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## DEDICATION

The Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-three wishes to dedicate this, our annual, to the dearest people on earth to us. It is they who have made our education possible. They have been patient and understanding in all of our shortcomings. They have guided us this far in our lives. We now take this opportunity to express in a little way our great love for them and to express our gratitude for all they have done for us. So it is with humble hearts that we dedicate this annual to our dear parents.



Faculty

## FACULTY



OUR PRINCIPAL

Mr. Fred L. Safford



First Row: Mrs. O.L. Yates, Mrs. Frank Kirkpatrick, Mr. Julius P. Ross, Mrs. Glenn Noland, Mr. B.F. Nesbitt. Second Row: Mr. Glenn Noland, Miss Jean Christy, Mrs. Arnold Terrell, Mr. Frank Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Phillip Chase. Third Row: Mrs. J.R. Caldwell, Jr., Miss Edna Boyd, Mrs. Hugh L. Noland.





*Seniors*

## SENIORS

### CLASS OFFICERS



Front row, left to right: Maxine Medford, Reporter; McClain Pope, President; Betty Ruth Ferguson, Secretary. Second row: Frank Medford, Treasurer; Floyd Plemmons, Vice-President.

### MASCOTS

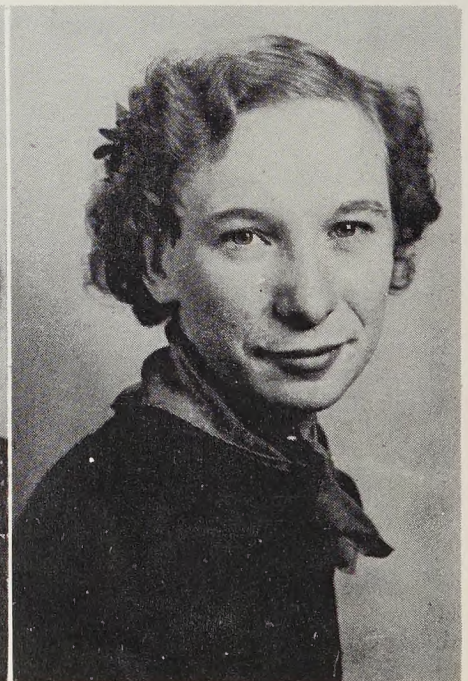
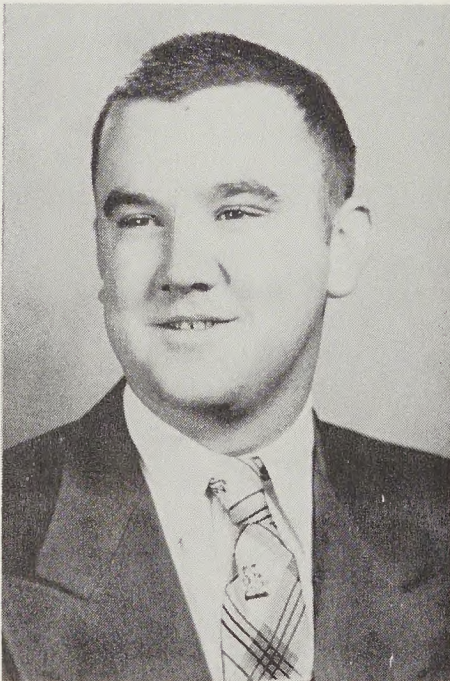
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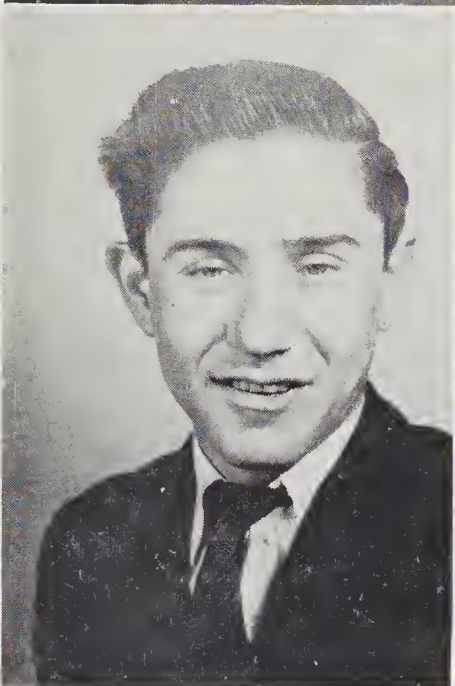
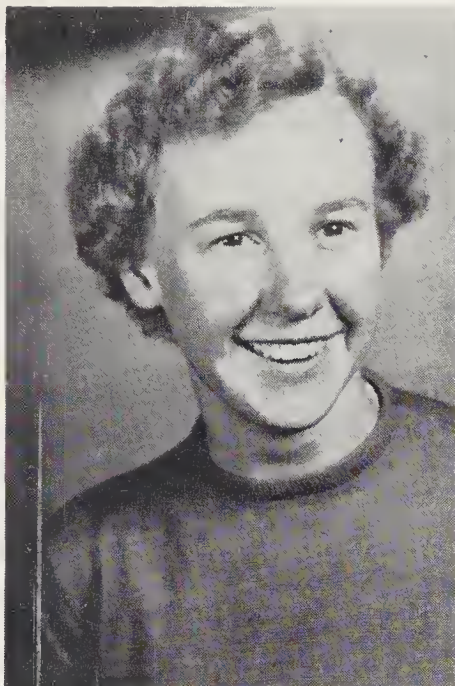
**JOE CALDWELL**  
F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; "Antics of Andrew" 3; Basketball 1,2; Treasurer of F. F. A. 4; Annual Staff 4.

**SUE DOTSON**  
F. H. A. Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Class Editor of Crabtree Hi-Life 4; Associate Circulation Manager of Highlander 4.

**BETTY RUTH FERGUSON**  
Officer of 4-H Club and F. F. A. 2,3,4; Class Secretary 4; Glee Club and Band 1,2,3,4; Co-Editor of Highlander 4; Business Manager of "Hi-Life"; Basketball 1,2.



## SENIORS



**RUTH ONA FERGUSON**  
F. H. A. Officer 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief of Highlander; Circulation Manager of Hi-Life; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

**DEWITT JAMES**  
Basketball 1, 2, 3; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

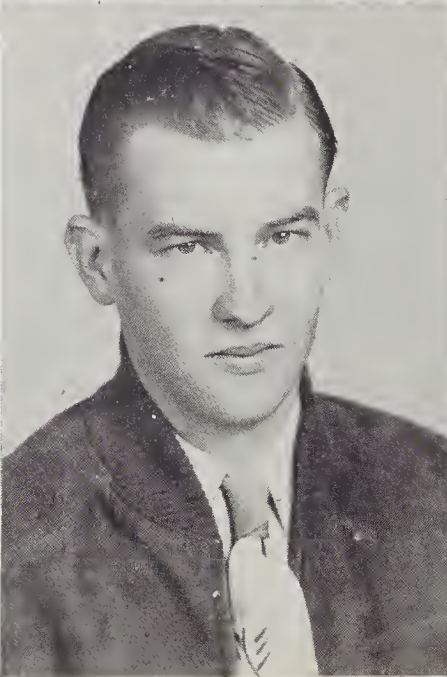
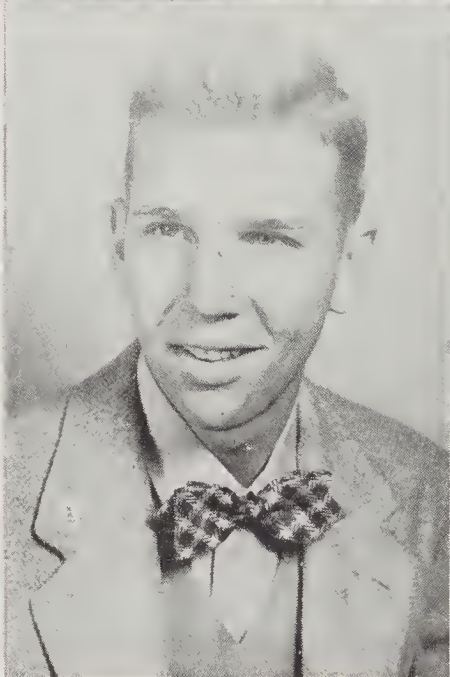
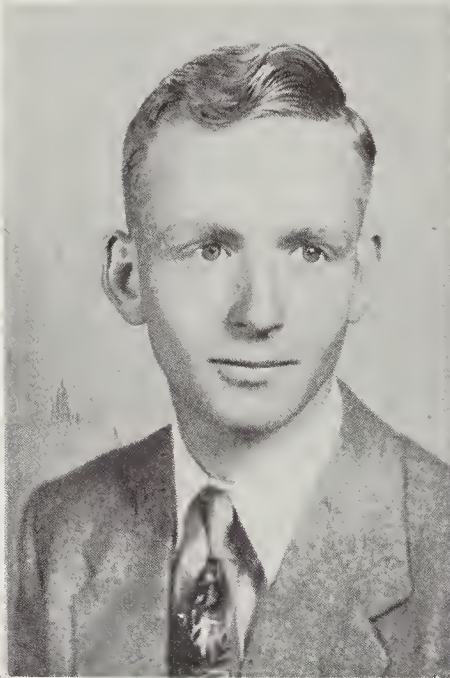
**WILMA JOLLEY**  
F. H. A. 1, 2; Glee Club 1; Song Leader of Junior Class 3; Devotional Leader 2; Society Editor of Hi-Life 4; Write-up Editor of Highlander 4.

