

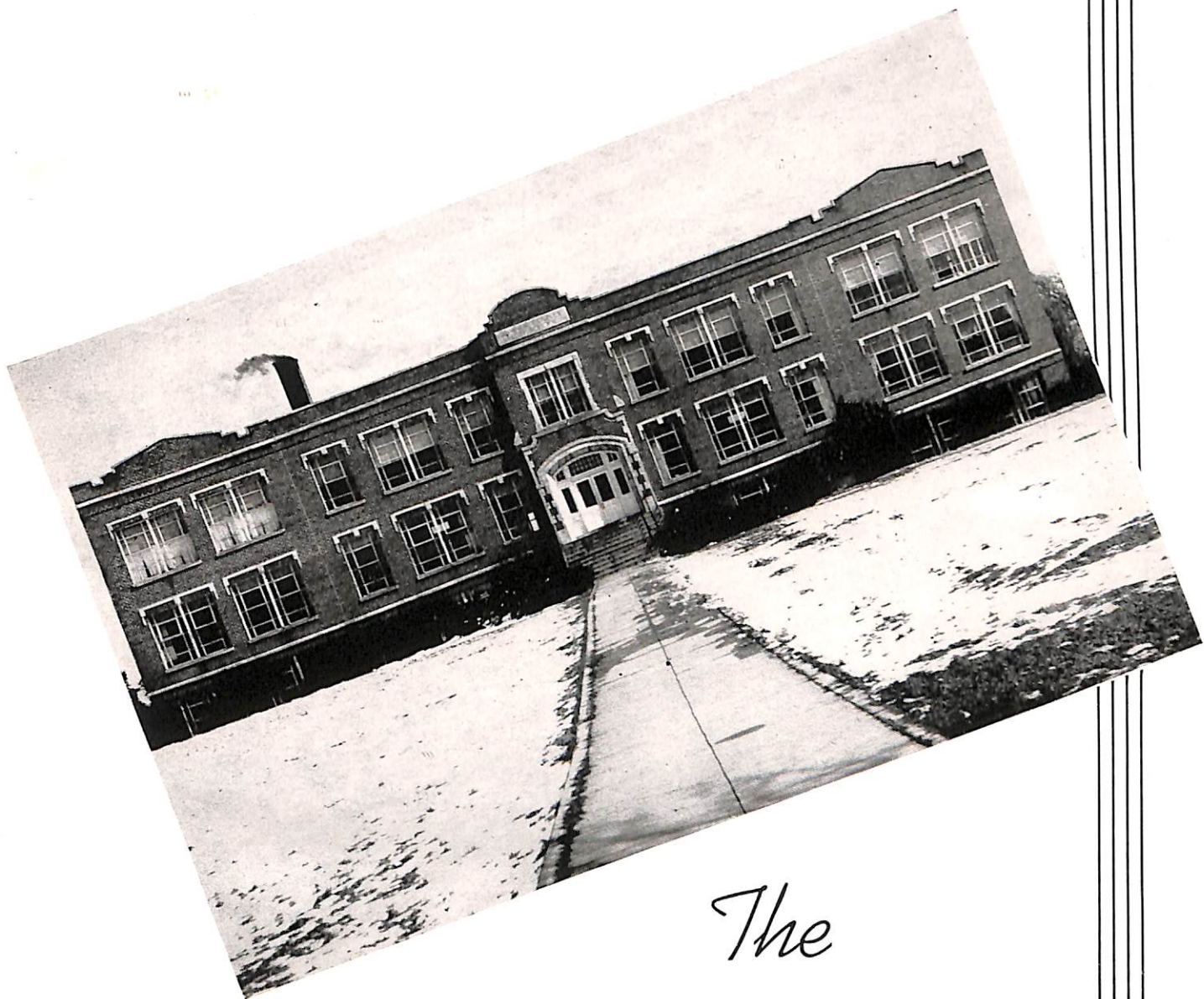
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"Memories"

Memories! Glorious days come back to greet us, fond faces smile up at us, and familiar scenes of a happy past return to be relived by us through memories! How oft do we while away many happy hours recalling a dear and glorious past through the most wonderful gift that God has ever bestowed on man: the gift of remembrance!

It is our sincere wish that in years to come, when you, too, have a past that contains unknown memories waiting to be relived, you will be able to open the faded and worn pages of this book and return to familiar scenes and beloved faces of yore through "memories."



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*Home Economics
Mississippi State Teachers
College for Women
Sponsor of Freshman Class
Glee Club*

We, the senior class of 1947, affectionately dedicate this volume as a tribute to our beloved teacher who has been so vitally interested in helping mold our lives along useful lines. We shall always cherish the pleasant memories of the happy days we have spent with her.

D E D I C A T I O N

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MISS S.C.H.S



JANE HUNNICUTT

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Most Versatile
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John A. Briley
JOHN A. BRILEY
Most Courteous
 Social Science

Pep Squad, '45-'47; Glee Club, '46; Victory Corps, '44, '45; Band, '44.

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Best Sport
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Victory Corps; Basketball; Softball; Glee Club.

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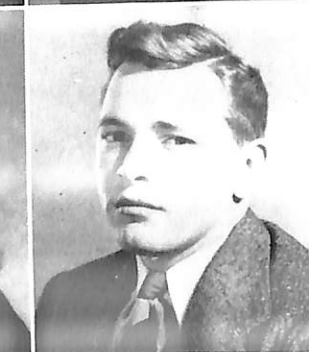
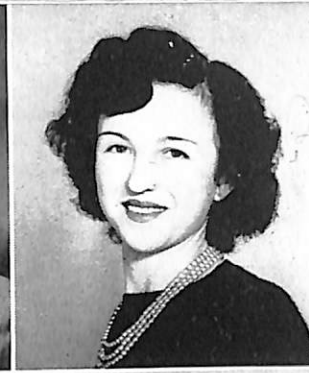
Secretary of Senior Class, '47; Treasurer of N. F. L., '47; Glee Club, '44, '45, '47; Beta Club, '47; Basketball, '47; Pep Squad, '47; Majorette, '46.

JOYCE COOK
Quietest
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Victory Corps, '43-'46.

LUCILLE DORRIS
Best Sport
 Home Economics

Captain, Basketball, '47; Captain, Softball Team, '47.



CLASS

Mable Ruth Bolding
MABLE RUTH BOLDING
Wittiest
 English

Basketball, '45-'47; Beta Club; Pep Squad; Victory Corps; Softball, '46.

