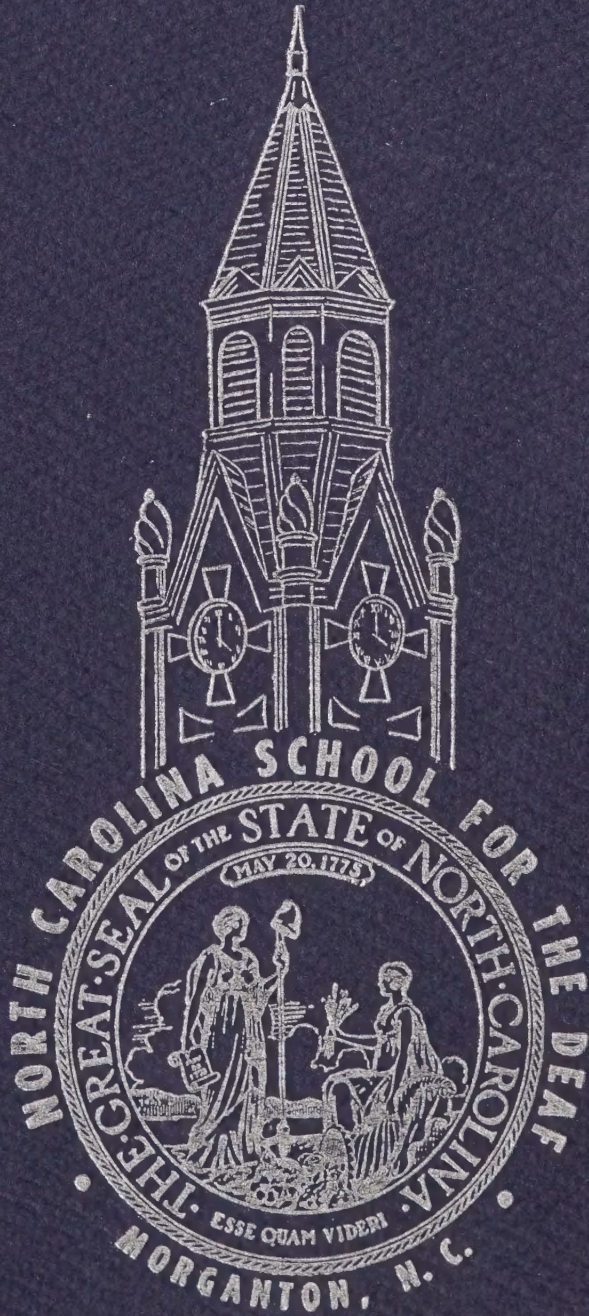


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F o r e w o r d

It hasn't been an easy task to prepare this annual, but we have enjoyed our work. It has been difficult to select material that will be of interest to every student in the school.

If, in years to come, this book will be a window through which you may look and recall happy days spent at N. C. S. D. the members of The Clocktower staff will feel amply rewarded for their efforts.

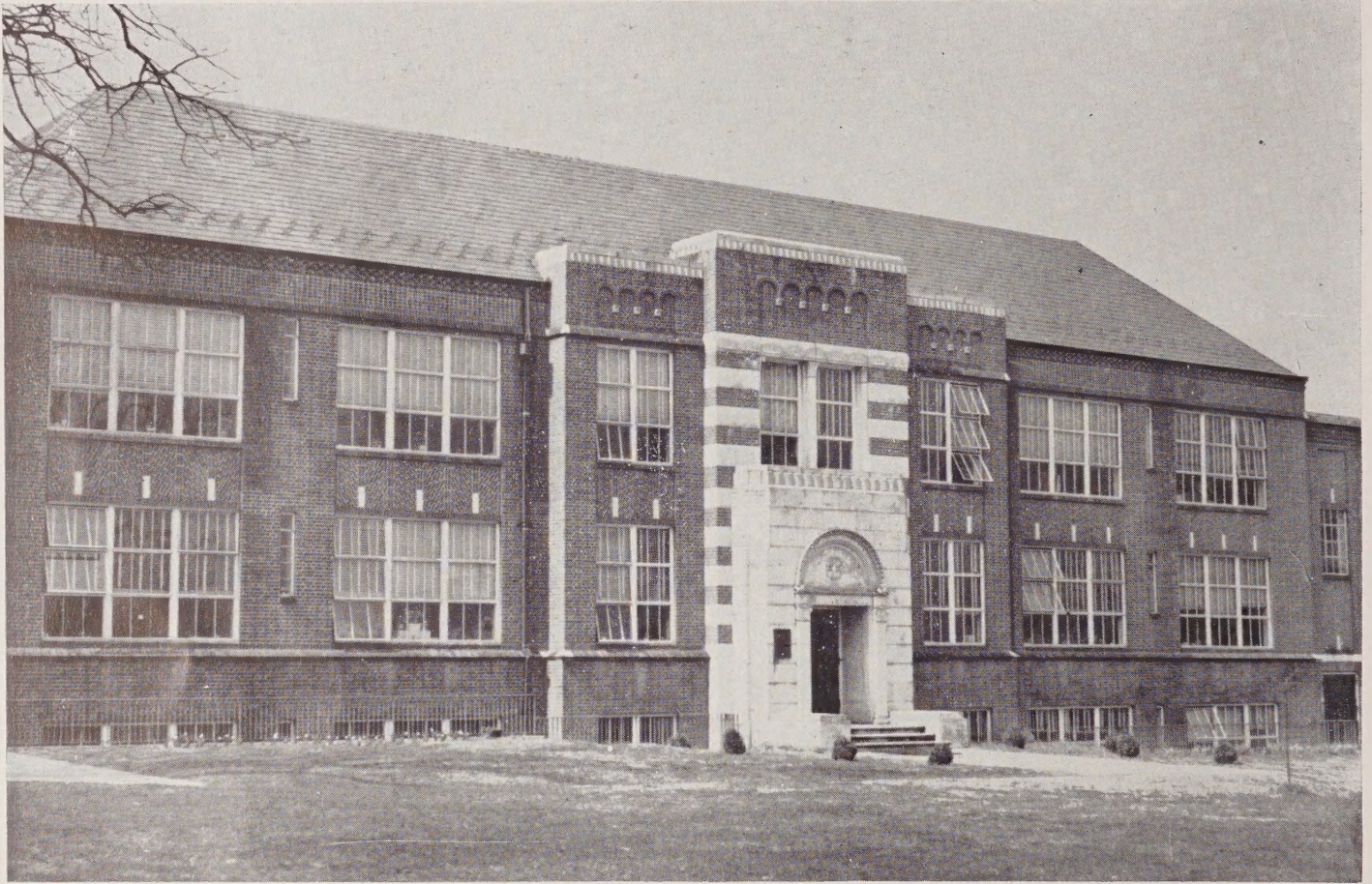
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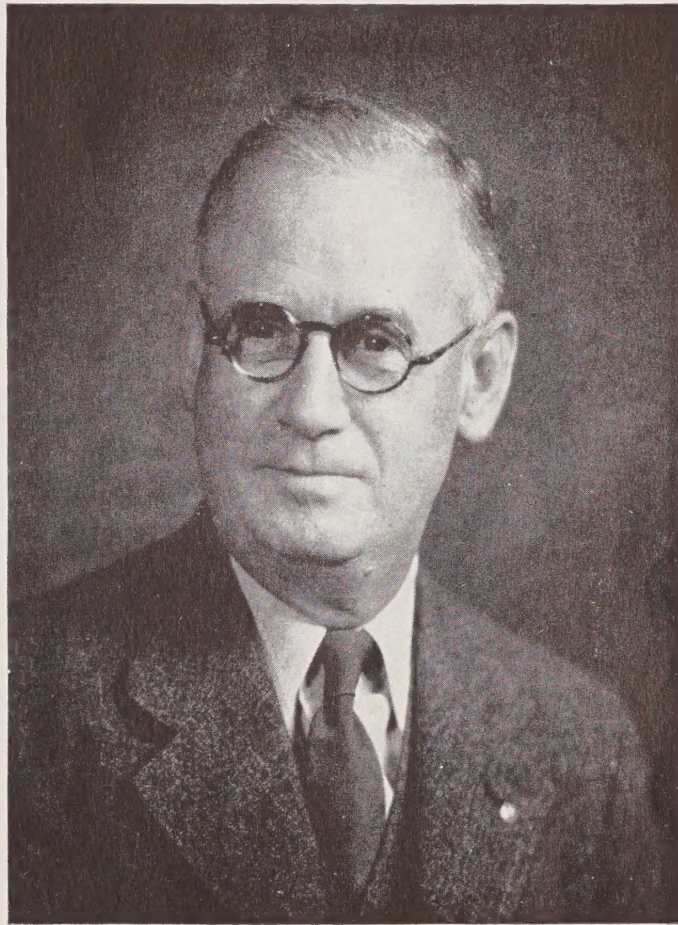
To one who has ever been our true and loyal friend, who has encouraged us at every turn in the road, who has made us feel competent to take our places in the world, and who by her frankness, sincerity and firmness has gained our genuine respect and admiration, we lovingly dedicate the Clock Tower of 1953.

Our School Building



September 1, 1952

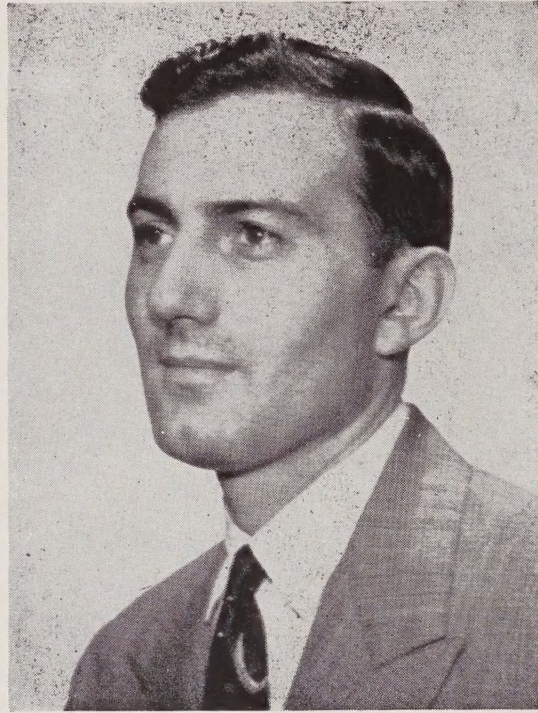
Our Superintendent



CARL E. RANKIN

My good wishes for the Class of 1953 are multiplied by the years we have loved you and worked with you, and dreamed for you. Go out with courage, open minds, and glad hearts.

