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Alma Mater

FAR above all institutions
Ever to traditions true,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Far removed from whirling traffic
Of the hustling town,
Arched against the brow of heaven,
Looks she proudly down.

Honors held by victories won,
She will cherish to the last.
Each one adds a tribute rare,
As the years fly past.

Though enduring fame be thine,
Though thy praises travel far,
Truth shall always be thy motto,
Wisdom's bright alluring star.

Alma Mater, live forever!
All thy children praise thy name.
Ties of love will always bind us
Ever more to sing thy fame.



Foreword

We, the Editors, present to you this, the first volume of THE PORTALS, in which we have endeavored to portray school life as it is at our dear B. H. S., with the sincere hope that in years to come it will lead our thoughts back again to the happy High School Days.

GRATEFULLY DEDICATED TO OUR SUPERINTENDENT

HARVEY C. RENEGAR

WHO HAS BEEN UNTIRING IN HIS EFFORTS
TO HELP US IN ALL PHASES OF OUR
SCHOOL LIFE AND FOR WHOM
WE HOLD THE DEEPEST
LOVE AND RESPECT



H. C. RENEGAR

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CLASSES

SENIORS



WORLD'S INHERITANCE

Toast to Seniors

Let's drink a toast to the Senior Class,
The best class in the land:
Where ere you go, what ere you do,
May fortune hold your hand.



Senior Class

COLORS: *Green and White*

FLOWER: *White Rose*

MOTTO: *B²*

CLASS OFFICERS

LUCIAN PEACOCK.....	<i>President</i>
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ANNIE DORRIS JOHNSON, *Class Mascot*



ADA TERESA BAREFOOT
Benson, N. C.

Phidelphian Society

Basketball '26; Athletic Association '26;
Glee Club '26; Hiking Club '26; Go-
Getters Club '26.

*"She is pretty to walk with,
Witty to talk with,
And pleasant to think on."*

Although this is Ada's first year with us, we consider ourselves very fortunate. She, by her attractive and winning personality, has won many friends. Ada is a good sport, and takes much interest in athletics. She is a follower of the Epicurean School and believes firmly in the old saying: "Eat, drink, and be merry for to-morrow ye may die." Such a girl as she will get much out of life.

MARY CATHERINE BENSON
Benson, N. C.

Pi Delta Society

Class Historian; Sec. of Class '25-26;
Glee Club '26; Athletic Association '26;
Go-Getters Club; Manager of Hiking
Club; Sec. Pi Delta Society '26; Social
Editor of THE PORTALS '26.

*"Not too serious, not too gay,
Just a good sport in every way."*

If a good time is in store, Mary is there. She is an all round good-natured girl, and always ready to help any one. She has been a true and faithful member of our class, having started at the "foot" with us. Her highest ambition is to be an old maid school teacher, but we feel that she is changing her mind. Yes, Mary, you will be a good housekeeper.



MYRTLE MAE BLACKMAN
Benson, N. C.

Pi Delta Society

*"I'm not bound to win,
But I'm bound to be true."
"Love conquers all"*

Myrtle is a very helpful member of our class. Although she has been with us only two years, she has made many friends. The more you are with her, the more you will love her. Myrtle is a friend to all, and never becomes tired of doing service for others, as she delights in making them happy. Yes, Myrtle is studious, true, and faithful in her work. She wishes to be a teacher, and we feel sure she will make a good one, because she is so kind-hearted and sympathetic. Her friendliness and other influential qualities would win a heart of stone. Myrtle is simply a good all round girl—few there be who are her equal. May her future be filled with many joys.

NELLIE BROWN JOHNSON
Benson, N. C.

Pi Delta Society

Class Poet '25; Glee Club '25; Cheer Leader; Pi Delta Society, '25; Manager Basketball Team '25; Hiking Club '25; Girls' Athletic Association '25; Go-Getters Club '25.

*"If ever you're in trouble,
If ever you're in doubt,
Just take your trouble to Nell,
'Cause she can help you out."*

Nellie is just a good girl and one of the most lovable in the Senior Class. If any doubt this, just ask the Freshman boys. She is ever willing to help any and all. Being a good sport she enjoys everything, and helps to put pep into all the school activities. When you have won her friendship, you have won something really worth-while. We predict for her much success and happiness.



ALICE GERTRUDE JONES
Angier, N. C.

Phidelphian Society

Librarian '26; Go-Getters Club '26;
Newspaper Staff '26.

*"Well versed in books and pleasant in
herself."*

*"She does her task from day to day,
And meets whatever comes her way."*

Although Alice has been with us only one year, she has gained the friendship of every one with whom she has come in contact. Angier High School lost a brilliant pupil and we gained one. Alice has made an enviable record. By the Seniors she is looked upon as the best-all-round student in the class; by the entire high school she is considered the most talented—Alice, we are proud of you.

LENA RIVERS LANGDON
Benson, N. C.

Phidelphian Society

"Toiling and smiling, onward she goes."

If you are looking for a quiet, sincere girl, one on whom you can depend and know that you will get her best, just turn to Lena. She has a word of cheer and a sunny smile for every one. Her lovable disposition and winning ways have won for her many true friends among the faculty as well as students. She believes firmly in the old saying, "To have a friend, be one."

Lena is very modest, unassuming and unselfish. She has attained the goal of Seniordom by hard, earnest work. When responsibility comes her way, she assumes it and does her duty well.



VIRA EUGENIA LEE
Benson, N. C.

Phidelphian Society

Athletic Association '26; Go-Getters Club '26; Basketball Team '26; Class Statistician '26.

