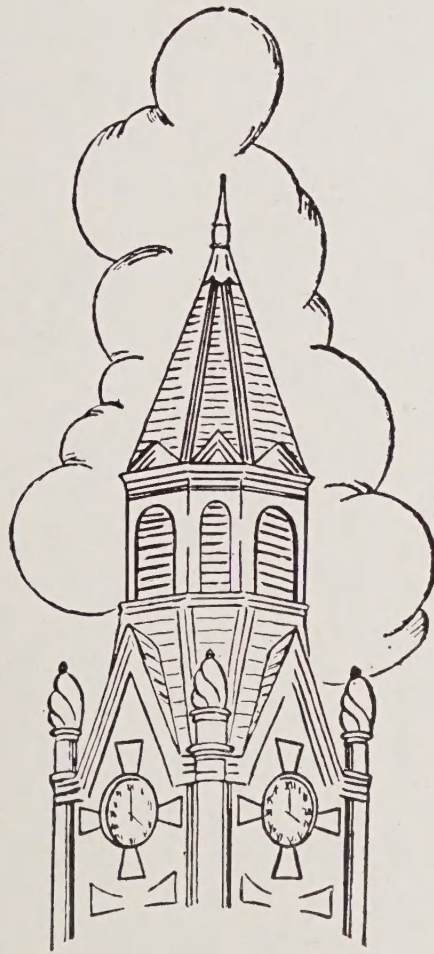


The
CLOCK
TOWER

1951



*Tower straight and tall
Our symbol be
Of lives strong, straight and true
That others may see.*



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The Clock Tower of 1951

Published by the Senior Class

of the North Carolina School for the Deaf

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,

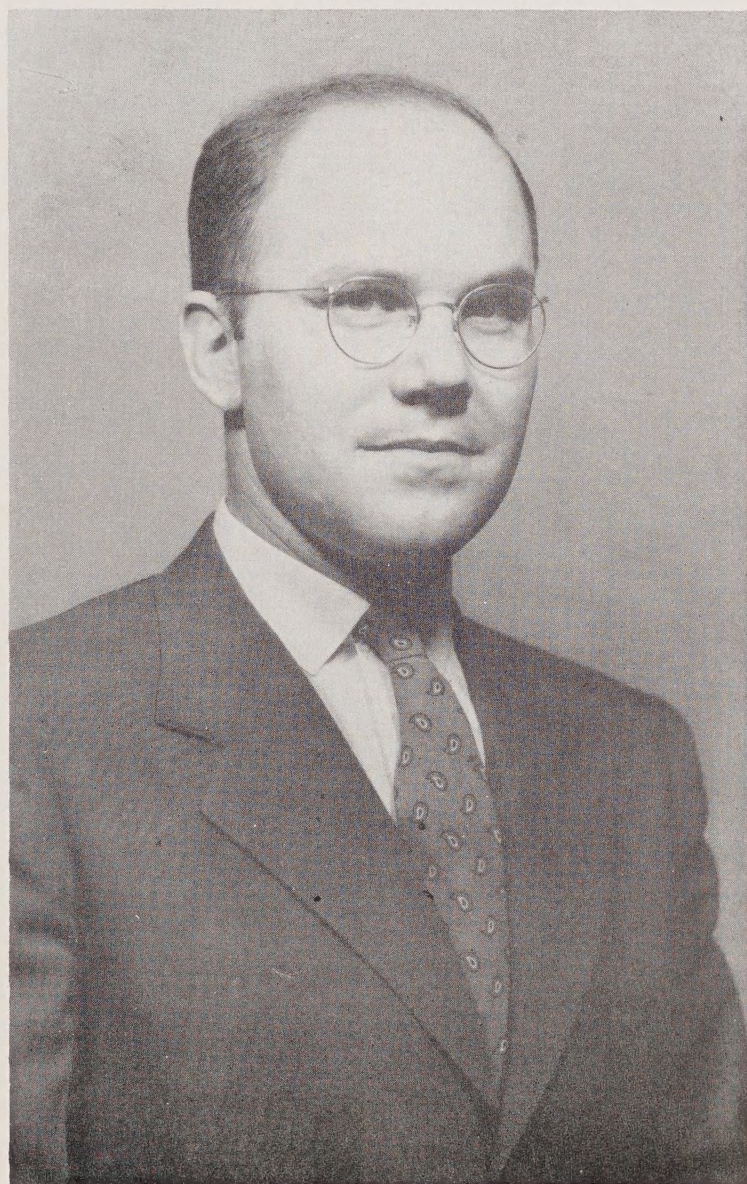
That we bid with burning desires,

To be grateful to you,

To be loyal and true,

As the time of our stay here expires.

The Class of 1951 Loyally Dedicates
THE CLOCK TOWER



To

PAUL B. CRUTCHFIELD

*"Our true friend and wise counselor, whose
years spent in selfless devotion to
our School are told in the quiet
power of his noble character."*

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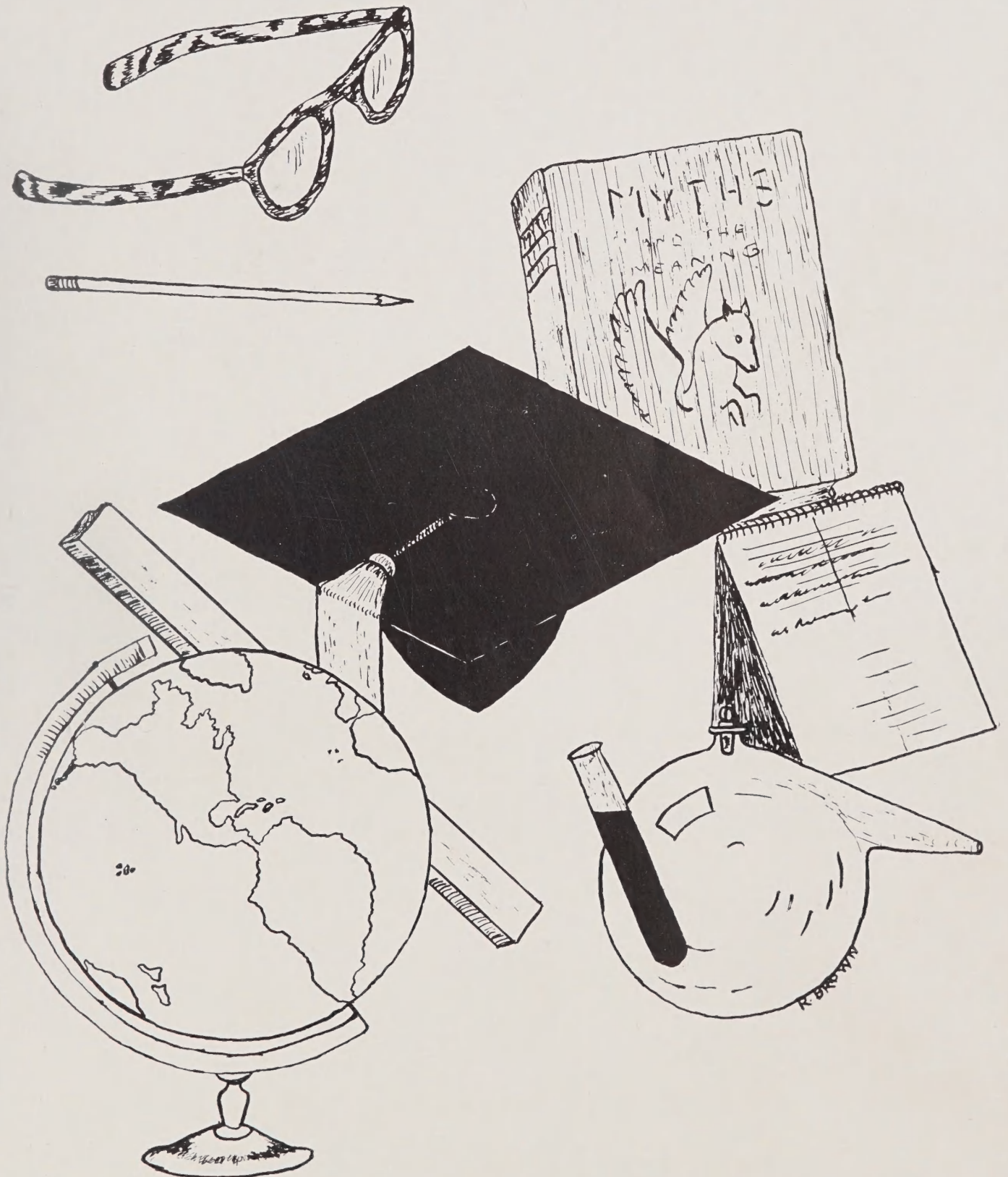
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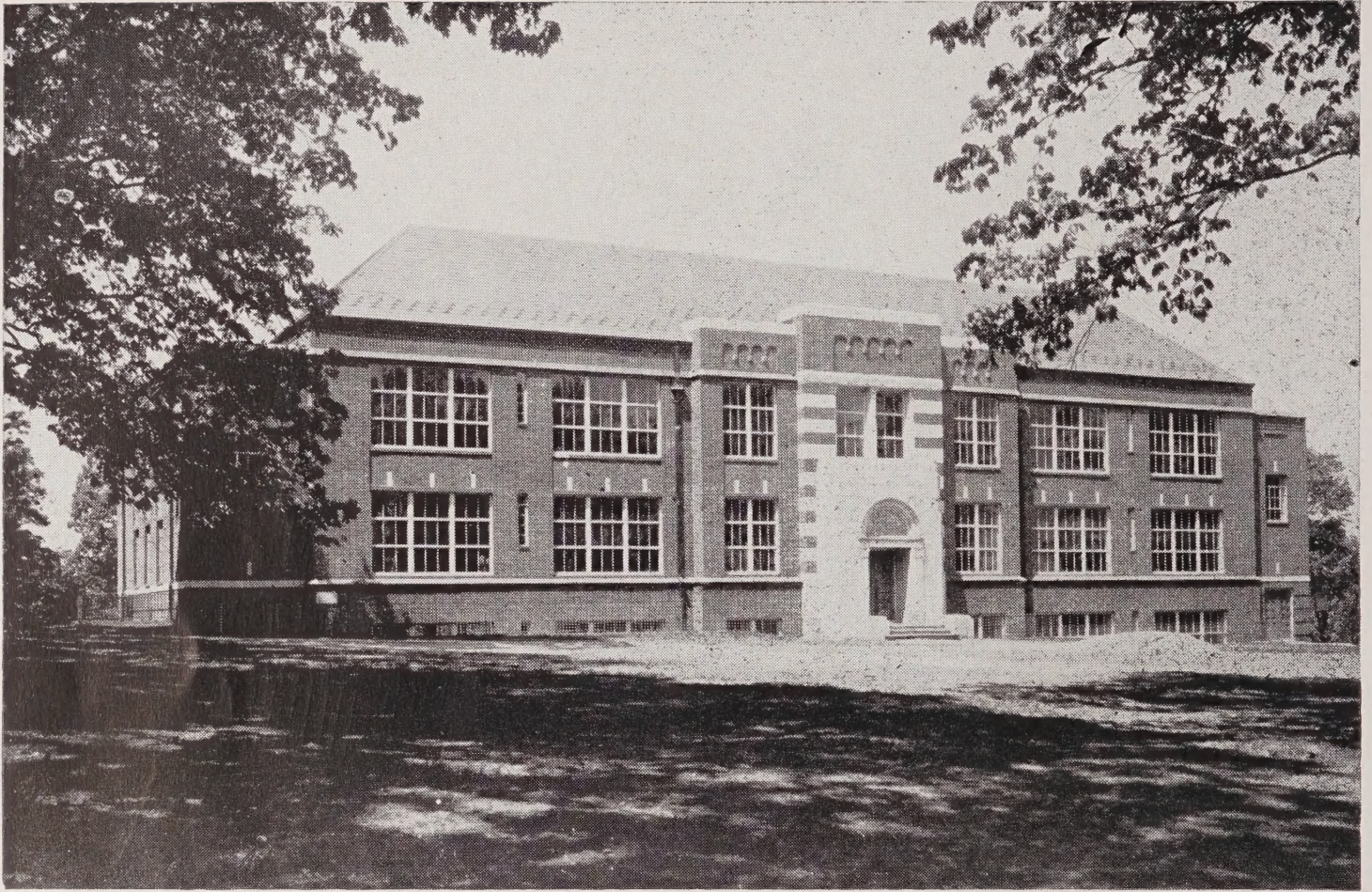
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UPPER SCHOOL BUILDING

