

1953

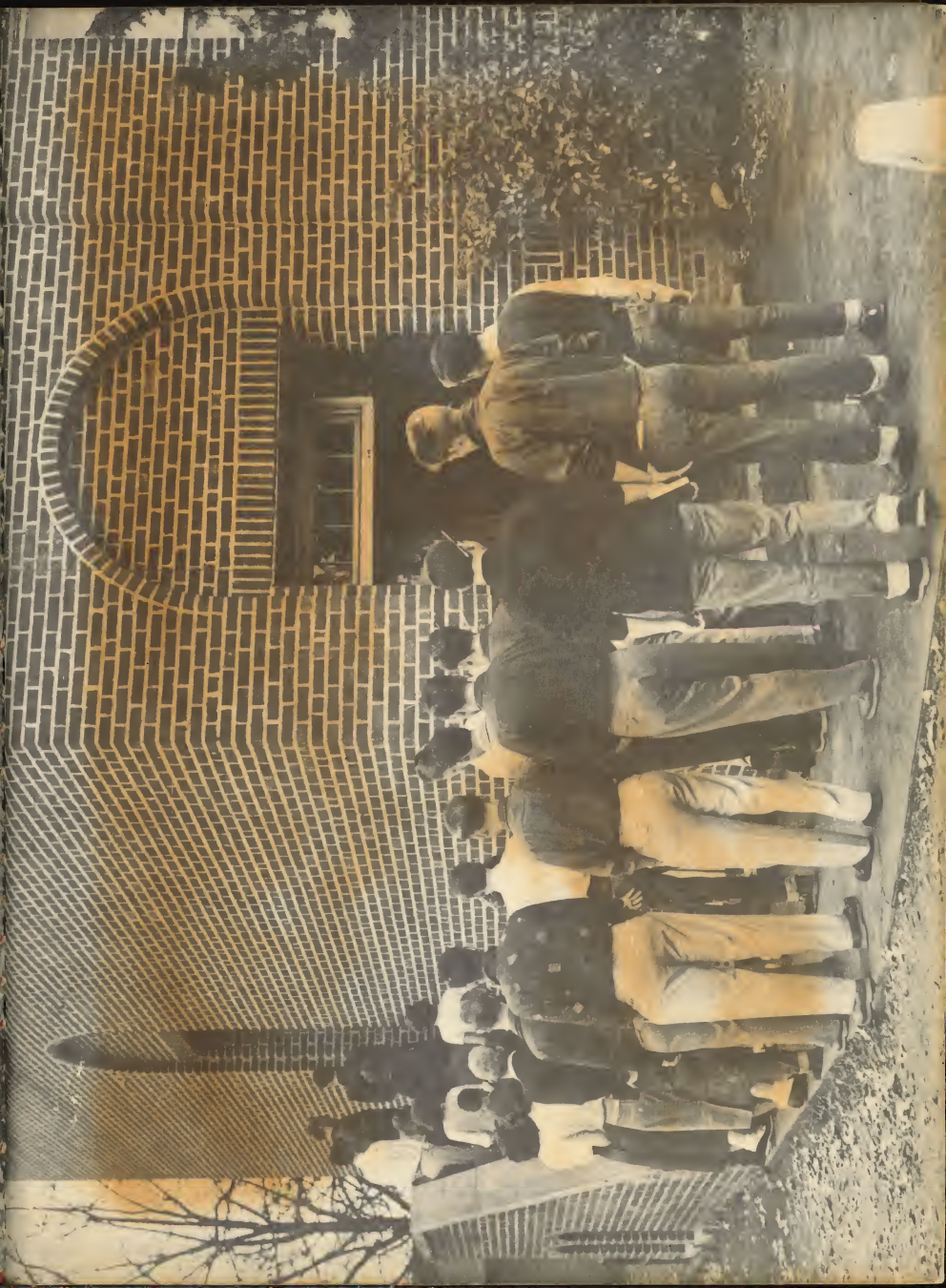


THE HEIGHTS

R  
372.756  
BENTON







Dickerson Room  
Union County Public Library  
316 E. Windsor St.  
Monroe, NC 28112



# THE HEIGHTS

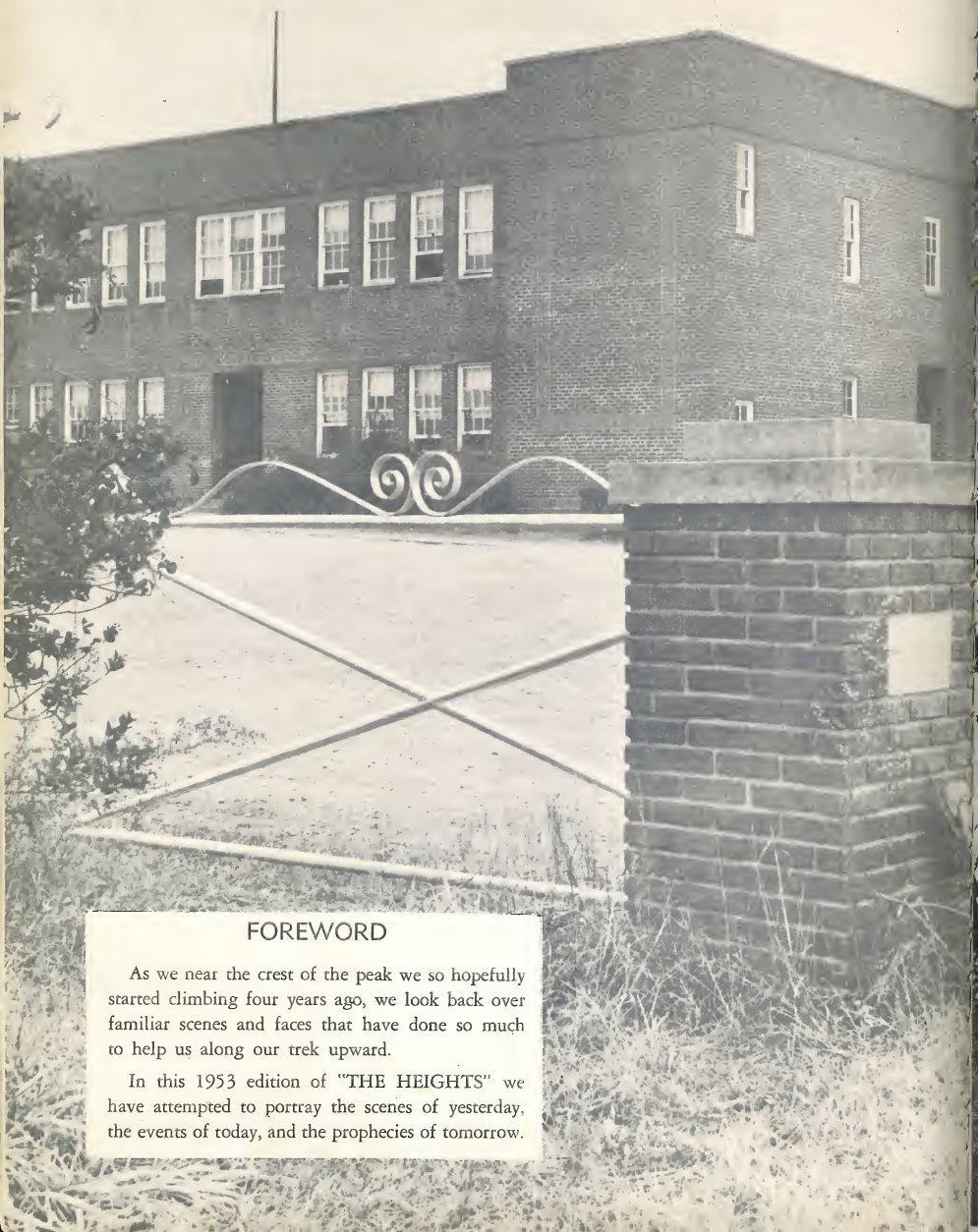
*Published Annually*

By

SENIOR CLASS

Benton Heights High School  
Monroe, North Carolina





## FOREWORD

As we near the crest of the peak we so hopefully started climbing four years ago, we look back over familiar scenes and faces that have done so much to help us along our trek upward.

In this 1953 edition of "THE HEIGHTS" we have attempted to portray the scenes of yesterday, the events of today, and the prophecies of tomorrow.





# CONTENTS

DEDICATION  
ADMINISTRATION  
STAFF  
CLASSES  
ACTIVITIES  
ATHLETICS  
P. T. A.  
MISCELLANEOUS  
ADVERTISEMENTS





## DEDICATION

To our parents, those trail-blazers who have carved our paths, those who have given their all that we might see those great peaks of life and through their never-ceasing efforts reach them, we, the Senior Class of 1953 dedicate this edition of "*The Heights*".

Dickerson Room  
Union County Public Library  
316 E. Windsor St.  
Monroe, NC 28112



## PRINCIPAL

MR. OSCAR W. BROOME  
A.B., Duke University, M.A., A.S.T.C.  
*Principal and History*

Mr. Broome has been principal of Benton Heights School since 1943. Through his leadership and guidance the school has grown and improved in many ways. Even though he has many responsibilities as administrator he has found time to be Co-Sponsor for the Student Council and to take a great part in the Athletic program. He will long be remembered by the students of 1953, for his loyal devotion and guidance.



## SCHOOL BOARD

Mr. Hoyle Helms; Mr. Willie Helms; Mr. H. D. Fowler. *Chairman*: Mr. Oscar W. Broome, *Principal*: Mr. Bruce Secest; Mr. W. L. Langdon.

*Best Wishes.*  
*Mrs. Linda F. Hilton*  
**FACULTY**  
*Everett Hatley*



MISS BETTY MAE LATHAN  
 B. S., W.C.U.N.C.  
*Commercial*



MRS. LINDA F. HILTON  
 A.B. Lenoir Rhyne  
*English and French*



MR. EVERETTE HATLEY  
 A. B. Catawba College  
*Social Science*



MRS. N. B. NICHOLSON  
 A.B., E.C.T.C., W.C.U.N.C.

