

Big Gray Game . . . to be played Friday.

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## 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 chemistry, she has taught science at Beu-lah High School, married, and ac-quired three children.

"I'm looking forward to teaching and have wanted an opportunity to meet students from Mt. Airy," she said. "I 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 department at Central Methodist Church and her husband is coach at Beu-lah High.

## New Requirements **Set For Senior** Merit Awards



MRS. JOHN HAMILTON dislikes snakes

#### Science Teacher Resigns, Now **Runs Motel**

The business world has attracted Mr. Frank Steed, former bio-logy and physics teacher here. Mr. Steed, who resigned September 30, is now operating the Ranch Motel between Durham and Ra-

"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. really enjoyed working with football, and I will certainly miss the science students and foot-

# Yearbook Is Rated Excellent By Two National Associations

Airmont has won a rating of A plus from the National School Yearbook Association, of Columb-ia, Missouri, and a First Class ia, Missouri, and a First Class honor rating from the National Scholastic Press Association, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ratings were received recently from both associations, to which copies of the yearbook were sent last spring.

The '55 Airmont was the first edition to go to NSYA, an organization whose critical service deals with yearbooks only.

An A rating is the highest general 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 the seas." ges. "We would like to carry an article on these features in Photohith." This is a national magazine for school yearbook staffs.

"Let us compliment you on

#### Staff Members, Advisers Attend Press Conference

Ten students from the Airmont and the High Spots staffs and their advisers attended the North Carolina Scholastic Press Insti-tute in Chapel Hill on Saturday, October 1.

Those who went from the yearbook staff were Miss Jean Simpson, adviser; Ann Allred, editor; Barbara Jester, lay-out editor; Dot Hull, Joann Southern, Ann Christian, and Ruby Hunt-

few improvements, we predict that you will reach NSYA's rare AA rating next year."

The NSYA judges rated the The NSYA judges rated the book above average in every field of grading. They gave it its highest mark on Word Content (headings, story, captions). "This section stands out above the average excellent book," commented the judges, along with a grade of AA.

"We hope to reach that top-notch honor this year," said Miss 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

theme selection and introduction," scored 3560 points out of a potential NSYA report read. "With a sible 3699. A score of 3700 of more would have placed the book and a potential work with the score of 3700 of more would have placed the book." in All-American rating, a superior honor very few school publica-

tions attain.

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ade of AA.

In the NSPA grading the book

striving for improvement 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 English Teacher staff will solicit in the homerooms during activity period for two

"Any homeroom subscribing 100 percent will get a page in the yearbook," said Miss Jean Simpson, adviser.

A deposit of two oonars will be required now and the remain-ing two dollars in the spring when the annuals come back from the printer.

An additional charge of 35

"The staff is planning some new features, but the extent to new features, but the extent to which they can be carried out depends on student response to the subscription campaign," stated Ann Allred, editor.

# Directs New Guidance Program

New in the curriculum this year 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



#### Homecoming Queen To Be Chosen From These By Students



SARAH DOGGETT



BARBARA JESTER



SANDRA MIDKIFF





PEGGY VOGLER

Talent Show ...

can lead to Broadway.

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#### Homecoming ...

game to be played Thursday. See story on page 3.

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High Spots MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL, MOUNT AIRY, N. C., NOVEMBER, 1955

NUMBER 2

## Seniors Choose Colors. Superlatives, Speakers

Seniors recently chose class Bud Oliver was voted most pop-night speakers, superlatives, and class colors.

Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Kirk-

Bud Oliver was elected historian; Elaine Hoover, poet; Barba-ra Jester, prophet; and Ronnie Pruett, testator.

Burton Timmons, a member of Burton Timinons, a member of the basketball and baseball teams, and Gaye Jackson, famous for her hook shoots, were voted most athletic boy and girl. Sandra Midkiff, a cheerleader, and Jerry Dodson were chosen as

most school-spirited.

Elainc Roover, editor-in-chief of High Spots, and David McCarty, president of the Hi-Y, were named girl and boy most likely to succeed. succeed.

Sarah Doggett was chosen pret-tiest girl and Dallas Phillips best-

Sarah Doggett also received the title of most popular girl, while

# Yearbook Adviser **Writes Winning** Magazine Story

First-place winner of an annual contest sponsored by the National School Yearhook Association, of Columbia, Missouri, is Miss Jean Simpson, adviser for Airmont ..

Airmont.

Miss Simpson recently received a letter of congratulations and \$25 for the best article by a yearbook adviser on the topic "We Are Proudest of . . ." (some work on the '55 yearhook).

Miss Simpson's article, titled "We Are Proudest of Our Coverage," appears in the October issue of Photolith, with accompanying pictures of scenes around school here.

The contest, announced last

The contest, announced last April, brought the largest response yet and the best group of entries in the series of contests,

sentries in the series of contests, said the sponsors.

Second-place winners were advisers in Providence Central High School, Alexandria, Louisiana, and Colorado.

Springs High School, Colorado.

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

Association."
Without the expert work of staff photographer David McCarty, coverage of school life in on-

Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Kirk-man took honors for best person-

Norma Draughn, a marshal and David McCarty, chief marshal, were voted most studious girl and boy.

Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Ashburn, comedians from way back, won wittiest girl and boy.

The school colors, hlue and white, were also chosen class

#### Math Teacher Discovers Spy

Recently when Mrs. Vera Thomas pulled out a cabinet to plug in an electric cord, she suddenly screamed. Ilad she seen a man from Mars, a corpse, a ghost, or a monster?

Jack lnman, a member of her homeroom, saving Mrs. Thomas from the terrible sight she had seen, found it to be only a spy Mr. Steed had planted in the biology lab to check on her during

his absence. Rather to the large about a half foot in length. Jack freshments. very calmly removed the snake nd put it back in its cell.

#### Coming Up

Nov. 9—Southeast Assembly; Carrolls present "Masques on Parade"

Nov. 10-Homecoming Parade, Game, and Dance

Nov. 11—Meeting for Teachers at Winston-Salem; Holiday for All City Schools

Nov. 14-Basketball Practice

Nov. 16-Talent Show

Nov. 23-Freshman Assembly 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec. 7-Sophomore Assembly

#### Ghosts Come Early

Ghosts and witches made an early arrival for the Hålloween season on October 29 at the Y

A Halloween party sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and the Hi-Y provided entertainment of bo-bing apples, fortune telling, palm reading, and dancing.

# Student Talent To Sing For Supper For Needy Families Next Wednesday

To help needy families have food to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y are sponsoring the annual talent show November 16.

part with piano, vocals, comedy, be chosen by a committee headed and dance, giving variety to the by Norma Draughn.

Ausiva Mills will be the master

Thirty-three students will take All proceeds in the form of food will go to needy families, these to

Each student will be given a

Ausiva Mills will be the master of ceremonies.

