

CHOO-CHOO 1950



MRS. GRACE PHIFER

Mrs. Phifer, I've loved
you since the seventh
grade. Your classes are
some of the most
interesting I have or
shall ever have had.

Thank you for all
you've done.

Love,

Traney

Bus. Man.

Mrs. Phifer -

You were a wonderful help and inspiration
to our annual and we could never have done
without it. You were always responsible for
getting us out of the "dumps" when we were
ready to give up. I have always loved
you and your classes, and I'll always think of
you with pleasant memories -

Love -

Richard Barrington
Editor

Best wishes to a sweet
teacher.

Bill Truman

Best Wishes to the
Best teacher that I
have ever had.

Love,
Charles Monk.

I have enjoyed being
one of your pupils.

Love,
Mary Alice Mudd

Love -
Lay.

I have enjoyed
every minute of
school that I
have spent with
you and Miss Flynt.
Love you a lot
Joe Lowell

To a teacher I have
always loved. I have
enjoyed every minute of
the time I have known you
J. E. I have

To the sweetest teacher I have
known, it has been a pleasure
to be in your classroom this
year. I only wish I had
taken many subjects under
you.

Bobby Duke

Dear Mrs. Phifer -

I'll always remember
you as my favorite teacher.
In grammar school and in
high school I have enjoyed
being in your classes.

With love,
Helen Ketcher

THE
CHOO-CHOO
OF 1950



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THE STUDENTS OF
HAMLET HIGH SCHOOL
HAMLET, N. C.



CHOO-CHOO

FOREWORD

Amid the belching black smoke and soot of the "choo-choos", lies our little town of Hamlet. We are the children of the town and of the trains, and each of us is in a great measure affected by those turbulent machines; therefore, it is only fitting that our annual should be named the *Choo-Choo*.

In future years many of us will be far away from the whistlings and grindings of the trains. Still, as we turn the pages of our annual, we may remember the dear faces and the pleasantries of our Hamlet High School days and our minds will ever hold the imprint of the railroad town and the busy tracks. We are pleased to present the second addition of the *Choo-Choo*, and we hope its readers will find pleasure in recollections through it.

Mr. W. L. Haltiwanger
Our Principal



W. L. Haltiwanger

DEDICATION

We, the Senior Class of 1950 dedicate this annual to our Principal, Mr. W. L. Haltiwanger, who has been an asset to us and to our school throughout the years.



Mr. H. M. Kyzer
Superintendent

Mr. W. L. Haltiwanger
Principal

ADMINISTRATION



SCHOOL BOARD

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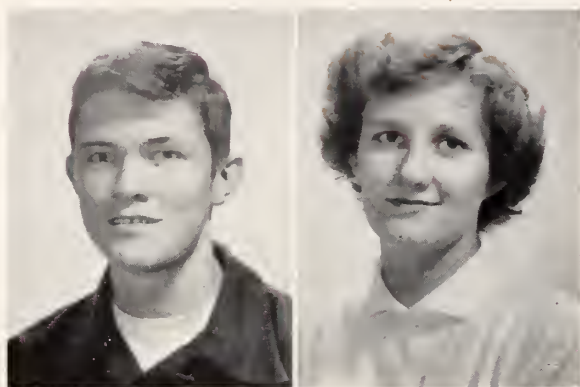


FACULTY

First row: Mrs. Melva Hamilton, 9-I; Miss Clelon McLaurin, 9-II; Mrs. Margerie Ballenberger, 9-III; Miss Elizabeth Liles, 10-I; Miss Lynette Boney, 10-II; Mrs. Lorraine Niemyer, 11-I.

Second row: Miss Josephine Griffin, 11-II; Mrs. Grace Phifer, 12-I; Miss Lina Flynt, 12-II; Mr. W. L. Haltiwanger, Physics; Miss Martha Baber, Shorthand; Mr. L. H. Williamson, Manual Arts.

Third row: Miss Ann Gill, Music; Mr. Edwin Litaker, Band; Miss Frances Sinclair, Physical Education; Mr. R. B. Capps, Physical Education; Mr. Thomas Jones, Physical Education; Miss Margaret Huguelet, Library.



THE CHOO-CHOO STAFF

Richard Barrington *Editor*
Nancy O'Brien *Business Manager*

Helen Ketner *Assistant Editor*
Mary Ann Bennett *Assistant Editor*
Phillip Monteith *Assistant Business Manager*
Joe Sowell *Assistant Business Manager*
Jessie Blalock, Betty Greene, Frances Reese, Janice

Yates, Edith Ritter *Typists*
Ellen Griffin, Marilyn Martin *Club Editors*
Louise Hill, Neill Graham *Sports Editors*
Frank Medlin, Dewey Wilson,
Joe Norris *Photographers*



KETNER
REESE

BENNETT
YATES
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RITTER
MEDLIN

SOWELL
GRIFFIN
WILSON

BLALOCK
MARTIN
NORRIS

GREENE
HILL



Classes





SENIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

Joe Norris	<i>Student at Large</i>
Edith Ritter	<i>Secretary</i>
Peggy Griffin	<i>Vice-President</i>
Bobby Duke	<i>President</i>
Howard Martin	<i>Treasurer</i>
Helen Ketner	<i>Student at Large</i>
Joanne Covar	<i>Chaplain</i>

Class Motto: "We Build the Ladder By Which We Climb."

Class Flower: Shasta Daisy

Class Colors: Green and White



MASCOTS

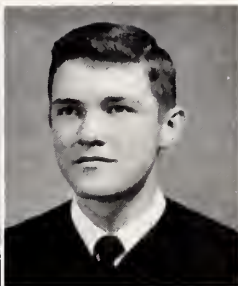
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"Kit"

Michael Rose
"Mike"

Paul Wilson Anderson
"Buck"



Richard Everette Barrington



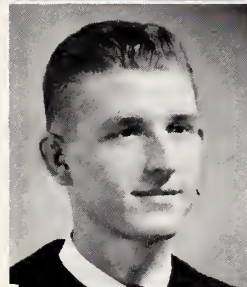
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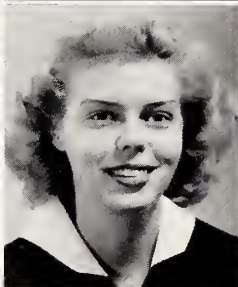
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"Shine"



William Eugene Billingsley



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"Hedy"



Dorothy Leigh Brigman
"Dot"



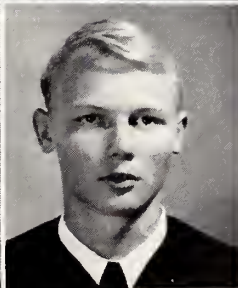
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"Tiny"



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"Scooter"



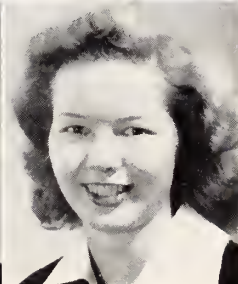
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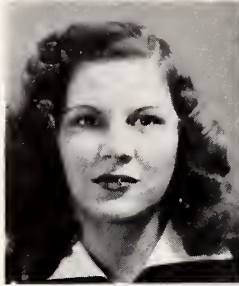
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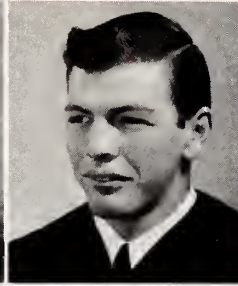
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Mollie Colvin



Henry Vinson Cook
"Bubba"



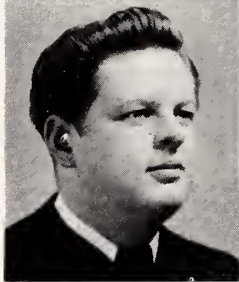
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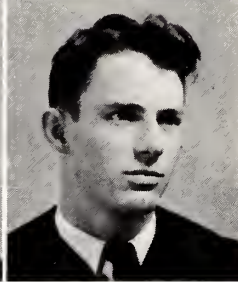
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"Jo"



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"Nickey"



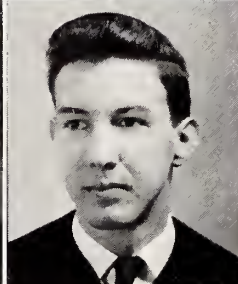
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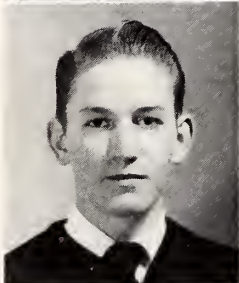
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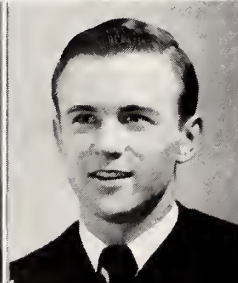
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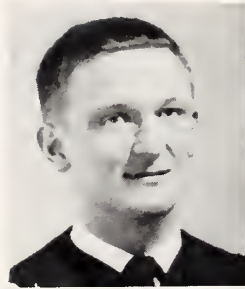
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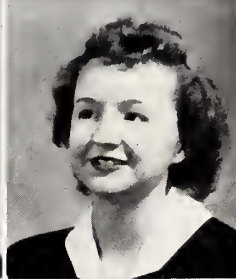