*Home Economics*  
*Best Wishes*  
*Mrs. N. B. Nicholson*



MRS. B. B. CRAIG  
 A.B., W.C.U.N.C.  
*Mathematics*



MR. RICHARD HAMILTON  
 B.S., A.B., Catawba College  
*Science*



MRS. THELMA HATLEY  
 A.B., Meredith College  
*Public School Music*



MR. JAMES McQUAGE  
 B.A., University of S. C.  
*Eighth Grade*



MRS. VIRGINIA SMITH  
 B. S., A.S.T.C.  
*Eighth Grade*



MRS. MATTIE COBB  
 Grammar Grade Ed.  
 W.J.C., A.S.T.C., E.C.T.C.  
*Seventh Grade*



MRS. BRUCE BIVENS  
 Pineland College, Chowan  
 College, A.B., E.C.T.C.  
*Seventh Grade*



MRS. IRMA BROOME  
 B.S., M.A., A.S.T.C.  
*Sixth Grade*



# FACULTY



MISS MARGARET LOVE  
A.B., Greensboro College  
*Sixth Grade*



MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS  
Winthrop College  
*Fifth Grade*



MISS PAT BENTON  
W.C.U.N.C.  
*Fifth Grade*



MISS MILDRED OUTEN  
W.J.C., Wake Forest College  
*Fourth Grade*



MRS. MARGARET GOODE  
B. S. of Music  
Catawba College  
*Fourth Grade*



MRS. FLAY GRIFFIN  
Grammar Grade Ed.  
E.C.T.C.  
*Third Grade*



MRS. ANNIE HELMS  
E.C.T.C.  
*Third Grade*



MRS. CLARA B. COBLE  
W.C.U.N.C.  
*Second Grade*



MRS. MARGARET MYERS  
B. S., A. S. T. C.  
*Second Grade*



MRS. DAYLE MOORE  
W. J. C., A.S.T.C.  
*First and Second Grade*



MRS. LELA BENTON  
Davenport College  
*First Grade*



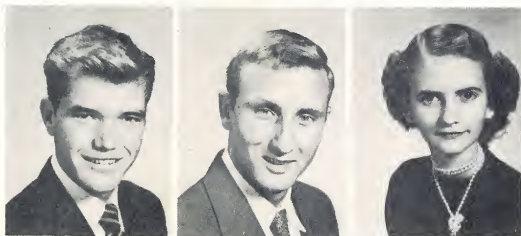
MRS. LYDIA GRIFFIN  
B. S., Oxford College  
*First Grade*

## ANNUAL STAFF



Clayton Presley  
*Editor-in-Chief*

Marcine Griffin  
*Associate Editor*



Max Eury  
*Advertising Manager*

Jimmy Helms  
*Assistant*

Johnnie Jean Helms  
*Assistant*



Bruce Medlin  
*Assistant*

Steve Ferguson  
*Assistant*

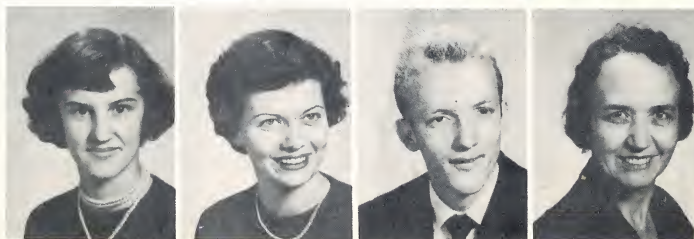
Louise Helms  
*Literary Editor*

Larry McGinnis  
*Club Editor*

Kenneth Helms  
*Picture Editor*  
Louvinia Broome  
*Snapshot Editor*  
Earl Kiker  
*Annual Sales Manager*  
Anne Wiley  
*Chief Typist*



Claudene Ferguson  
*Assistant*  
Frankie Sheffield  
*Assistant*  
Billy Ray Yandle  
*Sports Editor*  
Mrs. Linda F. Hilton  
*Sponsor*





JACKIE WATERS  
*Miss Benton Heights*



*Oscar W. Broome*



Dear Seniors:

As you approach the first major milestone in your educational career, I am sure that you have come to realize that this thing we call education is not a fixed goal but rather a process of growth. For that reason you are not by any means approaching the end just because you are about to graduate. As long as you have the capacity to read, observe, and think reflectively, this growth process will continue. If it were not so, you would become static and useless to yourself and to others.

You have come a long way. Your accomplishments have been many, and your efforts crowned with success. It is true, however, that for the most part you have been receiving—from your parents, from your school, from your teachers, and from your community. Your life process from now on will require of you much giving—to your homes, to your state and nation, and to society in general. If now you can do that, you have "found your peak". As you measure up to this new responsibility, you will climb to that peak.

I hope we have been able to point the way. I wish for you much happiness and success as you climb.

Yours sincerely,  
OSCAR W. BROOME



CLAYTON PRESSLEY  
*President*

EUGENE TRULL  
*Treasurer*

MAX EURY  
*Reporter and Historian*

MARCINE GRIFFIN  
*Secretary*

ANNE WILEY  
*Vice President*

## SENIORS

### DALTON BRANTLEY

*"To my silence I both bear and think."*  
 Monroe High School 1; "The Constitution Comes to Life" cast 1; Usher "That's My Boy" 3; Usher Beauty Contest 4; Glee Club 4.

### LOUVINIA BROOME

*"The girl with a smile is the girl worth while."*  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 2; Co-Captain 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Queen 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Testator 4; Snapshot Editor "The Heights" 4; Distribution Assistant "Hi-Lights" 4; Office Assistant 4.

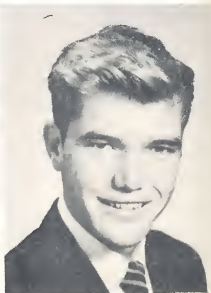


### ELIZABETH COOKE

*"Her ways are ways of pleasantness."*  
 Wingate High School 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 3, 4.

### MAX EURY

*"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."*  
 Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 1; "The Lost Star" cast 2; "Magnolia Blossom" 2; Class President 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "A Turn In the Lane" 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; President 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Vice President 3; Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Distribution Manager 3; Student Council President 4; Class Historian and Reporter 4; Toastmaster Junior-Senior Banquet 3.



### CLAUDENE FERGUSON

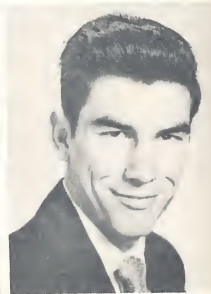
*"To know her is to love her and she is well known."*

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2, 3; Class Prophet 4; Assistant Typist 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Student Council Representative 2; School Librarian 3, 4.

### STEVE FERGUSON

*"Tis not the mere stage of life but the part we play thereon that gives the value."*

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Vice President Glee Club 4; Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Student Council 3.



### EARLDEAN GRIFFIN

*"A true friend is forever a friend."*  
 F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Usher "That's My Boy" 3.

### MARCINE GRIFFIN

*"Whatever she does, she does well."*  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. Secretary 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Office Assistant 4; Class Secretary 4; Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Associate Editor 3; Associate Editor "Heights" 4; Glee Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Librarian 3; Marshal 1, 2, 3.





## SENIORS

### HUGH CLARK HARGETTE

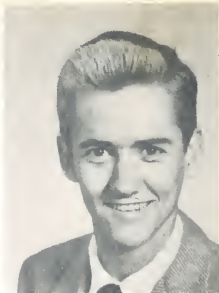
*"Full of life, believes in fun and has it."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President of Class 3.

### GENE HELMS

*"Gladly a helping hand he will lend."*

Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Vice President 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Harvest Festival King 3; "The Lamp Went Out" stage hand 2.



### JIMMY HELMS

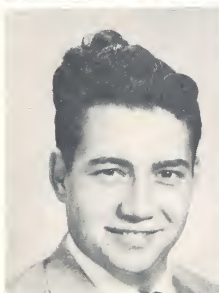
*"After all life is what you make it."*

Class President 2; Vice President 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President 1, 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Annual Staff 4.

### JOHNNIE JEAN HELMS

*"Better to be small and shine than to be large and cast a shadow."*

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Usher "Damsels in Distress" 2; "The Lost Star" cast 2; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Treasurer Beta Club 3; Treasurer F.H.A. 4; Business Manager Assistant "The Heights" 4; Beta Club Program Committee 4.



### KENNETH HELMS

*"A true example that not all good things come in small packages."*

Basketball Manager 3; Picture Editor "The Heights" 4; Bus Driver 4.

### LOUISE HELMS

*"Kind, dependable, lovable, capable, sweet—that's Louise."*

Class President 1; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Historian 3; Reporter 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; Marshal 1, 2; Chief 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Assistant Art Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Art Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Art Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Literary Editor "The Heights" 4.

### MARY HELMS

*"Nothing is so kingly as kindness."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; "That's My Boy" cast 3.

### SHIRLEY HELMS

*"She knows more than she says."*

Cafeteria 2, 3.



## SENIORS



### EARL KIKER

*"He's witty, clever, very frank, and apt to play on you a prank."*

Basketball 2, 3; Class Poet 4; Comic Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Sales Manager "The Heights" 4; "Look Me In the Eye" Stage Assistant 3.

### BRUCE McCLELLAN

*"His quiet manner expresses the spirit of kindness."*

Monroe High School 1, 2; "That's My Boy" stage hand 3.

### BRUCE MEDLIN

*"Ambition has no risk."*

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Program Committee 3; President 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; Boy's State 4; Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Grade News Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; Marshal 3; Store Buyer 4; Advertising Assistant 4; Class Secretary 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3.

### LARRY McGINNIS

*"Effort is the secret of attainment."*

Monroe 1, 2, 3; "In The Spring The Sap" cast 3; Club Editor "The Heights" 4.



### PEGGY POLK

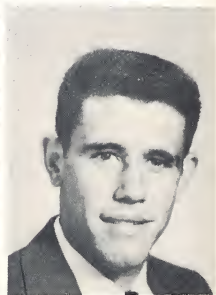
*"Silence, the golden virtue."*

Cafeteria 2, 4.

### J. L. POPLIN

*"Nothing is wrong with the mind of the man who minds his own business."*

Baseball 2, 3, 4; Monogram 2, 3, 4; Basketball 3; Class Secretary 2; "That's My Boy" Stage Assistant 3.



### CLAYTON PRESLEY

*"He uses the great knowledge he has to help others."*

Monroe 1, 2; President Class 4; Editor in Chief "The Heights" 4; Boy's State 4.

### DELBERT PRICE

*"Oh mind of mine, where art thou roaming?"*

Basketball 1, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Monogram Club 3, 4.

# SENIORS

## LUCILLE PRICE

*"From her original manner shines a bright outlook of life."*

Cafeteria 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 4.

## FRANKIE SHEFFIELD

*"Extreme wit with a heart of gold."*

Monroe 1; Charleston 2; Annual Staff 4; Sports Editor "Hi-Lights" 4.



## EUGENE TRULL

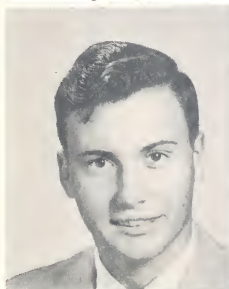
*"The silent man is the one most worth listening to."*

Printing Staff "Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Boy's State 4; Class Treasurer 4; Cafeteria 4.

## JACKIE WATERS

*"Act well your part, there all the honor lies."*

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Chief 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4; News Editor "Hi-Lights" 4; "That's My Boy" cast 3; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Assistant Distribution Manager of the "Hi-Lights" 3; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Miss Benton Heights" 4.



## JAMES WHITAKER

*"Have something to say; say it; and stop when you're done."*

Stage Assistant "And the Lamp Went Out" 2; "That's My Boy" 3; Bus Driver 4.

## ANNE WILEY

*"The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example."*

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Prompter "Damsels in Distress" 2; "If Mother Only Knew" cast 3; Student Council Secretary 2; "That's My Boy" cast 3; Chief Typist "The Heights" 4; Vice President 4; Miss Hi Miss 4.

