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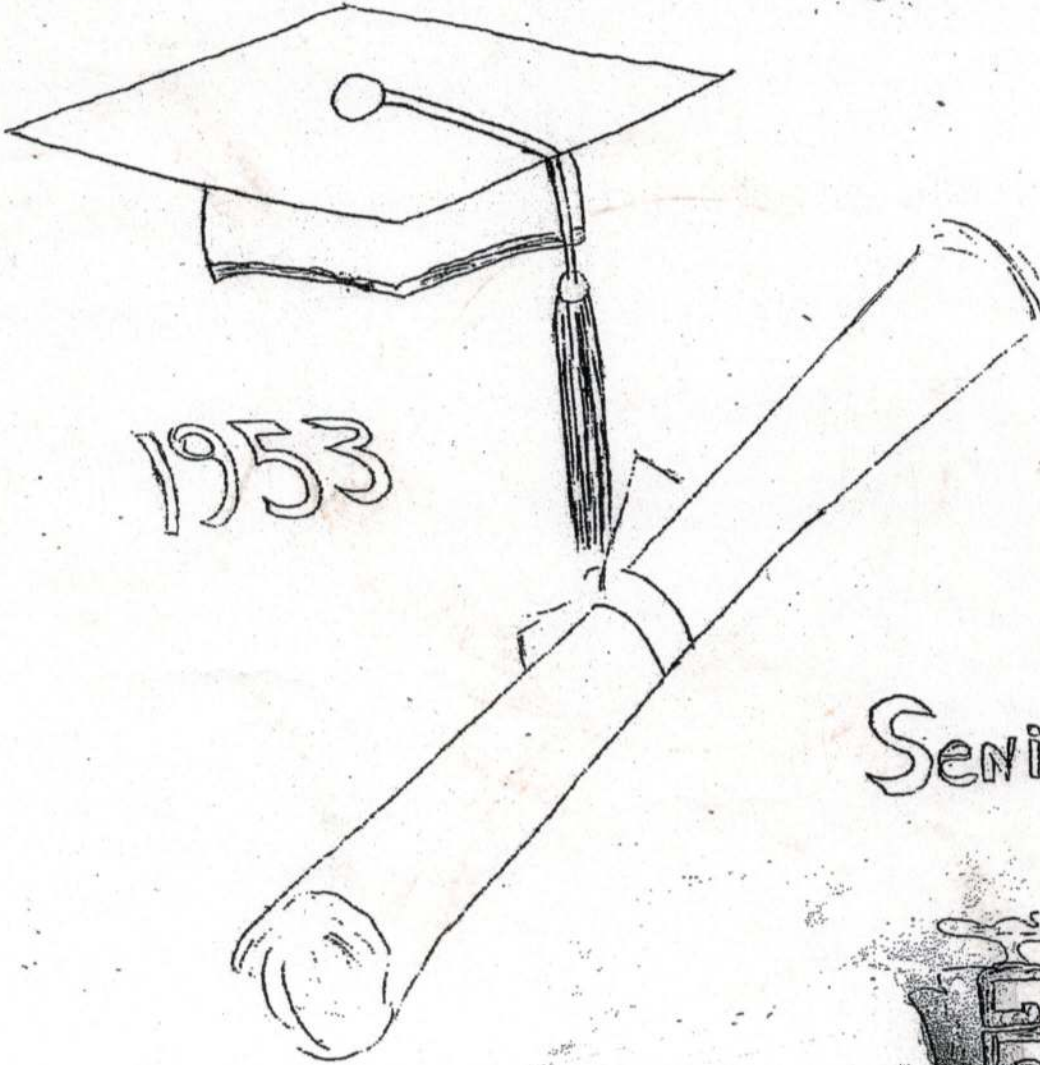
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EDITORIAL

FOLLOW THE GLEAM

On the northern border line of this country is located Lake Superior, the largest fresh water lake in the world. Its outlet is the St. Mary's River which is very crooked and dangerous and in early times many wrecked vessels could be seen along its shores. To avoid these misfortunes the government established a system of "range lights" so that the mariner can keep his vessel exactly in the channel, by having two lights in line and steering directly for them until he comes to the range of two others, and thus the river is just as safe by night as by day. The instruction it is necessary for the captain to give to the pilot is, "Follow the Gleam."

The same is true in every human life. We have the gleam of the "range lights" of others lives to guide us as we struggle through the mists and uncertainties on the great highway of life. Were it not for these, we might find ourselves like the early mariners on the crooked river, lost in the darkness of the night and be wrecked on a rock or sandbar we could not see.

The road of life has been explored and the dangerous places have been marked thousands of times by those who have gone before us, some of them going safely through and others going to wreck and ruin. The one should be a guide to us as well as the other and we should carefully study the various signposts they have left behind.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" for without it, gold has no value, birth no distinction, station no dignity, beauty no charm and age no reverence.

A good character is a precious thing, above rubies, gold, crown, or kingdoms and the work of making it is the noblest labor on earth. Money-getting is unhealthy when it impoverishes the mind, or dries up the sources of the spiritual life; when it extinguishes the sense of beauty, and makes one indifferent to the wonder of the sense of beauty, and makes one indifferent to the wonders of nature and art; when it blunts the moral sense and confuses the distinction between right and wrong, virtue and vice. Character is perpetual wealth, and beside him who possesses it the millionaire who has it not seems but a pauper. Plain living, rich thought and grand effort are real riches.

