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# Teen-Agers ... <br> High Spots 

## Mrs. Hamilton Takes Over Science Post Vacated By Mr. Frank Steed

Mrs. John Hamilton, taking the place of Mr. Frank Steed, science teacher and junior varsity coach, joined the school faculty Monday, October 3.
Mrs. Hamilton is teaching classes in biology and physics, and serving as homeroom teacher for freshmen in room 209.

Since graduating from $W$. C. U. N. C with a major in themistry, she has taught science at Bulat High School, married, and acquire three children.
'ISm looking forward to teach ing and have wanted an opportunity to meet students from Mt. Airy," she said. "l don't know yet, though, how the junior varsity football team and I will get along!
Mrs. Hamilton says she likes everything connected with science except snakes. About lizards she thinks "they aren't so bad."
Having lived in this town for the past six years, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have quickly become a part of the community life.
Mrs. Hamilton is superintendent of a Sunday School departmont at Central Methodist Church and her husband is coach at Beauaah High.
New Requirements Set For Senior Merit Awards


MRS. JOHN HAMILTON dislikes snakes
Science Teacher Resigns, Now Runs Motel

The business world has attract ed Mr. Frank Steed, former bio logy and physics teacher here. Mr Steed, who resigned September 30 , is now operating the Ranch leigh.
"Mt. Airy is the greatest place I've ever lived," said Mr. Steed, "but I feel this move necessary for the betterment of the family. I have really enjoyed working with football, and I will certainly

## Yearbook Is Rated Excellent By Two National Associations

Airmont has won a rating of $\begin{aligned} & \text { theme selection and introduction," } \\ & \text { the NSYA report read. "With a }\end{aligned}$

Airmont has won a Yearbook Association, of ColumbYearbook Association, of Columbia, Missouri, and a First Class Scholastic Press Association, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Ratings were received recently from hath associations, to which copies of the yearbook were sent last spring.
The ' 55 Airmont was the first edition to go to NSYA, an organiedition to go to NSYA, an organi zation whose critical
with yearbooks only.
An A rating is the highest genaral rating given by NSYA. It means HIGHLY SUPERIOR. "Coverage, general readability, and editorial excellence of the book are models for hooks over the nation," said the NSYA judges. "We would like to carry an article on these features in Photo-
lith." This is a national magazine for school yearbook staffs.
"Let us compliment you on

## Staff Members, <br> Advisers Attend <br> Press Conference

Ten students from the Airmon
and the High Spots staffs and Carolina Scholastic Press Institate in Chapel Hill on Saturday, October 1
Those who went from the yearbook staff were Miss Jean Simpson, adviser; Ann Allied, editor; Barbara Jester, lay-out editor; Dot Hull, Joann Southern, Ann Christian, and Ruby Hunt- the NSYA report read. "With a
few improvements, we predict that you will reach NSYA's rare AA rating next year."
The NSYA judges rated the book above average in every field book above average in every field
of grading. They gave it its highof grading. They gave it its high-
est mark on Word Content (headest mark on Word Content (head-
ins, story, captions). "This secdion stands out above the average excellent book," comminted the judges, along with a grade of AA.
In the NSPA grading the book sible 3699. A score of 3700 more would have placed the book in All-American rating, a superior honor very few school publicalions attain.
"We hope to reach that topnotch honor this year," said Mise Jean Simpson, adviser
"We are proud of both these tings," said Ann Allied, present editor. "The comments and criticisms will be valuable help in striving for improvement this year."

## Free Yearbook Covers Go To Early Subscribers

Each student who subscribes to wary. This means that many spring the '56 Airmont by October 26 events will be covered this year. will receive free a plastic cover "The staff is planning some for his yearbook, said Sara Dog- new features, but the extent to gett, business manager. These which they can be carried out decovers will be similar to the ones pends on student response to the that were sold last year for 25 subscription campaign," stated cents. Ann Allied, editor.
The subscription campaign will begin October 12. Members of the staff will solicit in the homerooms during
weeks.
"Any homeroom subscribing 100 percent will get a page in the yearbook," said Miss Jean Simpson, adviser
A deposit of two uentars will be required now and the remaining two dollars in the spring when the annuals come back from the printer.

English Teacher
Directs New
Guidance Program
New in the curriculum this ear is a guidance program. It will be in full operation as soon as an office can be set up for Miss Annie Thomas, director.
A student may then examine or

## The S.E.f.S. Story



# High Spots <br> Homecoming . . . game to be played Thursday <br> See story on page 3 . 

## Seniors Choose Colors, Superlatives, Speakers

Coming Up
9-Southeast Assembly; Carrolls Parade"
Cov. 10-Homecoming Parade Game, and Dance for Teach ers at Winston-Salem; Holiday for All City Schools
Nov. 14-Basketball Practice Now.
Starts
Nov. 16-Talent Show
Nor. 23-Freshman Assembly
Yov. 24-2.5-Thanksiving Holidays
Dec. 7-Sophomore Assembly

Ghosts Come Early

Math Teacher
Discovers Spy
Recently when Mrs. Vera Thomas pulled out a calinet to plug
in an electric cord, she suddenly im an electice cord, she suadenly screamed. Had she seen a man

Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Kirk man
Norma Draughn a marsha and David McCarty, chief marshal, were voted most studious girl Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Ash burn, comedians from way back won wittiest girl and boy. The school colors, hlue and white,
a monster?
Jack lnman, a member of her
homeroom, savine Mirs. Thomas
fint from the terne it to be only a spy
seen, found
Mi. Steed had planted in the bi-

Student Talent To Sing For Supper For Needy Families Next Wednesday

 Thankspiving Day the Tri-Hi-Y , inconvers will gain and Hi-l are sponsoring the annual talent show Norember $16 . \quad$ All procueds in the form of fond Thirtethree students will take will go to needy familes, these to and dance, giring valiety to the he chosen hy a committee learled Eoma Draughn

Ausiva Mills will be the master Each student will be given a
of ceremonies. David McCarty, chairman of in each group.
the Service Committee of the Hi- | Thene will he a first, second, Ge a the tion group. Group 3 of the Tri-Hi- , are pool. Also there will he a first, second,
ing their efforts to make this com- and third prize for the show winAll prizes are to be donatad

Schools Called 'Investment In America' This Week
$\qquad$
$\qquad$ ahout a half font in lenzth. Jack

Making Curtains for the activities room, which is being converted into an office for guidance, are menbers of Mrs. Watt Shuford's advanced home economice class. At the sewing machine is Gled Ruth Brown Christine left to right, are Susan Boyd, Ruth Matord, and Wilma Smith. In a class project the girls are doing a thorough job of interior decorating. W'ith new office equipment provided, Mise Annie Thomas, guidance counselor, will soon be able to arrange interviews with students during


School Newspaper Gets First Class Honor Rating

## Yearbook Adviser <br> Writes Winning Magazine Story

First-place winner of an an nual contest sponsored by the Na tion, of Columbia, Missouri, is Airmont.

Miss Simpson recently received $\AA$ letter of congratulations and $\$ 2 . \operatorname{for}$ the best article hy a year-
bonk adviser on the topic "We Are Proudest
"We. Ale Prou
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ing pictules
The contest, announced la
April, brought the largest 1 sponse ret and the best kroup of said the sponsors.
Scond-place winners were advisers in Providence Central High School, Alexandria, Louisiana, and
Colorado Springs High School. Colorado

I am pleased," said Miss Simpson, "that our idea of what a yearbook should he is approved by the National School Yearbook Association.

Without th
taff photographer David McCa

Owe My Hart And Sole', Sigh The Freshmen

Mr. Finch
Complements of Aurmont staff




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We Present The
WORK, PLAY, And


That Are The Chief Elements Of Our Story.


## Foreword

In this fifth volune of dinnom we have tried 10 preserve through words and pictures a nemory of the setting, action, and characters of our hish school life togellier. Thas is the N.A. H. S. story.

When time has made the vivid scenes of school days grow dim and years liave almos: erased from the mind those happy, carefree times--influenced by the spirit of our hores and community, our schiool, and the mountains that circle us--you may take this volume from the shelf and recall, as you turn the pages, these wonderful days that have made our story a reality.



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## Setting

ilie riountains with their varying slades of color, the cominnity with its interest in youtli, our fiodern school buildiny wittı its beautiful classroonis, our administration, backed by many years of experience, and our faculty', who niake school a real joy"--tliese forn the settina of the M. A. ir. S. story and the lappy, carefree days of nur lighl scliool life.




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Administration

The students at Viount Airy Hish Scliool know they can rely on their faculty and adninistration not only for proper direction but also for sympathy and understanding. Cur faculty and administration, backed by a record of niany years of unselfish, service to our school system, are well qualified to "open windows on to a wider world" for the M. A. H. S. students.

Opposite pase: Faculty nembers Mis. Valería Shuford, Mrs. Niaxine hiamilton, and Nr. Arnold Ramey catch up on the news.

Superintendent L. B. Pendergraph and Mrs. Juanita Barber, secretary, read the morning niail.

Frincipal H. Ni. Finch and the faculty engaje in a work sliop before schiool opens.




This year the membership of the Mount Airy School Board was increased from five to seven. Mr. John Wolfe and Mr. S. A. Hennis, Jr., joined the veteran board members.

Our rapidly increasiñ school population bríngs many problenls for these public-spirited men, who give so freely of their time and energy that we may maintain and inprove the quality of our

## Administration

 schools.Dr. Noir S. Nartin, Chairman
Teacher Committee

Nr. R. P. Snith Finance Conimítee

Mir. W. I. Nonday Vice-Chairman Finance Committee Building and 贝epair

Mr. S. A. Hennis, Jr.
Teacler Comnittee



Mrs. Juanita Barber Secretary

Nir. R. IU. Nelson Building and Repair

Under the leadership of Superintendent L. B. Pendergraph and Principal H. M. Finch, the Mount Airy High School runs smoothly and effectively, giving us happy years as well as a solid foundation for the future.

Mr. H. M. Finch, Principal Mr. L. B. Pendergraph, Superintendent


Mr. Johin B. Wolfe Building and Repair

Mr. W. S. Porter Finance Committee

Mirs. Kate Jackson Cafeteria Nianazer



Nrs. Kate Barringer think and articulate c learly
L. S. History, World Problems, Civics Student Council Adviser

## Faculty

This year we added an extra teacher in the English departnent and had two replacenients, one in the science departnent and one in the comnercial field.

Mr. H. M. Finch in touch with the classroom Trigonometry, Principal


Nirs. Mary Boyles
. no erasures
Comniercial


Niss Eva Holder
get it right English, Journalism High Spots Adviser

Nirs. Lavinía Mackie . y para manana
Spanish, World History, Senior Adviser, Spanish Club Adviser



Mrs. Maxine Hamilton
seeing the unseen
Biology, Physics


Nrs. Lorraine McKinney little lady, bis mind General Science, Biolozy, Chemistry Arithmetic, Frestman Adviser

Mr. Char les Johnson
on tlie beat

Mr. Sam Moir Civics, Physical Ed., Coaching

Miss Margaret Jenkins
. lightening calculator Commercial

## Faculty

Having personalities as diverse as the subjects they teach, our faculty members offer stimulating contacts as well as limitless horizons of know. ledge.

