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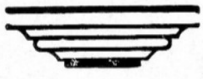


"Jack" Hampton

GREETINGS

Your scribes give to you this, our book, trusting that you will find clearly and truly written upon its pages the record of our year's activity. We have striven to write so clearly and plainly that when any student or friend of Maplesville High School shall in after years glean these pages, he shall see before him the picture of his boyhood days and feel once again the heartthrobs of a busy student body. As for the accomplishment of our aim, we have no apologies to make, for we have done our best.

With grateful hearts to those who have so kindly helped us, we bring to you this first "Year Book."



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MR. J. E. DANIEL

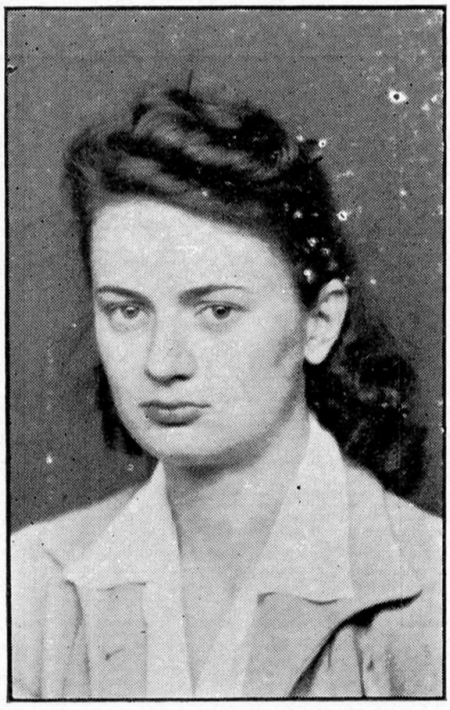
To Mr. J. E. Daniel, principal of Maplesville High School during its twelve years of accreditment, this Year Book is dedicated.

Words do not justify our deep appreciation to him, who has given these twelve years of service to our school. To us he will always be our guiding light, showing us which path to follow.

His hunger for knowledge seems to have no end. He imparts this burning desire to learn to his students. In this way his seventeen years of teaching has been a blessing to humanity.

In nineteen twenty-three Mr. Daniel graduated from Chilton County High School. He graduated from Jacksonville State Teachers College in twenty-eight, and received his B.S. Degree from the University of Alabama in nineteen thirty-one. During the summer of thirty-four he did graduate work at the University of Texas, and in thirty-six he did more graduate work at Alabama Polytechnic Institute.

To you, Mr. Daniel, we extend our honest affection and heart-felt appreciation.



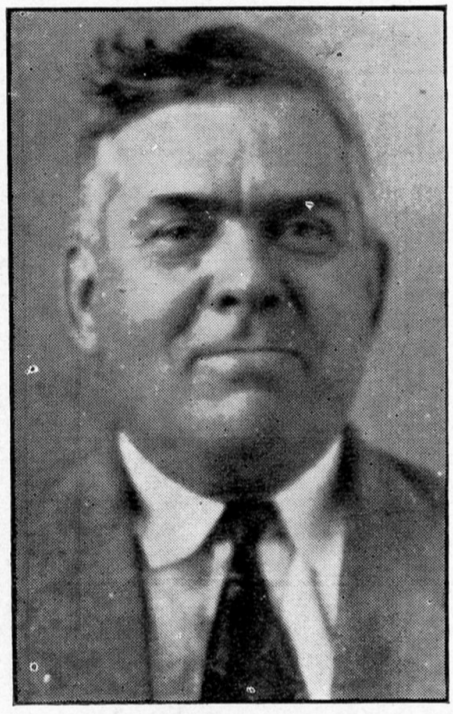
PARALEE HENSON

I was born long enough ago in Charleston, West Virginia, on the worst of all possible birthdays. December 24. I said the worst and I meant it. When I mentioned birthday parties, I was always told to "wait and see what Santa brings." I was not a beautiful baby, in fact, mother said the majority of comments was that I looked like a Chinaman.

Schooldays found me either in West Virginia or Alabama. I attended three high schools, Jemison High, Charelston High and Thorsby Institute. I then attended and graduated from Alabama College.

It is hard to say what my favorite activity is. It depends on what I'm doing at the moment. I like to read and to dabble with a paint brush. When I'm engaged in play rehearsals that's what I want to do all my life. I like tennis and archery, but my gym teachers despaired early of my being an athlete. I like to plan and give parties. I also have a fondness for cats, which some of my students prophesy, carries the grim foreboding of spinsterhood.

My favorite study is, and always has been, history—an enthusiasm which I fear I have not been able to impart to some of my students. I like history because to me it is not a dull rehearsal of dates and happenings, but the story of man's struggle through the periods of heartbreaking failure and heartwarming success, to its culmination in our life today, and to speculate on tomorrow.



W. E. ROBINSON

I was born in Chilton County, Alabama on July 7, 1892, and was educated in the public schools of Chilton County. I attended the Clanton High School from which I was graduated in 1910. I taught in the public schools for ten years. Going to Birmingham in 1919 I entered the ministry in 1926 and went to Howard College from 1926 to 1929.

I returned to Chilton County and taught in the public schools until 1939 when I went to Auburn from which I received my B.S. Degree in 1940. I taught in Berry, Alabama High School in 1940-41 and was principal of Marvel Junior High at Marvel, Alabama, in 1941-42. I came to Maplesville this year where I have taught mathematics in the high school and have the Jr. I's for my home room.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL TEACHERS

Mrs. J. U. Chambers	Grade	1
Miss Maude Johnson	"	2
Mrs. W. J. Cummings	"	3
Mrs. Carlos L. Owens	"	4
Mrs. Howard Smith	"	5
Mrs. Charlie Haggard	"	6



GEORGIA M. BILLINGSLEY

I was born in Birmingham long enough ago to remember when street cars were drawn by horses.

My education began at the early age of four years when I entered a private school. Here I learned to read but writing was not accomplished until I was seven years old.

About this time my teaching career began. also, for my mother tells that it was my great joy to slip away to the servants' houses down the alley and line up all the pickaninies and lead them along the shining paths of knowledge.

In 1909 I was graduated from Loulie Compton Seminary in Birmingham. Soon after I entered Sullins College at Bristol Virginia. Upon completion of the two-year course there, I returned to Birmingham and became a teacher in the city schools.

My early teaching career was brief, for in 1914, I married Claud Billingsley, a former Chilton County boy. Two children and a home took most of my time in the following years. In 1930 we moved to Chilton County, hoping that Mr. Billingsley could regain his lost health. I re-entered the teaching profession. In 1937 Mr. Billingsley passed away and I stayed on.

In 1940-41 I was granted leave of absence to complete the work for my B.S. Degree at George Peabody College in Nashville. The following fall I taught at Jemison, Alabama, and was transferred to Maplesville in September. '42.

Here I teach English to the Junior and Senior High School students. Truly I can say that this year has been the happiest I have spent in the teaching profession.

"Come, grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be."



DOROTHY R. DANIEL

I was born February 3, 1909, near Ridersville, in southwestern Chilton County. I received my early education at Plantersville Elementary School and was graduated from Dallas County High School in 1927. The following fall I enrolled in the School of Home Economics Education at Auburn from which I received my B.S. Degree in 1931.

When September of 1931 came I started teaching Home Economics in Maplesville High School where I have taught consecutively for eleven years. In June of 1934, I was married to J. E. Daniel who was my school principal for three years. In 1942 I retired from public school work to care for my young daughter. Due to a vacancy at the end of the first semester of this year, I resumed my teaching of HomeEconomics and Science at Maplesville.

Chilton County has always been my home. At present my residence is Maplesville where I have resided for nine years.



DORRENE LOVELADY

I was born at Lawley, Alabama, January 7, 1925. My residence is three miles west of Lawley.

My eyes are blue. My hair is blond and short, although I usually wear it long.

I attended Lawley School eight years, Maplesville High School four years.

My activities are reading, volleyball, softball and horseback riding. My favorite amusement is working out in the yard or garden on some pretty spring day.

I think I like Edgar Allan Poe and Carl Sandburg best of all the authors whose work I have read.

My favorite study is Home Economics because it prepares a girl for everyday life better than any other study.

When it comes to something I can do fairly well. I'm not so sure I can name anything at all. But I will say I can cook and sew fairly well, although I'm not any good at either.

Right now I am planning to do defense work when school is out, even if it is staying at home working on the farm.



M. B. HICKS

I was born at Lawley, Alabama, on the fifth of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and still live a few miles out from Lawley.

My hair is a dark brown. I have grey eyes and a ruddy complexion. I am five feet, eleven inches tall and weigh one hundred and sixty-six pounds.

I attended Lawley Junior High School for seven years and Maplesville High School the next four years.

For amusement and exercise I especially like to play basketball and football. Even though football is rather rough sometimes, I have played basketball for the past three years.

The subjects I enjoy studying most are science and mathematics.

The thing that I would consider that I can do fairly well is driving a car or truck and I enjoy doing it.

From the way things are going now I will have no choice of what I want or plan to do when I graduate. My Uncle Sam will have made the plans. I am sure I will go to work for him immediately after I finish school.



