

# HO-HI ECHOES

1953



## DEDICATION



It is with great pleasure that we dedicate the Ho-Hi Echoes of 1953, the first yearbook in the history of our school, to Mr. Rackfellow Venters, who by his leadership and enthusiasm has made possible this goal and all others obtained during this school year.

## HO-HI ECHOES STAFF



Mary Ellen Williams: Business Manager, Miss Ida Garrigan: Faculty Advisor, Shirley Williams: Editor.

## HOKKERTON SPIRIT STAFF



Edna Whitfield: Editor, Mary Ellen Williams, Jean Harvey Edwards, Shirley Williams, Joan Eason, Marcel Stallings, Jane Carrall, Virginia Miller, Sara Phillips, Nancy Harrison, and Cuneta Spelght.  
Not pictured: Harold Jones, J.C. Clark, and Harold Blamberg.

## IN MEMORIAM



In commemoration of Marie Jones, who died December 30, 1950, we give this page. Marie was an excellent student and a wonderful friend to all. We were greatly saddened by her sudden death but in memory she will always be one of us.

It was just a year ago today, Our darling Marie was taken away.  
Falks never could understand why she had to die,  
But listen, I can tell you why.

God needed another angel up there, And Marie was the best He  
could find anywhere.

She was an angel on earth, and we should all know,  
That being what she was, there was only one place for her to go.  
We miss her more with each passing day,  
But we all know that God has his way.

And when there is a vacancy in Heaven to be filled from here be-  
low, It's always someone like Marie who will have to go.

Let's don't forget there's one thing we can do,  
And this is my opportunity to pass it on to you.

She left behind five brothers, a mam and dad,  
We know that their hearts are so very sad,  
So let's pray for them today, In a very, very special way,  
That their broken hearts may be mended, And their prayers  
all blended, To meet her in Heaven one sweet day.

Mrs. Jimmie Lee Jones



Miss Ida Garrington  
ECC, B. S.



Mr. George Roberts  
NC State, A. B.



Mrs. Leo Smith  
ECC, A. B.



Mr. Rockefeller Venters  
ECC, B. S., M. A.



Mrs. W. H. Kilpatrick  
WCUNC



Miss Rubelle James  
ACC, A. B.



Miss Mariah Thompson  
GC, A. B.



Mrs. Ava Albritton  
WCUNC, A. B.



Mrs. Allene Ball  
ECC, B. S.



Mrs. Mattie Beaman  
ACC, A. B.



Mrs. Helen Britt  
ACC, A. B.



Mr. John Britt  
ACC

## SENIORS

### CLASS OFFICERS



Right: Shirley Williams; President, Center Back: Harold Jones; Vice-Pres.  
Left: Edno Whitfield; Secretary, and Center Front: Mary Ellen Williams;  
Treasurer.

#### CLASS COLORS

Blue and White

#### CLASS FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

#### CLASS MOTTO

"Not For Ourselves, But For All"

## SENIORS

HAROLD LLOYD BLOMBERG

"Cookie"

Basketball 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4; Glee Club 1; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Play 4.

NANCY MARIE HARRISON

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Home Economics 1, 2; Class Play 3, 4; Paper Staff 4.

JOHN CARROLL CLARK

"J.C."

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Volleyball 2, 3, 4, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4; Class Play 4; Glee Club 1.

JAMES HAROLD JONES

"Flat"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 4; F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Volleyball 1, 2, 3, 4; Paper Staff 4; Class Officer 1, 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Student Council 4; Class Play 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

JEAN HARVEY EDWARDS

"Harvey"

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Captain 3, 4; Class Officer 1, 2; Paper Staff 4; Class Play 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Home Economics 1, 2.

VIRGINIA DARE MILLER

"Runt"

Paper Staff 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; 4-H Club 1; Home Economics 1, 2; Class Play 3, 4; Class Reporter 4.



