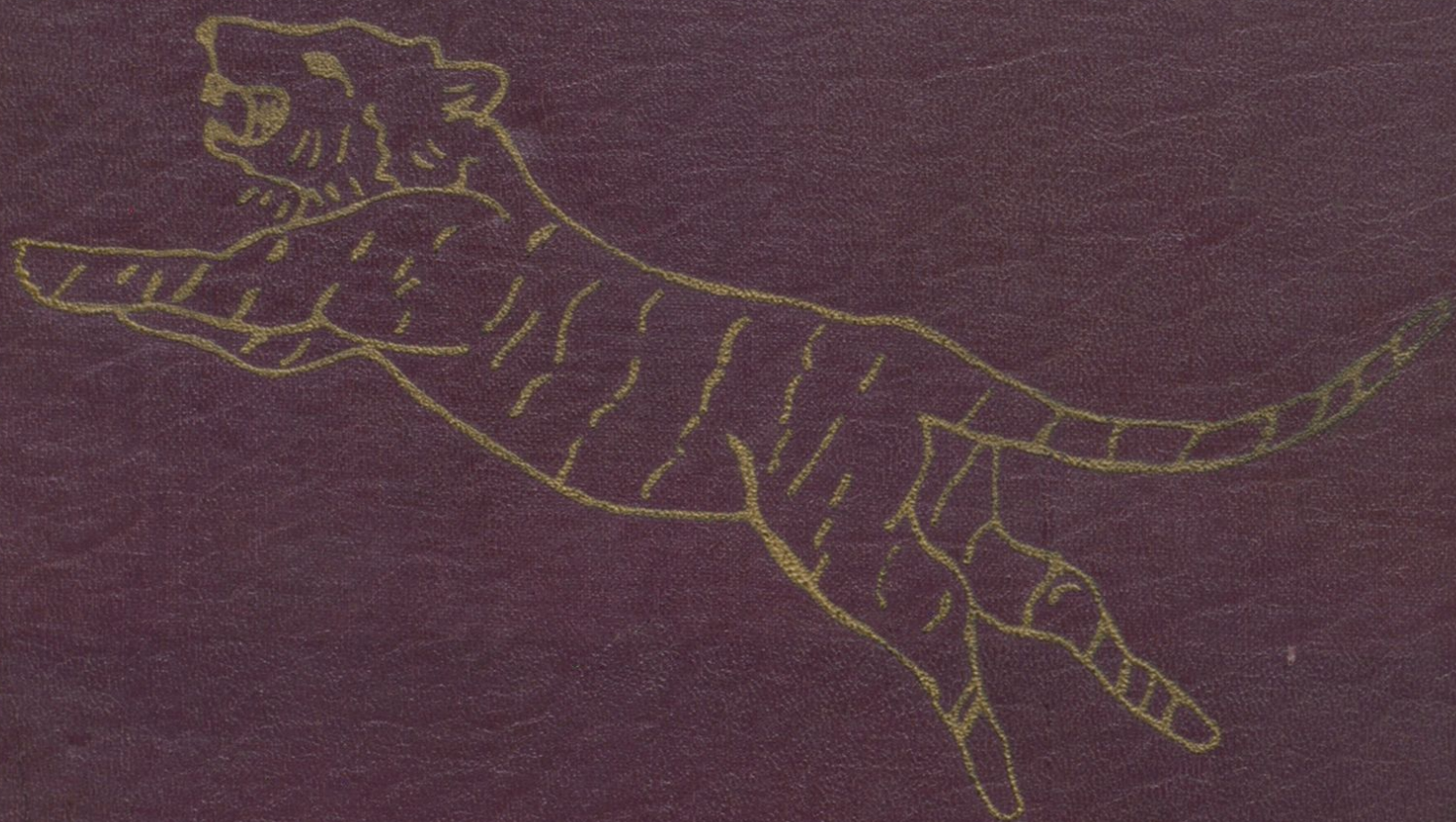
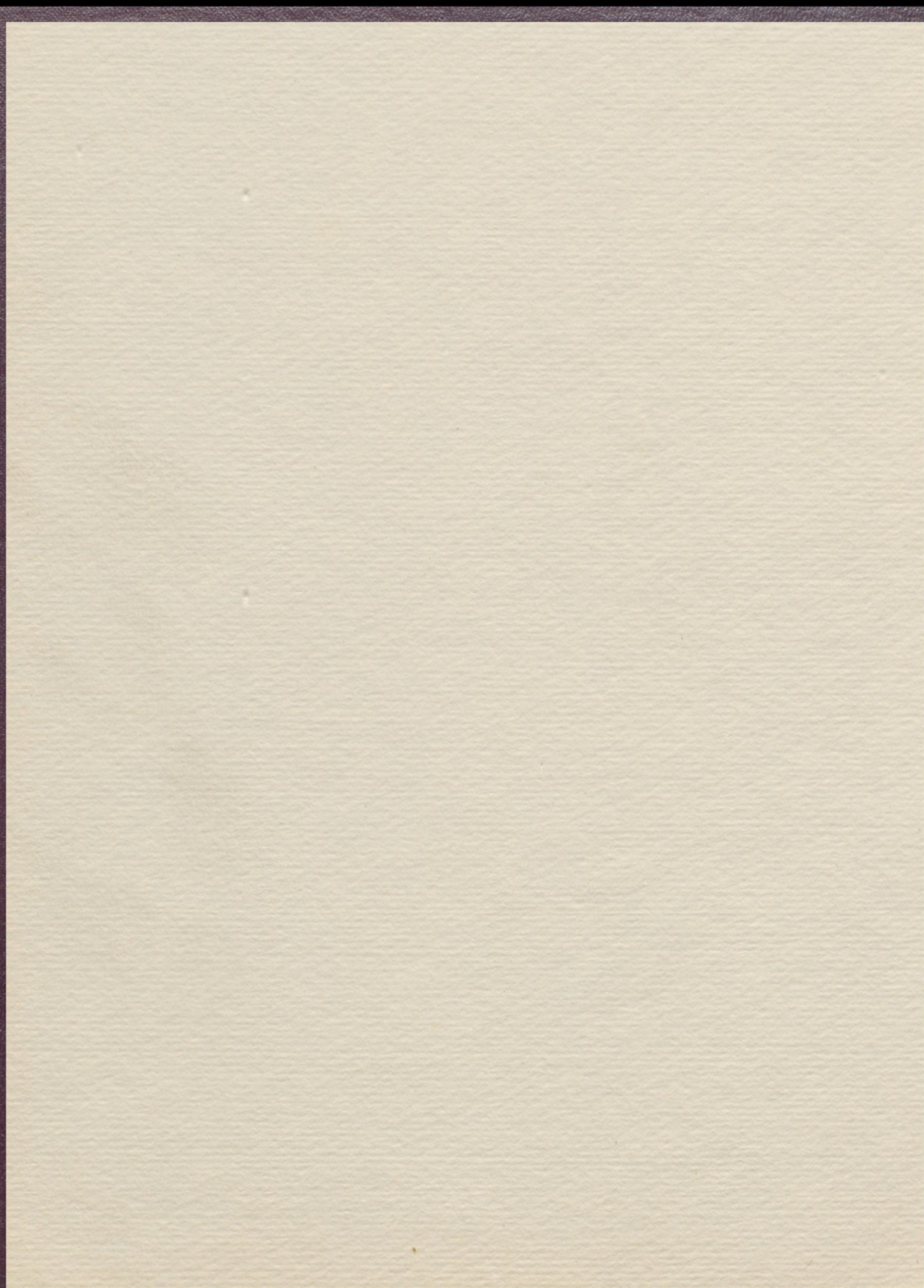


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# TIGER



1954





*South Portsmouth  
Ele. and High  
Freshmen  
1950 - 1951*







# Dedication

We, the Senior Class of 1954 wish to didicate this annual to our parents. We wish to thank them for all the co-operation they have given us in the past twelve years.

