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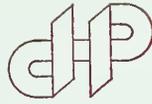
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Miss Gilbert Muse


D E D I C A T I O N

In the life of one who is also pledged to the service of mankind, we have found an inspiration that has helped us. We admire her for her beautiful character and, with due respect and appreciation, we dedicate this, our first volume of "The Burrusonian" to Miss Gilbert Muse.

We present

● ● THE FIRST VOLUME OF *THE BURRUSONIAN*. WE OFFER IT, NOT FOR CRITICISM BY THOSE MORE EXPERIENCED AND BETTER EQUIPPED THAN WE, BUT HOPING THAT WE CAN STIMULATE YOUR MINDS WITH FOND MEMORIES AND LEAVE LASTING IMPRESSIONS OF THE GROWTH AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE BURRUS MEMORIAL.

WE HOPE ALSO THAT WE HAVE CREATED IN THE MINDS OF THE CLASSES TO COME THE SPIRIT TO ADVANCE ONWARD WITH THE PROGRESS OF TIME.

IF THIS BE DONE, THEN WE FEEL THAT OUR UNTIRING EFFORTS ARE NOT WORTHLESS AND THAT OUR GOAL HAS BEEN REACHED.

THE EDITOR



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Dr. John T. Burrus

Our Institution



At the beginning of this century High Point was a growing community of around five thousand people. The incidence of typhoid fever here, owing probably to the general use of well water, was high, and there was no provision whatsoever for hospitalizing the sick. The Junior Order, composed of many of the town's leading citizens, conceived the idea of buying a place and outfitting it as a hospital to serve the community.

In 1904 a committee from the Junior Order, headed by Uncle Joe Sechrest, was appointed to look into the possibilities, and they decided to buy that property where the Burrus Memorial Hospital now stands. The frame house on it was renovated and Miss Josephine Coleman, now Mrs. R. C. Soyars, a registered nurse, graduated from the St. Andrew's Home in Lynchburg, Virginia, was put in charge as superintendent.

The Junior Order underwrote all the financial obligations of the little hospital from 1904 until 1911. During that time the superintendency passes from the hands of Miss Coleman to those of Miss Margaret Gilmore and then Miss Lena Martin, both of Sanford, N. C.

In 1911 Mr. Sechrest, worried about the financial instability of the institution and feeling that it should be in the hands of the doctors who used it, approached several of them and asked them to take it over. No one seemed interested except Dr. J. T. Burrus and Dr. Guy F. Duncan, who agreed to take an option on the place and consider shouldering its financial obligations amounting, at this time, to about \$2,500.00, and paying the Junior Order for its equity in the property. On May 12, 1912, these two men agreed to the terms and bought the place which they called the High Point Hospital.

At that time Mrs. Josephine McCraney was made superintendent of the hospital, a position which she held until 1918.

Mrs. McCraney, Dr. D. A. Stanton and Dr. C. E. Reitzel each bought shares of stock in the new organization and the hospital was incorporated.

In 1912, right after this arrangement was made, the right wing and the men's ward were built and the whole place was brick veneered.

At this time the nurses, six in number, lived in the upstairs rooms of what had been the original house. Among them was Miss Gilbert Muse who has come to be such a vital part of the hospital group and of the community it serves.

The back wing was added to the hospital in 1913 to give additional working space and in 1914 the left wing to house the operating room was built.

In 1914, too, the nursing personnel, which had outgrown its quarters, was moved into a house, rented for the purpose, across the street. In 1919 they were moved back into the hospital proper and housed on the second and third floors of the back wing where the colored wards are now located. Here they lived until 1922 when the present Nurses' Home, on Howell Street, was built.

In 1916 Dr. Duncan's health became impaired and he stopped practicing. Dr. H. W. McCain bought his stock in the hospital and took over his duties as partner with Dr. Burrus.

Early in May of 1917 Dr. Burrus offered his services to the United States Army and left High Point to take charge of an army hospital for the duration of the war. Upon his return from service in 1919 he bought all the stock in the High Point Hospital except that owned by Dr. McCain. These two men continued to own and operate the hospital jointly until Dr. McCain's untimely death in October, 1922.

