



The

Clock Tower

1959





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Our Alma Mater

Hark the sound of youthful voices
Singing sweet and clear;
While each loyal heart rejoices
Alma Mater dear.
Ours is the greatest school of all;
No finer can there be
From our lovely western mountains
To the eastern sea!

For we are Tar Heels born,
And Tar Heels bred,
And when we die,
We'll be Tar Heels dead!
So it's rah, rah, N.C.S.D!
Rah, rah, N.C.S.D!
Let's cheer together!
Rah! Rah! Rah!



The Clock Tower of 1959

*Published by the Senior Class
of the North Carolina School for the Deaf*

Foreword

Much time and effort has gone into the preparation of this book and we wish to thank all those who contributed in any way to its completion.

Dedication

To Our Parents And Teachers

The seniors of Class of 1959 wish to dedicate this year book to our parents and to our teachers. We shall be eternally grateful to you for making it possible for us to attain this very important milestone in our lives.

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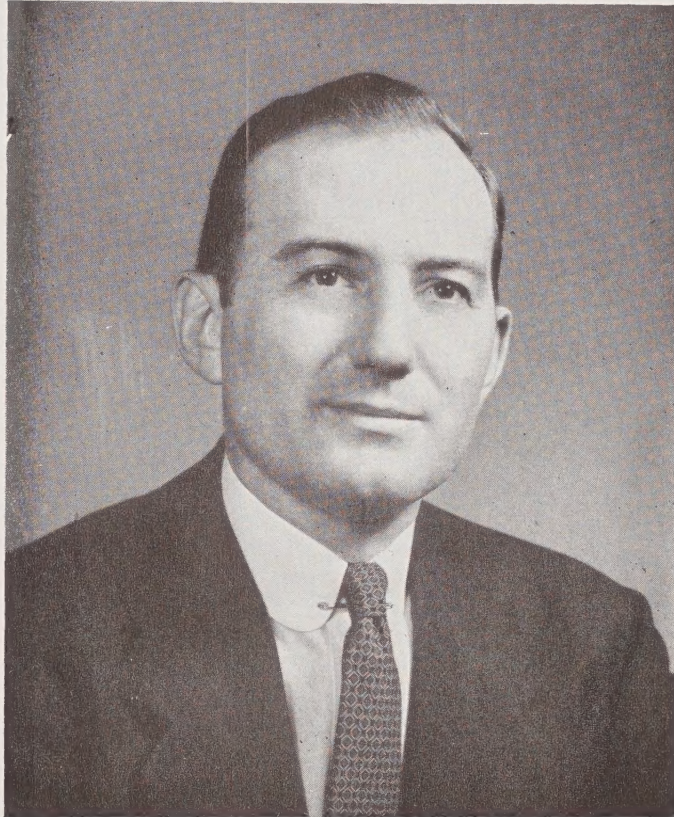
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BEN E. HOFFMEYER

May you, the Class of 1959, have the ability and determination to see things whole, realizing that life stretches out far beyond the little circle of your anger, grief and desires. You must be prepared to give happiness, before you can receive it. I sincerely wish for you a happy and fruitful life.

Principal



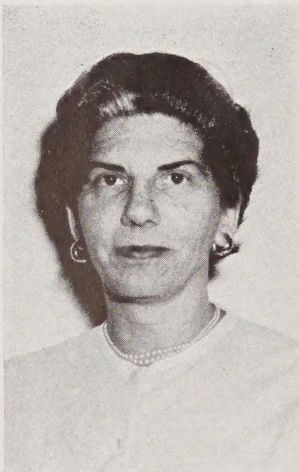
ROBERT M. McADAMS

Assistant Principal

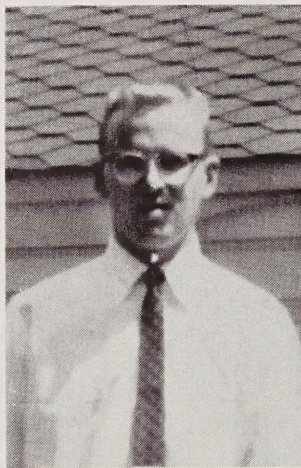


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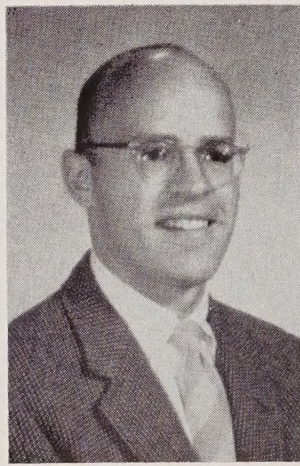
Senior Class Teachers



MRS. HUGH BIGHAM



ROBERT W. SCRIBNER



WILLIAM M. SIMPSON



MRS. JACK STARRETT

Senior Class Sponsors



MRS. PAUL CRUTCHFIELD



PAUL CRUTCHFIELD



MRS. JACK STARRETT

Academic Teachers



First Row: Mrs. Anne Starrett, Mrs. Jessie Warber, Mrs. Julia Wayt, Mrs. Frances Davis, Mrs. Charlotte Billings, Mrs. Tucker Walker, Mrs. Meta Bigham, Mrs. Mozelle Horton, Mrs. Bashie Crutchfield, Mrs. Jane Williams. *Second Row:* Terry O'Rourke, Ralph Causby, Mrs. Martha Hord, William Simpson, Mrs. Elizabeth Walker, Mrs. Kate Fowler, Miss Norma Bushey, Mrs. Cordelia Giles, Robert Scribner, Miss Vivian Hollingsworth, Albert Mehl, Mrs. Jane Mackorell, Grady Thomas

Vocational Teachers



Seated: Miss Ruth Cooper, Mrs. Delaine Winchester, Miss Lucy Goins, Mrs. Sally Sheppard, Mrs. Kathleen Underhill, Mrs. Mary Patton. *Standing:* John McCreight, George Brown, Wilson Sherrill, Vernon Golightly, Erwin Mayfield, W. A. Hord, Arthur Merrilla, Paul Crutchfield

Joiner Hall Teachers



First Row: Mrs. Sarah Whitley, Miss Beulah Huffman, Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, Miss Paula Williams, *Secretary;* *Second Row:* Mrs. Katherine Thomason, Mrs. Annabelle McCreight, Mrs. Carease Walker, Mrs. Jennie Law, Mrs. Mary Kirksey, Mrs. Annie Phillips. *Third Row:* Miss Joan Buff, Mrs. Ogletree, Mrs. Hattie Dickens, Mrs. Rita Plaster, Mrs. Marjorie Triebert

Rankin Hall Teachers



Seated: Mrs. Nelda Maxwell, Mrs. Josephine Brendle, Mrs. Ann Walton, Miss Joy Bowers, Miss Ann Owens, Mrs. Ann Vernon, Mrs. Mary Parrish, Mrs. Mary G. Patton, Miss Nan Jeter, Miss Louis Harris, Mrs. Mary Tuttle, Mrs. Evelyn Copenhaver, Miss Betty Watrous, Mrs. Bleecker Harbison, Mrs. Alice Smith, Miss Marjorie Gordon, Mrs. Vera Hoffmeyer

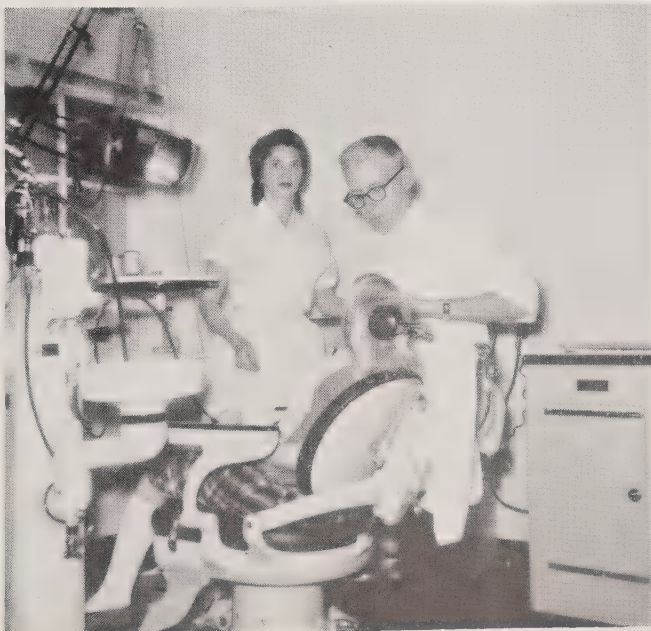


Business Office Staff

Left to Right: Mrs. Margaret C. Simmons, Secretary to Superintendent; W. K. Keeter, Business Manager; Miss Sarah Watkins, Secretary to Business Manager; Thomas Walton, Budget Officer

