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Clock

Tower

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North Carolina School for the Deaf
Morganton, N. C.

Robert M. Hall

The Clock Tower

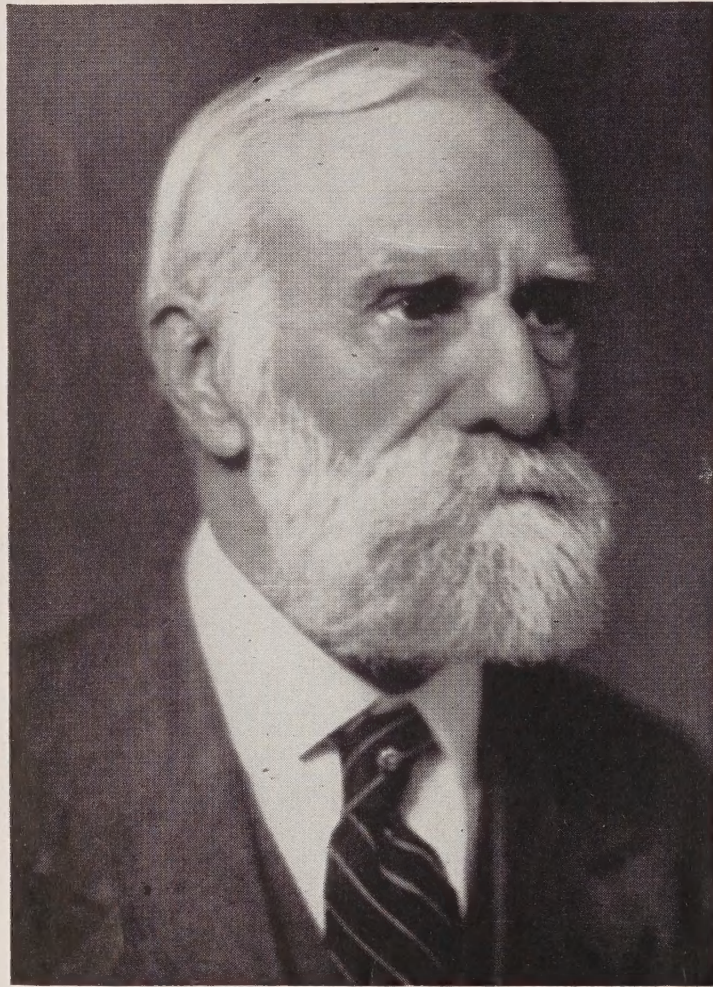
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North Carolina School for the Deaf

Morganton, N. C.



DR. E. MCK. GODWIN
1859—1937

THE CLOCK TOWER

In memory of our beloved former superintendent Dr. E. McK. Goodwin, the Deaf of the State of North Carolina gave as a memorial, a beautiful clock, which was placed in the tower of Main Building, the highest point on the campus. Therefore we, the Seniors of 1944, have named our Class Book "The Clock Tower" and we will always give his memory the highest place in our hearts.



MAIN BUILDING

1894

“Time Marches On”