During the years when Dr. McCain and Dr. Burrus owned the hospital, the left front wing was built to make additional rooms for patients, and the X-ray room was moved from the back central wing, where it had been placed in 1916, to the right back wing.

Our Institution , Continued

In 1918, Miss Gilbert Muse, who since her graduation in 1914 had been in charge of the operating room, became superintendent of the hospital. She has administered this position with skill and efficiency ever since.

After Dr. McCain's death Dr. Burrus bought his stock in the organization and became sole owner of the hospital.

In 1922 Dr. H. L. Brockmann came to High Point to take over some of Dr. McCain's work and to establish a laboratory in connection with the institution. Miss Lillie Pearl Wood of Randleman, a graduate of the High Point Hospital Nursing School, became the first laboratory technician.

Dr. Richard Shuggart took over the X-ray and urological work which had been done by Dr. McCain and continued with this until his death in 1923.

The present operating suite, with patient's rooms and a nursery and a small diet kitchen above it, was built in 1927.

At this time, too, Miss Hazel Johnson who had trained herself for the purpose, became part-time Instructor of Nurses. She and the staff doctors, who participate in the training of the student nurses, worked out plans for a much more comprehensive program of nursing education.

The School for Nurses has never closed since it was started. It has grown from two or three students to twenty-five. Since 1935, Miss Johnson has been full-time Instructor of Nurses and has kept abreast of modern trends in nursing education by attending post-graduate institutions and national meetings each year. At the present time the Burrus Memorial School of Nursing has to its credit over a hundred graduates who are scattered over the state and the country, filling every sort of nursing position of responsibility and trust. The school has consistently met all the requirements of the North Carolina Standardization Board of Nurses' Training Schools and of the American Hospital Association.

The hospital personnel has grown as has the student nursing group. From one graduate nurse in 1904 the nursing staff of the hospital has been enlarged until it consists, at the present time, of eight graduate nurses. Besides the Superintendent and the Training School Supervisor, there is a graduate nurse filling the position of operating room nurse, an X-ray technician, an emergency room superintendent, two floor nurses, and a night supervisor.

The equipment and buildings of the hospital have been kept up-to-date by repair and replacement. In 1930 the X-ray department was modernized and moved to its present location. The back right wing of the hospital was extended to include a modern kitchen and diet kitchen facilities and additional patients' rooms.

In 1933 the High Point Hospital was bought by the Duke Foundation and turned over to a capable Board of Directors to be administered, as it always had been, for the benefit of the community. Dr. Burrus remained Chief of Staff. The name of the institution was changed to the "Burrus Memorial Hospital." And indeed the hospital is a fitting memorial to the man who served his city and his state well through good times and through bad times.

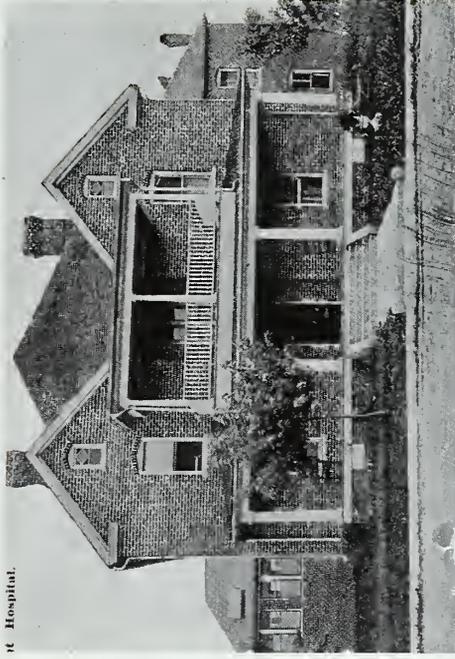
Dr. Burrus' death, on June 6, 1936, was a very real loss to this whole section of the country and most particularly to that group of men and women who had worked by his side through the years to build up an institution dedicated to community service and professional integrity.