MISS LORENE LECROY

I, Lorene Elizabeth LeCroy, consider Chilton County the "Garden Spot of the World" because I've spent most of my life here.

I went to school at Isabella until my Senior year when I transferred to Livingston and finished school in 1934.

At Isabella I was president of the Home Economics Club for two years, president of the 4-H Club one year, secretary-treasurer of the Senior Class and played on the girls' basketball team. At the end of my Sr. year I was awarded a scholarship to a college in Alabama but I chose Jacksonville State Teachers College instead. Following in the footsteps of my family in the teaching profession I attended Jacksonville State Teachers College from 1934-37. where I was a member of the Calhoun Literary Society, History Club, Girls' Glee Club, Y. W. C. A. and served as president of the Baptist Student Union on the campus one year.

Since 1937 I have taught at Maplesville. I have taught four years in the sixth grade and for the last two I have taught in the eighth grade.

OFFICERS

President ..... Cleo Jones
Vice President ..... Byrdie Lou Willis
Motto: "To Thine Own Self Be True"
Colors: Red and White
Flower: Red and White Roses
Valedictorian ..... Cleo Jones
Salutatorian ..... Byrdie Lou Willis
Historian ..... Dorrene Lovelady
Class Sponsor ..... Miss Paralee Henson



HAROLD CARTER

I was born at Bessemer, Alabama, September 11, 1924. My residence is at Stanton, Alabama.

My eyes are blue and hair is brownish blond. At present time my hair is long and naturally wavy, but I usually wear it long and curled. My nose is thin and medium length. I wear spectacles. I am five feet, seven inches tall and weigh one hundred and twenty-three pounds.

For eight years I attended Stanton Junior High School. I have attended Maplesville High School two and one-half years.

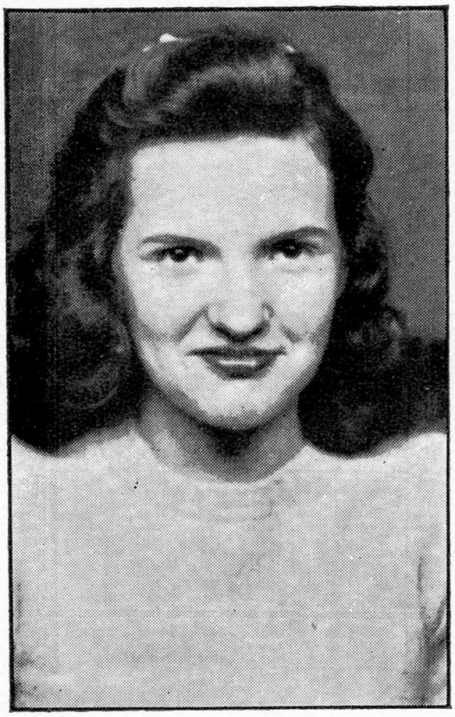
The activities I like are boat riding, fishing, swimming, going to movies, playing basketball and softball.

There is no one that likes outdoor sports any better than I do, but I find that reading is my favorite amusement and second is fishing. I never had the experience of catching many fish, yet I like to try.

Of my studies in Junior and Senior High School, I can easily say that Home Economics is my favorite. Of my studies this year, English and Democracy are my favorites.

There are several things I can do fairly well but in my judgment sewing is the one thing I can do best. I enjoy sewing better than anything else, too.

At present time my plans after finishing high School are to take a course in an aircraft plant. Then I hope to get a job in a defense plant. Later on, I hope to take a business course. In the meantime, I hope to get a man. I am searching for my man now. Wish me luck, won't you?



CLEO JONES

I was born at the place of my residence, Plantersville. Alabama, October 24, 1924.

My eyes are brown, my hair is brown, too, having a natural twist. My face is rather on the fat draped side.

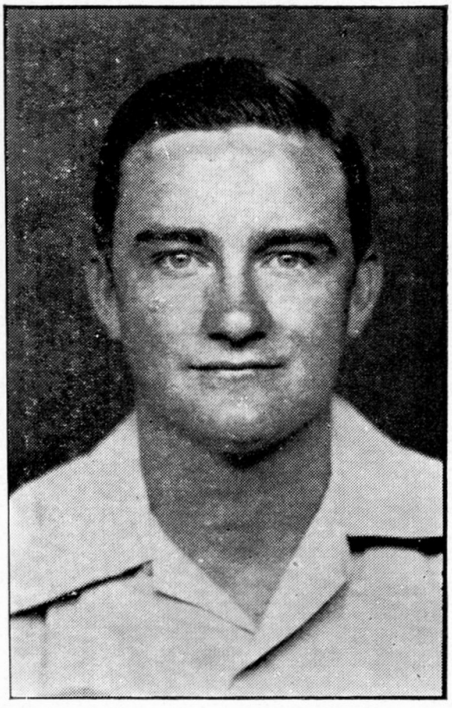
I have attended Stanton Junior High School and am now finishing Maplesville High School.

For my activities, I like tennis. horseback riding, rummy, hunting and reading. When I am alone there is nothing I had rather do than crawl up in "the" easy chair at home and read a modern novel. If it is a beautiful fall day nothing could please me more than to go strolling in the woods. Then to finish a perfect day—draw up the chairs and play a game of rummy, with cookies and drinks beginning and ending of every hand.

I like so many writers I can't find a favorite one. It all depends upon the mood I am in. I guess I would say I like Pearl Buck, John Steinbeck and Eugene O'Neill. Among the latest books I have read I especially like these authors, Norman Angell, for writing "Let the People Know." and Louise Dickinson Rich's "We Took to the Woods." I also think Winston Churchill is a very interesting writer.

In searching for the things I do fairly well I find they are few, but the things I am trying to do fairly well are many. I think I can drive better than anything else. I have driven trucks, cars (including one "A" model), mules and one yoke of oxen.

I am not sure of what I shall do when I finish high school. I plan to enter college—where I do not know Daddy prefers University, Mama, Auburn, my sister, Montevallo. Me, oh. my mind is in a whirl. I really think I had rather go to Auburn, but I guess we'll end up in a 'free-for-all" and I go to daddy's second choice, Birmingham-Southern. In this unknown College I plan to enter the School of Home Economics, preparing myself to be a dietitician. Then look for a job and THEN search for my MRS. Degree.



JACK WALLACE

I was born in Maplesville, July 1, 1924, and have been living here since. This being the case I have received all my schooling here.

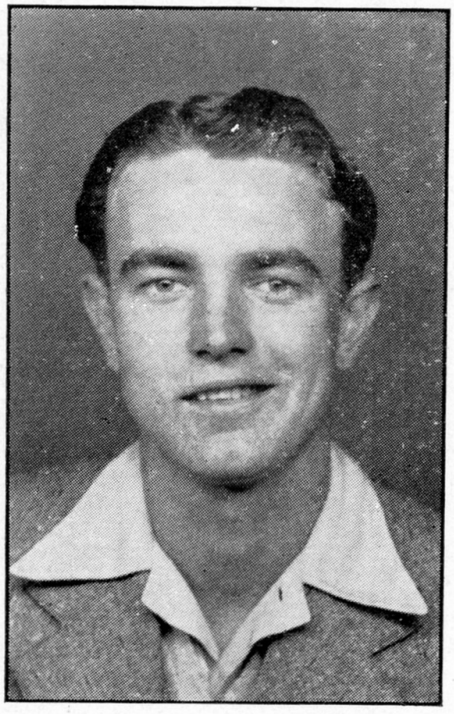
My eyes are hazel and my hair is almost black. I am five feet, five inches tall and weigh one hundred and forty-five pounds.

My favorite activites are swimming, hunting. fishing, football and baseball. The one I enjoy most of all is hunting. Just let me have my dogs, Dan and Lucy, a bright pretty day, and a few birds to hunt and I am in my "Seventh Heaven." I think the most peaceable spot on earth is in the woods.

My favorite study is science, for in science we take up the study of animals and other things I am interested in.

To consider the things I do fairly well, you may take these things in consideration: Rifle marksman, driver and hunter.

When I finish high School I plan to enter the Merchant Marines. If I can't get in the Merchant Marines I am sure Uncle Sam will take me in the Army.



HERBERT WALKER

I was born at Maplesville, Alabama. March 15, 1924. I have lived at Maplesville all my life.

My eyes are hazel. My hair is black. I am six feet one inch tall, weighing one hundred and fifty-eight pounds.

I have attended Maplesville High School twelve years and am finishing high school this year, May 14, 1943. Some of my activities are playing football, baseball, fishing and hunting. My favorite amusement is the seeing of movies or stage plays.

My favorite author is Poe, because he was an imaginative writer. My favorite study is science because it is what we have to know about nature to do well.

There is one thing I can do fairly well and that is delivering papers.

My most interesting experience was in the first play I was in. "Betty's Millionaire," which I played as Sam Palmer.

My plans after leaving school have already been made by Uncle Sam. You know what I mean.



