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Middleburg, North Carolina



## *Dedication*



**MR. FRED LEE HALE**

To Mr. Fred L. Hale, who has been so thoughtful and understanding with all of us, we of the annual staff sincerely dedicate this edition of the "Wildcat." He has not only done his duty to all of us, but has gone out of his way often to help and guide us. We have all found him to be not only a capable counselor but a true and wonderful friend.



# Faculty

Miss Mary McGill  
First Grade

Miss Orpie Rogers  
Second Grade

Miss Corinne Alexander  
Third Grade

Miss Anna Clark  
Fourth Grade

Mrs. Gertrude Ellington  
Fifth Grade

Miss Nannie Burt  
Sixth Grade

Miss Mary Young  
Seventh Grade

Mr. Paul Pryor  
Eighth Grade-U. S. History

Mr. Fred L. Hale  
Social Studies-Typing

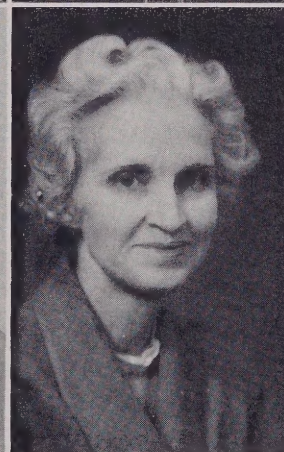
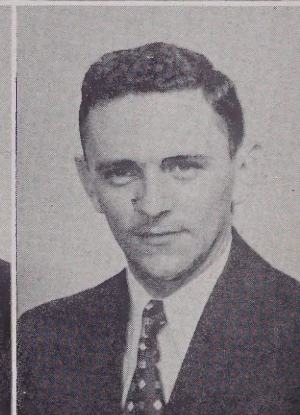
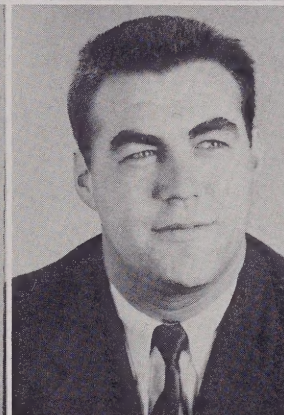
Miss Ailine Mewborn  
Home Ec.-Biology

Mrs. Douglas McColl  
English-French

Mr. George B. Blum  
Agriculture

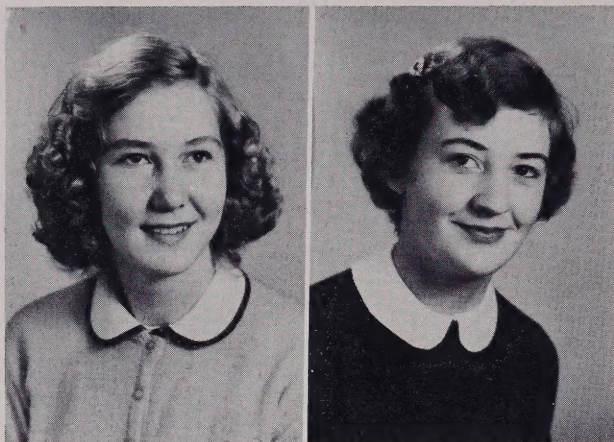
Mrs. Carl M. Watkins  
Music

Mr. E. O. Young, Jr.  
Principal





# Seniors



GRACE BURDICK

4-H 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,4; Waitress Jr.-Sr. Banquet; Senior Play 4.

BETTY LEE HARTON

4-H Club 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; FHA Historian of Vance-Warren Chapter 4; Monogram Club 4; Softball 1,2; Class President 4; Beta Club 2,3,4; Beta Club Vice-President 4; Commencement Marshall 3; Jr. Sr. Banquet Waitress 2; Sr. Play 4; Sr. Play Marshall 4; Cheerleader 3,4; Chief 4.

BRUCE JORDAN

Basketball 2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4; FFA 1,2,3,4.

LUCILLE MILLER

Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4; Glee Club 1,2,3; 4-H Club 1,2; FHA 1,2; Softball 1; Basketball 3; Jr.-Sr. Banquet Waitress 2; Beta 2,3,4; Student Librarian 4; Commencement Marshall 3; Senior Play Marshall 4; Cheerleader 4.



EUGENE MUSTAIN

FFA 1,2,3,4; Senior Play 4.

MARY ANN PERDUE

Softball 1,2; 4-H Club 1,2,3; FHA 1,2,3,4; Vice President 3; Class Vice President 4; Jr.-Sr. Banquet Waitress 2; Basketball Manager 4; Senior Play, Senior Play Marshall 4.

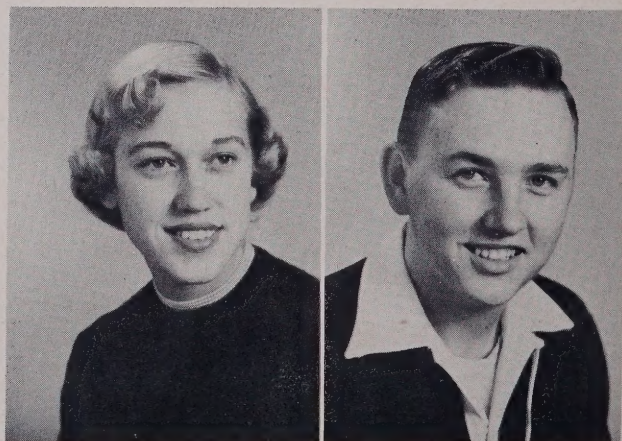


TINY POYTHRESS

Softball 1,2; FHA 1,2,3,4; 4-H 1,2,3; Songleader 3; Cheerleader 1; Senior Play 4; Annual Staff 4.

