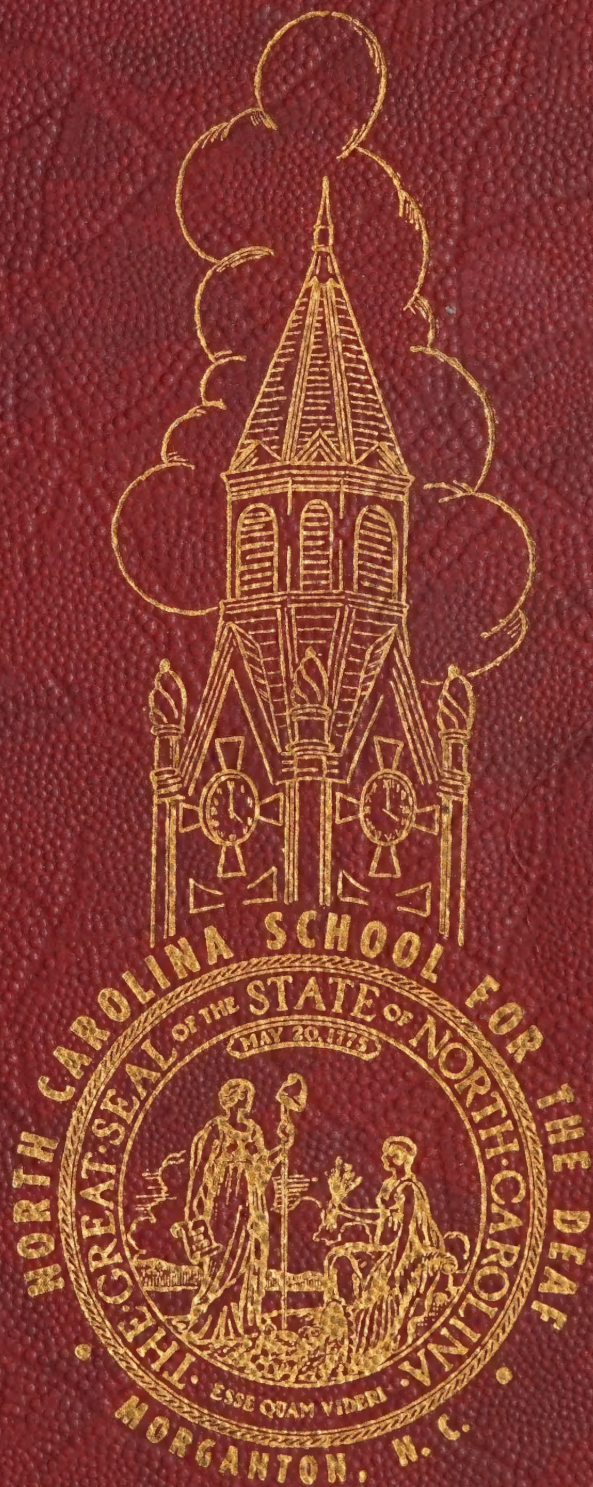


The  
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## ***Our Alma Mater***

*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.*





## *The Clock Tower of 1950*

*Published by the Senior Class  
of the North Carolina School for the Deaf*



## **Foreword**

*The editorial staff believing that "all the world's a stage and all the men and women merely players", has tried to set herein a few acts and scenes from the stage of our school life. It is our fond hope that these glimpses of how our days were spent at N. C. S. D. will be a source of remembered pleasures, of satisfaction in work done, and even a source of regret that the past cannot return.*



*Dedication . . . . .*



BEN E. HOFFMEYER

*To one who has made a place for himself in our hearts by his deep interest and real understanding; who has given unstintedly of his time and energies; who has in every instance dealt fairly with all, putting the student's welfare above any other considerations—we dedicate the 1950 Clock Tower with our sincerest gratitude and love.*



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## *Our Superintendent*



CARL E. RANKIN

## *ADMINISTRATION*



*Left to right: Miss Grace Brittain secretary to the business manager; Dr. Rankin, Superintendent; Mrs. Margaret Simmons, secretary to the superintendent; W. K. Keeter, business manager.*





BEN E. HOFFMEYER

*Our Principal*

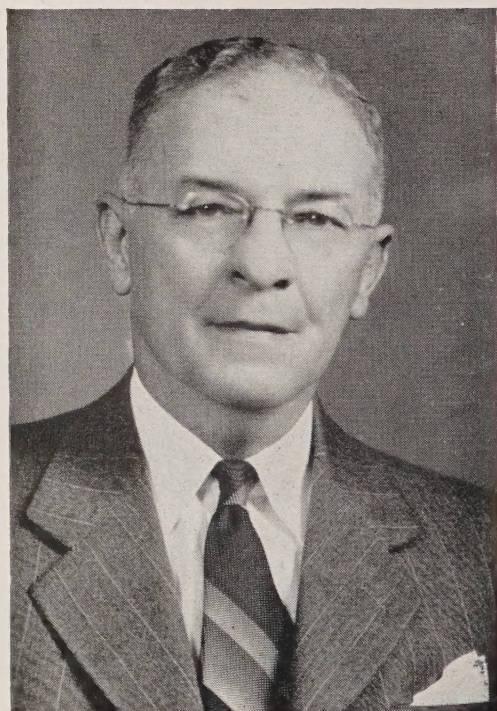
TO THE SENIORS—*Be not satisfied to be as good as your fellowman; be better.*



FRANCES E. DAVIS

*Our Assistant Principal*

MY ADVICE TO THE SENIORS—*Do your best always and have faith.*



ODIE W. UNDERHILL

*Our Vocational Director*

TO MY YOUNG FRIENDS: *I have but one simple message for you! Keep the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12) Best wishes always.*

# ACADEMIC

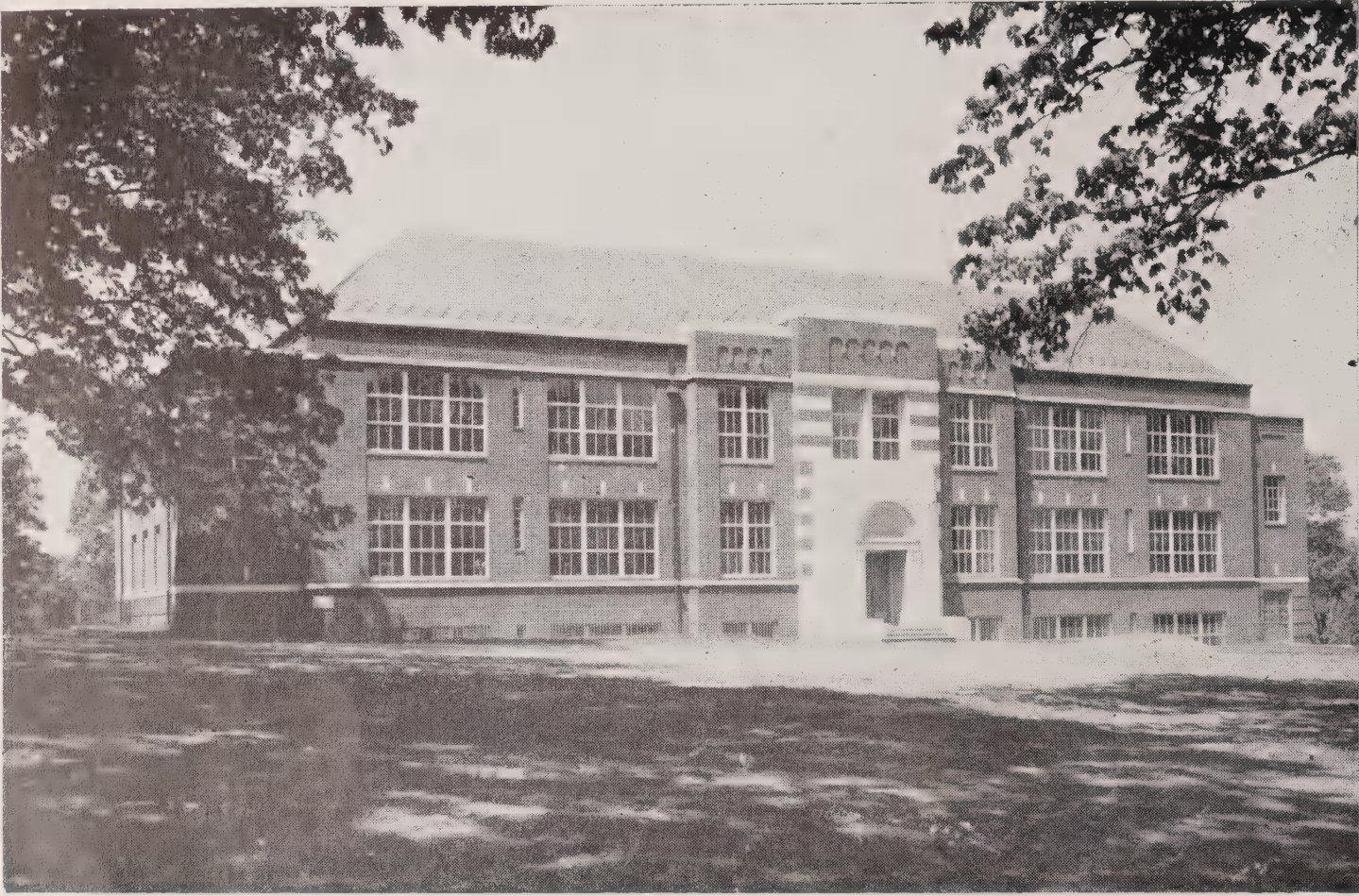
*"Let school-masters puzzle their brain,  
With grammar, and nonsense, and learning."*