## SENIORS

SARA JANE PHILLIPS

Basketball 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2;  
Home Economics 1,2; Paper Staff 4;  
Class Play 3,4; 4-H Club 2.

EDNA FRANCES WHITFIELD

"Shanty"

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Paper Staff,  
Editor 4; Class Officer 1,2,3,4;  
Music 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,  
4; Class Play 3,4; Home Economics  
1,2.

CUNETA SPEIGHT

Paper Staff 4; Class Play 3,4; 4-H  
Club 1; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Home  
Economics 1,2.

MARY ELLEN WILLIAMS

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4; An-  
nual Staff, Business Manager 4; Pa-  
per Staff 4; Class Play 3,4; Class  
Officer 1,2,3,4; Bus Driver 3,4;  
Home Economics 1,2; Glee Club  
1,2,3,4; Music 1,2,3,4.

MERCEL EUGENE STALLINGS

"Mert"

F. F. A. 1,2,3,4; Volleyball 2; Pa-  
per Staff 4; Class Play 4.

SHIRLEY MAE WILLIAMS

Basketball 1,2,3,4; Annual Staff,  
Editor 4; Class Officer 3,4; Paper  
Staff 4; Class Play 3,4; Music 1,2,  
3,4; Glee Club 1,2,3,4; 4-H Club  
1,2,3,4; Student Council 4; Home  
Economics 1,2.





## MASCOTS



Catherine Ruth Mooring

Tommie Carson Jones

## GRADE PARENTS

Mrs. Bruce Williams



Mrs. Dan Williams

Mr. Bruce Williams



## CLASS HISTORY

Differing from all other Freshman classes in that we had no horror of trials ahead, to the astonishment of the upperclassmen and the indignance of the teachers; we moved in like a tidal wave, disrupting the whole system of high school into a livelier routine.

Unbeknowing of what they were up against, our teachers started out a bright new year by bright new lessons to not very bright pupils as they soon found out. It didn't take long to clean out the cobwebs, and we began to solve from our studies some surplus grey matter which we devoted to amusement for ourselves.

The year sailed along merrily with Mrs. Laurie Speight as our homeroom teacher; Marie Jones, President, and her cabinet members; vice-president, Harold Jones; secretary, Edna Whitfield; and treasurer, Mary Ellen Williams.

The highlight of the year was our Freshman Party at the Community Building on February 14, which was semi-formal with everyone inviting guests.

Old and experienced as we were the title "Sophomores" underrated us. Our officers were president, Marie Jones; vice-president, Jean Harvey Edwards; treasurer, Mary Ellen Williams; and secretary, Edna Whitfield.

During this year under the capable guidance of Mrs. George Roberts, our homeroom teacher, we cooked and served the Veteran's Banquet, and were honored to serve the Juniors and Seniors at their Banquet.

We were not prepared for the shock of losing one of our most loved classmates, Dorothy Marie Jones. Our class suffered a great loss by her death, but pleasant memories of her will always linger with us.

For one of our girls, Joyce Hill, wedding bells rang. The girls in our class were Honorary Bridesmaids in her wedding, which was a gala affair and a rather unusual experience for us.

There's no need to say that we were well prepared to set a new "jolly mark" for "Jolly Juniors." We resolved to live up to our motto, "Enjoy yourself—it's later than you think."

Mrs. Leo Smith was our homeroom teacher; Shirley Williams, president; Harold Jones, vice-president; Edna Whitfield, secretary; and Mary Ellen Williams, treasurer. They led us into a most prosperous year; the three main features being the class play, our trip to Washington, and the Junior-Senior Banquet.

For our class play we chose, "The Daffy Dills," which was a great success. No one realized that we could do it until the applause swelled from the packed auditorium, then we gave a sigh of relief. Afterwards we journeyed to the Community Building where our grademothers entertained us.

