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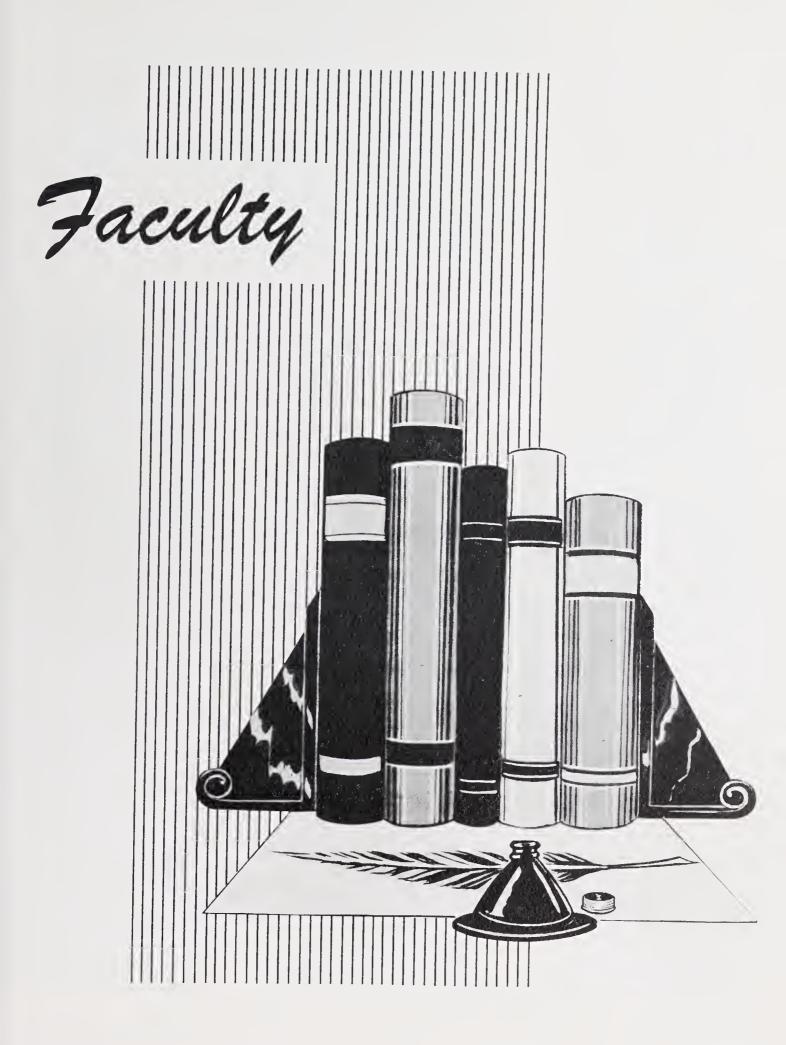


Dedication



MRS. W.C. LATHAM

We, the Seniars of 1952, wish to pay tribute to Mrs. Latham for her many endearing qualities. She will remain forever in our memories as a source of inspiration, a sympathetic friend, and a truly great teacher. Without her our school life would have lacked something precious.



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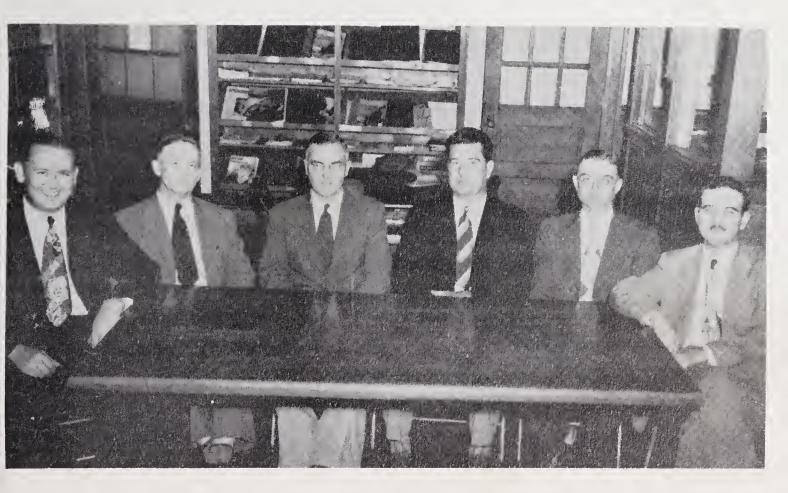


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"Today we follow; tomorrow we lead."

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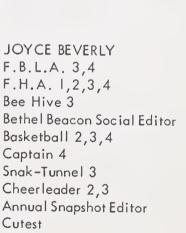
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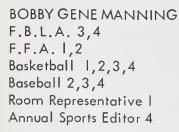
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CUTEST Joyce Beverly-Eugene McLawhon



MOST POPULAR Bob Bowers-Claire Wilson



MOST TALENTED Jeane Cullifer-Cleve Burton



MOST PRAISEWORTHY Grace Whitehurst



NEATEST AND BEST DRESSED Billy Barnhill-Audrey Griffin



MOST DEPENDABLE Cleve Burton - Lexine Rollins



MOST ATHLETIC Geraldine White-Earl Johnson

SUPERLATIVES



QUIETEST Ruby Scott



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED Ily Barnhill-Mavis Weathersby



FRIENDLIEST aldine White–Lindsay Whitehurst



MOST HANDSOME & PRETTIEST Lindsay Whitehurst-Ruth Whitley



BEST ALL-AROUND Bob Bowers-Claire Wilson



MOST STUDIOUS Jeane Cullifer

SUPERLA TIVES

Class History

ACT I

In the fall of 1940, thirty children both eager and scared, entered the Bethel Elementary School and began their first act in the drama of education. Miss Matt Exum, now Mrs. Larry James, was the director we found to help us become acquainted with the fundamentals of school life.

With the helping hand of Miss Humphrey, we completed the second scene of the first act without much trouble.

In completing the first act of the drama of education, we had slowly, but surely, come to realize what to expect in the future years. Miss Blanchard was our director during the third scene.

ACT II

We were directed by many during Act II, including Miss Mayo, Miss Ellenberg, Mrs. Hammonds, Miss Staton, Mrs. Whitehurst, and Mrs. Jones. Some important things happened during this act, two of which are very outstanding in our minds—the trip to Raleigh in the seventh grade and the joining of thirteen Mayo students to the class in the eighth grade. At the conclusion of Act II, we were eager to dramatize the most important phase of our education, high school. ACT III

Last but certainly not least, we began the best years of our lives. With Mrs. Lamb as director, the curtain slowly rises showing the first scene of the third act. It was during this scene that we really began to act as young ladies and gentlemen were expected to act. We were, at the end of this scene, becoming accustomed to high school life.

Miss Hinnant was with us in the second scene. Things were really "clicking" at this time. We were now "bold Sophomores" instead of the scared first graders.