Chorus, Band, Hi-Y Adviser

Mrs. Mary Neal
drill, drill, drill Englislı, Junior Adviser




Mr. Wallace Shelton
. your excuse, please English, Coaching: Nonogram Club Adviser, Dean of Boys


Mrs. Valeria Shuford - foundations for homemaking Home Economics, F. H. A. Adviser

## Faculty

Our teachers are also our friends--individuals whin see us as persons and encourage and help us whenever possible. Our gratitude and respect for then grow with years.

Miss Annie Thomas
exams for teachers, too
English, Guidance, Cheerleader Adviser

Mrs. Vera Thomas
then $X^{2}$ would be
Algebra, Arithmetic, Soplıomore Adviser


In living the M. A. H. S. story we have cone in contact with interesting and inspiring personalities, forming friendships that will grow with the years. We have cone to love our fellow students with their differences in personality and appearance; we have recognized the ability of some to be able leaders and others, willing followers. We will not want to forget any of the characters of our story; therefore each person has been pictured in this section according to his class.



## Ceniors

Swiftly the school years pass, bringing new friends, new experiences, growth. Suddenly we find that the thrill of becoming seniors is equalled only by the nostalgia we begin to feel for this happiest of years.

Opposite page: Ausiva Nills, senior class president, models cap and gown for Jimmy Ashburn, treasurer; Wilma King, vice-president; Doris Marshall, secretary.

Mrs. Barringer, faculty advisor, gives suggestions to (left to right) Ronnie Pruett, testator; Barbara Jester, prophet; Elaine Hoover, poet; Bud Oliver, historian, as they besin to prepare the speeches for Class Niglit, a highlight of graduation exercises.


Dan Ellis, Corky Hiatt, Hubert McMillian, and Barbara Jester work hard on the set and properties for senior assembly.



## SENIORS ARE LEADING CHARACTERS

Pat Brown, who joined the M. A. H. S. Seniors late, places books she has received in her locker.


WAYNE ADKINS: Hi-Y, 3,4. ANN ALLRED: Student Council alternate, 1; representative, 2; Constitution Committee, 2; Latin Club program chairman, 2; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Sergeant-at-arms, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; group leader, 4; Airnont staff, 1,2,3,4; Associate Editor, 3; Editor, 4; Lions Club essay winner, 1; Jr. Sr. Prom committee, 3; Band, 2. JIMMY ASHBURN: Hi-Y, 2,3,4; vice-president, 4; Hall monitor, 3,4; Latin Club, 2; Spanish Club, 4; Class president, 3; Class treasurer, 4; Wittiest Boy, 4.

ANNETTE BABER: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; F. H. A., 1, 2, 3,4; state secretary, 2; parliamentarian, 3; president, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Basketball, 1,2,4; Spanish Club, 3; Monogram Club 4; Hall Monitor, 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom conmittee, 3. BOBBY BADGETT: Baseball, 1,2; Basketball, 1; Football, 3,4 ; Hi-Y, 3,4; Latin Club, 2. CARROLL BALDWIN: Glee Club, 3,4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4. BILLY BEAMER: Hi-Y, 2,3,4; treasurer, 4; Monogram Club, 3,4; vicepresident, 4; Hall monitor, 1,2; Student Council, 1,2; Football 2,3,4; Basketball, 1,2; Track, 1,2; Baseball, 1,2; Latin Club, 2.

YANCEY BEAMER: Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Hall monitor 2. BILL BELTON: Class president, 1; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Football, 2,3,4; Basketball, 1; Hall monitor, 1,3; Nonogram Club, 3,4. DONALD GRAY BEVERLY: Hi-Y, 3,4. DOUGLAS BINGMAN: Basketball, 1; Latin Club, 2; Hi-Y, 3,4. DAVID BRITTS: Glee Club, 2,3; Hii-Y, 3,4; Football, 2,3; Latin Club, 2; Hall monitor, 1,2,3.

GARY BROWN: Football, 1,2,3,4; captain, 4; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4; president, 4; Hi-Y, 3,4; sergeant-at-arms, 4. NORMA ANN BROWN: Glee Club, 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; F.H.A., 1,2,3; vice-president, 3. STUART BROWN: Hi-Y, 3; Bus driver, 2,3,4. LOUISE BUNKER: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Constitution, 3; Spanish Club, 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3.


David McCarty and a caniera are thought of simultaneously. David photograpls and develops pictures for both school publications.

ANN CHRISTIAN: Glee Club, 2,3,4; vice-president, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Monogram Club, 3,4; Basketball manager, 3; Student Council, 4; Candidate for Miss Mount Airy High School, 2; Queen of Hearts, 3; Lat in Club secretary, 2; Aimmont staff, 4; Hall monitor, 1; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3. SHIRLEY CLIFTOM: Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Hall monitor, 4; Latín Club, 2; Queen of Hearts candidate, 2; Track, 1; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; secretary, 4. JUDY COE: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Latin Club treasurer, 2.

## IN OUR M.A.H.S. STORY

GARY BROWN
ANN CHITISTIAN

NORMA BROWN
SHIRLEY CLIFTON


STUART BROWN
JUDY COE



SHIRLEY COLLINS


BOB DAVIS


SARAH DOGGETT


JERRY DODSON

SHIRLEY COLLINS: F.H.A., 1,2; Reporter, 2. BOB DAVIS: Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Hall monitor, 1,2,4. JERRY DODSON: Glee Club, 3,4; Hi-Y, 3,4; Baseball manager, 2; Monogram Club, 3,4; Most School Spirited Boy, 4.

SARAH DOGGETT: Library assistant, 1,2,3; Latín Club secretary, 2; Class treasurer, 1; Aimont staff, 2,3,4 Business manager, 4; Miss Mount Airy Higlı School candidate, 1,2,3; Home-coming candidate, 3,4; Queen, 4; Piedmont Bowl Queen candidate, 3; Cheerleader, 2,4; Chief, 4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3 ; Marshal, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Lions Club essay winner, 3; Prettiest girl, 4; Most Popular girl, 4

NORMA DRAUGHN: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; secretary, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Latin Club, 2; Spanish Club, 4; Marshal, 3; Most studious girl, 4. DAN ELLIS: Band, 1,3,4; Football, 2; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Projectionist, 1,2. ANN FRANCE: F. H. A., 3,4; Latin Club, 2; Office page, 3; Library assistant, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4.

BECKY GORDON: Tri-Hi-Y, 3; Hall monitor, 2. CURTIS GORDON: Hi-Y, 2,3; Football, 1,2,3,4; Baseball manager, 1; Hall monitor, 3 ; Monogram Club, $2,3,4$. BELLE HARKRADER: Track, 1; Glee Club, 2; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Latin Club, 2; Spanish Club, 4; High Spots staff, 4. ROGER HAYMORE: Hi-Y, 3; Hall monitor, 3.


Jimmy Kirkman, co-captain of the '56 football team, displays some of his honors-Best Sport and Most Valuable for two years.


NORMA DRAUGHN


DAN ELLIS


ANII FRANCE


JACK GILLESPIE
BECKY JO GORDON

HELEN HAYNES: F.H.A., 1,2; vice-president, 2. FRANCES HAYNES: Glee Club, 1,2; Lat in Club, 2; Aimmont staff. 1,2; N. C.S.P.A. secretary, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; reporter 4; Hiah Spots staff, 4; Student Council alternate, 3. CARLTON HIATT: Band, 1, 2,3,4; Business manager, 4; Hi-Y, 3,4.

RALPH HIATT: Hi-Y, 3. DOLLY HICKS: Tri-Hi-Y, 4; Hall monitor, 4.KEN HILL: Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Hall monitor, 1,3.ELAINE HOOVER: Assenbly playwright, 1,2,3,4; Student Council, 2,3,4; Class vice-president, 3; Glee Club, 2,3,4; Iligh Spots Editor, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Co-chaplain, 4; Narshal, 3; Latın Club president, 2; Girl most likely to succeed, 4; Girl with best personality 4; Wittiest girl, 4; Class poet, 4.

GAYE JACKSOH: Student Councıl. 1; Basketball. 1,2,3,4; Most valuable, 2,3; Office page, 2; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; treasurer. 3; vice-president. 4; Latin Club, 2; Glee Clui, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Hall monitor, 4; Nost athletic girl, 4. CAROLYM JACOBS: Student Council, 2; Glee Club, 2,3; Latin Club, 3; High Spots staff, 4; 7ri-hi-Y, 3,4.

## FILLED WITH VARIED ACTIVITIES

BELLE HARKRADER

DOLLY HICKS

RALPH HARRIS
KEN HILL

ROGER HAYMORE
ELAINE HOOVER

FRANCES HAYMES
GAYE JACKSON
helen haymes
CAROLYN JACOBS




MARYANN JOHNSON


TOM KERR

TIM JESSUP: Hi-Y, 3,4; secretary, 4; Spanish Club, 4; Basketball, 1; Office page, 3; Hall monitor, 4.BARBARA JESTER: Class secretary, 2; Latin Club president, 2; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; group leader, 4; Office page, 2; Hall monitor, 1,3 ; Spanish Club secre-tary-treasurer, 4; Niss Mount Airy High School candidate, 3; Student Council vice-president, 4; Airmont staff, 3,4; Layout Editor; 4; Monogram Club, 3,4; Cheerleader, 4; Basketball manager, 3; Narshal 3; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3; Homecoming candidate, 4; Prophet, 4.

MARYANN JOIINSON: Latín Club, 2; Hall monitor, 2; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Interstate treasurer, 3; Convention delegate, 3,4; Spanish Club, 4; Marshal, 3; Lions Club essay winner, 2.

DEAN JONES: Hi-Y, 3,4. TOM KERR: Fontball, 1,2,3,4; Glee Club, 2,4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Mionogram Club, 2,3,4; Hall monitor, 1. WILMA KING: F.H.A., 4; Basketball, 1,2; Latin Club, 2; Library assistant, 2,3; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Office page, 4; Class vice-president, 4.

JIMMY KIRKMAN: Football, 1,2,3,4; Most valuable, 3; Best sport, 3; Co-captain, 4; Baseball, 1,2,4; Hi-Y, 3,4; chaplain, 4; Glee Club, 4; Band, 1,4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Hall Monitor, 2,3; Spanish Club, 4; Boy with best personality, 4. WANDA KIRKMAN: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; F.H.A., 1; secretarytreasurer 1; Softball, 1.

# CLASS WORK, FRIENDS, 

NORMA JO LEFTWICH
LOIS LEVERING JOHN MARTIN


Hours of study were rewarded for '55 marshals (left to right) Sarah Doggett, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, and Elaine Hoover.