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT BODY - - - - -



ADMINISTRATION

Our Superintendent



CARL E. RANKIN

A MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

*To each of you, my wish is that you travel
"the Highroad" with Joy and Gladness.*



Left to right: Miss Grace Brittain, Secretary to Business Manager; Dr. Rankin, Superintendent; Mrs. Margaret Simmons, Executive Assistant; W. K. Keeter, Business Manager.

Principal



BEN E. HOFFMEYER

A MESSAGE TO THE SENIORS

A foundation has been laid and it is my sincere wish that a wholesome, fruitful life will be built upon it.

Assistant Principal

ADVANCED - INTERMEDIATE
DEPARTMENT



MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

To the Graduates: My best wishes will follow you always.

—Mrs. Frances E. Davis

To our boys and girls about to go out into life: Let this be your basis for a well-rounded life —

1. A self fit to live with.
2. A job fit to work.
3. A world fit to live in.
4. A faith fit to live by.

—Odie Underhill

Assistant Principal

VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



ODIE W. UNDERHILL

SENIOR FACULTY ROW



Academic Teachers

Left to right: Dr. Oscar Randolph, Chemistry; Miss Nan Jeter, Home Room Teacher; Mr. Archie Stack, Literature; Mr. John Kubis, Mathematics.

Vocational Teachers

Front row: Mrs. Sarah Fry, Sewing; Miss Mary Frances Miller, Arts and Crafts; Miss Lucy Goins, Home Economic. *Back row:* Mrs. Sallie Sheppard, Typing; Mr. Paul Crutchfield, Printing; Mr. John Oxford, Metal Works; Mr. Arthur Merrilla, Dry Cleaning and Pressing; Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Wood Work; Mrs. Carrie Dezelan, Mending.



SENIORS

Class Roll

RICHARD ABSHER, *North Wilkesboro*

TED HAMES, *Cliffside*

RICHARD BROWN, *Charlotte*

DORIS HARDISON, *Washington*

DORIS CAMPBELL, *Greensboro*

BILLY MCCUISTON, *Below Creek*

DOROTHY CASEY, *Goldsboro*

PETER MOORE, *Tar Heel*

PEGGY EDMONDSON, *Durham*

MARY MOZINGO, *La Grange*

AILEEN EFIRD, *Stanfield*

HILDA NEAL, *Bear Creek*

JOSEPH EVANS, *Louisburg*

MARGARET ROUTH, *Charlotte*

DONALD HALL, *Greensboro*

BILLIE TAYLOR, *Burlington*

BESSIE WOMMACK, *Winston-Salem*



Class Motto

Virtue is bold, and goodness never fearful.

Class Color

Green and White

Class Flower

Red Rose

Class Tree

Pink Dogwood

Junior Marshalls

Henry Dorsey

Hilda Honeycutt

Class Officers



Sitting: Doris Campbell, President; Peggy Edmondson, Secretary; Billie Taylor, Assistant Treasurer. *Standing:* Bessie Wommack, Vice President; Ted Hames, Treasurer.

Class Mascot



DENNY HOFFMEYER
son of
MR. AND MRS. BEN E. HOFFMEYER

RICHARD DALE ABSHER, North Wilkesboro

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Sam

"The way to have a friend is to be one."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing; Woodworking
Supervisor of Goodwin Hall boys 1949-'50
Sterling Honor Society
Christian Endeavor Society
Goodwin Literary Society
Boy Scout
Football, Manager Boys Football team '49; Swimming



CHARLES RICHARD BROWN, JR., Charlotte

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Rich

"Determination is the master key to success".

Printing
Associate Editor Clock Tower
Student Council, President 1950-'51
Sterling Honor Society, President 1949-'50, 1950-'51
Christian Endeavor Society, Vice President 1948-'49,
1949-'50
Goodwin Literary Society
Boy Scout
Football; Tennis; Softball; Swimming; Volley ball



DORIS ELIZABETH CAMPBELL, Greensboro

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Doris

"Pleasure and action make her hours seem short."

Photography, Home Economics, Sewing, Arts and Crafts
Secretary Junior Class, President Senior Class
Pep Squad; cheerleader 1949-1951
Girl Scout; Patrol leader 1948-'49, 1949-'50
Business Manager Clock Tower
Christian Endeavor Society
Goodwin Literary Society
May Court 1950-'51
Basketball, Captain 1950; Softball, Captain 1950; Swim-
ming; Tennis; Volleyball.





DOROTHY GRAY CASEY, Goldsboro

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Dot

"Her ways are true, her conduct blameless, her friendship lasting."

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, Photography
Fepha Honor Society
Pep Squad; Vice President 1949-'50, President 1950-'51
Vice President Junior Class
May Court 1951
Christian Endeavor Society
Goodwin Literary Society
Girl Scout
Swimming; Tennis.

PEGGY LOUISE EDMONDSON, Durham

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Peg

*"Happiness is cheaper than worry,
So why pay the higher price."*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, Photography
Pep Squad
Secretary Senior Class
May Court 1951
Art Editor, Clock Tower
Christian Endeavor Society
Goodwin Literary Society
Girl Scout
Softball; Swimming; Tennis



ELLA AILEEN EFIRD, Stanfield

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Aileen

"A happy disposition is a prism that reflects the blue rays."