This is an age of specialists when a man centers his life effort on a single thing and makes a success of it. Nature gives to each some talent that dominates all the others and points the way toward a natural goal. He has but to "Follow the Gleam" and his life will usually be a success. A one-talent man who decides upon a definite object accomplishes more than a ten-talent man who scatters his energies and never knows exactly what he will do.

Victories that are easy are cheap. Those only are worth having which come as the result of hard fighting. Little minds are tamed and subdued by misfortunes, but great minds rise above them.

It is one of the mysteries of our life that genius is nourished by poverty. Its greatest works have been achieved by sorrowing ones of the world. Not in the brilliant salon, nor in ease and competence, is genius usually born and nurtured; but often in adversity and destitution, in bare and fireless garrets, with the noise of squalid children and in the deep gloom of uncheered despair. In scenes like these have men labored, studied and trained themselves, until at last they have emanated from obscurity the shining lights of their times and have become the companions of kings, the guides and teachers of their kind, and exercised an influence upon the thought of the world for generations that come after them.

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 John Lee Johnson

THIS ISSUE IS
DEDICATED



TO



1953 SENIORS

C. G. A. S.

Senior Dignitaries

President--Ronnie Lee Cox

Vice Presidents--James Countiss

Ada Sue Robinson

Secretary-Treasurer--Ozella Killen

King--Bob Varner

Queen--Barbara Sutphin

Most Likely to Succeed--Ada Sue Robinson

Valedictorian--Phyllis Bolling

Salutatorian--James Countiss

Sponsor--Miss Trula Qualls

CLASS HISTORY

Too often history is regarded as something that is dull, lifeless, but we the class of '53 think our history is unusually vivid and attention-arresting, especially since it is concerned with such unusual and intelligent people.

In the first place, we represent more different schools and sections of Robertson District than any other class in the history of our school. Of the thirty-four members of this class, only three live in Pound. When I told Mr. Orby Cantrell that the majority of this class came from the outlying districts of Pound, he said he didn't believe any place could out-lie Pound!

Then, we believe this class to be the best educated of any other class--certainly enough schools have had a chance at us. Not only have we attended school in seven different states, but we have been enrolled in 28 different grade schools and 4 different high schools. Do you get a picture for the wide-spread suffering we have inflicted upon many unfortunate men and women whose only fault has been that they selected the teaching profession?

Another fact about our history is that no one in the class began and took all of his training in this school. The 1941 was a most eventful one. The Japs bombed Pearl Harbor that year, our school house burned, and that same year Ozella Killen and Marie Sheppard enrolled in Miss Doggs's class of young hopefuls. Now we don't blame these girls for the bombing of our naval base, but there is a question in our minds regarding the act of arson. Be that as it may, these girls not long after departed for Baltimore.

This class didn't take form as such until in the fifth grade when Loretta Hampton and Barbara Sutphin thought they had outgrown Hillman. In the fifth grade Marie Sheppard joined them. They liked Pound school very much and would have been very happy that year if it had not been for the dread of Mr. Morris's paddle which even then was coyly reclining in his office.

Next year these three girls were joined by three others of this graduating class. Benetta Baker and Inez Meade had succeeded in fooling the teacher at Mullins school and from Hamilton University came Juanita Meade.

In the seventh grade these students welcomed Ronnie Cox and Rita Sturgill from Riner; Wanda Meade and Joan Meade from Dotson; and Bobby Joe Varner, from Cincinnati. The seventh grade wasn't too difficult and with the help of the teachers and summer school this group made it to the eighth.

Everyone knew the eighth would be easy--only four lessons to prepare! The present class picked up so many new members that year one would think there had been a sale. From Dewey Institution came Janes Countiss, Barbara Bowman, Ethel and Frances Carter; Flat Gap seminary sent us Robert Mullins, J. D. Mullins, June Mullins, Almeda Stidham, Phyllis Bolling, Betty Bolling and Wilma Riddle; from Laurel Fork came Janice Hubbard and Mary Ann Countiss.

Cleopatra, Kentucky sent us Paul West and Dorchester bestowed Marlene Collier upon us. We really enjoyed the eighth grade; if the teachers didn't have a good time with their 108 they'll still admit that life wasn't dull!

High school next! Ada Sue Robinson from Dunham and Shelby Jean Selvey from Harrogate, Tennessee were some of our new classmates. We really did have a good time--studied barely enough and played as much as we possibly could.

Kenneth Stallard was waiting for us in the tenth and Ozella Kellen felt brave enough to come back and join us in the eleventh thinking all was forgiven.

Junior year was really exciting--football and basketball games--Junior play--Junior-Senior Banquet. It was in this year that we lost so many of our classmates, matrimony claiming several.

At the beginning of Senior year we found three new members; Margaret Stidham who had gone winter and summer to school; Don Varnor who was waiting for us and Ruth Adams who had at last decided to leave Yankee land!

Senior year at last! We gave five public programs including "One Foot in Heaven", our Senior play. We also raised enough money to take a Senior Trip of which 32 participated.

This year of our 34 Seniors, two we think will be married in the near future, twenty plan to enter college this summer or fall, eight will probably seek employment later, one was called to service, and three have jobs.

Much in the account of our lives has been omitted, but if you want to hear some spicy news just listen to us talk sometime--- when the teachers aren't near; but please don't tell.

Phyllis Bolling

Pert and petite is the description for charming Phyllis Bolling.

Phyllis entered this dark and dreary world December 2, 1935 at Flat Gap Virginia.

She has been Editor and assistant Editor of the Tomahawk one year each. She was chosen Citizen of the year from the Senior Class. In addition she is valedictorian of her class.

Her favorite song is "Lady of Spain". Her pet peeve is "Uncle Sam."