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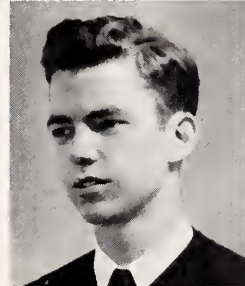
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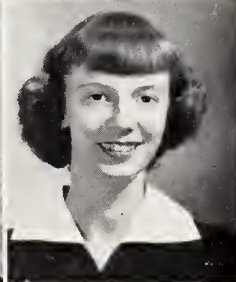
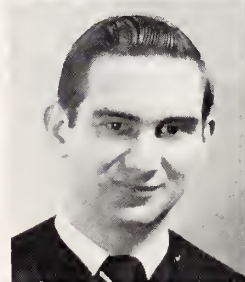
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Larry Harrill
"Lip"



Margery Adeline Hatcher
"Red"

Ervin Cuyler Hennecy



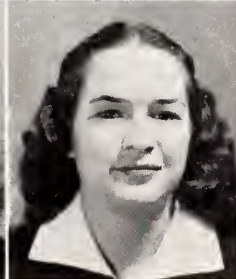
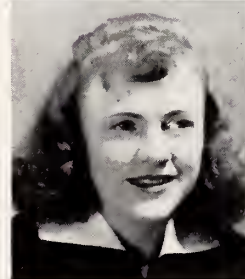
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"Mimi"



Hattie Ann Ingram
"Skinny"

Margaret Louise Kelly
"Lou"



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"Porkey"

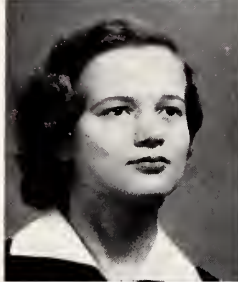
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Howard Vining Martin
"Hyde"



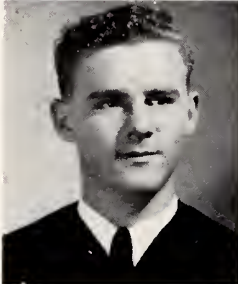
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Golda Mae McKeithan
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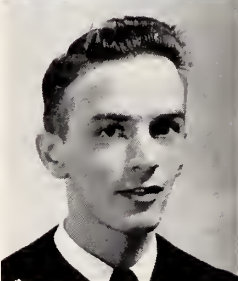
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"Crip"



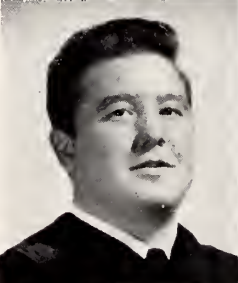
Claude Milham
"Weaver"



Charles Leonard Monk, Jr.
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Harold Floyd Morrison
"Zack"



Mary Alice Mudd
"Alice"



Robert Alfred Nash
"Bobo"



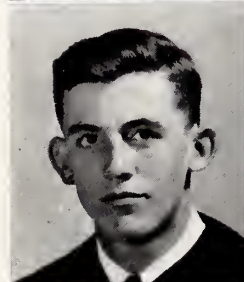
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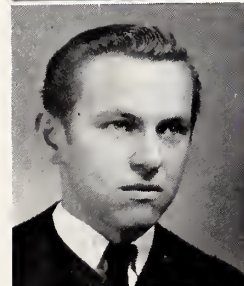
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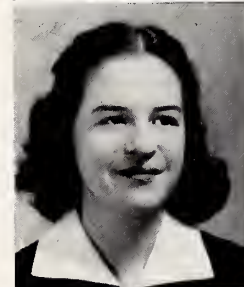
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Edith May Ritter
"Edie"



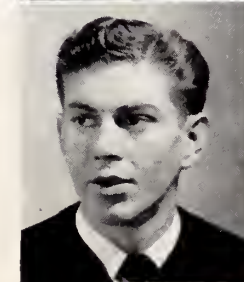
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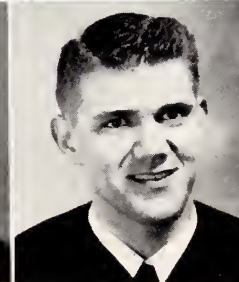
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John Edward Shaw
"Dynamite"



Alton Laurence Sheppard
"Humphrey"



Beulah Lee Smith
"Boots"

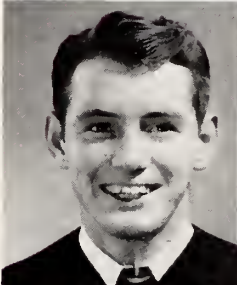


Margaret Faye Smith



Joseph T. Sowell
"Pickle"

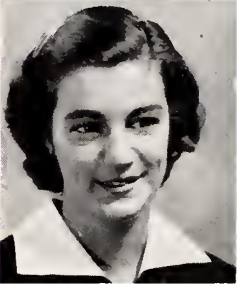
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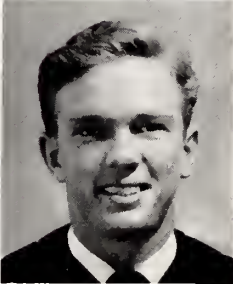
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"Lu"



Henry Matthew Staples, Jr.
"Crazy"



Patricia Ann Warwick
"Pat"



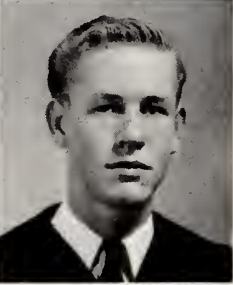
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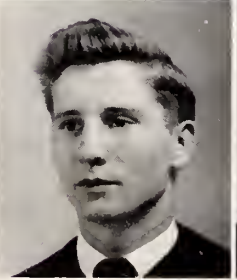
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Cecil Jerome Williams
"Spider"



Ralph Lane Wilson
"Weegi"



Dewey Floyd Wilson
"Beanie"



Janice Reid Yates
"Shorty"



CLASS HISTORY

Now that we have almost reached the end of our high school journey, we look fondly back through the vista of years as memory directs us; sometimes we sigh and sometimes we smile.

To recall some of the incidents of our past school years let's turn back to the time when we were a group of eager youngsters beginning what was to be twelve years of learning and gaining knowledge for our future years. Some of us were hanging on to our mammas, crying because we were scared; others of us looked forward to school with eager anticipation.

REMEMBER WHEN?

FIRST GRADE

Miss Covington had trouble with *Frank Medlin*? He wouldn't drink his milk because the bottle didn't have a nipple on it. *Dot Preslar*, who liked to eat, didn't think school was the place to stop and got spanked for eating in class? *Howard Martin* had his first date with Kathryn Hawley and left her standing outside the show? Miss Dellinger asked the class what they thought of their first year in school, and *Helen Ketner* made a half-hour speech? *Peggy Griffin* played dolls with Jimmy Massagee?

SECOND GRADE

Phillip Monteith had a crush on *Elten Griffin* and kissed her on the cheek right in class? (Started young, didn't he?) *Lou Stamps* was lighting candles in Janice Yates' attic and almost caught the house on fire? Miss Tilman shook *Frances Reese* for passing notes in class? (Fanny's still shaking!)

THIRD GRADE

In the third grade, *Irmalee Weatherly* was already there to warn us about the struggle with arithmetic? *Janice Yates* went home at recess thinking it was lunchtime? *Richard Barrington* wore gold rimmed glasses, and the day he forgot them he was pushed off the wall at Pansy Fetner? *Dewey Wilson* made a dramatic rescue when Tinker Waldrop fell in his fish pool?

FOURTH GRADE

Marvin Scott came to Hamlet and surprised the teachers with his quietness? *Louise Hill* asked Miss Langston if she could draw a picture on the weasel?

She later learned it was called an easel. *Cecil Williams* got by without his homework by getting Mrs. Land to talk about her son, Hunter? *Janie Gobble* had to stay in for playing on the boys' side of the playground? (She still likes boys.)

FIFTH GRADE

The boys had eraser fights when the teacher left the room? *Mary Ann Bennett* and Louise Hill beat up *Billy Creech* every day after school and had to be kept in until Billy had a head start home? Miss Spray slapped *Joe Sowell* so often that she moved him to the front of the room so she wouldn't have to get out of her seat to do it? *Cuyler Hennecy* came to Hamlet, and the kids threw rocks at him to see if he would fight back. He did. *Wilson Ramsey* and *J. E. Shaw* started the Hamlet Avenue "Gang" and terrorized the neighborhood?

SIXTH GRADE

Eva Dell Sparks was caught writing notes to Ed Richardson and had to read one to the class? *Henry Cook* used to act out the Saturday serials for the benefit of those who had missed them? *Miriam Howell* made a mistake in reading and said, "George Washington blushed and fell through the floor" instead of "fled through the door"? *Thomas McKay* and *Bill Farmer* stood outside the office at Fayetteville Street and laughed because the principal was strapping someone? Then she came out and strapped them while the other boy laughed? *Larry Harrill* had a large assortment of fireworks to go off in his house?

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SENIOR HONORS

1. Paul Wilson Anderson

Football, 9-10-11-12; Basketball, 10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Captain, Football Team, 12.

2. Richard Everette Barrington

Class Officer, 9-10; Student Council, 10; Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; President, Dramatic Club, 12; *Sandspur* Staff, 9-10-11-12; Editor, *Sandspur*, 12; Cheerleader, 11-12; Latin Club, 10; Hi-Y, 10-11-12; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Honor Roll, 9-10-11; Perfect Attendance, 9-10-11-12; Choral Club, 10; Senior Play, 12; Editor, Annual, 12; Junior Marshal, 11.

