul, and Janey Waggoner check and sort the food brought in by the talent show.

## US FUN AND INSPIRATION

This food was distributed to needy families Thanksgiving and again Christmas. The two clubs also joined in the establishment of Monday morning devotions.

The annual Christmas assembly (this year a play, The Christmas Tree), a sweetheart dance, the spring banquet-- all highlighted the 1953-54 year. The club lived up to its motto: "To create, maintain, and extend throughout the home, school, and community highest standards of Christian character."



At the spring banquet the 1953-54 officers installed were: Margaret Jones, president; Gayle Dobson, vice-president; Rebecca Hatcher, secretary; Janey Waggoner, treasurer; Jo Ann Palmer, chaplain; Glenda Snow, reporter; and Shirley Perry, sergeant at arms.



Tommye Cox, group chairman in charge of the Christmas play, supervises while Sallie Ann Carroll, Edward Norman, and Bobby Hawks do the work of putting up the scenery.



Gayle Dobson, Sallie Ann Carroll, Margaret Jones, Rebecca Hatcher, Jo Ann Palmer, and Glenda Snow attended the camp at Blue Ridge. The programs were planned before the school year began.

Margaret Jones, Lynda Ann Pell, Jo Ann Palmer, and Linda Cox were Mount Airy's delegates to the Tri-Hi-Y conference held at Rock Hill, South Carolina.



## HI-Y ACTIVITIES PROMOTE LEADERSHIP,



The Hi-Y Club, made up of sophomore, junior, and senior boys, meets regularly every week. The Hi-Y has complete charge of twirp season. They also helped the Tri-Hi-Y girls with a talent show, the Christmas play, Monday morning devotions, and distributing food to needy families. Each year the two clubs jointly sponsor a banquet for all members of the clubs. This year Mount Airy was host to a convention for boys from both North and South Carolina. Our Hi-Y was responsible for securing facilities for about 150 boys. MAHS is proud of its Hi-Y.



The boys really have a lot of fun making the girls act as their slaves during twirp season. Judy Coe assists Ben Brannock into a car while Betty Tilley unwillingly carries Billy Belton's books for him.



## CHARACTER, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Hi-Y President Virgil Christian introduces Joe Marley, of Southern Pines, North Carolina, to Robert Smith.



Leon Davis won second place in the annual talent show. He was accompanied by Sallie Ann Carroll.

Joe Curtis' singing won him first place in the talent show.



At the annual spring banquet 1954 Hi-Y officers were installed. They are: Virgil Christian, president; Ben Brannock, vice-president; Johnny Martin, secretary; Dick Freeman, treasurer; Robert Smith, chaplain; and John Clifton, sergeant at arms.



M.A.H.S. GLEE CLUB



The glee club is made up of 110 students who meet daily in two separate classes. A cut chorus of 36 members from the two classes meets one night a week for special practice. The glee club appearances-- both at school and before special groups-- are eagerly awaited and long remembered for their excellence. The annual spring concert of the glee club and band is a highlight of our high school world.



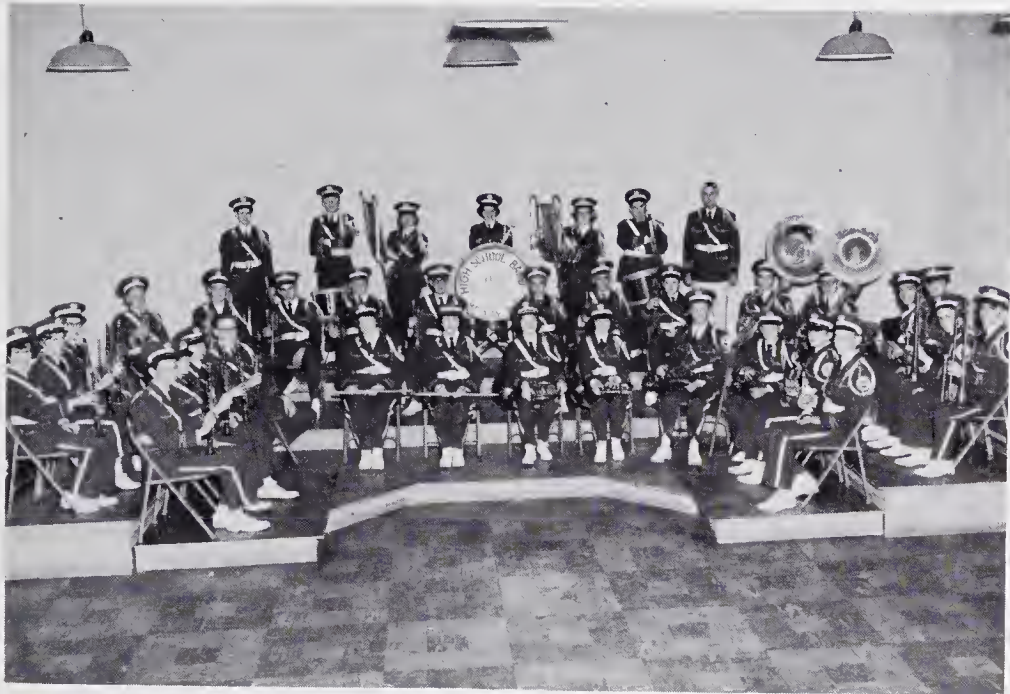
The Glee Club librarians, Betty Vogler and Sandra Midkiff, really have a job filing the music.