1894-1944

The Senior Class of 1944 is proud to present its Class Book

on

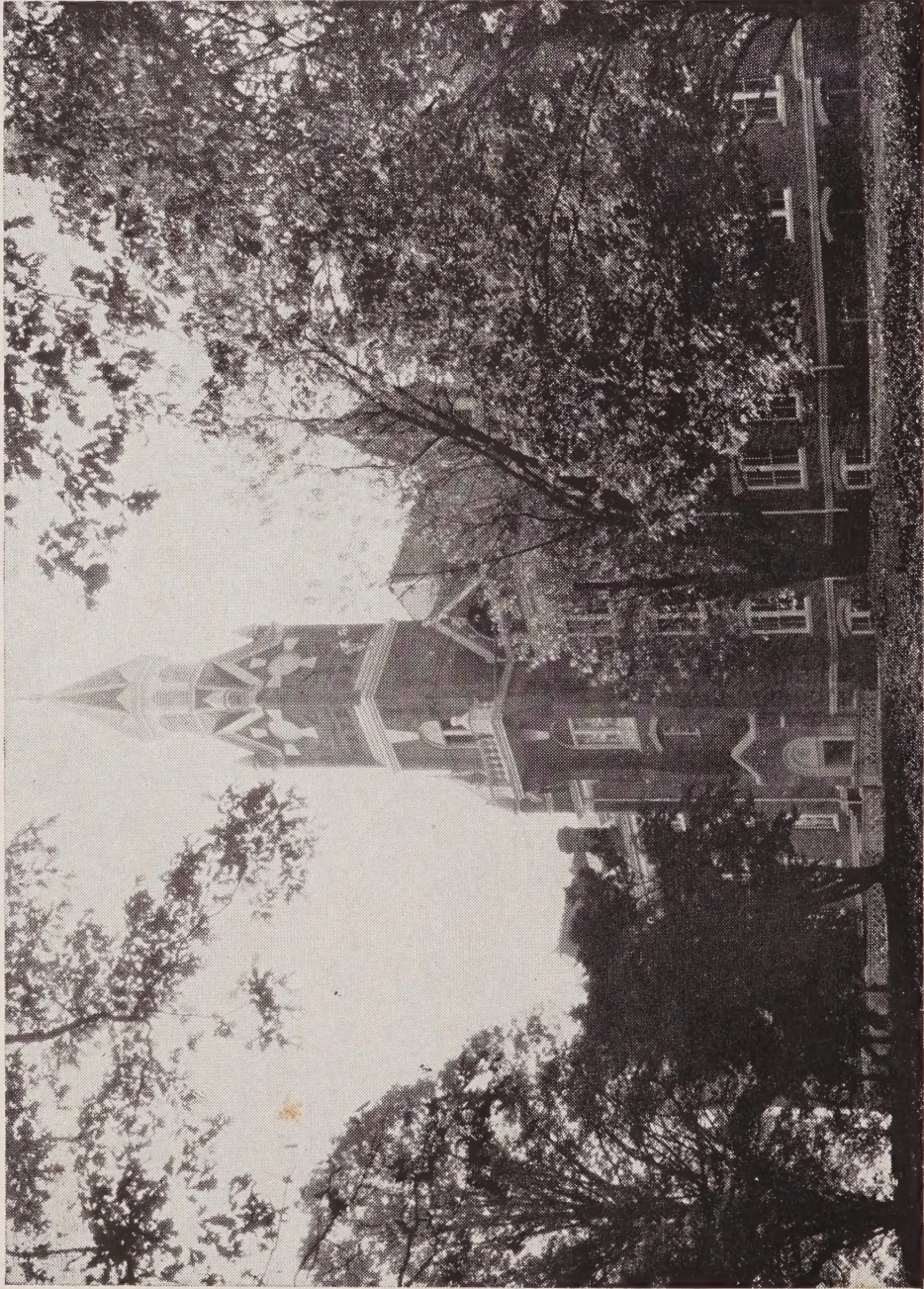
The 50th Anniversary of the founding

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NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

at

Morganton



OUR ALMA MATER
1944

Dedication

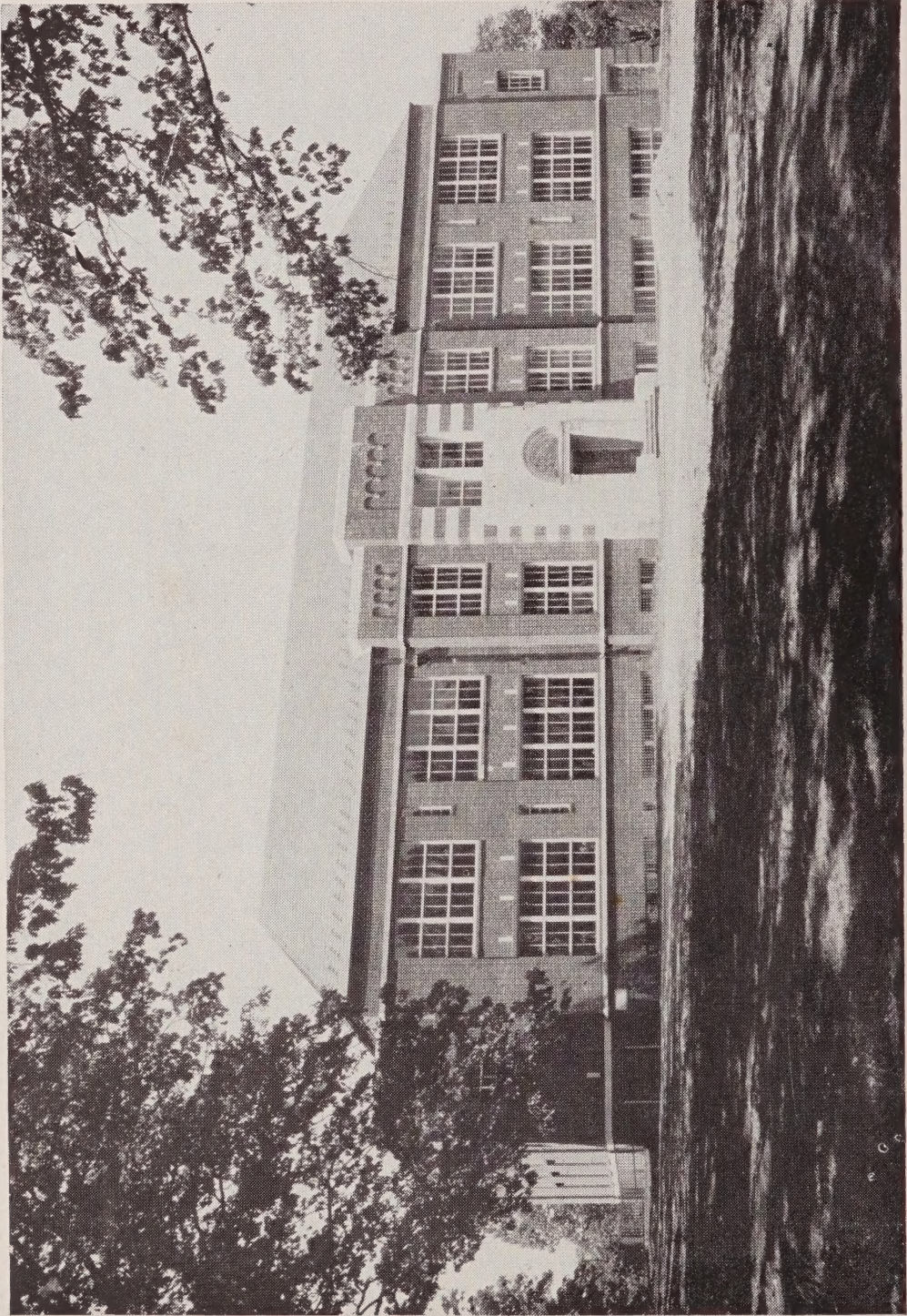


To

MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

In Loving and Grateful Tribute.

"Gently to hear, kindly to judge"



UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING



DR. CARL E. RANKIN
Superintendent



MRS. PATTIE T. TATE
Academic Principal



ODIE W. UNDERHILL
Vocational Principal



MISS MARY C. MAUZY

A faithful friend, whose genuine interest during years of unstinted service, has won our love and has caused us to regard her as our counselor and friend.



