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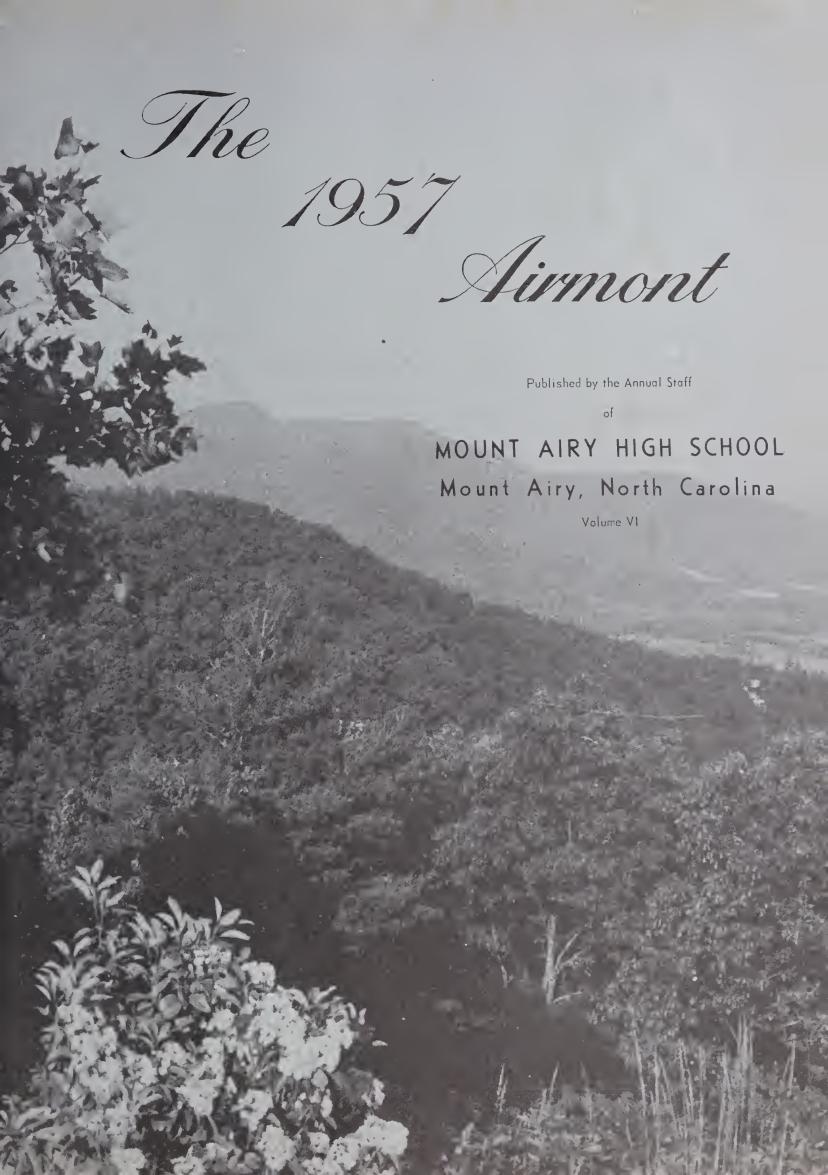
".... and the best that we find in our travels is an honest friend. He is .. fortunate .. who finds many. We travel, indeed, to find them. They are the end and the reward of life. They keep us worthy of ourselves; and, when we are alone, we are only nearer to the absent."

- Stevenson, Travels With a Donkey

# Our Goodly Fellowship At MALH.S.



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In Work...



In Play...



# We Enjoy



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# A Goodly Fellowship



### **FOREWORD**

Whot things from our school life will be longest remembered ond most treosured?

Mount Airy High School boasts, olong with high stondords of scholorship and behavior, o rore good feeling ond cooperation among both faculty ond students----a quolity intriguingly expressed by Mory Ellen Chose os A GOODLY FELLOWSHIP.

The widely publicized blackboard jungle ond delinquentbehavior problem atmasphere of so many schools hos goined no head-woy here. We ore proud of the genuine respect, liking, and helpful spirit that draw us close to eoch other ond to our teachers. We ore proud of our Goodly Fellowship!

In this sixth volume of Airmont we present the stary of that fellowship-for now and for the future. We hope you like it.

Susie Dobson, Editor Dorothy Hull, Business Monoger







Students enjoy the activities--curricular ond extrocurricular--and ossociations of school life.





Mr. Johnson, a licensed pilot, finds flying good relaxation from sour notes.

Miss Holder spends an evening doing a two-tone job on English papers.

Mrs. Barringer, Mrs. Mackie, and Mrs. Boyles attend a banquet.

### And With Teachers

(RIGHT) Coach Shelton makes a tough judge for Twirp season court. (BELOW) Mr. Williams and George, Jr., spend happy hours at Claytor Lake.









# And With Our Community

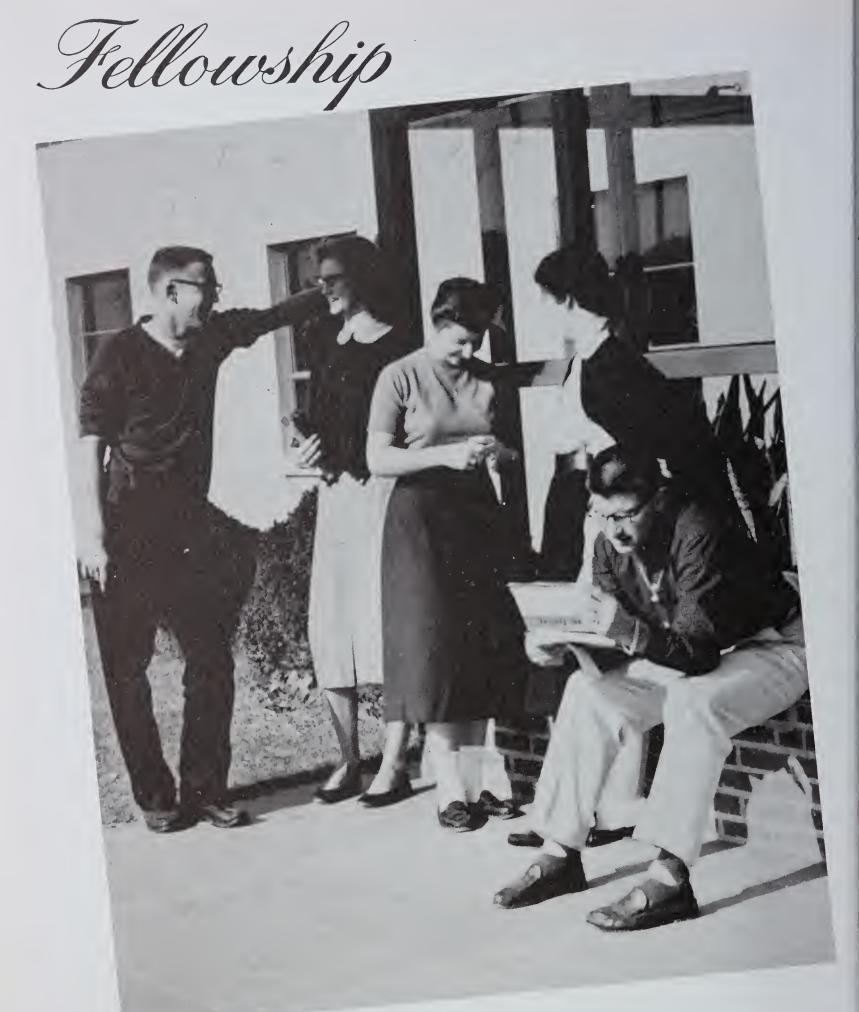
Mrs. Mary Bayles, Juniar Woman's Club member, looks aver the latest memorial baaks donated to the high school library by the local club.











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#### WINTER.

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#### SPRING:

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### School And Administration



"If we find but one to whom we can speak out of our heart freely, with whom we can walk in love and simplicity without dissimulation, we have no ground of quarrel with the world or God."





### Our Administration Works Hard To



Mount Airy was host to the 1956 Twelth District N. C. State School Boards Association in March. Approximately 200 school officials and board members of five Northwest counties attended the group discussions and dinner meeting--oll held at the high school. BELOW: Dorothy Hull conducts a group of visitors on a tour of the high school.

Mrs. Lillion Johnson, secretory to the superintendent, gives cheerful, efficient help.



Mr. Robert M. Smith, District Association President for 1955-56.





Principol H. M. Finch and Superintendent L. B. Pendergroph discuss o school communication.

### Provide Excellent School System



SEATED: W. I. Monday; Moir S. Mortin, chairman; L. B. Pendergraph, superintendent; Marion Burke. STANDING: S. S. Hennis, Jr.; R. M. Nelson; John B. Wolfe; and R. M. Smith.

### SCHOOL BOARD

An expanding school population brings our odministration increasing problems in housing, teacher recruitment, and materials. The dedicated, public-spirited services of oll--board members, superintendent, and principal--give us a school to be proud of.

Mr. Morion Burke, who joined the school board this year, finds Airmont gives a clear picture of what goes on in the high school.



# Fellow Students



SENIORS
SUPERLATIVES
JUNIORS
SOPHOMORES
FRESHMEN

"In every friend we lost a part of Ourselves, and the best part."
-Keats





# Seniors

"The Crown of these is made of love and friendship."

-Keats

Seniar class President Warrell Kurtz (right) makes plans with Ja Anne Sauthern, treasurer; Larry Frank, secretary; and Sue Simmans, vice-president.



Mrs. Barringer advises the class night speakers an cammencement pracedure. Jahn Cashwell, historian; Dat Hull, paet; Phil Smith, testatar; and Kathleen Simmans, praphet, listen attentively.

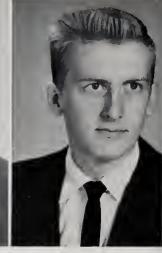












CAROL ADKINS

PATTI ARRINGTON

JOSEPHINE ATKINS

DAVID BANKS

DON BEASON

CAROL ADKINS: Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 4. PATTI ARR-INGTON: Track 1,2; Saftball 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2; F. H. A. 1,2; Beta Club 2 (Flat Rack), Basketball 1,2,3,4; Manogram Club 3,4; Girls Athletic Association secretary 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4. JOSEPHINE ATKINS: Glee Club 1,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4. DAVID BANKS: Glee Club 4.

BONNIE BELTON: Newpart News High Schaal 1,2; Student Cauncil 1; Junior Charus 2; Latin Club 2; Saccer 2; Hockey 2; Tennis 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4. EDDIE BONDURANT: Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3,4; Library assistant 2. SUSAN BOYD: F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Hall monitar 2,3. CAROL BRANNOCK: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Hall manitar 4; F. H. A. 4.

BETTY JO BRAY: Student Cauncil 1,2; Latin Club 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; president 4; F.H.A. 4; Cheerleader 4; Managram Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Jr.-Sr. pram cammittee 3; Wittiest girl 4; Office page 4; Library assistant 3. DEAN BROWN: Hi-Y 3,4; Latin Club 2; Library assistant 2,3,4. RUTH BROWN: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. 1,2; Substitute bus driver 3,4.

VIRGINIA BUSICK: Glee Club 3; Tri-Hi-Y 4. JOHN CASH-WELL: Student Cauncil 1,4; president 4; Hi-Y 3,4; Monagram Club 3,4; Faatball 1,3,4; Hall manitar 1,2,4; Latin Club 2; vice-president 2; Marshal 3; Class vice-president 1; Mr. M.A.H.S. candidate 2,3; Class historian 4. ANN CHILDRESS: Basketball 1,2,3; Managram Club 2,3,4; Office page 4; Hall manitar 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4. FRED CHILDRESS: Faatball manager 4.

### SENIOR FRIENDSHIPS DEEPEN

BONNIE BELTON
RUTH BROWN

EDDIE BONDURANT
VIRGINIA BUSICK



Mildred Rabertsan and Douglas Simmans find that English IV reading is impartant; they select books from the senior shelf.











Winning the honor of serving as morshal by being one of the ten juniors with the highest scholostic average is one of the greatest thrills in high school. ABOVE LEFT: Larry Fronk hands out programs to marshals John Coshwell, Kathleen Simmons, and Susie Dobson. ABOVE RIGHT: Marshals Roland Janes, Dorothy Hull, and Johnnie Inman look over commencement programs.





Eddie Bandurant emcees the seniar ossembly, ''Gathur Adfrey and His Talent Sprauts'', written by Susie Dabsan ond Betty Ja Bray.

### BECOME MORE VALUED

PATTY SUE BOWEN
LARRY CANNOY

SUSAN BOYD

JOHN CASHWELL

CAROL BRANNOCK
ANN CHILDRESS

BETTY JO BRAY
FRED CHILDRESS

DEAN BROWN

JACK CHILDRESS























LINDA CHILDRESS
KAYE DEARMIN

MELVINA CLIFTON
SUSIE DOBSON

NELDA CLIFTON
GLENN EAST

GEORGE COBLE

JIMMY COX

JANE EDWARDS

### CONTRIBUTIONS TO



Seniors early start thinking of college. John Edinger and Mary Frances Simpson look over the library's collection of college catalogues.

LINDA CHILDRESS: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F.H.A. reporter 3; treasurer 4; Class winner of Lions Club Essay 3; Hall monitor 4; Latin Club 2; Sergeant-at-Arms 3. MELVINA CLIFTON: Latin Club 2; Library assistant 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4. NELDA CLIFTON: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Girls Athletic Association 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; treasurer 4; Office page 3,4; Hall monitor 2.

