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luck to you
in the near
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Carolyn Sue

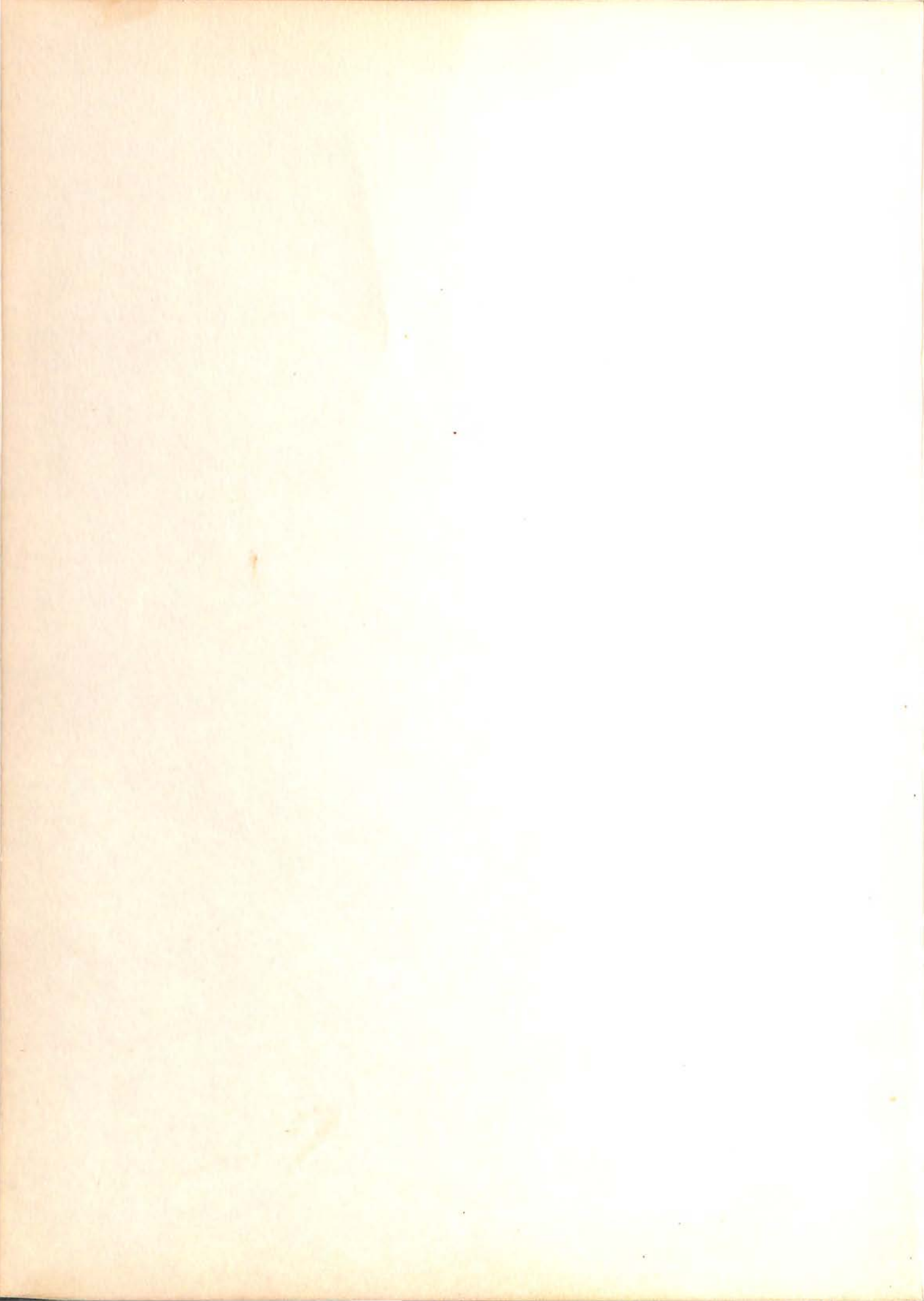
lots of luck
to a very
sweet girl.
Nancy Fore

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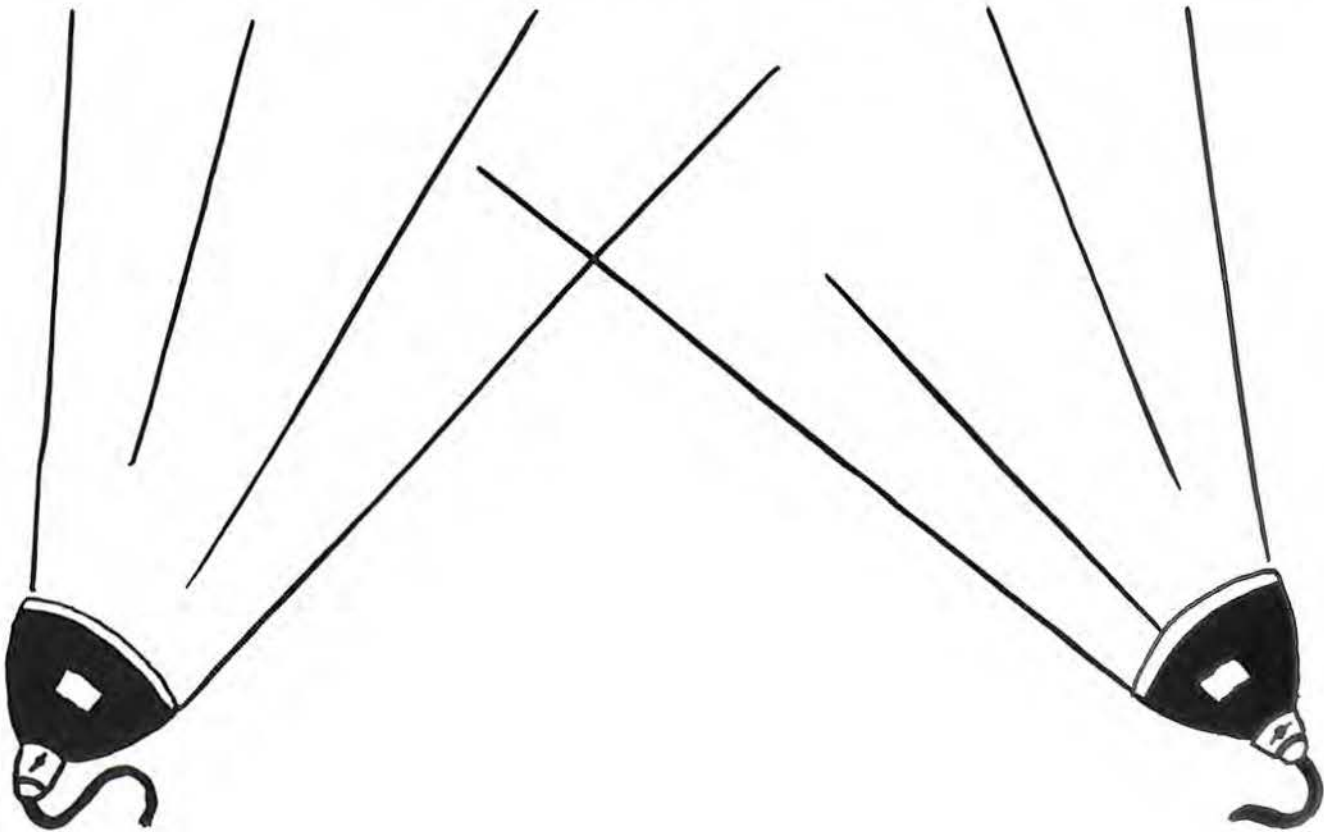
The student body of our school takes pride in the new lights on our athletic field. Using these lights as our theme, we seek to portray our school as a shining light to the community. The individual students are the rays that make it shine, and the teachers are their guiding lights. Each has an important place in the success of our school and in the community.

The Staff of the 1955 BLACK SWAN hopes you will enjoy this book as much as they have enjoyed preparing it for you. May you treasure the memories in the pages and pictures which follow as those never to be forgotten.



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Dedication



JOHN B. NOFTSINGER

It is a privilege to turn the spotlight on one, who for the past nine years has served the boys in his shop classes wisely and well. He has given freely of his time and effort to them and to all the students, never saying "no" when called upon for advice or assistance. His services are always available when someone is in need of first aid. As assistant football coach, he has inspired the boys in the development of good sportsmanship. He has been a valuable asset to the personal lives of the individuals.

It is a pleasure to dedicate this, the twenty-second volume of the *BLACK SWAN*, to one who shows the qualities of a fine Christian gentleman, and who has been a guiding light to us—Mr. John B. Noftsinger.



Curriculum

School authorities of Roanoke County have certain requirements which allow the students to specialize in various fields.

There are three different types of courses offered in our school: Academic, Commercial, and General. The fact that three different types of diplomas are awarded is a guidance procedure, rather than one in which different values are placed on any one type of diploma over another.

Students planning to attend college take a college preparatory course leading to the academic diploma. Those interested in preparing for secretarial jobs work toward a commercial diploma. The general diploma offers training in agriculture, shop, home economics, and a diversified occupations program.





The above picture shows how beautiful Byrd is when it's covered with snow.

From every side of the building one can view the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains.

Every other Thursday morning the students can be seen coming up the hill from the assembly.

These pictures of "Byrd on the Hill" will long be remembered in our minds.

(Not Pictured): Now nearing completion is an \$87,000 addition to Byrd. It will be used as an industrial workshop.

The Athletic Field is Lighted

“UPWARD THE GIANTS”

“Upward, Upward, Upward go the long, slender giants, stabbing their brilliant illuminating fingers down out of the cloudy, inky night.”

On the night of September 9, 1954 at 7:15 p. m., the lights came on over the Vinton Athletic Field. Their coming, being a much needed asset to this little sports-minded community, was planned for years in advance by the Administration of William Byrd, through the athletic fund; the civic minded clubs of Vinton; The Vinton Lions Club; Vinton Chamber of Commerce; and also by the Roanoke Weaving Company, the Vinton Branch of Burlington Mills, Inc.

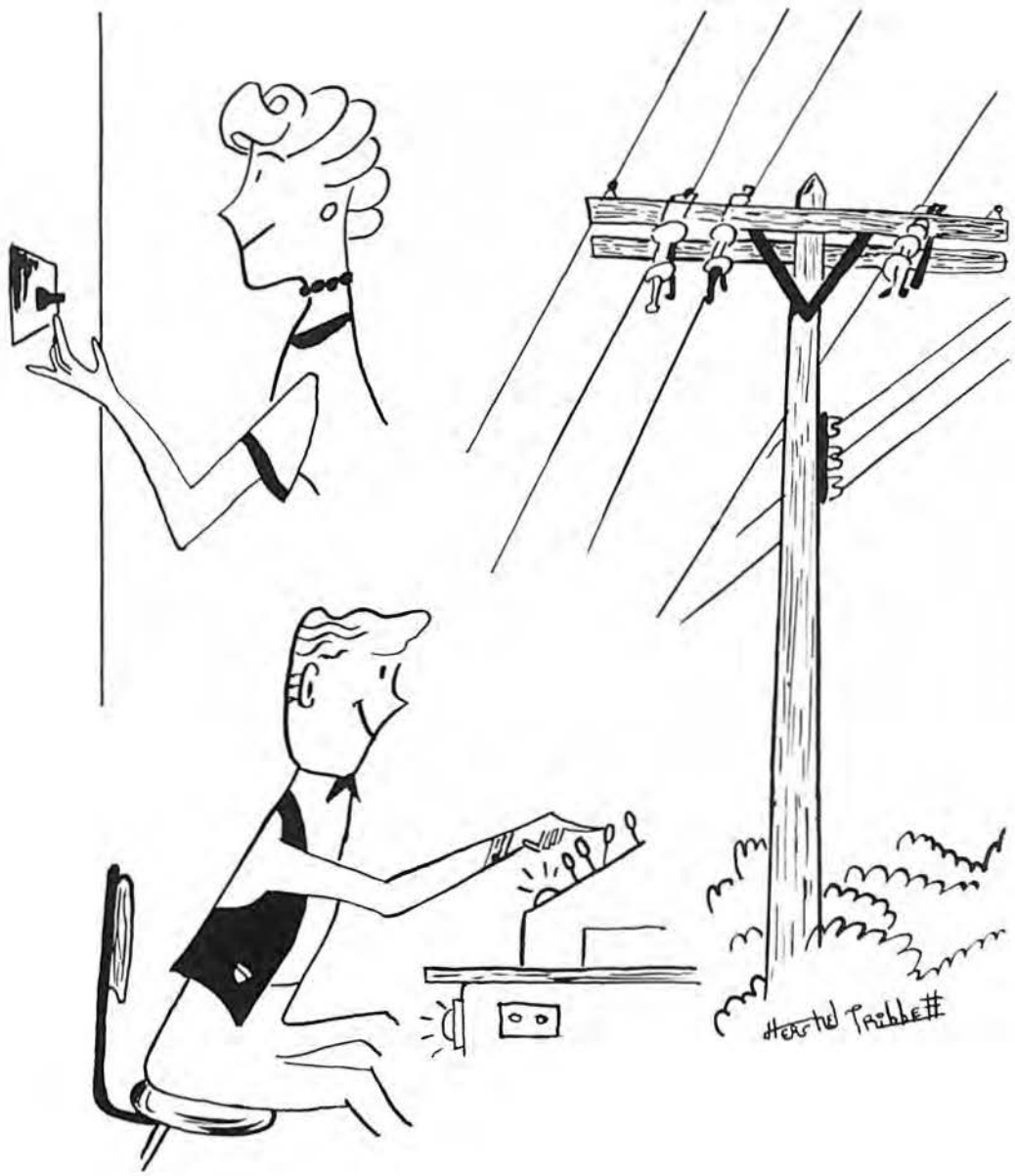
At a cost of \$15,000 these lights may seem very expensive, but it is not the pecuniary value by which they will be known, but rather by reputation of being the home of a “bunch of mighty mites” called the William Byrd Terriers. Although we have rejoiced much over these lights, we still shed a tear or two because all of Byrd’s fine athletes, also those of the community, that played in the years before this illumination did not get a chance to play under them; but they will take pleasure in seeing games played on the lighted field.

The dedication program for the new lights began with a parade through Vinton by the William Byrd Band. Participating on this program was Mr. P. E. Ahalt, former principal of Byrd, who had worked hard toward this goal.

The main speaker at the dedication was Virginia’s first All-American football player, Bill Dudley, who is now associated with the University of Virginia Coaching Staff. He was introduced by Principal C. L. Jennings.

The game was attended by a crowd of about 3,000.





Administration

Principal



MR. CHARLES LEON JENNINGS, M.A.

I wish to express appreciation to the pupils and teachers who have carried on the activities and created the experiences which the staff and sponsor have so faithfully and interestingly recorded here.

Your school is proud of the achievements of its student body and its graduates. We believe that you will remember longest and value highest those things you do in school which challenge you to give of your best in behavior and effort.

A primary purpose of this school is to prepare you, its pupils, to practice and enjoy the rights and privileges of good citizenship. When you have learned to accept the responsibility that is yours to work for the preservation of these rights you are well on the road toward self-discipline, which is basic to all sound education.



Mr. Jennings and Mr. Hale look over blueprints of the proposed additions to the high school.

Assistant Principal



MR. LEONARD V. HALE, B.S.

Mr. Hale has the responsibility of handling attendance records, issuing excuses, and solving problems of discipline which may arise in our school. He also teaches driver education and was coach of the football team.

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Senior Class Officers



LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Caldwell, Seibel, Hart, McAllister, Harris, Sowers

LEROY McALLISTER.....	President
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EDITH HART.....	Secretary
VIRGINIA SEIBEL.....	Treasurer
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MOTTO: "Live for the future; the past cannot be mended."

COLORS: *Purple and White*

FLOWER: *Orchid*

Miss Sara Caldwell, head sponsor, is assisted by the other senior homeroom teachers, Mrs. Shirley Self and Mr. Dan Richards. It was through their helpful guidance that the activities of the class were carried through successfully.

Seniors

ROBERT ERNEST AGEE

"Not that I don't like work,
Just that I'm not in sympathy with it."



LOIS ANN ABSHER

"Beauty is the gift of God."

WAYNE MAURY AYERS

"There's a good time coming boys,
a good time coming."



KATHRYN JOYCE ADKINS

"Music is well said to be the speech of
angels."

SANDRA JEAN BLANKENSHIP

"She is the very flower of youth."



BILLY GRAHAM BLAKE

"No one knows what he can do until
he tries."

CHARLES ASCHAM BOXLEY

"Let us have women, mirth, and laugh-
ter."



JUANITA BELCHER

"Ever willing and capable to do what-
ever she undertakes."

Seniors



MARIETTA BELCHER

"Rare compound of oddity, athlete, and friend:
Who relished a game and fought to the end."

FRED EUGENE BROWN

"Ah, why would life all labor be?"

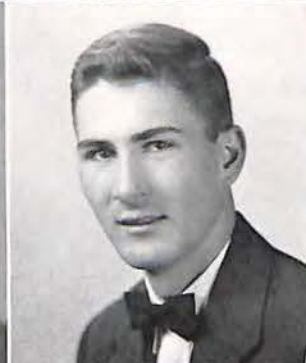


HUGH LEE CARNER, JR.

"He who is rich in friends, is poor in nothing."

SYLVIA MAE BIBLE

"Good order is the foundation of all things."



NORMA ORGAIN BRAGG

"A soul sincere; in actions faithful, in honor clear."

JOHN ERNEST COOK

"Music is the medicine of the mind."



HAROLD GARMAN COOPER

"Cunning in knowledge, and understanding science."

PEGGY LEE BROOKS

"She is a girl both loving and sincere."

Seniors

JOANNE FAY BRYANT

"A good heart is better than all the heads
in the world."

FRED EUGENE DOOLEY

"He whose mind is virtuous, is alone
of noble kind."



RONALD EARL ELLISON

"Born with a gift of laughter and a sense
that the world is mad."

MARTHA JEAN BURNETTE

"A girl to whom was given so much of
earth, so much of Heaven."



