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## DEDICATION

We, the members of the Senior Class, feel indeed fortunate in having had in our midst during the past four years our Band Director, Chorus Director, and friend, Mrs. Winstead.

It is with a feeling of admiration and appreciation that we dedicate this 1954 edition of the BEAR TRAP to Mrs. Louise Gorham Winstead.





## FOREWORD

We hope that as you browse through the pages of this book, now and in future years, they will bring to you happy memories of the activities that went on here -- the changing of classes . . . hard work . . . club meetings . . . assembly programs . . . football games . . . basketball games . . . baseball games . . . pep meetings . . . Halloween Carnival . . . Junior-Senior . . . wiener roasts . . . May Day . . . Senior play . . . trip to Washington . . . Graduation. If you recall these things, then we, the Staff of the Bear Trap, will know that we had a part in keeping those memories alive.

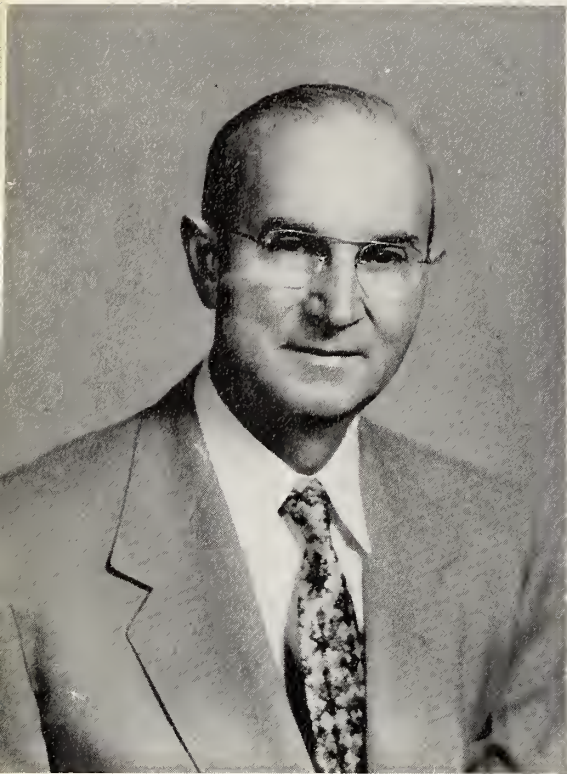






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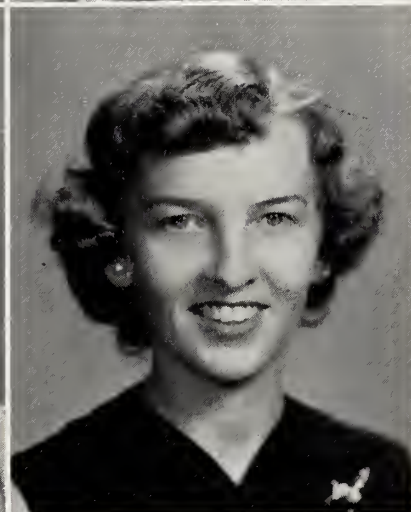


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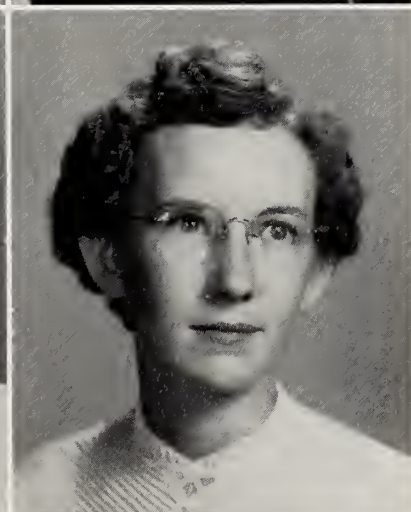


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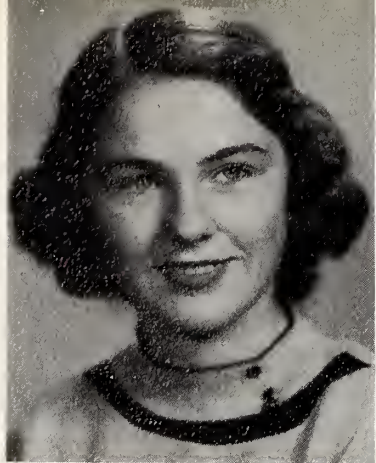
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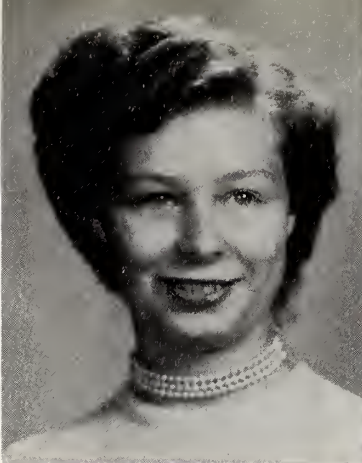
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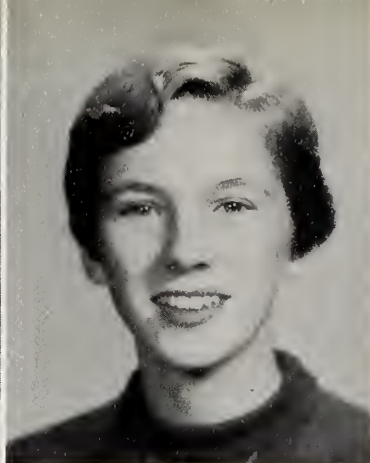




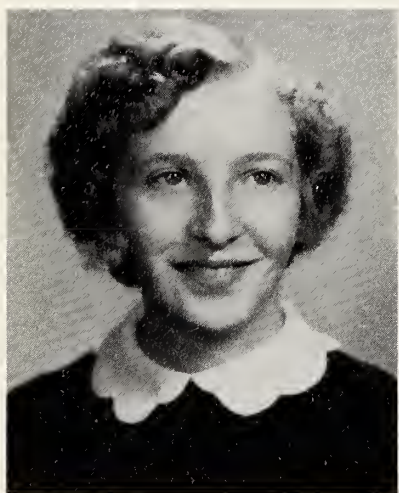
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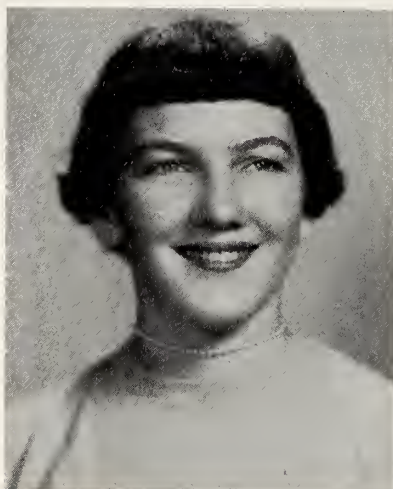
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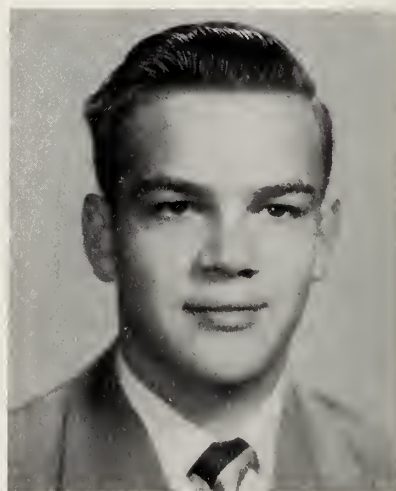
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ANITA DAVIS



