

The Clock Tower



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F o r e w o r d

This edition of the Clock Tower did not come into being overnight. At the outset we were fully aware that it would be an undertaking requiring much mental and physical energy in many hours of work. All through the project we endeavored to perform our job to the best of our ability. We had ample helping hands when needed, always ready and willing; the cooperation was splendid. The finished product gives us a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. We feel rewarded for our efforts and are most grateful to others for their assistance.

In making the Clock Tower possible, we are especially indebted to Mr. Carl Barber for his invaluable service as advisor; to Mrs. Marie Davis for helping with the composition of the class themes; to Mr. Albert Mehl for the photography; to Mr. Paul Crutchfield for the printing work; and to those teachers and students who, in some part, contributed to the success of the 1954 Clock Tower.

DEDICATION

To Our Teachers

In grateful appreciation for—

their sincere faith in us,

their loyal devotion to us,

their genuine affection for us,

their unending struggles with us,

their sympathetic understanding of us,

and their abiding friendship toward us,

we lovingly and respectfully dedicate the Clock Tower.

Our Alma Mater

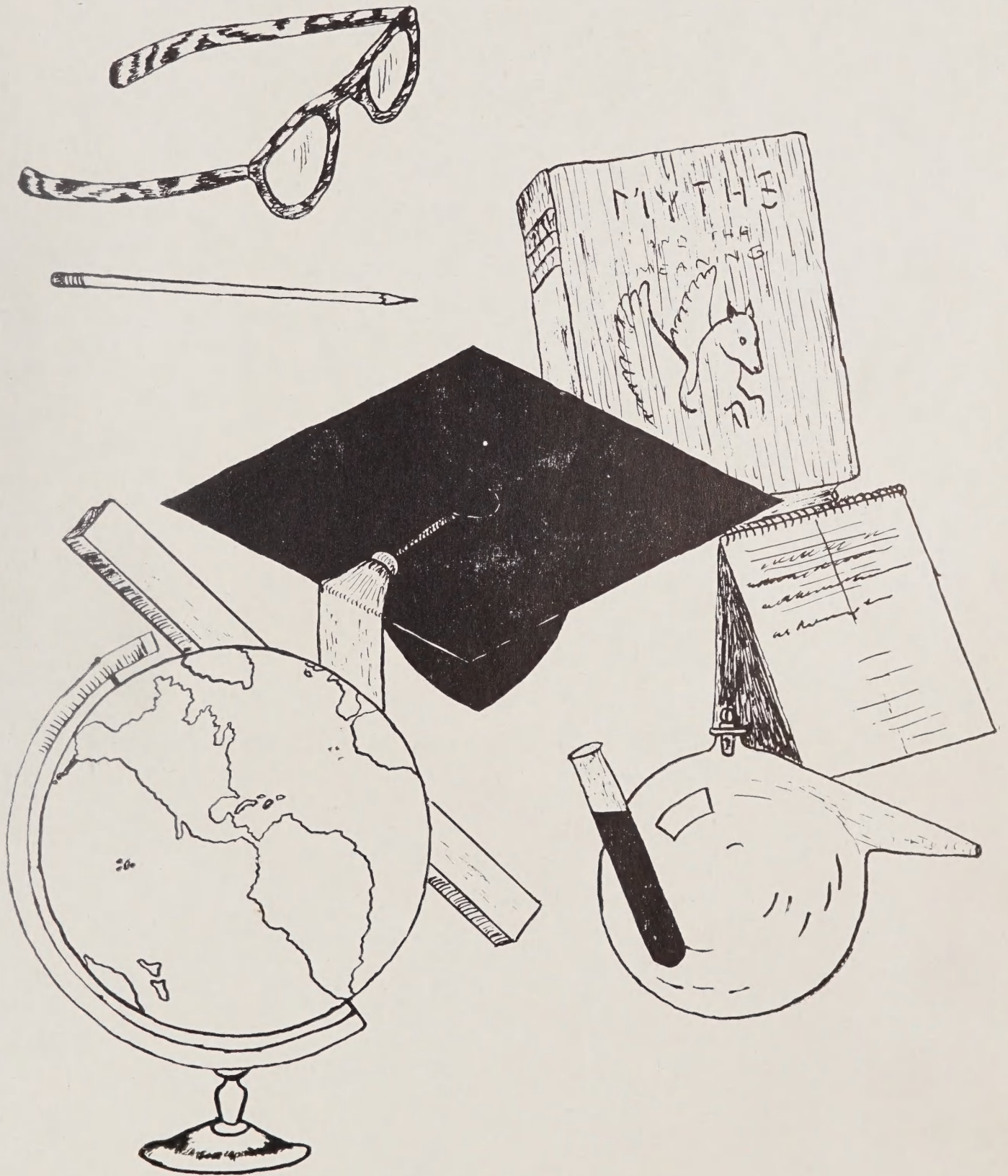
*May we never forget our beloved Alma Mater,
Our home for so many years.
A home to remember
When each dying ember
Will reveal how she stilled all our fears.*

*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.*

Our School



Our Superintendent



CARL E. RANKIN

These have been good years here in school—of learning to live together, learning to work and play, and to grow into fine citizenship. Into the years to come take with you memories of these good things and out of them make for yourselves better years. With you go our love, and our wishes for busy happy lives for you all.

Principal



BEN E. HOFFMEYER

By the work one knows the workman. As you enter your life's work be a workman who needs not to be ashamed. Probably the greatest talent is the ability and desire to work. Each of you have the ability and must cultivate a sincere desire if you do not possess it. Life returns in proportion to what you put into it. It is my sincerest hope that your life will be rich in happiness and success.

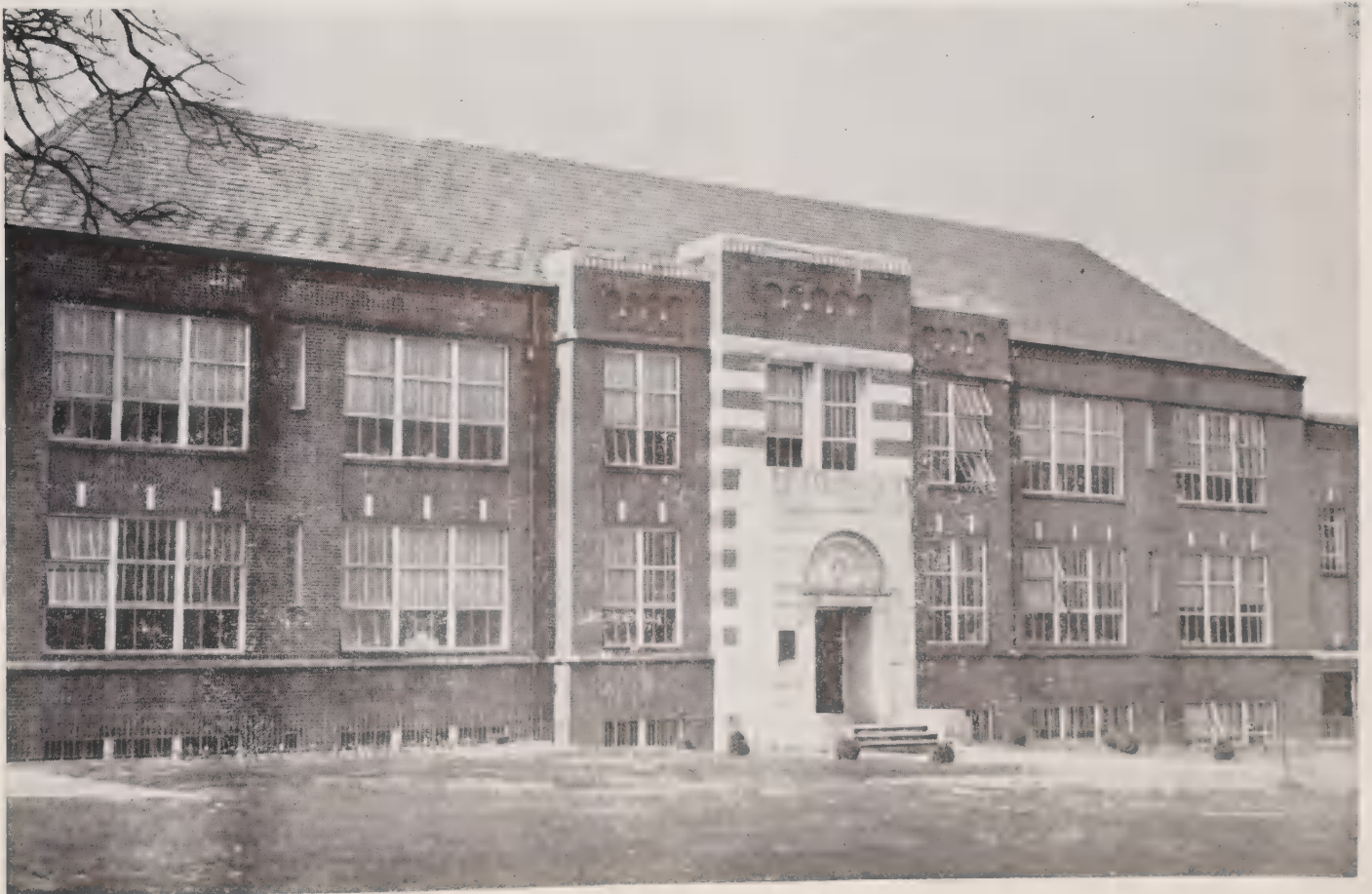
Assistant Principal



MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

Live a day at a time, but live it with courage and faith.

Upper School Building



Academic Teachers



First Row: Mrs. Jennie Law, Mrs. Sally Sheppard, Mrs. Frances Davis, Mrs. Mozelle Horton, Miss Nan Jeter, Mrs. Charlie Billings, Mrs. Jessie Warber; *Second Row:* Mrs. Iva Alexander, Mrs. Cordelia Giles, Miss Norma Bushey, Mrs. Tucker Walker, Mrs. Julia Wayt; *Third Row:* Mrs. Addie Knox, Mrs. Meta Bigham, Mrs. Kate Fowler, Mrs. Marie Davis, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker; *Fourth Row:* Mr. Albert Mehl, Mr. Carl Barber, Mr. Ben E. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Clarence Broecker, Mr. John Kubis, Mr. William Simpson.

Vocational Instructors



Front Row: Mrs. Delanie Winchester, Mrs. Anne Starrett, Mrs. Kathleen Underhill, Miss Lucy Goins, Mrs. Ann Vernon; *Second row:* Mr. John Oxford, Mr. John McCreight, Mr. C. C. Clontz, Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Mr. Van Porter; *Back Row:* Mr. Ben E. Hoffmeyer, Mr. Arthur Merrilla, Mr. Paul Crutchfield.



