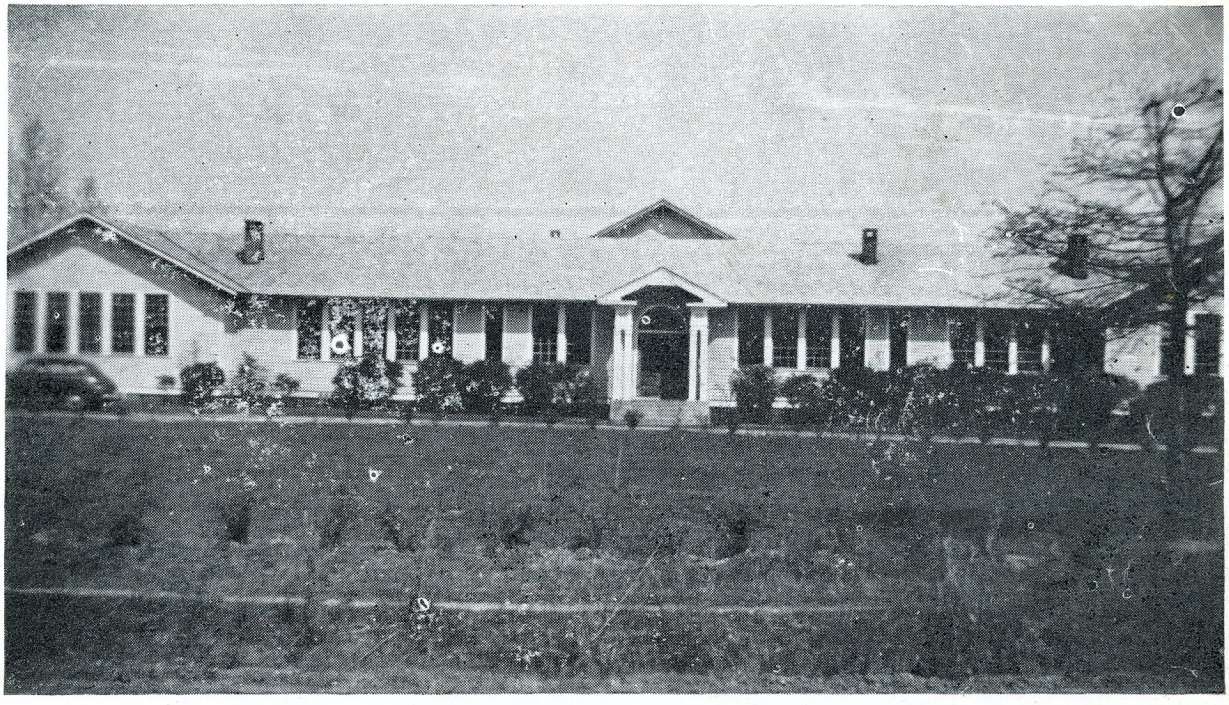
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FOREWORD

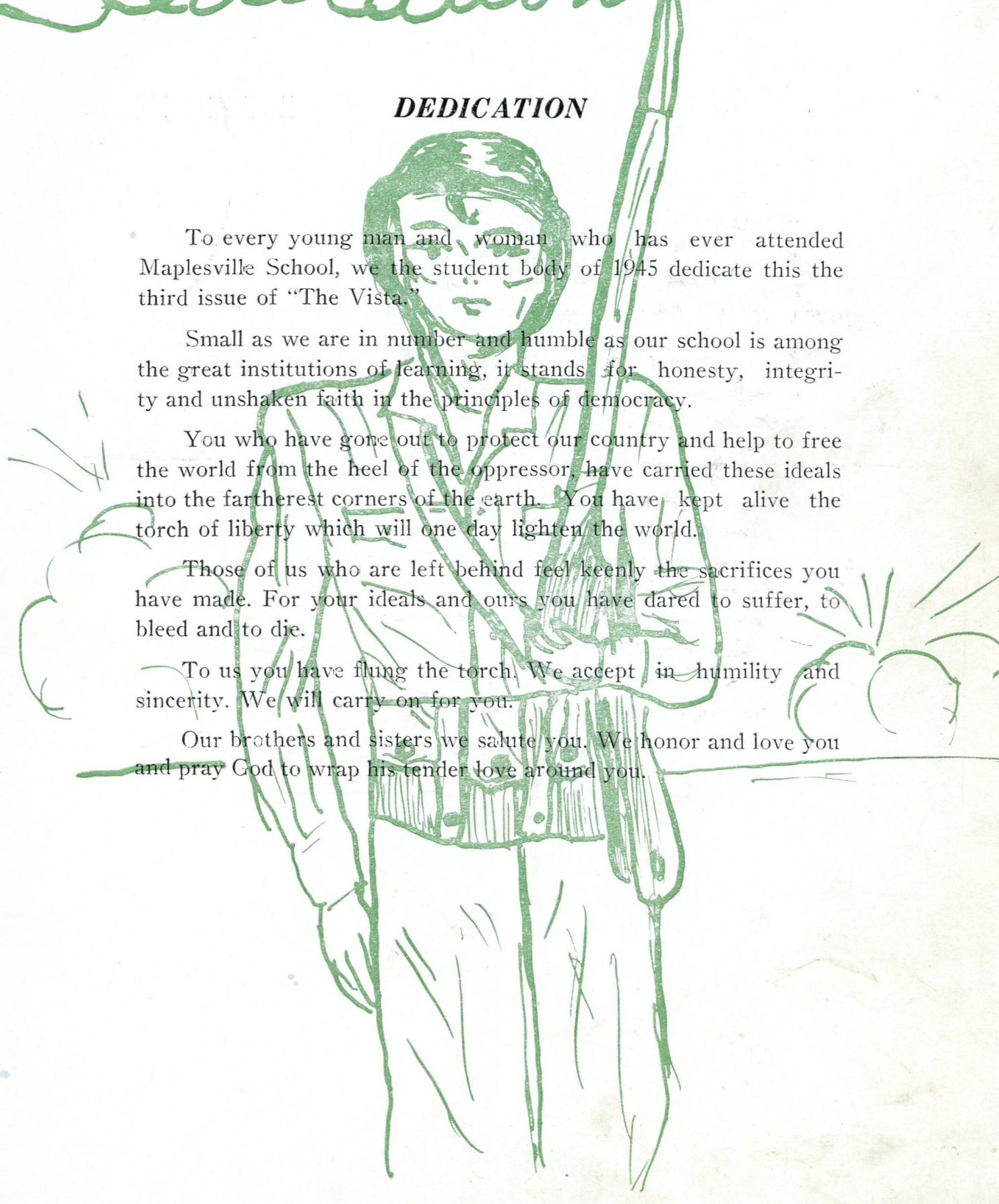
Again we introduce our annual. This year we find many things which have changed.