David McCarty, chairman of the Service Committee of the Highest Also there will be a first, second, and third prize in each group.

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# Schools Called 'Investment

M. C. A

A Halloween party sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and the Hi-Y provided entertainment of both provided entertainment of b a. Savings and Loar Co. The cone "Your Investment in Classionms" is being di-played in the vindow of Duke Power Co.

The annual public elations dinner of the local N. C. E. A. was held last evening at the Reeves Y. M. C. A. In. Sylvester Green, vice-president q. Wake Forest College, was guest speak-

School Newspaper Gets First Class Honor Rating

#### Owe My Hart And Sole', Sigh The Freshmen

It has been to-too-two and so-sow-sew in Mrs. Ted Recce's freshman English classes recently. The great groan (not grate grown) that rent the air when the assignment to bring in at least we homonyms was given soon hanged to chuckles.

Anne Goad exceeded the assign-

ment and brought 269. Class discussion provoked mer-

two-year period, High Spots has class discussion provoked mer-een awarded a First Class Honor ry laughter. Jerry Starr couldn't rating by the National Scholastic decide whether to let the blood Press Association. Rating on pa-pers sent in last spring was an-vein, Jo Lena Cox asked if the High Spots was one of 16 us. Wesley Caviness reasoned that an pers out o 16 from schools this ailing pers in should be pail, not second semester last year.

The paper scored by

The paper scored higher in freshmen know which "mail is coverage and sports writing in the suite," which "pair to by," and spring than it did in the fall last which "quire thee knew base chants inn."

The highest rating last spring "Our suggestion to other Eng-came on feature stories, which lasses," said Mrs. Reece, "19 were awarded extra points above to have fun with words. It's a

#### Activities Room Gets Face-Lifting



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 Susan 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 Thomas, guidance counselor, will soon be able to arrange interviews with students during Mr. Finich Complements of Airmont staff

# AID The Annual Sta

MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

Mount Airy, North Carolina





And In Print ...

We Present The WORK, PLAY, And



That Are The Chief Elements Of Our Story.



#### Foreword

In this fifth volume of Ainmont we have tried to preserve through words and pictures a memory of the setting, action, and characters of our high school life together. This is the M. A. H. S. story.

When time has made the vivid scenes of school days grow dim and years have almost erased from the mind those happy, carefree times--influenced by the spirit of our homes and community, our school, 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.

ANN ALLRED, Editor-In-Chief
SARAH DOGGETT, Business Manager





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# Setting

The mountains with their varying shades of color, the community with its interest in youth, our modern school building with its beautiful classrooms, our administration, backed by many years of experience, and our faculty, who make school a real joy-these form the setting of the  $\mathbb{M}$ . A. H. S. story and the happy, carefree days of our high school life.













# Administration And

The students at Mount Airy High School know they can rely on their faculty and administration not only for proper direction but also for sympathy and understanding. Our faculty and administration, backed by a record of many 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 page: Faculty members Mrs. Valeria Shuford, Mrs. Maxine Hamilton, and Mr. Arnold Ramey catch up on the news.

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



Principal H. M. Finch and the faculty engage in a work slipp before school opens.







Dr. Moir S. Martin, Chairman Teacher Committee

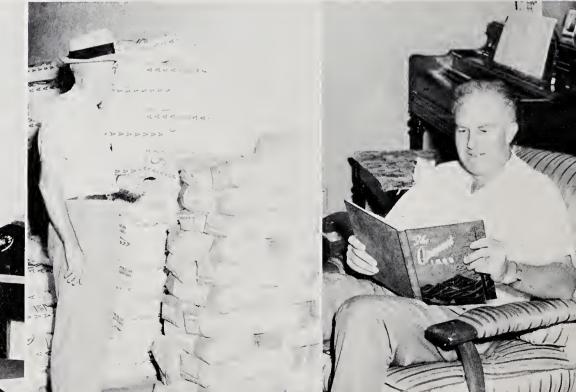
This year the membership of the Mount Airy School Board was increased from five to seven. Mr. John Wolfe and Mr. S. A. Hennis, Jr., joined the veteran board members.

Our rapidly increasing school population brings many problems for these public-spirited men, who give so freely of their time and energy that we may maintain and improve the quality of our schools.

## Administration

Mr. R. M. Smith Finance Committee

Mr. W. I. Monday Vice-Chairman Finance Committee Building and Repair



Mr. S. A. Hennis, Jr. Teacher Committee



Mrs. Juanita Barber Secretary

Mr. R. M. 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. John B. Wolfe Building and Repair

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

Mr. W. S. Porter Finance Committee







Mrs. Kate Barringer
... think and articulate clearly ...
U.S. History, World Problems, Civics
Student Council Adviser

This year we added an extra teacher in the English department and had two replacements, one in the science department and one in the commercial field.

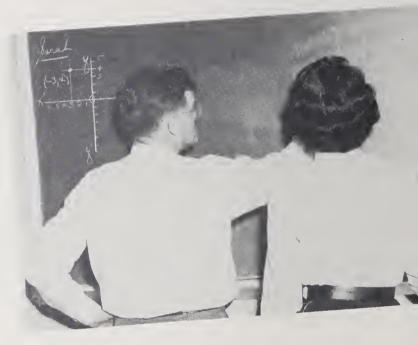
Mr. H. M. Finch . . . in touch with the classroom . . . Trigonometry, Principal

Miss Ada Haymore ...olim... Latín, Latin Club Advíser





Mrs. Mary Boyles
...no erasures ...
Commercial



Mrs. Lavinia Mackie ...y para manana ... Spanish, World History, Senior Adviser, Spanish Club Adviser











Mrs. Maxine Hamilton
...seeing the unseen ..
Biology, Physics

Miss Margaret Jenkins
...lightening calculator ...
Commercial



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

Mr. Charles Johnson
... on the beat ...
Chorus, Band, Hi-Y Adviser

Mr. Sam Moir ''...ah-h-h-...!'' Civics, Physical Ed., Coaching

Mrs. Lorraine McKinney
... little lady, big mind ...
General Science, Biology, Chemistry
Arithmetic, Freshman Adviser

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











Mr. Arnold Ramey
... flowers, histrionics, dates ...
History, Civics, Geography,
Physical Ed., Senior Play Director

Miss Eleanor Shumaker ...try it this way ... Commercial

Our faculty is tops. Teachers work hard to give us a thorough grounding in fundamentals. They insist that we work not only to gain knowledge but also to think for ourselves.