JACK ROYSTER

Annual Staff 4; Monogram Club 1,2,3,4; FFA 1,2,3,4; President 4; Senior Play 4; 4-H Club 1,2; Boy Scouts 1,2, Baseball 1,2,3; Basketball 2,3,4.





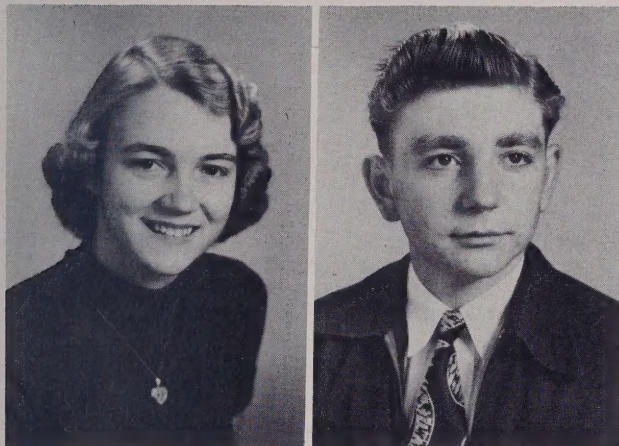
## Seniors

### GENE SHORT

Monogram Club 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1,2,3,4; Basketball 3,4; FFA 1,2,4; President Class 3; President Monogram Club 4; Boy Scouts 1,2; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play 4.

### NANCY SPAIN

Beta Club 2,3,4; Secretary 3; President 4; 4-H Club 1,2,3; Glee Club 1,2,3; FHA 2,3,4; Vance-Warren President 4; Senior Play 4; Senior Play Marshall 4; Student Librarian 2,3; Assistant Librarian 3; Class President 2; Jr.-Sr. Banquet Chairman 3; Jr.-Sr. Banquet Waitress 2; Commencement Marshall 1,2,3; Chief 3.



### MINNIE STEGALL FREEMAN

Senior Play 4; 4-H Club 1,2,3; Glee Club 2,3; FHA 2; Class Treasurer 2,3,4; Jr.-Sr. Banquet Waitress 2.

### FLEMING WEBSTER

FFA 1,2,3,4; Baseball 1; 4-H Club 1,2,3,4; Senior Play 4.

### SHIRLEY RAY WHITE

Beta Club 2,3,4; Secretary 4; FHA 2,3,4; Historian 3; Reporter 4; Annual Staff 4; Senior Play 4; Class Secretary 3,4; 4-H Club 1,2,3; Student Librarian 3; Jr.-Sr. Banquet Waitress 2; Commencement Marshall 1,2,3.



## Mascots

ANN STEGALL  
ROLAND MYRICK



PETTICOAT HANDICAP

And  
were presented by  
The Senior Class

KIDNAPPING BETTY



Petticoat Handicap

Cast of Characters

Kidnapping Betty

Bill Grayson ----- Eugene Mustain  
Janice Lee ----- Minnie Freeman  
Penelope Pettingill ----- Shirley White  
Mrs. Cordelia Perkins --- Tiny Poythress  
Myrtle Burphoffer----- Grace Burdick  
Mr. Kramer ----- Fleming Wester

Sally Perkins ----- Lucille Miller  
Dan Fielding ----- Jack Royster  
Betty Meadows ----- Betty Harton  
Nat Meadows ----- Bruce Jordan  
Molly Fielding ----- Nancy Spain  
Bud Simpson ----- Gene Short  
Joanna Fielding ----- Mary Perdue





## *Class History*

With our days at Middleburg High School coming to an end, we, the class of '54, wish to look back over our happy school, faculty, and many friends.

We entered the first grade to learn 'reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic in September, 1942, Miss Frances P. Harris was our teacher.

Miss Mary Martin was our second grade teacher, with Mrs. Holloway replacing her and later Mrs. Blum replacing Mrs. Holloway.

Miss Thelma Duncan taught us in the third grade.

We entered the fourth grade with Miss Winnie Burt to teach us how to travel with her geography book.

Miss Peed was our teacher in the fifth grade.

We journeyed on to the sixth grade with Miss Nannie Burt as our teacher.

We're proud to say that we enjoyed the seventh grade, even though it was hard, with Miss Mary Young as our teacher. She took us on two educational trips in that year.

We will long remember the paper we published, "The Liberator," while in the eighth grade. Mr. C. C. White, our teacher, took us on trips to Chapel Hill and Durham, which we enjoyed. The Drewry students joined us this year.

Freshmen! At last! Now, we began taking part in high school activities. It was hard at first to get adjusted to high school regulations but we pulled through. Mrs. Carl Williams was our home room teacher. Mrs. Douglas McColl, Mr. E. O. Young, Jr., Miss Ailene Mewborn, and Mr. George Blum were our other teachers.

The next year we entered the tenth grade with a new name "Sophomores." This year we really enjoyed with Miss Ailene Mewborn as our home room teacher, and with Mr. W. A. Talton, Mr. Blum, and Mrs. McColl teaching us other subjects. This year's highlight was the girls' being the waitresses at the Junior-Senior Banquet.

We shall long remember our Junior year. At last we were upperclassmen and we had a successful year. Our class rings came and were proudly shown off. We had the same teachers this year all but one; Mr. Fred Hale replaced Mr. Talton.

