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1956 BASEBALL TEAM



F.H.A. MOTHER-DAUGHTER BANQUET





AVICE TATE Valedictorian



May Court



PATSY SAFRIT

Salutatorian

PHYLLIS ARTHURS JOHNNY BAME

Halloween and Valentine King and Queen



CAROLYN MOOSE

ROY PROPST



"WHAT A LIFE"
Senior Class Play









Smithsonian Institute



Lincoln Memorial



WASHINGTON TRIP



Guard of Unknown Soldier





Smithsonian Institute





JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET







MARSHALS



GRADUATING CLASS OF 1956



COMMENCEMENT THEME "OUR COMMUNITY"



Salutatory Address Patsy Safrit
Introduction Wayne Overcash
Education Glenn Patterson
Industry Anne Whicker
Recreation Cornelia Shaw
Religion Marlene Shive
Valedictory Address Avice Tate







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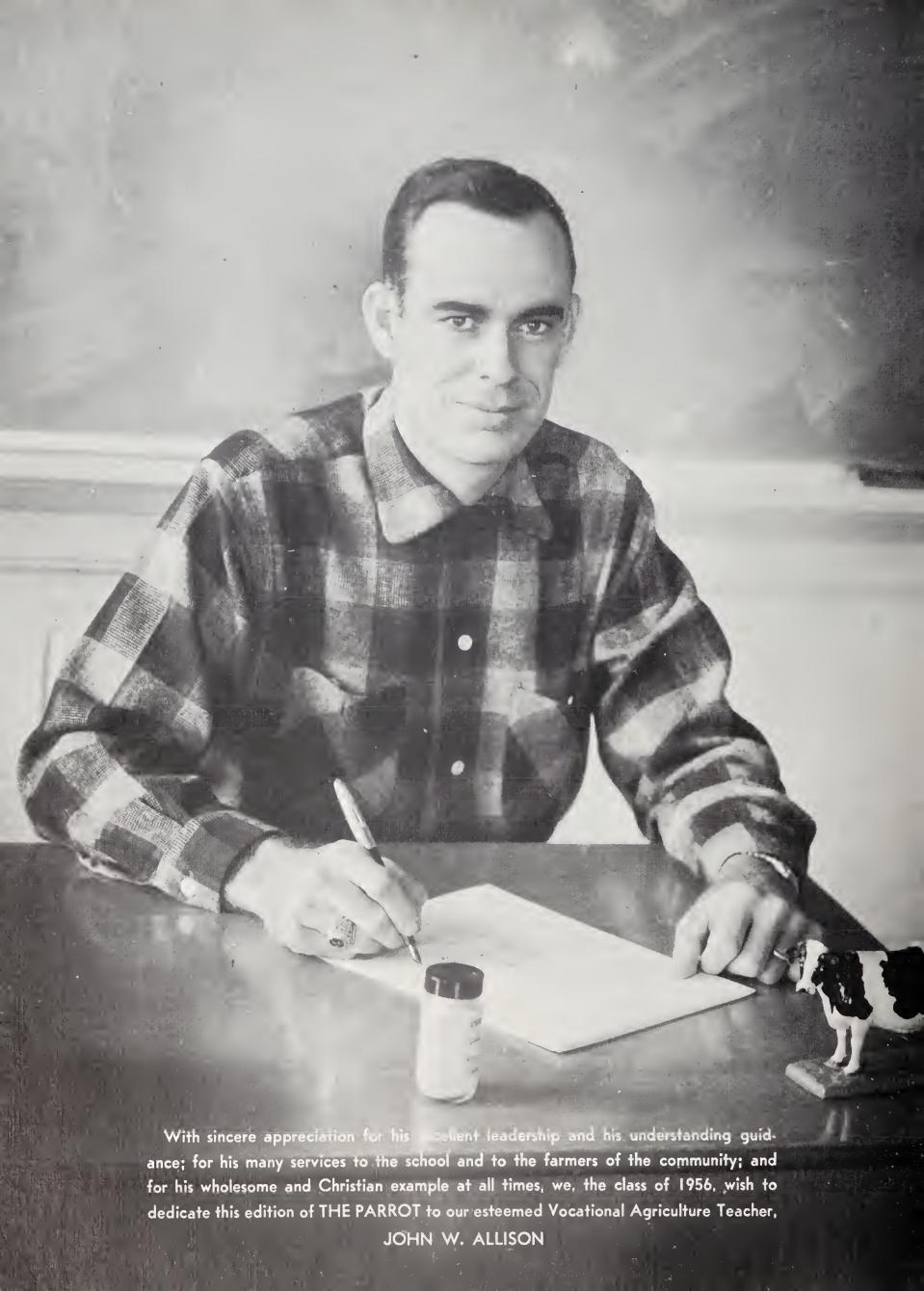


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CLASS MOTTO Not finished; just begun.

CLASS FLOWER: Carnation

CLASS COLOR: Mint green and charcoal

Mascots:

PETE BEEKER

JANICE CASTOR







ELVIRA ANTHONY
"Care is an enemy to life."



JANET ARANT
"Small and sweet things are best."



PHYLLIS ARTHURS
"She found her smile in early
youth and keeps it with her
now."



YVONNE BAGWELL
"The tongue, that is the pen
of the heart."



JOHN BAME
"The time to be happy is to-



GLENN BELL
"Three-fifths of him genius
and two-fifths sheer fudge."



BETTY BROOKS
"My mouth runs itself."



RAY BURLEYSON
"I'll be merry, I'll be free, I'll
be sad for nobody."



SARAH CARRIKER
"She is quiet and modest and tells her secrets to few."



BARBARA CARTER
"To make the world a friendly place, one must show a friend-ly face."



WAYNE CARTER
"I come and go as I please."



BOBBY COTTINGHAM
"When is the end of study?
Let me know."



CARL DRYE
"A bull I'd be throughout the land, a scholar, athlete and ladies' man."



SUE DEAL
"Men may come, men may go,
but I'll go on forever."



