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RAVENCROFT SCHOOL

HISTORICAL SKETCH

FOR 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 parish day 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.

The enrollment for 1955-56 has been 242 students.

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.

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 1956-57 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 the 6th grade. First child \$15.00, second \$10.00. Tuition is payable in advance.

Until May 1st, present students of Ravenscroft will be shown a preference. After that date, to assure a full enrollment, no preference can be given.

After June 1st, address the director at 1901 St. Mary's Street, or call 8115. If no answer, call the church office, 4-6259.

RAVENSCROFT SCHOOL

Many problems face us in the future of Ravenscroft School, the principal ones being location and buildings in which the life of the school may continue advantageously. As Christians we are convinced that if God wishes this school to continue it will do so; if not, it will die. Several persons have asked that a prayer be written to be used in this present crisis by members of the congregation concerned about the school. This is one of the great undertakings of Christ Church and we hope that all its members will pray for God's will to be done. We suggest that the following prayer, or one like it, could be used in the days to come:

"Almighty God, who hast committed to thy Church the care and nurture of thy children, we bless thy name for the vision and the work that have gone into our Parish Day School. Now in its time of stress, grant equal vision, generosity, and opportunity to all concerned for the future of Ravenscroft. And if it be thy will, may many children be brought to sound learning, good manners, and the love of Thee through the continuing life of this thy school. We ask this through the intercession of Him in whose Name we offer up our imperfect prayers, Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen."



MRS. CLAUDINE GATES WATSON

To our true friend, Mrs. Claudine Gates Watson, we, the Seventh Grade of Ravenscroft School, with love and appreciation, dedicate **THE RAVEN** of 1956: For her keen personal interest not only in our school work, but in all our activities; her willingness to help us at any time; and her ever faithfulness to our school.



THE FACULTY

Reading left to right, front row: Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Porter (substituting for Mrs. Browning), Mrs. Irving, Mrs. Asbill, and Mrs. Thompson. Second row: Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Mumford, Mrs. Tongue, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Gerald (substituting for Miss Gerald), and Miss Asbill. Not present for the picture was Mrs. Schwall.

FACULTY

THE REV. STEPHEN CONDUCT WATKINS.....	Chaplain
THE REV. JOHN RUSH WOOLEY.....	Assistant Chaplain
NANCY LEE WILLIAMSON, B.S., M.S.....	Director
MARY-JAYNE HUTCHINS MANN, Diploma.....	Kindergarten
BETTY ASBILL, A.B.....	Class Music and Kindergarten
HOWARD BROOKS IRVING, A.B.....	First Grade
ANNIE HARDY TONGUE, Diploma.....	Second Grade
CLEONE COOPER MUMFORD, A.B.....	Third Grade
CLAUDINE GATES WATSON, A.B.....	Fourth Grade
FANNIE BET BROWN BROWNING, Diploma.....	Fifth Grade
NORMA BELCH ROBERTSON, A.B.....	Sixth Grade
ELIZABETH SORRELL THOMPSON, B.S.....	Seventh Grade
BENET GODFREY ASBILL, B.Mus.....	Piano
KAY FULLER SCHWALL, A.B., B.S.....	Art
VERGIE GERALD, B.S.....	Dietitian

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

ALTAR GUILD

NANCY LEE WILLIAMSON

The Altar Guild is composed of all members of the seventh, sixth and fifth 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.

MUSIC

BENET GODFREY ASBILL AND BETTY ASBILL

Ravenscroft offers unusual advantages in music. Classroom instruction in singing, appreciation, 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 a monthly fee.

ART

KAY FULLER SCHWALL

Classroom instruction in art is given to all students without charge. Private lessons are available at the school for a monthly fee.

GLEE CLUB

BETTY ASBILL, *Director*

FANNY BET BROWN BROWNING, *Assistant*

CLEONE COOPER MUMFORD, *Assistant*

Students of fifth, sixth and seventh grades are eligible for membership in the Glee Club.

AMERICAN JUNIOR RED CROSS

MARY-JAYNE HUTCHINS MANN, *Teacher-Sponsor*

The American Junior Red Cross of the school has contributed to all projects and it has a 100% enrollment.

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.