In 1953 when we passed through the doors of our dear High School, we could hardly believe that we were Seniors. We had the same teachers. Under the direction of Mrs. McColl we presented two one-act plays, "Petticoat Handicap" and "Kidnapping Betty," both of which were a big success. This year the Juniors gave us a lovely banquet. We published our annual and took a trip to Washington this year also. After selecting our superlatives and planning our Class Day exercises, we realized that our year was almost over.

May we now give our thanks to dear old M. H. S. for giving us the many privileges of studing and playing on the campus which we no longer will call our home.

CLASS HISTORIAN  
MINNIE FREEMAN

# Class Prophecy

What will become of the senior class of '54? This is the question that seems to face every graduating class. It is a privilege to write the prophecy of such a promising class-- but where should I begin?? If I could take a crystal and look into it or consult a witch doctor, it would be simple. However, in this period of miraculous discoveries and inventions, in which we are graduating something faster is needed to keep up with this class of '54. As I jumped to my feet to the sound that hit my ear, I was amazed to see a super atomic space ship. This was exactly what I needed.

I grabbed my high altitude suit and headed out the door to meet my husband returning from a grocery trip into town on our private spaceship. I just could not wait to check up on my classmates to see what had happened to them. I had always liked excitement and being the housewife of a business man with just one spaceship was not too exciting.

I met him on the roof top landing and climbed in, set the controls for the year 1969 and sat back. Of course, my husband didn't mind--all men in this age are henpecked.

We sailed through space and before we knew it we had landed in a strange, very big, and prosperous town. As I was walking around I saw a very familiar face. It was none other than my dear old pal Mary Anne Perdue. She told me that this was Middleburg and she would show me the town. She had a job which was very promising in more ways than one; she was working as receptionist for a handsome, young doctor. She said it wasn't the job she wanted, it was the doctor.

While we were rolling on land ships (nobody walks anymore) down the street a foreign street ship stopped beside us, it was none other than Minnie Freeman. She had done well since her marriage to Lucius and discovering the uranium pile. We were talking over old times when I heard a very familiar voice calling to us. I couldn't believe my eyes, but sure enough it was Nancy Spain. She couldn't talk very long because she was already late for the contest to pick "Miss Middleburg" and she was number one contestant.

We left here and saw a man dressed in a naval uniform. It was Fleming Wester. He said that he was a commander of the ship "The U. S. Wave-Hopper." We had been there but a minute when we saw someone running toward us. As she came closer I recognized her as Lucille Miller. She was now a Paramount star and had just finished her latest picture "The Redhead from Manson." She said she hadn't been able to stop running since our senior play. She also told us that Shirley White had her pick of good-looking men because she was captain of the U. S. Marine Corps. She said that Grace Burdick had settled down in Middleburg after traveling around the world several times and finding no man to suit her.

We talked for a while until it was time for lunch then we went into one of the restaurants and the first two people we saw were Jack Royster and Bruce Jordan. They were here on vacation. Jack said that he liked Biology so well at Middleburg that he was now teaching it at N. C. State College along with George B. Blum, Jr. Bruce said that he had proved to his former coach, Mr. Pryor that he could make the Tiger Team. He is pitching and striking out not only the Yankees, but every other team. They said that Eugene Mustian was happily married to a girl who was in the Junior Class fifteen years ago and said that Tiny Poythress had finally hooked her Greystone man and they had started a little granite business of their own.

Just as we had finished dinner and prepared to leave we heard a shot and who should appear but F. B. I. agent Gene Short, who is also the king of "Dragnet." Gene is now investigating his second case. He never found the fellow in his first case.

Just as we had made our last stops in the town of Middleburg, I realized it was getting late and time for me to say goodbye to Mary Anne. We said our goodbyes and I stepped into my space ship and zoomed back to the year of 1954.

Betty Lee Harton  
Class Prophet





# *Last Will And Testament*

We, the Class of 1954, being about to pass out of this sphere of education, do make and publish this, our last will and testament hereby revoking and making void all former wills or promises by us at any time heretofore made, or perhaps carelessly spoken, one to the other.

The following may seem but trifling bequests, but we hope they may be accepted not as worthless things thrown away because we can no longer keep them, but as assets to those who may receive them.

Nancy Spain would like to leave a few of her pounds to Nancy Reavis.  
Tiny Poythress leaves her speed in basketball to Shirley Buchan.  
To Peggy Duke, Minnie Stegall Freeman leaves her ability to catch a man.  
Shirley White would like to leave her quiet ways to Buddy Kearson, although he really doesn't need them.  
Gene Short leaves his politeness to Charles Harris and Howard Currin.  
Bruce Jordan wills his ability to type without making errors to Dixie Ollis.  
Fleming Wester leaves his natural curly hair to Ollie Harris. Now he won't have to get a TONI.  
Jack Royster leaves his biological mind to Randolph Dickerson, who never was a whiz in biology.  
Betty Lee Harton leaves to Robert Richardson and Lorene Arrington, who are so serious and solemn on all occasions, her giggles to remember her by.  
Lucille Miller leaves her ability to write poetry to Joan Davis.  
Eugene Mustain leaves to Franklin Edwards and Charles Franklin his acting ability.  
Grace Burdick leaves her bashful ways to Bill Norwood.  
Mary Ann Perdue leaves her ability to make wise cracks to Billy Grissom.

Signed and published by the above named as their Last Will and Testament.  
Witnessed by Mrs. Mary H. McColl.

## SEPARATION

Now is the time that we must part  
And go our separate ways,  
But there will linger in every heart  
Memories of our school days.

