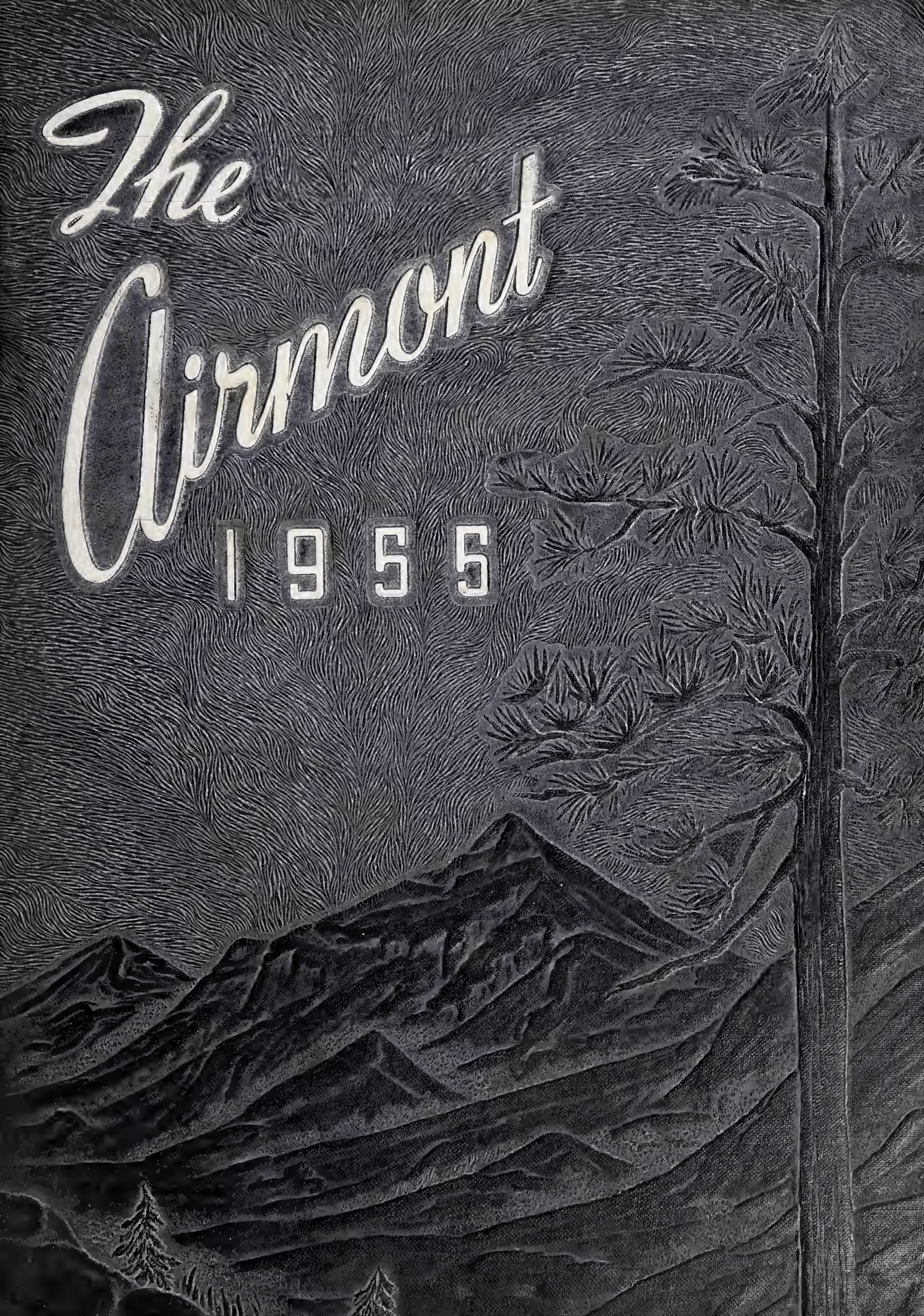


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“... hills that dim and distant rise.”
—H. G. Bell

“Be it granted me to behold you again . . .
Hills of Home!”
—R. L. Stevenson



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Hills Of Home

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Sarah Springthorpe, Business Manager

Volume IV

Foreword

Our home, school, community, and the mountains that circle us will always be a part of us and remembered with nostalgia. Our high school has occupied an important place in our lives. In this fourth volume of Airmont we hope to preserve, through words and pictures, a memory of our high school life.

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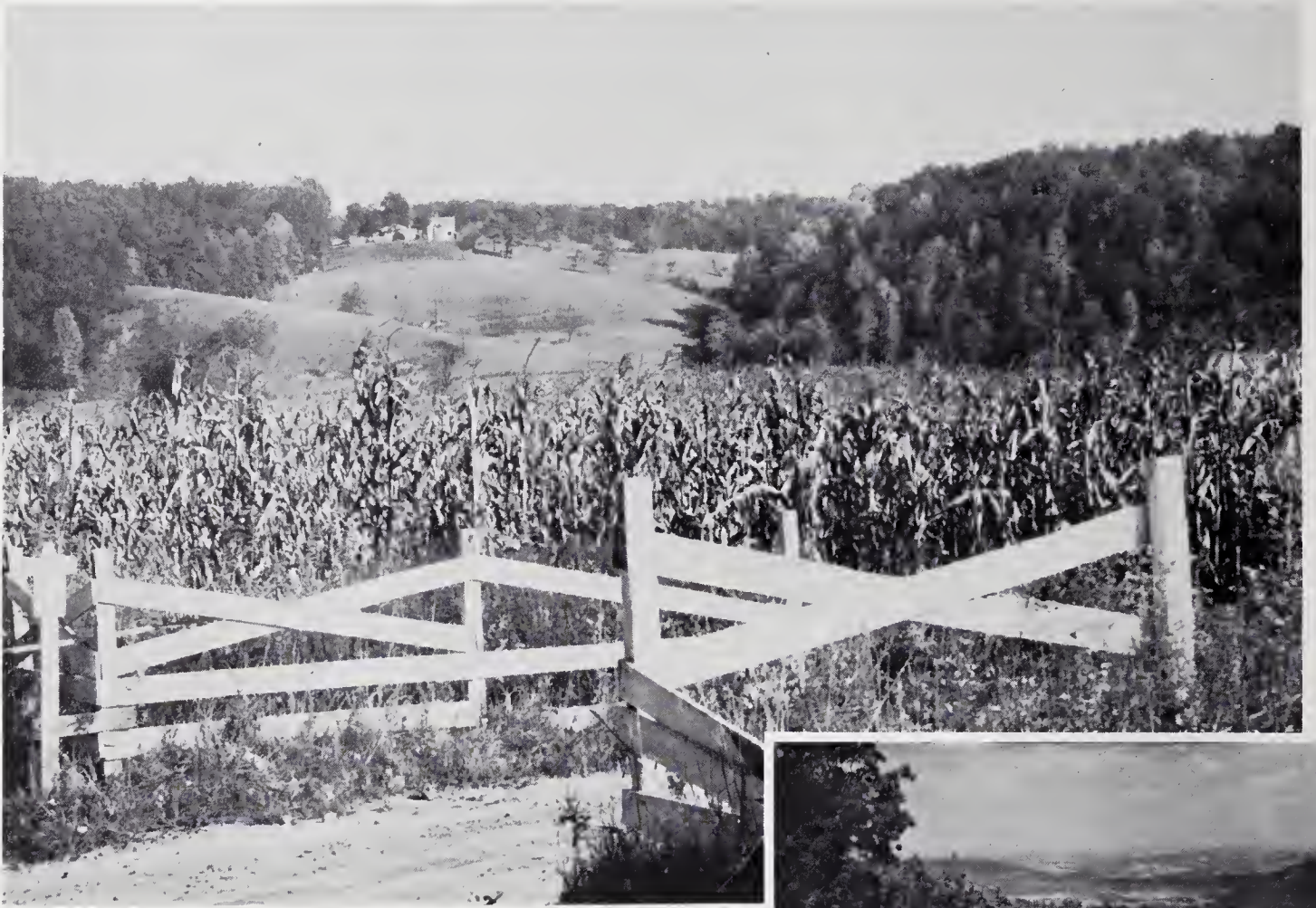




"Rock-ribbed, and ancient as the sun."
— W. C. Bryant

"No lovelier hills than thine
— Walter De La Mare

Our Mountains



Show Many Moods

"Mountains are the earth's
undecaying monuments."
—Hawthorne



*Our Town
Is A Blend*





WOOD STUDIO
FAIRY, N. C.
19-1953.

"Aloft on sky and mountain wall
Are God's great pictures hung."
—Whittier

From Bannertown, North Main And Rockford,
By Way of South Main, We Come To



MOUNT



AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

"Into the highlands of the mind,
Into the mountains let me go."
—Sir William Watson

"Divinely superfluous beauty
... makes trees grow
and hills tower ..."
—Jeffers





Peak Experiences

EVERY-DAY HAPPENINGS
TWIRP SEASON
HOMECOMING
BANQUET

PROM
COMMENCEMENT; MARSHALS
MR. AND MISS M. A. H. S.
KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS

We Treasure Both The Routine



We shall remember and treasure as peak experiences both the ordinary, day-by-day happenings and the special events of our school life.

School opened with no new teachers on the faculty. Principal H. M. Finch (right) gives instructions to Mrs. Ronald Boyles and Mrs. Watt Shuford who returned to the system after absence.



Returning students quickly settle down to routine work. Joe Curtis, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, Judy Coe, and Carolyn Jacobs use library material.



A lost and bewildered freshman, Nancy Collins, asks the directions to her class from an oldtimer at M. A. H. S., Weldon Taylor.



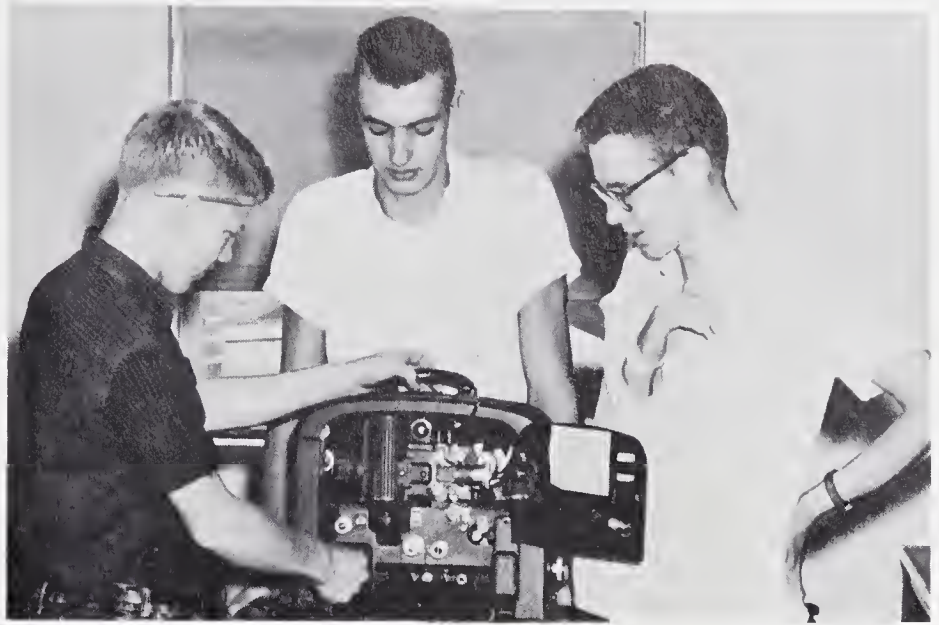
Libby York and National Guardsman Charlie Young hoist the new flag presented to the school by the Ladies Auxiliary of the V. F. W.



Miss Frances Young (center), practice librarian from Appalachian, meets assistants, Sarah Doggett and Wilma King.

And The Special Events

Even a broken shoulder doesn't slow down the projectionists. These boys kept busy with the audio-visual equipment are (left to right) Richard Vaughn, Jack Smith, and Phil Smith.



Responsible for getting the students to school are bus drivers (left to right) Jimmy Boyd, Newton King, Jack Hall, Stuart Brown, and Don Edwards.



Night work is often necessary to complete the annual. Ann Allred and Miss Simpson (top) and Sarah Springthorpe and Mary Nell Parker read proofs.



The year ends with exams for student (Kay Goins) and teacher (Miss Annie Thomas).

Some Special Over Looks

Twirp Season

Each year M. A. H. S. boys look forward to the second week in February when twirp (the woman is requested to pay) season is observed. This means that the girls must pay all bills and extend all the courtesies that are ordinarily the responsibilities of the boys. But twirp season has an advantage for the girls also, for it enables them to ask that dream man for a date without being frowned on by Emily Post. A mock trial is held to try and punish all offenders of the rules and regulations. All the fun is culminated in a formal dance given the last night of twirp season.

Top left: Bob Tyndall enjoys the courtesy of Maryann Johnson at refreshment time.

Left: It's "thumbs down" for some unlucky culprit as the jury decides "guilty."

Below: Judge Wally Shelton looks sternly at the not too unhappy group of offenders hauled into twirp court.



Beth Ashby, Edwin Goad, and James Sitison (standing) Sarah Springthorpe and Tommy Kerr (seated) find that crime does not pay as they wear aprons and black hose and carry books in suitcases or little brothers' wagons.

Represents Pure Fun

Homecoming

A big parade; the last football game of the '54 season; a half time crowded with a super band show, sponsors for senior football players, and the crowning of the queen—all these make homecoming a spectacular success.

Five girls were elected by the student body from the fifteen candidates nominated by the football players. In a second election the students chose from the five a queen whose identity was not announced until she was crowned at half time.



Lucy Sydnor is crowned homecoming queen by co-captains Jack Taylor and Rayno Wilson.



Grey Childress gains yardage to set up one of Mount Airy's nine touchdowns against Wal-kertown.



Cheerleaders head the parade on the float of room 203.



Candidates for homecoming queen ready to be in the parade are (bottom) Sandra Midkiff, Peggy Vogler, (top) Elizabeth York, Sarah Doggett, Lucy Sydnor.

Senior Enjoy Peak Of Social



Good food, good company, and good fun made the senior banquet a success. Seated around the table from left to right: Dick Phillips, Glenda Snow, John Martin, Judy Pruett, Nancy Tharrington, G.L.Gentry, Penny Boyles, and Charles Carter.

Faculty members enjoying the senior banquet are Mrs. Anne Pruitt, Mr. E. W. McLeod, Jr., Mrs. Tom Mackie, Mrs. H. M. Finch, Mr. Finch, Mrs. L. B. Pendergraph, Mr. Pendergraph.



These seniors relax before they start their night of dancing. Left to right: Buddy Smith, Betty Royal, MaryJo Jones, John Clifton, Bonnie Blue and Howard Pruitt.

Activity At Annual Banquet



Senior members of the band and glee club provided music at the senior banquet. They are (left to right) John Martin, Charles Carter, J. C. Kirkman, Howard Pruitt, James Merritt, and Dick Phillips.

The Senior Banquet and the Junior-Senior Prom highlight the spring activities and climax the most interesting years of school life.

In their gayest moods and loveliest clothes, seniors and faculty members gather at Reeves Y. M. C. A. for the banquet planned by and for the seniors. Music, comedy, and the awarding of silly superlatives marked the 1954 edition of this long anticipated event.

The Girls' Trio that sang at the senior banquet poses on the steps of Cinderella's carriage. Left to right: Sallie Ann Carroll, Shirley Perry, Rebecca Hatcher.



Prom Gives Enchanted Evening



Following the Senior Banquet, the Junior-Senior Prom is held at the Y. Results of many hours of work by junior committees are seen in the decorations, refreshments, music, and the smooth-running of the dance. Cinderella's enchanted evening had nothing on the 1954 Prom which brought enchantment to countless juniors and seniors.

After the dance was officially over, many students went on to a series of parties ending with breakfast at the hotel, at someone's home, or at a mountain picnic.



The prom is an especially memorable occasion for the juniors because they have had the fun of preparing for it. (above, left) Margaret Joyce and Elbert Hull put the final touches on decorations for the prom.

(Above, center) Linda Cox, Juanita Dix, Lynda Pell, Ray Hemrick, Margaret Joyce, and Gerry Brannock work on Cinderella's coach.

Danceable music was furnished by Jimmy Myers' band and Ruby Lee, vocalist.



Dancing to the theme of "Some Enchanted Evening," real live Cinderellas and Prince Charmings made a colorful and gay figure.

To Juniors And Seniors



Charlotte Robertson presides at the punch bowl during intermission. Surrounding her are Ronald Vogler, Bobby Taylor, Miss Eleanor Collins, Miss Eleanor Shumaker.



Leon Davis helps Linda Moseley into the "Cinderella" carriage.

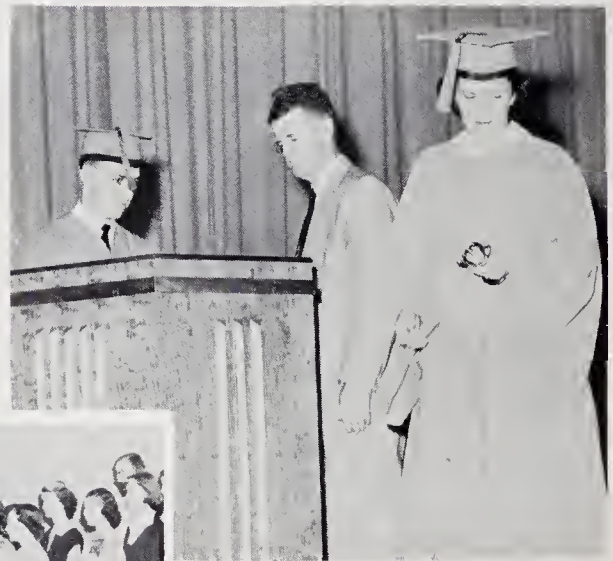


Margaret Jones and Dayle Phillips set the pattern for Miss Eleanor Collins and Mr. Ramey as they dance to a lively tune.

Graduation Is The Height



Commencement brings thoughts both happy and sad. Seniors are happy to have successfully completed their high school work, but sad to be ending this phase of their life.



Virgil Christian and Jo Ann Palmer receive coveted Shirley Peters Citizenship awards from Mr. Finch.



Commencement, 1954- the juniors stand to be installed by Principal H. M. Finch as the 1955 seniors.

To Which We All Aspire



Marshals serving at the 1954 commencement exercises are (left) Libby Finch, Lynda Pell, Sarah Springthorpe, James Sitison, Edwin Goad, (center) Linda Cox, Dorothy Brown, Mary Jean Marshall, (right) Libby York, George Wright-chief.



George Wright, Jr.
Chief Marshal

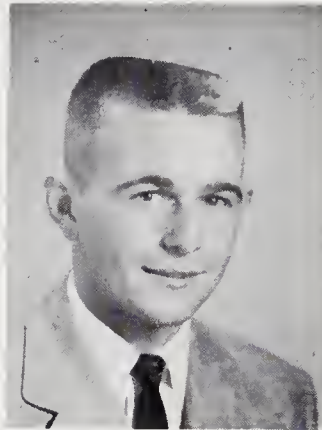


Good grades pay off as marshals receive their ribbons from Miss Annie Thomas, sponsor. The ten juniors with the highest scholastic averages are chosen. Shown above are Dorothy Brown, Linda Cox, Mary Jean Marshall, Miss Thomas, Sarah Springthorpe, Lynda Pell, James Sitison, Libby Finch, and Elizabeth York.

