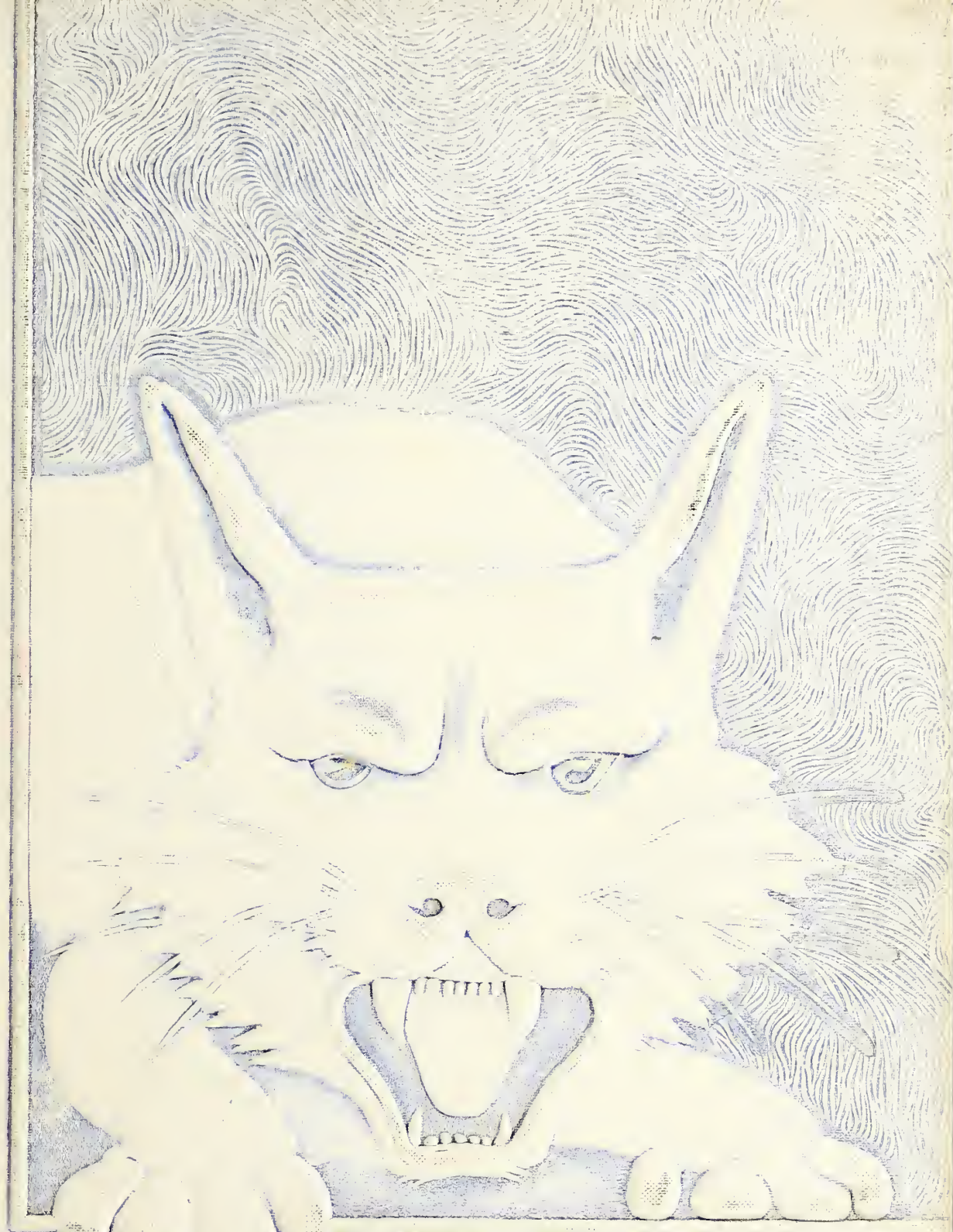
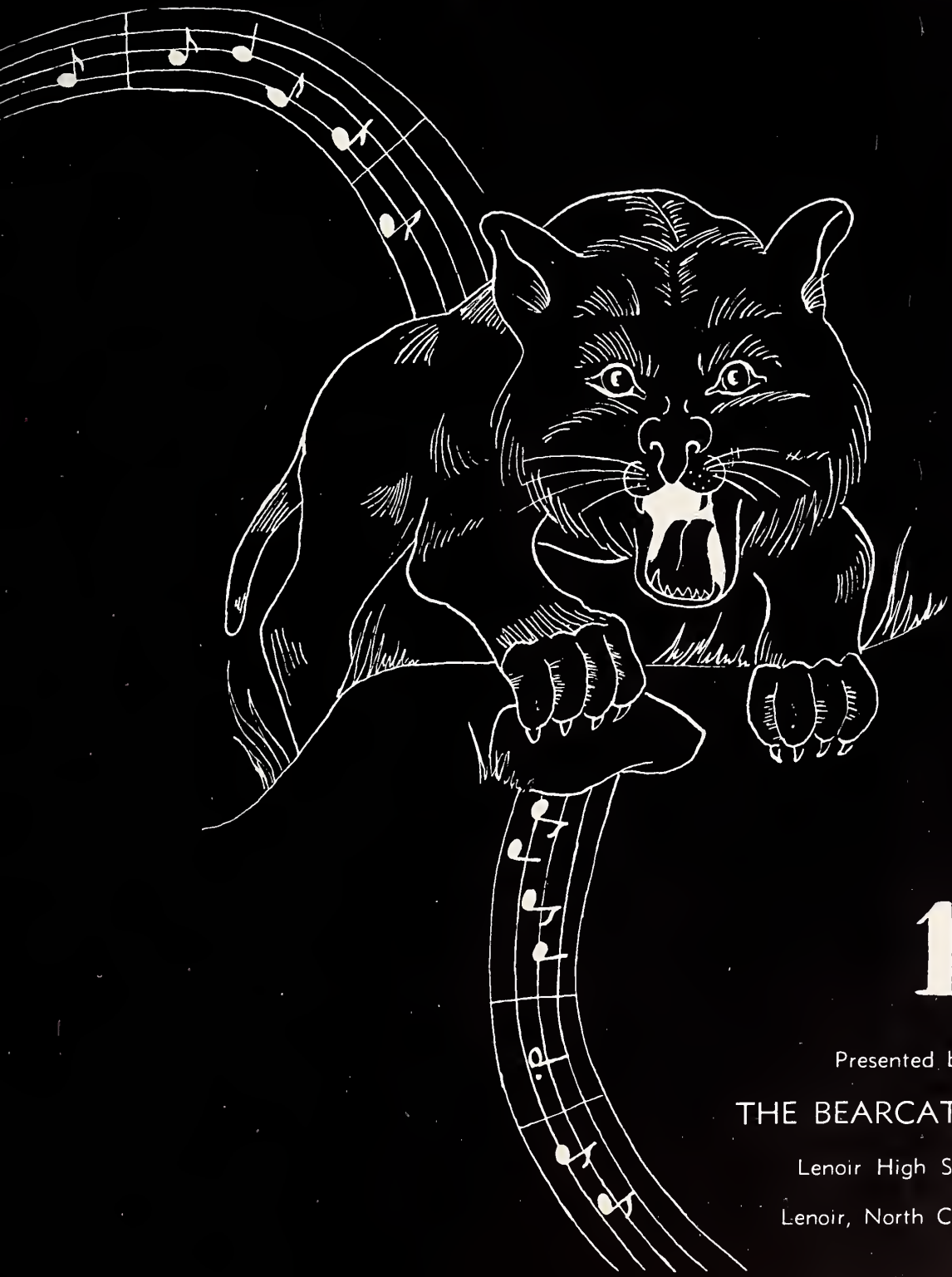


THE 1955



BEARCAT



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Presented by
THE BEARCAT STAFF
Lenoir High School
Lenoir, North Carolina



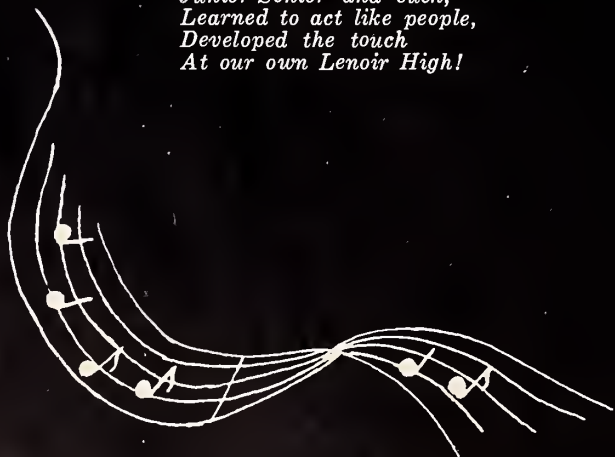
*On the corner of West Harper
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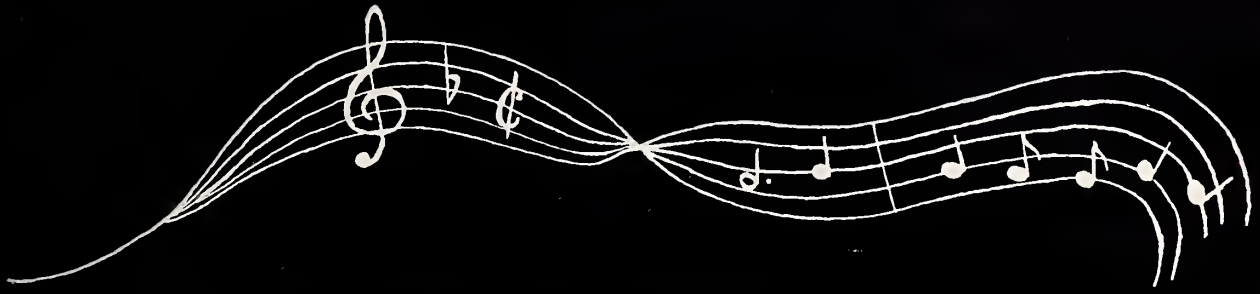
*People we passed
Every day in the hall
Became speaking acquaintances,
Not strangers at all,
And it gave satisfaction
To see our friends grow
At this school that we've learned
To love and to know—
Our own Lenoir High!*

*Here we learned to belong,
To be part of the band
With solos for everyone
In the four year span.
There were meetings on Thursdays,
After school, at night too,
With projects, initiations,
New members, and dues
At our own Lenoir High!*

*We kicked, blocked, and tackled
In manner fantastic,
Then dribbled down court
For—two points in the basket.
Play ball! And the whack
Of hardwood on sphere
As we backed all our teams
With a prayer and a cheer
For our own Lenoir High!*

*We followed our grid games
With victory dances
Broadened our outlook
Made social advances
We had big affairs—
Junior-Senior and such,
Learned to act like people,
Developed the touch
At our own Lenoir High!*



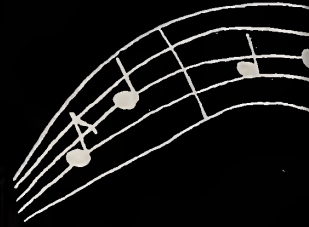


To a man who's taught us how to love the game beyond the prize . . .
To a friend of all who always has a sparkle in his eyes . . .
To a teacher with understanding and a word for everyone . . .
To a good guy with smiles aplenty and the gift of having fun . . .
To a winner who can also take defeat in easy stride . . .
To a champ who's ever filled with honest, well-earned pride . . .
To a coach, teacher, friend—all of this and more than that . . .
To you, Coach Cross, we dedicate the '55 Bearcat.

DEDICATION



Coach Bill V. Cross





FORRESTER

*Within this book we've bound in blue
Are memories of gold—A melody that stirs the soul
With things that meant so much to you.
We've gathered names, events, and faces;
Put them in their proper places
For years ahead when no more we'll have these days to live
But only to remember.*





THE BEAR

Composers

- Bearcat Staff

Directors

- Administration

Musicians

- Student Body

Background

- Lenoir High School

Tempo

- Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-five

CAT SCORE

Overture

- Administration and Faculty

First Movement

- Classes

Second Movement

- Organizations

Third Movement

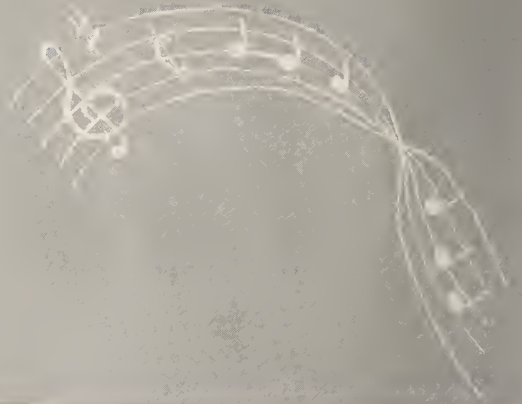
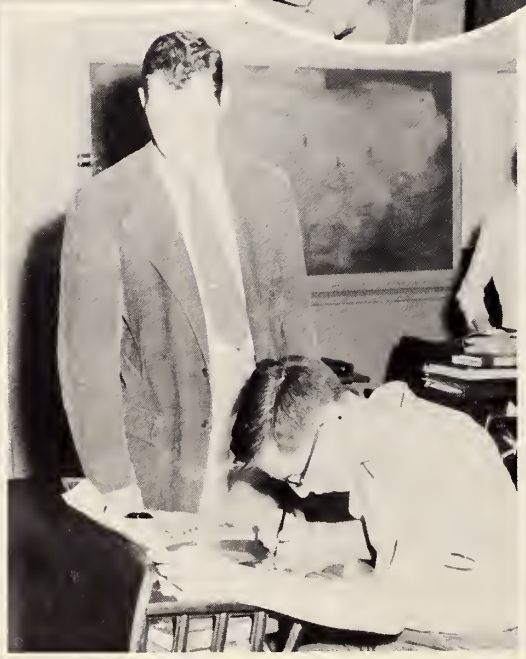
- Athletics

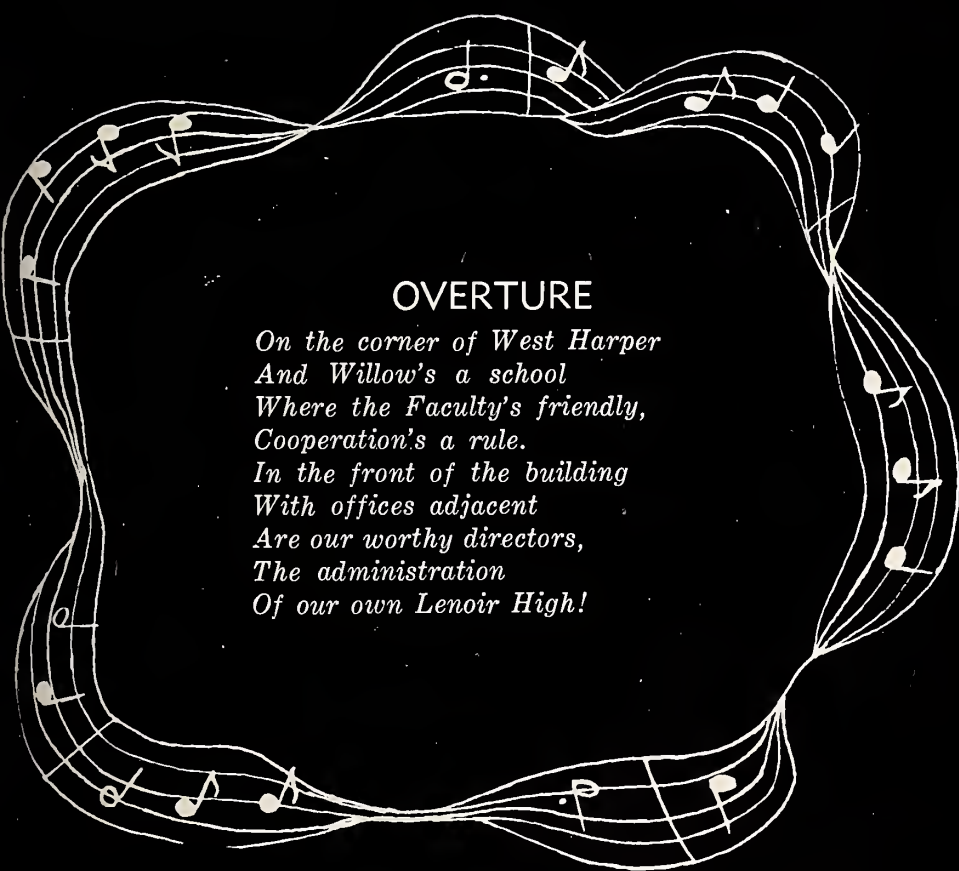
Finale

- Features



... A teacher is sympathy with blue sheets
... Patience with papers to grade ... They
do not really mind sniffles, squirming, and
sauciness ... Neither do they disintegrate
before tears, trifles, fights, futility, excuses,
and parents who pout ... Teachers are
people who love other people's children, thank
heaven! ...





OVERTURE

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ADMINISTRATION AND FACULTY

ADMINISTRATION

Every musical production has a staff of producers, composers, and directors. This group is responsible for arranging the score, finding the right person for each part, rehearsing the show, and presenting the finished product to the public. Since they must bear the brunt of the responsibility if the production flops, they should also have a share in the spotlight; and this year's Oscar for the "hit of the year" goes to the school board and the administration for its production of the 1954-1955 season.



Meeting in the office of the Superintendent, members of the Lenair City School Board are, clockwise: Mr. Walter Spainhour, chairman; Mr. George Crowell, Mr. Paul Hedrick, Mr. Clarence Beach, Superintendent Hagaman, and Mr. J. B. Haustan, treasurer.

Not pictured are: Mr. W. E. Alexander, vice chairman and Mr. R. Carter Pawell.

Principal Fred W. Lentz greets a student at the door of his office.



Mrs. Ruth Lingle keeps things in smooth working order for Superintendent J. G. Hagaman.



FACULTY

Under the direction of Superintendent J. G. Hagan and Principal Fred W. Lentz the conservatory of Lenoir High has completed another successful season. The teachers, who are themselves able soloists in their fields, have used their batons to good purpose in pointing out the fine points of technique invaluable to young musicians in the orchestra of the world.

In addition to the usual program, the faculty

members have conducted various extra activities which help broaden student interest and add greatly to the school curriculum. In these organizations, teachers abandon the scales and exercises of general classwork and deal more with character-builders of music—such as interpretation, composition, and harmony.

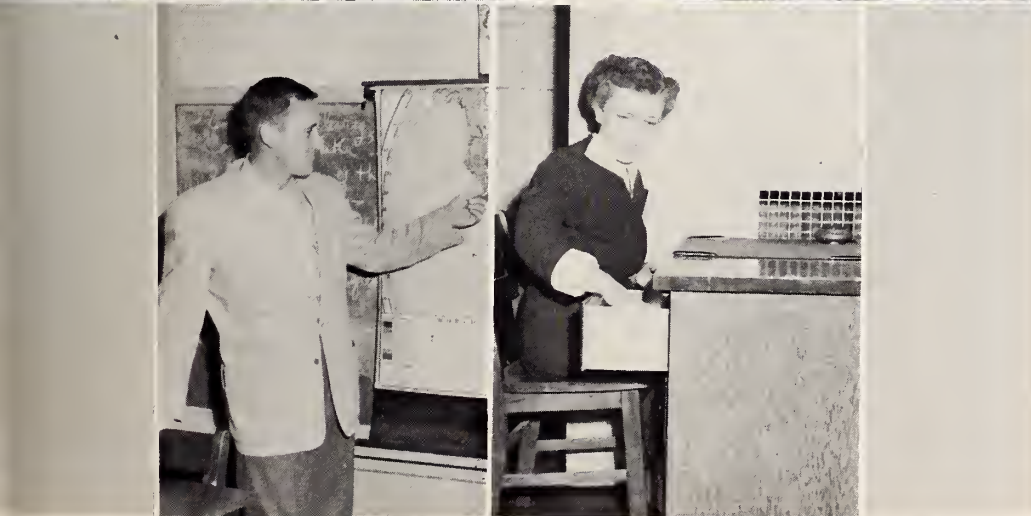
With such an excellent staff membership it is no wonder that the record of this year's faculty is tops on the "Hit Parade."