Although we find the same school house but not the same pupils, for many have gone to give their services to their country.

This is the school we want to remember, the laughing and giggling of the students in the hall, (and some even in classes), the sound of some first grader getting a spanking, girls sitting around about their soldier, sailor or even a civilian, everyone rushing to study hall to get their lunch and eat before bell time - these things are what we want to remember and to keep for all the students to come back to. These are the people who will take the responsibility as it may come--for they are the leaders of the future.

Dedication . . . .

DEDICATION



To every young man and woman who has ever attended Maplesville School, we the student body of 1945 dedicate this the third issue of "The Vista."

Small as we are in number and humble as our school is among the great institutions of learning, it stands for honesty, integrity and unshaken faith in the principles of democracy.

You who have gone out to protect our country and help to free the world from the heel of the oppressor, have carried these ideals into the fartherest corners of the earth. You have kept alive the torch of liberty which will one day lighten the world.

Those of us who are left behind feel keenly the sacrifices you have made. For your ideals and ours you have dared to suffer, to bleed and to die.

To us you have flung the torch. We accept in humility and sincerity. We will carry on for you.

Our brothers and sisters we salute you. We honor and love you and pray God to wrap his tender love around you.



MRS. LITTLEJOHN, Sixth Grade
MRS. BILLINGSLEY, Eleven and Twelth Grades.

MRS. CHAMBERS, First Grade.
Mrs. COBERN, Ninth Grade.

MISS FOSHEE, Tenth Grade
MISS JOHNSON, Second Grade.

MRS. SMITH, Fifth Grade.
MRS. OWENS, Fourth Grade.



MRS. GAY, Seventh Grade.



J. E. DANIELS, Principal

MISS SHANKS,
MRS. HENRY, Eighth Grade.



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Atcheson, Thomas
Atcheson, Wheeler
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Bailey, Aubry
Bearden, Charles
Bolding, Henry
Bearden, Rube
Bolding. M. J.
Brown, Rash
Brown, George
Boykin, Jim
Bone, Roy (wounded)
Bone, Earl
Bone, Doyle
Bone, Sam
Cagle, C. E., Jr.
Chism, Howard
Crew, Percy
Crew, Irvin (wounded'
Cook, C. A.
Cook, Douglas
Carter, Henley
Crane, Luther
Bolding, James
Davis, Charles
Deason, Jack
Davis, Herman
Dennis, Billy (wounded)
Dennis, Andrew Lloyd
Deavers, Cecil
Davis, Clifford (deceased)
Fuqua, Lewis (wounded)
Davenport, Sterling
Graham, Robert C.
Gaddy, Thomas
Garner, Lloyd
Gandy, Lewis
Garner, Floyd
Foshee, Cal
Gandy, Walter
Gay, Aaron
Gay, J. D.
Glasscock, Edward
Glasscock, Calvin
Hayes, Douglas (discharged)
Houston, John Tom
Houston, R. Q.
Harris, Edward
Hayes, Monroe
Hayes, Willard
Hayes, Allen (discharged)
Headley, Tommy (wounded)
Headley, Gordon
Headley, Ernest
Hicks, Layden
Hicks, Luman
Hicks, Leon
Hill, Willie Clyde
Kelly, Sanford
Kelly, Eugene
Kyser, George
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Latham, Edward
Latham, Glenn
Latham, Jimmy
Latham, Jessie Lee
Latham, James Lee
Lawrence, Lloyd (wounded)
Lovelady, Ralph
McAfee, Sonny
McAfee, Lindsey
McAfee, Alvis
McGee, Joe
Mitchell, Quinton
Mims, Barney
Mitchell, J. W.
Motley, Sherman
Motley, Henry Lee
McAfee, Leighton
Moore, Otis
Moore, Aglis
Morgan, Woodrow
Mount, Perk
Nix, Harvey M. (missing)
Nix, Henry Clay (discharged)
Oden, Marion
Osborn, George
Parnell, Lareed
Parnell, Charles
Perryman, Justice
Payne, Willie T. (deceased)
Payne, Westley
Ratcliff, Clint
Roebuck, Welsh (discharged)
Riffe, Perry Robert
Rucker, Curtis
Roper, Walter
Shoults, Charles
Smith, Arlie
Smith, Carlis Lee
Smith, Carlos C.
Smith, Hudson
Smith, T. K.
Smitherman, Howison
Smitherman, Henry
Seals, K. C.
Scott, James
Smith, Alfred
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Tucker, Jeff Davis
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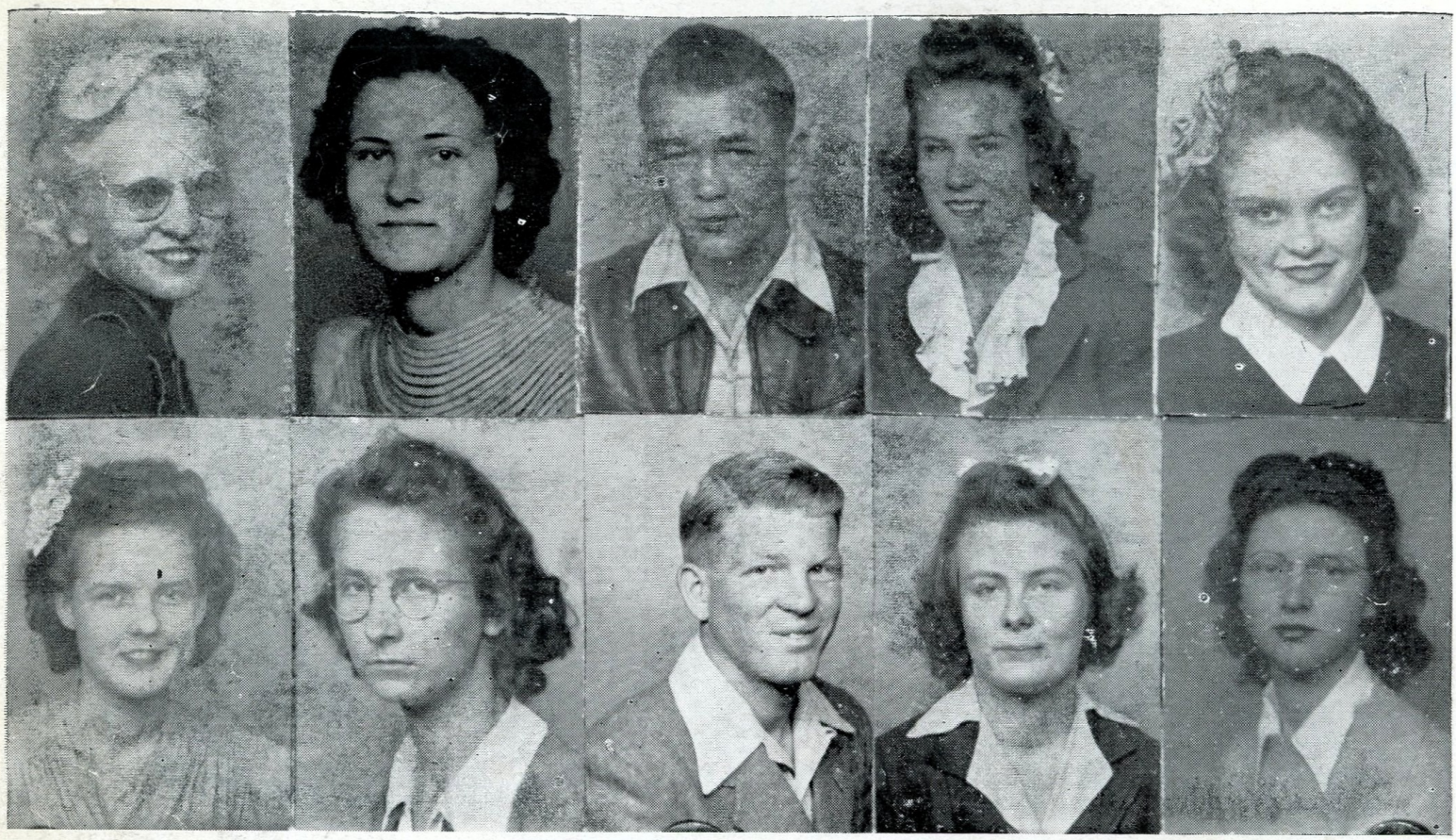
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Culp, James
Davis, Clifford (deceased)
Davis, Lloyd
Davis, Rother
Glass, Ralph
Gandy, Thomas
Gregg, H. T.
Hathcock, R. C.
Hathcock, Eugene (prisoner)
Hampton, Jack
Hayes, Edward
Hicks, Phillip
Hicks, Oliver
Kelly, Thomas
Latham, Edward
Latham, Oscar
Latham, Joe
Lawley, Ezra Lee
Ousley, Earl
Patterson, Ralph
Ruddick, Bill
Ruthven, Beamon
Smith, Calvin
Wallace, Jack
Walker, Herbert
Walker, Warren
Nichols, Willard
Shoults, Herbert
Shoults, Allen
Sexton, J. T.
Smith, Johnny (discharged)
Hayes, Johnny
Stough, R. C.
Shanks, Hershel
Bearden, Joe Ed (discharged)