## BERTHA MAE WRIGHT

*"Her ways are expressions of friendliness."*

Glee Club 1, 2, 3; F.H.A. 3, 4; Cafeteria 4; Usher "That's My Boy".

## BILLY RAY YANDLE

*"little nonsense now and then, is relished by the best of men."*

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Sports Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Sports Editor "The Heights" 4; "That's My Boy" 3.







## MASCOTS

Eddie Winchester  
Candy Helms

CLASS MOTTO  
*"Pick Your Peak and Climb."*  
Class Flower—*Carnation*  
Class Colors—*Blue and White*



ANNE WILEY  
*Miss Hi Miss*



Mrs. C. O. Ferguson

## GRADE MOTHERS



Mrs. Walter Griffin



Mrs. Johnny Flynn



Mrs. Hoy Ferguson



Mrs. S. L. Polk

## CLASS POEM

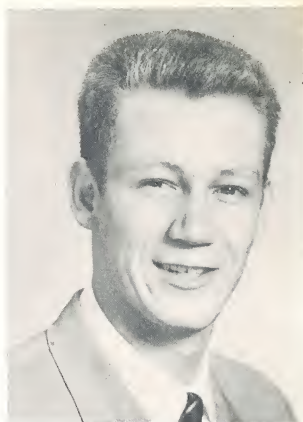
Where is this place of high esteem,  
This place we call success;  
Where fondest dreams are realized,  
And troubles come to rest.

We cannot see this haven clear,  
Our vision is too weak:  
But let us try to picture it,  
As on a distant mountain peak.

Each peak will represent a goal,  
A chosen way of life;  
A challenge to the hardy souls,  
Who welcome work and strife.

So keep in mind the final goal  
Is worth the work and time;  
So join the band of seekers bold,  
And pick your peak and climb.

EARL KIKER  
Class Poet



EARL KIKER



GENE MORRIS. Senior, from Weaverville, North Carolina, entered Benton Heights High School on December 2, 1952.

## CLASS HISTORY



Twelve short years ago a band of seventy-nine inexperienced mountain climbers gathered together to climb a large peak. Although not knowing how to climb as yet, we had heard of others who had climbed the peak and received great rewards for it, so we were determined to complete our climb.

The first year we established footholds and began our upward surge.

The following teachers helped us secure our footholds Mrs. Lela Benton, Mrs. Lydia Griffin, Miss Helen Schoekner, Miss Hawthorne, Mrs. Sam Foster, Mrs. James Pressley, Mrs. Hinson, Miss Pat Benton, Miss Annie Williams, Miss Margaret Love, Mrs. Nell Correll, Mrs. Oscar Broome, Mrs. Lane Teeter, and Miss Christine Whitley. We were at a point where

we could see the white peak in the not too far off future, still we knew it would take four more years of hard work to reach the top.

Through the years as the trails had become narrower and the mountain steeper some of our troop dropped behind while still others had discontinued the climb entirely. Out of the group of seventy-nine only forty-four now remained.

With the total of forty-four we started our ninth year climb with Mrs. Grace W. Craig as our leader. She taught us many new and exciting things about the peak. We elected as our class officers this year: Louise Helms, President; Jimmy Helms, Vice President; Bobby Pope, Secretary; and Max Eury, Treasurer. We also elected Jackie Waters and Gene Helms as Student Council Representatives.

In the Tenth year of our climb with Mr. Everette Hatley serving as sponsor we saw many more exciting things: We elected as class leaders: Jimmy Helms, President; Bruce Medlin, Vice President; J. L. Poplin, Secretary; and Nadine Holshouser, Treasurer. We elected as Student Council Representatives Claudene Ferguson and Gene Helms. This year the following members of our class were admitted to the Beta Club: Bruce Medlin, Johnnie Jean Helms, Louise Helms, Nadine Holshouser, and Anne Wiley.

With Miss Lathan as leader in the eleventh year, we climbed still higher. This year we elected as class officers: Max Eury, President; Hugh Clarke Hargette, Vice President; Bruce Medlin, Secretary; and Claudene Ferguson, Treasurer. This year saw the Beta Club accept two more members of our class, Marcine Griffin and Jackie Waters. Gene Helms was named Vice President of the Student Council, Jackie Waters and Steve Ferguson served as representatives.

This year we staged a banquet for a group of climbers who were nearing the top of the peak. We were fortunate in having as guest speaker at this banquet Mr. N. K. Dickerson, Sr., who has climbed many, many peaks during his life.

Then comes the final year of the club. The group is now cut to thirty-two determined climbers. Miss Lathan again acts as sponsor. We have for class officers: Clayton Pressley, President; Anne Wiley, Vice President; Marcine Griffin, Secretary; and Eugene Trull, Treasurer.

Max Eury is President of the Student Council. Jackie Waters and Jimmy Helms are Student Council Representatives.

We are glad to welcome to our class Gene Morris from Asheville.

Now at the end of our climb the thirty-three who have faced hardships and the wonderful times want to thank our leaders for securing our footholds and making it possible that we could reach the peak. Without the assistance of our most capable leaders we could never have reached the top.

We know that this is only one great peak of many of life which we must climb, but with the superior leadership which we have been rendered I feel sure that any one of us can climb any peak he chooses.

MAX EURY  
Historian



## CLASS PROPHECY



Sitting in the swing and watching the full moon rise and a soft summer breeze blowing reminds me of my high school days. Then as the peace and quiet of that summer evening of '63 began to settle and the lights came on in the little houses it suddenly reminded me that here I was ten years since I had graduated from high school and since then I had been in touch with my classmates very little. Then the stars began to come out and as they appeared each one reminded me of one of my fellow classmates portraying to me their success in life.

1. Louvinia Broome and Jimmy Helms are now doing quite well for themselves with Jimmy running his own service station and Louvinia designing clothes for her own dress shop.
2. Marcine Griffin has now obtained the other ring to match her diamond and is living in California with her husband, Seaman Douglas Carter.
3. Jackie Waters is now starring in Paramount's new hit "THE LADY WORE BLACK."
4. Mary Helms is busy modeling bathing suits for Rose Marie Reed in New York.
5. Billy Ray Yandle is now the sports announcer for the C.B.S. Television Network.
6. Max Eury is coaching football and basketball with the nation's top team in his lap, at W.C.T.C.
7. Larry McGinnis is teaching History in a well known high school.
8. Gene Helms is a very well known assistant coach to Max Eury.
9. Louise Helms has put her talent to use and is the head of a big advertising firm.
10. James Whitaker now has his hands full running his own dairy.
11. Eugene Trull who took such good care of the Senior Class funds now has a job in a bank.
12. Frankie Sheffield is now running her own beauty shop and I might add has obtained great fame.
13. Shirley Helms now has a line on everybody's business, she is a telephone operator.
14. Peggy Polk is now chief bookkeeper for Ivey's in Charlotte.
15. Lucille Price is now making a tour of Germany in search of her husband.
16. Bertha Mae Wright is now doing T.V. Commercials for Camay Soap.
17. Delbert Price now has his own termite exterminating company.
18. Bruce Medlin is now a very prominent and successful businessman.
19. Johnnie Jean Helms is putting her shorthand to use as his secretary.
20. Anne Wiley is now a famous scientist and is working on a new formula to remove freckles.
21. Earl Kiker after a long life full of doing nothing has now retired and is continuing to do nothing.
22. Hugh Clarke Hargette now has his hands full training boys for stockroom jobs at Newberrys.
23. Elizabeth Cooke is now living in Texas with her husband who is a successful mechanic.
24. Steve Ferguson is now running a chain of used cars on the east coast and is playing professional golf on the side.
25. Bruce McClellan has a full time job painting technicolor scenes for Metro Goldwyn Mayer.
26. Clayton Pressley has now replaced Frank Parker on the Arthur Godfrey show.
27. Dalton "Doc" Brantley is now Editor in Chief of The Charlotte News.
28. J. L. Poplin has just recently replaced Yogie Berra for the New York Yankees.
29. Kenneth Helms is now owner of his own Hamburger stand called "FLAT AND THIN."
30. Earledean Griffin who has always had a love for red now has her own "CRIMSON DRESS SHOP."
31. Gene Morris has recently replaced Mickey Mantle for the New York Yankees.

CLAUDINE FERGUSON

Class Prophet

# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT



We, the Senior Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-three of Benton Heights High School, City of Monroe, County of Union, and State of North Carolina, being of sound mind, and realizing our impending departure from this school, do hereby declare and make this our last will and testament.

## ARTICLE I

To our principal, Mr. Oscar W. Broome, we wish to express our many thanks for the interest and leadership he has shown us during the past years.

## ARTICLE II

To the faculty, we leave our sincere appreciation for the efforts put forth to help us complete our studies.

## ARTICLE III

To the class of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, we bequeath the honor and privilege of becoming seniors. To the rest of the students we leave our most treasured and loved gift, a great school.

1. Dalton Brandley bequeaths his bashfulness and good ways to David Terry.
2. I, Louvinia Broome, bequeath my love for attractive clothes and ability to play basketball to Donnie Helms.
3. Elizabeth Cooke leaves her favorite giggle to Joanne Helms.
4. Max Eury wills his ability to have a good time while he is broke to Bud Mullis.
5. Claudene Ferguson keeps Johnny and leave this advice to all talkative girls "Keep Quiet in class."
6. Steve Ferguson bestows his ability to get a different car every week-end to Roger Hall.
7. Earledean Griffin leaves her dignified ways to Ruth Neal McClellan.
8. Marcine Griffin leaves her title as "most in love" to Nelda Jean Williams.
9. Hugh Clarke Hargette leaves his position at Newberrys as stockroom boy to anyone willing to take it.
10. Gene Helms leaves his peroxidized hair to "Hobo" Derrick.
11. Jimmy Helms leave his athletic ability to Monte Helms.
12. Johnnie Jean Helms bestows her friendliness to Coleen Moore.
13. Kenneth Helms bequeaths his lazy ways to Johnny Tsitouris.
14. Louise Helms wills her capability to Jerry Weir.
15. Mary Ann Helms leaves her personality to Louise Williams.
16. Shirley Helms leaves her hopes to gain weight to Anne Curlee.
17. Earl Kiker leaves his mischievous ways to Jackie Baker and his wreckless driving to Monte Helms.
18. Bruce McClellan leaves his unselfish ways to Max Hargette.
19. Larry McGinnis bestows his dependable riders to his sister Shirley.
20. Bruce Medlin leaves his few extra pounds to Bill Helms, and his few extra feet to Bruce Bradley.
21. Peggy Polk bequeaths her quietness to Ruth Simpson.
22. J. L. Poplin leaves his ability as a baseball player to David Walker.
23. Clayton Pressley bestows his dependability to Maurice Baker.
24. Delbert Price leaves his crew cut to anybody crazy enough to have their hair cut that way and who is too lazy to comb it.
25. Lucille Price bestows her originality to Joyce Byrum.
26. Frankie Sheffield leaves his ability to get along with teachers to the incoming seniors.
27. Eugene Trull leaves his neatness to Donald Rummage.
28. Jackie Waters leaves her flirty ways to Betty Ann McGinnis.
29. James Whitaker leaves bus No. 95 to anyone crazy enough to drive it.
30. Anne Wiley leaves her attractiveness to her sister Martha.
31. Bertha Mae Wright leaves her lazy ways to Gertrude McCain.
32. Billy Ray Yandle leaves his position on the baseball team to Charles Gordon.
33. Gene Morris leaves his ability to come to our school and become acquainted with the student body.