Betty Bolling

Betty was born December 18th 1934 at Flat Gap Virginia. She is 5'5" in height and weighs 114 pounds. Her hair is blonde in color and is cut short. She has light blue eyes and has a fair complexion.

Betty has been the assistant manager of our basketball team. Her ambition after school is to become a nurse. She plans on going to Radford for pre-nurse training for the next two years.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

Witnesses:

Queen Elizabeth II
 Jersey Joe (his mark)
 Pa and Ma Kettle

We the class of '53, of the school of Christopher Gist, in the town of Pound, district of Roberson, county of Wise, state of Virginia, country of the United States Western Hemisphere, sound mind as the prodding of parents, the reminding of teachers, and the stabbing of our consciences would allow do take inventory of our numerous valuable possessions and after due deliberation, dispose of them in the hereinstated manner.

To wit:

First, the entire Senior Class leaves to Mr. O. M. Morris its sympathy, realizing that he will need more and more as he compares other classes with ours.

Second, to Miss Eva Johnson, Robert Mullins leaves a 3-cent fine on an overdue library book. Wilma Riddle gives her her influence with the opposite sex, as Wilma has caught her man and will need this no longer; and Rita Sturgill bestows upon Miss Johnson her appetite which has allowed Rita Sturgill to eat anything and everything regardless of cleanliness in preparation.

Third, to Mrs. Ringstaff goes our new calendar carrying an extra day for each month so that she can get all our term papers graded.

Fourth, we bestow upon Mr. Barker and Mr. Parker our own original use of the Fifth Amendment, feeling that these gentlemen can use this for avoiding a fib when attempting to explain an absence when the old Lodge excuse has been overworked.

Fifth, we reluctantly part with our moments of quiet, few but priceless, to Mrs. Wright and Miss Rose hoping it will not be too late for them to appreciate these.

Sixth, Marlene Collier, after careful and painstaking cogitating, bequeaths to Miss Baker a ticket to North Carolina. Marlene has decided to go to Detroit and won't need it.

Seventh, June Mullins bestows upon Miss Mullins, her book of True and Tried Recipes, fitted especially for Georgia climate. June thinks Lewis will like these as Eugene has received these foods with open mouth.

Eighth, upon Mr. William Wright, Benetta Baker bestows all that she has learned in 4-H club about chickens; namely there is no better time to eat them than when they're cooked.

Ninth, upon Mr. McCoy and Miss Robinson we leave all that we have learned regarding safe and sane summer school.

All other property wherein we are possessed, we do leave in the following manner:

Ronnie Cox leaves to Harold Roberson his numerous attempts to get into the armed forces as Ronnie has learned Uncle Sam wants Mer.

To Irene Roberson and Annette Wright goes all of Paul West's knowledge about becoming coiffures. "Girls," says Paul, "let Nature give you your permanents."

Upon Carson Cantrell and Lowell Wright, Ozella Killennbestows her ability to write poetry, especially blank verse for Ozella will make an affidavit to the fact that when she takes pen in hand to compose, no one could be blanker!

Phyllis Bolling leaves her ability to converse over long distances without the use of telephone, telegraph, or radio to Frankie Cox and Maureen Powers. By careful use of this gift the teacher won't need to check the roll to know that you are present.

To Charles Rhea Sturgill and Tod Rhea Corder, J. D. Mullins leaves his ability to patch clothes while still in them. J. D. Things if these boys will properly use this gift it will not be necessary for them to back away from girls and teachers or to be absent from school after inadvertently sitting on an exposed spring in the shop bus.

To Harold and Karold Stallard goes Ethel and Frances Carters ability to let two do the work of one. The only time these girls failed was when they didn't pass.

Ruth Adams bestows upon Vera Sue Mullins and Carol Hayes her chowing gum. This gum is slightly used but was still going strong when last seen. These girls may get this precious item at one o'clock in the Senior Room on June 3.

Janice Hubbard tearfully leaves her back seat in the Senior Room to Monetter and Gair Bolling. However she warns these ladies that they will have to guard carefully this coveted possession as it was only by exercising physical prowess that Janice was able to preserve this seat from J. D. Mullins.

Margaret Stidham leaves her grammar book good as new to Buford Addington and Rita Jean Bryant. Says Margaret-- "If I'd a know them verbs was sure easy I'd a taken and went skatin' sted of studyin' 'bout sumthin I haven't yet saw."

Shelby Jean Solvey think that it will take two people to fill her place at the theater. So she bequeaths this to Joan Meade and Fayne Maxwell.

Upon Barbara Shortt and Eva Hibbits, Almeda Stidham bestows her bottle of Rainbow Color-Back. After using this a few times everyone will be surprised.

Kenneth Stallard presents his copy of Bringing up Father in the Automobile Age to James B. Mullins and Jimmie Meade. He particularly calls their attention to Chapter 13, How to Guarantee the Use of Fathers Car When Son Must Have It.

Marie Shepphard bequeaths her ability as a Chiropractor to Larry Branham. Marie didn't know she has this trait until some of her friends went riding with her. The survivors told her.

Barbara Bowman and Barbara Sutphin leave their studious habits to Ronnie Kyle and Kenneth Kyle Mullins. If these boys are to be next years valedictorians they must begin now.

Carson Inson after Rodo and Jack begged so long and piteously finally agreed to lend them for the summer his secret on how to win, win, and worry. Carson said its just like swimming not bad after you take the first plunge.

Betty Bolling and Mary Ann Countiss bestow upon Peggy Hall and Eunice Hamilton their separate sensory ability enabling each to gauge her work so that she does enough but no more.