Dr. H. L. Brockmann succeeded Dr. Burrus as Chief of Staff in 1936. During that year an efficient sprinkler system to reduce the fire-hazard was installed. Also a new emergency room which had been planned before Dr. Burrus' death was built.

At the present time there is under construction additional provision for eight patients, a large laboratory, and two examining rooms. Plans are under consideration by the Board of Directors and the staff of the hospital for more extensive future developments.

At the present time the Board of Directors of the Burrus Memorial Hospital consists of the following:

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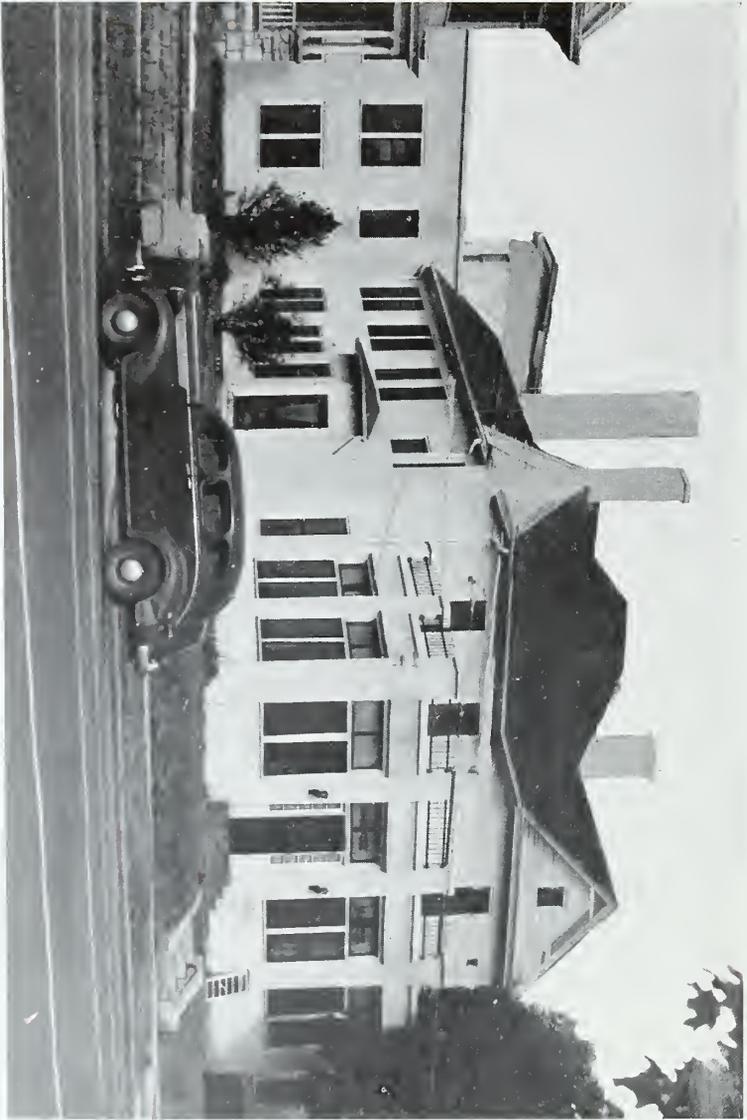
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NURSES HOME



BURRUS CLINIC

Book One



THE STAFF

Florence Nightengale Pledge

**"I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE
MYSELF BEFORE GOD AND
IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS
ASSEMBLY TO PASS MY LIFE
IN PURITY AND TO PRAC-
TICE MY PROFESSION**



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JUNIOR ALUMNI CLUB



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Advisor

The Junior Alumni Club was organized in 1938 as a social and business club of the student nurses. Its first advisor was Mrs. W. Ken Whitesell. The present officers are:

PresidentClara Corum
Vice-PresidentHazel Calclough
SecretaryRachel Berrier

Book Two



C L A S S E S

FAITHFULLY. I WILL AB-
STAIN FROM WHATSOEVER
IS DELETERIOUS AND MIS-
CHIEVOUS, AND WILL NOT
TAKE OR KNOWINGLY AD-
MINISTER ANY HARMFUL
DRUG. I WILL DO ALL IN
MY POWER TO ELEVATE

SENIORS

Officers

President Novella Penry
Vice-President Mona Hodgson
Secretary Kathiryne Ward



Audrey Allen

"Little Audrey"
Greensboro, N. C.
Face upturned in sunshine or shadow
and always "Singing in the
rain."