Miss Mary Angley,
M.A.
English III

Mrs. J. B. Bernard
Spanish

Mrs. Virginia S. Cobb,
A.B.
English I, Dramatics



Mr. Bill Cross,
M.A.
World History, Civics,
Athletics

Miss Georgia Haley,
M.A.
Latin, Typing I

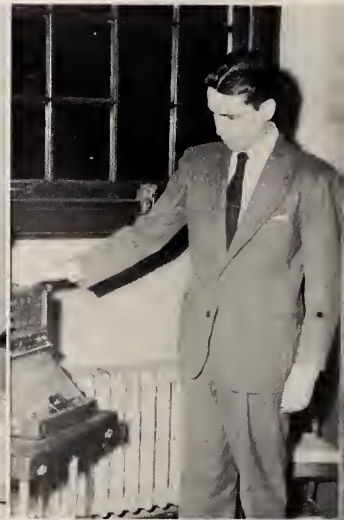
FACULTY

Captain

James C. Harper, M.A.
Instrumental Music



Mr. Charles Hope, M.A.
Math, Physical Education,
Athletics



Mr. John Kaufman, B.S.
Instrumental Music

Mr. George Kirsten, A.B.
Glee Club



Mrs. Ralph Laney, B.S.
English II

Mrs. James Lipe, B.S.
Home Economics

Mrs. Perkins Miller, B.S.
Physical Education,
Sociology-Economics,
Athletics



Mr. J. V. Mills, M.A.
Chemistry, Physics,
General Science, Athletics

Captain Ralph K. Ostrom
Instrumental Music

FACULTY



Mr. Joseph Pennell,
B.S.
Industrial Arts

Mrs. Magdalene Ronsdell,
B.S.
Librarian

Mr. Marcus C. Smith,
B.S.
Bookkeeping, Typing I
and II, Shorthand



Miss Doris Sparks,
B.S.
English I and IV,
Journalism

Mrs. Ophelio J. Stollings
Secretary to Band

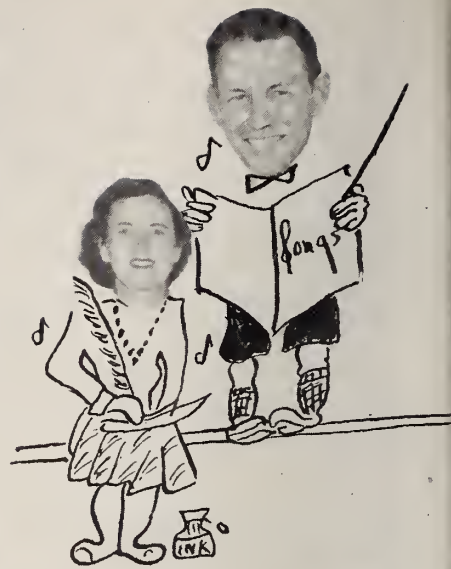
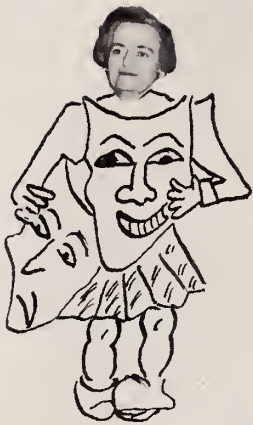
Mrs. A. C. Trivette,
M.A.
U. S. History



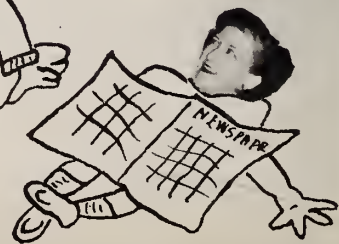
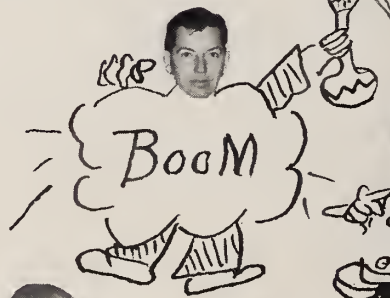
Mr. A. C. Trivette,
M.A.
Bible, Plane Geometry,
Algebra II

Mrs. Gertrude Whitehead,
A.B.
Algebra I and III,
Solid Geometry

Mr. James Wilson,
M.A.
Biology, Athletics



OUR FACULTY



LUNCHROOM STAFF

"Music makes the world go 'round," but judging by the length of the daily lunchroom line, one would be led to believe that food makes Lenoir High go 'round. This year's switch from the pay-as-you-go to the lunch ticket method put no damper on the old LHS appetite. All available cafeteria space is utilized for seating starving students when the 11:35 bell rings. From the cheery red curtains to the gleaming aluminum serving counter, students join in the close harmony of fork-against-plate and spoon-against-teeth. Keeping the show on the road are Mrs. D. H. Peters, Mrs. Pansy Price, Mrs. P. H. Bohler, and Mrs. W. L. Ward.



CUSTODIANS

"We got s-s-s-steam heat," and we've got our custodians to thank for it. Faithful, diligent, thoughtful, and hard working—these words describe these four men. Keeping our buildings clean, warm, and ready for use, the custodians are always on hand. Caring for the grounds and keeping the buildings pleasant to study in provide these men with a seemingly endless job. These friendly, responsible custodians whose loyalty and service are so valuable to us are Mr. Mansfield Ferguson, Mr. Stanley Bowers, Mr. Mack Cook, and Mr. C. A. Whittington, not pictured.



. . . Making friends and meeting new students . . . Freshmen exploring the mysteries of algebra, English, and history . . . Hurrying to class ahead of the tardy bell . . . Losing books and forgetting to buy a lunch ticket . . .





FIRST MOVEMENT

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Every day in the hall
Became speaking acquaintances,
Not strangers at all,
And it gave satisfaction
To see our friends grow
At this school that we've learned
To love and to know—
Our own Lenoir High!*

CLASSES



Senior class officers preparing to leave Lenair High are, **first row:** Kay Winkler, vice president; and Maggie Huntley, treasurer. **Second row:** Janette Dickson, secretary; and Howard Paarch, president.

The class of 1955 chase Little Miss Jan Dickson and Master Stevie Mullis as mascats.



♫ SENIORS

"THE HIGH AND THE MIGHTY"

Dear LHS,

The class of '55 has finally reached the goal it has been striving for since entering school in the first grade. They are "high and mighty" seniors—the melody with the other classes playing the supporting notes! Of course their climb to this lofty perch was not one of pure bliss. The path was straight and narrow, their disappointments were many, and their mistakes too numerous to count. It was not easy, but all of the difficulties seem to vanish amid the triumphant achievement of this—their senior year!

The moment they entered high school as students for the first time was one all its own. There was a feeling of belonging—being apart, of confidence—insecurity, of gladness—despair. There was a lump in the throat but gradually it subsided and they became "one of the gang" once more. Though they may have had to hum their way through Latin, algebra, and chemistry, there were courses through which they could whistle; and slowly, but surely, the units add up until the senior year when "life is a dream."

Yes, this is truly their grand finale and as the seniors review their composition of learning they are proud of their accomplishments, realizing that "knowledge comes but wisdom lingers." Whatever their future, there will always be a song in their hearts for you—dear Alma Mater.

THE SENIOR CLASS



**Joanne
Adams**
"Five Foot Two"



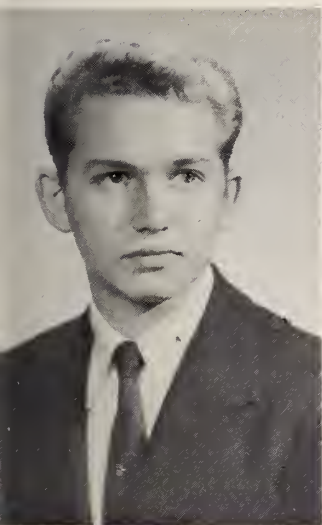
**Romona
Aldridge**
"It Was Nice
Knowing You"



**Douglas
Allen**
"Oh, Lady Be Good"



**Ann
Anderson**
"Melancholy Me"



**Carl
Anderson**
"Walking My Baby
Back Home"



**Jennie
Austin**
"Little Girl"

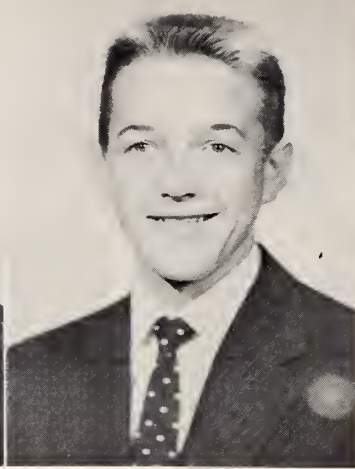


**Doris
Barlow**
"You May Not Be
an Angel"



**Barbara
Barlowe**
"What a Dream"

**Daniel
Barlowe**
"Jealousy"



**Robert
Barlowe**
"I Don't Want to Set
the World on Fire"



**Gory
Benfield**
"Lonesome Palecat"

**Seagle
Bernhardt**
"There Is Nothing
Like a Dame"



**Floyd
Boston**
"And the Band
Played On"



**J. D.
Boston**
"Tao Young ta Tango"



**Barbara
Boyd**
"Always You"

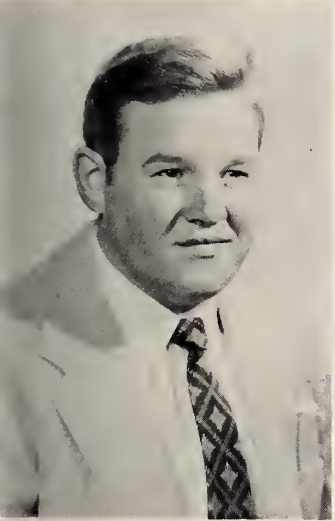
**Carolyn
Brown**
"Pretty as a Picture"



Joyce
Brown
"Because"

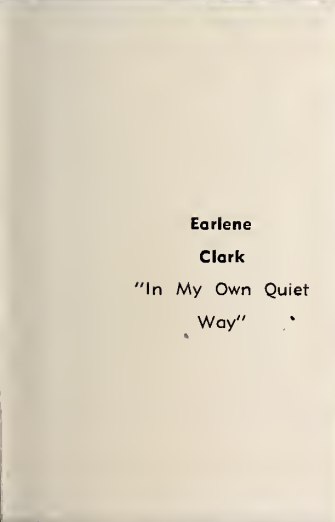


Virginia
Broyhill
"You Alone"

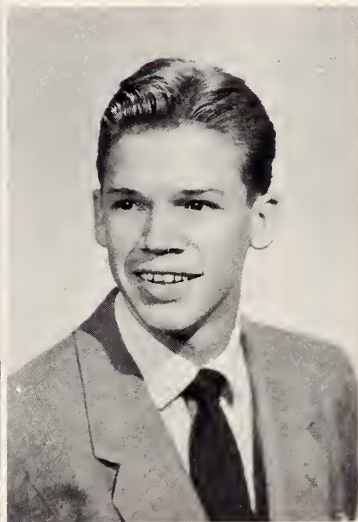


Eugene
Bush
"I'll Get By"

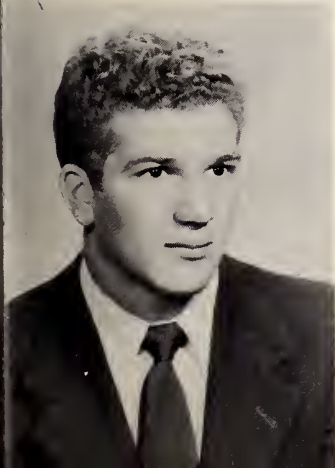
Marguerite
Childers
"Please Remember"



Earlene
Clark
"In My Own Quiet
Way"



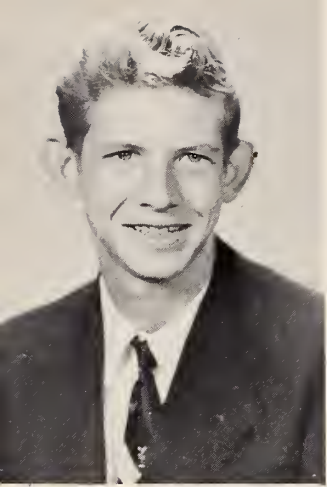
Wallace
Clontz
"I'm Sitting on Top
of the World"



Jerry
Cook
"What It Was, Was
Football"

Mary Frances
Cook
"Dark Eyes"





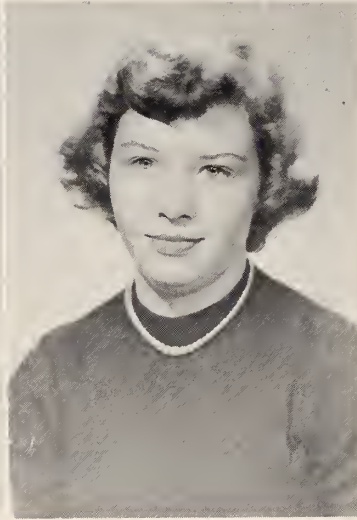
**Truman
Cook**
"Smile"



**Janette
Dickson**
"In the Mood"



**Barbara
Gentry**
"Ruby"



**Norma
Gentry**
"Wonderful Lips"



**Darrell
Gable**
"Gone Fishin' "



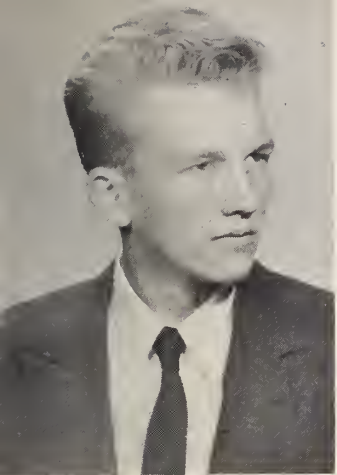
**Deanna
Goble**
"Dancing in the Dark"



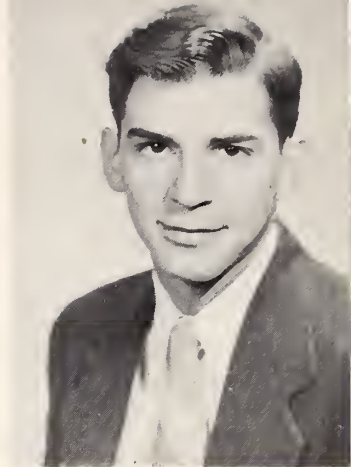
**Anthony
Goolsby**
"Steel Guitar"



**Jane
Gravlee**
"Body And Soul"



**Anthony
Greene**
"Dum, De Dum Dum"



**James
Griffin**
"Just Lozy"



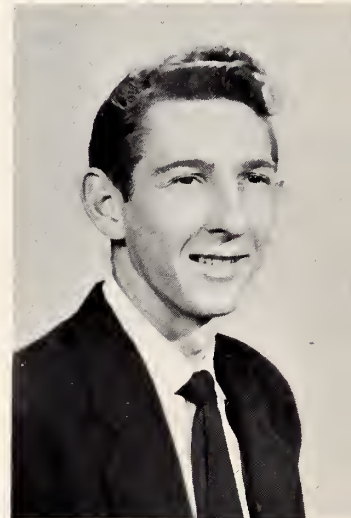
**Robert
Hogomon**
"Me And My Shodow"



**Charles
Honks**
"Crazy, Man, Crazy"



**Kenneth
Hoyes**
"Yonkee Doodle"



**Robert
Hodges**
"Crazy Bones"

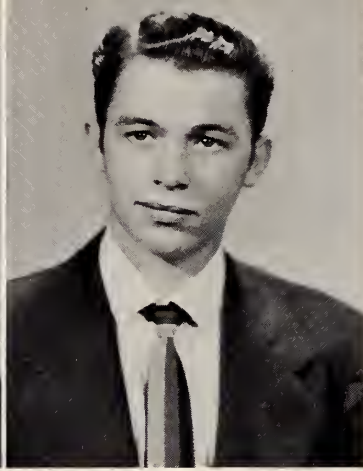


**John
Houston**
"Johnny Is the Boy
for Me"



**Jill
Huntley**
"In the Good Old
Summertime"

**Margaret
Huntley**
"When You And
Were Young Maggie
Blues"



**Robert
Huntley**
"Bearcats"



**Ramana
Kemp**
"Sugar Lump"

**Ann
Kirby**
"I Like Men"



**Wilene Mullinax
Kirby**
"Oh, Promise Me"



**Joan
Lail**
"Green Eyes"



**Herman
Mann**
"When You're in Love"

**James
Martin**
"I Believe"



**Barbara
Mayfield**
"Gaing Steady"



**Nancy
McCallum**
"Haw Do You Speak
to an Angel"

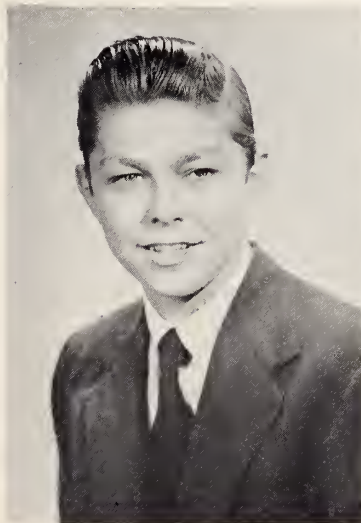


**Roy
McGalliard**
"Anything You Can Da,
I Can Do Better"

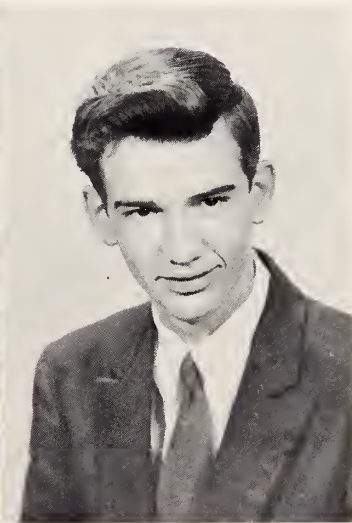
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McGee**
"Teresa"



**Dale
McLean**
"Sixty-Minute Man"



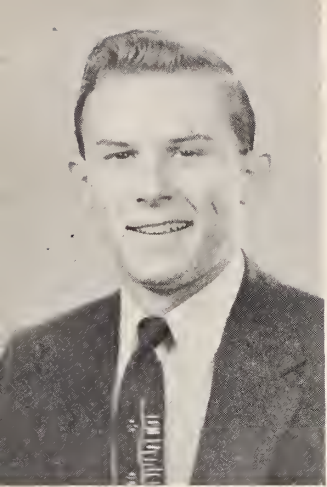
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"Hatrod Race"



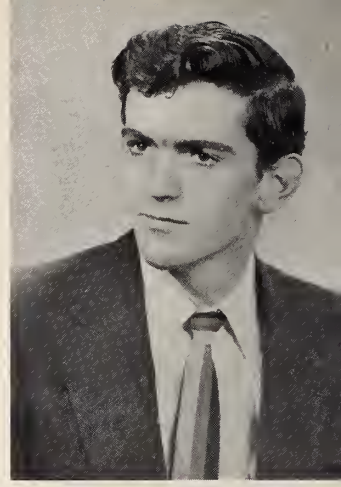
**Robert
Miller**
"On the Go"

**Barbara
Maare**
"Little Things Mean a
Lot"





**James
Mullis**
"Nature Boy"



**Hugh
Munday**
"Hey, Goodlooking"



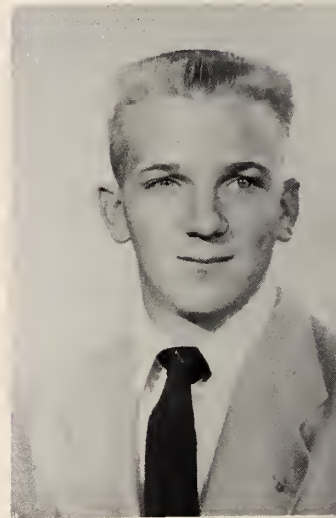
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Nelson**
"Keep It Gay"



**Mary Ellen
Osborne**
"Strawberry Blond"



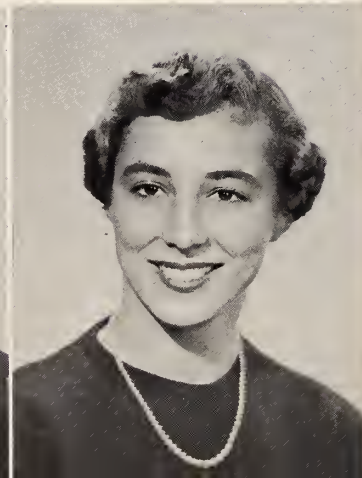
**Shirley
Penley**
"You're the Cutest
Thing I Ever Did See"