PHILLIP DEESE
"All precious things do not come in small packages."



KENNETH ELLER "Silence is my God."



GEORGE FAGGART
"Must I study? What a waste
of time!"



PATSY FAGGART
"As she is, just so she speaks."



NANCY FISHER
"For there is no author in the world that teaches such beauty as a woman's eyes."



RICHARD FLUCK
"Knowledge advances by steps,
not by leaps."



KERN FREEZE
"I love work. I can sit and look at it for hours."



LOIS FREEZE
"Not married but willing to be."



PEGGY FREEZE
"Modesty is the grace of the soul."



SYCELIA GARVER
"How sweet and fair she seems to be."



BETTY JO GOODNIGHT
"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."



JULIA HARRIS
"Leave silence to the saints,
I am but human."



ARNOLD HEILIG
"There's a deal of deviltry beneath his mild exterior."



NAOMI HOLCOMBE
"Yes, I was only flirting."



WAYNE HOOKS
"Who deserves well, needs not another's praise."



FRANK HOUCK
"Wine, women and song are
getting me down. I guess I'll
have to give up singing."



JOYCE HUTCHINSON
"A quiet and gentle nature has she."



SHERRELL JORDAN
"Talk to him of Jacob's ladder
and he'll ask the number of
rounds."



MARY KARRIKER
"To know her is to love her."



GLADYS KIRKMAN
"I am as I am, and so shall I be."



PETE KLUTTZ
"Clothes oft bespeak the man."



DORIS LEAZER
"If a woman has long hair, it is a glory to her."



SHIRLEY LIPE
"Thou hast been diligent in all things."



CAROLYN LUTHER
"But there's nothing half so
sweet in life as love's young
dream."



LARRY LUTHER
"The world knows not of my knowledge."



NORMAN MCCORKLE
"There is likewise a reward for faithful silence."



JOHNNY MELCHOR
"If you want to please him, start an argument."



ALICE ROSE MISHAK "Laugh and the world laughs with you."



JANICE MITCHELL
"Alas! What fate is mine?"



CAROLYN MOOSE
"True and sincere, loyal and kind.



WAYNE MORGAN
"Where there's a will there's
a way."



LARRY MORGAN
"His face speaks for the man within."



WAYNE OVERCASH
"A gentleman he is of artless
grace, gentle of voice and fair
of face."



GLENN PATTERSON
"He thinks too much. Such
men are dangerous."



J. C. PINION

"A man not afraid to say his say though the majority be against him."



HARRY LEE PROPST
"Like a circle ending never does my mirth go on forever."



ROY PROPST
"I want but little here below but I do want the supply kept fresh."



JOHN R. RAYMER
"Cursed be the man who invented books."



FRANKIE REECE
"Ive taken my fun where I found it."



JERRY RITCHIE
"Love is a disease that is incurable."



MARY R. RUMPLE
"With a personality all her own."



PATSY SAFRIT
"There is nothing that is meritorious but virtue and friendship."



JIMMY SEAMON
"No other like him."



CORNELIA SHAW
"Where there's a basketball,
there's Cornelia."



MARLENE SHIVE
"Much talent and yet an everlasting character."



SYLVIA SHUE
"For nothing lovelier can be found than a delightful wife."



CURTIS SIDES
"The man that blushes is a true friend."



ANN SLOAN
"To be slow in words is a woman's only virtue."



HARRY SMITH
"He was ever precise in promise keeping."



WILMA SMITH
"The friendship between me and you I will not forget."



RICHARD SNIDER
"Never do today what you can
put off until tomorrow."



BARBARA SPECK
"I would be friends with you and have your love."



LARRY SWINK
"In many respects the best fellow in the world."



AVICE TATE
"Her air, her manners, all who saw admired."



JANET THOMASON
"For knowledge, too, is itself a power."



PERRY UPRIGHT
"Work makes the man."



PATSY WADDELL
"Tis what I love determines how I love."



FAYE WAGONER
"Happy am I. From care I'm
free. Why can't they all be contented like me."



BILL WALKER
"Life is but a span. I'll enjoy
every inch of it."



LARRY WATSON
"I live in pleasure when live with my friends."



MARLENE WATSON
"Eat, drink, and be merry, for
tomorrow we diet'."



ANNE WHICKER
"Character is a diamond that scratches all stones."



JANE E. WILHELM
"Sweet silence is an endurable trait."



SHIRLENE WOODIE
"Rest is the sweet sauce of labor."



RANN YOST
"God bless the man who invented sleep."



SENIOR DIRECTORY

ELVIRA ANN ANTHONY: "Red"—FHA 1, 2; Library Club 4.

JANET IRENE ARANT: "Janet"—FHA 1-4; Choir 3; Bible Club 2-4; Reporter 3; Secretary 4; Class Treasurer 1; Canteen 1-4; Library Club 4; President 4; Dramatics Club 3.

PHYLLIS KAY ARTHURS: "Phyllis"—FHA 1, 2; Parliamentarian 2; Dramatics Club 3; Letter Girl 2, 3, 4; Office Staff 4; Homecoming Court 4; Fall Festival Queen 4; Canteen 2, 3, 4; Best Dressed 4.

EDITH YVONNE BAGWELL: "Von"—Bible Club 2; FHA 1, 2; Choir 2; Library Club 4.

JOHNNY P. BAME: "John P."—Football Manager 1; Basketball 1-4; Football 3,4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; All Star Basketball Game 4; Valentine King 3; Fall Festival King 4; Canteen 1-4; Vice President 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Vice President 3; Most Talkative 4.

GLENN WILLIAM BELL: "Glenn"—Cheerleader 2, 3; FFA 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3,4; Canteen 2, 3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Monogram Club 2, 3.

BETTY JUANITA BROOKS: "Betty"—FHA 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3; Choir 3, 4.

CALVIN RAY BURLEYSON: "Burley"—Football 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Monogram Club 2-4; Class President 2; Vice President of Student Council 3; Most Popular 4.

SARAH ANN CARRIKER: "Sally Ann"-FHA 1.

