

The Clock Tower



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Our Alma Mater

May we never forget our beloved Alma Mater,

Our home for so many years.

A home to remember

When each dying ember

Will reveal how she stilled all our fears.

We've gained from her gems in a cultural sphere.

A knowledge of life to be met,

How to work day by day,

To worship and pray.

A high goal for the future we've set.

Oh, the joys that we've had as we've plodded along,

Climbing the ladder of learning.

May the years be kind,

As we start life's grind,

May the fires of success be kept burning.

And now 'tis farewell, our last fond farewell,

That we bid with burning desires,

To be grateful to you,

To be loyal and true,

As the time of our stay here expires.



The Clock Tower of 1956

Published by the Senior Class

of the North Carolina School for the Deaf

F o r e w o r d

This edition of The Clock Tower did not come into being overnight. It has not been an easy task to prepare the annual and to select material which will be of interest to every one in our school. The work, though difficult, has been satisfying and interesting. At the outset we were fully aware that it would require many hours of hard work. Through out the project we have endeavored to preform our job to the best of our ability. To us it has been a labor of love.

In bringing this issue of The Clock Tower into being, we are especialy indebted to Mr. Paul Cructhfield for his invaluable service as advisor; to Mrs. Marie Davis as proof-reader; to Mr. Mehl for the photography and to all the others who, in various ways, contributed to the success of this edition.

If, in years to come, this book will be a window through which you may look and recall the happy past, the members The Clock Tower staff will feel well rewarded for their efforts.

Dedication



DR. CARL E. RANKIN

The graduating class of the North Carolina School for the Deaf proudly dedicates the 1956 Clock Tower to Dr. Rankin, our former superintendent, who throughout our school life guided us with love, understanding and infinite patience.

Our Superintendent



BEN E. HOFFMEYER

You have completed your education at the North Carolina School for the Deaf. You have not completed your learning; learning must continue every day of your life. The things taught here are only tools for you to use to build a life. Life must be real and life must be earnest. Only deeds give strength to life. May your deeds always be good and your life happy.

Assistant Principal

ADVANCED - INTERMEDIATE
DEPARTMENT



MRS. FRANCES E. DAVIS

Work hard, keep happy, love everybody and "to thine own self be true."

Assistant Principal

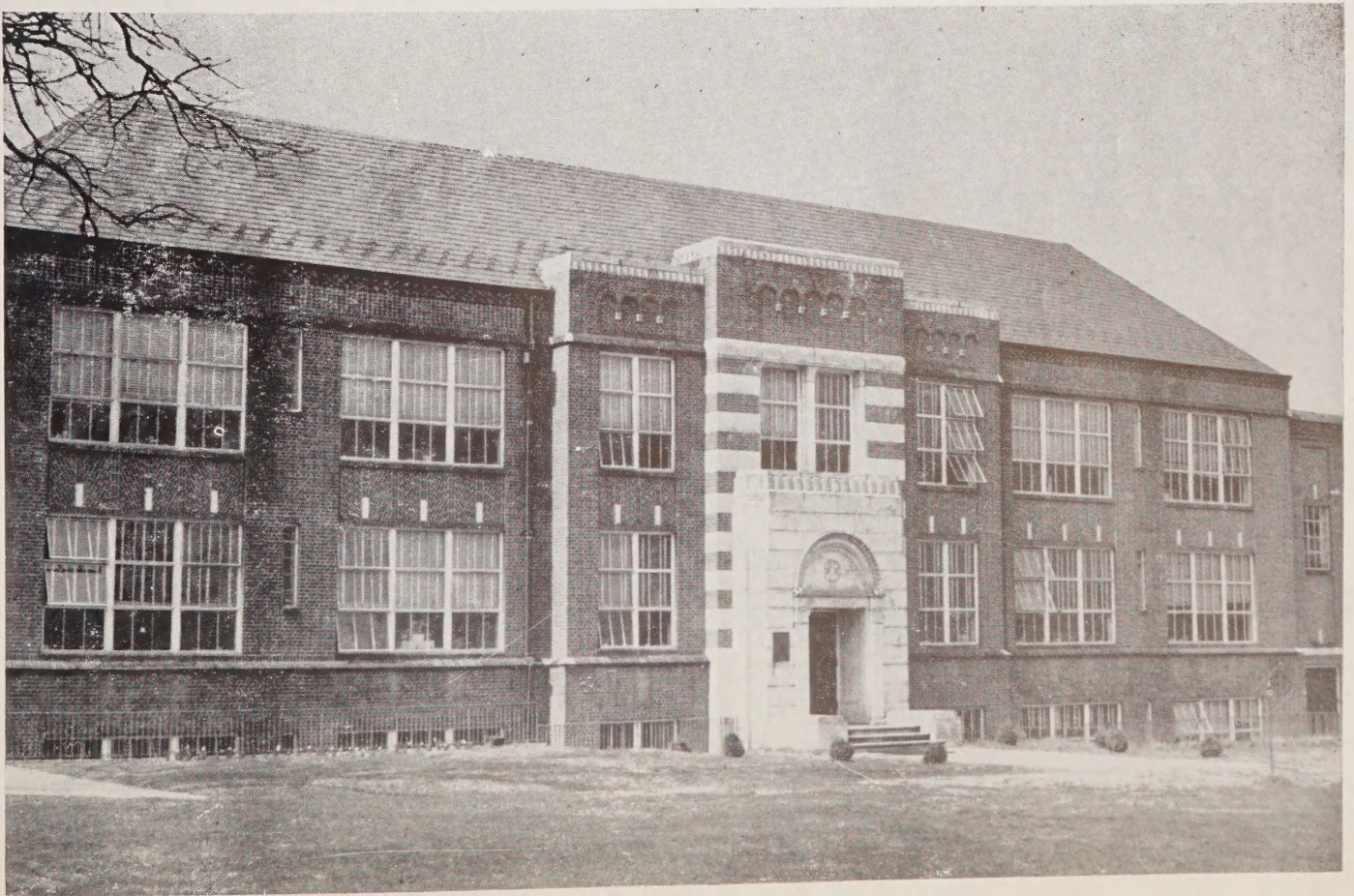
VOCATIONAL DEPARTMENT



ROBERT M. McADAMS

You are entering a new life, facing new experiences just as you entered a new life when you first came to school. You have done well in school. You can do well in life outside if you remember to give a day's work for a day's pay, be honest and sincere, study and learn your work as you studied in school and "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you."

Upper School Building



Academic Teachers



First Row: Mrs. Jane Williams, Mrs. Kate Fowler, Mrs. Joy Thomas, Miss Norma Bushey, Miss Helen Stinson, Mrs. Marguerite Plaster; *Second Row:* Mr. William Simpson, Mr. John Kubis, Mrs. Charlotte Billings, Mrs. Mozelle Horton, Mrs. Tucker Walker, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Mrs. Jessie Warber, Mrs. Julia Wayt, Mrs. Marie Davis, Mr. Albert Mehl; *Third Row:* Mr. W. A. Hord, Mrs. Meta Bigham, Mrs. Cordelia Giles, Mrs. Betty Barnes, Mr. George Brown, Mr. Grady Thomas.

Vocational Instructors



First Row: Mrs. Sally Sheppard, Mrs. Anne Starrett, Mrs. DeLanie Winchester; *Second Row:* Mr. John McCreight, Miss Charlene Rotha, Miss Lucy Goins, Mrs. Kathleen Underhill, *Third Row:* Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Mr. Erwin Mayfield, Mr. Paul Crutchfield, Mr. John Oxford, Mr. Arthur Merrill.

Class Roll

Owen Bass	Faye Johnston
Janice Beamon	Benny Mann
Shirley Beamon	Ted McBride
Edna Brinkley	Glenn Patterson
Willie Brower	Grady Reeves
Sally Brown	John Robinson
Nancy Bulla	Gene Smith
Howard Carpenter	Herman Spencer
Clyde Chambers	Billy Stephens
Robert DeVenny	Bobby Taylor
Eugene Hensley	Ann Weaver
Donald Hill	Morris West
Virginia Hines	Roy Yokeley
Johnny James	

Class Motto

Keep ourselves loyal to truth.

Class Color

Red and White

Class Flower

Rhododendron

Class Tree

Pink Dogwood

Junior Marshals

Paulette McGee Tommy Lindsey

Class Mascots

Ann Scarboro Jesse Holbrook

Class Officers



Left to Right: Herman Spencer, Treasurer; Edna Brinkley, Secretary; Howard Carpenter, Vice President; Robert DeVenny, President.

The Clock Tower Staff



Sitting: (L. to R.) Edna Brinkley, Faye Johnston, Typists; Robert DeVenny, Editor-in-Chief; Nancy Bulla, Typist. Standing: Ann Weaver, Gene Smith, Howard Carpenter, Associate Editors and Photographers.

OWEN BASS, JR.

Old Hundred

*"A mile a minute is good speed;
But a smile a minute gets more action."*

Dry Cleaning and Pressing

Photo Club 1955-'56

Varsity Football 1952-'55

Basketball 1953-'55

All Tournament in Mason Dixon 1955

Track 1953-'55



JANICE ANNETTE BEAMON

Elm City

"What is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Typing, Sewing, Child Care, Cooking

Pep Squad 1952-'56; Cheerleader 1953-'56

Student Council 1954-'55

Girl Scout 1949-'53

Driver Education 1956

May Court

Intramural Sports: Softball, Deck Tennis, Kickball.

SHIRLEY ANN BEAMON

Elm City

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

Typing, Sewing, Child Care, Cooking

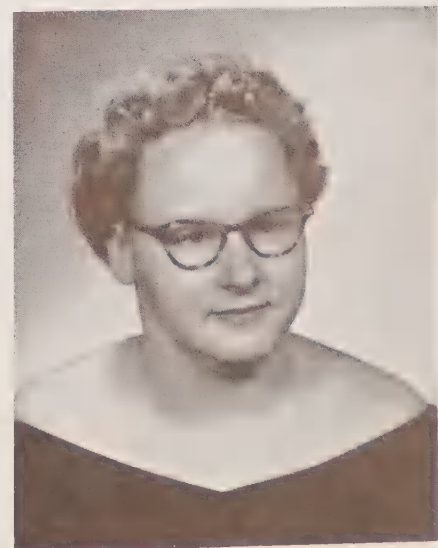
Pep Squad 1951-'56

Girl Scout 1951-'52

Driver Education 1956

Intramural Sports: Softball, Swimming,
Deck Tennis.