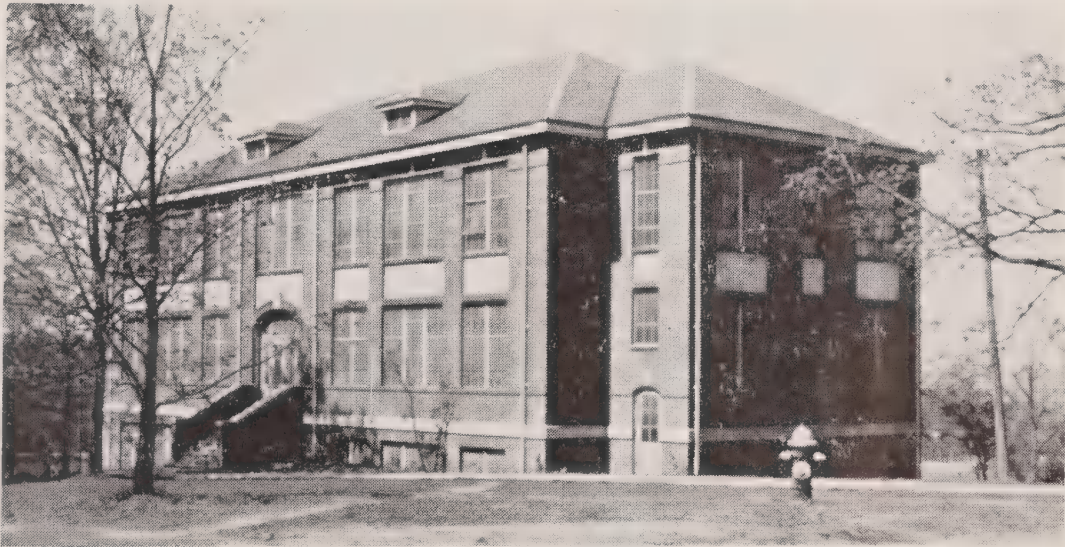
GEORGE K. BROWN
Printing Instructor

SENIOR PRINTERS:

Carey Cale
Melvin Corbett
Gilmer Lentz
Marion Sessoms
James Vaughn
Percy Watson



J. HORACE DUKE
Printing Instructor



TRADES BUILDING



"AT WORK"

Class Roll

CAREY EDWARD CALE, Macclesfield

IRMA LEE CONNOR, Claremont

MELVIN CARLTON CORBETT, La Grange

GILMER LEE LENTZ, Salisbury

MILDRED ALINE PACE, Charlotte

MARION ELLIOTT SESSOMS, Roseboro

JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN, Greensboro

JOHN PERCY WATSON, Morven

CLASS MOTTO

LOVE, HONOR, AND LOYALTY

CLASS FLOWER

WHITE CARNATION

CLASS TREE

MAGNOLIA

CLASS COLORS

MAROON AND GOLD

CLASS MASCOT



HARPER GILES



MISS NAN JETER
Senior "Home Room" Teacher



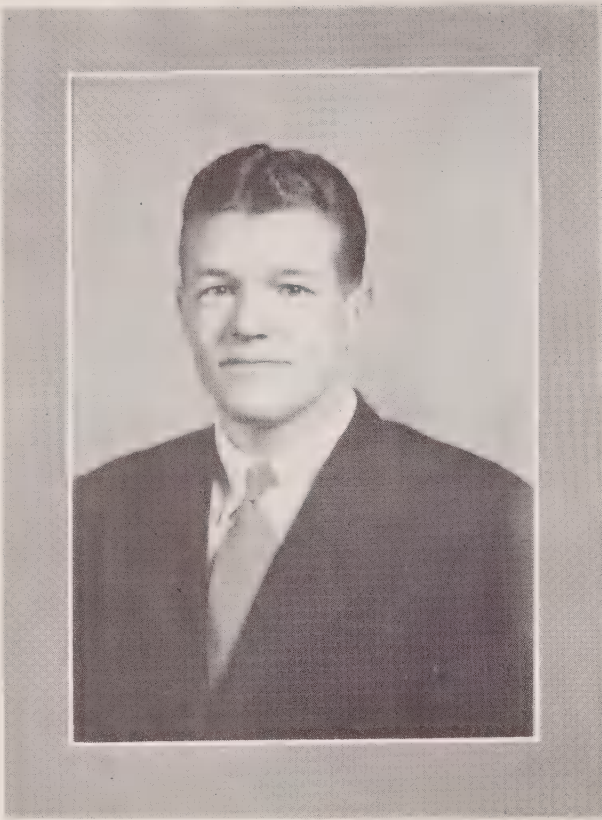
HARPER GILES, *Class Mascot*

MARION SESSOMS, *President*

MELVIN CORBETT, *Treasurer*

GILMER LENTZ, *Vice-President*

MILDRED PACE, *Secretary*



CAREY EDWARD CALE

“Cherry”

“Have your conviction and stand firm”

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1931 from Macclesfield
Printing

Secretary, Treasurer Sterling Club 1943-'44

Treasurer Student Activities 1943-'44

Assistant Scout Patrol Leader 1943-'44

Goodwin Literary Society

Block Letter Club

Football, Basketball, Track and Boxing

IRMA LEE CONNOR

“Doody”

“A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance”

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1931 from Claremont

Typing, Home Economics, Handicraft

Treasurer, Christian Endeavor Society 1941-'43

Goodwin Literary Society

Girl Scout Patrol Leader 1940-'44

Basketball and Baseball





MELVIN CARLTON CORBETT

"Fish Joe"

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a rare good fellow when it comes to play"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1933 from LaGrange
Printing

Treasurer Senior Class

President Sterling Club 1941-'42

Vice Pres. Christian Endeavor Society 1942-'43

Boy Scout 1943-'44

Sterling Club

Block Letter Club

Football and Tumbling

GILMER LEE LENTZ

"Smokey"

"He knows enough who knows how to live and to keep his own counsel"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1930 from Salisbury
Printing

