

*The*  
**CLOCK TOWER**



**1952**







*North Carolina School for the Deaf*  
*Morganton*

## *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 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.*



*Entrance to Main Building*



Through these portals we have passed; sheltering walls that hold for us happy and living memories.



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## *Dedication*

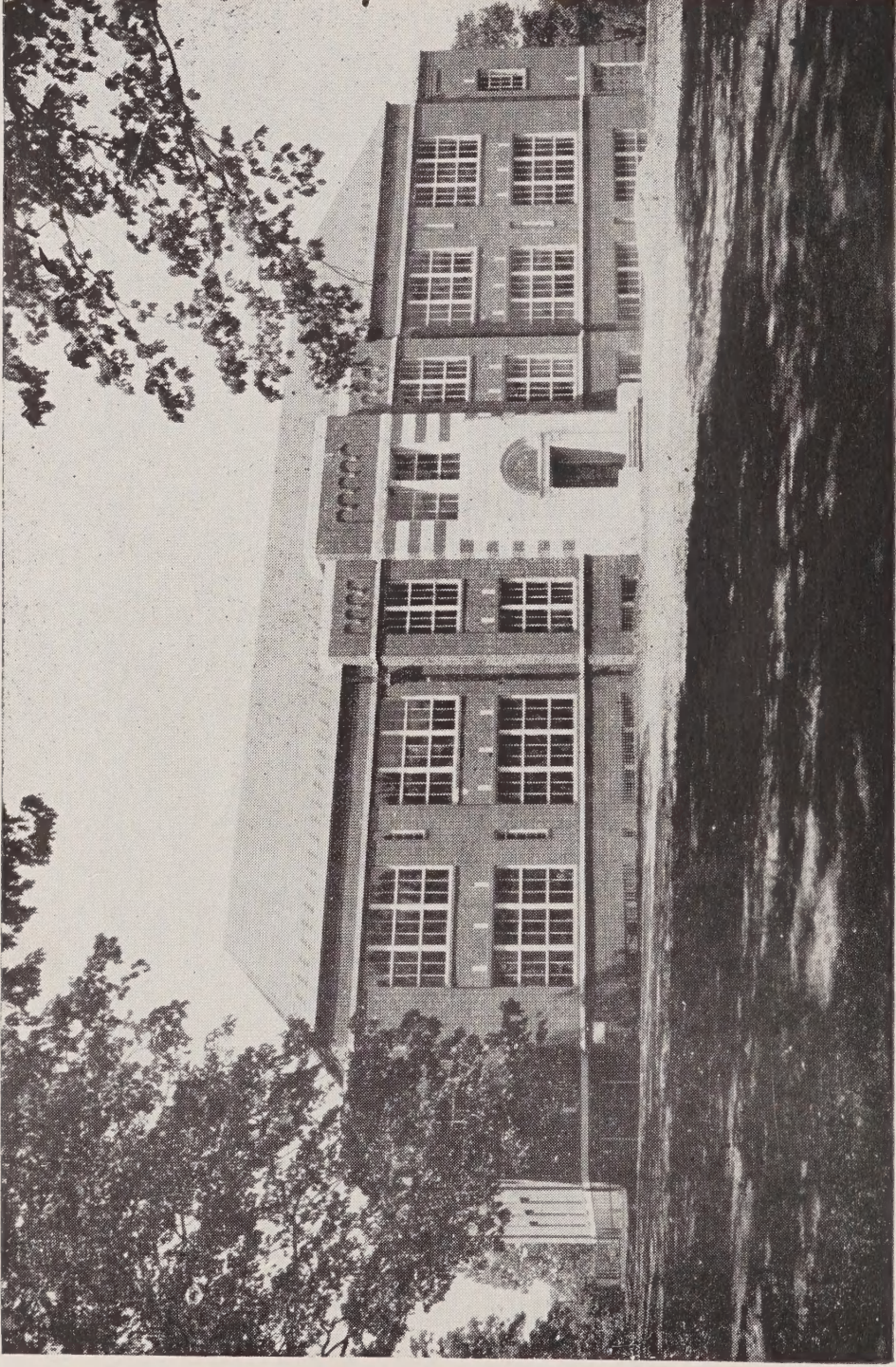


TO MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

*A true and loyal friend, whose warm sympathy,  
unfailing devotion and genuine interest in all  
phases of our school life, merits this tribute  
of our deep affection.*



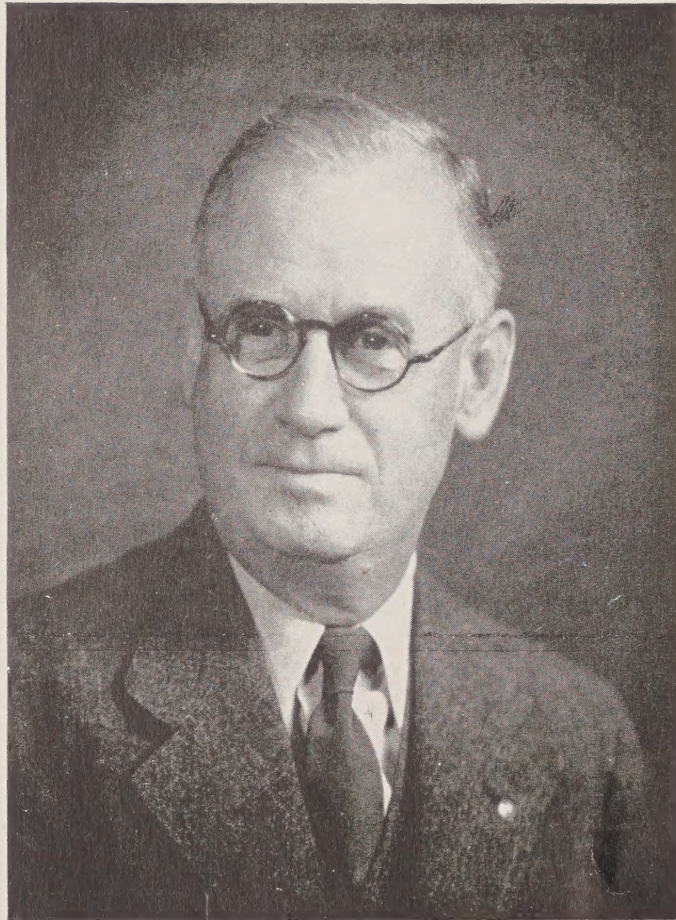
## *Our School Building*



Here hard and happy days have been spent; minds have been trained and character moulded.