Principal

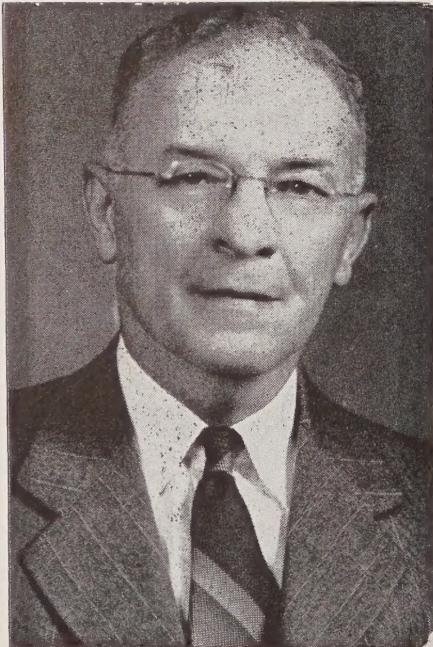


BEN E. HOFFMEYER

Success comes to those who sincerely strive for it. Just wanting success does not bring it. Success comes easily and surely for those who are morally, physically and mentally fit for life. Do not depend on others to assist you; depend on yourself and God for a happy and successful life.

Assistant Principal

VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



ODIE W. UNDERHILL

My thoughts, hopes, prayers and wishes follow you where ever you are.

Assistant Principal

ADVANCED - INTERMEDIATE
DEPARTMENT



MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

Live by the Golden Rule and be happy.



Class Officers

<i>President</i>	Betty Turner
<i>Vice-President</i>	Bobbie Bledsoe
<i>Treasurer</i>	Betty Daniels
<i>Secretary</i>	Jo Peedin

Class Mascot



Martha Bledsoe

Class Roll

Bobby Bledsoe	Zeldia Hope
Carl Brooks	Lonnie Leonard
Kermit Capes	Juanita Merritt
Oliver Clark	Dan Miller
Nelson Cooley	Earl Moore
Tommy Crumpler	Jo Peedin
Betty Daniels	Ronald Richards
Hugh DeVenny	Elma Simmons
Ivey Faircloth	Arthur Thaxton
Madge Foster	Betty Turner
Peggy Greene	

Class Motto

Conduct and courage lead to honor

Class Color

Blue and Silver

Class Flower

Mt. Laurel

Class Tree

Weeping Willow

Junior Marshalls

Joan Robbins

Sterling White

Trees

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Joyce Kilmer



Address delivered by Betty Turner, Senior Class President, at the tree planting ceremony, Thanksgiving Day, November 1952.

For many years it has been a custom for the graduating class to plant a tree. Today we are happy to have the privilege of carrying on this tradition. The class of 1953 has chosen a weeping willow as its class tree. We hope that its graceful beauty and pleasant shade will be a joy to those who follow us.

Today, in addition to the class tree, we are planting eight box woods in honor of the staff members who helped us put on the play, *The Merchant of Venice*. They are Mr. Jerome Freeman, Mr. John Kubis, Mrs. Orah Jones and Mrs. Jack Kirksey.

To the underclassmen we entrust the care of these plants and hope that they will keep green the memory of the class of 1953.

Academic Teachers



Sitting: Mrs. Marie Davis, 12th Grade; Dr. E. O. Randolph, Chemistry; Mrs. Cordelia Giles, 9th Grade. Standing: Mr. Clarence Broecker, 10-B Grade; Mr. Carl Barber, 11th Grade; Mr. John Kubis, Mathematics.

Vocational Instructors



Sitting: Mr. John Mc Creight, General Shop; Mrs. Anne Starrett, Art; Mrs. Ann Vernon, Typing; Miss Lucy Goins, Home Economics; Mrs. Kathleen Underhill, Girls' Handicraft; Mr. Authur Merrilla, Dry Cleaning and Pressing. Standing: Mr. C. C. Clontz, Shoe Repairing; Mr. John Oxford, Metal Work; Mr. Van C. Porter, Boys' Handicraft; Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Woodworking; Mr. Paul B. Crutchfield, Printing; Dr. Odie W. Underhill, Vocational Principal.

BOBBIE DEAN BLEDSOE

Fleetwood

Academic Diploma

*"She walks in beauty like the night of cloudless
climes and starry skies."*

Typing, Home-making, Sewing
Fepha Honor Society 1952-'53
Student Council 1950-'51
Pep Squad, Cheerleader 1950-'53
President 1952-'53
Vice-President Junior Class
Leaders' Club, Secretary-Treasurer 1952-'53
Christian Endeavor Society, Vice President 1951-'52
President Christian Endeavor Society 1952-'53
Basketball 1947-'52
Maid of Honor—May Court 1953



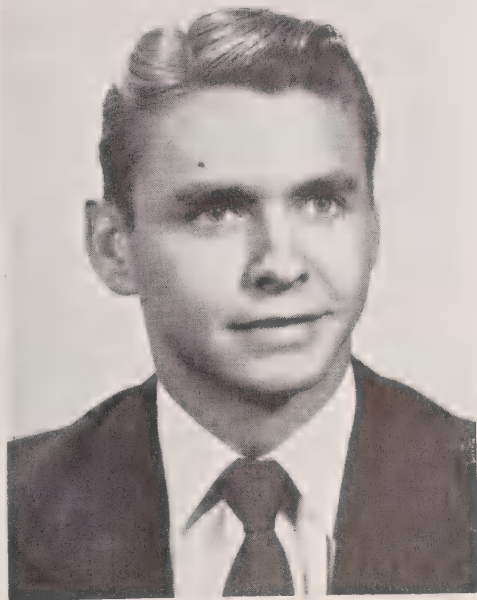
JOSEPH CARL BROOKS

Charlotte

Academic Diploma

"If he said that he would, then he would."

Machine and Metal Shop
Boy Scout 1946-'49
Sterling Honor Society 1952-'53
Varsity Football 1948-'52, Co-Captain 1952
All-American Deaf Team 1951-52
Basketball manager 1949-'53
Track 1949-'53



KERMIT EDWIN CAPES

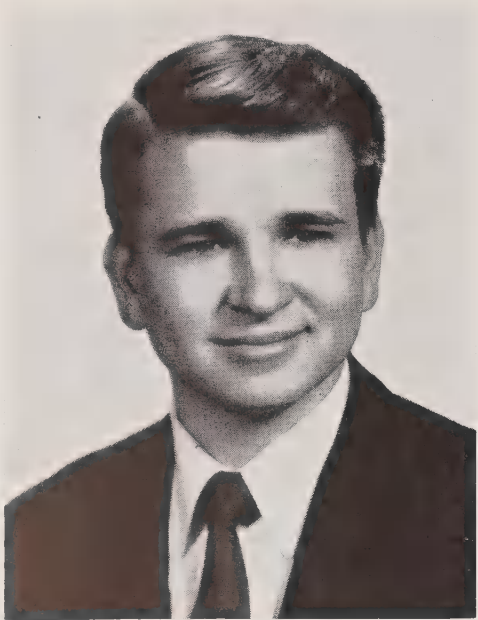
Pomona

Academic Diploma

*"He lived in peace with all mankind in friendship
he was true."*

Printing
Boy Scout 1946-'53, Eagle Scout 1953
Senior Patrol Leader 1951-'52
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster 1951-'53
Student Council President 1952-'53
Sterling Honor Society 1952-'53
Varsity Football 1949-'52
Halfback-All-American Deaf Team 1952
Captain Varsity Football 1952
Track 1952-'53





OLIVER JAMES CLARK

High Point

Vocational Diploma

"Worry little, study less—his idea of happiness."

Printing

Boy Scout 1946-'49

Football 1947-'49

Basketball 1952-'53

Football Manager 1952

Track 1952-'53

WALTER NELSON COOLEY

Salisbury

Vocational Diploma

"Like to get out and rest and not work at nothin' else."

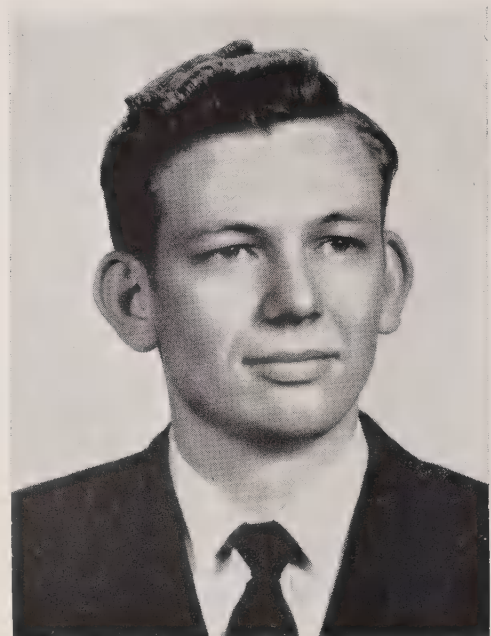
Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Metal Shop

Boy Scout 1945-'47

Football 1948-'52

Track 1950-'53

Basketball 1951-'52



BETTY JEAN DANIELS

Beaufort

Academic Diploma

"Kind hearts are more than coronets."