The Meade Quartet decided to donate their pretty handwriting to Jo Ann Williams, Betty Jo Meade, and James Barr. These Students can practice writing to each other until they can read the writing without guess work or an interpreter.

Loretta Hampton's flashlight which has guided her home so often is bequeathed to Anna Lou Cantrell and Betty Draughn. With this light Loretta says you can recognize a uniform at 30 paces.

Ada Sue Robinson has decided that after this year she will need her dictionary no longer. She bestows this upon Patsy Meade and Norris Hurst. She has marked the words which she has used to advantage. These include please, yes, tomorrow, love.

To Martha and Lena Cantrell goes Loretta's ability in playing Cupid. These girls must not forget to use it to their own advantage or they will be an old maid like Loretta.

James Countiss confidently proffers his ability in chemistry to Joan Meade and Phyllis Hampton. Studying, says James, may not be necessary, but it helps. He also bequeaths his ability to play the part of a minister to Ted Rhea Corder knowing that Ted is already practicing visiting the widows and orphans.

Margaret Stidham reluctantly gives Chris Clark her long cherished desire to become a Gibson girl. Margaret says if she could only be here one more year.

Ozella Killen bestows upon Barbara Shortt and Jim Bently her interest in the Mullins family. The Lord loves those people said Ozella and I'm following the example set for me.

To Carter Collins and Thomas Morris goes Robert Mullins's own secret for growing a lively luxuriant covering for the face. It is this Use the razor sparingly.

Woodrow Adams and Edward Joe Mullins are the proud recipients of Ronnie Cox's skating ability. Ronnie suggests that it may be wise to carry cushions so that the wrong impressions won't be left where they will show.

Bob Varner bestows upon Anna Nell Buchanan and Jamie Roy Mullins his former interest in golf as he is going to Washington and will have a chance to learn from the higher ups.

We do declare the forgoing to represent all of our property both real and imaginary wherein we are now possessed and we do declare this to be our last as well as our first will and testament. Given under our hands this 29th day of May, Anno Domini 1953, and hereto do affix our seal.

THE PROPHECY

When I learned that I was expected to go into a trance, have a seance with spirits, or consult the humble coffee grounds to learn the whereabouts of my classmates twenty years from now, I was baffled, stymied, stunned, and appalled. Finally a friend of mine whose name I'll let you guess, said that once he had known an old mysterious-looking gentleman who had met a peculiar looking child who had seen a singular appearing girl who was the daughter of a sinister looking woman who had known of a elderly grandma who had ascertained facts regarding when it was going to rain and whether to plant beans and onions in the moon by consulting a crystal ball.

"I believe I could do that" I thought, "All I'd have to do would be look in and then tell what I saw. My brother says I'm good at telling and I often see things that others don't want me to see;" so all was settled except the crystal ball. Where could that be found? First I went to Mr. Parker's.

"Yes, I did have one," said Mrs. Parker; "but as soon as I saw what kind of husband I was getting I broke it."

Next I visited Mr. Morris. "Ozolla," said Mr. Morris, "do you think any decent self-respecting crystal ball would stay around my office with the class of '53 there every day?"

"What could I do??" In turn Mrs. Faye Barker refused to part with hers as that way she could even remotely guess what Coach was going to do, and Miss Johnson said she had worn her crystal ball threadbare trying to find out when Mary Ann Countiss and Bob Varner were going to return those overdue library books. Finally I met Mr. Jessie O. Bolling who inquired why I was looking so dejected. When I explained, he replied, "Child, your troubles are infinitesimal, and the subsequent solution not at all irrevocable. Regarding this article employed by charlatans, all me to state without fear of contradiction that in my place of business, while I do not have the prerequisite globule, I have a reasonable facsimile thereof."

Eagerly I followed him to his office and he transferred the denizens of an ordinary fish bowl of his water pitcher, and after offering me a sip from the pitcher reached the bowl to me. "Just look into this when you're alone," said Mr. Bolling, "and you'll see many strange things. I know. This is the way I keepup with Betty and the Air Force." Filled with curiosity and anticipation I hurried home.

I moved Robert's picture and the picture of you-know-who in the army uniform over on an old cold cream jar and placed the crystal-ball-fish-bowl upside-down on the center of my dressing table. At first I saw nothing. Then I thought maybe I should make a wish for I really did want to know what that giggling, big-hearted class of mine would be doing twenty years from now so I said:

Scale and fin and tail of fish,
Grant this sucker just one wish.
Let me see what time does hold
For my classmates now so bold,
Every wrinkle and bald head
And that middle-aged spread.

Then I looked into the crystal. The scene was the inside of a large building near a street sign reading Mill Creek Road. On the building in large lights were the words "Marvelous-Can't Fail-Cure all"; in smaller letters was the inscription Rub-It-On Elixir Manufacturing Co., Marie Sheppard Countiss, Owner and Manager. In minute printing I read James Countiss, Mixer. Upon looking in the office I saw a group of four very young employees. The resemblance to James and Marie was unmistakable. Fancy a family business-- wife, boss; husband and children do the work!

The scene changed and I saw all the bally-hoo that accompanies a circus. It was located where the Horne and Cantrell gardens had once been and spread over into the school ground. As I leaned nearer I read Mullins, Mullins, and Mullins Circus, Greatest Show On Earth. In the van with the snakes I recognized Robert Mullins who was evidently explaining that snakes were not hard to handle if they were dead. Robert hadn't changed much, lost the hair from the top of his head, found it in his beard which was now salt and pepper in color. A rather plump, pretty redheaded woman came near, "Bob, little Donsville and Clarence are scaring those snakes to death!" Imagine Robert and Phyllis married.