Reuben  
Brown



## *School Building*



## *Academic Teachers*



*Left to right: Mr. Archie Stack, History; Mrs. Marjorie Triebert, Home Room Teacher, Mr. Ben Hoffmeyer, Principal; Dr. Oscar Randolph, Chemistry; Mrs. Frances Davis, Assistant Principal; Mr. John Kubis, Mathematics.*



# SENIORS

*"O, let me lead an academic life;  
To know much——."*





# ***Class Roll***

HERBERT CAPES, *Pomona*

WAYNE HILTON, *Thomasville*

WILMA LANCE, *Hendersonville*

EVELYN MICHAEL, *Lexington*

DOROTHY MORRISON, *Durham*

BUFORD PRESSLEY, *Cullowhee*

EDNA RIDDLE, *St. Pauls*

MALCOLM SCOGGINS, *Durham*



## **Class Motto**

*"Let us be judged by our deeds."*

## **Class Colors**

*Maroon and Gold*

## **Class Flower**

*Gladiola*

## **Class Tree**

*Japanese Cherry*

## **Junior Marshalls**

*Ted Hames*

*Doris Hardison*



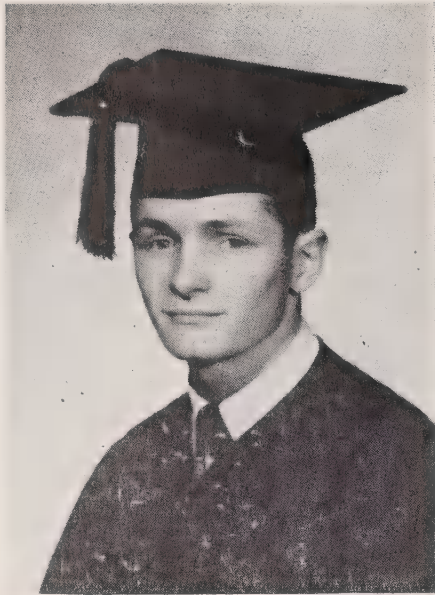


MRS. MARJORIE TRIEBERT  
Senior "*Home Room*" Teacher

### Class Officers



Dorothy Morrison, *President*; Malcolm Scoggins, *Treasurer*; Wilma Lance, *Vice-President*; Evelyn Michael, *Secretary*



HERBERT LEE CAPES, Pomona

Printing

Sterling Honor Society, 1949-50

Goodwin Literary Society

Student Council, 1949-50

Boy Scout, 1942-1950

Senior Patrol Leader, 1947-48

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, 1949-50

Assistant Editor, *The Clock Tower*

Swimming; Senior Life Saving; Volley ball; Softball,

Baseball, Track, Varsity Football, 1947-49, Basket ball

Score keeper, 1949-50

*"Have more than thou showest*

*Speak less than thou knowest."*

DOUGLAS WAYNE HILTON, Thomasville

Woodworking

Boy Scout, 1941-49

Senior Patrol Leader, 1948-49

Vice-President Junior Class

Sports Editor *The Clock Tower*

Varsity Football, 1946-'47-'48-'49; Fullback on All American Deaf Team, 1949, Captain Varsity Football, 1948, Varsity Basketball, 1948-'49-'50

Track team, 1949, '50; Winner of 440 and 880 yard dashes, Baseball team, 1948-'49-'50; Swimming; Senior Life Saving

*"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."*



WILMA JEANETTE LANCE, Hendersonville

Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Sewing, Typing.

Vice-President Senior Class

President Pep Squad, 1949-50

Fepha Honor Society 1949-50

Goodwin Literary Society

Student Council, 1948-49

May Court Attendant 1949

Football Queen, 1948-49, 1949-50

Queen of the Valdese Tournament, 1950

Swimming; Junior Life Savings; Wearer of Block Letter;

Varsity Basketball, 1946, '47, '49-'50

*"The hand that hath made you fair hath made you good"*





EVELYN ELIZABETH MICHAEL, Lexington

Typing, Sewing, Home Economics, Arts and Crafts.

Secretary Senior Class

Secretary Christian Endeavor Society, 1949-50

Treasurer Fepha Honor Society, 1949-50

President Goodwin Literary Society, 1949-50

Student Council, 1949-50

Pep Squad, 1948-49

Softball; Deck-tennis; Basketball scorekeeper, 1949-50

*"My early and invincible love of reading, I would not exchange for the treasures of India."*

DOROTHY MAXINE MORRISON, Durham

*"Dot"*

Home Economics, Arts and Crafts, Typing, Sewing.

President Senior Class

President Fepha Honor Society, 1948-49; 1949-50

Vice-President Student Council, 1948-49

President Student Council, 1949-50

President Pep Squad, 1948-49

Secretary-Treasurer Goodwin Literary Society, 1949-50

Swimming; Softball; Manager Basketball team, 1948-49

May Court Attendant, 1949

Commencement Marshall

*"In thy face I see*

*The map of honor, truth and loyalty."*



BUFORD EUGENE PRESSLEY, Cullowhee

Printing

Business Manager, *The Clock Tower*

Goodwin Literary Society

Sterling Honor Society, 1949-50

Track: Manager of Basketball, 1949-50

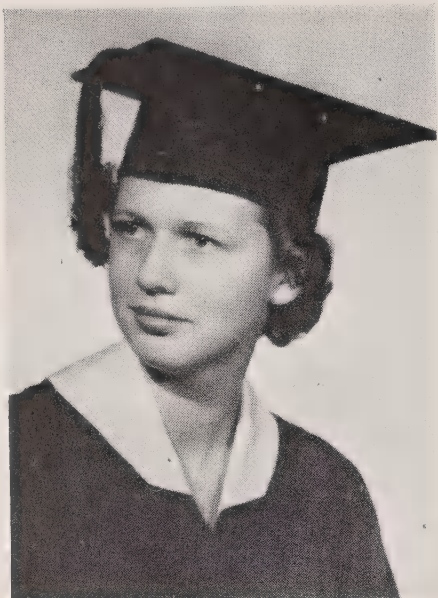
Co-Captain Varsity Football, 1949

Volleyball; Baseball; Softball; Varsity Football, 1947, '48, '49.

Tackle in Optimist Bowl Game, 1949; Tackle on All American Deaf Team, 1949.

*"The web of your life is of mingled yarn, good and ill together."*





EDNA RUTH RIDDLE, St. Pauls

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, Arts and Crafts  
 President Christian Endeavor Society, 1949-50  
 Secretary Fepha Honor Society, 1949-50  
 Secretary Student Council, 1948-49, 1949-50  
 Vice-President Goodwin Literary Society, 1948-49  
 Treasurer Junior Class  
 Pep Squad 1948-49, 1949-50  
 May Court Attendant, 1949  
 Football Queen Attendant, 1949  
 Swimming; Varsity Basketball, 1947-48, '48-'49, '49-'50  
*"She that was ever fair and never proud,  
 Had tongue at will and yet was never loud."*

