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My dearest Bullock, I will
I'm going to give you a love you
and tell you how much I love you.
I think you're tops (no kiddin'!!!)
Here's hoping you always have
the best. Be good 'cause I love ya!
Love,
Beth Hayes

Hi Ann -
Your son is acting up
but it all right cause I still
think you're darling and like
you loads.
Love + Misses,
Susan

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CHARLES L. COON HIGH SCHOOL
WILSON, N. C.



FOREWORD

Precious memories grow sweeter with the passage of years. Herein we have written our past, coupled it with our constructive and progressive present so that the two may be a source of fond recollection in the future. If, when you turn the pages of this annual, memories are prolonged in reminiscence, we, the editors, will know our work has not been in vain.

—THE EDITORS, '45.



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In Memoriam

The school suffered a great loss in the passing away of Miss Florence Mayerberg who, until two years ago, taught in this school. She will long be remembered for her untiring interest in young people and for the great services rendered in the school. She will be held in grateful memory by those who knew her.



DEDICATION

TO

MRS. C. R. BLACKBURN

Teacher, Leader, Friend

Through her kindness, patience, and keen foresight she has been an inspiration to all of us. She has been with us for a long time, but each time we see her she has something to contribute to our well-being—some kind word or some good advice. We respect her, we admire her, we love her. We shall take with us the memory of all she has taught us out into the world to be a shining light to help us along our way.

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Standing, left to right: S. G. Chappell, Superintendent; Dr. Ralph Fike; Dr. G. E. Bell; Mr. J. L. Hales; Mr. John Farmer. *Seated:* Mrs. A. W. Fleming; Mr. N. M. Schaum, chairman; Dr. J. V. Turner.



Annae Kasper,

I'm signing my name here

and I'll be here (Oh!

I can't resort to this!)

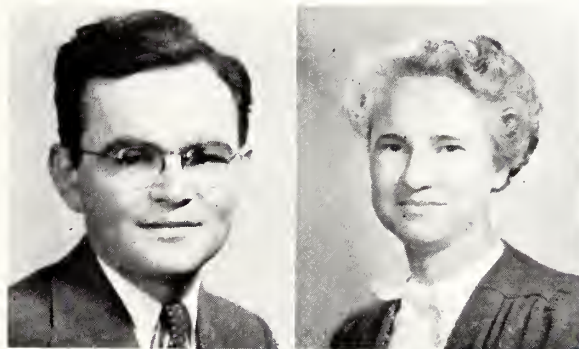
you're a swell gal and I love

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you. Love "Rabbit" J.



J. M. HOUGH
Principal
Charles L. Coon High

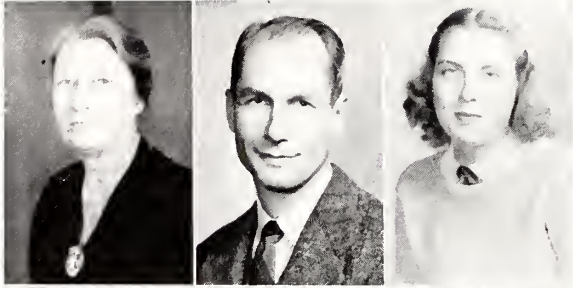


CYRUS F. LEE
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Business Adviser 1945 COCOON

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Dean of Girls
Editorial Adviser 1945 COCOON

Miss Bessie Massengill

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English

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Librarian

*I have enjoyed
having you
so very much
this year.
Virginia Ferguson*

*Bona fortuna?
H. Godwin*

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English

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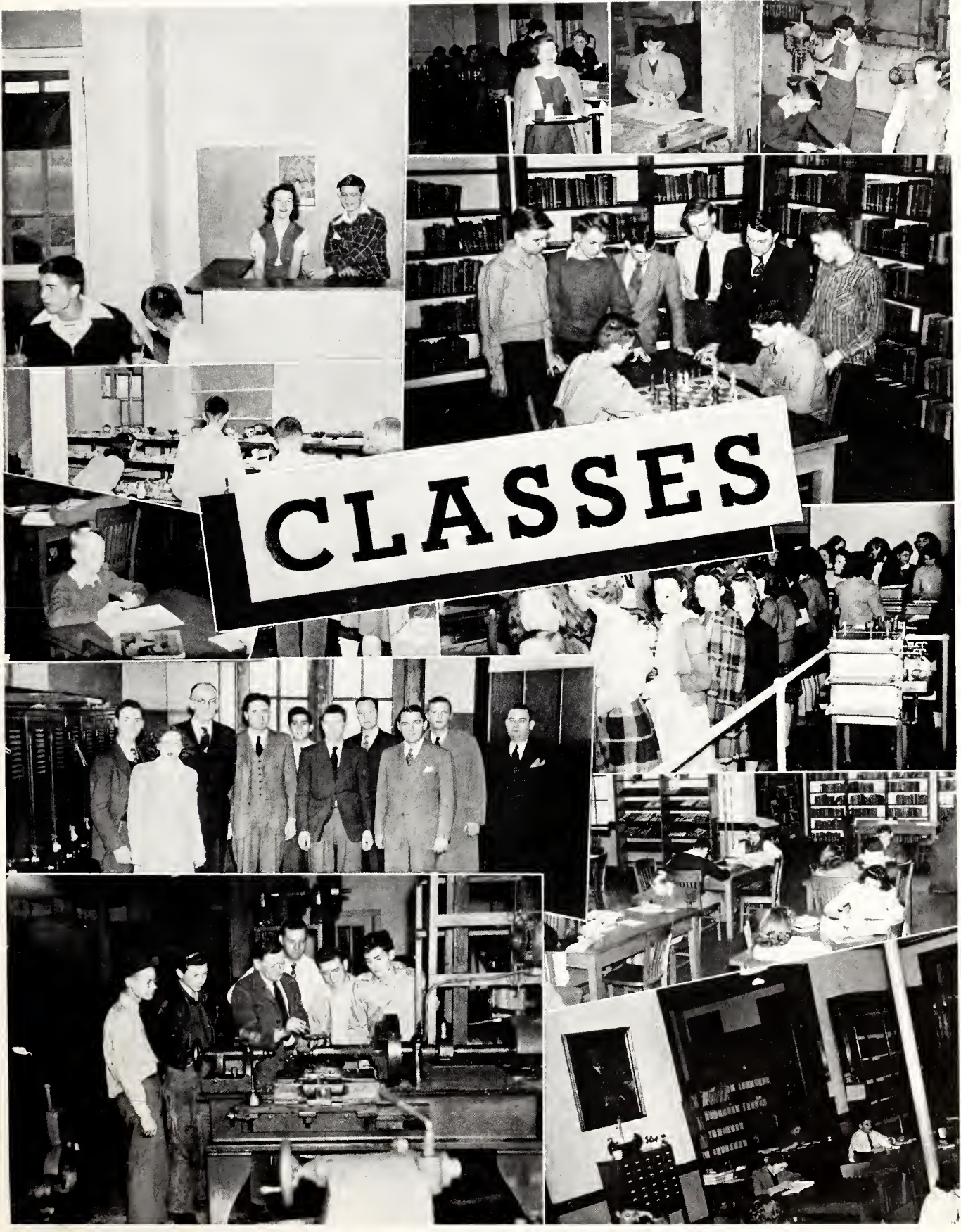
AGNES YOST
English

DORIS BUCHANAN
Secretary



Handwritten note in Arabic script, partially illegible.

*Best wishes to
a splendid and
a very successful
girl -
Agnes B. Yost*



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SENIOR CLASS



*Best of luck
and hope
to all our girls!*

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LULA HACKNEY THIGPEN

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CLASS FLOWER: *Rose.*

CLASS COLORS: *Red and White.*

CLASS MOTTO: *"To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."*

SENIORS

JOE ANDERSON

Victory Corps 2; Signal Corps 3; RADIOGRAM Staff; Home Room Officer; Junior-Senior Prom Committee.

JULIAN BARKER

Band 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2; Varsity Football 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Co-Captain Varsity Football 4; Victory Corps 2, 3; Class Song Committee 4.

SAM BARNES

Victory Corps 1; Journalism Club; RADIOGRAM Staff 4.

WALTER ALTON BATTS

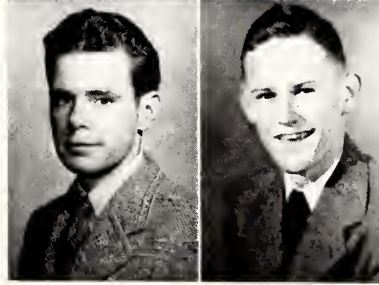
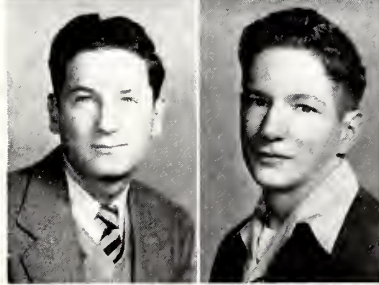
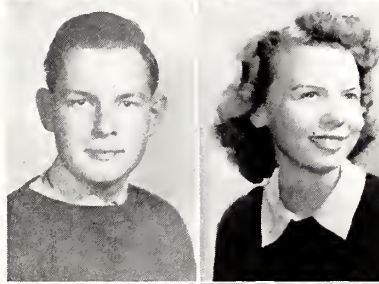
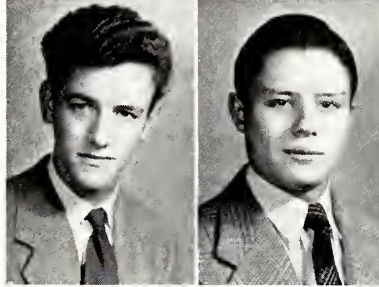
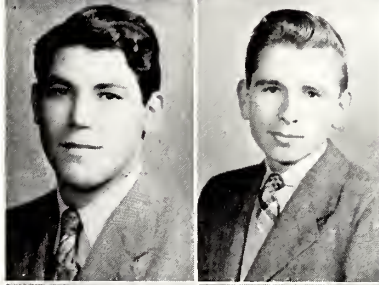
Band 1; Science Club 1; Home Room Officer 1; Victory Corps 2; Band 2, 3; Morse Code 3.

EPHRAIM BELL

First Aid Club 2; Signal Corps 3; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; COCOON Staff 4; Junior-Senior Prom Committee.

ROBERT BOSWELL

School Bus Driver 1, 2, 3, 4; Victory Corps 2; Machine Shop 3; 4-H Club.



1945

REBA BAKER

Glee Club 2; Student Council 1; Home Room Officer 2; Victory Corps 2, 3; Basketball 2; First Aid 2; Stunt Night 3; Christmas Carnival 3; Civil Air Patrol 4; Typing Club.

BOISIE ALLEN BARNES, JR.

Junior Baseball 1, 2; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Vice-President of Home Room 1; Home Room President 3; Vice-President of Senior Class 4; Senior Superlative—Best Citizen 4; Victory Corps 2, 3, 4.

TROY BARNES

Hobby Club 1; Victory Corps 2; Baseball; Basketball; Football; Citizenship Club 3; Most Valuable Player of Varsity Football 4.

DAPHNE BATTS

Knitting Club 1; Honor Citizenship Club 2, 3; Military Drill 2; Served for Junior-Senior Prom 3; Secretary Junior Class 3; Home Room President 4, Home Room Superlative—Best Student; Class History Committee for COCOON 4.

JAMES DAVIS BLOUNT

Cheerleader 2; President Junior Class 3; Varsity Football 3, 4; Junior Football 1; Debating Team 2, 3; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Class Prophecy 4; Victory Corps 2, 3; President Junior Red Cross; All-Eastern Football Team 4; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Junior Carnival Committee 3.

CHARLES STANFORD BOYETTE

Hobby Club 1; Band 1, 2; Victory Corps 2; Honor Citizenship Club 3; Junior Carnival Committee 3; Junior-Senior Carnival Committee 3; College of William and Mary 4.

SENIORS

EARL CORRINGTON

Honor Citizenship Club 1; Basketball 1; Baseball 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3; Victory Corps 3, 4; Senior Superlative—Wittiest 4; COCOON Committee 4; Class Song 4; North Carolina State Guard; Machine Shop.

ROBERT HARRIS DANIEL

Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Photography Club 1; Victory Club 1; COCOON Staff 4; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Home Room Officer 1; Glee Club 3.

RANDALL DE KEYZER

Victory Corps 2, 3; D. O. 4; Machine Shop.

