



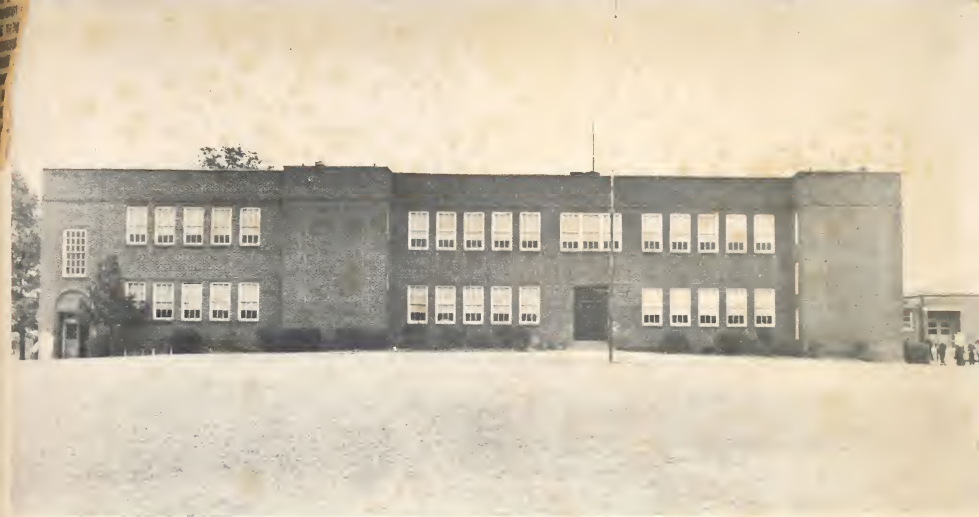
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Benton Heights High School

MONROE, NORTH CAROLINA





FOREWORD

Tomorrow our souls may sigh, for memories we've let slip by. In this volume of "THE HEIGHTS," we, the graduating class of nineteen-hundred and fifty-four, have put our most sincere efforts to restore those memories. Every day we are making history that will be our most treasured memories in years to come.

The purpose of this annual is to share those memories with anyone who opens these covers to get glimpse of what the class of '54 did.

THE EDITOR



DEDICATION

As we leave this dear place with light hearts and happy minds, we are proud to dedicate this annual, the 1954 edition of "*The Heights*," to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Broome.

For their loyalty, understanding, guidance and devotion, we offer our sincere appreciation for their helping us reach one of the most important goals in our lives.



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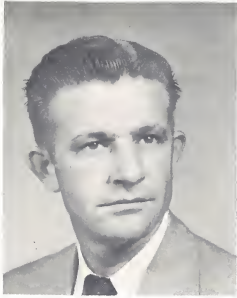


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Fifth Grade

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Fourth Grade



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Fourth Grade



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First Grade



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CHUCKY RIGGINS
Mascots



JERRY WEIR
Miss Hi Miss



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Mrs. Buddy Coan.



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

Left to Right—Seated—Shirley McGinnis, Secretary; Jerry Weir, Vice-President; W. C. (Bud) Mullis, President; Ruth Simpson, Treasurer. Standing—Geneva Helms, Social Chairman; Maurice Baker, Historian; Kay Kerley, Reporter.

SENIORS

MAURICE DIXON BAKER
Vice President 1; Glee Club 1, 2;
Class President 2, 3; Monogram Club
2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3; Associ-
ate Editor "The Heights" 3; "Silas
Smidge" Cast 3; Historian 3; Editor-
in-Chief "The Heights" 4; Toastmas-
ter Junior-Senior Banquet 3; Art Edi-
tor "The Hi-Lights" 4.



BOBBY HENRY BENTON
Baseball 1, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2,
3, 4; "Silas Smidge" Usher; Assistant
Typist "The Heights" 4.



JOYCE JUANITA BYRUM
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3,
4; Treasurer 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

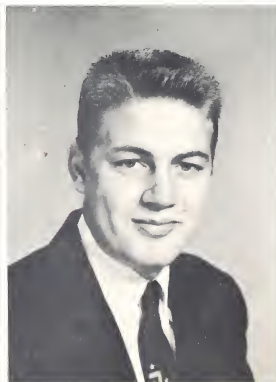


SHIRLEY ANN HAIGLER
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4;
Glee Club 1; Cafeteria 2; Assistant
Typist "The Heights" 4; "Elmer"
Cast 3; "Silas Smidge" Prompter 3;
"At the Turn of the Lane" Cast 2; Li-
brary Club 3; Beta Club Cast 4.

ROGER MARVIN HALL
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Glee
Club 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4.



MARY LENA GRAHAM



SENIORS



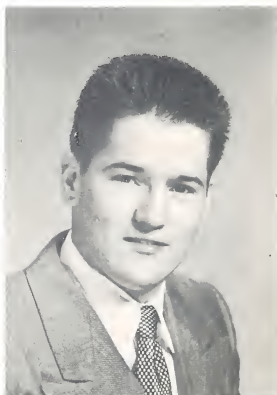
SHIRLEY ANN CRAIG

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; "Elmer" Cast 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3, 4; Sports Editor "The Heights" 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Student Council 3; "Silas Smidge" 3; Cafeteria 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club Cast 4; Library Club 3; Newspaper Staff 4.



CLAUDIA ANNE CURLEE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Cafeteria 1, 2, 3; Class Prophet, "The Heights" 4; Basketball 1.



ERVIN REYNOLDS ELMS

Marshall 1, 2; Glee Club 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; "The Heights" Staff 3; "Elmer" 3; Class Poet 4.

MARY GENEVA HELMS

Beta Club 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 2; Class Reporter 3; Social Chairman 4; Student Council 4; Annual Sales Manager 4; "The Lost Star" 1; "Elmer" 3; "Silas Smidge" 3; President, Library Club 3; Beta Club Cast 4.

ELIZABETH JOANNE HELMS

Beta Club 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Silas Smidge" 3; "Elmer" 3; Library Club 3, 4; Beta Club Cast 4.



JOHN HALL (BILL) HELMS, JR.