Typing; Home Economics; Sewing; Photo Laboratory
Fepha Honor Society
Pep Squad
May Court 1951
Goodwin Literary Society
Christian Endeavor Society
Girl Scout
Softball; Tennis; Hiking



JOSEPH LOUIS EVANS, Louisburg

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Joe

"Have your conviction and stand firm."

Woodworking

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Football; Softball; Volley ball; Basketball; Swimming;

Track



DONALD DEVON HALL, Greensboro

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Don

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

Printing

Sterling Honor Society, Vice President 1949-'50

Student Council

Christian Endeavor Society, Treasurer 1950-'51

Goodwin Literary Society

Boy Scout

Football, Co-captain 1950; Basketball, Captain 1950-'51;

Track; Baseball; Volley ball



THEODORE WILLIAM HAMES, Cliffside

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Ted

"Life is a pleasant institution; take it as it comes, always aiming at the best."

Printing

Treasurer Senior Class

Sterling Honor Society, Treasurer 1949-'50, Vice President 1950-'51

Editor-in-Chief Clock Tower

Student Council, Vice President 1950-'51

Goodwin Literary Society, Treasurer 1950-'51

Christian Endeavor Society, Treasurer 1949-'50

Football; All American Deaf Team 1949-'50, Captain 1950; Asheville Optimist Bowl Game 1950; Track, All American Deaf Team 1949-'50; Basketball; Co-captain

1949-'50, 1950-'51





DORIS MARIE HARDISON, Washington

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Doris

"Those about her

From her shall read the perfect ways of honor."

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, Arts and Crafts
Fepha Honor Society, Vice President 1949-'50, President
1950-'51

Student Council, Vice President 1949-'50

Pep Squad, Treasurer 1949-'50

President Junior Class

Christian Endeavor Society, President 1950-'51

Goodwin Literary Society, President 1950-'51

Maid of Honor to May Queen 1951

Girl Scout

Softball; Tennis; Volley ball; Swimming

BILLY SAMPSON McCUISTON, Belew Creek

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Bill

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

Dry Cleaning and Pressing

Sterling Honor Society, Treasurer 1949-'50

Assistant Associate Editor Clock Tower

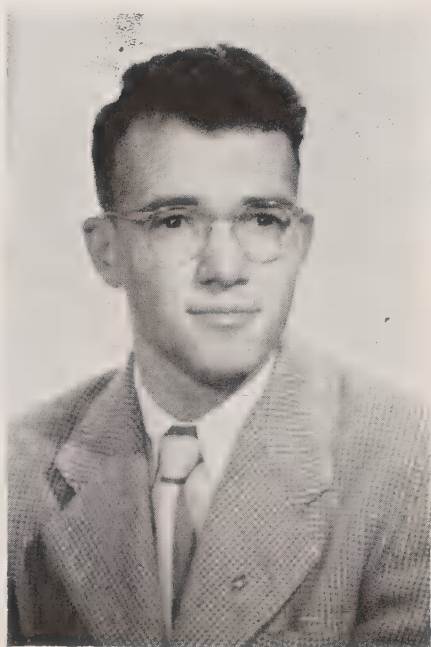
Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Boy Scout

Manager Football team 1949

Basketball; Swimming; Softball; Tennis; Volley ball



THOMAS PETER MOORE, Tar Heel

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Pete

"I see, yet I say not much, but think all the more."

Drycleaning and Pressing

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Sterling Honor Society

Manager Boys Basketball Team, 1951

Baseball; Volley ball

MARY MAGDALENE MOZINGO, La Grange

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Mary

*"Ah, quiet lass, there are but few
Who know the treasure hid in thee."*

Typing; Home Economics; Sewing; Arts and Crafts.
Pep Squad
Goodwin Literary Society
Christian Endeavor Society
May Court 1951
Girl Scout
Tennis; Swimming; Volley ball; Softball



HILDA MOZELLE NEAL, Bear Creek

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Hilda

*"Sympathy is the golden key that unlocks the heart to
others."*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, Arts and Crafts
Sports Editor Clock Tower
Pep Squad
Girl Scout, Patrol leader 1948
Fepha Honor Society
Christian Endeavor Society, Secretary 1950-'51
Goodwin Literary Society, Secretary 1950-'51
May Court 1951
Swimming; Tennis; Softball



MARGARET ANN ROUTH, Charlotte

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Prissy

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Sewing, Home Economics, Arts and Crafts
Pep Squad
Goodwin Literary Society
Girl Scout
Christian Endeavor Society
May Court 1951
Basketball; Softball; Swimming





BILLIE JEANNE TAYLOR, Burlington

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Billie

*"Her modest manners and graceful air
Show her wise and good as she is fair."*

Typing, Sewing, Home Economics, Arts and Crafts

Assistant Treasurer Senior Class

Homecoming Football Queen 1950

May Queen 1951

Pep Squad

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Girl Scout

Basketball, Captain '51; Softball; Swimming

MARY BESSIE WOMMACK, Winston-Salem

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Bess

*"A kind and gentle heart she had,
To comfort friend and foe."*

Typing, Sewing, Home Economics, Arts and Crafts

Vice President Senior Class

Pep Squad

Fepha Honor Society

May Court 1951

Goodwin Literary Society

Christian Endeavor Society

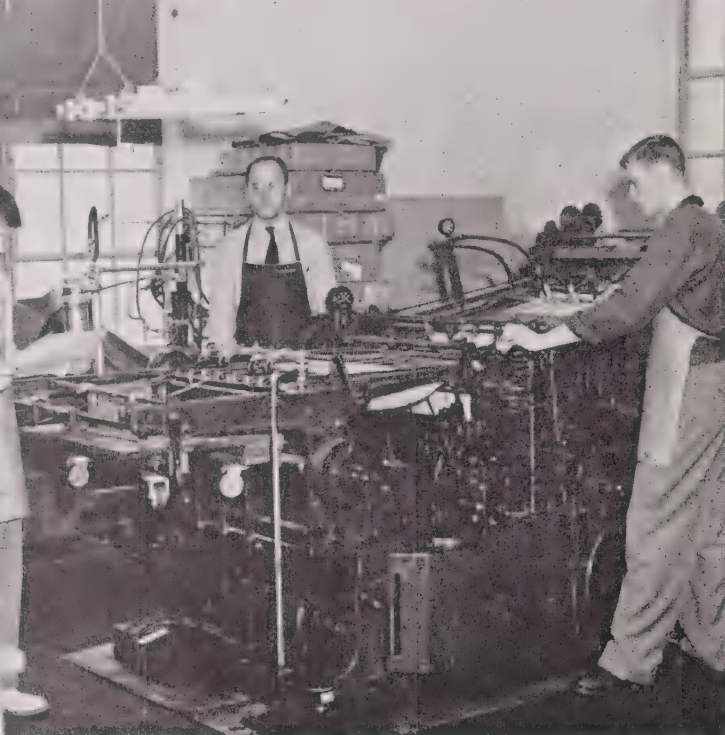
Manager Girls Basketball Team 1951

Swimming; Tennis; Softball



CLASS ANALYSIS

Seniors	Hobby	Favorite Expression	Weakness	Favorite Sport
Richard Absher	Collecting stamps	"Who told you"	girls	Football
Richard Brown	Taking moving pictures	"I saw it in the paper."	A daily newspaper	Basketball
Doris Campbell	Collecting North Carolinians	"Foolish"	Comics	Swimming
Dorothy Casey	Collecting clippings	"So what."	Shoes	Badminton
Peggy Edmondson	Collecting pennants	"I did not."	Giggling	Deck tennis
Aileen Eford	Collecting newspaper clippings	"I'm worried."	Exercising	Softball
Joseph Evans	Hunting	"Better be careful"	Mimicing	Swimming
Don Hall	Collecting stamps	"What for."	Day dreaming	Football
Ted Hames	collecting sport clippings	"Silly"	Track	Football
Doris Hardison	Keeping a scrapbook	"I dunno"	Teasing	Softball
Billy McCuiston	Collecting kodac pictures	"I didn't know that"	Tennis	Swimming
Pete Moore	Fixing watches	"Don't bother me."	Back slapping	Football
Mary Mozingo	Writing letters	"Tell me why."	Biting nails	Bowling
Hilda Neal	Collecting souvenirs	"Shoot me down."	Reading	Badminton
Margaret Routh	Collecting food recipes	"No-No"	Eating	Softball
Billie Taylor	Collecting kodac pictures	"I don't care"	Biting nails	Swimming
Bessie Wommack	Collecting pictures of movie stars	"Why look at me."	Movies	Softball



SENIORS

*Left and Top Left: Linotyping and Job Printing . . .
Mr. Paul Crutchfield, Instructor*

