



The Hickory Stick



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Bethel, N. C.





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Dedication

Because there are no dearer people on earth to us, we, the Seniors of 1953, wish to dedicate this annual to our parents. Their loving care made it possible for us to have advanced safely from the cradle to this point in our lives when we are beginning to consider our futures and to realize that soon our lives will no longer be sheltered. It is such a realization that gives us a sincere desire to create this small memorial page as in some way representative of the great love we have for our parents.



ADMINISTRATION



High School

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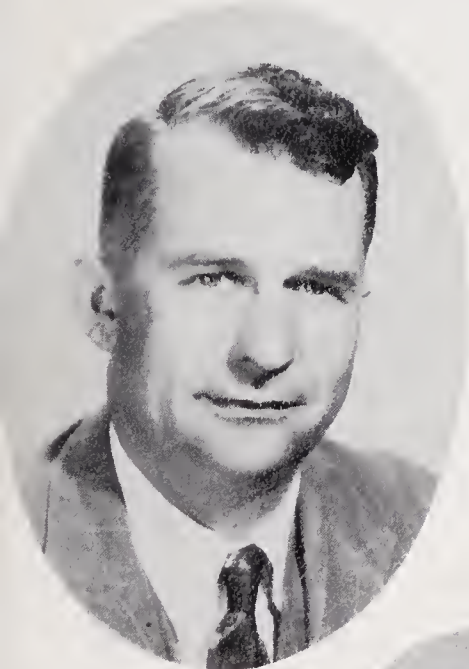
Mrs. S. D. Dewar
Commerce



W. C. Latham
Math



J. D. Nicholson
Science



S. D. Dewar
Agriculture



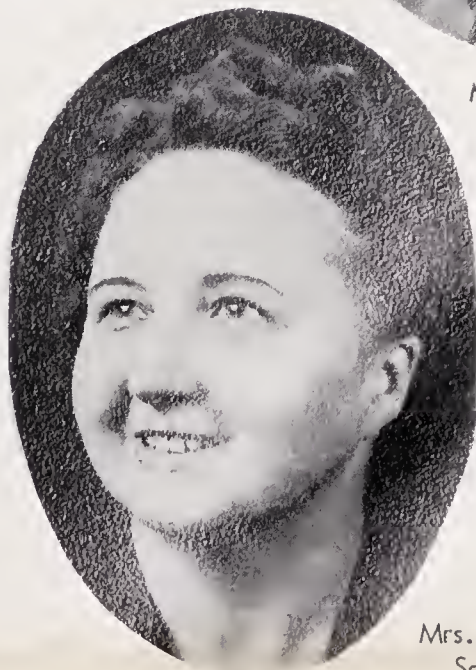
Mrs. J. R. Highsmith
Eighth Grade



Mrs. J. H. Weeks
English - French



Mrs. David Mayo
Home Economics



Mrs. W. C. Latham
Social Studies

School Board



Dr. C.G. Garrenton, Secretary
Mr. C.W. Everett
Mr. W.C. Latham, Principal

Rev. D.W. Alexander
Mr. W.C. House
Mr. L.N. James, Chairman

Boosters

Mrs. Mary M. Weeks
Mrs. W.C. Latham
Mr. W.C. Latham
Mrs. David H. Mayo
Mrs. S.D. Dewar
Mr. Bert Carson
Mr. Bob Martin
Mr. Clifton Everett
Peter Pan Incorporated
Jack Wynne III
Mr. J.C. Williamson
Clara W. Roberson
Mrs. Ernest J. McLawhon
Mr. W. James Smith
Griffin's Bootery
Blount-Harvey Company
Alexander Jewelry Company
Home Building Supply Company



SENIORS





Senior Class Officers

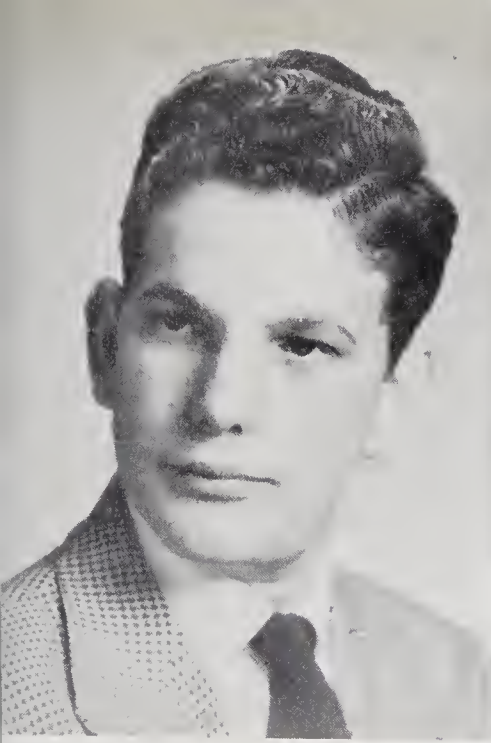


Norma Williamson.....Treasurer
Arlene Manning..... Vice-President
Jack Wynne..... President
Ernell Wilson.....Secretary

Mascots

Eleanor Weeks - Fredrick Tetterton

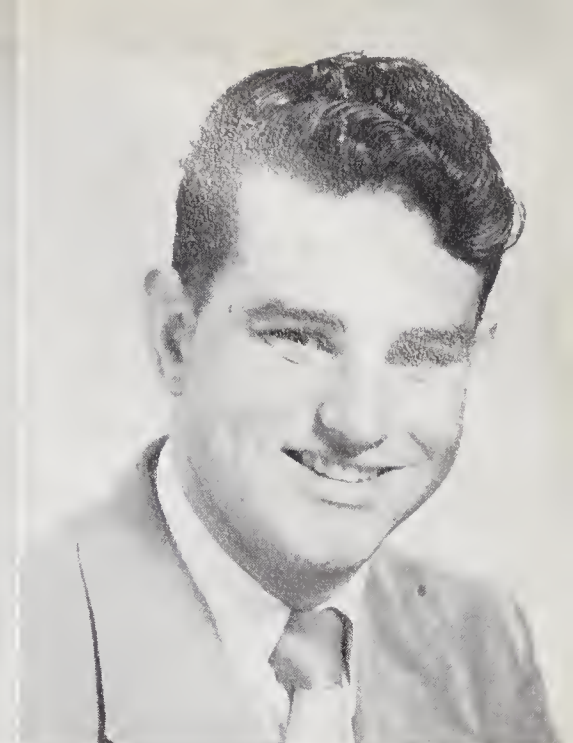




by Rollins
 A. 1; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Glee Club 3,
 -H Club 1,2,3; Typing Contest 3;
 ss Sec. 1.



Betty James
 F.H.A. 1,2,3; Glee Club 3, Librarian;
 4-H Club 3; Basketball 2; Bethel Beacon
 3,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Most Athletic; Most
 Popular.

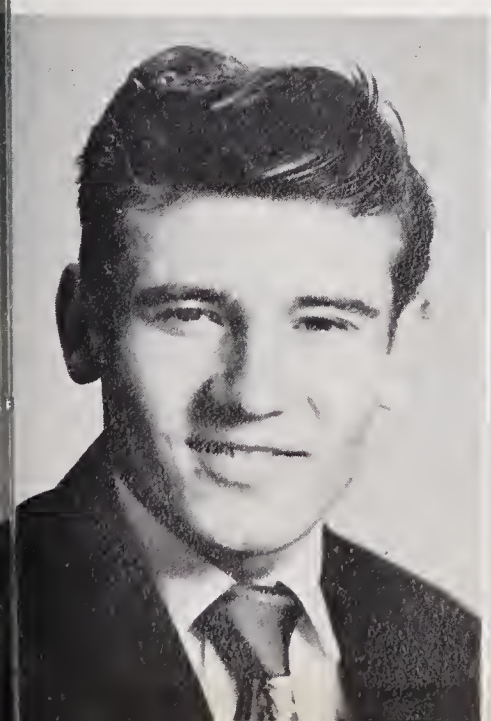


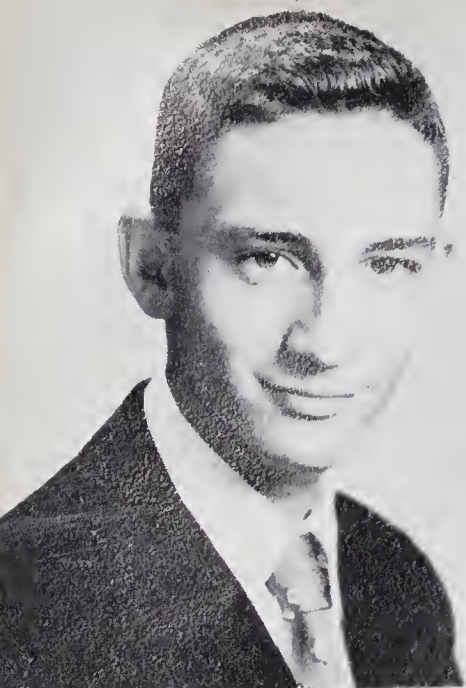
William Whitehurst
 Basketball 2,3; F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; F.B.
 L.A. 3,4; Best Sport.

rt Nelson
 A. 1,2,3,4; Basketball; Class Rep-
 ntative 2,4; Bethel Beacon 4, Sports
 or 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Glee Club 4,
 rian 4; Annual Staff, Sports Editor;
 Athletic; Most Popular.

Janie Edmondson
 F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Song Leader 4; F.B.
 L.A. 3,4, Vice Pres. 3, Pres. 4; Beta
 Club 2,3; Room Representative 1,4;
 Forensic Club 4; Glee Club 4, Librarian;
 Cheerleader 1,2,4, Chief 4; Annual
 Staff, Clubs Editor; Paper Staff 3,4, Re-
 porter 3,4; Class Vice President 3; Best
 Sport; Friendliest.

Edward Earl Briley
 F.F.A. 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 4; F.B.L.A.
 3; Best Dressed.

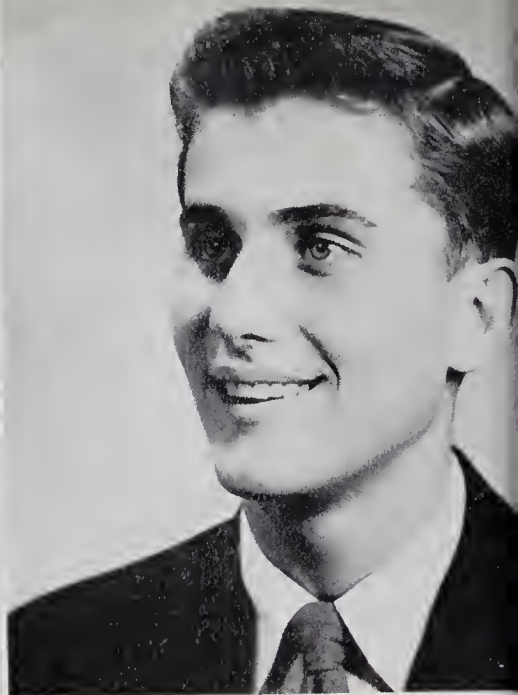




Buddy Benton
 F.F.A. 1,2; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Annual Staff,
 Circulation Manager 4; Paper Staff, Assistant
 Business Manager 4; Glee Club 4;
 Most Dependable; Friendliest.



Lula Belle Briley
 F.H.A. 1,2; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper Staff
 3,4, Reporter 3,4; Glee Club 3,4; Class
 Will; Most Praiseworthy.



Jack Wynne III
 Class President 4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Paper
 Staff 3,4, Reporter 4, Clubs Editor
 Forensic Club 4; Glee Club 4; F.F.
 1; Annual Staff, Photograph Editor
 Typing Contest 3; Most Courteous; Most
 Likely to Succeed.

Angus Bowers

F.F.A. 1,2; F.B.L.A. 3; Class Vice
 President 2; Beta Club 3,4, President
 4; Annual Staff, Business Manager 4;
 Glee Club 4; Student Council President
 4; Forensic Club 4, President 4; Marshal
 3; Most Studious; Most Praiseworthy.

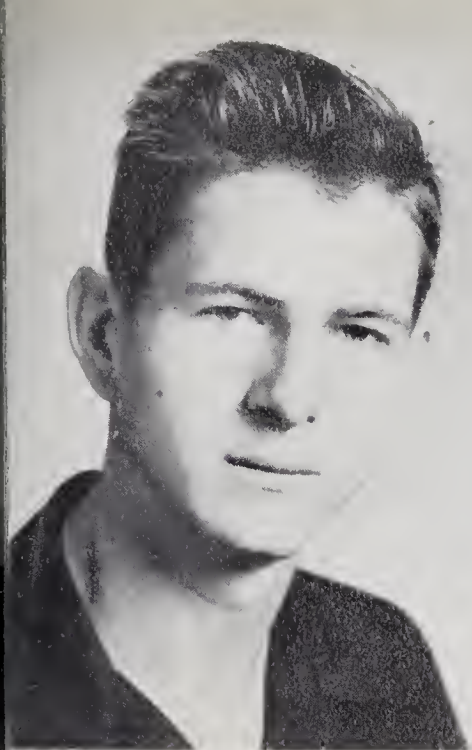
Arlene Manning

F.H.A. 1,2,3,4, Sec. 2; F.B.L.A. 3,
 4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Forensic Club 4; Glee
 Club 4, Sec. 4; Basketball 2,3; Paper
 Staff 3,4, Circulation Man. 3, Copy
 Editor and Exchange Editor 4; Class Pres.
 1; Class Sec. 3; Class Vice-Pres. 4;
 Marshal 3; Typing Contest; Most De-
 pendable; Most Courteous.