A very happy, exciting, and wonderful time awaited us in the third scene of act three. Our director in this scene, Mrs. Latham, has proved to be one of the greatest aids with our high school activities. With her helping hand we hit success in both the Banquet and Junior-Senior Play.

As the final scene draws near, we are now a little anxious and somewhat sad. The annual will be the highlight of the scene. It will require work to get it out but it will be worth the effort. We hardly know what we would have done without the help of Mrs. Weeks, Miss Mills to us. She provided the guidance that we needed so during the last act. She is certainly a teacher that we will never forget. Our deepest appreciation is issued to Mrs. Weeks, our last director. Before the curtain falls we want to mention the other directors who had much to do with our drama of education and its success. They are Mr. Latham, our principal and mathematics teacher; Mrs. Dewar, our commercial teacher; Mr. Dewar, our agriculture teacher; Mrs. Highsmith, our ninth grade English teacher; Mr. Gray and Mr. Nicholson, our science teachers; Mr. Hart, our history teacher; Miss Perry, our home economics teacher; and Mrs. Tucker, our eighth grade science teacher.

As the curtain falls on our drama of education, we feel that we have succeeded only by the careful and constant guidance of all our directors. It is our hope that they may somehow be rewarded to the fullest extent!

Although our drama of education is ending, the drama of life is just beginning!

> Class Historians Mavis Weathersby. Geraldine White



Class Prophecy

One day in the year 1962, I was walking along thinking of my former classmates. All of a sudden a falling brick hit me on the head and I drifted into a peaceful dream.

I dreamed that I was traveling on a big airliner. As I was sitting back resting, a small stewardess came up to me and said, "Is everything all right, sir?" And who do you think it was? It was Grace Whitehurst. She said that Jimmy Staton was the pilot of the plane in which I was riding. I went to the cockpit. There was Jimmy. I asked him about the rest of my classmates. He said that he knew a lot who lived in the city where I was going. He also told me that he would show me around when I got to the city.

When we landed we went into a big sandwich shop. The owner was none other than Cecil Whitehurst.

As we were going into town we passed a large housing project. The head carpenter was Vance White. Vance told me that Cleve Burton, Jr., had the contract for all of the electrical and plumbing installments.

As I was leaving, I glanced at one of the new homes and there were Lindsay Whitehurst and the former Claire Wilson getting ready to move into one of the gorgeous houses. I stopped to talk with them and found out that Lindsay was a successful business man.

That afternoon we visited a big league ball game and whom do you think I saw? Earl Johnson was in there pitching with his famous curve, while Eugene McLawhon acted as catcher. As I was leaving the ball park I ran smack into Billy Barnhill and his lovely wife. I found that Billy had just married and had come to the city for his honeymoon.

That night Jimmy took me to one of the fashionable night clubs where we ate supper. When the lights were suddenly turned out, a big spotlight focused on Jeane Cullifer who was singing a torch song. Then after her number there was a big floor show and I saw two more classmates. They were Audrey Griffin and Jane Morris.

After we left the club we went to a big play, which was having its premier on Broadway. When we were seated comfortably I saw on my program the name of Lecky McWhorter. Lecky had the leading role in the play.

The next day I went to a studio to buy a picture for a friend. As we were passing along, looking at the pictures, I saw Joyce Beverly in one of the rooms posing as a model. She was modeling a French bathing suit.

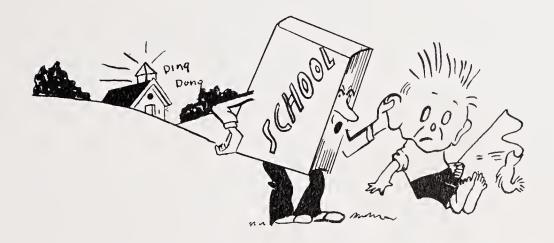
That afternoon I boarded a plane for Washington, D. C. When I landed I decided the first person I wanted to see was the President. Well, you couldn't get very close to him, but I got close enough to see who his personal secretary was. It was Mavis Weathersby. When I finally got to talk to Mavis she told me that Ruth Whitley and Daphne Weathersby were secretaries to two other high officials and that Lexine Rollins was secretary to the vice-president.

Mavis told me she wanted me to meet some more people whom I might be interested in. She took me to one of the beautiful homes in the suburbs of Washington and I found it to be the home of Nancy Whitehurst who was a very busy. housewife and mother. She had twins! That night i went to a professional basketball game. There I saw Bobby Gene Manning pouring in the points for his club just as he did when he played for Bethel High.

The next day I visited the Treasury Building and saw Alice Coburn using her talent for drawing one dollar bills. When I left I took a taxi and as I was riding along I saw a big sign which read, "Ruby and Dolly's Beauty Salon." I stopped and talked to Dolly and Ruby. They said that Louise had married James Knox who was the Secretary of Agriculture. After I walked out of the shop I saw across the street a person whom I thought I knew. I started across the street and was struck by a car. I woke up in the hospital. Joyce Weathersbee was on one side of me taking my temperature and Geraldine White was on the other side taking my pulse. My first words were, "Gee, I feel as if I have been walking in a dream for the past few days."

Class Phophet

Bob Bowers



Class Will

State of North Carolina, County of Pitt, Township of Bethel:

Know ye by these presents that we, the Class of '52 of Bethel High School, Bethel, North Carolina, do hereby execute this our last will and testament.

ARTICLE I

- Item I: To our parents, we leave our gratefulness for sacrifices and shortcomings they rendered so unselfishly for the sake of our education.
- Item II: To the Faculty, we leave 100% gratitude for guidance and understanding that they so willingly gave us.
- Item III: We, the Seniors of '52, leave to the Freshmen our long roll of attendances and the ambition to keep it as such.
- Item IV: We, the Seniors, leave with the Sophomore class our excess ability to act, speak, and think like young ladies and gentlemen.
- Item V: We, the Class of '52, leave to the Juniors our Senior privileges and the hope of moking ourselves leaders of tomorrow.

