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MRS. SALLIE CELESTIAL PORTER

To our true friend, Mrs. Sallie Celestial Porter, we, the Seventh Grade of Ravenscraft School, with love and sincere appreciation, dedicate THE RAVEN of 1954: For her quiet Christian character; for her living example of kindness and thoughtfulness; for her willingness to help at any time; for her delight in making others happy; for her patience with us through the years; we salute her!

RAVENSCROFT SCHOOL

HISTORICAL SKETCH

POR a new school, Ravenscroft has an old and interesting historical background. In his last will and testament, probated in Wake County in the year 1862, Josiah Watson, a communicant of Christ Church, established a trust to run in perpetuity, the income from which under the terms of the trust, was to be used for the operation of a parish school by Christ Church. For a number of years thereafter Christ Church operated a parochial school, but near the close of the century the school was discontinued. The fund lay dormant for many years, during which the income was used for the operation of the church school and for other religious purposes.

In October, 1936, the Reverend John Armstrong Wright became Rector of Christ Church Parish. Within a short time he learned of the Watson Trust, and immediately started a campaign to establish a new parochial school. The Vestry of Christ Church authorized Mr. Wright to investigate the possibilities of such a school, and appointed a committee to assist him. The Committee was composed of E. U. Ragland, Charles R. Bugg, James R. Bynum, A. L. Purrington, Jr., Aldert S. Root, Perry E. Seagle, and J. M. Sink, Jr. The Committee approved the organization of the school and selected as its site the Edgar Haywood Memorial Parish House on Tucker Street. With the financial assistance of the vestry of Christ Church numerous repairs were made to the property and modern equipment was purchased.

After much consideration, the school was named "Ravenscroft" in honor of the first Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the first rector of Christ Church. The school opened on Monday, September 13, 1937, with an enrollment of 130 students, increased to 135 by the end of the school year.

RAVENSCROFT FACTS

"The soul of education is the education of the soul."

- 1. Ravenscroft School was established 1937
- 2. Faculty members hold State Certificates—A rating. No inexperienced teachers are employed. Preparation, experience and ability rank them at the top.
- 3. Combines best elementary education with religious training, including daily service in church, with definite religious instruction in the classroom.
- 4. Enrollment limited. This insures individual instruction, which gives students better opportunity for promotion.
- 5. Class lessons in music and art given each class. Glee Club open to students of upper grades. Private lessons in music and art may be arranged for with additional charge.
- 6. Each group on the playground is supervised at all times by classroom teacher.
- 7. Excellent cafeteria operated at low cost by trained dietitian—under supervision of school authorities.
 - 8. Every effort is made to promote health of children.
- 9. Has two Brownie Scout troops and one Girl Scout troop. Members of fifth, sixth and seventh grades serve on school Altar Guild.
- 10. Courses in elementary French and Spanish are available to students in upper grades.
 - 11. Students have an active chapter of American Junior Red Cross.
- 12. Faculty cares for children for a reasonable length of time during after school hours until called for by parents.
- 13. The total enrollment of children having attended Ravenscroft is more than 2.500.
 - 14. The influence of the religious training is incalculable.
 - 15. The Rector of Christ Church is likewise the Rector of the school.

JOHN STARK RAVENSCROFT

John Stark Ravenscroft, the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, was born May 17, 1772, at "Ravenscroft," the family estate near what is now Petersburg, Virginia. As a child he was taken to Ireland by his family, where at eight years of age he lost his father. He spent the remainder of his boyhood in Ireland and there received his early education from his mother.

At seventeen he returned to America to equip himself to take care of his family's property in Virginia and entered William and Mary College. After a year or so at William and Mary, he returned to "Ravenscroft" and managed the plantation. In February, 1816, he was licensed Lay Reader by the Bishop of Virginia and in April of that year he was ordained Deacon. At Fredericksburg, Virginia, in May, 1817, he entered the priesthood.

The newly formed Diocese of North Carolina elected him its first Bishop on May 22, 1823, and for seven years he labored to lay the foundations on which the work of the Episcopal Church in North Carolina has been built. He died on March 5, 1830, at the house of his friend, Gavin Hogg, at Raleigh, and was buried under the chancel of Christ Church of which he had been Rector.

EDGAR HAYWOOD MEMORIAL PARISH HOUSE

The Edgar Haywood Memorial Parish House at St. Saviour's in Raleigh was built, fully equipped and donated by Ernest Haywood as a memorial to his brother, Edgar Haywood, and was dedicated on August 14, 1927, by the Right Reverend Joseph B. Cheshire, Bishop of North Carolina.

TUITION AND REGISTRATION

The school is not operated for profit. It is anticipated that any net income will be used to provide additional facilities for the children who attend the school. For the year 1954-55, registration fee will be \$15.00 for the first semester and \$15.00 for the second semester, basic tuition will be \$15.00 per month for kindergarten through 7th grade. First child \$15.00, second \$10.00. Tuition is payable in advance.