**Robert
Poorch**
"Go, Boy, Go"



**Howard
Porch**
"Guitar Boogie"



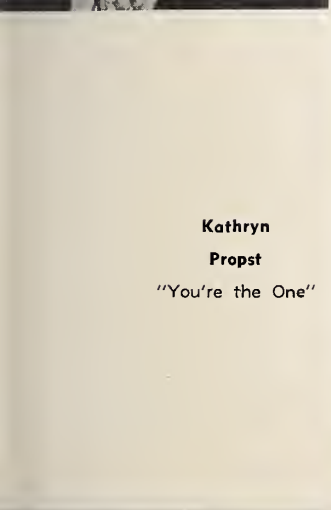
**Tommy Gail
Prestwood**
"Too Morvelous for
Words"



**Edwin
Pritchard**
"King-Size Popa"



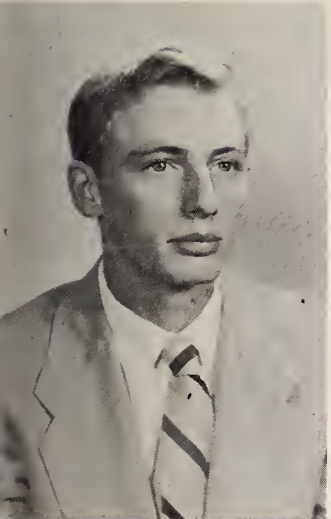
**Patricia
Pritchard**
"Count Your Blessings"



**Kathryn
Propst**
"You're the One"



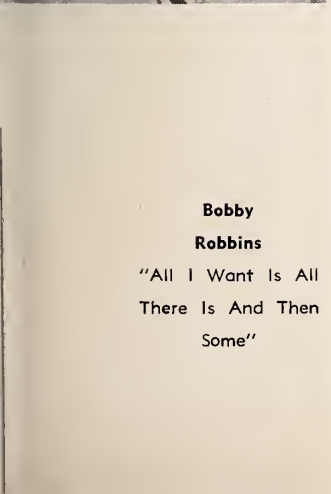
**Lynne
Pyatte**
"You, You, You"



**William
Rectar**
"It's o Woman's
World"



**Mary Louise
Richards**
"Louise"



**Bobby
Robbins**
"All I Want Is All
There Is And Then
Some"



**June
Seeharn**
"To Be Alone"



**George
Self**
"My Best to You"

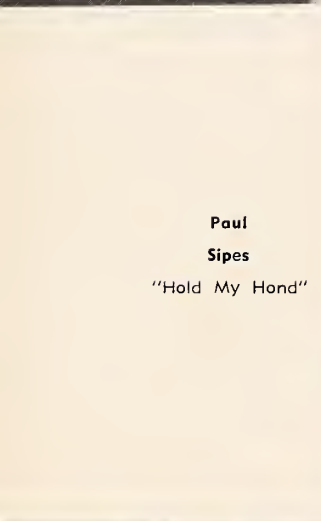


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Setzer**
"Ruby Lips"

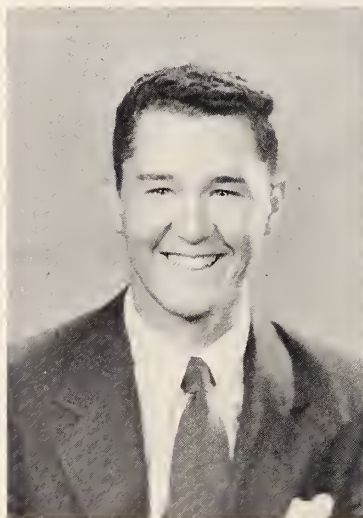


**Shirley
Setzer**
"Secret Love"

**Sybil
Shuford**
"Lovely to Look At"



**Paul
Sipes**
"Hold My Hand"



**Constance
Smith**
"Sh-Boom"

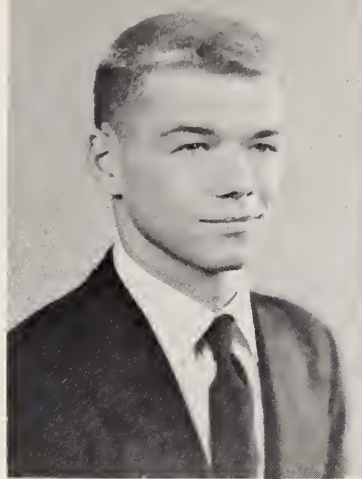


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Smith**
"The Little
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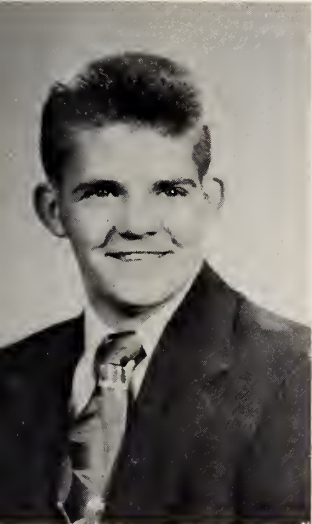
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Stimson**
"Toke Me Out to the
Boll Game"



**James
Story**
"Give Me Your Word"

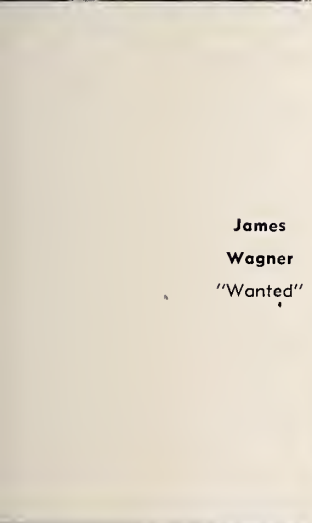


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Thornburg**
"K-K-K-Katie"

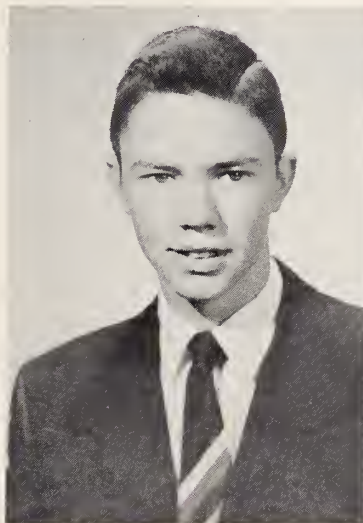


**Thomas
Tolbert**
"I'll Walk Alone"

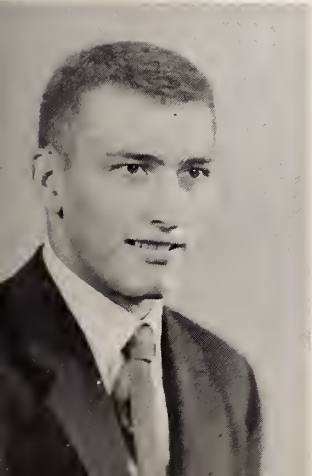
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Truesdale**
"Toy Trumpet"



**James
Wagner**
"Wanted"



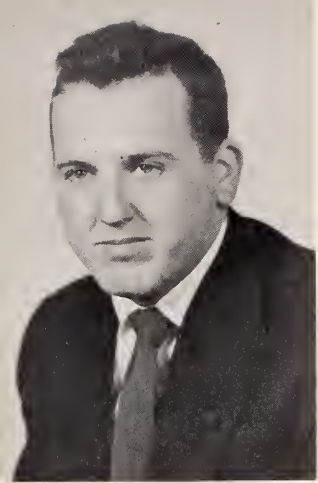
**Pearl Grist
Walker**
"Love Walked In"



**Jerry
Waters**
"My Hero"

**Carolyn
Wellborn**
"Tenderly"





**Donald
Wilson**
"It Isn't Fair"



**Kay
Winkler**
"With a Song in My
Heart"



**Nancy
Woodruff**
"What It Is, Is
Basketball"



**Jeanette
Woody**
"Hey, There"



**Discords
Eugene
Campbell**

SENIOR SNAPS



UNIONORS

"When We Grow Old"

The junior class fairly sings with the joy and honor of being upper-classmen without the sorrow and responsibility of being Seniors. Juniors are usually second choir members of the orchestra, but once in a while a soloist will emerge from the ranks. It's easy to spot a junior by his jokes, which are usually flat, and his behavior, which is always notural, but never overage. This year's junior also seem to be sharp of tongue and mind. You can easily recognize a junior by his embellishments, too. First, and probably most important, is the long awaited and coveted class ring, this year a blue stone in a setting engraved with a Bearcat and decorated with a crest bearing on "L". The last, and by no means least, means of identifying a junior is by the mustard, slaw, hot-chocolate, and coffee stains gathered in the concession stand during the football season. These stains are incurred by the juniors to assure funds for the climax of an enjoyable and successful year and the social highlight of that year—the Junior-Senior.



Preparing to "lead the band" next year are Prestan Trautman, president; William Happer, vice president; Marlene Meier, work chairman; Robert Sherrill, work chairman; and Billy Halman, secretary.

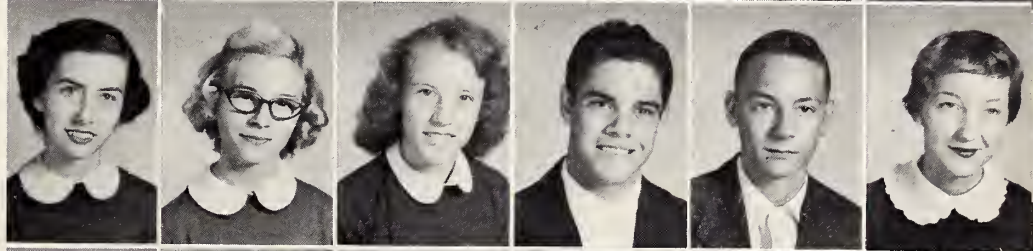


These juniors brave the chilling winds of the football season to make money to entertain the seniors at the annual Junior-Senior.

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 Irene Adams
 Nancy Lu Alexander
 Evelyn Baker
 Jeanette Barlaw
 Martha Beach



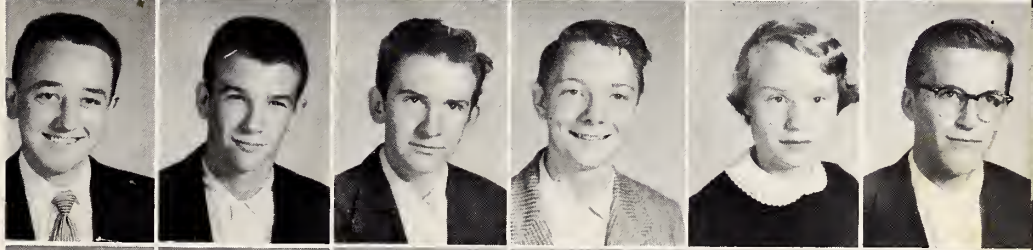
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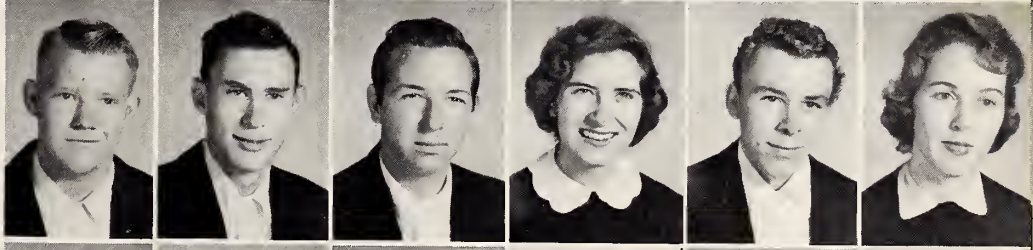
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 Dianne Brawn
 Vivian Bryant
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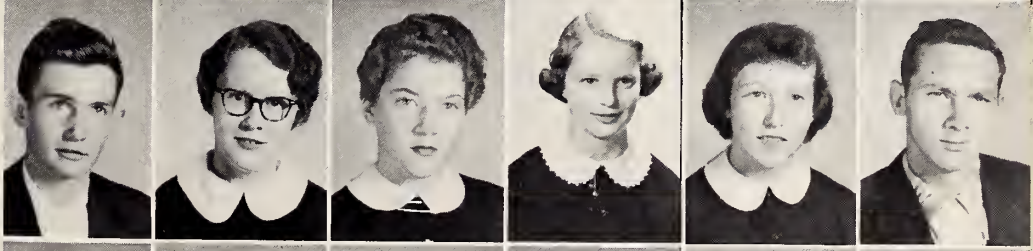
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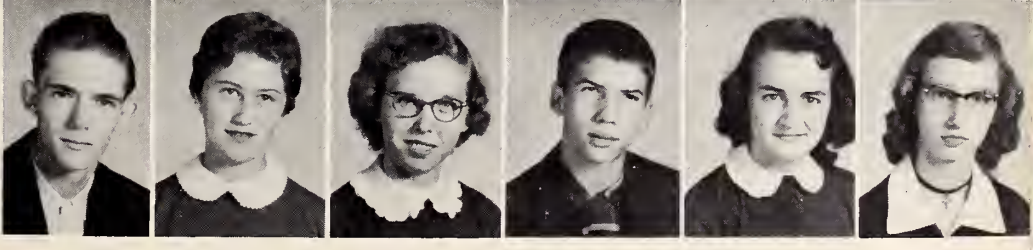
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 Bradley Calvard
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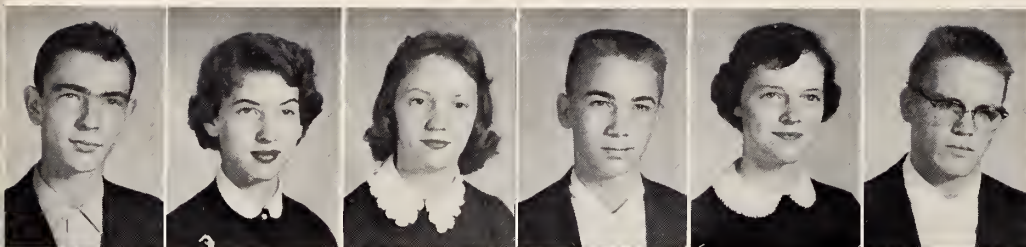


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 Shirley Danielson
 Sandra Davidsan
 Sarah Lee Dodge
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 Bill Everhardt



Paul Everhardt
 Barbara Fleming
 Barbara Faxe
 Dan Frye
 Libby Ann Gibbs
 Betty Greene

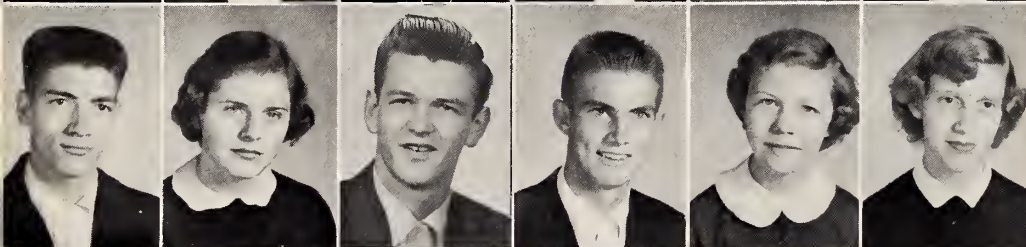




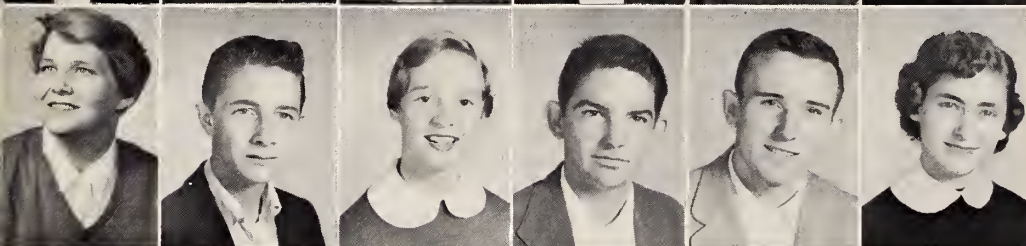
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Dale Haigler



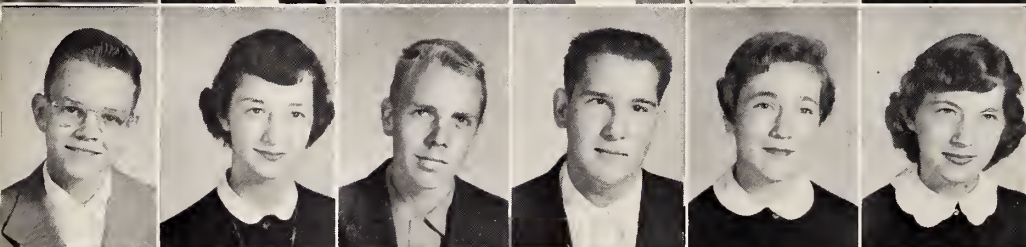
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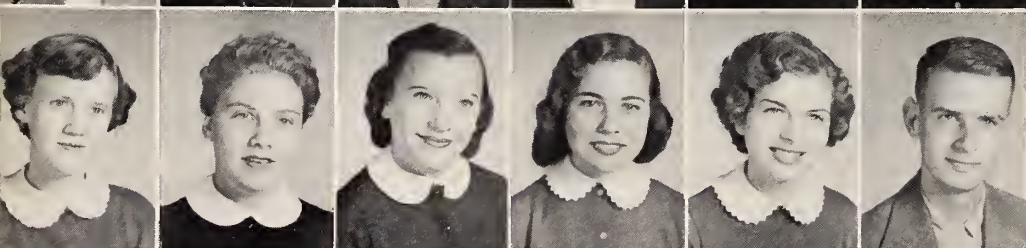
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Dattie Halman
Anne Haneycutt



Nancy Haneycutt
Gregory Hauck
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Bill Jae King
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Jae Marler
Nancy Maye
Linda McMillan

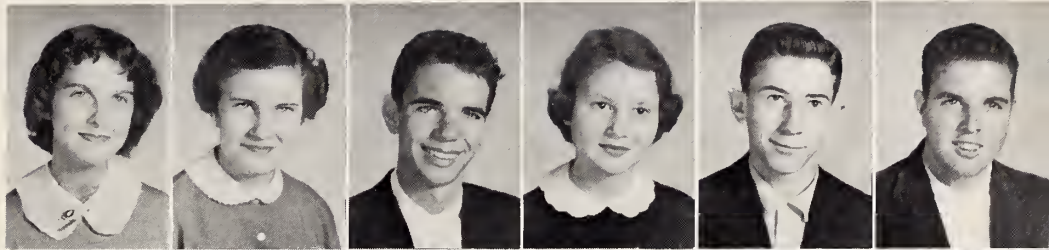


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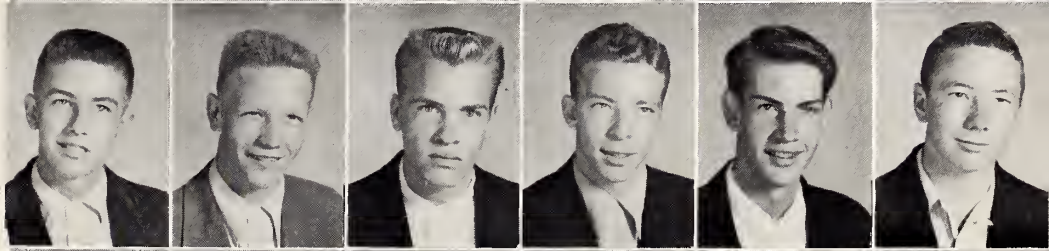