We've grown to love this school-house here,  
Our class-mates and our friends,  
We know we'll miss our teachers dear  
As our new life begins.

We hold our future in our palm,  
The cross-roads are in sight,  
If we think clearly and keep calm,  
We'll choose the road that's right.

Some will watch each road sign  
As great opportunities call,  
A few will get lost and stay behind  
To stumble about and fall.

Never again will our class-bell ring,  
For we're a class no longer,  
But whatever the future will bring  
We hope it will make us stronger.

The good times we have had since we've met  
I'll remember forevermore,  
They are dear to me and I won't forget  
My class-mates of '54.

Lucille Miller  
Class Poet





**MINNIE FREEMAN**  
 Prettiest  
 Most Popular  
 Friendliest

**EUGENE MUSTIAN**  
 Most Handsome  
 Most Likely to Succeed  
 Most Agreeable



**GENE SHORT**  
 Cutest  
 Most Popular  
 Wittiest

**SHIRLEY WHITE**  
 Cutest  
 Neatest  
 Most Agreeable

## *Superlatives*



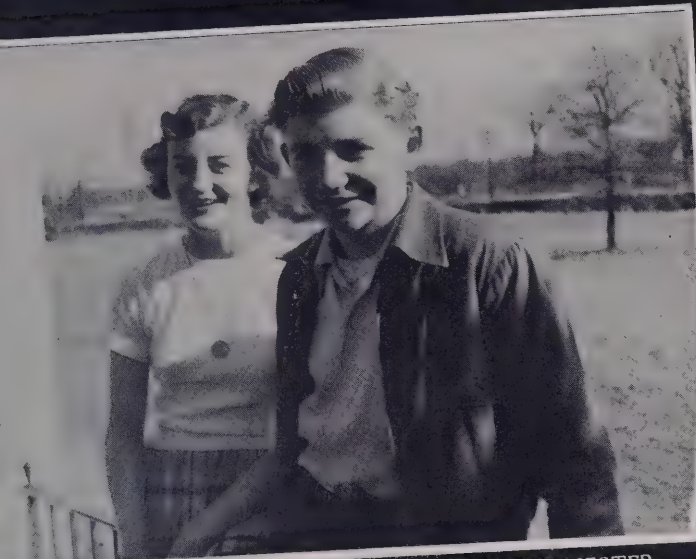
**NANCY SPAIN**  
 Most Studious  
 Best All Around  
 Sweetest



**TINY POYTHRESS**  
 Most Conceited  
 Biggest Flirt  
 Most Dramatic

**JACK ROYSTER**  
 Most Athletic  
 Most Conceited  
 Most Dependable





BETTY HARTON  
Biggest Baby  
Most Polite

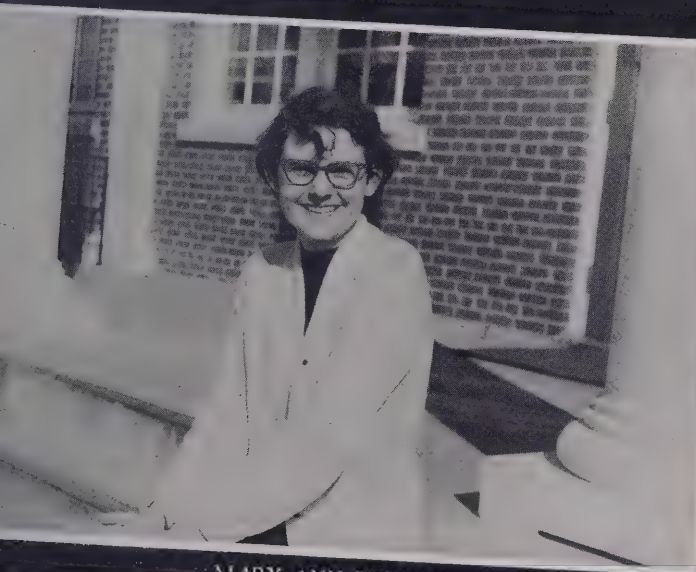
FLEMING WESTER  
Most Original  
Laziest



BRUCE JORDAN  
Friendliest  
Most Dramatic

LUCILLE MILLER  
Most Likely to Succeed  
Most Athletic  
Most Dependable

## Superlatives



MARY ANN PERDUE  
Wittiest  
Most Cheerful



GRACE BURDICK  
Laziest  
Quietest  
Most Bashful





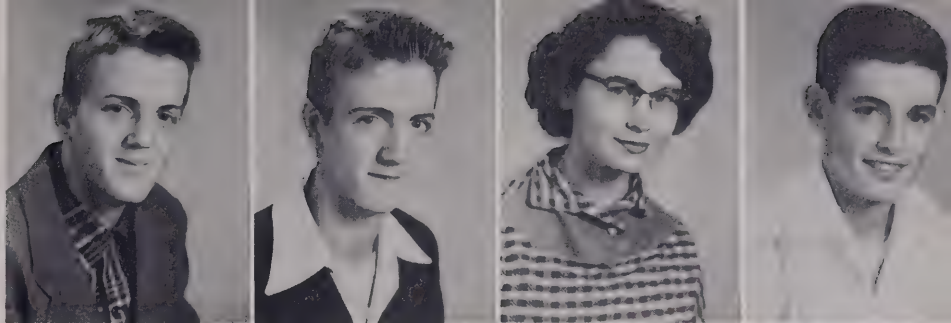
## *Eleventh Grade*

First row: Lorene Arrington, Shirley Buchan, Howard Lee Currin, Joan Davis, Randolph Dickerson. Second row: Peggy Duke, Franklin Edwards, Charles Franklin, Billy Grissom, Charles Harris. Third row: Ollie Harris, Buddy Kearson, Lois Kimball, Bill Norwood, Dixie Ollis. Fourth row: Nancy Reavis, Robert Richardson, Maxine Van Dyke.



