

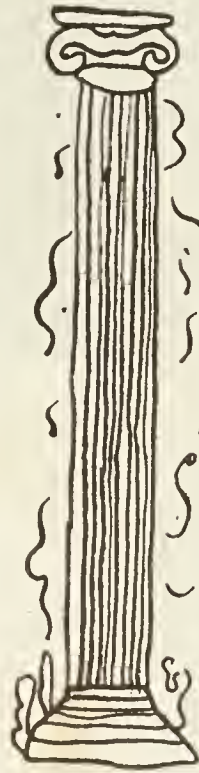
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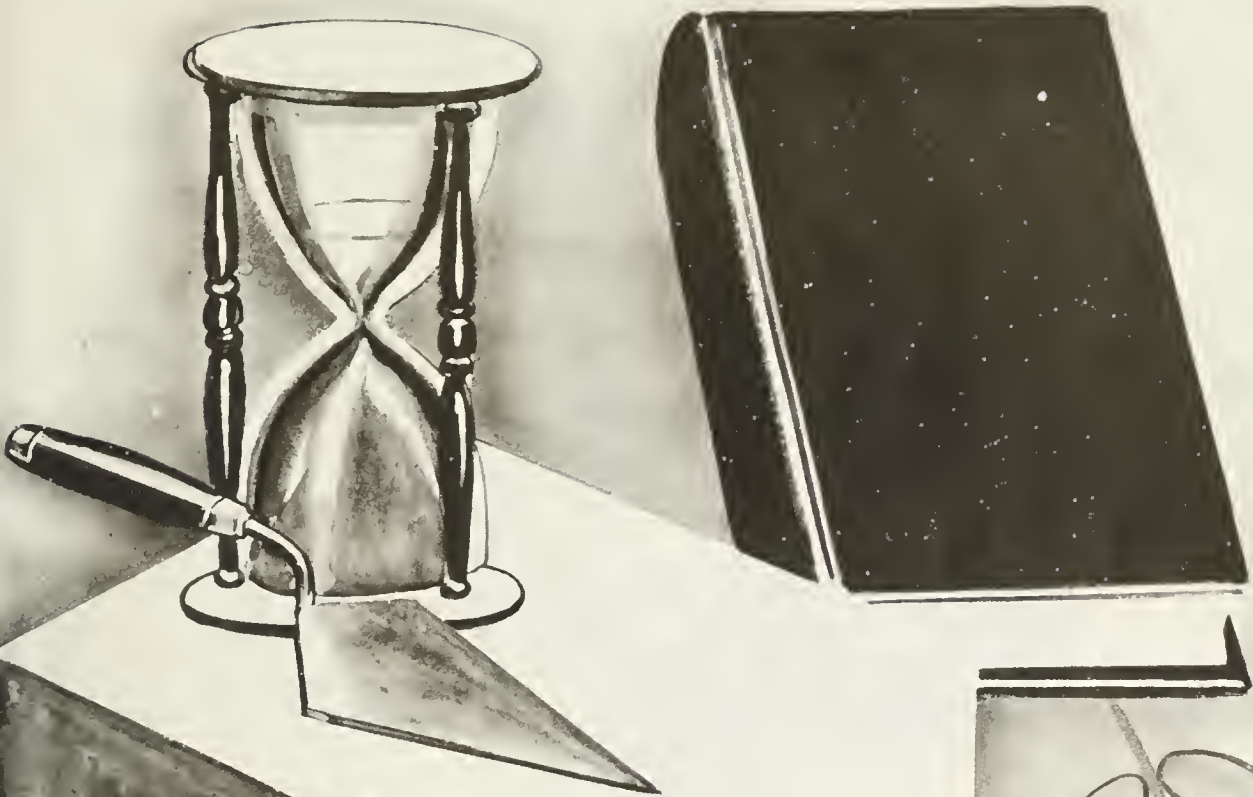
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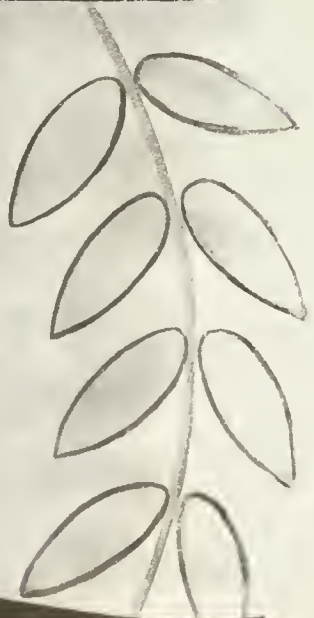
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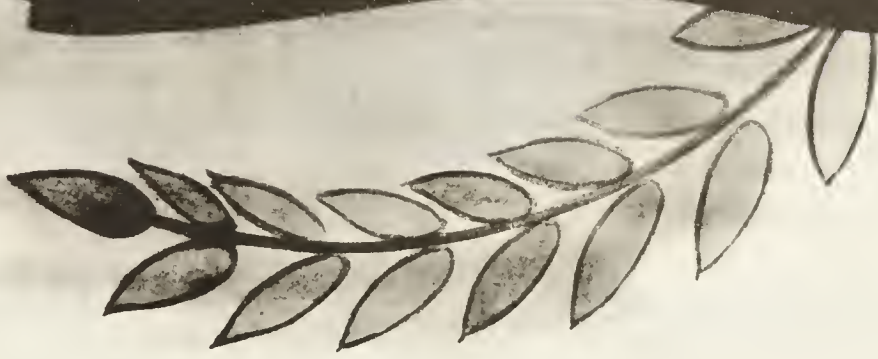


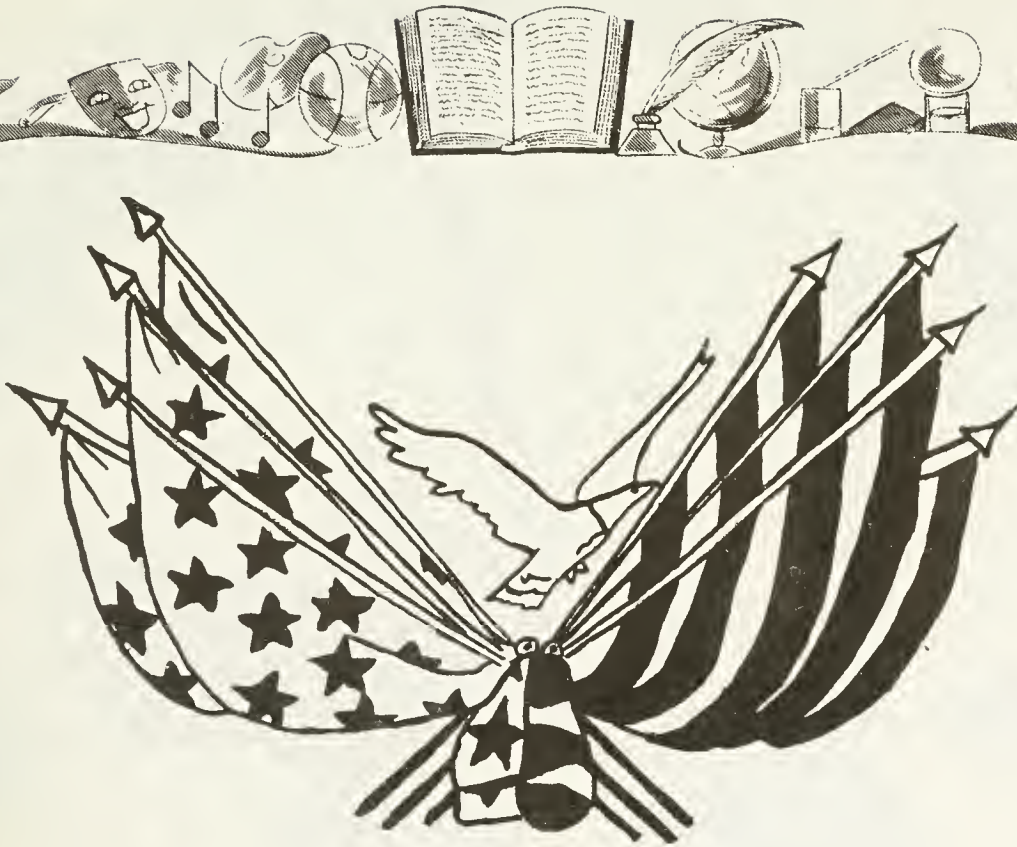
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DEDICATION