PAULINE DILDA

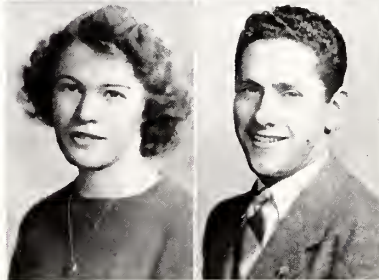
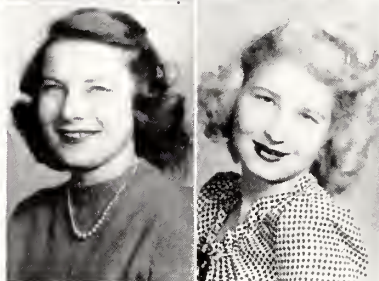
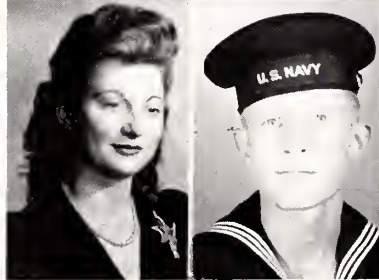
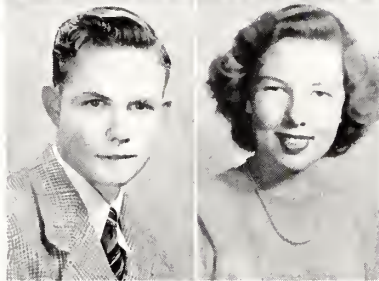
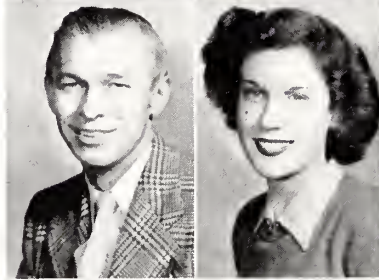
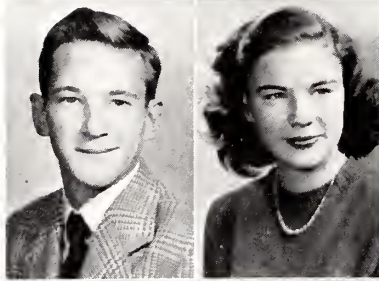
Typing Club 3; Citizenship Club 1; Red Cross Knitting Club 2; Advanced Typing Club 4.

BETSY ALLEN DRAUGHN

Stunt Night 1; Intramural Basketball 1; Glee Club 1; Dramatics 1; Softball; Victory Corps 2; Citizenship Club 3; Assistant Librarian.

MARTHA EVANS

Glee Club; Typing.



1945

SUSIE MAGDALENE CREECH

Victory Corps 2; Dramatics 3; Co-Editor RADIOGRAM 4; Junior-Senior Prom 2; RADIOGRAM Reporter 1; Invitations Committee for Prom 3; Christmas Carnival 3; DAR Pilgrim 4; Senior Superlative—Best Citizen 4; Home Room Officer 2; COCOON Staff 4; Stunt Night 3; Soccer Team; Home Room Superlative—Most Studious.

THELMA MATHILDA DAVIS

Glee Club 1; Song Leader 1, 2, 3, 4; Victory Corps 1; D. O. 3, 4; President Home Room 1; Student Council 1.

ELIZABETH BISSETTE DEMPSEY

Cheerleader 3, 4, Head Cheerleader 4; Served for Junior-Senior Prom 3; Citizenship Club 1, 3; Student Council 2; Home Room Officer 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 2; G. A. A. 2; Chairman of Christmas Carnival 3; Dramatics 4; Victory Corps 2, 3; Testator of Last Will and Testament 4; Glee Club 2; Class Night Committee 4.

ROBERT ALLEN DRAKE

Student Council 1; Basketball; Junior Football; Cheerleader 2; Baseball; Chosen Captain of 1945 Baseball Team; Hobby Club; Victory Corps 1, 2; Band 1, 2.

BLANCHE DRIVER

Library Club 1; Library Work 2; Typing Club 3, 4.

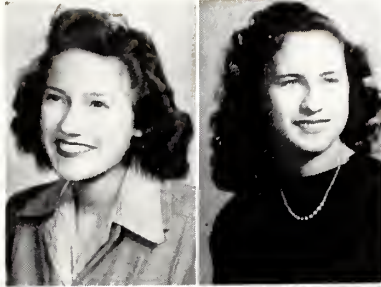
ROY CAMERON EVANS

Victory Corps 2; Band 2, 3; Glee Club; Civil Air Patrol 4.

SENIORS

ANNIE LAURIE FINCH

Vice-President of Class 1, 2; Prettiest Girl 2; President of Program Committee 3.



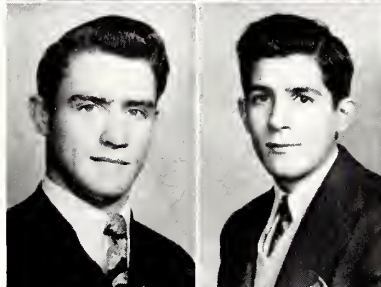
MARY ELLEN FULGHUM

Band 1, 2, 3; Military Drill 2; Glee Club 1; First Aid 3; Typing Club 3; Home Room Superlative; Stunt Night 3; Office Work 3, 4.



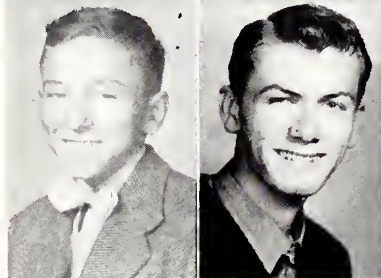
AMOS WORRELL GILLETTE

Varsity Football 3, 4; Co-Captain of Football Team 4; Picked for Shrine All-Star Game 4; Honorable Mention All-State Back 4; Most Valuable Player Award; Honorary Captain of All-State Team 4; All-Carolina First Team 5; All Foreman Field—First Team 4; All-Eastern First Team 4; Track 2; Varsity Baseball; Vice-President Junior Class 3; Citizenship Club 4; COCOON Staff 4; Senior Superlative—Best Looking Boy 4; RADIOGRAM Staff 4.



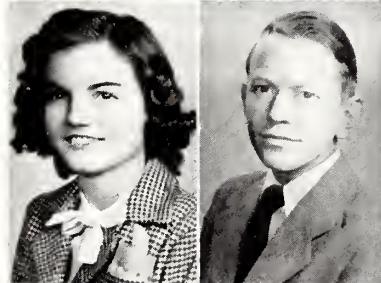
DANIEL MCENTIRE GOLD

Band 1, 2, 3; Physical Ed. Club 1; Citizenship Club 2; Home Room Officer 1; RADIOGRAM Staff 1; Victory Corps 2; Model Planes 1, 3.



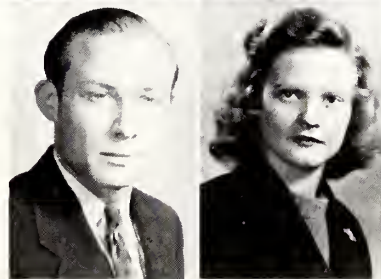
SALLIE MAE HAYNES

Junior Citizenship Club 1; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4; Red Cross Club 3.



JESSE HORNE

Victory Corps, 1, 2.



1945

MARY MARGARET FINCH

President of Class 1; 4-H Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Vice-President of Class 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Home Room Reporter 4; Student Council 4; First Aid Club 1; Marshal 2.

RALPH DAVID GARDNER

Home Room Officer 1; Monitor 1; Student Council 1; Victory Corps 2; Morse Code 1; RADIOGRAM Staff 1; Civil Air Patrol 4.

LEE SOCRATES GLIARMIS

Victory Corps 3; Manager Senior Store 4; Dramatics Club 4; Treasurer of Student Body 4; Manager of Junior Football 4; Manager of Championship Football 4; Junior Basketball 1; Junior Baseball 1; Varsity Baseball 3, 4; Varsity Basketball 4; Manager Public Announcement System 3, 4; Spanish Club 3; Science 1; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Stunt Night 1; Band 1, 2; Signal Corps.

RICHARD GRANTHAM GREGORY

Victory Corps 2, 3; Varsity Football 3; Home Room President 1, 2; Home Room Vice-President 4; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Morse Code Club 4; Monitor 2; Biology Club 2; Stunt Night 3; Christmas Carnival 3; Civil Air Patrol 4.

EDWARD OSCAR HIGH

Citizenship Club; Dramatics Club; Airplane Modeling Club; Home Room Officer 1, 4; Home Room Reporter 4; COCOON Staff 4; Class Prophecy 4.

DONNA MIRIAM HORTON

Student Council 1; Citizenship Club 2; RADIOGRAM Staff 2; Class Prophecy 4; Home Room Officer 2, 3; Victory Corps 2; Dramatics Club 3; Served for Junior-Senior Prom 2; Chairman for Junior-Senior Prom 3; Senior Superlative—Most Dependable 4.

SENIORS

WESLEY IVES

Honor Citizenship Club 1; Victory Corps 2; Machine Shop 3; D. O. 4.

JACK KIRKLAND

Stunt Night; Debating Team 3; Citizenship Club 3; Student Council 2; National Education Week 3; Christmas Carnival 3; Prom Committee 3

MILDRED LAMM

Knitting Club 1; Stunt Night 1; Glee Club 2; Typing Club 2; Softball 1; Soccer 1.

VERA LAMM

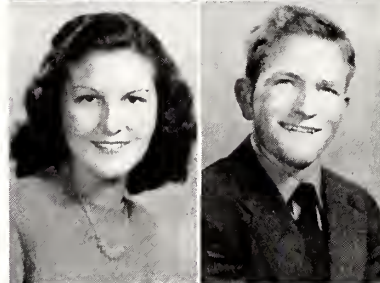
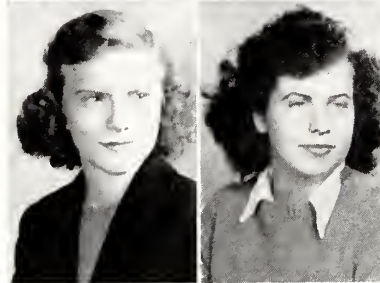
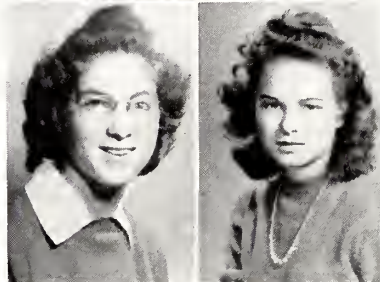
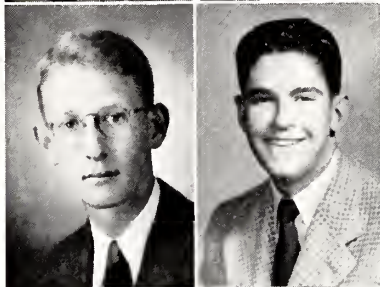
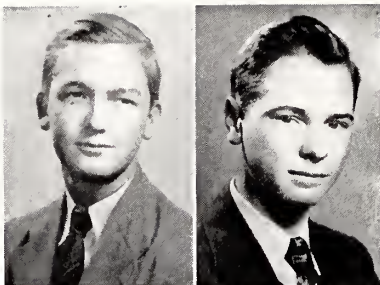
Basketball Team 2, 3; Class Treasurer 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club Song Leader 2, 3, 4; Victory Corps; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Served for Junior-Senior Prom.

ELIZABETH ANN LEACH

President of Senior Class 4; Treasurer of Junior Class 3; Home Room Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Honor Citizenship Club 1; Served for Junior-Senior Prom 2; Victory Corps 2; Junior Carnival Committee 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Dramatics Club 1, 3; State Dramatics Contest 1; Intramural Basketball 1; Class History Committee 4; Editorial Staff of COCOON 4.

JEAN LISENBY

Albemarle High School 1, 2, 3; Charles L. Coon High School 4; Dramatics Club 4.



1945

CHARLES GAY JOYNER

Home Room Officer 1; Student Council 2; RADIOGRAM 2, 4; Editor-in-Chief of COCOON 4; Honor Citizenship Club 1; Junior Carnival Committee 3; Military Drill 2; Civil Air Patrol 5; Hobby Club 1; Teen Canteen Officer 3; Class Poem 4.

HARRY LINWOOD LAMM

Junior Football 1, 2; Varsity Football 3, 4; Hobby Club 1, 2; Christmas Carnival 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Journalism Club 4; Victory Corps 2; Home Room Officer 1, 2; Stunt Night 3; Manager P. A. System 3, 4; Spanish Club 3.