Typing, Home-making, Sewing

Student Council 1951-'53

Pep Squad 1948-'53, Treasurer 1953

Junior and Senior Class Treasurer

Leaders' Club 1951-'53, President 1952-'53

Basketball 1947-'52, Manager 1953

May Court 1953



HUGH EDELEN DEVENNY

Charlotte

Vocational Diploma

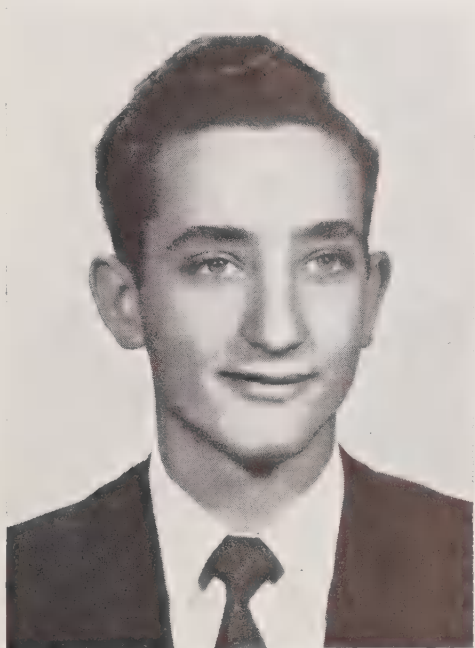
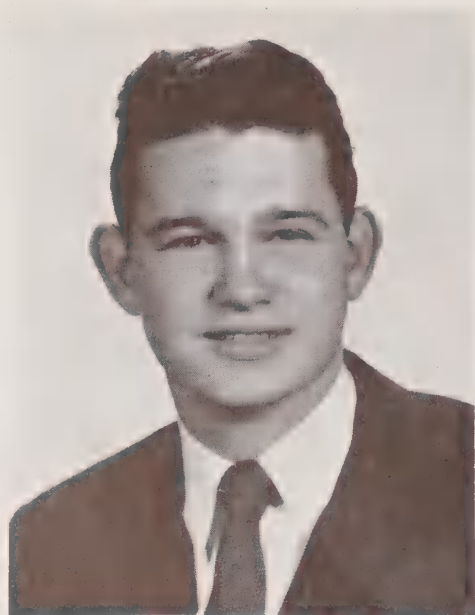
"Worry kills more people than bullets; then why worry."

Metal Shop, Shoe Repairing

Boy Scout 1947-'49

Football 1950-'52

Track Manager 1953



WILLIAM IVEY FAIRCLOTH

Stedman

Vocational Diploma

"A laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market."

Woodworking

Boy Scout 1946-'49

Football 1951-'52

Track 1952

MADGE LEE FOSTER

Mocksville

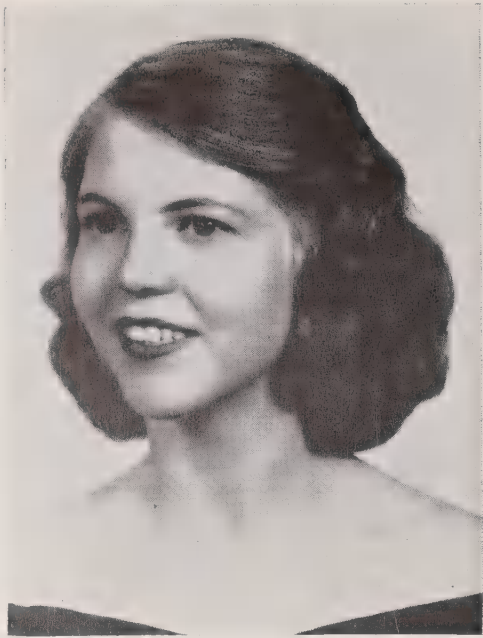
Vocational Diploma

"Constant practice often excels talent."

Typing, Home-making, Sewing, Crafts

Pep Squad 1951-'53





PEGGY JANE GREENE

Deep Gap

Academic Diploma

"From a little spark bursts the mightiest flame."

Home-making, Sewing, Arts and Crafts

Fepha Honor Society 1951-'53, Secretary 1951-'52

Pep Squad 1949-'53

Christian Endeavor, Secretary 1952-'53

Goodwin Literary Society, Secretary 1952-'53

Leaders' Club 1951-'53

Girl Scout

May Court 1953

ZELDIA ANN HOPE

Kings Mountain

Academic Diploma

"Be good sweet maid; and let who will be clever."

Typing, Home-making, Sewing

Fepha Honor Society 1950-'53

Student Council 1951-'52

Pep Squad 1948-'53

Leaders' Club 1951-'53

Basketball 1950-'53

May Court 1953



EVA JUANITA MERRITT

Spray

Academic Diploma

"There never was a saint with red hair."

Typing, Home-making, Sewing

Pep Squad 1948-'53

Leaders' Club 1952-'53

Vice-President of Pep Squad 1952-'53

Basketball 1947-'51, Manager 1952

May Court 1953



DAN FARRELL MILLER

Ramsaytown

Academic Diploma

*"Work—work—work till the eyes are heavy
and dim."*

Printing

Boy Scout 1944-'53, Eagle Scout 1953

Senior Patrol Leader; Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

Senior Life Saving

Sterling Honor Society 1952-'53

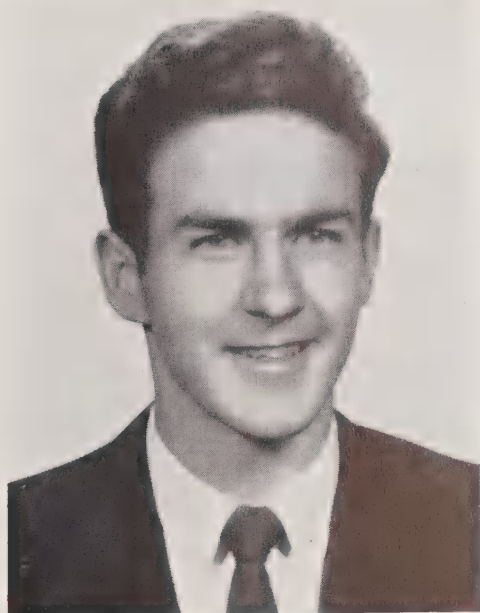
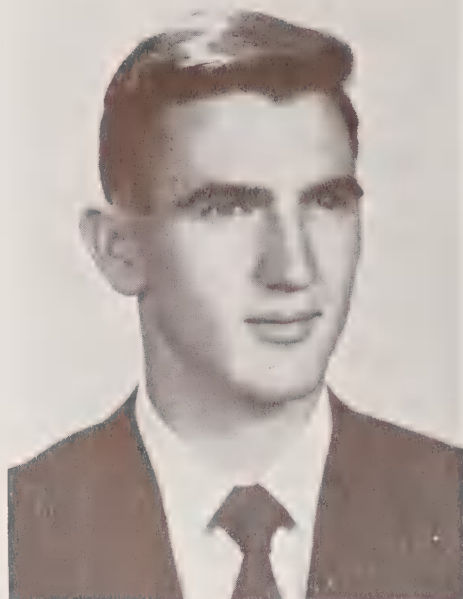
President Goodwin Literary Society 1952-'53

Student Council 1952-'53

Varsity Football 1949-'52

Track 1949-'52

Basketball 1950-'51



RICHARD EARL MOORE

Roanoke Rapids

Academic Diploma

"Merrily, merrily, shall I live now."

Printing

Boy Scout 1945-'51

Football 1948-'52

Track 1949-'51

Basketball Scorer 1949-'50

Golden Gloves Boxing 1952

Baseball, softball, soccer, swimming

Senior Life Saving

BERTHA JO PEEDIN

Bethesda, Md.

Academic Diploma

*"The future awaits with open arms those who
prepare for it."*

Typing, Home-making, Sewing

Fepha Honor Society 1952-'53

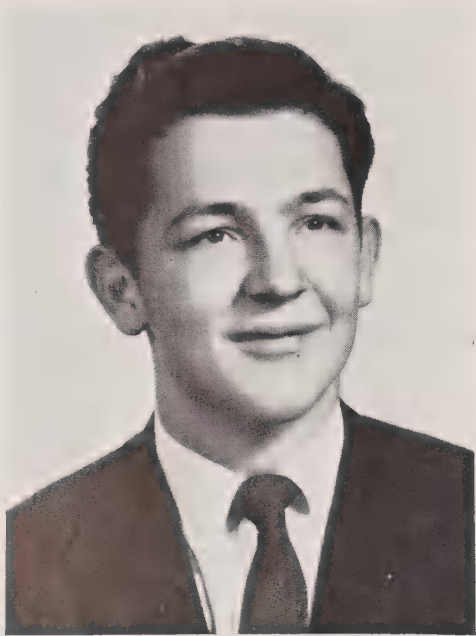
Secretary Senior Class

Leaders' Club 1952-'53

Basketball 1950-'53

May Court 1953





WILLIAM RONALD RICHARDS

Lawndale

Academic Diploma

"A little more sleep and a little more slumber."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing

Boy Scout 1946-'50

Treasurer Christian Endeavor Society 1952-'53

Varsity Football 1948-'50

Track 1952

Boxing 1952

ELMA GRAY SIMMONS

Salemburg

Academic Diploma

"Past hope, past cure, past help."

Typing, Home-making, Sewing

Fepha Honor Society 1952-'53

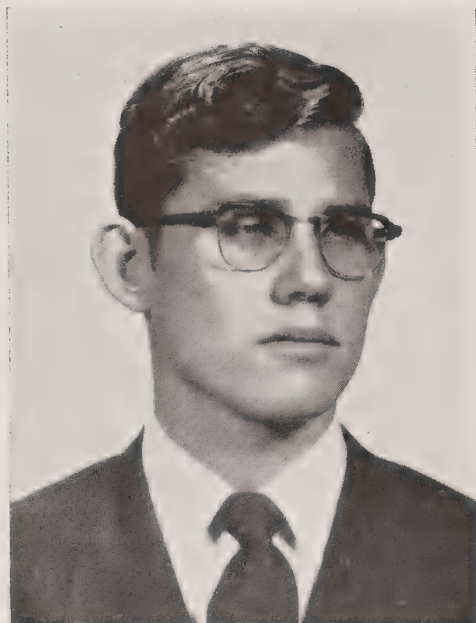
Pep Squad 1948-'52; Cheerleader 1952-'53

Student Council Representative 1952-'53

Leaders' Club 1951-'53

Basketball 1950-'52; Manager 1953

May Court 1953



ARTHUR SAMUEL THAXTON

Prospect Hill

Vocational Diploma

"He is saje who does his best."

Woodworking

Boy Scout 1946-'48

Basketball Manager 1951-'52

Track Manager 1952



BETTY JEAN TURNER

Morganton

Academic Diploma

"Earth has not any thing more fair."