Vice President Senior Class

Vice President Student Council 1942-'43

President Student Council 1943-'44

Vice Pres. Goodwin Literary Society 1942-'43

Boy Scout Senior Patrol Leader 1942-'44

Student Supervisor 1943-'44

Sterling Club

Block Letter Club

Football and Basketball





MILDRED ALINE PACE

"Good humor is the clear blue sky of her soul"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1932 from Charlotte

Typing, Home Economics

Salutatorian

Secretary Senior Class

Secretary Fepha Club 1940-'41

President Fepha Club 1943-'44

Secretary Christian Endeavor Society 1940-'41

President Christian Endeavor Society 1943-'44

Secretary Student Council 1943-'44

Girl Scout Patrol Leader 1940-'44

Goodwin Literary Society

Hiking and Swimming

MARION ELLIOTT SESSOMS

"Bobo"

"Every addition to true knowledge is an addition to human power"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1932 from Roseboro

Printing

Valedictorian

President Senior Class 1942-'44

President Sterling Club 1943-'44

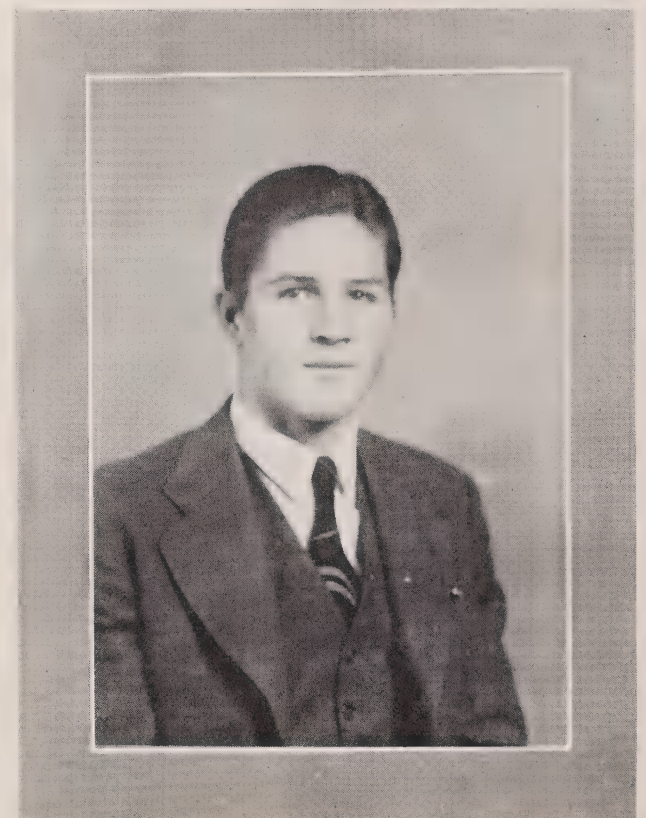
Vice Pres. Christian Endeavor Society 1943-'44

Goodwin Literary Society

Boy Scout

Block Letter Club

Football, Volleyball, Softball, Track





JAMES ROBERT VAUGHN

"Doc"

"A big heart always wishing to do right and to be friends with everybody"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1931 from Greensboro
Printing

President Goodwin Literary Society 1943-'44

Vice President Sterling Club 1943-'44

Vice President Student Council 1943-'44

Treasurer Christian Endeavor Society 1943-'44

Senior Patrol Leader 1940-'41

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster 1942-'44

Block Letter Club

Football, Softball, Volleyball, Track

JOHN PERCY WATSON

"To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love, work and play"

Entered N. C. S. D. in 1929 from Morven
Printing

Treasurer Christian Endeavor Society 1941-'42

Goodwin Literary Society

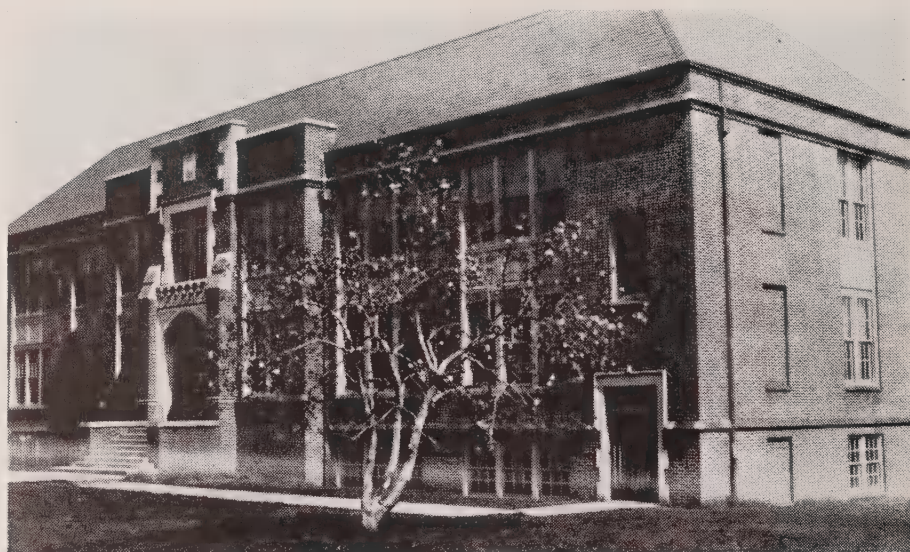
Sterling Club

Boy Scout 1935-'38

Block Letter Club

Football, Basketball and Softball





PRIMARY SCHOOL BUILDING



GOODWIN HALL



OLD GOODWIN HALL



"When We Were Very Young"

SENIORS	FAVORITE EXPRESSION	HOBBY	FUNNY HABITS	AMBITION
Carey Cale	"Hello Honey"	Collecting razor blades	Mimicing	To be a linotype operator
Irma Lee Connor	"Oh silly!"	Collecting china horses	Big yawns	To be a typist
Melvin Corbett	"Why refuse?"	Collecting kodak pictures	Giggling	To be a linotype operator
Gilmer Lentz	"All right"	Scouting	Running his fingers through his hair	To be a linotype operator
Mildred Pace	"What for"	Taking pictures	Rolling her eyes	To be a typist
Marion Sessoms	"Know why?"	Solving Algebra problems	Walking with lengthy strides	To be an engineer
James Vaughn	"Take it back"	Carving with wood burner	Making "sheep-eyes"	To be a linotype operator
Percy Watson	"The same to you"	Taking pictures	Day dreaming	To be a linotype operator

Class History



BY MILDRED PACE

THE Graduating Class of 1944 was brought together as a class in the fall of 1942 with Miss Annie McD. Ervin as our teacher. Marion Sessoms and Mildred Pace have been classmates ever since they entered school. Carey Cale and James Vaughn have been together all through the grades, too. The other members came in later.

