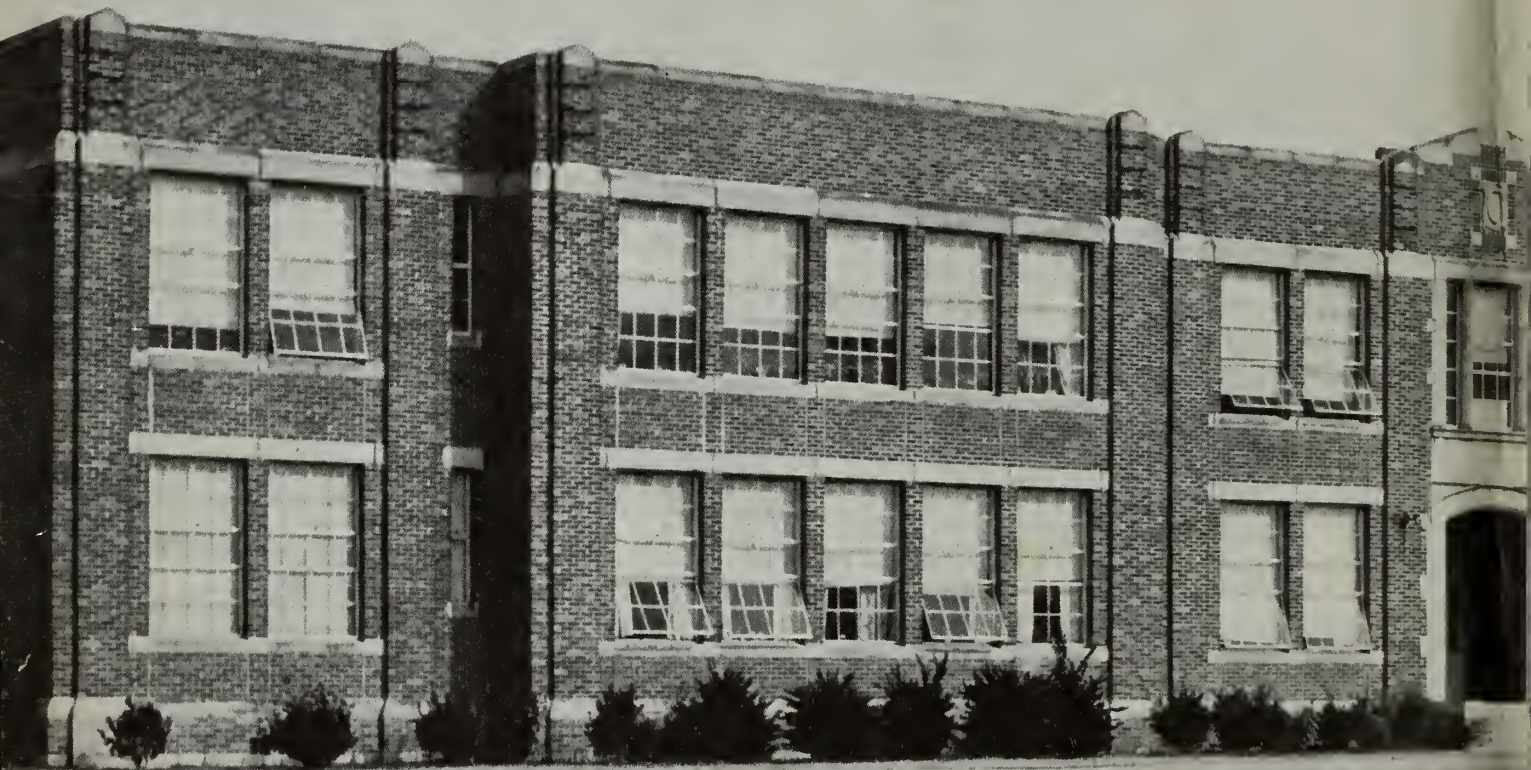


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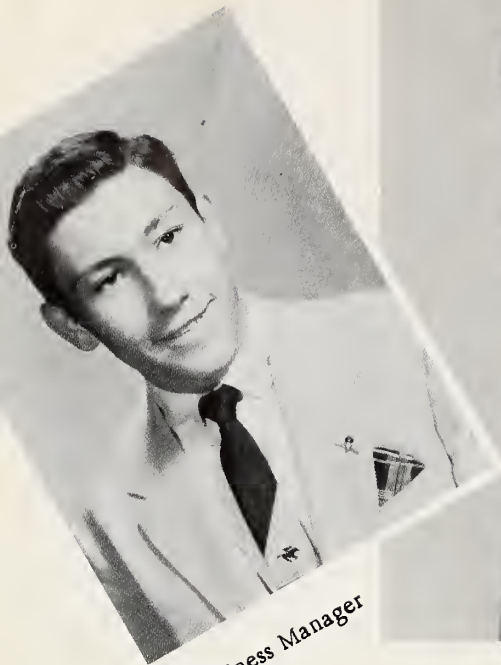
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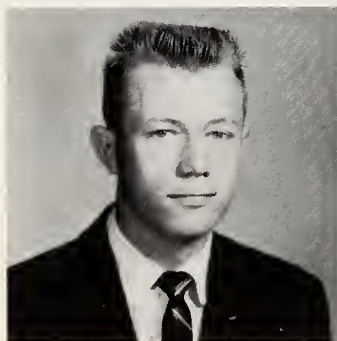
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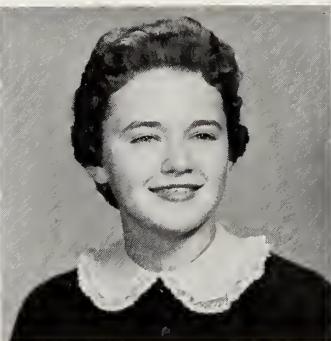
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This dedication is but a very small token of our heartfelt appreciation for the wonderful understanding, guidance, and time that you have given to us.

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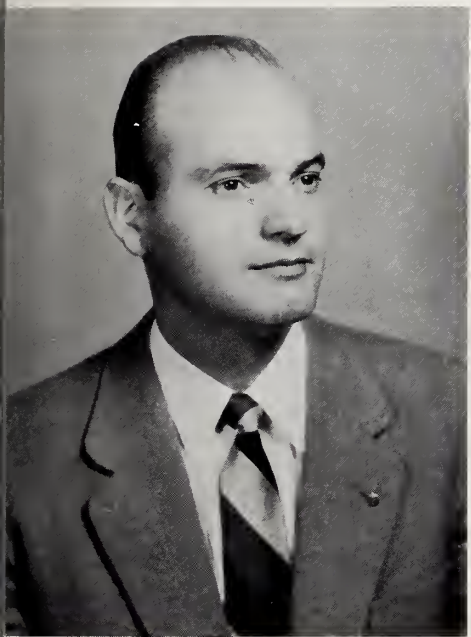




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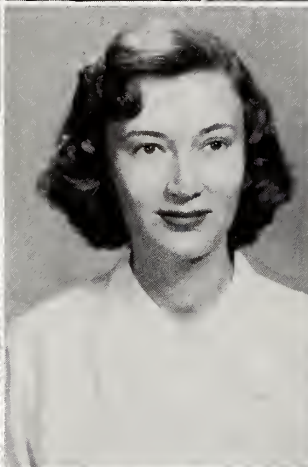
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"Kitty"

"All's fair in love and war."  
Safety Patrol 1, 2; Bear Trap Staff 4;  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4.

CLASS MOTTO  
"I will study and learn;  
Perhaps, my chance will come."

CLASS FLOWER  
Blue Forget-Me-Nots

CLASS COLORS  
Blue and white



LOIS ANN BOYETTE  
"Dane"

"I hate scarce smiles; I love laughing."  
Transferred from Roanoke, Virginia,  
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4; Student Council 2, 3, 4; Safety  
Patrol 2, 3, 4; Superlative 4; Senior  
Play 4; Class Officer 2; Basketball  
1; Cheerleader 4; Bear Trap Staff 4.

CHARLIE FRANCIS DAVIS

"Shorty"

"In every good man, there is some bad; in every bad man, there is some good."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 4, Co-Captain 4; Superlative 4.



JANET DAVIS

"Red"

"Love is the key to happiness; hate is the key to destruction."

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

DORIS SUSANNE DAVIS

"Susie"

"All things come around to him who will but wait."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 4; Student Council 2; Class Officer 1; Superlative 4.



SYLVIA ANN DAVIS

"Tinker"

"Love gives itself, but is not bought."