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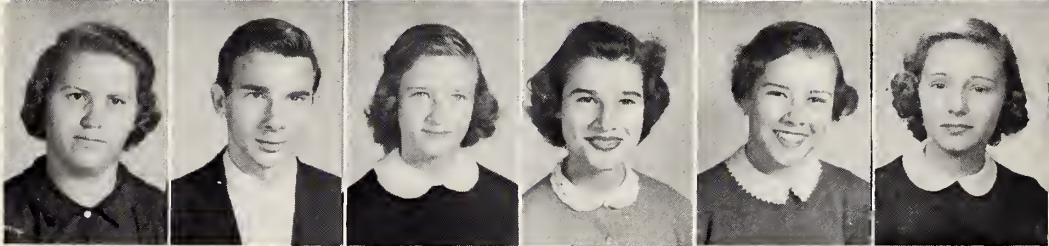
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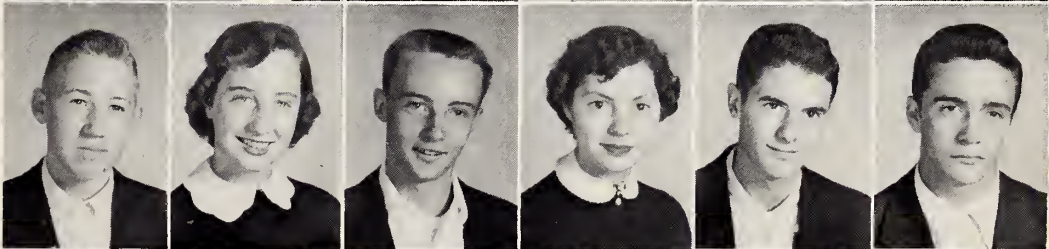
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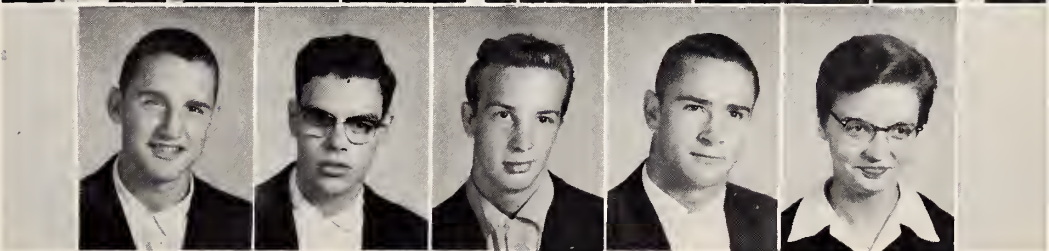
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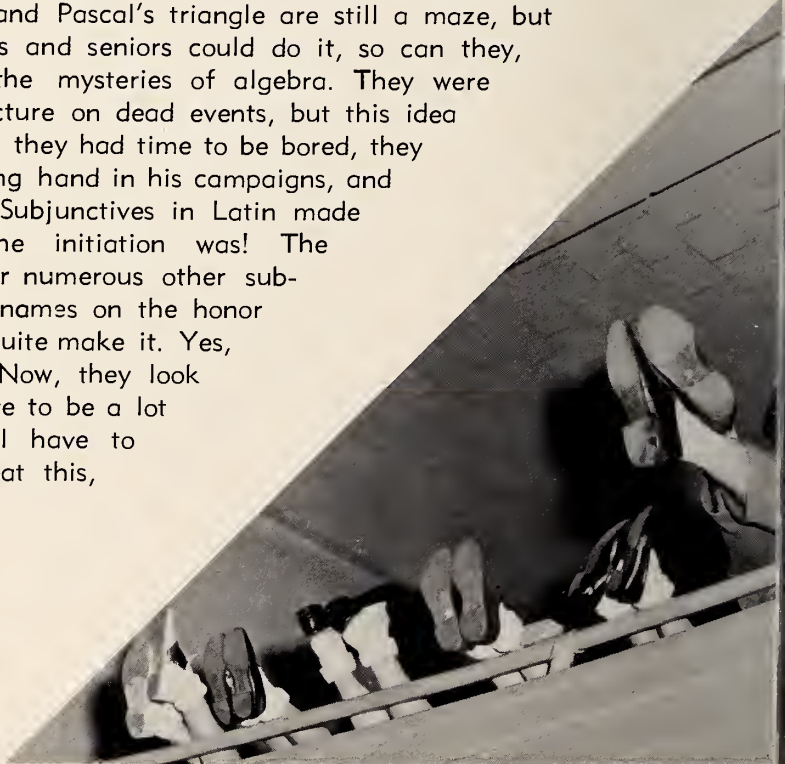




Taking time out from their "third choir" positions are: Bobby Mortin, vice president; Peggy Beard, secretary-treasurer; and Glenwood Wilson, president.

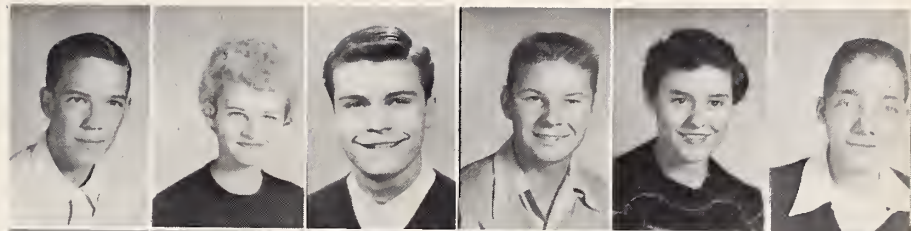
SOPHOMORES *"Too Young"*

No longer minor musicians at LHS, the sophomores are full of confidence and extremely self-reliant. The first day of school they entered the doors of this beloved place of learning and were instantly walking on a pink cloud. This was their world, for now they were the ones studying, or pretending to be studying, second year algebra and second year Latin. They were the ones undertaking their first courses in world history and biology. After a few weeks of tense concentration on biology, they realized how important planaria and the blue-green algae are to an everyday life. Dimly, they began to see the light about transitive and intransitive verbs and William Shakespeare in English. Tangents, determinants, and Pascal's triangle are still a maze, but if those people who are now juniors and seniors could do it, so can they, and they dig a little deeper into the mysteries of algebra. They were expecting world history to be a dull lecture on dead events, but this idea proved itself false soon enough. Before they had time to be bored, they were at Caesar's side, lending a helping hand in his campaigns, and advising Napoleon to sell Louisiana. Subjunctives in Latin made them think, and oh, what fun the initiation was! The sophomores enjoyed and tried to master numerous other subjects and felt faint when they saw their names on the honor roll, or kept quiet when they didn't quite make it. Yes, this was their world and their year. Now, they look forward to their junior year. It will have to be a lot more fun, more interesting and will have to make them feel very important to beat this, their wonderful sophomore year.

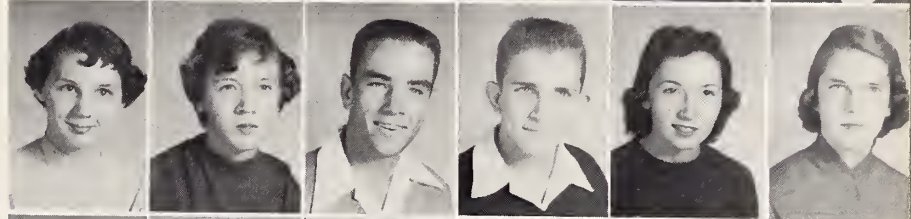


Sophomores are the sole occupants of the balcony, their upstairs perch.

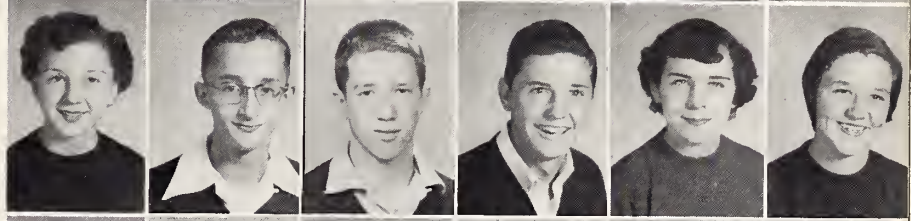
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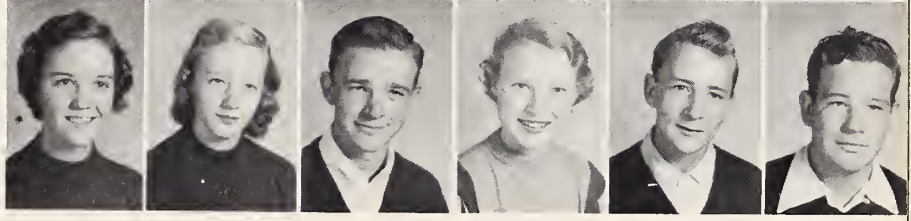
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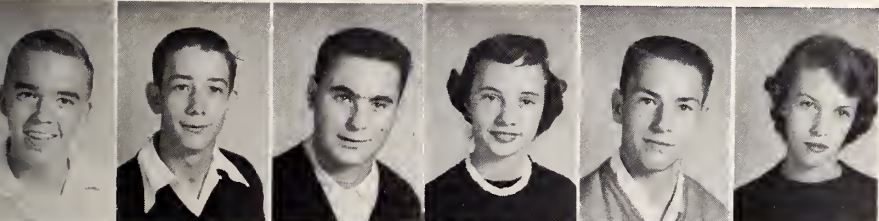
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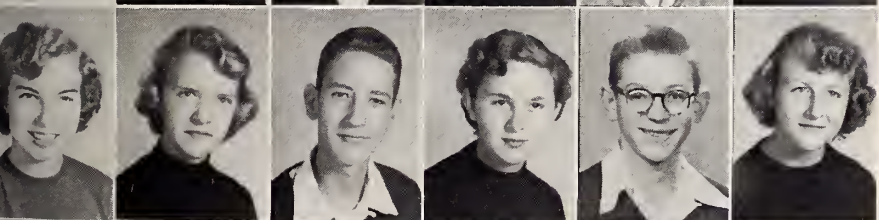
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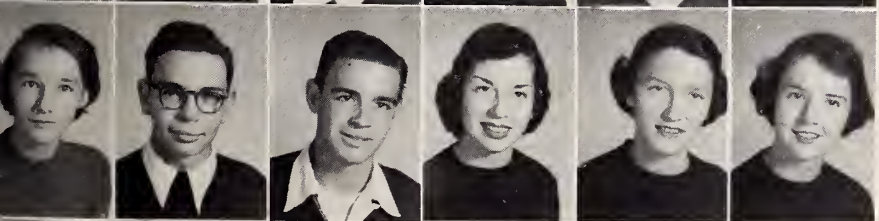
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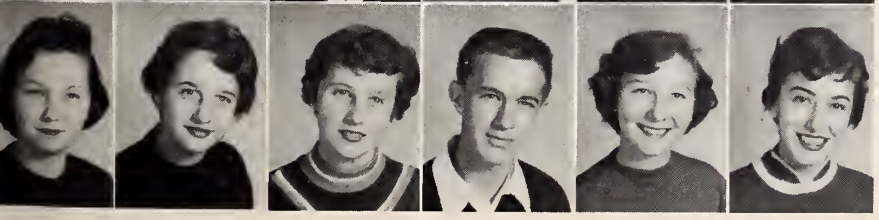
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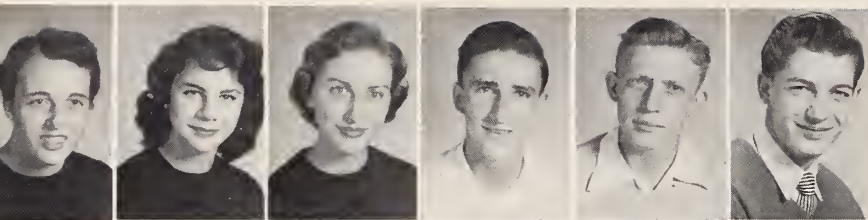
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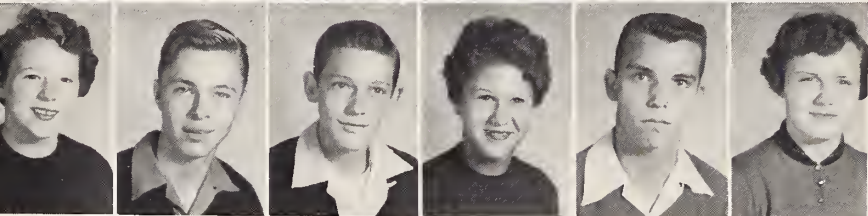
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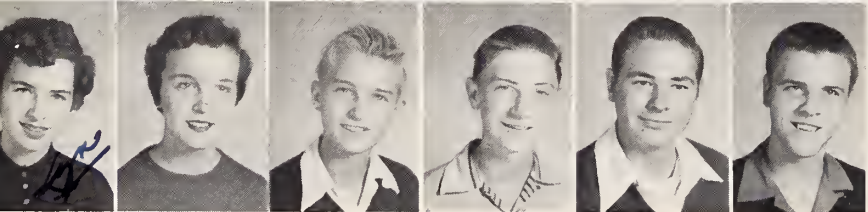
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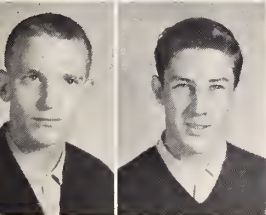
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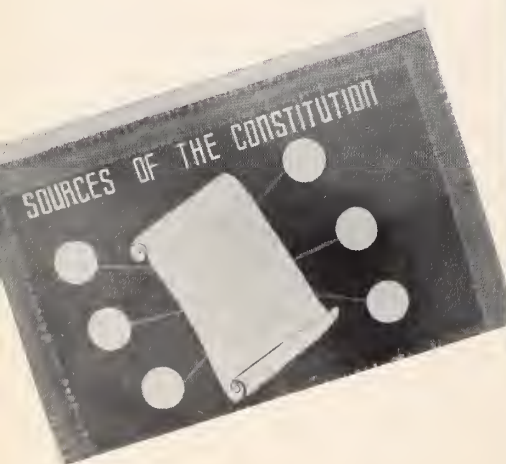
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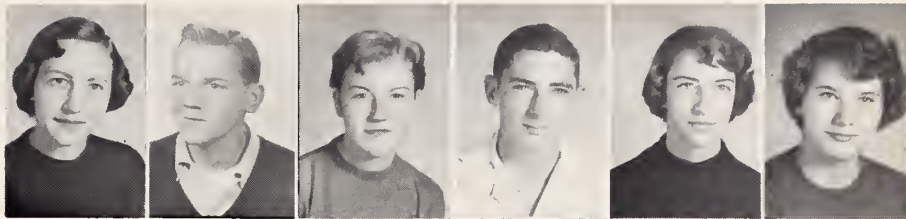
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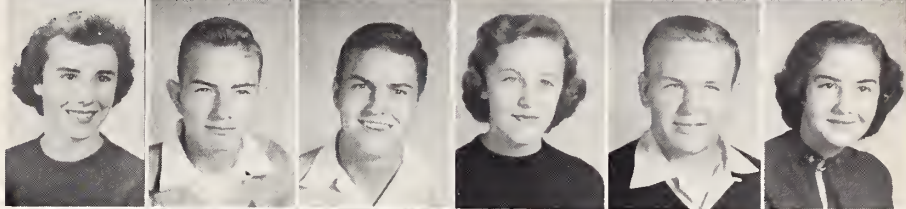
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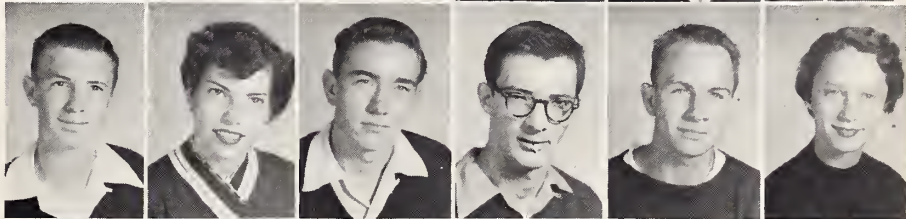
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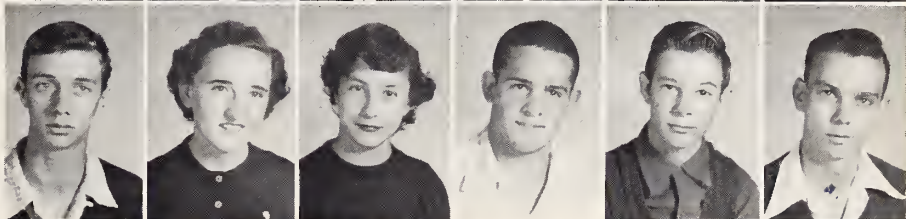
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Frank White
 Patricia Williams
 Gail Williamson
 Glenwood Wilson
 Roger Wise
 Jimmy Yates



Peggy Story Yaunt

Discords:
 John Deitz
 Jeanette Hicks





Walking up the path to four years at Lenoir High are: Ann Maare, vice president; Kay Queen, secretary; Wriston Hartsell, president; and Jae Isaac, treasurer.

Freshmen were bewildered by the upper-classmen; pleasantly awed by the fruits of victory in the trophy case.



♫ FRESHMEN

"BEWITCHED, BOTHERED, AND BEWILDERED"

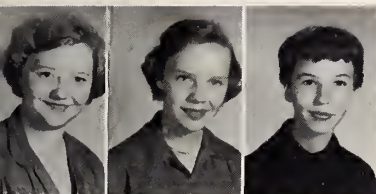
On September 2, 1954, the finished products of Junior High began one of their biggest adventures—High School. Although they regretted leaving their old Alma Mater, they looked forward to their new one. They were frightened as all freshmen have been, but even this did not dim the eagerness with which they looked forward to taking up new studies and forming new friendships.

After singing the blues the first three weeks, their terror subsided, and they accepted their situation for they knew they were to be here for four years.

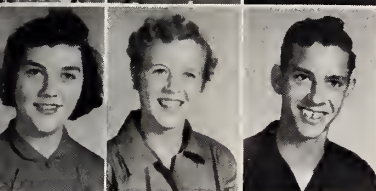
One of the high lights of this year was the election of class officers. The freshmen feel sure that they have chosen the most capable members of their class to lead them. These officers have been outstanding students and classmates throughout the school year.

Their classes were new to them, but they grew to like the change. At first the hall seemed a terrible madhouse, but now they understand why. That long, long lunch line they were accustomed to although the races to lunch were a little new.

These freshmen who have long looked forward to this first year of high school are now looking forward to the second, third, and fourth, hoping the next three will be as profitable as this first has been. No longer "bewitched, bothered, and bewildered," but now a part of Lenoir High is this—the class of '58.