Bruton Edmondson

F.F.A. 1,2,4; F.B.L.A. 3,4; Glee C
 4; Program Committee F.F.A. 4; Cl
 Secretary 2; Paper Staff 3,4, Busin
 Manager 4, Assistant Business Manager





David Jacobs
F. A. 2, 4; F. B. L. A. 3; Glee Club
; Basketball 2.



Ernell Wilson
Class Secretary 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4,
Sec. 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4; Paper Staff 3, 4,
Reporter 3, Co-Editor 4; Forensic Club
4, Asst. Program Chairman; Glee Club
4, Pres.; Class Poet; Annual Staff, Class
Editor; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Marshal 3;
Typing Contest; Speech Contest; Best
Dressed; Most Talented.

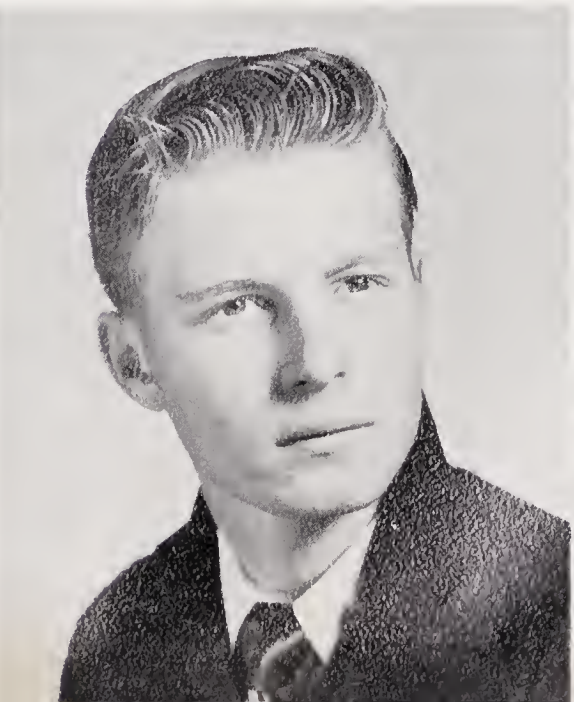


Bobby Edmondson
Glee Club 1, 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sec-
retary 4; Class Treasurer 3; Paper Staff
4, Social Editor 4; F. B. L. A. 4; Baseball
2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Best All Round.

Virginia Johnson
F. H. A. 1, 3; 4-H Club 3, Pres. 3; Beta
Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 4; Basketball 1;
F. B. L. A. 3, 4; Bethel Beacon 3, 4, Man-
aging Editor 4; Vice Pres. of Class 2;
Student Council 2, 3, Vice Pres. of Stu-
dent Council 3; Marshal 3; Best All
Round.

Cecil Riddick
F. F. A. 2, 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 4; Glee Club
4; Annual Staff, Art Editor; Most Talen-
ted.

Norma Williamson
F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice Pres. 2, Pres.
3, Reporter 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4; Bethel
Beacon News Editor 3, Co-Editor 4;
Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Glee
Club 4, Vice Pres.; Forensic Club 4,
Prog. Chairman; Chief Marshal 3; Annual
Editor 4; Class Pres. 3, Class Treasurer
4, Class Treasurer 2; Most Studious;
Most Likely to Succeed.



Class History

On a clear September night in 1941, eleven little youngsters of the present Senior Class cuddled up in their mothers' laps, pleading with all their hearts and mumbling the following words:

"Backward, turn backward, O time in your flight.
Make me a baby for always tonight."

The nine months of the first year of school flew quickly by, but how well we remember that train ride from Bethel to Conetoe which Miss Jane Copeland arranged for us. Miss Mary Ferebee, our second grade teacher, continued to introduce us to the educational field of knowledge. Mrs. Rosalie Francis, wanting to make us the domestic type, took us into the school lunchroom to make cocoa. After the first few days in the fourth grade, we were very sorry to learn that Miss Mary Mayo, our teacher, was unable to render her service to us because of her mother's death; but, fortunately, Miss Camille Staton put forth her effort to prepare us with the basic training we needed to further our education. Journeying through the fifth and sixth grades, Mrs. Lillie Hammond and Miss Mary Lois Staton respectively enriched our lives to the extent that we considered ourselves efficient little beavers. The high spot of our seventh year was the tour of the city of Raleigh accompanied by our teacher, Mrs. Connie Whitehurst. That concluded our stay at the elementary school.

With outstretched arms we welcomed the four students from Mayo and together we were introduced to the high school rules and regulations. Along with Mrs. Jane Highsmith, we planned our trip to Williamsburg, Virginia. Triumphantly, we walked side by side to receive those well deserved diplomas from grammar school into high school.

"I'm a freshman," beamed on each individual face as Mr. Alton Gray acted as our homeroom teacher. We were proud ones, for in the tenth grade we were entitled to use our own discretion in choosing our class rings. Miss Nora Lee Hinnant helped us plan our class party to Whichards' Beach that year. Also, we added three new members to our class.

During our Junior year, we were honored with many parties, but the most important thing to us was making money for our Junior-Senior Banquet. Our Junior-Senior Supper went over in a big way and with the help of selling Christmas cards and producing a Junior-Senior Play, we were able to give a very nice banquet. By Christmas, we were really proud Juniors, for we were wearing our class rings. Our trip to Washington, D. C., added a special remembrance to that year.

Seniors at last! Looking back to those who helped us attain our goal in high school we wish to recognize: Mrs. Lamm, Mr. and Mrs. Dewar, Mr. and Mrs. Latham, Miss Perry, Mrs. Mayo, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hart and Mrs. Weeks. Glancing around the familiar walls of Bethel High, we find our hearts growing sad and our memories turning back to the carefree school days we once knew. The annual has been our chief undertaking during the year. We have done our best to make it a credit—not only to ourselves—but to the school. So, fellow classmates, remember our motto, "Not to the top but climbing," and may God bless us all as we become the men and women of tomorrow.

— Class Historian Arlene Manning

Class Will

State of North Carolina,
County of Pitt,
Township of Bethel:

Know ye by these presents that we, the Class of '53 of Bethel High School, Bethel, North Carolina, do hereby execute this, our last will and testament.

Article I

- Item 1: To our parents, we leave our appreciation for their kindness through the past twelve years in sacrificing for our education.
- Item 2: To the faculty, we leave our sincere appreciation in guiding us in our high school years.
- Item 3: We, the Seniors of '53, leave to the Freshmen our knowledge that we have gained in the past years.
- Item 4: We, the Seniors, leave with the Sophomore Class our ability to act as young ladies and gentlemen.
- Item 5: We, the Seniors of '53, leave to the Juniors our Senior privileges in looking for a brighter future.

Article II

- 1. I, Frank Benton, leave to Bill Edmondson my friendly ways.
- 2. I, Angus Bowers, leave to B. F. Goodall my Beta Club presidency.
- 3. I, Edward Briley, leave to Bradley Gray my wavy hair.
- 4. I, Bobby Edmondson, leave my superlative to R. I. Taylor.
- 5. I, Bruton Edmondson, leave my bookkeeping to John Pritchard.
- 6. I, David Jacobs, leave my conduct to B. B. Tetterton.
- 7. I, Robert Nelson, leave my basketball suit to Billy Whitehurst and Larry Tetterton.
- 8. I, Cecil Riddick, leave to James Earl Whitley my talent.
- 9. I, Bobby Rollins, leave to Arthur Richardson my ability to type.
- 10. I, William Whitehurst, leave to Bill Latham my ability to play basketball.
- 11. I, Jack Wynne, leave to Michael House my courteous habits.
- 12. I, Lula Belle Briley, leave to Peggy Bullock and Lois Griffin my superlative, Most Praiseworthy.
- 13. I, Janie Edmondson, leave to Janelle Whitley and Edith Doughtie my ability to be a good sport.
- 14. I, Betty James, leave to Corrine Briley my ability to be most athletic.
- 15. I, Norma Williamson, leave to Newbie James and Betty Jean Keel all the positions I have held since being in high school.
- 16. I, Arlene Manning, leave to Betty Marie Andrews and Delores Ford my naturally curly hair.
- 17. I, Ernell Wilson, leave Doris Meeks and Marie Hux the ability to be everyone's friend.
- 18. I, Sybil Briley, leave to Sherre Latham and Barbara Whitehurst my ability to have a husband.
- 19. I, Isabel Manning, leave to Carrie Ayers my height.
- 20. I, Barbara Morris, leave to Betsy James and Lois James my shorthand.
Lula Belle Briley, Testator

Class Poem

All of the Seniors of nineteen fifty-three
Have thought of their futures that are to be.
By the help of teachers, parents and friends,
We are beginning to near the end.

Through all our trials, troubles and needs,
Our teachers had ready for us a good deed.
They have prepared us our future to face,
For without their help we couldn't have advanced
to this place.

Credit we give to our parents so true
Twelve years they've labored and watched as we grew
All through hardships that have not been few
At last they've succeeded in pulling us through.

Our friends deserve a lot of credit, too,
For all the things that they've helped us do.
All their kind words and praise
Have helped us our banner to raise.

Now as we bid you all farewell,
It makes all of our hearts swell
To thank you all for what you've done
By your help our victories are won.

And now our time has passed,
Our dreams are coming true at last.
This is not the end of our time
For upward and upward we shall climb.

Our motto, in life shall be our guide
Wherever we go by it we'll abide
While seeking our fortunes, our will
Shall be "Not to the top but climbing still."

Class Poetess, Ernell Wilson

Class Song

(Adopted by Seniors)
"You'll Never Walk Alone"

When you walk through a storm, keep your chin up high
And don't be afraid of the dark,
At the end of the storm is a golden sky
And the sweet silver song of a lark.
Walk on through the wind,
Walk on through the rain,
Tho' your dreams be tossed and blown
Walk on, walk on, with hope in your heart.
And you'll never walk alone,
You'll never walk alone.

Rodgers and Hammerstein

Class Prophecy

I glanced up at the calendar. The date, May 19, 1963 had a big red circle around it. Yes, it was the day that I was to have my dear classmates of '53 as my guests. We were going to discuss our beloved school days together. Of course, I had another reason in mind. My classmates were going to be the main characters of my latest novel, "Success Is Ours," and I wanted to find out more about their lives ten years after we had graduated from Bethel High.

The door bell rang. When I opened the door nineteen distinguished looking persons stood before me. My eyes glanced quickly over their faces as I ushered them in. They had become so dignified!

As we talked together, I found to my surprise that Janie Edmondson had actually realized her life's ambition that she had talked about as a child. She was an opera singer. Cecil Riddick was a singer and guitar player on Hank Holden's Jamboree TV program.

Ernell Wilson and Betty James were dressed in white. Both were nurses at John Cureall's Hospital.

Angus Bowers was chief engineer with the International Bridge Breakers, while Bruton Edmondson was owner of Print it Well Publishing Company.

No one was modest about his success, and I was amazed at the success of everyone. Robert Nelson was a professional basketball player, and Bobby Rollins was district attorney in Chicago. The owner of Wynne's Chevrolet Manufacturing Company was none other than Jack Wynne. The person who had sole interest in the A&P Stores was Bobby Edmondson. North Carolina's biggest tobacco farmer was William Whitehurst. Edward Briley and his wife were principal and assistant principal of Cities' Central High School. David Jacobs was the Loafers' Penalty Agent of New York.

Our Uncle Sam had at his service Frank Benton and Barbara Morris. Arlene Manning was director of primary education at Children's Haven Graded School.

Lula Belle Briley married a wealthy fur dealer. Sybil Briley and Isabel Manning each had their hands full looking after their many children.

I think my novel will be a success just as its characters are. To our days at Bethel High School we owe these prosperous years.

Class Prophetess
Norma Williamson

CLASS COLORS
Blue and White

CLASS FLOWER
American Beauty Rose

CLASS MOTTO
"Not to the top, but climbing!"