Jack Hall, Barbara Fowler, Libby Finch, Sallie Ann Carroll, and Dick Phillips- the Glee Club Officers- look over some new music played by Libby York..

1953 Glee Club received an excellent rating at the Western District contest in Boone-- with one judge favoring a superior rating. Delores Mills won a superior rating for the second year at the district Music contest at Davidson College. The girls trio (Sherry Hiatt, Barbara Paridson, and Joan Kirkman) was one of the three to receive a rating of excellent.

IS A HAPPY ONE

M . A . H . S . BAND



The band adds color to our football games and serves as an excellent good will ambassador for MAHS in its numerous out of town appearances. Band members meet together as a class one period a day.



Mr. Charles Johnson



No football game would be the same without the support of these girls. Majorettes are Penny Boyles, Linda Cox, Margaret Joyce, and Sarah Springthorpe. Cheerleaders are Juanita Dix, Wilma Jarrell, Margaret Jones, Betty Royal, Jo Ann Palmer, Rebecca Hatcher, Betty Tilley, Lucy Tilley, Sarah Doggett, and Sandra Midkiff.

Band Officers: James Merritt, J. C. Kirkman, Charles Carter, Maynard McMillian, Ray Hemrick, and Robert Smith pose proudly beside the new "band wagon."



# OUR HIGH SCHOOL WORLD REVIVES OLD ROME

## LATIN CLUB



The Latin Clubs are composed of students from the second year Latin classes. Each class elects its own officers and holds regular meetings. Two of the most interesting projects of the club are the Christmas party and the spring banquet.

At the Saturnalis, Latin songs and games were enjoyed and inexpensive presents were exchanged.

Early in the spring the clubs joined together in the hard work and fun of preparing the banquet. The night of the banquet was a true return to old Rome, for everyone wore Roman costumes, and the meal was strictly Roman style.

"Friends, Romans, Countrymen, lend me your ears!"



Libby York places a stole on Libby Finch, who was on the entertainment program at the banquet.



A group of girls begins the task of making the laurel head-bands for the annual banquet held April 21, 1953.

# A TOUCH OF SPAIN COMES TO OUR WORLD

## SPANISH CLUB



The Spanish Club is made up of second year students. Judy Pruett and Johnny Martin demonstrate a Spanish folk dance for club members.

At their annual party, the Spanish students enjoy opening the pinata.

The students enjoyed "Little Red Riding Hood," in Spanish. Charles Carter, the woodsman takes great pleasure in killing the wolf, Johnny Martin.



# OUR FORMAL

## SENIOR BANQUET, 1953

Before the Junior-Senior Prom, Seniors gathered at the "Y" for a class banquet.



Faculty members enjoying an appetizer before main course are: Mrs. Kate Barringer, Mrs. Lavinia Mackie, Mrs. Mary Boyles, Mr. H. M. Finch and Mrs. Finch.



Judy Wright entertains the banquet guests. Gail Wright sings and dances for the seniors.



Seniors relax before banquet.

# DANCING WORLD

## *Auf Wiedersehen* 🎵

After the dance is over, the melody lingers on.  
The Junior-Senior Prom with its "Auf Wiedersehen" theme highlighted the 1953 spring.



Prom figure presents class officers and committee members: Penny Boyles, Ed Foy, Glenda Snow, Dick Freeman, Peggy Britts, Bill Bryant, Rebecca Hatcher, Freddy Preddy, Janie Waggoner, John Clifton, Margaret Jones, and Dayle Phillips.

Archway Presentation of Rebecca Hatcher, a member of the committee, with Freddy Preddy.



"This lovely day has flown away - the time has come to part."  
The last dance of the evening ends a memorable prom.



Jimmy Myers and his orchestra furnish the music.

# 1953 SENIOR PLAY HIGHLIGHTS OUR DRAMATIC WORLD



Dramatic moments with Delores Mills, as Karen Andre, on the witness stand kept the audience tense.

"Night of January 16th," presented by the senior class Friday, May 8, had the whole town talking in terms of guilty or not guilty. A real murder trial couldn't have provoked more reaction. So realistically did the seniors put across their unusual mystery that members of the audience left with the feeling they'd like to get Delores Mills aside and ask her if she did kill Faulkner. Whether or not they agreed with the jury's verdict, all praised highly the dramatic entertainment.



The success of the finished product resulted from many hours of hard work by committees, cast, and director. Mr. Ramey checks work being done on the set by Hugh Talley and Sonny Cashwell (Standing), James Key and Jimmy Haynes (Kneeling).



Director Arnold Ramey gives stage directions to the play cast, left to right, Dora Ann Johnson, Delores Mills, Bernie Phillips, Robert Hill, Bruce Craddock, Barbara Pardue, Evelyn Peters, Mary Ann Robertson, Billie Hardy, Larry Walker, Sonny Cashwell, James Key, Bill Gruble, Carolyn Banner.



## THEY SHOWED US THE WAY



Gayle Dobson



Tommye Cox



Shirley Chappell



Priscilla Horton

The Commencement Marshals serve as ushers for all graduating exercises, the senior play, and the glee club and band concert. The ten juniors with highest scholastic average are selected for this honor, the top ranking student acting as chief marshal.