Baseball 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; "The Turn of the Lane" 2; Student Council 2, 4; Boys' State 4; "Plantation Song" 3; Newspaper Staff 4; Advertising assistant of "The Heights" 4.

SENIORS

LINDA HELMS JONES
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 4; Cafeteria 3; Library Club 4; Basketball 1.



JAMES MONTE HELMS
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 3; Glee Club 1, 2; President 2; Class President 2; "Silas Smidge" cast 3; "Elmer" cast 3; Student Council 1, 2, 3; Vice-President 3; Secretary 2; Hi Lights Staff 2, 3, 4.



KAY FRANCES KERLEY
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 4; Library Club 2, 4; Cafeteria 2; "Hi Lights" Staff 4.



GERTRUDE LYNN MCCAIN
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Cafeteria 3; Library Club 3, 4.

RUTH NEAL McCLELLAN
Monroe High School 1, 2; F. H. A. 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; President 4; Class Treasurer 3; Library Club 3, 4; Secretary 3; Vice-President 4; Advertising Staff "The Heights" 4; "Silas Smidge" Cast 3; Cheerleader 4.

VIRGINIA LENELLE MANGUM
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Snapshot Editor of "The Heights" 4; Basketball 1.



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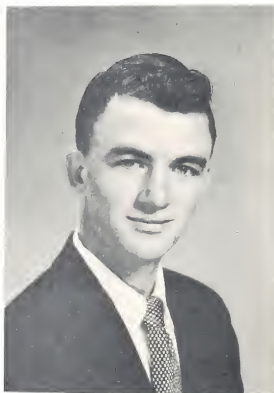


DORIS LEE KILGORE
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4.



HELEN ELIZABETH LANEY
Prospect 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3;
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; 4H Club 1, 2, 3;
Junior Play 3; Club Editor "The
Heights" 4; F. H. A. 4.

JACKIE DONALD LOVE
Baseball 2, 3, 4.



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3; Mon-
ogram Club 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Glee
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 3, 4;
Social Chairman Assistant 4; F. H. A.
1, 2, 3, 4; Songleader 2, 4; Cafeteria
2, Cheerleader 2, 3, 4; Chief 4; Mar-
shal 3, Class Secretary and Treasurer
1; High School Songleader 4; "Silas
Smidge" Cast 3; "Elmer" Cast 3; "The
Lost Star" Cast 1; "At the Turn of the
Lane" Cast 2; Associate Editor "The
Heights" 4; Distribution Assistant
"Hi-Lights" 4; Beta Club Play Cast 4.

SHIRLEY JEAN MCGINNIS
Monroe High School 1, 2; F. H. A. 3,
4; Beta Club 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Class
Secretary 4; Library Club 3, 4; Social
Chairman 4; "Silas Smidge" Cast 3;
Marshal 3; School Store Buyer 4; An-
nual Staff 4; Beta Club Cast 4; Of-
fice Assistant 4.



LILLIAN COLEEN MOORE
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Parliamentarian 3;
Secretary 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Lit-
erary Editor "The Heights" 4; Usher
Junior Play 3; Library Club 3, 4; Dis-
tribution Assistant "Hi-Lights" 3;
Cafeteria 3; Student Council 2.



SENIORS

W. C. (BUD) MULLIS
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4;
Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer
4; Student Council 1, 3; Class Presi-
dent 4; Class Vice-President 2; Beta
Club Play Cast 3, 4; Printing Staff
"The Hi-Lights" 3, 4; Comic Editor
4; "Silas Smidge" 3.



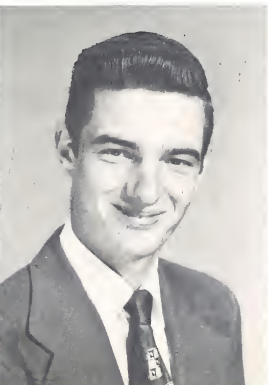
DORIS KATHLEEN PRICE
"Magnolia Blossom" 1; Glee Club 1,
2, 3; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Cafeteria 1, 2;
Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1,
2, 3, 4; Captain 4; Library Club 3, 4.



SHIRLEY YVONNE QUICK
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3;
Cafeteria 4.



RUTH ELOISE SIMPSON
F. H. A. 1, 2, 4; Library Club 3, 4;
Dramatics Club 2; Class President 2;
Class Treasurer 4; Office Assistant 2;
Distribution Manager "The Hi-
Lights" 4.



EVERETTE KAY TAYLOR
Glee Club 1, 2, 3; "Silas Smidge" 3;
Bus Driver 4.



DAVID WAYNE TERRY
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3,
4; "The Turn of the Lane" 2; "Silas
Smidge" 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4;
Office Assistant 2; Picture Editor
"The Heights" 4.

SENIORS



CALVIN LEE RICHARDSON
Glee Club 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 4.



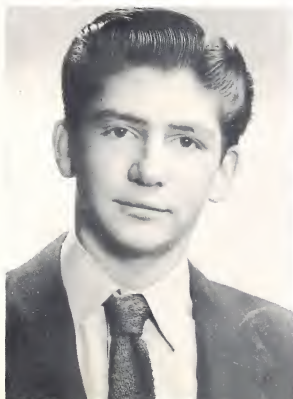
GARY WORTH RIGGINS
Baseball 2, 3, 4; Boy's State 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3.



DONALD SMITH RUMMAGE
Basketball 1, 2; Manager 3; Baseball 1; Glee Club 3; President 3; Sports Editor 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; President 4; Monogram 3, 4; Advertising Manager 4; Student Council President 4; "Silas Smidge" 3; Class Secretary 3; Testator 4; Beta Club Cast 4.

JERRY LEE WEIR
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 2; Anson-Union Reporter 4; Vice President 3; President 4; Acting Secretary District VI 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; "Elmer" Cast 3; Beta Club Cast 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Chief Typist "The Heights" 4; Class Vice President 3, 4; Miss Hi Miss 4; Marshal 1, 2; Chief 3; Associate News Editor "Hi-Lights" 3; Editor-in-Chief 4; Office Assistant 4; Printing Staff 4; Library Club 3, 4. Miss Benton Heights, 4.