Hospital Staff

Seated: Mrs. Hazel Pritchard, Miss Roberta Wylie, Miss Hazel Glenn. Standing: Dr. Hugh Hemmings, Dr. W. H. Patton



School Dentist

Dr. Ralph Coffey, Mrs. Long, Assistant



Main Building Counselors

Seated: Mrs. Mary L. Bingham, Miss Mary L. Painter, Miss Melina C. Parker, Miss Willie Fant, Mrs. Ellen Cullen, Mrs. Nell Mundy. *Standing:* J. B. Leonard, Kenneth L. Blackhurst, D. J. Johnson, Johnny Higgins, Ed Plemmons, Miss Elgiva Shepherd

Goodwin Hall Counselors

Front Row: Mrs. Judith Stegall, Miss Carolyn Young, Mrs. Marilyn Pitman. *Second Row:* Ralph Stegall, Miss Emmie Lou Mace, Miss Julia Rust, Miss Mary Kirskey, Mrs. Nisha Stephens, Mrs. Nora Causby. *Not present:* Mrs. Ruby Childress, Mrs. Alma Carter



Rankin Hall Counselors

Seated: Leota Eva Crowder, Mrs. Eva Stewart, Mrs. Anna Small, Mrs. Joyce Ruff, Miss June Brown. *Standing:* Mrs. Ruth Silver, Mrs. Ruth Bridges, Mrs. Willie Mae DeLaughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Sloan, Miss Lena Banner, Miss Diffie Freeman



Main Building Kitchen Staff

Seated: Mrs. Annie Dale, Mrs. Tessneer, Miss Laura Howard, Mrs. Beulah Lingerfelt, Mrs. Fannie Brackett, *Standing:* Fred Tate, James Caldwell, Raymond Scott, Jacob Pearson, Lewis Jenkins

Joiner Hall Kitchen Staff

Front Row, Sitting: Mrs Ardith Green, Miss Mae Hastings, Mrs. Lucille Ramsey. *Second Row:* Mrs. Elizabeth Rusmisell, Charles Harbison, Carl Fullwood, Mrs. Wanna Clark. *Not present:* Tossie Jenkins



Rankin Hall Kitchen Staff

Seated: Mrs. Lillian Houck, Mrs. Bertha Bowman, Mrs. Annie Mae Denton, Mrs. Mary Mace, Miss Margaret Abee. *Standing:* Charles Glover, John Caldwell, Albert Brestle



Maintenance Crew

First Row: George King, Harry Grindstaff, Mike Hipps, Harold Turner. *Second Row:* Fred Rusmisell, *Plant Engineer*; Charles Rusmisell, Willard Chapman, Lee McKinney, C. E. Bridges

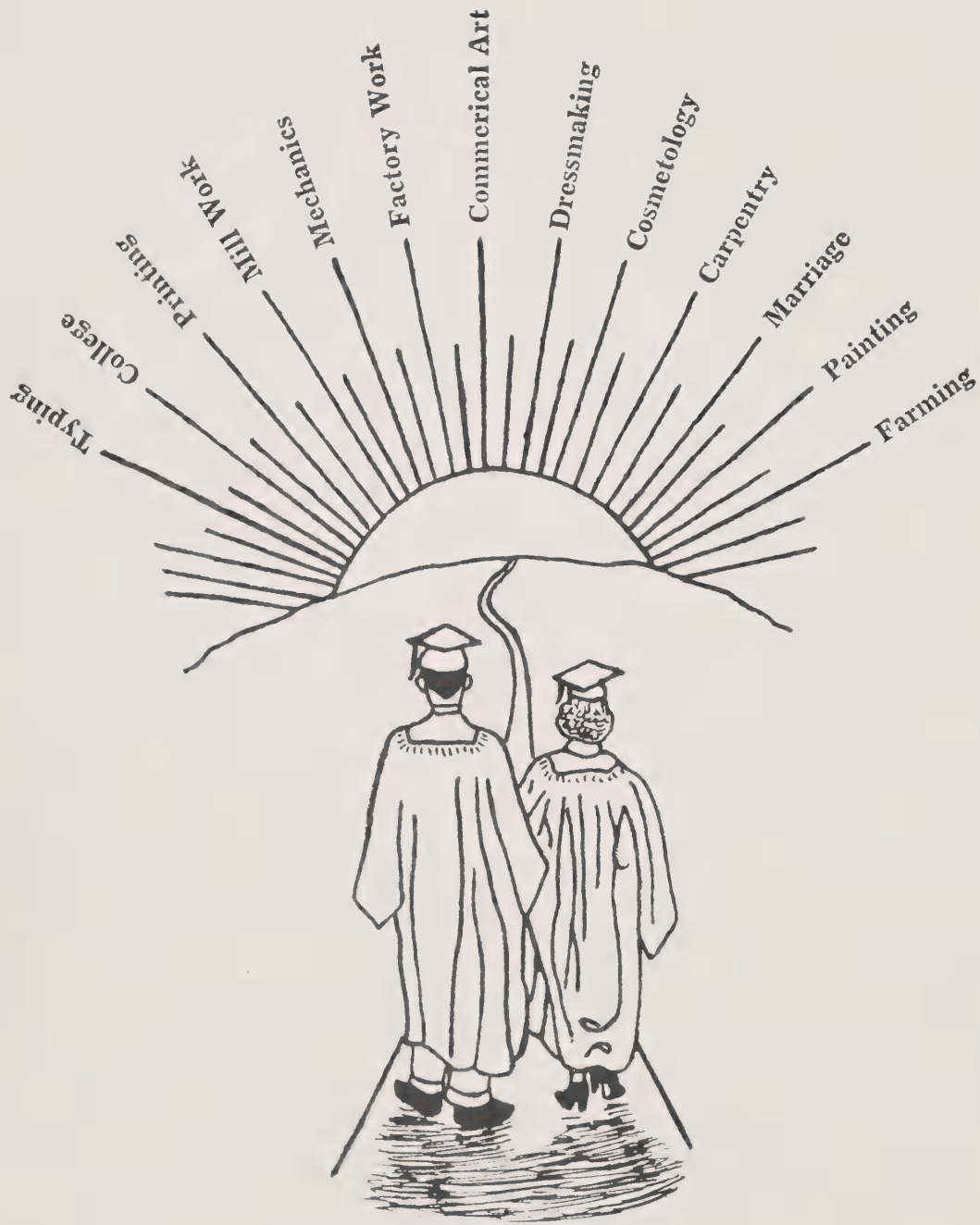
Farm Crew

Left to Right: Dan F. Cameron, *Farm Superintendent*; Charles E. Ramsey, Carl Taylor, Will Mull, Ben Greene, James Hensley



Laundry Crew

First Row: Thelma Stewart, Phoebe Cooper, Hettie Clark, Faye Dale, Gertie Duckworth. *Second Row:* Irene Terry, Versie Whisenant, Lois Street, C. L. Street, Reba Tonney. *Not present:* Hester Lana, Ivy Epley



Seniors

Class Roll

VIRGINIA MAE BIDDIX, *Asheville*

BARBARA ANN CRISP, *Robersonville*

SANDY CLYDE DUNCAN, *Raleigh*

PHOEBE LEE FAIRCLOTH, *Stedman*

HOMER GENE FOXX, *Burnsville*

GARY JAMES GREENWOOD, *Newton*

CHARLES VERNON HILL, *Fort Bragg*

BEULAH VIRGINIA HORNE, *Stedman*

THERESA GAIL JOHNSON, *Mayodan*

DAVID GAMEWALL LEONARD, *Morganton*

RICHARD COLUMBUS LOCKAMY, *Greenville*

JAMES WEBB MATTHEWS, III, *Rocky Mount*

JOHN TYSON MITCHINER, JR., *Warrenton*

CLAUDE RICHMOND MOORE, *Lenoir*

ELBERT RAY PHIPPS, *Lumberton*

CHARLES RAY PLESS, *Waynesville*

CLINT FRANKLIN THOMAS, *Reese*

Class Motto

"Never Backward"