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Conscious of their heritage as promoters of peace, defenders of right, and guardians of liberty, we, the Senior Class of Bethel High School, wish to dedicate this annual, "THE HICKORY STICK," to the boys that gave their lives in service, in World War II. The boys are from Bethel Community. Heading the list is Dalton Davenport who would have been a member of our class. The others are :

Edward Bowers
John Anderson
Roy Dail
Trey Smith
Harry Lee Hux
Cecil Wilson
T. J. Meeks
Johnney Simons
Thad Lewis



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W. C. LATHAM (PRINCIPAL)



BETHEL HIGH SCHOOL



THE FACULTY



THE STAFF

A decorative border surrounds the page, featuring musical instruments like a violin, a book, and a lamp at the top. A hand holding a pen is positioned at the top center, with a musical staff and notes extending from it. At the bottom, a hand holds a quill pen, with a scroll and musical notes below it.

Mr. S. D. Dewar -

N. C. State College
Agriculture

Mrs. Howard C. Bodkin -

Meredith College
Voice
and
Music

Mrs. W. T. Shelton -

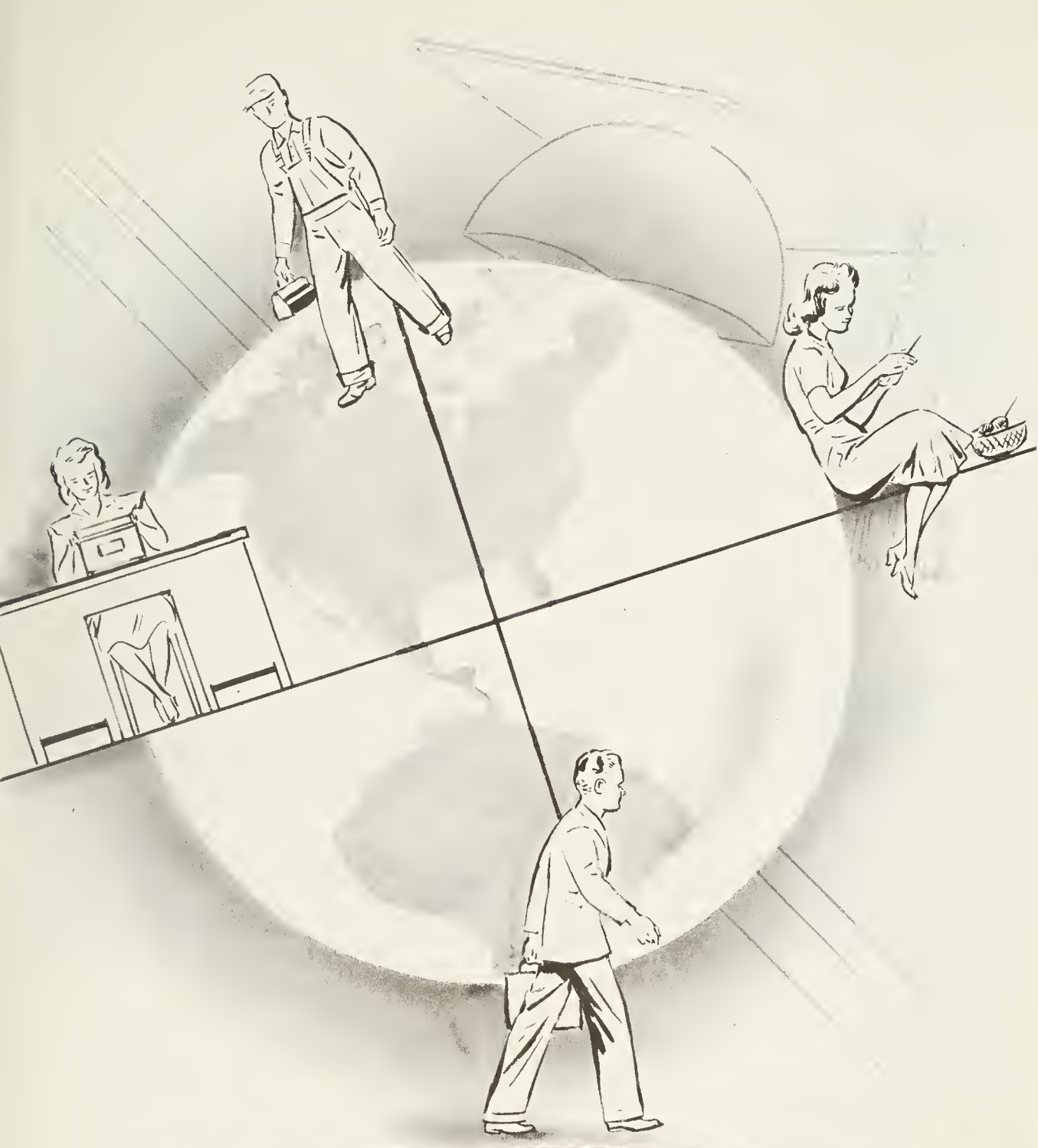
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English 9, 11, 12
French 11

Mrs. J. H. Foster -

E. C. T. C.
Wake Forest College
and
University of N. C.
8th Grade Hoom Room

Mrs. Willard T. Whitehurst -

E. C. T. C.
and
State College
7th Grade Home Room



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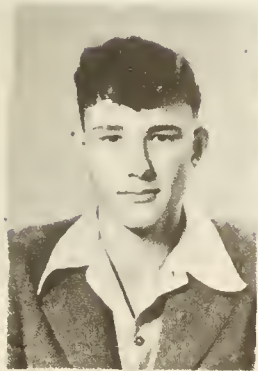
SENIORS



Marjorie Ruth Whitehurst
Hobby: Music
Greatest Worry: Career
Greatest Joy: Candy



Audrey Bland
Hobby: Piano
Greatest Worry: Hair
Greatest Joy: Graduation



William L. Butler
Hobby: Baseball
Greatest Worry: Women
Greatest Joy: Dating



Donald Troy Dixon
Hobby: Collecting Comic Books
Greatest Worry: Studying
Greatest Joy: Reading Comic Books