We hereby appoint Mrs. Linda F. Hilton, our annual advisor, as sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

Witness  
Frankie Sheffield  
Louise Helms

Attorney  
Louvinia Broome

## SUPERLATIVES



Bruce McClellan  
*Most Unselfish*



Earledean Griffin  
*Most Dignified*



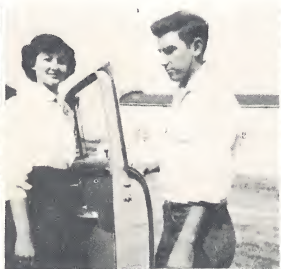
Louise Helms  
*Most Capable*



Gene Helms  
*Best Sport*



Max Eury  
Jackie Waters  
*Most Popular*



Anne Wiley  
Steve Ferguson  
*Most Courteous*



Peggy Ann Polk  
James Whitaker  
*Quietest*



Dalton Brantley  
Peggy Ann Polk  
*Most Bashful*



Bertha Mae Wright  
Kenneth Helms  
*Laziest*



Bruce Medlin  
Johnnie Jean Helms  
*Class Baby*



## SUPERLATIVES



Johnnie Jean Helms  
Max Eury  
*Friendliest*



Marcine Griffin  
*Most Talented*  
*Most Musical*



Gene Helms  
Frankie Sheffield  
*Most Beautiful*  
*Most Handsome*



Hugh Clarke Hargette  
Marcine Griffin  
*Most In Love*



Clayton Pressley  
Anne Wiley  
*Most Dependable*  
*Most Industrious*



Jackie Waters  
Max Eury  
*Biggest Flirt*  
*Class Wolf*



Louise Helms  
Bruce Medlin  
*Most Studious*



Mary Helms  
Gene Helms  
*Best Personality*



Bruce Medlin  
Anne Wiley  
*Most Business Like*  
*Most Likely to Succeed*

# SUPERLATIVES



Claudine Ferguson  
*Most Talkative*



Anne Wiley  
*Most Attractive*



Lucille Price  
*Most Original*



Johnnie Jean Helms  
*Cutest*



Hugh Clarke Hargette  
Louvinia Broome  
*Best Dressed*



Jackie Waters  
*Most Conceited  
Pepiest*



Louvinia Broome  
Jimmy Helms  
*Most Athletic*



Hugh Clarke Hargette  
*Biggest Show Off*



Frankie Sheffield  
Earl Kiker  
*Wittiest  
Most Mischievous*



Marcine Griffin  
Max Eury  
*Best-All-Round*

# THE AGE OF INNOCENCE



Max Eury



Jimmy Helms



J. L. Poplin



Bruce Medlin



Bertha Mae Wright



Johnnie Jean Helms



Clayton Pressley



Mary Helms



Dalton Brantley



Steve Ferguson



Anne Wiley



Earlean Griffin



Billy Ray Yandle



Eugene Trull



Frankie Sheffield



## SENIORS AT WORK



COMMERCIAL



LIBRARY



Jerry Weir  
*Vice President*

Donald Rummage  
*Secretary*

Ruth Neal McClellan  
*Treasurer*

Maurice Baker  
*President*

## JUNIORS

Bobby Benton  
Joyce Byrum  
Shirley Craig  
Ann Curlee



Ervin Elms  
Shirley Haigler  
Roger Hall  
Bill Helms



Geneva Helms  
Joanne Helms  
Linda Helms  
Monte Helms

## JUNIORS

Kay Kerley  
Doris Kilgore  
Jack Love  
Lenelle Mangum



Gertrude McCain  
Betty Ann McGinnis  
Shirley McGinnis  
Coleen Moore

W. C. Mullis  
Kathleen Price  
Shirley Quick  
Calvin Richardson



Worth Riggins  
Ruth Simpson  
Everett Taylor  
David Terry

Johnny Tsitouris  
Nelda Williams  
Mary Lena Graham





# SOPHOMORES



President.....Harry Boone  
 Sec. and Treas.....Louise Williams  
 Vice President.....Bruce Bradley  
 Sponsors.....Mrs. N. B. Nicholson  
                                     Mr. Everett Hatley

*Louise Williams*

Joe Adams  
 Shirley Benton



Alvin Broome  
 Dorothy Broome



Frances Broome  
 Ronald Crooke  
 Ellis Ferguson  
 Charles Gordon  
 Johnny Griffin



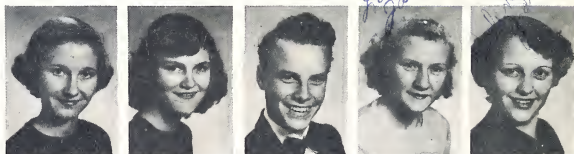
Kenneth Griffin  
 Betty Jean Hargette  
 Max Hargette  
 Nancy Hasty  
 Elizabeth Hasty



Angela Helms  
 Barbara Helms  
 Marie Helms  
 Rebecca Helms  
 Roberta Helms

# SOPHOMORES

Frankie Herring  
Carolyn Holland  
Kenneth Hunnicutt  
Louise James  
Helen Jarmon



Dorothy Keziah  
Zullene Keziah  
Jackie King  
Jim Long  
Pat Monroe



Larry Moore  
Bobbie Mullis  
Earl Price  
Irene Price  
Reba Price



Joyce Shuman  
Junior Simpson  
Carol Smith  
Elsie Sykes  
Jean Tarlton

Aline Terry  
Myra Tucker  
David Walker  
Roy Williamson  
Tony Wright

Absent When Pictures Were Made:  
Ronnie Helms, Fred Helms, Ronald  
Helms, Bob Pate.



Shirley Hammond

# FRESHMEN



<i>Vice President</i> .....	Mary Rose
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i> .....	Helen Simpson
<i>President</i> .....	Eugene Ferguson
<i>Sponsor</i> .....	Mrs. B. B. Craig

Glenda Blackwell



Herbert Derrick

Glenda Fowler



Johnnie Hargett  
Margaret Hargette  
Bobby Helms  
Donnie Helms  
James Helms



Jimmy James  
Sally Jeffreys  
Louise Kee  
Virginia Pressley  
Ronald Rummage



Joel Simpson  
Ruth Surratt  
Alice Tarlton  
Shelby Walden

Thomas Edwards, Absent





# FRESHMEN



*Secretary*.....Sharon Ruff  
*Treasurer*.....Joyce Ann Braswell  
*Vice President*.....Ann Graham  
*President*.....Gary Mills  
*Sponsor*.....Mr. Richard Hamilton

Arline Broome  
 Peggy Broome



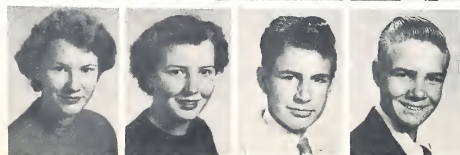
Ruth Carnes  
 Donald Haigler  
 Barbara Helms  
 Helen Holshouser  
 Bobby Kilgore



Sue Marrone  
 Sylvia Melton  
 Shirley Pressley  
 W. H. Privette  
 Nancy Starnes



Myrna Stanton  
 Verna Stanton  
 R. E. Tarlton  
 J. T. Taylor



Magdaline Presley, Absent



## STUDENT COUNCIL

### OFFICERS

Max Eury.....*President*  
 Monte Helms.....*Vice President*  
 Aline Terry.....*Secretary*

### CO-SPONSORS

Mr. Oscar W. Broome  
 Mrs. B. B. Craig



*Left to Right—First Row—Jackie Waters, Shirley Craig, Reba Price, Ruth Carnes, Linda Waters.  
 Second Row—Jimmy Helms, W. C. Mullis, Max Hargett, Ronald Rummage, Johnny Gordon.*





JUNIOR AND LITTLE BENTON HEIGHTS

KAY HARGETT  
*Little Miss Benton Heights*

BRENDA GRIFFIN  
*Junior Miss Benton Heights*





MRS. RALPH SMITH.....

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row—*Kizzie Braswell, Ann Tarlton, Barbara Ferguson, Frances Hasty, Jerry Little, Peggy Mills, Linda Funderburk, Mary Holmes, Joan Broome, Shirley Anderson, Carole Broome, Betty Ann Hall. *Second Row—*Hazel Hinson, Shirley Simpson, Edith Poplin, Margaret Monroe, Mary Marrone, Linda Waters, Jimmy Williams, Dwight Foster, Cornelius Underwood, Larry Herring. *Third Row—*Mitchlene Wallace, Audry Mullis, Lamar Benton, Lewis Simpson, Kenneth Riggins, Ronald Stevenson, Mrs. Smith.

## EIGHTH GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row—*Dean Craig, Warren Helms, Franklin Broome, Edward Pressley, Max Starnes, Pat Secrest, Bill Simpson, Rachel Polk, Lynette Carroll, Betty Hunter. *Second Row—*Richard Broome, Johnny Gordon, Phyllis Hunneycutt, Betty Hargette, Burnice Starnes, Martha Wiley, Helen Croke, Evelyn Taylor, Brenda Helms. *Third Row—*Dahl Stegall, Billy Walsh, Buren Price, Mr. McQuage, Bobby Riggins, Fred Burgess, Ted Wortman, Allen Love.

MR. JAMES M. McQUAGE.....

Teacher





MRS. BRUCE BIVENS

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row*—Johnny Mack Taylor, Carole Helms, Marilyn Lindsay, James Pressley, Phillip Ross, Kenneth Tarlton, Benny Stegall, Buddy Broome, Eddy Moore, Frank Adams, Lou Pressley. *Second Row*—Brenda Griffin, Norma Rae Cox, Martha Shannon, Mary Shannon, Kay Furr, Betty Ann Smith, Jerry Helms, Tim Chesser, Harold Blackburn, Judy Simpson, Shelby Jean White. *Third Row*—M. B. Price, Tex Rape, Clark Rummage, Thayer Mills, Ray Thompson, David Lowery, Leary Newton, Mrs. Bivens.

*Absent*—Mickey Simpson, Betty James, Peggy Hammond, Donna Sue Long, Carol Sue Mills.

## SEVENTH GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row*—Donald Henderson, Tommy Smith, Maurice Trull, Linda Tucker, Kay Hilton, Shirley Williamson, Judy Ferguson, Collen Derrick, Doris Henderson, Pauline Yow, Molly Helms, Merle Helms. *Second Row*—Jerry Helms, Wayne Mills, Steve Monroe, Wayne Price, Carol Eury, Whitty Broome, Shirley Ferguson, Jean Holly, Frances Montgomery, Mary Frances Evans. *Third Row*—Raymond Griffin, Ronald Eudy, Shirley Helms, Betty Burgess, Julia Helms, Barbara Ramsey, Shelby Griffin, Harriet Helms, Linda Trull.