LAURA ILESS CARR

"Nothing is impossible to a willing heart."

RICHARD CONWAY EUBANK, JR.

Post Graduate
"He is a gentleman because he is kind."



BOBBY RAY FERGUSON

"There is no greater friend than a book."

SHIRLEY ANN CAWLEY

"With a jest on her tongue and a smile
on her lips,
She's bubbling with fun to her finger
tips."



Seniors



BETTY JANE CROWDER

"If she will, she will and you can depend on it;
If she won't, she won't and that's the end of it."



BOBBY GERYLE FOUTZ

"An honest man is the noblest work of God."



WILLIAM DAVID GOBLE

"Read, work, learn, and inwardly digest."



MYRTLE ALICE GARMAN

"Her strength is as the strength of ten,
because her heart is pure."



EDITH MARIE HART

"A loving heart is the beginning of all knowledge."



EDWARD LEE GORDON

"No chance is evil to him who is content."



CURTIS EUGENE GUILLIAMS

"Joy is not in things, it is in us."



REBECCA ANN HUDDLESTON

"Blushing is the color of virtue."

Seniors

ANNA MAE HYDEN

"Never hurries, never worries, but she gets there just the same."

ROBERT ARNOLD HARRIS

"Silence is deep as eternity."



JOHN CLIFTON HARTSEL

"Think like a man of action and act like a man of thought."

DELORES MARLENE LAW

"Her modest answer and graceful air, Show her wise and good as she is fair."



BEVERLY MAE LEFFELL

"Hope and be happy that all's for the best."

JOSEPH WILLIAM HATCHER

"Great is truth, and mighty above all things."



JERRY LOWELL HAYDEN

"None but the brave deserve the fair."

BETTY JANE MARTIN

"A voice soft, gentle and low, is an excellent thing in a woman."



Seniors



PATRICIA ANN MARTIN

"A wee bonnie lass like a sweet wild rose."



EARNEST LEE KIRK

"The day is always his who works in it with sincerity and great calm."



RICHARD CAROL KRAUS

"From the crown of his head to the sole of his foot, he is all mirth."



JANICE McBRIDE

"The secret of life is not to do what you like, but to like what you do."



BARBARA JOAN MILLER

"Grace is in all her steps, Heaven in her eyes."



SWANSON LEROY McALLISTER

"His ready help is always nigh."



WENDELL RAY McCARTY

"He is well paid that is well satisfied."



OLA BELLE MILLER

"In all things showing thy wisdom."

Seniors

MYRTLE ELIZABETH MOORE

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a jolly good girl in every way."

DONALD DOUGLAS McDONALD

"And what he greatly thought, he nobly dared."



ROY GILBERT McLEOD

"Typical student, sterling friend; Scholar and man in perfect blend."

CAROLYN SUE OBENSHAIN

"I can resist everything except temptation."



MURIEL MARIE OVERSTREET

"Eyes of the Holy Blue."

CHARLES GRAY MONTGOMERY

"Gentle of speech, beneficent of mind."



ROY BARKSDALE OBENCHAIN

"A happy disposition; frank and genuine."

GEORGIA COLEMAN PETITT

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good."



Seniors



SHIRLEY JUANITA RADFORD

"Beauty seen is never lost."

GENE AUBRY PENTECOST

"The more ideas a man has, the fewer words he takes to express them."



HERMAN CLYDE PLYBON

"Wisdom in the mind is better than money in the hand."

PEGGIE RICHARDSON

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."



BETTY LEE RIDPATH

"Jolly and carefree, always a merry companion."

GLENN RICHARD RAMSEY

"He is little, he is shy."



ROBERT CLYDE RANSON

"The only way to have a friend is to be one."

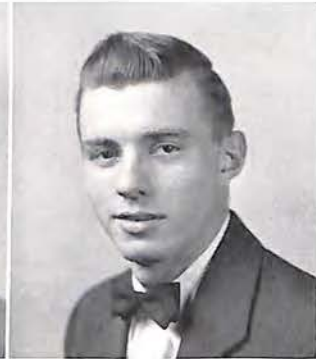
PATSY RUTH SCOTT

"In everything she does, she gives her all."

Seniors

VIRGINIA GALE SEIBEL

"A friend to everybody, and everybody's friend."



HENRY BARKER ROWLAND

"Love, hope, fear, faith—these make humanity."



WILLIAM EVERETTE SCAGGS

"Never miss a joy in this world of trouble; that's my theory."

IVA MARIE SELL

"If you want a thing well done, ask a busy person; the others have no time."



ELIZABETH ANN SHEPHERD

"What is well done, is done soon enough."

OLIN DELANO SILVER

"Oh, this learning! What a thing it is!"



JAMES ROBERT SINK

"An ounce of mirth is worth a pound of sorrow."

SHIRLEY MAE SHOCKLEY

"Hard work her pastime, success her goal."

Seniors



ROBERTA SILCOX

"There's laughter in her eye, her cheek,
her lip."

DONALD KENNETH SLONE

"Common sense is genius dressed in
its working clothes."



HAROLD EUGENE SMITH

"In thy face I see the map of honour,
truth, and loyalty."

ZENNIA SOWERS

"In each cheek appears a pretty
dimple,
Always gay and laughing; still not
simple."



CLAUDIA SPRADLIN

"Not too sober, not too gay;
But a true, sweet friend in every way."

JACKIE EDWARD SMITH

"Happy am I, from care I'm free;
Why can't they all be jolly like me?"



HERBERT LEE SOWERS

"Full wise is he that can himself know."

ELLEN COLE SPRADLIN

"Jolly, yet serious; fun-loving, yet
sincere."

Seniors

ANN ESTELLE STANLEY

"A merry heart goes with you all the day."



JULIAN C. STARR

"Nothing is more valuable to a man than courtesy."

SAMMY RONALD STCLAIR

"When I said I would die a bachelor, I did not think I should live till I were married."



EVA MAE THOMPSON

"A maid she is of artless grace, gentle in form and fair of face."

JOAN VOLNA TURNER

"She dances like an angel . . . She is always laughing, for she has an infinite deal of wit."



WILBERT KENT TESTER

"In truth, hard study is hard for the brain."

ROGER ALBERT THURMAN

"Action is the proper fruit of knowledge."



BETTY JEAN WARD

"Here is a girl with a heart and a smile, that makes the bubble of life worth while."

Seniors



MARY FRANCES WILSON

"The mildest manner and gentlest heart."

RONALD H. WALDRON

"I am sure that care is an enemy to life."



BOBBY RAY WHEELER

"Thoughts are mightier than strength of land."

WANDA LEE WINGFIELD

"Flirtation—Attention without intention."



SHIRLEY ANN WOOD

"A smile for all, a greeting glad;
An amiable, happy way she has."

NONA MAE WRAY

"Virtue is the truest nobility."

Honor Graduates



LEFT TO RIGHT (Not according to rank): *Ola Miller, Iless Carr, Myrtle Garman, Herbert Sowers, Edith Hart, Arnold Harris, Roy McLeod, LeRoy McAllister, Bobby Ferguson, David Goble*

Other Honor Graduates who made an average of B or above are: Sylvia Bible, Martha Burnette, Joan Miller, Charles Montgomery, Carolyn Obenshain, Georgia Petitt, Ellen Spradlin, and Janice McBride.

The rating of seniors is determined on the basis of the grades received in the four years of high school. All of these students have participated in one or several extracurricular activities. Many of them plan to attend college.

Senior Directory

- ROBERT ERNEST AGEE, "Baggy": Academic—Hi-Y.
WAYNE MAURY AYERS, "Maury": General—Junior Class Play; One-Act Play; "The Robe"; Hi-Y, President; Dramatics Club; Thespian; *Byrd Echo* Staff; S. C. A.; Science Club; All-State Band; Public Speaking Champion of District 6; Boys' State Delegate; President of Junior Class; President of Band; Treasurer of Thespian.
- BILLY GRAHAM BLAKE, "Snake": General—Ad Solicitor; D. O.; F. F. A.; Junior Varsity Basketball; Reporter of F. F. A.
- CHARLES ASCHAM BOXLEY, JR., "C. A.": General—"The Robe"; Hi-Y; S. C. A.; Football; Basketball; Track; Vice President of Hi-Y.
- FRED EUGENE BROWN, "Poochie": Commercial—F. B. L. A.; Football; Baseball; Junior Class Play; Treasurer of F. B. L. A.
- HUGH LEE CARNER, JR.: General—Hi-Y, Sergeant-at-Arms; Junior Varsity Football; Track.
- JOHN ERNEST COOK; General—Boys' Glee Club; Junior Varsity Basketball; Football; Football Manager; All-State Chorus-West; S. C. A.
- HAROLD GARMON COOPER, "Coop": Academic—Ad Solicitor; F. F. A.; Science Club, President; Annual Staff; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Hi-Y, Chaplain; Junior Varsity Basketball; Track; S. C. A.
- CALVIN EUGENE DOOLEY, "Gene": Commercial—F. B. L. A.; Football manager; Track.
- RONALD EARL ELLISON, "Binkie": Academic—Vice President of Mixed Choir.
- BOBBY RAY FERGUSON, "Lightning": Academic—F. F. A., Reporter.
- BOBBY GERYLE FOUTZ: General—Track; Basketball; Baseball.
- WILLIAM DAVID GOBLE, "Mose": Academic—One-Act Play; Junior Class Play; "The Robe"; F. F. A.; Dramatics Club; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Boys' Glee Club; S. C. A. Award; Thespian.
- EDWARD LEE GORDON, "Coon": General—Hi-Y; Football.
- CURTIS EUGENE GUILLIAMS, "Gulliams": Academic—Hi-Y; Boys' Glee Club; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Track; Junior Varsity Football; All-State Band; Reporter of Junior Class.
- ROBERT ARNOLD HARRIS, "Fuzz": General—S. C. A.; F. F. A.; Football; Basketball; Track; Forestry Camp Delegate; Vice President of Junior Class; Vice President of Senior Class.
- JOHN CLIFTON HARTSEL, "Cliff": General—D. O.
- JOSEPH WILLIAM HATCHER, "Joe": Academic—Football; Basketball; Track; One-Act Play; Junior Class Play; Manager of Football; Thespian, scribe.
- JERRY LOWELL HAYDEN: General—S. C. A.; Junior Varsity Basketball.
- ERNEST LEE KIRK, "Earnie": Commercial—Football; Basketball; Baseball; Track.
- RICHARD CAROL KRAUS, "Roope": General—Dramatics Club, President; Hi-Y; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Football; Basketball; One-Act Play; "The Robe", Thespian, President.
- SWANSON LEROY McALLISTER: Academic—Junior Class Play; Hi-Y; Junior Varsity Football; Manager of Basketball and Track; Delegate to Boys' State; President of Senior Class; Thespian.
- WENDELL RAY McCARTY, "Winkie": General—F. F. A., Vice President and Secretary; Hi-Y; Basketball; Football; Track; Junior Class Play; Delegate to National Dairy Cattle Congress.
- DONALD DOUGLAS McDONALD, "Mac": General—F. F. A., Reporter; Football; Basketball; Track; Thespian, Vice President.
- ROY GILBERT McLEOD, "Lil Mac": Academic—Thespian; Football; Basketball; Baseball; "The Robe"; Junior Class Play; Delegate to Boys' State and to State S. C. A. Convention; Vice President and President of S. C. A.; President of Freshman and Sophomore Classes.
- CHARLES GRAY MONTGOMERY, "C. G.": Academic—Transfer September, '55; from Woodberry Forest; Book Club; Science Club; Junior Varsity Soccer; Leland Home Lord Medal for Mathematics; Vice Chairman of Science Club (Woodberry Forest); Science Club.
- ROY BARKSDALE OBENCHAIN, "Buddy": Academic—Hi-Y; Annual Staff.
- GENE AUBRY PENTECOST, "Snookie": General—D. O.
- HERMAN CLYDE PLYBON: Academic—*Byrd Echo* Staff.
- GLENN RICHARD RAMSEY: General—F. F. A.
- ROBERT CLYDE RANSON, "Kangaroo": General—F. F. A., Treasurer; Basketball; Football; Track.
- HENRY BARKER ROWLAND, JR., "Rocks": General—Football; Baseball; Track; Basketball.
- WILLIAM EVERETTE SCAGGS, "Oleo": General—D. O.; Basketball; Track.
- OLIN DELANO SILVER, "Skeeter": General—D. O.; Junior Varsity Football.
- JAMES ROBERT SINK, "Pete": General—Football.
- DONALD KENNETH SLONE, "Donnie": General—D. O.; F. F. A.; Delegate to F. F. A. Federation Meeting.
- HAROLD EUGENE SMITH, "Smitty": General—D. O., Vice President.
- JACKIE EDWARD SMITH, "Sam": General.
- HERBERT LEE SOWERS, "Herb": General—F. F. A.; Manager of Football; Reporter of Senior Class.
- JULIAN C. STARR, "J. C.": General—Hi-Y; F. F. A.; Booster Club; Choir; Track; Band, Treasurer; Boys' Glee Club; Football; Basketball; One-Act Play; Thespian.
- WILBERT KENT TESTER: Academic—D. O.
- ROGER ALBERT THURMAN, JR.: General—D. O.; K. V. G. (Stewartsville).
- RONALD H. WALDRON, "Waldo": General—D. O.; Football.
- LOIS ANN ABSHER, "Punkin": Academic—Dramatics Club; Band, Treasurer; F. B. L. A.; Booster Club; S. C. A.; Black Swan Staff; Junior Y-Teens, Secretary; Ad Solicitor; Volleyball; Flag Bearer; Attendant to Sweetheart '54; Attendant to Miss Vinton; Majorette; Library.
- KATHRYN JOYCE ADKINS, "Kathy": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Vice President; Booster Club; Volleyball.
- SANDRA JEAN BLANKENSHIP, "Sandy": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; D. O. Club; Booster Club; F. B. L. A.; Ad Solicitor.
- JUANITA BELCHER, "Blondie": General—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.; Ad Solicitor; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Booster Club.
- MARIETTA BELCHER, "Etta": General—Junior Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.; Volleyball; Varsity Basketball.
- SYLVIA MAE BIBLE, "Sil": Commercial—Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.; Booster Club; *Byrd Echo* Staff; S. C. A.; Ad Solicitor.
- NORMA ORGAIN BRAGG, "Normie": Academic—Booster Club; Dramatics Club; Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; F. H. A., Social Chairman; One-Act Play; Delegate to F. H. A. convention; Thespian.
- PEGGY LEE BROOKS, "Peg": Commercial—Senior Y-Teens; Junior Y-Teens; S. C. A.; Booster Club; Mixed Choir, Robe Chairman; Black Swan Staff; F. B. L. A.; Ad Solicitor; Junior Varsity Basketball; Varsity Basketball; Volleyball, Captain.
- JOANN FAY BRYANT, "Jo": General—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Booster Club; F. B. L. A.; Ad Solicitor.
- MARTHA JEAN BURNETTE, "Curley": Commercial—Cheerleader; F. H. A., Secretary; Volleyball; Glee Club, Accompanist (Stewartsville); Senior Y-Teens; Library Club; Varsity Basketball; Mixed Choir, Accompanist; Black Swan Staff, Editor; Junior Class Play; One-Act Play; S. C. A.; Delegate to S. I. P. A.; Mixed Choir Trio; Thespian, Secretary; Ad Solicitor; Booster Club.
- LAURA ILESS CARR: Commercial—F. B. L. A., President; Mixed Choir, Librarian; *Byrd Echo* Staff; S. C. A.
- SHIRLEY ANN CAWLEY, "Sheryl": General—F. B. L. A.; Booster Club; Senior Y-Teens; Junior Y-Teens; S. C. A.; D. O. Club; Junior Varsity Basketball.
- BETTY JANE CROWDER, "Betsy": General—F. H. A.

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ROBERTA SILCOX, "Birdie": General—F. H. A., Secretary, Treasurer; Junior Y-Teens, Vice President; S. C. A., Assistant Secretary; Ad Solicitor; BLACK SWAN Staff; Thespian; Booster Club; One-Act Play; Junior Class Play; President, Roanoke Area Federation of Future Homemakers; Delegate, Old Dominion Girls' State.

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BETTY JEAN WARD, General—Senior Y-Teens, President; Y. W. C. A. Inter-Club Council, President; Booster Club, Reporter; S. C. A.; F. T. A.; F. H. A.; Volleyball; Delegate to Y-Teen Conference; Miss Vinton; Thespian.

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NONA MAE WRAY, General—Library Club, Girls' Choir.

Senior History '55

Five years ago we entered the eighth grade in a state of confusion; but by the time we finished the first six weeks, we already felt a part of the student body. We elected Phyllis Snyder, Betty Bowles, Joan Turner, and Joanne Medley as our officers. Our sponsor, Mr. Ferrill, helped us in many ways.

In our freshman year our officers were: Roy McLeod, Joan Turner, Virginia Seibel, Phyllis Snyder, and Arnold Harris. Mr. Wallenfelz was our sponsor. This year we had the privilege of selecting the subjects we would take and we began to realize the responsibilities of attending high school.

In the fall of our sophomore year the history classes took a trip to Jamestown and Williamsburg, which was a wonderful experience. This year we elected Roy McLeod, Phyllis Snyder, Eugene Dooley, and Virginia Seibel as our officers. Our sponsor, Mr. Ferrill, helped us plan a picnic to Fishburne Park.

By the time we began our junior year and

now knowing our classmates very well, we had little difficulty electing Wayne Ayers, Arnold Harris, Myrtle Garman, Betty Ward, and Curtis Guilliams as our officers. Our sponsor, Mrs. Jones, helped us plan the prom which we gave the seniors. We worked hard on the play "State Fair", which we gave in the spring.

Now we have attained the goal to become seniors. As we look back on all our fun and activities, we realize that we will soon be leaving our friends. We began the year by electing our officers. They are LeRoy McAllister, Arnold Harris, Edith Hart, Virginia Seibel, and Herbert Sowers.