VIOLA WALKER

I was born in Orrville, Alabama, on January the nineteenth, in nineteen hundred and twenty-four. I now live about five miles out from Stanton, Alabama, in Alpine Community.

My hair is a dingy brown and I have greenish grey eyes, over which I find necessary to put a pair of glasses. To top this, I have freckles. Oh, they're not as outstanding as they used to be, but they are still there and ch how they multiply when the sun hits this mug of mine.

I have attended only three schools during my school life. These are Marion Grammar School, Marion, Alabama, one year; Stanton Junior High School, Stanton, Alabama, eight years, and Maplesville High School, Maplesville. Alabama, three years.

There are a large number of activities that I like to take part in, but there are three or four I delight in doing. These are hunting, (even though I'm not a very good shot), boat riding and hiking. I also like to play basketball, baseball and volleyball.

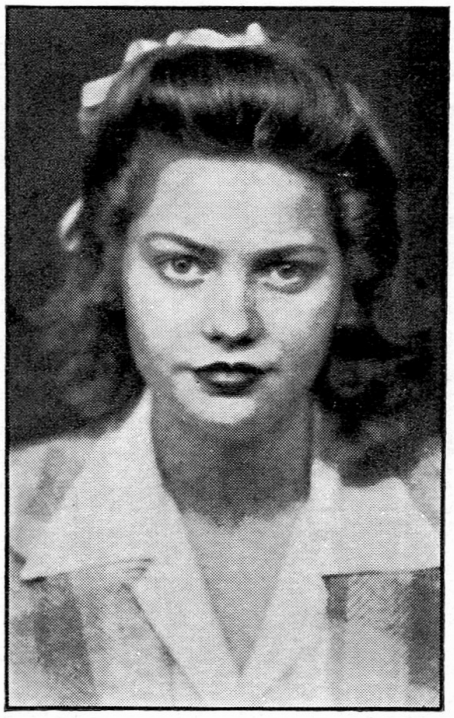
My favorite amusement is reading. Just give me a real interesting book, especially a novel, a large soft chair, and a cozy corner, and the rest of the world can pass me by. Why there's nothing better to me than reading a good book unless it's reading two real good books.

I don't have one favorite author. but I do have three favorite authors. They are John Steinbeck, Edgar Allan Poe and Roak Bradford. I like John Stienbeck as a modern realistic writer, Edgar Allan Poe as an old fantastic mystery writer and who could help liking Roak Bradford as a negro story and poem writer.

The most interesting study I have is the combination study of literature and English. These subjects have always been my favorite studies.

If you put a heavy accent on the word fairly of, something I do fairly well, then I can say cooking. Now, don't get me wrong. I don't mean that I'm even a good cook, why I would hardly pass as a pretty good cook, but I do like to try my luck on new recipes. You really ought to see what a surprise some of the results are. Still. I like to try them.

My plans after I leave school are very vague at the present time, but I hope that I will get the chance to travel even if Uncle Sam does plan the trip for me. If I do not get to travel, I might take a student nurse's course, or even a course in housekeeping. I might need both some of these days.



BYRDIE LOU WILLIS

I was born in Clanton, Alabama, August 11, 1923. At the present time I reside in Maplesville, Alabama.

My eyes are blue, hair blond. and a nose that likes to get freckled. I am about five feet, two inches tall and weigh one hundred and eight pounds.

Since I have lived in Maplesville sixteen or seventeen years, I have received all of my schooling here. I attended Maplesville Elementary School six years and Maplesville High School six years.

My favorite activities are swimming, hiking, dancing, movies, boat riding and reading. I'm sure no one likes outdoor sports more than I, but if you want to see me at my best. just give me a good book and a rainy afternoon. Yes, I'll have to admit that reading is my favorite amusement.

I must say it is a task to choose my favorite author. I have so many favorites that it is hard to name a specific one. Edgar Allan Poe's tales are very exciting and so are Charles Dickens'. Speaking of modern authors, well, I like John Stienbeck and Pearl Buck because both are realistic writers.

Home Economics has been my favorite high school subject. I like this because we actually did things and created things with our hands. Of the four twelfth grade subjects I like geometry best. I also like English and especially English Literature.

After leaving high school I plan to train in some hospital as a nurse. Whatever I do in life, I hope that at the end I can say and feel that I've given my life's service to humanity. If I am able to do this I won't feel that my life has been a failure.

I'm forgetting marriage because . . . well, what normal girl doesn't dream of a white cottage packed with love and happiness? I have the key to my castle but whether or not I can unlock it remains to be seen.



LA VERNE LENOIR

I was born near Stanton, Alabama, November 18, 1923. I have lived at the same place all my life.

I have brown hair and eyes. My nose is small. I have a fair complexion. My hair is slightly curly at the present. I weigh one hundred, seven pounds, and am five feet tall.

I attended Stanton Junior High School and now Maplesville High School.

My favorite activities are hiking and horseback riding. There is nothing that I like to do better than go to the movies. I like historical pictures and tropical pictures best. I think the reason for my liking tropical pictures so well is because I would like to go to South America some day.

Edgar Allan Poe and John Steinbeck are my favorite authors. I like to read Poe's poetry, it is weird and gives me a creepy feeling.

Geography is my favorite study. It is like a long story to me.

I like to play the piano. Although I do not play very well, but there is nothing that I enjoy trying to do more. I took music lessons four years, but never accomplished anything because I play by ear.

I shall never forget the night I was graduated from Junior High School at Stanton Junior High School. The girls were dressed in pink and the boys in white. I think this was the most exciting and interesting event in my life so far.

After graduation I have planned to go into training for a nurse. When I become a graduate nurse I am going to volunteer as an Army nurse. Of course all this time I shall be searching for a husband.



MISS HENSON, Sponsor

I would like to take this opportunity as Senior Sponsor to express my appreciation of the fine class spirit of the class of '43. I have always found you as individuals and as a class cooperative and eager to lend a helping hand to any worthy cause. I wish to mention also your spirit of loyalty, your progressiveism evidenced by the new things you've presented—the War Bond Auction, the Year Book, your Commencement Program. Yours is a class which no faculty member has had to lead. You welcomed advice but you were capable of carrying on your own affairs and doing so well. The faculty has frequently remarked your school loyalty, your capacity for hard work and discussed your contribution to the school.

You are leaving school this year in trying days. You are leaving a life which we hope you found profitable and pleasant, to enter one with wider horizons for service. I see you go with no apprehension. If you remain true to those things you stood for as a class, I believe your communities will welcome you as citizens, and your alma mater have cause to remember with pride the class of '43.

SENIOR CLASS PLAYS

The Senior Class of Maplesville High School presented 'Betty's Millionaire" to a large audience on the evening of November the tenth, nineteen forty-two. Much to our delight this play proved to be a great success. It went over in a big way and to our estimation everyone played their part well.

Including the money made from ads and that taken in at the door, the total amount taken in was approximately ninety-five dollars. The profits were used to buy a set of reference books which were presented to Maplesville High School Library.

The cast of the play was as follows: Cleo Jones—Betty Brown, a very pretty young girl who was determined to marry a millionaire. Well, in the end she did, but without knowing that he was a man of wealth. Cleo played this part well. In fact I believe that she could really steal a millionaire's heart if she tried very hard.

Willie Clyde Hill—Peter Adams, a very good looking young man of about twenty-five. Yes, he was the lucky millionaire that was completely swept off his feet by Betty Brown (Cleo). We'll never forget Willie Clyde and the part he played. He was the life of the cast from beginning to ending.

Herbert Walker—Samuel Palmer, Mr. Adam's secretary. Sam really enjoyed his role and especially while he played the part of Mr. Adams, the millionaire. Even though he was travelling in disguise, as was Peter Adams also, Sam did a good job of falling in love with Sue Weatherbee.

Byrdie Lou Willis—Sue Weatherbee, a cousin of Peter's and also a friend of Betty's. It took much of Sue's time to keep a quarrel between Nancy and Betty from raging. As would be expected, she fell for the handsome Mr. Palmer.

Viola Walker—Nancy Fletcher, a friend of Betty's. Everyone was afraid that Nancy and Betty would spend their life fighting over Peter, who was playing the part of Sam at this time. Of course, Betty had her way and we figure that Nancy was really promoting the affair between Betty and Peter all the time.

Harold Carter—Mrs. Evangeline Brendlinger, a romantic old soul who was continuously after Gussie, her little turtledove. In the end, however, she won him, much to our dismay.

M. B. Hicks—Augustus Winslow. a grumpy and sour middle-aged man who spent the greater part of his time trying to keep out of Mrs. Brendlinger's sight. It was really a surprise to find that he "consented" to marry her. Maybe that was the only way out. Do you agree?

Jimmy Latham—Thaddus Atterbury, who was conscious of his inferior appearance and constantly tried to appear important. His pride was continuously deflated by some unthoughtful person who referred to him as a chickadee. We borrowed Jimmy from the Junior Class. We surely appreciate his kindness in rendering this favor to our class.

La Verne LeNoir—Lillie Daniels, a young business type who could never seem to understand this young generation. Although we hope she did by the time that all the mixed up love affairs were straightened out.