3. Mary Ann Bennett

Rainbow, 9-10; Music, 9; Dramatic, 10-11-12; Y-Teen, 10-11-12; Latin Club, 10-11; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Officer, French, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Property Manager, Senior Play, 12.

4. Jessie Rourk Blalock

Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Rainbow, 9-10; Recitation, 10; Music, 9-10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Glee Club, 11; Y-Teen, 11-12; Annual Staff, 12.

5. William Eugene Billingsley

Class Officer, 9; Latin Club, 11.

6. Hazel Allen Billingsley

Baseball, 10.

7. Dorothy Leigh Brigman

4-H Club, 9; F. H. A., 10; Library, 10-12; Glee Club, 11; Cafeteria, 11-12.

8. Eva Frances Brigman

Library, 9-10-11; 4-H Club, 9-10-11-12; Glee Club, 11.

9. Gene Holden Britt

Glee Club, 9; Latin Club, 10.

10. Charles Laurence Bruce

Boy Scout, 9; French Club, 12.

11. Charles Thomas Bundy

4-H Club, 9; Hi-Y, 11-12.

12. Della Blondell Carter

4-H Club, 9-10-11-12; F. H. A., 10; Glee Club, 11.

13 Mollie Colvin

14. Henry Vinson Cook

4-H Club, 9-10; Basketball, 9.

15. Ida Jean Corbett

Basketball, 9-10-12; Home Ec. Club, 9; Library, 10-12; G. A. A. (Wilmington), 11; Y-Teen, 12.

16. Joanne Covar

Class Officer, 9; Student Council, 9; Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; Treasurer, Latin Club, 10; Dramatic Club, 11-12; Y-Teen, 11-12; Drink Seller, 11; Ticket Seller, 12; Junior Marshal, 11; *Sandspur* Staff, 12; Prompter, Senior Play, 12; Senior Chaplain, 12.

17. Albert Ralph Cowan, Jr.

Music, 9-10-11; Dramatic Club, 11-12; Ticket Manager, Senior Play, 12.

18. William Price Creech

19. Robert Lester Duke

Basketball, 9-10-11; Baseball, 9-10-11-12; Eagle Scout, 9; Football, 10-11-12; Hi-Y, 10-11-12; Treasurer, Hi-Y, 12; Class Officer, 11-12; Student Council, 11-12; Junior Marshal, 11; French Club, 12.

20. James William Farmer

Class Officer, 10; Student Council, 10; Head-waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10.



SENIOR HONORS

21. Clyde Philip Farmer

I-H Club, 9-10; Bus Driver, 11.

22. William Harry Freeman

I-H Club, 10-11-12; Class Officer, 9; Glee Club, 9-10-11-12; Football, 9; Declamation, 10.

23. Frances Lillian Gibson

I-H Club, 9-10-11; Glee Club, 11; Home Ec. Club, 10.

24. Janie Leigh Gobble

Y-Teen, 11-12; Rainbow, 9; Latin Club, 10; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Dramatic Club, 11-12; Announcer, Senior Play, 12.

25. William Neill Graham

Football, 10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; President, Student Council, 12; Captain, Football Team, 12; Dramatic Club, 11-12; Annual Staff, 12.

26. Betty Sue Greene

Class Officer, 9-11; Student Council, 9-11; Y-Teen, 10-11-12; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Ticket Seller, 10-11-12; Dramatic Club, 10; French Club, 12; Giftorian, 12; Glee Club, 11.

27. Margaret Elizabeth Griffin

Class Officer, 9-10-11-12; Music, 9-10; Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; Cheerleader, 12; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; F. H. A., 10; Student Council, 10-12; Glee Club, 11; Basketball, 11-12; Y-Teen, 11-12; Toastmistress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 11.

28. Ellen Marie Griffin

Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; Music, 9-10-11-12; Recitation, 10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Y-Teen, 11-12; Junior Marshal, 11; Debating, 11; Sandspur Staff, 11-12; Glee Club, 11-12; Annual Staff, 12; French Club, 12; Ticket Seller, 12; Senior Play, 12.

29. Larry Harrill

Class Officer, 9.

30. Margery Adeline Hatcher

Library, 9; F. H. A., 10; Cafeteria, 12.

31. Ervin Cuyler Henneey

Football, 9-10; Class Officer, 9.

32. Louise Bucher Hill

Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Basketball, 9-10; Manager, Basketball, 12; Rainbow, 9-10; Secretary, Dramatic Club, 10-11; Latin Club, 10-11; Y-Teen, 11-12; Glee Club, 11; Debating, 11; Treasurer, Y-Teen, 12; Senior Play, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Attendant to Homecoming Queen, 12; Ticket Seller, 12.

33. Miriam Terry Howell

Library, 9-10-11; Basketball, 9-10; Y-Teen, 11-12; Office Work, 12; Perfect Attendance, 9-10-11-12.

34. Hattie Ann Ingram

I-H Club, 9-10; F. H. A., 10.

35. Margaret Louise Kelly

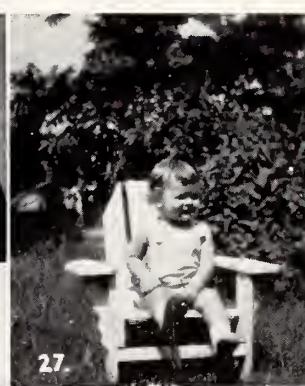
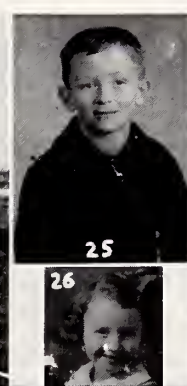
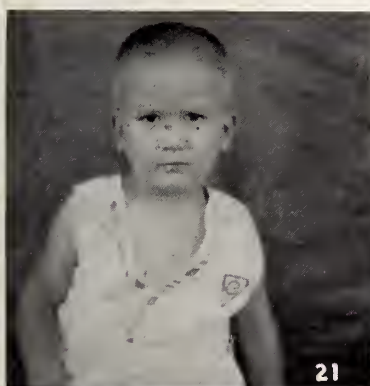
Music, 9-10-11-12; F. H. A., 11.

36. Helen Carol Ketner

Class Officer, 9-10; Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Secretary, Dramatic Club, 12; Y-Teen, 9-10-11-12; President, Y-Teen, 12; Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; Basketball, 9-10-11-12; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; F. H. A., 10; Glee Club, 11; Choral Club, 10; Lunchroom Bookkeeper, 11; Sandspur Staff, 11-12; Junior Marshal, 11; Drink Seller, 11; Student Council, Secretary, 12; Student Director, Senior Play, 12; Annual Staff, 12; French Club, 12; Cheerleader, 12.

37. Robert Wesley Lynch

Basketball, 9-10-12; Senior Play, 12.



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38. Howard Vining Martin

Football, 9; Winner, "Good Health" Contest, 9; Winner, Red Cross Contest, 10; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Latin Club, 10; Declamation, 11-12; Debating, 11-12; 4-H Club, 11-12; Class Officer, 12; Hi-Y, 11-12; President, Hi-Y, 12; Dramatic Club, 11; Senior Play, 12.

39. Marilyn Martin

Stamp Club (Harrison High), 9; Latin Club, 10; Dramatic Club, 10-11-12; Recitation, 11; French Club, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Senior Play, 12.

40. Golda Mae McKeithan

4-H Club, 9-10-11; Glee Club, 11.

41. Thomas Ray McKay

4-H Club, 9-10; Baseball, 10.

42. Frank Carroll Medlin

Football, 9; Glee Club, 11; Basketball, 11-12; Football Manager, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Stage Manager, Senior Play, 12; *Sandspur* Staff, 12.

43. Claude Milham

44. Charles Leonard Monk, Jr.

Football, 9-10-11-12; Spanish Club (Fayetteville), 9; French Club, 12.

45. Phillip Elwood Monteith

Football, 9-10-11-12; Baseball, 11-12; Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Glee Club, 11; *Sandspur* Staff, 11-12; Toastmaster, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 11; Hi-Y, 11-12; Senior Play, 12; Entertainment, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Annual Staff, 12.

46. Harold Floyd Morrison

Class Officer, 10; Glee Club, 11.

47. Mary Alice Mudd

Basketball, 9-10; 4-H Club, 9; F. H. A., 10; Library, 11; Glee Club, 12.

48. Robert Alfred Nash

Baseball, 9-10-12; 4-H Club, 10; Hi-Y, 10-11-12.

49. Joseph Wall Norris

Latin Club, 9-10; Football, 9-10; Class Officer, 11-12; Hi-Y, 10-11-12; Dramatic Club, 11; Manager, Football, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Baseball, 12; Property Manager, Senior Play, 12; Student Council, 12.

50. Nancy Helen O'Brien

Music, 9-10; Rainbow, 9-10-11; Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Vice-President, Dramatic Club, 12; Class Officer, 10-11; Student Council, 10; Choral Club, 10; F. H. A., 10; Latin Club, 10-11; Glee Club, 11; Y-Teen, 11-12; Recitation, Winner, 11; French Medal, 11; Girls' State, 11; Business Manager, Annual, 12; Senior Play, 12; President, French Club, 12; Vice-President, Y-Teen, 12.

