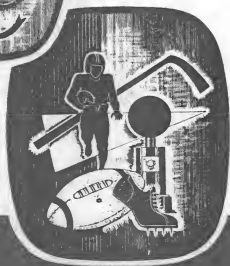


RIDGEVIEW

1961





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Dedication

With pride and honor, we dedicate the 1961 PANTHER to our parents who endeavor to, and succeed, in lightening our burden throughout our many school days. We love you, dear parents. This is one way we hope to show you that your endeavors are not in vain.

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YRAPH 3

By the ridge of blue top mountains clear Ridgeview high.
 Whose fame and honor ever mounting. Never near will die.
 Ridgeview Ridgeview Alma Mater your sons and
 daughters are true. Long as the sun sinks
 o'er you mountains will cheer
 the orange and blue

**RIDGEVIEW, RIDGEVIEW,
ALMA MATER**

Ridgeview High School, the oldest Negro high school in Catawba County, is known not only for its achievements in the field of athletics, but also for the academic standings of its students as they go forth for further study, in order to serve the needs of mankind.

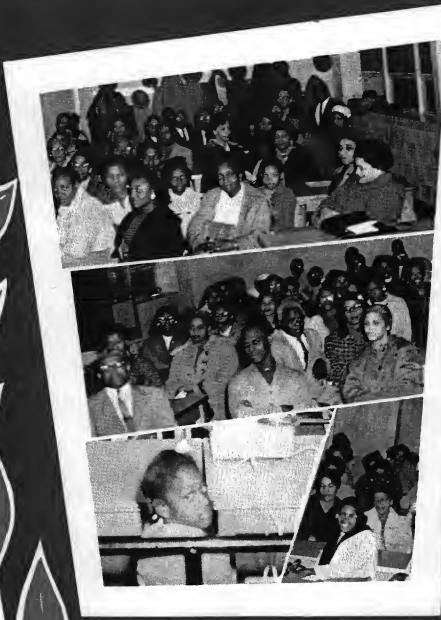
Margie James





The Ridgeview Alumni Association

The work of the Ridgeview Alumni Association has been unceasing since its organization five years ago. Here Mr. Ellis Johnson, Alumni President, presents an Oboe to Mr. T. H. Penn, Band Director and Mr. T. H. Broome, Principal. This is an example of the fine projects sponsored by the Alumni Association.





Foreword

The following pages of the 1961 PANTHER are intended to review the events of the past year, and to stimulate our memory and our hearts.

We have endeavored to record, with truth and sincerity, the successes and failures that have been a part of Ridgeview school and community in hopes of recalling a precious moment, hour, or dear friendship that was ours during the year past.



1961

administration





MR. TAFT H. BROOME, PRINCIPAL

Principal's Message

To the entire Ridgeview student body — especially those of the Class of 1961—

In a few weeks our paths will separate, and we will go in many different directions — some for a few months only, and some because this is the end of the secondary school career. We will remember you and hope that we may continue to be as proud of you as you go forth for further study and for service, as we have often been proud of you in class participation, in extra-curricular activities, in co-curricular activities, and in your general progress here at Ridgeview.

May you have the vision, courage, faith, understanding, and desire to serve your fellow men, and to make the strife and turmoil of today, a better world tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Your Principal,
T. H. BROOME

High School Faculty



MR. B. P. BROWN, JR.
Maryland State College,
American University
Virginia State College

INDUSTRIAL ARTS
Guidance and Counseling
Boys Basketball
Homeroom—10th Grade Boys



MR. T. H. PENN
Agricultural and Technical College

SCIENCE
Homeroom—12th Grade
Band
Science Club

MRS. E. D. PETTY
Johnson C. Smith University
ENGLISH, FRENCH
Homeroom—10th Grade Girls
Dramatics, Yearbook



High School

MRS. J. B. THOMPSON
North Carolina College

HOME ECONOMICS
Homeroom—11th Grade
New Homemakers of America
Handicrafts



MRS. B. J. TWITTY
North Carolina College

LIBRARY SCIENCE, HISTORY
Library Staff
History Club



MR. G. P. MURPHY
Shaw University

MATHEMATICS
Homeroom—9th Grade Boys
Co-Ordinator of Clubs
and Activities

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MRS. H. H. ROBINSON
North Carolina College

COMMERCIAL EDUCATION
Homeroom—9th Grade Girls

Elementary



MRS. R. R. BARNHILL
Bennett College
7th Grade - Library



MRS. A. C. BENNETT
Va. State College
1st Grade



MRS. A. J. DAVIS
A & T College
5th Grade



MR. S. W. DAVIS
Winston-Salem
Teachers College
8th Grade - Athletic Coach



MISS B. J. DERR
Winston-Salem
Teachers College
2nd Grade



MRS. O. M. EVANS
Winston-Salem
Teachers College
1st Grade



MR. D. E. FORNEY
A & T College
7th and 8th Grades



MRS. M. M. FULLER
North Carolina College
7th Grade



MISS R. A. GASTON
A & T College
6th Grade



MR. J. C. KILLIAN
Fayetteville State
A & T College
5th and 6th Grades



MRS. M. S. MITCHELL
Teachers College
Columbia University
5th Grade



MRS. W. D. PATTERSON
South Carolina
State College
7th Grade

Staff



MR. W. WATSON
Custodian



MRS. H. KIMBALL
Dietician

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MRS. T. BROOKS
Dietician

MRS. W. SURRATT
Maid

MR. JIMMIE HILL
Custodian

TEACHERS NOT PICTURED

MRS. P. D. SHUFORD
1st and 2nd

MISS H. A. GASTON
2nd

MRS. M. F. BURWICK
3rd and 4th

MISS W. F. LITTLE
2nd

MRS. S. K. PEOPLES
4th Grade

MISS B. R. LONGCRIER
6th

MR. W. R. ROBINSON
Glee Club
8th Grade



MISS M. G. POSTON
Hampton Institute Teachers College,
Columbia University
3rd Grade



MR. R. J. SCALES
Fayetteville Teachers College
4th Grade
Asst. Athletic Coach

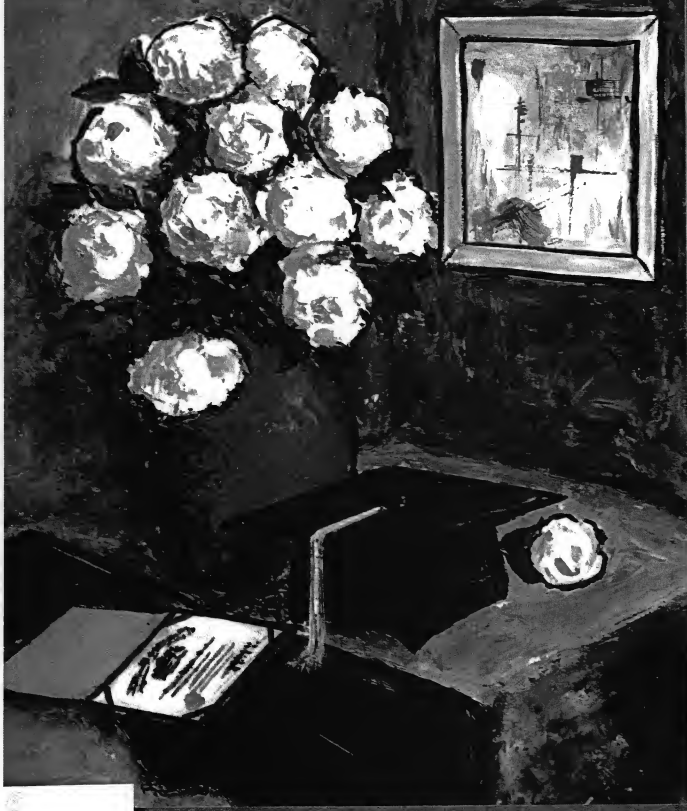


MRS. C. H. SHARPE
Livingston College
3rd Grade



MRS. M. H. WISE
Winston-Salem Teachers College
1st Grade

graduates



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CLYDE SHADE
(Scrooge)
"Go 'head."