GEORGE COBLE: Band 1,2,3,4; president 4; Glee Club 3,4; Student Council 3; Bus driver 4; Hi-Y 3,4. JIMMY COX: Glee Club 3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4. KAYE SMITH DEARMIN: Westfield High School 1,2,3. Hall monitor 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 1,2,3; Student Council 1; recording secretary 1; Basketball 1,2,3; Cheerleader 1; Beta Club 2,3; F. H. A. 2,3; president 2; Marshal 3; 4-H Club 1,2,3.

SUSIE DOBSON: Student Council alternate 2; Airmont Staff 1,2,3,4; associate editor 3; editor 4; Latin Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; group leader 4; Library assistant 2; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee 3; Marshal 3; Y. M. C. A. Essay Winner 3. GLENN EAST: Hi-Y 3,4; Bus driver 3,4. JOHNNY EDINGER: Student Council 1; Hall monitor 2; Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3,4.

JANE EDWARDS: Intromural basketball 2, Student Council alternate 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; reporter 4; Student secretary to Guidance Counselor 4. BETTY JO ELLIS: F. H. A. 4; Trí-Hi-Y 4; Glee Club 4. ISHMAEL FOREST: Latin Club 2; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Football 2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4.

LARRY FRANK: Hi-Y 3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; treasurer 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Lotin Club 2; Student Council alternate 2,4; Hall monitor 1; Class secretary 1,4. JO ELLA GILBERT: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Hall monitor 4. MARY GOARD: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. 1,2,3,4; Chaplain 4; Holl monitor 3,4. FREDDY GRAY: Band 1,2; Bus driver 3.

BOBBY GWYN: Hi-Y 3,4; Monogram Club 1,2,3; treasurer 4; Baseboll 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4. JIMMY HALE: Football 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Hall monitor 4. BARBARA HALL: Glee Club 3; Library assistant 4.



Joan Slate and Sue Simmons display musical talent in the senior assembly.

### SCHOOL LIFE INCREASE

BETTY JO ELLIS
MARY GOARD

ISHMAEL FOREST
FREDDY GRAY

LARRY FRANK BOBBY GWYN JO ELLA GILBERT
JIMMY HALE

TOM GLASS
BARBARA HALL























DEBBIE HAUSER
ALLEN HOYT

PEGGY HAYNES
DOROTHY HULL

RAY HEMRICK

JOHNNEE MAE INMAN

EDSEL HIATT

BILL JACKSON

ROY HIATT

MARGARET JARVIS

### THE LAST YEAR OF WORK AND

DEBBIE HAUSER: Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Cheerleader 2,3; Managram Club 2,3,4; Editar-in-Chief High Spots 4; Latin Club 2; Miss MAHS candidate 1,3; Queen af Hearts candidate 1; Class afficer 2,3; Jr.-Sr. pram cammittee chairman 3; Student Council 1,2,3; Marshal 3; Candidate far Student Cauncil president 3; Hamecaming spansar 3.

PEGGY HAYNES: Glee Club 1,2,3; Office page 4. EDSEL HIATT: Hi-Y 3,4; Managram Club 1,2,3,4; president 4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Faatball 1,2,3,4; Student Council sergeant-at-arms 4; Jr.-Sr. pram cammittee 3. JEAN HIATT: Tri-Hi-Y 4; Hall manitar 4; Spanish Club 4. MARGARET HODGES: Glee Club 1 (Daytana Beach High Schaal); Girls' J-V basketball manager 2; Library assistant 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4.

ALLEN HOYT: Hi-Y 4; Hall manitar 4. DOROTHY HULL: Winner af Lians Club Essay Traphy 2; President F. H. A. 1,2; Basketball 1,2; Spanish Club 2; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; chaplain 4; Student Cauncil 1,2,3; secretary 3; candidate far Student Cauncil vice-president 3; Class secretary 3; Marshal 3; Miss MAHS candidate 3; Airmont Staff 3,4; business manager 4; Jr.-Sr. pram cammittee 3; Class paet 4; Girl mast likely to succeed 4; Mast studiaus girl 4.

MARTHA JONES

NORMAN JONES

**ROLAND JONES** 

JAMES JORDAN



















Richard Voughn and Phil Smith, projectionists, check o film before it is shown in class.

JEAN HIATT

MARGARET HODGES

LEONARD JOHNSON

AMY JONES

### PLAY PASSES QUICKLY

JOHNNEE MAE INMAN: Glee Club 1; Office page 3; Morshal 3. BILL M. JACKSON: Latin Club 2; Basketball 1,2; Foatball 3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; Managram Club 3,4; Hall monitor 3. MARGARET JARVIS: Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Office page 4. LEONARD JOHNSON: Football 1,2,3; Holl monitor 2,3; Hi-Y 3,4; Monogram Club 3,4; Glee Club 4. AMY JONES: Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. Club 3.

MARTHA JONES: Glee Club 2,3; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F.H.A. 1,2,3,4; Hall monitor 3. NORMAN JONES: Band 2; French Club 3; Dramatics 1; (Lumberton High School) Glee Club 4. ROLAND JONES: Lotin Club 2; Holl manitor 3; Office poge 3; Morshal 3; Hi-Y 3,4; vice-president and pragrom choirmon 4; Airmont stoff 4; Mast studious boy 4. MABEL KING: Glee Club 2,4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; F. H. A. Club 3,4.

WORRELL KURTZ: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3; Baseball 2; Holl monitor 1,2; Office page 4; Latin Club treasurer 2; Monagram Club 3,4; vice-president 4; Class vice-president 2,3; Class president 4; Hi-Y 3,4; Most populor bay 4; Best looking boy 4; Jr.-Sr. prom committee 3; Mr. MAHS candidate 1,2,3; King of Heorts candidate 1.

LINDA LOU LOFTIS: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. Club 4. ROGER LYON: Hi-Y 3,4; Holl monitor 1.

JACKIE JOURNEY

MABEL KING

WORRELL KURTZ

LINDA LOFTIS

ROGER LEE LYONS





















JUNE MARTIN

LINDA MASSEY

TOMMY MAYBERRY

PEGGY MONDAY

BOBBY MOODY

### SENIORS PREPARE FOR COLLEGE,



Frances Sanders and Jimmy Pell pantomine "Chewing Gum" in the senior assembly.

JUNE MARTIN: Glee Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Office Page 4; Student Council alternate 4; Spanish Club 3. LINDA MASSEY: Glee Club 1,2; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Holl monitor 4; F. H. A. 2,3,4. TOMMY MAYBERRY: Football 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; vice-president 4; Hi-Y 3,4; Baseball 2; Latin Club 3; Wittiest boy 4. PEGGY MONDAY: Glee Club 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Basketball 2,3,4; Football sponsor 4.

BOBBY R. MOODY: Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 1,2,3,4; Most athletic boy 4; Hi-Y 3,4; Boy with best personality 4. JIMMY PELL: Hi-Y 3,4; sergeant-at-arms 4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; vice-president 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee 3. MARILYN PHILLIPS: Basketball 1; Library assistant 2,3; Airmont Staff 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; vice-president 4; Latin Club 2; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee 3; Student Council alternate 1; Homecoming sponsor 3.

GENE PRUETT: Football 1,2,3,4; co-captain 4; Hi-Y 3,4; Monogram Club 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Latin Club 2. GEORGE QUESINBERRY: Hi-Y 3,4; Latin Club 2; Hall monitor 4. MILDRED ROBERTSON: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. 3,4; Office page 4. FRANCES SANDERS: Wilkes Central High School 1,2,3; Band Club 1; Band 1,2,3,4; Librarian 3; Majorette 2,3; Student Council 3; secretary-elect 3; Jr.-Sr. hostess 2; Jr.-Sr. committee 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Hall monitor 4.

MILDRED ROBERTSON

FRANCES SANDERS

FRANCES SHACKLEFORD

PAUL SHELTON

CLARA SIMMONS





















PHILLIP NICHOLS

JIMMY PELL

MARILYN PHILLIPS

GENE PRUETT

GEORGE QUESINBERRY

### WORK, ARMY, AND HOMEMAKING

FRANCES SHACKLEFORD: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Girl's Athletic Association president 4; Most athletic girl 4; Monogram Club 3,4; Bus driver 1,2,3,4. PAUL SHELTON: Library Club 1,2; Monogram Club 1,2; Glee Club 1,2; Franklin High School 1,2; Baseball 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2,4; Football 1,2,4; Office page 4; Hi-Y 3,4; chaplain 4.

CLARA SIMMONS: Glee Club 1,2; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Student Council 1; Spanish Club 4; Office page 4. DOUGLAS SIMMONS: Hi-Y 3,4; Hall monitor 2,4. KATHLEEN SIMMONS: Miss MAHS Candidate 1,2,4; Hall monitar 2,4; Student Council 1,2,4; vice-president 4; Latin Club secretary 2; Monogram Club 1,2; Homecoming sponsor 1,4; Girl's Athletic Association 3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; High Spots associate editor; picture editor 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Marshal 3; Class praphet 4.

SUE SIMMONS: Student Council alternate 1; representative 3,4; Latin Club vice-president 2; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; assistant accompanist 1,2; accompanist 3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Class president 3; vice-president 4; Jr.-Sr. Prom committee 3; High Spots feature editor, exchange editor 4. MARY FRANCES SIMPSON: Basketball 1,2; Student Council alternate 1,4; Glee Club 1,3; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Cheerleader 2, 3,4; chief 4; Latin Club secretary 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; president 4; representative ta Interstate Conference 3; Homecoming sponsor 3; Hall monitor 4; Most popular girl 4; Girl with best personality 4; High Spots business manager, advertising manager 4; Girl's Athletic Association 4; Homecoming candidate 4.

DAN SLATE: Hi-Y 3,4; treasurer 4; Monogram Club 3,4; Football 3,4; Band 1,2,3,4; Latin Club 2.



The interest and help of our friends in tawn make possible a better schaal. Kenny Watson discusses his High Spots sports page with Times sports editor William Carter.

DOUGLAS SIMMONS

KATHLEEN SIMMONS

SUE SIMMONS

MARY F. SIMPSON

DAN SLATE













JOAN SLATE

JO ANNE SOUTHERN

PEGGY SMITH
SARA JO SPARGER

PHIL SMITH
LEON STANLEY

ROY LEE SMITH
BETTY LOU STARR

WILMA SMITH
HELEN STEELE



Marshal Debbie Hauser helps Phil Smith, chief, with his ribban, as Ina Mae Hill watches.

JOAN SLATE: Staneville High School 1,2; Glee Club 1,2,4; Cheerleader 2,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; secretary 4; Prettiest girl 4; Library Club 1,2; Beta Club 3; Annual staff 1,2; F. H. A. Club 1,2; Class Treasurer 2; Managram Club 4; Hamecaming candidate 4.

PEGGY FRANCES SMITH: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Library assistant 3; Managram Club 3,4; secretary 4; High Spots circulation manager, sparts editar 4; Girls Athletic Association vice-president 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4. PHIL SMITH: Faatball 1,2,3,4; Hi-Y 3,4; president 4; Band 1,2,3,4; secretary 2; Latin Club president 2; Student Cauncil 4; alternate 1; Mast likely ta succeed 4; Testatar 4; Hall manitar 4; Chief marshall 3; Managram Club 2,3,4.

### GRADUATION BRINGS HAPPINESS, RELIEF,

FAYE STRICKLAND

CAROLENE SURRATT

ROBERT THOMAS

BETTY THORE

**EDWARD TICKLE** 













Betty Jo Payne 1939-1956



. . . . At Home, Trying To Keep Up With Her Home Wark . . . . .

Betty Ja Payne, a member of the class of 1957, became ill of cancer in the spring of 1955. In August her left leg was amputated. After returning home Betty Jo attempted to go on with her school work as long as she was able. She died in Octaber, 1956.

ROY LEE SMITH: Hi-Y 3,4; Latin Club 2; Student council 4; Office page 3. WILMA SMITH: Glee Club 2,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. Club 1,2,3,4; secretary 1; song leader 2,3; county officer 3; vice-president 4; Basketball 1,2,3; Monogram Club 2,3; Football spansor 3. JO ANNE SOUTH-ERN: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; Latin Club 2; Hall monitor 2; Queen of Hearts candidate 2; Class treasurer 4; Jr.-Sr. prom committee 3; Airmont Staff 3,4.

SARA JO SPARGER: Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. Club 2,3,4; Basketball 1. LEON STANLEY: Hi-Y 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2. BETTY LOU STARR: Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. Club 2,3,4; officer 3,4; Office page 3,4. HELEN STEELE: Class treasurer 1,2; F. H. A. Club 3,4; officer 3,4; Basketball 1; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; Tri-Hi-

Y 3,4. FAYE STRICKLAND: F. H. A. Club 1; Hall monitor 1; Latin Club 2.

CAROLENE SURRATT: Tri-Hi-Y 4. ROBERT THOMAS: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 1,2,3,4. BETTY JO THORE: Basketball 1,2; Hall manitor 3; Tri-Hi-Y 3,4; F. H. A. Club 4. RICHARD VAUGHN: Hi-Y 3,4; Latin Club 2; Football 1,2,3,4; captain 4; Jr.-Sr. prom committee 3; Basketball 1,2; Prajectionist 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club 2,3,4; vice-president 4; Hall monitor 1,2,3; Mr. MAHS candidate 1. KENNY WATSON: Hi-Y 3,4; secretary 4; Latin Club 2; Office page 3,4; High Spots sports editor 4. JANE WELCH: Glee Club 1,2,3,4; F.H. A. Club 3,4; officer 4. RANDY WILLARD: Latin Club 2; Hi-Y 3,4. BARBARA YOUNG: Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Tri-Hi Y 3,4; F. H. A. 2,3,4; president 4.

### AND NOSTALGIC MEMORIES

RICHARD VAUGHN

KENNY WATSON

JANE WELCH

RANDELL WILLARD

BARBARA YOUNG















# Underclassmen

"Friendships begin with liking or gratitude -- roots that can be pulled up."