ARTICLE II

- 1. I, Billy Barnhill, leave to Buddy Benton my superlatives and sense of humor.
- 2. I, Bob Bowers, leave my Beta club presidency to David Jacobs and to Bruton Edmondson I leave my speaking ability.
- 3. We, Cleve Burton and Earl Johnson, leave our appealing red hair to Edward Briley.
- 4. I, Eugene McLawhon, leave my way with women to Ray Briley and to Jack Wynne I bestow my black wavy hair. To Bobby Rollins I leave my Ipana smile.
- 5. I, Jimmy Staton, leave my Senior activities to Bobby Edmondson.
- 6. I, Vance White, leave to William Whitehurst my basketball ambitions and to Robert Nelson I leave my love for literature.
- 7. I, Lindsay Whitehurst, leave my typing set to Cecil Riddick.
- 8. I, Bobby Manning, leave my sharp, masculine grin to Jimmy Smith.
- 9. I, Cecil Whitehurst, leave my bookkeeping set to Angus Bowers.
- 10. We, Joyce Beverly and Jeane Cullifer, leave our positions on the Beacon Staff to Janie Edmondson.
- 11. I, Alice Coburn, leave my shorthand pad and pencil to Norma Williamson, seeing that she is good secretarial material.
- 12. I, Mavis Weathersby, leave with undimmed memories of B. H. S.
- 13. I, Lecky McWhorter, leave to Virginia Johnson my excess weight and love for commercial subjects.
- 14. We, Jane Morris, and Geraldine White, leave our initiative to all who endeavor to do anything worthwhile.
- 15. We, Louise Davenport and Ruby Scott, leave our typing speed and accuracy to Betty James.
- 16. We, Lexine Rollins, Joyce Weathersbee, and Claire Wilson, leave our optimistic ideals to Lula Belle Briley.
- 17. We, Audrey Griffin, Grace Whitehurst and Ruth Whitley, leave our excess knowledge concerning shorthand to Ernell Wilson.
- I, Dolly Whitfield, leave to Arlene Manning my position on the staff of the Bethel Beacon.
- 19. I, Nancy Whitehurst, leave----with new hopes for tomorrow.
- 20. I, Daphne Weathersby, leave only to make plans for the future in Raleigh.

Dolly Whitfield, Testator

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Class Poem

Followers today; leaders tomorrow, We're leaving now, much to our sorrow. Our goal in life we've almost obtained Through help and knowledge we have gained.

Our teachers, we'll have to give the praise For helping us through this crucial stage. Forgetting not our grateful friends Who helped through hardships till the end.

Through misery and strife we're ended in fame And this, beloved, is the end of the game. Twelve long years it took us to gain, Triumph! Honor! through endurance of pain.

Our future is loudly calling us on. It seems to say begone! begone! Depart from learning for now you've won This battle of life which you've begun.

Our abilities say we're ready to go, Our minds say "Yes." Our hearts say "No." To say it's time for us to depart Cuts to the depths of all our hearts.

You, too, may realize its hard to endeavor To depart from school life and friends forever. But though we know all this is true, We'll be brave and say farewell to you.

These goodbyes we'll cherish in our hearts For most of all we hate to depart. No matter what happens--whether joy or sorrow, We're followers today and leaders tomorrow.

> Audrey Griffin Class Poetess



Mascots

CAROL MANNING - EDDIE BEVERLY





Norma Williamson President



Bruton Edmondson



Buddy Benton



Lula Belle Briley



Cecil Riddick



Janie Edmondson Vice-Pres.



Jack Wynne



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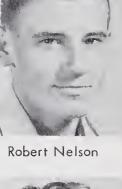
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Sybil Weathersbee

Betty Jean Keel





Barbara Morris

Ruth Lois Griffin

Bill Latham

Bradley Gray



Betsy James



Michael House



Bill Henry Edmondson

Barbara Whitehurst



James Whitley



Miriam Cherry



Janelle Whitley



John Pritchard











Marie Hux

Sherre Latham

B.F. Goodall

Doris Smith

B.B. Tetterton



















Doris Meeks

Evelyn Norville

Billy Whitehurst

Isabel Manning

Lois James



Carrie Ayres



Dolores Ford



Fred Pollard

Peggy Bullock

Betty Marie Andrews







R.I. Taylor Newbie James James Briley Dalton Council (not pictured)

Snapshots









Rebecca Briley



Mary Frances Whitehurst

Becky Keel

Carson



Sherwood White

Whichard

Mary Ann Manning

Lewis

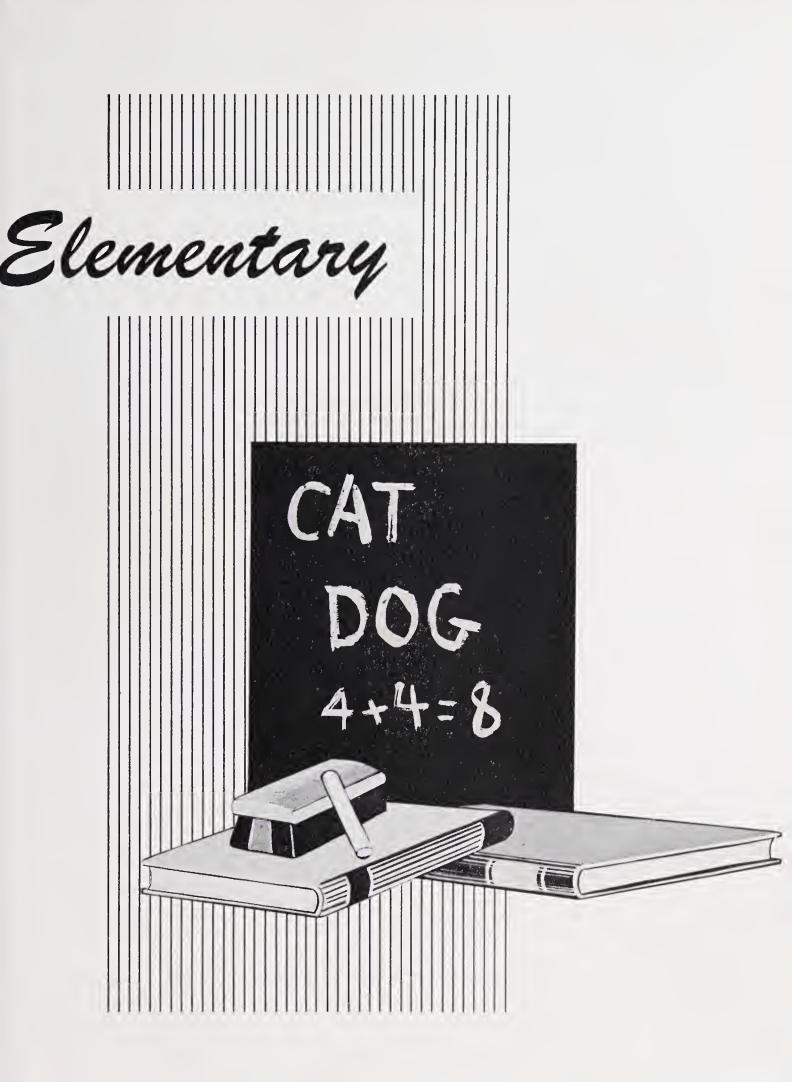
Billy Statan

Weathersby

J.B. Briley

Peggy

Crisp





Eighth Grade

First Row: Bobby James, Wadie Ward, Jean Briley, Jennie Lee Whitehurst, Tom Carson, Joyce Manning, Charlie Briley, Peggy Roberson, Gene Alford.

