

DEDICATION

TO OUR PARENTS

They have understood our problems, assisted us with patience of steel, listened to our complaints with an admirable smile, inspired us with confidence, encouraged us when we were disheartened, and enhanced our chance for success.

Their determined effort to make us satisfied and happy shall always be remembered as one of our most precious high school memories. Words can't express our appreciation for their avariaus contributions; but to show how much we love, houch we love, houch we have the school of the sc MR. ROCKFELLOW VENTERS East Carolina College Physical Education Social Studies, A.B., M.A.



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MRS, GEORGE BYRD East Carolina Music

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS



Reporter, ANN MORRIS; Tressurer, RACHEL WILLIAMS; Secretary, JANICE MOORE; Vice President, EVERETTE CREECH; President, DAVID GRAY,



Mascots

PRISCILLA CREECH PRANCIS SHACKELFORD, JR.

Class Flower - WHITE CARNATION

Class Colors - GREEN AND WHITE

Class Motto - "ABLE AND WILLING"



GEORGE EDWARD BEAMON "Tommy"

Bareball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Captain 4; Class Play 4; FRA 1, 2, 3, 4; Sentinel 3; Secretary 4; Class Vice President 3; Bus Driver 3, 4; Annual staff 4; Paper Staff 4; Glee Club 3, 4,



WAYNE EVERETTE CREECH Class Freiddent 2; Class Vice President 4; Student Council 2; Annual Staff 4, Co-Editor, Paper Saff 4, Co-Editor; Class Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3; Beta Cheb 4; 4-H 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Captain 3, Co-Captain 4,



JAMES EDWARD DAVID

"Clyde"

Class Treasurer 2., Class President 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 3., President 4; Patliamentary 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; But Driver 3, 4; 4 + H 1, 2; Sudent Council 3; Basketball 3, 4; Carolina Farmer 3; Class Play 4; Annual Staff 4, Co-Editor; Paper Staff 4,



DAVID LEE GRAY "Bud"

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 2; Treasurer 3, Vice President 4; Parliamentary 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1; Beta Club 4; 3, 4; Vice Peudiden 3; President 4; Annual Natf 4; Paper Staff 4; Business Manager; Marshal 2, 3; Class Play 4; Class President 1, Class President 4; Bus Diver 4; 54 Justorian.



LINDA FAYE JONES 4-H 1; Class Secretary 2; Class Reporter 3; Student Council 4, President; Glee Club 2, 3,4; Home Ec 2,3; Class Play 4; Annual 8:aff 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4,



MARGARET JANICE MOORE

Class Secretary 1: 4-H 1: Basketball 1,2,3,4; Glee Club 2,3,4, Class Play 4; Home Ec 2,3; Beta Club 2,3,4; Class Reporter 4; Mamhal 1,3; Chief; Student Council 3; Paper Staff 4: Annual Staff 4; Co-Captains 4; Valedictorian.



SETH LINWOOD PHILLIPS

"S. L." Class Play 4; Paper Staff 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Reporter 4; Patliamentary 4; Annual Staff 4.



DELLA ANN PITTMAN Class Reporter 4; Student Council 2; Home Ec 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; 4-H 1; Annual Staff 4; Bus Driver 4; Paper Staff 4; Baskerball 1, 2, 3, 4; Co-Capter 3, and



RACHEL DAVIS WILLIAMS

Student Council 1; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Class Reporter 1; Class Treasurer 4; Basketball 1; 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 3; Home Ec 2, 3; Annual Staff 4; Business Manager, Paper Staff 4, Co-Báltor,

HISTORY

Twelve years ago in 1944 strange little creatures entered the doors of H, H, S, Who? Memhers of the class of '56, Then came ABC's arithmetic, and spelling...later,...Holding hands, parties, clubs favorite class, poort "LOVE" and, the best, the DPLOMAS.

FRESHMEN1 First year changing classes ... girls, serving at Junior-Senior Banquet ... going steady ... hreaking up. .. dying for Saturday.

SOPHOMORES! Subjects getting harder, ...U. S. History...general science...English...agriculture ...boys represented at Junior-Senior Banquet, Tommy...tepresentatives on varity hasketball teams...Tommy...Janice...Faye...Seth...Della...Rehels...Forette.

JUNIORS1 Ordering class rings,..booth at Hallowcen Carnival,..money of our own,..attend college day,..class meeting...motto "ABLE AND WILLING",..Class color,..green and white ...class flower,...white carnation...giving Junice-Senior Banquet,..hilarious time,..chicken saids supper,...sudent body election.

SENIORS1 Dream come trae,..ordering invitations,..bomecoming,..wonderful,..leadership great in H. H. S.,.student hody...class play...New York in March...wonderful lunior-Senior April 13...boord and and homecomming...Graduation, sad...day for H. H. S...thinking over motor, "ABLE AND WILLING."

James David, HISTORIAN

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of Hookerton High School, in this the city of Hookerton, County of Greene and State of North Carolina, heing of superior intelligence, strong hodies, and unmand conscience, do hereby make and declare this our last will acd testament.