PATSY BATTS



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MARIAN TAYLOR

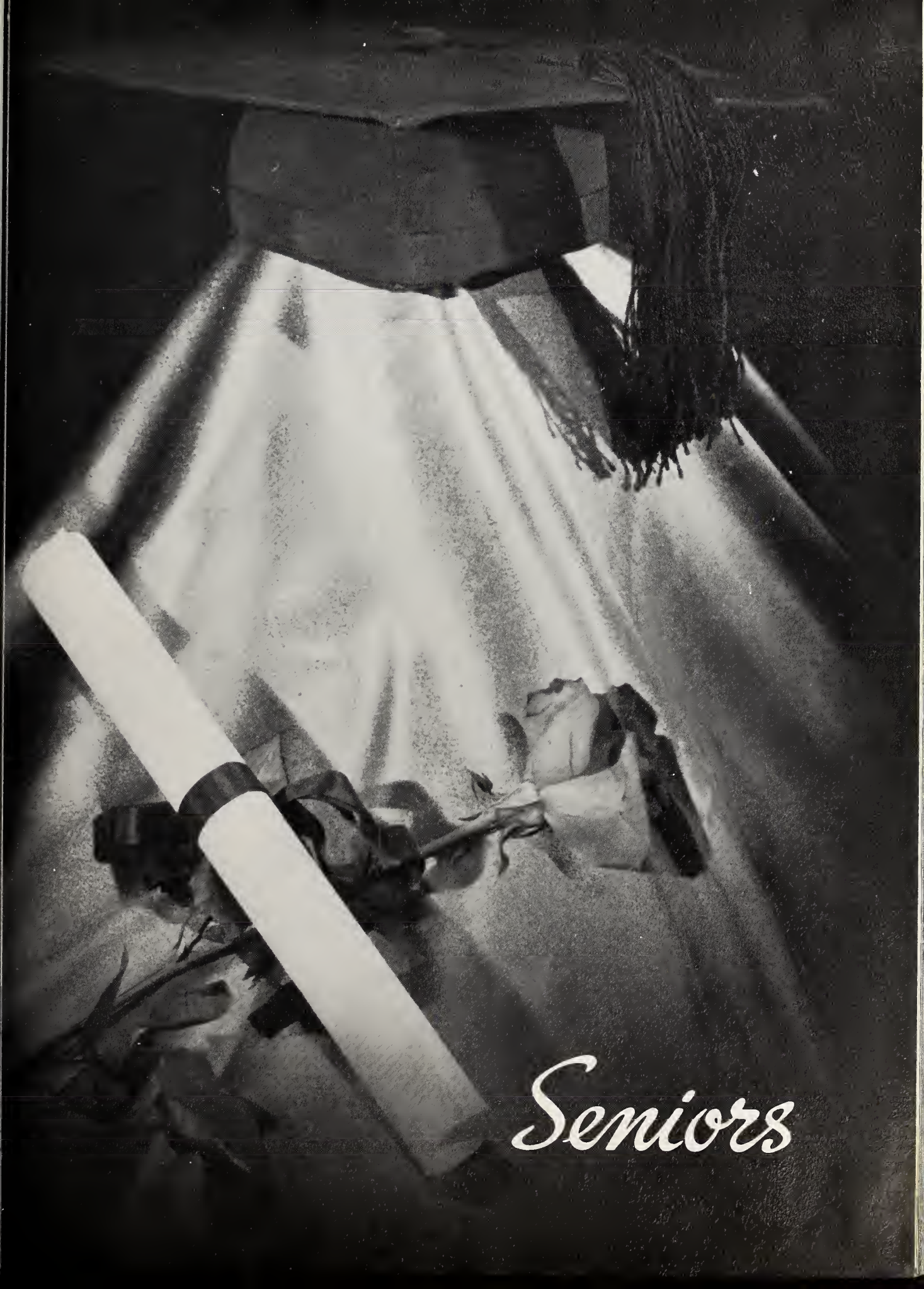
SARAH EDWARDS

LIBBY GRIFFIN

TOMMY WHITE







*Seniors*



# SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



WESLEY DOLES - - - - - President  
 BARBARA WILLIAMS - - - - - Vice President  
 LIBBY GRIFFIN - - - - - Secretary  
 PATSY BATTS - - - - - Treasurer

## CLASS MOTTO

"Nothing is impossible  
 to a willing mind."

## CLASS FLOWER

Red Rose

## CLASS COLORS

Red and White

Senior Sponsor

MRS. BRASWELL



PATTIE MAE BATTS

"Patsy"

"Smiles are smiles only when the heart pulls the wire."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 1, 2, 4;  
Beta Club 3, 4; Officer 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3;  
Marshal 3; Bear Trap Staff 4; Class Officer 1, 2,  
3, 4.

DONALD BREWER COBB

"Frenchie"

"Let every man be master of his time til seven at night."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 4; Officer 1, 2, 4;  
Chorus 1, 2; Bus Driver 4.

BERTIE LEIGH COOKE

"Bert"

"So little done - so much to do."

4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 4; Basketball 2, 3; Safety  
Patrol 1, 2, 3.

ANITA RUTH DAVIS

"Nita"

"The best things come in small packages."

FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3,  
4; Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Beta  
Club 3, 4; Officer 4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Basket-  
ball 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Lawyer 4.

WESLEY BARNES DOLES, JR.

"Spike"

"The trouble with men is women."

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Football 4;  
Student Council 1; Beta Club 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 3, 4; Marshal 3;  
Key Club 3, 4.

JAMES DONALD EASON

"Duck"

"Everything will happen to everybody sooner or  
later if there's time enough."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 4; Key Club 3, 4; Officer  
4; Bus Driver 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2.

SARAH ELLA EDWARDS

"Root"

"What I don't know will fill a book."

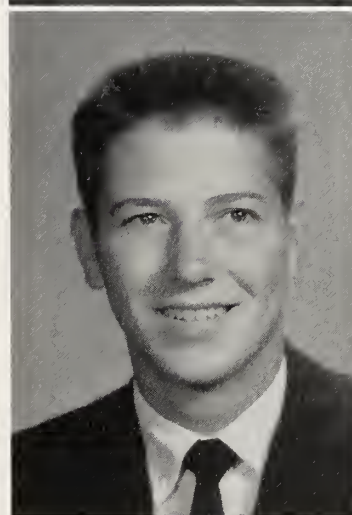
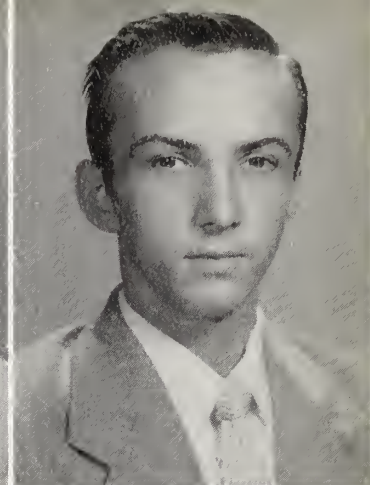
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 2, 3,  
4; Bear Trap Staff 4.

REBECCA ANN FARMER

"Beck"

"A sunny temper gilds the edges of life's blackest  
cloud."

Class Officer 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1;  
Beta Club 3, 4; Marshal 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4,  
Student Council 1; Girls' State 3; Safety Patrol  
1.







JOYCE ELAINE GILLARS

"Jo"

"We are easily fooled by those whom we love."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 3; Ensemble 3, 4; Sextette 2.

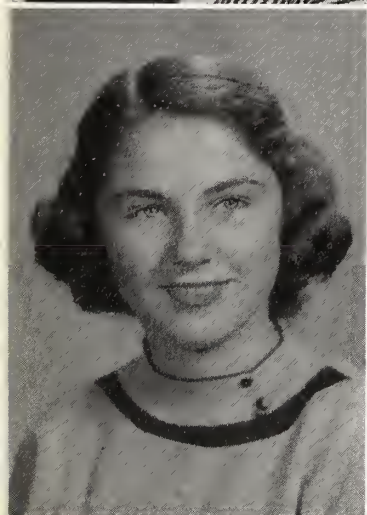


ANNIE LOUISE GOOCH

"Weesie"

"She watches him as a cat would watch a mouse."

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4.



MONTRESS DELL GREENE

"Monkey"

"Wit and humor belong to genius alone."

Beta Club 3, 4; Chorus 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Student Council 3; Officer 3; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3.

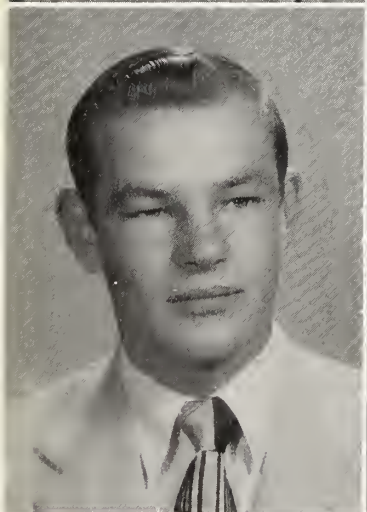


ELIZABETH ANN GRIFFIN

"Libby"

"Bait the hook well; this fish will bite."

Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 4; Chorus 1, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2, 3; Co-Captain 4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Most Outstanding Athlete Award 2, 3; Cheerleader 3, 4.

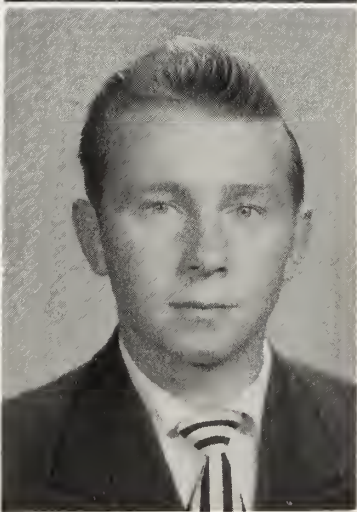


HOLTON BERT HAMM

"Country"

"All good things must come to an end."

FFA 1, 2, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 4.



JUSTICE GRADY HARDISON, JR.

"Sweet Pea"

"When you cannot do as you wish, you must act as you can."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2; 4-H Club 1, 2, 4; Officer 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Baseball 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 4.



CHARLES BERNICE HATHAWAY

"Halfway"

"I have laid aside my lesson and a-court-in."

FFA 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 3, 4; 4-H Club 4; Bus Driver 4.



Not Pictured:

RUFUS HAWLEY



BARBARA ANN JACKSON

"Bobbie"

"To forget a wrong is the best revenge."

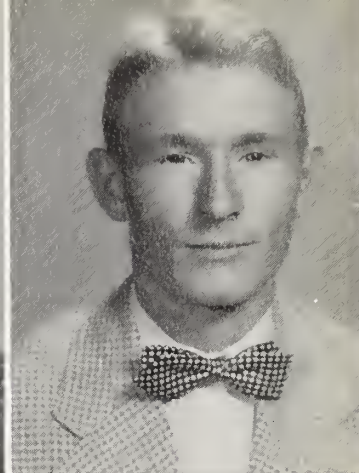
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Officer 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4;  
FHA 1, 2, 4; Officer 2, 4; Class Officer 1; 3; Bear  
Trap Staff 4; Marshal 3; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3;  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4.

EARL HOWARD JONES

"Fish"

"Book learning and common sense are two different  
topics."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4.



PATTIE LOUISE JOYNER

"Pat"

"Love is the pass key to the heart."

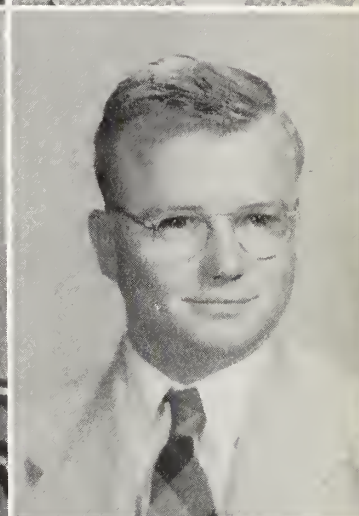
Chorus 1; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3.

SHELBY GLEN LANGLEY

"Preacher"

"Men of few words are the best men."

FFA 1, 2; 4-H Club 2.



CELIA FAYE LUCAS

"Sparkie"

"A loving heart is the truest wisdom."

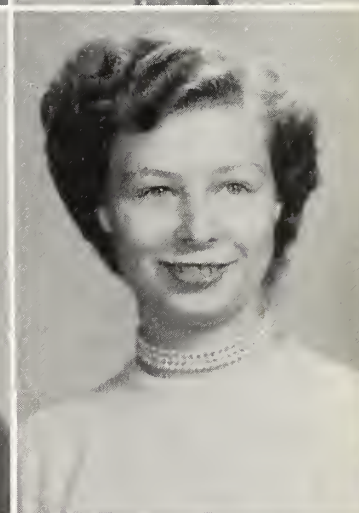
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4; Beta Club 3, 4; Student Council 1; Class Officer  
2; Marshal 3.

