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To George Howard, Jr.

Former Superintendent of Public Instruction and distinguished pioneer in consolidation of schools in Edgecombe County.

In recognition of

the clear vision and inspiring leadership which have made possible, against so many adverse conditions, the many benefits and comforts of our beloved High School,

We, the class of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, dedicate this, our parting message,

THE LOWLANDER





Mr. Howard

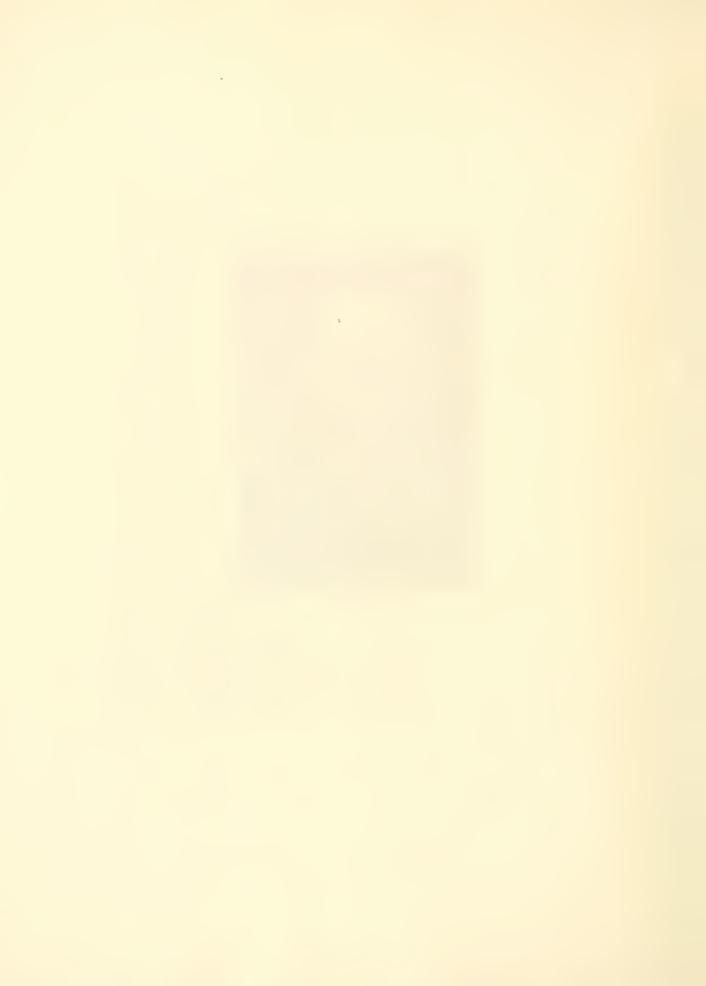




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Class Poem

Another task is safely past.

The toilers, tired and worn,
Sigh deeply—rest has come at last.

From burdens we have borne
We cast aside our weary load,
And seek the shady grass
Where toils and terrors of the road
May to oblivious pass.

'Tis evening; the departing hour has come,
But still 'tis not all dark;
The stars are shining, and the moon
Chases the shades in the park.
The sun has set—that is true—
But it will rise again
And bring a day bright and new
With more goals to attain.

And see! what mighty works are done!

Ourselves we see progress
Thru the teachers' aid, upon

Which time has placed success.

How futile life unplanned maybe,

We strive for higher things!
The end is nigh. E'en now we see

Beginnings future brings.



But lo! The day is done;
Our school hours are past.
The minutes beat one by one:
"This is the last; this is the last."
The farewells spoken here and there
Like empty echoes die away.
No words suffice on lip or scroll
To say what we would say.

But see! The toilers' brows are knit;
Again mere human gaze
Well not suffice,—Their musings flit
Far distant on their ways.
Down future's path our trail we see
That spreads in divers space;
The distant voice of "Twenty-four"
Bids f-a-r-e-w-e-l-l forever-more.

BEULAH STEWART.





Senior Class

Class Motto: B2

Class Colors: Green and White

Class Flower: American Beauty Rose

CLASS ROLL

Wiley Benson
James Dunn
Jack Fisher
Martha Jo Gorham

Mary Judge Beulah Stewart Willie Tanner Sadie Ward

Caswell Williams

CLASS OFFICERS

Martha Jo Gorham, President

Jack Fisher, Vice-President and Statistician

James Dunn, Historian

Beulah Stewart, Poct

Mary Judge, Secretary and Prophet

Caswell Williams, Giftorian

Wiley Benson, Testator



WILEY THOMAS BENSON "Boog"

"Not too serious, not too gay. But always a jolly good fellow."