*"With common sense and some uncommon too,
She smiles and conquers all."*

Vira is a girl of few words. When she chooses to speak, it is worthwhile for all to stop and listen. She is a kind, true friend every ready to help all who are in trouble. That she is an excellent student has been portrayed by her familiarity with the honor roll. Dependability and thoughtfulness are two of her chief assets. We predict for Vira a bright and happy future with many successes.

MARGARET LOUISE PARKER
Benson, N. C.

Member Basketball Team '23-24; Society '23-24-26; Society Critic '23; President Glee Club '26; President Girls' Athletic Association '26; President Go-Getters Club '26; Tennis '26; Hiking Club '26; Art Editor THE PORTALS '26; Class Giftorian '26.

*"The way to have a friend is to be one."
"All compliments to her are trite,
She has adorers on left and right."*

Louise is a girl worth knowing. She is kind, generous, fun-loving, and a friend to every one. She is an indispensable member of our class. Her personality reveals the facts that she is true to her friends, and has great visions and high ideals for the future. May Louise's future career be filled with much sunshine and happiness.



LUCIAN PEACOCK
Benson, N. C.

Phidelphian Society

Class President '25-26; President of Phidelphian Society '26; Glee Club '26; Business Manager of THE PORTALS '26.

*"A boy of rare personal qualities."
"Ever ready to do what there is to be done."*

Gentility, honesty, sincerity, and many other characteristics are possessed by Lucian. If you are looking for a business man, see Lucian, for business ability seems to be his second nature. THE PORTALS Staff could never have selected a more capable business manager. It was he who made the publication of this book a possibility. His enthusiasm is contagious. We always feel safe if he is on our side. We are no prophets, but if high school days, in any degree, show up the man, here is one that the world will gladly welcome into its field of activities.

GERALD PLEASANT
Angier, N. C.

Phidelphian Society

Class Treasurer '26; Glee Club '26; Class Orator '26; Athletic Editor of THE PORTALS.

*"Not too serious, not too gay,
But a good fellow every day."*

Gerald joined us when we began our Senior pilgrimage. Angier teachers and students know their loss and we realize our gain. He is not only a good student, but he is also a kind, generous friend. We have shown our appreciation for him by electing him the best-all-round pupil in high school. He is a splendid debater, having participated in the triangular debates while in school at Angier. His ambition is to hang out his shingle as a lawyer in 1932. We wish him much success.



PHEBE ANN POWELL
Benson, N. C.

Pi Delta Society

Librarian '26; Society Chaplain '26;
Reporter *School News* '26; Assistant
Editor *School News* '25.

*"And underneath it all, lies a heart of
purest gold."*

*"Smooth lies the water where the current
is deep."*

One of the best pupils in our class is Phebe. She is one who ever speaks a kind word, and is always ready to help any who are in need. Phebe has been a member of the Benson High School for the last three years, and all who know her proclaim her, "a friend in need." By her quiet manner and splendid disposition, she has won for herself a name that will not soon be forgotten. She is a loyal member of the class of '26 with a heart of pure gold. All the qualities that are needed to make a perfect woman are blended in her. Phebe, we love you, and wish for you much happiness.

MARY BLANCHE RAYNOR
Benson, N. C.

Pi Delta Society

Joke Editor of *Benson School News* '26;
Joke Editor of *THE PORTALS* '26; Vice
President of Athletic Association '26;
Member of Glee Club '26; Member of Go-
Getters Club '26; Member of Hiking Club
'26; Member of Basketball Team '26.

*"Some say the world is made for fun and
frolic, and so do I."*

How could our class get along without Mary and her jokes? She keeps the class alive with her fun and frolic. Such a disposition as hers is to be envied. She never seems to get angry, but takes every thing in a care free way. When necessity demands, Mary can turn quickly from one phase of school life to another and do all equally well. Although she has been with us only two years, 23 and '26; she has won many friends. With her as a member of our class we have won what Coats High School has lost.



EVELYN PEARL REAVES
Benson, N. C.

Philadelphian Society

Class President '24; Marshal '25; Secretary and Treasurer Athletic Association '26; Hiking Club '26; Go-Getters Club '26; Class Prophet '26.

*"True to herself,
True to her friends,
True to her duty always."
"She has the genius to be loved."*

Pearl is one of the sweetest members of our class as well as a splendid student. Her charming ways and sweet disposition have won for her a host of true friends. We feel sure she will succeed in whatever she undertakes. At present she expects to be a school teacher, but finds it hard to resist the temptations of Dan Cupid.

MARSHALL FRANKLIN WOODALL
Benson, N. C.

Pi Delta Society

Class Vice President '24-25-26; Varsity Basketball '25-26; Manager of Basketball '26; Varsity Baseball '25-26; Editor-in-Chief of THE PORTALS; President of Pi Delta Society '26; Glee Club '26; Orchestra '25-26; Tennis '26; Member of "The Gang" '26; Marshal '25.

*"For if he will, he will, you may depend on't,
And if he wont, he wont, so there's an end on't."*

Marshall has character and ability. This is well illustrated by the many offices that he has filled. As an athlete he has few equals. He wields a "wicked hand" when it comes to scoring in basketball, or making home runs in baseball. His contemporaries feel lost without him, but prominent with him.

In the field of music Marshall reigns supreme. Yet I would not have you think he is all business, for he believes in the old saying.

*"When duty and pleasure clash,
Let duty go to smash."*

Class History

IT was in the year of our Lord 1922 that the history of our class began. In that memorable year the present senior class began the long and tedious journey to the goal of graduation. On entering high school and finding ourselves face to face with Latin and Science, we at once banished the idea that high school was the "seventh Heaven" we had heretofore pictured. After the first few months of untold agony caused by disappointments, we sank into uneventful obscurity until one bright May morning in the spring of '23. We received the glad tidings that we were no longer Freshmen, but were to enter the ethereal kingdom called "Sophdom."

