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Benson High School

Benson, North Carolina

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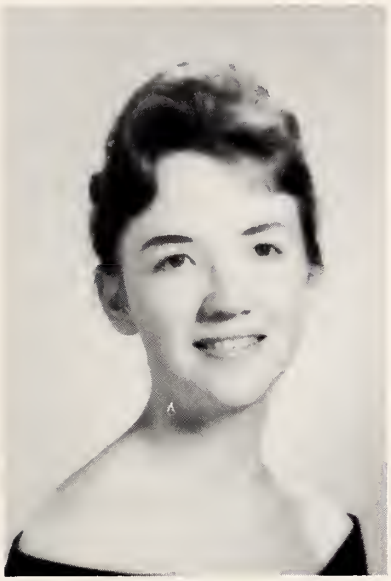

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Mascot

Colors

BLUE AND GOLD

School Song

"Now when the Benson team falls into line,
We're going to win this game, yes, every time;
Our colors, blue and gold, fly everywhere,
We are so happy when we see them flying there.
We come to fight, to conquer, and to win;
Our players are so eager to begin,
We're going to win this game, yes, every time, fall in line,
Three cheers for Benson High! Rah! Rah! Rah!

Administration

OUR LEADER

MR. W. J. BAREFOOT, PRINCIPAL

HIS RIGHT HAND

MRS. ELSIE THOMPSON, SECRETARY

Principal's Message

To the Class of 1961:

Your graduation from high school will mean many things for you as a group, depending upon your plans, hopes and aspirations for the future. In whatever phase of life your lot may be cast, you carry with you our best wishes and highest esteem.

For many of you, graduation from high school will mean the end of your formal education. You will soon accept work in various fields and begin to earn a living. It is my hope that, although your formal education as such may have ended, you will continue to study and learn. Continue to develop your God-given mental faculties. If you are to become a well-informed and useful citizen, it will be necessary for you to continue to read, study, think and plan. Give your best in physical, mental and moral strength in whatever honorable vocation you may follow. Remember that all honest labor is noble. God honors nobility of effort in any endeavor for the benefit of mankind and for his glory. Make service to God and your fellowman your guiding star.

Many of you will enter institutions of higher learning, trade schools and other organized schools to continue your formal education and training. You will find, I am sure, that much will be expected from you. It will be necessary for you to discipline your mind, body and time. As you continue your preparation for places of responsibility and leadership, it is my sincere hope that you build the foundation strong and steady. This will require many months and years of earnest study and toil. Let Devotion to Duty be your motto.

Some of you no doubt will soon establish homes and find your places as citizens of a community. I trust that you will be builders of a better and nobler life for your community, state and nation. It requires no brains, thought, character or stamina to join the wrecking crew. To be a builder of that which is noble and uplifting does call for the finest attributes of human personality and devotion. For every right and privilege you will enjoy, there will be a corresponding duty and responsibility. Make The Sermon on the Mount your guide.

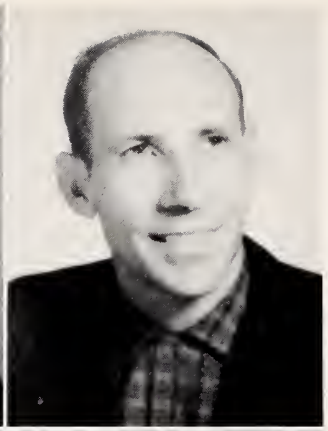
I trust that Benson School has been able to point the way toward a better life for you.

"Follow the Gleam"

Wm. J. Barefoot, Principal

Faculty

MRS. FLORENCE SORRELL
Home Economics



MR. JUDSON STEPHENS
Mathematics

MR. J. W. THOMPSON
Mathematics

MR. VICTOR TUCKER
Commercial

Good luck to a real sweet girl!
Jo Ann Wells

MR. ROBERT WARREN
Agriculture

MRS. JO ANN WELLS
Librarian

MR. ROBERT WELLS
Science

MRS. NANCY WILLIS
English

Faculty

MRS. CAROL AUMAN
English

MR. ALGER BATTS, SR.
Band Instructor

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Social Studies

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Public School Music

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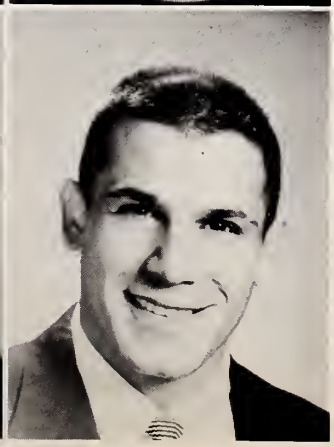
Commercial

MRS. LOUISE LAMBERT
English



MR. ROBERT PAROLI
Physical Education

MR. E. S. SIMPSON
Superintendent of Johnston County Public Schools

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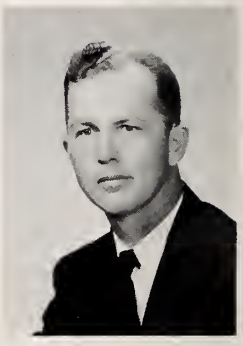


MR. SHELTON
BENSON

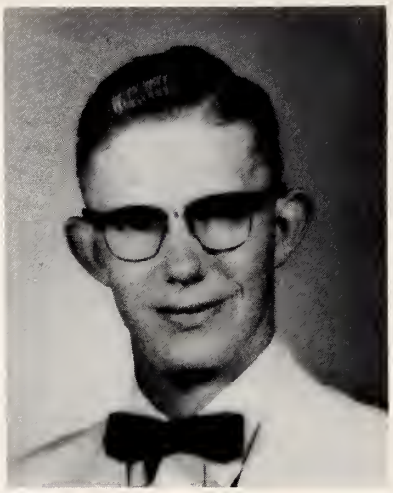
Benson School Board

MR. C. C. CANADAY

MR. J. M. DENNING

1960 Seniors

Seniors



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President

SHARON VERONE BARBOUR
Vice-President

Senior Class Officers

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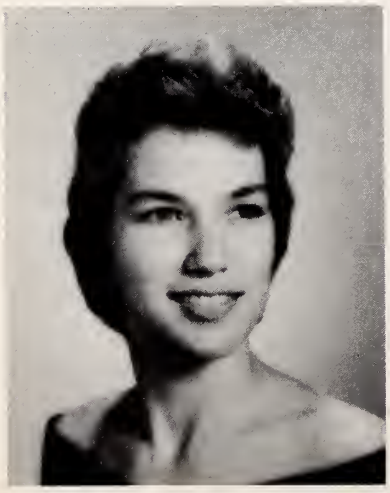
Secretary



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Treasurer

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Treasurer

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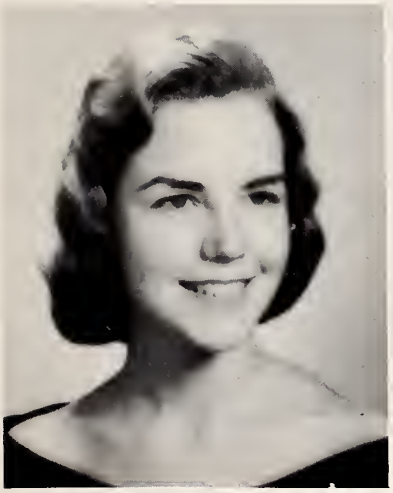

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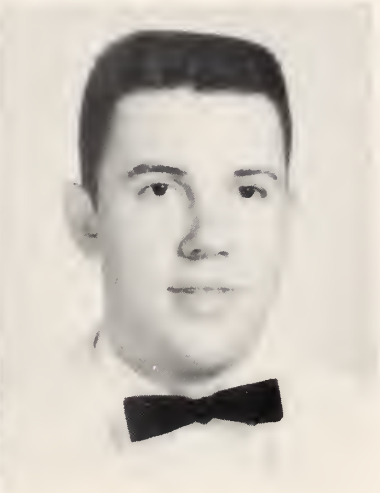

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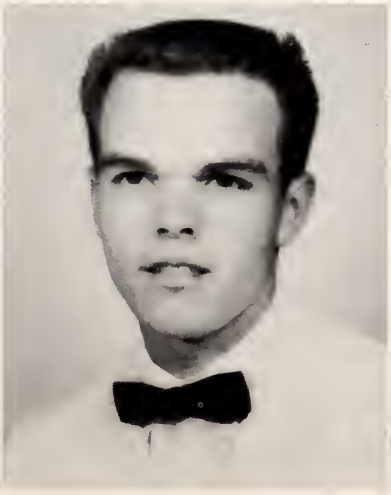
JACKIE ANN BARBOUR



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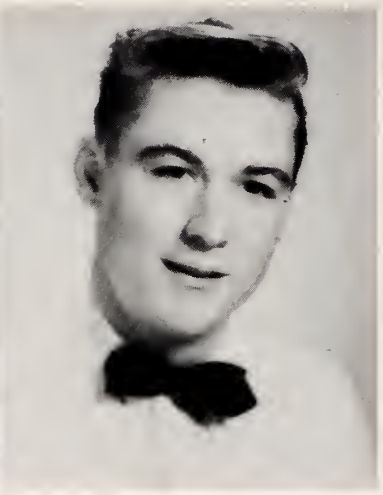

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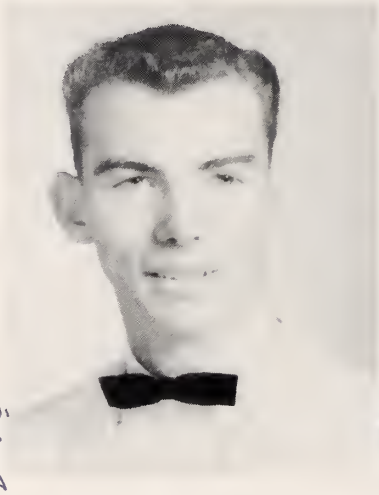


CHARLES EDWARD BLACKMAN

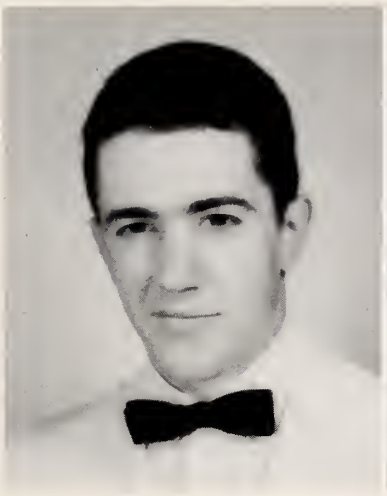
RACHEL ROSE BLACKMAN

May you have the best of luck always, you will probably need it.
Carroll

NANCY IVEY BLAKE

CARROLL WEBSTER BRITT

CHARLES DON BYRD



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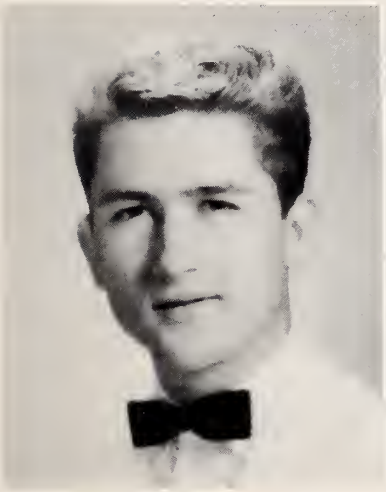
LEAMON EARL CLIFTON

CLARA DENNING COBB



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THOMAS RONALD CREECH

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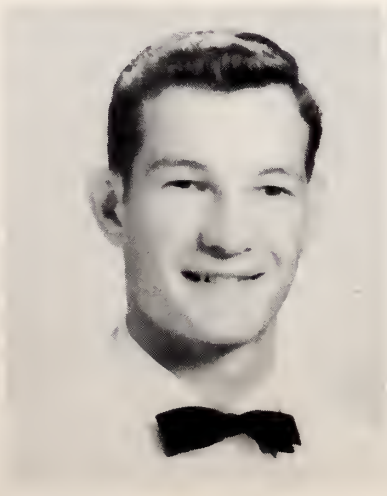

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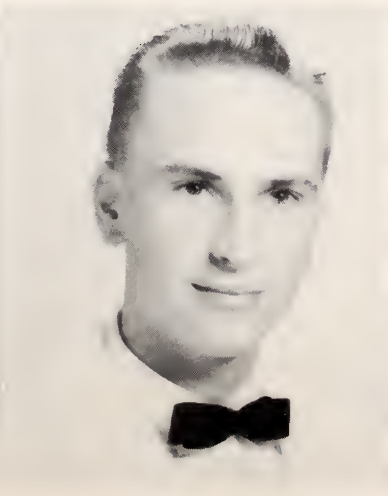

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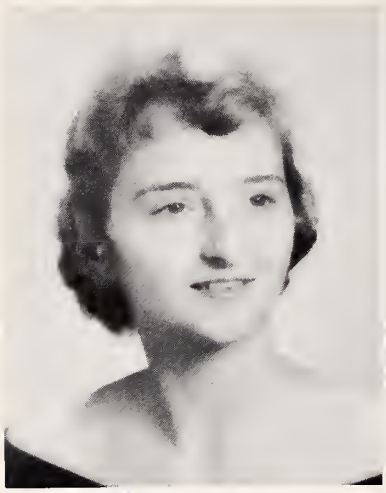
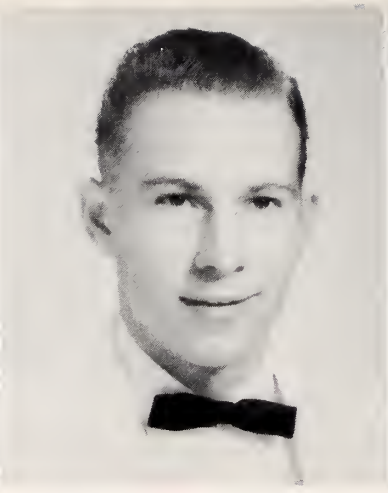


MARCIA LEE GUITON

Love
Lasting
Luck
Marcia



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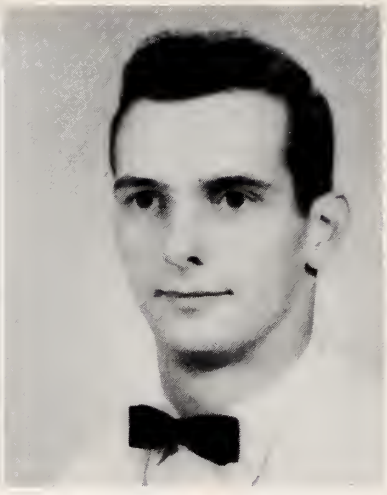