BARBARA JEAN CARTER: "Carter"—FHA 1, 4; Basketball 2; Drivers' Education 3; Most Friendly 4.

WAYNE CARTER: "Cotto"-Latin Club 3, 4.

ROBERT MONROE COTTINGHAM: "Bobby"—Football 1-4; Commercial Club 3; Monogram Club 3, 4.

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PHILLIP WAYNE DEESE: "Phil"—Choir 1, 2, 4; Class Reporter 2; Class President 3; Christmas Play 3; Student

Council 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Most Talented 4; Art Editor of THE PARROT 4.

CARL DRYE: "Drye Bone"—Football 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Sports Editor of THE PARROT 4.

KENNETH ROBERT ELLER: "Ken"—Bible Club 3; Latin Club 3, 4; President 4; Bus Driver 4.

GEORGE M. FAGGART: "Faggie".

PATSY ANN FAGGART: "Patsy"—FHA 1, 2; Class Secretary 1, 4; Cheerleader 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3; Basketball 3; Beta Club 4; Newspaper Staff 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Most Original 4; Giftorian 4.

NANCY CAROL FISHER: "Nancy Carol"—Choir 1-4; Student Council 1-4; Beta Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Secretary 2; Cheerleader 4; Monogram Club 4; Homecoming Maid of Honor 4; Miss Merry Christmas 4; Class Treasurer 2; Secretary-Treasurer of Choir 3; Newspaper Staff 3; Library Staff 3; Office Staff 4; Most Talented 4; Associate Editor of THE PARROT.

RICHARD FLUCK: "Richard"—FFA 1-4; Reporter 3; Bible Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; President 4; "Most Likely to Succeed" 4; Business Manager of THE PARROT.

S. KERN FREEZE: "Kern"—Choir 1, 2, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; President 4; Christmas Play 3; Canteen 3, 4.

LOIS ANNETTE FREEZE: "Lois—FHA 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; Christmas Play 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Beta Club 4; Bible Club 4; Choir 4.

PEGGY JOYCE FREEZE: "Peggy"—FHA 1; Dramatics Club 3; Basketball 3; Christmas Play 3; Choir 3, 4.

BETTY JO GOODNIGHT: "Jo"—FHA 1, 2; Class Vice President 1; Choir 2, 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 4; Christmas Play 3; Student Council 4; Office Staff 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Best Looking 4.

JULIA ANN HARRIS: "Bootsie"—Bible Club 3,4; FHA 1,2; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4; Newspaper Staff 4.

ARNOLD LAWSON HEILIG: "Arnie"—Latin Club 3, 4; Canteen 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 4.

NAOMI HOLCOMBE: "Naomi"—FHA 1, 2; Bible Club 3; Choir 2, 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 4.

JERRY WAYNE HOOKS: "Wayne."

MITCHELL FRANK HOUCK, JR.: "Mohawk"—Football 1, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Bible Club 4.

JOYCE ANNE HUTCHINSON: "Joy"—Bible Club 2; FHA 2.

SPENCER SHERRELL JORDAN, JR.—"Speedo" Basketball Manager 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Library Staff 2; Bible Club 2; Christmas Play 3; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

MARY L. KARRIKER: "Mary"—FHA 1, 2; Choir 2; Library Staff 2; Dramatics Club 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Newspaper Art Editor 3, 4; Student Council 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Band Flag Bearer 4; Class Historian 4.

GLADYS RUBY KIRKMAN: "Gladys"—Library Club 1; FHA 1, 2; Lunchroom Staff 4; Commercial Club 3, 4.

HERMAN EUGENE KLUTTZ: "Pete"—Football 1-4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Christmas Play 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Best Dressed 4.

DORIS LUCILE LEAZER: "Nat"—Choir 3, 4; Bible Club 3; FHA 1; Commercial Club 3, 4.

SHIRLEY JEAN LIPE: "Shirley"—FHA 1, 2; Bible Club 3; Choir 3, 4.

CAROLYN HOPE LUTHER: "Bill"—FHA 1, 2, 4; Bible Club 4.

LARRY GENE LUTHER: "Larry"—Football 2; Baseball 2; Student Council 1:

NORMAN A. McCORKLE: "Natus"—FFA 1, 2; Bible Club 3, 4; Choir 3, 4.

JOHNNY MELCHOR: "Johnny"—Beta Club 46-47; Dramatics Club 45-46.

ALICE ROSE MISHAK: "Al"—FFA 1, 2, 4; Choir 2; Bible Club 2, 3; Most Talkative 4.

JANICE LORAINE MITCHELL: "Jan"—Boyden High 1, 2; FHA 1, 2; Y-Teens 1, 2; GAA 1, 2.

CAROLYN ANN MOOSE: "Carolyn"—FHA 1-4; President 4; Bible Club 2, 3, 4; Choir 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Canteen 1-4; Commercial Club 4; Lunchroom Staff 4; Most Likely to Succeed 4.

JULIUS WAYNE MORGAN: "Wayne"—FFA 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3; Christmas Play 3; Bible Club 4; Bus Driver 4.

LARRY REID MORGAN: "Hammer"-Christmas Play 3.

ARBON WAYNE OVERCASH: "Whitey"—FFA 1-4; Secretary 3; President 4; Federation Secretary; Beta Club 3, 4; Vice President 4; Bus Driver 4; Class President 4; Student Council 3; Best All Round 4.

GLENN WAYNE PATTERSON: "Pat"—FFA 1-4; Treasurer 3; Federation President 3; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Student Council President 4; Dramatics Club 4; Most Dependable 4.

J. C. PINION: "Jaker"—Christmas Play 3; Bible Club 4.

HARRY LEE PROPST: "Harry Lee"—FFA 1; Canteen 3; Student Council 1; Bible Club 3, 4; Reporter 4; Class Vice President 4.

ROY PROPST: "Yank"—Niagara Falls High School 1; Track 1; Football 1-4; Baseball 2; Monogram Club 3, 4; Latin Club 3, 4; Class Secretary 3.