Rachel Berrier

“Drucie”
Mocksville, N. C.
Secretary Jr. Alumni, 1940; Vice-
president senior class 1940.
“A being breathing thoughtful
breath,
A traveler between life and death.”



Lucy Biggs

"Lucy"
Red Springs, N. C.
"Her duties well performed
Her days well spent."



Clara Corum

"Clara Barton"
Kernersville, N. C.
Vice-president Jr. Alumni, 1939;
Jr. Alumni President, 1940; Edi-
tor-in-chief The Burrusonian, 1940.
Mischievous — often; dignified —
sometimes; popular—always!



Edmonia Hodgson

"Mona"
Harmony, N. C.
"We are often able because we
think we are able."



Mary B. Patterson

“Pat”

“True to my work, my word, and
my friends.”



Novella Penry

"Pen"
Denton, N. C.

President Senior class 1940
"Spend all you have for loveliness,
Buy it, and never count the cost,
For one white shining hour of
peace
Count years of strife well lost."



Kathiryme Ward

"Kat"

Denton, N. C.

President Jr. Alumni, 1939; Secretary Senior class, 1940; Business manager The Burrusonian, 1940.

"My candle burns both ends,
It cannot last the night.
But ah! my foes, and oh! my
friends,
It makes a lovely light."



Through The Years

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1938. Let us turn back the pages of memory to that day when you found yourself in a new place with strangers to work with. I'm sure each of the ten of us experienced an indescribable feeling as we received our first glimpse of the future we were facing. Remember how dumb we felt as Miss Johnson began laying the foundation for our class work? We felt the same in our first experiences in the wards also; but soon we found ourselves performing tasks that we had once wondered if we would ever be capable of carrying on.

Heads were really held high, the day we received our caps and bibs; a proud group of girls, whom no one could call preliminary students any longer. Then vacations! How we waited anxiously to see that word written by our names; but strangely enough, we were all ready to get back and take up our work where we left off.

There was plenty of excitement when we started preparing for a new class to enter. Everyone was asking if anyone had met them and who they were. Along with all these questions came the dread of classes again. The doctors were to teach us. More than ever we realized how much Miss Johnson had meant to us and that our work now would be quite different.

1939. How swiftly time has passed! Here again were final exams, graduation, the reception, and vacations. Among the many things which had happened by this time was the leaving of three of our classmates at different times. To change our thoughts from those of departure, came the day for our black bands. Now we knew what it meant to become senior nurses.

With our welcome to the class this year came a new-comer to our class, also. She was transferred from St. Luke's Hospital in New Bern just in time to start out with us in our last year of classes. We may not be able to remember all we are expected to, but I'm sure we'll never forget our different classes and our teachers, whom we think to be among the best.

1940. This time we confront graduation with an entirely different feeling from that of previous years, for just think, we are the graduates. As we discard our dear 'ole blue and white uniforms for our ideal, white and spotless uniforms, it brings to our minds many thoughts of the past and of the future. We feel that, in spite of the hardships we have met with, this has been three years well spent.

In closing, we say "Time Marches On," and so does the Class of 1940 of Burrus Memorial Hospital.

SECOND YEAR

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Secretary

Mae Bringle

Juanita Parks

Hazel Calclough



Frances Bailey



Mae Bringle



Hazel Colclough



Katherine Croom



Jeraldine Haltom



Juanita Parks



Edna Simmons



Virginia Swaim



Josie Mae Thompson



INTERMEDIATES

Angell Barnes

Nona Daniels

Letha Blalock

Helen Smith

Lossie Bradley

Louise McCormick

Annie Ruth Pendry

Dr. Flagge (to his medical class): "Girls, did you hear about the devil getting that woman the other day?"

Students: "No."