**DAVID JONES**  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Newspaper Staff-Class Editor 4; Associate Circulation Manager of Highlander 4.

**WILFRED KINSLAND**  
F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1.

**EMELYN McCracken**  
F. H. A. President 4; F. H. A. Vice-President 2; Basketball 1, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Associate Editor of Hi-Life; Class Editor of Annual.

## SENIORS



### FRANK MEDFORD

Sports Editor of Hi-Life 4; F. F. A. & 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4; "Antics of Andrew" 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Officer of Class 1, 3, 4; Asst. Editor of Annual 4.

### MATTIE SUE MEDFORD

President of F. H. A. 1; President of 4-H Club 2; Vice-President Junior Class 3; Vice-President of County F.H.A. 3; Student Council 2; Most Outstanding 4-H Girl in County 3.

### MAXINE MEDFORD

Class Officer 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. & 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3, 4; Band & Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief of Hi-Life; County Winner in F. H. A. Dress review 1, 2.

### THAD MEDFORD

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; F. F. A. Program Committee 1; Basketball 1, 3, 4; "Antics of Andrew" 3; Circulation Manager of Hi-Life 4.

### JAMES MORROW

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 3.

### ANNIS NOLAND

Band 1; Glee Club 1, 2; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

## SENIORS

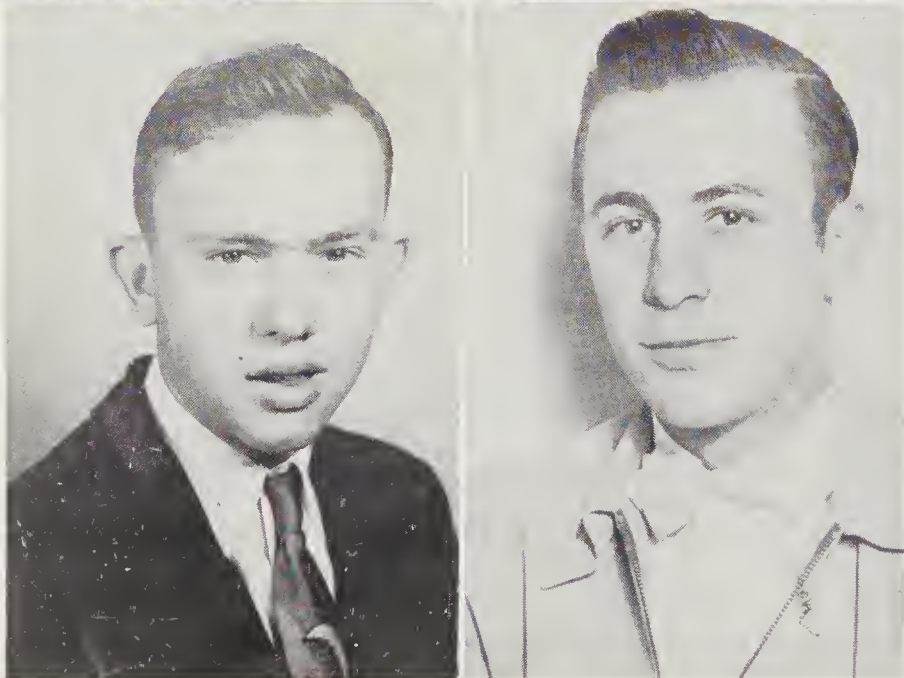
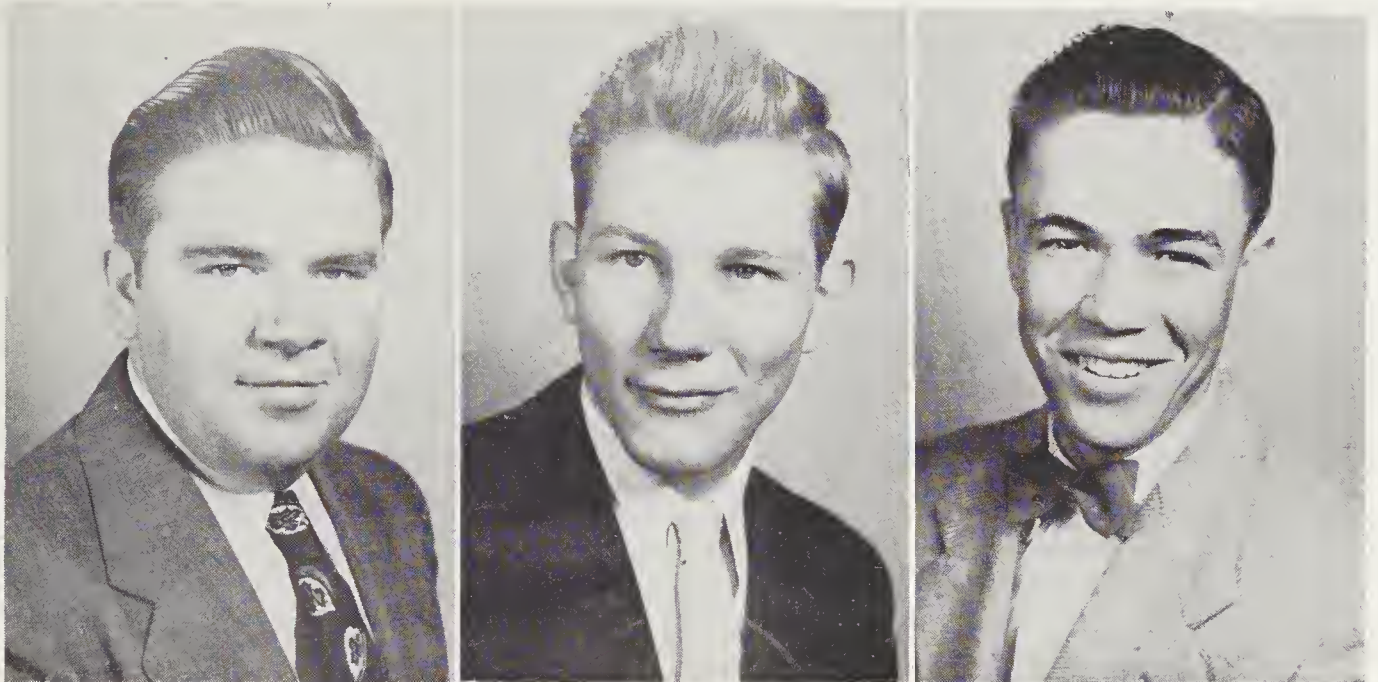
FLOYD BALDWIN PLEMMONS  
 President of F.F.A. 3, 4; President  
 of Class 3; President of 4-H Club  
 4; Vice-President of Nantahala  
 Federation of F.F.A. 4; Vice-  
 President of Class 4; 4-H & F.F.A.  
 Clubs 1, 2, 3, 4.