Class Roll

Hartse I Arrington	James Morrow
Cecil Crowder	Clyde Morton
O'Neal Dabbs	Jack Phillips
Fred English	Charles Puett
Avis Freeman	Lowell Riddle
Billy Heath	Peggy Riddle
Everette Helms	Joan Robbins
Mary Johnson	Charles Sentelle
Vilas Johnson	Donald Senter
Rosalyn Lee	Tommy Smith
Richard Leonard	Wiley Smith
Everette McAlister	Roy Walser
Geraldine McLain	Sterling White

Class Motto

"Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good."

Class Color

Black and Gold

Class Flower

Gladiolus

Class Tree

Sugar Maple

Junior Marshals

Nancy Bulla

Gene Smith

Class Mascots

Pat Cornette

Guy Kirk

Class Officers



Left to Right: Vilas Johnson, Vice-President; Sterling White, Treasurer; Billy Heath, President; Roy Walser, Secretary.

The Clock Tower Staff



Left to Right: Geraldine McLain, Mary Ellen Johnson, and Avis Freeman, Typists; Sterling White, Associate Editor and Photographer; Fred English, Editor-in-Chief; Rosalyn Lee, Associate Editor and Photographer.



HARTSELL LEE ARRINGTON

Clyde

"Let the world slide."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Sterling Honor Society 1950-'51; '53-'54
Football 1948-'49; '51; '53; Co-Captain 1951
Honorable Mention, *The Frat* 1951; Asheville
Optimist Bowl 1953
Basketball 1951-'52; Manager 1950
Track 1949-'51; '53-'54
Intramural Sports: wresting, soccer, volleyball,
softball, dodgeball, swimming

CECIL CLIFFORD CROWDER

Mars Hill

"With malice toward none, with charity for all."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Shoe Repairing
Boy Scout 1947-'52
Driver Education 1953-'54
Football 1950-'53
Intramural Sports: track, swimming baseball,
volleyball, horseshoes, soccer

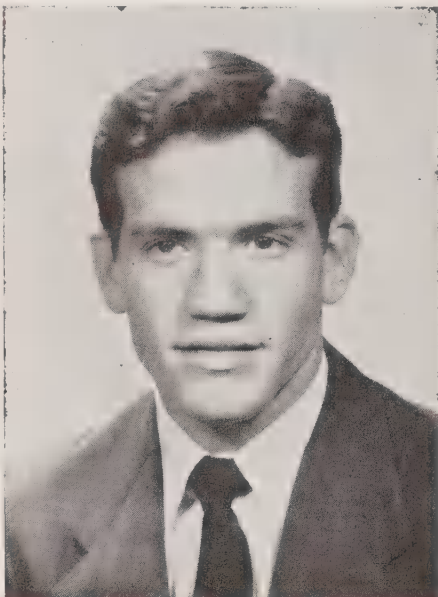


O'NEAL IRVING DABBS

Reidsville

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

Printing, Woodworking
Boy Scout 1946-'53
Football 1950-'53
All-American, 2nd team, *The Silent Worker* 1953
Track 1950-'54
Boxing, Golden Gloves Tournament
in Charlotte 1952
Intramural Sports: swimming, baseball, basketball



FRED EARL ENGLISH

Raeford

*"His heart is open as the day; his feelings
are all true."*

Printing

Boy Scout 1945-'49

Student Council 1952-'53

Sterling Honor Society 1951-'54

Track 1949-'54

Football 1951-'53; Co-Captain 1953

Basketball Manager 1951-'53

The Clock Tower, Editor-in-chief

Intramural Sports: baseball, swimming, volleyball



MONNIE AVIS FREEMAN

Eagle Springs

"Merrily, merrily shall I now live."

Home Economics, Sewing, Crafts, Typing,

Child Care, Home Management

Girl Scout 1947-'51

Pep Squad 1950-'53

Typing Award 1953

Driver Education 1953-'54

The Clock Tower, Typist

May Court

Intramural Sports: softball, badminton, swimming
deck-tennis, kick-ball, volleyball



WILLIAM EDWARD HEATH

Hickory

"True worth is in being, not seeming."

Shoe Repairing and Woodworking

Senior Class, President

Student Council, Vice-President 1953-'54

Christian Endeavor Society, Treasurer 1953-'54

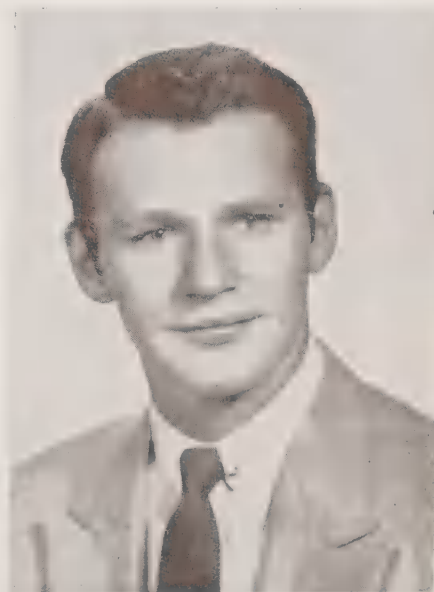
Sterling Honor Society 1951-'54

Boy Scout 1946-'49

Football 1949-'53; Captain 1953; All-American
Honorable Mention, *The Silent Worker*, *The
National Observer* 1952; All-American, *The
Silent Worker*, *The National Observer*, *The
Frat* 1953

Basketball 1950-'52

Track 1950-54; State Shot Put Champion 1954





MARY ELLEN JOHNSON

Statesville

"So blithe her looks, so simply clean."

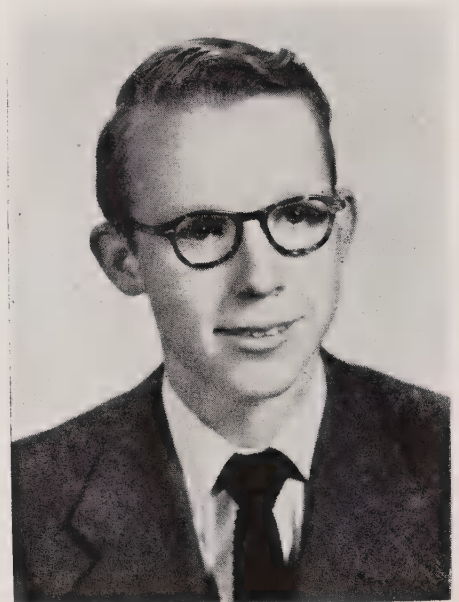
Typing, Sewing, Home Management, Art, Child Care
Junior Class, Vice-President 1952-'53
Fepha Honor Society 1952-'54; Treasurer 1953-'54
Pep Squad 1950-'54; President 1953-'54
Girl Scout 1949-'52; Life Saving 1953-'54
Driver Education 1953-'54
Student Council 1953-'54
Intramural Sports: softball, swimming, deck-tennis,
badminton, kick-ball
The Clock Tower, Typist
May Court

VILAS MONROE JOHNSON, JR.

Statesville

*"In thy face I see
The map of honor, truth and loyalty."*

Printing
Senior Class, Vice-President
Boy Scout 1948-'54; Junior Assistant
Scoutmaster 1953-'54
Student Council 1951-'53
Sterling Honor Society 1952-'54
Christian Endeavor Society, President 1953-'54
Sterling Honor Society, Treasurer 1953-'54
Football Manager 1952-'53
Intramural Sports: swimming, softball, volleyball,
track



ROSALYN FAYE LEE

Winston-Salem

"Let me my wholesome path pursue."

Home Management, Typing, Sewing, Art
Girl Scout 1949-'53
Pep Squad 1949-'54; Cheer Leader 1953-'54
Fepha Honor Society 1951-'54; President 1953-'54
Student Council 1952-'54
Goodwin Literary Society, President 1953-'54
Varsity Basketball 1952-'54
Intramural Sports: swimming, softball, badminton
deck-tennis
The Clock Tower, Associate Editor and
Photographer
Football Homecoming Maid of Honor
May Day Maid of Honor



RICHARD BOYD LEONARD

Morganton

*"I had rather have a fool to make me merry
than experience to make me sad."*

Woodworking, Dry Cleaning and Pressing

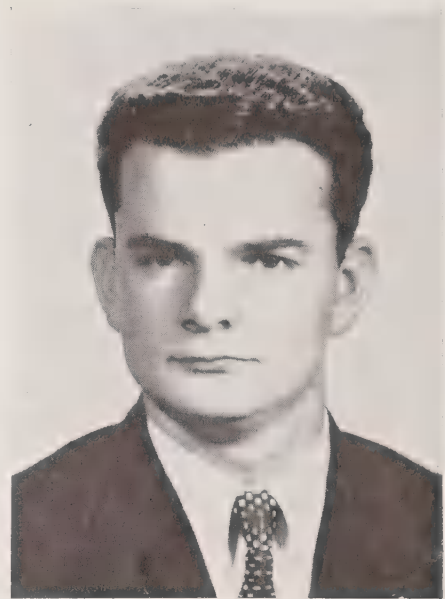
Boy Scout 1947-'51

Driver Education 1953-'54

Football 1950-'53

Track 1949-'53

Intramural Sports: wrestling, soccer



EVERETTE WADE McALISTER

Lincolnton

"No legacy is so rich as honesty."

Printing

Sterling Honor Society 1951-'54

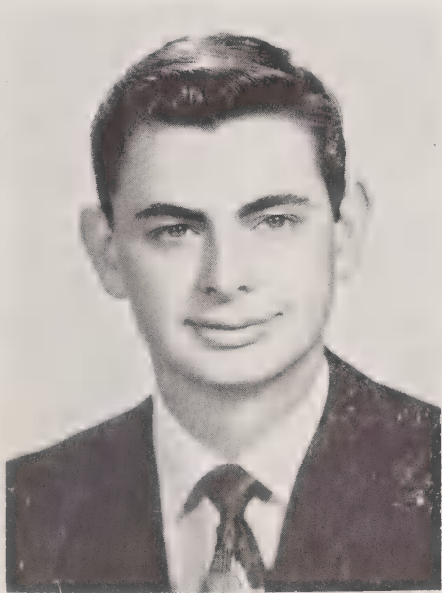
Boy Scout 1945-'50

Football 1950-'53

Basketball 1950-'51

Track 1951-'53

Intramural Sports: baseball, swimming, ping-pong,
wrestling



GERALDINE HATTIE McLAIN

Lugoff, S. C.