MONA GREY MATTHEWS

"Gay"

"Nothing is as silly as silly laughter."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Officer 4; Cheer-  
leader 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4;  
Officer 3; Student Council 4; Bear Trap Staff 4;  
Safety Patrol 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2.



DAVID PETE MOORE

"Pete"

"We cannot all do all things."

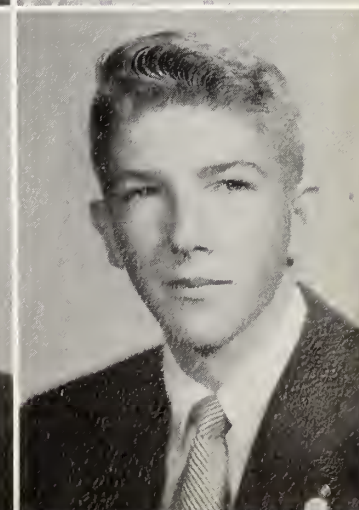
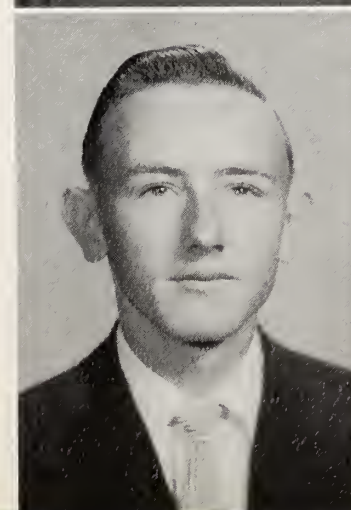
4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 4.

VICTOR DOUGLAS RACKLEY

"Vic"

"Let every man look before he leaps."

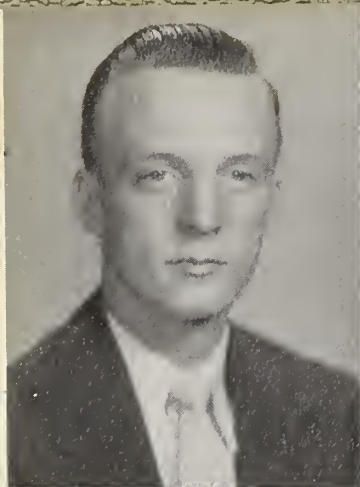
Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 4; 4-H Club 1,  
2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; Baseball 2, 3, 4;  
Football 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Officer  
3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Bus Driver 4.



Not Pictured:

MARVIN HAWLEY





WILLIAM WARREN SESSOMS

"Thaddeus"

"Better late than never."

Bus Driver 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



FRANCES MAHETIBEL TAYLOR

"Frank"

"The heart will break, yet broken live on."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; Girls' Trio 1; Ensemble 4.

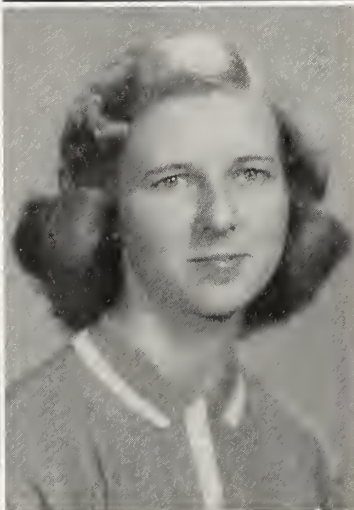


MARIAN THOMAS TAYLOR

"Teensy"

"Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 3; Safety Patrol 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Class Officer 1, 2, 3.



ELIZABETH ANN TURNER

"Turner"

"To err is human, to forgive divine."

Chorus 1, 3, 4; Class Officer 1; Student Council 1; Safety Patrol 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3; 4-H Club 1.



ELEANOR JOYCE VIVERETTE

"Jordy"

"They build too low, who build beneath the stars."

FHA 1, 2; Chorus 1, 2, 4; 4-H Club 4.



LOIS ANN VIVERETTE

"Sissy"

"What can't be cured must be endured."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4.

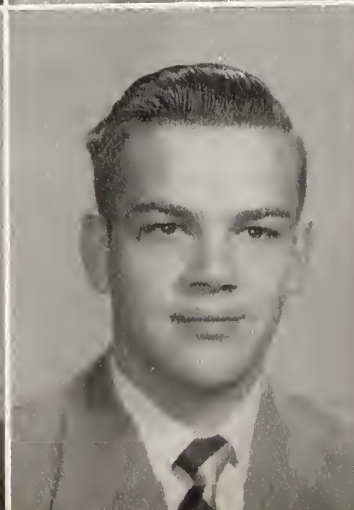


BARBARA ANNE WILLIAMS

"Poochie"

"For my part, I'd tell the truth, and shame the devil."

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Class Officer 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Student Council 3; Chorus 1, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3; Officer of Beta Club 4.



DRUCIE DANIEL WINSTEAD, JR.

"Pat"

"Worry less, work more."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Scorekeeper 1, 2, 3, 4.

Not Pictured:

LORRINE BATCHELOR

# CLASS HISTORY

We, the seniors of Elm City High School, have reached the point where we may look back reminiscently upon the happiest years of our lives. All of us realize that we have journeyed a long way, and we can say that we have enjoyed every minute of it. Now we shall attempt to recall some of those pleasant and unforgettable memories.

In 1951, sixty excited freshmen entered into a new world--high school. We were an eager and enthusiastic group ready to explore this new world. Our sponsors were Mrs. Braswell and Mr. Fussell. Ann Turner and Anita Davis were our class presidents. We plunged whole-heartedly into the activities of the school. We elected Marian Taylor and Libby Griffin as our permanent Student Council representatives. Our social event for that year was our class wiener roast which was held at Gold Park. Shall we ever forget all the rain that poured down on us and those hot dogs?

In our sophomore year, for reasons we knew not, only forty-four returned. We were placed under the guidance of Mrs. Braswell and Miss Bland. As class presidents we elected Marian Taylor and Anita Davis. Again our class wiener roast was our important social event. We really had a swell time at Riverside Park in Rocky Mount. By the way, not a drop of rain fell!

With anticipation and determination, we began our junior year, for we knew we had a year of great activity before us. Our class was even smaller that year--only thirty-four. Our sponsors were Mrs. Braswell and Mr. Odom. After electing Barbara Jackson and Wesley Doles as our class presidents, we began our junior year with a bang. Shall we ever forget fishing in that icy water for coca-colas at the concession stand trying to make money for the junior-senior banquet and prom? As evidence of our achievements as juniors, we have fond memories of the wonderful junior-senior prom developed around the theme "Easter Parade." Did we have fun decorating? Many of us will long remember the swell wiener roast at Recreation Park in Wilson. At the end of the year, averages showed Patsy Batts to be the chief marshal. Close behind were Rebecca Farmer, Anita Davis, Barbara Jackson, Faye Lucas, and Wesley Doles. The night of graduation, with sadness in our hearts, we watched the seniors as they marched out for the last time, somehow realizing that our senior year would pass too soon. None of us will ever forget that candle-light ceremony and those candles that just seemed to shake by themselves.

With swelling hearts we, the Senior Class of '54, moved into our final year striving to mold a fitting climax to our high school career. We were combined into one class that final year with Mrs. Braswell, who has seen us through all four years as our sponsor. We began to look around early for those who had proven to be worthy leaders and chose Wesley Doles, Barbara Williams, Libby Griffin, and Patsy Batts as our class officers. Choosing Anita Davis and Pat Winstead as team captains, we were soon engaged in the Crowell-Collier magazine campaign. Pat proved to be the best salesman. Our senior play, "Seventeen Is Awfully Young," presented November 19, turned out to be a great success. With great concern and consideration we selected the BEAR TRAP Staff and the senior superlatives. December 18 was the date of our junior-senior banquet and prom. With the Christmas theme in mind, it proved to be a wonderful occasion. Our Washington trip planned for April 25 has been a long anticipated one. Will that day ever come?

Realizing that we are on the threshold of the future, we, the class of '54, stand ready for those long awaited diplomas. To those who have helped make these past four years happy ones, I, on behalf of the Senior Class, take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation and say that you have left a dent on us. As we go through life to bigger and better things, I know that for many of us the years we spent at Elm City High School will be remembered as the happiest four years of our lives.

LIBBY GRIFFIN, Historian



# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

## ARTICLE I

We, the senior class of 1954 of the Elm City High School, after having labored so industriously for twelve years to obtain our goal which is now in sight, do declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

## ARTICLE II

To our Superintendent, Mr. Fugate, and to every member of the High School faculty, we leave our sincere appreciation and thanks for the wisdom and guidance they have imparted to us during the past four years.

To the rising senior class, we leave our memories of one of the happiest years of our lives.

To the sophomores, we say "keep trying."

To the "green" freshmen go our wishes for a happy four years of high school.

## ARTICLE III

Now for the personal bestowals which, we hope, will benefit each recipient.

Patsy Batts leaves her 95 average to Billy Sharpe and asks him to please improve his own.

Don Cobb leaves to "Happy" Robbins his ability to change girls at least every two months.

Bertie Leigh Cooke leaves her ability to get typing problems in on time to her sister, Pearline.

Anita Davis wishes to leave her 5' to Peggy Brice in the hope that it won't hinder her basketball playing too much.

Marvin Robbins will be glad to learn that he is receiving Wesley Doles' crew-cut.

Donald Eason leaves his distaste for shopwork to Billy Sharpe.

Sarah Edwards wills her love for tall boys to Peggy Quinn.

Rebecca Farmer's love for studying goes to Elmer Farmer.

Joyce Gillars wills her position as head cheerleader to Margaret Williams in the hope that

Margaret will enjoy it as much as she has.

To Rebecca Winstead goes Louise Gooch's height.

Montress Greene leaves her basketball suit and seat on the bench to her sister, Martha.

Libby Griffin leaves her love for basketball to her sister, "Little Girl."

Holton Hamm wills his ability to get along with the teachers to Tom Griffin.