JOHN ROBERT RAYMER: "John Robert"—Football 1, 2; Baseball 1, 2; FFA 1-4.

JERRY RITCHIE: "Jerry"—Basketball Manager 1; Baseball Manager 1; Football Manager 2; Monogram Club 1-4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Newspaper Staff 3, 4; Business Manager 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2; Canteen 2, 3, 4;

MARY RUTH RUMPLE: "Mary"—Cleveland High School 1, 2, 3; FHA 1, 2, 3; Library Club 1, 3; French Club 2.

PATSY JEAN SAFRIT: "Pat"—FHA 1; Girls' Basketball Manager 2, 3; Monogram Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club

3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Canteen 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Latin Club 3, 4; Library Club 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Reporter 4; Advertising Manager of THE PARROT 4.

JIMMY SEAMON: "Jimmy"—Canteen 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4.

CORNELIA ELAINE SHAW: "Corkey"—Band 1-4; Secretary 3; FHA 1; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Latin Club 3, 4; Student Council Secretary 4; Canteen 1, 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Marshal 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Basketball 2-4; Co-Captain 4; Most Athletic 4; Girls' State 3.

FRANCES MARLENE SHIVE: "Mollie"—FHA 1, 2; Historian 2; Bible Club 1-4; Treasurer 3; Pianist 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Vice President 3; Editor-in-Chief of The Trident 4; Typing Award 3; Choir 1-4; Pianist 3, 4; Cheerleader 4; Monogram Club 4; Student Council 1-3; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Office Staff 4; Canteen 1-4; Most Dependable 4.

SYLVIA CASTOR SHUE: "Sylvia"—Student Council 1; FHA 1, 2, 3; Choir 1; Homecoming Attendant 2; Latin Club 3, 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Assistant Editor of The Trident 4; Dramatics Club 3; Office Staff 3; Best All Round 4.

CURTIS SIDES: "Curtis"—Choir 1-4; Bur Driver 3, 4; Student Council 2, 4; Bible Club 3, 4; Vice President 4.

ANN SLOAN: "Ann"—FHA 1, 2; Choir 2; Bible Club 3, 4; Library Club Treasurer 4; Dramatics Club 4.

HARRY SMITH: "Harry"—FFA 1, 2; Bible Club 3, 4; President 4; Beta Club 4; Student Council 4; Basketball 4; Commercial Club 4.

WILMA RAE SMITH: "Wilma"—FHA 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3; Bible Club 3, 4; Choir 3, 4.

RICHARD EUGENE SNIDER: "Richard"—Baseball 2, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Best Looking 4.

BARBARA ANN SPECK: "Speck"—FHA 1, 2, 3; Bible Club 4.

LARRY SWINK: "Larry"—Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3.

AVICE TATE: "Tater"—Student Council 1, 2; Halloween Queen 1; FHA 1-4; Bible Club 3; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 2-4; Secretary-Treasurer 3, 4; Cheerleader 1-3; Co-Chief 2; Basketball 3; Class Treasurer 3; Homecoming Court 3; Christmas

Play 3; Choir 1-3; Commercial Club 4; Home Economics Award 2; Annual Staff, Lawyer, 4; Canteen 3; Scholarship 1-3.

GWENDOLYN JANET THOMASON: "Net"—FHA 1; Bible Club 2.

PERRY UPRIGHT: "Perry"—FFA 1-4; Sentinel 3; Bible Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4.

PATRICIA ANNE WADDELL: "Patsy"—FHA 1; Drum Majorette 2; Bible Club 3; Latin Club 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3.

SYLVIA FAYE WAGONER: "Silly"—FHA 1, 2, 4; Dramatics Club 3.

LARRY WATSON: "Larry."

YOLANDE MARLENE WATSON: "Marlene"—FHA 1, 2; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Choir 2, 3; Beta Club 4; Cheerleader 4; Monogram Club 4; Student Council 3; Office Staff 4.

ANNE ADELAIDE WHICKER: "Anne"—Class President 1; Student Council Treasurer 2; FHA 1, 2, 3; Vice President 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Secretary 4; Band 1-4; Fall Festival Queen 2; May Queen 3; Chief Marshal 3; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Christmas Play 3; Library Staff 3; Canteen 2, 3, 4; Editor-in-Chief of THE PARROT 4; Most Popular 4; Representative to Girls' State 3.

SYCELIA G. KESLER: "Celie"—FHA 1, 2; Secretary 2; Choir 4.

JANE ELLEN WILHELM: "Jane"—Choir 1; FHA 1-3; Library Staff 3; Dramatics Club 3; Christmas Play 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Newspaper Staff, Art Editor, 3, 4; Bible Club 4; Class Prophet 4; Most Studious 4; Assistant Art Editor of THE PARROT 4; Marshal 3.

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RANN YOST: "Rann"—FFA 1-4; Bus Driver 1; Baseball.

BILL WALKER: "Bill"—Football 1-4; Basketball 1; Latin Club 3, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; President 3, 4; Student Council 1; Class Vice President 3; Class Treasurer 4; Bible Club 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4; Bus Driver 4.

CLASS HISTORY

The four years of our high school education passed quicker than we could scarcely believe imaginable.

We began our Freshman year in 1952 as a group of bewildered, somewhat confused pupils. We had a very large class of one hundred and nine, since the pupils from Patterson and Rowan Mills joined us. We elected our officers for that year with Anne Whicker as president. After several days of getting into the wrong classes we finally knew what each bell meant and could change classes as efficiently as the others.

During our Sophomore year we felt a little more a part of our school. We had ninety-four students to enroll and had a successful year with Ray Burleyson as president of the class.

Juniors! next to our senior year this was the greatest. We lost a few pupils, but we still had eighty-six to come back. We elected Phillip Deese as head of the class. We sold magazines, participated in the Halloween Carnival, and received our class rings all with the same eagerness. Also that year we sponsored a very successful Junior-Senior banquet at the Concord Hotel. The food was of the best quality.