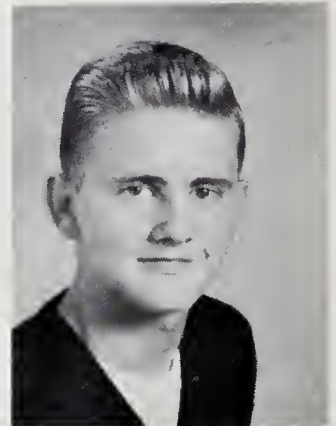
Mr. Mount Airy High School



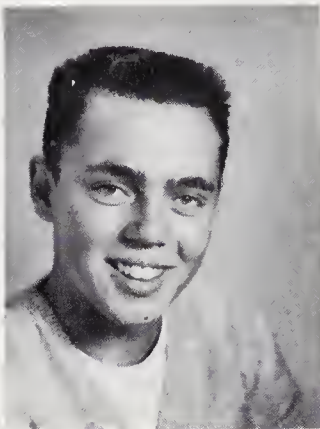
Bud Oliver
Junior



Jerry Nester
Senior



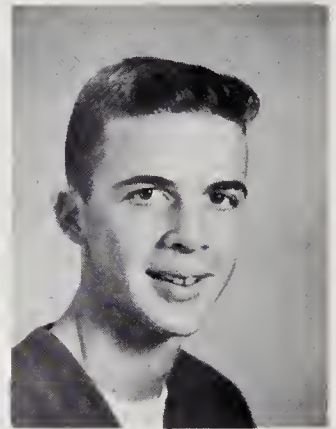
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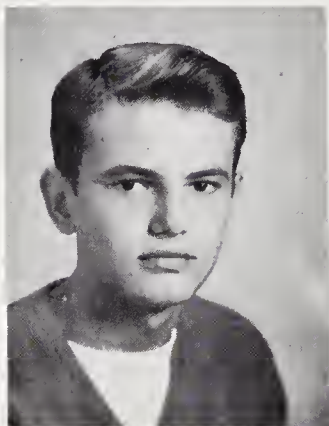
John Cashwell
Sophomore



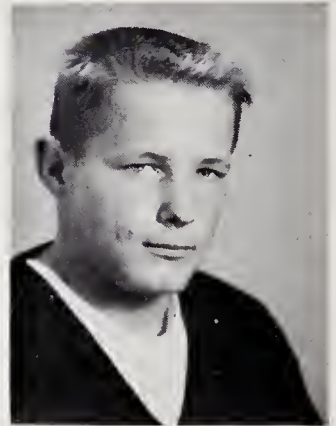
MR. M. A. H. S.
Leon Davis



Worrell Kurtz
Sophomore



Sam Inman
Freshman



Reginald Davis
Freshman

The fourth annual Mr. and Miss Mount Airy High School contest 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



Barbara Jester
Junior



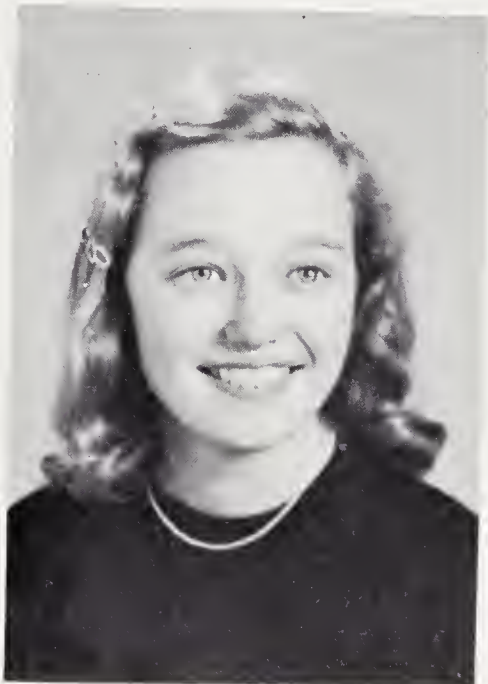
Mary Jean Marshall
Senior



Sarah Doggett
Junior



Kathleen Simmons
Sophomore



MISS M. A. H. S.
Elizabeth York



Rebecca Westmoreland
Sophomore



Debbie Calloway
Freshman



Dink Caldwell
Freshman

All students voted by secret ballot. Winners were announced in High Spots.

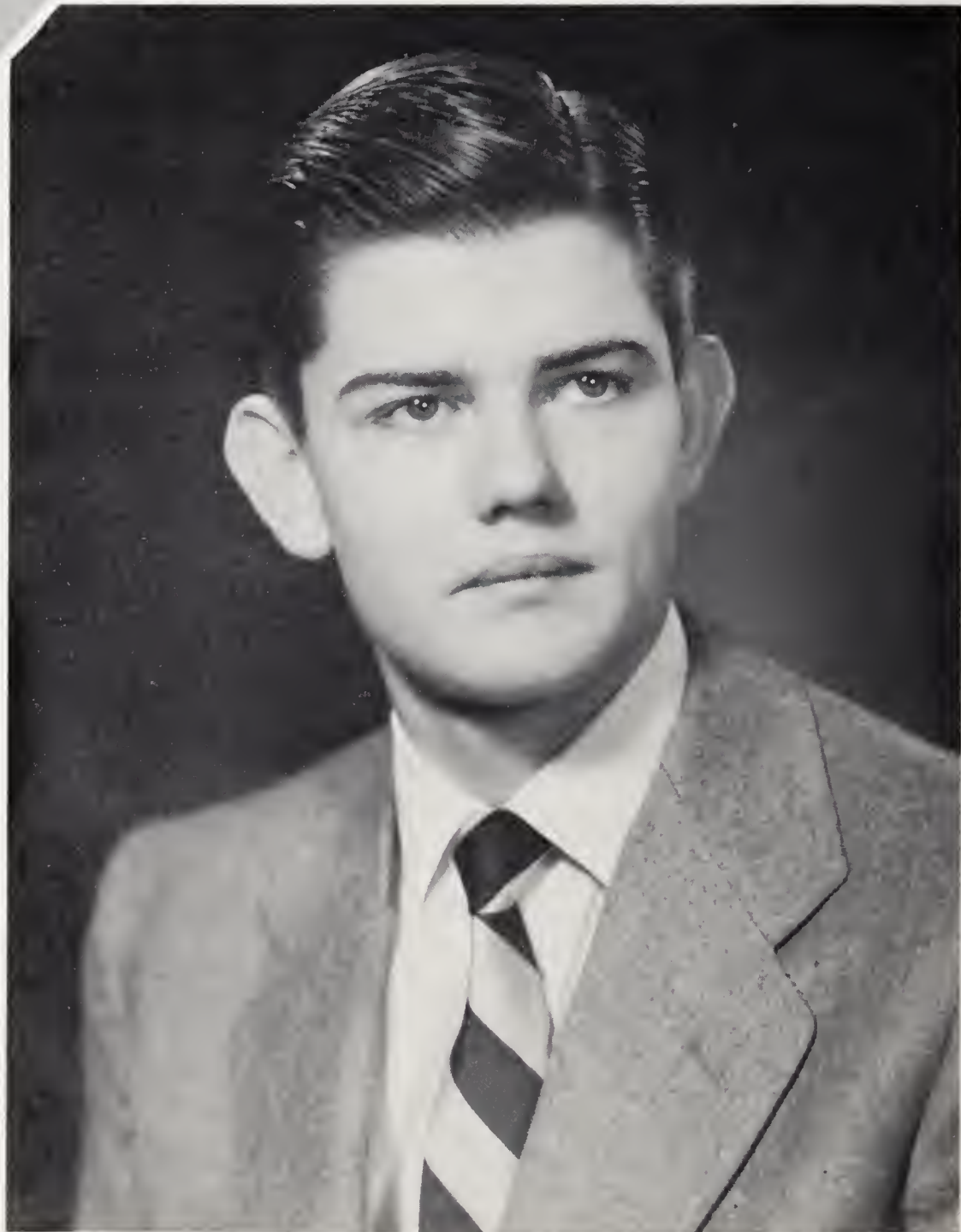
Other winners have been Roger Simmons and Jeanne Gwyn in 1952, David Browne and Dolores Mills in 1953, and Virgil Christian and Jo Ann Palmer in 1954.

The King And Crowned At



Candidates:
Worrell Kurtz
Owen Shelton
Leon Davis

KING OF HEARTS



SMITH HOLCOMB

The 1954 winter season was enlivened by the King and Queen of Hearts contest, sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and climaxed by a formal dance. The highlight of the Sweetheart dance was the crowning of the unannounced King and Queen of Hearts.

Queen Of Hearts Are Sweetheart Dance

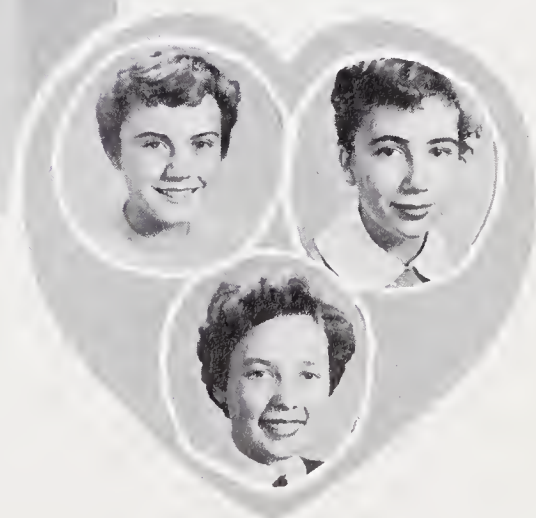
QUEEN OF HEARTS



GLEND A SNOW

A committee of Tri-Hi-Y girls selected a candidate from each class on the basis of scholarship and popularity. A carton for each candidate, with his picture, was placed outside the library and at a local drugstore. Students voted by penny votes. Profits were used for the World Service project of the Tri-Hi-Y.

Candidates:
Debby Hauser
Shirley Clifton
Juanita Dix



"Something hidden. Go and find it.
Go and look behind the Ranges—
Something lost behind the Ranges.
Lost and waiting for you. Go!"
—Kipling



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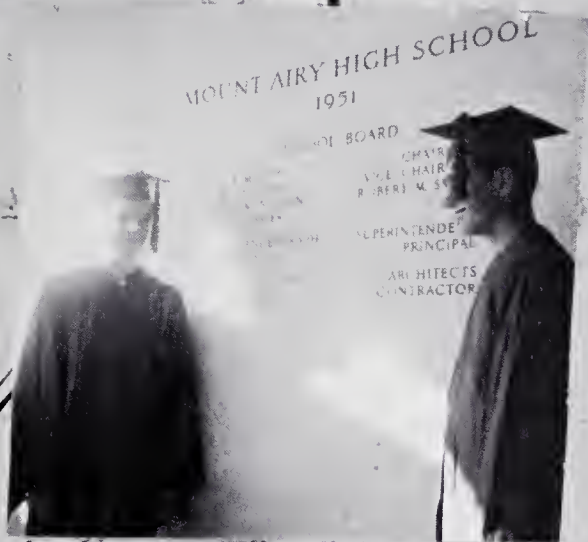


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Mount Airy

High School



North Carolina

McCarty

...ted the Course of ...
 ... School Departme ...
 ... prescribed by the Board of Education
 ... and is therefore entitled to this

DIPLOMA

Mount Airy, North Car ...
 ... this first day of June, nineteen hundred fifty-one.

S. Moran
 Chairman

L. B. Zendergraph
 Superintendent
H. M. Finch
 Principal

Guides And Instruction

- Administration
- Faculty
- Classroom Work

Excellent Administration Makes



An experienced, able, and interested administration sets the tone for our smooth-running school. Superintendent, principal, and five board members together represent 150 years of selfless service to our school system—a record few communities can equal; a record we view with pride and gratitude.

Superintendent, L. B. Pendergraph and Dr. Martin, school board chairman, enter the building.

Many office details are necessary to the efficient operation of a school system. At right Superintendent L. B. Pendergraph looks over correspondence with Mrs. Juanita Barber, secretary.



Principal H. M. Finch presides over the first high school faculty meeting of the year.

Good School System

Supt. L. B. Pendergraph
Principal H. M. Finch
Dr. Moir S. Martin



Mr. W. I. Monday
Mr. Robert M. Smith
Mr. W. S. Porter
Mr. Roy M. Nelson



MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

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R. H. PINNIX	CONTRACTOR

The inscription in the lobby of our building pays tribute to our administration.

The cafeteria is one of the special joys of our new building—for both food and fun. We owe our excellent food and quick service to these ladies (seated, left to right) Mrs. Kate Jackson, Mrs. Lucy Beamer, (standing) Mrs. Selena Moxley and Mrs. Paul Speight.



English Department Offers Variety



After making book reports, members of Mrs. Neal's English III class prepare to fill in their reading cards.



MRS. MARY NEAL
English

Proficiency in English is the key to our acquisition of knowledge and skill and our enjoyment of leisure. Six instructors teach twenty English classes, including journalism and commercial English. Grammar, literature, written and oral expression, appreciation, reasoning ability — all are a part of our English courses.

MISS ANNIE THOMAS
English



Dramatizing "Our Guide in Genoa and Rome" from Mark Twain's *Incidents Abroad*, are (left to right) Melvin Marion, Jerry Dodson, Rayno Wilson, Bobby Badgett, Tim Jessup, and (seated) Ronnie Pruitt.



Coach Shelton checks the roll of his English II class in the lull before the hard work starts.

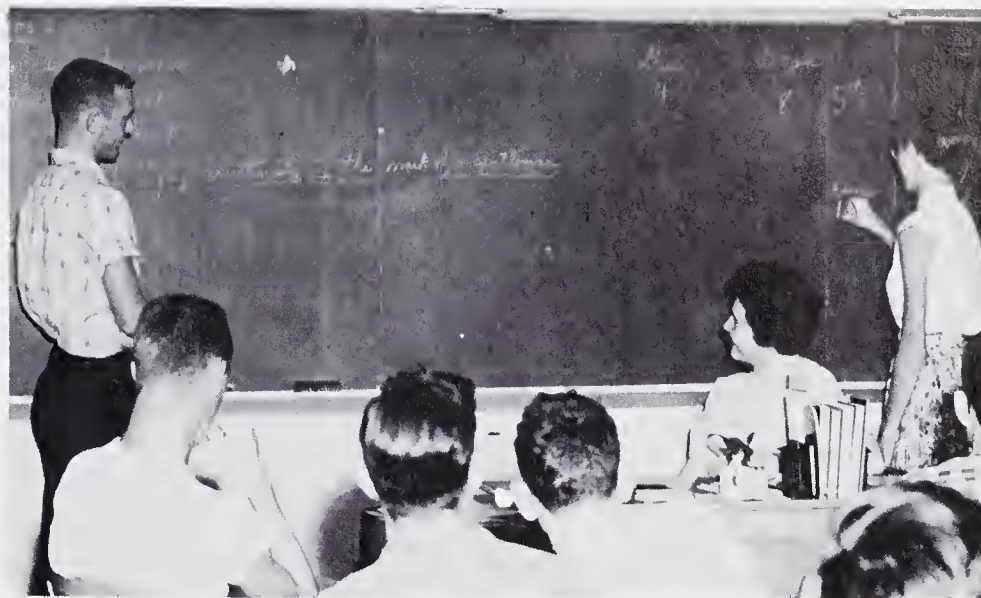


MR. WALLACE SHELTON
English, Coaching

In Approach And In Personnel



MISS EVA HOLDER
English, Journalism



Sentence analyses drill takes on new life in senior English with a lively baseball game between the boys and the girls. Mary Louise Hatcher scores a run by batter Jerry Nester as catcher Lynda Pell calls "correct".

Betsy Levering checks her speech for the World Peace Speaking Contest with Mrs. Mary Neal, her advisor. Betsy's speech won her first place in the 1954 district contest, an all-expense-paid trip to New York and Washington, D. C., and a television appearance in Greensboro.



1954 High Spots received a first class rating from the National Scholastic Press Association. Gayle Dobson, editor; Sallie Ann Carroll, and Barbara Fowler study the score book announcing their rating.

Foreign Languages Give Us Broader Views



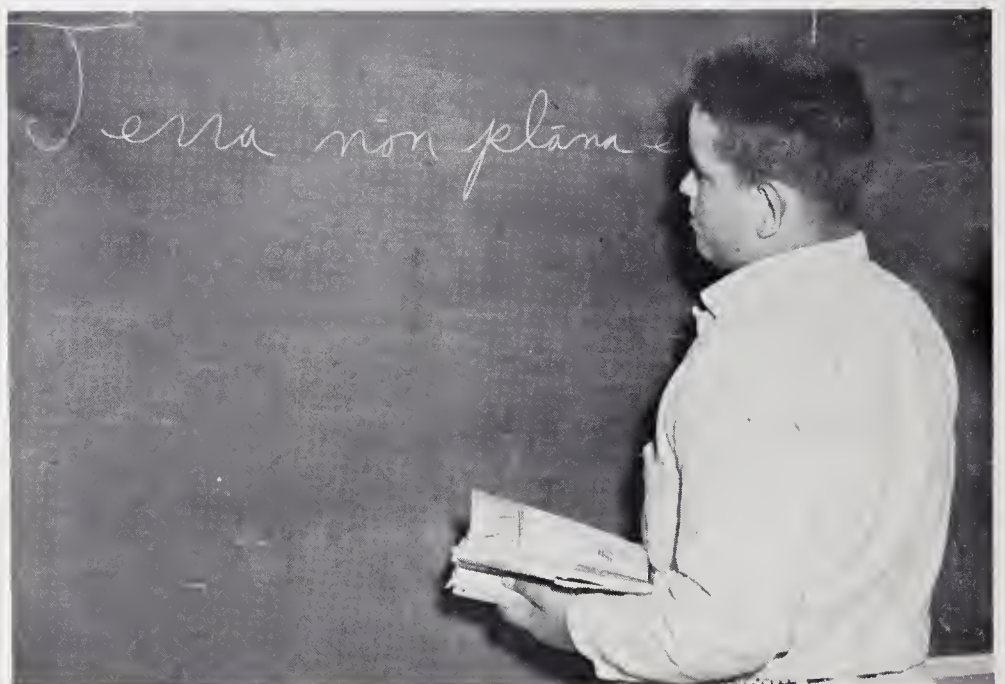
These students give the old game of Bingo a new twist. Try playing it in Spanish! (Left row, front to rear) Joan Midkiff, Sandra Midkiff, Bobby Perkins. (Right row) Jo Ann Smith, Libby York, and Mrs. Mackie.

Foreign languages offer much more than a technical knowledge of Spanish or Latin. From them we also gain knowledge of other cultures and ways and of our interdependence on them. From them, too, we gain a deeper understanding of our own language.

Two teachers conduct six classes in foreign languages—four in Latin and two in Spanish. Latin and Spanish clubs make these classes fun as well as work.



MISS ADA HAYMORE
Latin, English



Though Latin may be a dead language, Joe Johnson agrees it is quite interesting to a living American student.

Physical Education Reaches More Students



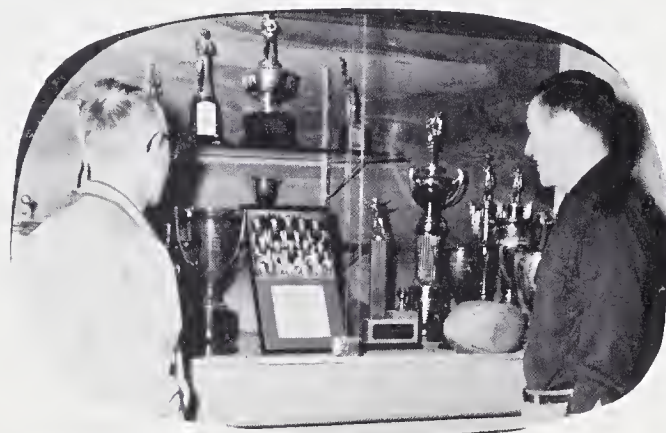
MR. SAM MOIR
Civics, Physical Ed.
Coaching



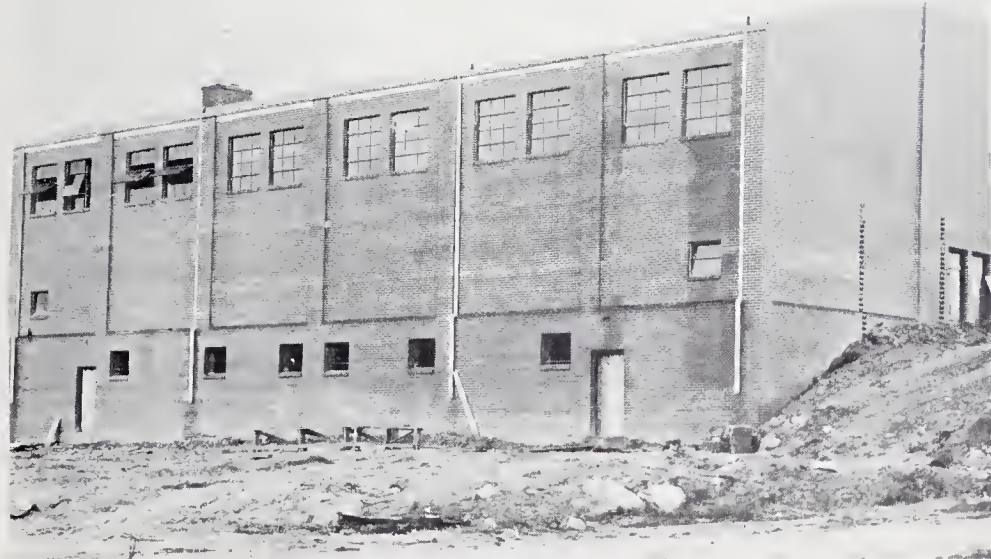
"This is a relief from sitting still!" Linda Worrell and Louise Morris prepare to jump the ball held by Coach Moir as other members of the Physical Ed. class look on.

Physical education entered our curriculum this year as a required subject for freshmen. Two instructors work with the four classes.

With physical education reaching more students and the new gym finally in use, we add another department to our school.



Coaches Shelton and Moir hope the new physical education setup will not only add more trophies but also benefit all students.



A long awaited dream came true when the new gym was first opened for basketball practice after Christmas.

History Department Offers Help



History III sent George Wright and Wanda Willard to the library for materials.

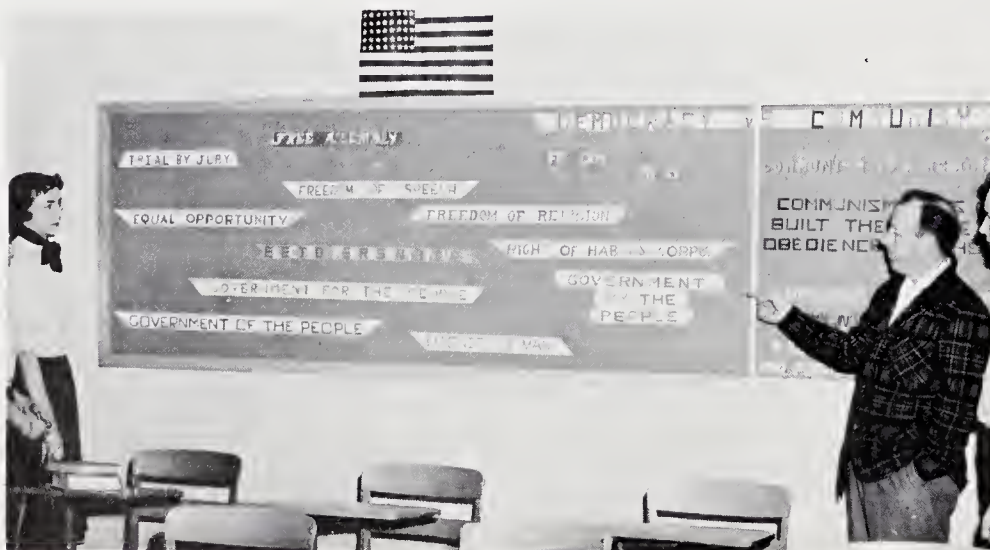
The history department offers eight classes taught by four instructors. The knowledge, understanding, and practice in thinking, evaluating, and in using supplementary materials gained from the social sciences are invaluable.