51. Henry Donald Preslar

"Good Health" Contest, 9; Latin Club, 10; Choral Club, 10; Glee Club, 11-12; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Bus Driver, 12; Road Safety Patrol, 12; Hi-Y, 12.

52. Dorothy Mae Preslar

Library, 9-10; F. H. A., 10.

53. Richard Evans Quick

Class Officer, 9; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Bus Driver, 12.

54. Wilson Amos Ramsey

Football, 9-10-11-12; Baseball, 9-10-11-12; Basketball, 9-10-11-12; Class Officer, 9; Hi-Y, 10-11-12; Vice-President, Hi-Y, 12; Varsity "H", 10-11; Dramatic Club, 11; Class Historian, 12.



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SENIOR HONORS

55. Frances Arthur Reese

Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Basketball, 9-10-11-12; Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Glee Club, 11; Choral Club, 10; Drink Seller, 11; *Sandspar* Staff, 11-12; Business Manager, *Sandspar*, 12; Y-Teen, 11-12; Ticket Seller, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Student Director, Senior Play, 12; Perfect Attendance, 9-10.

56. Edith May Ritter

Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Business Manager, Dramatic Club, 12; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Y-Teen, 10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Class Officer, 11-12; *Sandspar* Staff, 12; Annual Staff, 12; Student Council, 12; Class Prophet, 12; Attendant to Homecoming Queen, 12; Honor Roll, 11; Drink Seller, 11; Ticket Seller, 12; Glee Club, 11.

57. Marvin Melvin Scott

58. Doris Jean Sharpe

Basketball (Pittsview, Ala.), 9-10; 4-H Club, 9-10; Literary Society (Pittsview), 9-10; F. H. A., 11; Perfect Attendance, 11; Junior Play (Henderson, N. C.), 11; Glee Club, 12.

59. John Edward Shaw

Football, 9-10-11; Basketball, 9-10-11-12; Dramatic Club, 11-12; Class Officer, 11; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10.

60. Alton Laurence Sheppard

Football, 11-12; Baseball, 9-10-12.

61. Beaulah Lee Smith

4-H Club, 9-10; Basketball, 9-10; Library, 10-11; Home Ec. Club, 10.

62. Margaret Faye Smith

Basketball, 9-10-11-12; Rainbow, 9-10-11; Class Officer, 10-11; Student Council, 11; Y-Teen, 11-12; French Club, 12; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10.

63. Joseph T. Sowell

Football, 9-10-11-12; Basketball, 9-10; Baseball, 11-12; Glee Club, 11-12; Senior Play, 12; Annual Staff, 12.

64. Eva Dell Sparks

Library, 10-12; Y-Teen, 11-12; Cafeteria, 11-12; Glee Club, 12; F. H. A., 10.

65. Lou Ellen Stamps

Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; F. H. A., 9-10-12; Basketball, 9-10-11; Y-Teen, 10-11-12; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Dramatic Club, 10; Recitation, 10.

66. Henry Matthew Staples

Football, 9-10-11-12; Latin Club, 10; Waiter, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Baseball, 11-12; Hi-Y, 11-12.

67. Patricia Ann Warwick

Basketball, 9-10-11-12; Y-Teen, 10-11.

68. Irmalee Bruton Weatherly

Class Officer, 9-10; Basketball, 9-10; F. H. A., 10; Glee Club, 11; Y-Teen, 11-12; French Club, 12.

69. William Howard Williams

70. Cecil Jerome Williams

71. Dewey Floyd Wilson

Class Officer, 9-10; Annual Staff, 12.

72. Ralph Lane Wilson

Latin Club, 10; Dramatic Club, 9-10-11-12; Football, 9-10-12; Basketball, 9-10-12; Baseball, 9-10-11-12; Hi-Y, 11-12; Stage Manager, Senior Play, 12.

73. Janice Reid Yates

Music, 9-10-11; Rainbow, 9-10-11-12; Recitation, 9-10; Basketball, 9-10; Waitress, Jr.-Sr. Banquet, 10; Y-Teen, 10-11-12; Senior Play, 12; Annual Staff, 12.



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CLASS PROPHECY

After receiving my degree in nursing at Johns Hopkins, I came back to Hamlet to take a position as head nurse at the Richmond County Memorial Hospital.

I arrived on a jet propelled train of the Seaboard Railroad. I met J. E. Shaw who was the Conductor on the train. When the train finally arrived at Hamlet, I was met by my old friend and schoolmate, Frances Reese, who is now secretary to Neill Graham, Chief Surveyor of the Seaboard Railroad. As we walked to her car parked about a block away we passed a newsstand where I bought a morning paper. I found that the name of it is still the Hamlet News Messenger, but Frank Medlin is now owner and publisher. His two secretaries are Dorothy Brigman and Eva Brigman.

After reaching the car, we started home. While driving up the street, we passed the Birmingham's Drug Store which is owned by Claude Milham. Three blocks farther up Main Street, which has now been enlarged, we passed Joanne Covar's Fashion Shop, the former Mary Rice's. Fanny told me that her new model, Molly Colvin, won the Miss America Contest of 1960. Across the street from Joanne's we saw the new four story Mudd and Smith's 5 & 10. A small sign read: "Mary Alice Mudd and Beulah Smith, Owners." A block farther up the street we saw Humphrey's Theater, a new ultra-modern theater owned by Alton Sheppard. Currently playing was "The Lost Weekend" starring Hazel Billingsley and Henry Cook. Next door to the theater we saw Dewey Wilson standing in front of his new establishment, D. F. Wilson, Mortician. Business looked dead as usual.

As time was running short, we hurried home, for I had to get ready to go to a Reunion Dinner of the 1950 Class.

That evening about 7:30 I was called for by Henry Staples, the new head football coach for Hamlet High School. When we arrived at the reunion, we were greeted at the door by our hostess, Marilyn Martin, now society editor for the famous Hamlet News. As we entered, we were welcomed by Phillip Monteith and Billy Creech, president and vice-president of Dixie Home Stores. Close by we saw Wilson Ramsey, Colonial Store Chief. Also present were Irmalee Weatherly and her husband, Billy Brumbles, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co. Chief. All of these are stiff competitors in the grocery business. Immediately after we arrived, dinner was served and the Rev. Albert Cowan asked the blessing. As the supper progressed, we became engrossed in a conversation about some of our classmates who were too far away to be present. Marilyn told me the beautiful flowers came from Howard Martin's Floral Shop. I learned that Louise Hill and Ralph Wilson are happily married. Janie Leigh Gobble is now a teacher in New York. Lou Stamps has become a veterinarian and is head of the Richmond County Dog Hospital. I was informed that Janice Yates and Ellen Griffin are in Hollywood. Janice is a star for M. G. M., her current release being "Happy Holiday". Ellen is a singer for the Metropolitan Opera. Bobby Duke still delivers the Charlotte Observer in Hamlet and has a circulation of 3,000. He has a new jeep and hasn't had any wrecks in the past years since Sleepy-Head Monteith quit driving for him. Billy Freeman, who was once a school bus driver, owns the Hamlet Suburban Bus Line and his partners are Harold Morrison and Richard Quick. Louise Kelly and Pat Warwick have been married eleven years and have a rapidly growing family. Hattie Ann Ingram and Frances Gibson are now wives of truck farmers, each owning several hundred acres of land. Marvin Scott owns a chain of popcorn machines, two of which are placed in Humph-

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rey's Theater. Blondell Carter and Adeline Hatcher are seamstresses and own part of the Charlotte Tailoring Company. Marilyn showed me a picture of Cuyler Hennecey in the newspaper. He had just won an award at the Metropolitan Speedway. His race car made the 500 rounds stopping only three times. I also noticed that Faye Smith had just received her promotion to Head Nurse at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte. Turning over to the sports page I saw a picture of Cecil Williams and Lip Harrill, top-heavy weight stars on a professional football team. Under advertisements I noticed Bobby Lynch and Gene Britt were announcing the grand opening of their Drive-In Theatre.

Next morning I decided to visit our old Alma Mater. As I walked up the front steps, everything seemed to be the same, but when I went in, I noticed quite a few changes. Richard Barrington is now principal, taking Mr. Haltiwanger's place, and Thomas Bundy is the new physics teacher. Later I heard that he was doing quite well at his new position. Professor Barrington told me just to wander around and get acquainted with the new faculty. I climbed the old familiar stairs to Miss Flynt's room and to my surprise Betty Greene met me at the door. She told me that she had gone there to teach while Miss Flynt was away on her honeymoon and had been there ever since. Betty also told me that Nancy O'Brien had taken Miss Liles' place as French teacher and that Jessie Blalock now had charge of Miss Westcott's music pupils. Margaret Griffin is head coach of the girls' basketball team and Helen Ketner, after graduating from W. C., is the new Home Ec. teacher. After visiting their classes I was convinced that they were very capable and efficient teachers. Before leaving I decided to speak to Mr. Kyzer. When I stopped in at his office, I found that William Billingsley had taken his place and Golda McKeithan was his new secretary.

After leaving I ran into Dorothy Preslar and Eva Dell Sparks. Eva Dell told me that she owned a big dairy, and Dot said that she was the new clerk manager of Rose's 5 & 10. While we were talking, an ice truck passed and in it were Bob Nash and Donald Preslar. Eva Dell said they now owned the Hamlet Ice Company. I asked about Paul Anderson, Bill Farmer, and Phillip Farmer since I hadn't seen them. They said that Bill and Philip Farmer were joint owners of the Hamlet Gin and Supply Company and that Paul had opened a new barber shop on Main Street.