JOHNY TSITOURIS
Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; President Monogram Club 4; Advertising Assistant "The Heights" 4.



NELDA JEAN WILLIAMS
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Pianist 4; Cafeteria 2; Usher Junior Play 3; Homecoming Queen 3; "At the Turn of the Lane" 2; "Plantation Song" 3.

CLASS HISTORY



As seniors we are nearing our journey's end at Benton Heights were we have had many joyous experiences and good times together, and the ones who were responsible for our achievements were our ever understanding and helping teachers. As little as we thought of it at the time, our teachers and parents whose care we were in, were guiding us and doing their best to show us the way to success.

Our principal, Mr. Oscar W. Broome, who has a very important job and a great responsibility, has always endeavored to plan an educational program and activities as well, that will be most beneficial to us now and in later life.

This is the final year in our high school education and as we look back in years past in the lower grades, we can see many opportunities that we let slip by, but I think we can proudly say that we have had more achievements than failures, because we would not be at the close of the twelfth year of high school if this were not true.

Let's look back now in the days gone by when out of the past came the Senior Class of '54. The class had a membership of seventy-one in the beginning. Our most loyal teachers during this period were the following: Mrs. Baxter Benton, Mrs. Lydia Griffin—First Grade; Mrs. Alice Hawthorne, Mrs. Dale Moore—Second Grade; Mrs. Elizabeth Harrell, Mrs. James E. Hogan—Third Grade; Miss Mildred Outen, Mrs. Reba McCollum—Fourth Grade; Mrs. Flay Griffin, Miss Pat Benton—Fifth Grade; Miss Annie Williams, Miss Margaret Love—Sixth Grade; Mrs. Ruby Bivens, Mrs. Nell Correll—Seventh Grade; Mrs. Lane Teeter, Miss Christine Whitley—Eighth Grade. Thus far has completed our primary and grammar grades.

FRESHMAN YEAR:

Now this being the year of 1949 and our first year of high school we entered the Freshman class with a membership of forty-five with Mrs. B. B. Craig as sponsor. As class officers we selected Monte Helms—President; Maurice Baker—Vice President; and Betty Ann McGinnis—Secretary and Treasurer. Our Student Council Representatives were Evelyn Wooten and Bud Mullis. This year proved to be most exciting as we were beginning to learn a little about high school.

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

We entered the Sophomore year with Mr. Everette Hatley as sponsor. As we began the second year in high school our class was beginning to stand out and participate in the activities and various clubs.

This year the class elected the following officers: Maurice Baker—President; Monte Helms—Vice President; and Evelyn Wooten—Secretary and Treasurer. The Student Council Representatives were Coleen Moore and Bill Helms. Monte Helms was also secretary of the Student Council. The Beta Club claimed ten new members out of the class this year with the initiation of Betty Ann McGinnis, Geneva Helms, Jerry Weir, Shirley Craig, Leonelle Mangum, Shirley Haigler, Monte Helms, Bud Mullis, Ervin Elms, and David Terry.

Mary Lena Graham, who came from Denton, North Carolina, joined the class this year.

JUNIOR YEAR:

In the eleventh year, Mrs. Linda F. Hilton served as sponsor. We received the following new members this year: Shirley McGinnis and Ruth Neal McClellan from Monroe High School and Ruth Simpson from Fairview High School. Donald Rummage, who had been out of school for three years serving in the United States Navy, came back to join our class this year also.

We elected as class officers: Maurice Baker—President; Jerry Weir—Vice President; Donald Rummage—Secretary; Ruth Neal McClellan—Treasurer; and Geneva Helms—Reporter. Monte Helms was Vice-President of the Student Council and Shirley Craig and Bud Mullis were class representatives. The Beta Club accepted Joanne Helms and Shirley McGinnis. Donald Rummage was reinstated as an active member.

We were fortunate in having Reverend A. J. Cox, Pastor of the First Methodist Church in Monroe, as Guest speaker at the Junior-Senior Banquet in which the Faculty, Juniors and Seniors had a wonderful time together.

SENIOR YEAR:

Again in the final year Mrs. Hilton served as sponsor. The class officers were Bud Mullis—President; Jerry Weir—Vice President; Shirley McGinnis—Secretary; Ruth Simpson—Treasurer; Kay Kerley—Reporter; Geneva Helms—Social Chairman; and Maurice Baker—Historian. Donald Rummage was President of the Student Council with Geneva Helms and Bill Helms serving as class representatives.

Helen Laney who came from Prospect High School received a welcome into the class.

The class now being thirty-six strong could have never reached the end of its High School journey if it had not been for the most capable leaders that we have had in these twelve years. To Mr. Broome goes our deepest appreciation for his most capable leadership in assisting us during our school life.

Now as we go out to face life on our own, some will leave home and some will stay, while others will go to college and continue their education. As we face our tasks from day to day may we face them as a Benton Heights Alumni should.

Maurice Baker
Historian

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT



We, the Senior Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-four, of Benton Heights High School, city of Monroe, county of Union, state of North Carolina, being of sound mind and realizing our impending departure from this school, are leaving, other work to do, we hereby declare and make this our last will and testament, but memories of Benton Heights will linger still.

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 our faculty, we leave our deepest appreciation for their efforts toward increasing our wisdom.

Article III

To the undergraduates: To the Junior Class we leave the job of issuing the two great publications: The Heights and The Hi-Lights.

To the Sophomores and Freshmen, we leave our hopes that before long they will occupy the position that we now occupy.