Flora Belle Harris—Nora, maid of all trades who was a constant sufferer of liver ailment. She is last on my list but by all means not least, because she succeeded in stealing many of the laughs of the play.

We wish to pause here to recognize and express our appreciation to Mrs. Georgia M. Billingsley and Miss Paralee Henson who jointly coached the play. They are entitled to much of the credit of the success of this play.

HOBGOBLIN HOUSE

This play sent ice cold shivers down the spine of its audience and for every thrill there was a hearty laugh. Miss Priscilla Carter was peeved because her two nieces, Jill and Marion, fell in love with two "silly young Nincompoops,' whom she believed to be two cheap fortune hunters. As a result, she purchased the weird old Hobgood House in the foothills of the Ozarks and here she planned a safe retreat where the girls would not see their lovers for at least six months on penalty of being disinherited. And what a mess they got into—ghosts and ghostly doings everywhere!

Just as luck would have it, they arrive on the very night that old Bluebeard Bronson, who once committed a murder in the house, is supposed to revisit the scene of his crimes. There were many strange happenings on this night of all nights. When things are at their height, the boys, Jack Loring and Frank Harlow. arrive—just in time to rescue the family from a desperate band of crooks. Not until then does Miss Priscilla Carter relent. In the end, however, she finds that all the strange habpenings were nothing more than tricks designed to frighten her away from the house. A kidnaping band was hiding its victim here and was very much afraid of her identity being recognized by Miss Priscilla and the girls. These kidnapers were finally captured by the two boys and as a reward Miss Priscilla gave her permission for the four lovers to marry.

All parts in this captivating play are good. The characters include: The crochety Miss Priscilla—Viola Walker; the determined nieces, Marion and Jill— La Verne LeNoir and Byrdie Lou Willis; the brave but fun loving boys, Frank Harlow and Jack Loring—Herbert Walker and Billy Dennis; Susan, the "Henglish 'ousekeeper"—Harold Carter; Henry Goober—Lewis Golson and Delilah Worts—Cleo Jones, twos as comical darkies as you've ever seen; old Darius Krupp, the ancient caretaker of the Hobgoblin House—M. B. Hicks; Bluebeard Bronson, the escaped "maniac"—Clifford Davis; Bill Wilkins, his keeper—Jimmy Latham, and then "The Headless Phantom"—Dorrene Lovelady.

SENIOR AND JUNIOR BANQUET

On the beautiful evening of November the sixth nineteen forty-two, the Seniors met with the Juniors at the Greenroof Cafe, Maplesville. Alabama, in the celebration of the annual Senior and Junior Banquet.

There we were served a supper of smothered steak gravy, whipped potatoes, English peas, glazed carrots slaw, hot rolls and jello with whipped cream.

Between the main courses and dessert, Helen McKee gave a toast to the Senior Class. The response was given by Cleo Jones, president of the Senior Class. After the dessert was finished, 'Sandy's Romance' was presented by Miss Paralee Henson and Howard Nell Smith. Next came an entertainment by Curtis Rucker. Following this were speeches made by the faculty members present. Included were Mr. J. E. Daniels. principal; Mr. W. E. Robinson and Miss Paralee Henson.

The program ended by everyone standing and singing "God Bless America," and Maplesville High School Alma Mater. Everyone went home with a very pleasant memory imprinted upon their hearts.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Miss Paralee Henson gave a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Howard Smith, December the seventeenth, nineteen forty-two, in honor of the Senior Class of Maplesville High School.

The party was started with Christmas games and contests. Every one seemed to put their "all" into these, which proved that a real Christmas spirit was aroused and in full swing.

After the games Christmas carols were sung by everyone. Refreshments were then served in the dining room. When everyone had finished eating, more carols were sung. Santa must have been likewise aroused, because he visited this happy and carefree celebration in the form of Miss Henson. We were surprised to see that "he" wasn't in uniform. When everyone had been given their gifts, more carols were sung. Since every happy event has to have an ending we went home about eleven o'clock but not without having had a wonderful and unforgettable evening.

IN HONOR OF WILLIE CLYDE HILL

The Senior Class gave a party November the twenty-fourth. nineteen forty-two, in recognition of Willie Clyde Hill who also answered the call of our country.

The party was give at Maplesville High School "Study Hall" was decorated in red, white and blue. In fact, the entire party was carried out in a military style. As the guests arrived they entered a door over which a sign read, "Local Board." Here they were registered by three Senior girls, Harold Carter, Viola Walker and Byrdie Lou Willis. When a person had been registered and had given the oath, "I solemnly swear to have a good time tonight," he was classified and given an army-styled cap trimmed in a specific color representing his class. When everyone had been classified, various games were played, all of which were modeled after some definite phase of Army life. After the games everyone went to the canteen to eat. There they were served chicken salad sandwiches, pineapple sandwiches and punch.

The faculty members present were Mr. J. E. Daniel Mrs. Claud Billingsly, Mrs. J. H. Camp and Miss Henson. The Seniors present were Cleo Jones, Viola Walker, Byrdie Lou Willis, Harold Carter, Dorrene Lovelady Herbert Walker, Jack Wallace and M. B. Hicks. The outside guests were Mr. J. H. Camp, Vera McKinney J. W. Mitchell, Leo Stough and Lois Allen. Willie Clyde Hill and Frances Chambers were guests of honor

I'm sure everyone. especially the Seniors, will remember this night, not only as a good time, but in connection with Willie Clyde. We all hope that his days as a soldier will be as happy and bright as his days at Maplesville High seemed to be.

THE STUNT PARADE

The Home Economics Class sponsored a stunt parade December 15, 1942. Each class in high school prepared a stunt, each working for a prize. The stunts all were played well. The Junior I Class won first place, $2.50. The Home Economics Class furnished entertainment between each stunt. The girls made chocolate fudge and caramel candy and sold it. Chances were sold on a $2.00 cake. Betty Sue Atchison, a Senior I pupil, was the lucky one. She won the cake. The parade was enjoyed by all. The entertainment provided enough money to take care of their financial needs during the year.

FIRST SENIOR TO ANSWER UNCLE SAM'S CALL TO SERVICE

With sad hearts and much regret, the Senior Class saw one of their classmates, Jack Deason, leave his class to serve in the armed forces. We realize that such things are inevitable but yet we can't quite prepare ourselves for these separations.

Although Jack had only been with our class a very short time, three months to be exact. We had grown very fond of him and considered him one of us. His cooperation and willing spirit was greatly appreciated by the class as well as the high school as a whole.

Jack's last day with us was Homecoming Day. On this day Maplesville football team met the Isabella team on our home field. At the half of the game about forty girls dressed in red and white formed an "I" before the Isabella grandstand and an "M" before the Maplesville grandstand, meanwhile yells were given by these girls. The girls then marched before the Maplesville team and audience in the form of a heart and sang "He's 1-A in the Army and He's A-1 in Our Hearts." In behalf of the Senior and Junior Classes Mr. Daniel, both principal and coach, presented Jack a gift. This was Jack's last game here.

Our hearts are filled with wishes for his ultimate happiness and success in the future.

THE BACCALAUREATE SERMON

May 9, 1943

The Baccalaureate Sermon was delivered at twilight Sunday, May 9, by the Rev. Paul Oden. The sermon was preceded by a candlelight service at which the Seniors dedicated themselves to a life of service. They were reminded to stand true to their motto:

"To thine own self be true
And it must follow as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

They were ecouraged to take heart from the significant meaning of their colors—red and white—a significance very applicable today. They were asked to pledge themselves to red for bravery and to white for purity. At the conclusion of the service the Seniors left the church with lighted candles, carrying as they had been challenged to. "the light of your youth, which is loyalty and courage, as far as possible into the darkness."

A MARRIAGE AMONG US

It seems that war and matrimony will completely demolish our class. But luck was ours when Viola decided that school days were more preferable than life on an Army post. Really, we don't know her true opinion of this statement, but we are very glad that she came back to finish her twelfth year of high school.

Everyone was greatly surprised when Viola appeared wearing a diamond a few weeks before Christmas. Our eyes grew still larger when news spread that Viola Walker had become Mrs. Earl Dobbs during the Christmas holidays. We were very anxious to see her Monday atfer the holidays, but she didn't come back to school until Earl went back to camp. Since we were greatly relieved that she came back at all, we readily forgave her for this small disappointment. She is still Viola Walker to us . . . Well, most of the time anyway.

Best wishes for a long and very happy marriage Viola. and Earl!

THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 14, 1943

What does Democracy as a way of life mean to you? What does it mean to me individually and to us as a class? The Seniors found themselves confronted with this question it seemed every day of the school year. As they studied American government, as they read the newspapers, as they listened to the ringing words of Roosevelt and Churchill, as they bade friends and relatives good-bye as they left to fight for this way of life, the question was hammering in their minds.

The desire came to answer this question. not in the language of textbooks or prepared pageants, but in the language of the individuals. The Seniors decided to present the answer to this question to the community as the culmination of their high school work. The class believed that this contributing of the beliefs of its members would result in a clarifying of their ideas, and might be an inspiration to the community to know the convictions of its new citizens.