Betsy Smith  
Chief Marshal



Mary Louise Boyd



Rebecca Hatcher



Robert Smith



Barbara Fowler

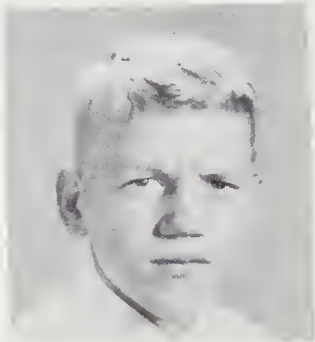


Shirley Perry

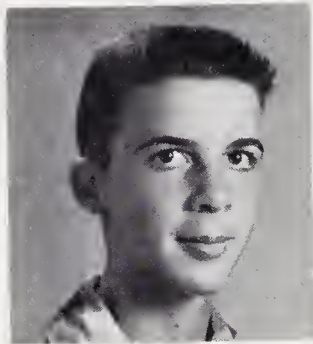
# MR. MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

## CANDIDATES

### FRESHMEN



Richard Vaughn

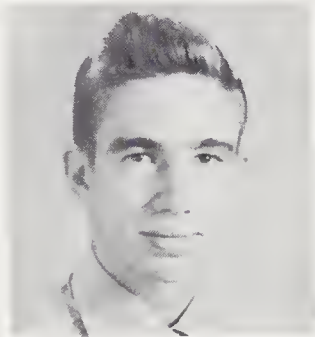


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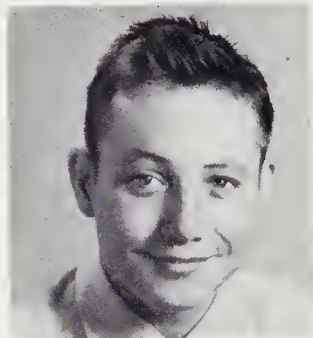


Virgil Christian

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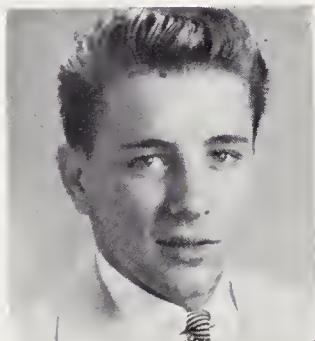
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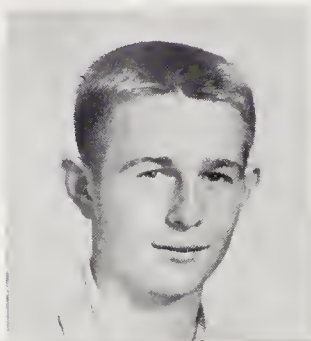
Bud Oliver



### JUNIORS

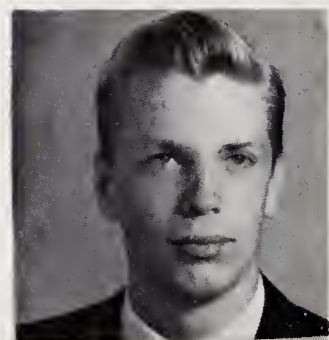


Leon Davis



Jerry Nester

### SENIOR



Dick Freeman

The third annual contest to choose Mr. and Miss Mount Airy High School was sponsored by High Spots in December. Two candidates from each class were chosen by the staff on the basis of scholastic work, popularity, school spirit, and participation in school activities.

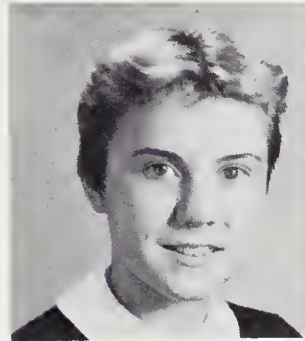
MISS MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