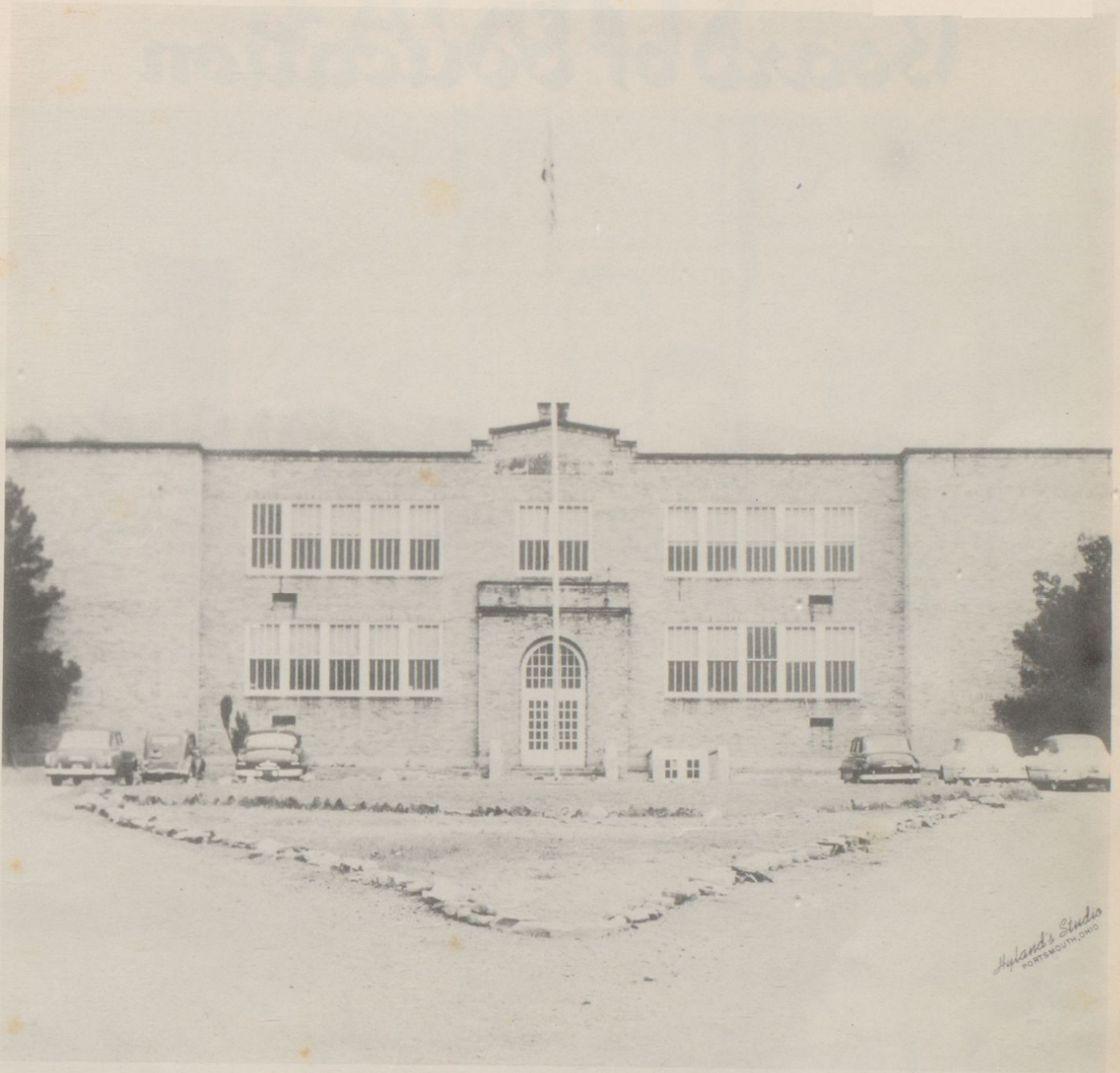
We hope that in the future we may be our best to make them proud of us. We will never be able to make up to them all they have given us.

Thank you, parents  
The Annual Staff

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For the Board of Directors  
of the American Red Cross  
at the annual meeting held at  
the Hotel New York, New York,  
on the 15th day of June, 1917.  
Resolved, That the Board of  
Directors do hereby authorize  
the Executive Committee to  
raise the sum of \$100,000.00  
in the form of bonds or  
other securities, and to  
deposit the same in the  
trust of the American Red  
Cross, New York, New York,  
for the purpose of raising  
funds for the relief of  
the victims of the war.

SOUTH PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL



Published by  
The Senior Class  
The Junior Class  
of  
High School

# Board of Education



Ennis Skeans, Ellsworth Noel, B.C. Willis, Lloyd Reeder,  
Dorthory Jones, Charles Phillips, Hazel Smith.

# FACULTY



B.C. Willis, Chester Bruce, Robert Waddell, Nellie McMullen,  
Erna Mae Hatfield, Helen Howland, Elsie Earlywine, Mildred Doddridge.

# SENIORS



Senior Motto

"Not at the top but climbing"



Mary Noel  
 3 Years  
 Y-Teen member 3 Years  
 Candidate for Basketball queen  
 1951-52  
 Vice President of Y-Teen 1952-53  
 Assistant Editor Annual Staff  
 1953-54

Jay Bentley  
 4 Years  
 Conservation Club 1951-52  
 President High Y- member 1950-51



Freda Farley  
 3 Years  
 Y-Teen member 3 Years  
 Candidate for Basketball queen  
 1952-53  
 President of Senior Class 1953-54  
 Cheerleader 2 Years  
 2 Years Sports Editor 1952-53



Regena Liles  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Secretary of Y-Teens 1951-52  
Cheerleader 4 Years



Conrad Cooper  
4 Years  
High Y member  
Conservation Club 1951  
Basketball Team 4 Years



Kathleen Hanners  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Freshman Class President 1950-51  
Y-Teen President 1953-54



Shirley Burgess  
 4 Years  
 Y-Teen member 4 Years  
 President of Sophomore Class  
 1951-52

Marcus Leadingham  
 4 Years  
 Basketball team 4 Years  
 Vice President of Freshmen ,  
 Sophomore , Senior  
 High Y member  
 Conservation Club 1 Year



Millie Russell  
 3 Years  
 Y-Teen member 3 Years



Sue Amburgey  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Candidate for Basketball  
queen 1952-53



Donald Skeans  
4 Years  
High Y member  
Conservation Club 1 Year



Helen Smith  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Class Reporter 4 Years  
Vice President Jr. Class 1952-53  
Ad manager Annual Staff



Ida Stiers  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Junior Class President 1952-53  
Editor of Annual 1953-54  
Assistant Director Christmas Play  
1952-53

Author & Director of  
Christmas Play-1953-1954

Ronald Skeans  
4 Years  
High Y member  
Conservation Club 1 Year



Wanda Adkins  
3 Years  
Y-Teen member 3 Years  
Typist for news paper 1952  
Typist for Annual Yearbook  
Basketball queen 1952-53

Assistant Director of  
Christmas Play-1953-1954



Joy Stockham  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Glee Club Vice President 1953-54



Eugene Horne  
4 Years  
Basketball Team 4 Years



Barbara Craycraft  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 4 Years  
Basketball queen 1950-51  
Cheer leader 3 Years  
Secretary of Senior Class  
1953-54  
President of Glee Club 1953-54



Royce Boggs  
4 Years  
Basketball team 2 Years  
High Y member 1951-52  
Conservation Club 1951-52

Marilyn McKenzie  
4 Years  
Y-Teen member 3 Years  
Editor of News paper 1952-53  
Treasurer of Senior Class 1953-54  
Freshmen Class Reporter 1950-51



Herman Blankenbeckly  
4 Years  
High Y Member 1952-53  
Secretary-Treasurer Sophomore  
Class 1951-52

# JUNIORS



Mrs. Helen Howland  
11th. Grade

3rd. row

Avis Van Bibber  
Jim Bob Dowdy  
Robert Sanders  
Clarence Pickle  
Richard Stephenson  
Anna Stephenson  
Delores Veach

1st. row

Betty Jo Cooper  
Yvonne Futlz  
Mrs. Helen Howland

2nd. row

Loretta Collier  
Bernetta Stewart  
Millie Noel Warnock  
Janet Cooper  
Janet Book  
Gail Hamilton  
Ama Lee Hamm