Ann Taylor
Hobby: Listening to music
Greatest Worry: Learning to Cook
Greatest Joy: Jack



Elizabeth Strickland
Hobby: Dancing
Greatest Worry: Preparing
For Sunday School
Greatest Joy: Dating Walter



Frances Bowers
Hobby: Playing Basket Ball
Greatest Worry: School
Greatest Joy: Traveling



Mary James Manning
Hobby: Music
Greatest Worry: School
Greatest Joy: Movies



John Wesley Whitfield
Hobby: Movies
Greatest Worry: English
Greatest Joy: Traveling



Collis O. Lewis, Jr.
Hobby: Photography
Greatest Worry: Typing
Greatest Joy: Going to dances



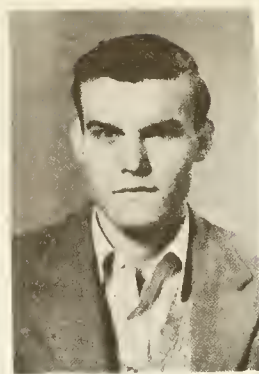
Annette Watson
Hobby: Collecting Pictures
Greatest Worry: My hair
Greatest Joy: Movies



Frances Louise Ford
Hobby: Reading
Greatest Worry: Cooking
Greatest Joy: Ice Cream



Marie Weathersby
Hobby: Reading
Greatest Worry: Typing
Greatest Joy: Movies



Haywood Brown
Hobby: Reading Comic Books
Greatest Worry: English
Greatest Joy: Traveling



Edward Bland
Hobby: Fishing
Greatest Worry: English
Greatest Joy: Dating Girls

M A S C O T S



Ronnie Dixon
Son Of
Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dixon
of Conetoe, N. C.



Kay Rogerson
Daughter Of
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogerson
of Bethel, N. C.



CLASS HISTORY

The records of our present Senior Class show that Frances Ford, Audrey Bland, Donald Dixon, Margie Whitehurst, Mary Manning, and Annette Watson were the only little ones present in Bethel on that day of 1935 when we took our first faltering steps down the path of knowledge. There were so many pupils that it was necessary to divide the group into two classes. With the help of Misses Exum and Tankin we adapted ourselves to the change that had taken place in our lives and actually learned to like it.

Without too many difficulties we entered the seventh grade with Frances Bowers, who joined us in the 4th grade. John Wesley Whitfield who joined us in the 7th grade. In our minds we were really big then. Our location at the high school building was probably responsible for that. If we had been seniors we couldn't have felt more grown-up. Little did we realize how near nothing we were in the eyes of the high school students.

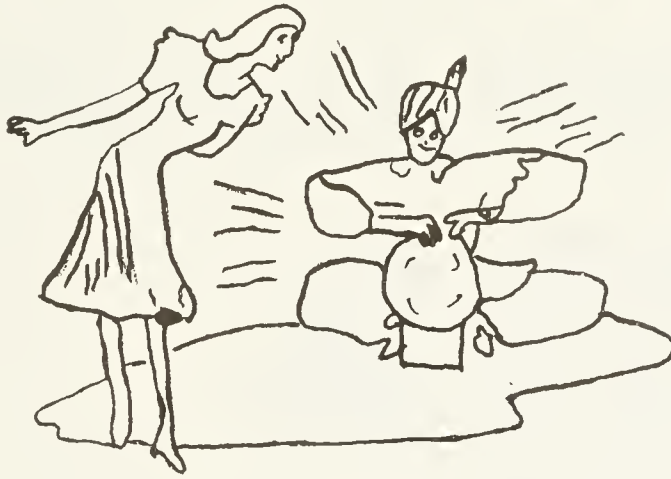
Fortunately the extra 8th grade was added just in time for us to get it. Time passed slowly of course because we were so anxious to get into high school, but finally the day came when we could push out our chests proudly and say "I'm a freshman." Edward Bland joined us in our freshman year.

The following year there were two sophomores added to our class--Collis Lewis and Elizabeth Strickland. With the help of Mrs. Alton Whitehurst we gave a Sophomore Senior Banquet.

Six of our Juniors went to summer school and graduated at the end of our Junior Year. That left only fourteen to come back as seniors, counting Marie Weathersby, who came from Mayo as a junior.

A short vacation--and then--we were seniors. We had two new members in our class--Anne Taylor and Haywood Brown Jr. from Oak City. That gave us sixteen on roll but that lasted only three weeks because our number was reduced to fifteen when Betty Lois Cherry got married and moved to Portsmouth, Va. to finish her Senior Year.

All through high school we have looked forward to the day when we would say farewell to Bethel High. Now that the time is close at hand we find that we are not as thrilled as we had expected to be. We're sorry that our carefree high school days have ended and that we must bid our Alma Mater farewell.



CLASS PROPHECY

To each member of the class I wish to misquote a few lines of Shakespeare's Sonnet XIV:

"Not from the stars do I my judgment pluck;
And yet methinks I have Astronomy,
But not to tell of good or evil luck
Of plagues, of deaths, or season's quality;
Nor can I fortune to brief minutes tell,
Pointing to each his thunder, rain, and wind,
Or say with princes if it shall go well,
By oft predict that I in heaven find:
But from thine eyes my knowledge I derive,
And, constant stars, in them I read such art..."

Guided by the flame which burns within them, I wonder through the shades and mists of future years and find you thus engaged:

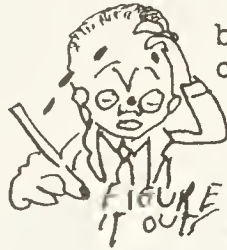
Collis Lewis

To safeguard the family name
has a wife and thirteen children.





Margie Whitehurst-- Great Opera Singer at Metropolitan Opera House.



William Butler beset by a large number of feminine admirers than ever, is trying to figure the mathematical possibility of one man's adding three wives to his family without becoming a polygamist.



Annette Watson-- is conducting the Dorothy Dix column in the daily newspaper.



Edward Bland-- is a well known banker in Frog Level.



Frances Bowers-- Cigarette Girl at Swanee River Night Club.



Donald Dixon--who has succeeded "Frankie" as the nations leading crooner, is using as his theme song "Thinking of You."



Audrey Bland is a famous Interior Decorator and her specialty is Wallflower At Parties.



Haywood Brown Jr. has married his boss--which all wives are--and has become very gentle and meek.



Marie Weathersby is using her voice to sell popcorn and peanuts.



Frances Ford has spent 12 years studying Einstein's Theory of Relativity in an effort to secure proof that she is the lawful heir to the "Ford Motor Company."



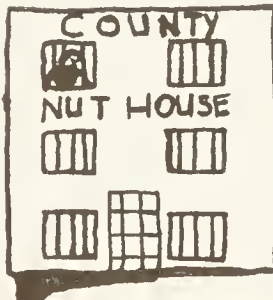
Mary James Manning was an expert demonstrating agent of the Remington Typewriter Company until she broke her finger.




John Wesley Whitfield has received a honorary degree from Notre Dame for providing The Horsemen with automobiles.



Elizabeth Strickland -- A model in New York showing her well developed personality.



Anne Taylor is operating an Insane Hospital for people who are forced to write Class Prophecies.