Article IV

To the Class of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, 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. Maurice Baker leaves his popularity to Charles Gordon.
2. Bobby Benton leaves his crazy driving to Jim Long.
3. Joyce Byrum wills her originality to Elizabeth Hasty.
4. Shirley Craig leaves her cuteness to Sue Marrone and her peppiness to Ruth Carnes.
5. Ann Curlee leaves her hopes to gain weight to Carol Smith.
6. Ervin Elms leaves his hop job to anyone who can buy a Buick from it.
7. Mary Lena Graham leaves her Algebra book to anyone crazy enough to take it.
8. Shirley Haigler wills her extra pounds to Helen Jarmon.
9. Roger Hall wills his wittiness to Max Hargette.
10. Bill Helms leaves his extra pounds to W. H. Privette and his ability to play right field to Johnny Gordon.
11. Geneva Helms leaves her big mouth and extra pounds to Sue Marrone.
12. Joanne Helms leaves her Chemistry book in good care, she's returning it to Mr. Hamilton.
13. Linda Helms just leaves.
14. Monte Helms leaves his job at Newberry's to anyone who would work for peanuts.

15. Kay Kerley leaves her favorite giggle to Angela Helms.
16. Doris Kilgore leaves her faithful shorthand book to Carol Smith.
17. Helen Laney leaves her boy friends in Chemistry to the up coming Senior girls.
18. Jack Love leaves his extra feet to Fred Helms and extra pounds to Herbert Derrick.
19. Lenelle Mangum wills her unselfish ways to Helen Crooke.
20. Gertrude McCain leaves her job at Woolworth's to Louise Williams.
21. Ruth Neal McClellan leaves her talkativeness to anyone with a big mouth and her shorthand book to Louise Williams.
22. Betty Ann McGinnis leaves her flirty ways to Mary Marrone.
23. Shirley McGinnis leaves her ability to attract Indian Trail boys to Ruth Carnes.
24. Coleen Moore leaves her attractiveness to Mary Rose and her neatness to Myra Tucker.
25. W. C. "Bud" Mullis leaves his ability to play third base to Jimmy James and his job at night to anyone wanting it.
26. Earl Price bequeaths his lazy ways to Junior Simpson.
27. Kathleen Price leaves her ability to pass notes in class to her sister, Irene.
28. Shirley Quick leaves her English book to anyone who likes English.
29. Calvin Richardson keeps his voice, but leaves his un-dependability to James Helms.
30. Worth Riggins leaves his curly hair to his brother Kenneth.
31. I, Donald Rummage leave my neatness to Clark Rummage.
32. Ruth Simpson leaves her quietness to Myra Tucker in hopes that Benton Heights will be a much quieter place in '55.
33. Everette Taylor leaves his mischievous ways to Hugh Mac Watkins.
34. David Terry leaves his courteous ways to the up coming Freshman.
35. Johnny Tsitouris leaves his athletic ability and his good looks to Ronald Rummage.
36. Jerry Weir leaves her superlatives most studious and most capable to Frankie Herring.
37. Nelda Jean Williams leaves her musical talent to all the musicians in our band.

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

Witnesses:

Bobby Benton
Jerry Weir

Attorney

Donald Rummage

SUPERLATIVES



RUTH NEAL McCLELLAN
Most Talkative



BILL HELMS
Biggest Pest



COLEEN MOORE
Most Attractive



LENELLE MANGUM
Most Unselfish



EVERETTE TAYLOR
Most Mischievous



JERRY WEIR
MAURICE BAKER
Most Dependable



NELDA JEAN WILLIAMS
MONTE HELMS
Most-in-Love



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
MONTE HELMS
Best Dressed



JERRY WEIR
Most Business Like
Most Likely to Succeed
Most Capable
Most Studious
Most Industrious



JOANNE HELMS
MAURICE BAKER
Most Courteous

SUPERLATIVES



EARL PRICE
GERTRUDE McCAIN
Laziest



MONTE HELMS
BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
*Class Wolf
Biggest Flirt*



RUTH SIMPSON
Quietest



BUD MULLIS
Best Sport



NELDA JEAN WILLIAMS
*Most Talented
Most Musical*



CALVIN RICHARDSON
Biggest Show-Off



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
MAURICE BAKER
Most Popular



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
JOHNNY TSITOURIS
Best Date



ANN CURLEE
MAURICE BAKER
Friendliest



KATHLEEN PRICE
JOHNNY TSITOURIS
Most Athletic

SUPERLATIVES



JOYCE BYRUM
Most Original



SHIRLEY CRAIG
*Cutest
Peppiest*



JOANNE HELMS
Most Dignified



BETTY ANN MCGINNIS
Most Conceited



JOHNNY TSITOURIS
JOANNE HELMS
Best Looking



ROGER HALL
Wittiest



COLEEN MOORE
DONALD RUMMAGE
Neatest



DAVID TERRY
MARY LENA GRAHAM
Most Bashful



JACK LOVE
SHIRLEY CRAIG
Biggest Baby



MAURICE BAKER
GENEVA HELMS
*Best All-Round
Best Personality*



CLASS PROPHECY

Today when I visited the campus of our old Alma Mater on the sixth anniversary of our graduation, my eye fell on the Iris garden which was planted by our class on our graduation day. The dew drops, still on the petals, reflected the sunlight and the brightness of them reminded me of the brilliant success which had befallen each of my classmates. As this reflection caught me day dreaming, I saw in each dew drop an image of my classmates. The reflection showed me that:

Maurice Baker is now editor of the South's leading newspaper "*The Southern Sun*."

Bobby Benton is working on the research of the new jet motor which is to be introduced in the 1960 Ford.

Joyce Byrum is still with Belk's as an expert fur designer.

Shirley Craig is teaching figure skating at the local skating rink which will now accommodate five hundred skaters.

Erwin Elms is manager of the Dixie Home Store in Rock Hill.

Mary Lena Graham has just published her third volume of *Advanced College Algebra*.

Shirley Haigler is now married to Mike and living in California where Mike is in the Navy.

Roger Hall is seen driving a different car every day since he has taken over Hall Motor Company.

Bill Helms is making a top lead singing on Arthur Godfrey's T.V. show.

Geneva Helms and her husband Johnny are running a dude ranch which is a popular vacation resort in the West.

Joanne Helms is a registered Nurse in the Memorial Hospital in Charlotte.

Linda Helms Jones is a successful bridal consultant at Macy's in New York since her own wedding was such a fashion filled event.