"Boog" is a classmate we will never forget. Although he is always ready for fun, and always making witty remarks, he is a serious student. He is a good actor and a star player in basketball. He has the reputation of being Miss Dunnegan's pet, though this he incessantly denies.



JAMES DUNN

"The mind's the measure of the man."

James reads and reads. The fact is, he has the reputation of keeping up with every current event here and abroad. Several times in the Literary Digest Club he has starred in his discussions of Teapot Dome Scandal. Very intellectual, he has often saved the class from being called "nutty." He is very good-natured in spite of his freckles. He says his highest ambition is to avoid the alluring ways of the flapper.



JOHN THOMAS FISHER "Jack"

"Of manners gentle, of affections mild, In wit a man, simplicity a child."

Jack has the reputation of being very studious, and, somehow, has managed to live up to this reputation. Jack is not only loyal to his studies but he is a star in athletics. His highest ambition is to endure Miss Dunnegan's daily history quizzes, which he manages to pass in spite of his week-end trips to G——.







MARTHA JO GORHAM

"She's pretty to walk with,
Witty to talk with,
And pleasant to think on."

First of all, Martha Jo is Miss Dunnegan's star Latin student. Yet translating Caesar is not her only accomplishment. She is one of the best music pupils. Martha Jo very conscientiously reports her parallel, and painstakingly prepares all her subjects. She has distinguished herself in basketball.

MARY ELIZABETH JUDGE

"The red was on your lips, Mary, And the lovelight in your eyes."

Mary is our debater. In fact she represented the Senior Class in the triangular debate this year. She has been accused of being sentimentally inclined. Certainly she has the ability to interest certain other members of the class. Her highest ambition is to become a High School teacher, and explore the stars.



BEULAH LEONA STEWART

"I would that the gods had made me poetical."

"Let not studying interfere with your education," is Beulah's motto. Yet she has won much distinction in Music and Poetry. Beulah is, in fact, our class beauty. She lists as her highest ambition the owning of a "House."



WILLIE LEE TANNER

"High erected thoughts seated in the heart of courtesy."

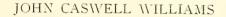
Willie is one of the best all-round students of the class. If there's a field trip to be taken across a swampy region, or if there are tadpoles to be caught, Willie is always ready to help. The Class will never forget Willie's refreshing sweets usually distributed on Biology excursions. It has been rumored that Willie is fond of taming the women, but there are no evidences of the vocation as yet.



SADIE ELIZABETH WARD

"Too fine for praise, too modest to believe it."

It would be impossible for us to get along without Sadie. She is a shining light in English Literature, and has made a good record in basketball. In everything we do, she always stands ready to help gladly. Her calm, sweet dignity is a proverb, throughout the entire High School. She lists as her pet abomination the society of men.



"It is excellent to have a giant's strength."

Caswell, convinced against his will, is of his own opinion still. It is true that Caswell is fond of disagreeing. In fact, he says his favorite pastime is out-arguing his opponents. Caswell is a good player on the basketball team. Probably he plays best when a certain spectator is present. Anyway he says his chief ambition is to "Gain-or" or lose her.





Class History



ARK YE! In the good old year of 1913 we began that process in life known as an education. In a small school resembling a dwelling house there gathered a crowd of shy, teacher-fearing children. Many of us had not learned to trust the kind teachers, and consequently

we stood, or at times sat, in awe of them. Mrs. Hargrave was our teacher, and to her belongs the credit of having trained us in the ways of the school. In this first year, we did not accomplish many things worthy of mention. We did, however, learn the first principles of reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.

In the second grade we had for our teacher Miss McLeod. In this year we were still pursuing our studies, and, of course, we did not have time to make ourselves famous in any particular event. We did, however, pass boisterously to the third grade.

After leaving the third grade we felt quite dignified, for we were now classified in the grammar department of the school. Our troubles, however, seemed to be just beginning, for here we began the study of geography and higher mathematics. It was hard, too, for us to understand that the South Pole was just as cold as the North. Nevertheless, we finally passed up to the fifth grade, half believing and half fearing our subjects.

In the sixth and seventh grades we became interested in athletics. Many of our class timidly played with the older students, and in this way learned about the different sports.

Then that memorial time—when we entered the High School as Freshmen. Many bold tales did the Sophs tell us of the duties of a Freshy, yet we pushed on, fearing nothing. In this year some of our more daring students ventured into the field of athletics, and gave us a feeling that, in spite of all the Sophs said, we were high school students.