- George Eliot, Daniel Deronda



Underclassman prestige was given a boost last spring when these girls won the intramural basketball trophy for homeroom 205. Sara Midkiff displays the trophy to team. SEATED: Faye Mills, Joan Fleming, Brenda Cooke, Diane Simmons. BACK ROW: Margurette Croft, Patsy Simmons, and Anne Goad.





Allene Anderson Jimmy Boyles Robert Easter

Peggy Barber Dink Caldwell Audrey Ferguson

Mary Ann Barker Rachel Callaway Johnnie France

Faye Bennett Barbara Carpenter Clark Gilbert

Jim Baity Edgar Brooks Bonnie Edwards Jimmy F. Barker Debby Callaway Gaye Fleming

Belva Beck Donald Cannoy Judy Gardner

Hazel Griffith

Jerry Beverly

Martha Carroll

# JUNIOR



CLASS OFFICERS

President - Stewart Smith; Vice-President Yvonne Vaughn; Secretary - George Williams;
Treasurer - Mary Ruth Vogler.



MAJORETTES
Majorettes Cynthia Tillotson, Mary Ruth
Vogler and Peggy Vogler practice for their
part in half time festivities.



Gilmer Blackburn Peggy Childress Faye Hall

Alice Blackstock James Craddock Sylvia Hall

Helen Bond Reginald Davis Franklin Hawks

Linda Bowman Belva Deatherage Betty Haynes

Michael Blackman Nancy Collins Jerry Hall

Johnny Blue Cecelia Crow Kenneth Harris

Nancy Bondaurant Aravoley Dawson Hayford Hawks

Patricia Bowman Linda Dowell Peggy Haynes

# CLASS

Betty Hiatt Sam Inman

Harold Hodges Wayne Johnson

Janie Holloway Linda Jones

Kay Huffman Steve Jones

Tommy Hennis Sybil Hurst

Margaret Hiatt Joe Johnson

Patricia Hodges Gaynell Jones

Shelby Hooper Raynell Jones

































Wanona Jones Sara Lou Phillips Edward Smith

Joyce Kirkman Jenny Pruett George Smith

Annie Marsh Don Pulliam Peggie Smith

Mabel McMillian George Quesinberry Stewart Smith

James Kingsberry Phyllis Poore Gary Smith Polly Kirkman Roger Puckett June Smith Betty McMillian Mary Pulliam Shannon Smith

Larry Meredith Sylvia Ramsey Bonnie Sparger



Todd Taylor, who joined the juniors late, works in home room during activity period. The junior rooms are so crowded that Todd and five other boys spend home room periods in the home economics lab.

## JUNIOR

Vera Carl Thomas Mickey Watson

Nancy Thomas Faye Watson





Jane Merritt Norma Dean Ricker Ernest Speight

Louise Morris Esther Semones Charles Starr

Dick Parker Richard Simmons Fay Sutphin

Carol Payne Bettie Lou Smith Duke Taylor

Helen Moore Verona Sechrest John Spurlin

Edna Moseley Betty Simmons Treva Sumner

Gaye Patterson Wade Simmons Ray Sutphin

James Peoples Bobby Smith Eleanor Thomas

# CLASS

Jackie Timmons Wade Whitaker

Yvonne Vaughn George Williams

Peggy Vogler Billy **W**ithers

Bobby Watson

Cynthia Tillotson Novie Welch

Gray Utt Donnie Willard

Mary Ruth Vogler Helen Williams

Sam Wall Linda Worrell



































Ronnie Alderman Don Anderson Richard Armfield Billy Baber Tollie Barber Jim Barber Larry Beason Wayne Benge Mary Louise Blue

Wayne Benge Mary Louise Blue Elizabeth Bondurant Buddy Bowman Virginia Bowman Mary Frances Boyd Richard Boyles

Roger Boyles
Hilda Brannock
Jerry Brannock
Edwin Brinkley
Dorothy Bunn
Edmund Burke
Billy Campbell

Pat Carpenter
Wesley Caviness
Maxie Chandler
Carol Childress
Ruth Chilton
Thorne Clark
Lewis Clement

Rodney Clifton Frances Coalson Rachel Collins Vance Collins Larry Combs Brenda Cooke Kenneth Cook



CLASS OFFICERS

President - Sara Midkiff; Secretary - Mildred Shelton; Vice-President - Vaughn Gwyn; Treasurer - Edmund Burke.



Sara Midkiff is MAHS's representative in Record Club, top record hits magazine.



Bobby Sox gives big sister a confusing evening. Wondering what it is all about are Suzanne Lewis, Sandra Holder, Scherer James, Donald Weddle, Lewis Clement, Wesley Caviness, and Thorne Clark.



Glenn Yokley and Mildred Shelton enliven a scene from "A Date for Bobby Sox" - an assembly program by the class of 1959.

## SOPHOMORE CLASS

Angelina D'Amico Tony D'Amico Charles Easter Clara Edinger Johnnie Mae Edwards Carol Sue Ellis Jimmy Fleming

Joan Fleming
Sandra Frye
Jerry Gilbert
Eleanor Gillespie
Anne Goad
Peggy Goins
Katie Gravely

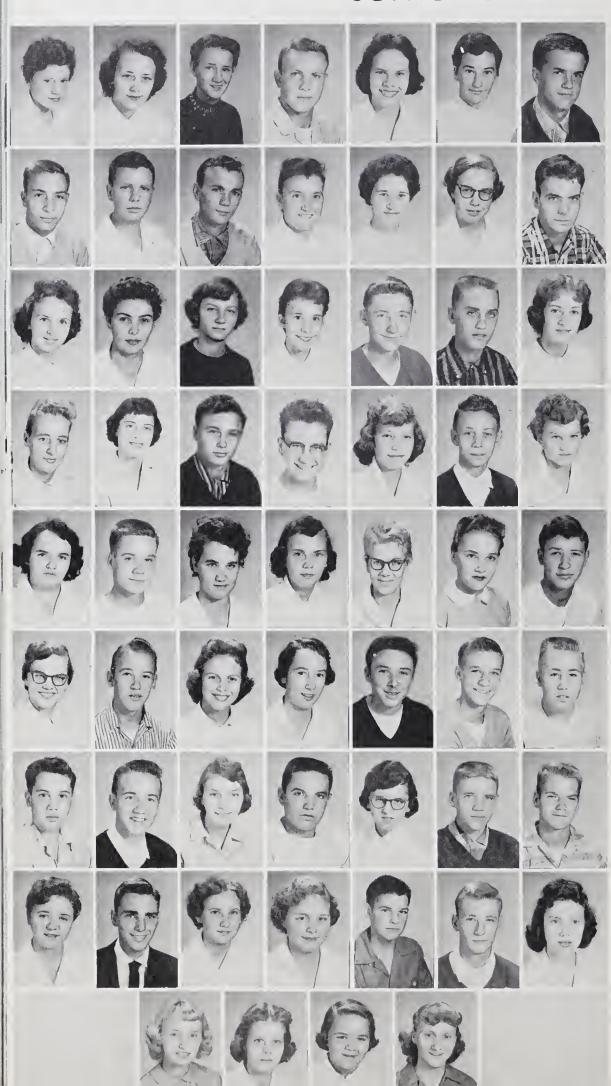
Eddie Gray Charles Greenwood Douglas Griffin Carol Ann Gwyn Vaughn Gwyn James Harvey Ronald Haymore

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

Brenda Horton Zan Hunter Ruby Hunter Sammy Hunter Jimmy Jacobs Scherer James Harry Lee Johnson



## SOPHOMORES



Carol Johnston Margaret Jones Patricia Jones Richard Kelley Suzanne Lewis Patricia Loftis Frank Lowry

Clinton Martin
Dennis Martin
John Martin
Mary Frances Matthews
Betty Jean McBride
Margaret McCann
Bryan McMillian

Sara Midkiff
Faye Mills
Linda Mills
Annette Monday
James Monroe
Alfred Moorefield
Juanita Morrison

Linda Norman Alice Owens Jerry Owens Barry Patterson Lois Patterson J. D. Paul Linda Payne

Marylene Puckett Frank Ramsey Iris Shelton Judith Shelton Mildred Shelton Bonnie Shinault David Simmons

Dianne Simmons Mike Simmons Patsy Simmons Sue Smith Jason Snow Don Starling Jerry Starr

Guido Sutter
Joe Thomas
Bonnie Tickle
Charles Triplette
Carolyn Vaughn
Tommy Vaughn
Alton Watson

Betsy Watts
Don Weddle
Naomi Welborn
Brenda Westmoreland
Philip Westmoreland
Mike Williams
Carolyn Woodie

Carolyn Worrell Gail Wright Glenn Yokley Bonnie Yopp

#### CLASS OFFICERS

Vice-President
Johnny Sanders
Secretary
Betty Collins
Treasurer
Pinky Hennis
President
Joby Smith

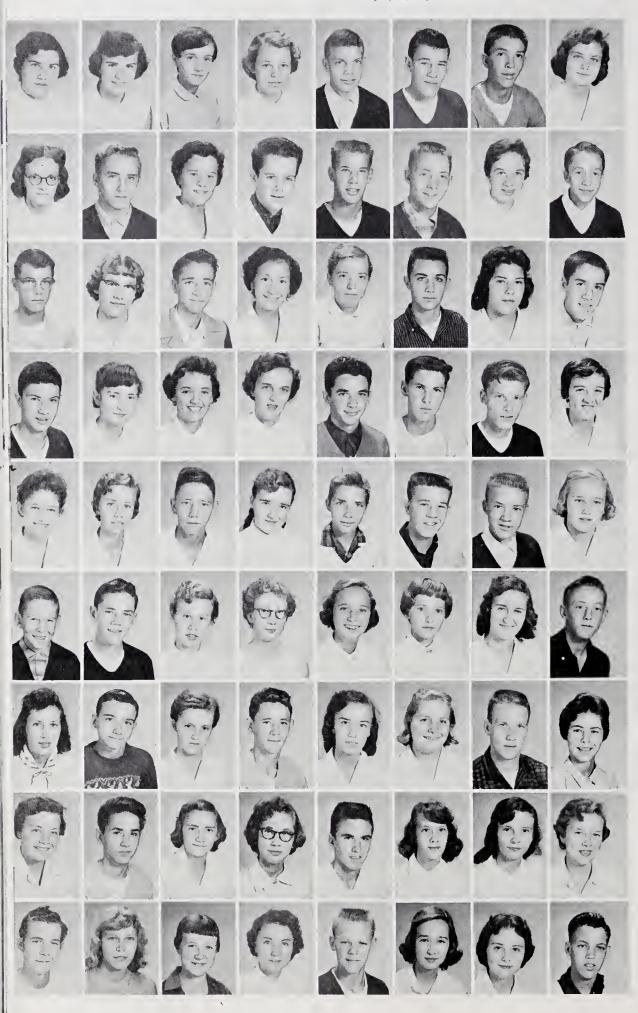


## FRESHMAN CLASS

Mary Lou Adkins David Adkisson Gail Allen Ruth Anderson Phyllis Arrington Bill Ashley Nelda Atkins Johnny Badgett Sue Carol Beasley Crystal Belton Wayne Bennett Tommy Birks Carol Sue Bishop Jackie Bowman Betty Jean Bowman Everett Bowman Annie Faye Boyles Freddy Bradford Charles Branch Annie Lou Branscomb J. D. Brinkley Alama Brintle Leon Brown Ernest Burgess Brenda Burke Bill Byrd Barbara Chandler Cleo Chandler Leo Chandler Barbara Cheek Clara Childress Jayne Childress Tommy Childress Wayne Childress Elaine Clement



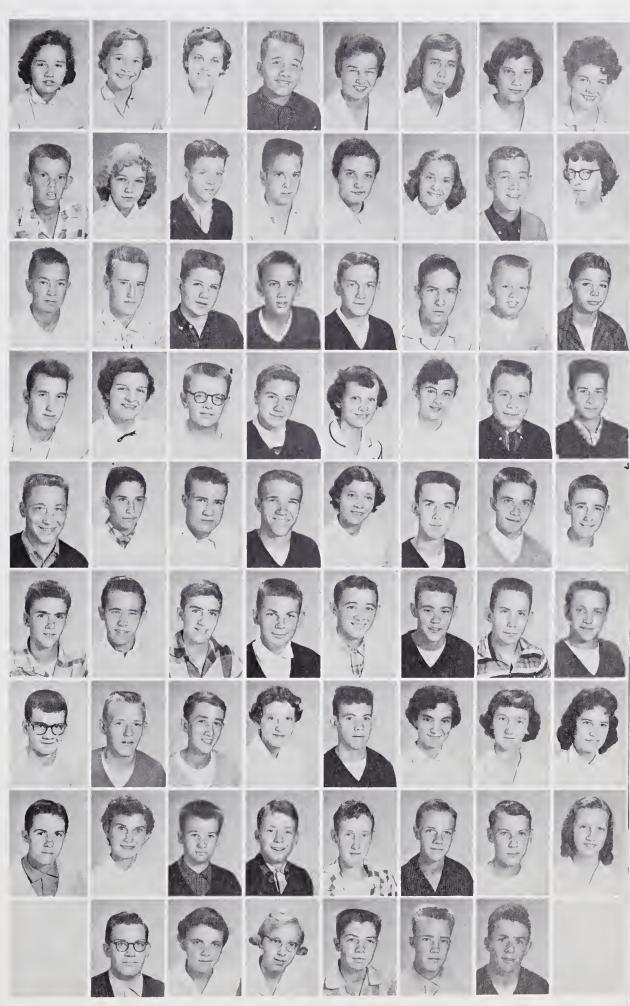
### **FRESHMEN**



Claudine Colbert Betty Collins Helen Collins Brenda Combs Mike Cook Robin Cooke Jake Cox Nancy Cox Carolyn Cruise Lewis Dalton Glenda Davenport Tommy Davis Bobby Dean Ronald Dollyhigh Carolyn Dowell Arnold Easter Ermine Easter Mildred Easter Delmar Eaton Christine Edwards Margaret Gammons Jerry Gates Susan Goad **Buddy Goins** Freddy Goins Minnie Gwyn Brenda Hair Janice Hall Trent Harkrader Frank Harris Jimmy Harris Patricia Harvey Letitia Hawks Nancy Hawkes Arthur Haynes Ruth Haynes Wade Haynes Andy Hennis Charles Hennis Garnet Hennis Billy Hiatt Oscar Hill Linda Hull Brenda Inman Sandra Inman Mary Catherine Jackson Nancey Jackson Gary Jarrell Ann Beth Johnson Don Johnson Faye Johnson John Johnson Olinia Jones Rachel Jones Stephen Jones Nellie Kennedy Gail Key James Key Brenda King Mary King Robert Kirkman Jo Ann Lawson Mary Nell Lawson Helen Levering Bobby D. Love Linda Love Lena Mae Lynch June Lynos Robert Marion Brenda Marshall Glenda Martin Terry Martin