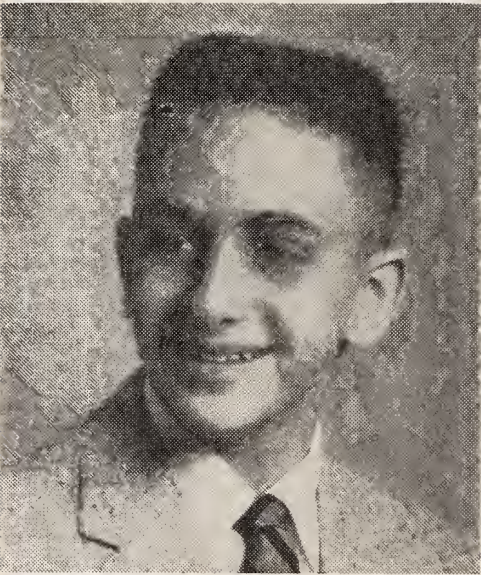


ELIZABETH S. THOMPSON
Teacher of Seventh Grade

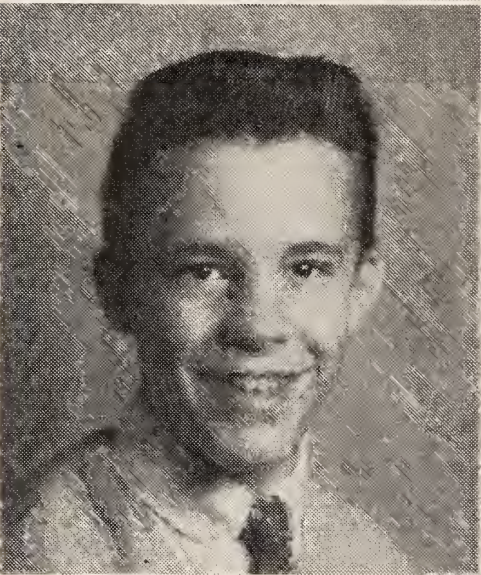
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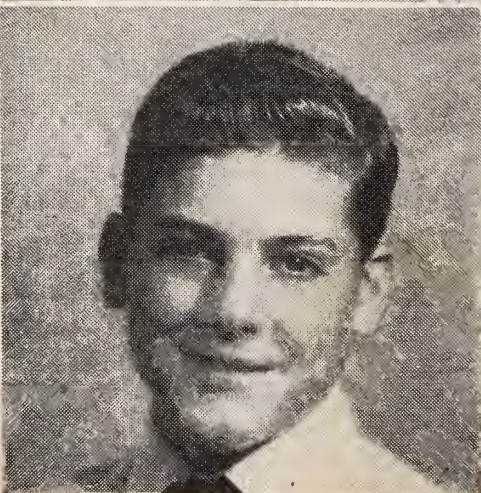
PHYLLIS CANNON
Secretary-Treasurer
Editor of our School News
"As cute as she is popular"



REED UNDERHILL
President
"One of the best"



"ROCKY" GASKIN
Vice-President
"Did I hear you say 'TEXAS'?"



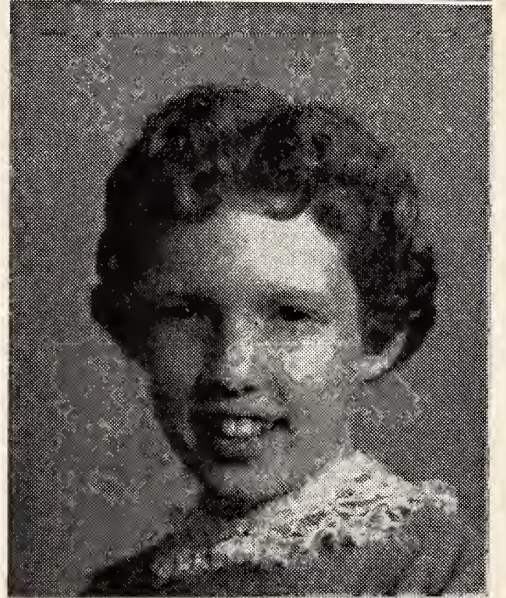
"CHARLIE" STYRON
Sergeant-at-Arms
"As fine as they come"

Class, 1956

ALICE HAYWOOD
Past President
"A blonde cutie"



JEWELL RAGSDALE
Past Vice-President
"A real gem"



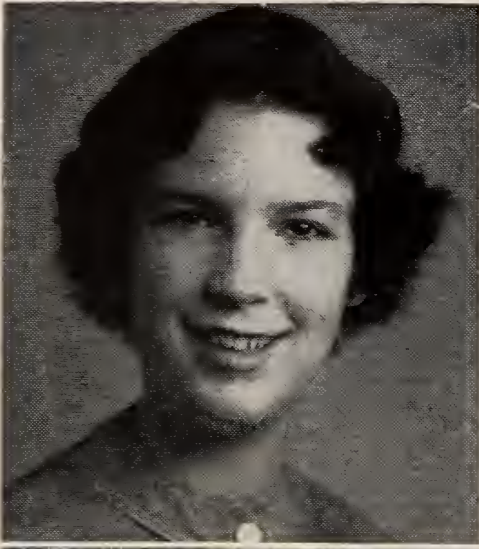
BELLE WILLIAMS
Past Sergeant-at-Arms
"Short 'n' sweet"