Carey Cale entered school in the fall of 1931. He left school in 1940, but feeling that he wanted to learn more, returned in February, 1942. He was born in Macclesfield, N. C. September 28, 1922. While he was in his third year in the public school, he lost his hearing as a result of a bad case of mumps. When he was well, he tried to go back to the public school, but failed to catch up with the work. Carey has done good school work here and has been on the victorious basketball team which has won several handsome trophies during the last few years. He enjoys football more than he does basketball, however. Boxing is his favorite sport. He has been under the careful instruction of Mr. Duke and Mr. Brown in a study of the steps toward advanced printing. He still feels, however, that he needs more practice, so he is planning to go to a linotype school next year.

Irmalee Connor hails from Claremont, N. C. where she was born October 18, 1924. She became deaf as a result of an attack of spinal meningitis. She entered school in the fall of 1931 and Miss Ragin was her first teacher. All through the grades, Math has been her constant enemy, but Irmalee is a good student. She is athletic and her favorite sport is basketball. She is proud to be one of the members of a team that won a beautiful basketball trophy. Her hobby is collecting all sorts of china horses. For the past three years she has been taking typing and hopes to become a typist when her dear old Alma Mater opens the door and "pushes" her out.

Melvin Corbett was born in La Grange, N. C. February 1, 1924. When he was a small boy, he could tumble very well. One day, when he was

eight years old, as he was coming home from public school, he tried to show some of his friends a new trick in tumbling. The new trick was to hang from a horizontal bar on his toes. The first time he failed to do so. The next time he tried, he fell. As a result of this fall, he had an attack of spinal meningitis which caused him to lose his hearing. He has a deaf sister, who had spinal meningitis at the same time. Melvin entered this school in September, 1933 and Miss Joy Bowers was his first teacher. He played on the football team for the past three years. His favorite sport is tumbling. He hopes to become a linotype operator when he leaves school.

Gilmer Lentz comes from the town of Salisbury where he was born June 28, 1922. He was born totally deaf. He came to school in September 1930. He is Vice-President of our class and President of the Student Council. Due to a lack of supervisors, Gilmer has held the position of student supervisor since the opening of school last fall. He has played on the football team and is also one of the proud members of the basketball team which won the Western Championship. His favorite pastime is working out number puzzles. He has worked in the printing shop for four years and he hopes to become a linotype operator when he finishes school.

Mildred Pace, Secretary of the class, comes from Charlotte, N. C. where she was born February 6, 1925. When she was a little girl, she had a bad case of measles. One day when she had almost recovered, her brother gave her a brand new balloon. It was hard to inflate. She was still weak and in some way, trying to blow up the balloon caused her to lose her hearing. Before she came to school here, she attended the Charlotte Public School, but she was not able to do the work. She entered this school in the fall of September, 1932. Mildred has been taking typing and hopes to become a typist when she leaves school.

Marion Sessoms, the President of the class, hails from Roseboro, N. C. He was born in

Rockingham, N. C. July 3, 1925. When he was an infant, his parents moved to Florida. They lived ten miles north of Miami. While in Florida, Marion lost his hearing as a result of an ear disease that he had when he was seven months old. He is lucky because he can still hear a little with the aid of a hearing device. Marion came to school in the fall of 1932 and Miss Gordon was his first teacher. Mildred Pace has been his classmate all through the grades. He has played on the football team. He enjoys tennis and volleyball just as well. His favorite pastime is reading and solving algebra problems which disturb him. He hopes to go to college and become an engineer.

James Vaughn comes from the city of Greensboro, N. C. where he was born September 25, 1923. Before he became deaf, he attended public school. Mrs. Robert Menzies, one of our former teachers, was James' public school teacher. To him she is still "Miss Wheeler". When he was seven years old, he had ear trouble which developed into mastoid. He had an operation, but it was not successful. James became deaf and was sent to this school in the fall of 1931. He and Carey Cale were together in Mrs. Walker's Preparatory Class at Goodwin Hall and have been

classmates ever since. James has always played on the football team, but he does not enjoy other but changed his vocation to printing. Last summer he worked in a weaving mill and was very successful. He wants to be a business man when he leaves school.

Percy Watson was born totally deaf in the little town of Long Pine on October 4, 1922. He has another deaf brother, Charles, who graduated from this school several years ago. Percy entered in the fall of 1929. He could have graduated some years ago, but illness kept him at home and his class left him behind. He has played on both our football and basketball teams and has helped the school win several handsome basketball trophies. His favorite pastime is reading. For the past six years his vocation has been printing. Percy has been working as a carpenter during the last several summers but he wants to be a linotype operator when he leaves school.

Thus endeth a brief sketch of the personnel of the class of 1944. May their future be as bright as their past has been pleasant and may they fulfill the expectations of their friends and teachers while holding dear the memories of school days that are ending.

Class Prophecy



BY MARION SESSOMS

"We live in fame or go down in flame.
Shout! Nothing can stop the Army
Air Corps!"