Mrs. Elizabeth Reece ...words are important ... English

Miss Jean Simpson
. . . for every need, a book . . .
Library, Airmont Adviser

Mrs. Caroline Sydnor
... equations have predicate nominatives ...
Algebra, Geometry, Dean of Cirls, Tri-Hi-Y Adviser





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



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

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



Mr. George Williams
... brooms, brushes, brick ...
Mechanical Drawing, Shop, Carpentry

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



Mrs. Vera Thomas
...then X<sup>2</sup> would be ...
Algebra, Arithmetic, Sopliomore Adviser



# Characters

In living the M. A. H. S. story we have come in contact with interesting and inspiring personalities, forming friendships that will grow with the years. We have come 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.





# Seniors

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.

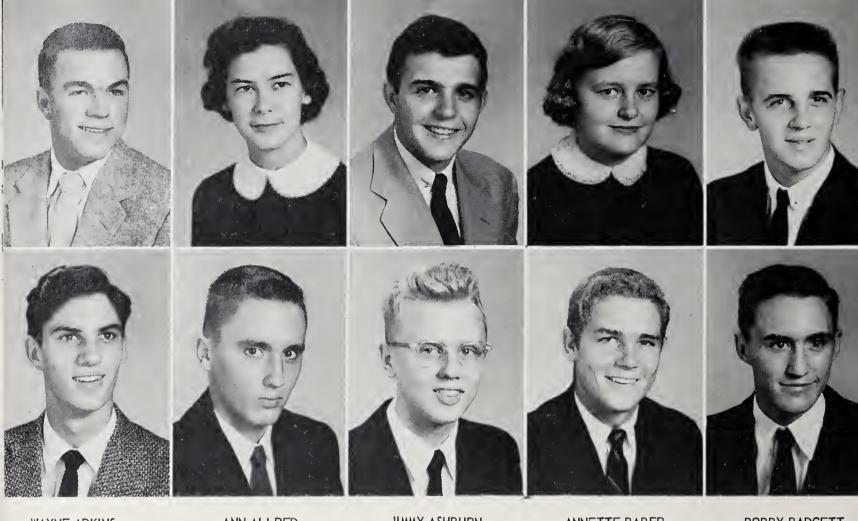
Opposite page: Ausiva Mills, senior class president, models cap and gown for Jimmy Ashburn, treasurer; Wilma King, vice-president; Doris Marshall, secretary.

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



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





WAYNE ADKINS

CARROLL BALDWIN

ANN ALLRED
BILL BEAMER

JIMMY ASHBURN
YANCEY BEAMER

ANNETTE BABER
BILL BELTON

BOBBY BADGETT

DON BEVERLY

#### 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; Ainmout 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 committee, 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; vice-president, 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; Monogram 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; Hi-Y, 3,4; Football, 2,3; Latin Club, 2; Hall monitor, 1,2,3.

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 camera are thought of simultaneously. David photographs and develops pictures for both school publications.

ANN CHRISTIAN: Glee Club, 2,3,4; vice-president, 4; Tri-Hí-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; Latin Club secretary, 2; Airmont staff, 4; Hall monitor, 1; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3. SHIRLEY CLIFTON: Trí-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

DOUGLAS BINGMAN LOUISE BUNKER

DAVID BRITTS

THOMAS BURRUS

**GARY BROWN** 

ANN CHRISTIAN

**NORMA BROWN** 

SHIRLEY CLIFTON

STUART BROWN

JUDY COE





























SHIRLEY COLLINS

RALPH COOKE

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; Latin Club secretary, 2; Class treasurer, 1; Airmont staff, 2,3,4; Business manager, 4; Miss Mount Airy High 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; Trí-Hí-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; Trí-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.

#### THE YEAR IS

CURTIS GORDON

CARLTON HIATT

RALPH HIATT



















NORMA DRAUGHN

DAN ELLIS

ANN FRANCE

JACK GILLESPIE

BECKY JO GORDON

HELEN HAYNES: F.H.A., 1,2; vice-president, 2. FRANCES HAYNES: Glee Club, 1,2; Latin Club, 2; Ainmont staff, 1,2; N. C.S.P.A. secretary, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; reporter 4; Iliah 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: Assembly 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; Marshal, 3; Latin Club president, 2; Girl most likely to succeed, 4; Girl with best personality 4; Wittiest girl, 4; Class poet, 4.

GAYE JACKSON: Student Council, 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 Club, 3; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4; Hall monitor, 4; Most athletic girl, 4. CAROLYN JACOBS: Student Council, 2; Glee Club, 2,3; Latin Club, 3; High Spots staff, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 3,4.

#### FILLED WITH VARIED ACTIVITIES

BELLE HARKRADER

DOLLY HICKS

RALPH HARRIS

KEN HILL

ROGER HAYMORE

ELAINE HOOVER

FRANCES HAYNES

GAYE JACKSON

HELEN HAYNES

CAROLYN JACOBS































TIM JESSUP

BARBARA JESTER

MARYANN JOHNSON

**DEAN JONES** 

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 secretary-treasurer, 4; Miss 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; Marshal 3; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee, 3; Homecoming candidate, 4; Prophet, 4.

MARYANN JOHNSON: Latin 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: Football, 1,2,3,4; Glee Club, 2,4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 2; Monogram 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; secretary-treasurer 1; Softball, 1.

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

#### CLASS WORK, FRIENDS,

NORMA JO LEFTWICH ANNE MARTIN

LOIS LEVERING
JOHN MARTIN



















WILMA KING

JIMMY KIRKMAN

WANDA KIRKMAN

DICK LACKEY

JANICE LEFTWICH

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; Airmont staff, 2,3,4; photographer, 3,4; Chief Marshal, 3; Boy most likely to succeed, 4; Most 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; Ainnont typist, 4; Tri-Hi-Y, 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































LARRY MIDKIFF

SANDRA MIDKIFF

AUSIVA MILLS

MARGARET MONEY

BARBARA MOSELEY

### 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 school-spirited girl, 4.

AUSIVA MILLS: Football, 1; Class secretary, 1; president, 4; Hi-Y, 2,3,4; Band, 2,3,4; business manager, 3; secretary-treasurer, 4; Latin Club, 2; Student Council, 3,4; sergeant-at-arms, 4. MARGARET MONEY: Marshal, 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. Mount Airy High School candidate, 1,2,3; Jr.-Sr. Prom Committee, 3; Class historian, 4; Most popular boy, 4.

DONNA PATTERSON

BONNIE PENNIX

DALLAS PHILIPS

TOMMY PIERCE

RONNIE PRUETT





















SHELBY NELSON

DIENEKE NIEUWENHUIS

KENNETH NORMAN

**BUD OLIVER** 

WAYNE PACK

## 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, Va. 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; Marshal, 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; Monogram 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.

HARVEY PULLIAM

CLAUDIA RAMSEY

RAY REYNOLDS

DON ROSE

HUBERT ROYAL





















OWEN SHELTON

SHIRLEY SIMMONS

JOANN SMITH

SHIRLEY SMITH

BETTY SNOW

#### SENIORS ENJOY THIS LAST YEAR BEFORE



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

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.