RUTH LAMM

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Citizenship Club 1; Victory Corps 2, 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee; D. O. Club 4; Physical Ed Club 1, 2; Tennis 2; Tumbling 2; Softball 2.

FRANCES LANGLEY

Soccer Team 1; Softball 1; Stunt Night 1, 2, 3; Chairman Christmas Carnival; Glee Club 1; Victory Corps 2, 3; Home Room Treasurer 3; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Senior Superlative—Wittiest 4.

CHARLES LIGGON

Student Council 1; Victory Corps 2, 3; Home Room Officer 2, 4; Business Manager of COCOON 4; Junior Football 1, 2; Variety Football 3, 4; All-Eastern Football; All-Conference Football; All-State Football; Baseball 1, 2; Awarded Best Blocker Trophy.

ERNESTINE LUCAS

Rock Ridge High School 1, 2, 3; Charles L. Coon High School 4.

SENIORS

ROMILOUS MARKHAM, JR.

Home Room Officer 1; Intramural Basketball 1; Physical Education Club 1, 2; Victory Corps 3, 4; Manager Football 4; Co-Editor of RADIOGRAM 4; COCOON Staff 4; Home Room Officer 4.

FRANK MCKEEL

Victory Corps; RADIOGRAM Staff; Junior-Senior Prom Committee; School Bus Driver.

MARY MOSKOS

First Aid 1; Tumbling 1; Soccer Team 1; Basketball Team 1; Softball 1; Track 1; Stunt Night 1; Glee Club 1; Home Room Officer 1; Basketball 2; Victory Corps 2; Home Room Superlative—Most Athletic Girl 4; Senior Superlative—Most Athletic Girl 4; Home Nursing 2; Library 4.

JEANNETTE BISSETTE NORTON

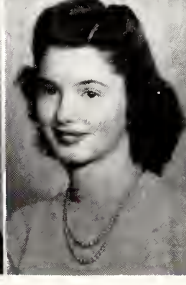
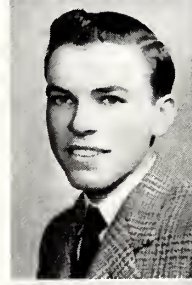
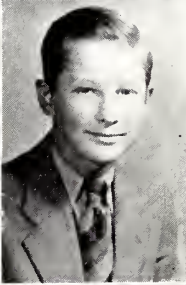
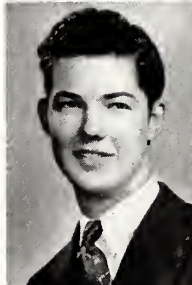
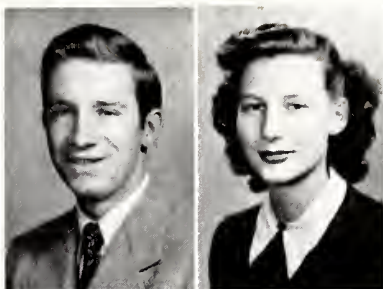
Glee Club; Band 2; Victory Corps; Knitting Club; Physical Education Club 1.

KIRBY OWENS

Victory Corps; Machine Shop; D. O.

ROSE MARIE PARKER

Glee Club 1, 2; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; 4-H Club 4.



1945

EDNA MAE MASSEY

Military Drill 2; Student Council 3; Citizenship Club 4; Class Officer 2; Christmas Carnival 1, 2, 3; Stunt Night 1; Served for Junior-Senior Prom 2; Sponsor of Rocky Mount Game 4; Senior Superlative—Prettiest Girl.

JEAN MOORE

Vice-President for Home Room 3; Office Work 4; Glee Club 2; Victory Corps 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2; Hobby Club 1; Stunt Night 1, 3; Participated in Christmas Carnival 3; Tumbling 1; Softball 1; Soccer Team; Photography Club 4.

JOE NEWTON

Student Council 1; Victory Corps 2; Citizenship Club 3; Vice-President of Home Room 4.

BOBBIE OWENS

Home Room Reporter 1; Glee Club 2; Victor Corps 3; Typing Club 4; Physical Education Club 1.

MARGARET OWENS

Participated in Christmas Carnival 3; Glee Club; Office Work 4; Victory Corps 2, 3; Home Room Superlative; Photography Club 4; First Aid 2.

DORIS PHILLIPS

Glee Club 1, 2; Softball 1, 2; Tumbling 1, 2; Victory Corps 2, 3; First Aid Club 3, 4; Store Service Club 3, 4; Secretary and Treasurer of 4-H Club 4, 5.

SENIORS

ETHEL PITTMAN

Red Cross Club 2; Secretary Home Room 2; Victory Corps 2, 3; RADIOGRAM Staff 3; D. O. Club 4.

DOROTHY PRIDGEN

Home Room President 1; Home Room Secretary 2, 4; Program Chairman 1; RADIOGRAM Reporter 1, 2; Honor Citizenship Club 1, 2; Victory Corps 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Secretary Senior Class 4; Editorial Staff of COCOON 4; Junior Carnival 3; First Aid 3; Last Will and Testament Committee 4; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Senior Superlative—Most Popular 4.

JEANNE HENRI RILEY

Basketball 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Victory Corps 2, 3; Stunt Night 1; Diversified Occupations Class 4.

GEORGE JOHN SALEEBY

Junior Football 2, 3; Varsity Football 4; Junior Basketball 1; Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Victory Corps 3; RADIOGRAM Staff 2; Glee Club 3; Business Staff of COCOON 4; Committee Chairman on Junior-Senior Prom 3; Home Room Officer 3; Class Poem Committee 4.

SALLY STAFFORD

Goldboro High School 1, 2, 3; Charles L. Coon High School 4.

JAMES RUFUS STRICKLAND

Intramural Basketball 1; Typing Club 2; Basketball 2, 4; Baseball 2; Citizenship Club 1, 4, Treasurer 4; RADIOGRAM Reporter 1; Vice-President Student Body 4; Editorial Staff COCOON 4; Senior Superlative—Most Studious 4.



1945

EDGAR PRICE

Victory Corps 2; Machine Shop 3; Senior Superlative—Most Talented 4; Art Club 2, 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Scale Model Airplane Building 2; COCOON Staff 4.

PAUL RAUSCH

Band 1, 2, 3; Football 2, 3; Glee Club 3; Student Council 3; Victory Corps 2.

HARVEY BARRON RUFFIN

Junior Football 2; Captain Intramural Basketball Team 1; Junior Basketball; Varsity Basketball 2, 3, 4; Captain Basketball Team 4; Junior Baseball 1; Victory Corps 2, 3; Home Room Officer 2; Decorating Committee Junior-Senior Prom 3; Citizenship Club 4; President Student Body 4; Student Council 4; Senior Superlative—Most Popular.

GLAUCUS SMILEY

Victory Corps; Industrial Arts 1, 2, 3; Senior Signal Corps.

HORACE STOTT

Victory Corps; Citizenship Club 1; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; N. C. State Guard 4.

MORGAN SUMNER

Victory Corps 2, 3; Home Room Officer 2, 3; Citizenship Club 3; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Christmas Carnival 3; Stunt Night 3; Dramatics 3.

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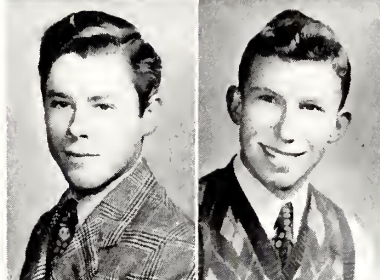
EDNA TAYLOR

Victory Corps 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Personality Club 3; Home Room Superlative—Wittiest 4; Decoration Committee for Junior-Senior Prom 3.



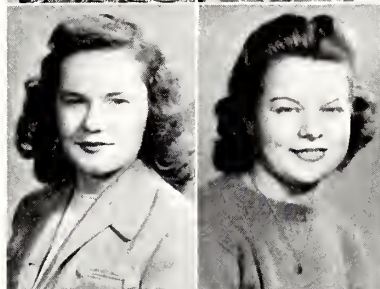
LOMAN WALLER

Signal Corps 3; Victory Corps 2; Band 3; Civil Air Patrol Cadets 3, 4; Industrial Arts Club 1.



DOROTHY JEAN WATERS

Served at Junior-Senior Prom 2; Junior Honor Citizenship Club President 1; Junior-Senior Prom Decorations Committee 3; President of Dramatics Club 4; Secretary of Student Body 4; Cheerleader 4; Senior Superlative—Most Talented 4; Business Staff of COCOON 4; Girls' Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Victory Corps 2; Christmas Carnival 3; Class Song Committee 4; RADIOGRAM Staff 3, 4; Stunt Night 3; Home Room Officer 1, 2; Soccer Team 1, 2; Girls' Softball Team 1, 2; Girls' Physical Education Club 2.



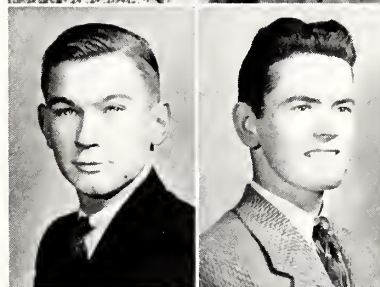
MERIAM WEBB

Glee Club 1, 4; Victory Corps 2, 3; Citizenship Club 2; Program Chairman 1; Home Economics Club 1.



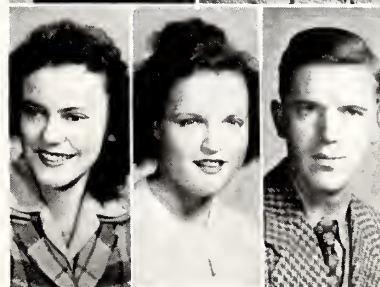
RANDOLPH WHITLEY

Vice-President 4-H Club 3; Victory Corps 3.



HILDA WILLIAMS

Home Room Reporter 1; Soccer Team 1; Basketball Team 1; Softball Team 1; Stunt Night 1, 2, 3; Christmas Carnival 2, 3; Glee Club 1; Library Club 1; Assistant to Librarian 2; Office Work 3; Physical Education Club 2; Victory Corps 3; Home Room President 3, Vice-President; Civil Air Patrol 4; RADIOGRAM Staff 4; Business Staff of COCOON 4; Senior Superlative—Best All-Round 4.



1945

VIRGINIA DARE TAYLOR

Physical Education Club 1, 2; Victory Corps 2, 3; Typing Club 3, 4; Home Room Officer 1, 2; D. O. Club 3, 4.

WILL HERRING WARREN

Victory Corps 2, 3; Varsity Band 1, 2, 3; Student Council 2, 4; Senior Superlative—Best Student 4; Officer of Senior Class; Morse Code Club.

IDA RUTH WEBB

Basketball 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; RADIOGRAM 3; Red Cross Club 2; D. O. 4; 4-H Club 1; Junior-Senior Prom Committee 3; Home Room Reporter 2, 3.

PAYTON RANDOLPH WEBB

Victory Corps 2, 3; D. O. 4; Senior Superlative—Best All-Round Boy; Junior-Senior Prom; Machine Shop 1; Class President 1; Volleyball 1; Tennis 1.

ALBERT WILLIAMS

Rock Ridge High School—National Beta Club 2; Class Poem Committee 4.

RUTH WINBOURNE

CLARENCE WINSTEAD

Victory Corps 2, 3; Junior-Senior Prom Committee.

CLASS POEM

We've finished!
Yes, we've finished here,
And yet, we've just begun,
We've only finished "warming up"
Before life's race is run.

How strange that we, who seem so close
Should be so separate,
For each must make his way alone,
The sculptor of his fate.

Yes, we must go, for those behind
Press on to take our place.
We move, a never-ending line
In life's eternal race.

But as our paths divide and wend
Upon their various ways,
We will be cheered by memories
Of these, our high school days.

—CHARLES JOYNER.

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF 1945

In the early part of September, 1939, a group of bewildered yet eager students gathered in the auditorium of Charles L. Coon High School for the first time. We were as an airplane being assembled. Our teachers and Mr. Zeb B. Vance, our principal, soon started putting the plane together. In the seventh grade the landing gear was built, and the foundation of our knowledge was laid. The twelfth grade was added and semester examinations were begun this year. Physical education was included in our curriculum for the first time. Thus ended the first shift on the production of our plane.

As we entered the eighth grade we had a new principal, Mr. J. M. Hough, who has since been our faithful and trusty pilot. This year some of us were elected to the newly organized Honor Citizenship Club. Thus the plane of our education gained some new parts.