Second Row: Wilbur Meeks, Lois Dean Weathersby, Larry Anderson, Jacquline Davenport, Odell Mayo, Gail Lewis, Bryon Latham, Ann Keel, Shirley Keel.

Third Row: Barbara Leggette, Horace Mendenhall, Geraldine Keel, Reba Padgett, Patricia Davenport, Marvin Butler, Jimmy Simmons, Peggy Joyce Whitehurst, Butch Smith.

Fourth Row: Sarah Ann Whitehurst, Charles Morris, Hattie Carlisle, Eugene Doughtie, Shelby Jean Carson, Durwood White, Dorothy Briley, Essie Whitehurst, Alton Bryant.

Fifth Row: Billy Norville, Shirley Griffin, Durwood Matheny. Teacher, Mrs. Ralph Highsmith.



Seventh Grade

First Row: Paul Whitehurst, Willord White, Aldine White, Vance Taylor, Anna Manning, Joe Lassiter, Ann Stocks, Donny Martin, Mary Cisco, Edward Manning.

Second Row: Maurice Davis, Lona Monning, Kenneth Williams, Loretta Bullock, Johnny Alford, Kenneth Whitehurst, Shirley Dail, Garland Briley, Barbara Dail, Benny Whitehurst.

Third Row: Carl Manning, Charles Word, Janie Rollins, Roy A. Briley, Ray Bell, Patsy Harris, Manley Bedenbough, Dolton Respess, Connie Garrenton, Roy Scott.

Fourth Row: Mr. Elbert Stocks, Principal of Elementary School, Seventh Grade Teacher.



Sixth Grade

First Row: Lonnie Ayres, Ann Briley, Bobby Scott, Billy Andrews, Judy Whitehurst, Lee Williams, Bobbie Garrenton, Charlie Padgett, Pearline Beacham, George Williams.

Seoond Row: Willie Williams, Iris Padgett, John Edward Whitehurst, Roland Cullifer, Jean Griffin, Kenneth Alexonder, Mamie Ruth Keel, Gerald Malloy, Tommy Whitehurst, Faye Rose. Third Row: William Daniels, Mildred Cherry, Edna Respess, Bobby Jones.

Mrs. Alvah Jackson, Teacher.



Fifth Grade

First Row: Josephine Butler, Ellis Cullifer, Dorothy Bell, Horace Scott, Gaynel Mozingo, C.B. Roberson Judy Cullifer, Buddy Taylor, Ann Mozingo, Robert Alton Briley.

Second Row: Patricia Carson, James Ivey, Kay Rogerson, Donald Hatchel, Elizabeth Butler, Frankli Whitehurst, Olivia Whitehurst, Jack Whichard, Laurel Thigpen, Jimmy Hardy.

Third Row: Mavis Padgett, Kenneth Gray, Jean Simmons. Teacher, Miss Frances Warren.



Fourth Grade

First Row: Faye Griffin, David Hatchel, Gertie Lee Beachum, Jerry Williams, Carrie Lee Whitehurst, Walter Bland, Malese Mozingo, Jackie James, Shirley Whitehurst, Gene Jones.

Second Row: Carol Ann Roberson, Gene Keel, Peggy Ivey, Dalton Williams, Linda Briley, Ray Keel, Beverly Staton, Buddy Whitehurst, Marcene Respess. Teacher, Mrs. A.M. McWhorter.



First Row: Jane Crandel, Clayton Briley, Donna Keel, Jimmy Scott, Peggy Highsmith, Billy Martin, Jean Stocks, Richard Lewis, Sylvia Gardner, Cliff Everett.

Second Row: Margaret Rose Edmondson, Carl Cullifer, Carolyn Manning, James Ayres, Ann Taylor, Tommy Malloy, Faye Smith, Marshall Whitehurst, Carolyn Keel, Danny Rollins.

Third Row: John Smith, Harvey Lewis. Teacher, Mrs. Ruth Thomas.



Second Grade

First Row: Randy Marshall, Brenda Williams, Sammy Whitehurst, Jo Anne Whitehurst, Gene Carson, Janice Scott, Bobby Bell, Jannell Keel, Wilber Cherry, Mavis Butler.

Second Row: Billy Griffin, Linda Jones, Bert Carson, Jr., Grace James, Jimmy Keel, Joan Garrenton, Jimmy Lewis, Bobby Smith, Janet Cobb, Don Dewar.

Third Row: Herman Daniels, Alma Respess, Rufus Carson, Emma Padgett. Teacher, Mrs. Zena Jacobs.



First Grade

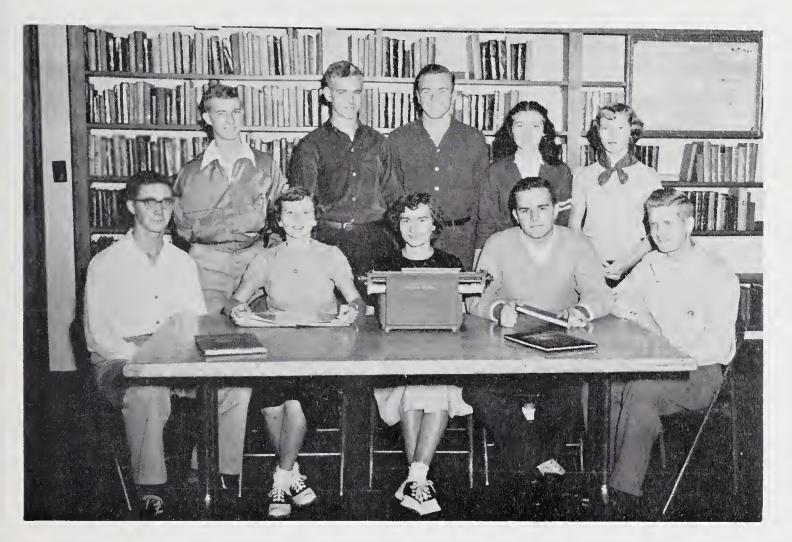
First Row: Joe Hunnicut, Hilton Keel, Linda Davenport, Harry Latham, Sammy Dewar, Ann Jackson, Vernon Williams, Joyce Keel, Micky Davis, Billy Blake.

Second Row: James Horace, E.G. Eaks, Rose Ivey, Jessie Gray Thomas, Fredie Mozingo, Delores Roebuck, Tommy Bell, Benny Alexander, Bonnie Leggett, Steward Briley.

Third Row: Woody Taylor, Iris Padgett, Johnny Ray Respess, Faye Griffin, Jack Weathersby, Lynda Martin, Johnny Roebuck, Nancy James. Teacher, Mrs. Katherine Adams.







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Not Pictured: Essie Whitehurst, Lawerence Cobb.



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Janelle Whitley, Edith Doughtie, Sammy Carson, Becky Keel, Mary Anne Manning.



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Not Pictured: Joyce Beverly, Social Editor; Lecky McWhorter, Grammar School Editor; Claire Wilson, Managing Editor.