Elizabeth Abel
Gail Abel
Caral Austin



Jean Austin
Kate Austin
Charles Babb



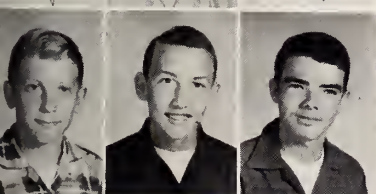
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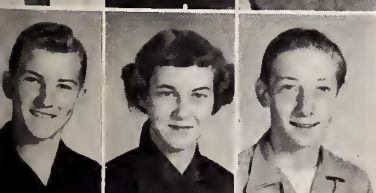
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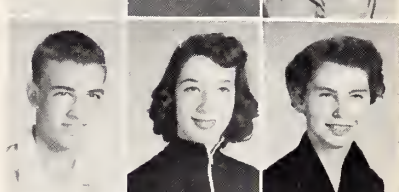
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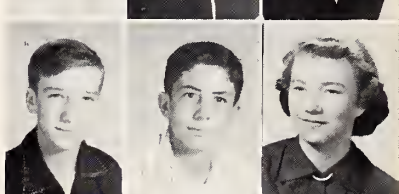
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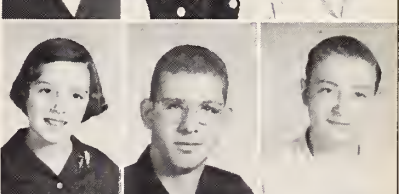
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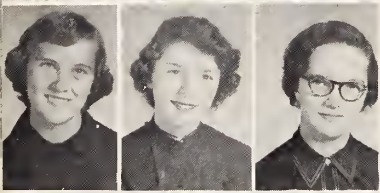


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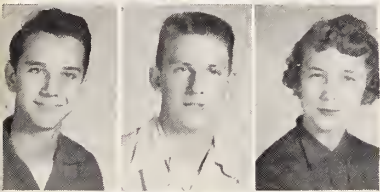




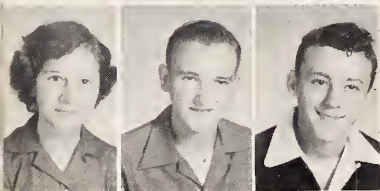
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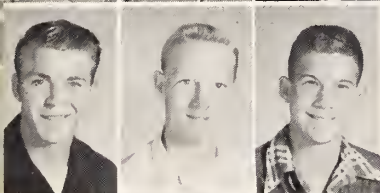
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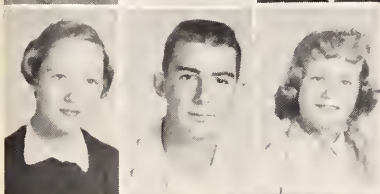
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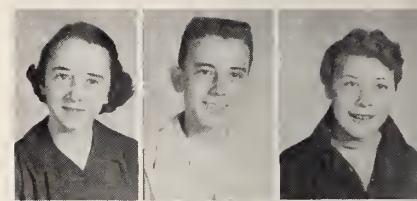
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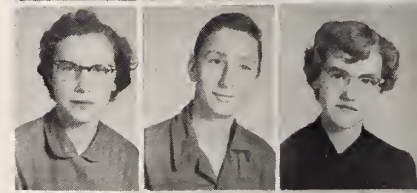
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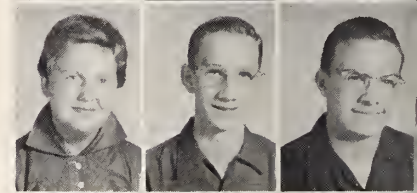
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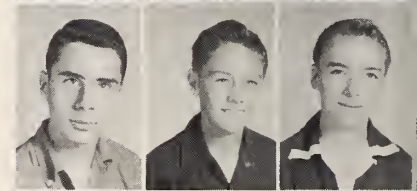
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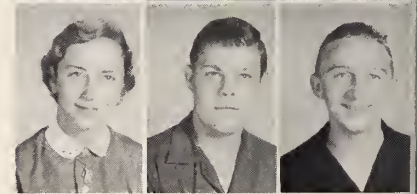
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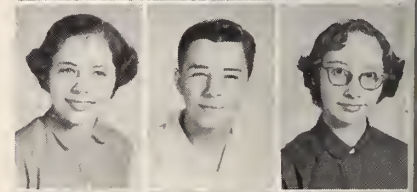
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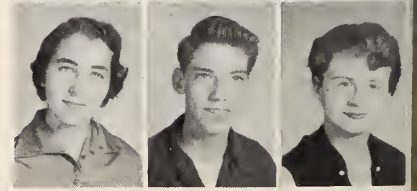
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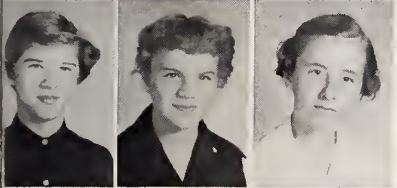
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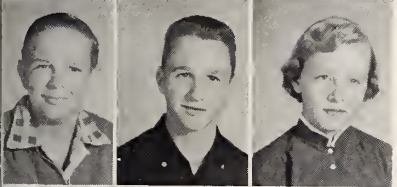
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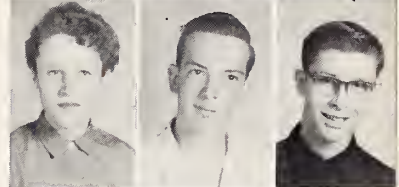
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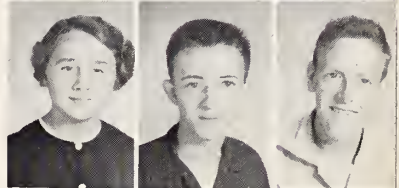
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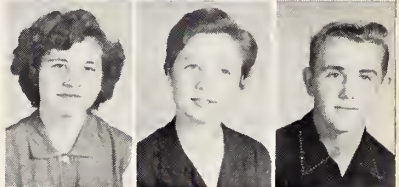
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Robert Yount

DISCORDS

- Janice Bryant
- Charles Carlisle
- Jerry Hall
- Junior Hopkins
- Shelby Hoyle
- Dorothy Hubbard



DISCORDS

- Coralyn Miller
- Tony Miller
- Mock Osborne
- Mourice Pennell
- Jean Powell
- Adele Shoemake
- Allon Vestal

... Rushing to meet the deadline ...
Anticipating the trip to Biltmore and
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period on Thursday and Student
Council meeting in Room 111 ...
Rehearsing for the Thanksgiving
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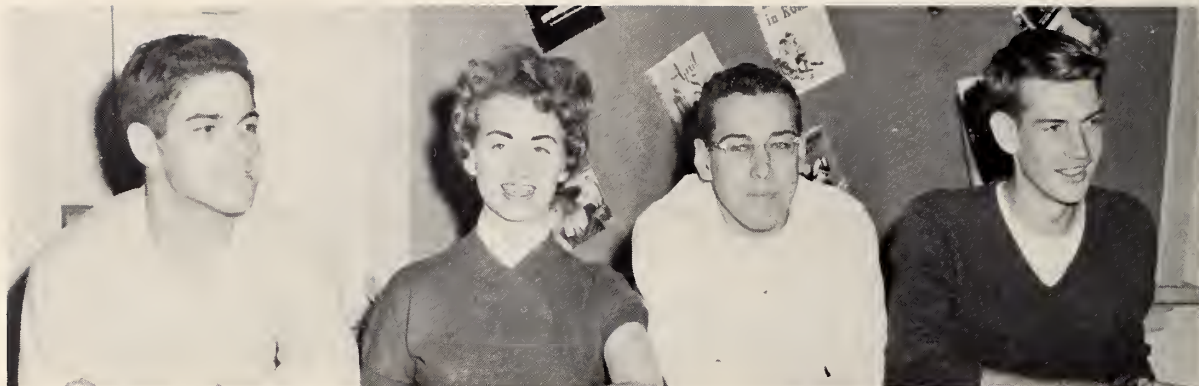


ORGANIZATIONS



SECOND MOVEMENT

*Here we learned to belong,
To be part of the band
With solos for everyone
In the four year span.
There were meetings on Thursdays,
After school, at night too,
With projects, initiations,
New members, and dues
At our own Lenoir High!*



Singing the praises of self-government are: Walter Bean, treasurer; Ann Kirby, vice president; Bobby Hagaman, president; and Robert Sherrill, secretary.

STUDENT COUNCIL

"Stout Hearted Men"

The Student Council is a major must to provide student-teacher harmony at LHS. Two members from each major club and one from each minor club make up this organization and play the melody in school activities. This year the Student Council bought eleven dance records from a list compiled by the students.

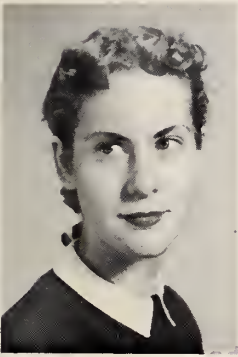
The Student Council members continue to strike key notes in the planning and carrying out of many projects; helping with College and Career Day, decorating the bulletin board, planning chapel programs, and promoting school spirit.

Indeed the Student Council is both the prelude and the postlude in the routine and outside activities at LHS.



Presenting a cross section of the student body are, front row: Barbara Moore, Sybil Shuford, Virginia Broyhill, Rebecca McDonald, Brenda Hood, Rebecca Torrence, Elaine Eford, Katherine Storie, Kay Queen, Patsy Clark, Ann Moore, and Sarah Lu Bradley. Second Row: David Creech, Joan Lail, Glenwood Wilson, Preston Troutman, Walter Bean, Bobby Hagaman, Ann Kirby, June Seehorn, Jane Gravlee, Peggy Beard, Martha Beach, and Sylvia Ransdell. Third Row: Joe Isaac, Earl Thompson, Bob Winkler, Robert Sherrill, Mason Hollifield, Bobby Martin, Neil Stallings, Bill Joe King, Paul Everhardt, Howard Poarch, Becky Hailey, Carolyn Wellborn, Ann Anderson, and Miss Mary Angley, adviser.

MOUNTAINEER



THE MOUNTAINEER

LENOIR, NORTH CAROLINA



Planning the next edition are, **first row:** Darrell Goble, Katie Tharnburg, Lynne Pyatte, Daris Barlow, Maggie Huntley, Janette Dickson, Johnny Houston, and Bill Joe King. **Second Row:** James Mullis, Jennie Austin, June Seehorn, Jaan Lail, Jane Gravlee, Tony Greene, Bobby Hagaman, Barbara Mayfield, and Paul Everhardt.

1955 MOUNTAINEER BETTER THAN EVER



Pausing between deadlines are **Mountaineer** staff heads: Jane Gravlee, editor; Miss Doris Sparks, adviser; Bill Joe King, associate editor; Paul Everhardt, assistant business manager; and June Seehorn, business manager.

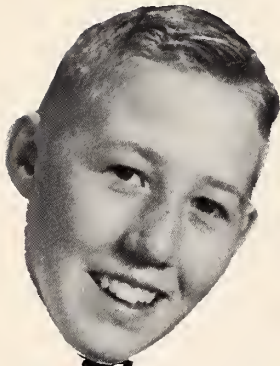
The journalism class takes a front seat in the orchestra as it endeavors to publish a **Mountaineer** each month which will prove satisfactory to each student. Its chief purpose is to publish all school news. The students are reminded of all events and are let in on the coming attractions. The adviser for the **Mountaineer** is Miss Doris Sparks.

EDITORIAL

The editorial staff of the **Bearcat** has worked hard to put together a hit parade of musical composition in the form of an annual. Joan Lail, editor, has lent her talents freely to the direction of this lyrical publication.



Preserving this year for posterity through the **Bearcat** are, **first row:** Joan Lail, Maggie Huntley, Janette Dickson, Lynne Pyatte, Barbara Moore, Sarah Lee Dodge, and Rachel Swanson. **Second Row:** Nancy Crisp, Earl Thompson, Roy McGilliard, Nancy Maye, Patsy Beach, Priscilla Beach, and Anita Whitener.



THE 1955



Looking happy as the end draws near are Joan Lail, **Bearcat** editor; Earl Thompson, associate editor; and Mrs. Ralph Laney, adviser.





BUSINESS

"All I Want Is All There Is And Then Some" could well be the theme song of the **Bearcat** business staff. With money on the mind, they've begged, beguiled, beseeched, and been thrifty in an effort to finance this 1955 yearbook.

Making the **Bearcat** financially possible are, first row: Katie Tharnburg, Jennie Austin, Shirley Daniels, Barbara Mayfield, Betty Stamey, Peggy Maltba, and Linda Walsh.
Second Row: Dudley Rabb, Bill Cabb, Jim Mullis, Kenneth Hayes, Babby Hagaman, Carrall Brookshire, Robert Sherrill, and Pete Huntley.



Trying to make ends meet are: Linda Walsh, assistant business manager; Pete Huntley, business manager; and Mrs. Ralph Laney, adviser.

MONOGRAM CLUB

"Bearcats"

The Monogram Club, better known as the "L Club," was organized at Lenair High in 1946. Its purpose is to teach better spartsmanship and to encourage participation in interscholastic sparts.

In order to become a member of this organization a student must first letter by either playing in same spart, acting as team manager, or being a cheerleader.

The members of this club work in the concession stand in the gym at the basketball games. All the maney fram this and the selling of faatball programs is given to the Managram Club which in turn uses it far the advancement of athletics at Lenair High. The club adviser is Mr. J. V. Mills.



Admiring the spoils of victory are, **first row:** Walter Bean, vice president, and Jerry Waters, president. **Second Row:** Daug Stimsan, secretary; Sherry Nelson, Student Cauncil representative; and Sharty Story, treasurer.

Having lettered in one or more activities, the "L Club" members are, **first row:** Preston Trautman, Jerry Caak, Walter Bean, and Joe Walker. **Second Row:** Mack Jarvis, Dean Robbins, Glenwood Wilson, Wallace Clantz, Bob Paarch, Sharty Story, Sherry Nelson, Janie Crawell, Nancy Woodruff, Ann Anderson, Carolyn Hendrix, and Jeanette Barlow. **Third Row:** David Creech, Jimmy Abel, Bob Wilson, Tany Goolsby, Earl Thampson, Paul Sipes, Bob Miller, Daug Stimsan, Edwin Pritchard, Tommy Tolbert, Eric Miller, Herman Walker, Bill Halman, Jerry Waters, and Bobby Hagoman.



SPANISH CLUB

"Buenos Dias, Amigos"

Under the guidance of Mrs. Bernard, the Spanish Club learns to hear the song our southern neighbors are constantly singing to us. Promoting conversation in Spanish and an interest in the culture of Spain and Latin America, the club meets once every month in members' homes. Spanish vocabularies are increased through songs, games, and a fifteen minute Spanish conversational period. Interesting programs are planned around prominent Spanish and Latin American figures.

"La Tertulia," the name of the club, means "The Get-Together." Their motto is "Poco a poco se va lejos," which means "Little by little one goes a long way."

All first and second year students with an A on Spanish for the first two six-weeks periods are eligible for membership.



Chosen by their fellow Spanish Club members, the officers are: Ann Kirby, reporter; Tammy Gail Prestwood, secretary; Sybil Shufard, president; Patricia Pritchard, program chairman, and Bob Miller, treasurer.

Juniors and seniors learning to know our southern neighbors are, **first row:** Mrs. Bernard, adviser; Caralyn Wiles, Sybil Shufard, Linda McMillan, Ann Kirby, Howard Paarch, Bab Paarch, Jimmy Wagner, Bill Cabb, Kenneth Hayes, and Bobby Rabbins. **Second Row:** Robert Barlowe, Joe Walker, Ann Anderson, Cara Grist, Tommy Gail Prestwood, Nancy Woodruff, and Geraldine Crisp. **Third Row:** Danny Barlowe, Patricia Pritchard, Earlene Clark, Ramona Kemp, Kay Prapst, Virginia Broynhill, Marjorie Nelson, Bob Miller, Barbara Moore, Charles Hanks, Doug Stimson, Paul Sipes, and Tony Goolsby. **Fourth Row:** Floyd Bastan, Bobby Hodges, Edwin Pritchard, Mock Jarvis, Bobby Winkler, Herman Walker, David Crawe, and James Burris.



LATIN CLUB

"Latinam Amabitis"

HAIL, CAESAR!

Joining historic Rome and modern America, the local chapter of the Junior Classical League, SPQR, consists of second and third year Latin students sponsored by Miss Haley. The outstanding events of the year are: initiation, the annual trip to Biltmore Estate, and the trip to Chapel Hill to visit Doctor Ullman, author of the Latin textbook. Early in December SPQR-ers rock the walls at LHS with Christmas carols—in Latin, of course, and everyone joins in the fun when the annual Latin skit is presented in chapel.



Learning Latin as the basis of modern language are, **first row:** William Happer, Peggy Beard, Franklyn Noll, Betty West, Celia Owens, Carolyn Hendrix, David Creech, and Dotty Holman. **Second Row:** Janie Crowell, Mary Frances Allen, Edna King, Mary Laxton, Peggy Maltba, Patricio Williams, Nancy Setzer, and Linda Walsh. **Third Row:** James Clontz, Linda Ruth Owen, Billy Maye, Carolyn Pipes, Dorothy Campbell, Hallie Sumpter, Asilee Austin, Anita Whitener, Tommy Wilson, and Joe Marler. **Fourth Row:** Elaine Sherrill, Janeil Melton, Eric Miller, James Wyke, Edward Robinson, George Petree, Neil Stallings, Bobby Martin, Sarah Lee Dodge, Charles Mortin, Jimmy Blair, Tommy Abernethy, Carol Hedden, Betty Sue Williams, Carroll Brookshire, Bill Joe King, and Gene Truesdale.



Decked out in togas for the initiation are Latin Club members.



William Happer auctions a cake at the initiation.



Looking only slightly like the ancient Romans are these Latin Club members.



Latin Clubbers visited many points of interest on their trip to Texas for the Junior Classical League Convention.



COMMERCIAL CLUB

"Typewriter Boogie"



Commercial club members come from the juniors and seniors taking two commercial subjects. A prospective member is first nominated from the eligible prospects, then voted upon by the students who are already members of the organization. The new senior members are initiated in the fall and the junior members, in the spring. The president of the club is decided upon the previous school year by the senior votes. The president this year is Pat McGee.

Monthly meetings of this club are held at the members' homes at which both business and social activities are discussed. This club takes part in many charitable projects. The club adviser is Mr. Marcus Smith.



Looking forward to a future in the business world, members of the Commercial Club are, **first row:** Ramona Aldridge, Deanna Goble, and Sherry Nelson. **Second Row:** Shirley Penley, Jane Gravlee, and Mr. Marcus Smith, adviser. **Third Row:** Pat McGee and Carolyn Brown. **Fourth Row:** Ann Anderson and Patricia Pritchard. **Fifth Row:** Connie Smith, Kay Propst, and Carolyn Wellborn. **Sixth Row:** Jill Huntley, Pearl Walker, J. D. Boston and Gary Benfield.

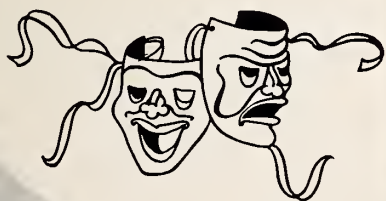


Filing is only one phase of office practice that interests the Commercial Club officers: Pat McGee, president; Pat Pritchard, secretary; J. D. Boston, treasurer; and Deanna Goble, vice-president.

DRAMATICS CLUB

"Masquerade"

Swinging merrily up the road to the theatrical world of success is Mrs. Virginia Cobb's dramatics and speech class, the members of which form the Dramatics Club. Staying in tune with the seasons, the club members put on several plays during the year to add to the well pitched entertainment the school receives. This year a series of radio plays has been added to the Dramatics Club's list of activities. Their activities are climaxed yearly by the senior class play.



Seeing drama in everyday life are, **first row:** Mrs. Virginia Cobb, adviser, Jennie Austin, and Maggie Huntley. **Second Row:** Hugh Munday, Ramona Aldridge, Joanne Adams, and Barbara Barlowe. **Third Row:** Truman Cook, Jimmy Melton, and Barbara Mayfield. **Fourth Row:** Bobby Robbins, Johnny Houston, and Darrell Goble. **Fifth Row:** Bobby Wilson, Wallace Clontz, Kenneth Hayes, and Paul Everhardt. **Sixth Row:** Nancy Honeycutt and Gene Bush.



Making a dramatic entrance are Paul Everhardt, treasurer; and Sherry Nelson, secretary. Already on the scene are Maggie Huntley, vice president; and Darrell Goble, president.

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"Home Sweet Home"

Singing of happy home life, the members of Future Homemakers of America are affiliated with the national organization which has all necessary by-laws and a constitution. The organization has a large staff of national and state officers devoting their full time to the club work. A magazine called **The Teen Times** is published four times a year, giving helpful suggestions and news of happenings all over the country. The FHA has rallies and state and national conventions which are always interesting. The club sponsors a camp for the girls in the summer. Presenting programs which are educational as well as social and taking part in many national projects as well as local, the members of the organization proudly wear their FHA pin featuring a house resting in two hands and the letters FH.



Proudly displaying their FHA emblem, the members of the senior homemakers club are, **first row:** Betty Stamey, Deanna Gable, Rachel Hedrick, Carolyn Hendrix, Caro'yn Wiles, Asilee Austin, and Joanne Adams. **Second Row:** Betty West, Mable Queen, Mary Ellen Lutz, Mary Lee Byrd, Carolyn Abernethy, Lucille Barnhardt, Rebecca McDonald, Judy Safriet, Imogene Crump, Patricia Harless, and Shelby Mikeal. **Third Row:** Shelby Jean Hopkins, Barbara Atkins, Elaine Jenkins, Sue Clement, Nancy Setzer, Carolyn Pipes, Anno Staut, Irene Adams, and Betty Greene.