# SOPHOMORES



## 3rd. row

Billy Duncan  
Charles Howerton  
Jim Jones  
Bill Clay  
Roger Kilgore  
Bill Jordan  
Sherman Collier

Mr. Robert Waddell  
10th. Grade

## 1st. row

Edith Bowling  
Avanell Russell  
Donna Stephenson  
Sybil Zornes  
Wilma Skeans  
Delores Stephenson  
Patricia Noel

## 2nd. row

Gail Coffee  
Katherine Carpenter  
Charlene York  
Coza Lewis  
Shirley Craycraft  
Joyce Hacker

# FRESHMEN



Mrs. Elsie Earlywine  
9th. Grade

3rd. row  
Kenny Stockham  
Elbert Blankenbeckly  
Clotene Stevenson  
James Porter  
Roy Brown  
Neville Tremble

1st. row  
Gordon Sanders  
Virgie McKensie  
Anna Hannah  
Judy Stephenson

2nd. row  
Florida Hamilton  
Phyllis Brickly  
Lee Cooper  
Leslie Burgess  
Clinton Shover  
Darrell Stewart

# UNDERCLASSMEN



## 5th. row

Carl Brown  
Allen Osborn  
James Jordan  
Gary Scaggs  
Norma Leadingham  
Westly Euton  
Vera Cooper  
Bob Tallifero  
Joe Smith

## 4th. row

Wanda Skeans  
Linda Kilgore  
Darrell Stephenson  
Bobby Kouns  
Carl York  
Judy Tucker  
Martha Frye

Mr. Chester Bruce  
7th. & 8th. Grade

## 3rd. row

Betty Felty  
Don Hacker  
Richard Hall  
Sylvia Conn  
Wilma Biggs  
Gwenda Hacker  
Judy Cooper

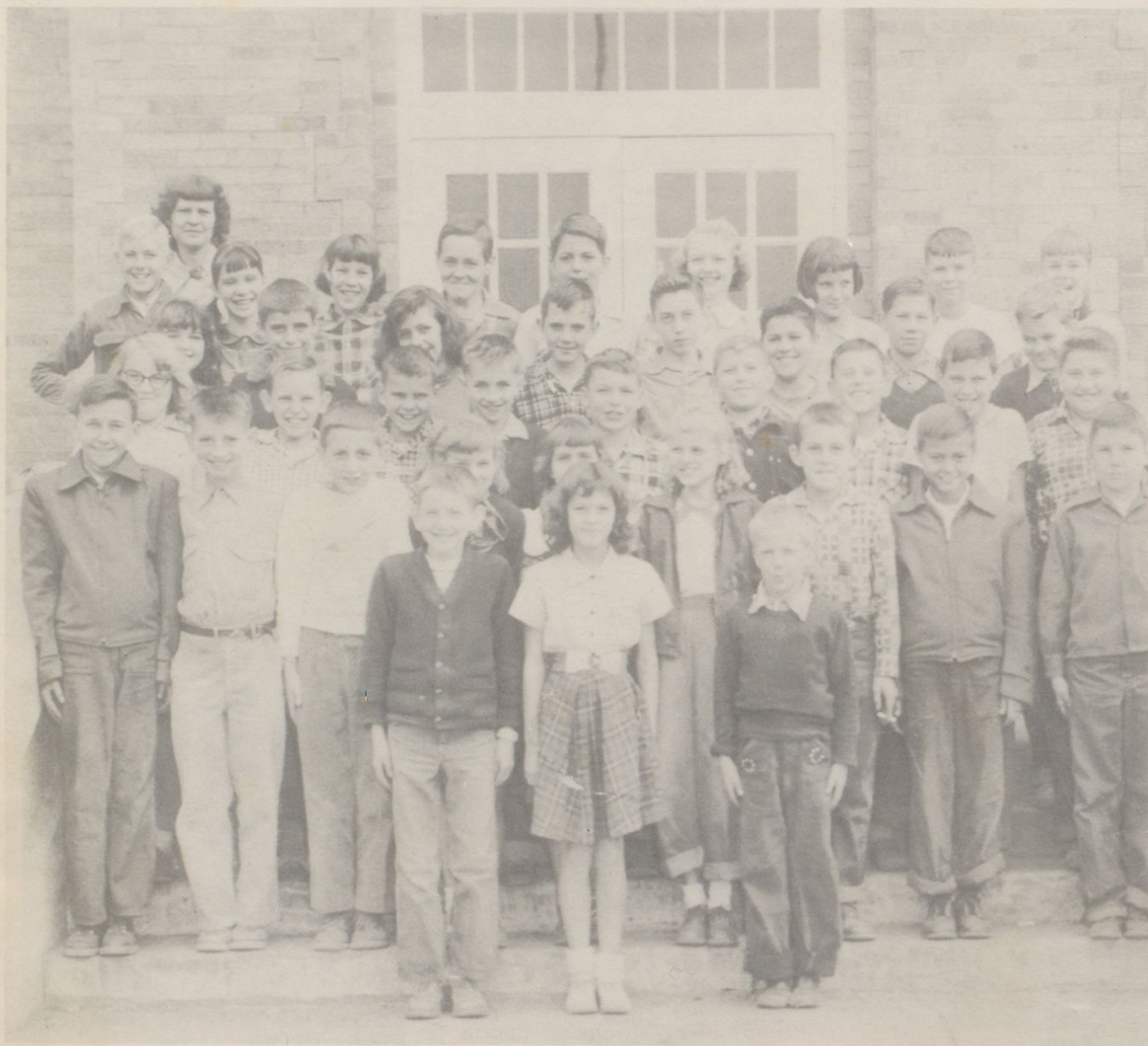
## 2nd. row

Donna Brown  
Linda Piatt  
Jerry Sanders  
Richard Lewis  
Bobby Felty  
Johnny Stephenson  
Winston Hall  
Stanford Harvey  
Neil Boggs

## 1st. row

Mary Collier  
Crawford Wolff  
Charlotte Pollitt  
Charlene Cooper  
Larry Kotcamp  
John Smith  
Harold Van Bibber

Mrs. Hatfield  
Fifth & Sixth Grade



5th row

Donald Bowling  
Barbara Litterall  
Carolyn Cooper  
David Jordon  
James Brickey  
Janet Bivens  
Linda Stewart  
Billy Gene Porter  
Mary Ann Euton

4th row

Vickie Stevenson  
Robert Scaggs  
Sandra Adkins  
Paul Craycraft  
Paul Hampton  
Garry Lee Bentley  
Buddy Joe Bentley  
Terry Tackett

3rd row

Nina Smith  
Sonny Kitchen  
Sammy Reeder  
Michael Stevenson  
Lowell Trimble  
Kenneth Bowling  
Kenny Kilgore  
Lynn Lozier  
Tommy Book

2nd row

Talmadge Stewart  
Elza Walker  
James Evans  
Allie Rowland  
Charolette Bentley  
Lyla Ratliff  
Michael Noel  
Michael Stewart  
Darrell Fultz

1st row

Matthew Howerton  
Paulette Wolfe  
Johnny Cooper



Mrs. Mildred Doddridge  
1st. & 2nd. Grade

1st. row

Elaine Cooper  
Robert Reeder  
Diana Bentley

2nd. row

Daniel Bowling  
Wayne Lozier  
Sue Hamm  
Janie Hacker  
Gene Jordon  
Charlene Henderson  
Ruth Ann Felty  
Janie Harvey  
Bonnie Bentley  
Judy Kilgore

3rd. row

Sharon Bentley  
Clarence Stewart  
Larry Kitchen  
Gary Greathouse  
James Smith  
James Robert Riley  
David Riley  
Eddie Amburgay  
George Cranfield

4th. row

Ralph Litteral  
Ray Gillispie  
William Conn  
Rush Hall  
Jackie Lowder  
Judy Hamm  
Donna Walker  
Thomas Saunders

5th. row

Dale Vanbibber  
Ernest Harrell  
David Stevenson  
Ernest McKenzie  
Ruby Conn  
Linda Piatt  
Judy Scaggs  
Alfreda Carpenter  
Betty Taliafero