Typing, Home-making, Sewing

Fepha Honor Society, Secretary 1950-'51

Vice-President 1951-'52

Student Council, Secretary 1950-'51

Vice-President 1951-'52

Pep Squad, Cheerleader 1948-'53

Secretary Student Council 1952-'53

Secretary Junior Class

President Senior Class

Homecoming Queen 1952

May Queen 1953

Long Ago





Most Studious



Best Dressed



Laziest



Most Likely To Succeed



Friendliest



Most Athletic



Most Bashful



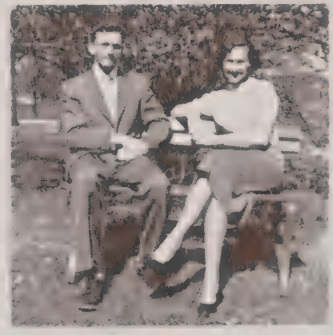
Most Talkative



Class Monkeys



Flirts



Most Popular



Best Looking



Best Manners



Wittiest



Best All-Round

ANALYSIS OF CLASS 1953

Seniors	Favorite Expression	Weakness	Hobby	Favorite Sport	Nickname
Bobbie Bledsoe	"I'm Sorry"	Clothes	Collecting Snapshots	Basketball	"Boobie"
Carl Brooks	"I don't want to"	Arguing	Classics	Football	"Joey"
Kermit Capes	"Hello"	Joking	Photography	Football	"Cap"
Oliver Clark	"Uh uh"	Laziness	Hot-rod driver	Golf	"Fatty"
Nelson Cooley	"Why bother me?"	Being late	Dictionary	Weight lifting	"Cool"
Betty Daniels	"Why look at me?"	Sea foods	Movie fan	Fishing	"Shy"
Hugh De Venny	"What did you say?"	Comics	Listening to radio	Football	"Huey"
Ivey Faireloth	"So what"	Looking at T.V.	Working on motors	Baseball	"Monkey"
Madge Foster	"I think so"	Listening to radio	Letter writing	Hiking	"Mash"
Peggy Greene	"I hope so"	Reading	Collecting novels	Softball	"Jay"
Zeldia Hope	"I don't like it"	Ice cream	Collecting snapshots	Basketball	"Zel"
Juanita Merritt	"So what"	Mimicking	Skating	Basketball	"Red"
Dan Miller	"No, no"	Clothes	Collecting stamps	Skating	"Dan"
Earl Moore	"If I had the money"	Driving car	Traveling	Football	"Stump"
Jo Peedin	"I don't care"	Fried chicken	Reading	Softball	"Josey"
Ronald Richards	"I forgot"	Fancy clothes	Earning money	Boxing	"Private Buck"
Elma Simmons	"That's too hard"	High heels	Collecting hats and beads	Basketball	"Reddy"
Author Thaxton	"Maybe"	Eating	Letter writing	Fishing	"Ba Bo"
Betty Turner	"Because"	Hamburgers	Collecting snapshots	Swimming	"Cotton"

Class History

By Bobbie Dean Bledsoe

Can you believe it? We are Seniors. Many years ago, in 1949, we began our high school career. How important we felt selecting class officers and being freshmen. The past four years have been happy ones, especially this year.

There are twenty members in the graduating class which is the largest in the history of our school. Twelve are academic graduates and eight are vocational graduates.

In October the class put on a play, "The Merchant of Venice" under the direction of Mr. Freeman and several of the staff members. It was great fun and we received many compliments on it. We hope that other classes will continue this idea.

The high light of the year was the trip to Florida. The boys went in November with the football team and the girls in March. The Florida School for the Deaf was our host and we had a most delightful time.

The banquet given us by the junior class was great fun. The decorations, food and entertainment showed how much thought and effort were put into this affair by the class and their sponsor, Mr. Barber.

The year has been filled with many interesting events; time does not permit me to mention them all as I would like to give a short history of each senior.

Bobbie Dean Bledsoe, an academic senior, entered school in 1940 with Miss Betty Watrous as her teacher. Bobbie comes from Fleetwood where she was born on August 8, 1932. She has been an active member of the pep squad and has taken part in other extra-curricular activities. She was the football queen at a homecoming game in October. She hopes to get an office job after graduation.

Carl Brooks, an academic senior, was born in Charlotte on July 23, 1933. He entered school in 1941. Miss Joy Bowers was his first teacher. Football is his favorite sport. In 1951-1952, he was an All-American star. He is interested in metal work and hopes some day to have his own shop.

Kermit Capes, an academic senior, was born on September 27, 1934 in Greensboro. He entered school in 1940 and Miss Watrous was his first teacher. Kermit was president of the Student Council this year, captain of the football team and an All-American star. In February he became an Eagle Scout. He is interested in printing and hopes to be a linotype operator when he graduates.

Oliver Clark, a vocational senior, was born in Raeford on January 23, 1934 but now lives in High Point. Mrs. Tucker Walker was his first teacher when he entered school in 1940. He was manager of the football team this year. He is interested in printing and hopes to get work near his home.

Nelson Cooley, a vocational senior, was born on May 22, 1932 at Salisbury. He entered school in the fall of 1939. He plans to get a job in a cotton mill, but hopes some day to have a dry cleaning business of his own.

Betty Daniels, an academic senior, hails from Beaufort. She was born on September 17, 1931 and entered school in 1939. Mrs. Harbison was her first teacher. She has been treasurer of the class for two years. In 1952, she received the Sportmanship award. Her chief interest is fishing from her boat, *The Betty Jean*. She plans to be a typist.

Hugh DeVenny, a vocational senior, lives in Charlotte. He was born on June 21, 1933 and entered school in 1940. Mrs. Tucker Walker was his first teacher. He has taken training in the shoe shop and plans to get a job in a shop in Charlotte after graduation.

Ivey Faircloth, a vocational senior, was born in Beaver Dam on April 1, 1934. He entered school in 1941 with Miss Marjorie Gordon as his teacher. Ivey is always in a good humor and ready to do any job that needs to be done. Fishing is his favorite sport. He has worked for several years in the wood-working shop and plans to be a carpenter.

Madge Foster, a vocational senior, was born on March 8, 1931 at Mocksville. She entered school in 1949. She is a member of the

pep squad. She plans to stay at home and help her family.

Peggy Greene, an academic senior, entered the primary department in 1943. Miss Bowers was her first teacher. Her home is Deep Gap where she was born on February 24, 1934. She attended public school for two years. She is interested in handicrafts. She plans to enter Gallaudet College this fall.

Zeldia Hope, an academic senior, lives in Kings Mountain. She was born on April 26, 1932 and entered school in 1940. Miss Watrous was her first teacher. Basketball is her favorite sport. She hopes to be a typist when she leaves school.

Juanita Merritt, an academic senior, entered school in 1939. Mrs. Harbison was her first teacher. She was born in Spray on August 25, 1931. Sleeping is her favorite past time. She is interested in all sports especially basketball. She wants to get an office job when she graduates.

Dan Miller, an academic senior, who lives in Ramseytown, entered school in 1939. He, also, was in Mrs. Walker's class. Dan was born on March 6, 1933. Scouting has been his hobby and he became an Eagle Scout in February. He plans to enter Gallaudet College this fall.

Earl Moore, an academic senior, comes from Roanoke Rapids where he was born on August 16, 1933. He likes to travel and spent last summer touring the West. He has worked in the print shop for several years and hopes to be a linotype operator.

Jo Peedin, an academic senior, comes from Selma where she was born on October 19, 1933. She went to public school for several years and entered N.C.S.D. in 1945. She spends much of her time reading. Her favorite sport is softball and she was a member of the basketball team for several years. She has served as secretary of the class this year. She plans to go to college.

Ronald Richards, an academic senior, hails from Lawndale where he was born on August 16, 1932. He had Mrs. Walker as his first teacher in 1939. He has worked at Goodwin Hall for several years. Boxing is his favorite sport. He has trained in the dry cleaning shop. He doesn't know what he will do when he finishes school.

Elma Gray Simmons, an academic senior, entered school in 1940. Miss Watrous was her first teacher. She and Bobbie Dean have been together in the same classes throughout their entire school career. Elma was born in Clinton on October 4, 1931. She attended public school for a short time. She is very much interested in cooking and her hobby is collecting recipes. She hopes to get a job as a filing clerk.

Arthur Thaxton, a vocational senior, entered school in 1948. Mrs. Knox was his first teacher. His home is at Prospect Hill. He was born on October 29, 1931. He is interested in wood working and plans to be a carpenter.

Betty Turner, an academic senior, entered school in 1940 with Mrs. Walker as her teacher. She was born in Old Church, Virginia on February 23, 1934 but now lives in Morganton. She is a day pupil. She was chosen May Queen this year by popular vote. She is president of the class and has taken part in all activities. Her favorite sport is swimming. She plans to enter college this fall.

This ends a brief history of the members of the class of 1953. May success and happiness be ours and may we be a credit to our school and to those who have worked so faithfully with us.

BEST WISHES TO ALL.

Class Prophecy

By Joseph Carl Brooks

One beautiful spring morning in 1963 I realized that I had a bad case of spring fever and that work did not appeal to me. Suddenly I made up my mind to take a trip and look up my old classmates. During the past ten years I had been so busy building up my machine shop in New York that I had lost track of them.

After giving directions to my manager, I packed my bag and got a plane for Charlotte. I checked in at the hotel and was wondering who to look up first when my eye caught a name in the *Charlotte Observer*, Bobbie Dean Bledsoe. I found that she was head of the women's department at Ivey's. I went to the store and found her office on the fifth floor. She was surprised and delighted to see me. As she was very busy getting ready for a fashion show she invited me to have dinner with her and her husband that evening. She picked me up at six o'clock in a 1963 Cadillac convertible and we drove out about four miles to a lovely home. Bobbie told me about several of our classmates who were living in North Carolina and gave me their addresses.

From Charlotte I went to Greensboro to see Kermit Capes. I knew he owned and ran a newspaper, but I was amazed at the size of the building and the large number of people he employed. Ronald Richards writes a column for the paper called "How to Keep from Working" which is quite a success. Kermit showed me over the building and I was delighted to see Oliver Clark who was the sports editor. He brought me up to date on the fine records that N.C.S.D. had been making. Bidding Kermit goodbye at the airport I got a plane for Miami, Florida to see Betty Daniels.