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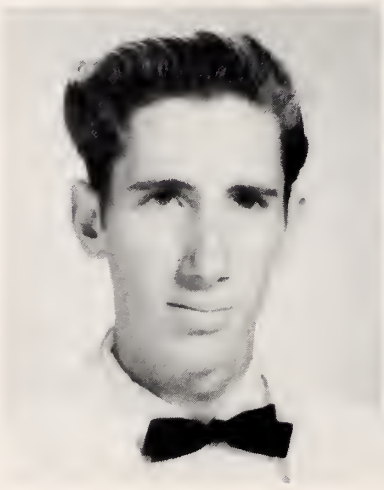

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NELL RAY HOLLOMAN

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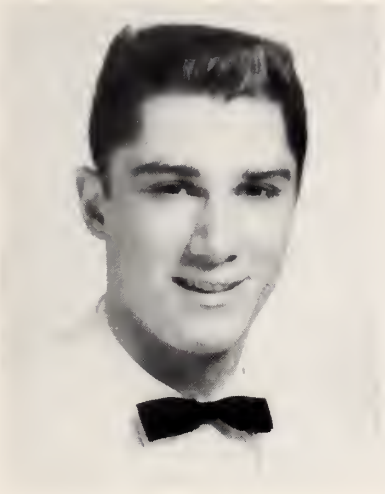

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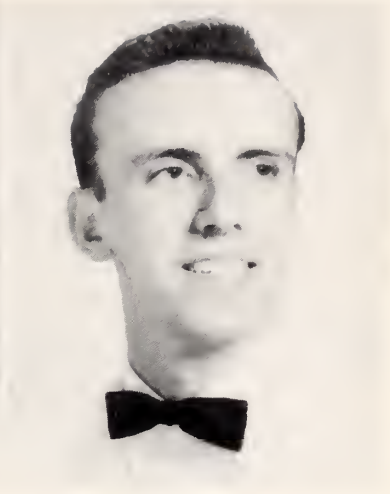

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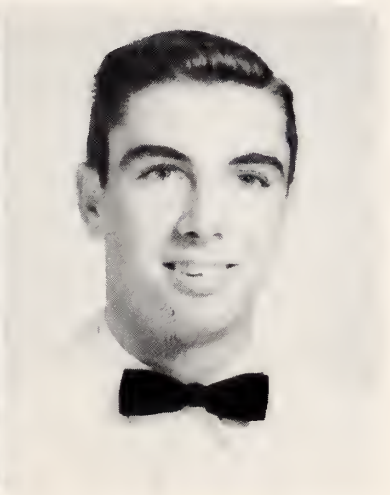

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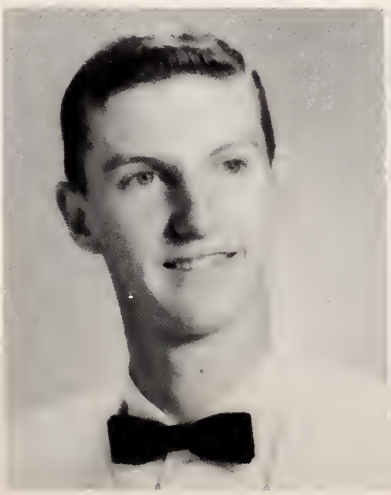

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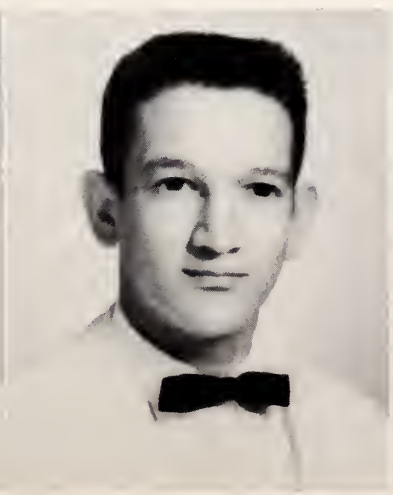

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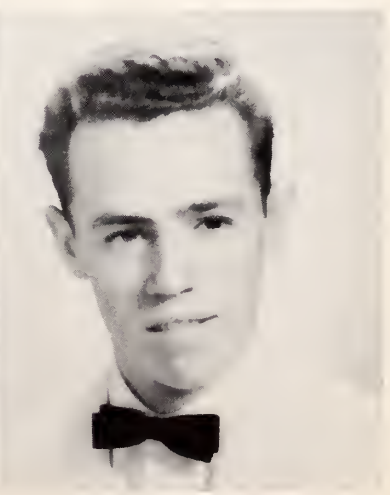

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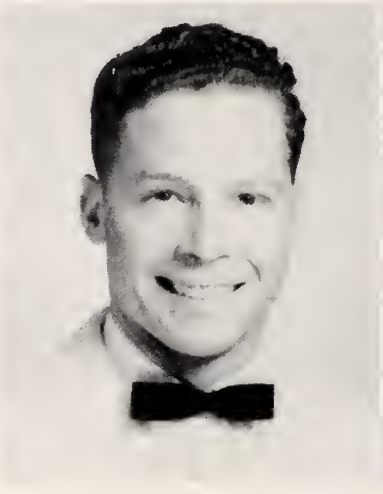

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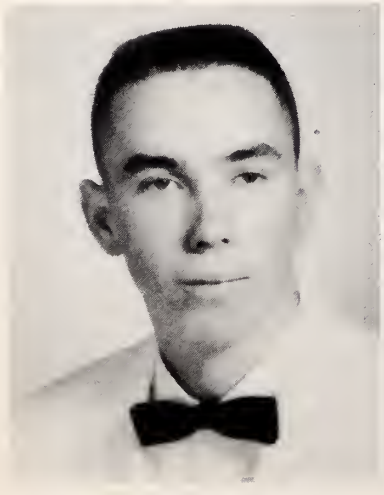

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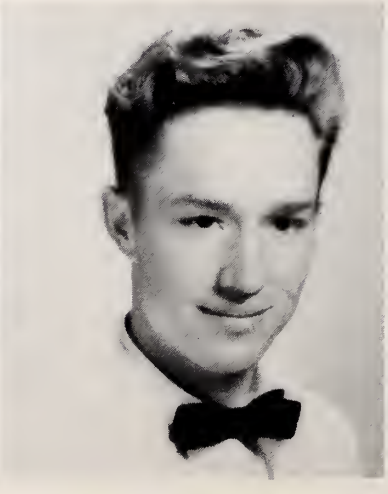

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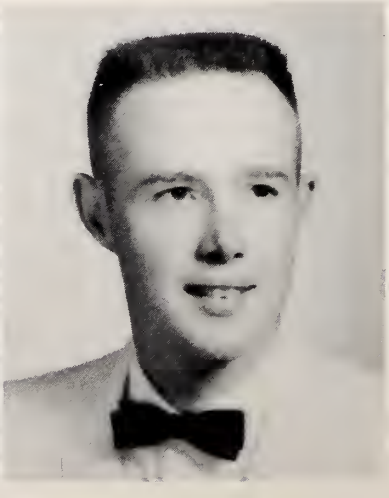

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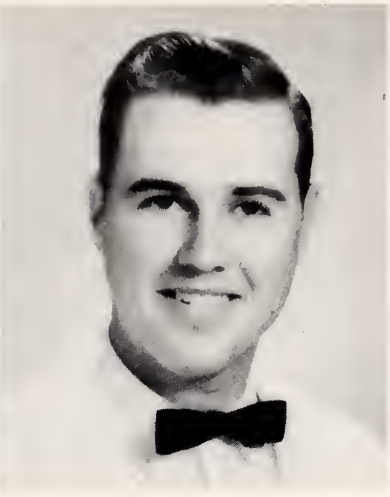

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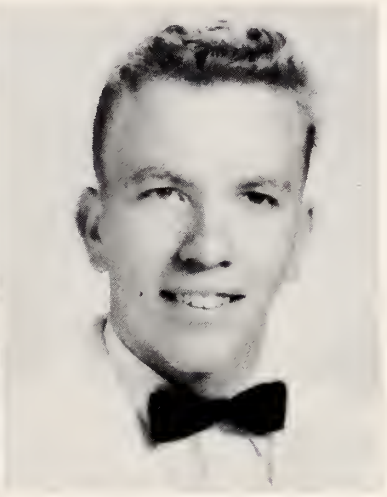

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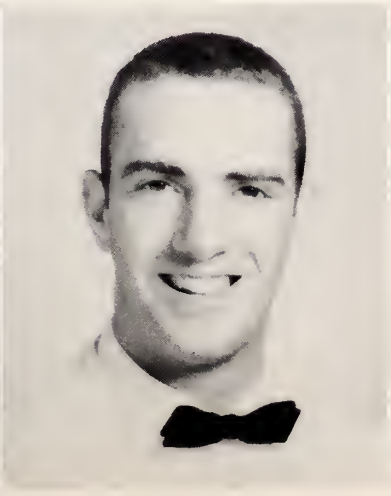

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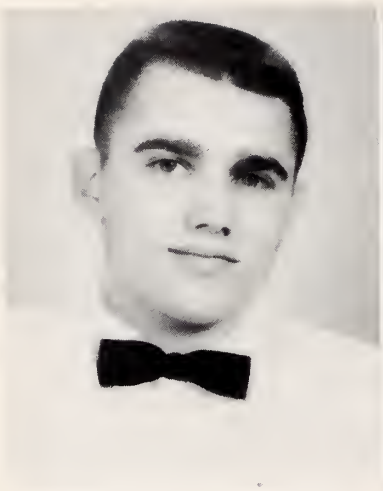

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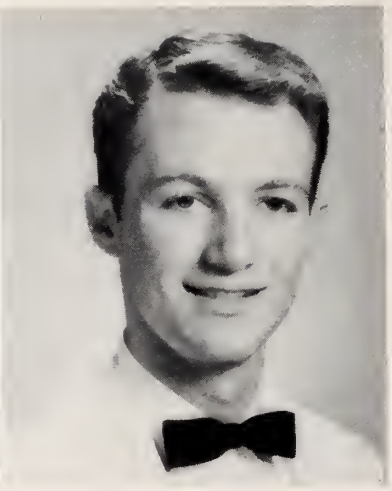
BARBARA ANN SNIPES



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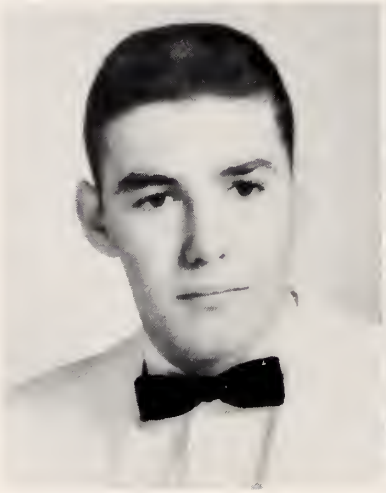

WILLIE THOMAS SORRELL, III

ANGELA FAYE STEWART

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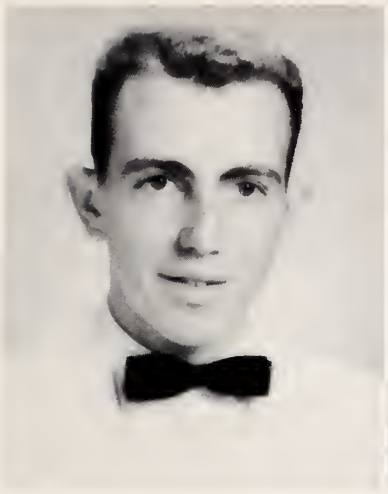

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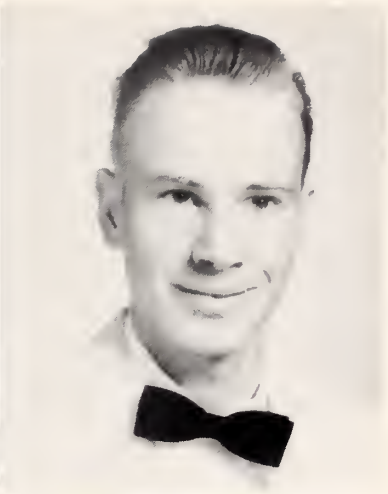
RACHEL DAY WHEELER



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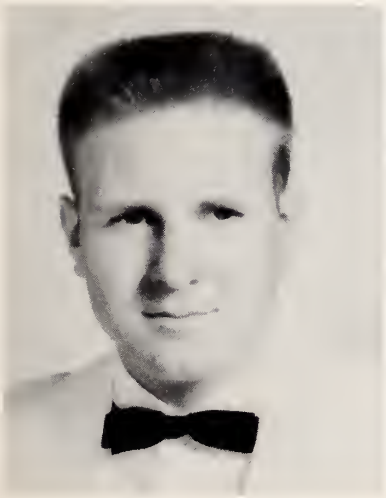

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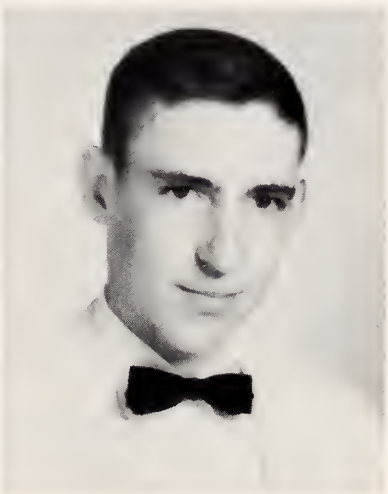

LARRY GOLDEN WOOD

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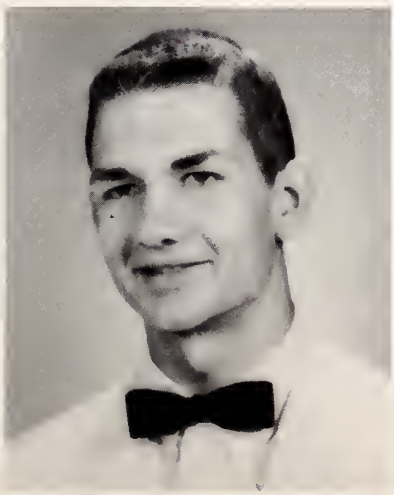
Lots of Luck always to a very nice girl who likes to have a good time. I have enjoyed knowing you. Love Wetona



WILLIAM ERIC WOODALL

FRANCES WETONA WOODCOCK

Senior Directory

ETTA RUTH ADAMS

Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 3; Monogram Club 2, 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4, Reporter 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.H.A. 1; Homecoming Queen 2.

GLORIA ALLEN

4-H Club 1, President; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 2; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Librarian 3; Glee Club 1, 2, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 2, President 4; Library Club 2, President; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3, 4, President 4; Science Club 1, 3; Debating Team 3; School Newspaper 4; Senior Play 4; Basketball 1, 2; Benson High School Reporter 2; Waitress Junior-Senior Banquet 2; Marshal 3; Citizenship Award 4; Superlative 4; Intramural Basketball 4.