PETTE 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; Homecoming sponsor, 3; Homecoming candidate, 4; BURTON TIMMONS: Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Most athletic boy, 4.

BOB TYNDALL

BETTY VOGLER

JAMES WAGONER

ELEANOR WARREN

GERALDINE WELCH





















STEVE SPARGER

**GARY SUTPHIN** 

BETTE TILLEY

KENNETH TILLEY

**BURTON 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, 2. 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; Marshal, 3. ROBERT WESTMORELAND: Football, 1. ELMER WHITT: Hi-Y, 3.

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



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

FRANK WELCH

ROBERT WESTMORELAND

ELMER WHITT

SYBIL WILLIAMS

BOBBY WITHERS













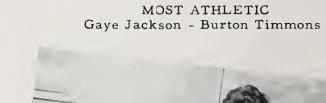




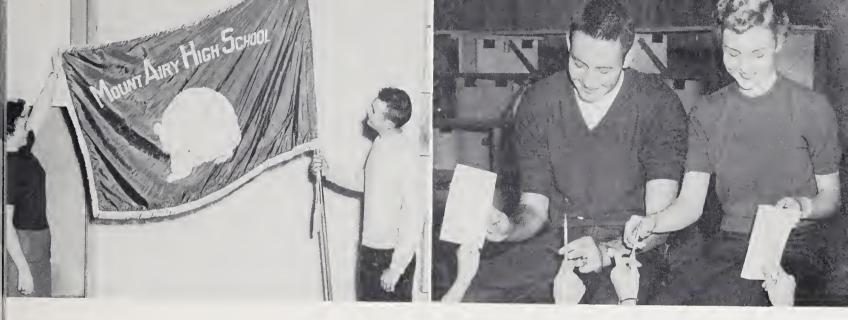
BEST LOOKING Sarah Doggett - Dallas Phillips

#### SENIORS CHOOSE THEIR

WITTIEST Elaine Hoover - Jimmy Ashburn







MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED Sandra Midkiff - Jerry Dodson

MOST POPULAR Sarah Doggett - Bud Oliver

#### CLASS SUPERLATIVES

BEST PERSONALITY
Elaine Hoover - Jimmy Kirkman

MOST STUDIOUS Norma Draughn - David McCarty



## Underclassmen

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.

Gene Pruett and Richard Vaughn enjoy refreshment during seven minute break



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







Patti Arrington Susan Boyd

Carol Atkins

Carol Brannock

Josephine Atkins Betty Jo Bray

Don Beason Dean Brown

Bonnie Belton Ruth Brown

Larry

Wayne Blue Larry Cannoy

Bobby Benge Virginia Busick

Eddie Bondurant John Cashwell





#### 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

Glenda 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.



Linda Childress Larry Frank

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

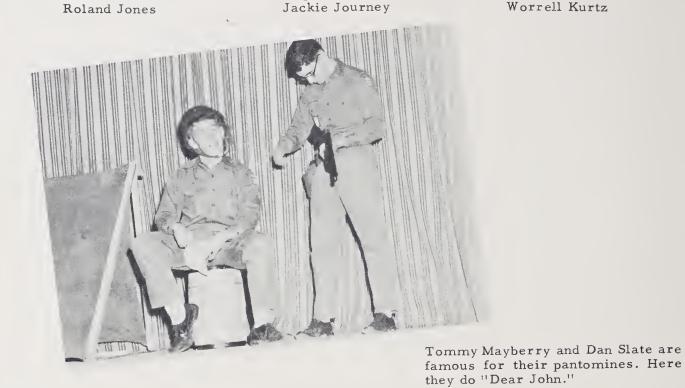
James Jordon

Peggy Haynes Jackie Journey

Mabel King

Edsel Hiatt Worrell Kurtz

Roy Hiatt Roger Lyons



Junior

Gene Pruett Jo Ann Southern

Barbara Hall

Mildred Robertson Betty Lou Starr

Paul Shelton Faye Strickland

Douglas Simmons Robert Thomas

Marilyn Petrick Wilma Smith

George Quesinberry Sara Jo Sparger

Frances Shackelford Helen Steele

Clara Simmons Carolene Surratt





Ina Mae Hill June Martin

Dot Hull Christine Matthews

Bill Jackson Peggy Monday

Leonard Johnson Philip Nichols

Margaret Hodges Linda Massey

Johnnee Inman Tommy Mayberry

Margaret Jarvis Bobby Moody

Amy Jones Jimmy Pell



Larry Frank and Debby Hauser are tried by Judge Williams for Twirp Season infractions.

Sue Simmons Edward Tickle

Dan Slate Kenny Watson

Peggy Smith Rebecca Westmoreland

Roy Lee Smith Barbara Young

Kathleen Simmons Betty Thore

Mary Frances Simpson Richard Vaughn

Jack Smith Jane Welch

Phil Smith Randell Willard



























## Sophomores



#### 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
Jimmy 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 Hazel Griffeth



## Sophomores

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

## Freshmen



#### 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



#### Freshmen



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

Kenneth Cooke Robin Cooke Jo Lena Cox Margurette Craft Angelena D'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 McHome
Bryan McMillian
Clinton Martin
Dennis Martin
John Martin
Mary Frances Matthews

## 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





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.