ROSIE McCLAIN
(Gal)



JOYCE DIANA BURKE
(Sleepy)
"Well alright."

Senior Class Officers



DAVID SLACKS
(Rocka)
"Good deal."

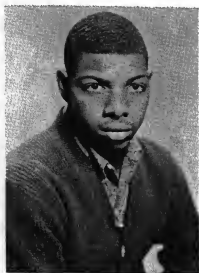


SHIRLENE ROLAND
(Shory)
"S-s-sh-oot!"



THOMAS PROPST

Senior



WILLIAM ABERNATHY, JR.
(Taz)



JUDY ABERNATHY
(Mae)



DORA BROWN
"Really."



DOROTHY BUMGARNER
(Legs)
"You're lying."



EVELYN CARLTON
(Eve)
"Everything's lovely."



BETTY JEAN COATES
(Flirtie)
"Now that's real cool."

Class



CECILIA DAVENPORT
(Dixie)
"Like boom baby."



HAZEL DAVIS
(Kim)
"Aw shucks."



OSCAR JOHN ERVIN
"Sunny"



WILLIE FLOWERS
(W. J.)
"What's cool."



EDNA FREDERICKS
(Ferdinand)
"Really."



MILDRED GRIMES
(Milly)
"Like crazy man."

Senior



ALLAN HART
(Latoree)



JIMMIE LEE HAYNES
(Lee)
"Man ya."



ELEANOR HESTER
"Shut your mouth."



BETTY HILL
(Little Bit)



RICHARD HODGE
(Teco)
"What's happening."

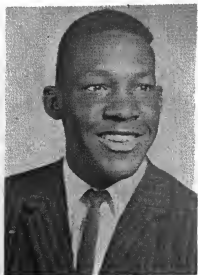


IRMA JEAN HUNT
(Jennie)
"Like babes, that's the stuff."

Class



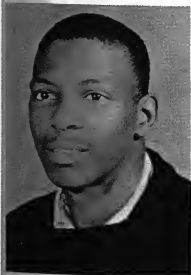
STEVEN JAMES
(Reno)
"Whale, man, whale."



VINCENT JAMES
(Laff)
"Cool it, man."



JAMES JOHNSON
(Hardrock)
"Don't you see?"



ROBERT LOUIS KILLIAN
(Dim)
"What's happening, baby?"



SHIRLEY LANIE LEE
(Cookie)
"You best believe it."



PEGGY PARKS
(Peg)
"No teasing."

Senior



LINDA RANKIN
(Beatnik)
"Like crazy."



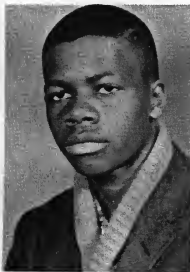
ANNIE ROSEBORO
(Pickie)
"It really doesn't matter."



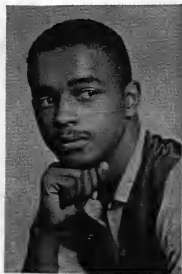
BETTY JEAN SCOTT
(Dillie)
"You bug me."



BESSIE SETZER
(Foxye)
"Like you just might
be with it."



MELVIN SHADE
"That's not too cool."



THOMAS SUDDERETH
(Buff)
"Most definitely."

Senior



ALLAN HART
(Latoree)



JIMMIE LEE HAYNES
(Lee)
"Man ya."



ELEANOR HESTER
"Shut your mouth."



BETTY HILL
(Little Bit)

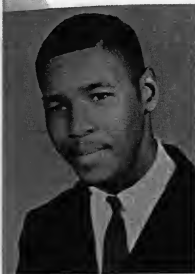


RICHARD HODGE
(Teco)
"What's happening."



IRMA JEAN HUNT
(Jeanie)
"Like babes, that's the stuff."

Class



ERNEST JERRY THOMPSON
(Big Thomp)
"How about that?"



STEVE THOMPSON
(Speedy)



ERNESTINE WILSON
(Tina)
"You ain't kidding."

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JOSEPH COLLINS
(Josh)

ARNOLD ELMORE HOUSTON
(Beaver)

NATHANIEL POWELL
(Nath)

Seniors Activities



- ABERNATHY, JR., WILLIAM C.**
Library Staff 1,2,3,4; Football 1,2,3,4; Basketball 2.
- ABERNATHY, JUDY**
Library Staff 1,2,3,4; History Club 3; Science Club 2, Student Council 1,2; Secretary Student Council 2; Class Historian 4.
- BROWN, DORA**
Dramatics 3,4; Journalism 3,4; N.H.A. 3.
- BUMGARNER, DOROTHY**
Glee Club 1,2,4; Student Council 3; Handicrafts 3; N.H.A. 2,3,4; Sgt.-at-Arms 4; Basketball 1,2,3.
- BURKE, JOYCE DIANA**
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; Journalism Club 1; Library Club 1,2; N.H.A. Secretary 3; Class President 1,2,3; Class Secretary 4; Miss Ridgeway Candidate 1.
- CARLTON, EVELYN**
Band 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1; Dramatics 2; Vice-President of Class 2; Debutante 3.
- COATES, BETTY JEAN**
Journalism Club 1,2,3; Library Staff 1,2; Glee Club 3,4; Class Ass. Secretary 4; N.H.A. 4; May Queen 2; Miss Ridgeway Candidate 3.
- COLLINS, JOSEPH**
Basketball 2; Football 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 4.
- DAVENPORT, CECELIA**
Dramatics 3,4; Cheerleader 3,4; Journalism 3,4; Basketball 2,3,4.
- DAVIS, HAZEL**
Library Staff 1,2,3,4; Handicrafts 4; N.H.A. 4.
- FLOWERS, WILLIE**
Science Club 1,2,3; Handicrafts 4.
- FREDERICK, EDNA**
Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 1,2,3,4; Journalism 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Business Manager 4; Basketball 1,4; Glee Club 1.
- GRIMES, MILDRED**
Journalism 1,2,3; Library Staff 4; Dramatics 1,2,3.
- HART, ALLAN**
Football 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Handicrafts 4.
- HAYNES, JIMMIE LEE**
Handicrafts 1; Library 3,4; N.H.A. 2,3.
- HESTER, ELEANOR**
Handicrafts 3,4; Dramatics 1; Glee Club 2; History Club 1; Student Council 2; N.H.A. 2,3,4.
- HILL, BETTY**
Glee Club 1,2,3,4; History Club 2,3; N.H.A. 4; Class Sec. 1; Class Historian 4.
- HODGE, RICHARD**
Glee Club 3,4, President 4; Football 1,2,3,4, Capt. 4; Basketball 2,3,4; Class Business Manager 3; Handicrafts 1,2.
- HUNT, IRMA JEAN**
Library Staff 1,2,3,4; History Club 1; N.H.A. 3,4.
- HUSTON, ARNOLD ELMORE**
Football 1,2,3,4; Science Club 3; Journalism 1.
- JAMES, STEVEN**
Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Club 2,3,4.
- JAMES, VINCENT**
Band 1,2,3,4; Jazz Club 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4.