Monte Helms is N.B.C.'s, number one, Television Star.

Kay Kerley is a successful stenographer for Hall Motor Company.

Doris Kilgore has risen from the drive-in category to dietitian for the S & W Cafeteria.

Helen Laney has finally hit on a formula in Chemistry on how to make instant Pepsi's.

Jack Love is now touring the country presenting a new businessman's course of Public Speaking.

Lenelle Mangum is now a well-known news photographer.

Gertrude McCain now owns her own beauty salon.

Ruth Neal McClellan is one of T.V.'s top commentators on foreign affairs.

Betty Ann McGinnis is now originator of the current rage of costume jewelry.

Shirley McGinnis is now the efficient secretary who keeps everything going while Jack Love is on his tours.

Coleen Moore is make-up director for Universal-Motion Pictures.

W. C. "Bud" Mullis has gone down in Baseball's hall of fame since he topped Babe Ruth's home-run record.

Earl Price has convinced the nation that his theory proves work is nothing to be afraid of since he lies down beside it and goes to sleep.

Kathlee Price is the star who won the "oscar" for the most outstanding movie actress this year.

Shirley Quick is now in charge of the orphanage for refugee children.

Calvin Richardson has formed a quartet of his own which has stolen the show from the once popular Rangers' Quartet.

Worth Riggins is now arranging music featured in the current Hillbilly Hits.

Donald Rummage is now a successful dance instructor at Arthur Murray's studio.

Ruth Simpson has at last put her shorthand ability to work as David's secretary.

Everette Taylor is now manager of a nation-wide scenic tour bus line.

David Terry is owner of Terry's Drug Store, formerly known as Secrest Drug Store.

Johny Tsitouris is pitching professional baseball for the Dodgers with a salary of \$6,000 a month.

Jerry Weir is married to Bill, and teaching typing at Wingate High School, Wingate, N. C.

Nelda Jean Williams is now teaching public school music in one of New York's largest schools.

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ANNE CURLEE



CHILDHOOD

Left to Right—First Row—Joanne Helms, W. C. (Bud) Mullis, Joyce Byrum, Bobby Benton, Roger Hall. Second Row—Nelda Jean Williams, Calvin Richardson, David Terry, Jerry Weir, Maurice Baker. Third Row—Linda Helms Jones, Kay Kerley, Anne Curlee, Monte Helms. Fourth Row—Kathleen Price, Betty Ann McGinnis, Shirley Haigler.

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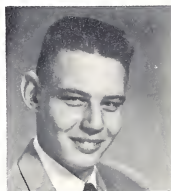
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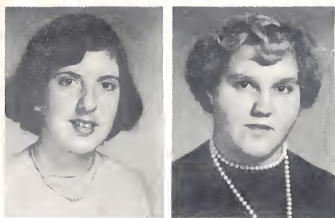
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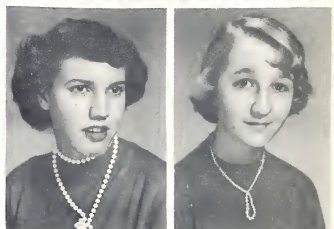
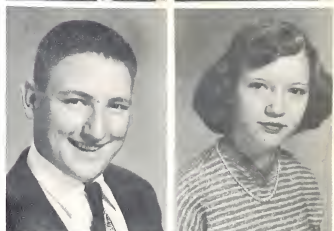
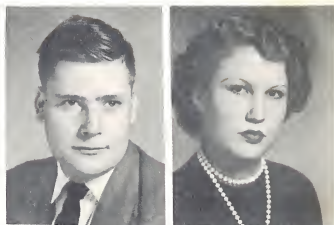
Earl Price
Irene Price
Reba Price
Joyce Shuman
Junior Simpson
Carol Smith



Center:
Hugh Mac Watkins
Roy Williamson
Absent—Donald Pate

Dorothy Keziah
Jim Long
Larry Moore
Bobby Mullis

Jean Tarlton
Aline Terry
Myra Tucker
David Walker





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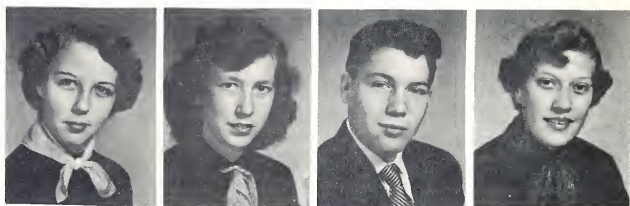
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Ann Graham



Johnny Griffin
Donald Haigler
Max Hargett
Barbara Helms

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Jimmy James
Sally Jefferys



Louise Kee
Gary Mills
Sue Marrone
Shirley Pressley



Virginia Pressley
Mary Rose
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Myrna Stanton