## Classroom Activities

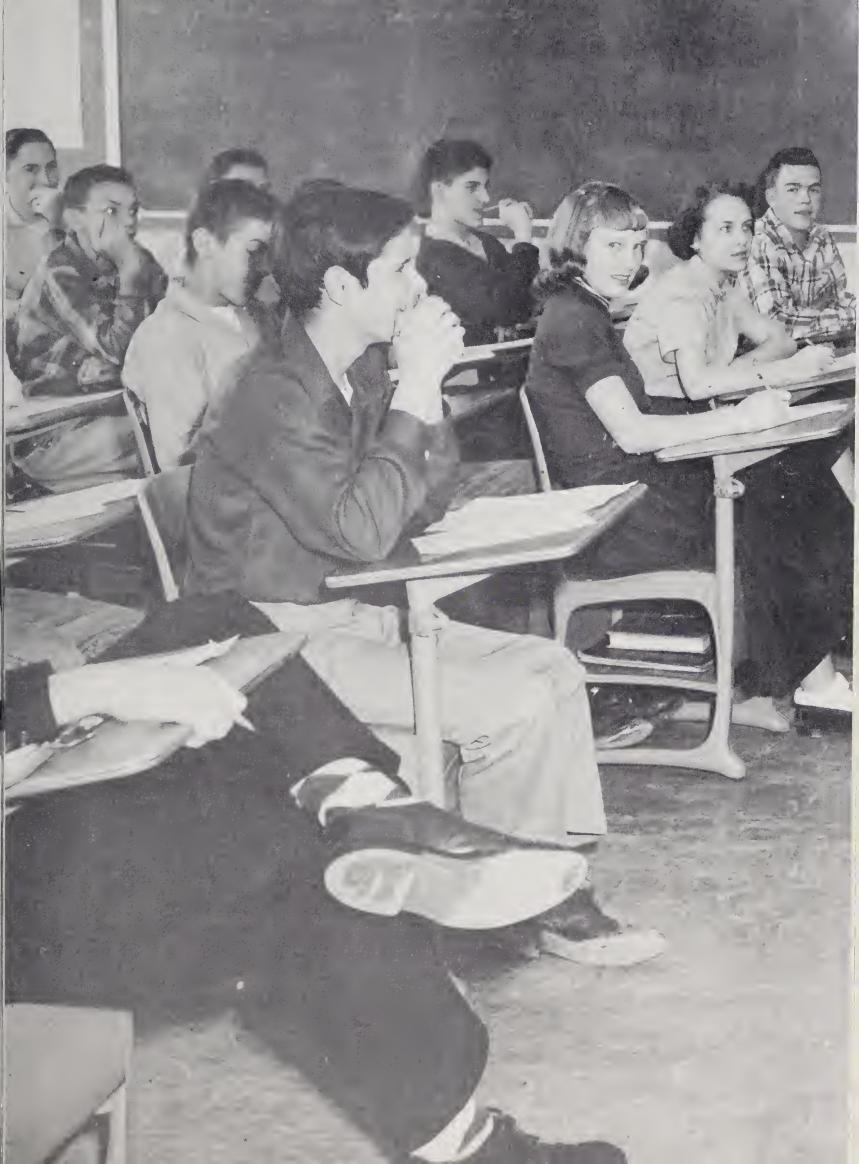
The classroom becomes our world for six hours each day as we seek to open windows on to a wider world. We have received more than a wisdom obtained from books, for in this close association with students and teachers we have learned to develop our own personalities and to seek desirable social habits. 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 program were added to the 1954-155 curriculum.

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

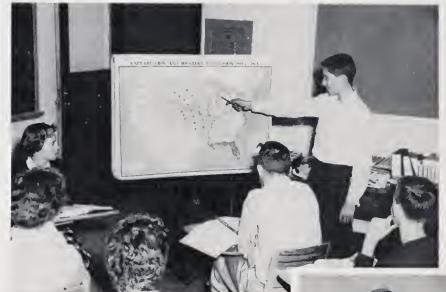


Janice Leftwich, (seated) Ann Allred, and Gary Sutphin, students of Mrs. Barringer's American problems class, use the Readers Guide to find additional information for their discussions.

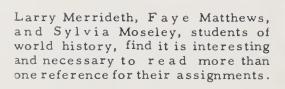
A better understanding of current trends is promoted by the study of history, a living subject of interest to each student. Four teachers offer nine classes in world history, U.S. history, civics, and American problems.



By giving his current event, Kenny Cook helps keep his civics class up to date on world happenings.



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



#### ENGLISH BUILDS BASIC SKILLS

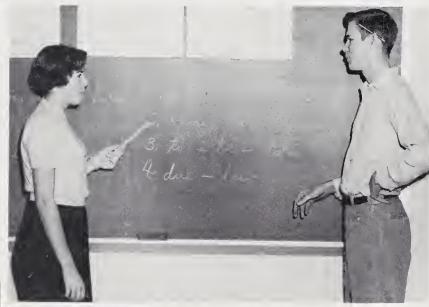
A knowledge of correct English usage is the key to success in all our studies, in our future work, and in our leisure hours. Our English department, composed of five instructors teaching twenty classes including commercial English and journalism, strives to help students write, speak, read, and think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

Arithmetic, algebra, geometry, trigonometry, book-keeping, and business math--classes to meet all math needs are taught in our school. In the general and college preparatory courses eleven classes are taught by three teachers.



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 measuring 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 a vailable. 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.





#### HOMEMAKING AND VOCATIONAL SHOP



Five classes are offered in home economics to prepare girls for homemaking as a career. This year in the third year 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, Wilma Smith, Glenda Childress, Mabel King.

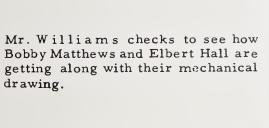
Home economics students (left to right) Susan Boyd, Ruth Brown, Christine Matthews, Sue King, Wilma Smith, Glenda Childress (seated), and their teacher Mrs. Shuford work hard on the drapes which they are making for the new guidance room.

## OFFER NEEDED PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

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.





The carpentry class 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 equipped 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 enjoy our library's



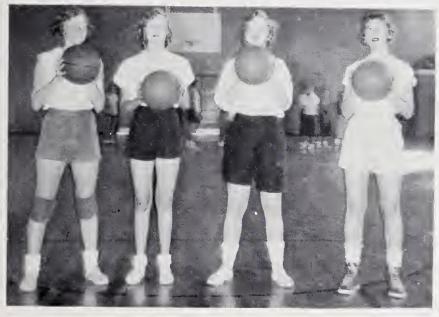
Above left: Miss Thomas, Mr. Shelton, and Mr. Ramey check new arrivals. Left: Judy Coe and Carolyn Jacobs use library materials.

## EDUCATION 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.

# Organizations

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 co-operation but also to spice the more serious side of school with fun and variety.

Opposite Page: Majorettes -- Mary Ruth Vogler, Cynthia Tillotson, and Peggy 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



The student council works to improve the school and make it a happier place for the individual. Membership includes an elected delegate and alternate from each homeroom plus major club presidents. The senior committee hears violations of council regulations.

Bud Oliver, president, maps 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.



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-of-town 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 Johnson, Jimmy Ashburn, Dick Lackey, Don Rose, Bob Davis, Roger Lyons, Roland Jones, James Čraddock, Jack Childress, Melvin Marion, Jimmy Jacobs, Tollie Barber, and Ian Harding.

## LIBRARY ASSISTANTS DESERVE IMPORTANT

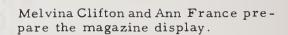


Among the busiest and most helpful people in school are the library assistants. These students give up their study halls to do all the countless things that keep the library running smoothly. They check out books, sign permits, card and shelve returned books, write overdue reminders, prepare new books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



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



### PLACE IN OUR STORY

Everyone comes to the library. Assistants find plenty to do and never lack company. For five of the sixlibrary periods 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 each to library work. While they gain excellent experience, library assistants give valuable help.



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



Miss Simpson demonstrates the lettering of books with the new electric stylus. Library assistants Joan Fleming and Martha Carroll watch attentively.

Dean Brown and Peggy Smith, sixth period library assistants, help Ronnie Alderman check out a book.

### OFFICE PAGES GIVE VALUABLE



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.