## *Our Superintendent*



CARL E. RANKIN

*“As you leave school this year to go out into the world to take up your life work, please know that with each of you goes my wish for happiness in your days.*

*“I suggest to get you a prayer, written by some unknown, but very wise person:*

*“God grant me serenity to accept  
the things I cannot change;  
The courage to change the things  
I can change;  
And the wisdom to know the  
difference between the two.”*



## *Principal*



BEN E. HOFFMEYER

*"Take one bright smiling face, two hard working hands, one alert mind and mix well with an unquestionable character; you will then have one happy, successful life."*

## *Assistant Principal*

ADVANCED - INTERMEDIATE  
DEPARTMENT

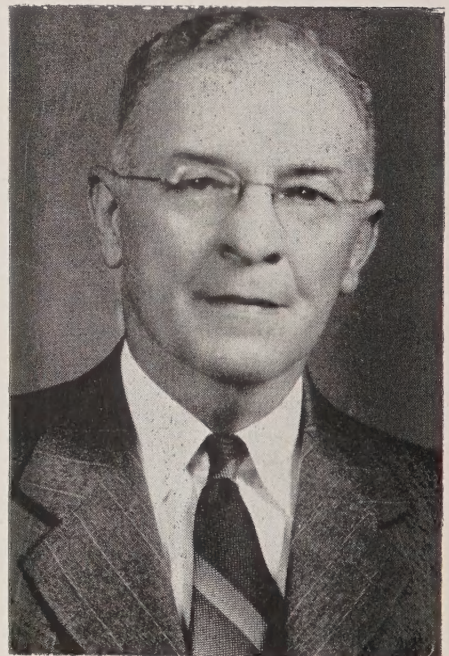


MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

*"May you go through life with  
with 'gallant, high-hearted  
happiness.'"*

## *Assistant Principal*

VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



ODIE W. UNDERHILL

*"My best wishes shall always  
follow you wherever you  
may go. Good luck!"*



## *Academic Teachers*



*Sitting: (L. to R.) Dr. E. O. Randolph, Chemistry; Mrs. Cordelia Giles, 10-A Grade. Standing: Mr. John Kubis, Mathematics; Mr. Clarence Broecker, 10-B Grade; Mr. Carl Barber, 12th Grade. Absent: Mrs. Marie Davis, 11th Grade.*

## *Vocational Instructors*



*Front Row: (L. to R.) Mrs. Ann Vernon, Typing; Mrs. Sarah Fry, Sewing; Mrs. Carrie Dezelan, Home Economics. Back Row: Mr. John Oxford, Metal Work; Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Woodworking; Mr. Paul Crutchfield, Printing; Mr. Arthur Merrilla, Dry Cleaning and Pressing.*

## ***Class Roll***

### **Seniors**

Ruby Anders  
Betty Barber  
Geneva Davis  
Henry Dorsey  
Gray Finch  
Hilda Honeycutt  
Rudell Matthews  
Charles McKenzie  
Billy McLain  
Leona Miller

### **Vocational Seniors**

Betty Bailey  
Helen Burgess  
Leander Carroll  
Ruby Nelson  
Terry Parham  
Charles Pearson  
Christine Radford  
Etta Summerlin  
Alma Whitley  
Billie Sue Wright

## **Class Officers**

President .....	Leona Miller
Vice President .....	Leander Carroll
Secretary .....	Betty Barber
Treasurer .....	Henry Dorsey
Assistant Treasurer .....	Charles Pearson

## **Class Motto**

*We finish but to begin.*

## **Class Color**

Maroon and White

## **Class Flower**

Gladiolas

## **Class Tree**

Tulip Tree

## **Junior Marshalls**

Kermit Capes      Betty Turner



**RUBY LEE ANDERS**

**Asheville**

*Academic Diploma*

*Ruby*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing,  
Crafts

Fepha Honor Society, Treasurer, 1950-  
'51, 1951-'52

Student Council, 1949-'52

Vice-President, Junior Class

Pep Squad, Treasurer, 1950; '51; '52

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

May Court, 1950, 1952

Leader's Club, Treasurer, 1951-'52

Girl Scout

Tennis, Swimming, Badminton, Hiking



**BETTY LOUISE BAILEY**

**Graham**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Betty*

Home Economics, Typing, Sewing,  
Handicrafts

Goodwin Literary Society

Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Badminton,  
Archery, Softball

Christian Endeavor Society



**BETTY JEANETTE BARBER**

**Gastonia**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Becky*

Typing, Sewing, Home Economics,  
Crafts

Secretary, Senior Class

Football Queen, Attendant, 1951

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

May Court, 1952

Girl Scout

Softball, Swimming, Hiking





**HELEN DORIS BURGESS**

**Rocky Mount**

*Vocational Diploma*

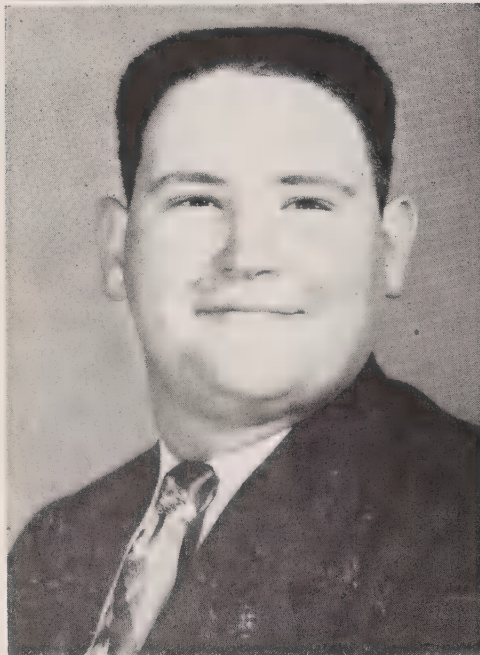
*Sparkie*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, and  
Crafts

Goodwin Literary Society

Christian Endeavor Society

Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Badminton,  
Archery, and Softball



**THOMAS LEANDER CARROLL**

**Reidsville**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Fat Stuff*

Metal Work

Vice-President, Senior Class

Sterling Honor Society, 1949-'52; Treasurer,  
1951-'52

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Boy Scout

Manager, Basketball Team, 1949; '50;  
'51; '52

Football, 1948; '49; Selected to All-American  
Deaf Team by The Silent Worker  
Magazine, 1950; Captain, 1951