If any name has been ommitted it was unintentional. The staff has checked the records as carefully as possible and wants to give honor to every former student who is in Service.

SENIORS





FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

LOUISE LITTLEJOHN—
"Just naturally good."

VENICE CHISM—
"Kindness and sincerity make a pleasant disposition."

JOE SHOULTS—
"A good fellow among his friends."

MARY LEE MITCHELL—
"So light of foot. so light of spirit."

NENA GLEATON—
"Just being happy is a fine thing."

SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

PATTY NIX—
"Merrily merrily shall I love now."

RUTH CHISM—
"Intelligence is not her only virtue."

BOB DAVIS—
"He is an example and an inspiration to youth."

FRANCIS CHISM—
"A worker, always willing to do her best."

LATHA (Billie) LOVELADY
"There is a lady sweet and kind."

FIRST ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: NEXT PAGE

OLGA HICKS—
"Once a friend always a friend."

ELIZABETH WALKER—
"A Senior"

EVELYN GREGG—
"So buxom, blithe and debonair"

ORA ADAMS—
"She doeth little kindnesses which others leave undone."

RUTH GREGG—
"My treasures are my friends."



SECOND ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

KATHRYN WEAVER—
"Such a whirl pool of fun and mischief in her head."

RALPH MOORE—
"Another loyal son who will soon heed the call of Uncle Sam."

AILLENE MILLER—
"To know her is to love her."

U. V. WALDROP—
"Tarrest and intelligent and able to take life as it comes."

HOWARD NELL SMITH—
"God sent His singers upon earth with songs of sadness and of mirth."

THIRD ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

MILDRED DENNIS—
"[illegible] and love awhile, 'Twas but for one half hour."

MARY GOLSON—
"[illegible] resolve at last to live and love in quiet."

ROBERT POOLE—
"A keen mind in a cool head."

FAYE MADDOX—
"[illegible] a girl who does her own thinking and needs no advice."

BLANCHE HICKS MITCHELL—
"She already has a M.R.S. degree."



SENIOR II:

FIRST ROW—Left to Right:

Janie Ruth Lewis, Margie Burnett, Louise Walker Grace Harris, Lucille Bearden.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right:

Marylin Bearden, Mattie Delene Dennis, Evelyn Barnett, Johnnie Davis.

THIRD ROW—Left to Right:

Allene McKinney Clara Freeman, Hilda Ruth Carter, Frances Chambers, Fred Gandy



FIRST ROW—Left to Right:

Walter Martin, Hazel Houston, Bobby Hampton.

SECOND ROW—

Mary Ellen Bates, Burton Carter, Elizabeth Rogers.