Last Will and Testament



"Know ye, by these presents, that we, the class of 1947 of Bethel High School of Bethel, North Carolina, do hereby make this our last will and testament.


1. We, the Senior Class, do will and bequeath our Senior priviledges and responsibilities to the rising Senior Class.

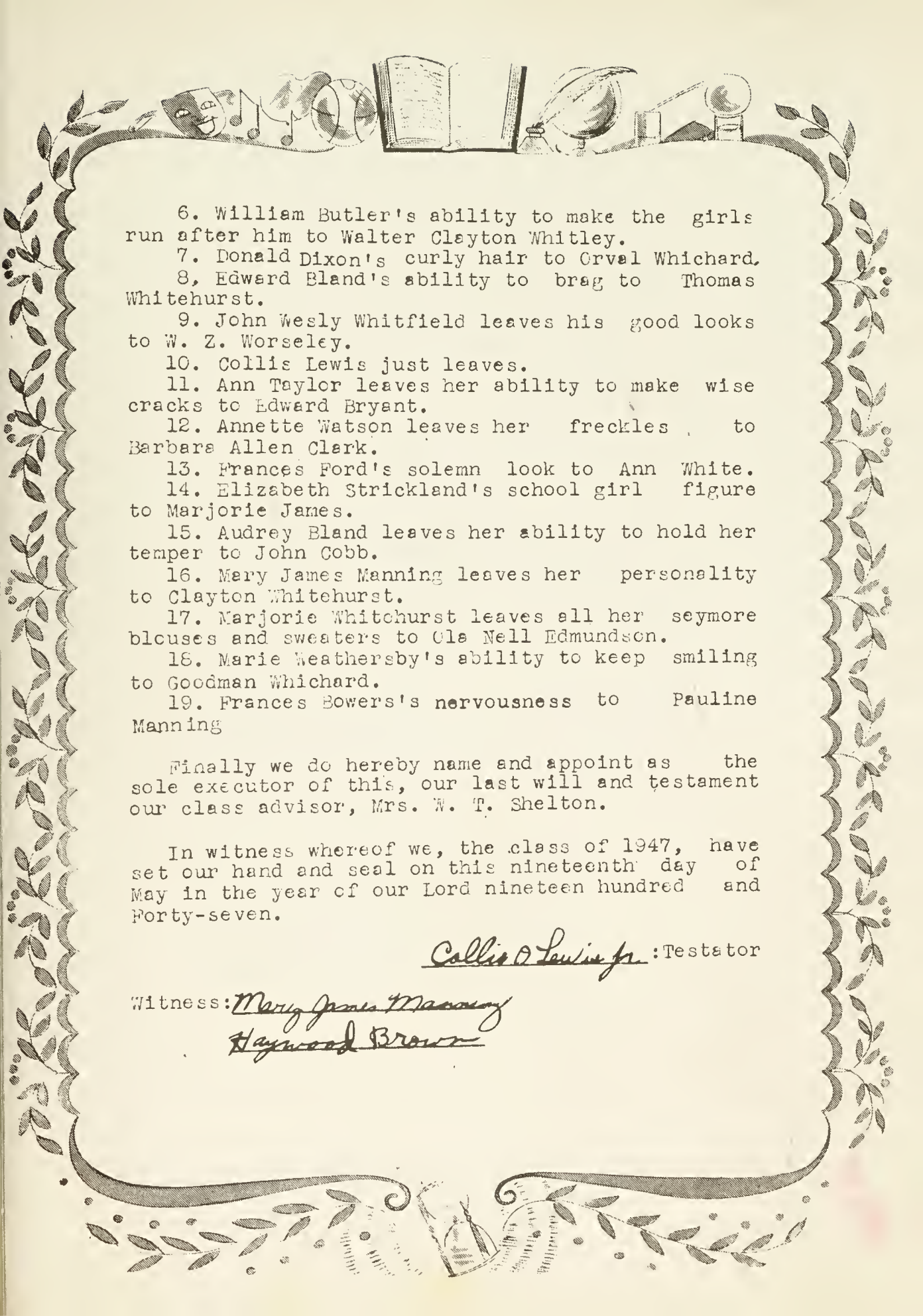
2. To the faculty, we bequeath appreciation a task well done.

3. To the Sophomore Class, we bequeath our ability to learn.

4. To the incoming Freshmen, we leave some of the beams of our radiant faces so there will be some brightness in the school.

5. Haywood Brown leaves his blue eyes to Katherine Council.



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6. William Butler's ability to make the girls run after him to Walter Clayton Whitley.
7. Donald Dixon's curly hair to Crval Whichard.
8. Edward Bland's ability to brag to Thomas Whitehurst.
9. John Wesly Whitfield leaves his good looks to W. Z. Worsley.
10. Collis Lewis just leaves.
11. Ann Taylor leaves her ability to make wise cracks to Edward Bryant.
12. Annette Watson leaves her freckles to Barbara Allen Clark.
13. Frances Ford's solemn look to Ann White.
14. Elizabeth Strickland's school girl figure to Marjorie James.
15. Audrey Bland leaves her ability to hold her temper to John Cobb.
16. Mary James Manning leaves her personality to Clayton Whitehurst.
17. Marjorie Whitehurst leaves all her seymore blouses and sweaters to Ole Nell Edmundson.
18. Marie Weathersby's ability to keep smiling to Goodman Whichard.
19. Frances Bowers's nervousness to Pauline Manning

Finally we do hereby name and appoint as the sole executor of this, our last will and testament our class advisor, Mrs. W. T. Shelton.

In witness whereof we, the class of 1947, have set our hand and seal on this nineteenth day of May in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and Forty-seven.

Collis O Lewis Jr : Testator

Witness: Mary James Manning
Haywood Brown




CLASS POEM

We the Seniors of Today,
Shall pause somewhere along the way.
To thank God for His great help,
In sending us teachers with so much pep.
Teachers and principals that were fair
and square,
Making us do our honest share.

We shall not linger in the past,
But shall go on and perform a new task.
So to you Old Bethel High,
We say good-bye to you with a sigh.
A tear or two we'll shed for you,
To think of the school days we've
gone through.

We who are passing on this year,
Shall leave behind the Juniors, so dear.
We hope that in '48,
You will be Bethel's Graduates.
Even though we will miss the Old
School Bell,
We now, to you, must say farewell.

Frances Bowers



Our country, the American lands, may still remain untouched by the wars that have engulfed the whole world. They may not have suffered the deprivations, the personal hardships, the devastation, the fears of invasion or the strain of watching for the enemy in the beautiful blue skies. But our country, feels and will always feel the loss of the young men and young women that so willingly gave their lives for these-----our lands.

Yes, it is true that we gave men and women. Men and women that went gladly to join the other forces of the world to a job of ultimately destroying the enemy. Not so much their aim to destroy the evil forces but to put good into the world that all men might enjoy peace.

We have given money to pay for the cost of the war, to relieve the suffering of mankind, to help toward the rebuilding of the world. We have bought War Bonds, sent clothes and food to the foreign countries, not even thinking of them as our enemies, but as our friends in time of need. Our lives have been interrupted; we no longer build and live as we once did. We often wonder if these countries that are so readily accepting our gifts; would, if necessary, do as much for us. We should not begrudge, but we should just say to ourselves-----what are these gifts as compared to the total ruins that have swept so much of the civilized world?