Beginning their first year as future homemakers are, **first row:** Sybil Whisnant, Beverly Ennis, Peggy Nicholson, Pat Smith, Marie Foxx, Ruby McGarr, Sylvia Helton, and Betty Ann Martin. **Second Row:** Elizabeth Abel, Brenda Hood, Elaine Baldwin, Linda McDade, Bertha Clontz, Norma Waters, Judy Greene, Kay Queen, Rebecca Torrence, Sarah Shoaf, Janet Suddreth, Ann Moore, Mino Greene, and Sarah May: **Third Row:** Barbara Hamby, Carolyn Miller, Geneva Woody, Rena Holman, Doris Wall, Betty Stine, Kate Austin, Dorothy Hubbard, Rebecca Suddreth, Jeon Austin, Patsy Clark, and Doris Philyaw.



Learning that cooking is fun are Senior FHA officers: Carolyn Hendrix, president; Mable Queen, secretary; Rebecca McDonold, treasurer; Lucille Barnhardt, historian; Carolyn Brown, reporter; Deanna Goble, vice president; and Rachel Hedrick, parliamentorian; not pictured.



Junior homemakers learning to sew are the officers: Sybil Whisnant, reporter; Elizabeth Abel, treasurer; Kate Austin, vice president; Rebecca Torrence, president; Brendo Hood, historian; Sarah Shoaf, parliamentorian; and Ann Moore, secretary.



Proving that "it's smart nat ta drink" are, **first row:** Johnny Houston, president; Doris Barlow, scretary; June Seehorn, vice president; and Janette Dickson, treasurer. **Second Row:** Shirley Penley, Kay Winkler, Maggie Huntley, Jane Gravlee, and Deanna Goble. **Third Row:** Carol Austin, Peggy Nicholson, Narma Gentry, Barbara Gentry, Patricia Pritchard, Phyllis Smith, and Barbara Barlowe. **Fourth Row:** Cannie Smith, Kay Prapst, Shorty Stary, and Mr. Hope, adviser.

ALLIED YOUTH

"How Dry I Am"

The Allied Youth may be described as a national group of young people who believe in parties to the tune of soft drinks rather than alcoholic beverages and who also believe that it's smarter to be a "teetotaler" than "real gone." Although this year's AY at Lenoir High is not so large as those of previous years, its aims and enthusiasm are as high.



Having fun without "artificial persanality" are, **first row:** Rebecca McDonald, Priscilla Beach, Anita Whitener, and Sandra Davidsan. **Second Row:** Paul Everhardt, Gail Childers, Wanda Greene, Barbara Fleming, and Sue Clement. **Third Row:** Robert Sherrill, Bobby Bumgarner, Dudley Rabb, Carrall Brookshire, and Joe Boyd.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

"School Days"

"I don't want to set the world on fire, I just want to start a flame of knowledge in the mind of our youth," might well be the motto of a new organization at Lenoir High—the Future Teachers of America. The local FTA Club was organized this year by Miss Mary Angley and is affiliated with the national group which is under the sponsorship of the National Education Association. Its purpose is to encourage students to make teaching their profession and to help prepare future teachers.

The FTA has been a tremendous success and help to students this year and an even larger organization is anticipated in the coming year.



Preparing for futures in teaching are: Barbaro Mayfield, pianist; Lynne Pyatte, historian; Kay Winkler, vice president; Pat McGee, president; Barbara Boyd, treasurer; and Barbara Moore, secretary.



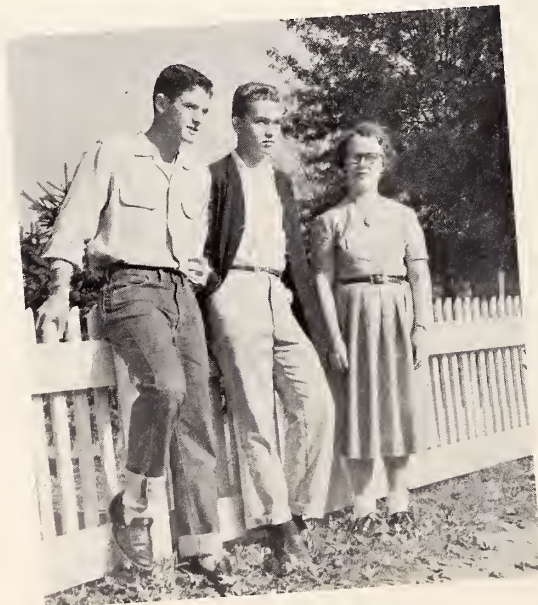
Learning by doing, these future teachers are, clackwise: Barbara Moore, Barbara Bayd, Ann Kirby, Paul Sipes, Nancy McCallum, Kay Winkler, Katie Thornburg, Tommy Gail Prestwood, Ann Anderson, Bab Paarch, Cannie Smith, Nancy Woadruff, Pat McGee, Barbara Mayfield, and Lynne Pyatte.



Decked out in their robes, the Glee Club members are, **front row:** Mary Jane Manchester, Shirley Danielsan, Wanda Greene, Judy Greene, Nancy Lu Alexander, Patsy Smith, Weyburn Smith, Kenneth Hayes, Harrison Barlow, Preston Trautman, Linda Ruth Owen, Linda Gibbs, Patricia Harless, Virginia Brayhill, Sybil Shufard, and Director George Kirsten. **Second Row:** Patricia Baettner, Rita Halman, Brenda Harless, Judy Safriet, Phyllis Smith, Wallace Clontz, George Bautwell, Bill Waadruff, Jimmy Yates, Bradley Calvard, Narma Gentry, Lucille Barnhardt, and Jean Pawell. **Third Row:** Barbara Atkins, Elaine Jenkins, Mable Queen, Caralyn Abernethy, Shirley Gilbert, Jae Walker, Jerry Hall, Carl Anderson, Linda Everhardt, Janet Hauck, Barbara Gentry, Mary Richards, and Earlene Clark.

GLEE CLUB

"Let There Be Music"



On the fence outside the Glee Club room are officers: Preston Troutman, vice president; Carl Anderson, president; and Shirley Danielsan, secretary-treasurer.



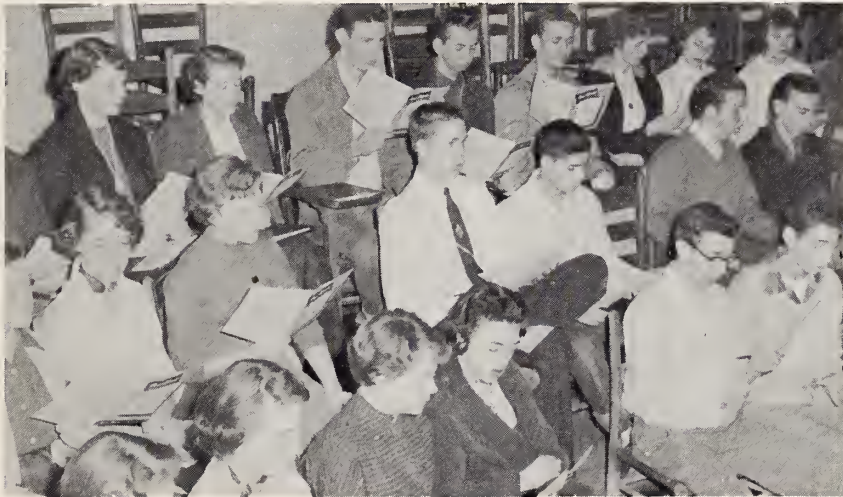
Additional Glee Club officers are: Mary Jane Manchester, reporter; Jae Walker, librarian; Sybil Shufard, assistant librarian; and Virginia Brayhill, pianist.



Morning practice in the Glee Club is often quite informal.



Club members group around the piano for a song fest. All types of voices blend as the club rehearses a song.



"I FEEL A SONG COMING ON"

This year forty-one voices blend in the Lenoir High Glee Club under the direction of Mr. George Kirsten. The Glee Club presents two annual concerts consisting of sacred, secular, and seasonal music. The spirit of harmony and good fun make this club worthwhile.



Social small talk fills the pauses between songs.



Raving is part of the fun when the Glee Club makes a public performance.



LENOIR HIGH

Dressed for a concert performance are, **first row:** Sarah Jean Triplett and Nancy Kennerly. **Second Row:** Cora Grist, Marjarie Nelson, Nancy Maye, Franklyn Nall, Katie Kirby, and William Happer. **Third Row:** Mr. Kaufman, Peggy Sanders, Virginia Huntley, Marianella Cawan, Gail Williamson, Frances McLean, Peggy Smith, Hallie Sumpter, Lauie May, Katherine Starie, Jimmy Blair, Geneve Hamby, and Celia Owens. **Fourth Row:** Priscilla Beach, Jane Jennings, Tommy Gail Prestwaad, Nancy Lee Crisp, Kathleen Bastan, Jae Robinsan, Linda Sharpe, and Imogene Crump. **Fifth Row:** Nancy Lu Alexander, Betty Sue Williams, Katie Tharnburg, Becky Hailey, Maurice Rhades, Bill Sherrill, and Jerry Estep.



SCHOOL BAND

Band members proud to be part of "Lenoir's Own" ore, **first row:** Darathy Campbell and Joneil Meltan. **Second Row:** Carol Hedden, Billy Moye, Tom Hedden, Sylvia Ransdell, and Alice Jean Robb. **Third Row:** Eugene Truesdole, George Self, Mickey Hollowoy, Max Reynolds, Johnny Pritchard, Peggy Stary Yount, Potricio Williams, Brenda Townsend, April Shumway, and Mr. Harper. **Fourth Row:** Lindo McMillan, Rachel Swanson, Nancy Tolbert, Ian Happer, Floyd Boston, Jerry Clopp, Reginold Smith, Bill McCrory, Raymand Setzer, and Mr. Ostram. **Fifth Row:** Charles Carlisle, Moc Tolbert, Geraldine Crisp, Tammy Abernethy, Betsy Yaunt, and Anne Honeycutt.



The band faculty, posing for a formal portrait, are, **first row:** Mrs. Ophelia J. Stallings, Captain James C. Harper, and Mr. Jahn Kaufman. **Second Row:** Mr. George Kirsten and Captain Ralph Ostram.

These students chosen to direct the Lenair High Band are, Flayd Bastan, president; Jerry Clapp, secretary; Becky Hailey, reporter; Lauie May, student business manager; and Reginald Smith, vice president.

LENOIR'S OWN

The Lenoir High School Band has made, is making, and will continue to make musical history.

It is the general opinion among conductors and professional musicians that high school students are not capable of playing compositions by the "masters." This is a case of telling the bumble-bee it can't fly—Lenoir students **have** played them and played them well.

It isn't practical to hand someone an instrument and a sheet of music and say, "Play" therefore, there must be a story behind this great record.

The beginning in 1924 couldn't have been very impressive—the instrumentation was so small that two or more people often practiced on the same instrument.

That was thirty years ago. During this comparatively brief time the band has built a tradition of the finest quality. There are four concerts in Lenoir each year; and such is the band's reputation that frequent out-of-town and out-of-state appearances are in order.

Although better known for its concert ability, the band also is widely famed for its marching. Under the instruction of Mr. Kirsten, the members perform at the high school football games and at college games.

The high spot of each year is the State Contest. As the day approaches, practice is stepped up to a high pitch. Sections hold rehearsals at least once each week and usually more often. During the band period Mr. Harper spends more time playing recordings of contest numbers. The entire band has but one thought, "Don't let us be the band that doesn't make a 'one'!" This year's band has certainly lived up to its tradition and has added another page to the heritage of future bands.



The junior and senior bands combined formed an arrow-shaped heart at the 1954 commencement exercises.

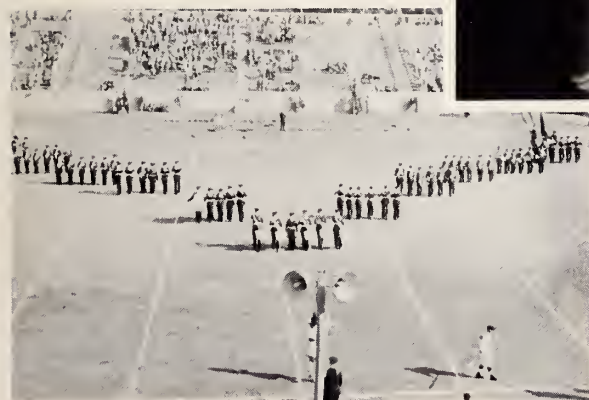


Nancy Lee Crisp, a junior, served her first year as drum majorette.



The band performs at one of its many out-of-town appearances.

Fun was very much the order of the day on the band's Florida trip.





Upholding the ideals of the Honor Society, the officers are: Ann Anderson, treasurer; Borboro Moyfield, secretary; Borboro Moore, vice president; and June Seehorn, president.

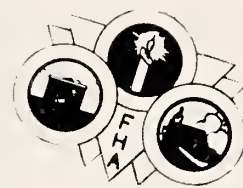
HONOR SOCIETY

"I Would Be True"

The Lenoir High Honor Society is a chapter of the National Society, and abides by that society's rules, observes its customs, and upholds its aims. Members are selected by the faculty semi-annually from the upper third of the junior and senior classes. The four cardinal points of the society are: Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service. The Honor Society meets the third Monday of each month to discuss its various activities, some of which are an annual talent show and a scholarship fund. Mrs. Gertrude Whitehead is adviser to the society.

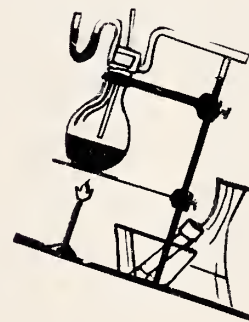
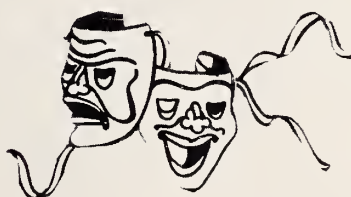
Immediately following the induction of eight new members, the sixteen Honor Society members are: Nancy McCollum, Howard Poorch, Joon Loil, Ann Anderson, Preston Troutmon, Bob Hogomon, Robert Sherrill, June Seehorn, Walter Beon, Borboro Moyfield, Earl Thompson, Jone Grovlee, Borboro Moore, Bill Joe King, Anita Whitener, and Ann Kirby, not pictured.





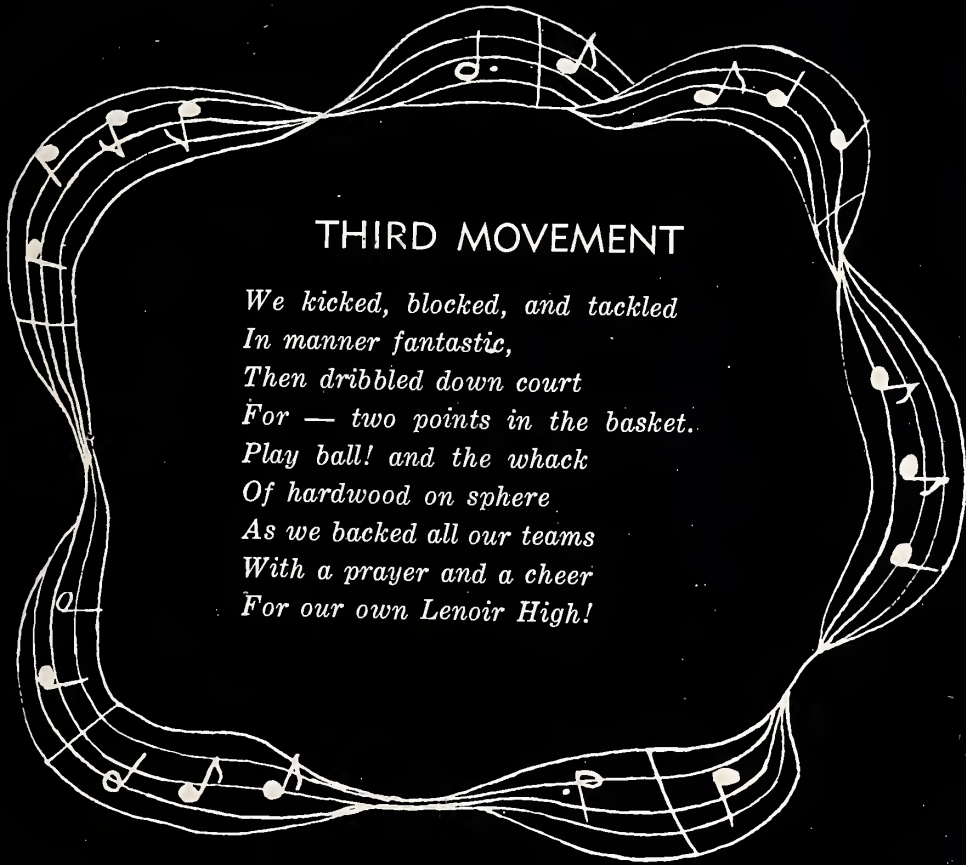
LENOIR

HIGH SCHOOL BAND
REG. U.S. PAT. OFF.



*... Friday night and the football game
... Chrysanthemums and hot chocolate
... And afterwards dancing in the gym
... The thud and soft echo of a basket-
ball on the gym floor ... The sound of
the buzzer and "Come on, Lenoir!" ...
Spring and baseball ... And frantic
shouts of "Kill the umpire!" ...*

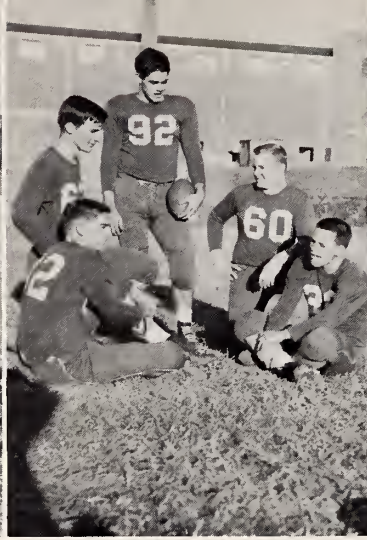




THIRD MOVEMENT

*We kicked, blocked, and tackled
In manner fantastic,
Then dribbled down court
For — two points in the basket.
Play ball! and the whack
Of hardwood on sphere
As we backed all our teams
With a prayer and a cheer
For our own Lenoir High!*

ATHLETICS



Keeping the center of the line secure are: Bobby Bumgarner, Aubrey Correll, and Johnny Cook.

Opening holes in the line for the backs are guards: Mack Jarvis, Wayne Waters, Walter Beon, Neil Stallings, and Bob Wilson.

Tackles helping to protect the forward wall are: James Burris, Noel Clement, Herb Keller, Dennis Oliver, and Jerry Cook.

Catching those T.D. passes are the ends: Jim Wyke, Jerry Waters, David Creech, Bill Littlejohn, Paul Everhardt, and Bill Everhardt.

FOOTBALL

With a light team the Bearcats had a slight disadvantage this year, but they made up for this by aggressiveness. During this season's play the LHS Bearcats won eight regular season games and lost two.



The team was honored when Coach Bill Crass was named assistant coach of the Shrine Bowl at Charlotte and when Jerry Waters, star end, was named to play in this bowl. Additional glory was brought to the team by Fullback Bob Miller by his performance in the Optimist Bowl.

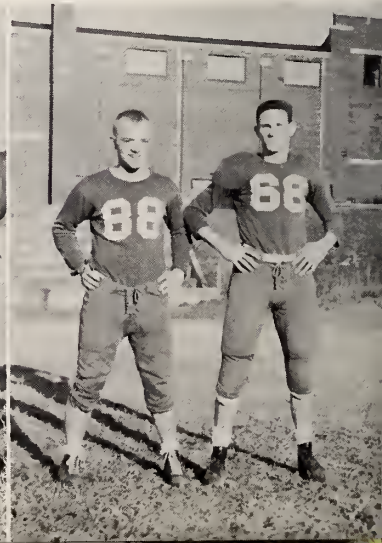
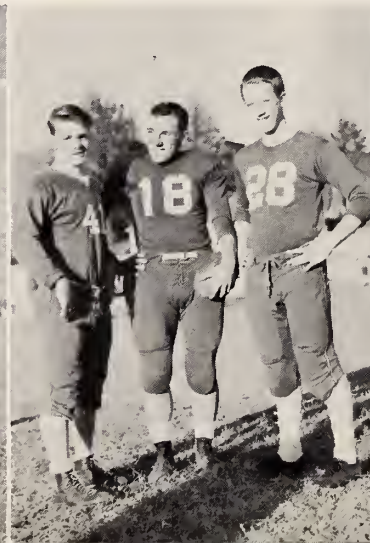
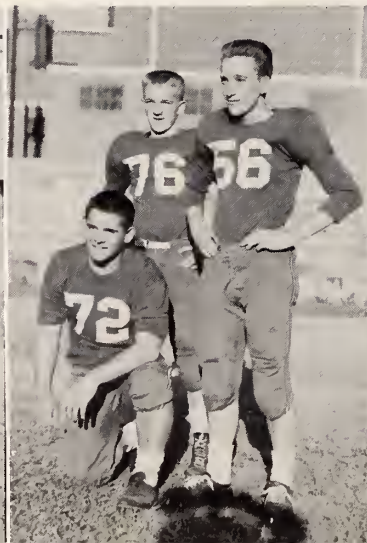
Getting their heads together for the last time the seniors are, clockwise from the top: Jerry Cook, Bob Poarch, Jerry Waters, Shorty Story, Tony Goolsby, and Bob Miller.