*Top Right: College Preparatory Class
Mr. Archie Stack, Teacher*

*Lower Left: Arts and Crafts
Miss Mary Frances Miller, Teacher*





----- *AT WORK*

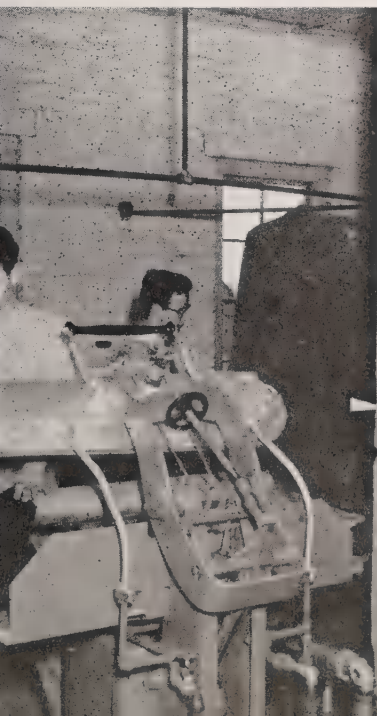
Top Left: Sewing Mrs. Sarah Fry, Teacher

Top Right: Cooking . . . Miss Lucy Goins, Teacher

Left: Woodworking . . . Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Teacher

Lower Right: Science . . Dr. E. O. Randolph, Teacher

*Lower Left: Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Mr. Arthur Merrilla, Teacher*



Class History

BY DORIS HARDISON

The Graduating Class of 1951 is the largest class in the history of the School. It is made up of eleven Seniors from the Academic Department and six Seniors from the Vocational Department. Very few of the Seniors have been together through all the grades. The present Senior class was organized in the fall of 1949 and the pupils in the Advanced Vocational came together as a class in 1947.

Richard Absher, an Academic Senior, entered the Primary Department in 1939. Miss Betty Watrous was his first teacher. He comes from North Wilkesboro where he was born on May 30, 1929. He lost his hearing when he was a very little boy as a result of an ear abscess. He is a natural born clown and was voted the wittiest in the class. He hopes some day to own a dry cleaning establishment.

Richard Brown, an Academic Senior, comes from Charlotte. He was born deaf, on October 6, 1930. He entered school in 1937. His ambition is to enter Gallaudet next fall and secure for himself the cultural background that a college education will give him. He expects to be a linotype operator. He is very talented in drawing.

Doris Campbell, an Academic Senior, president of the class comes from Greensboro. She was born on January 5, 1933. She has always been partially deaf but the cause of her deafness is unknown. She entered school in 1939 and Mrs. Tucker Walker was her first teacher. Her favorite pastime is reminiscing with Mrs. Walker. She enjoys all sports especially basketball. She has been on the varsity basketball team for four years. She hopes to enter Gallaudet College next fall and prepare herself to teach the Deaf.

Dorothy Casey, an Academic Senior, comes from Goldsboro. She was born on September 24, 1931. As a result of a very high fever during an illness when she was two years old she lost her

hearing. She entered the Primary Department in 1939. Miss Betty Watrous was her first teacher. She is interested in Home Making and was voted the neatest in the class so she should prove to be a very capable person.

Peggy Edmondson, an Academic Senior, the class secretary comes from Durham. She was born on December 13, 1929 and entered school in 1937. Miss Marjorie Gordon was her first teacher. The cause of her deafness is unknown. She is very interested in sewing and hopes to get a job as an assistant seamstress in a big department store.

Aileen Eford, an Academic Senior, entered school in 1939 in Miss Betty Watrous' class. She comes from Stanfield where she was born on September 27, 1929. She was born deaf. She is always in a good humor and was voted the cutest in the class. When she finishes school, she would like to be a typist.

Joseph Evans, a Vocational Senior, was born in Louisburg on June 1, 1931. His parents think that he lost his hearing as the result of a hard fall that he had when he was two years old. He entered the Primary Department in the fall of 1938. He has always been interested in woodworking and when he finishes school, he hopes to get a good job in a furniture factory in Rocky Mount.

Donald Hall, an Academic Senior, entered the Primary Department in 1937. Miss Marjorie Gordon was his first teacher. His home is in Greensboro where he was born on August 1, 1930. At the age of one year old he became deaf following an illness of pneumonia. He is interested in sports especially football and basketball. He was voted the best-looking boy in the class. With six years' experience in the printing shop, Don hopes to get a good job as a printer.

Ted Hames, an Academic Senior, the class treasurer and Editor of the Clock Tower, comes from Cliffside. He was born on November 15, 1929. When he was a little boy, he always had trouble with his ears but the cause of his deafness is unknown. He entered school in 1939. He had polio during the epidemic in 1944 and couldn't move his legs for almost six months. Now he is a great athlete. He is a football hero. He played in the all star Optimist Bowl Game in Asheville and has won all sorts of honors in track. He hopes to be a printer when he finishes school.

Doris Hardison, an Academic Senior, voted the best all round in the class was born in Washington, North Carolina, on August 7, 1929. She lost her hearing as a result of serious trouble that she had when she was a baby. She entered school in 1937. Miss Ada Rankin was her first teacher. She loves to tease. She was the Maid of Honor in the court of the 1951 May Queen. She would like to be a typist when she finishes school.

Billy McCuiston, a Vocational Senior, comes from Belevs Creek in Guilford County. He was born deaf on September 7, 1931. He came to school in the fall of 1939. Tennis is his favorite sport. Dry cleaning and pressing has been his vocational work for the last five years and he hopes to get a job in a cleaning and pressing company in Greensboro when he finishes school. He was voted the best dressed boy in his class.

Pete Moore, a Vocational Senior, entered the Primary Department in the fall of 1938. Mrs. Tucker Walker was his first teacher. He was born in Tar Heel in Bladen County on October 15, 1931. He lost his hearing when he was four years old as the result of a serious illness. Pete was voted the quietest in the class. He is interested in baseball and volleyball and was manager of the boys basket ball team in 1951. He has worked in the dry cleaning and pressing shop for the last four years and hopes to get a good cleaning and pressing job when he finishes school.

Mary Mozingo, an Academic Senior, comes from La Grange where she was born on August 25, 1930. She was born deaf. She entered school

in 1937. Mrs. Edna Kerr was her first teacher. She is a finger nail biter. A big plant, which will manufacture nylon is going up near Mary's home. She hopes to get a job as filing clerk there.

Hilda Neal, an Academic Senior, entered school in 1938 from Bear Creek in Chatham County. Miss Betty Watrous was her first teacher. Her birthday is on Christmas Day. She was born in 1929. When she was three years old she was seriously burned about the neck and face. Her parents think that the burns caused her deafness. She was in the hospital for a long time. Hilda's favorite pastime is reading. She was voted the most studious in the class. She wants to be an office clerk when she leaves school.

Margaret Routh, a Vocational Senior, comes from Charlotte. She was born on August 1, 1931. Scarlet fever when she was one year old caused her deafness. She entered school in the fall of 1937. Sewing is her favorite pastime. She would like to get a job in the alterations department of a big department store.

Billie Taylor, a Vocational Senior, entered school in the fall of 1938. Her home is in Burlington where she was born on December 31, 1930. She was born deaf. Swimming is her favorite sport but she has played on the varsity basketball team for three years. By popular vote she was chosen May Queen for 1951. She would like to get a job as a filing clerk in a print shop when she finishes school.

Bessie Wommack, a Vocational Senior, is from Winston-Salem. She was born on December 21, 1931. By the time she was two years old she had lost most of her hearing but the cause of her deafness is unknown. She entered school in the fall of 1938. Miss Lucille Pearson was her first teacher. Bessie is vice-president of the class. Sewing is her favorite pastime but when she finishes school she hopes to get a job in a big carbon plant about two miles from her home.

Thus endeth a brief sketch of the members of the Graduating Class of 1951. May their future be as bright as their past has been pleasant and may they fulfill the expectations of their friends and teachers and hold dear the memories of school days that are ending.



SUPERLATIVES - - - - -

Upper right: Quietest Pete Moore

Upper left: Best looking couple
Billie Taylor and Don Hall

Left: Cutest Aileen Efird

Lower left: Most studious couple
Hilda Neal and Richard Brown

Lower right: Best dressed Billy McCuiston





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Upper left: Neatest Dorothy Casey

Upper right: Most athletic couple
Doris Campbell and Ted Hames

Right: Wittiest Richard Absher

Lower right: Most popular couple
Doris Campbell and Ted Hames

Lower left: Best all around Doris Hardison



Class Prophecy

BY DONALD HALL

A few years after my graduation, I was called into the service. After I got my wings, I was sent to the far East. I piloted a Sabre jet. I enjoyed my work, the far East fascinated me and I was happy, so I remained abroad for years and years. But imagine my excitement when I set sail on my first vacation trip to my homeland after such a long absence. I returned by boat and spent many lazy hours on deck thinking of my family and friends, whom I hadn't seen for such a long time. I had kept in touch with my family, of course, but I began to wonder about my friends especially my classmates at the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

One sunny morning, as the big ship sailed across the Pacific, I settled myself in a deck chair and gave way to my thoughts. I must have fallen asleep because the first thing I knew I was landing my Sabre jet on the familiar football field at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. The field was the only thing, however, which did look familiar. All of the buildings were very modern looking. I felt drawn toward the Upper School Building and into a classroom on the first floor. And no wonder—there was Doris Hardison teaching a class of happy-looking boys and girls. She told me that her husband was teaching there, too. She had met him at Gallaudet. When I left, I knew that Doris was happily married and well on the road to success.