NOELA SUE AUMAN

Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 1, 2; F.T.A. 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 3, Manager 2, Assistant Scorekeeper 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 4; Monogram Club 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; THE TATLER Staff 4, Advertising Manager; School Newspaper Staff 4; Superlative 4.

MIKE BAIN

Baseball 1; Basketball 1, 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Science Club 4; Band 1, 2; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4.

JACKIE BARBOUR

Basketball 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; How to Study Club 2; F.H.A. 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; Superlative 4.

SHARON BARBOUR

Science Club 1, 2; Citizenship Council 1, 2, Secretary 2; How to Study Club 2, President; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; THE TATLER Staff 2, 3, 4, Assistant Editor 3, Editor-in-Chief 4; Marshal 3; Waitress Junior-Senior Banquet 3; F.T.A. 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Class Officer, Treasurer 1, Vice-President 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; Superlative 4; Office Assistant 3, 4.

LERAY BAREFOOT

Baseball 1, 2; Football 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

VIRGINIA BAREFOOT

Science Club 1, 2, 3, Secretary 2; Glee Club 1, 2; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 4; F.H.A. 1; Library Club 2, 3; F.T.A. 4; THE TATLER Staff 4; Sports Editor; Chief Band Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, Scorekeeper 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Class Treasurer 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 4; Class Historian 4; School Newspaper Staff 4.

LESLIE BLACK

Football 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1; Intramural Basketball 1.

NANCY I. BLAKE

F.H.A. 1; Dramatics Club 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Basketball 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 3; Glee Club 1.

BEN CLIFTON

Football 1, 2, 3, 4, All Conference 3, Honorable Mention 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Junior Play 3; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2; Band 1; Superlative 4; Basketball Manager 1.

CLARA COBB

Glee Club 1, 2; Science Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Library Club 2, 3; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; F.T.A. 3, 4; Library Assistant 1, 2, 3; Office Assistant 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Superlative 4.

JERRY NEAL CREECH

Baseball 1, 2; Football 1, 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; THE TATLER Staff 4; Superlative 4; Science Club 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1; Key Club 3, 4, Vice-President 4; Senior Play 4.

Senior Directory

RONNIE CREECH

Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

ROY WOOD DENNING

Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; Baseball 1, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4.

R. L. GODWIN

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4.

JAMES HALLER

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Key Club 3, 4; Science Club 1.

NELSON HOLLAND

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2.

NELL HOLLOMAN

Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Science Club 4; Office Assistant 4.

CATHERINE HUDSON

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Library Club 3, 4, President 4; Basketball 1, 2; Dramatics Club 2; Class Officer, Secretary 4; Class Testator 4; Superlative 4; Intramural Basketball 4.

ANNE JOHNSON

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Song Leader 3, Nation F.H.A. Convention Delegate 2; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Class Reporter 2; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, President 4; Glee Club 1, 2; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Alternate 1; Majorette 1, 2, 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Debate 3; Marshal 3; Monogram Club 4; Junior Play 3; Senior Play 4; Superlative 4; Annual Staff 4, Advertising Manager; School Newspaper Staff 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Waitress Junior-Senior Banquet 2; Stunt Night 3, Chairman Beauty Contest.

MIKE JOHNSON

Football 1, Manager 4; Baseball 1; Basketball 1, 2; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Key Club 2; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Senior Play 4.

LARRY LEE

Bus Drivers' Club 2; F.F.A. 4.

MICKEY MATTHEWS

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Glee Club 1.

BRENDA McLAMB

Basketball 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Miss Benson High 2; Intramural Basketball 2, 4; Office Assistant 4; Class Officer, Treasurer 4; Science Club 4.

LINDA McLAMB

Library Club 3; How to Study Club 2; F.B.L.A. 4.

R. J. McLAMB

Class Officer, President 4; Superlative 4; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, President 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Vice-President 4.

TRACY MEDLIN

THE TATLER Staff, Sports Editor 4; Baseball 1; Citizenship Council 4, President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys' State Representative 3; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Class Officer, President 3, Vice-President 2; Key Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Master of Ceremonies Junior-Senior Banquet 3; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 2, President 3, Vice-President 4; Waiter Junior-Senior Banquet 2; Ring Committee 4, Chairman 4.

EDWARD MILLER (Mousey)

Key Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, President 4, Key Club Convention 2, 3, 4; Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Vice-President 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Intramural Basketball 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4.

Senior Directory

ANN MORGAN

Glee Club 1, 2; F.H.A. 2, 3, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2; How to Study Club 2; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Science Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Citizenship Council 3, Secretary 3; Miss Benson High 3; Office Assistant 2, 3; Library Club 1; THE TATLER Staff, Feature Editor 4.

DIANE OVERBY

Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4, Chief 4; F.H.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 4; Junior Play 3; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; THE TATLER Staff, Circulation Manager 4; Mistress of Ceremonies Stunt Night 3.

GLENN PARRISH

F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3, 4; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4, Secretary-Treasurer 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, President 4; THE TATLER Staff 4; Waiter Junior-Senior Banquet 2.

TOMMY PARRISH

Key Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Superlative 4.

MARY B. PARRISH

Science Club 4; Library Club 2, 3, 4.

BRUCE PEACOCK

Science Club 3; Key Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2.

BILLY POPE

Science Club 3, 4, President 4; Baseball 3, 4; Superlative 4; Junior Play 3; Intramural Basketball 3, 4.

BARBARA SNIPES

F.H.A. 1, 2, 3; Science Club 1, 2; Class Officer, Secretary 2; Waitress Junior-Senior Banquet 2; Intramural Basketball 2, 3; F.T.A. 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Dramatics Club 3; Co-Chief Marshal 3; Library Club 3, 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Cheerleader 3, 4; F.B.L.A. 4; Office Assistant 4; THE TATLER Staff, Copy Editor 4; Citizenship Award 4.

W. T. SORRELL, III

Monogram Club 1, 2, 3; Science Club 1, 2, 3; Baseball 1; Key Club 1, 2, 3; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4; Band 1, 2; Intramural Basketball 4.

FAYE STEWART

Science Club 4; Citizenship Council 4; Testator 4; Office Assistant 4.

EDITH SUGGS

F.H.A. 1, 2; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Bus Drivers' Club 2, 3, Program Chairman 3; Citizenship Council 1; Glee Club 1, 2.

FAYE WEST

F.A.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics Club 3; Bus Drivers' Club 3, 4; Science Club 3, 4; How to Study Club 2; Office Assistant 2, 3.

DONALD WHEELER

Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1; Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; Science Club 2; Key Club 3, 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4; Class Officer, Secretary 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Science Award 3; Waiter Junior-Senior Banquet 2; Marshal 3; Superlative 4.

RACHEL WHEELER

Intramural Basketball 1, 2, 3; Science Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2; THE TATLER Staff 4; F.H.A. 1, 2; Superlative 4.

LARRY RAY WHITTINGTON

Monogram Club 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 2, Vice-President 3, President 4; Federation Officer 3; Football 3, 4; Basketball 1; Glee Club 1, 2; Master of Ceremonies Stunt Night 3; Junior Play 3; Intramural Basketball 3, 4; Class Prophet 4; Superlative 4.

BILL WOODALL

Monogram Club 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, Vice-President 3; Science Club 1, 2; Beta Club 3, 4; Citizenship Council 1; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Junior Play 3; Superlative 4; Class Officer, Vice-President 3.

Class History

As our high school days draw to a close and each goes his separate way, let's not forget the many wonderful experiences of this period; for as we near the climax, we realize that these were probably the best years of our lives.

Remember our first day in high school, when our heads were in a whirl and we were feeling just a little too big for our britches? We didn't get much done, but we thought we were the busiest group in school. Just getting our class organized was quite a job. However, we did manage to elect officers. The supreme heads of the mighty freshman class were Danny Royster, President; Donnie Phillips, Vice-President; Sharon Barbour, Treasurer; Eloise Dorman, Secretary; and Judy Adams, Reporter.

After this tremendous start in high school, we were able to face our Sophomore year with a little more confidence. Having established ourselves as the equal to any class, we could now begin to take a closer look at our future. After electing Donnie Phillips, President; Tracy Medlin, Vice-President; Virginia Barefoot, Treasurer; Barbara Snipes, Secretary; and Anne Johnson, Reporter, we got things rolling by putting the Sauline Players into the pay column. We felt quite rich after contributing a lump sum of about $250.00 to our class treasury. The rest of the year went by quickly, and we topped the Sophomore days off with a hamburger fry at Williams' Lake.

Our Junior year! This year our work really began with "Stunt Night," the Junior Play, and the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom coming in rapid succession. Stunt Night and the Junior Play, "Let Me Out of Here," proved to be quite profitable. Then came the event of the year, the Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom, and we really began to appreciate the profits from our other two undertakings. However, it was worth every cent, and more. Our theme, "Stairway to the Stars," lent an air of heavenly bliss, and it was a night that will long be remembered by all. Guiding us through this industrious year were Tracy Medlin, President; Bill Woodall, Vice-President; Donnie Phillips, Treasurer; and Donald Wheeler, Secretary.

At last it was here! Our Senior year! We had reached the climax of our high school days, and we were on top of the world. How swiftly these last weeks flew by, presided over by R. J. McLamb, President; Sharon Barbour, Vice-President; Catherine Hudson, Secretary; and Brenda McLamb and Camille Levinson, Treasurers. Events whirled by so fast that it was hard to realize what a glorious time we were having. The dramatic highlight of the year was the presentation of our Senior Play—or rather plays, "The Man in the Bowler Hat" (Comedy), and "Riders to the Sea" (Tragedy). And who can forget our formal Christmas party with the beautiful "Winter Wonderland" theme and Bill Joe Austin's band! We have our gradeparents to thank for that memorable event.

After mid-term, things really got moving. There was the magazine sale, rings, plans for the New York trip, and preparations for graduation.

Yes, these years will long remain in our store-chest of memories, but even after these events have faded, let us keep in our hearts the remembrance of our classmates. We have come a long way together but graduation marks only the beginning, not the end, of our lives. As we drift apart, let's not forget these happy years and many friendships; and let us strive to profit from the lessons we have learned.

VIRGINIA BAREFOOT
DONNIE PHILLIPS

Prophecy

The fourth dimension is in effect. It is ten years since we have been to a homecoming dance as a group. The doors are open and we have many a chuckle at seeing our old friends. Let's take a look. Come on in.

Look! Over there! It's NELSON HOLLAND. Don't tell me, he's grown an inch; he can almost see over the crowd. Wonder what they are looking at. It's a three ring circus with LARRY WHITTINGTON as the barker. GLORIA ALLEN is doing her imitation of the "Big Bopper," while VIRGINIA BAREFOOT and ETTA RUTH ADAMS are showing us their famous "Florida Strut" routine. DIANE OVERBY and BARBARA SNIPES are leading the school song.

TRACY and DONNIE, now partners in Medlin and Phillips Pharmaceutical Supply, are trying to sell to the "B and B" Drug Company, owned by BEN CLIFTON and BILL WOODALL, the latest cold remedy.

Are we being invaded? Here comes the troops led by Colonel JAMES HALLER, of the U.S. Air Force, with TOMMY PARRISH, DONNIE LANGDON, MIKE BAIN, BOBBY WHITMAN, and BOBBY LEE, following in tight formation.

R. J. McLAMB, STACY NORRIS, JIMMY HAYES, and CARROLL BRITT, just back from a Carribbean Cruise, in the Navy, are planning to sleep well tonight knowing that RONNIE CREECH, CHARLES BLACKMAN, LARRY NORRIS, LERAY BAREFOOT and the rest of the National Guard are awake.

BILL SORRELL, designer of the new governor's mansion, is discussing the building plans with LARRY WOOD, a contractor, while MICKEY MATTHEWS, the state's newly appointed state highway consultant, is looking on. NOELA SUE AUMAN is doing the interior decorating for the mansion.

DANNY ROYSTER has just designed a new jetliner, which is powered by six of W. T. SORRELL'S ramjet engines. DONALD WHEELER has designed the guidance system for this plane. MARCIA LEE GUITON is the head stewardess on this plane.

Here comes JERRY NEAL CREECH, "Mr. Big Business," followed by his harem of private secretaries, MARGARET BEASLEY, BRENDA SUE McLAMB, FAY WEST, and ANN MORGAN.

BILLY MOORE and BILLY POPE are being escorted by ROBERT DENNING, ROY DENNING, LESLIE BLACK, and LEAMON CLIFTON, the state's leading patrolmen, after a 90-mile-an-hour chase. "He almost got away."

MIKE JOHNSON, now the owner of Johnson Tire Company, is discussing with DON BYRD, the state's leading accountant, the possibility of a $100,000 embezzlement. Private detective, BRUCE PEACOCK, has been called in to investigate. He is talking with the company's secretaries, RACHEL BLACKMAN and LINDA SUE McLAMB.

CAROL and CAMILLE LEVINSON are celebrating their victory for the first prize of the All-American-Twin-Contest.

GLENN PARRISH, North Carolina's Secretary of Agriculture, is explaining his new theory of how to harvest 350 bushels of corn per acre to R. L. GODWIN, KENNETH WEST, and LARRY LEE, who are Johnston County's biggest producers of corn.

JUDITH ADAMS, CATHERINE HUDSON and BECKY BENSON head the staff at the Benson Health Center.

LEONARD McLAMB has just returned from Indiana, where he has just been made vice-president of U. S. Steel. He is trying, along with ED "Mousey" MILLER and JOSEPH McDANIEL, to assemble a "Do it yourself" helicopter kit.

ANN JOHNSON and ELOISE DORMAN, teachers at the Benson Elementary School, have devised a way to keep all the "little ones" of CAROLE PHILLIPS, RACHEL WHEELER, NANCY BLAKE, BELVIA McLAMB, and WETONA WOODCOCK out of so much mischief.

Smith-Corona just gave SHARON BARBOUR a new typewriter for winning the National Typing Contest.

CLARA COBB, MARY PARRISH, JACKIE BARBOUR, NELL HOLLOMAN, EDITH SUGGS, and FAYE STEWART are happily married and are helping keep the Benson School well populated.

As this gala affair draws to a close, with some old friends crying tears of joy, others laughing, we leave; but we will always remember the many happy days at B.H.S. that we have just relived in these few short hours.

CAMILLE LEVINSON
LARRY WHITTINGTON
Class Prophets

Last Will and Testament

State of North Carolina
County of Johnston
Town of Benson

We, the Senior Class of 1961, leaving our Alma Mater with sound mind and body do make, declare, and publish this our last will and testament.

Section I

Article 1

To our parents who have helped us through these twelve years of school, we leave our deepest gratitude and appreciation.