*"Her eyes as stars of twilight fair;
Like twilight's, too, her dusky hair."*

Home Economics, Typing, Sewing, Child Care,
Home Management

Typing Award 1953

Junior Class, Secretary 1952-'53

Pep Squad 1949-'52; '53-'54

Girl Scout 1946-'50

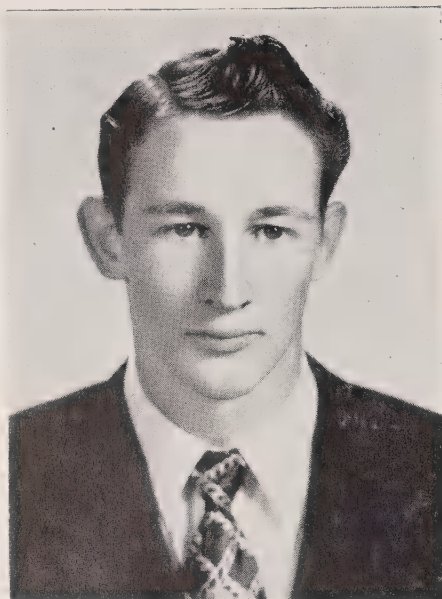
Driver Education 1953-'54

Varsity Basketball 1949-'54; Captain 1954

Sportsmanship Award in Lenoir Basketball
Tournament 1950

Intramural Sports: softball, deck-tennis, swimming
May Court





JAMES EDWARD MORROW

Morganton

"But, for my own part, it was Greek to me."

Woodworking, Agriculture, Shoe Repairing

Driver Education 1953-'54

Intramural Sports: swimming, baseball, soccer,
tennis

CLYDE JACKSON MORTON

Albemarle

*"Howe'er it be, it seems to me,
'tis only noble to be good."*

Printing

Boy Scout 1944-'54

Sterling Honor Society 1950-'54;

Vice-President 1951-'52; President 1953-'54

Student Council 1950-'54; Vice-President 1952-'53;

President 1951-'52; '53-'54

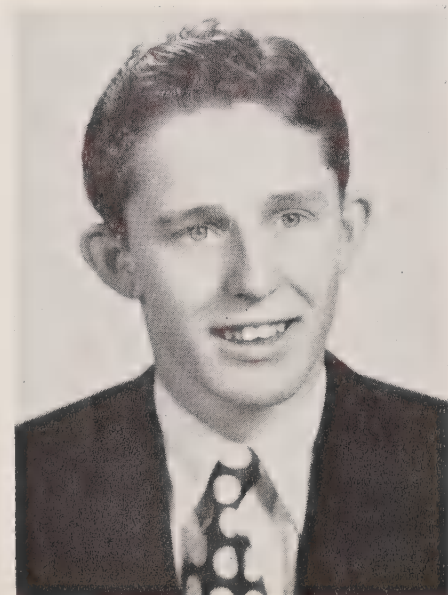
Junior Class, President 1952-'53

Goodwin Literary Society, Vice-President 1952-'53

Christian Endeavor Society, Vice-President 1952-'53

Football 1952-'53

Track 1949-'54



TRAVIS JACK PHILLIPS

Bear Creek

"In measureless content."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Woodworking

Boy Scout 1950-'51

Driver Education 1953-'54

Intramural Sports: softball, volleyball, soccer,
touch-football

CHARLES ANDREW PUETT

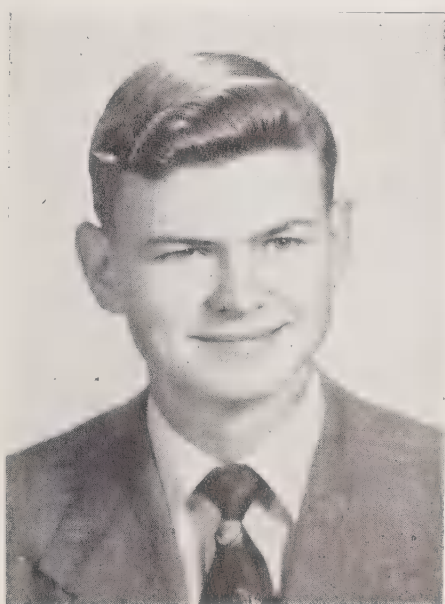
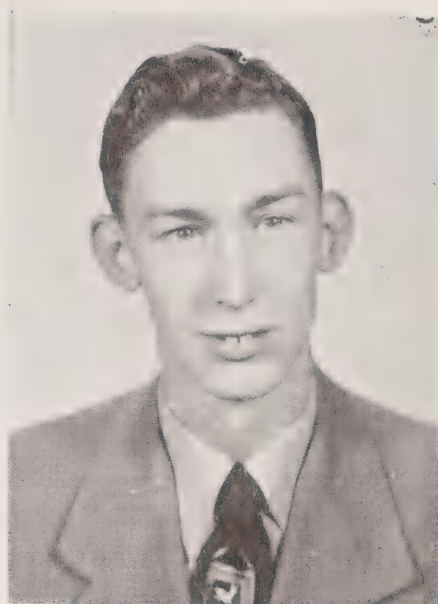
Morganton

*"What matter I stand alone?
I wait with joy the coming years."*

Dry Cleaning and Pressing, Shoe Repairing
Track Manager 1949-'52

Intramural Sports: football, baseball, swimming,
wrestling, horseshoes

Driver Education 1953-'54



LOWELL OLIVE RIDDLE

St. Pauls

"We shall rest, and faith, we shall need it."

Woodworking, Agriculture

Boy Scout 1947-'51

Sterling Honor Society 1953-'54

Agricultural Award 1950

Intramural Sports: baseball, softball, swimming

PEGGY ANN RIDDLE

Sanford

*"O, to have a little house!
To own the hearth and stool and all."*

Home Economics, Sewing, Typing, Child Care,
Home Management

Typing Award 1953

Pep Squad 1949-'54; Cheer Leader 1953-'54

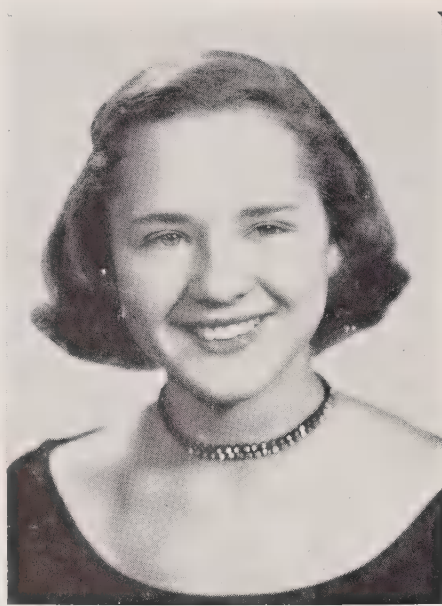
Girl Scout 1947-'53

Fepha Honor Society 1953-'54

Intramural Sports: basketball, swimming, volley-
ball, tennis, softball, skating

May Court





JOAN ELIZABETH ROBBINS

Concord

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

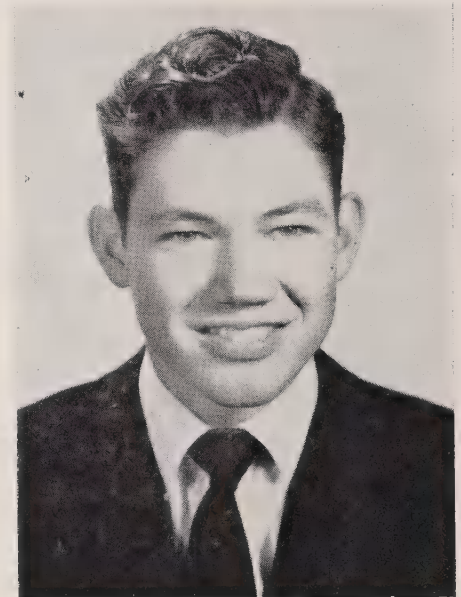
Typing, Sewing, Home Management, Art
Fepha Honor Society 1952-'54; Secretary 1953-'54
Pep Squad 1949-'54; Secretary and Treasurer
1953-'54; Cheer Leader 1952-'54
Girl Scout 1949-'54; Life Saving 1953-'54
Junior Marshal 1953
Driver Education 1953-'54
Varsity Basketball 1952-'54
Intramural Sports: softball, swimming, deck-tennis,
badminton.
Football Homecoming Maid of Honor
May Queen

CHARLES CAMBY SENTELLE

Pisgah Forest

*"Laugh and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone."*

Woodworking, Agriculture
Driver Education 1953-'54
Track Manager 1951
Track 1952
Football Manager 1953
Intramural Sports: baseball, football, basketball,
soccer, wrestling, swimming

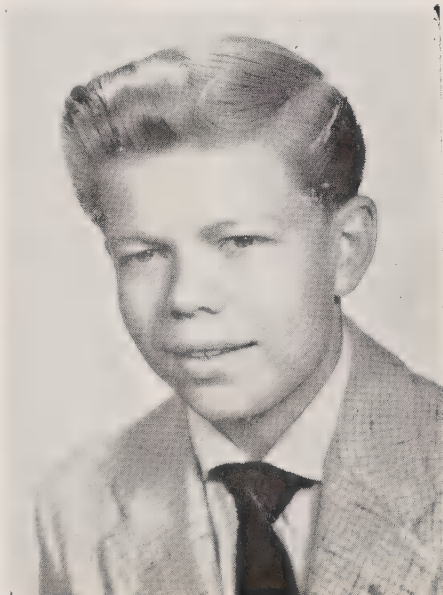


DONALD RAY SENTER

Morganton

"Serene, I fold my hands and wait."

Printing
Boy Scout 1946-'53
Sterling Honor Society 1952-'54
Driver Education 1953-'54
Intramural Sports: football, baseball, swimming,
soccer



TOMMY FRANKLIN SMITH

Waxhaw

*"Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing
on through life I go."*

Woodworking, Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Boy Scout 1946-'48
Sterling Honor Society 1951-'53
Football 1950-'53
Basketball 1949-'54; Captain '53; Co-Captain '54
Track 1950-'51; '53-'54
Intramural Sports: volleyball, baseball, swimming



WILEY MARTIN SMITH

Roseboro

"It's my duty and I will."