Just then I saw a large elephant with a beautiful brunette perched high on his neck. When with the help of the elephant's trunk and the loving attention of the circus strong man, she dismounted I recognized June Mullins who was now the wife of Paul West, the heavy weight Circus wrestler. Now I understood Mullins and Mullins as owners of the show, but why the third Mullins in the sign? That was soon explained. Dressed in a shining silver tight rope walker, J. D. Mullins. He had trained himself in his school days by getting out of tight places and was now making his education pay. He was still an old bachelor as he thought it unkind to make only one happy out of so many!

Farther on appeared the aerialists, dressed in beautiful costumes and looking very much like our former Meade Quartette only now I learned they were Meades no longer but Mullins! They were teamed as follows: Joan Meade and Jamie Roy Mullins, Wanda Meade and Ronnie Mullins, Inez Meade and James Benjamin Mullins, and Juanita Meade and Kenneth Riley Kyle Mullins. Will wonders never cease? It was enough to crack the fish-bowl-crystal-ball.

However nothing of the sort occurred so I kept gazing intently into its one clear eye; until there appeared cars. Leading the parade was a policeman, no on a closer view I see it is a policewoman, Ruth Muscles Adams; much the same as in school days, with only a tooth or so missing. Who was the guest of honor? It was Frances Carter, the world-famous successor to Dorothy Dix. She has just returned with her secretary, Janice Hubbard, from a tour of Russia where the ladies arranged for a permanent peace by showing there was enough fighting in American homes.

Taking advantage of the immense crowds in the streets of Pound were Betty Bolling and Margaret Stidham gaily advertising the wares of the Hampton and Gibson Snack Bar.

Down the street is the Bonatta Baker Theater proudly advertising:
See Ada Sue Robinson Morris in Never Again
and

Loretta Hampton Adams on stage in Eve and the Apple.

So Bonatta didn't organize that lovelorn society as she had planned. How did Ada Sue ever fool Thomas Morris? Wasn't Loretta a slick one always pretending "Juniors" weren't in her league!

As the scene changed I recognized the new school building. A school bus loaded with quiet sleepy children drove up and stopped. The driver descended and I recognized Ronnie Cox in spite of the fifty pounds he had accumulated during those twenty years! He called back into the bus, "Wake up! Lullaby time's over!" Imagine using his voice to put children to sleep. As the children came out, four little Barbara Bowman-like girls and two Ronnie Cox-like boys stepped near the driver.

"What is it now?" he growled.

"Mamma Barbara said for you to give us back the money you took from our piggy bank last night," chorused the children.

"How can my wife do that to me?" wailed Ronnie.

Inside the children tiptoed down the hall past the door marked Almeda Stidham, Ph.D., Principal, and passing the janitor in the hall called in subdued voices, "Hello, Bob, what does Mrs. Varnor have for lunch?"

"Now children you know Wilma never tells that. I asked the twins to ask her this morning and she said my mind was as usual on my stomach."

Upon passing the library I was surprised to read Rita Sturgill, Librarian and Marlene Collier, Ass't. Librarian. I didn't know those girls knew anything about books except they should be left as found--unopened. On the bulletin board advertising new books I saw the title: Four Reasons for Becoming a Mormon. Underneath the title was the picture of four beautiful girls. The author was Kenneth Stallard, famous traveler and wild animal trainer! On the same board but slightly underneath the first was another book entitled: How I Changed His Mind, Mary Ann Countiss Stallard, world famous cook.

The scene then moved to the gymnasium. The coach was having a class in muscle building and as she demonstrated some of the principles, I recognized Barbara Stuphin. At the end of the class she called the roll and found that Hilt Ringstaff Carter Skeen had been sent by his mother Ethel Carter Skeen, the history teacher to find out in what year the Grand Canyon was dug and why. Trula Shortt had been sent home by her mother Shelby Jean Shortt the English teacher to see that Billy Ray Jr. didn't play in the branch.

The superintendent of Wise County schools chose this day to visit. Imagine my surprise when I saw this was Carson Robinson, a scholarly and gray headed fellow with his head always slightly bent toward the tall commanding lady on his right who was plainly his wife and guardian. I was at first dismayed by the added weight, gray hair and false teeth of Mrs. Robinson but as I looked closer I recognized me--Ozella! How the years fly and the changes they bring!

That's all I saw. To prove this all is true, I still have Mr. Bolling's fish bowl but I am soon going to return it.

THE SENIORS

Paul West

Included among the athletic type in the Senior Class is Paul West. This inspiring Senior was born February 12, 1935 in Balkan, Kentucky. He moved to Indian Creek and joined this class in the Eighth Grade. Paul is 5ft. and 10½ in. in height and tips the scales at 155 pounds. He has light brown hair and brown eyes. From the beginning baseball and football have interested him, and each year you would find him struggling and playing for the team of Christopher Gist. He has also been active in dramas that have been presented by the class. His favorite record is "Lonely Eyes". After graduation, Paul will make plans for college at V. P. I. and prepare for his future career as electrical engineer.

Shelby Jean Selvey

Shelby Jean Selvey, a petite red headed girl, was born in Cumberland, Kentucky on April 11, 1936. She joined this class in the ninth grade and has done well in her school life. After graduation she plans to attend Virginia Intermont College at Bristol. Then she plans to become a teacher. At present she works at the theater in Pound.

Donald Varner

Donald Varner who went a few weeks ago to join Uncle Sam and his Navy was born February 17, 1933 in Jenkins, Kentucky. He has sandy hair and blue eyes. His

height is 5ft. and 10 in. and his weight varies with the Navy diet. Don's favorite record is "Walking My Baby Back Home". His pet poodle is anything containing lemon juice.