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Officers: Bryan Latham, Vice-President; Virginia Johnson, President; Bill Latham, Secretary-Treasurer.

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Third Row: Ann Riddick, Jenny Lee Whitehurst, Anna Bullock White, Eillene Lewis, Barbara Whichard, Barbara Ann Whitehurst, Betsy James.

Fourth Row: Bobby Rollins, B.B. Tetterton, Carrie Ayres, Patricia Ann Whitehurst, Newbie James, Betty Jean Keel. Fifth Row: Billy Staton, David Jacobs.



F.B.L.A.

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First Row Standing: Daphne Weathersby, Ernell Wilson, Virginia Johnson, Lula Bell Briley, Betty Jean James, Ruby Scott, Grace Whitehurst, Alice Coburn.

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Third Row: Bobby Gene Manning, Lindsay Whitehurst, Eugene McLawhon, Joyce Weathersby, Nancy Whitehurst, Ruth Whitley, Dolly Whitfield.

Fourth Row: Bill Barnhill, Bruton Edmondson, Angus Bowers, Earl Johnson, Buddy Benton.

Fifth Row: Jack Wynne, Jimmy Station, David Jacobs, Mrs. Dewar, Advisor.

Not Pictured: Jane Morris, Louise Davenport, Claire Wilson.



F.H.A.

First Row Seated: Mavis Weathersby, Treasurer; Norma Williamson, President; Edith Doughtie, Vice-President.

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Third Row: Corrine Briley, Sherre Latham, Barbara Morris, Doris Meeks, Ernell Wilson, Delores Ford, Betty Jean James.

Fourth Row: Miss Billie Perry, Advisor; Virginia Johnson, Becky Keel, Geraldine White, Shirley Jean Whitehurst, Lois James, Arlene Manning.

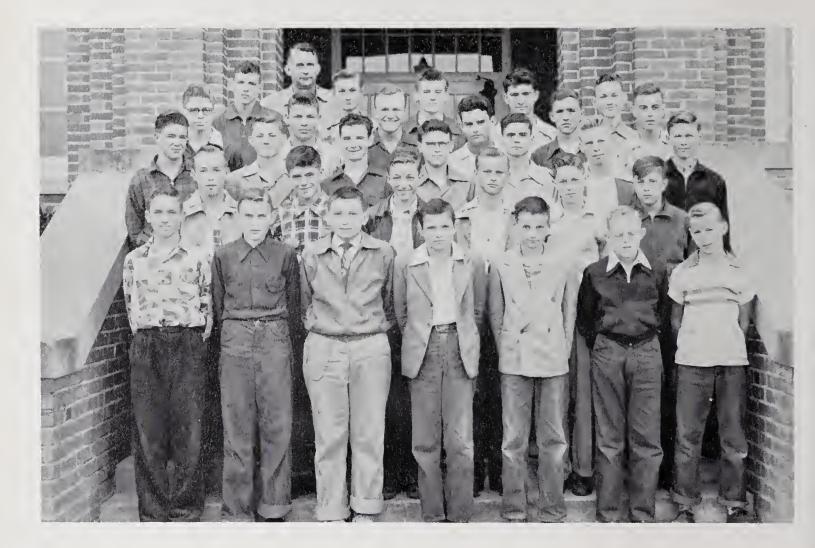
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Second Row: Carlton Keel, Herbert Briley, R.I. Taylor III, Lee Alford, Marshall Tetterson, Dick Gurganus. Third Row: James Briley, Cecil Whitehurst, Eugene McLawhon, Billy Whitehurst, Edward Briley, Cecil Riddick, James Ed Davenport.

Fourth Row: B.F. Goodall, B.B. Teiterton, Earl Johnson, William Whitehurst, Bobby Edmondson, David Weathersby.

Fifth Row: Sherwood White, Michael House, Robert Nelson, Bill Latham, Billy Staton. Sixth Row: Mr. Dewar, Advisor.



Beta Club

Seated at Table: Norma Williamson, Treasurer; Mavis Weathersby, Vice-President; Jeane Cullifer, Secretary; Bob Bowers, President; Mrs. Mary Weeks, Advisor.

First Row Standing: Janie Ruth Edmondson, Ernell Wilson, Jimmy Smith, Lexine Rollins, Virginia Johnson, Edith Doughtie, Delores Ford, Barbara Morris, Geraldine White, Arlene Manning, Ruby Scott, Betty Marie Andrews.

Second Row: Angus Bowers, Bruton Edmondson, Billy Barnhill, Michael House, Fred Pollard, Bill Latham, Billy Whitehurst.

Not Pictured: Jane Morris, Lecky McWhorter, Claire Wilson.





A Case of Springtime

"Is that a disease?" you ask. No, it's just the name of the play given by the Juniors and Seniors on April 4, 1952, in the Bethel High School Auditorium. We feel sure that this will remain as one of their outstanding memories of school activities.

Bobby Gene Manning, who had the leading role of Bob Parker, began his difficulties by attempting to saw Joan Abernaker (Janie Edmondson) in half. Joan was the Principal's daughter and when Mr. Abernaker (Billy Barnhill) found out about Bob's magic tricks, he became very excited and even put on his hat after Bob had broken an egg in it. Lexine Rollins played the part of the clumsy maid, Louella. Jimmy Smith portrayed Dickie Parker, who is always followed by Gwen Anderson (Ernell Wilson). The scene with those dignified P. T. A. ladies will not soon be forgotten. They were Lecky McWhorter, Claire Wilson, and Jeane Cullifer. There were other outstanding members of the supporting cast—Mavis Weathersby, Arlene Manning, Bob Bowers, Lindsay Whitehurst, Eugene McLawhon, and Joyce Beverly. Everyone seemed to enjoy the play thoroughly and we feel that the cast should be proud of their production.

Senior Class Song

We, the Seniors of dear Bethel, have come to say goodby. Now our hearts are filled with memories of our days at Bethel High. May the lessons that were taught us, give us strength in time to be, May the good old Bethel spirit always stay with you and me. We have made some friendships binding That will stay in our memory. We recall our teachers finding Something good in you and me. Gave us love and truth and honor, May their faith in us remain, May the good Lord bless and keep us till we meet again.

May the years we spent together never fade and pass away, As we near that long awaited graduation day. Let our hearts stay tuned to music That will cheer the hearts of men. May the good Lord bless and keep us till we meet again. May we long recall the rainbow Then we'll soon forget the rain, May the warm and tender memories Be the ones that will remain. Dear old Bethel, we will cherish, We will love you till we die. Our thoughts will turn back to you so we say goodby.

Tune-"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." Words by L. McWhorter.



