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Athens, West Virginia

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Foreword

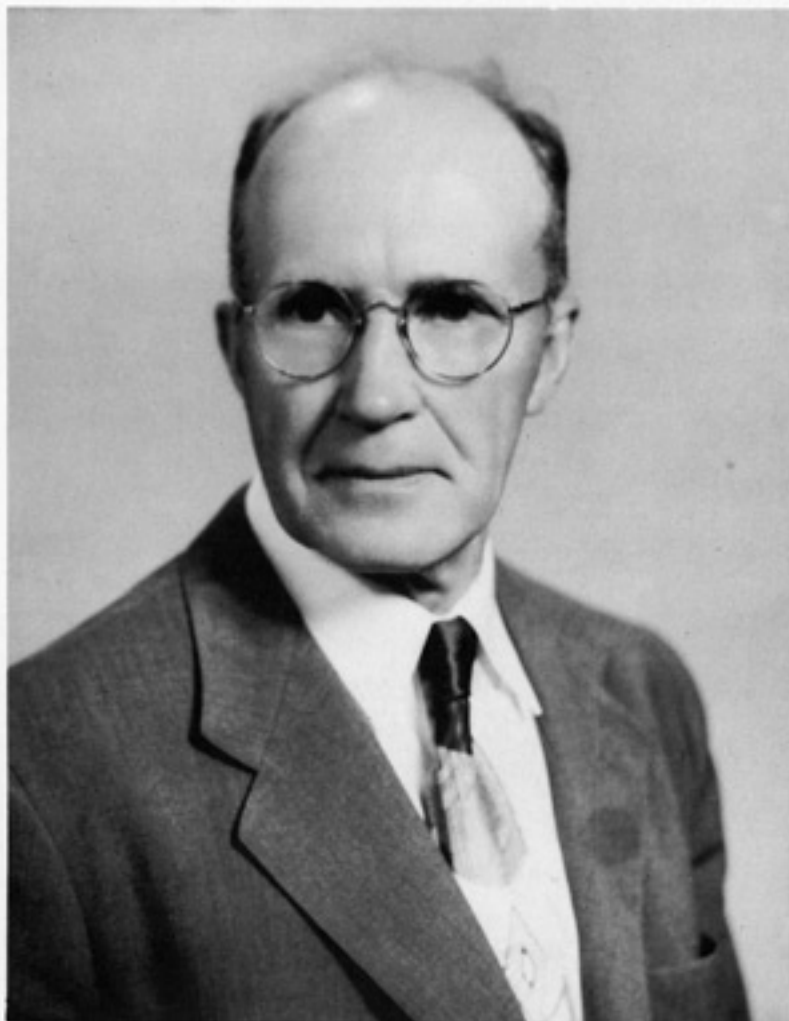
During the past six years we, the Seniors, have tread the halls to our classes here at Athens High School. The time has now come to look back upon some of the pleasant experiences we have had and to say good-bye to our many friends.

Many changes have taken place during our stay here. A new music building and a new shop building have been added. Many new faces are seen among our faculty members and one of our teachers has been promoted to the principalship. There are changes yet to come: a new elementary building, and gymnasium, with additional improvements to the present high school building.

We are happy for the betterment of our school, and are happy that those who follow us will have the opportunity to enjoy the improvements.

We are proud to present to you the fifth edition of the Athens Trojan. It is a key to the things of the past, that we pass on to you, to open the doors to a better future.

Dedication



It is with pride and humility that we the Seniors dedicate this edition of the Trojan to a wonderful personality and teacher, one who is no longer with us teaching "Math Class," but one who will always have a warm place in our hearts. Mr. T. J. Perry, after teaching a quarter century at Athens has retired. During those years at Athens he was always ready to help his students with that difficult "problem," and his greatest thrill came from helping mold young people for a successful life after their school days were over.

Mr. Perry was educated at our home town college, Concord, and also studied at Marshall, and the Universities of Cincinnati and Virginia. Before coming to Athens he taught five years in Wayne County and fourteen years in Mingo County.

Mr. Perry has devoted his life helping his students get a right start in life. His smiles and friendly words will long be remembered by all who had the pleasure of knowing him as a teacher. We miss him and hope that he will always be conscious of how grateful we are for all he has done for us.