Verna Stanton
Nancy Starnes
Ruth Surratt
Alice Tarlton



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Absent—Margie Moser





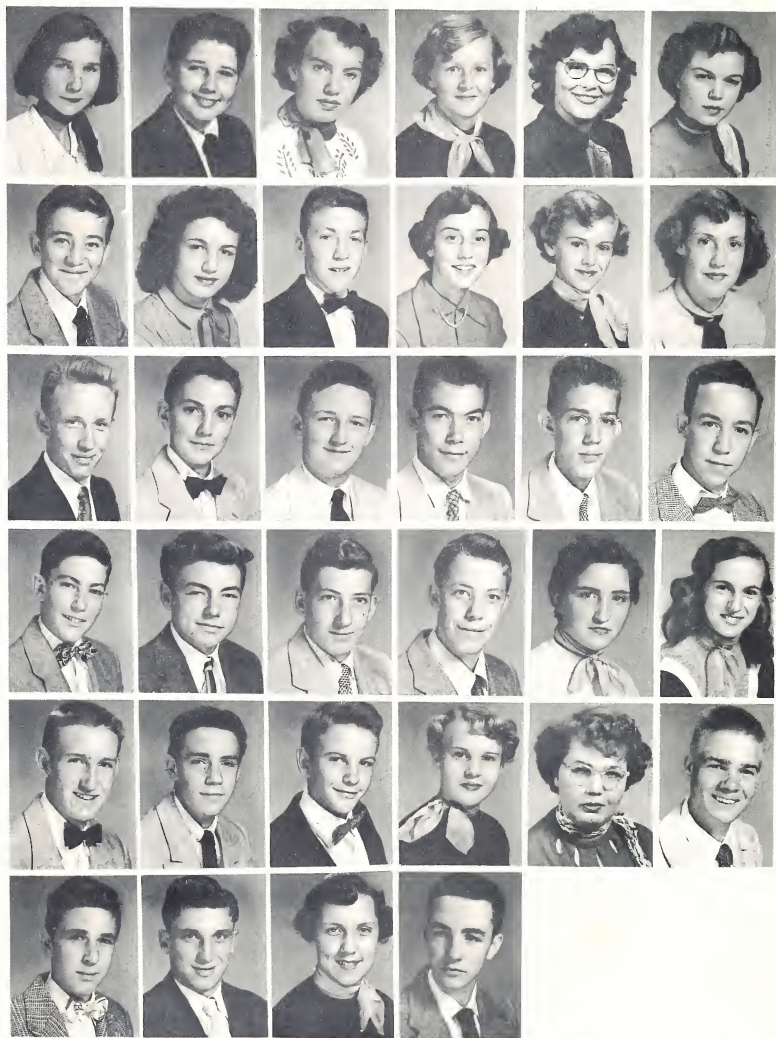
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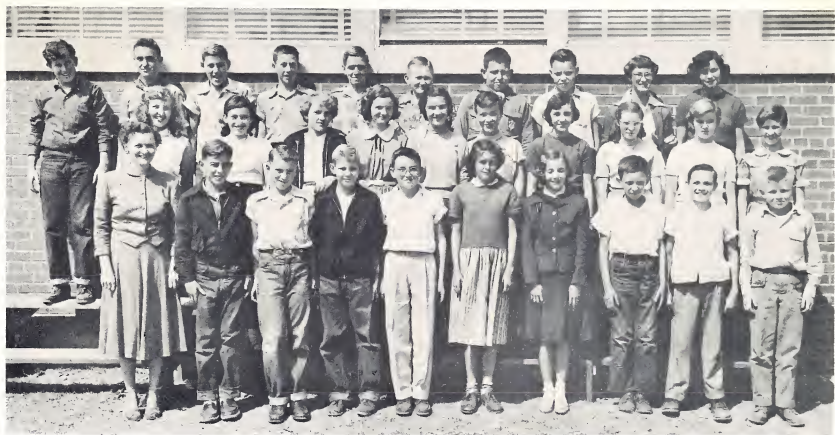
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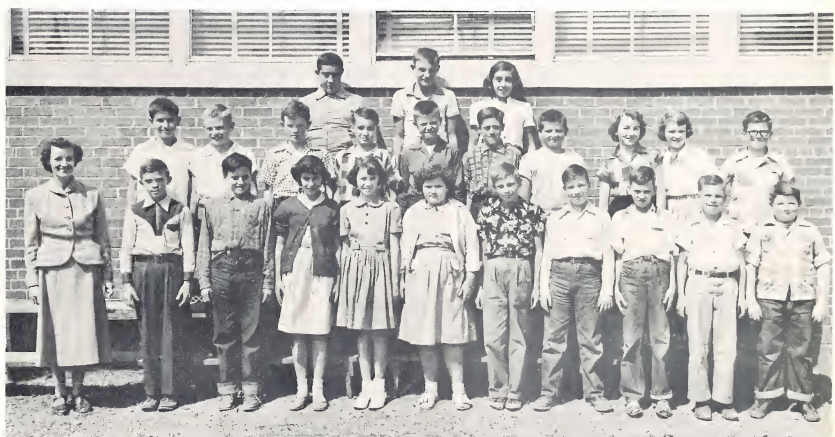
Absent—Betty James, Carol Sue Mills.



MRS. BRUCE BIVENS, *Seventh Grade*

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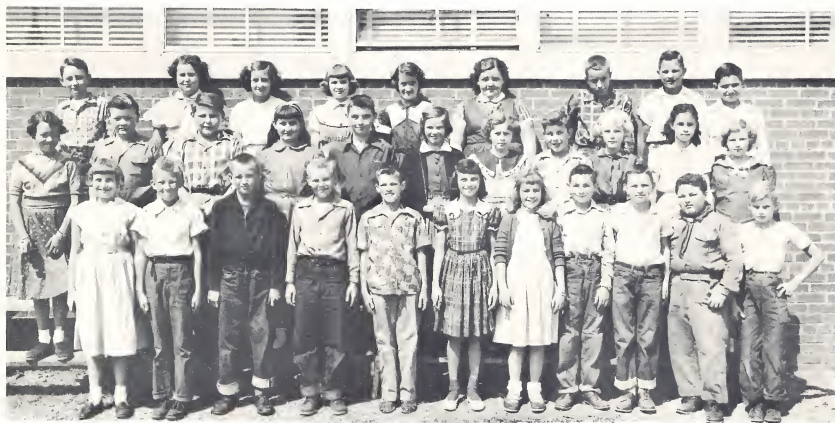
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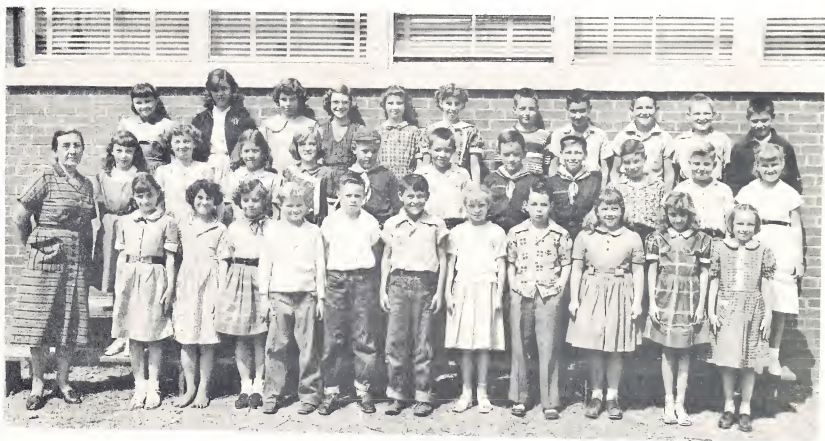
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Absent—James Hargett, Jimmy Ferguson, Sammy Mullis, Patricia Moser.