CLARANCE McCLAIN POPE  
 President of Class 4; Vice-Presi-  
 dent of F.F.A. 4; Basketball 1, 2,  
 3, 4; 4-H Club and F.F.A. Club  
 1, 2, 3, 4; Associate Editor of  
 "Crabtree Hi-Life"; Vice-Presi-  
 dent of Class 2.

JAMES WILLIAMSON  
 F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1, 2,  
 3, 4; Class Officer 2; "Antics of  
 Andrew."

JIMMY WOOD  
 F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; "Antics of An-  
 drew" 3; Assistant Photographer  
 of Annual 4.

HERSHEL HANEY  
 F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4;  
 "Antics of Andrew" 3; Basketball  
 1, 2, 3.



## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of 1953, being of sound mind and strong body, do hereby will and bequeath the following:

Joe Caldwell wills his bus to Edwin Bryson. He hopes that Edwin will get rich.

Sue Dotson wills her basketball suit to Shirley Smith.

Betty Ruth Ferguson leaves her voice box to Valarie Henderson.

Ruth Ferguson leaves her knitting to Sybil Bradshaw hoping that she will learn how and finish her socks.

Cash Franklin wills his art work and his skill to Jewel Dee Ferguson.

Hershel Haney wills his good attendance to Bonnie Sue Justice.

Dewitt James leaves his whiskers to Mark Brown.

Wilma Jolly leaves her algebra book to Harrison Caldwell in hopes that he will make good grades.

David Jones leaves his wiggling ears to Betty Arrington.

Wilford Kinsland leaves his good grades to Floyd Stevenson.

Thad Medford leaves all the girls to Thad Crawford.

Mattie Sue Medford leaves her musical ability to Jewel Dotson.

Maxine Medford leaves her seat in chemistry to Betty Jones.

Frank Medford leaves his winking eyes to Eddie Hill.

James Morrow leaves his bashful ways to Shirldean Holgen.

Emelyn McCracken leaves her comb, brush, and mirror to Jewel Clark.

Annis Noland leaves all the good looking boys to R.A. Gillett, in hopes that she will find the right one.

McClain Pope leaves his love for Waynesville to Johnny Crawford in hopes that he will find the right girl.

Floyd Plemmons leaves his executive ability to Roy Pope. Floyd hopes that no one will disapprove.

James Williamson leaves his giggling ways to Doris Kinsland.

Jimmy Wood leaves his sneaking ways to David Tate hoping that David won't get caught.

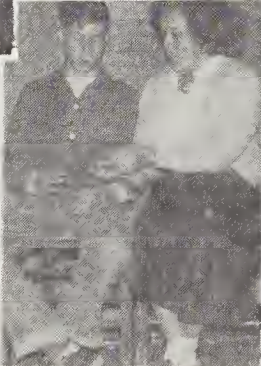
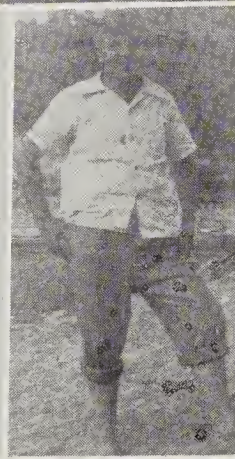
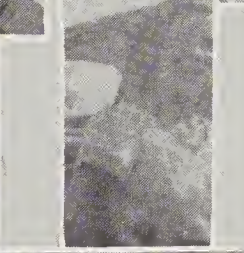
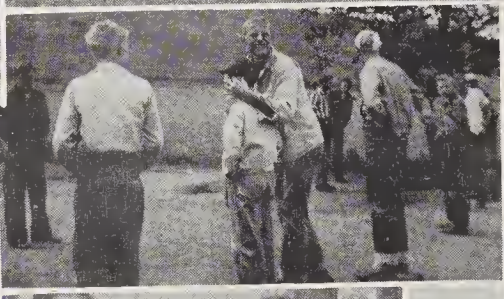
### CLASS TESTATORS

McClain Pope  
Annis Noland

BABY PICTURES



SNAPS





## CLASS HISTORY

In the fall of 1941, we the class of 1953, made our first appearance in school. We were sixty-five youngsters, all rather shy and awed by the bigness of the world away from our homes, particularly the long halls, the auditorium and---everything! Mrs. Louisa Boyd and Mrs. Cleo Rogers were our teachers.

After our first excitement, we began to get into the swing of school life, and then the years rapidly elapsed. Slowly trugging and toiling along we finally graduated into high school.

Our excitement of being in high school soon subsided and we began to get into the swing of high school life under the watchful eye of Mrs. Chase.

Before we knew it, the year was completed and we were sophomores with a little more confidence. Frank Medford was chosen president of our class and Mrs. Kirkpatrick was our sponsor.

In the fall of 1951, we returned as Juniors. We realized we had a great responsibility to shoulder. The class play had to be given, the class rings had to be ordered, and the all-important Junior-Senior Banquet at which we were to be hosts must be undertaken! Mrs. Kirkpatrick was our sponsor and Floyd Plemmons was elected president. Most of our time for a period of a few weeks was taken up with our class play, "The Antics of Andrew."

Our Junior-Senior Banquet was held on May 1, 1952, with the theme, "Lavender and Old Lace." Everything was grand will long be remembered by all who attended it.

Returning for our final year in September, 1952, under the guiding hand of Mrs. O.L. Yates, our senior sponsor, we were fully aware of the tasks ahead. McClain was elected president of the class, and we dignified (?) Seniors became fully aware of our duties. Our chief accomplishments were the class play, publishing of the "High-Life" and "The Highlander", and preparing for graduation.

The Junior-Senior Banquet will long be remembered. It was wonderful to be honored in this way.

Dean and Jean Best, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Best were elected as our Mascots.

Graduation day came before we realized it-----and the diploma!

Thus ends the first milestones in our lives.

### CLASS HISTORIANS

Emelyn McCracken  
Mattie Sue Medford

SUPERLATIVES



BEST ALL AROUND

Ruth Ferguson  
Floyd Plemmons

MOST INTELLECTUAL

Emelyn McCracken  
David Jones

MOST ATHLETIC

Maxine Medford  
Dewitt James

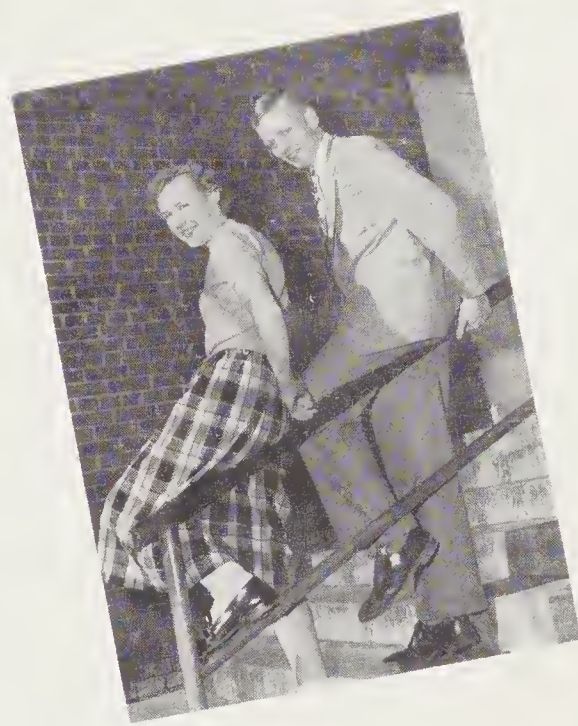
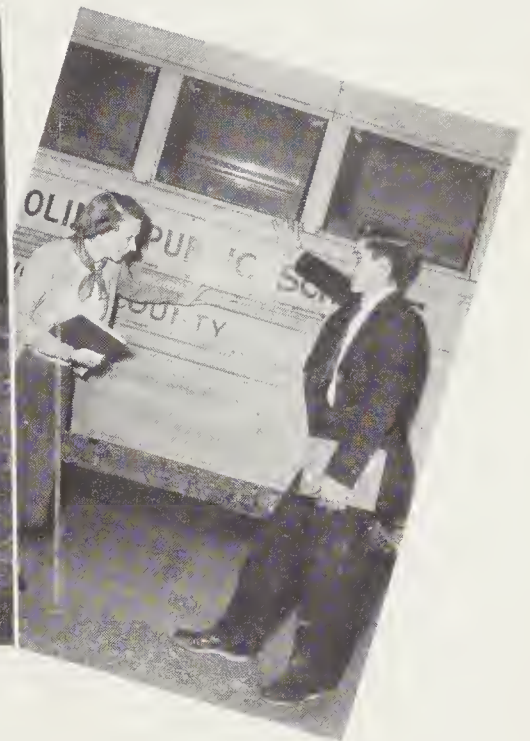
MOST MISCHIEVOUS