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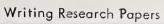


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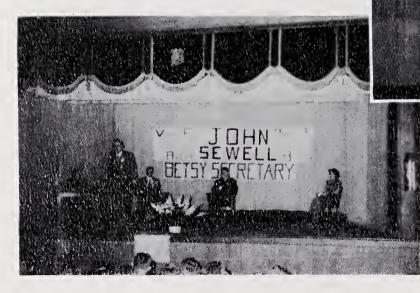
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Eighth Grade Boys Entertain



Bob's Farewell Address



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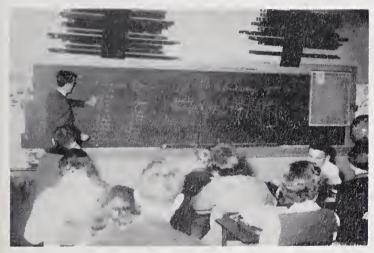
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Basketball Girls

Front Row: Coach Elbert Stocks, Mary Frances Whitehurst, Geraldine White, Isabel Manning, Lecky McWhor-ter, Arlene Manning, Barbara Morris, Edith Doughtie, Sherre Latham, Becky Keel. Back Row: Mary Jo Wynne, Joyce Beverly, Jeane Cullifer, Anna White, Shirley Hardy, Carrie Ayres, Ann

Riddick, Corrine Briley.

Basketball Girls

The girls' basketball team had one of their most successful seasons this year. The girls won 10, lost 13, and tied 1.

The team this year was sparked with some outstanding sophomores who helped to boost the team after last year's loss of so many first stringers. The girls this year scored an average of 38 points. Joyce Beverly, a 5'6" senior, enjoyed a successful year by averaging 16 points per game. Mary Jo Wynne, a tall freshman, who made her first appearance on the hardwood floor this year, averaged 10 points while Isabel Manning, a sophomore, averaged 9 points per game.

Mr. Elbert Stocks, who was teaching the seventh grade this year, volunteered his services as coach. He started the girls off by holding practice three times a week. Twenty-five candidates at first reported but this quickly diminished as the team started the season with seventeen players. The girls started off by losing to the strong Belvoir team which had won the Pitt County Championship the previous year. Belvoir managed to beat them by only 2 points. The girls followed this by giving all of the strong girls' teams in the county tight squeezes. The girls finished in fourth place in the county standings.

Joyce Beverly, Mary Jo Wynne and Isabel Manning were the starting forwards but they were ably assisted by Corrine Briley, Edith Doughtie, Shirley Ann Hardy, Becky Keel, and Frances Whitehurst

Our guards were so numerous and good, that many an opponent's coach expressed his wish of having so good a reserve of guards. The first string guards were Jeane Cullifer, Ann Riddick, and Carrie Ayres. They were assisted by Geraldine White, Anna White, Lecky McWhorter, Arlene Manning, and Barbara Morris.

The most outstanding game of the year was the one with Winterville. In this game the Bethel girls tied up many times and went ahead once or twice, but lost finally in a 36-29 point decision in favor of Winterville.

In closing out this brief summary, we would like to say to Mr. Stocks that he has really done something for these girls. He finished the girls up playing .500 balf. This was the best record compiled by any Bethel team in a long time.

We would like to say that we are losing four first string lettermen this year—Lecky McWhorter, Joyce Beverly, Jeane Cullifer, and Geraldine White. We are sure that next year the girls will continue to play good ball like they did this past season.

Basketball Boys



Front Row: Vance White, Earl Johnson, Larry Tetterton, Michael House, Bobby Manning, B.B. Tetterton. Back Row: Coach W.C. Latham, Eugene McLawhon, William Whitehurst, Dalton Council, Lindsay Whitehurst, Robert Nelson, Bill Latham, Sherwood White, B.F. Goodall.

Basketball Boys

When the season began, the basketball followers of Bethel High School said it couldn't happen again, meaning that we could not win the Pitt County championship for the fifth consecutive year. We had lost our two high scoring players, John Nelson, who had made 419 points, and Fred Keel with his 416 points in 1950-51 season. These two players were outscored only by Bobby Gene Manning who made 506 points. Yes, it is true that Bobby Gene was back along with Seniors Earl Johnson, Vance White, Lindsay Whitehurst, and Eugene McLawhon. We thought we had good men in the junior class to bolster the strength of the seniors on the club. The men we were depending on were Robert Nelson, Jule Pollard, and William Whitehurst. With the players already mentioned plus B. B. Tetterton, Michael House, Larry Tetterton, Bill Latham, Dalton Council, B. F. Goodall, and Bradley Gray from the sophomore class, we should have had a good squad.

Things began happening even before school began. Jule went to "prep" school. Vance destroyed part of his left hand while hunting. Lindsay broke his collarbone playing touch football. When the season began, it looked dreary. The boys worked hard and despite their lack of height, they developed into a fair team. We won our first seven practice games before the regular season began on December 10th. We were doing well until the night of January 18 when we played Jamesville there. On this particular night, we

lost by 14 points. The next day the coach of Bethel went to the hospital for an appendectomy. We did not play again until Saturday, January 26. On this date, we eked out a 2-point decision over Robersonville on their court. The next week we won the Farmville Invitational Tournament on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights. We sandwiched a victory over Grifton on Friday, February 1st. The victory over Grifton was especially gratifying. They had not lost during the current season on their home court. The whole team played well; Robert Nelson looked "hotter" than any time prior to this game. We went to Ahoskie on Tuesday, February 5th, and ran into a "cool" night. We lost our man, Bobby Gene, early in the game, and we ended up on the low end of a 65-51 score. After this loss, we continued to win all the regular season games except a one-point loss to Bear Grass, and the last game of the season at Snow Hill. The losses to Ahoskie, Jamesville, and Bear Grass were avenged with interest. We beat Jamesville 5 points after having a 15-point lead with four minutes left in the game. Ahoskie was "drubbed" by 27 points with some Jr. Varsity members playing and we annihilated Bear Grass by 42 points. In fact, we did not lose a game on our home court this year.

We were not at our full strength when we entered the Louisburg tournament on account of the flu. Although all the boys played hard, we could not seem ' to function at our best and we lost to Louisburg, the host team, on the second night of the tournament. The boys and their coaches were greatly disappointed and we did not look forward to the Pitt County tournament with confidence. Ayden had looked much better than the "Indians" in the State playoffs at Louisburg. Some of the followers were wondering if Bethel could beat Ayden in the finals of the Pitt Tournament.

Farmville showed unexpected strength in the first game of the tournament. In fact, they were stubborn. The semifinals with Grifton were not as close as we had expected. Two of their players were suffering from ill effects of the flu and our boys were gaining their strength back. On Saturday, March 8th, we met the Ayden team. We seemed to have the touch and they lost by 9 points. Robert Nelson and Bobby Gene got 14 points, while Earl Johnson made 13 points, Vance 7, and Michael House 3. We used only two substitutes: B. B. and Larry Tetterton. Each of the boys did an excellent job on defense with Vance and Michael playing their best game of the year. The ball handling was good and mistakes were few.