Track, 1950; '51; '52

Volleyball, Swimming, Baseball



**MARATHA GENEVA DAVIS**

**Lenoir**

*Academic Diploma*

*Neva*

Typing, Home Economics, Crafts Sewing

Fepha Honor Society, 1951-'52

Leader's Club, Historian, 1951-'52

Pep Squad, 1948-'49

Goodwin Literary Society

Christian Endeavor Society

May Court, 1952

Archery, Hiking, Badminton



**HENRY LEE DORSEY**

**Orlando, Florida**

*Academic Diploma*

*Bud*

Printing  
Treasurer, Senior Class  
Treasurer, Junior Class  
Sterling Honor Society, 1949-'52; Treasurer, 1950-'51; President, 1951-'52  
Student Council 1950-'52  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Boy Scout, Life Rank  
Football, 1949; '50; '51  
Basketball, 1950; '51; '52  
Track, 1950; '52  
Volleyball, Swimming, Baseball



**GRAY ISOM FINCH**

**Wilson**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Little Gray*

Woodworking  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Sterling Honor Society, 1950-'52  
Boy Scout  
Manager, Football Team, 1949; '50; '51  
Track, 1951; '52  
Baseball, Swimming



**HILDA GREY HONEYCUTT**

**Granite Falls**

*Academic Diploma*

*Honey*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, Crafts  
Fepha Honor Society, 1949-'52  
Student Council, Secretary, 1951-'52  
Pep Squad, Vice President, 1950-'51; '52  
Christian Endeavor Society, Vice President, 1950-'51; President, 1951-'52  
Goodwin Literary Society, Vice President, 1950-'51; President, 1951-'52  
Leader's Club, 1951-'52  
May Queen, 1952  
Softball, Ping-pong, Deck-tennis, Hiking





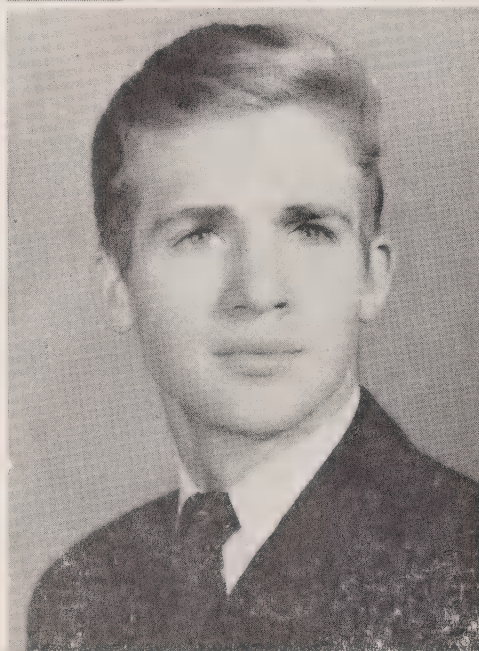
**AGNES RUDELL MATTHEWS**

**Fayetteville**

*Academic Diploma*

*Rudy*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing,  
Crafts  
Fepha Honor Society, 1948-'52, Vice Pres-  
ident, 1950-'51; President, 1951-'52  
Pep Squad, 1948-'52  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Girl Scout  
Maid of Honor, May Day, 1952  
Leader's Club, Vice President, 1951-'52  
Tennis, Swimming, Volleyball, Softball



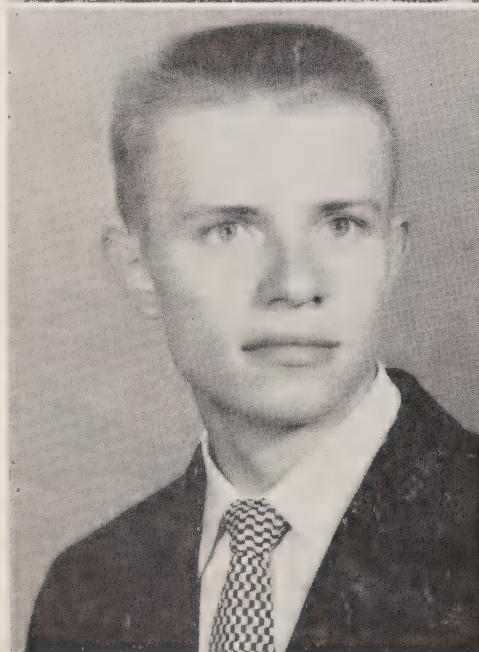
**JOHN CHARLES MCKENZIE**

**Fairmont**

*Academic Diploma*

*Charlie*

Printing  
Student Council, 1951-'52  
Christian Endeavor Society, Treasurer  
1951-'52  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Boy Scout, 1943-'51  
Football, 1948; '49; '50; '51; Honorable  
Mention, 1951, National Fraternal So-  
ciety of the Deaf publication; Honor-  
able Mention, 1951, Ashesville Opti-  
mist Bowl  
Basketball, 1948; '49; '50; '51; '52  
Track, 1950; '51; '52



**BILLY RAY McLAIN**

**Oakboro**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Bill*

Woodworking  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Boy Scout  
Football, 1948; '49; '50; '51, Honorable  
Mention, 1950, National Fraternal So-  
ciety of the Deaf publication  
Basketball, 1949; '50; '51  
Track, 1950; '51; '52



**SYMMENTHIA LEONA MILLER**

**Boone**

*Academic Diploma*

*Cooter*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing  
President Senior Class  
Fepha Honor Society, 1950-'52  
Pep Squad, 1948-'52; Secretary, 1951-'52  
Leader's Club, Secretary, 1951-'52  
May Court, 1952  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society, Secretary,  
1951-'52  
Girl Scout  
Swimming, Tennis, Hiking



**RUBY LEE NELSON**

**Waynesville**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Ruby*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing,  
Handicrafts  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Archery,  
Softball, Badminton



**TERRY FARRELL PARHAM**

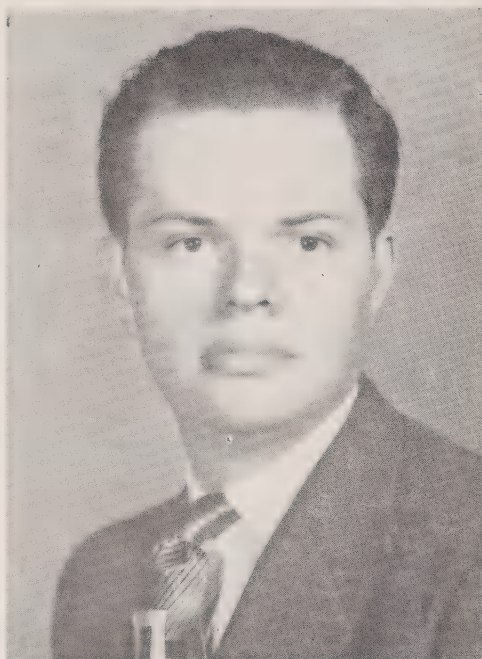
**Franklinville**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Ham*

Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Tailoring  
Boy Scout  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Manager, Track Squad, 1952  
Swimming, Volleyball, Softball  
Hobby: Collecting Rocks and Minerals





**CHARLES DAVID PEARSON**

**North Wilkesboro**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Chuck*

Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Tailoring  
Track Manager, 1949; '50; '51  
Football Manager, 1949; '50  
Manager, Basketball Team, 1951  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Assistant Director of Small Boys' Play  
Activities, 1951-'52  
Assistant Treasurer, Class of 1952  
Hobby: Collecting Stamps



**DOROTHY CHRISTINE RADFORD**

**Wilmington**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Christie*

Typing, Home Economics, Sewing, and  
Handicrafts  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Swimming, Tennis, Volleyball, Badminton,  
Archery, Softball



**ETTA LOUISE SUMMERLIN**

**Goldsboro**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Etta*

Typing, Home Economics, Handicrafts,  
Sewing, Cooking  
Christian Endeavor Society  
Goodwin Literary Society  
Tennis, Volleyball, Softball, Archery,  
Badminton



**ALMA LEE WHITLEY**  
**New London**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Sis*

Sewing, Typing, Home Economics,  
Crafts

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Basketball Manager, 1952

Softball, Volleyball, Swimming, Badminton,  
Archery, Tennis



**BILLIE SUE WRIGHT**  
**High Point**

*Vocational Diploma*

*Billie Sue*

Home Economics, Art, Sewing

Christian Endeavor Society

Goodwin Literary Society

Girl Scout, 1949; '50; '51; '52

Basketball, 1950; '51; '52

Softball, Badminton, Archery

Hobby: Collecting Stamps



*Class of 1952*  
*The Senior Class*



*Front:* Charles McKenzie, Betty Barber, Ruby Anders, Hilda Honeycutt, and Billy McLain.  
*Rear:* Henry Lee Dorsey, Geneva Davis, Rudell Matthews, Leona Miller and Gray Finch.

*The Vocational Class*



*Front:* Helen Burgess, Leander Carroll, Alma Whitley. *Rear:* Charles Pearson, Billie Sue Wright, Ruby Nelson, Betty Bailey, Christine Radford, Etta Summerlin, Terry Parham



# *The High School*



## **Academic Seniors**

Ruby Lee Anders  
Betty Barber  
Geneva Davis  
Henry Lee Dorsey  
Gray Finch  
Hilda Honeycutt  
Rudell Matthews  
Charles McKenzie  
Billy McLain  
Leona Miller

## **Vocational Seniors**

Betty Bailey  
Helen Burgess  
Leander Carroll  
Ruby Nelson  
Terry Parham  
Charles Pearson  
Christine Radford  
Etta Summerlin  
Alma Whitley  
Billie Wright

## **Juniors**

Bobbie Bledsoe  
Kermit Capes  
Betty Daniels  
Peggy Greene  
Zeldia Hope  
Juanita Merritt  
Dan Miller  
Jo Peedin  
Ronald Richards  
Elma Simmons  
Elizabeth Steed  
Betty Turner

## **10th A Grade**

Tommy Crumpler  
Carl Brooks  
Madge Foster  
Avis Freeman  
Mary E. Johnson  
Vilas Johnson  
Rosalyn Lee  
Everette McAlister  
Clyde Morton  
Joan Robbins

Arthur Thaxton  
Sterling White

## **10th B Grade**

Fred English  
Joyce Gallimore  
Billy Heath  
Geraldine McLain  
Earl Moore  
Lowell Riddle  
Peggy Riddle  
Tommy Smith  
Wiley Smith

## **9th Grade**

Wayne Brinkley  
Howard Carpenter  
Oliver Clark  
Nelson Cooley  
Hugh DeVenny  
O'Neal Dabbs  
Ivey Faircloth  
Everette Helms  
Lonnie Leonard  
Jack Phillips  
Donald Senter

## *Class History*

*By Rudell Matthews and Charles McKenzie*

The Graduating Class of 1952 has a total of twenty members. Of these, ten are from the Academic Department and the others are from the Vocational Department. Both classes were newly formed in the fall of the 1951-'52 scholastic year. This class can rightly lay claim to being the largest ever to graduate from N. C. S. D., exceeding the class of '51 by two.

Ruby Anders, an Academic Senior, entered the Primary Department in 1939. Her home is in Asheville where she was born, on December 21, 1932. Ruby has been much interested in Home Economics courses. However, she is fairly good at typing and hopes to secure work as an office employee.

Betty Bailey, a Vocational Senior, who has been deaf since birth, was born on November 4, 1931. She came to school in 1939. Her home is in Graham. She likes cooking and typing and hopes to secure work in a hosiery mill after graduation.

Betty Barber, an Academic Senior, hails from Gastonia, where she was born on March 2, 1932. Her deafness was the result of bad tonsils. Her beginning at N. C. S. D. dates back to 1939. She would like to be an office worker after graduation.

Helen Burgess, a Vocational Senior, entered N. C. S. D. in 1938. She became deaf from ear trouble during infancy. She was born in Edgecombe County on August 2, 1931. She has acquired much training and skill in sewing. She is eager to find a job after her final parting from N. C. S. D.

Leander Carroll, a Vocational Senior, is the fattest and jolliest member of the class. He was born in Rockingham County and entered N. C. S. D. in 1938.

He was born deaf. In spite of his avoirdupois, Leander enjoys keeping himself busy in the metal shop and possesses much skill with his hands. He has been taking advanced training at the Morganton plant of the Drexel Furniture Company and will be well prepared to be employed.

Geneva Davis, an Academic Senior, was born on October 21, 1930. An attack of scarlet fever during infancy deprived her of her hearing. She started her schooling at N. C. S. D. in the fall of 1937. Geneva's present home is in Lenoir. Geneva is interested in Home Economics courses. She has not decided what she will do after graduation.

Henry Lee Dorsey, an Academic Senior, is a restless and active fellow, who has his home in Orlando, Florida, but his heart has always belonged with N. C. S. D. He was born on February 6, 1932 and entered school in 1939 with Miss Betty Watrous being his first teacher. He enjoys different sports but his first love is scouting to which he has devoted a great deal of his spare time. His industry and ambition will soon be rewarded in the form of a badge denoting the Eagle rank.

