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*Dedicated to*



*Ensign J. A. Ross*

To Mr. J. A. Ross whose endless devotion and ready smile endeared him to us as a compliant administrator and true friend, we dedicate this annual of 1943.

# The Faculty



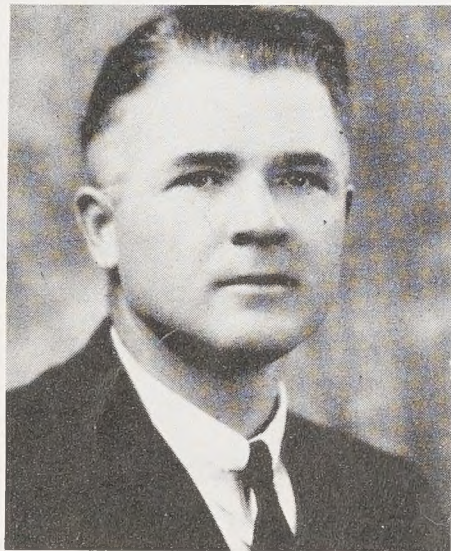
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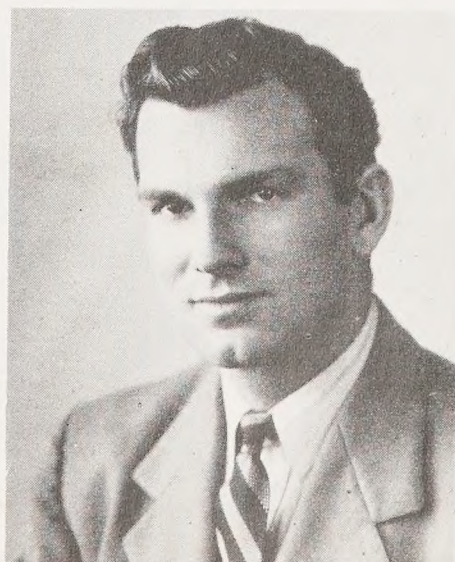
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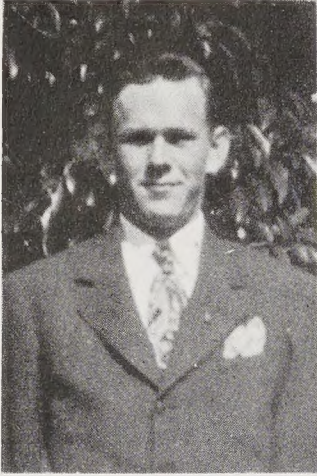
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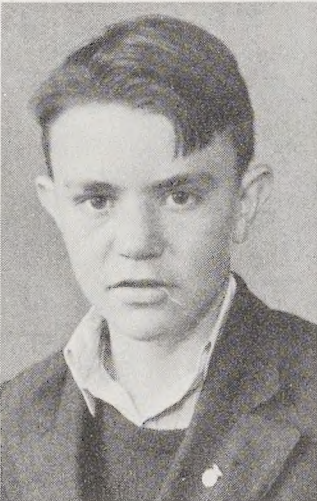
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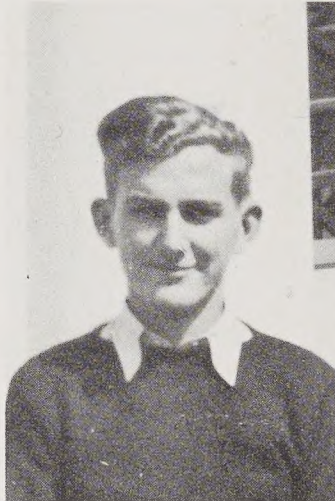
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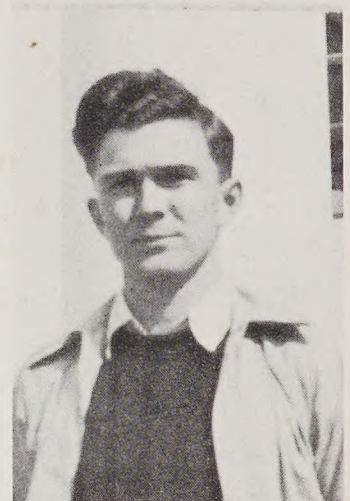
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Asst. Circulation Mgr.



Ruth Krank  
Junior Rep.



Pattie Robertson  
Asst. Business Mgr.