1955-56. Our last school days. We still had a large class of seventy-nine. We chose Wayne Overcash to serve as our president. A large number took the trip to Washington, D. C. to see some of the historic scenery. The days slipped by quickly and soon we were marching across the stage to get our hard-earned DIPLOMAS with this thought in mind "Not Finished Just Begun."

MARY KARRIKER
Class Historian

PROPHECY

It is now 1966. The special feature of this year is the new Cinerama TV with high fidelity sound. This new type of television was perfected by the Alexander Graham Bell, Glenn. Television has become so big that practically everyone has become connected with it in one way or another. Just yesterday I purchased one at the Carter & Eller TV Shoppe, owned and operated by Wayne and Kenneth respectively, and I enjoyed many surprises on it last night.

One of the programs I looked at was "Beat the Clock" with its new master of ceremonies, Wayne Overcash, and that wonderful, new Roxanne, Naomi Holcombe. I was pleasantly shocked to see that the first contestant was Julia Ann Harris, who was vacationing in New York after the strain of the opening of her new hotel in Florida. She was accompanied by her chef and well known connoisseur of fine foods, Larry Swink. Before "Beat the Clock" came on, however, I looked at "Superwoman" starring that fabulous Patsy Faggart and "The Lone Stranger" featuring George Faggart as the masked rider and Rann Yost as his Indian friend, Tonto.

At eight o'clock, my next door neighbor, Ann Sloan, came over and joined me in watching the "Perry Como Show." She is now the head librarian at Woman's College, the University of North Carolina. We both enjoyed the "Birth of the Blues" number on the show done by interpretative modern dance trio, Carolyn Moose, Bill Walker, and Wilma Smith. Next appeared that well known trio, Nancy Fisher, Sue Deal, and Marlene Shive, singing their latest hit record of "Lonesome Polecat." Janet Arant, Perry's secretary, had to remind him to present a check of \$10,000 to a North Carolina housewife, Janice Mitchell, for her prize winning Pillsbury recipe. Next Perry introduced that unique comedian, Arnold Heilig.

Eleven o'clock rolled around and Ann left after we had listened to the news. Several of our classmates happened to have been among the newsmakers. The biggest news was the launching of the first satellite in outer space. The newscaster presented a filmed interview with the satellite's creaters, Harry Smith and Joyce Hutchinson. Also in the news was a physician and his nurse, J. C. Pinion and Doris Leazer, who after long research had found a cure for lung cancer. News from the social world consisted of the society marriage of Peggy Freeze to a Woolworth heir. Among the many people present at the wedding I noticed Peggy's private secretary, Sarah Carriker. The surprised elopement of the Yankee baseball star, Richard Snider, with a blonde bombshell named Marilyn rocked the nation. At the close of the news program, CBS reporter Shirlene Woodie interviewed the renowned psychiatrist, Anne Whicker, as she disembarked from the Queen Mary The advent of her latest book, The Human Mind and Its Abnormalities, caused a major controversy in scientific circles both here and abroad.

I saw Anne to the door after the news went off and came back into the living room to find that "\$64,000 Question" had now switched to Saturday night. Jerry Ritchie, the "new Hal March" of television, emceed the show. The first contestant was Kern Freeze, a North Carolina banker, who chose "The Biggest Thefts in the History of the United States" as his category. The next contestant for this week was Gladys Kirkman, a housewife, who had chosen cooking as her category. She was accompanied by that authority on the culinary art, Mary Ruth Rumple, author of the best-selling Southern Fried Chicken. Everyone was thrilled at Gladys's decision to go for the \$64,000. She answered her questions correctly. Even the commercial on this program was interesting. It was done by Elvira Anthony, head of the Conover School of Models.

Sunday morning arrived, and I went to church and heard an insptring sermon by Phillip Deese, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. I also met my former classmate, Patsy Safrit, who is the Parish worker there.

At four o'clock Sunday afternoon, I watched Dave Garroway on "Wide, Wide, World." The first place visited was New Orleans, where we heard Jordan's Jazz Band. Sherrill Jordan introduced the members of his band. Among them were Roy Propst, playing the trumpet, and Bobby Cottingham, playing the trombone. They really set the place afire. Two Policemen, Frankie Reece and John Robert Raymer, had to break up a riot caused by a humber done by Barbara Carter, the torch singer with the band. The next place visited by "Wide, Wide World" was the Sahara Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, which was owned and operated by Frank Houck. The hostess, SyCelia Garver Kesler, sheathed in gold lame, introduced that big Texas oilman, Perry Upright and Curtis Sides, who is now singing at the hotel. With Curtis was his press agent, Jimmy Seamon. Marlene Watson and Faye Wagoner, two cigarette girls at the Sahara Sands, also appeared on the program.

After "Wide, Wide World," went off, "Meet the Press" came on. Two of my classmates appeared on this program. Larry Luther, who is representative from the ninth district of North Carolina, and Glenn Patterson, who is Secretary of Agriculture.

The next program in sight was the "Ed Sullivan Show" opening with an acrobatic act which had just completed a tour of Europe. Called "The Fly Foursome," the act included Betty Brooks, Wayne Hooks, Shirley Lipe, and Larry Watson. This was followed by a medley of songs of '56 played on the piano by Avice Tate, who had just completed an appearance at Carnegie Hall. I certainly did have a laugh when the comedy team, Mishak and Bame, appeared. Alice and Johnny are masters at repartee and wit. Harry Lee Propst explained every detail of the new jet-propelled Mercury during the commercial. Among those Mr. Sullivan introduced from the audience were Cornelia Shaw, the United States swimming entry in the Olympics, Carl Drye, head coach at Notre Dame, and Johnny Melchor, a United States Army General.

Following the "Ed Sullivan Show" was one of the better dramatic programs, the "General Electric Theatre." This particular program happened to be based on a novel by Barbara Speck, and starred Phyllis Arthurs, one of Broadway's leading ladies, and Ray Burleyson, Hollywood's latest heart-throb. At the close of the program, I was especially interested in the following credits: Larry Morgan, director, Norman McCorkle, producer, and Sylvia Shue, dress designer.