In the fall of 1941 returning from our vacation, we worked hard to get the plane together. While in the ninth grade, we saw our country enter World War II on December 7, 1941. We were stunned at first, but soon we entered wholeheartedly in the various drives, reaching goals which we have maintained ever since. Thus our plane was well on its way.

Our freshman year began with the organization of the Victory Corps which most of us joined. We assisted in the scrap and tin can drives of the city. We were exceedingly proud that year when our school led the entire state in buying War Bonds and Stamps for the purchase of army jeeps—twenty-four in number. Some of the girls served at the junior-senior prom. Yes, our plane was finished this year, but it needed some finishing touches and a test flight which it received in our junior year.

In 1944 we were juniors at last! We elected officers to direct the flight. We planned the fifth annual carnival which was ruled over by "Miss Merry Christmas" and her escort. With the money which we made at the carnival, we sponsored a banquet and prom for our seniors.

The test flight of our junior year was successful, and at last we were seniors, ready to receive our wings. This year our football team became the North Carolina champions. Sorrowfully we have watched some of our boys leave for the armed services, and to them we send our prayers for a safe return. Until now we have had as co-pilots of our planes, the faculty and our principal, Mr. Hough. They have guided our plane along a safe route.

Now we are ready to "solo," having finished the twelfth grade. We shall try forever to soar upward to attain the highest goals and ideals of life.

Historians: ELIZABETH LEACH, DAPHNE BATTS,
AND DICK GREGORY.



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Best Citizens
BOISIE BARNES
MAGDALENE CREECH

Most Athletic
TROY BARNES
MARY MOSKOS

Most Dependable
WILL WARREN
DONNA HORTON

Best Looking
JACK GILLETTE
EDNA MASSEY

Best All-Round
HILDA WILLIAMS
RANDOLPH WEBB



erlatives



Most Studious
JAMES STRICKLAND
DAPHNE BATTS

Wittiest
FRANCES LANGLEY
EARL CORRINGTON

Most Popular
DOROTHY PRIDGEN
BUD RUFFIN

Most Talented
DOT WATERS
EDGAR PRICE

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the seniors of the class of 1945, being endowed with numerous assets and beloved memories acquired during the four happiest years of our lives, in bidding farewell to our dear Alma Mater, faculty, friends, and mascots, do hereby declare this to be our Last Will and Testament.

First, to our dear Alma Mater we leave our most sincere hopes that you will make our comrades as happy during their stay here as you have made us.

To all of our faculty we leave our thanks for having been so patient and tireless in their efforts.

To the juniors we leave our advice not to attempt tackling five subjects next year. Senior English is required.

To the sophomores we bequeath a small portion of our extensive knowledge. We would leave more, but we spent four long years earning it.

To the green and inexperienced little freshmen we leave Mr. Hough. He'll always help you out.

We leave our mascots, Lula Hackney Thigpen and Leon Brogden, our best wishes for happiness and success in life.

Reba Baker leaves her ability to sing alto to Alma Morton Moore.

Daphne Batts leaves her studiousness to Charles Beaman. How about that, Chick?

Magdalene Creech leaves her good citizenship to all the freshmen. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Thelma Davis, Ethel Pittman, and Ida Ruth Webb leave their skill in salesmanship to the girls who take D. O. next year.

Betsy Dempsey leaves her popularity to the up and coming sophomores.

Pauline Dilda leaves her beautiful red hair to Dolly Taylor.

Betsy Draughn leaves her love for all the boys to Gwen Perry.

Blanche Driver leaves her love for the West to all of the Gene Autry fans of Charles L. Coon.

Martha Evans, Mildred Lamm, and Jeannette Norton leave their quietness to Wade Saleeby, not that he needs it.

Laurie Finch leaves her sweet smiles for the boys to Sarah Walston.

Margaret Finch leaves her love for Fremont to Alma Fields.

Mary Ellen Fulghum leaves her admiration for tall boys to Nancy Lucas.

Sallie Haynes leaves her long courtship to Peggy Woodard. Nice work if you can do it, Peggy!

To Val Brooks, Donna Horton leaves her friendly cooperation.

Ruth Lamm bequeaths her shortness to Bernard Mattox.

Vera Lamm leaves her neatness to Susan Joyner.

Frances Langley and Hilda Williams bequeath their never-ending wit to none other than Helen Wheeler.

Elizabeth Leach leaves her dancing ability to Billy Pridgen.

Jean Lisenby leaves her excellent grades to Pete Winbourne. Aren't you glad, Pete?

Ernestine Lucas leaves her memories of English class to Gene Allgood.

Edna Massey bequeaths her love for red-headed boys to Bobby King's admirers.

Mary Moskos leaves her athletic ability to Marion Driver.

To Sally Mintz, Jean Moore and Bobbie Owens leave their swooning over blonde males.

Margaret Owens, Rose Marie Parker and Doris Phillips leave their love for the navy.

By special request, Dorothy Pridgen leaves her 'peaches and cream' complexion to Glenn Dickens.

Jean Riley leaves her silly giggles to Jimmie Hayes.

Edna Taylor leaves her sweet disposition to those who need it.

Virginia Taylor leaves her beautiful eyes to all the boys who swoon when she goes by.

Ruth Winbourne leaves her quiet ways to Eddie Rabil. We hear that he could be a little more quiet.

Joe Anderson and Ralph Gardner leave their hearts to some of the junior wolverines.

Julian Barker leaves his Harry James ability to somebody who is interested in music, with the hopes that there will be a band next year.

Boisie Barnes leaves his A's to some of the less industrious students.

Sam Barnes leaves his wavy hair to those envious girls.

Troy Barnes leaves his way with the women to Henry Lee Lewis. Good luck to you, Henry!

Ephraim Bell leaves his knowledge of physics and Spanish to Miss Woosley and Mrs. Ferrell to be distributed among next year's students.

Jim Blount leave his debating ability to Deedie Collins.

Bobby Boswell leaves, but he takes Sally with him.

Earl Corrington leaves his love 'em and leave 'em way to Karl Rausch.

Bobby Daniel leaves his 'hand in everything' to all the juniors.

Randall de Kyser leaves his cute smile to Hilton Bass.

Roy Evans leaves that cute little blonde, Dorothy Smith.

Bennett Flowers bequeaths his 'croon and make 'em swoon' ability to Archibald (Sinatra) Webb.

Jack Gillette leaves his many athletic achievements to Jimmy Womble. Good luck, Jimmy!

To next year's senior store manager, Lee Gliarmis leaves the money box and a pretty clever excuse for being late for class.

Dick Gregory leaves his love for 'playing cowboys' to Harvey Clayton.

Ed High leaves his knowledge of Wilson's roads to Douglas Whitley.

Jesse Horne and James Strickland leave their intelligence to Richard Anthony and Dick Pittman.

Wesley Ives and Randolph Webb leave that carton of Chesterfields to "Speck" Dillon and Thorpe Smith.

Charlie Joyner and Morgan Sumner bequeath their dry wit, and we do mean dry, to Russell Thompson.

Harry Lamm leaves his complete knowledge of Spanish to Julia Dew.

Charlie Liggon leaves his hand in leading the football team to state champions to Bobby Hackney. More power to you, Bobby!

Romeo Markham leaves his gas tickets to Walter Furlong who we're sure can put them to good use.

Frank McKeel leaves his curly hair to Harry Bateman.

Joe Newton's pillow in the school bus goes to next year's shorty.

Kirby Owens leaves his love for 'out of town' girls to Billy Miller.

Edgar Price leaves his artistic ability to Anne Bridgers.

Paul Rausch leaves 'Flo.' That's bad, and we ain't kidding.

Bud Ruffin leaves his "carrot top" to Bobby King, not that he needs it.

George Saleeby left his ability to write love poetry to "Hambone" Crowder. We hear he's already putting it to use.
 Glaucus Smiley leaves his ministerial way to Bobby Swearingen.
 Horace Stott and Clarence Winstead leave their bashful ways to Everett Blake. Here's hoping he'll put them to use.
 Loman Waller leaves his musical ability to Jerry Watkins.
 Randolph Whitley leaves Ruth Mercer. Don't take it so hard, Ruth.
 Albert Williams leaves his patience in studying and studying to Willie Barnes. Miss Woosley has no objections.
 Meriam Webb leaves her commercial ability to all next year's shorthand students.
 Dorothy Waters leaves her musical ability to India Burden.
 Jack Kirkland, Banks Mebane, and Charles Boyette leave their test tube skills to Tom Moore and Bettye Newton.
 Robert Drake and Mac Gold leave their services to Uncle Sam's Navy.
 Alton Batts leaves his porcupine haircuts to Bucky Draughn.
 Inasmuch as we have labored hard during these past four years to gain the knowledge which is now ours, we reach the time when we must enter into a new life, and do hereby set our seal to this document in order that it may live forever in our beloved memories of dear old Charles L. Coon.
 Witnessed by DOROTHY EAGLES, CORAL BLACKBURN.
 Signed by: DOROTHY PRIDGEN, JACK GILLETTE, BETSY DEMPSEY, Testators.

CLASS SONGS

(Tune: "Till Then.")

Farewell, the hour of parting is here;
 Farewell, to all those we love so dear.
 To teachers who have always been true,
 We say "adieu."

Farewell, our classmates we'll often miss,
 We'd like them to remember just this—
 We know that some day we'll meet again,
 So long—till then.

When life seems too hard to understand,
 We'll think of our high school days.
 When time measures all its grains of sand,
 The time will be lost, but memory stays.

Farewell, dear high school, we leave you soon,
 But memories of you, Charles L. Coon,
 Will in our hearts forevermore dwell,
 So long—farewell!

(Tune: "I'll See You Again")

Farewell, Charles L. Coon;
 The hour of parting comes too soon.
 Thinking of these past few years
 May bring some tears.
 Now that we're parting,
 Farewell, teachers who
 Have done your best to help us through.
 Classmates too we'll ne'er forget
 So we have but one regret—
 That we must say with a sigh—
 Goodbye!

CLASS PROPHECY

To: Miss Elizabeth Leach
High Altitude High School
Mars, Rocket Route No. 17

June 2, 1963
Wilson, North Carolina
United States

Dear Lib:

I was very glad to receive your rocket-mail letter inquiring about the members of our old graduating class. You surely were lucky to obtain that position of teaching English on Mars. Now it will only take you a few days to fly to see us, if you have the time.

Incidentally it was exactly eighteen years ago today that we graduated from dear old Charles L. Coon. Tonight some of our members' children will be graduating. Among them will be the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Boswell, you remember Sally Haynes and Bobby; also the Ruffin twins, Edna and Bud.

I saw in the paper yesterday that Charles Liggon and Harry Lamm, while cruising about in their new jet-propelled plane, accidentally collided with Pete Bell who parked behind a cloud bank with Mag Creech. However, all escaped safely by sliding down the vacuum ray.

Dorothy Pridgen, Hilda Williams, and Frances Langley are successful stenographers working for the Inter-Planetary Rocket Lines under the supervision of the well known test pilot, Ralph Gardner.

I bought a lovely antique coffee table last week at the High-Price Furniture Store. It is owned by Ed High and Edgar Price.

If you have the opportunity read the poetry book *THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE*. It is this month's best seller in poetry and written by our old classmates, Albert Williams, George Saleeby, and Charles Joyner. They now own the Wilsajoy Publishing Company.

I have just turned on our newest television set to see and hear Reba Baker, Thelma Davis, Margaret Owens, and Jean Moore, as I promised them I would. They are making their first appearance at the Suspension Club tonight. I suppose you have heard about it; it is supposed to be suspended half way between Earth and Mars. We must try to visit it together some time. The proprietor is Dick Gregory. I haven't had the opportunity as yet to ask him how he got the club there.

You would certainly be surprised to see how Lee Gliarmis's business has expanded. He still has that knack for making hot-dogs and ham sandwiches. He is featuring in his entertainment that beloved "crooner" of stage, screen, radio, and television, Bennette Flowers.

Joe Newton and Roy Evans are now chauffeurs for the high officials, Julian Barker and Boisie Barnes, who are now working on the Commission For Disposing of International Fleas. The investigation should progress rapidly with their working on it.

Believe it or not Laurie Finch is still flitting around. She seems to be having a hard time finding the one to settle down with.

Dot Waters played her piano concert, "The Lament of the Dying Love Bird," at the Atmospheric Music Hall last night. She was accompanied on the violincello by her great admirer, Romulus Markham. It was very highly acclaimed by the critics from *THE BIG DIPPER DAILY*, Jim Blount and Jack Gillette.