The words danced crazily before my eyes. I was so sleepy I could study no longer. I stumbled from the boys' club room, undressed, said my prayers and fell into bed.

Suddenly I was in dreamland. I was piloting a brand new warbird—a Thunderbolt fighter—equipped with the finest and the most elaborate guns in the world. What a raptured feeling I had to think that I was able to pilot such an airplane! Desiring a good adventure I left my English base, flew over the Channel and was running down from my nose. I tried by strenuous effort to keep awake, but to no avail. Unconsciousness crept over me. I realized that I had lost control of my airplane and was diving toward the earth.

In a semi-conscious state and in some miraculous way, my mind was projected into a wonderful future—the glass age in the year of 1955. The future of all my classmates was almost instantaneously revealed to me. One by one their destinies passed before me and I marveled at the wonderful success that each of them had made of their lives.

First Carey Cale appeared before me. The scene was Asheville, N. C. in the Land of the Sky in the good old U. S. A., the land of the free. I saw Carey Cale as a successful linotype operator receiving praise for the good job he had completed. He had spent all day linotyping columns of stock lists which is considered perhaps the most difficult task in printing. He was a most proficient printer.

Then suddenly Irma Lee Connor was revealed to me as a capable typist for a prominent business man of Hickory. I saw her as she was finishing her typing for the day. She leaned back in her comfortable chair and said, "Whew!" Her success hadn't changed her a bit.

Scenes kept flashing before me. A pretty suburban home in Charlotte, N. C. caught my

attention and how thrilled I felt when I recognized Melvin Corbett sitting on the doorstep. A cute little boy was with him and I knew in a moment that it was his son. They were both laughing and I knew the little boy had inherited his father's wit. It was easy to see that Melvin was a success, a good job as a linotype operator on the Charlotte News, a lovely wife and son and a beautiful home.

into enemy territory. I zoomed my plane down to meet a convoy of German trucks heading for the Western front and spattered flame at them. I thought it would be wonderful to prove to the Germans that American pilots were more daring than they. I decided to climb high into the sky and then dive down again in a spiral manner. Up my plane roared into the sky until I was well over 30,000 feet. Again I dived, but this time I noticed an enemy fighter in the air, too. Undaunted, I kept up my attack on the German convoy. The third time I must have climbed too high because, dazed, I rubbed my face with my right arm only to find that blood

I quickly concentrated on another scene—a large printing shop in Salisbury, N. C. There stood Gilmer Lentz directing other men. He was burdened with great responsibility. A newcomer, baffled by the puzzle of the trade, came to him for instruction and Gilmer, in his familiar counseling way, sent him back to his work with his puzzle solved.

The North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton flashed into view and I suddenly realized as never before how beautiful the campus was. It was dotted with many elegant trees, the grass was so fresh and green that it looked almost blue. I was suddenly shown into a room on the lower floor of the school building. Mildred Pace was teaching language to a class of happy looking boys and girls. She taught as if she had had long experience as a teacher. I realized then that the substituting she did while we were in the Senior Class, had started her on her road to success. The ring on her finger and the smile on her face told me that she was the wife of some lucky fellow.

I hardly realized that Mildred was gone before another newspaper office in the town of Greensboro emerged into view. I was not the least bit surprised when I saw James Vaughn sitting behind a big desk with a sign on his door which read "Advertising Manager." I knew that James had followed up the good beginning he had made while securing and setting up the ads in our Class Book of so long ago.

The next scene carried me hundreds of miles southward across the land of cotton and peaches, and into the land of orange blossoms and palm trees. There in a beautiful Florida town, I saw Percy Watson, wearing a snappy suit, walking along the beach. I recalled Percy's former state of health and knew that his continual winter

colds and coughs had carried him to Florida. He was the picture of health and success. As he disappeared into a modern looking office building occupied by an outstanding state paper, I knew that his future, too, was secure.

This wonderful insight into the future lives and fame of my fellow students brought me back with a suddenness that caused me to gain instant control of my plane. I realized that I, too, could live in fame and that it was not inevitable that I go down in flame. My future was thus revealed and I deemed my dream a fortunate one, indeed, as it gave me the desire to soar ever higher and higher, to make the most of the educational gains I had made thus far and to achieve in the future, lasting and worthwhile things.

Class Will



BY IRMA LEE CONNOR

WE, the Senior Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf in the year of one thousand nine hundred and forty-four, after twelve long years of work and play, find that our last school year has come to an end. Therefore we do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our Alma Mater, our beloved home for many years we leave our heartfelt gratitude for our education and so many happy hours.

To our superintendent and members of the Board of Directors, our sincere thanks for the many interests that their efforts have given us.

To the principal, assistant principals, faculty and staff, we give our sincere thanks for guidance, kindness and sympathy.

To Rosalee Corbett, Melvin leaves his good disposition and his wit.

To Inez Williford, Marion Sessoms bequeaths his ambition and knowledge of words.

To Harold Whisenant, Carey Cale leaves his skill in long end runs in football, hoping that his team next year will win some games in the Western Conference.

To Lorenzo Taylor, Melvin Corbett leaves his unusual tumblin ability.

To Doris Alexander, Irma Lee Connor leaves

her frisky ways, hoping that Doris may lose a little of her dignity.

To Charlene Saunders, Mildred Pace leaves her charm and popularity.

To Ernest Brown, Percy Watson bequeaths his clever acting ability.

To Musie Andleton, James Vaughn bequeaths his thoughtfulness and generosity.

To Gladys Hodges, Irma Lee Connor leaves her fondness for movies magazines.

To Frances Jones, Mildred Pace leaves her title of "Sweater Girl."

To John Weaver, Marion Sessoms leaves his "Abraham Lincoln" ways.

To Virginia Whitesides, Percy Watson leaves his "blushes."

Gilmer Lentz lets fall on the worthy shoulders of Claude Barlow his senior dignity, which may earn for him the title of "student supervisor."