Article 2

To our Alma Mater we leave our thanks, love, and devotion.

Section II

Article 1

To our senior sponsors, Mrs. Louise Lambert, Mrs. Larue Goodman, and Mrs. Jo Ann Wells, we leave our appreciation for their leadership through this, our most wonderful year.

Article 2

To the other faculty members we leave our greatest thanks for the time and work they have rendered to make our high school years more successful.

Article 3

To Mr. Barefoot we leave our deepest gratitude for his guidance and interest in us.

Section III

Article 1

To the Juniors we leave "all" our privileges and our little disagreements with hopes they don't have as many as we did.

Last Will and Testament

Article 2

To the sophomore class we leave all our dignity and hope a little will rub off on them someday.

Article 3

To the freshman class we leave three more years of hard work and hope they have good luck doing it.

Section IV

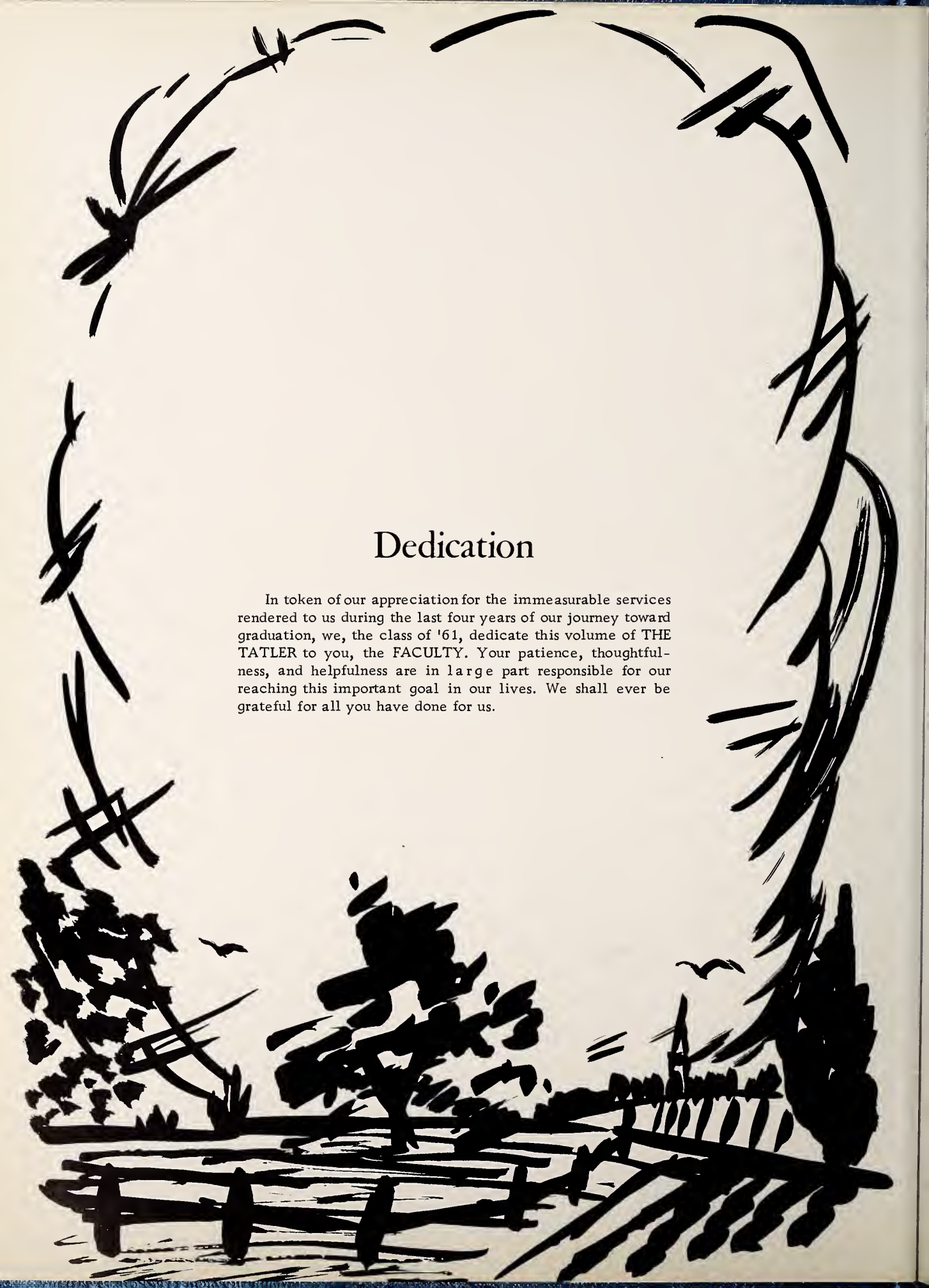
The following seniors do hereby make these bequeaths:

I, ETTA RUTH ADAMS, leave my ability to go steady all through high school to my sister, Anna Margaret, saying "Love is a Many Splendored Thing."
I, JUDY ADAMS, leave my ability to date and keep up my lessons to Ethelene Moore.
I, GLORIA ALLEN, leave my superlative as "Best Looking" to my sister, Maurilla, with the saying "Pretty is as pretty does."
I, NOELA SUE AUMAN, leave my optimistic outlook on life and my mathematical ability to Bobby Woodall and Cathy Royster.
I, MIKE BAIN, leave everything I have to anyone who wants it.
I, JACKIE BARBOUR, leave my title as "Wittiest" to my sister, Joyce.
I, SHARON BARBOUR, leave my knack for staying in trouble with someone all the time to anyone who can survive it.
I, LERAY BAREFOOT, leave my ability to grow to Joe Norris.
I, VIRGINIA BAREFOOT, leave four "North Carolinians" and the "point-point" routine to Robin Vann and the majorettes, with best wishes for a good season together.
I, MARGARET BEASLEY, leave my love for driving several different cars on the same day to Gail Peacock.
I, BECKY BENSON, leave my name to the other Becky Benson.
I, LESLIE BLACK, leave my ability to sleep in class and get by with it to Cecil Massengill.
I, CHARLES BLACKMAN, leave my '49 Ford convertible to my brother, Billy, if he can keep it running.
We, RACHEL BLACKMAN, and LINDA McLAMB leave our ability to be friends for twelve years to anyone who can control his temper.
I, NANCY I. BLAKE, leave my good ole' times at Benson High and my loud mouth to Brenda McLamb.
I, CARROLL BRITT, leave my average in literature (the lowest) to the honorable Preston Phillips.
I, DON BYRD, leave my bookkeeping ability to my sister Judy Lynn.
I, BEN CLIFTON, leave my football jersey, number 64, to Vann Parker.
I, LEAMON CLIFTON, leave Mrs. Lambert and her English to my brother, Raymond.
I, CLARA D. COBB, leave my ability to get up early enough to get my husband to work and my bus to school on time to anyone who is in love enough.
I, JERRY CREECH, leave everything I have, except Susan, to anybody that wants it.
I, RONNIE CREECH, leave my bus to my brother, Stacy.
I, ROBERT DENNING, leave my position as left guard on the football team to David Wood.
I, ELOISE DORMAN, leave everything I have to my sister, Faye, with hopes I get it back if I need it.
I, R. L. GODWIN, leave my English ability to anyone who needs it.
I, MARCIA GUITON, leave my ability to go steady with one boy a year and never date him to anyone who can hold Leonard McLamb that long.
I, JAMES HALLER, leave my place in Bruce Peacock's car to anyone who has the nerve to ride with him.
I, JIMMY HAYES, leave my English book and seat in the window to Wayne or Douglas Caudle.

Last Will and Testament

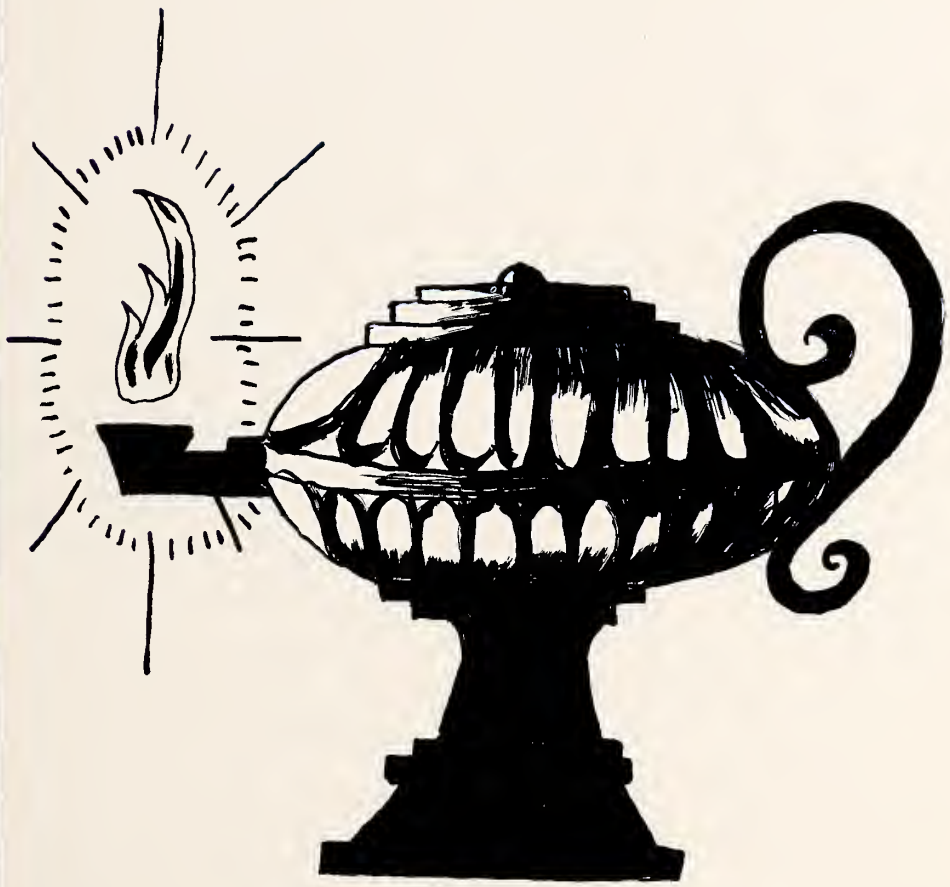
I, NELSON HOLLAND, leave my ability to skip school to Devan Parrish.
I, NELL HOLLOMAN, leave my title as "Shorty" to Diane Sorrell.
I, CATHERINE HUDSON, leave my silly ways to Faye Bass, with the saying, "It takes time to mature."
I, ANNE JOHNSON, leave my debate medal to Pam Young, who seldom speaks, with the advice, "A little talk goes a long way."
I, MIKE JOHNSON, just leave, at last, with the saying, "The best is yet to come."
I, DONNIE LANGDON, leave almost everything I have in Benson High School to Randy Eason.
I, BOBBY LEE, leave my title as "Best Looking" to Charles Lee Byrd.
I, LARRY LEE, leave my bus to some prominent junk dealer.
I, CAMILLE LEVINSON, leave my love for math, music, and sports, to Faye Parker.
I, CAROL LEVINSON, leave my love for sports, math, and science to Jimmy Levinson.
I, MICKEY MATTHEWS, leave my title as "Slewfoot" to Larry Herring.
I, TRACY MEDLIN, leave my office in the fraternity to Larry Herring.
I, ED MILLER, leave my nickname, Mousey, to any "Little Rat" who fits the title.
I, BILLY RAY MOORE, leave my love for English to Billy Parker.
I, ANNE MORGAN, leave my bus to anyone who has patience enough to drive it.
I, JOE McDANIEL, leave my literature book to my brother, Charles.
I, BELVIA McLAMB, leave my lonely nights to my sister, Odessa.
I, BRENDA McLAMB, leave my position in the office, during third period, to Rebecca McLamb.
I, LEONARD McLAMB, leave my pool shooting ability to anyone who is skilled enough to take it.
I, RAY McLAMB, leave my math ability to anyone who can do it.
I, R. J. McLAMB, leave my school bus to some prominent Ford dealer.
I, LARRY NORRIS, leave my position on the basketball team to anyone who can fill it.
I, DIANE OVERBY, leave my title as chief cheerleader to the junior who deserves it, with the saying "Keep your girls together."
I, GLENN PARRISH, leave my title as "Most Dependable" to my sister, Betty.
I, TOMMY PARRISH, leave my superb typing ability to Jerry Adams.
I, BRUCE PEACOCK, leave my ability to get a ticket for improper mufflers to Earl Wayne Hinson.
We, CAROLE and DONNIE PHILLIPS, leave together.
I, DANNY ROYSTER, leave my ability to argue with Mrs. Lambert and get by with it, to anyone who has the nerve.
I, BARBARA SNIPES, leave my position as Chief Marshall to my sister, Linda.
I, BILL SORRELL, leave all my good times in high school to my sister, Dee.
I, W. T. SORRELL, III, leave my best wishes to my six sisters, as they go through high school.
We, FAYE STEWART and MARY PARRISH, leave everything we have, except Larry and Donald Ray, to Gladys and Nancy Johnson.
I, EDITH SUGGS, leave my school bus to my brother, Roger.
I, DONALD WHEELER, leave my position as "Most Intellectual" to anyone who achieves it.
I, RACHEL WHEELER, leave my ability to wear my sister's clothes all through high school to anyone who is lucky enough to have a sister the same size as she.
I, BOBBY WHITMAN, leave my ability to sleep in class, without getting caught, to Jerry Messer.
We, LARRY WHITTINGTON and BILLY POPE, leave our troublesome and mischievous ways to Billy Parker and Randy Eason.
I, FAYE WEST, leave my love for Angier boys to Sharon Whittington.
I, KENNETH WEST, leave my abilities, if you can find them, to anyone who needs them.
I, LARRY WOOD, leave my job after school to anyone who is smart enough to use a hammer and nail.
I, BILL WOODALL, leave my title as "Most Athletic" to my brother, Tony.
I, WETONA WOODCOCK, leave my bookkeeping book to the next crazy person who has to add on his fingers.

MASCOTS OF 1961
Vickie Raynor
Danny Beasley



Dedication

In token of our appreciation for the immeasurable services rendered to us during the last four years of our journey toward graduation, we, the class of '61, dedicate this volume of THE TATLER to you, the FACULTY. Your patience, thoughtfulness, and helpfulness are in large part responsible for our reaching this important goal in our lives. We shall ever be grateful for all you have done for us.