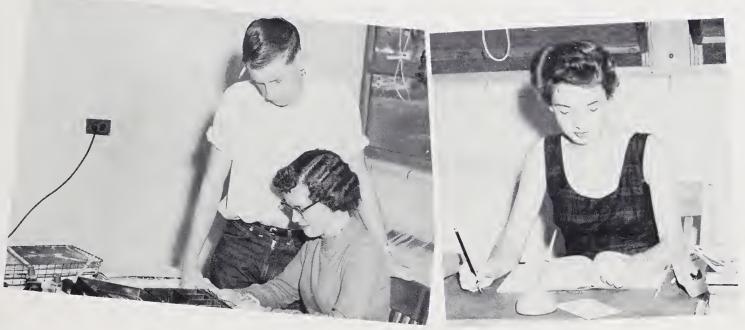
Johnnie Mae Inman (right) demonstrates the use of the mimeograph machine to Barbara Mosely and Ina Mae Hill.

## SERVICE TO OUR SCHOOL

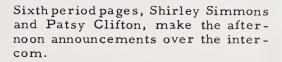
Frances Haynes and Bud Oliver, second period office pages, check up on the absentees.



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.





### HIGH SPOTS REPORTS OUR STORY

The Journalism class, 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.



Above: Editors Elaine Hoover and Bob Tyndall (second from left 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.

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









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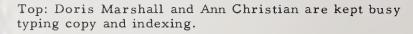




### AIRMONT STAFF WORKS HARD TO



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.



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.





### PRODUCE 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 <u>Airmont</u> are 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 Loftis, Betty Thore, Martha Jones, (second row) Shirley Clifton, 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.

Installation of the '56 Tri-Hi-Y officers held at the spring banquet include (left to right) retiring Vice-President Linda Mosely and incoming officers Claudia Ramsey, Doris Marshall, Dieneke Nieuwenhuis, Sybil Williams, Elaine Hoover, Bette Tilley, and Frances Haynes.

Group I: (standing) Ann Allred, 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, Marilyn Petrick, Wilma Smith, Carol Brannock, and Rebecca Westmoreland.



### HI-Y ACTIVITIES KEEP JUNIOR



The Hi-Y co-operates with the Tri-Hi-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.



Publicity and Finance: (left to right) Johnny Edinger, Gary Sutphin, Carroll Baldwin, Ausiva Mills, Thomas Burrus, Bobby Withers.



Fellowship Committee: (First row, left to right) Dean Brown, Hubert McMillian, Paul Shelton, Bobby Gywn, (second row) Glenn East, Ken Hill, David Britts, Wayne Pack, Dick Lackey, (standing) Jimmy Ashburn.

### 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.

Out-going President Leon Davis (left) installs the new officers--David McCarty, Jimmy Ashburn, Tim Jessup, Billy Beamer, Jimmy Kirkman, and Gary Brown.



### 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



### 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



### TO AIRMONT; HOMEROOMS ENJOY INTRAMURAL SPORTS

## TOURNAMENT PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The boys of homeroom 101 look proudly at their hard earned trophy. 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.



Sam Inman of 204 shouts, "I've got it!" while rivals from home-room 6 stare at Sam's startling catch.

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.





# School Life

Among all the elements of our story, none will be remembered 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 Inman, 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.



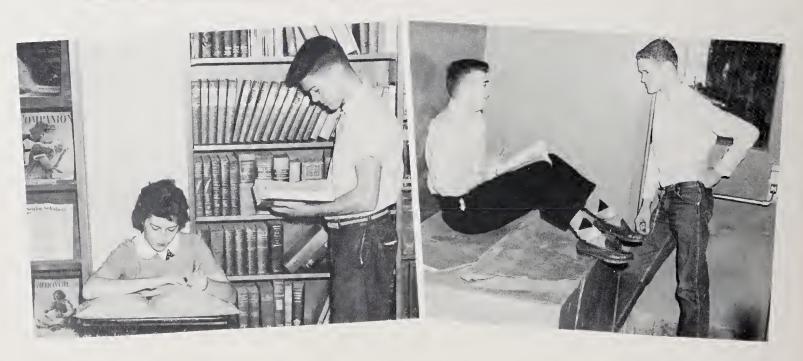


### OUR STORY INCLUDES BOTH THE





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 half-time ceremonies.







### BOTH THE PEOPLE AND THE



Caretaker Bill Johnson takes time out from his many duties to enjoy lunch 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.

Mr. Johnson proudly holds his son, Charley, Jr.

Mike, son of Coach and Mrs. Moir, is already a full-pledged basketball star. Coach Steed gave Mike a basketball so he could start practicing early.

Who says teachers can't have fun too? Mr. George Williams and Mrs. Anne Pruitt enjoy the annual Sweetheart Dance.







### 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."

The annual talent show, sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y, is eagerly anticipated by the student body. Admission is food, which is later distributed to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

An excellent variety of entertainment of vocal and instrumental music, dance and novelty numbers is offered.



(Left to right) Norma Draughn, Shirley Clifton, Margaret Jarvis, and Betty Snow pack boxes 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 '55 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 '55 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.



For the 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 throughout the school, and characteristic Latin mottoes adorned all classroom doors. Club members were 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.





Some of the students who worked hard on Latin week relax in their colorful costumes: (Seated) Kathleen Simmons, Phil Smith, Mary Simpson. (Standing) John Cashwell, Ishmael Forest, Worrell Kurtz, and Bill Lamm.

"Dig that crazy Caesar!" says Carroll Baldwin when he sees two important Roman citizens, John Cashwell and Bill Lamm, in the halls of M. A. H. S.



Two Roman soldiers, Larry Frank and Dan Slate, prove their bravery with a duel at the annual banquet.

### 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 McCarty presents the case against Jerry Dodson and Annette Baber.

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



### US MIDWINTER FUN



Bill Belton serves his sentence--to drink from a baby bottle for three days--as Linda Cox lends encouragement.

"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



"After I do my Yogi, my head will be much clearer. Then I can meet the crisis going on in this house," says Mary Mon.

Mary Mon becomes disgusted when Leon says, "Don't thank me for the doll--thank Santa Claus."



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, <u>Junior Miss</u> 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.

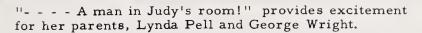
In "Junior Miss" the seniors repeated, by request, aplay presented seven years ago. Complimentary tickets were sent to members of the earlier cast.



Director Mr. Arnold Ramey









"Since when did that drip become your sister?" demands Sylvia at Mary Mon's change of heart toward Wilma.

### FUTURE FRESHMAN DAY, BANQUETS



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

Mr. Charles Johnson, Hi-Y sponsor, and David Mc-Carty, 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."



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 ecfacilities to rising freshmen (left to right) Ruby Hunter, Angelina D'Amico, Cleo Hiatt, and Sandra Holder.



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.



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

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.

## LONG ANTICIPATED PROM



dust," the class officers and prom committee chairmen prepare to form the dance figure.