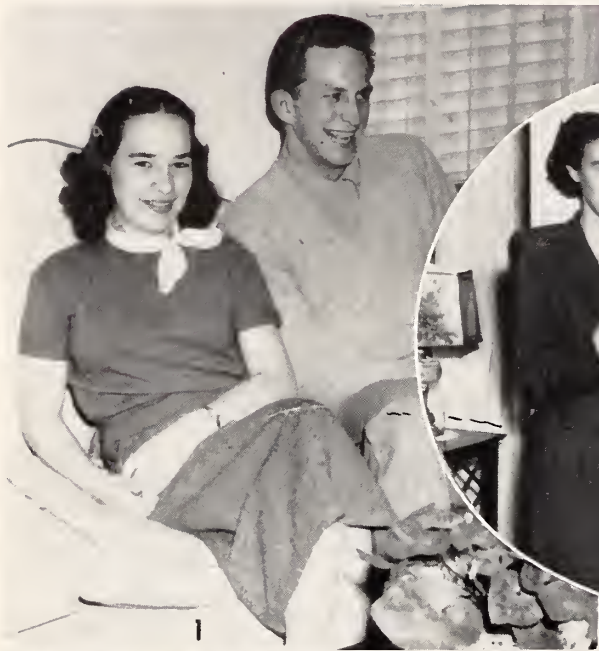
After I left Eva Dell and Dot, I came home and asked my mother about some of my classmates I had not heard about. She told me that Charlie Monk is the new manager of the Buttercup Ice Cream Company and working for Charlie are Ida Jean Corbett, bookkeeper, and Miriam Howell, secretary. She also told me that Doris Jean Sharpe is bookkeeper for Rose's 5 & 10. While we were talking I noticed a new book on the table and after thumbing through it I found that the author was Thomas McKay. It was his latest book of poems. Mother said she bought her new chair from C. L. Bruce and Billy Williams' Upholstering Shop. I asked what had happened to Joe Norris and she told me that he was elected Mayor of Hamlet during the last election and that Joe Sowell had been appointed Chief of Police. My last inquiry was about Mary Ann Bennett. She said that Mary Ann was still trying to decide between a navy man, an army man, and a civilian.

Those first two days of being home had been happy ones but since I had found out about all of my classmates I decided it was about time to settle down and get ready for work the next day.

EDITH RITTER

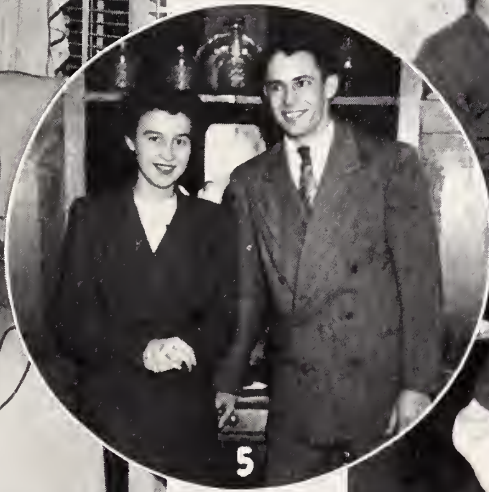
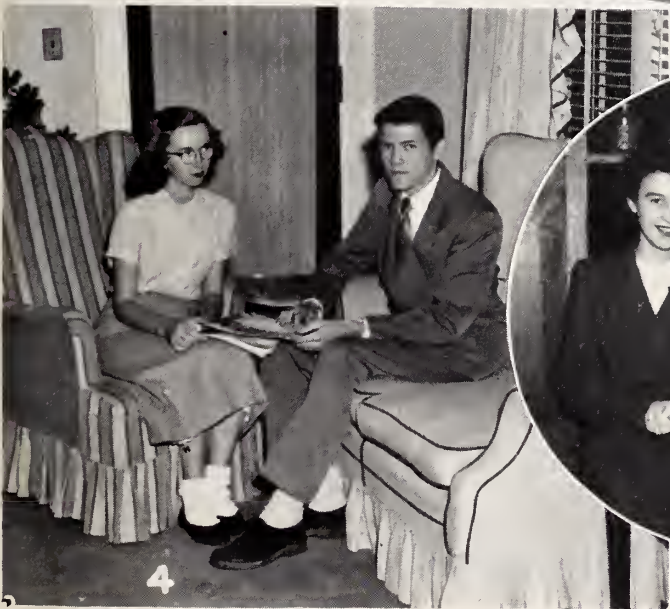
Class Prophet

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| 1. Mr. and Miss H. H. S. | Wilson Ramsey, Helen Ketner |
| 2. Best Dressed | Betty Greene, Bobby Duke |
| 3. Best Looking | Mollie Colvin, Billy Creech |
| 4. Best Sport | Peggy Griffin, Paul Anderson |
| 5. Most Popular | Helen Ketner, Richard Barrington |
| 6. Friendliest | Nancy O'Brien, Richard Barrington |

SUPERLATIVES



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| 1. Best All-Round | Nancy O'Brien, Richard Barrington |
| 2. Best Figure (Physique) | Lou Stamps, Henry Staples |
| 3. Best Athlete | Faye Smith, Paul Anderson |
| 4. Most Likely to Succeed | Joanne Covar, Richard Barrington |
| 5. Cutest | Betty Greene, Billy Crecch |
| 6. Cutest Couple | Henry Staples, Edith Ritter |

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Town of Hamlet

County of Richmond

State of North Carolina

United States

June 3, 1950

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred Fifty, being of legal mind and sound body, do make, publish, and declare this our Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and annulling any will (or wills) made by us heretofore.

Item I

Paul Anderson leaves his goat farm to *Effie Hargett* and his Clark Gable mustache to *Billy Allen*.

Richard Barrington leaves his big mouth to *Nash LeGrand* and his friendliness to *Billy Ann Hudson*.

Mary Ann Bennett leaves her bangs and some of her boy friends to *Pat LeGrand*.

Hazel Billingsly leaves his Alan Ladd coat and gangster ways to *William Gibson*.

William Billingsly leaves his modest quietness to *Jimmy Massagee*.

Jessie Blalock leaves her long blond tresses to *Jane Evans* and her dramatic imitations to *Shirley Shelton*.

Dorothy Brigman leaves her curly hair to *Gene Gunter* for next year's crop.

Eva Brigman leaves a box of giggles to *Winnie Mitchum*.

Gene Britt leaves solid geometry (Amen!) and also one "et up" motor scooter to *Billy McGoogan*.

C L. Bruce leaves one last statement, "It was a hard fight, ma, but after thirteen years, I finally won!"

Thomas Bundy leaves one head of curls to any four Juniors, and all that is left over to *Miss Mac's* biology class for further observation by girls who want to learn his secret. (We hope he'll keep that good disposition all through life.)

Blondell Carter leaves all the boys to *Nancy James*.

Molly Colvin leaves her Veronica Lake hair to *Miss Boney*.

Henry Cook (Baby Ray) leaves his seniority in shop to *Billy Segars*.

Ida Jean Corbett leaves her good looks and friendly ways to *Sue Brown*.

Joanne Covar leaves her ability to tell the truth to *Pat Campbell*.

Albert Cowan leaves a box of curlers and a pack of bobby pins to the girls in the Junior Class.

Billy "Pretty Boy" Creech leaves his senior privilege of enjoying 3rd Period Study Hall to *Mickey Evans*.

Bobby Duke leaves his shagging ability to *Gene Gunter* and his physics knowledge to *Roy Billingsly*.

Bill Farmer leaves his weird sense of humor to *Stanford Honeycutt*.

Phillip "One Lung" Farmer leaves one wrecked bus and ninety-nine million gray hairs to *Charles McIver*.

Billy Freeman leaves an open road to *Rockingham* to *Mac Allen*.

Frances Gibson leaves her bookkeeping book to anyone who can keep up with it.

Janie Leigh Gobble leaves two books to *Jane Evans*: her date book, and one comic book, "Crime Don't Pay".

Neill Graham leaves his Ish Kabibble haircut to *Andy Hemphill*.

Betty Greene leaves one trunk of old clothes to needy *Pat Edwards*.

Peggy "Pinetree" Griffin leaves her radiant fuchsia sweater to the *fire department*, and her friendliness to *Sally Green*.

Ellen Griffin leaves her vocal chords to *Ida Rose Bruton*.

Larry Harrell leaves his magnificent ability to save money to *Sonny Bennett*.

Adeline Hatcher leaves her lunchroom generosity to *Mrs. Utter's* next year's girls.

Cuyler Hennecy leaves one box of Royal Crown Pomade to *Robert Herndon*.

Louise Hill leaves her classy chassis to the "1950 Hudson", *Billy Ann*.

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Miriam Howell leaves her record of perfect attendance to Sara Faries.

Hattie Ingram leaves her sophistication to Lily Hutchins.

Louise Kelly leaves her collection of baby diapers to any future senior who might need them.

Helen Ketter leaves her good disposition and her good looks to all the Juniors.

Bobby Lynch leaves all his debts, troubles, etc., to Herman Von Page, and also a heck of a time to whoever writes next year's will.