In the fall we received our long anticipated rings and in November we launched our magazine drive. Even as we made the plans for the Senior Class Play, foremost in all our minds were the thoughts of commencement and graduation. These memorable days, as all our days at William Byrd, will be long remembered by the class of 1955.



1954 Commencement Program



At the commencement program June 10, Edward Kelly, class president, and the four honor graduates spoke on the theme "We Must Believe." Frank Kelly gave the salutary address and Susan Cregger gave the valedictory. Other student speakers were Jean Garman, third honor graduate, and Toni Stark, fourth honor graduate. Mr. R. Douglas Nininger, Superintendent of Roanoke County schools, and Mr. Charles Jennings, Principal of William Byrd, presented the awards and diplomas to the graduating class.

Assembly Awards

In the final assembly June 11, the following awards were given: Music awards were given Shirley Crafton and Calvin Smith. Reader's Digest award went to Susan Cregger, D. A. R. award to Helen Kasey, Student Leadership awards for Presidency and Secretaryship to Frank Kelly and Toni Stark.

S. C. A. awards were given to: Allen Ault, Lenoria Burger, Jean Garman, Owen Brown, Barbara Bell, Helen Kasey, David Goble, Jack Lawhorn, and Cherie Quisenberry. Scholarship: Jean Garman—Madison; Owen Brown—V. P. I.; Clifton Barton—University of Richmond; Science Award: Clifton Barton; English Award: Gordon Spangler; Agricultural: Garrett Hudgins; Library Service: Shelby Hale.

Honor Graduates were: Susan Cregger, Frank Kelly, Jean Garman, Toni Stark, Gordon Spangler, Shelby Hale, Shirley Crafton, Owen Brown, Clifton Barton, and Irvin Carr.

Athletic Awards: Football—David Bolster, Barrie Booth, C. A. Boxley, Cline Brown, Billy Caudill, Bobby Conner, Eugene Dooley (manager); Conway Eubank, Nyle Filson, Ed Gordon, Raymond Hall, Garrett Hudgins, Kenneth Journell, Ed Kelly, Frank Kelly, Earnest Kirk, Richard Kraus, Wendell McCarty, Don McDonald, Fred McLeod, Roy McLeod, Bobby Murphy, Henry Roland, Herbert Sowers (manager), Roy St. Clair, Sam St. Clair, James Thompson, Bobby Ward.

Basketball—Barrie Booth, Owen Brown, Joe Hatcher, Kenneth Journell, Richard Kraus, Roy McLeod, Don McDonald, Clarence Mullins (manager), Sammy St. Clair.
Track—Bobby Conner, Frank Kelly, Wendell McCarty, Don McDonald, Robert Ranson, Billy Scaggs, Jackie Suttles.

Dedication Assembly

Jean Garman, editor of the *BLACK SWAN*, has just announced that the twenty-first edition is dedicated to Mrs. Velva Wood Clary.





Bell, Mrs. Jones, Mills, Nichols, Hylton

OFFICERS

FRANK HYLTON.....*President*
 JUDY MILLS....*Vice President*
 NANCY NICHOLS.....*Secretary*
 JIMMY BELL.....*Treasurer*

Junior Class History

It was a warm September day in 1951 when we, the Junior Class of William Byrd High School, entered William Byrd and gathered for the assembly, which officially opened the school year. Of course we, like all "green" eighth graders, had no idea what was going on. But we soon became accustomed to the schedule of high school life. We elected John Olsen as president, Jackie Suttles as vice president, Shelby Carr as secretary, Marlene Joyce as treasurer, and Tommy Baker as reporter. These officers, with Miss Harris as class sponsor, led us through a successful year.

Upon entering school in September, 1952 as the Freshman Class, we had lost a few in number, but were still going strong. Our class officers this year were: Dean Flowers, president; Jimmy Bell, vice president; Rose Mary Beard, secretary; Annette Hodges, Treasurer; and Sandra Abbott, reporter. Mrs. Dickens was our sponsor. We ended our freshman year with a class picnic at Lakeside.

Before we realized it, the time was September, 1953, and we had gained a new title; that of Sophomores. We began to think more seriously of our work and of the part we would contribute to William Byrd.

We began to participate more in school activities and become closer friends with the upper-classmen. As our Sophomore officers we elected: Dean Flowers, president; Kenneth Wright, vice president; Suzanne Blankenship, secretary; and Nancy Nichols, reporter. Our sponsor was Mrs. Ruffin.

Entering school in September, 1954 as a class of 120, it has dawned on us that the beginning of our busiest, saddest, and yet most joyful years of school, even of life, have begun. In our Junior year we came to ourselves long enough to elect our officers as follows: Frank Hylton, president; Judy Mills, vice president; Nancy Nichols, secretary; and Jimmy Bell, reporter. To add to the confusion we presented on November 17 our annual class play, "Healthy, Wealthy, and Dumb", directed by Mrs. Hazel Jones, our sponsor.

As we look up to the Senior Class, and know that we are to be in their places next year, we realize that the road through high school is a very short one. Our Junior year has passed quickly and we realize that high school really is a part of us. We are looking forward with hope and enthusiasm to our senior year.

Juniors

SANDRA ABBOTT
TOMMY AGNER
MARILOU BARBER
JIMMY BELL
ROSE MARY BEARD



BARRIE BOOTH
SUZANNE BLANKENSHIP
RACHEL BOITNOTT
PHYLLIS BRYANT
PRICE BRYANT



BETSY BUNNER
BARBARA BURGER
BENNY BROWN
ANNIE BURNETTE
JANET CALDWELL



RICHARD CRADDOCK
LOIS CALDWELL
SHELBY CARR
JOYCE CAWLEY
MARVIN CRONK



RUTH COOPER
JOAN CRINER
WAYNE DRAPER
WANDA DOOLEY
HELEN DUNCAN



THOMAS DREWERY
BARBARA EGGERS
BETTY FORE
JANICE FRYE
BROOKS FERGUSON



JEAN GREEN
WADE FERGUSON
VIOLET GREEN
DOUGLAS FOLDEN
JOSEPHINE GRUBBS



Juniors



PATRICIA HALE
DEAN FLOWERS
BETTY HAM
CALVIN GRAY
DREAMA HARTSEL

RAYMOND HALL
JANE HATCHER
REBECCA HATCHER
ANNETTE HODGES
JAMES HOGAN

BETTY HODGES
SHERYL HODGES
FRANK HYLTON
MARLENE JOYCE
JEAN JONES

CURTIS KIRBY
MARGARET LAMB
JUNE MARTIN
DARLENE MAYS
MICHAEL MCKAY

JOANNE MEDLEY
MARIE McGEORGE
WESLEY MYERS
JUDY MILLS
NANCY NICHOLS

CHARLES NEIGHBORS
LORELLI OBENCHAIN
SHELVEY PLUNKETT
CHARLOTTE PAXTON
JULIAN NEWMAN

EVELYN PAYNE
JOHN OLSEN
DONNA QUISENBERRY
ELMER OVERSTREET
NORMA RIDDLE

Juniors

BOBBY PATSEL
MABLE RIDER
JANET RILEY
PHYLLIS RILEY
JOHN SCOTT



KATHERINE SANDERS
BILLY SETZER
ANITA SAUNDERS
RONNIE STATON
BONNY SCHUERMAN



DOYLE SOWERS
SHIRLEY SIMMONS
BARBARA SINER
ELLEN SHORT
JACKIE SUTTLES



NORMA JEAN SOWERS
HERSHEL TRIBBETT
NANCY SPANGLER
BOBBY WARD
REBECCA SPRADLIN



DELANO WEAVER
FRANKIE SMITH
SHARON STARK
ANNA TESTER
WAYNE WHEELING



KATHLEEN TOONE
ANNIE TRUSSLER
LEROY WILLS
CLAIRE TUCKER
ELEANOR TURNER



BARBARA UNDERWOOD
PATSY VERNON
BARBARA WALDRON
CHARLOTTE WATKINS
MARIE WILLIAMS



SHIRLEY WILLIAMS
DIANE WORLEY
KENNETH WRIGHT
SHIRLEY WRIGHT
NORMA YEATTS



Not Pictured
TOMMY WORLEY

Sophomores



NORMA JEAN ABBOTT
 JOE ANDREWS
 PATSY ALBERT
 JOE ARRINGTON
 RACHEL ALTICE

PAUL ATKINSON
 RUTH ALTICE
 LEWIS BAKER
 PAT ANDERSON
 RONALD BARKER

PATRICIA ANDERSON
 DALLAS BRYANT
 JANICE BLANKENSHIP
 GERYL BRYANT
 BARBARA BOLSTER

CHARLES CHITTUM
 MARY BLAIR BOOTH
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 JUNE FERGUSON
 RODNEY DALHOUSE
 LOUISE FIELDER
 NANCY FISHER

KENNETH DREWRY
 PATRICIA FITZGERALD
 SANDRA FITZGERALD
 PHYLLIS GIBSON
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Rosa Lee

*Garland
 New Boy*

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 FREDDIE FITZGERALD
 BARBARA GOAD
 ROBERT FOUTZ
 SUE HALE



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 ROGER FURROW
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 BENNY HARRIS
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 CHARLES IDDINGS
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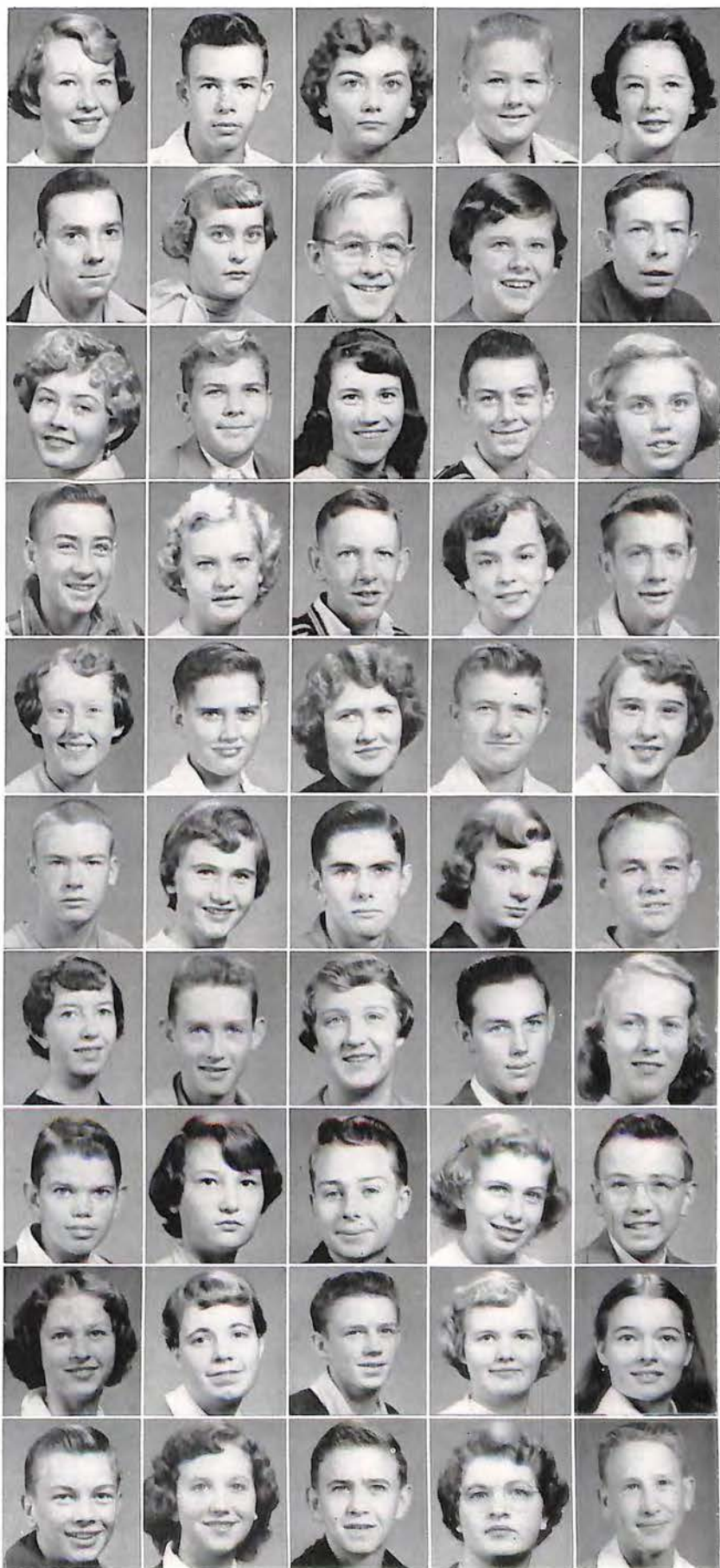
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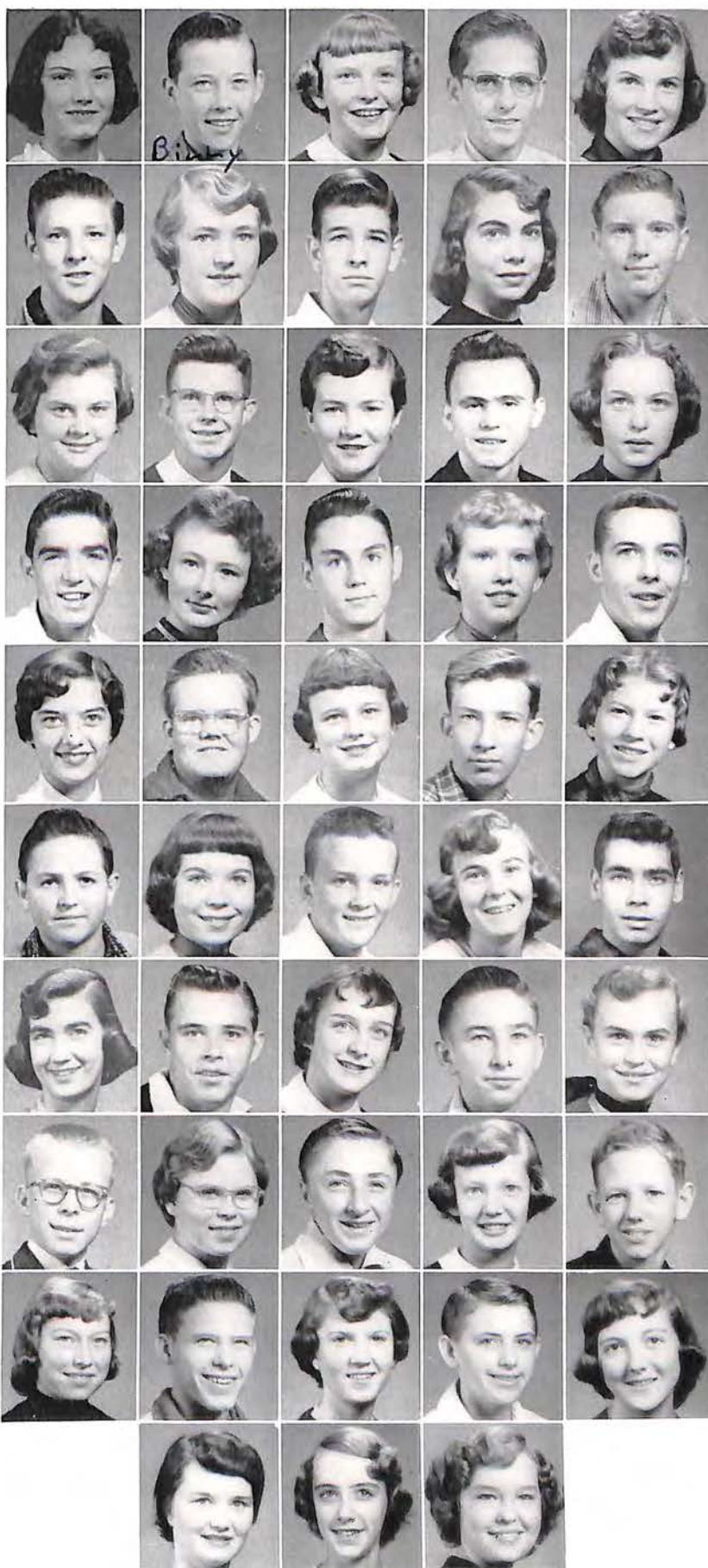
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 EUNICE DURHAM
 JAMES DORAN
 JOHN DORAN
 BRENDA DYER
 THOMAS EPPERLY

DANNY FUBANK
 ROGER FLIPPEN
 VIRGINIA EDWARDS
 NANCY EVERSOLE
 RONNIE FORBES
 RICHARD FOUTZ

Eighth Grade

SUSIE FIELDER
ALGIE FULTON
THOMAS HALE
BERT HALSEY
DONNIE HARTSEL
BONNIE FISHER



LARRY HILL
ANN FOLEY
KENNETH HOLLAND
WAYNE HUDSON
ELIZABETH FRALIN
BOBBY HUNT



JUDY FREEMAN
KENNETH HUNT
CAROL FREESE
RAE FUNK
ROBERT HYLTON
LINDA GIBSON



LOGAN JENNINGS
MOLLY GISH
JESSE JOHNSON
ROGER KEEN
IVA GLASCOE
HAROLD KELLEY



RUTH GRAYBILL
WENDELL KELLEY
JUDY GREER
MARGARET HITCHCOCK
ROBERT LEE
DIANNE HODGES



EARL LYLE
MATILDA HOLLAND
MARVIN LYLE
ROSCOE MARTIN
KATHERINE HOLT
WAYNE MARTIN



CAROLYN HUFFMAN
CHARLES McCARTY
MARY ANN JAMES
EUNICE KESSLER
GARLAND McCARTY
CAROL LARCH



BILLY McCRAW
CHARLOTTE LOVERN
MICHAEL McMANNAWAY
EARNEST MEEKS
SHELVA MAYS
JIMMY MEADOR



GALE MEADOR
JERRY MINNIX
JAMES NININGER
THOMAS OLSEN
CHARLEY PAXTON
MYRNA MULLINS



TOBY PENTECOST
ROSOLYN MURRAY
MELVIN PERDUE
WAYNE RAMSEY
CAROLYN NOELL
WAYNE RICHARDS



Eighth Grade



BOBBY ROACH
CAROLYN OBENCHAIN
ALIE ROBERTS
ROBERT RYAN
BETTY PASLEY
WAYNE SAUNDERS

JOANN PATSEL
RONNY SCOTT
BOBBY SELL
KYLE SHORT
BERNIE SOWERS
PEGGY PETERS

JAMES SOWERS
PATRICIA RICHARDSON
ALBERT STEWART
JOHN STUMP
PATRICIA RIDDLE
DANNY TAYLOR

IMOGENE RIDDLEBURGER
NATHAN TESTER
BRENDA SAUL
DORIS SAUNDERS
MARK TIDEWELL
MARJORIE SHAW

WAYNE THOMAS
ROSE SHORTER
DEAN THOMPSON
HERBERT TOLLEY
MARTHA SLOCUM
WILLIAM TURNER

JUDY SMITH
DAVID VESS
HELEN SMITH
PEGGY SMITH
CURTIS WALLACE
MELVA SOWERS

CHARLES WATSON
NANCY SOWERS
CARLTON WELCH
SAMUEL WEST
MARGARET TRUMP
LARRY WHEELER

MARGARET UNDERWOOD
CLARENCE WHEELING
CAROL WATTERSON
SARAH WEST
ELDRIDGE WILLIAMS
JUDY WORLEY

EVERETT WILLIS
LOIS WILHELM
JAMES WISE
FAYE WILLIAMS
GARY WOLFE
BETTY WOODSON

(Not Pictured)