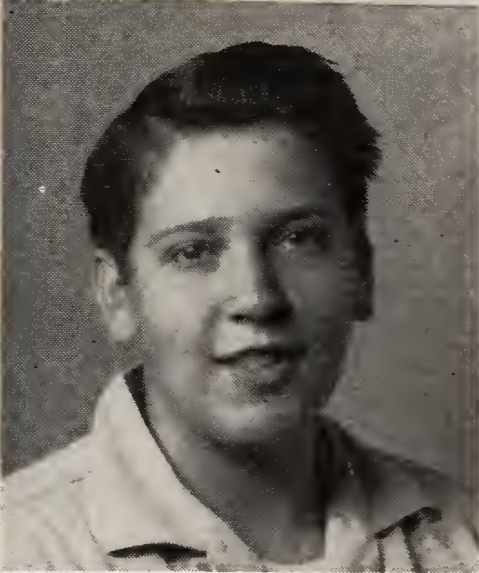
BARBARA ELLISBERG
Editor of the seventh grade news
"Personality plus"



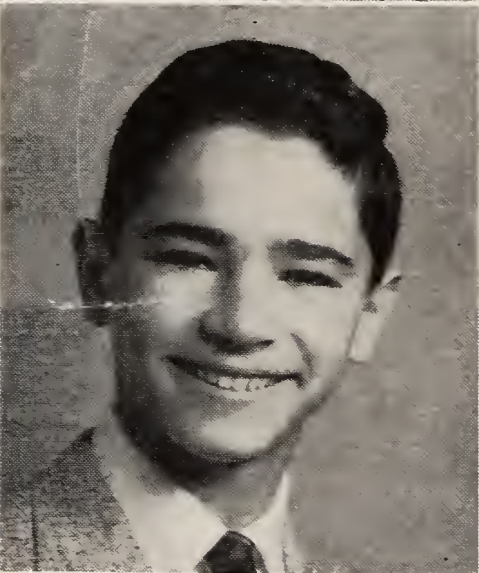
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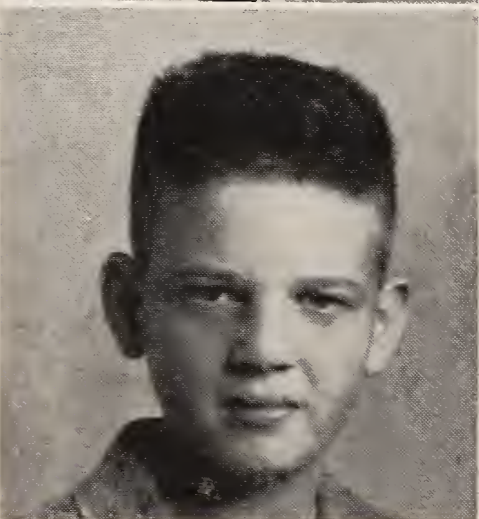
JOAN CANADY
"WILLY"—nice and tall"



JOE DAMMANN
"A big boy with a big heart"



WAYNE DE LISSE
"The sound of laughter"



FRANK DUNN
"He knows and plays sports well"

Class, 1956

GAYLE LANE FITZGERALD
"Leading Lady—brain kid"



ALFRED HAMILTON
"Traveling dictionary"



ANNE JOHNSON
"Angel face—Cashmere sweaters"



KAY LUPTON
"A valuable last addition"



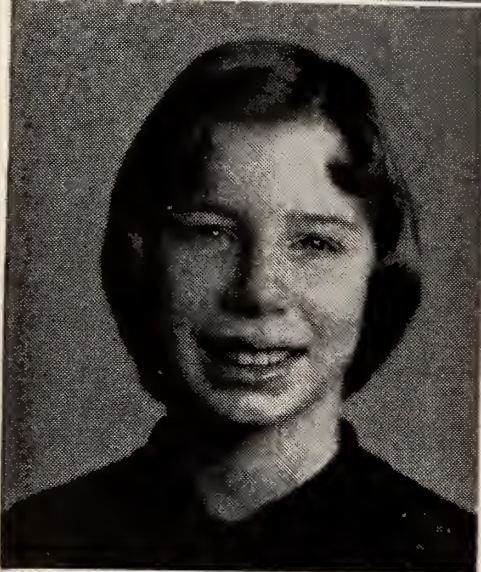
Graduating Class, 1956



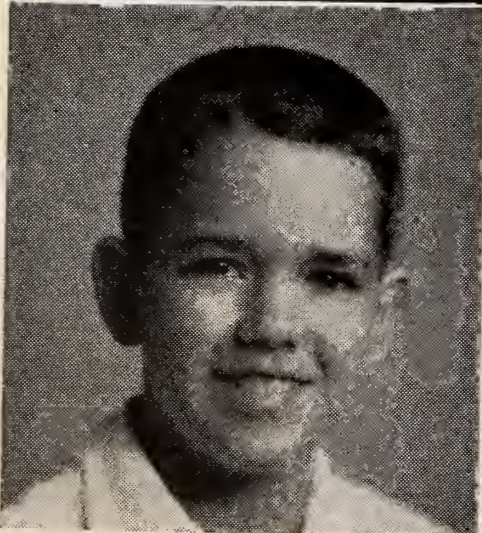
ANNE PASCHALL
"'Shorty' likes horses"



LINDA PASCHAL
"Shy but sweet"



KATHERINE PITTMAN
"Quiet sweetness"



GORDON SMITH
"A good all around kid"

OUR TEACHER

Mrs. Thompson is our teacher.
Gee, if she ain't a creature!
She knocks out some
And screams at the dumb,
The general cry is, "Let's impeach 'er!"