Class Colors

Red and Black

Class Flowers

Red Rose

Class Tree

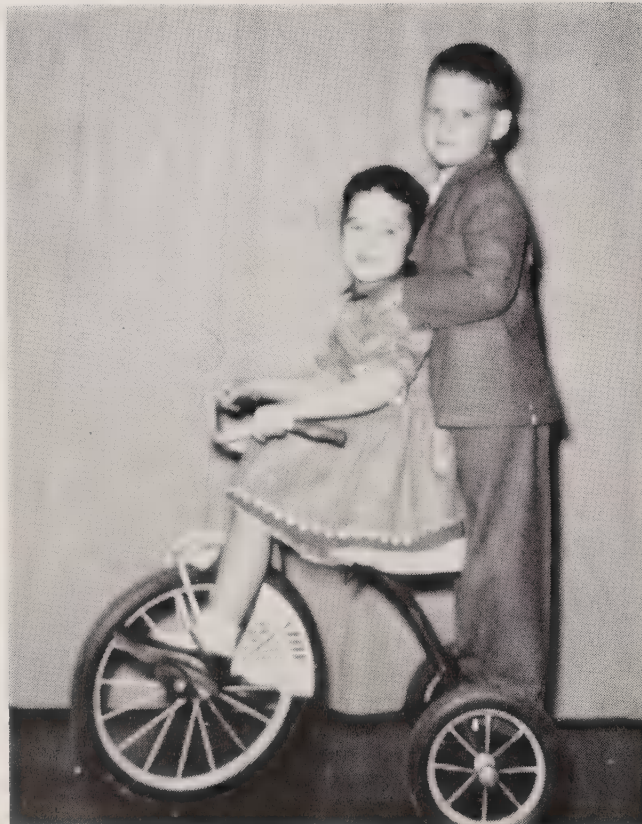
Norway Maple

Junior Marshals

Barbara Phillips

Franklin Handy

Class Mascots



Selina Sharp and Spence Jones

Class Officers



Seated: Barbara Crisp, Secretary; Jack Mitchiner, President. Standing: Gary Greenwood, Treasurer; Sandy Duncan, Vice President

The Clock Tower Staff



Seated: Barbara Crisp, Jack Mitchiner, Assistant Editor; Gary Greenwood, Editor in Chief, Virginia Biddix, Typist. Standing: Homer Foxx, David Leonard, Sandy Duncan, Charles Hill, Richard Lockamy, Phoebe Faircloth, Charles Pless, Theresa Johnson, Virginia Horne, Webb Matthews, Clint Thomas, Elbert Phipps, Photographers



VIRGINIA MAE BIDDIX

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Typing 3, 4; Cheerleader Pep Squad 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Fepha Honor Society 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 3, President 4; Class President 3; Girl Scout 1, 2; Student Supervisor 3, 4; Choir 3; Clock Tower Staff, Typist



Nickname: "Ginger"

Weakness: Clothes

Favorite Expression: "True business"

Favorite Sport: Deck Tennis

Ambition: Stenographer

BARBARA ANN CRISP

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Typist 3, 4; Pep Squad 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Class Secretary 3, 4; Basketball 1; Girl Scout 1; Junior Marshal 3; Homecoming Queen 4; Clock Tower Staff, Assistant Editor

Nickname: "Barby"

Weakness: Pepsis and Clothes

Favorite Expression: "What?"

Favorite Sport: Swimming

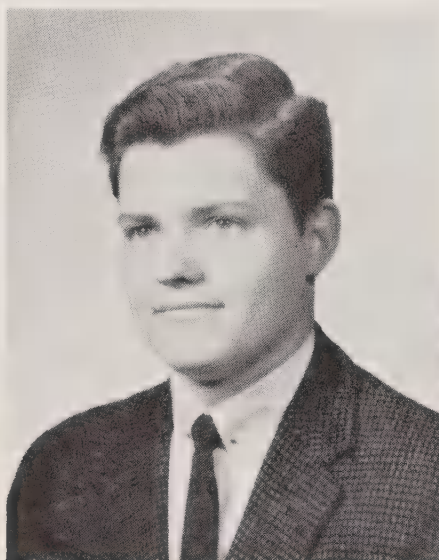
Ambition: Stenographer



SANDY CLYDE DUNCAN

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Printing 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Scout 7 years; Sterling Honor Society 4; Student Supervisor 4; Class Vice President 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer



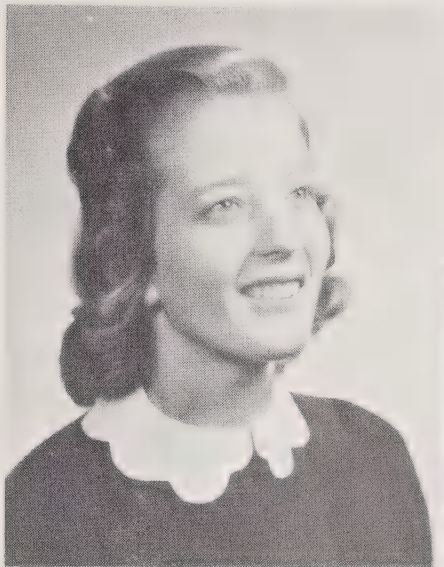
Nickname: "Sand"

Weakness: Traveling

Favorite Expression: "I know it."

Favorite Sport: Bowling

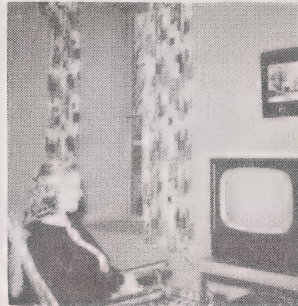
Ambition: Linotype Operator



PHOEBE LEE FAIRCLOTH

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Power Machine Operation 3, 4; Student Supervisor 3, 4; Pep Squad 5 years; Fepha Honor Society 1, 2, 3, 3, Vice President 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer



Nickname: "Baby Doll"

Weakness: Pepsi Colas

Favorite Expression: "I think so"

Favorite Sport: Softball

Ambition: Power Machine Operator

HOMER GENE FOXX

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Metal Shop 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Supervisor 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorable Mention All American 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Sterling Honor Society 3, 4

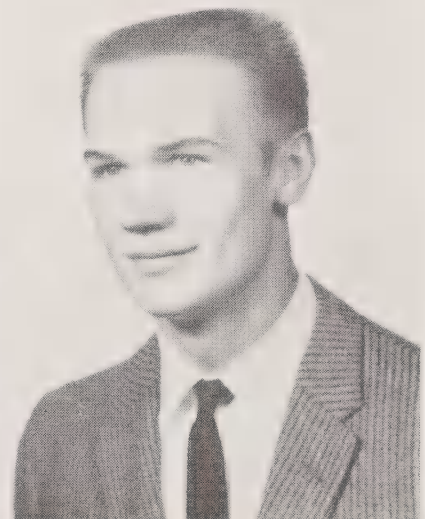
Nickname: "Muscles"

Weakness: Driving

Favorite Expression: "I never did!"

Favorite Sport: Football

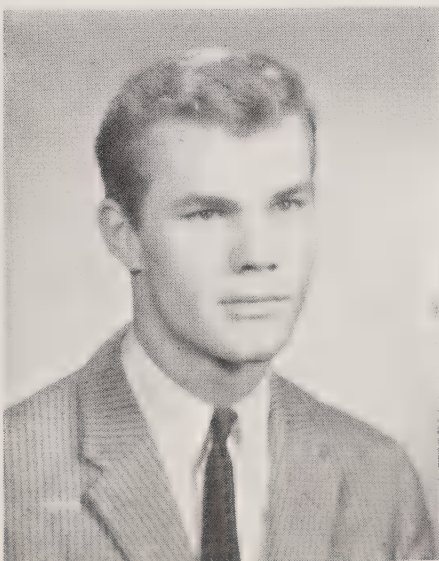
Ambition: Mechanic



GARY JAMES GREENWOOD

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Printing 1, 2, 3, 4; Goodwin Literary Society President 4; Boy Scout 7 years, Senior Assistant Scoutmaster 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Captain 3, 4, Lion's Bowl Outstanding Lineman 4; Sterling Honor Society 2, 4; Class Treasurer 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4; Clock Tower Staff, Editor-in-Chief



Nickname: "Bib"

Weakness: Driving

Favorite Expression: "Bored"

Favorite Sport: Football

Ambition: Linotype Operator



CHARLES VERNON HILL

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Printing 2, 3, 4; Track Manager 1; Football Manager 1; Boy Scout 1, 2; Student Supervisor 3, 4; Sterling Honor Society 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer



Nickname: "Chuck"

Weakness: Girls

Favorite Expression: "Crazy!"

Favorite Sport: Basketball

Ambition: Teacher or Printer

BEULAH VIRGINIA HORNE

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Power Machine Operation 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Attendant 2; Calendar Girl 3; Fepha Honor Society 1, 2, 4, Secretary 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer



Nickname: "Ginny"

Weakness: Barbecued Potato Chips

Favorite Expression: "Where?"