MALCOLM LEE SCOGGINS, Durham

*"Mal"*

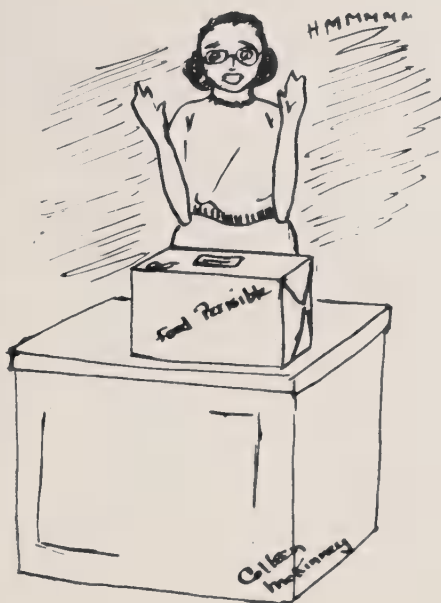
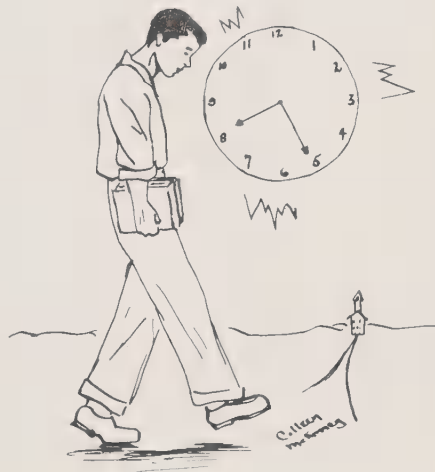
Metal Shop, Photo Laboratory  
 Treasurer Senior Class  
 Editor *The Clock Tower*  
 Sterling Honor Society, 1949-50  
 Goodwin Literary Society  
 Swimming; Senior Life Saving; Baseball; Football,  
 1948-49; Track team, 1949; Softball  
*"I have no superfluous leisure—  
 There's time enough for that ."*







*"O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us  
To see oursel's as ithers see us!"*





# *Class History*

BY EVELYN MICHAEL



Although we can hardly believe that the time has come for us to graduate, we realize that we have spent a full dozen years and more as students at the N. C. S. D. Therefore we want to review briefly our days here.

As we look backward we find our class had its beginning in 1936. First, we see a little boy, Wayne Hilton of Thomasville, who is now a football hero, and little curly-headed Edna Riddle of St. Pauls arriving for their first year of school. Wayne came in tearfully, but Edna was eager and pleased to be here. In the class room, Mrs. Horton opened her arms to Wayne and was his first teacher. Across the threshold of another room walked Edna with puzzled expression, facing her new classmates and Miss Gordon, her first teacher, who welcomed her warmly.

A year rolled by before four other small children came shyly to Goodwin Hall, and stared at these big, big buildings with awe. Handsome little Herbert Capes of Pomona, lovely Wilma Lance of Hendersonville, and cute little Dorothy Morrison of Durham, stood side by side and gazed with wonder at the other children. Then Miss Gordon smiled at them and helped them begin to feel at home. Since then they have been together every year. Four pupils? Then where was the other one? Oh, there was chubby little Evelyn Michael of Lexington, so quiet and serious-minded, standing in the hall looking at one room as if she liked it best. Miss Roberta Neal, her first teacher, came to the door and invited her in. Then, in the second year, she was placed in the class with these others.

Another fall arrived and there was bashful big Buford Pressley who has become a football co-captain, entering for his first year of school

with Miss Jeter and Mrs. Tuttle taking him under their wings in turn. Mrs. Chapman was his teacher the next year when he joined this class. Buford comes from Speedwell near Cullowhee.

When this group reached their junior year handsome Malcolm Scoggins who used to go to Bragtown High School in Durham came to join our ranks and has been a most welcome addition, being active in football and social affairs.

A number of important events occurred here at the school during our years, and we would like to include them in our history, as they made changes that affected us and all other students.

In the summer of 1937 Mr. Goodwin died and Dr. Rankin became superintendent after serving as assistant superintendent for a time.

In 1938, on Valentine's Day, the old upper school building was entirely destroyed by fire. That spring school was closed early for a remodeling program. Both the residential buildings were fireproofed at the same time. The new Upper School Building was started but **not** ready for use until in the fall of 1939. In the meantime classes were held all over Main Building

Miss Joiner was the principal during 1936-37-38. Mrs. Tate succeeded her in the fall of 1938 and was the principal until Mr. Hoffmeyer took over in 1947. Mrs. Coburn was the assistant principal during our first years. Former primary teachers still with us and whom we remember fondly are Miss Gordon, Mrs. Tuttle, Mrs. Thomason, Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Horton.

Now we end our short survey of the past with a word of hope. May our future bring us the joy, happiness and satisfaction that have filled our school days on the N. C. S. D. campus.

# *Class Prophecy*

BY WILMA LANCE



Ten years after my graduation from the North Carolina School for the Deaf, I find myself living on a ranch and employed at the Wyoming School for the Deaf as a physical education teacher and basketball coach for girls. Time flies so swiftly that I can hardly believe that in these few short years since I graduated, I have secured my degree from Gallaudet College, married, and become the mother of two beautiful children. I love these great spaces in the west and my husband is greatly interested in his ranching business.

One warm spring day I came home after a hard day in school, extremely tired. I had nothing to do and since my children and husband were not at home, I decided to take time for a ride on my favorite horse along my favorite trail where there are very beautiful sunsets across the desert. It is a peaceful spot where I often ride to rest my spirit. I usually sit under the large overhanging rock along the trail near a great creek called the "Magic Creek."

While dreamily gazing at the creek a sudden thought came into my wandering mind. "What has become of my former classmates at N. C. S. D.?" Letting my thoughts go back to my school mates as I remembered them, a picture of each of them appeared in my mind's eye and I could not help wishing I could see them as they are today. So I sat musing, and yet seeming to see reality as the creek brought into view a very realistic picture of the past and the present of this certain class. The water ran on and on, and it seemed as if the bubbling creek were telling me all I wanted to know in its rhythmic way.

In the shadow of the running stream a clear image appeared to me as the water moved and

splashed. At first I thought that it was the little fish busily swimming back and forth, but immediately the picture became very clear. It was a crowd of people yelling and looking at a very large and beautiful purple jet-rocket plane. They yelled "Hooray! Hooray!" when a tall, nice-looking man came toward some important-looking men on the platform, and he seemed very familiar to me. I tried and tried to think who he was. When he started to walk down the steps to make his speech, I at last recognized him and I was extremely happy to see that he appeared to be a very successful man. He was Herbert Capes who graduated with me at the North Carolina School for the Deaf in 1950. He was an inventor and science teacher. I was eager to see him set off his jet-rocket, but to my disappointment the picture was gone all of a sudden! Anyway, I was pleased to learn of his success in his chosen field of the science of jet-propelled planes.

Soon again the water brought more shadow pictures and I saw a short man driving a brand-new 1960 Cadillac and smiling at the blonde young woman beside him. He was on the way into a big city to work and I suddenly recognized him—Wayne Hilton, the owner-manager of the world-famous team of deaf baseball players. I was greatly interested to learn that he was able to make his living in the sports world he loved so well.

The picture in the creek was breaking into small pieces like a jig-saw puzzle coming apart. It was growing chilly, and still half asleep I felt a little breeze rumple my hair. Immediately I thought how I'd like to have Evelyn Michael with me to work on my hair. Evelyn, none other than our Evelyn could design a hairdo for me.



Her hairdressing salon is one of the best in the world and she is also a leading hair stylist. I'd learned that from a recent article in *Vogue* just this spring. I enjoyed thinking for a few minutes about Evelyn's success but was still drowsy and began dozing off again.

Suddenly something aroused me and I woke up with a start. It was the smell of something burning which woke me from my day dreams. I wondered what it could be. It was coming from the direction in which Dorothy Morrison and her family lived. (It's nice that she lives nearby and I was just hoping that this burning smell didn't mean that she had burnt one of her famous apple pies again!) I decided that I should drop by Dot's in the hope of something good to eat, for she was a marvelous cook. It was getting late in the afternoon and a piece of her pie would just hit the spot after a light lunch. I wanted, too, to tell her the creek's story of some of our classmates. Another time we might both go together and hear it tell us of the present life of others. I wondered why it didn't tell me about Edna Riddle, Malcolm Scoggins, and Buford Pressley. Well, maybe Dot would know. (Dot has a cute little ranch-style house and the loveliest children—all red-headed!)

Dot was at home and she and I sat down for a snack in the patio. I started to tell her of the enjoyable dream-story of the creek but she excitedly interrupted my story to tell me about Buford's and Edna's latest adventures. Dot had read all about them in her old home-town paper to which she still subscribes.

It seems that Buford is always in the midst of excitement since he has become a deputy sheriff up in the hills of Western North Carolina.

Recently he captured a big still and it exploded just after he started a chase after the owners. What a lucky escape!

Dot also showed me another very interesting bit of news she had cut from the *Durham Herald* about Edna Riddle. The article said that Edna was the outstanding woman in the Home Demonstration groups from Eastern North Carolina. Her canning, preserving and pickling accomplishments were so fine that the great Waldorf Astoria Hotel had sent down to St. Pauls to ask to buy some of her strawberry preserves and cucumber pickles! Now she has a standing offer from the hotel to buy all of these that she can send them. On top of all that work Edna's quilting wins prizes at the State Fair in Raleigh every year. Dot and I wondered if she had begun her success story back in our Home Economics kitchen in the old shop building.