Boys

WINSTON ADAMS
SHELBY BLANKENSHIP
KENNETH SAUNDERS
RICHARD SCOTT



(Not Pictured)

Girls

JUDITH CADD
IRENE SOWERS

JAMES WRAY
DOUGLAS WRIGHT

Through The Year

SEPTEMBER	1	School Opened
	6	S. C. A. Representatives Elected
	16	Reports from Boys' and Girls' State
	16	Citizenship Day
	19	Band gave program at Back Creek
	22	Seniors Receive Rings
	24	District Teachers Meet At Jefferson
30	Installation of S. C. A. Representatives	
OCTOBER	8	Fire Prevention Week
	14	Choir's First Performance at Masonic Hall in Vinton
	14	Booster Club Skit (Home-Coming)
	16	Home-Coming Game and Hop
16	(Crowning of Home-Coming Queen, Miss Betty Ward)	
NOVEMBER	1	V. S. E. S. Tests
	2	Election Day
	9	Southeastern Assembly—(DeCosta and Ferrari)
	11	Y-Teen Recognition Service
	17	College Day
	18	Junior Class Play Skits
	19	Junior Class Play (Healthy, Wealthy and Dumb)
24	Assembly (Mixed Choir) Rev. Earl Mitchell	
25	} Thanksgiving Holidays	
26		
DECEMBER	6	Southeastern Assembly—(Palmer Martion Players)
	7	Assembly—(Liquid Air)
	10	Seniors' Test
	11	S. C. A. Christmas Dance
	16	Christmas Cantata for P. T. A.
DECEMBER	19	Christmas Cantata for Weaving Mill
	17	} Christmas Holidays
JANUARY	3	
JANUARY	11	Southeastern Assembly—(Trio-Acrobatics)
	13	F. B. L. A. Assembly (Installed by the Jefferson F. B. L. A.)
	26, 27, 28	Mid-Term Exams
	30	Teachers Work Day
FEBRUARY	1	Second Semester Began
	10	Speaker on the Heart Fund and Awards for Magazine Sales
	12	Sweetheart Dance (My Own True Love)
	14	Valentine Party for Orphan Girl—F. H. A.
	14	Southeastern Assembly—(Bob Wood)
	17	Future Homemakers and Future Farmers Skating Party
	19	Science Fair
	24	F. F. A. Assembly
	28	Ordering of Moses (Mixed Choir and Girls' Choir)
MARCH	10	One-Act Play, "The Barrier," won "Distinguished Rating" at Fieldale
	18, 19	State S. C. A. Convention at Madison College
	19	District Festival (Woodrow Wilson Junior High School)
	24	F. H. A. Assembly (Speakers Albert Hutton and "Red" Johnson)
	26	One-Act Play Won Distinguished Rating at Charlottesville
APRIL	4, 5	D. O. Convention, Hotel Roanoke
	7	Easter Assembly
	10	District Debate Meet
	28	Senior Class Play Skits
	29	Senior Class Play "Father Knows Best"
29, 30	S. I. P. A. Convention	
MAY	5	S. C. A. Campaign Speeches
	6	S. C. A. Election
	12	1955 Black Swan Dedication
	13	Spring Music Festival
	20	F. H. A. and F. F. A. Picnic and Hay Ride
	21	Junior-Senior Prom, Hotel Patrick Henry
26	Senior Day	
JUNE	2	Cap and Gown Assembly
	5	Baccalaureate Service—Reverend C. T. Topping
	9	Graduation Exercises
	10	Awards Assembly
	11	School Closed

Junior High School Faculty



JAMES W. EAVEY, B.S.
Principal

Mr. Eavey is now serving his third year as principal of William Byrd Junior High School.

Thelma Jennings
H. Jesse

MRS. GERALDINE H. BUTLER
Sixth Grade

MRS. THELMA C. JENNINGS
Sixth Grade

MRS. HILDA B. JESSEE
Seventh Grade



MRS. SYLVIA LASSITER
Seventh Grade

MRS. LULA P. LAYMAN
Seventh Grade

JOHN G. MACY
Seventh Grade



MRS. ROSA S. MENEFFEE
Sixth Grade

MR. A. R. VAUGHAN
Seventh Grade

MRS. JOSEPHINE H. WOOD
Sixth Grade



Junior High School



SEVENTH GRADE—MRS. JESSEE

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bobby Duckworth, Ray Gregory, Charles Graybill, Tommy Edwards, William Richards, Coy Shilling, Billy MacCormick, James Snyder, Walter Finyard
 SECOND ROW: Tommy Thompson, Kent Wheeler, Wayne Ashwell, Jimmy Patton, Eddie Hodges, Wayne Mills, Tony Horne
 THIRD ROW: Mrs. Jessee, Patricia McAllister, Barbara Johnson, Beatrice Wilson, Carolyn Setzer, Nancy Hammond, Marcella Amos, Karen Bragg, Genova Clement, Alice Gray
 FOURTH ROW: Pamela Silver, Delores Cundiff, Janice Barrett, Barbara Newman, Patricia Stafford, Annette Shepherd, Patricia Grant, Jo Ann Hunter, Louise Simmons

SEVENTH GRADE—MRS. LASSITER

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Charles Garrett, Franklin St. Clair, Wayne Campbell, Ernest Holland, James Trout, Larry Draper, Kenneth Butterworth, Hubert Kelly, Ronald Hodges
 SECOND ROW: Perry Cundiff, Robert Drewry, Cecil Pugh, Sidney Amos, Robert McCraw, Thomas Strickler, Edgar Hawks, Kenneth Wray, Billy Wilson
 THIRD ROW: Mrs. Lassiter, Dreamer Hale, Carolyn Link, Joyce Webber, Barbara Milton, Arlene Toone, Jo Ann Cobler, Joanne Pittman, Bonnie Mills, Sandra Dowdy, Barbara Wilson, Joyce Hudson, Judy Padgett, Janet Gibson, Josephine Short, Ada Meador

SEVENTH GRADE—MRS. LAYMAN

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: James Blankenship, William Corbitt, Roy Neighbors, Glen Proehl, Allen Thomas, Myrl Hairfield, Gerald Harris, Jack Smith, Ronald Chittum
 SECOND ROW: Pauline Dickerson, Phillip Lyles, Donald Boyd, Curtis Tompkins, Douglas Meadow, Thomas Switzer, Jack Trent, Dee Kelly, Royce Zimmerman, Billy Booth
 THIRD ROW: Helen Cooper, Geraldine Combs, Kay Saunders, Harriet Watson, Helen Sell, Gale Johnson, Helen Kingery, Betty Jo Shrader, Esther Parks, Mrs. Layman
 FOURTH ROW: Nan Shepherd, Dianne Angel, Lenora Cochran, Shirley Saunders, Shirley Gibson, Shirley McLain, Ann Thurman, Betty Meadow

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SEVENTH GRADE—MR. MACY

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Robert Early, Billy Spradlin, Donnie Martin, Frank Daily, Riley Turpin, Lee Ray Chewning, James Short, Linden Lucas*
 SECOND ROW: *Thomas Hogan, Jimmy McCarty, Robert Blewins, Wendel Akers, Eddie McCall, Wayne Cramer, Robert Chambers*
 THIRD ROW: *Gertrude Chittum, Shirley Snow, Nancy Musselman, Betty Fitzpatrick, Mary Harvey, Betty Jean Draper, Carolyn McDaniel, Mr. Macy, Carolyn Huddleston*
 FOURTH ROW: *Carole Leftwich, Judy Saunders, Alice Plunkett, Darlene Nichols, Martha Radford*

SEVENTH GRADE—MR. VAUGHAN

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Ronald Horn, Jimmy Crumpacker, Howard Overstreet, Glenwood Shell, Reginald StClair, Gordon Lovern, Kenneth Criner, Jimmy Hunt, Bobby McGuffin*
 SECOND ROW: *Bruce Bryant, Robert Parks, Donnie Bandy, Wayne Summers, Billy Warel, Wayne Wray, Robert Short, Fred Mills, David Cooper*
 THIRD ROW: *Carole Overstreet, Billie Lynn Lassiter, Rita Hale, Barbara Powers, Phoebe Abbott, Clair Shilling, Jean Weddle, Bonnie Short*

SIXTH GRADE—MRS. BUTLER

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Gary Falls, Russell Short, Freddie Aylor, John Martin, Freddie Hale, Jackie Medley, Roddy Custer, Jimmy Mays, Freddie Anderson, Ernie Bibb*
 SECOND ROW: *Martha Cox, Judy Tingler, Ruth Smallwood, Dolores Loyd, Carolyn StClair, Brenda Holland, Mary Poindexter, Virginia Stewart, Ann Gundiff, Mary Ann Hill, Betty Belcher, Joan Dingleline, William Thomas, Mrs. Butler*

Junior High School



SIXTH GRADE—MRS. JENNINGS

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Gary Carroll, David Gearheart, Bobby Meador, Beverly Long, Jerry Faughan, Michael Crowder, Jackie Bowman, Billie Ward, Tony Reed
 SECOND ROW: Billie Butterworth, Dianne Martin, Linda Chewning, Sandra Homington, Jo Ann Gibson, Carolyn Sue Thomas, Sharon Howell, Marshall Murray
 THIRD ROW: Chloris Stone, Carolyn Boitnott, Nancy Buzik, Mary Fleshman, Bettie McGhee, Wanda Robertson, Nancy Fore, Judy Sowers, Mrs. Thelma Jennings

SIXTH GRADE—MRS. MENELEE

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Harold Ellis, Kenneth Pagans, Reggie Short, Berkley Lucas, David Hale, Kenneth Snodgrass, Ronald St. Clair, Alfred Parrish
 SECOND ROW: Sue Patton, Vivian Burnette, Patsy Wallace, Patricia Fisher, Sue Ann Thomas, Peggy Alley, Judy Pennington
 THIRD ROW: Pat Branson, Mable Kessler, Susie Foutz, Marie Turner, Frances Chittum, Janet Cook, Martha Glover, Mrs. Rosa Menefee

SEVENTH GRADE—MRS. WOOD

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Cal Gamble, Nelson Smelser, Lenwood Minter, Robert Rider, Kenneth Hill, Alfred Dixon, Richard Lovern, David Kelly
 SECOND ROW: Rennie Fiar, Paige Patsell, Melvin Jones, William Chambers
 THIRD ROW: Jo Ann Stout, Nancy Jo Foutz, Carolyn Oliver, Nancy Nicks, Ellen Stanley, Sandra Bohon, Carol Hoffman, Shirley Huddleston
 FOURTH ROW: Jane Dillon, Jean Dingleline, Julia Thurman, Betty Lou Cochran, Edna Mae McGhee, Carolyn McGeorge, Patricia Criner, Carole Ann Blours

Junior Organizations



STUDENT COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

"Forethought and prudence are the proper qualities of a leader." These are qualities found in the S. C. A. Representatives of William Byrd Junior High School. The organization meets regularly to devise ways of making the school a better one.

LEFT TO RIGHT: *Betty Jo Shrader, Martha Glover, Sharron Howell (Treasurer), Julian Thurman (Vice President), Karen Bragg (President), Mr. Eavey (Advisor), Betsy Mason (Secretary), Gary Folk (Reporter), Carolyn Huddleston, Jo Ann Cobler*



SAFETY PATROL

"He is safe from danger who is on his guard even when safe." It is the duty of the Safety Patrol to promote safety on the school buses. They are identified by white belts and A. A. A. badges.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *James Short, Donald Bandy, Ronald Horn, Hubert Kelly, Myrl Hairfield, Tony Horne*

SECOND ROW: *Jimmy McCarty, Genna Clement, Carolyn Boitnott, Janet Gibson, Shirley Gibson, Marie Truman, Douglas Meador*

THIRD ROW: *Wayne Sumner, Nan Shepherd, Royce Zimmerman, Jimmy Hunt*



LIBRARIANS

"Books are the best things, well used; abused, among the worst." Each room has two librarians that are responsible for checking out and shelving books for that room. This group has complete charge of circulation for the Junior High School Library.

SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Sandra Silver, Phoebe Abbott, Miss Emma Lee Runion (Advisor), Sue Thomas, Patricia Fisher*

STANDING: *Gail Johnson, Carolyn McDaniel, Shirley Snow, Shirley McLain, Beatrice Wilson, Joann Stout, Pamela Silver, Wanda Robertson, Linda Chewning, Mary Poindexter, Dolores Loyd, Carolyn Link*



JUNIOR POLICE FORCE

"When duty is to be done, a policeman's lot is not a happy one." This group is composed of a boy and girl from each room, whose duty it is to keep order in and around the building.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *William Chambers, Ronald Ham, Jimmy McCarty, Hubert Kelly, Douglas Meador*

SECOND ROW: *Beverly Long, Ernie Bibb, Wayne Ashwell, Reggie Short, Royce Zimmerman*

THIRD ROW: *Jane Dillon, Barbara Wilson, Marie Turner, Carole Leftwich, Mary Ann Hill, Shirley Gibson, Betty Fitzpatrick, Carolyn Boitnott, Genna Clement*

A Day's Activity

1. At the beginning of the day.



2. Changing classes.



3. Oh! that shorthand.



4. Hold that head this way.



5. Okay, let's pass this speed test.



6. Okay, try it again.



7. Future Homemakers.



8. Promenade!



9. The end of the school day.



10. { Mrs. Buck
11. { Mrs. Henley
12. { Mrs. Hiler
13. { Mrs. Pittman
 They feed us.

14. Mr. Burnette keeps our school clean.



What Would We Do Without Them!

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The P. T. A. of William Byrd High School is an active organization headed by these officers: President, Mrs. E. W. Obenshain; 1st Vice President, Mr. J. Randolph Flora; 2nd Vice President, Miss Sybil Marshall; 3rd Vice President, Mrs. W. Norman Dowdy; Secretary, Mrs. Russell Weaver; Treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence W. Weaver.

This organization meets in the William Byrd Junior High School building on the third Monday in every month. The programs for some of these meetings have been: Membership month, to gain new members; The Christmas Program, put on annually by the high school choir; Panel discussions, made up of parents, teachers, students, businessmen, and scientific leaders of the community. Each year the P. T. A. sends a delegate to Old Dominion Boys' and Virginia Girls' State in Blacksburg, Virginia.

The aims of the P. T. A. are: to promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school, church, and community; to raise the standards of home life; to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth; to bring into closer relation the home and the school, that parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the training of the child and youth; to develop between educators and the general public such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education.

Their motto is: "Let us study, Let us play, Let us pray." They carry out this motto in making education a necessity of life.

BAND BOOSTERS CLUB

The Band Boosters is organized for the benefit of the band to help it make the progress that it is entitled to. It is composed of the parents of band members. They work with the director to help support the band in many ways, especially by buying new uniforms and new instruments, which are so badly needed to keep the band strong and efficient. They have many projects during the year to raise money to send the band to the Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, Virginia. The concert in April provided valuable experience to the members and increased the financial assets of the band.

This year the officers are as follows: President, Mr. A. E. Stark; Vice President, Mrs. C. W. Kirby; Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Overstreet; Treasurer, Mrs. Garvin Stanley.

SPONSORS OF BOYS' AND GIRLS' STATE

Each year, a group of students from our school are sent to V. P. I. in Blacksburg, Virginia, to Old Dominion Boys' State and Virginia Girls' State. While there, they are under the guidance of the American Legion Auxiliary and are trained to be better citizens. Last year, the sponsors were: Vinton War Mothers, Vinton Chamber of Commerce, Burlington Mills, Vinton Lions Club, William Byrd P. T. A., Delta Kappa Gamma, American Legion.



*Organizations
and
Athletics*

Student Cooperative Association



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Donna Quisenberry, Norma Yeatts, Barbara Waldron, Molly Pedigo, Charlotte Paxton, Roberta Silcox, Joan Miller, Joan Turner, Sharon Stark, Betty Ward, Martha Burnette*

SECOND ROW: *Nancy Eversole, Janet Scott, Anne Heath, Martha Burkholder, Ellen Spradlin, Barbara Underwood, Earline Hairfield, Mildred Spangler, Darlene Morgan, Alice Miller, Molly Gish, Marie Sell*

THIRD ROW: *Carolyn Johnson, Juanita Parks, Wilma Bryant, Faye Nicks, Wanda Maske, Iless Carr, Shirley Wood, Phyllis Barnard*

FOURTH ROW: *Wayne Horn, LeRoy McAllister, Billy Setzer, Frank Hylton, Harold Cooper, Barrie Booth, Julian Nezman, Herbert Sozcers, Ronald Coleman, David Goble*

The Student Cooperative Association, clearing house of student activities, is made up of the entire student body. The council consists of one representative from each homeroom and major officers of organizations and classes. Each spring the four highest officers are elected by the student body.