Don's future is the Navy where he plans to continue his education.

Janice Lee Hubbard

Janice Lee Hubbard was born July 11, 1932 at Laurel Fork, Virginia. She was a part of a large family. At the age of six she entered Laurel Fork School

where she learned reading, writing, and arithmetic.

In 1948 Janice began to help The Christopher Gist High School teachers educate her by starting the eighth grade there.

Janice Lee is five feet, four inches in height, weighs 120 pounds, and has brown eyes. Her favorite band is the Glenn Miller Orchestra. Her favorite song is "Pretend" by Nat King Cole.

Janice has a perfect attendance certificate for many years of her high school life. Plans for post-graduation are as yet indefinite. However she plans to work temporarily at Kingsport, Tennessee.

Kenneth Stallard

Kenneth Stallard was born on Glady Fork on July 19, 1934. Glady Fork School was a fine place for Kenneth to enjoy himself as a child. Then after he had completed the fourth grade, the teacher decided that Kenneth needed a higher place of learning to develop his many talents. This place proved to be C. G. H. S.

After Kenneth completed grade school, he continued to come to C. G. H. S. and participated in many sports. He has proved himself as an athlete.

Kenneth is 6 ft., 1 in. and weighs 175 pounds. He has hazel eyes and light brown hair.

After graduation, Kenneth plans to attend Emory and Henry College.

Mary Ann Countiss

Mary Ann Countiss born October 30, 1934 at Laurel Fork, 5 ft. and 8 in., weight 125 pounds.

She attended school first at Laurel Fork. Then she joined the present class at Pound in the eighth grade. She has been known as quite an artist throughout her high school career. Her blue eyes and brown hair give her a pleasant cheerful atmosphere. She plans to go to Berea if possible, if not, she plans to get married or work

Frances Carter

When Frances Carter was born on March 1, 1934 in Pound, Virginia she made a resolution not to let the few minutes of time between her and Ethel hold her back. So far this resolution has been fulfilled every day in her active life.

As soon as you meet Frances, you are immediately wrapped in the folds of her sparkling personality. She stands only 5'7", weighs a meat trom 125 pounds. She has a creamy complexion, brown hair, and brown eyes. Her favorite pastime is eating. She belongs to the Glee Club and Future Homemakers of America.

Frances entered Christopher Gist High School in the eighth grade after earlier training at Dewey School. At Christopher Gist High School she has followed her education to this point. After graduation Frances plans to become a nurse.

Ronnie Lee Cox

Ronnie Lee Cox, our class president in both Junior and Senior years, was born August 2, 1934 on Indian Creek. He stands 6', tips the scales at 165, and has brown hair; all this is highlighted by clear, blue eyes and a sparkling smile.

He has been outstanding in dramatics and leadership in his high school career. The Glee Club is often honored by this renowned soloist.

Following graduation he plans to work in Baltimore and train as a radio announcer.

James Countiss

Yes, James Countiss is that versatile Senior whom we all know so well. James stands 5' 11" in height and weighs 165. He was born on February 5, 1935 at Dewey and has lived there all his life. He joined the class of 53 in the eighth grade.

James has been a very active member of his class, participating in all basketball, baseball and football. He is very active in dramatics, and to "cap all that" James is the saluditorian of his class.

After he gets his "honary" degree from Pound High School, Jame's destiny is--well-- "The sky's the limit" says James.

Maybe he plans a trip to the moon.

Margaret Stidham

A great big bundle of joy, Margaret Stidham was born June 8, 1936, in Fleming, Kentucky, weighing 7½ pounds after adding 131½ pounds by the time she was sixteen then losing 10 pounds by a famous Stidham reducing plan she now weighs 139 pounds. This 5ft. 8 in. blond is the youngest member of our class and the only one to finish high school in three years. She has been an active 4-H club member for five years, has mastered several goals, and has gone on many trips concerning the 4-H work. Margaret's destiny is to become a medical technician after a pre-medical course at Radford College.

Marlene Collier

Pretty blonde Marlene Collier was born September 2, 1935 at Norton, Virginia. In the eighth grade she joined the 1953 class to see that things were well done. She stands 5ft. 5in. and weighs 100 pounds. "April in Portugal" is her favorite platter. Her pet peeve is "rain on week-ends."

Marlene is a member of the Glee club. She has been outstanding in dramatics throughout high school.

Following graduation she plans to enter the realms of matrimony and make her home in Detroit.

Dob Varner

A four-year letterman in both baseball and football, Bob Varner came to Pound from Cincinnati to teach the boys here the games. He has done a good job and won a great deal of honor for himself.

Bob was born December 25, 1934 in Jenkins, Kentucky. His parents never got another Christmas present like that. His 5' 11" athletic build is highlighted by dark hair with a reddish tinge and dark eyes. He was elected King of the Senior Class by his classmates.

Next fall he plans to enter Emory and Henry College.

Inez Meade

The truly admirable girl in our class is Inez Meade. She has a heart so warm and kind that it seems big enough for everyone. Inez joined our class in the sixth grade and has stuck loyally to it ever since.

She was born at Pound, May 6, 1934, is 5' 3" and tips the scales at 111 pounds. She has a marvelous head of blonde hair which is a nice companion for her smiling blue eyes.

After graduation Inez plans to go to Roanoke where she will work as a secretary.