Accordingly in the fall of '23, we entered the kingly realm of Sophomores. That year we were fortunate in securing as adviser, Miss Hessie Boger, a teacher who served us patiently and untiringly throughout the next three years. That year we organized our class as follows: Pearl Reaves, President; Mabel Hodges, Vice President; and Golda Langdon, Secretary and Treasurer. To our dismay we soon discovered that even the learned Sophs had their trials. Our most indomitable foes were Cæsar and Algebra. However, fortune favored us, and we emerged victorious to enter the thrilling career of Juniors in the fall of '24.

That year proved to be a conspicuous one. We launched forth with the following officers in charge: Lucian Peacock, President; Marshall Woodall, Vice President; Mary Benson, Secretary; Dorothy Lee, Treasurer. The most noteworthy event during the year was the Junior-Senior banquet. Again we encountered our old enemy Algebra, in company with two very aristocratic foreigners who bore the names, Cicero and Chardenal. These were finally conquered, and we were allowed to enter the realm of "dignified Seniors."

This year was the last turning point in our high school career. To our left was a broad flower-strewn avenue, toward which a jewelled hand pointed, and by which this sign stood: "An Easy Road to Ignorance." To our right lay a rugged, stony path toward which a gnarled hand pointed, and by which this sign stood: "A Thorny Path, But at the Top Wisdom and Success."

Fourteen of us chose the rugged Path to Success. For those who had deserted us we were fortunate to secure several from Angier and Coats to bear us company on our way. At first we were astonished to meet our old friend, Chardenal, close behind him stood the older brothers of Algebra and Cicero, namely—Geometry and Vergil. Although baffled at first, we have toiled, and sorrowed and struggled until now we have gained higher ground where we may view "The Portals" that are to free us from these four long years of bondage.

Historian.

Class Poem

THE time has come at last, dear friends,
When we must say "good-bye"
Our work is over, study ended,
We are leaving old Benson High.

There's much to be said about our little class,
We are happy and have many joys,
But the saddest thing of it all, I think,
Is that we have only three boys.

Our school-days are ended now,
Somewhere else you'll see our faces,
The battles we've fought, we'll fight no more,
Someone else will take our places.

Never again each day we'll meet
When we hear that school-bell toll,
No more again on this school-ground,
Will we together stroll.

We've worked together for many long years,
The same problems we've met each day,
But as we go out into the world,
Each one goes a different way.

We've had our sorrows, had our joys,
We've had our trials and tests,
We've given to the world the best we had,
Can't the world return us her best?

We'll fight our battles face to face,
And do all the good we can,
We'll live in the house by the side of the road,
And be a friend to man.

And when the world shall link our names,
With noble lives and manners fine,
Our teachers shall assert their claims,
And proudly whisper, "They Were Mine."

Farewell! our dear old B. H. S.,
We're leaving you now forever,
But your memory shall remain with us,
To forget you, We Can Never!

NELLIE JOHNSON, *Poet.*

Class Prophecy

“ELIZABETH, Mr. White has given me a five weeks vacation this year. Isn't that grand? I have been in his employment for nearly four years. Let's see, today is the thirteenth of May and my vacation begins the twelfth of June—just four weeks off! I do wish something exciting would happen.”

“Get your parasol, Elizabeth, let's go for the mail. I feel just as if there is something in the office for me.”

When we reached the office, the post-man handed us our mail.

“Look! I have two letters. One is my monthly payroll. I don't work for money alone, but a little remuneration is not objectionable. But, this big, fat letter! My curiosity is welling. Who in the world could be writing me from New York City? Dear, I am too nervous to break the seal. What do you suppose it is?”

“Oh, break it open and see what it is, you silly goose!” exclaimed Elizabeth, who had become very excited. We were such staunch friends, as well as cousins, that we liked to share each others surprises.

The street was crowded and I did not care to read my letter there, so when possible, we turned down a more secluded street, for the letter could not wait another minute.

After breaking the seal I sought the name. Imagine my great joy and surprise when I read, “Mrs. William Boone”—Née Louise Parker. So much can happen in such a short time.

“Oh! how interesting! Listen Elizabeth, at what she writes, ‘I married the governor of New York whom you remember as one of our school mates at B. H. S. I am very happy for I feel that I am helping to make the lives of others more pleasant.’”

“My goodness! How perfectly grand! She has invited me to spend my vacation with her. Let's write her at once and tell her all about the class of '26.”

“Let's see. Marshall Woodall graduated from U. N. C. and is now Editor of *The News and Observer*. This paper has the largest circulation in the South.”

Vira Lee is teaching History at N. C. C. W. in “a Boger fashion.” 'Tis rumored that she is contemplating a change from the political world to the domestic.

Mary Raynor graduated from Duke and then taught Latin for two years in B. H. S. She gave up her position, and married a noted professor. They are now on a tour in Europe.

Lucian Peacock has gained notoriety in the financial world and is now Secretary of the Treasury. Surely you remember the miracles he performed as Business Manager of THE PORTALS in '26.

Ada Barefoot, after leaving B. H. S., went abroad and studied voice under a noted German professor. She has made an amateur out of Galli Curci.

Phebe Powell's college career was interrupted by her sudden marriage to a foreign missionary. She is now in Shanghai, China. Phebe is perfectly happy as she always loved to help others.

Nellie Johnson has become one of the leading movie stars. Her home in Hollywood is often the scene of many gaieties.

Gerald Pleasant, our champion high school debater, graduated from the Harvard Law School, and is now Speaker in The House of Representatives.

Myrtle Blackman graduated from E. C. T. C. and taught three years in the primary grades at Raleigh. She finally gave up teaching and is now the wife of the Governor of North Carolina.