Seniors Activities

JOHNSON, JAMES

Handicrafts 1; Football 1,2,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Library Staff President 4.

KILLIAM, ROBERT LOUIS

Journalism Club 1,2,3,4; Library Staff 4; Football 1,2,3,4; Baseball 3,4; Handicrafts 1,2,3.

LEE, SHIRLEY LANIE

Library Staff 1.

McCLAIN, ROSIE

N.H.A. 2,3,4, President 4; Library Staff 1, 2,4; History Club 1; Handicrafts 3; Class Vice-President 4, Secretary 3; Treasurer 2.

PARKS, PEGGY

Dramatics 1; Library Club Sec. 1; Library Staff 2,3,4, Sec. 4; Student Council 3; Miss Freshman; May Queen Candidate 1,3; Ridgeview Candidate 2; Miss Ridgeview 4.

POWELL, NATHANIEL

Handicrafts 1,2,3,4; Science Club 1,2,3,4.

PROPST, THOMAS

Football 1,2,3,4.

RANKIN, LINDA

Library Staff 1,2,3; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4; Journalism 4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Dramatics 4.

ROLAND, SHIRLENE

Library Staff 1,2,3,4; History Club 1; N. H.A. 2,3,4, V.-Pres. 4, Asst. Sec 3; Student Council 4.

ROSEBORO, ANNIE

Library Staff 1; Glee Club 1; Dramatics 1, 2,4; Journalism Club 1,2,3,4; Cheerleader 1,2,3,4.

SCOTT, BETTY JEAN

Library Staff 2,3; Band 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4; History Club 1,2,3,4; President 3; Basketball 1,2,3,4; Captain 4.

SETZER, BESSIE

Dramatics 1,2,3,4; Journalism 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2,3,4, Captain 1; Sports Editor of Yearbook 4.

SHADE, CLYDE

Handicrafts 2,3,4; Science Club 2,3,4; Dramatics 1; Vice-President of Class 3, President 4; Student Council 1,2.

SHADE, MELVIN

Handicrafts 1,2,3,4.

SLACKS, DAVID

Glee Club, Business Manager 3,4; Journalism 1,2,3,4; Yearbook Editor 4; Dramatics 2; Handicrafts, Business Manager, Class 4; Football 1,2,3,4, Captain 4; Basketball 2,3,4.

SUDDERETH, THOMAS

Football 1,2,3,4; Band 1,2,3,4.

THOMPSON, ERNEST JERRY

Glee Club 2; Handicrafts 3; Journalism, Yearbook Artist 4.

THOMPSON, STEVE

Handicrafts 3; Library Staff 2; Football 1, 2,3,4; Journalism, Yearbook Artist 4.

WILSON, ERNESTINE

Library Staff 1,4; N.H.A. 2,3,4.



Senior Class History . . .

On September 3, 1957, approximately sixty students entered as freshmen in a new High School building. We spread throughout different activities such as Band, Glee Club, Library Club and Staff, Handicrafts, Basketball and Football. Our class was so large we had to be separated. The girls homeroom teacher was Miss Searcy. Our class officers were: Joyce Burke, President; Jessie Rink, Vice-President; Betty Hill, Secretary; Carolyn Sherrill, Treasurer; Judy Abernethy and Eleanor Hester, Student Council Representatives.

The boys' homeroom teacher was Miss Howell. Class officers were: Eli Williams, President; Allan Hart, Vice-President; Steve James, Secretary; Student Council Representatives: Charles Fambrough, Clyde Shade.

Soon we were sophomores and we were very eager for school to open in September. The homeroom teachers were Mrs. Thompson and Mr. Brown. Our class officers were Joyce Burke, Steve James, Presidents; Evelyn Carlton, Eli Williams, Vice-Presidents; Rosie McClain, Treasurer; Student Council Representatives were Judy Abernethy, Dorothy Bumgarner, David Slacks and Clyde Shade. Our sophomore year ended with a Sophomore Ball and a class party.

Returning to school on August 28, 1959, we were Juniors and our class finally were combined. The theme of our Junior-Senior Prom was "Gay Paree" which was a great success under the direction of Mrs. S. K. McRae. Our class officers were Joyce Burke, President; Clyde Shade, Vice-President; Rosie McClain, Secretary; David Slacks and Peggy Parks, Student Council Representatives. We still had many football players; we won the Conference Championship game.

Finally the day so long awaited is here, we are Seniors with an enrollment of forty-four under the supervision of Mr. T. H. Penn. One of our early events was Homecoming. Our class mate, Peggy Parks, was Miss Ridgeview.

Our class motto is "We Learn Today to Insure a Better Tomorrow". Class officers are: Clyde Shade, President; Rosie McClain, Vice-President; Joyce Burke, Secretary; Shirlene Roland and Thomas Propst, Student Council Representatives; David Slacks, Business Manager.

This year we had the first team in the history of Ridgeview to be unscored on during the regular season. We won the District Championship game. The boys who played all four years are: Richard Hodge, Captain; David Slacks and Thomas Propst, Co-Captains. Thomas Sudderth, Allan Hart, William Abernethy Jr., Joseph Collins, Robert Killian, Arnold Houston, James Johnson and Steve Thompson.

The basketball players were Allan Hart and James Johnson, Captains; Richard Hodge, David Slacks, Vincent James. Betty Scott and Bessie Setzer were the girls' Captains.

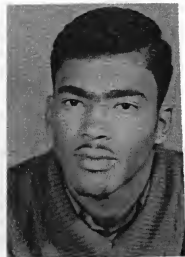
And now we are ready to depart from Dear Old Ridgeview. We would like to thank our principal, Mr. T. H. Broome, the faculty, our parents and friends for helping us obtain our goal.