To the Junior Class, the Seniors graciously yield their class room, their books and the sacred class hatchet.

Ever unselfish in our desire to leave behind that which we cannot take with us, we do hereby, with full legal sanction, sign our last will and testament.

Witnesses:

Miss Mary C. Mauzy
Miss Nan Jeter

May 20, 1944

Signed:

CAREY CALE
PERCY WATSON
MILDRED PACE
MELVIN CORBETT
MARION SESSOMS
JAMES VAUGHN
GILMER LENTZ

Senior Superlatives

GIRLS

Prettiest Mildred Pace
 Most Talkative Irma Lee Connor
 Most Popular Mildred Pace
 Most Athletic Irma Lee Connor
 Smartest Mildred Pace

BOYS

Best Looking Carey Cale
 Most Talkative Melvin Corbett
 Most Popular James Vaughn
 Most Athletic Carey Cale
 Smartest Marion Sessoms

Most Thoughtful James Vaughn
 Neatest Percy Watson
 Cutest Irma Lee Connor
 Most Dependable Gilmer Lentz
 Best Actor Percy Watson
 Wittiest Melvin Corbett
 Most Ambitious Marion Sessoms
 Most Amiable Gilmer Lentz



Snickers

Irma Lee: "I lost a nickel. Did anybody find it?"

Carey: "No, but I found a penny."

Irma Lee: "I'll take the penny and you can owe me the other four cents."

Melvin: "If I can't earn enough money, maybe I'll have to go out on the streets with a tin cup."

James: "Not a tin cup, buddy, but a 'plastic'."

Miss Jeter: "Mildred do you object to wars?"

Mildred: "I certainly do."

Miss Jeter: "Why."

Mildred: "Because wars make history and I hate history."

Irma Lee: "This typewriter isn't any good"

Mildred: "What's the matter with it?"

Irma Lee: "I want to write the word 'book' and can't find but one 'o'."

Scoutmaster: "If you stood with your back to the north and your face to the south, what would be on your left hand?"

Tenderfoot Lentz: "Fingers Sir."

Percy: "Whew! I just chased this trolley car seven blocks. Still, I suppose I saved a nickel."

Marion: "Why didn't you chase a taxicab? You'd have saved much more."

Gilmer: "Come and give me what you have in your mouth, Adrian."

Adrian: "I wish I could, its the toothache."

Percy: "Hey Marion, what's the idea of making faces at the bull dog."

Marion: "He started it."

Carey: "Why do you call that pig Inky? He isn't black."

Irma Lee: "Because he keeps running out of the pen."

Our Alma Mater



*May we never forget our beloved Alma Mater,
Our home for so many years.
A home to remember
When each dying ember
Will reveal how she stilled all our fears.*

*We've gained from her gems in a cultural sphere,
A knowledge of life to be met,
How to work day by day,
To worship and pray.
A high goal for the future we've set.*

*Oh, the joys that we've had as we've plodded along,
Climbing the ladder of learning.
May the years be kind,
As we start life's grind,
May the fires of success be kept burning.*

*And now 'tis farewell, our last fond farewell,
That we bid with burning desires
To be grateful to you,
To be loyal and true,
As the time of our stay here expires.*

SPORTS



GYMNASIUM



Boys' Football Team



Boys' Basketball Team



GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



"IN SWIMMING"

Sports



BY GILMER LENTZ

THE curtain has fallen and the final sport season is over for the "Bears" and "Bearettes" who are graduating this year. Although they are leaving, they will always be here in spirit. They have played their last game but they live on in the piles of football and basketball uniforms neatly stacked in the supply room of the gymnasium.

On some eerie night in the quiet darkness, when everything is wrapped in a solemn stillness, they shall rise and go forth to live again the thrills of the 1944 field of sports. Close your eyes and go with them as they battle on the field and run across the gymnasium floor. These blithe spirits seem to be walking on air as they steal into the moonlight surrounding the buildings. With the exception of a few lighted windows dotted over Main Building, the twinkling stars and the smiling moon are the only lights in the bluish black night. From moon-beam to moon-beam in the soft breeze you can see them as they cross the green meadows to the dimly lighted field. The quietness of the night is suddenly broken by stirring scenes from the autumn of 1943. Yells fill the air every time a touchdown is made.

The first scene relived is the opening game with Lenoir. The Bears lose the game to Lenoir by the score of 19-0 but in the next scene everybody looks happier. The Bears hold Bessemer City to a scoreless tie. Then with spirits dimmed for a little while, watch as they skid into a losing streak playing with Forest City, Morganton and Marion. Later in the night the spirited Bears are thrilled again by reliving the game won over Newton by the score of 12 to 7, but their feeling of joy is downed by seeing the shockingly high score made by Cherryville.

The night is filled with cheers as they experience again their amazing victory over Belmont

and they joyfully pledge never to forget their treat in Charlotte after the game.

A silence follows as every player recalls the delightful Football Banquet given in their honor on the night of December 14, 1943.

As the clock strikes midnight, the Bears and Bearettes seem suddenly to be spirited from the football field to the basketball court in the gymnasium. Around the court there is a deep silence. Not even a mouse is stirring. Moonlight streaking through the windows on the floor makes the court look beautiful.

Suddenly graceful basketball players appear and they live again the scenes from some of the basketball games of the winter of '44.

The Bears swell with pride as they begin to play again in that victorious game with undefeated Rutherfordton that gave them the championship of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Bearettes, too, glide gracefully from goal to goal as they live again some of the exciting minutes in the games gone by, recalling that they won three games against a loss of seven but even that memory cannot daunt the spirits of the Bearettes as they live again.

As the basketball scenes fade, the spirits of the sports are suddenly seen on the track field, on the softball diamonds, in the swimming pool, on the tennis courts, playing dodge ball, and pulling the bow in archery.

