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Willis High School

Willis, Virginia

To Mrs. Alden Frazier and Miss Nola Shelor



Mrs. Alden Frazier... affable, self-possessed, and capable.



Miss Nola Shelor... candid, vivacious, and resourceful.

We Pay Tribute . . .

Your loyalty to the best interests of Willis High . . . your sympathetic understanding of the problems of youth . . . and your leadership and counsel in so many phases of school activities have endeared you to all students.

With gratitude, we THE EAGLE Staff of Willis High School, dedicate the 1962 edition of THE EAGLE to you.



WE, THE STAFF OF THE 1962 EAGLE OF WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL, would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to . . .

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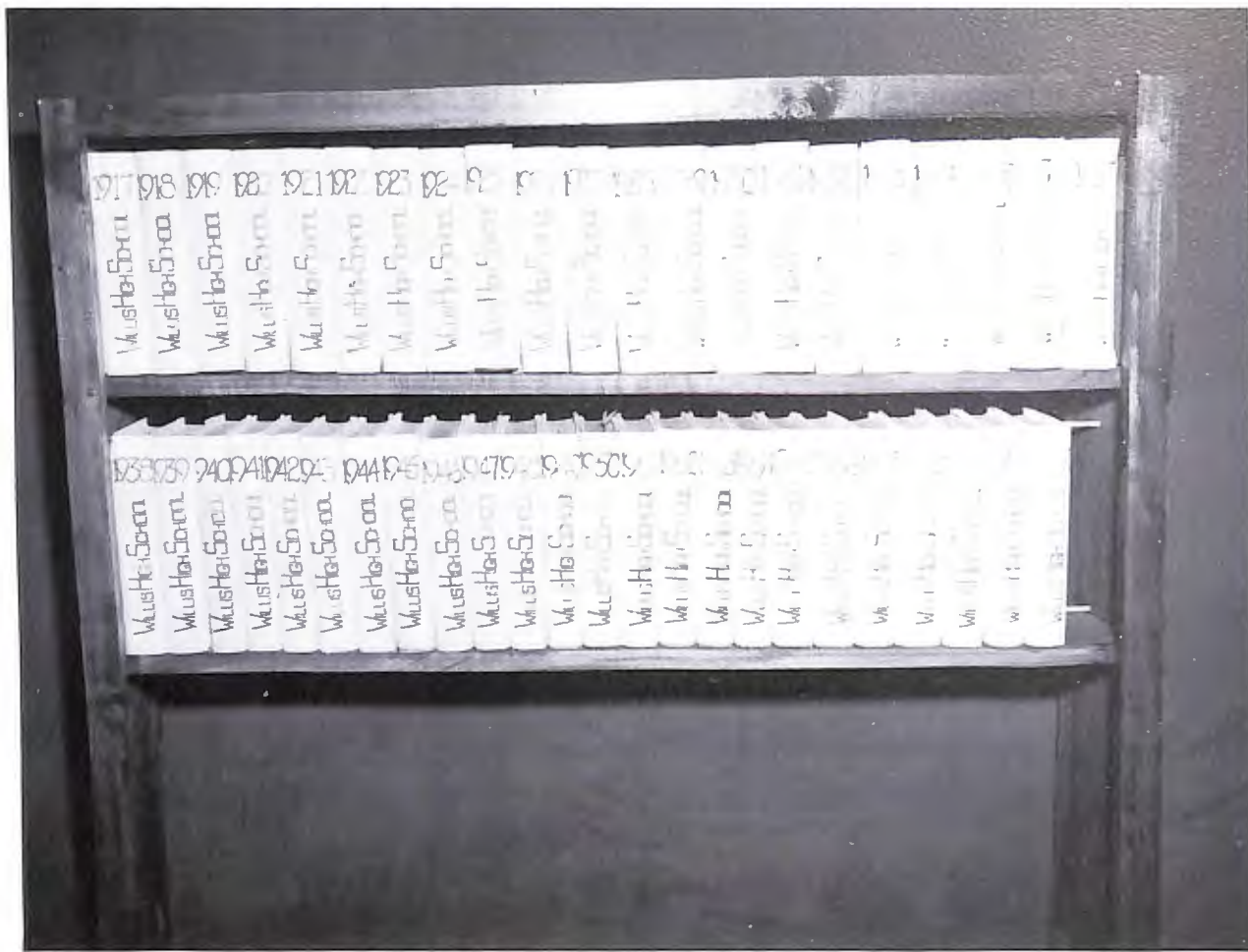


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ALPHA TO OMEGA—from beginning to end—this is the story of Willis High School and of those who were associated with her as students, as teachers, and as friends.

A LIBRARY OF VOLUMES REPRESENTS THE HISTORY OF WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL, encompassing the scope of the school from its birth in 1917 to its demise in 1962.

Each volume represents a year in the course of its existence.

THE FINAL VOLUME OF THE HISTORY OF WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL will be used to fill the last niche in the library. Throughout this record of the past and present we have attempted to pay tribute to our alma mater.

Among the hills of the great southwest
Is a high school we always love the best.
She spares no time nor efforts small
To be faithful to us when'ere we call

Willis High School

1917 - 1961

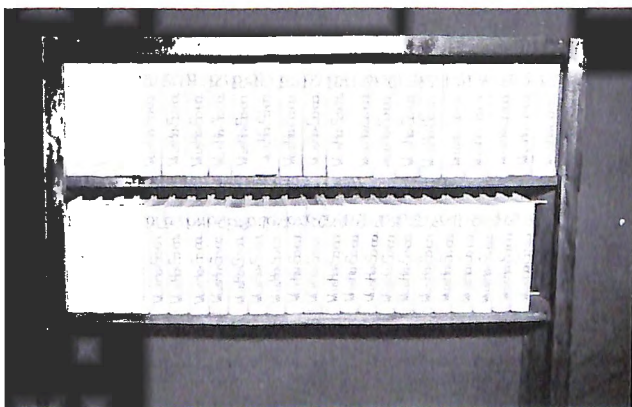
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THESE FORTY-FOUR YEARS of Willis High School's history will be summarized throughout the following section. The life of Willis High School will be revealed from her conception to her maturity.

W. H. S. 's MATURITY was reached through many painstaking years of devotion, devotion of all those connected with the school. This is the record of their accomplishments, their activities, and their ultimate successes.

A School was born . . . lived . . . grew .

In the year 1913, a solitary tract of land lay on the west side of Hylton, Virginia, near the post office. This land had an undemanding past but a challenging future—it was to be the basis of education in this community for the next forty-five years.

The development of this educational system shows the progression from the private Mountain Normal School to the public institution which functioned laboriously until it closed its doors to destiny in nineteen hundred and sixty-two.

The past was formulated in the summer of 1882 when Professor John B. Wrightsman from Bridgewater College of Virginia purchased two and one-fourth acres of land from H.P. Hylton, a Brethern minister in Willis. Professor Wrightsman worked as a representative of Bridgewater in organizing and establishing the Mountain Normal School. He obtained a charter from the college on October 18, 1883, giving him the authority to establish a branch college.

Typical future teachers pose near the Normal dormitory. Notice that the brick "basement" was above the ground.



Notice that the ad says that Professor Rutrough would be present at the beginning of the term. The professor taught at one-room schools during the winter so as to assure eligible students for the spring and summer terms of the Normal. Sometimes the one-room school term would not be over by the time the Normal was scheduled to open. When this occurred, Professor Rutrough had someone else open the Normal and run it until he could get there to take over.

For several years the school prospered, but a heavy debt on the property and miscellaneous expenses prompted Professor Wrightsman to organize a company of stockholders. The property was sold by shares to these stockholders and expenses were temporarily met. The

management failed and the stockholders took over the property while Professor Wrightsman continued to direct the school. Not long afterward, the school failed altogether because of mounting expenses.

Advertisement for Mountain Normal.

THE MOUNTAIN NORMAL
WILLIS, FLOYD CO., VIRGINIA.

The Most Healthful and Best Location and One of the Best Preparatory Schools in the State.

Regular Term Opens March 29, 1915.

This is the School for Teachers and those preparing for College and the professions. Special and elaborate work done in all Free School Branches, required for First, Second and Third Grade (Vetificates). Those expecting to stand examination for teachers will benefit themselves greatly by coming to The Mountain Normal. All students should be present the first day.

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Tuition, per month,	2.00 to 3.00
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Students wishing to board themselves can rent rooms of the principal at reasonable rates.

For further information, call on or address

J. H. RUTROUGH, M. A., PRINCIPAL,
B. WOODY RUTROUGH, ASSISTANT.
WILLIS, FLOYD CO., VIRGINIA.

N. B.—J. H. Rutrough will be present at the beginning of the term.

PREPARE POST.

... and died.

The dormitory was situated on the north side of the Normal building and ran from east to west. It was four stories tall with a full-sized basement and attic. The attic was used as a Masonic Lodge Hall until 1904 when other arrangements were made.



Idleness followed with a family's living in the dormitory until Haden Rutrough bought the institution in 1890. Professor Rutrough ran the Normal successfully each year for terms beginning about March 1 or after the one-room school (located on the hill near the present Willis Cemetery) had completed its term, and going on until July 1. Its chief objective was to train teachers. Then, by associating the public one-room school of five months with the spring and summer term of the private Mountain Normal, the younger generation of the day was able to get a fairly adequate education.

In the midst of this prosperity, Professor Rutrough and Professor R.E. Altizer, who was also an instructor at the

Normal, had a disagreement. Professor Rutrough moved his students into two rooms of the dormitory and continued to teach, while Professor Altizer taught his required term in the Normal building.

In 1906, the one-room school became a graded school and was moved to the lower two rooms of an old store building which stood on the south side of the Mountain Normal building. The term was lengthened to seven months.

A few years after this happened, the Normal was forced to close because other new schools had sprung up and it was no longer adequate for meeting new state requirements.

1909 student body pose near Normal dormitory. First row: Reverend Utt, Julian Rutrough, _____, Ruth Williams, Clara Rutrough, _____, Siance Steelwell, _____, Ada Rutrough, Murry Poff. Second row: Mr. Finch, Clyde Wade, Allen Phillips, Mamie Akers, Dr. Hoback, Mrs. Rutrough, Haden Rutrough, Lillie Bolt Hubbard, Pearl Lawrence, Lena Quesenberry, Jean Altizer, Burnice Phillips, Cleve Rutrough, Maude Howell, Edna Williams. Third row: Pearl Sutphin, _____, Della Quesenberry, _____, Lacy Pratt, Wilber Hylton, Nora Phillips, Elmer Turman, Lavonia Keith, _____, Rose Hollandsworth, Nancy Willis, Harry Conduff, Nanny Agnew. Fourth row: Alva Dickerson, Clara Ratliff, Herman Altizer, Haver Hylton, Waitman Wade, Kate Dickerson, Hubert Quesenberry, Grace Weddle, _____, Nola Dickerson, Lovzena Emberson, Bell Hylton, Jess Rutrough, Bertie DeHeart, Jack Stover. Fifth row: Lacky Shelor, Elbert Weddle, Dolly Hongate, Marian More, Lizzy Epperly, Pat Nixon, Emma Weddle, Jabe Harmon, Libby Hylton, Emory Helms, Maggy Harris, Logan Keith, Etta Hylton.





The original Normal building as it stands today west on route 221, just inside the Willis limits. It is now owned by Harry Keith of Willis.

The Normal was sold at public auction and bought by W.A. Slaughter who tore down the dormitory because of an inefficient flue. The original Normal building still stands and is owned by Harry Keith.

The school board also notified the community that a new building would have to be erected if the graded school were to receive any more state aid.

The seventh grade class of the graded school had an enrollment of sixteen at this time. The community of Hylton (later Willis) was at loss to know what to do with these students the next year. Mrs. Emma V. Willis and Mrs. Lura Phlegar each had a son in this class. They did not favor sending them away to get a high school education. Accordingly, they went to work at getting the community together to discuss the need for a high school. Meanwhile, these sixteen students repeated the seventh grade.

The result of these women's efforts was the organization of the Willis Community League in 1916, with W.G. Donnelly as president. The League met and agreed that a high school was certainly needed, but they had no idea

that they would ever be able to finance one. The members were discouraged but a brave few struggled on and managed to raise \$1,500. The county school board and the state came to the rescue and Willis High was beginning in the minds and hearts of Willis citizens.

The school and electoral board met three times before a suitable site for the high school was believed to have been found. The first meeting pertaining to the high school was held on December 31, 1914. At this meeting, the need for a high school was agreed upon. At a May 4, 1915, meeting, an appropriate location on the hill 400 yards from the present elementary building was discussed and approved. Then, on March 15, 1917, the school board repealed these plans. A compromise was reached and the present site of Willis High was selected.

This site, bounded by a gray stone, an oak tree, and two flat rocks, was purchased from Mrs. Lura A. Phlegar by S.G. Conduff for \$300. Mr. Conduff donated the part on which the high school now stands to the school board, but the deed was not signed until 1923. In the later years, Mr. Conduff's house, on the southern part of the land, was torn down and Willis students were allowed to use this plot as a playground until it was recently sold. The Willis building was contracted by Lather A. Hylton who, with his crew of eight men, hurriedly put up a two-story, four-room structure with an auditorium which had a seating capacity of 250.

Call of deed to land on which Willis High School now stands. Located on the northwest side of the school and laid at a cost of \$4.50.



Top right: When work was first begun on W.H.S. Supplies were transported by wagon from Christiansburg.

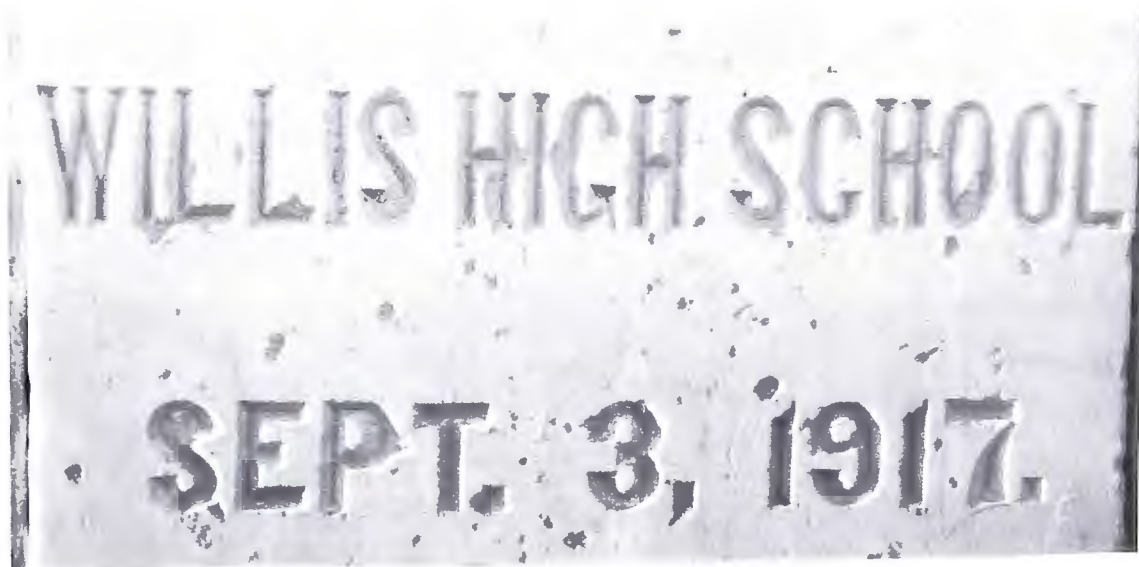
Center right: As work progressed on Willis High. Lather A. Hylton was the contractor with his crew of eight men. The crew members are thought to be Walter Keith, Gus Mayberry, Levy Wade, Pat Whitlow, Edwin Hylton, "Pink" Mayberry, George Spence, and Jim Spence.

Lower right: Willis High as it looked on opening day in 1917.



The school was recognized and opened September 3, 1917, with the Reverend A.F. Tobler as principal. The cornerstone was laid on this Labor Day by the Hylton Masonic Lodge of Willis. A celebration was held in honor of the occasion and Mr. J.H. Powers, a Missionary Baptist minister, was recognized in the Lodge minutes as "speaker of the day."

With this dramatic beginning and much preparation, the first school year was launched with approximately twenty-two students, mostly girls, enrolled. There were five faculty members for this opening session. The ensuing years shall be discussed on the following pages with no meanful prejudice or slight. They will be grouped chronologically with some discussed separately and others combined. The sub-topics are to be your guides.



The cornerstone which now rests in the lower corner of the west wing of the main building.



First graduating class at work in laboratory. Left to right: Riner Willis, Sherman Weeks, Hunter Akers, Professor McDonald, and Joe Poff.

Classroom members pose around Professor S.J. Thompson's desk.



Basketball player of 1923. This was their basketball court until the elementary gym was provided in 1939.



Reverend A.F. Tobler, first principal of Willis High School.

1917-1918

1918-1919

Equipment was purchased by the Community League as they could pay for it. This equipment included \$400 worth of chairs for the auditorium in 1918, and in 1919, a \$450 piano which is still in use.

The high school enrollment passed the 100 mark on January 3, 1918, but this also included the grades.

Out-of-county speakers were present at a special war savings program held at W.H.S. Saturday night, July 6.

The Community League gave a repeat performance of "Miss Topsy Turvy" in the school auditorium on Friday, December 27, at 7:30 P.M. The proceeds went for the purpose of paying on the \$50 debt on the auditorium seats. They gave another play, "The School Ma'am," on February 23, for the same purpose.

W.H.S. opened Monday, September 23 for the 1918-1919 school year.

With these accomplishments and two years of prosperous growth behind, Willis High School was ready to fulfill her duties to the utmost and set higher goals for herself and her students the next year.

1919-1920

One of the high school's main goals was to become better equipped and better able to serve her students. This was begun with the 1920 decision to excavate the basement for use as a laboratory. This was done at a cost of \$700. Then, by using both the laboratory and the auditorium as classrooms, the struggle began to gain the recognition of a full-credited, four-year high school.

Some of the courses available to the students were Latin, French, algebra, plain and solid geometry, English literature, ancient and European history, and biology. Outside activities included tennis and basketball.



The 1924 basketball team in uniform.

A line of students ready to enter school for the day's work. When they arrived, they lined up outside and all marched in together.



1920-1921

Though her foundation was strong, Willis High was almost shaken in the spring of 1921. It looked for weeks as if the school's goals were lost when the county school board notified the community that the school would have to close at the end of seven months because of a shortage of funds with which to pay teachers' salaries. The Board suggested that she become a junior high school. The Community League and teachers saved W.H.S. from this fate by running the school themselves the last two months so that the first graduating class could, indeed, graduate. As a result of strong determination, four students graduated in 1921.

Their commencement was held June 4, 5, and 6. The senior play, "The Little Clodhopper," was given Saturday,

June 4, at 8:00 P.M. The class was so small that other Willis students were asked to help present the play. On Sunday evening, June 5, Reverend O.L. Blackwelder of Virginia Heights Lutheran Church in Roanoke delivered the baccalaureate sermon, "Consider the Lilies of the Field." On Monday evening, June 6, Professor W.B. Coggin of V.P.I. delivered an address to the graduates. The valedictory was given by Joseph Poff; the salutatory, Hunter Akers; the laugh-provoking class history, Riner Willis; and the class prophecy, Sherman Weeks. As a last formal show of affection for their Alma Mater, the four boys sang "Goodnight, High School."



Faculty members pose on front steps of the school.



W.H.S. after the west wing was added in 1922.

1921-1922

With the way paved and the accomplishment proved possible, the second graduation class was ready to receive their well-earned honors.

Teachers met September 5, 1921, and were assigned positions for the nine months school term with Henry W. Nunley as principal.

In 1922, the money was appropriated and an addition of two rooms was built onto W.H.S. This was near July 8. Plans and specifications were on display at the post office weeks before work was begun. The school board had

known all along that these two rooms would have to be added to comply with federal regulations, so they made arrangements for them on the west side of the building when it was first built. The Board had merely put off this venture until they could enlist the physical and financial aid of the Workman's Progress Association.

The cornerstone was quietly moved to the western end of this new wing by the crew who did the building. Martin Harmon of Willis was one of the workers.

1922-1923

Willis High opened for a new term on September 11, 1922, with Professor S.J. Thompson as principal. The two-room addition was not yet completed but the faculty had the hopes that this would be a banner year in the history of the school since they had many plans for her accomplishments.

On October 19, a board walk leading from the front of the school to the adjoining land was almost completed. So, on October 20, the boys were allowed to leave their classes and help finish laying the walk. They were served refreshments by the girls after they had finished.

On October 31, \$85.86 was received from a Halloween Social. Sixty-five dollars of this amount was given to the Community League to help them in their debts, most of which had been made for the school's benefit.

Also, in 1922, a well, 132 feet deep, was sunk by the Community League and a hand water pump installed at a cost of over \$200.

In the spring, work was begun to secure a local division of the Smith-Hughes Department of Vocational

Agriculture. The school board had informed the community that it could expect no aid from them in securing this department. Some of the school's patrons refused to be discouraged and began to push the project. Interested persons carried on correspondence with State Superintendent Hart and Mr. Lancaster and found that the department could be secured if the community would back it with the necessary funds and if the county school board would approve the location. The school board members were approached and agreed to locate the department at Willis provided that they would not be charged with any extra expense.