Joe Vachon
Principal

We salute Mr. Vachon as he embarks upon another chapter in his work in the field of education, as principal of Athens High School.

Having taught and coached in Athens for 26 years, he has helped give us an understanding of General Science; patiently aided us with experiments in Chemistry; has had the thrill and distinction of coaching the only school to win the State-B Basketball Championship two times; has twice been named as Coach of the Year, and has always been active in civic affairs benefiting the community.

Mr. Vachon has endeared himself to everyone with his warm smile and cheerful greeting. He has been a wonderful asset to the school and we sincerely wish for him the greatest success as Principal of Athens High School.



Riccardo Martin
Assistant Principal--
Elementary School



Wilma Lee Kessinger
Secretary



Perry Hill
Coach

Faculty



ELEMENTARY TEACHERS

Riccardo Martin
Sixth Grade
Frank Parker
Sixth Grade
Virginia Sizemore
Fifth and Sixth Grades



Joan Wright
Fourth Grade
Clara Williams
Third and Fourth Grades
Roberta Parker (Not Pictured)
Third Grade
Ruth P. Thompson
Second Grade



Cathlee Keaton
First Grade
Louise Lipps
First Grade
James Mole
Band

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS

Ruth Thompson
Senior Class; Social Studies & Library
Madeline Shorter
Junior Class; Social Studies & English
Champ Clark
Sophomore Class; Biology

William Houchins
Sophomore Class; Manual Training
Doris Farley
Freshman Class; Home Economics
Howard Durr
Freshman Class; Science and Chemistry

Virginia White
Eighth Grade; English
Betty Hutchens
Eighth Grade; English and Speech
Dorsey Martin
Seventh Grade; Social Studies

Lawson Faulkner
Seventh Grade; Math and Social Studies
Grace Gumm
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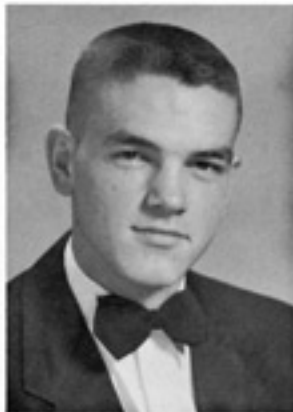
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Class Flower Blue Iris

Class Song "Beyond the Blue Horizon"

Seniors



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JIMMY BALL



LOUISE BENNETT

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FRANCES HIGGINBOTHAM

MARY HIGGINBOTHAM



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GERALDINE MARTIN



TOM MATTHEWS



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PATRICIA MOORE



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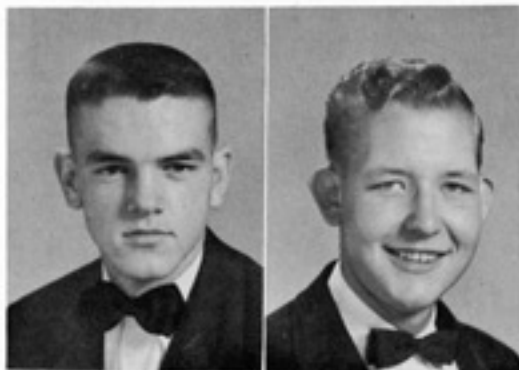
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FRED PENNINGTON



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CALVIN POMEROY

PEGGY REED



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NORMA SARVER

Seniors



BETTY TAYLOR

JEWELL VIA



CLENDAL WHITE

GALE WHITE

GERALDINE WHITE

MACK WHITE



JERRY WILLIAMS

TOMMY WORLEY





Last Will And Testament

We, the Senior Class of 1955, being of sound mind and memory, do hereby write and publish this, our last will and testament, revoking all former wills and promises heretofore made by us, and do leave this to our beloved underclassmen and teachers, so that they might realize the deep feeling and love we have for them.

ARTICLE I

Section I. To the Seniors of '56 we leave our ability to make money, and our best wishes for a successful year.

Section II. To the Seniors of '57 we leave our friendliness and ability to get along with each other.

Section III. To the Seniors of '58 we leave our best year in school, our Senior Year.