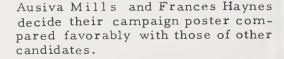


## ELECTIONS AND CONCERTS ADD SUSPENSE



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.







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 concert by 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.





## COMMENCEMENT CLIMAXES



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. Nostalgia 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.



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 <u>High Spots</u> 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

## FRESHMEN



Edmund Burke



Don Starling

SOPHOMORES

CANIDATES



Sam lnman



Stewart Smith

JUNIORS



Larry Frank



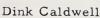
Worrell Kurtz

## MISS MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL

All students voted by secret ballot. Winners were announced in <u>High Spots</u>. Other winners have been Roger Simmons and Jeanne 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. in 1955.

### SOPHOMORE







Ruby Hunter



Sue Smith

## CANIDATES





Debby Hauser



Dot Hull

Yvonne Vaughn

SENIORS



Barbara Jester



Ann Christian

## STUDENT ROYALTY PRESIDES GRACEFULLY

HOMECOMING QUEEN



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.

Wanda Willard Bob Tyndall Jo Ann Southern Ishmael Forest Bonnie Sparger Stuart Smith













## SCHOLASTIC HONORS RATE



Chief marshal David McCarty tops his class scholastically.

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

Scholastic achievements are recognized and en-

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



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).



Scholarship College Prep. Dept. Libby Finch George Wright

## 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.





Betty Vogler receives the D.A.R. History Award from Miss Marjorie Yokely.

Awards Commercial Dept. Wilma Loftis Betty Leftwich



The 1954-55 <u>High Spots</u> won two first class honor ratings of excellent from NSPA. Editors Linda Cox and George Wright, Jr., (seated) look over the score book. Also eager to see are staff members (left to right) Hill, Finch, Davis, Robertson, York, Hantzopoulos, and Wagoner.

## Athletics

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.

STARS OF TOMORROW

Coached by Harry Monday and Ralph Cooke, the little Bears ended a season of five wins and four losses.

OUR TROPHY CASE



CHEERLEADER MASCOT

Chipper Calloway



## 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

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Breaking up the pass intended for the Reidsville end is Bear Bob Tyndall. Reidsville showed a strong offense; 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 players watch breathlessly as Burton Timmons attempts another basket. The Bruins defeated Elkin 55-39.

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.

## 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

Dec.	2										Elkin
Dec.	6										Elkin
Dec.	9										. Reidsville
Dec.	13										
Dec.	16										neral Springs
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Jan.	6										Tri-City
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Jan.	17										Hanes
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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.

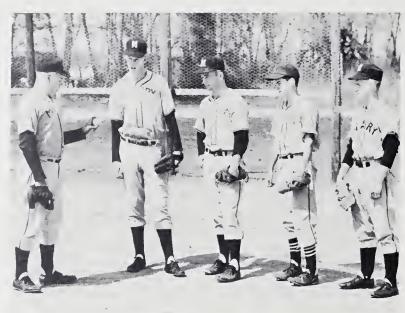
## BASEBALL CLUB MAKES STRONC

## 1955 SCORES

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Mt. Airy 20 . . . . N. Davidson

Mt. Airy 7 . . . . Elkin Mt. Airy 24 . . . . Elkin

Mt. Airy 3

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

## "55 BASEBALL CLUB -

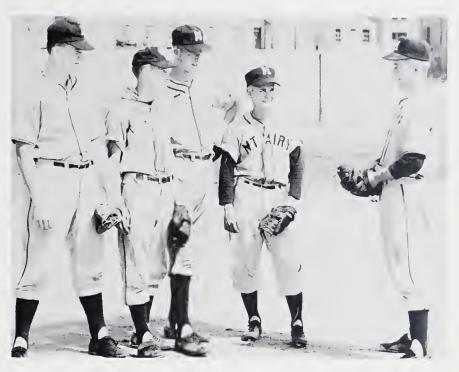


First Row, left to right: Harris, Jim Baity, Gwyn, Wilson, Timmons, Sutphin. Second Row: Manager Royal, Shelton, Hiatt, John Baity, Galyean, Reynolds, Brown, Nester, Thomas, and Coach Sam Moir.

## 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.

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The catcher won't get his hands on that ball. Owen Shelton smacked it away, to the spectators' delight. Reidsville went on to win, however, by four runs.



## Local Color

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.

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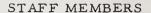


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We have tried to present in picture and in print the experiences and friends we treasure now and never want to forget. The staff appreciates the help of students, faculty, and advertisers in making possible this fifth edition of Airmont. We have enjoyed telling the M. A. H. S. story; we hope you like it.

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MOUNT AIRY HIGH SCHOOL, MOUNT AIRY, N. C., OCTOBER, 1955

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## 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 chemistry, she has taught science at Beulah High School, married, and acquired three children.

"I'm looking forward to teach-'I'm looking forward to teaching and have wanted an opportunity to meet students from Mt. Airy," she said. "I 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 department at Central Methodist Church and her husband is coach at Beu-lah High.

## New Requirements Set For Senior Merit Awards



MRS. JOHN HAMILTON . . . dislikes snakes . . .

### Science Teacher Resigns, Now **Runs Motel**

The business world has attracted Mr. Frank Steed, former biology 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 the family of the live o I have really enjoyed working with football, and I will certainly miss the science students and foot-

## Yearbook Is Rated Excellent By Two National Associations

Airmont has won a rating of A plus from the National School Yearbook Association, of Columb-ia, Missouri, and a First Class ia, Missouri, and a First Class honor rating from the National Scholastic Press Association, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ratings were received recently from both associations, to which copies of the yearbook were sent last spring.

The '55 Airmont was the first edition to go to NSYA, an organization whose critical service deals with yearbooks only.

An A rating is the highest gen An A rating is the highest general rating given by NSYA. It means HIGHLY SUPERIOR. "Coverage, general readability, and editorial excellence of the book are models for books over the nation," said the NSYA judges, "We would like to carry an article on these features in Photolith." This is a national magazine for school yearhook staffs. for school yearbook staffs.

"Let us compliment you on

#### Staff Members. Advisers Attend Press Conference

Ten students from the Airmon and the High Spots staffs and their advisers attended the North Carolina Scholastic Press Insti-tute in Chapel Hill on Saturday, October 1.

Those who went from the yearbook 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 judges rated the The NSYA judges rated the book above average in every field of grading. They gave it its highest mark on Word Content (headings, story, captions). "This section stands out above the average excellent book," commented the judges, along with a grade of AA.

In the NSPA greating the book."

"We hope to reach that top-notch honor this year," said Miss Jean Simpson, adviser.

"We are proud of both these diditor. "The comments and criticisms will be valuable help in striving for improvement this

theme selection and introduction," scored 3560 points out of a positive improvements, we predict that you will reach NSYA's rare AA rating next year." scored 3560 points out of a positive in 3699. A score of 3700 of more would have placed the book in All-American rating, a superior honor very few school publicain All-American rating, a superior honor very few school publicafions attain.