Favorite Sport: Softball

Ambition: Filing Clerk



THERESA GAIL JOHNSON

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Typing 3, 4; Pep Squad 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Choir 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer



Nickname: "Terry"

Weakness: Sleeping

Favorite Expression: "What for?"

Favorite Sport: Softball

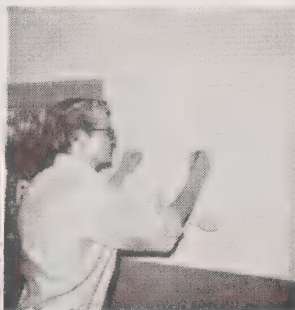
Ambition: Stenographer



DAVID GAMEWALL LEONARD

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Machine Shop 4; Football 4, Second Team All American 4, Transferred from the Michigan School for the Deaf where he played 3 years; Clock Tower Staff, Art Editor



Nick name: "Baby Face"

Weakness: Drawing

Favorite Expression: "How?"

Favorite Sport: Football

Ambition: Mechanic

RICHARD COLUMBUS LOCKAMY, JR.

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Woodworking 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2, 3; Boy Scout 3 years; Sterling Honor Society 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer

Nickname: "Dick"

Weakness: Sports

Favorite Expression: "Blah!"

Favorite Sport: Football

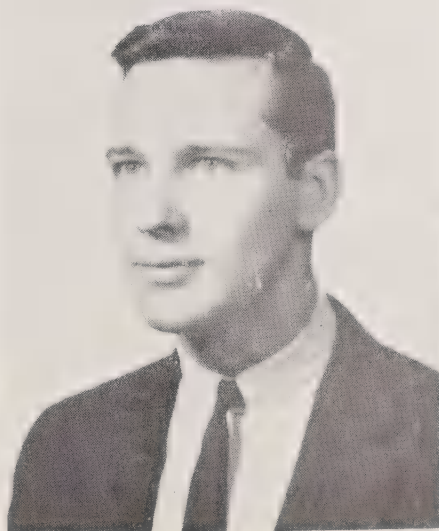
Ambition: Television Station



JAMES WEBB MATTHEWS, III

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Printing 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 4 years, Honorable Mention All American 2, Manager 3, 4; Track 1; Wrestling 1; Photo Club 2; Boy Scout 7 years; Sterling Honor Society 3, 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer



Nickname: "Handsome"

Weakness: Sports Clothes

Favorite Expression: "Why?"

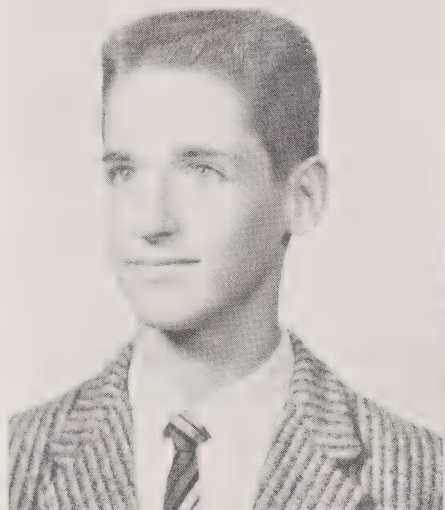
Favorite Sport: Football

Ambition: Linotype Operator

JOHN TYSON MITCHNER, JR.

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Printing 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Scout 7 years, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster 4, Eagle Scout; Basketball 2; Sterling Honor Society 2, 3, 4, President 4; Class Vice President 3, Class President 4; Clock Tower Staff, Associate Editor



Nickname: "Jack"

Weakness: Reading Newspapers

Favorite Expression: "What?"

Favorite Sport: All Sports

Ambition: Linotype Operator

CLAUDE RICHMOND MOORE

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Woodworking 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Scout 4 years; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Honorable Mention All American 4; Wrestling 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4

Nickname: "Joe E. Brown"

Weakness: Flirting

Favorite Expression: "What?"

Favorite Sport: Football

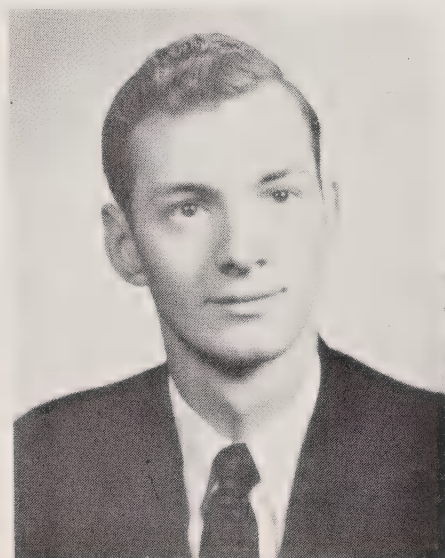
Ambition: Cabinet-Maker



ELBERT RAY PHIPPS

ACADEMIC DIPLOMA

Printing 1, 2, 3, 4; Boy Scout 9 years; Sterling Honor Society 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Christian Endeavor Society Vice President 3, 4; Student Supervisor 3, 4; Clock Tower Staff, Associate Art Editor



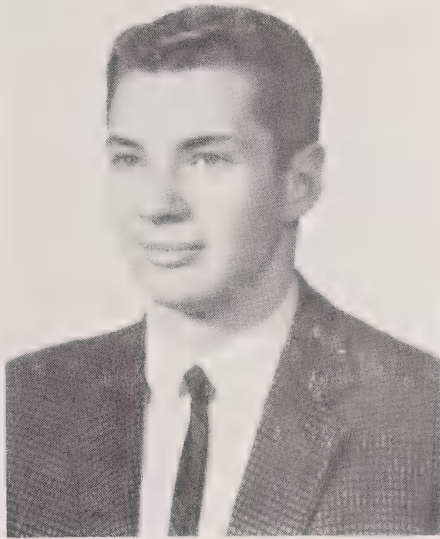
Nickname: "Pee Wee"

Weakness: Reading

Favorite Expression: "Foolish"

Favorite Sport: Hiking

Ambition: Linotype Operator



CHARLES RAY PLESS

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Metal Shop 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, First Team All American 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, First Team All American 3, All Tournament Team 3, Mason-Dixon Tournament 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Sterling Honor Society 3, 4



Nickname: "Choo Choo"

Weakness: Driving

Favorite Expression: "What did you say?"

Favorite Sport: Football

Ambition: Mechanic

CLINT FRANKLIN THOMAS

VOCATIONAL DIPLOMA

Woodworking 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3; Wrestling 1, 2, 3, Captain 2; Track 1, 3; Sterling Honor Society 4; Boy Scout 4 years; Photo Club, Vice President 4; Student Supervisor 4; Clock Tower Staff, Photographer

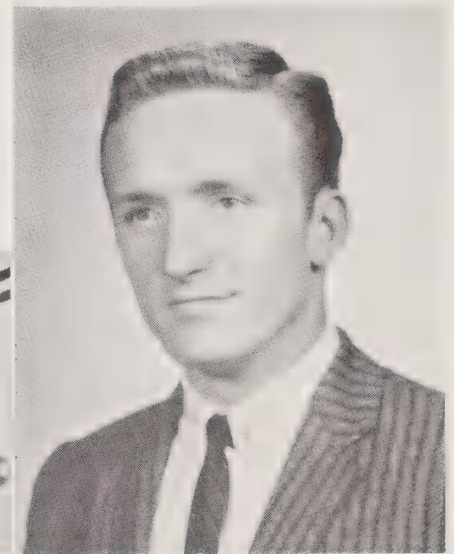
Nickname: "Monster"

Weakness: Apples

Favorite Expression: "Behave yourself!"