Now the only problem was to raise the necessary funds for establishing the department. Willis citizens circulated a subscription paper and received over \$500. This was not enough but the state department supported the community and helped them to erect the present agriculture building on the Cottage Plan in the summer of 1923. Throughout the next few years contributions were made to the Building Fund by various organizations and the \$1,200 debt was paid off by May of 1925.



W.A.H.S. after Agriculture building was added to the school grounds.

With pressures aside for a while, Willis High was again ready to grow and prosper. The agriculture department opened on September 10, 1923, with thirteen boys as members of the first class and Dr. Ford Lucas as instructor; hence, the name Willis Agricultural High School (later shortened for convenience). Thus, W.A.H.S. had one of the first agricultural departments in Southwestern Virginia.

Home economics was also offered as an elective course about this time. The two front rooms of the agriculture building were used as the home economics department until the girls moved to new quarters in 1943-44.

Both departments did wonderful work at once. A bazaar was held just before Christmas and the boys and girls made a profit of \$20. The boys' agriculture class made a total of \$500 for their year's practice.

The school closed Tuesday, December 23, for the Christmas holidays and reopened on January 5, 1924.

The home economics department began serving hot lunches on January 16. This "lunch" was soup, the ingredients for which were furnished by the parents. Each child furnished his own cup and spoon and was responsible for keeping them clean. The soup was served every day just before noon in each of the classrooms by one of the home economics girls. These girls prepared the soup in the basement of the main building to prevent carrying it from one building to another.

After the problem of lunch was solved, W.A.H.S. launched another project—a reading room. With classes doubled, one room was found to be vacant. The faculty decided to use this room as a reading room and officially opened it on January 17. The agriculture boys made tables and stools and the faculty furnished current magazines. THE ROANOKE TIMES was used as a daily newspaper. The library books, reference books, and dictionaries were all located in this room. In addition to this library there was a community traveling library in the winter.



1924 annual staff are hard at work on the school's first student record.

1924 boys' basketball team. Standing: McClure Phlegar, Arney Wade, Raymond Gardner. Front row: Quinton Donnelly, Elmer Keith, Ray Reed, Lowell Niece, Breeman Poff.



On Friday night, January 18, the Willis Dramatics Club gave the play "Between Two Lines" at Floyd High School.

With activities mounting and school spirit soaring, a program was given in honor of Abraham Lincoln on February 12. At this program, Peyton Cock, a senior student, was awarded a medal for the best senior essay about the "Life of Lincoln." The medal was offered for this purpose by the Illinois Watch Company.

A program of calisthenics was introduced at the school and new equipment was purchased for the purpose of carrying out this program. A trapeze on which the boys could work out, was purchased and installed in the agriculture department.

The week of March 6 was celebrated as "Better Speech Week" by the students of W.A.H.S. They gave talks on the subject every morning in chapel. Chapel was a compulsory class where worship exercises were held each day. The students sat by classes with the seniors occupying the front chairs and being allowed to march out first.

In order to get other students interested in their work, the home economics and agriculture pupils gave a literary society program March 14 about the things they had learned in their classes.

A contest was initiated on March 27 among all grades above the fifth to promote good health habits. Awards of blue, red, and green ribbons were given at the end of the week to the students who had practiced eleven certain health rules each day for the entire week.

"A Poor Married Man" was given on April 19 by the Willis junior students at Check High School.

Arbor Day was fittingly observed in W.A.H.S. by the planting of Norway Spruce at the entrance to both the home economics cottage and agriculture department and on the east side of the high school building. While the boys of the agriculture classes did this, the girls were inside the building cleaning the smoked plastered walls.



Portrait of Dr. Stigleman is unveiled and presented to school during an assembly in the school auditorium.

Members of the 1924 home economics class were taught "modern" methods of homemaking. Their kitchen was equipped with a wood range, a utility table, two water buckets with a dipper, and various cooking utensils.





The first record of Willis students—a typewritten yearbook, NOS MEMOIRS.

The first printed yearbook—THE LEGIONAIRE.

The last edition of the present yearbook—THE EAGLE.

As an experiment, a typewritten yearbook was prepared by the junior and senior students of 1924. It was known as Nos Memoirs (Latin and/or French for Our Memories) and contained special news happenings, photographs of teachers and pupils, and the history of each high school class. During the year before, 1923, the need for a school seal was realized and someone sat down and drew one. The only known legal function of this seal was to appear on the cover of Nos Memoirs.

One highlight of this "student record" was the Willis Debating Team which won the Floyd County Championship on December 12. The subject of the winning debate was "That the Public Schools of Virginia Should Be Consolidated."

With 1923-24 shining brightly on their four years list of accomplishments, another class left Willis High through the doors of graduation. Their commencement was begun with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 25, at 11:00 A.M., at the Willis Lutheran Church. The Reverend E.C. James delivered the sermon. On Monday night, at 8:00 P.M., May 26, in the high school auditorium, a pageant entitled "The Development of Willis Agricultural High School" was given by the entire student body. Final graduation exercises were held on May 27, at 8:00 P.M. in the school auditorium. Dr. Charles J.

The 1923 seal of Willis Agricultural High School.

The promotion for this clean-up was an essay contest with the subject "The Best Way to Improve Our Community." Ruth Nease was the winner of the contest.

The Floyd County School Board commended the Willis students and faculty for their desire to keep their school attractive when they visited the school on May 2 and were served lunch by the home economics girls. After lunch and inspection of the building, the student body was called to the auditorium where a large picture of Dr. Stigleman, the first superintendent of schools of Floyd County, was presented to the school with appropriate ceremony. Judge Vaughn and Dr. Akers made speeches of presentation and Mr. J.A.L. Sutphin received the picture on behalf of the school.

The month of May might have been known as "track month" since the dirt tracks were in their best condition and the weather was most favorable during this time of the year. On Friday afternoon, May 9, Field Day was held at Willis on the high school track (above the present home economics cottage and commercial building). A track meet was held at the school on May 16. Bronze, silver, and gold medals were presented to individuals by the Virginia High School Literary Society and Athletic Association. Another field day was held at Willis on Friday, May 11. Medals were presented by the State Athletic and Literary Association to those who came up to set standards. Two silver and four bronze medals were given to worthy students at this meet.

The first Annual Field and Track Meet ever staged in Floyd County was held on Friday, May 16, on the Floyd High School grounds. Willis placed in the minor events but fell behind in the major ones.

Clipping from a 1924 edition of the Virginia Journal of Education. It is noteworthy because of the struggle put forth by parents, teachers, and friends to make a school of distinction rise from such a poor background.

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How a Country School Grows in Virginia

By S. J. THOMPSON, Principal, Willis Agricultural High School

In the heart of the Blue Ridge mountains twenty-five miles from the nearest railroad station and in a place that the casual observer would least expect it is to be found one of the many thriving schools of the State of Virginia. This school is not known outside of Floyd County, but it is recognized as the best school in the country; that is, in building, equipment, etc. The rise of this school has been phenomenal.

In 1916 what is now Willis Agricultural High School was a two-room graded school in rented quarters.

During the summer of 1917, the citizens of this community organized themselves into a community league, and, with the aid of the school board, erected a four-room building with an auditorium of 250 seating capacity. The following year chairs were bought for the auditorium by the community league at a cost of \$400. In 1919, a piano also was bought by the community league at a cost of \$450. And again in 1920, the basement was excavated by the same organization for use as a laboratory.

Then by using both laboratory and auditorium for classrooms, the struggle began to get on the accredited list as a standard four-year high school. In the spring 1921 it looked for weeks as if the proposition was lost when the school board notified the community that owing to shortage of funds to pay the teachers, the school must close at the expiration of seven months and suggested that the school become a junior high school.

At this very critical period the community league and teachers met with the school board to try to solve the problem. As a result of this meeting, the community league and teachers assumed the responsibility for the teachers' salaries for the last two months of 1921 and this enabled the first class to be graduated in June of that year.

In 1922 two new rooms were added to take care of the classes leaving the auditorium and laboratory to their original use.

In 1922-23 the patrons began work on the project of securing a Smith-Hughes department of vocational agriculture and home economics. At this time the community was much in debt as it had dug a well in 1922 at a cost of over \$200 and since the school board had informed the community that it could expect no aid from that source, affairs looked gloomy for such a project.

However, some of the patrons took an optimistic view of the affair and began to push the project. Correspondence with State Superintendent Hart and Mr. Lancaster revealed the fact that the school could be

secured if the community would back it with the necessary financial support and if the school board would approve the location. The school board upon being approached agreed unanimously to locate the school at Willis provided it would mean no extra expense to them.

At once a few influential citizens circulated a subscription paper by means of which over five hundred dollars was secured. On the strength of this, with the generous support of the State Department, a building was erected on the cottage plan during the summer of 1923.

When a settlement was made it was found that the community was about \$700 in debt, and, to cover this, a note was made and it was heavily endorsed by the citizens of the community. At the present time contributions are still being received on the building fund and it looks now as though the present debt will not last long.

The work of both new departments is showing wonderful results. The girls and boys held a bazaar just before Christmas at which time about \$20 was realized. The home economics department began serving hot lunches January 16. The material was furnished by the parents, consisting of beans, tomatoes, potatoes, milk, butter, pepper, salt, etc. Each child furnishes his own cup and spoon and the soup is served in each room just before noon by one of the home economics girls.

Another project somewhat novel in a school of this size is that of a reading room. Owing to a doubling of classes this year one room was found to be vacant, and the faculty evolved the idea of a reading room. The agricultural department made stools and tables. The teachers furnish the current magazines, such as the National Geographic, American, Library Digest, Good Housekeeping, etc. The Roanoke Times is being used as the daily newspaper. Of course, the library, dictionary and all reference books are in this room, and in addition to the school library we have winter both a school and community traveling library.

The reading room is kept open from noon until 3:30 each day under the supervision of one of the teachers. Any pupil who does not have a class is allowed the privilege of going to the reading room during the period for study or reading.

Many schools doubtless have accomplished more in the space of eight years, but only the future can tell what may be further accomplished here. I would like very much to hear through your Journal what other schools are doing and how they are meeting different educational problems.



Willis Student Body, 1924-25

First row: Arthur Poff, Maurice Rutrough, Jennings Weeks, J.C. Smith, Russell Page, Curtis Markel, Vivian Page, Galen Wade, Ross Gardner, Cleveland Poff, Ralph Markel. Second row: Alreda Weeks, Elizabeth Keith, Ella Donnelly, Darthea Quessenberry, Ethel Bishop, Nancy Hylton, Mildred Weeks, Norma Harmon, Freeda Alderman, Thelma Earls, Thelma Woods, Oneta Keith, Rachell Poff, Sibyl Slusher, Gladys Cannady, Ethel Poff. Third row: Juanita Page, Reva Pratt, Ila Alderman, Dessie Hill, Kate Weddle, Pauline Keith, Libbie Moore, Curtiss Page, Lila Wilson, Lois Cannady, Reva Wade, Thelma Donnelly, Ruth Gardner, Lorraine Sutphin, Senora Harmon, Lassie Moore, Kate Weddle, Nova Keith, Rhea Hylton. Fourth row: Freeman Weddle, Galen Weddle, Howard Dickerson, Alfred Hylton, Jr., Cleve Bishop, Zack Weeks, Jr., Roy Moore, Victor Burnett, Rush Weddle, Horatio Quessenberry, Carol Poff, George Neece, Walter Wilson, Pierce Weeks, Emsley Gardner, Carlie Keith, Clarence Alderman, Carmon Hylton, Jacob Harmon, Roy Wilson, Rosetta Slusher. Fifth row: Ferman Woods, Pauline Harmon, Claude Rector, Hazel Edmonds, Ruby Weeks, Sue Gardner, Rhea Phlegar, Bently Hite, Principal; Edna Harmon, 4th and 5th grade teacher; Kate Cox, English; Randolph Noell, Agriculture; Bertha Williams, Home Economics; Lura Phlegar, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade teacher; J.A.L. Sutphin, 6th and 7th grade teacher; Ava Hylton, Grace Hodge, Hasque Dickerson, Cornelia Hylton, Ola Moore, Freeda Harmon, Alvin Harmon. Sixth row: Ruth Graham, Nell Dickerson, Helen Dickerson, Nettie Turpins, Harry Keith, Ruby Poff, Mae Weeks, Laretta Hylton, Trent Weeks, Edra Lee Hylton, Marvin Sowers, Allie Sutphin, Martin Gardner, Lydia Poff, Beulah Harris, Lonnie Keith, Weeda Quesenberry, Charles Donnelly, Effie Keith, and Harold Donnelly. Seventh row: Freeman Smith, Ruth Neece, Quinton Donnelly, Ovan Gardner, Hazel Sutphin, Thurman Smith, Pattie Gardner, Burnett Poff, Nancy Harmon, McClure Phlegar, Annie Harmon, Raymond Gardner, Guida Wade, Breeman Poff, Lovelyn Stover, and Elmer Gardner. Eighth row: Ray Showalter, Ruby Sutphin, Cleve Slusher, Allie Light, Charlie Starr, Nettie Phillips, Elmer Keith, Lavera Harmon, Julian Starr, Josephine Quesenberry, Ray Reed, Stella Phlegar, Millis Cox, Mabel Gardner, Warren Dunn, Zelva Harris, Arney Wade, and Lowell Neece.

Smith, A.M., D.D., delivered the address to the graduates. Professor S.J. Thompson, principal of W.A.H.S., awarded the diplomas.

1924-1925

Willis High School was now seven years old. The school board decided that it was time that the student transportation system was revolutionized so an advertisement was placed in the county newspaper THE FLOYD PRESS asking for trucks to transport pupils to and from school each day. They were to arrive at school by 9:00 A.M. and return before 4:00 P.M. Bids for this job were to have been accepted until August 16 so that transportation would be provided for the next semester's students. These trucks were used to transport students for the semester starting on Monday, September 8.

1925-1926

Travel was modernized but oil lamps were still used as a means of light. The Community League came to the rescue in 1926 with a Delco lighting plant. The plant was installed in the home of Mrs. Lura A. Phelgar at a cost of \$100. The Willis exhibit at the Radford Tri-County Fair won a \$50 prize in September. This money was donated to cover the lighting expenses.

Then, in 1930, the Community League bought a new Delco plant for \$300. This plant was used until 1937 when electricity was installed at the high school. Clarence Mayberry, a community citizen interested in electricity, did the wiring himself in his spare time and made no charge to the school. This enabled the high school to have electricity much sooner than if they had been compelled to pay for these services.



Reading room established by faculty in 1924. Most of the room's furnishings were made by the agriculture boys.

Girls' Basketball Team, 1926

Left to right: Pauline Harmon, Henritta Weeks, Elree Harmon, Iva Wade, Hazel Sutphin, Freeda Slaughter, Edra Lee Hylton, Freeda Lee Harmon, Annie Harmon, Edna Harmon, coach.





Some 1927 students of Willis Agriculture High School display school letter on sweaters. The "letter" was a W, A, H, and S drawn directly over each other. The stars or bars below the letter were used to represent basketball players, captains, and co-captains.

1926-1927

Willis High was really an "up-and-coming" high school with its student transportation, lights, and water system, but many accomplishments were yet to be made.

W.A.H.S. closed for the Christmas holidays on Friday, December 23, and re-opened January 2, 1927. Mid-term examinations ended January 18 and work was begun on the second term the following day.

Rising expenses prompted the production of "Fickle Fortune" in the Floyd High School auditorium on Saturday, February 4, at 7:30 P.M., by the Willis Dramatics Club. The proceeds from the play were used for the financial aid of both Floyd and Willis High Schools.

1927-1928

The Supervisor of Secondary Education, Sidney B. Hall, wrote Principal William D. Bradbury a note to say that the annual report of the high school was good, that the school seemed to be meeting the standards for accrediting in a satisfactory manner, and, therefore, had been placed on the accredited high school list for the 1927-1928 term.

On October 6, the enrollment at W.A.H.S. was increasing each week and fast approaching the 300 mark. All available classroom space was filled. Finally the classes entirely outgrew the Willis building. The school board arranged to rent the old Willis store building, which was triangularly situated on state roads 221 and 799. The lower rooms of this building were used with the only provisions being to re-floor them and keep the roof in good repair. This arrangement produced the need for a bell so a Yoke number 22 was purchased for the bell tower. The present clinic room served as the bell room, the principal's office, and later as the library. The principal's office was moved (1931) from here to the present journalism room.

It was not long until rapidly growing expenses had taken over and the school board was no longer able to

This proved to be only one of the many fund-raising plays given this year. In March, the Willis High faculty members received notice from the school board that the school would have to close at the end of eight months because of the lack of funds with which to operate. The school could not be kept on the accredited high school list if the term were shortened so faithful patrons and faculty members went to work at once to find a way to finance the school for a month longer. The teachers agreed to give a liberal cut of their salaries for the month before, fund-raising projects were initiated by friends and patrons, and the Community League contributed \$100. Expenses were met and a class of fifteen graduated in 1927.

Commencement exercises began Friday, May 20, at 8:00 P.M. with the presentation of the senior class play "Arnold Goes Into Business." Class Day exercises were held Saturday, May 21, at 8:00 P.M. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. L.C. Dickerson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, East Radford, Virginia, on Sunday, May 22, at 11:00 A.M. Final exercises were Monday at 8:00 P.M. Dr. Paul H. Bowman, President of Bridgewater College, delivered the literary address with the theme "The Stern Elements of Life." Professor W.D. Bradbury, principal, awarded diplomas to the graduates. This commencement was unique by its drawing one of the biggest crowds during preceding years and by the class' outnumbering previous ones.

rent this store building. Arrangements were made to move these three classes back to the Willis school building and into the auditorium. Partitions were built and three stoves purchased to transform the auditorium into three classrooms. This stopped the production of plays, which was one of the chief money-raising projects of the day. This could not go on, they knew, for long. In desperation, plans were made for the commercial building so as to relieve some of the pressure from the badly impaired auditorium. Again, the Workman's Progress Association helped out with the labor.

"Boost for health with Christmas seals and fight tuberculosis," rang through the halls of W.A.H.S. during a Christmas Seal Drive at the school. The contest opened December 1 among grades 7-12. The students were divided according to classes, each team having a captain and an assistant. The winning team was to have been entertained by the losing one.

A Thrift Bank was organized by the Future Farmers of Virginia of the Willis Agriculture Department. They were striving for "a good habit well-formed." Each Monday, money was "deposited" at the beginning of each class period. The elected "cashier" then took the money over to the Blue Ridge Bank of Willis and deposited it in the

school account. Each boy was required to have deposited \$25 by the end of the year in order to remain a member. Money could be drawn from the bank only for productive investments, college education, school tuition, clothing, and books. There were twenty members of the 1927-28 Thrift Bank.

The Community League purchased \$15 worth of books for the school library and \$8 worth of seventh grade diplomas as one of their projects for this year.

The baccalaureate services were continued in the Willis Lutheran Church when the school auditorium gave signs of collapsing during 1928 graduation exercises.

1931-1932

The Community League bought \$25 worth of books for the school library and a \$40 suit of stage furniture during this school year. The stage was enlarged by the League and Alumni Association in the spring of 1932. With the new set of stage furniture and larger stage, many more plays were given.



May Queen of 1932-33, Lucille Harmon Lee, and her court.



Windmill dance was given by students at a local get together. Costumes for all school plays and pageants were made by parents, friends, and teachers—even the "wooden" shoes.

1933-34

1934-35

Because more plays were being given and more profits earned the Community League was able to contribute to the school by helping stock the library with more books, buying 24 chairs and several window shades, and paying the rent on an extra playground. This playground was located on the slanted field west of the driveway leading to the school.

In the winter of 1934-35, Mrs. Virginia Altizer wrote a song with which Willis students and alumni still honor their Alma Mater by standing on the first bars of "Among the hills of the great southwest..."

1936-1937

With a school song to cheer them on and an extra playground on which to practice, the boys' track team won a Boys' Track Trophy in 1936-37. The girls' track team also won a trophy this same year.

Students of Willis High really excelled during this term. The high school was awarded a literary society cup by the Jeffersonian Literary Society in the spring.

Willis High School was almost out of her teens—she was nineteen years old. But she was yet to expand in both size and pride in her students' achievements.



THE BREEZES STAFF of 1937

1937-1938

1938-1939

Approaching middle age, W.H.S. was not slowing down at all. Instead, she was speeding up and rising higher in distinction.

The school was honored to receive the Cox Literary Society award in the 1937-1938 competition year.

The agriculture class with forty-eight members made \$5,000 plus during their year's practice.

Willis' students were not letting her down during her growing years. The girls' basketball team won the Floyd County Championship for 1938. Other sports in which the school participated were: football, kickball, baseball, softball, and volleyball.

The purchase of a sixty-dollar typewriter promoted the publishing of a mimeographed newspaper, THE BREEZES. This newspaper came out as a project of the Beta Club in October of the 1938-39 school session. All issues bore the motto: "Onward, Upward." THE BREEZES was much like any mimeographed newspaper with reports of school news, jokes, gossip, and advertising from local businesses as a means of financial support.

The enrollment in the high school was 152 in November. The grades had a roll of 207. Willis High School's family was getting larger.



"Lazy Moon Minstrel" cast which was made up of grade pupils.



The Virginia Reel was danced by students at a May Day program held in the Willis Lutheran church yard. All costumes, including wigs, were made by the individual or his parents.

As W.H.S. was getting older, some of her once new equipment was no longer new. An all-over safety program was put into effect during this school year. The bell had fallen through the ceiling of the bell room, the auditorium floor sagged, and heavy layers of plaster had come down. Fire escapes were built at the rear of the building and the auditorium floor was reinforced with steel columns. A Yoke bell number 24 replaced the fallen one and still hangs in the tower. W.H.S.'s first "face-lifting" proved to be a success and she was able to carry on her faithful services with more ease.