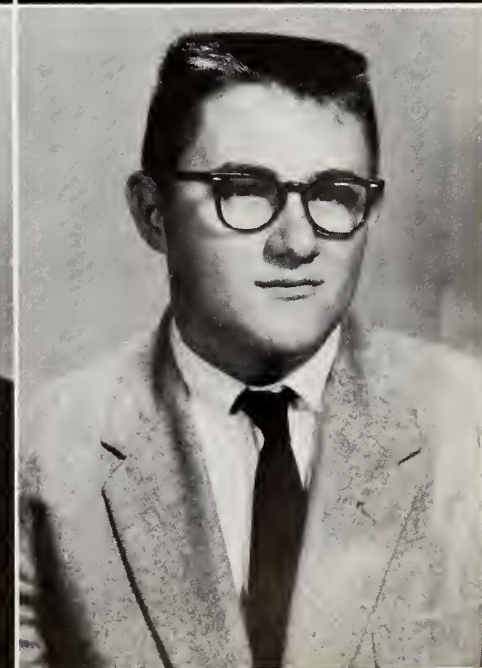
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WILLIE RAY DAWES

"La La"

"Eat, drink, and be merry; tomorrow you might be married."

Chorus 3, 4; Football 4; Senior Play 4; Class Officer 3; Bus Driver 3.

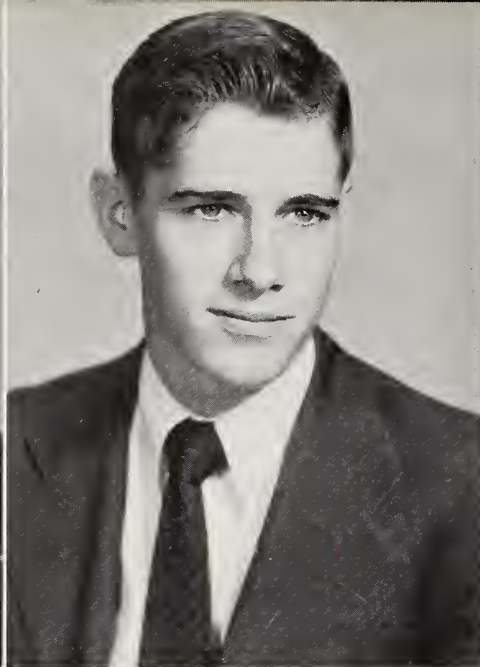


ELMA SPEIGHT FARMER

"Speight"

"Just because you make low grades doesn't mean you're dumb."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Driver 2; Chorus 1, 2; Band 1; Key Club 4; Football 2, 3.



JOYCE ELOISE FARMER

"Jo"

"Life can be wonderful if you want to make it that way."  
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 4; Student Council 1; Safety Patrol 1, 2.

WILLIS RUFFIN FARMER

"Will"

"Let the world spin."  
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.

PATSY MAE FLEMING

"Pat"

"To forget a wrong is the best revenge."

Beta Club 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2, 3; Superlative 4; Senior Play 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Marshal 3; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Ensemble 1; 4-H 1; Choral Festival 3.



SUSAN CORNELIUS GARNER

"Susie"

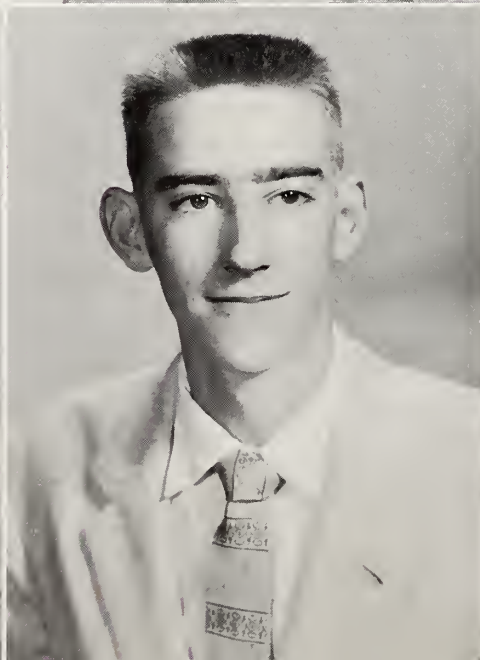
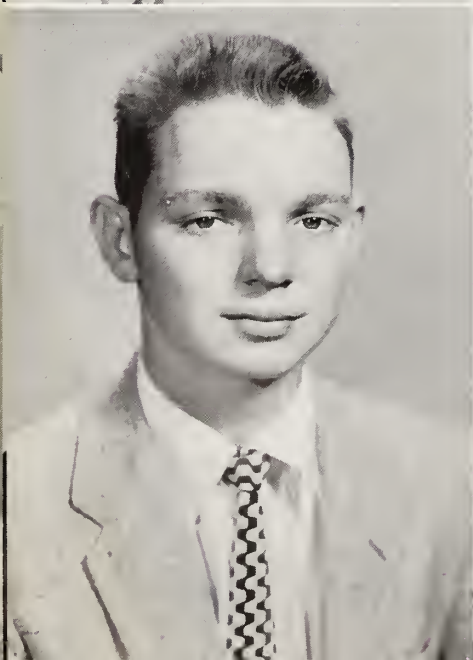
"The greatest comfort - The knowledge that you have done your work well."

Class Officer 1, 2; Student Council 1; Beta Club 3, 4, Officer 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3; Bear Trap Staff 3, 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3; Girls' State 3; Superlative 4; Senior Play 4.

MELVIN LUVERN GARRETT

"Melvin"

"Leave your blood to the Red Cross; not on the highway."  
Bus Driver 3, 4; Chorus 1; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4.



RONALD DOUGLAS HOOKS

"Space Goof"

"A winner never quits; a quitter never wins."  
Bus Driver 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; Superlative 4.

BERRY JUNE JACKSON

"Stonewall"

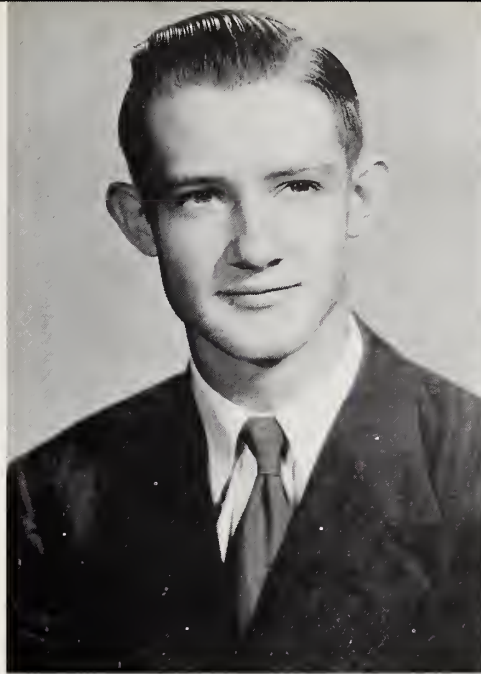
"He who walketh in the presence  
of the Lord shall not walk alone."  
FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.

PEGGY ANN JENKINS

"Peg"

"To grow and know what one is  
growing toward - that is the  
source of all strength and confi-  
dence in life."

Class Officer 3, 4; Student Coun-  
cil 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3,  
4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Marshal 3;  
Superlative 4.



EVELYN DORIS JONES

"Doris"

"To be of use in the world is the  
only way to be happy."  
FHA 1.

LUCY CLYDE PAGE

"Lucy"

"A loving heart is the truest wis-  
dom."

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



MARY ELIZABETH PAGE

"Mary"

"The only reward of virtue is  
virtue, the only way to have a  
friend is to be one."

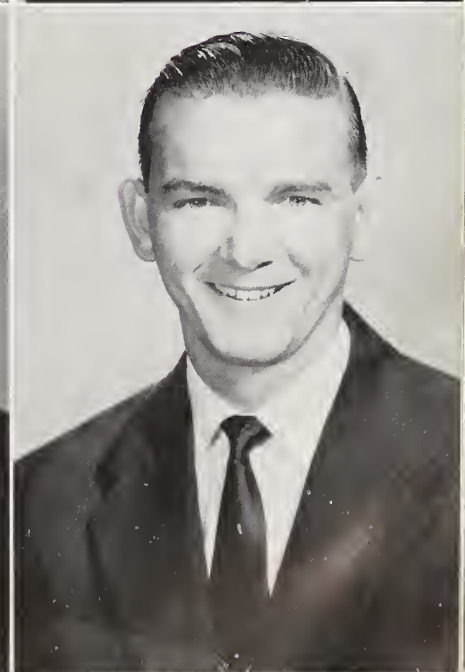
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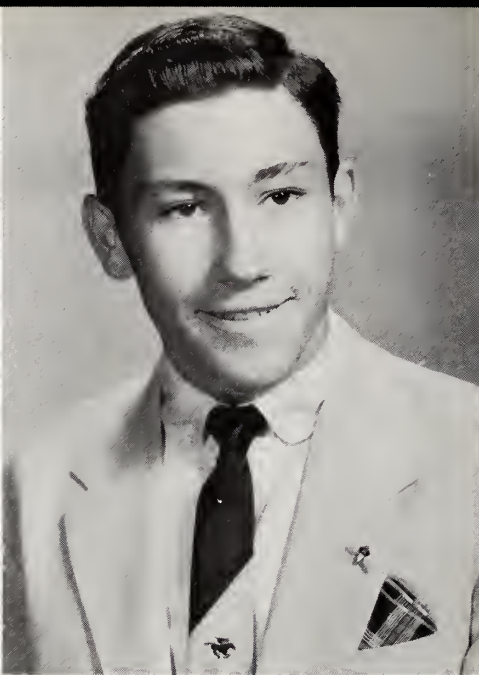
GEORGE ELTON PARKER

"Pud"

"A man is no bigger than the girl  
he marries."