MARY KATHERINE BRILEY
Most Timid
 History

Beta Club; Victory Corps.

GRACIE CLOUSE
Most Athletic
 English

Beta Club; Pep Squad; Basketball Squad, '45-'47; Victory Corps, '43, '44; Softball Team, '43-'46.

Let's wish luck
JEAN COLLEY
Most Cheerful
 Commercial

Glee Club, '44; Pep Squad, '46; Basketball, '44, '46.

BILLY DEVASHER
Frankest
 Agriculture

Football, '43, '44; F. F. A.; N. F. L.

DON DUNN
Neatest
 History

Basketball, '46, '47; Football, '43-'46; President of F. F. A.; N. F. L.

SENIOR

BILLY DYE
Most Likely to Succeed
 Science

President of Freshman Class, '43; Football, '46; F. F. A., '43-'45; Class Historian.

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Most Helpful
 Home Economics

DONALD FREELAND
Most Intelligent
 Languages

Donald Freeland
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Let's wish luck
REBECCA GARRETT
Most Likely to Succeed
 Mathematics

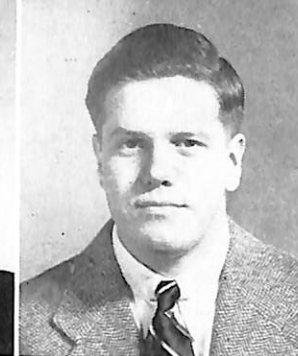
Beta Club, '47; Secretary of N. F. L., '47; Class Secretary-Treasurer, '43-'45; Senior Class Treasurer, '47; Pep Squad; Cheerleader, '46; Class Testator; D. A. R. Representative.

Sarah Hendrix
SARAH HENDRIX
Most Capable
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Pep Squad, '45, '46; Glee Club, '43-'46; Purple Herald Staff; Victory Corps, '43-'45; Yearbook Staff.

JANE HUNNICUTT
Miss S. C. H. S.
 English

Pep Squad, '46; Glee Club, '45-'47; Basketball.



CLASS

Let's wish luck
CHARLES D. EMPSON
Quietest
 English

Football, '46; Band, '44; Victory Corps, '43, '44.

Shirley Finn
SHIRLEY FINN
Most Studious
 Commercial

Beta Club, '47; Victory Corps, '43-'46; Valedictorian.

KENNETH GARRETT
Bachelor of Ugliness
 Science

President of Junior Class, '46; President of Senior Class, '47; Football, '45; Co-Captain of Football, '46; Basketball, '46, '47.

Best wishes Joe Haynes
CHARLIE JOE HAYNES
Most Studious
 Mathematics

Victory Corps; Pep Squad; Vice-President of Junior Class; Glee Club; F. F. A., '43-'47; Class Historian.

Billy
BILLY HUNNICUTT
Most Dependable
 Science

F. F. A., '43-'45; Football, '46, '47.

HEILON KEPLY
Most Cooperative
 Mathematics

Softball Team; F. F. A., '44-'47.

Billy Kirby
SENIOR

BILLY KIRBY
Most Mischievous
English
Vice-President of F. F. A.



CLASS

RAYMOND KNIGHT
Most Alert
English
Basketball, '46, '47; Pep Squad;
Victory Corps; President of F. F.
A.; Softball.

SENIOR

HERCHEL PERDUE
Best-Hearted
Science
Football, '45, '46; Basketball, '46,
'47.



CLASS

LIBBY ELLA PORTER
Happiest
Home Economics
Victory Corps, '45-'47; Pep
Squad, '46; Glee Club, '44-'47,
Vice-President, '47; Class Poet.

SARA ELIZABETH KNOWLES
Most Cooperative
English
N. F. L.; Victory Corps.



BUFORD B. LANE
Most Resolute
English
F. F. A.; Football, '42, '43.

ELMA RUTH SCOTT
Best-Natured
Home Economics
Victory Corps, '44-'46; Glee Club,
'44-'47.



WILFORD SHORT
Most Popular
English
Basketball, '44, '46; Captain, '45-
'47; Football, '43-'45; Band, '43;
Vice-President of N. F. L., '46;
F. F. A., '43, '44, '47; State F. F.
A. Oratorical Contest Winner, '44;
Glee Club, '43; N. F. L. Oratory,
Third Place, '46.

W. B. LAW
Happiest
Mathematics
Football, '45, '46; Basketball.



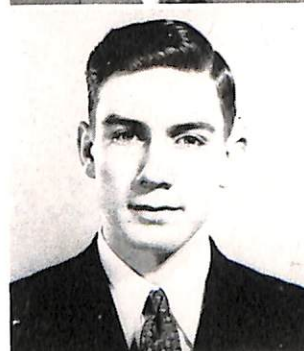
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Neatest
English
Beta Club, '47; Glee Club, '44-
'47; Victory Corps; N. F. L., '47.

VIRGINIA STOUT
Most Versatile
Mathematics
Glee Club, '44-'46; Secretary of
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'46; President of Beta Club, '47;
N. F. L., '45-'47; Debate, '45;
Class Prophet.



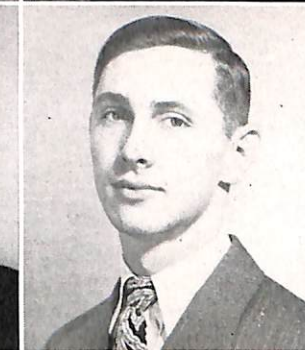
POLLY ANN SUTTLE
Most Intelligent
Mathematics
Beta Club, '47; Softball Substi-
tute, '46; Victory Corps, '44, '45;
Scholarship to Andrew Jackson
Business University.

RILEY MATHIAS
Biggest Flirt
English
Football, '46; Victory Corps Offi-
cer, '42, '43.



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Prettiest
Mathematics
President of Glee Club; Pep
Squad; N. F. L., '45, '46; Beta
Club, '46, '47; Basketball, '46,
'47; Glee Club, '44-'47.

CARL SWEATT
Wittiest
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Basketball, '47; Football, '47; F.
F. A.; Victory Corps.