May Court





EDNA MAXINE BRINKLEY

Lexington

"She walks in beauty like the night."

Home Economics, Sewing, Typing, Beauty Shop
Girl Scout 1949-'52
Fepha Honor Society 1952-'56; Vice President
1954-'55; Secretary-Treasurer 1955-'56
Pep Squad 1950-'56; Secretary 1954-'55
Christian Endeavor Society, Secretary 1954-'56
Goodwin Literary Society, Secretary 1954-'55
Basketball Manager 1955; Scorer 1956
The Clock Tower, Typist
May Court

WILLIE RALPH BROWER

Wilmington

*"Let me live in a house by the side of the road
And be a friend to man."*

Woodworking, Mechanical Drawing
Boy Scout 1951-'53
Photo Club 1952-'53; 1955-'56
Football 1953-'55
Wrestling 1951-'53; 1955-'56
Track 1954-'55
Sterling Honor Society 1954-'56



SALLY BROWN

Kannapolis

*"There is no lady in the land
Is half so sweet as Sally."*

Child Care, Sewing, Typing, Cooking
Girl Scout
Pep Squad 1951-'56
Driver Education 1954-'55
May Queen 1955; May Court 1956
Intramural Sports: Swimming, Deck Tennis,
Kickball.



NANCY CAROLYN BULLA

Asheboro

"Earth has not anything more fair."

Girl Scout 1949-'52

Pep Squad 1950-'56; Cheerleader 1954-'56;

Vice President 1954-'55; Secretary-Treasurer
1955-'56

Fepha Honor Society 1952-'56

The Clock Tower, Typist

Maid of Honor



HOWARD RAY CARPENTER

Charlotte

"I dreamt not life could hold such happiness."

Machine Shop, Mechanical Drawing

Senior Class, Vice President

Boy Scout 1947-'56; Eagle Scout 1956

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster 1954-'56

Christian Endeavor Society, Treasurer 1954-'55

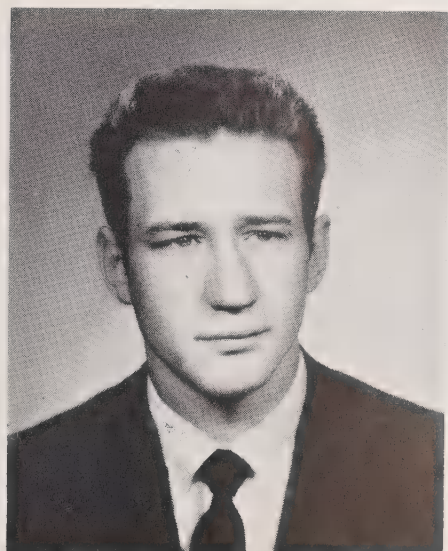
Goodwin Literary Society, President 1955-'56

Sterling Honor Society 1954-'56; Secretary-
Treasurer 1955-'56

Photo Club, President 1955-'56

Varsity Football 1951-'55; Co-Captain 1953-'54

The Clock Tower, Associate Editor



CLYDE HAYWOOD CHAMBERS

Raeford

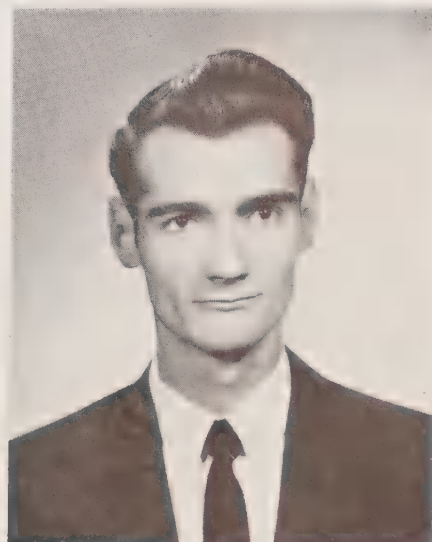
"'Tis good to live and learn."

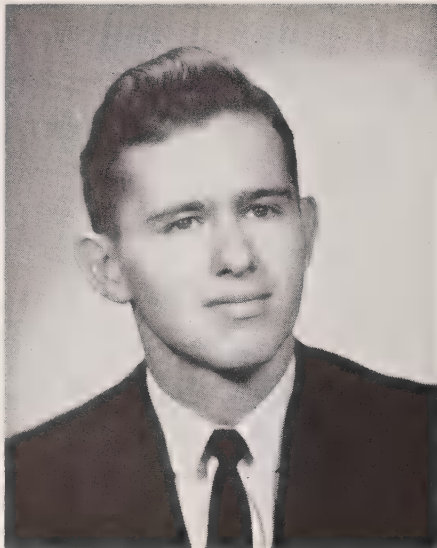
Dry Cleaning and Pressing

Track 1953-'55

Basketball Manager 1955-'56

Physical Education





ROBERT TOWLER DEVENNY

Charlotte

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

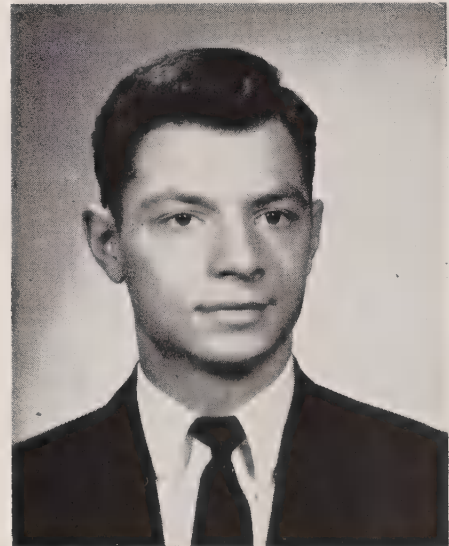
Printing
Senior Class, President
The Clock Tower, Editor in Chief
Boy Scout 1948-'56; Eagle Scout 1956
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster 1954-'56
Student Council, Vice President 1954-'55
Sterling Honor Society 1954-'56
Photo Club, Secretary-Treasurer 1955-'56
Physical Education

EUGENE HENSLEY

Morganton

"Constant practice often excels talent."

Woodworking, Art
Boxing 1952; Golden Gloves Tournament 1952
Wrestling 1955-'56
Football 1953-'54
Track 1951-'56
Physical Education

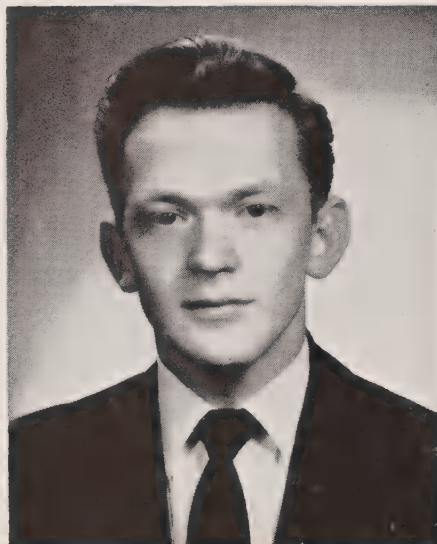


DONALD LEE HILL

Winston-Salem

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

Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Boy Scout 1947-'53
Football 1950-'51
Physical Education



NORA VIRGINIA HINES

Bladenboro

"Kind hearts are more than Coronets

Sewing, Typing, Home Economics, Child Care
Pep Squad 1952-'56
Fepha Honor Society 1953-'56
Basketball 1953-'54
Girl Scout 1953-'54
May Court
Intramural Sports: Softball, Swimming, Kickball,
Deck Tennis

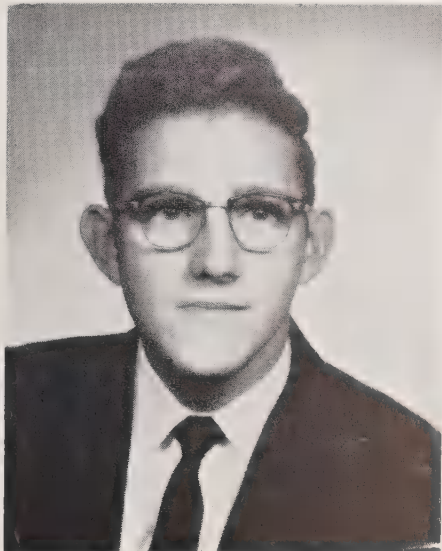


JOHNNY MILTON JAMES

Grifton

"Shun not the struggle-face it; 'tis God's gift."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Boy Scout 1948
Football 1953
Basketball Manager 1955-'56
Physical Education



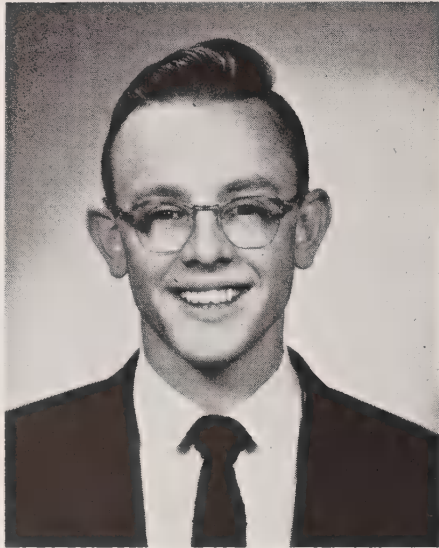
FAYE MARIE JOHNSTON

Morganton

"Oh, how sweet it is to love."

Sewing, Cooking, Typing, Home Economics,
Beauty Shop
Girl Scout 1949-'51
Pep Squad 1950-'56
Fepha Honor Society 1952-'56; Treasurer 1954-'56
Basketball Scorer 1955
Driver Education 1956
The Clock Tower, Typist
May Court
Intramural Sports: Deck Tennis, Softball, Kickball.





BENNY SUTTLE MANN, JR.

Mooreville

"He is safe who does his best."

Printing

Boy Scout 1946-'50

Sterling Honor Society 1954-'56

Football Manager 1955

Track Manager 1954-'55

TED LEO McBRIDE

Mt. Airy

"Mingle your cares with pleasures now and then."