WILMA KING
JIMMY KIRKMAN
WANDA KIRKMAN


DICK LACKEY

DICK LACKEY: Hi-Y, 3,4; Football, 1,2; Office Page, 3; Hall Monitor, 4; Latin Club, 2; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee, 3. JANICE LEFTWICH: Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; F.H.A., 2,3. NORMA JO LEFT. WICH: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Basketball, 1,2. LOIS LEVERING: Friends Boarding School, 2,3; High Spots staff, 4; Latin Club, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 4.

DAVID McCARTY: Glee Club, 2,3,4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; president, 4; Latin Club vice-president, 2; Spanish Club, 4; Student Council Parliamentarian, 4; Aimont staff, 2,3,4; photographer, 3,4; Chief Narshal, 3; Boy most likely to succeed, 4; Nost studious boy, 4. HUBERT McMILLIAN: Band, 1,2,3,4; Business manager, 4; Glee Club, 3,4; Hi-Y, 3,4.

MELVIN MARION: Basketball, 1,2,3; Latin Club, 2; Cheerleader, 3; Hi-Y, 3,4; Hall monitor, 4; Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4. DORIS MARSHALL: Student Council, 1; Latin Club treasurer, 2; Hall monitor, 2; Glee Club, 3; Aimont typist, 4; Tri-HiY, 3,4; secretary, 4; Class secretary, 4. ANNE MARTIN: Tri-Hi-Y, 3.

JOHN MARTIN: Bus driver, 2. BARBARA MATTHEWS: F. H. A., 1,2. BOBBY MATTHEWS: Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3. JOAN MIDKIFF: Spanish Club, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4.

## FUN-ALL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT

DAVID McCARTY
BARBARA MATTHEWS

HUBERT McMILLIAN BOBBY MATTHEWS

MELVIN MARION
CHARLES MATTHEWS

DORIS MARSHALL
LEON MATTHEWS

NANCY MARSHALL
JOAN MIDKIFF



## MEMORIES OF THE PAST, ENJOYMENT OF



Norma Draughn, in the role of a Chinese servant, receives instructions from assembly playwrights Sybil Williams and Elaine Hoover.

SANDRA MIDKIFF: Cheerleader, 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Homecoming candidate, 2,3,4; Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Librarian, 2; vice-president, 3; president, 4; Hall monitor, 4; High Spots business manager, 4; Spanish Club, 3; Most schoolspirited girl, 4.

AUSIVA MILLS: Football, 1; Class secretary, 1; president, 4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Band, 2,3,4; business manager, 3; secretarytreasurer, 4; Latin Club, 2; Student Council, 3,4; sergeant-atarms, 4. MARGARET MONEY: Narshal, 3; Hall monitor, 4; Office page 4. BARBARA MOSELEY: Office page, 4.

SHELBY NELSON: Glee Club, 1; Library assistant, 4; secretary to Guidance Director, 4. DIENEKE NIEUWENHUIS: Glee Club, 1,2,3; Student Council alternate, 1; Latin Club, 2; Marshal, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Constitution, 3; treasurer, 4; Spanish Club, 4; Office page, 4. KENNETH NORMAN: Francisco High School, 1,2,3; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Baseball, 2,3.

BUD OLIVER: Student Council, 1,2,3,4; sergeant-at-arms, 2; parliamentarian, 3; president, 4 ; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Hall monitor, 1,2,3; Office page, 4; Football, 1,3,4; Monogram Club, 3,4; treasurer, 4; Latin Club vice-president, 2; Class president, 2; Mr. Nount Airy High School candidate, 1,2,3; Jr.-Sr. Prom Conimittee, 3; Class historian, 4; Most popular boy, 4.



SHELBY NELSON

## THE PRESENT, PREPARATION FOR THE FUTURE

WAYNE PACK: Hall monitor, 2; Latin Club, 2; Glee Club, 3,4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4. DONNA PATTERSON: Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Glee Club, 2,3,4; Library assistant, 4; Latin Club, 2. BONNIE PENNIX: Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Latin Club, 3; Student Council, 1; alternate, 4 ; Library assistant, 4; Basketball, 1,2.

DALLAS PHILLIPS: Hillsville, $V$ a. High School, 1,2; Football, 1,2,3,4; Latin Club, 4; Best-looking boy, 4. TOMMY PIERCE: Oak Ridge Military Institute, 1,2,3.

RONNIE PRUETT: Glee Club, 3,4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Program chairman, 4; Latin Club, 2; Spanish Club, 4; World Peace Speaking Contest, 3; Narshial, 3; Blue Ridge Assembly, 3; Student Council president candidate, 3; Student Council, 1,4; treasurer, 4; Class testator, 4. CLAUDIA RAMSEY: Bridgewater High School, 1,2; Office page, 4; Cafeteria, 1,3,4; Delegate to Tri-Hi-Y-Hi-Y camp, 3; F. H. A., 1,2,4.

DON ROSE: Pilot Mountain High School, 1,2; Hi-Y, 3,4; Football, 1,2,3; Hall monitor, 4 ; Latin Club, 4. HUBERT ROYAL: Football, 1; Baseball manager, 2,3,4; Nonogram Club, 2,3,4; Bus driver, 4.


Ronnie Pruett, portraying a poetry-spouting office boy in the senior assembly, bids Ann Allred a formal adieu.



OWEN SHELTON


SHIRLEY SIMMONS


JOANN SMITH

## SENIORS ENJOY THIS LAST YEAR BEFORE



OWEN SHELTON: Hi-Y, 3,4; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Baseball, 3,4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; King of Hearts candidate, 3. SHIRLEY SIMMONS: Latin Club, 2; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Hall monitor, 2; Office page, 4.

JOANN SMITH: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; treasurer, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3, 4; Student Council, 1,3; F.H.A., 1,4; treasurer, 4; Basketball, 2,3, 4; Spanish Club, 3; Monogram Club, 2,3,4. SHIRLEY SMITH: Tri-Hi-Y, 3.

BETTY SNOW: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; F. H. A., parliamentarian, 4. STEVE SPARGER: Hi-Y, 3,4. GARY SUTPHIN: Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 1,2; Football, 2; Monogram Club, 2,3,4.

EETTE TILLEY: Cheerleader, 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; sergeant-at-arms, 4; Miss Mount Airy High School candidate, 1; Class treasurer, 3; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Girls' Sports editor High Spots, 4; Homeconing sponsor, 3; Homecoming candidate, $4 ; B$ URTON TIMMONS: Basketball, 1,2,3,4: Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Most athletic boy, 4.

David McCarty enjoys his role as a rich Texan and the beauties--Frances Haynes, Janice Leftwich, Bonnie Pennix--attracted by his money.



STEVE SPARGER


KENNETH TILLEY


BURTOH TIMMONS

ENTERING COLLEGE, JOB, ARMY, HOMEMAKING

BOB TYNDALL: Class vice-president, 1; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Spanish Club president, 4; Football, 1,2,3,4; Mr. Mount Airy High School candidate, 1,2; High Spots associate editor, Boys' Sports editor, 4; Hall monitor, L. BETTY VOGLER: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; librarian, 2,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Latin Club, 2; Band, 4.

JAMES WAGONER: Latin Club, 2; Hi-Y, 2. ELEANOR WARREN: Latin Club, 2; Glee Club, 1,2,3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; president, 4; Interstate recording secretary, 3; Convention delegate, 3,4; Student Council, 4; High Spots advertising manager, 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3.

GERALDINE WELCH: Student Council, 1,2; Hall monitor, 3; Narshal, 3. ROBERT WESTMORELAND: Football, 1. ELMER WHITT: Hi-Y, 3.

SYBIL WILLIAMS: Glee Club, 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; cochaplain, 4; Student Council, 3,4 ; assembly playwright, 1,2,3,4; F. H. A., 1; Class secretary, 3. BOB BY WITHERS: Hi-Y, 3,4; Football, 1,2.


Careful study paid off for (left to riglit) Maryann Johnson,ł Ronnie Pruett, and Barbara Jester, '55 marslials.



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED Elaine Hisover - David McCarty

SENIORS CHOOSE THEIR

WITTIEST
Elaine Hoover - Jimmy Ashburn


MOST ATHLETIC
Gaye Jackson - Burton Timmons



MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED
Sandra Midkiff - Jerry Dodson

## CLASS SUPERLATIVES

BEST PERSONALITY
Elaine Hoover - Jimmy Kirkman


MOST STUDIOUS
Norma Draughn - David McCarty


## Alnderclasismen

The underclassmen are a vital part of our story. Each of us starts up the ladder of learning as a lowly freshman, pressing toward that glorious goal of being a senior. It is in the years of being underclassmen that we build a firm foundation for future advancement and know the happy, carefree days of high school life.

George Williams, a member of the clown band, displays his talent on the trombone.

Gene Pruett and Richard Vaughn enjoy refreshment during seven minute bre:?-




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## JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Sue Simmons
President
Worrell Kurtz . . . Vice-President
Dot Hull . . . . . . . . Secretary
Debby Hauser . . . . . Treasurer

Sue Simmons places high on the popularity list playing "April in Paris" in the Tri-Hi-Y-Hi-Y Talent Show.

## Anna Childress

Jane Edwards

Flenda Childress Betty Jo Ellis

Jack Childress
Ishmael Forest



Richard Vaughn and Phil Smith, our two efficient projectionists, watch as a film is being run off.

Above right: Worrell Kurtz, wing back, runs with the ball.

Susie Dobson and Melvina Clifton eagerly examine new books in the library

Nelda Clifton Jo Ella Gilbert

Jimmy Cox Donald Gravely

Glenn East
Arnold Griffith

Melvina Clifton
Sue Geiger

George Coble
Mary Goard

Susie Dobson
Freddy Gray

John Edinger
Bobby Gwyn



Jimmy Hale Martha Jones


Debbie Hauser James Jordon


Billy Hiatt Mabel King

Edsel Hiatt
Worrell Kurtz

Roy Hiatt
Roger Lyons

Barbara Hall Roland Jones


Peggy Haynes Jackie Journey


## Gunior

Gene Pruett Jo Ann Southern

Mildred Robertson Betty Lou Starr

Tommy Mayberry and Dan Slate are famous for their pantomines. Here they do "Dear John."

Marilyn Petrick Wilma Smith

George Quesinberry Sara Jo Sparger

Frances Shackelford Helen Steele

Paul Shelton Faye Strickland

Douglas Simmons Robert Thomas

Clara Simmons
Carolene Surratt




## CLASS OFFICERS

President
Jim Baity
Vice-President . . . Sam Inman Secretary . . . . . Peggy Vogler Treasurer . . . . Stewart Smith

Minnie Adkins Ronnie Alderman Jimmy Baity Jimmy Barker Belva Beck Donald Beck Faye Bennett

Jerry Beverly Gilmer Blackburn Johnny Blue Helen Bond Nancy Bondurant Patricia Bowman Jimımy Boyles
Edgar Brooks Dink Caldwell Debby Callaway Rachel Callaway Donald Cannoy Barbara Carpenter Martha Carroll
Jerry Childress
Peggy Childress Frances Coalson Nancy Collins James Craddock Ruth Curtis Tony D'Amico
Reginald Davis Aravaley Dawson Bena Deatherage Linda Dowell R. J. Easter Bonnie Edwards Donald Edwards
Dalmar Everhart Audrey Ferguson Gay Fleming Johnny France Judy Gardner Clark Gilbert


Peggy and Mary Ruth Vogler keep everyone watching in suspense to see if they drop their batons.