J. D. Mullins

The 6' 3" and 182 pound J. D. Mullins was born February 17, 1935. He attended school at Gilley and Flat Gap before joining his present class in the eighth grade. J. D. played on year of football and has also been in dramatics all through his high school career.

When this handsome gentleman leaves his "Old" class, he plans to attend Providence Bible Institution where he will prepare for the ministry and mission

work. The next time you see J. D. you may be saying "The Reverend James Mullins" instead of J. D. as we all know him now.

Barbara Bowman

The Mexican senorita of the Senior class is Barbara Bowman. She was born in Pound in 1933. She has black hair, brown eyes, and is 5' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall. During her high school career, she has been a typist for the school paper and a member of the Home Economics Club. In her freshman year, she played on the girls' squad.

Barbara plans to begin work immediately after she graduates.

Carol June Mullins

The five foot six inch Senior girl weighing 120 pounds and having brown hair and eyes is none other than Junie Mulling who was born February 17, 1933 on North Fork.

Junie has taken part in various class plays and has been an active forward on the basketball team throughout high school. She has participated in all our projects and has served on many committees.

Upon graduation she plans to take a long vacation in Baltimore and from there the future is a mystery to everyone except June. Could she be contemplating that big step?

Joan Meade

Tiny Joan Meade was born March 11, 1935 at Jenkins, Kentucky. Throughout school she has continually annoyed the teachers by behaving herself. She has brown hair and green eyes, weighs 102 and is 5' 3" short. Her favorite food is everything in all quantities.

After graduation she plans to enter Radford College.

Junior News

The Junior class has indeed been busy these last few weeks in preparation for the Junior-Senior banquet. The Juniors had a wonderful time, and we sincerely hope the Seniors enjoyed the program that we presented to them on May 15.

The program was as follows:

Song--America
 Invocation--Rev. John L. Steiner
 Welcome--Lena Cantrell
 Response--Ronald Cox
 Reading--Joanne Williams
 Vocal Trio---Lena cantrell
 Phyllis Hampton
 Ann Buchanan
 Reading--Frances Hounshell
 Solo--Mr. Monroe Parker
 Mrs. Steiner, pianist
 Entertainment--Mr. William
 Hamilton
 Skit--Ann Buchanan
 Woodrow Adams

We are happy to report that Mabelone Shortt is speedily recovering from an accident and is now at home. We are sorry though that she will not be back with us the remainder of the year. Our class sent her a shower of cards and a nice present.

We wish to congratulate the Seniors on their superb performance in the Senior play. The Juniors enjoyed the play immensely.

On Monday, May 11, Ethel Wells visited our room with Betty Jo Meade.

Many of the Juniors took part in the ticket selling for the circus. It was beyond our expectations and everyone seemed delighted with the performances.

We are glad to welcome Joanna Williams back to the fold after an absence which was due to an automobile accident.

Since it is nearing the end of the school year, we are reluctant to leave, but when we join you again, we will be sophisticated seniors--we hope!!

To the Seniors we extend our best wishes for success and happiness in the life they lead after graduation. We wish them the best of luck always.

As Juniors we bid you Adios until we see you again next year as Seniors.

Sophomore News

Hasn't this nothe been a hard one? We have put forth a lot of effort so as to be Juniors next year. It seem that only yesterday we were worried about becoming freshmen.

Connie Baker attended the Junior-Senior Prom at Fleming-Neon High School, May 2. She was the guest of Norwood Lemaister.

May 15, Charlotte Roberson attended the Wise High School Junior-Senior Prom as the guest of Carter Lowe.

Kay Fleming attended a dance given by the Sophomore Class of Norton High School, May 8, as James Hill's guest.

We wish to extend our congratulations to the Seniors. We've enjoyed knowing you. May you have the best of luck always.

Eighth Grade

Mr. Wright

Robert Mullins for some reason looks at a window in the hut. The reflections of figures are appearing there. It is just like a television set. He watches Peggy Bolling taking Physical Education at the fifth period.

We lost two students; their names are Marie Chester, and Georgia Pilkenton.

Eighth Grade News Mr. Russell

During the past two weeks our room has had quite a number of absences which were due to mumps. We are glad to report the students are back with us.

Our room had their spelling exam and we had satisfactory grades. Our Junior Review exam is over also. Harry Mathias made the highest grade which was 98.

We also plan to have a popularity contest in the very near future.

Here are the results from the contest: Mrs. Baker's room

Most Outstanding--Joan Ellison
Bill Cantrell
Friendliest--Juanita Boggs
Thomas Hubbard
Most Likely to Succeed--Barbara
Jackson and Bobby Mullins
Quietest--Wilma Edwards
Ray Kinser
Prettiest--Barbara Baker
Handsomest--Palmer Mullins
Cutest--Mrs. Baker
Charles Riner
Neatest--Carol Fleming
Tommy Reynolds
Most Popular--Mary Ann Sikos
Earl Cantrell

This contest was held May 14th.

During Easter vacation several pupils in our room took interesting trips. Barbara Jackson visited Oak Ridge, Tennessee and Barbara Baker visited in Akron, Ohio.

4-H Club News

On May 9, 1953 the 4-H Club officers of Wise County had a meeting at Wise Court House at 9:00 p.m.

The officers of all clubs voted on the officers of 4-H council. The leaders of this council are as following:

President -----Roger Dotson
Vice President-----Loretta Rattliff
Secretary-----Peggy Bolling
Treasurer
Reporter -----Norma Jean Ridd
Song Leaders-----Anna Mae Phillip
Jean Salyers
Cheer Leaders-----Gary Bolling
Marlene Riddle

The next meeting of the 4-H officers of Wise County is on June 20, 1953.