MRS. LAVINIA MACKIE
Spanish, History
Civics



"I'll show you where it is!" Jimmy Hale and Jane Welch, members of Mrs. Mackie's world history class, discuss the location of Constantinople.

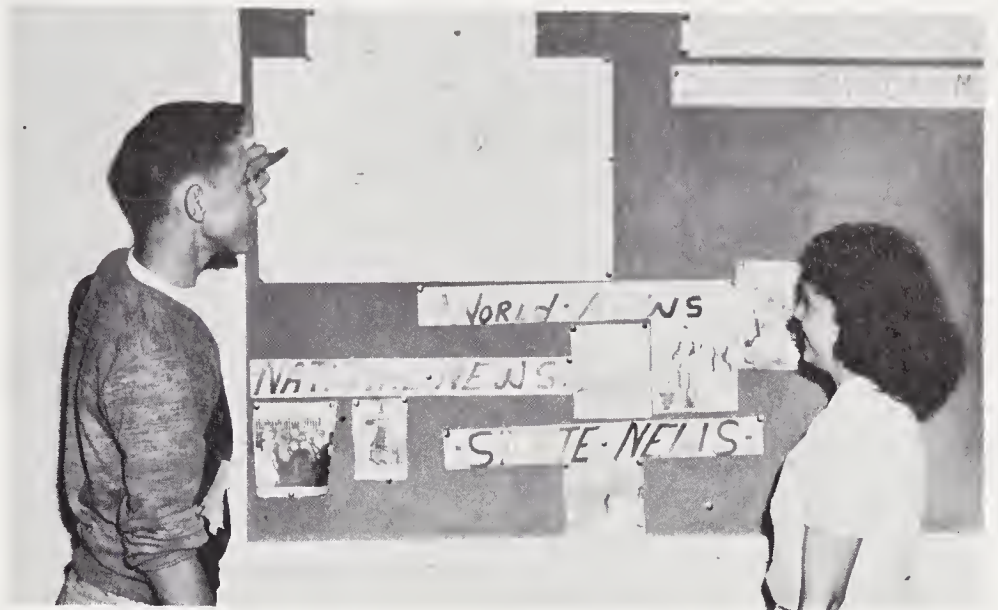


With American history students Gerry Brannock and Jack Hall, Mr. Ramey examines the bulletin board contrasting Democracy and Communism.

Through Understanding Of Problems



MRS. KATE BARRINGER
History, Civics
World Problems.



Students in Mrs. Barringer's civics class are well informed on current news. Catching up on the latest are James Monroe and Gaynell Jones.



Carl Badgett and Jerry Nester, history IV students and future tycoons, check stock investments in a New York newspaper.

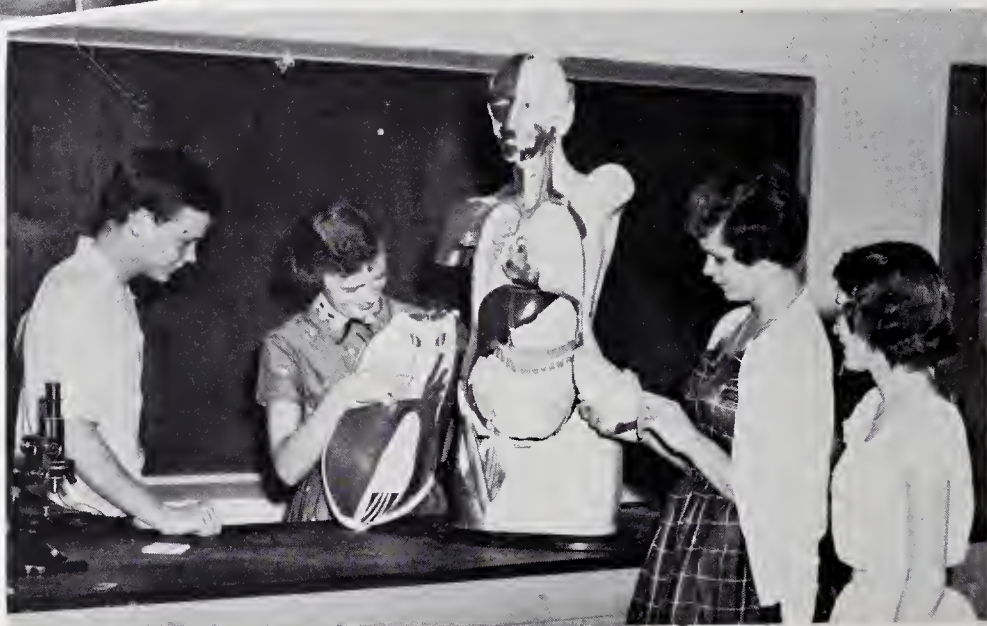
Shirley Perry won the 1954 D. A. R. history cup presented by Mount Airy Chapter of the D. A. R. for the best paper on a North Carolinian's contribution to America. Shirley's paper was on Edward R. Murrow.



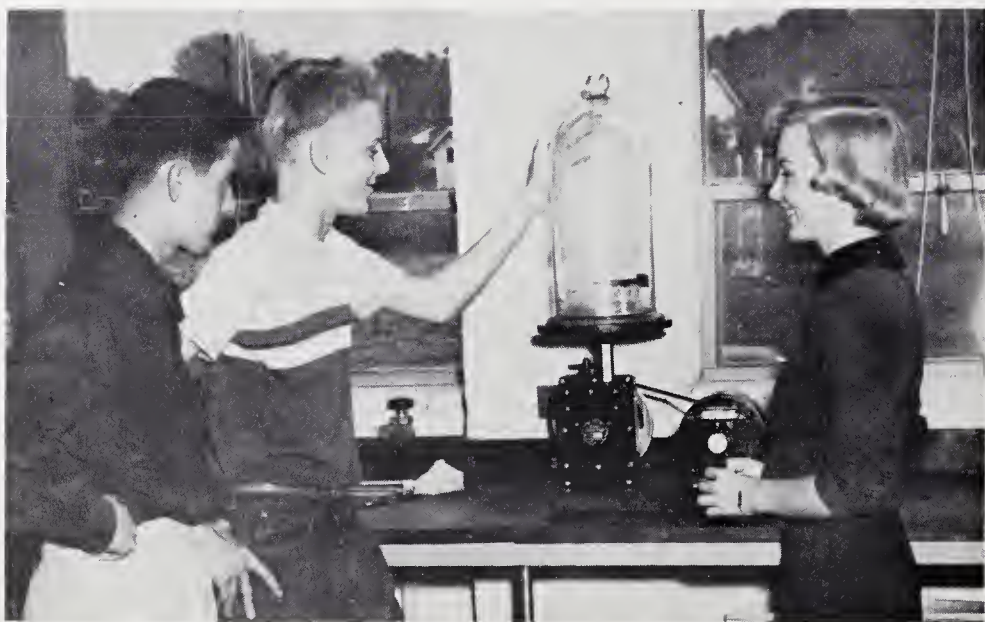
Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Radio - T.V., Aviation,



Who's afraid of snakes? Certainly not these biology experts. They are (left to right) Mr. Steed, Kathleen Simmons, John Cashwell, Randel Willard, and Richard Vaughn.



Learning the parts of a human skeleton, which Mr. Steed's biology students fondly call "Frank, Jr.," are (left to right) Bobby Gwyn, Jane Welch, Bootie Ayers, and Betty Jo Thore.



Physics—oh! what fun! "Mr. Steed will that experiment really work?" Carl Badgett, Yancey Beamer, and Sarah Doggett watch a barometer in a bell-jar.

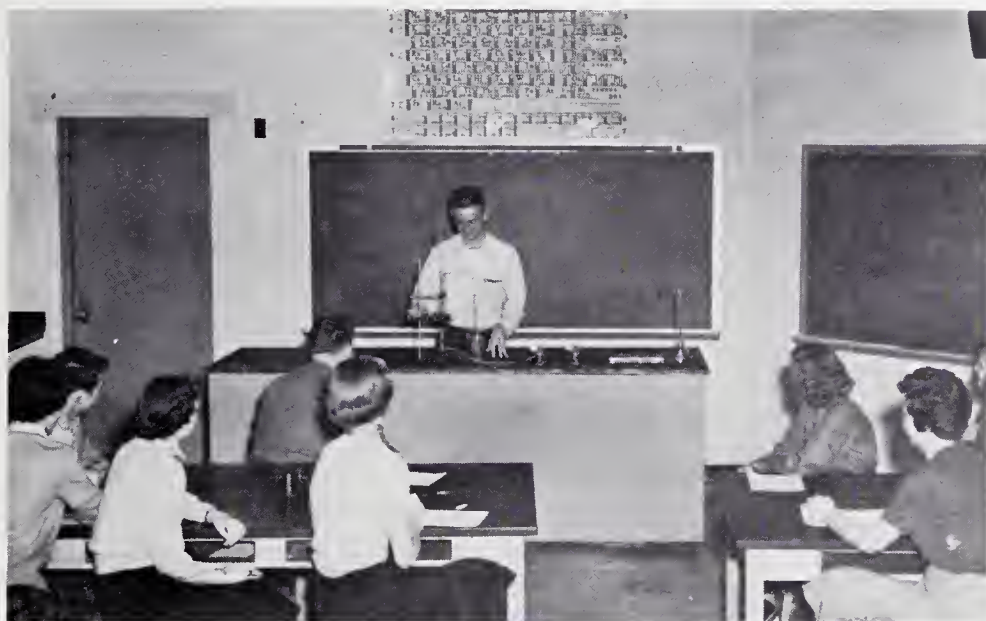
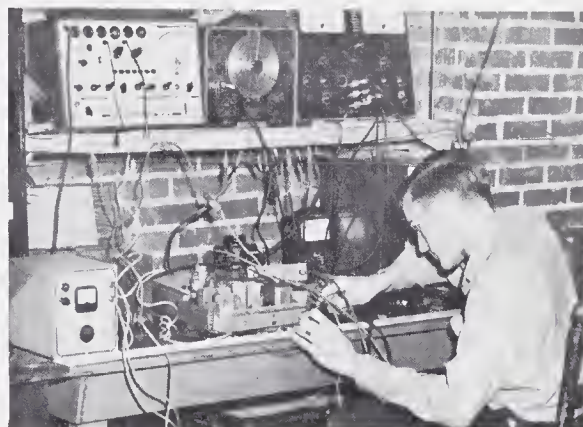


MR. FRANK STEED
Biology, Physics,
Coaching

-All Are Offered In Our Science Department

To biology, chemistry, physics, and aviation, the science department this year added a three-hour course in radio-television. The new vocational course is taught by Mr. Robert M. Hiatt.

Glenn Simmons, a member of the radio-television course, is intent upon repairing this radio.

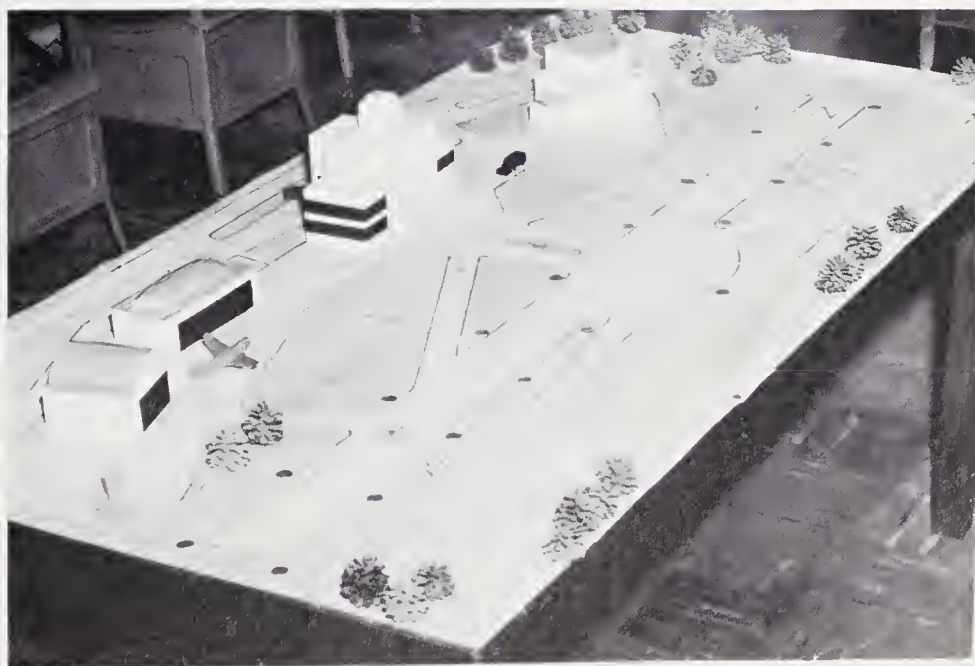


MRS. LORRAINE McKINNEY
Biology, Chemistry,
Arithmetic

Jerry Nester takes over Mrs. McKinney's chemistry class to demonstrate the distillation of water.

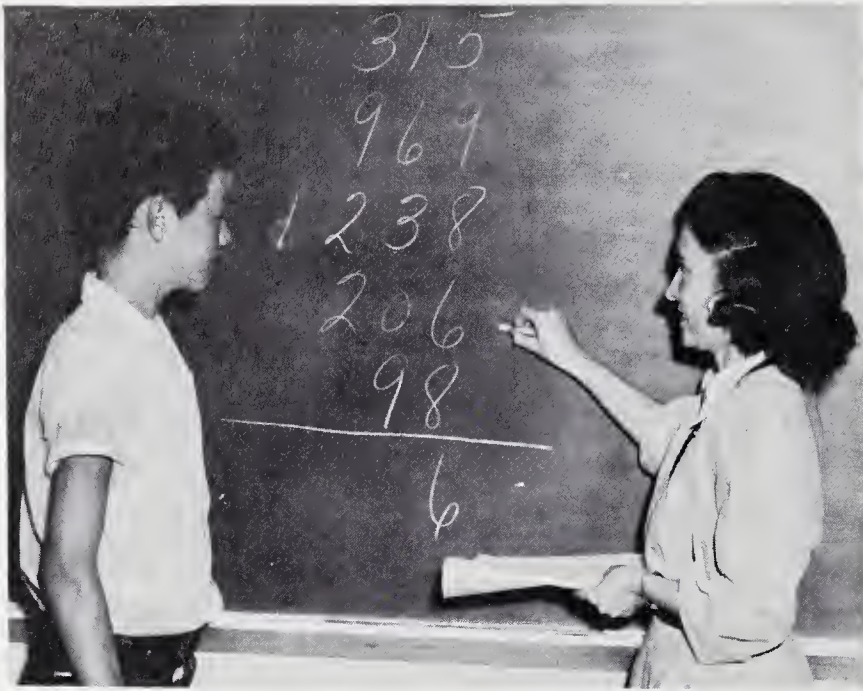


MR. ARNOLD RAMEY
History, English
Aviation, Physical Ed.



The boys in Mr. Ramey's aviation class enjoyed making this model airport.

There Are Classes For



Freshmen find arithmetic has many pitfalls. However, this line of figures is not difficult to add when Thomas McHone has Mrs. McKinney to help.

The math department consists of four teachers offering thirteen classes in arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and trigonometry.

In order that no one's math needs will be overlooked, the commercial department offers, in addition, courses in bookkeeping and business math.



MRS. VERA THOMAS
Algebra, Arithmetic



Mrs. Thomas shows Vera Carl, her daughter and a member of her algebra I class, the correct graphing method.

All Our Math Needs

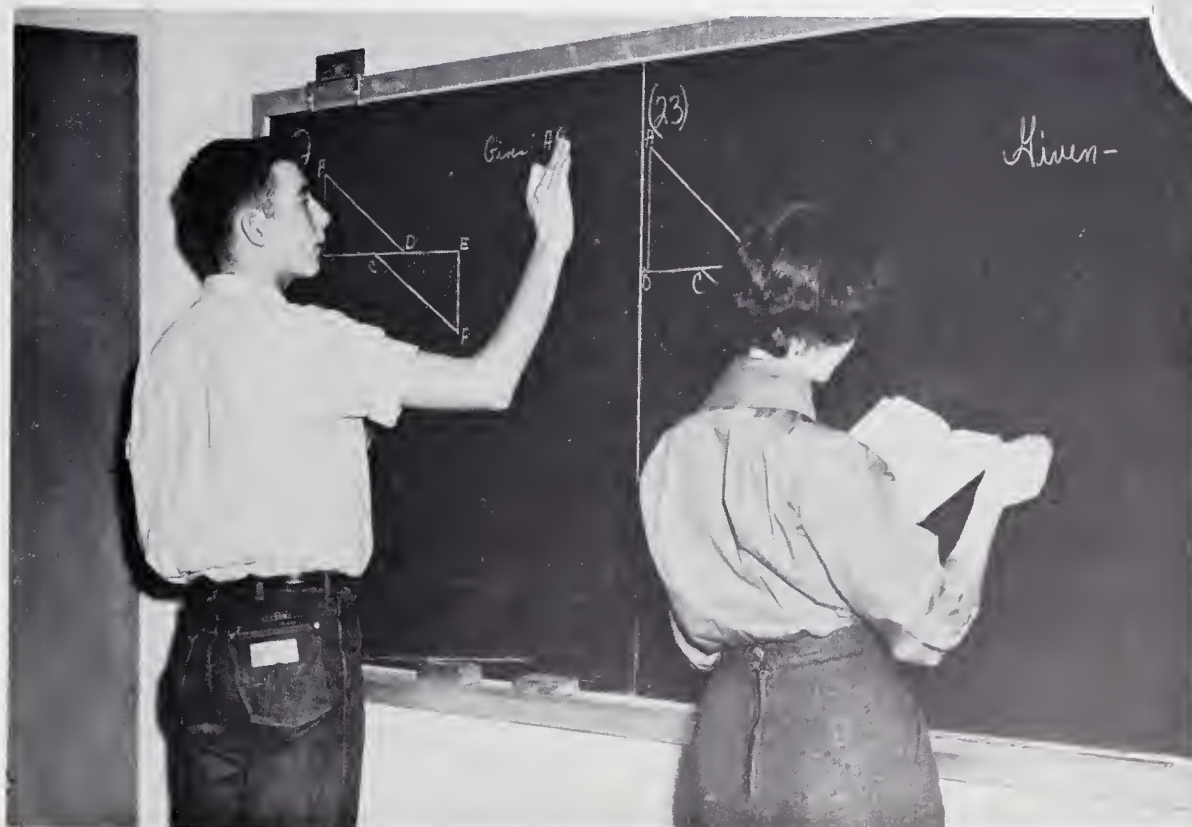


MR. H. M. FINCH
Trigonometry



Sarah Springthorpe and Linda Cox study the chart which shows different occupations to which trigonometry may lead them.

MRS. CAROLINE SYDNOR
Algebra, Geometry



"Geometry is not hard for us." agree Bud Oliver and Belle Harkrader as they prove lines parallel.

Home Economics Aids Pleasant Living



A creation to rival Dior's is in preparation here. One of the many things these girls learn from their home making course is the correct way to cut cloth. Mrs. Watt Shuford, instructor, (left) demonstrates as Janice Leftwich, Connie Nance, Wilma Smith, and Wanda Kirkman look on.



MRS. VALERIA SHUFORD
Home Economics



The Surry and Yadkin County District vocational meeting was held here on September 11, 1954. With the two visiting delegates are: (Front row, left to right) Norma Brown, vice-president; Dorothy Hull, president; Janice Leftwich, secretary. (2nd row, 3rd from left) Annette Baber, parliamentarian; Mrs. Shuford, advisor



Mrs. Steelman of Yadkinville, president of Surry-Yadkin group of Home Economics teachers is labeled by Wilma Smith.

Shop Work Gives Practical Experience

The vocational shop department offers two shop classes, one mechanical drawing, and a three-hour carpentry class. This year the boys in carpentry have worked on the new gymnasium located next to the shop building.



