

WHISPERING POPLARS






1949  
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 96-97-98-99  
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 2/28/32  
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 Cason 1929-1979 50 yrs.  
 Thomas 1980-? till

Ean Cason  
 Cape Henry 19  
 - new London 1954  
 Berkley 55  
 N.C. graduated  
 in service

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# WHISPERING POPLARS STAFF

*Driscoll  
May 26, 1949*



THE SENIOR CLASS submit to you The Whispering Poplars of 1949, so that in years to come we may pause to look backward—To reminisce as we grow older.

It has been with an enduring struggle and lasting courage that the staff has worked to give this book to you.

But we shall not find our work in vain—if this book will always serve as a reminder of the many happy hours spent at our dear Ole Alma Mater.

DR. W. T. GRIGGS HIGH SCHOOL  
Poplar Branch, North Carolina



## DEDICATION

Because his first thought has always been of others be it the lowliest student or the highest;

Because where duty stops, he has carved a place in the hearts of the students which time can not erase;

And because above all it has been through his understanding, good judgment, and fairness to all,

That the students have learned to know, love, and respect him. For that we the Seniors of 1949 are proud to dedicate this year book to Mr. Gilbert Britt, our principal.

# FACULTY



*Mr. Britt OK.*

MR. GILBERT BRITT  
Principal  
History and Math



*OK  
good*

MISS ALYCE SUMRELL  
English and French

*Nice*



MR. WILLIS DEAL  
Commerce



MR. MURRAY CHAPPELL  
Agriculture



MR. GEORGE GILMORE  
Science



# FACULTY



Mr. Charles Runk  
Eighth Grade

Mrs. Gladys Simpson  
Fourth Grade



Mrs. Norman Newborn  
Seventh Grade

Miss Katherine White  
Third Grade



Mrs. Elizabeth Dunton  
Sixth Grade

Mrs. Sarah Gilden  
Second Grade



Mrs. Carrie Walker  
Fifth Grade

Mrs. Gladys Fisher  
First Grade





# SENIORS



HARRY AUSTIN  
Glee Club, 2, 3, 4,  
Baseball 3, 4, Basket-  
ball 4, Athletic Assoc.  
4, F. F. A. 1.



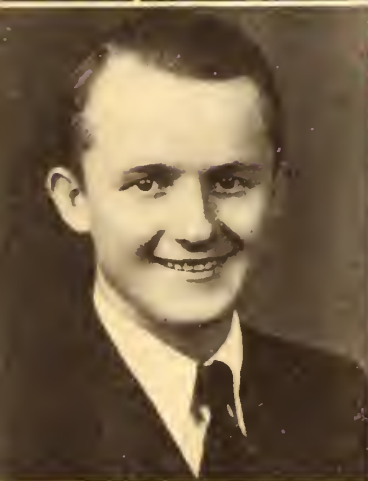
EDNA ANDERSON  
Glee Club 2, 3, Ath-  
letic Assoc. 2, Class  
President 1, 4-H Club  
1.



OSWALD AYDLETT  
Glee Club 2, 3, 4,  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Bas-  
ketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Most  
Outstanding Student  
3, President of Senior  
Class, Annual Staff,  
Athletic Assoc. 3, 4.



GRACE AUSTIN  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4,  
Play 3, Treasurer of  
Glee Club 4, Glee  
Club 3, 4, Athletic As-  
soc. 3, 4, Annual Staff.



*Died 2/14/48  
67 yrs - old*

CLARENCE BEASLEY  
F. F. A. 1, 4, Glee  
Club 2, 3.



FAYE BARCO  
Senior Play, Annual  
Staff, Typing Medal 3.

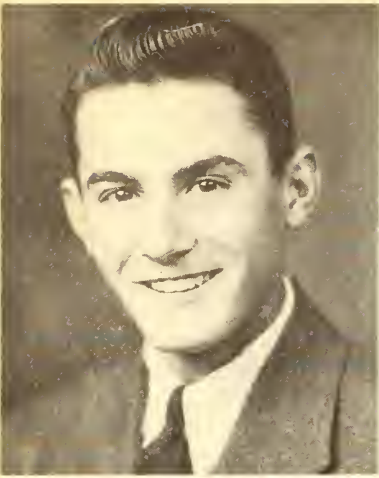


EARSON CHAPPELL  
Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4,  
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4, Glee  
Club 2, 3, 4, Athletic  
Assoc. 1, 3, 4, F. F. A.  
1, Play 3, 4, 4-H Club  
1, Annual Staff Treas-  
urer of Senior Class,  
Popularity King 4.