## **FRESHMEN**

Lielie Mae McHone Judy Merritt Delilah Midkiff Jerry Miller Linda Mills Geraldine Monday Barbara Money Nancy Moore Carl Mosley Shirley Moss Earl Nelson Jerry Nichols Judy Norman Brenda Patterson Sparky Paul Linda Paul Mondale Payne Ken Peeples Bobby Pell Dan Pendleton Jimmy Phillips Kenneth Pruett Jimmy D. Puckett Jimmy G. Puckett Wyatt Puckett Mary Frances Pulliani P. D. Pyles William Reece Mary Ellen Reeves Patty Roberts Ben Robertson Ray Rogers Johnny Sanders Roger Sawyer Ronald Sechrist Sammy Self Mildred Semones Wise Semones Aaron Shelton Freddy Shelton Jeffery Shelton Philip Shelton Jimmy Siceloff Twain Simmons Jimmy Slate Charles Smith Larry Smith Joby Smith Larry Smith **Buddy Smith** George Sparger Margaret Spencer Howard Sumner Linda Surratt Elizabeth Sykes Annetta Taylor Johnny Taylor Libby Tesh Roy Thomas James Tilly J. T. Tolbert Russell Tucker Eddie Vaughn Bonnie Wall Harold Warren Nancy Welch Norma Westmoreland Wayne Woodson John York Roger Young



School Life



SCHOOL ROUTINE
HOMECOMING
TALENT SHOW
TWIRP SEASON
BANQUETS
CONCERTS
ELECTIONS
SENIOR PLAY
COMMENCEMENT
HONORS





# SEPTEMBER BRINGS NEW SCHOOL YEAR ...



Bus drivers change, but their service is familiar and important. Getting ready to "load up" for their afternoon trip home are drivers George Coble, Glenn East, Wade Simmons, Tom Glass, and Dick Parker.



The cafeteria workers do well a hard job. Mrs. Jackson (center) discusses the day's work with Mrs. Beamer, Mrs. Moxley, Mrs. Brickell, and Mrs. Speight.

Mr. Johnson and his maintenance workers keep our building comfortable and clean. BELOW LEFT: Estella McCland and Melissa Gwyn relax at the end of a busy day. RIGHT: Mr. Bill Johnson leaves the building in order.





# FAMILIAR FACES AND NEW



ABOVE: John Cashwell, 1956-57 student council president, and Ausiva Mills, president of the class of '56, adjust the clock placed in the library by the 1956 seniors. ABOVE RIGHT: Clara Simmons likes her new books. RIGHT: Principal H. M. Finch confers with Miss Ayers and Mrs. Draughn, two of our three new teachers. BOTTOM: We are soon settled in class again.



# HOMECOMING, TALENT SHOW



Cold frosty air, suspense, excitement, a parade, pretty girls, the last football game of the year---all these made up home coming, 1956. LEFT: Each homeroom decorated a float for the parade. Stewart Smith, Jane Merrit, Bonnie Sparger, and Jim Baity look at 205's entry with stars in their eyes.

Homecoming Candidates

Yvonne Vaughn Peggy Vogler Joan Slate Mary Ruth Vogler Frankie Simpson







The Bears' 41-13 win over Hartsell High made a fitting background for homecoming and for the crowning of the queen. Queen Yvonne Vaughn (center) and senior attendants Joan Slate and Mary Frances Simpson smile happily.

# BRING AUTUMN EXCITEMENT

Annual talent show, sponsored by the Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y, brings fun and entertainment to the students and help to the needy. RIGHT: Polly Kirkman gives a sermon based on "Little Jack Horner" in the talent show.





Cynthia Tillotson, Mary Moore Pulliam, and Jenny Ruth Pruett, first place winners in the talent show, sing "Tonight You Belong to Me."





Martha Jones and Faye Sutphin sort the wealth of food brought in for admission to the talent show. Perishables are added from club treasuries and the well-filled boxes are delivered to homes

of the needy for Thanksgiving. Lists of people to receive help are secured from the welfare department and investigated by club members.





Jo Anne Southern delights Stewart Smith as she follows Twirp season tradition, "Ladies pay."

Witnesses and members of the Twirp court jury look on as Leonard Johnson is shot by a guard.



## TWIRP SEASON EMPHASIZES

"After you!"
Obeying Twirp season rules, Betty Jo
Bray bids Jimmy Pell go before her.

BELOW LEFT: Dan Ellis and Aussie Mills gloat as Jerry Gilbert (right) is proved guilty by the bald iggle lie detector.

Ishmael Forest (right) finds that crime doesn't pay, as Dan Slate, John Cashwell, John Edinger, Larry Frank, and Richard Vaughn wait for a shine before going to class.









ABOVE LEFT: Queen of Hearts candidates Pat Brown, Sue Geiger, Jane Merritt, and Brenda Cooke eagerly check vote boxes and guess the winners.

ABOVE RIGHT: Joe Thomas, Joe Johnson, Owen Shelton, and Paul Shelton, candidates for King of Hearts, admire bulletin board advertising the Sweetheart dance.

# LIGHTER SIDE OF M.A.H.S. LIFE

Serving their sentences, Bette Tilley, Mary Moore Pulliam, and Bonnie Sparger find it doesn't pay to break Twirp season rules.

Band director Charles Johnson and Sylvia Hantzopoulos enjoy the dance ending Twirp season.

Every year at MAHS the second week in February is Twirp season. The boys happily look forward to this week, when the girls pay all the bills, ask boys for dates, and extend all the courtesies ordinarily the responsibility of the boys. A mock trial is held for all offenders of the rules and regulations and tough sentences passed. A Sweetheart dance, at which the King and Queen of Hearts are crowned, concludes the week of fun.





## SPRING EVENTS CELEBRATE END OF

On Future Freshman day, eighth graders visit the high school. They attend an assembly held with Mr. Finch and the heads of various organizations there to welcome them and explain the functions of the high school. The future freshmenthen go on a tour through the building.





Ann Allred (right) welcomes future freshmen by presenting a copy of Airmont to Brenda Hair, South Main Student Council president.

David McCarty guides wide-eyed eighth graders through the building on Future Freshman day.



Dr. Sylvester Green of Wake Forest College, Beulah Social Standards Day speaker, chats with Bob Tyndall, Ralph Cooke, and Ann Allred. Attended by MAHS honor seniors and basketball players, the annual conference highlights April 11.

"Lead on, MacDuff!" Senior English is not all routine classwork. Miss Holder, Maryann Johnson, Norma Draughnboard activity bus for a trip to see a High Point College production of <u>Macbeth</u>.



# SCHOOL, PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR



Senior Banquet is anticipated through the years and remembered with nostalgia. Each spring the seniors hold a banquet at the "Y" prior to the prom. Planned by seniors, with entertainment by seniors, the fun-filled event extends for many through numerous parties following the prom to sleepy breakfast.

ABOVE: Good company and good food make any occasion. The seniors enjoying both include Elaine Hoover, Ronnie Pruett, Gaye Jackson, James Wagoner, Gary Sutphin, Thomas Burrus, and Ann Allred. RIGHT: "It was--adark--and stor-my night--." Ausiva Mills, Carroll Baldwin, Ann Allred, and Tim Jessup, trying to smother their mirth, present a skit at the senior banquet.

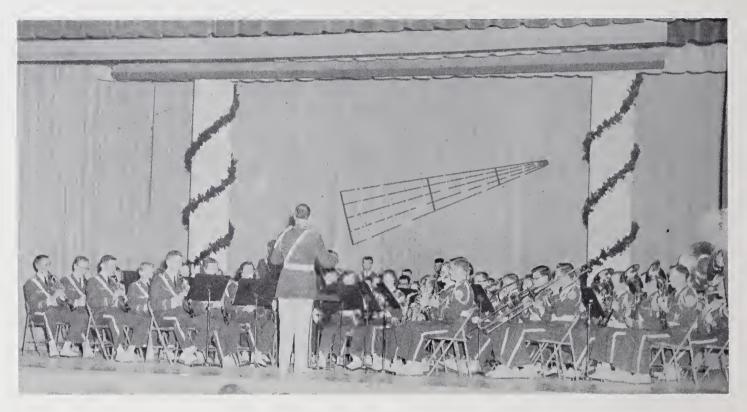


Spring brings plans for next year. Nancy Bondurant receives help from Miss Holder in signing up for 1956-57 classes on registration day.



"Next let's see the library assistants. Come right on down!" At the last assembly of each year Mr. Finch calls to the front all students who participated in our school's many activities.

# CONCERT, FASHION SHOW, BANQUET



Director Charles Johnson leads band in another smash hit concert. Breath-takingly lovely and different sets combined with excellent music to make the annual chorus and band concert a sell-out.

Paris can have its Dior showing; MAHS has its own fashion show! Betty Lou Starr, Helen Steele, and Wilma Smith model fashionable and eye-catching ensembles they made in home economics classes.



"Umm-good!" Yvonne Vaughn, Janice Leftwich, Wilma Smith, Barbara Young, Ann France, Cynthia Tillotson, and Linda Childress, with the confident glow of successful fashion models, enjoy punch and cookies in the home ec. lab.

## ENLIVEN SPRING SCHOOL DAYS

Tri-Hi-Y officers for 1956-57 are installed at the spring banquet by out-going officers (right) Eleanor Warren and Claudia Ramsey. Peggy Monday, Dot Hull, Nelda Clifton, Joan Slate, Marilyn Phillips, and Mary Frances Simpson take over club management.





Dr. John Luke, Presbyterian minister, of Glendale Springs, addresses members of Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs at their annual banquet at the "Y".

Spring, with its dreamy weather, new clothes, romances, and plans for the future, brings an exciting round of activities.

Concert and fashion show give townspeople opportunities to see the results of hours of class work.

Banquets spice our life with something extra in fellowship and in romance.

The extra hours students put into their preparation make these end-of-the-year events even more memorable.

Hi-Y president David McCarty presents Mr. Charles Johnson, adviser, a string of gifts at Hi-Y--Tri-Hi-Y banquet.



## "BLUE MOON" PROM

The most anticipated and long-remembered event of the year is the junior-senior prom. The 1956 juniors turned the Y. M. C. A. into a heavenly setting of moon and stars to make the seniors' last high school prom an unforgettable event.

Mrs. Neal, junior sponsor, checks the punch table.



Some of the most exciting moons are man-made. Richard Vaughn, Jimmy Pell, Worrell Kurtz, and Edsel Hiatt work on prom decorations.



Refreshments are important, Sue Simmons, Susie Dobson, and Debbie Hauser find as they ready the prom punch table.

# HIGHLIGHTS YEAR FOR JUNIORS, SENIORS



There is more to a prom than the dancing. The invitation committee, Jo Ann Southern, Marilyn Phillips, and Dot Hull, prepare dance books for the long-anticipated prom.

# STUDENT ELECTIONS ADD EXCITEMENT



"Who's your candidate?" Spring brings election excitement to M. A. H. S. The student council, involving the greatest number of voters, selects officers first. All juniors with a scholastic average of 85 and citizenship average of 90 are eligible for president and vice-president of student council. From the eligible juniors, five are chosen by the student body as candidates for president. Each of the nominees selects his running-mate and campaign manager.

Candidates Debbie Hauser and Dot Hull, with manager Elaine Hoover (center), post campaign material.

Phil Smith and Larry Frank discuss new vote-getting ideas with their campaign manager, Ishmael Forest.





Winning candidates John Cashwell and Kathleen Simmons happily help their manager, Jimmie Kirkman (center), take down campaign posters.

## AND GIVE EXPERIENCE WITH BALLOT

For the next week a friendly battle rages with posters, campaign buttons, and varied political activity. A special assembly program with speeches and stunts climaxes the week. Later in the day the students vote by secret ballot for their choice. The candidate and his running-mate who receive the most votes become president and vice-president of M. A. H. S. for the coming year.



Typical voter Gary Smith debates on his choice for student council officers.

The senior committee, carefully tabulating results of student council election, includes: (STAND-ING) Ronnie Pruitt, Bud Oliver, and Ausiva Mills. (SEATED) David McCarty, Sybil Llewellyn, Barbara Jester, and Eleanor Warren.

1956-1957 student council president John Cashwell takes the oath of office from Bud Oliver, outgoing president.



## SENIORS STAGE SENSITIVE,



Try outs, nights of practice, hours of work on scenery, search for properties, ticket sales, posters--all these go into a highlight of our high school years, the senior play.

The 1956 senior play, <u>Seventeenth</u> <u>Summer</u>, presented Friday evening, May 4, moved along flawlessly with excellent casting and acting.