Then after Dot had given me news from Durham, she brought out a copy of a new magazine, *Photographers' Review*. Right inside was a large picture smiling at us. My astonished eyes beheld Malcolm Scoggins—"Old Mal." I read the article about him and learned that he had become a professional photographer and often made pictures of leading models for the fashion magazines. I was glad to know that he worked for himself. "At least he does not have to worry about the boss' firing him for his old habit of procrastination," I thought to myself. And this article praised his work highly.

The sun had already set as I took my leave of Dot. We both had warm glows in our hearts from the recollection of the "good old days" and were sorry, really, to come back to the present.

## *Class Will*



We, the Senior Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty, after twelve long years of work and play, find that our school life 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 in many ways, we leave our heartfelt gratitude for knowledge, fun and fellowship.

To our superintendent, principal, the board members, the household staff, the assistant principals and the teachers, we leave our thanks for what they have done for us, our promise that we shall always try to live in such a way as to reflect credit on our Alma Mater, and our best wishes for their continued success in the future.

To our home room teacher, Mrs. Triebert, we leave our love for her willingness always to help us and for her patience with us.

To the Junior Class, we leave our responsibility for the canteen with the hope that they will be successful in operating it. We also leave them our classroom, a set of text books, and all the joys and headaches that go with being a senior.

To Bessie Womack, Wilma Lance bequeaths her love for mimicking.

To Richard Absher, Buford Pressley leaves his love of argument.

To Donald Hall, Wayne Hilton leaves his love for sports and women.

Malcolm Scoggins leaves the job as editor of "The Clock Tower" to anyone unwary enough to take it.

To Hilda Honeycutt, Evelyn Michael leaves her loads of books and comics.

Edna Riddle is always late and yet, wonderfully, she never gets into hot water for the trait. This ability she leaves to Dorothy Casey and hopes she will be able to do likewise.

Dorothy Morrison leaves her fondness for eating at all times to Margaret Routh, but she hopes that Margaret will be more careful—or she will be sorry!

To Earl Moore, Herbert Capes bequeaths his love of modeling airplanes and his expectation that Earl will invent a new kind of airplane.

Wayne Hilton leaves his excuses for not studying to Betty Barber.

Evelyn Michael's dislike for history she leaves to Doris Hardison.

To Clyde Morton, Herbert Capes' interest in Boy Scout work is willed.

Edna Riddle's love for flirting she leaves to Colleen McKinney.

Dorothy Morrison's responsibilities and "worries" are handed down to Ruby Anders with the hope that she will learn not to accept too much work.

To Ann Dykes, Wilma Lance leaves her fondness for stylish clothing and hopes Ann will live up to her record and win the boys' hearts.

Buford Pressley's and Malcolm Scoggins' fondness for going to the hospital, visiting the girls and the nurse, is willed to Richard Absher and they hope he will keep their path to the hospital worn bare.

Desiring to leave behind the things which we cannot take with us, we do hereby sign this last will and testament.

Signed by Class of 1950:

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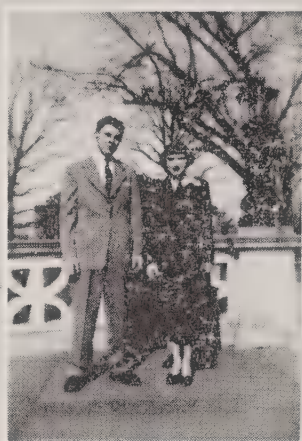
Mrs. Triebert

Mr. Stack





MOST AMBITIOUS



BEST LOOKING  
&  
BEST DRESSED



BEST ALL-AROUND



SLEEPIEST



MOST TALKATIVE



MOST STUDIOUS



MOST POPULAR



QUIETEST



MOST ATHLETIC



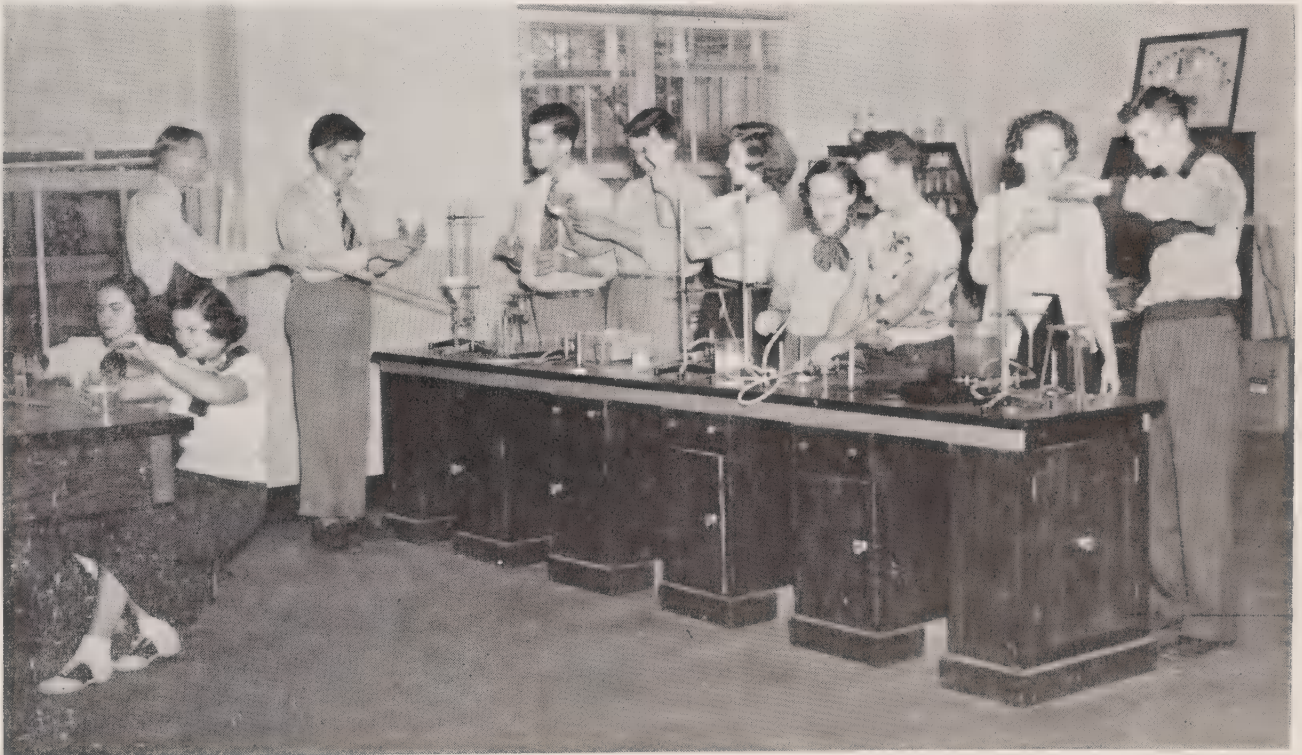
MOST DIGNIFIED



## College Preparatory Class



## In Chemistry "Lab"





# OTHER CLASSES

*"By labour and intent study."*





## Junior



*Front row:* Donald Hall, Peggy Edmondson, Mary Mazingo, Hilda Neal, Richard Absher  
*Back, left to right:* Richard Brown, Doris Hardison, Dorothy Casey, Mr. Stack, *teacher*;  
 Aileen Efird, Doris Campbell, Ted Hames

## Advanced Vocational



*Front row:* Pete Moore, Billie Taylor, Myrtle Heath, Bessie Womack, Terry Parham  
*Back row:* Leander Carroll, Wiley Smith, Joseph Jessup, Mr. Kubis, *teacher*; Richard Bowman, Billy McCuiston, Gray Finch, Melvin Woodard



## Sophomore



*Seated left to right:* Ann Dykes, Nell Johnson, Clara Johnson, Ruby Anders  
*Standing left to right:* Rudell Matthews, Henry Dorsey, Betty Barber, Mrs. Davis, *teacher*;  
 Hilda Honeycutt, Charles McKenzie, Margaret Routh Absent— Colleen McKiney Dan Miller

## Freshman



*Left to right:* Ronald Richards, Geneva Davi , Betty Turner, Betty Daniels, Zeldia Hope,  
 Mrs. Giles, *teacher*; Juanita Merritt, Jo Peedin Leona Miller, Elma Simmons, Bobbie Bledsoe,  
 Billy McLain

# VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

*"For each according to his abilities,  
To each according to his needs."*



RICHARD  
BROWN



## Vocational Staff



*Front row:* Mr. John McCreight, Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Mr. Arthur Merilla

*Back row:* Mr. Van Porter, Mrs. Sallie Sheppard, Mr. John Oxford, Mrs. Sarah Fry, Mr. Odie Underhill, Miss Lucy Goins, Mr. Paul Crutchfield, Miss Frances Miller, Mr. Albert Mehl, Miss Velma Halvorson

