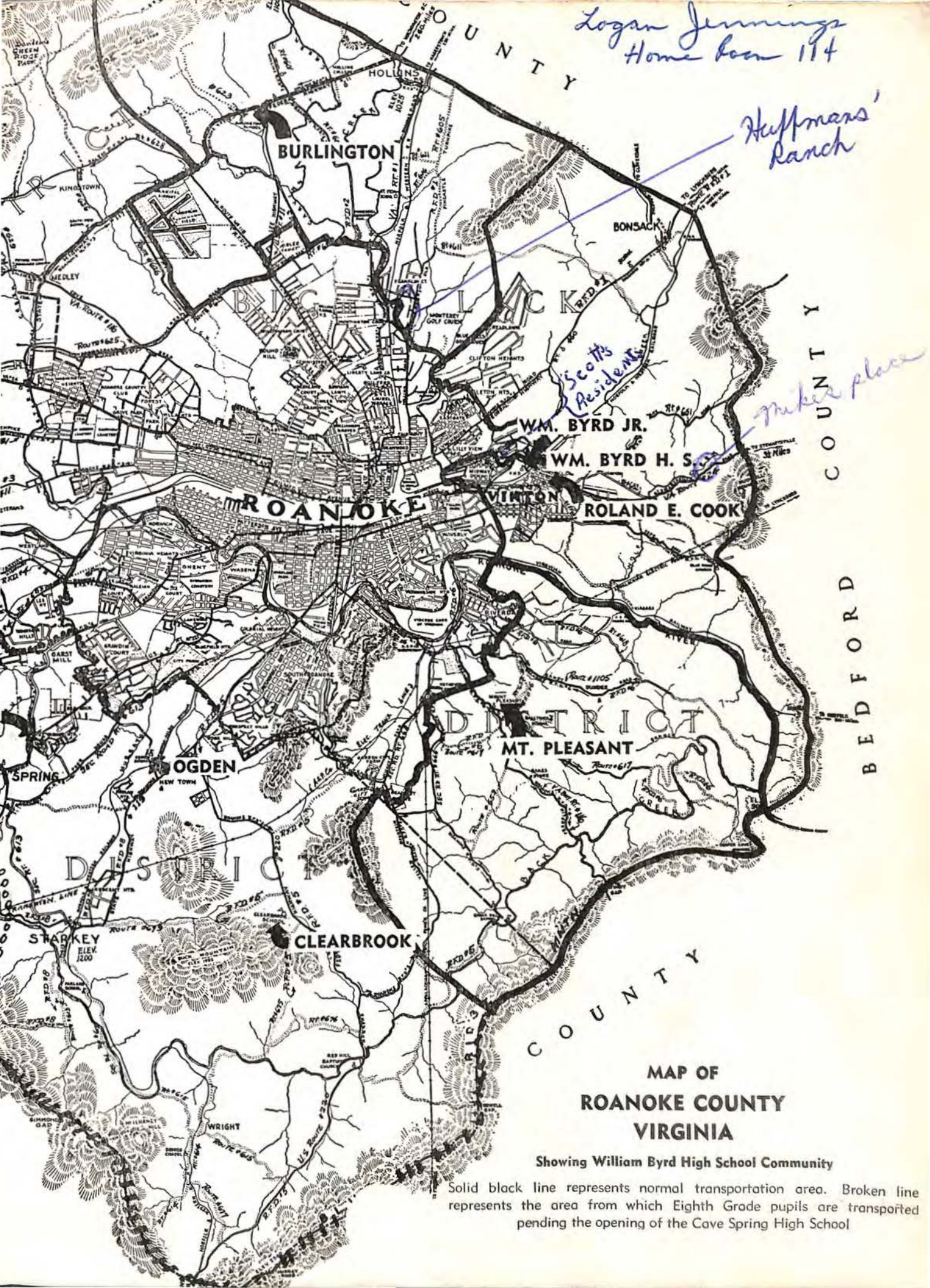


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Black Swan





*Logan Jennings
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**MAP OF
ROANOKE COUNTY
VIRGINIA**

Showing William Byrd High School Community

Solid black line represents normal transportation area. Broken line represents the area from which Eighth Grade pupils are transported pending the opening of the Cave Spring High School

Lagan

May you have the
best of luck always
through to life. May your
future years at Beyond be
successful ones

A friend always,
Thilma

To the little ping pong player
of William Byrd High, you beat
me and I can't understand why.
Joe Wedder

To a nice boy who
is often called my
twin. Tommy Dale



WILLIAM BYRD—"THE BLACK SWAN"

The 1956
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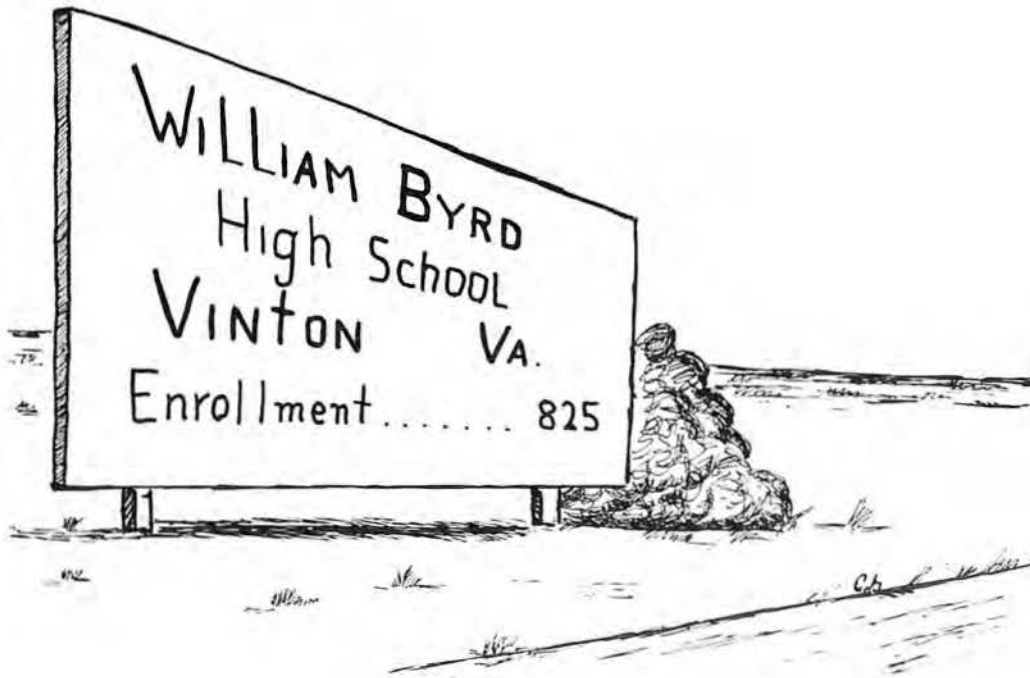
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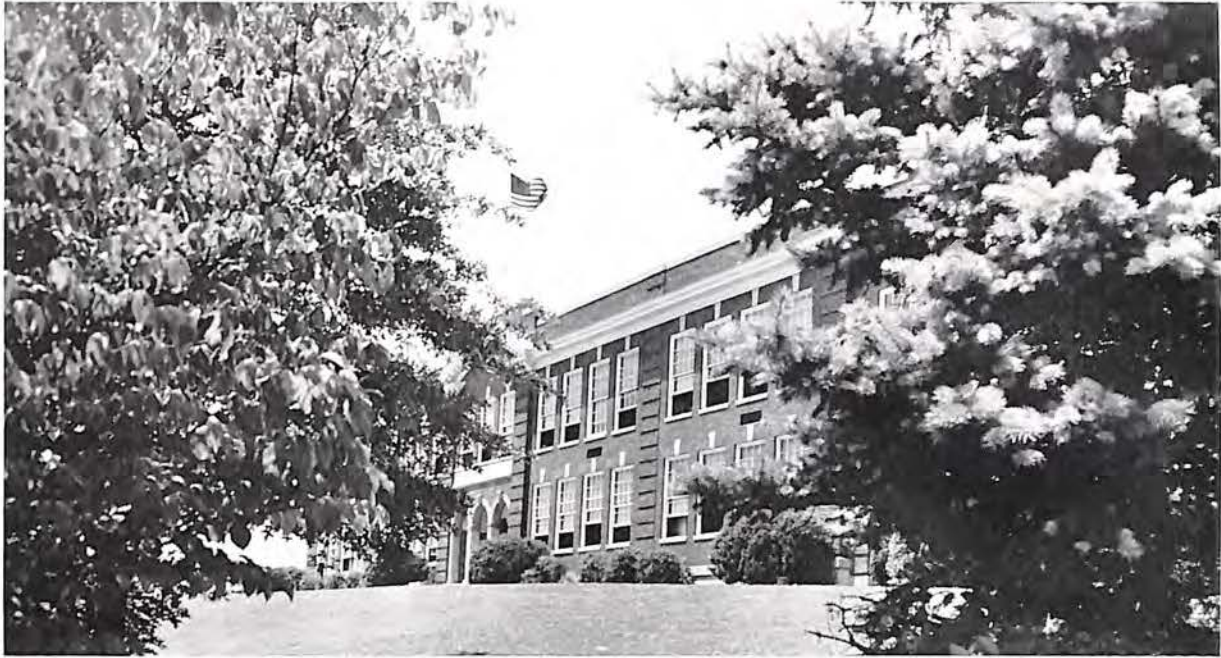


MISS SYBIL MARSHALL

“Always be a friend of the strangers among us.” That is the motto of this fine Southern lady to which we wish to dedicate this annual. She has always been a help to those in need, guiding them down the right paths to make their lives more useful. She has taught us our wonderful heritage of American citizenship through her history class. Through her work in the Parent-Teacher Association, she has developed in us a better understanding of our parents and teachers.

Throughout her twenty-three years at Byrd she has always done more than her part in making everyone welcome.

In view of these qualities, we take great pride and pleasure in presenting this the twenty-third volume of the William Byrd BLACK SWAN to Miss Sybil Marshall.



CURRICULUM

William Byrd High School is accredited by the State Board of Education and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is a member of the Virginia High School League.

This school offers three types of courses which have been outlined by the Roanoke County School officials. These types are: General, Commercial, and Academic.

The general course offers students training in agriculture, shop, home economics, and Diversified Occupations. Students interested in business subjects and secretarial work are offered a commercial course. Those planning to enter higher institutions of learning usually work toward an academic diploma. An exploratory course is offered to every eighth grader entering William Byrd.

Although three different types of diplomas are awarded, no special emphasis is placed on any one, because it is realized that all three are important in the making of a community.

Byrd is situated on a hill with the Blue Ridge Mountains as background.



Byrd's new shop provides the most modern facilities.

A large part of our student body is transported to and from school by bus.





Through these archways pass the future citizens of our community.

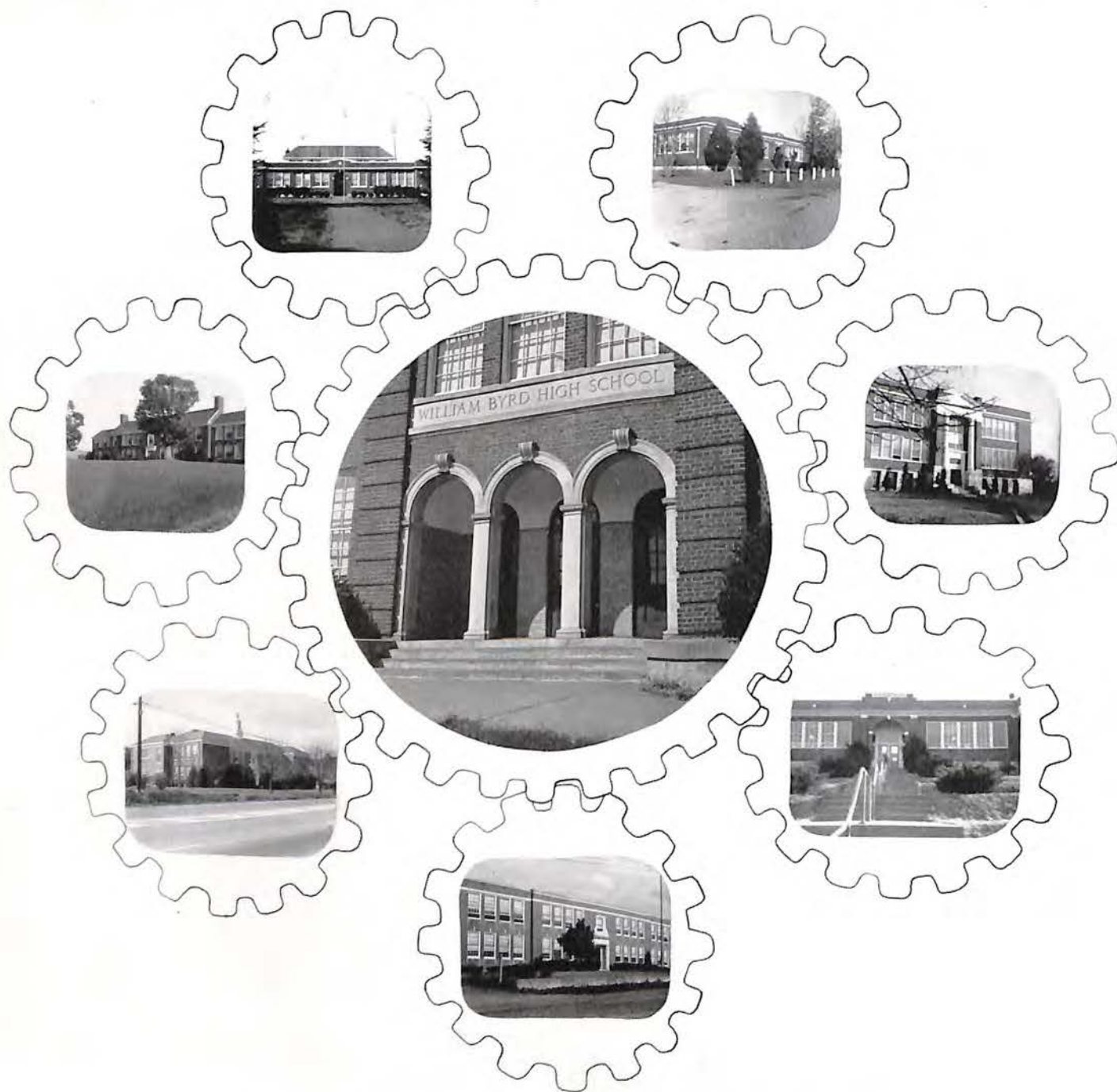
There is always beauty at Byrd in the summer.



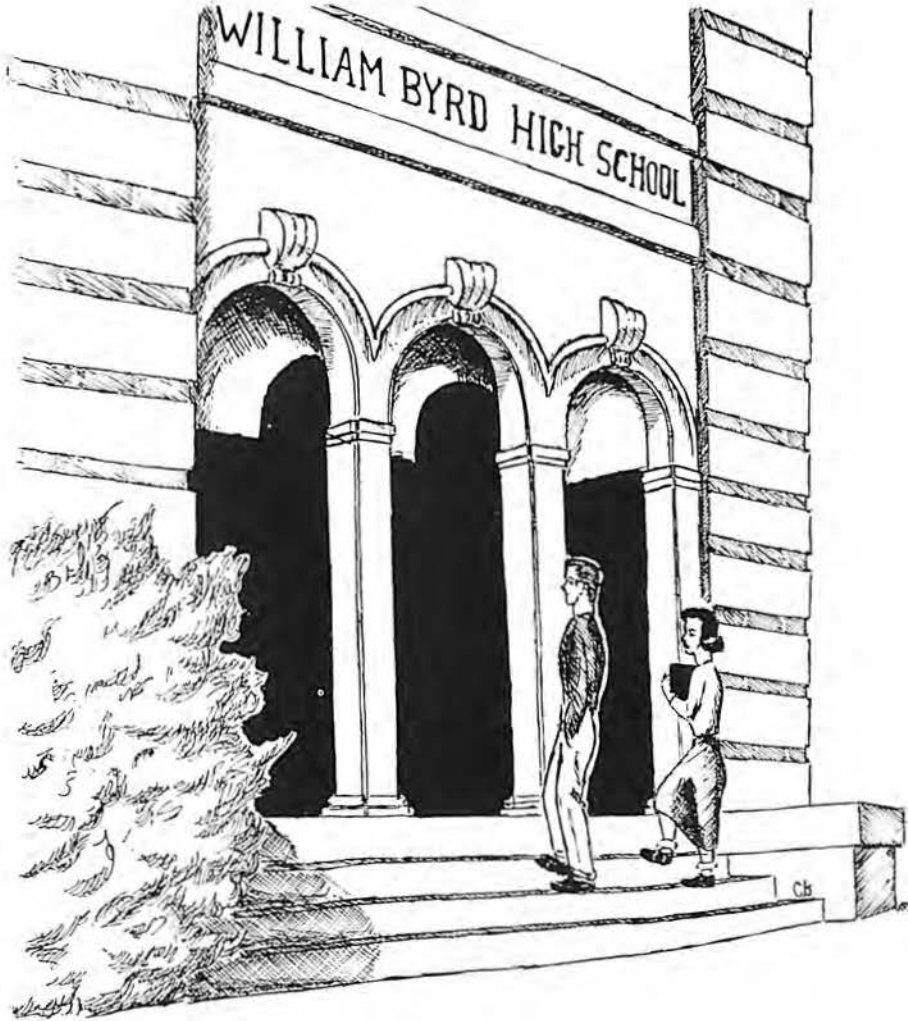
Byrd also gets its touch of winter beauty.

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

William Byrd Feeder Schools Reading Clockwise around William Byrd High School in Center. Top Right—Ogden, Roland E. Cook, Mt. Vernon, Mt. Pleasant, Clearbrook, Burlington, Wm. Byrd Junior High



Students from several of the schools attend seventh grade at William Byrd Junior High



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PRINCIPAL



MR. CHARLES LEON JENNINGS
B.A., Emory and Henry College
M.A., University of Virginia

Mr. Hale has the responsibility of handling attendance records, issuing excuses, and solving problems of discipline which may arise in our school.

I hope this book will serve for many a year to arouse pleasant memories of the life at William Byrd. This BLACK SWAN is a visible symbol of the hopes and aspirations, joys and ambitions, built up and experienced by you during your years in high school. To all of you who are included within these pages, and especially to those of you who are graduating this year, I wish good fortune and happiness from your alma mater.

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Principal

Assistant Principal



LEONARD V. HALE
Assistant Principal
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M.A., William and Mary
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*Best wishes
 J. Caldwell*

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*Best wishes for
a successful future
M.J. Hoffinger*

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Sponsor—Senior Class

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Shorthand and Typing
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B.S., William and Mary College
Science and Physical Education
Coach—Football

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B.A., Emory and Henry College
Chemistry, Physics, and Science
Sponsor—Hi-Y Club

MR. JAMES H. SIMS
B.M., Shenandoah Conservatory of
Music
Band and History

Have not grown an inch!

*Best wishes for
a successful future
M.J. Hoffinger*

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*Best wishes for much
success.
S.A. Self*

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English and History
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MRS. KATHLEEN B. THOMAS
B.S., Madison College
Home Economics and Science
Sponsor—F. H. A. and Ninth Grade



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Gym, Driver Education, Science
Coach—J. V. Basketball, J. V. Football, Track

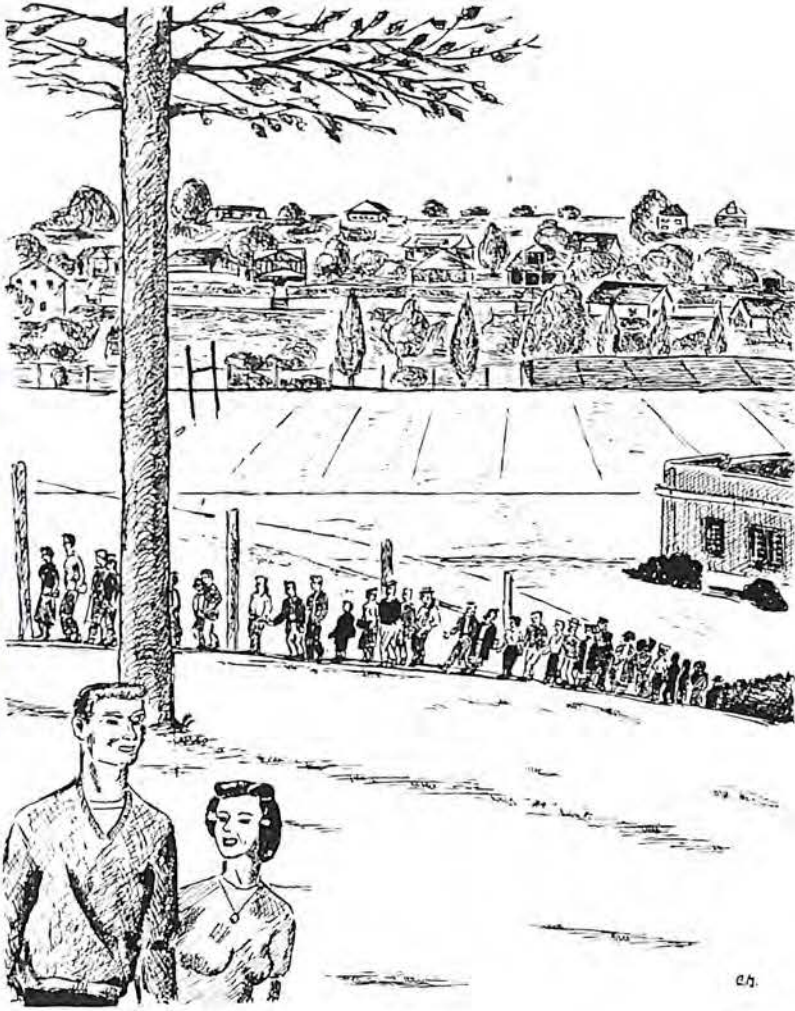
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English and History
Sponsor—Booster Club

MRS. MERLE H. WHITE
B.S., Radford College
Business English, Shorthand, and Typing
Sponsor—F. B. L. A. and Tenth Grade

MR. AUBRY R. VAUGHAN
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History and Physical Education
Coach—Basketball
Assistant Coach—Football

MISS MARY KAY DONNELLY
Longwood College
Secretary

Remember your
Freshman English
Rehearsal Show



Classes

Senior Class Officers



SEATED: *Barrie Booth*
 STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Kenneth Wright, Sandra Abbott, Dean Flowers, Billy Setzer, Miss Sara Caldwell*

BARRIE BOOTH.....	<i>President</i>
KENNETH WRIGHT.....	<i>Vice President</i>
SANDRA ABBOTT.....	<i>Secretary</i>
DEAN FLOWERS.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
BILLY SETZER.....	<i>Reporter</i>
MISS SARA CALDWELL.....	<i>Class Sponsor</i>

CLASS MOTTO: *"The past forever gone; the future still our own"*

CLASS COLORS: *Red and White*

CLASS FLOWER: *Red Rose*

Miss 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

"Man learns little from victory, but much from defeat."