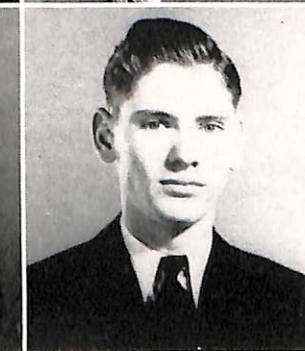
GEORGE VEJR
Most Capable
Science
Vice-President of Class of '44;
Vice-President of Class of '47;
Football, '47; Beta Club, '47; N.
F. L., '47; Basketball, '46.

CYNTHIA MCCLOUD
Daintiest
English
Victory Corps; Softball.



CLARKE MCMURTRY
Most Cheerful
Mathematics
Football, '44-'46; Manager of
Football, '46; Basketball, '46, '47.

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President of Junior Class; Latin
Club, '45; Basketball, '44, '47;
Cheerleader, '47; N. F. L., '47;
Beta Club, '47; Salutatorian.



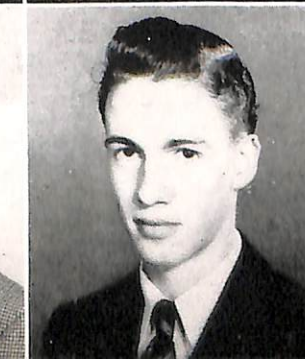
FRED WALTER
Most Athletic
History
Football Captain; All-Conference
End, '46; Basketball, '44-'47; N.
F. L. President, '47.

ANNA JEAN MEADOR
Best-Hearted
Home Economics
Manager Basketball, '46, '47; Glee
Club, '46; Pep Squad, '45.



ERNEST WAYNE MEADOR
Best-Natured
Mathematics
F. F. A.; Pep Squad.

KENNETH WOODALL
Most Patient
Languages
Football, '45, '46; Basketball, '45,
'47.



H. E. WORLEY
Most Timid
Agriculture
Football, '47; F. F. A., '44-'46.

Who's Who



Shirley Finn

SHIRLEY FINN
VALEDICTORIAN
MOST STUDIOUS



MARTHA ANN WALLEN
SALUTORIAN
MOST POPULAR



Virginia Stout

VIRGINIA STOUT
MOST VERSATILE



REBECCA GARRETT
MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED



BILLY DYE
MOST LIKELY TO
SUCCEED



BETTY MAYES
PRETTIEST



WILFORD SHORT
MOST POPULAR BOY

CLASS POEM

*We, this class of forty-seven,
Leave with our fellow men
The joy and hope of future years
That our four years have been.*

*Through themes, reports, and schoolwork,
We've worked with determination,
That we might shorten every hour
That brings us to graduation.*

*Our teachers have done their very best
To teach us one and all,
That someday in the future years
Success on us shall fall.*

*Our principal, to whom we're grateful,
Has labored every day
To tell us that we all must work
As well as loaf and play.*

*When we look back in future years
On things that used to be,
We'll ponder many joys and tears
And cherish each memory.*

*Now that time is growing close
To days when we must part,
Our love for dear S. C. H. S.
Will linger in our heart.*

LIBBY ELLA PORTER.



CLASS HISTORY

August of 1943 found another group of very shy and green freshmen on the campus of Sumner County High School. We were scared yet thrilled to be at last in high school. During our first year, Wilford Short, at the age of fifteen, was able to get a place on the varsity team.

By August of '44 we were very much at home and eager to become a part of the school.

Coming back as juniors in '45, we were determined to finish school. Some of the important programs that we took part in were the Junior-Senior Party, Class Night, Baccalaureate Sermon, and Commencement.

During the four years that we have been in high school, there have been a few of us who have won special honors. Wilford Short won the State F. F. A. Oratorical Contest in '45. During our junior year, two winners as extempora-

neous speakers were Virginia Stout, who won first place at both Springfield and East High; and Bobby Baker, who was first at Clarksville. From our senior class, Fred Walter was chosen as first team end on the All-Conference Football Team.

The valedictorian of our class is Shirley Finn, and the salutatorian is Martha Ann Wallen.

As our final year together draws slowly but surely to an end, we find that we are glad, yet sad, because we are leaving our friends whom we have known since childhood. Some of these we may see a few days after graduation, while others we may not see for a number of years. I am sure that, even though we may not see each other, we shall think of the days spent together at S. C. H. S. Bright prospects for each make rainbows of hope against the sentimental tears of separation.

BILLY DYE AND CHARLIE JOE HAYNES.

CLASS PROPHECY

Last night I dreamed that I was a gremlin. It was May 2, 1957, and I was walking up the steps of a big building. I looked at the sign over the door which read, "The Fred Walter Hotel, erected in honor of the thirty-sixth president of the United States."

When doorman Clarke McLuray opened the door, I walked right in and began to nose around. In the crowded lobby, I spotted Helton Kempley behind the clerk's desk, while Mable Bolding and Raymond Knight (with their two lovely children), W. B. Law, Joyce Cook, and Mary Katherine Briley were in the long line of people waiting to register. Turning around, I recognized Billy Dye, who was yelling, "Paging George Vcjr." I learned later that George and his wife, the former Rebecca Garrett, were running a school for training in the "field of matrimony," and Rebecca was checking to see if it would be all right to enroll Polly Suttle and Sara Knowles.

I noticed that Billy Kirby wasn't paying too much attention to what was going on around his newsstand, so I decided that this was the ideal time for catching up on the latest news. I scrambled up on the front page of *The Portland Gazette*, and almost fell off when I saw the headlines! "Senator Robert E. Baker introduces bill in Congress giving all fifteen-year-olds the right to hold office." In the next column, I read the news that screen star Betty Mayes had just married Mr. — (continued on page 6, and before I got there, someone bought the paper and I had to quit reading). Oh, well; she made it! In the sports column, I discovered that Wilford Short and Herchel Perdue had just bought the New York Giants for the sum of \$26,000. Nice bargain!

After I had finished reading, I decided to go into the ballroom. On the stage, John Briley and his Hepcats, featuring Donald Empson,

Charlie Joe Haynes, Buford Lane, and Libby Porter, vocalists, were practicing for the night's performance. Among other employees in the hotel were Jean Colley, Jane Hunnicutt, and Martha Wallen, cigarette girls, and June Link, hat-check girl.

I left the hotel and climbed into a taxi driven by Donald Freeland and got out in front of the high school building. Inside, I found that Shirley Finn was principal, while Sarah Hendrix was commercial teacher, Billy Dye, trigonometry teacher, and Evelyn Ferrell was running the cafeteria.