My home in Greensboro was my next stop and of course my thoughts turned to Doris Campbell who lived there, too. I called at her old home and to my surprise, Doris, her husband and four little children were living there. Doris was not only a capable housekeeper and mother but was doing a good job teaching a group of hard of hearing children in a public school near by.

After spending a few happy hours with my family, I hurried off to take my pilot suit to the cleaners. Over a modern, air conditioned building,

which stood on the corner of a busy street, was a large electric sign, The Mac.-Moore-Absher Co. I knew immediately that it was an up-to-date Dry Cleaning and Pressing Company. So I entered. Never have I been as surprised as I was when Billy McCuiston, Pete Moore and Richard Absher came to greet me. They told me that they owned the building and the business. They were working together and making money. They were all married and had built modern homes near the city.

After hearing such nice things from five of my classmates I decided to spend the rest of my vacation finding out how life had treated the others.

I remembered that Peggy Edmondson lived close by, in Durham, so early the next morning I was flying over Duke University. As I flew over the large Duke Hospital, I remembered that I needed some medicine, so I landed and went in. A very trim, efficient-looking nurse came forward. It was Peggy. She told me that she had always wanted to be a nurse and the Duke doctors let her take the training as an experiment. She was the only deaf nurse in the hospital but the doctors were glad to have her on duty when they had deaf patients. I noticed a big diamond on her finger and after asking a few questions, I found out that she was engaged to a very nice doctor.

And Peggy told me all about Joseph Evans and Mary Mozingo. They had married soon after they graduated and Joseph made a good living for Mary and their three children operating his own carpenter shop. The shop was near the University, so I went to see for myself. Joseph copied beautiful antique furniture that belonged to the University and had no trouble selling it. While Joseph and I were reminiscing, Mary came in. She was surprised to see me. I had fun teasing her.

I was soon on my way to a big farm down in the eastern part of the state. Joseph had told me that Hilda Neal and Aileen Eford had married brothers, deaf boys from South Carolina. They were farmers and were making a success of it, but a lot of the credit went to their wives. Aileen managed her husband's truck farm. She was responsible for seeing that a big truck load of fresh fruits and vegetables went into the city every morning. Hilda was known for miles around for her wonderful cakes and pies, which she sold from her own little bakery built near the highway. I enjoyed the hour I spent visiting them. Their houses were not far apart, and their children enjoyed playing together. I think Aileen and Hilda were very happily married.

And imagine my surprise, when quite by accident, I ran into Ted Hames. I had decided to spend a few lazy days at the beach. Early one morning while out on the pier fishing I noticed near by a very familiar looking man. He was intent on his line but when he got a bite, and started jumping around, I knew it was Ted. He was still a sportsman. He told me that he owned a small print shop in Wilmington and that he made a good living doing job printing. He had built his home on the coast and went back and forth every morning. He insisted that I go home with him for breakfast. I began to wonder about his wife, but I soon remembered that Ted and Billie Taylor were sweethearts at school and when Billie came out to speak to me I was not surprised. I was surprised, however, when I saw so many children—two boys and two girls. Ted and Billie had a nice home and seemed so happy. I enjoyed my visit with them.

Billie told me that Bessie Wommack and Dorothy Casey were the only two members of our class who had left the Old North State. They were working in the Treasury Department in

Washington. They had good jobs and were successful business women. Ted told me how dressed up they were the last time he saw them. I immediately flew to Washington but just as I reached their nice apartment they were going out with two attractive men from Gallaudet College. I could see the love light in their eyes so I bid them a hasty farewell.

My next stop was Charlotte, North Carolina. Somebody had told me that Margaret Routh worked in the Public Health Department in Mecklenburg County. I wanted to see her. She was wearing a very becoming uniform, and during her years as assistant to the public health nurses, she had been able to be of service to many, many deaf people. I knew that Margaret was happy. A ring on her finger told me that she was married. She laughingly said that her husband was a policeman and that he was the only person who could make her behave.

And Margaret told me about Richard Brown. He was in Charlotte, too. He had become interested in Commercial Art while he was in Gallaudet and after graduation had gotten a good job with J. B. Ivey's Department Store. I found Richard in his office on the fifth floor. He designed and drew all of the posters for the window displays. He liked his work and didn't say yes when I asked him if he intended to remain single all his life.

I stepped on the elevator to go down when all of a sudden I seemed to faint away. When I opened my eyes I was amazed to find myself sitting in a deck chair on a ship crossing the Pacific Ocean. I suddenly realized that all of my visits to my classmates had been imaginary visits because I had been asleep—What a dream I had! I resolved then and there to try and find out if my dream was really true.

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Class Will

BY DOROTHY CASEY

We, the members of the largest Senior Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty one, being of sound mind and good judgement, and realizing that our days here at school are nearly over, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

To our beloved Alma Mater, our home for so many happy years, we leave our heartfelt gratitude for knowledge, fun and fellowship.

To our Superintendent, Board of Directors, principal, assistant principal, faculty and household staff, we leave our deep gratitude for the guidance, kindness, sympathy, understanding and patience that you have given us.

To Ronald Richards—Richard Absher leaves his love of a hot dormitory argument.

To Juanita Merritt—Richard Brown leaves his daily newspaper and store of information on current events.

Peggy Edmondson leaves to Hilda Honeycutt her ability to tell, in an interesting way, a good story.

Hilda Neal passes on to Peggy Green her great love for reading.

Dorothy Casey leaves to Betty Turner fond memories of the good times they had together.

Donald Hall leaves to Henry Dorsey his thermometer and his job of telling the girls how cold it is every winter morning.

Ted Hames leaves to Leander Carroll his great love *for* sports and fine sportsmanship *in* all sports.

To Alma Whitley—Doris Hardison passes on her ability to joke and take a joke.

To Ruby Anders—Margaret Routh leaves her craving for morning, afternoon and midnight snacks.

Mary Mozingo leaves to Geneva Davis her love for a long nap on cold Sunday afternoons.

To Kermit Capes—Joseph Evans leaves his unusual ability to mimic others.

Bessie Wommack leaves to Edna Brinkley all of her old movie magazines and her desire to know interesting facts about the Hollywood stars.

To Rosalyn Lee—Doris Campbell leaves her love of swimming.

Billy McCustion leaves to Gray Finch his well dressed appearance and his neatness.

Billie Taylor is leaving to Betty Daniels the will power that she will need in order to stop biting her finger nails.

Aileen Efird leaves her love for Sunday afternoon letter writing to Geraldine McLain.

To Wiley Smith—Pete Moore leaves his calm, quiet, even tempered disposition.

To the Junior Class, the Seniors leave their classroom, their books and the sacred class hatchet.

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

Witness;

Miss Nan Jeter

Mr. John Kubis

Signed;