CANDIDATES

FRESHMEN



Jo Ann Palmer



Debby Hauser



Kathleen Simmons

SOPHOMORES



SENIOR



Barbara Fowler

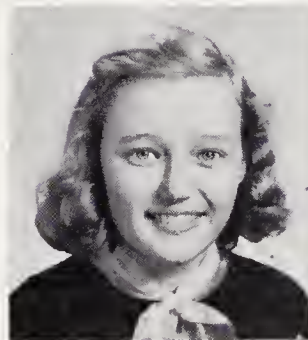


Ann Christian

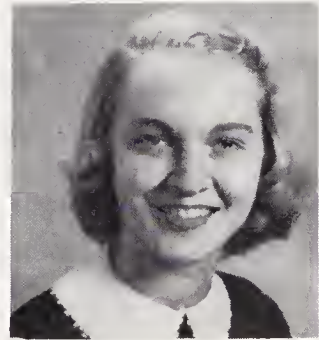


Sarah Doggett

JUNIORS



Libby York



Linda Cox

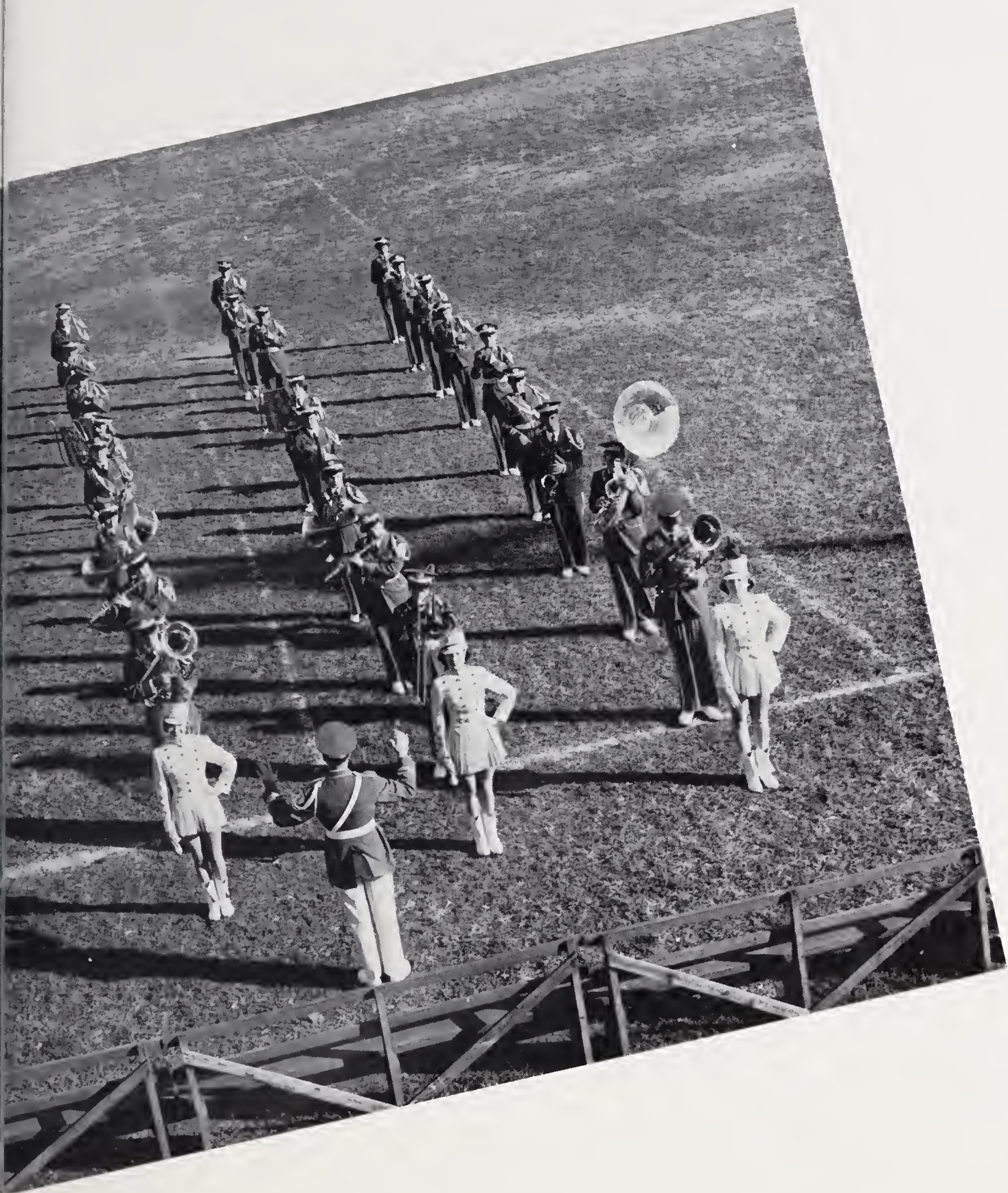
All students voted free by secret ballot, with junior and senior votes counting twice as much as freshmen and sophomore. Winners were announced in High Spots and crowned in a public ceremony.

Other winners have been Roger Simmons and Jeanne Gwyn in 1952 and David Browne and Delores Mills in 1953.

## ATHLETICS IN OUR WORLD

Athletics add excitement and spirit to our high school world. Memories of the times we almost froze to death at a football game or got sore throats from yelling at a basketball game will warm us and draw us closer whatever our future brings. Adequate facilities provided in our new footballfield and the gymnasium at the Y. M. C. A. have paid off in excellent attendance at games and whole-hearted support for our teams. Sportsmanship, physical development, school spirit, and good clean fun-- these are the aims of our sports program.





## FOOTBALL RULES OUR HIGH



Harvey Ayers - Shrine Bowl Bound

After working in the hot August sun two weeks the Granite Bears showed results of their work by promptly winning five of their first six games. The first to fall under the paws of the Bears was Franklin. Asheville quickly followed Franklin, but Salisbury battled Mount Airy to a 6-6 deadlock. The next week the Bears showed their spirit and hustle by coming from behind 13-0 to beat Hanes Hi in the last half 14-13. Mount Airy continued to roll by defeating a strong Greenville club 13-6. Gray Hi of Winston Salem proved a big stumbling block to the hopes for a State Championship team by beating the Bears 25-6. Mount Airy retaliated and beat Mineral Springs, lost a heartbreaking home-coming game to Tri-City 14-13, and then closed out a fine season by beating Walkertown and Wilkes Central. The final record stood seven wins, one tie, and two losses-- the best since 1950 and a promise of a return to the MAHS winning tradition.

To the '53 club go our thanks and appreciation for an excellent job and to the '54 Bears, our best wishes for a successful season.

Football superlatives awarded trophies at the annual Lions Club Football Banquet were: (kneeling) John Clifton, best blocker; Harvey Ayers, best defensive player; (standing) Captain Virgil Christian, most valuable and best sport; and Gary Brown, most improved.