How proud we were as Sophomores! We were no longer Freshmen, who felt as though we were considered inferior to other students. Mr. Crissman was our Principal, as well as teacher. In this year our school made wonderful progress in studies and athletics. Mr. Crissman coached our Basketball team and, with Mr. Lowe, helped our boys win the first Championship. Many of our class participated in the first championship game, thus arousing class spirit.

In our junior year the school again won the championship, this time in both the boys' and girls' game. Thus we possessed again the much coveted cup. In this year we began the study of Agriculture. The boys were very much interested in this course, as they learned many new principles and improved



methods in farming. Mr. Elliott was our agricultural teacher. There was no event in our junior year more enjoyable than our Junior-Senior social. From that time a lasting friendship was established between the two classes.

Behold! The Seniors of 1924! In our presence all other classes would stand in awe and consternation. We, as Seniors, were anxious to know if we would be afforded any special privileges. It is true that we were given some privileges. Yet, with these favors came harder work. This year there was an entire change in the faculty of the High School, with the exception of Mr. Crissman. For the third time, too, we won the basketball championship, which gives us the permanent possession of the silver loving cup. Wiley Benson, Jack Fisher and Caswell Williams, from our class, starred in this feat. Among the social events of our senior year were the Junior-Senior weenie roast; the Christmas party given in our honor by the Alumnae of '23, and the Valentine party, at which we were the guests of the Juniors.

Now, with sad hearts, we prepare to leave the good old B. H. S. We shall never forget the pleasant days with our dear old Alma Mater, from whom we have imbibed a spirit of honesty and diligence that is acquired only by four years of hard work in such a school as ours.

JAMES DUNN.







Junior Class

Elizabeth Benson, l'ice President

Margaret Bunn

Frances Daniel

Andrew Davenport

Thigpen Edmondson

Harry Fisher

Robert Gay, Sec'y & Treas.

William Hartman

Theophilus Moore

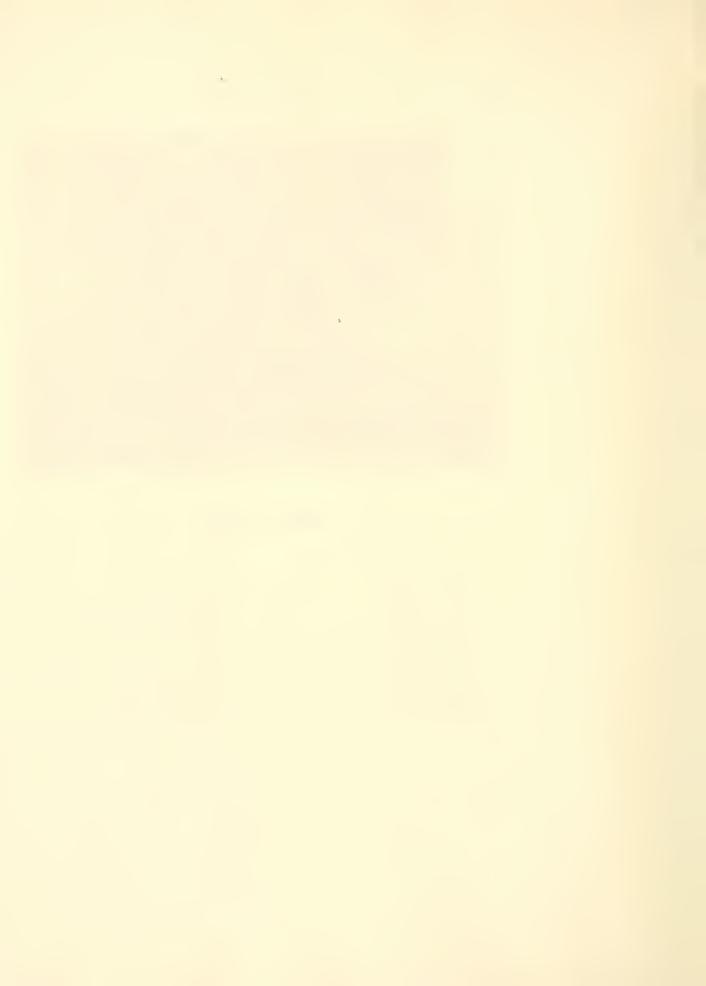
Maude Philips, President

Catherine Price

Felton Turner

Elizabeth Ward

Benjamin Ward



Last Will and Testament of The Senior Class

AVING, as have many people before us, been confined within these, the walls of the Battleboro High School, for many years, and being, as a result, of more or less unsound minds, we, the Senior Class, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, do hereby make this our last "Will and Testament," as follows:

- 1. To the Junior Class, we will the privilege of studying such easy courses as we have studied-in particular, Biology, English and Geometry; the right to giggle at everything that's funny; and the right to read the latest fiction rather than the poems and parallel reading books that we have enjoyed during the year.
- To the Sophomore Class, we will the exquisite pleasure of eating candy on Mr. Crissman's Algebra class. We will, also, to the Sophomore Class, a few more boys, so that there will be an equal number of boys and girls in the class.
- 3. To the Freshman Class, we will the right to take Miss Dunnegan's quizzes four days in every week, as well as the test she gives once each week.
- 4. To Mr. Crissman, we will the right to sell, in his office in spare time, just for pleasure, two hundred boxes of candy. We will to him, also, a private secretary to receive all the book agents and other business men who exercise the great pleasure of breaking in on his classes.
- 5. To Mr. Strupe, we will the high honor of being Postmaster, and of employing any Postoffice clerks whom he sees fit. We will to him, further, upon his retirement from the Postoffice, a small farm in the mountains, where he may make music with his bass horn, and live happy ever afterward.
- 6. To Miss Johnson, we will a greater love of Nature, and the privilege of teaching English and Science as long as she wishes. We will to her, also, many volumes of poems, so that she may read to her heart's content.
- 7. To Miss Dunnegan, we will the privilege of teaching Latin to all the students she may desire; the right always to discuss the political world and to tell us of Durham. To her, also, we most respectfully will another card case to replace the one that now lies in the bottom of Tar River.
- 8. To Miss Robertson, we will the privilege of specializing in English and American History. Particularly do we will to her the right to a careful investigation of the personality of King George I, whose versatility might help to fill (Phil) the vacant hours.



- 9. To Miss Womble we will a large classroom and more pupils so that she may be kept busy all day. We bequeath to her the right, also, to sing as much as the town will permit.
- 10. To Miss Cuthrell, we will the position of bookkeeper for a certain designated life insurance company. We are sure she will satisfy the agent.
- 11. To Miss Normant, we will the privilege of patronizing the Week's Hot Dog Stand.
- 12. To the girls of the Freshman Class, we will a large dressing-room, where they may primp up for classes. This is to include mirrors of all sizes and shapes, as well as all other necessary material.
- 13. To Margaret Bunn, we bequeath Sadie Ward's talent for singing. We hope Margaret will entertain her class as Sadie has us.
- 14. To the girls of the Junior Class, we will Jack Fisher's art of making biscuits.
- 15. To Louise Cummings, we bequeath Martha Jo Gorham's quiet disposition.
- 16. To Elizabeth Ward and Frances Daniel, we will the tendency of Mary-Judge to vamp the new-comers.
- 17. We dispose of our class officers in the following manner: Our President, we will to a certain individual in the Junior Class. Our Vice President, we will to a higher institution. Our Secretary-Treasurer, we reserve for our Business Manager.
- 18. To Mr. Strupe, we will Caswell Williams' great aptitude for eating pie. May the latter win as many prizes.
 - 19. To William Hartman, we will James Dunn's dignity.
- 20. To Richard Moore, we bequeath Willie Tanner's ability in sales-manship.
- 21. To Maud Philips, we will Beulah Stewart's distinction of being our History teacher's pet.

WILEY BENSON.