ARTICLE 1

To the school, as our gift, with the grateful cooperation of the Juniors, we leave the stage scenery, with hopes for many successful productions in future years,

ARTICLE II

To our principal, Mr. Venters, we leave our haskethall shility for him to use in the county tournaments.

ARTICLE III

To the Juniors, we leave the head-aches and heart-hreaks of publishing the HOCKERTON SPIRIT and the HO-HI ECHOES,

To the Sophomores and Freshmen, we leave the good times in the library study hall,

As individuals, we generously leave the following:

i, Rachel Williams, leave my hashfulness to Anne Hardy,

1, Linda Jones, leave my forward position on the hall team to Lewellyn Davis,

I. Janice Moore, will my height to Manha Ann Albritton,

I. Ann Pittman, hequeath my quick temper to Sue Connor,

1. David Gray, leave my curly hair to Robert Creech.

I. Tommy Beamon, leave my athletic prowess to Dallas Stepps,

I, James David, leave my ability to keep silent on class to Billy Hardy.

I, Seth Phillips, will my love for sports to J. L. Harrison,

1, Everette Greech, hequeath my quick wit to Charles Carraway. Poor Soul1

Everette Creech Testator

PROPHECY

In just a short time we graduate: after that, the Seniors of '56, may range far and wide, not seeing each other for a great length of time; however, I will with no such "luck" on up I intead I predict:

Janice Moore, studious but seldom serious-minded, will receive ber degree in Poysical Education and spend a few years teaching ber finil rascallions how to play basisetball, Her bubband will be numer-up in the Mar, America context,

James Edward David, the class jokester, to receive bis degree in Chemical Engineering and also to receive his commission as 2nd Lt, in the Air Force. He will be called in for active duty to Ify a Sabe pet, his life's amblition.

Ann Pittman, who is always full of fan and laughter, keeping house, and looking after the kiddies, while ber bubby, Elbert, works at DuPont,

Linda Faye Jones, charming and exotic, will receive her degree at Hardbarger's in Kinston. She plans to work a while and then settle down to a bappy home life with her devoted bushand.

Racbel Williams, happy go lucky classmate, will receive ber degree from Hardbarger's in Kinston, then work for DuPont,

Tommy Seamon, who loves to travel, to finish his time in the National Guard, and to get his rating as 2nd Lt,

Everette Creech, will get his two-year business degree at ECC and join the Navy. He will make the Navy his career, and at the age of 40, retire with pay.

Setb Phillips, an Oldsmobile fan, to get his own Oldsmobile company in Kinston.

David Lee Gray, a born farmer, to own his own farm, a little Fairlane Ford, and a cheaper by the dozen family.

> Rachel Williams CLASS PROPHET



Most Dependable

JANICE MOORE

and

SETH PHILLIPS





Most Athletic TOMMY BEAMON and

LINDA JONES



Best Dressed

ANN PITTMAN

and

EVERETTE CREECH



Best All Around DAVID GRAY and JANICE MOORE

SUPERLATIVES

Most Popular

RACHEL WILLIAMS

and

EVERETTE CREECH





Most Studious

ANN PITTMAN

and

JAMES DAVID





ED ALBRITTON President

ANN HARDY Vice President



MARJORIE SUGG Secretary

JUNIORS

ELLEN EASON Treasurer

JANET GRAY Reporter

SIDNEY ALBRITTON BERT BRIGHT WINNIE BUNN







ARTHUR BUTLER SUE CONNOR LEWELLYN DAVIS







JUNIORS

BILLY HARDY

FAYE HARRIS







GENE HILL

ALMA JOHNSON

ELEANOR MITCHELL



LEHMAN RADFORD FRANKLIN TAYLOR MELVIN SUGG

COLMAN VAUSE FREDRIC VAUSE MILDRED WILKINS



Carroll Jones President

Ralph Tyndall Vice President

Faye Tyson Secretary

Polly Ann Phillips Treasurer

Patricia Barrow Reporter

Nancy Bunn

SOPHOMORES













L, H, Clemons

Bobbie Dail

Marioric Grav



Kenneth McLawhorn







Mary Phillips





Barbara Tyudall

Roy Lee Tyndall

Robert Radford

Raymond Radford





Robert Creech President

L. H. Stocks Vice President





Edward Bruce Williams Socretary

Martha Ann Albritton Treasurer















Pete Beamon Reporter

Richard Boone

James Ginn

Patricia Ham Nadine Harris J. L. Harrison



james Hoover

Edward Jones

FRESHMEN





Chartie Ormond



Nancy Ormond

Nancy Penn



Peggy Rouse







Shirley Rouse

Kinsey Speight













FAVORITES



KING SIDNEY ALBRITTON QUEEN ELLEN EASON



Runners-Up QUEEN MARY LOU HARRISON KING BILL STOCKS



Left to right: J. L. Harrison; Not Pictured, Judy Hill; Mary Cooper Philips; Charles Carraway; Ellen Esson; Sidney Albritton; Faye Jones; Soth Phillips,

















EIGHTH GRADE

Evelyn Albritton Gerald Carraway S. M. Gray Mary Lou Harrison

Yvonne Harper Gene Hill Bobby Hoover Bdward Bruce Manning

Faye Mooring Rose Nelson Joseph Phillips Gary Rosse

Clayton Sugg James Sugg Roger Sutton Nancy Tyson

Douglas Walston Linda Walston Shirley Wilkins

SEVENTH GRADE

Earl Barrow Randall Boone Jeanette Bright Billy Brown

Jody Clemons Clifton Connor Linda Dail Ajonzo Edwards, Jr.