RICHARD ABSHER

RICHARD BROWN

DORIS CAMPBELL

DOROTHY CASEY

PEGGY EDMONDSON

AILEEN EFIRD

JOSEPH EVANS

DONALD HALL

TED HAMES

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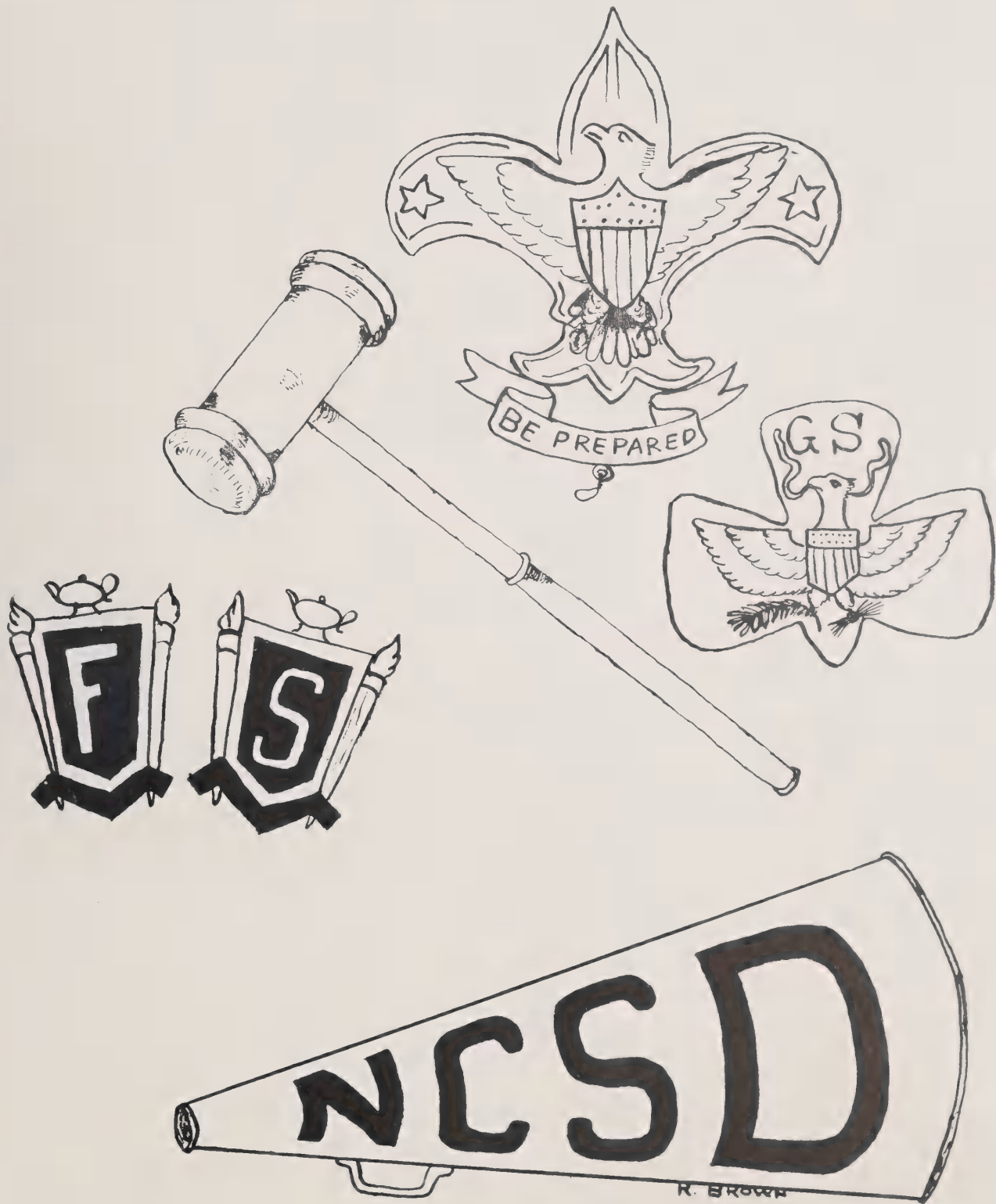
HILDA NEAL

MARGARET ROUTH

BILLIE TAYLOR

BESSIE WOMMACK

II. Organizations



Student Council



Sitting: Bobbie Bledsoe; Ruby Anders; Ted Hames, *Vice President*; Richard Brown, *President*; Donald Hall; Mr. Carl Barber, *Advisor*. *Standing:* Hilda Honeycutt; Henry Dorsey; Doris Hardison; Clyde Morton; *Absent:* Betty Turner, *Secretary*.

Clock Tower Staff



Sitting: Hilda Neal, *Sports Editor*; Doris Campbell, *Business Manager*; Ted Hames, *Editor-in-Chief*; Richard Brown, *Assistant Editor*. *Standing:* Mr. John Kubis, *Advisor*; Peggy Edmondson, *Art Editor*; Billy McCuiston, *Assistant Associate Editor*; Miss Nan Jeter, *Advisor*.

Fepha Honor Society



First row: Hilda Honeycutt; Dot Casey. *Second row:* Zeldia Hope; Doris Hardison; *President*; Ruby Anders, *Treasurer*; Leona Miller; Betty Daniels; Betty Turner, *Secretary*; Bessie Wommack, Miss Mary Frances Miller, *Advisor*; Hilda Neal. *Third row:* Rudell Matthew, *Vice President*; Aileen Efir.

Sterling Honor Society



Sitting: Pete Moore; Hartsell Arrington; Gray Finch; Billy McCuiston; Wiley Smith; Mr. Albert Mehl, *Advisor*; Ted Hames, *Vice President*; Richard Brown, *President*; Henry Dorsey, *Secretary and Treasurer*; Clyde Morton. *Standing:* Donald Hall, Richard Absher; Leander Carroll.

Goodwin Literary Society



Left to right: Hilda Honeycutt, Vice President; Ted Hames, Treasurer; Hilda Neal, Secretary; Doris Hardison, President.

Christian Endeavor Society



Left to right: Donald Hall, Treasurer; Hilda Neal, Secretary; Doris Hardison, President; Hilda Honeycutt, Vice President.

Pep Squad



One of the most active organizations on the campus is the spirited and colorful Pep Squad.

Their snappy cheers have been an "eye-opener" for many hearing people who never before realized the possibility of the deaf having a squad that equals and often surpasses many high schools in rhythm and clarity.

The Pep Squad was organized in the fall of 1948 by Mr. Hoffmeyer and since that time has been under the sponsorship of Misses Dorothy Smallwood and Mary Frances Miller.

Consisting of thirty girls picked from the advanced department, dressed alike in the school colors of blue and white, the group may be heard at all games boosting the morale of the boys with "Push 'em back", "Fight, fight, fight" or "Hit 'em again".

Try-outs are held every spring and the applicants are judged on speech ability alone, however, passing the speech test is not the only

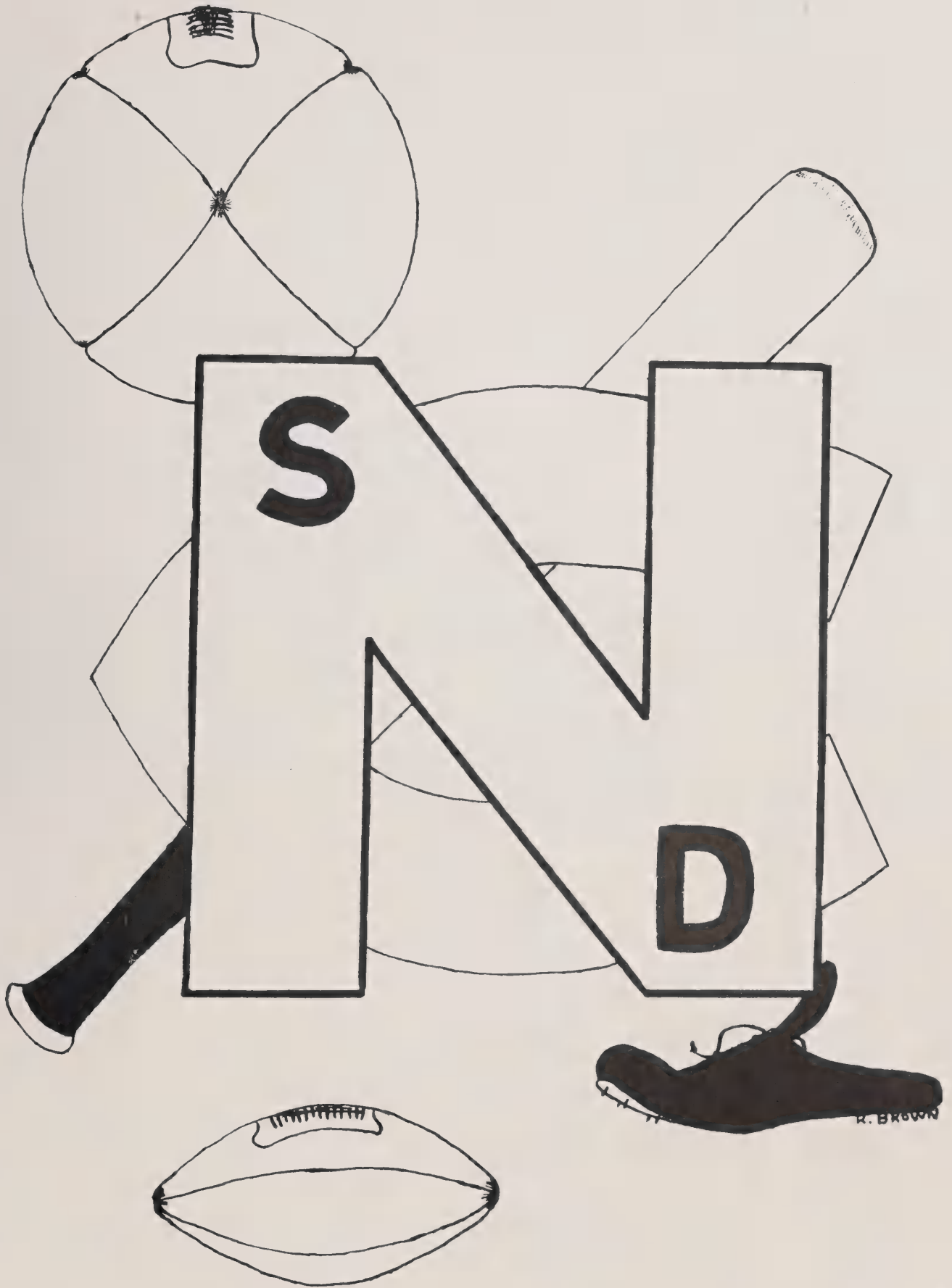
thing the girls must keep in mind. Each one understands that the requirements of a squad member are very high. Her personal life must be above reproach in the dormitory, in the class room, and on the sports field. She is a leader and displays her good sportsmanship and school loyalty at all times.

Each year the squad has sponsored the election of the football queen and her attendants and has been responsible for the coronation which is performed on the field during the home-coming half-time.