It is for both 4-H officers meeting. All should try to come.

Seventh Grade Mr. Meade's Room

Our class is happy to have Phillip Gary Shortt back from his illness.

We cast our votes for the most popular boy and girl. They are the following:

Nancy A. burgey
Ronnie Cantrell

The complete honor roll for the last month is;

Nancy burgey
Forothy Balthis
Mary Mullins
Wayne Leftwich
Margaret Bolling
Billy Ray Moore

Sixth Grade Miss Qualls's Room

Everyone was very glad to get out of school to go to the circus. We liked it very much-seeing the clowns and all the animals.

On our last program after we finished playing games, Miss Qualls treated us with ice cream.

Now that we have run out of Hardy and Nancy Drew mysteries for our opening exercises, we have a program every morning. It is very much fun being in the sixth grade even if we do have homework to prepare.

Billie Sutphin

Twelfth Grade:
James Countiss
Ozella Killom
Joan Meade

Eleventh Grade:
None

Tenth Grade:
Carol Baker
Doris Conley
Wilma Counshell
Clayetta Tompkins
Betty Van Horn

Ninth Grade--Mr. Barker
Eugene Collins

Ninth Grade--Miss Robinson
Laura Boggs

Eighth Grade--Mr. Russell
Ronald Vanover
Pauline Herndon
Ruby Nell Hampton
Carol Williams

Eighth Grade--Mrs. Baker
Barbara Baker
Joan Ellison
Barbara Jackson

Eighth Grade--Mr. Wright
Freddie Adkins
Mary Sue Collins

Seventh Grade--Mrs. Jennings
Carol Bolling
Barbara Barr
Sue Branham
Helen Dotson
Angela Fleming
Faye Grubb
Grace Mullins
Doris Faye Robinson
Pamela Sampson

Seventh Grade--Mr. Earl Bolling
Patsy Daniels
Charles Hubbard

Seventh Grade--Mr. Meade
Billy Moore
Nancy Amburgy
Dorothy Balthis

Cont'd from Bonetta Baker

After graduation Bonetta plans to work until she has accumulated enough capital to enable her to build an orphanage. After this goal is reached she plans to launch upon a career as a novelist and poet. Furthermore she plans to

Sixth Grade--Miss Qualls
Elizabeth Jackson
Lois Jean Mullins
Doloras Cantrell
Phyllis Branham
Roger Boggs

Sixth Grade--Miss Hughes
Bill Huffman
Linda Branham
Shirley Rigore
Mary Shortt

Fifth Grade--Miss Murray
Margaret Hollyfield
Shirley Daniels
H. C. Roberts

Fifth Grade--Mrs. Jewell
Judy Vanover

Fourth Grade--Miss Kinzer
Nancy Collier
Christine Chester
Brona D tson
Lynn Fleming
Judy Fultz
Bobby Hodges
Eva Jackson
Patricia Moore
Juanita Perkins
Claudette Pelkenton
Ginger Rogers
Rose Ann Swindall
Sidney Buskoll
Voin Goggs
Horman Meade
Daniel Van Hüss

Carson Robinson

Carson Robinson is the brown-eyed, brown haired 5' 8" boy that you can tell is there because he's always surrounded by girls.

His quiet ways do not hinder his popularity; every Senior is proud to claim his friendship.

He is an outstanding Scout as well as a reputable student.

Bonetta Baker

The brown haired, green eyed 5'7", 127 lb. Senior girl is Bonetta Baker who was born Dec. 2, 1935 at Jenkins, Ky. In two weeks she moved to Pound where she now resides. Bonetta says she has great ambition but is lacking in sufficient will-power to execute them.

April 28 and 29 the Seniors presented One Foot in Heaven by Hartzell Spense. James Countiss and Wilma Riddle starred as Rev. and Mrs. Spense in a heartwarming story of the struggles of a minister's family. The others in the cast were Ronnie Cox, Carson Robinson, Paul West, Robert Mullins, Kenneth Stallard J. D. Mullins, Bob Varner, Marlene Collier, Aida Robinson, Phyllis Bolling, Betty Bolling, Ethel Carter, Rita Sturgill, Barbara Bowman, June Mullins, Ozella Killen. Margaret Stidham and Loretta Hampton were the curtain speakers. The cast director, Miss Johnson, was presented an orchid by the cast. On Wednesday we had as guests the Seniors of Wise High School. This dramatic activity brought Oscars (medals) to Ronnie Cox, Ozella Killen and Marlene Collier.

Thursday April 30 - We were guests of Wise Seniors at the afternoon performance of The Great Big Doorstep. We had an enjoyable afternoon.

May 15 the Seniors were the guests of the Juniors at an informal banquet in the basement of Pound Baptist Church.

The Seniors attended a lawn party May 22 at the home of Phyllis Bolling. Delicious refreshments carrying out the Senior colors were served to thirty guests.

May 25 we were the guests of Misses Eva Johnson, Trula Qualls and Emily Qualls at the American Legion Cabin. We took part in an hike to Benjie's Rock, an exciting scavenger hunt, and round, and square dancing directed by Mr. Eddie Carter. The highlight of the evening was our delicious supper of hamburgers with all the trimmings.

May 27 we attended a lawn party at the home of Bob Varner. The class enjoyed several games on the lawn and a weinger roast.

Bob Varner and Ethel Carter were awarded metals as most athletic in the Senior Class. Phyllis Bolling was given awards as Citizen and Editor.

I wish to thank each one who has in any way helped in the publication of the Tomahawk this year. My thanks go especially to the staff and to Miss Qualls.

Phyllis Bolling, Editor

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