# Tenth Grade

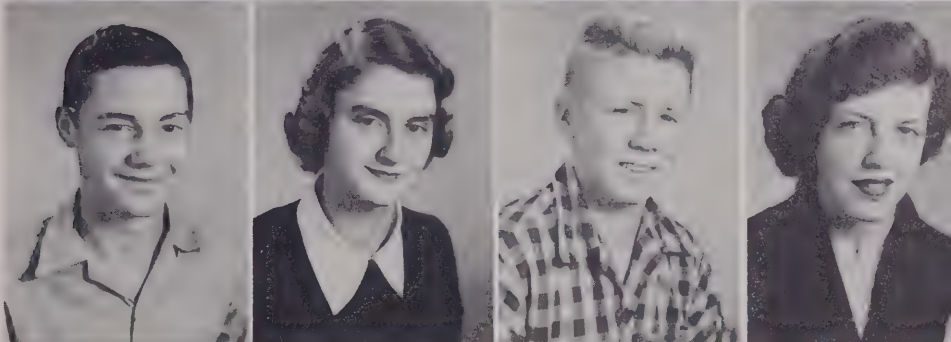
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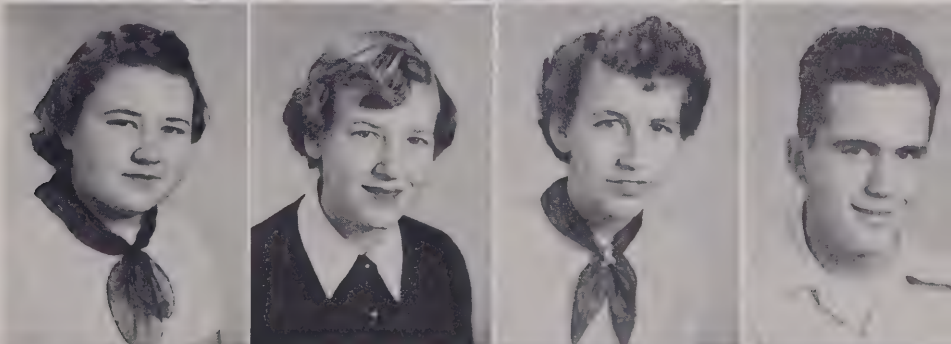
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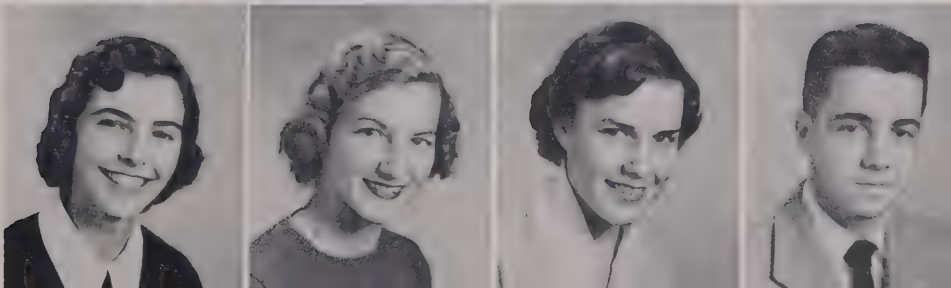
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 William Stevenson