I wasn't a bit surprised to find that she owned several deep sea fishing boats and a small yacht. She had several cottages, too and I was happy to spend a few days in one and go fishing and sailing with her.

My next destination was Idaho to see Ivey Faircloth. There was a lay-over in Knoxville, Tennessee so I had time to visit with Hugh DeVenny at his shoe shop. He also repaired my shoes while we chatted.

I had wired Ivey to meet me and when my plane reached Boise, Idaho, there was Ivey. He took me to his sheep ranch and I enjoyed spending several days in his lovely ranch home.

One day he told me he had a surprise for me and it really was. We rode horseback for several miles until we reached a small school house. And to my amazement I found that Madge Foster was the teacher of thirty pupils, but she seemed perfectly happy. She told me that many of our classmates lived in sunny California so I decided to go to Los Angeles next.

In Los Angeles I decided to buy a car so I could really see the country. I went to the large company where Zeldia Hope worked and had her own office. She had been working there for five years.

From Los Angeles I drove to Berkley to look up Peggy Greene who taught in a school for the deaf. When I went into her school room she was surprised to see me. She was very strict with the class and put up with no foolishness. Peggy told me that she had come to Berkley immediately after graduating from Gallaudet.

I drove east leisurely and as I entered the suburbs of Danville, Virginia I saw a sign "Merritt's Chewing Gum Factory". Could that possibly belong to my old classmate, Juanita? I parked and decided to investigate. I went into the building and saw a large office. Peeping in I saw a red-haired woman absorbed in a newspaper and chewing gum at a rapid rate. Yes, it was Juanita. She did not see me until I pulled the paper out of her hands. We had lots to tell each other and the afternoon flew by. Juanita told me that she started manufacturing chewing gum as that was the only way she could get all she wanted. She told me that Dan Miller lived in Norfolk.

I bid Juanita good bye and started out for Norfolk. It was dark when I reached the city and I noticed a beautiful electric sign, "Miller's Skating Rink." I bought a ticket for the skating show. A very beautiful scene met my eyes. A man in a fancy skating costume was doing a ballet on skates. About twenty girls were also in the act. The color, lighting, and grace of the skaters made it look like fairy land. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw the man was Dan. After the show Dan and I went to his apartment and he brought me up to date on some other old friends.

Nelson Cooley had a weight lifting concession on the beach so the next day I visited him. He asked me if I thought I could lift the weights and I told him I'd like to try. He had a big laugh when I failed. Then I found out the weights weighed three hundred pounds. Nelson said he liked his job as he had plenty of time to do nothing.

At noon as I was going into a restaurant I saw someone who looked familiar. I then realized it was Earl Moore. He told me that he and Arthur Thaxton had a used car lot where they souped up cars for the teen-

agers and did a big business as their cars were reliable and cheap. I went with him to their place and talked to Arthur for awhile. He told me that Earl was perfectly happy as he could drive a different car every day.

I bid farewell to Earl and Arthur and started on the last lap of my journey planning a stop over in Washington to see the three remaining members of my class.

I knew that Betty Turner and Elma Gray Simmons worked in the Pentagon so I went there to look them up. For hours I wandered around getting more confused. I had just decided I'd never get out when a door opened and there was Betty. I was never so relieved in my life. She and Elma Gray had private adjoining offices and loved their work. Their boss was a handsome army officer and that might be the reason they liked their jobs so well. I asked them to have lunch with me and as we left the building I asked them how they found their way in and out. They laughed and said many people never did, but they had no trouble.

They gave me Jo Peedin's address and that afternoon I went to see her. To my amazement she had a professional basketball team. Jo's quarters were very modern and attractive. We watched her girls practice and I wasn't a bit surprised to hear that they usually won. After visiting with Jo for awhile I started home.

When I reached home I was very tired. I had been gone for two months and enjoyed every minute of it. Seeing my classmates and finding that they were successful was most satisfying, and now I was ready to settle down to work.

Just before I dropped off to sleep I promised myself I'd keep up with them. But will I?

TIME WILL TELL.

Class Will

By Betty Jean Daniels

We, the Senior Class of 1953, being of sound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament. Before our final departure we wish to bestow our most cherished and valuable possessions on our beloved faculty and underclassmen. These benevolences are bestowed upon the recipients without restriction, without prejudice, without coercion and with wholehearted affection of the class.

To our superintendent, Board of Directors, principal and assistant principal, faculty and household staff, we leave the peace and quiet which will follow our departure. Since we have not expressed our love, appreciation, and gratitude for their thoughtfulness, guidance and interest throughout the past years we now bequeath to each of them a place in our hearts.

To the juniors, we leave our well-earned senior privileges, and our places in the senior class room with a kind and understanding advisor, Mrs. Marie Davis.

Bobbie Bledsoe bequeaths her love of pretty clothes to Joan Robbins.

Carl Brooks leaves his interest in reading classics to Sterling White.

Kermit Capes hands down his love of hot-rod motors to Gene Smith.

To Richard Leonard, Oliver Clark leaves his love of eating at all times.

To Gearldine McLain, Nelson Cooley leaves his habit of being late.

Betty Daniels wills her love for deep sea

fishing to Lowell Riddle.

To Billy Heath, Hugh DeVenny leaves his knowledge of shoe repairing.

Ivey Faircloth bequeaths his skill as a carpenter to Tommy Smith.

Madge Foster bequeaths her seat in front of the television to Jean Dye.

To Ann Weaver, Peggy Greene gives her habit of laughing all the time.

Zeldia Hope hands down her housekeeping skill to Paulette McGee.

To Donald Hill, Juanita Merritt bequeaths her lovely red hair.

To Benny Mann, Dan Miller leaves his miserly ways.

To Avis Freeman, Jo Peedin leaves her noisy ways in the dormitory.

To Everette McAlister, Earl Moore leaves his fast driving and love of cars.

Ronald Richards wants to give his ability of sitting to Roy Walser.

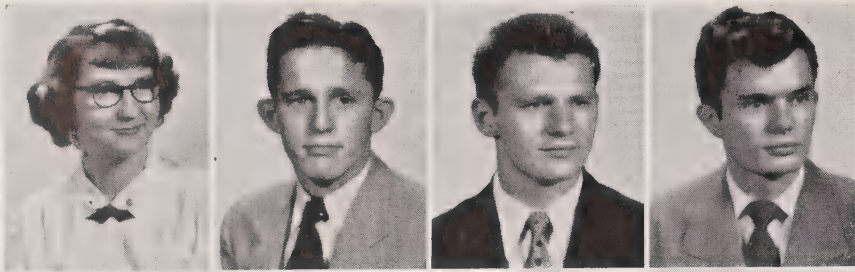
Elma Simmons leaves her high heels and fancy hats to Peggy Snell.

To Fred English, Arthur Thaxton bequeaths his rocking chair and his love of writing letters.

Betty Turner hands on to Peggy Riddle her love of dancing.

The foregoing bequests are our most prized talents and possessions. We leave them in your care, and may they help or hinder you as much as they did us.

JUNIOR CLASS

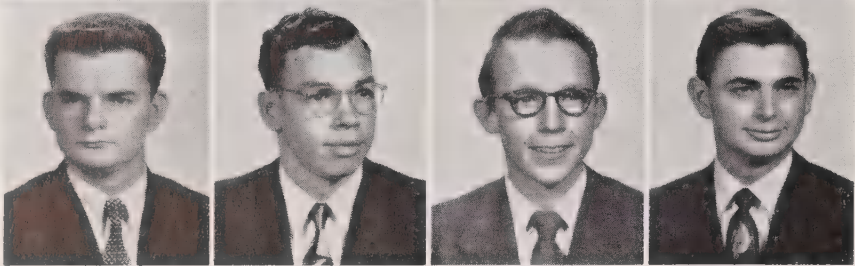


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Statesville

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Bear Creek

Billy Heath
Hickory

Roy Walser
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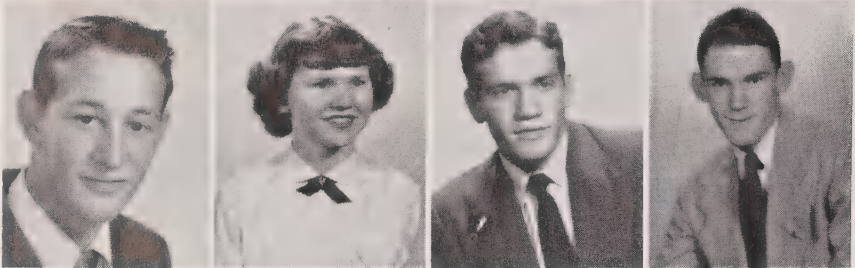


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Morganton

Wiley Smith
Roseboro

Vilas Johnson
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Everette McAlister
Lincolnton

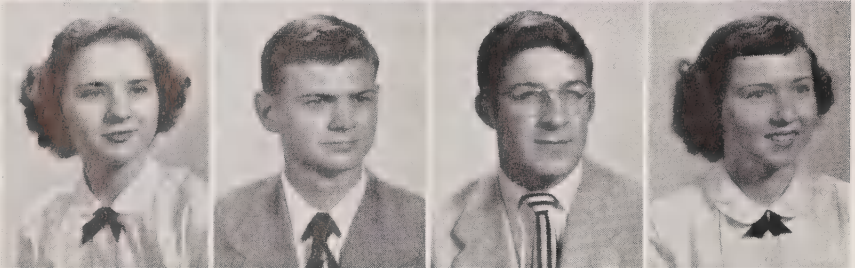


James Morrow
Morganton

Rosalyn Lee
Winston Salem

O'Neal Dabbs
Reidsville

Tommy Smith
Waxhaw



Joan Robbins
Concord

Lowell Riddle
St. Pauls

Hartsell Arrington
Clyde

Avis Freeman
Eagle Spring

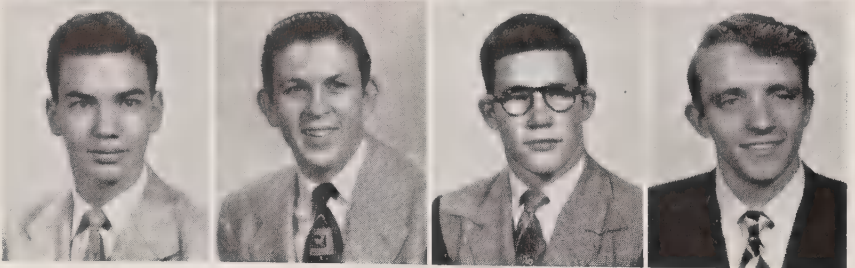


Peggy Riddle
Sanford

Donald Senter
Morganton

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Fred English
Raeford



Sterling White
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Everette Helms
Morganton