MOST STUDIOUS
Norma Williamson - Angus Bowers



MOST COURTEOUS
Arlene Manning - Jack Wynne



FRIENDLIEST
Janie Edmondson - Buddy Benton

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MOST POPULAR
Betty James - Robert Nelson



BEST SPORTS
Janie Edmondson - William Whitehurst



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Jack Wynne - Norma Williamson

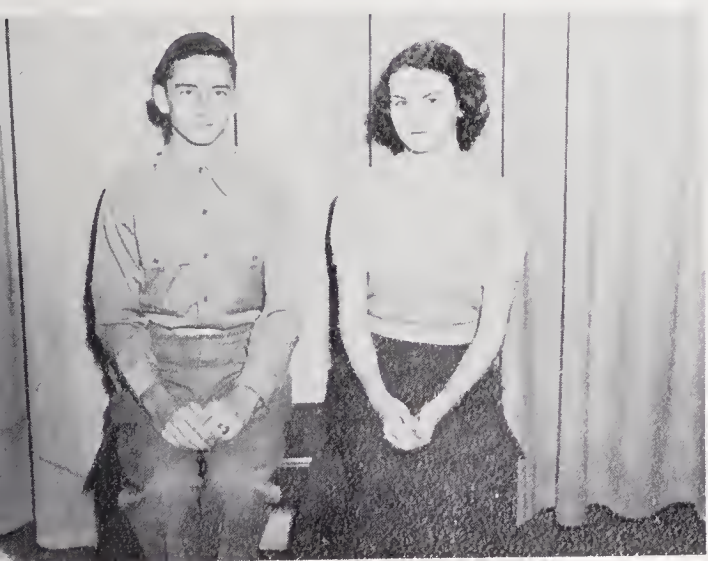
Superlatives



BEST DRESSED
Ernell Wilson - Edward Briley



MOST ATHLETIC
Betty James - Robert Nelson



MOST DEPENDABLE
Buddy Benton - Arlene Manning



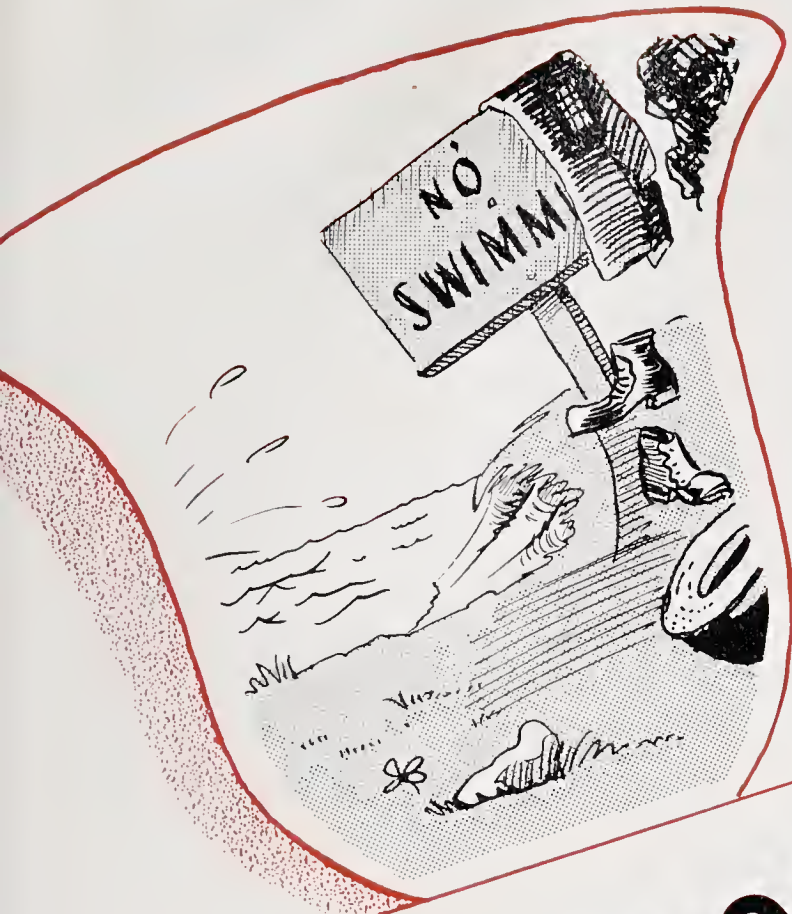
MOST TALENTED
Ernell Wilson - Cecil Riddick



MOST PRAISEWORTHY
Lula Belle Briley - Angus Bowers



BEST ALL-ROUND
Bobby Edmondson - Virginia Johnson



JUNIORS

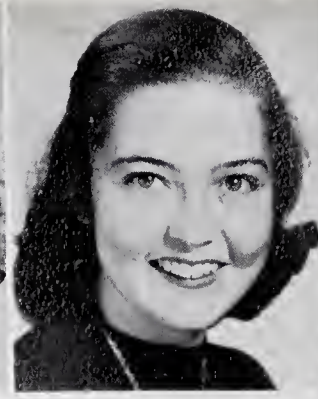




Larry Tetterton
President



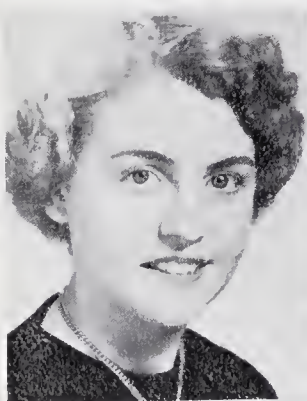
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Vice-Pres.



Isabel Manning
Secretary



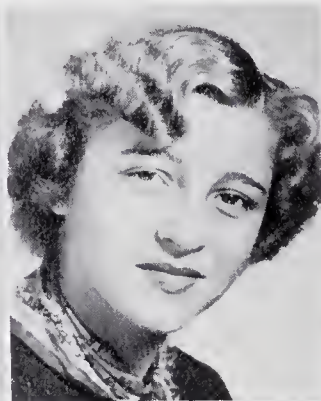
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Treasurer



Betty Marie Andrews



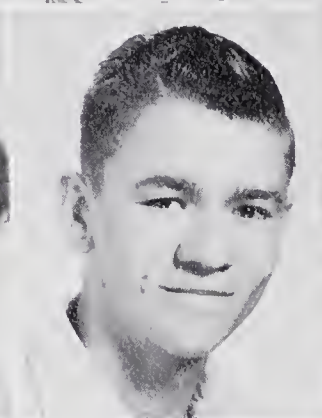
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Peggy Bullock



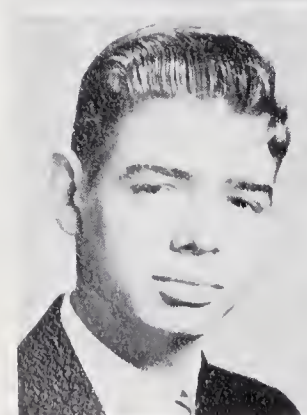
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Bill Henry Edmondson



Delores Ford



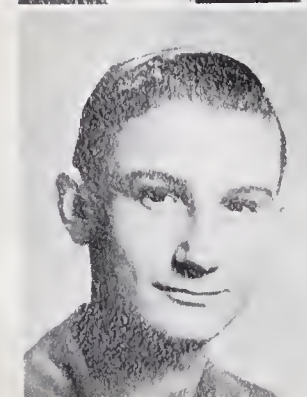
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Bradley Gray



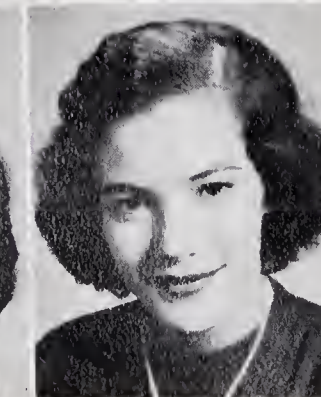
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Michael House



Marie Hux



Betsy James

Lois James

Newbie James

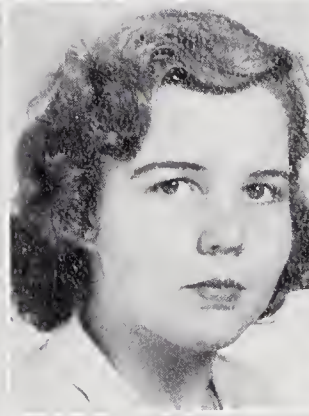
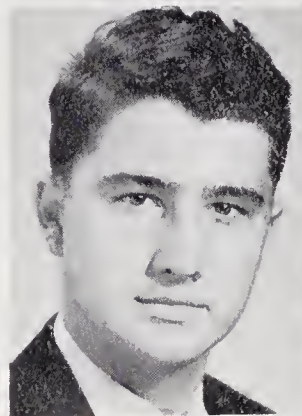
Betty Jean Keel



Bill Latham

Sherre Latham

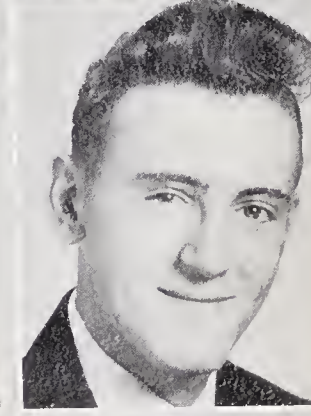
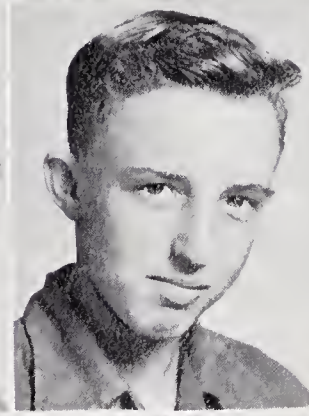
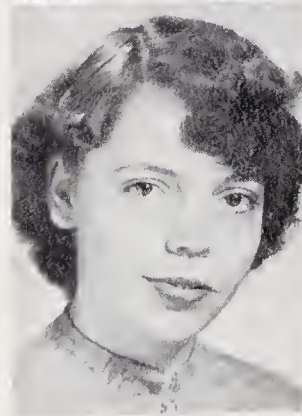
Doris Meeks



Barbara Morris

John Pritchard

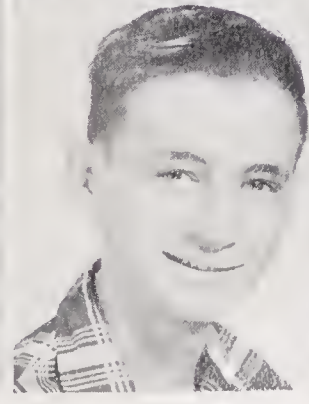
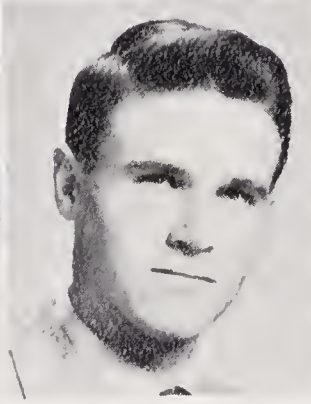
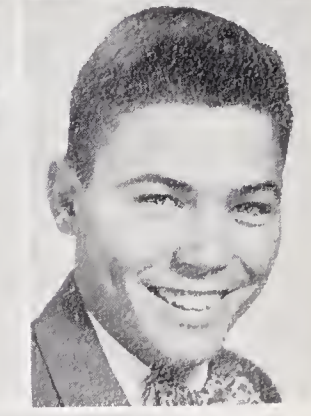
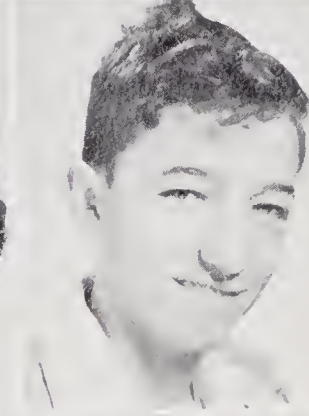
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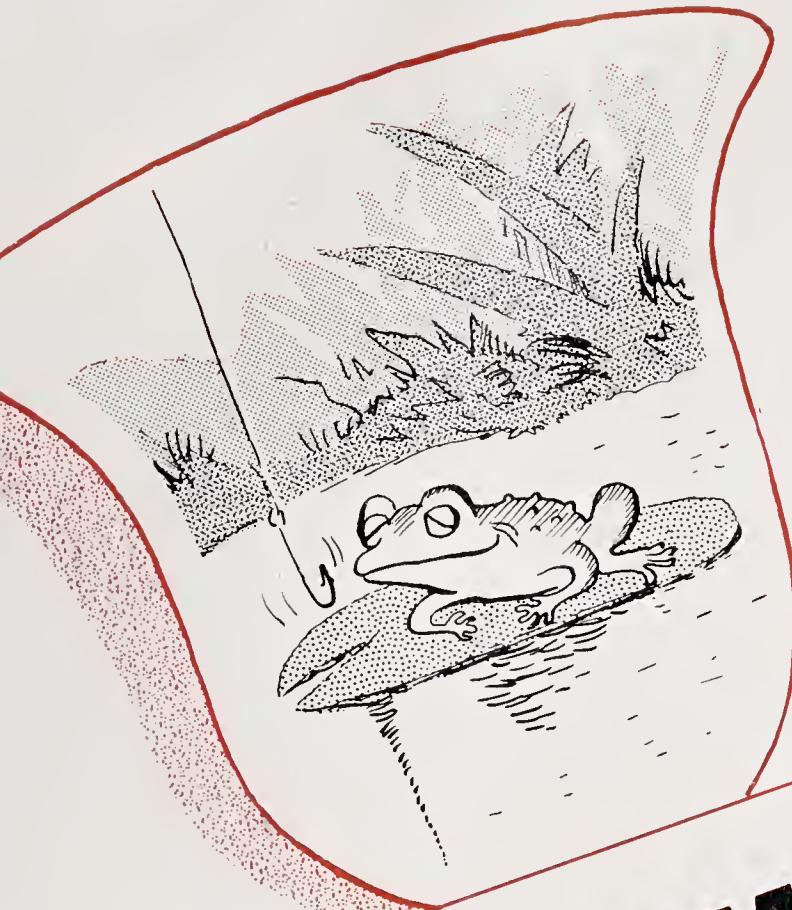


Barbara Whitehurst

Billy Whitehurst

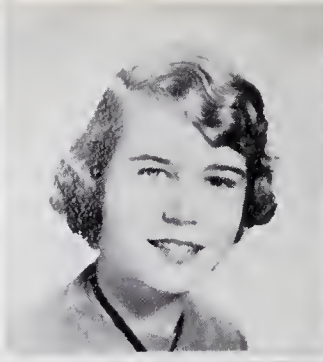
James Earl Whitley

Janelle Whitley



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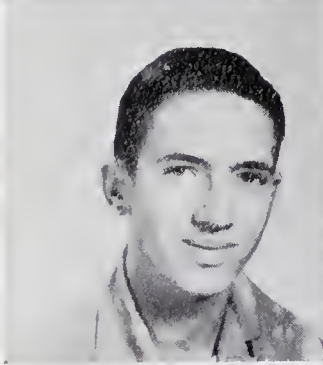
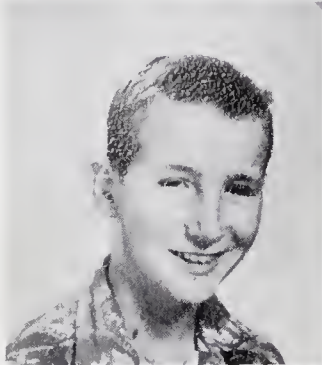