Our relations with foreign countries, it seems, have been that of "Peace on Earth, Good will toward all Men." If we did not feel this in our hearts, would we be spending all this money for relief or sending food and clothes to the needy? Since the Declaration of Independence, we have found that we are playing a greater part in a great world that has dreamed of the day when peace might become the universal pattern. But to America ever the brave and the free, this has been an opportunity given to her to prove to foreign countries that men of goodwill know no limits of their concern, and that foreigners too, must share in the burden of teaching the world the wars of liberty and freedom. We must emphasize through our goodness the righteousness and hope, the exaltation of the truths of grace, and World Peace.

Mary James Manning



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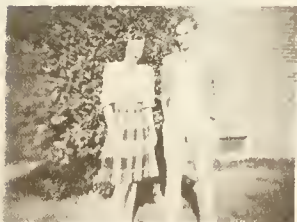
Most Studious

Haywood &
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Flirts

Anne &
Donald



Best All Round

William &
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Most Athletic

Edward &
Marie



Friendliest

Haywood &
Anne



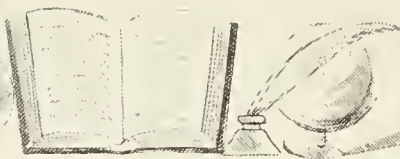
WITTIEST

Donald &
Frances



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SNAPS



HIGH AND MIGHTY



CONCEITED



LOVEBIRDS



GOOD AIN'T IT?



LOVIE DOVIES



STINKS, EH?



HAM SANDWICH



WHO SAID COLLIS WAS LIGHT?



BABY



SWEET WILLIAM



JUST DREAMING





THREE STOOGES



THREE WOLVES



ONE, TWO,
THREE, GO!



SOME BALANCE !



NOT RAINY,
JUST COLD



WOLD, TEACHER?



MUTT & JEFF

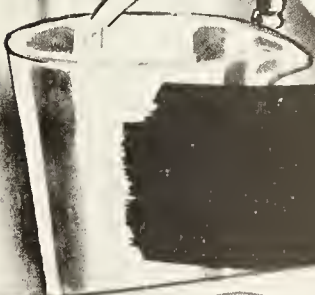


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JUNIORS



JUNIORS



Anne
White



Walter C.
Whitley



Marjorie
James



John W.
Cobb



Thomas
Whitehurst



Pauline
Manning



W. Z.
Worsley



Ruby
Tetterton



Barbara
Clark



Clayton
Whitehurst



Katherine
Council



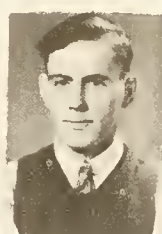
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Alton Ray
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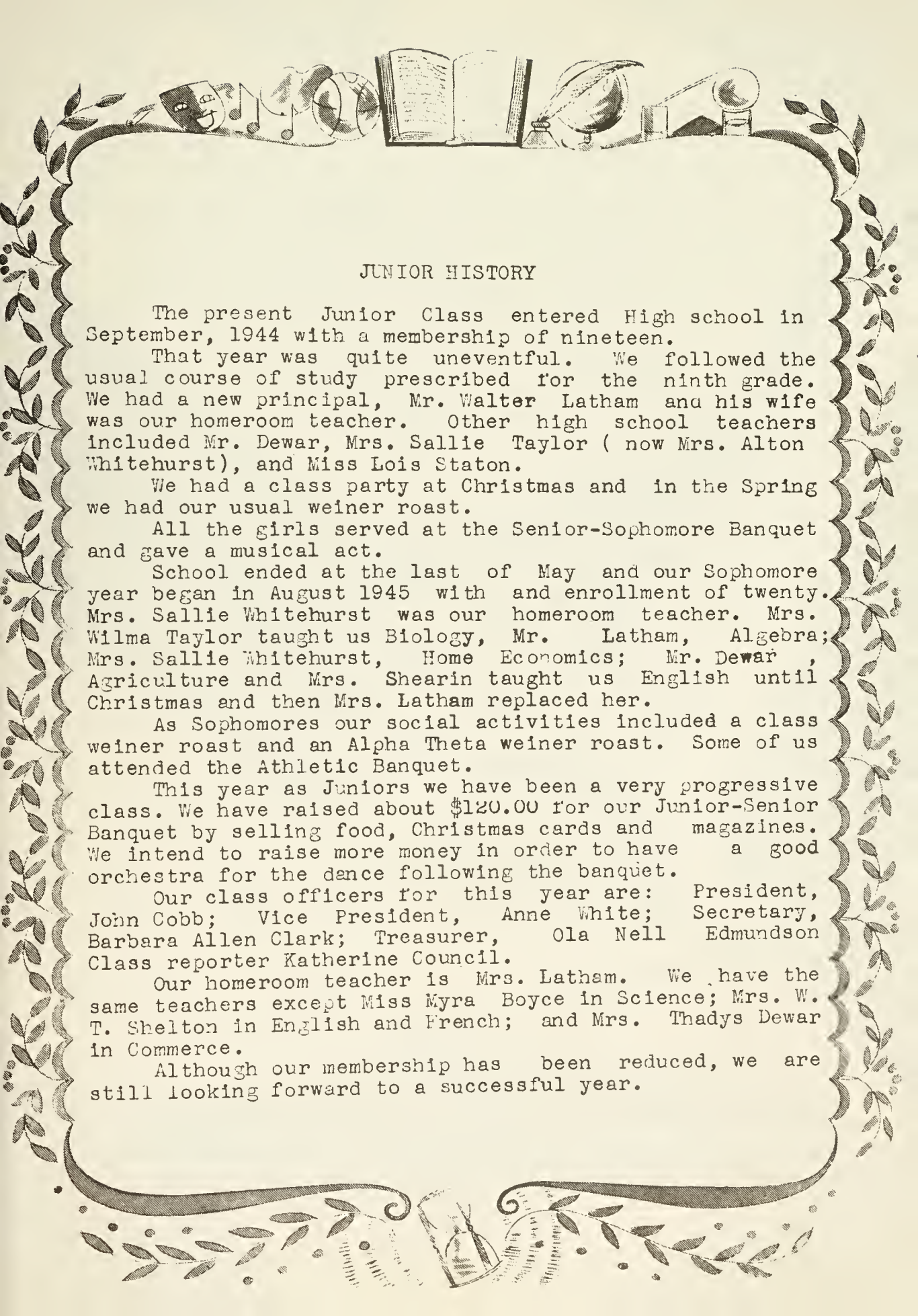
Ola Nell
Edmundson



Goodman
Whichard



Orval
Whichard



JUNIOR HISTORY

The present Junior Class entered High school in September, 1944 with a membership of nineteen.

That year was quite uneventful. We followed the usual course of study prescribed for the ninth grade. We had a new principal, Mr. Walter Latham and his wife was our homeroom teacher. Other high school teachers included Mr. Dewar, Mrs. Sallie Taylor (now Mrs. Alton Whitehurst), and Miss Lois Staton.

We had a class party at Christmas and in the Spring we had our usual weiner roast.

All the girls served at the Senior-Sophomore Banquet and gave a musical act.