Justice Hardison would like to leave his position as basketball and football co-captains to John Lloyd Sharpe.

Charles Hathaway leaves his "cat-cut" to Abram Winstead.

Rufus Hawley leaves his height to Ray Bullock.

Barbara Jackson leaves all the 95's she never made in Geometry to her brother, "Buster."

Earl Jones leaves his blond hair to anyone who wants it.

Pattie Joyner wills her tininess to Blessin Thorne.

Shelby Langley leaves his typing ability to Linwood Weeks.

Faye Lucas leaves her quietness to Frances Joyner.

Mona Grey Matthews and Marian Taylor leave their giggles to Theodore Pridgen.

David Moore leaves his "little" used, "much" abused physics book to Carroll Dixon.

Victor Rackley leaves his indifference to pretty girls to Herman Vaughan.

To James Roy Farmer goes Warren Sessoms' ability to get caught for speeding.

Frances Taylor leaves her place as second soprano in ensemble to Lois Wiggins.

Ann Turner wishes for Wallace Troutman to receive her talkativeness.

Joyce Viverette leaves her natural curls to Faye Vaughan.

Lois Viverette leaves her love for physics to George Parker.

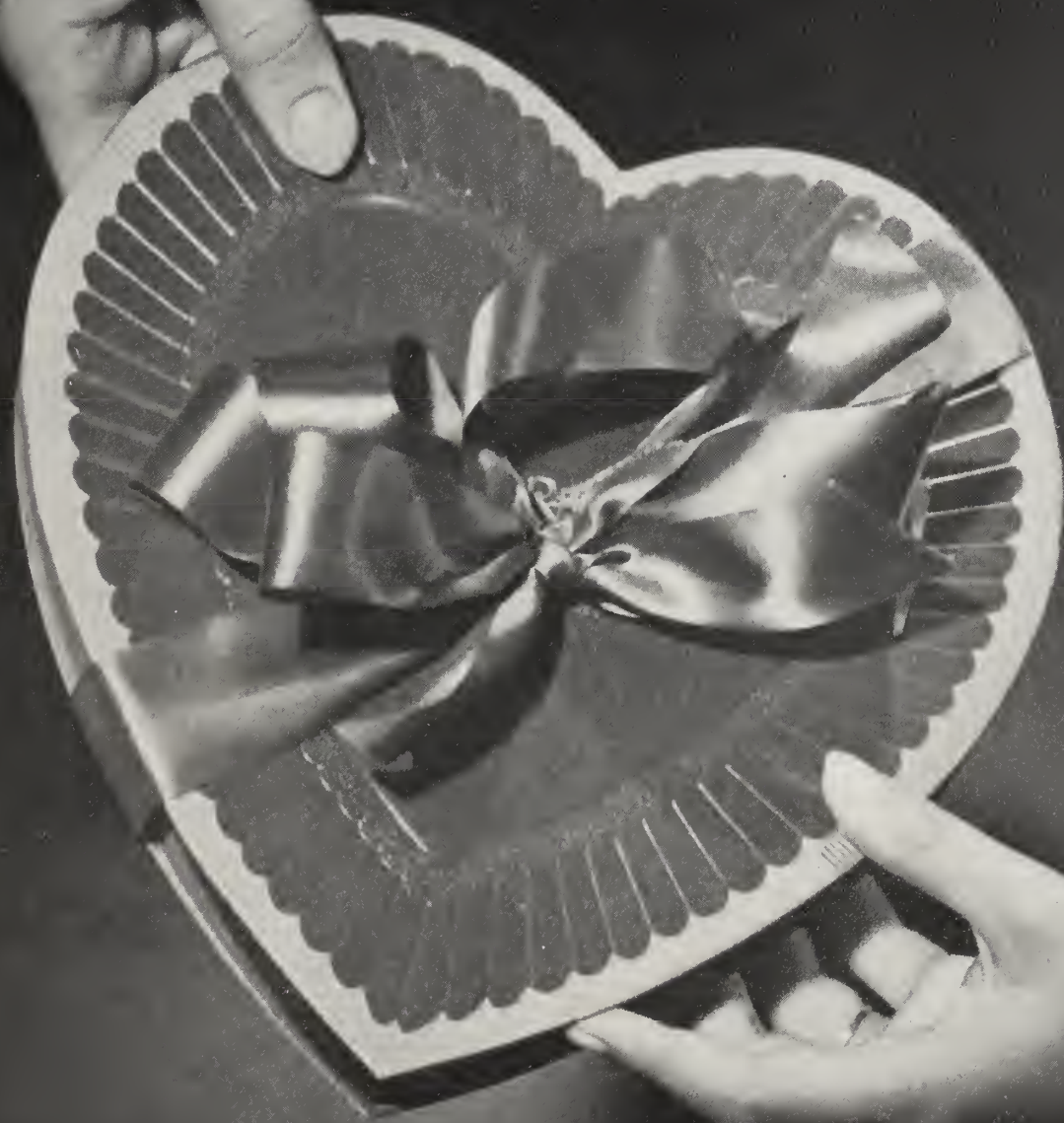
Barbara Williams wishes for her brother, Vernon, to receive her good grades.

Pat Winstead leaves his ability to hit low notes to Tommie White.

## ARTICLE IV

Whereas we, the class of 1954, have been successful in our attempt to graduate and realize that our high school days will soon be over, I, the Testatrix, so hereby set our seal upon this day the 25th of May, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred fifty-four.

Anita Davis, Testatrix



*Favorites*





Most Courteous  
ANITA DAVIS  
SHELBY LANGLEY



Best Dressed  
JOYCE GILLARS  
VICTOR RACKLEY



Best-All-Round  
BARBARA WILLIAMS  
WESLEY DOLES

Most Talented  
BARBARA JACKSON  
JUSTICE HARDISON



Most Likely to Succeed  
PATSY BATTS  
PAT WINSTEAD







Most Athletic  
LIB GRIFFIN  
JUSTICE HARDISON



Most Studious  
REBECCA FARMER  
EARL JONES



Best-Looking  
JOYCE GILLARS  
VICTOR RACKLEY

Most Dependable  
PATSY BATTS  
EARL JONES

Most Popular  
LIB GRIFFIN  
WESLEY DOLES





# 1954 CLASS PROPHECY

Looking into the future, I can see the thirty-two seniors of 1954 representing many different walks of life. Now let me gaze deeper into my crystal ball and present them one by one to you:

Patsy Batts is busy teaching vocational guidance at Rocky Mount High School.

Mrs. Warren Proctor, the former Bertie Leigh Cooke, is keeping house for her husband. The same goes for Mrs. Bruce Batchelor.

I see Justice still struggling at Carolina. He said that if he got in, he planned to study; and he seems to still be at it.

As I gaze deeper into my crystal ball, I see Pattie Joyner, Frances Taylor, Joyce Gillars and Faye Lucas busily typing for Durham Life Insurance Co. Looking closer I can also see Montress Greene taking dictation for the president of a huge firm in New York.

Again I see a Trans-World Airliner about to take off from the National Airport and the wee passenger struggling aboard! None other than Anita Davis who all these years has longed for a trip around the world.

Is that Sarah Edwards in a patrol car? Sure! She is teaching driving at Elm City.

Now I can see plainly Louise Gooch and Barbara Anne Williams at their double wedding--two beautiful brides, meeting--at the altar.

Alas--I no longer see Miss Bass and Mrs. Simpson at Elm City High, but in their respective places Wesley Doles and Rebecca Farmer--and look at Libby Griffin--Director of Physical Education at Charles L. Coon.

A newspaper keeps passing my eyes and here is what I can make out!  
"Hollywood Column"

Mona Grey Matthews and Marian "Teensy" Taylor are giving a repeat performance of the "Charleston" in Chicago! Tickets will be on sale in advance. They seem to be well underway to stardom!

Although he has gotten a little fat and somewhat bald, I can see Charles Hathaway still trying to make a success at "bop-dancing."

Earl Jones has also hit the headlines. It seems that he is now a well-known tobacco farmer. He has Marvin and Rufus Hawley as his partners.

A telephone operator keeps coming into view--Now I can see who it is--None other than Lois Ann Viverette.

Holton Hamm can now be seen at his own theater--"Hamm's-Drive-In."

Peering deeper I can see an old friend of mine. Joyce Viverette. I could spot that blond anywhere. What is it she is doing? Who is the audience? Why, she is entertaining troops. Just think, she got her start in the senior play.

Barbara Jackson, Attorney-at-Law, Elm City, North Carolina. Well! What do you know!

My crystal ball is getting a little blurred but I can see a huge cadillac. Yes, it is David Moore and Warren Sessoms. I guess they are in car business now.

Don Cobb and Donald Eason are stopping before a judges stand. Let me listen and find out what is going on. The judge is handing them a trophy for the greatest speed made in a "hot-rod."

Professor Victor Rackley is replacing his mother at Sharpsburg.

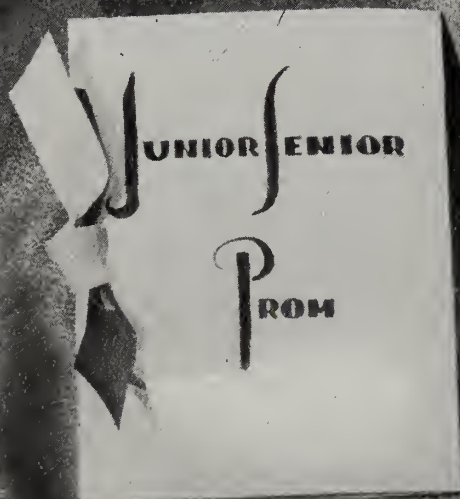
Shelby Langley is sitting behind a desk. I had never pictured him off the farm, but my crystal ball certainly couldn't be lying.

Pat Winstead is in his own Drug Store. His job--filling prescriptions.

As for me, I have received my college degree and now I have a job as columnist on a newspaper.

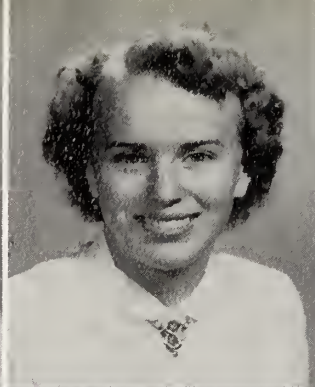
Time marches on!