- I, Mary Higginbotham, will my big feet to Elaine Martin. "Watch your step, Elaine."
- I, Stanley Gunter, will my bashfulness to Sheldon Pennington.
- I, Jacqueline Goodall, will my quiet ways to Margaret Hill. "Calm down, Margaret."
- I, Freda Meadows, will my height to Peggy Mann. "Start growing, Peggy."
- I, Jewell Via, will my long hair to Betty Sue Hedrick. "Watch those scissors, Betty."
- I, Gypsy Wiley, will my grade card to my many cousins.
- I, Hilda Osborne, will my smiles to Mr. Durr. "A smile will brighten the darkest day."
- I, Robert Lamb, will my ability to get along with girls to Mason Fleshman.
- I, Norma Jean Sarver, will nothing to nobody.
- I, Virginia Grimm, will my typing ability to Sandra Cook. "Speed up, Sandie."
- I, Peggy Reed, will my pleasant smile to Phil Robertson. "It takes less effort to smile than it does to frown, Phil."
- I, Ronnie H. Sisk, will my long hair to Betty Nelson. "Let that hair grow, Betty."
- I, Peg Pennington, will my naturally curly hair to Suzy Ferrell.
- I, Mack White, will my ability to twist the truth to Perry Wiley.
- I, Tommy Matthews, will my explanations to Dorsey Martin. "Talk it up, Dorsey."
- I, Stuart Oxley, will my ability to get along with people to everybody.
- I, Sandra Blankenship, will my personality to Donna Peck.
- I, Virginia Alvis, will my energy to Phil Robertson and Stuart Stewart. "Don't be so lazy, boys."
- I, Jettie Burkett, will my husband all my love.
- I, Frances Higginbotham, will my ability to get a wedding band to Ruth Ann Clark.
- I, Shirley Harman, will my happy school days to anyone who prefers happiness.
- I, Tommy Worley, will my "giggles" to Daniel Graham.
- I, Jerry Pettrey, will my rabbit hunting ability to Daniel Graham.
- I, Madeline Ford, will my chemistry book to Audris Dorsey. "It hasn't been used."
- I, Louise Bennett, will my shortness to Shirley Rose Wiley. "How's the atmosphere up there, Shirley?"
- I, Jerry Williams, will my excellent campaigning ability for the Democrats to Perry Hill. "Keep the party rolling, Perry."
- I, Martha Elmore, will my ability to date a handsome man to Joyce Oxley. "You can't hardly get them no more."
- I, Gale White, will my driving ability to Ruth Ann Clark. "Keep it in its wheels, Ruthie."
- I, Louise Danieleley, will Hazah to Margaret. "Wish you luck, Margaret."
- I, Geraldine White, will myself to Donald. "Gotta have a license, Don."
- I, Joanne Bratton, will my quietness to Ruth Ann Clark.
- I, Patricia Moore, will my voice to all music lovers.
- I, Louise McGraw, will my seat in Speech to anyone who has nerve enough to get up and make speeches.
- I, Virginia Hurley, will my pleasant personality to Jerry Alvis.
- I, Nina Phillips, will my ability to argue to Betty Hedrick. "Speak up, Betty."
- I, Helen Heccey, will my beautiful brown eyes to Geraldine Lamb.
- I, Jimmy Rierson, will my hair to Champ Clark.
- I, Jimmy Ball, will my hours at the park to Dennis Craighead. "Keep on time, Dennis."
- I, Libby Hight, will my talking ability to Donna Peck. "Don't run down, Donna."
- I, June Farley, will my new red shorts to Mona Keaton. "They require slenderized pedal digits, "Bunk."
- I, Mary Jane Keatley, will my sharp temper to Faye Meadows. "Don't take everything so calm, Faye."
- I, Betty Taylor, will my pretty eyes to Joyce Oxley.

ARTICLE II

Section I. We do hereby appoint and constitute our Senior Sponsor, Mrs. Ruth M. Thompson, as sole executor of this last will and testament of the Senior Class of 1955.