*Absent*—Jewel Stegall, Patty Pressley, Don Liles, Shirley Price, Jimmy Eury.

MRS. MATTIE B. COBB

Teacher







MISS MARGARETTE LOVE

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row—*Christine Martin, Billy Ray Surraat, Jimmy Hargette, Audna Quick, Silvia Teagle, Doris Williams, Colleen Helms, Willie Murphy, Bobby Trull, Tommy Graham, J. D. White, Nell Nash, Miss Love, *Second Row—*Ronald Griffin, Douglas Simmon, Ruby Tucker, Linda Broome, Margaret Keziah, Lucille Williams, Fred Keziah, Bobby Parks, Steve Tsitouris, Rita Freeman, Rachel Melton, Sue Helms, *Third Row—*Joe Neal Helms, Barry Williams, Robert Weir, Dale Whitmore, Nolan Walden.

*Absent—*Billy Mac Boatwright, Johnnie Helms, Dorothy Keziah, Joyce Riggins.

## SIXTH GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row—*Jerry Nash, Don Ray Rummage, Mickey Helms, Wade Stegall, Patricia Cunningham, Joy Lawrence, Patsy Pressley, Martha Underwood, Johnny Campbell, Keith Tarlton, Walter Lynn Gordon, *Second Row—*Mrs. Broome, Charlie Ray Outen, John Burgess, Tommy Wooten, Raeford McCain, Sanford Mullis, Margarette Shuman, Billy Smith, Charles Hill, Joe Baker, Dowd Price, Phillip Hargette.

*Absent—*Frankie Benton, Dowd Broome, Jerry Helms, Paris Flowe, Lois Flynn, Cottein Gray, Joyce Pate.

MRS. IRMA H. BROOME

Teacher







MISS PAT BENTON.....

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row*—Diane Griffin, Fanny Spier, Dean Helms, Winston Dean, Billy Ray Griffin, Wayne Lewis, Kenneth Griffin, Albert Hargett. *Second Row*—Julia Renegar, Linda Price, Joyce Boatright, Ruth Kilgore, Nellie Huckabee, Nancy Helms, Jane Ross, Linda Montgomery, Barbara Mills, Jean Hamilton, Sue Lewellyn. *Third Row*—Billie Austin, Mitchell Presley, Dennis Hilton, Paula Riggins, Mack Smith, Charles Outlaw, Janet Helms, Marlene Price, Alice Sells, Brenda Tucker, Gayle Baucum, Patsy Lynn, Helen Plyler.

*Absent*—Acie Helms, Gary Ramsey, James Scott, C. A. Stancil, David Sykes, Phyllis Helms, Shirley Flynn, Louise Baucum.

## FIFTH GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row*—George Wortman, Steve Helms, Brice Hargett, Fannie Ray Foster, Tommy Drake, Mary Helms, Bobby Tucker, Hilda Wooten, Harry Polk, Patricia Love, Brenda Helms, Joyce Rowell. *Second Row*—Billy Williams, Brenda Ferguson, Carole Lee Williams, Brenda Sherrin, Betty Ann Kee, Elizabeth Ann Williams, Ann Medlin, Brenda Broome, L. M. Helms, David Eudy, Micky Henderson, Joyce Helms. *Third Row*—Larry Simpson, Kay Mangum, Jimmy Bradley, Winston Lovelace, Ronald Helms, Tom Helms, Phyllis Price, Nancy Rape, Betty Rose Broome, Brenda Kay Huneycutt, Carolyn Tarlton.

*Absent*—Gene Scott, Joe Keziah, Lee Aycoth, John Holly, Carol Hammond.

MISS ANNIE WILLIAMS.....

Teacher





MRS. HAL GOODE

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row*—Hazel Hargett, Diane Baker, Mike Sucky, Richard Williams, Kenneth Mullis, Ted Melton, Olin Simpson, Lynda Mullis, Marcene Flow, Carole Helms, Phyllis Harrington, Jane McRorie, Nancy Jo Helms, Charles Cunningham. *Second Row*—Robert White, Dennis Elmore, Larry Graham, Larry Whitley, James Hargett, Phyllis Holmes, Ronald Love, Robert Hobbs, Dewey Broome, Ronnie Helton, Jerry Rape, Carolyn Holshouser, Nancy Walden, Mrs. Goode. *Third Row*—Norma Holshouser, Andrea Price, Jo Anne Tucker, Delores Nash, Joyce Gaddis, Nancy Crook, Dickie Hargett, James Burgess, Sandra Buss, Eddie Richardson.

## FOURTH GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row*—Harold Helms, Ted Helms, Gedis Broome, Helen Melton, Ann Hargett, Berry Outen, Jerry Spittle, Robert Moore, Henry Elliott, Bill Wooten, Patsy Williams, Jerry Pressley, Burrell Funderburk. *Second Row*—Katherine Underwood, Frankie Tarlton, Joyce Howard, Jerry Barbee, Phyllis Benton, Patsy King, Gordon Shannon, Linda Elliott, Judy Elms, Mary Carson Glenn, Richard Quick, Linda Helms. *Third Row*—Weldon Crooke, Franklin Sutton, Sam Presson, James Ferguson, Gerald Shuman, Jackie Starnes, Brenda Pressley, Eugene Price. *Absent*—Carolyn Bass.

MISS MILDRED OUTEN

Teacher







MRS. ANNIE S. HELMS

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row*—Betty Ann Tarlton, Anne Pate, Frankie Helms, Judy Helton, Joyce Hasty, Neal Kemp Price, Johnny Pressley, Carol Terry, Glenda Rae Whitley, Tony Monroe, Ann Funderburk, Kay Hargett, Tommy Cunningham, Kenneth Keziah. *Second Row*—Carol Pressley, Brenda Sue Crook, Paul Helms, Mickey Mills, J. C. McRorie, Dennis Pressley, Ronnie Nash, Phyllis Walker, Donnie Lawrence, Billie Sue Lindsay, Eugene Balock, Ray Vann Price, Donald Price, Larry Price, Jimmie Parks.

*Absent*—Judy Ross, Darrell Helms, Sharon Simpson, Woody Surratt, Brenda Hammond.

### THIRD GRADE

*Left to Right, First Row*—Linda Gordon, Mady Simpson, Nancy Quick, James Rogers, Shirley Drake, Loretta Honeycutt, Vernon Nash, Roger Hunter, Janice Helms, Granville Broome. *Second Row*—Carol Helms, Jane Tucker, Tim Broome, Dannie Simpson, Warren Staggers, Walden Starling, Barbara Funderburke, Jackie Foster, Kenneth Haigler, Sammy Holly. *Third Row*—Tommy Ross, Judy Herring, Johnny Norris, Gene Helms, Jimmie Baldwin, Pat Penegar, Kenneth Helms, Nancy Hargette, Bahnson Lovelace, D. L. McDonald, Horace Broome, Linda Long, Ann Lewis.

MRS. FLAY GRIFFIN

Teacher







MRS. CLARA B. COBLE

Teacher

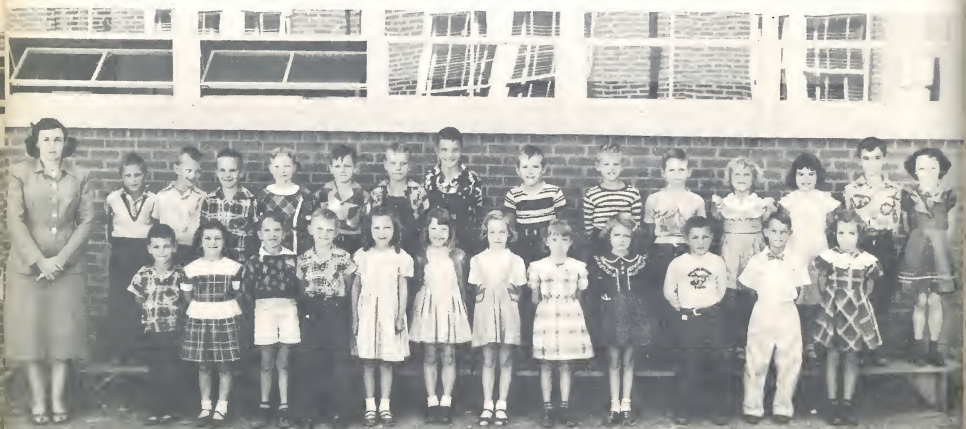
*Left to Right—First Row*—James Hargette, Dyanne Griffin, Tommy Craig, Judy Smith, Barbara Rushing, Billy Holley, Jerry Stegall, Linda Davis, Beatrice Burgess, Benny Blackburn, Richard Baker, James Pate, Ted Keziah, Lynn Temple. *Second Row*—Jean Elliot, Nancy Lou Helms, Edward Howard, Richard Price, David Price, Walter Long, Mary Helms, Judy Hargette, Betty Pressley, Blanche Tucker, Judy Parton, Larry Campbell, Rodney Williams.

## SECOND GRADE

*Left to Right—First Row*—Jerry Tomberlin, Jo Ellan Cook, George White, Timothy Quick, Rebecca Helms, Elizabeth Howie, Diane McFerren, Patricia Mills, Brenda Gaskens, Ronald Helms, Rickey Taylor, Linda Little. *Second Row*—Kenneth Graham, Richard Privette, James Ray Tomberlin, Dianne Love, Larry Speer, Jesse Pressley, Wayne Frye, Clyde Hargette, Derrel McCain, Randy King, Lucy Quick, Brenda Broome, James Wilson Braswell, Martha Ann Tarlton. *Absent*—Jack Deese, Junior Richardson, Diane Helms.

MRS. MARGARETE MYERS

Teacher





## SECOND GRADE

MRS. DAYLE MOORE.....Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row*—Douglas Brothers, Gale Huckabee, Freeda Walden, James Helms, Jimmy Williams, Ronald Boatwright, Elizabeth Baldwin, Dianne Hamilton, Henry Helms, Bobby Earp. *Second Row*—Loyd Tucker, Jr., Patricia Bickett, Susan Dean, Charles Deese, Billy Jean Keziah, Nancy Lovelace, Tim Pressley, Karne Buss, Keith Presson.

*Left to Right—First Row*—Linda Thomas, Diane Richardson, Brenda Tarlton, Kay Hill, Barbara Stegall, Eddie Rushing, Nancy Penegar, Jo Anne Broome, Judy Stegall, Jack Boyde Helms, Eddie McCoy, Donna Laney, David Outen, Ray Holly. *Second Row*—Gary Blackburn, Judy Nash, Elwood McDonald, Diane Helms, Gary Helms, Paulette Helms, Kay Melton. Brenda Griffin, Richard Tucker, Larry Helms, Walter Griffin. *Absent*—John Bass.