Printing
Boy Scout 1944-'49
Sterling Honor Society 1950-'54
Football Manager 1951-'53
Varsity Track 1952-'53
Junior Class, Treasurer 1953
Intramural Sports: softball, swimming, volleyball,
football

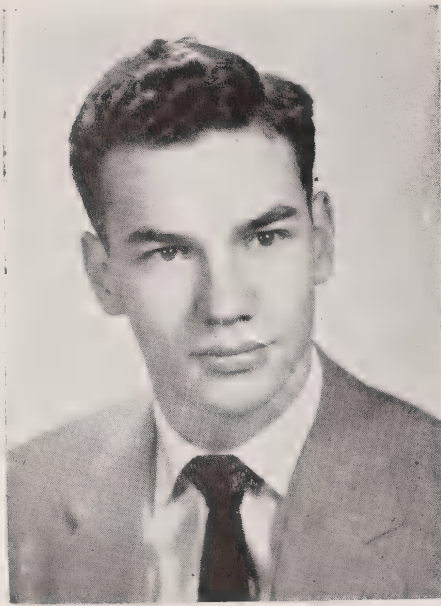
ROY EVERETTE WALSER

Lexington

"The mirror of all courtesy."

Woodworking
Senior Class Secretary
Christian Endeavor Society, Secretary 1953-'54
Sterling Honor Society 1951-'54; Secretary '53-'54
Intramural Sports: tennis, volleyball, swimming





JOHN STERLING WHITE

Winston-Salem

*"And the thoughts of youth are long,
long thoughts."*

Woodworking

Sterling Honor Society 1951-'54; Vice-President
1953-'54

Student Council 1952-'53

Boy Scout 1947-'54; Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
1953-'54

Senior Class, Treasurer

Football 1949-'53

Track 1952

The Clock Tower, Associate Editor and
Photographer

Intramural Sports: swimming, volleyball, softball,
soccer

Advanced Department Students



First Row: Brownie Stamey, Betty Sue Anderson, Jean Greene, Patsy Clark, Virginia Hines; *Second Row:* Faye Johnston, Ann Weaver, Jewell Gordon, Edna Brinkley, Nancy Bulla, Dorothy Settlemeyre, Paulette McGee; *Third Row:* Johnny Miller, Tommy Lindsey, Gene Smith, Robert DeVenny, Edward Miller, Bobby Taylor, Donald Hill; *Fourth Row:* Benny Mann, Herman Spencer, Morris West, Glenn Patterson, Ted McBride, Howard Carpenter, Willie Brower, Lindsey McFarland, Roy Yokeley.

Class History

Tommy Smith and Billy Heath

The graduating class of 1954 is the largest class in the history of the school. It consists of twenty-six members. Eighteen are academic graduates and eight are vocational graduates. This group represents three classes which were formed in the fall of 1953 with Mr. Barber, Mrs. Davis and Mr. Simpson as home-room teachers.

The past year has been a short but happy one filled with many exciting and interesting events.

The school was host to the Mason-Dixon Tournament in March. We were very proud of the good sportsmanship shown by our team, and, also, of the way in which all students cooperated to make the tournament a success.

We did not expect a banquet this year as there is no junior class. Imagine our surprise when there was one given in our honor. The food was delectable and the decorations most attractive. We wish to thank those who were in charge for their interest in making it such a delightful occasion.

The highlight of the year was the trip to Washington D. C. We had looked forward to it for months and at last the day arrived. Early on Thursday, March 25, we piled into our bus and were on our way. The trip was planned to the last detail and we accomplished a great deal of sightseeing. We returned weary and exhausted, but we shall never forget this wonderful experience.

Time does permit me to mention all the activities of the year as I want to give a thumbnail sketch of each senior.

Hartsell Arrington, a vocational senior, was born in Clyde. He entered school in 1942 with Miss Betty Watrous as his first teacher. His dream is to own a ranch. He is a member of the Sterling Honor Society. He was chosen to play in the Optimist Bowl game in Asheville on December 4, 1953.

Cecil Crowder, a vocational senior, entered school in 1940. Mrs. Tucker Walker was his first teacher. He plans to work at the Enka Rayon Company when he finishes school. Cecil's home is at Mars Hill where he was born June 25, 1933.

O'Neal Dabbs, an academic senior, was born at Spray on November 9, 1934. When he entered school, Miss Marjorie Gordon was his teacher. He was a member of the football squad. He hopes to find work in a printing shop.

Fred English, an academic senior, was born in Aberdeen on August 22, 1932 but now lives

at Raeford. He entered school in 1945 with Mrs. Triebert as his first teacher. His favorite sport is football. He has done good work as editor of *The Clock Tower*. He hopes to be a linotype operator for a newspaper in West Virginia when school closes.

Avis Freeman, an academic senior, entered school when she was seven years old. Her first teacher was Mrs. Tucker Walker. She is very much interested in sewing and typing. She was a member of the Pep Squad for several years. She plans to take a course at Kings Business College before getting work in an office. Her home is at Eagle Springs where she was born February 10, 1933.

Billy Heath, an academic senior, was born September 3, 1934 at Washington, N. C. He now lives in Hickory. His first teacher was Miss Watrous. He has been active in sports. He was captain and an All-American star in 1953. He was president of the class this year and was a member of the Student Council.

Mary Ellen Johnson, an academic senior, was born in Wilkesboro on January 29, 1934. When she entered school in 1941, Miss Gordon was her teacher. She was a member of the Student Council and the manager of the girls' basketball team in 1954. She was in the Pep Squad for four years. She plans to be a typist when she finishes school.

Vilas Johnson, an academic senior, entered school in 1941 with Miss Gordon as his first teacher. He was born July 2, 1935 at Wilkesboro. His work in scouting has been outstanding. He was vice-president of his class and was president of the Christian Endeavor Society this year. He hopes to enter Gallaudet College this fall.

Rosalyn Lee, an academic senior, entered school in 1941. She also had Miss Gordon as her first teacher. She, Vilas, and Mary Ellen have been in the same class since they first started to school. She was a member of the basketball team and a cheer leader for the Pep Squad. Her chief interest is training and showing off her horse. She plans to study art in college.

Richard Leonard, a vocational senior, was born in Morganton October 4, 1935. Miss Watrous was his first teacher when he entered school in 1942. He was a member of the football team from 1949 to 1953. He plans to work at the Fisher Body Company in Flint, Michigan.

Everette McAlister, an academic senior, hails from Lincolnton where he was born on

February 21, 1933. Miss Joy Bowers was his first teacher. He was on the basketball team in 1951 and was a member of the 1953 football team. He also belonged to the Sterling Honor Society. He hopes to enter Gallaudet College in the fall.

Geraldine McLain, an academic senior, entered school in 1940. Her first teacher was Mrs. Tucker Walker. She was born May 8, 1934 in Kannapolis but now lives in Lugoff, South Carolina. She was a member of the basketball team and the Pep Squad. She likes typing and plans to get an office job if she doesn't become a model.

James Morrow, a vocational senior, joined the class in the fall of 1952 after attending public school. He was born on April 9, 1934 in Morganton. He will work at the Rich Milling Company when he finishes school.

Clyde Morton, an academic senior, lives in Albemarle. He came to school in 1940 and Mrs. Tucker Walker was his first teacher. He was president of the Student Council this year. He has played football and was manager of the basketball team. Scouting has been his hobby.

Jack Phillips, a vocational senior, was born at Bear Creek on November 6, 1936. He entered school in the fall of 1941. Miss Gordon was his first teacher. He has trained in the woodworking shop and plans to be a carpenter.

Charles Puett, a vocational senior, lives in Morganton where he was born November 22, 1934. Mrs. Horton was his first teacher. He plans to get a job as a machinist this summer.

Lowell Riddle, an academic senior, had Miss Watrous as his first teacher in 1941. He lives at St. Pauls where he was born August 17, 1934. He plans to operate a farm when he graduates.

Peggy Riddle, an academic senior, was born November 13, 1934 in Sanford. When she entered school in 1941, her first teacher was Miss Bowers. She was manager of the basketball team and a cheer leader this year. She likes typing and plans to get work in an office.

Joan Robbins, an academic senior, entered school in 1940 with Mrs. Tucker Walker as her first teacher. She was born August 12,

1933 in Concord. She was on the basketball team and was cheer leader for three years. She was chosen May Queen this year by popular vote. She would like to be a model when she graduates.

Charles Sentelle, a vocational senior, entered N.C.S.D. in 1949 after attending public school in Brevard. He was born May 3, 1933. He was manager of the football team this year. He plans to get work in a factory near his home after graduation.

Donald Senter, an academic senior, was born March 25, 1934 in Woodfin but he now lives in Morganton. In 1941 he entered school with Miss Gordon as his teacher. He has trained in the print shop and plans to continue this work when he finishes school.

Wiley Smith, an academic senior, was born in Roseboro on April 20, 1932 and entered school in 1938. Mrs. Tucker Walker was his first teacher. He was a member of the Sterling Honor Society and co-manager of the football team this year. He wants to be a linotype operator.

Tommy Smith, an academic senior, first saw the light of day at Weddington on April 24, 1934. Miss Watrous was his first teacher. He has been very much interested in sports and was on the football team for four years and was a member of the basketball team for six years. He was one of the All-Tournament players at the Mason-Dixon Tournament in Virginia in 1953. He hopes to go to Gallaudet College this fall.

Roy Walser, an academic senior, entered school in 1950. Mrs. Horton was his first teacher. He was secretary of this class and is interested in office work. He was born in Lexington on April 27, 1931.

Sterling White, an academic senior was born in Elizabeth City, January 5, 1935. He now lives in Winston-Salem. His first teacher was Miss Watrous. He was treasurer of the class this year. He would like to study chemistry if he goes to college.

We hope you have enjoyed this brief history of the class. May each member succeed in his life's work and be a credit to the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

Best wishes to all.