Consequently the commencement exercises this year was unlike those of past years. It was an original presentation by means of music, speech and speech chorus of the theme "What Democracy Means To Us." The class freely used the work of other authors when they felt these authors expressed in a memorable way an idea the class endorsed. These expressions were correlated with what the class felt democracy means resulting in an essentially original program.

It was decided, due to war conditions, to present no Class Day exercises this year, but some of its features were included in the commencement exercises. The significance of the class colors, flowers and motto were presented, followed by a drill by high school girls. "The Parade of the Senior Colors."

HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '43

On September 9, 1940, twenty-one serious-minded 'teen-aged boys and girls began their Senior High School preparations for the greatest success that might be accomplished. Each worked for the example we hoped every underclassman would follow. Even though some were transferred to other schools, those who remained grew closer together and worked harder. Only eleven of the original class came back to be in the eleventh grade, but with the addition of five new members, we began another successful year. Still working for our goal, we finished our Junior year, hoping to meet the next year as Seniors.

On the morning of August 31, 1942. we met again. This time, Seniors, ready and eager to meet the Senior tasks and cooperate in every way possible to strengthen the morale of our school, community and our nation. Without calm and dignity that have always characterized our actions, we elected our officers, selected our class colors, flowers and our motto, fitting to display our loyal and eager spirit.

Our officials are: President, Cleo Jones; vice president, Byrdie Lou Willis; secretary and treasurer, Harold Carter; sponsor, Miss Paralee Henson. Red and white were the class colors selected and red and white roses the class flowers. For our motto, we selected the marvelous words, "TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE."

This year has been one great gladness mingled with sorrow. Early in the year, Jack Deason answered the call of his country and enlisted. Later, Willie Clyde Hill went also.

One of the best loved girls of our class, Flora Belle Harris, left us on March 12 to finish at Childersburg High School. Flora Belle is greatly missed and everyone regretted to see her leave the class of '43.

As we come to the end of our high school days, we feel that we have at last reached the goal we have, for so long, been working for. Always remembering our motto, I'm sure each member of the class of '43 will become very successful men and women.

The book entitled, "HISTORY OF THE CLASS OF '43," begins to close and may we wish the class of '44 a most successful year. To you, class of '44, we leave you the Senior privileges of Maplesville High School, hoping that you will maintain and even add to the high standards and morale that have been established in our school through these twelve years of hard but successful work.





JR. III CLASS

President ..... Hilda Ruth Carter
Vice President ..... Frances Chambers
Sec.-Treas. ..... Mattie Delene Dennis

CLASS ROLL

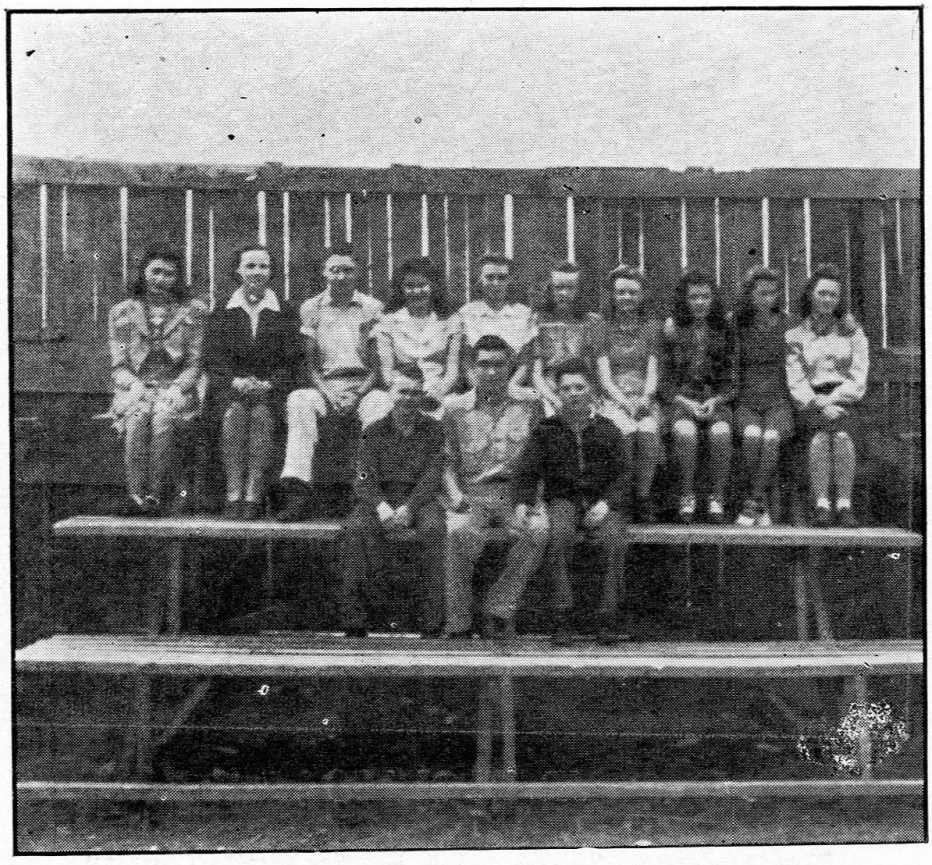
Hilda Ruth Carter
Mattie Delene Dennis
Johnnie Lou Mitchell
Carolyn Bryant
Faye Maddox
Olga B. Martin
Jeannette Wallace
Grace Harris
Louise Walker
Gertrude Manderson
Frances Chambers
Gladys Pope
Lucille Bearden
Swanson Bailey
John H. Garner
Lewis Fuqua
W. T. Lawley
Fred Gandy

JR. III CLASS HISTORY

You are now about to read something very apealing to you, I hope! This class is full of laughter and foolishness and do they make the grade as being the most thoughtful at times! I am writing you a little of the things that they have done and some things that have happened.

During the time we were in the seventh grade we did various things and made money that was spent for the painting of our room and the buying of a class library. This year we are in the ninth grade and it seems we haven't done anything but buy war stamps and bonds.

On January 8. 1943, something happened that made us very unhappy. Mrs. Camp, our home room teacher left us and started teaching at Isabella. Our class and the school had learned to love her and had learned a great deal from her teaching. We were very sorry to see her go but Mrs. Daniel took her place and we are still enjoying and taking an interest in school.



EIGHTH GRADE

President ..... Nettie Lawrence
Vice President ..... Elizabeth Rogers
Secretary-treasurer ..... Lunis Hicks

CLASS ROLL

M. L. Harris
M. G. Smith
Evelyn Morgan
Nolvice Greene
Mary Ellen Bates
Marcelle Stough
Ramona Jean Bolding
Dorothy McGee
Thomas Smith

Mary Thomas Atchison
Doris Lovelady
Audrey Perry
Dillie Mae Ford
Irby Pope Latham
Katherine Wallace
Sara Jean Nichols
Kenneth McGee
Elizabeth Rogers
James Headley

Lunis Hicks
Ollie V. Smith
Joseph Dennis
Bobby Hampton
Clovis Smith
Oma Edwards
Nell Shoults
Ola Jean McGee
Ruby Mae Hall

THE EIGHTH GRADE HISTORY

In the year of 1935 a group of wide-eyed boys and girls, who are now Junior II's, appeared at Maplesville School for their first time, "just wee beginners," with Miss Potts as teacher. They were: Sara Jean Nichols Bobby Hampton, Evelyn Morgan, Kenneth McGee, Ola Jean McGee, Elizabeth Rogers. Audrey Perry, Joseph and Mary Ellen Bates. We now have additional members but these have come into the class since the first grade.

On entering the second grade we had for our teacher Mrs. Chambers, who is still teaching at Maplesville

Our third grade and much loved teacher was Mrs Payne.

Then in 1938 Miss Taylor came to teach the fourth grade.

Then in the fifth school session Mrs. Porch became teacher of the group.