1st and 2nd Grades

1st Row

Beatrice Harrel  
Verdena Preston  
Stevie Greathouse  
Gregory Reeder  
Sharon Milam  
Paul Rance  
Pamala Stewart  
Jerry Riley  
Linda Hart  
Larry Duncan

Teacher--Mrs. McMullen

2nd Row

Jackie Conn  
Walter Lozier  
David Whitten  
Louise Henderson  
Randal Bruce  
Lewis Jordon  
Larry Dean Foreman  
Mike Cooper  
Carolyn Sue Paxon  
Patricia Brickey  
Sharon Austin

3rd Row

Paul David Phillips  
Phyllis Gene Howland  
Darrel Ray Tucker  
Alice Trimble  
Charles Cooper  
Alice Conn  
Susie McKenzie  
Billy Riley  
Carolyn Bivens  
Cheryl Felty  
Patricia Stevenson

4th Row

Bradley Bently  
David Pollit  
Denver Sammons  
Neil Stevenson  
Roger Dale Boggs  
Lloyd Cooper  
Timmy Stevenson  
Mike Collier



P.T.A. OFFICERS

President---Opal Bassler  
Vice President---Wilber Bassler  
Secretary---Mildred Doddridge  
Treasurer---Margaret Reeder



P.T.A. Mothers

Opal Bassler  
 Edith Tallifero  
 Gladys Bowling  
 Vivian Pullin  
 Myrtle Phillips  
 Margaret Feeder  
 Vivian Cooper  
 Hazel Trimble  
 Mrs. Don Collier  
 Rowena Lowder  
 Hazel Bentley  
 Elizabeth Biven  
 Mrs. Ed Roe  
 Wilma Pickle  
 Wilma Stephenson  
 Lou Stephenson



BOARD MEMBERS & FAMILY BANQUET

# Industrial Arts



Industrial Arts  
Mr. Robert Waddell

4th. row

Allen Osborn  
Elbert Blankenbeckley  
Donald Skeans  
Royce Boggs  
Jay Bentley  
Herman Blankenbeckley

3rd. row

Bill Jordon  
Bill Duncan  
Carl Brown  
James Jordon  
Carl York  
Richard Hall  
Jerry Sanders  
Winston Hall  
Sonny Bentley

2nd. row

Donald Hacker  
Clinton Shover  
Darrell Stephenson  
Wesley Euton  
Gary Skaggs  
Joe Smith  
Kenny Stockham

1st. row

Darrell Stewart  
Johnny Stephenson  
Larry Kotcamp  
Harold Vanbibber  
Crawford Wolfe  
Johnny Smith  
Neil Boggs  
Bobby Felty  
Mr. Robert Waddell

# Home Ec Club



## 3rd. row

Charlene Cooper  
Wanda Skeans  
Gwenda Hacker  
Linda Piatt  
Judy Cooper  
Donna Brown  
Mary Collier

## 2nd. row

Patricia Noel  
Betty Felty  
Judy Tucker  
Avanell Russell  
Edith Bowling  
Mrs. Nellie McMullen

## 1st. row

Wilma Skeans  
Linda Kilgore  
Zybil Zornes  
Kathryn Carpenter  
Shirley Craycraft  
Florida Hampton  
Joyce Hacker  
Vera Cooper

# Commercial Club



Mrs. Erna Hatfield  
Typing Class 11

Back row

Wanda Adkins  
Ama Lee Hamm  
Shirley Burgess  
Regina Liles

3rd. row

Freda Farley  
Helen Smith  
Ida Stiers

2nd. row

Kathleen Hanners  
Mary Noel  
Conrad Cooper

1st. row

Sue Amburgy  
Millie Russell

# *The Staff*



## Annual Staff

Ida Stiers-----	Editor
Mary Noel-----	Assistant Editor
Helen Smith-----	Ad Manager
Ama Lee Hamm-----	Secretary
Wanda Adkins-----	Typist
Millie Warnock----	Artist
Betty Jo Cooper---	Business Manager
Regena Liles-----	School Editor
Freda Farley-----	Sports Editor

# Glee Club



Members of Glee Club

Edith Bowling  
Phyllis Brickey  
Anna Hannah  
Judy Stephenson  
Virgie McKenzie  
Shirley Craycraft  
Joy Stockham  
Linda Kilgore  
Dana Cooper  
Barbara Craycraft  
Vera Cooper  
Wanda Skeans  
Martha Frye  
Patricia Noel  
Charlene Cooper  
Wilma Biggs

Charlotte Pollitt  
Sylvia Conn  
Norma Leadingham  
Sybil Zornes  
Mary Collier  
Linda Platt  
Judy Cooper  
Gwenda Hacker  
Donna Brown  
Florida Hamilton  
Gail Coffee  
Kathryn Carpenter  
Wilma Skeans

## STUDENT COUNCIL



Back Row  
Robert Kouns  
Herman Blankenbeckley  
Donald Skeans  
Jay Bentley  
Elbert Blankenbeckley  
Richard Dameron

Front Row  
Ida Stiers  
Millie Warnock  
Patricia Noel  
Amy Hamn  
Martha Fry  
Joyce Hacker

# Y-Teens



Jr. Y-Teen  
Y-Teen Club

## 8th. Grade Girls

Judy Tucker  
Linda Kilgore  
Dana Cooper  
Vera Cooper  
Betty Felty  
Norma Leadingham  
Martha Frye  
Wanda Skeans

## 7th. Grade Girls

Wilma Biggs  
Donna Brown  
Mary Collier  
Sylvia Conn  
Charlene Cooper  
Judy Cooper  
Gwenda Hacker  
Linda Platt  
Charlotte Pollitt

# Y-TEENS



Senior Y-Teens

## 12th. Grade Girls

Wanda Adkins  
Sue Amburgey  
Shirley Burgess  
Barbara Craycraft  
Freda Farley  
Kathleen Hanners  
Regena Liles  
Marilyn McKenzie  
Mary Noel  
Millie Russell  
Helen Smith  
Ida Stiers  
Joy Stockham