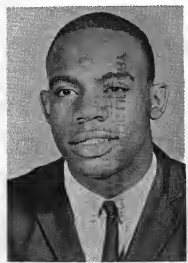
Class Historians
Betty Hill
Judy Abernethy

underclassmen





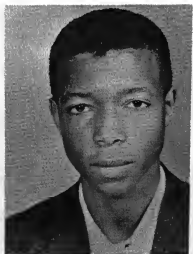
*Junior Class
Officers*



Doris Forney
Louise Reid
Geraldine Pope

Edward Clay
Donald Simms

Nathaleen Jett
Phyllis Finger
Patricia Thompson



Junior Class

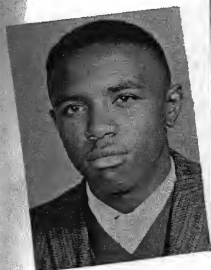
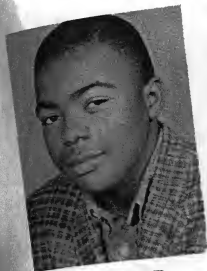
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Doris Blair
Charles Bost
Burrell Brown

Wilbert Brown
Calvin Burch

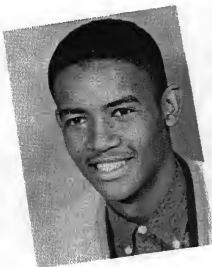
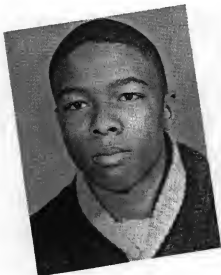
Carolyn Carson
Kenneth Carter
James Childs



William Conley
Rudolph Hovie
Douglas Jennings

James Gabriel
Nadine Hull
Beatrice Johnson

Mertice Hoover
Margie James
Jacqueline Johnson



Tony Killian
Amos Saddler

Virginia Peterson
Pearl Turner

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Edward Lee
Barbara Withers
Jerry Griggs



Ruth Knox
Bobby Thompson
Clara White



MRS. PETTY.....10-G

Sophomores

MR. BROWN — 10-B





MR. DAVIS — 8-B

MR. ROBINSON — 8-A





MRS. ROBINSON — 9-C

Freshmen

MR. MURPHY — 9-B





MR. FORNEY — 7-8

MRS. FULLER — 7-A

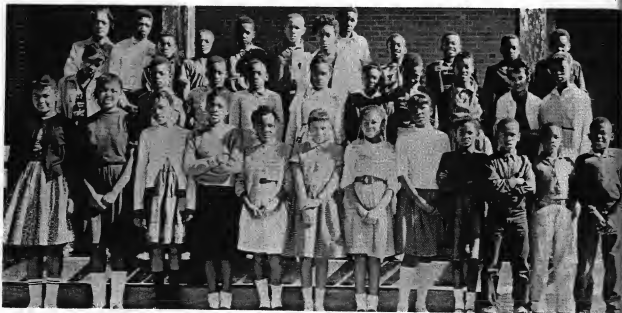




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MISS LONGCRIER — 6-B

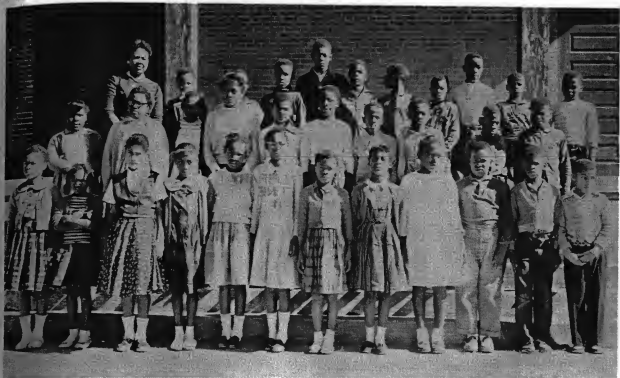




MISS GASTON — 6-A



MR. KILLIAN — 5-6



MRS. DAVIS — 5-B

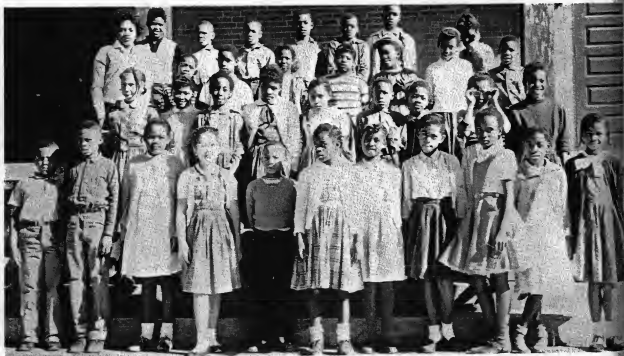
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MISS LITTLE — 4-A

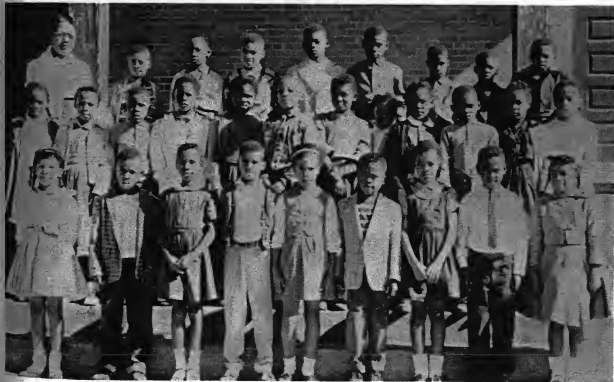
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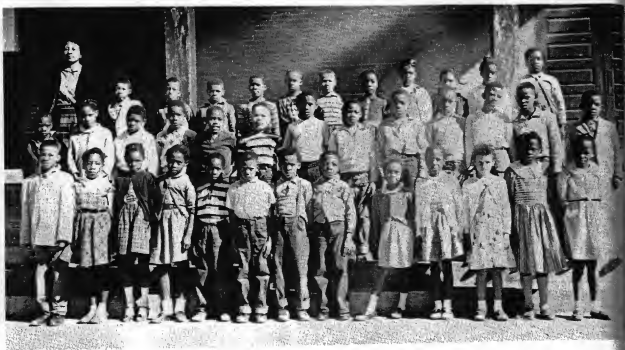