Some projects this year were the Thanksgiving offering to the Community Welfare, participation in Red Cross Drive, Christmas baskets, projects to keep the school clean, publicity of school affairs, dance honoring the football team, citizenship training through elections, and assistance in the annual College Day program.

S. C. A. Officers



LEFT TO RIGHT: *Bell, Garman, McLeod, Abbott, Mrs. Ruffin (Sponsor)*

ROY MCLEOD.....	<i>President</i>
JIMMY BELL.....	<i>Vice President</i>
MYRTLE GARMAN.....	<i>Secretary</i>
SANDRA ABBOTT	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>

The principle duty of the S. C. A. is planning and presenting assemblies. Also, each year recognition is given through the S. C. A. to outstanding student leaders by point system awards. This year the S. C. A. has co-operated with the P. T. A. by furnishing devotions for their monthly meetings. Last spring a new program of orientation was begun by having prospective students as guests for a school tour.

A highlight of the year for the officers was the State S. C. A. Convention at Madison College, Harrisonburg, in March. Five council members attended a district S. C. A. meeting in Salem, November 9, where William Byrd led a discussion group.

Newspaper Staff



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Shelvy Plunkett, Shelby Carr, Sandra Abbott, Virginia Seibel, Edith Hart, Joan Miller, Muriel Overstreet, Betty Ridpath, Faye Nicks, Carolyn Johnson*

SECOND ROW: *Janet Riley, Alice Keaton, Juanita Belcher, Ola Miller, Joanne Bryant, Carolyn Obenshain, Kathleen Toone, Pat Hale, Phyllis Riley, Barbara Burger, Katie Lou Simmons, Ann Richards*

THIRD ROW: *Roger Keen, Harold Cooper, Herman Plybon, Curtis Guilliams, Ronald Barker, David Hale*

The Byrd Echo, the school newspaper, is published every two weeks by a group of hard working students bound together by one big idea—to put out a paper which transmits all of the latest news and coming events of the student body.

Once every two weeks a newspaper staff meeting is held. At this meeting the co-editor gives out assignments to the reporters and columnists. It takes about three or four days to prepare the articles. When they are finished they are given to the typists, who type them into columns. When this typing has been done, the different columns are cut out and pasted to different sheets of paper. This is called making the "dummy". After the dummy is completed, it again is given to the typists, who copy it on stencils. These stencils are run off on a mimeograph machine. The paper is now finished, except for one important step—stapling. Each Friday about three o'clock, several different people take the papers around to all of the classrooms to sell them. This not only shows how much work goes into publishing a school paper, but it also gives to the members of the staff a very valuable experience.

Occasionally, the staff puts out a special issue, such as the Christmas issue and the issue for Seniors.

The staff does not believe in all work and no play, so an outing was held in the spring.

The staff has tried to make the paper as good as possible and they hope that you, the student body, have enjoyed it.

Annual Staff

Write-ups . . . deadlines . . . pictures . . . layouts . . . more deadlines . . . These are but a few of the problems that furrowed the brows of annual staff members as the BLACK SWAN was S-L-O-W-L-Y jig-sawed into some semblance of order.

The infrequent staff meetings, once a month on the second Friday, made it necessary for most of the brain and elbow work to be done in study periods.

Edith H. and Roy O. jogged memories and jangled nerves as they put the senior section together. Roy M. pieced in the sports copy and pictures causing coaches to consult psychiatrists. Jenny S. bounced about and cajoled to patiently piece the girls' sports into one recognizable form. Myrtle M., Elizabeth S., and Billy S., with the help of Georgie P., Peggy B., Shirley W., and Harold C. typed and contacted the businessmen for ads.

The club editors, Lois A., Beverly L., and Patricia M., cooperated on the club section. Mary Frances W. worked hard arranging the faculties' pictures in a such and such order. Day after day Birdie S. and Joan M. looked through books seeking quotations—the right one for each senior. Hershel T. looked wise and penned in the art work on the division pages. Shelvy P. visited the Jr. Building regularly, which was quite a job running up and down those steps. Martha B., Editor, and Marie S., Business Manager, supervised the total chaos while Mrs. Moseley looked wildly around and wondered if it would ever be assembled into a complete year-book.

The group had a supper at Mrs. Moseley's home and a picnic in the spring. While school annuals were on the press, they visited Stone's to see how the production was actually accomplished.

With everyone helping each other, this yearbook, THE 1955 BLACK SWAN, is now yours.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Joan Miller, Edith Hart, Lois Ann Absher, Virginia Seibel, Shirley Wood, Elizabeth Shepherd, Georgie Pettit, Myrtle Moore*

SECOND ROW: *Shelvy Plunkett, Roberta Silcox, Myrtle Garman, Patricia Martin, Peggy Brooks, Beverly Leffell, Diane Worley, Mary Frances Wilson*

THIRD ROW: *Roy McLeod, Billy Setzer, Harold Cooper, Roy Obenchain, Ronald Barker, J. C. Mills, Wallace West*



Sponsors and Officers



LOOK WHAT GUTENBURG STARTED!

Ink smudges, mistypes, and other problems of the publisher, printer, and journalist are routine to these officers and sponsors.

Martha Burnette, Editor, and Marie Sell, Business Manager, try to add some order to that task that often becomes a maize of type, *THE BLACK SWAN*.



Every task, undertaking, or business has its overseers who work the skills of its staff into the right job at the right time. These helpful, capable people are Mrs. Irma T. Moseley—sponsor of *THE BLACK SWAN*, Mr. Laurence, and Mrs. Lona Ruffin—sponsors of *The Byrd Echo*.



Ask David Goble, Business Manager, Joan Turner, Editor, and Sharon Stark, Managing Editor, if they would trade that lazy old job of being the newspaper staff for something simple, like studying.

Hi-Y

OFFICERS

WAYNE AYERS.....	<i>President</i>
ROBERT RANSON.....	<i>Vice President</i>
LEROY McALLISTER.....	<i>Secretary</i>
ELMER OVERSTREET.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
HAROLD COOPER.....	<i>Reporter</i>
HUGH LEE CARNER.....	<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>

The Hi-Y is organized among high school boys and affiliated with the Young Men's Christian Association. It is formed with the purpose "to create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and the community, high standards of Christian Character." This is one of the 8,000 Hi-Y Clubs in the United States.

The club meets every two weeks at the Y. M. C. A. and once a month at school under the leadership of Mr. Rockhill. The Hi-Y members enjoy recreation facilities of the Y. M. C. A. Under the supervision of Coach Jimmy Bell, they have developed a very fine basketball team that is at the top in the league. Each year the Hi-Y presents an assembly and participates in school activities. All new members will be installed at the spring installation program.

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Harold Cooper, Hugh Lee Carner*

SECOND ROW: *Sammy St. Clair, Elmer Overstreet, LeRoy McAllister, Wayne Ayers, Robert Ranson, Mr. Rockhill (Sponsor), Curtis Guilliams*

THIRD ROW: *Bert Halsey, C. A. Boxley, Thomas Kirby, Ronald Lovern, Jimmy Bell, Wilbert Tester, J. C. Starr, Curtis Kirby, Roy Obenchain*



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Senior Y-Teens



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Norma Bragg, Lois Ann Absher, Kathleen Toone, Pat Hale, Virginia Seibel, Betty Ward, Joan Turner, Martha Burnette, Pat Martin, Wanda Wingfield, Muriel Overstreet, Georgie Coleman Pettit, Myrtle Moore

SECOND ROW: Shelby Carr, Janet Riley, Annette Hodges, Marlene Joyce, Rebecca Hatcher, Sandra Blankenship, Shirley Radford, Frankie Smith, Barbara Waldron, Rebecca Huddleston, Ann Stanley, Nancy Nichols, Barbara Underwood, Ellen Short, Mrs. Goble (Sponsor)

THIRD ROW: Joanne Bryant, Beverly Leffell, Shirley Cawley, Claudia Spradlin, Janice Frye, Peggy Brooks, Mary Frances Wilson, Shirley Wood, Peggy Richardson, Betty Ridpath, Eleanor Turner, June Martin

FOURTH ROW: Ola Miller, Juanita Belcher, Barbara Eggers, Sharon Stark, Phyllis Riley, Barbara Burger, Eva Thompson, Janice McBride, Claire Tucker, Wanda Dooley, Evelyn Payne, Ruth Cooper

FIFTH ROW: Edith Hart, Roberta Silcox, Shely Plunkett, Diane Worley, Joan Miller, Betty Martin, Marilou Barber, Judy Mills, Suzanne Blankenship

OFFICERS

	BETTY WARD.....	President
PATRICIA HALE.....	Vice President	JOAN TURNER.....
VIRGINIA SEIBEL.....	Secretary-Treasurer	KATHLEEN TOONE.....
MARTHA BURNETTE.....	Worship Chairman	PAT MARTIN.....
		Program Chairman
		Reporter
		Social Chairman

Carrying out the Y-Teen purpose is a main function of the Senior Y-Teens. Our emblem is a triangle, the sides representing our physical, spiritual, and mental growth.

The Senior Y-Teens took an active part in World Fellowship Week as well as all other programs of the Y. W. C. A. They had their recognition service, a slumber party, and a football and basketball banquet. The big event of the year was the "Sweetheart Dance" on February 12 in the Junior High Auditorium.

As a project this year, the club participated in a drive to raise money for the polio fund.

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Tenth Grade and Junior Y-Teens

CAROLYN JOHNSON *President*
 PEGGY GILLISPIE *Vice President* PAT ANDERSON *Treasurer*
 WANDA MASKE *Secretary* ALICE HUDDLESTON *Reporter*

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Miss Caldwell (sponsor), Pat Anderson, Patricia Anderson, Wanda Maske, Lindy Landsdown, Carolyn Johnson, Peggy Gillispie, Alice Huddleston, Martha Hale, Molly Pedigo, Mariha Proctor*
 SECOND ROW: *Ruby Kelly, Jeanette Sowers, Amonette Hudgins, Becky Hedrick, Sue Hale, Barbara Donahue, Jo Ann Richards, Katie Simmons, Faye Nicks, Rosalie Brackens*
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THE ALPHA OMEGA SCIENCE CLUB

The Alpha Omega Science Club was organized this year under the leadership of Miss Abbott and Mr. Rockhill. This is the first club of its kind which has been established at William Byrd High School. The Alpha Omega Science Club has been accepted as a member of the Virginia Junior Academy of the Science Clubs of America.

The aims of our club are:

1. To increase our knowledge of science.
2. To learn to perfect our skills in science.
3. To give service in our community and nation.
4. To understand the importance of science in our lives and to encourage the students in scientific careers.
5. To help carry out the program of the Science Club of America.

The main project which the club undertook during the past year was to sponsor the Roanoke County Science Fair, which was held at William Byrd High School, February 19, 1955. Miss Betty Abbott was chairman of the fair.

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Library Club

The Library Club is a group of girls consisting of a few from each grade. These girls give their own time to work in the library to make it a better place for other students of the school.

Although these girls are closely related to the library, they are not entirely "bookworms". They are a group of happy, friendly girls.

During the year they have a Christmas party, meet with other library clubs, visit The Stone Printing Company, and the Roanoke Library. Although these are enjoyed by everyone, the club looks forward to the supper at their sponsor's home and picnic at a local park.

PATRICIA MARTIN	<i>President</i>
SHIRLEY WOOD	<i>Vice President</i>
SHIRLEY WRIGHT	<i>Secretary and Treasurer</i>
MRS. MOSELEY	<i>Sponsor</i>

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Mrs. Moseley (sponsor), Elizabeth Shepherd, Norma Bragg, Myrtle Moore, Patricia Martin, Shirley Wood, Shirley Wright, Lois Ann Absher*

SECOND ROW: *Shelvy Plunkett, Sarah Cook, Judy Leffell, Pat Worley, Connie Agner, Jean Green, Georgie Pettit, Alice Miller*

THIRD ROW: *Beverly Leffell, Peggy Brooks, Lorraine Bratton, Joyce Wright, Joan Branson, Diane Worley, Joanne Smith, Nona Wray*



Future Teachers of America



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Edith Hart, Roberta Silcox, Beverly Leffell, Kenneth Wright, Curtis Guilliams, David Hale*
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 THIRD ROW: *Hess Carr, Margaret Hart, Norma Jean Abbott, Pat Anderson, Ina Mae Cox, Mr. Mason (sponsor), Bill Quisenberry*

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BEVERLY LEFFELL.....	<i>Secretary</i>
CURTIS GUILLIAMS.....	<i>Librarian</i>
JOAN MILLER.....	<i>Song Leader</i>
DAVID HALE.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
KENNETH WRIGHT.....	<i>Historian</i>
BILL QUISENBERRY.....	<i>Parliamentarian</i>

The purpose of the Future Teachers of America organization is to help create an interest in teaching for those students interested in this profession. The club studies the qualities necessary for good teachers with the idea that both improvement in subject matter and personality should begin while they are yet in high school. The various fields of teaching are explored with the hope that students will prepare to teach in the fields of their interests.

The members of the Future Teachers of America also serve the school in leadership in as many areas as possible. One service is to fill in for teachers when substitutes cannot be obtained.

The club meets once each month to conduct its regular business and discuss various subjects for the growth of its individual members.

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Future Business Leaders of America



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Joanne Bryant, Juanita Belcher, Mildred Martin, Iless Carr*
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 THIRD ROW: *Wanda Dooley, Peggy Richardson, Nancy Nichols, Shirley Cawley, Claudia Spradlin, Patsy Scott, Jean Green*
 FOURTH ROW: *Lois Caldwell, Annette Hodges, Joyce Wright, Mary Lee Hunt, Norma Yeatts, Evelyn Payne, Claire Tucker, Annie Trussler*
 FIFTH ROW: *Marietta Belcher, Diane Worley, Janet Riley, Janet Caldwell, Patricia Hale, Edith Hart, Donna Quisenberry*
 SIXTH ROW: *Elinor Turner, Peggy Gillispie, Janice Blankenship, Janice Frye, Margaret Lamb, Joyce Cawley, Betty Ham, Shirley Simmons, Marie Sell, Mrs. White, Miss Caldwell, Mrs. Self (sponsors)*

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| <i>FRED BROWN Treasurer</i> | <i>SHIRLEY RADFORD Historian</i> |

The Future Business Leaders of America is a new organization in our school this year. It is organized for students preparing to enter the business field of work.

The Jefferson Chapter of the FBLA installed the members of the club on January 13 in an assembly program.

The club had films on business and had some businessmen come in to tell them the things they expect of a high school employee. Later, some of the members of the club presented the skit, "How to dress and how not to dress for the office."

Some of the members attended the convention at Radford in March.

The club's project was to interview different businessmen and find out what qualifications a high school graduate, just entering business, should have.

The club had a Christmas Party and several socials in the spring.

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Future Homemakers of America



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 THIRD ROW: *Marilou Barber, Peggy Richardson, Connie Agner, Jean Jones, Jane Hatcher, Pat Anderson, Mary Eubank, Betty Ridpath, Mrs. Thomas*

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DREAMA HARTSEL	<i>Secretary</i>
BETTY MARTIN	<i>Treasurer</i>
REBECCA SPRADLIN	<i>Reporter</i>
MRS. THOMAS	<i>Sponsor</i>

The activities of the club are: a community project which consists of clothing and feeding a needy family, and caring for a five-year-old orphan girl, who was adopted by the club. Social activities included a skating party, a pot-luck supper with the F.F.A., and a spring picnic. The club sent two delegates to the State F. H. A. Convention at Madison College in June. All members worked on the money-making project, selling candy and soft drinks at basketball games.

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Future Farmers of America



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Bobby Gearhart, Wayne Peters, Richard Sink, Lewis Cox, Gale Gish
William Thurman

SECOND ROW: Charles Chittum, Jerry Ferguson, James Bunner, Don McDonald, Wade Ferguson

THIRD ROW: Delano Weaver, Dean Brown, Thomas Kirby, Richard Wingo, David Huffman

FOURTH ROW: Mr. A. K. Thomas (advisor), Lewis Stout, David Slocum, Douglas Carr, Jackie Riley,
Doyle Sozvers, Lucian St. Clair

LEWIS COX.....President
GALE GISH.....Vice President
RICHARD SINK.....Secretary

BOBBY GEARHART.....Treasurer
WAYNE PETERS.....Reporter
BILLY THURMAN.....Sentinel

The Future Farmers of America, or "FFA" as it is commonly known, is the national organization of, by, and for boys studying vocational agriculture in public schools under the provisions of the National Vocational Education Acts.

Organized in November, 1928, it has served to motivate and vitalize the systematic instruction offered to students of vocational agriculture.

During the past year, two members received the highest award made by the Virginia Association, the coveted State Farmer's Degree, at the FFA Rally at Blacksburg last summer. Two Honorary Chapter Farmers' Degrees were awarded at the annual Father and Son Banquet. The Dairy Judging Team won the State Contest at V. P. I., and represented Virginia at the National Dairy Judging Contest at Waterloo last October and received high awards and a bronze plaque for their successful efforts at the National Dairy Congress.

The William Byrd Chapter was chartered in September, 1951, and a new vocational building will be completed this spring in which will be located the Vocational Agriculture Department.

Other activities this past year included: Forestry Contest, Crops Judging Contest, assembly program, National FFA Week, Degree Team Contest, Poultry Judging Contest, setting out seedlings in forestry plot.