ANALYSIS OF CLASS OF 1954

Name	Nickname	Weakness	Favorite Expression	Favorite Sport	Ambition
Hartsell Arrington	"Doc"	Fancy-colored clothes	"I can't see"	Football	Ranch-farmer
Cecil Crowder	"Crow"	Sport clothes	"Me, too"	Football	Dry Cleaner
O'Neal Dabbs	"Ervin"	Ice cream	"I don't like it"	Baseball	Printer
Fred English	"Freddie"	Looking over new cars	"I know it"	Golf	Linotype Operator
Avis Freeman	"Birdie"	Eating onions	"So what"	Roller-skating	Private Office Business
Billy Heath	"Iron Jaw"	Milk shakes	"You're foolin'!"	Football	Business Man
Mary Johnson	"Marie"	Ice cream	"Don't be silly"	Softball	Typist
Vilas Johnson	"V. M."	Ice cream	"Possibly"	Swimming	Linotype Operator
Rosalyn Lee	"Rose"	Ice cream	"Surely, surely"	Hoseback-riding	Art Teacher
Richard Leonard	"Dick"	Hamburgers	"I dunno"	Football	Auto Worker
Everette McAlister	"Bud"	Discussing sport	"Really"	Baseball	Linotype Operator
Geraldine McLain	"Gerry"	Going on trips	"Oh me, oh my!"	Basketball	Model
James Morrow	"Jamie"	Seeing picture shows	"You know better"	Baseball	Clerk
Clyde Morton	"Jack"	Ice cream	"Oh, no I didn't"	Football	Linotype Operator
Jack Phillips	"Phil"	Ice cream	"Phooey"	Baseball	Carpenter
Charles Puett	"Charlie"	Comic books	"I don't believe it"	Horseshoes	Air Conditioning Expert
Lowell Riddle	"Olive"	Taking naps	"See here"	Swimming	Farmer
Peggy Riddle	"Fatty"	Movies	"Know what I mean?"	Roller-skating	Skater
Joan Robbins	"Jo"	Wearing dressy clothes	"I never said that"	Swimming	Model
Charles Sentelle	"Chas"	Banana splits	"Who said so?"	Swimming	Factory Worker
Donald Senter	"Blonde"	Fancy clothes	"Aw, nonsense"	Baseball	Landlord
Tommy Smith	"Red"	His sweetie	"No, no, no"	Basketball	Painter
Wiley Smith	"Froggy"	Mounds candy	"I don't care"	Track	Linotype Operator
Roy Waiser	"Ubbly"	Siestas	"I don't know"	Tennis	Office Clerk
Sterling White	"Dr. White"	Tinkering	"What huh?"	Football	Chemist

Class Prophecy

Sterling White

In the summer of 1986 as Halley's comet appeared it made me think of my old classmates and the arguments we had as to where we would be when the comet appeared thirty-two years later.

I had not thought about some of them for many years and I had lost contact with them. I remembered that my N.C.S.D. class book was in the attic so I went to look for it. I finally found it under a pile of magazines. I blew the dust off and settled down to read it from cover to cover. I suddenly decided to take a short vacation and surprise all twenty-five of my classmates with a visit.

It would really be a surprise to them for soon after graduating from college I had started working on my invention. I had lost all contact with my former friends and had buried myself in my work. I had kept my plans a secret.

At last, after many years of hard work and disappointments, I had accomplished what I had set out to do. My dream was realized in the atom-powered flying cup which could take off and land in a few square feet and fly faster than any other craft. I had kept the success of my invention a secret from everyone. Now would be a good time for me to introduce it to the public and show it off to my classmates.

The next morning right after breakfast I took off from the roof of my house in my flying cup, NXD-346, with Seattle, Washington as my destination. I knew that Billy Heath lived there as I had read about him in a sports magazine.

Fifty-nine minutes later I circled over Billy's home which was as large as a palace. I landed near a porch and Billy came running out to see what queer contraption had dared approach his house. He was amazed when he saw me. He recognized me instantly and shook hands with me. Wow! My hand was almost crushed. He was strong and broad-shouldered and made me think of Richard, the Lion-Hearted I had studied about long before. I was surprised to see that he was wearing a football uniform. He told me that he had just gotten back from practice. He owned a professional team and also played on it. According to him, he was the world's most marvelous player. He insisted that I stay for lunch and while we were eating he told me about several of our classmates. He said Rosalyn lived in Kentucky so I decided to call on her next.

I hopped into my flying cup and flew east to Kentucky. I flew high but in a few minutes slowed down and came in low as I knew I was getting near her home. What was that I saw? It looked like a brown field moving. I came in

closer and realized that what I had seen was a group of horses grazing close together. There were hundreds and hundreds of them. Not far away I saw a long low ranch house so I came down near the front door. I called and called but no one answered. I went to the stables and found Rosalyn carrying a very unusual looking horse. She told me that it was an unicorn, an animal something like a horse, but it has a single long horn in the middle of its forehead. It was the first one I had ever seen and I was very much interested. We went back to the house for a chat. The rooms were so filled with trophies that I could hardly walk for them. Rosalyn told me that Vilas was in Washington, D. C. After a short visit with her, I left for Washington.

I arrived in Washington about an hour before dinner time. I decided to go to Gallaudet College immediately to look up Vilas. As I neared the college I met a man carrying many books. Though I recognized him immediately, Vilas didn't know who I was. He seemed pleased to see me and invited me to have dinner with him. He used such big words that I needed a dictionary. He told me that he was leaving Washington soon to teach at Duke University. His reputation was greater than that of Dr. Einstein's whom he resembled in appearance.

The next day I flew to Miami for a few days' rest. I saw two distinguished-looking people coming out of a swanky hotel. I knew them at once. They were Lowell Riddle and Mary Ellen Johnson. They were dressed in very fine clothes. He had a big diamond stick pin in his scarf and she had on a mink coat and the Hope Diamond. You could tell they were billionaires. I started to speak to them but they promptly snubbed me.

Just then a brand new Cadillac car pulled up to the curb and some one called my name. It was Donald Senter on his way back to New York. He was owner-manager of the Yankees and was very successful. It was very nice to see him looking well and happy.

I walked along the street toward my hotel. In the lobby I bought a magazine on photography. I glanced through it and imagine my astonishment when I saw a large colored picture of Clyde Morton smiling at me. I read the article and learned that he was a very famous professional photographer.

That evening I went to a sports show at the Coliseum. I was reading over the program when I discovered that it was printed by the McAlister-English Printing Company. So two more of my old classmates had succeed in do-

ing what they had planned long before. The next morning I called a taxi to take me to their shop. Everette did not know me and I did not tell him who I was, but pretended I wanted to see the shop. He took me to where Fred was running an atomic press. Fred was very polite but he had no idea who I was. Wiley Smith was operating the linotype machine. He recognized me immediately and Everette and Fred were really surprised to see me. They told me that Wiley held the record as the best linotype operator in the United States. They insisted I go with them to see a basketball game. We reached the gym just as the game started. One player was very speedy and tricky. I realized it was Geraldine McLain who ranked as one of the best players. After the game we all had dinner together.

The next morning I left early for Hollywood as I wanted to eat breakfast there. I saw a very attractive cafe and went in. The owner greeted me by name and asked me if I did not know him. I had to admit I did not. It was Charles Puett. He weighed nearly three hundred pounds.

While I was eating two beautiful girls came into the cafe. They were so familiar looking I felt I should know them. Then I realized they must be Joan Robbins' daughters. I asked Charles if they were and he said they were and introduced me. The girls told me that their mother was making a picture for M.G.M. and invited me to come to see her but I did not have time.

I climbed into my flying cup and got to San Francisco in a few minutes. As I was feeling sleepy I decided to go to a motel and get a room. I came down in front of a very pretty one. The clerk and owner was none other than James Morrow. He gave me a nice room and told me that Richard Leonard lived not far from there. He promised to take me to see him after I rested. James had five fancy cars in his garage and took at least ten minutes trying to make up his mind which to drive. At last we took off in a bright yellow convertible. I saw a large sign which said *Leonard's Elixir*. James told me that was Richard's product. We got to his factory and went into the office Richard was fast asleep with his feet on the desk. We woke him up as I was anxious to talk to him. He told me that he was getting rich selling this elixir. We went over the plant and I tasted the medicine. It was a pretty red color and tasted very good. I asked Richard what it was for and he said it would cure anything.

The next morning I drove north of San Francisco to see Avis Freeman. She had a cannery where she canned fried onions. I was not surprised to learn about her cannery as she had always liked onions so well when she was at N.C.S.D.

That afternoon I went to see the Rams and Indians play football. The ticket seller looked familiar and I realized it was Everette Helms.

He told me that he had come to California soon after he graduated from N.C.S.D. I saw that number 65 was a good player so looked him up in the program book. I discovered it was Hartsell Arrington. I was eager to see him but the manager would not let me as he always rested after a game. I was disappointed not to tell him how proud I was of his success. Everette told me that O'Neal Dabbs had a large dairy not far from the city so I took a taxi out to see him. His dairy was very modern looking. O'Neal was delighted to see me and showed me all over the plant. It was all run by atomic power. It was clean and quiet as the machinery made no noise. O'Neal had made a lot of money and told me that he was a big shot.

Leaving San Francisco I had planned to go to Seattle, Washington but as I took off I had bad luck. The compass became mixed-up and I flew east with the speed of light and landed in Washington, D. C. I went to a very exclusive hotel for dinner and there saw our President, Mr. Xgyptmi, dining with a dark-haired man. I asked a waitress who the man was and she told me it was Roy Walser, the famous author of many political science books. As they passed me on their way out Roy did not recognize me and I did not dare speak to him.

I went to a show later that evening and as I was coming out I saw two familiar looking faces. They belonged to Charles Sentelle and Jack Phillips. They told me that they had a very successful business manufacturing auto parts. They asked me if I had seen Peggy Riddle. She lived in Washington so they gave me her address.

The next morning I went to visit Peggy. Imagine my surprise when I saw her. She was very thin. She told me that she had married a man who ran a health center for reducing fat people. He had many famous people as his customers. She followed his diet and exercises so she never gained an ounce.

After leaving Peggy's I bought a newspaper. I saw where the famous astronomer, who had discovered a new planet called the Smithite, was visiting in Washington. I was very much excited when I realized it was Tommy Smith better known to us as "Red".

Strolling through the shopping center I saw a sign, "Crowder's Dummy Company". I went in to see if it could be my old classmate, Cecil. He was glad to see me and told me that he sold dummies to all the leading stores.

After bidding Cecil good bye I went back to the hotel to pack my bag to leave for home. I thought of the friends I had seen and of their success. It made me happy to know that they were doing what they enjoyed. If only my flying cup would make it home, I would be satisfied that I, too, had become as great a success as my classmates.

Class Will

Joan Robbins and Avis Freeman

We, the Senior Class of 1954, being of sound mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament. Before leaving our beloved school we wish to bequeath our most cherished possessions to our dear schoolmates and faculty. These gifts are bestowed upon the recipients without malice, without coercion and with the love and affection of the donors.

To our superintendent, principal, faculty and staff, we leave our appreciation and gratitude for all you have done for us during the years we have spent here.

To the tenth grade, we leave our class-room and well-worn books. These they shall care for and keep in good order and pass on to future classes.