Awards are given out in a chapel program toward the end of the school year. Those who have completed one year of service are given N. C. S. D. monograms. Arm stripes are awarded for each year after receiving the monograms. Special awards are given the cheerleaders as well as a few other members who have shown interest and loyalty beyond the line of duty.



III. Athletics



H. BROWN

Athletic Staff



Left to right: John Kubis, Assistant Coach; Miss Charlene Rotha, Director of Girls' Sports; "Chick" Gainer, Athletic Director

Athletics

With the 1950-'51 school year almost finished, we can look back on a satisfactory year, knowing that sports have again played an important part in the lives of the boys and girls at NCSD.

Sports are enjoyed by all students on the campus. Every boy and girl is required to take part in some sport in order to keep physically fit, but most of our football and basketball players play for the sheer love of it.

There is something about a football game that is thrilling and exciting. Our football season for 1951 was a successful one. The outstanding game for thrills and excitement was the annual Homecoming Game, with the Virginia School for the Deaf, played at night, before hundreds of loyal alumni, on the Morganton H. S. field.

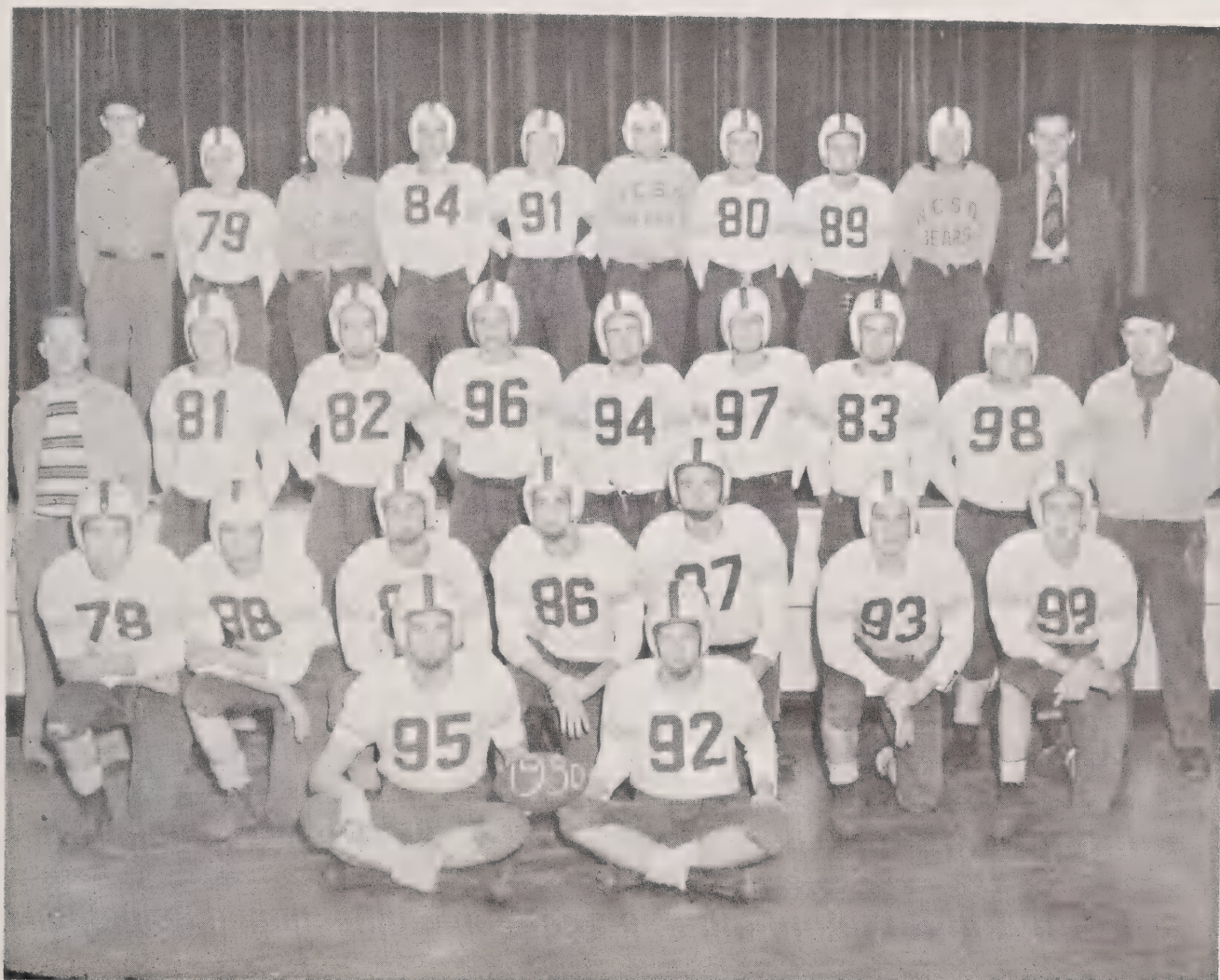
Before the cheers of the last football game had

died away, basketball practices had begun. Although the boys didn't do so well, the girls came through with a very successful season. They played in the semi-finals in the Rotary Club Tournament in Lenoir, and chalked up more "wins" than "loses".

The annual basketball trip for both boys and girls to the Virginia School for the Deaf, Kendall Green and a sightseeing trip around Washington, D. C. was definitely the highlight of the basketball season, initiating at the same time the beautiful new, blue School bus.

Late in May, Field Day, at which time a track tournament where all the teams in the Western Conference competed, and an exciting soft ball game closed the season of sports for the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Football Highlights



Victories over Virginia School for the Deaf, South Carolina School for the Deaf, Taylorsville and Stanley High Schools . . . Defeats from Glen Alpine, Crossnore, Granite Falls, Forest City and Canton . . . The Virginia victory was the second straight and marked our fifth Homecoming game . . . Bobbie Bledsoe crowned Homecoming Queen . . . Second straight victory over South Carolina and a close one, 13 to 12 . . . The victory over Stanley was nice as the Stanley boys were undefeated until they met the Bears, and another close one, 20 to 19 . . . Defeat at Forest City was not so bitter as the boys held their ground against heavy odds . . . Canton had too much and too many in the right

places . . . Glen Alpine game close and exciting, 7 to 6 . . . Leander Carroll chosen on Frats' All-American first team . . . Gaining honorable mention were Hall, Hames, McLain and McKenzie . . . Hames nearly beating Crossnore single-handed . . . Return of Richard Absher . . . Hames and Hall, top scorers . . . McKenzie's switch to the backfield . . . Arrington and Earl Moore improving a lot at play . . . First-year men were Brooks, Heath, Dorsey, Fowler, Carpenter, DeVenny, White, Dabbs, Brinkley, Lon Leonard, Dick Leonard, H. W. Parker, Crowder and Ed Miller . . . All are promising future stars . . . Hames, Hall and Absher are leaving us as graduates . . . Good luck to them!

Softball



Batter: Juanita Merritt, *Catcher:* Betty Daniels. *Standing:* Doris Campbell; Doris Hardison; Rudell Matthews; Joan Robbins; Miss Charlene Rotha, *Coach:* Bobbie Bledsoe; Geraldine McLain; Jo Peedin; Billie Taylor.

Swimming



Left to right: Doris Campbell; Doris Hardison; Billie Taylor; Bessie Wommack; Mary Mozingo.