Faye Hall
Jerry Hall
Sylvia Hall Ian Harding
Kenneth Harris
Franklin Hawks
Hayford Hawks
Betty Lou Haynes
Peggy Haynes
Gary Henderson
Tommy Hennis
Betty Hiatt
Margaret Hiatt
Wayne Hill
Harold Hodges
Pat Hodges
Janie Holloway
Sybil Hurst
Jackie Inman
Sammy Inman
Joe Johnson
Wayne Johnson
Ellen Jones
Gaynelle Jones
Linda Jones
Raynelle Jones
Steve Jones
James Kingsberry
Joyce Kirkman Judy Kirkman Polly Kirkman Paul McGee
Fred McHone
Betty McMillian Mabel McMillian
Annie Marsh
Clyde Martin
Faye Matthews
Larry Meredith Lorna Meredith Jane Merritt
Ray Mills

## Sophomores



Joy Monday James Monroe Helen Moore Louise Morris Edna Moseley Sylvia Mosely Dick Parker

Gaye Patterson Carol Payne
James Peoples
Sara Lou Phillips
Phyllis Poore
Jenny Pruett
Roger Puckett
Don Pulliam
Mary Pulliam
George Quesinberry
Sidney Ramsey
Sylvia Ramsey
Norma Ricker
Delories Riddle

Verona Sechrist
Esther Semones
Betty Simmons
Richard Simmons
Wade Simmons
Betty Lou Smith Edward Smith

Gary Smith
George Smith
June Smith
Peggy Smith
Shannon Smith Stewart Smith Roger Snow

Bonnie Sparger
Ernest Speight John Carl Spurlin Charles Starr
Treva Sumner
Faye Sutphin
Ray Sutphin
Duke Taylor
Eleanor Thomas
Nancy Thomas Vera Carl Thomas
Cynthia Tillotson
Jackie Timmons
Gray Utt
Catherine Utt
Yvonne Vaughn Mary Ruth Volger
Peggy Vogler
Sam Wall
Bobby Watson
Faye Watson
Mickey Watson Novie Welch Don Willard George Williams Helen Williams Wayne Wilson Billy Withers
Linda Worrell


FRESHMAN OFFICERS
President . . . . . Frank Lowry
Vice-President . . . . Linda Mills
Secretary . . . . Mildred Shelton
Treasurer . . . . Freddy Schafer

Bruce Anderson Don Anderson Richard Armfield Billy Baber
Tollie Barber Jim Barker
Larry Beason
Vassily Beketov
Wayne Benge
Mary Louise Blue Elizabeth Bondurant Buddy Bowman Virginia Bowman Mary Frances Boyd

Richard Boyles Roger Boyles Hilda Brannock Jerry Brannock Edwin Brinkly Dorothy Bunn
Ernest Burgess
Edmund Burke Carrie Mae Byrd Billy Campbell Patricia Carpenter Wesley Caviness Maxie Chandler Carol Childress



Thorne Clark
Lewis Clement
Rodney Clifton
Rachel Collins Vance Collins Larry Combs Brenda Cooke

Kenneth Cooke Robin Cooke Jo Lena Cox Margurette Craft Angelena $\mathrm{D}^{\prime}$ Amico Rosa Lee Dean Barbara Duncan

Charles Easter
Clara Edinger
Barbara Edwards
Johnnie Mae Edwards
Carol Sue Ellis
Jimmy Felts
Jimmy Fleming
Joan Fleming
Sandra Frye
Jerry Gilbert
Eleanor Gillespie
Anne Goad
Kenneth Goad Peggy Goins

Katie Gravely Eddie Gray Charles Greenwood Douglas Griffin Carol Ann Gwyn Vaughn Gwyn Ronald Haymore

Eddie Hemrick
Billy Henderson Billy Hiatt Cleo Hiatt
Margaritta Hiatt Mary Ann Hicks Sandra Holder

Zan Hunter Ruby Hunter Sammy Hunter Jimmy Jacobs Scherer James Harry Lee Johnson Carol Johnston

Margaret Jones Patrica Jones Richard Kelley Suzanne Lewis Frank Lowry Betty Jean McBride Margaret McCann

Eleanor McGee Thomas McHoms Bryan McMillian Clinton Martin Dennis Martin John Martin

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## Freshmen

Sara Midkiff Linda Mills
Fay Mills
Annette Monday Alfred Moorefield Juanita Morrison Macon Mosely

Shelby Newgent Wade Nelson Shirley Noah Julia Norman Linda Norman Alice Owens Jerry Ownes

Barry Patterson Lois Patterson J. D. Paul Linda Payne Theresa Perkins Kenneth Pruett Marylene Puckett

Wyatt Pucket
Thelma Rakes
Frank Ramsey, Jr Freddy Schafer Judith Shelton Mildred Shelton David Simmons

Dianne Simmons Mike Simmons Patsy Simmons Larry Smith Sue Smith Jason Snow
Margaret Spenser
Don Starling Jerry Starr Guido Sutter Joe Thomas Pat Thomas Bonnie Tickle
Charles Triplette
Carolyn Vaughn Tommy Vaughn Irvin Ward Melbina Ward Alton Watson Betsy Watts Don Weddle

Naomi Welborn Brenda Westmoreland Dougles Westmoreland Philip Westmoreland James Whitaker Mike Williams
Carolyn Woodie

Margaret Woodruff Carolyn Worrell Gail Wright Glenn Yokley Bonnie Yepp


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The action of our story includes both the classroom work and the extra-curricular activities--organizations, routine, and special events, and athletics. Realizing that both work and play are necessary for a happy, well-rounded student, Mount Airy High School provides us with a program of development in which study, fun, and variety have their rightful places. We treasure the difficulties, successes, and thrills as well as the routine activities--they are our foundation for the anticipated sequel each must write for himself.


## Clasisroom

The classroombecomes our world for six hours each day as we seek to open windows on to a wider world. We have received more than a wisdom obtained from books, for in this close association with students and teachers we have learned to develop our own personalities and to seek desirable social habits. The fun, as well as the preparation which has gone into each day's class periods, will long be a remembered part of the M. A. H. S. story--and a part of each of us.

A geography class and an expanded guidance programwere added to the 1954-'55curriculum.

Bill Belton, Corky Hiatt, Charles Matthews, and Betty Vogler enjoy the maps and globe available to the geography class.

Miss Annie Thomas, guidance director, helps Jane Merritt solve a problem.



## SOCIAL SCIENCES OPEN LIMITLESS VISTAS



Abetter understanding of current trends is promoted by the study of history, a living subject of interest to each student. Four teachers of fer nine classes in world history, U.S. history, civics, and American problems.

Janice Leftwich, (seated) Ann Allred, and Gary Sut phin, students of Mrs. Barringer's American problems class, use the Readers Guide to find additional information for their discussions.


Larry Cannoy locates the place under discussion for his American history class.

Larry Merrideth, Faye Matthews, and Sylvia Moseley, students of world history, find it is interesting and necessary to read more than one referencefor their assignments.


## ENGLISH BUILDS BASIC SKILLS

A knowledge of correct English us age is the key to success in all our studies, in our future work, and in our leisure hours. Our English department, composed of five instructors teaching twenty classes including commercial English and journal ism, strives to help students write, speak, read, and think effectively.


Dean Brown finds English sends him to the library shelves.


Dictation and spelling are a weekly part of mastering the English language in English IV. A grading committee composed of four superior students in each section checks the work. Three members of the committee with red pencils are Barbara Jester, left; Maryann Johnson, center; and Bob Tyndall.


Mrs. Reece's Freshman English class enjoys homonyms. Vera Mills shows Mac Moseley that although these words sound alike, they are different in spelling and meaning.

Roland Jones and Linda Childress English III students, use posters to emphasize grammatical usage.

## MATH CHALLENGES US



Above: Belle Harkrader solves a trig problem for the class.

Above right: An algebra II class listens attentively while June Smith explains a problem.

Right: Roger Boyles explains to Thelma Rakes and Mary Frances Matthews how he got $\$ 30.00$ for an answer to his arithmetic problem.


Everyone in Mrs. Sydnor's third period geometry class looks on as Dot Hull (seated center) displays a new tool she has found for measur ing intercepted arcs.

## SCIENCE UNFOLDS MANY WONDERS

Biology, chemistry, general science, and physics are offered by our science department for inquisitive minds eager to understand natural forces at work in the world. Two instructors conduct eight classes in text and laboratory work.


Above: Eddie Gray demonstrates an osmosis experiment for his general science classmates.

Above Left: Faye Bennett, Grey Utt, and Barbara Carpenter, biology students, find the balance of life in an aquarium interesting.

Above: Chemistry students Bobby Withers and Betty Voglerlook amazed as they see oxygen being made before their very eyes.

Right: "The main thing is to have a steady hand," explains Phil Smith to Kathleen Simmons about a complicated physics experiment.


## FOREIGN LANGUAGES REMAIN IMPORTANT



A technical knowledge of Latin or Spanish, an understanding of other cultures and the origin of many of our own customs, a better understanding of the people who live in other countries and their literature, a deeper understanding of our own language --these are the goal of the two teachers conducting six foreign language classes, four in Latin and two in Spanish, and two foreign language clubs.

Dieneke Nieuwenhuis and Jackie Boyd compare souveniersfrom Holland and Guatemala as they tell the Spanish Club about foreign schools they have attended.

Playing Spanish records for a pronunciation guide, Stewart Smith and Clara Simmons enjoy struggling through a Spanish phrase.

Below: These Roman lasses with a smile for the camera are (left to right) Debby Hauser, Marilyn Petrick, Jo Ann Southern, and Betty Jo Bray. Below Right: "Latin is very interesting, " agree Jo Lena Cox and Sara Midkiff, as they discover in reference books new things about Caesar and the ancient Romans.


## OUR COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT PREPARES US WELL

The commercial departments offer a program of thorough preparation for students who plan to secure office jobs and for those who want personal typing when there is space available. Three instructors hold classes in typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, office practice, and business typing.


Mary Goard looks happily at her paper when she finally gets the right answer in bookkeeping class.


Sybil Williams helps Wanda Kirkman while Linda Loftis looks on in office practice class.
(First Row, left to right) Shirley Smith, Margaret Hodges, Shelby Nelson, (second row) Nancy Marshall, Anne Martin, and Donna Patterson find typing to be fun. Below Right: Mrs. Boyles gives individual help.



Five classes are offered in home economics to prepare girls for homemaking as a career. This year in the thirdyear course the students have as a special project the decoration of our new guidance room.

Appearing in the home economics spring fashion show are (seated) Johnnie Inman, Virginia Busick, Carolene Suratt (standing) Kay Goins, Frances McHone.