The Beta Club presented a portrait of former superintendent I.L. Epperly to the high school in an assembly January 5, 1939. Reverend F.W. Haberer unveiled the portrait and it was received by the president of the Beta Club, Dorothy Weeks, on behalf of the school.

New F.F.A. equipment was purchased and fifty new books were added to the library at a cost of \$30. The piano was tuned for a charge of \$5 and the insurance premium of twenty cents was paid on the piano.

Mid-term examinations ended Friday, January 20, and report cards were given out Tuesday, January 24.

Total enrollment in the high school and grades was 343 on March 5.

Four members of the Beta Club attended the second Annual Beta Convention at Hotel Roanoke on Friday, March 31, and Saturday, April 1. Their club prepared a reference volume entitled "The Beta Log" to be used by future members of Willis Beta Clubs, as one of their year's projects.

The Junior Class of 1939 received their class rings on April 12. The total enrollment in both the high school and grade school was 334 on May 1.

Approximately 121 grade and high school pupils attended a "Health Day" Parade at Floyd on May 12. These were the five-pointers from W.H.S. and had near-perfect health.

A May Day program was held in the churchyard of the Willis Lutheran Church on May 5, at 4:00 P.M. Marie Childress was crowned May Queen. The queen and her court were entertained by groups of students costumed to represent the different nations who led in the colonization of America. Early Jamestown settlers were the basis for the program.



Yoke bell No. 24 which still hangs in school bell tower. It has been painted green to prevent rusting.

Even though the students loved Willis High dearly, they were all wondering who would move into the new building being erected on the western end of Willis in 1938-39. They did not wonder long because the building was soon named Willis Elementary School and the first through the seventh grades moved out of the high school building leaving much needed space for the four remaining grades.

Students pose in Willis Lutheran Church yard after 1939 May Day Program. Note the piano at the right which was carried from the church to provide music for the day.



The 1938 baseball team prepares to board their green school bus for an "away" game.



1939-1940

Now that the necessary space was available, the high school grades could expand in both activities and curriculum.

The W.H.S. Beta Club was organized for its fourth year in the fall. This was the largest chapter in the county with membership totaling twenty-two. There were fourteen senior members and eight juniors. Thirteen members and their sponsor attended National Convention in Roanoke on March 30 and 31.

On November 21, the student body assembled in the auditorium to witness the initiation of eighteen new Beta Club members. Mr. W.C. Chapman, State Director of Beta Clubs, presented the initiation address and certificates of membership to the new members. Mr. Chapman was followed in his suggestion that the club motto be "Our acts follow us after. What we have been makes us what we are."

"Bashful Mr. Bobs," a farce-comedy in three acts, was given December 16 by the senior class. Proceeds of \$20 were received. The 1940 class motto was "Though the sea be rough, sail on."

The Annual Beta Club play was given March 16. "Mama's Baby Boy," a three-act comedy, was rated as the best given during the 1939-40 school term.

The girls' basketball team won the 1940 County Championship for the second year in succession.

THE BREEZES was published by the Senior Class and was mimeographed on both sides of the paper.

The first printed yearbook was presented to the students by the Beta Club members in 1940 under the name THE LEGIONAIRE. It was so-named in memory of "Lighthorse" Harry Lee, commander of Lee's legion which operated around the Buffalo years ago. Mr. E.C. Shortt was principal at this time and was greatly responsible for the naming of this loose-leaf yearbook. There were no annuals from the fall of 1941-1943 because of World War II. Then, in 1943-44, the WILLIS ANNUAL appeared. This continued until 1945-46 when the Senior Class held a contest among themselves to choose a name for the annual. After the suggestions were submitted, the naming committee chose two names from which to make the final choice. These were THE EAGLE, suggested by Ruth Cox, and HILLTOP HIGHLIGHTS, by Margie Keith. THE EAGLE was chosen, of course, and Willis High's yearbooks have carried the name ever since.

The Seniors of 1940 were rewarded for their accomplishments of a newspaper, an annual, and various entertainment for the student body by a picnic to Claytor Dam on April 10 and by a banquet served by the junior home economics girls on May 15. The faculty members were also invited as guests of the senior class at their banquet.

1940-1941

Eight of the twelve Willis National Beta Club members of this school year were seniors; the other four, juniors.

A business department was established by Mrs. A. Strode Brockman during this term. Mrs. Brockman taught shorthand on a three-days-a-week basis. Miss Nola Shelor, who took over the department in 1948, is still in charge of the business classes at W.H.S.

1942-1943

1943-1944

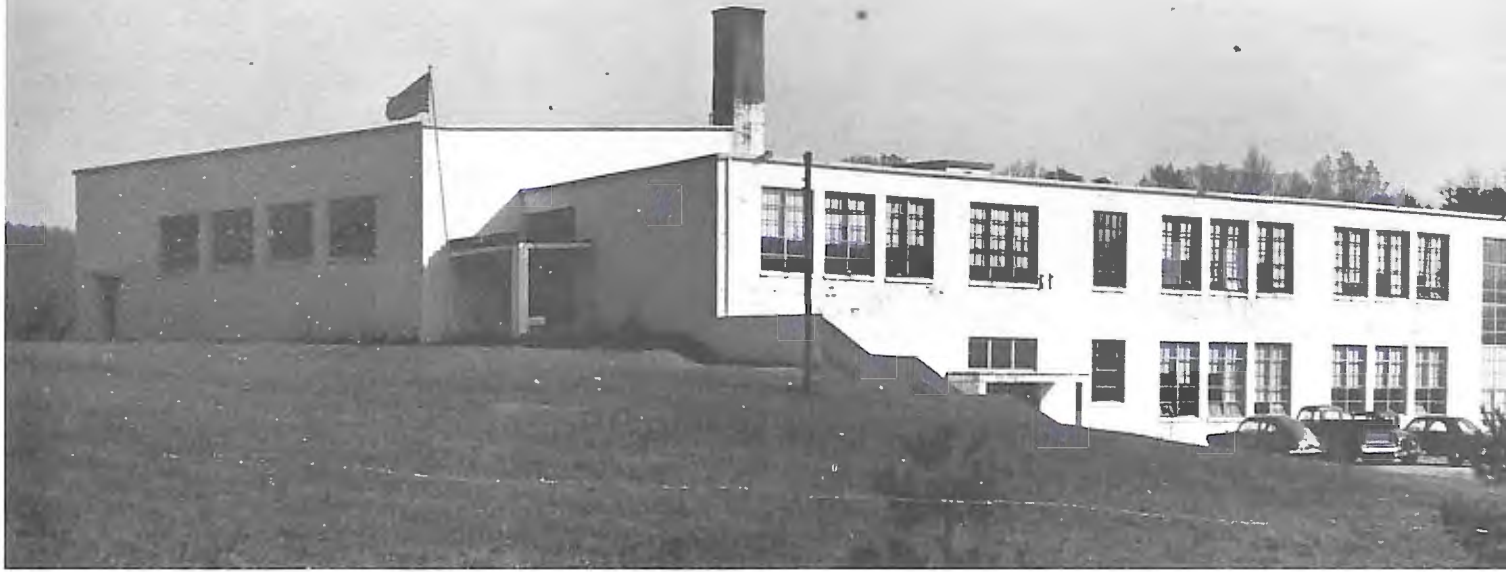
New classes, high honors, and strength still belong to W.H.S. She is older but she is gaining recognition and fame for she has already mothered 362 graduates and she is but in the Prime of her life.

On May 15, 1943, the United States Treasury Department issued Willis High School a citation for service to the War Savings Program through successful completion of a "Schools at War" jeep campaign.

Students studied airplane mechanics in 1944. A picture published in the FLOYD PRESS, THE ROANOKE TIMES, and the school annual showed a group of boys and girls studying the mechanics of a 14-cylinder Pratt & Whitney airplane engine. The engine was furnished by the army air forces for pre-induction training. Mr. C. Glynwood Gibbs gave lectures on this subject and Sebert L. Sission gave mechanical instruction. The engine was situated in the agricultural hall.

Basketball Team of 1939





The Willis Elementary Building, erected in 1939.

The Commercial Club selected THE BREEZES staff in January of 1944. The first edition since 1942 was published in March. The club members bought a mimeograph machine for printing future editions of the newspaper. This machine is still used by the F.B.L.A.

A patriotic rally was held in February at the school. All patrons and friends were invited to attend and bring some item to be auctioned off for war bonds or stamps. Senator S. Floyd Landreth of Galax served as auctioneer. The purpose of this rally was to raise money for American boys in uniform.

War stamps served as admission tickets for a freshman girls' basketball game, on Friday, February 4. \$17 worth of stamps were sold.

The Glee Club held their Annual Bond Queen Contest the week beginning February 4. This contest was to promote the buying of war stamps and bonds. The smallest war bond price, ten cents, gave a contestant ten votes; therefore, the girl elected as Bond Queen had to have as many as 1,875 votes.

With the money received from their production of "Don't Be Bashful," the 1944 juniors painted their home-room and treated themselves to a picnic at Rocky Knob Park and a trip to the theater afterward. Later in the year, they gave another successful play entitled "Winning Schemes." The proceeds from this play were used to buy their sponsor a class pin and to entertain the seniors with a Junior-Senior Banquet. In return the seniors held a reception for them.

The county school board met March 14 and voted to operate schools on a shortened day basis. This was to begin on Monday, April 17. The plan was to open schools at 9:00 A.M. and close them at 2:30 P.M. The purpose of this was to let students out early to help with farm

work. The compulsory school attendance law was in effect and the board proposed to insure school attendance during the planting season. "Work" was no longer an excused absence. The plan was to be continued only if the parents took satisfactory advantage of it.

Twenty-three students took part in "Lazy Moon Minstrels" which were presented April 15, in the school auditorium by the S.C.A. The \$49 profit was used for school improvement.

The Victory Corps of the school sponsored a drive to collect waste paper, fats, and tin cans for one week which ended April 20. The Corps was divided into two teams for the drive and the winner was to be entertained by the loser.

The high school faculty sponsored a banquet for the senior class on Saturday, April 22, in the W.H.S. auditorium. The sophomore and freshman home economics girls served the seniors and faculty.

At a public hearing on April 25, Floyd Countians were told that buses could not run the full nine months term and transport students to and from school because of a \$5,000 cut in transportation funds. They were told that the buses would run as long as the money was available and then other arrangements would have to be made. When the funds did deplete, the students that lived fairly close walked to school and the others got transportation of some sort.

Civil service examinations were furnished to any seniors who wanted to take them. Seven seniors from Willis participated in these examinations in May. Those who passed were to have been sure of a job in Washington, D.C. This plan was provided for those students who, otherwise, would not have tried for jobs or gone out in the world at all.

1944-1945

School opened Thursday, September 7, with the official school day beginning at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 4:00 P.M.

"Visiting Through Books" was the theme for a November 19 Library Club program given at W.H.S. The club presented a number of new books to the library. Prizes of books were awarded to the author of the best essay on the subject "My Favorite Story" and to the person drawing the best poster on "Uniting Through Books."

School was closed on Thursday, November 30 and Friday, December 1 for the Thanksgiving holidays. Work began again Monday, December 4. Eula Walker reigned as "Miss Willis of 1944-45." The class of 1945 installed an outdoor water fountain as a reminder of their presence; it is still in use.

1945-1946

W.H.S. opened September 7, at 9:00 A.M. for the 1945-46 term. Work was begun on Monday, September 11.

The Willis Agricultural Department was the third largest in the state of Virginia in both 1945 and 1946. The equipment was adequate and the classes were big so the year's difficulties were met efficiently.

The Beta Club sponsored a column of school news in the county newspaper which appeared each week with the head "Willis High Breezes." This was the third straight year that Willis Beta Clubs had run a school column in the FLOYD PRESS.

A program of educational film strips was introduced at Willis during the 1945-46 school term. One was shown each week throughout the year.

The girls' basketball team played their first game on October 23. At the end of a rather long season, the team had lost only three of the nine games played.

Nova June Bolt, a freshman, was crowned "Miss Willis of 1945-46." The "Sub-Debs," a club formed by the senior bachelor girls, sold \$3,025.75 worth of bonds for the Victory Drive to help boys who were overseas. Another of their main projects was to publish a monthly mimeographed newspaper known as the WIND-UP.

A Virginia art exhibit was shown to W.H.S. students on February 14 and 15 at the high school. The exhibit consisted of twenty-five canvases which had been painted from Virginia scenes.

On Friday, March 10, the 1946 seniors gave a play "The Arrival of Kitty," which had run four thousand nights on a New York stage.

Plans for a new high school building were made at an April 8 meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association. The members had expected to have raised the necessary funds over a period of two years, but their ideas fell through.

The first proof of the 1946 annual, THE EAGLE, was received on May 1. The staff proofread it and rushed it back to the printing company so that the students' copies would return before school was out for the year.

The floors of the home economics department were re-finished by the Future Homemakers of 1946. The club also sold sandwiches and drinks at noon for the benefit of the other students.

Commencement exercises began Sunday, June 2, at 8:00 P.M. with the baccalaureate sermon being delivered

by Reverend C.L. Eubank in the elementary auditorium. Final exercises were held Monday, June 3, at 8:00 P.M. and diplomas were awarded by the high school principal Miss Ocie Trimmer.

Graduation exercises were over and the official school year ended, but it was not too late for the F.F.A. Livestock Judging Team to win a trophy for the Willis Chapter at the annual Twin County Federation Livestock Judging Contest held in North Carolina on Thursday, June 20.

1946-1947

With the school year beginning on Tuesday, September 3, the high school enrollment totaled 222.

W.H.S. closed on December 20 for the Christmas holidays and reopened on January 2, 1947. Examinations began January 14 and work was launched on the annual in order to meet the March 14 deadline.

"Miss Willis" of 1946-47 was Lucille Quesenberry.

The Future Homemakers Club made and hung new curtains for the high school stage. The Future Farmers bought the present official F.F.A. equipment for the purpose of passing it down among the chapters at Willis. This has been done because the F.F.A. officers still use it.

The Beta Club of 1947 donated a clock to the school in appreciation for the many services she had rendered them over the years. The money for this clock was raised by giving a Negro Minstrel in December. The clock still hangs in the downstairs main hall and keeps perfect time.

A citizenship plaque was awarded to W.H.S. for the years 1947, 1948, 1949, and 1950.

1947-1948

1948-1949

At the peak of her prosperity, Willis High was receiving more students than ever. Those lost in graduation were replaced threefold. Eighty-two freshmen enrolled for the 1947-48 term.

The Willis Student Cooperative Association became a member of the National Association of Student Councils in 1948 and is still a member in good standing.

Eight delegates represented the Willis S.C.A. at the State S.C.A. District Convention which was held at Hillsville on April 22, 1949. The school was represented well and her students showed that they were proud of their national membership and intended to keep it for future club members.

"Miss Willis of 1948-49" was Joy Ann Bolt.

The senior class published the 1949 Eagle and presented it to the students.

The home economics department received new equipment and had a water system installed in 1949. Also, they sold their bedroom furniture and provided space for the principal's office. The principal, M.C. Sutphin, had his equipment and supplies moved from the present journalism room to this office and though the principal has changed, the location of the office remains the same.

1949-1950

The eighth grade was added to the school system in 1949-50 and was temporarily established in the high school building although they were not recognized as high school students. Arrangements were made for this grade to be re-established in the elementary building just before the 1951-52 school term.

Josephine Bowers reigned as "Miss Willis of 1949-50." In the fall of 1949, Volume 1, Issue 1 of The Eaglet was published. This was the first printed school newspaper at Willis High. Now, 12 Volumes, 5 Issues later, the newspaper is still the same size and still carries the same name.

1950-1951

After it was proved necessary to the school, a guidance department was opened in March of 1951. "Miss Willis of 1950-51" was Fern Hodges.

Eighty freshmen entered Willis High School in the fall of 1951. A lunchroom was provided for the students during this year. The first meal was served on October 28. Also, the Willis Chapter of Future Farmers was honored by an area plaque for seed judging.

Doretta Akers was chosen "Miss Willis of 1951-52" on November 3, 1951, in the elementary auditorium. The fifty-four girl contest was held to raise money for new athletic uniforms and equipment and to sponsor the physical education department.

1952-1953

1953-1954

"Pink and Peaches," the 1952 sophomore class play, was chosen best in a county tenth grade contest.

The F.F.A. boys again won honors for their chapter and school. They received a plaque for livestock judging in the area and an area degree team award.

In 1953 the chapter was awarded a degree team area and district award also.

1955-1956

Willis High School was voted the most in need of

repairs and new facilities in the summer of 1955 so the school board agreed to concentrate their funds for her improvement. Before school opened, washrooms, a new lunchroom, a new kitchen, an addition to the agriculture building, and a new fire escape were added to the Willis grounds. Also, individual parking space signs for faculty members and room identification signs were made and put up. These additions left a heavy mark in the modern history of W.H.S.

The new lunchroom opened on November 9. This was the year that student teachers were first introduced at Willis. They were Gerald Williams and Russell Henderson from V.P.I. An exchange student, Margarete Strehl of Germany, completed a term at Willis. Also, the boys' and girls' basketball teams exchanged the names "Farmers" and "Farmerettes" for "Comets" and "Comettes," respectively. Thomas Motor Company of Floyd, donated an electric basketball scoreboard to the elementary gym for high school use.

"Miss and Master W.H.S. of 1955-56" were Ramona Mitchell and Joseph Cox.

1956-1957

1957-1958

W.H.S. was modernized and opened to students for their approval last year so this year they either enjoyed or despised her.

"Miss and Master W.H.S. of 1956-57" were Ruby Phillips and Willard Goad.

The first senior trip was in 1958 to Washington, D.C. The class of 42 traveled by bus stopping at various places along the route.

A five-minute break between classes in 1954.





School custodian, Mr. Chris Hylton, hangs identification signs on entrances to various departments and classrooms at W.H.S.

Finishing touches are put on the new addition to the agriculture building in 1955-56.



New washrooms were installed in the basement in 1955-56.



Home economics department receives new equipment in 1955-56.

Basketball team names were changed from Willis Farmers to Willis Comets during 1955-56.





Top: Lunchroom workers try out new kitchen which was added to school in 1955-56. Bottom: A classroom was transformed into a lunchroom.



School publications are judged by Southern Interscholastic Press Association at Washington and Lee University each year. Publication sponsors and editors attend this convention each year.

Electric scoreboard donated to the elementary gym for high school use by Thomas Motor Company of Floyd in 1955.



1959-1960

Quill and Scroll members converted a storage room into a journalism room for student use and the school supply store was relocated and expanded by the Future Business Leaders of 1959-60. A clinic room was established by the Future Homemakers in the old "bell room." Located there was a hospital bed, table, chair, and all first-aid supplies.

A county-wide expanded program of work made the eighth grade an official part of the high school in the 1959-60 school year. They are housed in the elementary building because of the lack of space at the high school, but they receive high school credit for all of their subjects.

The "World Series" served as the theme for the 1960 annual magazine campaign which was held in October. For this campaign the school was divided into two teams: the "Pirates," freshmen and juniors; and the "Yankees," sophomores and seniors. The school goal of \$905 was topped by an all time record of \$1,855. A profit of \$454 was realized. Seventy-one students who sold at least \$10 worth of magazines were rewarded for their efforts by a trip to Galax for supper and skating.

Wanda Smith was crowned "Miss Willis High School

of 1960" at a beauty contest held December 3. The contest was organized and sponsored by the W.H.S. faculty and each of the thirty-three contestants were sponsored by a local business or some individual.

May 26-27 marked the date of the 1960 annual senior trip to Washington, D.C.

The Future Farmers were awarded a plaque for being chosen as having the best chapter in the area. The Future Homemakers made and hung new curtains for the stage.

Parents and friends of students in grades five through nine met June 13, 1960 to organize a band and a Band Booster Club for the coming year. Mr. Robert Umberger, band instructor, organized the interested students during the first week of August. Donations and many fund raising projects were carried on in order to finance the first year. The club ended the first term in May of 1961 with \$700 to draw interest and \$237.78 on checking account in the Floyd County Bank.

May 16, 1961, launched the Band Club's second year. They have purchased a \$200 instrument and have donated \$50 toward the publishing of the school's history. There is now \$800 in the club's treasury. The Band Club sponsors some form of community entertainment each month.

Plays still create interest for juniors and seniors at W.H.S.





Present school seal which was designed by Mr. Elmer Huff, Mr. N.P. Stockner, and Miss Nola Shelor in 1959.

Tangible honors bestowed upon W.H.S. from 1935 to 1960.





The 1960 Seniors strike "tourist pose" during trip to nation's capitol.

Sophomore agriculture class members participate in dairy judging.



1960-1961

Willis was reaching maturity but she was still gaining in the field of knowledge and accomplishment.

The school yearbook, THE EAGLE, won a first place state trophy in the 1960-61 S.I.P.A. conference.

The F.F.A. boys brought honor and splendor to their chapter again with a dairy judging award and the outstanding area chapter plaque.

The 1961 graduating class was the largest in the history of the school with forty-three members.

Thus we have come to the present with Willis High School about to be bidden farewell and forgotten. Only the 1962 edition of her accomplishments remains to be compiled. This history and the opening of her cornerstone will be the last tributes toward her. Willis High has been good to all of those of us who have known her, but, alas, she has served her purpose and must be discarded as are all things that have been used and are no longer of value. During the fleeting years we will look back and think of our Alma Mater, but she will be gone...gone, never to return...