SANDRA JEAN ABBOTT

"Wisdom is the abstract of the past, but beauty is the promise of the future."

ROSE MARY BEARD

"What is beautiful is good, and who is good will also be beautiful."

TOMMY LEE AGNER

"He hath made the small and the great, and careth for all alike."

SUZANNE BLANKENSHIP

"Heart on her lips and soul within her eyes."

RACHEL LOUISE BOITNOTT

"Silence is a friend that will never betray."

JAMES DEATON BELL

"The greatest men may ask a foolish question, now and then."

PHYLLIS JEAN BRYANT

"She drowns Nature's sweet and kindly voices, and jarrest the celestial harmonies."

BARBARA LURLINE BURGER

"It is always the adventuress who accomplish great things."

BARRIE DOUGLAS BOOTH

"A man of strong character, good looks, and keen intellect."



SENIORS

CARROLL WREN CLEMENT

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

JOYCE MARIE CADD

"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength."

JANET MARIE CALDWELL

"Without love and laughter there is no joy."

RICHARD PAGE CRADDOCK

"No man was ever great without some portion of divine inspiration."

SHELBY JEAN CARR

"It is better to be faithful than famous."

MARY RUTH COOPER

"Both short and sweet some say is best."

MARVIN EUGENE CRONK

"It matters not what you are thought to be, but what you are."

HELEN JOAN CRINER

"Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises."

WANDA MARIE DOOLEY

"Suffer that you may be wise, labor that you may have."

WADE BLAKELY FERGUSON

"Let each man have the wit to go his own way."

SENIORS

WILLIAM BROOKS FERGUSON

"Well born, well dressed, and moderately learned."

BETTY JEAN FORE

"All experience is an arch to build upon."

JANICE ELNA FRY

"Great deeds need great preparations."

TALMADGE DEAN FLOWERS

"Dignity and pride; the characteristics of greatness."

PEGGY ANN GILLISPIE

"Her good nature carries a magnetic charm."

JEAN ELIZABETH ANN GREEN

"Her talents are of the silent class."

RONALD DOUGLAS FOLDEN

"A man must make his opportunity as oft as find it."

PATRICIA ANGELINE HALE

"Mind cannot follow it, nor words express her infinite sweetness."

BETTY JO HAM

"Quietness is best."

ROBERT ELWYN GEARHART

"A man of joy and hope."



SENIORS



CALVIN JUNICE GRAY

"Character is that which can do without success."

DREAMA GENEVIEVE HARTSEL

"You must learn to desire what you would have."



SHELBY JANE HATCHER

"Action is the proper fruit of knowledge."

REBECCA ANN HATCHER

"A rare compound of mirth, athletics and friendship."

*Lagan,
there's nothing you the best
life has to offer. It's been
fun knowing you. Good Luck,
Buddy
"Satch"*



GLORIA ANNETTE HODGES

"Grace is to the body what judgment is to the mind."

CURTIS EUGENE GUILLIAMS

"Full of humor, full of wit, and a friend to everyone."



SHERYL GRAY HODGES

"Black is a pearl in a woman's eye."

SHELBY JEAN JONES

"Virtue is bold and goodness never fearful."



WILLIAM FRANK HYLTON

"A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men."

MARLENE ANN JOYCE

"No gems, no gold she needs to wear; she shines intrinsically fair."

SENIORS

CURTIS MELVIN KIRBY, JR.

"He, full of bashfulness and truth, loved much, hoped little, and desired naught."

BARBARA WALDRON LINKOUS

"Where there is laughter there will be happiness."

JUNE ELIZABETH MARTIN

"We are charmed by neatness."

MILDRED MAE MARTIN

"Modesty is the beauty of women."

DARLENE FRANCES MAYS

"Fields are won by those who believe in winning."

LAWRENCE WESLEY MYERS

"A moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience."

MARIE LOUISE McGEORGE

"The measure of life is not length but honesty."

JUDITH ANNE MILLS

"An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace."

CHARLES AUGUSTUS NEIGHBORS

"Ambition has no rest!"

LOREILI JULIA OBENSHAIN

"Purity of mind and conduct is the first glory of a woman."



SENIORS



JULIAN COOPER NEWMAN

"Merit and good manners will make their way everywhere."



SHELVEY JEAN PLUNKETT

"'Tis true, gold can do much, but beauty more."



NANCY NICHOLS PROCTOR

"From every blush that kindles in thy cheeks, ten thousand little loves and graces spring to revel in the roses."



Donna

DONNA QUISENBERRY

"Do well the duty that lies before you."



NORMA JEANETTE RIDDLE

"Gentle in manner, strong in performance."



JOHN CALLAWAY OLSEN

"Wit and wisdom are born with a man."



MABEL ELIZABETH RIDER

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."



JANET SYLVIA RILEY

"Full of humor, curiosity, and always helpful to others."



Elmer

ELMER LILTON OVERSTREET, JR.

"Manners—the final and perfect flower of noble character."



Best wishes from a friend

PHYLLIS ANNE RILEY

"All that is great and good is done by patient trying."

SENIORS

BOBBY RAY PATSELL

"The reason of the strongest is always the best."

SHIRLEY ANNE ROBINSON

"Little said is soonest mended."

BARBARA Siner ST. CLAIR

"Mingle your cares with pleasures now and then."

KATHERINE LUCY SANDERS

"Quiet, reserved and always striving for the right."

BONNY ELAINE SCHUERMANN

"Howe'er it be, it seems to me—'tis only noble to be good."

JOHN ARTHUR SCOTT

"Nothing is to be done without reason."

MARY ELLEN SHORT

"Character is the governing element of life."

SHIRLEY JEAN SIMMONS

"It is better to by happy than wise."

BILLY CRAIG SETZER

" 'Tis not in mortals to command success, but we'll do more, we'll deserve it."

PHYLLIS LEE SNYDER

"With the sweet milk of human kindness blessed."



Bobby

John

Faye

Phyllis

SENIORS



JULIAN C. STARR

"Nothing endures but personal qualities."

NORMA JEAN SOWERS

"Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul."



NANCY MAE SPANGLER

"Everywhere in life, the true question is not what we gain, but what we do."

REBECCA ANNE SPRADLIN

"Virtue is the truest nobility."



SHARON KAY STARK

"Much intelligence, determination, and eloquence."

RONNIE ELWOOD STATON

"There is no greater cause of melancholy than idleness."



ANNA JEAN TESTER

"Wisdom is to the soul what health is to the body."

VIRGINIA KATHLEEN TOONE

"Eyes too expressive to be blue, too lovely to be gray."



JACKIE LEE SUTTLES

"A man of conceit and perseverance."

CLAIRE AUDREY TUCKER

"Things well done are rewarded quickly."

SENIORS

H. M. 2.

HERSHEL McCOY TRIBBETT

"The true standard of quality is seated in the mind."

FRANCES ELEANOR TURNER

"There is no jewel in the world so valuable as nobility of character."

NORMA PATRICIA VERNON

"She speaks softly and smiles sweetly."

CHARLOTTE ANNE WATKINS

"Cheerfulness is an essential part of her personality."

SHIRLEY ANN WRIGHT

"Silence is more eloquent than words."

ROBERT LERI WARD

"Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow you may die."

CHARLES KENNETH WRIGHT

"Nothing succeeds like success and nothing enriches like friendliness."

NORMA JEAN YEATTS

"It is the riches of the mind that make one rich and happy."



Honor Graduates



THESE GRADUATES ATTAINED HIGHEST SCHOLASTIC RATING

BOYS, LEFT TO RIGHT: *Dean Flowers, Billy Setzer, Kenneth Wright, Barrie Booth*
GIRLS: *Anna Tester, Norma Riddle, Judith Mills, Sharon Stark, Ruth Cooper, Phyllis Riley*

Other Honor Students

Other honor students who made an average of B or above as of the end of the first semester were: Jimmy Bell, Shelby Carr, Eleanor Turner, Marlene Joyce, and Sandra Abbott.

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*": General—Hi-Y.
- TOMMY LEE AGNER, "*Curly*": Commercial—Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball; S. C. A.
- JAMES DEATON BELL, "*Billy Goat*": Academic—President and Vice President of S. C. A.; H. R. Representative; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball; Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; Manager, Varsity Football; Hi-Y; Treasurer, Science Club; President, Debate Club; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Thespian Club; Vice President, Freshman Class; Reporter, Sophomore Class; Treasurer, Junior Class; Reporter, Mixed Choir; Member of State S. C. A. Board of Directors; Delegate to State and District S. C. A. Conventions; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; Boys' State.
- BARRIE DOUGLAS BOOTH, "*Shorty*": Academic—President, Senior Class; Treasurer, Mixed Choir; Ad Solicitor; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball; Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; Vice President, Science Club; S. C. A.; Delegate, Science Club Convention; Boys' State.
- CARROLL WREN CLEMENT, "*Clem*": General—D. O. Club; Track; Ad Solicitor.
- RICHARD PAGE CRADDOCK, "*Little Silver*": Academic.
- MARVIN EUGENE CRONK: General—F. F. A.; Vice President, D. O.
- WADE BLAKELY FERGUSON, "*Wade*": General—F. F. A.
- WILLIAM BROOKS FERGUSON: Commercial—Junior Varsity and Varsity Football.
- TALMADGE DEAN FLOWERS, "*Flores*": Academic—President, Freshman and Sophomore Classes; Treasurer, Senior Class; Public Speaking and Dramatics Club; S. C. A.; *Byrd Echo* Staff; BLACK SWAN Staff; Ad Solicitor; President, Thespian Club; Debating Club; F. T. A.; Dramatics Club; One-Act Play; Boys' Prose Champion of District 6; C. A. Award; Creative Writing Contest; Senior Class Play.
- RONALD DOUGLAS FOLDEN, "*Doug*": General—D.O.
- ROBERT ELWYN GEARHART, "*Scudger*": General—Sentinel, Treasurer, F. F. A.; Junior Varsity Football.
- CALVIN JUNICE GRAY: General—President, D. O. Club; Sentinel, F. F. A.; Delegate to F. F. A. Convention.
- CURTIS EUGENE GUILLIAMS, "*Curt*": Academic—Art and Sports Editor, *Byrd Echo* Staff; BLACK SWAN Staff; Secretary, Hi-Y; Reporter, Band; Junior Varsity Football; Track, Reporter, Junior Class; Treasurer, Glee Club; Ad Solicitor Debating Team; Science Club; F. T. A.; Delegate to All-State Band.
- WILLIAM FRANK HYLTON, "*Frankie*": Academic—Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; S. C. A.; Program Chairman, Hi-Y; Track; President, Junior Class; Science Club; F. T. A.; Ad Solicitor; F. F. A.
- CURTIS MELVIN KIRBY, JR., "*Kirk*": General—S. C. A.; Vice President, Band; President, Hi-Y; Thespian Club; Dramatic Club; Booster Club; "Joseph", Christmas Cantata; Track; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play, One-Act Play; Correspondent Secretary City-County Hi-Y Council; Track, Representative in State Competition.
- LAWRENCE WESLEY MYERS, "*Wes*": General—D. O. Club.
- CHARLES AUGUSTUS NEIGHBORS, "*Chas*": General—Thespian Club; D. O. Club; One-Act Play; Junior Class Play; Student Director, Senior Class Play.
- JULIAN COOPER NEWMAN: Academic—S. C. A.; Public Speaking and Debating Club; Hi-Y; Science Club; D. O. Club.
- JOHN CALLAWAY OLSEN, "*Johnny*": Academic—President, Band; President, Eighth Grade; *Byrd Echo* Staff; One-Act Play; All-State Band.
- ELMER LILTON OVERSTREET, JR., "*Sonny*": Academic—Librarian, Band; Treasurer, Hi-Y Club; BLACK SWAN Staff; Sports Editor, *Byrd Echo*; Scribe, Thespian Club; Ad Solicitor, Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play.
- BOBBY RAY PATSELL: General—D. O. Club.
- JOHN ARTHUR SCOTT, "*Johnny*": General—S. C. A.; Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; Intro-Baseball; Track; Golf; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Hi-Y Club; D. O. Club; Ad Solicitor.
- BILLY CRAIG SETZER, "*Setz*": Academic—Thespian Club; Science Club; S. C. A.; Editor, BLACK SWAN; Vice President, F. T. A.; Reporter, Senior Class; F. F. A.; Debate Club; Ad Solicitor; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; S. C. A. Award; Delegate, S. I. P. A. Convention—V. E. A. Convention—Boys' State.
- JULIAN C. STARR, "*J. C.*": Academic—Treasurer, Vice President, Band; Track; Vice President, Hi-Y; D. O. Club; F. F. A.
- RONNIE ELWOOD STATON: Commercial—F. F. A.
- JACKIE LEE SUTTLES: General—Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; Track; Junior Varsity Basketball.
- HERSHEL McCOY TRIBBETT: General—BLACK SWAN Staff.
- ROBERT LERI WARD, "*Bobby*": General—Junior Varsity and Varsity Football; Track; Junior Varsity Basketball; Ad Solicitor.
- CHARLES KENNETH WRIGHT: Academic—Vice President, Eighth Grade; Vice President, Senior Class; President, F. T. A.; Science Club; Vice President, Thespian Club, S. C. A.; Debating; *Byrd Echo* Staff; BLACK SWAN Staff.
- SANDRA JEAN ABBOTT, "*Sandy*": Commercial—S. C. A.; Worship Chairman, Junior Y-Teens; Music Chairman, Senior Y-Teens; Accompanist, Girls' and Mixed Choir; Secretary, Co-Captain, Varsity Cheerleaders; Assistant Secretary, S. C. A.; Secretary, Senior Class; Secretary, Debating Club; Reporter, Freshman Class; F. B. L. A.; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Ad Solicitor; Booster Club; Delegate, S. C. A. District Convention.
- ANNIE ELIZABETH TRUSSLER AMOS, "*Ann*": Commercial—F. B. L. A.; BLACK SWAN Staff; Ad Solicitor.
- ROSE MARY BEARD, "*Rosie*": Commercial—Senior Y-Teens; Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball; F. B. L. A.; Library Club; Attendant to Miss Vinton; Senior Class Play.
- SUZANNE BLANKENSHIP, "*Sue*": Academic—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Ad Solicitor; Secretary, Sophomore Class; BLACK SWAN Staff; Debate Club; President, Booster Club; Junior Varsity and Varsity Cheerleaders; S. C. A.; Mixed Choir Sextet; Senior Class Play; Thespian Club.
- RACHEL LOUISE BOIT'NOTT: General—D. O. Club; F. H. A.
- PHYLLIS JEAN BRYANT, "*Phil*": General—Senior Y-Teens; D. O. Club.
- BARBARA LURLINE BURGER, "*Bobbie*": Academic—Senior Y-Teens; Junior Y-Teens; Booster Club; Sports Editor, *Byrd Echo* Staff; Varsity Basketball; Ad Solicitor; F. T. A.; Science Club.

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JOYCE MARIE CADD: General—F. B. L. A.; Volleyball.

JANET MARIE CALDWELL, "*Cricket*": Commercial—Secretary, S. C. A.; Parliamentarian, F. B. L. A.; Delegate, District and State S. C. A. Conventions; Thespian Club; S. C. A.; BLACK SWAN Staff; Representative on Hi-Fashion Council, Smartwear-Irving Saks; Ad Solicitor; One-Act Play; Senior Class Play; Office Assistant; Contestant, Miss F. B. L. A. Contest, Regional.

SHELBY JEAN CARR, "*Shebby*": Commercial—Vice President, Senior Y-Teens; President, F. B. L. A.; Booster Club; Secretary, Mixed Choir; Thespian Club; Debate Club; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Junior Y-Teens; BLACK SWAN Staff; S. C. A.; Ad Solicitor; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play; Girls' State; Secretary, Eighth Grade; "*Madonna*", Christmas Cantata; Delegate, Girls' State.

JOYCE BERLIE CAWLEY: Commercial—F. B. L. A.

MARY RUTH COOPER: Commercial—Senior Y-Teens.

HELEN JOAN CRINER: General—D. O. Club.

WANDA MARIE DOOLEY, "*Cookie*": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.; Booster Club; Ad Solicitor; Flag Carrier, Band.

BETTY JEAN FORE: General—President, D. O. Club.

JANICE ELNA FRY: General—Senior Y-Teens; D. O. Club; Treasurer, F. B. L. A.; Junior Y-Teens.

PEGGY ANN GILLISPIE, "*Blondie*": Commercial—Treasurer, Junior Y-Teens; Vice President, 10th Grade Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Vice President, F. B. L. A.; Reporter, Girls' Choir; Booster Club; Secretary, Freshman Class; Volleyball; Ad Solicitor.

JEAN ELIZABETH ANN GREEN: Commercial—D. O. Club; Library Club; F. B. L. A.

PATRICIA ANGELINE HALE, "*Pat*": Commercial—Treasurer, President, Junior Y-Teens; Vice President, President, Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; S. C. A.; Reporter, Girls' Choir; Secretary, Junior Varsity Cheerleaders; Captain, Varsity Cheerleaders; Exchange Editor, *Byrd Echo* Staff; F. B. L. A.; Ad Solicitor; Vice President, Mixed Choir; Y-Teen Conference; Corresponding Secretary, Y. W. C. A. Inter-Council Council.

BETTY JO HAM: Commercial—F. B. L. A.; Ad Solicitor.

DREAMA GENEVIEVE HARTSEL, "*Dreamie*": General—Junior Y-Teens; Treasurer-Secretary, F. H. A.

SHELBY JANE HATCHER, "*Janie*": General—Program Chairman, F. H. A.

REBECCA ANN HATCHER, "*Satch*": Academic—Booster Club; Junior Y-Teens; Junior Varsity Basketball, Junior Varsity Cheerleader; Varsity Basketball; Office Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Thespian Club; Worship Chairman, Senior Y-Teens; Robe Chairman, Mixed Choir; *Byrd Echo* Staff; BLACK SWAN Staff; Library Assistant; Ad Solicitor; Junior Class Play; Student Director, Senior Class Play.

GLORIA ANNETTE HODGES, "*Net*": Commercial—Secretary, F. B. L. A.; Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; BLACK SWAN Staff; Captain, Junior Varsity Cheerleader; Varsity Cheerleader; Ad Solicitor; Treasurer, Ninth Grade; Candidate for "Miss Ideal Secretary".

SHERYL GRAY HODGES, "*Ryl*": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Junior Varsity Cheerleader; Booster Club; Senior Y-Teens; Ad Solicitor; Secretary, Library Club; F. B. L. A.; Candidate for "Miss Ideal Secretary"; One-Act Play; Senior Class Play.

SHELBY JEAN JONES: General—D. O. Club; Vice President, F. H. A.

MARLENE ANN JOYCE, "*Joy*": Academic—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; Treasurer, Eighth Grade; Junior Varsity Cheerleader; Ad Solicitor; BLACK SWAN Staff; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Accompanist, Girls' Choir; Library Assistant; President, Library Club; S. C. A.; Senior Class Play.

BARBARA ANN WALDRON LINKOUS, "*Bobbie*": Commercial—Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; Cafeteria Hostess; Ad Solicitor.

JUNE ELIZABETH MARTIN: Commercial—Senior Y-Teens; S. C. A.

MILDRED MAE MARTIN, "*Millie*": Commercial—Vice President, F. B. L. A.; *Byrd Echo* Staff.

DARLENE FRANCES MAYS: Commercial.

MARIE LOUISE McGEORGE, "*Re*": Academic—Booster Club; F. T. A.; D. O. Club; Ad Solicitor.

LOREILI JULIA OBENSHAIN, "*Lordilly*": Commercial.

SHELBY JEAN PLUNKETT, "*Plunk*": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; Library Club; Thespian Club; Ad Solicitor; Junior Class Play; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Delegate, S. I. P. A.; Business Manager, BLACK SWAN Staff; Junior Varsity Cheerleader; Varsity Cheerleader; Snow Queen; S. C. A.; "Miss Vinton, '55".

NANCY NICHOLS PROCTOR, "*Nanny*": General—Captain, Volleyball; Junior Varsity Basketball; Booster Club; Science Club; BLACK SWAN Staff; Ad Solicitor; Program Chairman, Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Treasurer, Sophomore Class; Secretary, Junior Class; Reporter, F. B. L. A.; Attendant, Sweetheart Dance.

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MABEL ELIZABETH RIDER: General—Treasurer, D. O. Club; Y-Teens.