First Row: A. Hiatt, B. Adams, V. Christian, C. Kirkman, B. Brannock, D. Phillips, D. Freeman, B. Ward, J. Clifton, J. Taylor, H. Ayers. Second Row: B. Coble, R. Wilson, D. Edwards, J. Kirkman, G. Childress, T. Cox, B. Warren, B. Nunn, J. DePalma, G. Brown, B. Moody. Third Row: B. Belton, G. Pruitt, R. Vaughn, C. Gordon, L. Frank, C. Adams, D. Lacky, T. Kerr, E. Hiatt, W. Kurtz, P. Smith. Fourth Row: T. Mayberry, R. Cooke, J. Cashwell, T. Burrus, T. Hall, T. Journey, D. Ellis, J. Pell, G. Smith, B. Beamer, J. Cox. Fifth Row: Coach Sam Moir- Manager, J. Smith, R. Ayers, S. Smith, J. Baity, G. Childress, K. Harris, B. Monday, Manager S. Inman, Coach Wallace Shelton.

# SCHOOL WORLD IN THE FALL



A Bear stopped behind the line of scrimmage.

Bill Adams romping for good yardage.



Bill Adams streaks for a touchdown against Tri-City.

# OUR HIGH SCHOOL WORLD

## BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Off for a fast start on the hardwood are: Kneeling: Agee Hiatt, Owen Shelton, Smith Holcomb, Melvin Marion, Gray Childress. Standing: Granville Sydnor, Harvey Ayers, Jack Smith, and James Reynolds.



Larry Walker, basketball captain for 1953, receives the trophy awarded Mount Airy for placing second in the annual Surry County basketball tournament sponsored by the Y. M. C. A.



The Mount Airy Granite Bears have come out this year with one of the tallest teams in the county. Starting off with Jack Smith, 6' 4"; Granville Sydnor, 6'; Billy Nunn, 6'; Harvey Ayers, 6' 1"; Gray Childress, 6' 1"; and Bob Ward, 6' 2".

The Bears will be hurt by a loss of experienced players. There are only four returning lettermen-- Agee Hiatt, Owen Shelton, Melvin Marion, and Bob Ward.



# OF WINTER SPORTS

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



First Row: Mary Frances King, Shirley Clifton, Jo Ann Smith, Lou Ann Holloway, Gaye Jackson, Nelda Clifton, Betty Royal, Joyce Ayers, Louise Tilley, Frances Shackelford, Betsy Smith, Linda Mosley, Kathleen Simmons. Second Row: Manager Mary Lynn Brannock, Coach Wallace Shelton, Managers Barbara Hull and Janice Dobson.



The Bruinettes had an off season last year with only two wins, fourteen losses and one tie. This year there are ten returning lettermen-- Mary Frances King, Linda Mosley, Betsy Smith, Margaret Welch, Betty Royal, Shirley Clifton, Gaye Jackson, Louise Tilley, Lou Ann Holloway, and Joyce Ayres. With these experienced players the team hopes for a better season in '54.

### MAHS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1953 - 54

- Dec. 4--\*Westfield
- Dec. 7--Nancy Reynolds
- Dec. 10--\*Nancy Reynolds
- Dec. 15--\*Blue Ridge
- Dec. 18--Beulah
- Dec. 22--\*Pilot Mountain
- Jan. 8--North Davidson
- Jan. 12--Tri-City
- Jan. 15--\*Stuart
- Jan. 18--\*Mineral Springs
- Jan. 22--\*Hanes
- Jan. 26--\*Franklin
- Jan. 29--\*Gray
- Feb. 5--\*North Davidson
- Feb. 9--Hanes
- Feb. 12--\*Beulah
- Feb. 16--\*Franklin
- Feb. 19--Gray
- Feb. 23--\*White Plains
- Feb. 26--Mineral Springs

\* Denotes Home Game

# IN THE SPRING OUR SPORTS WORLD

The 1953 baseball season saw the Mount Airy nine win ten games and lose ten. Of all the teams played, only three beat MAHS twice. One of these was a strong triple A club. After a slow beginning, the Bruins gained experience and rose from the AA cellar to be regarded as one of the strongest teams in the conference. Thanks largely to the excellent, pin-point pitching of James Reynolds and Dick Belton.

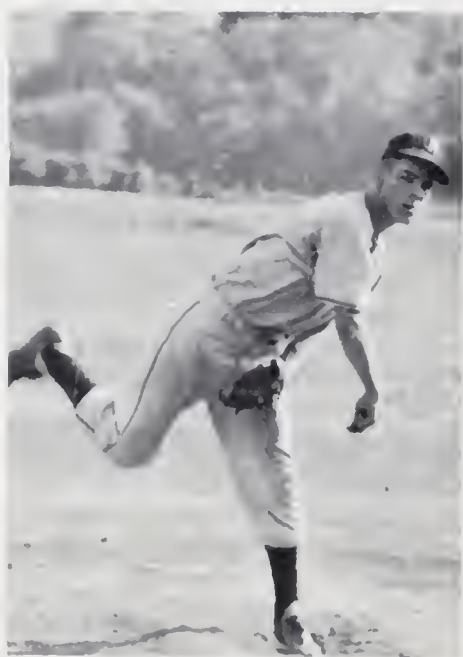
Prospects for the '54 season are bright as the Bears count on ten returning lettermen to spark a large club.