# Seniors

Mildred Aydlett

"Silence is more eloquent than words."

Ernest Brickhouse

"Has an even temper and liked by everyone."

Ray Brown

"I don't want to set the world on fire, but I sure do like to spark."

Zorada Curles

"Very friendly, of cheery disposition, and always willing to do her part."

Jean Doxey

"Slim and neat, unusually sweet."  
Secretary

Margaret Foster

"For Nature made her, thus and never made another."

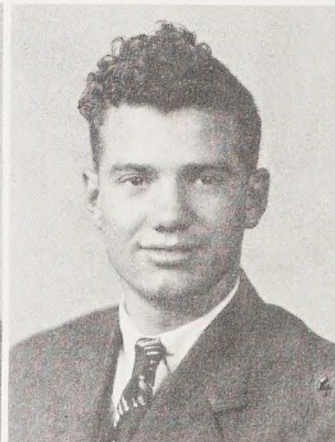
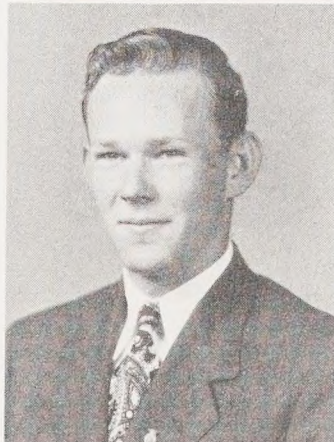
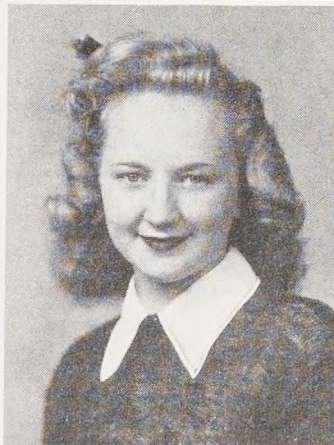
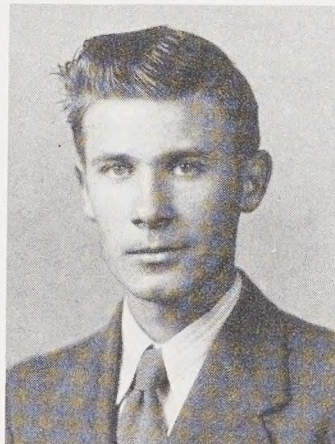
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"He's our A-1 student who finds time to enjoy life as a side line."

Reporter

Eddie Gilden

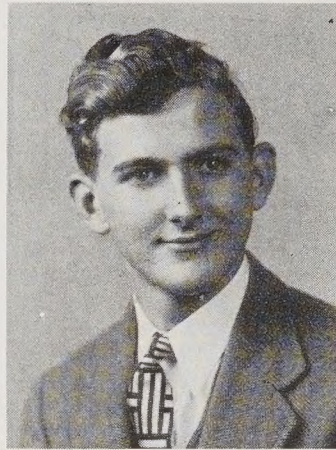
"Trouble runs off him like water from a duck's back."  
Treasurer



# Seniors

Curtis Gray

"Always courteous and dependable with a yen for the lighter side."

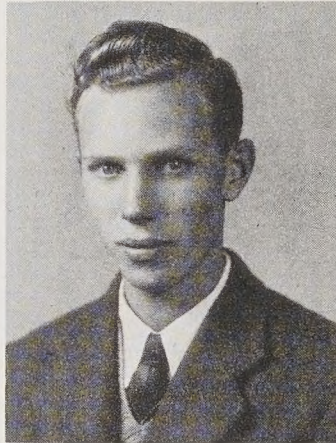


Madge Hayman

"I would rather be a woman adorned with good disposition than much gold."

George Helms

"Better late than never."



Julia Hubbard

"Takes her lessons in her stride, has a sailor on the side."

Mildred Lewark

"What suits you suits me."

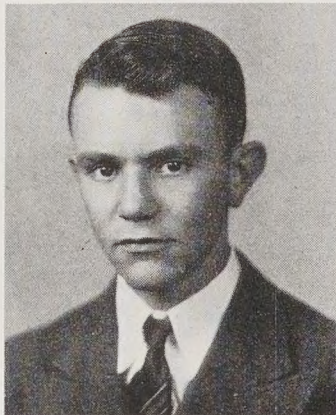


Rose McCloud

"She smiles at many and loves but one."