Betty Ruth Ferguson  
Thad Medford

MOST SINCERE

Sue Dotson  
Wilfred Kinsland

# SUPERLATIVES



## CLASS PESTS

Betty Ruth Ferguson  
Dewitt James

## CUTEST

Emelyn McCracken  
James Williamson

## MOST SCHOOL SPIRITED

Wilma Jolley  
David Jones

## BEST PERSONALITY

Maxine Medford  
Jimmy Wood

## BEST SPORTS

Ruth Ferguson  
Frank Medford

# SUPERLATIVES



## MOST STUDIOUS

Mattie Sue Medford  
Floyd Plemmons

## FRIENDLIEST

Ruth Ferguson  
Joe Caldwell

## PRETTIEST & BEST LOOKING

Emelyn McCracken  
James Williamson

## MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED

Wilma Jolley  
David Jones

## BIGGEST FLIRTS

Maxine Medford  
Dewitt James

SUPERLATIVES



WITTIEST

Ruth Ferguson  
Frank Medford

MOST TALENTED

Mattie Sue Medford  
Frank Medford

NEATEST & BEST DRESSED

Sue Dotson  
Hershel Haney

CLASS BABIES

Annis Noland  
Hershel Haney

## CLASS PROPHECY

As I was sitting in Study Hall one day I fell asleep and I had a very strange dream. It was the year 1963 and I saw.....

Joe Caldwell still driving one of those big milk trucks. Joe is now the owner of a large fleet of trucks.

Sue Dotson, whose future has always been based on homemaking, is keeping house for R. J. and their three children.

"Take a letter, please, Miss Ferguson." Ruth is secretary to the president of the largest bank in Clyde.

Lower the gang plank, folks! Do you see whom I see? None other than our own Hershel Haney, and Dewitt James, who are now in the United States Marines.

Who is the famous guitar player starring over the "Grand Ole Opry?" Why, Wilma Jolley, of course.

Sliding on down the line I see David Jones. Bless my buttons if he isn't a famous singer in the "Hog Trough Quartet." The Junior Class Play must have influenced his career.

Now Wilfred Kinsland sure has done well! He's the mayor of Crabtree.

Say, what's this? Buy your tickets for the wrestling match tonight. EMELYN McCracken DEFENDS HER CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE. Well, all I can say is, it should be very exciting.

Frank Medford is the fellow to call when you want to add a room to your house. I understand he is a first-rate carpenter. He should be--he cut his teeth on a hammer in his Father's workshop.

What next? Why it's Paul waiting for Mattie Sue to come home from her music school to get his supper.

If you people have been reading the newspapers, you know that one of the top scientists of the day is none other than Maxine Medford.

Who's this handsome guy? James Williamson, star of the Iron Duff football team. The Bulldogs.

What is the future of Thad Medford? He's going into politics again. Maybe he'll be elected President someday.

Looming in the distance I see James Morrow, a captain in the Army.

Annis Noland is now running a nursing home. She is so kind and good to all her patients. Who knows, maybe some millionaire from Crabtree may will her a fortune for her kind deeds.

Floyd Plemmons is one of the most successful farmers of our day. I've heard he had to build a larger barn this year and is buying new machiners. What he learned in F.F.A. must have been worth a lot or could his summer job have influenced his career??

McClain Pope is now manager of the Western Auto Store in Waynesville. He can hardly keep parts for the Hot Rods the boys from Iron Duff are driving. He complains he can't sell them any speedometers.

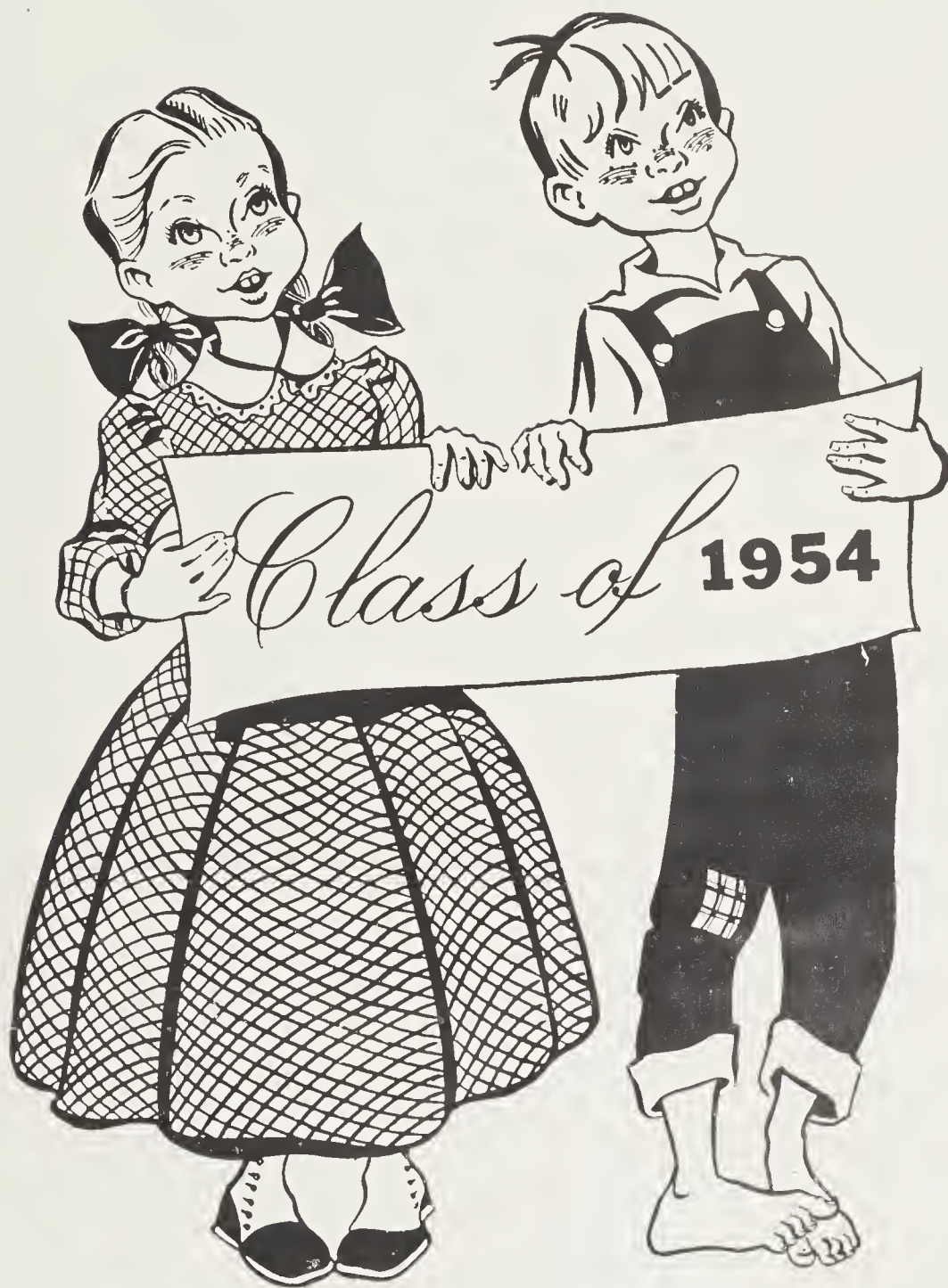
I suppose you are wondering what I was doing in the dream. Well, it was very interesting but you see I was too busy thinking about my classmates to remember what it was.