Cecil Crowder
Mars Hill

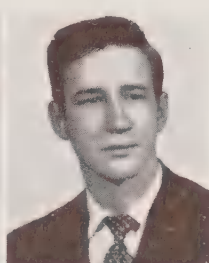
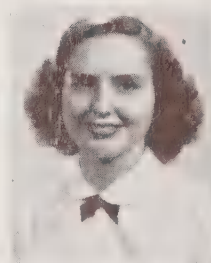
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Albemarle

FRESHMAN CLASS

Edna Brinkley
Lexington

Nancy Bulla
Asheboro

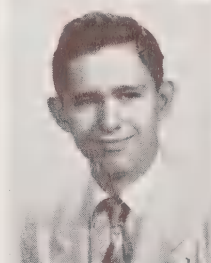
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Robert DeVenny
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Virginia Hines
Bladensboro

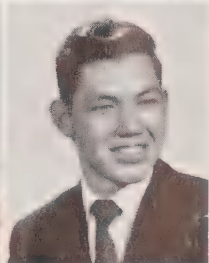
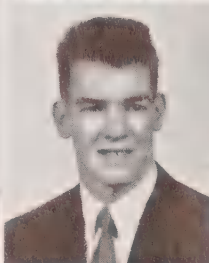
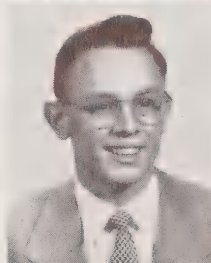
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Mt. Airy

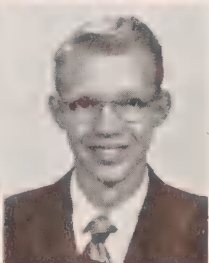
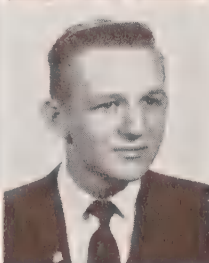
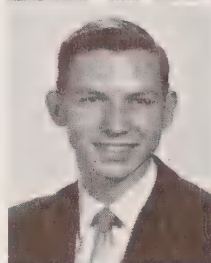
Charles Sentelle
Pisgah Forest



Gene Smith
Sylva

Herman Spencer
Conover

Bobby Taylor
Deep Gap



Ann Weaver
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Morris West
Lumberton

Roy Yokeley
Stonewall



Sterling Honor Society



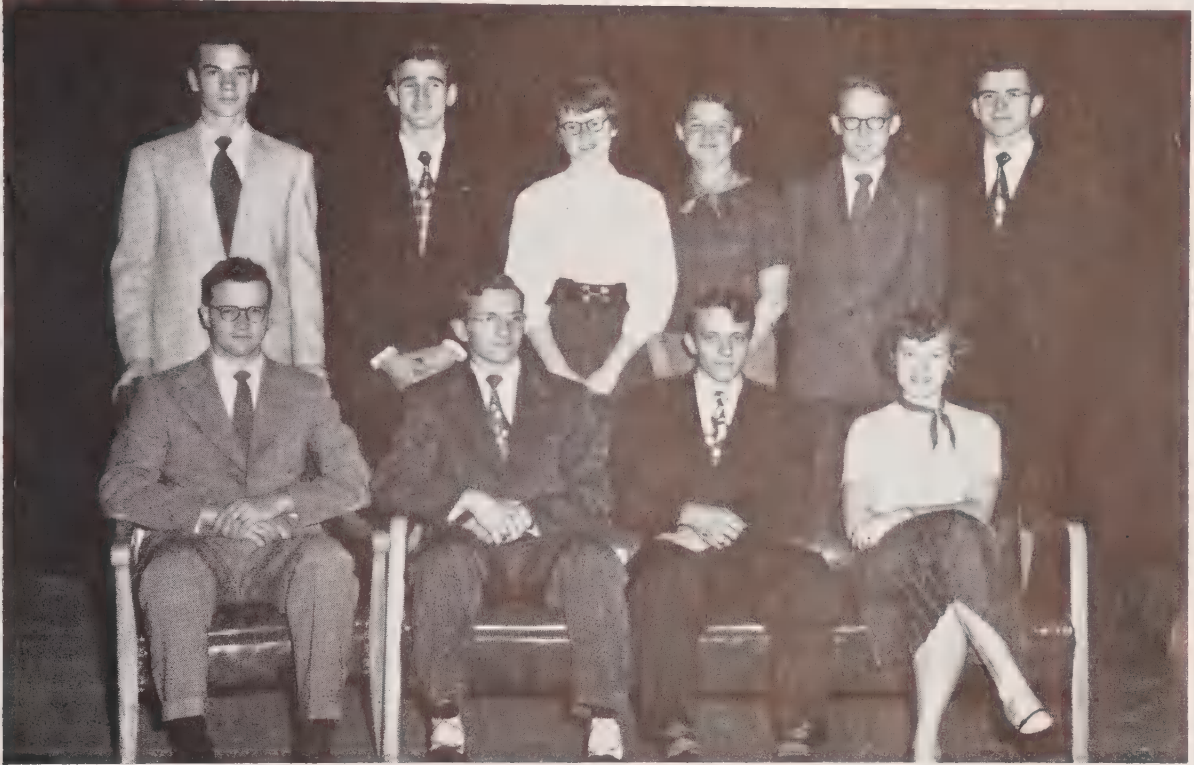
Sitting: Mr. Albert Mehl, *Advisor;* Vilas Johnson, Gene Smith, Roy Walser, Clyde Morton, Dan Miller. *Standing:* Carl Brooks, Kermit Capes, Fred English, Sterling White, Everette McAlister, Donald Senter, Lonnie Leonard, Billy Heath, Wiley Smith, Tommy Smith.

Fepha Honor Society



Sitting: Miss Lucy Goins, *Advisor;* Betty Daniels, Edna Brinkley, Zeldia Hope, Betty Turner, Bobbie Bledsoe. *Standing:* Ann Weaver, Virginia Hines, Faye Johnston, Nancy Bulla, Elma Simmons, Peggy Greene, Jo Peedin, Rosalyn Lee, Joan Robbins, Mary Ellen Johnson.

Student Council



Sitting: Mr. Clarence Broecker, *Advisor*; Kermit Capes, *President*; Clyde Morton, *Vice-President*; Betty Turner, *Secretary*. *Standing:* Sterling White, Dan Miller, Rosalyn Lee, Betty Daniels, Vilas Johnson, Fred English.

Eagle Scouts



DAN MILLER



KERMIT CAPES

Goodwin Literary Society



Dan Miller, *President*; Clyde Morton, *Vice-President*; Peggy Greene, *Secretary*; Kermit Capes, *Treasurer*.