Howard Martin leaves his love for gossip to Bobby Neimeyer and a gold statue of himself to be situated in a prominent place in the school.

Marilyn "Speedy" Martin leaves her vim, vigor, and vitality to all the slow pokes in school, and her quietness in French to those who need it.

Golda McKeithan leaves Larry Hammond to all the girls in 4th Period Study Hall.

Thomas Ray McKay leaves his romantic ways to Gene Huguelet.

Frank Medlin leaves his knowledge of French to J. L. Bell, and Birmingham's Drug Store to Mr. Birmingham, the owner.

Charles Monk, Czar of 6th Period Study Hall, leaves his supreme position to Miss Flynt and his ability to learn football plays to Kenny Wither-
spoon.

Phillip Monteith leaves fifty pounds of elite lard to the lunchroom and his ghoulish laugh to Mitchell Hargett.

Harold Morrison leaves his position teaching shop (which originally belonged to Coach Williamson) to Billy Bundy.

Mary Alice Mudd leaves her blond hair to Jean Smith, so that she can throw away the peroxide bottle.

Bob Nash just leaves. (Nuff said.)

Joe Norris leaves his neatness and his ability to argue with a lamp post to Melva Hamilton.

Nancy O'Brien leaves her infallible ability to forget to Miss Flynt.

Donald Preslar leaves his metropolitan opera voice to Mitchell "Songbird of the South" Hargett.

Dorothy Preslar leaves one Webster's dictionary to Miss Flynt so she can look up her own words.

Richard Quick leaves his pleasant disposition to everybody.

Wilson Ramsey leaves his athletic ability to next year's left end, and his height to any two Juniors who need it.

Frances Reese leaves her nickname to whoever takes up the swing next year.

Edith Ritter leaves all the boys to Lauretta, except Henry.

Marvin Scott leaves his popcorn machine to Roy Peele.

Doris Sharpe leaves her pleasant disposition to Pat LeGrand.

J. E. Shaw leaves his basketball ability to Billy Norris.

Alton Sheppard leaves Molly Colvin to anyone who thinks he can handle her.

Beulah Smith leaves her ability to go steady and be true to Eva Davis.

Faye Smith leaves her sweet disposition and her athletic ability to all the Juniors.

Joe Sowell leaves his summer school seniority to Warren Brown.

Eva Dell Sparks leaves one long continuous giggle to Barbara McEwen and her ticket salesmanship to next year's seniors.

Lou Stamps leaves her record of obtaining the most sick slips in the Senior Class to Pat Edwards.

Henry Staples leaves his best wishes to the 1950 football team. They'll need them.

Pat Warwick leaves a happy road of married life to Pat Zilonka.

Irmalee Weatherly leaves all the boys in high school; she already has Billy.

Bill Williams leaves one Captain Marvel comic book to 3rd Period Study Hall.

Cecil Williams leaves his keys and ability to pick locks to Billy Segars.

Ralph Wilson leaves his Tyrone Power smile and his way with the women to Larry Schweckendieck.

Dewey (Digger Odell) Wilson leaves one straight wired car to Mack Brumbles.

Janice Yates leaves her collection of sweaters to anyone who can wear them as she can.

The Senior Class leaves a bell and a pair of taps to Mr. Haltiwanger as a safety measure for the rest of the students.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand on this, our last will and testament.

BOBBY LYNCH

Testator



JUNIOR CLASS

OFFICERS

11-II

Larry Schweckendieck	Treasurer
Pat Edwards	Secretary
Ben Fetner	Vice-President
Billy Hicks	President
Bobby Strook	Student at Large

11-I

Sally Greene	President
Roy Billingsley	Vice-President
Judy McKee	Secretary
Bobby Niemyer	Treasurer

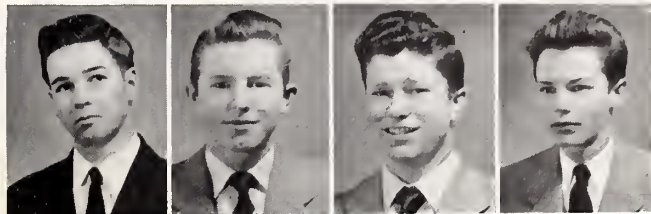


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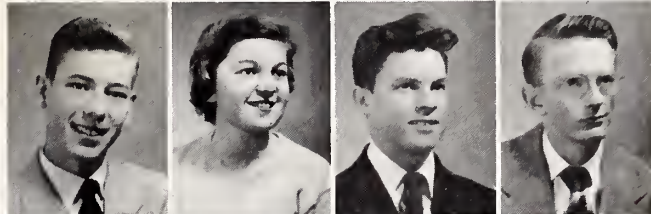
First Row, left to right: Laurette Ritter, Betsy Brown, Sally Greene.
Second Row: Roy Billingsley, Bobby Niemyer, Bobby Allen, Larry Schweckendieck (Chief).

JUNIORS

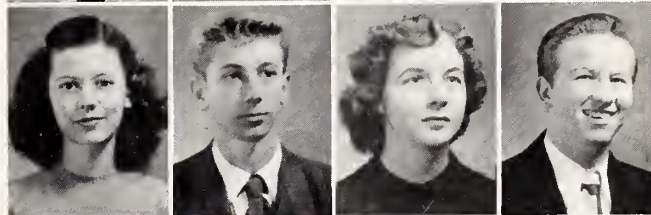
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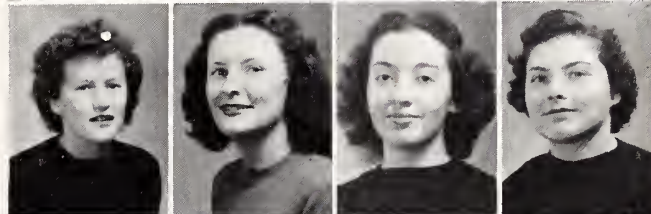
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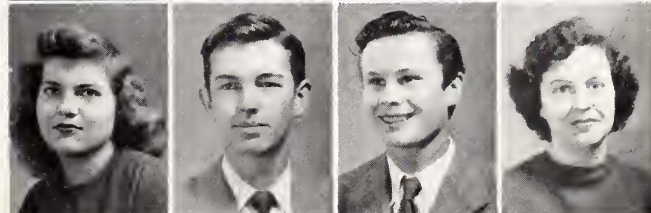
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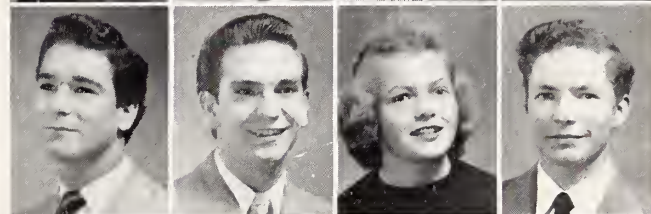
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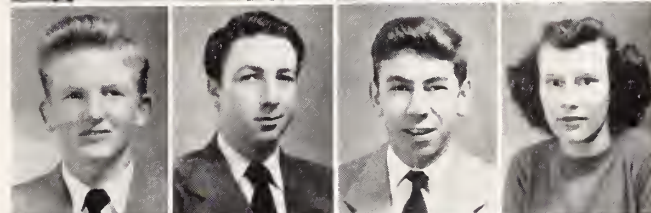
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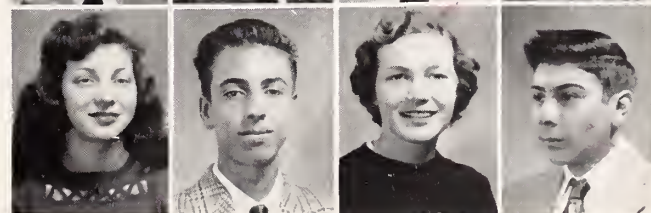
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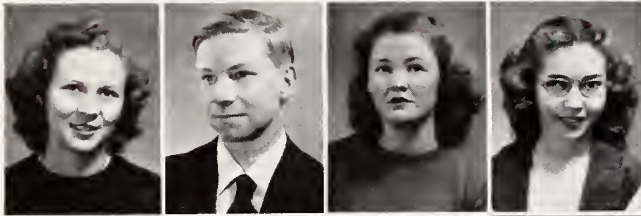
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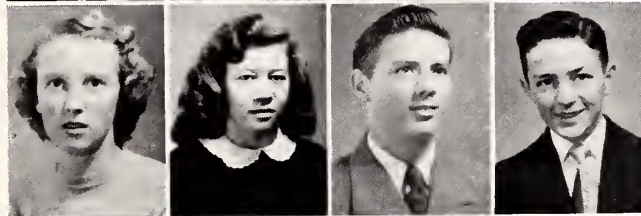
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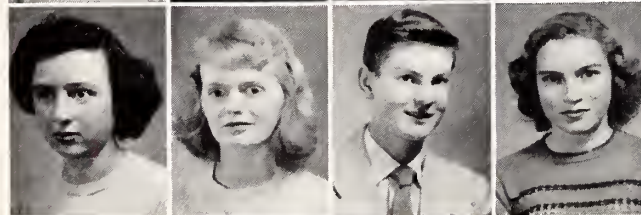
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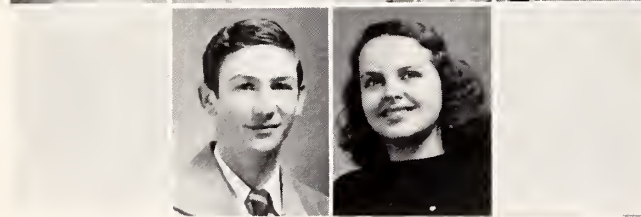
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Billy Segars



Shirley Segars
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Bobby Strock
Doris Wallace



Marcus Wright
Pat Zilonka

CLASS HISTORY

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SEVENTH GRADE

We all got together at Hamlet High? *Frances Gibson* fought on the school bus? *Joanne Covar* and *Bob Nash* got caught putting sandspurs in people's desks? *Golda McKeithan* had a crush on *Ralph Wilson*? *Bill Williams* was always starting a fight? Miss *McKinnon* kept the whole class after school because they had cheated on a test and made them pray?