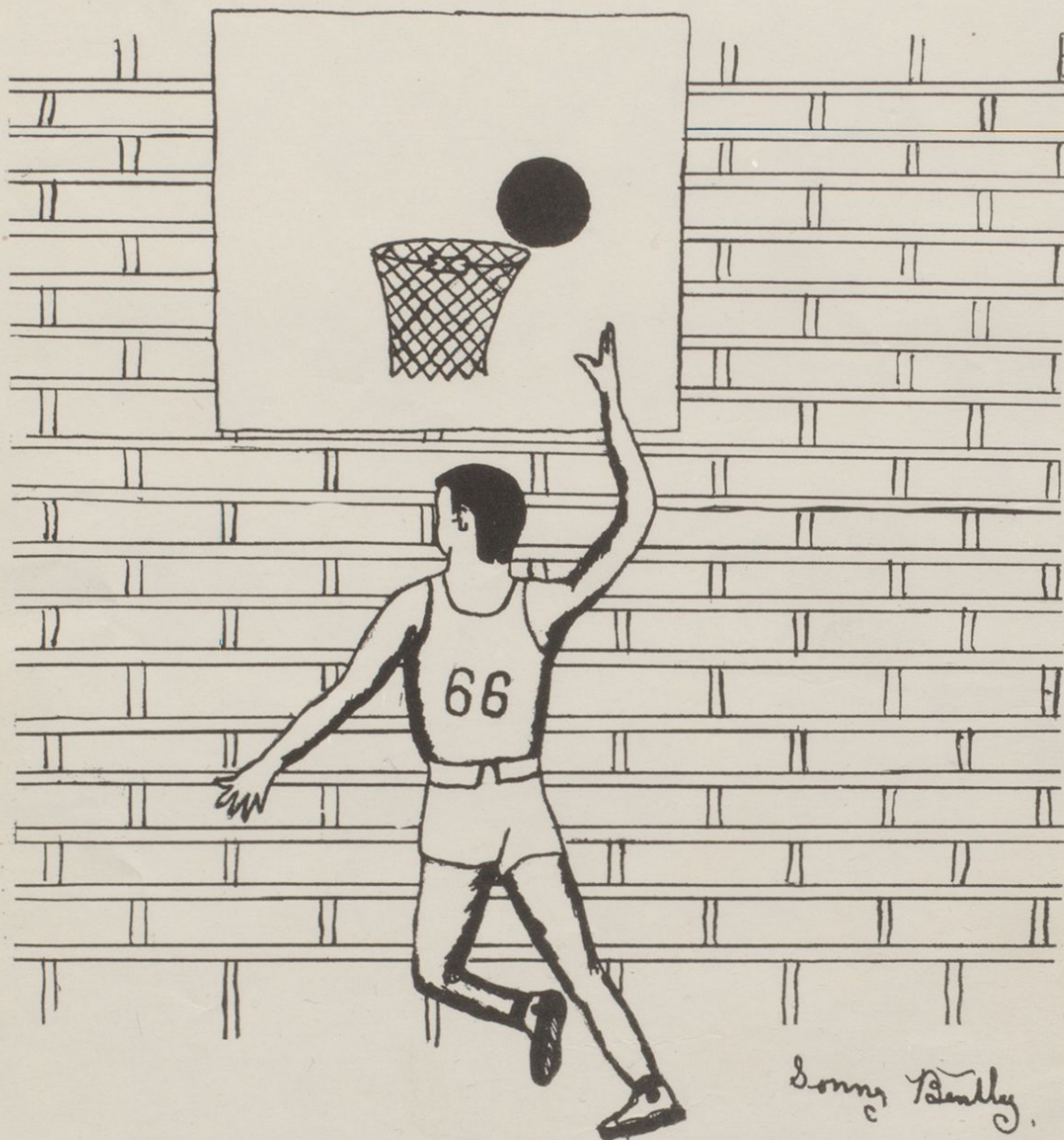
## 11th. Grade Girls

Janet Books  
Loretta Collier  
Betty Jo Cooper  
Janet Cooper  
Yvonne Fultz  
Gail Hamilton  
Ama Lee Hamm  
Anna Stevenson  
Bernetta Stewart  
Avis Van Bibber  
Millie Noel Warnock

## 10th. Grade Girls

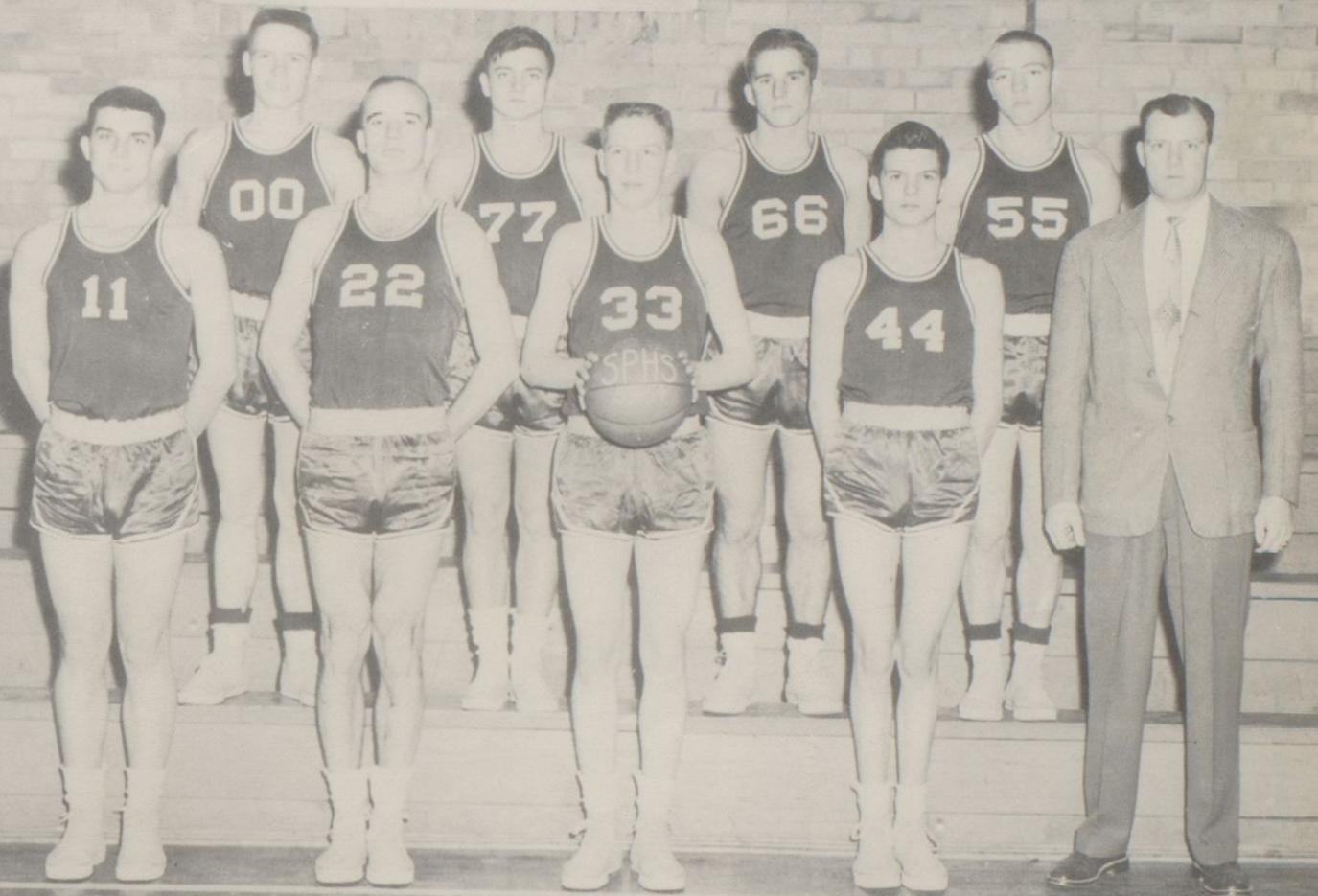
Edith Bowling  
Kathryn Carpenter  
Gail Coffey  
Shirley Craycraft  
Joyce Hacker  
Coza Lewis  
Patricia Noel  
Avanell Russell  
Wilma Skeans  
Delores Stephenson  
Donna Stephenson  
Charlene York  
Sybil Zornes

# ATHLETICS



Sonny Bentley.

# Basketball



Top  
Manager Jack Craycraft  
Roger Kilgore  
James Jones  
Richard Stephenson  
Conrad Cooper

Front  
Robert Sanders  
Marcus Leadingham  
Eugene Horne  
Jim Bob Dowdy  
(Coach) Mr. Bruce

## *Cheer Leaders*



### CHEERLEADERS

Regena Liles  
Betty Jo Cooper  
Freda Farley  
Barbara Craycraft

# QUEEN



BASKETBALL QUEEN & HER ATTENDENTS

Wanda Adkins  
Queen

Avis Van Bibber  
Gail Hamilton  
(Not pictured)

Sue Amburgey  
Freda Farley

1952-1953

## 1953 — BASKETBALL

★ ★ ★		
Tuesday, November 3	OLIVE HILL ERIE	There
Wednesday, November 4	OLIVE HILL	Here
Tuesday, November 10	BOYD CO.	Here
Friday, November 13	VANCEBURG	There
Tuesday, November 17	TALLESBARO	There
Friday, November 20	CARTER CITY	Here
Tuesday, November 24	HOLY FAMILY	Here
Wednesday, November 25	OLIVE HILL	There
Tuesday, December 1	TALLESBARO	Here
Friday, December 4	GREENUP	Here
Tuesday, December 8	RACELAND	There
Tuesday, December 15	RUSSELL	There

## SCHEDULE — 1954

★ ★ ★		
Friday, December 18	McKELL	There
Friday, January 8	WURLAND	Here
Tuesday, January 12	McKELL	Here
Tuesday, January 19	HOLY FAMILY	There
Friday, January 22	CARTER CITY	There
Monday, January 25	VANCEBURG	Here
Tuesday, February 9	GREENUP	There
Friday, February 12	WURLAND	There
Tuesday, February 16	RUSSELL	Here
Friday, February 19	RACELAND	Here
Tuesday, February 23	OLIVE HILL ERIE	Here
Friday, February 26	BOYD CO.	There

Coach---Chester Bruce

Manager---Jack Craycraft

Cheer Leaders---Regena Liles, Freda Farley, Betty Jo Cooper, and Barbara Craycraft