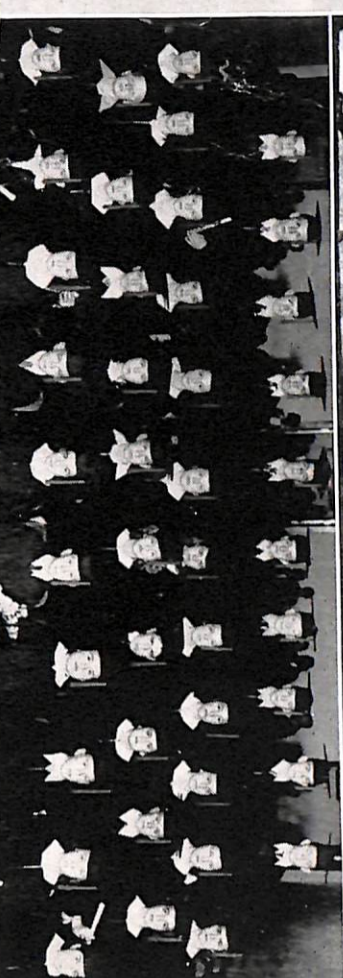
As I left the high school, I walked along the main street and looked at the new business firms. Among these were Hunnicutt & Sweet, Attorneys at Law; Wayne Meador, M.D.; Gracie Clouse's Beauty Shoppe; and a Krystal Hamburger Stand managed by W. G. Brown and wife.

Walking past the depot, I heard someone mention that the governor was coming to Portland. About that time, the train rolled to a stop, and off stepped Kenneth Garrett. He was met by the mayor, Billy DeVasher, and the chief of police, Don Dunn, and escorted to his hotel. I found out from Anna Jean Meador, a reporter on the *Gazette*, that he was in town to attend a dinner in honor of H. E. Worley, who had just completed an atomic bomb that would explode and reassemble four times.

Ruth Scott was married and living in Tampa, Florida; Kenneth Woodall was a famous producer in Hollywood; and Jane Coker was teaching dramatics at the University of Tennessee.

Just in case somebody happens to wonder what I was doing all this time, I never had a chance to find out. About that time, Mom called me to get up and get ready for school, and my days as a gremlin were over.

VIRGINIA STOTT.



MRS. GEORGE BROWN, Supervisor of Cafeteria

W. A. MASSINK, Postgraduate

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of Sumner County High School, being in full possession of such mental faculties as we possess or claim to possess, do hereby devise, will, bequeath, and confer our various earthly possessions, and all the dangles and bangles thereunto belonging, to the enfeebled intellects of our successors, the underclassmen, to be held by them—or thrown away—just as they wish.

It would not be fair if we withheld our valuables; therefore, with great largeness of heart we pass them along. Our capacity for fun, our ability to giggle, our good times, our friendship, and our loyalty we do hereby bequeath to the junior class.

In order that they might sustain their reputation as wise, we bequeath to the sophomores a share of the wisdom we have accumulated. As graduates, we feel that the superabundance of this commodity which we possess makes it possible to share liberally with those who are less fortunate in this respect.

To the freshman class we relinquish our chewing gum, the fresh batches the teacher collects on the eve of our appearance in cap and gown, as well as those that have mellowed through the years under cover of table top and desk seat.

To the faculty we leave our deep and lasting gratitude for their favors, both recognized and unrecognized, and our best wishes for every good that may come their way—especially that all the succeeding senior classes will be better than this one.

I, John Allen Briley, leave my ability to play the accordion to anybody that knows how to squeeze the thing.

I, W. G. Brown, will all the "know hows" of courting to Fred Payne, who shows such interest in the subject.

I, Gracie Clouse, leave my pretty smile to Wilma Collins.

We, Jane Coker and June Link, leave our neatness to Betty Jo Brown and Rebecca Trammell.

I, Jean Colley, will my long brown hair to Martha Ray Harper.

I, Betty Mayes, bequeath my sparkling blue eyes to Sophia Cummings.

I, Cynthia McCloud, convey my size to Betty West.

I, Jane Hunnicutt, leave my pleasing personality to Jean Jernigan.

We, Heilon Keply and Riley Mathias, would just like to leave.

I, Kenneth Woodall, leave Evelyn Prescott with a sigh.

I, Shirley Finn, will my high grades to anyone willing to pay such a price as I did.

We, Mable Ruth Bolding, Raymond Knight, and Carl Sweatt, leave our wit so that the halls of S. C. H. S. may continue their echoes of laughter.

I, Fred Walter, leave the teachers irritated over the lessons I never got.

I, Sarah Hendrix, will my soft voice to Carol Dollis.

I, Donald Empson, leave memories of "Caledonia" to the student body.

I, Herchel Perdue, will my cute dimples to anybody that's lucky enough to have them.

I, Virginia Stout, leave taking all of my talents and hope to make a good career girl.

I, Mary Katherine Briley, convey my modest ways to Mary Dean Wilkes.

I, Polly Ann Suttle, will my knowledge of math to Thelma Deasy.

I, Billy Hunnicutt, leave my love of football to Lawrence Cook.

I, Billy Kirby, leave as ignorant as when I came.

I, Joe Haynes, don't care what I leave, just so it isn't Libby Porter.

I, Bobby Baker, will my ability to attract the opposite sex to Bobby Wilkinson.

I, Clarke McMurtry, leave my skipping English to carry the football suits to the laundry to Donny Donoho.

I, Billy DeVasher, leave all the pretty coeds of S. C. H. S., hoping to find a prettier one in college.

I, George Vejr, leave—period.

I, Martha Wallen, bequeath my athletic ability to Betty Jean Hunter.

I, Don Dunn, leave my ability to break line to anyone who has my appetite.

We, Ruth Scott and Libby Porter, will our friendship to Jean Barnard and Margaret Fleming.

I, Buford Lane, leave my ability to talk at all times about nothing to Joe DeVasher.

I, Lucille Dorris, will my ability to get a man to Wilma Fleming.

I, Kenneth Garrett, bequeath my English and history books to anyone wanting them.

We, Joyce Cook, Anna Jean Meador, and Evelyn Ferrell, will our ability to make friends to everyone.

I, Sara Knowles, convey my typing ability to Winnie Bolding.

We, W. B. Law and Donald Freeland, leave our back seats in English class to anybody that is able to get there first.

I, H. E. Worley, will my quiet ways to Joe Jernigan, who needs them badly.