The next program on was "What's My Line?" Appearing on the panel were Broadway columnist Patsy Waddell and book publisher Richard Fluck. I was surprised to see them and all three of the contestants. The first contestant was Janet Thomason, a missionary just returned from her work in Africa. The second contestant was Mary Karriker, an artist for Cosmopolitan magazine. The model appearing on this month's cover was Carolyn Scercy. The special guest was Lois Freeze, Hollywood's foremost actress in New York for the world premier of her latest movie.

Monday morning I looked at "Today" off and on while getting ready for work. Betty Jo Goodnight, a former "Miss America," has replaced Lee Ann Merriweather on the program, and Yvonne Bagwell has become the new trainer and owner of J. Fred Muggs. Just after the sportscaster, Wayne Morgan, interviewed that famous golfer, Pete Kluttz, I turned off the television and went to work, thrilled at being able to renew my acquaintance with all of my former classmates through a medium so convenient and so pleasant as Cinerama TV.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the senior class of nineteen hundred and fifty-six, of the China Grove High School, having met all qualifications required of us as a group and as individuals and presuming the uncertainty of this scholastic life, do hereby bequeath our last small articles and amazing abilities, and publish them, declaring this to be our Last Will and Testament.

To our district principal, Mr. Carson, we leave our sincere affection and heartfelt gratitude, for the deep interest he has shown in each individual student of our class.

To Mr. Price, our principal, counsellor, leader, and friend, we leave our deep gratitude for his sympathetic understanding and for the wonderful example he set for us.

To Mrs. Viola Odell, Mrs. Gene Smith, and Miss Margaret Roseman, our senior sponsors, we leave our thanks for their understanding, their kind words and their helpfulness which they have given us at all times.

To our faculty, who made the learning process a pleasure for us, we express our heartfelt thanks for the patience, understanding, and homework which they so willingly gave. We hope that someday we may repay them with the knowledge of our success.

To the coaches of our teams we should like to pay tribute for the long hours devoted to us—hours in which they taught lessons in teamwork no textbook could ever impart.

To the Junior Class, our next of kin, we leave our cherished seats down front in the auditorium, our inch-long pencil stubs, our birds' eye view in chapel, and the wonderful feeling of being a Senior.

To individuals from members of the class of 56:

Barbara Speck bequeaths her English book to her brother Harold with the hope that he will be able to improve his grades with the notes written therein.

Pat Safrit leaves her ability to catch atoms and combine elements in Mr. Parker's chemistry class to Kay Wallace who may need a little help.

Johnny Melchor leaves his sincere dislike for pop-quizzes and homework to Johnny Shinn.

Anne Whicker and Cornelia Shaw leave their ability to have a good time no matter how much homework they have to Melba Beaver and Nancy Patterson.

Phyllis Arthurs bestows her high-stepping letter-girl ability on Norma Fleming in hopes that she may find her magical boots a perfect fit.

Wayne Morgan and Kenneth Eller leave their buses to anyone who can "quieten" the students and manage a bus at the same time.

Janice Mitchell wills her ability to make better grades in her subjects (if she would study) to her brother Dale.

Alice Rose Mishak, our Most Talkative superlative, leaves her gift of gab to Carolyn Beck.

Sylvia Shue leaves her love for red hair with the formula for keeping it shiny at all times to Marcine Moore.

Norman McCorkle wills his bashfulness around girls to Donald Heglar. Norman doesn't think he will need it after graduation.

Betty Brooks wills her winning smile and ability to make friends to Jackie Wallace, who is progressing rapidly.

Sarah Ann Karriker and Joyce Hutchinson leave their quiet ways to the teachers next year so that they may distribute them among the noisiest students in the study halls.

Bobby Cottingham leaves his fan club with its great number of enthusiastic participants to Carl Haire.

Wayne Overcash wills his sunny disposition to anyone who can stay in the sun.

Sherrell Jordan leaves his drums and his ability to make them sing to Teddy Johnson.

Wayne Carter leaves his textbooks to anyone who is unlucky enough to have to use them.

Carolyn Luther Scercy and Barbara Carter will their ability to stay up all night and come to school the next day without getting sleepy to Diane Hendrickson and Faye Nesbit.

J. C. Pinion leaves his ability to go to Albemarle and not come home single to Gerald Garmon.

Harry Lee Propst leaves his barbells and Charles Atlas books to Steve Morrison, hoping that Steve will use them as much as he has.

Glenn Patterson, our dependable Student Council President, leaves this office to anyone being capable and willing to do all the work required for it.

Carolyn Moose leaves a deep regret that she won't be back next year.

Pete Kluttz leaves the inspiration he received from winning football games to next year's first string in hopes that the wins and losses will at least balance.

Naomi Holcombe and Marlene Watson leave their seats in Mr. Linder's sixth period study hall to Judy and Shirley Walker, in hopes that they can stay in there without talking.

Jerry Ritchie leaves his job of running the mimeograph machine to anyone who wants to be called out of class.

George Faggart leaves his authority to come in late and get by with it to the only one who can do it, Donald L. Dennis.

Johnny Bame leaves his ways of getting along with the "women" to Gary Beaver.

Glenn Bell leaves his position as sports writer to anyone who has the desire to undertake it.

Janet Thomason wills her ability to study at the last minute and get away with it to her sister Audrey.

Frank Houck, whose athletic ability no one denies, leaves his talent to Sonny Lippard.

Elvira Anthony wills her alarm clock to Bobbie Jean Anthony in hopes that she will be able to get to school on time more often next year than Elvira did this year.

Marlene Shive leaves her position as Editorin-Chief of the Trident to Sybil Jordan.

Sue Deal leaves her ability to go steady and keep school work up at the same time to Phyllis Wilhoit, in hopes that she can do a better job of it.

Julia Harris wills her ability to finish school to her big brother, Weasel.

Ann Sloan leaves her position in the library to anyone who likes it as much as she did.