Oh, how dreadful, I almost forgot two members of our class, Cash Franklin, you see he is now a very successful business man.

And last but not least, the cowboy from Liner Creek, Jimmy Wood.

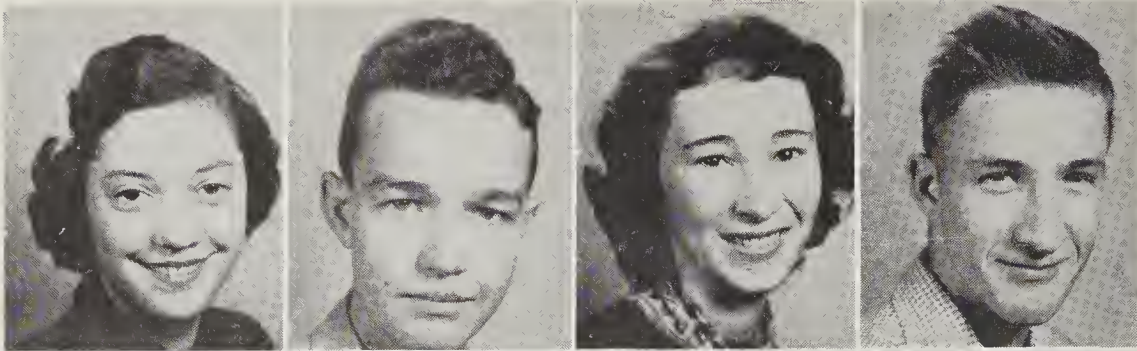
PROPHETESS

Betty Ruth Ferguson

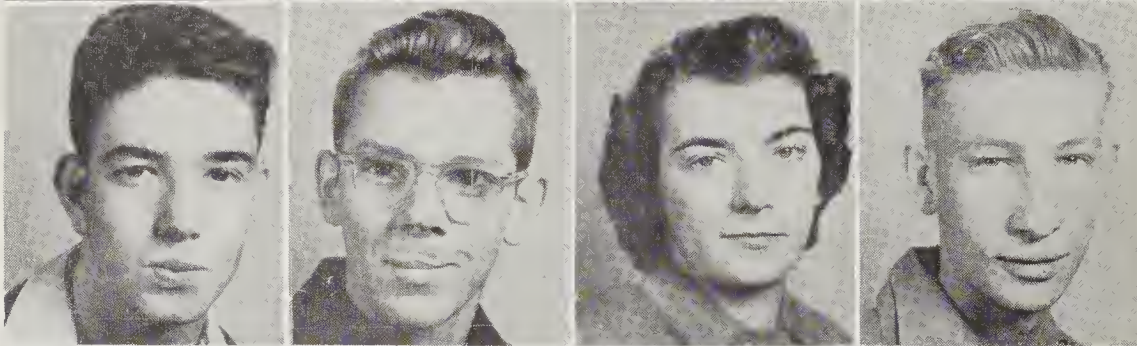


*Juniors*

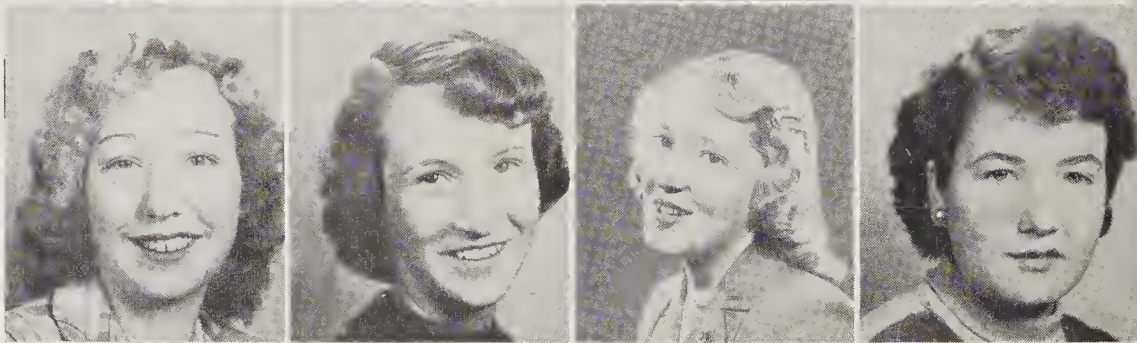
# JUNIORS



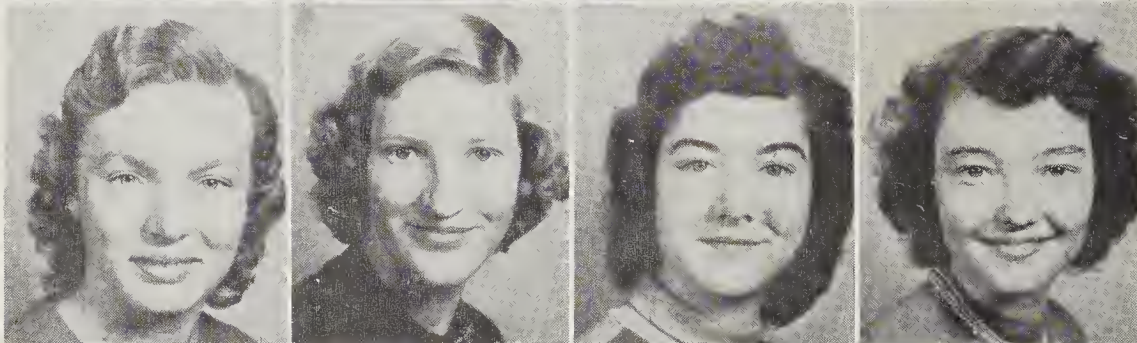
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Mark Brown



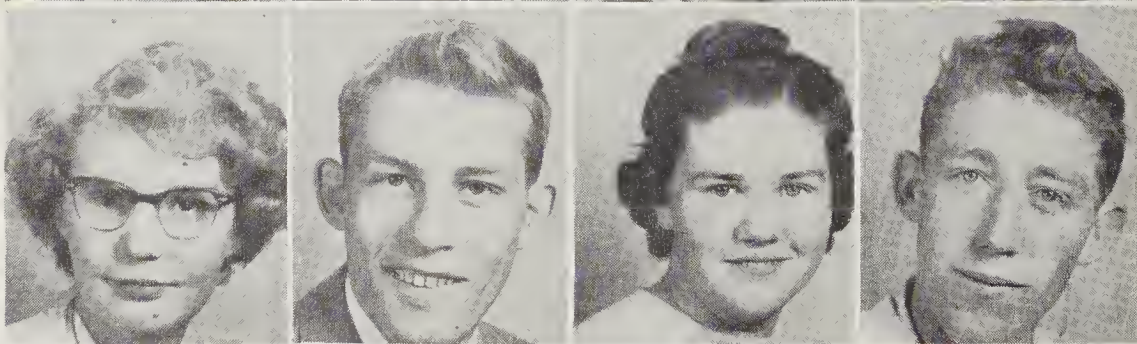
Harrison Caldwell  
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Thad Crawford



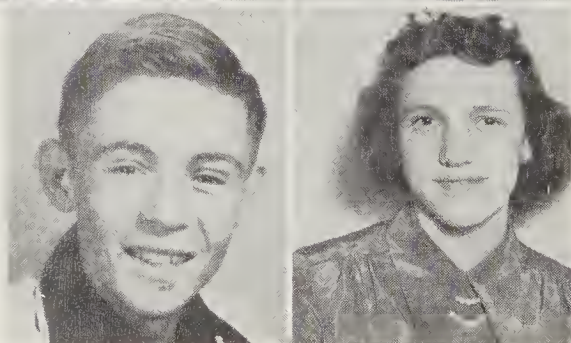
Jewel Dotson  
Jewel Dee Ferguson  
Valaree Henderson  
Eddie Hill