Hartsell Arrington leaves to Charles Pless his love of taking naps anywhere and at all times.

To Gary Greenwood, Cecil Crowder leaves his love of teasing the girls.

O'Neal Dabbs bequeaths his habit of laughing to Howard Carpenter.

Fred English leaves to Gene Smith his fondness of fancy cars.

Avis Freeman leaves her skill of house keeping and sewing to Sally Brown.

To Vernon Hardison, Billy Heath leaves his ability for drinking milk shakes.

Everette Helms leaves his private race auto to Eugene Hensley.

Mary Ellen Johnson wills to Nancy Bulla her love of eating ice cream.

To Terry Dillon, Vilas Johnson leaves his interest in talking about world affairs.

Rosalyn Lee leaves her skill in sports to Edna Richardson.

Richard Leonard leaves his clowning and telling jokes to his brother, David Leonard.

Everette McAlister leaves to Roy Yokeley his love of arguing about sports.

To Ann Weaver, Geraldine McLain leaves her basketball skill.

James Morrow leaves his neat ways to Morris West.

Clyde Morton leaves his interest in scouting to Tommy Lindsey.

To Robert DeVenny, Jack Phillips leaves his job of washing dishes at Goodwin Hall.

Charles Puett leaves his habit of being late to class to Ted McBride.

Lowell Riddle leaves his love of hunting and fishing to Billy Williams.

To Joan Allen, Peggy Riddle bequeaths her skill in skating.

Joan Robbins hands down to Barbara Phillips her love of clothes.

To Donald Core, Charles Sentelle leaves his tendency to argue about cars.

Donald Senter leaves his weakness for loud and fancy clothes to Edward Miller.

To Donald Hill, Tommy Smith leaves his red hair.

Wiley Smith leaves his quiet ways to Bobby Taylor.

Roy Walser leaves his fountain pen and stationary to Brownie Stamey.

Sterling White leaves his mischievous ways to James Moose.

These bequests are our most precious possessions. We leave them with you and hope that you can get rid of them in due time.

SUPERLATIVES



Most Studious



Most Popular



Most Athletic



Best All-Round



Funniest



Most Likely To Succeed



Best Looking



Best Dressed



Sleepiest



Most Mischievous

Driver Education Group



Standing: Mr. Van Porter, *Instructor;* *Kneeling:* Roy Walser, Vilas Johnson, Joan Robbins, Geraldine McLain, Mary Ellen Johnson, Avis Freeman, Lowell Riddle, O'Neal Dabbs, Donald Senter, Billy Heath; *Absent:* Charles Sentelle, Richard Leonard, Cecil Crowder, Charles Fuet, Jack Phillips.

The aim of the Driver Education Class has been, and always will be, "To make as good a driver and pedestrian of each pupil as is possible." In this way each pupil stands, or sometimes falls, upon his own capabilities and efforts. Basically, each year the pupils are the same; some grasping the fundamentals of driving very quickly, and others requiring more time. The time required to learn does not seem to have any bearing upon how skillful a driver becomes, provided the length of time required to learn is reasonable.

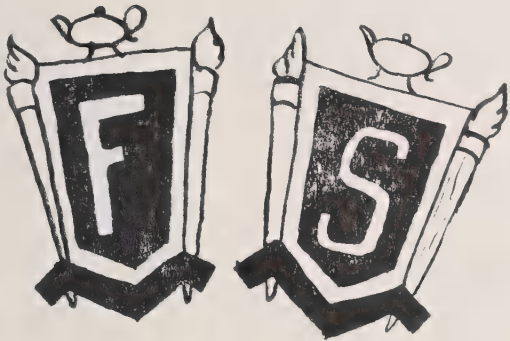
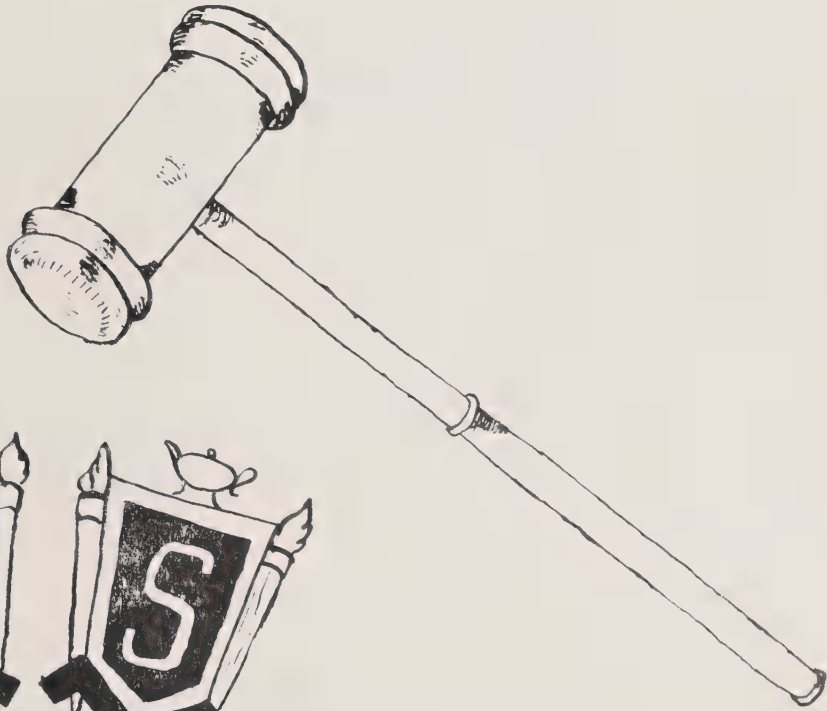
Each pupil came into the class with the understanding that he or she would have the opportunity of becoming a proficient driver. Upon completion of the course, each pupil will receive two independent grades. One grade will be based upon his accomplishments in the field of practice driving. The other grade will be based upon his attitudes and achievements in connection with Driver Education classroom

work. Neither grade will determine whether or not a boy or girl gets a driver's license because, upon completion of the course, each pupil is responsible for getting his own driver's license. It is felt that each pupil should get his license in the area in which he will be driving, and away from the influence of the instructor of the school.

The class has enjoyed the use of a 1953 Plymouth which was loaned by Mullis Motor Company of Morganton. The car is equipped with a dual-control so that the instructor has the car under his control at all times.

The progress of the class, as a whole, has been highly satisfactory. The class program has functioned more smoothly this year because the pupils, and more especially the instructor, have gained from the experiences of the first class in Driver Education, which was established during the 1952-53 school year.

Organizations



Student Council



Front: Billy Heath, *Vice-President*; Clyde Morton, *President*; Rosalyn Lee, *Secretary*; Gene Smith, *Treasurer*. Rear: Mary Ellen Johnson, Glenn Patterson, Mr. Clarence Broecker, *Advisor*; Roy Yokeley, Bobby Taylor, Ann Weaver.

The Student Council was organized in the spring of 1943. It was felt that both the administration and the student body could benefit from such an organization. Through an intelligent and conscientious group of student members, it became possible for the department heads, the faculty, and the staff to gain better insight and understanding of the problems that arose. The members as leaders were in the position to help the boys and girls understand the plans, the rules and regulations that were made. Their good influence had a settling effect that made possible a smooth-going routine.

The aims of the Student Council are: "(1) to assist in building up responsibility of student participation in the government and activity of the school; (2) to stand for democracy, fair play, and courtesy among students; and (3) to promote the welfare of the school above the interests of individuals."

Our student government is organized so that it is somewhat like our state legislature or the United States Congress.

The members of the Student Council belong to what might be called the lower house; the upper house is made up of eight members of

the faculty, consisting of the Superintendent, the Principal, the Assistant Principal at Upper School, the Assistant Principal-in-Charge of Vocational Education, one academic teacher, one vocational teacher, and the House Director at Main Building. Before any recommendation can be put into force, it must be approved by both houses of our "congress".

Members of the Student Council are selected by a faculty committee on the basis of character, leadership, scholarship, and deportment. It is composed of nine members, with four from the Senior Class, three from the Junior Class, and two from the Sophomore Class. A faculty advisor serves with the group at all times.

The Student Council has charge of socials. It has helped with the selection of movies for the school year. At dismissal time each school day the members patrol the way between Upper School and Main Building. When drives are on for worthy causes, such as the Red Cross, the March of Dimes, and the South Mountain Institute, the members promptly swing into action and they always do an efficient job.

Fepha Honor Society



Seated: Faye Johnston, Edna Brinkley, Joan Robbins, Ann Weaver, Rosalyn Lee, Mary Ellen Johnson, Nancy Bulla, Virginia Hines; *Standing:* Peggy Riddle, Jewell Gordon, Betty Sue Anderson, Miss Lucy Goins, *Advisor:* Paulette McGee, Jean Greene, Brownie Stamey.

Sterling Honor Society



Seated: Everette McAlister, Vilas Johnson, Sterling White, Clyde Morton, Roy Walser, Gene Smith, Fred English, Wiley Smith, *Standing:* Donald Senter, Herman Spencer, Lowell Riddle, Glenn Patterson, Mr. Albert Mehl, *Advisor:* Billy Heath, Tommy Lindsey, Roy Yokeley, Bobby Taylor.

Goodwin Literary Society



Left to Right: Howard Carpenter, Vice-President; Rosalyn Lee, President; Geraldine McLain, Secretary.

Christian Endeavor Society



Left to Right: Herman Spencer, Vice-President; Roy Walser, Secretary; Vilas Johnson, President; Billy Heath and Clyde Morton, Treasurers.

Pep Squad



CHEER LEADERS: Joan Robbins, Peggy Riddle, Rosalyn Lee, Janice Beaman; **MAJORETTES:** Jean Greene and Patsy Leonard; **MEMBERS:** *First Row:* Helen Dunbar, Joan Morris, Shirley Beaman, Paulette McGee, Sally Brown, Marie Bailey; *Second Row:* Mildred Carraway, Betty Sue Anderson, Virginia Hines, Jean Dye, Joan Allen, Lee Ellen Gray; *Third Row:* Jewell Gordon, Brownie Stamey, Edna Brinkley, Nancy Bulla, Mary Ellen Johnson; *Fourth Row:* Ann Weaver, Geraldine McLain, Faye Johnston, Dorothy Settlemeyre, Joan Carelock; **SPONSORS:** Miss Nan Jeter and Miss Charline Rotha.