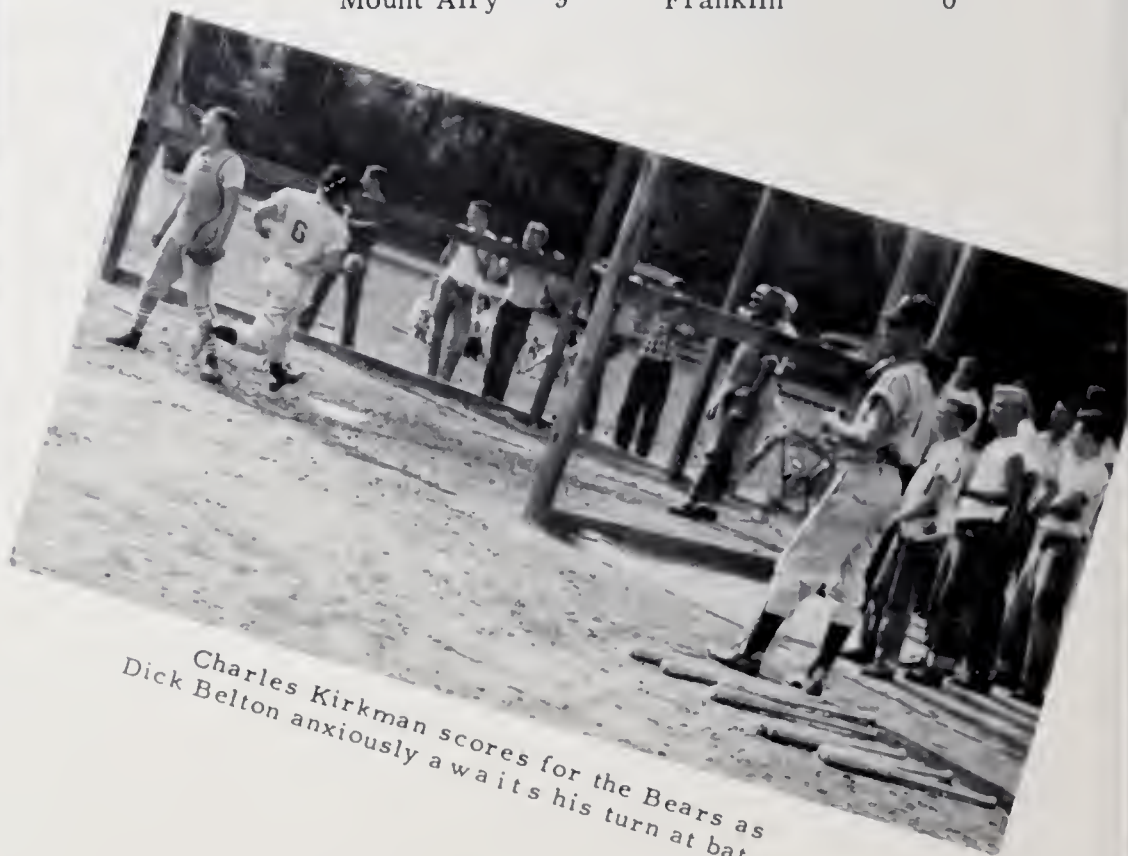
Returning lettermen for the 1954 season are: (Clockwise:) Gary Brown, Grey Childress, Zane Galyean, Agee Hiatt, Charles Kirkman, Jerry Nester, James Reynolds, and (Center:) Gary Sutphin and Rayno Wilson.

## 1953 SCORES

Mount Airy	21	Westfield	3
Mount Airy	3	Reynolds	22
Mount Airy	6	Reynolds	15
Mount Airy	11	Nancy Reynolds	2
Mount Airy	4	North Davidson	2
Mount Airy	0	Walkertown	1
Mount Airy	6	Hanes	11
Mount Airy	3	Walkertown	5
Mount Airy	7	King	4
Mount Airy	6	Tri-City	9
Mount Airy	2	Gray	4
Mount Airy	3	North Davidson	0
Mount Airy	2	Reidsville	6
Mount Airy	5	White Plains	4
Mount Airy	2	Mineral Springs	10
Mount Airy	3	Hanes	1
Mount Airy	6	Reidsville	3
Mount Airy	1	Gray	0
Mount Airy	3	Tri-City	7
Mount Airy	9	Franklin	0



Pitcher Dick Belton fires one from the mound.



Charles Kirkman scores for the Bears as Dick Belton anxiously waits his turn at bat.

## URNS TO THE DIAMOND AND CINDER PATH

Handicapped by a lack of girls participating, the 1953 Mount Airy track team tied Franklin for second place in the high school division of the eighth annual track meet at Veterans Park, as Elkin won top honors.