Shirldean Hoglen  
Betty Jones  
Bonnie Sue Justice  
Doris Kinsland



Mary Ellen McElroy  
Roy Pope  
Shirley Smith  
Floyd Stevenson



David Hugh Tate  
Helen Price





*Sophomores*

## SOPHOMORES



Row 1, left to right: Jack Bishop, Bobby Brown, Jean Bradshaw, David Brown, Palmer Caldwell, Don Chambers. Row 2: Claudia C. Ferguson, Edith Cogdill, Johnny Crawford, R. A. Gillett, Billy Green, Clarine Green. Row 3: Kathleen Hoglen, Ray James, Elizabeth James, Eugene Jones, Jack Kinsland, Shirley McElroy. Row 4: Margaret Morrow, Kenneth Parks, Kenneth Earl Parks, Frances Sanford, Lorraine Sanford, Mary Ann Sutton. Row 5: Carol Smith, Frances Yates, Polly McElroy.

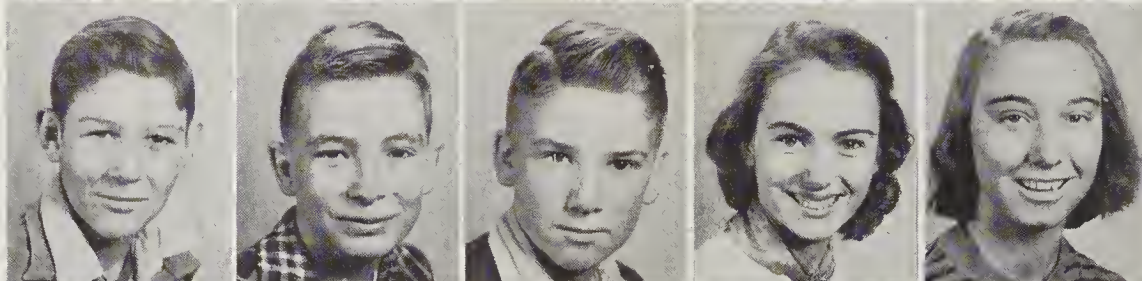


*Freshmen*

## FRESHMEN



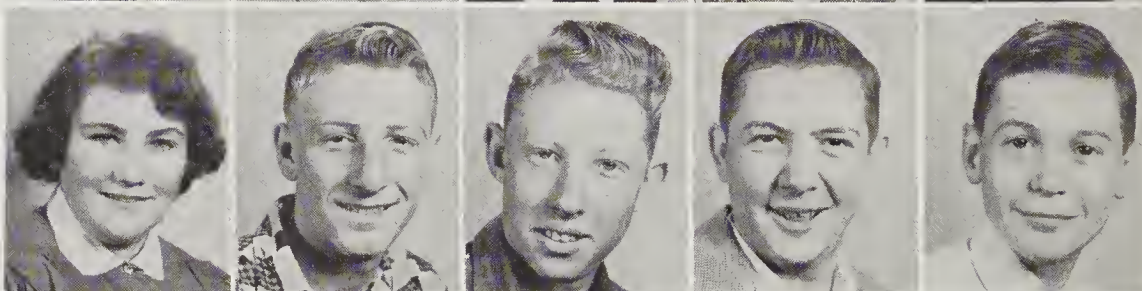
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Jimmy Best



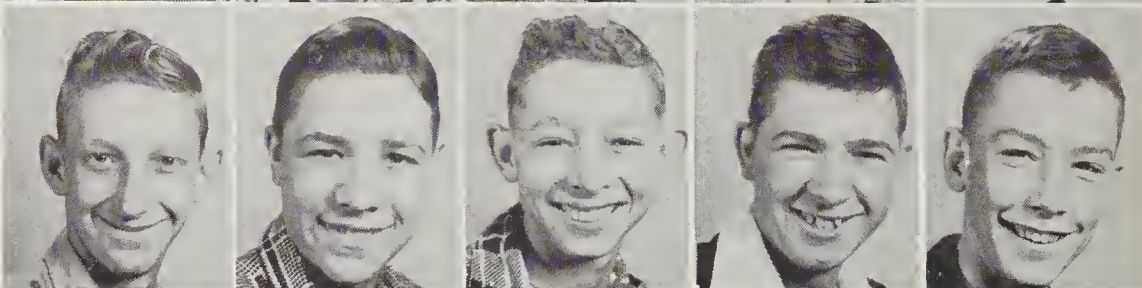
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Mary Caldwell



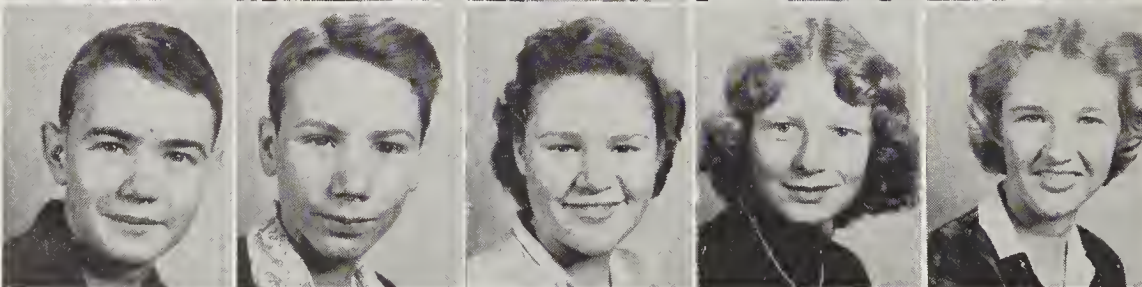
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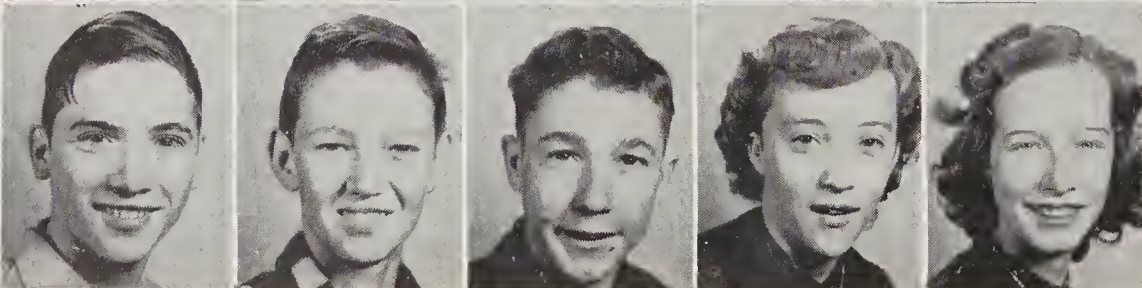
Helen Hill  
Ernest Hoglen  
Charles Hannah  
George Kirkpatrick  
Tommy Kirkpatrick



Way Kinsland  
Billy Joe Lowe  
Henry Massie  
Alvin Matthews  
Roger McElroy



Spencer McCracken  
Gene Parks  
Bobbie Joanne Parks  
Shirley Plemmons  
Louise Presnell