Ann Turner, Prophet

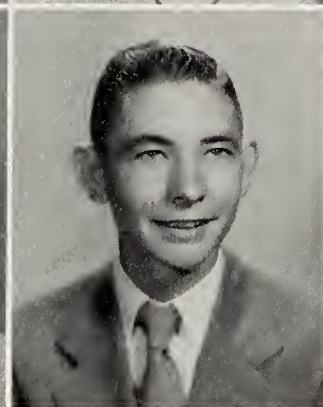
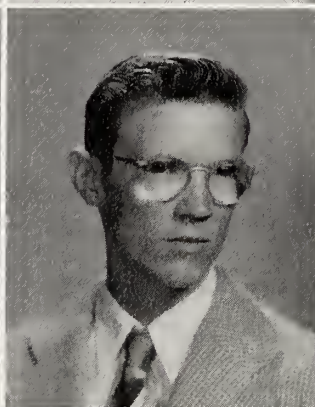


*Juniors*

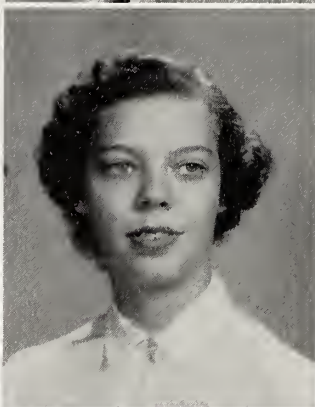




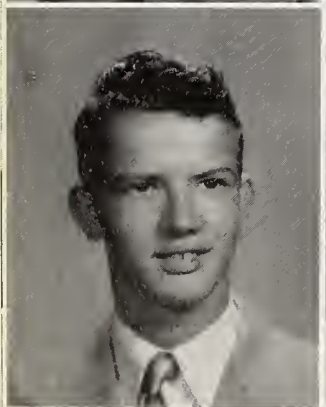
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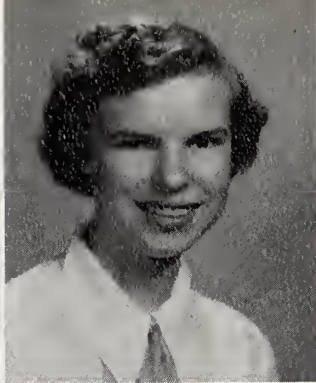
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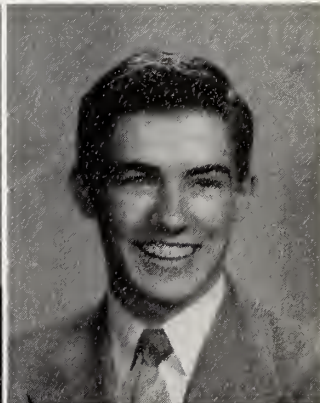
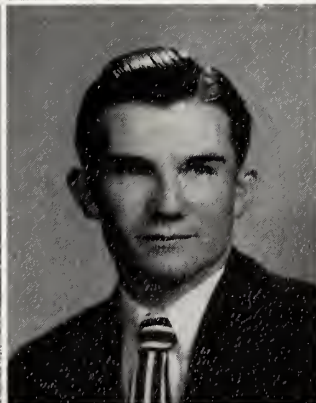
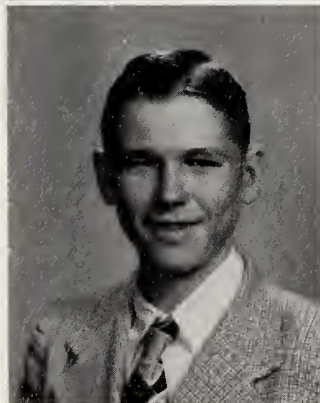
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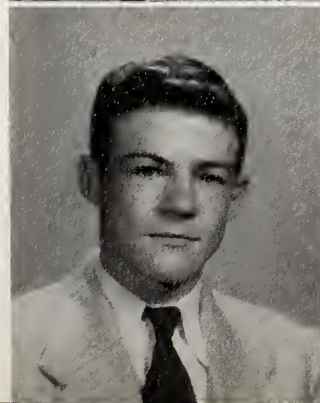
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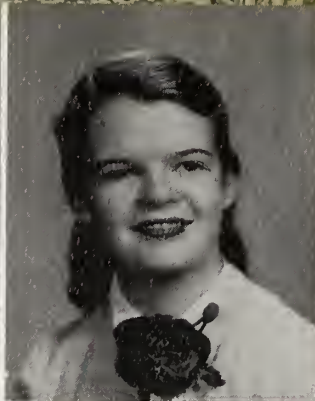
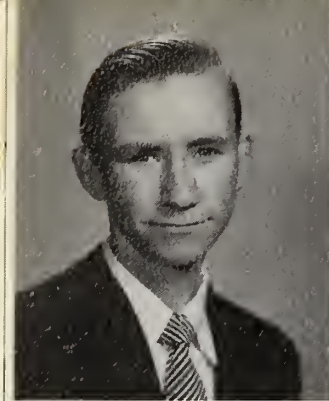
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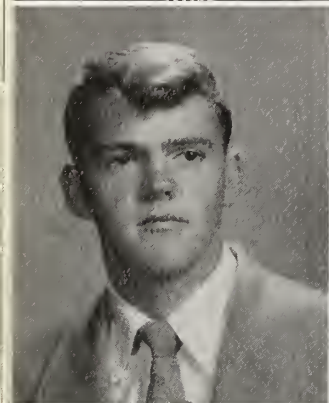
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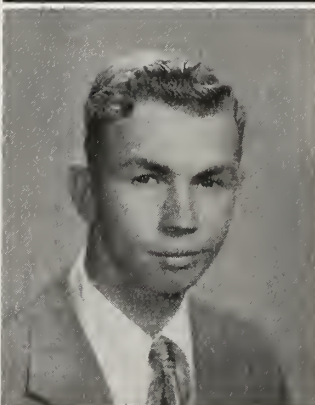
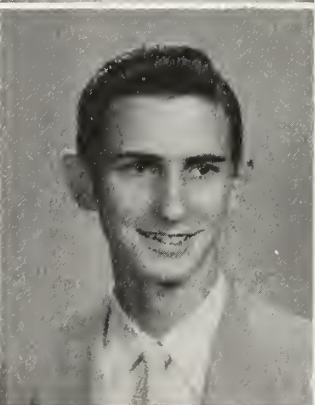
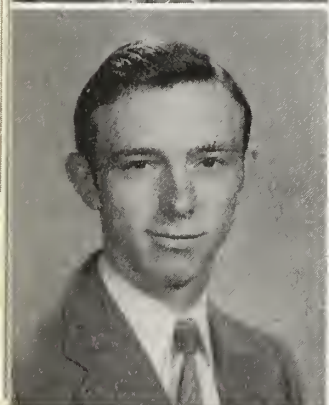




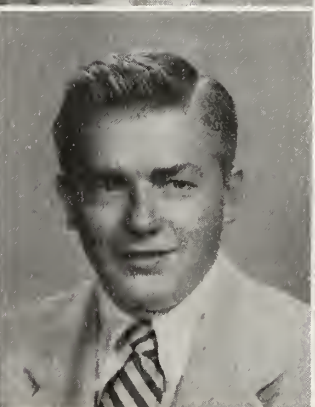
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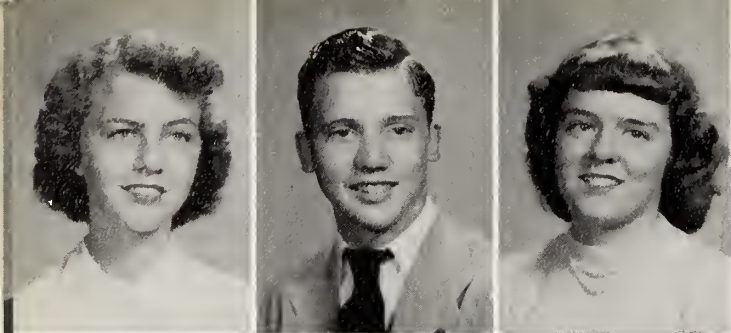


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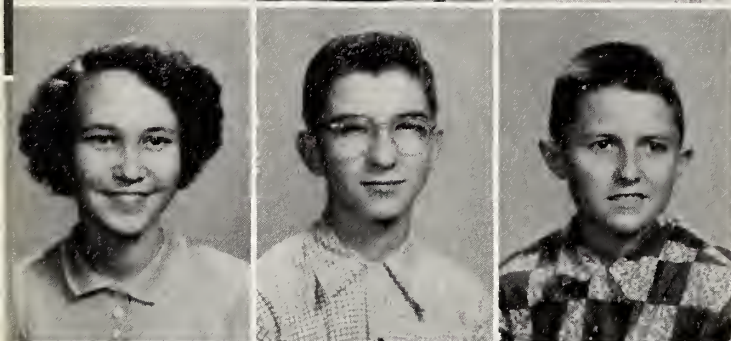


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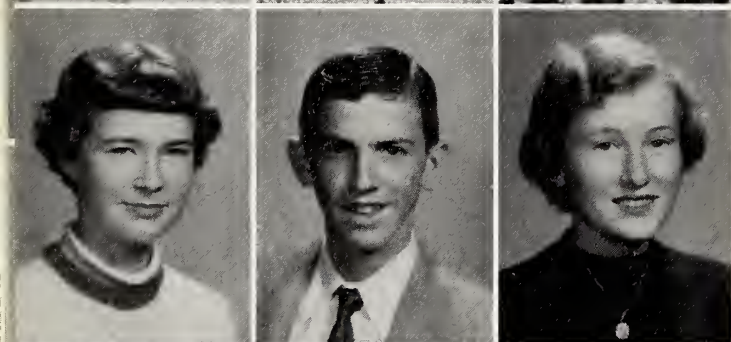