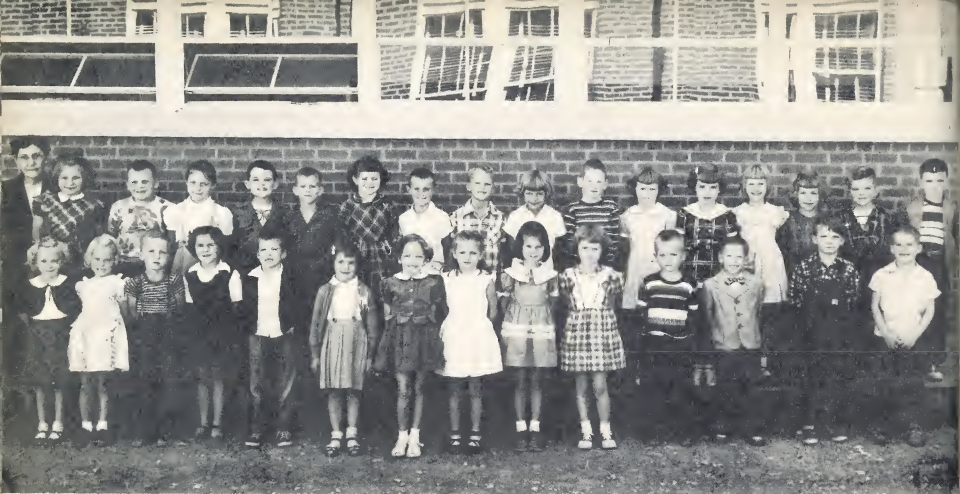
MRS. LYDIA GRIFFIN

Teacher

## FIRST GRADE







## FIRST GRADE

MRS. LELA BENTON

Teacher

*Left to Right—First Row—*Carolyn Derrick, Elaine Norris, Curtis Mullis, Sue Davis, Curtis Flowe, Carol McCain, Barbara Freeman, Gayle Gurley, Patricia Hinde, Kay Eudy, Michael Medlin, Artie Melton, Carol Scott, Eddie Pressley. *Second Row—*Janet Seigler, David Griffin, Carol Simpson, David Gordon, Lane Montoe, Sherri Helms, Brooks Moore, Butch Terry, Marsha Wortman, Faris Barbee, Violet Simpson, Dean Taylor, Kay Whittley, Carolyn Ress, Billy Trull, Jackie Hasty.

## SNAPSHOTS







## MARSHALS

*Left to Right—First Row—Jettie Weir; Louise Helms, Chief; Marcine Griffin. Second Row—Bruce Medlin; Ervin Elms; David Walker; Junior Simpson.*

# THE HIGHLIGHTS



## THE HIGHLIGHTS

Marcine Griffin, *Editor*; Maurice Baker, *Associate Editor*; Jackie Waters, *News Editor*; Jerry Weir, *Associate News Editor*; Bruce Medlin, *Grade News Editor*; Donald Rummage, *Boys Sports Editor*; Frankie Sheffield, *Girls Sports Editor*; Louise Helms, *Art Editor*; Ervin Elms, *Assistant Art Editor*; Earl Kiker, *Comic Editor*; Aline Terry, *Student Council Representative*; Miss Lathan, *Adviser*; Clayton Pressley, Louvinia Broome, Coleen Moore, *Distributors*; Bruce Medlin, Steve Ferguson, Max Eury, Eugene Trull, Monte Helms, Bud Mullis, *Printing Staff*.

Bruce Medlin

Monte Helms

Jackie Waters



Johnnie Jean Helms



## BETA CLUB

Betty Ann McGinnis

Jerry Weir



Marcine Griffin

Mrs. Hilton

Anne Wiley



Donald Rummage

Lenelle Mangrum



Louise Helms



David Terry



Shirley Haigler

Ervin Elms

W. C. (Bud) Helms

Geneva Helms

Shirley Craig





## GLEE CLUB

DONALD RUMMAGE, *President*; STEVE FERGUSON, *Vice President*; SHIRLEY CRAIG, *Secretary*; MRS. THELMA HATLEY, *Instructor*.

*Left to Right—First Row*—Virginia Pressley, Donnie Helms, Sue Marrone, Shirley Pressley, Sally Jeffreys, Louise Kee, Barbara Helms, Glenda Fowler, Coleen Moore, Aline Terry, Bobbie Lee Mullis, Louise Williams, Linda Helms, Shirley Benton, Alice Tarlton, Joyce Braswell, Nancy Starnes, Louise James, Betty Jean Hargette, Glenda Blackwell, Margaret Hargett. *Second Row*—Verna Stanton, Earledean Griffin, Helen, Simpson Ruth Carnes, Irene Price, Jean Tarlton, Kay Kerley, Zuleen Keziah, Elsie Sykes, Nancy Hasty, Jimmy James, Dalton Brantley, James Helms, Charles Gordon, Ronald Crook, Roberta Helms, W. H. Privette, Frances Broome, Bill Helms, Frankie Herring, Carol Smith, Dorothy Broome, Johnnie Hargette, Myrna Stanton, Sharon Ruff, Shirley Quick, Magdlene Pressley. *Third Row*—Lenelle Mangum, Ann Curlee, Joyce Byrum, Ruth McClellan, Betty McGinnis, Joanne Helms, Rebecca Helms, Reba Price, Barbara Helms, Bobby Kilgore, Max Eury, Gene Ferguson, R. E. Tarlton, David Terry, Roy Williamson, Helen Jarman, Dorothy Keziah, Ronald Rummage, Elizabeth Hasty, Myra Tucker, Jerry Weir, Kathleen Price, Louise Helms, Marcine Griffin, Ruth Surratt, Mary Rose, Shelby Walden.



## BAND

*Left to Right—First Row*—Dennis Elmore, Sue Llewlyn, Ted Helms, Lynn Gordon, Elizabeth Williams, Carolee Williams, Betty Ann Kee, Brenda Ferguson, Sue Helms, Johnny Mac Taylor, Don Ray Rummage, Tommy Helms, Phillip Holmes, David Eudy, Billy Wooten, Johnny Sutton. *Second Row*—Sylvia Teagle, Kay Hilton, Dowd Price, Robert Weir, Bill Simpson, Edward Pressley, Whirly Broome, Wayne Price, Jerry Little, Nell Nash, Glenda Blackwell, Linda Funderburk, Mary Holmes, Jimmy James, Betty Ann Smith, Nancy Rape, Winston Lovelace, Phillip Ross. *Second Row*—Ronald Helms, Eddie Elmore, Tex Rape, Brenda Griffin, Julia Helms, Myra Tucker, Ronny Eudy, Pete Price, Leary Newton, Larry Moore, Kenneth Hunnicutt, David Walker, Gary Mills, Johnny Griffin, Carol Eury, Steve Helms.

MR. CARLTON R. SMITH

*Instructor*



## F. H. A.

MRS. KATHLEEN NICHOLSON

*Sponsor*

Officers: Ann Wiley, *President*; Jerry Weir, *Vice President*; Marcine Griffin, *Secretary*.  
Johnnie Jean Helms, *Treasurer*; Dorothy Keziah, *Song Leader*; Louise Helms, *Reporter*; Louise Williams, *Historian*; Coleen Moore, *Parliamentarian*.

Chapter Mothers: Mrs. Polly Byrum, Mrs. J. B. Helms, Mrs. Robert Weir, Mrs. Martha Marrone, Mrs. Harold Smith.

*Left to Right—First Row*—Johnnie Hargette, Sylvia Melton, Barbara Helms, Kay Kerley, Dorothy Broome, Louise Williams, Jerry Weir, Anne Wiley, Marcine Griffin, Coleen Moore, Shirley Craig, Donnie Helms, Joyce Braswell, Earledean Griffin, Johnnie Jean Helms, Shirley Pressley, Nancy Starnes, Glenda Fowler, Shirley Haigler. *Second Row*—Irene Price, Ruth Neal McClellan, Joyce Byrum, Barbara Helms, Sally Jeffreys, Louise Kee, Joanne Helms, Reba Price, Rebecca Helms, Carol Smith, Roberta Helms, Sue Marrone, Peggy Broome, Sharon Ruff, Sue Stanton, Bertha Mae Wright, Linda Helms, Jackie Waters, Betty Ann McGinnis, Geneva Helms. *Third Row*—Lenelle Mangum, Doris Kilgore, Ann Curlee, Carolyn Holland, Angela Helms, Elizabeth Hasty, Ann Graham, Dorothy Keziah, Louise Helms, Louvinia Broome, Helen Simpson, Ruth Carnes, Mary Rose, Ruth Surratt, Lucille Price, Verna Stanton, Shelby Jean Walden, Jean Tarlton, Kathleen Price. *Absent*—Gertrude McCain, Nelda Jean Williams, Shirley Quick, Nancy Hasty, Alice Tarlton, Glenda Blackwell, Virginia Pressley.

## SAFETY PATROL

*Left to Right—First Row*—Bobby Helms, James Pressley, Maurice Trull, Buddy Broome, Eddie Elmore, Wayne Mills, Johnny Mack Taylor. *Second Row*—Thay Mills, Tim Chesser, Larry Newton, Dwight Foster, Max Starnes, David Lowery, Alvin Broome, Ronald Eudy, Joel Simpson, Lewis Simpson, James M. McQuage.

MR. JAMES M. MCQAGE

*Sponsor*





## BOY SCOUTS TROOPS 54 AND 56

Scout Troop 54 Leader.....

MR. ED. ELMORE

Scout Troop 56 Leader.....

MR. HARRY MCFARREN

Left to Right—First Row—Dowd Price, Benny Stegall, Joe Baker, Ronald Griffin, Robert Weir, Charles Hill, Phil Hargett, Bobby Trull. Second Row—Wayne Price, Eddie Elmore, Johnny Griffin, Jimmy Williams, Gary Mills, Cornelius Underwood, Whitty Broome, Edward Pressley, James Pressley. Absent—Jimmie James, Bill Simpson, Micky Simpson.



## CUB SCOUTS

Left to Right—First Row—Tommy Cunningham, Charles Cunningham, Gene Helms, Dickie Hargett, Tim Broome, Jimmie Baldwin, Donnie Lawrence, Bahnson Lovelace, Neal Kemp Price, Granville Broome. Second Row—Robert Moore, Phillip Holmes, Winston Lovelace, Tom Helms, Larry Simpson, Winston Dean, Gerald Shuman, Ronald Love, Kenneth Griffin, Kenneth Helms. Den Mothers—Mrs. Bill Holmes, Mrs. Kemp Neal Price, Mrs. Jack Hargett, Mrs. C. L. Cunningham.