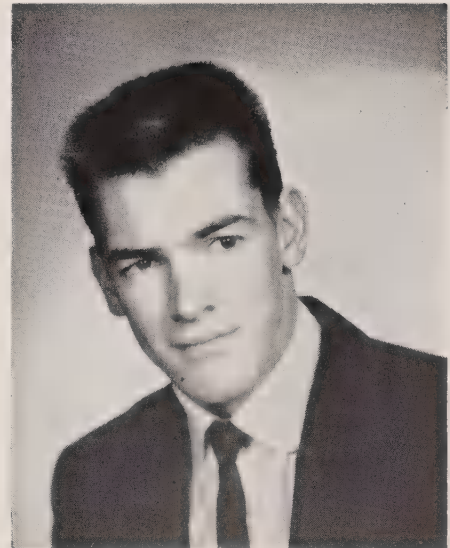
Machine Shop

Photo Club 1955-'56

Football 1951-'55; Co-Captain 1953-'54; All-American 1952-'54; Football Player of the Year 1954

Basketball 1951-'54; Co-Captain 1953-'54; All-American on the 2nd Team 1953; Honorable Mention 1954

Track 1951-'54; Low Hurdle, a new record 20.7 in 1951



GLENN HARTWELL PATTERSON

Henderson

*"My mind to me a kingdom is;
Much joy therein I find."*

Woodworking, Mechanical Drawing

Sterling Honor Society 1953-'56; Vice President 1954-'56

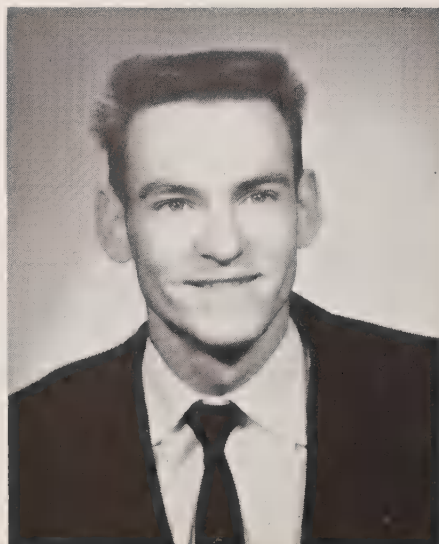
Student Council 1953-'54

Photo Club 1955-'56

Basketball 1952-'56; Captain 1955-'56

Football 1953-'55; Co-Captain 1955

Track 1953-'55

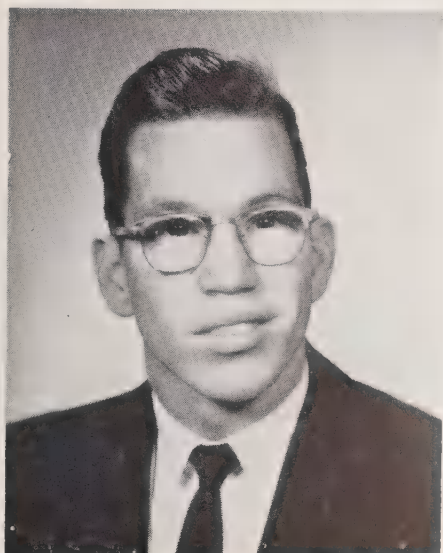


GRADY RONALD REEVES

North Wilkesboro

"This above all, to thine ownself be true . . ."

Woodworking
Boy Scout 1949-'52
Football 1953-'54
Basketball 1954
Track 1954
Physical Education



JOHN LEWIS ROBINSON

Charlotte

"Learn, nor account the pang."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Boy Scout 1948-'54
Football 1952-'55
Track 1953-'55
Physical Education

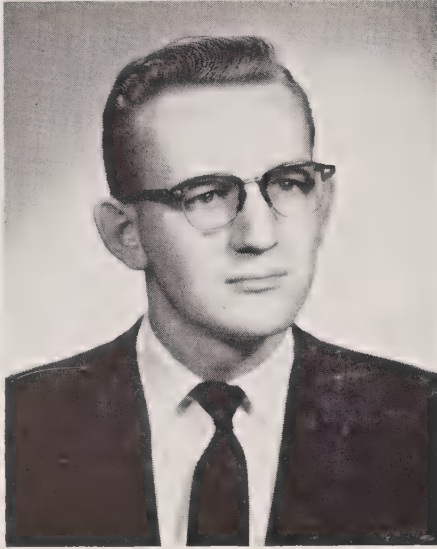
GENE HAROLD SMITH

Cullowhee

"Serene, I fold my hands and wait . . ."

Student Council 1953-'55; President 1954-'55
Christian Endeavor Society, Treasurer 1955-'56
Sterling Honor Society 1952-'56
Boy Scout 1947-'56; Eagle Scout 1956
Senior Patrol Leader 1954-'56
Football 1952-'55
Track 1953-'54
Basketball Manager 1954-'55
Photo Club 1955-'56
The Clock Tower, Associate Editor





HERMAN LEE SPENCER

Conover

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

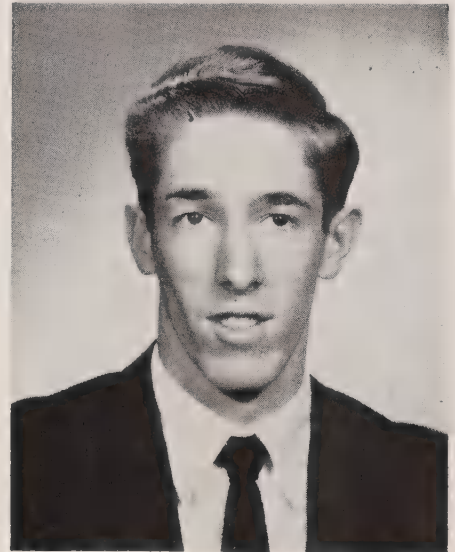
Printing
Senior Class, Treasurer
Boy Scout 1947-'52
Christian Endeavor Society, Vice-President
1953-'54; President 1954-'56
Sterling Honor Society 1953-'56
Varsity Football 1952-'55; All-American
Honorable Mention, *The Silent Worker*, 1955
Basketball Manager 1953-'55

BILLY CARTER STEPHENS

Norfolk, Va.

"Our feet must rise or we fall again."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Boy Scout 1948-'53
Football 1952-'55
Basketball 1952-'55
Track 1952-'56; Polt Vault, the First Place in
Silent Worker 1955
Photo Club 1955-'56

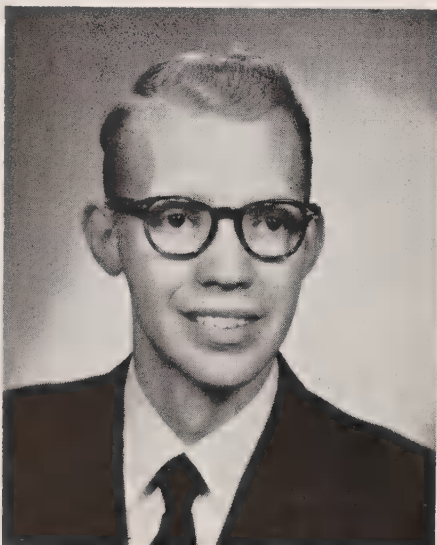


BOBBY DEAN TAYLOR

Deep Gap

"Write me as one who loves his fellowmen."

Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Boy Scout 1947-'55; Assistant Patrol Leader
1954-'55
Sterling Honor Society 1953-'56
Student Council 1953-'55
Physical Education

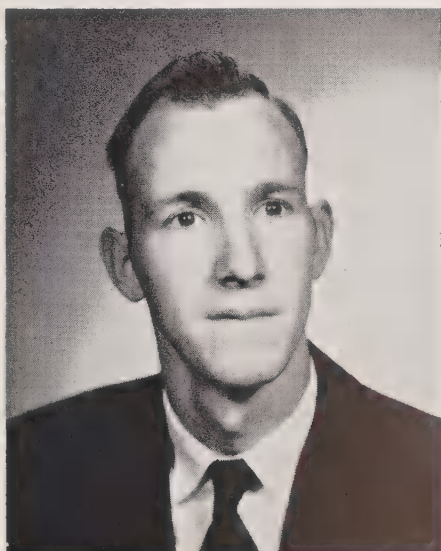


PEGGY ANN WEAVER

Bessemer City

*"She is kind as she is fair,
For beauty lives with kindness."*

Cooking, Sewing, Typing, Child Care
Pep Squad 1950-'56; Cheerleader 1954-'56;
Vice President 1953-'54; President 1955-'56
Basketball 1952-'56; Captain 1954-'56
Student Council 1953-'55
Fepha Honor Society 1952-'56; Vice President
1953-'54; President 1955-'56
The Clock Tower, Associate Editor
May Queen



MORRIS TRENTON WEST

Lumberton

"Merrily, merrily, shall I live now."

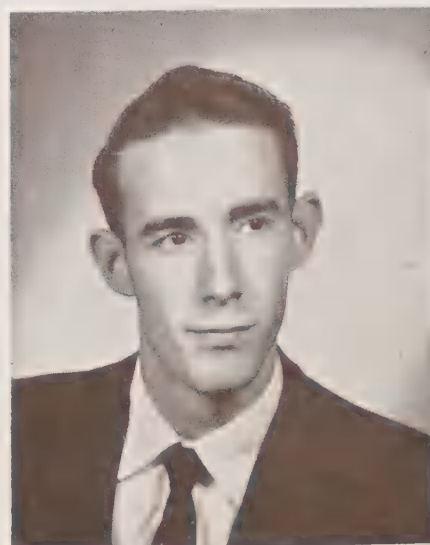
Dry Cleaning and Pressing
Photo Club 1955-'56
Sterling Honor Society 1955-'56
Football 1952-'55
Football Manager 1955
Basketball 1953-'55
Track 1953-'55

ROY CURTIS YOKELEY, JR.

Raleigh

*"The little cares that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday."*

Printing
Sterling Honor Society 1953-'56; President
1954-'56
Varsity Football 1951-'55
Basketball 1953-'55, 2nd Team All-American 1955
All Tournament in Mason Dixon 1955
Boy Scout 1947-'56; Eagle Scout 1956
Senior Patrol Leader 1954-'56
Photo Club 1955-'56



Advanced Department Students



Left to Right: Sandra Miller, Paulette McGee, Mildred Carraway, Marie Bailey, Rachel Johnson, Jack Mitchiner, Joan Morris, Virginia Biddix, Selva Joyner, Helen Dunbar, Patsy Leonard. *Second Row:* Barbara Scercy, Glendia Austin, Jewell Gordon, Yvonne Ludlum, Barbara Ray, Patsy Clark, Virginia Horne, Ellen Young, Barbara Privett, Carolyn Outlaw, Jo Ann Allen, Lee Ellen Gary, *Third Row:* Donald Core, Edgar Haithcock, Bobby Lewis, Elbert Phipps, Melvin Blakley, J. D. Young, Emily Whitesides, Carolyn Gardner, Linda Helms, Dorothy Settlemyre, Brownie Stamey, Barbara Crisp, Phoebe Faircloth, *Fourth Row:* Billy Crumpler, Tommy Lindsey, Billy Williams, Tommy Johnson, Terry Dillon, Bobby Dykes, Vernon Hardison, Edward Miller, Franklin Brown, Donald Ruppe, Carlos Brooks.