Spirits cannot linger beyond the night. The feeble rays from the rising sun suddenly break through the darkness surrounding the fields and courts and they must disappear. So in a moment they are across the campus into the gymnasium, across the floor to the supply room. One by one, they make their way back into the piles of uniforms and silence follows.



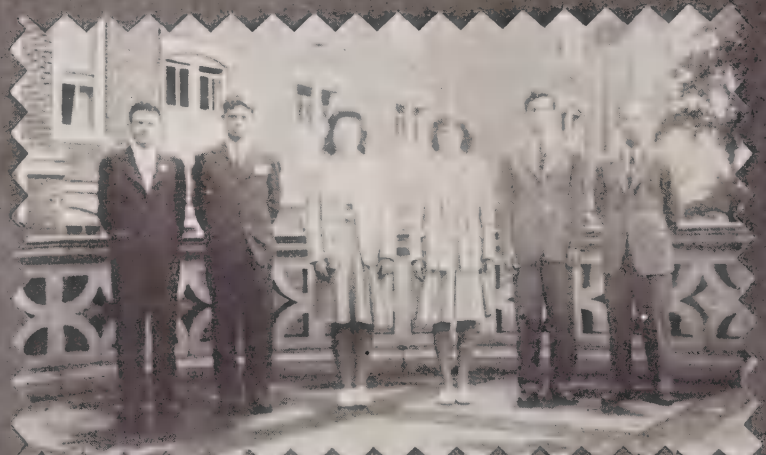
HIKING





CAMPUS SCENES











MISS CHARLENE SAUNDERS

GASTONIA

Charlene Saunders, chosen as the prettiest girl, discarded her campus togs, donned regal attire and was crowned Queen at the Annual May Day Festival.

Valedictorian

MARION SESSOMS

Valedictory

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Today we have come to the end of the happiest chapter in our lives. Up a path, beset by many obstacles, we have been climbing, climbing, until at last we have reached the goal, our commencement day. Before us lies the vast open world into which we must go.

It is hard to realize that we are leaving our Alma Mater, our home for so many years. A home that has given us the very best in education. A home that has taught us to go forth unafraid. A home that has given us confidence in ourselves that we will be an asset and never a liability to our great state.

We are deeply grateful to the state of North Carolina for our fine school. To the Board of Directors, we wish to express appreciation for their interest in our school. To the superintendent, officers and teachers, we wish to express our gratitude for their patient understanding, love and kindness that have led us from the darkness of ignorance to the light of knowledge.

To the pupils: We want to say that we shall never forget you. We are leaving you with a mingled feeling of sorrow and joy; sorrow that we will never be students together again and joy that we have reached our goal and are on our way toward a new life.

Finally, as classmates, we realize that our time for parting has come. We have enjoyed together all the privileges and opportunities the school has offered. We shall never forget in the coming years what our beloved Alma Mater has done for us.

May happiness and prosperity come to all of you. Farewell.

Salutatorian

MILDRED PACE

Salutatory

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The 1944 Graduating Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf bids you welcome to the 50th annual commencement of our school. It is with a feeling of reverence that we graduate in the year that marks a half century since the founding of our school in Morganton.

We are very happy to have so many parents, alumni and friends with us today and we extend to you a most cordial welcome. Your presence here thrills us and makes us realize that all the long hard years spent climbing the ladder of learning have not been in vain. Although some members of our families are present only in spirit, our feeling of joy is not dampened. We are proud of their absences because they are somewhere serving Uncle Sam.

Dr. Settles, we consider it a great honor to have you with us today to make our commencement address. We would like for you to carry back to your fine school in Florida our very best wishes.

Mrs. Rankin, we want you to know that we appreciate the dear and understanding interpretations that you always give us.

And again, our friends, we salute you and bid you welcome indeed.

Commencement Program

1944

SATURDAY, MAY 20

8:00 P. M. "Senior Night" *Auditorium*
Goodwin Literary Society

SUNDAY, MAY 21

3:30 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon *Auditorium*
REV. JAMES R. FORTUNE

FRIDAY, MAY 26

10:30 A. M. Commencement Exercises *Auditorium*

1. Invocation REV. CHAS. G. LEAVELL
2. Salutatory MILDRED PACE
3. Address DR. CLARENCE J. SETTLES
4. Valedictory MARION SESSOMS
5. Presentation of Diplomas
6. Awarding of Prizes
7. Benediction REV. CHAS. G. LEAVELL

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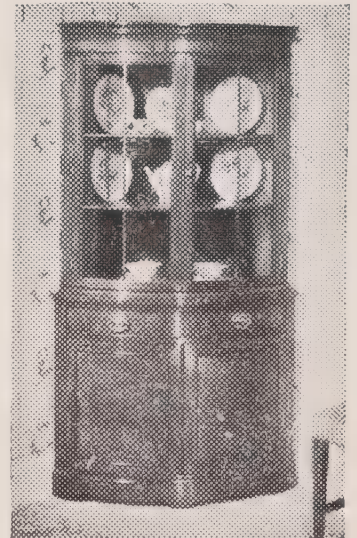
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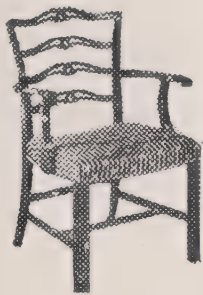
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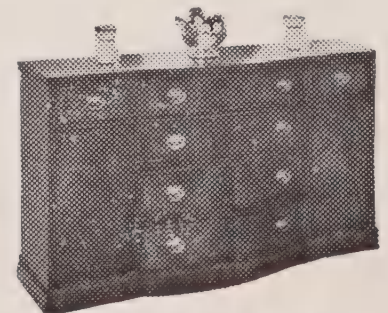
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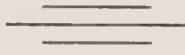
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