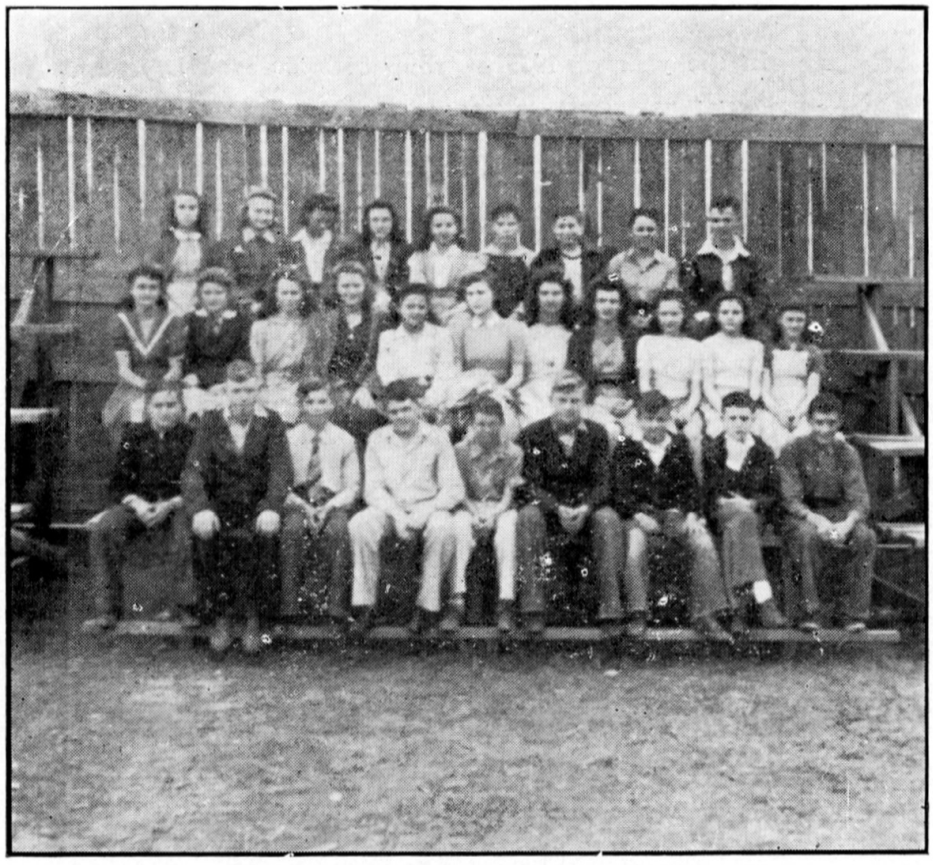
In the sixth grade we had for our teacher Miss LeCroy. She planned and made it possible for the sixth graders to have the first graduation at Maplesville from grammar school to high school, at which we received certificates. The class valedictorian was Mary Ellen Bates and the salutatorian was Lunis Hicks. Our class poem was composed by a member of our class, Thomas Smith.

Our seventh grade home room teacher was Miss Henson, who is at present teaching at Maplesville. Mr. Eubanks taught our math and science until he left to enter war work, after which Mr. Bonner taught these subjects for a while and he was followed by Mr. Abrams. Several members of the seventh grade class were in the 1942 graduation exercises.

As we entered school this session as eighth graders we were a very fortunate group to have for our teacher again Miss LeCroy, who taught us in the sixth grade We have a class club called "Our Better Mixture Club" that is working to raise money to buy new story books. Our president is Nettie Lawrence; vice president, Elizabeth Rogers, and secretary-treasurer, Lunis Hicks.

To each of our teachers from the first through the eighth grade we owe a debt of gratitude and we also want to say "thank you" to our principal, Mr. J. E Daniel, for his patience when we were so trying and unthoughtful.





SEVENTH GRADE

President ..... Josephine Stone
Vice President ..... Edna Mae Moore
Secretary-treasurer ..... Harold Walker

CLASS ROLL

William Fuqua
Ershine Glass
Billy James Rodgers
Harold Walker
Louie Walker
Edward Fordam
Truett Bearden
Billy Bolding
Thomas Green
Hoover Latham
Junior Latham
Junior Middlebrooks
Lloyd Mooney
Shirley Mooney
Alfred Smith
Coleman Smith
James Thomas
Mason Clyde Sims
John Ed Rankin
C. R. Sewell
Alfred Bearden
Louise Headley
Martha Alice Smith
Evelyn Williams
Minnie Headley
Christine Hicks
Ella Mae Hicks
Luevene Lawrence
Katie Lou Maddox
Edna Mae Moore
Josephine Stone
Ola Mae Osborn
Geneva Riffe
Jane Wallace
Vera Atchison
Virgie Mae Smith
Blossom Burt
Mildred Pate

Transferred:
Lloyd Mooney
Shirley Mooney
James Thomas
C. R. Sewell
Gereva Riffe
Jane Wallace
Virgie Mae Smith

SEVENTH GRADE HISTORY

The year of 1936 we entered school for our first year. We were frightened and several of us cried, but some of us were so tickled we didn't think about crying. We have to laugh sometimes when our minds carry us back to the foolish things we did when we were in our first year of school. Miss Johnson (our teacher) was adored by all of us.

In 1938 we were in our third year of school. Of course, we acted a little bit more natural by then. Mrs. Payne taught us that year.

Two years later we found ourselves in the fifth grade. Josephine Stone entered our class from the Altoona High School of Altoona, Alabama, and is still with us.

On August 31, 1942 we found ourselves entering Junior High School. It seems to us we have traveled a long way since the year of 1936.

Mrs. Billingsley, Mr. Robinson and Miss Henson are our teachers in Junior High School.

The following are the people that have attended Maplesville School since their first year of school:

Harold Walker

Martha Alice Smith

Louise Headley

Ola Mae Osborn

Lueverne Lawrence

Clarence Latham, Jr.

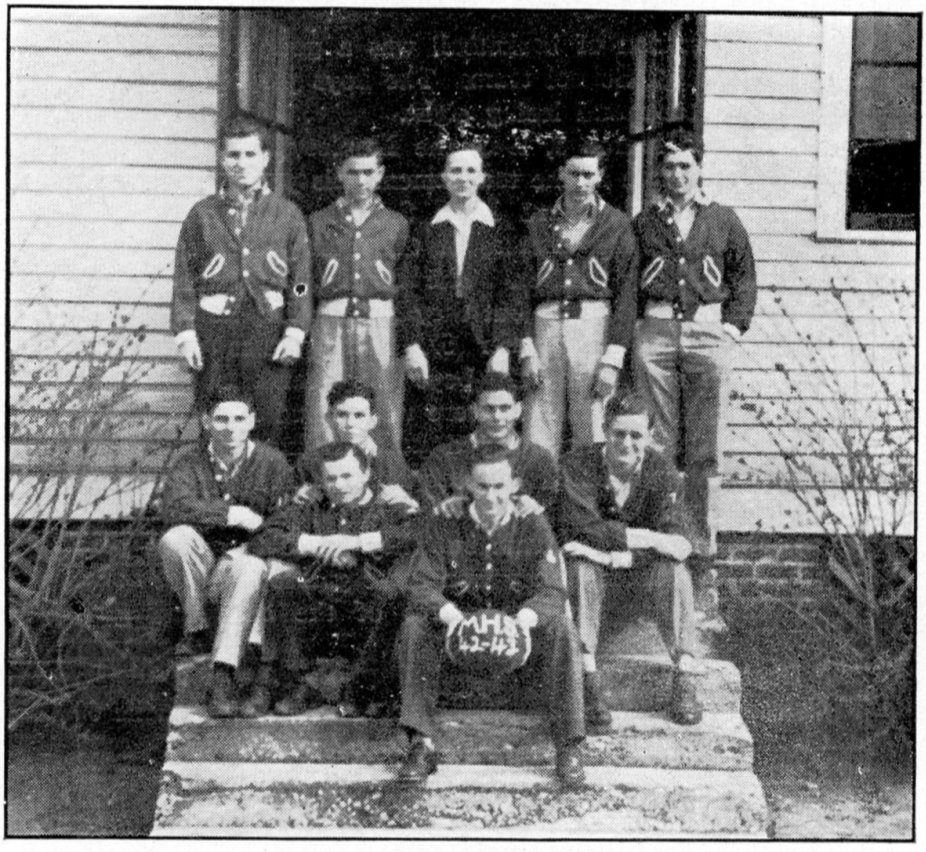
Truett Bearden





GIRL'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Left to right—1st row: Bettye Gandy, Helen McGee, Blanche Hicks, Cara McKinney. 2nd row: Johnnie Mitchell, Mary Golson, Pattie Nix, Mildred Dennis, Olga Martin. 3rd row: Louise Walker, Francis Chambers, Faye Maddox, Gladys Pape; Coach, Miss LeCroy, left side.



BOY'S BASKETBALL TEAM

Left to right—1st row: Clifford Davis, Tip Burnette. 2nd row: J. W. Mitchell, Johnnie Smith, Earl Ousley, Edwin Golson. 3rd row: Bobby Graham, Billy Dennis, Miss LeCroy; Coach, Joe McGee, Ralph Glass.

BASKETBALL

This season of basketball was a good one for Maplesville High School team. The boys played 15 games winning seven and losing eight.

Friday, March 5, 1943, the Maplesville team played their first game in the tournament this year. Their first game was with Ward High School. The Maplesville players being the winners of this game were scheduled to play Sidney Lanier. The Maplesville team played hard to win this game but they lost by 29 points. Scores, Maplesville 28 to Lanier 57. Losing this game the basketball season for the boys this year was ended.

The players this year were very proud of their coach, Miss LeCroy. They played hard, trying to show her how they appreciated her cooperation and kindness toward them.

The girls had a team but they failed to get to play very many games. They won three games and lost none.