Gray Finch, an Academic Senior, was born on August 11, 1930 and he lives in Wilson. The cause of his deafness is undetermined. He came to N. C. S. D. in 1939. He is something of a wizard in mathematics. He derives much fun from baseball and basketball. He is thinking of entering the Kendall School in Washington, D. C.

Hilda Honeycutt, an Academic Senior, has always been a quiet and dignified young lady. Her birth-date is July 20, tally deaf during infancy. She came to 1932. Illness with diphtheria left her to-



N. C. S. D. in 1939 and had Mrs. Tucker Walker as her first teacher. She enjoys Home Economics courses and typing which she hopes will help her secure an office job as a typist.

Rudell Matthews, an Academic Senior, entered the Primary Department in 1940. She was born in Cumberland County on January 26, 1930. It is not known what affected her hearing, but she is partially deaf and derives some benefit from a hearing aid. She has a job waiting for her at the State Motor Vehicle Department.

Charles McKenzie, an Academic Senior, was born on October 27, 1931 and his home is in Fairmont. He became deaf from a long illness and entered school in 1938. Charles has earned letters in football, basketball, and track. Printing is his trade and he is eager to secure work as a linotype operator.

Leona Miller, an Academic Senior, comes from Boone. She was born on August 7, 1930 and has been deaf since birth. She first set foot on the NCSD campus in 1941. By nature she is a quiet and very sweet person. She is the president of this Graduating Class. She is hoping to work at the Skyland Textile Company located in her home town.

Ruby Nelson, a Vocational Senior, hailing from Waynesville, in the mountains of Western North Carolina, was born on November 1, 1932. She started to school in 1939. She has been deaf since birth. Cooking and sewing are much to her liking. She participates in sports with enthusiasm and likes softball and tennis best of all.

Terry Parham, a Vocational Senior, began his new life at N. C. S. D. in 1940, after mastoiditis had deprived him of his hearing when he was twenty-six months old. He was born on September

2, 1931 and his home is in Franklinville. He has been very active as a Boy Scout and has attained the star rank. He has learned dry cleaning and pressing as a trade.

Charles Pearson, a Vocational Senior, came to N. C. S. D. from North Wilkesboro in 1938. He was born on August 10, 1931. His deafness was caused by whooping cough. Charles has been keen in working with numbers and figures. He delights in making silly and nonsensical remarks which never fail to make his friends laugh heartily.

Christine Radford, a Vocational Senior, born on July 23, 1933, entered school in 1940. She comes from Wilmington. She has learned a great deal in sewing and cooking; enjoys softball and badminton. She hopes to find a job after graduation.

Etta Summerlin, a Vocational Senior, was born on March 22, 1933. Deaf since birth, she came to N. C. S. D. in 1940. Her home is in Goldsboro. She likes cooking and work in crafts. She always has fun when playing softball, tennis or volleyball. There is a dairy products company near her home and she thinks she would like to work there.

Alma Whitley, a Vocational Senior, entered school in the fall of 1939. Spinal meningitis left her deaf at eighteen months of age. She was born September 23, 1932 and her home is in New London. She is interested in cooking and sewing. She played some varsity basketball.

Billie Sue Wright, a Vocational Senior, became deaf from a hard fall. Her home is in High Point where she was born on November 14, 1931. She played on the varsity basketball team and is fast in sports. She expects to work in her grandmother's Florist Shop.

# T r e e s

*I think that I shall never see  
A poem as lovely as a tree.*

*A tree that may in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;*

*A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;*

*Upon whose bosom snow has lain  
Who intimately lives with rain.*

*A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;*

*Poems are made by fools like me  
But only God can make a tree.*

—Joyce Kilmer

*Class Tree*



*Planting*

*Address delivered by Hilda Honeycutt, Senior Class President, at the tree planting ceremony, Thanksgiving Day, November 1952.*

"The Graduating Class of 1952 takes much pleasure and pride in the planting of this, our class tree. It is called a tulip tree.

We, as a class, will be forgotten long after we have departed from NCS D. But in this tree, the spirit of the Class of 1952 shall remain. With each passing year we members of this class will pay visits to our Alma Mater and in doing, we shall take time to pause and view this wonderful gift of Nature. It is our earnest hope our that tree will grow into one as splendid as those around it. We want it to be looked over and cared for so it can in the years to come add beauty to the campus and serve as a cool shady spot for children who will live at Main Building many years hence.

As we go out into the wide world, we pray that our life will be as noble, beautiful and useful as this tulip tree will grow to be.

We are deeply proud to leave this landmark at NCS D to remember us by and we pledge to live a life that will reflect not shame—but honor on this tree."



## Class Will

By Betty Barber and Leona Miller

We, the Graduating Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, in the year one thousand nine hundred fifty-two, being sound in mind, with most other senses in good order, realizing we are on the verge of being shoved into the cold wide world, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament.

Rudell Matthews leaves her skill in sewing to Peggy Greene.

Hilda Honeycutt and Charles McKenzie leave Betty Daniels and Donald Senter their love of reading comic books.

Gray Finch passes on to Everette McAlister his habit of dressing neatly.

Christine Radford leaves her favorite past-time of looking at pictures to Lois Plemmons.

Alma Whitley leaves her love of Sunday letter-writing to Geraldine McLain.

Etta Summerlin leaves her enjoyment of sitting in a rocking chair to Edna Brinkley.

Billie Sue Wright leaves her fondness for sports and her tomboyish ways to Jo Peedin.

To Juanita Merritt, Betty Bailey leaves her weakness for restful and refreshing week end naps.

To Avis Freeman, Ruby Anders leaves her fondness of eating at all times. Ruby hopes this will not give her a barrel-shaped figure.

To Carl Brooks, Leander Carroll leaves his love for working in the metal shop.

Witnessed by:

Carl Barber  
John Kubis

Ruby Anders

Charles McKenzie

Rudell Matthews

Billy McLain

Betty Barber

Leona Miller

Hilda Honeycutt

Geneva Davis

Henry Lee Dorsey

Gray Finch

To Marie James, Ruby Nelson bequeaths her delight in telling funny jokes and her skill at mimicking people.

Billy McLain leaves Ronald Richards his habit of day-dreaming.

Leona Miller leaves her quiet ways to Zeldia Hope. She hopes Zeldia will remain as sweet as ever.

Betty Barber leaves her fondness of wearing pretty clothes to Rosalyn Lee.

Henry Lee Dorsey leaves his weakness for coffee and his enjoyment of so many drinks to Tommy Smith. Henry drinks coffee to keep awake but he frequently dozed in school.