ANALYSIS OF CLASS OF 1956

Name	Nickname	Weakness	Favorite Expression	Favorite Sport	Ambition
Owen Bass		Girls	"Oooooo."	Football	Machinist
Janice Beamon	"Jan"	Coffee	"Don't ask me."	Softball	Housekeeper
Shirley Beamon		Peanuts	"Uh uh."	Swimming	Landlady
Edna Brinkley	"Eddie"	Pretty clothes	"You're silly."	Hiking	Filing Clerk
Willie Brower	"Will"	Beach trips	"Okay."	Wrestling	Carpenter
Sally Brown	"Brownie"	Singing songs	"Don't be silly."	Swimming	Typist
Nancy Bulla	"Chubby"	Food	"You make me sick."	Swimming	Filing Clerk
Howard Carpenter	"How"	Arguing	"So what?"	Football	Machinist
Clyde Chambers		Girls	"That is it."	Basketball	Dry Cleaner
Robert DeVenny	"Wobt"	Fussing	"The train is gone."	Swimming	Linotype Operator
Eugene Hensley	"Gene"	Clothes	"I'm broke."	Track	Artist
Donald Hill	"Don"	Cars	"I forgot."	Softball	Unknown
Virginia Hines	"Jenny"	Reading	"I don't know."	Softball	Seamstress
John James	"Johnny"	Kin folk	"That's it."	Softball	Dry Cleaner
Faye Johnston	"Faye Baby"	Comic books	"Why?"	Deck Tennis	Typist
Benny Mann	"Ben"	Writing letters	"I know that."	Baseball	Linotype Operator
Ted McBride	"Shorty"	Sports	"What?"	All Sports	Printer
Glenn Patterson	"Pat"	Teasing	"Oh! my."	Basketball	Rancher
Grady Reeves		Girls	"I don't care."	Basketball	Carpenter
John Robinson	"Johnnie"	Pepsi Colas	"Why look at me."	Football	Textile Worker
Gene Smith	"Smiff"	Cars	"Why bother me?"	Baseball	Linotype Operator
Herman Spencer	"Spike"	Flirting	"What's new?"	Football	Linotype Operator
Billy Stephens	"Bill"	Movies	"I know it."	Baseball	Dry Cleaner
Bobby Taylor	"Bob"	Movies	"So what?"	Deck Tennis	Dry Cleaner
Ann Weaver	"Peg"	Food	"That's right."	Swimming	P. E. Teacher
Morris West	"East"	Trips	"Okay by me."	Baseball	Filling station Owner
Roy Yokeley	"Pee Wee"	Sports	"I think so."	Baseball	Linotype Operator

Class History

Roy Yokeley

The graduating class of 1956 is the largest class in the history of the school. It is made up of twenty-seven members. Twelve are academic graduates and fifteen are vocational graduates. We have had many good times together and we can hardly realize that at last we have reached this great day.

I would like to give a short history of each senior.

Owen Bass, a vocational senior, was born on January 22, 1936. He entered school in 1944 with Mrs. Crutchfield as his teacher. He has been interested in sports. He hopes to get a job in or near Morganton. Owen lives in One Hundred.

Janice Beamon, a vocational senior, was born at Elm City in 1936. Her first teacher was Miss Bowers. Janice has been a member of the Pep Squad and also a cheerleader. She plans to work in Wilson.

Shirley Beamon, a vocational senior, entered school in 1945 with Miss Bowers as her teacher. She has been a member of the pep squad for several years. She plans to get work in Wilson. She was born at Elm City in 1935.

Edna Brinkley, an academic senior, comes from Lexington where she was born on July 21, 1935. Miss Bowers was her teacher when she started to school in 1941. Edna has taken part in many extra curricular activities. She hopes to be a filing clerk after graduation.

Willie Brower, a vocational senior, was born in Wilmington, North Carolina. He came to school here from 1942 until 1945 when he went to Washington, D.C. to school. He returned in 1952. He is a member of the Honor Society. He plans to work for an ice cream company in his home town.

Sally Brown, a vocational senior, is a native of Kannapolis where she was born on August 4, 1934. Her teacher was Miss Bowers when she entered school in 1940. She was May Queen in 1955 and football queen in 1954. She wants to work in Kannapolis.

Nancy Bulla, an academic senior, was born on October 20, 1936 in Asheboro. Miss Marjory Gordon was her teacher when she started to school in 1942. She has been a member of the pep squad and of the Fepha Honor Society for several years. After graduation she plans to work as a filing clerk.

Howard Carpenter, an academic senior, came to us from Dectaur, Alabama where he was born on July 21, 1935. He entered school here in 1949. He has been interested in scouting and became an Eagle Scout this year. Howard now lives in Charlotte and he will work there after graduation.

Clyde Chambers, a vocational graduate, was born on December 17, 1936 in Raeford. Mrs. Crutchfield was his teacher when he came to school in 1944. He will work at a mill in the eastern part of the state.

Robert DeVenny, an academic senior, entered school in 1942 with Mrs. Horton as his teacher. He has been a member of the Sterling Honor Club for several years. He has been interested in scouting. He became an Eagle Scout last month. As editor of *The Clock Tower*, he had done an excellent job. He plans to go to college. He was born in Charlotte on February 8, 1936.

Eugene Hensley, a vocational senior, was born in South Carolina on December 9, 1935. He went to school there until 1947 when his parents moved to Morganton. He is very skillful in art and he hopes to continue his work along that line.

Donald Hill, a vocational senior, entered school in 1942. Miss Gordon was his first teacher. He was born on August 27, 1935 in Winston-Salem. He wants to work at the Reynolds' Tobacco Company after graduation.

Virginia Hines, an academic senior, came to school in 1942. Miss Gordon was her first teacher. She was born on February 13, 1935 at White Creek. She has belonged to the pep squad for several years. Her plans are indefinite.

Johnny James, a vocational senior, hails from Grifton where he was born on March 26, 1937. His first teacher was Mrs. Horton. He has been interested in sports. He hopes to find work in a dry cleaning shop.

Faye Johnston, an academic senior, was born on January 2, 1936 in Martinsville, Virginia. Her parents moved to North Carolina in time for her to start to school here in 1941. Miss Bowers was her first teacher. She was the football queen at the homecoming game in October 1955. She has been a member of the Fepha Club and of the pep squad. Sewing is her favorite subject. She may get a job as a typist.

Benny Mann, an academic senior, is a native of Mooresville where he was born on October 27, 1934. He came to school in 1941 and Miss Gordon was his teacher. He has been a member of the Sterling Honor Society. He plans to get work in a printing shop.

Ted McBride, a vocational senior, attended public school for five years before coming here in 1947. He was born at Mt. Airy on November 29, 1934. He has been an outstanding athlete. He hopes to get a job as a printer after graduation.

Glenn Patterson, an academic senior, lives in Henderson where he was born on May 7, 1936. He started to school in 1944 with Miss Bowers as his teacher. His favorite sport is basketball and he made All-America in 1955. He has done excellent work in the wood working shop. He hopes to enter Gallaudet College in the fall.

Grady Reeves, a vocational senior, is a native of North Wilkesboro where he was born on January 26, 1936. At the age of seven he started to school and Miss Watrous was his teacher. He plans to get work as a carpenter.

John Robinson, a vocational senior of Charlotte, was born January 3, 1936. Miss Bowers was his first teacher. He hopes to get work in Charlotte.

Gene Smith, an academic senior, had Miss Gordon as his teacher when he entered school in 1942. He has been active in scouting. He became an Eagle Scout in May. He was born on April 25, 1935 in Columbus, Georgia but now lives in Cullowhee. He hopes to

work as a linotype operator.

Herman Spencer, an academic senior, entered school in 1942 with Mrs. Horton as his teacher. He has been active in the Christian Endeavor Society for many years and has been the president for two years. He was born on January 26, 1935 at Conover where he still lives. He will be a linotype operator.

Billy Stephens, a vocational graduate, entered school in 1944. Mrs. Crutchfield was his teacher. He has been a member of the Photo Club. He was born August 9, 1936 in Yanceyville. He will work in Virginia.

Bobby Taylor, a vocational senior, was born on December 20, 1935 in Deep Gap. He entered school in 1942 and Mrs. Horton was his teacher. He has been a member of the Honor Society for several years. He hopes to find work in a dry cleaning shop.

Ann Weaver an academic senior, entered school in 1942. She had Miss Gordon as her teacher. She was born in Bessemer City on June 10, 1936. She has been active in sports. She has been a member of the Honor Society and the president of the Pep Squad. She was the 1956 May Queen. She plans to go to college in the fall.

Morris West, a vocational senior, was born on November 23, 1935 at Lumberton. His first teacher was Miss Bowers. He has always been interested in sports. He plans to work with his father at his filling station.

Roy Yokeley, an academic senior, had Miss Gordon as his teacher when he came to school in 1942. He was born in Winston-Salem on December 11, 1935, but he now lives in Raleigh. He has been active in scouting. He became an Eagle Scout in May. He was a member of the Honor Society and a member of the football team. He plans to work as a linotype operator in Wake County.

This is only a brief history of the members of the graduating class as space would not allow us to write more. The friendships formed, the hard work done, and the good times we have had will live on in our memories. We hope our lives will reflect credit on all those who through out the years have shown so much interest in us and have showered so much devotion on us.

Class Prophecy

Glenn Patterson

In the year of 1985 my wife and I were living on a large ranch in Montana. I was raising fine Arabian horses and experimenting with a new breed of sheep.

One spring morning I was checking some of the horses and sheep for market when I began to think of my old classmates. I decided to ask my wife if she would like to go with me to visit them and to see what they were doing. That evening after work I told her about my idea and she was delighted with the plan. I told her that while I was waiting for dinner, I would map out our route to California as we had Benny Mann's address there. I got the road maps and settled back in my easy chair to make the plans for the trip.