ALICE HAYWOOD.

DO YOU KNOW?

Are you wondering what I am?
In lakes and swamps I swam,
You can catch me by hook or by hand;
I hop and dance but I go in a pan,
Do you now know what I am?

JOE DAMMANN.

OUR HOUSEHOLD

First of all, there's Zippy, my dog.
She's very playful and sleeps like a log.
She will be my friend
Until our lives end,
And she often gets lost in the fog.

I can't forget Connie, my dear ol' aunt.
She's lots of fun, but quite often will pant.
For she thinks my run
Is quite overdone,
And says I should slow down with my aunt.

But the star of the household, I'm sure you can guess,
The person who keeps this house in a mess,
For her name is Gayle
And she looks like a whale,
Though that point, I do hate to stress!

GAYLE LANE FITZGERALD.

ADD SELLING

Our class is "hepped" on selling ads,
It's really one of our worser fads.
We bring in the money in great big gobs,
So no one can call us "great big slob,"
'Cause we'll have the pages in scads.

BELLE WILLIAMS.



SEVENTH GRADERS PLAY HARD



SEVENTH GRADERS WORK HARD



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Mary, Katherine Pittman; Joseph, Gordon Smith; Gabriel, Anne Johnson; Kings, Frank Dunn, Reed Underhill, and Charles Styron; Shepherds, Joe Dammann, Wayne De Lisse, "Rocky" Gaskin, and Bobby Ballance; and Angels, girls from kindergarten.

THE BOYS THINK THE:

Prettiest	Belle Williams
Best All Around	Alice Haywood
Most Athletic	Anne Johnson
Most Popular	Phyllis Cannon
Best Dressed	Linda Paschal
Most Personality	Jewell Ragsdale
Most Musical	Anne Paschal
Quietest	Katherine Pittman
Wittiest	Joan Canady
Most Studious	Gayle Fitzgerald
Most Considerate	Kay Lupton
Cutest	Barbara Ellisberg

THE GIRLS THINK THE:

Most Handsome	Alfred Hamilton
Best All Around	Charlie Styron
Most Athletic	Frank Dunn
Most Popular	Reed Underhill
Most Personality	Rocky Gaskin
Wittiest	Wayne De Lisse
Most Studious	Joe Dammann
Most Conscientious	Gordon Smith

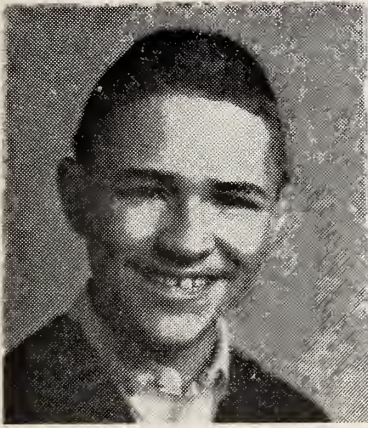
AIMS OF RAVENSCROFT

1. To have a God-centered program and to give Christian education and training.
2. To foster kindness, friendliness, thoughtfulness, and courtesy toward others.
3. To recognize each child as an individual and to encourage him:
 - a. To work to his capacity.
 - b. To develop self-reliance and respect for the rights and property of others as well as his own.
 - c. To assume responsibility for his actions, attitudes, and tools for work.
4. To maintain a high degree of excellence in preparation and execution of all phases of the curriculum.



SEVENTH GRADERS IN CAFETERIA

Sixth Grade Graduates



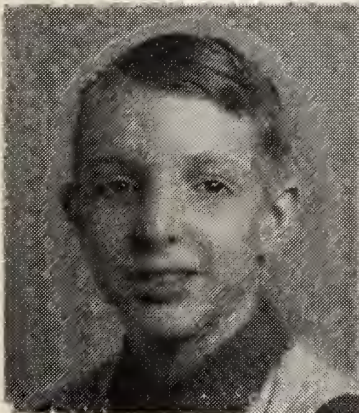
BEN
ABBOTT



NANCY
BAKER



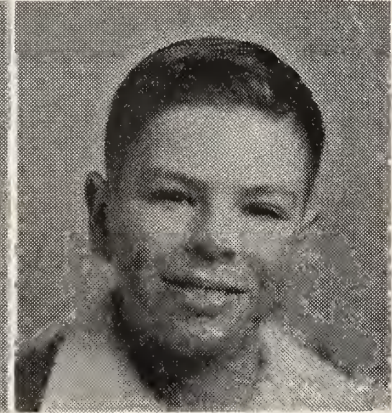
BOBBY
BALLANCE



VAN
CARTER



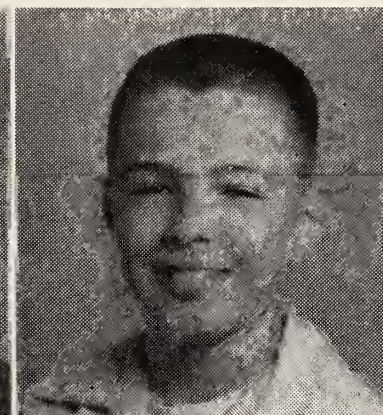
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COKE