Christian Endeavor Society

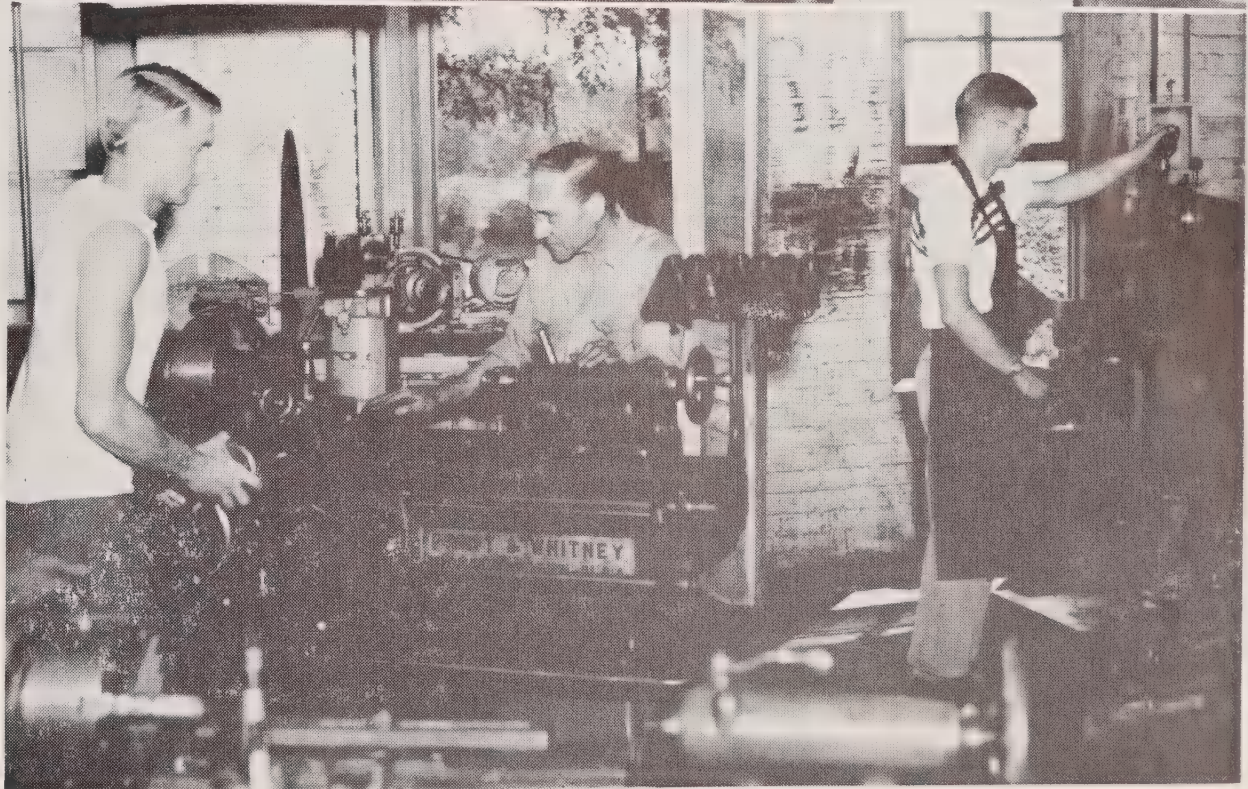
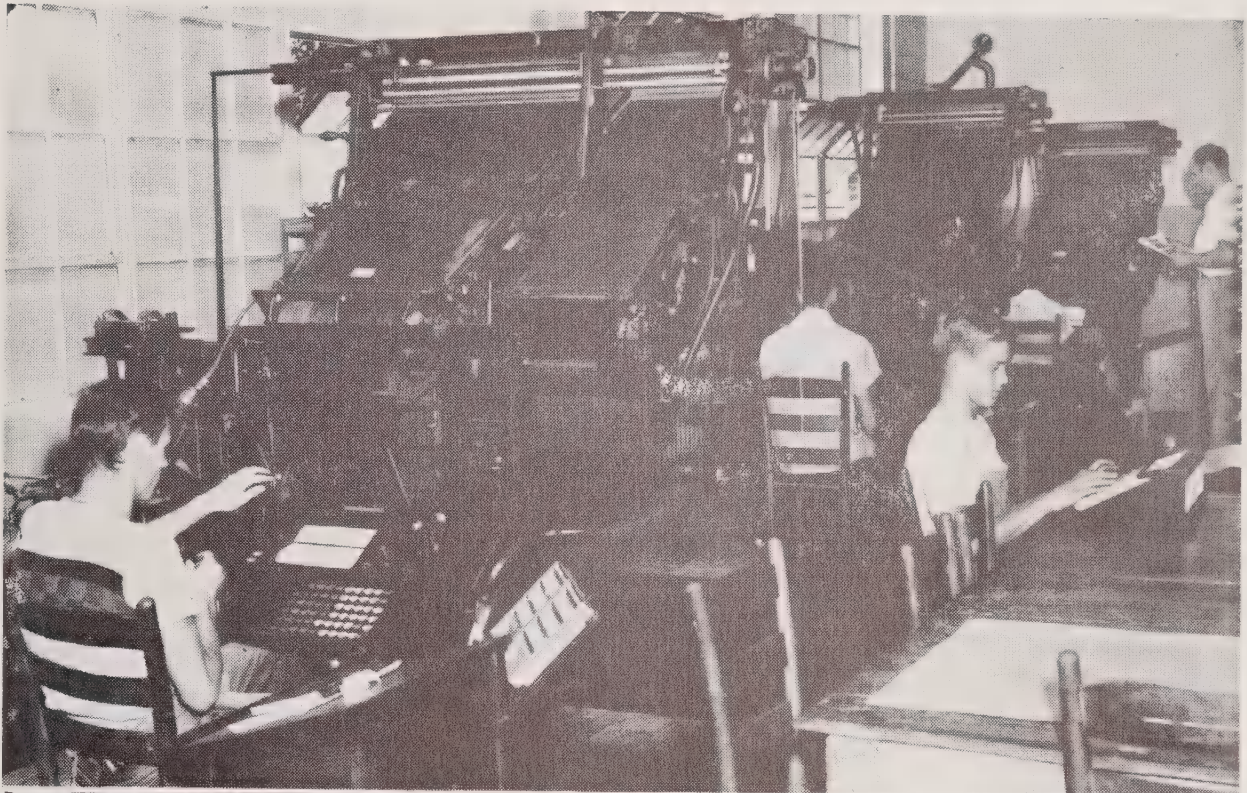


Left to right: Kermit Capes, *Treasurer*; Bobbie Bledsoe, *President*; Clyde Morton, *Vice-President*; Peggy Greene, *Secretary*; Ronald Richards, *Treasurer*.

Leaders' Club



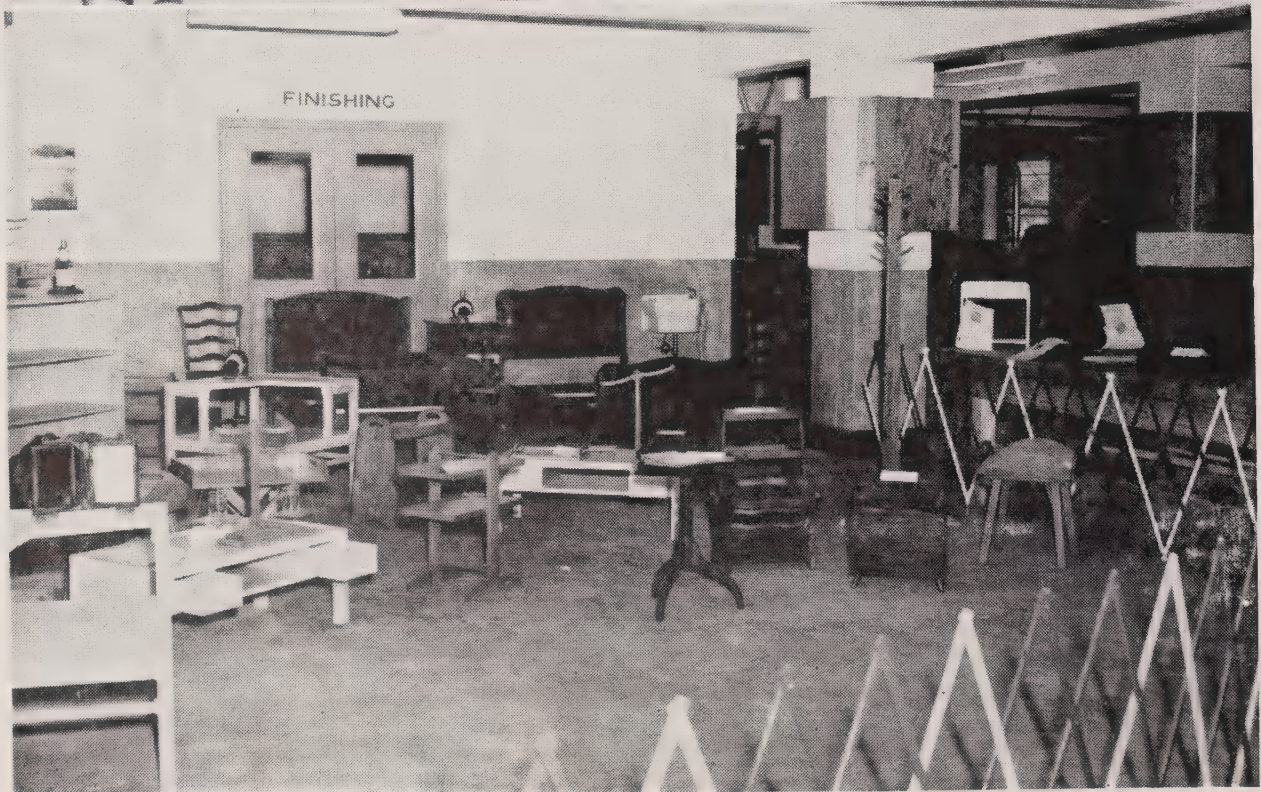
Seniors At Work



Top — Taking lessons in Linotype Operation.

Below — Project in Lathe Work.

Seniors At Work



Top — A View of Wood Work Shop.

Below — An Exhibit of Year's Work.

Seniors At Work



Top — Making May Day Dresses

Below — Taking Courses in Typing.

Seniors At Work



Top — Learning the Culinary Art.

Below — Scenes in Home Practice Apartment.

Driving Class



First Row: Wayne Brinkley, Hugh DeVenny, Larry Fowler, Ronald Richards, Carl Brooks, Lonnie Leonard, Ivey Faircloth. *Second Row:* Jo Peedin, Bobbie Bledsoe, Madge Foster, Betty Daniels, Peggy Greene, Elma Simmons, Betty Turner, Zeldia Hope, Authur Thaxton, Mr. Van Porter, *Instructor.*

Christmas Scenes



Rusty Triebert and Santa Claus



The Senior class was waiting for Santa Claus



Scenes from the Christmas pageant



Homecoming

November 1, 1952

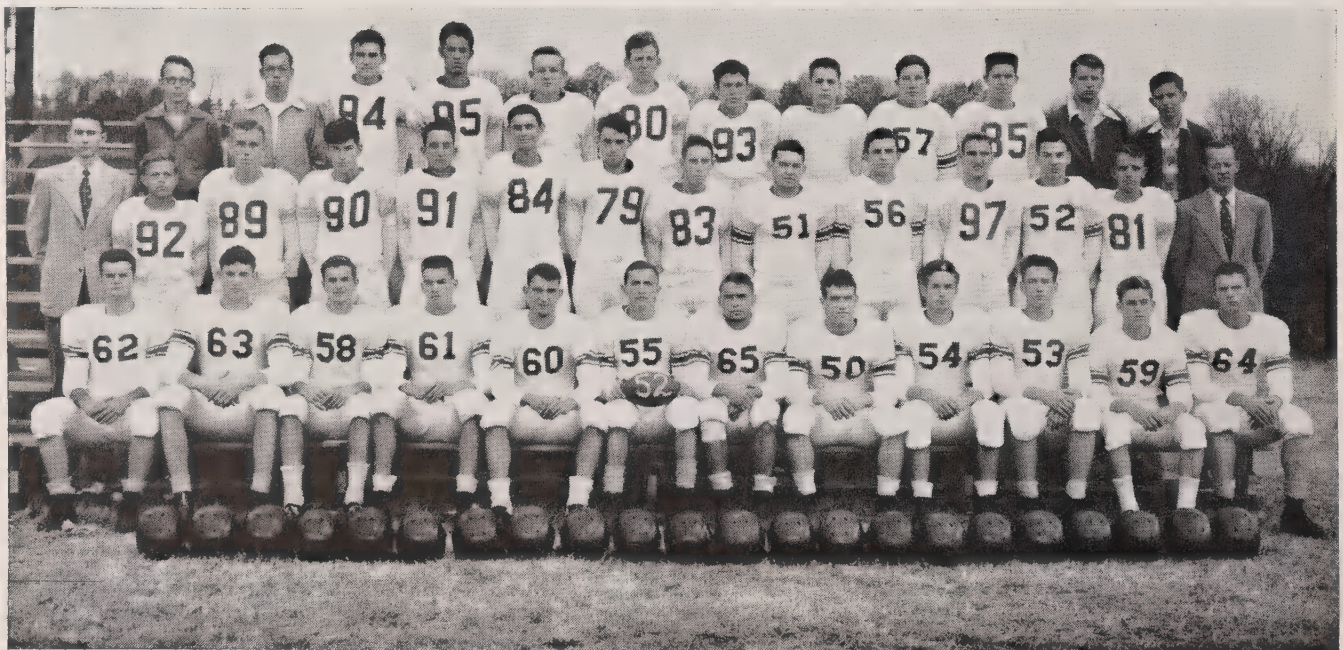
Queen Bobbie Dean Bledsoe

Athletic Staff



Mr. John Kubis, *Athletic Director*; Miss Carlene Rotha, *Director of Girls' Sports*; Mr. Carl Barber, *Assistant Coach*.