Virginia Taylor, Ernestine Lucas, Pauline Dilda, Ruth Winbourne, and Blanche Driver are now conducting this new chemical farming experiment. They dissolve seeds of various vegetables in chemicals in huge concrete containers and are expecting, some century, to raise from these a plant bearing vegetable soup seeds. Earl Corrington and Horace Stott are cooperating with them by furnishing the concrete containers from their Hard-As-You-Like-It Concrete Plant.

Glaucus Smiley is now the chief-of-police. He really enjoys flying his "faster than a speeding bullet" rocket plane which, of course, gets to the victim before the bullet does.

James Strickland and Will Warren have kept themselves buried in their special distilled glass laboratory deep in the Grand Canyon, working on a formula for rubber that will replace our synthetic rubber.

The Boy Scout Master, Morgan Sumner, is taking the troop on an over night hike to Jupiter. I think these short outings are very healthful for the boys.

We have been led to understand that President Roosevelt's right-hand bookkeeper is Jesse Horne. He always did have a talent for bookkeeping.

Edna Taylor, Mary Moskos, and Betsy Draughn have proved themselves very capable business women. They are the heads of the Mutual Bite Insurance Company, makers of Tireless Teething Rings of which you have no doubt heard.

The three Lamm girls—Vera, Mildred, and Ruth—have bought a ranch in Minnesota and are now managing a lamb's wool farm.

Rose Marie Parker and Ethel Pittman are co-producers of Parker-Pittman's Pickled Plums that Please the Palate and the Patron.

Joe Anderson is president of the well known Lovesick-Aid Society which meets every blue moon at Troy Barnes's at Honeymoon Hovel, Lover's Lane. They publish high class love letters written by Paul Casanova Rausch. It is said they're so "gooey" that he doesn't have to use any glue on the envelopes.

Mary Ellen Fulghum and Margaret Finch are opening a new office in Mars for their Whodunit Detective Agency. Their special operator, Loman Waller, has even found The Lost Chord and the Missing Link.

The Go-Brokerage Company located on Wailing Wall Street is operated by Sam Barnes, whose office hours are from twelve to two with two hours off for lunch.

I have in my kitchen now a frying pan made by the Ameal Celluloid Frying Pan Company. It was invented and the business established by Daphne Batts.

Betsy Dempsey is now starring in the current hit "Mrs. Noodle." It is being produced by Wesley Ives, the noodles-that-don't-slip king.

Randolph Webb operates the "Seeing's Believing" line of theaters; Jeanette Norton and Bobbie Owens work in his theater here. They are the girls who turn the switch that pushes the button that turns the wheels that start the escalators moving.

This new horsefly hospital has a specialist there who is our own Doris Phillips.

I know you remember those members of our class who graduated the summer before us in summer school. Charles Boyette is now the head x-ray specialist at the If You Swallowed It, We'll Find It Foundation. Banks Mebane, who is now the well known international spook-story writer, has confessed that he gets his ideas from his great aunt's stepfather's fifth cousin's daughter, who comes back from the grave just to aid him. Jack Kirkland, Robert Drake, Alton Batts, and Mac Gold are rising rapidly as comedians over television since they joined the Bob Hopeian Club and received instructions.

The Webb girls, Ida Ruth and Meriem, are working in a television set factory. They make the bolts that fasten the whatcha-ma-callit to the doodleum-whacky. Of course you understand what it is.

Frank McKeel and J. L. White now own the If You Get It Back You're Lucky Laundry and an odd fact is that Kirby Owens and Clarence Winstead run the Buy Your Clothes Back Department Store, which is located right next door to the laundry.

Bobby Daniel and Jean Riley are manufacturing cobweb wire on Jupiter. They want to find out exactly how much it will take of it to go around the universe.

Randall de Keyzer and Randolph Whitley have invented a sea plow and are now doing deep-sea farming.

This covers all the members of our class. I hope it is the information you wished to have. I have enjoyed hearing from you. Write again soon.

Always your friend,
DONNA HORTON

Prophets: Edward High, Jim Blount, and Donna Horton.

JUNIOR CLASS



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JUNIOR CLASS BOYS

First row: Robert Overman, Douglas Whitley, Robert Pierce, Steve Gliarmis, Wade Saleeby, Thorpe Smith, Archie Webb, Bobby Hackney, Harold Dillon, Holloway Burgess, Wiley Corbett, Val Brooks, Tom Boswell, John Gill.

Second row: Doug Darden, Charles Beamon, Jimmy Hayes, Harvey Clayton, Harry Bateman, Deedie Collins, Charles Anthony, Tad Bruton, Don Barnes, John Corbett, H. F. Flowers, Rod Hughes, Tom Moore, Sid Clark, Marshall Long, Pete Winborne, Milton Moore, Eddie Rabil.

Third row: James King, Kenneth Lamm, James Matthews, Eldridge Watson, Jack Lewis, Irvin Page, Curtis Curlin, Frank Bardin, James Ikner, C. V. Poythress, Billy Poole.

Fourth row: Jay Clark, Billy Miller, Bernard Mattox, Alton Woodard, Billy Barefoot, Grady Griffen, Jesse Joyner, Vernon Morton.



JUNIOR CLASS GIRLS

First row: Daisy Howell, Bettye Newton, Helen Wheeler, Brownie Jones, Bess Parris, Nancy Ezell, Jean Lester, Florence Morrill, Betty Lou Hodges, Rae Harrison, Mary Frances Llewellyn, Helen Grimsley, Mavis Boyette.

Second row: Barbara Jeffries, Joyce Lewis, Betty Brewer, Ada Catherine Brewer, Helen Saleeby, Frances Dobbins, Helen Moskos, Elizabeth Tomlinson, Collette Bartholomew, Julia Dew, Elizabeth Holdford, Sarah Anne Williams, Dorothy Harrell, Lydia James, Cora Wilcox.

Third row: Mary Strickland, Sarah Walston, Marion Driver, Daisy Dixon, Dolly Taylor, Margaret Rawlings, Barbara Boole, Ruth Hathaway, Peggy Swinson, Nancy Lucas, Trudy Riley, Alma Moore, Catherine Thomas, Mable Ellis.

Fourth row: Ruth Felton, Mildred Ruffin, Reba Rose, Audrey Boswell, Doris Page, Sally Mintz, Geraldine Ferrell, Virginia Turnmyre, Edith Wiggs, Marie Williford, Doris Whitley, Annie Ruth Bailey.

Fifth row: Margaret Sholar, Juanita Jones, Marcelle Page, Virginia Holloman, Margaret Tyson, Dorothy Haggard, Ethel Mae Parker, Osalie Ellis, Ruth Mercer.



SOPHOMORE CLASS BOYS

First row: James Morgan, Nickie Noulles, Jimmy New-som, Jerry Watkins, Joe Joyner, Edward Lee Crowder, Sid Brooks, Jimmy Smith, Frank Lisenby, Vinson Sawrey, Wade Lee Moore.

Second row: Billy Barnes, Ed Raper, Carl Collie, Harvey Boyette, Sidney Switzer, George Spirtos, Spergeon Speight, Billy Wray, Roland Boyette, Steven Godwin, L. C. Tedder.

Third row: Henry Woodard, Donald Bailey, Alton Brooks, Russell Thompson, Walter Furlong, Bobby Swearingen, Ernest Horne, Frank Wilson, William Bass, Carl Bottoms, J. F. Harrell.

Fourth row: Billy Brown, James Wilson, Dickie Johnston, Jimmy Zrakas, Wayne Yelverton, Carl Rausch, Marvin Winstead, Alvin Williams, Robert Ship, John Winstead.

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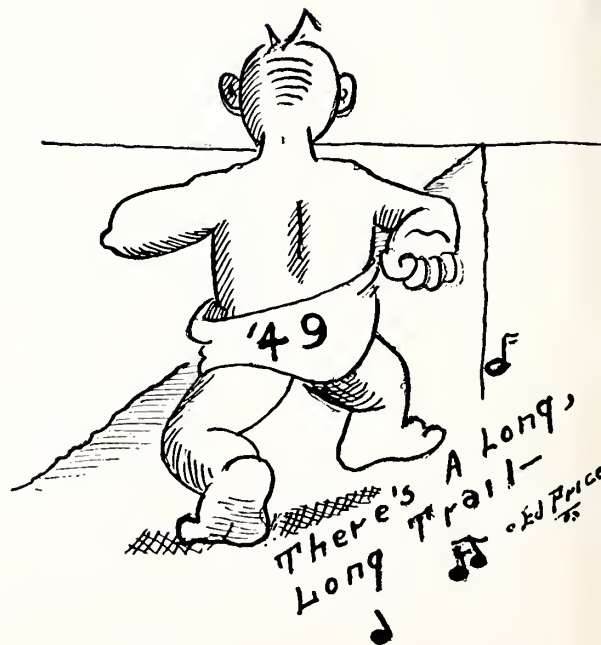
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Second row: Ralph Harrison, Jack Williams, Cooper Lamm, John Farmer, John Gold, Jr., Charles Bedgood, Bobby King, Bob Miller, Everette Blake, Douglas Driver, William Johnson, John Moore, Rozier Williams.

Third row: Earl Stott, Joe Hodges, Richard Anthony, Allison Wells, Dick Pittman, Ed Grady, Billy Prigden, Alfred Thomas, Cecil Williams, Mac Davis, Tommy Taylor, William Whitfield.

Fourth row: Ronald Noe, Paul Brinkley, Dave Batts, Don Perry, Earl Morgan, Charles Clayton, Charles Poythress, Dickie Davis, John Phillips, Jerome Taylor, James Barnes, Vance Lochammy, Fred Garris, Robert Brinkley, Charles Draughn, Richard Gillette, Jimmy Davis, Herbert Teel, Gordon Jones, Fred Barnes, Herbert Ball, Glen Land, Jimmy Petway, Vergil Eason, Kenneth Raper, Wilbur Turner.





Best of Luck, class!

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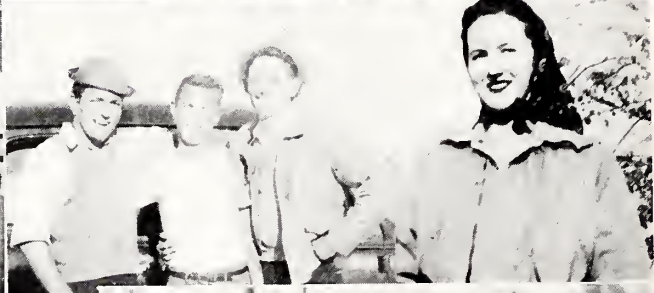
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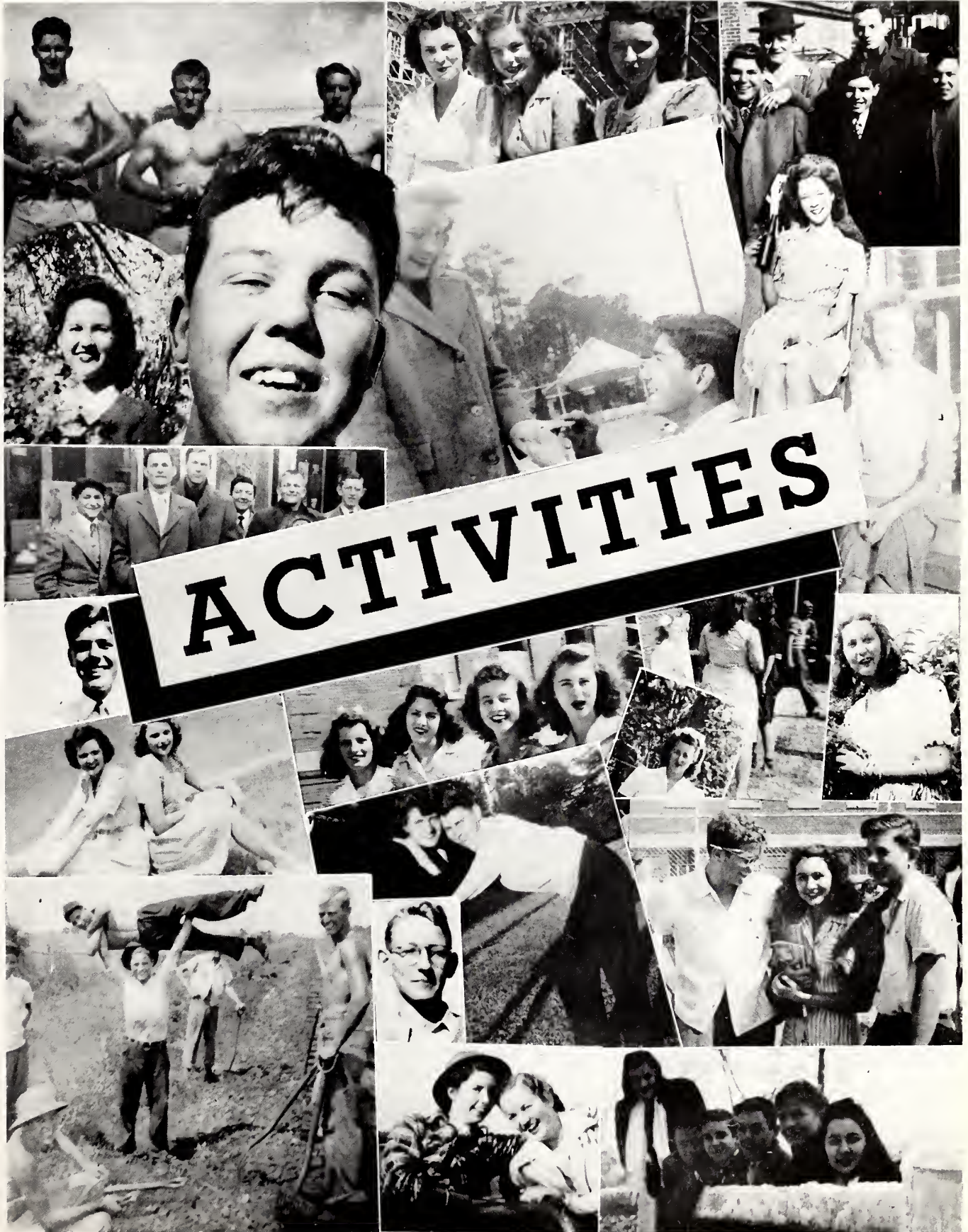
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Third row: Mary Boswell, Evelyn Williamson, Jeannine Rittenbury, Mamie Saulter, Virgie Bass, Hilda Poole, Peggy Poole, Mary Ipock, Inza Cooper, Vivian Matthews, Lynne Newham, Mary Etheridge, Cleo Woodard.