## Boys' Vocational Building





## Typing



## Arts and Crafts





## Home Economics



## Sewing

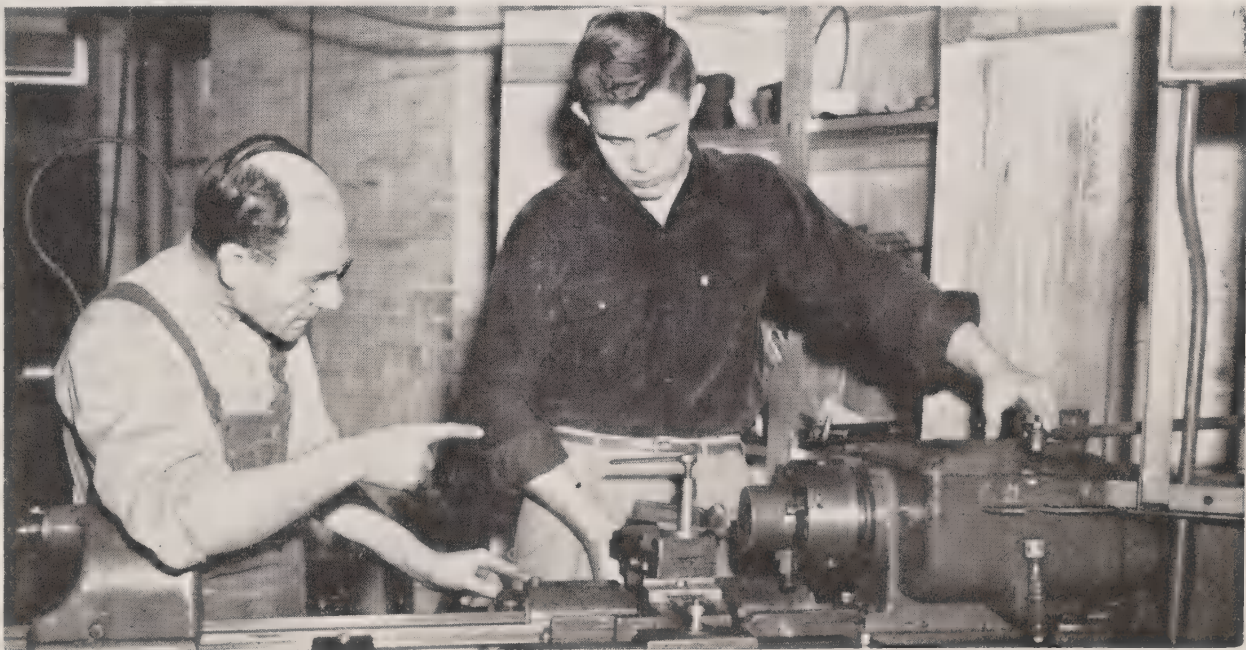




## Woodworking Shop



## Metal Shop



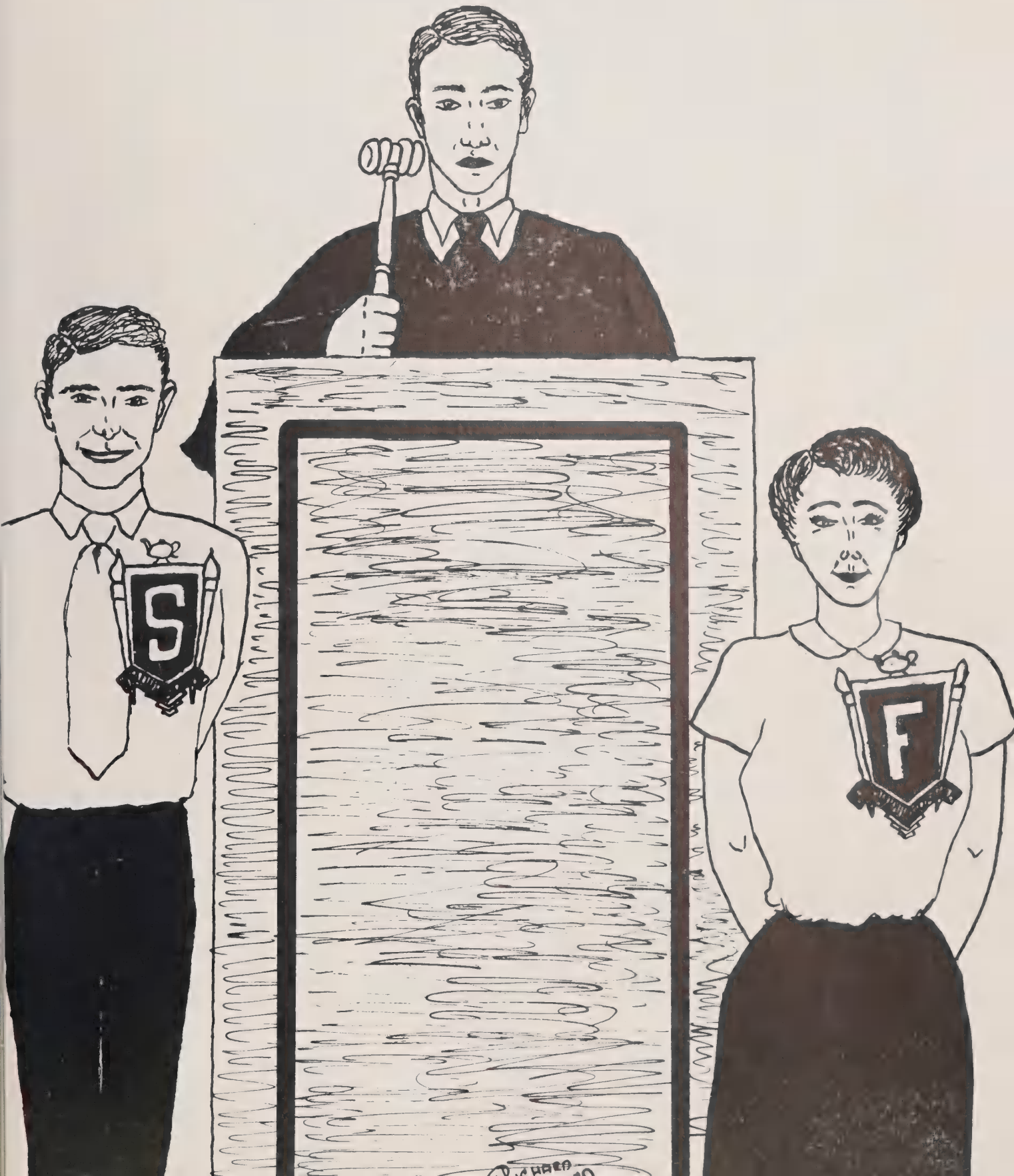


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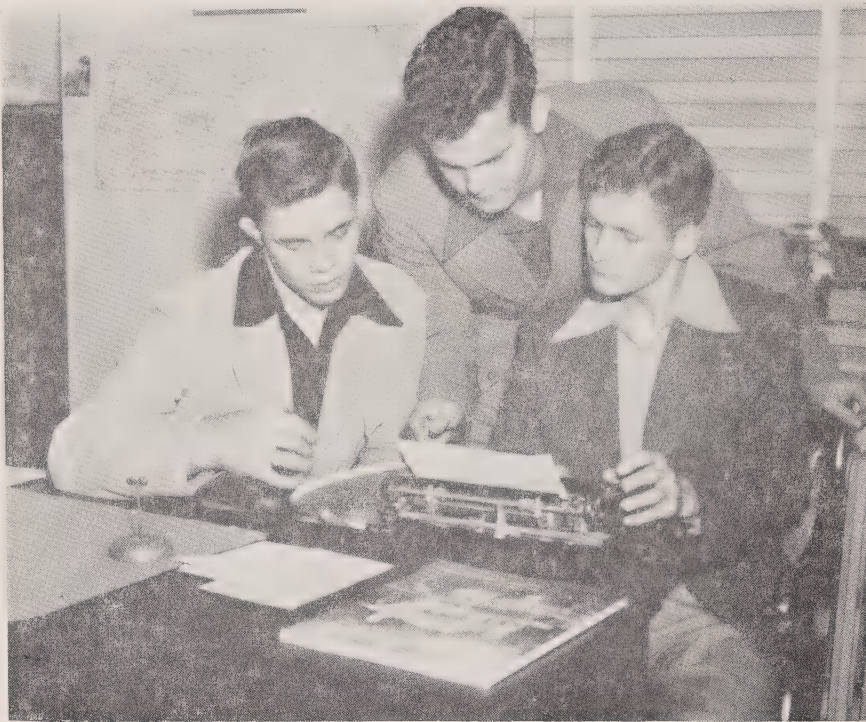
# ORGANIZATIONS

*"Can boast no lack of good society."*





## Clock Tower Staff



MALCOLM SCOGGINS, *Editor-in-chief*  
BUFORD PRESSLEY, *Business Manager*  
HERBERT CAPES, *Assistant Editor*

## Student Council



*Sitting:* Edna Riddle, *Secretary*; Mr. Barber, *adviser*; Dorothy Morrison, *President*; Doris Hardison, *Vice-President*; Evelyn Michael  
*Standing:* Donald Hall, Hilda Honeycutt, Herbert Capes, Richard Brown and Ruby Anders.