NCSD 1952 Football Squad



A Record to Be Proud of Eight Games Won, One Tied.

Basketball Team



First Row: Roy Yokeley, Glenn Patterson, Ted McBride, Co-captain; Tommy Smith, Captain; Wayne Brinkley, Lonnie Leonard, Edward Miller. Second Row: Bobby Dykes, Oliver Clark, Howard Carpenter, Morris West, Carl Barber, Coach; Owen Bass, Billy Heath, Gene Smith, Carl Brooks, Manager.

How NCS D Fared in Athletics

The NCS D football team was considered as being the second best eleven for schools for the deaf in the nation. Their basketball team won the first annual Mason-Dixon championship at the Virginia School.

Football Results

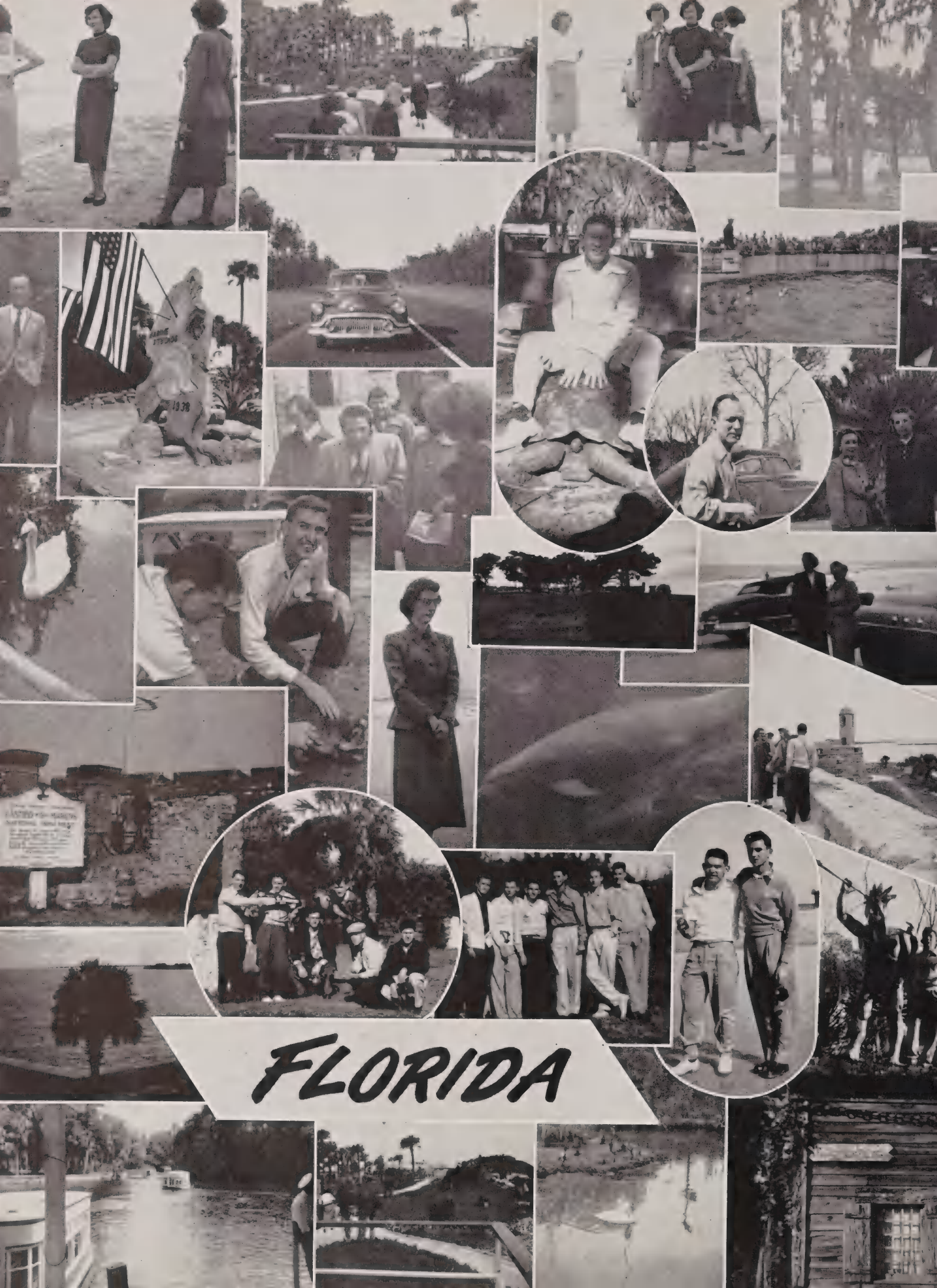
<i>N.C.S.D.</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
7—Glen Alpine	7
7—Granite Falls	6
19—Christ School	7
40—Cranberry	7
33—Crossnore	6
32—Virginia S. D.	0
24—South Carolina S. D.	7
19—Tennessee S. D.	0
12—Florida S. D.	0

Basketball Results

<i>N.C.S.D.</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
48—Caroleen	39
32—Lincolnton	57
35—Marion	46
42—Caroleen	36
49—Morganton	48
35—Lenoir	50
46—South Carolina S. D.	42
50—Cliffside	40
34—Rutherfordton	59
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45—Marion	44
47—Cliffside	41



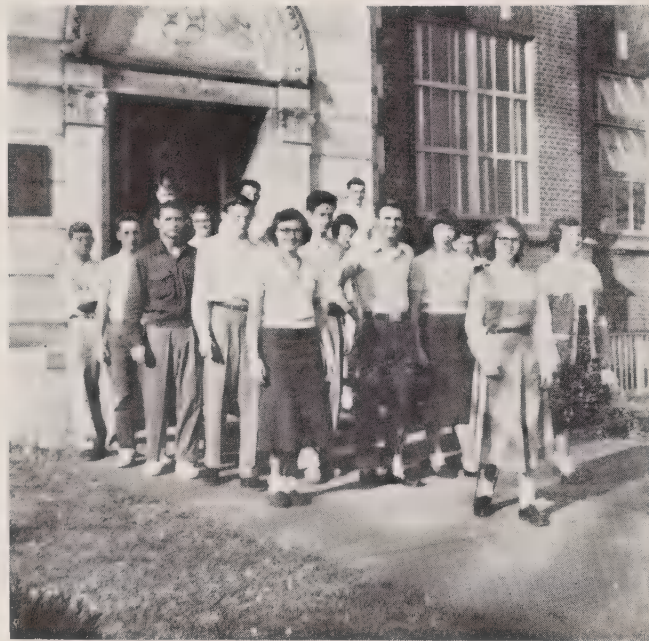
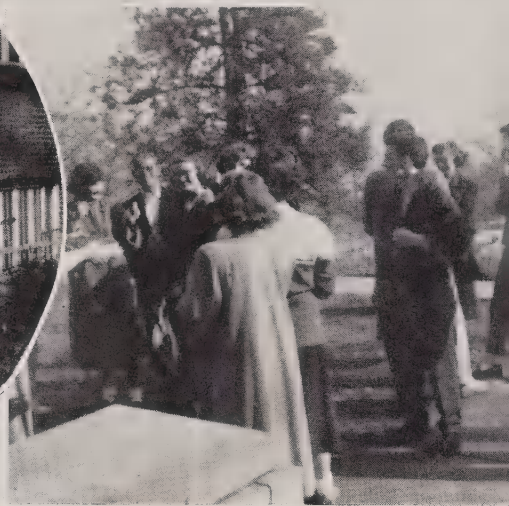




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“School Days, School Days, Dear Old Golden Rule Days”



June 10, 1953



May Day

Bottom Row: Joan Sherian and Martha Bledsoe, *Flower Girls*; Bob Page, *Crown Bearer*; Second Row: Jo Peedin, Zeldia Hope, Peggy Greene, Betty Daniels. Third Row: Juanita Merritt, Bobby Bledsoe, *Maid of Honor*; Betty Turner, *Queen*; Elma Gray Simmons.

Salutatory

Peggy Greene

The members of the 1953 graduating class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf are very happy to welcome our friends, parents and alumni to our commencement today. Your presence honors and inspires us and makes us realize more fully the importance of this day.

We are very fortunate in having Judge Sam J. Ervin, Jr., a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court, to deliver our commencement address. Judge Ervin, it means so much to have you with us today and we give you a warm welcome.

Members of the Board, we appreciate your presence here today and the interest you have always shown in our school.

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

Among the audience are many friends from the town of Morganton who have showed us much kindness during the past years. We are happy to have you with us on this important occasion.

And again friends, we welcome you to the fifty-eighth commencement of the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Valedictory

Betty Turner

Graduation day, the most exciting day in our lives, has arrived. We have looked forward to this day with great anticipation, but as we gather here for the last time the occasion is tinged with sadness. This school which has been our home for so many years is very dear to us. The happiness, hard work and struggles we have shared with one another have helped prepare us to meet the future. Tomorrow we step out into the world without the protection we have had so long of our school and our teachers. We hope that each of us will be a credit to our Alma Mater.

We are grateful to the State of North Carolina for giving us an education and taking care of us all these years.

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

To Doctor Rankin, our superintendent; Mr. Hoffmeyer, our principal; the staff and teachers, we want to express our gratitude for their labors, their interest, their care and patience through out the years.

As to the future, we face it with courage, strength and determination. Where ever we may go, we shall be strengthened by the lessons we have learned here.

I close with this thought. Although we leave today, our places will be filled by others. It is our sincere wish that all the valuable and delightful experiences which have been ours, will, in time, be theirs.

When their turn comes to go, may they be as sorry to leave as we are today.

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