Fourth row: Reba Landen, Gladys Lynch, Myrtle Worrell, Bobbie Jean Lamm, Karrie Mae Woodruff, Dorothy Baker, Joanne Baines, Frances Barnes, Betsy Hayes, Hazel Whitley, Rachel Bone, Bernice Page, Marilyn Hudson, Doris Mattox.

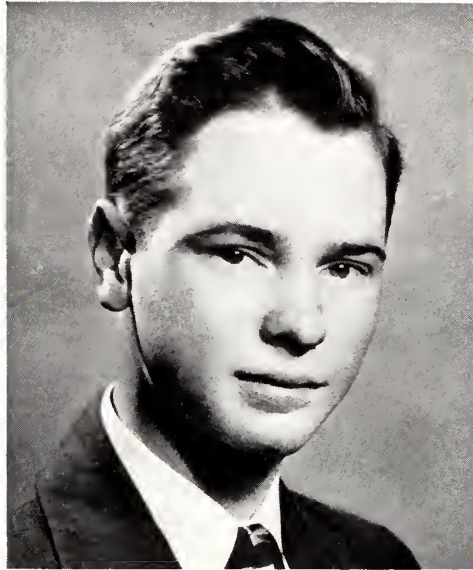
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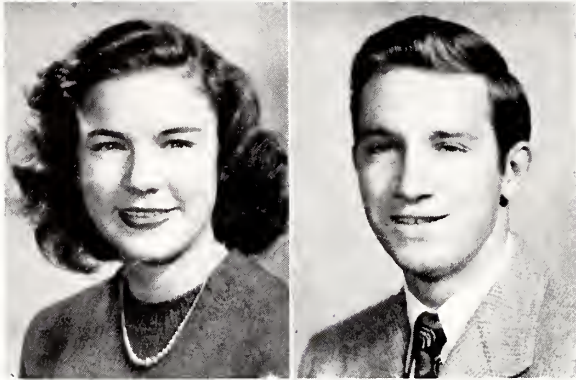
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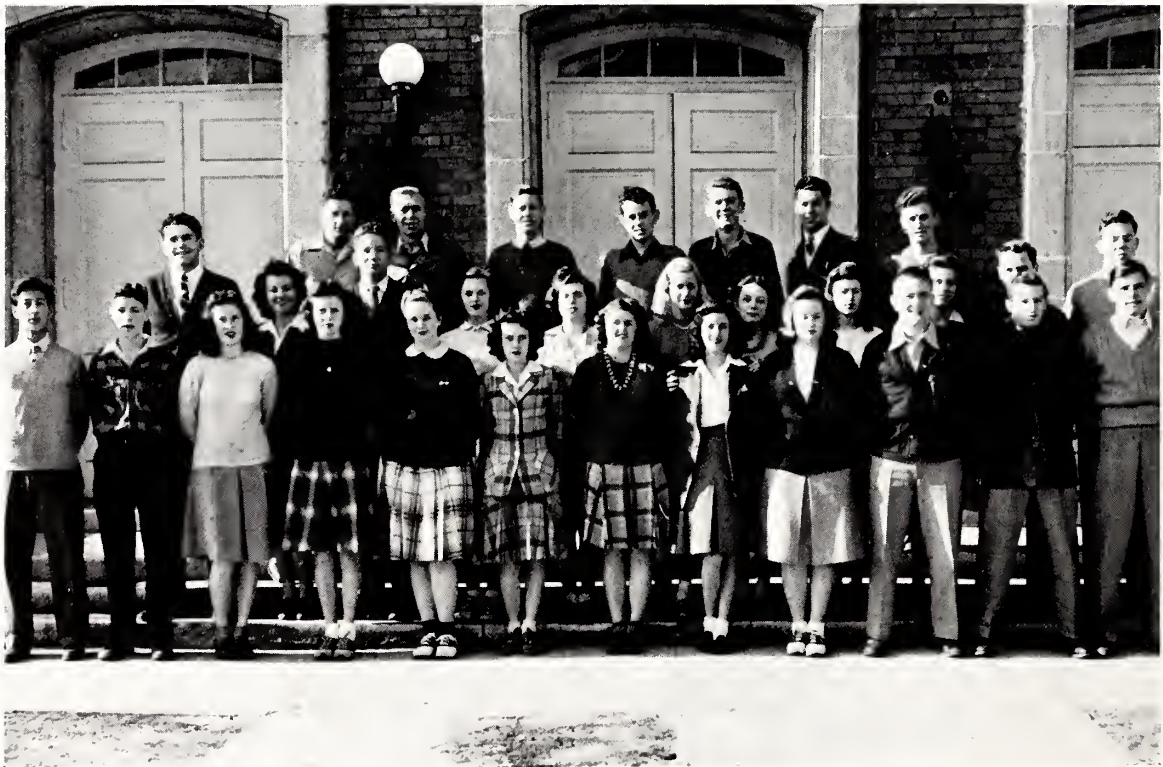
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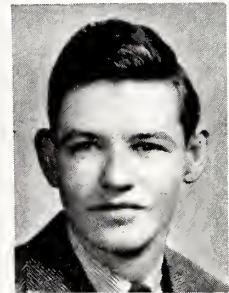
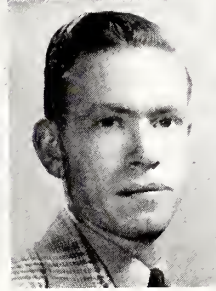
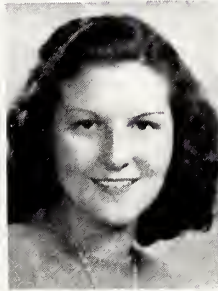
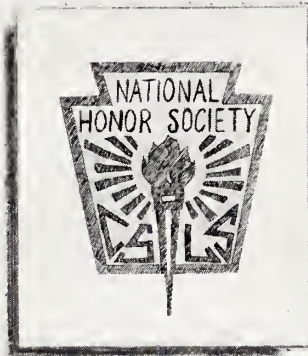
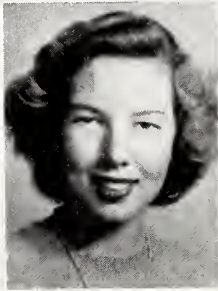
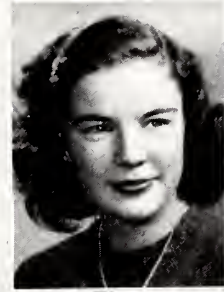
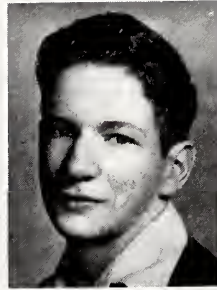
This year the RADIOGRAM staff, under the able direction of Miss Louise Tapp, has published eight issues of the RADIOGRAM. Also the staff had a weekly column of high school news in the *Daily Times*. The co-editors, chosen at the beginning of the school year, were Romeo Markham and Billy Beamon. After Billy Beamon left for the Navy Magdalene Creech was chosen to fill his position. There were seventeen additional members in the class.

First row, left to right: George Saleeby, Joe Bazemore, Virginia Harrell, Joyce Wheelis, Catherine Thomas, Hilda Williams, Marcelle Page, Gene Lester, Dot Waters, Charlie Liggon, Romeo Markham, Morgan Sumner.

Second row: Harry Lamm, Marian Driver, Jim Blount, Wyndham Kerr, Frances Langley, Nancy Ezell, Sarah Karnes, Margaret Sholar, Juanita Jones, Charlie Joyner, Bobby Hackney.

Third row: Ephraim Bell, Bobby Daniel, Ralph Gardner, Joe Anderson, Richard Gregory, Frank McKeel, Sam Barnes.





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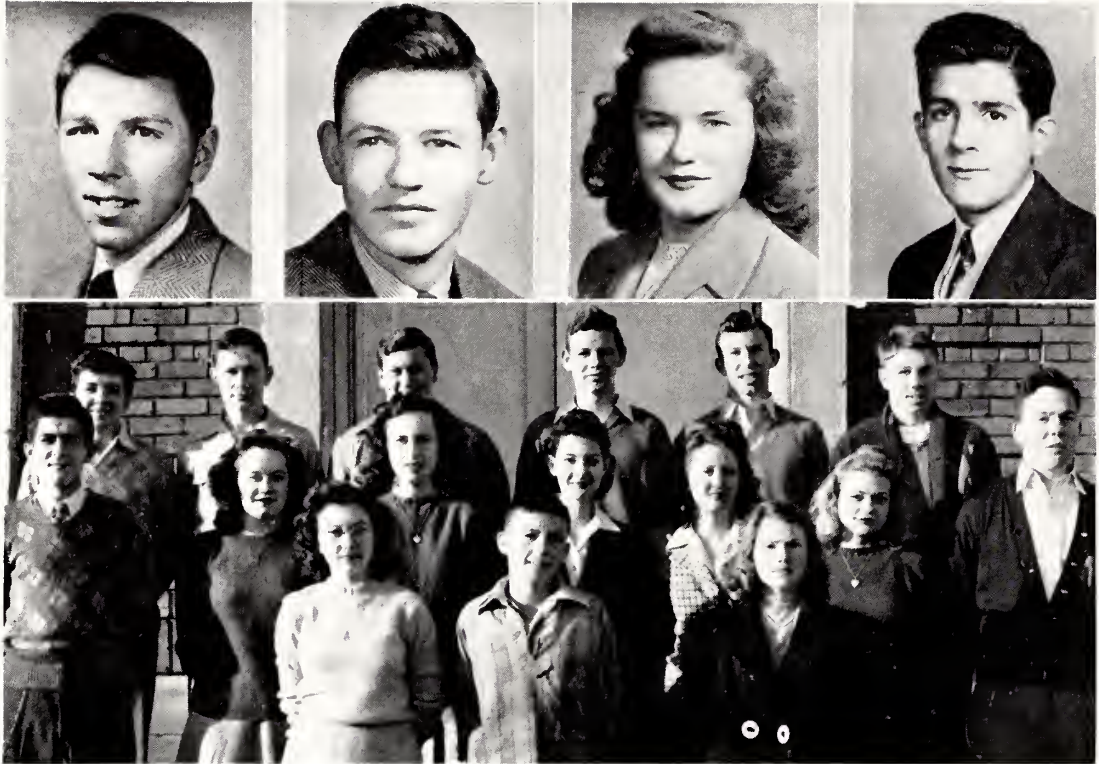
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STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council under the able leadership of Miss Bessie Massengill took charge of the concession stand at the athletic events, elected sponsors for each football game, and also sponsored a pep rally for the football team at the Wilson Theatre.