It is believed that registration for the year 1954-55 will exceed the limited enrollment. Until May 25, present students of Ravenscroft will be shown a preference. After that date, to assure a full enrollment, no preference can be given. Therefore, patrons are urged to register their children before May 25.

After June 1st address the principal at 1901 St. Mary's St., or call 8115. If no answer, call the church office, 2-4078.



THE FACULTY

Front row, left to right: Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. deRosset, Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Mumford, Miss Asbill, Mrs. Asbill, and Mrs. Watson. Second row: Mrs. Tongue, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Gupton, Mrs. Schwall, Mrs. Browning, and Mrs. Williamson.

FACULTY

| THE REV. STEPHEN C. WALKE | Chaplain |
|---|--------------|
| NANCY LEE WILLIAMSON, B.S., M.S. | Principal |
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| CLEONE MUMFORD, A.B. | Grade Three |
| CLAUDINE GATES WATSON, A.B. | Grade Four |
| Fannie B. Browning, Diploma | |
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| Benet Godfrey Asbill, B.Mus. | Piano |
| Betty Asbill, B.A. | Class Music |
| Frederick Stanley Smith, Mus. Bac., A.A.G.O | Glee Club |
| KAY F. SCHWALL, B.A., M.A. | Art |
| Frances G. Gupton | |
| Annabell Upchurch | Policewoman |

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

BENET GODFREY ASBILL AND BETTY ASBILL

Ravenscroft offers unusual advantages in music. Classroom instruction in singing, glee club, choir, and an opportunity to participate in musical programs are offered to all students without extra charge. Private piano lessons are available at the school for ten dollars per month.

Kindergarten Music-Betty Asbill.

Aims: (1) To hear and sing tones and intervals; (2) To learn to sing a great many songs and musical compositions through listening to them; (3) To develop rhythm through (a) rhythmic activity and play (b) toy orchestra (c) folk dances.

ART

KAY F. SCHWALL, Instructor

Classroom instruction in art is given all students without extra charge. Private lessons in art are available at the school for five dollars per month.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The aim of this Department is to help bring children closer to God in their worship and to build Christ-like characters. At Ravenscroft School two periods weekly are devoted to religious instruction. The curriculum is very flexible, bending to the questions and needs of the class. In general, there are drills in Church manners and reverence. The service used in daily Chapel exercises is explained, parts of it memorized, and appropriate hymns learned.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

ALTAR GUILD

NANCY L. WILLIAMSON

The Altar Guild is composed of all members of the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades. The Guild has charge of the altar in groups of two. Service on the Altar Guild is accepted by the children as an honor, and a duty to be performed reverently and faithfully.

SPANISH AND FRENCH

CLAUDINE WATSON AND NORMA B. ROBERTSON

Instructors

Elementary courses in Spanish and French are given to students in upper grades who desire it.

GLEE CLUB

FREDERICK STANLEY SMITH, Director

FANNIE BET BROWNING, Assistant

Graduate of Lebanon Valley College; Music Supervisor Southern Pines and Raleigh Public Schools: Director of Music at Christ Church; Director of Glee Club, Rayenscroft School, 1949—

Students of fifth, sixth, and seventh grades are members of the Glee Club.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Annie H. Tongue, Faculty Director

Every student at Ravenscroft is a member of the Junior Red Cross.

BROWNIE TROOP NUMBER 147

Leader: Mrs. Chas. J. O'Neill, assisted by mothers in Grade Three.

Karen Ann Childers
Jane Cottle
Miriam Carolyn Crabtree
Frances Haywood

Kay Kistler
Carol Molten
Julie O'Neill
Sharyn Stafford

BROWNIE TROOP NUMBER 1-143

Leader: Mrs. C. B. Shimer. Assistant: Mrs. Glenn Anderson

Charlotte Anderson Anna Wood Ragland
Bevely Ann Branaman Becky Shimer
Kathie Childers Joanne Stainback
Arnette Crocker Marion Walke
Lucie Gaynor Ann Willis
Page Horton Laura Wolfe

GIRL SCOUT TROOP NUMBER 108

Leaders: Betty Edwards and Barbara Dickens

Phyllis Cannon
Kay Childers
Barbara Ellisberg
Alice Haywood
Anne Johnson
Carolyn Jones
Mary Wiatt Yarborough
Lyn Ogburn
Jarvis Percival
Katherine Ann Pittman
Jean Hunter Poe
Belle Williams

Graduating Class, 1954

JIM UNDERHILL

Class President

To The teacher thats done the most for me. The best of Fuch always

MARY LOU DORRIS Jim U.