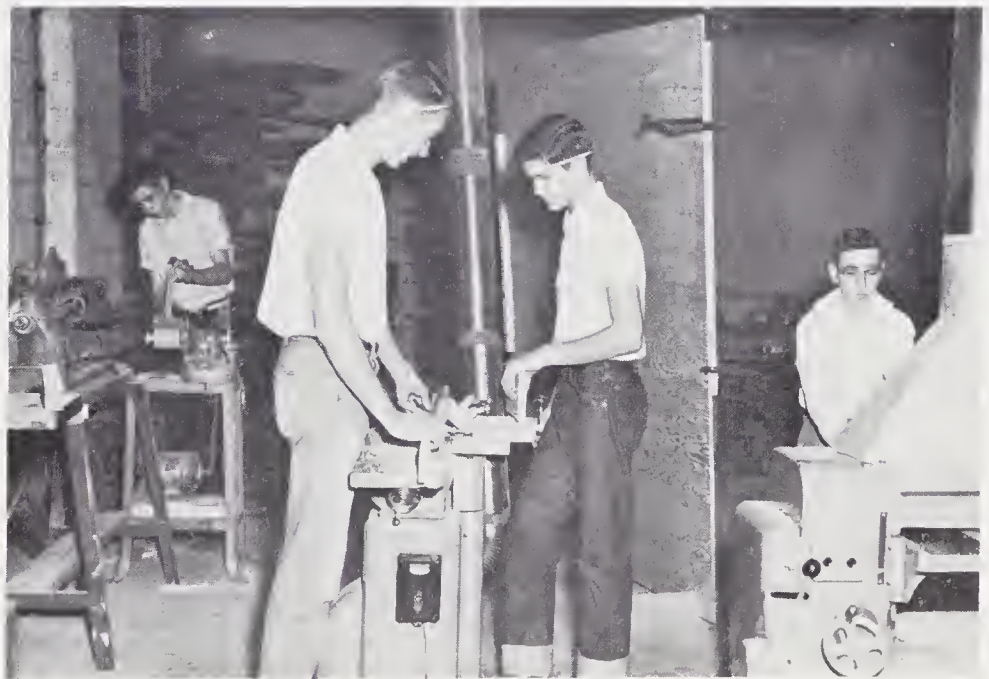
Bobby Withers works industriously at his mechanical drawing.



The boys in Mr. Williams' carpentry class work eagerly toward the completion of our gym.



MR. GEORGE WILLIAMS
Shop

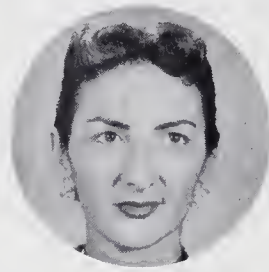


The shop is a busy place. Here Leonard Jackson, Jack Smith, Jimmy Hale, and Bobby Shaw work at the lathe and other shop machinery.

Commercial Courses Prepare Office Workers



Carolyn Inman looks on as Lucy Sydnor demonstrates the helpfulness of an adding machine in office practice class.



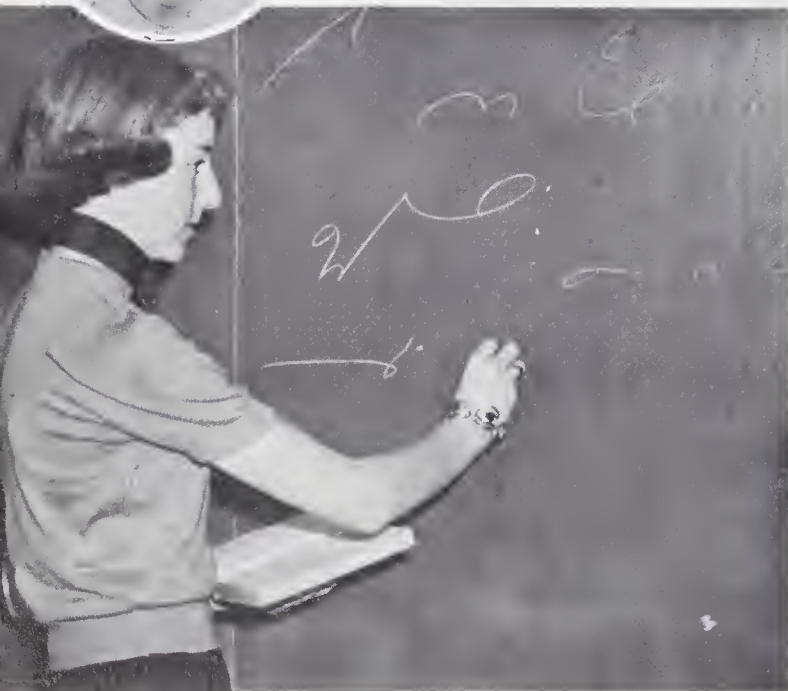
MRS. ANNE PRUITT
Bookkeeping, Typing,
Office Practice

The commercial department offers a varied program designed to prepare students for jobs. Three instructors hold classes in typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, office practice and business training. Noncommercial students may take courses in the department as space permits.

MRS. MARY BOYLES
Typing



MISS ELEANOR SHUMAKER
Shorthand, Business Training



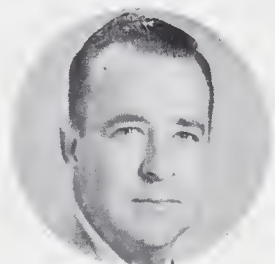
Gerry Brannock tackles shorthand with the typical enthusiasm of a student for learning anything new.



Mrs. Boyles, instructor, gives Carolyn Inman expert assistance on a typing difficulty.

Music Develops The Aesthetic; Well Stocked Library Rounds Out All Departments

MR. CHARLES JOHNSON
Band, Glee Club



The music department schedules two classes for glee club and one for band. Two periods are used for work with elementary school band students. Many extra hours of work put in with afternoon and evening practices insure performances of an excellent, professional caliber,

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Over 4,800 books, fifty magazines, five newspapers, helpful assistants, interested librarian, pleasant surroundings, and work atmosphere—these are combined in a library that supplements all other departments of our school.



(Top) Mr. Johnson directs a glee club concert. (Above) Band members Harvey Pulliam, Joe Johnson, Sam Wall and George Williams, Jr., get in some extra practice.

MISS JEAN SIMPSON
Library



Miss Simpson confers with Dean Brown as Eddie Bondurant helps Don Rose and students use library.

"Hillmen desire their hills."
—Kipling





Companions

Seniors

Superlatives

Juniors

Sophomores

Freshmen



Bill Adams
Charles Adams

Beth Ashby
Billie Ayers

Joyce Ayers
Carl Badgett

John Baity
Dawn Belton

Kermit Bondurant
Barbara Bowman

After Years Of Anticipation

Senior class officers are Jerry Nester, president; Mary Jean Marshall, treasurer; Sarah Springthorpe, vice-president; Leon Davis, secretary.

BILL ADAMS
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 3; Baseball 4; Hall Monitor 4; Track 1, 2, 4.

CHARLES ADAMS
Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Football 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Wittiest Senior 4.

ELIZABETH JUDSON ASHBY
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Band 4.

BILLIE NELL AYERS
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Hall Monitor 3, 4.

JOYCE AYERS
Tri-Hi-Y 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Most Athletic Girl 4.

CARL BADGETT
Hi-Y 4.

JOHN BAITY
Hi-Y 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 3.

DAWN BELTON
Tri-Hi-Y 3.

KERMIT BONDURANT
Hi-Y 4.

BARBARA BOWMAN
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Office Page 4.

Seniors



Seniors

JIMMY BOYD

Bus Driver 3, 3, 4.

GERALDINE BRANNOCK

Latin Club Treasurer 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Hall Monitor 4; Vice-pres. Student Council 4; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3.

MARY LYNN BRANNOCK

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Hall Monitor 1; Monogram Club 4.

JIMMY CARPENTER

Hi-Y 4.

LINDA COX

Majorette 2, 3, 4, Chief 4; Latin Club Vice-president 2; Student Council 2, 3; Glee Club 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Chaplain 4; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4; Twirling Corps 1

JOSEPH LEROY CURTIS

Glee Club Soloist 1, 2, 3, 4; Non Coms Club 1, 2 (Fork Union Military Academy) Spanish Club 4; Hi-Y 4.

LEON DAVIS

Glee Club 1, 3, 4, President 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, President 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; High Spots Sports Editor 4; Class prophet 4; Most Popular boy 4.

BETTY JEAN DEATHERAGE

Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 4.

JUANITA DIX

Class Secretary 3; Cheerleader 3, 4, Chief 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Hall Monitor 1, 2; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; Most School Spirited 4; Most Popular Girl 4.



In the senior assembly, For A Rainy Day, Linda Cox becomes quite alarmed as Charles Adams explains how all the kids think their family is rich since their mom spends so much money.

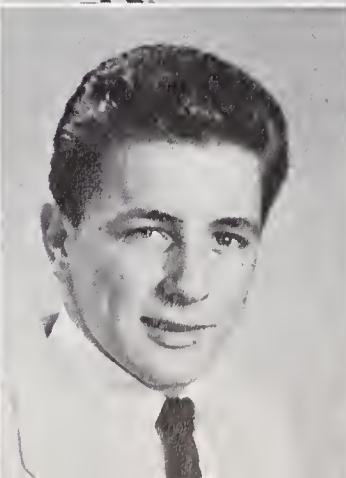
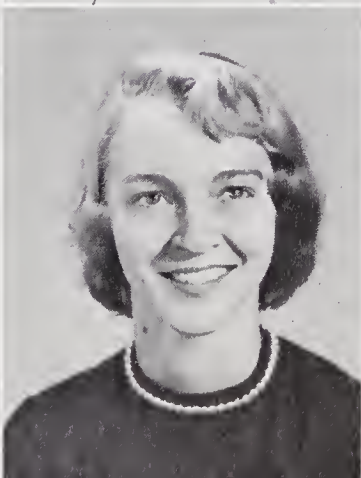
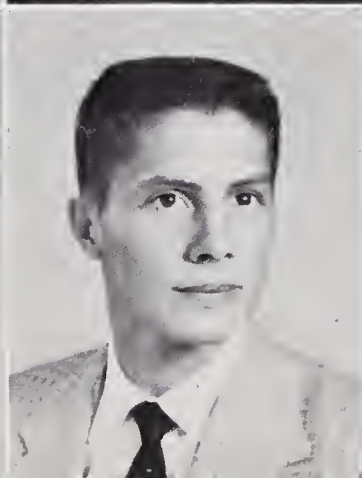
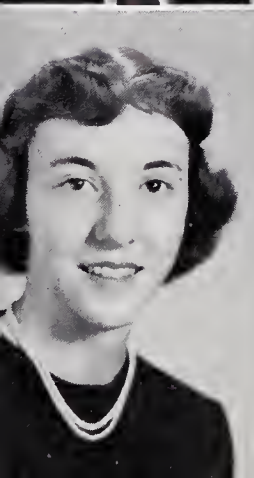
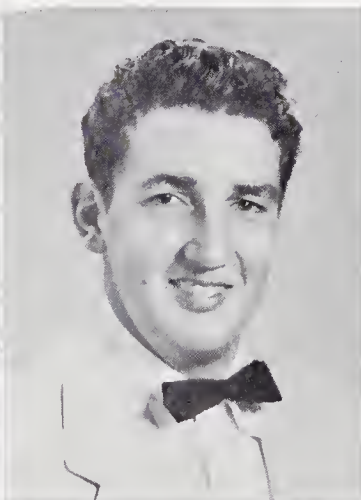
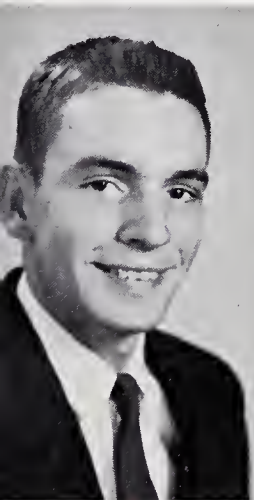
Jimmy Boyd
Geraldine Brannock

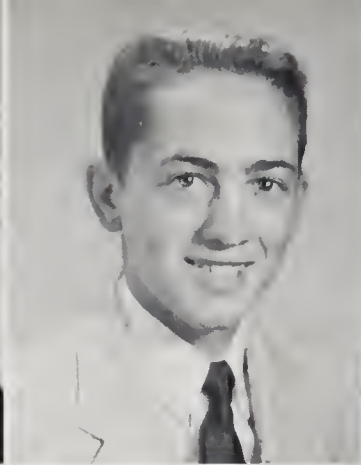
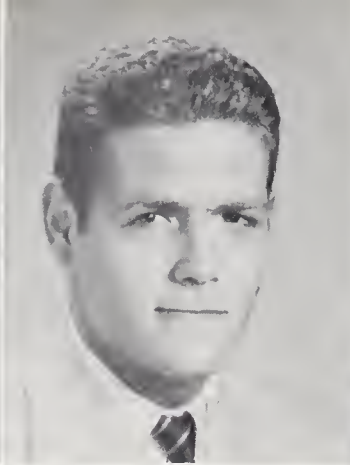
Mary Lynn Brannock
Jimmy Carpenter

Roy Clifton
Linda Cox

Joe Curtis
Leon Davis

Betty Deatherage
Juanita Dix





Marie Edmonds

Don Edwards

Louise Eldridge

Benny Felts

Libby Ann Finch

Reach Desired Goal Seniors

Class night speakers elected by the senior class make plans with their class sponsor, Mrs. Barringer. (Left to right) Charlotte Robertson, poet; Mrs. Barringer; Sarah Springthorpe, historian; Leon Davis, prophet; and Jerry Nester, testator.



In the senior assembly play, a neighbor comes to the Schaffers' rescue with a box of food just in time to impress the boss that the family is in dire need of money. (Left to right) John Baity, Charles Adams, Mary Mon Key, and Libby Finch.



MARIE EDMONDS
Tri-Hi-Y 3; Student Council 1.

DON EDWARDS
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3; Bus Driver 3, 4.

LOUISE ELDRIDGE
Glee Club 4; Spanish Club 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; J. V. Basketball 1.

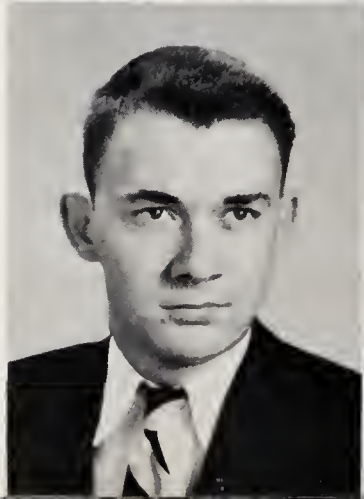
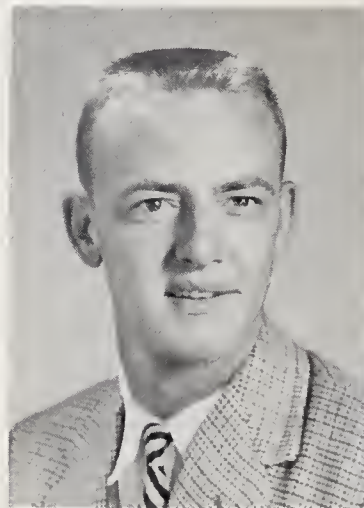
BENNY FELTS
Glee Club 1, 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Student Council 1.

LIBBY ANN FINCH
Class Vice-president 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3, 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; Marshal 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Reporter 4; High Spots Picture Editor 4; Student Council Treasurer 4; Latin Club 2; Candidate for Student Council president 3.

ZANE GALYEAN
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Zane Galyean
Edwin Goad

Mary Jo Goad
Bettie Gunnell



Seniors

EDWIN GOAD

Student Council 1, 2; Airmont Staff 3; Hall Monitor 3; Candidate for Mr. M. A. H. S. 2; Hi-Y 3, 4; Office Page 3, 4; Marshal 3; Most Studious Boy 4.

MARY JO GOAD

Tri-Hi-Y 4; Spanish Club 4; F. H. A. 2.

BETTIE GUNNELL

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

GIBBS GWYN

Glee Club 2, 4; Band 3, 4, President 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Substitute Bus Driver 3, 4; Spanish Club 4.

JACK HALL

Glee Club 2, 3, Business Manager 3; Hi-Y 3, 4, Chaplain 4; Bus Driver 3, 4.

SYLVIA HANTZOPOULOS

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Library Assistant 2, 3, 4; High Spots Advertising Manager 4; Delegate to Hi-Y—Tri-Hi-Y Camp 4.

MARY LOUISE HATCHER

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

BETTY ANN HAWKS

F. H. A. 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2.

RAY HEMRICK

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Business Manager 3; Hi-Y 3, 4; Airmont Staff 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; (Palm Beach: Class Treasurer 1; Football 1; Civics Club 1.)

SHIRLEY HENDERSON

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 3, Treasurer 2; Latin Club 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4.



"Meet Mount Airy High School!"

For the first program in a series of broadcasts about schools in our vicinity, these seniors present a radio skit to inform the public of our life at Mount Airy High School. The profile was written and dramatized by (left to right) Leon Davis, Libby Finch, Charlotte Robertson, Mary Nell Parker, George Wright, Libby York, and (not seen) Lynda Pell, Sylvia Hantzopoulos.

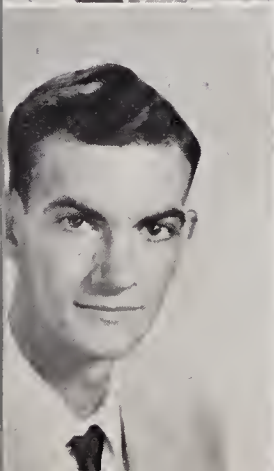
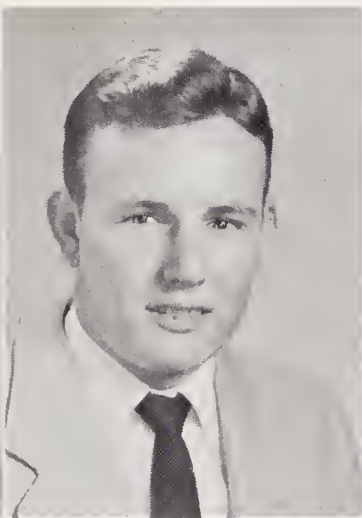
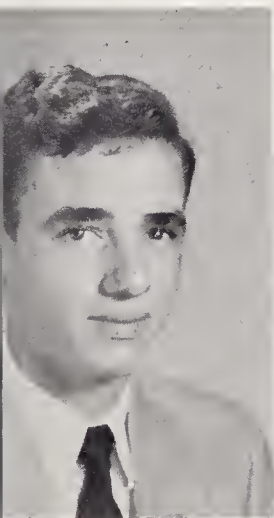
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Clive Hall

Jack Hill
Sylvia Hantzopoulos

Mary Louise Hatcher
Betty Ann Hawks

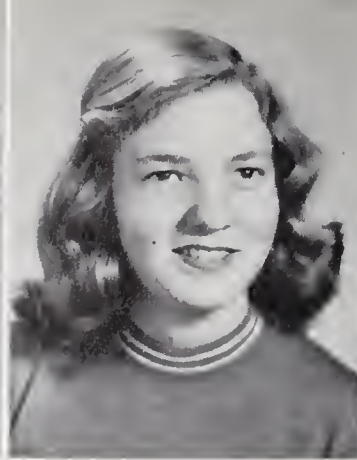
Curtis Hawks
Roseann Hayes

Ray Hemrick
Shirley Henderson





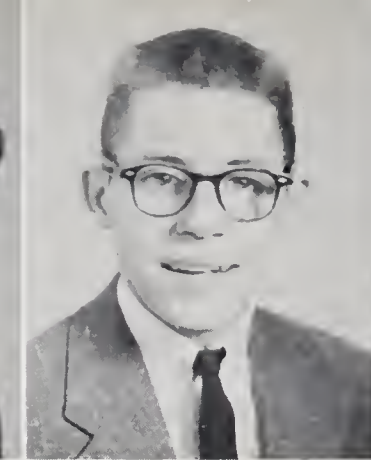
Betty Hiatt



Nelda Hill



Lou Ann Holloway



Elbert Hull



Paul Hull

Increased Activity And Prestige

BETTY HIATT

Student Council 1, 2; F. H. A. 1; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Latin Club 4.

NELDA HILL

Latin Club 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4, Librarian 4; Homecoming Candidate 3, 4; Student Council 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; High Spots Circulation Manager 4.

LOU ANN HOLLOWAY

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; High Spots Girl's Sports Editor 4; Office Page 4.

ELBERT HULL

Basketball Manager 1, Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, Vice-president 4; Glee Club 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3.

CAROLYN INMAN

F. H. A. 1; Hall Monitor 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4.

MARY FAYE JACKSON

Tri-Hi-Y 3; Student Council 3.

WILMA JARRELL

Glee Club 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Candidate for Miss M. A. H. S. 2.

SHIRLEY JONES

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

MARGARET JOYCE

Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Librarian 4; Latin Club Secretary 2; Majorette 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, President 4; Student Council 4, Secretary 4; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3.

MARY MON KEY

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Airmont Staff 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Library Assistant 2, 3.

KATHLEEN KING

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

NEWTON KING

Bus Driver 3, 4.

BOBBY KISER

Glee Club 2, 4; Sportsman Club 2 (High Point Senior High); Hi-Y 2, 4.