The audience was caught up and carried along by the spell of the three-act play, which portrays a sensitive young girl's last summer at home before having to go away to college and her first thrills of growing up.

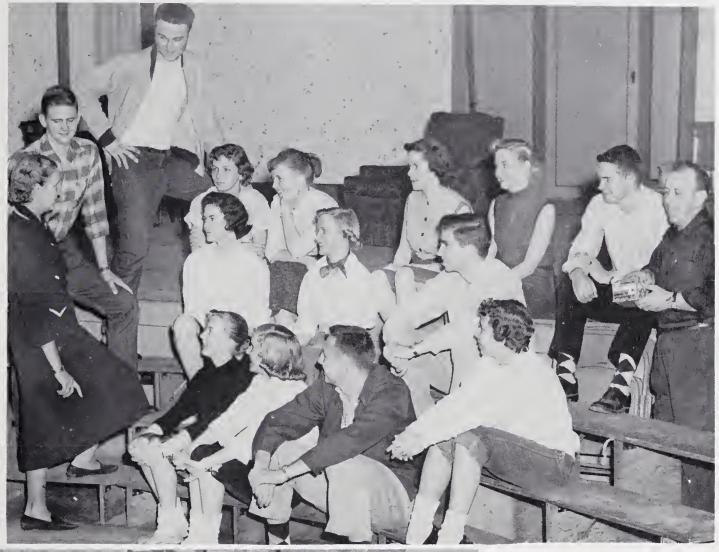
Repeated by request, <u>Seventeenth</u> <u>Summer</u> was presented once before by the class of 1950.

"What is the matter with fixing it outside?" demands Sarah Doggett of problem child Kitty, played by Shirley Clifton.

"The door, Kitty," says Thomas Burrus to Shirley Clifton, while Judy Coe straightens the other luggage Angie is taking to college.



# PERCEPTIVE TEEN-AGE DRAMA





Mrs. Sarah Weir, director, talks to play cast. FRONT ROW: Norma Jo Leftwich, Janice Leftwich, Bud Oliver, Shirley Clifton. MIDDLE ROW: Ausiva Mills, Ann Allred, Bette Tilley, Bob Tyndall. BACK ROW: Thomas Burrus, Judy Coe, Sandra Midkiff, Eleanor Warren, Sarah Doggett, Ralph Cooke, and Mr. Ramey, codirector.

Mr. Ramey checks work being done on play scenery by Don Rose, Ann Christian, Hubert McMillian, and Carroll Baldwin.



## LAST WEEKS ARE

"Isn't being a senior wonderful!"
Ann Allred helps Frances Haynes
measure for her commencement
cap and gown amid happy dreams of
graduation.



Ann Allred, Miss Simpson, Susie Dobson, and Barbara Jester correct Airmont proofs--the last step before publication.

(BELOW LEFT) "Aren't they beautiful!" Proud staff members, seeing the finished yearbooks at a preview and autographing party at Miss Simpson's, agree they are worth the effort. Shannon Smith, Susie Dobson, Dot Hull, Jo Anne Southern, Ruby Hunter, and Dink Caldwell busily write messages in each others' books.

(BELOW) Shannon Smith, Jo Anne Southern, Dot Hull, Dink Caldwell, and Susie Dobson prepare the newly arrived annuals for homeroom distribution.



## BUSIEST AND BEST

Before vacation, comes more work.

RIGHT: Mable McMillian studies
hard for exams. CENTER RIGHT:
Mrs. McKinney works long and hard
grading exam papers for her chemistry, biology, and arithmetic classes.



BELOW: "It goes like this," explains David McCarty (right), retiring chief marshal, to his successor, Phil Smith. John Cashwell, Larry Frank, Kathleen Simmons, Roland Jones, Dorothy Hull, Debby Hauser, and Susie Dobson watch attentively. Marshals are chosen on a scholarship basis, the ten top juniors receiving the honor each year.



BELOW RIGHT: Don Rose and Ralph Cooke admire the way Bob Tyndall Looks in his cap and gown, as they practice for commencement.







# SUDDENLY ANOTHER

Waiting for their last march down MAHS aisles, Roger Haymore, Yancey Beamer, David McCarty, Dan Ellis, Elbert Hall, and Bobby Matthews stand with Mrs. Kate Barringer.

Dr. Moir Martin, chairman of the school board, presents diplomas to the graduating seniors.

David McCarty receives congratulations and his diploma.





(OPPOSITE PAGE) Smiles, tears, and yells mingle as the graduates, holding fast to their treasured diplomas, congratulate each other.



## GOOD YEAR ENDS

Frank, John Cashwell.

Suddenly the work and the play of our school year are over. The study, exams, parties, last baseball games, and autographing that filled our spring months are all too soon a part of the past.



The last day of school brings report cards. Susie Dobson congratulates Shannon Smith on her collection of 95's.

## WE RECOGNIZE AND



PHIL SMITH
Chief Marshal
DAR History Cup Winner

"Airmont received two top ratings!" Shannon Smith, staff member, and Susie Dobson, editor, happily review the 1956 yearbook's All American rating from N. S. P. A. AND A plus rating from N. S. Y. A.

Betty Simmons, winner of honorable mention in the first-year state Latin contest, reviews her winning paper. Mr. Haywood Merritt presents the Lions Club essay winner, Louise Morris, with a cup and check. Other winners are second place, Bonnie Pennix; third, Linda Childress; and fourth, Sue Smith.





# HONOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

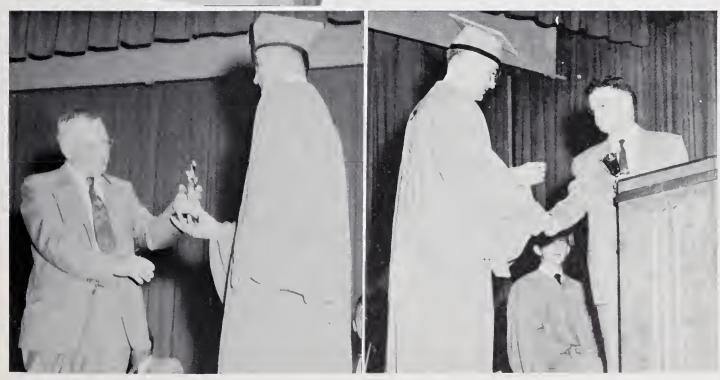


David McCarty, Barbara Jester, and Elaine Hoover receive scholarship awards for the highest grades.

Bud Oliver receives the award for Best All-round person in the senior class.

(BELOW LEFT) Mr. Pendergraph, superintendent of city schools, awards Gary Brown the Most Valuable Baseball Player trophy.

(RIGHT) Mr. Finch congratulates David McCarty on winning the Shirley Peters citizenship award.



# M.A.H.S. ROYALTY RECEIVES HOMAGE HOMECOMING QUEEN



Yvonne Vaughn (center) and senior attendants Joan Slate and Mary Frances Simpson.

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 half-time ceremony.

### AT HOMECOMING, SWEETHEART DANCE. KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS



PAT BROWN AND OWEN SHELTON.

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.

### MR. AND MISS MOUNT AIRY HIGH

MR. M.A.H.S.

The sixth annual contest to choose Mr. and Miss Mount Airy High School was sponsored by <u>High Spots</u> in December. Two candidates from the junior and senior classes and one candidate from the freshman and sophomore classes were chosen by the staff on the basis of scholarship, popularity, school spirit, and participation in school activities.



LARRY FRANK

### CANDIDATES

Stewart Smith Junior Freddie Goins Freshman











Phil Smith
Senior

Jim Baity
Junior

Vaughn Gwyn
Sophomore

### SCHOOL REPRESENT US WELL

MISS M.A.H.S.



SUE SIMMONS

CANDIDATES





All students voted by secret ballot. Winners were announced in High Spots. 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, Leon Davis and Libby York in 1955, and Yvonne Vaughn and Ausiva Mills in 1956.



Bonnie Sparger Junior Judy Merritt

Judy Merritt Freshman

Kathleen Simmons Senior

Jane Merritt Junior

Sue Smith Sophomore







## Classwork And Teachers

"Wherein lies happiness? In that which becks
Our ready minds to fellowship divine,
A fellowship with essence."

--Keats, Endymion

FACULTY CLASSES







### LITERATURE, GRAMMAR, WRITTEN AND ORAL



Drill in grammar; practice in clear thinking, writing, and speaking; knowledge and appreciation of literature—all of these fields are opened to students in our English department.

Bill Jackson and Jean Hiatt examine the parts of an outline as they begin an "all-out" study of composition in senior English.

Mrs. Reece locates the buried treasure ure for freshmen studying <u>Treasure</u>
<u>Island</u>.





Junior English students Edna Moseley and Richard Simmons work on a grammar drill.

### COMPOSITION .. ALL ARE STRESSED IN ENGLISH

With nineteen regular English classes plus one journalism class the English department has a heavy load to meet the needs of our entire school population. Miss Holder and Mrs. Neal have full English schedules of five classes daily. Three other teachers, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Reece, and Coach Shelton, give part of their time to guidance, civics, or coaching and physical education.





"Words are important and interesting," says Scherer James, demonstrating the derivation of guillotine for sophomores.

Eleanor Warren cuts cake as English IV students celebrate Shakespeare's 392nd birthday. The cakes (it took two) were short only 390 candles.

English Faculty

Mrs. Mary Neal Miss Eva Holder Miss Annie Thomas Mr. Wallace Shelton Mrs. Elizabeth Reece



### SOCIAL SCIENCES BROADEN OUR





Mrs. Mackie, Mr. Ramey, Mr. Moir, and Mrs. Barringer get together before class for a discussion of the day's news.

Mrs. Reece spices her heavy English load with a civics class.

### SOCIAL SCIENCE FACULTY

Mrs. Kate Barringer History III, Civics, Social-Economics

Mrs. Elizabeth Reece Mrs. Lavinia Mackie English, Civics

History II, Spanish

Mr. Sam Moir Civics, Health

Mr. Arnold Ramey History III, Geography Health

Civics students Carolyn Cruise and Oscar Hill search magazines and newspapers for current events.



Heated discussions of current problems; background for present institutions and events; understanding of social, economic, and political trends --- all these may be found in our social science classes. Five teachers offer three courses in civics, four in American history, two in world history, one in sociology and economics, and one in geography.

### JNDERSTANDING OF PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

In their world history class Eddie Gray and Juanita Morrison use a map of the Roman empire to clarify a discussion. BELOW: Using the supplementary material in their social economics class, Josephine Atkins, Glenn East, Jimmy Cox, Wilma Smith, and Susan Boyd prepare for a discussion of current problems.



Mr. Ramey, American history teacher, explains the Democratic party's policies to Janie Holloway and Jackie Timmons. His adjoining board displays the Republican policies.



Clark Gilbert and George Quesinberry study world problems and how they change national boundaries in geography class.

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### SCIENCE AND MATH ENROLLMENTS



### SCIENCE FACULTY

Mrs. Loraine McKinney Biology, Chemistry, Arithmetic

Mrs. Maxine Hamilton Biology

Mr. W. L. Woodie Physics, General Science, Math

Mr. Woodie, Mrs. Hamilton, and Mrs. McKinney offer tenscience classes. An increased enrollment made possible the addition of a third teacher, Mr. Woodie, in the science department this year.

BELOW: John Cashwell prepares an experiment in chemistry as Bonnie Sparger reads from her notebook how the test should be done. BOTTOM RIGHT: The

LEFT: Sandra Holder, learning to use a microscope in her biology class, finds seeing the unseen can be fascinating.



### NCREASE THIS YEAR



RIGHT: Betty Simmons proves two triangles congruent in geometry class. ABOVE: Kathleen Simmons and Johnny Edinger find two brains are better than one on a trigonometry problem. TOP RIGHT: Harold Warren explains the subtraction of polynomials to Mary Catherine Jackson in Algebra I.

### MATH FACULTY

Mrs. Vera Thomas Algebra

Mrs. Caroline Sydnor Algebra, Geometry

Mr. H. M. Finch Trigonometry, Principal

Mrs. Lorraine McKinney Arithmetic, Biology, Chemistry

Mr. W. L. Woodie Arithmetic, General Science Algebra, Physics

Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Sydnor, Mr. Finch, Mrs. McKinney, and Mr. Woodie (inset) offer sixteen math classes (arithmetic, geometry, algebra, and trigonometry). This year enrollment is up twenty in geometry, fourteen in Algebra II.





### SHOP AND HOME ECONOMICS PREPARE



Getting the home ec. lab ready for use, Mrs. Shuford dusts and Mr. Williams sands a table.



The major project of this year's carpentry class is the construction of a four-room frame house, which they hope to sell at auction for a profit. Bobby Moody works on the scaffolding.



Draw blue prints, finish furniture, build houses--if these interest you, see the vocational shop department. One instructor, Mr. George Williams, offers one course in mechanical drawing, two in shop, and one in carpentry--a three-hour course.



Leonard Johnson, Jerry Brannock, and Bobby Gwyn work on the planer in their shop class.

Bobby Gwyn, Leonard Johnson, and Bobby Watson work on mechanical drawing.

### US FOR JOBS OR FOR HOMEMAKING

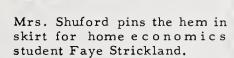
One instructor, Mrs. Shuford, offers five classes in home economics. The course of study includes not only cooking and sewing, but also personal relationships, child care, and other problems likely to face the students. Teas, fashion show, and movies spice routine classwork.



Tantalizing odors and the click of pans make home economics students envied. Aloma Brintle sets the table as Susan Goad and Mary Nell Lawson prepare a meal in first year class.



Besides her work with students, Mrs. Shuford offers adult courses in sewing and child care.





The fashion show provides a perfect setting for the pretty dresses modeled by Alice Owens, Norma Ricker, and Mary Louise Blue and made as class projects.