Favorite Sport: Wrestling

Ambition: Factory Worker





Most Courteous and Most Bashful

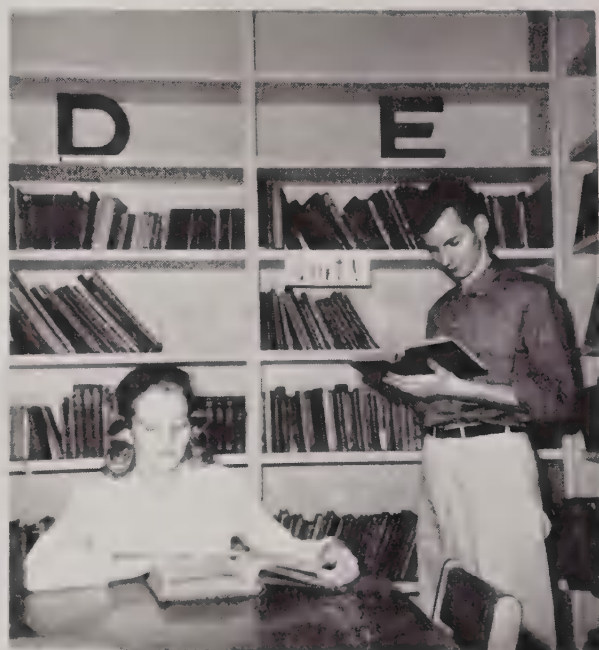


Most Conceited



Most Talkative

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Quietest



Best Personality



Most Athletic



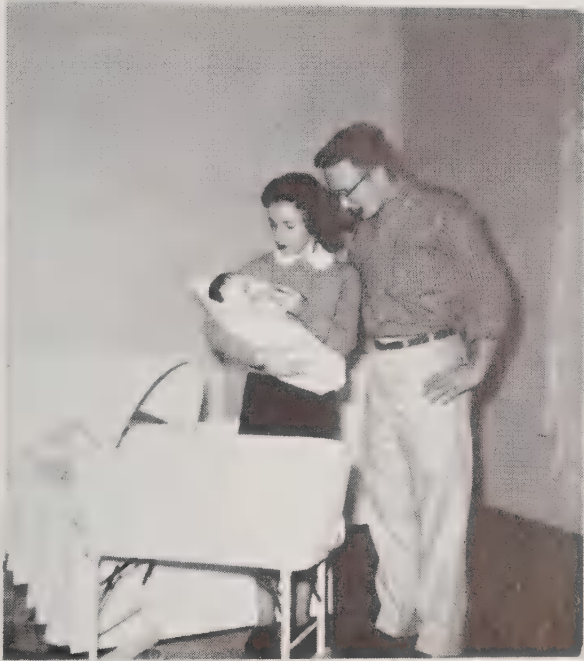
Best Dressed and Most Popular



Most Studious



Best Looking



Most Likely To Succeed

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Sleepiest



Biggest Flirts and Wittest



Best All-Round



Most Intelligent



Class Will

Jack Mitchiner



We, the Senior Class of 1959, being sound in mind and body, do hereby declare this to be our last will and testament

We bequeath a special place in our hearts for the Board of Directors, our superintendent, principal, assistant principal, faculty, and household staff for making it possible for us to acquire an education.

We leave all our senior duties and privileges to the junior class.

The seniors don't deem it necessary to leave our love of rock hunting to Mr. and Mrs. Crutchfield nor do we feel that Mrs. Starrett needs us to leave her our love of reading.

Virginia Biddix leaves her love of reading fiction and love stories to Martha Whitesides.

Barbara Crisp leaves to Barbara Phillips her habit of going home and bringing back more new dresses than you can ever imagine.

Sandy Duncan bequeaths his habit of going to the store so often and buying so much candy and stuff to Sam McCord.

Phoebe Faircloth gives her devotion to duty and unfailing courtesy to Judy Wood.

Homer Foxx bequeaths his love of cooking the world's most delicious hamburgers to Gene Hull.

Charles Hill leaves his love of staying in his room and reading to Terry Wright.

Virginia Horne wills her love of writing millions of love letters to Betty Gibbs.

Gary Greenwood wills George Pierce his athletic prowess.

Theresa Johnson bequeaths her love of good times to Gay Miller.

David Leonard leaves his skill in drawing to Billy Duncan.

Webb Matthews leaves his love for and knowledge of cars to Frank Schiretz.

Jack Mitchiner leaves his habit of subscribing to The News and Observer to the fourth floor boys who never want to subscribe to it but always want to borrow it.

Claude Moore hands Eddie Gobble his propensity for reading joke books and telling funny stories.

Richard Lockamy bequeaths his love of arguing to Douglas Boone.

Elbert Phipps wills a kid named Lynn Hill, his power to explain things about general science.

Charles Pless leaves his remarkable basketball shooting to Mike Triplett.

Clint Thomas wills his love of monster make-up to anybody who will accept it.

These bequests are our most cherished possessions, and we leave them to all of you in the hope that they will enrich your lives as they have ours.

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

Witnessed by:
Mrs. Paul Crutchfield
Mrs. Jack Starrett

Signed by:
The Senior Class of 1959

Class Prophecy

Charles Hill



It is the year 1970. This old planet of ours is a wonder of plastic homes, space travel, atomic motor cars and many other fabulous things that used to exist only in our dreams.

It had been four years since I had seen my classmates and since things were going along very smoothly at the boys school which I own and operate, I decided to pop my new motor car into my space ship for a trip to visit my old chums.

I was happy to see that Virginia Biddix, Barbara Crisp, and Theresa Johnson had top official jobs in the office of the Space Cadet Air Patrol Service. They are all married except Theresa. Virginia and Barbara live on Mars and have very beautiful homes. Virginia is married to a real space hero, who was one of the group of men who were the first to land on the moon some years ago. It was because of their pioneering spirit that space travel was made possible to the other nine planets in our solar system. Barbara is married to none other than Homer Foxx, now an Air Patrol machinist. Theresa lives alone on the moon. I think she has hopes of marrying one of the moon people some day. I hope that she'll find the right one.

Phoebe Faircloth is still living here on old Mother Earth and is still unmarried! She has a good job as a couturier. She does wonderful work in designing women's space clothes.

Virginia Horne lives in New York with her husband, Webb Matthews, and their six children. Webb has really done well. He owns *The New York Daily Sun* now. Webb and Virginia said they would wait a few more years before moving to another planet where they hope to be able to start another newspaper.

Sandy Duncan, Jack Mitchiner, and Elbert Phipps, all unmarried, work on Mars as printers. They work for Gary Greenwood, who owns a large printing company there.

Gary also owns his own space station. When I teased the boys about being old bachelors, they said they liked dating the pretty girls on Mars, but preferred to stay single. I told them that those were my sentiments, too. There's safety in numbers!

Clint Thomas works in the United States as a very successful factory worker. He is married to Elizabeth Allen. They have three lovely children, all boys, and Clint told me there is another one on the way! I am sure he and Elizabeth make wonderful parents. All of us who aren't married wish him all the luck in the solar system!

Charles Pless is married to Barbara Phillips and works as a machinist in a flying saucer plant in New York. The Plesses live near the Matthews. Charles agrees with Webb about waiting a few years before moving to another planet. The Plesses have four cute children and both he and Barbara are very proud of them.

David Leonard lives in Florida where he owns a machine shop which promises fast, safe, and dependable service on space ships.

Richard Lockamy started out as a carpenter working and living on the moon. Now he owns his own contracting company which builds houses of very conceivable material. He has just about finished his building project on the moon and will move soon to another planet. He told me that he had seen a program on space T.V. which featured our old Alma Mater and that he hardly knew our school now. It has been completely rebuilt and looks entirely different, he says. He also told me that he heard that Mr. Hoffmeyer was considering establishing a school for the deaf on Venus. We all wish Mr. Ben success in his venture.

When my trip was over, I was glad to be home on earth but I surely enjoyed seeing my old classmates and checking up on them. Who knows when I'll find time to visit them again?

Trees

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

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

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

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

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

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

—Sergeant Joyce Kilmer



Program

SUNDAY, MAY THIRTY-FIRST

Sixty-Fourth Commencement
North Carolina School for the Deaf

Baccalaureate Sermon

8:00 p. m. ----- *Auditorium*

THE REVEREND JOHN W. CARTER
Grace Episcopal Church, Morganton, N. C.



FRIDAY, JUNE FIFTH

Commencement Exercises

10:30 a.m. ----- *Auditorium*

Invocation ----- THE REVEREND R. KNOLAN BENFIELD
First Baptist Church, Morganton, N. C.

Salutatory ----- SANDY CLYDE DUNCAN

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

Commencement Address ----- MR. J. O. BARBOUR

Presentation of Diplomas

Presentation of Prizes

Valedictory ----- JOHN TYSON MITCHINER, JR.

Benediction ----- REV. R. KNOLAN BENFIELD

Valedictory

Jack Mitchiner

We can hardly believe that we have at last reached the final day of our school life. The years we have spent here have good ones and it is with a feeling of sadness and regret that we leave. Tomorrow we step out into the world without the support of the people here who have helped us thus far. We are thankful to all those who have been instrumental in preparing us to face the future without fear.

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

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

To the superintendent, the principal, and the teachers, we want to express our gratitude for the interest and patience they have shown throughout the years.