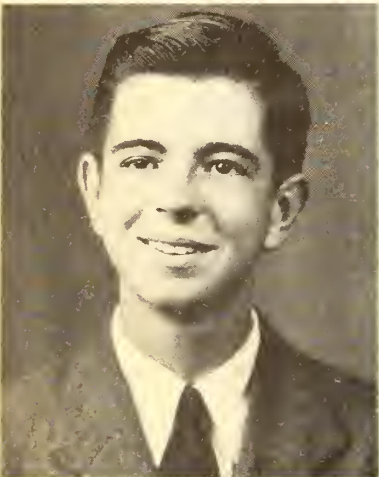


MABEL DOXEY  
Plays 3, 4, Glee Club  
1, 2, 3, 4, Cheerleader  
2, 3, 4, Athletic As-  
soc. 3, 4, Annual Staff,  
Band 3, Musical 2, 3,  
4, 4-H Club 1.

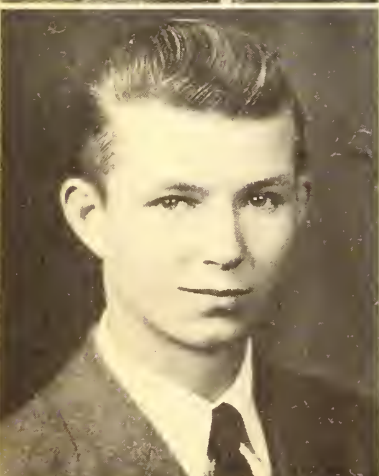
# SENIORS



JIM DUNTON  
F. F. A. 1, Glee Club  
2, 3, 4.; Band 1, 2;  
Baseball 2; Annual  
Staff.



BERNARD GALLOP  
Athletic Assoc. 4;  
F. F. A. 1; Treas. of  
Class 1; Baseball 3, 4;  
Glee Club 2; Play 4;  
Griggs Herald 4.



KENNETH GREGORY  
Class Secretary 1, 2,  
3, 4; Secretary of F. F.  
A. 1; Cheerleader 3, 4;  
Glee Club 2; Band 1,  
2; Play 3; Athletic As-  
soc. 3, 4; Annual Staff.



HERBERT HASSELL  
F. F. A. 1.

*John Bowden  
Casella, N.C.  
4-H-Club  
1949*

OLIVE FORBES  
Class Vice-President  
4, Glee Club 2, 3,  
Plays 3, 4, Basketball  
1, 2, 4, Athletic Assoc.  
3, 4, Band 1, 2, 3, 4,  
Business Manager of  
Annual Staff, Populari-  
ty Queen.



*Old  
classmate*

ROSALYN FORBES  
Glee Club 2, 3, 4;  
Class Treas. 3; Athletic  
Assoc. 3, 4; Plays 3, 4;  
Band 1, 2; Cheerleader  
2; Ass't. Editor, Annual  
Staff, Secretary of  
Athletic Assoc. 4;  
Treas. of Glee Club 3.



GAY MORRIS  
Glee Club 2, 3, 4;  
Athletic Assoc. 3, 4;  
Basketball 4; Senior  
Play; 4-H Club 1, 2;  
Music 1.



BETTY NEWBERN  
Glee Club 2, 3, 4;  
Band 1, Play 3; 4-H  
Club 1.





# SENIORS



MELVIN McLEAN  
 Glee Club 2, 3, 4;  
 Basketball 2, 3, 4; Base-  
 ball 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-  
 Pres. 3; Athletic Assoc.  
 3, 4; Class Play 2, 3, 4;  
 Annual Staff; Griggs  
 Herald 4.



MARJORIE SUMRELL  
 Athletic Assoc. 3, 4;  
 Glee Club 2, 3, 4;  
 Plays 3, 4.