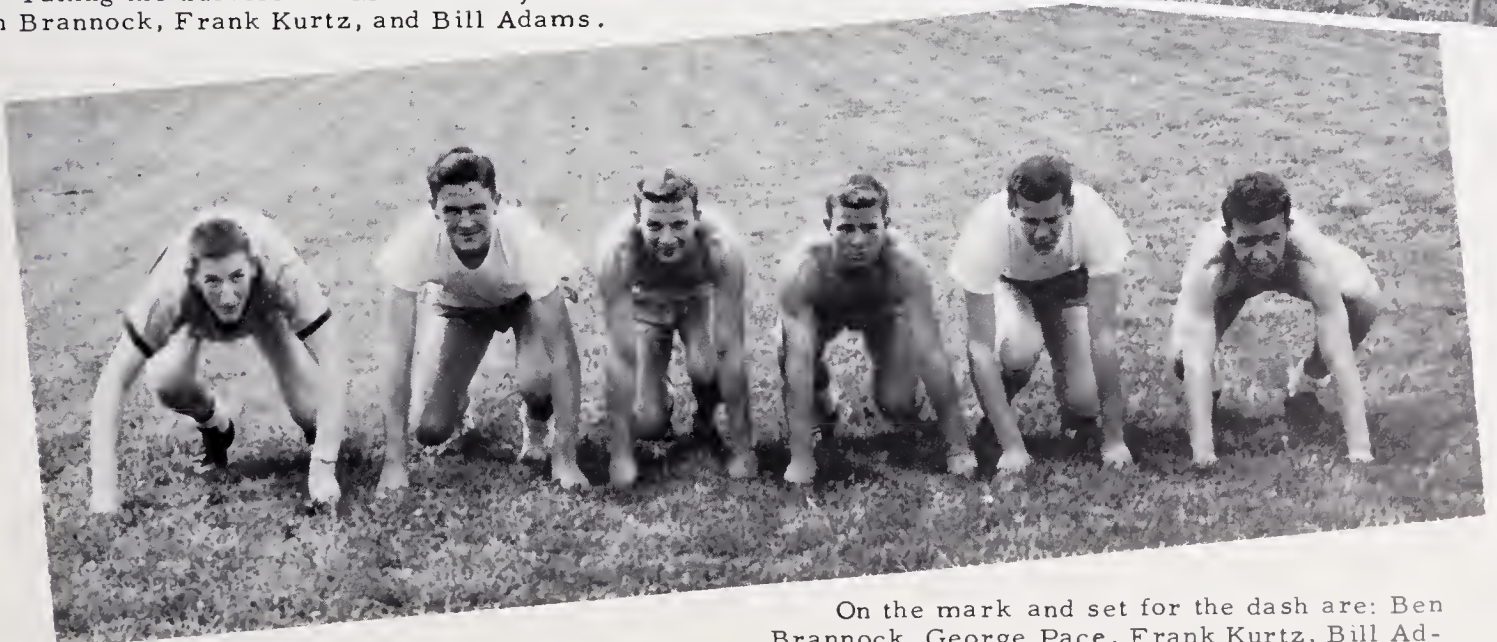
Frank Kurtz of Mount Airy won individual honors with 15 of our 39 points by winning first place in the 200-yard dash, the 100-yard dash, and the broad jump, and then anchoring the winning 880-yard relay team for the Bears.



Girls out for track included Betsy Smith, Betty Royal, Frankie King, and Shirley Clifton.



Taking the hurdles for Mount Airy are: Ben Brannock, Frank Kurtz, and Bill Adams.



On the mark and set for the dash are: Ben Brannock, George Pace, Frank Kurtz, Bill Adams, J. T. Morgan, and Virgil Christian.

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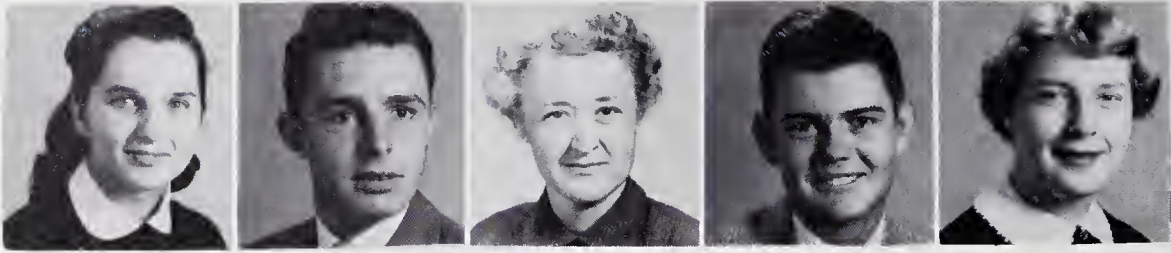
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The members of the annual staff wish to express their thanks to administration, faculty, students, and friends who helped make this 1953-1954 Airmont possible. We hope that this record of our high school world will meet with your approval and be a treasured possession for many years.

### STAFF MEMBERS

Top Row: Shirley Chappell, David McCarty, Sarah Springthorpe, Libby York, Ann Allred. Second Row: Mary Louise Boyd, Betty Royal, Larry Childress, Mary Mon Key, Tommye Cox. Bottom Row: Sarah Doggett, Carol Dobson, Frances Haynes, Jimmy Sparger, Edwin Goad.





Dear Libby Ann,

Best of luck  
Benny Holtz

I can well remember the first time I saw you. It was in Miss Anderson's N.C. History class at the old high school. Every since that time I have thought a great deal about Libby, even if it did take three years for me to ask her for a date.

I am looking forward to going to the fr. fr. with you. I only hope you are half as glad to go with me as I am with you. You are a very sweet girl. I hope you will find happiness everywhere you go.

Your fr. date, (54)

Edwin Ford

Dear Libby,  
It certainly has been nice knowing you + eating with you this past year. I wish you the best of every thing in the future. You are a very deserving girl.

Love -  
Maryann Johnson

Dear Libby!

I've certainly enjoyed this year with you & hope to see a lot of you next year. You have a beautiful voice, just keep the good work up & you'll go somewhere with it. You'd look funny going without it. "You" Best of luck to you.

Love always,  
Mary Holtz

Dear Libby Ann,

You'll never know how much I have enjoyed your friendship during all the years I shall never forget the wonderful times we have had together at school, parties, etc. The times we spent together will always stay in my memory. I'm glad we had and all that. You are a very sweet girl and I think I am honored to be able to call you my parent friend.

Best of luck always and we'll be friends forever.