Charles Pearson leaves his habit of teasing girls but never winning a lass to Vilas Johnson. He hopes Vilas will have better luck.

Terry Parham bequeaths his zeal and enthusiasm for Boy Scout work to Clyde Morton.

Helen Burgess passes on to Elizabeth Steed her comradeship with Peggy Riddle and the fun she had with her.

Geneva Davis leaves Bobbie Dean Bledsoe her habit of keeping secrets.

In witness thereof, we affix our signature to this, our original and only, will and testament.

Signed by:

Christine Radford

Betty Bailey

Billie Sue Wright

Terry Parham

Charles Pearson

Helen Burgess

Alma Whitley

Etta Summerlin

Ruby Nelson

Leander Carroll

# *Class Prophecy*

*By Henry Lee Dorsey*

In the summer of 1970 I set out on a long journey. As I progressed on the trip, I found it to be an immense pleasure and so very interesting, beyond my imagination.

I had been working in Tokyo, Japan the past eighteen years as a printing and lithography expert. I had been so many years away from America that I yearned to return to the good old States. It had been hard being away from my folks and friends.

A huge luxury liner bore me across the vast Pacific. Arriving at Honolulu, Hawaii, I left ship and decided to visit the Hawaii School for the Deaf. I strolled around the campus and presently met Gray Finch for whom I was looking. He had been there for several years, as director of athletics and recreation. I was surprised to learn that he had married a cute Hawaiian girl and they had two little boys, twins

The next week I departed for San Francisco on a fast ocean liner. A few hours after landing, I boarded a streamliner for Los Angeles. I intended to look up Charles McKenzie, who had a job there as a linotype operator. It was great seeing the fellow and he looked young as ever. His wife was very attractive. Their home was full of life with five children, all boys, between the ages of fifteen and five. They were mischievous youngsters and I wasn't a bit surprised. It was a big family and Charles proved to be doing mighty well.

We went on a tour of Los Angeles and then I purchased a sparkling new light blue Oldsmobile "88". Charles gave me the addresses of Hilda Honeycutt and Leona Miller in St. Louis, Missouri. The Olds was powerful and traveled so fast that I reached St. Louis in two and half

days. I found that Hilda owned a typewriter company which she established herself. But she had married and her husband was running the successful business. Her two children, both girls, twelve and eight years old, were really darlings. Hilda informed me that Leona had moved back to North Carolina about a year ago.

I started out and arrived in Knoxville and took the opportunity to visit the Tennessee School for the Deaf. I was delighted to find Charles Pearson there. He was well settled, as dean of boys and instructor in dry cleaning and tailoring. He was sporting a yellow-black 1970 Cadillac.

As I stopped for gas before leaving Knoxville, by remarkable coincidence, I found Ruby Anders there with her husband ! She looked well and happy. We had a hurried chat and she explained that she and husband were on a month's vacation to California. It was an exciting moment. I told about myself, and whom I had visited. She told about several of the old classmates.

Stopping in Morganton, I visited my Alma Mater. I felt like a stranger there, seeing all those new faces. However, I knew some of the staff and they told me all I wanted to know. A new Main Building had been built and it looked ultra-modern. The new primary unit looked wonderful.

I visited the Drexel Furniture Company where I found Leona Miller in charge of the typing section. She had a responsible position because of her knowledge and experience. She was one of the best paid employees in the office.

In eastern North Carolina I visited several ladies who were in my graduating class.



Billie Sue Wright was a happily married housewife. She was living in a modern house on a fine mechanized farm. Her husband was a capable man with two fine sons to help him. Billie Sue had a sweet daughter, fourteen years old, to help her around the house.

Betty Bailey, Christine Radford, and Ruby Nelson all lived in Raleigh. They each had a fine job with the State. The three were good friends and companions and they went on many trips together. They were enjoying themselves so much that they were not ready to think of getting married.

Etta Summerlin had married soon after graduation. She had moved to Texas and was living on a big cattle ranch.

Helen Burgess was married and living on a big farm. Her home and the farm were well kept, and she, with her husband and six children, three boys and three girls, were comfortably settled.

I learned that Terry Parham had a small but successful business as a repair service man. He was a jack-of-all-trades in Franklinville N. C. and was always being called, that he had not found time yet to settle down and get married.

In Richmond, Virginia I looked up Geneva Davis. She was working in an office and her husband was employed in the shipping section of the U. S. Postal Service. She was looking good and had become plump. I was glad to find her very much happy.

I drove up to Washington, D. C. as there was to be a big homecoming football game at Gallaudet College. At the game I met Rudell Matthews and she hadn't changed a bit even though she had three sets of twins. She had married well and was happy with six hellions. Rudell advised me to look for Leander Carroll but she had to help me find him. I didn't recognize him and could hardly believe he was the same person as his waist had shrunk to size 32 and all that

was left were powerful muscles. He was working for the government at Navy Yard. He was married to his sweetheart of school days and they had three healthy boys resembling Leander, as I remember him. I never thought it was possible for Leander to lose even twenty-five pounds. I had the surprise of my life!

Several weeks later I turned southward to visit my folks in Florida. Enroute, I stopped in Roanoke, Virginia to visit Betty Barber. She was married and had a boy, thirteen years old, and a girl, nine years of age. Betty still had her slim figure because of her being busy with two children and working at an office for the Southern Railway. Her husband was employed on the night shift at the Roanoke Times.

My next stop was in Charlotte, N. C. where I met Billy McLain at the Mecklenburg Club of the Deaf. He was married and held a good job with a wood-working company where he was an A-1 worker. He was very active in sports. He and his wife had been doing so many things all the time that they hadn't started raising a family. I guess he will always be "Wild Bill."