Sophomore Class

William Barnes

Billie Benson

Effie Gray Briggs

Marvin Cummings

David Davenport

Henry Gorham

Maud Lassiter

Belle Melton

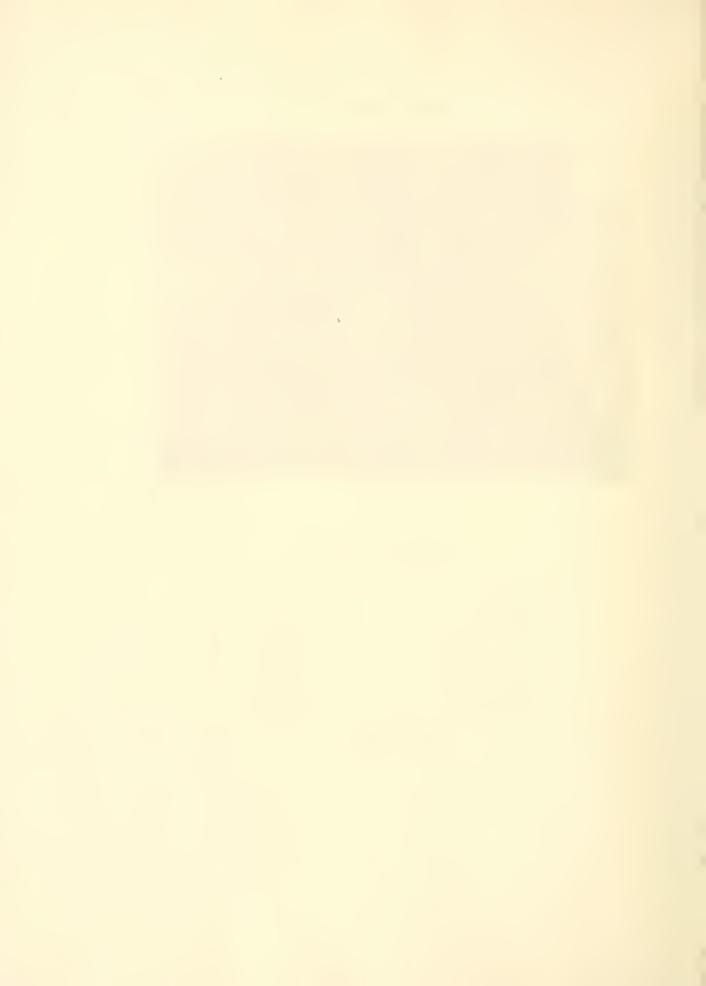
Richard Moore

Marvin Pippen

Mark Ruffin

Lewis Williams

Charles Zuidema



Sayings of A Seer

HAT'S what I said. From the old Gypsy who stole me from my cradle and kept me away from the things that you dear boys and girls of the Senior Class have laughed and fussed and rejoiced over, I have the power to foretell what will come after now—You are such

precious children! Let me draw nearer to catch the gleam in your eyes, to feel the touch of your fingers, to smooth lightly the soft texture of your modern American costumes. Class Day, do you say? Have you been worthy? Are you going to live up to your best? Already I catch your heartbeats. What does the future reveal for you? Take a peep with me.

Sadie Elizabeth Ward? In my mind's eye I see her fifteen years from now. She is Dean of Women in that famous music school in Detroit, Michigan. One of the most prominent teachers in the United States, she is loved by all who ever have the good fortune to know her.

In the remote deserts of Africa I see Mr. Willie Lee Tanner. He is one of the greatest Scientists of his day. He is the well known author of many scientific books. With his many inventions and discoveries, he is often compared with the famous Thomas A. Edison, so well known a few years before.

In the great city of New York I see Beulah Leona Stewart. She is just going aboard an aeroplane, in which she will sail to the opera. Thousands of people await her, for, because of her great beauty and dramatic gift, she is known as the greatest, most interesting personage on the stage today.

My prophetic eye sees now Mr. Wiley Thomas Benson. He is in the great unexplored regions of Northern Canada, where he is making surveys for the British Government. Noted author of many treatises on surveying, he is recognized the world over as one of the most expert surveyors and engineers yet known. He is planning, for the next few days, a trip back to Battleboro—to see once more the friends of his childhood. The people of Battleboro are planning a great celebration for their celebrated ex-citizen.

In the beautiful city of Venice I see Martha Jo Gorham. She has been in that beautiful country of Italy for some time studying music under the great masters. It is a wonderful moonlight night. She is floating down the beautiful liquid streets while her companion (who was also a companion of high school days) is playing a violin accompaniment for the voice which has won so much admiration and applause in great opera, and is so much loved by the violinist himself.

Of all that happy group of mine, Jack only is left in Battleboro. He is a



greatly admired professor of agriculture. Through his influence, a great agricultural college has been established in that dear town of Battleboro. In addition to his agricultural achievements, he has made himself immortal by the publication of several volumes of poetry. This great body of poetry is inspired directly by his unusual love for his native fields, his brooklets, and his birds.

In Washington something great is going on. A great man is making his inaugural address. He is now President of our great country. He has long been loved by the people of North Carolina because he is our ex-Governor. He is great because of his democratic views and his kindheartedness. In fact, he is called Lincoln the Second. Can you guess? Mr. James Henry Dunn, of course, who graduated from the Battleboro High School.

But look! In a beautiful mansion on Fifth Avenue a distinguished appearing man is alighting from a limousine, and ascending the steps. This man, the "Money King," is known as the richest man in America. He controls practically all the finance of the country. And who? None other than Mr. John Caswell Williams, the great multimillionaire.

MARY JUDGE.







Freshman Class

Kitchen Benson	Lucile Long
Louise Cummings	Frances May
Dorothy Daniel	Mildred Pitt
Leon Edmondson	Miles Smithson
Louise Gorham	Olive Stokes
Mamie Lou King	Thelma Taylor
Hazel Lassiter	Viola Walker

Nina Williams



Class Statistics

HILE in actual number our class is smaller by two than our predecessor, in strength of stature, in variety of honors, in host of enjoyments, and in record of attainments, we shall endeavor to hold our own. We are noted, in fact, for our stupendous physical proportions.