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President

Janie Johnson
Vice-President

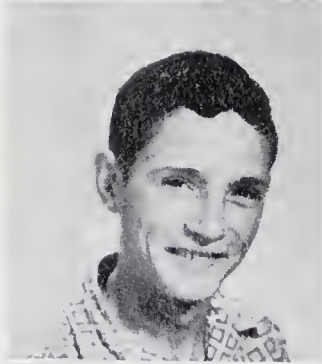
Shirley Jean Whitehurst
Secretary-Treasurer



Dan Anderson

Dalton Briley

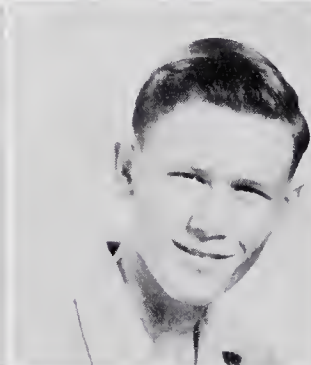
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J. B. Briley

Rebecca Briley

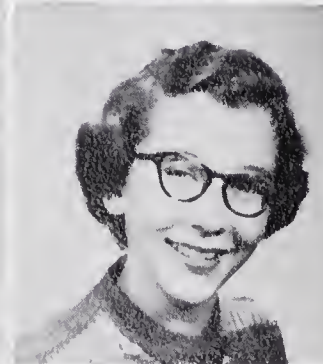
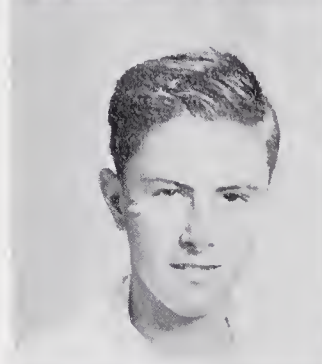
Sammy Carson



Lawrence Cobb

Dalton Council

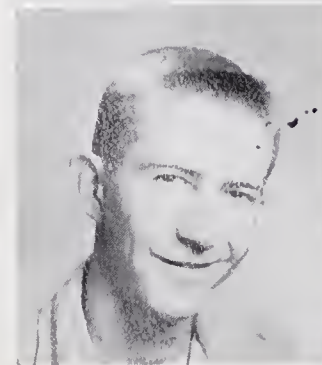
James Davenport



Dick Gurganus

Shirley Ann Hardy

Janice Hux



Ralph Jacobs

Becky Keel

Carlton Keel

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Hattie Jean Manning

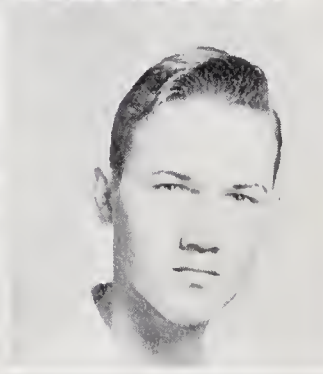
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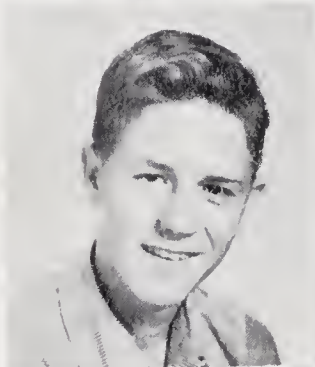
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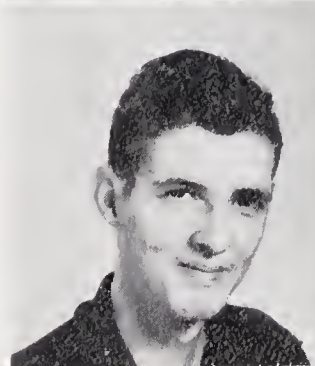
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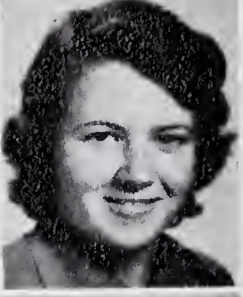
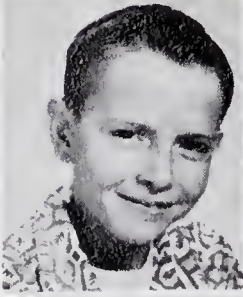
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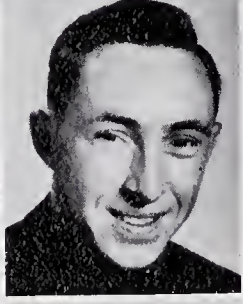
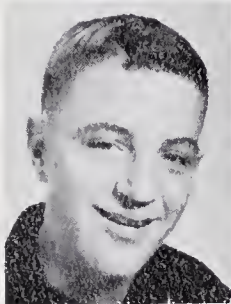
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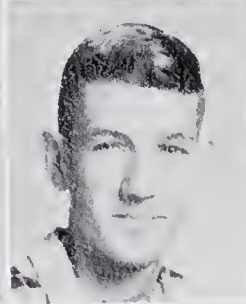
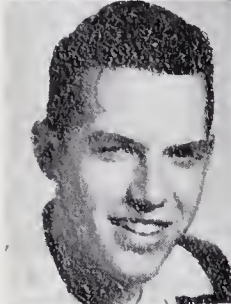
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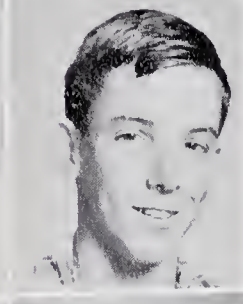
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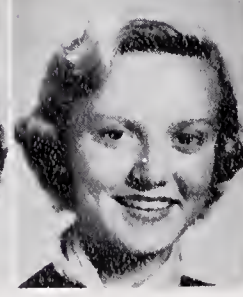
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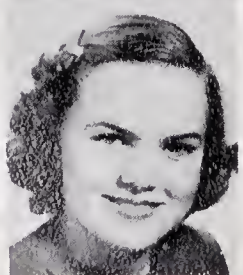
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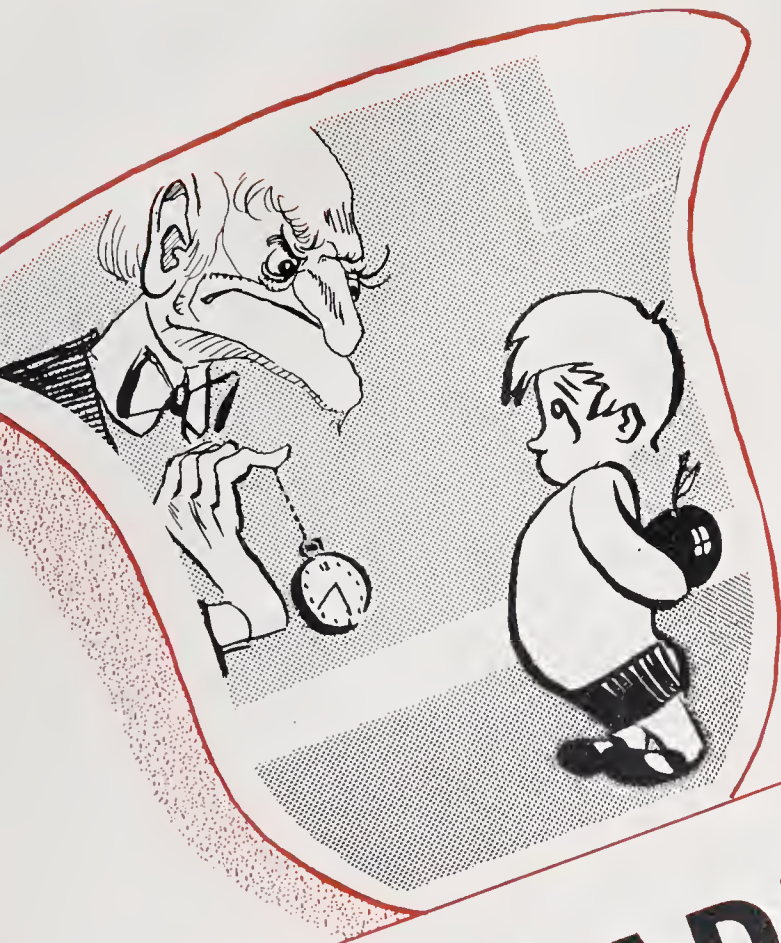
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Butch Smith
Horace Mendenhall



Jean Stewart
Wade Ward
Essie Whitehurst
Jenny Whitehurst



Sarah Whitehurst
Not Pictured:
Reba Padgett



GRADES



Eighth Grade



First Row: Manley Bedenbough, Ray Bell, Garland Briley, Loretta Bullock, Marvin Butler, Shelby Jean Carson, Barbara Ann Dail, William Davenport.

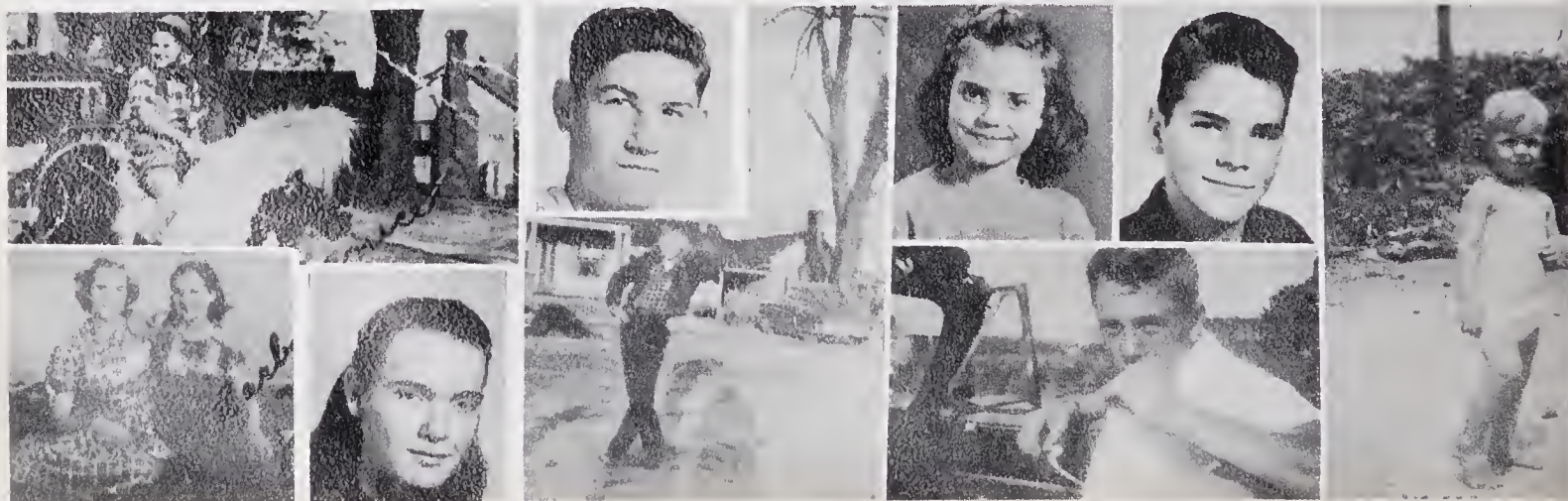
Second Row: Maurice Davis, Janice Doughtie, Connie Garrenton, Patsy Harris, Janice Hope-well, Gene Johnson, Margie Johnson, Dennis Knox.

Third Row: Joe Lassiter, Raymond Latham, Anna Lou Manning, Carl Manning, Lona Manning, Danny Martin, Janie Rollins, Eugene Roberson.