Charles Ginn Jean Gray Patsy Gray Charles Hardy















Eilen Hardy Peggy Hardy Carolyn Harper Faye Kilpatrick

Catherine McCoy A. C. Ormond Carol Oakes Sandra Speight

Bill Stocks William Sugg J. B. Surles Bobby Tyson





SIXTH GRADE

Donald Beamon Linda Bright La June Byrd Carolyn Clemmons

Marie Dall Alloe Eason Sandra Hardy James Harris

Elwood Harrison Wayne Mitchell Billie Mooting Daniel Nelson

Joyce Oakes Linda Faye Parker Linda Kay Phillipe Noah Radford

James Harold Rouse Jessie Ray Shackelford Camlyn Speight Charles Speight





Joseph Sugg Susie Sugg Evelyn Gamer Sutton Pat Tyndall

Elvin Typon Bobbie Hardy

FIFTH GRADE

Jatie Beamon Judy Blomberg Mary Boone Hayden Bowen

Alton Bunn Carolyn Bunn Carol Butler 'Jennie Clemmons

Mayme Daniels Ava Jean Davis Judy Gray Steve Gray

Linda Haddock Jewel Ham Stewart Hardy Earl Harper

Vicky Harrison Peggy Hill Frank Hoover Linds Jarman

Sam Johnson Dail McLawhorn Chuck Reed Kay Shephard































C Maria





Jean Carol Sugg Helen Sugg Hardy Vause Judy Walston



David Wilkins Eugene Wood Michael Daughtry Van Johnson







FOURTH GRADE

























Judy



Bob Albritton Johnny Avery Lindsey Bunn Sammy Clemons

Shirley Creech Bobby Dail Linda Daughtry Jimmie Gray

Linda Ham Billy Hardy Bobby Harper Marion Jo Harris

Brenda Hawkins Roy Miller Jackie Monroe Charlie Ormond

Judy Phillips Bobby Sue Pittman Jeanne Rouse Mildred Rouse

> Linda Kay Shackelford Sherry Speight Thelma Sugg Joy Taylor Mildred Wilbur













THIRD GRADE

Valeria Albritton Annie Mae Boone Lewis Boone Wesley Boone

Sandra Carraway Edward Carraway Billy Crowder David Daniels

Peggy Davis Gary Harrison Violet Harper Tommy Iones

Charles Joyner Brenda Monroe Dorothy Perm Jimmy Reed

George Roberts, Jr. Peggy Smith Linda Sugg Paul Sugg

Annette Tyson Billy Williams Carson Wood

SECOND GRADE

Larry Barrow Susan Beaman Lou Butler Peggy Creech













Cecil Harris Dianne-Hart Arnold Hawkins Lorraine Hill Kenneth Johnson

Sarah Johnson Mary Frances Jones Linda Faye Moore C. B. Mooring Johnnie Morring

Sherryl Oakes Claudette Ormond Betty Jo Shackelford Gayle Surles Linda Wilkins



FIRST GRADE

Geraldine Bunn Brenda Carraway Kathy Connor Joe Garriss

Parrott Gray William Hardy Lyswood Harper Frances Jean Hill Mation Hill

Phyllis Jarman Jimmie Johnson Bobby Jones Buddy Moore Frances Morris

Raymond Oakes Vickie Parker Kenneth Reed Willie Stallings Frankie Stepps

Douglas Sugg Edward Sugg Eula Mae Sugg Lindsey Sugg Mary Ann Thomas

BASKETBALL

BEAMON



Top row: Coach Veoters, Gene Hill, Seth Phillips, Melvio Sogg, Ed Albeitton, James David, Charles Carraway, Kenneth McLawhorn, Botton row: Sidney Albeittoo, Billy Hady, Altoo Sutton, Co-Captain: Everette Creech, Tommy Beamoo: Panklin Tavio: Robert Creech, Rabb Twodall.





BASKETBALL



Top tow: Coach Venters, Patricia Ham, Mildred Wilkins, Leara Perry, Majorie Sugg, Mary Phillips, Faye Harris, Bottom row: Linda Jones, Rachel Williams, Co-Captaine Ann Pittman, Janice Moore, Lewellyn Davis, Ellen Rason,

MOORE











WILLIAMS





PITTMAN

SUGG

PHILLIPS



BASEBALL TEAM





E, CREECH





T. BEAMON



CARRAWAY











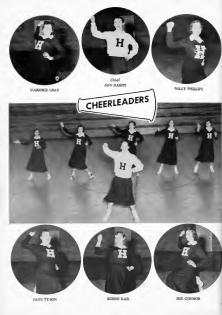
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R, CREECH





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