Bright and early on the morning of March 17, along with the Senior class, we boarded a chartered bus bound for Natural Bridge, Virginia. We spent the night there, then after a brief stop in New Market, Virginia, for a visit to the Endless Caverns, we traveled on to our destination, Washington, D.C. As we toured our nation's capitol city we learned many interesting facts about our government.

We soon realized that we had a social obligation to meet, the Junior-Senior Banquet. We made up our minds to give the best Junior-Senior ever to be presented, so we put our heads together and went to work. We worked long and hard on invitations, programs, placecards, and decorations, all of which were handmade for our theme, "The Mardi Gras." After a dinner filled with toasts and all kinds of noise-making instruments we pushed back the tables and danced until we were stumbling on crepe paper that seemed to stick to a certain few like flypaper. Tired but happy we said "Goodnight" and will never forget our night at "The Mardi Gras."

Another happy event was that we had the pleasure of choosing and ordering our class rings. We picked one with a ruby stone surrounded by the name of our school. We feel certain that we shall always treasure them highly.

As we gained the title of "Seniors," Miss Ida Garrington was our homeroom teacher; Shirley Williams, president; Harold Jones, vice-president; Mary Ellen Williams, treasurer; and Edna Whitfield, secretary. We became aware of the responsibility we had to accept as we entered into a number of new paths such as publishing an annual and a newspaper.

With grease paint a half inch thick, we nervously awaited the rise of the curtain on "The Nutt Family," a fast-moving three act comedy which brought the house down with laughter. After the performance we gathered in the Community Building where our grademothers and Miss Garrington treated the cast and a few invited guests with a small party.

On February 13, all diked out in evening clothes and high spirits, we arrived at the Community Building where we were guests of the Junior class. After a delicious dinner, lots of laughter and fun, we converted our banquet hall into a ballroom. Weary, but joyously happy we dreaded to leave this "Land of Hearts," but it will always be remembered by all who were honored to have been there.

By the end of this last half year we hope to have well profited by our many opportunities, some of which we have recognized and accepted, and hope that we shall be able to take our places in the future world together even if only in the spirit of remembrance of the wonderful hours we have spent together in the past.

## LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Three, of Hookerton High School, in the county of Greene, the state of North Carolina, being sound in mind and realizing that the time is drawing near when we shall never darken these halls again, do hereby declare and make this our last will and testament.

### Article I

To the undergraduates: To the Junior Class we leave the title of Seniors in hopes that they will fill the shoes with more dignity than we. To the Juniors, we leave the job of issuing the two great publications: The Hookerton Spirit and the Ho-Hi Echoes.

To The Sophomores and Freshman: We leave our hopes that before long they will occupy the position that we now occupy.

### Article II

To our principal and teachers, we leave our deepest appreciation for their efforts toward increasing our wisdom.

### Article III

We, the Seniors, as individuals bequeath the following:

1, J. C. Clark will my good times at Senior play practice to Bill Shackelford.

1, Harold Blomberg will my wittiness to Jimmy Ray Creech.

1, Merce Stallings will my artistic ability to Franklin Jones, in hopes that he will use his talents for the future publications of the Hookerton Spirit.

1, Harold Jones will my desk in the English room to anyone who can find it.

1, Nancy Harrison do will my quiet ways to Bobby Daniels.

1, Virginia Miller will my excess weight to be divided between Della Ann Morris and Patricia Mitchell.

1, Sara Phillips will my enjoyment for reading novels to Barbara Ann Clemmons.

1, Cuneta Speight will my ability to blush to Rachel Williams.

1, Edna Whitfield leave my position as Editor of the Hookerton Spirit to any oncoming Senior.

1, Mary Ellen Williams leave my love for Basketball and my suit number 2 to Linda Pittman.

1, Shirley Williams will my position as chauffeur to anyone who is capable.

1, Jean Harvey Edwards will my blank expression to Linda Jones.

We hereby appoint Miss Garrington, our class advisor, as sole executor of this, our last will and testament.