Vice-President

heing in your close and I hope to see next year when her come see you Best of luck

Dorothy Thomas

Past Vice-President

Janet Elizabeth Brinkley
Secretary-Treasurers

April 1988















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To the nicest teacher

D've ever known

BARBARA BRIDGERS Barbara

"One of our finest."

hier Wallace Dunn III

Wallace Movie-star fan."

JIMMY HEONIS

"Class Artist."

You are the lest

teacher I have had.

Your Buck

funny cours

Class, 1954

Baylor Richards David C. Hitch

"A gentleman always."

Jeff Johnson
"Full of wit."

Five enjoyed being in your class this year Left Johnson

Susan Kilgore

"Horses are first with her."

It has been wonderful having you as a teacher this year.

I sure hate to leave you.

you are one of the rilest persons have met.

Annie Lee McLeod
"Our Christmas Gabriel"

You have been such
a wonderful tlacker
and I hate to leave you









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To a wonderful teacher the best I even had, Best of Graduating buck always









Ernest Perry
Ernest Perry
"A lover of sports."

Betsy Poe "Brain Kid"

Cabell Robb

"As nice as the smile she wears."

30 the succest and sweetest teacher shew: had.

Then though a become after should school at still bingue.

JEAN SHIMER

I friend to cats, a friend to us."

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gener Stime

Class, 1954 Miss "Gennie" Keen "Our pretty Meredith Teacher." Lots.

Mrs. Elizabeth S. Thompson

Class Adviser

SIXTH GRADE

GRADE SIX

BEN BAKER

BRUCE BARICK

MAC BOXLEY

JOHN BRANTLEY III

ELIZABETH BRENNECKE

Don Buffaloe

CALVIN COPPEDGE

Frances Douglas

ELVA EDWARDS

TOMMY GREEN III

NEAL HUNT

MARY CAROLYN JONES

TOM MCALISTER

Lyn Ogburn

JIMMIE PERDUE

JEAN HUNTER POE

Douglas Prescott

NAT ROBB, JR.

MICHAEL TUGGLE

STEPHEN WALKE, JR.

MARY WIATT YARBOROUGH



Епети Свары

GRADE FIVE

PHYLLIS CANNON

CHARLES CHAPMAN

KAY CHILDERS

JOACHEM DAMMANN

WAYNE DE LISSE

Frank Dunn

Barbara Ellisberg

ALFRED HAMILTON, JR.

ALICE HAYWOOD

Ann Johnson

JARVIS PERCIVAL

KATHERINE PITTMAN

JEWELL RAGSDALE

GORDON SMITH III

CHARLES STYRON, JR.

REED UNDERHILL

Belle Williams

Рочити Сихов

GRADE FOUR

NANCY GRAY BAKER

BOBBY BALLANCE

BRADFORD BARICK

VAN CARTER

INEZ COKE

CLYDE DOUGLASS

PENNIE GOOCH

MARTIN GREEN, JR.

DIANA HOOKS

DANA GROFF

DONALD JERMAN, JR.

Peggy Kilgore

Armistead Maupin, Jr.

CRANINE McAllister

ANNE McEachern

MARGUERITE MCKEE

Betsy Ann Phifer

Mary Poe

John Ross

SALLIE STRONG

Sue Strong

SUSAN WALLACE

ARYNE WEEKS

JUDITH WOLCOTT

JOE YATES, JR.

THIRD GRADE

GRADE THREE

DREW BRANTLEY

JIMMIE CAPPS

KAREN ANN CHILDERS

JANE COTTLE

MIRIAM CAROLYN CRABTREE

RICKEY HAMILTON

LANNY HARER

FRANCES HAYWOOD

KAY KISTLER

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LUNSFORD LONG HI

CAROL MOLTEN

KENT NEAL

JULIE O'NEILL

LAWRENCE PARSONS III

HAYWOOD SMITH, JR.

SHARYN STAFFORD

MIKE TYLER

ALEXANDER WEBB III

PETER WILLIAMS, JR.

JOE WOLFE, JR.

SECOND GRADE

GRADE TWO

CHARLOTTE ANDERSON

JAMES BAILEY

BEVERLY ANN BRANAMAN

BARRY CARTER

KATHIE CHILDERS

ARNETTE CROCKER

BILLY FISHEL

LUCIE GAYNOR

HUBERT HAYWOOD III

MICHAEL HEONIS

John Hitch

Page Horton

HAYES KENNEDY

JOE NEAL

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RANDOLPH RILEY

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LAWRENCE SHUPING, JR.

JOANNE STAINBACK

BILLY TROTT

LOUIS WADE, JR.