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TEST-FED FEEDS

Thespian Club



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Martha Burnette, Muriel Overstreet*
 SECOND ROW: *Joan Turner, Sharon Stark, Becky Hatcher, Norma Bragg, Carolyn Obenshain, Shelby Carr, Roberta Silcox, Betty Ward, Patricia Martin, Janet Riley, Mr. Laurence (sponsor)*
 THIRD ROW: *Wayne Ayers, Joe Hatcher, Charles Neighbors, Curtis Kirby, LeRoy McAllister, Dean Flowers, Elmer Overstreet, Billy Setzer, Jimmy Bell, Roy McLeod*
 FOURTH ROW: *Richard Kraus, Don McDonald*

- RICHARD KRAUS..... *President*
- DON McDONALD..... *Vice President*
- MARTHA BURNETTE..... *Secretary*
- JOE HATCHER..... *Scribe*

Troupe 1058, the William Byrd representative in the National Thespian Society, brought to a close its second year here at Byrd. Under the able leadership of its officers and its sponsor, Mr. Laurence, the troupe has done much to promote dramatic arts in the school.

The troupe has restricted membership in that one must obtain a certain number of points or credits to become a member. To obtain these points a prospective member may work as an actor, stagehand, scene and costume designer, electrician or any one of a number of things connected with the production of a play. When the prospective members have completed the requirements, they are admitted to the troupe in an impressive initiation ceremony which is conducted in a school assembly.

Thespian membership is accepted as the beginning of serious work and indicates that the student is qualified to accept and discharge whatever task may be assigned him. Students who do not maintain satisfactory standing in the club may be suspended.

The twenty-six members of this year's edition of Troupe 1058 have indeed had a wonderful time and profited much by working toward the goal of the National Thespian Society: "To establish and advance standards of excellence in all phases of dramatic arts, and to create an active and intelligent interest in dramatic arts among boys and girls in the high school."

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Debating Club



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Dean Flowers, Billy Setzer*
 SECOND ROW: *Janet Riley, Suzanne Blankenship, Sandra Abbott, Shelby Carr, Carolyn Obenshain, Joan Turner*
 THIRD ROW: *Curtis Guilliams, Ronald Barker, Jimmy Bell, Pete Plunkett, Kenneth Wright, Patricia Anderson, Donna Quisenberry, Wayne Ayers, Sharon Stark, Mr. Goble (sponsor)*

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SANDRA ABBOTT.....	<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>
WAYNE AYERS.....	<i>Reporter</i>

PURPOSE: To train pupils in critical evaluation of current problems.

PLANS: To work in groups, studying current debate questions; to train pupils for the state forensic meet; to give them experience in group discussion and cooperative endeavor; to study current political and economic problems thereby giving the members of the group foundational training for the exercise of citizenship in our democratic form of government.

Diversified Occupations



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Mabel Rider, Harold Smith, Calvin Gray, Olin Silver, Betty Martin, Zennia Sowers, Joan Criner, Phyllis Bryant
 SECOND ROW: Shirley Shockley, Marilou Barber, Betty Fore, Rachel Boitnott, Norma Jean Sowers, Delores Laze, Jean Jones, Anna Mae Hyden
 THIRD ROW: Bobby Wheeler, Ronnie Waldron, Roger Thurman, Michael McKay, Carroll Clement
 FOURTH ROW: Clifton Hartsel, Douglas Folden, Billy Blake, Arnold Harris, Billy Scaggs
 FIFTH ROW: Mr. Mason (sponsor), Henry Rowland, Donald Slone, Wilbert Tester, Gene Pentecost, Wayne Draper, Marvin Cronk

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MABEL RIDER.....	Reporter		

The purpose of the Diversified Occupations Program is to provide vocational education in addition to general education for its members. It helps bridge the gap between school and employment.

Students enrolled in this program spend one-half day at school and one-half day working in a chosen occupation.

In regular class they study personality, personal progress on the job, labor laws, employer-employee relations, and studies directly related to the specific occupation.

This year there are 35 students working in the following 17 occupations: baker, banker, cake decorator, checker, dental assistant, displayman, draftsman, foods trade worker, groceryman, general office worker, postman, printer, retail clerk, service station manager, stockroom men, telephone operators, and textile worker.

The club meets once each month to conduct regular business, hear outside speakers, and take field trips to various industries.

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Booster Club



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Patricia Hale, Patricia Martin, Joan Turner, Shely Plunkett, Joan Miller, Shirley Wood, Mary Frances Wilson, Annette Hodges, Barbara Underwood, Sandra Abbott*
 SECOND ROW: *Kathleen Toone, Becky Huddleston, Muriel Overstreet, Virginia Seibel, Lois Ann Absher, Carolyn Obenshain, Roberta Silcox, Edith Hart, Marie McGeorge, Betty Ward, Martha Burnette*
 THIRD ROW: *Catherine Silcox, Doris Dowdy, Joyce Saunders, Sandra Blankenship, Shirley Radford, Georgie Pettit, Beverly Leffell, Shirley Wright, Mary Frances Coon, Carolyn Obenchain, Mary Ann James, Pat Anderson*
 FOURTH ROW: *Judy Leffell, Laura Vaughn, Nancy Foster, Judy Snodgrass, Pat Anderson, Becky Hedrick, Ammonette Hudgins, Faye Nicks, Peggy Gillispie, Nancy Nichols*
 FIFTH ROW: *Darlene Morgan, Connie Agner, Pat Worley, Sue Hale, Shelba St. Clair, Patsy Albert, Ruby Kelley, Claire Tucker, Shirley Simmons, Carole Wiley, Nancy Hargis*
 SIXTH ROW: *Norma Bragg, Becky Hatcher, Marlene Joyce, Eva Thompson, Janice McBride, Betty Ferguson, Bonnie Webster, Jo Ann Roop, Barbara Goad, Wanda Dooley*
 SEVENTH ROW: *Peggy Brooks, Rosalie Brackens, Jo Ann Richards, Pat Dingleline, Peggy Richardson, Barbara Waldron, Frankie Smith, Charlotte Paxton, Myrtle Moore, Betty Ridpath*
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 NINTH ROW: *Carolyn Adams, Joyce Keith, Anne Heath, Janet Scott, Judy Smith, Carole Bryant, Susie Fielder, Juanita Belcher, Joanne Bryant, Ola Miller*
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JOAN TURNER.....	<i>Vice President</i>	BETTY WARD.....	<i>Reporter</i>

The Booster Club is a large group of girls who work along with the cheerleaders and band to boost the moral and school spirit among the students both at school and at the games.

The club has 95 members this year. Every year the club carries on the tradition of putting on a skit in the last assembly before the Homecoming game.

Once the Booster Club starts, there is no stopping them until they have a victory.

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Mixed Choir



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Patricia Martin, Annette Hodges, Edith Hart, Virginia Seibel, Joan Miller, Sue Hale, Shelby Carr, Pat Anderson, Shirley Simmons, Joanne Bryant
 SECOND ROW: Patricia Hale, Barbara Donahue, Ammonette Hudgins, Georgie Coleman Pettit, Peggy Brooks, Ronnie Ellison, Shirley Wood, Mrs Painter (director), Sammy St. Clair, Kathleen Toone, Lois Caldwell, Mary Eubank, Carol Wiley, Nancy Hargis
 THIRD ROW: Ruby Kelley, Faye Nicks, Phyllis Gibson, Mary Lee Hunt, Betty Ferguson, Janet Lee, Bonny Webster, Jo Ann Roop, Mary Frances Wilson, Molly Pedigo, Martha Ann Hale, Martha Proctor, Glorice Turner, Josephine Grubbs, Elizabeth Shepherd
 FOURTH ROW: Phyllis Cooper, Sandra Fitzgerald, Charlotte Watkins, Janet Riley, Hless Carr, Joann McAllister, Eva Thompson, Patsy Albert
 FIFTH ROW: Tommy Pittman, David Goble, Clarence Mullins, Richard Kraus, Henry Rowland, Edward Gordon, Jerry Hayden

SHIRLEY WOOD.....	President	PATRICIA MARTIN	} Librarians
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KATHLEEN TOONE.....	Secretary	PEGGY BROOKS	} Robe Chairmen
SAMMY ST. CLAIR.....	Treasurer	MARTHA HALE	
VIRGINIA SEIBEL.....	Reporter	SANDRA ABBOTT	} Accompanists
		MARTHA BURNETTE	

God sent His singers upon the earth
 With songs of sadness and of mirth,
 That they might touch the hearts of men
 And bring them back to Heaven again.
 —Longfellow

The Mixed Choir has had a very busy and successful year. This is the fourth year that they have given a regular monthly broadcast over station WSLS. They gave a special Christmas program for Delta Kappa Gamma, the Eastern-Masonic meeting, Vinton, Virginia, and to the Men's Fellowship group of the Raleigh Court Methodist Church.

This year they gave four performances of their Christmas Cantata-Pageant. The theme was "For God So Loved the World." The main characters were: Mary—Joan Miller, Joseph—Roy McLeod, Angel—Phyllis Barnard, Cherub Angel—Mary Montague Simmons. The girls' choir performed the part of the Angel Choir. The art of the work for the desert scene was drawn by Donna Quisenberry and the motto by Ammonette Hudgins.

During the spring months they were busy rehearsing and preparing for the following events: "The Ordering of Moses" with the Roanoke Symphony Orchestra, All State West Chorus, District Six Music Festival, Vinton Lions Club Minstrel, and their own Annual Spring Festival. They will conclude their year's work with the Commencement Exercises.

The students selected by the central committee of All-State West Chorus were: Joan Miller, Faye Nicks, Tommy Pittman, David Goble, and Richard Kraus.

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Girls' Choir

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ALICE MILLER.....	<i>Secretary</i>
DARLENE MORGAN } JUDITH STONE }	<i>Accompanists</i>
SHIRLEY MARTIN.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
CATHERINE SILCOX.....	<i>Librarian</i>
MARY BLAIR BOOTH.....	<i>Robe Chairman</i>

Music is a beautiful sound. Man has learned to express his deepest feelings through music—from great joy to deepest religious sentiments.

The thirty-one members of the Girls' Choir have had a very busy and successful year. Each member has tried hard to uphold her duties to make a good choir.

The main performances of the Girls' Choir this year were: Monthly programs over WSLs on "Young Roanoke Sings"; Christmas Program in which the Girls' Choir played the role of the Angel Choirs; participating in the "Ordering of Moses"; District Six Festival; and the Annual Spring Festival.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Judy Weaver, Doris Dowdy, Pat Dingedine, Freda Worley, Anita Jones, Rita Frye, Alice Miller, Shirley Martin, Catherine Silcox, Mrs. Painter (director)*

SECOND ROW: *Janet Scott, Shirley Shell, Sue Hale, Rebecca Underwood, Christine Jackson, Judy Snodgrass, Joyce Saunders, Betty Elkins, Irma McCarty, Edwana Sink, Joan Kerns, Nancy Fisher, Judy Leffell*



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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Phyllis Riley, Carolyn Johnson, Barbara Burger, Rosemary Overstreet, Martha Settle, Margie Shaw, Glen Proehl, Gary Falls
 SECOND ROW: Robert Kendall, Martha Slocum, Patricia Grant, Ina Mae Cox, David Hale, Bobby Duckworth, Donald Settle, Barry Ward, Michael Gish, Jackie Benson, Freddie Fitzgerald
 THIRD ROW: Wanda Dooley, W. F. Triplett (director), Muriel Overstreet, Lois Ann Absher, Rebecca Huddleston, Kathleen Toone, Wanda Wingfield, Becky Hendrick, Brenda Jones
 ABSENT: Patricia Vernon

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CAROLYN JOHNSON.....	Secretary	MURIEL OVERSTREET.....	Field General

This year the band started back to school earlier than most pupils. When the first Monday of August rolled around, the ambitious band members were found on the football field ready for their first day of practice.

The band worked hard to give a good performance under the new lights for the first football game. Of course, game time found them all there for the rest of the games. They also attended Clifton Forge "Homecoming", Bristol State Band Festival, and brought home a "second-rating" plaque. The two days and nights with the Wytheville and Abingdon band members provided lots of fun for all. They also attended the Roanoke and Vinton Christmas parades and the Shriners Football Classic. The band went to the 1954 Apple Blossom Festival in Winchester, and returned with the coveted awards for man mileage and drum majorette. This year the band gave a spring concert in April, and for the band members a party the last day before the Christmas vacation was given by the Band Boosters.

The equipment of the band, including everything from each piece of uniform to instrument and each sheet of music for marching or presenting a concert, comes to the sum of approximately \$15,000.

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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Freddie Aylor, Nancy Nicks, Virginia Edwards, Ellen Stanley, Rebecca Payne, Ann Richards, Sharon Stark*
 SECOND ROW: *Tommy Olsen, Earlene Hairfield, John Olsen, Carolyn Obenshain, Katie Simmons, J. C. Starr, Curtis Guilliams, Curtis Kirby, Wayne Ayers*
 THIRD ROW: *David Hale, Alice Keaton, Martha Burkholder, Tommy Thompson, Phoebe Abbott, Elmer Overstreet, David Harris, Curtis Tompkins, David Goode, Shirley Hunter*

Band

The band has also started a dance and jazz band this year. It includes the following: Carolyn Obenshain and Johnny Olsen (cornets); Wayne Ayers and Curtis Guilliams (trombones); David Hale (drum); Lois Ann Absher (piano); Carolyn Johnson (clarinet); Phyllis Riley and Mr. Triplett (clarinet and saxophone).

All-State Band was held February 4, 5, and 6 at Pulaski. Curtis Guilliams, David Hale and Sharon Stark were in the concert band. Carolyn Johnson, Phyllis Riley, Carolyn Obenshain and Wayne Ayers were in the workshop band. The rest of the band was proud of those who received honors.

The band went to the District Festival on March 19 and gave a Spring Concert on April 21 in the junior building auditorium.

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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Wendell McCarty (Co-Captain), Bobby Ward, Johnny Scott, Raymond Hall, Tommy Pittman*
 SECOND ROW: *Earnest Kirk, Donald McDonald (Co-Captain), Sammy St. Clair, Bobby Murphy, Lewis Cox*
 THIRD ROW: *Jackie Suttles, David Smith, Pete Sink, Ronald Waldron, Fred Brown*
 FOURTH ROW: *Herbert Sowers (Manager), Butch Wheeling (Manager), Donnie Thomas, Bill Quisenberry*

Varsity

Football began in Vinton when the team met Christiansburg on the home field, under the new lights. They won the first ball game by a score of 13-6 with end Frank Hylton and back Earnest Kirk doing the scoring.

On the next jaunt, the Terriers met the Magicians of Jefferson in Victory Stadium where a somewhat bewildered Byrd team was defeated 26-6, with Don McDonald doing the scoring.

The Terriers then traveled to Bedford where they took a hard fought game from the Otters by a score of 7-0, with Don McDonald doing the scoring, with able assistance from Earnest Kirk and Bobby Murphy, and with "Wink" McCarty and Bobby Ward showing up in the ends.

Salem, on October 2, was overcome by a hard fighting Byrd team that showed they wanted to win from the first whistle with Don McDonald picking up a fumble and running 60 yards for a score within the first 2 minutes. Donnie Thomas also gained a 6 pointer for the Terriers making the final score 14-6.

Traveling to Wytheville the Byrd men stomped the Maroons by a 19-7 score with Don McDonald scoring twice and Earnest Kirk once. On October 15, Byrd met Covington for one of the biggest events of the year. The team fought a hard game and came up with a victory of 7 to 0. Putting District 6 records on the line at Radford, the Terriers just couldn't find it and with the going against them were beaten 13-7.

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FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Frank Hylton, Nyle Filson, Roy McLeod, Kyle Robinson, Gene Cox*
 SECOND ROW: *Arnold Harris, Jerry Suttles, Lewis Painter, Lewis Baker, Joe Andrews*
 THIRD ROW: *C. A. Boxley, Richard Kraus, Barrie Booth, Clarence Mullins, J. C. Mills*
 FOURTH ROW: *Charles Iddings, Jimmy Bell, Joe Hatcher (Manager), John Cook (Manager)*

Football

With revenge in mind, the Byrdmen then traveled to Blacksburg, where they came out on top after trailing in the District 6 scores and won by a score of 20-6, with Sam St. Clair, Earnest Kirk, and Don McDonald doing the scoring.

Still grasping at the District Champ, the Terriers lost to a strong Fleming team by a score of 13-0. The Terriers played good ball, but just couldn't come through.

Then came Friday, November 12, the last game for some of the boys, also for Coach Hale. For all of the Terriers, it was the last game at home. The boys wanted to win over Martinsville but could only come up with a 13-13 tie to present to the coach. To win, the team put up a good fight but closed the season with an even score.

Several outstanding players won for themselves All City-County Honors. They were: Don McDonald, fine hard driving back, and Wendell McCarty, stellar tackle, who stood out with others in the county.