OFFICERS

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THE HONOR CITIZENSHIP CLUB

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. Dorothy Eagles, the Honor Citizenship Club has carried on the sale of war stamps and bonds. It has sponsored the war bond drives with success this year, and it sold forget-me-nots for the Disabled American Veterans.

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GIRLS VICTORY CORPS

First row: Joanne Baines, Virgie Bass, Ruth Kelly, Collette Bartholomew, Peggy Woodard, Vivian Mathews, Evelyn Spence, Joyce Boyette, Peggy Hartman, Carolyn Lancaster, Dorothy Jean Smith, Sara Smith, Anne Bridgers, Anne Sumner. *Second row:* Nell Bateman, Jean Harrison, Joyce Skinner, Edna Pridgen, Margaret Troutman, Betty Evans, Ruth Taylor, Dorothy Williamson, Betsy Ann Hughes, Catherine Anderson, Jane Gardner, Gray Deans Culbreth, Nell Clark. *Third row:* Reba Landing, Delores Murad, Mary Lawrence, Arline Baumrind, Beverly Johnson, Annie Louise Barnes, Ann Fulghum, Evelyn Williamson, Hildred Barnes, Peggy Poole.



BOYS VICTORY CORPS

First row: Tommy Taylor, Millard Mantooth, Ned Liggon, Milton Moore, Robert Overman, Curtis Curlin, Billy Barefoot, Boisie Barnes, Tad Bruton, Archie Webb, Billy Wray, Val Brooks, Wilbur Turner. *Second row:* Spurgeon Speight, Carl Bottoms, Vernon Morton, Eddie Rabil, Nathan Hawkins, Charlie Hussey, Henry Woodard, Jerome Taylor, Jimmy Hayes, Tom Moore, H. F. Flowers, Wiley Corbett. *Third row:* Harry Lamm, Manley Pierce, Earl Bradberry, Jimmy Davis, Ronald Noe, William Benton, J. E. Harrell, Jack Lewis, Deedie Collins, Bennett Flowers.

DIVERSIFIED OCCUPATIONS CLASS

First row, left to right: Doris Magness, Virginia Taylor, Ida Ruth Webb, Thelma Davis. *Second row:* Mr. Cyrus Lee, Randall de Kyser, Ruth Lamm, Jeanne Riley, Ethel Pittman. *Third row:* Kirby Owens, Alton Woodard, Wesley Ives, and Randolph Webb.

We understand that the school is a training agency for citizenship in a democracy and that gainful employment is a necessary factor in good citizenship. With this principle in mind, the Diversified Occupations class was made a part of our high school program some five years ago.

The Diversified Occupations class gives its members an opportunity to get training on the job. They learn by study and experience.

Although this year's class is small because the armed services have claimed many who would have otherwise been here, we have endeavored to maintain the high standards set by our predecessors.



First row: Samera Saleeby, Susan Lewis, Sara Walston, Dorothy Harrell, Betsy Dempsey, Marian Driver, Gene Lester, Jeannette Hinnant. *Second row:* Henry Lewis, Betty Love Spencer, Helen Saleeby, Jacqueline Meeks, Carol Lou Summerfield, Frances Dobbins, Dot Waters, Virginia Dickens, Richard Anthony, Buddy Bedgood, Sid Brooks. *Third row:* Jean Lisenby, Jean Riley, Daisy Dixon, Betty Lou Hodges, Jimmy Womble, Peggy Anderson, Miss Evelyn Colie, Susan Joyner, Emmett White, Laurelle Stallings, Walter Furlong, James Morgan.

DRAMATICS CLUB

RADIO CLUB

First row: Mrs. Farris, Ralph Harrison, Robert Shipp, Douglas Driver. Second row: Billy Poole, Paul Brinkley, Will Warren, Richard Gregory, Pete Winbourne.



Photography Club

First row: Barbara Jeffries, Ruth Mercer, Jean Moore. Second row: Joyce Lewis, Helen Moskos, Margaret Owens, Julia Dew, Florence Morrill. Third row: Harry Bateman, Charles Beamon, Holloway Burgess, Sidney Clark.

First row: William Benton, Isaac Kirby, Joe Newton, Gene Allgood, William Provo, J. T. Barnes, Randolph Whitley. Second row: Bob Pearson, Billy Brown, Paul Rausch, James Wilson, Russell Hodges, James Mumford, Jack Bazemore.

MACHINE SHOP



Mac Davis, Bobby Boswell, Albert Williams, Frank McKeel, James Matthews, Edward High, Tom Boswell, and Joe Newton who was absent when the picture made.

BUS DRIVERS

SENIOR STORE

Mary Ellen Fulghum, Doris Buchanan, Miss Godwin, Mr. Rose, and Lee Gliarmis.



LIBRARY STAFF

Miss Ruth D. Johnston, Librarian. Mrs. Kirby Woodard, assistant (does not appear in picture). *Left to right:* Nancy Johnston, Nancy Griffin, Mary Moskos, Joyce Buchanan, Carolyn Grice, Peggy Anderson, and Edna Massey Student Helpers.

First row: Joyce Meadows, Jo Ann High, Shirley Johnson, Julia Ann Hutchinson, Mary Ipock, Connie Smith, Mrs. Pearce.

Junior Red Cross Sewing



First row: Rae Harrison, India Burden, Alma Fields, Meriam Winstead, Betsy Draughn, Sally Starrett, Grace Flowers, Dorothy Smith, Jennie Vee Lewis, Doris Whitley.

Second row: Nancy Lucas, Glenn Dickens, Vivian Turnmyer, Ella Etheridge, Virginia Harrell, Trudy Riley, Alma Moore, Mary Frances Llewelyn, Laurelle Stallings, Peggy Mason, Frances Brantley.

Third row: Nancy Camden, Mary Moskos, Meriem Webb, Barbara Anne Boole, Elizabeth Tomlinson, Cora Willcox, Margaret Rawlings, Lillian Williams, Betty Lou Riley.

GLEE CLUB



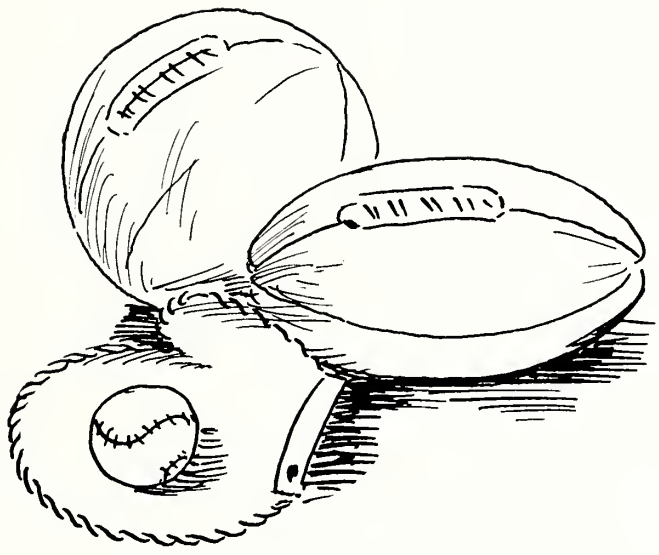
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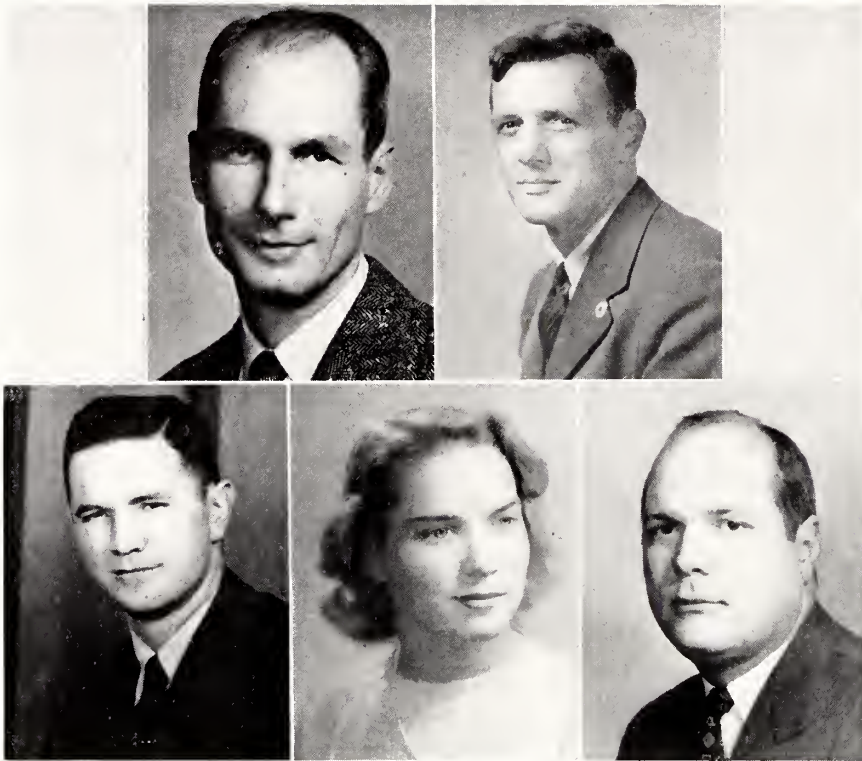
This page is dedicated by the Senior Class to those who have given their lives in the present struggle for Freedom. Though gone, the sacrifice they have made will leave its imprint in our memory, and their names on the rolls at our school will ever have a place of Honored Glory.



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ATHLETICS



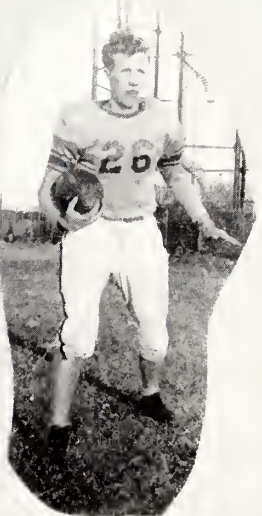
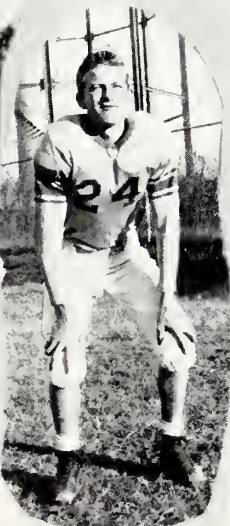
Top row, left to right: Leon Brogden, Roy Gatchell. Bottom row: Jeff Dildy, Virginia Knowles, Giles Winstead.

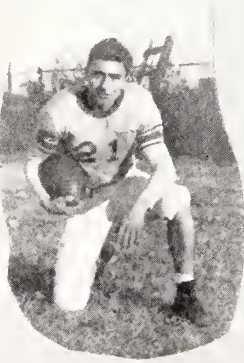
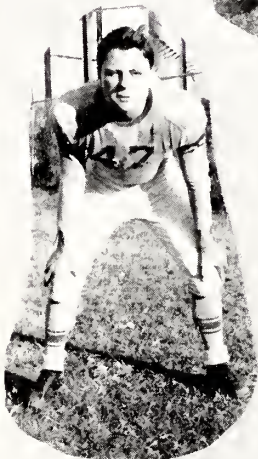
Anne,
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 you when you were
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 can't think of anything
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 I'm sweet and
 I'm smart, but
 I don't ever
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 Love ya,
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Top to bottom: Thorpe Smith, Sara Walston, Harry Bateman, Dot Waters, Nancy Ezell, Marian Driver, Val Brooks, and Betsy Dempsey, Head Cheerleader.