Love always,  
Mary Holtz

Love you!  
Joe L. Pugh

Lilly,  
You are a girl  
with a pleasant  
personality that  
pleases everyone.  
May the best of every  
thing come your  
way, in all you do.  
But watch  
Mary Jane

Mary Jane  
class of '55

P.S.

Lilly,

You will never know what our friendship  
has meant to me. I have enjoyed being in  
your classes all through the years. Never will  
I forget our trip to R.leigh, there we stood  
at the door laughing. Oh, my lap is still  
as good as ever. Even you didn't mash  
it flat. Ha!

I wish you all the luck in the whole  
wide world. I want you and your  
"dream man" get married ~~and~~ have  
a dozen kids.

Love ya loads!

"Lily"

Dear Libby,

I will never forget you as one of my dearest and sweetest friends. Your sincere friendship I shall always treasure since it is one of the most priceless things I shall ever possess. I can never forget all the good times you and I have had in your woods; school, movies, and playing in my playhouse. I shall always love you and pray for your welfare and happiness.

Much love,

Beth

Dear Libby,  
I think you  
are a real sweet  
girl and have a  
sweet personality.  
Lots of love to you.  
Love  
Ann

Dear Libby,

In the first place I Belle Harkerader  
want to thank you for playing  
for me. Please keep your fingers crossed  
the whole time (for me) if it is possible to play a piano  
that way. You've a wonderful talent and I hope you  
will continue your music studies.

Weon Davis

Dear Libby  
Remember that  
time we went to Pilot  
Mountain & had so much  
fun. Good luck to you  
in your singing career.

Dear Libby,

I have enjoyed being in so many school activities with you this year and I am looking to a wonderful time next year. The years in the Glee Club and the choir at church will long remain in my memory even after we have left school and gone our separate ways. Continue your study of music and voice and I'll be around to see you in the "Met" on "Radio City" one day. But now, of course, I'll expect you to come and buy all your clothes at the "Fashion Salon" of (I'll have a new name then) I'll sell them to you real cheap \$1.00 a stitch. No joking - may success always be with you and the best of everything.

Love,  
Lynda Rae

Dear Libby,  
I sure have enjoyed knowing you for the little time we have known each other. Maybe we can know each other better next year. Thanks for the help and you are also very sweet. I hope you understand luck in every thing to do with love  
Bobby & Lynn

Libby,  
I have enjoyed being in school with you.  
Best of luck!  
"Jerry"

Libby I wish all the luck in the world who to someone who deserves it. You are a very sweet girl and someone who I am glad to have called a friend.  
Always,  
Dana  
Palmer

Dear Libby,  
 I love you  
 a lot of this  
 past year. Just as  
 a little memory present  
 I've also for. Really that  
 was also for. I hope you will  
 catch the years to come that  
 next time that happens, the  
 really get together that more fun and  
 a lot longer all these things  
 I have found you to be a real sweet  
 smart girl. I'm looking forward to  
 all the luck in the world. I wish you

Love,  
 Mary Ann

Dear Libby,  
 Our days in the club as  
 well as the trip to Raleigh  
 I'll always remember. I'm sure  
 you'll be a great success  
 in whatever you do.  
 Best of all -  
 Love  
 Elaine Hoover

Lily,  
I hope  
to know you  
in this short time  
you have become one  
of my best friends. I have  
enjoyed being in Glee Club,  
with you this year, and I hope  
we have the same period next  
year. Be sweet & I wish you the  
best of luck.

Lily

Lily,  
Being associated  
with you in school  
and church has been  
a pleasure for me. I  
know that you will  
be a grand senior  
next year. Best of  
luck to you in the  
years to come.  
Gayle D.

Lily

You're a real  
sweet girl. I have  
enjoyed going to  
school with you  
and shall miss  
you when you  
I wish you well  
always. Love  
Gayle

Lily,  
I have enjoyed knowing  
you these past few years  
and I wish you the best  
of everything in life.  
Gayle D.

Dear Libby,

It has been a real pleasure to know such a sweet and wonderful girl as you. I have enjoyed being with you this year. Libby, I would like to wish you the best of luck in everything you undertake.

Love,

Margaret Jones

Libby,

I hope that you have learned a lot under my guidance in becoming this year. I'll bet you feel terrific next year. I've enjoyed going to school this year and thank a lot for all the help you've given me. Be good and have a good time as not any high senior next year.

Leslie

Libby,

You are one of the sweetest girls I know. Your friendly smile will carry you far. I wish you all the luck in the world.

Your friend,

Bob Noble

Libby —

You are one of the sweetest girls I have ever met and I sure have enjoyed knowing you and I hope you all the happiness in the world in everything you do.

Paul Jones  
12/10/42

To Libby:  
I have enjoyed  
being in your class, you  
are a sweet girl. May you  
always have the best of luck.  
Always,  
Carly





Dear Lib,

I have enjoyed your wonderful friendships these past years. You are one swell girl. I'll best of luck to you always.

a friend,  
Bobby Taylor

Libby I have enjoyed being in school with you for the past three years. You are a very cute and smart girl. I wish you the very best of luck in anything you do.  
Love ya!  
Shirley Jones

Lib,  
It's been fun to go to school with you. I wish you the best of luck to a fine future.  
Love,  
James Taylor

Libby,  
I've enjoyed being in school with you this year. You're a sweet kid.  
James Wilson

Libby,  
Best of luck in every-thing you undertake!  
I hope you go far - and I know you will - with your voice.  
Sarah  
Springthorpe





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