Dr. Flagge: "Well, he did, and he is liable to get you one of these days if you don't stop making D on medicine."

Miss Johnson (to Misses Corum and Simmons): "Why are you late? It is twenty minutes past ten o'clock and you know you are supposed to be in by ten."

Misses Corum-Simmons: "We just had ten."

Miss Johnson: "Well, that's no excuse. I'll see you about it tomorrow."

Dr. Taylor: "Miss Biggs, What is the greatest danger of depressive mania?"

Miss Biggs: "The greatest danger is the patient may commit suicide himself."

Dr. Brockman: "Miss Croom, what is the insertion of the sternocleidoid muscle?"

Miss Croom: "In the spine of the scapula."

Dr. Brockmann: "Guess again."

Miss Johnson: "Miss McCormick, who was the first registered nurse in North Carolina?"

Miss McCormick: "Was it Isabell Hampton Robb?"

Miss Johnson: "I'm asking you."

Dr. Tice: "Miss Hodgson, give the action of Digitalis on the heart."

Miss Hodgson: "Dr. Tice, I know what you mean, and I know what I mean, but I just can't say it in words."

Dr. Tice: "Yes, Miss Hodgson, I know that you know it."

To the class he says: "Yes, we have some shy little girls in this class who always know their lessons but are too timid to speak up."

Miss Blanche Berrier: "Dr. Tyson, everything is ready, let's get through with this operation as soon as we possibly can, we have six more."

Dr. Tyson: "Now, Miss Berrier, take it easy. Remember that Rome wasn't built in a day."

Miss Berrier: "No—I was not there to superintend the job."

Miss Motsinger: "What has happened to the six thermometers in this stand?"

Miss Pendry: "Miss Biggs is sterilizing them."

Miss Motsinger (becoming exasperated after looking around for some time): "May I ask again, where are the thermometers and where is Miss Biggs?"

Miss Pendry: "They have not boiled ten minutes yet."

Miss Patterson: "What is the new baby, a boy or girl?"

Miss Blalock: "I don't know, how do you tell?"

Dr. Brockmann: "Miss Hodgson, where are my dissecting scissors? Why did you remove them from the operative field?"

Miss Hodgson: "Well, I had to cut a suture."

Miss Corum (rushing into Anatomy class on March 15th): "Dr. Brockmann, the wind has blown all my knowledge away."

Dr. Brockmann (in his inimitable way): "I'll bet it had a hard time."

Dr. Taylor: "Miss Penry, what do the letters M. D. stand for?"

Miss Penry: "Mentally Deficient."

Miss J.: "Make a sentence using the words 'inspire' and 'expire'."

Miss Bradley: "When you breathe, you inspire, and when you do not breathe, you expire."

MISINFORMATION GLEANED FROM EXAMINATION PAPERS

An antidote is a funny story that Dr. Harrison tells to the supervisors. We hear a little bit of one occasionally, as we happen to pass by.

Edith Cavell was an American lady who aided the German soldiers during the Civil War.

S. O. S. Musical term meaning same only softer.

P. R. N. Means pray right now.

P. C. Means present company.

A skeleton is a person with his inside out and his outside off.

We have two lungs. The left lung is smaller than the right one because the soul is located there.

There are three kinds of blood vessels: Arteries, veins and caterpillars.

Respiration is composed of two parts, the first is inspiration and the second is expectoration.

Typhoid fever may be prevented by fascination. It comes in three doses a week apart.

Book Three



SUPERLATIVES

THE STANDARDS OF MY
PROFESSION, AND WILL
HOLD IN CONFIDENCE ALL
PERSONAL MATTERS COM-
MITTED TO MY KEEPING,
AND ALL FAMILY AFFAIRS
COMING TO MY KNOWLEDGE
IN THE PRACTICE OF MY



MOST CONGENIAL

Rachel Berrier



MOST ORIGINAL

Clara Corum



BEST SPORT

Novella Penry



MOST SINCERE

Kathiryne Ward

Book Four



FEATURES

CALLING. WITH LOYALTY
WILL I ENDEAVOR TO AID
THE PHYSICIAN IN HIS
WORK AND DEVOTE MY-
SELF TO THE WELFARE OF
THOSE COMMITTED TO MY
CARE."