JANET SYLVIA RILEY, "*Jinet*": Commercial—Senior Y-Teens; Historian, F. B. L. A.; Robe Hostess, Mixed Choir; Thespians; Booster Club; Debate Club; *Byrd Echo* Staff; BLACK SWAN Staff; Junior Y-Teens; Ad Solicitor; Junior Class Play; Senior Class Play.

PHYLLIS ANNE RILEY, "*Phil*": Academic—Senior Y-Teens; Junior Y-Teens; Booster Club; Librarian, Band; Business Manager, *Byrd Echo* Staff; Dramatics Club; S. C. A.; All-State Workshop Bank; Librarian, F. T. A.; Ad Solicitor; Senior Class Play, One-Act Play; Thespian Club.

SHIRLEY ANNE ROBINSON: General—Senior Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.

KATHERINE LUCY SANDERS, "*Kat*": General.

BONNY ELAINE SCHUERMAN, "*Bes*": Academic—Volleyball; Senior Y-Teens; Librarian, Girls' Choir; Ad Solicitor; Booster Club.

MARY ELLEN SHORT, "*Shorty*": Academic—Volleyball; Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; F. H. A.; Booster Club; Science Club; Ad Solicitor.

SHIRLEY JEAN SIMMONS, "*Sim*": Commercial—Booster Club; F. B. L. A.; Senior Y-Teens; Ad Solicitor.

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PHYLLIS LEE SNYDER, "*Phil*": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; F. H. A.; BLACK SWAN Staff; Junior Varsity Basketball; Varsity Basketball; Volleyball; President, Eighth Grade; Vice President, Freshman Class; Vice President, Sophomore Class; Ad Solicitor; S. C. A.

NORMA JEAN SOWERS, "*Jean*": General—F. H. A.; Varsity Basketball; D. O. Club.

NANCY MAE SPANGLER: General—Ad Solicitor.

REBECCA ANNE SPRADLIN, "*Becky*": General—Library Club; BLACK SWAN Staff; Reporter, Secretary, President, F. H. A.; S. C. A.

SHARON KAY STARK, "*Starkie*": Academic—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Dramatics Club; Debating Club; Thespian Club; Booster Club; Drum Majorette, Band; Secretary, Science Club; Managing Editor, Editor, *Byrd Echo* Staff; S. C. A.; All-State Concert Band; Delegate, S. I. P. A.; Delegate, S. C. A. Convention; Ad Solicitor; Secretary, F. T. A.; One-Act Play.

BARBARA SINER ST. CLAIR, "*Bobbie*": General—F. B. L. A.; *Byrd Echo* Staff; S. C. A.; Senior Y-Teens.

ANNA JEAN TESTER, "*Jeanie*": Academic—BLACK SWAN Staff; Volleyball; Ad Solicitor; Booster Club.

VIRGINIA KATHLEEN TOONE, "*Kat*": Commercial—Secretary, Junior Y-Teens; Inter-Club Representative, Reporter, Senior Y-Teens; Booster Club; Flag Bearer; Head Majorette; President, Girls' Choir; Secretary, Mixed Choir; Reporter, F. B. L. A.; Sweetheart Attendant, '55; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Ad Solicitor; Miss Vinton Attendant, '55.

CLAIR AUDREY TUCKER, "*Claire*": General—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.; Booster Club; Ad Solicitor.

FRANCES ELEANOR TURNER: Academic—Senior Y-Teens; F. B. L. A.; Junior Varsity Basketball.

NORMA PATRICIA VERNON, "*Patsy*": Commercial—Booster Club; Volleyball; Varsity Basketball.

CHARLOTTE ANNE WATKINS, "*Cookie*": Commercial—Reporter, Booster Club; Senior Y-Teens; Girls' Trio; Girls' Sextet; *Byrd Echo* Staff; Ad Solicitor.

SHIRLEY ANN WRIGHT, "*Fiddle*": Commercial—Junior Y-Teens; Senior Y-Teens; Secretary, Treasurer, Library Club; Booster Club; Ad Solicitor.



SEATED: *Billy Setzer, Suzanne Blankenship, Judy Mills, Dean Flowers*
 STANDING: *Shelvy Plunkett, Barrie Booth, Marlene Joyce.* Seniors enjoy midday social at the front entrance

Senior Class History

In the fall of 1951, the Senior Class of '56 stepped through the doors of William Byrd and began a new and somewhat different life. With a feeling of mingled awe, bewilderment and friendliness we gazed at the many activities in progress around the school. However, as days and weeks passed life as high school students came to be the accepted as the customary status.

On entering school the following year as Freshmen the group had gained more confidence and really felt themselves a part of high school. That year the class officers were Dean Flowers, Jimmy Bell, Rose Mary Beard, Annette Hodges, and Sandra Abbott. Our sponsor was Mrs. Selma Dickens. The year was closed with a picnic at Lakeside.

In September, 1953, it was hard to believe we had achieved half of our goal—GRADUATION! We were led by Dean Flowers, Kenneth Wright, Suzanne Blankenship, Nancy Nichols and Jimmy Bell. With the help of our class sponsor, Mrs. Lona Ruffin, we brought to a close a successful year.

After the Sophomore year time began to fly! As Juniors we realized that there wasn't much school life before us. We began to plan our future and reach for higher goals.

Under the direction of Mrs. Hazel Jones we gave as the annual Junior Class Play, "Healthy, Wealthy, and Dumb," which proved a howling success. In May we held the Junior-Senior Prom at Hotel Patrick

Henry. Toward the end of the year we were honored to participate in the Cap and Gown Ceremony and the Graduation Exercises.

Finally, after four years of hard work and fun, we have reached our journey's end. At the beginning of our Senior year we elected Barrie Booth, Kenneth Wright, Sandra Abbott, Dean Flowers, and Billy Setzer as our class officers. Our class sponsor was Miss Sara H. Caldwell.

In October we received our class rings and launched the magazine drive. In January we presented our Senior class play, "Daddy Longlegs," under the direction of Mrs. Spradley. In the spring we had our annual Senior Day picnic.

Last but not least came the highlights of the year—The Junior-Senior Prom at Dixie Caverns, the Cap and Gown Ceremony, the Baccalaureate Service, and Commencement exercises.

Now, we, the Class of '56, know that we have accomplished our dream. We realize that we have just said good-by to our friends and this school of which we all have become a part.

We extend to our sponsors and teachers our sincere thanks and gratitude for helping to make our years at Byrd memorable and happy ones.

DEAN FLOWERS

ANNA TESTER

1955 Draws to a Close



Class of '55 presented "Father Knows Best" on May 6. Pictured in leading parts are: Front—Roy McLeod, Joan Turner, Roberta Silcox. Back—Wayne Ayers, David Goble.

William Byrd High School presented awards to outstanding students at its annual awards assembly at Vinton Friday morning, June 11, 1955.

Awards and recipients were: Roy McLeod, Student Cooperative Association president's pin; Myrtle Garman, Student Cooperative Association secretary's pin.

Receiving S. C. A. pins on the point system were David Goble, Sandra Abbott, Joan Turner, Dean Flowers, Martha Burnette, Myrtle Garman, Jimmy Bell, Patricia Martin, Richard Kraus,

Billy Setzer and Roy McLeod.

Students were commended for "gaining marked achievement in scholarship."

Ola Miller was one of these eight. She had perfect attendance through 12 years of school, according to her teachers.

Others receiving the commendation besides Ola were David Goble, Bobby Ferguson, Edith Hart, Roy McLeod, Arnold Harris, LeRoy McAllister, Herbert Sowers, Myrtle Garman, and Illness Carr.

Other awards were David Goble, English; Harold Cooper, Science; Martha Burnette, Music; Wendall McCarty and Carolyn Obenshain, Athletics; Martha Burnette, Editor of Annual; Marie Sell, Business Manager of Annual; Norma Bragg and Elizabeth Shepherd, Library Service; Charles Montgomery, Woodman of America Award for U. S. History.

One-act play certificates for distinguished rating in district and state were given to Roy McLeod, Joan Turner, Wayne Ayers, Joe Hatcher, and Charles Neighbors.

Awards and scholarships presented to William Byrd High School students at Vinton on June 9, Commencement night, were:

David Goble, Valedictorian; Roy McLeod, the Lion's Club Citizenship Award; Betty Ward, D. A. R. Good Citizenship Pilgrimage.

Also, Charles Montgomery, the regional Yale University scholarship; Marie Sell, the Vinton Woman's Club scholarship in Nursing at Roanoke Memorial Hospital; and Martha Burnette, the WSLS Music Scholarship to Madison College.



Seniors "live it up" in their final assembly

Oh, isn't it tiresome to be at the end of the line during the cap and gown ceremony

Roy McLeod, 1955 President of the S. C. A., installs the new President Jimmy Bell

This is the day all Seniors look forward to

Junior Class Officers



LEFT TO RIGHT: David Hale, Faye Nicks, Wanda Maske, Carolyn Johnson, Lindy Landsdown, Miss Marshall (Sponsor)

CAROLYN JOHNSON.....	President
DAVID HALE.....	Vice President
LINDY LANDSDOWN.....	Secretary
WANDA MASKE.....	Treasurer
FAYE NICKS.....	Reporter
MISS SYBIL MARSHALL.....	Class Sponsor

In the fall of 1952, the Junior Class, 166 strong, entered the halls of William Byrd with their knees knocking. They soon realized that this maze of classrooms would become a second home to them. As their officers they elected Margaret Hart, Lindy Landsdown, Phyllis Gibson, Molly Pedigo, and Pete Plunkett. Miss Harris, the sponsor, saw that they got a good start in their life at Byrd.

Their freshman year was led by Carolyn Johnson, Rosemary Overstreet, Peggy Gillispie, Lindy Landsdown, and Alice Huddleston. With their goal in sight, the year passed swiftly.

In the sophomore year all realized that they were at the half-way mark. From here they could look back and see others following in their footsteps, and then they looked forward and followed the footsteps of those who had gone before them. Leaders for that year were Carolyn Johnson, Marvin Meador, Wanda Maske, and Molly Pedigo. Their sponsor was Miss Abbott.

Now as juniors they are on the threshold of accomplishing their goal. Officers this year are Carolyn Johnson, President; David Hale, Vice President; Lindy Landsdown, Secretary; and Wanda Maske, Treasurer. Miss Marshall, their sponsor, has helped all to complete a very successful year. The class will long remember their Junior Class Play presented in the spring. It was the pleasure of the Junior Class to sponsor the Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet, and it was an honor to cap the Seniors.

Now the class goes forward as they finish their last step before becoming "The Class of '57." They salute the Seniors of 1956 and hope that they may be able to set as good an example as they have set for them.

*I have enjoyed being
in your English and
Algebra class. See you
next year
Barbara Richardson*

Juniors

JOE ANDREWS
JEAN ABBOTT
JOE ARRINGTON
PATSY ALBERT
LEWIS BAKER



RACHEL ALTICE
RUTH ALTICE
RONALD BARKER
PAT ANDERSON
BARBARA BOLSTER



BENNY BROWN
MARY BLAIR BOOTH
BARBARA BOWLING
LORRAINE BRATTON
DALLAS BRYANT



SYLVIA BURNSIDE
JEAN CASH
CHARLES CHITTUM
PATTIE CHOBODY
FAYE CLARK



GENE COX
PHYLLIS COOPER
RUBY COOPER
INA MAE COX
LEWIS COX



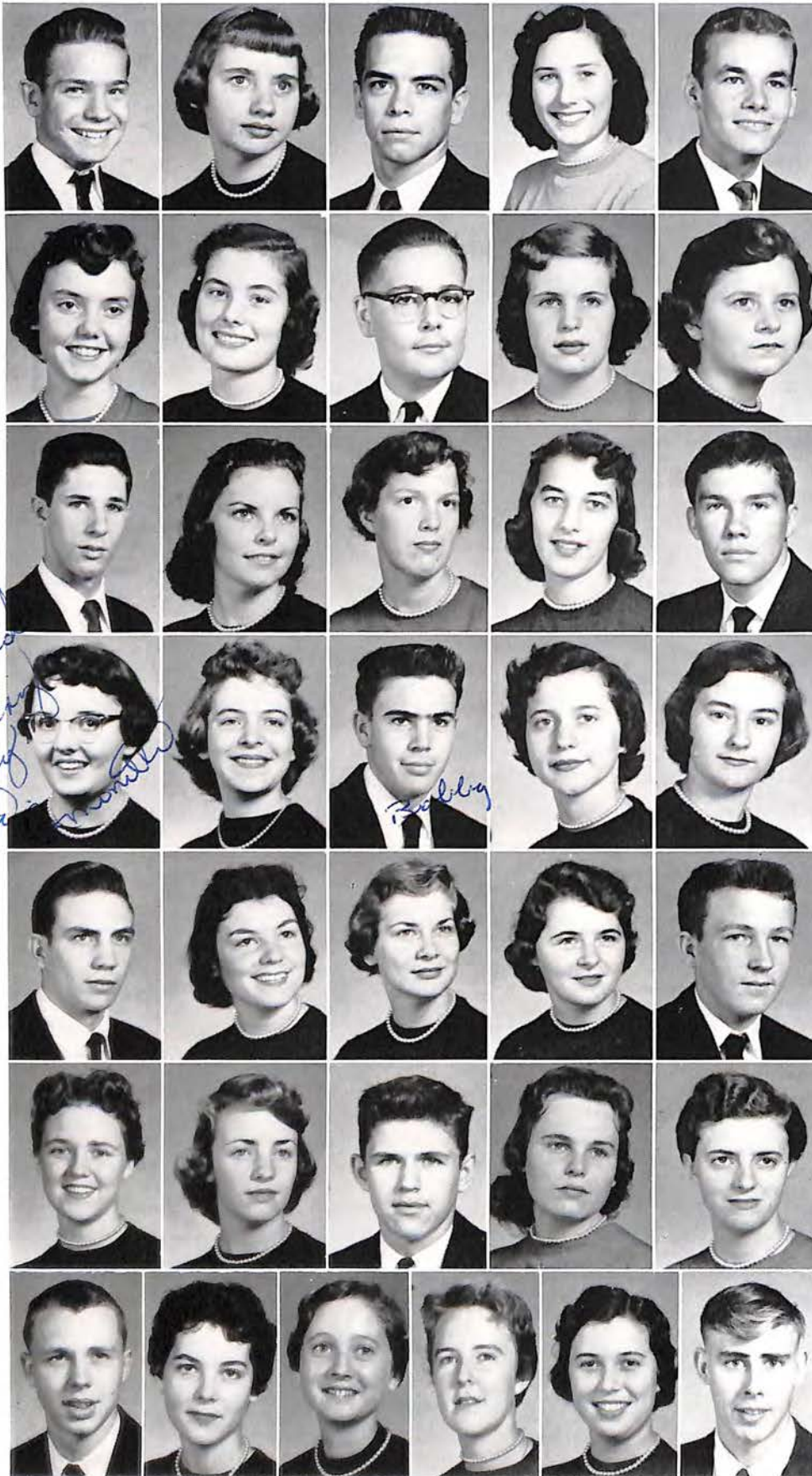
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RODNEY DALHOUSE
JUNE FERGUSON
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SANDRA FITZGERALD
PHYLLIS GIBSON
BARBARA GOAD
ROBERT FOUTZ



Juniors



ROGER FURROW
VIOLET GREEN
ROBERT GIBSON
MARTHA ANN HALE
DAVID HALE

SUE HALE
MARGARET HART
WILLIAM HEARN
NANCY HARGES
JOYCE HEATH

DAVID HUFFMAN
BECKY HEDRICK
HELEN HOLDREN
ALICE HUDDLESTON
CHARLES IDDINGS

AMONETTE HUDGINS
MARY LEE HUNT
BOBBY MEADOR
CAROLYN JOHNSON
MARION LAMB

MARVIN MEADOR
LINDY LANDSDOWN
JANET LEE
SHIRLEY MARTIN
HAROLD MERRIMAN

WANDA MASKE
DONNA McALLISTER
J. C. MILLS
JOANNE McALLISTER
FAYE NICKS

CLARENCE MULLINS
ROSEMARY OVERSTREET
WINIFRED PEARMAN
MOLLY PEDIGO
HANNAH PRESSON
JOHN PALMER

*Becky Hedrick
is a beauty
nice girl
Be good.
monday*

Robbie

Juniors

TOMMY PITTMAN
 MARTHA PROCTOR
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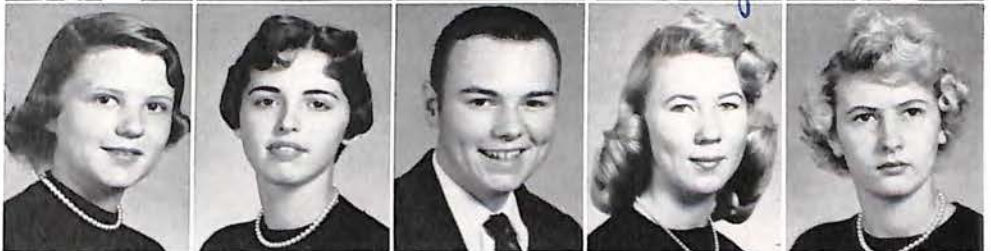
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BONNIE WEBSTER
 CAROLE WILEY
 CURTIS TRUMP
 MARIE WILLIAMS
 SHIRLEY WILLIAMS



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 DOUGLAS CARR

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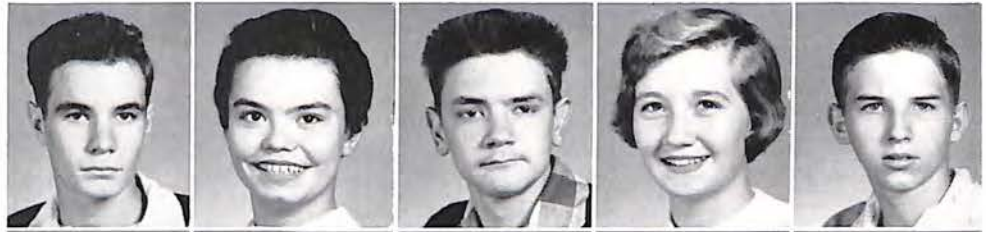
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 RITA FRYE

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ANN HEATH
BILLY HUTCHENS
MARGARET HECK



GARY KAYLOR
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LEILANI LEFFELL
RUTH LYLES
RONALD MORGAN



Jimmy Mills

JEAN McCARTY
BILLY MYERS
GAIL MONTGOMERY
LEWIS PAINTER
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STALEY PENNINGTON
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EDWANNA SINK



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JOANN SMITH
NANCY SMITHERS
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CLIFFORD ST. CLAIR



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LEWIS STOUT
JUDY STONE



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JUNE WEAVER
JOHNNY WEAVER
NANCY WEAVER



JOE WEDDLE
GATHA WEBB
BETTY WORRELL
SHIRLEY WRAY
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 RICHARD GOAD
 CAROL FREESE

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 GLORIA POWELL
 DANNY MINTON
 TOMMY OLSEN

Lots of
 luck to Ann

Gail

Earnest

Freshmen

SHERMAN OVERSTREET
SHIRLEY PRATER
CHARLES PAXTON
BARBARA RICHARDSON
TOBY PENTECOST



PATRICIA RICHARDSON
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PAT RIDDLE
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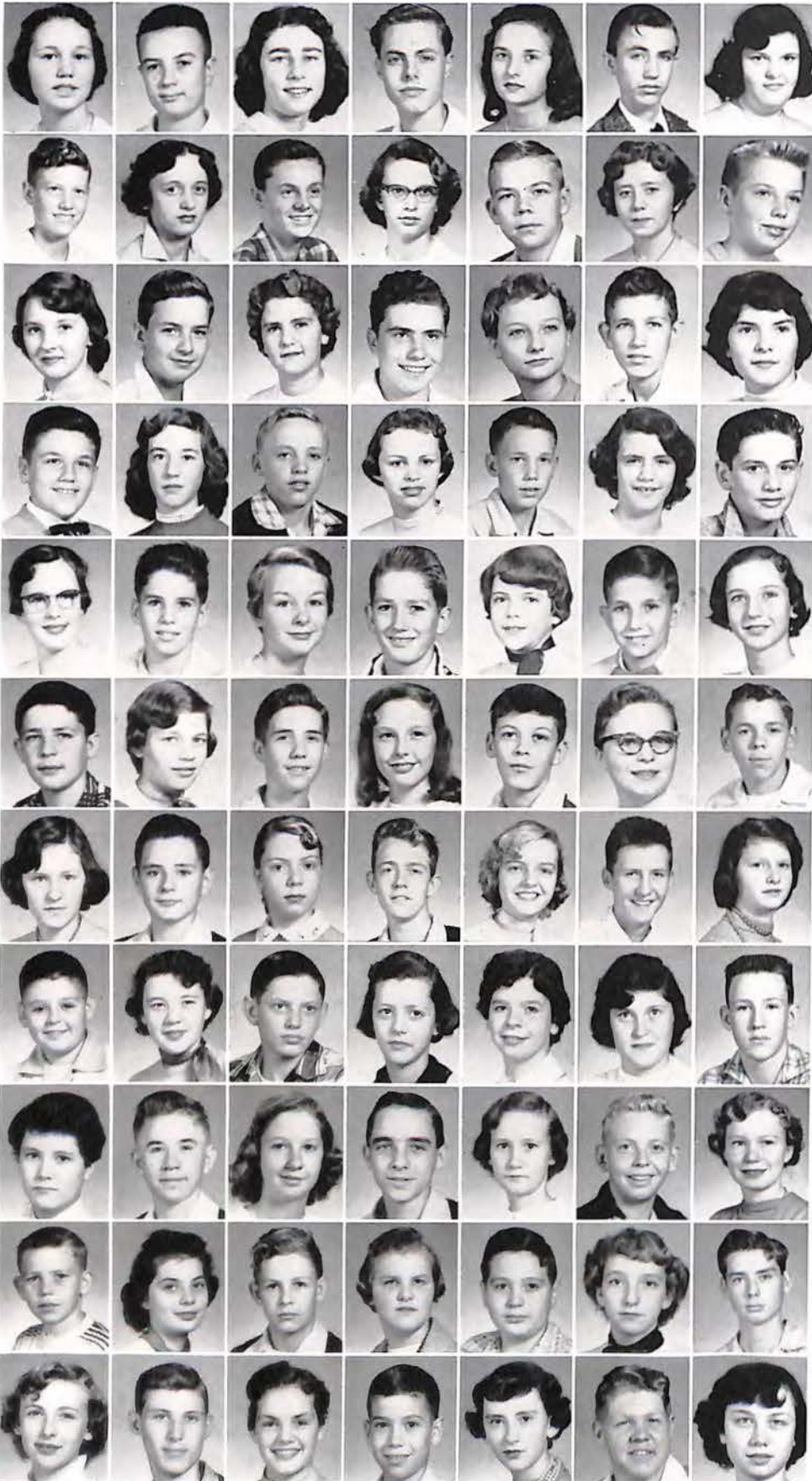
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Eighth Grade