The first step of the journey was to get packed up. We loaded the station wagon and started for California. We had heard about Benny's strange and beautiful house and we were eager to see it. We reached Benny's late one afternoon and we were truly amazed at his house. It was odd and different looking but very beautiful. I asked him how he did it. He told me a fantastic story. A few years after he was graduated, he decided to fly to Venus in a rocket ship. While there he was married to a girl on that planet. When his wife came in, I was surprised at her beauty. She was the world's most beautiful woman. Their house was modeled after the homes on Venus. I asked Benny how he reached Venus. I was very much excited to hear that Robert DeVenny had helped him with the rocket ship. I asked him where I could find Robert. He said that Robert had homes in different places but at that time he was living in the Sahara Desert.

I first felt I did not want to go to such a hot land but I wanted to see Robert so badly that we decided to make the trip. We flew to New York and took a ship for Casablanca where Robert met us. He was very glad to see us and we flew in his plane to the desert. We dreaded staying there as the heat was like an oven. I asked him how he could stand living in such a hot place. He said that

the part of the house he lived in was air conditioned, but that the part his wife used was not. That seemed strange and when he saw how puzzled I was, he told me that his wife came from Mercury and that she liked a hot climate. It was also a surprise that a person from Mercury could live on our earth and I was most anxious to meet her. I wondered how she would look and I could hardly wait to see her. Again, I was amazed as she looked like any American girl. After we had eaten a meal of exotic foods, Robert took me to his factory where he made rocket ships. He showed us the blue print of the first one he had built. He said that he could not have succeeded if Ted McBride had not invented a strong but light metal. He said that Ted had mines in Siberia. I told Robert that I'd like to see Ted but it was too long a trip. He offered to send me in one of his rocket ships. After thinking it over, we decided to go. We bade him goodbye and started for Siberia.

Zooming along at a tremendous rate of speed, I became frightened and asked the operator to slow down. It took us only a short time to reach Ted's mines. Ted was delighted to see us and he showed us his machine shops. I told him how frightened I had been in the rocket. He explained that Morris West had greatly improving the formula for gas so that it caused the rocket to go faster than ever. I saw a fat, cheerful looking secretary in his office and I thought her face was familiar, but I decided I was mistaken. Imagine my surprise when I found out it was Sally Brown. She told me that she loved working there as it was a very easy life. Ted told us that Grady Reeves, Clyde Chambers and Johnny James had a factory in Switzerland.

We climbed into the plane to fly to Switzerland. I stumped my toe when I missed a step and it was quite painful. The pilot soon reached the Alps but he had a hard time landing. At last we reached the factory where the three boys were experimenting on a very hard, lasting finish for metal used in cars and planes. As we were going through the factory, they

noticed I was limping. I told them I had hurt my toe. They said their nurse could cure it instantly. They called her and she put some medicine on my toe. She smiled at me and I saw at once it was Virginia Hines. She was busy helping people who were sick or injured. Virginia told us that Herman Spencer, Gene Smith and Roy Yokeley had a print shop at the South Pole. I could hardly wait to get there to find out what those three were up to.

We left immediately, but before we reached Antarctica we began to worry about not having warm clothes to wear. The pilot told us not to worry. Just as we landed, there were Gene, Herman, and Roy loaded with fur coats, gloves, caps and boots. We were amazed and we asked them how they knew we were coming. They asked if we did not know about mental telepathy. They took us to their shops and explained that to do the beautiful printing they did required that it be frozen for a long time. Their secretaries were Janice Beamon and Nancy Bulla and they were very busy keeping up with the office work. I asked them if they weren't lonely so far from their friends, but they assured me they were not. When they wanted to visit friends they hopped into their plane and took off. They had just returned from a visit to Rome. We were enjoying our stay so much that we hated to say good bye and start to the States.

Our next stop was at Salem, North Carolina which was a famous art colony in charge of Eugene Hensley. His helpers were Donald Hill and Owen Bass. Famous people from all over the world came to have their portraits painted. The little settlement had changed into a booming city. Eugene told us that Faye Johnston and Howard Carpenter had married and they were living on Burkemont. We borrowed a car and went to see them. My wife knocked on the door and when we went in, I could tell that she and Howard had been fussing. They each blamed the other for the quarrel. We teased them and told them they were acting like children. They laughed and made up. We had lunch with them and it was delicious for Faye was a marvelous cook.

Our next stop was at our Alma Mater, the North Carolina School for the Deaf. Mr. Hoffmeyer looked the same except his hair was snow white. We saw many of our old teachers and met the new ones. The buildings

were new and very different from the ones we remembered. We found out that Willie Brower was a fisherman in the Indian Ocean.

Again we zoomed across the ocean and landed on Willie's fishing boat. It was run by radar and every thing was convenient and comfortable. Billie Stephens and Bobby Taylor worked for him and they all seemed very happy.

After spending several pleasant days on Willie's boat, we flew back to New York and on to Michigan where Edna Brinkley was operating a successful beauty salon. We were met by a beautiful slim girl. It was Shirley Beamon. We asked her how she kept so lovely and thin. She told us that Edna had invented some pills which kept one young and beautiful. Edna had become very wealthy from the sale of her product. Her chauffeur was John Robinsen. Edna's home was built back in a large hill similiar to a cave. It was very, very modern and fine but not homelike. We were glad to bid her adieu and start on the last lap of our journey.

We headed for the desert near Sun Valley to see Morris West and Ann Weaver. They had both become billionaires from their oil wells. We saw a woman in a very odd looking car. She waving and yelling excitedly. When we got nearer, we realized it was Ann. She was elated because another well had come in. Morris and Ann seemed pleased to see us and each insisted that we stay at his home. At last we decided to divide our time between them. The strange thing about their oil wells was that the oil from each well was a different color. It seemed to be a fad to buy oil the color of one's car, or at least that is what Ann told us.

I was getting very tired by this time and longed to get home where things were plain and old-fashioned. I didn't envy my classmates in spite of all their exotic ways of living. Suddenly the road seemed rough and bumpy, and on opening my eyes I was surprised to find my wife shaking me and trying to wake me up to eat dinner. Oh! how relieved I was to realize that all of this had been a fantastic dream. All this time I had been napping in my easy chair. Then and there I decided home was best. We decided not to take the trip, and to this day I don't know what my classmates are doing.

Class Will

Herman Spencer

We, the seniors of 1956, being of strong minds and bodies, do declare this to be our last will and testament. Realizing that our stay here is drawing to a close, we wish to bestow our most valued and cherished possessions on our beloved faculty and underclassmen. These are given to the recipients without restrictions and with deep affection.

To our superintendent, principals, members of the faculty and household staff, we leave the quiet and peace which will descend upon the campus at our departure.

To the juniors, we leave our well earned senior privileges, our tattered text books and uncomfortable chairs in the senior class room. We hope that they will take good care of these gifts and pass them on in as good condition as they received them.

Janice Beamon leaves her love of writing letters to Virginia Horne.

To Carolyn Outlaw, Edna Brinkley wills her stylish looks.

Morris West hands down to Claude Moore his delight in telling jokes and his skill at mimicking people.

Robert DeVenny wills his love of eating and drinking coffee to Vernon Hardison.

Virginia Hines hands down to Theresa Johnson her sharp scissors so that she can get a short hair cut.

To Douglas Boone, John Robinson leaves his love of arguing about baseball.

Gene Smith reluctantly leaves his love of hot rods to Webb Matthews.

Shirley Beamon bequeaths her chair in front of the television to Patsy Leonard.

To Barbara Scercy, Donald Hill leaves his red hair in hopes that she can bleach it better than he did.

Ann Weaver wants to will her happy-go-lucky ways to Paulette McGee.

Ted McBride bequeaths to Donald Core his ability to play basketball.

To Edward Miller, Willie Brower leaves his habit of driving around the country at night,

Bobby Taylor leaves his tough job of collecting laundry for all the boys to Dalton Hufham.

Benny Mann wills his love of collecting stamps to Elbert Phipps.

Eugene Hensley leaves his art supplies to Dorothy Settlemyre.

Owen Bass leaves his six feet, three inches to Jack Mitchiner.

To Tommy Lindsey, Billy Stephens leaves his skill of jumping hurdles.

Nancy Bulla leaves her love of talking to Jo Ann Allen.

Johnny James wills to Richard Lockamy all the arguments he has lost.

Sally Brown gives her seat at the movie theatre to Jewell Gordon.

Faye Johnston leaves all her comic books to Lee Ellen Gray.

To Bobby Lewis, Roy Yokeley passes on his love of attending the basketball tournaments in Raleigh.

Grady Reeves leaves his curly hair to Ronnie Spivey.

Clyde Chambers wants J. D. Young to have his space in the dry cleaning shop.

Howard Carpenter wills his art of never getting upset over trivial things to Franklin Brown.

To Franklin Handy, Glenn Patterson wills his habit of napping in school.

Herman Spencer wills to Terry Dillon his pleasant smile.

These bequests are very precious to us. We leave them in your tender care and we hope that they may help you as much as they did us.

Trees

*I think that I shall never see
A poem as lovely as 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;*

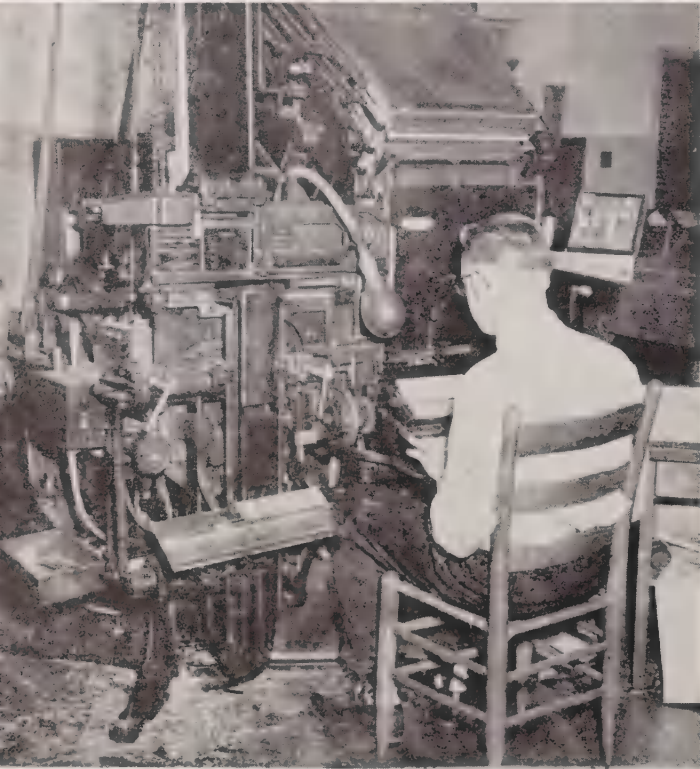
*Upon whose bosom snow has lain
Who intimately lives with rains.*

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

—Joyce Kilmer



In keeping with an old NCSD tradition, the Senior Class planted their class tree on November 23, 1955. The variety selected was the pink dogwood. We hope that this tree will bloom every spring and spread its radiant warmth and fragrance unto the future generations of students at NCSD.