CLYDE
DOUGLASS



PENNIE
GOOCH

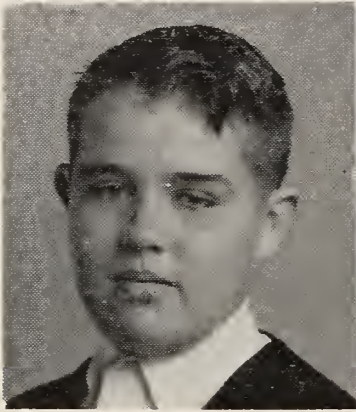


MARTIN
GREEN



DANA
GROFF

Sixth Grade



CHUCK
HALEY



LOLA MARIE
HENRY



DIANA
HOOKS



DONALD
JERMAN



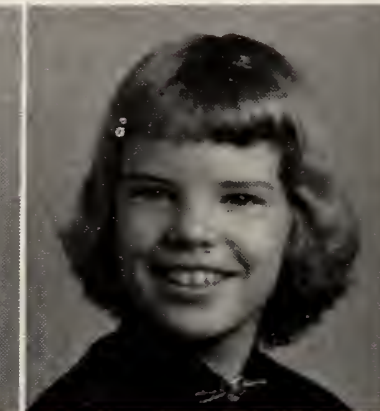
PEGGY
KILGORE



ARMISTEAD
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CRANINE
MCALLISTER



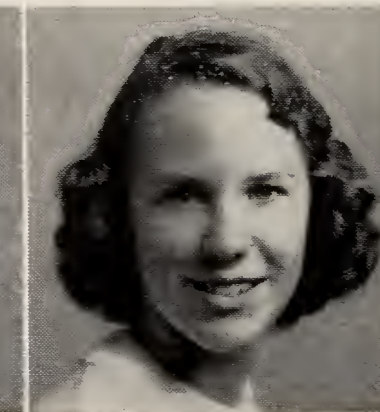
ANNE
MCEACHERN



MARGUERITE
MCKEE



SARAH
MITCHELL



BETSY ANNE
PHIFER



MARK
PHILLIPS

Graduates



MARY
POE



MARY SPOTSWOOD
POU



JOHN
ROSS



JOHN
SPEIGHTS



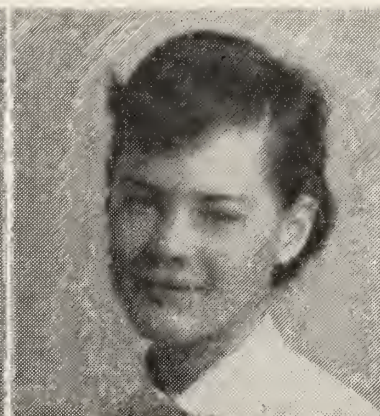
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STRONACH



SALLY
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SUSAN
STRONG



MARTHA
WALKE



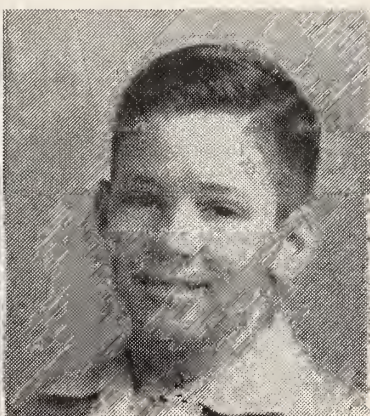
MARY SUSAN
WALLACE



ARYNE
WEEKS



JUDY
WOLCOTT



JOE
YATES



FIFTH GRADE

Fifth Grade

KAREN CHILDERS

JANE COTTLE

MIRIAM CAROLYN CRABTREE

RICKEY DEE HAMILTON

LANNY HARER

FRANCES HAYWOOD

KAY KISTLER

BARBARA KNIGHT

JOHN LAMBERT

LUNS LONG

ANDREA MEWBORN

KENT NEAL

JULIA O'NEILL

LAWRENCE PARSONS, JR.

BILL POE, JR.

MAT RAYMOND, JR.

ANN RICHERT

HAYWOOD SMITH, JR.

SAMMY SNELL, JR.

ROGER WALKE

WESLEY C. WALLACE, JR.

TOBY WEBB

PETE WILLIAMS, JR.