MRS. BURWICK.....3-4

MISS POSTON.....3-A

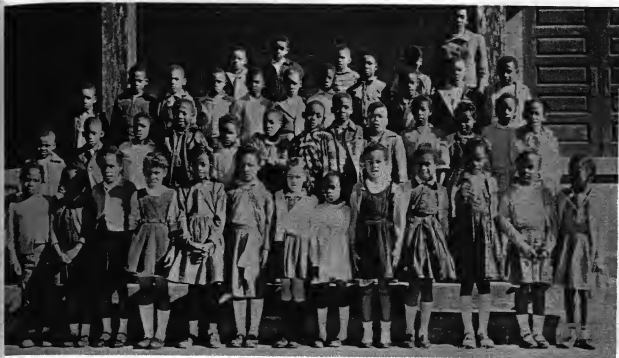




MRS. SHARPE — 3-B

MISS DERR — 2-B





MISS GASTON — 2-A

MRS. SHUFORD — 1-2





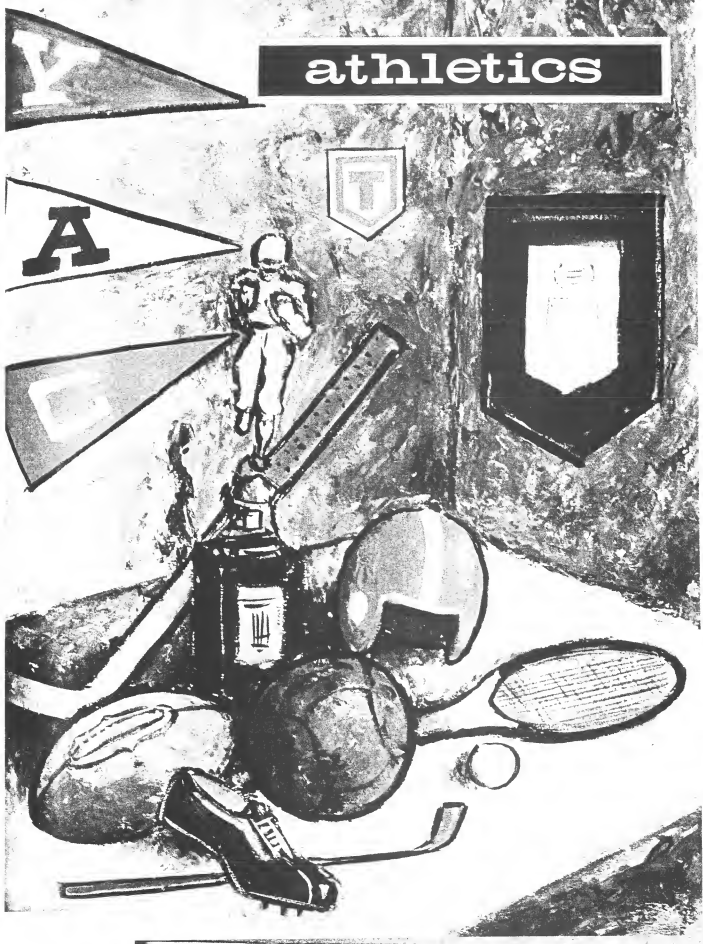
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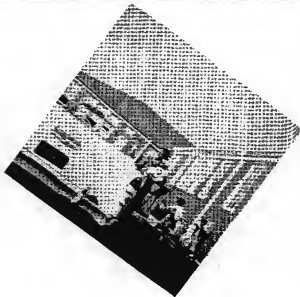
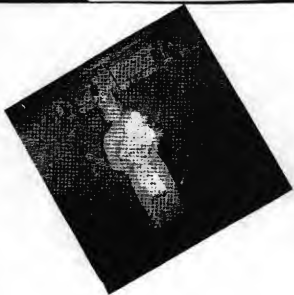
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MRS. WISE — 1-C

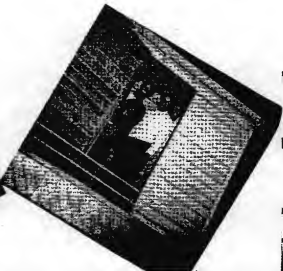


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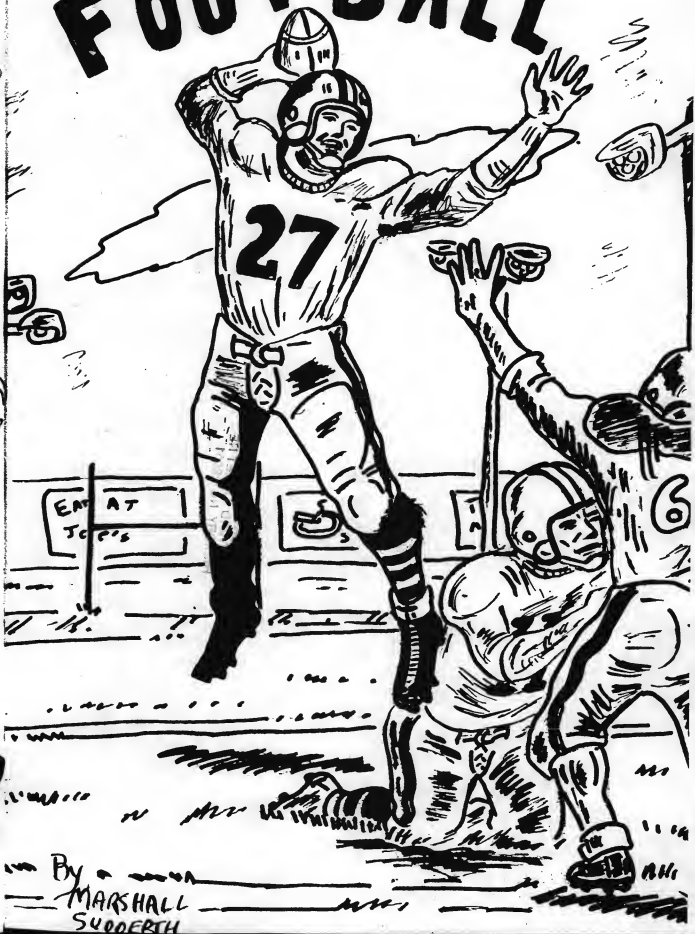
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FOOT BALL



By
MARSHALL
SUDBERTH



Ridgeview Tramples Belmont On Muddy Field, 20-0, For Third Win Of Season

Ridgeview Dumps Thomasville, 40-0

1961
WINTER
FOOTBALL

Football

Still Unscored On, Unbeaten

Ridgeview Blanks Olive Hill, 14-0

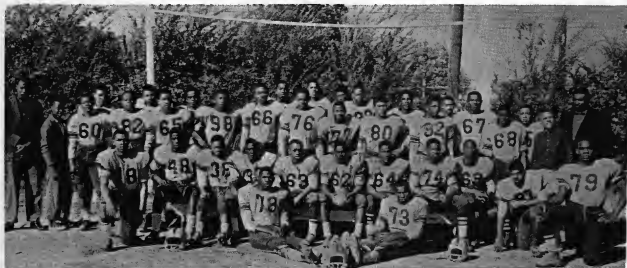
Ridgeview Romps Over Wadesboro, 36-0

David Gandy and Richard Hodge were selected to play in the annual Shrine Bowl game at A & T college, Greensboro, today. The Senior fullback and tackle, respectively, were co-captains of the 1960 North Carolina champions, District champions and State co-champions.