School ended at the last of May and our Sophomore year began in August 1945 with an enrollment of twenty. Mrs. Sallie Whitehurst was our homeroom teacher. Mrs. Wilma Taylor taught us Biology, Mr. Latham, Algebra; Mrs. Sallie Whitehurst, Home Economics; Mr. Dewar, Agriculture and Mrs. Shearin taught us English until Christmas and then Mrs. Latham replaced her.

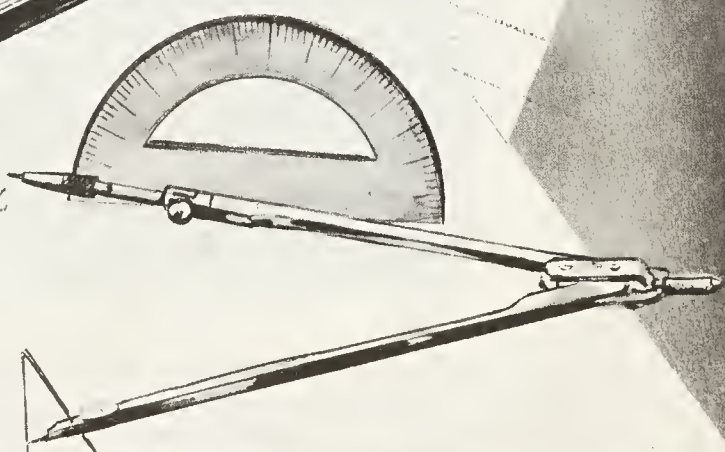
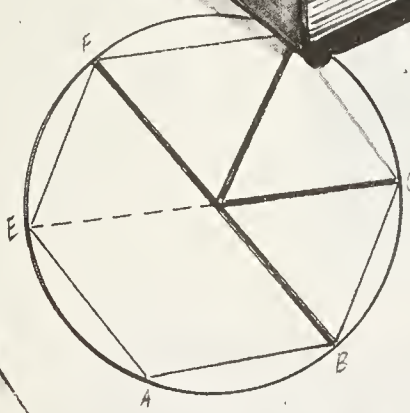
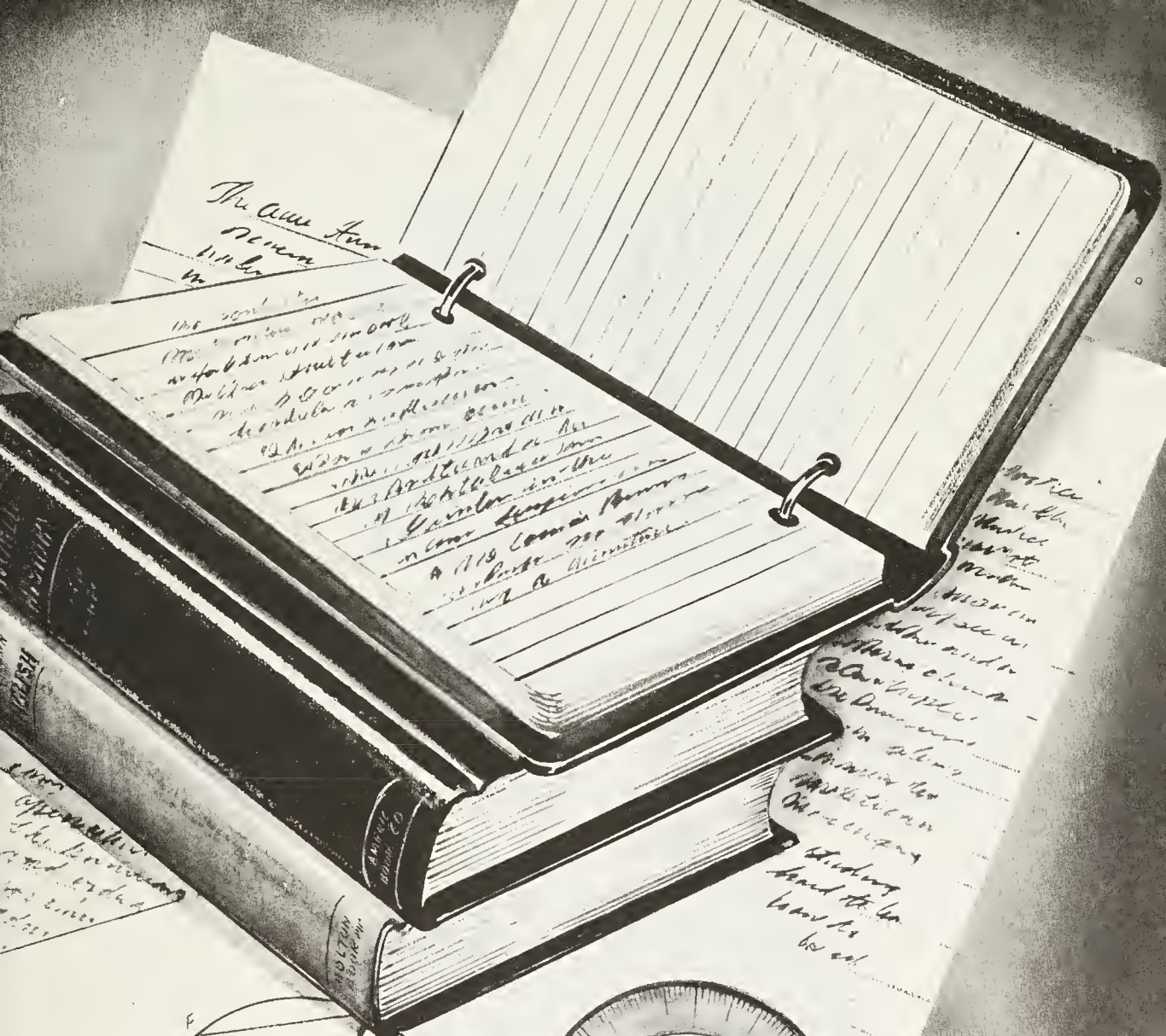
As Sophomores our social activities included a class weiner roast and an Alpha Theta weiner roast. Some of us attended the Athletic Banquet.

This year as Juniors we have been a very progressive class. We have raised about \$120.00 for our Junior-Senior Banquet by selling food, Christmas cards and magazines. We intend to raise more money in order to have a good orchestra for the dance following the banquet.

Our class officers for this year are: President, John Cobb; Vice President, Anne White; Secretary, Barbara Allen Clark; Treasurer, Ola Nell Edmundson
Class reporter Katherine Council.

Our homeroom teacher is Mrs. Latham. We have the same teachers except Miss Myra Boyce in Science; Mrs. W. T. Shelton in English and French; and Mrs. Thadys Dewar in Commerce.

Although our membership has been reduced, we are still looking forward to a successful year.