Superlatives

MR. and MISS TATLER
Catherine Hudson
Bill Sorrell

BEST LOOKING
Gloria Allen
Bobby Lee

MOST INTELLECTUAL
Margaret Beasley
Donald Wheeler

MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED
Eloise Dorman
Donnie Phillips

BEST DRESSED
Noela Sue Auman
Tommy Parrish

MOST DEPENDABLE
Clara Cobb
Glenn Parrish

MOST POPULAR
Rachel Wheeler
Billy Pope

MOST ATHLETIC
Carol Levinson
Bill Woodall

CUTEST
Anne Johnson
Jerry Creech

WITTIEST
Jackie Barbour
Larry Whittington

MOST VERSATILE
Camille Levinson
R. J. McLamb

BEST ALL AROUND
Sharon Barbour
Ben Clifton

Junior - Senior Banquet

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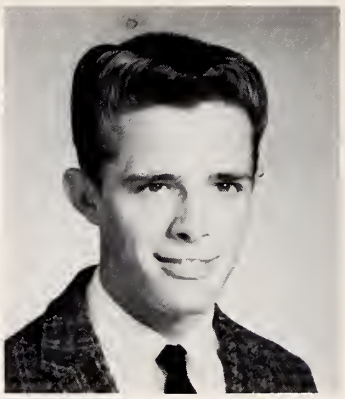

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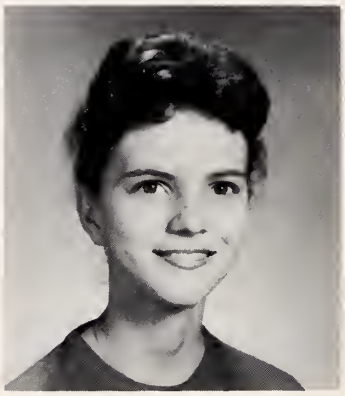

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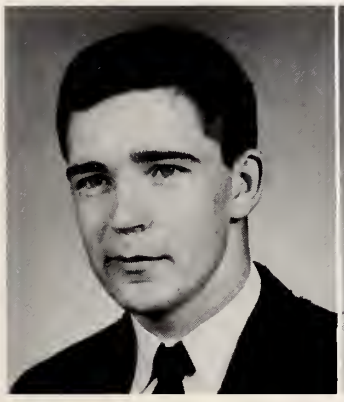

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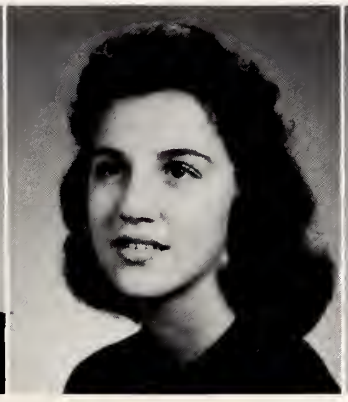

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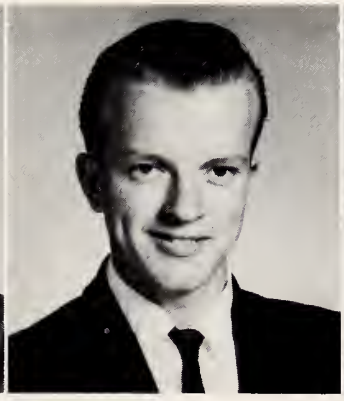

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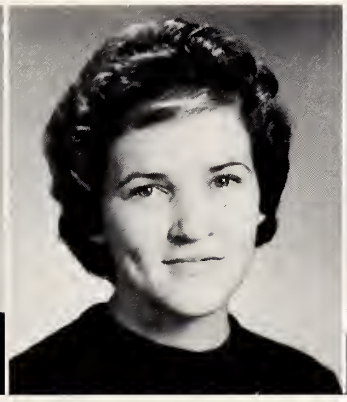

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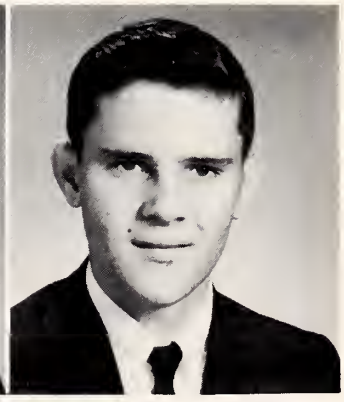

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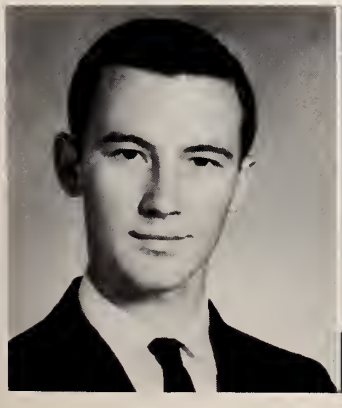

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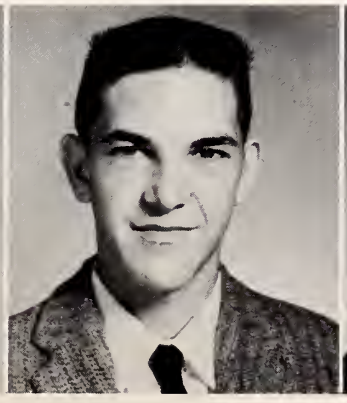

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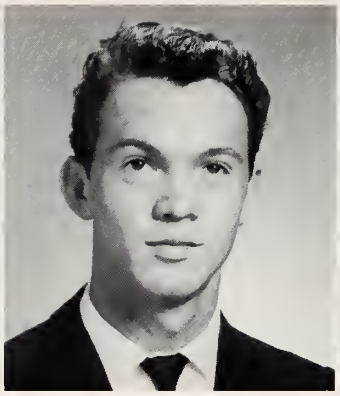

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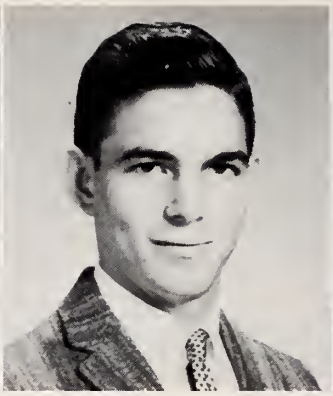

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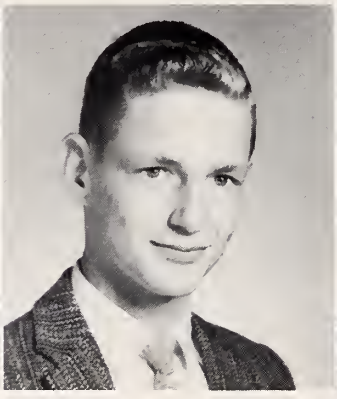

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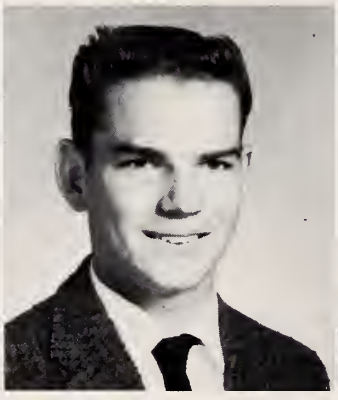

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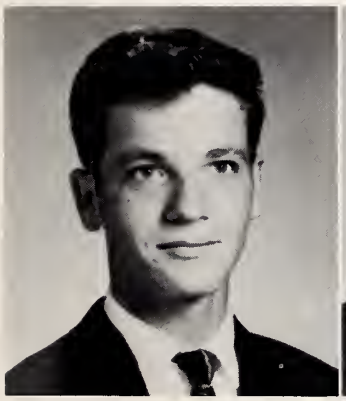

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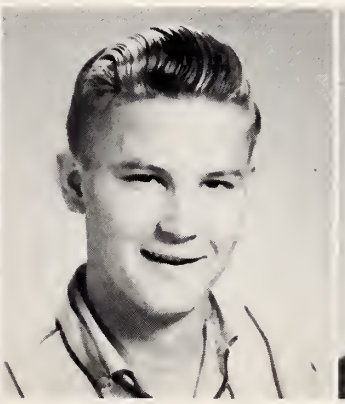

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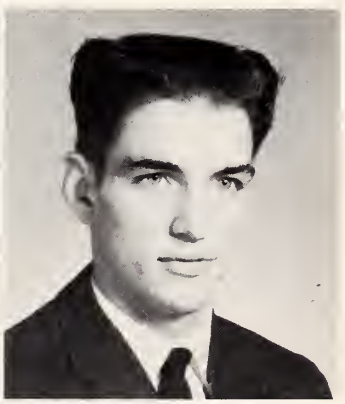

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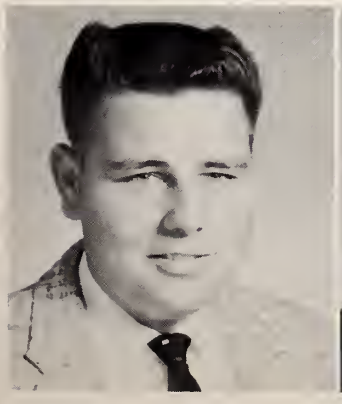

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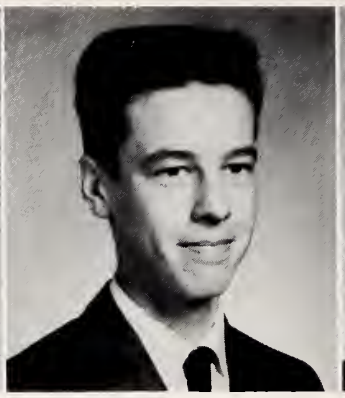

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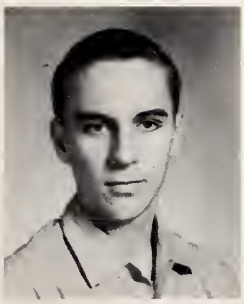

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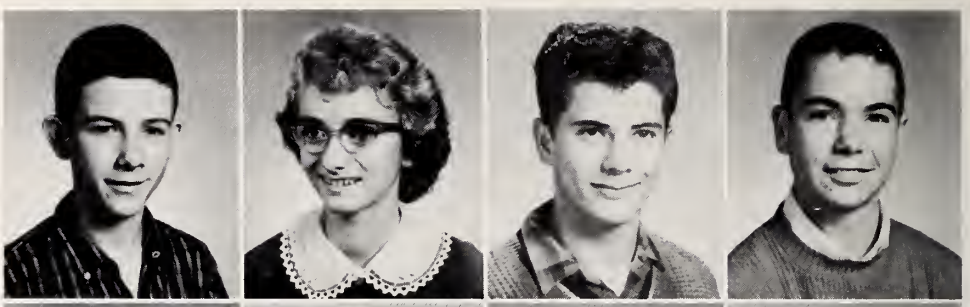

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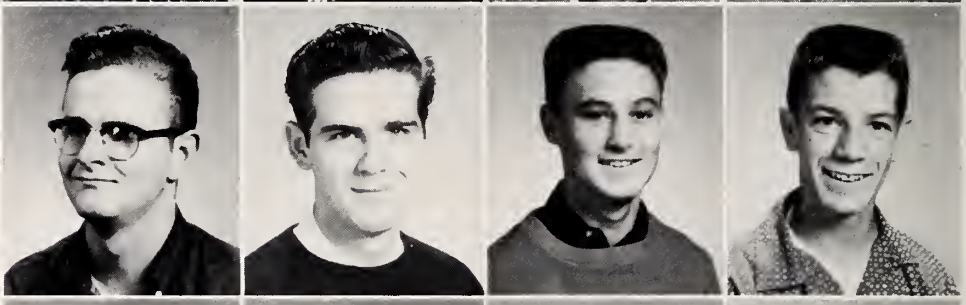

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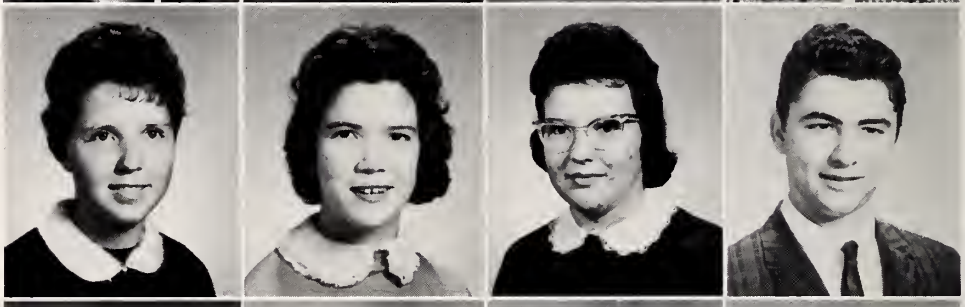

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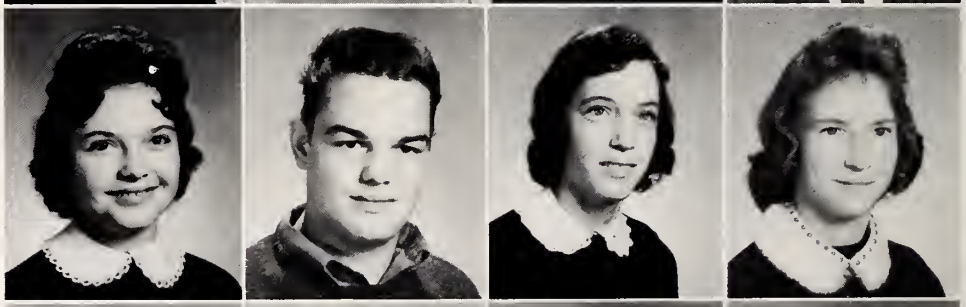

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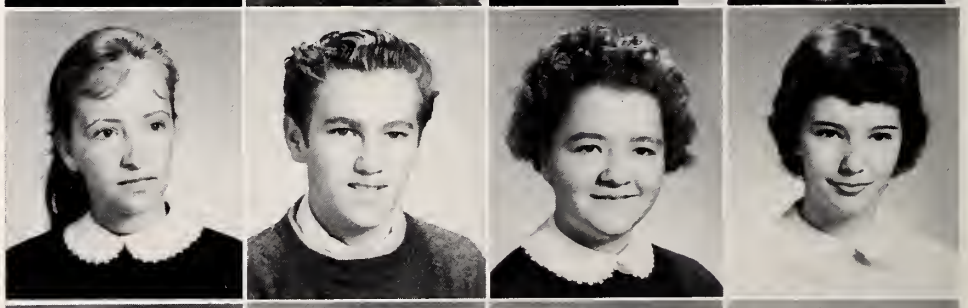

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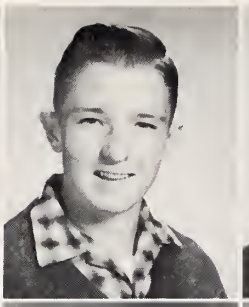
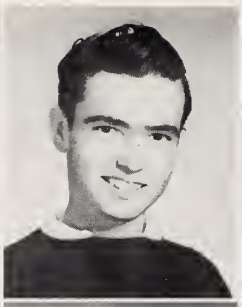