EIGHTH GRADE

Henry Staples went with *Louise Hill* and *Ralph Wilson* liked *Edith Ritter*? All the boys liked Miss *Klettner*? *Joe Norris* and *Donald Preslar* were flower girls in the Womanless Wedding? *Adeline Hatcher* brought grapes and flowers to the teachers so she could be their pet? *Hazel Billingsley* came to school? The girls beat the boys in a baseball game?

NINTH GRADE

We got our first taste of High School? *Gene Britt* was such a "wheel" in Latin? *Mary Alice Mudd* got lost changing classes? We turned social and had a party every Saturday night? *Nickey Cowan* started driving his "A" Model "Jezzie-Belle"? *Beaulab Smith* didn't go with *Richard*? *Pat Warwick*, *Faye Smith*, and *Peggy Griffin* developed their love for basketball? *Hattie Ann Ingram* was in love with "Red" and Home Ec.? *Ellen Griffin* went to all the dances with *Stanford Honeycutt*?

TENTH GRADE

Alton Sheppard tried to make a second *Boyd's Lake* out of *Henderson's*? *Bobby Lynch* had such intellectual programs during home room period? *Marilyn Martin* wasn't known as "Speedy"? *Charles Monk* came from *Fayetteville* to play football for Hamlet High? *Betty Greene* got love notes from *Bruce Hamilton*? *Harold Morrison* and *Phillip Farmer*

started driving the school busses? *C. L. Bruce* told everyone he ate canned rattlesnake meat to make him strong? *Nancy O'Brien* took driving lessons from *Tinker Waldrop*—at night? A few lucky ones got to serve at the Junior-Senior? *Edith Ritter* started going with *Henry Staples*?

ELEVENTH GRADE

Billy Freeman was a cheerleader? *Louise Kelly* got married? *Claude Milham* passed a grade without having to go to summer school? *Blondel Carter* sneaked to the store from Home Ec. on rainy day schedules? *Bobby Duke* first started delivering papers? *Doris Jean Sharpe* came to Hamlet and everyone liked her from the very start? *Jessie Blalock* began watching her teachers with an eagle eye, and then imitated them at every party?

TWELFTH GRADE

We all fell in love with *Mrs. Phifer* and *Miss Flynt*, and came to rely on *Mr. Haltiwanger* and *Mr. Kyzer*? *Eva Brigman* tried to keep the typing study hall quiet? *Dot Brigman* was the only one who didn't cut up in shorthand? *Neill Graham* and *Paul Anderson* were elected co-captains of the football team? *Mollie Colvin* hit Hamlet High with a bang? *Richard Quick* drove a school bus just to miss half of English? *William Billingsley* broke the record by making "A's" on solid geometry? *Ida Jean Corbett* moved back to Hamlet to graduate? *Thomas Bundy* began to talk a little—in bookkeeping? We lost *Coach Blair* but gained *Coach Capps* and *Coach Jones*? *Miss Sinclair* began teaching Physical Ed.? The Senior Play was a howling success?

And now as we all look forward to graduation, our thoughts turn back to the sad memory of *E. G. Dawkins* who was our friend and classmate up to the eighth grade.

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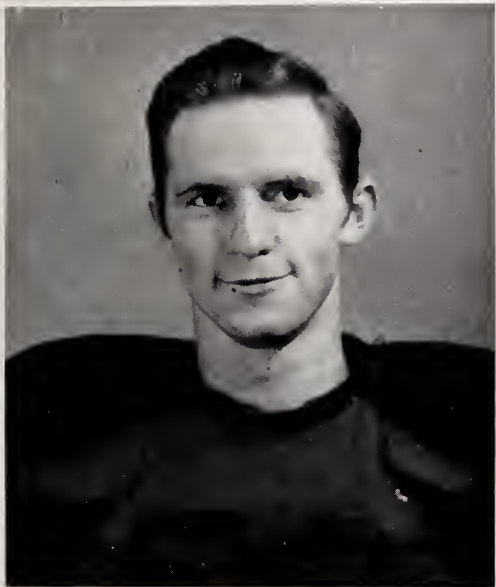
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Joe Sowell (RE)

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Bobby Strock (QB)
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Hamlet's first homecoming game, held on Thanksgiving night turned out to be a great success. The "Red Rams" won by a 12-0 victory.

During the first quarter, the "Rams" came close to scoring, but a pass was intercepted and the quarter soon ended. Finally in the second period, with fine running of Gene Gunter, Henry Staples, and Ralph Wilson, Hamlet received nine first downs on a seventy-five yard touchdown drive. The drive was climaxed by Bobby Strock on a quarter-back sneak. Gunter's try for the extra point was no good, and the "Rams" led 6-0 at the half.

The team came back in the third period to show their superb power by not allowing the Whiteville team to pass the twenty-five yard line. During the last quarter, Carl Uzzell returned a punt to the Whiteville twenty. From there he went to the fifteen-yard line. Then "Red" Allen blasted over the center of the line for a touchdown. This climaxed the game to a 12-0 victory for the Hamlet "Red Rams."

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To a new wonderful
teacher.

William Billingsley

I've greatly enjoyed
your friendship and
always will.

Love,
Bill

I have enjoyed being in your classes
Always Richard Quicks

Mrs. Phifer,
you've been my
teacher for the third
time this year. I'm the
7th, the 9th and in the 12th.
I want you to know that
you're one of my favorites and
I've enjoyed every minute
of my school life under you.

Phillip

To my favorite teacher
Alton Sheppard

Mrs. Phifer,
I will always remember
you. I've enjoyed being
in your room, and have
enjoyed you teaching me.
Love always,
Adeline

The wonderful friend and
teacher.

Suzanne Shay

I hope more
that I never lose the
friendship that I had
at school. Love
Marjorie Martin

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Mrs. Pike

I shall always
remember you as one
of the sweetest
and nicest teachers
I ever had.

Love,
Joanne

[Faint, illegible handwriting]

You are a very nice teacher

Love
Bill Williams

You are the sweetest teacher
I ever had. I'll never
forget you - Love,

Eddie

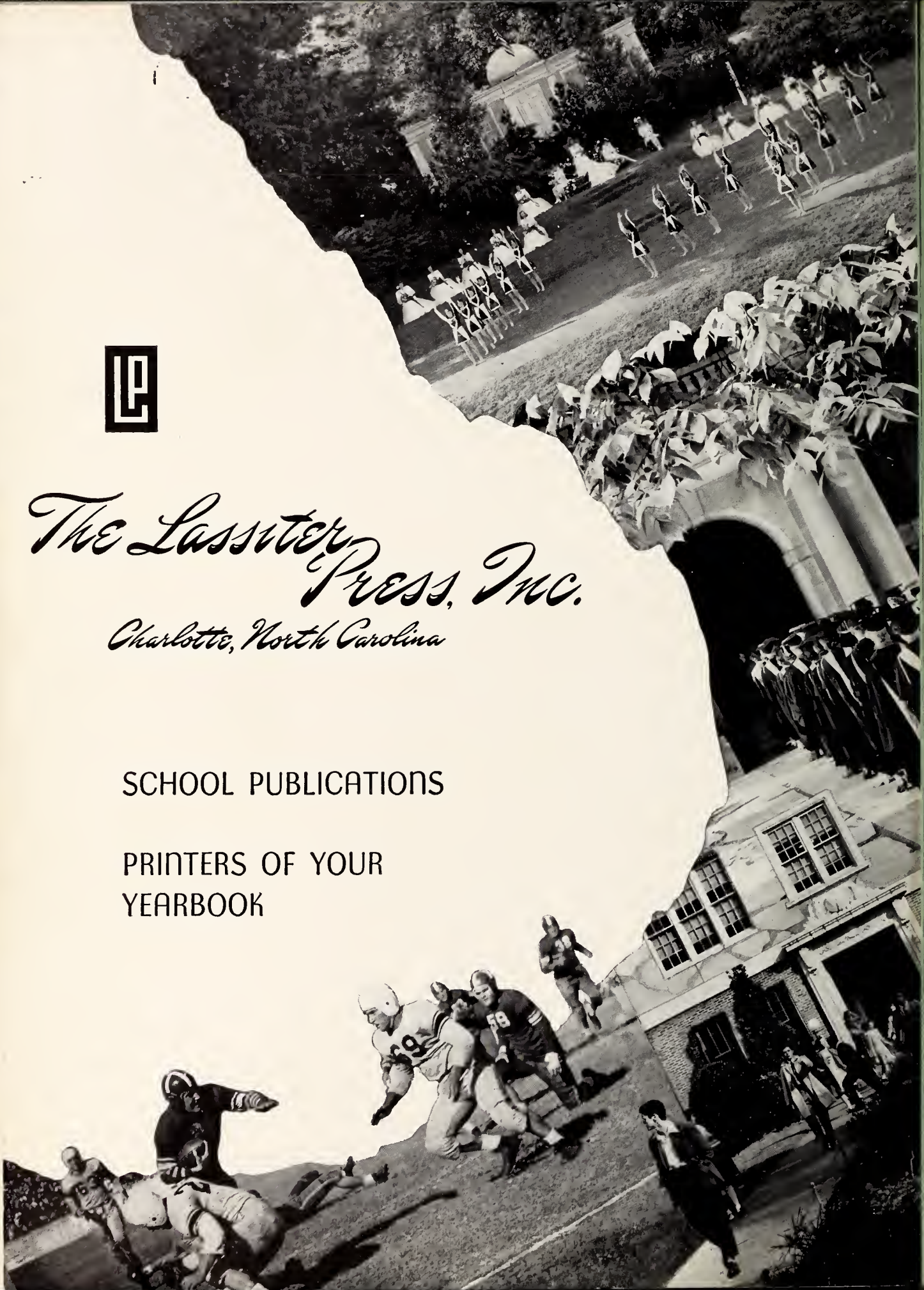


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"And we walked about saying nothing — because we were friends." You are more to me than I can say.
Lina