BETTY JEAN LEFTWICH

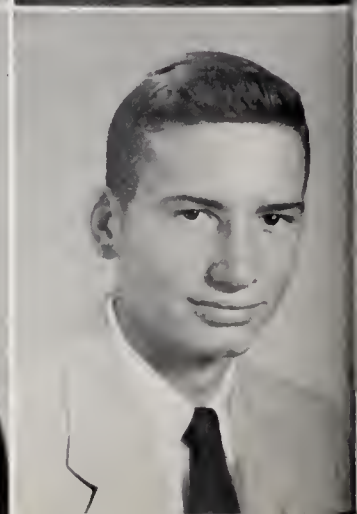
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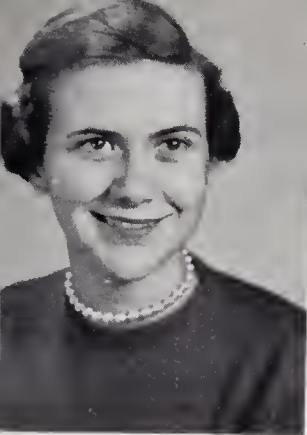
Margaret Joyce
Mary Mon Key

Kathleen King
Newton King

Seniors

The funeral of Walkertown, complete with corpse, choir, and mourners, won first prize in the homecoming parade for room #105.





Carolyn Inman

Mary Fay Jackson

Wilma Jarrell

Shirley Jones

WILMA LOFTIS

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3.

MARY JEAN MARSHALL

Latin Club Secretary 2; Student Council 3; Marshal 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Secretary 4; Airmont Staff 4; Glee Club 4; Class Treas. 4; Most Studious Girl 4.

ANITA MASSEY

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

BOBBY MONDAY

Hi-Y 4.

LINDA MOSELEY

Latin Club 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Vice-president 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4.

SHELBY MOSER

Tri-Hi-Y.

JERRY NESTER

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Most Improved 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 4; Class Officer 2, 3; Class President 4; Hi-Y 4; Student Council 4; Latin Club 2; Office Page 3, 4; Candidate for Mr. M. A. H. S. 2, 3; Hall Monitor 2; Testator 4; Best Personality 4.



Linda Moseley balleted a portrayal of a bull fight in the Tri-Hi-Y talent show.

Bobby Kiser

Wilma Loftis

Anita Massey

Bobby Monday

Shelby Moser

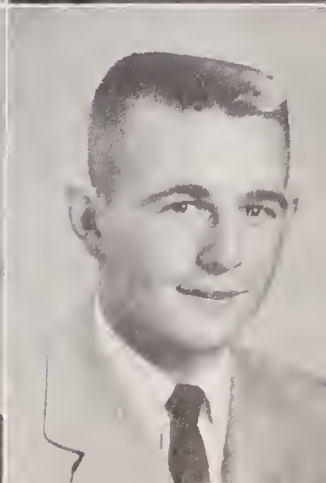
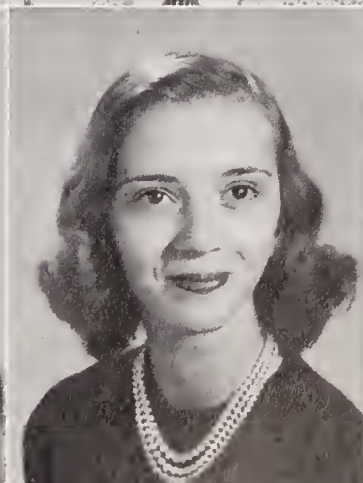
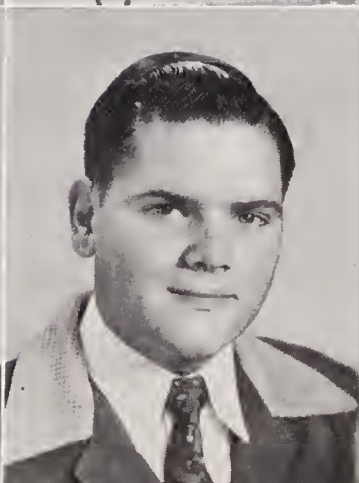
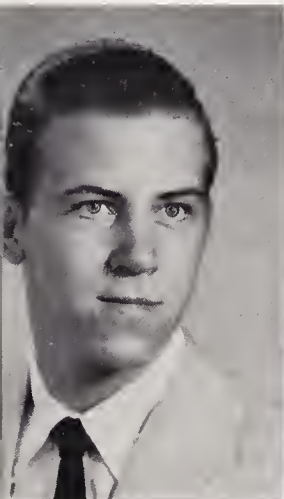
Betty Jean Leftwich

Mary Jean Marshall

Ronald McMillian

Linda Moseley

Jerry Nester





Priscilla Nixon

Mary Nell Parker

Lynda Pell

Bobby Perkins

James Reynolds

Look Forward To Graduation

Bobby Perkins proudly receives his class ring from Mrs. Barringer, senior teacher, and Mr. Paddison, the Herft-Jones representative.



Editors Mary Nell Parker and George C. Wright, Jr. look over the school paper and discuss the various meetings they attended at the North Carolina Scholastic Press association at Chapel Hill.



Seniors

PRISCILLA ANN NIXON

Glee Club 2, 3; Latin Club 2.

MARY NELL PARKER

Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice-president 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 2; Airmont Staff 2, 3, 4, Associate Editor 3, Editor 4; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4.

LYNDA PELL

Latin Club President 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4, Sergeant-at-arms 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4, Librarian 4; Airmont Staff, Typist 4; Marshal 3; Candidate for Student Council Vice-president 3; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y Conference 3; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; Nominee for Homecoming Queen 4.

BOBBY PERKINS

Hi-Y 4; Student Council 1, 3; Spanish Club 4; Hall Monitor 3, 4.

JAMES REYNOLDS

Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Hi-Y 3, 4, Secretary 4; Student Council 4; Hall Monitor 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Spanish Club Secretary-Treasurer 4; Intramural Basketball 3.

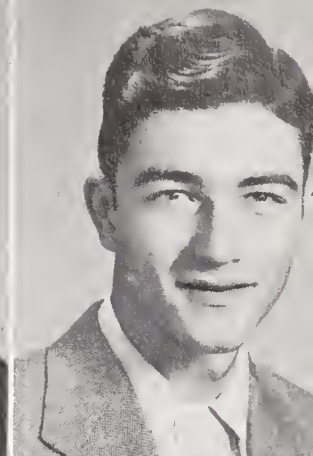
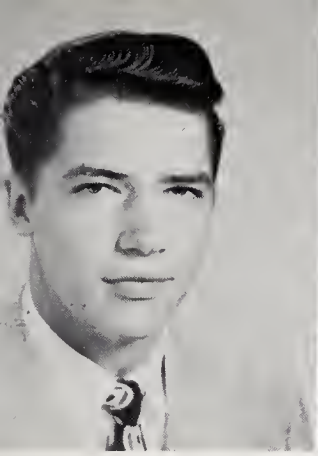
RAYMOND REYNOLDS

Boxing 1 (Hargrave M. A.); Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 4.

Denny Shelton

Sandra Shelton





Ray Reynolds

Betty Ruth Roberts

Charlotte Robertson

Isabell Scott

Edward Seal

But Hate To Leave The Fun

Seniors

BETTY ROBERTS

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Hall Monitor 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 2; Teen-Age Club 2; Dramatics Club 2 (Dobson).

CHARLOTTE CREVELING ROBERTSON
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Library Assistant 4; High Spots Outside Circulation Manager 4; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4; Class Poet 4.

ISABEL SCOTT

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

EDWARD SEAL

Glee Club 3, 4.

DENNY SHELTON

Hi-Y 4.

SANDRA SHELTON

Latin Club 2; Glee Club 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3; Student Council 4; Hall Monitor 1.

GLENN SIMMONS

Glee Club 2, 3.

KAY SIMMONS

Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Spanish Club 4; Student Council 1; Hall Monitor 2.

JAMES SITISON, JR.

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Marshal 3; Latin Club 2; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3.

MAMIE HELEN SMITH

Tri-Hi-Y 3.



Senior majorettes are Linda Cox, Margaret Joyce, and Sarah Springthorpe.

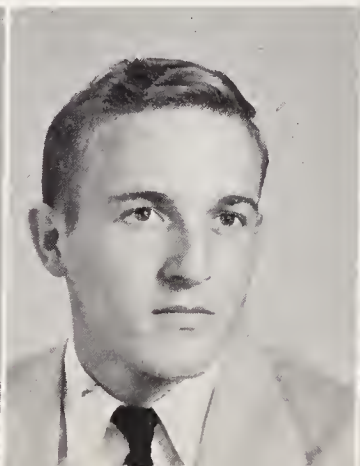
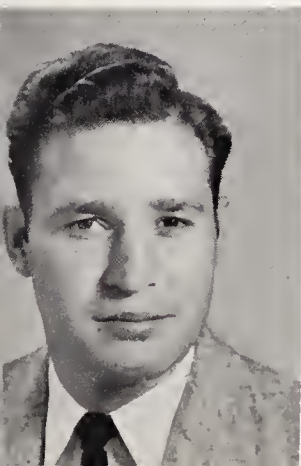
Conrad Simmons

Glenn Simmons

Kay Simmons

James Sitison

Mamie Helen Smith





Sarah Beck Springthorpe



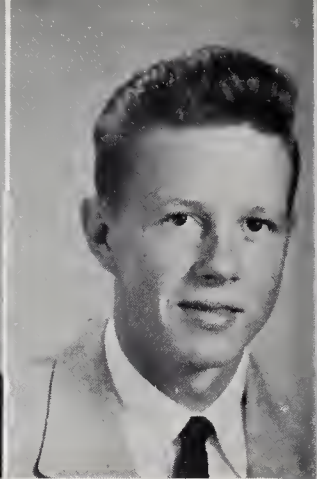
Margaret Starr



Granville Sydnor



Lucy Sydnor



Denver Taylor

SARAH BECK SPRINGTHORPE
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Twirling Corps 1; Major-ette 2, 3, 4; Latin Club President 2; Library Ass't. 2, 3, 4; Air mont Staff 3, 4, Business Manager; Class President 1, 2; Vice-president 4; Candidate for Miss M.A. H.S. 1; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3; Candidate for Student Council President 3; Student Council 1, 2; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y—Hi-Y Camp 4; Nominee for Homecoming Queen 4; Marshal 3; Class Historian 4.

MARGARET ANN STARR
Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Hall Monitor 1.

GRANVILLE SYDNOR
Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Best Looking Boy 4.

LUCY SYDNOR
Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Nominee for Homecoming Queen 2, 3, Queen 4; Hall Monitor 2, 3; Office Page 4; Prettiest girl 4.

DENVER TAYLOR
Hi-Y 4.

JACK TAYLOR
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Track 2, 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4.

WELDON TAYLOR
Baseball 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3.

PATRICIA TICKLE
Library Assistant 2, 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Monogram Club 4.

BETTY LOUISE TILLEY
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin Club 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4.

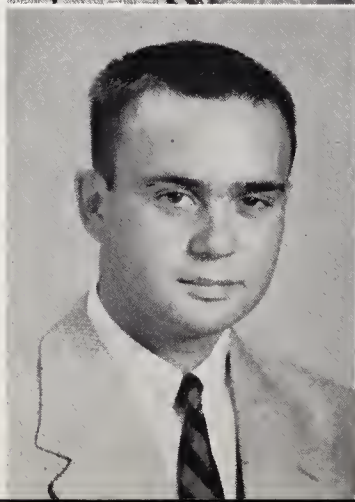
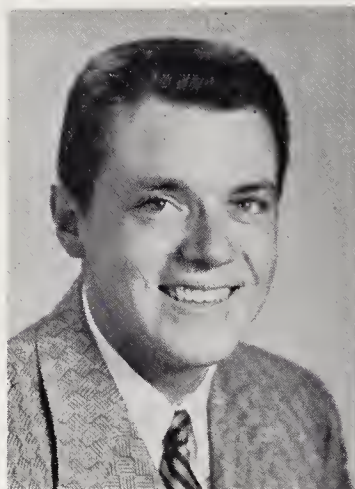
And Friends Of Our

George Wright smiles proudly as he displays his Lion's Club Essay Cup. The 1954 topic was Highway Safety.



Jack Taylor
Weldon Taylor

Patricia Tickle
Louise Tilley



Seniors



BARBARA TOLBERT
Glee Club 2, 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Hall Monitor
4; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee 3.

BILLY TRACY
Hi-Y 3, 4.

JEWELL WAGONER
Student Council 1, Alternate 3; Glee Club
1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Latin
Club 2; High Spots Business Manager 4;
Office Page 4.

LA RUE WELCH
F. H. A. 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4.

WANDA WILLARD
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Library Assistant 3; Office
Page 4; Latin Club 2.

RAYNO WILSON
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-captain 4; Baseball
1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Most
Athletic Boy 4.

GEORGE C. WRIGHT, JR.
Glee Club 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; High Spots Editor
4; Class Treasurer 3; Latin Club 2; Chief
Marshal 3; Baseball 2, 3; Office Page 3;
Candidate for Student Council President 3;
Boy Most Likely to Succeed 4; Lions' Club
Essay Winner 3.

MARGARET WYRICK
Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Library As-
sistant 3; Hall Monitor 4.

ELIZABETH YORK
Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4;
Tri-Hi-Y 3, 4; Glee Club Pianist 2, 3, 4;
Candidate Miss M. A. H. S. 2, 3; Feature
Editor High Spots 4; Air mont Staff 2, 3;
Class Secretary 2; Latin Club Treasurer 2;
Spanish Club 4, President 4; Girl Most
Likely to Succeed 4; Marshal 3; Nominee
for Homecoming Queen 4.

SHERRILL YOUNGBLOOD
Hi-Y 4; Track 1; Baseball 1; Student Coun-
cil 1, 2; Shop Assistant 4.

Hills Of Home

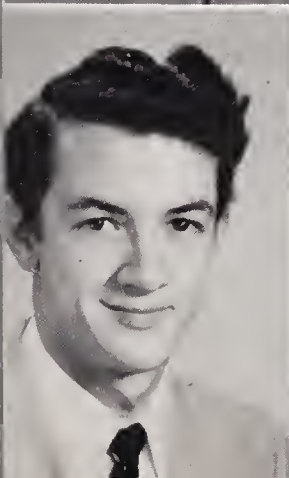
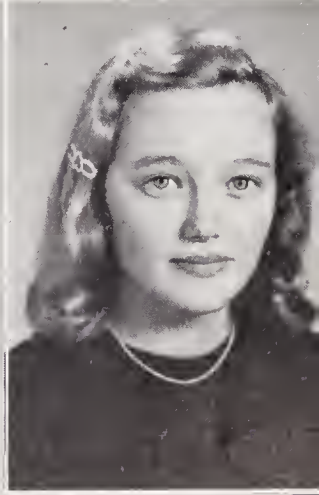
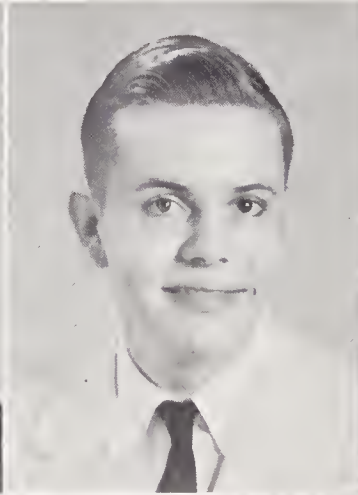
Barbara Tolbert
Billy Tracy

Jewell Wagoner
La Rue Welch

Wanda Willard
Rayno Wilson

Geo. C. Wright, Jr.
Margaret Wyrick

Elizabeth York
Sherrill Youngblood

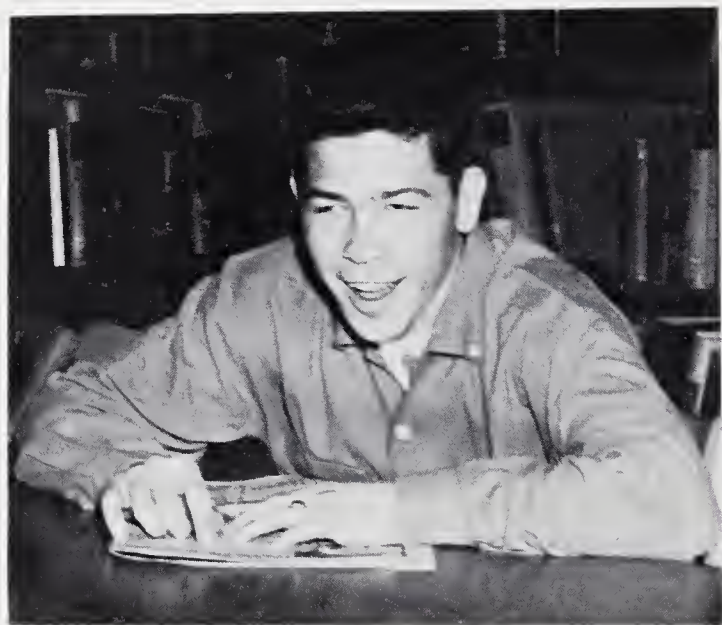


The superlatives are chosen each year by the vote of the senior class.



BEST PERSONALITY
Jerry Nester

SENIOR



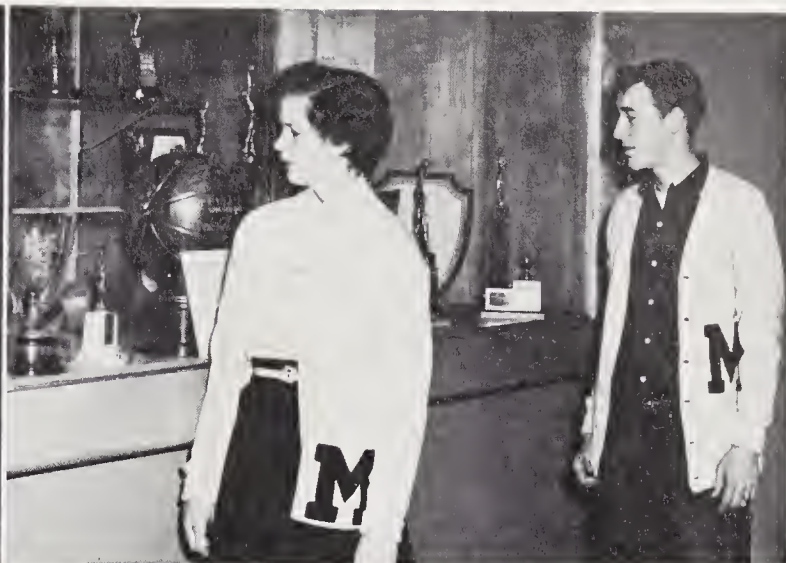
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MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
George Wright and Elizabeth York



BEST LOOKING
Lucy and Granville Sydnor



MOST ATHLETIC
Joyce Ayers and Rayno Wilson

SUPERLATIVES



MOST POPULAR
Leon Davis and Juanita Dix



MOST STUDIOUS
Edwin Goad and Mary Jean Marshall



MOST SCHOOL-SPIRITED
Juanita Dix

Juniors Enjoy Busiest Year -

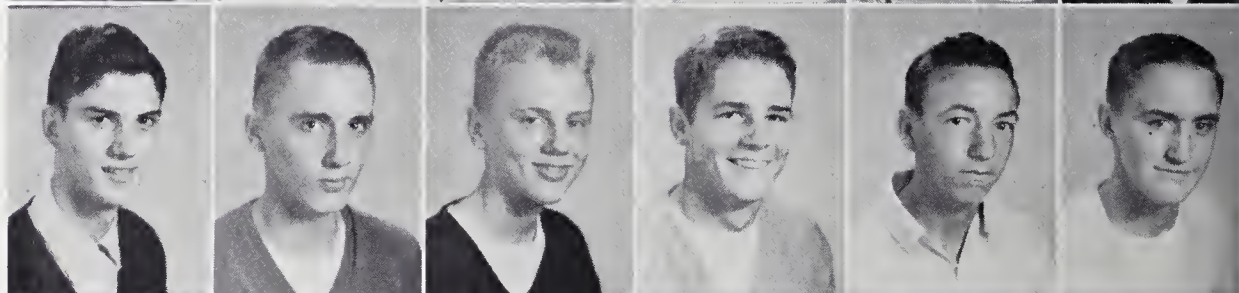


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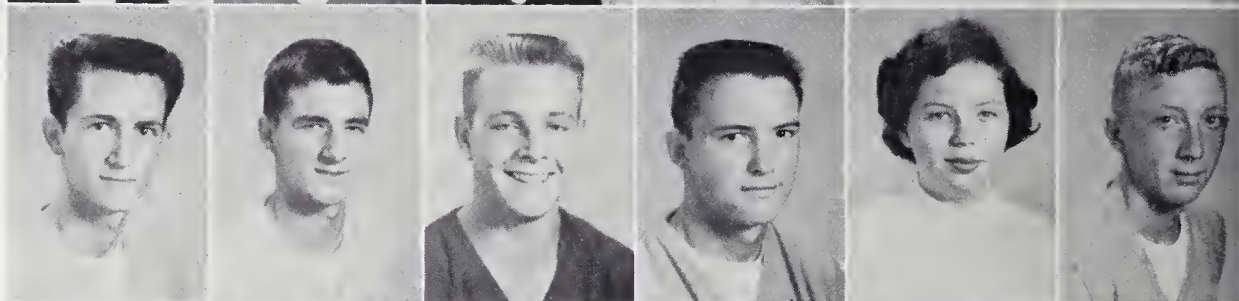
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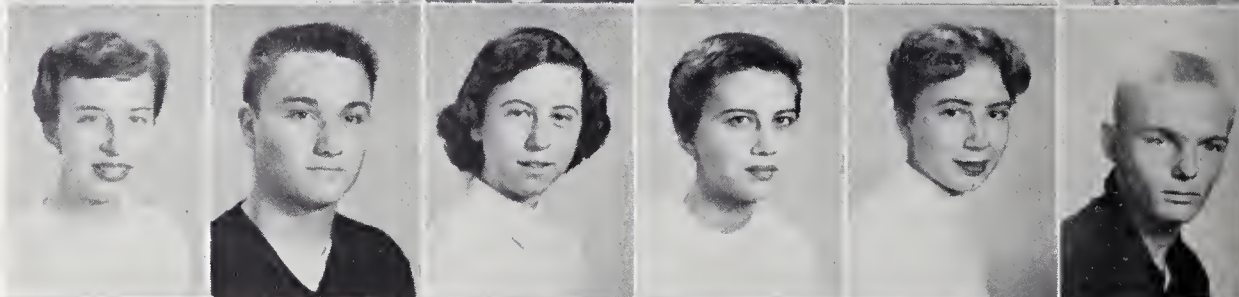
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 Thomas Burrus
 Geraldine Chilton
 Ann Christian
 Shirley Clifton
 Bobby Coble



Judy Coe
 Shirley Collins
 Ralph Cooke
 Bob Davis
 Jerry Dodson
 Sarah Doggett



Tri-Hi-Y Activities, Assemblies, Prom



The Junior play, written by Elaine Hoover and Sybil Williams (inset), dramatized an average family visited by their mentally unbalanced rich Aunt Prunella. The family was amazed by Aunt Prunella's sudden attraction to a cab-driver. (Right) Cab-driver, Hubert McMillian, and Aunt Prunella, Ann Allred.