In witness whereof, we the Senior Class of 1953, do set seal of this, the nineteenth day of May, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Three.

Jean Harvey Edwards  
Testator

## CLASS PROPHECY

As I am sitting here, gazing through the beams from the moon on which I sit, sifting stardust through my fingers, I see several glitterers; there must be at least eleven of them. Are they stars? No, as the haze clears and I adjust my eyes to the brightness of the dots, I realize they could be none other than the members of the Senior Class of 1953.

As I look straight forward I see Harold Blomberg, who is giving Oscar Levant, the great pianist, some real competition. Just opposite I see J.C. Clark just rolling in "dough" and is Eastern Carolina's greatest tobacco farmer. He just bought his son a new Cadillac.

Over in blue Hawaii I see an army officer, Harold Jones, I believe it is. After receiving his commission from the R.O.T.C., he chose the army as his life time career, worked hard and is now a Four Star General.

In Eastern North Carolina, Merce Stallings is now owner of the once "Shackelford's Store," and has taken up artistry as a hobby.

I see on Fifth Avenue in New York, none other than Jean Harvey Edwards now a Powers Model, who is rapidly climbing the ladder of fame.

In Memorial General Hospital I see two outstanding figures dressed in white uniforms, walking briskly down the hall. They are none other than Nancy Harrison and Virginia Miller, now Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Nurses, respectively.

In Snow Hill vicinity I see Cuneta Speight. She's married and keeping house. At the present she has two little red-headed boys.

Out West I see Edna Whitfield, who having finished a two-year course at East Carolina College, is now happily married and is the mother of triplets. I've always heard they do things in a big way out West and now I believe it.

Mary Ellen Williams, having received a degree in Secretarial Science from East Carolina College, held an office job for two years and then decided that the degree she preferred was a MRS.

Shirley Williams also received a degree from East Carolina College and is working as secretary at Barrus Construction Company and at the present she can't make up her mind between Mr. Barrus and his son.

Suddenly the stars slide back into the haze and I come back to reality. It is only twelve hours before I must report to the studio for the shooting of my third consecutive movie lead for MGM.

Sara Phillips  
Prophet



**BEST ALL ROUND**  
Harold Jones  
Jean Harvey Edwards



**MOST INTELLECTUAL**  
Mary Ellen Williams  
Shirley Williams



**MOST STUDIOUS**  
J. C. Clark  
Sara Phillips

**SUPERLATIVES**



**MOST DEPENDABLE**  
Shirley Williams  
Harold Jones



**MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED**  
Edna Whitfield  
Harold Jones



**RENDERED MOST SERVICE**  
Shirley Williams  
Mary Ellen Williams

**MOST DIGNIFIED**  
Harold Jones  
Mary Ellen Williams

**CLASS BABIES**  
Edna Whitfield  
J. C. Clark

**WITTIEST**  
Nancy Harrison  
Harold Blomberg





**NEATEST**  
Harold Jones  
Mary Ellen Willoms



**CUTEST**  
J. C. Clark  
Edna Whitfield



**MOST ATHLETIC**  
Jean Harvey Edwards  
Harold Jones

**SUPERLATIVES**



**MOST POPULAR**  
Virginia Miller  
J. C. Clark



**FRIENDLIEST**  
Edna Whitfield  
Harold Jones



**FLIRTIEST**  
Jean Harvey Edwards  
Harold Jones

**CLASS PESTS**  
Cumeta Speight  
Harold Blomberg

**MOST BASHFUL**  
Nancy Harrison  
J. C. Clark

**MOST POLITE**  
Virginia Miller  
J. C. Clark



## JUNIORS



President..... John Ashby Carroll  
 Vice-President..... Guy Franklin Jones  
 Secretary..... Fletcher Gray  
 Treasurer..... Jane Carroll



Left to right: Marjorie Butler, William Ray Clark, Barbara Clemmons, Reporter, Jimmy Ray Creech, and Bobby Daniels.