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Panthers Still Unscored On

Ridgeview Shells Central, 46-0



State Championship Runner-Ups

FRONT ROW

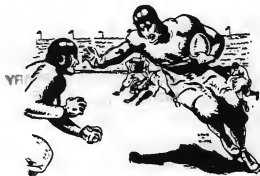
Richard Hodge	78	T	Senior
David Slacks	73	FB	Senior
Burrell Brown	18	QB	Junior
Joseph Collin	48	E	Senior
Steve Thompson	35	HB	Senior
Allen Hart	33	HB	Senior
James Johnson	63	HB	Senior
Thomas Sudderth	62	C	Senior
Thomas Propst	64	HB	Senior
Robert Killian	74	E	Senior
Arnold Huston	69	T	Senior
William Abernathy	87	FB	Senior
Don Sims	79	G	Junior

SECOND ROW

Horace Tilt	60	HB	Sophomore
James Turner	82	HB	Sophomore
Leonard Clay	65	HB	Sophomore
James Childs	98	G	Junior
Tony Killian	66	T	Junior
Nelson Brockenbrough	76	T	Freshman
Calvin Burch	77	HB	Junior
Edward Clay	80	G	Junior
Thomas Childs	92	G	Sophomore
Douglas Jennings	67	G	Junior
Everette Carson	68	E	Sophomore

THIRD ROW

Nathaniel Foster	88	E	Sophomore
James Freeman	71	T	Sophomore
James Kimball	75	E	Sophomore
Glenn Anthony		C	Sophomore
Edward Rogers		G	Freshman
Donald Williams	58	T	Sophomore
Pat Broome	83	E	Sophomore
Richard Davis		T	Sophomore
Donald Bumgarner	91	C	Sophomore
Teddy Brown	85	E	Freshman



RIDGEVIEW HIGH SCHOOL PANTHERS

Panthers had a tremendous football season with a 10-0 record. The Panthers played the State Championship game with Chapel Hill in Hickory. Chapel Hill defeated Ridgeview 38-8. It was a hard-played game where good sportsmanship was displayed on both teams.

Responsible for this great team of 1960 was Coach Davis. Ridgeview Panthers received 3 trophies Northwestern, Western Championship, State Runnersup.

Each boy of the football team was given individual football trophies from Hickory Sporting Goods. We the student body of Ridgeview High School are very proud of the team of 1960.

The Captain and Co-captain was Richard Hodge and David Slacks who played in the Shrine Bowl game in Greensboro.

The games were as follows:

TEAMS	SCORES
Spindale	41-0
Wilkesboro	42-0
Belmont	20-0
Newton	44-0
Lenoir	48-0
Morganton	12-0
Thomasville	44-0
Kanapolis	22-0
Wadesboro	38-0
Shelby	2-0
Championship game Chapel Hill	38-8
Sportswriter, Bessie Setzer	





MISS RIDGEVIEW

Miss Peggy Parks (above), a Senior at Ridgeview High School, will be crowned Miss Ridgeview during half time of the Central High - Ridgeview game here tonight.

Basketball Results

RIDGEVIEW LOSES IN TOURNEY, 60-56

By ELLIS JOHNSON

Ridgeview Sports Writer

GREENSBORO — Ridgeview High school of Hickory became a victim of the state sports final jinx here this morning for the second time this year. R. L. Vann of Ahsokie dropped the Panthers, 60-56, in the first round of the state AA basketball championship.

The Panther football team also advanced to the state finals, only to fall to a powerful Chapel Hill delegation. This was the first Ridgeview basketball team to earn a state championship berth since 1955.

Ridgeview trailed, 30-18, at the intermission, and at one point, Ahsokie stretched its lead to 20 points.

In the last period, the Panthers came alive and pulled ahead of Ahsokie with seconds remaining. A stolen ball in the closing seconds of the game and two successful free throws robbed the Ridgeview team of its lead and its bid at the state title.

Happy Plains of Taylorsville will play Little River of Bahama at 1:30 p. m. Friday in the Class A semifinals. The winner of this clash will meet the winner of the Kings Mountain-Baden game for the championship.

Panthers May Play Ahsokie Thursday

GREENSBORO — Ridgeview's Panthers will probably meet Ahsokie at 9 a. m. Thursday in the first round of the State AA basketball playoffs at A&T College gym here. The Panthers won the Northwestern conference championship and then took the District Center title.

This is the second Ridgeview athletic team this year to advance to State finals competition. The Panther football team slashed through regular season opposition undefeated, and it was late in the season when it was first scored on. Only powerful Chapel Hill, the State champion, was able to stop the Panthers.

No Ridgeview basketball team since 1955 has advanced to the State playoffs.

Happy Plains High school of Taylorsville will play in the State Class A finals beginning here Friday.

Panthers Seek Title, Meet Olive Hill

By ELLIS JOHNSON

Ridgeview Sportswriter

NEWTON — Ridgeview's Panthers pelted the Happy Plains Falcons of Taylorsville, 49-41, here Friday night in a Northwestern conference semifinal affair.

Ernest Goodson was a thorn in Panther flesh as he bucketed 26 points and led a last minute rally that threatened the Panther lead.

Happy Plains was unable to take the lead at any time in the contest, but managed to knot the

score on three occasions and pushed the Panthers continually.

Vincent James had 20 points for Ridgeview.

The Catawba Rosenwald Rockettes, led by all-conference forward Mary Roseman, fought off Newton Central, 37-32, in the other game of the evening.

Olive Hill of Morgantown nudged Freedman of Lenoir, 52-50 in an afternoon tussle and earned the right to meet Ridgeview for the championship at 8:30 tonight. Olive Hill shelled the Marion girls, 32-9, in the other afternoon game.

OUR SCHOOLS SCORE

In addition to these honors, and recognition given to the Hickory High School, two other schools in Hickory also attained the spotlight.

Ridgeview's basketball team won its way into the District AA Championship play for State honors, at Greensboro Thursday night, by defeating Freedman of Lenoir, 58-43; and College Park Junior High Band won a superior rating, one of four bands to attain this rank, in the State Band competition for Western North Carolina at Lenoir Rhyne College last Saturday.

The Record salutes the students and faculty members who have achieved these honors for Hickory. We hope that others will join us in letting the students and teachers know their efforts are appreciated.

Panthers Tie For N'Western Championship

STATESVILLE — Ridgeview's Panthers of Hickory tied Lenoir for the Northwestern Conference championship by virtue of a 58-27 victory over Statesville here Thursday night.

The Ridgeview girls also won, 40-27.

This was Ridgeview's last conference action, but a non-loop clash with Lawndale there is on tap next Wednesday night.

Sue Carson and Barbara Wilkes paced the Ridgeview girls, sinking 16 points each in the Pantherettes' seventh win against as many defeats.

The Panthers' record is 13-1.

Basketball

Ridgeview Wins Title In Tournament, 55-45

BY ELLIS JOHNSON

Middleview Sports Writer

NEWTON—Ridgeview has the boys' championship of the Northwest AA Tournament, a coach of the year, and a pair of all-conference basketball players.

Coach B. P. Brown, who saw his team smash the Olive Hill Yellow Jackets of Morganton, 55-45, here Saturday night for the title, received the coach of the year trophy after the final game. The Panthers were regular season champions as well.

All conference teams were announced as follows:

GIRLS — B. Setzer, Ridgeview; F. Berry, Olive Hill; M. Roseman, Catawba; A. Williams, Catawba; A. Linberger, Newton Central; G. Johnson, Olive Hill; B. Phillips, Olive Hill; and F. Suddeth, Lenoir Freedman.

BOYS—James Johnson, Ridgeview; Ernest Goodson, Happy Plains; Frank Fleming, Olive Hill; Thomas Williams, Lincoln Heights, and Billy Moore, Mountain View.