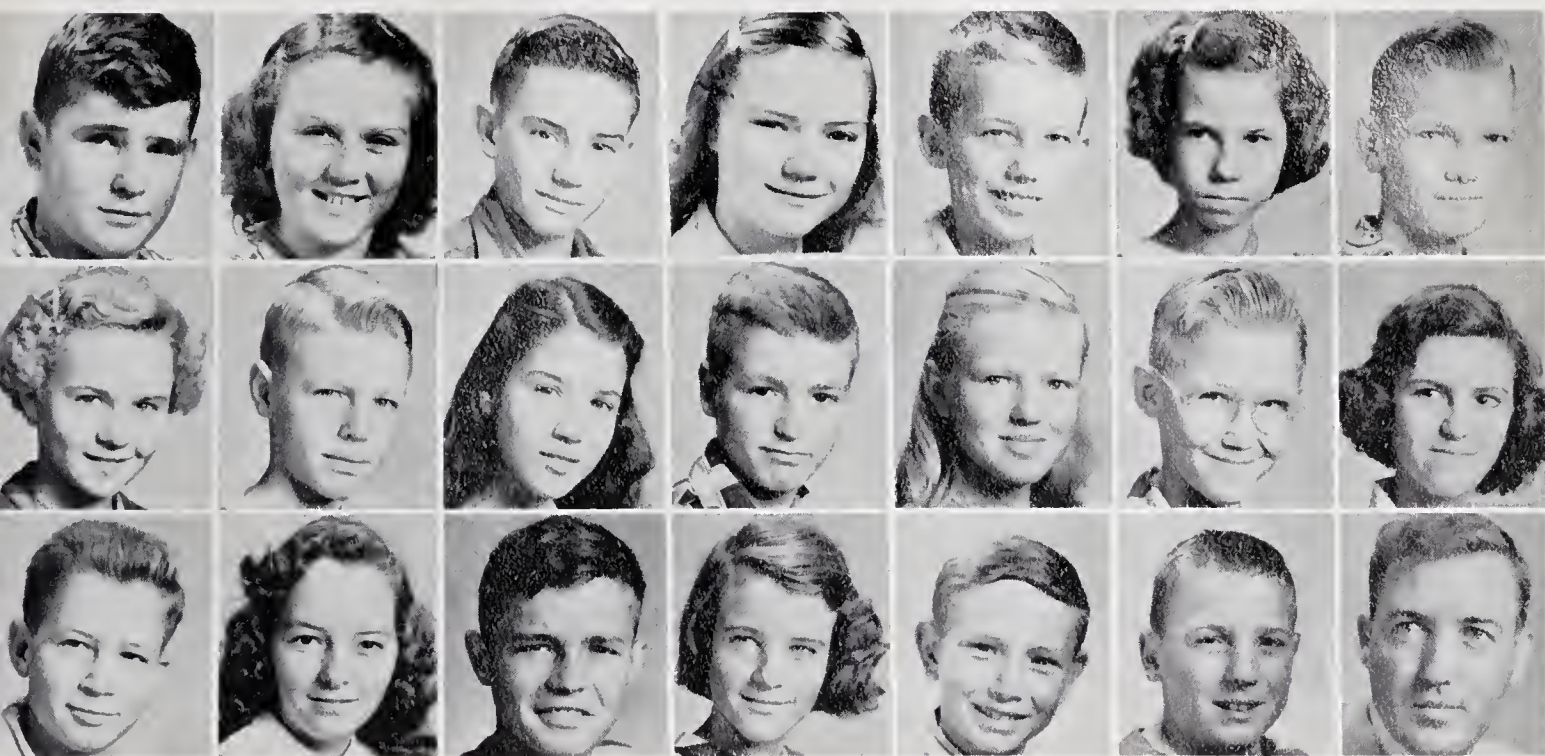
Fourth Row: Roy Scott, Ann Stocks, Vance Taylor, Charles Ward, Aldine White, Willard White, Benny Whitehurst, Kenneth Whitehurst.

Fifth Row: Ruel Whitehurst, Kenneth Williams.

Not Pictured: Roy Alton Briley, Helen Brown, Sudie O'Mary.



Seventh Grade



First Row: James Whaley, Jean Griffin, John Whitehurst, Ruby Eakes, Tommy Whitehurst, Mamie Keel, Lee Williams.

Second Row: Judy Whitehurst, Billy Andrews, Esther Marriner, Lonnie Ayres, Edna Respass, Charlie Padgett, Ann Briley.

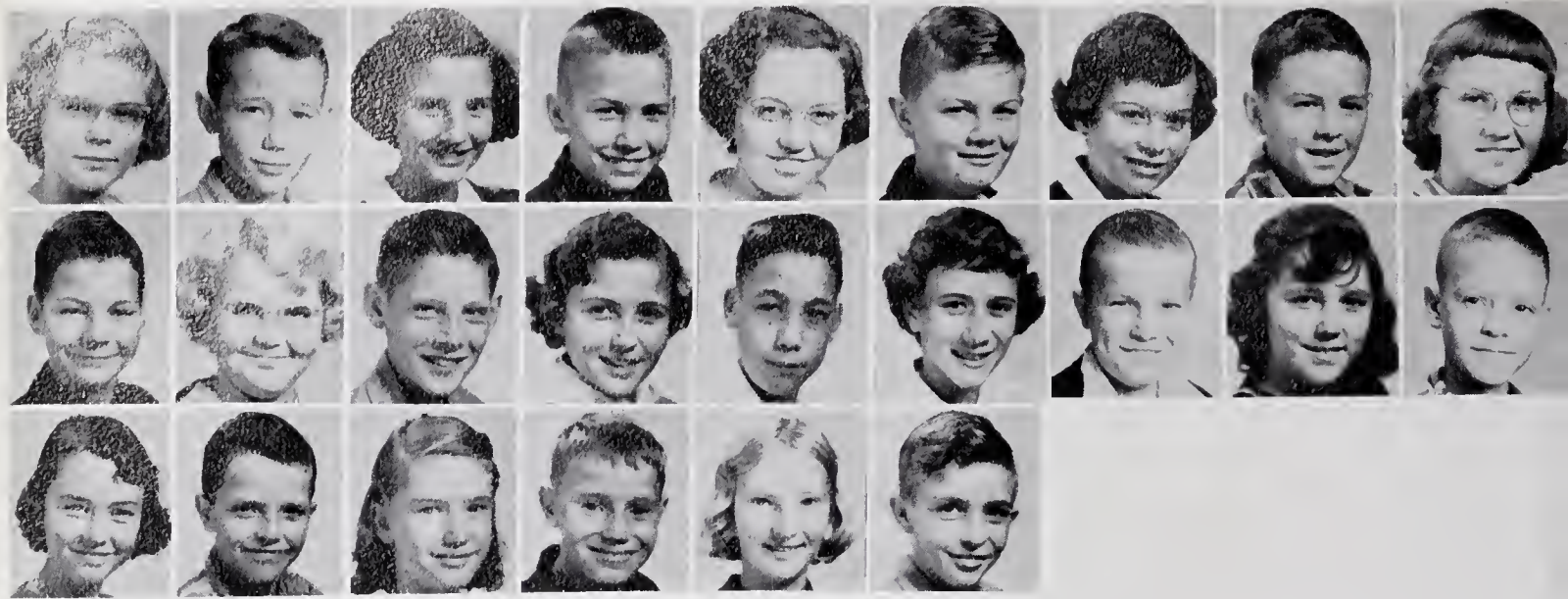
Third Row: Edward Earl Keel, Dorothy Moore, Gerald Malloy, Iris Padgett, William Daniels, Bobby Scott, Mr. William Berry, Teacher and Elementary School Principal.

In Memoriam



In honor of Kenneth Alexander, son of Rev. and Mrs. D.W. Alexander and member of our class, we dedicate to his memory this page of our annual. Kenneth was fatally shot while on a hunting trip on January 10, 1953. His sudden departure was a tragedy that deeply hurt the entire school. We, of the seventh grade of which he was an active part, were deeply grieved at his passing. Kenneth was a member of the Sweet Gum Grove Free Will Baptist Church where his father was pastor. Rev. Alexander was also a member of the Bethel School Committee. We who knew Kenneth will not soon forget the outstanding qualities that made him a leading student and a trusted friend.

Sixth Grade



First Row: Ann Mazingo, Jimmy Hardy, Elizabeth Butler, Larry Stewart, Patricia Carson, Franklin Whitehurst, Laurel Thigpen, Kenneth Gray, Mavis Padgett.

Second Row: Eugene Moore, Olivia Whitehurst, Jack Whichard, Jean Simmons, Donald Hatchel, Judy Cullifer, Horace Scott, Gaynell Mazingo, James Ivey.

Third Row: Kay Rogerson, Robert Briley, Dorothy Bell, Preston Whaley, Josephine Butler, Buddy Taylor.
Teacher: Mrs. Jackson.

Fifth Grade



First Row: Marcene Respass, David Lee Hatchel, Linda Briley, Gene Keel, Carol Roberson, Ray Keel, Beverly Staton, John Henry Keel, Gertie Beacham.

Second Row: Dalton Williams, Carrie Lee Whitehurst, Troy Knox, Elizabeth Elks, Jerry Williams, Jacqueline Elks, Buddy Whitehurst, Malese Mazingo, Jackie James.

Third Row: Shirley Whitehurst, David Whitley, Faye Griffin, Gene Jones, Peggy Ivey, Jerry Williams, Harvey Whaley. Teacher: Miss Warren.

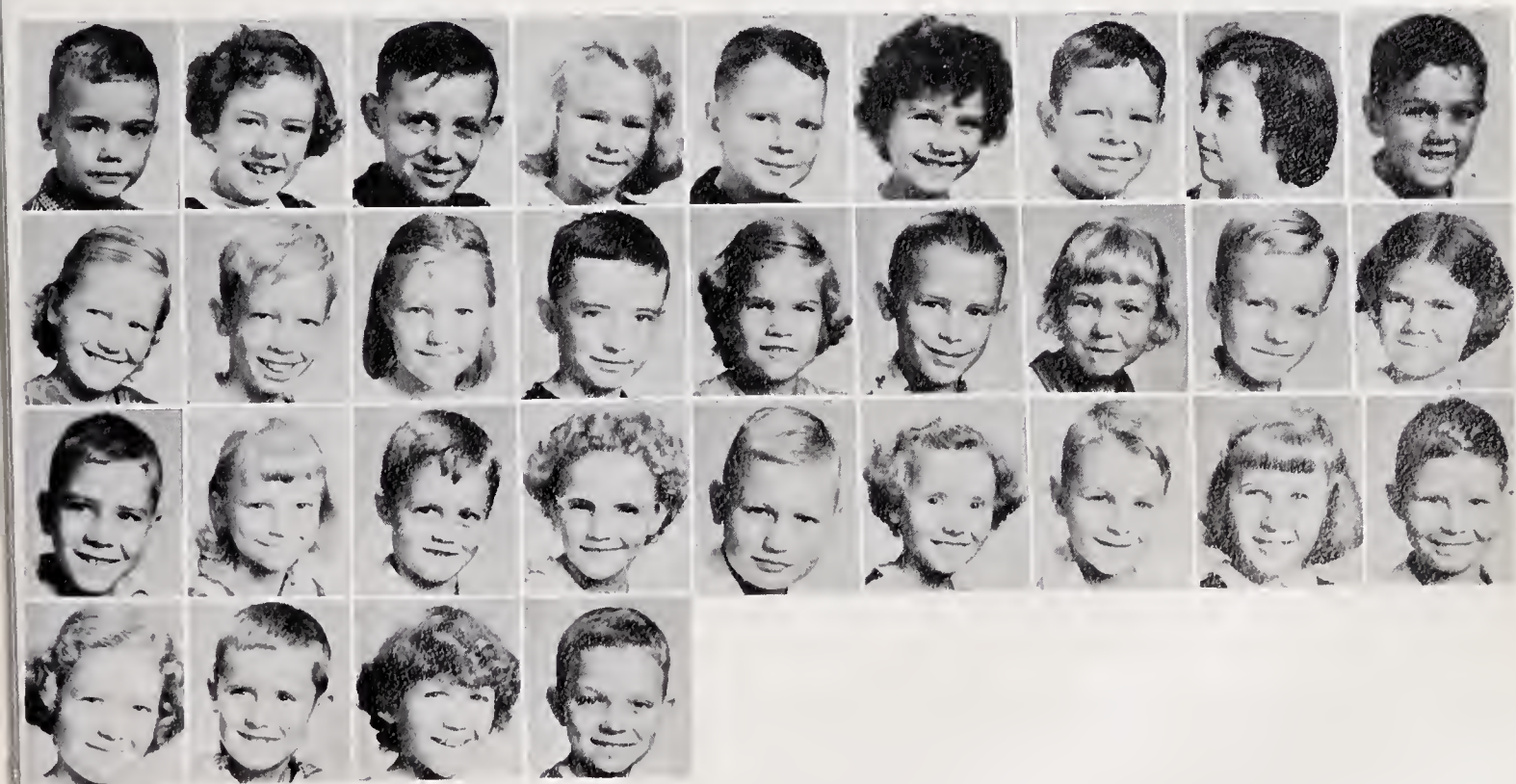
Fourth Grade



First Row: Louise Modlin, Richard Lewis, Carolyn Stewart, James Ayers, Bonnie Faye Smith, Danny Rollins, Sylvia Gardner, Clifton Everett, Donna Keel.
 Second Row: John Smith, Carolyn Keel, W.T. Taylor, Margaret Nelson, Carl Cullifer, Jean Stocks, Harvey Lewis, Carolyn Manning, Clayton Earl Briley.
 Third Row: Peggy Highsmith, John Marshall Whitehurst, Ann Taylor, Billy Martin, Jane Crandell, Cleve Moore, Margaret Rose Edmondson, Jimmy Scott, Peggy Johnson.
 Fourth Row: Tommy Malloy. Teacher: Mrs. McWhorter.