## Fepha Honor Society



*Sitting:* Edna Riddle, *Secretary*; Miss Miller, *adviser*; Dorothy Casey, Hilda Neal, Ruby Anders, Rudell Matthews, Bessie Womack, Wilma Lance

*Standing:* Aileen Efrd, Doris Hardison, *Vice-President*; Evelyn Michael, *Treasurer*; Dorothy Morrison, *President*; Hilda Honeycutt

## Sterling Honor Society



*Sitting:* Richard Absher, Herbert Capes, Joseph Jessup, Donald Hall, *Vice-President*; Billy Mc Cuiston, Mr. Stack, *adviser*

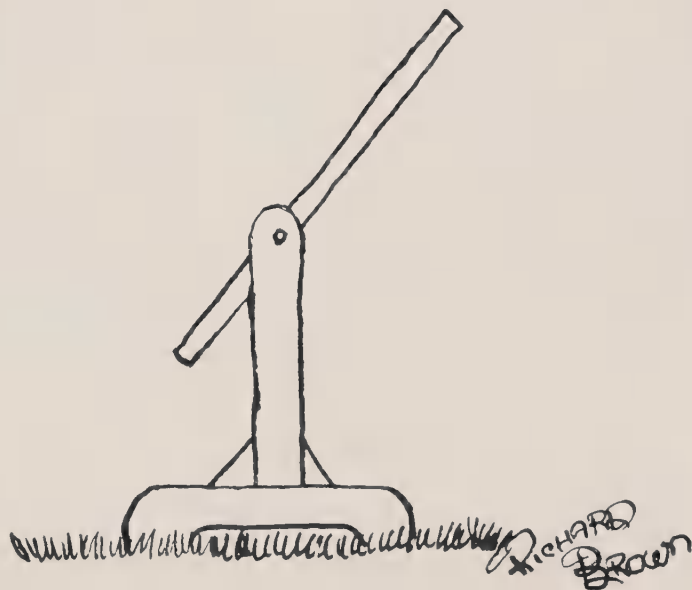
*Standing:* Ted Hames, *Secretary and Treasurer*; Richard Brown, *President*; Buford Pressley, Henry Dorsey, Malcolm Scoggins, Richard Bowman, Leander Carroll

Absent from picture—Wayne Hilton



# ATHLETICS

*"It speaks of strength, of might, of power."*



## Our Athletic Director



Mr. "Chick" Gainer Coach

## Athletic Staff Assistants



Mr. Kubis, Assistant Coach  
Mr. Bledsoe, Coach of Junior Varsity  
Miss Rotha, Director of Girls' Sports



## Football



The year 1949 will go down in the pigskin annals of N. C. S. D. as being one of the greatest since the sport was introduced on the hill. The Bears went through a ten-game schedule without a single loss and with only one tie to mark their otherwise perfect record. With a new coach, Carroll "Chick" Gainer at the helm, and with the preceeding year's squad returning, the Bears fielded one of the most powerful scoring machines in the state of North Carolina. The Bears piled up a total of 351 points and yelded only 46 to their opponents.

This year's squad was chosen as the National School for the Deaf Champions because of their impressive record. Six members of the team were singled out for individual honors on the All-Americanian team. Buford Pressley, Wayne Hilton, and Ted Hames won places on the first team while Leander Carroll and Richard Bowman landed third team berths. Joseph Jessup was given an honorable mention.

Three departing seniors, Buford Pressley, Wayne Hilton, and Herbert Capes, will leave Coach Gainer with big shoes to fill next fall. Their loss will undoubtedly be greatly felt next season.



## Scenes on Homecoming Day



The N. C. S. D. Bears delighted a large homecoming audience on October 15, 1949, at Morganton High School Stadium, by running up a score of 52-13 over the South Carolina School for the Deaf from Spartanburg.

At half time Miss Wilma Lance was crowned football queen. With her two attendants, Miss Edna Riddle and Miss Bobbie Dean Bledsoe, she was driven into the center of the playing field. There she alighted and was crowned by the Bears' Captain Richard Bowman. The snappy N. C. S. D. pep squad, dressed in their trim blue and white, provided an escort for the three girls and led them to special seats in the bleachers.

After the game a well-planned dance and social hour was held in the chapel at the Main Building. There the alumni, boys of both teams, and many friends and parents spent a very pleasant hour.



## Boys' Basketball



The 1949-50 boys' basketball team had a mediocre season with a six won, twelve lost record, but they supplied their followers with quite a few thrills as they lost half of the twelve games by one or two point margins. Had these games been in their favor, their record would have been more impressive and it would have been considered a good season.

Captain Donald Hall and Ted Hames, along with Richard Bowman, Wayne Hilton, Joseph Jessup, and Charles McKenzie were the mainstays of the team, but they received creditable help from reserves Billy McLain, Alfred Lambert, Joseph Evans, Tommy Smith, and Henry Dorsey. Tommy Smith was considered by his teammates as the most improved player on the squad with Bowman being the most valuable.

The prospect of an improved team next year is supported by the fact that all the players will be returning with the exception of Wayne Hilton who graduates this June.

## Girls' Basketball



After the thrilling football season, the basketball season rolled around again in the early winter with Mr. Kubis as the new girls' coach. There were twelve girls on the team with Evelyn Michael as the scorekeeper and Dorothy Morrison as the manager. Only two seniors, Wilma Lance and Edna Riddle, were on the team. Eight good players from last year were missing and the team felt the loss, having to work with more inexperienced players.

The first game in the Western Conference was with Lenoir and with that loss began a season of disappointments, as all the conference games were defeats for the Bearettes.

Hopes were high before the trip to the Tennessee School for the Deaf but that game, too, was a victory for the opponents. It was a close game and the N. C. S. D. girls lost it by one

point—31 to 30. The first success came in the game against the South Carolina School for the Deaf by the score of 48 to 44.

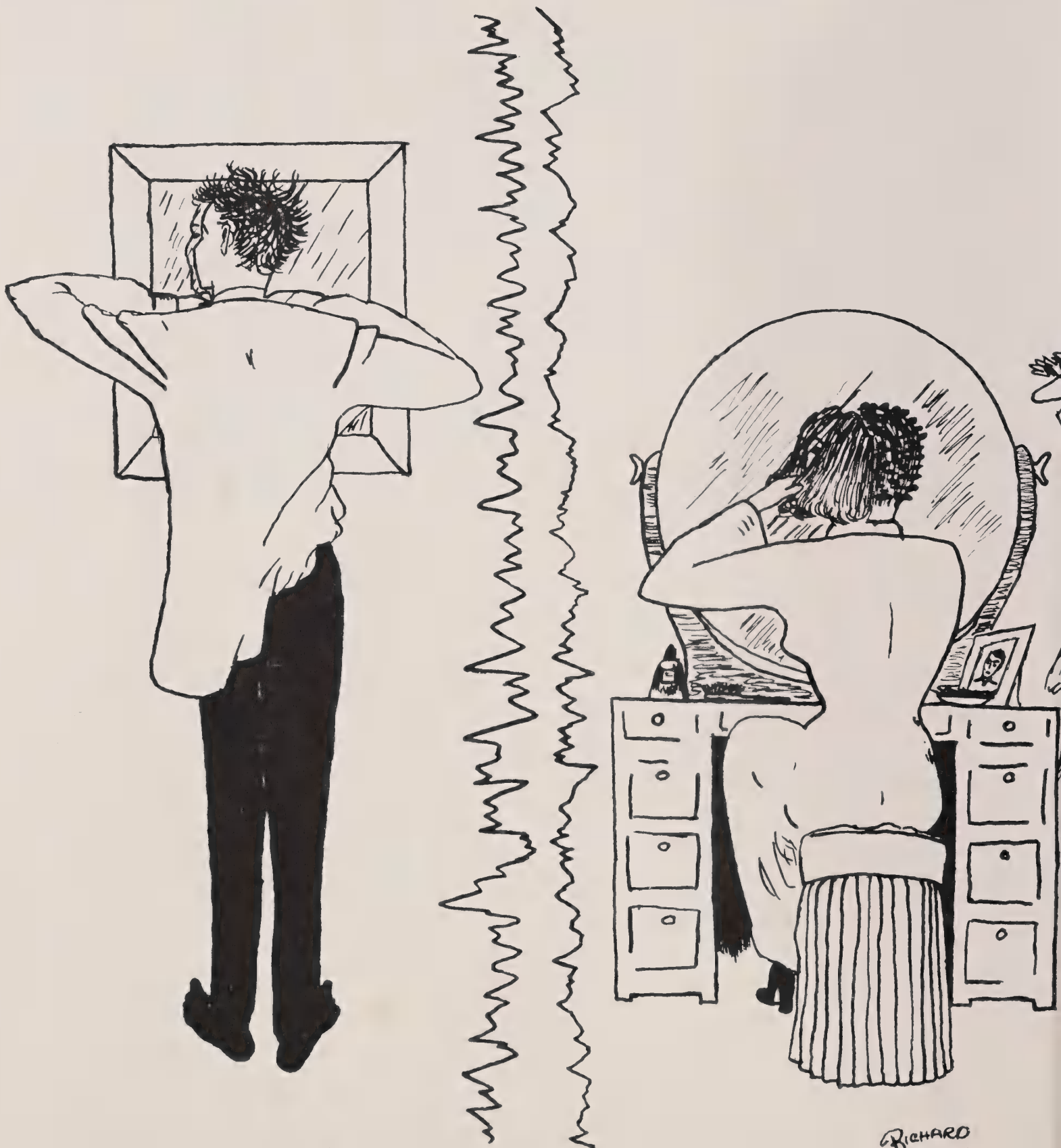
In the Valdese Tournament the first game, against Happy Valley, was lost by a high score. At the end of the tournament Wilma Lance was chosen the queen of all thirty-two teams. This made us very proud as she was the first girl from our school to be queen of the tournament. A beautiful trophy was awarded to her.