Arnold Heilig leaves his careful driving, especially at school, to Bobby Barringer.

Cary Drye leaves his outstanding ability to play all three major sports and keep up his grades to anyone who thinks he can take it and make it.

Shirley Lipe wills her ability to get aquainted and make friends quickly to newcomers next year.

Yvonne Bagwell leaves her economy size bottle of peroxide to Eugene Haire, so that he may change his rose colored locks to gold.

Sycelia Kesler would leave her charm and beauty, but she thinks she may need it in the future.

Wilma Smith wills her shotgun and three boxes of shells to Jeannie Walton so she can scare the wolves away.

Patsy Waddell and Faye Wagoner leave their plan of having last minute parties to Norma Fleming and Sue Hart.

Larry Swink would like to leave these last few words to Butch Faggart: Courtesy, Hard Work and Folly.

Harry Smith bequeaths his art of making beautiful sentences and inspiring phrases to John Ricks.

Betty Jo Goodnight and Richard Snider, our superlatives, pass on their good looks to the neediest in the Junior Class.

Lois and Peggy Freez leave their ability to get along with Donald Heilig to Gail Gabriel.

John Robert Raymer wills his seat in English to Gene Albert Stirewalt.

Roy Propst leaves his ability to get by with as little work as possible to Steve Smith.

Larry Luther leaves his ability to be late but get to school every morning after working the night before to Clinton Abernathy.

Mary Karriker leaves her position in the band to Connie Ray, in hopes that she will continue to carry our colors to victory just as they did this year. Jane Wilhelm, our poetical lass, leaves her knack to the Junior Class.

Richard Fluck bequeaths his astounding intelligence to Max Bostian.

Janet Arant leaves her secretarial job for the Bible Club to her sister Gail.

Patsy Faggart and Nancy Carol Fisher leave their talent of friendliness and good nature to the entire student body, that they may profit by their example.

Larry Watson and Frankie Reece leave their abilities to work and go to school to all the boys who are brave enough to try it.

Bill Walker leaves his art of getting out of class at all periods to anyone who can talk Mr. Price into letting him do so.

Phillip Deese, the big boy with the little brush leaves his artistic talents to anyone who can take one dull pencil and one sheet of paper and turn it into a beautiful picture.

Shirleene Woodie leaves her ability to sleep in class and wake up just before the bell to those who work every day after school.

Curtis Sides wills his bus, No. 123, and all the children, some of whom are very naughty, to Donald Petrea.

Mary Ruth Rumple wills her ability to get in trouble in her study halls to Louise Overcash.

Gladys Kirkman wills her pleasant attitude and friendliness to Regina Huntley, who is catching on fast.

Kern Freez leaves his joke books and anecdotes to Donald Heilig, in hopes that he will get more laughs than Kern did.

Reid Morgan leaves his popular crew-cut to Frank Deal.

Doris Leazer leaves some of her pep to Jo Ann Overcash, just in case she ever needs any.

Ray Burleyson leaves his soothing bass voice, which seems to "snow" all girls, to Benny Warner.

Jimmy Seamon leaves his constant chatter to Wayne Bernhardt.

Rann Yost leaves his ability to win enemies and influence friends to all of those who may have use for it in the future.

Wayne Hooks leaves his happiness in high school marriage to Buddy McClure.

Perry Upright leaves his love for stage work to anyone who can get the lighting effects just right.

I, Avice Tate, leave my position as lawyer to the most capable boy or girl in the Junior Class.

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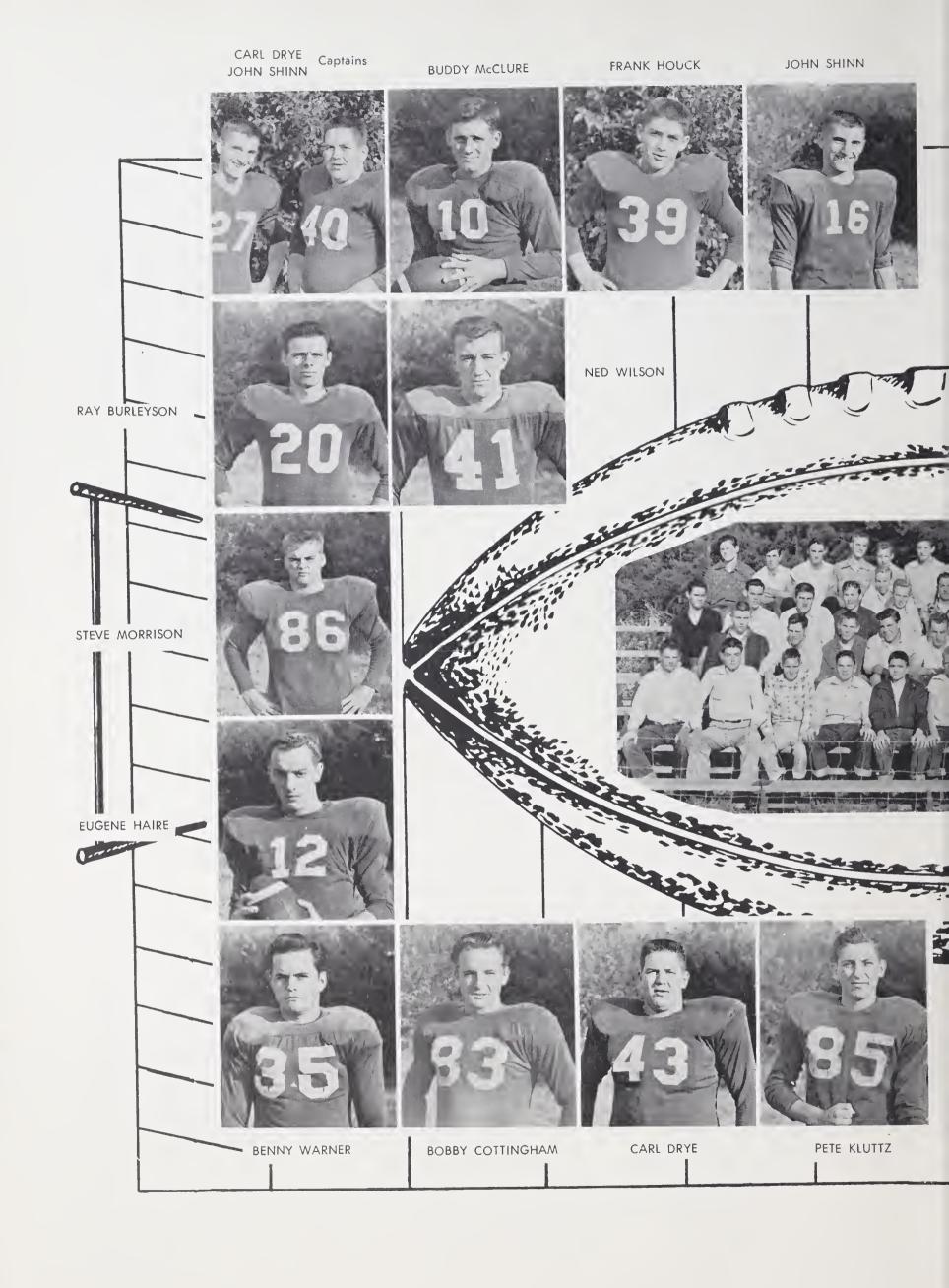