THIRD ROW—

Dorothy McGee, Novic Green, Doris Lovelady.

FOURTH ROW—

Evelyn Morgan, Eddie Leon Ruddick, Lena Dell Wallace.



SENIOR I'S:

FIRST ROW—Left to Right:

Edna Ousley Audrey Perry E. W Walker Nettie Lawrence, Bernice Davis.

SECOND ROW—Left to Right:

Kathleen Weaver Kenneth McGee, Ramona Bolding, A. W Hayes, Ruth Lenoir Thomas Smith.

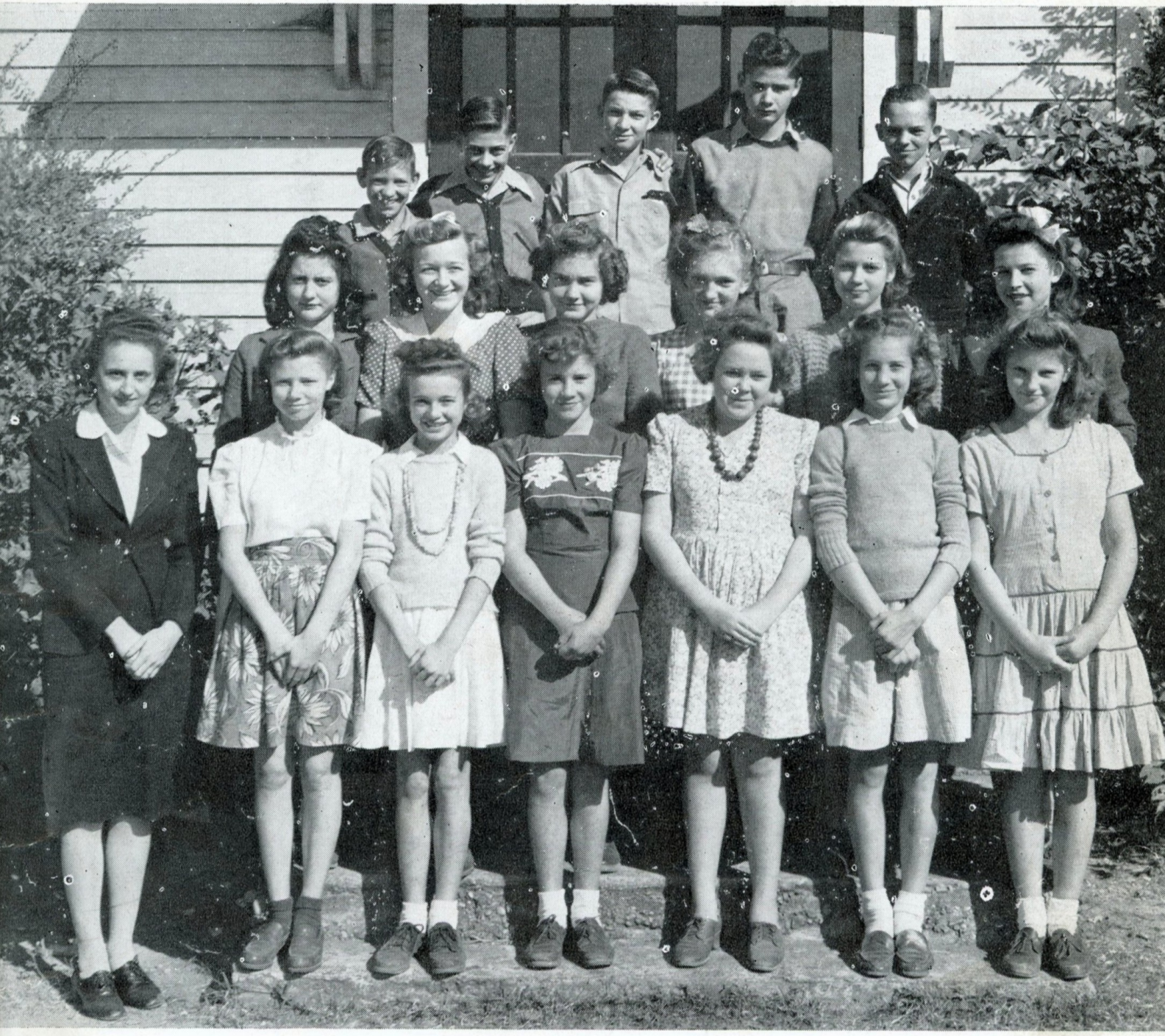
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Marcella Stough, Ollie V Smith, Nellie Ruth Giles, Helen Mitchell, Annie Nell Smith, Ethel Barnett.



JUNIOR III—
Truett Bearden
William Fuqua
Thomas Green
Junior Middlebrooks
John Ed Rankin
Coleman Smith
Alfred Smith
Mason Sims
Harold Walker
Louise Headley
Christine Hicks
Luevene Lawrence
Mabeline Lawrence
Ruth Lovelady
Edna Mae Moore
Katie Lou Maddox
Virginia Merchant
Ola Mae Osborn
Martha Alice Smith
Dorothy Lenoir

Memories Of M. H. S.



JUNIOR II—
Marshall Abrams
Irene Atchison
Bobbie Dean Bailey
Aaron Davenport
Dolly Jean Dennis
Johnnye Faye Green
Mary Elizabeth Haglier
Shelby Hicks
Brooks Holifield
Keith Latham
Charles Lawley
Vernell Lawrence
Inez Middlebrooks
Mildred McGee
Billy James Rogers
Jessie Nell Seals
Betty Lou Williams
Vernon Smith
Charles Stough
Jessie Dean Wallace
Estelle Willis
Vera Mae Wilson



JUNIOR I—
Charles Chapman
Horace Chapman
Donald Horton
Willard Lawley
Billy Joe Moore
Clarence Stone
Jessie Smith
George Smith
James Smith
Thurrell Smith
Sidney Ratcliff
Fred Martin
Bammer Williams
Elizabeth Bearden
Verlie Mae Halifield
Bertha Jeter
Bonnie Sue Kincaid
Wenona Langford
Geneva Lawrence
Doris Maye
Patsy Morgan
Betty Jo McGee
Tommie Jo Perry
Loyce Pate
Louise Sims
Mary Ella Wallace
Erenstine Payton
Ruby Trammel

THE MYSTERIOUS MAN

One morning as I reached the bus stop I saw a strange man on the opposite corner he was staring at me. It frightened me because he was a stranger and he was acting in a very queer manner.