To the students with whom we have shared so many joys, we say farewell.

And now to each of you and to our beloved alma mater, we bid an affectionate goodbye.

Salutatory

Sandy Duncan

We, the members of the graduating class of 1959 of the North Carolina School for the Deaf, welcome you to the sixty-fourth commencement exercises. We are so happy to have all of you with us today.

We are very honored to have Mr. J. O. Barbour, we are pleased to have you with us.

Members of the Board of Directors, we are happy to have you with us, too, and we wish to express our hearty thanks for your interest in our school.

Mr. Hoffmeyer, we deeply appreciate your clear and understanding interpretations.

Relatives, friends, and alumni who have come here to be with us on this eventful day, we sincerley welcome each of you.



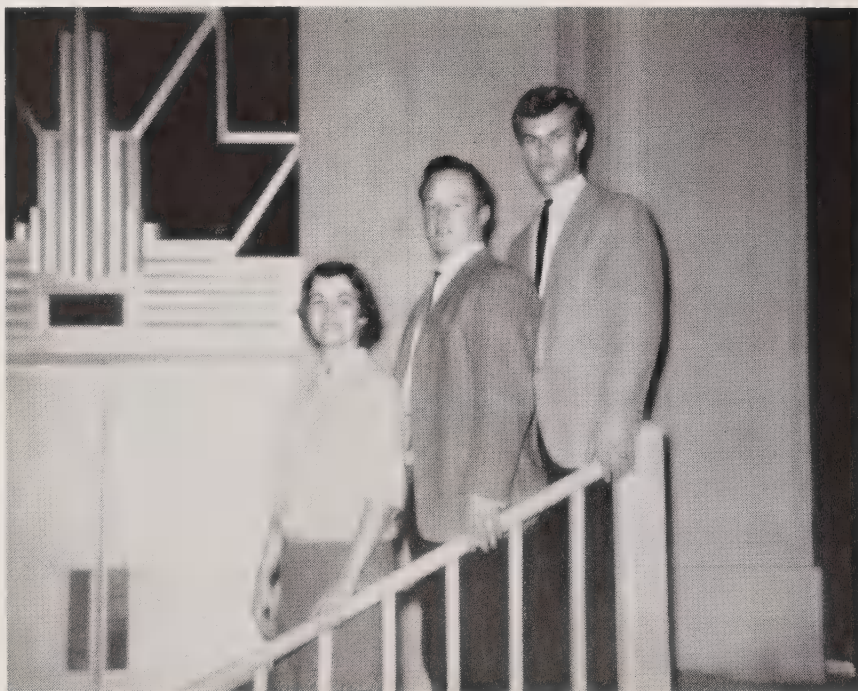
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Christian Endeavor Society



Left to Right: Franklin Handy, Treasurer; Gary Greenwood, Treasurer; Eddie Gobble, Secretary; Elbert Phipps, Vice President; Terry Wright, President

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Fepha Honor Society



Seated: Gay Miller, Virginia Biddix, Phoebe Faircloth, *President*; Virginia Horne, *Secretary*; Carrie Long, Barbara Phillips, *Vice President*; *Standing:* Miss Shepherd, *Advisor*; Barbara Mullis, Grace Canady, Judy Wood, Janice Leonard, Lucille Waldrup, Martha Duffell

Sterling Honor Society



Seated: Sandy Duncan, Charles Hill, Terry Wright, *Secretary*; Jack Mitchiner, *President*. *Standing:* George K. Brown, *Advisor*; Homer Foxx, Charles Pless, Franklin Handy, Webb Matthews, Gary Greenwood, Clint Thomas. *Not present:* Elbert Phipps, *Vice President*

Boy Scouts and Explorers of Troop 3



First Row: Archie Johnson, Butch Midgette, Mike Roberts, Jerry Phillips, Roger Moss, Mike Cooke, Guy Kirk. *Second Row:* Hal Wright, Tim Hickman, Charles Crowe, Jack Mitchiner, Tony Hawley, Charles Williams, Billy Bledsoe, Billy Duncan. *Third Row:* Eddie Gobble, Wayne Furr, Johnny Childers, Clement Ellis, Marvie Yarbrough, Bobby Cooke, Elbert Phipps, Sandy Duncan, Paul Crutchfield, *Scoutmaster.* *Fourth Row:* Larry Helms, Webb Matthews, Philip Hailey, Sam McCord, Franklin Handy, Garland Handy, Gary Greenwood, Terry Wright, Hayward Wright

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Sports

Athletic Staff



Left to Right; Seated: W. A. Hord, Mrs. Marlys Scribner Standing: Terry O'Rourke, James Anderson

W. A. Hord, athletic director and head coach of football and track
B.A. University of North Carolina

Mrs. Marlys Scribner, girls basketball coach
Gallaudet College

Terry O'Rourke, boys basketball coach and sport reporter
B.A. Gallaudet College

James Anderson, assistant football and track coach
B.S. Appalachian State Teacher College

Physical Education Staff



Mrs. Marlys Scribner, girls physical education
Gallaudet College

William Simpson, boys physical education
B.A. Gallaudet College

1959 Football Squad



Left to Right; First Row: Clement Ellis, James Jackson, Mike Triplett, Bob Scarboro, Sam Price, Floyd London, James Moose, Johnny Hayes, Tim Hickman, Larry Helms, Dewey Umphlett, Russell Lockamy. *Second Row:* W. A. Hord, *Coach;* Gene Hull, David Leonard, Claude Moore, Robert Tussey, George Pierce, Gary Greenwood, Barney Williamson, Douglas Boone, Eddie Gobble, Donnie Stewart, James Anderson, *Assistant Coach.* *Third Row:* Harold Johnson, *Manager;* William Barrett, Carl Dancy, Johnny Evans, Garland Handy, Bill Davis, Webb Matthews, *Manager*

Again the NCS D Bears had a successful football season. A nine win and one loss is a record to be proud of. The only defeat went to our old rival Glen Apline on the opening game of the season, but with growing experience the Bears rolled over their other opponents with increasing power. The season ended with the Bears in second place in the Skyline Conference.

Not only did we have a good local record in the conference, but the NCS D grid squad won national honors by being picked as the Number One Deaf Team in the Nation, and having Gary Greenwood, David Leonard, and George Pierce picked on the All American list.

This year's team was made up mostly of Sophomores and Juniors who show great promise for seasons to come, but the Bears will

certainly miss the grand play and leadership of our departing seniors: Gary Greenwood, David Leonard, Jerry Helms, and Claude Moore.

The Season's Record

<i>NCS D</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
6—Glen Alpine	27
20—Tryon	7
14—Marshall	13
32—Beaver Creek	0
13—Bakersville	0
63—Crossnore	0
33—Clyde	7
27—Tennessee	18
19—Drexel	6
34—Owens	6
Total 261	Total 84

Basketball Team



First Row: Terry O'Rourke, Coach; Mike Triplett, Frank Schiretz, Gene Hull, Barney Williamson, Jerry Helms and Jim Anderson, Assistant Coach. Second Row: Floyd London, Bob Scarboro, Larry Helms, Garland Handy, Donnie Stewart, William Barrett, Biff Baxter

The 1958-'59 edition of the NCS D Bear cagers was one of the least successful Bear quintets in quite a while — in the won and lost column that is.

Playing their first full season as a full-fledged member of the strong Burke County Conference, the youthful Bears finished in the cellar with a 1-11 conference mark.

There was one bright spot in the otherwise dismal season, however. The Bears managed to hold on to their record of never having finished lower than third place in the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament. After edging Louisiana 45-41 in a first round game, the Bears dropped a closely contested 44-38 decision to Virginia's Red Raiders, the eventual champions. The NCS D youngsters then topped Mississippi 46-35 in the third place battle.

Coach Terry O'Rourke, in his first year as head cage mentor, started five boys who were seeing varsity action for the first time and all will return to action next season to give the Bears an experienced squad. Mike Triplett, Barney Williamson, Gene Hull, William Barrett and Frank Schiretz were the starters and all are sophomores with the exception of Schiretz who is a junior.

Reserve Jerry Helms, the sixth man on this year's squad, is the only player who has completed his eligibility, so the outlook for next year is considerably brighter.