George O'Neal

"Wise, when not otherwise."  
(Mostly otherwise)



Carlton Overton

"When I am grown to man's estate, I shall be very proud and great."



# Seniors

Tillie Owens

"Prim, always thinking of him."

William Owens

"He's quiet and he's shy, but there's mischief in his eye."



Pattie Robertson

"Blue eyes have been the downfall of more than one man."

Hazel Saunders

"Lucky in love."  
Vice-President

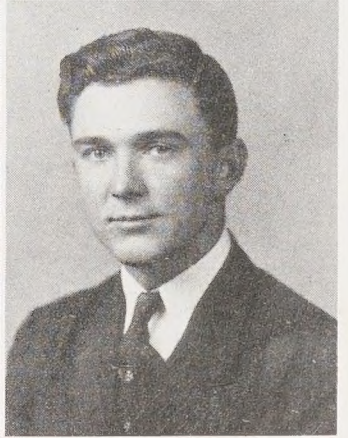
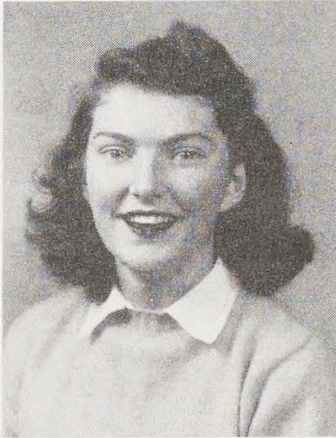


Norma Sawyer

"Born talking and never lost her birthright."  
President

Claude Sawyer

"A talker, not a thinker."

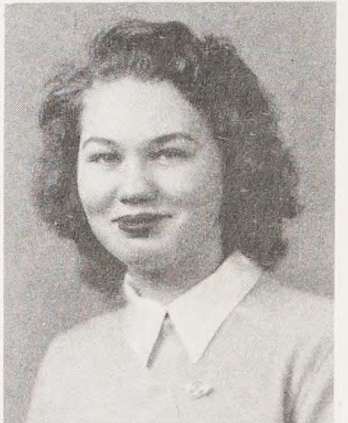


Alice Sumrell

"To argue is the delight of my life."

Margaret Waterfield

"Her cheerfulness is an excellent wearing quality."



# Senior Class History

Under the direction of Miss Goldie Harrell, our home room teacher, we enrolled forty-two in number as Freshmen in 1939. We began that year as green little poplars. We won the popularity contest and crowned Pattie Robertson as our queen. Our class officers were George Helms, president; Hazel Saunders, vice-president; George O'Neal, secretary; and Eddie Gilden, treasurer.

Our branches began to grow as we passed into our Sophomore year with thirty-three in number. This year we won the prize for stunt night. Miss Mabel Worley was our home room teacher. Our gradeparents gave us a party at Coinjock, which was enjoyed by all. Our class officers were George O'Neal, president; Izola Knight, vice-president; Rose McCloud, secretary; and Claude Sawyer, treasurer.

As we grew onward we reached the jolly Junior period. We were undoubtedly one of the jolliest groups ever known. Miss Rowena Hicks, loved by all, guided us as our home room teacher. During this year we successfully gave a play "The Galloping Princess." We also entertained the Seniors at the usual Junior and Senior Prom. Our number had fallen to twenty-seven. Our class officers for this year were Norma Sawyer, president; Jean Doxey, vice-president; Rose McCloud, secretary; and Eddie Gilden, treasurer.

Now we have reached our goal from green sprouts. We have come to the turning point in our lives. Despite the war situation we have had many things for our pleasure and good. For these we are very thankful. Miss Edna Mitchell, our home room teacher, has been very nice to us. Our class has fallen to twenty-four. This year, as well as our Freshman year, we won the popularity contest and once again Pattie Robertson was crowned queen. Our class officers were Norma Sawyer, president; Hazel Saunders, vice-president; Jean Doxey, secretary; Eddie Gilden, treasurer; and E.C. Gibbs, reporter. Our gradeparents for this year were Mrs. Katie Overton, Mrs. E.C. Gibbs, and Mrs. Dewey O'Neal. They have been very generous and kind to us.

The wind blows our leaves from the long loved Poplar Branch as we scatter to all parts of the world. We bid adieu to all.