SENIORS

Top Right: Dry Cleaning Pressing
Mr. Arthur Merrill, Instructor

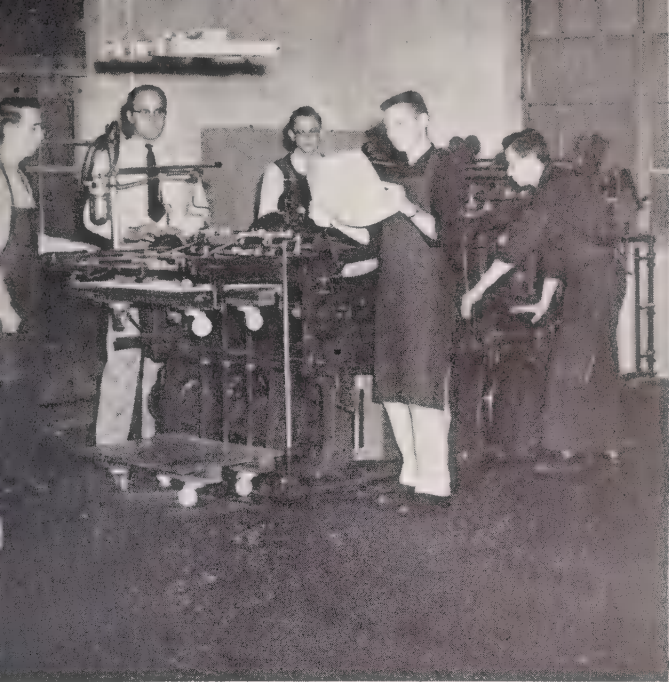
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Mrs. DeLanie Winchester, Instructor

Left: Linotyping . . . Mr. Paul Crutchfield, Instructor

Lower Left: Cooking . Miss Lucy Goins, Instructor

Lower Right: Wood Working
Mr. Wilson Sherrill, Instructor





AT WORK

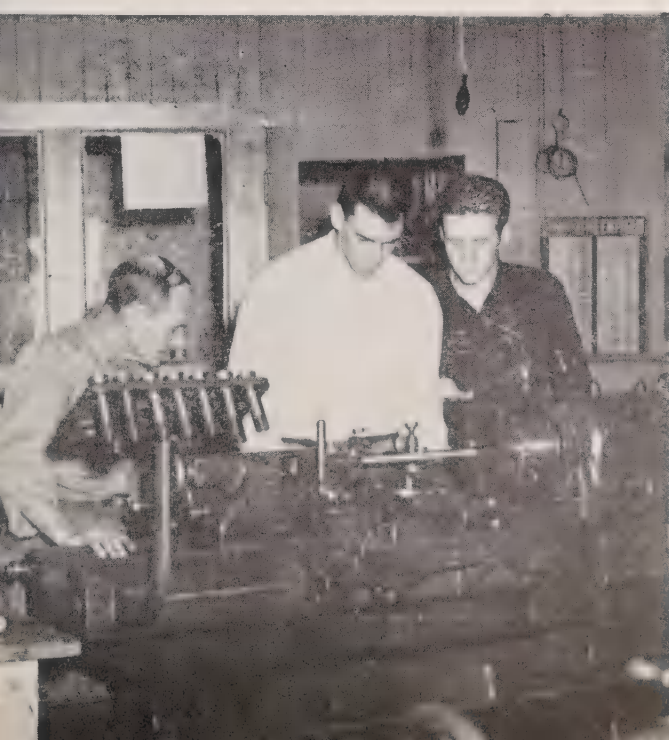
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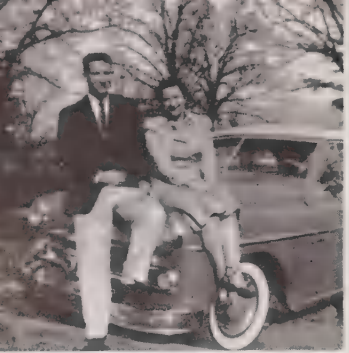
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Right: Dry Cleaning Washer
Mr. Arthur Merrill, *Instructor*

Lower Left: Machine Work, Lathing
Mr. John Oxford, *Instructor*

Lower Right: Child Care
Mrs. DeLanie Winchester, *Instructor*





Most Likely to Succeed

Best Manners

Best All-Round

Most Popular



Best Dressed

Friendliest

Best Looking



Most Studious

Most Athletic



Quietest

Wittiest

Sleepiest



Most Talkative

Class Monkeys

Most Bashful

Biggest Flirts

Fepha Honor Society



Seated: Ann Weaver, *President*; Jewell Gordon, *Vice President*; Edna Brinkley, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Miss Lucy Goins, *Advisor*. *Standing:* Paulette McGee, Virginia Horne, Barbara Privett, Faye Johnston, Virginia Hines, Dorothy, Settlemyre, Marie Bailey, Phoebe Faircloth, Brownie Stamey, Nancy Bulla.

Sterling Honor Society



Seated: Bobby Lewis; Roy Yokeley, *President*; Glenn Patterson, *Vice President*; Howard, *Secretary-Treasurer*; Mr. George Brown, *Advisor*; Herman Spencer. *Standing:* Robert DeVenny, Bobby Taylor, Franklin Brown, Benny Mann, Carlos Brooks, Gene H. Smith. *Third Row:* Terry Dillon, Billy Williams, Tommy Lindsey, Donald Core, Morris West, Willie Brower.

Goodwin Literary Society



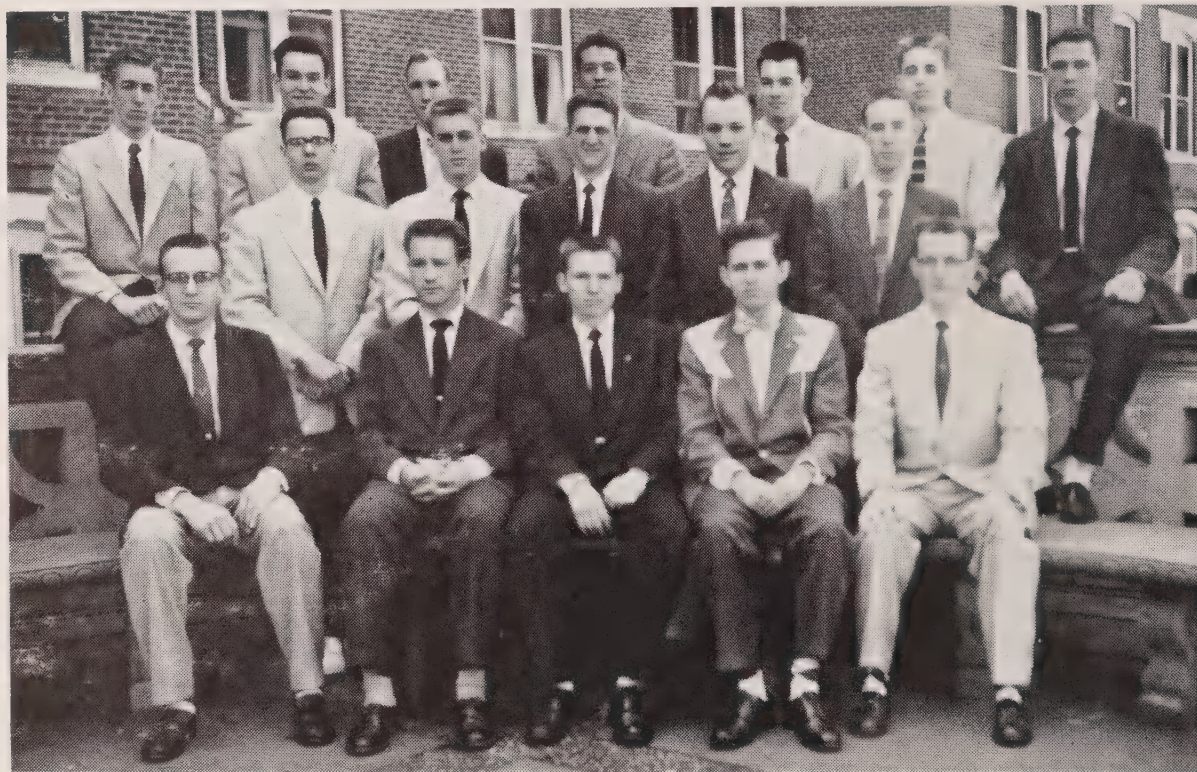
Left to Right: Tommy Lindsey, Vice President; Howard Ray Carpenter, President; Pasty Clark, Secretary.

Christian Endeavor Society



Left to Right: Tommy Lindsey, Treasurer; Herman Spencer, President; Bobby Lewis, Vice President; Edna Brinkley, Secretary; Gene H. Smith, Treasurer.

Photo Club



Seated: Herman Spencer; Howard Carpenter, President; Gene Smith, Vice-President; Robert DeVenny, Treasurer-Secretary; Mr. Bruce Jack, Advisor. Second Row: Bobby Lewis, Edward Miller, Edgar Haithcock, Willie Brower, Roy Yokeley. Third Row: Billy Stephens, Glenn Patterson, Morris West, Owen Bass, Ted McBride, Bobby Dykes, Webb Matthews.