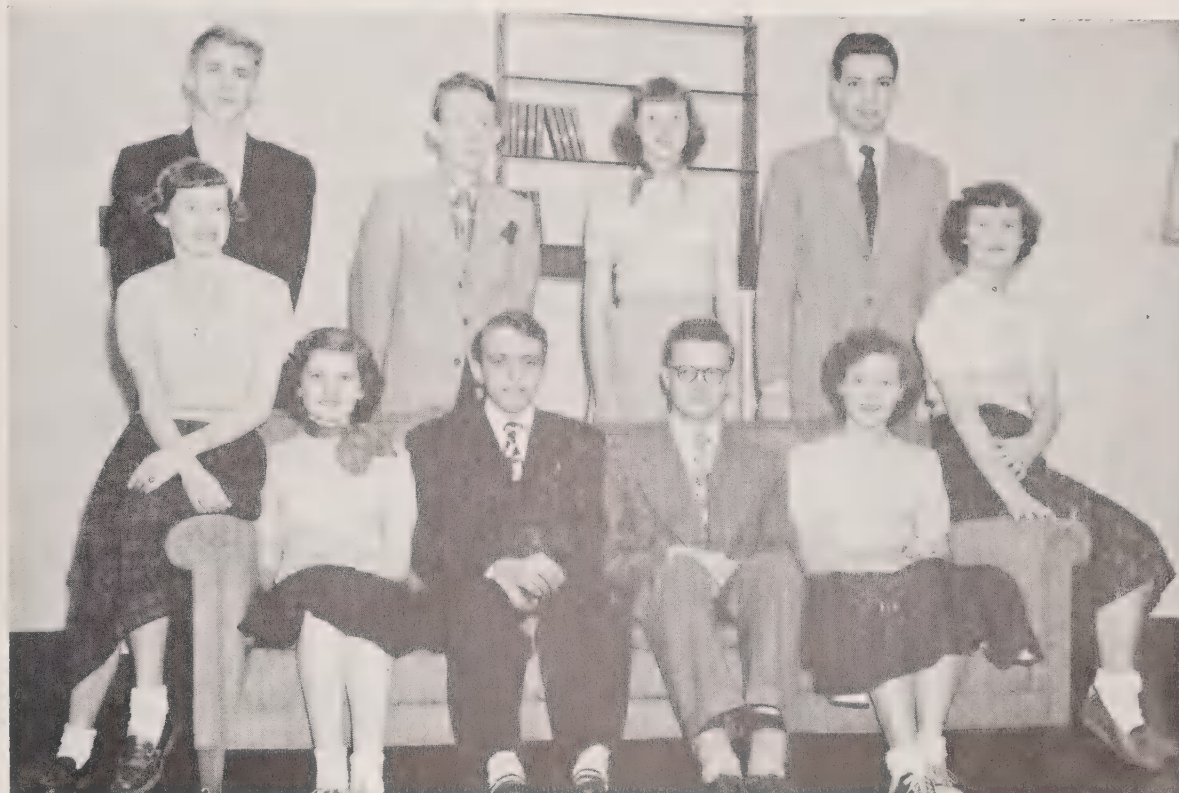
I also met Alma Whitley who was visiting in Charlotte. She had worked for awhile; then got married and after having a boy, she returned to work. She has enjoyed her job as a garment inspector and won't give it up. She has helped the family income; they live in a fine house and own a nice car.

At last I was on my way to see Mom and Dad. As I arrived at the house, I jumped out of the car, rushed up the steps in such a hurry that I slipped and fell flat on the porch. The fall jolted me and I was puzzled to find myself lying on the floor. Then I became wide-awake and knew I had rolled off the sofa where I had been taking a long sound nap. Well folks, that was quite a vision I had in my DREAM!





## *Student Council*



*Seated: (L. to R.) Ruby Anders, Hilda Honeycutt, Secretary; Clyde Morton, President; Mr. Clarence Broecker, Adviser; Betty Turner, Vice-President; and Betty Daniels. Standing: Charles McKenzie, Vilas Johnson, Zeldia Hope, and Henry Lee Dorsey.*

## *Boy Scout Troop 3 of Morganton*



*On My Honor, I Will Do My Best; To Do My Duty To God and My Country.*



## *Fepha Honor Society*



*Seated: (L. to R.) Ruby Anders, Treasurer; Peggy Greene, Secretary; Betty Turner, Vice-President; Rudell Matthews, President; Mrs. Carrie Dezelan, Adviser. Standing: Geneva Davis, Leona Miller, Zeldia Hope, Hilda Honeycutt, Rosalyn Lee, Betty Daniels.*

## *Sterling Honor Society*



*Seated: (L. to R.) Henry Lee Dorsey, President; Mr. Albert Mehl, Adviser; Clyde Morton, Vice-President; Gray Finch, Leander Carroll. Standing: Wiley Smith, Everette McAlister, Sterling White, Billy Heath, Tommy Smith, Lonnie Leonard, Fred English.*



## *Homecoming Queen and Attendants*



Bobbie Bledsoe

Betty Turner

Betty Barber

## *Homecoming Football*

On Saturday, November 10, 1951, the NCS D Bears defeated the SCSD Green Hornets in their annual gridiron contest, 20 to 6.

The weather was of the made-to-order kind, Indian Summer, and the high school stadium was a colorful scene of alumni, students and visitors from the three bordering states.

The Bears made the first two touchdowns on long forward passes from Lonnie Leonard to Ted McBride. The last NCS D touchdown was scored by Charles McKenzie on a 40-yard run through the center.

South Carolina scored its lone touchdown in the last minutes of play soon after capturing a blocked punt.

During the intermission Betty Turner, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Turner of Morganton, was coronated Homecoming Queen in a beautiful and impressive ceremony. Her court attendants were Bobbie Dean Bledsoe of Fleetwood and Betty Barber of Gastonia. The Pep Squads of both schools, S. C. dressed in green and white and N. C. in blue and white, put on a colorful show to climax the intermission festivities.

Following the game the entire crowd was guest of NCS D at a sumptuous barbecue supper given in the gym. A most entertaining program was given in the auditorium with John E. Crutchfield presiding, assisted by co-chairman Edward Farnell. Useful prizes were given away to holders of lucky numbers and the best "story tellers".

It was well past midnight when the friends of school days of yore began to disperse, all exclaiming the most wonderful Homecoming ever.

Present were some 400 Alumni in addition to the school personnel and out of town guests—about 800 in all.





## Girls' Basketball Team



*Sitting: (L. to R.) Jo Peedin, Betty Daniels, Geraldine McLain, Juanita Merritt, Bobbie Bledsoe, Joyce Gallimore, Elma Simmons. Standing: Alma Whitley, Manager; Ann Weaver, Zeldia Hope, Carolyn Gardner, Betty Turner, Billie Sue Wright, Rosalyn Lee, Manager; Mr. John Kubis, Coach.*

## Boys' Basketball Team



*First Row: (L. to R.) Carl Brooks, Manager; Glenn Patterson, Wayne Brinkley, Ted McBride, Charles McKenzie, Tommy Smith, Leander Carroll, Manager. Second Row: Mr. Carl Barber, Coach; Lonnie Leonard, Edward Miller, Dan Miller, Nelson Cooley, Everette McAlister, Henry Lee Dorsey, J. R. Moore, and Billy Heath.*

# Track Squad



Here is the gem of NCSD's athletics. Theirs has been the lion's share of medals and trophies.