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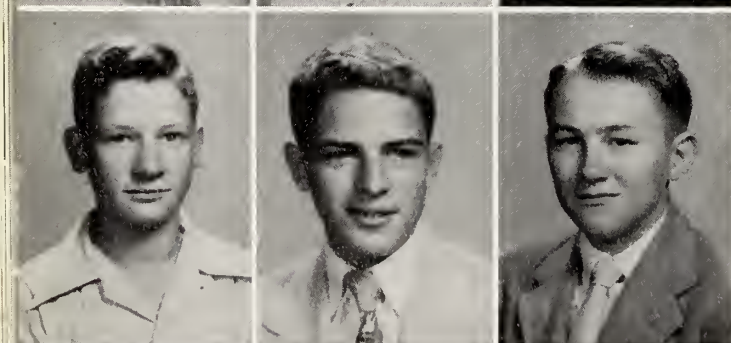
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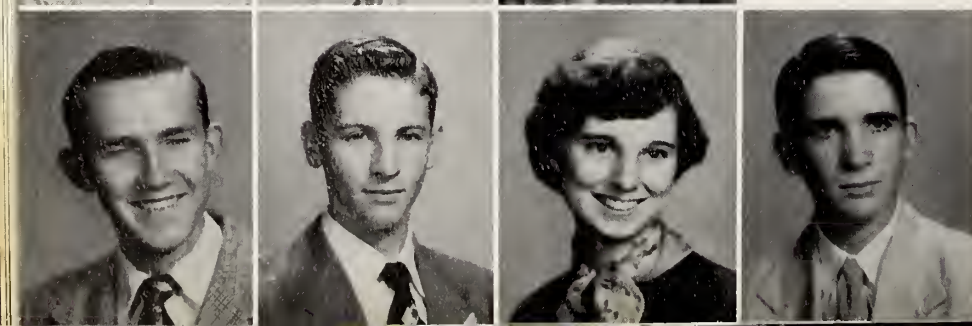
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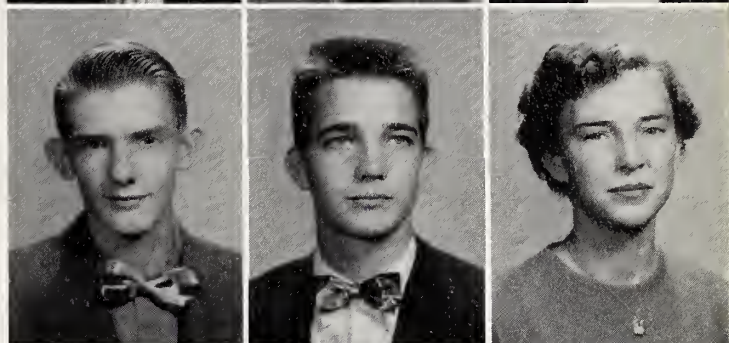


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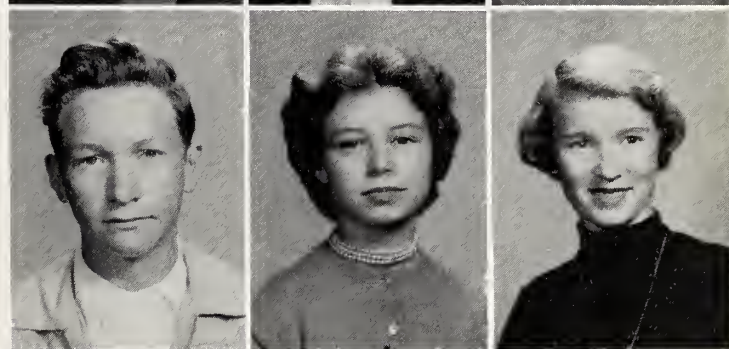
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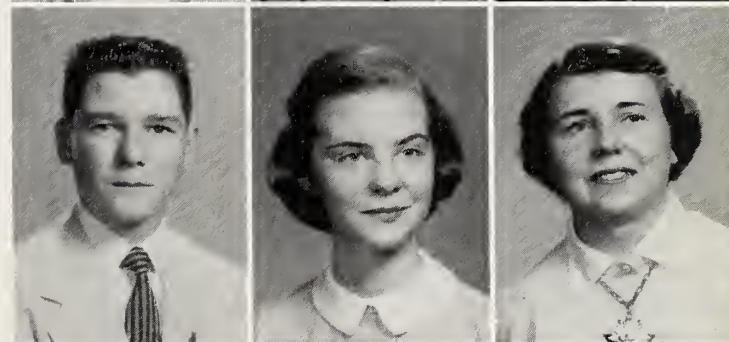
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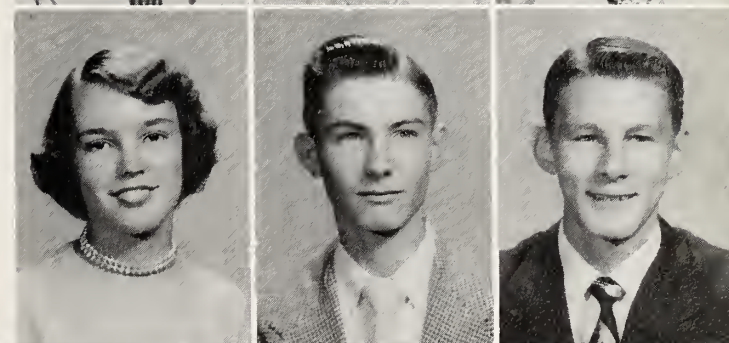
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Lois Wiggins  
Cleo Whitehead  
Redman Winstead





# SOPHOMORES NOT PICTURED

Douglas Ballance

Tommy Batts

Linwood Cobb

Herbert Dawes

Clyde Griffin

Wilbur Jackson

Joe Jones

Randolph Matthews

Owen Owens

Louis Partain

Theodore Pridgen

Linwood Walston

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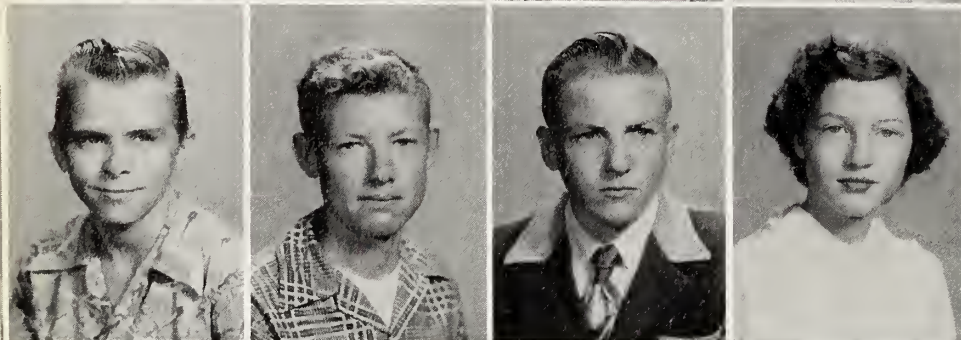


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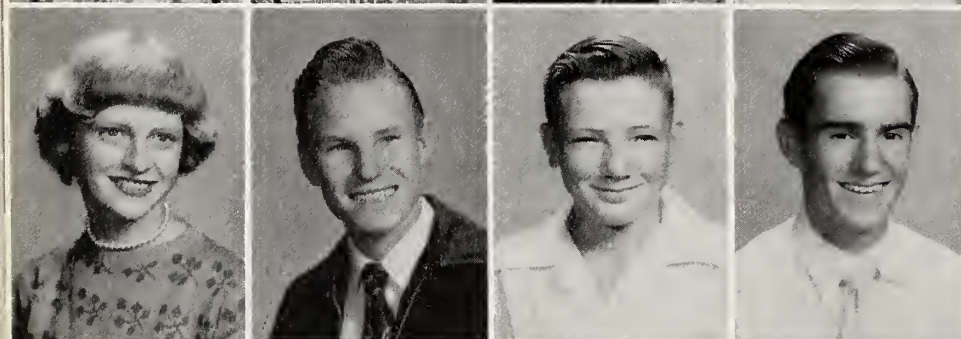