Busy home economics students receive practical experience in food preparation. They are (left to right) Ruth Brown, Mrs. Shuford, instructor, Christine Matthews, Susan Boyd, WilmaSmith, Glenda Childress, Mabel King.

Home economics students (left to right) Susan Boyd, Ruth Brown, Christine Matthews, Sue King, Wilma Smith, Glenda Childress (seated), and their teacher Mrs. Shuford work hard on the drapes which they are making for the new guidance room.


The vocational shop department offers two shop classes, mechanical drawing, and a carpentry class. This year the boys are completing the gym and adding shelf and storage space to the classrooms.

Ken Norman gains experience in the operation of a drill in shop class.

Mr. Williams checks to see how Bobby Matthews and Elbert Hall are getting along with their mechanical drawing.


The carpentryclass has made many improvements around school. Burton Timmons and Edsel Hiatt work on the new shelves for the guidance room.

## LIBRARY, MUSIC,AND PHYSICAL



Our library, staffed by one librarian and thirteen student assistants, is well equip ped to meet the classroom and recreational needs of the students and teachers. 4890 books and 56 current publications are supplemented by pamphlets, film strips, and a magazine file.

Wilma King and Sarah Doggett enjoyour library's publication section.


Sam Inman (standing), Belva Beck, Sylvia Mosley, and Carroll Baldwin are busy at the refer-


Above left: Miss Thomas, Mr. Shelton, and Mr. Ramey check new arrivals. Left: Judy Coe and Carolyn Jacobs use library materials.

## =DUCATION ROUND OUT OUR PROGRAM

The music department, which reaches approximately a third of our student body, is composed of two classes for glee club and one for band. In these classes the student can develop his musical talents and see evidence of his work in well presented performances.


Debby Calloway, Hubert McMillian, George Quesinberry, Mr.Johnson, director, and Sue Simmons, accompanist, work out a new number.


Linda Mills, Patsy Simmons, Diane Simmons, and Gaye Jackson try to improve their shooting in physical ed. class.

Physical education is in its second year as a required subject for freshmen. While other departments seek to build stronger minds, this department seeks to build stronger bodies and to teach the students how to remain strong and in good health. Two instructors work with four classes daily.


Play on the field is a relief from textbook work.

# Oryanizations 

Our story includes learning and activity--both are a part of education and both add to our enjoyment and well-rounded growth. The extra-curricular activities of our clubs, service groups, and organizations help us not only to develop talents, leadership, and cooperation but also to spice the more serious side of school with fun and variety

Opposite Page: Majorettes--Mary Rutl Vogler, Cynthia Tillotson, and Pegg Vogler.

## Cheerleaders


(kneeling) Sarah Doggett, chief, (standing, left to right) Nancy Bondurant, Sandra Midkiff, Barbara Jester, Bette Tilley, Mary Frances Simpson, Polly Kirkman, Debby Hauser, Helen Steele, and Judy Gardner.


## OUR STUDENT COUNCIL BUILDS



Bud Oliver, president, mæps student council plans with Mrs. Kate Barringer, sponsor, and Barbara Jester, vice-president.

Ronnie Pruett exerts all his salesmanship to convince Harvey Pulliam that the student council pens are good buys.

The student council works to improve the school and make it a happier place for the individual. Member ship includes an elected delegate and alternate from each homeroom plus mijor club presidents. The senior committeehears violatinns of council regulations.


President Bud Oliver conducts the student council meeting. First row (front to rear): Bonnie Edwards, Sue Smith, Pat Carpenter, Ronnie Pruett. Second row: Margaret Hiatt, Edmund Burke, Sherer James, Dot Hull, Barbara Jester. Third row: Jenny Pruett, James Harvey, Sybil Williams, Debby Hauser, Eleanor Warren, Mrs. Barringer. Fourth row: David McCarty, Martha Carrol, Ausiva Mills, George Coble, Ann Christian.

## MORALE, IMPROVES SCHOOL

Care of building and regulation of traffic are major projects of the Council. Other work includes promotion of school spirit and school fun by chartering buses to out-oftown football games and by sponsoring school dances


Council Members, left to right: Sybil Williams, Ausiva Mills, Barbara Jester, Ronnie Pruett, Eleanor Warren, and Jenny Ruth Pruett lead committees for care of our school building.

Hall monitor Shirley Clifton checks a permit for Yancy Beamer.


Hall Monitors, seated, left to right: Helen Haynes, Betty Jo Thore, Gaye Jackson, Wilma Smith, Sandra Midkiff, Annette Baber, Faye Matthews, Carol Sue Ellis, Joan Midkiff, Sybil Hurst. Standing: Dolly Hicks, Susan Boyd, Margaret Money, Tim Jessup, Leonard John son, Jimmy Ashburn, Dick Lackey, Don Rose, Bob Davis, Roger Lyons, Roland Jones, James Craddock, Jack Childress, Melvin Marion, Jimmy Jacobs, Tollie Barber, and Ian Harding.

# LIBRARY ASSISTANTS DESERVE IMPORTANT 



Among the busiest and most helpful people in school are the library assistants. These students give up their study halls to do all the countless things that keep the library running smoothly. They check out books, sign permits, card and shelve returned books, write overdue reminders, prepare new books for shelves, type, file, inventory, and keep the library in order.

Bonnie Pennix and Shelby Nelson take time out for a bit of browsing at the shelves.
at the shelves.


Mary Moore Pulliam, Betty Jo Bray, and Marilyn Petrick help get the library in order before the activity period rush begins.

Melvina Clifton and Ann France prepare the magazine display.

## PLACE IN OUR STORY

Everyone comes to the library. Assistants find plenty to do and never lack company. For five of the six libraryperiods at least one experienced assistant is on duty to help new staff members learn the library routine. Two of the students daily devote two periods eachto library work. While they gain excellent experience, library assistants give valuable help.


Margaret Hodges prepares new backs for the shelves while Donna Patter son types the accession record.



Office pages are among the busiest and most helpful characters in our story. These students give up their free periods to help in the office. Counting money, calling absentees and compiling lists, typing, mimeographing, answering the phone, receiving visitors, locating students' schedules, sorting mail, running errands, making announcements--all these and other activities necessary to the smooth running of the school are performed efficiently by the pages.

Carolyn Jacobs, fourth period page, rings the bell that ends the last lunch period.


During activity period Claudia Ramsey, Kenny Watson, and Dieneke Nieuwenhuis check money from sale of tickets, insurance, and pictures.

Johnnie Mae Inman (right) demonstrates the use of the mimeograph machine to Barbara Mosely and Ina Mae Hill.

## SERVICE TO OUR SCHOOL

Frances Haynes and Bud Oliver, second period office pages, check up on the absentees.

Keeping the office during third period is Wilma King, who finds time to catch up on some studying.


Through the efficient assistance of Roy Lee Smith and Betty Lou Starr, the day's income always balances.

Sixth period pages, Shirley Simmons and Patsy Clifton, make the afternoon announcements over the intercom.


## HIGH SPOTS REPORTS OUR STORY

The Journalismclass, made up of seniors with superior English grades, meets daily for both textbook work and the laboratory work of publishing eight issues of High Spots. The editor and assistant editor, elected by vote of the junior class, appoint other staff officers.

Financing the paper, planning layout, writing, correcting, and rewritting stories, proofing galleys, and working with the local printers-all these efforts go into the High Spots. We enjoy without realizing the work and worry connected with each issue.

Below: Frances Haynes discusses a story with Miss Holder. Below Right: Sports editors Bette Tilley and Bob Tyndall type copy for their page.


Above: Editors Elaine Hoover and Bob Tyndall (second fromleft and right) receive instructions from their predecessors, George Wright, Jr., and Linda Cox.

Sandra Midkiff draws dummy. Opposite: Elaine Hoover makes staff assignments. Below, Opposite Page: Sandra Midkiff and Belle Harkrader correct galley proofs before going to the Times office to supervise page make-up.

Eleanor Warren delivers the finished paper to Shelby Newgent.


## HEGHDOTS

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## AIRMONT STAFF WORKS HARD TO



Ads, subscriptions, pictures, cutlines, layouts, typing, filing--these are the things which, unknown to the yearbook owners, make the annual staff one of the busiest groups in our story. The staff works around the year, planning the next year's edition and covering spring activities as one annual is sent to the publisher. Later the staff writes advertisers, corrects proofs, collects final payments, and finally delivers Airmont to eagerly waiting students.

Top: Doris Marshall and Ann Christian are kept busy typing copy and indexing.

Center: Susie Dobson and Dot Hull look through the files at pictures and copy that are to be used in Airmont.

Below: Dink Caldwell receives the down payment for an annual from Nancy Bondurant, as the campaign for orders begins early in the school year.

Below Right: Barbara Jester (standing) layout editor, explains the procedure for drawing dummy to staff members (left to right) Jo Ann Southern, Shannon Smith, and Ruby Hunter.


## JRODUCE THE BEST YEARBOOK YET



Floor: Ann Allred, editor. Seated: Miss Simpson, advisor, Ann Christian, Barbara Jester, Shannon Smith, Dink Caldwell, Ruby Hunter, Jo Ann Southern. Standing: David McCarty, Susie Dobson, Doris Marshall, Dot Hull.

Right: Planning Airmontare business manager, Sarah Doggett;layout editor, Barbara Jester; photographer, David McCarty; and editor, Ann Allred. Below: David McCarty inspects some of his equipment.


# TRI-HI-Y ENJOYS MANY 



Group III: (first row, left to right) Betty Starr, Linda Lof tis, Betty Thore, Martha Jones, (second row) Shirley Clif ton, June Martin, Margaret Jarvis, (third row) Mary Simpson, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, Gaye Jackson, (fourth row) Norma Draughn, Mary Goard, Dolly Hicks, (fifth row) Betty Jo Bray, Josephine Atkins, Mildred Robertson, and Linda Childress.

The Tri-Hi-Y, made up of junior and senior girls, adds action to our story through its part in morning devotions, talent show and food distribution, homecoming activities, Christmas assembly, Sweetheart Dance, and interesting programs. Each-of the four groups is responsible for specific achievements.
lnstallation of the ' 56 Tri-Hi-Y of ficersheld at the spring banquet include (left to right) retiring VicePresident Linda Mosely and incoming officers Claudia Ramsey, Doris Marshall, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, Sybil Williams, Elaine Hoover, Bette Tilley, and Frances Haynes.

Group I: (standing) Ann All red, leader, (first row, left to right) Sandra Midkiff, Debby Hauser, Peggy Smith, Wanda Kirkman, Carolyn Jacobs, (second row) Melvina Clifton, Louise Bunker, Betty Vogler, Dot Hull, Maryann Johnson, (third row) Sarah Jo Sparger, Clara Simmons, Kathleen Simmons, Susie Dobson, and Ann France.