# Grade Mothers



Mrs. E.C. Gibbs



Mrs. G.D. O'Neal



Mrs. J.H. Overton

# Mascots



Myrtle Kay Gilden



Wilbert Whitson

# Juniors



President - Charlie Jones  
Vice-President - Ruth Krank  
Secretary - Mildred Griggs  
Treasurer - Jacquelyn Forbes

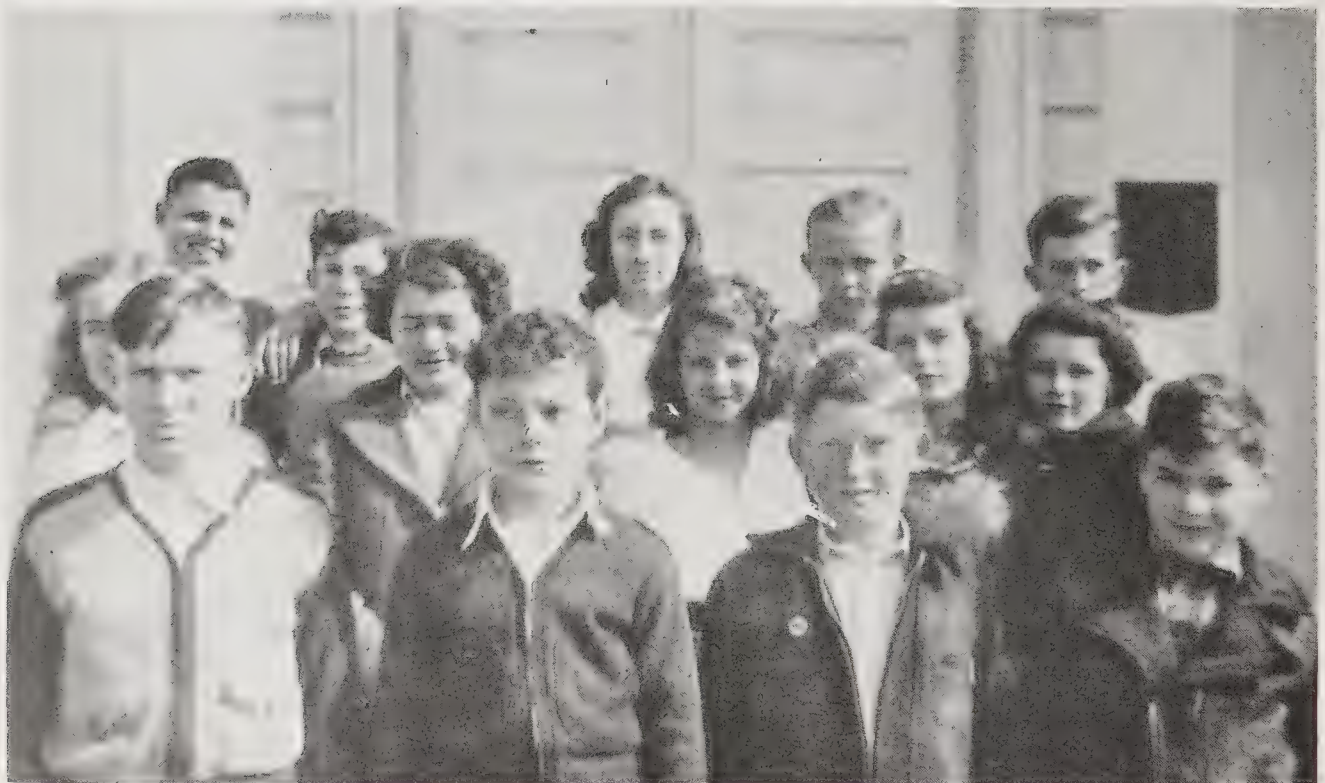
First Row: Jack Gray, Russell Sawyer, Henry Dowski  
Second Row: Jacquelyn Forbes, Mildred Griggs, Edna Hampton, Alma Hayman, Ruth Bright  
Third Row: Mary Newbern, Gloria Walker, Maxine Newbern, Mollie Mae Forbes, Naomi Springle, Annie Montequé, Raymond Caroon  
Fourth Row: Helen Wright, Ruth Krank, Claude O'neal, Charlie Jones, Billie Jackson  
Fifth Row: Ernest Snow, Jack Helms

# Sophomores



President - Affie Twiford  
Vice-President - Jeanette Crain  
Secretary - Loreen Dunton  
Treasurer - Geraldine Palmer