When I was just about to go into hysterics, I saw my bus coming and was somewhat relieved but remained jumpy all day at my work.

I was almost afraid to leave the building to go home that afternoon, but to my relief the man was nowhere in sight. I got home safely and soon forgot the incident for several days.

Then one night I saw him again in a cafe. He was staring at each girl who entered and finally his gaze rested upon me. I could hardly finish my supper.

I slipped out quietly and thought I had evaded him but as I passed under the last street light I glanced over my shoulder and almost fainted on the spot. I was being followed!

Instead of running, I turned and snapped at him angrily, "Who are you, why are you following me?" But as soon as I had spoken I was sorry for my eyes rested on a shiny badge upon his coat. He was a detective.

Then he spoke in a pleasant tone, much unlike my own, "I am Eric Todd and you are Peggy Payne." "No, I am not. I've never heard of her and please take your hand off my arm."

"You can't fool me, Peggy. After knowing you as I have since our childhood; you needn't be high-hat. I've been a detective for five yars and I've never failed yet."

"But you've failed this time, mister. I'm Margaret Allen and I can prove it." It was purest luck that I was wearing my new identification bracelet.

As he looked at my nameplate his smile slowly faded and his face was as solemn as when I had first seen him at the corner.

"I am afraid you are right," he said, "but I do owe you an explanation. This is not a routine case but purely personal. Three years ago my sweetheart disappeard. You are exactly like her in every way except your voice. I am sorry I frightened you. If you will, please wish me better luck next time for this is my first failure."

FRANCES CHISM,
Senior III.

Mary Ellen Bates
Senior I English.

"I PRAY TO THEE"

It was Fiesta time when Senorita Maria, a young eighteen year old girl, returned to Old Mexico. She had been studying art designing in New York. Maria was a beautiful Spanish girl who spoke without a trace of accent, although she loved to speak in her native language. Her father had wanted her to go to New York, the place where her mother had lived and where her father had married. Her mother was an American, blond-headed and blue eyed. Maria had inherited her mother's blue eyes, but apart from her eyes she was completely Spanish. She was coming home now, for her beautiful mother had died, leaving her father bowded down with sorrow."

It was a beautiful day when she stepped off the train. She saw a lovely sight of the young Senoritas and Seniors dancing in their bright colored costumes. She gazed with delight on them and looked around for her father. He was waiting in their car and embraced her and Maria noticed that he looked ten years older than when she had seen him last.

They drove home in silence and softly under her breath she said a prayer to the Virgin Mary to help her to console, comfort and make a home for her beloved father. Then slowly she crossed her fingers, an American custom, and smiled to herself.

ROMANTIC SCARE

It was 8 o'clock one night and Jerry was on his way to his first date. He had saved and saved until he had enough money to buy an orchid. So he was walking briskly out the front door. He looked down at his feet. No shoes!

"Great Guns," he exclaimed, "I wonder if the neighbors saw me? Then if they did,

it only brought back memories," he said half to himself.

Back into the house he went and back out with his shoes on. "Oh, oh!" One black and one white!" So back into and back out of the house; suit, tie, shirt, shoes, hat and all.

"Goodness!" "There's no orchid in the box! Sis must have gotten it to wear to the ball tonight," he moaned. 'What'll I do?" "Mother's shrubs—that's it! I ll get a gardenia."

JOE STEVENSKI AND THE PANAMA CANAL

I, Joe Stevenski, have always had a passion for ditch digging. Maybe it's because a pick and shovel just fit naturally into the hands of a Stevenski or maybe it's because I helped to dig one of the biggest ditches in the world—Panama Canal.

Yes, it was back in 1902 when I first heard about Teddy Roosevelt's scheme of digging a ditch across the Isthmus of Panama. My brother had been one of his Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War, so when Major Goethak and his regiment took over the project, I joined right up.

There we were—a bunch of ditch diggers with a few civil engineers like the Major and gigantic ditch to be dug. Yes, it was sort of an inferno. Mosquitoes, millions of 'em, big as cock roaches. Malaria struck our men and knocked out dozens of 'em. I remember when many slept restlessly in their tents while the air was vibrant with sounds of the jungle around us. The heat was terrific. It made the air heavy and hard to breathe

Kneed deep in the dark, murky, swamp water we dug. And high in the majestic Indes we dug. Fifty miles onward we dug—a continuous pounding at rock and mud. The task seemed endless.

Ah, but it could have been much worse had it not been for the Major Goethak to plan for us and Major Gorgas to make that wild country fit to live in and Teddy Roosevelt to make sense of the whole thing.

It was a great day when Teddy Roosevelt came down to inspect the project. Word was passed up and down the line that Roosevelt had arrived and every man welcomed him from his heart. He made us feel like heroes fighting a battle. He made us proud of every drop of blood we had shed.

Then at last the Canal was complete. On that memorable day in 1914 the locks were raised and the water of the Atlantic mingled freely with the water of the Pacific and the first ship slid through the locks. A strange hush fell over the men as we watched. A sigh was echoed from man to man. America had triumphed—American igenuity and determination.

And a ditch digger whose parents were still in Russia, was a part of that America.

HOWARD NELL SMITH,
Senior III.




ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
MARY + JACK
2+6=12
CAT
BOY
I LOVE YOU



1ST GRADE—
Betty Barnes
Patty Lovelady
Jo Ann Lawley
Lucille Smith
Maudine Maddox
Geneva Moore
Emily McCue
Peggy Seals
Elizabeth Wallace

Geneva Farley
Margaret Ann Henry
Carolyn Hathcock

Alfred Davenport
Morman Johnson
Ellis Kimbrough
Bill Lawrence
Leland Lawrence
Thomas Lawrence

Frankie Lee McCarmick
Alton McAfee
Bobby Ray McDaniel
Kenneth Mitchell
Jasper Perry
Freddie Thomas
Fletcher White
Lewis Langston
Leslie Smith
Arnold Pate



2ND GRADE—
Benjamin Abbott
Hollis Christian
Ed Day
Leighton Gandy
Bryant Green
Huey Headley
Wallace Krout
J B. Langston
Alton Lawrence
Donald Lawrence
Billy Jene McDaniel
Jimmie Middlebrooks
Leon Mitchell
Bobby Moore
John Motley
Fred Allen Oden
Johnnie Seals
Morris Seals
Curtis Smith
Odis Smith
Billy Green
Harvey Joe Smith
Ellis Kimbrough (Kim)
Dan Lucas
Annette Adkins
Annie Laurie Chambers
Estella Chatman
Martha Crumpton
Frances Edwards
Ethelle McCormick
Patty Perry
Peggy Perry
Rachael Waldrop
Dixie Ann Williams
Jessie Mae McElroy
Wilma Jean Clark
Martha Ellen Chambers
Eloise Cordel



3RD GRADE—
Willie Dell Abbott
Magdaline Chapman
Elizabeth Dennis
Genette Green
Artie Hathcock
Mourine Lawley
Helen Maddox
Gloriann McCue
Mabeline Sealey
Susie Smitherman

Bronzell Williams
Barbara Sewell
Lois Boatfield
Orvel Smith
Thomas Chapman
Miller Ford
Bobby Garner
Thomas Gleaton
Edward Headley
Bobby Latham
Van Maddox
Billy Morgan



4TH GRADE—
Paul Atchison
Brown Bolding
Felton Crumpton
Leo Crumpton
Ralph Edwards
Charlie Farley
Ernest Fuqua
Billy Green
E. J Headley
Charles Lawrence
Bobby Middlebrooks
Johnny Moore
Billy Perry
Johnson Ratcliff
James Sealey
Curtis Sims
Levaughan Smith
Eugene Smitherman
Leroy Boatfield
Jerry Hayes
Roscoe McCary
Neal Stough
Felix Burt
Frank Hall
Mary Farley
Mabelene Gentry
Barbara Ham
Arthelle Johnson
Bonnie McGee
Eloise Meherg
Susie McCormick
Odema Mitchell
Wilma Lucus



5TH GRADE—
Majorie Davis
Augusta Lawrence
Betty Lovelady
Una Fay Abrams
Violet Barnhill

Jeanette Dennis
Alvis Lawrence
Barbara Morgan
Betty Moore
Mary Jane Waldrop
Frances Wilson

Vestelle Wright
Betty Payne
Louise Lawrence
Darlton Davis
Lloyd Fuqua
Carlos Latham

Calvin Seals
Johnnie Davenport
J. W. Bone
Hambric Hathcock
Bobby Hicks
Francis Johnson

James Maddox
Hugh Morgan
Argle Mayfield
Denny Moore
Frank Perry
Billy Ratcliff

Lindsey Stone
Lavenus Wald
Lavette Payne
Jessie William



GRADE—
ee Sewell
Walker
Culp
avis
Dennis

Helen Atcheson
Willie Mae Bone
Opal Taylor
Mittie Jean Bailey
Alice Smith
Jo Ann Gleaton

Clyde Green
Charles McGee
Curtis Smith
Dewey Headley
Walter Headley
Earl Rogers

Harvey Smith
Hillard Smith
Irby Sewell
J W Latham
Marshall Atcheson
Lavangne Martin

Moody Smith
Sam Smith
Remus Waldrop
Rudy Chapman
Redge Bearden
Robert Boatfield

William Christine
Doss Lovelady
Ralph Sewell

My School Chum's
Autograph

SPORTS





FOOTBALL

The Maplesville "Devils" started football practice on the sixth of September. They elected as their captain, Thomas Smith, and co-captain, Ralph Moore. With these two who had done such good playing in '43, the team knew they couldn't be out done. The "Devils" first game was at Centreville with Bibb County High on September 22. In this game the team lost one of it's best players, Ralph Moore. Ralph got his shoulder Broken and he couldn't complete the season. Bibb defeated us by a score of 38-0. On the following Monday the "Devils" elected another co-captain. The team made a wise choice and elected Bob Davis.

Our next game was scheduled with Perry County High. We failed to play because of rain.

Then came the "Devils" first home game with Camden. The score was 0-0. The next Friday we had an off-day to rest up for the next game on October 20th, with Chilton Couny High at Clanton. At the end of the first quarter Bob Davis went over the line for the first touchdown of the season and the first in the game. The final scores were: "Devils" 6. "Tigers" 20.

On October 27th, we had another home game with Isabella. The Maplesville "Devils" beat the "Mustangs" 7-0. In the game Bobby Graham made the touchdown and Bobby Hampton completed the pass for the extra point.

The next Friday we went to Marion to play Perry County High. The "Devils" lost the game by a score of 26-6. Thomas Smith made the touchdown.

November 10th, we went to Wetumpka to play Elmore County High. Again we were defeated and the scores were 28 to 0.

On the following Friday the "Devils" went to Isabella to play the "Mustangs" again. It was a very exciting game, but we were defeated by the "Mustangs" by a score of 8 to 7. Thomas Smith made the touchdown and Bobby Hampton made the extra point.

November 22nd, the "Devils" played the last game of the season with Verbena. 'Ole Maplesville was in the spirits that afternoon and she put the game over Verbena like a dollar over a dime. The scores were Maplesville 26, Verbena 0. In this game the touchdowns were made by Harold Walker, Thomas Smith, Bobby Hampton and Bobby Graham. Both of the extra points were completed by Bobby Hampton.

Although the "Devils" made comparatively few touchdowns in 1944, we realize that a successful season is measured not by score alone, but by cooperation and good sportsmanship. As far as those are concerned the Maplesville "Devils" are TOPS.