### School Song

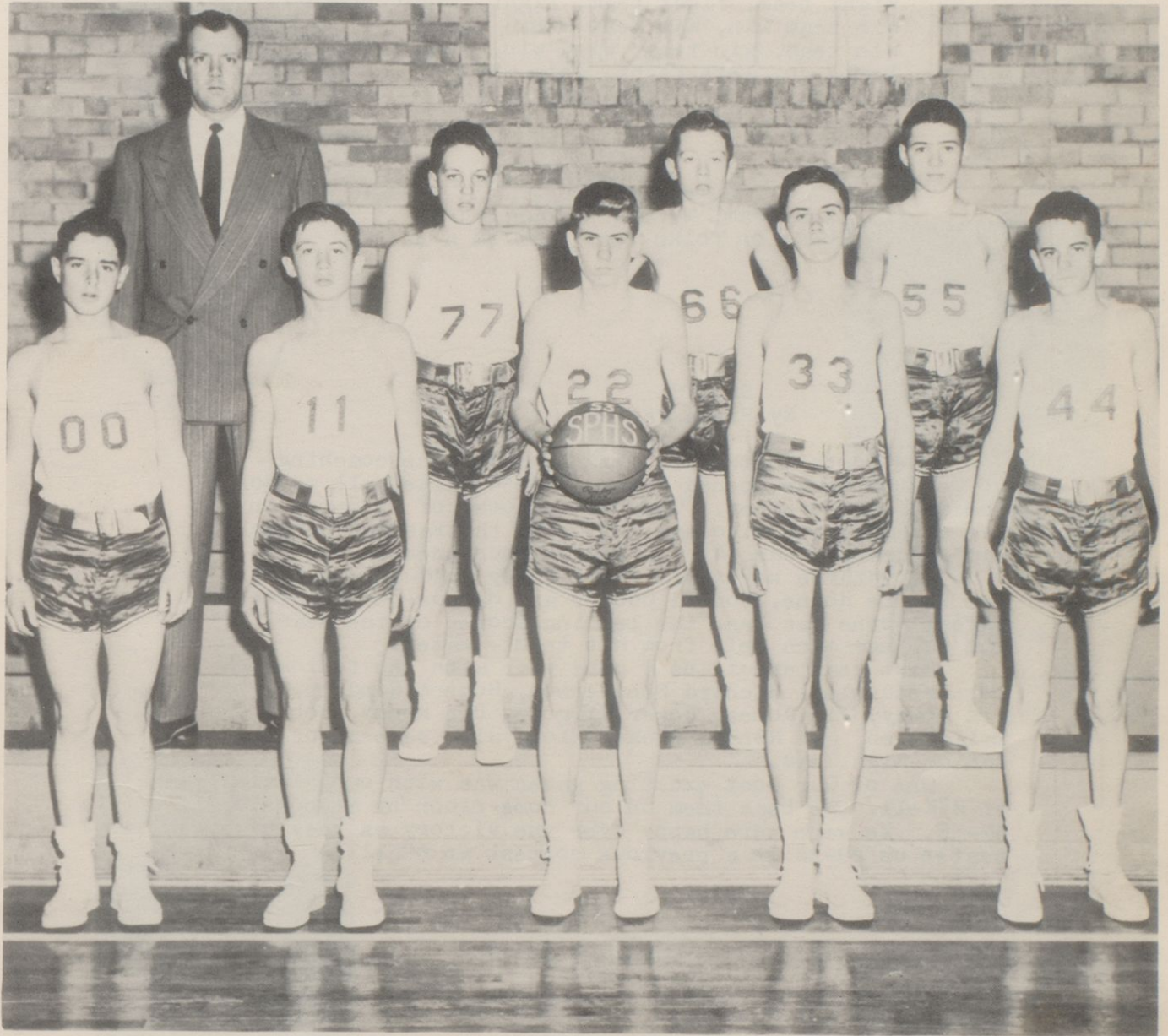
Tigers! Tigers!

Tigers, Tiger, fall in line, we're gonna  
Win, win, win, another time. For Dear  
Old S.P.H. we love so well, and for the  
Basketball team we'll yell, yell, yell.

We're gonna fight, fight, fight, for  
another score, circle in and then we'll  
win some more, win some more,  
Throw old ?Mk.V.R. on the floor, out the  
door, Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!.

# Basketball

## Reserve Squad



Back row  
Mr. Chester Bruce  
Gorden Sanders  
Bob Kouns  
Sherman Collier

Front row  
Neville Trimble  
Roy Brown  
Bob Talliferro  
James Porter  
Ronald Pickel

## YELLS

Go Team Go  
Go team go, Go team go  
Go team, go team, go, go, go,  
Fight team fight, Fight team fight  
Fight team, fight team, fight, fight, fight,  
Win team win, Win team win,  
Win team, win team, win, win, win,  
Let's go, lets fight, lets win.

Yea Team  
Yea team, We think your grand  
Come on folks lets give'em a hand.

## SPORTS

By-Freda Farley

The South Portsmouth Tiger's under the coaching of Chester Bruce opened their 1953-54 basketball season the 9th. of November. They had a total of 23 games on the schedule and also saw action in the Eastern Kentucky Conference and the 64th. District Tournament.

Only three boy's will be last by graduation, they are Eugene Horne, Conrad Cooper and Marcus Leadingham. Eugene Horne has been the leading scorer of the year but has had much help from his team - mates.

Next year should be a good year with the following boys returning: Richard Stephenson, Robert Sanders, Jim Dowdy, Jim Jones, Roger Kilgore, Bob Kouns, Bob Taliaferro, and Ronald Pickel along with several of the Junior High Team.

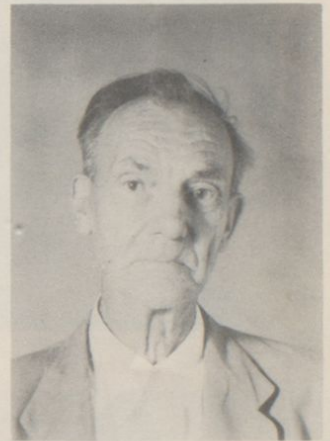
One of Our most exciting games was with our rivals of McKell. We beat them on our home floor by a score of 57-56. We were sure happy over the victory as they had beaten us 29-28 in a previous contest at McKell.

ASSETS TO THE SCHOOL



SCHOOL DAYS 1953-'54  
South Portsmouth

Mary Bailey  
Cook



SCHOOL DAYS 1953-'54  
South Portsmouth

Walter Lancaster  
Custodian



SCHOOL DAYS 1953-'54  
South Portsmouth

Hazel Bentley  
Cook



# Snapshots



## S. Portsmouth School Marks Armistice Day

South Portsmouth school students presented a special Armistice Day program at the school Wednesday highlighted by the presentation of a flag by Donald Skeans.

The flag had been flown over the Capitol in Washington and was sent to the government classes by Congressman Brent Spence. Two Boy Scouts, Joseph Smith and James Jordon, mounted it on a standard.

Rev. Raymond Earlywine was the guest speaker for the student body. His theme was "The Battle of Life."

Participating in the program were first grade pupils who gave the pledge to the flag and second graders Timmy Stephenson, Michael Collier, Larry Fareman and Gregory Reeder, who gave patriotic readings. The third and fourth grades recited the 23rd Psalm and the fifth and sixth graders presented "Amercia."

Others on the program were Mona Trimble, Sonny Kitchen, Avis Vanbibber, Mary Noel and Ida Stiers. Glee Club members who were on the program were Regina Liles, Joy Stockham; Betty Jo Cooper, Gail Coffey and Sybil Zornes.

Pianists were Delores Stephenson and Barbara Craycraft.

## Two Classes Will Sponsor Carnival

A Halloween carnival, sponsored by the junior and senior classes at South Portsmouth High School, will be held at 7 tonight at the school.

Miss Helen Smith of the senior class said the carnival will include competitive contests, a cake walk and the serving of refreshments.

Prizes are to be awarded to winners of the contests.

## South Portsmouth Homecoming Is Today (Friday)

"Open House" at 3 p. m. today (Friday) will start the first annual homecoming at South Portsmouth High School.

Sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Association the homecoming will be climaxed by a basketball game at 7:30 tonight between South Portsmouth and Carter City.

Between the "open house" and the basketball game, is a full program of welcome to alumni and friends of the school. Prizes for the teacher who taught the longest in the school, to the alumni who came the longest distance to attend the event, and to the oldest alumnus are being offered.

A bake sale, apron sale, "cake walk" and an "oldtimers booth," are features of the program.

Barbara K. Litteral  
Our little friend who has gone away



SCHOOL DAYS 1953-54

An Angel was picking buds one day  
God chose to name them, and sent him our way.  
As God was looking over our midst,  
Barbara was the one he chose to pick.  
The bud that was chosen for the Master's bouquet  
Is blooming in Heaven for our Master to-day.

Barbara was a member of the Sixth grade, and was active in both church and school affairs. She was well-beloved by all who knew her, and her many friends will greatly miss her sweet, smiling face.

"Life was so fair a thing to her,  
I wept and pleaded for its stay;  
My wish was granted me, for lo!  
She hath Eternal Life to-day!"

Tribute by-Mrs. Iva Fultz

Class Officers

Seniors

President-----Freda Farley  
Vice President-Marcus Leadingham  
Secretary-----Barbara Craycraft  
Treasurer-----Marilyn McKenzie

Juniors

President-----Janet Book  
Vice President-Richard Stephenson  
Secretary-----Ama Lee Hamm  
Treasurer-----Betty Jo Cooper

Sophomores

President-----Wilma Skeans  
Vice President-Lloyd Notcamp  
Secretary-----Patricia Noel  
Treasurer-----Bill Duncan

Freshmens

President-----James Porter  
Vice President-Judy Stevenson  
Secretary-----Phyllis Brickey  
Treasurer-----Elbert Blankenbeckley

# ALMA MATER

On Ohio's Southern Border reared against the sky  
Proudly stands our Alma Mater as the years go by  
Forward onward be our watchwords  
Conquer or prevail  
Hail to thee Our Alma Mater  
South Portsmouth Hi-All-Hail.

On Kentucky's peaceful border  
Loyal Sons are we  
Sons and daughters marching onward  
On to Victory  
Forward ever, Backward never  
Conquer or prevail  
Hail to thee our Alma Mater  
South Portsmouth Hi-All-Hail.



"WELCOME"  
Doris Newby  
Buckeye High School  
Lancaster, Kentucky  
February 2, 1954



"WEDDING BELLS"

## TRIBUTE TO SCHOOL

On the twenty-eighth day of May  
Nineteen hundred and fifty-four  
Twenty two seniors will be leaving  
To study at this dear school no more;  
We've learned many things in our struggle  
But we're sure of one true thing  
That they will repay us double  
As life takes on its new fling,  
Some thoughts stand out  
In our minds as we go  
We remember the times  
When we trudged in the snow  
Or we slashed in the rain  
Sometimes soaked to the gills  
Oh! But these dear school days,  
They, too, had their thrills.  
We remember our teachers  
Whose kind patience did aid  
In our everyday strife  
And the parts that they played  
In our drama of life.  
We think of the classmates  
Who've dropped out on the way  
What a class it would have been  
Had they decided to stay.

On the day of graduation  
In a way, we shall be glad  
But, then, on the other hand  
I'm sure that we'll feel sad  
We know every wall  
Every desk, every chair  
The best moments of our lives  
Have been solely spent there  
We love our dear school  
And we cherish it so  
Had it not been for going  
Fewer things we would know.  
And so, on in tribute  
We solemnly go  
To our main goal in life,  
Which we actually don't know  
But with us goes pride  
Not the laughter of fools  
Toothee, we give thanks  
Our dear, wonderful school.

By-Joy Stockham





Votes were taken by the Senior Class and they were tallied as follows:



- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Prettiest Girl             | <u>Kathleen Hanners</u> |
| 2. Most Reserved              | <u>Sue Amburgey</u>     |
| 3. Most Intelligent           | <u>Joy Stockham</u>     |
| 4. Most Popular               | <u>Freda Farley</u>     |
| 5. Most Athletic              | <u>Regena Liles</u>     |
| 6. Most Likely to succeed     | <u>Ida Stiers</u>       |
| 7. Most Willing to Learn      | <u>Joy Stockham</u>     |
| 8. Best Personality           | <u>Mary Noel</u>        |
| 9. Most All-Round Student     | <u>Shirley Burgess</u>  |
| 10. Most Dependable           | <u>Ida Stiers</u>       |
| 11. Most Useful to the School | <u>Wanda Adkins</u>     |
| 12. Most Ambitious            | <u>Ida Stiers</u>       |
| 13. Most Mannerly             | <u>Kathleen Hanners</u> |



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| 1. Best Looking Boy           | <u>Jay Bentley</u>           |
| 2. Most Mischievous           | <u>Royce Boggs</u>           |
| 3. Most Mannerly              | <u>Herman Blankenbeckley</u> |
| 4. Most Athletically Inclined | <u>Eugene Horne</u>          |
| 5. Best Personality           | <u>Marcus Leadingham</u>     |
| 6. Most Useful to School      | <u>Jay Bentley</u>           |
| 7. Most Likely to Succeed     | <u>Donald Skeans</u>         |
| 8. Most Popular               | <u>Eugene Horne</u>          |
| 9. Most Comical               | <u>Marcus Leadingham</u>     |



# *Senior Class History*

Do you remember when:

As a class of Junior High students, there were twenty-eight of us. Our class sponsor was Mrs. Elsie Sanders.

The officers of the class that year were: Ida Stiers, President; Marcus Leadingham, Vice President; Donna Cooper, Secretary; Eugene Horne, Treasurer: This was our last year in grade school and would have been a good year except Mr. Gordon Sanders our school principal, passed away. We were all very sorry.

As graduates into high school we lost two students, Donna Cooper and Shirley Evans. We, also, gained a couple of students, Anna Angel and Freda Clough. Later in the year they both moved away. Officers for that year were: President-Kathleen Hanners; Vice President-Marcus Leadingham; Secretary-Treasurer-Helen Smith. During this year Ida Stiers left us to go to P.H.S. but after 4 months returned. At the end of that year our teacher held a party for us at her newly-built home.

As highly polished sophomores, we were more serious with our studies. We lost a student, Richard Keith, and gained three, Wanda Adkins and Millie Russell from Ohio, and Freda Farley from McKell. We are glad to say that those girls stayed with us. The following officers were elected: Shirley Purgess, President; Marcus Leadingham, Vice President; Herman Blankenbeckley, Secretary-Treasurer. This was a good year with a few exceptions. This was the year we held our famous class picnic, which we shall never forget.

We are now that sophisticated Junior Class of S.P.H.S., with the following officers this year: Ida Stiers, President; Helen Smith, Vice President; Gloria Pennington, Secretary-Treasurer. We are very proud of our class rings, which we received this year. We had several money making projects this year, our spring carnival and a series of square dances.

To bid the Seniors of '53 farewell we held our Junior and Senior Banquet, formal, in Portsmouth at the Four Keys Restaurant. As our guest we invited Mr. and Mrs. Callihan.

We took our class trip to Washington D.C. by way of Natural Bridge, Luray Caverns, Skyline Drive and Monticello. This was enjoyable and educational to everyone including our chaperons Miss Luella McMullen and Benny Webb.

We have now reached our last year of high school, as our officers we elected: Freda Farley, President; Marcus Leadingham, Vice President; Marilyn McKenzie, Treasurer; Barbara Craycraft, Secretary.

The Junior & Senior classes sponsored one of our first year-books hoping to make it a huge success. Many thanks go to our principal B.C. Willis for his cooperation.

Our Senior year has been crowded with activities. One we shall long remember was our Christmas Dance, to which credit is given to Mr. Waddell and the Five Leaders.

As we walk out that graduation night, we will walk as graduates, planning to scatter in all directions to answer the call of life, but hoping to return now and then to recall the good old days at South Portsmouth High School.

# Prophecy

CLASS PROPHECY  
1954

"For I dipped into the future  
Far as human eye could see  
Saw a vision of the world  
And all the wonders that would be."