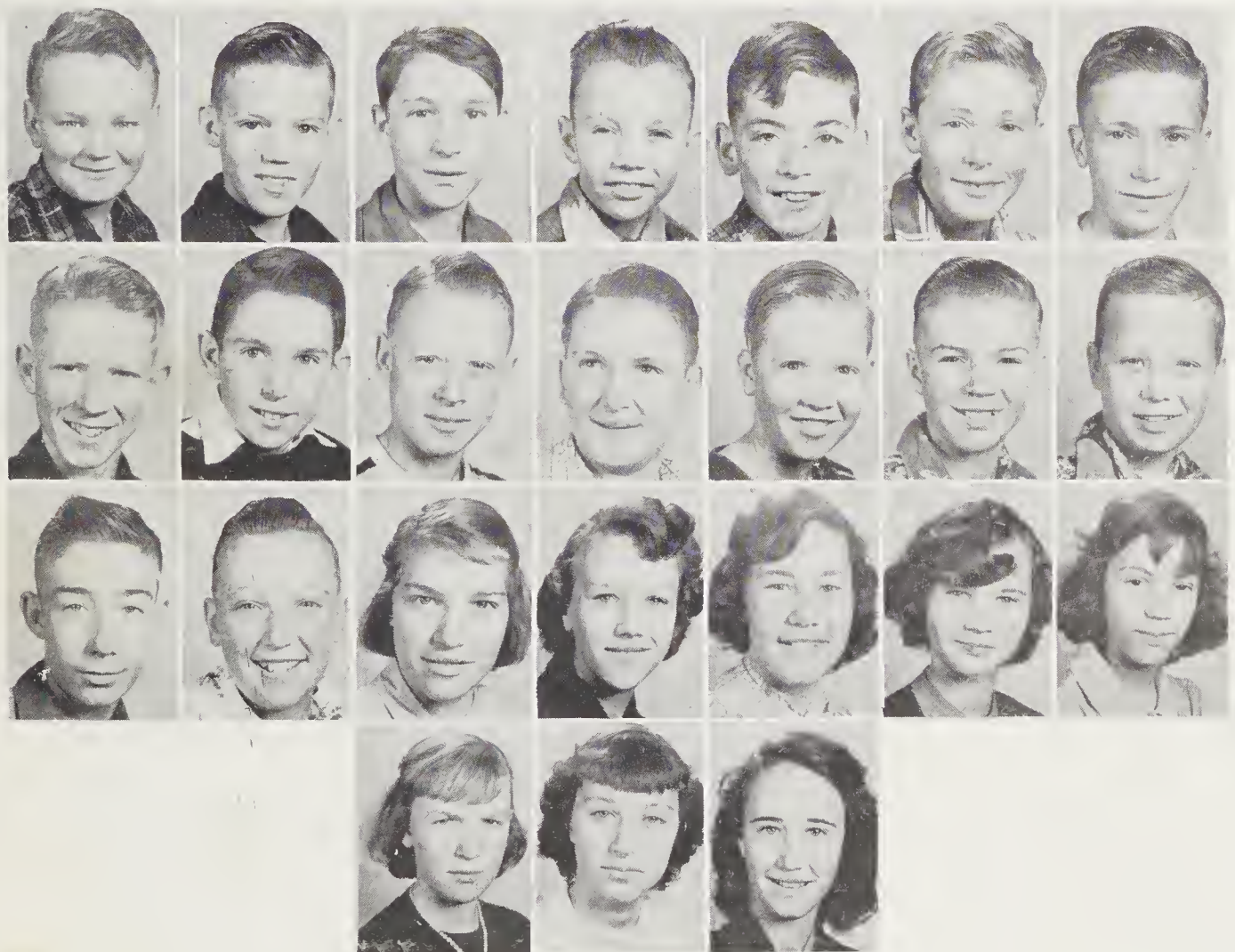
Virgil Matthews  
Boyd Fisher  
Doyle Brown  
Doris Messer  
Barbara Smith

## EIGHTH GRADE



Row 1, left to right: Ruth Gillett, Thomasine Inman, Betty Sue James, Stella James, Barbara Jones, Azalee McCracken, Mary Sue McCracken. Row 2: Shelby McElroy, Patricia Messer, Hilda Rector, Jeanette Smith, June Smith, Mabel Stevenson, Helen Surret. Row 3: Faye Sutton, Dallas Greene, Cammodore Jolley, James Lee Justice, Cecil Matthews, Ray Messer, Charles Parks, Robert Sanford.

## SEVENTH GRADE



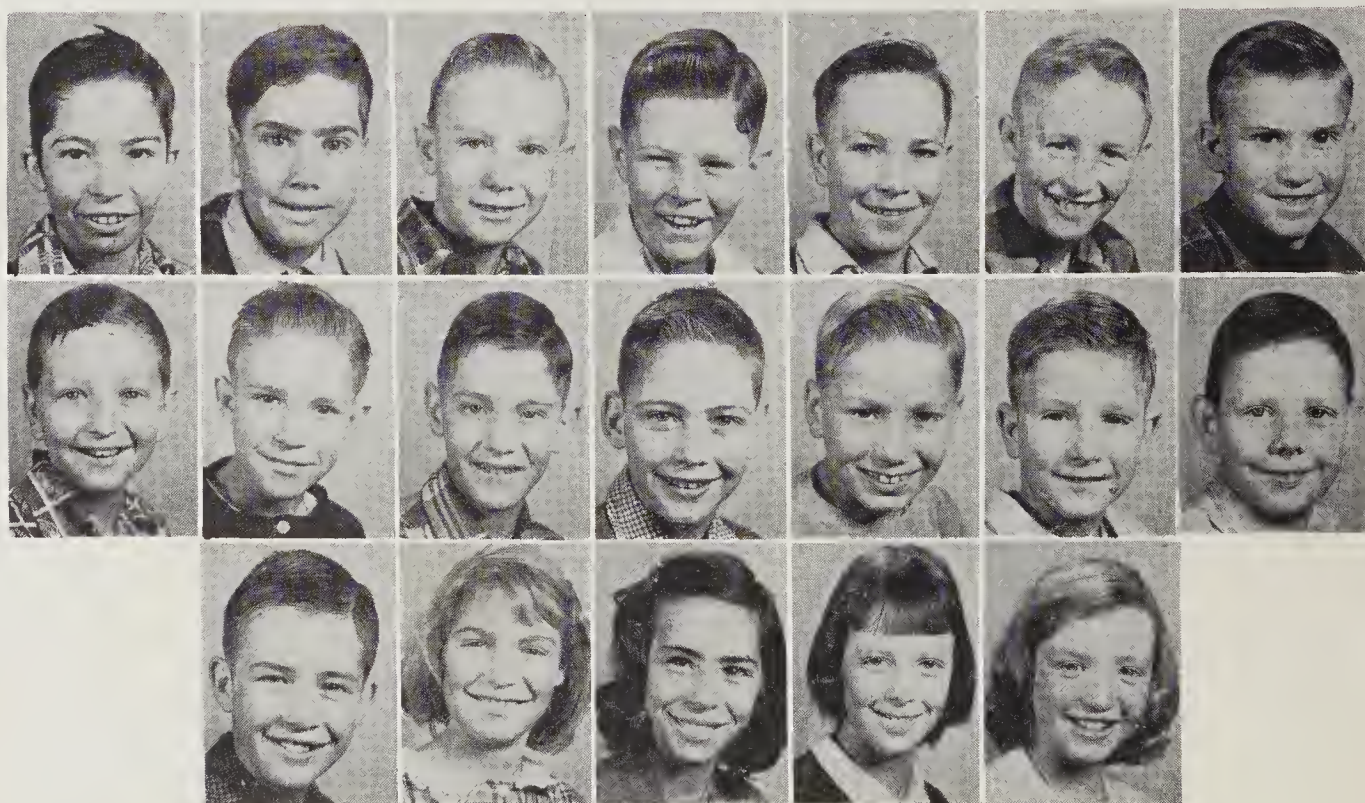
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## SIXTH GRADE



Row 1, left to right: Betty Jo Brown, Beverley Chambers, Jean Franklin, Hazel Greene, Freda Hill, Mildred Hoyle, Lucille Justice. Row 2: Juanita Morgan, Betty Sue Price, Marie Shetley, Earline Woodard, Roy Beasley, Dan Best, Frank Brown. Row 3: Jack Brown, Johnny Caldwell, Joe Chambers, Charles Clark, Jr., Jerry Crawford, Philip Davis, Johnny Hill. Row 4: Jerry Parks, Terry Rogers, Dewayne Sanford, Amos Stevenson, Louis Stevenson, Charles Surret. (Absent from picture, Gerald Ferguson.)