Frances Wade  
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 Buddy Young

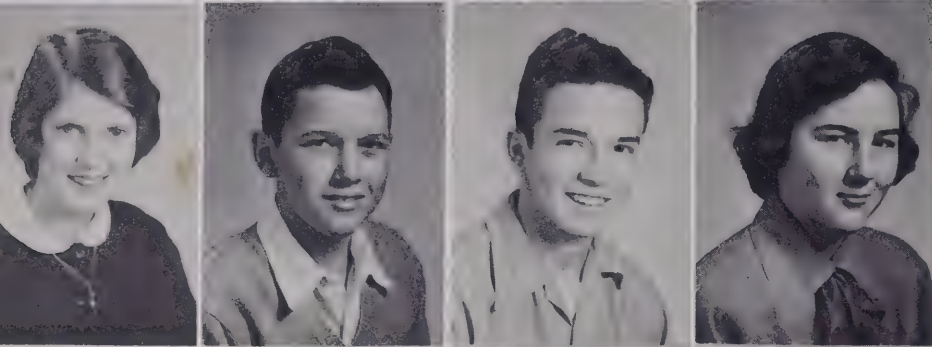




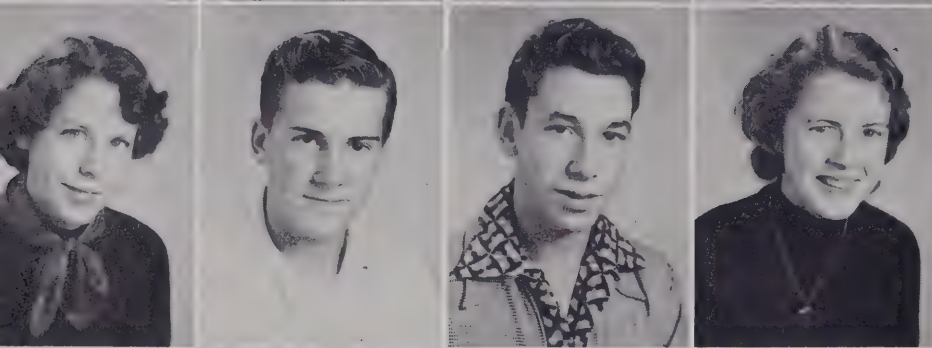
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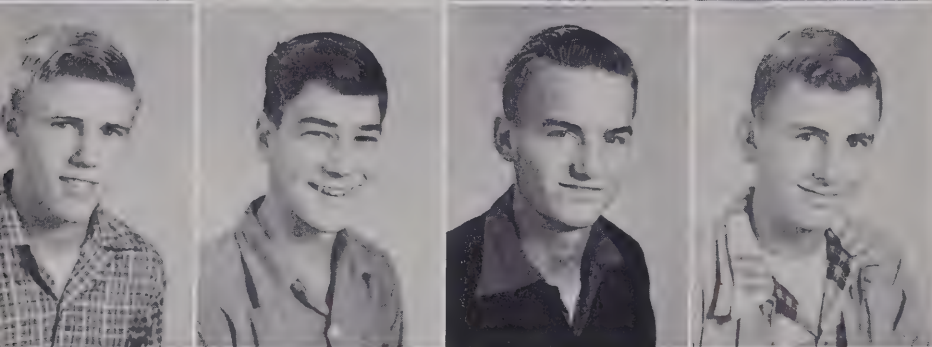
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Helen Ann Fuller



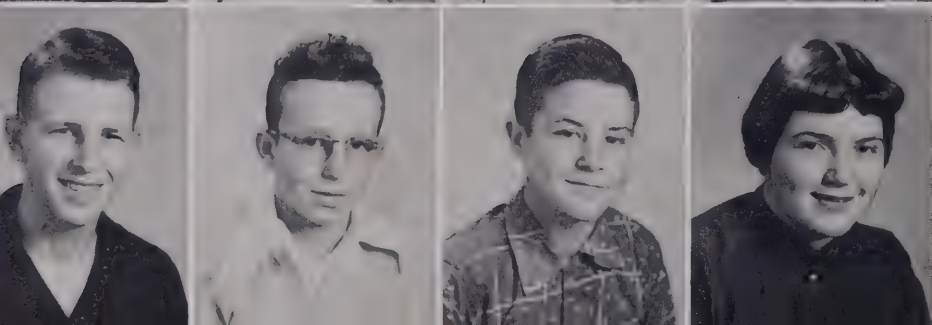
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Ruth Jordan



Lawrence Kearson  
David King  
Carlton Mustian  
Jake Norwood



Martha Orr  
Alpha Paschall  
Ferebee Poythress  
Sarah Jane Reavis



Russel Stevenson  
John Richard White  
Charlie Wynne  
Peggy Young



# *Eighth Grade*

Peggy Bender  
 Bill Best  
 Richard Buchan  
 Jo Ann Buchanan  
 Andrew Bowden  
 Rachel Breedlove

Jackie Carter  
 Dorothy Duke  
 Nancy Ellington  
 Jimmie Gill  
 Ann Harris  
 Jimmy Jessup

Carol Jones  
 Nancy Mustian  
 Helen Oliver  
 C. L. Pigg  
 Jerry Poythress  
 Betsy Satterwhite

J. W. Stainback  
 Thomas Stegall  
 Thomas West  
 Ronald Williams  
 Charles Wilson



# *Seventh Grade*

Sherwood Adcock  
 Charles Allgood  
 George Barnes  
 Ralph Breedlove  
 Betty Buchanan  
 Donald Carter

Maurice Carter  
 Carolyn Ellington  
 Hartwell Hope  
 Mary Hope  
 Joann Jackson  
 Lee Roy Jearns

Rebecca Mitchell  
 Kathleen Norwood  
 Carrol Owens  
 Margie Parham  
 Sadie Mae Pendergrass  
 Lucille Perdue

Tony Poythress  
 Shelby Pugh  
 John Roberson  
 Robert Short  
 Harold Short  
 Luther Short

Bettie Stainback  
 James Stegall  
 James Wade  
 Hazel West  
 Nelson Wester  
 Edward White  
 Shirley Williams







## Sixth Grade

Rosa Abbott  
 Johnny Anderson  
 Sylvia Crocker  
 Frances Daniels  
 Carolyn Hendricks

Jerry Jackson  
 Rosa Miller  
 Franklin Noble  
 Ray Pegram  
 Philip Pendergrass

Joyce Satterwhite  
 Ronald Stainback  
 Shirley Stegall  
 Inez Roberson  
 Carrie Lee Robinson

Jackie Rose  
 Hilda Wade  
 Robert Williams  
 Raymond Wilson

## Fifth Grade

Ann Arrington  
 Linda Capps  
 Pete Carter  
 Graham Coghill  
 Sylvia Edwards  
 Frances Ellington

Garland Fleming  
 Jimmy Fletcher  
 Dot Fort  
 Faye Gill  
 Faye Gunn  
 Kay Hale

Jimmy Holloway  
 Ernest Hope  
 Nell Hoyle  
 Jean Kearns  
 Frances Lloyd  
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Patricia Myrick  
 Jimmy Parkam  
 Kay Pigg  
 J. P. Pugh  
 Peggy Pugh  
 Hunter Reavis