CAROLYN WILSON



FOURTH GRADE

Fourth Grade

CHARLOTTE ALEXANDER ANDERSON	JOHN LLEWELLYN HITCH
JAMES H. POU BAILEY, JR.	MARJORIE PAGE HORTON
BEVERLY ANN BRANAMAN	WILLIAM HAYES KENNEDY, JR.
ANDREW MOORE BRANTLEY	JOSEPH WALTER NEAL, III
BARRY WINSLOW CARTER	ANNA WOOD RAGLAND
KATHIE LOU CHILDERS	JOHN RANDOLPH RILEY
WILLIAM STANLEY FISHEL	SALLY BECKWITH SHIMER
LUCIE GAYNOR	BILLY TROTT
JAMES C. GREENE, JR.	MILO JAMES TYLER, JR.
WILLIAM CLINTON HARRIS, III	DIANA AGNEW WALKE
HUBERT BENBURY HAYWOOD, III	MARION WALKE
ANN CHERYL WILLIS	



SUNSHINE SQUAD
MAY 1933
MAY 1934
MAY 1935
MAY 1936
MAY 1937
MAY 1938
MAY 1939

THIRD GRADE

Third Grade

KITTY ALLERS

EVANTHIA ARETAKIS

JOHN CHARLES BAUCOM

CHRISTOPHER BOOK

DANNY BYRUM

HAMPTON CASEBOLT

MARY DURHAM

LYNDA KAY ELLIOTT

MACON GOOCH

DAVID GREEN

JOAN HARER

MIMI KILGORE

EDDIE LEINSTER

ROBERT LOWRY

JAMES MAYNARD

LUCILE MCKEE

HARRIS J. OGBURN, JR.

CHARLES A. POE, JR.

SALLIE RAGSDALE

RALPH REEVES, III

ANN SIKES

BONNIE STUCKEY

CLARK SMITH

EDWARD SYKES, III

JENNIE THOMPSON



SECOND GRADE

Second Grade

EDWIN PATE BAILEY

WILLIAM B. WRIGHT, JR.

JOHN M. CANNON, JR.

LEWIS WHITFIELD PAUL, II

JOHN SCOTT CONGLETON

JOAN RAYMOND

DONNA LYNN CROCKER

ROSS REEVES

JULIA DRAKE EDWARDS

EDITH RIDGEWAY

MARCIA HALE

DEAN RUSSOS

HUGH DEROU LHAC HAMILTON

ELAINE RUSSOS

ROBERT ALLISON HAYWOOD

CLIFFORD STUCKEY

HENRY D. HAYWOOD, JR.

ELIZABETH JOSLIN STYRON

DEBORAH HOOD

MICHAEL SWEAT

KRISTINE JOHNSON

PAUL A. TILLERY, JR.

RICHARD B. KNIGHT, JR.