The games and the scores of the boys and girls were as follows:

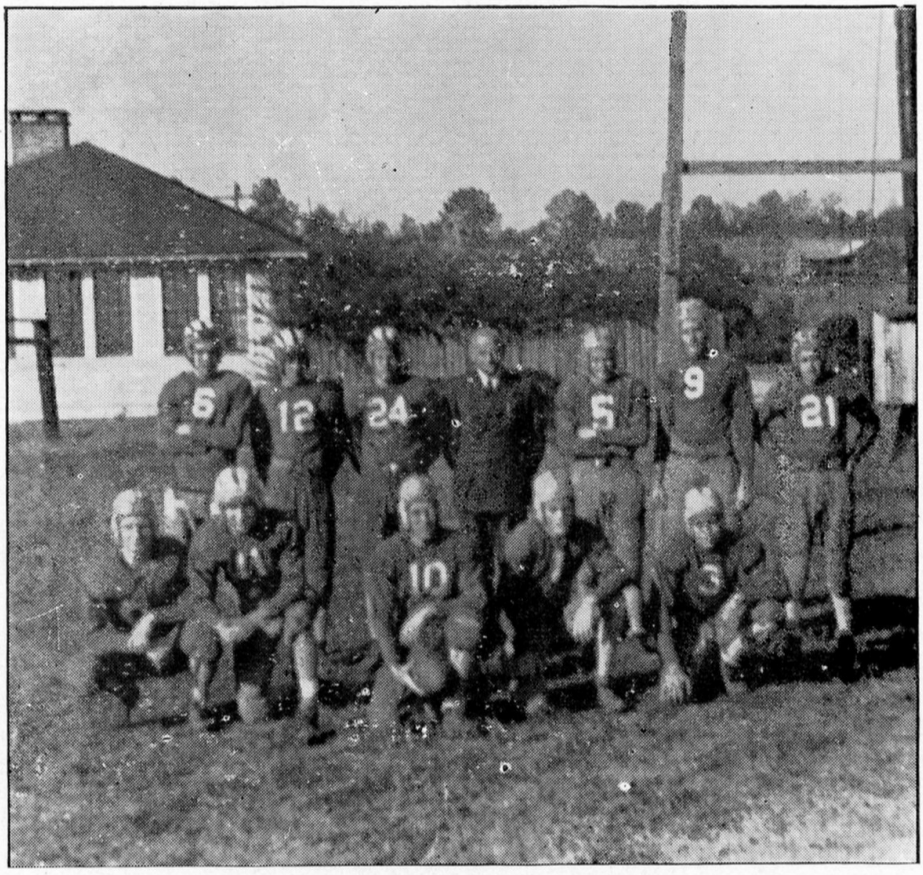
Boys:

Clanton 60	Maplesville	30
Clanton 44	"	18
Isabella 17	"	15
Isabella 19	"	29
Centerville 36	"	27
Jemison 28	"	22
Jemison 28	"	26
Isabella (B) 9	"	18
Stanton 9	"	37
Stanton 7	"	32
Vermont 4	"	3
Collins Chapel 18	"	14
Collins Chapel 27	"	22
Randolph 13	"	24
Randolph 6	"	27

Girls:

Stanton 5	"	17
Stanton 21	"	22
Randolph 3	"	23





FOOTBALL TEAM

Left to right—1st row: M. B. Hicks, Bobby Graham, Ralph Glass, M. D. Wallace, Thomas Smith. 2d row: Herbert Walker, M. G. Smith, Henley Carter, Mr. Davis (Coach), Jack Wallace, Earl Ousley, Jimmy Latham.

FOOTBALL

The 1942 football team of Maplesville High School was a good one, winning four, losing four and tieing one. This was a very successful season for the "Red Devils," coming out second in the county. The "Devils" total scores were 118 points, the opponents, 141 points

Under the coaching of Mr. J. E. Daniel, all the boys played hard. The total points scored by the "Devils" in the season of 1941 was 27 points. The season of 1942 was the best in Maplesville football history.

The Maplesville "Devils" went to Centerville Friday September 18. beaten by passes, 13-0.

The next Friday, September 25, the "Devils" went to Greensboro, beating them 14-12. This was the first time the Maplesville "Devils" have beaten Hale County High in its history.

Friday, October 2, Maplesville played West Blocton at West Blocton. At the half of the game West Blocton had the "Devils" 6-0. In the last half of the game West Blocton rallied and beat Maplesville 33-0.

Friday, October 9, Verbena came to Maplesville High and got tilted 33-0.

Friday night, October 16, the Chilton County "Tigers" downed the "Red Devils" 44-0 with 22 men.

October 23, the "Devils" had an off-day and got ready for Isabella. an old rival, whom the "Devils" played the following Friday, October 30. The Isabella "Mustangs" out-weighed the little Maplesville "Red Devils" and the "Mustangs" thought they would run away with the "Devils". They were fooled by the "Devils," holding them to a tie, 0-0. This day we lost our plunging fullback, Jack Deason, who volunteered to play a bigger game for Uncle Sam.

Friday, November 6, the "Red Devils" went to Verbena, thinking they had that game sewed up, but barely winning by a little score of 13-6.

Friday, November 13, Maplesville went to Marion to play Perry County High. Not knowing what kind of team they had. the "Devils" were barely beaten by the score of 33-31.

The last game of the 1942 football season was played November 20 at Isabella. The "Mustangs" really thought they would win this game by a big score, but came out loser to the "Red Devils," 27-0. The "Mustangs" fought hard, making two first downs. The "Red Devils" cleaned their plow by making 13 points in the first half of the game and 14 points in the last half. The only threat the "Mustangs" made was when Kincaid intercepted a pass that he ran to the 35-yard line. Here the "Devils" forward wall broke up the "Mustangs" only threat.

The "Red Devils" sportsmanship this season was an example for the "Red Devils" teams of the future.

By the leadership of the captain of the team, James Latham, he led the "Red Devils" to the most successful team of the year. The team also appreciates his good sportsmanship shown throughout the season.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

We were very much pleased when the Junior Red Cross was organized in our school. This gave us another chance to do our small but important bit in this fight for democracy.

Miss Lorene LeCroy was elected chairman, Cleo Jones president and Byrdie Lou Willis secretary and treasurer.. Two representatives were elected from each room. Herbert Walker and Byrdie Lou Willis represent the Juniors and Seniors; Earl Ousley and Bettye Sue Atchison the tenth; Frances Chambers and Olga Broadhead the ninth; Sara Jean Nickles and Bobby Hampton the eighth; Harold Walker and Edna Mae Moore the seventh. A majority of the high school students are members of this organization. Every elementary class room is a member.

Soon after the Junior Red Cross was organized some of the members put on a program demonstrating the work and importance of a well organized Junior Red Cross. This program was directed by Miss LeCroy and presented to the entire student body. We hope that it inspired those present to work a little bit harder.

During the year this club has worked on bedroom shoes and utility bags for service men.

DEFENSE STAMP AUCTION

November the fourth the Senior Class of Maplesville High School sponsored a defense stamp auction Because of some unknown delay Judge Reynolds from Clanton, Alabama, wasn't able to get here in time to be our actioneer. Much to our delight little Joe Graham acted as his substitute.

All students and teachers were asked to bring small gifts to be auctioned. These gifts were sold to the highest bidders, who bought this amount of war stamps meanwhile receiving the gift free.

We were very much pleased when several members of the audience bought bonds. Mrs. J. H. Camp, Mr J. E. Daniel, Judge Reynolds, J. W. Mitchell, Cleo Jones and Miss Lorene LeCroy were among those who bought bonds.

As would be expected at an auction, everyone had lots of fun and at the same time did something to help keep "Old Glory Waving High." In fact our auction was such a success that it was continued the next school day. The total amount of stamps and bonds was about $196 50. Considering the size of our school. we thought this was good.

We highly appreciated the aid given us in keeping a strong home front by those who bought stamps and bonds from us that day. May this spirit and cooperation live on!

SCRAP DRIVE

Our school was among the various other schools in sponsoring a scrap drive. Each student and teacher was asked to bring a piece of scrap each day until all the available scrap had been gathered from the homes. We are sure that more scrap would have been donated to the school if we had had means of transportation to gather and bring in large articles.

Although our scrap pile was rather small, we feel sure that it helped some in the national defense program.

The money from the scrap went into the treasury of the Senior Class since they sponsored the drive.



A DEDICATION

This page is dedicated to the boys who have once attended Maplesville School and are now in the service of our country. To these boys who are offering their lives for the cause of freedom, we pledge our loyalty and cooperation upon the home front. We honor their memories and pray that God will bring them safely back to their friends and loved ones.

If any name has been omitted from the list below it is not intentional.