Alice Jones graduated from N. C. C. W. and is Supervisor of Public Instruction in Johnston County.

Mary Benson has successfully reached her aim. She is a judge of the Supreme Court of North Carolina.

Lena Langdon, one of the quietest members of our class, owns the most fashionable millinery shop in New York City. "Of course, you know she is soon to become wife of the Secretary of the Treasury."

"Oh! they are all fine," exclaimed Elizabeth. "I am sure Louise will enjoy hearing about her classmates."

PEARL REAVES, *Class Prophet.*



Last Will and Testament

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
COUNTY OF JOHNSTON, } *Benson High School.*
CITY OF BENSON }

WE, the class of '26, being of sound mind and considering the certainty of our early departure from the sacred halls of learning, do make and declare this our Last Will and Testament.

First. To dear B. H. S. we give our loyal support, and pledge to be always true to the high standards she has set for us.

Second. To our parents we leave our fondest love and deepest appreciation for the sacrifices they've made to send us to school.

Third. To the faculty we give our love and esteem and our sincerest respect for what they've done for us.

Fourth. To the Juniors, we will and bequeath our "treasured privileges" to be used with care lest they be deprived of them.

Fifth. To the Sophomores we leave our place as the faculty's pets.

Sixth. To the Freshmen we leave our "stickability" to be used in helping them to become Seniors.

Seventh. Lucian Peacock wills his love for collecting ads for THE PORTALS to Glenn Johnson.

Eighth. Mary Raynor bequeaths her great intellect and ability to study to Lula Lee.

Ninth. Vira Lee and Lena Langdon leave their boisterous voices, which we know so well, to Sarah Duncan.

Tenth. Ada Barefoot and Marshall Woodall will their great love for Geometry to Roy Batts with the hope that Roy will learn more about Mathematics.

Eleventh. Mary Benson bequeaths her Senior dignity to Leta Gold Johnson trusting that Leta Gold will calm down and adjust herself to circumstances.

Twelfth. Gerald Pleasant leaves the task of finding "the front door to The League of Nations" to Milton Allen.

Thirteenth. Pearle Reaves and Alice Jones give their success in captivating men to Margaret Benton.

Fourteenth. Nellie Johnson and Louise Parker will their fondness for eighth grade boys to Margaret Peacock and Miriam Creech.

Fifteenth. Phebe Powell and Myrtle Blackman leave their privilege to laugh on every occasion to Juanita Johnson.

Sixteenth. We, the class of '26, do hereby appoint our sister class, the Sophomores, as sole executors of our Last Will and Testament.

Signed, sealed, and declared by the members of the class of '26, as their Last Will and Testament this the twenty-eighth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-six.

MARSHALL WOODALL, *Testator.*

Statistics

Name	Nickname	Favorite saying	Likes	Dislikes	Ambition	Likely to Be
Ada Barefoot	Bill	"Gollie Ding"	To Study	To go to ride	To go on the stage	House keeper
Mary Benson	Maryanna	"Hot Dog"	To Debate	To go to Dunn	To reduce	A heavy weight
Myrtle Blackman	Mutt	"Sure 'Naf"	To sing	Nothing	To be a school teacher	A teacher of one
Nellie Johnson	Nell	"Aw' go n"	Fun and "Witt"	Letters	To do as she pleases	Bossed
Alice Jones	Red	"Oh, My Goodness"!	Florida	Going to school	To go to Florida	Married
Lena Langdon	Peggie	"Aw' foot"	The Boys	Lucian	To graduate	Mrs.
Vira Lee	Gene	"Pot Goodness' Sake"	To talk in school	To go home week-ends	To get a Diploma	A French teacher
Louise Parker	Squeezer	"Gosh Ding"	Bill	Essex	To be an Artist	A Governor's wife
Lucian Peacock	Lucius	"Heck, oh, My"!	Bananas	Chewing gum	To write nove's	President
Gerald Pleasant	Gerry	"Well I'll declare"	To argue	The Girls	To be a Lawyer	A doctor
Phebe Powell	Sis	"Well, Sir"	To eat	To be Rushed	To make others happy	A teacher
Mary Raynor	Dot	"Honest for goodness"	To run away	A good time	To go to Duke University	An old maid
Pearle Reaves	Sunshine	"Same, Here, Boy"!	Rocky Mount	Lipstick	To go abroad	A man-trainer
Marshall Woodall	Mart	"I Can't"	To ask questions	Saxophone	To be a minister	A lawyer
Elsie Gilbert	Rosie	"By jinks"	To dance	Chapel Hill	To be a Rose	A stone



Junior Class

COLORS: *Green and Gold*

FLOWER: *Sunburst Rose*

MOTTO: *Strive to reach the goal*

MISS CLODFELTER.....*Class Sponsor*

CLASS OFFICERS

DE LEON BRITT.....*President*
PRESTON JOHNSON.....*Vice President*
LOUISE DENNING.....*Secretary and Treasurer*
LULA LEE.....*Historian*
BEATRICE JONES.....*Poet*



Class Poem

Three long years we've toiled together
Through both bright and gloomy weather,
But we feel exalted to a higher floor
As we go out the tenth grade door.

Dear teachers, you have brought us through,
We'd not be here if it weren't for you
Who tried so hard to keep us straight;
To prepare us for the other gate.

God bless you, dear old Benson High,
May nothing we dismay
Keep knowledge from you, ever nigh,
To help us on life's way.

One more year of joys and pleasures,
Then diplomas—the coveted treasure;
When we leave we'll sob and sigh
And say, "Farewell Old Benson High."