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## 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

The subscription campaign will begin October 12. Members of the staff will solicit in the homerooms during activity period for two weeks.

"Any homeroom subscribing 100 percent will get a page in the yearbook," said Miss Jean Simpson, adviser.

An additional charge of 35

"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 full operation as soon as an office can be set up for Miss Annie Thomas, director.

A student may then examine or



## Homecoming Queen To Be Chosen From These By Students



SARAH DOGGETT





SANDRA MIDKIFF





Talent Show ...

can lead to Broadway.

See page 2.

#### Homecoming ...

game to be played Thursday. See story on page 3.

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# High Spots

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

NUMBER 2

## Seniors Choose Colors, Superlatives, Speakers

Seniors recently chose class Bud Oliver was voted most popnight speakers, superlatives, and ular boy.

night speakers, superlatives, and class colors.

Bud Oliver 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 Midwiff, a cheerleader, and Jerry Dodson were chosen as most school-spirited.

Elaine Roover, editor-in-chief

Elaine Roover, editor-in-chief of High Spots, and David McCarty, president of the Hi-Y, were named girl and boy most likely to

Sarah Doggett was chosen pret-tiest girl and Dallas Phillips best-

Sarah Doggett also received the title of most popular girl, while

## Yearbook Adviser **Writes Winning Magazine Story**

First-place winner of an annual contest sponsored by the National School Yearhook Associa-tion, of Columbia, Missouri, is Miss Jean Simpson, adviser for Airmont ..

Miss Simpson recently received a letter of congratulations and \$25 for the best article by a year-book adviser on the topic "We book adviser on the topic "We Are Proudest of . . ." (some work on the '55 yearhook).

Miss Simpson's article, titled

aliss Simpson's article, titled "We Are Proudest of Our Coverare," appears in the October ace," appears in the October is-sue of Photolith, with accompany-ing pictures of scenes around school here.

The contest, announced last April, brought the largest response yet and the best group of entries in the series of contests,

entries in the surfes of contests, said the sponsors.

Second-place winners were advisers in Providence Central High School, Alexandria, Louisiana, and Colorado.

Colorado. Springs High School.

Colorado. "Law placed" eaid Miss Sinna.

Colorado.

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

Without the expert work of staff photographer David McCarty, coverage of school life in on-

Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Kirk-man took honors for best person-

Norma Draughn, a marshal and David McCarty, chief marshal, were voted most studious girl and boy.

and boy.
Elaine Hoover and Jimmy Ashburn, comedians from way back, won wittiest girl and boy.
The school colors, blue and white, were also chosen class

#### Math Teacher Discovers Spy

mecently when Mrs. Vera Thomas pulled out a cabinet to plug in an electric cord, she suddenly screamed. Had she seen a man from Mars, a corpse, a ghost, or a monster? Recently when Mrs. Vera Tho-

Jack Inman, a member of her homeroom, saving Mrs. Thomas from the terrible sight she had seen, found it to be only a spy Mr. Steed had planted in the biology lab to check on her during his absence.

his absence.

It was a black and yellow snake about a half foot in length. Jack very calmly removed the snake and put it back in its cell.

#### Coming Up

Nov. 9—Southeast Assembly; Carrolls present "Masques on Parade"

Nov. 10-Homecoming Parade, Game, and Dance

Nov. 11—Meeting for Teachers at Winston-Salem; Holiday for All City Schools

Nov. 14-Basketball Practice

Nov. 16-Talent Show

Nov. 23-Freshman Assembly Nov. 24-25 - Thanksgiving Holidays

Dec. 7-Sophomore Assembly

#### Ghosts Come Early

Ghosts and witches made an early arrival for the Halloween season on October 29 at the Y

A Halloween party sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and the Hi-Y provided entertainment of bobbing apples, fortune telling, palm reading, and dancing.

Decorations consisted of cats, witches, pumpkins, and corn

Rather than a trick, a treat of cookies and punch served for re-

freshments.

Dolly Hicks and Bill Jackson won first prize as hest-dressed.

## Student Talent To Sing For Supper For Needy Families Next Wednesday

To help needy families have red for admission," announced food to be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y are sponsoring the annual talent show November 16.

Thirty-three students will take part with piano, vocals, comedy, and dance, giving variety to the program.

Ausiva Mills will be the master

Ausiva Mills will be the master of ceremonies.

David McCarty, chairman of the Service Committee of the Hi-Y, and Shirley Clifton, leader of Group 3 of the Tri-Hi-Y, are pooling their efforts to make this coming production a success:

"Non-perishable food is prefer that the master of the student will be given a ballot, and will vote for his choice in each group. There will he a first, second, and third prize in each group. Also there will be a first, second, and third prize for the show winner. All prizes are to be donated by Mt. Airy merchants.

All proceeds in the form of food will go to needy families, these to be chosen by a committee headed by Norma Draughn.

Each student will be given a

## Schools Called 'Investment In America' This Week

This is American Education er, week. The city and county schools—The P. T. A. groups meeting

ral Savings and Loan Co. The Chapme "Your Investment in Class-coms" is being displayed in the window of Duke Power Co.

And Sole' Sign

window of Duke Power Co.

The annual public relations dinner of the local N. C. E. A. was held last evening at the Reeves Y. M. C. A. Dr. Sylvester Green, vice-president of Wake It has been 10-too-two a Forest College, was guest speak.

#### School Newspaper Gets First Class Honor Rating

second semester last year.

It has been to too two and so-sow-sew in Mrs. Ted Reece's freshman English classes recently.

The great groan (not grate grown) that rent the air when the assignment to bring in at least be homonyms was given soon changed to chuckles.

Anne Goad exceeded the assign-ment and brought 269.

Anne Goad exceeded the assignment and brought 269, Class discussion provoked merating by the National Scholastic Press Association. Rating on papers sent in last spring was an nounced recently.

High Spots was one of 16 papers out or 56 from schools this latter to be rated First Class for the size to be rated First Class for the second semester last year.

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Mrs. Reece now hopes that the The paper scored higher in freshmen know which "mail is coverage and sports writing in the suite," which "pair to by," and spring than it did in the fall last which "quire thee knew base year.

The highest rating last spring "Our suggestion to other Eng-ame on feature stories, which lish classes," said Mrs. Reece, "is to have fun with words. It's a





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 Susan Boyd, Ruth Brown, Christine Matthews, Mabel King, Mrs. Watt Shuford, and Wilma Smith. In a class project the girls are doing a thorough is a constraint. With new office equipment job of interior decorating. With new office equipment provided, Miss Annie Thomas, guidance counselor, will soon be able to arrange interviews with students during and second periods, and after school.