Left to right: Melba Dame, Joan Enson, Roland W. Jones, Billy Ray McCoy, and Douglas McLawhorn.



Left to right: Margaret Marris, Bill Shackelford, Ray Sugg, Travis Lee Sugg, and Jean Tyson. Not pictured—Stoney E. Dixon.

## SOPHOMORES



President.....Robert Worthington  
 Vice-President.....Curtis Daniels  
 Secretary.....Billy Carraway  
 Treasurer.....Robert Earl Carraway



Left to right: Ethleen Beaman, Charlie Bunn, Carroll Clemmons, Louis Creech, and Eleanor Grant.



Left to right: Thelma Gray, Jimmy Johnson, Bobby Jones, Patricia Mitchell, and Aldine Pittman, Reporter.



Left to right: Nathan Radford, Hilda Spence. Not pictured-Roger Mewbom.

## FRESHMEN



President.....David Lee Gray  
 Vice-President.....Joseph Heath  
 Secretary.....Janice Moore  
 Treasurer.....Robert Butler



Left to right: Tammy Beaman, James Edward David, George Gray, and Linda Faye Jones.



Left to right: Paul McCoy, Della Ann Morris, Ruby Miller, and Seth Phillips.



Left to right: Jean Rouse and Rachel Williams, Reporter.  
 Not pictured: Joe Cash and Lynwood Heath.



EIGHTH GRADE



Teacher: Mr. John Britt

SEVENTH GRADE



Teacher: Mrs. Helen Britt

## SIXTH GRADE



Teacher: Mrs. Mattie H. Beaman

## FIFTH GRADE



Teacher: Mrs. Mattie H. Beaman

## FOURTH GRADE



Teacher: Mrs. Ava G. Albritton

## THIRD GRADE



Teacher: Mrs. Allene Ball

SECOND GRADE



Teacher: Miss Mariah Thompson

FIRST GRADE



Teacher: Miss Rubelle James

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM



Row 1, left to right: Linda Jones, Rachel Williams, Della Ann Morris, Jean Tyson, Patricia Mitchell, Edna Whitfield. Row 2: Barbara Clemmons, Melba Dame, Jane Carroll, Janice Moore, Ethleen Beaman, Mary Ellen Williams, co-captain. Row 3: Joan Eason, Shirley Williams, Jean Harvey Edwards, co-captain. Coach: Mr. Rockfellow Venters.

## BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM



Left to right: Jimmy Ray Creech, manager; Tommy Beaman, Travis Sugg, Bobby Daniels, Curtis Daniels, Robert Worthington, Franklin Jones, Co-captain. Row 2: Nathan Radford, Ray Sugg, Billy Carraway, Harold Jones, co-captain; Harold Blomberg, Douglas McLawhorn. Coach: Mr. John Britt.

## BASEBALL



Row 1, left to right: Charlie Bunn, Roland Jones, Ray Sugg, Billy Carraway, Franklin Jones, Tommy Beaman, Robert Worthington, and Curtis Daniels. Row 2: Carrall Clemmans, Paul McCoy, Nathan Radford, Harold Blamberg, Harold Jones, Travis Sugg, Jimmy Creech, Row 3: Joseph Heath, Bobby Jones, Robert Carraway, J. C. Clark, Marcel Stallings, Bill Shackelford, and Sidney Dixon.

## CHEERLEADERS



Center front: Colman Yause, Chief; Alma Johnson, Eleanor Mitchell, Janet Gray, Marjorie Sugg, Winnie Bunn, Linda Pittman, and Lewellyn Davis.

## LUNCH ROOM STAFF



Left to right: Mrs. Luby Hill and Mrs. Jimmy Clemmons.

## BUS DRIVERS



Center back: Mary Ellen Williams; Left to right, front row: Travis Sugg, Roland Jones, Corroll Clemmons, Harold Jones and Jimmy Ray Creech.