FOOTBALL TEAM

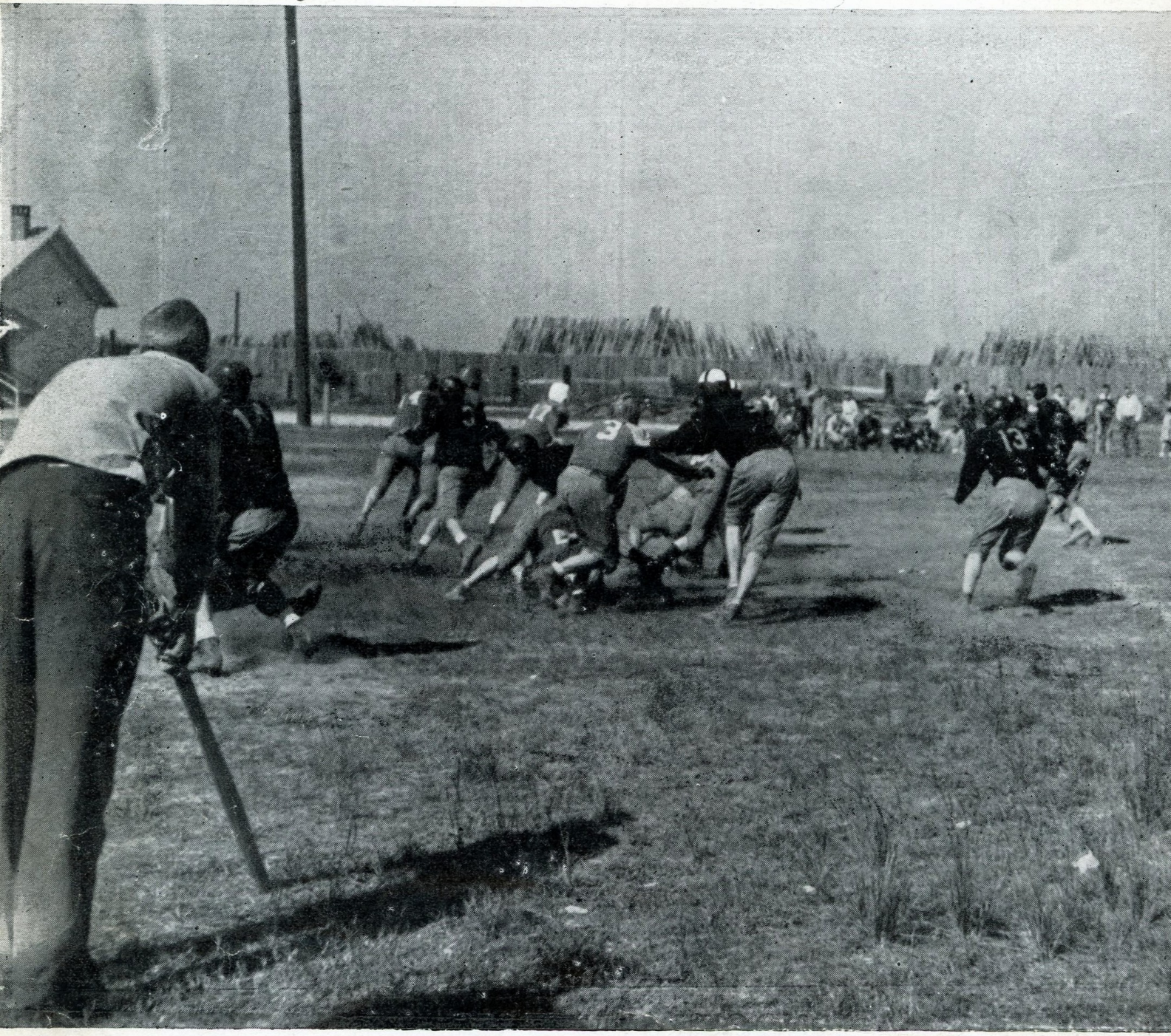
FOOTBALL TEAM:

FIRST ROW—Kneeling Left to Right:

Joe Shoults, Eddie Ruddick, Harold Walker Kenneth McGee, Irby Pope Latham, Robert Poole, Bobby Hampton.

SECOND ROW—Standing Left to Right:

John Ed Rankins, Junior Middlebrooks, Fred Gandy Joseph Dennis, Burton Carter Bob Davis, Ralph Moore, Bobby Graham, Alfred Smith, Thomas Smith, Captain Swanson Bailey U. V Waldrop, Coleman Smith, Wiliam Fuqua, Billy James Rogers, Thomas Green, Truett Bearden.



FOOTBALL



NENA GLEATON, MARY GOLSON, BLANCHE HICKS MITCHELL, PATTY NIX





BASKETBALL TEAM—

Eddie Ruddick, Thomas Smith (Captain), Bobby Hampton, Harold Walker, Coleman Smith, Fred Gandy, E. W. Walker, Bob Davis, Burton Carter, Thomas Green.

FEATURES



Jokes

Miss Foshee—"Who administered the oath of office to the new President?"
Janie Ruth L.—"I know."
Miss Foshee—"Who?"
Janie Ruth—"Andrew Jackson."

Thomas Green—I et four eggs for my breakfast.
Mrs. Cobern—You should say, "I ate four eggs," Thomas.
Thomas—Yes'm, I believe it was eight that I et.

Ruth Gregg wants to know why "warn" never appeared in the Senior Class play.

George was the town's habitual drinker. Alice, his wife, was a religious person and was constantly telling him that he would "go down below" if he didn't repent and quit his drinking.

He had been drunk for about two weeks and thought that he was going to die. He asked his wife to pray for him. They both got down on their knees and Alice began:

"Dear God, have mercy on my poor, drunken husband. . . ."

"Golly Moses, Alice, don't tell Him I'm drunk. Tell Him I'm sick."

A man in Atlanta took four friends to visit a farm he owned. The visitors entered the tenant farmer's house and were a little embarrassed when they discovered he had only two chairs. They stood around awkwardedly and finally the owner said, "I don't believe you have enough chairs here."

The old farmer took a dip of snuff, muttered: "I got plenty of chairs—just too durn much company."—This Week Magazine.

Recently the control tower at Gunter Field, Montgomery, Ala., received a message: Cadet Jones to tower: "My fuel guage shows empty. What will I do?" The operations officer envisioning the plane about to make a forced landing, rushed to the mike shouting, "Take it easy, son. Don't get excited. Where are you?"

The Cadet calmly replied: "I'm sitting in my plane down on the flight line. I haven't taken off yet."—Reader's Digest.



MOST REPRESENTATIVE BOY—Thomas Smith.

MISS MAPLESVILLE HIGH—Howard Nell Smith.