Once again the N. C. S. D. lassies went into tournament play. This one in Lenoir was sponsored by the Rotary Club. That was the final game of the season because it was a defeat which ended the play for the Bearettes. Juanita Merritt won a gold basketball for the best sportsmanship for this team.



# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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## May Court



DOROTHY MORRISON, *Maid of Honor*

EDNA RIDDLE, *May Queen*

On the evening of May 13th at the May Prom Edna Riddle was crowned Queen of the May. The ceremony was held in the auditorium which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion with blue and white streamers overhead and a dancing pavilion set off by hanging streamers. The auditorium had the appearance of a night club, with tables for the guests on each side of a wide aisle which was left for the entrance of the May Court.

In the center of the stage was a throne with a background of greenery and baskets of white flowers. The attendants, dressed in lovely pastel colors and wearing wreaths of flowers in their

hair, entered by twos. The attendants were Wilma Lance, Doris Campbell, Hilda Honeycutt, Rudell Matthews, Ann Dykes, Ruby Anders, Billie Taylor, and Myrtle Heath. Following these came Dorothy Morrison, the Maid of Honor and last, the Queen, Edna Riddle. After she ascended the stage she was crowned by Mr. James Pons, a member of the Board of Trustees.

Following the crowning of the queen the escorts for the May Court met the girls as they descended from the stage and started the dancing.



## Junior-Senior Banquet



The traditional Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the Home Economics Laboratory on the evening of May twentieth. The guests were greeted by a receiving line composed of all the members of the junior class and Mr. Stack, the sponsor.

Dainty cards marked the places and beside each place was an attractive program. After all the guests were seated the invocation was given by Dr. Rankin. A delicious three-course dinner, prepared by the junior girls under Miss Halvorson's direction, was served the thirty-seven juniors and guests. Mr. Hoffmeyer acted as toastmaster for the occasion and introduced

Doris Hardison, the President of the Junior Class, who welcomed the seniors and faculty members. In response Dorothy Morrison, the Senior Class President, thanked the juniors for their hospitality and wished them success for their own senior year. Following the dinner Mr. Hoffmeyer amusingly related a dream he had had in which the astounding future of each senior was foretold.

Following the banquet the guests were invited to the Assembly Hall where a spring motif was effectively used. Dancing was enjoyed for several hours and concluded a delightful occasion.

## Pep Squad of 1949-50



## Senior Football Players



*From left to right: Malcolm Scoggins, substitute; Buford Pressley, right and left tackle; Wayne Hilton, fullback; Herbert Capes, right and left guard.*



## Seniors at The Canteen



## The Canteen

Early in the fall the seniors were given the opportunity to operate the canteen which has usually been in charge of a staff member. All the profit has come to the seniors to help with the fund for their class books. On Homecoming Day the seniors began their new venture and since then they have opened it on Friday evenings for the boys and on Saturday afternoons for the girls. The stock is not large but the managers have tried to supply such small but necessary items as toothpaste, shoe laces, soap, shaving cream, lotions, and combs as well as soft drinks, crackers, peanuts, cheese snaps, ice cream, and cookies. The canteen has run fairly smoothly and the class of '50 hope the juniors will succeed in the little business next year and that it may continue to be a worth while project for senior classes.



## Seniors at the Canteen



The Christmas Pageant has been presented for a continuous twenty-two years. Every year the setting and costumes are the same but this year it seemed quite different because of the beautiful new stage curtain and back drops. These have been looked forward to for many years. Mrs. Knox was again in charge of directing the pageant.

The scenes depict the angel's visit to Mary; the inn where the travelers slept; the Wise Men's journey and meeting with King Herod; the angels' visit to the shepherds; and the manger scene where the Child is worshipped. The stage was beautifully lighted with changing colors, and the costumes were clothing of Biblical times.

The pageant was enjoyed by everyone. Although it was the same old story of the first Christmas, it is greatly loved and renews our appreciation of God's gift to mankind.



## *Salutatory*

BY EVELYN MICHAEL

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are deeply pleased to have you here today and it is a warm welcome that we have for each one of you. It is always a great honor to the graduating class to have so many guests attend commencement exercises. We hope that you will enjoy our graduation as much as we, and we assure you that we feel a real appreciation for those who have come here from far places for this day which is so important to each of us. We are especially happy to have our parents and other family members, as well as friends among the alumni.

It has been a long time since our first steps up the ladder of learning and today we are happy that we have achieved this first important stopping place. The teachers here have been true friends and we find it hard to express our full gratitude to them for their faithful work. We therefore extend an especial welcome to these teachers and staff members to whom we owe much.

We are greatly honored, Governor Scott, to have you come here to speak to us. Seldom does a senior class have the privilege of being addressed by the highest officer of the state.

Members of the Board of Trustees, we bid you welcome and assure you of our appreciation for your interest in us and our school.

Among the audience today are many of our fellow students, friends of our school years. We have shared many experiences—work and play, fun and fellowship—which will always be counted among our dearest memories. We salute you today for the last time as schoolmates, but it is our fond wish that our friendships of N. C. S. D. may be lasting and warm.

May we say once more to all of you here in the audience, welcome to the fifty-sixth Commencement at the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

## *Valedictory*

BY DOROTHY MORRISON

It is hard to believe that our goal, Graduation Day, to which we have been looking forward for a long time has come at last. We have now come to the end of school life and go on our further ways unaided. It is also hard to realize that we are leaving our Alma Mater, our home for so many years, a home that has given the very best it could in education.

These years that we spent in Morganton often seemed long and the holidays at home, far too brief; but now that we turn our gaze backward the school years appear to have passed swiftly by. We had many good times here—in play at Goodwin Hall, in our sports, in the many parties and picnics, and even some good times in the classrooms. We had our difficult times and problems, too, along with our happiness. However, the memories we shall carry with us always will be mostly of good friends, good times, and of the satisfaction which comes from lessons learned and work accomplished.

Governor Scott, we feel greatly honored to have you with us on Commencement Day. The state of North Carolina has given us educational opportunities to build confidence in ourselves, and to you as chief executive we wish to offer our thanks.

To the Board Members we express our appreciation for their efforts in trying to improve our school, and our sincere good wishes for their work in the future.

To Dr. Rankin, to Mr. Hoffmeyer, to the teachers, and to the staff, we want to say that we appreciate all the understanding, patience and love that have been spent on us. We will try to work and live in such a way that they may see their efforts were not in vain.

To all the students we say farewell with a feeling of sadness because we leave you, our friends, with whom we have shared so much fun, work, and even trouble. We will miss you after we leave, but we shall often see you and these familiar school buildings and grounds in our minds' eye.

Again, we bid each one of you the fondest farewell.