MARION WALKE

CROCKETT WATSON

WHIT WEBB

Ann Willis

LAURA WOLFE



FIRST GRADE

GRADE ONE

KITTY ALLERS JIMMIE MAYNARD

Evanthia Aretakis Lucile McKee

Cornelius Brennecke Richard Molten

BUTCH BRITTAIN EMMY MOORE

DANNY BYRUM BARBARA ANN PRITCHETT

KATE DEROSSET SALLIE RAGSDALE
DOUGLAS DURHAM JACQUELINE REED

Bobby Foy Clark Smith

Macon Gooch Charley Stokes

Noel Johnson Bonnie Stuckey

Martha Katt Jennie Thompson

Mimi Kilgore Stephen Tuggle

Eddie Leinster George Womble

Ann Wright

KINDERGARTEN

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CAROL ALLERS

JENNIE ANDREWS

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SUE BURROUGHS

JOHN CANNON, JR.

SANDRA COHOON

BILL COLLIER

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JULIA EDWARDS

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HENRY HAYWOOD, JR.

Вовву Нлумоор

Joyce Hedgecock

DEBBIE HOOD

MARIE HOWARD

LILLIAN HOY

Kristine Johnson

Paul Jordon

SKIPPER JOYNER

MICHAEL KISTLER

RICHARD KNIGHT

VIRGINIA LEE

BARRY LUCAS

COLIN MCNAIR

Skip Maxasco

MARY MARGARET MANN

DIANNE MATHESON

ANN MCNEILL

Page Moore

GAYLE NOWLAN

WINSTON PAGE

FREDERICK PERCIVAL

CHAN POYNER

MARY LOUISE PRITCHETT

Susilee Reynolds

LIBBY JOY REIGER

Dean Russos

Elaine Russos

ERIC SCHWALL

JUNE SMALL

John Smith, Jr.

DAVID STAINBACK

Betsy Styron

MICHAEL SWEAT

PAUL TILLERY, JR.

LINDA TYLER

EDDIE WALTON

Betsy Whitaker

Laura Ann Wittmer

DAVID WRIGHT

CHIP WRIGHT

FRENCH OLASS

FRENCH CLASS

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BARBARA BRIDGERS

PHYLLIS CANNON

CHARLES CHAPMAN

KAY CHILDERS

CALVIN COPPEDGE

WAYNE DE LISSE

Frances Douglass

ALICE HAYWOOD

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DON BUFFALOE BETSY POE

PHYLLIS CANNON JEAN HUNTER POE

Charles Charman Douglas Prescott

KAY CHILDERS JEWELL RAGSDALE

Joachim Dammann Cabell Robb

WAYNE DE LISSE NAT ROBB

MARY LOUISE DORRIS JEAN SHIMER

Frances Douglass Gordon Smith

Frank Dunn Butch Stafford

Elva Edwards Charles Styron

Barbara Ellisberg Dorothy Thomas

Tommy Green Martha Thomas

Alfred Hamilton Michael Tuggle

ALICE HAYWOOD JIM UNDERHILL

Anne Johnson Reed Underhill

CAROLYN JONES STEPHEN WALKE

Susan Kilgore Belle Williams

Tom McAlister Mary Wiatt Yarborough



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MUSIC CLUB

JIM BAILEY

BEVERLY BRANAMAN

JANE COTTLE

MIRIAM CRABTREE

WALLACE DUNN

ALICE HAYWOOD

Jeff Johnson

Annie Lee McLeon

Lyn Ogburn

JULIE O'NEILL

JIMMIE PERDUE

Betsy Ann Phifer

John Ross

JOE YATES

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- 6. Most Athletic: Girl-Dorothy Thomas.
- 7. Most Popular: Boy-"Butch" Stafford.
- 8. Most Popular: Girl-Jean Shimer.
- 9. Best All-Around: Boy-David Hitch.
- 10. Best All-Around: Girl—Betsy Poe.
- 11. Best Posture: Barbara Bridgers.
- 12. Quietest: Martha Thomas.
- 13. Wittiest: Jeff Johnson.
- 14. Most Musical: Wallace Dunn III.
- 15. Most Considerate: Annie Lee McLeod.
- 16. Most Artistic: Susan Kilgore.
- 17. Most Studious: Janet Brinkley.

DEEDS

By David Charles Hitch

There once was a grade number seven, Whose members all went to heaven. This grade was known By the deeds it had sown—

By the deeds it had sown— Famous people—the six and eleven.

"TOOT"

By Betsy Poe

There once was a girlie named "Toot,"
Who was having trouble with her foot,
Her foot was turning blue,
(This story is not true)
But, now it is black as the soot.

TO BETSY POE

By Mr. Walke.

There was a young lassie we know, Who chopped off her toe with a hoe; She bled and bled As she gorely sped To her home in the mansion of Poe.

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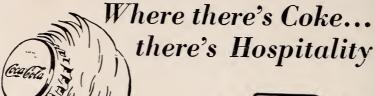
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