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JUANITA FAULKER
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JAMES SHORT
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RONNIE SINK
MARY RICHARDS
JACKIE SMITH
JUDY RICHARDS
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GARMAN SOWERS
JUDY SAUNDERS
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CARLOS SUTPHINS
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GORDEN SWAIN
BETTY SHRADER



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TOMMY SWITZER
SANDRA SILVER
ALLEN THOMAS
JOYCE SIMMON
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LOUISE SIMMONS
DEAN ROGER THOMPSON
MARY SIMMONS
MARVIN TINNELL
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WAYNE WRAY
BARBARA WILSON
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ALLAN WRIGHT
JOYCE YOUNG
JOHNNY ZERKLE



Not Pictured:

WILLIAM WILSON
DOUGLAS WRIGHT

LOUISE DREWERY
EDITH HALE

BONNIE SHARK
CLAIR SHILLING

PEGGY THOMPSON

CLASSES



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Amor



Mr. Price

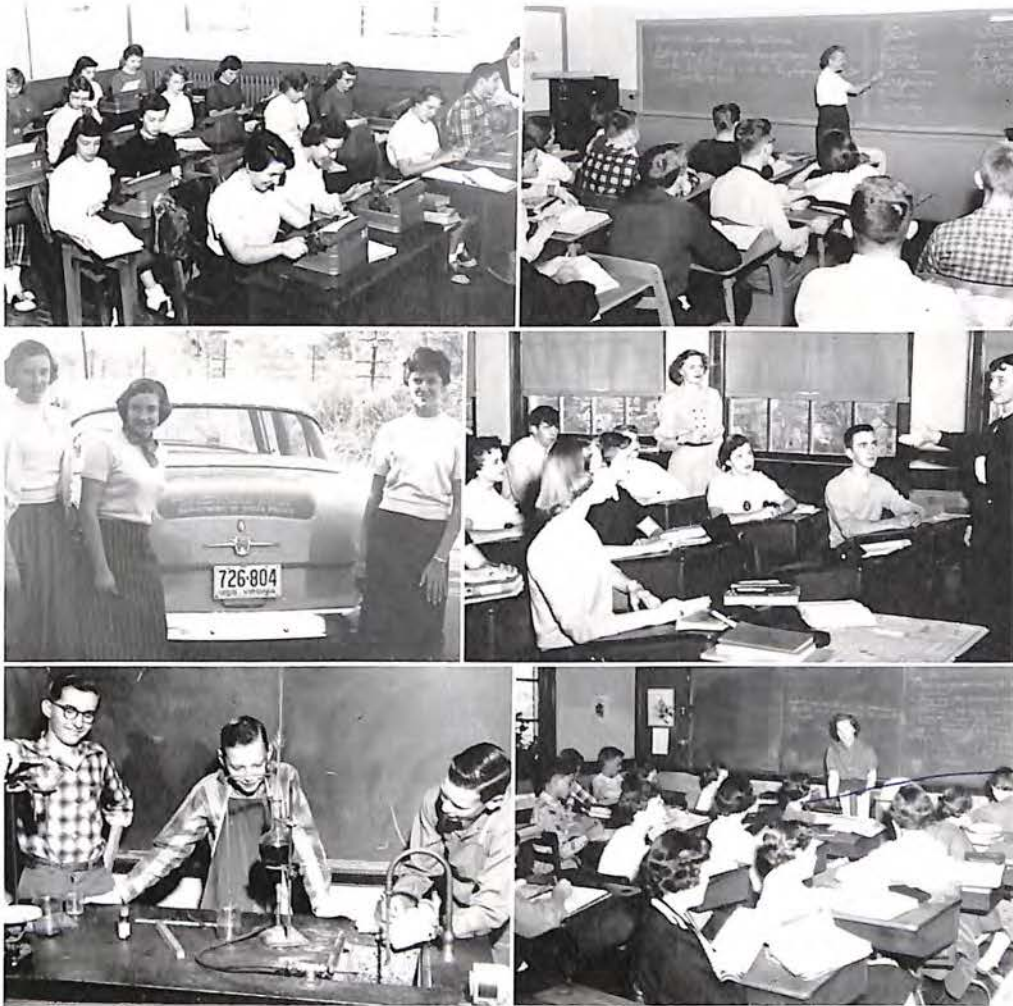
Don



Jenny

Gym lecture class is lots of fun?
 The tumbling mat with frequent occupants.
 Girls get a taste of volleyball.
 Boys' gym class begins routine drill.
 In Mr. Price's math a love of numbers is often developed.
 Shop class trains to "do it yourself."

CLASSES



Mrs. White reminds the class—Sit Straight, Feet Flat on Floor, Hands on Keys.
Mrs. Painter's Spanish class learns to conjugate a tricky verb "sentarse."
In Driving class Norma Riddle, Marian Lamb, and Sheryl Hodges learn by doing.
In Speech class Marie McGeorge learns that experience is the best teacher.
Careful scientists, Mr. Rockhill will check this.
Mrs. Noftsinger's science class has discussions as well as experiments.



These hold offices in the Eighth, Ninth, and Tenth Grades:
 FIRST ROW: *Brenda Jones, Darlene Morgan, Alice Miller, Carolyn Huffman, Nancy Eversole, Dianna Cooper*
 SECOND ROW: *Emily Nunley, Arlene Toone, Earlene Hairfield, Walter Finyard, Kenneth Saunders*
 Managers of Girls' Basketball: *Joan McAllister and Shirley Martin*
 New Teachers at Byrd:
 FIRST ROW: *Mrs. Meador, Mrs. Chelf, Mrs. Spradley*
 SECOND ROW: *Mrs. Finyard, Miss Conner, Mrs. Lyons*
 THIRD ROW: *Mr. Faughan, Mr. Sims, Mr. Ragazzo, Mr. Miller*

Anyone who needs guidance is always welcome in Miss Marshall's office. She is shown here with Emily Nunley and Carolyn Huffman

The Project Display Case in the entrance of the new shop contains many interesting items—among them are samples of Virginia gold ore and rocks, a miniature locomotive, and some of the different tools

All who are absent appear at Mr. Hale's office for an excuse. Pauline Ayers makes one of her rare appearances

Happenings on the Hill

SEPTEMBER	6	School Opened
	15	Information Assembly—Mr. Jennings and Mr. Hale speak
	22	Boys' and Girls' State Reports at Underclass Assembly
	23	Holiday for pupils
	27	Southeastern Assembly, Odells—Acrobatics
	29	Boys' and Girls' State Reports at Upperclass Assembly
OCTOBER	6	Rev. Bates speaks to the Underclasses
	10	Candidates for Home-Coming Queen Nominated by Senior Homerooms
	13	Seniors Receiving Rings
	13	Rev. Kraus speaks at Assembly
	14	"Sadie Hawkins" Hop after Game
	14	Senior Magazine Sales Started
	20	Eighth Grade Exploratory Speech Assembly
	27	Annual Staff Presents Assembly to Underclasses
NOVEMBER	3	Home-Coming Bonfire and Blue-Jean Parade
	4	Crowning of Home-Coming Queen—Shelvy Plunkett
	5	Home-Coming Dance
	10	Annual Staff Presents "The American Way" to Upperclasses
	11	Senior Y-Teen Slumber Party
	15	Southeastern Assembly, Carrolls—Masques on Parade
	16	College Day
	23	Reverend Judy and Reverend Burford Speak at Assembly—Girls' Choir Sings
	23	Thanksgiving Holidays
	28	
DECEMBER	1	Reverend Garber speaks to Underclasses at Junior Y-Teen Assembly
	2	Mixed Choir Presents Program to Fleming
	5	Seniors take A. C. E. Tests
	6	Group Pictures taken for Annual
	7	Southeastern Assembly—Scotch Duo
	7	D. O. Tour Valleydale Packing Co.
	13	Senior Meeting—Nominated Girls for D. A. R. Award
	20	Mixed Choir Presents Christmas Program at Assembly
	20	Christmas Holidays Began
JANUARY	3	Back to School
	5	At the Senior Y-Teen Assembly, Reverend Bates speaks to Upperclasses
	12	Matinee Performance—Senior Class Play—"Daddy Longlegs"
	12	D. O. Tour American Viscose Corporation
	14	Senior Class Play
	19	In Assembly, the Ninth Grade Presented Talent Show
	25, 26, 27	Mid-Term Exams
	30	Second Semester Began
FEBRUARY	2	Speech Class Presents "Queen for a Day"
	9	In the F. B. L. A. Assembly, "This is Your Life," Miss Ideal Secretary was presented
	11	Sweetheart Dance—Moonlight and Roses
	17	Southeastern School Assembly Presented The Smythes Piano Duo
	21	District Convention D. O. Clubs of Virginia
	23	F. F. A. Assembly Celebrates National F. F. A. Week
	25	District One-Act Play, Martinsville
	27	Faculty-Senior Basketball Game and Mock Wedding
MARCH	1	Assembly—One-Act Play
	8	Hi-Y Assembly
	9	Annual Staff Supper
	12	Southeastern School Assembly Presented Trampoline Stars
	15	S. C. A. Banquet Honoring Basketball Boys and Girls, Vinton War Memorial
	17	District Music Festival at Pulaski
	22	Assembly—F. T. A.
	25	Music Department Gives Easter Program
	26	State D. O. Convention in Roanoke
APRIL	5	Assembly—Band
	12	D. O. Assembly District Contestants. Review of Year's Work
	19	Assembly—Eighth Grade Presents Talent Show
	26	Matinee Performance—Junior Class Play—"Maudie and the Opposite Sex"
	26	S. C. A. Nominees make Campaign Speeches
	27	Junior Class Play
MAY	5	Dogwood Festival—Shelvy Plunkett, Princess from William Byrd
	10	Installation of S. C. A. Officers
	17	Assembly—BLACK SWAN Dedication
	24	Senior Day
	26	Junior-Senior Prom—Dixie Caverns
JUNE	1	Cap and Gown Assembly
	2	Senior Banquet—Dixie Caverns
	3	Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. Lewis Bates
	7	Commencement Night
	9	Awards Assembly—School Closed

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY



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

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MISS BETTY TINGLER



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SECOND ROW: *Eddie Hodges, Eugene Crowder, Carol Blours, Sue Ann Thomas, Janet Cook, Jo Ann Gibson, Rita Boone, Ronald Wheeler, David Hale*

THIRD ROW: *Gary Carroll, Daniel Hughes, Wanda Robertson, Ann Cundiff, Mabel Kessler, Lorene Flowers, William Chambers, Lenwood Minter*

FOURTH ROW: *Donald Burns, Alfred Anderson, May Anna Cooper, Rebecca Yates, Linda Holt, Roger Yeatts, Mrs. Baskerville*

FIFTH ROW: *Ronald St. Clair, John Martin*

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SECOND ROW: *Douglas Pozwell, Alfred Parrish, Wanda Blankenship, Nancy Fore, Frances Chittum, Jean Hancock, Bonnie Dyer, Robert Rider, Ronald Hodges*

THIRD ROW: *Kenneth Hogan, Vincent Turner, Betty McGhee, Nadine Chatman, Carolyn Boitnott, Carolyn Oliver*

FOURTH ROW: *Johnnie Criner, Harold Ellis, Shirley Cash, Betty Shiveley, Martha Cox, Warren Overstreet, Richard McGuffin*

FIFTH ROW: *Mrs. Buchanan*

MRS. LASSITER—SEVENTH GRADE (BOTTOM PICTURE), FRONT ROW: *Russell Short, Jack Kelly, Mary Ann Hill, Carolyn McGeorge, Janet Richardson, Carolyn Lucas, Janet Earhart, Berkley Lucas, Jerry Vaughan*

SECOND ROW: *Kenneth Hill, Cal Gamble, Linda Chewning, Patricia Wallace, Nancy Brooks, Susie Fouts, Carolyn St. Clair, Sylvia Hall, Judith Sowers, Kenneth Snodgrass, Beverly Long, James Martin*

THIRD ROW: *James Rouse, Donald Mook, Sue Patton, Betty Cochran, Judith Stultz, Shirley Reynolds, Earl Dixon, Kenneth Clark*

BACK: *Mrs. Lassiter*

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



MRS. LAYMAN—SEVENTH GRADE (TOP PICTURE), FRONT ROW: *Ray Vaughan, Raymond Dickson, Audrey Saunders, Pat Branson, Charlotte Lamb, Patsy Fisher, Michael Crozder, Russel Robitson*

SECOND ROW: *Freddie Hale, Brandol West, Alice Gray, Marie Wray, Edna McGhee, Reggie Short, Freddie Aylor*

THIRD ROW: *J. C. Weaver, Jackie Medley, Betty Cooper, Pat Criner, Marie Turner, Joan Dingleline, Walter West*

FOURTH ROW: *John Bailey, David Kelly, Chloris Slone, Jo Ann Stout, Constance Bowden, Mrs. Layman, Billy McCormack, Marshall Murray*

FIFTH ROW: *Mary Poindexter, Sharron Howell, Nancy Buzik, Connie Poff, Joe Roberts*

MRS. RANGELEY—SEVENTH GRADE (CENTER PICTURE), FRONT ROW: *Wayne Goodman, Madeline Abernathy, Betty Gillispie, Leatrice Wheeler, Carolyn Hodges, Michael Wright*

SECOND ROW: *Ronnie Wimmer, Wayne Pickeral, Brenda Holland, Dianne Martin, Dianne Watkins, Candis Brown, David Gearhart*

THIRD ROW: *Benjamin Hodges, David Minnix, Norma Amos, Vivian Burnette, Mary Fleshman, Jane Dillon, Jackie Bozeman, Skippy Hale*

FOURTH ROW: *Buddy Kritch, Ernie Bibb, Martha Clover, Judy Tingle, Frances Spain, Kenneth Pagans, Mrs. Rangeley*

FIFTH ROW: *Betty Beleher, Matilda Jordan, Nelson Smelser, Herbert Moore*

MRS. BUTLER—SIXTH GRADE (BOTTOM PICTURE), FRONT ROW: *Reese Chewning, Edward Turpin, Glenda Booth, Jean Ward, Loretta Drexery, Diane Hale, Charles Sell, Tommy Fuqua*

SECOND ROW: *Mac Arthur Robertson, Ray Cruvey, Eloise Short, Annie Merriman, Sue Fitzpatrick, Joyce Ann DeLong, Sherwood Woodford, Robert Oliver*

THIRD ROW: *Donald Holdren, Brenda Chisom, Joyce Pugh, Rita Murray, Ronald Cox, Mrs. Butler*

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



MRS. JENNINGS—(SIXTH GRADE), TOP PICTURE: *Barrie Carter, Billie Hawks, Tommy Muse, Billie Keith, Bonnie Leech, Kay Short, Sandra Kelly, Joan Booth, Robert Campbell*
 SECOND ROW: *Perry Basham, Eddie Amos, Peggy Vaden, Charlene Cramer, Carol Fore, Sherry Meadows, Jean Crumpacker, Bonnie Jean Angell, Paul Thomas, Edwin Dowdy, Lee Parker*
 THIRD ROW: *Tobey Chambers, Betsy Seibel, Carolyn Motley, Eunice Gray, Virginia Stewart, Nancy Tingler, Ralph Flowers, Ray Shrader, Mrs. Jennings*

MRS. MENELEE—(SIXTH GRADE), CENTER PICTURE: *Jimmy Overstreet, Ralph Saunders, Ernestine Cook, Sandra Settle, Patsy Foutz, Edward Simmons*
 SECOND ROW: *David Carr, Carl Guthrie, Diane English, Carolyn Dowdy, Joyce Dawson, Jerry Altice, James Hazekins*
 THIRD ROW: *Ray Harris, Jimmy Mays, Sandra Vandergrift, Susan Scott, Mildred Johnson, Tommy Barger, Paul Brozen*
 FOURTH ROW: *Mrs. Menefee, Ronald McDaniel, Sharon Richardson, Kitty Waldron, Linda Smelser, Robert Wilson, Robert Wimmer*

MISS TINGLER—(SIXTH GRADE), BOTTOM PICTURE: *Charles Campbell, Barbara Patterson, Carolyn Neighbors, Fay Huddleston, Clinton Shell*
 SECOND ROW: *Pat Noell, Vincent Reynolds, Jackie Staton, Wayne Pennington, Christine Largin, Barbara Overstreet, Mable Weddle, Louise Short, Diana Kendall, Russell Kelly, Tommy Snead, Bobby Wade*
 THIRD ROW: *Miss Tingler, Jack Eanes, Dorothy Stone, Nancy Jones, Carlene Grubb, Nancy Ryan, Jessie Davis, Ronald Pugh, William Thomas, Jimmie Thomason*
 NOT PICTURED: *Carolyn Decker, Ray Brooks*

Junior Organizations



S. C. A. (TOP PICTURE), SEATED CLOCKWISE: *Berkley Lucas, Wayne Goodman (Treasurer), Rita Murray (Vice President), Ann Cundiff (President), Chloris Stone (Secretary), Betty McGhee, Charlene Cramer, Sharon Richardson, Louise Short, Mr. James W. Eatey (Sponsor)*



ROOM LIBRARIANS (SECOND PICTURE): *Carol Ann Wright, Mildred Johnson, Priscilla Woodson, Jo Ann Gilson, Kitty Waldron, Charlotte Lamb, Mary Poindexter, Sue Ann Thomas, Betty Belcher, Mary Ann Hill, Miss Runion (Sponsor), Carolyn Sue Neighbors, Linda Chewning, Jean Crumacker, Betsy Seibel, Dorothy Stone, Eloise Short, Jane Dillon, Sue Fitzpatrick*



JUNIOR RED CROSS COUNCIL (THIRD PICTURE), SEATED: *Rebecca Yates, Sandra Settle, Brenda Holland, Jackie Staton, Beverly Long*
STANDING: *Patsy Fisher, Reese Chewning, Mrs. Menefee (Sponsor), Bonnie Angell, Douglas Powell*



SAFETY PATROLS (BOTTOM PICTURE)
FRONT ROW: *Sandra Vandergrift, Nelson Smelser, Madeline Abernathy, Jean Dingleline, Nancy Tingler, Barbara Patterson, Joan Dingleline, Alfred Parrish, May Cooper, Julius Thurman, Betty Belcher*
SECOND ROW: *William Chambers, Jimmy Mays, Ronald Pugh, Tommy Fuqua, Raymond Dixon, MacArthur Robertson, Jack Kelly, Ronald Hodges*

Lunch Program



First in line.

Four lunch periods like this!

Mrs. Short, Mrs. Pittman, Mrs. Hiler, Mrs. Henley and Mrs. Buck—without them, what would we eat?

The cafeteria is a busy place with three lunch periods for the senior building and one for the junior high school.

At the end of the second period class, at 10:50, the Eighth grade begins lunch. The Junior High School pupils follow this group for lunch at 11:20. At 11:50 o'clock the second high school group eats. At 12:50 the remaining students have their lunch period. (They are always starved!)

Students are required to eat in the cafeteria unless a lunch permit is issued allowing him to go home or to Vinton.

Even with cafeteria crowded, the serving lines move quickly.

Who's Who

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FOURTH ROW: Barrie Booth, Sandra Abbott, Nancy Foster, Judy Stone, Judy Overstreet, Faye Nicks, Kenneth Wright, Billy Setzer, Ronald Barker, Dean Flowers

FIFTH ROW: David Huffman, Marvin Meador, Curtis Kirby

The Student Cooperative Association strives to overcome the problems arising from the students themselves and to work for their common welfare. Aid is given in the production of any play and assembly program pertaining to the welfare of the school or other student activities. The organization is partly responsible for the conduct of students while attending programs given by the school and in the school and aids in the upkeep of school grounds and cleanliness of the school. The members act as a governing body representing the students of William Byrd Senior High School.

The annual Thanksgiving offering was given to the Mercy House and in December, White Christmas baskets, contributed by the homerooms were distributed through the Vinton Welfare Agency to the needy families in the community.

A main duty of the S. C. A. is planning and presenting assemblies.

Also, each year, at an Awards Assembly, recognition is given through the S. C. A. to outstanding leaders determined by the point system. This year the S. C. A. has cooperated with the P. T. A. by having members in charge of devotions for the monthly meetings.