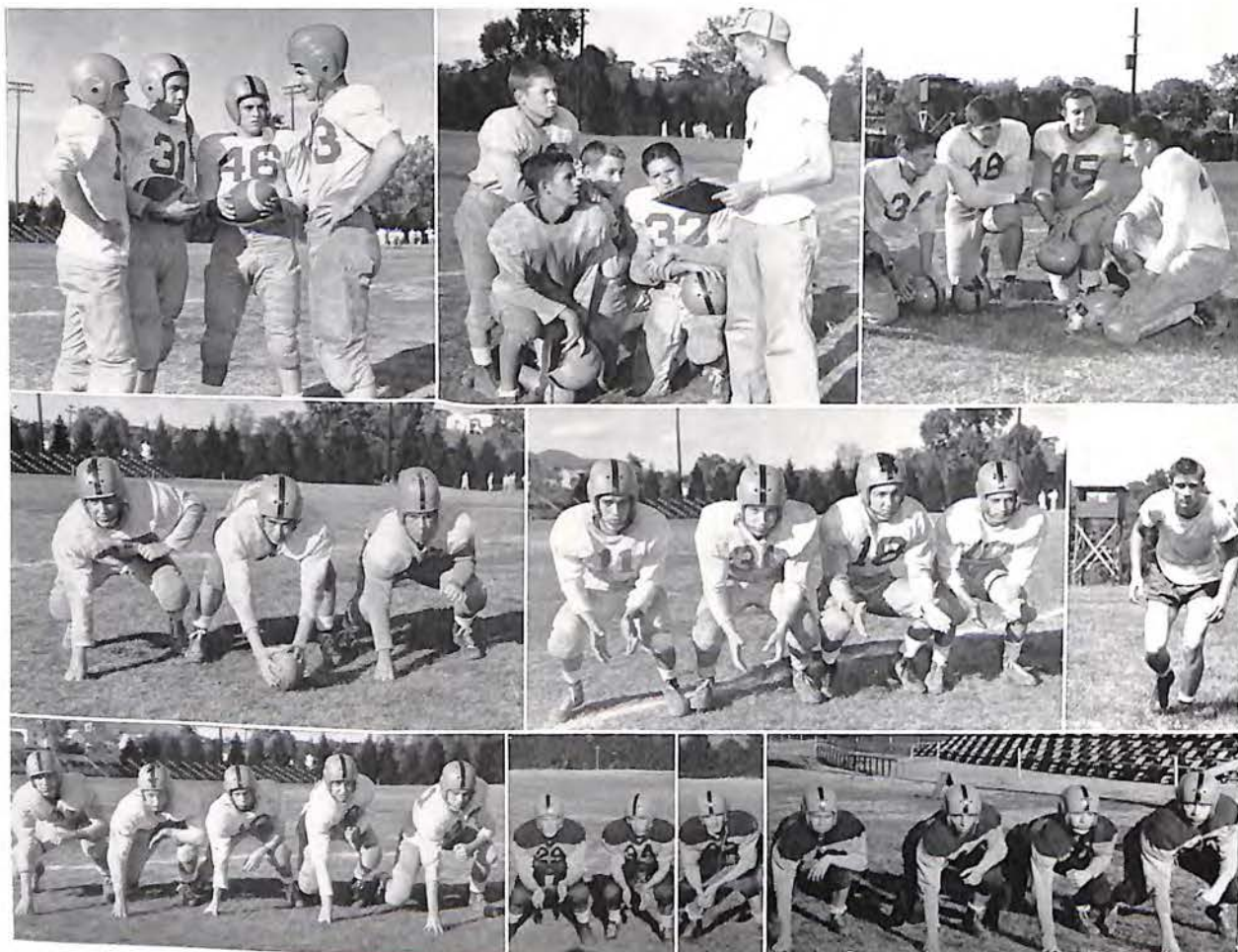
The Student Body extends thanks for a job well done to the seniors: Pete Sink, Earnest Kirk, Don McDonald, Wendell McCarty, Roy McLeod, Sammy St. Clair, C. A. Boxley, Richard Kraus, Arnold Harris, and particularly to Coach Hale, who leaves the coaching job, but remains with us as Assistant Principal.

FOOTBALL CO-CAPTAINS
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Football Informals



- 1—Earnest Kirk, Raymond Hall, Sammy St. Clair, Don McDonald—"Well!"
- 2—Lewis Painter, J. C. Mills, David Smith, Ronnie Waldron, Mr. Hale
"Now, you guards get that quarterback before he gets started."
- 3—Kyle Robinson, Bobby Ward, Fred Brown, Wendell McCarty
"Look for these boys on the bottom of the pile."
- 4—Joe Andrews, Bobby Gibson, Nyle Filson
"Power de luxe-----up the middle."
- 5—Johnny Scott, Arnold Harris, Lewis Baker, Jerry Suttles
"Parts of the Byrds—from blocking, to tail, to wing."
- 6—Bobby Murphy
"Audie—in Brief."
- 7—C. A. Boxley, Frank Hylton, Tommy Pittman, Clarence Mullins, Roy McLeod
"The ends of the line."
- 8—Donnie Thomas, Jackie Suttles
"Two of the deep men."
- 9—Bill Quisenberry
"Quitteberry."
- 10—Charles Iddings, Pete Sink, Jimmy Bell, Gene Cox
"A mixture—but nevertheless potent."

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Byrd Footballers Win Monograms

On Monday, December 13, the William Byrd Terriers were honored by the Vinton Lions Club with the annual football banquet. Twenty-one members of the team were awarded monograms. Those receiving the awards were: Joe Andrews, Lewis Baker, Fred Brown, C. A. Boxley, Gene Cox, Nyle Filson, Bobby Gibson, Raymond Hall, Arnold Harris, Frank Hylton, Earnest Kirk.

Also, Wendell McCarty, Don McDonald, Roy McLeod, Bobby Murphy, John Scott, Pete Sink, Sammy St. Clair, Donny Thomas, Bobby Ward, and Ronnie Waldron.

Monograms were presented to the three managers: John Cook, Joe Hatcher, and Herbert Sowers.

TERRIER COACHES



*Mr. Leonard Hale, Mr. John Nofstinger, Mr. Sam Webb, Mr. Hugh Tucker,
and Mr. Aubry Vaughn*

Boys' Varsity Basketball



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Sammy St. Clair, Earnest Kirk, Jimmy Bell, Jerry Suttles, Tommy Agner, Donnie Thomas*
SECOND ROW: *Sam Webb (coach), Billy Setzer, Roy McLeod, C. A. Boxley, Richard Kraus, Barrie Booth, Don McDonald, Joe Hatcher, Clarence Mullins (manager)*

The William Byrd Terriers opened their 1954 season on December 7th, with a 52 to 67 loss to Drewry-Mason. Billy Setzer was high scorer for the Terriers with 11 points. The next game for the Byrd team was on the night of December 10th, with a victory over Radford High. The score was 45 to 41 with Roy McLeod contributing 13 points. We were host to Fieldale on December 14th with a loss of 60 to 26.

On January 4th we started off a new year with a loss of 69 to 41 to Jefferson. The Terriers played a hard game with Barrie Booth in the line-up. Then on January 7th we traveled to Christiansburg and returned with a victory of 61 to 41. Barrie Booth took scoring honors with 21 points. Fieldale played host to us January 11th and they defeated us by a score of 55 to 49. Booth and McLeod each scored 15 points in this game.

On January 14th our old rival, Fleming, visited us and took the victory of 63 to 38 home with them. Don McDonald played a hard game and scored 12 points. We journeyed to Andrew Lewis on January 17th and were defeated by an overwhelming score of 75 to 45. We were defeated by Martinsville on our home court January 21st with a score of 66 to 40. Our next two games were played away from home. On January 27th Jefferson defeated us by 83 to 54. Booth played a good game and scored 20 points. Martinsville defeated us again by 59 to 38 on January 29th.

We were on the road again and this time to Radford on February 1st. We returned with a 65 to 52 victory, with Booth scoring 32 points, his all-time high. We played host to the Christiansburg team on February 2nd. We lost by a score of 59 to 55. Barrie Booth re-injured his knee, side-lining him for the rest of the season. The victory was ours February 4th in the game with Franklin by a 63 to 48 score. Billy Setzer played a great game with the high score of 21 points. On February 8th we lost to Andrew Lewis by a score of 61 to 49. McLeod paced the Terriers with 18 points.

Our next two games, Fleming, February 11th, and Blacksburg, February 15th, were both losses and were played away from home. We again took victory over Franklin on February 18th by a score of 57 to 47, McLeod scoring 18 points. Our next game was February 22nd with Blacksburg who defeated us 50 to 34.

The Terriers ended the season on February 25th by a victory over Drewry-Mason. The score was 65 to 61 with Setzer and McLeod scoring 14 points each. This was the best game of the season for the Terriers with good spirit in both team and spectators.

A banquet was given by the Senior Y-Teens in honor of the football and basketball teams.



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Girls' Varsity Basketball



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: Carolyn Obenshain, Betty Ridpath, Betty Stanley, Rose Mary Beard, Barbara Burger, Charlotte Paxton, Ann Stanley, Marietta Belcher, Mary Blair Booth, Patsy Albert, Sue Hale, Marie Williams, Frankie Smith, Martha Burnette

SECOND ROW: Peggy Richardson (manager), Mrs. Cobb (coach), Evelyn Belcher (manager)

For the first game, the lady Terriers traveled to Drewry-Mason on December 7, 1954, to meet a rough team and was defeated by a score of 54 to 31.

Our first visitors were the Fieldale girls on the 14th of December. Both teams fought hard but Marietta's 36 points weren't quite enough for a victory for Byrd. The final score was 66 to 59.

On January 7, Byrd traveled to Christiansburg only to be defeated by a score of 46 to 34. That little forward from Christiansburg really knew how to rack them up.

Our next game was played in Fieldale on January 11. Byrd fought hard all through the game with Marietta hitting the basket for 33 points, but Fieldale came out on top to make the final score 59 to 51.

We met Martinsville for the first time on January 21 in our own gym. The result of this game was a defeat for Byrd, the score being 47 to 39. We traveled to Martinsville for our next game on January 29. Martinsville still seemed to be the better team and beat Byrd 36 to 23.

On February 2nd a hard-fought game was played in the William Byrd gym. The lady Terriers defeated Christiansburg by a score of 50 to 49, with Ann Stanley racking up 22 points. Byrd stayed behind until the third quarter, but then kept right in line with Christiansburg until the end of the game. Quite a close one, wasn't it?

Byrd met Franklin on February 4th, and was defeated by a score of 61 to 47. That little forward was just too good on that hook shot.

Our next game February 18 was also with Franklin. The game was very slow in the first half, especially for Byrd. However, when the buzzer sounded to begin the second half, the lady Terriers began to score against Franklin a little by pouring in some extra points. Because of a shortage of time, though, Franklin kept the top position and defeated Byrd 49 to 47.

On February 25 Byrd ended its season with a game with Drewry-Mason. This game was a defeat for Byrd with a final score of 43 to 28.



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Cheerleaders



LEFT TO RIGHT: Shirley Wood (Captain); Joan Miller (Co-Captain); Mary Frances Wilson, Annette Hodges, Shely Plunkett, Joan Turner, Barbara Underwood, Patricia Martin, Patricia Hale, Sandra Abbott (Secretary); Nancy Tingler (Mascot)

Here is the cheerleading squad of '54 and '55, telling you some of the joys that were had yelling for the football and basketball teams (although victory was not always the result).

It was a lot of fun practicing. Shopping for shoes was also a lot of fun; but the greatest moment was when the new maroon culottes were worn for the first time.

"Home-Coming", as usual, was a big event for the cheerleaders. They participated in the Home-Coming assembly assisted by the Booster Club, decorated for the dance, and then cheered the boys to victory over Covington High School. After the game, the Annual Home-Coming Dance was held in the William Byrd Junior High School.

A new addition to the squad was the "Mascot", Nancy Tingler. She brightened the line of cheerleaders with her little orange and maroon skirt and added attraction with her cartwheels and backflips.

To Shirley Wood and Mrs. Joan Cobb, our captain and sponsor, thanks for so many gay times and for keeping the squad in such fine spirit.

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Athletic Program

There is the bell, "Gym is next" are familiar words in the classrooms of William Byrd. After students have had several classes they are ready for exercise and games and here at Byrd it is no exception.

The girls get dressed comfortably in white shirts, blue shorts and sneakers. They line up in their squads for roll call. After that comes the exercise: knee bends, jumping-jacks, windmills, touching the toes and other similar exercises. When the weather is suitable, Mrs. Cobb, the Physical Education teacher, directs the students down the hill where they have outside games such as: Soccer-drills, Soccer, Soccer call ball and Softball and then up the hill for shower.

In the winter the girls and boys alternate the days in which to use the gymnasium. On days that they are not in the gymnasium they are in a room in the new addition of the school which has been set aside for the Physical Education Classes. Here in the classroom they hold discussions in safety in the classrooms, automobiles, athletics, homes. They also have movies and discussions concerning the subjects of dating and marriage.

The physical education classes are very helpful to the students in many ways.

In the boys' gym classes, they started off in the fall by choosing teams and going down the hill to play football. Other fall sports include soccer and horseshoes.

In the room they hear lectures and see movies on health and safety. They also have movies on the different sports topics.

In the gymnasium they begin by taking exercises. They play dodge ball, basketball, and volleyball.

Each boy has a card on which his athletic record is kept during the years he is in school.

Also the boys' and the girls' gym classes have folk dances together in the gym.

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Webb are the physical education instructors.

The track season opens for William Byrd with a meet against Andrew Lewis and followed by: Blacksburg, Pulaski, Bedford, Dublin, Fleming, Radford, City-County, District, and State Meets. Those participating in track are: Hugh Conner, Harold Cooper, Pete Sink, Charles Neighbors, Jerry Suttles, Jackie Suttles, John Scott, Don McDonald, Wendell McCarty, Ronnie Staton, Ronald Barker, Benny Brown, Charles Iddings, Bert Halsey, Bill Quisenberry, Lucian St. Clair, Curtis Kirby, Thomas Kirby, Fred Brown, Jackie Smith, Donnie Thomas.

Baseball has not been planned for the 1955 season.



J. V. Cheerleaders

Vigorously leading the yells at the Junior Varsity games are these well-known Byrd roosters: (Front Row, Left to Right), Lindy Landsdown (captain), Judy Stone, Alice Miller, Alice Huddleston (co-captain), Jeanette Sowers, Judy Weaver, Lois Weaver (mascot). (Second row), Molly Pedigo, Martha Ann Hale, Joan Kerns, Martha Proctor. Putting pep and spirit into each yell, they encourage the team on to victory.



J. V. Football

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Butch Wheeling (manager), Benny Brown, Benny Hale, Ed Cox, Bert Halsey, Buddy Thomas, Roger Furoze, Staley Pennington, Sammy West (manager)*

SECOND ROW: *Billy McCraw, Kenneth Saunders, Robert Fouts, Bobby Sell, Gerald Funk, Mark Tidwell, Marvin Meador, Richard Oliver, Dennis Ledden, Benny Harris, Wayne Richards*

	WE	THEY
SEPTEMBER 17—Martinsville—Here	16	0
SEPTEMBER 24—Pulaski—There	12	13
OCTOBER 7—Fleming—Here	7	0
OCTOBER 14—Blacksburg—There	13	0
OCTOBER 21—Andrew Lewis—There	14	7
OCTOBER 28—Jefferson—Here	0	7



J. V. Basketball

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Ronald Lovern, Robert Fouts, Joe Weddle, Jackie Suttles, Bill Cook, Bobby Sell, Bobby Foley, Wayne Saunders, Hugh Tucker (coach)*

SECOND ROW: *Kenneth Saunders, Ronnie Coleman, Garland McCarty, J. G. Mills, Kenneth Fia, Dickie Sandridge, Charles Iddings, Marvin Meador*

	WE	THEY
DECEMBER 10—Radford—Home	33	65
JANUARY 4—Jefferson—Home	61	18
JANUARY 14—Fleming—Home	41	46
JANUARY 17—Andrew Lewis—There	18	31
JANUARY 21—Martinsville—Here	29	56
JANUARY 27—Jefferson—there	16	48
FEBRUARY 1—Radford—There	48	43
FEBRUARY 8—Andrew Lewis—Here	42	32
FEBRUARY 11—Fleming—There	31	47
FEBRUARY 15—Blacksburg—There	45	31
FEBRUARY 22—Blacksburg—Here	45	30



Volleyball

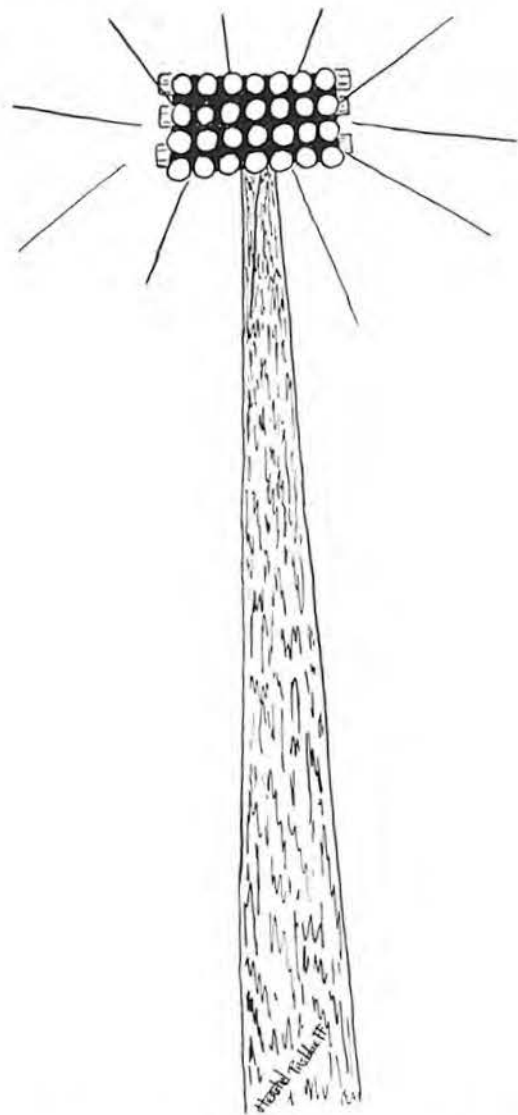
FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Georgie Coleman Pettit, Peggy Brooks (co-captains)*

SECOND ROW: *Carolyn Obenshain, Elizabeth Shepherd, Judy Robertson, Charlotte Paxton, Myrtle Garman, Virginia Seibel, Miss Abbott (coach)*

THIRD ROW: *Shelba St. Clair, Sue Hale, Anna Tester, Nancy Nichols, Peggy Gillispie, Myrtle Moore, Betty Ridpath*

	WE	THEY
OCTOBER 7—Jefferson J. V.'s	0	43
OCTOBER 12—Fleming Blues	23	34
OCTOBER 14—Unknowns	41	34
OCTOBER 21—Jefferson Varsity	56	7
OCTOBER 26—M. C. C.	34	25
NOVEMBER 2—Fleming Gold	29	29

The Lights Are Upon Us



In Work And Play

Seniors In

BEST LEADERS



Roy McLeod Myrtle Garman

BEST ALL AROUND



Joe Hatcher Edith Hart

WITTIEST



Virginia Seibel Ronnie Ellison

MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT



Joan Turner Wendell McCarty

MOST POPULAR



Sammy St. Clair Betty Ward

FRIENDLIEST



Edward Gordon Shirley Wood

The Spotlight

MOST ATHLETIC



Donald McDonald Carolyn Obenshain

MOST TALENTED



Wayne Ayers Martha Burnette

TYPICAL SENIORS



Roberta Silcox David Goble

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EASY ON THE EYES



Ernest Kirk Betty Martin

CUTEST COUPLE



Jerry Hayden Lois Ann Absher

Home-Coming



Betty Ward (center), Home-Coming Queen, poses with her attendants (left to right), Lois Ann Absher, Shirley Wood, and Joan Turner.