SOPHOMORES

TENTH GRADE

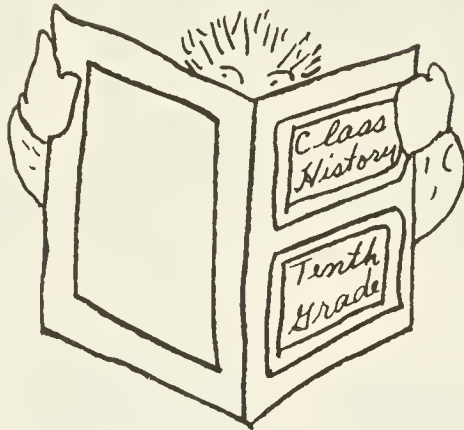


First Row: Valerie Manning, Lois Mizelle, Peggy Robinson, Edna Ruth James,
 Irene White, Myrtle Manning, Doris Legett
 Second Row: Frances Crane, Lorena Bailey, Jacqueline White, Dorothy Keel,
 Pauline Westberry, Celis Jane Bullock, Earsie Stalls, Madeline
 Briley
 Third Row: Merle Manning, Dalton Rollins, Louise Beverly, Jo Ann Crisp,
 Anne Whitehurst, Betty Jean Wilson, Frances Lewis, Claude Butler,
 Edsel Briley
 Fourth Row: William Earl House, Earl Keel, Harold Dean Whitehurst, Mack
 Whitehurst, Bill Smith, Maurice Rollins
 Fifth Row: Norman Westberry, Jones Warren, Earl Stalls, William Keel

NINTH GRADE



First Row: Wilbur Jones, Helen Griffin, Margaret Jones, Margaret Bowers,
 Cecil Simmons
 Second Row: Catherine Griffin, Margaret Manning, Daisy Whitehurst, Daphne
 Bowers, Ernest Scott, Louise Sutler
 Third Row: Miss Royce, C. D. Anderson, Elsie Whitehurst, Peggy Betenlor,
 Cecil Jones, Hilton Tetterton, Walter Edward Brown
 Fourth Row: Edgar Barnhill, W. R. Bullock, "Scottie" Hemmingway, Ralph
 Ford, C. Edward Brown, Leroy White, Roy Whitehurst



SOPHOMORE HISTORY

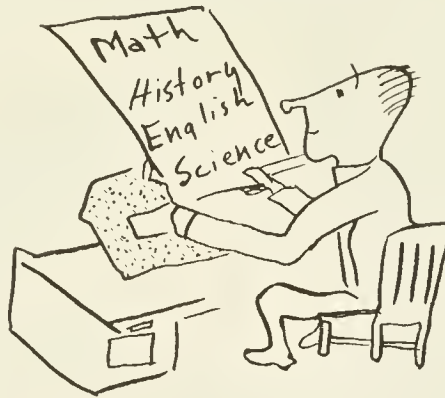
In the fall of 1945, we as ninth graders, had our first glimpse of high school.

Although we were considered in High School while we were in the ninth grade, we didn't lead much of a high school life. In the tenth grade we got in the swing of things and now we **are** enjoying high school life to the greatest extent possible. Our class officers this year are: Harold Dean Whitehurst, President; Irene White, Secretary.





FRESHMEN



With a proud air about us, we entered high school this year. Through the eighth grade our goal was the name, "Freshmen." Now that goal has been set up to "Senior." We expect to enjoy working toward that goal.

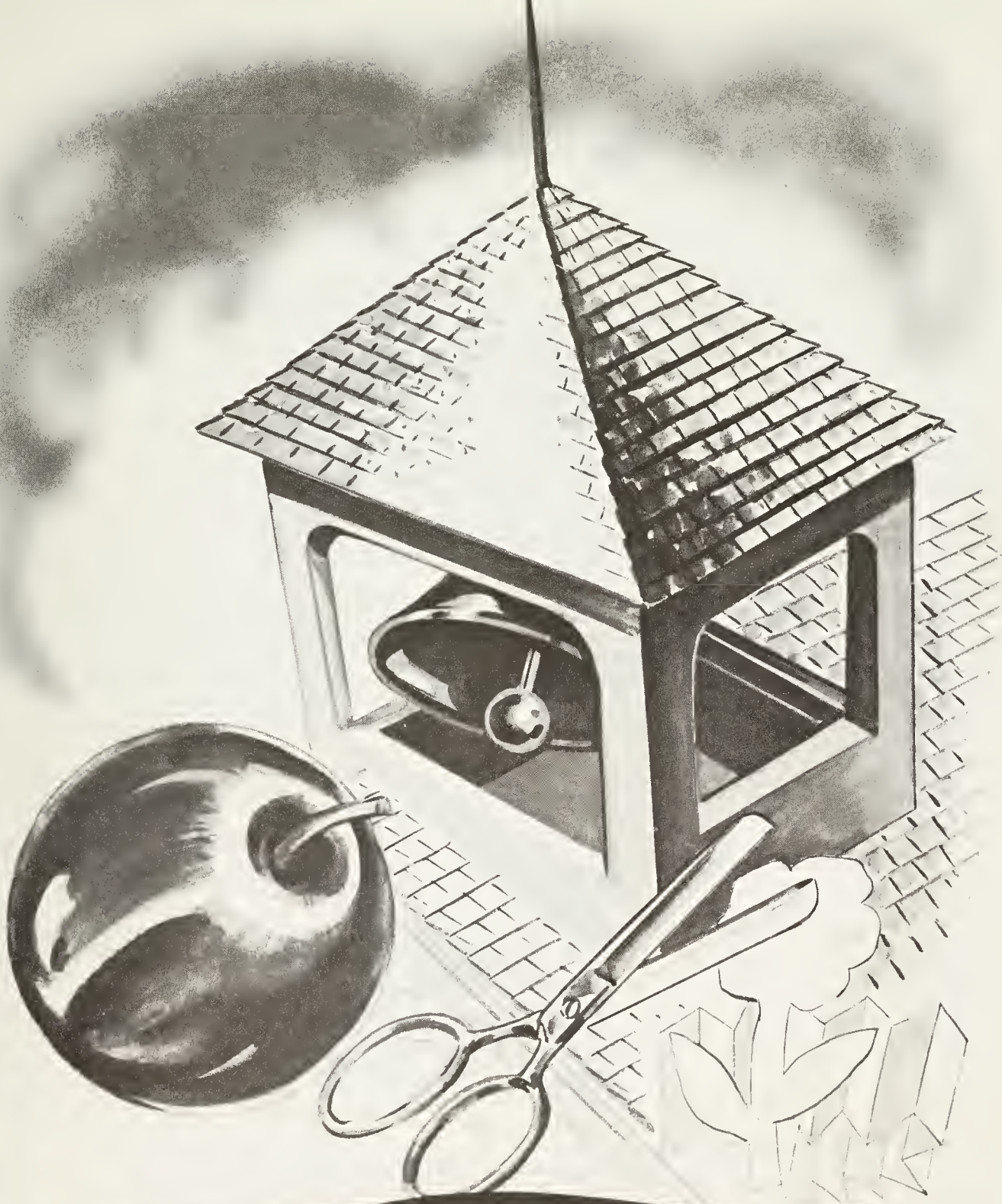
Our class officers are: Margaret Manning, President; "Bootsie" Hemmingway, Vice President; Daisy Whitehurst, Secretary and Treasurer; and Peggy Batchelor, Class Reporter.

Our teachers are: Miss Boyce, Mrs. Whitehurst, Mrs. Shelton, and Mrs. Latham.

We have four representatives in the F. H. A., several in the F. F. A. and three in the Alpha Theta Club.

We are enjoying high school so far, and we are looking forward to the next three years.