Among the hills of the great southwest

Is a high school we always love the best.

She spares not time nor efforts small

To be faithful to us when'ere we call.

We'll sing her praises ever more

From mountain top to shore;

And we'll drink her health with a heart sincere

And her honor hold always very dear.

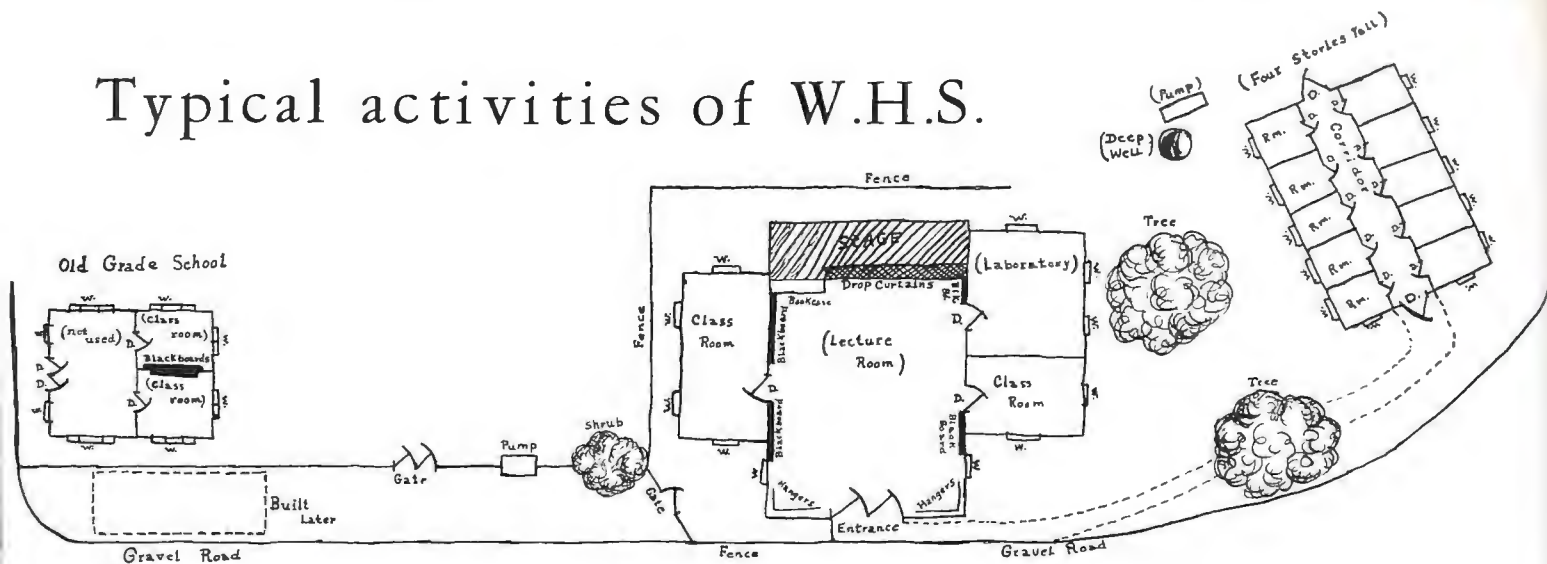
Willis High School, Willis High School,

We are singing, praises ringing,

With the pride of old Virginia,

Willis High School, here's to YOU!

Typical activities of W.H.S.



Sketch of Mountain Normal campus as it looked in 1884.



First May Queen of Willis High, Lauretta Hylton, with two attendants in 1924.

Future homemaker tidies up the class dining room.



Early Home Economics Club members.

1924 students pose on board walk that led to land joining the school grounds. This plank walk was later replaced by the present concrete one.



Members of a Thanksgiving play cast pose in costume for a snapshot.



Typical students dress of 1923 and 1924



1924-25 students pose on front steps of W.A.H.S.



Students listen attentively to Professor S.J. Thompson during a class period.



Mrs. A.F. Tobler, a 1917-1918 school teacher at W.H.S.

Students of 1925-26

First row: George Neece, Randolph Noell, Bertha Williams, Ethel Dehart, Pauline Harmon, Gracie Dehart, Josephine Quesenberry, Kate Cox (teacher), William Delf Bradbury (principal), Harold Donnelly. Second row: Claude Rector, Jessie Conner, Elmer Keith, Hazel Sutphin, Quinton Donnelly, Iva Wade, Martin Gardner, Freeda Slaughter, Frank Hylton, Stella Phlegar, Trent Weeks, Warren Dunn, George Neece. Third row: Winnie Wade, Beatrice Weeks, Sue Gardner, Senora Harmon, Lonnie Keith, Kate Weddle, John Conner, _____ White, May Hylton, Henritta Weeks, Annie Harmon, Bernett Poff, Raymond Gardner, Hazel Phillips, Victor Burnett, Pattie Gardner. Fourth row: Luther Marshall, Ruth Gardner, Harry Keith, Ivra Laymons, Troy Weeks, Freeda Harmon, Arney Wade, Mabel Gardner, Ovan Gardner, Lovelyn Stover, McClure Phlegar, Breeman Poff, Elree Harmon, Charles Donnelly, Edna Lee Hylton.

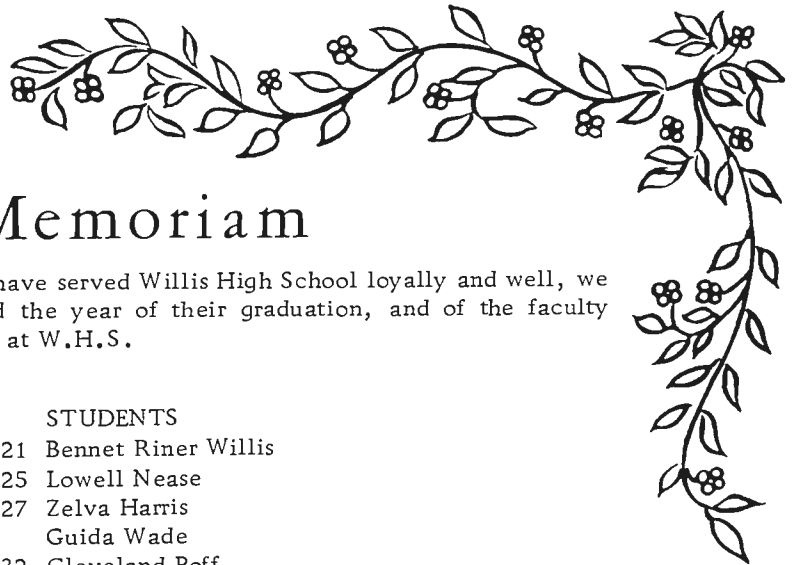




Members of 1961-62 band: First row: Arthur Spence, Question Keith, Patricia Spence, Linda Spence, Katie Spence, Reeda Burnette, Gus Howell, Clyde Smithers, Jimmy Spence, Terry Reed. Second row: Darrell Hollandsworth, Sandra Harris, Eunice Layman, Lester Bond, Blane Poff, Stephen Hill, Brenda Lester, Joe Boone, Edward Weeks, Linda Boyd, David Weeks.



Band Booster Club Officers: Seated: Mrs. Harold Weeks, Mrs. Wert Harris, Mrs. W.J. Boone. Standing: Mr. Jack Kaufman, band director, and Mr. Elmer Harris.



In Memoriam

In a final tribute to those who have served Willis High School loyally and well, we list the names of the students and the year of their graduation, and of the faculty members and the years they taught at W.H.S.

STUDENTS

1920-1921	Bennet Riner Willis
1924-1925	Lowell Nease
1926-1927	Zelva Harris Guida Wade
1931-1932	Cleveland Poff Rush Weddle
1932-1939	Clevie Cox Ella Donnelly
1933-1934	Vernon Rutrough Fred Sumpter
1935-1936	Arvie Maberry Alreda Weeks
1936-1937	Russell Weeks Geneva Hylton
1937-1938	Merlin Quesenberry Sam Burnette, Jr.
1938-1939	Cecil Hylton
1939-1940	Jay Akers Arnold Gallimore
1940-1941	Kathlyn Boyd
1941-1942	Roy Cleve Akers Ralph W. Dulaney
1942-1943	Marvin Harmon
1947-1948	J.C. Hollandsworth
1949-1950	Marvin Phillips
1950-1951	Floyd Reed
1956-1957	Billy Sutphin
1958-1959	George Woolwine

FACULTY

1921-1924	S.G. Thompson
1922-1928	J.A.L. Sutphin
1935-1936	Nerva Austin
1939-1941	E.C. Shortt J.E. Showalter
1946-1949	Y.P. Scruggs
1946-1948	Lena Canaday





Class of 1920-21

First row: Joe Poff, Hunter Akers, Sherman Weeks, Riner Willis.



Class of 1924-25

First row: Nell Dickerson, Mozelle Stillwell, Lowell Nease, Millis Cox, Weeda Quesenberry, Nancy Harmon. Second row: Helen Dickerson, Ruth Graham, Ruby Weeks, Mr. Bentley Hite (principal), Effie Keith, Ruth Nease. Not pictured: Elmer Gardner.

Class of 1927-28

First row: Lydia Poff, Ruth Hylton, Beatrice Weeks, Sue Gardner, Patty Gardner, Stella Phlegar. Second row: William Delf Bradbury (principal), Lonnie Keith, Frank Hylton, Burnett Poff, Luther Marshall.





Class of 1928-29
First row: Freeda Harmon, Ruth Gardner, Kate Weddle, Senora Harman, Mae Conner, Ivra Layman.

Class of 1929-30
First row: Reva Wade, Mildred Harmon, Lois Cannaday, Pauline Keith, Thelma Donnelly, Pierce Weeks, Carmon Hylton, Lorraine Sutphin, Thelma Harmon, Rosetta Slusher, Lauretta Hylton, Edmund Helms. Not pictured: Iva Wade, Victor Burnette.





Class of 1930-31

First row: Vera Thompson, Ila Alderman, Una Hylton, Thelma Earles, Juanita Page, Norma Harman, Paul Cox (principal). Second row: Elizabeth Einstein (teacher), Renva Weeks, Horatio Quesenberry, Howard Dickerson, Jacob M. Harmon, Harmon Hylton, Kate E. Weddle.

Class of 1931-32

First row: Minnie Slusher, Stella Cox, Lois Slusher, Livisie Quesenberry, Iula Slaughter, Beulah Harmon. Second row: Paul Cox (principal), Carlie Keith, Demas Gallimore, Cleveland Poff. Rush Weddle.





Class of 1932-33

First row: Emsley Gardner, Ida Dickerson, Ilor Simmons, Ella Donnelly, Rachel Poff, Ethel Wade, Roxie Bishop, Oneta Keith. Second row: Carl Poff, Tazwell Caldwell, John Will Weddle, McCoy Thompson, Maurice Rutrough, Lucille Harmon, Denton Harman, Pauleda Hylton, Cleve Cox.

Class of 1935-36

First row: Harry Weeks, Richard Harmon, Galen Weddle, Arvie Maberry, Martin Gardner, Helen Smith, Alreda Weeks, Beatrice Hatcher, Opal Teel, Evans Thompson, Alice Dickerson. Second row: Eldon Dickerson, Clarence Hylton, Jr., Sylvian Hylton, Ecmon Thompson, Evalane Dickerson, Iris Dickerson, Ellen Gay Weeks.





Class of 1936-37

First row: Reva Wade, Wallace Hylton, Maudie Boyd, Ercell Hylton, Ethelene Hill. Second row: J.B. Dickerson (usher), Frances Burnette (usher), Virginia Hylton, Ruth Spence. Third row: Ervin Cox, Russell Weeks, Lula Mae Cox, Geneva Hylton, Mildred Earles, Claude Slusher, Jr., Lila Mae Collier, Margaret Dickerson, June Harmon, Vertie Stanley, Vivian Stanley (usher), Howard Hylton (usher).

Class of 1937-38

First row: Melva Webb, Estelene Shelor, Frances Burnette, Vivian Stanley, Helen Alderman, Irene Harris. Second row: Kathlene Weddle, Edna Hylton, Estelle Branscomb, Edith Hylton, Loraine Hylton, Ola Dickerson, Lucille Smith. Third row: Myrtle Hatcher, Darius Flinchum, Merlin Quesenberry, Inez Quesinberry, Lincoln Reed, Howard Hylton. Fourth row: Pershing Hatcher, Sam Burnette, Jr., Warren Cannaday, Townsend Moles, Ralph Weeks, J.B. Dickerson, R.O. Slusher, Jr., Handford Webb.





Class of 1938-39

First row: Dorothy Weeks, Sylvia Vaughn, Alethia Gardner, Ruth Reed, Florence Hylton, Harvey B. Reed. Second row: Opal Dulaney, Evah Hill, Marie Childress, Nell Conduff, Eula Bamhart, Ruby Alderman. Third row: Rheda Alderman, Eula Alderman, Virgie Keith, Colen Teel, Lafayette Vaughn. Fourth row: Virgil Hylton, Cecil Hylton, Harold Weeks. Not pictured: Inez Dickerson, Elmo Dickerson, Virginia Mangus, Wyatt Phillips, Cassel Quesenberry, Mary Ethel Wade.

Class of 1940-41

First row: Kathlyn Boyd, Weeda Weeks, Annetta Tate, Clarah Dickerson, Arbutus Vaughan. Second row: Marjorie Harmon, Ethel McPeake, Gaynor Alderman, Violet Ballinger, Goldie Quesenberry, Geneva Teel. Third row: Ward Reed, Archie Phillips, Ruth Cannaday, William Castle, Ovilla Reed, Troy Akers, Sylvia Marshall, Julian Marshall. Not pictured: Macie Quesenberry.





Class of 1941-42

First row: Jewell Slusher, Vernon Dickerson, Isabel Gallimore, Ruth Merle Sutphin, Glenvar Harman, Marie Harris. Second row: Collis Goad, Sylvia Harris, Ralph Dulaney, Irma Rigney, Vasco Hylton, Louvenia Howell. Third row: Ralph Cannaday, Essie Duncan, Hugh Conduff, Mildred Marshall, Robert Kenley, Vivian Vaughan. Fourth row: Elrica Sowers, Alta Marshall, Frederick Scruggs, Iressa Quesenberry, Cleve Akers, Margie Reed, Lorraine Sutphin. Fifth row: Junior Vaughn, Maurice Hylton, Harden Reed, Ray Harris, Junior Phillips. Not pictured: Ivol Gay Quesenberry.

Class of 1942-43

First row: Jesse Webb, Sue Hylton, Avon Starr, Claudine Belcher, Gene Draper, Gladys Reed. Second row: Dempsey Lester, Elsie Reed, Marvin Harman, Margaret Harman, Lawrence Hylton, Ruby Harris, Ralph Howell. Third row: Alta Vaughan, Junior Akers, Juanita Harris, Harry Moore, Katie Spence. Fourth row: Journell Marshall, Frankie Bishop, Eula Weeks, Virgie Lee Quesenberry, Mabel Slusher, Kate Hylton, Ugie Quesenberry, Oneda Bonds, Ann Conduff, Edith Akers, Ruby Quesenberry, Eula Mae Duncan, Robert Castle.





Class of 1946-47

First row: Lorene Harris, Corene Harris, Velva Rea Harris, Zula Harris, Colleen Duncan, Nelva Wade, Marie Harmon, Nancy Willis, Lois Starr, Betty Helms. Second row: Virginia Phillips, Regenia Reece, Gloeda Gallimore, Lula Keith, Muriel Cox, Betty Jean Bolt, Christine DeHart, Eula Walker, Louise Keith. Third row: Shirley Akers, Nelson Bishop, Betty Jane Marshall, Geneva Lester, Maxie Duncan, Nancy Akers, Florence Harman, Wallace Harris, Calvin Willis. Fourth row: Billy Conduff, Gaylon Sowers, Carlin Maberry, Clarke Phillips, James Marshall, Russell Harris, Maurice Marshall, Melvin Wade. Fifth row: Oscola Harris, Ivan Wade, Archie Junior Simmons, Luther Bolt.

Class of 1947-48

First row: Arnold DeHart, Vera Mae Marshall, Kate Cox, Geneva Bishop, Willie Jane Weeks, Lena Hollandsworth, Joe Williams, Mary Alice Akers, Ada Harris, Lora Alderman, Edna Harmon, Lucille Quesenberry, Cobern Quesenberry. Second row: Richard Harris, J.C. Hollandsworth, Harold Bolt, Doris Ann Semones, Sybil Harris, Izell Bolt, Doris Goad, Nellie Marshall, Mary Ellen Bower, Coleen Spence, Clifton Gardner, Russell Quesenberry, Berlie Phillips. Third row: Leonard Harris, Eskrine Akers, Anita Hollandsworth, Winnie Martin, June Hollandsworth, Gwynn Sutphin, J.W. Harris, Jean Hodges, Betty Lou Underwood, Veda Cockran, Wanda Lou Weddle, Paulea Simmons, Lawrence Howell, Hugh Goad.





Class of 1948-49

First row: Kemp Harris, Rudolph Marshall, Coleen Bolt, Lora Hollandsworth, Mava Willis, Elrica Quesenberry, Charles Quesenberry, Robert Harris. Second row: Hassell Weeks, Ralph Duncan, Edward Shelor, Nova June Bolt, Bobby Lou Starr, Faye Hollandsworth, Wayne Donnelly, Drexel Lyons, Paul Cannaday. Third row: Edward Altizer, Dillard Harris, Erwin Goad, Glola Alley, Nina Bishop, Veda Mae Harris, Bobby Akers, Victor Hylton, Robert Howell.

Class of 1949-50

First row: Edison Moles, Glenda Cox DeHart, Reva Harris, Nina Hollandsworth, Bobby Jean Poff, Alva Mae Harmon, Edith Altizer, Reva Bishop, Odell Willis, Gene Turner. Second row: Phillip Weddle, Claudia Marshall, Marvin Marshall, Nelda Rea Sutphin, Betty Sue Altizer, Doris Sutphin, Betty Lou Goad, Gibson Weeks, Verlie Marshall, Oden Phillips. Third row: Kenneth Hodges, Pauline Harris, Claude Hylton, Clara Keith, Ruby Keith, Prentis Dulaney, Paul Belcher, Nancy Lea Kemp, Richard Cox. Fourth row: David Lee Harris, Cecil Phillips, Neva Dell Akers, Evelyn Phillips, Elizabeth Quesenberry, Clinton Duncan, Marvin Phillips. Not pictured: Leonard Hylton.





Class of 1950-51

First row: Arvil Harman, Thelma Alley, Jean Reed, Dorothy Harris, Mardell Goad, Zelwood Bishop, Majella Hollandsworth, Peggy Akers, Maritha Alderman, Floyd Reed. Second row: Gene Vaughn, Catherine Smith, Ethellean McAlexander, Pansy Higgs, Reva Akers, Fern Hodges, Ida Flinchum, Margaret Hollandsworth, Arlen Matherly, Eunice White, Norman Bolt. Third row: Robert Hylton, Melvin Dulaney, Violet Reece, Winnie Phillips, Opal Vipperman, Josephine Bowers, Cova Bolt, Beulah Hollandsworth, Majorie S. Goad, Elwood Goad, Gordon Moore. Fourth row: Ray Shelor, Merl Martin, Ervin Duncan, Dorothy Keith, Bertie Mae Dalton, Hazel Marshall, Joy Bolt, Carl Weddle, William Weddle, Eugene Keith.

Class of 1951-52

First row: Gueindoline Willis, Hattie Phillips, Winnie Quesenberry, Helen Hollandsworth, Mary Frances Caldwell, Barbara Howell. Second row: Anna Mae McPeak, Betty June Wade, Katy Ann Keith, Nelda Sue Spence, Gloria Mae Lester, Russell Keith, Velda Willis, Anna Dean Bishop. Third row: Louise Burnette, Major Reed, Donald Sutphin, Jimmy Lee Weddle, Minerva Hollandsworth, Russell Cox, Teddie Altizer, Goldie Phillips. Fourth row: Freeda Keith, Kenneth Hollandsworth, Paul Weeks, Lawrence Marshall, Robert Harmon, Ivan Green, Russell West, Maurice Smith, Harold Howell, Paul Cox.





Class of 1952-53

First row: Clonie Stanley, Alene Craig, Lois Turman, Zane Gallimore. Second row: Russell Quesenberry, Ray Bishop.

Class of 1953-54

First row: Shelby Jean Slusher, Iris Lee Phillips, Evah Alderman, Mozel Fayne, Maxine Simpkins, Dorothy Belcher, Betty Jean Alderman, Nancy Lou Duncan, Bonnie Marshall, Dotte Harris, Doretta Akers, Shirley Cox, Frances Cox. Second row: Sherrell Poff, Catherine Keith, Betty Ann Akers, Elizabeth Marshall, Betty Sue Weddle, Wendell Helms, Jeanette Bishop, Irma Jean Phillips, Jo Ann Weeks, Ann Hill, Carlton Harmon. Third row: Jennings Bolt, Clarence Howell, Donald Henley, Quinton Bishop, Vernon Baker, Robert Duncan, Lowell Webb, Bruce Belcher, Archie Cox, Roger Clay.