James Wins
Ridgeview's Vincent James gunned in 23 points as he led his team to the victory in the Central Gym in Newton.

The Panthers took a second quarter lead and held a slim 26-23 margin at the intermission. In the next quarter and play-

ed conservatively from then on. Accuracy from the line was a big factor in the win.

Catawba Rosenswald's Rockettes won their second straight tournament trophy thanks to the quiet play of the Olive Hill LARRY JACKETS, 32-28. The Rockettes seldom held more than a one-point lead. John Carson of Olive Hill was named girl coach of the year.

The district playoffs will be as follows:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

At Catawba
7 p. m. — Boiling Springs vs. Kings Mountain.

8 p. m. — Ridgeview vs. Shelby.
9 p. m. — Catawba vs. Camp High.

At Marion
7 p. m. — Washington vs. Cherryville.

8 p. m. — Lawndale vs. Hendersonville.
8 p. m. — Marion vs. Canton.

March 9
At Morganton
Morganton vs. Spindale.
Lenoir vs. Wilkesboro.

March 10
At Morganton
Winner of Ridgeview - Shelby vs. winner of Spindale - Morganton.

Winner of Lawndale - Hendersonville vs. winner of Lenoir - Wilkesboro.

Honored



The Ridgeview High School boys basketball coach B. P. Brown (above) has been selected coach of the year in the Northwest AA conference. His team won the regular season championship, as well as taking the tournament title.



SALUTE TO RIDGEVIEW

Ridgeview High School Basketball Panthers are entitled to a public salute for having won the Northwestern North Carolina Conference title, at Newton, Saturday night.

Ridgeview, having captured the Western North Carolina football championship, last Fall, is living up to the best traditions of the local school.



Back: Vincent James (11-C) Kenneth Carter (41-G) Richard Hodge (51-C)
 Middle: James Kimball (25-G) Stuart Broome (53-F) Forney Johnson (15-G) Calvin
 Sharpe (23-G) Bobby Thompson (13-F) William Conley (3-F) Robert Dula (5-F)
 David Slacks (45-G) Nelson Brockenborough (43-C) MR. B. P. BROWN, COACH.
 Front: CO-CAPTAINS: JAMES JOHNSON (35-F) and ALLAN HART (21-F)



Back: EDNA FREDERICKS, TRAINER; Bessie Setzer (54-G) Alma Suddereth (22-F)
 Charlotte Scott (55-F) Patricia Thompson (41-F) Nadine Hull (52-G) Jacquelin
 Connor (45-G) Betty Davis (50-F) Peggy Setzer (34-) Mr. S. W. DAVIS, COACH.
 Front: Carolyn Carson (40-F) Nancy Wilfong (53-F) Barbara Withers (43-F) BETTY
 SCOTT, CAPTAIN (42-F) Carolyn Johnson (51-F) Olivia Morrison (25-G)

Basketball

RIDGEVIEW PANTHERS, PANTHERETTES

Ridgeview Panthers and Pantherettes opened their season Dec. 1, 1960. The Panthers with a 13-2 record and the Pantherettes with a 7-6 record both had a great season.

Responsible for the Panthers was Coach Brown and for the Pantherettes Coach Davis.

Captains for the Panthers were Allen Hart (Cooter) and James Johnson (Rock); Captains for the Pantherettes Bessie Setzer and Betty Scott.

The games were as follow:

PANTHERS	WINS	LOSSES
Catawba	45-55	
Wilkesboro	34-48	
Lenoir		45-41
Newton	44-27	
Marion	63-36	
Statesville	63-34	
Morganton	64-42	
Morganton	41-36	
Wilkesboro	69-52	
Lenoir	51-28	
Lawndale		42-32
Newton	67-37	
Marion	70-30	
Catawba	70-36	
Statesville	58-26	
Lawndale	69-42	
PANTHERETTES		
Catawba		33-19
Wilkesboro	23-16	
Lenoir	31-22	
Newton		30-24
Marion	22-21	
Morganton		30-26
Statesville	30-26	
Morganton		34-29
Wilkesboro	33-21	
Lenoir		25-31
Lawndale		27-32
Newton		39-40
Catawba		30-28
Marion	40-28	
Statesville	40-27	
Lawndale		31-38

Pantherette Trainer for the season was Miss Edna Frederick. The Panthers and Pantherettes entered the tournament February 17. Ridgeview is expecting to have a baseball team which will start the first or second week in April.

Sportswriters: Bessie Setzer & Robert Killian.



BASKET BALL



Note:



Coaches - S. W. Davis and Burrell P. Brown.

Team:

Bobby Rowe	Senior	99	Forward
Billy Sudderth	Senior	77	Forward
Melvin Connor	Senior	88	Guard
Richard Davis	Junior	66	Forward
Charles Rice	Junior	33	Guard
Bobby Warlick	Freshman	11	Forward
Thomas Smith	Junior	55	Forward
Charles Williams	Junior	00	Forward
Paul Carter	Freshman	55	Forward
Marshall Sudderth	Freshman	99	Guard
George Johnson	Freshman	39	Forward
Cesar Frederick	Junior	44	Forward
Willie Pope	Freshman	66	Guard
Edward Dula	Freshman	77	Guard
Kenneth McCorkle	Sophomore	33	Guard
Douglas Gaston	Sophomore	22	Guard

1954 Season Records (NWAC)

	WON	LOST
Conference Record	15	0
Tournament Record	5	1
Overall Record	21	4

Note: Ridgeview athletic teams are members of the N. C. Negro High School Athletic Association.

They Push For Better Playgrounds

Volunteers Developing New Ball Park

By PAUL FOGLEMAN

Work began today on Hickory's newest ball park.

Volunteer effort played the major role. But since the park is identified as a Hickory program, this is not unique.

As in the case of other recreation projects here where volunteer effort has been involved, the new park is being prepared to offer recreation facilities where they are most vitally needed.

This park will serve the Ridgeview community and Recreation Director Walter (Ace) Parker predicts it will see round-the-clock use.

For the first time this year, a midget baseball league is being organized in the Ridgeview community. It will also be used for adult and teenage softball.

Companies Help Out

Pacing the grounds with city officials today were E. E. Kerr of Kerr Sand Company and Howard Propst of Hickory Sand Company.

Both have made generous contributions with the use of grading equipment. A small rental fee for dozers is being paid by volunteer contributions, most from city officials.

The two and one-quarter acres which have been turned over for use of the park are ideally located between the Ridgeview Community Center and the School.

The property is owned by the Hickory Foundation, an organization devoted to philanthropic efforts, who has given its blessings to the program of the Hickory Recreation commission.

Joining hands in the development of the ball park is Midstate Contractors, Inc. who has assumed the responsibility of fine grading when all the grading and leveling is completed.

City Helping Out

Finishing touches will be done by the City of Hickory Public Works department which will remove debris and deliver the needed topsoil, it is understood.