The Pep Squad at the North Carolina School for the Deaf has made for itself a very important place in campus life. The royal blue skirts, the white sweaters, and the cute beanie caps set the girls apart and create an air of excitement at all football and basketball games. The squad members are chosen because they can yell—and do they yell! They have cheered many a lagging N.C.S.D. team on to victory.

There are usually about thirty girls in the Pep Squad. To be a member a girl must be sixteen years of age; she must have good speech and she must be a good sport. Each year the number of outgoing seniors in the squad determine the number of new girls

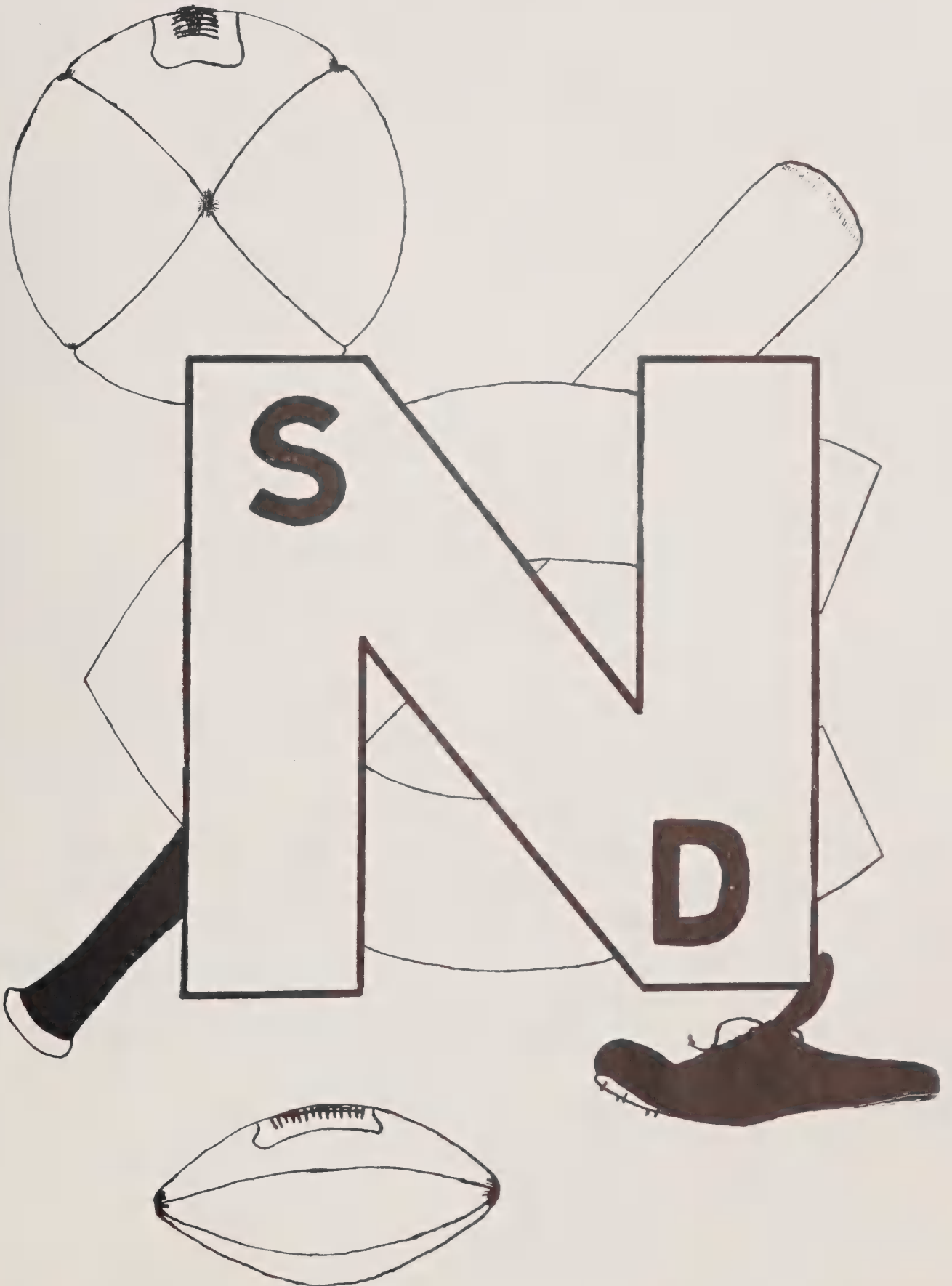
coming in. When a girl has been in the squad for one year, she receives for the pocket of her sweater her letters. Each additional year is marked on the sleeve of her sweater with a stripe.

The Pep Squad was organized in 1948 by Miss Dorothy Smallwood. It has grown in importance until today it is one of the most popular organizations on our campus.

Under the leadership of the following officers, another happy year for the squad has ended.

President	<i>Mary Ellen Johnson</i>
Vice-President	<i>Ann Weaver</i>
Secretary-treasurer	<i>Joan Robbins</i>

Athletics



Athletic Staff

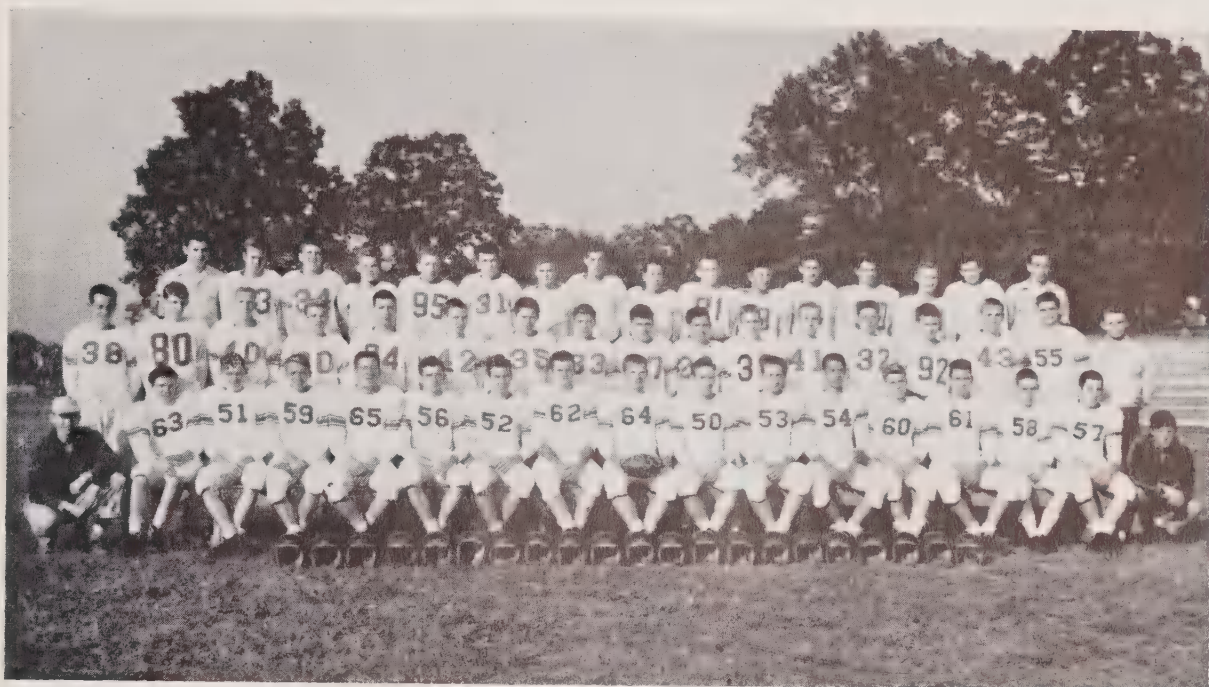


John Kubis, athletic director and head coach of football and track, hails from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He received his B.A. degree from Gallaudet College in 1948 and since that time has been coaching and teaching in the Advanced Department at this school.

Miss Charline Rotha, girls' physical education director, is a native North Carolinian from Waynesville. She came to the North Carolina School for the Deaf in 1943 following her graduation from Woman's College in Greensboro. Two years ago she took a leave of absence and earned her M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina in the same field. She is now full time teacher of physical education for the girls and the primary children.

Carl Barber, who is also a graduate of Gallaudet College in the class of 1948, is from Atlanta, Georgia. He is the head coach of basketball and assists with the coaching of the other varsity sports. He also teaches in the Advanced Department and is this year's advisor to the Senior Class.

1953 Football Squad



R O S T E R

- CENTERS:** Howard Carpenter, Cecil Crowder, Franklin Brown
- GUARDS:** Hartsell Arrington, Sterling White, O'Neal Dabbs, Everette Helms, Herman Spencer, Howard Blackwood, Terry Dillon, John Robinson, Donald Core
- TACKLES:** Billy Heath, Richard Leonard, Everette McAlister, Lindsey McFarland, Raymond Stone, Tony McKenzie, Linwood Maready, Donald Hill, Webb Matthews
- ENDS:** Ted McBride, Tommy Smith, Owen Bass, Billy Stephens, Tommy Johnson, Tommy Lindsey, Edgar Haithcock
- BACKS:** Fred English, Clyde Morton, Roy Yokeley, Edward Miller, Morris West, Gene Smith, Billy Williams, Vernon Hardison, Robert DeVenny, Bobby Dykes, Gary Greenwood, David Leonard, Homer Fox, Charles Pless, Johnny James, Eugene Hensley, Grady Reeves
- MANAGERS:** Wiley Smith and Charles Sentelle
- COACHES:** John Kubis, *Head*; and Carl Barber, *Assistant*

The 1953 football team was chosen as being the second best team among schools for the deaf. This is an honor we can justly feel proud of because our record of 6 wins and 2 losses was made against heavy odds. One of the sweetest victories of the season was over the South Carolina Green Hornets who were undefeated until they tangled with the Bears, resulting in a 27 to 7 victory for the home team. Billy Heath, O'Neal Dabbs, Ted McBride, and Edward Miller were singled out for All-American honors by various publications. Eddie Miller's net rushing yardage of 1,566 yards set a new standard and is something for our future stars to aim for.

The departing seniors, Billy Heath, O'Neal Dabbs, Sterling White, Richard Leonard, Clyde Morton, Fred English, Hartsell Arrington, Everette Helms, Everette McAlister, Cecil Crowder, will be sorely missed next fall.

N.C.S.D.	Opponents
6—Glen Alpine	12
29—Christ School	19
40—Crossnore	7
33—Troy	7
14—Tennessee	0
42—Florida	12
27—South Carolina	7
12—Cranberry	18

Basketball Team



First Row: Roy Yokeley, Glenn Patterson, Ted McBride, *Co-Captain*; Tommy Smith, *Co-Captain*; Edward Miller; *Second Row:* Billy Stephens, Morris West, Owen Bass, Bobby Dykes, Franklin Brown; *Third Row:* Mr. Carl Barber, *Coach*; Gene Smith, *Manager*; Herman Spencer, *Manager*; Clyde Chambers, Donald Core, Tommy Lindsey.