EDISON MIDGETT  
 Class Pres. 1, 3;  
 Class Vice-Pres. 2;  
 Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4;  
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;  
 Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Ath-  
 letic Assoc. 3, 4; Class  
 Plays 1, 3, 4; Annual  
 Staff-Editor; Pres. of  
 F. F. A. 1, 2.



JEAN WALKER  
 "Jean's greatest as-  
 set is just being her-  
 self."



RUPERT OWENS  
 Class Reporter 4;  
 Basketball 2, 3, 4;  
 Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4;  
 Glee Club 2; F. F. A.  
 2, 4; Athletic Assoc. 3,  
 4; Band 1, 2, 3; Plays  
 3, 4.



*married*  
 JACKIE WALSTON  
 "A quiet mind is  
 richer than a crown."

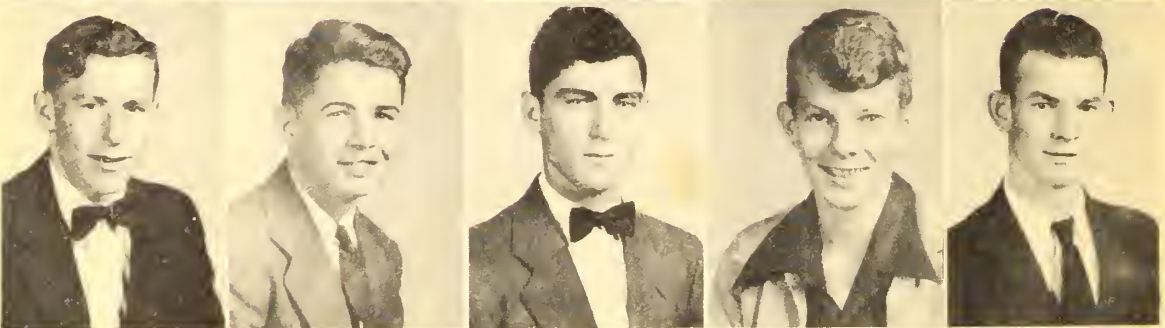
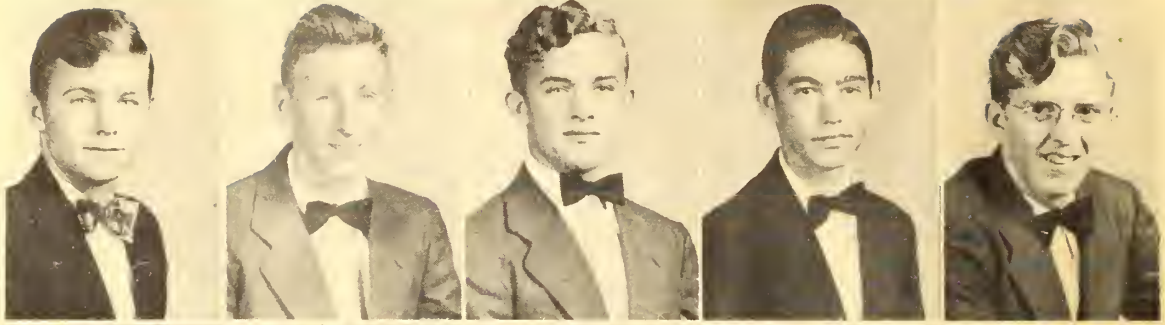


*MASS  
 Scout*  
 Master  
 GEORGE McLEAN  
 Senior Mascot



*12th  
 Scout*  
 Little Miss  
 MOLLY GRIGGS  
 Senior Mascot

# JUNIORS



Alston Caroon  
Ruth Cartwright  
George Etheridge  
Garnet Forbes

Larry Doyle  
Joan Hayman  
Howard Forbes  
Ann Helms

Walter Gallop  
Geraldine Lupton  
Colon Grandy  
Lita Gray Sawyer

Melvin Gray  
Marjorie Sowers  
Billy Griggs  
Marion Toler

Colon Griggs  
George Hall  
John Snow  
Dailey Williams





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FRESHMEN





Director . . . . . Miss Alyce Sumrell

## JUST DUCKY

Mr. Maxwell . . . . .	Melvin McLean
Mrs. Maxwell . . . . .	Rosalyn Forbes
Betty Lou Maxwell . . . . .	Olive Forbes
Bernadine Smith . . . . .	Faye Barco
Wilbur Maxwell . . . . .	Edison Midgett
Hercules Nelson . . . . .	Bernard Gallop
Connie Maxwell . . . . .	Gay Morris
Miss Blaine . . . . .	Mable Jean Doxey
Craig Moore . . . . .	Earson Chappell
Mr. Moore . . . . .	Oswald Aydlett
Mr. Marshall . . . . .	Rupert Owens
Aunt Mary . . . . .	Marjorie Sumrell (not shown)