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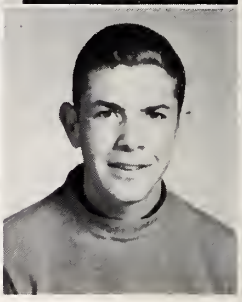

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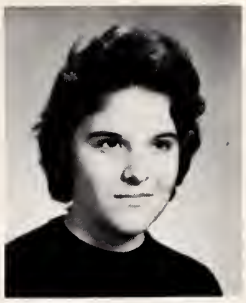

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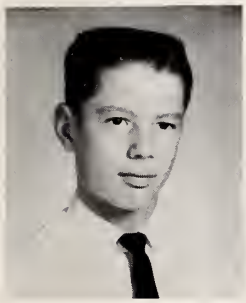

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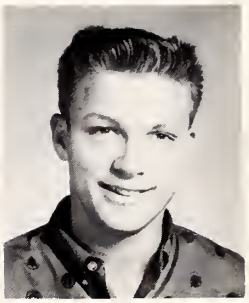

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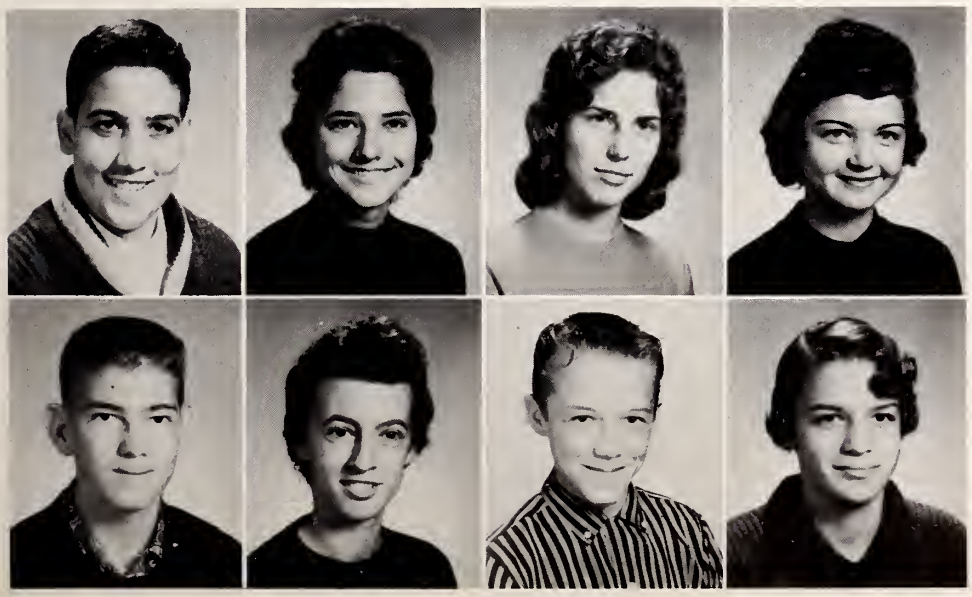

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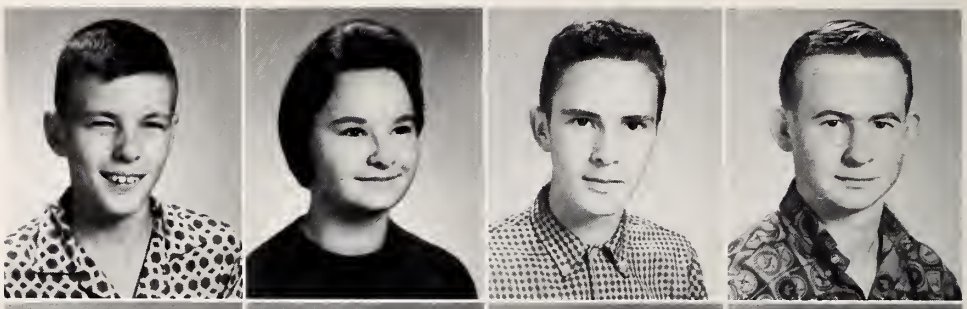

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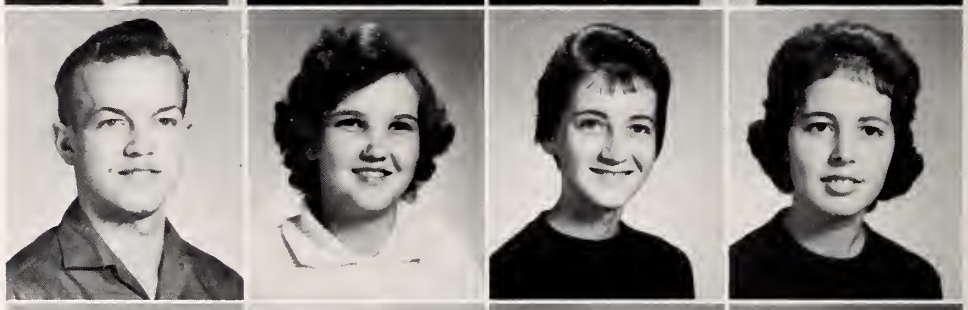

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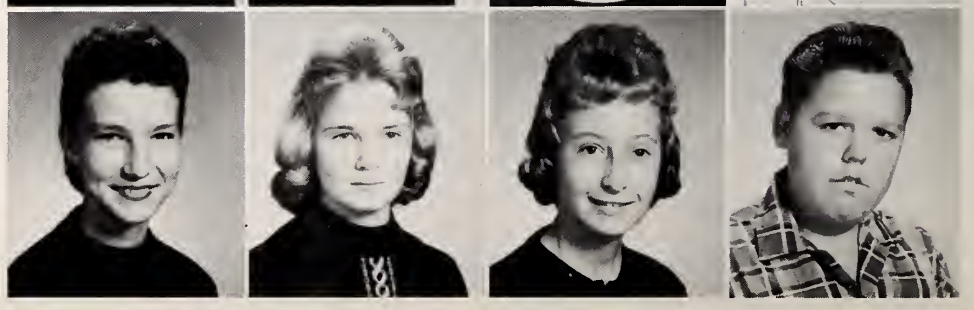

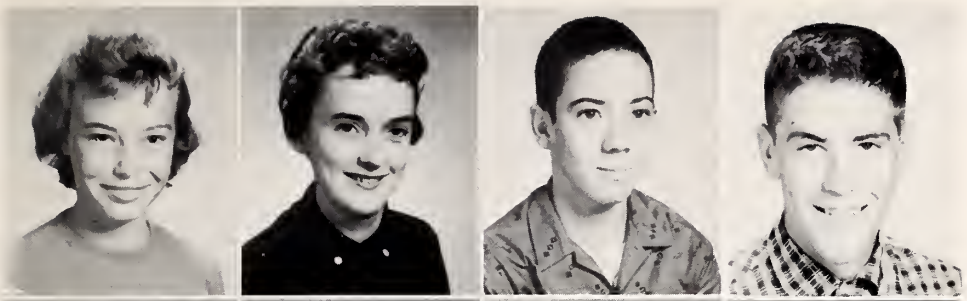

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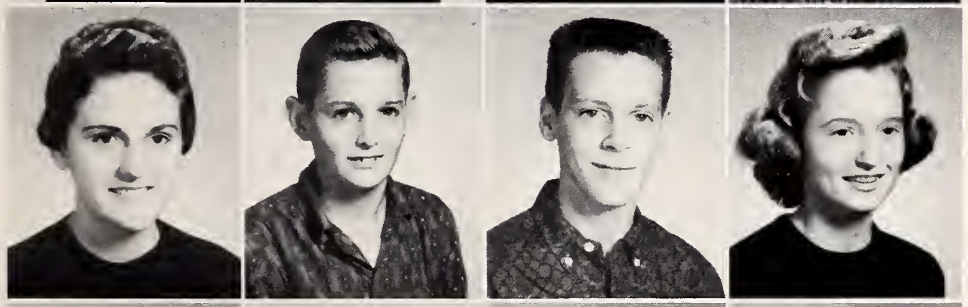

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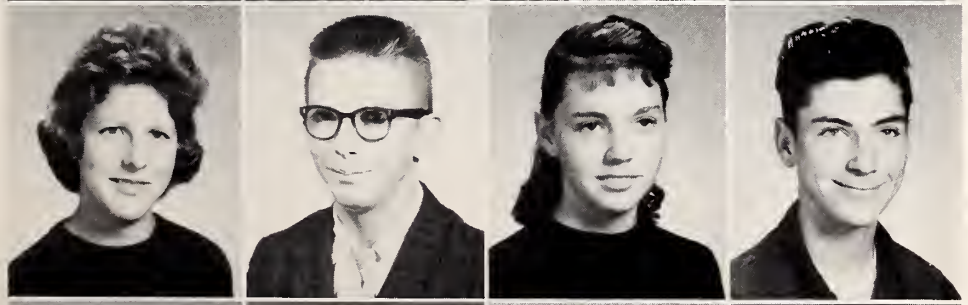

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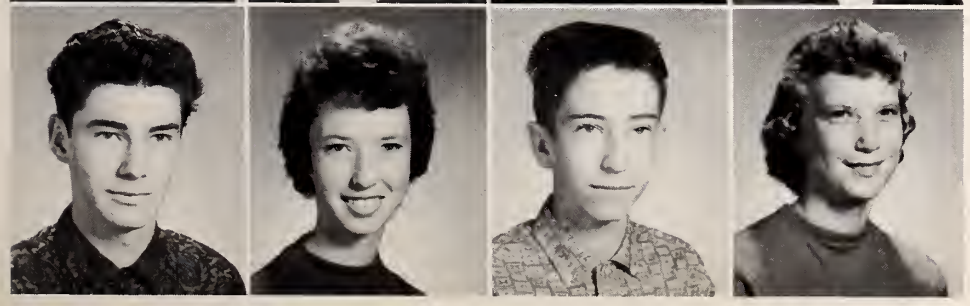

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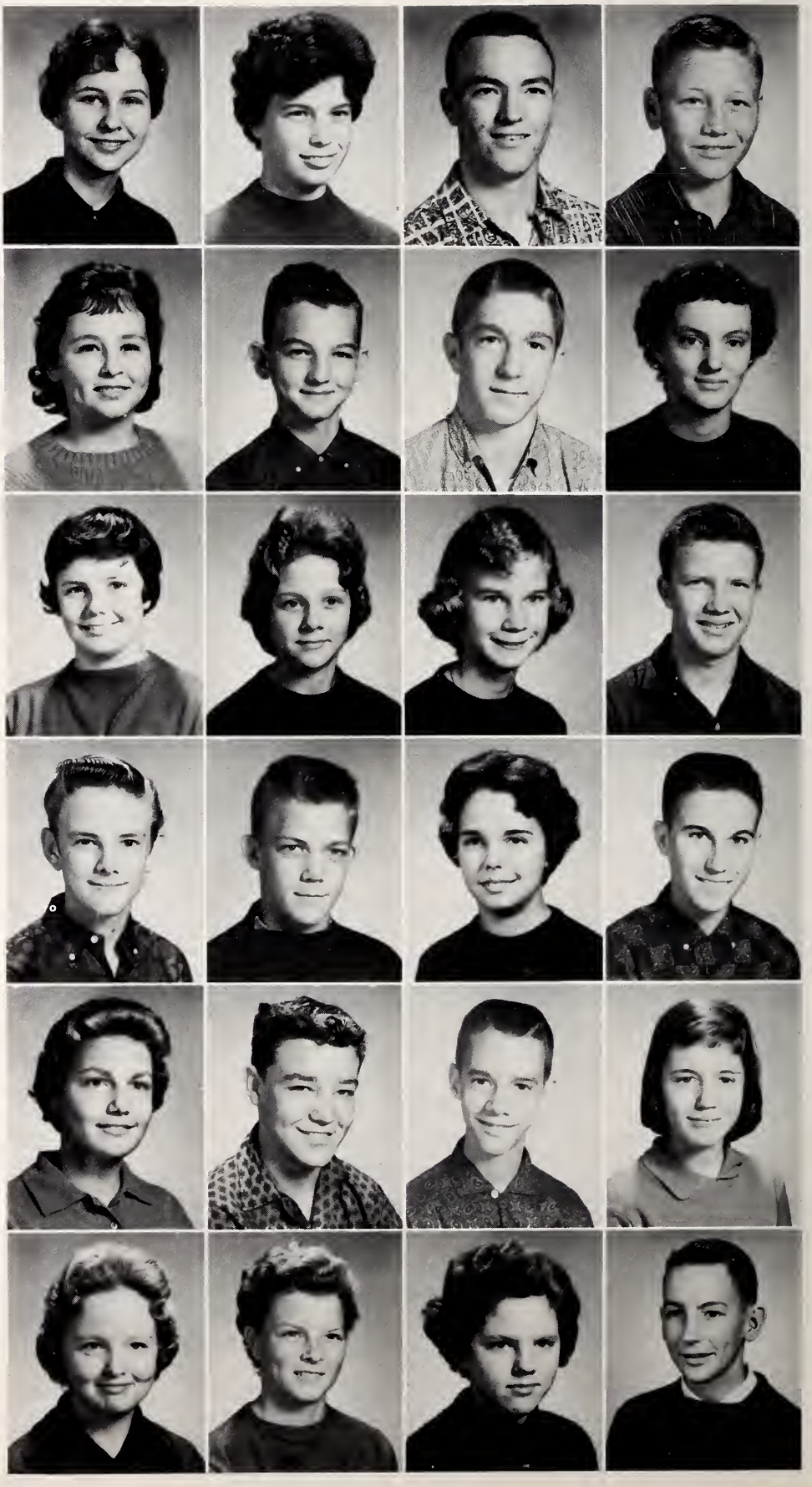