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE, COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENTS

# YOUR SALES SCORE

### FOREIGN LANGUAGE FACULTY

Miss Ada Haymore Latin

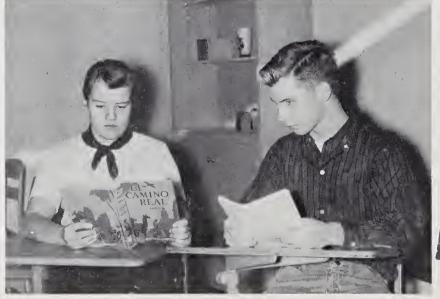
Mrs. Lavinia Mackie Spanish, World History

The language department offers two classes in Spanish and five in Latin. LEFT: Miss Haymore and Mrs. Mackie discuss the use of records in language study.

"Labor omnia vincit." Miss Haymore helps Brenda Hair with her translation.

BELOW: Verona Sechrist and Gary Smith work on their Spanish assignment. BELOW RIGHT: Mrs. Mackie inspects two of the four new bullfight pictures that lend atmosphere to the room.







### PREPARE US FOR COLLEGE, FOR WORK



This office practice bulletin board (ABOVE) expresses the ideals of the commercial department. LEFT: Timed writings, combining speed and accuracy, are important for second year students Jo Anne Southern, June Smith, and Roy Lee Smith.

RIGHT: Methods of duplicating are demonstrated by Mrs. Boyles to Melvina Clifton. BELOW: Mrs. Draughn, Mrs. Boyles, and Miss Ayers check office equipment.



### COMMERCIAL FACULTY

Mrs. Mary Boyles, Mrs. Margaret Draughn, Miss Mattie Ruth Ayers

Fourteen classes, including general business, typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, and office practice, are offered in the commercial department.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION, MUSIC, LIBRARY



TOP LEFT: Mr. Johnson, band and choral director, goes over music with Sue Simmons, accompanist. TOP RIGHT: The Hot Shots, a popular group from the band in demand for many functions, includes Guido Sutter, George Williams, Sam Wall, Jason Snow, Joe Johnson. Two classes in chorus, one in band meet daily.



### HEALTH FACULTY

Mr. Wallace Shelton English, Physical Education

Mr. Sam Moir Civics, Physical Education

Mr. Arnold Ramey Social Science, Physical Education Three teachers divide five classes in health and physical education, offering both classroom and field work. LEFT: John York and Charles Smith examine the health poster. BELOW: Mr. Shelton, Mr. Moir, and Mr. Ramey try out equipment.



### SPICE WELL-ROUNDED PROGRAM



are (standing) Margaret Hodges, David Simmons, James Jordon (seated) Elizabeth Bondurant, Edmund Burke, Susie Dobson, John Edinger, Tommy Vaughn, Randy Willard.



ABOVE: Marilyn Phillips uses the card catalog. LEFT: Miss Simpson, librarian, checks in new movies added to the school's collection.

Fifty periodicals; 4978 books, pamphlets, records, movies, and film strips; one librarian; thirteen student assistants; a constant flow of users -- all these make our library one of the busiest places in the school.

# Organizations



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PAGES
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"But keep the grasp of fellowship Which warms us more than wine." Julia Ward Howe, Growing Old

### **CHEERLEADERS**

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chief
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Betty Jo Bray
Polly Kirkman
Helen Steele
Alice Owens
Yvonne Vaughn
Sara Midkiff
Judy Gardner
Annette Monday





### STUDENT COUNCIL DOES GOOD



Student Council representatives listen attentively as President John Cashwell presents important business. Members of the council are S. James, D. Starling, J. Pruitt, L. Dowell, R. Smith, J. Edwards, E. Burke, B. Watts, J. Merritt, V. Sechrist, S. Simmons, L. Frank, R. Jones, J. Martin, V. Gwyn, J. Owens, F. Goins, C. Hennis, B. Dean, L. Hull, B. Hair, T. Harkrader, B. Patterson, H. Sumner, L. Mills, D. Simmons, H. Levering, M. King, D. Willard, W. Whitaker, M. Hiatt, D. Caldwell, P. Smith, M. Simpson, E. Hiatt.



Mrs. Kate Barringer advises President John Cashwell and Vice-President Kathleen Simmons concerning parliamentary procedure.

The chief duties of the Student Council are to keep the building clean and to see that everything runs smoothly. The council is made up of two members from each home room and the heads of the various organizations of the school. They meet once a week to discuss problems that arise and to make decisions regarding them. This year the council sold pennants and ballpoint pens, sponsored sock dances, and chartered buses to out-of-town football games.

### WORK, QUIETLY AND UNOBTRUSIVELY

FRONT ROW: Mary Frances Simpson, Naomi Welborn, Kay Dearmin, Linda Childress, Frances Sanders. SECOND ROW: Ann Childress, Faye Strickland, Mary Goard, Linda Massey, Linda Jones, Jo Ella Gilbert, Wayne Childress. THIRD ROW: Freddy Gray, Kathleen Simmons, Douglas Simmons, Freddy Goins. FOURTH ROW: Johnny Sanders, Harold Hodges, Gilmer Blackburn. FIFTH ROW: Wise Semones, Charles Easter, Norman Jones, John Cashwell, Stewart Smith. SIXTH ROW: George Quesinberry, Rodney Clifton, Sammy Hunter, Elizabeth Bondurant, Jean Hiatt. TOP ROW: Jimmy Hale, Kenneth Harris, Martha Jones, Helen Moore, Sylvia Hall.



Hall monitor Rodney Clifton signs permit for Wayne Johnston.



LEFT: Helen Levering takes her time at dusting lockers, one of the many homeroom duties. RIGHT: Kathleen Simmons reserves a seat for Greg Covington on the chartered bus to the Reidsville football game.



### JOURNALISM CLASS DOES PROFESSIONAL



"We'll have the best paper yet!" Kathleen Simmons, associate editor, and Debby Hauser, editor, spend vacation time studying old <u>High Spots</u> and score books for ideas.



(BELOW LEFT) Sue Simmons, feature editor, types a story for the <u>High Spots</u>. (CENTER) Advertising manager Mary Frances Simpson draws ads in dummy. (RIGHT) Sue Simmons and Debby Hauser proof <u>High Spots</u> at the <u>Times</u> printing shop.

"How do you like it here?" Kathleen Simmons (center) interviews three new transfer students for High Spots. Kay Dearmin, David Banks (standing), and Allen Hoyt agree they like MAHS.







### JOB ON SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Classwork, night and Saturday afternoon sessions with the adviser, town canvass for ads, homeroom solicitation for subscriptions, hours of proofing at the printers, miles of leg work wherever there's a story, endless writing, polishing, and typing-----all these make our school paper.

High Spots has built a reputation for thorough and lively coverage and for excellent writing of a professional quality.

The journalism class is made up of select senior English students. Editor and associate editor are elected by the rising seniors in the spring.

"We're 100% again!"
Peggy Smith shows that
MAHS again lives up to
its tradition of 100%
subscription to High
Spots.





(BELOW LEFT) During a night session at Miss Holder's Kenny Watson, sports editor, and Miss Holder work on headlines and make-up for the sports page.

(BELOW) Kathleen Simmons and Miss Holder spend a Saturday afternoon preparing pictures for the engraver.





### AIRMONT STAFF WORKS AROUND THE YEAR



Those doing the work know a good yearbook doesn't just happen. Raising funds, taking and editing pictures, writing and polishing copy, preparing layout and dummy, typing, copy-reading, checking--all these are details that only staff members are aware of.

Work on the next book is started as one edition goes to press. Spring and summer work was intensified with the beginning of school-and with the news of 1956 <u>Airmont's All-American and A plus ratings</u>.



BELOW: Shannon Smith and Ruby Hunter identify pictures and check dummy. BOT-TOM: Sue Smith and Susie Dobson happily open repaired flash. Headaches reappeared when it still failed to work.



TOP: Peggy Vogler and Sue Smith put finishing touches on <u>Airmont</u> subscription poster. CENTER: Susie Dobson, Annie Lee Marsh, and Roland Jones work on layout and copy. Roland is responsible for checking all <u>Airmont</u> copy. ABOVE: Dorothy Hull, business manager, and Louise Morris double check money against receipts.



### TO LIVE UP TO TOP RATED BOOK



Members of the <u>Airmont Staff</u>: BOTTOM ROW: Dorothy Hull, Shannon Smith, Louise Morris, Annie Lee Marsh, Sue Smith, Garnet Hennis. TOP ROW: Joe Johnson; Susie Dobson; Miss Simpson, advisor; Ruby Hunter; Roland Jones; Sam Inman; Marilyn Phillips; and Jo Anne Southern.

RIGHT: Typists Jo Anne Southern and Marilyn Phillips work hard to prepare copy and index. BELOW: Photographers Joe Johnson and Sam Inman study photographic manuals.





### OFFICE PAGES FILL RESPONSIBLE



The efficient operation of school routine is aided more than people realize by the helpful work of office pages. These students give up their study periods to help students, teachers, and administration.

Left: Betty Jo Bray, Margaret Jarvis, and Clara Simmons keep the office during third and fourth periods, take calls, deliver messages, and keep bells on schedule.

Right: Second period pages, June
Martin and Kenny Watson, place mail
in the teachers' boxes.

Below: Paul Shelton types the absentee list as Betty Lou Starr and Patsy Clifton check homerooms and excuses.



### POSITIONS COURTEOUSLY AND WELL

Telephoning absentees, compiling lists, taking calls, checking money, locating students, sorting mail, running errands, greeting visitors—these activities keep pages busy.

Right: Mildred Robertson, June Smith, and Ann Childress, office pages during activity period, mimeograph absentee lists for the day.



Left: Mrs. Anne Holyfield, Betty
Simmons, and Dink Caldwell check
announcements on the bulletin board.
Mrs. Holyfield helps in the high
school office one hour each day.

Below: Fifth period pages Worrell
Kurtz and Peggy Haynes check paper and pencil money.





### LIBRARY ASSISTANTS

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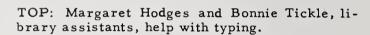
"You'll find that book in the 400's."

"Let's try the card catalog."

"Here's your permit."

Student librarians are kept busy by a variety of jobs. Inaddition to carding, shelving, and checking out books and signing permits, they type, file, prepare new books, work on bulletin boards, do housekeeping chores, and help students locate materials.

The thirteen assistants do much to make the library smooth-running and helpful. Three have worked in the library for three years; two are serving for the second year.



LEFT: Joan Fleming and Dean Brown arrange magazines for students to read.

BELOW LEFT: Mellie Clifton and Barbara Hall file catalog cards to bring library information up to date.

CENTER: Martha Carroll and Mable McMillian, first period assistants, replace books on shelves.

RIGHT: Pat Hodges, Nancy Collins, and Bobby Smith eagerly unpack new library books.









### DO IMPORTANT JOBS WELL

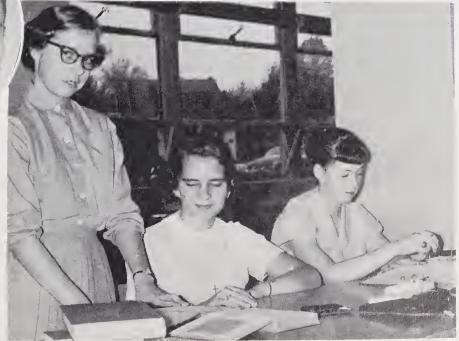


Librarians work and play. A coke party breaks the routine of spring inventory for these 1955-56 assistants: Martha Carroll, Mary Moore Pulliam, Ann France, Betty Jo Bray, Margaret Hodges, Peggy Smith, Dean Brown, Marilyn Phillips, and Melvina Clifton.



Elizabeth Bondurant joined the activity period assistants.

Activity period keeps everyone busy. Margaret McCann, Vera Carl Thomas, and Margaret Hodges card and check out books and sign permits.





### HI-Y OFFERS FUN AND SERVICE



The Hi-Y, composed of junior and senior boys, is a leading organization in school. The club co-operates with the Tri-Hi-Y on devotions, talent show and food distribution, and the Christmas and Easter programs. In addition the Hi-Y sponsors sale of refreshments at basketball games, Twirp season activities, and New Years and other dances.

New Hi-Y officers--Phil Smith, president; Kenny Watson, secretary; Roland Jones, vice-president; Dan Slate, treasurer; Paul Shelton, chaplain--are installed at annual Hi-Y-Tri-Hi-Y banquet.