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Left to Right—First Row—Mrs. Goode, Polly Williams, Judy Ross, Kay Hargett, Dennis Harkay, Granville Broome, Barbara Funderburk, Carole Terry, Roger Hunter, Shirley Drake, Kenneth Haigler, Alna Wallace, Loretta Huneycutt. Second Row — Nancy Hargett, Joyce Hasty, Ann Funderburk, Jimmy Parks, Billie Carter, Gary Small, Woody Surratt, Warren Staggers, Kenneth Keziah, Mickey Mills, Judy Ann Helton, Ann Lewis. Third Row—Tim Broome, Bahnsen Lovelace, Ronnie Nash, Jimmie Baldwin, D. L. McDonald, Gene Helms, Patricia Haywood, Brenda Crook, Linda Gordon, Carole Pressley.

Absent—Dannie Simpson, Frankie Helms, Margaret Long, Faye Eudy.



MISS MILDRED OUTEN, *Fourth Grade*

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Greene, Johnny Pressley, Walden Starling, Fred Hammill, Ann Pate. Second Row—
Larry Price, Billie Sue Lindsay, Linda Long, Judy Herring, Carole Helms, Nancy Quick,
Sammy McDowell, Sammy Holley, Phyllis Walker, Mady Simpson, Donald Price. Third
Row—Brenda Hammond, Ann Patterson Renegar, Donnie Lawrence, Johnny Norris,
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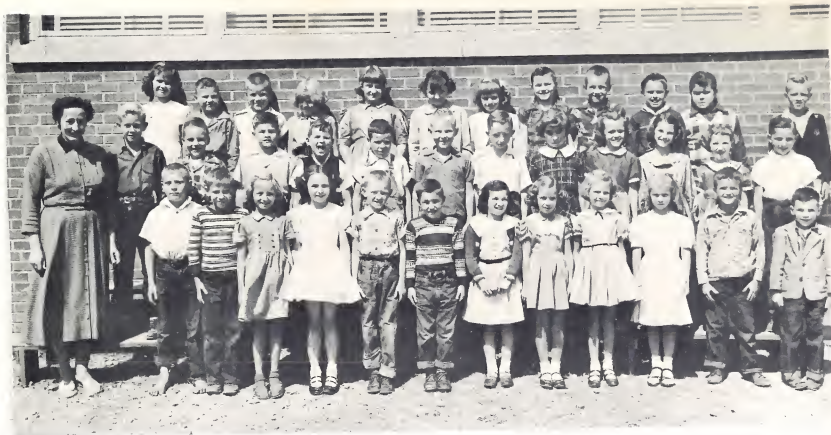
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Henry Helms, George White, Rickey Taylor. Second Row—Jimmy Williams, Nancy Lou
Helms, Randolph King, Diane Helms, Linda Davis, Walter Tucker, Elizabeth Howie,
Rebecca Helms, Judy Hargett, Larry Elms, Richard Baker. Third Row—Judy Parton,
Wayne Broome, Tim Pressley, Larry Campbell, Sandra Mangum, Derrell McCain, Mary
Helms, Edward Howie, Larry Speer, Betty Pressley, Patricia Bickett, James Braswell.

Absent—Jack Deese, Frieda Broome.



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Pressley, Colby Price, Janet James, Carol McCain, Kay Stanton, Mike Medlin, Di Ann
Richardson, Artie Melton, Betty Mills. Second Row—Jackie Hasty, Edwood McDonald,
Ray Holley, Wayne Ramsey, Bobby Earp, Carolyn Ross, Billy Trull, Marsha Wortman,
James Helms, Kay Eudy, Nancy Haywood. Third Row—Faris Barbee, Iris Broome, Da-
vid Gordon, Walter Griffin, Carol Simpson, Edwin Ratliff, Melvin Kissiah.

Absent—Frankie Aycoth, Charles Long, Judy Stegall, Jerry Carpenter, Betty Scott.



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Absent—Nancy Coan, Dianne Helms, Louis Scott Jr.



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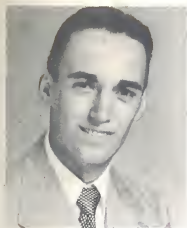
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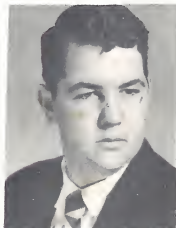
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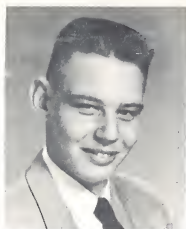