Chorus 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Foot-  
ball 1.





JASPER LEE PRIDGEN

"Harry"

"Do to others before they do to you."

Football 1.

WILLARD PRIDGEN

"Willard"

"When a person becomes satisfied with himself, he ceases to grow."

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; FFA 1, 2; Beta Club 3, 4, Officer 4, Vice President; Key Club 3, 4, Officer 4, Treasurer; Annual Staff 4; Superlative 4; Marshal 3; Class Officer 4, President; Senior Play 4.



THADIE HOMER ROBBINS

"Lefty"

"The higher the odds the harder I'll try."

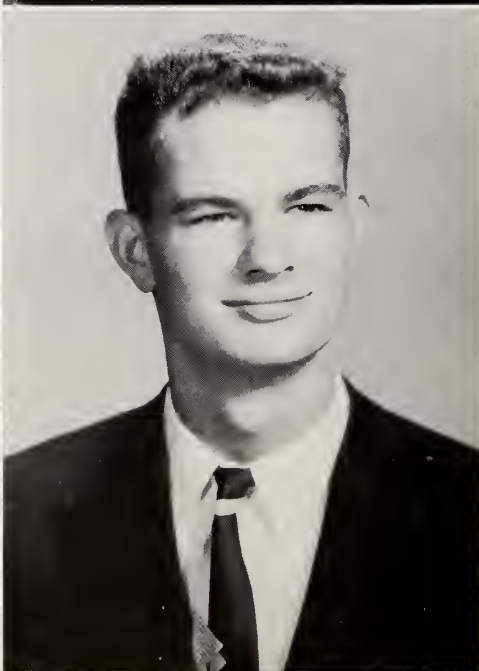
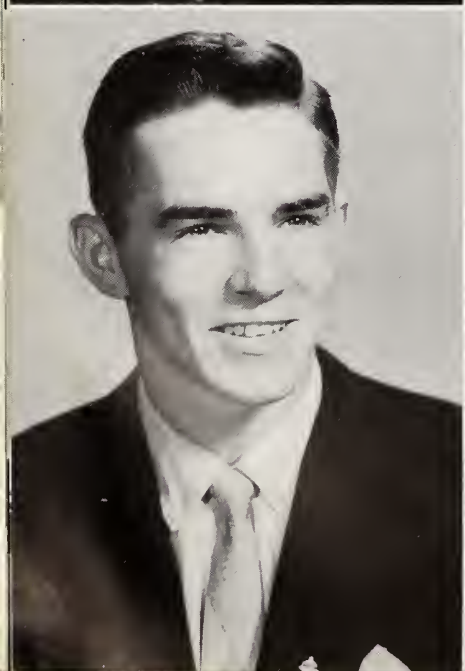
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FLORENCE JEAN ROBBINS

"Jean"

"School days are happy days."

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



JACKSON THEODORE SHARPE

"Jack"

"A wise man knows more than he tells - A fool tells more than he knows."

Bus Driver 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1; FFA 1, 2, 4; Superlative 4.

WILLIAM JOE SMITH

"Smitty"

"Let us thank God and be content with what we have."

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Chorus 1, 2; Bus Driver 4; Library Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.



WILLIAM DEWARD STRICKLAND

"Billy"

"Do unto others as you would want them to do unto you."

FFA 1, 2, 3, Officer 1, 2, 3; Student Council 1; Bear Trap Staff 4; Superlative 4; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 4; Football 4; Key Club 3, 4, President 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4.



EMMA RUTH UPCHURCH

"Ruth"

"Love is the key to happiness."

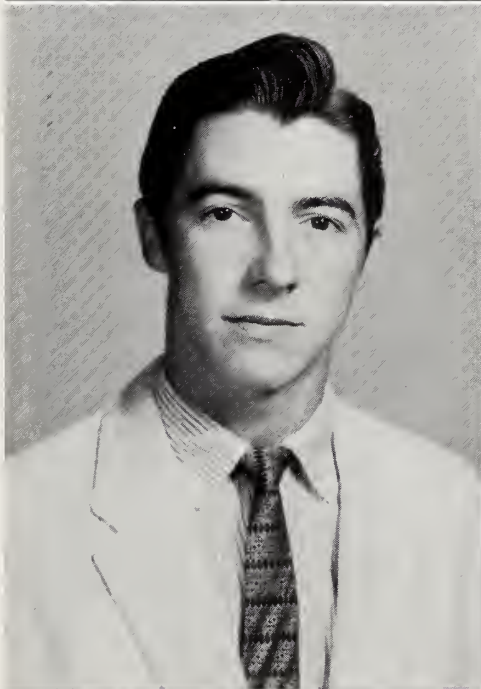
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CHARLES ALTON VIVERETTE

"Charlie"

"Youth is a blunder; manhood a struggle; old age a regret."

Bus Driver 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Superlative 4; Senior Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 1, 2; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Officer 1.



MARGARET JEANNETTE WATSON

"Jet"

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Band 1, 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Sextette 4; Senior Play 4; 4-H 1; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3.



DORIS NELL WEBB

"Dot"

"Nothing is impossible to a willing mind."

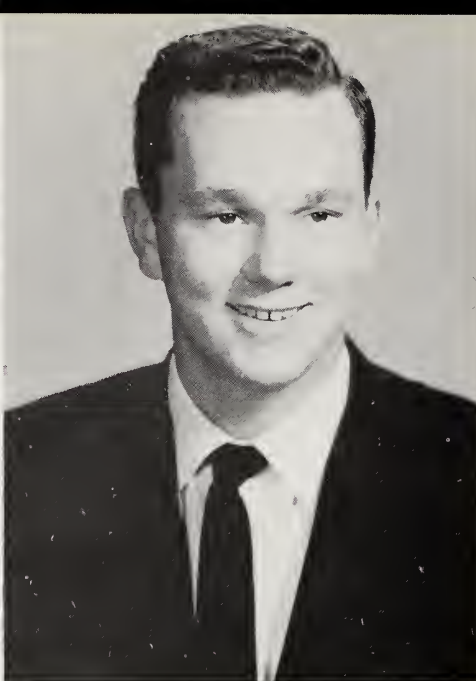
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CLEO ELIZABETH WHITEHEAD

"Pee Wee"

"Always look before you leap."

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



NANCY JO WHITEHEAD

"Bevo"

"Be a good loser as well as a good winner."

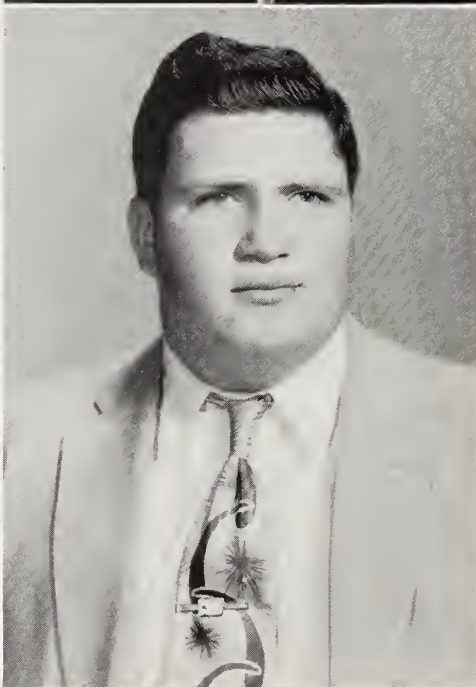
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GEORGE VERNON WILLIAMS

"Bernie"

"A man never stands so straight as when he stoops to help someone."

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



PATRICIA JOYCE WINSTEAD

"Joycee"

"Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's fingers."

Class officer 1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 3, Officer 2, 3; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; Superlative 4; Sextette 3, 4; Bear Trap Staff 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4, Officer 3; Girls' State 3; Senior Play 4; Chorus Festival 2.

JOSEPH ELIJAH WOOD

"Wood"

"Better late than never."

FFA 1, 2; Bus Driver 3, 4.