FRESHMEN



ELEMENTARY

SEVENTH GRADE



- 1st. Row: Betty Jean Worsley, Paulette Briley, Feggie Joyce Bryant, Van Lec McWhorter, Audrey Griffin, Wyatt Earl Meeke, Lexine Rollins
 2nd. Row: Jane Morris, Frances Ayers, Dolly Whitfield, Jeane Cullifer, Mavis Weathersby, Geraldine White, Betty Scott, Bobby Gene Manning
 3rd. Row: Marvin Brown, Billy Strickland, Christine House, Mary Ruggles Tetterton, Bob Bowers, Watson McKeel, Lindsay Whitehurst, Justus McKeel
 4th. Row: Tommy House, Cleve Burton, Jr., Vernon Manning, Vance White

EIGHTH GRADE



- 1st. Row: Jack Rollins, Beth Briley, Janice Roberson, Toddy Smith, Bertie Lee Chapman, James Smith, Carrol Alexander
 2nd. Row: Billy Rollins, Margaret Briley, Mary Bell, Doris Whichard, Ophelia Dail, Betty Lewis
 3rd. Row: J. H. Whitehurst, Gene Anderson, Doris Ayers, Joe Whitehurst, Ethel Lewis, John Nelson
 4th. Row: Fred Keel, Fred Hux, Lewis Manning, Charlie Manning, Dalton Whitehurst
 Back: M. H. McWhorter



ACTIVITIES

F. B. L. A.



ALPHA THETAS



F. F. A.





F. B. L. A.

F. B. L. A. stands for Future Business Leaders of America. It is a club made up of students who are studying at least one commercial subject. There are twenty two members enrolled.

The officers are: President, Elizabeth Strickland; Vice President, Donald Dixon; Secretary, Marjorie Whitehurst; Treasurer, Alton James; Sgt. at Arms, William Butler; Reporter for Reflector, Katherine Council; Reporter for Alpha Theta Journal, Frances Bowers, Faculty Advisor, Mrs. Thadys J. Dewar.

The only activity so far has been a Christmas party in the home economics department.

The club was organized in November and it is proving itself a worthy club.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA


The F. H. A. members held their first meeting Oct. 17, 1946. The officers elected were: President, Irene White; Vice President, Celia Jane Bullock; Secretary and Treasurer, Anne Whitehurst.

The Bethel F. H. A. chapter holds meetings every third Thursday. So far we have only twenty-two members. Mrs. Alton Whitehurst is our chapter advisor and Mrs. S. C. Whitehurst is our chapter mother.

ALPHA THETAS

The Alpha Theta Club is an honor society which was established at Bethel High School in the term of 1945-46. The object of this club is to inspire the students to better scholarship and citizenship. To gain membership in this organization, a student must average 90 or above on all subjects and his behavior, attitude and acceptance of responsibility must be above average.

Projects sponsored by the Alpha Theta Club are publication of the school newspaper, The Alpha Theta Journal, care of the school library, care of the school flag and other similar projects to promote the welfare and advancement of the school.





ATHLETICS

BASKET BALL GIRLS



BASKETBALL BOYS



FHA



Bethel 8
 Bethel 14
 Bethel 11
 Bethel 9
 Bethel 18
 Bethel 12
 Bethel 10
 Bethel 15
 Bethel 6
 Bethel 16
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 Bethel 16



Robersonville 19
 Maury 16
 Farmville 29
 Ayden 23
 Oak City 14
 Belvoir 18
 Stokes 19
 Grifton 17
 Winterville 22
 Arthur 22
 Robersonville 37
 Pinetops 13

The 1946-47 school year for the girls has not been very successful, but we hope they will do better in the future.

Mr. Willie Abeyounis and Mr. Malcolm McWhorter coached the girls in basketball.

The girls who participated in basketball are: Jacqueline White, Louise Beverly, Jo Ann Crisp, Ann White, Marjorie James, Barbara Clark, Katherine Council, Frances Bowers, Merle Manning, Lorena Baily, Mary Ella Moore, Toddy Smith, and Ann Whitehurst.





1946-47 BOY'S BASKETBALL

From a standpoint of percentage of victories the Bethel High School Boys had a very successful season, winning 34 out of 39 against high school competition. They were unfortunate enough to lose in the semifinals of the A. C. C. and Pitt County Tournaments. Farmville semifinal game in the Pitt Tournament at E. C. T. C.

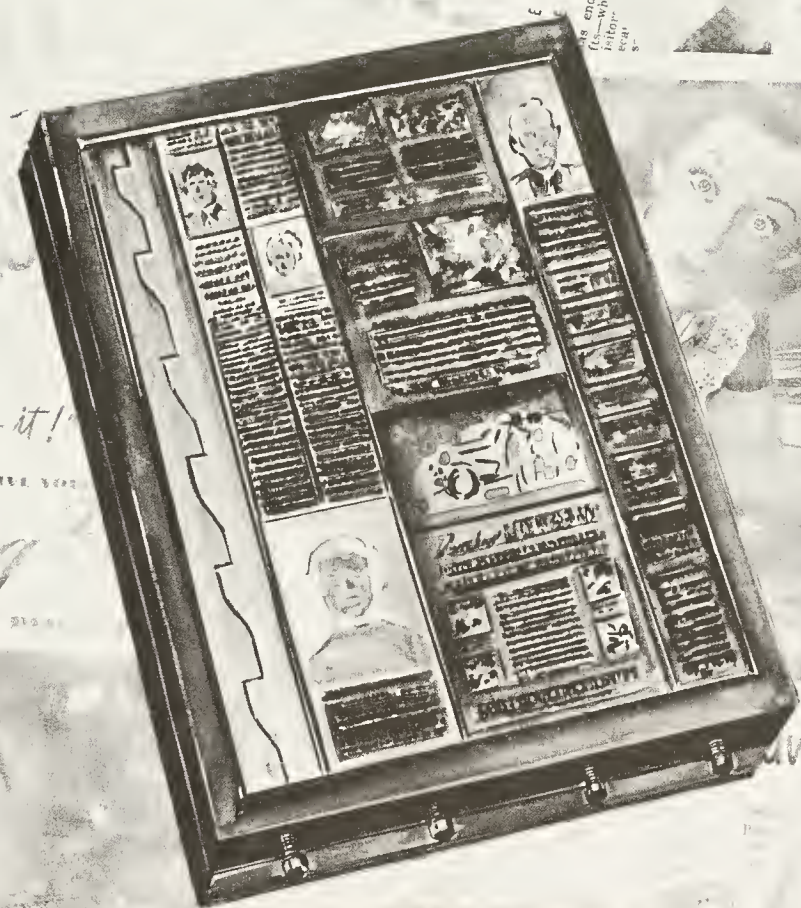
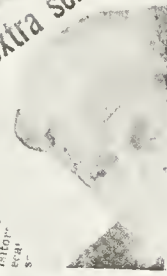
One highlight of the season was winning of pre season Tournament at Walstonburg by defeating Snow Hill, Farmville, and Pink Hill in a row. The team went on then to 20 consecutive victories against all comers including 3 wins. Six regulars who did most of the playing during the season were: Whitley, high scoring forward, Hemingway freshman forward, Worsely and House centers, Smith, and Keel outstanding guards.

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