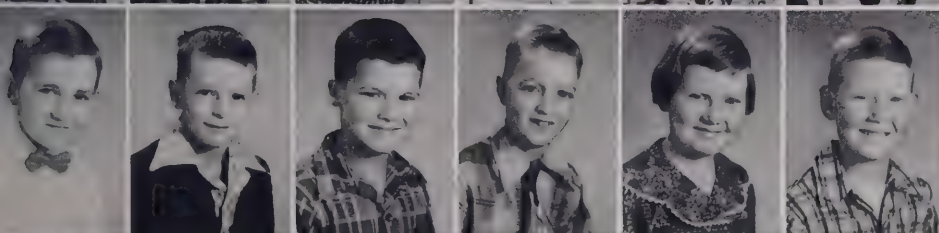
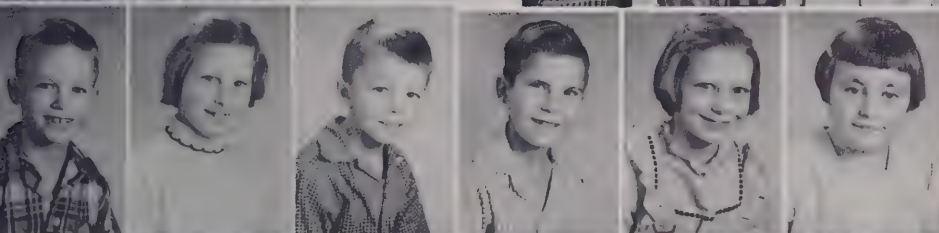
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 Irma Van Dyke  
 Johnny Watkins  
 Barbara Weaver  
 James White  
 Mac Wilson  
 Eddie Jean Wiggins





# Fourth Grade

James Anderson  
 Jackie Arrington  
 Lewis Barker  
 Rodgers Bishop  
 Carolyn Buchanan  
 Mary Edwards  
 Eugene Ellis  
 Ralph Ellington  
 Jerry Felts  
 Billy Fleming  
 J. C. Harton  
 Lee Hedrick  
 Tommy Hendrick  
 Louise Holloway  
 Roger Kidd  
 Linda King  
 Bernard Lambert  
 Preston Moody  
 Perry Orr  
 Bobby Pendergrass  
 Linda Perdue  
 Linda Satterwhite  
 Bobby Short  
 Mary Short  
 Bobby Stainback  
 John Stone  
 Billy Watkins  
 James West  
 Judy West  
 Charlotte Williams  
 David Williams  
 June Wynne



# Third Grade

Shirley Abbott  
 Sandra Ayscue  
 Bobby Barnes  
 J. W. Bartholomew  
 Nell Buchanan  
 Bobby Crocker  
 Ben Daniels  
 Nancy Van Dyke  
 Gay Ellington  
 Patsy Fleming  
 Vernon Fleming  
 Becky Hunt  
 Willie Kidd  
 Dennis Paschall  
 Nancy Powell  
 Ronald Ranes  
 Robert Rose  
 Larry Short  
 Wade Short  
 Betty Jean Stainback  
 Harold Stainback  
 Patsy Stegall  
 Warren Stegall  
 Rebecca Wade  
 Tommy Weaver  
 Marshall Wilson



## Second Grade



Jimmy Allgood  
Netta Ayscue  
Thurston Barker  
Janet Barnes  
Carolyn Bartholemew  
Nancy Bobbitt

Joan Coghill  
Samuel Caulder  
Brenda Creech  
Patricia Daniels  
Donald Davis  
Bill Dickerson

Bruce Edwards  
Danny Ellis  
Furman Finch  
Donald Fleming  
Tommy Fuller  
Donald Heath

*Sacks Heaths  
Brother*

Joan Harris  
Freddie Jackson  
Rose Jones  
Rhonda Reams  
Ann Satterwhite  
John Edward Short

Robert Spain  
George Wade  
Linda Weaver  
Eugene Wilson  
Robert Wortham

## First Grade

Bill Anderson  
Sally Ayscue  
Jack Bishop  
Ruth Breedlove  
Diane Capps  
Joyce Dickerson  
Cheatham Ellington  
Judy Grissom  
Jimmy Hoyle  
Susan Harris  
Larry Hendricks  
Allen Hobgood  
Brenda Hope  
Eric Hoyle  
Rodger Jessup  
Wayne Jones  
Buddy Lytton  
Deborah Maddox  
Patsy McColl  
Bobby Mitchell  
Brenda Norwood  
L. B. O'Neal  
Ann Parham  
Dorothy Pegram  
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Lucy May Williams  
Peggy Wynne





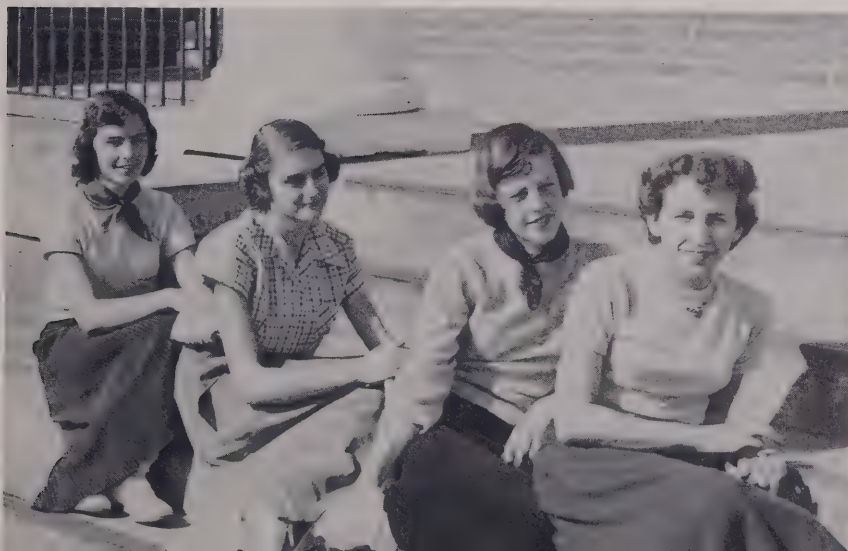
# *Miss Middleburg Of 1954*



DOROTHY ROYSTER

## ATTENDANTS

Frances Wade    Shirley Ellington    Elizabeth Holloway    Edna Short







## Annual Staff

First row: Tiny Poythress, Lucille Miller, Gene Short.  
 Second row: Bruce Jordan, Jack Royster, Shirley White.