S. C. A. Officers



David Hale, Wanda Maske, Mrs. Hazel Jones, Janet Caldwell, Jimmy Bell

JIMMY BELL.....	<i>President</i>
DAVID HALE.....	<i>Vice President</i>
JANET CALDWELL.....	<i>Secretary</i>
WANDA MASKE.....	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>
MRS. HAZEL JONES.....	<i>Sponsor</i>

A highlight of the year for the officers was the State S. C. A. Convention at Longwood College, Farmville, in March. The officers and a council member attended the District S. C. A. meeting held in Clifton Forge in November.

The S. C. A. planned and sponsored a basketball game between the Senior Class and the Faculty on February 23. They also gave a banquet for the Varsity girls' and boys' Basketball teams on March 15 at the War Memorial in Vinton.

The members of the S. C. A. learn the fundamentals of becoming better and more intelligent citizens of their school and community.

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FRONT ROW: *Dean Flowers, Shelby Carr, Lorraine Bratton, Amonette Hudgins, Annie Trussler Amos, Suzanne Blankenship, Janet Caldwell*
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 THIRD ROW: *Judy Robertson, Mary Blair Booth, Margaret Hart, Joyce Wright, Norma Jean Abbott, Barbara Bolster, Beck Hatcher*
 FOURTH ROW: *Tommy Pittman, Ronald Barker, David Goode, Kenneth Wright, Curtis Guilliams, Elmer Oerstreet*

BILLY SETZER.....*Editor*
 SHELVEY PLUNKETT.....*Business Manager*
 MRS. MOSELEY.....*Sponsor*

THE BLACK SWAN, published by the annual staff, is a member of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association and each spring sends delegates to the convention in Lexington. Students desiring to be on the staff make application. They are carefully selected for their ability to write and their desire to be on the staff. This select group has done a wonderful job in making this one of the best annuals yet.

The presentation of the 1956 BLACK SWAN will conclude another year of hard work on the yearbook. Many are the first drafts, copies, and rewrites that have passed from our pencils and wearily clicked out on the typewriter. There was sorting of pictures, arranging of ads and all sorts of tasks to be done before the annual went to press. All this work to be done just because the staff wants this year's Annual to be the best ever. They want it to be a book with many pleasant memories; maybe a few sad ones, but especially the good times of this year.

Norma A., Judy M., Barbara B., David G., David H., Amonette H., Mary B., Judy R., and Kenneth W., had the un-eye-appealing job of sorting, identifying, and arranging pictures.

Lorraine B., Janet C., Annette H., Dean F., and Anna T., juggled some big words, out of the dictionary, and came up with some good articles on the clubs and classes.

Shelby C., Janet R., Marlene J., Becky H., Norma A., and Nancy N. all "did time with the typewriter."

Elmer O., Tommy P., Joyce W., Curtis G., Catherine S., Ronald B., and Margaret H. helped do all the odd jobs that seemed to pop up.

Probably the busiest couple on the staff was Shelvey Plunkett and Billy Setzer. Shelvey was business manager and Billy was editor.

Of course, the annual wouldn't have been possible without Mrs. Moseley who did a wonderful job, as always, sponsoring the yearbook.

Newspaper Staff

SHARON STARK *Editor-in-Chief*
 PHYLLIS RILEY *Business Manager*
 DAVID HALE *Make-Up Editor*
 MRS. SPRADLEY *Sponsor*

The *Byrd Echo*, the school paper, is published every two weeks by thirty energetic students and one hard-working sponsor. The paper contains eight pages except when there is a special issue, such as Christmas, in which case it is larger. Packed into these eight pages are the latest news items, sports articles, editorials, features, drawings, pictures, and ads—all items of special interest to the students and faculty of William Byrd High School.

The staff meets once a month to discuss problems which have arisen in the production of their paper, special activities which they will undertake, and the purchase of any important items for their office and paper. These meetings are held in the newspaper office where the paper is published.

The newspaper staff has a new machine to print their paper this year. It is a multilith machine, and every issue of the paper with the exception of the first issue has been run on it.

Every Monday, prior to the Friday publication date of the paper, the reporters turn in their articles. Each reporter has a beat with the exception of a couple of feature writers, who write special articles. Tuesday morning the articles are typed so that the dummy may be made Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday and Thursday finds the typists and artists hard at work on the masters. These masters are run off on the multilith machine Thursday afternoon and night. If there has been no mishap or delay (and this seldom happens), the papers are stapled Friday morning. Friday afternoon about three o'clock the staff members sally forth with an armload of papers to try their luck at salesmanship.

Other than the continual work of publishing a bi-weekly paper, many other activities were undertaken by the *Byrd Echo* Staff. A visit was made to the Roanoke World-News plant. The officers of the Newspaper Staff also visited the journalism departments of several Roanoke area high schools. The *Byrd Echo* is a member of the Southern Interscholastic Press Association, and several delegates were sent to the S. I. P. A. convention which is held in Lexington at Washington and Lee College. The staff will also have its annual outing in the spring.

The Staff members try to turn out the best paper possible. Encouraged by the increase in sales, they are continually striving for improvement. They hope that you have enjoyed the 1955-56 *Byrd Echo*.

FRONT ROW: *Rosemary Overstreet, Ina Mae Cox, Marlene Joyce, Rebecca Hatcher, Barbara Burger, Molly Pedigo, Martha Proctor, Irma Jean McCarty, Jane Riley, Shelby Carr*

SECOND ROW: *Pete Plunkett, Kenneth Wright, Carolyn Johnson, Barbara S. St. Clair, Nancy Fisher, Mildred Martin, Katie Lou Simmons, Kathleen Toome, Pat Hale, Martha Ann Hale*

THIRD ROW: *Elmer Overstreet, John Olsen, Barry Ward, Ronald Barker, Curtis Guilliams, Meg Heck, Martha Burkholder, Alice Keaton*



Sponsors and Officers



Mrs. Moseley, Billy Setzer, and Shelvy Plunkett busily plan the layout for THE 1956 BLACK SWAN.



David Hale, Phyllis Riley, Sharon Stark, and Mrs. Spradley check to see if there are any errors in the latest edition of the *Byrd Echo*.



Representatives to the S. I. P. A. convention enjoy resting on the Washington and Lee campus.

NAMES OF PUBLICATIONS

The annual staff publishes the yearbook, THE BLACK SWAN. When our school was called Vinton High School this publication was called *The Roacovin* from the first syllable of Roanoke, County, and Vinton. When the new school building was completed in 1934 and called William Byrd High School, the name of the annual was changed to THE BLACK SWAN, the nickname of William Byrd who was so-called because he was always immaculately dressed, usually in black.

The newspaper staff publishes the bi-weekly newspaper, *The Byrd Echo*. In 1934 the name of the newspaper was *The Maroon and Orange* and in 1935 it was changed to *The Swan*. For a period of time it was called *The Byrd High Flyer* and finally in 1939 it was changed to *The Byrd Echo* which name it bears today.

Hi-Y Club

OFFICERS

CURTIS KIRBY.....	<i>President</i>
JIMMY BELL.....	<i>Vice President</i>
CURTIS GUILLIAMS.....	<i>Secretary</i>
ELMER OVERSTREET.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
WALTER KENT.....	<i>Reporter</i>
NYLE FILSON.....	<i>Sergeant-at-Arms</i>
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The Hi-Y is organized among high school boys and affiliated with the Young Men's Christian Association. It is founded 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 once a month at the Y. M. C. A. and once a month at school. The Hi-Y members enjoy recreation facilities of the Y. M. C. A. Last year they won the Hi-Y Basketball Championship, being the top team in the league.

FRONT ROW: *Curtis Kirby, Jimmy Bell, Elmer Overstreet, Curtis Guilliams, Jimmy Mills, Logan Jennings*
SECOND ROW: *Walter Kent, William Hearn, Tommy Pittman, Frank Hylton, Carol Clement, Johnny Scott*
THIRD ROW: *Barry Ward, John Polling, Pete Plunkett, J. C. Starr, Mr. Rockhill (Sponsor)*
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Senior Y-Teens



FRONT ROW: Sandra Abbott, Becky Hatcher, Carolyn Johnson, Lindy Landsdown, Shelby Carr, Pat Hale, Judy Mills, Kathleen Toone, Marlene Joyce, Suzanne Blankenship

SECOND ROW: Bonnie Webster, Patricia Anderson, Rosemary Overstreet, Ina Mae Cox, Barbara Siner St. Clair, Bonny Schuermann, Ellen Short, Wanda Dooley, Nancy Proctor, Janet Riley, Phyllis Riley, Sharon Stark, Annette Hodges, Nancy Fisher

THIRD ROW: Barbara Bolster, Norma Jean Abbott, Lorraine Bratton, Sue Hale, Jo Ann McAllister, Martha Proctor, Molly Pedigo, Martha Hale, Sheryl Hodges, Rose Mary Beard, Amonette Hudgins, Becky Hendrick

FOURTH ROW: Mary Blair Booth, Joyce Wright, Margaret Hart, Judy Robertson, Alice Huddleston, Wanda Maske

FIFTH ROW: Shelba St. Clair, Patsy Albert, Sandra Fitzgerald, June Ferguson, Patricia Fitzgerald, Doris Saunders, Barbara Burger, Barbara Linkous, Mrs. M. Goble, Frankie Smith, Janice Frye, Katie Lou Simmons, Jeanette Sowers, Ann Robinson, Eleanor Turner

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The purpose of the Y-Teens is to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in common life those ideals of personal and social living to which they are committed by faith as Christians. In this endeavor, they seek to understand Jesus, share His love for all people, and grow in the knowledge and love of God. This purpose helps to advance the physical, social, intellectual, moral, and spiritual interest of the young women.

Y-Teens engage in many activities and social services. Some of these have been a slumber party, the Sweetheart Dance, and collecting food and clothing at Thanksgiving and Christmas for welfare help.

Being a Y-Teen is not all "just having fun." Instead a Y-Teen learns how to be a leader, to plan programs for their monthly meeting, and to engage in community activities.

Tenth Grade and Junior Y-Teens

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 THIRD ROW: Darlene Rullet, Doris Dowdy, Nancy Foster, Joy Saunders, Colene Baker, Joanne Smith, Catherine Silcox, Jeanie Creasy
 FOURTH ROW: Shirley Burdette, Nancy Weaver, Betty Hatcher, Rebecca Payne, Jean McCarty, Alice Miller, Mary Yates, Dawn Hale, Miss Sara Caldwell



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JUNIOR Y-TEENS

CENTER PICTURE, FRONT ROW: Mitilda Holland, Carolyn Obenchain, Brenda Saul, Wanda Williams, Kay Saunders, Karen Bragg, Barbara Wilson, Barbara Parrish, Becky Boxley
 SECOND ROW: Carol Overstreet, Ester Brenneis, Brenda Adkins, Billie Lynn Lassiter, Phoebe Abbott, Barbara King, Trina Campbell
 THIRD ROW: Carolyn McDaniel, Patsy Burnette, Nora Hopkins, Phyllis Barnard, Carol Larch, Carol Harris, Juanita Firebaugh, Carol Gilbert, Carol Sue Powell
 FOURTH ROW: Gail Bousman, Nancy Saper, Betty Draper, Joyce Webber, Carolyn Huddleston, Jo Ann Pittman, Shirley Gibson

BOTTOM, PICTURE, FRONT ROW: Nancy Eversole, Janice Kaylor, Carol Bryant, Peggy Peters, Susie Fielder, Bonnie Fisher, Bobbi Ferguson, Mollie Gish, Marie Hill
 SECOND ROW: Elaine St. Clair, Barbara Milton, Alice Plunkett, Carolyn Link, Gail Johnson, Beatrice Wilson, Helen Sell, Willie Boeman, Brenda Carter, Ann Thurman, Mrs. Self
 THIRD ROW: Carol Freese, Carol Cramer, Carolyn Adams, Ernestine Cooper, Gertrude Chittum, Betty Young, Arlene Toone, Kay Kramer, Faye Williams
 FOURTH ROW: Judy Richards, Brenda Dyer, Martha Radford, Helen Smith, Barbara Futrell, Gail Meador, Peggy Darnell, Wilma Bryant
 FIFTH ROW: Joyce Hutton, Kathryn Holt, Mary Goad, Pat Grant, Betty Jo Shredder, Iva Glasco

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Science Club



FRONT ROW: *Ronald Barker, Judy Robertson, Barbara Bolster, Joyce Wright, Miss Abbott (Sponsor), Stephen Bates, Carolyn Obenchain, Brenda Carter, Dawn Hale*

SECOND ROW: *Wayne Horn, Martha Burkholder, Ellen Short, Norma Jean Abbott, Lorraine Bratton, Mildred Spangler, Nancy Procter, Jean McCarty*

THIRD ROW: *Leland Caldwell, Wendell Kelly, Alice Keaton, Evelyn Belcher, Mary Blair Booth, Nancy Fisher, Pat Anderson, Bonnie Webster, Margaret Hart*

FOURTH ROW: *Billy Setzer, Wallace West, Jimmy Bell, Kenneth Wright, Barrie Booth, Pete Plunkett, David Hale, Curtis Guilliams, David Goode, Roger Furrow*

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JUDY ROBERTSON.....	<i>Vice President</i>
BARBARA BOLSTER.....	<i>Secretary</i>
JOYCE WRIGHT.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
MISS ABBOTT.....	<i>Sponsor</i>

The William Byrd Alpha Omega Science Club meets the fourth Thursday of each month. The aims of this club shall be to increase their knowledge of science, to learn to perfect their skills in science, to give service in their community and nation, to understand the importance of science in their lives and to encourage the students in scientific careers.

The club plans to have speakers, to go on field trips and to participate in science fairs.

On February 25, William Byrd was host to the Roanoke County Science Fair. More than eighty high school pupils from the County entered projects to be judged. There were approximately 200 visitors.

Their motto is "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

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Library Club

MARLENE JOYCE.....*President*
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 SHERYL HODGES.....*Secretary*
 JOYCE WRIGHT.....*Program Chairman*
 MRS. MOSELEY.....*Sponsor*

The Library Club is made up of a group of girls who offer their services to the library during their study-hall periods.

Those girls who become library assistants have more than a speaking acquaintance with the books in the library. They help in getting the new books ready for circulation, check them out, and fine students for bringing them in late. Typing of catalog cards is done by the club members.

Monthly meetings are held in which the members arrange and take part in the programs.

Each year the club has a Christmas party, visits Stone Printing Company and the Roanoke Times, and has a picnic in the spring.

TOP PICTURE: *Judy Robertson, Ellen Short, Mrs. Irma Moseley, Joyce Wright, Sheryl Hodges, Margaret Hart, Norma Jean Abbott, Carol Cramer, Marlene Joyce*

BOTTOM PICTURE, FRONT ROW: *Catherine Holt, Betty Pasley, Carol Freese, Matilda Holland*
 SECOND ROW: *Carol Larch, Betty Stanley, Rose Mary Beard, Annette Hodges, Wanda Dooley, Willie Bozeman, Ernestine Cooper*

THIRD ROW: *Judy Overstreet, Margaret Heck, Margaret Underwood, Pat Bolt, Blanche Fralin, Virginia Edwards, Catherine Silcox*



Future Homemakers of America



FRONT ROW: *Norma Jean Sowers, Jane Hatcher, Becky Spradlin, Glorice Turner*
 SECOND ROW: *Pauline Ayers, Pat Whittaker, Jo Ann Richards, Mary Lee Hunt, Amonette Hudgins, Mrs. Thomas, Claudine Wills*
 NOT PICTURED: *Hannah Presson, Jean Jones, Marion Lamb, Rachel Boitnott*

- REBECCA SPRADLIN *President*
- JEAN JONES *Vice President*
- HANNAH PRESSON *Secretary*
- JANE HATCHER *Treasurer*
- GLORICE TURNER *Reporter*
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The meetings of the Future Homemakers of America are held monthly in the home economics room. The purpose of the club is to promote a growing appreciation of the joys and satisfactions of homemaking, to emphasize the importance of worthy membership, to encourage democracy in home and community life, to work for good home and family life for all, promote international good will, and further interest in home economics.

The members of the club held bake sales to raise funds for their most important socials: the "Mother-Daughter Banquet" and the F. H. A.-F. F. A. picnic. They also contributed a Christmas basket for a needy family.

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Future Farmers of America

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THOMAS KIRBY.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
DAVID SLOCUM.....	<i>Reporter</i>
DEAN BROWN.....	<i>Sentinel</i>
MR. ALLEN K. THOMAS.....	<i>Adviser</i>

Byrd boys who represent the Future Farmers of America have participated in numerous activities throughout the State. Some of these were: F. F. A. contests (forestry, crops, degree team, dairy, poultry, softball), radio programs, assembly program, T. V. program, and K. V. G. Delegates attended the State F. F. A. convention at Blacksburg. Representatives also were sent to forestry camp at Holiday Lake.

Plans for the year include taking 100 soil samples for testing, distributing "Plant More Trees" leaflets, and constructing shelves and wall cabinets for shop tools. Each member purchases a "Plant More Trees" bumper strip. The club also plans to establish the grass in front of the new building.

TABLES ON LEFT, FRONT: *Gale Gish, Jerry Ferguson, Douglas Carr, Billy McCraw, Lynn Willis, Roscoe Martin, Kenneth Hunt, Lewis Stout, Jackie Riley, Kyle Robinson, Harry Turner, Jr.*

TABLES ON RIGHT, FRONT: *David Slocum, Thomas Kirby, Lucion St. Clair, Eldridge Williams, Michael Dogan, Winston Adams, Earl Lile, Billy Hutchens, Roger Flippen, Ed Cox*



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Diversified Occupation Club



FRONT ROW: *Betty Fore, Marvin Cronk, Benny Brown, Jo Andrews, J. C. Mills, Joan Criner, Rachel Boitnott, Janice Fry, Marie McGeorge*
 SECOND ROW: *Phyllis Bryant, Mabel Rider, David Huffman, Charles Neighbors, Carol Clement, Johnny Scott, J. C. Starr, Jean Green*
 THIRD ROW: *Richard Wingo, William Thurman, Robert Fouts, Wesley Myers, Julian Newman, Calvin Gray, Bobby Gibson*
 FOURTH ROW: *Mr. Floyd Mason (Sponsor), Marvin Meador*

OFFICERS

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JOE ANDREWS.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
J. C. MILLS.....	<i>Reporter</i>
MR. MASON.....	<i>Sponsor</i>

The purpose of this course is to help the students bridge the gap between school and employment.

Students under this program attend school one half day and work at some place of regular employment in the afternoon.

This year there are twenty-eight students who are engaged in different occupations. These occupations are as follows: Automobile Mechanic, Service Station Attendant, Draftsman, Electrical Parts Clerk, Meat Cutter, Printing, Textile Worker, Dental Assistant, Telephone Operator, Banking, Clothing Store Salesman, Grocery Store Clerk, Stock Room Clerk, Variety Store Manager, Checker, and Retail Clerk.

The D. O. Club gives its members participation in a club activity, helps get occupational information to its members and participates in the State D. O. Club activities.

Their plans for the year were to conduct an assembly program, to take at least three field trips into industry, to have several social functions, and to participate in the state contests and state convention.

David Huffman was elected president of the D. O. Clubs of Virginia for 1956-57 at the convention at Hotel Roanoke on March 27, 1956.

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Thespian Club

Troupe 1058, representing William Byrd in the National Thespian Society, is but one of the many troupes throughout the nation established for the advancement of dramatic arts in the secondary schools.

Membership is granted to those students who have performed meritorious work in dramatic arts and have met the qualifications and standards of a Thespian. One may become a member of the troupe by working as an actor, stage manager, scene designer, costume and make-up chairman, electrician, business manager, prompter, or any of the other jobs connected with the production of a play, provided the required number of points is earned.

The acceptance of Thespian membership indicates that the student is qualified and willing to begin serious work and to discharge whatever task may be assigned him. Students are expected to continue their activities in dramatic arts after having become a Thespian.

Under the leadership of its officers and its sponsor, Mrs. Spradley, Troupe 1058 has brought to a close its third successful, enjoyable, and profitable year in striving to fulfill 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."

OFFICERS

DEAN FLOWERS.....	President
KENNETH WRIGHT.....	Vice President
BECKY HATCHER.....	Secretary-Treasurer
ELMER OVERSTREET.....	Scribe
MRS. SPRADLEY.....	Sponsor

FRONT ROW: Mrs. Spradley (Sponsor), Kenneth Wright, Dean Flowers, Becky Hatcher, Elmer Overstreet

SECOND ROW: Pete Plunkett, Charles Neighbors, Curtis Kirby, Janet Riley, Shelby Carr, Janet Caldwell, Shelby Plunkett, Sharon Stark, Billy Setzer



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Future Business Leaders of America



SEATED, FIRST ROW: *Shelby Carr, Annette Hodges*
 SECOND ROW: *Janet Caldwell, Sandra Abbott, Janet Riley, Janice Frye, Nancy Proctor*
 THIRD ROW: *Marian Lamb, Claudine Wills, Joyce Wright, Ann Robinson, Joan Branson, Rose Mary Beard*
 FOURTH ROW: *Barbara St. Clair, Shirley Simmons, Donna McAllister, Brenda Jones, Joan Richards*
 FIFTH ROW: *Sheryl Hodges, Wanda Dooly, Annie Amos, Mary Lee Hunt, Joyce Cadd*
 STANDING: *Doris Dowdy, Judy Stone, Earlene Hairfield, Sue Hale, Nancy Foster, Shirley Burdette, Alice Miller, Nancy Weaver, Bonnie Akers, Gloria Turner, Jeanie Creasy, Joan Kearns, Catherine Silcox, Ruth Lyles, Betty Worrell, Joan Smith, Anita Jones, Norma Yeatts, Donna Quisenberry, Sandra Fitzgerald, Claire Tucker, Mrs. White (Sponsor)*

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JANICE FRYE	Treasurer
NANCY PROCTOR	Reporter
JANET RILEY	Historian
JANET CALDWELL	Parliamentarian
MRS. WHITE	Sponsor

The purpose of this club stems from its motto which is "Service, Education, and Progress." By service they mean to serve as future business leaders of America. By education they mean that they are willing to strive and work hard to be well educated for the future. Progress speaks for itself.