## AND VARIED ACTIVITIES



Group IV: (standing) Barbara Jester, leader, (first row, left to right) Bette Tilley, Doris Marshall, Wilma King, Judy Coe, Annette Baber, (second row) Jo Ann Southern, Frances Shackleford, Ruth Brown, Barbara Young, Joan Midkiff, Ann Christian, Jane Edwards, and Norma Brown.


Kay Simmons directs questions on boy-girl relationships to a well qualified panel--Mrs. Sydnor, Miss Thomas, Miss Shumaker, and Mrs. Pruitt.

Group II: (seated, left to right) Patti Arrington, Helen Steele, Frances Haynes, Amy Jones, Janice Leftwich, Norma Leftwich, Ann Childress, (standing) Shirley Simmons, leader, Sarah Doggett, Peggy Monday, Lois Levering, MarilynPetrick, Wilma Smith, Carol Brannock, and Rebecca Westmoreland.


## HI-Y ACTIVITIES KEEP JUNIOR



The Hi-Y co-operates with the Tri-$\mathrm{Hi}-\mathrm{Y}$ in devotional, service, and recreational activities. The club is divided into five committees to facilitate club work and increase individual participation.

Service Committee: (left to right) Don Beverly, Wayne Adkins, Bob Davis, Yancey Beamer, Roland Jones, Steve Sparger, Douglas Simmons, David McCarty.

## AND SENIOR BOYS BUSY



Program Committee: (left to right) Kenny Watson, Gene Pruett, Worrell Kurtz, Richard Vaughn, and Ronnie Pruett.


Vorship Committee: (Seated, left to right) Phil Smith, Tomny Mayberry, Randy Willard, Bob Tyndall, (standing) Ishnael Forest, John Cashwell, Jimmy Kirkman.


# CLUBS ADD INTEREST TO 

## Latin Club



First Row, left to right: Rebecca Westmoreland, Linda Childress, Catherine Utt, Mabel McMillian, Peggy Vogler, Mary Vogler, Nancy Bondurant. Second Row: Nancy Thomas, Bonnie Sparger, Sarah Phillips, Dink Caldwell, Novie Welch, Linda Dowell, Jennie Pruett, Linda Worrell, Vera Thomas, Debby Calloway, Shannon Smith, Jane Merritt. Back Row: Miss Ada Haymore, Lois Levering, Linda Jones, Margaret Hiatt, Mary Pulliam, Louise Morris, Jackie Timmons, George Quesinberry, Jim Baity, Donnie Willard, Hayford Hawks, Joe Johnson, Sam Wall, Dallas Phillips

## Spanish Club



Seated, left to right: Dot Hull, Barbara Jester, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, Mary Ann Johnson, June Martin, Norma Draughn, Belle Harkeader, Louise Bunker. Standing: David McCarty, Jimmy Kirkman, Jimmy Ashburn, Ronnie Pruett, Bob Tyndall, Tim Jessup, Mrs. Mackie.

## OUR HIGH SCHOOL STORY

## Monogram Club



First Row, left to right: B. Jester, J. Gardner, P. Kirkman, J. Smith, G. Jackson, O. Shelton, H. Steele, G. Sutphin, S. Clifton, W. Smith, N. Clifton, K. Simmons, N. Bondurant, J. Kirkman, M. Carroll, B. Belton, E. Hiatt, B. Tyndall, R. Vaughn, B. Gwyn. Second Row: D. Hauser, B. Hiatt, P. Smith, S. Midkiff, B. Moody, B. Timmons, S. Jones, T. Mayberry, P. Smith, L. Frank, R. Davis, J. Pell, T. Kerr, J. Hale, D. Phillips. Back: A. Childress, S. Doggett, M. Simpson, A. Christian, B. Tilley, R. Thomas, J. Cox, B. Oliver, S. Smith, J. Smith, B. Beamer.

## F. H. A.



Seated, left to right: Barbara Young, Jane Welch, Helen Steele, Wilma Smith, Annette Baber, Wilma King, Amy Jones, Sara Jo Sparger. Standing: Mrs. Shuford, Betty Snow, Joanne Smith, Mildred Robertson, Susan Boyd, Rebecca Westmoreland, Linda Childress, Nancy Collins, Patricia Hodges, Claudia Ramsey, Yvonne Vaughn, Delores Riddle, Treva Summers.

## ENLARGED BAND ADDS

The Mount Airy High School Band is an outstand ing part of our story. The band, composed of sixty-five students, meets daily in one class and during football season extra practices are held on the field each night. The band includes among its activities performances to civic groups, city and county schools as well as our high school football games.

Corky Hiatt looks as amazed as the fans at the band's presentation.

Left to right: Nancy Thomas, Dink Caldwell, and Shannon Smith carr! proudly the new flags presented $t$ M. A. H. S. by the Lions Club.


## COLOR TO OUR SCHOOL LIFE

## M.A.H.S. Band



Below Left: Harvey Pulliam, president of the band, presides over a meeting of band officers (left to right, seated) Hubert McMillian, Mary Ruth Vogler, Betty Hiatt, (standing) Ausiva Mills, Carlton Hiatt. Below Right: The Hot Shots, composed of (left to right) Sam Wall, Joe Johnson, Harvey Pulliam, and George Williams, perform at many school functions.


## GLEE CLUB ADDS A LILT

The glee club provides our story with a background of music. One hundred and thirty students meet daily in two separate classes and once weekly for a joint rehersal. A fifteenminute radio broadcast is presented each Friday by the glee club and rebroadcast on Sunday afternoon. Not only does the glee club perform in special school assemblies but also before church and civic groups thus contributing to the life of our community as well as our school. The annual spring concerts, which draw attendance from our entire town, are eagerly awaited and long remembered for their excellence.


Mr. Charles Johnson, Glee Club and band director, is known to our students as " Mr . Music.'

A highlight of the spring concert was the presentation of college alma matas. The vivid colors of the girls' dresses against the stage set of a college dorm added to the beauty of the concert.


## OF MUSIC TO OUR STORY



Carrying on the organization of the glee club are (left to right) Betty Vogler, librarian; Norma Draughn, secretary; Ronnie Pruett, treasurer; Ann Christian, vice-president; Sandra Midkiff, president; Ann Allred, sergeant-at-arms; accompanist Sue Simmons (seated at the piano).


## HOMEROOM 105 GIVES 100 PER CENT SUPPORT



Mrs. Barringer and Ann Allred confer

Gaye Jackson demonstrates her famous hook shot

Jimmy Kirkman and Bette Tilley

HOMEROOM 105


## TO AIRMONT; HOMEROOMS ENJOY INTRAMURAL SPORTS

## TOURNAMENT PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The boys of homeroom 101 look proudly at their hardearnedtrophy. Bob Tyndall shows the trophy to Bill Belton, Gary Sutphin, Bill Beamer, David McCarty, Ralph Cooke, Jimmy Ashburn, Jerry Dodson, Bud Oliver, and Bob Withers. All agree that the tournament was lots of fun.


Jimmy Cox of homeroom 6 reaches out to snatch the ball from the freshmen.

The winner of the girls'trophy was freshman homeroom 203. Miss Annie Thomas and Bonnie Edwards read the inscription while (first row) Joy Monday, Nancy Thomas, (second row) Faye Sutphin, Annie Marsh, Helen Moore, Norma Ricker, Sylvia Ramsey, and Verona Sechrist look on.



Among all the elements of our story, none will be $r$ emembered with more nostalgia than the regular day-by-day school life events that make up our year. These typical events, both large and small, we have tried to catch for you and make permanent in words and in pictures.

David McCarty instructs Sam In man, who plans to take over the job of school photographer.

Dan Ellis greets with old world courtesy the family composed of Wilma King, Ann Christian, and Annette Baber at the Halloween Carnival.



## OUR STORY INCLUDES BOTH THE



ABOVE RIGHT: Bus drivers (standing, left to right) Hubert Royal, Stuart Brown, (seated) Frank Welch, Dick Parker, and Tom Glass get the students to school safely and on time. ABOVE LEFT: Randy Willard looks with amazement at the book issued to him. LEFT: The first day of school involves registration and class assignment. Dick Lackey gives serious thought to his schedule. BELOW RIGHT: Jimmy Ashburn and Tim Jessup enjoy a minute of relaxation before their next class. BELOW LEFT: Mary Goard and Steve Jones make good use of the books in our well-equipped library.


## ROUTINE AND THE SPECIAL EVENTS



ABOVE: "What will you have?" Mrs. Jackson asks Robin Cook, as another busy lunch period begins. ABOVE RIGHT: Leon Davis and Lynda Pell help create holiday spirit in Guest House Very Exclusive. The Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y sponsor the annual Christmas play. RIGHT: Each week begins with Monday devotions, sponsored by the Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y. Ray Hemrick, Linda Cox, and Edwin Goad conduct an impressive Easter service. BELOW: Rain spoiled our homecoming parade, but not the game. The Bears beat Walkertown 7-14. BELOW RIGHT: Captain Gary Brown crowns Sarah Doggett, escorted by Ralph Cocke, Homecoming Queen during halftime ceremonies.


## BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE



Caretaker Bill Johnson takes time out from his many duties to enjoylunch in the school cafeteria.

Elaine Hoover not only looks like a little boy but also acts like one in an entertaining skit given at assembly.

Debby Hauser and Jimmy Ashburn score high in the bid for the best costume at the Halloween Carnival.

Dink Caldwell entertains with an enchanting ballet at the annual Latin Club party.


## ACTIVITIES WE SHALL REMEMBER

Mr. Frank Steed, former M. A. H. S. teacher gives a parting look at the butterfly collection which he and his biology classes worked so hard on. Mr. Steed resigned in October to enter business.


## TALENT SHOW ENTERTAINS AND FEEDS



Gail Wright gets everyone in the mood as she sings and dances "Rhythm and Blues."

Harvey Pulliam delights the audience with "Cherry Pink and Apple Blossom White."

(Left to right) Norma Draughn, ShirleyClifton, MargaretJarvis, and Betty Snow packboxes for a needy family's Thanksgiving dinner.

## VARIED ACTIVITIES ENLIVEN OUR STORY

Our school life is made enjoyable and profitable by the many varied events and people that we shall remember with pleasure--events and people both important and usual.


Virginia Busick models a duster she wore in the 155 fashion show that was sponsored by the home economics class.

Chief Sarah Doggett leads in a display of spirit at a pep rally.

Ways of making our food better are discussed by (left to right) Mrs. Lucy Beamer, Mrs. Salina Moxley, Mrs. Kate Jackson, Mrs. Alene Brickell, and Mrs. Mabel Speight.


# CLUB ACTIVITIES HELP FOREIGN 



SPANISH PARTY

Spanish students look forward to the fun of the annual Spanish party. They come dressed in brightly colored costumes for an evening of activities centered around Spanish customs.

Highlights of the 155 party were the skits presented by the first and second year classes and the Mexican Hat dance. These, along with games and songs, gave the students an opportunity to put into action what they had learned in Spanish class.
"May I have this tango?" Ronnie Pruett asks Dolly Hicks after they had won first prize for the best costumes.