After a mysterious disappearance, Aunt Prunny returns married to the cab-driver. (Above) Claudia Ramsey, the Negro Maid, looks on as a youthful Aunt Prunny spans her nephew, Gary Sutphin.



Norma Draughn
Grady Eaton
Dan Ellis
Ann France
Betty Golding
Curtis Gordon

Jo Ann Gough
Donald Gravely
Arnold Griffith
Elbert Hall
Belle Harkrader
Ralph Harris

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

Ken Hill
Elaine Hoover
Gaye Jackson
Carolyn Jacobs
Alease Jefferson
Tim Jessup

Barbara Jester
Mary Ann Johnson
Dean Jones
Tom Kerr
Wilma King
Jimmy Kirkman

And Larger Part In The School Program

Juniors



Dan Ellis turns opera singer for the talent show.



The homecoming float from Mr. Ramey's home room 108 shows Curtis Gordon as Walkertown's corpse, and (left to right) Jimmy Kirkman, blowing taps; Barbara Jester, Annette Baber, and Eleanor Warren, cheerleaders; and Gary Brown, victorious Mount Airy.



Wanda Kirkman
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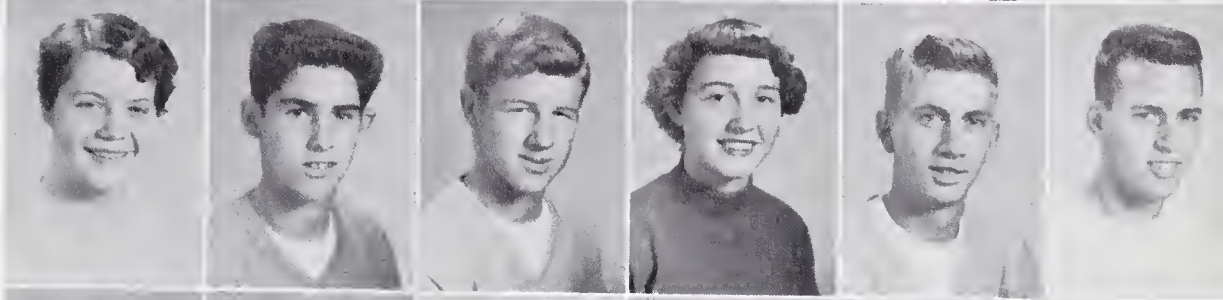
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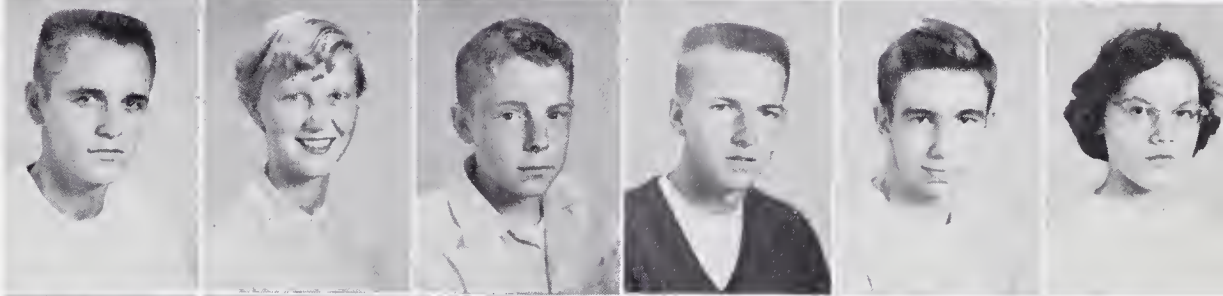
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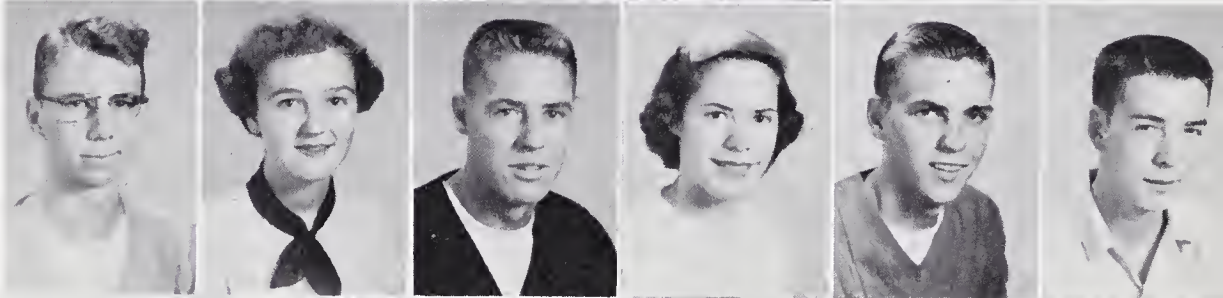
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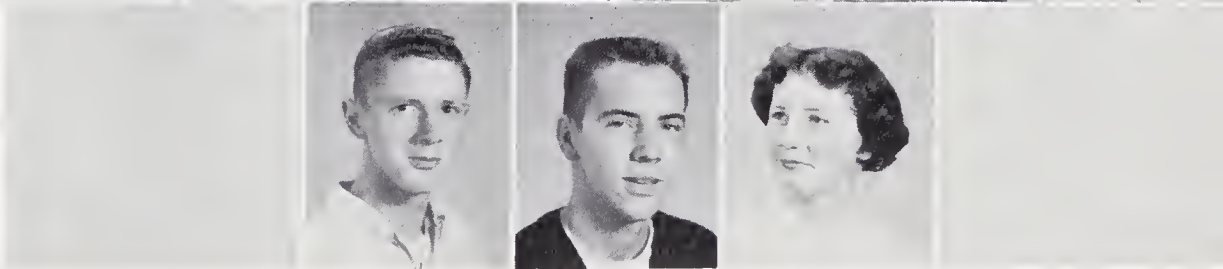
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Ken Tilley
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Bob Tyndall
Betty Vogler



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



Elmer Whitt
Bobby Withers
Sybil Williams



Among juniors trying out for cheerleaders are Sandra Midkiff, Wayne Pack, Betty Snow, Donna Patterson, and Dan Ellis.



Belle Harkrader, besides being an excellent dancer, this year won first non-fiction award and had an article accepted in American Girl.

Juniors

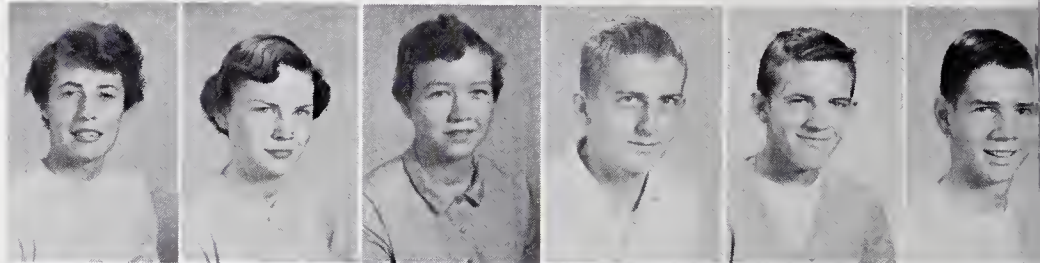
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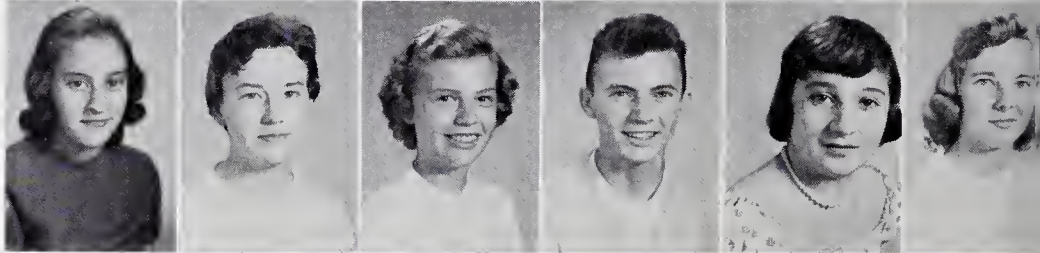
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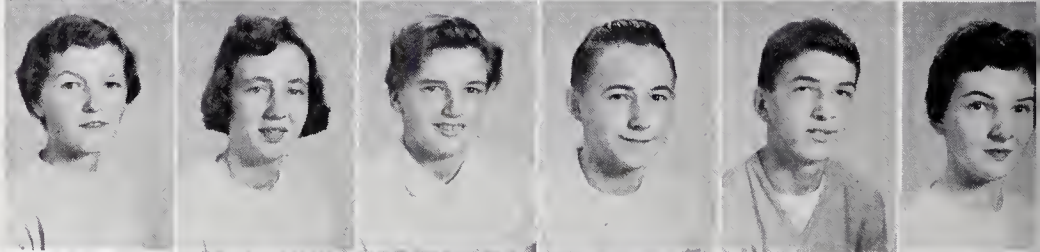
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Larry Cannoy
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Linda Childress
 Melvina Clifton
 Nelda Clifton
 George Coble
 Jimmy Cox
 Carol Sue Dobson



Jimmy Dowell
 Glenn East
 John Edinger
 Jane Edwards
 Betty Ellis
 Gaye Fleming



Sophomores



Dan Slate and Tommy Mayberry pantomime "Hernando's Hide-a-way" for the talent show.



The sophomores turn hill-billy as Debby Hauser, Betty Jo Bray, Carol Sue Dobson, and Mary Frances Simpson gives a rendition of "Mountain Dew."



Larry Frank
Ishmael Forest
Amy Jones
Martha Jones
Tom Glass
Billy Ray Goins

Kaye Ann Goins
Mary Goard
Freddy Gray
Mona Griffin
Bobby Gwyn
Barbara Hale

Jimmy Hale
Debbie Hauser
Peggy Haynes
Billy Hiatt
Carol Hiatt
Edsel Hiatt

Roy Hiatt
Ina Mae Hill
Dot Hull
Johnee Inman
Bill Jackson
Margaret Jarrell

Margaret Jarvis
Alice Jessup
Leonard Johnson
Roland Jones
Jackie Journey
Howard Journey

Sophomores



Frances McHone
James McHone
Bill Lamm
Roger Lyons
Mable King
Worrell Kurtz
Freddie Martin

Linda Massey
Christine Matthews
Tommy Mayberry
Doris Mears
Bob Medly
Harlan Milstead
Peggy Monday

Bobby Moody
Alvin Murphy
Phillip Nichols
Betty Jo Payne
Jimmy Pell
Marilyn Petrick
Gene Pruett

Maxine Puckett
George Quesisberg
Sidney Ramsey
Marvin Robertson
Mildred Robertson
Katherine Self
Frances Shackelford

Iris Shelton
Clara Simmons
Douglas Simmons
Kathleen Simmons
Sue Simmons
Mary Simpson
Dan Slate

Edward Smith
Jack Smith
Peggy Smith
Phil Smith
Roy Lee Smith
Wilma Smith
Jo Anne Southern

Sara Jo Sparger
Betty Starr
Linda Stevens
Helen Steele
Carolene Surratt
Robert Thomas
Betty Thore

Edward Tickle
Richard Vaughn
Kenny Watson
Rebecca Westmoreland
Jane Welch
Randell Willard
Donald Woodruff

Freshmen



Class Officers

Betty Hiatt Treasurer
 Linda Jones Secretary
 James Baity Vice-president
 Jenny Ruth Pruett President

Minnie Adkins
 Ronnie Alderman
 Roy Ayers
 Jimmy Baity
 Jimmy Barker
 James Barker
 Mary Ann Barker
 Belva Beck
 Donald Beck
 Faye Bennett
 Jean Berrier
 Jerry Beverly
 Gilmer Blackburn
 Johnny Blue
 Helen Bond
 Nancy Bondurant
 Buddy Bowman
 Linda Bowman
 Marietta Bowman
 Patricia Bowman
 Jimmy Boyles
 Edgar Brooks
 Dink Caldwell
 Rachel Calloway
 Debby Calloway
 Donald Cannoy
 Barbara Carpenter
 Martha Carroll
 Jack Caul
 Peggy Childress
 Jerry Childress
 Ruth Chilton
 Willie Mae Collins
 Nancy Collins
 Betty Lou Cline
 James Craddock
 Wade Cruise
 Tony D'Amico
 Reginald Davis
 Aravaley Dawson
 Belva Deatherage



Freshmen



Sammy Deatherage
Linda Dowell
Esther Draughn
Janice Easter
R. J. Easter
Bonnie Edwards
Donald Edwards

Dalmar Everheart
Audrey Ferguson
Johnny France
Judy Gardner
Clark Gilbert
Jimmy Goad
J. D. Goins

Hazel Griffith
Faye Hall
Jerry Hall
Sylvia Hall
L. K. Harold
Kenneth Harris
Franklin Hawks

Hayford Hawks
Betty Lou Haynes
Peggy Haynes
Gary Henderson
Tommy Hennis
Betty Gray Hiatt
Margaret Hiatt

Erma Hill
Wayne Hill
A. J. Hodges
Harold Hodges
Patricia Hodges
Beulah Holloway
Janie Holloway

Kathleen Holt
Sybil Hurst
Jackie Inman
Sam Inman
Joe Johnson
Wayne Johnson
Gaynelle Jones

Linda Jones
Raynell Jones
Steve Jones
Edna Mosely
Sylvia Mosley
Faye Matthews
Clyde Martin

Annie Lee Marsh
Linda Loftis
Judy Kirkman
Joyce Kirkman
Jane Merritt
Betty McMillan
Mabel McMillian

Paul McGee
Thomas McHone
Fred McHone
Rachel Midkiff
Ray Mills
James Monroe
Helen Moore

Freshmen

Louise Morris
 Joe Norman
 Dick Parker
 Gaye Patterson
 Carol Payne
 James Peoples
 Sarah Phillips



Homer Pyles
 Phyllis Poore
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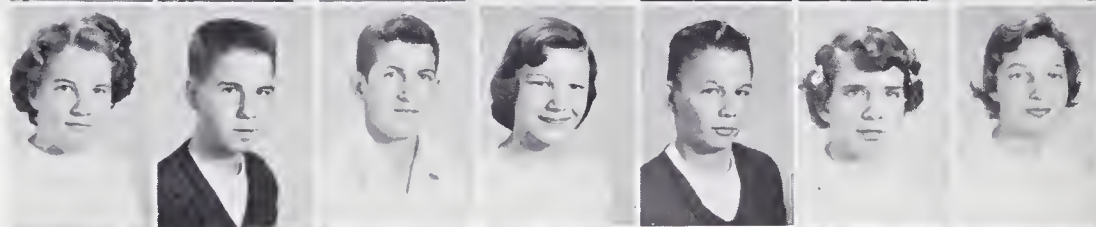
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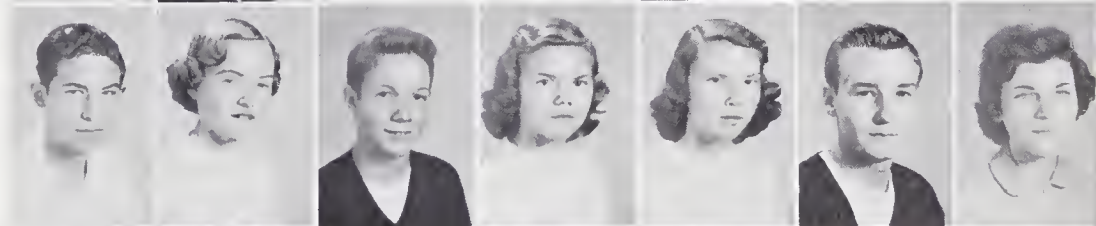
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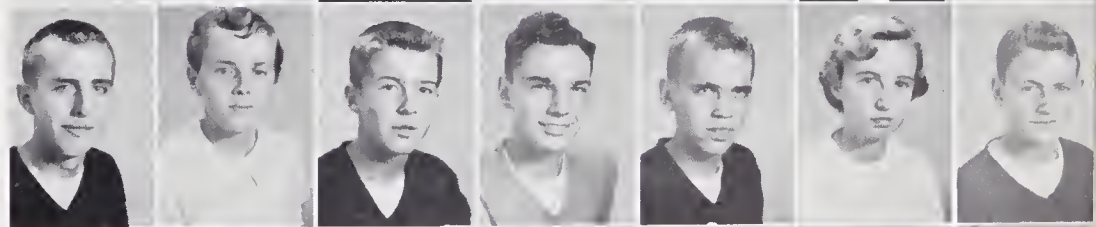
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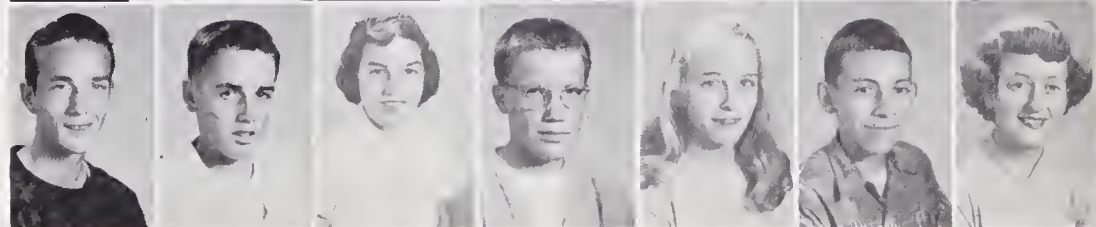
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 Sam Wall
 Melvina Ward



Bobby Watson
 Faye Watson
 Mickey Watson
 Don Weddle
 Joe Welch
 Novie Welch
 Donnie Willard



Robert Willard
 George Williams
 Helen Williams
 Billy Withers
 Linda Worrell
 Billy Wray
 Barbara Young



"Hills peep o'er hills,
And Alps on Alps arise."
—Pope





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Student Council Election Activity



From a list of eligible juniors the student body chose four candidates to run for president. Each of the four candidates then chose a vice-president to run on his ticket. A campaign manager was also selected by each candidate. A busy week of poster making, speeches and a special assembly program followed. In the 1954 elections the candidates were so evenly supported that three run-offs were necessary. In the final election the candidate and his running mate receiving the majority of votes became president and vice-president of the student body.

The Student Council is composed of a representative and an alternate from each classroom and the presidents of our school clubs. To remain in the council an average of 85 on all scholastic work and 90 in citizenship is required. At the end of each quarter a qualifications committee checks on eligibility of each council member.



Winning candidate, Libby York, and James Merritt, campaign manager, (top left) are pleased with their poster. (Inset) Gerry Brannock, winning vice-president candidate.

Making posters is a big part of campaign preparations. Here Libby Finch, candidate, and Margaret Joyce, manager, put the finishing touches to one of their posters.



Bobby Taylor, campaign manager, and Sarah Springthorpe, candidate, inspect one of their many effective posters.



George Wright, candidate, and his manager, Leon Davis, try a different technique in their campaign—notices on lockers.

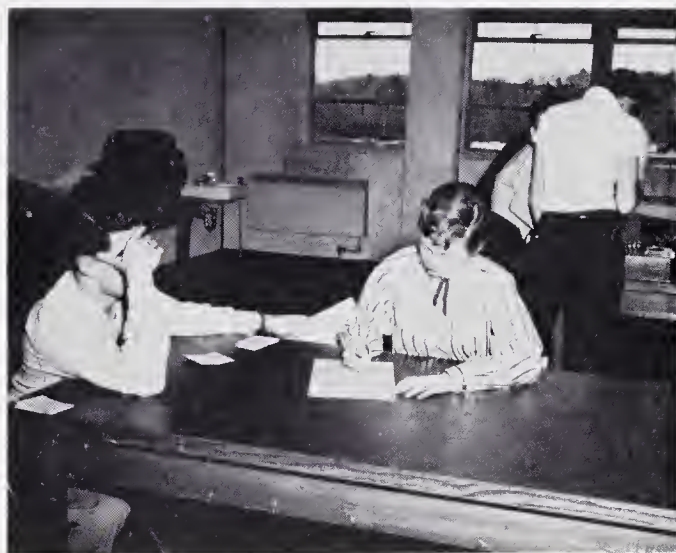
Furnishes Peak Excitement

Care of the building is a major activity of the Student Council. During the week the clean-up committee checks on the assigned areas of each homeroom. At the Council meeting on Tuesday mornings a report is made of the condition of each homeroom area, and awards are given to those homerooms which best-cleaned their area.