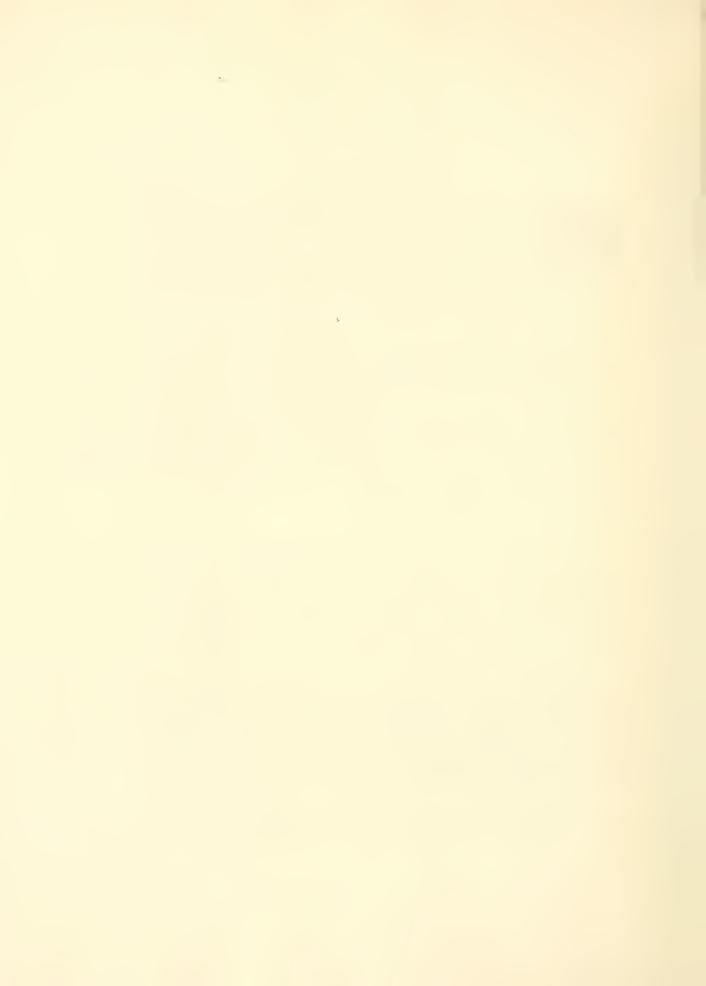
Witness thus the glowing figures! Average height, 5 feet, 7 inches; average weight, 138 pounds; total height, 50 feet, 3 inches; total weight, 1,242 pounds, or 15,904 ounces; average size of shoe, 6%.

During our existence, we have received various honors. Caswell, best sport and champion pie-eater, has been given a high place in the school and in the town. Mary, class flapper and debater, has been voted the most popular. Beulah, class beauty and poet, has been proclaimed the leading vamp. "Boog" Benson, star basketball player and class actor, has won rare distinction. Willie, the most business-like and the most courteous, has attracted wide attention. James, the most scholarly and the most dignified, has won an enviable position in the minds of students and faculty. Martha Jo, the most painstaking and the happiest, has beamed her way into many hearts. Sadie, the most genial and the most unselfish, has won the friendship of everybody. Jack, best biscuit-maker and ye liumbly grateful scribe, has been awarded special prize in the county. He has also been voted the most athletic.

A host of fragrant memories come sweeping in as we recall our good times, though these are not always distinct from our hard times. One of the most interesting things we will remember, when high school days are over and we have entered the broader fields of life, will be our field trips in biology. We were greatly amused at times to find that our teacher-Miss Dunnegan-was enthusiastically telling us about a sweet-gum tree, when we observed it to be an oak; or a grass-hopper, when we recognized it as a wingless butterfly.

In attainments our record is varied and numerous, if not brilliant. In the past four years we, as a whole, have more or less successfully withstood approximately 31,500 recitations. In the aggregate amount, these lessons include not less than 300 agricultural and biological field trips; 700 scientific sketches and write-ups; 50 or 75 political and current events talks; 160 literary society programs; 1,350 geometry propositions proved; 1,296,000 words written; 12,500,coo,000 words read, 999,999 smiles and frowns.