In a skit Dot Hull (left) inquires about the Mexican water situation. Dieneke Nieuwehuis interrupts her conversation with visitor Maryann Johnson to assist Dot.


Forthe climax of the evening's festivities, everyone joins in the Mexican Hat dance.

## LANGUAGES COME ALIVE

LATIN WEEK

Latin week was observed at M. A. H. S. for the first time during April, 1955. The observation was sponsored by the Latin Club, which is composed of the second year students. Posters were on display through out the school, and characteristic Latin mottoes adorned all classroom doors. Club members wore Roman costumes to school one day. The fun was climaxed when the first year students were the guests of the club members at an annual banquet in the school cafeteria.


## TWIRP SEASON BRINGS

Every year the M. A. H. S. boys look forward to twirp season, which is held the second week in February. During this week the girls are requested to pay all bills and extend all the courtesies ordinarily expected of the boys. For violators of the twirp season rules a trial is held. If the offender is found guilty, sentence is pronounced. To climax the week a Sweetheart Dance is held at the Y. M. C. A.

District Attorney David $\mathrm{M}=$ Carty presents the case against Jerry Dodson and Annette Baber.


Doris Marshall assists Jerry Dodson with his coat during twirp season.


## US MIDWINTER FUN


"This is a stick-up! Hand over that carriage and bonnet!" says Jerry Dodson to Phil Smith and Gene Pruett as the three pay twirp season penalties.


Ann Christian and Bill Tracy are crowned King and Queen of Hearts by Leon Davis and Margaret Joyce at the annual Sweetheart Dance.

## SMOOTHNESS, REALISM MARK



Gerry Brannock cautions, "Look what you're doing!" as she and Ray Hemrick paint scenery for the senior play.

## SENIOR PLAY

Moving smoothly and flawlessly with superb casting and acting, Junior Miss received enthusiastic applause. In realistic performances the cast presented a picture of a thirteen year-old young lady who was always trying to help but always hindered--except once.

In "Junior Miss" the seniors repeated, by request, a playpresented seven years ago. Complimentary tickets were sent to members of the earlier cast.


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". - . - A man in Judy's room!" provides excitement for her parents, Lynda Pell and George Wright.
"Since when did that drip become your sister ?" demands Sylvia at Mary Mon's change of heart toward Wilma.

## FUTURE FRESHMAN DAY, BANQUETS



## FUTURE FRESHMEN

Future Freshman Day brings many thrills to the eighth graders who are looking at the high school for the first time. Barbara Jester (second from right) and Mrs. Shuford (right) show some of the home ec. facilities to rising freshmen (left to right) Ruby Hunter, Angelina D'Amico, Cleo Hiatt, and Sandra Holder.

## HI-Y, TRI-, HI. Y BANQUET

Mr. Charles Johnson, Hi-Y sponsor, and David McCarty, president, discuss plans with Eleanor Warren and Mrs. Sydnor, president and sponsor of the sister organization.

Linda Mosely and George Wright look amazed as Reverend Mark Bessor, speaking at the annual Hi-Y--Tri-Hi-Y banquet, states, "You are a peculiar group.'


Miss Ruth Minick, principal of South Main School, accepts for the future freshmen a 1955 Airmont from editor Mary Nell Parker.


## RELIEVE OUR SPRING FEVER

## SENIOR BANQUET

The seniors meet at the Y. M. C. A. prior to the prom for a last class banquet. This banquet, planned for and by the seniors, is presided over by the president. Class members provide entertainment for the long anticipated and long remembered event.



Ray Hemrick, accompanied by Libby York, entertains at the banquet with a song.

Faculty and administration guests attending the banquet are (left to right) Mrs. Kate Barringer, Mrs. Ann Pruitt, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pendergraph, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Finch, and Mrs. Lavinia Mackie.

These seniors enjoy the food and fun at the banquet.

The sextet supplying entertainment at the banquet are (left to right) Mary Mon Key, Libby Finch, Ann Allred, Lynda Pell, Margaret Joyce, and Jewel Wagoner.


## JUNIORS, SENIORS ENJOY



The prom--with its lovely girls, handsome boys, romantic setting, and dreamy dances-will long be remembered as a highlight of the school year.


The most anticipated event of the school year is the Junior-Senior Prom held at the Y. M. C. A. following the senior banquet. The juniors, having carefully planned decorations, refreshments, and music, can now relax and enjoy their party. The seniors forget for a while the more serious aspects of graduation as they are caught in the romantic "Stardust" mood.

Following the prom, parties were held in many of the students' homes and climaxed by a senior breakfast at Cumberland Knob.

Starry-eyed couples dance happily to the music of Jimmy Myers' Band.

## LONG ANTICIPATED PROM

Knowing that on prom night all wishes come true, Ann Christian admires the beautifully decorated wishing well.

Dancing to the theme of "Stardust," the class officers and prom committee chairmen prepare to form the dancefigure.


## ELECTIONS AND CONCERTS ADD SUSPENSE



Our school practices democracy through election of club and organization officers. The election of president and vice-president for the student council is held first each spring. From a list of juniors who have an 85 average on all scholastic work and 90 on citizenship, the student body chooses no more than five candidates to run for president. Each candidate then chooses a running-mate and a campaign manager. A week of extensive campaigning follows, climaxed by the students' vote by secret ballot.

Elections of officers for other school clubs and organizations follow the student council election.

Ausiva Mills and Frances Haynes decide their campaign poster compared favorably with those of other candidates.


Bud Oliver combines the personal touch with poster publicity as he shakes hands with Dan Ellis during the campaign.

Bud Oliver takes the oath of office as president of the student council from outgoing president Libby York.

## AND ENJOYMENT TO OUR STORY

Music-loving Mount Airians responded with aesthetic "ah-h-hs" to the beautiful spring concertby the high school music department. Both band and glee club presented, in professional manner, well chosen programs against breath-taking and faultlessly done sets.

Right: Elbert Hull and the cheerleaders star in one of the glee club's college songs. Below: The Chorus presents a sacred number. Bottom: The band plays a rousing march.



Dr. Moir Martin, chairman of the school board, presents a diploma to Jack Hall, a '55 Senior.

Commencement brings its own peculiar excitement for all--especially for juniors and seniors.

Seniors, though happy to have finished successfully their high school work, are sad to be leaving this phase of life. Nos talgia and knowledge of future responsibilities mix with a heady anticipation.

Juniors, still reveling in the fun of their first prom, readily take on the responsibilities of seniors.


The '55 Marshals happily prepare to mark reserved auditorium seats for commencement. The ten juniors with the highest scholastic averages serve as marshals.

BUSY YEAR AT M.A.H.S.


Marshals for 1955 are (front row, left to right) Sarah Doggett, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, Maryann Johnson (second row) Norma Draughn, Ronnie Pruitt, Barbara Jester (third row) Margaret Money, Elaine Hoover, Geraldine Welch (back) David McCarty, chief.

## SENIORS



The senior class of ' 56 is formally installed during the ' 55 class night exercises.

## MR. MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL



Ausiva Mills

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

SENIOR


Bob Tyndall

JUNIORS


Larry Frank


Worrell Kurtz

## MISS MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

All students voted by secret ballot. Winners were announced in High Spots. Other winners have been Roger Simmons andJeanne Gwyn in 1952, David Brown and Delores Mills in 1953, Virgil Christian and Jo Ann Palmer in 1954, and Leon Davis and Libby York in 1955.

SOPHOMORE


## CANIDATES

Dink Caldwell


Yvonne Vaughn

FRESHMEN


Ruby Hunter


Sue Smith

JUNIORS


Debby Hauser


Dot Hull

SENIORS


Barbara Jester


Ann Christian

## STUDENT ROYALTY PRESIDES GRACEFULLY

## HOMECOMINGQUEEN



Sarah Doggett and escort, Ralph Cooke.
The Homecoming Queen is chosen by student vote from girls nominated by the football team. In the primary five girls are chosen to compose the Homecoming Court. A second election from the five determines the queen, whose name is not announced until she is crowned at the halftime ceremony.

Sarah Doggett Barbara Jester Sandra Midkiff Bette Tilley Peggy Vogler


## AT HOMECOMING, SWEETHEART DANCE

KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS


Bill Tracy and Ann Christian

Each class chooses a candidate for King and Queen of Hearts. From the nominees the King and Queen are chosen by penny votes. The winners are kept secret until the crowning at the annual Sweetheart Dance.


## SCHOLASTIC HONORS RATE



Chief marshal David McCarty tops his class scholastically.

Principal H. M. Finch presents the Shirley Peters Citizenship Awards to Jerry Nester and Elizabeth York.

Scholastic achievements are recognized and encouraged by the school and by local organizations. Seniors with the highest averages receive medals. Junior marshals are chosen on a scholastic basis. Excellance in publications, essay writing, and contributions to school life is rewarded.


Scholarship College Prep. Dept. Libby Finch George Wright

Mr. Frank Kurtz awards the Lions Club Trophy to Dot Hull. Also receiving essay prizes are Elizabeth York, (left) Shannon Smith, and Sarah Doggett (right).


## HIGH IN OUR STORY

Editor Ann Allred writes the news of Airmont's A-plus rating to Mary Nell Parker, 55 editor. Doris Marshall, Barbara Jester, and Miss Simpson examine the NSYA rating sheet and the annual. NSPA also awarded Airmont the first class honor rating of excellent.


Athletics add color and excitement to the M. A. H. S. story. Football, basketball, and baseball are the major sports at Mount Airy High School. A large percentage of students take an active part in these sports. The rest of the students take an enthusiastic interest in building the morale of the players and supporting their teams.

An intramural basketball tournament is played each year between homerooms, increasing the interest and participation in athletics.



## INJURIES TAME BEARS' GROWL



The ' 55 Granite Bears struggled through their most disastrous season in Mount Airy history with three wins, six losses, and one tie. Though unaccustomed to such results, Mount Airians found compensations --a strong determined spirit, some good games and plays, a host of individual stars.

Jimmy Cox, Bud Oliver, and Bill Belton are only a third of the first string players lost to the Bears as the injury jinx crippled the ' 55 team. Jimmy Cox, by the time his teeth were replaced, sustained a broken leg.


Left: Following good blocking around end, Bob Tyndall goes for a long gain.

Below, left: Running for a gain through the Reidsville line is Dallas Phillips, tailback. The Bears out played Reidsville but lost a close game.

Coach Shelton instructs Bob Badgett; Reg Davis (background) watches closely.


## FOR M.A.H.S.'S WORST FOOTBALL SEASON

## 55 SCORES



Breaking up the pass intended for the Reidsville end is Bear Bob Tyndall. Reidsville showed a strong of fense; the Bears played one of their best defensive games.


Stewart Smith goes through a hole in Walkertown's line. Leading the way are Edsel Hiatt (no. 77) and two unidentified players on the ground.