Learning to pass that ball are quarterbacks: Preston Troutman, Dean Robbins, Bill Holman, and "Shorty" Story.

Keeping the ball on the move are the left halfbacks: Glenwood Wilson, Bob Poarch, and Tony Goolsby.

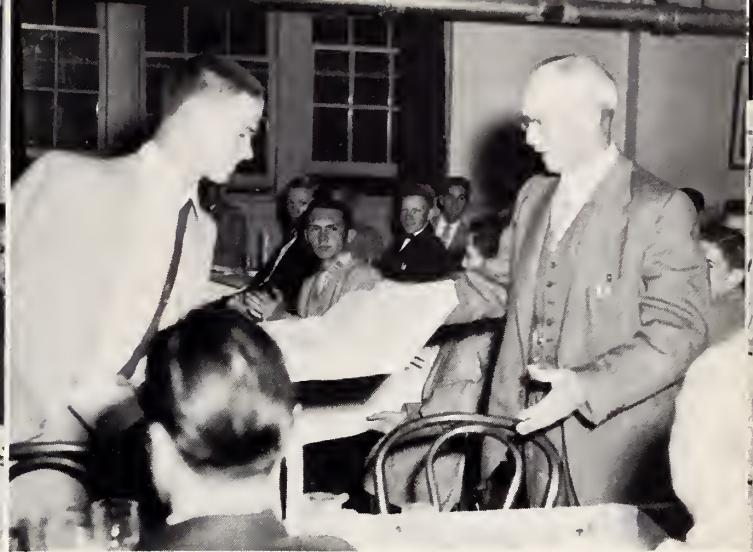
Making that needed yardage when called upon are fullbacks: Kenny Moore, Bob Miller, and John Bost.

Portraying their roles as scatbacks are the right halfbacks: Jim Abel and Joe Wolker.





James Story was named "Most Valuable Player" at the annual football banquet.



Lenoir's own, Mr. "Beorcot" Cook, received a gift for his many years of loyal support of the football team.



Discussing on up-coming football game are the coaches: James Wilson, Bill Cross, J. V. Mills, and Charles Hope.

"ON LENOIR"

SCOREBOARD

Hudson	13- 7
Valdese	0-19
Forest City	26- 0
Newton-Conover	40-13
Hickory	36- 6
Shelby	10- 9
Wilkes Central	25- 0
Marion	0- 6
Morganton	16- 7
Taylorsville	38- 6

Taking a much needed breather are the managers: Earl Thompson, Eric Miller, and Pete Watson.



The referee's whistle marks the end of a play.

Mike Cross and "Dookie" Cook are the 'Cots loyal mascots.





Coach Miller talks it over with Nancy Waadruff and Ann Anderson, co-captains and star players.



Nancy Waadruff, scoring ace, sinks another two points.

Sitting back to relax between games are: Peggy Nichalsan, Phyllis Smith, Carolyn Hendrix, Ann Anderson, Linda Walsh, Jean Austin, Nancy Waadruff, Sandra Davidsan, Barbara Atkins, Linda Everhardt, Sue Clement, Mable Queen, and Patsy Clark.

BASKET

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

BASKETBALL

December	1	Hildebran
December	7	St. Stephens
December	14	Belmont
January	7	Morganton
January	10	Wilkesboro
January	14	Hickory
January	18	Valdese
January	21	Newton-Conover
January	25	Taylorsville



B A L L

Co-Coptains Doug Stimson, Edwin Pritchard, and Jerry Waters listen smilingly to Coach Hope's instruction.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

SCHEDULE

January 28 Marion
February 1 Morganton
February 4 Wilkesboro
February 7 Hickory
February 11 Valdese
February 15 Newton-Conover
February 18 Taylorsville
February 22 Marion
February 25 Gamewell



Another two points slide over the rim to up the score again.

Getting lined up for the basketball season are: Manager Eric Miller, Glenwood Wilson, Joe Walker, Walter Beon, Bill Holmon, Doug Stimson, Edwin Pritchard, Robert Sherrill, Bobby Bumgarner, Jerry Waters, Deon Robbins, Bob Wilson and Preston Troutman.



B A S E B A L L

"Take Me Out to the Ball Game"

The 1954 baseball squad, sparked by Willis Setzer and William Lefever, had one of its best seasons in recent years tying for second place in the conference standings with a record of nine wins and three losses. With most of the lettermen returning to the diamond, the Bearcats are expected to compile an even better record than last year's squad.



Seated in the dugout, 1954's nine-plus are: Shorty Story, Paul Sipes, Doug Stimsan, Bob Miller, Walter Bean, Glen-waad Wilson, Bab Poarch, Deon Robbins, Bab Wilson (seated in first row), Richard Baker, Leslie Walker, Jerry Waters, Jim Abel, Horold Barnhardt, Happy Setzer, William Lefever, and Caach Bill Crass.

1954 BASEBALL SUMMARY

Taylorsville	9-1	Valdese	11- 3
Wilkes Central	18-5	Wilkes Central	10- 7
Marion	4-0	Morganton	12- 1
Newton-Conover	15-1	Hickory	: 2- 6
Hickory	5-8	Newton-Conover	11- 6
Morganton	7-4	Valdese	12-13

FREE SHOTS



1.



2.



3.



4.



5.



- (1) The 1955 basketball squad lines up, flanking Coach Charles Hope.
(2) Big Nancy Woodruff goes up for a shot.
(3) This looks like another two points in the basket.

- (4) A big number nine goes up for the jump.
(5) Bill Holman gets in on the mad scramble under the basket.

SPORTING FARE



- (1) Glenwood Wilson made his own opening through the line.
- (2) The football team named Koy Winkler as "The Girl We Most Like to Hear Sing."
- (3) Everybody wants to get into the act as the referee ends the play.
- (4) Mr. Mack "Bearcot" Cook kept the Cook Stadium sod in perfect condition.
- (5) The Cross 'Cots line up for the kick-off.
- (6) Six seniors broke through this Bearcot for their last high school football appearance minutes before the Homecoming game.
- (7) End Jerry Waters showed the team up to good advantage by being invited to the Shrine Bowl game.

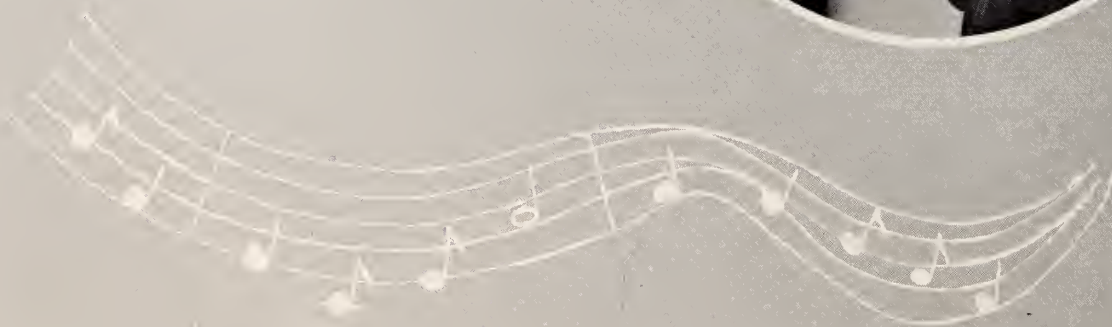
- (1) In this case, Lenoir High proudly displays the fruits of her victories.
- (2) A portion of the team supporters sit near the press box.
- (3) Budding athletes heeded words of encouragement from Lenoir's Rube Wolker, catcher for the Brookl'n Dodgers.

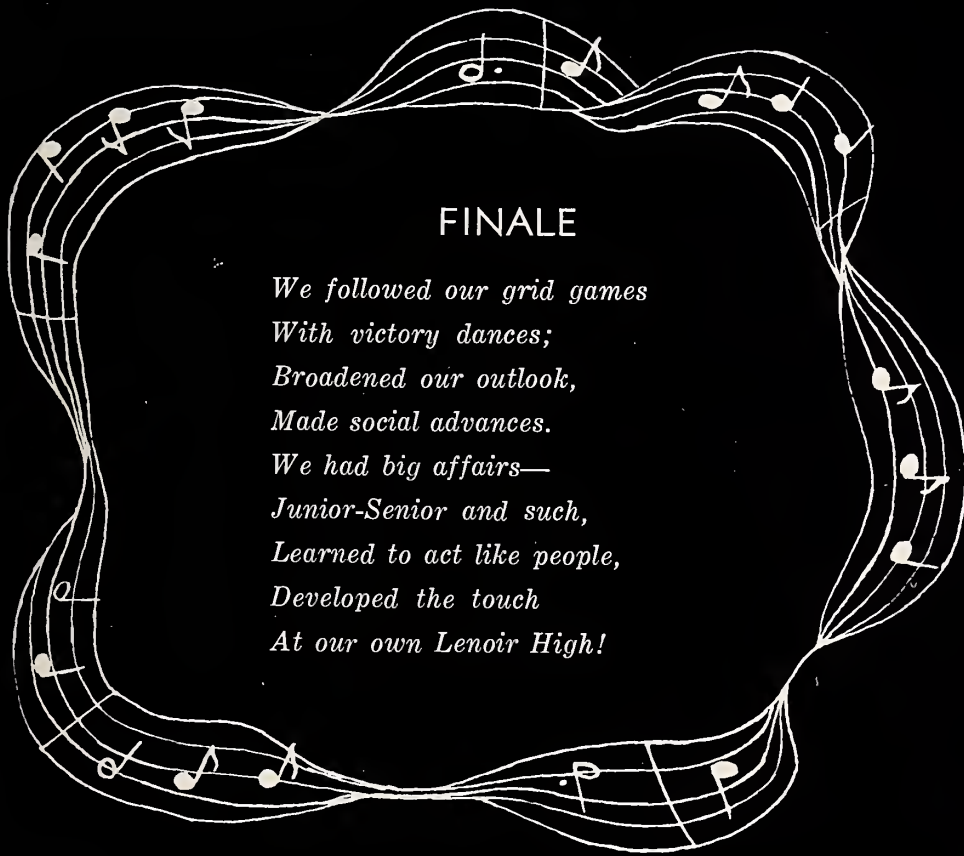
- (4) The ivy-covered walls of the gym serve as a backdrop for the cheerleading squad.
- (5) Mr. Smith is only one of the loyal teachers who worked long hours of the gate selling tickets for the games.
- (6) Vivo is very much a part of Lenoir High, coming and going to suit his fancy.



RAH! RAH! RAH!

... Senior superlatives starbound for success . . . Pretty marshals in frothy dresses . . . Cheerleaders braving brisk football weather . . . Decorating the gym for the "best Junior-Senior yet" . . . Homecoming and a lovely queen . . . Arriving breathlessly at McNairy's at 3:12 . . .





FINALE

*We followed our grid games
With victory dances;
Broadened our outlook,
Made social advances.
We had big affairs—
Junior-Senior and such,
Learned to act like people,
Developed the touch
At our own Lenoir High!*

FEATURES

Miss Hi Miss



Miss Kay Winkler

Girls' State



Miss Margaret Huntley

Homecoming



Miss Sylvia Ransdell

*Thou swell
Thou pretty*

*Thou sweet
Thou grand*

Cabrousel Princess



Miss Sherry Nelson

Miss Lenoir High



Miss Janette Dickson



Best All-Around

Janette Dickson and Pete Huntley



Most Popular

Barbara Barlowe and James Story

Senior Superlatives



Most Likely to Succeed

Barbara Mayfield and Bobby Hagaman



Most Intelligent

Theresa McGee and Howard Poarch



Virginia Broyhill and Gene Truesdale



Tommy Gail
Prestwood
and George Self



Ann Anderson and Jerry Waters

The Bestest and

Sybil Shuford and
Hugh Munday



Joan Lail and Jim Mullis



Rebecca Setzer and
Floyd Boston





Best School Spirit

Connie Smith and Wallace Clontz



Most Dependable

Jane Gravlee and Bob Miller



Typical Seniors

Sherry Nelson and Danny Barlowe

The Mostest

Doris Barlow and Charles Hanks

Ramona Kemp and James Martin

Pearl Grist Walker and Eugene Bush



Friendliest



Most Courteous



Atticest



Taking a rest from the duties of marshaling ore, **first row:** Borboro Borlowe, Jeonette Borlow, Rebecca McDonald, and Charles Hanks. **Second Row:** Dudley Robb, Eric Miller, Bobby Hoggomon, Mack Jorvis, Bob Miller, and Robert Sherrill.

MARSHALS

"Whither Thou Goest"



Junior Varsity football players sold programs at the football games.

Even though you may have been a "Stranger in Paradise" as the popular song goes, you were expertly directed this past year by the marshals. They carried on their duties at school functions very efficiently under the guidance of Miss Georgio Haley.



The marshals pose in formal attire following an evening concert.



Little "Frosty" Nelson takes the spotlight as the cheerleaders keep time to a march being played by the band.

Leading the singing and shouting and encouraging school spirit at LHS are our cheerleaders. Besides energetically and enthusiastically leading the cheers at all the football and basketball games, they strive to teach the student body more and better cheers and to organize pep rallies and parades, all with amazing success.



With a "hip! hip!" the cheering squad goes down for a yell.

CHEERLEADERS "L-E-N-O-I-R-GO!"



Cheerleaders posing on the front lawn are: Janie Crowell, Pat Yount, Wallace Clontz, Sherry Nelson, Pete Huntley, Jeanette Barlow, and Elaine Sherrill.



- (1) Telling a happy homecoming tale is Barbara Maere who sponsored Jerry Caak and was escorted by Jimmy Wagner.
- (2) On the inside looking out are Tany Gaalsby, sponsored by Deanna Gable who was escorted by Jahnnny Haustan.
- (3) Tommy Gail Prestwood is flanked by escort Jerry Harless on the left and Bob Miller, whom she sponsored, on the right.

- (4) Robert Barlaw escorted Daris Barlaw on the big night when she sponsored Bob Paarch.
- (5) Dudley Rabb escorted the sale underclassman in the homecoming court, Sylvia Ransdell who sponsored Jerry Waters and, incidentally, was elected queen.
- (6) "Mirror, mirror, on the wall," says Lynne Pyotte to "Sharty" Story, whom she sponsored, as escort Hugh Munday looks on.

HOMECOMING

Through this Bearcat came six seniors for their last appearance on the Caak Stadium sod.

A few seconds after being crowned 1954 Homecoming Queen, Sylvia Ransdell sits for a picture as crown-bearer Lynn Caak and 1953 Homecoming Queen Jaan Lail look on.

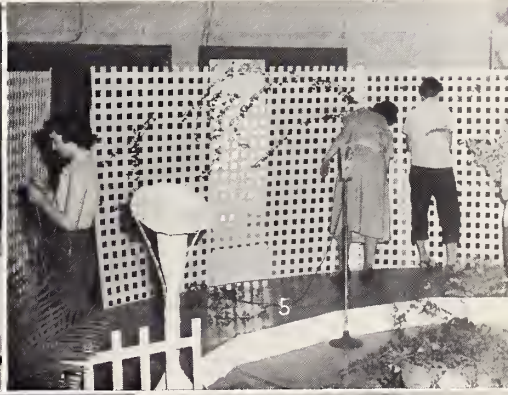




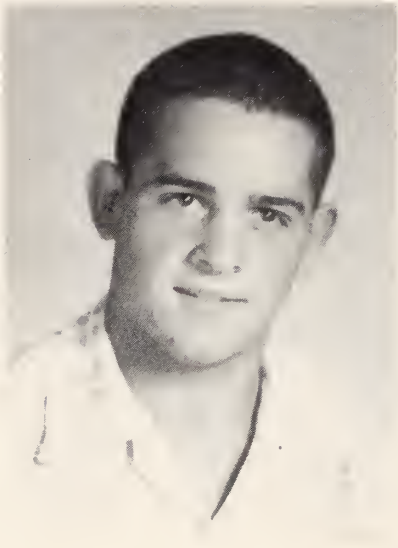
JUNIOR-SENIOR

"Stardust"

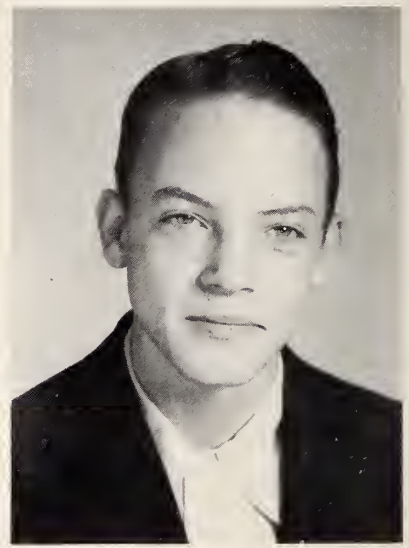
- (1) "You and the night and the music" filled juniors and seniors with sweet nostalgia on that big, big night.
- (2) Mr. Gus Trovis, Charlotte news columnist, was the main attraction of the head table.
- (3) Through this door come star-struck juniors and seniors on the big night.
- (4) The faculty lived it up too, remembering, perhaps, their own Junior-Senior
- (5) With stars in their eyes and splinters in their hands, hearty juniors turned the gym into a starlight room for the big affair.
- (6) The cafeteria at East Horper turned into bonquet hall deluxe under the loving hands of the juniors.
- (7) Candlelight and companionship made the bonquet a night to remember.
- (8) Costles in the air need firm foundations and took hard work to build.



WHO'S
HE?



Glenwood Wilson
Mr. Lenoir High



William Happer
Essay Contest Winner



Bob Miller and Jerry Waters
Bowl Game Representatives



Dennis Rash
School Photographer



John Houston
Boys' State

SENIOR STATISTICS

JOANNE ADAMS

Glee Club, 1,2; FHA, 1,4; Dramatics Slub, 4.

RAMONA ALDRIDGE

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Commercial Club, 4; Dramatics Club, 4; FHA, 2; FTA, 4.

DOUGIE ALLEN

Allied Youth, 1,2,3; FHA, 1; FTA, 4; Latin Club, 1,2.

ANN ANDERSON

Allied Youth, 1; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain of Basketball, 4; Commercial Club, 3,4; FTA, 4; Glee Club, 1,2; Honor Society, 3,4; Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 4; Student Council, 1,2,4; Treasurer of Honor Society, 4.

CARL ANDERSON

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Band, 1,2,3,4; Glee Club, 4; Glee Club President, 4; Latin Club, 1,2.

JENNIE AUSTIN

Allied Youth, 1,2,3; Annual Staff, 4; Dramatics Club, 3,4; FHA, 1; Glee Club, 2,3; Monogram Club, 2; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Student Council, 3; Treasurer of Dramatics Club, 3; Cheerleader, 1,2.

DORIS BARLOW

Washington Park High, 1,2,3; Secretary of Allied Youth, 4; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Senior Superlative.

BARBARA BARLOWE

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club, 4; FHA, 1; Glee Club, 2,3; Latin Club, 1,2; Marshal, 4; Senior Superlative.

DANNY BARLOWE

Allied Youth, 3; Spanish Club, 3,4; Senior Superlative; Homecoming Escort, 3.

ROBERT BARLOWE

Spanish Club, 3,4; Allied Youth, 3,4; Homecoming Escort, 4.