## HOME COMING QUEEN

ANGELA HELMS



## MONOGRAM CLUB

MR. RICHARD HAMILTON

*Sponsor*

*Left to Right—First Row—Gene Helms, Vice President; Jimmy Helms, President; Shirley Craig, Treasurer; Frankie Herring, Secretary.*

*Second Row—David Terry, Bruce Medlin, Max Eury, W. C. Mullis, Harry Boone, Marcine Griffin, Louvinia Broome, Claudene Ferguson, Jackie Waters, Mary Helms, Kathleen Price, Coleen Moore, Betty Ann McGinnis, Pat Monroe, Mr. Hamilton. Third Row—Monte Helms, J. L. Poplin, Hugh Clarke Hargette, Bill Helms, Delbert Price, Kenneth Helms, Roger Hall, Bobby Benton, Maurice Baker, Ronald Crooke, Donald Rummage, Steve Ferguson.*

*Absent—Johnny Tsitouris, Billy Ray Yandle, Earl Kiker.*



## CHEERLEADERS

*Left to Right—First Row—Sue Marrone, Frankie Herring, Betty Ann McGinnis. Second Row—Maurice Baker, Jackie Waters, Chief; Pat Monroe, Bruce Medlin.*





## GIRL'S BASKETBALL

*Left to Right—First Row—*Glenda Blackwell, Louise Williams, Nelda Jean Williams, Mary Helms, Shirley Benton, Carol Smith, Glenda Fowler. *Second Row—*Joyce Shuman, Ruth Surratt, Irene Price, Claudine Ferguson, Louvinia Broome, Shirley Craig, Donnie Helms. *Third Row—*Ruth Carnes, Ann Graham, Barbara Helms, Marcine Griffin, Jean Tarlton, Kathleen Price. *Dropped out—*Ruth Surratt, Marcine Griffin, and Claude Ferguson. *Coach—*Mr. Everett Hatley.





# BOY'S BASKETBALL



*Left to Right—First Row—Gene Helms, Roy Williamson, Jim Long, Ronald Runimage, Charles Gordon. Second Row—Steve Ferguson, Larry Moore, Hugh Clarke Hargette, Max Eury, Harry Boone, Billy Ray Yandle. Third Row—Roger Hall, Monte Helms, Delbert Price, Jimmy Helms, and Ronald Crooke.*



Gene Helms



Mr. Hamilton  
Coach



Roger Hall



Monte Helms



Billy Ray Yandle



Jimmy Helms



Steve Ferguson



## BOY'S BASEBALL

*Left to Right—First Row—Worth Riggins, Jack Love, Bill Helms, David Walker, Jack King, Billy Ray Yandle. Second Row—Steve Ferguson, Max Eury, Bud Mullis, J. L. Poplin, Delbert Price, Gene Helms. Third Row—Johnny Tsitouris and Mr. Richard Hamilton, Coach*





### OFFICE AND SCHOOL STORE ASSISTANTS

*Left to Right*—Harry Boone, Pat Monroe, Marcine Griffin, Rebecca Helms, Louvinia Broome, Reba Price, Coleen Moore, Max Hargette. *Absent from picture*—Bruce Medlin.



### CAFETERIA WORKERS

*Left to Right*—Ida Glenn, Mrs. Bill Holmes, *Supervisor*; Eugene Trull, Shirley Helms, Lucille Price, Bertha Mae Wright, Peggy Polk, Linda Helms, Gertrude McCain, Coleen Moore, Shirley Craig. *Absent from picture*—Mrs. Redfern Medlin and Bertha Perry.



## P. T. A. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

### WAYS AND MEANS

Mr. C. T. Teagle  
Mrs. Vance Dean  
Mrs. C. B. Lovelace  
Mr. Edward B. Renegar  
Mrs. Lloyd Tucker  
Mr. James McQuage

### PUBLICITY

Mrs. Bruce Nivens  
Mrs. Craig Melton  
Mr. Redfern Medlin

### PROJECT

Mr. Everette Hatley  
Mr. Morris Haigler  
Mrs. A. J. Helms  
Mrs. Curtis Moore  
Mrs. Harren McFerrer

### NEEDS OF SCHOOL

Mr. O. W. Broome  
Mrs. Clara Coble  
Miss Annie Williams  
Mrs. Grace Craig

### WELFARE

Mrs. O. W. Broome  
Mrs. Buford Price  
Mrs. John Holly



*Left to Right—President, Mrs. Kemp Price; Secretary, Mrs. Dwight Moore; Vice President, Mrs. Paul Riggins; Treasurer, Mr. Bill Smith.*

### PROGRAM

Mrs. Neal Tucker  
Mrs. Worth Broome  
Mrs. Ralph Smith  
Mrs. Earl Pressley  
Mrs. Ray Monroe

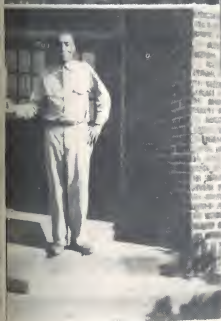
### MEMBERSHIP

Mrs. Hoyle James  
Mrs. Ray Whitley  
Miss Pat Benton

### SOCIAL

Mrs. Bill Holmes  
Mrs. N. B. Nicholson  
Mrs. Redfern Medlin  
Mrs. Johnny Hinde  
Mrs. Don Marrone  
Mrs. Charles Cunningham









*Bought  
Ford here*

COMPLIMENTS OF

# GRIFFIN MOTOR COMPANY

**SALES and SERVICE**

*Pontiac*

**GMC**



**The Largest Selection**

**"GOODWILL" USED CARS**

**PHONE 743**

**1411 CONCORD AVE.**

**MONROE, N. C.**

*Bought  
Cards  
Here*

*Compliments of*

**J. Howard Williams Co.**

Gifts For All Occasions

Monroe, North Carolina

**Steve Gordon's**

White Rock Chicken Farm

Route 6

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

**Wilson's Grocery**

1213 Charlotte Avenue

Phone 329-J

Delivery Service

**Tarlton's Taxi**



Phone 535

312 E. Franklin Street

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

**White Oak Acres**

Poultry, Eggs, Frozen Food Lockers

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

**Kiker Beauty Shop**

"For the best in business and the  
most in beauty, let's get our  
heads together."

Haircuts a Specialty

Phone 823-M 1406 Concord Road

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

**Monroe Bakery Co., Inc.**

Ansonville Road

Phone 353

Monroe, North Carolina

**Ashcraft Gin and Mill Co.**

Cotton Seed Delinting - Seed Cleaning

Certified Cotton Seed

Lespedeza Seed

Monroe, N. C.



Ladies and Misses Ready to Wear  
Style and Quality  
204 N. Main Street  
Monroe, North Carolina

Under Gamble's Drug Store  
R. G. Sneed                      P. A. Riggins  
Monroe, North Carolina

208 North Main Street  
Monroe, North Carolina  
Diamonds, Watches, Silver  
Jewelry and Watch Repair  
Telephone 481

Open Sundays      Free Deliveries  
Complete Line of Groceries  
Fresh Meats and Vegetables  
2 Miles Out on Charlotte Highway  
Telephone 1391-R

Hours Daily  
8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 110 S. Main St.  
Fri. and Sat. 'Till 9 p.m.  
Monroe, North Carolina

Meats                      Fresh Produce  
101 Walnut Street  
Monroe, North Carolina

Charlotte Avenue and Crowell  
Monroe, North Carolina

## Mangum's Grocery

Compliments of  
Ridenhour's Grocery

### Sneed's Welding Shop

Phone 895-L      Lonnie Sneed, Prop.

Welding - Any Kind - Anytime

**RADIATOR REPAIRS**

Bragg Street      Monroe, N. C.

### Long Brothers Service

Gulf Oil Products      Wrecker Service

Day Phone 829-M

Night Phone 829-L

1300 Charlotte Ave.

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

### Hall Motor Company

Sales & Service

Charlotte Highway

Monroe, North Carolina

### Monroe Glass Shop

Glass Cut and Installed

Curved Windshields

1409 Concord Avenue

Phone 1152      Monroe, N. C.

### Red Star & Monroe Service Station

Texaco Products — Firestone

Tires and Batteries

J. B. Keziah      J. C. Winchester

Phone 559      Franklin and Church

Monroe, North Carolina

### James Grocery

Fancy Groceries

Fresh Meats

Produce

We Deliver

Phone 552

1006 Concord Avenue

Monroe, North Carolina

### Delinger Family Shoe Store

"The Place Where Good Shoes Are  
Fitted Correctly."

Phone 1378

109 N. Main Street

Monroe, North Carolina

*Could  
be  
last  
mix*  
*here*

*Compliments of*

### Monroe Bowling Center

"Bowl for Health and Pleasure"

302 W. Jefferson St.

Monroe, North Carolina

Monroe Lumber Company  
Incorporated

Phone 584  
Monroe, North Carolina

Teagle Lawnmower Shop



406 King Street  
Monroe, North Carolina

Hotel Barber Shop



"Your Patronage Appreciated"  
Jimmy Ferguson Bill Cain



*Compliments of*  
Deluxe Grill  
Tommy Levanti



Bill's Market



1513 Concord Avenue  
Beef, Pork, Veal, Poultry & Fish

*Compliments of*  
Simpson's Cleaners  
Francis Walter



*Compliments of*  
Monroe Cab



Phone 640  
Monroe, North Carolina

Kenn's Jewelers

114 E. Jefferson  
Monroe, North Carolina  
All Work Guaranteed



*Marie's  
Father  
runs* →

**Victory Shoe Shop**  
"For Expert Shoe Repairing See Us"

All Work Guaranteed  
Henry Helms, Owner  
Monroe, North Carolina

**Hargette Electric Co.**

Electrical Contractors  
Frigidaire Appliances  
Phone 495      11 S. Main Street  
Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

**Pearce-Young-Angel Co.**

WHOLESALE FOODS  
Fresh    Frozen    Canned    Dried  
Chester, South Carolina

Best Wishes to The Class of 1953

**R. F. Small, Inc.**

BUICKS  
Sales - - - Service  
Monroe, North Carolina

**Laney Radio Co.**

Radios and Appliances  
Sales and Service  
Keys Duplicated - Locks Repaired  
Phone 728      Five Points  
Monroe, North Carolina

*Best Wishes to the Senior Class*

**Faulk Appliance Company**

Monroe, North Carolina  
Your General Electric and Maytag  
Appliance Dealer

*Compliments of*

**Monroe Auto Supply Co.,  
Inc.**

Telephone 120--1100  
808 Charlotte Avenue  
Monroe, North Carolina

**Benton Heights News Stand**

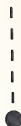
Rob Iceman, Proprietor  
Magazines      Comic Books  
Soft Drinks

Monroe Wholesale  
Grocery Co.



Phone 43  
Distributors of  
Staple & Fancy Groceries  
Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*  
Catawba Oil Co.