BEATRICE JONES, *Poet.*



MISS SHELLY LORAIN CLODFELTER
Junior Class Sponsor



MARSHALS

- DE LEON BRITT, *Chief*
PRESTON JOHNSON
LYDIA WELLS
LOUISE DENNING
FULLER MOORE



BLANCHE BEASLEY
Phidclphian

DE LEON BRITT
Pi Delta

METTIE CLIFTON
Phidclphian

VADA CREECH
Pi Delta

LOUISE DENNING
Phidclphian

BONNIE DIXON
Pi Delta

PEARL DUPREE
Pi Delta

SARAH DUNCAN
Phidclphian

LUCILLE HEBRICK
Pi Delta

GLENN JOHNSON
Pi Delta

JUANITA JOHNSON
Phidclphian

LA RUE JOHNSON
Pi Delta

BEATRICE JONES
Phidclphian

PRESION JOHNSON
Phi Delta Phi

LULA LEE
Phi Delta Phi

DAISY MASSENGILL
Phi Delta Phi

FULLER MOORE
Phi Delta Phi

VIDA McLAMB
Phi Delta Phi

ERMA PARKER
Pi Delta

GLADYS PLEASANT
Pi Delta

ADDIE PEACOCK
Pi Delta

LYDIA WELLS
Pi Delta

MAE WHEELER
Pi Delta

BRIAN WOOD
Phi Delta Phi

RANSOM WHITTERTON
Phi Delta Phi



Junior Class History

IT was on the twelfth day of September 1923 that the good ship Benson High School lay at anchor at the wharf of a new school year. It was the same ship that had carried others to the land of Better Understanding.

For a while it appeared that I was to be the only passenger but just before time to set sail others came; some who had been together in the grammar grades; some who came from other towns; others who came from a nearby school recently included in our district. In all there were fifty-one, and we assured ourselves of a good time together.

We immediately made the acquaintance of our captain, Mr. Renegar, and our many stewardesses who were to help us over the rough seas. Our captain explained that we were starting on a four year's journey over four rough and stormy seas. The first proved to be all that he prophesied, and many became seasick from Freshmen Arithmetic and Latin and wanted to leave us, but at the advice of our stewardess they remained, and today most of them are with us.

On the second sea sailing was smoother as we were better acquainted with our leaders and shipmates. 'Tis true that Algebra nearly got the best of some of us, but we would not turn back. Latin proved to be more interesting than we had expected and we were unwilling to give it up.

We arrived at the Junior sea in September, '25 with twenty-six in number; some had left us at different points on our voyage when we stopped for supplies; others had joined us, some coming from distant places.

Many interesting things have happened during our voyage though it would take me too long to enumerate them. Two outstanding events of our Junior year were the Junior-Senior reception and the help in editing the first volume of *THE PORTALS*. We look forward with pride and happy hearts to the long looked for Senior Sea and the coveted sheepskin at the end.

LULA LEE, *Historian*.







MISS SADLER, *Class Sponsor*

Sophomore Class

COLORS: *Orchid and Pink*

FLOWER: *Sweet Pea*

MOTTO: *Climb Though the Rocks Be Rugged*

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and Sunday Sept. 25, 1928



SOPHOMORE CLASS

Psalm of Sophomore Year

IF you think, my cheerful reader,
Sophomore year is free from care,
That its way is strewn with roses,
And no thorns are hidden there—

To the tales of English authors
I would first your thoughts invite,
Let's recall the worthy heroes,
Stately Galahad and other knights.

Could we, in the course of Latin
Find a smooth and pleasant path,
When we read of wars in Cæsar
Brought about by simple wrath?

Could we, in the course of Science
Find a cool and peaceful nook,
When we read of boiling geysers
And of chaos in a brook?

Or in the date filled-History's pages,
Where great heroes' names we see;
Where the Hague Tribunal shows us
What we must or must not be.

If the sages of all History
Were recalled to life again,
Could they teach us how to factor,
Or extract the root of ten?

Could we, in the course of Spanish
Conjugate the verb to be,
It would be an easy subject
For us all to learn, you see.

Now the course is all before you
And developed is my theme,
You'll admit, if you are honest,
Sophomore year is not a dream.

LETA GOLD JOHNSON, *Class Poet.*

FRESHMAN





Miss Hass, *Sponsor*

Freshman Class

CLASS COLORS: *White and Gold*

FLOWER: *Daisy*

MOTTO: *“Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.”*

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ada ennis.....*treasurer*





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The Freshman Class

Will you give ear to the Freshman Class,
The class of twenty nine?
We have a thing or two to say
About our class in rhyme.
The name we have don't worry us,
You surely will agree
It's what we are and what we're not
That counts for most, you see.

Yes, we belong to the Freshman Class,
A class of youth who talk
About the many things we'll do,
The path of fame we'll walk;
Who boast about our conquered worlds
And deeds right nobly done
Though now the while we tug along
In school work scarce begun.

Yes, we belong to the Freshman Class,
The class of youth who long
That wealth and fame may come our way
As to the brave and strong.
But we would choose the worthy road
To praise and fortune, too,
Though now the while we fret and scowl
At hard work we must do.

But soon we'll be in an upper class,
A class of youth who work
From early morn till late at night,
And never duty shirk;
We'll study hard and make our way
Straight to the grand success
That waits ahead for all who try
And always do their best.