Donna McAllister was elected secretary of the Radford Regional F. B. L. A. for 1956-57 on April 14, 1956.

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Future Teachers of America

The Future Teachers of America Club seeks to interest high school students in the profession of teaching and to give those interested in becoming teachers prevocational information and experience. Club members plan to serve as student teachers when called upon by the principal and help obtain more interest in F. T. A. on a state-wide basis. The Club visited several colleges in the spring.

OFFICERS

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INA MAE COX.....	<i>Treasurer</i>
DAVID HALE.....	<i>Historian</i>
PHYLLIS RILEY.....	<i>Librarian</i>
ALICE KEATON.....	<i>Parliamentarian</i>
MOLLY PEDIGO.....	<i>Song Leader</i>
MR. MASON.....	<i>Sponsor</i>

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 SECOND ROW: *Barbara Burger, Nancy Eversole, Lorraine Bratton, Margaret Hart, Norma Jean Abbott, Bonnie Webster, Pat Anderson, Martha Burkholder, Rosemary Overstreet*
 THIRD ROW: *Mr. Mason (Sponsor), Judy Weaver, Darlene Morgan, Wilma Bryant, Barbara Bolster, Dean Flowers, Judy Robertson*



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Booster Club



TOP, FRONT ROW: Molly Gish, Myrna Mullins, Edna Mae Bowman, Jeanie Creasy, Catherine Silcox, Carolyn Overstreet, Carolyn Huddleston, Carolyn McDaniel, Barbara Powers, Carolyn Bunch
 SECOND ROW: Joyce Hudson, Phyllis Barnard, Carol Larch, Carolyn Huffman, Pat Riddle, Carol Freese, Carol Crammer, Joyce Webber, Alice Plunkett, Jo Anne Pittman, Ann Thurman
 THIRD ROW: Catherine Holt, Erma Jean McCarty, Pat Dingleline, Anne Heath, Janet Scott, Carol Adkins, Laura Faughan, Carol Adams, Shirley Hunter, Becky Payne
 FOURTH ROW: Gale Johnson, Beatrice Wilson, Brenda Jones, Margie Shaw, Joan Branson, Betty Stanley, Helen Smith, Nancy Foster, Iva Glasco, Doris Dowdy
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The Booster Club is an active organization with some seventy members. These members are the real backbone of the sportsmanship of our high school. The cheerleaders act as a definite part of this club.

The outstanding purpose of the Booster Club is to assist the cheerleaders and the band in promoting a better school spirit throughout the school year.

One of the most important activities for the past year was the Home-Coming assembly which was sponsored by the cheerleaders and the Booster Club.

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Debating Club

OBJECTIVE: The purpose of this club is to train pupils in critical evaluation of current problems and in the art of public speaking.

Key members in charge of activities train pupils for the state forensic meet; give pupils experience in group discussion and cooperative endeavor; direct the study of current political and economic problems, thereby giving the members of the group foundational training for the exercise of citizenship in America's democratic form of government.

This year the debate topic was "Resolved: That Governmental Subsidies Should be Granted According to Need to High School Graduates Who Qualify for Additional Training."

Billy Setzer and Pete Plunkett debated the affirmative side of the question and Dean Flowers and Ronald Barker, the negative side. The team had practice debates with Jefferson and Fleming on April 5. Dean and Ronald took first place at the Sectional Meet at Drewry-Mason High School. At the District Forensic meet at Roanoke College on April 14 they again won first place and will enter the State Forensic meet in Charlottesville on April 27, 28.

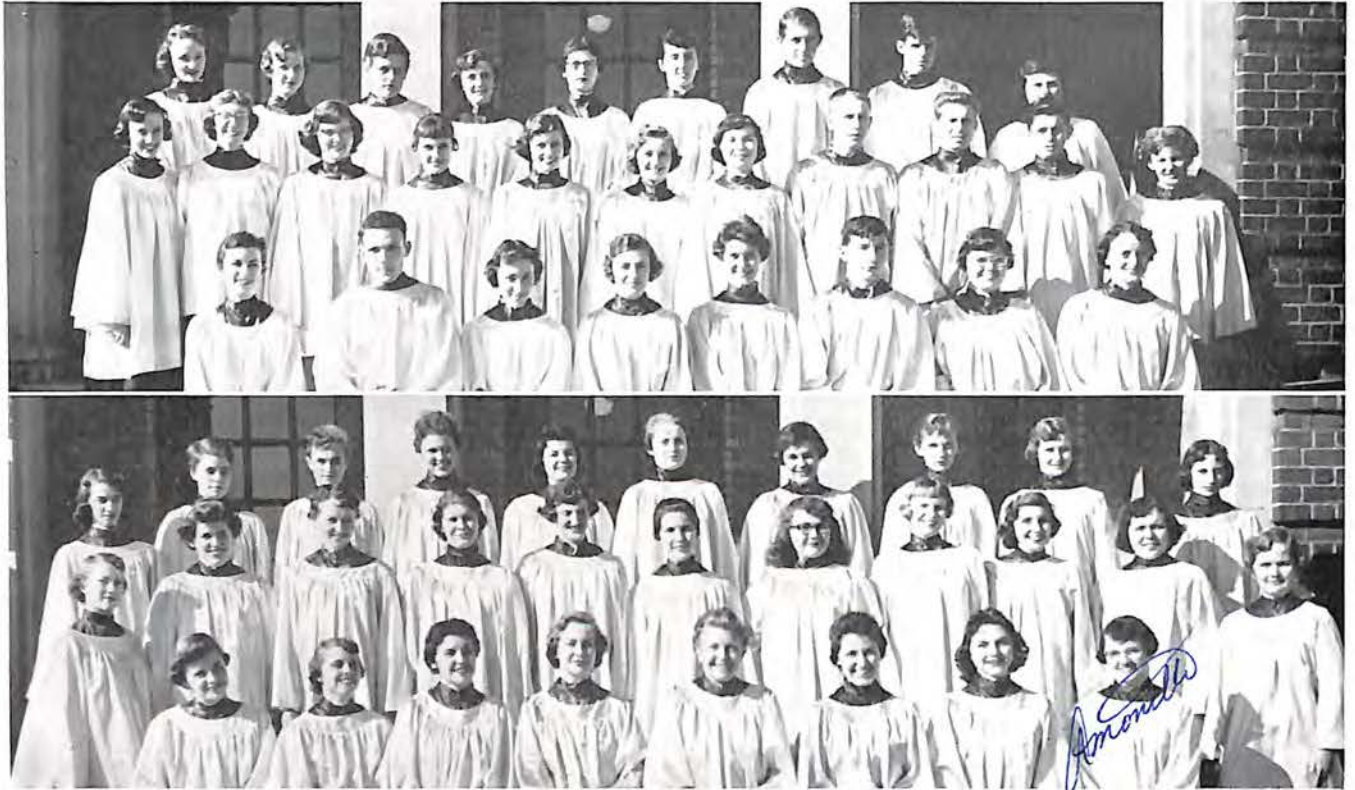
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Mixed Choir



TOP PICTURE, FIRST ROW: Kathleen Toone, Barrie Booth, Pat Hale, Faye Nicks, Charlotte Watkins, Jimmy Bell, Janet Riley, Becky Hatcher
 SECOND ROW: Norma Riddle, Mary Blair Booth, Shelba St. Clair, Darlene Morgan, Pat Anderson, Sue Hale, Judy Stone, Benny Hale, Tommy Pittman, Wayne Horne, Judy Weaver
 THIRD ROW: Jo Ann Smith, Rita Frye, Jo Ann Roop, Carole Wiley, Sandra Fitzgerald, Bonnie Webster, Wallace West, Curtis Kirby, Ellen Short
 BOTTOM PICTURE, FIRST ROW: Judy Mills, Suzanne Blankenship, Marlene Joyce, Janet Lee, Mrs. Viola Painter (Director), Phyllis Barnard, Annette Hodges, Amonette Hudgins
 SECOND ROW: Barbara Donahue, Bonny Schuermann, Martha Proctor, Nancy Proctor, Anna Tester, Alice Miller, Shirley Simmons, Joyce Saunders, Anita Jones, Barbara Siner, Doris Dowdy
 THIRD ROW: Alice Huddleston, Patricia Dingleline, Becky Underwood, Wanda Mashe, Lindy Landsdown, Barbara Goad, Betty Mae Ferguson, Barbara Fore, Joan Kerns, Nancy Foster

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*"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind,
 Flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness,
 Gayety and life to everything"*

PLATO

The mixed choir began the year's work with enthusiasm and interest. The first public appearance was with the Band in the Football show for the Home-Coming Game. The next program was given at the Eastern Star Hall for Masonic night. In November they sang for the Riverdale Baptist Church. December was the busiest month of all. They gave two programs at the War Memorial which were sponsored by the Lions Club.

The beautiful Christmas Cantata-Pageant, "He Shall Be Called Jesus," was performed for the Christmas Party of the Weaving Mill, P. T. A. and School Assembly. The double quartet gave a program for the Roland E. Cook P. T. A. The main soloists were: Phyllis Barnard, Shelby Carr, Judy Mills, Janet Lee, Barrie Booth, Tommy Pittman, and Wayne Ayers. The scenes were: The Prophecy, The Inunciation, The Innkeeper and The Nativity. The beautiful stained glass window for the Nativity Scene was loaned to them by the Dramatic Department of William Fleming High School.

In January they were busy preparing for their regular radio programs. They were invited to perform a program for the state Convention of the Principals and Supervisors at Hotel Roanoke on February 9, 1956.

Judy Mills, Phyllis Barnard, Faye Nicks, Barrie Booth and Tommy Pittman were chosen by the State Committee to represent William Byrd at the All-State West Chorus held in Radford on February 17, 18 and 19.

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In March the Choir participated in the District Festival which was held in Pulaski on March 17. For the past several years the Choir has performed the chorus numbers for the Vinton Lions Club Minstrel Show.

An unusual honor came to the choir this past year. Phyllis Barnard was chosen as one of the five singers to represent Virginia at the Music Educators National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. She was a member of the Golden Jubilee High School Choir. Mrs. Painter and Phyllis made the trip by Piedmont and Trans-Continental Air Lines.

The fine cooperation and performance of accompanist "Sandy" Abbott is much appreciated. She served one year for Eighth Grade, one year for Girls' Choir and three years for Mixed Choir.

The year's work concluded with their own Spring Festival and the Commencement Programs. A busy year? Yes—but very satisfying.

Girls' Choir

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*"When'er I hear sweet voices singing
Their souls in upward flight seem winging."*

The Girls' Choir is a prerequisite for membership in the Mixed Choir and participate in most of the programs given by the Mixed Choir.

FIRST ROW: Dianne Hodges, Betty Pasley, Nancy Jo Eversole, Mrs. Painter, Shirley Hunter, Carolyn Huffman, Mollie Gish
 SECOND ROW: Willie Bowman, Ernestine Cooper, Pat Riddle, Carol Larch, Carol Adkins, Brenda Saul, Carol Freese, Carol Crammer, Wilma Bryant, Carolyn Obenshain, Brenda Carter
 THIRD ROW: Gloria Powell, Patricia Bolt, Catherine Holt, Ann Foley, Iva Glasco, Linda Gibson, Pat Richardson, Darlene Adams, Betty Woodson, Rae [unclear]



Betty
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FRONT ROW: *Mr. Sims (Director), Kathleen Toone, Glenn Prochl, Robert Kendall, Margie Shaw, Carolyn Johnson,*
 SECOND ROW: *Rosemary Overstreet, Brenda Jones, Martha Slocum, Patsy Albert, Phyllis Riley*
 THIRD ROW: *Robert Ryan, Earlene Hairfield, Phoebe Abbott, Alice Keaton*
 FOURTH ROW: *Tommy Olsen, Mike Gish, John Olsen, Barry Ward, Donald Settles*

THE

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MR. SIMS.....	<i>Director</i>

The school year really started for members of the band when they reported for summer practice the second week in August and met Mr. Sims, the new band director.

Throughout the football season, the band was on hand to help provide entertainment and to add to school spirit. They presented many interesting halftime shows at the games. For the Home-Coming game they prepared a special show honoring the various branches of the armed forces. For this the field lights were turned off and, as the band formed figures honoring the services, each



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FRONT ROW: Curtis Guilliams, Mike Cundiff, Curtis Tompkins, David Goode, William Hearn, Ina Mae Cox, Sharon Stark (Drum Majorette)
 SECOND ROW: Barbara Burger, Ann Richards, David Hearn
 THIRD ROW: Martha Burkholder, David Hale, Elmer Overstreet, Edzwanna Sink, Leilani Lefell, Katie Lou Simmons, Virginia Edwards, Rebecca Hedrick, Martha Settles, Rebecca Payne
 FOURTH ROW: David Harris, Jackie Benson

BAND

band member turned on a caplight. At the same time fireworks were displayed over the field. Next the band made a large flag with the red, white, and blue caplights. The program was concluded by a large B made with red lights while the Alma Mater was played.

During the Christmas season, the band participated in the Christmas Parades of Vinton, Roanoke, and Buchanan. The band, along with the choir, played for a Christmas service at the War Memorial. A very nice Christmas party was given for the band by the Band Boosters Club.

The band participated in the District Band Festival at Martinsville in March and gave the annual Spring Concert in April.

In April on the Byrd Field, the First Dogwood Band Festival was held with bands from the surrounding area participating. This was held as part of a program to raise money to buy new uniforms for the band.

A Dixieland Band was started to play for basketball games. The members were the following: Robert Kendall, clarinet; Mike Gish, cornet; David Harris, bass; Curtis Guilliams, Curtis Tompkins, and David Goode, trombone; and David Hale and Alice Keaton, drums.

William Byrd was represented at the Western Division of the All-State Band by Sharon Stark and Carolyn Johnson in the concert division, and Curtis Guilliams and David Harris in the Workshop Band.

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FRONT ROW: John Criner (Manager), Johnny Palmer, Brooks Ferguson, Jimmy Bell, Lewis Baker, Gene Cox, Nyle Filson, Charles Chittum, Jackie Suttles, Frank Hylton, Albert Stewart (Manager)
 SECOND ROW: Wayne Saunders, Lewis Painter, David Smith, Jerry Suttles, Donnie Thomas, Bobby Sell, Charlie Iddings, Tommy Pittman, Bill Cook, Joe Weddle, Ace Wallace, Bernie Soxers
 THIRD ROW: Dannie Fisher, Kenneth Saunders, Kyle Robinson, Gary Kaylor, Stanley Pennington, Jackie Benson, Benny Hale, Barrie Ward, Ed Cox, Wayne Richards, Jerry Ferguson, Clifford St. Clair.

Varsity Football

NEW COACHES

This year Byrd had two new football coaches. This was the first year that either of them had coached so they had to get acquainted with both the boys and coaching.

The head football coach, Mr. Vilo Ragazzo, was born in Kentucky and attended William and Mary College where he received a B.S. degree. He played professional football in Canada before coming to Byrd.

Mr. Aubrey Vaughan, assistant football coach, is not a new face around Vinton. He graduated from William Byrd and received a B.S. degree at Memphis State College. Mr. Vaughan is also head basketball coach.

With these two capable coaches Byrd expects a successful season in 1956.

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On August 25, 1955, the William Byrd "Terriers" held their first football meeting, at which the team was introduced to their new coaches, Mr. Vito Ragazzo and Mr. Aubrey Vaughan. The next day, the team started to work, with only two weeks to learn a new "T" formation, and be ready for their first game.

The Terriers went to Christiansburg without Bobby Ward and Kyle Robinson who were out with injuries. Hopes were high but the fast stepping Demons came out with the long end of the score 26-6, Donnie Thomas did the scoring for Byrd.

Next the Terriers met the powerful Jefferson crew. The team put up a good fight, but lost 26-0.

The following week end the team met the Bedford Otters on our home field. Byrd's Jackie Suttles was injured on the opening kick off. The team fought hard, although they lost by a 26-0 score.

On October 7 with hopes high the Terriers went to Salem, but the team lost to a powerful Salem eleven 26-6.

The fifth game of the season was played with Wytheville on our field. Our team made a good stand but lost again.

On October 21, the Byrd eleven traveled to Covington to meet the Cougars. They fought hard but came out with the small end of the score.

During the next week the team worked hard getting ready for the Radford Bobcats, but in spite of all our efforts the Bobcats came out victorious.

November 4, was Home-Coming for William Byrd. At 8:00 the Terriers met a powerful Blacksburg team, and put up a good fight only to add another loss to their record.

The Byrd eleven met the William Fleming Colonels with several injured first string players—Tommy Pittman, Johnny Palmer, and Gary Kaylor. The Byrd team lost 9-6.

Byrd ended the season against Martinsville there and played hard, but the big Martinsville eleven overpowered them.

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Football Informals



1. JERRY FERGUSON
2. JOE WEDDLE
3. CHARLES IDDINGS
4. TOMMY PITTMAN
5. GENE COX

6. NYLE FILSON
7. JERRY SUTTLES
8. FRANK HYLTON
9. KENNETH SAUNDERS
10. DAVID SMITH

11. DONNIE THOMAS
12. LEWIS PAINTER
13. JACKIE SUTTLES
14. LEWIS BAKER
15. JIMMY BELL

1955 Football Scores

		WE	THEY
SEPTEMBER	16—Christiansburg.....	6	26
SEPTEMBER	23—Jefferson.....	0	26
SEPTEMBER	30—Bedford.....	0	26
OCTOBER	7—Andrew Lewis.....	6	26
OCTOBER	14—Wytheville.....	0	27
OCTOBER	21—Covington.....	6	27
OCTOBER	28—Radford.....	0	6
NOVEMBER	4—Blacksburg.....	6	19
NOVEMBER	11—William Fleming.....	6	9
NOVEMBER	18—Martinsville.....	0	19

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BASKETBALL (BOYS): *Roy McLeod, Richard Kraus, Don McDonald, Billy Setzer, Jimmy Bell, Tommy Agner, Joe Hatcher, C. A. Boxley, Barrie Booth, Clarence Mullins*

TRACK: *Harold Cooper, Wendell McCarty, Pete Sink, Hugh Lee Carner, Jackie Suttles, Curtis Kirby, John Scott, Ronnie Scott*

GOLF TEAM: *Joe Hatcher, John Scott, Donnie Thomas, David Huffman*

BASKETBALL (GIRLS): *Carolyn Obenshain, Betty Ridpath, Frankie Smith, Martha Burnette, Evelyn Belcher, Becky Hatcher*

CHEERLEADERS: *Shirley Wood, Joan Miller, Shelvy Plunkett, Pat Hale, Pat Martin, Joan Turner, Barbara Underwood, Sandra Abbott, Mary Frances Wilson, Annette Hodges*

COACHES OF ALL SPORTS



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Boys' Varsity Basketball



FRONT ROW: Clarence Mullins (Manager), Tommy Agner, Jimmy Bell, Kenneth Saunders, Wayne Saunders, Bill Cook, Albert Stewart
 SECOND ROW: Lewis Baker, Donnie Thomas, J. C. Mills, Barrie Booth, Marvin Meador, Billy Setzer, Brooks Ferguson

The Basketball team, operating under new coach Aubrey Vaughan, opened the 1955-1956 season by absorbing a 68-51 defeat at the hands of Drewry-Mason, December 6. They followed up their defeat on the night of December 9 by defeating Christiansburg 54-52.

The night of December 13 was another successful night for the Terriers as they defeated Bedford 65-35. Billy Setzer and Marvin Meador each hit for 16 points.

Lady Luck seemed to have run out on the Byrdmen December 16 as they were defeated 66-55 by powerful Martinsville on our court.

The New Year brought new fortunes to the Terriers as they downed powerful Jefferson 46-44 on the night of January 3. The "impossible" upset was the first win over the "Jeffites" by a Byrd basketball team in five long years. Billy Setzer whipped in 21 points and Barrie Booth added another 6. The win gave the first team a new name. They were nicknamed "Iron-Men" by local sportswriters since the five starters played the entire game.

The Terriers then entertained the "Demons" of Christiansburg on December 6 and trounced the visitors 72-41. Barrie Booth poured 18 points through the nets as the team played one of its best games of the season.

Bedford High came to Byrd on the night of January 10 and returned home with a sound 70-47 defeat in their pockets. William Fleming's Colonels followed suit three days later as they went under 55-45. Big center Barrie Booth pumped in 29 points to spark the team to its first basketball victory over the Colonels in two years. He had able help from Billy Setzer with 18.