Others on the scene today to nod at workmen and machinery were Aldermen Hugh H. Abbe, J. Paul Aiken and J. J. Robinson, City Manager C. L. Barshardt and Public Works Superintendent C. Glenn Sigmon.

Rough grading was expected to be completed today and the cry "Play ball" more than likely will be heard on the park within the next week or so.

Largely because of the efforts of these men, a new park is nearing completion in the Ridgeview community of Hickory. Volunteer grading services were offered by E. E. Kerr of Kerr Sand Company and Howard Propst of Hickory Sand Company, Inc., with finished grading to be completed by Midstate Contractors, Inc. Pictured here (left to right) are: Walter (Ace) Parker, recreation commission director; Alderman J. J. Robinson, Alderman J. Paul Aiken and Alderman Hugh H. Abbe. Mr. Aiken represents the ward in which the project is taking place and spearheaded the effort which brought the project into reality. Heavy equipment thunders across the grounds (lower photo). The site of the new facility is between the Community Center and Ridgeview school.

Ridgeview Area

THANKS FOR THE HELP

Much credit for the good relations between various groups of Hickory, properly can be credited to such goodwill gestures as that displayed this week in the development of a new ball park in the Ridgeview area.

Projects of this kind do not spring into full being without effort.

They require organizing and planning—and a desire on the part of the sponsors for all to share in the good things of this nature. Aldermen J. Paul Aiken, J. J. Robinson and Hugh H. Abbe have been prime movers in this as well as other similar undertakings which are based on the premise that it is both simpler and cheaper to provide playgrounds by volunteer contributions, rather than at taxpayers' expense. Past efforts have provided this community with the West Hickory and Robinson Park ballgrounds and the Ridgeview community center and swimming pool.

In passing out credit for these projects it would be a mistake not to mention officials of the Hickory grading companies who contribute generously to all such work. In the case of the new playground now being built, Kerr Sand Company, Hickory Sand Company, Inc., and Midstate Contractors, Inc., have given a hand, and made their heavy equipment and personnel available for doing the work. These firms have done the same many times in the past.

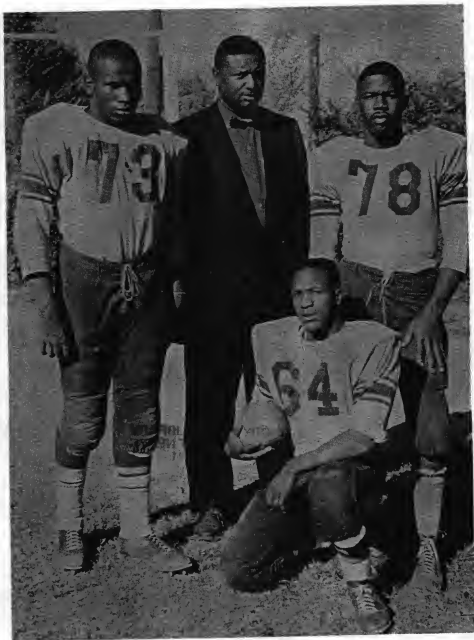
The Record, acting as spokesman for the Hickory public, says "Thank you," to all who have helped with a job well done for the good of the entire community—particularly the residents of the Ridgeview section at this time.



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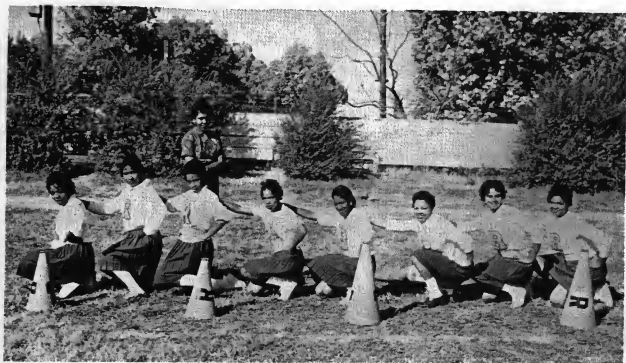


Coach: Mr. S. W. Davis
Captain: Richard Hodge
Co-Captains: David Slacks and Thomas Propst

SPECIAL DEDICATION

With pride, honor, and deep admiration, we, the members of the student body, dedicate the sports section to the famous UNTOUCHABLE PANTHERS. You have showed us what team work could do. Panthers, Panthers, we love you!

Louise Reid



Cheerleaders



Student Council



Mr. Brown—
Advisor

—government of the students
—by the students
—for the students



Louise Reid
Secretary



N. Brockenborough—
President

Carolyn Johnson
Vice President



FRONT ROW: Shirley Hunt, Carolyn H. Johnson, Shirlene Roland, Louise Reid, Kay Michaux, Anita Kissler.
BACK ROW: Mr. Brown, Calvin Sharpe, Thomas Propst, Nelson Brockenborough, James Turner, Evans Byrd, Kenneth Carter.

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Spirit of Ridgeview*

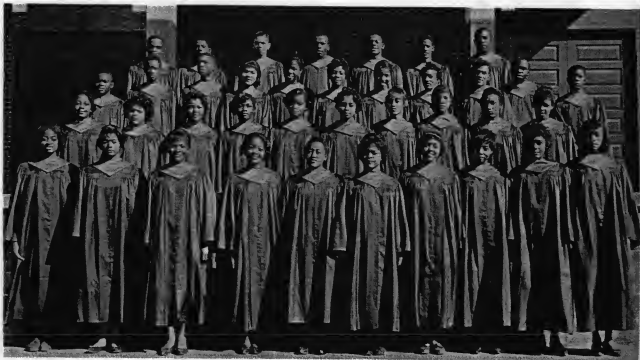


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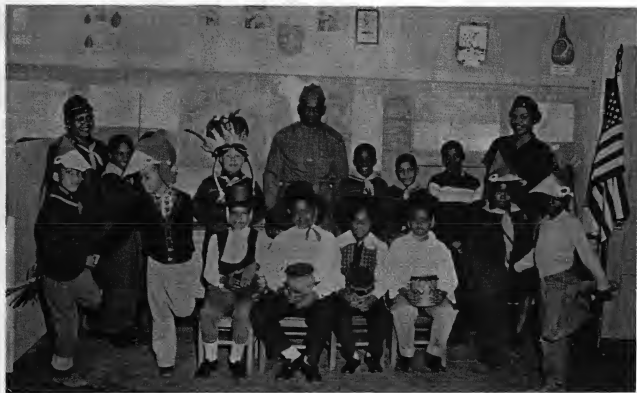
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Barbara Brown
"Babs"
"Oh no!"

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Napoleon Burch
"Duny"
"Well, oh well!"

Dramatics 3; Football 3, 4; Junior Class Play 3.



Martha Burton
"Kitty"
"That's the stuff."

Glee Club 1, 3, 4; Student Council 3; Treasurer 1; Basketball 2, 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Class Play 3; May Queen Candidate 1; Typing 2, 4.



Carolyn Connor
"Peaches"
"Aw Cool it kid."

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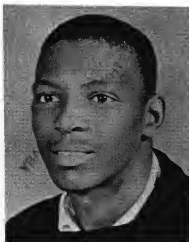
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