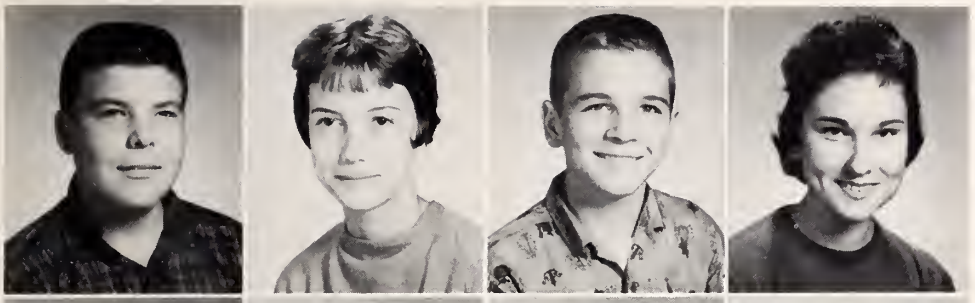

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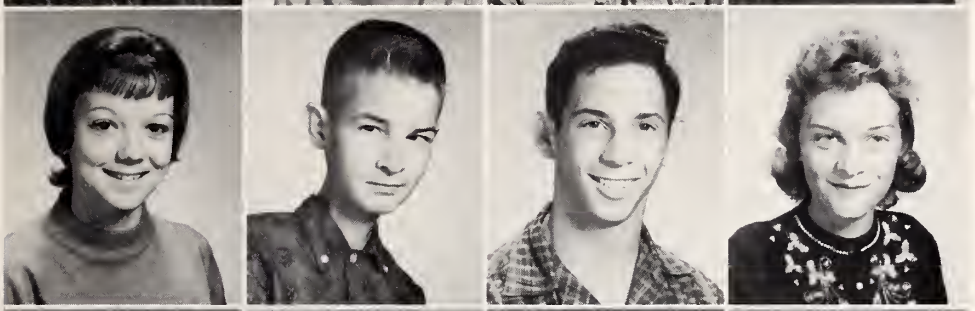

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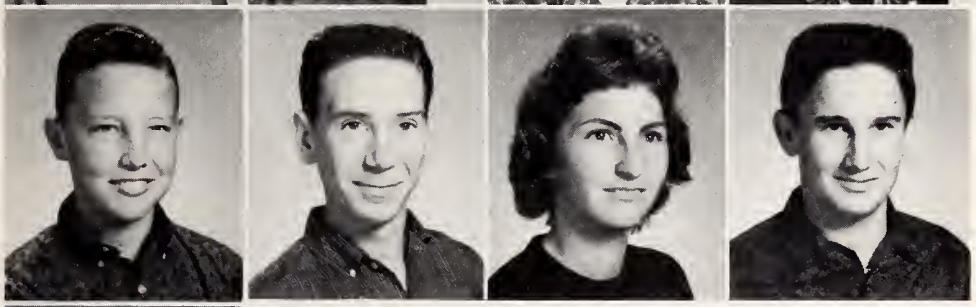

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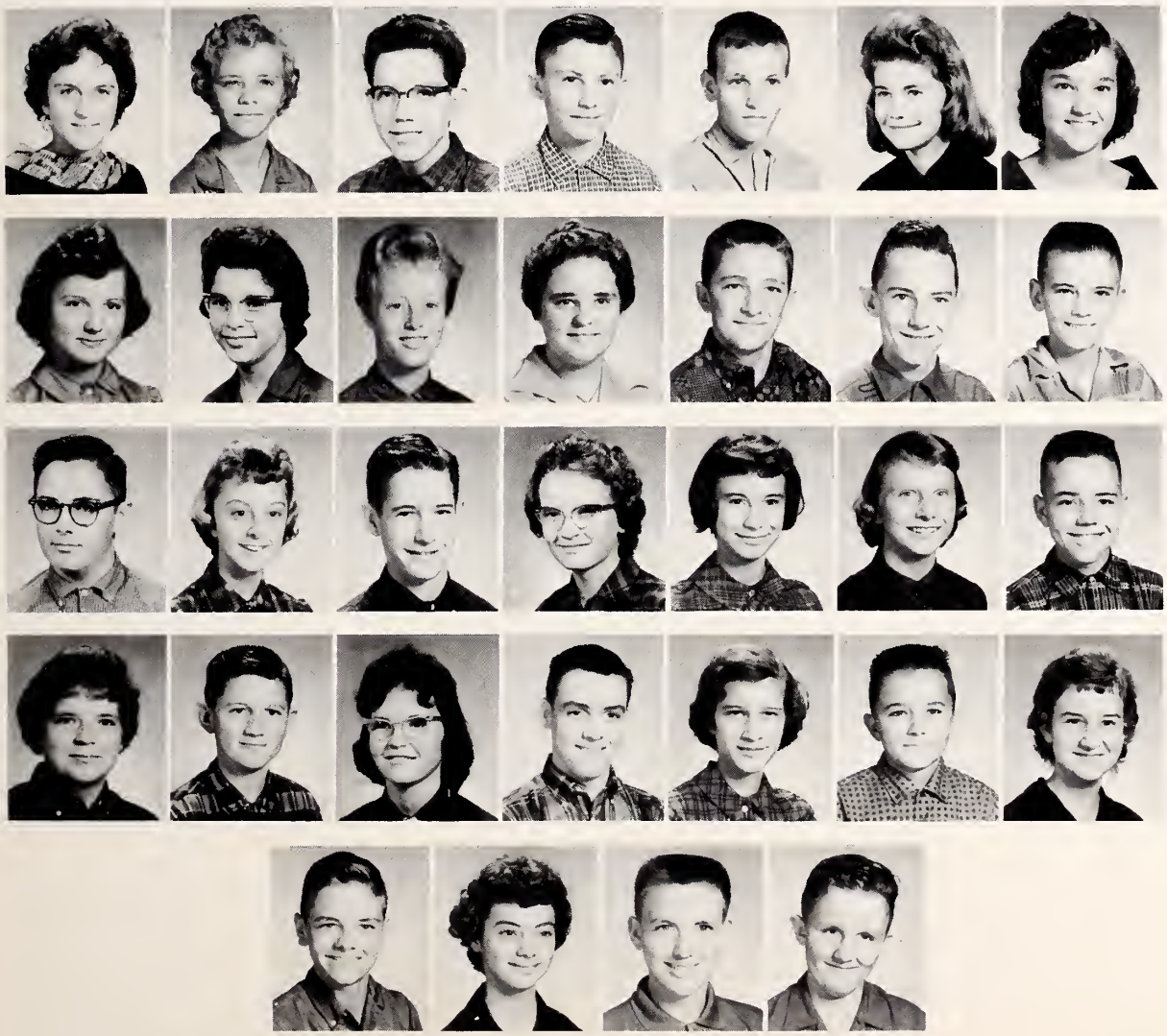

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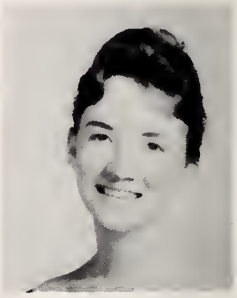

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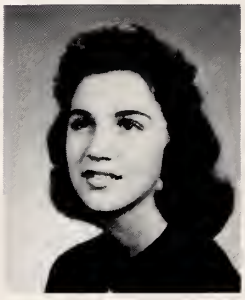

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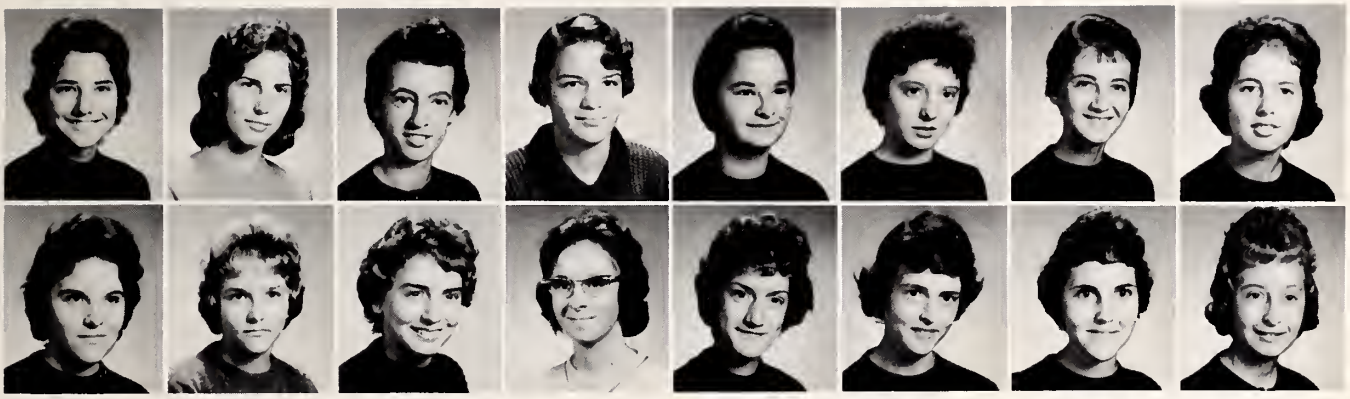

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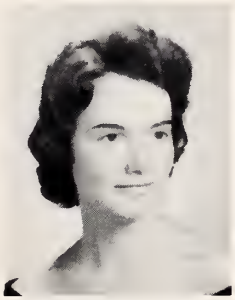

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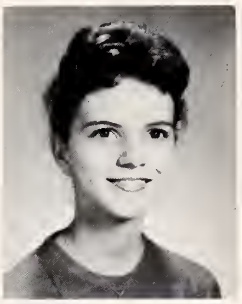

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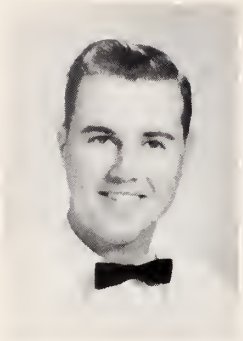

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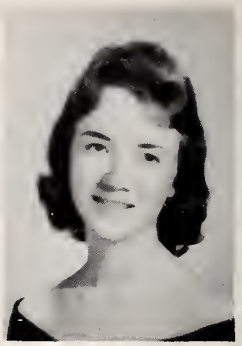

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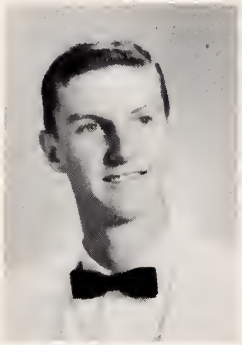

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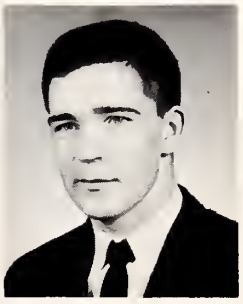

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Junior Glee Club

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Activities

Homecoming Queen

JUDY ADAMS

Stunt Night

Queens, left to right: Cathy Creech, Rachel Adams, and Wanda Williams.

Emcees: Jo Harrell and Judy Young

Second Place Winners

First Place Winners

Third Place Winner

Junior Play

Members of Cast: Anne Morgan, Carolyn Turlington, Diane Overby, Noela Sue Auman, Kenny Wood, Virginia Barefoot, Mike Bain, Bill Woodall, Ben Clifton, Larry Whittington, Mr. John T. Gathings, Director.

"Let Me Out of Here"

Senior Play

Members of Casts: Tragedy: Virginia Barefoot, Gloria Allen, Becky Benson, Mike Bain. Comedy: Noela Sue Auman, Anne Johnson, Jerry Creech, Bill Sorrell, W. T. Sorrell, Mike Johnson, Danny Royster, Mrs. Louise Lambert, Director.

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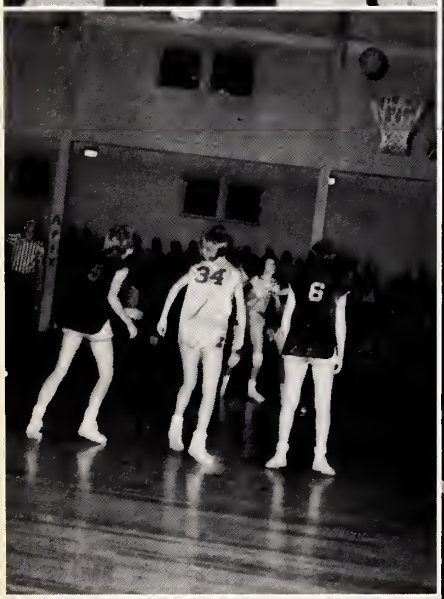

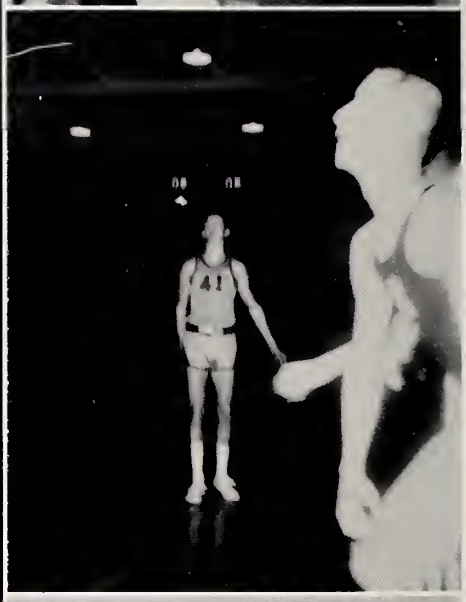

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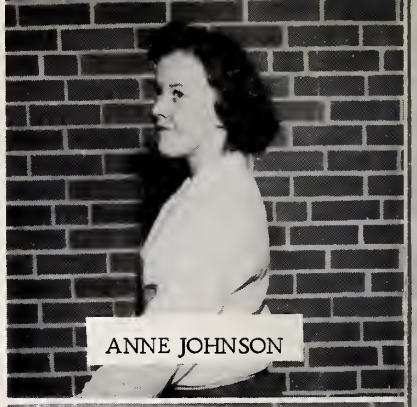

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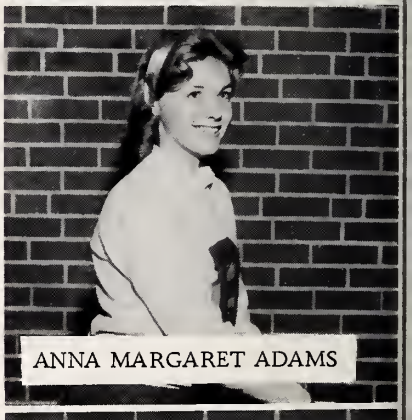

ANNA MARGARET ADAMS

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Mascot

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Chief

First row, left to right: Van Parker, Glenn Tart, Larry Strickland, Donnie West, Leo Blackman, David Shelley. Second row: Jerry Lee, Ronnie Wood, Chuck Parker, Danny Blackman, Bobby Manning, Richard Whittington. Third row: Zeb Stephenson, L. B. Clayton, Bonnie Pope, Michael Abdalla, J. C. Allen, David Denning. Fourth row: Jerald Denning, Trainer; Larry Snipes, Manager; David Strickland, Douglas Caudle, Martin McLamb, Jackie McLamb.