LAWRENCE WASHINGTON

FARMER

"L. W. "

# Senior Class History



Ancient year of 1945... strange little figures creeping toward the doors of learning... who?... first members of the noble CLASS OF '57... learning lots... a-e-i-o-u...  $2 + 2 = 4$ ... spelling and arithmetic matches... assembly programs... holding hands (big stuff)... favorite class, recess... curls and crew cuts... love affairs... finally...

First day in E. C. H. S... classmates from Sharpsburg... fantastic ideals scaring us half to death... no more long recesses... clubs entering our lives... gaining confidence... girls chasing boys in patio... specializing in being heard... FRESHMEN!... subjects getting harder... girls serving at prom... love affairs... breakups!... Joyce Winstead and Jimmy Lindsey leading us as presidents... weiner roast at Recreation Park in Wilson... SOPHOMORES!... biology, bugs, frogs, ugh!... romance... going steady... living for Friday nights... Billy Luper leading us as president... weiner roast again... JUNIORS!... ordering and exchanging of class rings... concession stand... money of our own... class meetings... Pat Fleming, president... professional talks... dungarees and work for decorating... success... compliments... fabulous prom, "The Gay 90's"... sweet flowers... girls in swirling skirts, boys in uncomfortable dinner jackets... seven tapped for Beta Club... Student Council election... class picnic at Rocky Mount... burnt weiners... movie... Susan Garner and Joyce Winstead representing us at Girls' State... marshals... SENIORS! OH, HAPPY DAY!... football season... president, Willard Pridgen... election of annual staff with Susan Garner as editor-in-chief... begging and selling subscriptions proved us to be top salesmen of E. C. H. S... scrimping and planning for trip to Washington and New York... selecting superlatives... Senior Play, "Aunt Samantha Rules the Roast"... success... class colors, blue and white... class flower, blue-forget-me-not... Sylvia Davis, "Miss Merry Christmas"... ordering and exchanging calling cards... Leadership in E. C. H. S... Student Council... Class... Key Club... Beta Club... Chorus... Band... F. F. A... F. H. A... Library... Annual... 4-H... Bus Drivers... Majorettes... Cheerleaders... football... basketball... baseball... Juniors give us lovely prom... Skip-a-way, wonderful... loads of fun... too near end of school... commencement... class night... GRADUATION... sad day in E. C. H. S... class remembering motto, "I will study and learn; perhaps, my chance will come."

Peggy Jenkins  
Historian

Last week I decided to take a trip to the moon in my new rocket ship. So I packed up and within minutes I was at my far away destination. While there I decided to take a look on earth and see what my classmates were doing. From my window, I could see a huge building taking shape as I sat thoughtfully before the fire. Watching the building rise higher into the sky, I saw it as an individual, created from a plan. I closed my eyes and thought of this building in comparison with lives - the lives of my classmates who will soon graduate from Elm City High School. I thought of each of them as a building - an individual - and of Elm City school and its teachers as the plan which has worked to shape each of their lives for the past twelve years. I began to wonder what each of them would do with the knowledge they had acquired at school, just how they would fit into the pattern of life?

My thoughts seemed to open a door to the future, and I could see clearly what fate held in store for them.

Suddenly, I stood inside a beautiful hospital where Joyce Winstead was receiving a plaque for her outstanding work in cerebral palsy. Down a corridor hurried Jeannette Watson, who is now supervisor of nurses.

This scene faded and before me I could see the huge DuPont Plant. As the shift changed and the men came out I recognized Willard Pridgen, who is now one of DuPont's leading chemical engineers.

The DuPont Plant vanished and I found myself before a very modern television station. Entering, I immediately recognized Joe Smith and J. E. Wood. They can now be seen on CBS Television starring in the Hillbilly Hit Parade. Hearing the constant tapping of a typewriter, I ventured into a large office and saw Peggy Jenkins and Janet Davis diligently typing. They were enjoying their jobs as typist and bookkeeper here.

Suddenly the sound of the typewriter died away and in its place came the beautiful voice of Sylvia Davis, soon to be Mrs. Robert Fulcher, who was rehearsing with Doris Webb.

As the station faded into the distance a large super market loomed ahead of me. The owner, Ronald Hooks, was busy helping Jean Robbins, Joyce Farmer, Cleo Whitehead, and Ruth Upchurch with their weekly shopping. Next door, I saw the Strickland Meat Packing Company owned by Billy Strickland, and the Esso-Standard Oil Company now being managed by Charlie Davis.

The station vanished and I stand at the airport watching the planes come in. Among the hurrying crowd I saw George Vernon Williams and Lucy Page. George is a pilot and Lucy is a stewardess with the Trans-World Airlines. Turning to go, I spied three well known personalities, Nancy Jo Whitehead, Susan Garner, and Patsy Fleming. Nancy is quite a successful model, and Patsy has just made a hit on Broadway, both having realized their ambitions. Susan, working her way to the top, is now heard weekly on "The Hit Parade."

Now as though a vision were appearing, after all the excitement and rush of the cities and airports, I saw Katie Batts working as a telephone operator, Willie Dawes and Melvin Garrett receiving trophies for auto racing, Elma Farmer working as foreman of the Atlantic Coastline Railroad, B. J. Jackson commanding the United States Army, Charles Viverette breaking all records of speed as an air force pilot ace, and Lois Boyette decorating the interior of Miss Wright's new home.

I opened my eyes and realized that the men had stopped work on the building next door. I must have dropped off to sleep - and yet I don't feel sleepy. Maybe fate was just letting me take a special peek into the future.

PROPHETESSES - Mary Page, Lois Boyette



*avorites*





*Cutest*

SYLVIA DAVIS

JACK SHARPE



*Best All-Around*

JANET DAVIS

WILLARD PRIDGEN



*Most Likely to Succeed*

SUSANNE DAVIS

RONALD HOOKS





*Most Talented*

PATSY FLEMING

GEORGE PARKER



*Most Athletic*

NANCY TO WHITFIELD

WILLIAMSON



*Most Popular*

LOIS BOYETTE

HOMER ROBBINS



*Best-Dressed*

RUTH UPCHURCH

BILLY STRICKLAND



*Most Dependable*

SUSAN GARNER

GEORGE WILLIAMS



*Most Studious*

PEGGY JENKINS

CHARLES VIVERETTE



*Most Courteous*

JOYCE WINSTEAD

JOE SMITH

# *Last Will and Testament*

We, the Senior Class of 1957 of the Elm City High School, being stable in mind after twelve years of tedious work, do hereby declare this our Last Will and Testament.

## ARTICLE I

To Mr. Fugate, our superintendent, and to Mr. Odom, our principal, we wish to show our thanks and appreciation for all the help and guidance which we never can repay.

## ARTICLE II

To our sponsor, Mrs. Jean Tant, goes our deepest appreciation for standing by us through two hard years.

To Mrs. Myra Whitley, our annual sponsor, go our many thanks.

## ARTICLE III

To the Juniors, we leave a hard but happy year ahead.

To the Sophomores, we leave our sympathy.

To the Freshmen, we feel sorry for you because you are the underclassmen.

## ARTICLE IV

To Mary Hill goes Lois Boyette's ability to skip school and get away with it.

Melvin Garrett, wishes to leave his two history books and school bus to Thomas Sessoms.

I, Pat Fleming, wish to leave my ability to hold the basketball in one hand and sling it from one court to the other to Jeannette Thorne.

Nancy Jo Whitehead wishes to leave all the things they wouldn't let her do to Brenda Owens.

Joyce Winstead leaves her love for classical music to Elnora Johnson.

Susan Garner leaves to Gerald Bailey the worry and grief of editing the annual.

Ruth Upchurch wishes to leave her good grades to her brother, Milton.

Homer Robbins would like to leave his love for baseball to all boys interested in baseball.

To Billie Jean Boyette and Mary Lina Hill will go Janet Davis's love for red hair.

Berry June Jackson leaves his great baseball ability to Fred Thorne.

Joe Smith leaves his long legs to Tommy Joyner.

Jean Robbins wishes to leave to her sister, Faye, her place on the basketball bench.

Charlie Davis's ability to skip school without getting caught goes to Gerald Bailey.

Joyce Farmer wishes to leave Margie Godwin her bookkeeping book.

Jack Sharpe just leaves happily.

I, Jasper Pridgen, leave to Milton Sharpe my ability to keep quiet.

Willard Pridgen leaves his hair to be distributed between Mr. Fugate and Mr. Odom.

Elma Farmer leaves his hopes for graduating to William Langley.

J. E. Wood leaves his weight to William Langley.

To Gail Barnes, Willie Ray Dawes leaves all the 100's he never made in geometry.

Charles Viverette leaves his love for general math to Frank Williford.

Peggy Jenkins leaves Elaine Flowers her 90 average.