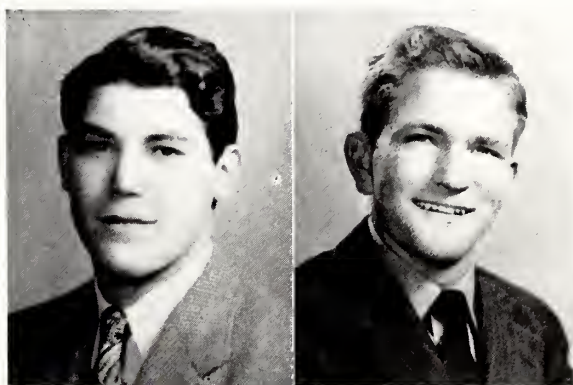


FOOTBALL

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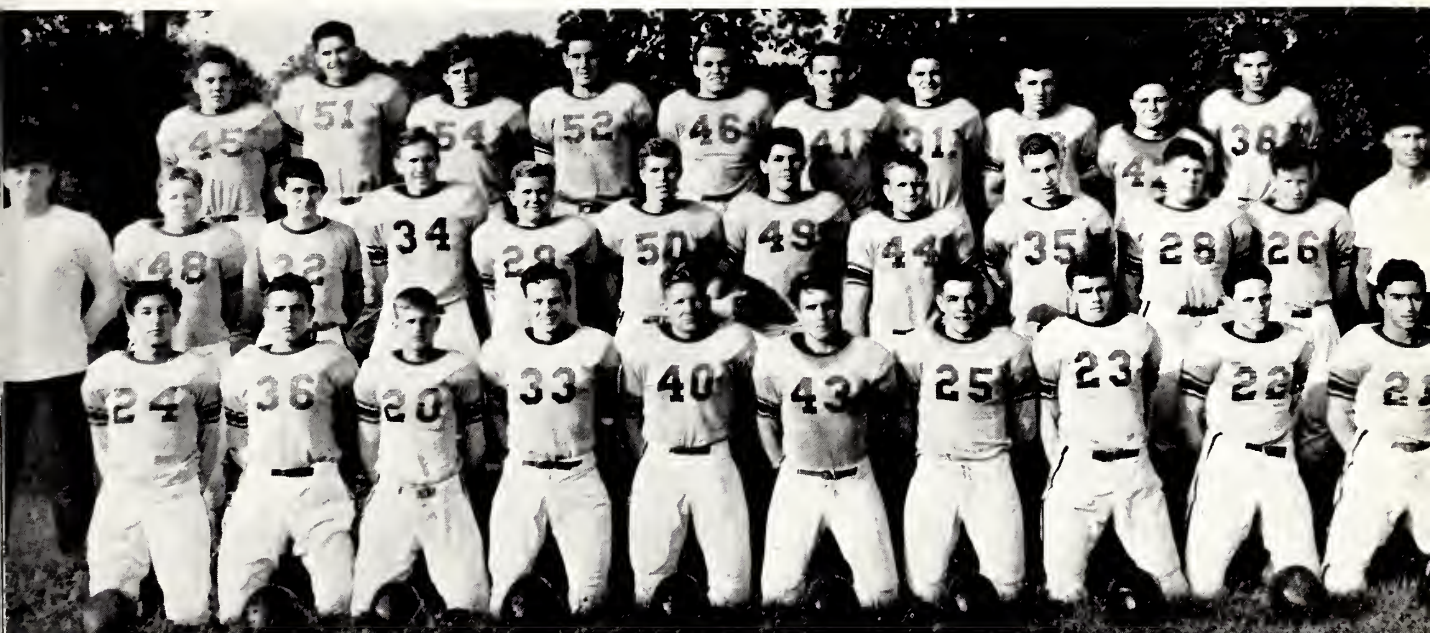
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Wilson	6	Maury (Norfolk, Va.)	0
Wilson	45	Goldsboro	0
Wilson	14	Raleigh	6
Wilson	26	Durham	6
Wilson	6	Granby (Norfolk, Va.)	32
Wilson	62	Fayetteville	12
Wilson	44	Wilmington	0
Wilson	13	Rocky Mount	12
Wilson	27	Oxford Orphanage	7
Wilson	53	Sanford	0
Wilson	26	Greensboro	0
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Totals	374	Opponents	75

CO-CAPTAINS



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Bottom Row: George Saleeby, Doug Darden, Robert Overman, Clyde Sullivan, Jim Blount, Jack Gillette, Dick Hackney, "Tunney" Brooks, Marshal Long, Edward Rabil. *Second Row:* Assistant Coach Roy Gatchell, Gene Allgood, Jesse Joyner, Bernard Mattox, Nathan Hawkins, Co-Captains Julian Barker and Charles Liggon, Jimmy Hayes, Sydney Switzer, Millard Mantooh, Coach Leon Brogden. *Third row:* Bobby Hackney, Harry Lamm, Paul Rausch, Bennette Flowers, Billy Beamon, Jay Clark, Charles Anthony, Herman Vick, Troy Barnes, Milton Moore.

FOOTBALL

1944 was a glorious year in the football history of Charles L. Coon High School—the Cyclones marched to their first state crown. The triumphant year was due mainly to the great leadership of Coaches Leon Brogden and Roy Gatchell, but the will to win, the spirit to play, and the love of the game were the factors of the team's great success.

The Cyps' squad in every position was a well experienced team. It boasted a forward wall averaging 190 pounds and a backfield averaging 160 pounds. At the ends were Jim Blount and Archie Webb. At tackles were 209-pound Billy Beamon and 200-pound Bennette Flowers, the team's punter and place-kicker. The guards were co-captains Ned Liggon and Julian Barker and at center was Bobby Hackney. In the backfield was All-State Jack Gillette, fullback, who scored a total of 156 points for the season. At the halfbacks were Troy Barnes, voted most valuable player by his teammates, and Clyde Sullivan and Dick Hackney shared the duties at the other half. The quarterback position was ably filled by Jay Clark and Tunney Brooks. This hard hitting backfield and powerful line was all that it took for a state championship squad.

The Cyps won eleven out of twelve games and scored a total of 375 points to their opponents 75. Their only defeat came at the hands of Granby High of Norfolk who downed the high riding Wilson boys 32 to 6 in an afternoon game at Foreman Field in Norfolk.

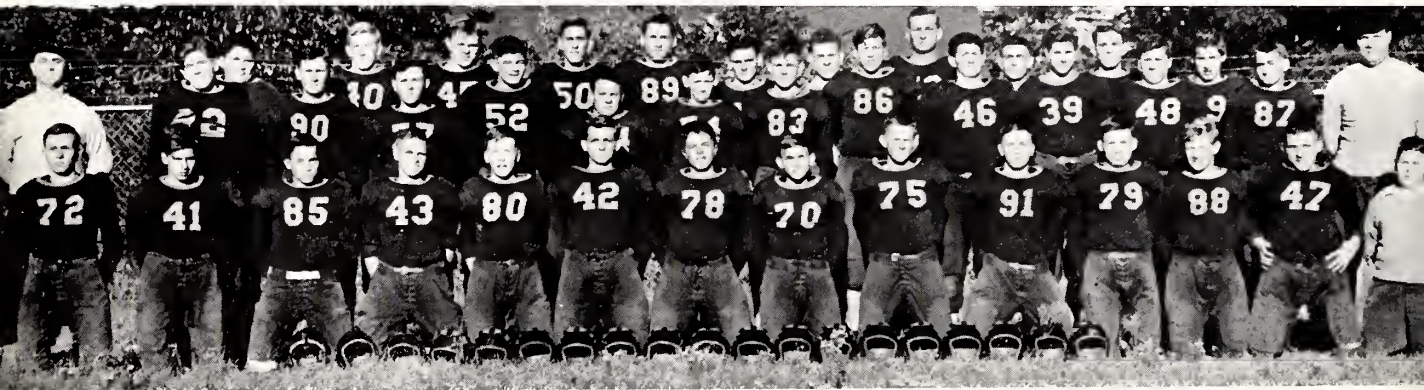
In the game with Rocky Mount, the Eastern Championship Game, the Cyps were trailing 12-0 until midway of the third quarter when the Wilson team showed their superiority by coming from behind to win 13 to 12.

In the state championship game, played in Wilson, the Cyclones held Greensboro to six first downs, three on penalties. Wilson won the game 26 to 0 without the Whirlwinds giving Wilson a serious threat.

This wound up the season and the Cyclones disbanded, a victorious team. Eight boys off the first string graduated and four off the second string. Next year Coaches Leon Brogden and Roy Gatchell will have to mold a new team. The three remaining regulars will be Clyde Sullivan, Archie Webb, and Bob Hackney. Some great strength was left on the reserves and the Junior Team was very powerful also this year. These up and coming boys will be "big guns" on the team of '45 and great things are expected of them.

These were just a few of the highlights of this highly successful season and here's hoping for another year like this one.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAM



BOTTOM ROW—Vance Langley, Bobby Lineburger, Ernest Horne, Dicky Davis, Bobby King, Billy Pridgen, Bob Swearingen, Edward Lee Crowder, Walter Furlong, Billy Barnes, Dicky Johnston, Ed Lee White, Charles Draughn, Burt Carwile, Manager. SECOND ROW—Jeff Dildy, Coach, Fred Garres, Roland Boyette, Wilbur Turner, Russell Thompson, G. W. Lamm, Alison Wells, Earl Stott, Gordon Jones, George Spirtos, Karl Rausch, Edwin Raper, Jerome Taylor, Assistant Coach Giles Winstead. THIRD ROW—Robert Brinkley, Emmett White, Charlie Hussey, Henry Woodard, Jimmy Davis, David Batts, Bob Pearson, Jake Thompson, Doug Darden, James Morgan, Jimmy Joe Petway, Jimmy Womble and Jimmy Zrakas absent when picture was taken.

BASKETBALL



RUFFIN, *Captain*
SALEEBY

SMITH

BROOKS

BARNES

ANTHONY
FLOWERS

First row, left to right: Val Brooks, Marshall Long, Lee Gliarmis, Robert Overman, James Strickland.

Second row: Charles Anthony, Jay Clark, Bennett Flowers, Thorpe Smith, Alton Brooks, Boisie Barnes.

BASEBALL



HUBERT HOLLEY
Captain

Wilson	20	Goldsboro	4
Wilson	14	Wilmington	3
Wilson	6	Rocky Mount	3
Wilson	4	Raleigh	3
Wilson	10	Raleigh	0
Wilson	5	Wilmington	0
Wilson	13	Durham	0
Wilson	7	Goldsboro	2
Wilson	9	Rocky Mount	1
Wilson	4	Durham	5
Wilson	5	Winston-Salem	1
Wilson	7	Maury High (of Norfolk)	1
Totals	95	Opponents	23

Under the able coaching of Leon Brogden, the 1944 Wilson Cyclones again won the Eastern Class A Crown and marched to the State Crown for the second consecutive year.

Our baseball team opened its season with Goldsboro, the first conference game, and coasted to nine straight conference victories, overwhelming all of their opponents by large scores.

Their only defeat came at the hands of the Durham Bulldogs in the last regular scheduled game of the year when the Bulldogs turned the tide on the Cyclones by downing them 5 to 4.

In the Championship game with Winston-Salem, played there, the Cyclones, behind the three-hit pitching of Big

Bennette Flowers, took the game in stride and won 5 to 1. When challenged by Maury High of Norfolk to play for the North Carolina-Virginia State Crown the Cyclones accepted and won for the second straight year by defeating Maury 7 to 1.

Bennette Flowers won eleven out of twelve games for the Cyclones, but Flowers was backed with some powerful hitters. There was Jay Clark who averaged .367, Herman Vick .365, "Connie" Beland .354, "Tunney" Brooks .333. Troy Barnes, Captain Hubert Holley, Robert Drake, Billy Beamon, and "Bud" Ruffin also handed in some powerful hitting. This well rounded team was also a co-operative one on defense. This defense, combined with excellent hitting and pitching, was all that was needed in producing a championship squad.



BOTTOM ROW: Lee Gliarmis, Marshall Long, Troy Barnes, Horace Overman, Captain Hubert Holley, "Tunney" Brooks. SECOND ROW: Robert Drake, Jack Gillette, Harvey Ruffin, Thorp Smith, Archie Webb, Boisie Barnes, James Strickland. THIRD ROW: Charles Anthony, Herman Vick, Bennette Flowers, Jay Clark, Billy Beamon, Oakley Beland.

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THANKS,
FOLKS

now, we had
We've had
out wonderful
times this year &
I'll never forget the
steps we can be together
to graduate high school. My
goal. Good luck to you, always.
Love,
"Liz"



A U T O G R A P H S

Handwritten notes in the top left corner, including the name "Bullcock" and other illegible cursive text.

Handwritten notes in the top right corner, including the name "Bullcock" and other illegible cursive text.

By the way, the
informant at home.
The man at the
office says, isn't your
name wrong? ...

Bullcock, since
my dream job.
Miss ...
...
...
...

Everyone has already wished you all the
luck in the world so I'll just say
I love ya,
Bettye

A U T O G R A P H S

Sweet of luck always
to get your hand
forgot me when you
Lover Bettye

lots of luck to
a sweet and
cute girl.
Bettye

Honey -
you're a mighty
sweet & cute little
gal and I love you
that's how I know
I'm your
"Sweetie"
Bettye

so a cute one
well you know
Bullock!
I should write
one man I've associated
I write you all the
luck in the world
(Admission or not)
Polores

... has been so
knowing you are a
being your friend. And
I think you are a sweet
And sweet girl And I hope
our friendship keeps up through
the years. "Lid"





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