## How NCSD Fared in Athletics

### 1951 Football Results

N.C.S.D.	Opponents
0—Christ School	6
18—Crossnore	26
20—S. C. S. D.	6
0—Glen Alpine *	19
13—Taylorsville *	32
7—Stanley *	13
6—Virginia School *	0
12—Tennessee School *	14

### Baskeball Results

#### Girls' Record

N.C.S.D.	Opponents
30—Rutherfordton	71
45—Casar	34
29—Kendall School	13
43—S. C. S. D.	44
43—Lenoir	67
41—Morganton	50
56—Marion	71
27—Lincolnton	90

N.C.S.D.	Opponents
35—Forest City	59
30—Lenoir *	55
25—Morganton *	32
21—Lincolnton *	79
19—Rutherfordton *	59
20—Forest City *	59
30—Marion *	55

#### Boys' Record

N.C.S.D.	Opponents
35—Rutherfordton	42
39—Casar	34
23—Kendall School	50
24—S. C. S. D.	32
36—Lenoir	40
31—Morganton	44
49—Marion	54
50—Lincolnton	28
44—Forest City	43
30—Lenoir *	53
27—Morganton *	38
13—Lincolnton *	31
23—Rutherfordton *	77

\* Away games



## ***NCS D Track Review and 1952 Results***

The NCS D football and basketball teams have not been much of a threat in Western Conference AA competition. But now NCS D has gained prestige through its success in track.

Track was re-established here in 1949 on a trial basis and in 1950 it replaced baseball as a major sport. Since then NCS D has been up and coming and a real contender.

In the 1950 Western Conference championship meet held on the School field NCS D was runner-up to Marion. The 1951 squad was vastly improved and turned in an impressive record during regular meets. The second Western Conference meet took place here and this time NCS D won the first place trophy.

In 1952 NCS D retained the champion-

ship, winning in story-book fashion, coming from behind in the last two events to top a formidable Hickory team 43 to 38. Six teams participated in this multi-lateral championship meet. Previously NCS D sent its team to vie in the first annual Western Carolina Relay sponsored jointly by the Asheville Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Asheville Citizen-Time Sports Department. The NCS D team had men in every event and placed in all but two. Though team points were not compiled, the Asheville sports scribes expressed the opinion that were points for each team summed up, first place honor probably would have gone to NCS D. There is little doubt as the squad brought home the "lion's share" of medals and, in addition, a first place trophy in the medley relay.

<i>N.C.S.D.</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
<i>Triangular Meet, April 18</i>	
59 — Myers Park (Charlotte) ..	32
— Lenoir High School .....	9
<i>Triangular Meet, April 30</i>	
50 — Hickory High School .....	46
— Statesville High School ..	4
<i>Meet, May 7th</i>	
77 — Lenoir High School .....	23

<i>N.C.S.D.</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
<i>Western Conference Meet, May 16</i>	
43 — Hickory High School .....	38
— Marion High School .....	27
— Cherryville H. S. ....	12
— Lenoir High School .....	8
— Lincolnton H. S. ....	4

### ***Best Individual Record For 1952***

#### **TRACK EVENTS**

		<i>Time</i>
100-yard dash .....	Fred English .....	10.4
220-yard dash .....	Fred English .....	23.8
440-yard dash .....	Wiley Smith .....	55.2
880-yard dash .....	Wayne Brinkley .....	2:13.1
120-yard low hurdle .....	Ted McBride .....	14.1
One-mile run .....	Frank Mitchell .....	4:57.8
1320-yard relay .....	Charlie McKenzie .....	2:38.5
	Wayne Brinkley, Wiley Smith and Fred English	

#### **FIELD EVENTS**

		<i>Height</i>
Pole Vault .....	Ted McBride .....	10 ft.
High Jump .....	Billy Heath .....	5 ft. 5 in.
		<i>Distance</i>
Broad Jump .....	Fred English .....	19 ft. 11 in.
Shot Put .....	Larry Fowler .....	41 ft.
Discus .....	Tommy Johnson .....	111 ft. 4 in.

# Program

SUNDAY, JUNE FIFTEENTH

**Fifty-Seventh Commencement**

**North Carolina School of the Deaf — 1952**

**Baccalaureate Sermon**

8:00 P. M. ----- *Auditorium*

THE REV. FRANK E. MCKENZIE  
*Grace Episcopal Church, Morganton*



WEDNESDAY, JUNE EIGHTEENTH

**Commencement Exercises**

10:30 A. M. ----- *Auditorium*

Invocation ----- THE REV. EDWARD P. BENNETT, *Pastor*  
*North Morganton Baptist Church*

Greetings ----- DR. CARL E. RANKIN, *Superintendent*

Salutatory ----- HILDA HONEYCUTT

Introduction ----- THE RT. REV. HOWARD E. RONDTHALER,  
*Bishop of the Moravian Church and President of*  
*the Board of Directors, N. C. School for the Deaf*

Commencement Address ----- DR. E. K. GRAHAM,  
*Chancellor of the Woman's College of the*  
*University of North Carolina*

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates

Awarding of Prizes

Valedictory ----- RUBY LEE ANDERS

Benediction ----- THE REV. EDWARD P. BENNETT

THE REV. JAMES R. FORTUNE, *Commencement Interpreter*

BETTY TURNER and KERMIT CAPES, *Junior Marshals*

MISS JOY BOWERS, *Pianist*



## *Salutatory*

*By Hilda Honeycutt*

The 1952 Graduating Class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf bids you welcome. We are 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.

It has been a long time since our first step up the ladder of learning and today we are happy that we have achieved the 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 a special welcome to these teachers and staff members to whom we owe so much.

In the audience today are many of our fellow students, friends of our school years. We have shared many experiences, of 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 made at N. C. S. D. may be lasting and warm.

Again, we bid each one of you welcome and hope this program will prove to be an interesting and memorable one on this important occasion.

## *Valedictory*

*By Ruby Lee Anders*

It is difficult to believe that we have reached our goal, Graduation Day, and that today we have come to the end of the happiest chapter in our lives. It is also difficult to realize that we are leaving our beloved Alma Mater, our home for so many years; a home that has given the very best in education and has taught us to go forth unafraid.

We are deeply grateful to the State of North Carolina for our splendid school. To the Board Members we wish to express our appreciation for their interest in our school.

To the superintendent, principal 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 goal, Graduation.

To the students, we say farewell with sadness because we are leaving you, our friends, with whom we have had so much fun, joy and sorrow. We will miss you after we leave and we shall never forget in the years to come what our beloved Alma Mater has done for us.

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

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