Class of 1954-55

First row: Bessie Reed, Bonnie Hollandsworth, Rosalind Harmon, Hazel Phillips, Kathryn Sowers, Nell Jane Hylton, Jean Boyd, Katie Mae Weddle, Mildred Hylton. Second row: Ramond Howell, Donald Turman, Eunice Mitchell, Mava Willis, Glada Reed, Cleveland Harris, Jr., Elsie Hall, Cora Ann Gardner, Jean Quesenberry, Howard Spence, Jr., Elvin Hylton. Third row: Robert Slaughter, Leon Dulaney, Kate Weeks, Bonelene Keith, Louise Belcher, Johnny Boothe, Goldie Dickerson, Aldene Phillips, Phyllis Akers Poff, Lonzie Alderman, J.E. Bolt. Fourth row: Dale Wade, Arlie Dalton, Rosie Buckner, Juanita Sutphin, Reda Phillips, Henry Hall, Ocie Marshall, Martha Estes, Shelva Ratliff, Jack Hylton, Frelin Quesenberry.

Class of 1955-56

First row: Miles Harris, Harold Alderman, Joyce Goad, Ramona Mitchell, Odetta Bond, Blanche Sowers Phillips, Pauletta Weeks, Margarete Strehl, Hanford Bond, J.V. Willis. Second row: Frank Phillips, Wayne Webb, Lois Dalton, Wanda Harmon, Clovie Goad Shockley, Ruth Ann Dulaney, Elizabeth Bishop, Noble Cox, Ward Bolt, Lincoln Weddle. Third row: Coy Keith, Lowell Clay, Clinton Wade, Eloise Hollandsworth, Wilma Cox, Mildred Caldwell, Huston Bowman (did not graduate), Edsel Helms, Dorris Helms. Fourth row: David Harmon, Billy Reece, Wanda Hylton, Ruth Cox, Lloyd Akers, Joe Cox. Not pictured: Goldie Nester.





Class of 1956-57

First row: Phyllis D. Slaughter, Ruby Phillips, Ruth Poff, Betty Lou Stanley, Wanda Cox, Helen Bolt, Emogene Howell, Phyllis H. Thompson, Ollie Mae Phillips, Lois D. Reed, Josephine H. Alderman. Second row: Charlie Harris, Carole Thompson, Lois Akers, Kathleen Burnette, Mildred Burnette, Evelyn Quesenberry, Alreta Weddle, Glenna Cox, Jerry Hollandsworth. Third row: David Vaughn, J.B. Mitchell, Jr., Donna Jean Weeks, Joan Quesenberry, Danny Wade, Betty Simpkins, Wilma Hylton, Joe Billy Reece, Alva Duncan. Fourth row: Willard Goad, Joe Davis Harris, Jabe Hollandsworth, Arlen Mabery, Frank Hylton, Billy Sutphin, Randolph Hollandsworth. Not pictured: James Cox.

Class of 1957-58

First row: Richard Marshall, Lucille Hollandsworth, Linda Williams Wade, Pauleta Goad, Lillian Harris, Phyllis Dickerson, Janet Poff, Phyllis Smith Hollandsworth, Sara Sue Simpkins, Phyllis Woolwine, Elwood Huff. Second row: Carlin Willis, Mary Ann Simmons, Darlene Hubbard Hylton, Hallie Webb Semones, Pearl Bishop, Phyllis Mitchell, Veva Belcher Hubbard, Wilma Keith, Glenna Clay, Larrene Quesenberry, Donnie Phillips. Third row: Buel Bolt, Joe Cox, Judy Harris Dulaney, Joanne Harmon, Kitty Gardner, Mary Ruth S. Stephens, Roselyn Poff, Glenna Turman, David McPeak, Richard Turman. Fourth row: James Akers, Wilkie Cox, Joe Harman, Theodore Marshall, Harry Sowers, Jr., Reif Bond, Steve Nester, Ned Stockner. Not pictured: Barbara Weeks Bain. Summer School Graduate: Wayland Burnette.





Class of 1958-59

First row: Esker Lee Akers, Reneda Cox, Sylvia Phillips, Ardith Hollandsworth, Doris Kemp, Loretta Duncan, Zula Shelton, Lois Branscome, Darlene Boyd, Richard Turman. Second row: Earl Vaughn, Bonnie Hollandsworth, Virginia Cox, Faye Phillips, George Woolwine, Geraldine Burnette, Joanna Turman, Nellie Boothe, Earl Reece. Third row: Ronald Weddle, Delene Goad, Leah Smith, Clinton Wade, Jerry Phillips, Barbara Weddle, Barbara Bolt, Ward Reece. Fourth row: Harlan Wade, Dallas Hubbard, Bernard Duncan, Alfred Bolt, Carlile Harris, Harless Sutphin, Douglas Bolt. Summer School Graduate: Christine Hylton (Not pictured).

Class of 1959-60

First row: Frances Alderman, Charlene Hatcher, Mabel Hubbard, Hilda Duncan, Rachel Slaughter, Iva Jane Belcher, Betty Harris, Rosa Helms, Arlene Akers, Joann Criner, Brenda Hollandsworth. Second row: Corvin Weddle, Norma Wade, Josephine Poff, Margaret Harman, Wayne Phillips, Sandra Weeks, Ruth Spence, Betty Hill, Posey Vaughn. Third row: Earnest Wade, Margaret Poff, Lena Turman, Ledford Bolt, Brown Spence, Virginia Turman, Joyce Hylton, Evans Hollandsworth. Fourth row: Glendal Sutphin, Larry Hollandsworth, Glen Harris, Wayne Ratliff, Bill Gardner, Fay Spence, Bergie Hatcher. Summer School Graduate: Richard Akers (Not pictured).





Class of 1960-61

First row: Roslie Spence, Joyce Dale Harris, Glynda Hancock, Joyce Ann Alley, Becky Howell, Iris Gail Dalton, Agnes Dalton, Bonnie Cox, Barbara Vaughn, Lea Wade, Mary Cox. Second row: Tennis Weeks, David Hylton, Learline Bumette, Carolyn Lorton, Carolyn Keith, Vesta Harmon, Freeda Harris, Loraine Burnette, Nancy Goad, William Akers, Delmas Mitchell. Third row: Gerald Smith, Lloyd Flinchum, Ronald Thompson, Calvin Rorrer, Glen Boyd, Ronald Harris, Larry Pugh, Roland Spence, Clyde Bishop, Loren Phillips. Fourth row: Ren Hollandsworth, Jack Donnelly, Alvin Harris, Tommy Alderman, Richard Cox, Edward Mabery, David Harris, Kendall Clay, Neddie Pugh. Summer School Graduates: Rodney Vaughn, Irvine Hylton.

Class of 1961-62

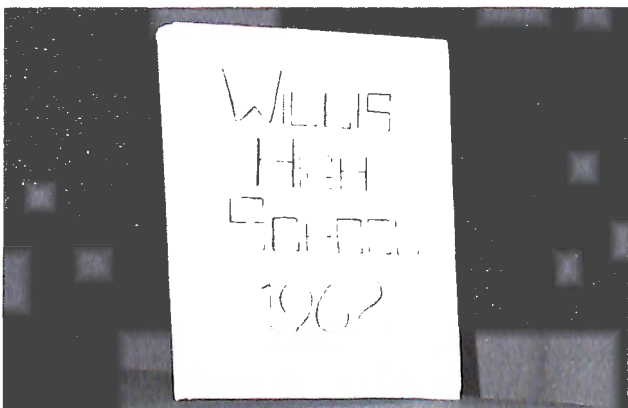
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Willis High School . . .

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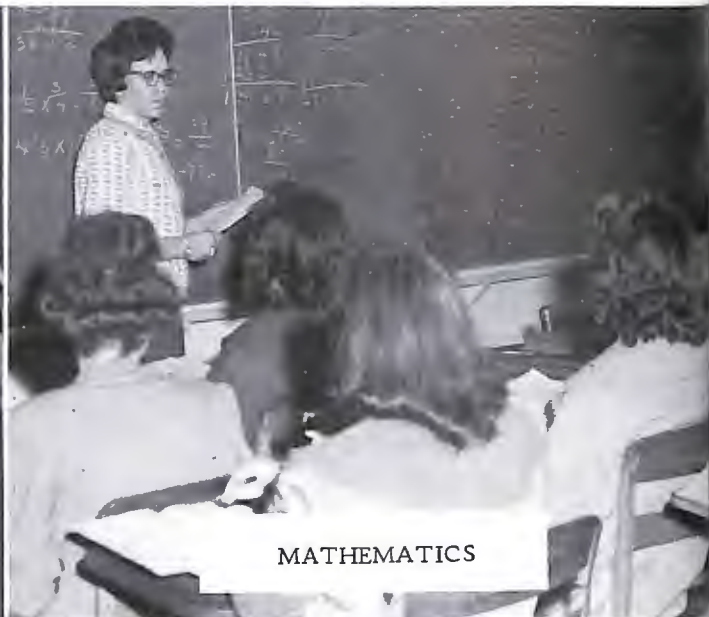
THE PAST IS COMPLETE; there can be no additions or subtractions. It has been previously recorded in the volumes of the library of Willis High School and summarized on the preceding pages.

THE PRESENT IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING; therefore, we compile this volume, page by page, chapter by chapter, as the contents take their final form. As we turn the pages of this 1962 EAGLE, we shall witness the formation of this final record as it is completed and added to the library of volumes relating past events of Willis High School.

W.H.S. Features 3 R's



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



MATHEMATICS



HOME ECONOMICS



AGRICULTURE



ENGLISH



SCIENCE

Reading, 'Riting . . .



BUSINESS



STUDY HALL

SCHEDULE 1961-62

Teacher	I 9:00-9:55	II 10:00-10:55	III 11:00-11:55	IV 11:55-1:05	V 1:10-2:10	VI 2:10-3:10
Agee		Shop II	Agriculture 10	Agriculture 9	Shop	
Strickler	Agriculture 11	Agriculture 12		Shop	Agriculture 9	
Gardner	Home Economics 11	Home Economics 12	Home Economics 10	Home Economics 9	Home Economics 9	
Shelor	Shorthand	Bookkeeping		Typing II	Typing I-A	Typing I-B
Turman	Biology 10-A	Biology 10-B	Science 9-A	Science 9-B	Chemistry	Study Hall
Coe		Physical Education 9	World Geography	World History	Physical Education 10	Study Hall
Frazier	English 12-A	Study Hall	English 12-B	Journalism	English 11-A	English 11-B
Dunford	Study Hall	Physical Education 9	History 11-A	History 11-B	Physical Education 10	Government
Dickerson	English 10-A	General Business 10-A	Study Hall	General Business 10-B	Civics	English 10-B
Mills	Mathematics 1-A	Algebra II	Mathematics 1-B	Study Hall		Algebra I
Spence	English 9-A	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	Study Hall	English 9-B
Kaufman			Band			
Quesenberry			Glee Club			



SOCIAL SCIENCE



MUSIC

and Recreation



Work is play in the school's annual magazine campaign, and students vie for sales.



W.H.S. students seem to be natural-born salesmen. They are setting off once more to sell ads for the support of school publications.



Basketball is "THE" sport at W.H.S.—players put mind and body into the game.



Many honors have been taken by W.H.S. students for their alma mater—including a first-place trophy from S.I.P.A. for the 1960 EAGLE.



Couples waltz to the romantic strains of "heaven-sent" music at one of the four annual W.H.S. dances.



Symbolic of our club work is the Student Cooperative Association, which guides and coordinates the seven clubs of W.H.S. and their various activities.

ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent

Principals

Teachers

Secretary

Workers



● The Administrative Staff of Willis High is composed of well-trained faculty members who are opening the doors of opportunity for the students and guiding them to a full education in many fields.

● Dedicated to the cause of education, they are using their dreams, their talents, their skills, their ambitions, their knowledge, and their concentrated patience to plant seeds of truth and goodness, love and knowledge, courage and understanding in the minds and hearts of today's youth.



MR. ALONZO MONDAY
B.A., Emory and Henry College
M.A., Peabody College
Superintendent of Floyd County Schools

In guiding students to a full education and to the building of a well-rounded life, the faculty at W.H.S. have used all their talents.

A staff of 18 dedicated persons, including teachers, principals, and a secretary, is devoting itself to supply the students at W.H.S. with all the tools and dreams they will need to become tomorrow's citizens.

By executing well this task of building the future from the present, the Administrative Staff of W.H.S. is indeed making the last year for Willis High School its best.

MR. N.P. STOCKNER
B.S., University of Arkansas
Principal of Willis High School



MISS ARLENE AKERS
Secretary



MR. WILLIAM G. DAVIS
B.A., Milligan College
M. Ed., V.P.I.
Principal of Willis Elementary School



MISS EMILY QUEISENBERRY
B.A., Georgetown College
Girls' Physical Education, English, History
Choral Group



MISS BEATRICE DICKERSON
B.A., Radford College
English, General Business, Civics
F.T.A.



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Math, Science, Boys' Physical Education
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Radford College
English
Librarian



MRS. ALTA TURMAN
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Science, English
S.C.A.



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Beta Club, Cheerleaders, Girls' Basketball Team



MRS. NANCY HARMAN
Radford College
History, Science
S.C.A.

Faculty



MR. J.W. STRICKLER, JR.
V.P.I.
Agriculture, Shop
F.F.A.



MRS. FREEDA MILLS
B.A., Bridgewater College
Math



MR. H.E. AGEE
B.S., V.P.I.
Agriculture, Farm Mechanics
F.F.A.

They Work Too:



MRS. ARTHUR SPENCE
MRS. HUGH SIMMONS
Cooks



MR. JAMES BOLT
Custodian

The cooks start work early each morning to prepare a well-balanced meal for the approximately 150 students who will eat lunch each day.

Mr. Bolt, custodian, is kept very busy by his many responsibilities around the school. Heating the rooms, collecting lunch tickets, and general repairs are only a part of his day at Willis High.

CLASSES

Class of '62

Class of '63

Class of '64

Class of '65

Class of '66



() The students who are pictured in the following section come to Willis High School from all parts of the Willis community. Through their study of books and their every-day associations, the students are being molded into individuals of maturity, initiative, and purpose.

The curriculum of each student is designed to give him an opportunity to develop his cultural, civic, and economic needs in relation to his ability to develop them.



'62 CLASS OFFICERS

ETTA LEE BURNETTE.....Reporter
 VIRGINIA DULANEY.....Secretary
 DOUGLAS PHILLIPS.....Treasurer

JUDY HOLLANDSWORTH.....President
 GLENDA MITCHELL.....Vice-President

Class of 1962



MRS. ALDEN FRAZIER
 Sponsor



MISS NOLA SHELOR
 Sponsor



DONALD ALDERMAN



GAIL BISHOP



NANCY BOLT



SCOTTY BOOTHE

Class of 1962

Willis High School senior queen and attendants at the Floyd County Christmas Parade.



I walked into the senior homeroom one morning to see a group of my friends huddled together and their hushed voices drew me near.

As the circle momentarily parted to let me enter, I saw the point of interest. A mutilated book was spread open and on the left page was a picture partially covered by a muddy footprint. As my eyes strained to decipher the people in the picture, a sad voice inside began quietly to explain the meaning of this book.

"We, 52 students, were just beginning our long, hard climb as freshmen in the year of 1958. The five who posed in the picture were the officers we chose to officiate that year: Etta Lee Burnette, president; Catherine Gardner, vice-president; Jo Ann Mitchell, secretary; Judy Hollandsworth, treasurer; and Faye Phillips, reporter. The two teachers pictured below the five were our sponsors, Mrs. Kitty R. Burnette and Mr. Harry Keith, Jr.

"That year we were strange faces to the upper-classmen, and in the parties and activities we were usually present, but not included."

The next page of the book was torn and neither the pictures nor the words were legible. This page and the following five became clearer as the voice continued in its story:

"In August of 1959 forty-one of us, smaller in number than the year before, climbed the worn steps to our home as sophomores for the coming nine months.

"Five students were elected for the class offices from president through reporter: Donald Alderman, Elvin Duncan, Jo Ann Mitchell, Rollie Simpkins, and Judy Hollandsworth. We were not new members as we had been twelve months before, and we changed our sponsors to Mrs. Doris Shelor and Miss Beatrice Dickerson. That year was spent in trying everything from joining every club to dissecting creatures in biology."

ETTA BURNETTE
ELVIN DUNCAN



ALLEN COX
VERA DUNCAN



MARY HELEN COX
CATHERINE GARDNER



VIRGINIA DULANEY
JIMMY GOAD





KENNY GORDON



CAROLE HARRIS



JOYCE HELMS



HARRY HILL

Class of 1962

Seniors plan for senior trip.



As we turned the pages of the book slowly, they became cleaner, the pictures became clearer, and that quiet voice turned time back to September 2, 1960:

"Thirty-three students sauntered into a single room to meet the junior sponsor, Mrs. Alden Frazier.

"Immediately after our entrance into a new year of school, each one of us thirty-three felt a warming difference—we were now an active part of the upper-class activities.

"The 'Harvest Festival,' Valentine Social, and our play, 'Calm Yourself!' coached by Mrs. Frazier, kept the days rapidly moving along with our studies and our usual extra curricular activities.

"On May 12 of 1961 we launched our first great adventure when we sponsored our Junior-Senior Prom and Banquet. Our class president, Judy Hollandsworth was mistress of ceremonies and the class officers Etta Lee Burnette, Wanda Smith, Judy Huff, and Catherine Gardner were the prompters.

"Our junior class met success as members won cash prizes in essay contests and one student, Wanda Smith, reigned as Miss Willis High of 1960-61."

One girl was steadily turning pages of the book and the contents were more evident than those on the pages before, for only slight smudges of finger prints sprinkled the page. "This was our senior year," the voice said and my vision of the pages grew dimmer as the depth of thought and the quietness of the voice enveloped me:

"Three months ago we ushered out the school year and the seniors of '61 and now we had reached the step vacated by them—the last step of our hard climb of high school.

"Thirty-three was still the sum total of our class under the direction of Miss Nola Shelor and Mrs. Alden Frazier as we began the last year on August 24, 1962.

"Mounting the last step before the rest of the class were the officers: Judy Hollandsworth, president; Glenda Mitchell, vice-president; Virginia Dulaney, secretary; Douglas Phillips, treasurer; and Etta Lee Burnette, reporter.

BARBARA KEITH
JO ANN MITCHELL

JUDY HOLLANDSWORTH
LARRY JAMISON

GLENDA MITCHELL
DOUGLAS PHILLIPS

ALREDA HUBBARD
FAYE PHILLIPS





MARGARET PHILLIPS



JUDY PUGH



JACKIE QUESENBERRY



ROLLIE SIMPKINS

Class of 1962

Seniors choose calling cards and invitations.



"The winter passed uneventfully except that government got harder and Faye Phillips was chosen 'Miss Willis High School' by our senior class.

"Spring brought a shower of events which included the senior class trip. Preceding the trip, Senior Superlatives were chosen as follows: Best Citizen, Allen Cox and Jackie Quesenberry; Most Versatile, Elvin Duncan and Judy Hollandsworth; Most Courteous, Larry Jamison and Linda Slaughter; Most Athletic, Donald Alderman and Faye Phillips; Most School Spirited, Harry Hill and Jo Ann Mitchell; Most Dependable, Douglas Phillips and Glenda Mitchell; Most Likely to Succeed, Elvin Duncan and Virginia Dulaney; Most Popular, Donald Alderman and Etta Lee Burnette."

I heard the voice and I remembered that the last step of our journey at Willis High was almost completed. The teachers that guided us here are too numerous to name and the thanks we have given them are all too few.

Mr. Stockner should have added thanks for the years he has kept Willis a place we will always be proud to remember as our ALMA MATER.

Unconsciously I had been counting the slightly dingy pages of the book as they turned and the 20th one was startling white, as if it had never been touched. The quiet voice grew to a higher pitch as it said:

"You are now in the present—setting the pace for the future. The pages filled with strangeness on the white background is each of your futures as you go different ways. The book may come to a close after these few pages, but the pages in your book of life will keep turning, bringing new experiences and happiness only if you will keep the footprints of time from walking upon it. The book that you are looking through has no back for it has no end. Miles and years may pass quickly, but a memory such as this writing fades but never disappears."

WANDA SMITH



LINDA SLAUGHTER



JUDY TURMAN



JUDITH WEEKS



DONNITA WORRELL



'63 CLASS OFFICERS

BARBARA MITCHELL.....Reporter

GLEN PHILLIPS.....President

PHYLLIS HOLLANDSWORTH.....Treasurer

CALVIN HARRIS.....Vice-President

JOAN HOLLANDSWORTH.....Secretary

Class of 1963



MRS. ALTA TURMAN
Sponsor



MISS LAKIE DUNFORD
Sponsor



IMOGENE AGEE



FREEDA ALDERMAN

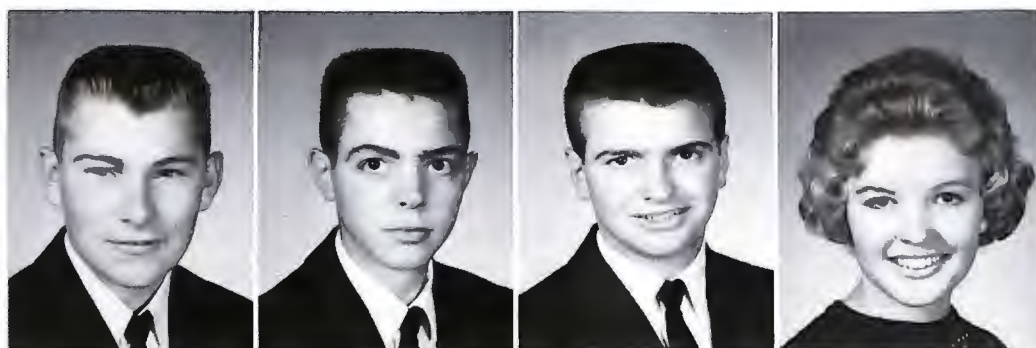


ROGER ALDERMAN



WELDON BELCHER
LEWIS CANNADAY
CLARA CONNER
EVELYN COX

MAXIE COX
NANCY DUNCAN
MARTIN HALL
BETTY HARRIS



CALVIN HARRIS
DOUGLAS HIGGS
JEWELL HIGGS
JOAN HOLLANDSWORTH

Juniors tangle with business subjects.