For lack of space we will not record the various things we have learned in the various subjects. Suffice it to say, we have overcome many awkward



difficulties, and have steered the ship of Seniors through the once unknown text books of the different years. Now, in more ways than one, we feel conquerors. We have learned to curb our own wills, and to submit to the authority of those over us. Thus we leave our beloved B. H. S.

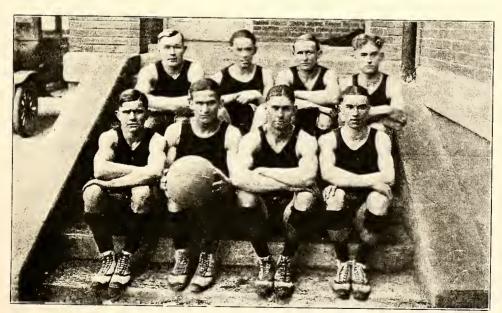
Juile Fisher.



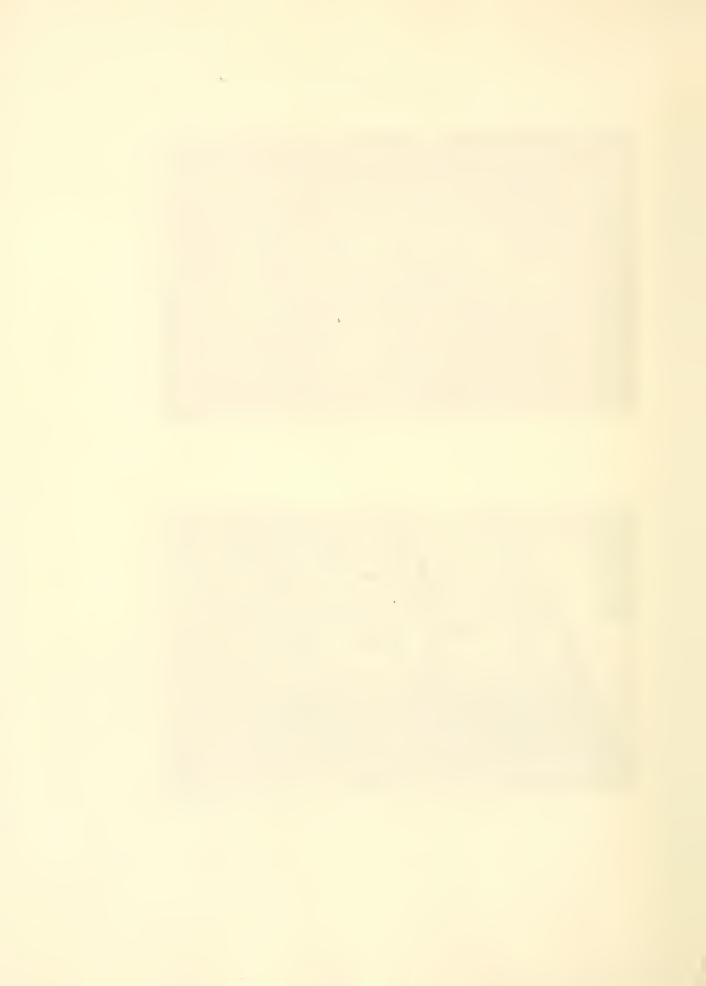




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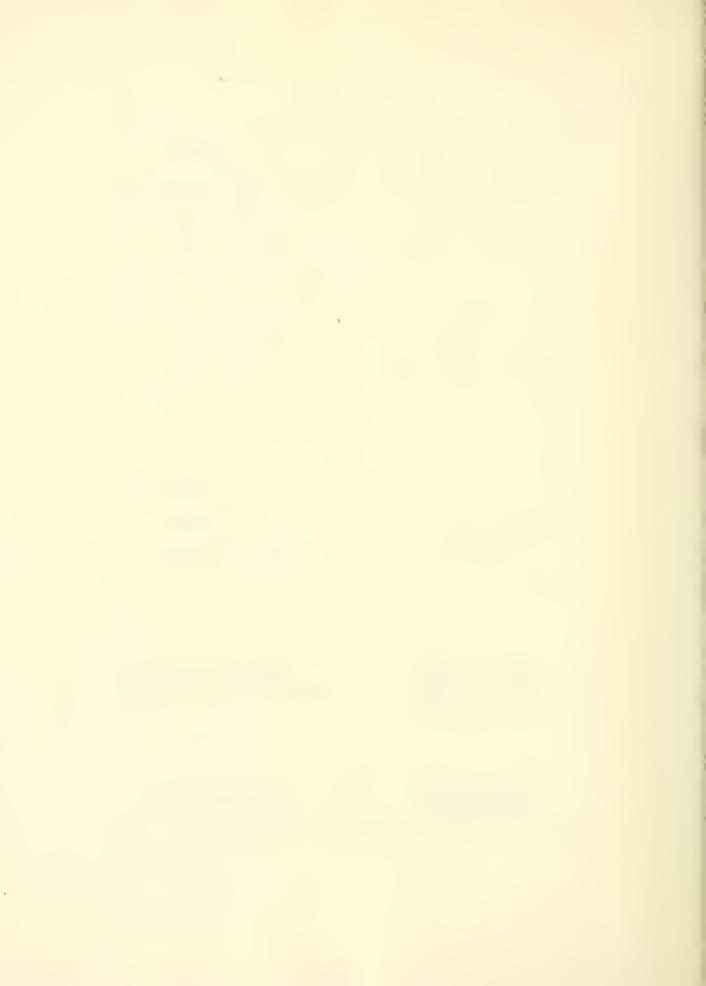
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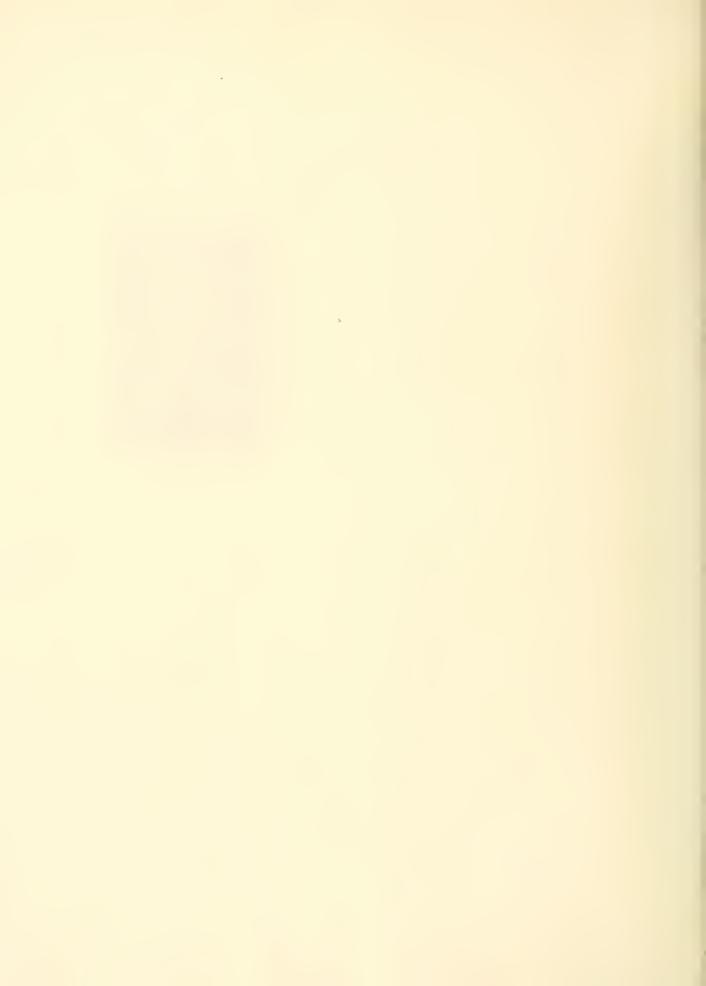
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WILEY T. BENSON
BATTLEBORO — Wiley
Thomas Benson, 69, farmer,
died Wednesday. Funeral 2
p.m. Thursday, Gay-Yost Funeral Home chapel. Burial,
Battlesboro Cemetery.
Surviving: widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Singletary Benson;
daughter, Mrs. Sarah Benson
Adcox of Battleboro; brother,
Kitchin Benson of Battleboro;

Surviving: widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Singletary Benson; daughter, Mrs. Sarah Benson Adcox of Battleboro; brother, Kitchin Benson of Battleboro; sisters, Mrs. Nellie B. Corbett and Mrs. Blanche B. Proctor of Battleboro, Mrs. Minnie Lee Proctor of Rocky Mount; three grandchildren.





BATTLEBORO CLASS—Pictured is the junior class of Battleboro High School, from the 1923 school annual, supplied by Ben Ward of Battleboro, who was a sophomore that year. Members of the

class are identified as: Martha
Josephine Gorham
(president), Catherine Price,
Jack Fisher (vice president),
Willie Tanner, James Dunn,
Mary Judge, Wiley Benson,
Beulah Stewart (secretary-

treasurer), Coswell Williams and Sadie Ward. The school building burned down about 20 years ago, and the site became home for the United Methodist Church of Battleboro.