CHEER LEADERS

BEFORE THE GAME



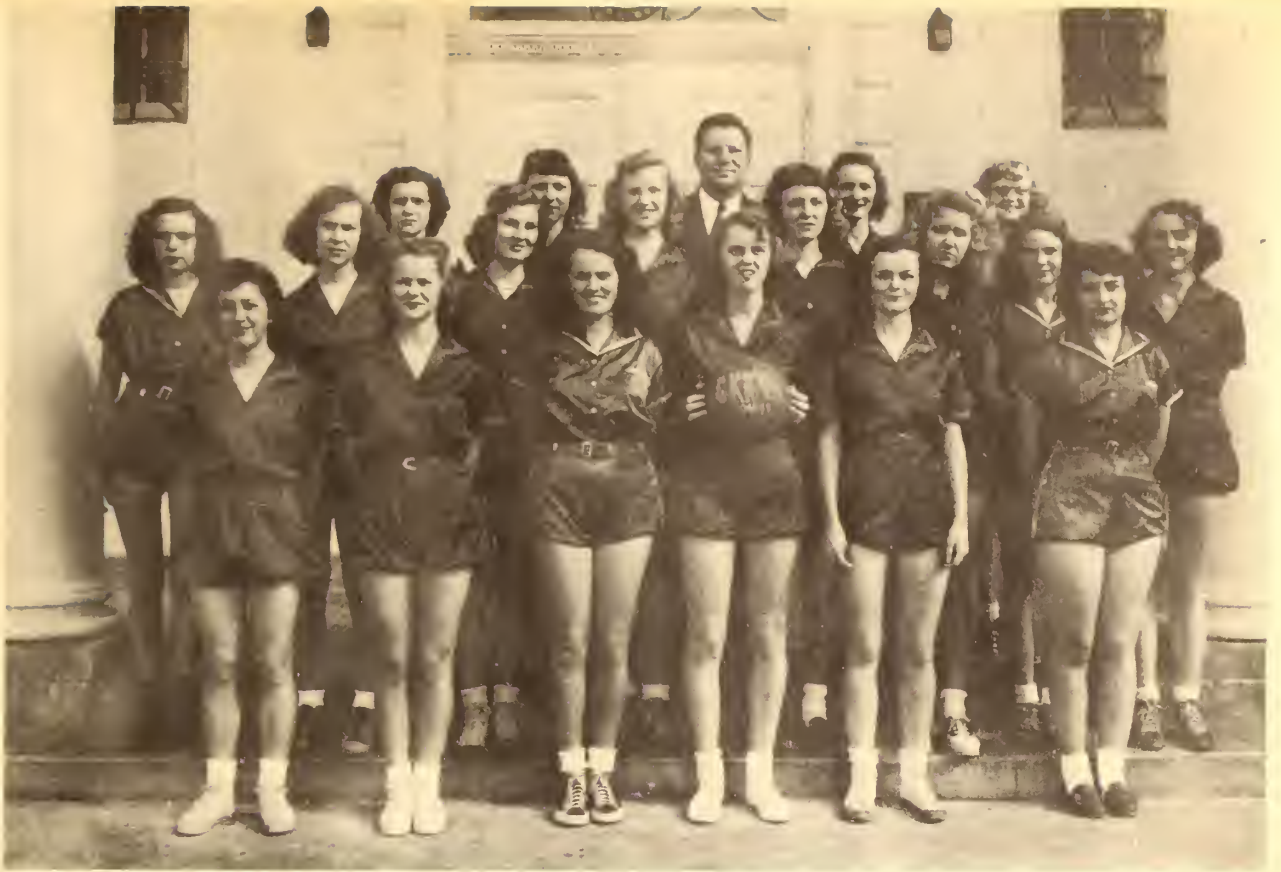


BASEBALL

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION







# BASKETBALL





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Lady that has given her life for  
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That they may receive some of the  
Finer things of life.