Council members also supervise traffic in the halls and cafeteria, issue passes to library assistants and High Spots and Airmont staff members and appoint hall monitors to check students' hall permits. The senior committee of the Council tries students for disobeying school rules.



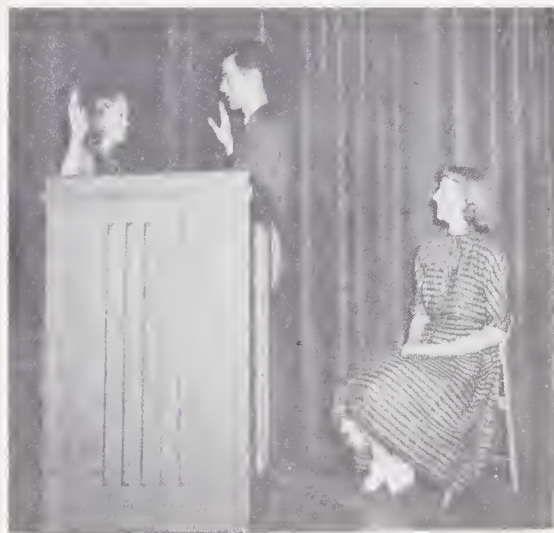
Vice-presidential candidates (top, right) Linda Cox, Edwin Goad, Gerry Brannock and Lynda Pell practice public speaking for the campaign.



Virgil Christian and Barbara Fowler (seated) check off the homerooms as they turn in their ballots while Dick Phillips (standing) tabulates the votes on the adding machine.



President Libby York discusses a council problem with the senior trial committee including Margaret Joyce, Gerry Brannock, James Reynolds, Sandra Shelton, Jerry Nester and Leon Davis.



Outgoing president Robert Smith swears in Libby York, president; as Gerry Brannock, vice president, looks on.

Student Council Works For



President Libby York presides over a student council meeting. Representatives are (left row, front to rear) Edwin Goad, Margaret Joyce, Ausiva Mills, Bud Oliver, Betty Jo Bray, James Reynolds, Mrs. Barringer. (Center row) Libby York, Leon Davis, Bill Lamm, Margaret Jarvis, Sandra Shelton, Sarah Lou Phillips, Sybil Williams. (Right row) Gerry Brannock, Peggy Smith, Dorothy Hull, Jane Merritt, Debby Calloway, Debby Hauser.



Under sponsorship of the student council, areas of school are assigned to each homeroom to keep clean. Lou Ann Holloway and Kermit Bondurant carry out a typical duty as they dust the lockers.

Highest Possible School Efficiency



Mrs. Barringer, advisor, and Ann Allred, Dick Phillips, and Barbara Fowler, members of the constitution committee, look with pride at their finished product—Mount Airy High School's first constitution.

Hall Monitors



(1st row, front to rear) Curtis Gordon, Billy Belton, Stuart Smith, Jo Ann Southern, Kathleen Simmons. (2nd row) Jimmy Kirkman, Barbara Jester, Bill Adams, Bill Lamm. (3rd row) Mary Lynn Brannock, Worrell Kurtz, James Reynolds. (4th row) Betty Jean Leftwich, Geraldine Brannock, Geraldine Childress, Bobby Perkins. (5th row) Margaret Wyrick, Kathleen King, Billie Ayers, Johnny Blue, Susan Boyd, Jimmy Ashburn. (Inset) Monitor Gerry Brannock signs a slip for Janice Leftwich.

High Spots Reports The News



Editor George Wright, Jr. (left) and associate editor Linda Cox (right) get advice from outgoing editor, Gail Dobson.

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Advertising manager Sylvia Hantzopoulos delivers a mat to Mr. W. J. Seigler of the Times Publishing Co.



TO

HIGH SPOTS!



Nelda Hill, circulation manager, and Jewell Wagoner, business manager, tally results of a successful subscription campaign as, for the fourth time, students subscribed 100%.



Jewell Wagoner takes an order for stationery from Bobby Withers. The staff members sold stationery to supplement income from ads and subscriptions.

In Professional Manner

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Libby Finch
Jewell Wagoner
Nelda Hill
Charlotte Robertson
Sylvia Hantzopoulos
 members of journalism class



Editor George Wright reminds staff members of the leads to feature in their news stories. High Spots staff includes (1st row, left to right) Libby York, Nelda Hill. (2nd row) Linda Cox, Sylvia Hantzopoulos, Lou Ann Holloway. (3rd row) Leon Davis, Jewell Wagoner, Charlotte Robertson. (Back row) Miss Holder, Libby Finch.



As publication deadline nears, staff members often meet with the advisor at night for extra work. Charlotte Robertson, Miss Holder, and Libby Finch work out some knotty problems at Miss Holder's apartment.

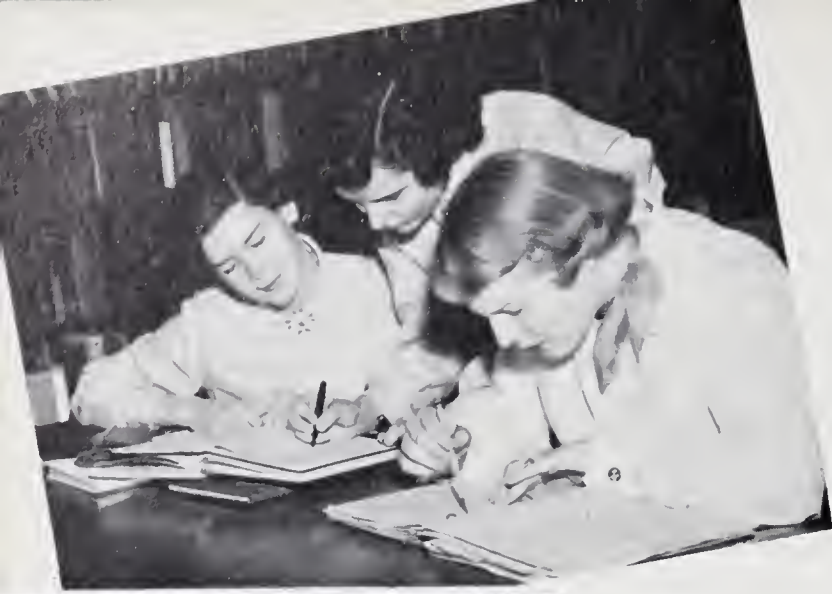
Journalism, made up of selected seniors who have done superior work in English, offers both text book work and the laboratory work of publishing eight issues of the school newspaper. The editor and associate editor, elected by vote of the junior class, appoint other staff officers.

The class meets daily, working on raising funds; assigning, writing, correcting and rewriting stories; planning layout; proofing—all the details that are unknown to the readers but necessary in publishing a first class paper.



As soon as eager students settle down with their copies of High Spots, staff members deliver papers to advertisers. Jewell Wagoner, Charlotte Robertson, Linda Cox, and Nelda Hill leave for town.

Airmont Staff Works



As material for our annual is happily sent to the publisher, work is already beginning on next year's edition. The nucleus of a staff is formed and plans made for the new book. The staff photographer stays busy getting pictures of spring activities. By fall the pace accelerates madly with ads, subscriptions, more pictures, cutlines, layouts, typing—a thousand and one details no yearbook owner will ever know went into the making.

A brief peace follows the rush to meet the publisher's deadline before the staff corrects proofs, gets out letters to our advertisers, collects final payments, and finally distributes the finished product to eager students.



(Top) Shirley Perry, '54 editor, gives some pointers to future editors Mary Nell Parker and Ann Allred.

Unpacking '54 annuals and getting them ready for distribution are (left to right) Sarah Springthorpe, Mary Nell Parker, Shirley Perry, and Frances Haynes.



Staff members discussing new ideas are (1st row) Sarah Doggett, Mary Mon Key. (2nd row, left to right) Mary Jean Marshall, Carol Sue Dobson, Bill Lamm, Ray Hemrick, Sarah Springthorpe, Lynda Pell, Barbara Jester, Ann Allred. (3rd row) David McCarty, Miss Simpson, Mary Nell Parker.



Staff Artist

Around The Year



Mary Jean Marshall and Lynda Pell spend their spare time typing for the annual.



Sarah Springthorpe, business manager, banks Airmont funds.

Mary Nell Parker and Mary Mon Key get pictures ready for distribution to the individuals.

(Inset) Bill Lamm begins to work with David on photography.



Ray Hemrick



David McCarty, staff photographer, after taking and developing pictures for Airmont, works at the enlarger.



Sarah Doggett makes minor repairs on Ronnie Pruett before he has his picture made.

Library Assistants Give



Assistants who help to keep the library running smoothly are: Charlotte Robertson, Sylvia Hantsopoulos, Bettie Gunnell, Pat Tickle, Carol Sue Dobson, Melvina Clifton, Eddie Bondurant, Margaret Jarrell, Wilma King, Marilyn Petrick, Sarah Doggett, Sarah Springthorpe, and Dean Brown.



"Everything happens activity period!" Marilyn Petrick files catalog cards while Sylvia Hantzopoulos checks out a book for Jerry Dodson.



"Oh boy, new books!" First period assistants Carol Dobson, Melvina Clifton, and Sarah Springthorpe eagerly open the shipment of new books.



"Try this one." Eddie Bondurant shelves carded books as Dean Brown helps Minnie May Adkins find a book.

Valuable Aid To School

"Sign here, please."
"Here is your lav. permit."
"Let's check the card catalog."
"I'll find it for you."

These helpful remarks, and many more, are heard any period from the library assistants.

These students give up their study periods to check books in and out, help students find materials, file catalog cards, sign slips, prepare new books, type, inventory books—do all the countless jobs that make the library run smoothly.

The thirteen 1954-55 assistants represent 24 years library service. Seven new students joined the staff; five are serving their third year; one, her second.



The third period library assistants, Sylvia Hantzopoulos and Charlotte Robertson dust shelves and arrange chairs.

Bettie Gunnell works on a display for the bulletin board.



Fifth period assistants Pat Tickle and Margaret Jarrell prepare new books for circulation.



"Look at this!" Wilma King and Sarah Doggett, fifth period assistants, enjoy the news as they check the library's periodical section.

Overlook On Help



(Left row, front to rear) Margaret Money, Carlene Shelton, Isabell Scott, Betty Jean Leftwich, Ann France. (2nd row) Lucy Sydnor, Priscilla Nixon, Barbara Bowman. (3rd row) Wanda Willard, Lou Ann Holloway. (4th row) Jewell Wagoner, Jerry Nester, Tim Jessup, Edwin Goad, Dick Lackey.



These students are not reluctant to give up their activity period to help perform necessary duties. Pages getting their instructions from Mrs. Sydnor are (left to right) Barbara Bowman, Kathleen King and Betty Jean Leftwich.

In addition to their many other duties, our first period pages are responsible for getting the absentee lists to every room each morning. Checking the list are (left to right) Carlene Shelton, Ann France and Tim Jessup.

Given By Office Pages

Pages gain valuable experience and give invaluable service by taking care of many office details necessary to the smooth running of our school.

Counting money, calling absentees and compiling lists, typing, mimeographing, answering the phone, receiving visitors, locating students' records, sorting mail, running errands, making announcements—all these are among the duties of the students who cheerfully give up their free time to help in the office.

Mr. Finch, faculty, and students receive important help from our efficient office pages.



These second period office pages help Mr. Finch prepare announcements for the inter-com system. Giving their able assistance to Principal H. M. Finch (seated) are (standing left to right) Edwin Goad, Isabelle Scott, and Priscilla Nixon.

Checking the class schedule are Jewell Wagoner and Jerry Nester who take over office duties for both third and fourth periods.



Margaret Money, Wanda Willard, and Dick Lackey, sixth period office pages, collect the money that's accumulated throughout the day in the coke machine.



Totaling book fees are Lou Ann Holloway and Lucy Sydnor, busy fifth period pages.



(Reading across top of triangle, left, right, bottom) Margaret Joyce, president; Linda Moseley, vice-president; Mary Jean Marshall, secretary; Gerry Brannock, treasurer; Mrs. Caroline Sydnor, advisor; Linda Cox, chaplain; Libby Finch, reporter; Lynda Pell, sergeant-at-arms; Allred, Ashby, Adkins, Ayers, B., Ayers, J., Baber, Belton, Bowman, Brannock, Brown, Bunker, Christian, Clifton, Coe, Deatherage, Denson, Doggett, Draughn, Eldridge, France, Goad, Gough, Gunnell, Hantzopoulos, Harkrader, Hatcher, Hayes, Haynes, Henderson, Hiatt, Hicks, Hill, Holloway, Hoover, Inman, Jackson, G., Jackson, M. F., Jacobs, Jarrell, Jefferson, Jester, Johnson, Jones, Key, King, K., King, W., Kirkman, Leftwich, B., Leftwich, N., Marshall, D., Marshall, N., Martin, Massey, Midkiff, J., Midkiff, S., Moser, Nance, Nieuwenhuis, Parker, Patterson, Pennix, Ramsey, Robertson, Scott, Shelton, Simmons, K., Simmons, S., Smith, H., Smith, J., Smith, S., Snow, Springthorpe, Starr, Sydnor, Tickle, Tilley, L., Tilley, B., Tolbert, Vogler, Wagoner, Warren, Williams, Willard, Wyrick, York.

Varied Activities Spark Tri-Hi-Y

Talent show, distribution of food and clothing to needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas, Monday morning devotions, Halloween carnival, Christmas play, Sweetheart's dance, group church attendance one Sunday each month, banquet at the end of the year— all these activities have made the Tri-Hi-Y one of the most active and most interesting clubs in our school.



Margaret Hiatt recalls the roaring 20's with her Charleston act for the talent show.



Mount Airy was host to the 1954 Interstate Tri-Hi-Y Conference. Club member Sylvia Hantzopoulos asks Mrs. Doggett if she will keep any of the convention girls.



INTERSTATE OFFICERS
Mary Ann Johnson, Treasurer
Eleanor Warren, Secretary



Rebecca Hatcher, Mary Louise Boyd, Jo Ann Palmer and Judy Pruett look on as Robert Smith and Libby York receive the Bible from Margaret Jones, 1953-54 president of Tri-Hi-Y. The Bible was presented to the student body for devotions in memory of Shirley Jane Peters.



(Reading across top of triangle, left, right, bottom) Leon Davis, president; Elbert Hull, vice-president; James Reynolds, secretary; Gibbs Gwyn, treasurer; Mr. Charles Johnson, advisor; Jack Hall, chaplain; Billy Tracy, sergeant-at-arms; Adams, B., Adams, C., Adkins, Ashburn, Badgett, B., Badgett, C., Baldwin, Baity, Beamer, Y., Beamer, B., Belton, Bengé, Beverly, Bingman, Bondurant, Booker, Britts, Brown, G., Brown, S., Burrus, Carpenter, Clifton, Cooke, Davis, Dodson, Ellis, Felts, Goad, Gordon, Haymore, Hemrick, Hiatt, C., Hiatt, R., Hill, Hull, Jessup, Jones, Journey, Kerr, Kirkman, Kiser, Lackey, Marion, McCarty, McMillian, Mills, Monday, Nester, Oliver, Pack, Perkins, Pruitt, Pulliam, Reynolds, Rose, Royal, Sitison, Shelton, D., Shelton, O., Sutphin, Sparger, Taylor, Tyndall, Wagoner, Welch, Whitt, Withers, Wright, Youngblood.

Hi-Y Offers Fun And Service

Cooperation with Tri-Hi-Y in talent show, distribution of food to needy families, Monday morning devotions, Halloween carnival, and Christmas play; sponsorship of candy sale and twirp season—all these activities have given the Hi-Y boys a successful and busy season.

Leon Davis (3rd from left) calls talent show winners to the front to receive prizes donated by local merchants.



Hi-Y member Melvin Marion demonstrates his salesmanship ability on Marilyn Petrick as he tries to sell her a package of lifesavers.



Joe Curtis, winner of last year's talent show, captures the students' hearts again this year as he sings "The Holy City." (Inset)



Tri-Hi-Y officers prepare for the induction ceremony for all new members: (Left to right) Gibbs Gwyn, treasurer; Jack Hall, chaplain; Leon Davis, president; Mary Jean Marshall, secretary; Linda Cox, chaplain; Margaret Joyce, president.

Club Activities Add Interest

F. H. A.



(First Row, left to right) Willie Mae Collins, Annette Baber, Wilma Smith, Barbara Young, Eleanor Thomas. (Second row) Dorothy Hull, Norma Brown, Mrs. Shuford, Janice Leftwich, Alice Jessup. (Third row) Ruth Brown, Belva Deatherage, Anne France, Treva Summers, Helen Bond, Sylvia Moseley, Martha Jones, Mary Ann Barker, Linda Loftis, Betty Starr.

MONOGRAM CLUB



Monogram members: W. Jarrell, P. Tickle, J. Ayers, J. Dodson, B. Tilley, H. Steele, S. Clifton, J. Smith, G. Jackson, B. Adams, D. Hauser, K. Simmons, M. Brannock, L. Holloway, B. Moody, L. Tilley, G. Supthin, S. Inman, S. Doggett, S. Midkiff, M. Simpson, J. Kirkman, J. Reynolds, L. Moseley, M. Marion, B. Timmons, E. Hull, B. Tyndall, C. Adams, G. Brown, O. Shelton, Z. Galyean, J. Smith, J. Nester, B. Gwyn, R. Wilson, T. Kerr, D. Edwards, P. Hull, E. Hiatt, G. Childress, H. Royal, L. Davis, B. Ward, G. Sydnor. (Inset) James Reynolds, president.

Cheerleaders, Majorettes Add Color And Pep

MAJORETTES



Majorettes adding glamor to the marching band and color to athletic contests are Chief Linda Cox, Peggy Vogler, Margaret Joyce, Sarah Springthorpe, Cynthia Tillotson, and Mary Ruth Vogler.

CHEERLEADERS



Cheerleaders who work as faithfully as the athletic teams for victory, school spirit, and sportsmanship are (left to right) Sandra Midkiff, Lucy Sydnor, Helen Steele, Patricia Tickle, Melvin Marion, Juanita Dix (center front) Bette Tilley, Debbie Hauser, Mary Frances Simpson, and Wilma Jarrell.

Latin Club Gives View Of Old Rome



The Latin Club enjoys a special program: (1st row left to right) Ishmael Forest, Mary Simpson, Phil Smith, Miss Haymore, Bill Lamm, John Cashwell, Kathleen Simmons, Worrell Kurtz. (2nd row) Carolyn Jacobs, Marilyn Petrick, Dan Slate, Larry Frank, Debby Hauser, Kenny Watson, Betty Jo Bray, and Randy Willard. (3rd row) Betty Hiatt, Bonnie Pennix, Jo Ann Southern, Richard Vaughan, Gene Pruett, and Carol Sue Dobson. (4th row) Carol Adkins, Melvina Clifton, Eddie Bondurant, Roland Jones, Dean Brown, John Edinger, and Bill Jackson.



(Left) Io! Saturnalia! The Latin club celebrated the old Roman Christmas with a party in the band room. The program included a skit of the Nativity, songs in Latin, games, and food. Sarah Doggett, portraying an angel, converses with Shirley Simmons, Mary, the mother of Jesus.

(Inset) Miss Haymore, Latin club sponsor, takes time out from playing dolls to open a gift.



(Above) Faculty members and officers reigning from the head table at the banquet held in honor of the birthday of Rome are (left to right) Elaine Hoover, Bud Oliver, Miss Haymore, Mr. Finch, Mrs. Sydnor and Miss Johnson.



"Roman food served by Roman slave girls, Doris Marshall and Gaye Jackson, brings surprise and delight from the freshmen guests at the annual banquet.

Spanish Club Gives Overlook On Spanish America

One of our most interesting clubs is the Spanish club, open to all second year students of Spanish. Activities are both interesting and educational. Once a month members gather to learn and enjoy folk dances of Old Spain. Letters are exchanged with South American students, thereby strengthening our ties and improving our relations with our neighbors to the south. In April, club members are hosts to the first year students at a colorful Spanish costume party held in the band room.

Bobby Perkins and Sandra Midkiff enliven a club meeting with Spanish rythm.



(Above) Mrs. Mackie, Spanish club advisor, looks on with keen interest.



(Center) Sandra Midkiff and Libby York entertain with the "Mexican Hatdance."

(Right) Jo Ann Woodie and Leon Davis demonstrate Spanish techniques in love-making.

The Spanish students present a skit at their annual party. Dressed for the occasion are (left to right) Betsy Smith, Judy Pruitt, Billie Simmons, Sandra Midkiff, Jo Ann Woodie, and Kay Simmons.



Glee Club Furnishes Sweetest

The glee club plays a big roll in our high school life. 140 members meet daily in two separate classes. Forty members from the two classes compose a cut-chorus and meet one night a week for special practice. Beginning in November the glee club has a fifteen minute radio broadcast each Friday. Outside of school appearances, the glee club sings before church and civic groups. The main project of the club is the annual spring concert which draws attendance from our entire town.