At the half, Betty was crowned queen by Mayor Nelson Thurman. She was selected by the entire student body from a list of ten girls nominated by the Senior Class. They were Lois Ann Absher, Martha Burnette, Becky Huddleston, Betty Martin, Muriel Overstreet, Shirley Radford, Roberta Silcox, Joan Turner, Betty Ward and Shirley Wood.

Vinton's 25th Annual Home-Coming celebration was scheduled to begin Friday night, October 15, 1954; but since "Hurricane Hazel" visited the Vinton Community on that date, it was not possible to have the bonfire, pep rally, and square dance.

Saturday evening a parade, which featured decorated bicycles, floats, and bands in full regalia proceeded through Vinton to Leggett's Field. The Lions Club gave prizes for the best decorated bicycles and trophies to the bands.

The football game, the highlight of this event, began at 8 p. m., under the new athletic field lights. As the final whistle sounded the score showed a 7-0 victory to the Byrd Terriers against the Covington Cougars.

The day's events came to an end with a hop in the Junior High Auditorium. Many alumni and former residents attended the activities of the day.

HOME-COMING GAMES OF THE PAST

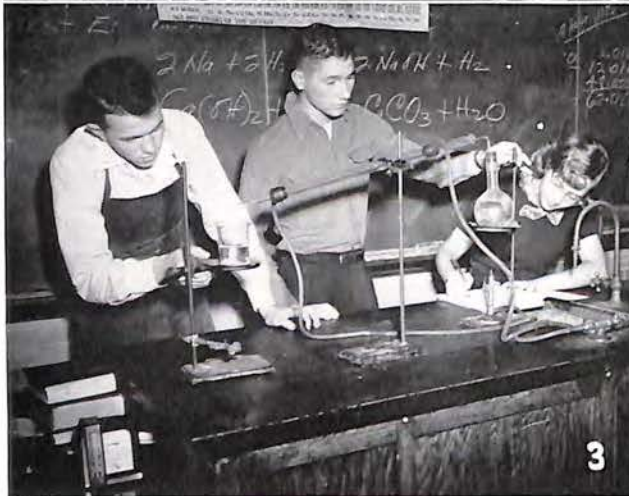
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1953—Radford.....	21	14
1952—Covington.....	14	27
1951—Radford.....	34	0
1950—Martinsville.....	22	7
1949—Radford.....	14	0
1948—Bedford.....	39	0
1947—Radford.....	6	7
1946—Bedford.....	26	7
1945—Radford.....	14	6
1944—Martinsville.....	18	14
1943—Blacksburg.....	27	6
1942—Pulaski.....	0	0
1941—Bedford.....	6	32
1940—Pulaski.....	6	6
1939—Bedford.....	9	6
1938—Radford.....	19	0
1937—Bedford.....	13	12
1936—Wytheville.....	12	6
1935—Hillsville.....	27	6
1934—Radford.....	6	0
1933—Charlottesville.....	7	0
1932—Radford.....	6	0



Each year Burlington Mills enters an elaborately decorated float in the parade

These majorettes (left to right), Ina Mae Cox, Kathleen Toone, Rebecca Huddleston, Muriel Overstreet, Sharon Stark, Wanda Wingfield, and Lois Ann Absher lead the band in the Home-Coming parade and in their performance at the half of the game

Classes



1—Harold Cooper works a problem in solid Geometry as the class looks on.

2—Alice, Billy, and David examine the parts of the starfish.

3—Bobby Agee and Brooks Ferguson experiment before the class while Margaret Lamb writes the steps.

4—Mr. Rockhill shows a movie to his eighth grade class.

Classes



1—Mrs. Painter directs the mixed choir as they practice for their busy schedule.

2—Here labor our future carpenters and mechanics.

3—Becky, Sandra, Donna, and Mr. Hale just back from driving class.

4—Hurry, girls! You have only three minutes.

They Help Byrd Shine



- 1—Selected from our band to represent Byrd in the All-State Band were: Curtis Guilliams, Carolyn Johnson, Sharon Stark, David Hale, Carolyn Obenshain, and Wayne Ayers.
- 2—From the Senior Class Myrtle Garman, Ellen Spradlin, Carolyn Obenshain, Roberta Silcox, LeRoy McAllister, Roy McLeod, and Wayne Ayers were chosen for representation at Boys' and Girls' State.
- 3—David Goble, Faye Nicks, Richard Kraus, Joan Miller, and Tommy Pittman represented Byrd in the All-State West Chorus.
- 4—Ranking highest in the magazine sales were: Wilbert Tester, Shirley Wood, Norma Bragg, Virginia Seibel, and Sylvia Bible.
- 5—Officers of the underclasses were: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer: (tenth grade) Carolyn Johnson, Marvin Meador, Wanda Maske, and Molly Pedigo; (ninth grade) Darlene Morgan, Sue Hale, Earline Hairfield, Shirley Hunter, and Deanna Cooper; (eighth grade) Molly Gish, Kenneth Saunders, and Peggy Darnell.
- 6—Participating in the Science Fair were: Judy Robertson, Mary Blair Booth, Helen Duncan, Barbara Bolster, Norma Jean Abbott, Bonnie Webster, Roger Furrow, David Smith, Roscoe Martin, Walter Kent, David Hale, Ronald Barker, and Arlie Roberts.

Memorable Dates

1—The angel looks over Mary and the Baby Jesus while the angel chorus sings praises to Him.



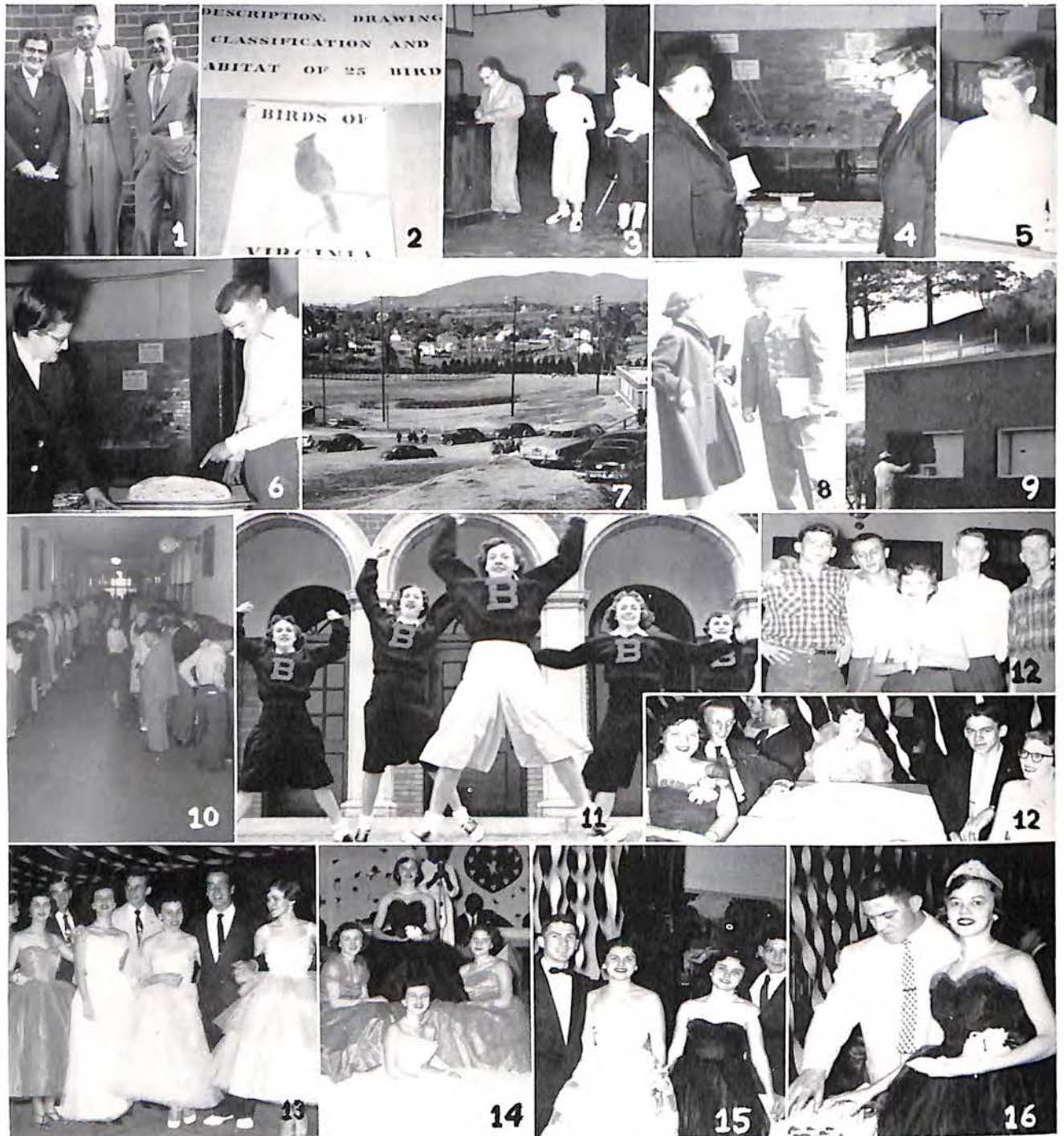
2—Some smart-looking posters you might see on the bulletin boards during the school months.



3—What happens during intermission at the Junior Class Play practice.



Snapshots



1—Miss Abbott, sponsor, Harold Cooper, president of William Byrd Science Club, Mr. Rockhill, sponsor. 2—David Hale's exhibit on the Birds of Virginia. 3—Mr. Ninger presents awards to Barbara Bolster and Bonnie Webster. 4—Miss Marshall visits science fair. 5—Roger Furrow won an award on his demonstration of the Diving Bell. 6—David R. Smith, winner in the senior division, wins praise from his teacher. (Ronald Barker also won an award on the principle of radar.) 7—The new parking lot showing the recently lighted field. 8—Marilyn Barber receives congratulations on winning the D. O. essay contest. 9—The new concession stand. 10—First Civil Defense air raid practice drill, February 25. 11—Some of the cheerleaders get up in the air. Pat, Mary Frances, Shirley, Joan M. and Joan T. 12—Top: The cast of the one-act play "The Barrier" includes: Roy McLeod, Joe Hatcher, Joan Turner, Charles Neighbors, and Wayne Ayers. 12—Bottom: The Sweetheart dance was sponsored by the Senior Y-Teens on February 12. Seniors at the dance were Barbara, Lewis, Becky S. (Walter's date) David and Peggy. 13—Others at the dance were Mary Frances-Marvin; Edith-George; Lois Ann-Jerry; Kathleen-David; Pat-Conway; Joan-C. A. 14—The queen, Becky Huddleston and her attendants, Pat Martin, Kathleen Toone, and Nancy Nichols. 15—John-Marlene and Shelyv-Roy take time out. 16—The queen and her escort, Bobby Conner.

Snapshots



1—Curtis, Ellen, and Bonnie take a last look before that Spanish test. 2—Ruth (or is it Rachel?) and Joyce step slowly to class. 3—Joe, Norma, Jerry, and Lois Ann enjoy their ice cream at the Annual Staff supper. 4—Sylvia, Brenda, Eunice, Wilma, Mary, and Nancy take time out for a toast. 5—Alice shoots as she poses. 6—A casual shot at lunch period. 7—Hugh Lee practicing to be a "He-man." 8—Birdie, Shirley, Peggy, and Myrtle at THE BLACK SWAN supper. 9—Smile for the birdie, Virginia. 10—We caught Carolyn off guard. 11—A lot of fun was had at the annual eighth grade picnic.

Ad Solicitors



FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Charlotte Paxton, Barbara Waldron, Frankie Smith, Betty Ward, Roberta Silcox, Joan Miller, Joan Turner, Shirley Wood, Muriel Overstreet, Edith Hart, Norma Bragg*

SECOND ROW: *Martha Burnette, Beverly Leffell, Georgie Coleman Pettit, Betty Ridpath, Ellen Spradlin, Carolyn Obenchain, Peggy Gillispie, Virginia Seibel, Lois Ann Absher, Patricia Hale, Kathleen Toone, Marie McGeorge, Ellen Short, Mrs. Moseley, Sponsor*

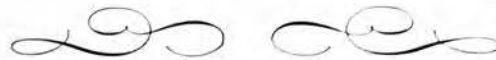
THIRD ROW: *Elizabeth Shepherd, Becky Hatcher, Shely Plunkett, Marlene Joyce, Joann Bryant, Janet Caldwell, Suzanne Blankenship, Judy Mills, Barbara Underwood, Shirley Radford, Barbara Burger, Patricia Martin*

FOURTH ROW: *Marie Sell, Pete Sink, Jerry Hayden, Billy Blake, Harold Cooper, David Goble, Ann Stanley, Becky Huddleston, Peggy Brooks, Mary Frances Wilson, Sammy St. Clair, Robert Ranson, Hugh Carner, Ola Miller, Sandra Blankenship*

FIFTH ROW: *Myrtle Moore, Johnny Scott, Richard Kraus, C. A. Boxley, Wayne Draper, Wayne Ayers, Curtis Guilliams, Earnest Kirk, Juanita Belcher, Myrtle Garman*

SIXTH ROW: *Bobby Ward, Hershel Tribbett, Fred Brown, Ronald Waldron, Olin Silver, Delano Weaver, Edward Gordon, Curtis Kirby, Peggy Richardson*

All seniors and juniors who were interested in the solicitation of ads attended a coaching class taught by Mr. Jennings and Mrs. Moseley. They were given specific instructions on how to approach the business people, how to sell ads, and how to fill out the contracts. The students solicit ads on school time. It is a very valuable experience for them.



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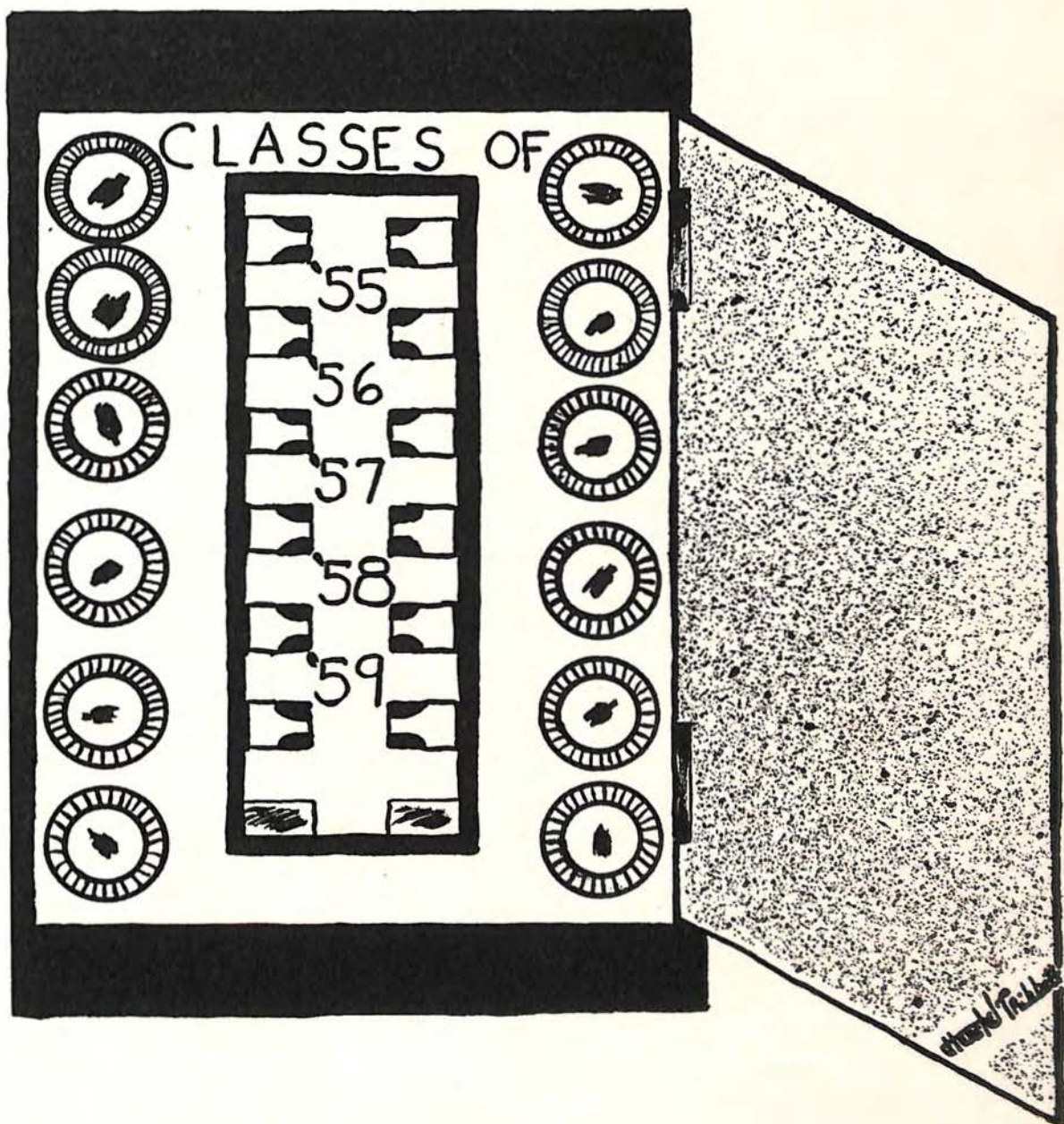
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