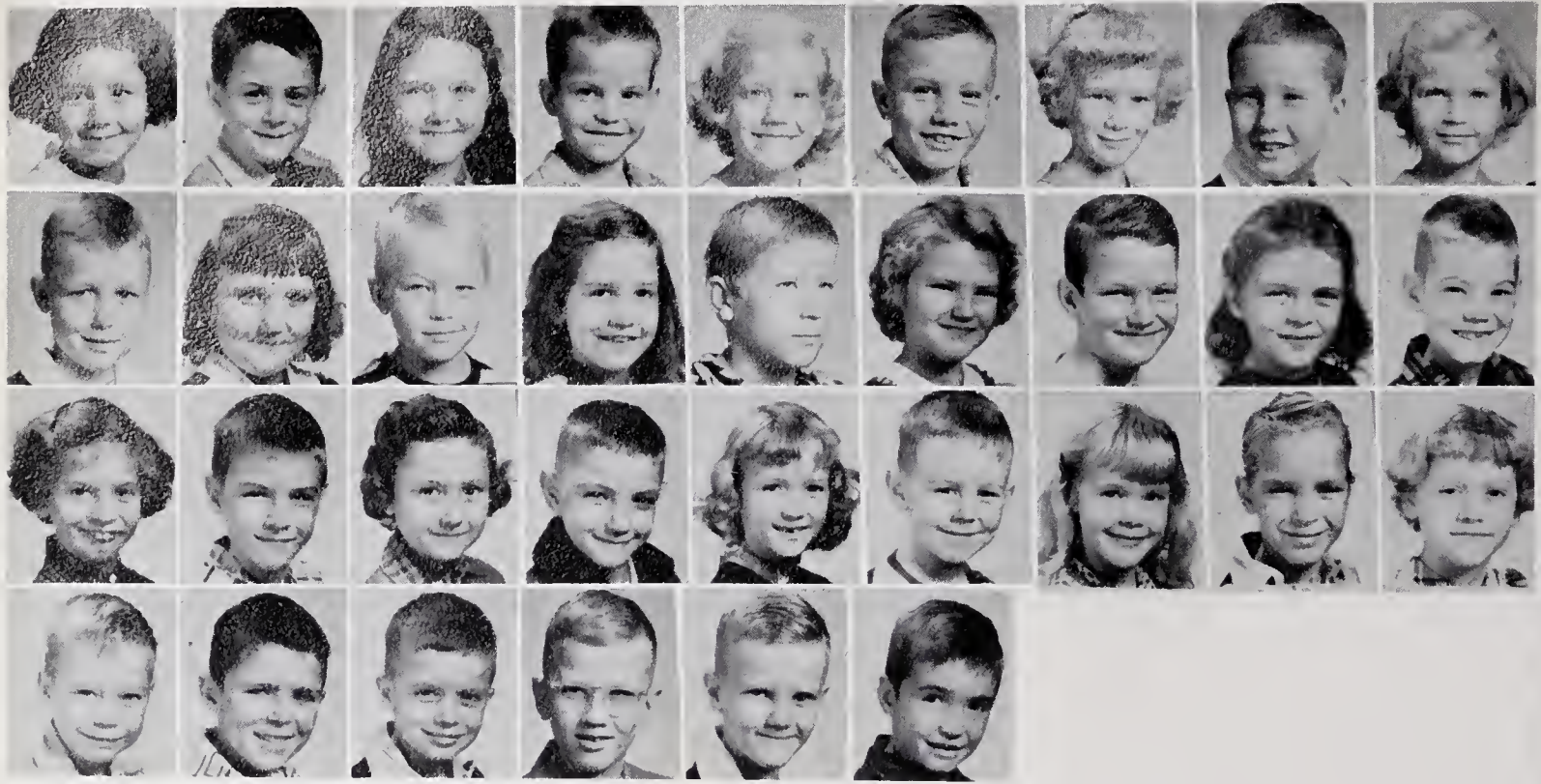


Third Grade



First Row: Bert Carson, Connie Shelton, Herman Daniels, Joe Anne Whitehurst, Bobby Smith, Wanda Cisco, Randy Marshall, Brenda Williams, Billy Griffin.
 Second Row: Janice Scott, Beryl Spain, Alma Respress, Bobby Bell, Joan Garrenton, Jimmy Lewis, Lucille Cherry, Gene Carson, Linda Jones.
 Third Row: Sammie Whitehurst, Janelle Keel, Jimmy Johnson, Edith Briley, Don Dewar, Mavis Butler, Phillip Jenkins, Janet Cobb, Rufus Carson.
 Fourth Row: Grace James, Jimmy Keel, Emma Padgett, Douglas Modlin. Teacher: Mrs. Thomas.

Second Grade



First Row: Linda Davenport, James Horace Tetterton, Judy Woolard, Billy Blake, Jayce Keel, Mickey Davis, Linda Martin, Harry Latham, Delares Raebuck.
 Second Row: Sammy Dewar, Sandra Stewart, Jahny Respass, Nancy James, Alvin Keel, Tris Briley, Vernon Williams, Julia Russel Rives, Jesse Gray Thomas.
 Third Row: Brenda Briley, Joe Hunnicutt, Rase Ivey, Jack Weathersby, Peggy Marriner, Fred Mazinga, Fay Griffin, Roger Spain, Bonnie Leggett.
 Fourth Row: E. G. Eakes, Billy Woolard, Woody Taylor, Benny Alexander, Stewart Briley, Tammy Bell.
 Teacher: Mrs. Jacobs

First Grade



First Row: Jayce Stocks, Billy Briley, Betty Ann Madlin, Neil Whitehurst, Sandra Leggett, Gray Manning, Lala White, Steve Whitehurst, Edna Mallay.
 Second Row: Tex Everett, Mae Bland, Buck Briley, Mary Sue Watson, Jimmy Bell, Carol Manning, Tay Thomas, Ginger Young, Jahnne Whitaker.
 Third Row: Betty Garrentan, Gerald McGawan, Sue Mazinga, Alvin Griffin, Patsy Jae Gurganus, Jimmy Keel, Ann Lewis, Jack Lewis, Mable Keel.
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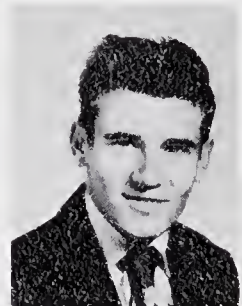
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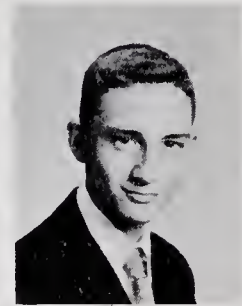
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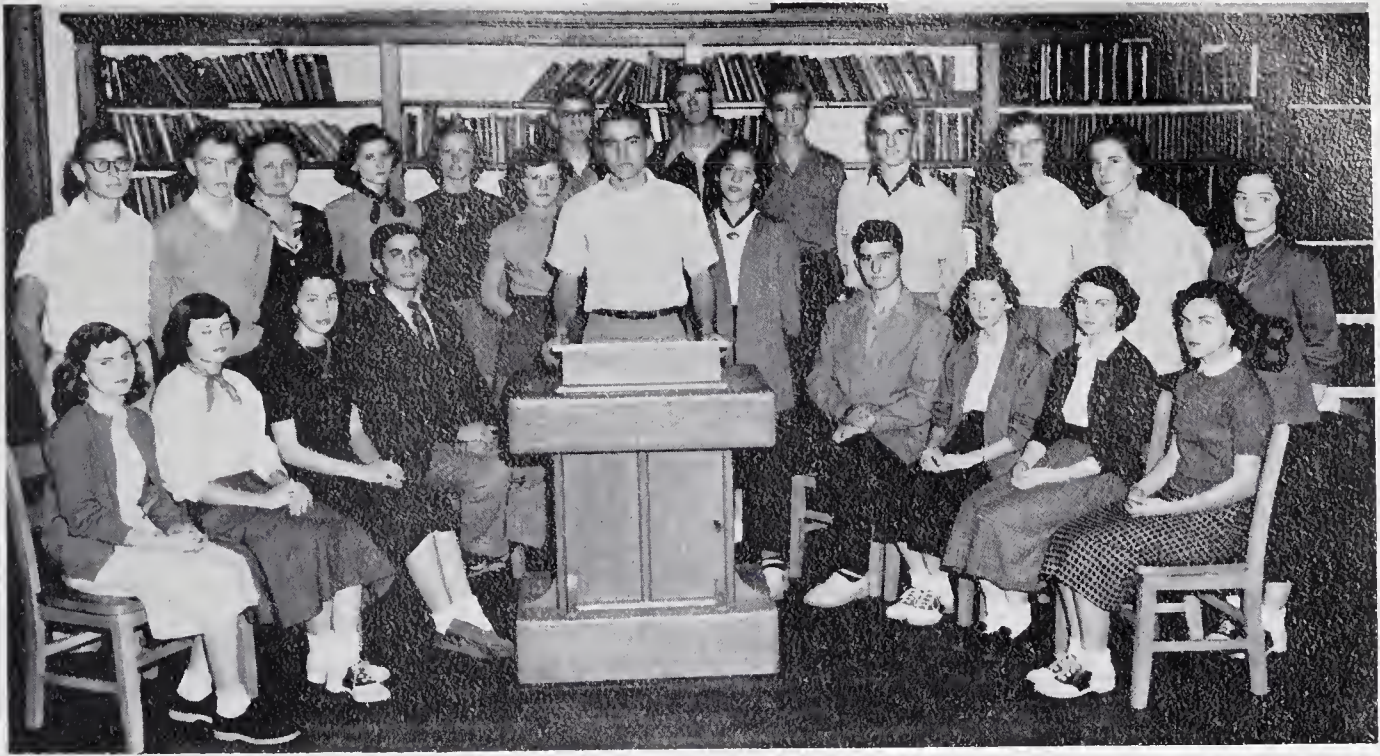
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Class Editor



Cecil Riddick
Art Editor



Forensic Club



Standing: Wade Ward, Tom Carson, Mrs. Latham, Sponsor; Mary Jo Wynne, Jenny Whitehurst, Barbara Whichard, B.F. Goodall, Angus Bowers, President; Larry Tetterton, Jean Stewart, Michael House, Bryan Latham, Sybil Briley, Carrie Ayres, Isabel Manning.
Sitting: Peggy Joyce Whitehurst, Edith Doughtie, Secretary; Norma Williamson, Jack Wynne, Bill Latham, Ernell Wilson, Arlene Manning, Janie Edmondson, Vice-President.

Student Council



Standing: Lona Manning, Sammy Carson, Tom Carson, Bill Latham, Edith Doughtie, Jenny Whitehurst, Willard White.
Sitting: Mr. W.C. Latham, Advisor; Shirley Ann Hardy, Secretary; Angus Bowers, President; Janie Edmondson, Robert Nelson.

Future Homemakers of America



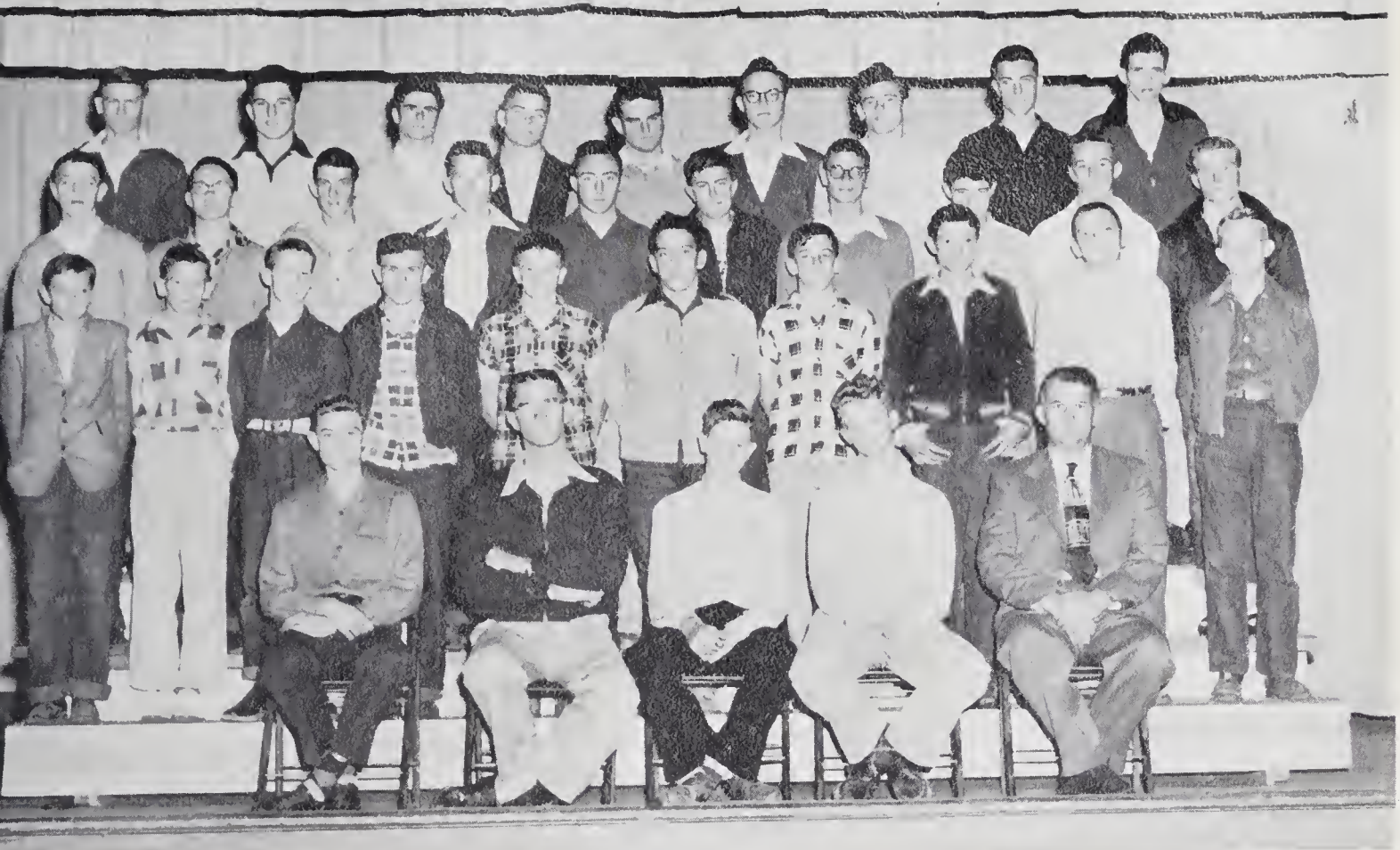
First Row: Barbara Whichard, Treasurer; Carrie Ayres, Vice-President; Edith Doughtie, President; Ernell Wilson, Secretary; Mrs. Mayo, Advisor.