ROLL OF HONOR

ARMY

Adams, William
Atchison, B. F.
Atchison, Thomas
Atchison, Wheeler
Bailey, Aubry
Bearden, Reuben
Bolding, Henry
Bolding, M. J.
Brown, Rash
Boykin, Jim
Cagle, C. E., Jr.
Chism, Howard
Crew, Percy
Cook, C. W.
Davis, Charles
Deason, Jack
Gandy, Lewis
Gandy, Quinton
Gandy, Walter
Gay, Aaron
Gay, J. D.
Glasscock, Edward
Glasscock, Calvin
Harris, Edward
Harris, Howard
Hayes, Allen
Hayes, Douglas
Hayes, Monroe
Headly, Gordon
Hicks, Layden
Hicks, Leon
Hicks, Luman
Hill, Willie Clyde
Kelly, Eugene
Kelly, Sanford
Kyser, George
Langston, Carrey
langston, Edward
Latham, E. T.
Latham, Glenn
Latham, Jessie Lee
Lawrence, Lloyd
Lovelady, Ralph
McAfee, Lindsey
McAfee, Alvis
Mims, Barney
Mitchell, Quinton
Moore, Otis
Morgan, Woodrow
Motley, Henry Lee
Mount, Perk
Nix, Henry Clay
Nix, H. M., Jr. (Missing)
Oden, Marvin
Parnell, Lareed
Perryman, Justice
Ratcliff, Clint
Roebuck, Welsh
Riffe, Perry Robert
Rucker, Curtis
Shoults, Charles
Smith, Bardie
Smith, Carlos C.
Smith, Carlis Lee
Smith, Hudson
Smith, T. K.
Smitherman, Billy
Smitherman, Henry T.
Tucker, Claud
Tucker, Fred
Tucker, Jeff Davis
Wallace Horace
Wallace, Junior
Williams, Tommy
Wright, Chester
Wright, Doyle
Willis, Gene

NAVY

Brown, John
Colbern, W. E.
Davis, Lloyd
Gandy, Thomas
Gregg, H. T.
Hathcock, Eugene (Missing)
Hathcock, R. C.
Hayes, Edward
Hicks, Philip
Hicks, Oliver
Kelly, Thomas
Latham, Edward
Latham, Joe
Latham, Oscar
Lawley, Ezra Lee
Patterson, Ralph
Ruddick, William (Bill)
Ruthven, Beaman
Smith, Calvin
Walker, Warren

MARINES

Baisden, Homer
Hayes, Johnny C. (Merchant Marines)
Merchand, Johnny Frank
Shanks, Herschell



HISTORY OF MAPLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

In the year of 1931 the people of Maplesville High School Community made a very important decision. It was then that they decided that the time had come for their school to meet requirements for accreditment. This decision called for a contribution of around $4,000. The trustees, patrons and friends of the school set themselves to work on this objective and within a week their aims were realized. They did this task in the face of the fact that we were in the midst of the worst depression America has had to face. Much praise and credit goes to the trustees, patrons and friends of the school. Generations of boys and girls as yet unborn will be thankful to them. This is the type of cooperation and determination that has made America what it is today.

Many things had to be done to meet the State requirements for accreditment. An inventory of the school was made and checked with the State requirements This revealed the fact that more floor space was needed Thus a new room was added to the school building Equipment for a four-unit home economics laboratory was purchased. Equipment for biology, physics, general science and chemistry was also purchased. More than six hundred books covering the most important fields of human knowledge were purchased for the library. Space will not permit the mention of many other smaller requirements that had to be met. Suffice to say, the purchase of all this equipment met the physical requirements for accreditment.

The purchase of physical equipment and its installation in a school building does not make a school. It has been said that the best school in the world is a "conscienceious teacher on one end of the log and a consciencious student on the other end." Acting on this assumption the State Department of Education sent its very efficient high school supervisor, Mr. T. W. Smith, to Maplesville three times during the school year of 1931-32 Mr. Smith checked to see if the required equipment was installed, but the main object of his visit was to determine whether or not the teachers and the students were at work. As a result of his visits he became convinced that Maplesville High School should be placed on the list of accredited high schools and colleges. and in April 1932, the committee on high school accreditment officially placed Maplesville on that list.

Since the first year of the school's accreditment the enrolment has been steadily increasing to the point where more floor space had to be provided. A total of five new rooms have been constructed to take care of the increased enrollment.

Around one hundred and fifty boys and girls have received their diplomas at Maplesville High School during the twelve years of its accreditment. A comparatively large percentage of these graduates continued their education at various colleges of the State. The majority of those entering college studied to become teachers and are now in active service.

These twelve years of accreditment have passed rapidly and now we are near the end of those first twelve years. This year's Senior Class was in the first grade when Maplesville High School was accredited Time passes rapidly and we are conscious of the fact that "time and tide wait for no man."

We hold each class that has graduated from Maplesville High School in fond remembrance. They all worked hard to accomplish some goal, but special tribute must be paid the class of 1943. They have exhibited the qualities of good citizenship and have been workers in the fullest meaning of that word.



SENIOR CLASS CALENDAR

AUGUST 31, 1942—

On this memorable date we began our year as dignified seniors. We also went into a democratic huddle and elected our class officers. After quite a struggle we emerged without a fatality.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1942—

This was the day of days—the day to which we had looked forward so long. Our class rings arrived, and were we proud of them?

SEPTEMBER 15, 1942—

On this day we really undertook a job. It was decided that we would publish the first year book Maplesville High School has had. It was hard work but lots of fun. The results are now before you.

OCTOBER 1, 1942—

Yes, we actually do know how to be serious minded when necessary. When we decided on our class motto we chose it for a life motto as well—"To Thine own self be true." Our colors are red and white and our flowers, roses.

OCTOBER 31, 1942—

This was a day of mingled joy and sadness. It was "Homecoming Day" for Maplesville School and the occasion of our annual, do or die, game with Issabella. It was also the last game in which our class mate, Jack Deason, would play. He was leaving the next day to play in a greater game—the grim game of War.

We tied the game with Isabella.

NOVEMBER 1, 1942—

Well, on this day we selected Miss Henson as our sponsor. She has been a true friend and counselor yet she has always been ready to join in our fun where fun existed.

NOVEMBER 4, 1942—

What a reward for labor well performed? After a short period of concentration on our current play, Miss Henson and Mrs. Billingsley stopped rehearsal and treated us to a party.

NOVEMBER 6, 1942—

Life is now a merry round for the Seniors. On this evening the juniors entertained us with a banquet at the Green Roof Cafe. The juniors know how to do things in grand style. Thanks, juniors.

NOVEMBER 9, 1942—

On this night, after rehearsal we tried to show our great appreciation to Miss Henson for her patience and understanding she has given us. To her, our sponsor, we presented a gift—just a small token of our great love and appreciation.

NOVEMBER 10, 1942—

Tonight was our big night. "Betty's Millionaire" was a huge success. We had a large and appreciative audience and we cleared a nice sum of money.

NOVEMBER 24, 1942—

We are in the army now! So it seemed when we entered the study hall door on the night of November 24. Willie Clyde Hill was leaving us next day to join Uncle Sam's forces so we sent him off with a bang—maneuvers and all that included. Willie Clyde was 1-A guy in our class and we know he is making an A-1 soldier.

NOVEMBER 26, 1942—

Today our patriotism was rampant. We began our scrap drive and our campus looked like a real junk yard. Who cares? It is all for Uncle Sam.

NOVEMBER 29, 1942—

Our patriotism continues high! Today an auction sale at which $196.00 was netted brought us much satisfaction. Just think $50.00 War Bonds thrown in as premiums with mops and soap and other household articles.

DECEMBER 18, 1942—

Christmas is in the air today. Tonight we are attending a Christmas Party which Miss Henson has planned for us. Santa Claus!

DECEMBER 19, 1942—

Christmas holidays begin tomorrow. Study? Why let school work interfere with our social activities? Today we presented our home room teacher. Mrs. Billingsley, with a token of our appreciation.

JANUARY 1, 1943—

Mid-term exams Oh, my poor dizzy head and stiff fingers Resolved: never again will we put off study till exam week.

JANUARY 21, 1943—

Today we picked the best citizen of our class—Cleo Jones.

FEBRUARY 1, 1943—

On this day we dragged out all the A's, B's & C's of the past semester and averaged our grades. Out of a possible 95, Cleo Jones made 94.7 and Byrdie Lou Willis 90.7. Nice work girls. The other eight members of the class were not far behind.

MARCH 1, 1943—

Dorene Lovelady was elected class historian today. Why, of course we have a history!

MARCH 17, 1943—

What a class! We gave the teachers a holiday today. The whole senior class took off and went to Clanton to have their photographs made for the year book.

MARCH 18, 1943—

We lost a valued member of our class today. Flora Bell Harris transferred to Childersburg School.

APRIL 8. 1943—

Tonight we hardly recognized ourselves in our grease paint, wigs and other make-up for "Hobgoblin House." The audience went home with cold chills running up and down their spine which is just what we intended. Some actors, we.

APRIL 9, 1943—

This morning we repeated "Hobgoblin House" with great success.

APRIL 23, 1943—

We are looking forward to a party at the DuBose home on this date. Mrs. Billingsley is entertaining juniors, seniors and faculty and it will be our last social gathering of the year. Ho-hum, graduating is not "joy without alloy".

MAY 9, 1943—

On this day we will don caps and gowns and attend Baccalaureate Sermon. Mr. Paul Oden will deliver the address and we will conclude the exercises with a candle lighting service.

MAY 14, 1943—

This is the day on which our hopes have lingered since we became high school students. For us it is the end of our care free school life and the beginning of a life of larger service.

As our year book goes to press we have four weeks of hard work before us yet. Our hearts are full of joy because we are nearing the first mile stone of our careers and sad because our class will go out probably never to reunite. So be it. We each have our part to play in life's great drama.