KATHERINE BLALOCK, *Class Poet.*



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COLORS: *Garnet and Gray*

FLOWER: *Red Carnation*

MOTTO: *Esse quam videre*

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COLORS: *Green and gold*

FLOWER: *Buttercup*

MOTTO: *Conare esse primus*

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MARSHALL WOODALL.....	<i>Saxophone</i>
WILLIAM BOONE.....	<i>Saxophone</i>
EDGAR WALL.....	<i>First Cornet</i>
SLAWTHIEL STEPHENSON.....	<i>Second Cornet</i>
MACK BARBER.....	<i>Trombone</i>
ROBIE PORTER.....	<i>Bass</i>
FULLER MOORE.....	<i>Drums</i>





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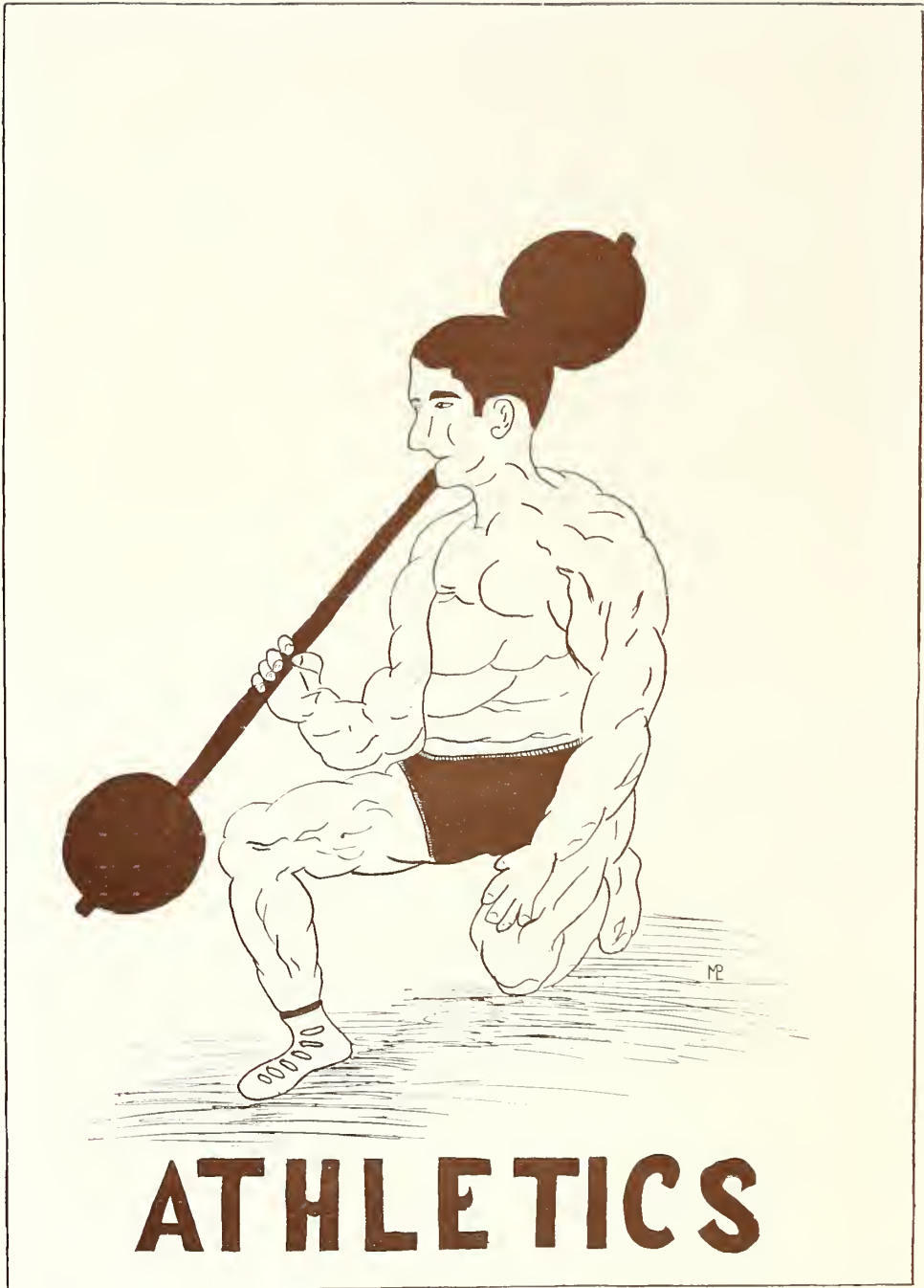
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HORACE RYALS.....	<i>Forward</i>
ROY MEDLIN.....	<i>Center</i>
WILLIAM BOONE.....	<i>Guard</i>
MARSHALL WOODALL, <i>Manager</i>	<i>Guard</i>

Substitutes

FULLER MOORE

WILLIAM ROSE





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MAE WHEELER.....	<i>Forward</i>
ADA BAREFOOT.....	<i>Forward</i>
LUCILE HEDRICK, <i>Captain</i>	<i>Guard</i>
VIRA LEE.....	<i>Guard</i>
MARY RAYNOR.....	<i>Guard</i>

Substitutes

METTIE CLIFTON

SARAH DODD





Baseball Team

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FULLER MOORE
MARSHALL WOODALL