Mary Noel has a good position as a private secretary, but she is still working on her first million.

Shirley Burgess is an airline hostess with T.W.A. and enjoying her work very much.

Regena Liles is still throwing big parties, she can afford it now for she is married to a very wealthy business man.

Millie Russell is happily married and working as a bank teller in El Paso, Texas.

Freda Farley is a dance instructor and has been in several Broadway Plays.

Kathleen Hanners is the only one of the class who is making a career of the Women's Air Force.

Sue Amburgy is a receptionist to a doctor in Ashland, she was crowned Basketball Queen in her last year at Kentucky U.

Helen Smith has her own gossip column in a prominent newspaper I knew she would reach her goal.

Ida Stiers is an old maid working on a government job in Washington D.C. I hear she is doing quite well for herself.

Wanda Adkins mother has set her and her husband up in the Restraunt business. She is running good competition for Thelma.

Marilyn McKenzie is a registered nurse in the State Hospital at Lexington. She is happily enjoying her life's ambition.

Barbara Craycraft is the Personel Director of a large Shoe concern.

Joy Stockham is happily married and teaching English at McKell High School.

Class Prophecy (Cont.)

Royce Boggs is now the owner of a large chain of markets in Tennessee.

Donald Skeans is making a career out of the Navy, he is stationed in Cuba. His twin brother, Ronald, is a rich oil man in Oklahoma.

Connie Cooper is now coach of that famous basketball team the New York Knickerbochers.

The last I heard of Herman Blankenbeckley was that he was going to college for another degree in Math. He has been teaching at Marshall College.

Marcus Leadingham now has his own truck farm, life is treating him very well.

Eugene Horne, as came by the grape vine, is breaking all kinds of track records.

As always Jay Bently is still riding people around. He and Richard Dameron have their own Taxi Company. They tell me business is slow.

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen  
The saddest are these  
It might have been."

# Class Will

## Last Will & Testament of Class of 1954

The Senior Class of 1954, being of sound mind on at least we claim to be, are about to depart from the world of liesure and go out and face the hardships of life.

To our most remembered teachers we leave the good times we spent together (plus a few of the bad) to be remembered throughout the years to come. We hope to set up a high standard for them to be proud of as they have done for us in the past. They have given us their knowledge whether we have absorbed it or not.

Although we have learned much from them no doubt they have learned something from us, especially from our test papers. We hereby, authorize them to use any information which may be used from them.

To the Junior Class we leave our ability to get into trouble. If you make as much use of this as we did you should make a great bunch of Seniors.

To the other underclassmen we leave anything that we neglected to take with us. "Use it wisely" guard it well!"

To all this we add our individual bequests as follows:

I, Wanda Adkins hereby bequeath to the unlucky junior my ability to work in the office and my usefullness to the school.

I, Ida Stiers hereby bequeath to Avis my cousin, my ability to be a wheel. She may want to roll along next year instead of studing her way through.

I, Mary Noel hereby bequeath to the Jr. Class the job as composer of the class will.

I, Shirley Burgess hereby bequeath to Anna Stephenson my ability to gather the facts.

I, Freda Farley hereby bequeath to Loretta Collier my ability to talk.

I, Joy Stockham hereby bequeath to Robert Sanders my ability to get along with Mr. Waddell.

I, Marilyn McKenzie hereby bequeath to Gail Hamilton my worn-out-books in hopes she will get good use from them.

I, Sue Amburgy hereby bequeath to Janet Book, my ability to get an office job.

I, Helen Smith hereby bequeath to Millie Warnock, my truant officers job.

I, Kathleen Hanners hereby bequeath to Avis Vanbibber, my ability to sleep during Psychology Class.

I, Regena Liles hereby bequeath to Janet Cooper, my outstanding points.

I, Millie Russell hereby bequeath to Betty Jo Cooper, my hideous laugh.

I, Barbara Craycraft hereby bequeath to Richard Stephenson my cheerleading suit.

I, Jay Bentley hereby bequeath to Clarence Pickle, my taxi ability and the girls that keep it fun.

I, Richard Dameron hereby bequeath to Ronald Brickly, my charm and beauty to trap the women.

I, Marcus Leadingham hereby bequeath to Robert Sanders, my ability to get along with girls.

I, Donald Skeans hereby bequeath to Ama Lee Hamm, my utmost attention.

I, Ronald Skeans hereby bequeath to Ronald Brickly, my mischievousness.

I, Herman Blankenbeckly hereby bequeath to Jim Bob Dowdy my ability to get along with all the teachers.

I, Royce Boggs hereby bequeath to Clarence Pickle, my good looks.

I, Conrad Cooper hereby bequeath to Robert Sanders, my good times with the Junior girls.

I, Eugene Horne hereby bequeath to Richard Stephenson, my ability to get along with the coach.

Besides all this we give the Juniors all the good times we had together and hope we can have as many in the future as we've had in the past.

We, hereby, appoint our principal Mr. Willis, sole executor of this last will and testament and maintain his bond to be set at \$100,000.

Signed, sealed, published and declared by the above Seniors as its last will and testament in the presence of us, who have subscribed our names at its request, as witnesses hereto, in the presence of the said testator and of each other.

The Senior Class of 1954

Wanda Adkins  
Sue Amburgy  
Shirley Burgess  
Barbara Craycraft  
Freda Farley  
Kathleen Hanners  
Regena Liles  
Marilyn McKenzie  
Mary Noel  
Millie Russell  
Helen Smith  
Ida Stiers  
Joy Stockham

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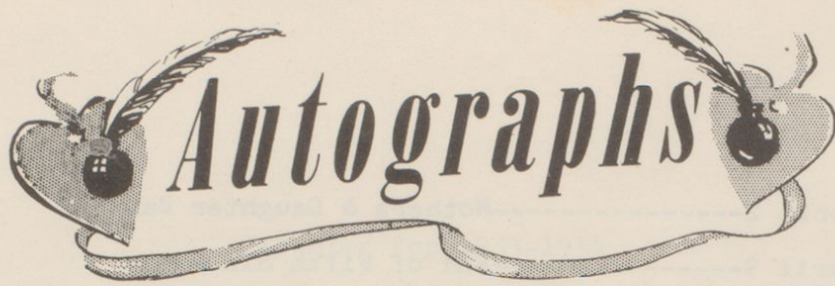
Calendar for 1953-1954

September 7-----School begins  
October 16-----End of First Six Weeks  
October 29-----Halloween Carnival  
November 6-----E.K.E.A. Conference (Students off)  
November 11-----Armistice Program  
November 20-----Homecoming  
November 25-----Out for Thanksgiving Vacation  
November 27-----End of Second Six Weeks  
December 22-----Christmas Program(10:30)  
December 22-----Christmas Hop (Formal)  
                    Music by-Five Leaders  
                    Thanks to R.M. Waddell  
December 22-----Out for Christmas Vacation  
January 4-----Back from Christmas Vacation  
January 15-----End of Third Six Weeks  
January 18-----Second Semester Begins  
February 19-----Crowning of Basketball Queen  
                    Raceland Game  
February 22-----Washington's Birthday  
                    (Program)  
February 26-----End of Fourth Six Weeks

April 2-----Mothers & Daughter Banquet  
 April 9-----End of Fifth Six Weeks  
 April 15-----Athletic Banquet  
 April 16-----Spring Vacation  
 April 30-----Junior & Senior Class Play  
 May 5-----Junior & Senior Class Trip  
 May 10-----Return to Class  
 May 14-----Junior & Senior Banquet  
 May 23-----Baccalaureate  
 May 25-----Class Night  
 May 27-----Commencement  
 May 28-----School Out (Happy Day)



# *Autographs*

The title 'Autographs' is written in a stylized, italicized serif font. It is flanked by two decorative elements: on the left, a quill pen is positioned as if writing on a heart-shaped scroll; on the right, a quill pen is positioned as if writing on a heart-shaped scroll. A long, flowing ribbon or scroll extends from the bottom of the left scroll, passing under the word 'Autographs' and ending at the bottom of the right scroll.



Self Appointed



"3 Stooges"



W. W. A Power  
Co.  
Oh! Richard!



ZOOM!



Joe & his kids