## FIFTH GRADE



Row 1, left to right: Kenneth Caldwell, Lawrence Caldwell, Carlyle Ferguson, Gene Glance, J.E. Hill, Jerry Hoglen, Marion Jones. Row 2: Henry Long, Billy McElroy, Vaughn McCracken, Harold Messer, Jerry Parks, J.T. Parks, Jimmy Smith. Row 3: Tommy Williamson, Betty Jean Justice, Wilma Sue King, Jane McElroy, Eva Stevenson.

## FOURTH GRADE



Row 1, left to right: Audrey Allen, Nancy Clarke, Louise Downs, Irene Ferguson, Maxine Ferguson, Phylis Gaddis, Joanne Haynes. Row 2: Lollie Mae James, Hilda Matthews, Patsy Messer, Nancy Janes, Sue Sanford, Jeannette Morgan, Bernice Plemmons. Row 3: Shelia Ann Woodard, William Beasley, Rannie Bradshaw, Hobert Brown, Harold Hannah, Walker Hill, Tommy Justice. Row 4: Ralph McCracken, Charles Price, Orville Rathbone, James Sutherland.

## THIRD GRADE



Row 1, left to right: Joyce Beck, Doris Best, Mary E. Caldwell, Martha Jean Caldwell, Patsy Crawford, Ruby R. Downs, Theresa Ferguson. Row 2: Anna J. Greene, Hilda Haglen, Betty Jo Hoglen, Jo Anne Justice, Helen Jane Kirkpatrick, Sarah Messer, Bennie Noland. Row 3: Hilda Parks, Nancy Smith, Hazel Southerland, Neal Clark, James Gaddis, Bryce Long, Jimmy McClure. Row 4: Winfred Morgan, Jahnnie Rogers, Jerry Rector, Doyle Smith, Sammy Smith, Glenn Stevenson. O. L. Yates Jr. Teacher: Mrs. Helen June Caldwell.

## SECOND GRADE



Row 1, left to right: Johnny Bradshaw, Richard Caldwell, Richard Crawford, Billy Glance, Jimmy Haynes, Fred Inman, Robert King. Row 2: Bruce McElroy, R. L. Overman, Larry Parks, Dallas Smith, Charles Williamson, Carolyn Beasley, Deanna Crawford. Row 3: Lois Greene, Melba Greene, Donnell Henson, Keyondius Inman, Wilma Sue Jones, Barbara King, Ruth McCracken. Row 4: Mary Blanch Parks, Mary Sue Parks, Vicky Rogers, Frieda Sanford, Cheryl Sutton, Marie Wood. Teacher: Miss Edna Boyd.

## FIRST GRADE



Row 1, left to right: J.D. Downs, Bobby McClure, Tommy Rogers, Jim Bob Reeces, Bobby Sutherland, Walter Noland, Joe Bob Nesbitt. Row 2: Ronnie Ray, Brian Rector, Wayne Woodard, Linda Allen, Elsie Brown, Frances Davis, Jackie Sue Ferguson, Bobbie Gaddis, Betty Hill. Row 3: Nina James, Shirley James, Regenia Milliner, Patricia Nicosia, Jackie Carolyn Rector, Sandra Sauceman, Phylis Shetley. Row 4: Shirley Stevenson, Sandra Weed, Dorothy Coleman, Lula Justice, Grovenc Parks.





# *Activities*

# ACTIVITIES



## ANNUAL STAFF

EDITOR

Ruth Ferguson

CO-EDITOR

Betty Ruth Ferguson



ACTIVITIES



NEWSPAPER STAFF

CRABTREE HI-LIFE STAFF



TYPING CLASS

MRS. O. L. YATES, TEACHER

# ACTIVITIES



F. H. A.  
CLUB  
MRS. GLENN NOLAND  
ADVISOR



F. F. A.  
CLUB  
MR. B. F. NESBITT  
ADVISOR



SENIOR  
4-H  
CLUB

# ACTIVITIES

GLEE CLUB



BAND

LIBRARY STAFF



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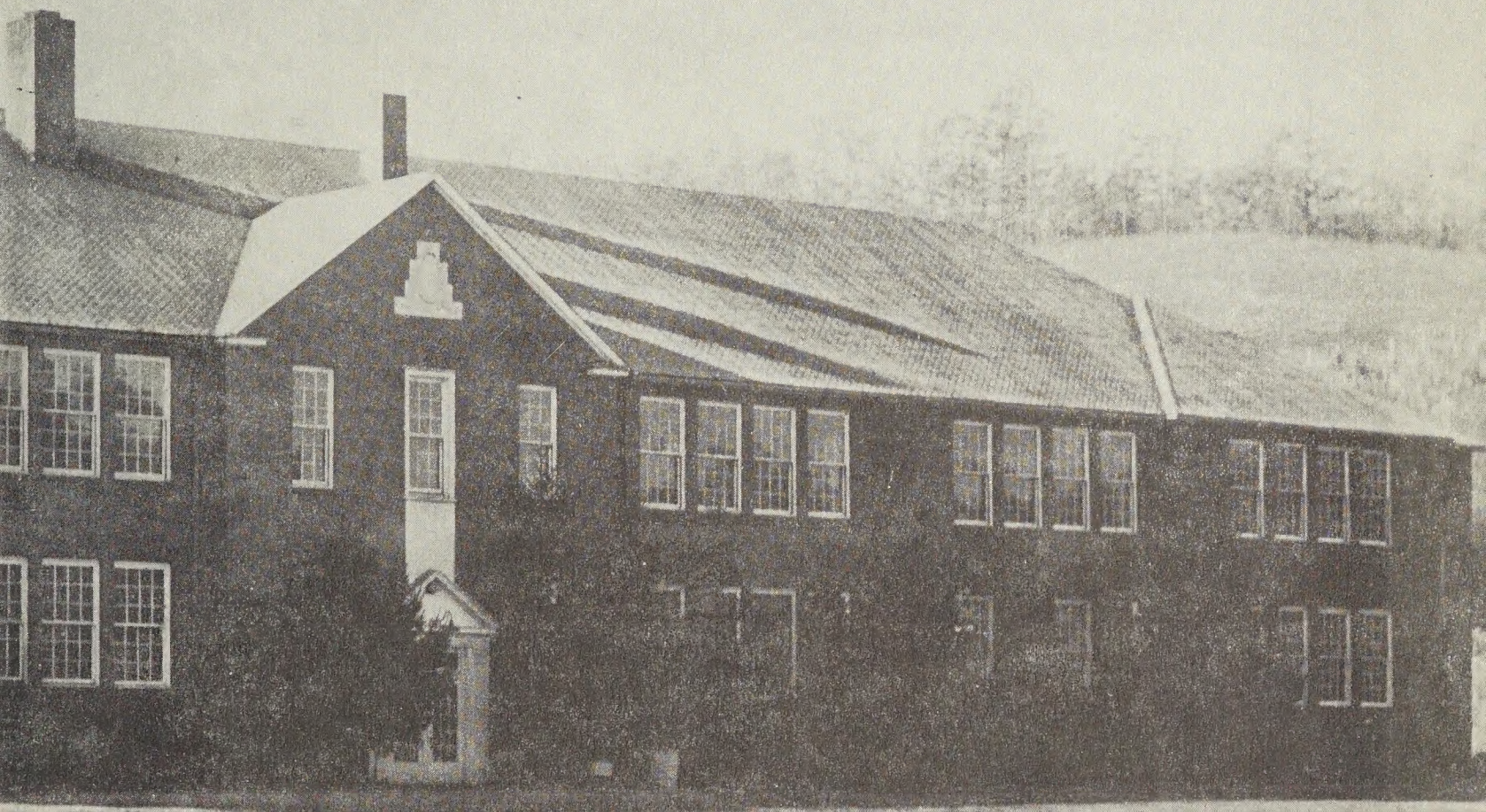
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