JOYCE
HOLLANDSWORTH
PHYLLIS
HOLLANDSWORTH

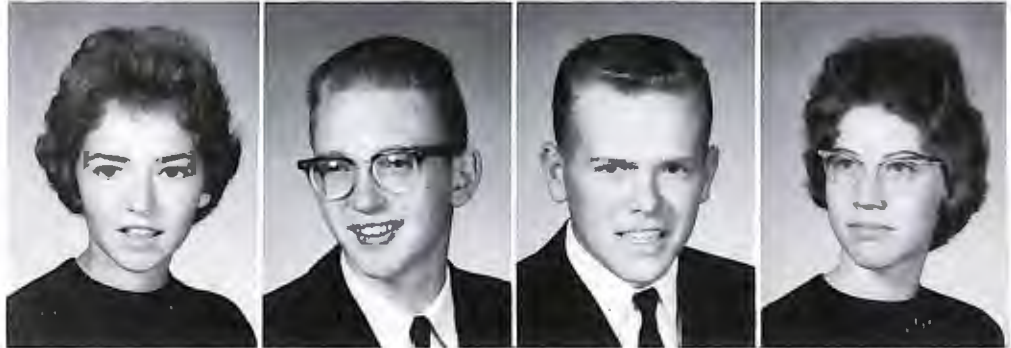


J.W. HYLTON
JANET HYLTON

ROGER MARSHALL
BARBARA MITCHELL
AVIS NESTER
LINDA NOLEN



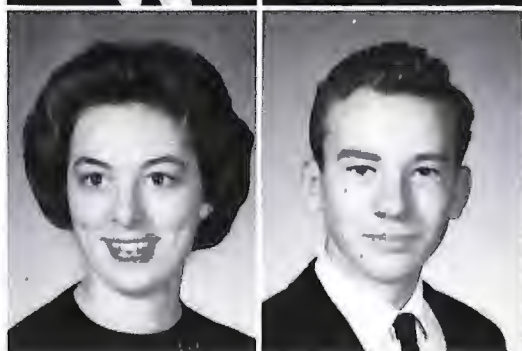
ALREDA PHILLIPS
GLEN PHILLIPS
TED PHILLIPS
VERNA PHILLIPS



GEORGE POFF
JOYCE REECE
OLEDA REED
NANCY SMITH



JOE WADE
HILDA WEBB



ANN WEEKS
LARRY WEEKS

Juniors make plans for prom.





MISS BEATRICE DICKERSON
Sponsor

MISS STELLA SPENCE
Sponsor



'64 CLASS OFFICERS

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LINDA KEITH..... Vice-President
LINDA LORTON..... President
HILDA BURNETTE..... Secretary
GAIL BOLT..... Reporter



MARTHA ALDERMAN



Sophomores relax between classes.



RUTH ALTIZER

Class of 1964



GAIL BOLT
ROGER BOLT



HILDA BURNETTE
SANDRA CALDWELL



ALLEN COX
EUGENE COX



PAULINE COX
RACHEL CRINER

BRENDA BISHOP
MOZELLE DUNCAN



NANCY DUNCAN
DIANA GOAD



BRENDA HARRIS
DIANNE HIGGS



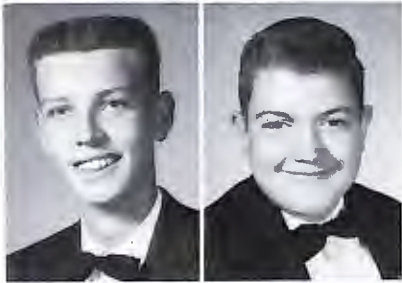
JANNIE HUFF
LINDA HYLTON



Class of 1964



To parse, or not to parse. . .that is the query.



RANDALL HYLTON
DAVID KEITH



LINDA KEITH
LINDA LORTON

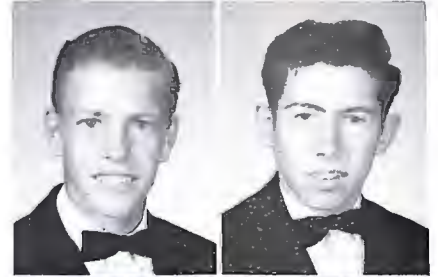


BERTHA MARTIN
REECE McPEAK, JR.



DELORES MYERS
IVAN PHILLIPS

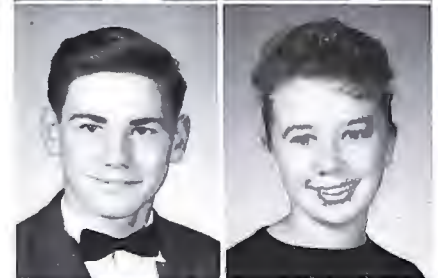
TOBIAS PHILLIPS
DAVID QUESENBERRY



DONNIE SLAUGHTER
RONALD SMITH



MICHAEL TURMAN
CATHERINE VAUGHN



BARBARA WILLARD
CAROL WILLIAMS



Class of 1964



Sophomores work toward their motto, "Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."

Class of 1965



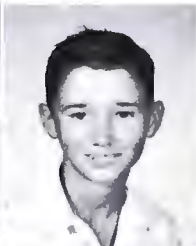
'65 CLASS OFFICERS

KATHERINE HARRIS	Reporter	BRENDA SMITH.....	Secretary
JOHNNY PHILLIPS.....	President	NANCY HARRIS.....	Vice-President
NORRIS BELCHER	Treasurer		



GRAY AGEE

MR. FRANKLIN COE
Sponsor



CONNIE BELCHER
NORRIS BELCHER

MRS. FREEDA MILLS
Sponsor



JO ANN BISHOP
RICHARD BISHOP
SYLVIA BOLT



LESTER BOND
JOE BOONE
SHIRLEY BOOTHE

Class of



Freshmen are eager to learn new things through the following years.

MADALENE BUCKNER
RICHARD BURNETTE
DALE COX

MICHAEL BRANSCOME



ROGER DALE COX
ARNEDIA DALTON
BETTY DALTON
BILL JOE DILLON



RENA DUNCAN
CHRISTINE GOAD
MAYBELLENE GOAD
VELVA DALE GOAD
ELWOOD HANDY



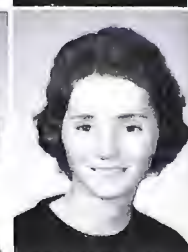
BEULAH HARRIS
JOHN HARRIS
KATHERINE HARRIS
LARRY HARRIS
MARGARET HARRIS



NANCY HARRIS
TONY HARRIS
HELEN HILL
BETTY HOLLANDSWORTH
BLONDENE HOLLANDSWORTH



WANDA HOLLANDSWORTH
GENEVA HUBBARD
CARL HUFF
LINDA HYLTON
VIRGINIA HYLTON



1965



QUENTION KEITH



JO ANN MARSHALL
ANNA DEAN MARTIN
LEROY MARTIN



WILLIAM MAXWELL
DORSIE MONTGOMERY
ELAINE PHILLIPS
JACKIE PHILLIPS



JOHNNY PHILLIPS
BLANE POFF
IVA DELL PRATT
DALE PUGH
ANNE QUESENBERRY



BENNIE QUESENBERRY
DOUGLAS QUESENBERRY
SHIRLEY QUESENBERRY
BARBARA REED
DALE REED



TERRY REED
GELIA REECE
BRENDA SMITH
MICHAEL SMITH
ARTHUR SPENCE



WANDA TURPIN
GLENDA WEDDLE
VERA WEDDLE
EDWARD WEEKS
SHEILA WORRELL



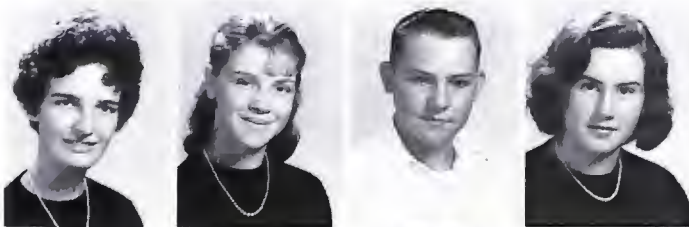
Freshmen are introduced to new building.



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 LINDA GALLIMORE.....Vice-President
 BETTY LORTON.....Secretary
 RICHARD JOHNS.....Treasurer
 JO ANN VAUGHN.....Reporter

MR. CLEVELAND HARRIS, JR.
 Sponsor
 MISS EMILY QUESINBERRY
 Sponsor
 MRS. NANCY HARMAN
 Sponsor

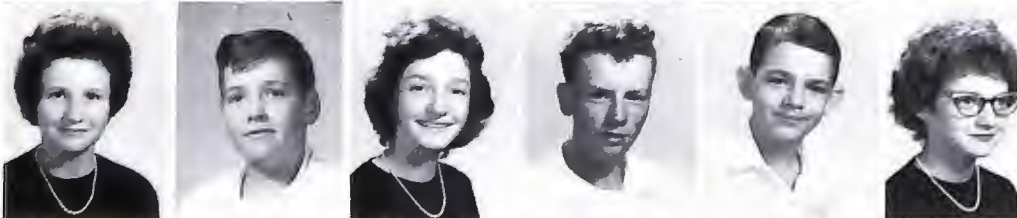


BONNIE ALDERMAN
 GENEVA ALTIZER
 LEON BELCHER
 PATRICIA BELCHER

Class of



BETSY BOLT
 TRUMAN BOLT, JR.
 JAMES BOWMAN
 NANNIE MAE BOYD
 KAYE BRANNAN



REEDA BURNETTE
 DAVID CARROLL
 BARBARA COX
 BOBBY COX
 DAVID COX
 GLENDA DALTON



LORENE
DALTON

LOWELL
DALTON

NANCY
DALTON

MARLIN
DICKERSON

DOYLE
DILLON

WAYNE
DULANEY

BONNIE SUE
DUNCAN



Eighth Grade "All Stars."

BRENDA DUNCAN



ROLAND DUNCAN
SHIRLEY DUNCAN



LINDA GALLIMORE
PHYLLIS GALLIMORE



PHYLLIS GOAD
SUSIE GOAD
DALE HALL



1966

PATSY HARMAN
PHILIP HARRIS
MARGARETTE HELMS
BETTY HIGGS



JEANEAL HIGGS
STEPHEN HILL
CHRISTINE HOLLANDSWORTH
DARRELL HOLLANDSWORTH
MARTHA HOLLANDSWORTH



PHILLIP HUFF
SHIRLEY HUFF
RALPH HYLTON
RICHARD JOHNS
DAVID KEITH
SUSAN KEITH



EVELYN
KENLEY

NORMA
LA FON

BRENDA
LESTER

BETTY
LORTON

CLIFFORD
MABERRY

LOIS
MABERRY

BARBARA
MARTIN



BRENDA MARTIN



JOYCE MATHERLY
JUDY MATHERLY



DONALD MITCHELL
CLELLEN MOLES



Eighth graders make drawings for bulletin board.

Class of 1966



MYRTLE PENDLETON
DONALD PHILLIPS
GENEVA PHILLIPS



LOVELENE PHILLIPS
REBA PHILLIPS
JEAN QUESENBERRY
CECIL ROOP



ARMEN SHOWALTER
ALICE SMITH
EDEL SMITH
WAYNE SPENCE
FRANK STANLEY



JIMMIE SUTPHIN
JOHN SUTPHIN
DOUGLAS THOMPSON, JR.
CONNIE TRAIL
BRENDA TURMAN
NANCY TURMAN



PEGGY
TURMAN

BONNIE
TURPIN

JO ANN
VAUGHN

WILLIAM
VAUGHN

DENNIS
WADE

SIDNEY WEBB

JOHN DAVID
WEDDLE

ORGANIZATIONS

Honor Clubs

Journalistic Clubs

Vocational Clubs

Sports

Musical Groups



Willis High School has 14 organizations to strengthen its total program of student growth and development. These include honor societies, journalistic clubs, vocational clubs, sports, and musical groups, all of which furnish opportunities for growth in leadership and responsibility which are as necessary to the student as his actual class work. We are very proud of our organizations which develop in students the qualities essential to adult life.

School welfare improved by S. C. A.



Officers: Freeda Alderman, treasurer; Phyllis Hollandsworth, secretary; Jackie Quesenberry, president; Evelyn Cox, vice-president; Catherine Vaughn, reporter.



An S.C.A. committee makes plans, with the sponsor, for the Fall Fiesta.

The S.C.A. is an organization which works for character development, co-operation, and citizenship among the students.

Officers of the council are elected by the student body and the representatives are elected in each homeroom. The S.C.A. awards school letters, co-sponsors a social, prepares bulletin board schedules, and gives P.T.A. programs and assembly programs as some of its activities.



Points are counted to determine who will receive school letters.



Representatives: Gelia Reece, Martha Alderman, Jo Ann Mitchell, William Harris, Elvin Duncan, Dianne Higgs, Hilda Webb, Barbara Mitchell.

Beta Club strives for scholarship



Officers: Joyce Reece, reporter; Glenda Mitchell, treasurer; Judy Hollandsworth, secretary; Etta Lee Burnette,

president; Evelyn Cox, vice-president; Miss Lakie Dunford, sponsor.



The standards for membership in the Beta Club include a high scholastic record, good character, commendable attitude, and leadership ability.

The highlights of the year were the co-sponsoring of the Fall Fiesta, sending delegates to the Beta Convention, and giving gifts to a needy family at Christmas.

Members: First row: Catherine Gardner, Linda Slaughter, Judy Fugh, Evelyn Cox, Alreda Hubbard, Judy Hollandsworth, Etta Lee Burnette, Glenda Mitchell, Wanda Smith. Second row: Joyce Reece, Mary Helen Cox, Ann Weeks, Betty Harris, Freeda Alderman, Linda Nolen, Phyllis Hollandsworth, Jo Ann Mitchell, Virginia Dulaney. Third row: Miss Lakie Dunford, sponsor, Randall Hylton, Joe Wade, Glen Phillips.



New Beta officers are installed.

Beta members go to the annual Beta Convention at Hotel Roanoke.

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Floyd, Virginia





EAGLE Editors: Catherine Vaughn, associate editor; Ann Weeks, associate editor; Catherine Gardner, editor-in-chief.



MISS NOLA SHELOR
Sponsor

This twenty-second edition of the Willis High School annual, THE EAGLE, marks its final publication. Extra efforts have been put forth to make this an outstanding yearbook. For the first time, this year, THE EAGLE includes a complete history of Willis High School from 1917 until 1962. Twenty-four extra pages have been added this year over last year's 96 pages. The 1962 EAGLE again features a four-color picture on a wrap-around cover.

The staff worked long and devotedly to produce this year's annual. Under the able guidance of Miss Nola Shelor, sponsor, the pages of copy and stacks of pictures were developed into the 120 pages of the 1962 EAGLE.

Annual Staff



Business Staff: First row: Wanda Smith, Gail Bishop, Douglas Phillips, Carole Harris. Second row: Scotty Boothe, Glenda Mitchell, Judy Pugh, Alreda Hubbard, Joyce Helms. Third row:

The Eagle and The Eaglet

Annual Staff: First row: Evelyn Cox, Nancy Bolt, Glenda Mitchell, Jo Ann Mitchell, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Slaughter. Second row: Etta Lee Burnette, Gail Bolt, Linda Lorton, Diana Goad, Phyllis Hollandsworth, Joyce

Hollandsworth, Joyce Reece, Katherine Harris, Brenda Smith. Third row: Martin Hall, Elvin Duncan, Randall Hylton, Ted Phillips, Jackie Quesenberry, Virginia Dulaney, Harry Hill.





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EAGLET Editors: Linda Nolen, associate editor; Judy Hollandsworth, editor-in-chief; Sandra Caldwell, associate editor.



Ted Phillips, Barbara Keith, Virginia Dulaney, Jimmy Goad, Donald Alderman.

The Eaglet, a six-page newspaper, is edited five times a year by the newspaper staff. This year the paper has many improvements through the use of more pictures, mats, and various columns. Also, as a special feature this year, the paper is concentrating on various items of interest and devoting an entire page to the coverage of these items. Some of these include the school's history, character sketches, the consolidation program, and others.

Each year The Eaglet is sent to S.I.P.A. for judging by authorities in journalism, and this year, for the first time, the paper is being evaluated by the R.P.I. News Critical Service.

Newspaper Staff

feature school history

Newspaper Staff: First row: Etta Lee Burnette, Jo Ann Mitchell, Hilda Burnette. Second row: Faye Phillips, Gail Bolt, Catherine Vaughn, Joyce Reece, Glenda Mitchell. Third row: Diana Goad, Linda Nolen, Katherine Harris. Fourth

row: Larry Jamison, Randall Hylton, Ted Phillips, Jackie Quesenberry, Virginia Dulaney, Harry Hill, David Keith, Joan Hollandsworth, Barbara Mitchell, Linda Slaughter.



Editing history is job of Quill and Scroll



Officers: Linda Nolen, reporter; Nancy Bolt, secretary; Judy Hollandsworth, president; Joyce Reece, vice-president; Glenda Mitchell, treasurer.

The Frazier-Shelor Chapter of Quill and Scroll is a nationally affiliated organization for the purpose of encouraging and rewarding individual achievement in journalism.

To be a member of this organization, a student must be interested in journalism, he must rank in the upper one-third of his class scholastically, and he must be approved for membership by the principal, advisors, and executive secretary of the national organization.

Organized in 1960, the chapter has been accredited for sponsoring some of the following for Willis High School: handling school publicity for local papers, editing the school history, securing films and speakers in the field of journalism, and establishing and adding to a journalism library.



Quill and Scroll members are hard at work on school's history.



Linda Nolen works on school column "At Willis High" to appear in The Floyd Press.

Quill and Scroll

Members: First row: Ann Weeks, Joyce Helms, Catherine Gardner, Judy Turman. Second row: Barbara Keith, Jo Ann Mitchell, Linda Slaughter, Virginia Dulaney. Third row: Etta Lee Burnette, Wanda Smith, Joan Hollandsworth.



MISS NOLA SHELOR
MRS. ALDEN FRAZIER
Sponsors



F. B. L. A. conducts follow-up of graduates



F.B.L.A. officers work on follow-up study of former graduates.

President Jo Ann Mitchell awards members with degrees.



MISS NOLA SHELOR
Sponsor

The Future Business Leaders of America is a nationally affiliated organization for the purpose of creating interest in the business field. Membership is open to any regularly enrolled student of Willis High School who is taking at least two business subjects.

Yearly, the chapter sponsors a March of Dimes Drive for the entire county and maintains a school supply store for the convenience of students and teachers. The Chapter is also in charge of the V.P.I. spelling contest given to the students through their English classes. The F.B.L.A. co-sponsors the annual Valentine Social. The major project of the Chapter this year is to conduct a follow-up study of all the former graduates of Willis High School.

Officers: First row: Glenda Mitchell, secretary; Joyce Reece, photographer. Second row: Jo Ann Mitchell, president; Joyce Helms, vice-president; Mary Helen Cox, treasurer; Virginia Dulaney, reporter; Nancy Bolt, chaplain; Phyllis Hollandsworth, historian; Glen Phillips, parliamentarian.



Members: First row: Joan Hollandsworth, Joyce Hollandsworth, Judy Turman, Gail Bishop, Alreda Hubbard, Margaret Phillips, Judy Hollandsworth. Second row: Linda Nolen, Judith Weeks, Donnita Worrell, Barbara Mitchell, Freeda Alderman, Wanda Smith, Linda Slaughter, Faye Phillips, Barbara Keith. Third row: Donald Alderman, Scotty Boothe, Eunice Harris, Junior Duncan, Douglas Higgs, Glen Phillips.



F. H. A. members measure

Future Homemakers of America



MRS. NORA GARDNER
Sponsor



MRS. ODEN HARRIS
Chapter Mother



BARBARA MITCHELL
Treasurer



CAROLE HARRIS
Secretary



JO ANN MITCHELL
Reporter



CATHERINE VAUGHN
Historian



WANDA SMITH
President



ANN WEEKS
Vice-President



JUDY HOLLANDSWORTH
Parliamentarian



PHYLLIS HOLLANDSWORTH
Song Leader



CATHERINE GARDNER
Photographer



SANDRA CALDWELL
Pianist

"Measure Your Values and Look Ahead" was the theme selected by the Willis Chapter, Future Homemakers of America for the year 1961-62.

The chapter selected good citizenship as its major emphasis for the year and programs were planned around ways of developing good citizenship through activities in the home, school, and community. The programs presented were: "Important Values in Family Living," "Degrees of Achievement," "Youth's Responsibility in

the Government," and "F.H.A.'s Role in Civil Defense."

Each member of the chapter works on projects at home which are related to units of work in class instruction.

With knowledge gained and basic skills learned in these activities the Willis members can truly say: "We are the Future Homemakers of America, We face the future with warm courage and high hopes."