N.C.S.D.

Opponents

30—Hudson	45
71—South Carolina S. D.	55
69—Drexel	42
48—Gamewell	58
72—Oak Hill	47
55—Pleasant Gardens	57
53—Hildebran	63
42—Morganton	47
72—Salem	59
52—Hudson	57
73—Salem	46
59—Pleasant Gardens	64
64—Oak Hill	47
59—George Hildebran	37
72—Hildebran	67
65—South Carolina S. D.	48
56—Drexel	48
71—George Hildebran	47
66—Griffith	53

NCS D crew was nosed out by Glen Alpine in double overtime by the score of 37 to 35.

Against Kentucky in the Mason-Dixon meet, the Bears scored at will for an easy victory. However the NCS D team never caught fire against the Virginia five and time ran out, leaving the local boys trailing by a mere one point. The Bears met the South Carolina quintet in the consolation game. South Carolina went on a scoring spree the first quarter and it looked as if the Bears were through. Then in the second quarter the Bears came to life and trailed only three points at half-time. The second half found the Bears all fired up and they poured it on to win and take third place. Glenn Patterson and Ted McBride made the All-Tournament squad.

The only graduating member of NCS D's starting five is Tommy Smith. Returning first-stringers consist of Ted McBride, Glenn Patterson, Roy Yokeley, and Edward Miller. Owen Bass, Morris West, and Bobby Dykes will be counted on to aid the Bears' cause. Tommy Lindsey, Donald Core, Billy Stephens, Clyde Chambers, and Billy Justus will be back for more seasoning.

A glimpse of the results shows the Bears turned in a creditable performance in winning a total of 15 games and dropping just 9, of which 6 were lost by close scores.

In the two tournaments the Bears failed to take the vital games. In the championship contest of the county tourney the

Basketball Team

In spite of many losing scores, each member of the 1954 girls' basketball team deserved a medal for sportsmanship. Every game found them eager to win and fighting to the last whistle. It is hoped that those leaving the team this year will hand down their spirit of courage as a heritage for future teams.

Geraldine McLain, who has been a star forward for several years, played her last game for the Bearettes in March. During the basketball season, Geraldine scored 445 points in nineteen games for an average of 23.4 points per game. Her scoring record is believed to be the highest for a girl in the history of the school.

Joan Robbins, who is also in the graduating class, spent most of her time on the

basketball court feeding the ball to the taller players under the goal. However, she was noted for her beautiful surprise shots from outside the free-throw circle that sank through the basket without even touching the rim.

Rosalyn Lee was kept busy figuring out the best way to keep the ball out of the opponent's goal. An excellent guard, Rosalyn promoted fine teamwork among her half of the team.

Peggy Riddle and Mary Ellen Johnson followed the team around from place to place, giving them moral support, holding their jewelry and billfolds, and acting as scorekeeper and manager respectively.

All of these leaders will be sorely missed by the athletic teams in years to come.



Left to right: Jean Greene, Paulette McGee, Barbara Privette, Rosalyn Lee, Ann Weaver, Geraldine McLain, Carolyn Gardner, Nancy Bulla, Brownie Stamey, Joan Robbins, Jo Ann Allen, Edna Richardson; Rear: Mary Ellen Johnson, *Manager*; Miss Charline Rotha, *Coach*; Peggy Riddle, *Manager*.

Track Squad



Sitting: Clyde Morton, Roy Yokeley, Melvin Blakley, Eugene Hensley, Homer Fox, Bobby Dykes, Wiley Smith; *Kneeling:* Edward Miller, Tommy Lindsey, Glenn Patterson, Willie Brower, Billy Williams, Howard Blackwood, Fred English, Gene Smith, Sterling White; *Standing:* Mr. Carl Barber, *Assistant Coach;* Benny Mann, *Manager;* Clyde Chambers, Billy Stephens, Ted McBride, Hartsell Arrington, Owen Bass, Tommy Johnson, Billy Heath, Cecil Crowder, *Manager;* Mr. John Kubis, *Head Coach.*

Again this spring the NCS D track squad performed in fine style. In the opener the Bears amassed 89 points to 15 for a game squad of Statesville High tracksters. Participating in a triangular meet in Charlotte, the Bears finished a close second to Charlotte Central, by 52 to 47. Rock Hill High of South Carolina was third with 38 points. In a three-way meet held here with Morganton and Forest City, the Bears dominated with 96 points to 26 for Morganton and 7 for Forest City.

The NCS D squad participated in the annual Western North Carolina Relays in Asheville. In winning the 180-yard low hurdles at :20.7 and the 120-yard high hurdles at :16.5, Ted McBride established new records for both events. For his all-round performance he received, for the second straight year, the most-outstanding-participant award. Wiley

Smith took the 440-yard dash at :54.5. Tommy Smith set a new record for the high jump in winning at 5 feet 8½ inches. Fred English led the field in the broad jump at 18 feet 11½ inches, another new record. The unit composed of Ted McBride, Tommy Smith, Edward Miller, and Wiley Smith made the best time for the mile relay at 3:45.9, a new record. NCS D won again in the sprint medley relay with Wiley Smith, Edward Miller, Fred English, and Glenn Patterson at 3:59, a new record also.

In the state meet at Chapel Hill, Billy Heath made the best heave in the shot-put at 43 feet 2 inches. Tommy Johnson was third. Ted McBride did well to take fourth place in the pole vault as he was in competition against the finest pole vaulters in the entire state.

Best Individual Performances For 1954

FIELD EVENTS: Shot Put, Billy Heath, 43 feet 2 inches; Discus, Tommy Johnson, 129 feet 11 inches; High Jump, Tommy Smith, 5 feet 8½ inches; Broad Jump, Fred English, 20 feet 11½ inches; Pole Vault, Ted McBride, 10 feet 11½ inches.

TRACK EVENTS: 100-yard dash, Fred English,

:10.6; 220-yard dash, Fred English, :24.7; 440-yard dash, Wiley Smith, :54.2; 880-yard dash, Glenn Patterson, 2:10.3; 120-yard high hurdles, Ted McBride, :15.9; 180-yard low hurdles, Ted McBride, :20.7; one-mile run, Howard Blackwood, 5:05.



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Program

SUNDAY, JUNE SIXTH

Fifty-Ninth Commencement
North Carolina School for the Deaf

Baccalaureate Sermon

8:00 P.M. Auditorium

The Rev. J. F. Potter
Baptist Minister to the Deaf



FRIDAY, JUNE ELEVENTH

Commencement Exercises

10:30 A.M. Auditorium

Invocation THE REV. JOHN H. SIMPSON
Calvary Lutheran Church, Morganton, N. C.

Greetings DR. CARL E. RANKIN, *Superintendent*

Salutatory ROSALYN FAYE LEE

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. LEONARD M. ELSTAD, *President of
Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.*

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates

Awarding of Prizes

Valedictory VILAS MONROE JOHNSON

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The graduating class of 1954 welcomes you to the fifty-ninth commencement exercises of the North Carolina School for the Deaf. Your presence does us great honor.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Leonard M. Elstad of Gallaudet College to deliver the commencement address. Dr. Elstad, it is a privilege to have you with us and we extend to you a warm welcome.

Members of the Board, we are delighted to

have you present on this memorable occasion and we want to thank you for your interest in our school.

Mr. Fortune, we are always glad to have you visit us and we deeply appreciate the clear interpretations you give.

We are also happy to have many relatives, friends and alumni share this eventful and important day with us. To each of you we extend a cordial welcome.

Valedictory

Vilas Johnson

We can hardly believe that we have at last reached the goal to which we have been looking forward so long—Graduation Day. Today ends one of the happiest chapters of our lives. The years we have spent here have been good ones and it is with a feeling of sadness and regret that we leave. The school has not only given us a formal education but it has helped prepare us to face life with confidence. We are grateful for all that we have received. We will try to live up to what is expected of us and be a credit to the institution that has nurtured and sheltered us for so many years.

We are deeply grateful to the State of North Carolina for all it has done in giving us an education.

To the Board of Directors, we wish to ex-

press our appreciation for their efforts in helping to improve our school.

To Dr. Rankin, our superintendent; Mr. Hoffmeyer, our principal; the teachers, and staff, we want to express our gratitude for their interest, understanding, and patience throughout the years.

Though we go forward to meet new experiences we do so with hope and courage strengthened by the training and guidance we have received here.

As other boys and girls take our places, it is our sincere wish that all the valuable experiences and pleasures which have been ours, will, in time, be theirs.

So, we bid each of you an affectionate farewell.

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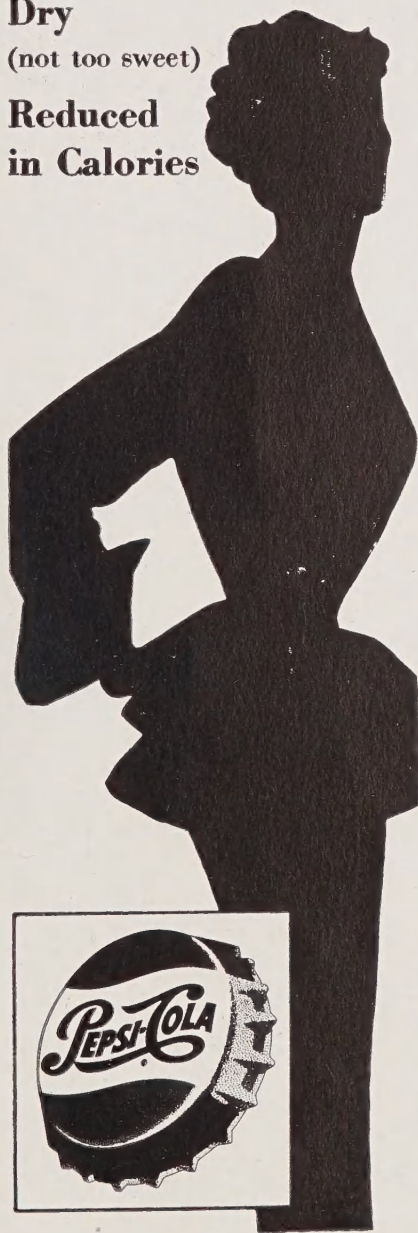
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