Katie Batts wishes to leave her typing average to Grace Batts.

I, George Parker, leave my love for music to Alan White.

George Williams leaves his geometry book to Wilbur Johnson.

Lucy Page leaves her love for typing to Delores Harrell.

Ronald Hooks leaves his ability to keep out of Mr. Odom's way to anyone qualified.

I, Billy Strickland, leave to Fred Thorne my love for basketball.

Cleo Whitehead leaves to Peggy Joyner all those 95's she never made in shorthand.

Doris Webb wishes to leave her typing skill to Ann Webb.

To Rachel Thorne goes Sylvia Davis's tiny features.

Doris Jones leaves her seat in second year typing to Josephine Godwin.

Mary Page leaves her 90's in English to her brother, Melvin.

Jeannette Watson leaves her skill in Algebra to Susie Watson.

To Jeannette Thorne will go Susanne Davis's much loved cat cut.

We, the class of 1957, realizing that our school days are nearing an end, do hereby declare this our Last Will and Testament of the Elm City High School Senior Class in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven on this the twenty-eighth day of May.

Patsy Fleming, Nancy Jo Whitehead  
Testatrices





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## Junior Officers

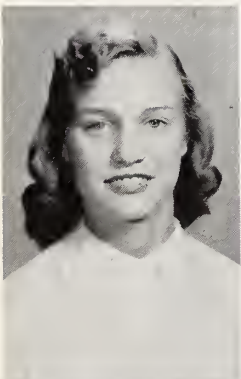


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BRENDA OWENS

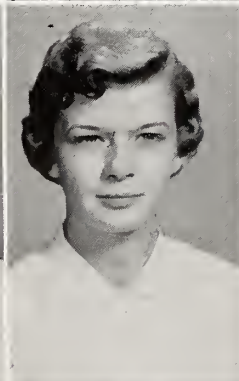
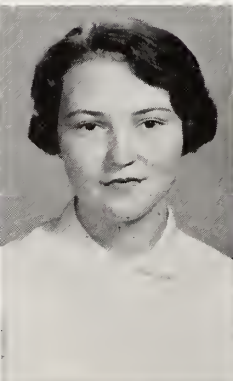
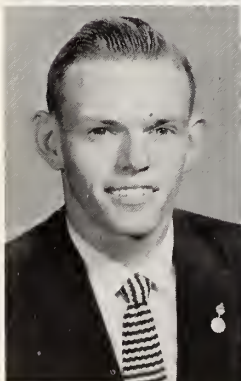
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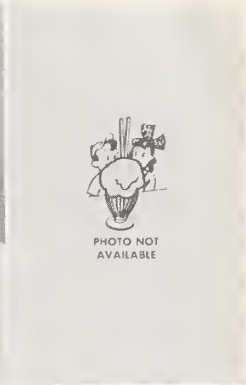
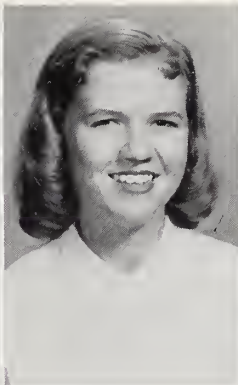


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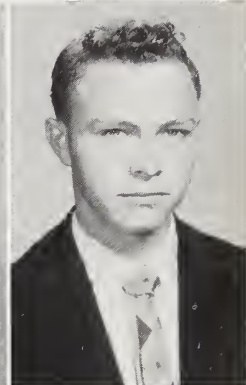
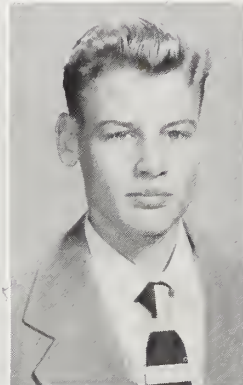
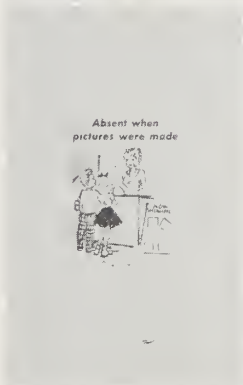


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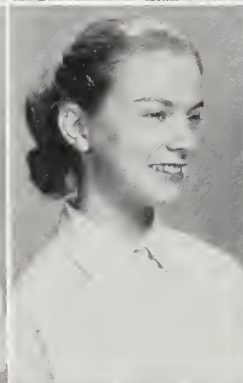
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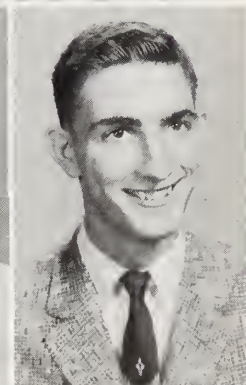
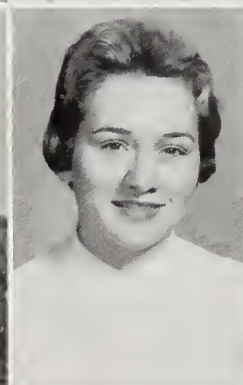
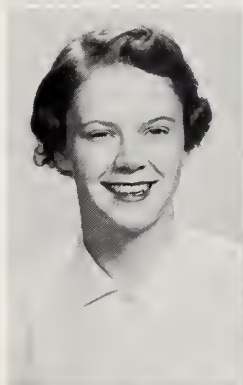
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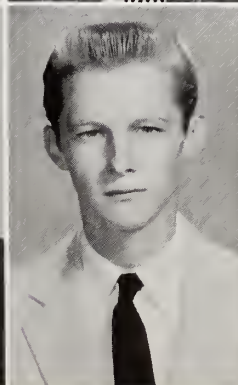
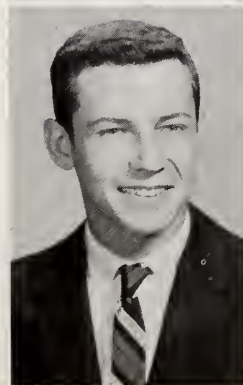
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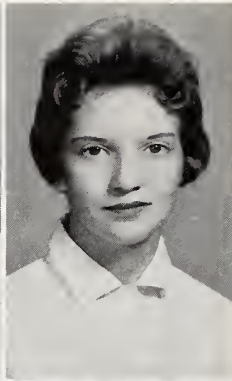
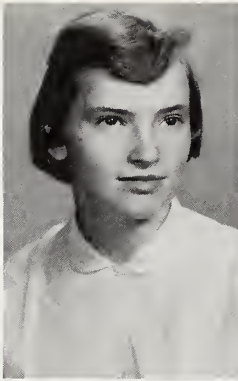