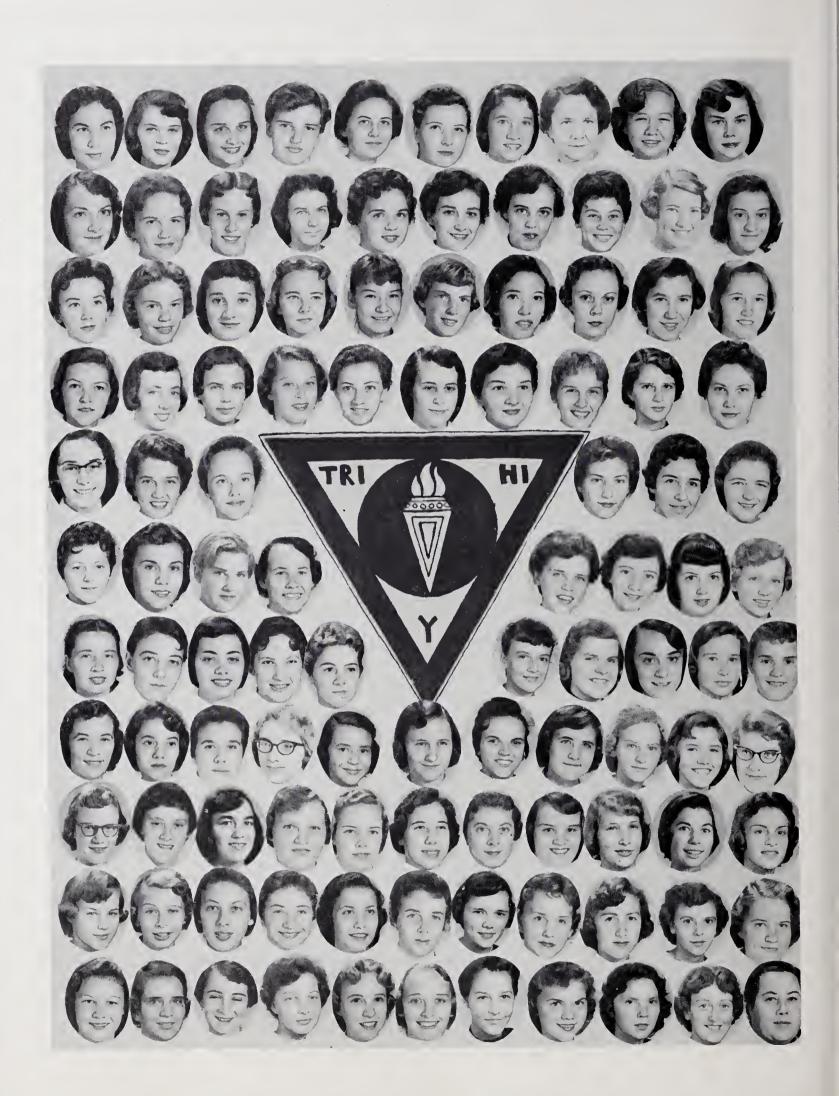


Phil Smith and Gene Pruett load Thanksgiving boxes on the band wagon for delivery.



Delivery man Ausiva Mills examines David McCarty's toy train in the Christmas play.

Carroll Baldwin, lawyer, is threatened by guards for helping the defendant in Twirp season trial.



### TRI-HI-Y KEEPS MEMBERS ON THE RUN

The Tri-Hi-Y, made up of junior and senior girls, is one of the most active and interesting clubs in our school. The club is divided into four groups, whose activities include talent show and food distribution, homecoming activities, Christmas assembly, Sweetheart Dance, Halloween carnival, and devotions. Bake sales and sales of candy and sweaters help finance club work.



Diane Simmons sings for the talent show. Club members board the band wagon to distribute food.



Monday morning devotions is the project most dear to Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y members. Dorothy Hull heads the program for the Tri-Hi-Y.



Judy Coe and Thomas Burrus furnish the romance in the annual Hi-Y-

Tri-Hi-Y Christmas play.

### CLUB ACTIVITIES BRIGHTEN



### LATIN CLUB

FRONT ROW: (officers) F. Mills, G. Yokley, C. Vaughn, S. Smith, R. Hunter, E. Burke, V. Gwyn. SECOND ROW: Miss Haymore, C. Woodie, R. Chilton, S. Holder, C. Edinger, P. Simmons, A. Monday, K. Huffman, S. Midkiff, J. D. Paul, M. Simmons. THIRD ROW: J. Fleming, M. McCann, S. James, E. Bondurant, L. Mills. FOURTH ROW: J. Gilbert, B. Campbell, T. Barber, T. Clark, T. Vaughn, E. Hemrick, F. Lowry.



Joe Johnson triumphs over Tommy Mayberry when they engage in combat at the Latin club banquet.

The Latin club meets each month and sponsors a Latin week in the spring.

Posters, Latin mottoes over classroom doors, and Roman costumes created interest in the annual observation held April 16-20.

The week was highlighted by a slave auction, at which first year Latin students were sold to club members, and a banquet served Roman style. RIGHT: Freddy Schafer, a slave at the Latin club banquet, holds the program for Vera Carl Thomas and Mary Moore Pulliam to read.



### FOREIGN LANGUAGE WORK



### SPANISH CLUB

FRONT: Stewart Smith, Bonnie Edwards, Barbara Carpenter, Faye Bennett, Michael Blackman, Betty Hiatt, Clara Simmons, Jean Hiatt, Verona Sechrist, Martha Carroll, Gary Smith. BACK: Reginald Davis, Franklin Hawks, Audrey Ferguson, George Williams, Paul Shelton.

Second year Spanish students look forward to club programs each month. At club meetings they study South American countries and customs, play games, and sing Spanish songs.

Once a year they give a Spanish party and invite first year students. The 1956 party was held in the band room of the high school in March.





Reginald Davis and Bonnie Edwards enthusiastically entertain with the Mexican Hat-Dance.

At the annual party a skit presented in Spanish is always featured. Norma Draughn, Barbara Jester, and Maryann Johnson display their knowledge in this scene.

### CLUBS ADD INTEREST,

The chief activity for the Monogram Club and the Girls Athletic Association is sponsoring the Mount Airy Horse Show, held each summer. Club members solicit advertising and run concessions. The 1956 show, as a result of their efforts, proved quite successful. It included 125 entries and netted the school \$1,100. The money was used for financing the summer athletic programs, for purchasing cheer-leader uniforms, and for other athletic needs. LEFT: Mr. F. L. Hatcher's horse Lenoire is a familiar entry in the horse shows.

### GIRLS'

### ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Peggy Smith, Yvonne Vaughn, Joan Slate, Bonnie Edwards, Kathleen Simmons, Mary Frances Simpson, Betty Jo Bray, Judy Gardner, Peggy Monday, Betty Hiatt, Debby Hauser, Wilma Smith, Frances Shackelford, Cynthia Tillotson, Pat Clifton, Polly Kirkman, Helen Steele, Nancy Bondurant.

MONOGRAM CLUB

BOTTOM ROW: Bobby Gwyn, Tommy Mayberry, Jimmy Cox, Richard Vaughn, Worrell Kurtz, Edsel Hiatt. SECOND ROW: Stewart Smith, Jimmy Hale, Reginald Davis, Ishmael Forest, Dan Slate, Sam Inman. THIRD ROW: Bobby Moody, Gene Pruett, Jimmy Pell, Bill Jackson, Ronnie Alderman, Gilmer Blackburn. FOURTH ROW: Steve Jones, Mickey Watson, Ken Harris, Robert Thomas, Larry Frank, Gary Smith, Phil Smith.





#### KEEP US BUSY



F.H.A.

SEATED: M. Goard, B. Cooke, B. Starr, C. Tillotson, W. Smith, H. Steele, L. Childress, Y. Vaughn, B. Younge. SECOND ROW: Mrs. Shuford, B. Thore, S. Boyd, M. King, M. Jones, N. Collins, P. Hodges, E. Thomas, C. Johnston. THIRD ROW: S. Sparger, S. Moss, C. Brannock, B. Westmoreland, L. Massey, F. Watson, B. Bray, L. Payne.

F.H.A. girls relax after the Surry County F.H.A. banquet held in the school cafeteria. SEATED: Baber, Tillotson, Younge, J. Smith. MIDDLE ROW: Hodges; Mrs. Valeria Shuford, MAHS adviser; W. Smith; Childress; Steele; Miss Louise Lowe, F.H.A. state supervisor; Vaughn. BACK ROW: Collins, France, Ramsey, Welch, Jones, Cooke.





Barbara Younge, F.H.A. president, puts finishing touches on the exhibit that won third prize at the local fair.

#### GLEE CLUB BRINGS US PLEASURE,

The chorus is made up of two regular classes that meet for one period each day. Extra night sessions bring together voices from both classes.

Besides the anticipated school programs, the glee club appears before civic, church, and school groups. For several years a local radio station has broadcast a weekly glee club program from the high school. This year their ability to do the Messiah gained the group a TV spot.

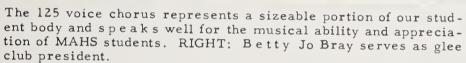
The band and glee club spring concert is one of the most looked-forward-to events of the year for both students and townspeople. RIGHT: Mr. Johnson and Hubert McMillian work on lights for the elaborate set. BELOW: The lovely Peter Pan Suite worked in well with the religious and the light portions of the program.





#### MAKES FRIENDS FOR THE SCHOOL







ABOVE: Mr. Charles Johnson directs the glee club. LEFT: Sue Simmons is accompanist and pianist for special school programs.

#### WE ENJOY THE FELLOWSHIP

The Mount Airy High School Band adds to the good fellowship of school and civic affairs. Continuing to grow in spite of heavy graduation losses, the band has 77 members this year.

The group meets daily as a class and holds extra practices on the field each night during football season. The results delight football fans. Also among the band's activities are numerous appearances before civic groups and city and county schools, and—this year—a trip to the Shrine Bowl game in Charlotte.

Heavy civic backing enabled the band to enjoy a trip to Washington after school last spring. This year all members are working hard for a trip to Florida in late May.



Majorettes Mary Ruth Vogler (chief), Camille Combs, Patsy Vogler, Debby Douglas, Peggy Vogler, and Cynthia Tillotson add color to the band's appearances. Long hours of practice go into each routine of the majorettes and of the band.



#### PROVIDED BY OUR PERSONS OF NOTE



Our band provides us with pleasant interludes and adds prestige to our school.



George Coble, band president, heads an enthusiastic group. They put on sales as well as shows.

Director Charles Johnson heads the band for the sixth year. He has done an excellent rebuilding job.

#### TWO SENIOR HOMEROOMS



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Margaret Hodges and Melvina Clifton are experienced library assistants.





#5's Homecoming representative

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Jimmy Hale



### Athletics

FOOTBALL BASKETBALL BASEBALL



"As the yellow gold is tried in the fire, so the faith of friendship must be seen in adversity."

--Ovid, Tristium





#### STARTING STRONG, WITH SIX SHUTOUTS,

#### **SCORES**

| Mount Airy | 39 | Franklin        | 0  |
|------------|----|-----------------|----|
| 11         | 27 | Northwest       | 0  |
| 11         | 32 | Griffith        | 0  |
| 11         | 7  | Hanes           | 0  |
| 11         | 14 | Wilkes Central  | 0  |
| 11         | 7  | Gray            | 14 |
| tt         | 26 | Mineral Springs | 0  |
| 11         | 6  | Tri-City        | 19 |
| 11         | 6  | Reidsville      | 25 |
| 11         | 41 | Hartsell        | 13 |



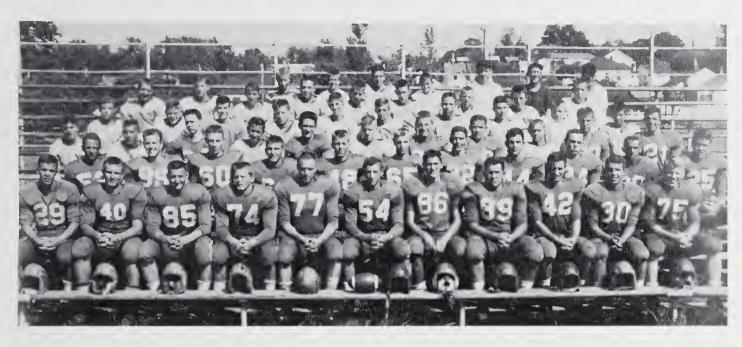


ABOVE: Bobby Moody displays his passreceiving form to shut out another opponent. LEFT: Stewart Smith is brought
down after picking up yardage for Mount
Airy. BELOW: Coach Shelton instructs
players while benched Bears watch tensely. BOTTOM LEFT: Frank Lowry gains
yardage for the Bears as Steve Jones
blocks to beat Hartsell.





#### BEARS END THIRD IN CONFERENCE



BOTTOM ROW: Kurtz, Kelly, Moody, Davis, Hiatt, Pruett, Hale, Pell, Frank, Mayberry, R. Vaughn. SECOND ROW: Smith, Shelton, P. Smith, Jackson, Watson, Smith, Jim Cox, Slate, Cashwell, S. Smith, Jones. THIRDROW: Young, Dean, Johnson, P. Shelton, Stanley, T. Vaughn, Blackburn, Triplette, Bradford, Lowry, Forest. FOURTH ROW: Joe Smith, H. Vaughn, Sumner, Robertson, Jake Cox, Childress, Martin, Goins, Wilson, Speight. FIFTH ROW: Dollyhigh; Harris; Sparger; Griffin; Adkins; C. Smith; J. Gwyn; Whitaker; Sanders; managers Hazel, Monday, Kirkman, and Taylor; and Coaches Moir, Shelton, and Adkins.

The Bears gave us a record team this year. A record number of boys--eighty-six--was out for football. They started the season with five straight shutouts--also a new record. Losses, though few, came where they most hurt, putting Mount Airy in a tie with Tri-City for third place in the conference. Our 205 points against 71 for our opponents is a proud record.





ABOVE: Coach Charlie Atkins gives pointers on holding the ball to Captain Richard Vaughn and Co-Captains Gene Pruett and Tommy Mayberry. Mr. Atkins joined the staff this year. LEFT: The boys listen attentively to Coach Shelton on the last day of practice before a game.



After winning the district AA title triumphant Bruins give Coach Moir a free ride.

Coach Sam Moir and Captain Owen Shelton receive the district AA trophy from Mr. C. R. Joyner, Reynolds principal and member of N. C. High School Athletic Association's Board of Control.



Kenneth Norman, 6'5" forward, displays the form that made him a star in the district and state tournaments and won him the Rees Most Valuable Player award.

#### M. A. H. S. and Mineral Springs cheerleaders get set to be heard at the district tournament in Winston-Salem.

#### BRUINS WIN DISTRICT CROWN,

1955-56 was a victorious basketball year for the Bruins. Fighting hard all the way, Coach Moir's boys, after finishing the district race in a second place tie with Mineral Springs, went on to make a fine showing in two tournaments.