Second Row: Corrine Briley, Arlene Manning, Lois James, Shirley Wilson, Doris Meeks, Delores Ford, Janelle Whitley, Betty Marie Andrews, Mary Ann Manning, Janie Edmondson.

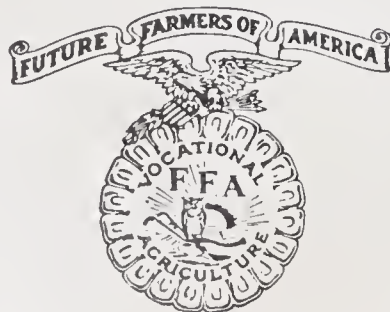
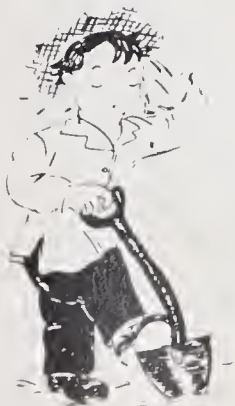
Third Row: Mary Jo Wynne, Jenny Whitehurst, Becky Keel, Shirley Jean Whitehurst, Jean Stewart, Norma Williamson, Mary Whitley, Betsy James, Barbara Ann Whitehurst.



Future Farmers of America



First Row: Michael House, Vice-President; Larry Tetterton, President; Marshall Tetterton, Treasurer; Bruton Edmondson, Mr. Dewar, Advisor.
 Second Row: Charlie Briley, Wilbur Meeks, Dan Anderson, Larry Anderson, Durwood White, Butch Smith, Horace Mendenhall, J.B. Briley, Sammy Carson, Bobby Whitehurst.
 Third Row: Tom Carson, Dalton Briley, James Johnson, Bobby James, Thomas Hopewell, Dick Gurganus, Wade Ward, Herbert Briley, Carlton Keel, Cecil Riddick.
 Fourth Row: James Davenport, Bryan Latham, Edward Briley, B.B. Tetterton, William Whitehurst, Billy Staton, Robert Nelson, David Weathersby, Sherwood White. Not Pictured: Bobby Edmondson, Secretary.



Cheerleaders



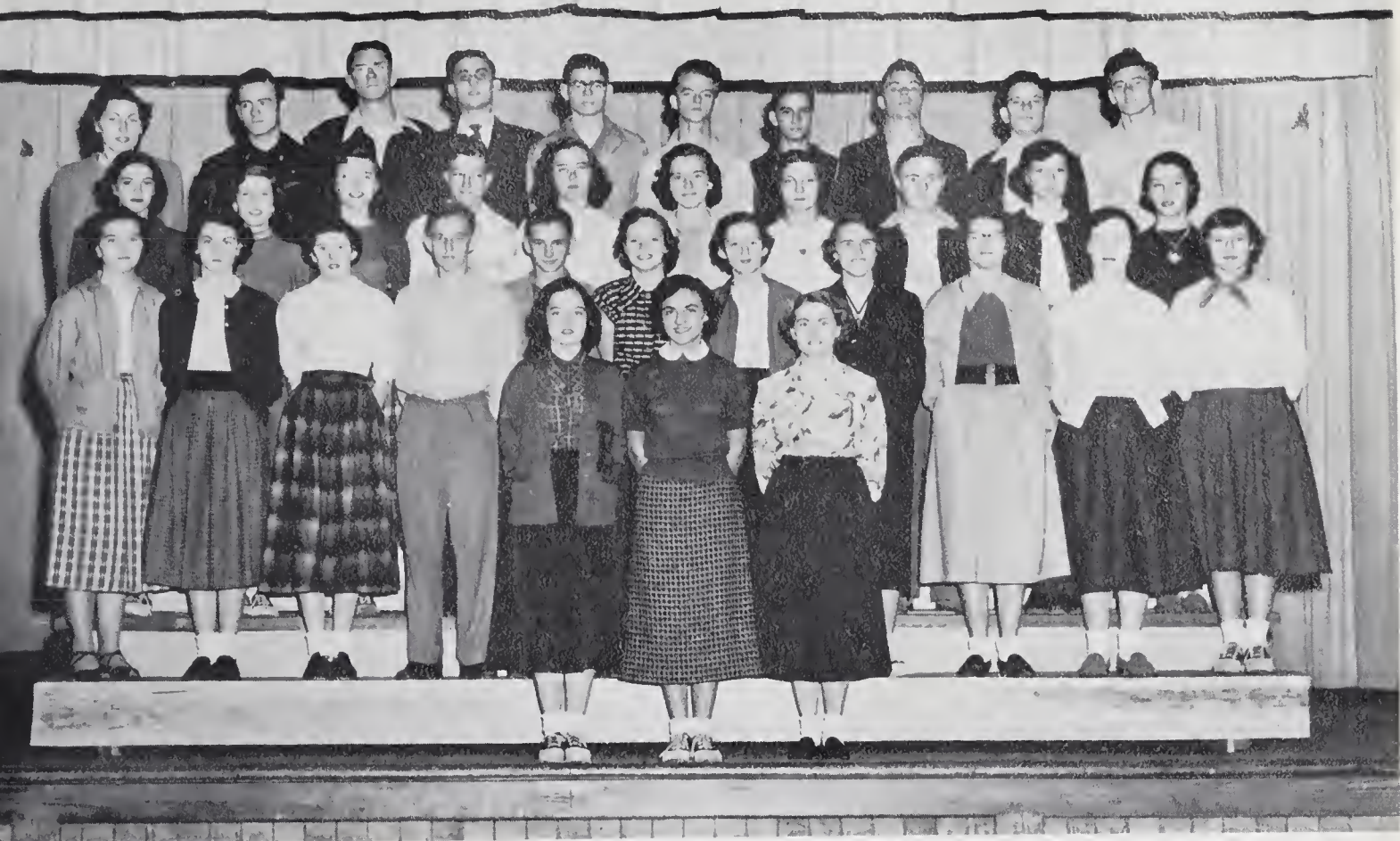
Mary Jo Wynne, Edith Doughtie, Janelle Whitley, Janie Edmondson, Chief; Mary Ann Manning, Shirley Jean Whitehurst, Becky Keel. Not Pictured Jenny Whitehurst.

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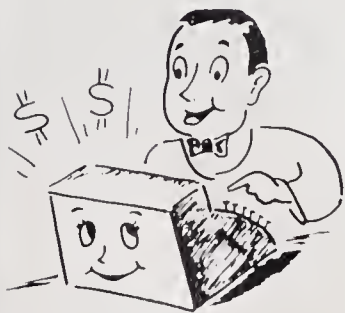


Seated: Corrine Briley, Circulation Manager; Robert Nelson, Sports Editor; Sybil Briley, News Editor and Grammar School Editor; Norma Williamson and Ernell Wilson, Co-Editors; Bruton Edmondson, Business Manager; Virginia Johnson, Managing Editor. Standing: Janie Edmondson, Reporter; Arlene Manning, Copy Editor and Exchange Editor; Isabel Manning, Grammar School Editor; Sherre Latham, Reporter; Doris Meeks, Reporter; Barbara Ann Whitehurst, Art Editor; Buddy Benton, Assistant Business Manager; Mrs. Dewar, Advisor; Jack Wynne, Reporter; Jean Whitehurst, Reporter; Larry Tetterton, Class Editor; Carrie Ayres, Reporter; Bobby Rollins, Reporter; Delores Ford, Copy Editor; Edith Doughtie, Reporter; Lula Belle Briley, Clubs Editor; Betty James, Reporter.

Future Business Leaders of America



Front Row: Isabel Manning, Sec. -Treas.; Janie Edmondson, President; Betty Marie Andrews, Vice-President.
Second Row: Newbie James, Arlene Manning, Doris Meeks, John Pritchard, James Whitley, Lula Belle Briley, Ernell Wilson, Virginia Johnson, Betty James, Delores Ford, Edith Doughtie.
Third Row: Betsy James, Lois James, Barbara Ann Whitehurst, R.I. Taylor, Sybil Briley, Carrie Ayres, Jean Whitehurst, Bradley Gray, Marie Hux, Norma Williamson.
Fourth Row: Mrs. Dewar, Advisor; Arthur Richardson, Larry Tetterton, B.F. Goodall, Bruton Edmondson, Buddy Benton, B.B. Tetterton, Bobby Rollins, Robert Nelson. Not Pictured: Bobby Edmondson.





Glee Club



First Row: Miss Stewart, Director; Peggy Joyce Whitehurst, Janelle Whitley, Janie Edmondson, Becky Keel, Mary Ann Manning, Betty Marie Andrews, Virginia Johnson.

Second Row: Rebecca Briley, Patricia Davenport, Doris Meeks, Lula Belle Briley, Ernell Wilson, Shirley Wilsan, Mary Jo Wynne, Jenny Whitehurst, Barbara Whichard, Jean Manning.

Third Row: Mary Frances Whitehurst, Barbara Leggett, Dalares Ford, Arlene Manning, Jean Stewart, Shirley Ann Hardy, Barbara Whitehurst, Patricia Whitehurst, Norma Williamson, Betsy James, Lee Knox.

Fourth Row: Buddy Bantan, Bobby James, Angus Bowers, Brutan Edmondson, Larry Tetterton, Jack Wynne, Bobby Edmondson, William Whitehurst, Bobby Rallins.

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Billy Whitehurst,
Treasurer
Barbara Whichard
Virginia Johnson
Edith Doughtie
Ernell Wilson
Mary Frances Whitehurst
Bill Latham

Top Right
Delores Ford
Janie Johnson
Michael House,
Vice-Pres.
Shirley Ann Hardy
Norma Williamson
Betty Marie Andrews,
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Mary Jo Wynne
Angus Bowers,
President
Barbara Morris



SPORTS



Girls' Basketball

Jenny G.
Whitehurst



Front Row: Melba Dawson, Edith Doughtie, Lois James, Mary Frances Whitehurst.
Back Row: Mr. William Berry, Coach; Barbara Morris, Mary Jo Wynne, Carrie Ayres, Ann Riddick, Jenny Whitehurst.
Not Pictured: Corrine Briley, Geraldine Keel, Betty Jean Keel.

BETHEL GIRLS 1952-1953

"Learn as you go" has been the aim of the girls' team this year. After many early season mistakes the players have done just that; they have learned. Carrie Ayers, a first string guard at the beginning of the season, was switched to forward and has averaged 23 points per game. Carrie's hook shot from the center is really smooth. Mary Jo Wynne and Corrine Briley are the other first string forwards. Mary Jo, a steady performer, has really risen to "heights" several times this season being spectacular with her drive in lay ups and push shots from any position. Many have expressed amazement at her ability to hit the nets so consistently. These account for Mary Jo's 23.6 average. Corrine Briley, the other starter at forward, has improved as much as anyone on the team. Always a good team player, Corrine has found that she can really hit the nets and has racked up creditable scores on many occasions. The work of these three plus the work of Jenny Whitehurst and Lois James accounts for the 51 point average the girls have this season and ranks them with the best in offensive power.

Defensively the girls' team has been handicapped by the lack of reserves but the great work of Ann Riddick, the fine cooperative spirit and fine play of Edith Doughtie, plus the efforts of Barbara Morris and Mary Frances Whitehurst have made Bethel a respected member of the Pitt County Conference.

Boys' Basketball

Walter Bryan
Latham

Aurora White
Robert Nelson



Seated: Bradley Gray, Dalton Council, Dalton Briley, Dan Anderson.

Kneeling: Marshall Tetterton, Sammy Carson, Wade Ward, Scorekeeper; Lewis Mullen, Manager; Durwood White, Carlton Keel.

Standing: Mr. Latham, Coach; B. B. Tetterton, Bryan Latham, Bill Latham, Sherwood White, Larry Tetterton, Michael House, Robert Nelson, Mr. Dewar, Assistant Coach.