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Floyd, Virginia

their values and look ahead



First row: Imogene Agee, Connie Belcher, Sylvia Bolt, Maxie Cox, Margie Criner, Glenda Mitchell, Maybellene Goad, Katherine Harris, Betty Hollandsworth, Alreda Hubbard, Wanda Hollandsworth. Second row: Carol Williams, Hilda Webb, Mary Helen Cox, Ruth Altizer, Brenda Bishop, Gail Bishop, Virginia Hylton, Pauline Cox, Blondene Hollandsworth, Linda Keith, Gelia Reece, Barbara Reed, Judy Turman, Jo Ann Marshall, Donnita Worrell, Barbara Willard. Third row: Wanda Turpin, Dianne Higgs, Nancy Duncan, Jo Ann Bishop, Nancy Smith, Sharon Dalton, Rena Duncan, Helen Hill, Joan Hollandsworth, Joyce Hollandsworth, Joyce Helms, Oleda Reed, Shelia Worrell, Linda Nolen, Virginia Dulaney. Fourth row: Freeda Alderman,

Brenda Smith, Joyce Reece, Verna Phillips, Alreda Phillips, Delores Myers, Bertha Martin, Etta Lee Burnette, Linda Hylton, Janet Hylton, Jannie Huff. Fifth row: Jackie Quesenberry, Velva Goad, Brenda Harris, Rachel Criner, Glenda Weddle, Armedia Dalton, Mozelle Duncan, Elaine Phillips, Faye Phillips, Barbara Keith, Geneva Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Gail Bolt, Margaret Harris, Clara Bell Conner. Sixth row: Kaye Pratt, Linda Slaughter, Betty Dalton, Geneva Hubbard, Nancy Harris, Beulah Harris, Linda Hylton, Linda Lorton, Anna Dean Martin, Iva Dell Pratt, Ann Quesenberry, Shirley Quesenberry, Hilda Burnette, Judith Weeks, Dianne Goad, Vera Weddle.

Seniors work together on their woolen garments.



Rev. C.H. Loudy speaks at club meeting on "Spiritual Values."



F.H.A. co-sponsors community square dance.

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Floyd, Virginia

Future Farmers work for



Officers: Harry Hill, reporter; Rollie Simpkins, treasurer; Donald Alderman, president; Douglas Phillips, sentinel; Joe Wade, vice-president; Elvin Duncan, secretary.

The primary aim of the Future Farmers of America is the development of agricultural leadership, co-operation, and citizenship. It works to create more interest in the vocation of agriculture and to train the boys who will produce the food for tomorrow's citizens.

Membership is open to any student enrolled in vocational agriculture at Willis High School. The club

makes 4 degrees available to its members, from the Greenhand of the first year member through Chapter Farmer, State Farmer, and the American or National Farmer degree. These degrees are available to any member who is willing to work for them.



Student studies use of electric welder in farm mechanics class.



Classroom instruction in agriculture.

agricultural leadership



Senior Class: First row: Allen Cox, Kenny Gordon. Second row: Rollie Simpkins, Donald Alderman, Douglas Phillips, Harry Hill, Elvin Duncan.



Junior Class: First row: Avis Nester, Roger Marshall, Joe Wade, Jewell Higgs. Second row: Weldon Belcher, Lewis Cannaday, J.W. Hylton, Roger Alderman. Third row: Calvin Harris, Ted Phillips, Douglas Higgs, Larry Weeks.

Future Farmers of America



Sophomore Class: First row: David Quesenberry, Roger Bolt, David Keith, Toby Phillips. Second row: Ivan Phillips, Donnie Slaughter, William Maxwell, Ronald Smith. Third row: Leonard Howell, Allen Cox, Eugene Cox. Fourth row: Junior McPeak, Leroy Martin, Michael Turman.



Freshman Class: First row: Norris Belcher, Michael Branscome, Roger Cox, Terry Reed, Dale Cox. Second row: John Harris, Lester Bond, Larry Harris, Authur Spence. Third row: Elwood Handy, Tony Harris, Bennie Quesenberry, Dale Reed. Fourth row: Qention Keith, Shirley Boothe, Michael Smith, Dale Pugh. Fifth row: Joe Boone, Edward Weeks, Gray Agee, Douglas Quesenberry, Blane Poff. Sixth row: Johnny Phillips, Jackie Phillips, Richard Burnette, Bill Joe Dillon.

F. T. A. encourages teacher recruitment

MARTIN HALL
President



BETTY HARRIS
Vice-President



SANDRA CALDWELL
Song and Game Leader

ANN WEEKS
Chaplain

JOAN HOLLANDSWORTH
Historian

LINDA LORTON
Chaplain

EVELYN COX
Secretary

BARBARA KEITH
Parliamentarian

J.W. HYLTON
Treasurer

LINDA NOLEN
Reporter

MISS BEATRICE DICKERSON
Sponsor

Future Teachers of America

The Lura Phlegar Chapter of the Future Teachers of America was organized in 1955 by Mr. Elmer Huff, former W.H.S. teacher. The present adviser, Miss Beatrice Dickerson, became sponsor of the club in 1958.

The purposes of the F.T.A. are to interest good students in becoming teachers, to develop the beginnings of professional attitudes, and to cultivate qualities of leadership, character, and scholarship.

Members pledge to keep the good teacher requirements: physical vitality, mental vigor, moral discrimination, wholesome personality, helpfulness, knowledge, and leadership.

Membership is open to any student in grades ten to twelve who is interested in exploring teaching as a career and who has the qualities essential to becoming a good teacher. Officers are elected annually by ballot. The committees include program, membership, finance, and service.

Mrs. Lura Phlegar, for whom the chapter was named.

Members: First row: Joyce Reece, Janet Hylton, Alreda Phillips, Hilda Burnette, Linda Keith, Dianne Higgs, Catherine Vaughn. Second row: Diana Goad, Phyllis Hollandsworth, Joyce Helms, Freeda Alderman, Gail Bolt,

Catherine Gardner, Hilda Webb. Third row: Roger Marshall, Larry Weeks, Ted Phillips, Douglas Higgs, Lewis Cannaday.



Safety patrolmen assist bus drivers



Safety Patrol: First row: John Harris, Glenda Mitchell, Barbara Reed, Donnie Turman, Douglas Thompson. Second row: Iris Bolt, Anne Quesenberry, Betty Hollandsworth, Roger Cox, Dale Reed, Joan Hollandsworth, Barbara Mitchell, Imogene Agee. Third row: Bill Joe Dillon, William Maxwell, Avis Nester, Joyce Hollandsworth, Iva Dell Pratt, Larry Jamison, Johnny Phillips, Reece McPeake, Jr., J.W. Hylton, Norma La Fon



HILDA WEBB
Captain
LINDA SLAUGHTER
Reporter

ROGER BOLT
Lieutenant

The Safety Patrol of Willis High School and the Willis Elementary School is organized by the school to assist the bus drivers in maintaining proper conduct on the school buses.

Patrolmen are selected from the pupils who ride the buses on the basis of maturity, responsibility, and dependability. Their duties are to assist the bus drivers in every possible way, set examples of proper conduct, to preserve safety standards when pupils are getting on or off the bus, and to see that all safety rules are followed by the students.

Through the patrolmen's invaluable aid to the drivers and their adherence to all safety standards, the necessity for many rules and regulations concerning conduct on school buses is relieved.

Patrolmen are admitted to many school functions without charge. Each year they are treated to supper and a movie in payment for their services.

Bus Drivers: Douglas Higgs, Leonard Hylton, Jewell Higgs, Jess Slaughter, Clyde Phillips, Victor Hylton, Junior Harris, Andy Hylton, Russell

Quesenberry, Jimmy Hylton, Leslie Sowers, Donald Alderman, Junior Duncan. Not Pictured: Calvin Harris.





Cheerleaders: Gelia Reece, Freeda Alderman, Judy Hollandsworth, Judy Turman, Joyce Hollandsworth, Sharon Dalton.

Teams cheered on by cheerleaders



Sharon Dalton, Gelia Reece



Joyce Hollandsworth, Freeda Alderman

Yelling to the finish, the six cheerleaders cheered the Willis basketball teams throughout the season. These girls were chosen last fall by the coach, Miss Lakie Dunford, and selected on quality of voice and agility.

The squad was led by Co-captains Judy Hollandsworth and Judy Turman. Willis High's morale would not have been the same without the cheerleaders.



Judy Hollandsworth, Judy Turman
Co-captains



The Comettes' starting six.

Comettes break four-year jinx

Faye Phillips
Catherine Gardner
Co-captains



Miss Lakie Dunford, new W.H.S. basketball coach, led the Comettes through a successful season. Long hours of practice and hard work helped the Comettes to develop into a strong working unit. Though the Comettes suffered some losses, they learned from experience and this only added to their joy in winning. Through the development of team spirit and good sportsmanship, the 1961-62 season meant much to each member of the squad.



Wanda Smith, manager;
Jo Ann Mitchell,
timekeeper;
Linda Nolen, scorekeeper;
Ann Weeks, manager.

MISS LAKIE DUNFORD
Coach



Comettes: Catherine Gardner, Nancy Smith, Barbara Keith, Margaret Harris, Iva Dell Pratt, Faye Phillips, Evelyn Cox, Etta Lee Burnette, Ann Weeks, Nancy Harris, Brenda Smith, Catherine Vaughn.



Junior Varsity

Boys' Varsity earns



Junior Varsity: Douglas Quesenberry, Richard Burnette, Tony Harris, Arthur Spence, Bennie Quesenberry, Edward Weeks, Qention Keith, Lester Bond, Terry Reed.

WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL Basketball Schedule 1961 - 1962

Nov. 17	Woolwine	Home
Nov. 21	Rocky Gap	Away*
Nov. 28	Stuart	Away*
Dec. 1	Floyd	Away
Dec. 5	Meadows of Dan	Away*
Dec. 8	Auburn	Home
Dec. 12	Shawsville	Home
Dec. 20	Auburn	Away
Jan. 5	Meadows of Dan	Home
Jan. 16	Floyd	Home
Jan. 19	Check	Home
Jan. 23	Rocky Gap	Home*
Jan. 30	Woolwine	Away*
Feb. 2	Stuart	Home*
Feb. 6	Shawsville	Away
Feb. 9	Check	Away

J. V. and Varsity Boys
ALL HOME GAMES WILL
BEGIN AT 6:30
BOYS' COACH—Franklin Coe
GIRLS' COACH—LAKIE DUNFORD



Scorekeepers and Manager: Cleveland Harris, Jr., Eunice Harris, Douglas Phillips.



Douglas Quesenberry, Lester Bond
Captain and Co-captain

The J.V. team, made up of nine fast freshmen, was somewhat inexperienced, but developed skill in ball-handling and maneuverability and came out with a notable record. The team was led by Captain Douglas Quesenberry and Co-captain Lester Bond.



CALVIN HARRIS
Ht: 6'
Junior



JOE BOONE
Ht: 6'
Freshman



RANDALL HYLTON
Ht: 6'4"
Sophomore



JOHN HARRIS
Ht: 5'6"
Freshman



DONALD
ALDERMAN
Ht: 6'1"
Senior

berth in tournament



Comets: Randall Hylton, Donald Alderman, Calvin Harris, Ted Phillips, Dale Pugh, Roger Bolt, Joe Boone, David Keith, Larry Harris, John Harris.

Varsity Co-captain Calvin Harris,
Coach Franklin Coe, Captain Donald
Alderman.

Boys' Varsity Basketball

The ten-member varsity this season was made up of players from last year's junior varsity. The players lacked experience, but made up for it in ability, team spirit, and the desire to win. Captain Donald Alderman, Co-captain Calvin Harris, Coach Coe, and the team, as a whole, worked closely together to make this, the last year at W.H.S., a most successful one.

The scorekeepers and managers did their jobs excellently and thus boosted the teams on to victory.



TED PHILLIPS
Ht: 6'
Junior



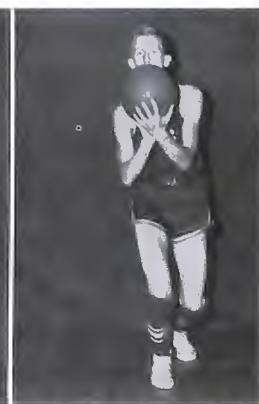
LARRY HARRIS
Ht: 5'8"
Freshman



DAVID KEITH
Ht: 5'8"
Sophomore



ROGER BOLT
Ht: 6'
Sophomore



DALE PUGH
Ht: 6'
Freshman

Music added to W.H.S. curriculum



First row: Darrell Hollandsworth, Question Keith, Patricia Spence, Linda Spence, Katie Spence, Reeda Burnette, Gus Howell, Edward Weeks, Terry Reed, Jimmy Spence, Christine Goad, Connie Trail, Mr. Jack Kaufman,

sponsor. Second row: Arthur Spence, Steve Hill, Blane Poff, Brenda Lester, Joe Boone, Sandra Harris, Eunice Layman, Lester Bond, Clyde Smithers, David Weeks, Linda Boyd.

In 1959, the Willis Band was organized with 10 students under the instruction of Mr. Robert Umberger. Mr. Jack Kaufman, present director of the Band, took charge in 1961. The present 28-member Band has sponsored record hops, square dances, a carnival, and a comical basketball game to raise money for uniforms and instruments.

Mr. Jack Kaufman was the first director for the Glee Club, organized in 1961 with 25 eighth grade girls participating. Miss Emily Quesenberry succeeded him as leader. The Club, with a membership of 68 in 1962, has sung for various P.T.A. meetings, the Floyd Christmas Parade, and at the cornerstone laying of F.C.H.S.

Band and Choral Group

First row: Gelia Reece, Bonnie Turpin, Martha Hollandsworth, Virginia Hylton, Brenda Turman, Katherine Harris, Sylvia Bolt, Jo Ann Bishop, Blondene Hollandsworth, Linda Gallimore, Myrtle Pendleton, Lois Mabery, Lorene Dalton, Joyce Matherly. Second row: Betty Hollandsworth, Linda Hylton, Arnedia Dalton, Wanda Turpin, Helen Hill, Maybellene Goad, Glenda Weddle, Shirley Duncan, Connie Belcher, Patricia Belcher, Susan Keith, Norma La Fon, Barbara Cox, Velva Goad, Madaline Buckner, Kaye Brannan, Miss Emily Quesenberry, sponsor. Third row: Lovelene Phillips,

Shirley Huff, Brenda Martin, Bonnie Alderman, Jeaneal Higgs, Margarette Helms, Jo Ann Vaughn, Betsy Bolt, Nancy Turman, Evelyn Kenley, Betty Higgs, Peggy Turman, Nannie Mae Boyd, Rena Duncan, Brenda Smith, Bonnie Sue Duncan, Betty Lorton, Wanda Hollandsworth. Fourth row: Jo Ann Marshall, Brenda Duncan, Phyllis Gallimore, Judy Matherly, Geneva Altizer, Susie Goad, Nancy Dalton, Jean Quesenberry, Christine Hollandsworth, Phyllis Goad, Reba Phillips, Glenda Dalton, Barbara Martin, Patsy Harman, Geneva Phillips, Alice Smith, Nancy Harris, Beulah Harris.



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Senior Statistics



○ In addition to studying, a school year at Willis High is highlighted by the many activities toward which students and teachers focus their attention and anticipation.

○ The bestowing of honors and special recognition is looked forward to with great interest and the individual learns that one must contribute something beyond that which is expected of the group if he is to be honored.

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Wanda Smith, bookkeeper, points out total for campaign.

Magazine Campaign

At W.H.S. the World Series had a special meaning this year. This was the theme of the annual W.H.S. magazine campaign. The students topped the school goal of \$885.00 with an all time high of \$1,922.76 during the two week campaign. Catherine Gardner topped all records for individual sales with \$173.16. Various drawings added interest to the campaign and prizes to lucky students. A skating party at Galax was awarded to salesmen of over \$5.00 worth of magazines. The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade homerooms had 100 per cent sales and, in return, received an ice cream party.



Team captains, Evelyn Cox and Judy Hollandsworth, receive prizes from the magazine company representative, Mr. Lloyd Donaldson.



Mr. Lloyd Donaldson presents \$100 pins to Eunice Harris, Ann Weeks, and Catherine Gardner.



The "Yankees" defeat of the "Reds" in the annual magazine campaign is highlighted on hall bulletin board.



Catherine Gardner, high salesman for campaign, receives trophy from Mrs. Alden Frazier, "Yankee" sponsor.

Senior Statistics

ALDERMAN, DONALD GENE

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, National F. F. A. Convention 3, Seed and Grain Team 1, 2, Federation Forestry Judging Team 3, 4, Dairy Judging Team 3; K. V. G. 1, 2, 3; Editorial Staff 3, 4, Assistant Circulation Manager 3, Typist 4, Vice-President 4; S. C. A. Representative 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, J. V. Captain 2, Varsity Captain 4; Junior Play 3; F. B. L. A. 4.

BISHOP, GAIL LYNN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Assistant's Degree 3; Editorial Staff 4, Associate Circulation Manager 4.

BOLT, NANCY CAROL

Library Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y Club 1, 2; F. H. A. 1; Attended Prince Edward Academy and Farmville High School; F. B. L. A. 4, Chaplain 4, Assistant's Degree 4; Quill and Scroll 4, Secretary 4; Editorial Staff 4, Associate Copy Editor 4.

BOOTHE, WILLIAM SCOTTY

F. F. A. 1, 2; K. V. G. 2; Editorial Staff 4, Circulation Manager 4; F. B. L. A. 4; Junior Play 3.

BURNETTE, ETNA LEE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Historian 2, Reporter 3, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, President 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Editorial Staff 1, 2, 3, 4, Girls' Sports Editor 2, Assistant Copy Editor 3, Feature Editor 4; Safety Patrol 1; Class President 1; Class Vice-President 3; Class Reporter 4; Girls' Athletic Award 4.

COX, ALLEN MCARTHUR

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Dairy Judging Team 1, 3, Seed and Grain Team 3, Forestry Judging Team 4; K. V. G. 1, 2, 3, 4, Crew Leader 4.

COX, MARY HELEN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 2; Beta Club 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Historian 3, Treasurer 4, F. B. L. A. Convention 3; Editorial Staff 4, Proofreader 4.

DULANEY, VIRGINIA MAE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Reporter 4, Assistant's Degree 3, Supervisor's Degree 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Class Secretary 4; Editorial Staff 4, Typist 4.

DUNCAN, ELVIN, JR.

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; K. V. G. 1, 2, 3, 4, Crew Leader 4; F. B. L. A. 4; Editorial Staff Representative 4; S. C. A. Representative 4; Safety Patrol 1; Class Vice-President 2; Boys' Citizenship Award 4.

DUNCAN, VERA ELIZABETH

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1.

GARDNER, VIRGINIA CATHERINE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Photographer 1, 2, 4, Reporter 3, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2, State Homemaker's Degree 3, F. F. A. - F. H. A. Camp 1, State F. H. A. Convention 2, 3, National F. H. A. Convention 2, Secretary of Parkway Federation 3, President of Parkway Federation 4, Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow; Editorial Staff 1, 2, 3, 4, Associate Editor of EAGLE 2, 3, Editor-in-Chief of EAGLE 4, President 4; Beta Club 2, 3, 4, Secretary 3; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; F. T. A. 4; Delegate to Girls' State 3; S. I. P. A. Convention 3; Junior Play 3; Class Vice-President 1; Class Reporter 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; High Magazine Salesman 4; Science Fair (County) 3, Science Fair (Regional) 3; Glee Club 1; State FHA Nominating Committee Member 4; Perfect Attendance Award 4; Valedictorian 4.

GOAD, JIMMY LLOYD

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3; K. V. G. 1, 2, 3; Safety Patrol 1, 2, 3, 4; Editorial Staff 4; Typist 4.

GORDON, KENNY WILLIAM

F. F. A. 1, 4, Forestry Judging Team 4; K. V. G. 1; Junior Play 3.

HARRIS, CAROLE ROSE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Song and Game Leader 3, Secretary 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 3, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 3; Editorial Staff 4, Associate Business Manager 4; S. C. A. Representative 3; Junior Play 3; Cheerleader 2, 3.

HELMS, INDIA JOYCE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. T. A. 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Secretary 3, Vice-President 4, Assistant's Degree 3, Supervisor's Degree 4, F. B. L. A. Convention 3; Editorial Staff 4, Typist 4; Glee Club 1; Quill and Scroll 4.

HILL, HARRY CLEVELAND

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4, F. F. A. Rally 3, Forestry Judging Team 3, 4; K. V. G. 2, 3, 4, Crew Leader 4; Boys' State 3; Junior Play 3; Editorial Staff 4, Humor Editor 4.

HOLLANDSWORTH, JUDY ELAINE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Song and Game Leader 2, Vice-President 3, Parliamentarian 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2, State

Homemaker's Degree 3; Editorial Staff 1, 2, 3, 4, Associate Editor of "Eaglet" 1, 2, 3, Editor-in-Chief of the "Eaglet" 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Secretary 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4, President 4; F. B. L. A. 4, Assistant's Degree 4; S. I. P. A. Convention 3; Class Treasurer 1; Class Reporter 2; Class President 3; Class President 4; Junior Play 3; Basketball 1; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Salutatorian 4.

HUBBARD, ALREDA MILDRED

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Assistant's Degree 3, F. B. L. A. Convention 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Editorial Staff 4, Typist 4; S. C. A. Representative 2, S. C. A. District Convention 2; Wildlife Essay Contest Winner 3.