# CAMPUS LIFE

*"Whose very charming grounds are these?"*





## School Personalities



Mrs. Pearson, our *night watchwoman*; Miss Quinn, Mrs. Webb, our *nurses*; Dr. Ervin, our *physician*; Mr. Hoffmeyer, Mrs. Hoffmeyer, Denny and Gay; Miss Howard, our *dietitian*; Miss Smith, Mrs. Bowman, our *waitresses*





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 Standing from left to right: Mrs. Carter, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Wood, Mr. Mehl, Miss Yates, Mr. Bledsoe, Absent—Mr. Barber and Miss Painter*











## *Initiation*





# Clippings from North Carolinian

## The Old Chapel is in New Attire

At last we have news of great rejoicing to tell! Saturday morning, December 3rd, a red truck from National School Supply Co. of Raleigh, stopped by the near entrance to the Chapel. Out came two stalwart men with immense packages. Soon news flashed all over the hill that the old Chapel was being "dressed up."

Today we have new stage curtains and even new drapes at the wide windows. All are of a fire-proof velvety material and are of a moss green in color, harmonizing perfectly with the pale green tints of the walls. With white venetian blinds the effect is very striking. So at last the old Chapel has been transformed.

Never in the memory of the oldest graduate has the School Chapel had anything like real stage curtains. Time and again have our requests for something adequate been turned down. We had to resort to make-shift material, dyeing it as time faded it, or resorting to old table covers or bed sheets sewn together and strung across the stage. This poor substitute has more than once discouraged the giving of a worth while play or stage program that required shifting of scenes.

The whole aspect of the Chapel (auditorium as it is sometimes called) is breath-taking in its simplicity, tone and beauty. Everybody is proud and is looking forward to the many stage programs in years to come.

## Pressley Plays in Bowl

Buford Pressley, a senior and N. C. S. D. star player, was selected to play in the All-Star Optimist Bowl game in Asheville Saturday December 3rd.

This was a great honor because it was the first time a deaf boy was ever selected on such a team.

The coach of the Western team had many nice compliments on Buford's playing and spirit.

Buford reports he had a very enjoyable time. He got along fine with the hearing players, both on and off the football field.

We are proud of Buford, not only because he played well, but because he proved to himself and to other deaf that they can fit into the hearing world.

## The Students' Midwinter Party

We had our Annual Mid-Winter party Saturday night, February 11th. Our girls got back from the Valdese tournament just in time to dress for the mid-winter party. The rest of the girls and boys had already dressed up. The party started at 7:30 Mr. Barber and Mrs. Fry had charge of the advanced and high school classes in the auditorium. They started with a merry-go-round dance. Then we danced during

several records until we began to be tired of dancing. Then Mr. Barber and Mrs. Fry suggested other games. These games were drawing Valentines and writing as many words from "Valentine" as we could. Edna Riddle won this word contest. Dan McKenzie won a prize for drawing the best Valentine. We had ice cream for refreshments. Some ice cream was left, so Mr. Barber and Mr. Hoffmeyer got an empty bottle. Mr. Hoffmeyer spun the bottle quickly and let it turn until the head of the bottle was pointing to a person. That person won another ice-cream sandwich. Many of the pupils got them, but I didn't get one.

Wayne Hilton

## Seniors-Juniors Go Picnicking

The seniors and juniors had an enjoyable picnic at Table Rock on April Fools Day. The school truck was furnished for transportation. The crowd left at 9:30, loaded down with weiners and buns, pickles, potato chips and the usual additions that make up a good picnic lunch. Miss Brittain and Mr. Stack were chaperons.

## Pep Squad Entertains at

The Pep Squad has been full of activity recently. The members, steered by Miss Dorothy Smallwood, gave a nice card party in the upper school on March 24, which many teachers attended. The purpose was to raise funds for the squad organization. Miss Smallwood has right along volunteered her time and energy as advisor.

To this party guests brought "white elephant" gifts which were offered as prizes to the card players. Refreshments; ice-cream in ginger ale and cookies were served.

## Party for the Florida Team

After the Florida-North Carolina basketball game Saturday evening March 11th, there was a party for the basketball players of both teams in the assembly hall. Each boy invited a date. The assembly hall was decorated to look like Florida in honor of our guests. We danced and played a game. Ice cream sandwiches were served for refreshments. We enjoyed it and especially enjoyed seeing the boys whom we had met last year in St. Augustine.

—Dot Morrison

## The Star Dust Prom

The first social event of the year of the Honor Societies was the Star Dust Prom on Saturday evening, October the first, in the School Assembly Hall. The hall was decorated with many stars of different colors. The stars were hung from the lights and many pretty colors of celophane were on the lights. A big paper moon was put over the

clock. Big stars and many tiny stars were placed on the bulletin boards. They looked beautiful. The committee for the dance deserve lots of praise. The Honor Societies entertained the teachers, staff members and a few guests.

Refreshments were served after the eighth dance. The punch and cookies were delicious. There was a short floor show. After that dancing began again and lasted until eleven o'clock. Everybody enjoyed the dance very much. It was a lovely evening.

—Edna Riddle

## NCS D Boys Receive Warm Welcome at Virginia School

Early on the morning of October 28, the football team left Morganton in a Queen City Coach chartered bus for their trip to Virginia. The day was not at all ideal for the trip as rain was falling and as a result sight-seeing was almost impossible. The comfortable bus was perhaps the only bright spot of the trip. Since sight-seeing was out of the question, many historical spots on the way were not visited.

One of the high lights of the trip was when the bus passed over the famed Natural Bridge. In spite of the weather, some of the more hardy boys wanted to brave the storm and get out of the bus. However, the majority overruled them.

After seven hours of riding, the bus finally arrived at Staunton. There were much clamor and commotion as the boys were combing their hair and trying to look their best.

When the boys finally got acquainted all around, they took some limbering-up exercises and then went to the dining room. Afterwards the Virginia students held a short social for the visitors with promises of a much better one the night following the game.

Saturday was a day of rest for the players. A short walk around town was all that the boys were allowed in the morning. The skies cleared up for the game which resulted in a 27 to 0 victory for North Carolina. After the game, the Virginia crowd, true to their word, gave a party which every one enjoyed very much.

Sunday, the day of departure, dawned as bleak and stormy as the day we started out. All the way rain fell, which put dampers on our hopes of doing any sight-seeing. Seven more tiresome hours elapsed before the portals of N. C. S. D. were sighted, and every one gave a sigh and muttered "Home Sweet Home."

A word of thanks must go to the Virginia School for their wonderful hospitality shown, for their fine arrangement of the program, and for the most enjoyable visit which we all enjoyed so much.



# ANALYSIS OF CLASS 1950

Seniors	Favorite Sayings	Favorite Foods	Weakness	Hobbies	Habits	Ambitions
Herbert Capes	"Look at me"	Steak	Comics	Model airplanes	Dozing	To be a linotype operator
Wayne Hilton	"Why, I don't Understand?"	Cheese	Sports	Collecting sports clippings	Wrinkling his nose	To operate his own cabinet shop
Wilma Lance	"Understanding me"	Cheeseburgers	Clothes	Collecting snapshots	Mimicking	To be a coach or physical education teacher
Evelyn Michael	"Imagine!"	Chocolate-covered mints	Books	Collecting proverbs, songs, poems	Purshing up her mouth	To be a typist
Dorothy Morrison	"I didn't know that"	Fried chicken	Food	Collecting snapshots	Watching everything that goes on	To be a teacher
Buford Pressley	"I didn't mean it"	Ice cream	Gum	Collecting snapshots	Playing hooky	To work at the Rayon mills
Edna Riddle	"I know"	Chocolate cake	Newspaper pictures	Collecting postcards	Arguing	To be an office girl
Malcolm Scoggins	"I don't care"	Steak	Girls	Reading	Being late	To be a professional photographer

## *Track*

During their second year on the track, the N. C. S. D. cindermen won three dual meets and lost one. In addition to this record, they placed eighth in the state meet and annexed the runner-up trophy in the Western North Carolina Multilateral meet held at the N. C.-S. D. field.

Ted Hames was the outstanding individual performer. The lanky sprinter was one of the outstanding men at the state meet, winning third in the 100 yard dash and second in the 220 yard dash. Other outstanding men were Wayne Hilton in the middle distances, Richard Bowman in the hurdles, Frank Mitchell in the mile and Buford Pressley in the weights. Young Tommy Smith showed that he would be a man to be reckoned with in future years by high jumping 5 feet 5 inches and turning in good performances in the half mile.

The Seasons' record of dual meets:

N. C. S. D. 66      Morganton 43

N. C. S. D. 44      Lenior 42

N. C. S. D. 33      Marion 66

N. C. S. D. 66      Hickory 19

Best Individual performances:

100 yd. dash—Ted Hames 10:00 sec.

220 yd. dash—Ted Hames 22.9 sec.

440 yd. dash—Wayne Hilton 53.1 sec.

880 yd. run—Wayne Hilton—2:10 min.

1mile run—Frank Mitchell—5:07 min.

120 high hurdles—Richard Bowman 27.9 sec.

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Discus—Buford Pressley 114' 11"



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