The Season's Record

NCS D	Opponents
50—Oak Hill	47
24—Morganton	42
41—Oak Hill	58
52—George Hildebrand	69
41—Hildebran	48
49—Glen Alpine	53
42—Drexel	54
42—Salem	63
41—South Carolina	39
45—(a) Louisiana	41
38—(a) Virginia	44
46—(a) Mississippi	35
52—George Hildebrand	69
45—Hildebran	58
32—Glen Alpine	77
56—Drexel	62
42—Salem	55
19—(b) Glen Alpine	35
(a) Mason-Dixon Tourney	
(b) Burke County Tourney	

Basketball Team



First Row: Ellamary Caligan, Martha Helms, Ruth Caudle, Bertha Pierce, Beverly Willis. *Second Row:* Carol Williamson, Louise Ballew, Mary Pegram, Syliva Bunnell. *Third Row:* Mary Alice Webb, Sandra Adair, Peggy Autry, Martha Whitesides. *Fourth Row:* Judy Wood, *Manager*; Mrs. Marlys Scribner, *Coach*; Gerry Gardner, *Manager*; Grace Canady, *Manager*

The NCS girls' basketball team deserves a pat on the back although it ranked last in the conference and in the Burke County Conference Tournament. Mark not how many they won or lost but how they played the games. All of them but two were new and inexperienced.

As the season rolled on the NCS girls gradually showed teamwork and coordination. Often times the NCS lassies surprised the opposing teams with their courage and aggressiveness. Unfortunately these combinations were not sufficient to better the season's record of 0-15.

The forwards, Ruth Caudle, Bertha Pierce and Martha Helms did incredibly well on the court, scoring until the last second of every game.

Louise Ballew, Mary Pegram and Sylvia Bunnell, the guards, did remarkably fine defensive work.

With these girls and some new ones coming up for next year, NCS has an optimistic outlook.

The Season's Record

<i>NCS</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
19—Oak Hill	37
30—Morganton	31
21—Oak Hill	60
43—George Hildebrand	53
28—Hildebran	56
35—Glen Alpine	46
30—Drexel	52
24—Salem	76
19—South Carolina	20
37—George Hildebrand	73
42—Hildebran	65
50—Glen Alpine	61
49—Drexel	65
14—Salem	76
18—(a)Hildebran	58
(a) Burke County Tournament	

Track Squad



First Row: Bob Scarboro, Doug Boone, David Leonard, James Jackson, Larry Helms, Eddie Gobble, Donnie Stewart, William Barrett, Frank Schiretz, Mike Triplett, George Pierce, Garland Handy. *Second Row:* Wayne Furr, J. W. Bradley, Sammy Price, Harold Johnson, Floyd London, Dewey Umphlett, Richard Howell, Gary Greenwood, Wayne Fox, Carl Dancy, Gene Hull, Barney Williamson, Jerry Helms. *Third Row:* Joey Hall, Clement Ellis, Bobby Cooke, Irwin McKenize, Charles Crowe, Russell Lockamy, Claude Moore, Maurice Ray, Joe Wood, Jim Hickman, Knox Riddle, Bill Davis, Charles Williams. *Fourth Row:* David Elliott, *Manager;* Jim Anderson, *Assistant Coach;* Ralph Hawley, Darrell Yates, Dean Taylor, Bill Bledsoe, Johnny Hayes, Larry Knootz, Tom Edwards, Tony Hawley, W. A. Hord, *Head Coach;* Robert Scribner, *Assistant Coach*

The track season had a slow start being made up mostly of unexperienced freshmen and sophomores, but ended the season with many out standing boys in several events.

Two high lights of the season were when "Old Faithful" Garland Handy ran the mile run in 5:04, and when Mike Triplett broke a school record by broad jumping 20 feet 5½ inches.

With the large improvement the track team made this year, on future in track looks bright.

Best Individual Performance For 1959

TRACK EVENTS

		<i>Time</i>
100-yard dash	Clement Ellis	10.4
220-yard dash	Mike Triplett	23.0
440-yard run	Carl Dancy	56.0
880-yard run	Garland Handy	2:15
120-yard low hurdle	Wayne Fox & Jerry Helms	14.9
120-yard high hurdle	Dewey Umphlett	19.0
One-mile run	Garland Handy	5:04
One-mile relay	(4 boys)	3:52
	David Leonard, Gary Greenwood, Garland Handy and Carl Dancy.	

FIELD EVENTS

		<i>Height</i>
Pole Vault	David Leonard	9 feet
High Jump	David Leonard	5 ft. 4 in.
		<i>Distance</i>
Broad Jump	Mike Triplett	20 ft. 5½ in.
Shot Put	Gary Greenwood	42 ft. 11 in.
Discus	Gary Greenwood	110 ft. 11 in.

Pep Squad



Left to Right: Grace Canady, Virginia Horne, Martha Duffell, Gay Miller, Virginia Biddix, Cheerleaders; Second Row: Beverly Willis, Peggy Autry, Barbara Mullis, Judy Wood, Mrs. Tucker Walker, Sponsor; Martha Helms, Carrie Long, Mary Keeling, Betty Gibbs. Third Row: Barbara Phillips, Lucille Waldrup, Gerry Gardner, Mary Webb, Shelba Moss, Ellamary Caligan, Theresa Johnson. Fourth Row: Ruby Stevens, Janice Leonard, Martha Whitesides, Annie Hufham, Barbara Crisp, Ruth Caudle, Phoebe Faircloth

The Pep Squad of the North Carolina School for the Deaf has made a very important place for itself on the campus. The royal blue Bermuda shorts and white crew neck sweaters 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 team on to victory.

The Pep Squad consists of about 30 girls. To be a member a girl must be sixteen years old or in the ninth grade or above. She must have good speech and have a willingness to use it. Each year the number of outgoing seniors in the squad determines the number of new girls coming in.

Awards are given at the end of the school year. This year for the first time sterling silver megaphones were given to each girl in the Pep Squad to be worn around her neck on a silver chain.

The Pep Squad was organized in 1948 and has grown in importance until today it is one of the most popular organizations on the campus.

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

President	Virginia Biddix
Vice-President	Gay Miller
Secretary-treasurer	Barbara Crisp
Advisor	Mrs. T. Walker





Social Events

Our Education Trip To New York City

After working hard and earning money all during our junior year, we decided that we would like to have the best educational trip possible during our senior year. It was not hard for us to decide on the place we wanted to go because of the glowing reports the seniors last year gave of their trip to New York City. Mr. McAdams did all the "dirty work" of making plans with the Southern Railway for us to go the Big City.

The Southern Railway made wonderful plans for our four day stay in New York. We had three nights lodging in the President Hotel which is right in the middle of every thing in Manhattan.

We had an interesting boat trip around Manhattan. The guide explained and pointed out many places of interest.

On Easter Sunday we attended Church at the beautiful Cathedral of Saint John the Divine. After Church it was quite a thrill

for us to get in the Easter Parade on Fifth Avenue. We also had a long subway ride out to Coney Island and back. To make the end of a perfect Easter Day we went to Radio City Music Hall where we saw "Green Mansions", the rockettes, and a lovely Easter Contata.

Monday was our all-day bus tour. We had a very kind guide who was most helpful. Some of the interesting stops we made were the Empire State Building, tour of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, Chinatown, the Bowery, the Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island, and NBC Radio and Television Studios.

Times Square was like a magnet for us. We went there every night to see the sights—the lights, and the people, people, people!

Our train ride to and from New York was very comfortable and enjoyable.

We will never forget our wonderful trip to New York City.







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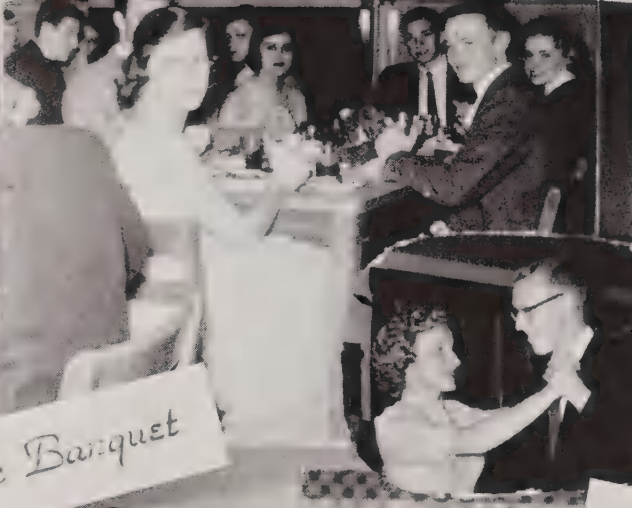
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Halloween Party



Christmas Party

Banquet jeune-superieur



Athletic Banquet

Mid-Winter





Lower Classes

Sophomores and Juniors



First Row: Martha Duffell, Elizabeth Allen, Gay Miller, Annie Huffman, Ruby Stevens, Gerry Gardner, Barbara Mullis. *Second Row:* Carrie Long, Beverly Willis, Grace Canady, Barbara Phillips, Shelba Moss, Janice Leonard. *Third Row:* Richard Howell, Terry Wright, Biff Baxter, Hayward Wright, Franklin Handy