GARY BENFIELD

Commercial Club, 3,4.

SEAGLE BERNHARDT

Allied Youth, 1,2; Annual Staff, 2; Class Prophet; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Dramatics Club, 4.

FLOYD BOSTON

Band, 1,2,3,4; Band Secretary-Treasurer, 2; Band Vice President, 3; Band President, 4; Class Vice President, 2; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 4.

J. D. BOSTON

Commercial Club, 3,4.

BARBARA BOYD

Allied Youth, 1,2,3; Annual Staff, 2,3; FHA, 1; Glee Club, 2; Latin Club, 1,2; FTA, 4; Treasurer of FTA, 4.

CAROLYN BROWN

Allied Youth, 2,3; Commercial Club, 4; FHA Reporter, 4; FHA, 4.

JOYCE BROWN

FHA, 1; Basketball, 1.

VIRGINIA BROYHILL

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Glee Club, 3,4; Glee Club Accompanist, 3,4; Latin Club, 1,2; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 3,4; Student Council, 1,2,3,4; Treasurer Allied Youth, 2; Treasurer Sophomore Class.

SENIOR STATISTICS

EUGENE BUSH

Allied Youth, 1,2,3; Dramatics Club, 4; Senior Superlative.

MARGUERITE CHILDERS

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club, 3,4.

EARLENE CLARK

Allied Youth, 2; FHA, 1,2; Glee Club, 4; Spanish Club, 3,4.

WALLACE CLONTZ

Allied Youth, 2,3; Cheerleader, 1,2,3,4; Dramatics Club, 4; Latin Club, 1,2; Glee Club, 4; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Senior Superlative.

JERRY COOK

Allied Youth, 3; J. V. Football, 1; Varsity Football, 2,3,4.

TRUMAN COOK

Dramatics Club, 4.

JANETTE DICKSON

Latin Club, 1,2; Allied Youth, 3,4; Treasurer of Allied Youth, 4; Secretary of Senior Class; Class Prophet, 4; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Annual Staff, 4; Senior Superlative; Miss Lenoir High, 4.

BARBARA GENTRY

Allied Youth, 4; FHA, 2; Glee Club, 4.

NORMA GENTRY

Allied Youth, 4; FHA, 2; Glee Club, 4.

DARRELL GOBLE

Dramatics Club, 4; Dramatics Club President, 4; Mountaineer Staff, 4.

DEANNA GOBLE

Student Council, 1; Assistant Librarian, 1; Allied Youth, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 1,2; Commercial Club, 4; Vice President, Commercial Club, 4; FHA, 4; Vice President, FHA, 4.

TONY GOOLSBY

J. V. Basketball, 3; J. V. Football, 1,2; Varsity Football, 3,4; Monogram Club, 3,4; Spanish Club, 4.

JANE GRAVLEE

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Associate Editor of Mountaineer, 3; Commercial Club, 3,4; Editor of Mountaineer, 4; Honor Society, 3,4; Junior Class President; Latin Club, 1,2; Senior Superlative; Student Council, 1,3,4.

TONY GREEN

Dramatics Club, 3; J. V. Football, 1,2; Latin Club, 1; Mountaineer Staff, 4.

BUDDY GRIFFIN

Latin Club, 2; J. V. Football, 2.

BOBBY HAGAMAN

Annual Staff, 3,4; Football, 3; Marshal, 3,4; Honor Society, 3,4; J. V. Basketball, 1,2; J. V. Football, 1,2; Latin Club, 1,2; Mountaineer Staff, 4; President of Student Council, 4; Secretary of Freshman Class; Senior Superlative.

CHARLES HANKS

Class Officer, 3; Football, 1,2; Marshal, 4; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 4.

KENNY HAYES

Bearcat Staff, 4; Dramatics Club, 4; FTA, 4; Glee Club, 4; Stuyvesant High School, New York, 1,2,3.

SENIOR STATISTICS

BOBBY HODGES

Spanish Club, 4.

JOHNNY HOUSTON

Allied Youth, 4; Boys' State; Dramatics Club, 4; Football, 1,2,3; Latin Club, 1,2; Sports Editor, Mountaineer Staff, 4; Student Council, 2.

JILL HUNTLEY

FHA, 1,2; Allied Youth, 3; Commercial Club, 4.

MARGARET HUNTLEY

Allied Youth, 3,4; Annual Staff, 4; Dramatics Club, 4; Girls' State; Latin Club, 1,2; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Student Council, 4; Treasurer of Dramatics Club, 4; Treasurer of Senior Class.

PETE HUNTLEY

Business Manager of Annual, 4; Glee Club, 3; Latin Club, 1,2; Monogram Club, 4; President of Freshman Class; Senior Superlative; Senior Testator; Student Council, 1,2; Cheerleader, 1,4; Vice President of Glee Club, 3.

RAMONA KEMP

FHA, 1,2; Glee Club, 3; Secretary of FHA, 2; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 4.

ANN KIRBY

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Secretary of Allied Youth, 3; Latin Club, 1,2; Treasurer of J.C.L., 2; Band, 1; Science Club, 1; Glee Club, 2,3; Spanish Club, 3,4; Marshal, 3; Honor Society, 3,4; Student Council, 4; Vice President of Student Council, 4; Spanish Club Reporter, 4; FTA, 4.

JOAN LAIL

Student Council, 1,2,4; Latin Club, 1,2; Secretary of Class, 2,3; Mountaineer Staff, 3,4; Associate Editor of Annual, 3; Editor of Annual, 4; Senior Superlative; Homecoming Queen, 3; Honor Society, 3,4.

HERMAN MANN

Football, 1; Canteen, 1,2,3,4.

JAMES MARTIN

Allied Youth, 1; Commercial Club, 3.

BARBARA MAYFIELD

Allied Youth, 3; Annual Staff, 3,4; Dramatics Club, 4; Marshal, 2,3; FTA Officer, 4; Glee Club, 2,3; Honor Society, 3,4; Secretary of Honor Society, 4; Latin Club, 1,2; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Senior Superlative; Student Council, 3.

NANCY McCALLUM

Allied Youth, 1,2; FHA, 1,2; FTA, 4; Latin Club, 1,2; Student Council, 2; Honor Society, Society, 4.

ROY McGALLIARD

Annual Staff, 2,3,4; Circulation Manager of Mountaineer, 4; Latin Club, 1,2; Mountaineer Staff, 4; Spanish Club, 3; Track Team, 2.

THERESA McGEE

Commercial Club, 3,4; FTA, 4; Latin Club, 1,2; President of Commercial Club, 4; President of FTA, 4; Senior Superlative.

DALE McLEAN

Band, 1,2,3.

JIMMY MELTON

Dramatics Club, 4.

SENIOR STATISTICS

BOB MILLER

Class Treasurer, 2; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3,4; Marshal, 3,4; Chief Marshal, 4; Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4; Spanish Club, 3,4; Treasurer, Spanish Club, 4; Optimist Bowl, 4; Student Council, 4; Senior Superlative.

BARBARA MOORE

Allied Youth, 1,2,3; Annual Staff, 4; FTA, 4; Glee Club, 1,2; Latin Club, 1,2; Marshal, 3; National Honor Society, 3,4; Spanish Club, 3,4; Student Council, 1,2,3,4; Class Historian.

WILENE MULLINAX KIRBY

FHA, 2; Latin Club, 2,3; Dramatics Club, 4.

JAMES MULLIS

Annual Staff, 4; Mountaineer Staff, 4; J. V. Football, 1,2; Senior Superlative.

HUGH MUNDAY

Dramatics Club, 4.

SHERRY NELSON

Allied Youth, 2,3; Carrousel Princess, 4; Cheerleader, 2,3,4; Chief Cheerleader, 4; Class Testator, 4; Commercial Club, 4; Dramatics Club, 4; Glee Club, 1,2; Latin Club, 1,2; Marshal, 3; Monogram Club, 3,4; Secretary of Dramatics Club, 4; Senior Superlative; Student Council, 1,4.

MARY ELLEN OSBORNE

Riverview High School, 1,2; FHA, 3; FHA officer, 3; Basketball, 3.

SHIRLEY PENLEY

Allied Youth, 4; Commercial Club, 4; FHA, 2; Glee Club, 2.

BOB POARCH

Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Football, 2,3,4; J.V. Basketball, 1,2; Monogram Club, 3,4; Spanish Club, 3,4.

HOWARD POARCH

J. V. Football, 1,2; Class President, 4; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 4; Student Council, 2,4; National Honor Society, 4.

TOMMY GAIL PRESTWOOD

Allied Youth, 1,2,3,4; Band, 1,2,3,4; FTA, 4; Glee Club, 1; Secretary of Spanish Club, 4; Spanish Club, 3,4; Senior Superlative; Student Council, 1.

EDWIN PRITCHARD

Collettsville High School, 1; Basketball, 3,4; Football, 2,3; Monogram Club, 3,4.

PATRICIA PRITCHARD

Allied Youth, 3,4; Commercial Club, 4; FHA, 1,2; Secretary of Commercial Club, 4; Spanish Club, 3,4; Vice President, Spanish Club, 4.

KAY PROPST

Commercial Club, 4; Spanish Club, 3,4; Allied Youth, 4.

LYNNE PYATTE

Allied Youth, 2,3; Annual Staff, 4; FTA, 4; Glee Club, 2,3; Latin Club, 1,2; Mountaineer Staff, 4.

BOBBY ROBBINS

Spanish Club, 4; Dramatics Club, 4.

JUNE SEEHORN

Allied Youth, 1,3,4; Latin Club, 1,2; President of Class, 2; Honor Society, 3,4; President of Honor Society, 4; Vice President, Allied Youth, 4; Student Council, 2,3,4; Secretary of Student Council, 3; Class Prophet; Assistant Business Manager of Mountaineer, 3; Business Manager of Mountaineer, 4; Basketball, 2,3.

GEORGE SELF

Band, 1,2,3,4; Band Officer, 3,4; Latin Club, 1,2; Senior Superlative; Student Council, 1.

SENIOR STATISTICS

REBECCA SETZER

FHA, 1,2; Glee Club, 1,2; Allied Youth, 3; Student Council, 2; Spanish Club, 3; Senior Superlative.

SHIRLEY SETZER

Commercial Club, 3,4; Allied Youth, 4; Glee Club, 3; Dramatics Club, 4; FHA, 1,2; Mountaineer Reporter for Commercial Club 4.

SYBIL SHUFORD

Accompanist for Glee Club, 4; Allied Youth, 3,4; Assistant Librarian for Glee Club, 4; Glee Club, 4; Homecoming Queen, 2; Latin Club, 1,2; President of Spanish Club, 4; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 3,4; Student Council, 3,4; Treasurer of Student Council, 3.

PAUL SIPES

Vice President of Class, 1; Football, 1,2; Basketball, 1,2; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Student Council, 1; Monogram Club, 3,4; Spanish Club, 4; FTA, 4.

CONNIE SMITH

FHA, 1,2; Glee Club, 3; Commercial Club, 4; Allied Youth, 4; FTA, 4; Senior Superlative.

REGINALD SMITH

Allied Youth, 1,2; Band, 1,2,3,4; Band Officer, 4; Latin Club, 1,2.

DOUG STIMSON

Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3; Monogram Club, 2,3,4; Spanish Club, 3,4.

JAMES STORY

Allied Youth, 3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Football, 1,2,3,4; Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4; Secretary Monogram Club, 4; President Monogram Club, 3; Senior Superlative; Spanish Club, 3; Student Council, 3.

KATIE THORNBURG

Cheerleader, 1; FHA, 1; Allied Youth, 1,2,3; Latin Club, 1,2; Annual Staff, 3,4; Mountaineer Staff, 4; FTA, 4; Band, 2,3,4.

TOMMY TOLBERT

Monogram Club, 1; Student Council, 1.

EUGENE TRUESDALE

Band, 1,2,3,4; Band Officer, 2,3,4; Latin Club, 1,2,4; Senior Superlative.

JIMMY WAGNER

Spanish Club, 3,4; Annual Staff, 4.

PEARL GRIST WALKER

Dramatics Club, 3; Allied Youth, 3,4; Commercial Club, 3,4; Senior Superlative.

JERRY WATERS

Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4; Best Blocker, 4; Shrine Bowl, 4; President of Monogram Club, 4; Senior Superlative; Baseball, 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 2,3,4; Football, 2,3,4.

CAROLYN WELBORN

Commercial Club, 4; Student Council, 4.

DON WILSON

Student Council, 1; Monogram Club, 4; Dramatics Club, 3; Basketball, 1,2,3; J. V. Football, 1; Football, 2,3.

KAY WINKLER

Allied Youth, 3,4; FTA, 4; Glee Club, 1,3; Latin Club, 1,2; Miss Hi Miss, 4; Secretary-Treasurer of Glee Club, 3; Vice President of FTA, 4; Vice President of Senior Class.

NANCY WOODRUFF

Allied Youth, 1; FHA, 1,2; FTA, 4; Spanish Club, 4; Monogram Club, 1,2,3,4; Basketball, 1,2,3,4; Co-Captain of Basketball Team, 4; All-Conference, 3; All-Tournament, 3.

SINGING THROUGH

- (1) After a night of fun, a group of sleepy seniors go home.
- (2) The dramatics class presented a play in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving.
- (3) A visiting band, "The Stardusters," supplied the students with mornning entertainment.
- (4) The Homecoming court lines up at the dance after the game.



THE YEAR

- (1) Mr. Trivette hasn't missed selling tickets at a game far nine years.
- (2) The study hall drag overtakes this group.
- (3) The dedication of the new flag, part of the senior gift to the school, was an impressive ceremony.
- (4) Mr. Smith pauses for the camera in the middle of a class.



OFF-BEATS



- (1) The senior class play, **Cheaper by the Dozen**, was thoroughly enjoyed by the Student Body.
- (2) The band faculty studies the score in the practice room.

- (3) The entire cast of the senior class play took a well earned curtain call.
- (4) Master Lynn Cook was crown-bearer in the homecoming festivities.



OFF-BEATS

- (1) Counting the ballots in the spring election required many long hours of work.
- (2) The P.T.S.A. covered dish supper was a big success.
- (3) Dedicating the annual was a big moment for Editor Beverly Wilson.
- (4) Part of the glee club has gathered for the morning session.
- (5) Sleepers show mixed emotions during the sleepers' first period.

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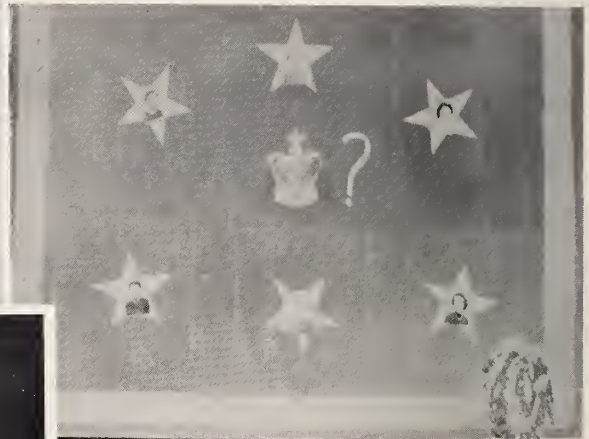
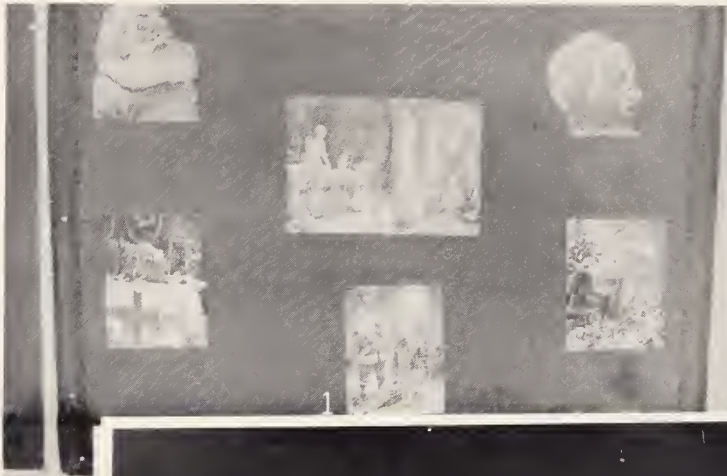
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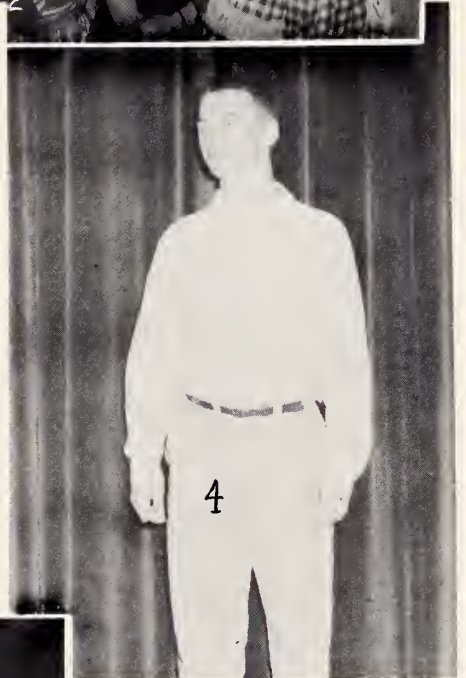
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Tom;

Well, it looks as if our rads and rels, guns and shells will be laid aside for awhile. We are finally going to port company. I want to wish you luck but I know it isn't necessary because you have always succeeded. The Air Force will do you good and I am positive we will clash again some day. My future is uncertain but I have enjoyed the past with you and I know we will not be separated forever. Remember all the good times we've had together. Remember all the messes too. Remember Miss Sparks and "Whoop" Wilson especially. Remember Gary Benfield and Bud and old "Sanky" (Gerald) Mullinan. Remember it all and hope that someday we can renew it all. Until then I will wish you the best of luck. -

"
Wild"

Bill
Rector

Tom.

Sure is nice having you back home. It sure is good to see you. Just think this year we will graduate after twelve hard, toiling years. But during those years it was fun now we have to go out into the world and face life; without a teacher. Remember all the good times we have had together, the girls, the junior-senior and etc. Lots of luck!
Bud

Tommy,
Here's wishing
you the best of
luck always.
Good Luck in the
service. Jaye

For Pat Pearson.

Dearest Tommy,

As I write this I can't help remembering all the wonderful times we have had together and also about the ones we will have in the future. Do you remember the first time I met you, but of course you do. I'll always be glad that I went to that meeting, because we met and are now going steady. That surely was a lucky day for me.

Writing this I can think back over many things that has happened too numerous to mention and these memories will never fade away. You'll never know how much I appreciate you and how much I love you (and I always will you know).

I appreciate your love, kindheartedness, trust, generosity, faithfulness, remembrance, honor and all the many other things only someone that loves you would see and understand. Since you have joined the Air Force, I love you that much more, because it has helped you in growing up and in many other ways too. It has helped me and my love ^{for} you to grow richer each day by missing you and loving you. I hope you always have lots and lots of luck in the service and elsewhere and include me every once in a while. "Best wishes" ^{with all my love,} your girl out. Pat

To my best friend.

Tommy, you don't know how much it means to have you home, there's so much I want to write but there's not enough paper in this book, the best time we had was growing up together, I know there's nothing that could break my friendship, you have the best girl I know and I know that means a lot, she is just the write girl for you, she loves you more than any boy I know, and I hope it will never be broken up. "Tommy" in the air force is the best time of your life, you will go places you've always wanted to go, you will learn things that you've always wanted to learn. I hope you will like the air force and make a big success in it. Just don't go sticking your little pug nose in any beer joints or don't get in the wrong group. I know you have grown up now and you know what you want in life, so make it the best of any. Just don't forget the friends you have at home, and your mother, she is the best you've got, so don't ~~remember~~ forget. Lot of luck and love and lots of success

Your friend always

Jerry Haden.

Tommy -

I can honestly say I have enjoyed knowing you. I really have had some good times with you. If you don't hurry and get home I think Jerry Harless is going to go crazy. I think Pat is a real cute girl from her picture and I'm sure you and her make a real cute couple. I won't to wish you the ~~best~~ best of luck now and in the future, because you deserve the best of everything -

Lots of luck to a very nice boy

A friend
Linda Ruth Owen