Jr. Varsity Football

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL SCORES FOR 1961

Benson 13	Vs.	Dunn 13
Benson 33	Vs.	Midway 0
Benson 27	Vs.	Lillington 0
Benson 13	Vs.	Clayton 0
Benson 6	Vs.	Dunn 0

First row, left to right: Jerry Currin, Larry Herring, Leroy Beasley, Douglas Allen, Jimmy Levinson, Donald Strickland, Billy Parker, Butch Pleasant. Second row: Bill Sorrell, Manager; Donnie Phillips, Ben Clifton, Ed Miller, Bill Woodall, Robert Denning, Larry Whittington, W. T. Sorrell, Mickey Matthews, Mike Johnson, Manager. Third row: Don Parker, Bobby Boan, Timothy Lee, David Wood, Donald Wheeler, Douglas Strickland, Johnny Allen, James Haller, Mike Canady, Kenneth Phillips.

MR. ROBERT PAROLI
Head Coach

MR. JUDSON STEPHENS
Assistant Coach

Phantoms

First row, left to right: Ed Miller, Robert Denning, Ben Clifton, Larry Whittington. Second row: Billy Parker, David Wood, W. T. Sorrell, Butch Pleasant—Guards and Centers.

Bill Woodall and Robert Denning—Co-Captains.

Timothy Lee, Douglas Strickland, Leroy Beasley, Larry Herring—Tackles.

Larry Herring and Bill Woodall—All-Conference.

Bobby Boan, James Haller, Johnny Allen, Donnie Phillips, Donald Wheeler—Ends.

First row, left to right: Donald Strickland, Jimmy Levinson, Douglas Allen, Kenneth Phillips, Don Parker. Second row: Bill Woodall, Mickey Matthews, Jerry Currin, Mike Canady—Backs.

Left to right: Dorothy Allen, Bobbie Woodall, Etta Ruth Adams, Judy Adams, Faye Parker, Camille Levinson, Patsy Tart, Diane Sorrell, Brenda Parker, Judy Young, Carol Levinson, Linda Faye Johnson, Robin Vann, Ethelene Moore, Gail Peacock, Joyce Ivey. Standing in back: Brenda Smith, Manager; Mr. Robert Paroli, Coach.

Girls' Basketball

Kneeling: Mr. Judson Stephens, Coach; Larry Herring, Manager. Standing, left to right: Donald Wheeler, LeRoy Beasley, Carl Hayes, Charles Creech, T. G. Ennis, Joe Harrell, Douglas Allen, Larry Norris, Mickey Matthews, Ben Clifton, Bill Woodall, Tracy Medlin.

Boys' Basketball

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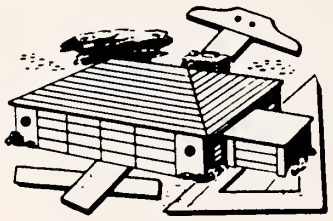

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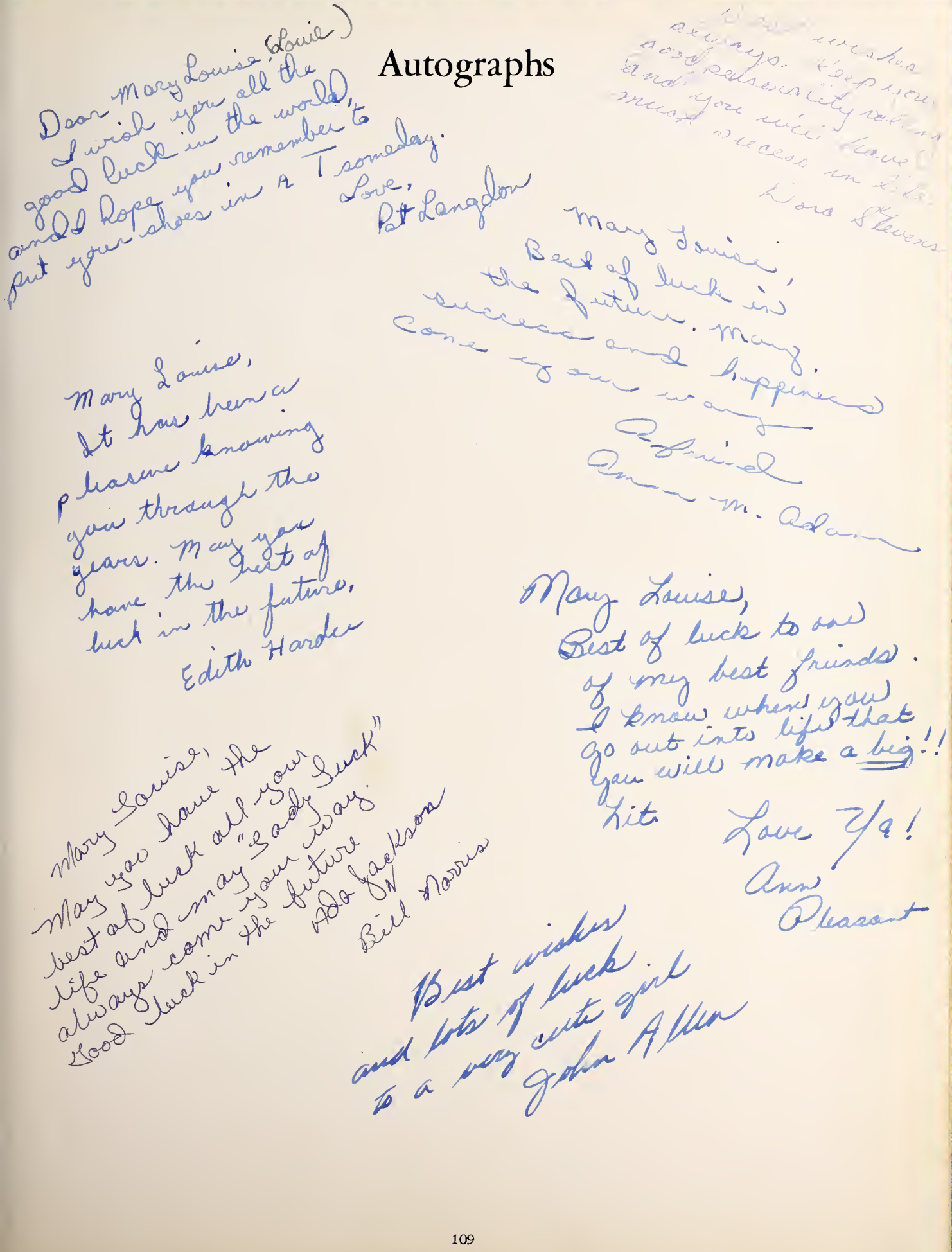

Dear Mary Louise (Louie)
I wish you all the
good luck in the world,
and I hope you remember to
put your shoes in a T someday.
Love,
Pat Langdon

Best wishes
always. Keep your
good personality rolling
and you will have
much success in life.
Dora Stevens

Mary Louise,
Best of luck in
the future. Many
success and happiness
come your way
A friend
Anna M. Adams

Mary Louise,
It has been a
pleasure knowing
you through the
years. May you
have the best of
luck in the future,
Edith Harder

Mary Louise,
Best of luck to one
of my best friends.
I know when you
go out into life that
you will make a big!!
Lit.
Love Ya!
Ann
Pleasant

Mary Louise,
May you have the
best of luck all your
life and may "Lady Luck"
always come your way.
Good luck in the future
Ada Jackson
Bill Norris

Best wishes
and lots of luck
to a very cute girl
John Allen

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You are a very naughty girl,
(and so am I)
but I like you just the same.
Here's wishing the best of luck
to a very sweet girl. Please
always keep that good-natured
character about you. Love and lots
of luck!
Barbara Byrd

Best of luck to a
real friend. May God
be with you all the
rest of your life.
A friend always
Gail Godwin.

Best Wishes
to a sweet girl
Love
Landra

Mary Louise
It has been
a pleasure knowing
you and being in
school with you. You
are a very likable and
person. Lots of luck and
best wishes to you.
Jean Stephenson
(Langdon)

Mary Louise,
You are a very nice and sweet
girl. I have really enjoyed 3 period
with you this year. Here's wishing
you the best of everything in life.
May you have the best of Luck +
Remember the good times we have
had at "Ole Binson High."
"Loads of Luck,"
Belvis McLemb. (99)

Mary Louise,
It has been real
nice knowing you. May
you have all the luck
in the world.
Always,
Gail
Peacock

Best of luck in the
future. You are a sweet
girl. I have enjoyed being
in Biology with you this
year.
a friend,
Vernie Maysee

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To a very sweet girl. May God be with you always. A friend Marcia Sinton

"Lots o' luck"
Douglas Strickland

Best wishes always
Charles M. Davis

Best Wishes to a very sweet and cute girl. Good Luck
Love ya!
Judy Morgan

Mary Louise
Best Wishes always
Brenda Byrd

Best of luck always - Madge
God richly bless you in the future.
Love ya
Martha

Mary Louise, may success be yours. You are one of the sweetest girls I know.
Suzanne

Mary We-We
It has been quiet comforting to know you have not been in all my classes. But as one must say it has been (sorry) nice. See you next year
a friend always
Patsy Neighbors

Best wishes to you in the future.
Anthony

Best wishes and good luck always.
Don Parker

Best Wishes and lots of luck to a real cute and sweet girl - always stay as you are now, and I'm sure you'll go places. It's been loads of fun being in your classes this year, I can hardly wait 'til next year.
Love ya,
Diane

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mary Louise,
I'll never forget all the good times we've had together and your "dear jokes". may the future hold only the best for such a deserving person.
Love, Linda

Mary Louise,
keep that joking way and good sense of humor and you will lead a happy and prosperous life.
Hard head Woodall

Best of luck & friend,
Phyllis Allen

Mary Louise,
You are a very sweet and cute girl. I hope you will always have the best of luck and we will be the best of friends.
Love always,
Faye Parker

mary Louise,
I'll always remember our good old high school days. always be as sweet as you are now and you will be a success. Lots of luck in the future!
Love ya,
Patsy

Good luck to a nice & sweet girl. May God bless you always.
a friend,
Joyce Barbour

Well Mary Louise, it looks as if I won't be here after this year, but I hope that you always have the best of luck, and I also hope you have as much fun your Senior year and have had. May God bless you!
Love ya,
Catherine H.

Best Wishes and all the luck in the World. To a very sweet girl.
Earl Wayne

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Mary Louise,

Next to me I guess you're about the craziest and nuttiest girl I know. You have a wonderful personality and a very good sense of humor. - Keep them both. Best wishes and lots of luck for the future. You deserve the best always and I'm sure the "Good Lord" will provide for you.

a friend always,
Joyce Long

Mary Louise,

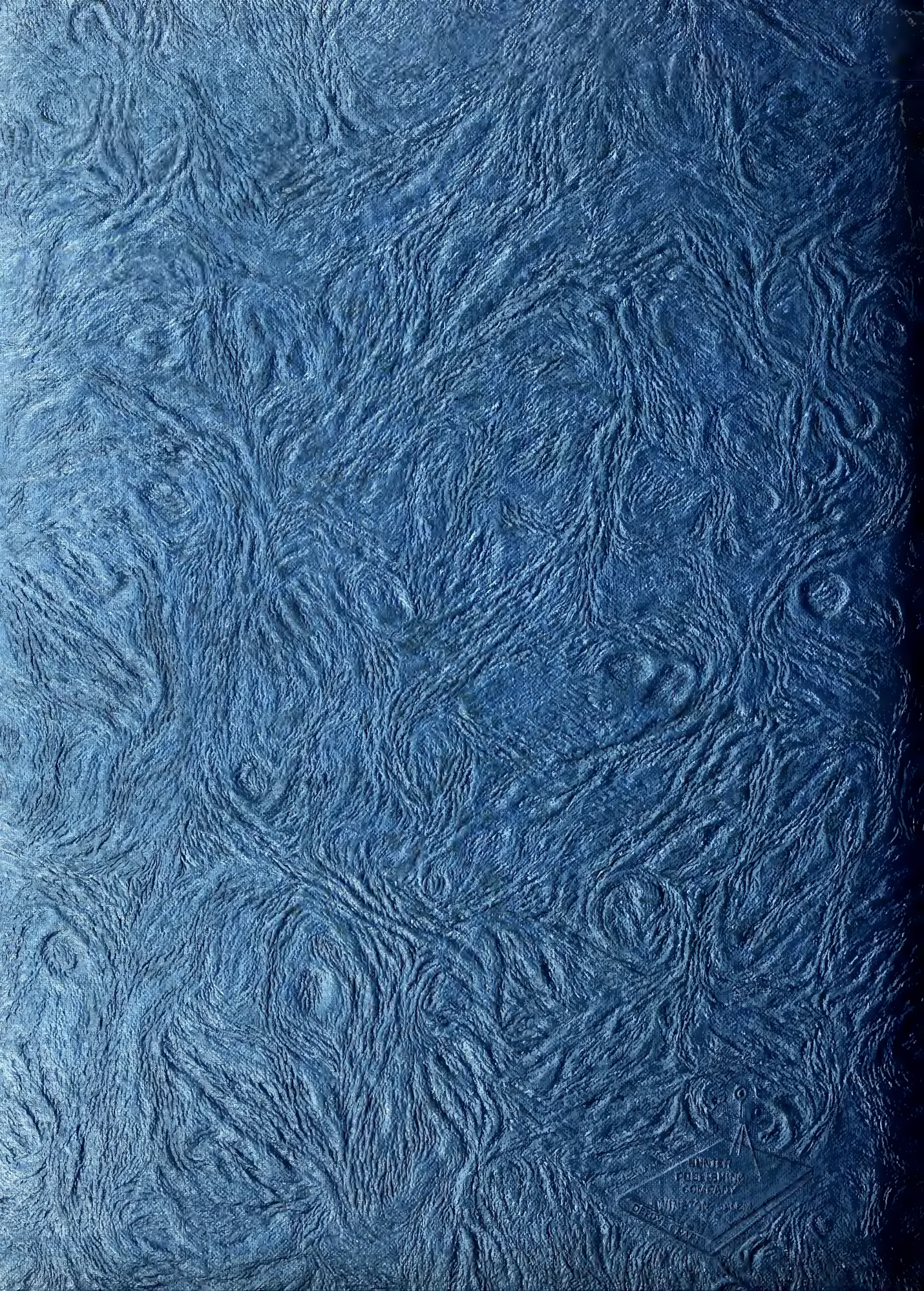
I couldn't say anything that hasn't already been said, but I am sincere in what I'm saying. (Figure that one out). Well anyway, ~~Best~~ best wishes and all that stuff. Stay just the way you are and maybe you'll get somewhere. You're a very sweet girl and I hope you get anything you desire because you're really deserving.

Sincerely
~~Fat~~ Frankie
Blackmon

Best of Wishes to Mary Louise
Douglas Cuttle

Best wishes to
a very sweet girl.
Always remain as
you are.
Carol Penny

Mary Louise,

I have enjoy being in school with you very much. I have had a good time with you in Biology. I hope you have a nice future. May you get the best out of life.

a friend to remember
Carolyn Hall