To a dear teacher I shall always remember, Lolda.
To one of the best, which we were most fortunate to have.

Always,
Mickey Cowan

Best wishes to a very good teacher
Claude Milham

Lots of luck to my favorite teacher

Hazel Billingsley

To one of the finest friends and teachers I know
a very dear friend which I never forget.

Bill Creek

To a fine teacher and friend.

Joe Norris

Best wishes to one of the finest teachers I know
and a dear friend I shall never forget.

Philip Farmer

I'll always remember you as one of the sweetest
teachers and friends that I have known.

Love
Dot Bugina

To my favorite teacher the best of luck.

Francis Gibson

To a sweet
teacher I'll never
forget. Best of everything
to you.
Love to wa Briggman

Mrs. Phifer,
I will always remember
your sweet smile and
think of you always.
Best wishes,
"Dot" Preslar

Mrs. Phifer,
I can't forget you and
your friendly personality. Will
you remember the good times
we've spend riding in the (49 olds).
"We must depart"

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
It has been
more than a pleasure
being with you
these years. You
are a sweet and
fine teacher and
I'll never forget
you.

Love ya -
Eva Bell Sparks

Love,
Jessie

Mrs. Phifer,

You are and always have been a
great favorite teacher of mine. You
and Miss Flynn have made this a
wonderful Senior year and I will never
forget either of you.

lots of love -
Thomas Bundy -

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
It has been a pleasure being with
you this last year. I will always
 treasure your friendship and admire
you.

Love,
Frances

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
of your friendly spirit,
steadfast confidence, and
willing service have as much
effect on other students as they
have had on me. Then I know
you have been of great service
to all of us.

With highest regards,
Howard

Best of luck to a
very charming lady!
a friend always,
Nollie

Best Wishes To The Best
Home Room Teacher
I ever had!
a friend!
Miriam

Mrs. Phifer,
I enjoyed all my
associations with you
throughout high school.
I hope some of your
spirit and ways may
have rubbed off on
me.
Sincerely,
Louise Hill

Mrs. Phifer,
I have really enjoyed
being one of your ~~pupils~~ pupils. You
will always be my favorite
teacher.

Bill Farmer

Mrs. Phifer:

I have enjoyed every moment
of your teaching throughout ~~your~~
the years of my schooling. Good
luck and I hope you don't have
as hard a time with your future
pupils as you had with us
your talking pupil.

Tommy "Mack" McKay -

Dear Mrs. Piper,

I know I shall never, never forget you because you are the sweetest and most interesting teacher I've ever known. I wish every boy and girl in the world could have the honor of having you for a teacher if only for one day!

Lovingly,

Janice Y.

Mrs. Piper,

It has been a great pleasure to be in your classes. I will always remember you as one of my favorite teachers.

Sincerely,

Henry Staples

You have always been my best teacher as long as I have known you and always will be.

Sincerely,

Mavis Scott

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
I have really
enjoyed these years in
high school with you.
I shall always remember
you.

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
Always remember the
"best" of home room. I'll
never forget you. You are
my favorite teacher.
Love,
Henry Cook

Dear Mrs. Phifer,

I've really enjoyed being
one of your home room students
this year. I don't think that
there are any sweeter teachers in
the world than you are.
Love forever
Loren Kelly N.

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
I have enjoyed every
minute of my association
with you. You are one
of the finest women I have
ever known. I'll always
remember you.
Ralph Wilson

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
I have enjoyed being in all
your classes and I will
never forget a most
wonderful teacher -
Gene Bix

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
Although I haven't been
in many of your classes, I
envy those who have been
lucky enough to have been
in more of them.

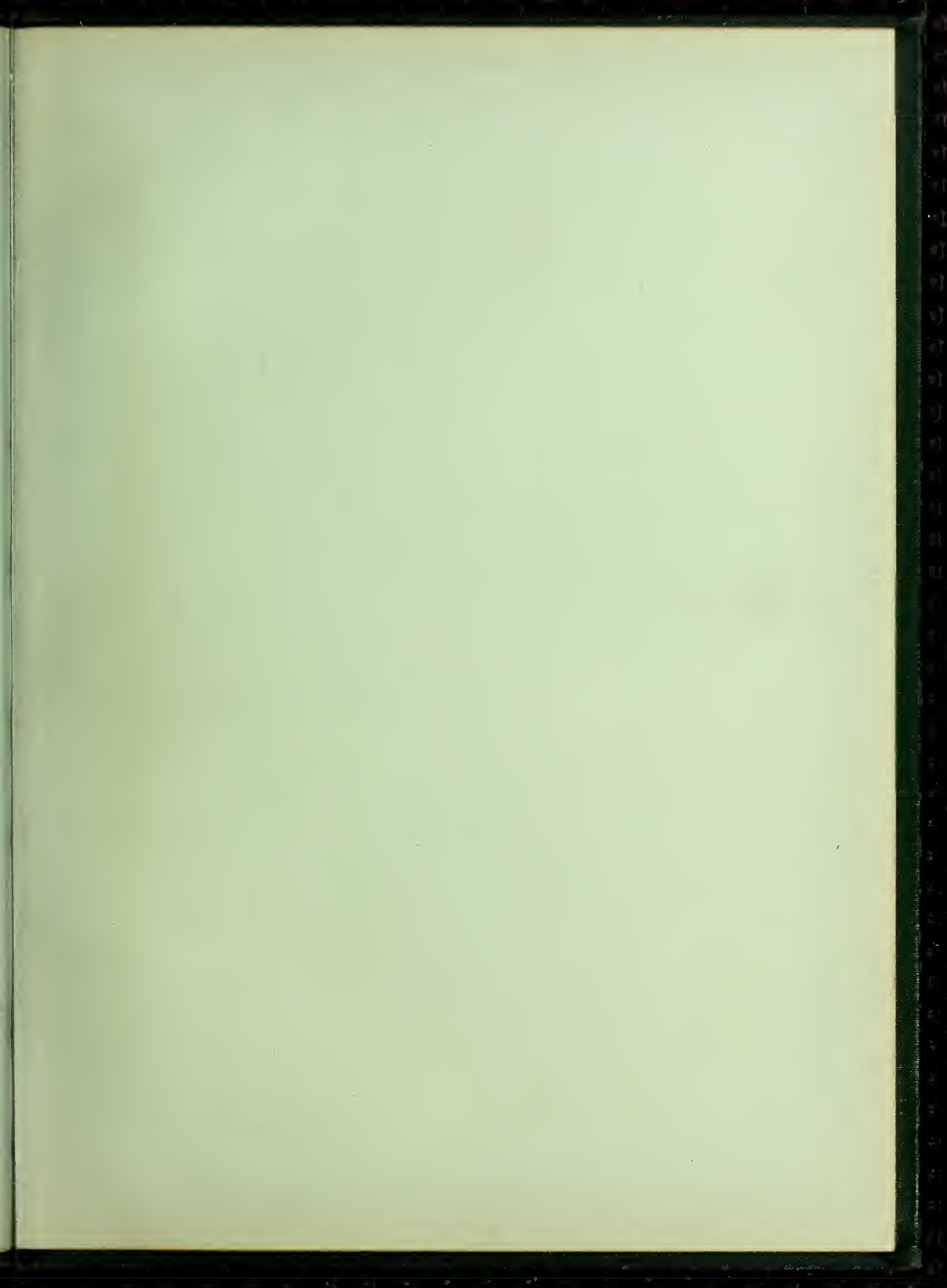
With all sincerity,
Larry Harrell

I have enjoyed being
in your classes, I
wish you the best of
luck

Harold Morrison

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
I have enjoyed being
in your class. I know
you are never forget you, sweetest
I love ever had.
Love,
Betty Grease

Dear Mrs. Phifer,
I have enjoyed being with you this
past year and I am looking forward to another
one that will be just as pleasant as this past
year has been.
Robley Allen





Dear Mrs. Phifer,

I have had a wonderful time in your room. I wish that you could be my teacher all through school. I love you very much for a teacher.

Yours truly,
Martha
Phifer