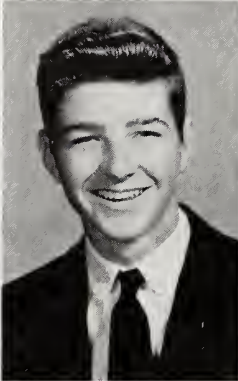
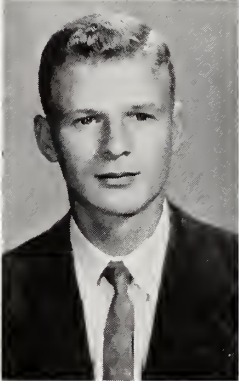
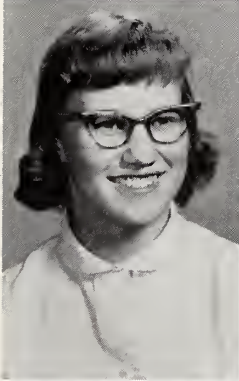
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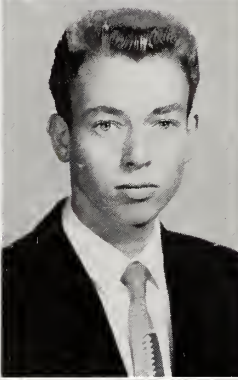
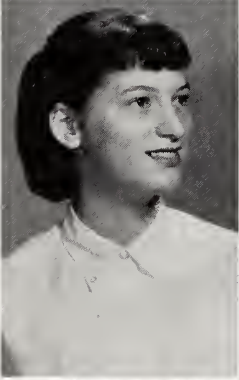
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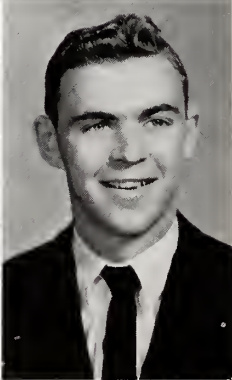
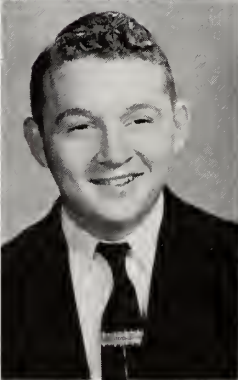
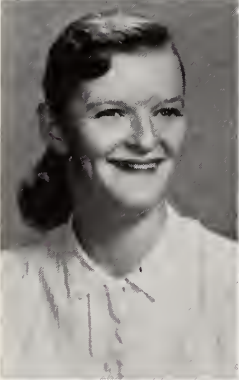
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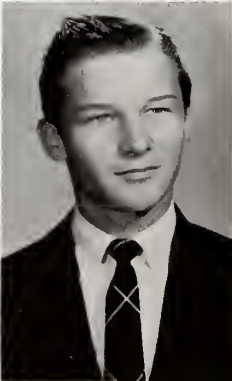
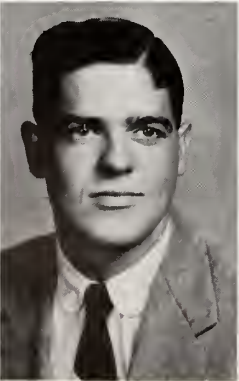
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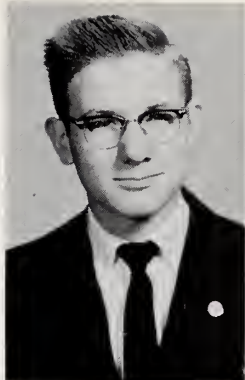
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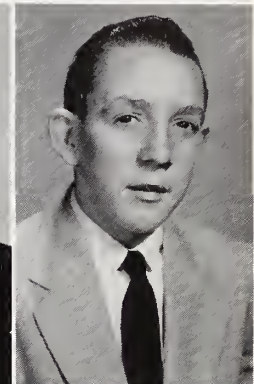
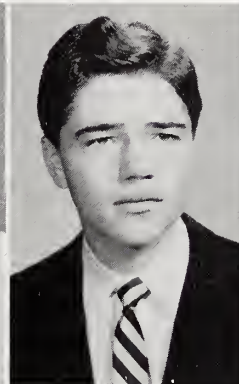
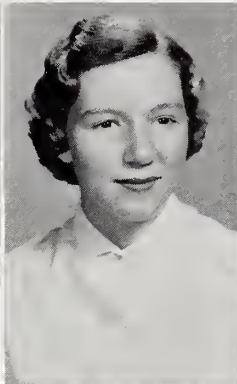
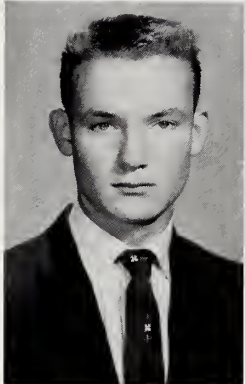
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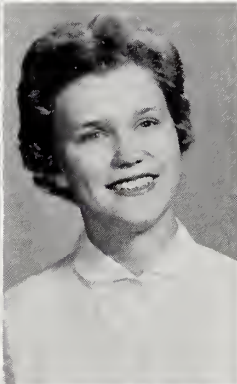
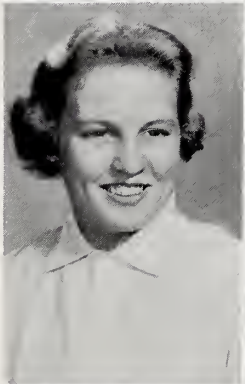
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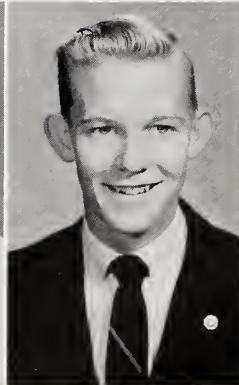
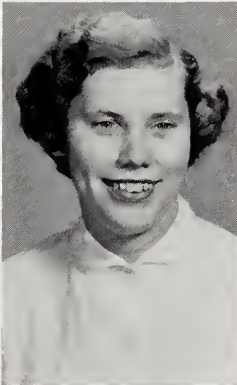
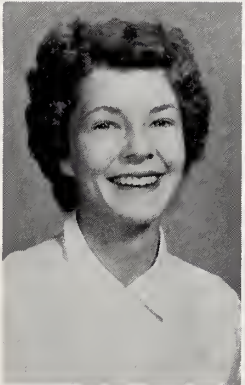
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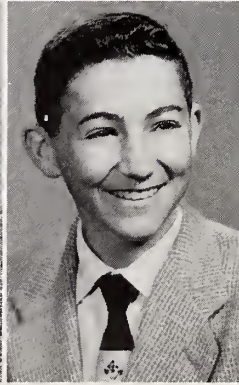
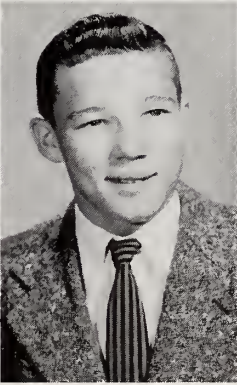
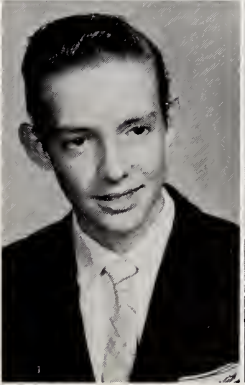
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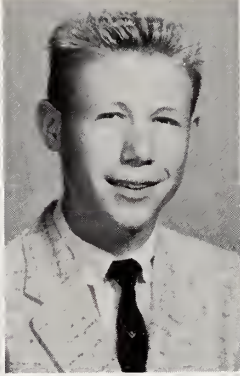


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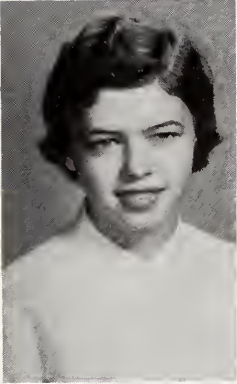


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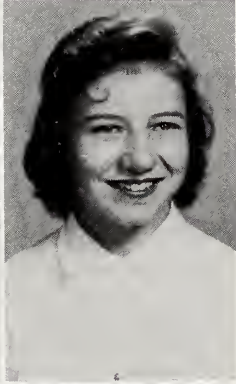
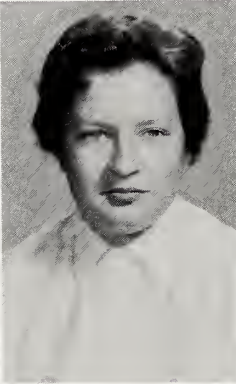
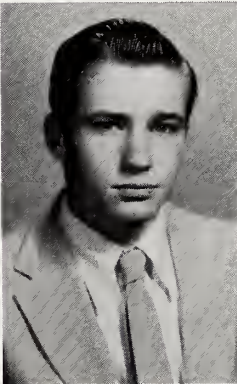




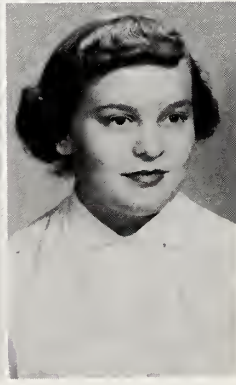
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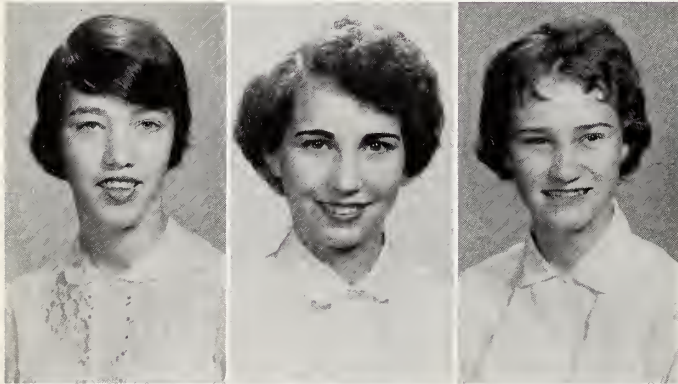