Pep Squad



Left to Right: Pasty Leonard, Paulette McGee, Virginia Horne, Janice Beamon, Virginia Biddix, Nancy Bulla, Helen Dunbar, Ann Weaver, Cheerleader. Second Row: Miss Charline Rotha, Sponsor; Sally Brown, Glendia Austin, Joan Morris, Shirley Beamon, Rachel Johnson, Mildred Carraway, Barbara Privett, Pasty Clark, Phoebe Faircloth, Third Row: Marie Bailey, Jo Ann Allen, Lee Ellen Gray, Faye M. Johnston, Carolyn Gardner, Emily Whitesides, Theresa Johnson, Edna Brinkley, Jewell Gordon, Dorothy Settlemyre, Brownie Stamey, Virginia Hines.

The Pep Squad is a group of thirty girls who yell for the athletic teams at all home games and some games away from school. They all dress alike in school colors, with royal blue skirts and white sweaters bearing the club insignia, a blue megaphone with the white letters N. C. S. D. on them.

Cheerleaders for the year were Ann Weaver, Nancy Bulla, Paulette McGee, Janice Beamon, Virginia Horne, Patsy Leonard, Helen Dunbar, and Virginia Biddix. Four of them wore blue skirts with white sweaters and the other four white skirts with blue sweaters.

The cheerleaders were awarded silver megaphone charms for their service to the group. Miss Rotha served as advisor this year.

The most memorable trip of the year was the one to the football game in Thomasville. Several staff members took the girls down in their cars. In the middle of the game there was a terrific downpour and everyone got soaking wet. But our boys won the game so everyone was happy.

President *Ann Weaver*
 Vice-President *Jewell Gordon*
 Secretary-Treasurer *Nancy Bulla*

Boy Scouts and Explorers of Troop 3

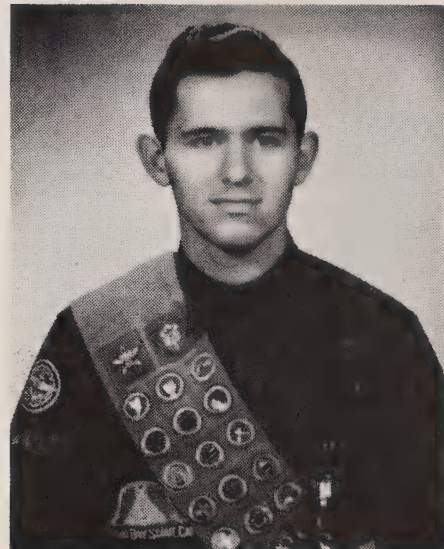


Sitting: (L. to R.) Bobby Lewis, Eddie Gobble, Barney Williamson, Tim Hickman, Clement Ellis, Neil English, Mike Triplett, Wayne Furr, Dalton Gurganeous, Lynn Hill. *Second Row:* Mr. Paul Crutchfield, *Scoutmaster*; Howard Carpenter, Roy Yokeley, Jack Mitchiner, Carl Dancy, Floyd London, Douglas Boone, Bobby Cooke, Larry Helms, Frank Schiretz, Hal Wright, Sam McCord, Philip Hailey, Robert DeVenny. *Third Row:* Billy Williams, Webb Matthews, Terry Dillon, Gary Greenwood, Hayward Wright, Gene Hull, Claude Moore, Clint Thomas, Terry Wright, Elbert Phipps, Tommy Lindsey, Sandy Duncan, Gene Smith, Mr. Bruce Jack, *Explorer Advisor*.

Eagle Scouts



HOWARD CARPENTER



ROBERT DEVENNY

Eagle Scouts



GENE SMITH



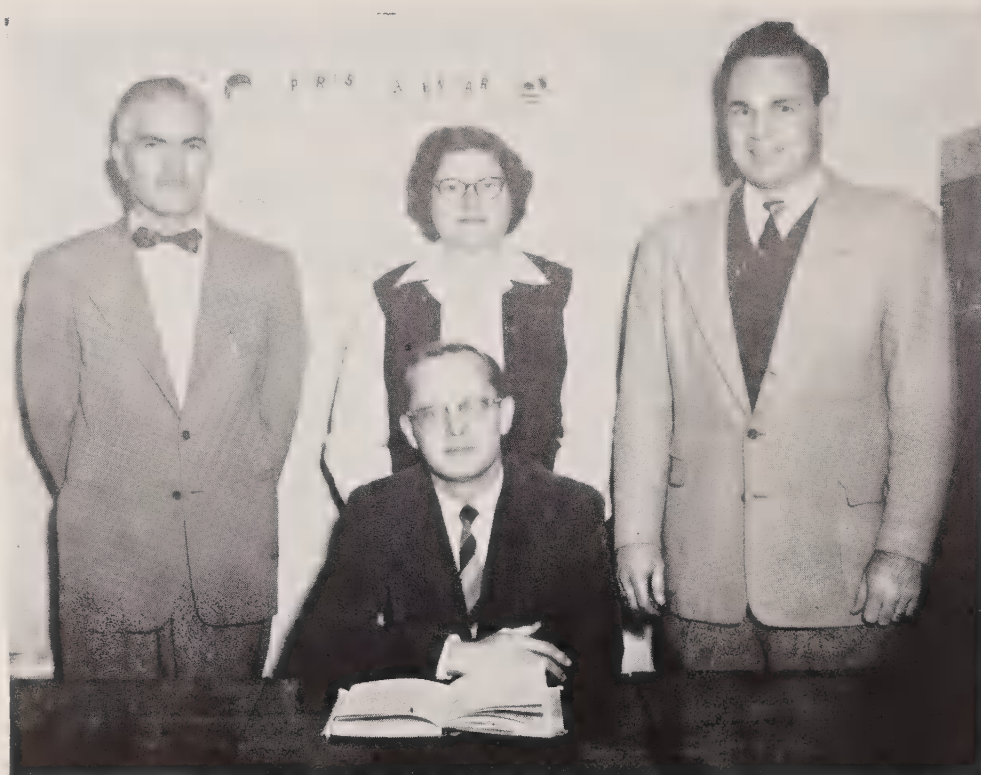
ROY YOKELEY

Camping Scenes



Top, Left to Right: Roy Yokeley showing his well-equipped camp pack; Scouts on a ridge near Table Rock; Scouts ready for the long climb to the top of Table Rock; Gene Smith; *Bottom:* Robert DeVenny; Pine bough shelter which Scouts built for sleeping; cooking and Howard Ray Carpenter.

Athletic Staff



John Kubis, athletic director and head coach of football and track, was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He came to the school after finishing Gallaudet College in 1948 where he received a B.A. degree. His teams have made outstanding records in football during the past years.

George K. Brown is the boys' physical education director and the head basketball coach. He is a graduate of Gallaudet College. He came to the school several years ago as the printing instructor. His home was in Ohio, but he has become a true Tar Heel.

Miss Charline Rotha of Waynesville is the girls' physical education director. She received her A.B. degree from Woman's College and her M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina. She also teaches a course in driver education.

W. A. Hord, the wrestling coach, assists with other varsity sports. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina where he received a B.A. degree in 1952. He served in the Navy and was in Japan for a year. He is a native of Morganton.

1955 Football Squad



R O S T E R

- CENTERS:** Franklin Brown, Ronnie Spivey
- GUARDS:** Herman Spencer, Terry Dillon, Clint Thomas, Robert DeVenny, Claude Moore
- TACKLES:** Donald Core, Howard Carpenter, Ted McBride, Linwood Maready, Webb Matthews, Stoney Billings
- ENDS:** Owen Bass, Charles Pless, Billy Stephens, Willie Brower, Tommy Johnson, Richard Lockamy
- BACKS:** Roy Yokeley, Edward Miller, Glenn Patterson, Tommy Lindsey, Homer Fox, Vernon Hardison, Gary Greenwood, Kirby Waytt, Robert Tussey, Jerry Helms
- MANAGERS:** Morris West, Elbert Phipps, Bobby Lewis
- COACHES:** John Kubis, Head; W. A. Hord, Assistant

The Bears extended their winning streak to 16 straights with an undefeated record of 8 wins. Highlight of the season was their 45 to 0 walloping of the Gallaudet Prep team. The Bears had a close shave against Tennessee when they managed to win by only one point, 33 to 32.

Coaches Kubis and Hord rate this year's team as being the best offensive team they've ever had at NCSD. The departing senior players, Quarterback Roy Yokeley, Tackles Ted McBride and Howard Carpenter, Guard Herman Spencer, and Halfback Glenn Patterson

had much to do with the Bears' impressive string of 30 victories in the past four years against only two losses and one tie.

<i>N.C.S.D.</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
39—Lowell	0
27—Cranberry	7
40—Thomasville	0
44—Harding	0
25—Florida	0
45—Gallaudet Prep	0
57—South Carolina	0
32—Tennessee	31

Basketball Team



First Row: Charles Pless; Tommy Lindsey, *Co-Captain*; Glenn Patterson, *Captain*; Donald Core; Gary Greenwood; *Second Row:* Robert Tussey, Billy Williams, Ronnie Spivey, Billy Stephens, Richard Lockamy, Homer Fox; *Third Row:* Ned Caudle, Fred Caudle, Franklin Handy, Kirby Waytt, Terry Dillon.

The year 1956 saw the Bears turn out one of the hardest fighting basketball teams in the school's history. Anyone who saw them play can little doubt the players were tops in spirit. What they may have lacked in ability, they made up in fight and determination.

The Bears won their third Mason Dixon School's for the Deaf title in four tries by downing Alabama in the finals, 57 to 45. This very successful year is a fitting tribute to George K. Brown's career as a coach. The Bears have had many fine teams in the past, and it had the right man in Coach Brown to lead them to greatness. All American Glenn Patterson marked the end to his playing days by dumping in 301 points to bring his total to 1407 for four years. Patterson will long be remembered as being one of the finest hoopsters the hill has ever had.

N.C.S.D.

Opponents

49—Salem	51
54—Pleasant Gardens	37
33—Winston-Salem Club	54
69—Glenwood	66
49—King's Creek	33
62—Glenwood	66
50—Nebo	33
61—Nebo	38
59—Pleasant Gardens	64
59—George Hildebran	50
53—Gallaudet Prep	63
61—King's Creek	58
51—Glen Alpine	62
62—Salem	63
71—Tryon	54
90—South Carolina	37
54—Mississippi	36
57—Alabama	45

Basketball Team

The young girls in the seventh and eighth grades have taken over as basketball stars. There was only one senior on the team this year, but she was a very valuable forward under the basket and will be sorely missed in years to come. This was Ann Weaver who is a veteran player and excellent in sportsmanship. Edna Brinkley, another senior, served the team as scorer.