I, Wayne Meador, leave my friendliness to Roy Lee Harper.

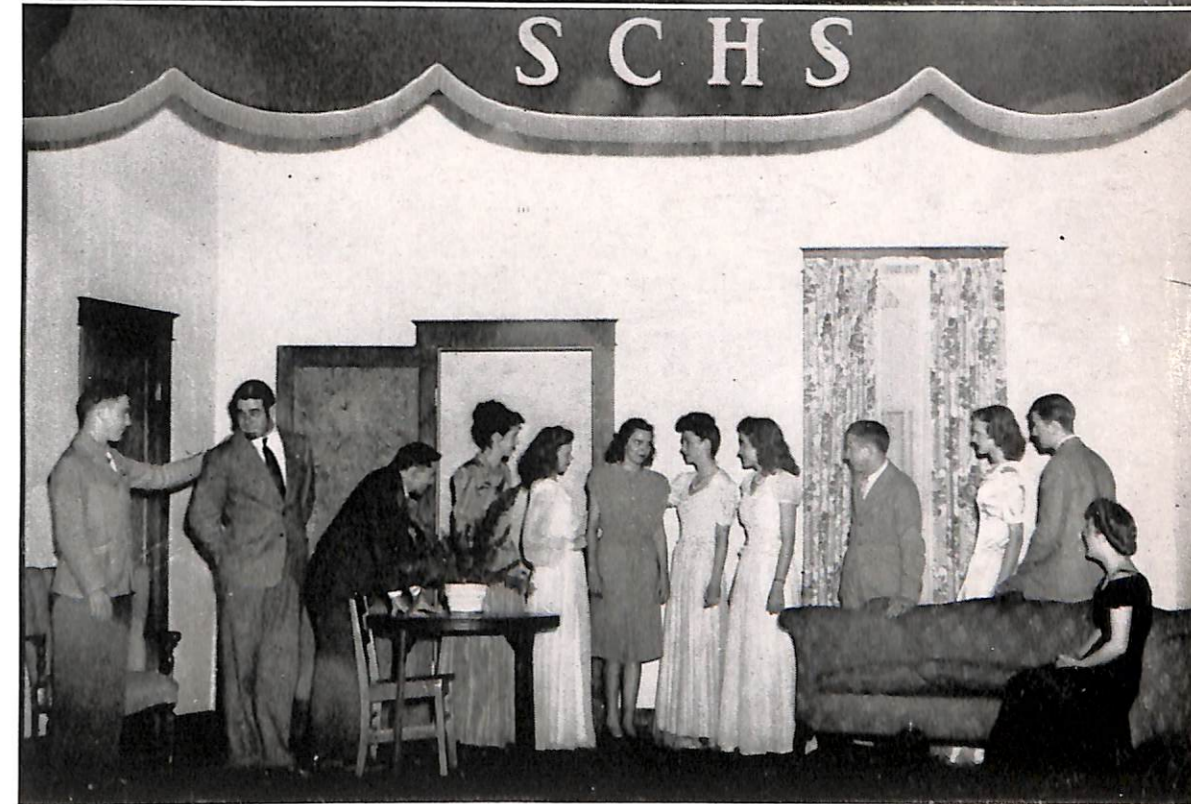
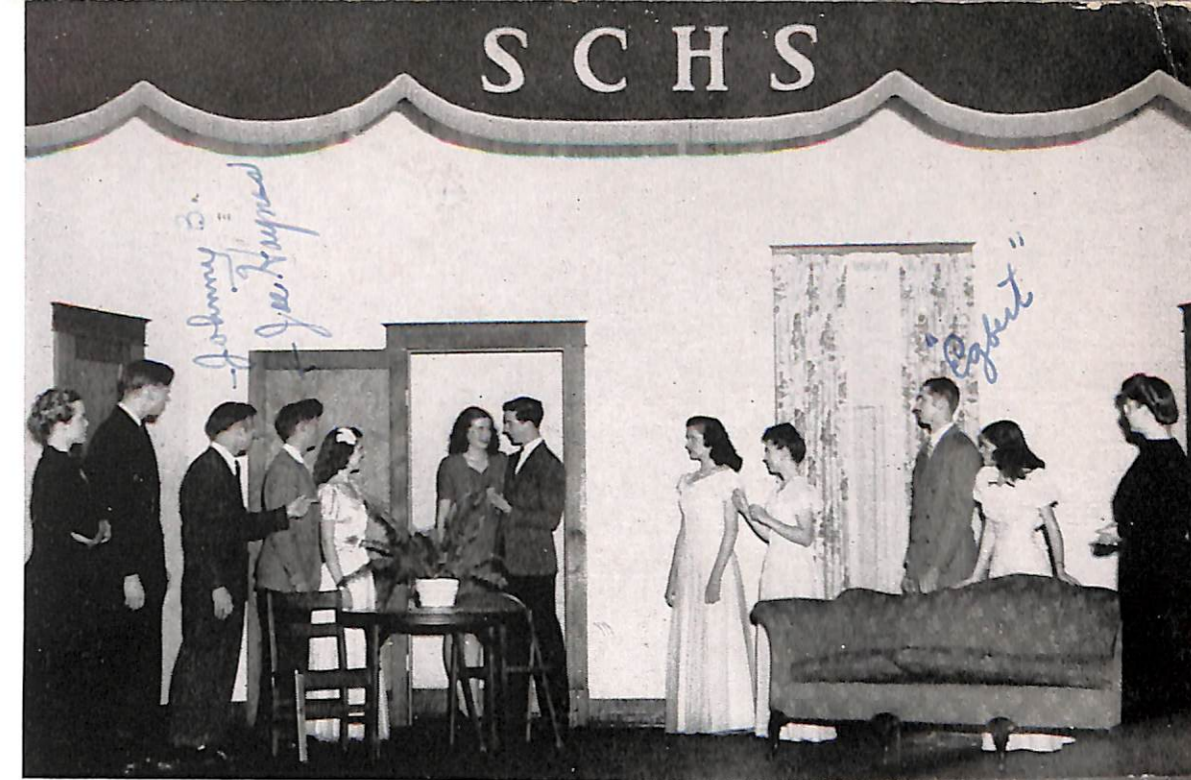
I, Billy Dye, convey my ability to solve trigonometry to anybody that needs it.

I, Wilford Short, leave all my nice ways to W. C. Leath.