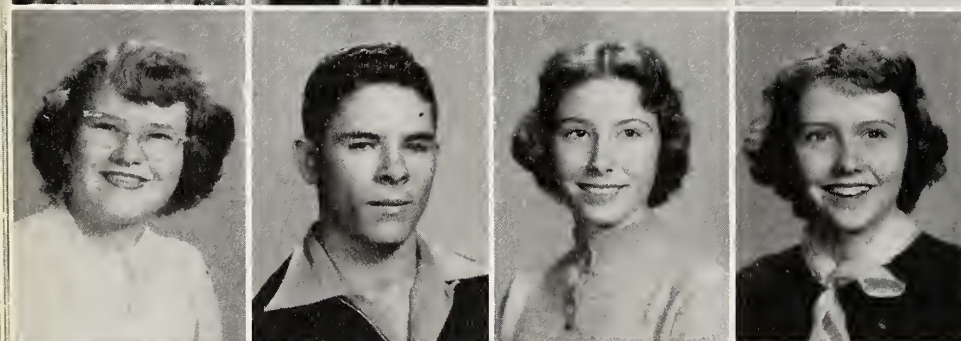
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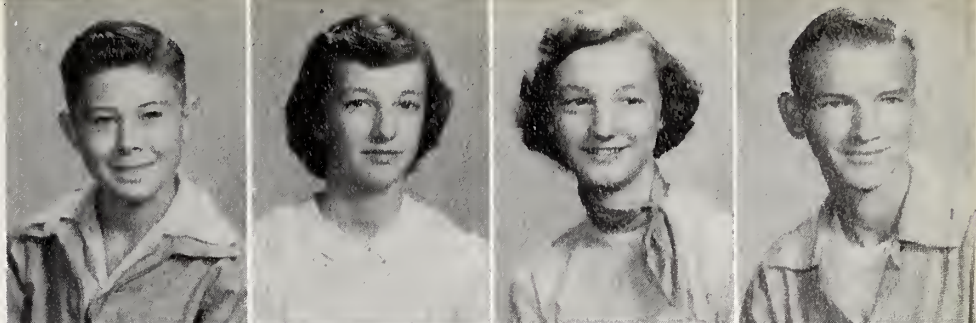
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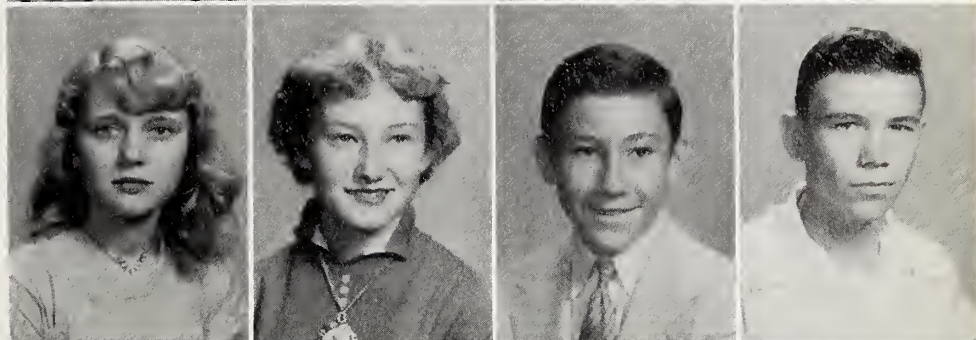
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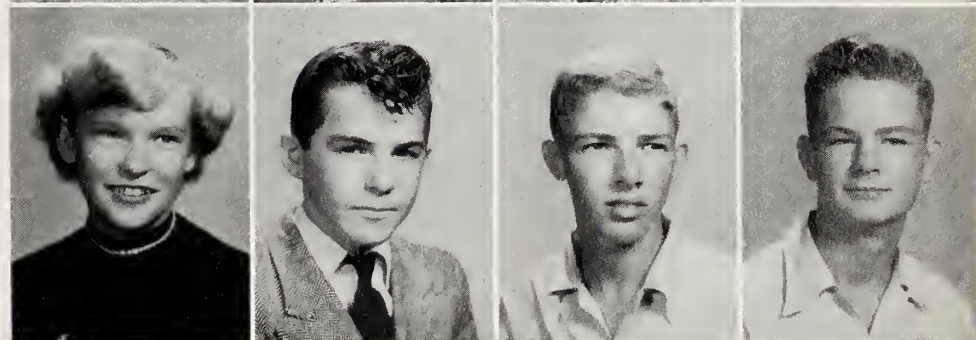
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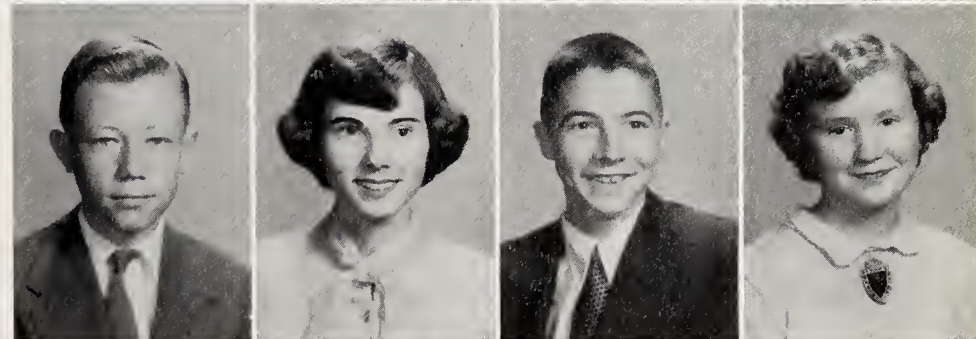
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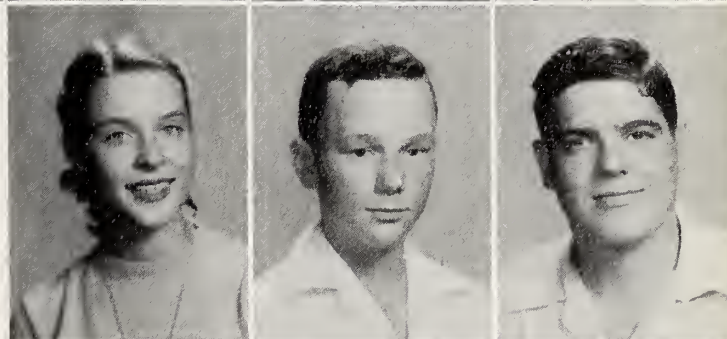
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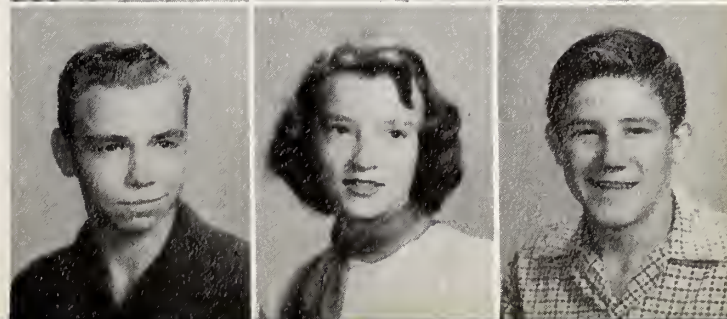
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Doris Webb



Nancy Jo Whitehead  
George Williams  
Bruce Williams



Elijah Williams  
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## EIGHTH GRADE





# WHO'S WHO?



SCHOOL DAYS  
1943-44

School Days  
1941-42

SCHOOL DAYS  
1945-46







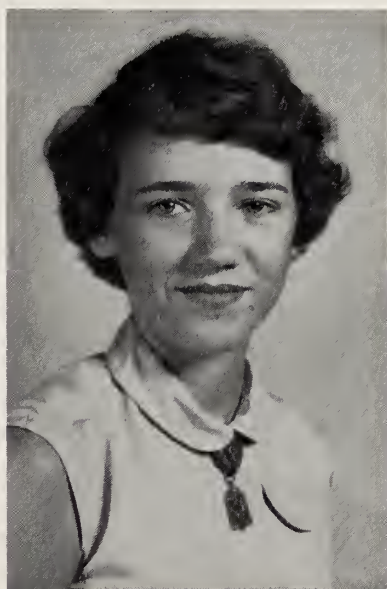


Commencement Marshals 1953

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FAYE LUCAS

BARBARA JACKSON  
WESLEY DOLES

PATSY BATTS  
REBECCA FARMER



ELIZABETH ANN GRIFFIN

Winner of the 1953 American  
Legion Athletic Award



ELIZABETH ANN TURNER

Winner of the 1953 Speech  
Award

## HONORS



## FAMILIAR SCENES



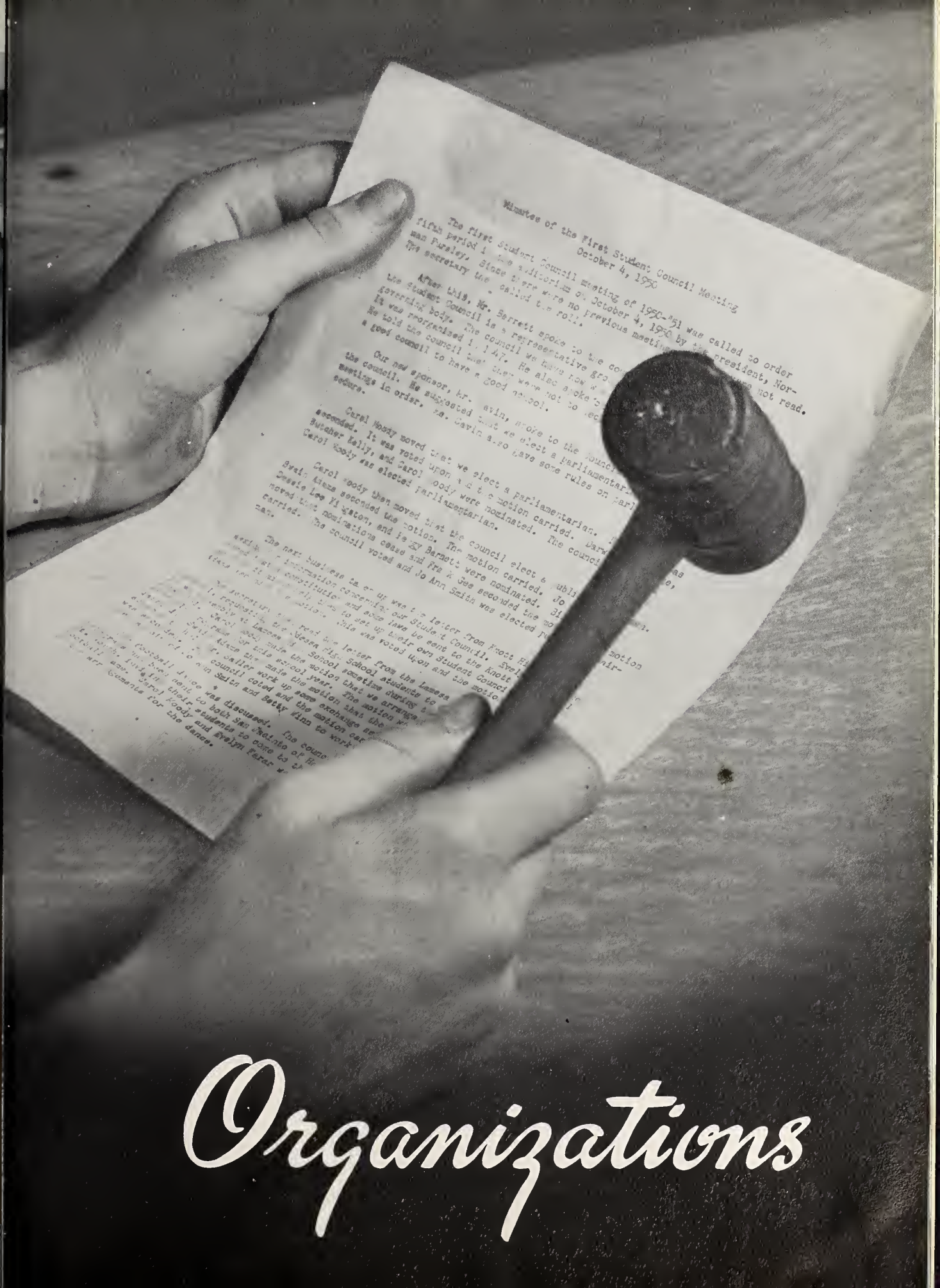












Minutes of the First Student Council Meeting  
October 4, 1950

The first Student Council meeting of 1950-51 was called to order by the president, Norman Purley, since there were no previous meetings. The secretary the called the roll.