We were very happy to win the sportsmanship award for boys in regular season's play in Pitt County. Bobby Gene and Earl were placed on the first team of the Pitt Tournament. Bobby Gene was voted the most valuable player in the Farmville Tournament. Earl Johnson made the all-tournament team there.

What the future holds is anybody's guess. We feel that Bethel will still be able to win over 50 percent of their games with all comers. We regret the loss of the seniors, but with the boys up from the ninth grade to go with those juniors and sophomores already mentioned, we may be able to keep up the reputation of Bethel in the basketball world.







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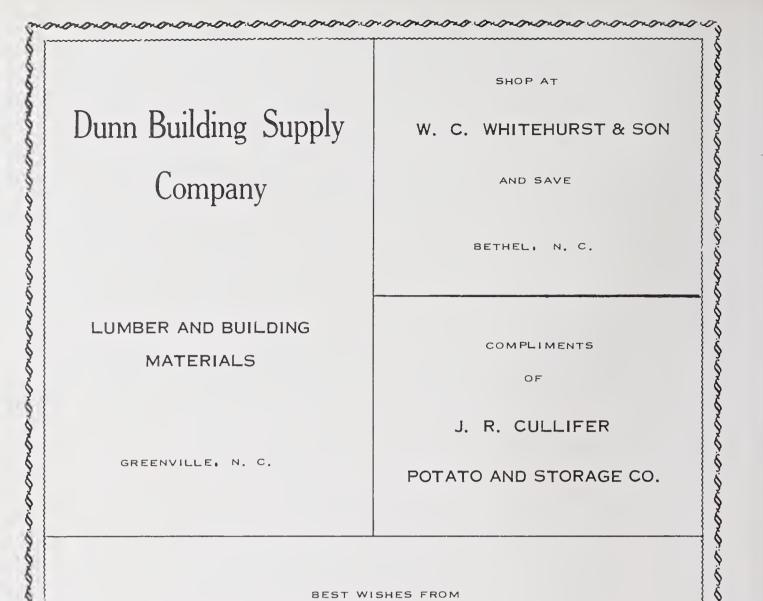
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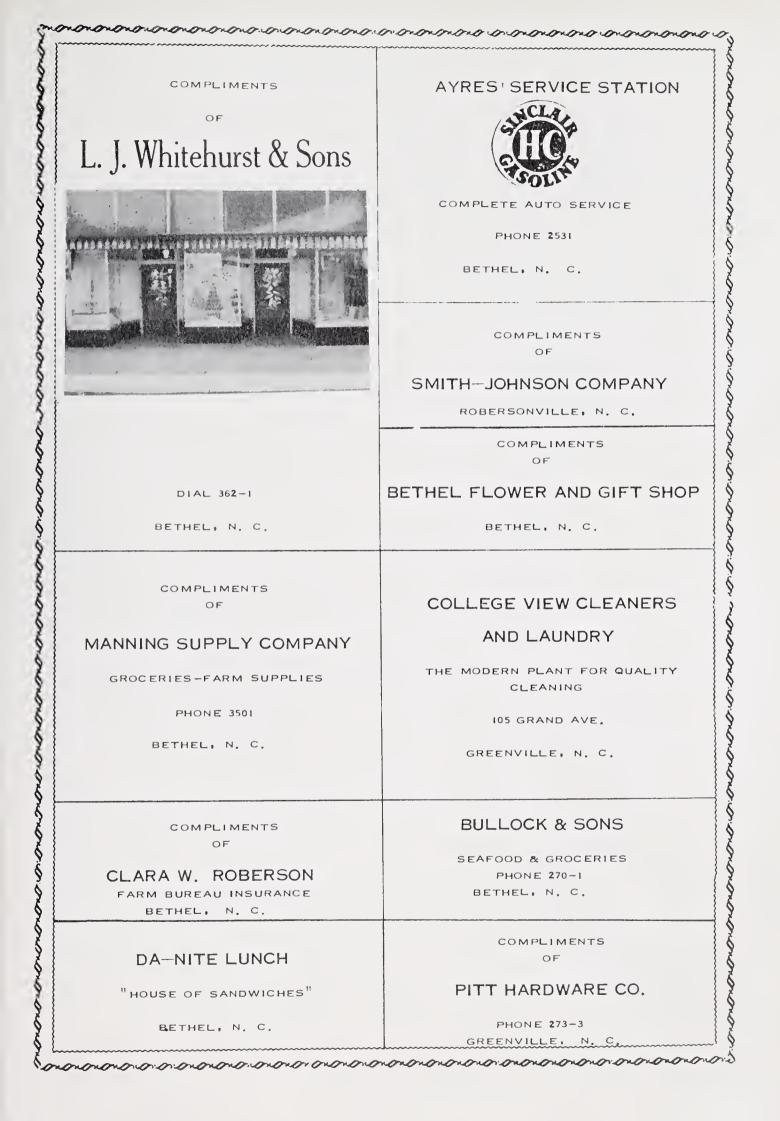
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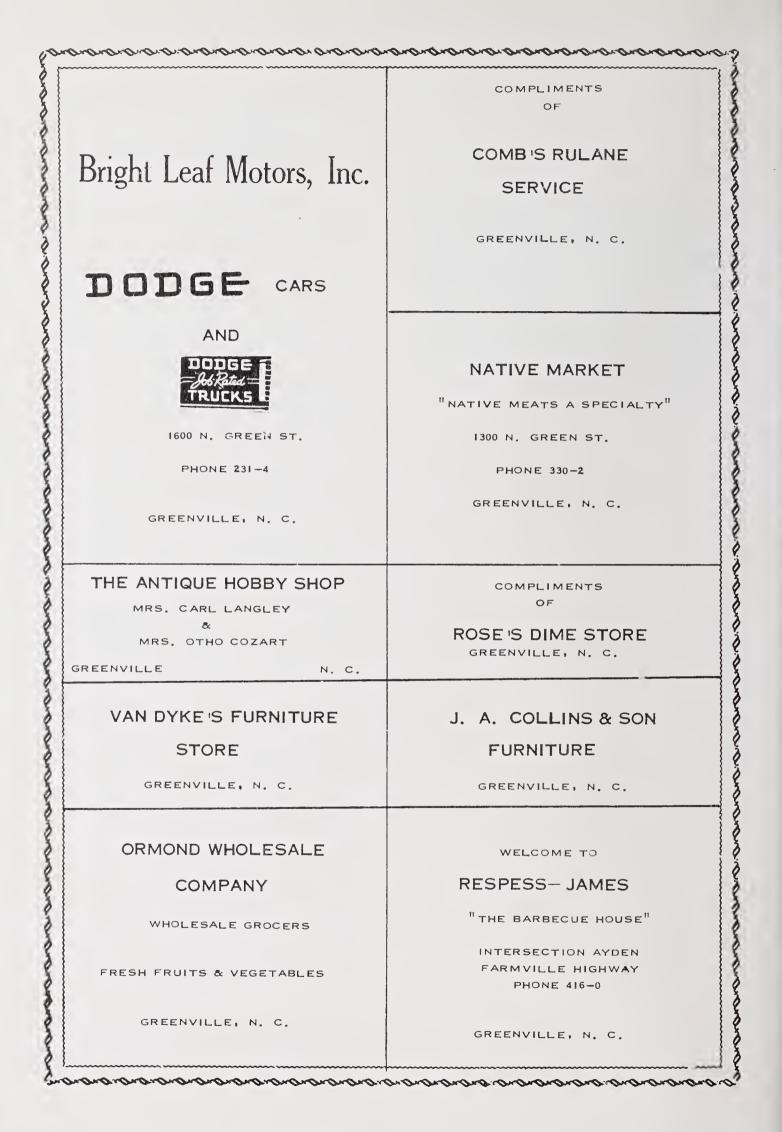
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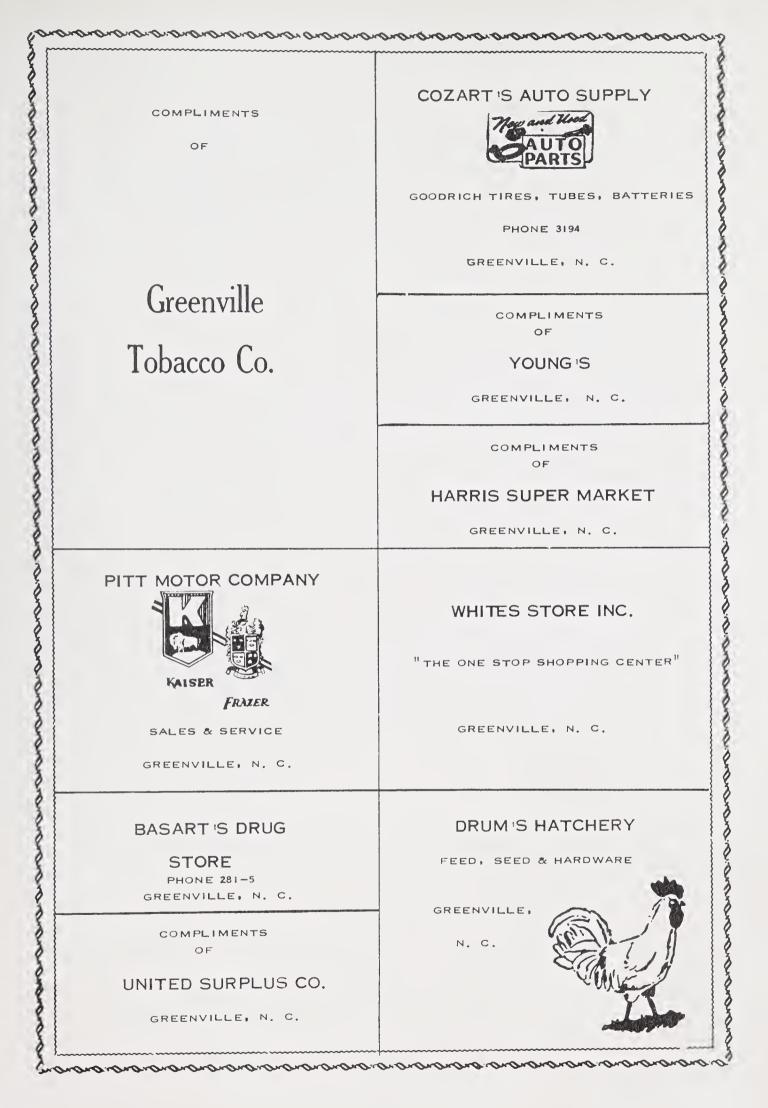
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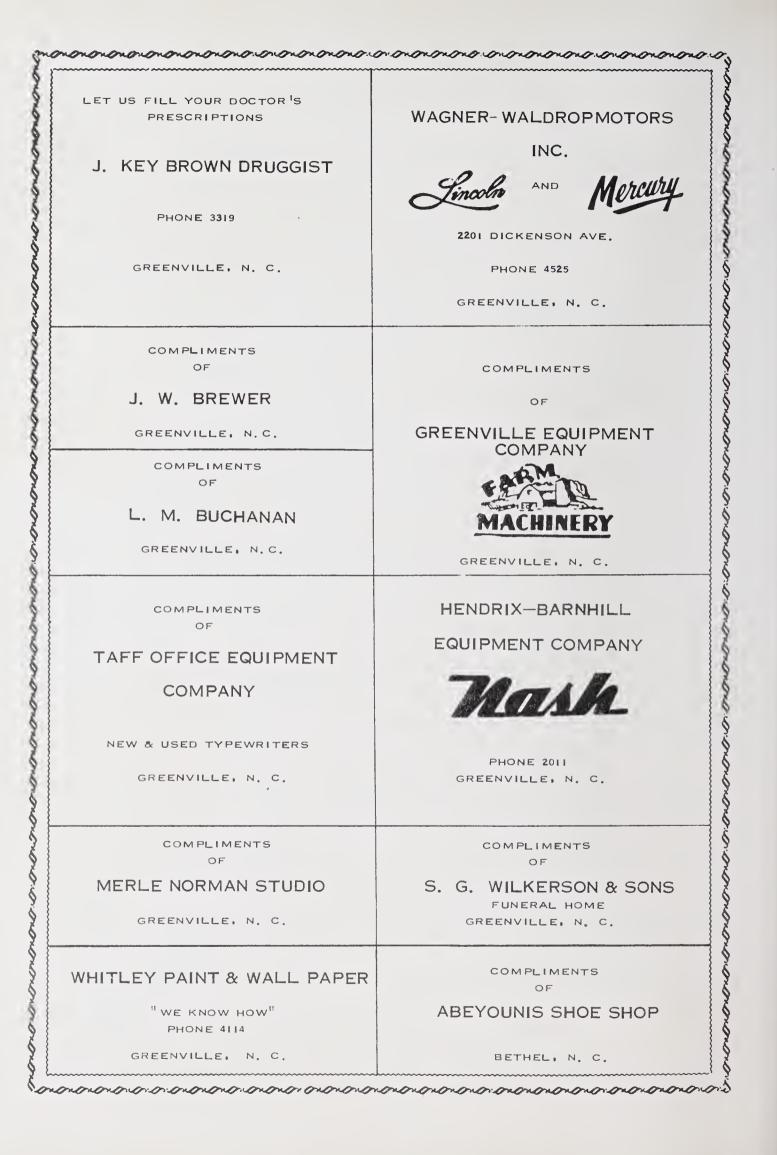
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