Signed this second day of May in the year of the heavy rains, 1947.

REBECCA GARRETT

SENIOR PLAY



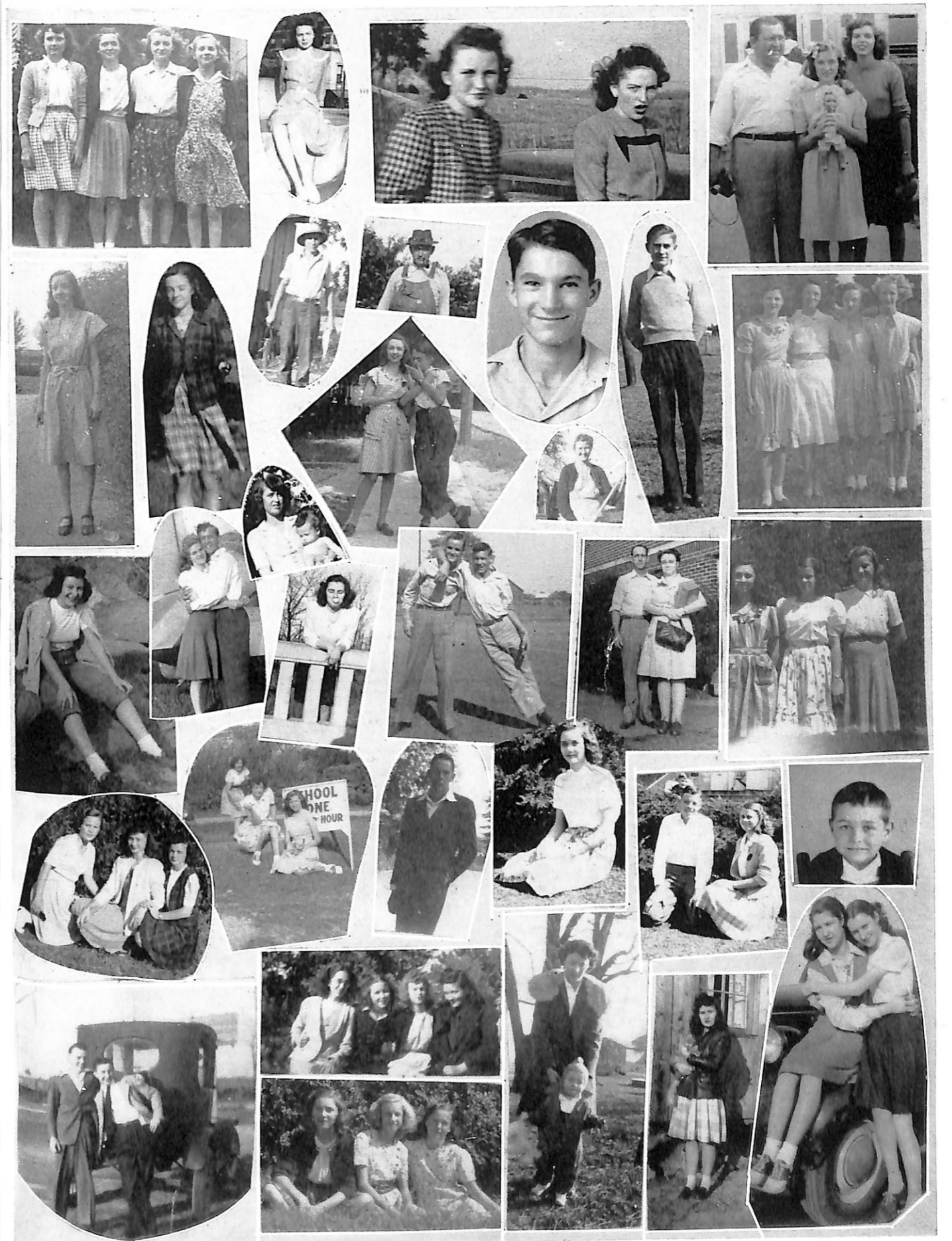
CAST I

VIRGINIA STOUT
RUTH SCOTT
MARTHA ANN WALLEN
SARAH HENDRIX
JANE HUNNICUTT
JUNE LINK
POLLY ANN SUTTLE
WILFORD SHORT
DON DUNN
DONALD EMPSON
CLARKE MCMURTRY
RAYMOND KNIGHT
Coach

Virginia Roslyn (alias Koogelheimer)
Mrs. Winslow
Betty Crowley
Patty Nelson
Mrs. Guilbert Vance
Gwendolyn Vance
Bedelia Dwiggins
Rodney Bradley
Egbert Marmont
Bruce Bradley
Pickney Herring
Tubby Hays

CAST II

BETTY MAYES
EVELYN FERRELL
REBECCA GARRETT
LIBBY PORTER
JANE COKER
GRACIE CLOUSE
SARA KNOWLES
BOBBY BAKER
GEORGE VEJR
JOHN BRILEY
FRED WALTER
CHARLIE JOE HAYNES
MRS. W. T. HARDISON



. T H E J U N I O R C L A S S

JULIA ANN BOREN
Treasurer

"She seeketh diligently after knowledge."

LLOYD CLEMMONS

"With high endeavors and inward light that make the path before him bright."

LAWRENCE COOK

"If study is the cause of death, I'll live forever."

RAY CUMMINGS

"The way to make friends is to be one."

BEATRICE DEASY

Secretary

"Maiden with deep brown eyes, in whose depths much mischief lies."

THELMA DEASY

Vice-President

"She is pretty to walk with, witty to talk with."

WANDA DENNING

"Always jolly, always gay, always in for any old fray."

BOBBY ELMORE

"Not afraid of work, but not in sympathy with it."

DONNY DONOHO

"Common sense is not a common thing."

LARRY FORBIS

"Some day I shall cast aside my boyish pranks and become a man."

JIMMY FOWLER

"Lazy, lazy ain't no name, but I got there just the same."

HILMA GREGORY

"A little learning is a dangerous thing."

ROY LEE HARPER

"Good-natured and generous, jolly and clever."

PAULINE HICKS

"Sweet smiling, sweet spoken."

MARTHA JACKSON

"Faithful and true as the stars that shine."

EUGENE JOHNSON

"Thy modesty is a candle to thy merit."

DEWITT LAW

"Not too serious, not too gay, but a rare good boy when it comes to play."

MISS REBA STROTHER

Sponsor

DOUGLAS LEAR

"Each mind has its own method."