In Appreciation



To all those who have helped to make possible the first edition of the **Burrusonian** we are deeply grateful: To Mrs. Harry L. Brockmann, Dr. P. W. Flagge, and Miss Hazel Johnson; to our printer, Mr. Edgar Snider, who has been a source of encouragement as well as advice, and Miss Muriel C. Bulwinkle and Mrs. Jesse Washburn, as well as many others.

For the interest and encouragement so substantially shown to us by the business firms who have subscribed to the following pages we offer our sincere appreciation. And to our readers we offer the suggestion that they patronize these people who have so kindly proven their interest in the Burrus Memorial Hospital.

Kathiryne Ward,
Business Manager



WHO?

Who is that whistling a tune or two
And ready to greet you with:
“So glad to see you, was afraid I’d miss you”?
He says he really means it and that it’s no gag,
His name is none other than “Dear Dr. Flagge.”

Who travels like wind on a March day?
You try to follow him on his way.
To keep up with Dr. Sumner is like chasing a goose,
You end up by saying, “Oh, what’s the use?”
But efforts accomplished are worth your while
When, in his appreciative voice, he says, “Thank you, child.”

Who is chief of surgeons, as quiet as a mouse,
Who makes rounds each morning all through the house?
You are sure to feel better after after Dr. Brockmann comes by,
For even down in the dumps, he’ll build your hopes so high.

Who is that fellow, so handsome and full of bliss?
None other than Dr. Harrison, whose presence you’d miss.
When there’s a joke being played, he’s usually the man;
But the best word to describe him, we think is, “Grand.”

Who is the man that no one can rebuke?
He’s our Dr. Tyson from “Dear Old Duke;”
Who stands so tall, as erect as a steeple;
He’s next to Carnegie in
“How to win friends and influence people.”

Who comes around as friendly as the postman with the mail,
And performs his operations, always in detail?
He has a northern brogue and wears a black mustache.
You’ll find this is Dr. Harney when you’ve reacted from the gas.

Who teaches us all Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat?
The subject itself is worse than thunder afloat.
We think we had rather be sent to Sing Sing
Than to hear Dr. Bonner say, “You don’t know a damn thing.”

Who, do you think, would be unable to rest
Until all the charts in his reach he had piled upon the desk?
Dr. Geddie is the “one,” snow, sunshine, or rain;
If he just didn’t have to know why the babies didn’t gain.



Who is his co-worker, who comes each day
To examine the babies, while on his way?
He's not a lawyer; he's not a proctor;
He's just Dr. Saunders, the sweet baby doctor.

Who is our Superintendent, whose smile can erase
Almost any of the difficulties we are apt to face?
Miss Muse has proven so faithful day in and day out;
Her work will not be forgotten without a doubt.

Who is our instructor, whom we all admire?
I'm sure we'll remember her until the day we retire.
At times she thought her teachings in vain,
But for the mistakes we've made, we'll each take the blame.
Miss Johnson's wisdom, to us, is a mystery,
And we know her name will not be missed in history.

Who is our life-saver as we face our doom?
We mean the ups and downs of the operating room.
She is our anesthetist, Miss Blanche Berrier,
And if there were more like her the world would be merrier.

Who removes your stitches and straps you up so tight?
There's no question about it, you know it's done right.
They are calling her here; they are calling her there,
Miss Motsinger is efficient, no matter when or where.

Who comes down the hall with her inductotherm machine,
And goes like a firefly in a limousine?
She'll cure your pneumonia, arthritis, and ailments untold.
Miss Cunningham, to us, is worth her weight in gold.

Who knows more curiosities than Confucius does sayings?
She's an excellent technician when it comes to X-raying.
You will usually find her with a gay disposition—
We couldn't do without Miss Stafford under any condition.

Whom do we look for at seven each night
To take charge of the patients,
Who greet them with delight?
So dependable, so capable, through the night they tread,
After visiting each patient and tucking him in bed.
As some have said, they are an inseparable two;
It's Miss Kieger and Miss Williard we are referring to.