# Freshmen



President - Mildred Twiford  
Vice-President - Aubrey Aydlett  
Secretary - Mary Leary  
Treasurer - Edna Earle Beasley

# *F. F. A.*



*Director - M. J. Chappell*

## *Vocational Building*



# *Home Economics Club*



Director- Mabel Worley Wright

# *Dramatics Club*



Director- J. S. Moore



# *Band*



*Director- Minnie Nash*

# **Griggs Herald**



# *Basketball Boys*



Director - T. M. Dennis  
Captain - Eddie Gilden

# *Senior Play Cast*



Director - Edna Mitchell

# Superlatives



Miss Griggs High - Pattie Robertson

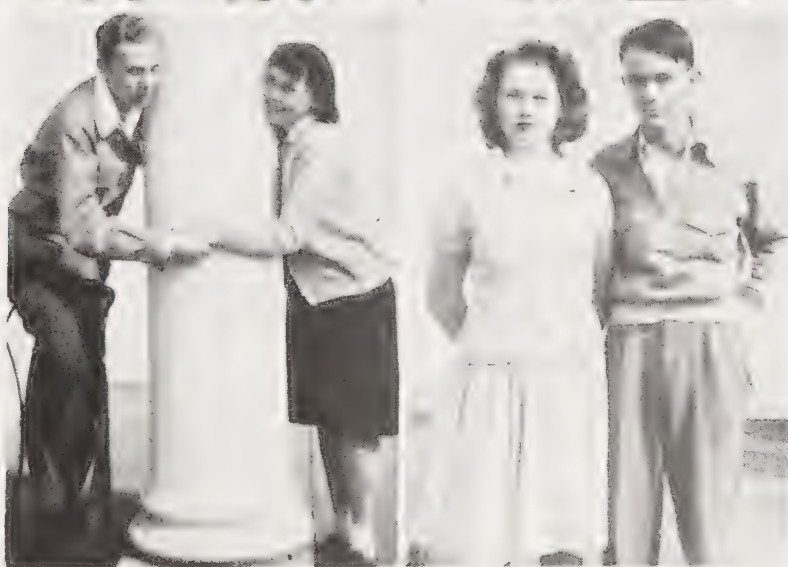


Best  
Looking

Julia  
Hubbard  
Claude  
Sawyer

Best  
all around

Norma  
Sawyer  
Eddie  
Gilden



Biggest  
Flirts

Alice  
Sumrell  
George  
Helms

Most Likely  
to Succeed

Margaret  
Waterfields  
George  
O'neal

# Superlatives

Most  
Intellectual

Norma  
Sawyer  
George  
O'Neal



Given  
Most Service

Pattie  
Robertson  
E.C.  
Gibbs



Biggest  
Pests

Alice  
Sumrell  
Eddie  
Gilden



Biggest  
Babies

Margaret  
Foster  
Carlton  
Overton



Most  
Bashful

Tillie  
Owens  
William  
Owens



Cutest

Jean  
Doxey  
Ray  
Brown



# Superlatives

Most Popular

Pattie Robertson  
Eddie Gilden



Wittiest

Madge Hayman  
William Owens



Most Dignified

Mildred Aydlett  
Ernest Brickhouse



Best Dressed

Jean Doxey  
Curtis Gray



Most Talented

Zorada Curles  
E.C. Gibbs

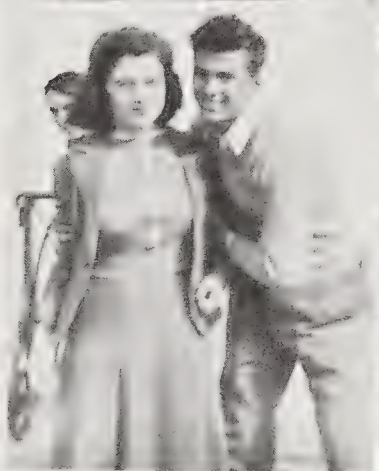
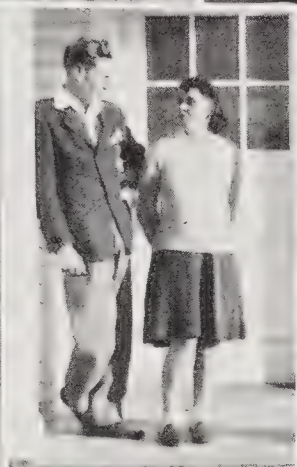


Most Athletic

Mildred Lewark  
Eddie Gilden



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