BETHEL INDIANS 1952-1953

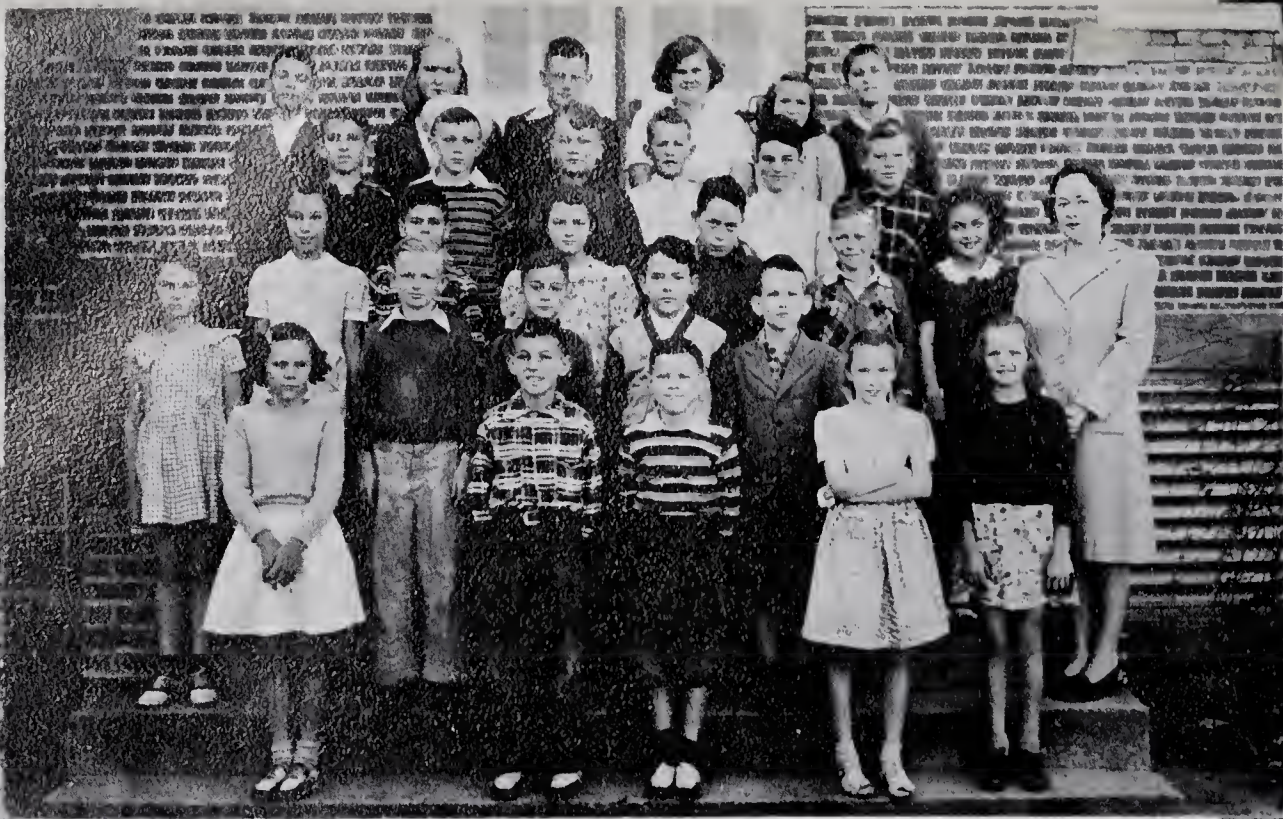
The Bethel Indians were handicapped greatly at the start of the season. They had lost by graduation the services of their three best ballplayers of the previous year's team; Bobby Gene Manning, Earl Johnson, and Vance White. The critics had a right to say the Bethel Indians were headed for a rough season. The boys were young and inexperienced, but after winning the first games by a few points, they began to gain confidence in themselves as ballplayers. They were beaten by Winterville and Ayden in succession. The papers wrote it up big, because it was big news, since the Indians have been dominating the county for the last six years and were now taking their "lumps". This was a great let down to the team, but it also was an inspiration to them to practice harder and get revenge. When these two teams came to the Indian reservation the Bethel boys lived up to the tradition of being hard to beat in their own backyard. The victory over Ayden was close but the victory over Winterville was by 32 points. The way the team has been playing and the shooting accuracy which the members of the team have shown, it now appears that they will stay on top in the county standing. Their incomparable coach Mr. Latham is certainly worthy of high praise for taking these young and inexperienced boys and molding them into what we all hope to be the 1953 Pitt County Champions. The Seniors, Robert Nelson and Dalton Council, fill the forward positions while Juniors Michael House and B. B. Tetterton fill the guard positions with Larry Tetterton in the center spot. The sixth man is Bill Latham. Reserves are Marshall Tetterton, Sherwood White, Dan Anderson, Carlton Keel, Bryan Latham, and Bradley Gray. They are all capable of filling the spots of the departing players. Mr. Sam Dewar is certainly due a pat on the back for the good job he has been doing training the 9th grade boys while they are young and therefore having talent coming up to the team every year. Some promising young players from the ninth grade besides Bryan Latham are Durwood White, Wade Ward, Tom Carson, Butch Smith, Bobby Earl James, Larry Anderson, Thomas Hopewell and Wilbur Meeks.



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Seniors of '53 in '46



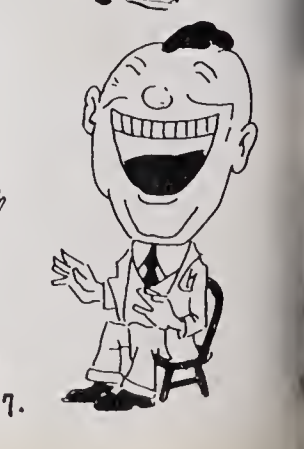
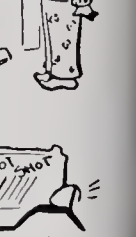
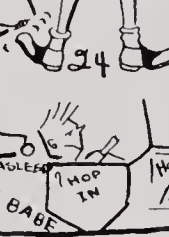
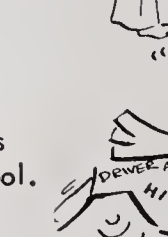
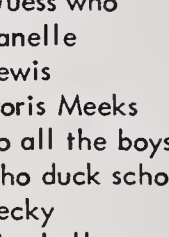
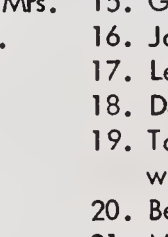
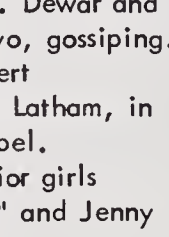
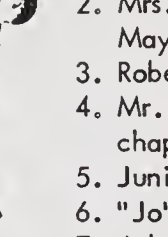
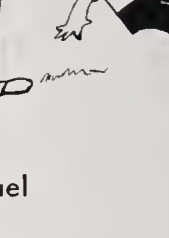
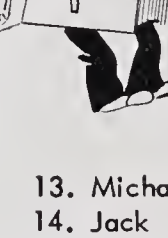
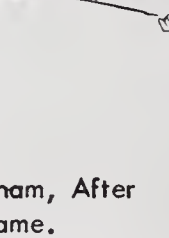
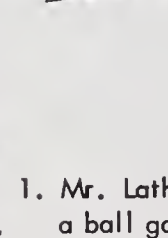
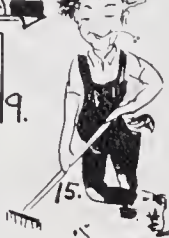
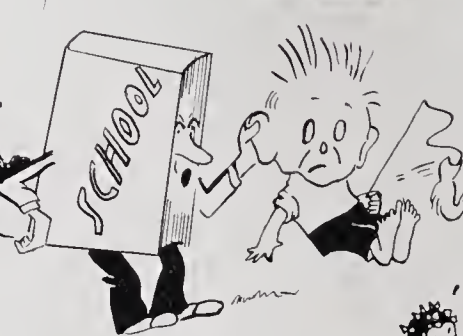
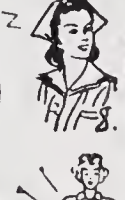
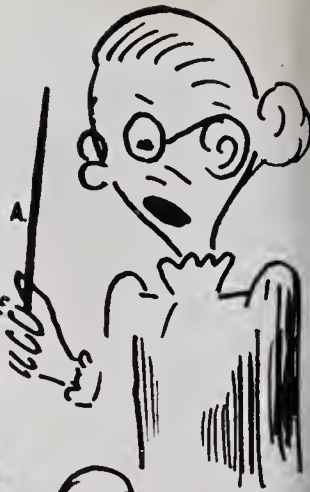
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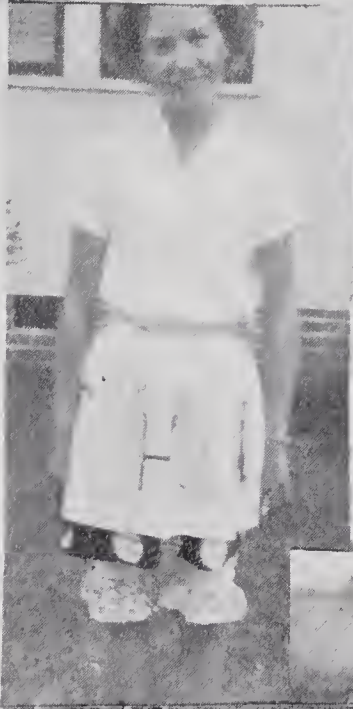
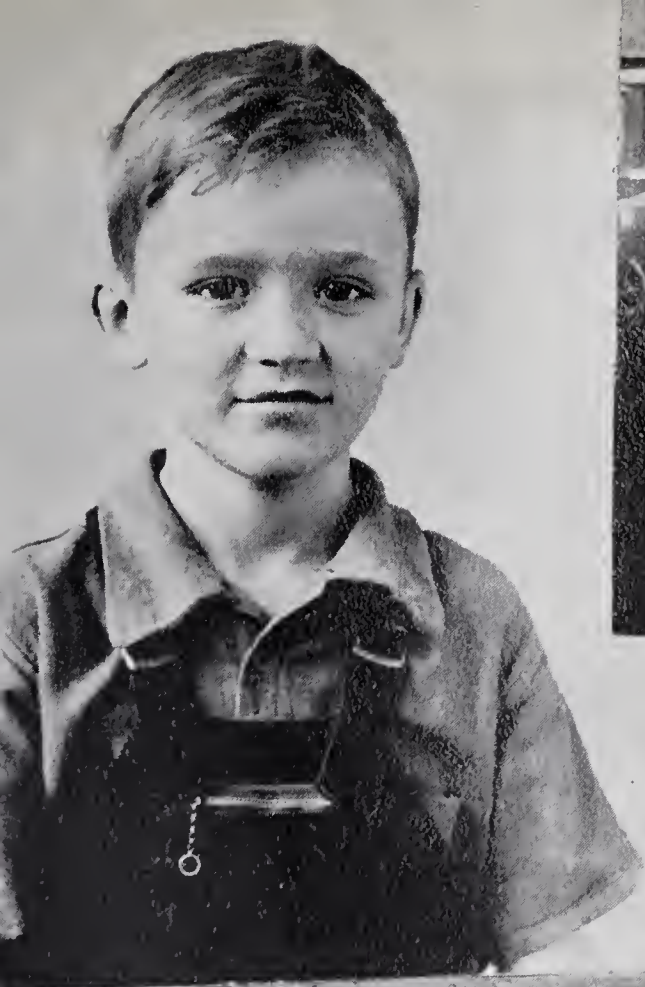


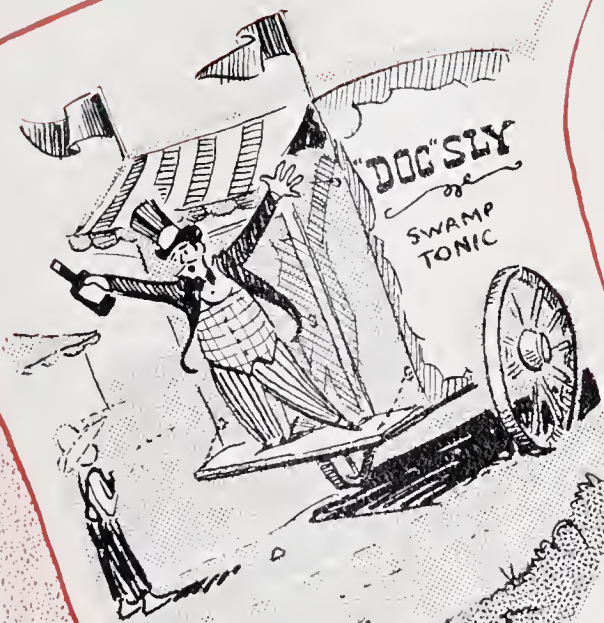
Famous Characters of Bethel High School



1. Mr. Latham, After a ball game.
2. Mrs. Dewar and Mrs. Mayo, gossiping.
3. Robert
4. Mr. Latham, in chapel.
5. Junior girls
6. "Jo" and Jenny
7. Arlene
8. Ernell
9. Lula Belle
10. Bruton
11. Ralph Jacobs
12. David Jacobs
13. Michael
14. Jack
15. Guess who
16. Janelle
17. Lewis
18. Doris Meeks
19. To all the boys who duck school.
20. Becky
21. Marshall
22. Mr. Nicholson
23. Mrs. Weeks
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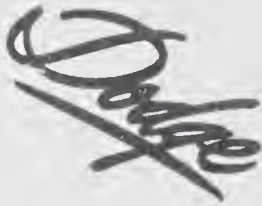
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I see you at
this afternoon
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My bullroaring friend,
I wish all the luck
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Love,
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To Fuzzy Charles
cow! who was named
after you! I wish both
of you lots of luck.
J. W.

Bryan, I will have
I guess I'll have really
to say that I have really
enjoyed the high school years
with you. I think you
are one of the sweetest
guys that ever lived.
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Good Luck
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communist, driest boys,
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(an happiness) "Butch"

in school year
have been
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By Bryan,
you are a very
nice boy, but I have
to admit you have a
big mouth sometimes.

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Dear Bryan,

Mr. ~~and~~ you has passed. I
can hardly believe it! It has seem
so funny not to be at "the" C.H." with
all my friends. Bryan, you've
always been such a sweet boy. In other
words, you're just "top" with me. I'm
so glad we're neighbors ~~so~~ am looking
forward to seeing you in the future more
than I have in the past.

Love ya,

Jane