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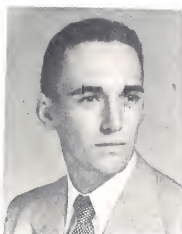
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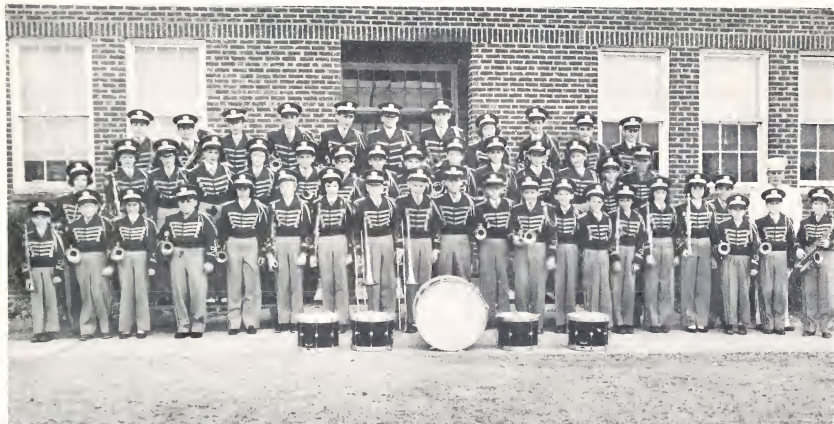
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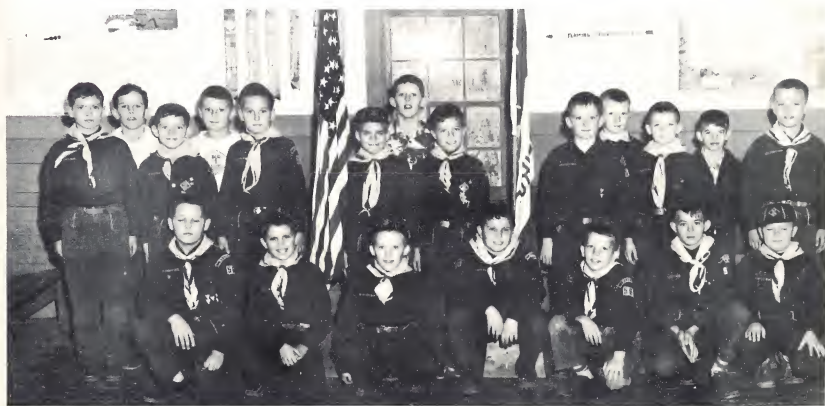


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Shirley



Kathleen



Carol



Nelda



Jean



Louise



Ruth



Mr. Everette Hatley

Coach



Joyce

Donnie



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Roger



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Coach



Roy



Larry



Monte



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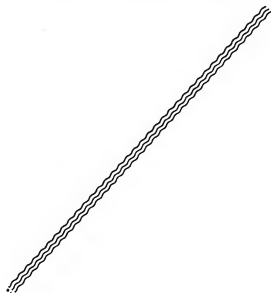


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the things you
ever want (to get
them, that is,)
Lots of Luck and
happiness

Love Ya
Mickey Adams

Lots of luck
to you.
Kenneth
Griffin

To one of the best
girls in our class. I'd
keep fun being with you
these few years. I'd better
see you next year. Until then,
"good luck"

Nancy Caskey
good luck
E.M.

To one of
the sweetest
girls I've ever
known. Luck
do you always
alone

To one of the craziest girls I
know, Lots of luck to
you. I am looking forward
to meet you with you.

Love,
Mrs. George W. Adams

Best of luck to a
nice girl. May the
road of success be a
easy one.
Laurie
Mori.

Best of luck
to you always
Pig

Best of wishes to a
good friend in the
Bobbie Mullis

Best of luck
to you
always
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Best of
 luck to a
 crazy but sweet
 girl. Louise

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all the Luck to
 you Helen, in
 years to come.
 Remain as you are
 (No hopes for a change)
 Frank's Worry

Best of Luck to
 one of the wildest
 girls I know.
 Carol
 Smith

lots of luck
 hope we can
 go thru our
 senior year to-
 gether. But

lots of luck and
 happiness to you always,
 May you always receive
 the best. Just think you
 have another year to go
 to high school.

ditto -
 Vant

Best of wishes for
 a long happy life.
 William F. Nicholson

Hope your "Senior
 Year" is as much
 fun as mine has
 been. Good luck
 crazy kid!

"Love,
 Frankie"

Helen,
 I sure have been fun
 being in school with you.
 Hope you miss me.
 Love you in home.

you have the
 most abedepairs of
 any girl in the
 Junior class

Roy

Best wishes
 to a nice
 girl.
 Joanne
 Broome

Best of
 luck
 to you
 I hope you will
 have a very
 successful
 year

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It has been
nice knowing you.
Hope you enjoy
your new school
and have much
happiness in it.
Love,
Celine

Best of
Everything
"Good"
(shorty)

"Best of Luck":

Donald Pate

Donna M. Brown

Helen,
It's been nice knowing
you and being in Shortland
Class with you. I only hope
you enjoy being a teacher
as much as I have. But
remember seniors don't have
too many privileges.
Love Leanne

lots of luck
Helen, I hope
you will enjoy
coming to school
next year since
you like it so
well. "Lib" Hasty

Best of Luck
to a very nice
girl. "Bird"

Good luck
to a good kid.
Bruce

May you have the
best of luck and
happiness that the
world has to offer.
Francine
Bischoff

Helen
Although not
living in Class after
you I am hoping
to have you as a
chance friend
Love
James

being in school
with you this
year. I am looking
forward to next
year. Best of luck
and hope you will
have a great
year. Love,
Celine

Lots of luck
to a very nice
girl. Charles D.

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Lots of luck
to a swell
girl.

Ruth Simpson

Best wishes
always.
Helen
Simpson

I wish you all
the happiness life
has to offer. you
deserve it.

A friend
Ruth Schwartz

Best of luck and
may you have every thing life
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Best of luck always!
(Don't work too much.)
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Best of luck
to a very nice girl.
Helene Brooke

Lots of luck
to a nice girl.
Lover,
Ann

Best of luck
to a very sweet
girl.
Donnie

Best of luck
to a swell
ball player.
Maybe next
year you'll
be able to hit
the back board!
Be good. -- May
happiness and
success always
come your way.

Joanna
Tallon

Best wishes
Hermelle
Tarp

Helen,
I don't know what I would have done without you in short-hand class and believe it. Stay exactly as you are now and success will follow you. Lots of love
Dortha Neal

Scoat
Jean
Love
that
M.H.N.

Helen,
Here's hoping you loads of luck in your high school career.

Erwin
Elmer

Helen, I have enjoyed being in school with you especially failing's shothand together. But you have a chance in the future. So make use of it.

Lots of luck to you in the future.
Love

John
Harris

Best of Luck
Rachel
Pelt

Helen
I wish you all the happiness that life has to offer.
Lots of luck to all well
gal. "Always"
Dorothy Broom

Best of Luck
to a sweet girl.
Shirley
Anderson

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