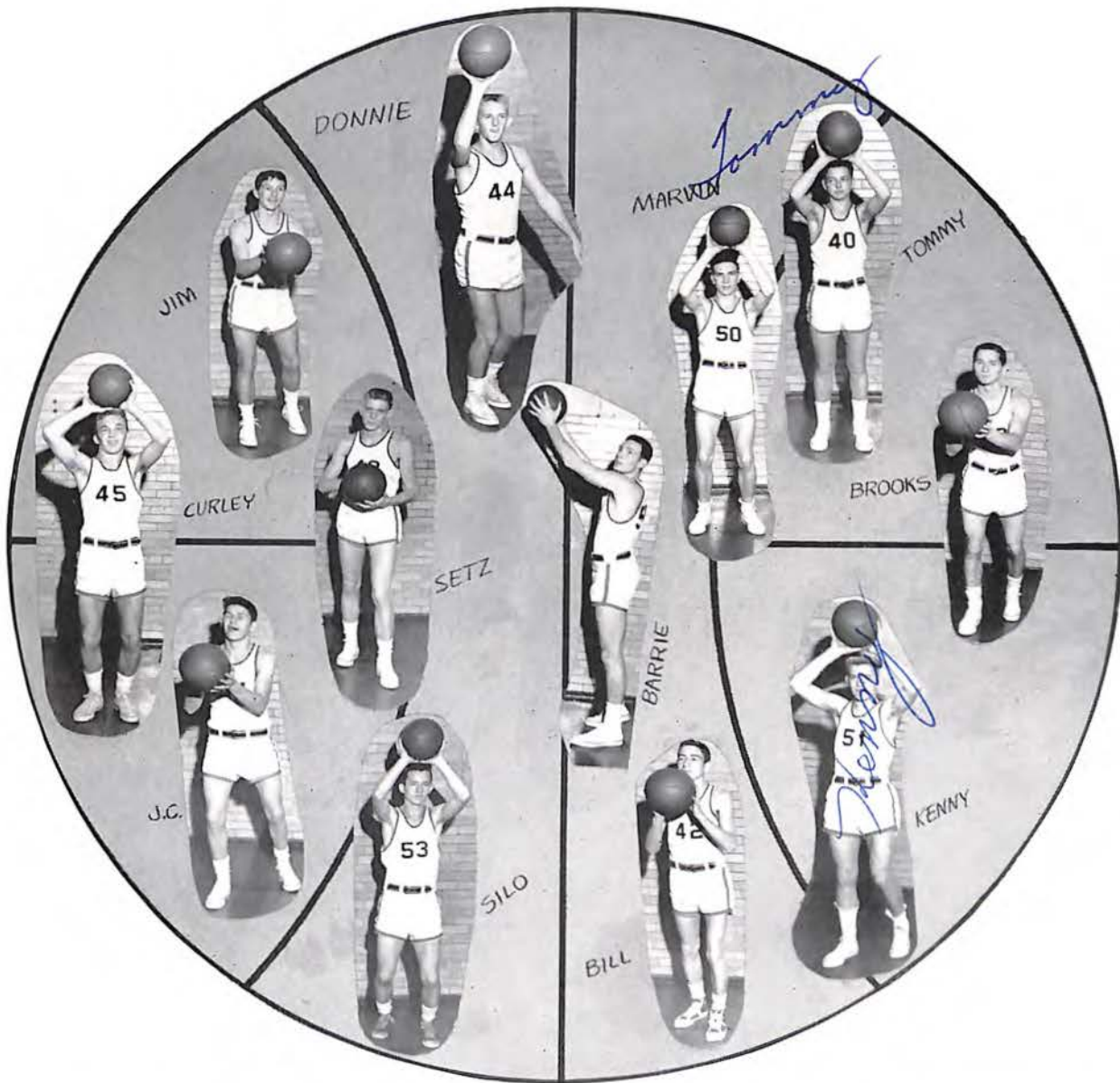
Andrew Lewis was the next victim on the night of January 16. The Wolverines went down under a 55-40 count as forward Billy Setzer hit for 19 points. Barrie Booth had 12 for his night's work. All good things must come to an end however; and the Terriers found this to be very true as they went down to their first defeat of the New Year. The Radford "Bobcats" whipped them 59-45 on January 18. Two days later the team traveled to Martinsville and was defeated again 61-55.

After taking their mid-term exams the Byrdmen hit the victory trail once more with a 55-50 victory over Radford on the night of January 31. Barrie Booth pumped in 29 points to help the team avenge an earlier loss to the "Bobcats".

Three days later the team traveled to Rocky Mount to hand the Franklin County "Eagles" a 52-39 setback. Booth was high scorer again with 19 points.

The next night was an unfortunate one for the team. They not only lost a close 53-52 decision to Jefferson, but lost Booth for the rest of the regular season. In the second quarter he twisted his knee and had to be carried from the floor.

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Although the loss of Barrie was a hard blow for the team they still seemed more determined than ever to win games. They traveled to Salem on the night of February 7 and whipped the Andrew Lewis "Wolverines" 45-39. Billy Setzer, who played in Booth's position, made 23 points while Lewis Baker added 11.

The team then journeyed to Blacksburg February 21 and was upset by the lowly "Indians" 55-52. This setback ruined the hopes of the team to compete in the District Six tournament in March.

The last game of the season was another defeat too: this time at the hands of powerful Drewry-Mason 70-47 on the night of February 24 in Ridgeway.

Although the team didn't get to compete in the tournament they still compiled the best record of any basketball team here at the school in several years. They had a fine 5-1 record in the City-County area with wins over Jefferson, Fleming and Andrew Lewis. The team tied Jefferson for C-C lead. Over all: the team won 13 games losing only 7. They won eight games in the district and lost six.

Even though the Terriers are losing such veterans as Booth, Setzer, Bell, and Agner via graduation, they are looking forward to greater and better things next year.

TO CLIMAX A SUCCESSFUL SEASON BYRD WAS AWARDED THE ANNUAL CIVITAN SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD APRIL 9, 1956.

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Girls' Varsity Basketball



Barbara Burger, Judy Robertson, Mary Blair Booth, Suzanne Thomas, Frankie Smith, Becky Hatcher, Betty Stanley, June Ferguson, Norma Jean Sowers, Sue Hale, Marie Williams, Donna McAllister, Martha Gray Burkholder, Patsy Fernon

		WE	THEY
DECEMBER	6—Drewry-Mason—Here.....	19	17
DECEMBER	9—Christiansburg—There.....	34	37
DECEMBER	13—Bedford—There.....	46	54
JANUARY	6—Christiansburg—Here.....	33	32
JANUARY	10—Bedford—Here.....	46	47
JANUARY	19—Stewartsville—Here.....	35	40
FEBRUARY	3—Rocky Mount—There.....	29	48
FEBRUARY	9—Stewartsville—There.....	40	48
FEBRUARY	17—Rocky Mount—Here.....	32	43
FEBRUARY	24—Drewry-Mason—There.....	25	51

BOOTH—Hard working and quick to catch on, shows constant improvement, steady and dependable.

BURGER—A first string player, at her best when controlling rebounds from the backboard.

BURKHOLDER—Little, but fast. Deadly on foul shots. Should become even better with experience.

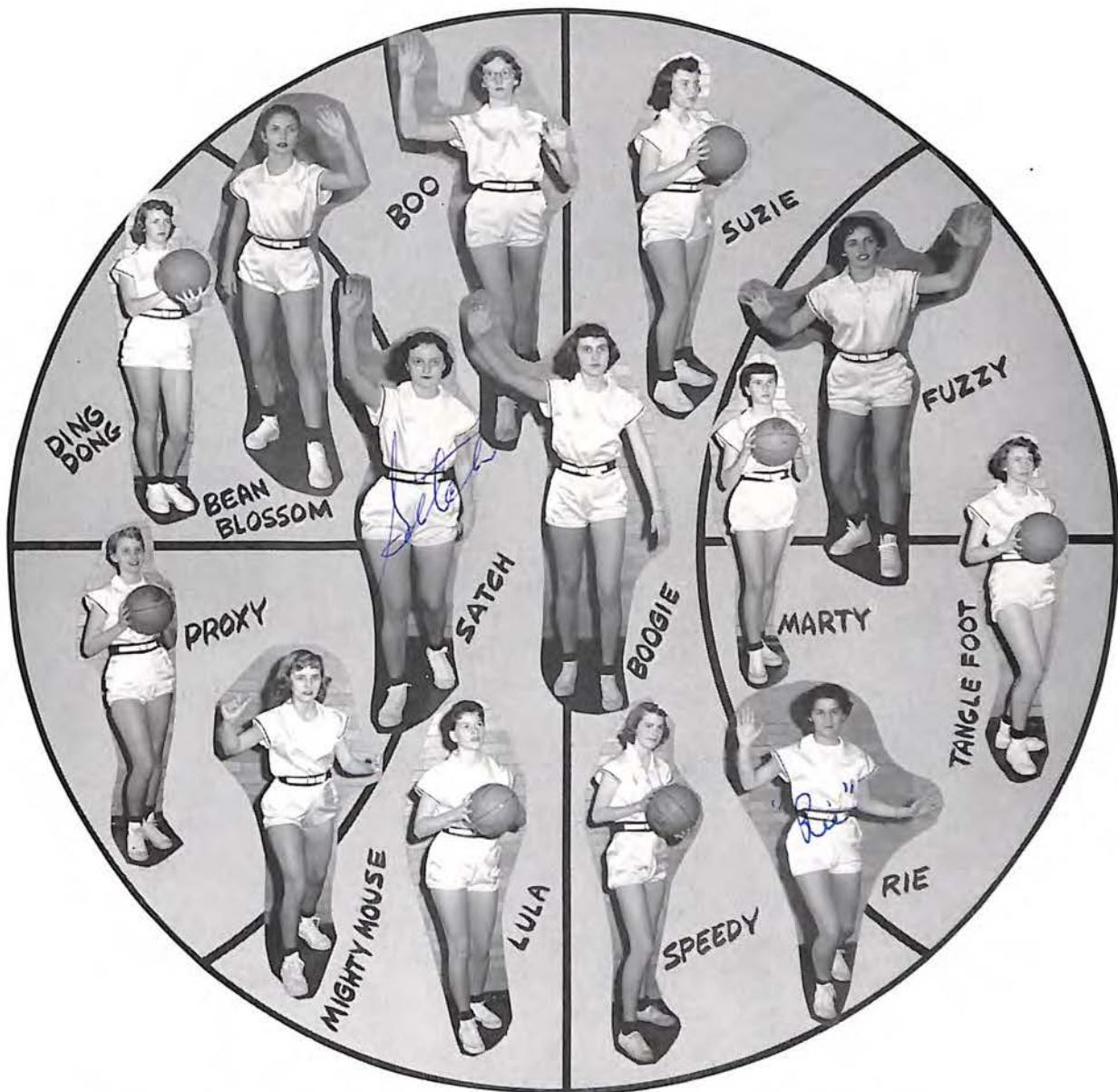
FERGUSON—Fast and quick to find an opening. Hampered this year by illness.

HALE—A hard worker, with a special talent for long set shots.

HATCHER—Expert on intercepting passes, tops in teamwork and sportsmanship.

McALLISTER—Scrappy and fast, quick to follow up shots and recover rebounds.

ROBERTSON—Willing to work until she drops, she lacks only more experience to become a top flight player.



SMITH—Tricky and quick. Opponents often foul but never escape her.
 SOWERS—Can shoot from anywhere, scrappy and good at getting rebounds.
 STANLEY—Good with a lay up shot, an expert on screen plays. Never gives up until the final whistle.
 THOMAS—A good set shot who, with experience, will become an outstanding player.
 VERNON—Outstanding on man to man defense, her opponent never evades her.
 WILLIAMS—Probably the team's most versatile player . . . good in either a guard or forward position.
 High Scores for year—Sowers with 118 points, Burkholder with 112 points.
 High on foul shots—Burkholder with 56%, Sowers with 53%.

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Varsity Cheerleaders



FRONT TO BACK: Patricia Hale, Suzanne Blankenship, Sandra Abbott, Judy Stone, Lindy Landsdown
 BACK: Martha Proctor, Martha Ann Hale, Annette Hodges, Shelvy Plunkett

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A sincere cheerleader is one who is loyal to her school and who devotes herself enthusiastically to the duties and the fun of leading her school in cheers for the team.

There are nine girls at Byrd—loyal, dependable, enthusiastic.

One day of every week during the summer is spent by the cheerleaders in going over favorite yells and learning new ones for use at the Pep Rallies. During the school year there is also one evening each week devoted to practice.

Something new this year was the Pom-Poms, which the cheerleaders were proud to use.

The Cheerleaders look forward each year to the thrill of Home-Coming, the Bonfire, the Parade, the Game, and most of all the Home-Coming Dance on Saturday night.

Each of the cheerleaders tries to maintain the right school spirit at each Byrd game, whether Byrd wins or losses.

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Physical Education Program

The basic part of the sports activities is the Physical Education Program. These classes are intended to help the students keep their bodies physically fit.

The boys' and the girls' gym classes alternate between use of the gymnasium and the Physical Education lecture room. In the lecture room they have classes on various subjects such as personal hygiene and first aid with film strips.

In the gymnasium, each class begins with exercises followed by the sports of that season. In the fall, dodge ball, tumbling, relays, and volleyball are played.

Square dances, formation marches, and basketball are participated in during the winter.

Girls' basketball is played intramurally by teams from each class. Each of these teams has a coach, a manager, and a captain.

The classes, in spring, play volleyball, softball and learn skills in track.

Various skills are tested each spring and fall to determine the advancement of each student; these records are sent to the state educational offices.

SPRING SPORTS

Each spring Byrd athletes don track shoes to begin their work. The Byrd track team hopes to make a good showing in District Six Competition under the capable guidance of Mr. Tucker. Baseball has been planned as a part of our spring program with Mr. Ragazzo as coach.



J. V. Cheerleaders

FIRST ROW: *Lois Weaver (Mascot)*

SECOND ROW: *Judy Weaver, Alice Miller (Co-Captain), Joan Kerns (Captain), Judy Leffell, Darlene Morgan*

When it comes to pep, they have it!



J. V. Football

FRONT ROW: *Johnny Murphy, Jack Bolt, John Quisenberry, Muriel Hairfield, Danny Taylor, Mike Gish, Ronnie Worley*

SECOND ROW: *Danny Fisher, Jackie Benson, Danny Hafauger, Rae Gregory, Melvin Lawson, Arthur Craft, Buddy Spradlin*

THIRD ROW: *Ronnie Scott, Clifford St. Clair, James Hill, Perry Cundiff, Billy Richards, Ronald Blanchard, Robert Short, Lynn Willis, Wayne Richards*

Future hopefuls for the varsity team!



J. V. Basketball

FRONT ROW: *Douglas Wright, John Poling, Bobby Sell, Kyle Short, Wayne Ramsey, Charlie McCarty, Ronnie Forbes*

SECOND ROW: *Tommy Hale, Wayne Martin, Ronnie Scott, Thomas Kirby, Benny Harris, Gary Kaylor, Jerry Farrow, "Butch" Wheeling*

'These deserve part of the credit for the varsity's successful season'

Volleyball

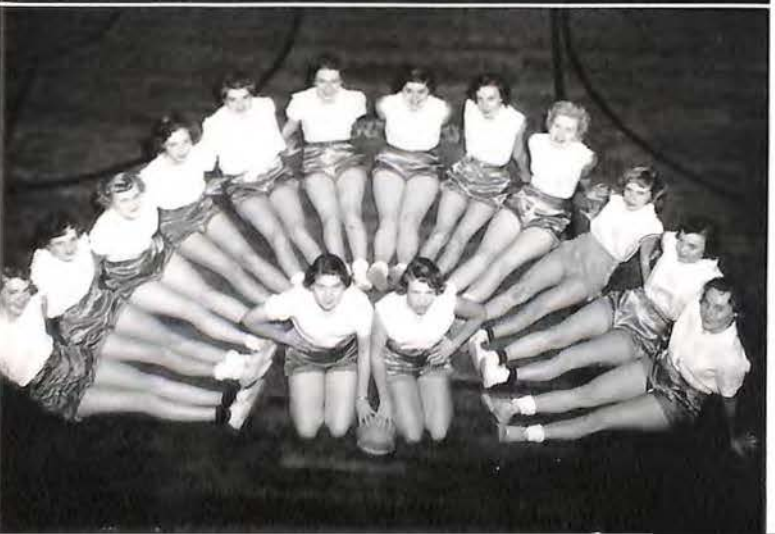
CENTER: *Nancy Proctor, Donna McAllister*

LEFT TO RIGHT: *Judy Robertson, Anna Tester, Joyce Cadd, Darlene Rowlett, Jean McCarty, Wanda Maske, Bonny Schuermann, Norma Riddle, Jeanie Creasy, Patsy Vernon, Sue Hale, JoAnn McAllister*

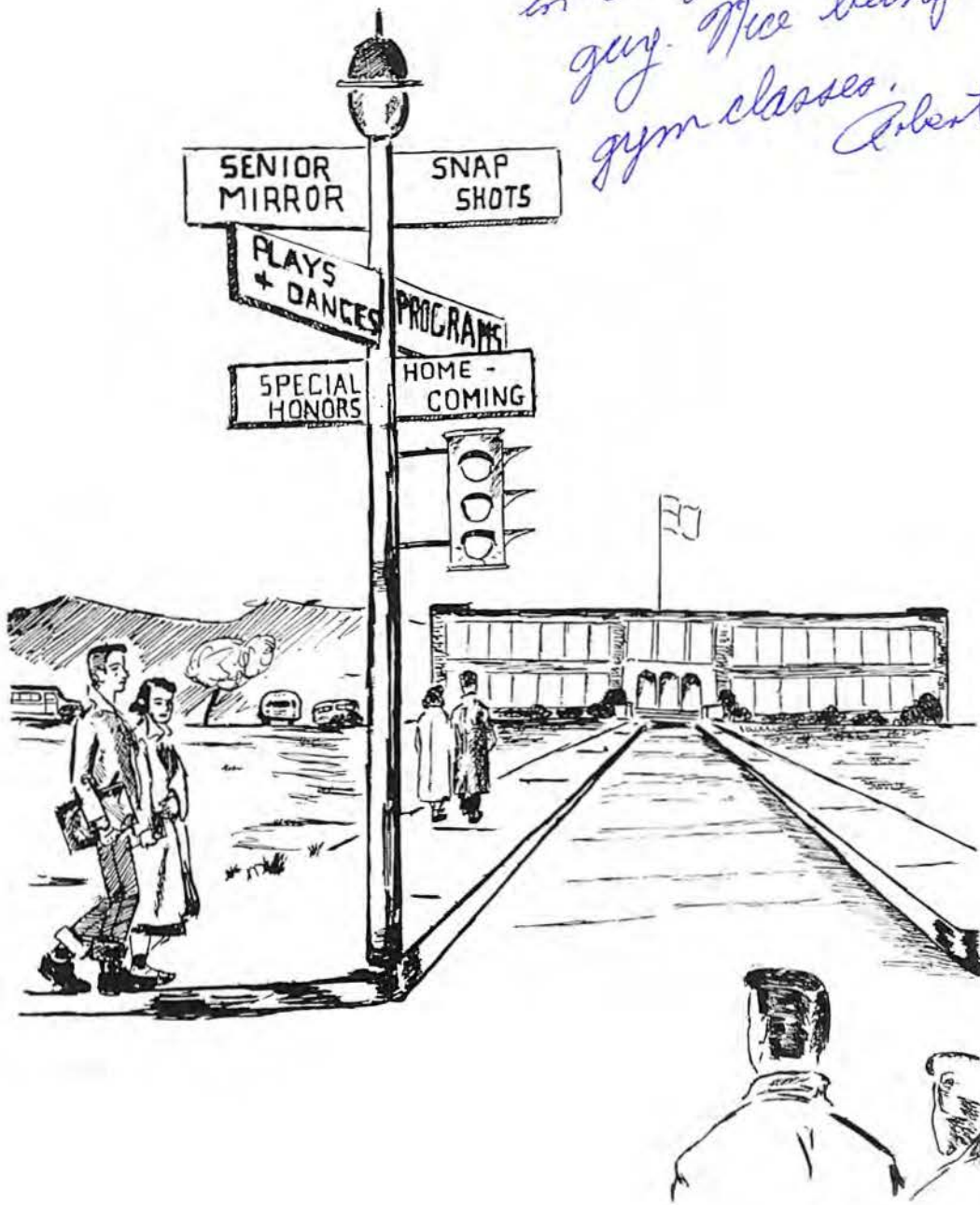
NANCY PROCTOR	Captain
DONNA MCALLISTER	Co-Captain
WILMA BRYANT	}	Managers
SHELBA ST. CLAIR		

The Volleyball team is composed of fifteen players and two managers. They played four afternoon games at Jefferson High School. Although they weren't very successful at winning, they played hard and had fun.

The four high scorers were as follows: Norma Riddle, Patsy Vernon, Anna Tester, and Nancy Proctor.