The Bruins captured the District I AA title and a berth in the state playoffs at Enka by beating Mineral Springs 67-49 in the finals at







Bruins Gwyn, Norman, Frank, Smith, Timmons, and Shelton anxiously await their long ride to Enka for the state AA tournament.

Ishmael Forest, Larry Frank, Bobby Gwyn, and Bobby Moody leave happily for Enka.

#### PLACE THIRD IN STATE

Reynolds Gym in Winston-Salem on March 3rd. Earlier in the tournament Mount Airy had defeated Reidsville 61-47 and Griffith 74-49.

A week later the Bruins placed third in the state AA tournament at Enka by defeating Roxboro 56-55 and Clinton 67-61. Mount Airy's only defeat was a 92-82 loss to Kinston, state champions, in the semi-finals.



Owen Shelton exhibits his excellent defensive play.



Jack Smith uses his famous jump shot to score for the Bruins in the district AA tournament. Jack's field goal against Roxboro gave M. A. H. S. a one-point win to stay in the state play.

#### CAGE TEAMS START SEASON



#### BRUINS

FRONT ROW: Frank Lowry, Lewis Clement, Ishmael Forest, Robert Thomas, Jimmy Baity, Paul Shelton, Kenny Cook, manager. BACK ROW: Coach Moir, Bobby Moody, Bobby Gwyn, George Williams, Larry Frank, Richard Kelley, Eddie Gray.

The Granite Bears begin the season confidently and in good condition. The team has experienced boys but is hampered by the lack of height Ken Norman and Jack Smith furnished last year. Probable first stringers include Moody, Gwyn, Frank, Thomas, and Baity. Bobby Gwyn captains the boys.



#### SCHEDULE

Dec. 7 - Blue Ridge (Here)
Dec. 11 - Catawba College freshmen (Here)
Dec. 14 - Copeland (Here)
Dec. 18 - Glenn (Here)
Jan. 4 - Northwest (There)

Jan. 8 - Nancy Reynolds (Here)
Jan. 15 - Mineral Springs (Here)
Jan. 18 - Glenn (There)

Jan. 22 - Walkertown (Here) Jan. 25 - Mineral Springs (There)

Jan. 29 - Tri-City (Here)
Feb. 1 - Walkertown (There)
Feb. 5 - Northwest (Here)
Feb. 8 - Tri-City (There)
Feb. 12 - Griffith (Here)
Feb. 15 - Hanes (There)
Feb. 19 - Reidsville (Here)

Feb. 22 - Griffith (There)
Feb. 26 - Hanes (Here)
Mar. 1 - Reidsville (There)

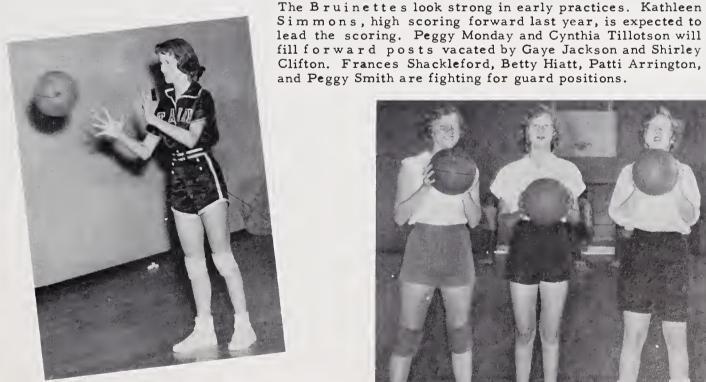
Robert Thomas runs in with his eyes on the ball.

#### WITH ENTHUSIASM AND HOPE



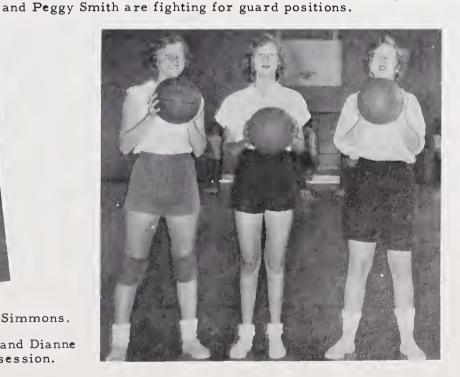
#### BRUINETTES

FRONT ROW: Cecilia Crowe, Julia Shelton, Nelda Clifton, Martha Carroll, Annette Monday, Johnnie Edwards, Kathleen Simmons, Peggy Monday. SECOND ROW: Patti Arrington, Dianne Simmons, Betty Hiatt, Peggy Smith, Frances Shackleford, Betty Simmons, Linda Mills, Patsy Simmons, Linda Dowell, Sue Smith, Coach Shelton. (News Photo)



Captain Kathleen Simmons.

Linda Mills, Patsy Simmons, and Dianne Simmons limber up in a practice session.



#### BEARS MAKE GOOD RECORD,



The bears proved a team to be reckoned with. They batted in 101 runs with only 20 errors to their opponents' 63 runs with 26 errors.

Tommy Pierce slams one away to lead the Bruins to victory.

#### 1956 SCORES

| Mount Airy | 8  | Nancy Reynolds | 1  |
|------------|----|----------------|----|
| Mount Airy | 15 | White Plains   | 3  |
| Mount Airy | 9  | Reidsville     | 4  |
| Mount Airy | 0  | Hanes          | 2  |
| Mount Airy | 3  | Northwest      | 0  |
| Mount Airy | 4  | Gray           | 10 |
| Mount Airy | 10 | North Davidson | 0  |
| Mount Airy | 15 | Griffith       | 4  |
| Mount Airy | 6  | Elkin          | 3  |
| Mount Airy | 5  | Walkertown     | 2  |
| Mount Airy | 2  | Reidsville     | 5  |
| Mount Airy | 1  | North Davidson | 2  |
| Mount Airy | 6  | Hanes          | 3  |
| Mount Airy | 5  | Walkertown     | 6  |
| Mount Airy | 7  | Northwest      | 0  |
| Mount Airy | 8  | Griffith       | 15 |



Plans for a Bear victory are laid by Jimmy Kirkman, Gary Smith, Ken Harris, Robert Thomas, Stewart Smith, and Owen Shelton.

#### SUPERLATIVES



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#### STAND HIGH IN CONFERENCE



FRONT ROW: Managers Kenny Cooke, Jimmy Fleming, Edmond Burke. MIDDLE ROW: Owen Shelton, Edsel Hiatt, Gary Smith, Wayne Johnson, Ronnie Alderman, Tommy Pierce, Gary Sutphin, Stewart Smith, Jim Baity. TOP ROW: Coach Moir, Gary Brown, Ken Norman, James Monroe, Bobby Gwyn, Jimmy Kirkman, Robert Thomas, Ken Harris.

The Granite Bears ended the season with a record of 10 wins and 6 losses. Pitcher Edsel Hiatt won 8 games and lost 4, while Jim Baity held a 2-2 record. Hiatt pitched a no-hitter against North Davidson, defeating them ten to nothing. The leading hitters were Ken Harris, Burton Timmons, and Gary Brown, who held batting averages of .385, .300, and .300 respectively.



Gary Brown demonstrates his catching technique for catcher Stewart Smith and pitchers Jim Baity and Edsel Hiatt.

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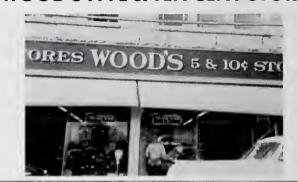
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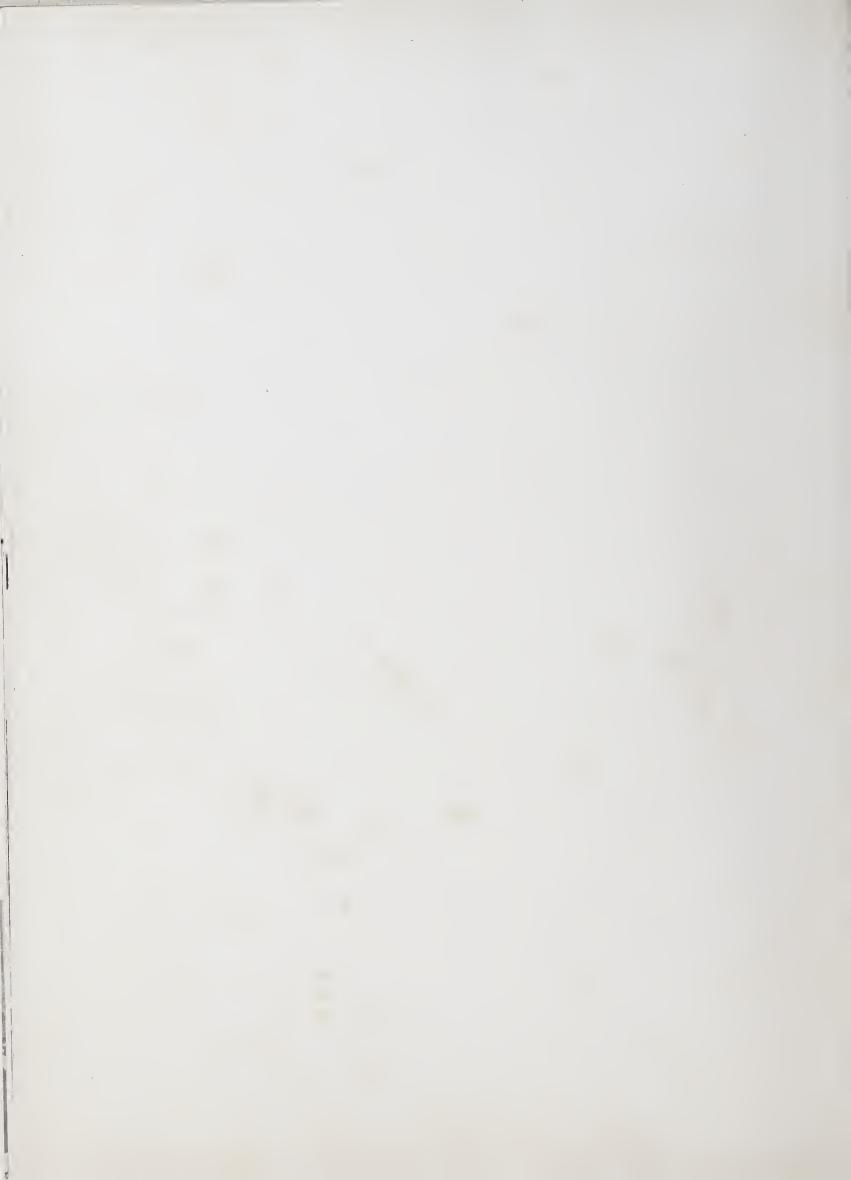


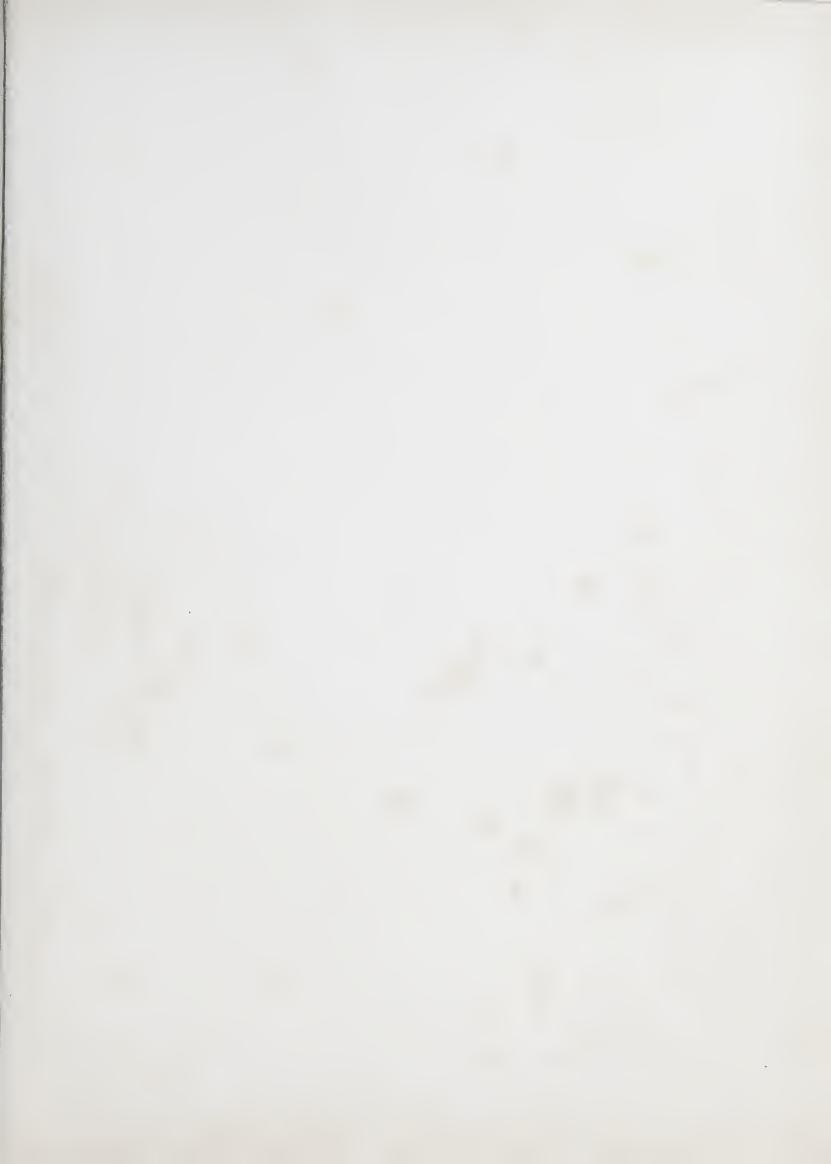














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