Freshmen



First Row: Gilbert Smoot, Wayne Furr, George Pierce, David Elliott, Eddie Gobble, Marice Ray, Hal Wright. *Second Row:* Louise Ballew, Mary Frances Keeling, Betty Gibbs, Betty Lou Stepp, Judy Wood, Martha Whitesides, Sandra Adair, Nancy Setzer, Ellamary Calgian. *Third Row:* Mary Pegram, Syliva Bunnell, Judy Harris, Ruth Claude, Mary Alice Webb, Martha Helms, Lucille Waldrup; *Fourth Row:* J. W. Bradley, Irvin McKenzie, Sam McCord, Knox Riddle, Floyd London; *Fifth Row:* Barney Williamson, William Barrett, Philip Hailey, Harold Johnson, Gene Hull, Douglas Boone, Frank Schiretz, Jerry Helms, Billy Davis, Dewey Umphlett, Garland Handy, Bob Scarboro, Larry Helms, Sammy Price

Seventh and Eighth Grades



First Row: Doug Faircloth, Lanny Stegall, Tony Hawley, Bobby Cooke, Larry Snipes, Joe Wood. *Second Row:* Yvette Smith, Peggy Phillips, Georganne Brown, Mary Scarboro, Syliva Atkins, Dessie Moose, Syliva Daughtridge, Bobbie Poole. *Third Row:* Barbara Cole, Diane Grigg, Pamela Lewis, Sue Williams. *Fourth Row:* Mildred Lewis, Bertha Pierce, Patsy Phillips, Shirley Turner, Nancy Brantly, Janice Leonard. *Fifth Row:* Neil English, Charles Crowe, Johnny Hayes, Donnie Stewart, Mike Triplet

Sixth Grade



First Row: Russell Lockamy, Billy Bledsoe, Bud Kennedy, Johnny Childers, Mike Roberts, Archie Johnson, Marvie Yarbrough. *Second Row:* Patricia Reeder, Judy Sullivan, Barbara Morgan, Betty Isenhour, Vicky Tart, Shirley Bowman, Dorothy Howard, Patricia Pitts. *Third Row:* Carol Williamson, Joan Johnson, Sharon Beaver, Marie Pegram, Sharon Richard, Marjorie Jones, Nell Stephens. *Fourth Row:* Lana Hickman, Elaine Stalcup, Anna Briggs, Billy Duncan, Lynn Hill, Clement Ellis. *Fifth Row:* Wade Street, Wayne Fox, Carl Dancy, Tim Hickman

Fifth Grade

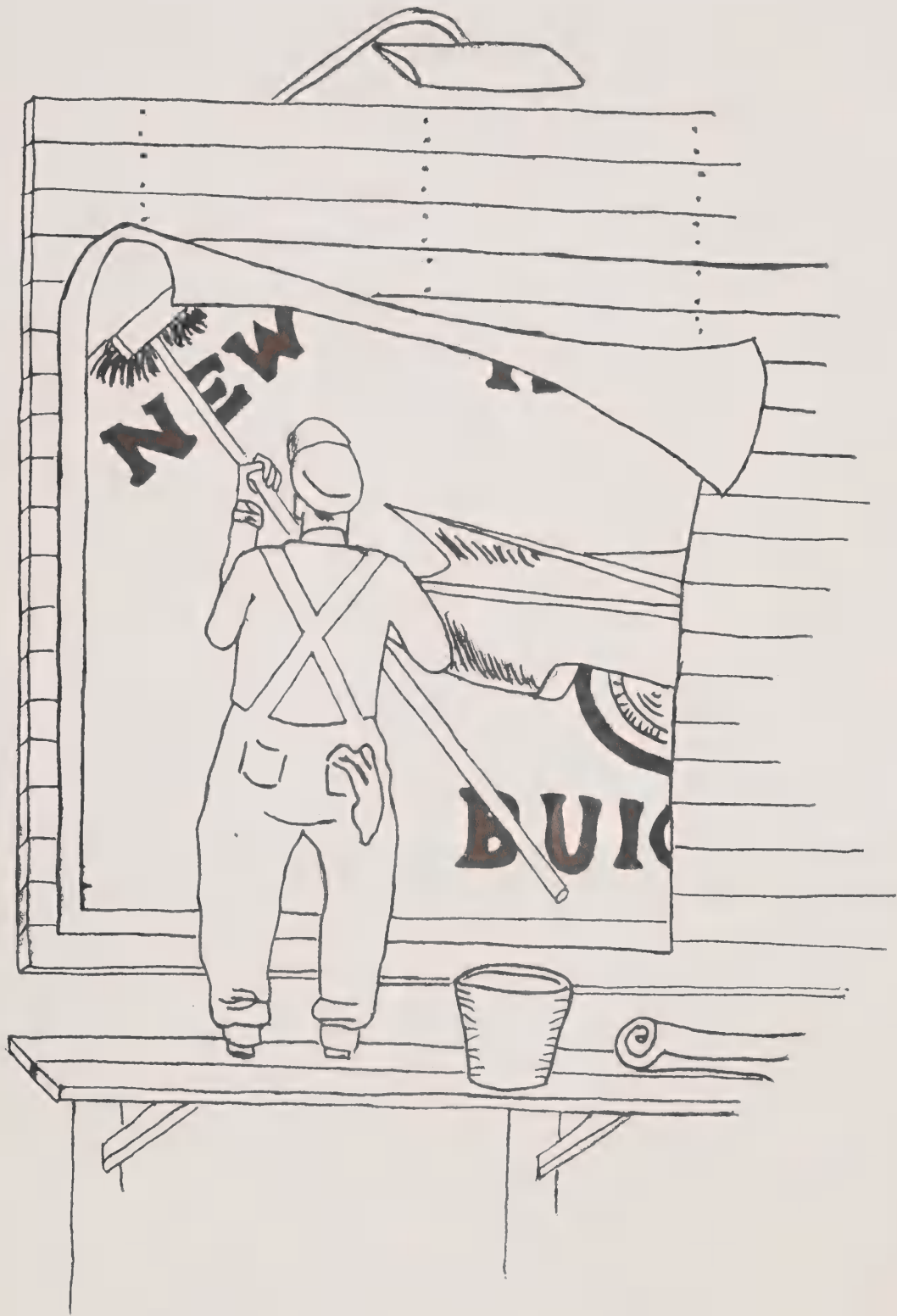


First Row: Martha Bledsoe, Jaunita Darnell, Barbara Reeves, Sandra McAbee, Judy McGee, Ann Lisenby, Judy McDaniel, Frenda McKnight. *Second Row:* Doris McQueen, Patsy West, Judy Burlson, Glenda Lawrence, Diane Cooley, Peggy Elkins. *Third Row:* Ray Lockamy, Dean Taylor, Mike Cooke, Tommie Edwards, Pat Stuckey

Special



First Row: Larry Hegler, Paul Sisk, Larry Knootz, Bruce Byers, Wayne Noah. *Second Row:* Joyce Gasque, Geraldine Batchelor, Shelby Eldridge, Joyce Herring, Lelia Mendenhall, Deanna Duncan, Kay Snakenburg. *Third Row:* Darrell Yates, Lewis Keeters, Shirley Arrington, Sue Reece, Linda Meldin, Margaret Perry. *Fourth Row:* John Pennell, Billy Stroud, Jerry Stewart, Harvey Harper, Ralph Hawley



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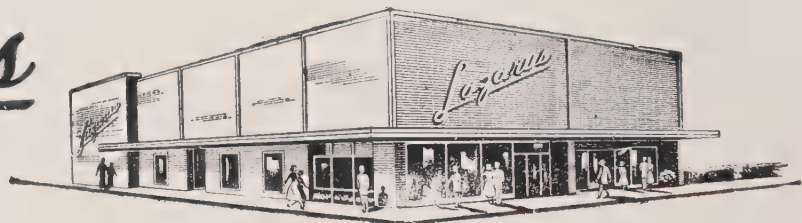
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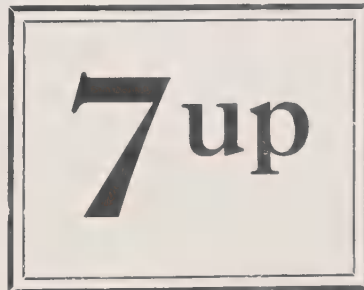
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