LINDA TYLER

WALTER MATTHEWS

HALL WEBB

GAYLE NOWLAN

VAN WYCK WEBB



FIRST GRADE

First Grade

CAROL ALLERS

JULIET BADGER

JANET BIGGS

WADE BRICKHOUSE

NANCY HOLDEN BROWN

JOHNNY CARTER

KAY DRAKE

SUSAN FISHEL

BROOKIE GARDINER

DANNY HAMILTON

DICKIE HOLOMAN

LILLIAN HOY

SUSIE KNIGHT

STEPHEN LEWONTIN

DANNY LINTON

WALKER LONG

JANE STUART MAUPIN

ELLEN McCLAMROCK

TRUDI NOWLAN

LILLIAN POU

MARION RIDGEWAY

LEWIS RILEY

MICHAEL SCHENK

MONTIE SMITH

RICHARD SMITH

JO ANNE TYSON

CAROL UPCHURCH

CHRISTOPHER WEBSTER

MASON WILLIAMS



KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten

KATHY ACTON

ANTHONY ARETAKIS

MERRILL ASHBY

CAROLINE BADROCK

ROGER BADROCK

BETSY BLACK

GORDON BLAKE

JIMMY CARDEN

CONWAY CHEWNING

HERBERT CREWS

JEAN CAROL DAVIS

WALTON FERRELL

GEORGE FLINT

BILL FLYTHE

WIMBERT GARDINER

RALPH GRAETZ

JAMIE HAMILTON

SALLY HARRIS

FRANK HARTLEY

NANCY GRIMES HAYWOOD

GARRETT JERNIGAN

TARLTON LONG

DON MANSFIELD

PAUL MARTIN

BETSY MAYNARD

CAROL MOODY

ADELE MOORE

SUSAN MURRAY

STEVEN OGBURN

MARGARET POYNER

ALICE RAGLAND

LINDA RAWERS

JANE REICHENBACK

BRAD ROBINSON

HARRY RUSSOS

PHILIP SCOTT

CLAY SMITH

DEBBIE SWAIN

JOHANNA SYKES

ANDY TURCOT

MARY ELLEN UPCHURCH

BOBBY WALTON

BOB WARD

PRETLOW WINBORNE

WRIGHT WILLIAMS

BRENDA SUE WILSON



ART CLUB

Art Club

JOHN BAUCOM

BEVERLY BRANAMAN

NANCY BROWN

DANNY BYRUM

JULIA EDWARDS

GAYLE FITZGERALD

DAVID GREEN

DANA GROFF

BUCKY HARRIS

ROBERT HAYWOOD

JOHN HITCH

LILLIAN HOY

RICHARD KNIGHT

SUSIE KNIGHT

JOHN LAMBERT

ED LEINSTER

LUNSFORD LONG

ELLEN McCLAMROCK

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GLEE CLUB

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NANCY BAKER	MARGUERITE McKEE
BOBBY BALLANCE	ANDREA MEWBORN
JOAN CANADY	SARAH MITCHELL
PHYLLIS CANNON	KENT NEAL
KAREN CHILDERS	JULIA O'NEILL
INEZ COKE	LAWRENCE PARSONS, JR.
JANE COTTLE	ANNE PASCHALL
MIRIAM CAROLYN CRABTREE	LINDA PASCHAL
CLYDE DOUGLASS	BETSY ANNE PHIFER
BARBARA ELLISBERG	MARK PHILLIPS
ROCKY GASKIN	KATHERINE PITTMAN
PENNIE GOOCH	MARY POE
MARTIN GREEN	MARY POU
DANA GROFF	JEWELL RAGSDALE
CHUCK HALEY	MAT RAYMOND, JR.
ALFRED HAMILTON	ANN RICHERT
ALICE HAYWOOD	JOHN ROSS
FRANCES HAYWOOD	JOHN SPEIGHTS
LOLA HENRY	JANIE STRONACH
DIANA HOOKS	SALLY STRONG
DONALD JERMAN	SUSAN STRONG
ANNE JOHNSON	SUSAN WALLACE
PEGGY KILGORE	WESLEY C. WALLACE, JR.
KAY KISTLER	ARYNE WEEKS
BARBARA KNIGHT	BELLE WILLIAMS
JOHN LAMBERT	PETE WILLIAMS
LUNS LONG	CAROLYN WILSON
KAY LUPTON	JUDY WOLCOTT
ARMISTEAD MAUPIN	JOE YATES



MUSIC CLUB

Music Club

CHARLOTTE ANDERSON

EVAN ARETAKIS

JIM BAILEY

BEVERLY BRANAMAN

HAMPTON CASEBOTT

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The devil got word that someone was dying,
So Pip! At the summons, old Satan came flying.
He rubbed his hands, he chuckled in glee,
Said " 'Hot Dog,' here's another for me."

That same afternoon, he returned to his den
And with a sad smile, he said to his men,
'I've been out on a prospect and here's what I saw
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"I may be the devil—I admit I am bad,
But still at the thoughts of that teacher I am sad
When I think of the things that she's been through
I feel there is just one fair thing to do.

Then he went to the phone and he asked for the rate
Of a reversed charge call to the big Pearly Gate.
He got his connection, Old Pete said "Hello,"
And a voice replied, "This is your rival below."

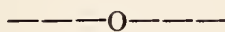
"It isn't very often I ask it," said he,
"But would you do just one favor for me?
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"She hasn't been perfect, her record's not white,
But her load while on earth wasn't always so light."
Old Pete stroked his beard and shed a soft tear,
And then to the devil he said, "Never fear."