Editor ----- Tiny Poythress  
 Ass't. Editor ----- Shirley White  
 Business Mgr. ----- Jack Royster  
 Circulation Mgrs. ----- Lucille Miller, Gene Short  
 Sports Editor ----- Bruce Jordan  
 Advisor ----- Fred Hale



## Monogram Club

Peggy Duke, Shirley Buchan, Dixie Ollis, Nancy Reavis, Dorothy Royster, Betty Harton, Adrian Brame, Mr. Pryor, Buddy Kearson, Bruce Jordan, Charles Franklin, Franklin Edwards, Jack Royster, Gene Short.





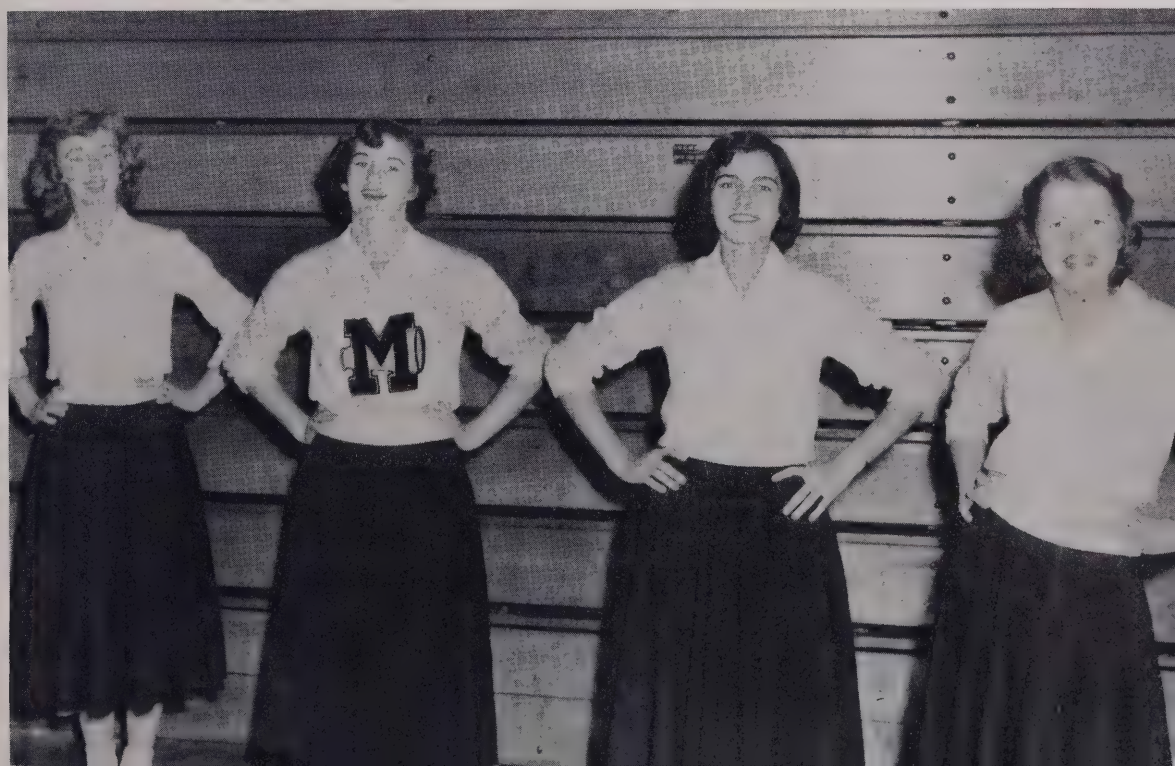


## *Beta Club*

First row: Nancy Spain, Shirley White, Dixie Ollis. Second row: Peggy Duke, Joan Davis, Betty Harton, Mrs. McColl. Third row: Lucille Miller, Maxine Van Dyke, Shirley Buchan.

## *Cheerleaders*

Lucille Miller; Betty Harton, Chief; Frances Wade; Ruth Jordan.











*Glee Club*



## *Girls Basketball Squad*



Left to right: Pat Anderson, Dixie Ollis, Alpha Paschall, Dorothy Royster, Becky Grissom, Peggy Duke, Mr. Paul Pryor, Coach; Shirley Ellington, Joan Davis, Shirley Buchan, Maxine Van Dyke, Nancy Reavis, Mary Ann Perdue, Manager. (Not Pictured).

## *Boys Basketball Squad*



front row: Bill Norwood, Shelton Adcock, Lawrence Kearson, Billy Floyd, Buddy Kearson, Gene Short, Honorary Co-Captain. Back row: Mr. Pryor, Coach; Jack Royster, Bruce Jordan, Honorary Co-Captains; Ernest Breedlove, Howard Currin, Charles Franklin, Charles Harris. Jake Norwood, Manager; (Not Pictured).



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