JAMISON, LARRY WALTER

Projection Club 1, 2; Baseball 2; Basketball 2; Attended Milford Mill High School; Safety Patrol 4; Editorial Staff 4, Exchange Editor 4.

KEITH, BARBARA JEAN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. T. A. 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Parliamentarian 4; Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Editorial Staff 4, Typist 4; Safety Patrol 1, 2; Quill and Scroll 4; F. B. L. A. 4.

MITCHELL, GLENDA BERYL

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 3; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Secretary 4, Assistant's Degree 3, Supervisor's Degree 4; Editorial Staff 4, Reporter 4, Typist 4; Quill and Scroll 4, Treasurer 4; Beta Club 3, 4, Treasurer 4; Class Vice-President 4; Safety Patrol 4; Perfect Attendance Award 4.

MITCHELL, JO ANN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Chaplain 3, President 4, Assistant's Degree 3, Supervisor's Degree 4, F. B. L. A. District Convention 3, F. B. L. A. District Spelling Contest 3; Editorial Staff 4, Feature Editor 4; Class Secretary 1; Class Secretary 2; Safety Patrol 2, Lieutenant 2; S. C. A. Representative 4; Quill and Scroll 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Wildlife Essay Contest Winner 3; Girls' Basketball Timekeeper 4.

PHILLIPS, DOUGLAS ROGER

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Sentinel 4, Seed and Grain Show 3, Floyd-Carroll Federation 4, Reporter 4, Forestry Judging Team 4; K. V. G. 1, 2, 3, 4, Crew Leader 4; Class Treasurer 4; Editorial Staff 4, Treasurer 4, Associate Circulation Manager 4; Basketball Manager 4.

PHILLIPS, MARGARET EDNA

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Attended F. B. L. A. District Convention 3; V. P. I. Science Fair 1, Floyd Science Fair Winner 1.

PHILLIPS, WINNIE FAYE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4; Editorial Staff 1, 4, Club News Editor 4; Class Reporter 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4.

PUGH, JUDY HUFF

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3; Beta Club 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Safety Patrol 1; Class Treasurer 3; Basketball Manager 3; Editorial Staff 4.

QUESENBERRY, JACKELINE GAY

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2; Editorial Staff 3, 4, Girls' Sports Editor 3, 4; S. C. A. Representative 3, President 4, S. C. A. State Convention 3, S. C. A. District Meeting 4; Girls' Citizenship Award 4.

SIMPKINS, ROLLIE BERNARD

F. F. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3, Treasurer 4, Seed and Grain Show 3, Forestry Judging Team 4; K. V. G. 3, 4, Crew Leader 4; Editorial Staff 3; S. C. A. Representative 2.

SLAUGHTER, LINDA OLIVIA

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Editorial Staff 2, 3, 4, Secretary 4; Proofreader 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4, Treasurer 3; Beta Club 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, Reporter 3; Safety Patrol 4, Reporter 4.

SMITH, WANDA LUCILLE

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4, F. H. A. Convention 3, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2; Editorial Staff 2, 3, 4, Treasurer 3, Business Manager 4; Quill and Scroll 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 4; Beta Club 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; S. C. A. Representative 1; Safety Patrol 1; Basketball Manager 2, 3, 4; Miss WHS 1960-1961; Girls' Activities Award 4.

TURMAN, JUDY ANN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4, F. B. L. A. District Convention 3; Editorial Staff 3, 4; Cheerleader 2, 3, 4, Co-Captain 4.

WEEKS, JUDITH ANN

F. H. A. 1, 2, 3, 4, Junior Homemaker's Degree 1, Chapter Homemaker's Degree 2; F. B. L. A. 3, 4.

WORRELL, DONNITA MARVARENE

F. H. A. 2, 3, 4; F. B. L. A. 3, 4.

W.H.S. wins recognition and



First-year FBLA members achieve Assistant Degrees.



Martin Hall places first in Science Fair.



Future Homemakers win Chapter Degrees.



Five FHA girls receive State Home-makers Degrees. Missing from picture, Wanda Smith.



FTA awards pins to Phyllis and Joan Hollandsworth for outstanding art contributions.



Shorthand students receive Junior and Senior OGA awards.



Certificates were awarded to \$25 salesmen during the magazine campaign.

rewards for outstanding achievements



FBLA Supervisors Degrees go to four seniors.



FHA Chapter members are presented Junior Home-maker Degrees.



Joe Boone captures third place in Science Fair.



Betty Sue Harris is presented a \$5 check for her essay on "Employment of the Physically Handicapped."



Scotty Boothe and Martin Hall receive honorable mention for their essay, "America the Beautiful—How Long Without Clean Water?"



Cash awards were given for content of wildlife essays.



Douglas Phillips, Joe Wade, and Benny Quesenberry are recognized for the honors they received at the Roanoke Area Fat Stock Show.

Top honors go



Joe Boone takes third place in Floyd-Carroll Federation Tractor Driving Contest.



Catherine Gardner is valedictorian of Class of '62.



Fifty points for extra-curricular activities merit school letters for 15 students.

Glenda Mitchell wins outstanding Business Student Award.



Gail Bishop wins \$300 nursing scholarship.

Ann Weeks served as correspondent to Co-ed Magazine.



Douglas Phillips, serves as Reporter of Floyd-Carroll Federation.



Catherine Gardner was presented the Betty Crocker award for 1962.

to many students



Judy Hollandsworth
is salutatorian of
class of '62.

Certificates and
seals go to students
with a score of 100
on FBLA spelling
contests.



Ann Weeks wins PTA Scholarship.



Nancy Harris receives bracelet from Miss Nola Shelor
for being high salesman of tickets to PTA fund-raising
super.

Delegates attend SIPA convention at Lexington, Va.



Catherine Gardner served as presi-
dent of Parkway Federation.



Mr. Stockner, Prin-
cipal of Willis High,
receives certificate
for 100 per cent
participation in the
Wildlife Essay Con-
test from the Honora-
ble Albertis S. Harri-
son, Governor
of Virginia.

Harry Hill and
Catherine Gardner
represented W.H.S. at
Boys and Girls States.



Juniors honor '62 Seniors with



Glen Phillips, president of the Junior Class and Master of Ceremonies, dances with his date, Betty Sue Harris.

"Twilight in the South" was the name chosen by the Juniors of W.H.S. as the theme of this year's Junior-Senior Prom held Friday evening, May 11, 1962.

Master of Ceremonies was Glen Phillips, who extended a warm welcome to the Senior Class and guests. Judy Hollandsworth, President of the Senior Class, responded by complimenting the Junior Class on the beautiful decorations.



Chaperones enjoy listening to the music at Junior-Senior Prom.

Junior-

Couples dance to music by the Mad Hatters.



"Twilight in the South"

Music for the occasion was provided by the Mad Hatters of Hillsville, Virginia.

Special guests included the following: Mr. and Mrs. Selma Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Winston Alderman, and Mrs. and Mrs. Paul Hylton.



Judy Hollandsworth, president of the Senior Class, and escort Bernard Hylton enjoy watching colorful scene on dance floor.



Seniors form '62 class figure.

-Senior Prom

Dancing seems a pleasure for juniors, seniors, and escorts.



Final W.H.S. graduation marks school's Omega



Valedictorian Catherine Gardner addressed former graduates, families, and friends at final commencement.



Judy Hollandsworth, salutatorian and Senior Class president, served as narrator for the event.

For thirty seniors, May 26 marked the beginning of commencement week with the baccalaureate service held at Willis Elementary School at which Rev. C.H. Loudy delivered the address.

May 29, commencement night, saw the completion of twelve years of arduous work for the graduating class. These efforts were rewarded with medals and recognition by Mr. Alonzo Monday, Superintendent of Floyd County Schools, to Catherine Gardner, valedictorian, perfect attendance; Judy Hollandsworth, salutatorian; Etta Lee Burnette, girls' athletics; Elvin Duncan, Jr., boys' citizenship; Glenda Mitchell, perfect attendance; Donnita Worrell, perfect attendance; Jackie Quesenberry, girls' citizenship; Wanda Smith, girls' activities.



To complete the cycle of "Willis High School—Alpha to Omega" Wanda Smith, third-ranking student, recounted the final year, 1961-62.

Highlighting the evening was a resume of the school's history with address by the three surviving members of the Class of 1921, the first graduating class of W. H. S.—Mr. Hunter Akers, Mr. Joseph Poff, Mr. Sherman Weeks.

Under the direction of Miss Emily Quesenberry, the Choral Group furnished music for both occasions. Martin Hall and Barbara Mitchell served as head ushers. Other ushers were Evelyn Cox, Calvin Harris, Ann Weeks, Douglas Higgs, Phyllis Hollandsworth, Roger Alderman, and Jewell Higgs.

With the completion of graduation exercises, Willis High School has reached its Omega.



CLASS OF '62

First row: Vera Duncan, Judy Turman, Glenda Mitchell, Etta Lee Burnette, Catherine Gardner, Gail Bishop. Second row: Margaret Phillips, Linda Slaughter, Judy Hollandsworth, Joyce Helms, Faye Phillips, JoAnn Mitchell, Alreda Hubbard. Third row: Wanda Smith, Carole Harris, Judy Huff Pugh, Mary Helen Cox, Virginia Dulaney, Jackie Quesenberry, Barbara Keith, Donnita Worrell. Fourth row: Judith Weeks, Kenny Gordon, Jimmy Goad, Elvin Duncan, Jr., Rollie Simpkins, Douglas Phillips, Harry Hill, Scotty Boothe, Nancy Bolt.

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THE EAGLE Staff wishes to thank each of these merchants and businesses for their support and co-operation; without it, this final publication of THE EAGLE would not have been possible.



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1927-1962

ST 9-4518
Indian Valley, Virginia



Floyd Esso Service Center



A.R. and B.A. Thompson, Owners

SH 5-5100

Floyd, Virginia

HAPPY MOTORING!



Floyd, Virginia

EASTER SUPPLY CO., INC.

School - Office Supplies
Complete Line of
Post Engineering
and Architects Supplies
Roanoke Virginia

Hodges' Store

General Merchandise

ST 9-2281

Willis, Virginia

FAMILY SHOE STORE

"Shoes for All the Family"

The Largest Selection in S.W. Virginia

HILLSVILLE, VIRGINIA

ROSES STORE

Self Service

Christiansburg

Virginia

Compliments of

Ben Franklin

5 & 10

Floyd, Virginia

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HOME OF ONWARD SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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"On the Square Since 1888"

The Oldest and Strongest
Bank in Montgomery County



Capital . . . \$130,000.00

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Member of Federal Deposit
Insurance Corporation and
Federal Reserve System

Christiansburg

Virginia

SLATE MOUNTAIN MOTEL

Gas

Oil

Groceries

Meadows of Dan

Virginia

Compliments of

CONCRETE PRODUCTS

Christiansburg

Virginia

CARROLL COUNTY BANK

Member of F.D.I.C.

Hillsville, Virginia

TOWN & COUNTRY DRIVE-IN

Floyd, Virginia

Curb Service For
Your Convenience

Floyd Pharmacy

Dial SH 5-5770

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Willis High School
Class Rings
Supplied by.

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General Merchandise

Meadows of Dan

Virginia

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Open 24 Hours Daily

Radford, Virginia

Compliments of

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Woolwine, Virginia

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Hardware, Paints, and Oils
Furniture

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Virginia

WADE'S GARAGE

Phone SH 5-5225

Complete Automotive Service
Anything that is worth doing
is worth doing right.

Floyd

Virginia

ARCHIE'S GARAGE

General
Repairing

Tire
Recapping



Massey
Ferguson

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Jeep 4-Wheel Drive Vehicles
Sales and Service
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Dugspur, Virginia

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Serving The Nation With The Finest Caps
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Virginia



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"FOR BETTER BUYS"

FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE CO.

P. O. BOX 35, FLOYD, VIRGINIA

ISAIAH W. QUESENBERRY



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Delco Batteries

General Automobile Repairs - Lubrication
Washing - Waxing

Phone ST 9-4718

Indian Valley

Virginia

WESTERN AUTO STORE

Davis Tires
Truetone Radios
Wizard Batteries
Herman H. Heafner, Owner
Floyd, Virginia



Radford, Virginia

Cambria Bank

Cambria, Virginia

New Modern Building - Drive-In Banking - Off Street Parking

Member F.D.I.C.

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PARKWAY ESSO SERVICE CENTER

Junior Cook
Meadows of Dan, Virginia

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"Flowers for all Occasions"

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Floyd, Virginia

CARROLL COUNTY FARMERS CO-OP, INC.

Hillsville, Virginia
PA 8-2912
Feed, Seed, Fertilizer
Farm Supplies
Custom Grinding and Mixing

HARRIS FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE CO.

Home
Furnishings



Standard
Appliances

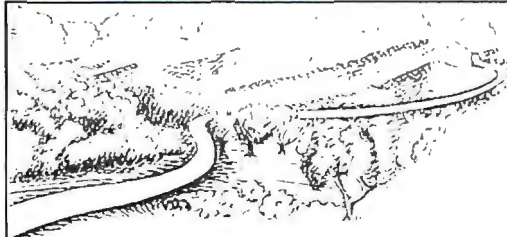
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Floyd, Virginia

WALLACE'S SMARTWEAR

"Where Smart Women Shop"

Radford, Virginia

D. Siglin, Proprietor



PARKWAY FINANCE CORPORATION

Loans \$25 to \$600

Phone Parkway 8-7143

Box 246

Hillsville, Virginia

Lynchburg Foundry

Lynchburg, Virginia

Radford, Virginia

The Bank of Floyd

Member of
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Floyd

Virginia

S. G. Wimmer and Son

John Deere Sales and Service

Phone EV 2-3521

Christiansburg

Virginia

Simpson and Harmon

Willis

Virginia

PIGGLY WIGGLY



Groceries
Fresh Meats

Dial SH-5-5711

Frozen Foods
Produce

Floyd, Virginia

First National Bank

Christiansburg

Kent S. Howard, Agent
**NATIONWIDE MUTUAL
INSURANCE CO.**

Dial SH 5-5222 or SH 5-5310
Pleasant Street
Floyd, Virginia

A & M GROCERY

Phone SH 5-5750

Floyd

Virginia

Service Is Our Business



HAROLD'S STATION AND GARAGE



Gulf Tires
and
Batteries

Lubrication - Washing - Waxing
Welding and Automotive Repairs

Poulan Chain Saws

Sales and Service

Phone ST 9-2267

Willis

Virginia

**TURMAN & YEATTS
MOTOR COMPANY, INC.**

Dodge and Plymouth
Sales and Service
24-Hour Wrecker Service
Phone

Day SH 5-5801 Night SH 5-5033
Floyd, Virginia

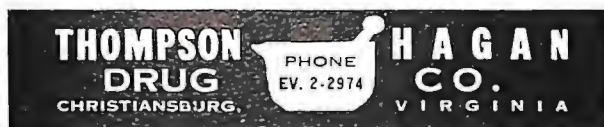
**FALLING BRANCH SERVICE
STATION**



Gas

Oil

Good Year Tires
Groceries
Floyd, Virginia



Free Parking in Rear With
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"PRESCRIPTIONS SINCE 1890"

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Expert Watch and Clock Repair
Nationally Advertised
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Floyd

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Highest Quality Coals
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Exciting World

You Will Use
All Through Life

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Stationery
Sheaffer Pens

Men's Toiletries

Floyd, Virginia

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C. C. Keith and R.L. Thomas
24-Hour Wrecker Service
Floyd, Virginia

Day SH 5-5300

Night SH 5-4747

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"Quality at the Right Price"
Christiansburg, Virginia

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...that "store fresh"
newness again

Our specialized process restores the
feel and appearance of new fabrics.
This garment will also resist staining
and soiling much longer.

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Pick-up
Delivery
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Monday
and
Thursday

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Virginia

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EV 2-4351
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Christiansburg Virginia

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Your G.E. Dealer
"Progress is our most
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Sales and Service
OW 4-5548
Meadows of Dan Virginia

CLOWER'S STORE



Sales and Services
SH 5-4925

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Virginia



WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE

"The Family Store"
Phone EV 2-2331 G.F. Sturgill
Main Street
Christianburg, Virginia

Vaughn-Guynn McGrady Chapel



Ambulance Service

PA 8-3711

Hillsville

Virginia



"CHRISTIANSBURG SHOPPING
CENTER"

Christiansburg, Virginia

RADFORD FURNITURE COMPANY

Furniture - Floor Covering
Appliances

Radford

Virginia

Mayberry Funeral Home, Inc.

"Sympathetic Courteous Service"

Ambulance

Flowers

Monuments

Dial SH 5-2121

Floyd, Virginia

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Galax

Virginia

RAYMOND & CORNELIA'S STOP-IN



Milk
Shakes

Sandwiches
Drinks

Hillsville, Virginia

FLOYD MOTOR COMPANY, INC.

Chevrolet
Sales and Service
Phone SH 5-4640

Floyd

Virginia

E. W. HARRIS

General Merchandise

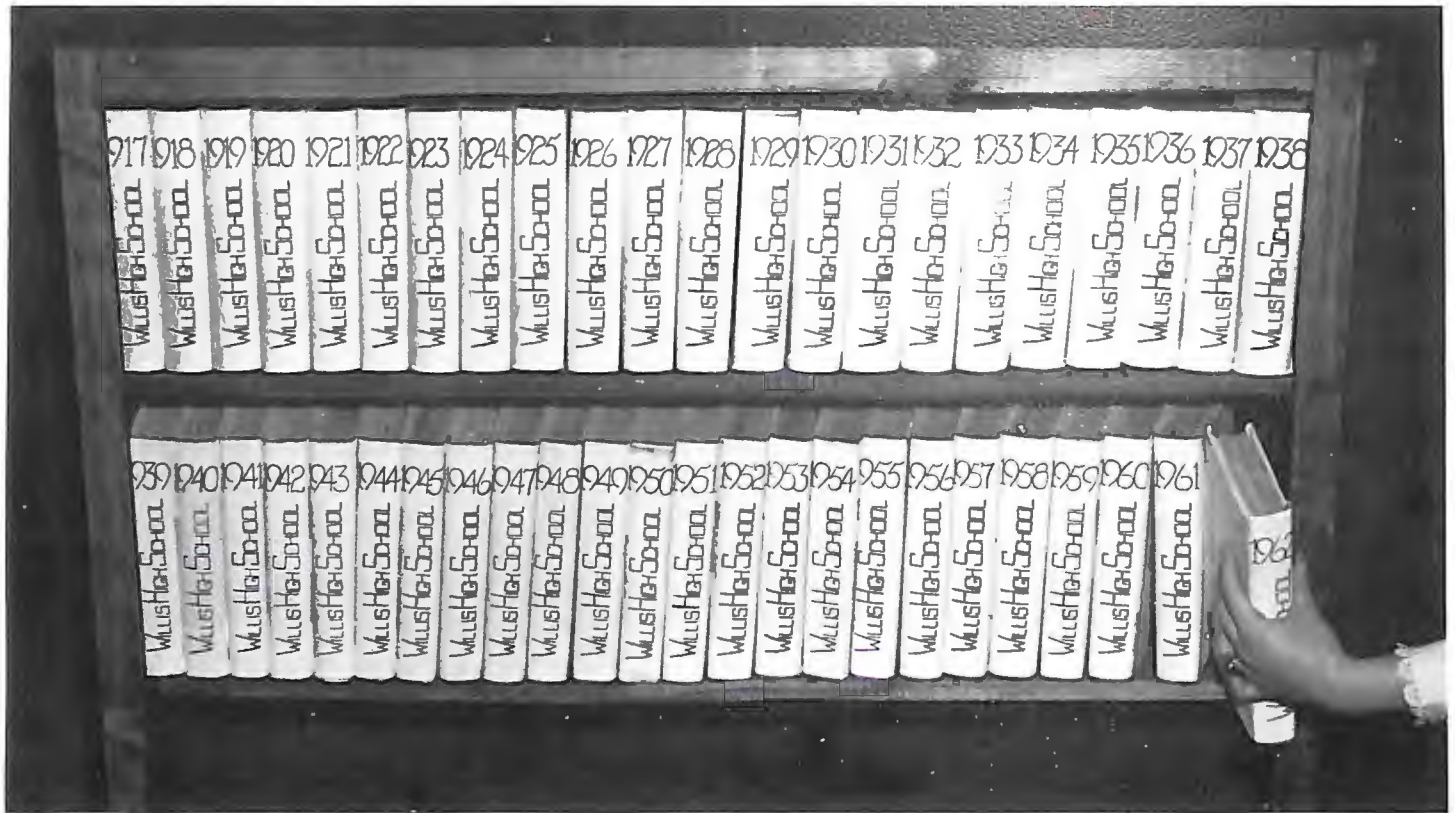
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Willis

Virginia

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Hillsville Shoe Shop
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Trooper T. H. Sluder
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Bentley Hite
Meadows of Dan Grocery
Banks Cloth Store



WILLIS HIGH SCHOOL, 1962, is completed. The story of the school is now finished and consigned to history as this last volume is placed with the preceding volumes to complete the history of W.H.S.

ONLY IN THE HEARTS of its graduates and friends will Willis High School live, but the physical plant is unimportant so long as its spirit continues in those who have been influenced by Willis High School's existence.

We'll sing her praises ever more
 From mountain top to shore;
 And we'll drink her health with a heart sincere
 And her honor hold always very dear. . .