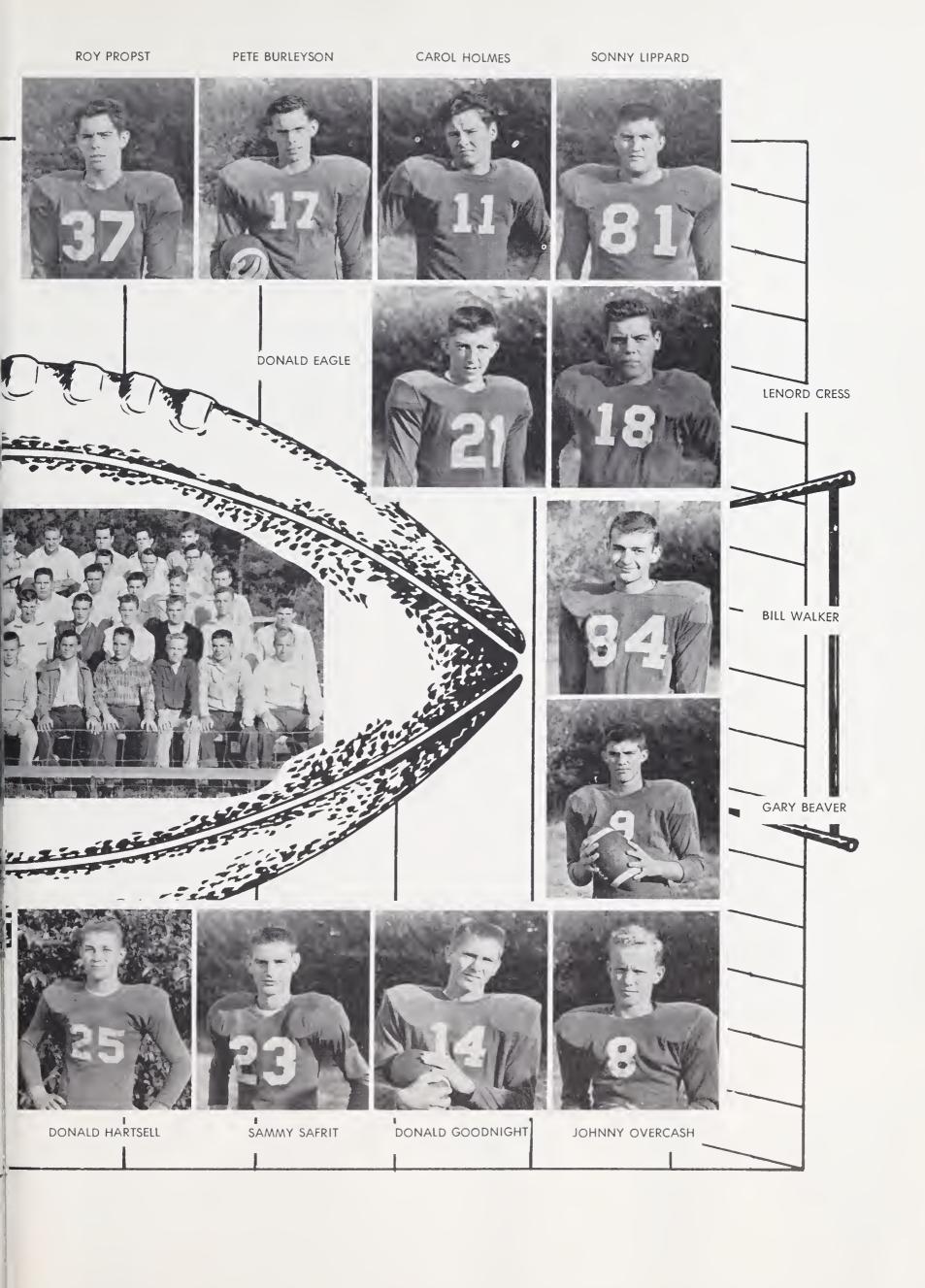






























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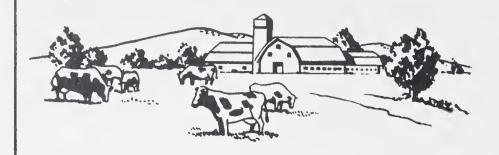
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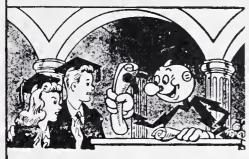
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When you were sophomores, the Duke Power Company was beginning new plants to supply your power needs after graduation. Now ample, low-priced power increases your job opportunity, and Piedmont resources are ready for your energy and ideas. Good luck to you as you find your place in the Piedmont Carolinas.

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