The team finished the season with six wins and ten loses, which is a better record than they have had for several years. Only

one deaf team was played, our old rivals from South Carolina, who were easily defeated. The most thrilling wins were over Salem and Pleasant Gardens as these teams are always hard to beat.

Miss Rotha, who coached the team, commended the girls on the fine sportsmanship they showed at all games, win or lose. Jewell Gordon was manager for the girls, and was always on hand to take care of valuables during the games.



Front: Grace Canady; Theresa Johnson; Ann Weaver, Captain; Carolyn Gardner, Co-Captain; Mildred Clark; Gerry Gardner; Rear: Gay Miller, Louise Wolfe, Jo Ann Allen, Ruby Stevens, Marie Summerlin, Martha Duffel.

Wrestling Team



Left to Right: Douglas Boone, Harvey Bryant, George Pierce, Claude Moore, Willie Brower, Howard Carpenter, Tommy Johnson, Stoney Billings, Clint Thomas, Eugene Hensley, J. D. Young, Clement Ellis; *Second Row:* Mr. W. A. Hord, *Coach*; James Jackson, Wayne Furr, Russell Lockamy, Donnie Stewart, Fred Shook, Eddie Gobble, Irwin McKenize, Sam Price, Tim Hickman, Charles Houlbrook, Harold Johnson.

For the first time in the history of NCS D a wrestling team has been started. It is one of the first wrestling teams in our section of the state, and we did not want to get behind on this fast growing sport in North Carolina.

Many of our wrestlers are young and they all lack experience, but each boy tried his best to make the team a success.

Most of the competition was far away and with teams that have had several to many years of experience in wrestling.

Although the team, as a whole, did not win many meets, they lost with the satisfaction that our boys did their best.

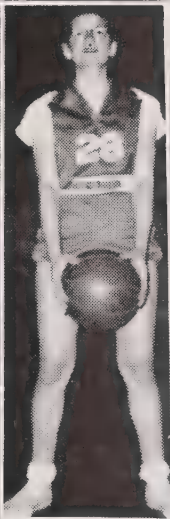
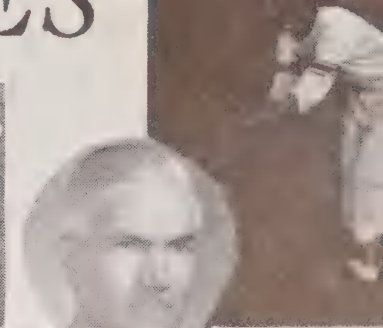
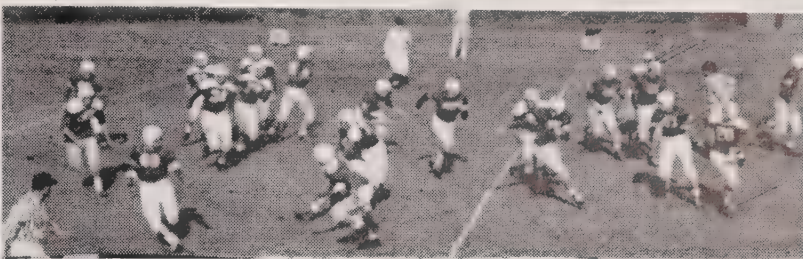
For a small and newly started team we

had several outstanding individual wrestlers, three of who remained undefeated through out the season.

The prospects for the future are good. With the experience some of the wrestlers now have, they should develop into very good "grunters" within the next few years. A more important reason is the fact that many younger boys are growing up with an interest and a desire for wrestling. This is important in starting a sport which is new to a school.

What ever the future brings to our wrestling teams, we will always look back and thank these few boys who are responsible for starting wrestling at our school.

SPORTS SCENES



May Court



Nancy Bulla, *Maid of Honor*
Ann Weaver, *Queen*



The Queen's Court: (L. to R.) Edna Brinkley, Shirley Beamon, Sally Brown, Virginia Hines, Faye Johnston, Janice Beamon.

May Day



The traditional May Day Festival was held on the campus in front of Main Building Saturday, May 5th. Over a thousand people came to see the colorful pageant which included about 350 children from all departments of the school. The program was woven around "The Seasons" and there was a dance for each month of the year.

Ann Weaver, who was elected May Queen by the student body, was crowned by Mr. Harry Wilson, member of the Board of Directors. Ann's Maid of Honor was Nancy Bulla, who was runner up in the election. Their flower girls were Rachel Stone and Ann Scarboro. The May Queen and her attendants reigned over the Spring Episode.

Each of the other seasons had a Queen and attendants who sat before large scenes painted in keeping with the season by Mrs. Anne Starrett and her art classes. Their costumes were also in colors and styles to fit the season. The seniors made their dresses with the aid of Mrs. Winchester.

Edna Brinkley was the Queen of summer, Shirley Beamon was her Maid of Honor and their flower girls were Sherry Dawn Wilson and Katherine Parrish. The older girls wore blue dotted swiss and the little girls pink dotted swiss. Virginia Hines and Sally Brown were the Queen and Maid of Autumn. Their dresses

were of bronze and dark green taffeta. Their flower girls were Judy Dilda and Kay Williams, who wore gold taffeta. Faye Johnston reigned over the winter scene, attended by Janice Beamon. They wore skater's dresses of red velveteen trimmed in white. Their flower girls, Mary Sloan and Glenda Cable, wore white velveteen costumes trimmed in red. All of the girls in the Court carried bouquets befitting their attire, and these were made by Mrs. Sheppard.

Some highlights of the program were the Tom Thumb Wedding enacted by the youngest pupils at Rankin Hall, the boys in white ties and tails, the girls in long organdy dresses; the January scene which featured a real, live snowman and real snowballs; a graceful dance by the older girls to the popular music "Autumn Leaves"; and an old fashion picnic, complete with invading insects.

After a week of rain, the sun came forth on Saturday so that everyone could enjoy the outdoor program. Many said it was the best they had ever seen anywhere. Miss Charline Rotha was director of the festival, with the assistance of all the teachers in the primary and intermediate departments. Miss Joy Bowers was in charge of the music for the program. The seniors will long remember the parts they played in this beautiful pageant.

Program

SUNDAY, JUNE TENTH

Sixty-First Commencement

North Carolina School for the Deaf

Baccalaureate Sermon

7:30 P.M. ----- Auditorium

DR. J. R. CUNNINGHAM,
President of Davidson College



THURSDAY, JUNE FOURTEENTH

Commencement Exercises

10:30 ----- Auditorium

Invocation ----- THE. JOHN D. SMITH
First Presbyterian Church, Morganton, N. C.

Greetings ----- BEN E. HOFFMEYER, *Superintendent*

Salutatory ----- GLENN HARTWELL PATTERSON

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. POWRIE V. DOCTOR
Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C.

Presentation of Diplomas and Certificates

Awarding of Prizes

Valedictory ----- ROBERT TOWLER DEVENNY

Benediction ----- THE REV. JAMES R. FORTUNE

Board of Directors

DR. HOWARD E. RONDTHALER, *President*

THE REV. JAMES R. FORTUNE, *Vice-President*

MR. WILLIAM S. McCORD, *Secretary*

MR. HOWARD MOOSE

MR. O. H. PONS

MR. H. L. WILSON

MR. R. J. MORRIS

Salutatory

Glenn Patterson

The graduating class of 1956 welcomes you to the sixty first commencement exercises of the North Carolina School for the Deaf. Your presence does us great honor.

We are fortunate in having Dr. Powrie Doctor of Gallaudet College to deliver the commencement address. Dr. Doctor, 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 today and we wish to thank you for the support you have given us.

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

We also are 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

Robert DeVenny

It is difficult to realize that we have at last reached this goal—Graduation Day. Today ends one of the happiest periods of our lives. Tomorrow we step out into the world without the protection of this institution. The school is very dear to us. It has not only given us a formal education, but it has helped to prepare us to face the future without fear. We are grateful for all that we have received here. We will try to live in such a way that our lives will be a credit to the North Carolina School for the Deaf.

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

Mr. Hoffmeyer, our superintendent; Mr. McAdams, our principal; the teachers and the staff, we want to thank you for your understanding and patience throughout the years.

To the students, we say farewell with sadness because we are leaving you, our friends, with whom we have shared so much fun, many joys and few sorrows.

And now to each of you and to our beloved Alma Mater, we bid an affectionate farewell.



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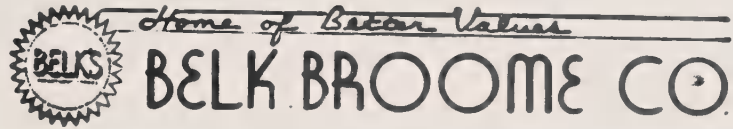
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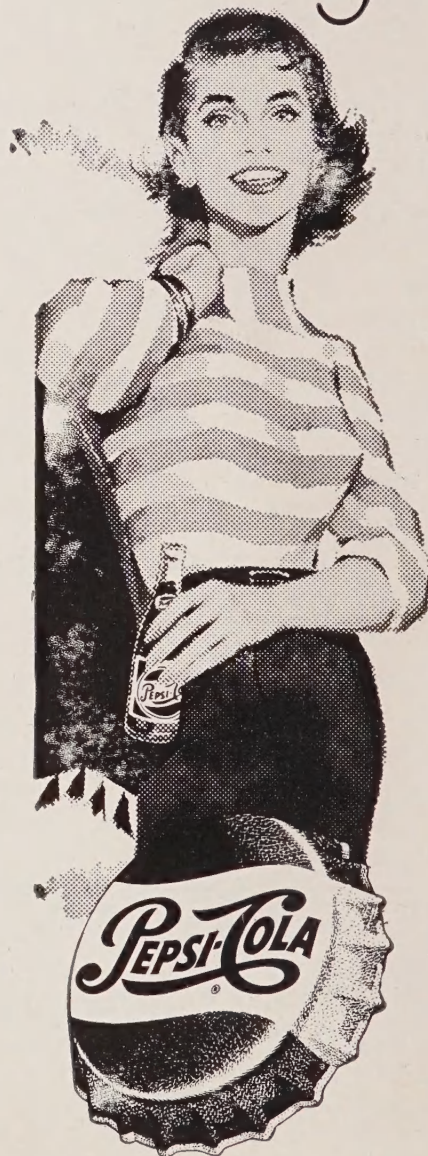
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