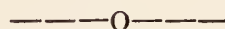
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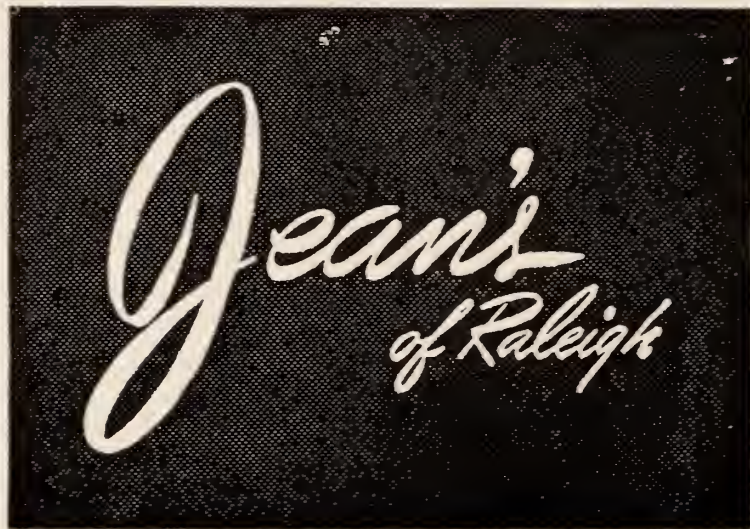
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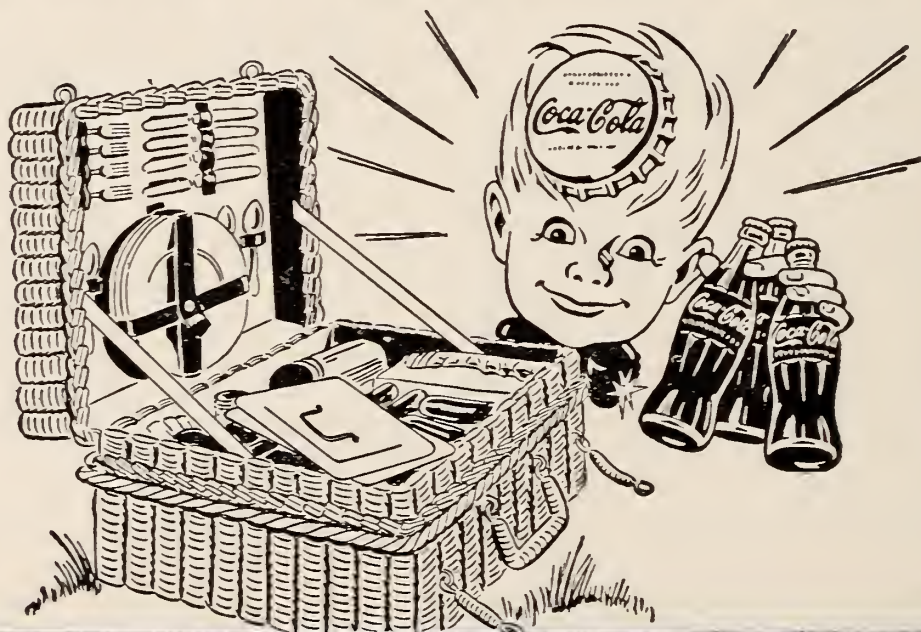
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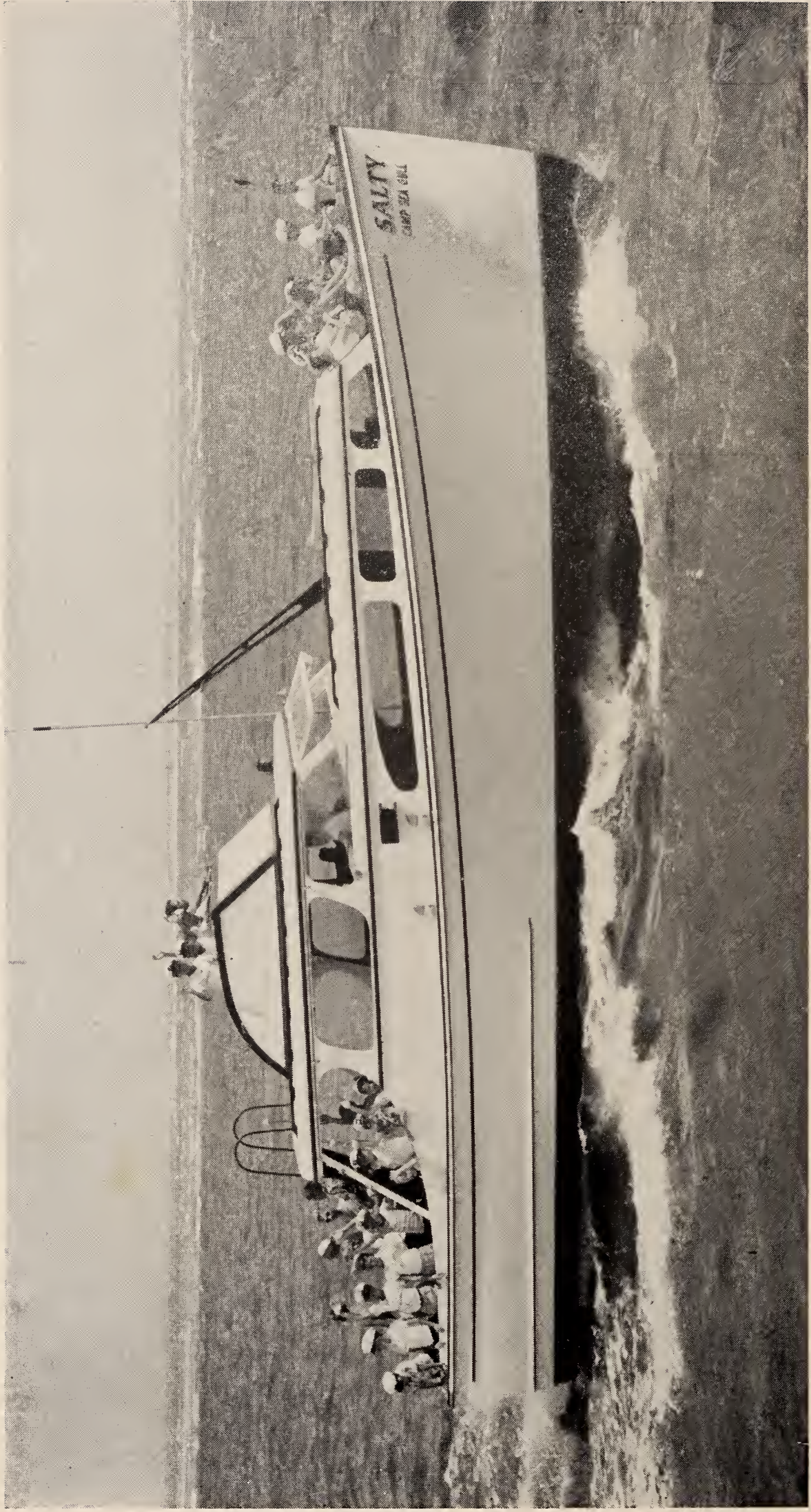
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