MR. CHARLES JOHNSON
Director



LIBBY YORK
Accompanist



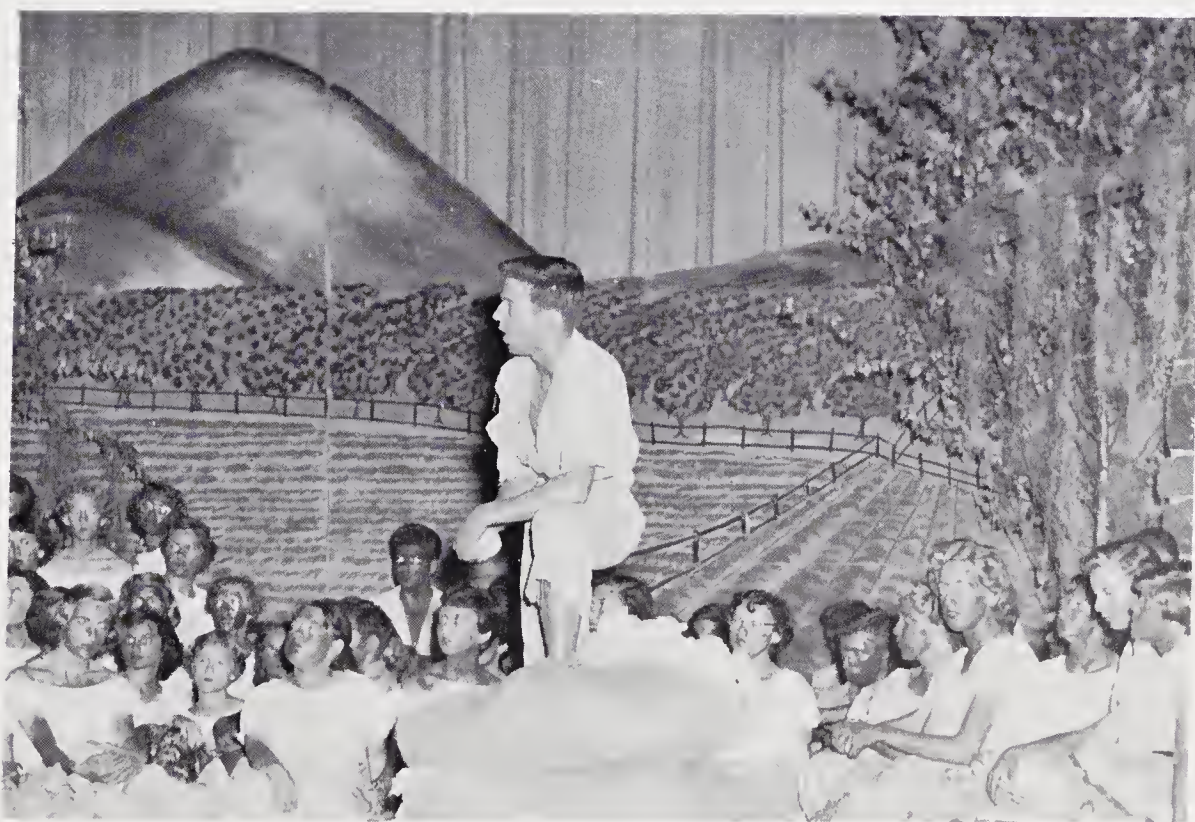
Glee Club officers looking over new music are (left to right) Jo Ann Smith, treasurer; Margaret Joyce, librarian; Gerry Brannock, secretary; Leon Davis, president; Elizabeth York, accompanist; and Sandra Midkiff, vice-president.



Mr. Johnson, music director, and Sandra Midkiff listen to the tape recording of one of the glee club's Friday morning concerts broadcast over a local radio station.

Music In Our Hills

M. A. H. S. GLEE CLUB



A highlight of the annual band-gee club concert was Dickie Phillips' singing the negro spiritual "River Boy" in his rich baritone voice. The effective stage sets added to the beauty of the concert.

Growing Band Adds Pep



M.A.H.S. BAND

Robert Smith, 1954 student council president, presents Mr. Johnson, music director, a clock for use in the bandroom. The student council sponsored a special program to raise money to buy the clock.



The band officers discuss ways to secure more effective practices. Racking their brains for new ideas are (left to right) Harvey Pulliam and Ausiva Mills, business managers; Lynda Pell, librarian; Mary Nell Parker, vice-president; Gibbs Gwyn, president; and Mr. Johnson, director. Not pictured: Phil Smith, secretary-treasurer.

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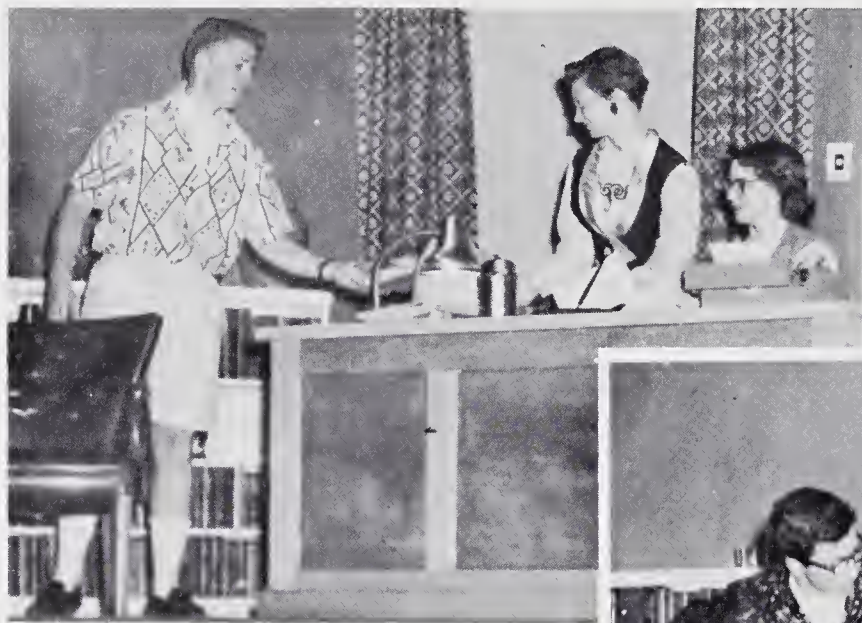
The band has increased from twenty members in '52 to fifty-three members this year. The band performed at all home games and traveled to Reidsville and Winston-Salem. Among other public appearances are concerts at city and county schools.

Johnny Martin, Charles Carter, and Rayno Wilson look after last minute details of fixing scenery for the concert.

Mr. Johnson seems pleased, as he takes a bow, that his concert is a smash hit.



Senior Play Furnishes



(Top) Barbara Fowler, U. S. President, takes a message from Dick Freeman, butler, as Janey Waggoner, secretary, looks on.



(Center) "Just a-min-ute-Mis-ter Pfeffer. Twen-ty-times and then I'm through-" says Dick Phillips, Vicky Lauderbeck, to Bud Warren, Mr. Pfeffer.



"I want someone to play with!" screams Junior to her father who is subjected to a world run by women when there is no time for motherhood.

Peak Enjoyment

The 1954 senior play, Ah! Men!, was a smash-hit in which acting and staging approached professional art.

Mr. Ramey lived up to his well-earned reputation for choosing interesting plays and casting them flawlessly.

The audience thoroughly enjoyed the sophisticated satire on a world ruled by women and its eventual overthrow by the men. The whole town talked about the swift-moving scenes, the enjoyable comedy, the fine acting, and the excellent costumes and set.



Director Arnold Ramey searched for a dramatic production "entirely different" from those of previous years. He chose one that took place 100 years hence when the women ruled the world and the men were pushing for "a cradle in every home and a child in every cradle."



Mr. Ramey, director, talks to the cast of Ah! Men! (Seated) Janey Waggoner, Nancy Tharrington, Betty Royal, Bonnie Blue, Peggie Britts, Dickie Phillips, Barbara Fowler, Gayle Dobson, Glenda Snow, Jimmy Sparger, and Margaret Jones. (Standing) Rebecca Hatcher, Howard Pruitt, Bobby Taylor, Smith Holcomb, Bud Warren, Jo Anne Palmer, and Dick Freeman.

"Hills whose heads touch heaven."
—Othello





Athletics

Football

Basketball

Baseball

Non-Varsity Sports

Granite Bears End Season



On August 15, fifty boys who stayed black and blue started sweating on the practice field to build a fine team.

Fans who have grown to expect good games from the Granite Bears were not disappointed. Only a heartbreaking upset by Hanes and a defeat by Reidsville marred the season's record.

Besides games won, the score books yield some remarkable personal records. Jack Taylor, extra point specialist, made good 24 conversions out of 27 tries. Rayno Wilson, outstanding all-time tailback, completed over three-fourths of the passes he attempted. Rayno received two high honors when he was voted by the public "Player of the Season" in the Mount Airy Times contest and "Most Popular Player" in the Bowman Electric contest. Bobby Ward played in the 1954 Shrine Bowl game at Charlotte.

This player from Mineral Springs couldn't hold on to his pass. Perhaps the look on Bob Tyndall's face made him drop it.

Cheerleaders, led by Chief Juanita Dix, added color and interest to the games.



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THE '54 RECORD

Mount Airy	27	- - -	Franklin	0
Mount Airy	14	- - -	Asheboro	7
Mount Airy	14	- - -	Salisbury	13
Mount Airy	7	- - -	Hanes	13
Mount Airy	14	- - -	Wilkes Central	13
Mount Airy	35	- - -	Gray	14
Mount Airy	14	- - -	Mineral Springs	0
Mount Airy	14	- - -	Tri-City	6
Mount Airy	0	- - -	Reidsville	14
Mount Airy	60	- - -	Walkertown	13



Following Bud Oliver's and Gary Brown's blocking, Rayno Wilson makes good yardage around right end against Mineral Springs.



(1st row left to right) Coach Steed, Harris, Baity, Speight, Caul, Watson, G. Smith, Alderman, Jones, S. Smith, Beamer; Managers Inman, Martin, Simmons. (2nd row) Coach Moir, Cox, P. Smith, Kirkman, Tyndall, Forest, Johnson, Vaughn, Belton, Wilson, B. Adams, C. Adams, Hiatt, Kerr, Coach Shelton. (3rd row) Taylor, Frank, Oliver, Moody, Edwards, Brown, Ward, Childress, Sydnor, Hale, Britts, L. Davis. (4th row) Cooke, R. Davis, Pruett, Gordon, Pell, Mayberry.



It seems it takes the whole Franklin team to bring down Sydnor. Other teams had similar difficulty this year.

The Winter Sports Season



With Bobby Ward, Burton Timmons, Owen Shelton, Jack Smith, James Reynolds and Melvin Marion returning from last year's varsity to give experience, the 1954 Bruins have an improved squad. Again the team has needed height as Ward, Smith, and Reynolds are well over six feet tall, and several other six-footers are coming up. The first games put us well on the winner's side and give hopes for a good season even though the league appears to be the fastest it has been in several seasons.

Owen Shelton scores for the Bruins against Blue Ridge.

Boys' Basketball Squad



(Kneeling left to right) Ray Supthin, manager; Larry Frank, Bobby Gwyn, Owen Shelton, Burton Timmons, Ishmael Forest, and Melvin Marion. (Standing) Sam Moir, coach, Grey Childress, Bobby Ward, Bobby Moody, James Reynolds, Jack Smith, Robert Thomas, and Frank Steed, assistant coach.

Brings Basketball Excitement

The Mount Airy girls team has new hopes this season with letter men Gaye Jackson, Kathleen Simmons, Shirley Clifton, Frances Shackelford, Jo Ann Smith, Joyce Ayers, Louise Tilley, Lou Ann Holloway and Nelda Clifton returning. The lack of height and new rules may prove handicaps. However, the Bruinettes started the season with a tie and a win.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE 1954-1955

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|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| December | 21—Tri-City, Home. |
| 3—Blue Ridge, Home. | 25—Mineral Springs, Away. |
| 7—Blue Ridge, Home. | 28—Hanes, Home. |
| 10—Franklin, Home. | February |
| 14—Elkin, Home. | 1—Gray, Away. |
| 16—Meadows of Dan, Home. | 4—North Davidson, Away. |
| January | 8—Reidsville, Home. |
| 1—High Point, Away. | 11—Walkertown, Away. |
| 4—Hanes, Away. | 15—Tri-City, Away. |
| 7—Gray, Home. | 18—Mineral Springs, Home. |
| 11—North Davidson, Home. | 22-25—County Tourney. |
| 14—Reidsville, Away. | March |
| 18—Walkertown, Home. | 2, 3, 4, 5, Conference Tournament. |



Gaye Jackson shows the form that makes her an outstanding player for the Bruinettes.

Girls' Basketball Squad



(Kneeling, left to right) Barbara Jester, manager, Mary Frances Simpson, Nelda Clifton, Bonnie Pennix, Gaye Jackson, Cynthia Tillotson, Peggy Monday, Ann Childress, Lou Ann Holloway, (Standing) Jo Ann Smith, Martha Carroll, Frances Shackelford, Kathleen Simmons, Louise Tilley, Wilma Smith, Joyce Ayers, Betty Hiatt, Shirley Clifton and Ann Christian, manager.

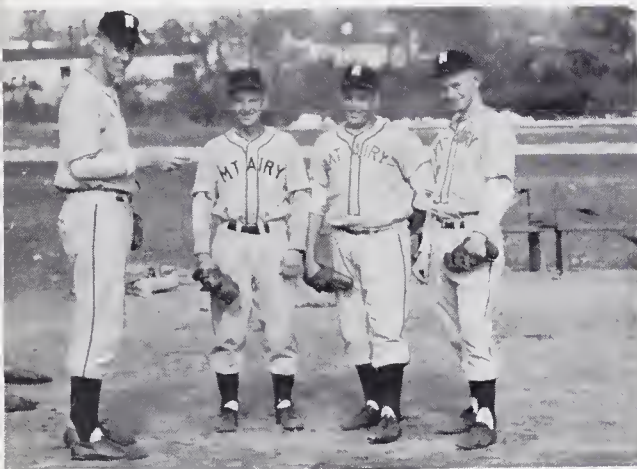
Spring Sports Reach Their Peak In Baseball



(Kneeling) Hubert Royal, manager. (1st row) Charles Kirkman, Edsel Hiatt, Rayno Wilson, Burton Timmons, Bobby Gwyn, Weldon Taylor, Gary Supthin. (2nd row) James Reynolds, Zane Galyean, Gary Brown, Jerry Nester, John Baity, George Wright, Jimmy Kirkman, Coach Sam Moir.

1954 SCORES				
Mount Airy	10	- - -	Blue Ridge	3
Mount Airy	5	- - -	Blue Ridge	9
Mount Airy	4	- - -	White Plains	0
Mount Airy	5	- - -	White Plains	0
Mount Airy	11	- - -	North Davidson	12
Mount Airy	4	- - -	Walkertown	3
Mount Airy	3	- - -	Hanes	5
Mount Airy	3	- - -	Walkertown	4
Mount Airy	9	- - -	Tri-City	4
Mount Airy	1	- - -	Gray	2
Mount Airy	0	- - -	North Davidson	1
Mount Airy	12	- - -	Mountain Park	0
Mount Airy	2	- - -	Hanes	3
Mount Airy	0	- - -	Gray	9
Mount Airy	22	- - -	Flat Rock	2

Games Won 7 - Games Lost 8



The good '54 baseball club seemed unable to shake off a seventh inning jinx that ruined its record. Six games were lost by one run in the last inning.

This year the Bears are expected to growl louder than they have in recent years. With only one member lost by graduation, the squad should be greatly improved by experience.

(Left) James Reynolds shows fellow pitchers Timmons, Hiatt, and Nester how he holds a curve ball.



(Center) Batters preparing to lead their team to victory are (left to right) Gary Supthin, Jimmy Kirkman, Gary Brown, Rayno Wilson, and Charles Kirkman.



"Keep going, boy!" Rayno Wilson waves Jimmy Kirkman around third base for a score.



Jimmy and Charles Kirkman look over their records in the athletic scorebooks. Charles, a '54 graduate, left the Kirkman reputation in both football and baseball in good hands.

Non-Varsity Sports Are Not Forgotten

With the completion of the high school gym, athletics for more students should increase with the 1955-56 term. At present Coach Frank Steed is doing a good job with the junior varsity in both football and basketball.

Intramural basketball developed a great deal of interest in 1954.

The Surry County track meet sponsored annually by the Lions' Club always brings out a large number of cinder-track enthusiasts. A large number of hopefuls are eyeing the '55 meet. (Mount Airy did not participate in the 1954 event.)



Room 6, captained by Joyce Ayers (center) captured girls' intramural basketball championship; room 108, captained by James Reynolds and Harvy Ayers won the boys' cup.

Coaches Steed and Coble have done a fine job on the Junior Varsity this year. Here a future star is pulled down after a 35 yard gain.



Coach Frank Steed (left) and assistant Bobby Coble (right) give J-V Jimmy Baity some football pointers.



Bill Adams clears a hurdle.

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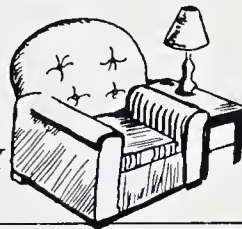



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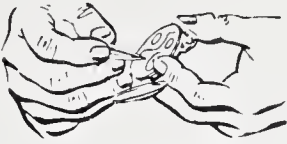


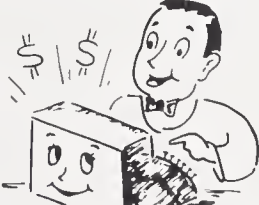

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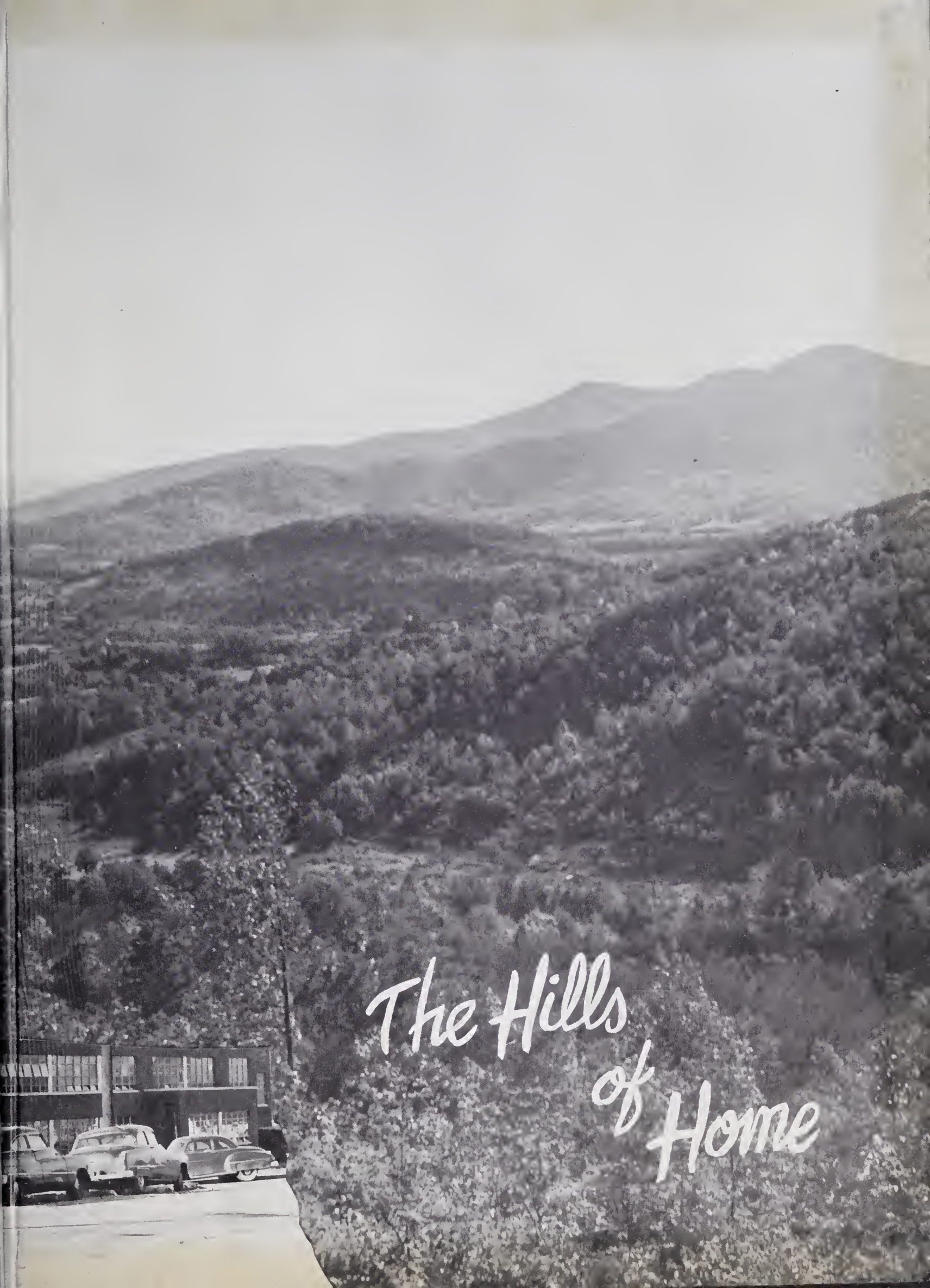












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