Distributors of  
Shell Products & U. S. Royal Tires  
Phone 8          400 Winchester Ave.  
Monroe, North Carolina

*Lingard*



*Compliments of*  
**Midway Lunch**  
Sandwiches of All Kinds  
Ice Cream and Milkshakes  
Charlotte Avenue  
Monroe, North Carolina



*Compliments of*  
C. B. Lovelace Grocery



Feeds    Fresh Produce  
Concord Avenue  
Phone 1155-J  
Monroe, North Carolina

Compliments of  
Vance Dean

*comes to Union Craft*



Distributor for Lance, Inc.  
In Monroe  
Patton Avenue  
Monroe, North Carolina

Compliments of  
Graham's Grocery



Fancy Groceries      Western Meats  
Produce      Frozen Foods  
Telephone 813  
1404 Concord Avenue

Five Points Lunch



*Five Points Lunch*  
"We Serve The Best  
It Can't Be Bought For Less."  
Ice Cream      Milkshakes



Five Points  
Monroe, North Carolina

*bought from the "Five come" she goes" here*

Compliments of  
Holloway's Music Store



Frigidaire Appliances  
Pianos and Radios  
"Serving Union County Since 1912"



Phone 58      S. Main St.  
Monroe, North Carolina



**Robert O. Helms**

General Trucking - Sand and Gravel

Crushed Stone for Driveways

Cement Mortar Mix and Cement

"We Handle Superior Blocks"



Phone 688      East Jefferson Street  
Monroe, North Carolina

*Laughing*  
*Brothers*  
**Biggers Brothers, Inc.**

Wholesale Distributors

*"It Always Pays to Buy the Best"*

Produce

Eggs

Frozen

Institutional Foods

Phone 6-1661      2800 South Boulevard



P. O. Box 2356  
Charlotte, North Carolina

**ROBERT'S**

"Distinctive

Clothes

for

Men"



Phone 149  
106 E. Franklin St.  
Monroe, N. C.

Individualized Hair Styling

Permanents - Cold Waves

Hair Tinting

Sells Beauty Shop



Phone 448  
N. Main over Gamble's  
Drug Store  
Monroe, North Carolina

## DICKERSON, INCORPORATED

*General Contractors*



Monroe, North Carolina

*Just  
Ford  
painted  
here  
(Willie Mae Helms)*

## BOWIE MOTOR COMPANY, INC.



*Sales - Service*

12 North Church Street

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

## McEWEN FUNERAL HOME



Phone 574

Monroe, North Carolina

*Our  
dry cleaner*

*Congratulations to the Senior Class*

## BENTON HEIGHTS DRY CLEANERS

HOYLE HELMS, Proprietor



Phone 468-R

Monroe, North Carolina

Best Wishes to the Faculty and Students of Benton Heights School From  
**AMERICAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY**



Operating Three Offices to Serve You in Monroe

301 N. MAIN ST.    102 E. FRANKLIN ST.    318 N. HAYNE ST.

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



## UNION ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CO.



"Owned By Those We Serve"

Phone 460

Monroe, North Carolina

## GRIFFIN IMPLEMENT AND MILLING COMPANY INCORPORATED

McCormick Farm Machinery - - - - Gimco Poultry and Livestock Feeds

I. H. Refrigeration Equipment - - - - Jamesway Equipment & Supplies

International Trucks - - - - - Premium Poultry Oats

Phone 92

Office Phone 70

Phone 459

Monroe, North Carolina

## PHIL CORD CORPORATION



Manufacturers of 60 Gauge Hosiery Exclusively

Camp Sutton

Monroe, North Carolina

*Compliments of*

## MYERS' DAIRY



A Complete Line of Dairy Products

Phone 407-J

Morgan Mill Road

Monroe, North Carolina

*John*

May your life be a great  
 success and may your  
 service year be as happy as  
 mine has been. I'm sure it  
 will. Sorry we won't be  
 together next year. I'm  
 am sorry we won't see each  
 other anymore. I'm inching up and  
 have those sales at B.C.

Compliments of  
**BELK BROTHERS**



Phone 74

201 North Main St.

Monroe, North Carolina

"The Home of Better Values"

*John  
 L. Belk*

*Kay Kerley*

*have  
 car  
 fixed  
 here*

Compliments of  
**UNION MOTORS**

Oldsmobile and Cadillac

Phone 593 and 646

Sales and Service

Charlotte Ave. Monroe, N. C.

*Rozzout*

**Benton Heights Sandwich  
 Shop**

"Yank" Lomax, Proprietor  
 Concord Avenue  
 Monroe, North Carolina





Compliments of

J. H. MYERS LUMBER AND MANUFACTURING CO.

*Handwritten note:*  
Kendall "Compliments"  
Moore - Ted Moore

Distributors of Fine Lumber

Telephone 600

## MONROE WELDING SHOP

CURTIS MOORE, Owner

*Handwritten note:* Ted Moore

Precision Lawn Mower Sharpening

Welding - Electric and Acetylene

(Portable Equipment)

Complete Radiator Service

Monroe, North Carolina



INC.

From the purity of the water  
I tell you never  
will you find a better  
than this  
"A Complete Line of Dairy Products"

**ICE CREAM**

Monroe, North Carolina

May you be  
wished to be  
the best



## ICE CREAM

“A Complete Line of Dairy Products”

ICE CREAM

Monroe, North Carolina

Mrs. Kay F. H. Brantley.

Is the most miserable  
girl in the tenth grade

Angela H. Hunt



Dear Mr. Garrison

## Charlotte, North Carolina

Charlotte, North Carolina

# AUTOGRAPHS

I wish you had  
so the best-mind  
have ever had  
Luck & Power

Good luck to  
a nice girl.  
Kenneth H.  
B T

Lots of luck through  
the years. Kenneth. H.

the  
a lot of luck to you  
and to a nice girl always.  
Jackie Lind

Best of Everything  
always Junior  
Jimmie

Lots of luck to one of  
the sweetest girls I know.  
Hope to see you next year.  
(plowing across the  
stage, that is)  
Love always  
Aline Terry

my love also  
 lost of everything  
 to some  
 lost

lots of luck to a nice  
girl and a good friend.  
Lim Dong

I hope you have  
the rest of your  
Box  
Pat

Johnnie  
Griffin

Luck and success  
 to a very nice  
 girl. Love  
 you forever  
 I and you  
 looking forward  
 next year. Lots  
 luck to a nice  
 girl. Bruce Bradley

to my wife,  
my first  
girl friend. All  
through when we  
were school  
and I hope  
you have  
enjoyed it.



# AUTOGRAPHS

Remember M  
Remember E  
Put them together  
Remember M.E.

Lyatts my name

Denise

Heights my station

I go to school

To act a fool

And not for education

Shilbara  
Hath

Down in the meadow,  
Carved on a rock  
Three little words  
forget me not.

Bobbie Mullis

I glad to see you at  
home once again. Best of  
luck all ways. Laura Williams

Upon the mountain  
One hundred feet high  
I love you Helen  
and that's no lie.

Kay Luley

"Best of luck  
to you through  
the years."

"Glennda"  
Fowler

Best wishes -  
for  
topps -  
everything -  
Mary

All the luck in the world  
and the best of everything  
to a good pal & a friend.  
Frankie Herring

Dear Helen,  
It's been awhile  
being in school with you  
I hope to see  
you next year.  
your friend always,  
Nancy Herring

Got of luck to a  
very sweet girl.  
Best of luck in the future  
"Best of  
future".

In a nice looking girl  
and is always kind  
Love a real  
Hamilton  
Gard


Best of luck  
to a sweet girl  
Love a real  
Shirley (Doreen)  
Amos

Lots of luck  
and happiness to  
a swell girl,  
always,  
Lib + Ray

Best of luck to a real  
sweet girl and lots  
of success in the future  
Mrs. H. B. Rushing  
(Frances)

What has other  
girls got that  
you haven't got  
more of it

Roy  
Williamson

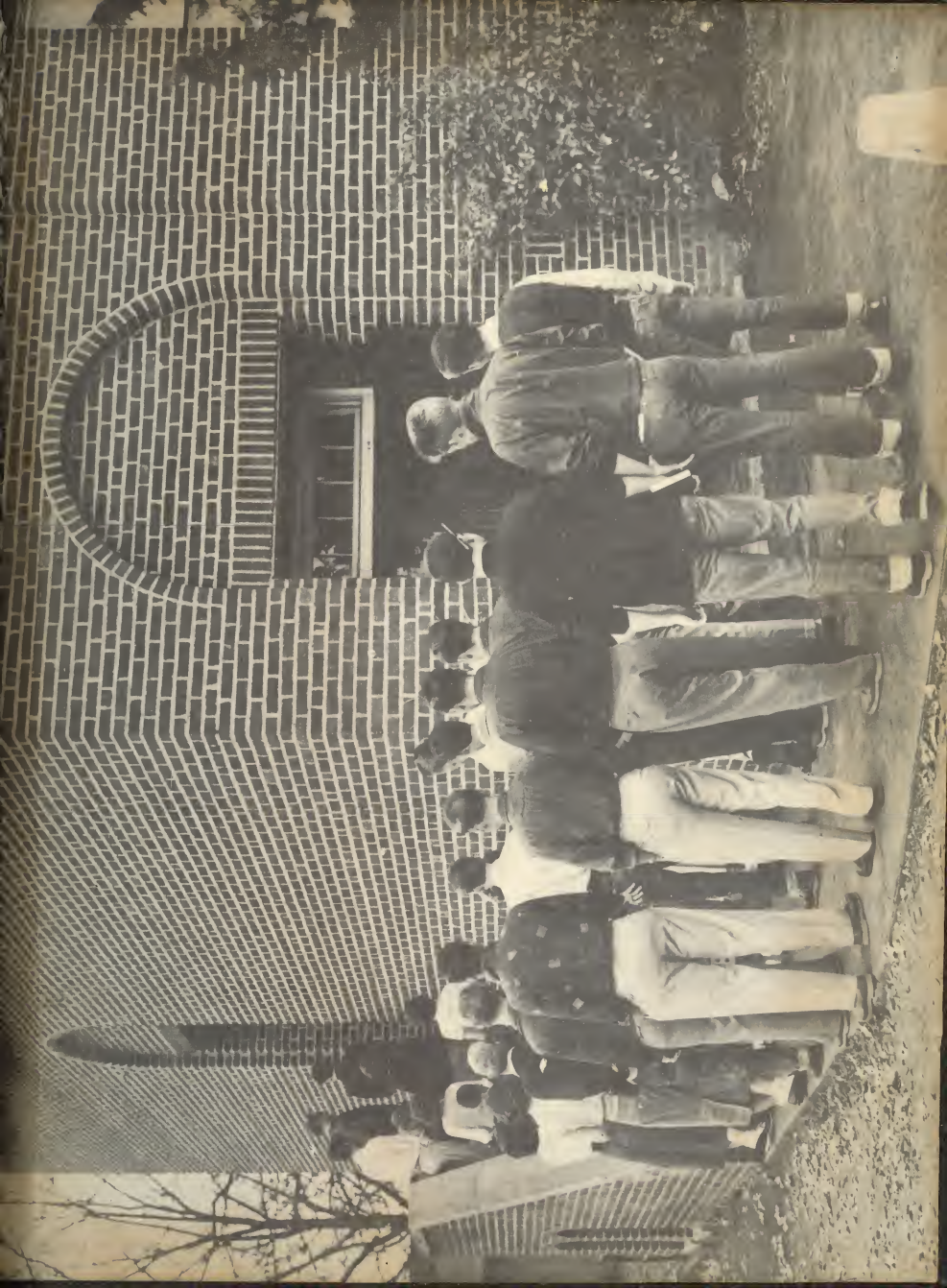


UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
214 E. Windsor St., Morristown, N.J. 38172

**For Reference**

Not to be taken from this room





UNION COUNTY PUBLIC LIB



8710 9100 465 627 3