First Row, left to right: Manager Hazel, Jackson, Slate, Watson, Johnson, Forest, Harris, Manager Inman, Kelley, Gwyn, Beamer, Manager Cooke. Second Row: Phillips, Brown, Pell, Hiatt, Kerr, Hale, Frank, Tyndall, Smith, Vaughn, Moody, Kurtz, Coach Shelton. Third Row: Mayberry, Davis, Badgett, Gordon, Pruitt, Blackburn, Cashwell, Mills, Childress, Cox, Smith, Oliver, Coach Monday.


## EXPERIENCED CAGE TEAMS GIVE

## '55-' 56 BRUINS



Front Row, left to right: Worrell Kurtz, Owen Shelton, Ishmael Forest, Jim Baity, Burton Timmons, Robert Thomas. Second Row: Coach Moir, Bobby Gwyn, Bobby Moody, Ken Norman, Jack Smith, Larry Frank, George Williams.


The 1955-56 cage play opened with an optimistic outlook for the best basketball in several seasons. Regulars Burton Timmons, Owen Shelton, Jack Smith, Robert Thomas, Larry Frank, and Bobby Gwyn were joined by six foot Kenneth Norman.

Kathleen Simmons, a leading point maker; Gaye Jackson, noted for her hook shot; Shirley Clifton; Betty Hiatt; Peggy Smith; and Frances Shackelford returned with experience to give the girls their best prospects for several years.

The players watch breathlessly as Burton Timmons attempts another basket. The Bruins defeated Elkin 55-39.

## PROMISE OF SUCCESSFUL SEASON

## '55-'56 BRUINETTES



Front Row, left to right: Nelda Clifton, Polly Kirkman, Joanne Smith, Martha Carroll, Linda Dowell, Patti Arrington, Shirley Clifton, Frances Shackelford, Peggy Smith, Betty Hiatt, Gaye Jackson. Second Row: Peggy Monday, Sara Midkiff, Faye Bennett, Wilma Smith, Cynthia Tillotson, Ann Childress, Kathleen Simmons, Audrey Ferguson, Betty Simmons, Bonnie Edwards, Linda Mills.

## 55-56 SCHEDULE

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| Dec. 9 | Reidsville |
| Dec. 13 | N. Davidson |
| Dec. 16 | Mineral Springs |
| Jan. 3 | Griffith |
| Jan. 6 | Tri-City |
| Jan. 10 | Northwest |
| Jan. 13 | Gray |
| Jan. 17 | Hanes |
| Jan. 20 | alkertown |
| Jan. 27 | Reidsville |
| Jan. 31 | N. Davidson |
| Feb. 3 | Mineral Springs |
| Feb. 7 | Griffith |
| Feb. 10 | Tri-City |
| Feb. 14 | Northwest |
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With only ten seconds left in the game, Shirley Clifton scores two more points for the Bruinettes. Elkin won the game by one point.

## BASEBALL CLUB MAKES STRONC

## 1955 SCORES



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| Mt. Airy 8 | . . . . Gray |
| Mt. Airy 7 | - Hanes |
| Mt. Airy 15 | . Tri-City |
| Mt. Airy 18 | . N. Davidson |
| Mt. Airy 15 | . Mineral Springs |
| Mt. Airy 0 | . Walkertown |
| Mt. Airy 3 | - Gray |
| Mt. Airy 0 | Reidsville |
| Mt. Airy 4 | Hanes |
| Mt. Airy 1 | Reidsville |

"All you need is know-how," says Edsel Hiatt as he demonstrates to Allie Reynolds, Jerry Nester, Jimmy Baity, and Burton Timmons how to throw a curve ball.

## FIGHT FOR AA CROWN

The Granite Bears led the AA conference all season until late losses to Reidsville and Walkertown made necessary a tie playoff with Reidsville. The one run defeat ended Mount Airy's championship hopes and left the team with a record of 11 wins and 3 losses.

Allie Reynolds led in hitting and pitching with 25 hits, nine wins, and one loss. On defense Jerry Nester made only 3 errors in 20 games.


Jerry Nester, third baseman, discusses fielding problems with Gary Brown, Rayno Wilson, Zane Galyean, and Gary Sutphin.

## BASEBALL SUPERLATIVES

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 smacked it away, to the spectators' delight. Reidsville went on to win, however, by four runs.



The Mount Airy business section, lending local color to our story, is a vital part of our lives. Many of our students are now employed part time in the downtown stores; more direct their own buying as well as their families' to the Mount Airy merchants. Both now and in the future when our buying power has increased, we shall remember and return help given us by our business friends.

We appreciate the interest shown by local businessmen. We hope this book, which that interest helped make possible, gives a clearer understanding of our school work and life.




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Mrs. Hamilton Takes Over Science Post Vacated By Mr. Frank Steed

Mrs. John Hamilton, talking the place of Mr. Frank Steed, science teacher and junior varsity coach, joined the school faculty Monday, October 3.
Mrs. Hamilton is teaching classes in biology and physics, and serving as homeroom teacher for freshmen in room 209.

Since graduating from W. C. U. N. C. with a major in chemistry, she has taught science at Beulah High School, married, and acquired three children.
"I'm looking forward to teach. ing and have wanted an opportunity to meet students from Mt. Airy," she said. "I don't know Airy, she said. the junior varsity football team and I will get along!"
Mrs. Hamilton says she likes everything connected with science except snakes. About lizards she thinks "they aren't so bad."
Having lived in this town for the past six years, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton have quickly become a part of the community life.
Mrs. Hamilton is superintendent of a Sunday School department at Central Methodist Church and her husband is coach at Beulah High.
New Repuirements Set For Senior Merit Awards


MRS. JOHN HAMILTON dislikes snakes
Science Teacher Resigns, Now Runs Motel

The business world has attract ed Mr. Frank Steed, former biolocy and physics teacher here. Mr Steed, who resigned September 30 , is now operating the Ranch Motel between Durham and Raleigh.
"Mt. Airy is the greatest place I've ever lived," said Mr. Steed, "but I feel this move necessary for the betterment-of the family. I have really enjoyed working with football, and I will certainly With football, and I will certainly
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## Staff Members, <br> Advisers Attend <br> Press Conference

Ten students from the Airmont and the High Spots staffs and their advisers attended the North tute in Chapel Hill on Saturday October

Those who went from the earbook staff were Miss Jean Simpson, adviser; Ann Allred, editor; Barbara Jester, lay-out editor; Dot Hull, Joann Southern, Ann Christian, and Ruby Hunt-
the NSYA report read. "With a few improvements, we predict that you will reach NSYA's rare AA rating next year."
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"We hope to reach that topnotch honor this year," said Mis Jean Simpson, adviser.
"We are proud of both these ratings," said Ann Allred, present editor. "The comments and criticisms will be valuable help in striving for improvement this year."

## Free Yearbook Covers Go To Early Subscribers

Each student who subscribes to uary. This means that many spring the ' 56 Airmont by October 26 events will be covered this year. will receive free a plastic cover for his yearbook, said Sara Doggett, business manager. These covers will be similar to the ones that were sold last year for 25 cents.
The subscription campaign will begin October 12. Members of the staff will solicit in the homerooms during activity period for two weeks.
"A ny homeroom subscribing 100 percent will get a page in the yearbook," said Miss Jean Simpson, adviser

A deposit of two wulars will be required now and the remaining two dollars in the spring when the annuals come back from the printer.
"The staff is planning some new features, but the extent to which they can be carried out depends on student response to the subscription campaign," stated Ann Allred, editor.
English Teacher
Directs New
Guidance Program
New in the curriculum this year is a guidance program. It will be in fuil operation as soon as an office can be set up for Miss Annie Thomas, director.
A student may then examine or

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## Homecoming Queen To Be Chosen From These By Students



MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL, MOU NT AIRY, N. C., NOVEMBER, 1955

## Seniors Choose Colors, Superlatives, Speakers


#### Abstract

Seniors recently chose class ight speakers, superlatives, and class colors.

Bud Onver was elected historian; Elaine Hoover, poet; Barbara Jester, prophet; and Ronnie Pruett, testator.

Burton Timmons, a member of the basketball and baseball teams, and Gaye Jackson, famous for her hook shoots, were voted most athletic boy and girl.

Sandra Midкiff, a cheerleader, and Jerry Dodson were chosen as most school-spirited Elaine of High Spots, and David McCar ty, president of the Hi-Y, were named gitl and boy most likely succeed

Sarah Doggett was chosen prettiest girl and Dallas Phillips best looking boy

Sarah Inggett aiso recelved the title of most popular girl, while


## Yearbook Adviser

 Writes Winning Magazine StoryFirst-place winner of an annual contest sponsored by the National School Yearhook AssociaMiss Jean Simpson, adviser for Airmont.
Miss Simpson recently received a letter of congratulations and book adviser on the topic "We Are Ploudest

- Miss Simpson's article, titled
"We Are Proudest
ace," appears in
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Til contest, announced last April, brought the largest re sponse ret and the best group of entries in the selies of contests said the sponsors.
Second-place winners were advisers in Providence Central High School, Alexandria, Louisiana, and Colorado Springs High School, Colorado.

1 am pleased," said Miss Simpson, "that our rdea of what a yearbook should be is approved by the National School Yearbook Association."

Without the expert work of staff photegrapher David McCar to coversge of school life in on-

# Bud Oliver was voted most po 

 ular boy.Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Kirk man
Norma
Norma Draughn, a marshal and David McCarty, chief marshal, were voted most studious gir and boy.
Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Ash burn, comedians from way back, won wittiest girl and bo
The school colors, blue and colors.

Math Teacher
Discovers Spy
Recently when Mrs. Vera Tho in an electric cord, she suddenly screamed. Had she seen a man from Mars, a corpse, a ghost, or

## monster?

Jack Inman, a member of hev homeroom, savine Mrs. Thomas seen, ound it to be only a spy logy lab to check on her during

It was a black and yellow smake ahout a half foot in lenrth. Jack

Coming Up
Nov. 9-Southeast Assembly
Carrolls present "Masques on Parade"
Nov. 10-Honsecoming Parade Game, and Dance
Hov. 11-Meeting for Teachers at Winston-Salem; Holiday for All City Schools

## Starts

Nov. 16-Talent Show
23-Freshman Assembly Nov, 24.25 - Thanksgiving Holidays
Dec. T-Sophomore Assembly

Ghosts Come Early
Ghosts and witches made a
early arriwal fol the Hallowee

Student Talent To Sing For Supper For Needy Families Next Wednesday

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Making Curtains for the activities room, which is being converted into an office for guidance, are members of Mrs Watt Shuford's advanced home economics class. At the sewing machine is Glenda Childress. The others. left to right, are Susian Boyd, Ruth Brown. Christine Matthews, Mabel King, Mrs. Watt Shuford, and Wilma Smith. In a class project the girls are doing a thorough job of interior decorating. With new office equipment provided, Miss Annie Thomàs, guidance counselor, will
scon be able to arrange interviews with students during provided, Miss Annie Thomàs, guidance counselor, will
scon be able to arrange interviews with students during
first and second periods and after school. Mrs. Watt Shuford s advanced home economic cher, first and second periods and after school.



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