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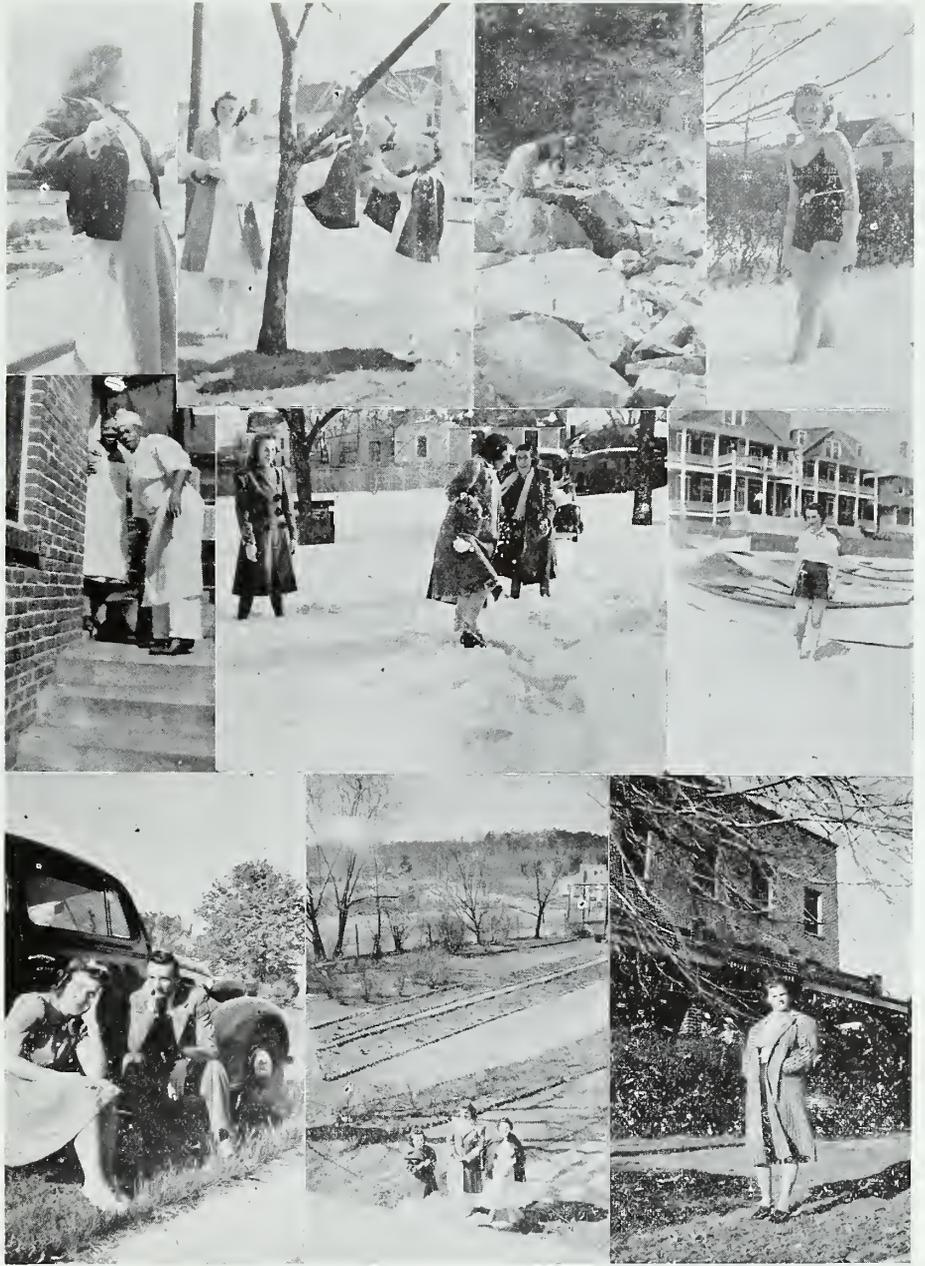
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