It is with this expression that we  
Name you, Miss Mary Kinsey, the First  
Lady of our 1949 Whispering Poplars  
Year Book.





# GLEE CLUB







BAND

F. F. A.







ATTENDANT



KING AND QUEEN OF GHS  
Olive Forbes  
Earson Chappell



ATTENDANT



PRETTIEST  
Marjorie Sumrell

MOST HANDSOME  
Earson Chappell



BIGGEST FLIRTS  
Gay Morris  
Earson Chappell



CUTEST  
Olive Forbes  
Bernard Gallop



LOUDEST  
Mable Jean Doxey  
Earson Chappell



QUIETEST  
Edna Anderson  
Harry Austin



CLASS PETS  
Rosalyn Forbes  
Edison Midgett



BIGGEST PESTS  
Faye Barco  
Jim Dunton



FRIENDLIEST  
Betty Jean Newbern  
Kenneth Gregory



WITTIEST  
Olive Forbes  
Rupert Owens



MOST ATTRACTIVE  
Gay Morris  
Melvin McLean



MOST POLITE  
Edna Anderson  
Oswald Aydlett





MOST CONCEITED  
Edna Anderson  
Edison Midgett

MOST POPULAR  
Jackie Walston  
Earson Chappell



NEATEST  
Edna Anderson  
Bernard Gallop

MOST BASHFUL  
Jean Walker  
Herbert Hassell



MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED  
Rosalyn Forbes  
Melvin McLean

MOST DEPENDABLE  
Faye Barco  
Oswald Aydlett



BEST-ALL-ROUND  
Mable Jean Doxey  
Oswald Aydlett

*Good night -*  
MOST ATHLETIC  
Grace Austin  
Oswald Aydlett





MOST STUDIOUS  
 Jean Walker  
 Clarence Beasley



MOST DIGNIFIED  
 Grace Austin  
 Melvin McLean

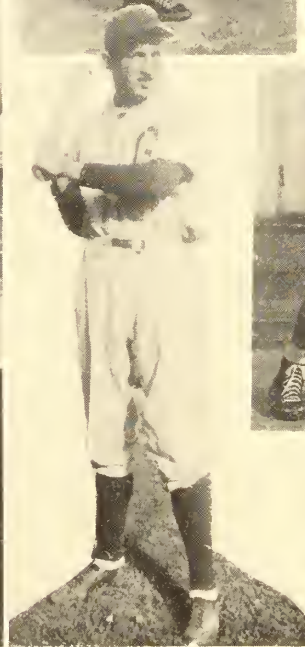
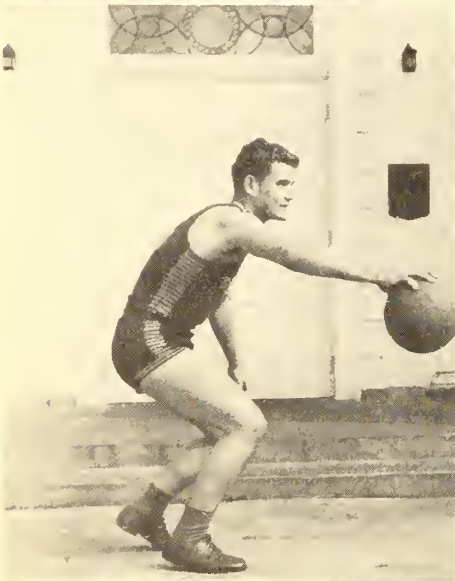
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Gilbert Britt

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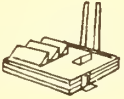

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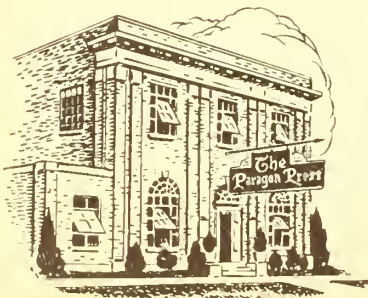
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