"PARTING"

This is the time, the very day
I have awaited, dreamed about
My feelings are both sad and gay
With a bit of pride, a bit of doubt

Thoughts began to flash through my
mind — that now
Now is the time to say farewell to you
Although my heart is very blue

To share my thoughts with you each day
Has been a memory that never will fade away
Even though we will be far apart
We'll be close together—deep in my heart.

With parting time so very near
It seems I have known you for many years
For your acquaintance I'll never regret
Because now there are more memories I can't forget.

I will remember these months, so dear
Hearts so gay and friends near
Into the future now I gaze, so to you,
Dear classmates, farewell.

—BY AILLENE MILLER.

This poem was written by one of our former classmates, Aillene Miller, who left at the end of the first semester to join her husband in California. This was in memory of the Senior Class.

IN MEMORY OF MORRIS SEALS

It was getting late one evening
The sun was sinking low
When an angel spoke so softly.
"Little Morris, it's time to go."

A little bud was taken
It was the Master's choice.
So don't weep, teachers and classmates,
Let's all look up and rejoice.

His little friends all loved him
And everyone else who knew,
So let's not grieve, dear parents,
For God will comfort you.

(Dedicated to the family of Morris Seals who died March 28, 1945.)

—By VENICE CHISM.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 5—Oh boy, school opens today. Everybody is happy—especially the football boys.

SEPTEMBER 6—Our short-day schedule began today.

SEPTEMBER 8—The Senior II's and Senior III's elected their class officers.

SEPTEMBER 12—Look out, boys, be looking around for your cheerleaders.

SEPTEMBER 13—Thanks, boys, good luck to your cheerleaders.

SEPTEMBER 14—We learned some new yells.

SEPTEMBER 15—We had a pep-meeting and praticed our new yells.

SEPTEMBER 18—Started long-day schedule.

SEPTEMBER 19—Quit rolling your eyes, Dorothy and Louise H., those two soldiers are only visiting.

SEPTEMBER 20—A party was given in honor of a few of our former classmates—now Servicemen. Good luck to you boys.

SEPTEMBER 22—Look out, Centreville, here we come with our Red Devils. Too bad, Red Devils, better luck next time. The score was 34-0.

SEPTEMBER 25—Be patient, Blanche and Frances, Earl and Willie Clyde was just seen in town.

SEPTEMBER 27—Open those eyes, Patty, Bobby has started back to school and there's a man shortage.

OCTOBER 6—Good work, boys, on our second game with Camden. Neither side scored.

OCTOBER 20—The Lions beat our Red Devils 20-6.

OCTOBER 27—Our first home game with Isabella. We knew you could do it. The victory was 7-0. We elected Howard Nell and Thomas Smith as our school Repsentatives.

OCTOBER 31—The Seniors sponsored a Hallowe'en Party. There was fun for everyone.

NOVEMBER 10—Our boys were no match for the Wetumpka boys. They won the game 37-0.

NOVEMBER 22—Our last game with Verbena. Our victory was 27-0.

DECEMBER 7—The Seniors gave a play, "The Soldier's Husband." Look out, Hollywood, here are some prospective actors and actresses. The set was a modern American home. The cast was made up of: Aillene Miller, a WAC; U. V. Waldrop, her patriotic husband; Mildred Dennis and Robert Poole, their mischievious children; Bob Davis, Robert's Pal; Thomas Smith, Mildred Dennis's fiancee; Mary Golson, Bob Davis's mother, a gossiper; Venice Chism, Aillene's mother; Howard Nell Smith, a flirty widow; Evelyn Gregg, a Negro cook. The play was well acted.

DECEMBER 22—School turned out for St. Nicholas to entertain the children a while Merry Christmas, schoolmates and teachers.

JANUARY 4—Look at the Juniors' bright faces today! They've just ordered their class rings.

JANUARY 6—There are also some dramatists in the Junior class. They gave their thrill-packed comedy, "The Bargain Bride," in the auditorium. The cast included: Bobby Graham, the red-haired bargain bride; Kenneth McGee, Bobby's boy friend; Mattie Dennis and Frances Chambers, Kenneth's and Bobby's girl friends; Lucille Bearden, the giggling landlady; Hilda Ruth Carter, the maid; Margie Burnett, whose husband was George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson Spity; Janie Ruth Lewis, a silky-suds contestant; Grace Harris, a sponsor of silky-suds; Ferd Gandy, a gray-haired man.

FEBRUARY 16—The National Day of Prayer was observed by short programs at M. H. S. The programs were brief but to the point, the audience thought it was well prepared and enjoyed.

CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 17—The school is in a romantic uproar. Blanche and Quinton got married today, Good-Luck, you two.

MARCH 13—Oh, where are the Juniors? They're off on a secret mission.

MARCH 14—The Juniors came out of hiding. They only went to the tower on a picnic P. S. Don't look now, but they're sunburned. Margie and Fred are the only two who got poison ivy. We wonder why?

MARCH 22—The Juniors entertained the Seniors with a treasure hunt and party at the millpond. The club house was decorated with red and white colors. It seems that everyone had a good time.

APRIL 9—We began on our short-day schedule today.

APRIL 12—We were greatly grieved to hear of our President's death. The Senior III's gave their class play "Calling All Girls." The characters were Faye Maddox, Mary Lee Mitchell, Venice Chism, Robert Poole, Nena Gleaton, Bob Davis, Mildred Dennis, Ralph Moore, Elizabeth Walker, Kathryn Weaver, Billy Lovelady, Joe Shoults. A baby contest was sponsored between acts.

APRIL 20—Mary Lee is walking on air, Ralph is supposed to come home today from the Navy.

APRIL 25—The Senior Class was well entertained today by Mrs. G. M. Billingsley who who took them on an outing to Gulledge's. Everyone had a swell time. Thanks you —Mrs Billingsley.

APRIL 27—Whoopee! Grammar school is out. Gosh! Everything is quiet without them. As the year book goes to press we are looking forward to:

MAY 1—A May Day party at the school when the May Queen will be crowned and a barbecue afterwards

MAY 13—The Baccalureate sermon conducted by the Rev. Paul Oden at Baptist Church. It is to be a patriotic, candlelight service.

MAY 18—Graduation.

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