HORACE RYALS
LESLIE SMITH
WILLIAM ROSE

WILLIAM BOONE
PRESTON JOHNSON
ROY BATTS





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 METTIE CLIFTON
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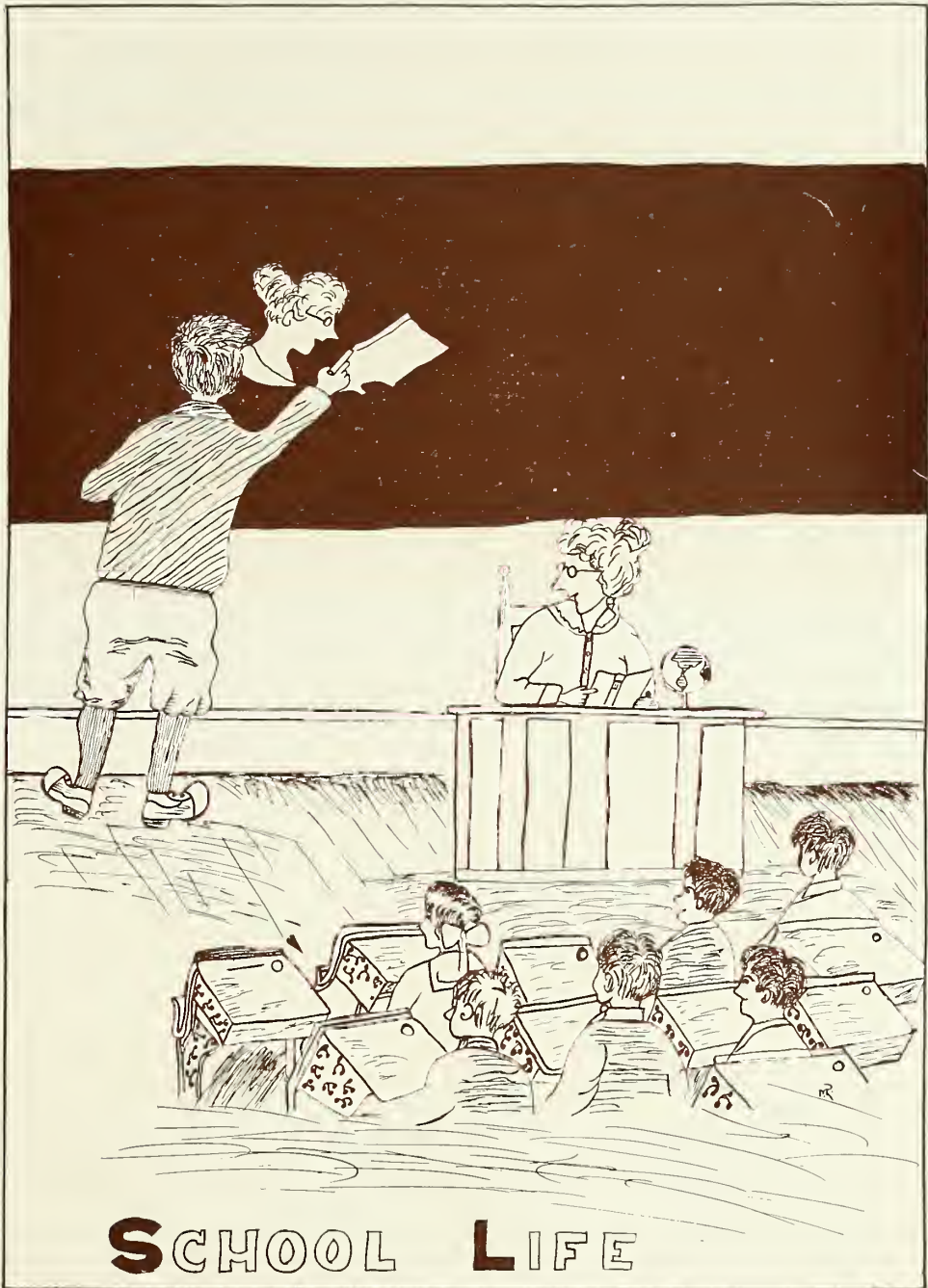
WILLIAM ROSE

MARGARET BENTON

Freshman Representatives

WILLIAM BOONE





SCHOOL LIFE

Songs and Yells

Come, all ye Benson folks, let's fall in line.

We'll find a game and play it every time.
For basketball and tennis, I yell! I yell!
And for our games and team I yell!
I yell!

I yell! I yell! so fight, fight every time,
And to good health we all will quickly climb.

We stand for fair play, square play.
Sis boom! bah! rah! rah! rah!

Zi _____ Boom!
Zi _____ Boom!
Zi _____ Boom!
B. H. S! B. H. S! B. H. S!

Boom-a-chic-a-boom!
Boom-a-chic-a-boom!
Boom-a-chic-arie-chic!
Boom! Boom! Boom!
Zip! Zip! a la!
Zip! Zip! a la!
Benson High School
Rah! Rah! Rah!

Lions, tigers, coodies, and rats!
We've got a bunch of young wildcats!

Fruit can! Tin can!
Ash can! Who can!
We can! Benson!
Benson! Benson!

B. H. Boys, you sure can play.
You'd win in every fray
You've got the bestest team we ever saw.
We'll always root for you.
We'll back you thru and thru.
B. H. Boys can sure play ball.

They bite, they fight, they scratch like
sin!
Look out————! We are going to win!

1-2-3-4, 3-2-1-4!
Who for? What for!
Who'r you going to yell for?
B E N S O N! That's the way to spell it!
Here's the way to yell it!
Benson! Benson! Benson!



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AND

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SARAH DUNCAN
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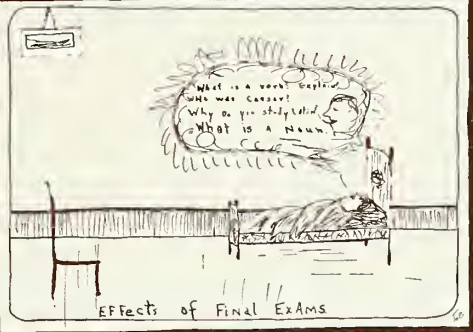
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Social Calendar

Ticklets

MISS CLODFELTER: Now, Class, how many more times do I have to pronounce this for you? "Æneid"—Lucian, pronounce it.

LUCIAN PEACOCK (not paying any attention): It's—er—Vergil's Adenoids.

* * *

MISS SADLER (on Physical Geography Class): Hugh, what causes a volcano to erupt?

HUGH LEE: The devil shoveling out ashes.

* * *

MISS BOGER (on History Class): Who can tell me who Nero was?