W. C. LEATH

President

"A lion among ladies is a dreadful thing."

RAYMOND LINK, JR.

"A small voice is better than a great echo."

JEAN MARTIN

"Quietly she worked away, faithful to each duty."

THELMA MCCLOUD

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

VERNON OWENS

"Peace rules the lad where reason rules the mind."

WINSTON PARKER

"Even the greatest of men ask foolish questions."

THOMAS PAYNE

"She lives not who can refuse me."

CHARLES HAYDEN PERDUE

"He thinks much but talks little."

GLADYS PERDUE

"Her stature small belies the heart that won our friendship from the start."

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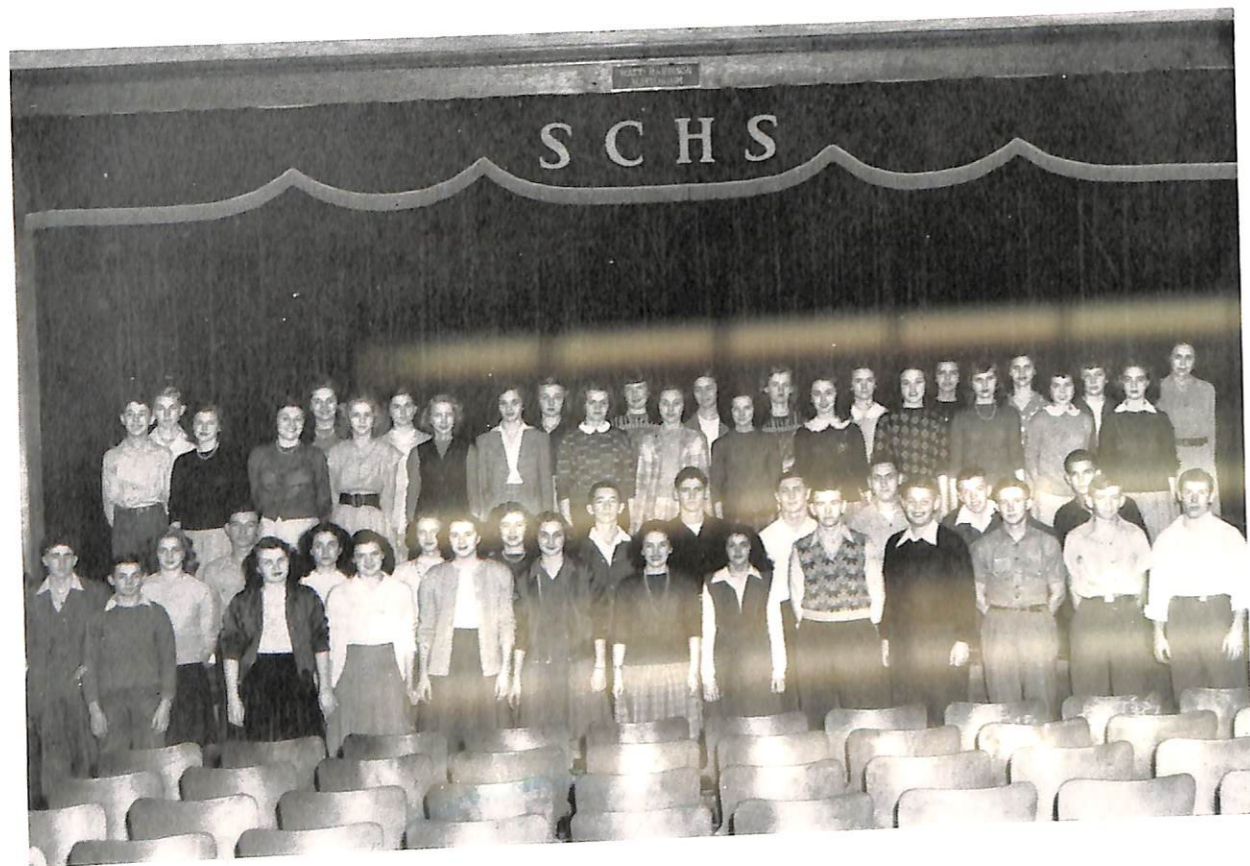
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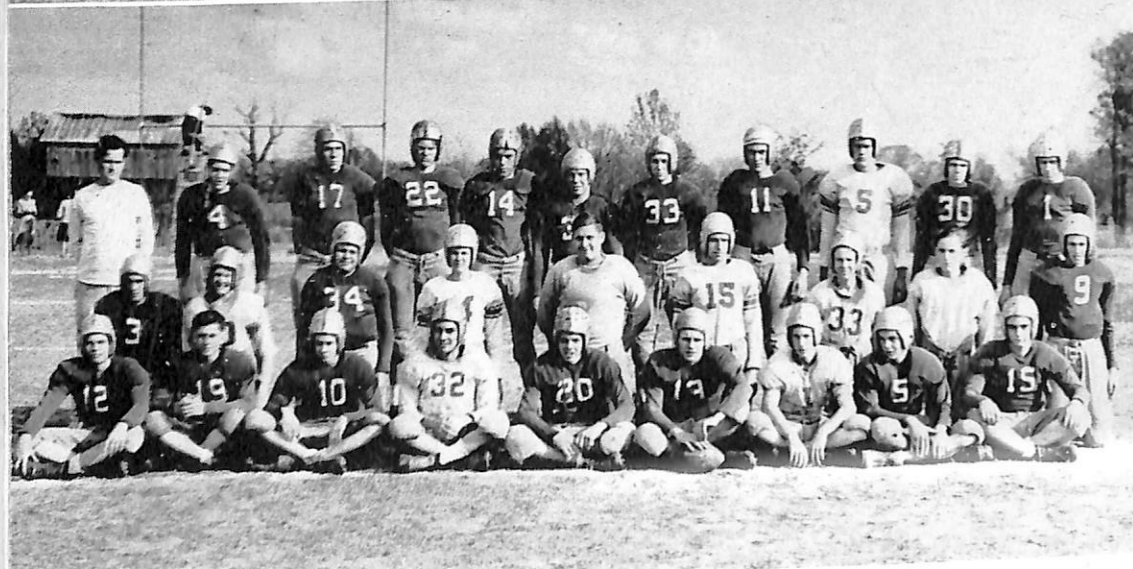
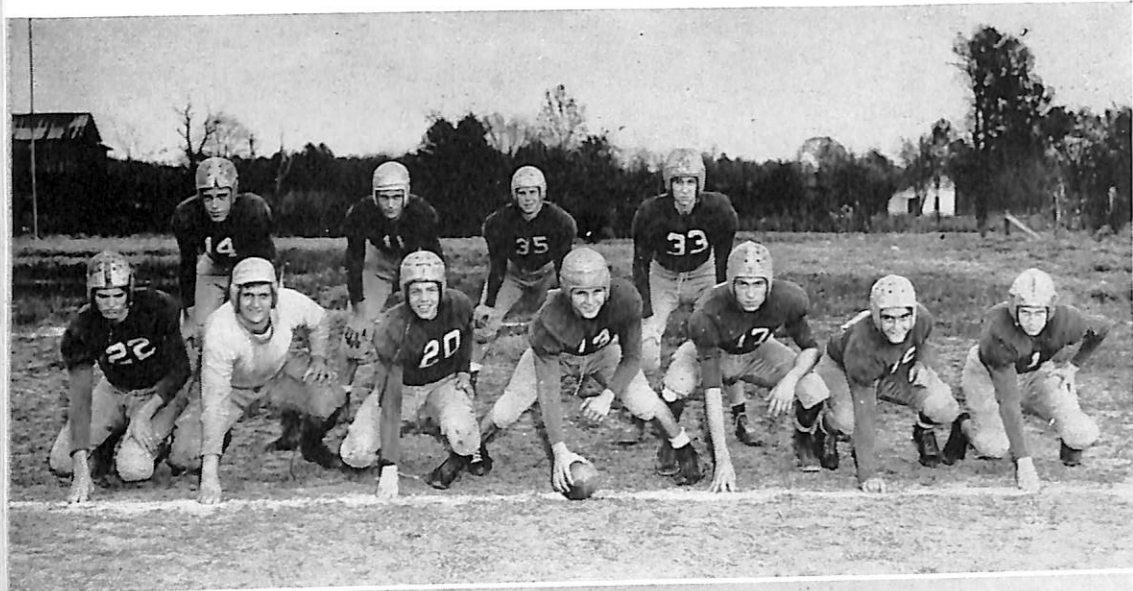
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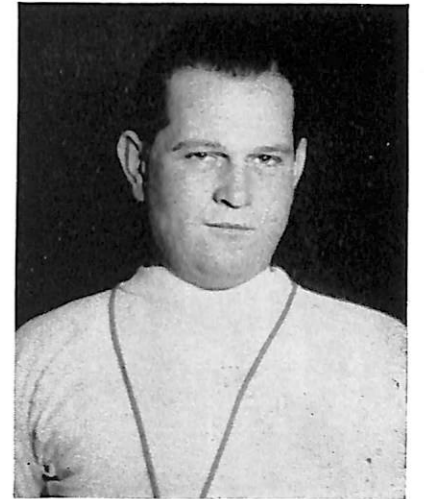
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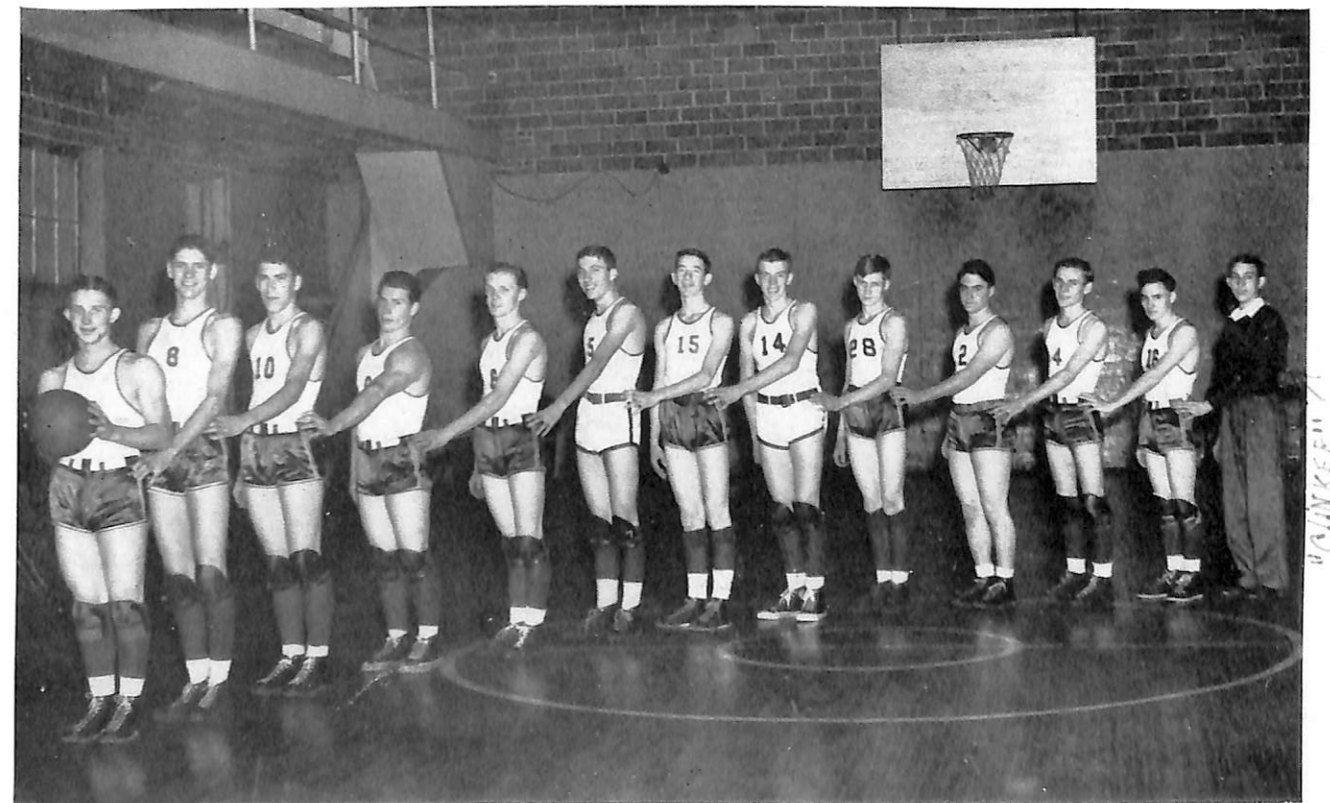
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