BASKETBALL

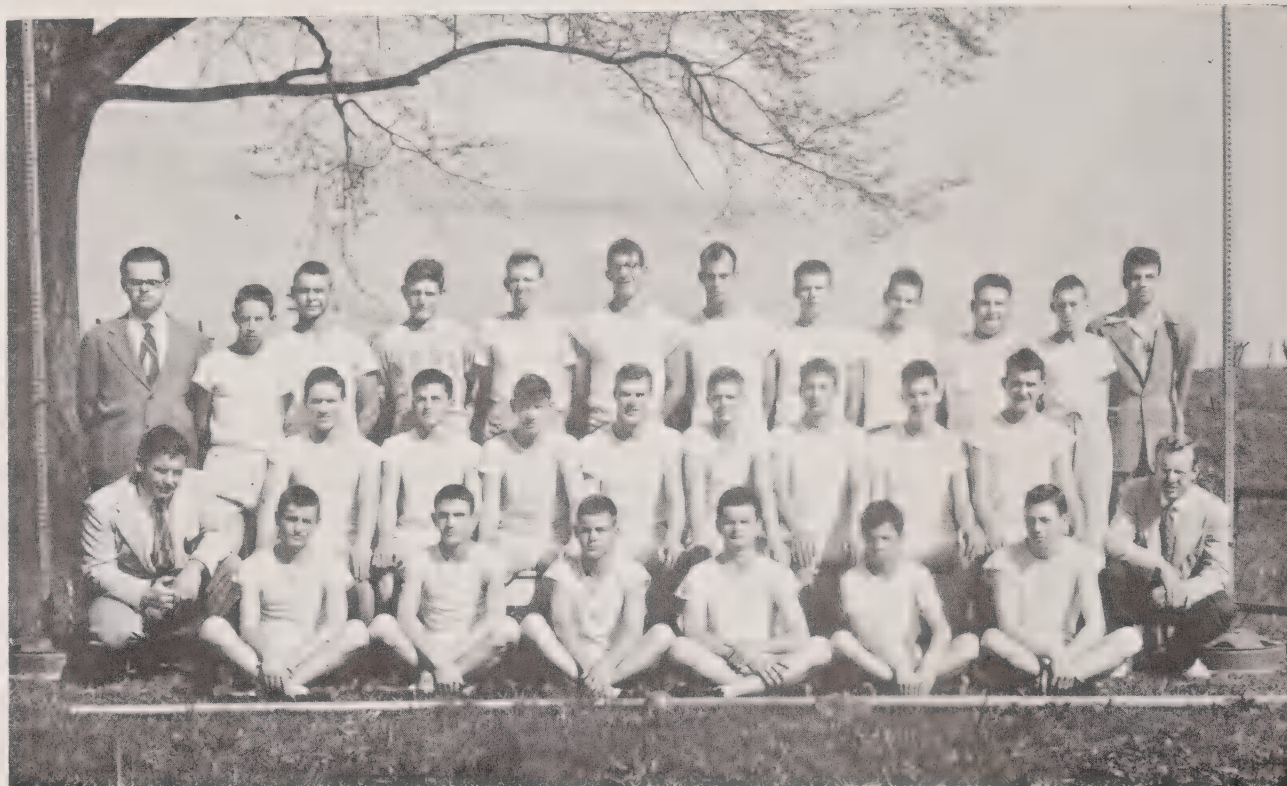


First row: Juanita Merritt; Geraldine McLain; Betty Daniels; Billie Taylor, *Captain*; Bobbie Bledsoe; Doris Campbell; Joyce Gallimore. *Second row:* Bessie Wommack, *Manager*; Billie Sue Wright; Elma Simmons; Jo Peedin; Zeldia Hope; Betty Turner; Hilda Honeycutt, *Manager*; Mr. John Kubis, *Coach*.



First row: Donald Hall, *Co-Captain*; Ted Hames, *Co-Captain*. *Second row:* Joseph Evans; Billy McLain; Wayne Brinkley; Henry Dorsey; Charles McKenzie; Ted McBride; Tommy Smith. *Third row:* Pete Moore, *Manager*; Dan Miller; Billy Heath; Lonnie Leonard; Billy McCuiston; J. R. Moore; Charles Pearson, *Manager*; Mr. Chick Gainer, *Coach*.

Western Conference Champions



The NCS D Bears fielded one of the strongest track teams in Western North Carolina during 1951. Boasting a record of six victories and no defeats in dual competition and annexing the Western Conference track and field championship, the Bears, as a team were magnificent.

Ted Hames was the bright star for the team. The lanky speedster broke the National School for the Deaf record for the 440-yard dash by stepping the distance in 49.7 seconds. In addition to this, he was a steady performer in the 100 and 220 yard dashes, being undefeated in his events.

Tommy Smith in the half mile, Frank Mitchell in the mile, O'Neal Dabbs in the pole vault. Hames' shadow, Fred English, in the broadjump and dashes, Charles McKenzie, a fine quarter miler, and Ted McBride in the hurdles were all really great performers in their events and well deserved the honors they won.

Best Individual Performances

100-yard dash—Hames, :09.9; McKenzie, :10.4; English, :10.5.

220-yard dash—Hames, :23.0.

440-yard dash—Hames, :49.7; McKenzie, :53.0.

880-yard run—Smith, 2:08.2.

Mile run—Mitchell, 4:53.

Shot put—Hartsell Arrington, 38'11".

Discus—Arrington, 114'2".

Pole vault—Dabbs, 10'.

Broad jump—English, 19'6".

High jump—Smith and Lon Leonard, 5'4".

120 high hurdles—McBride, :17.2.

180-yard low hurdles—McBride, :21.9.

1320-yard relay team (undefeated) Hames, McKenzie, English, McBride, Mitchell and Smith.

Season Record of Dual Meets

N. C. S. D.—53	Lenoir—39
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N. C. S. D.—58 1-2	Lenoir—36 1-2
N. C. S. D.—44	Morganton—21
N. C. S. D.—69 3-4	Marion—34 1-4
N. C. S. D.—71 2-3	Hickory—32 1-3

IV. Student Activities



Homecoming Queen

Bobbie Dean Bledsoe, was chosen by the football squad, to reign at the annual Homecoming Football game. She was crowned Queen in an impressive ceremony the night before the game at which time she bestowed upon each football player the magic touch of luck.

Attendants (left to right) Betty Turner and Billie Taylor.



Tree Planting



The Annual Tree Planting is a most impressive ceremony. Shown here are the Seniors planting the class tree—a pink dogwood.

Christmas Time



Christmas is made more meaningful with the annual Christmas Pageant and more festive with the annual Christmas tree.

The Mid Winter Formal



The Grand March, the Paul Jones, the Brocm Dance and other novel ideas introduced, lent variety and made the annual Mid Winter Formal a most enjoyable affair.

Dramatic Program



Scenes from "Sleeping Beauty" one of the beautiful plays enacted by members of the Goodwin Literary Society at the presentation of their Annual Dramatic program.

Junior-Senior Banquet



The highlight of the year "The Junior-Senior Banquet".

Elaborate decorations on the banquet table and in the dance hall carried out most effectively the idea of a Chinese Garden. Dancing to the music of a grand orchestra made a perfect ending for a beautiful Junior-Senior Banquet.



May Day

Billie Taylor, (seated) an attractive senior from Burlington, was selected May Queen to reign over the annual May Day Festival. In her court was her lovely Maid of Honor, Doris Hardison (standing) and eight other attractive attendants.

Commencement Program

1951

SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH

8:00 P. M. Baccalaureate Sermon *Auditorium*

THE REV. DORUS P. RUDISELL, PH. D.
Professor of Bible and Philosophy
Lenior Rhyne College

WEDNESDAY, JUNE THIRTEENTH

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

Presiding DR. HOWARD E. RONDTHALER
President, Board of Directors

Processional

Greetings DR. C. E. RANKIN, *Superintendent*

Invocation THE REV. E. K. McLARTY
First Methodist Church, Morganton

Salutatory DORIS CAMPBELL

Address DR. VOIGHT R. CROMER
President, Lenior Rhyne College

Valedictory RICHARD BROWN

Presentation of Diplomas

Awarding of Prizes

Benediction THE REV. JOHN SIGMON
Lutheran Church, Morganton

Recessional

Commencement Interpreter THE REV. JAMES FORTUNE

Junior Marshals HILDA HONEYCUTT AND HENRY DORSEY

Pianist MISS JOY BOWERS

Salutatory

BY DORIS CAMPBELL

The 1951 Graduating Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf bids you welcome. Our class is the largest class in the history of the School, therefore we can claim that we are extending to you today the biggest welcome ever extended to parents, friends and alumni on past Commencement Days. We are very happy to have you with us. Your presence here honors us, inspires us, and makes us realize all the more the importance of this high goal—Graduation Day.

We are indeed fortunate in having the President of Lenoir Rhyne College, Dr. Voight R. Cromer, deliver our Commencement address. Dr. Cromer, we welcome you most heartily and consider your presence here today a great honor.

Members of the Board we appreciate your presence at our Graduating Exercises. We hope you will enjoy being with us as much as we enjoy having you.

Mr. Fortune, we deeply appreciate the clear and understanding interpretations that you always give us.

Among the audience are many friends from the town of Morganton who have contributed largely to our happiness in innumerable ways. We are always glad to have them with us.

And again friends, we salute you and bid you welcome to the fifty-sixth annual Commencement of the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Valedictory

BY RICHARD BROWN

Today is Graduation Day. We have come to the end of the most outstanding chapter in our lives. For many long years we have dreamed of the happiness we would experience on this day, but as we gather here for the last time as students, that happiness is mingled with sadness. This has been our home for many long years and while we've had our problems and difficult times, every member of the graduating class can remember more happiness here than at any other one place. It will be hard to leave this pleasant home that has equipped us so fully to take our places in the outside world. It is hard to realize that we are leaving, that tomorrow we must begin a new and unaccustomed life, when it seems that only yesterday, we were happy carefree boys and girls at Goodwin Hall.

We love our School and we are deeply grateful to the State of North Carolina for making it possible for us to have had such a well rounded education.

To the Board of Directors, we wish to express appreciation for their interest in our school.

To Dr. Rankin, our Superintendent, Mr. Hoffmeyer, our Principal, the staff and teachers we wish to express our gratitude for their patience, understanding, love and kindness that have led us ever upward to achieve this, our high goal, graduation.

To the boys and girls who have been our schoolmates all these happy years we want to say that we shall never forget you. We hope that happiness and prosperity may come to all of you.

And to our beloved Alma Mater we bid an affectionate farewell.

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