PRENTISS COATS: Is he the one mentioned in "Nero, My God to Thee?"

* * *

THERON STEWART: Miss Hass, do cows and bees go to heaven?

MISS HASS: Mercy, chile, what a question! Why?

THERON: Because if they don't, the milk and honey the preacher said is up there must be canned stuff.

* * *

You can paint China
But you can't plaster Paris.

* * *

BRIAN WOOD: Miss Clodfelter, I'm indebted to you for all I know.

MISS CLODFELTER: Pray, don't mention such a trifle.

* * *

JOE OVERBY (at Society meeting): I nominate that we adjourn.

* * *

DEWITT WOODALL: Say, can you name six legislative bodies?

MARSHALL WOODALL: Well, there is the American Congress, the British Parliament, the French Chamber of Deputies, the German Reichstag, and the Japanese Diet.

DEWITT: But that's only five, and Miss Boger wants us to name six.

MARSHALL: Well, there's the—er—er—the Hungarian Goulash. Now don't bother me. Can't you see I'm studying History.

MARY RAYNOR: When I get married my husband and I are going to France on our trousseau.



FULLER MOORE (unaware that he was the only nominee for the most athletic boy): I move the nomination be closed.



MISS HASS: Tell the difference between bridal and bridle.

MARY RAYNOR: Bridle binds you up, and—Well, bridal does too.



“There is a Latin language,
At least there use to be.
It killed out all the Romans,
And now it's killing me.”

Grades on Geometry all reminds us
We have wasted lots of time,
And departing leave behind us
Zeros stretched out in a line.



WANTED: A front door to the League of Nations—*Gerald Pleasant.*



LOST: Her “Mayflower Compact”—*Nellie Johnson.*



FOUND: A new beau—*Sarah Duncan.*



WANTED: To grow tall—*De Leon Britt.*



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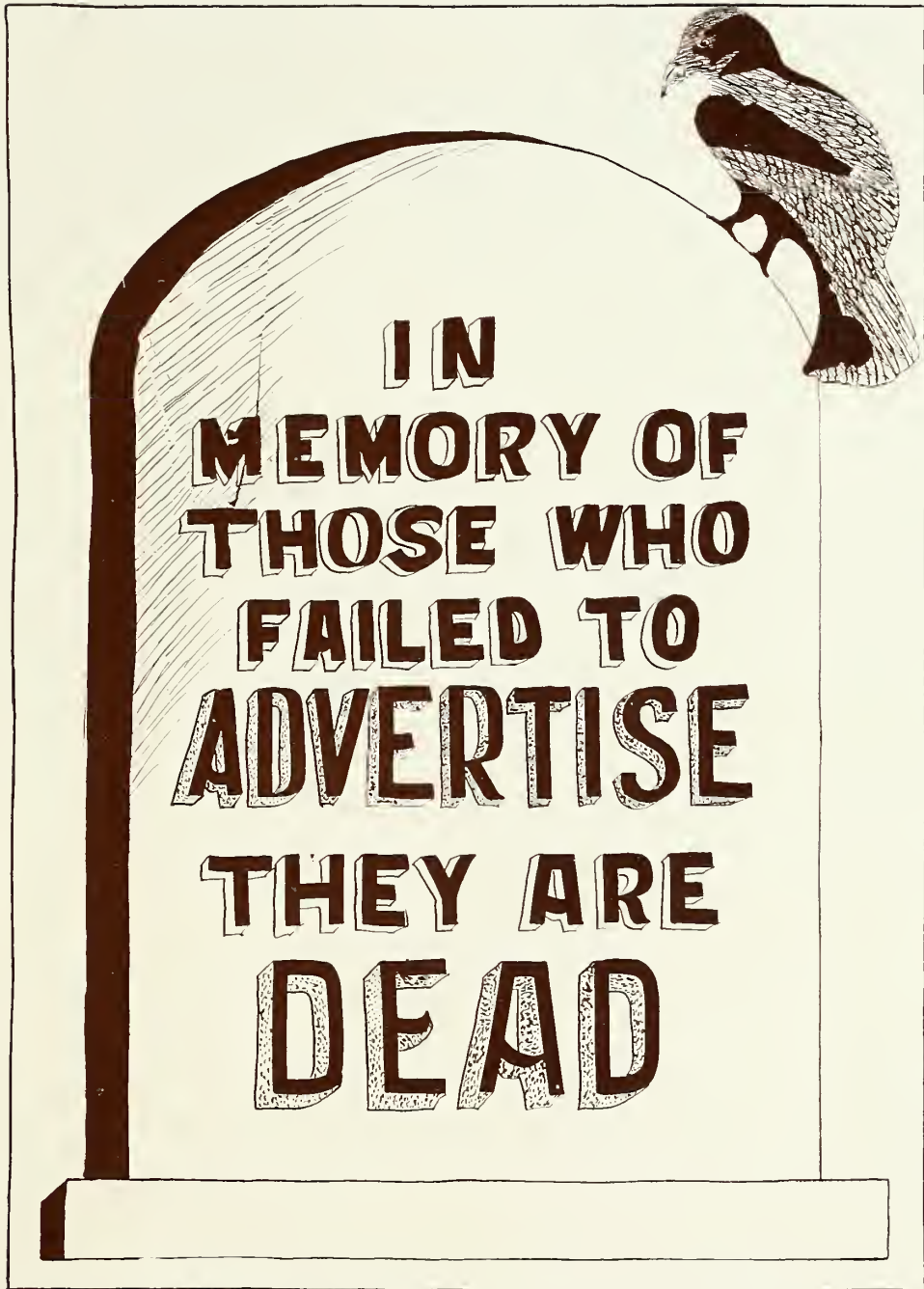
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