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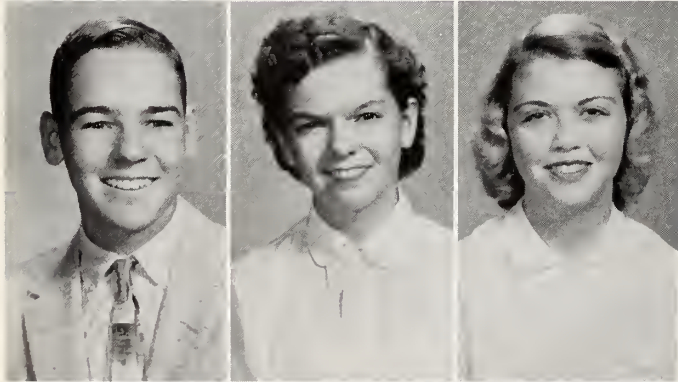
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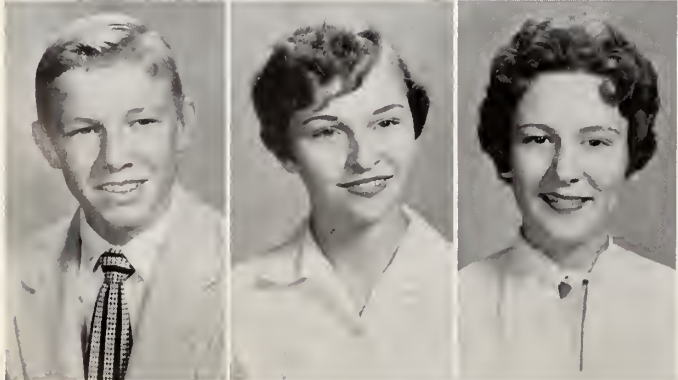
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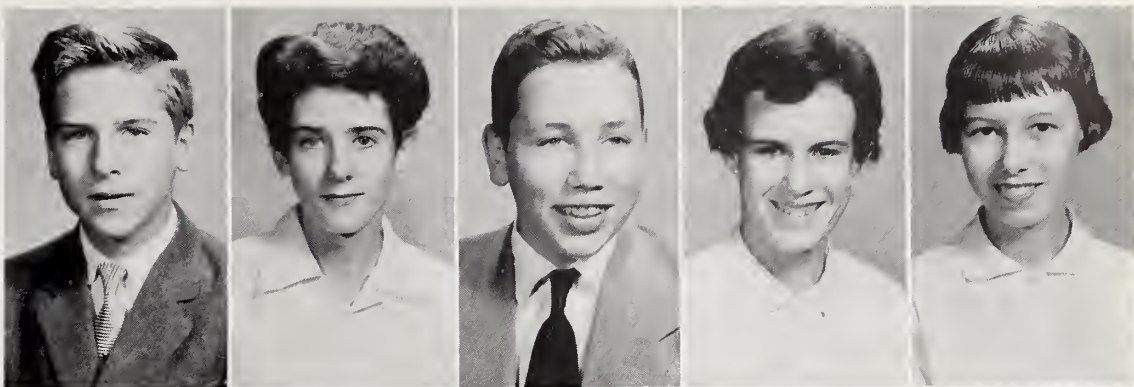


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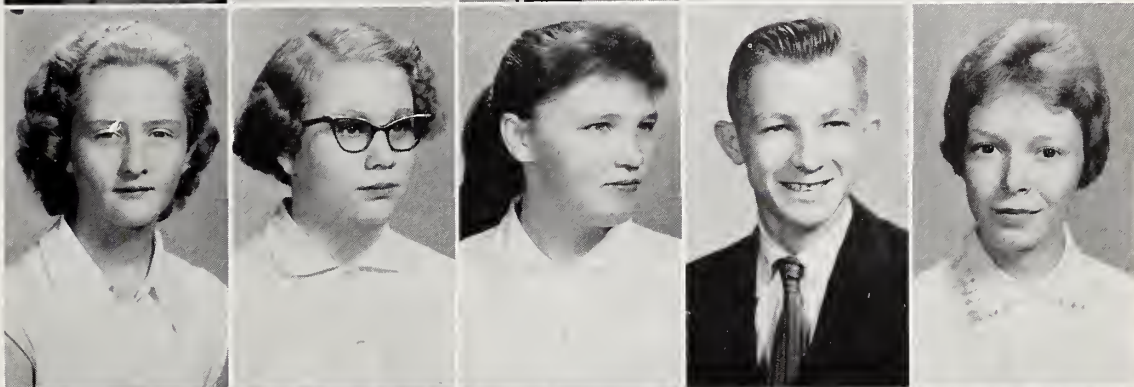


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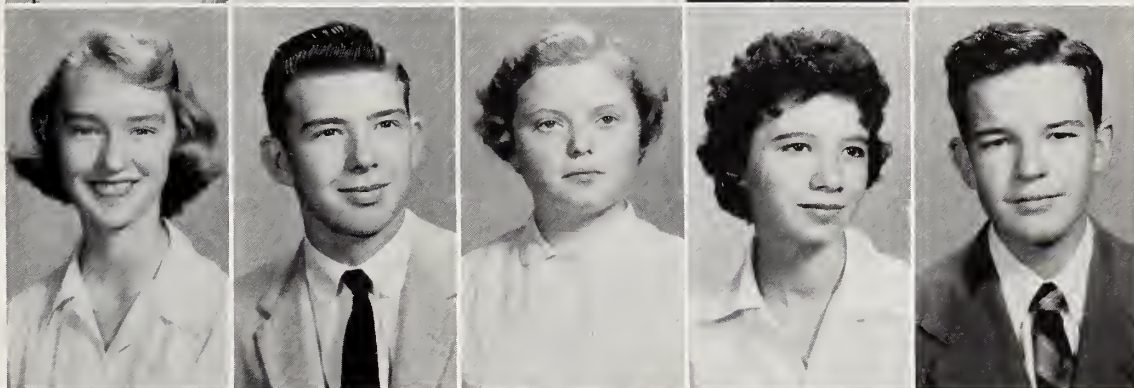
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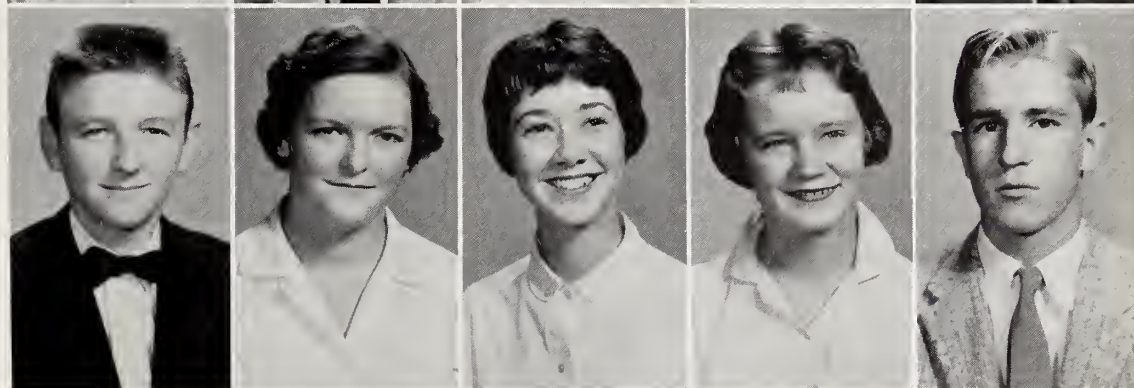
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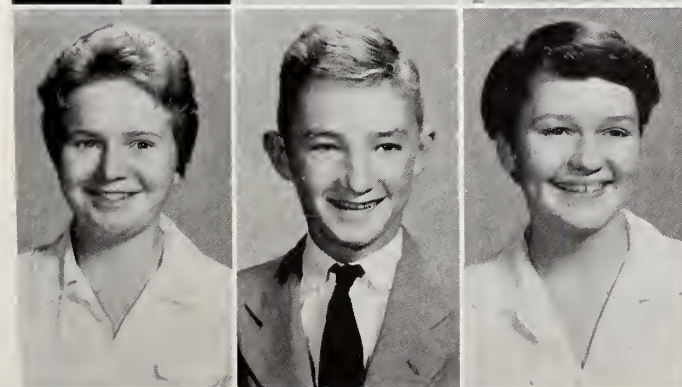
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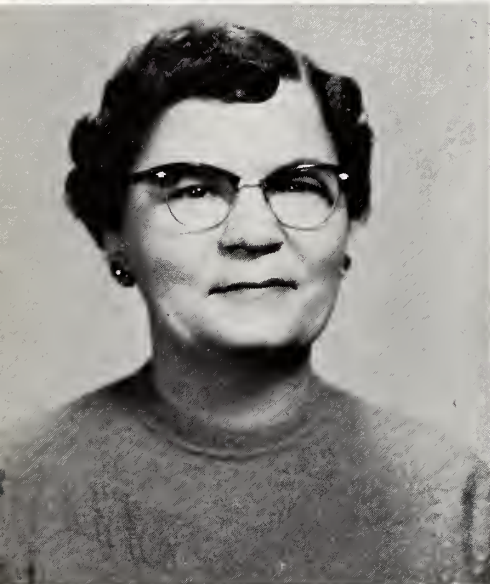


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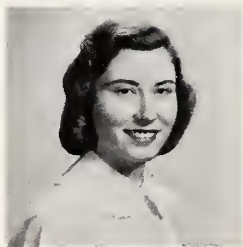
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Halfback