*Best of wishes
in the future to a swell
guy. Nice being in your
gym classes.
Robert Kendall*



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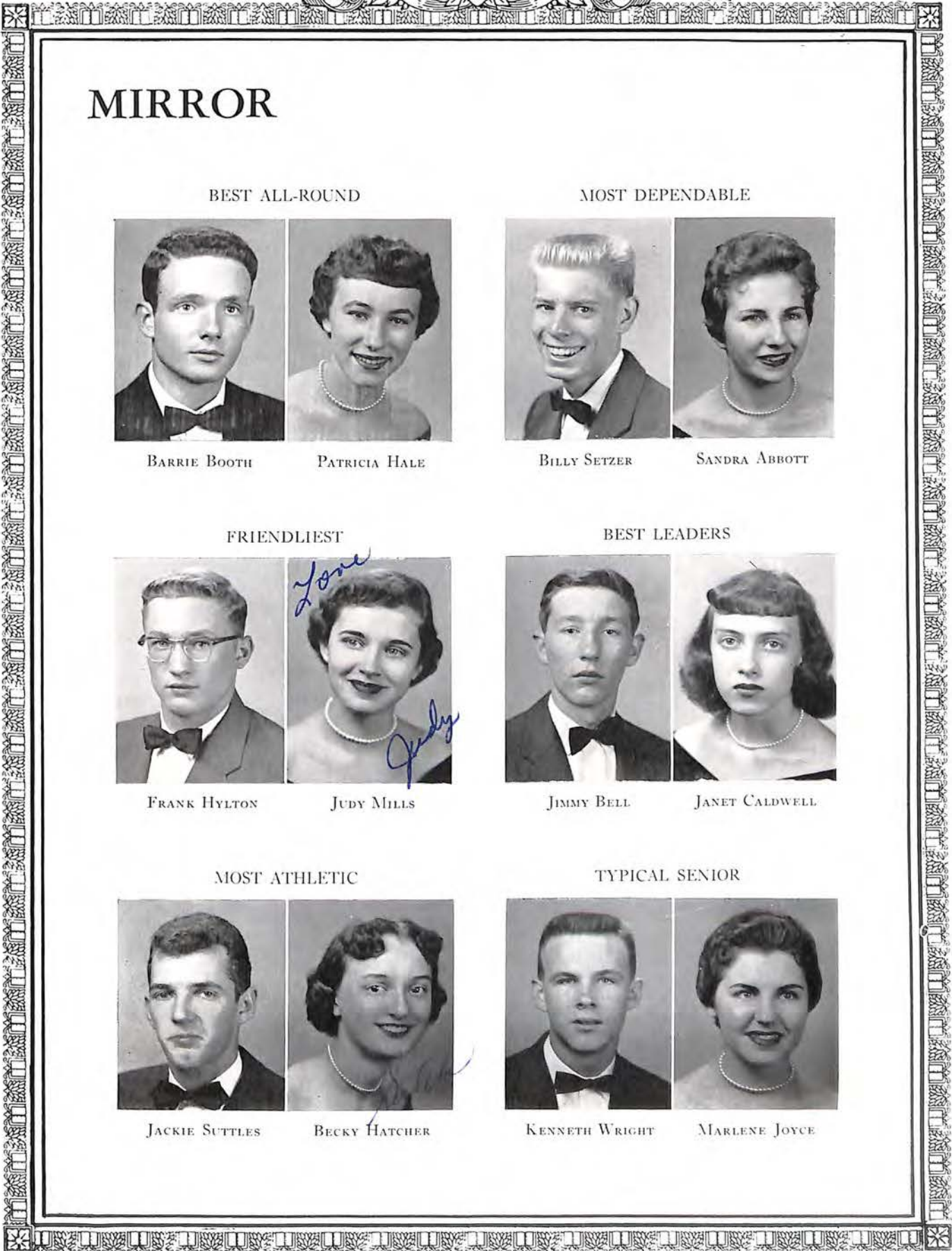
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Home-Coming



In the center is the Queen of Home-Coming, Shelvy Plunkett, surrounded by her attendants. At her right is Patricia Hale, at top Kathleen Toone, at the queen's left is Rose Mary Beard. Below is the Home-Coming float of the Vinton Lions Club on which the queen and her attendants rode.

This annual event is sponsored by the Vinton Lions Club with the cooperation of the Vinton business leaders and the Byrd student body. The cheerleaders assist in the arrangements.

Not only do the alumni and the citizens of Vinton and community look forward to Home-Coming but also the girls of the senior class from whom the queen is chosen.

Home-Coming

The 24th Annual Home-Coming was one to be long remembered here at Byrd.

The preliminary activities began when the Senior Class chose the candidates to compete for the honor of being Home-Coming Queen. Each member of the student body voted for his four favorites from the list of girls: Kathleen Toone, Janet Caldwell, Judy Mills, Sandra Abbott, Mildred Martin, Shelvy Plunkett, Patricia Hale, Suzanne Blankenship, Rosemary Beard. The identity of the queen was kept secret until crowning ceremonies just before the game.

A "Blue Jean" parade through the main streets of Vinton and the bonfire which was held on the Town of Vinton Parking Lot Thursday night served to give the Home-Coming spirit to every one.

The Home-Coming Assembly was held 6th period on the football field. The cheerleaders, assisted by Mrs. Marie Spradley, had charge of this assembly.

Another main feature of Home-Coming was the big Home-Coming Parade which began at 6:00 P. M. It included bands from several schools, many floats sponsored by different organizations, and decorated cars and bicycles.

The crowning of the queen preceded the football game. The four popular and pretty girls were escorted on the field and Mayor Thurman crowned Shelvy Plunkett "Miss Vinton." The other three had the honor of reigning as her attendants.

The highlight of the festivities, the game between Byrd and Blacksburg, began at 8:00 P. M., on the William Byrd Athletic Field. Unfortunately, the Terriers were defeated by a score of 6-19.

At half-time the William Byrd Band and Choirs directed by Mr. James Sims and Mrs. Viola Painter presented a spectacular performance that had never before been attempted on the Byrd Field. It proved to be a big success.

The finishing touch of the 24th Annual Home-Coming was the Home-Coming Dance which was held in the Junior Building Auditorium. This "dress-up" affair began at 8:00 P. M. "Miss Vinton" and her date lead the grand march. At 11:30 everyone went home tired, but happy, never to forget the 24th Annual Home-Coming here at William Byrd.



1—Pep-Rally Bound!! 2—Braving the cold to yell. 3—Cheer up this is Friday. 4—"Pangy" ready for rehearsals. 5—Sharon struts at the bonfire. 6—Vaughan heads for concession stand.



Betty Ann

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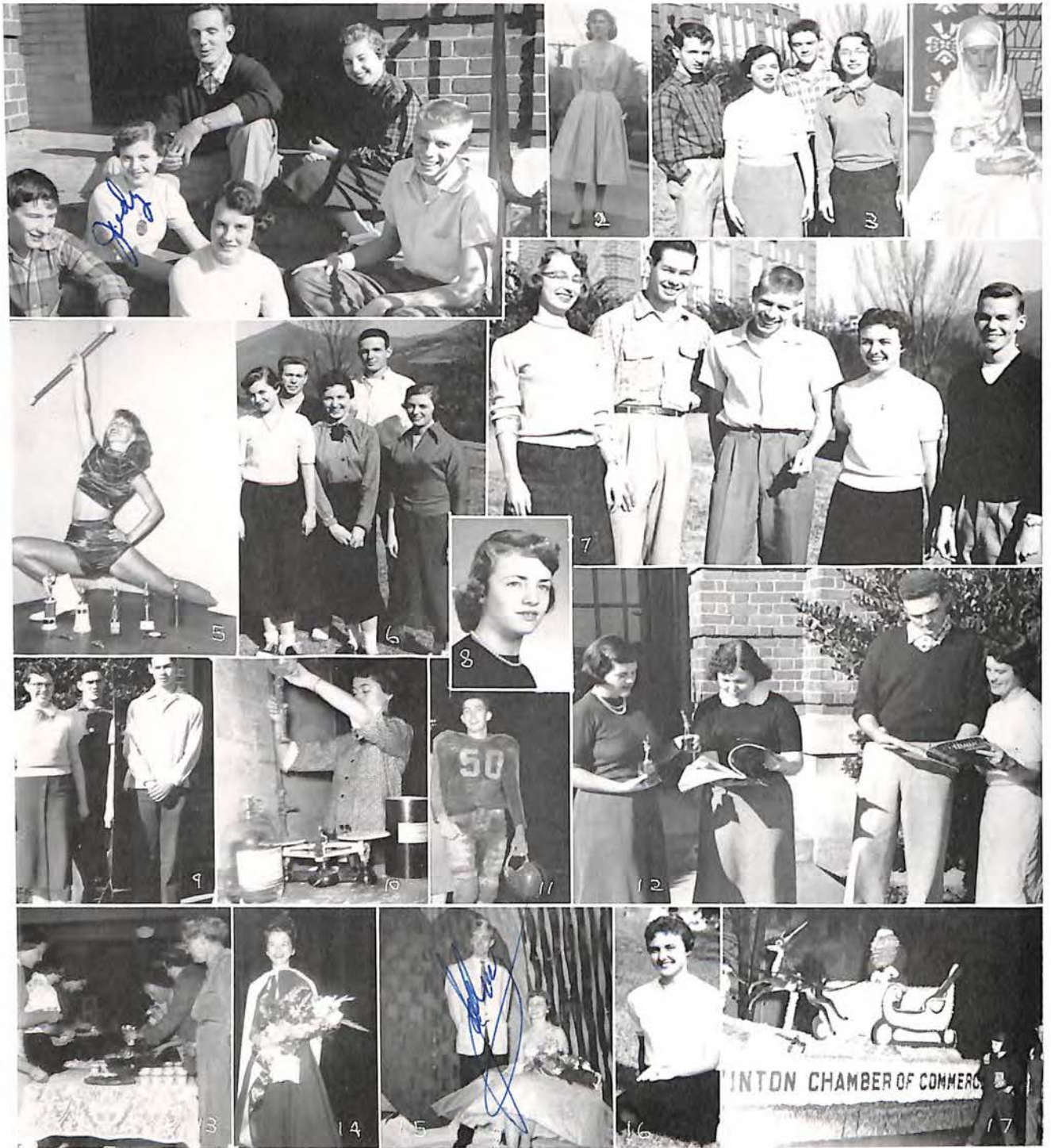


- 1—The beautiful and elaborate Christmas Cantata was a real treat to all—the school and the community. It was presented to the Upper Grades assembly, the Lower Grades and Junior High assembly, the P. T. A., at Burlington Industries Christmas party, and part at William Fleming High School.
- 2—Several members of the cast in the Senior Class Play "Daddy Longlegs" are pictured: Curtis Kirby, Judy Mills, Rose Mary Beard, Suzanne Blankenship and Janet Riley. Others were: Charles Neighbors, Charlotte Watkins, Sandra Abbott, Shelby Carr, Janet Caldwell, Dean Flowers, Wade Ferguson, Kenneth Wright, Bobby Gearhart, Sharon Stark, Sheryl Hodges, and Elmer Overstreet.
- 3—Becky Hatcher, David Hale, Phyllis Riley, Sharon Stark rated "Superior" when they presented "The Strange Road" at Martinsville.
- 4 and 5—Much hard work and . . . much fun went into making the Senior play a success.
- 6—The Annual Staff present an assembly in celebration of American Education Week.



1—Johnny Scott and Rose Mary Beard reigned as King and Queen of Sweetheart Dance with Tommy Pittman, Shelby Carr, Charlotte Watkins, Curtis Kirby, Lindy Landsdown and David Hale as attendants. Seen having fun at the dance were: 2—Curtis Kirby and Rosemary Overstreet. 4—John Olsen and Page Montgomery. 5—Elmer Overstreet and Margie Shaw. 6—Tommy Pittman and Becky Brown. 7—Frank Hylton and guest. 3—Chaperons sit out this dance. 8—Martha Settle, Betty Hatcher, Shirley Moorman, Joan Branson, Lelani Leffell seemed to be a little crowded. 9—Whom are you going to vote for Miss Ideal Secretary? 10—The Band marches just as well away from home as it does at home. 11—Let's get a little shut-eye. 12—Many colleges were represented at Byrd on College Day. 13—Keep those rows straight. 14—Martha Ann Hale has a lot of pep.

Special Honors



1—Delegates to Boys' and Girls' State—Jimmy Bell, Judy Mills, Shelby Carr, Billy Setzer, Barrie Booth, Sandra Abbott. 2—Award for Future Homemakers of Tomorrow went to Eleanor Turner. 3—All State Band—Curtis Guilliams, Carolyn Johnson, David Harris, Sharon Stark. 4—Madonna—Shelby Carr. 5—Sharon Stark won first place in All-State Talent and Twirling contest. 6—All West Chorus—Judy Mills, Phyllis Barnard, Faye Nicks, Tommy Pittman, Barrie Booth. Phyllis was one of the five singers chosen from Virginia to sing in the Golden Jubilee National High School Chorus—St. Louis, Mo., at the M. E. N. Convention April 14-17. Judy also won the D. A. R. Good Citizenship Award. 7—S. L. P. A. delegates—Sharon Stark, Ronald Barker, Billy Setzer, Shelby Plunkett, David Hale. 8—F. B. L. A. sponsored an election in which Donna McAllister was chosen "Miss Ideal Secretary." 9 & 10—Winners in senior division of Roanoke County Science Fair—Joyce Wright, Walter Kent, Ronald Barker, Barbara Bolster. 11—Gene Cox wins spot as center on All-City County Football team. 12—Top salesmen in Senior Class magazine drive—Ellen Short, Barbara St. Clair, Barrie Booth, Shelby Carr (Frank Hylton didn't show up for the picture). 13—Senior Girls Honored at Roanoke College Alumnae Tea. 14—Bobbi Ferguson elected "Queen for a Day" at eighth grade assembly program. 15—Sweetheart Dance King and Queen—Johnny Scott and Rose Mary Beard. 16—Shelby Plunkett is an attendant to the Snow Queen in the Christmas Parade. 17—Vinton Chamber of Commerce Float in Santa Claus parade in Vinton. This float also won first prize in the Roanoke Christmas parade.



BYRD ACTIVITIES

- 1—F. T. A. await their turn to have picture made.
- 2—They really got enough to eat at the annual staff and Library Club picnic.
- 3—Caught resting at the annual staff picnic.
- 4—No home sick blues for us.
- 5—Chaperones certainly seem to be enjoying the annual staff picnic.
- 6—Judy R. seems to be enjoying herself at the Y-Teen Slumber Party.
- 7—Oh, what's the use trying to sleep at a Y-Teen slumber party.
- 8—Mr. Richards says to the government class, "Let's get quiet".
- 9—Saturday afternoon gossip party.
- 10—Carol Larch eagerly awaits arrival at school.

Parent-Teacher Association

The third Monday night of each month has been the scheduled meeting time of the William Byrd High School Parent-Teacher Association. Their theme for this year has been: "Preparing our children for their future".

This year Mrs. Lawrence Weaver has held the office of President. Mrs. C. A. Boxley served as First Vice President; Miss Sybil Marshall and Mrs. Norman Dowdy were Second and Third Vice Presidents. Mrs. R. G. Morgan held the office of Secretary and Mr. G. W. Thurman was Treasurer.

In order to make money for the support of their activities, the P. T. A. ran the concession stand at the football games. They have supported many worthwhile projects such as: furnishing lunches for needy children, sponsoring the sale of accident insurance for the students, and sponsoring the picnic for the seniors and the faculty.

Band Boosters Club

The William Byrd Band Boosters Club consists of parents of the Band members and other citizens who are interested in the Band. Throughout the year the Band Boosters have supported the Band and helped it in many ways. They have earned money to buy instruments and supplies for the band, by helping operate the refreshment stand at the football games. The Boosters also sponsored the programs which are put out for each football game. The Ladies of the Booster Club gave the Band members a Christmas party at the Masonic Temple on Williamson Road.

The main project of the Boosters for 1955-56 was the promotion of the first annual "Dogwood Band Festival" which was held on May 5 with numerous Bands from Southwest Virginia participating. The entire year of 1956 has been designated by The Byrd Band Boosters Club as "WILLIAM BYRD BAND YEAR" and the goal of the Boosters Club is the securing of complete new uniforms for the entire band by Home-Coming in the fall of 1956.

This year the officers are as follows: President, Mrs. C. M. Kirby; Vice President, J. C. Edwards; Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Overstreet; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Tompkins.

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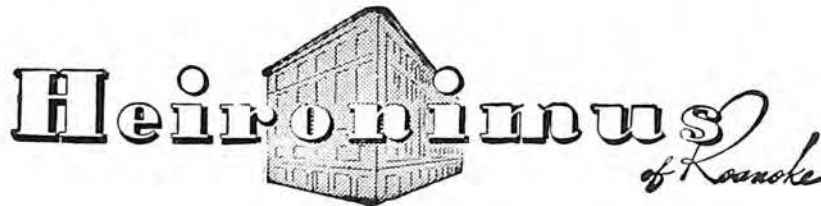
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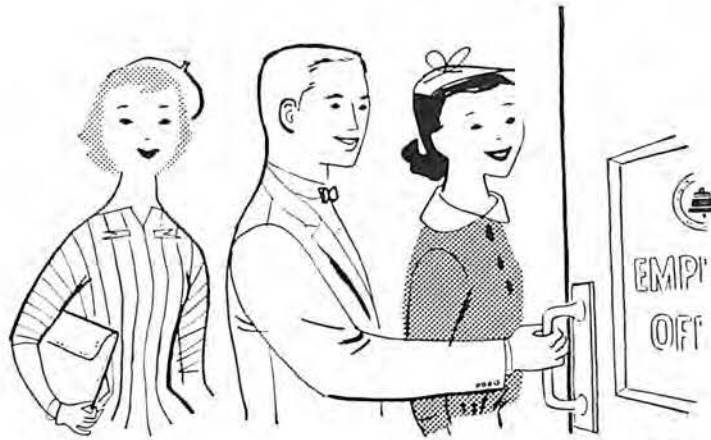
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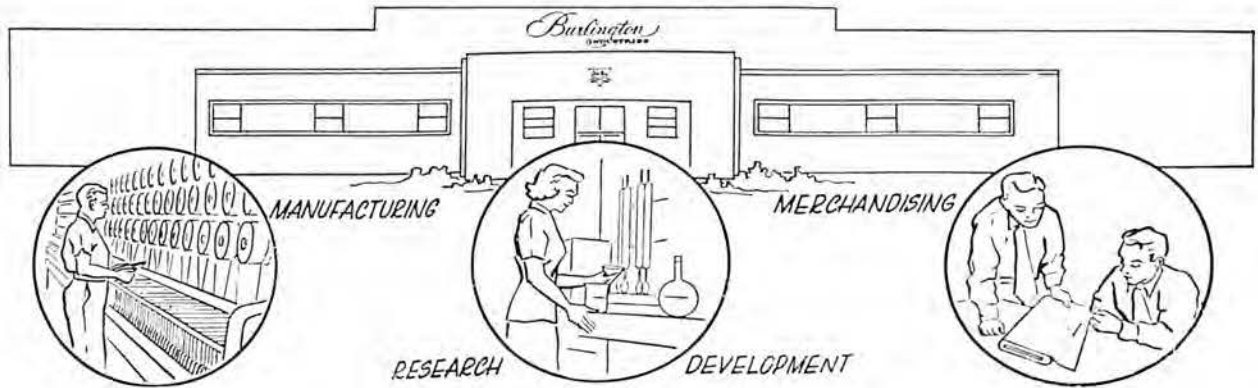


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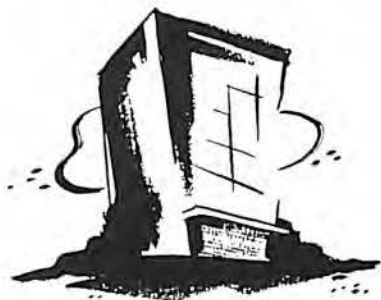
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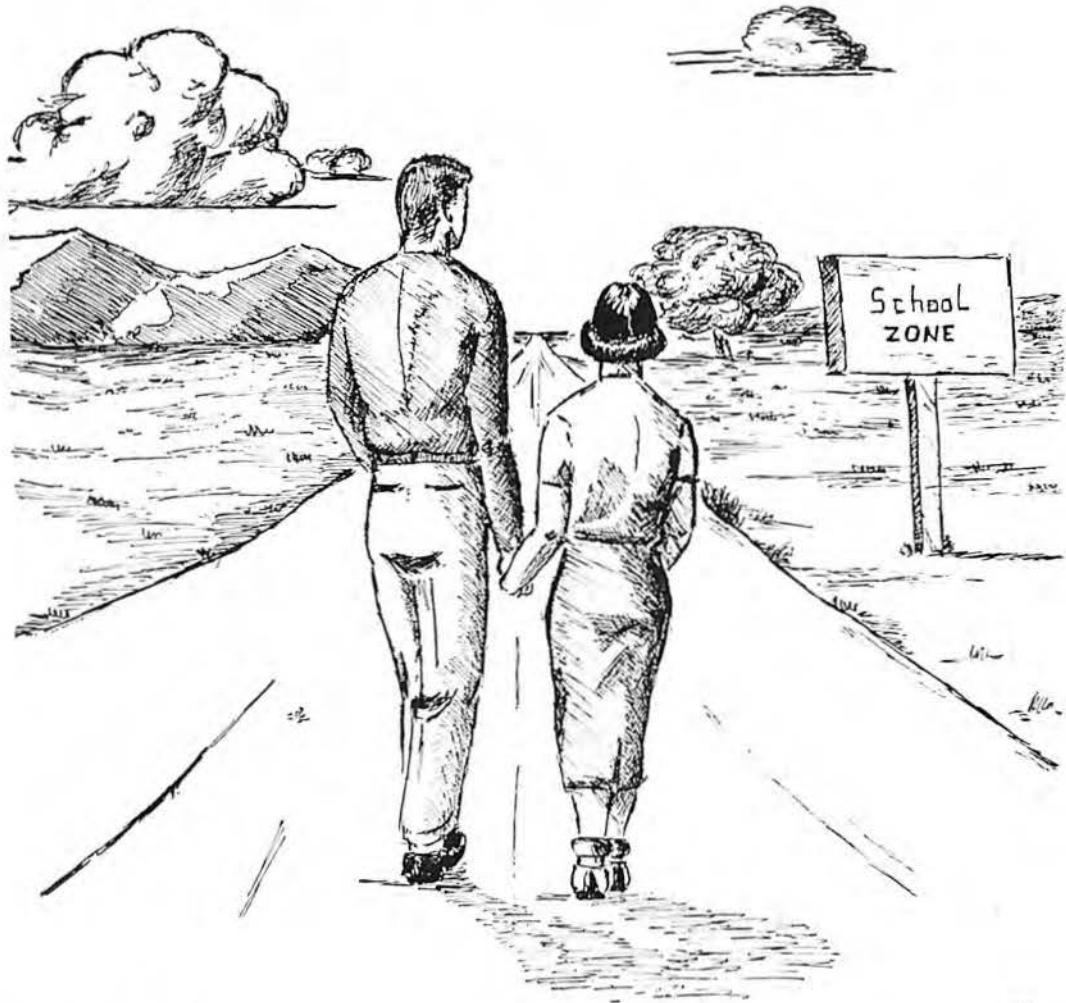
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