After this, Mr. Barrett spoke to the council. He said that the Student Council is a representative governing body. The council we have now was organized in 1947. He also spoke to the council that they were not to be a good council to have a good school.

Our new sponsor, Mr. Smith, spoke to the council. He suggested that we elect a parliamentary system. He also spoke to the council that we should have some rules on parliamentary.

Carol Moody moved that we elect a parliamentary system. It was voted upon and the motion carried. Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kelly, and Carol Moody were elected parliamentary.

Carol Moody then moved that the council elect a public body. It was voted upon and the motion carried. Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kelly, and Carol Moody were elected public body. The council then moved that the council elect a public body. It was voted upon and the motion carried. Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kelly, and Carol Moody were elected public body.

The next business to be done was to read a letter from the Student Council. The letter was read and the council then moved that the council elect a public body. It was voted upon and the motion carried. Mr. Barrett, Mr. Kelly, and Carol Moody were elected public body.

# Organizations





## STUDENT COUNCIL

President, Victor Rackley; Secretary, Libby Griffin; Georgia Ann Farmer, Mary Hays Pleasants, Faye Vaughan, Janice Pridgen, Peggy Davis, Ann Owens, Marian Taylor, Barbara Jackson, Miss Bland, Susie Garner, Patsy Fleming, Nancy Jo Whitehead, Frances Taylor, Mona Grey Matthews, Louise Winstead, Joyce Farmer, Mrs. Farmer, Boyd, Sharpe, John Lloyd Sharpe, Linwood Weeks, Dick Tyson, Grady Jackson, Jack Sharpe. Absent: Billy Strickland.

## BETA CLUB

President, Barbara Jackson; Vice President, Louise Winstead; Secretary, Barbara Williams; Treasurer, Mona Grey Matthews; Program Chairman, Patsy Batts; Reporter, Anita Davis; Betty Jean Davis, Georgia Ann Farmer, Betty Smith, Wesley Doles, Rebecca Farmer, Montress Greene, Faye Lucas, Peggy Quinn.





#### Bus Drivers

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HOLTON HAMM  
WARREN SESSOMS  
LINWOOD WEEKS  
VICTOR RACKLEY  
ANN TURNER  
BILLY FLOWERS  
JUSTICE HARDISON  
DONALD EASON  
DON COBB  
BILLY SHARPE  
MARVIN ROBBINS

#### KEY CLUB OFFICERS

President - - - - - Victor Rackley  
Vice President - - - - - Wesley Doles  
Treasurer - - - - - Donald Eason  
Secretary - - - - - Tommy White

#### 4-H CLUB OFFICERS

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Dick Tyson - - - - - Vice President  
Barbara Jackson - - - - - Secretary  
Janice Pridgen - - - - - Reporter  
Montress Greene - - - Prog. Chairman  
Peggy Davis - - - - - Song Leader



# FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA

Libby Griffin-President

Peggy Davis - - - - - Vice President  
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 Betty Jean Davis - - - - - Hostess  
 Joyce Gillars - - - - - Song Leader

Betty Lou Robbins - - - - - Reporter  
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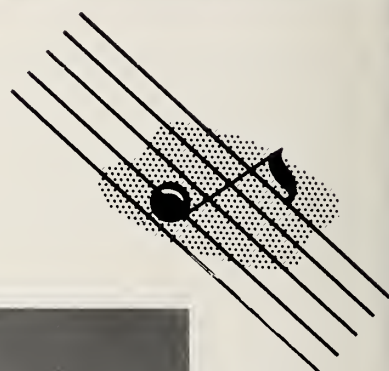
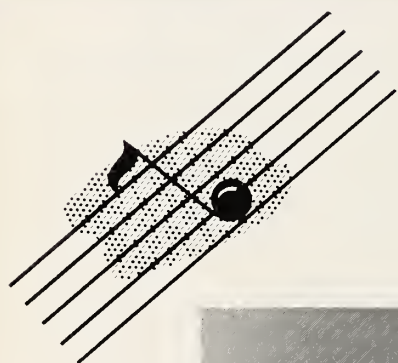
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# *Activities*



## JUNIOR-SENIOR





# BANQUET





# MOTHER-DAUGHTER FATHER-SON BANQUET



# HALLOWEEN SCENES







# *Athletics*





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 RANDOLPH MATTHEWS  
 JOE JONES  
 HOLTON HAMM  
 CARROLL DIXON  
 GLEN FLOWERS  
 CLYDE GRIFFIN  
 JUSTICE HARDISON  
 LINWOOD COBB  
 HERMAN VAUGHN  
 WESLEY DOLES  
 TOMMY WHITE  
 HAPPY ROBBINS  
 GEORGE PARKER  
 GRADY JACKSON  
 Coach - J. T. ODOM  
 Manager - DICK TYSON



## CHEERLEADERS

Chief - JOYCE GILLARS

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MARGARET WILLIAMS	PEARLINE COOKE
NANCY WHITEHEAD	LUCY MATTHEWS
BERTA JO MATTHEWS	FLORA GRIFFIN
LIBBY GRIFFIN	





# BASEBALL TEAM OF 1953



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WESLEY DOLES  
PAT WINSTEAD, Scorekeeper  
J.T. ODOM, Coach  
HAPPY ROBBINS  
JOE JONES  
VICTOR RACKLEY  
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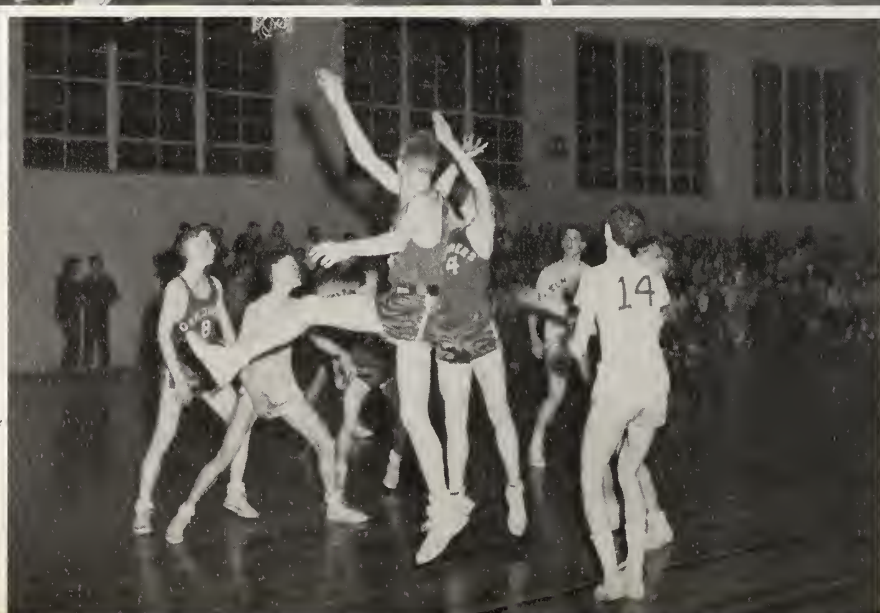




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THOMAS DIXON  
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JOE JONES  
CLYDE GRIFFIN  
BILLY STRICKLAND  
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HOMER ROBBINS

Coach - J. T. ODOM

## BOYS' BASKETBALL



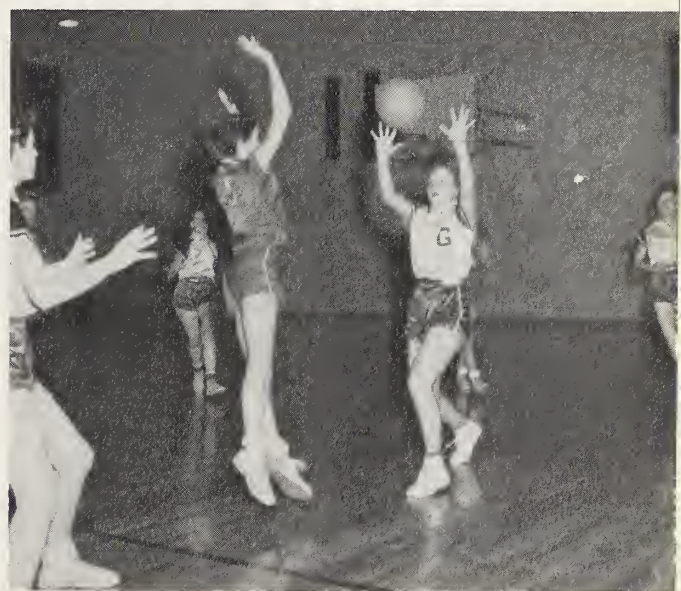


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## GIRLS' BASKETBALL







There were times we thought we wouldn't,

But we finally got it done,

It took a lot of effort,

But we had a lot of fun.

Here it is . . . we hope you

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THE STAFF





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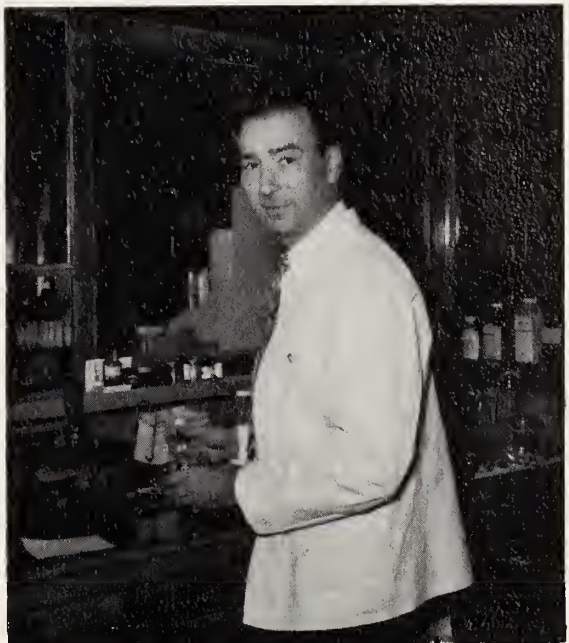
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