Quarterback



*Boys'*

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Center



End



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## *Boys'*

## *Basketball*

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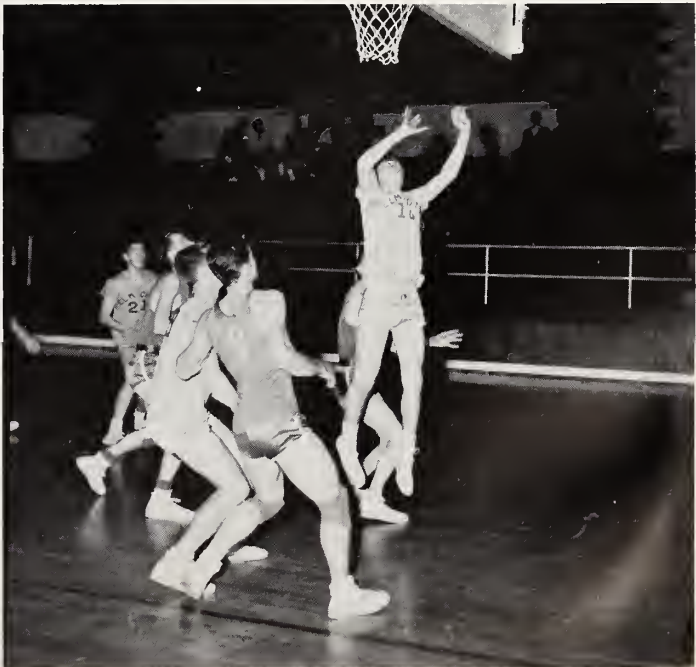
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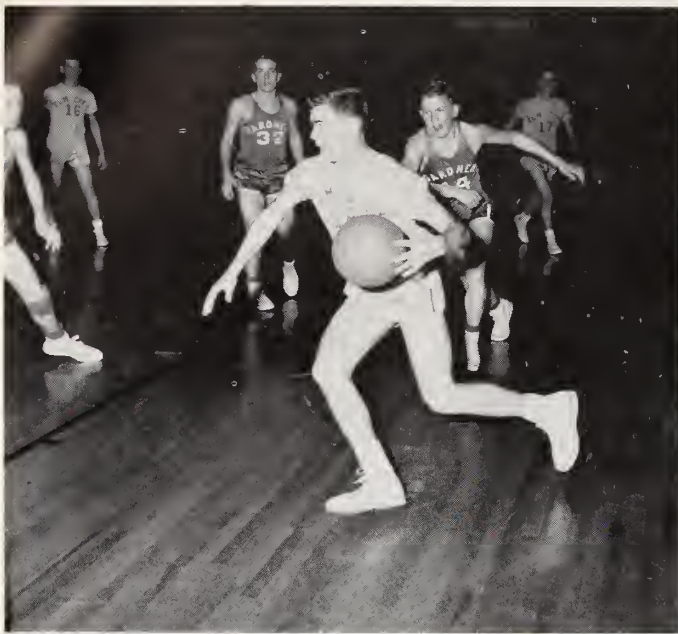
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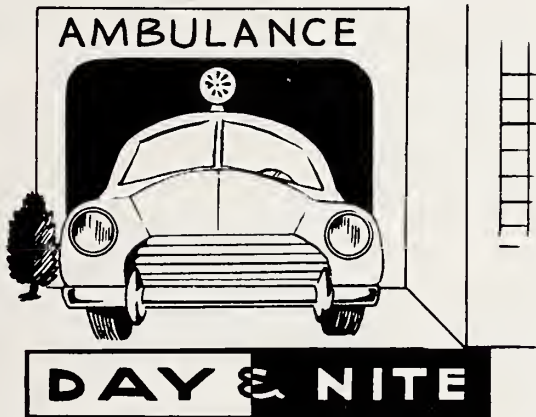


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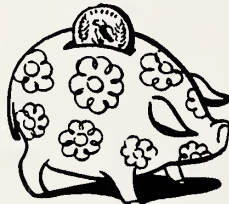
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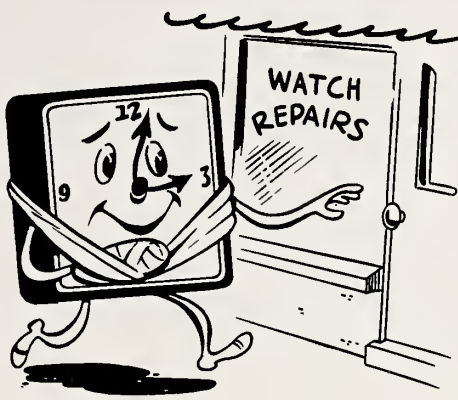
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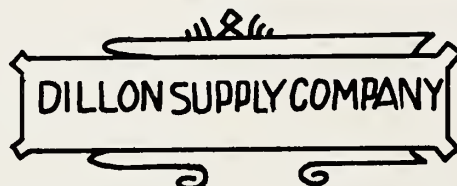
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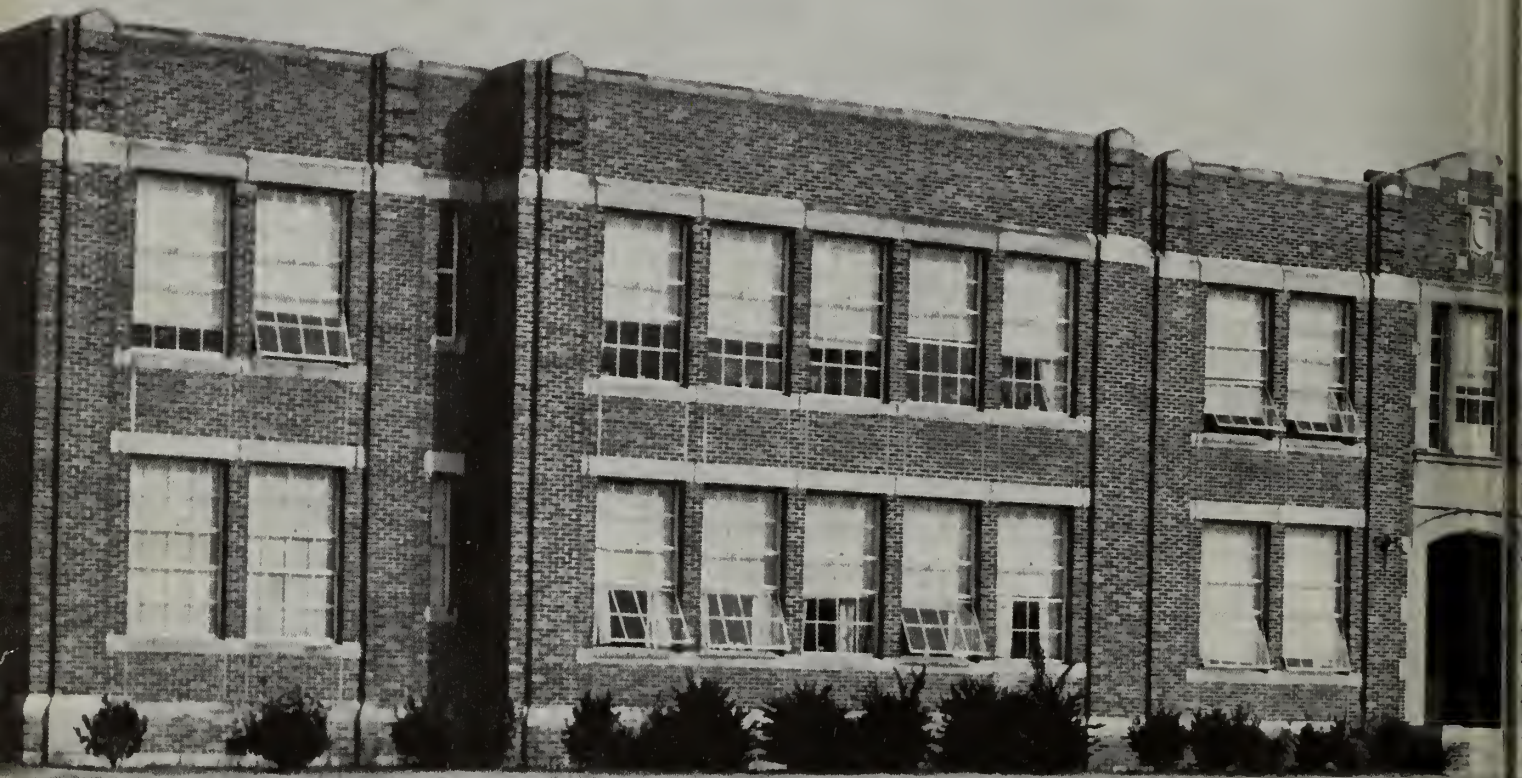
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