Attest: Senior Class of 1955
Athens High School



President
Stuart Stewart



Vice-President
Suellen Ferrell



Secretary
Dixie Cook

*Junior Class
Officers*



Treasurer
Philip Robertson

- Class Motto "Face the sun, and the shadows will fall behind."
- Class Colors Red and White
- Class Flower Red Rose
- Class Song "Look for the Silver Lining"

Juniors



Gean Akers
James Akers
Jerry Alvis
Elenora Ayers



Geraldine Bower
Louise Caldwell
Ruth Ann Clark
Charles Craig

Dennis Craghead
Gayle Duncan
Grace Farmer
Mason Fleshman



Betty Sue Heerick
Paul Hill
Arthur Jones
Mona Keaton



Geraldine Lamb
Ronald Lambert
Joan Martin



Juniors

Barbara McClung
Jackie Meador
Faye Meadows
Donna Peck



Arnold Pennington
Sheldon Pennington
Myra Lou Perry
Jean Pettrey



Laura Jean Rogers
Robert Scott
Jerry Sizemore
Janice Smith



Curtis Snider
Donald Sumner
Peggy Thompson
Mary Lee Walter



Sylvia Warren
Perry Wiley
Shirley Rose Wiley

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Art Class

Commercial Class





English Class

Senior English Club



Junior High School Choir



Senior High School Choir



Library Club





The Athens High debaters--Jackie Parker, Carol Compton, Virginia Alvis, Libby Hight--won the Appalachian District Debate Trophy, which qualified them for the National Speech Tournament in Greensboro, Pennsylvania. Carol Compton won first place in the district for Dramatic Declamation. The four girls accompanied by Mrs. Betty Hutchens, speech coach, went to the National Speech Tournament where Carol and Virginia debated and Libby represented the Appalachian District at National Student Congress.



Libby Hight, Peggy Pennington, Gypsy Wiley, Mrs. Betty Hutchens, sponsor; Virginia Alvis, Sandra Blankenship, Frances Higginbotham.

*Senior High
Speech Class*



*Junior High
Speech Group*

*Junior High
Speech Winners*

Athens Junior High Speech Representatives won the runners-up trophy in the Mercer County Speech Festival held at Wade Junior High School in the spring of 1954.

Debate Teams: Peggy Mann, Shirley Parker, Lynn Robinson, John Price.

Oration: Jean Goosman.

Humorous Reading: Sae Ella Cunningham.

Dramatic Reading: Juanita Southern.

Poetry Interpretation: Brenda Anderson.



Sophomore Class Officers



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Tilda Banks
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Manuel Bolin
Joyce Brunk



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Lynwood Craddock
Sylvia Craghead



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Robert Crews
Darrell Crouse
Henry Dillard



Audris Dorsey
Barbara Ford
Clarence Fulcher
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John Hill
Margaret Hill
Esteen Jarrell
Joseph Jarrell



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Charles Keaton
Ray Keaton
Robert Kinzer
Eddie Kessinger

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 Phyllis Lambert
 Mary Lilly
 Elaine Martin

Frankie Mash
 Earnest McKenzie
 Ruth McKenzie
 Joy Meador
 Jessie Meadows

Lila Neely
 Dencil Overbough
 Joyce Oxley
 Frankie Joe Parker
 Shirley Parker

Milton Pennington
 Nancy Perry
 Earl Phillips
 Jack Phillips
 Lucille Phillips

Bobby Powell
 Phyllis Reed
 Preston Reed
 Mary Ann Scott
 Herman Street

David Sumner
 David Taylor
 Patricia Taylor
 Alvin White
 Dale White



GOLDEN HORSESHOE WINNERS

Since 1940 Athens High has taken first place in the county-wide Golden Horseshoe Contest, Mr. Dorsey Martin has coached all of the Golden Horseshoe winners from Athens High. All winners who are still in school are pictured seated from left to right: Wilma Kessinger, Ruth Ann Clark, Virginia Alvis, Libby Hight, Suellen Ferrell; standing left to right: Robert Kinzer, Billy Hodges, Shirley Rose Wiley, John Price, Jack Hickok, Tanny Whitt, Wade Hash, Mr. Dorsey Martin.



DANCE COMMITTEE

The Dance Committee is composed of representatives from all of the high school classes. Freshmen: Jimmy Coburn, Leta Gay Warren; Sophomores: Ivan Rice, Shirley Parker; Juniors: Laura Jean Rogers, Stuart Stewart; Seniors: Louise Bennett, Peggy Pennington.



SUB-DEB CLUB

Sub Deb Club officers, seated left to right: Laura Jean Rogers, Songleader; Shirley Rose Wiley, Vice-President; Suellen Ferrell, President; Joan Lee Martin, Treasurer; Joyce Oxley, Secretary; Janice Smith, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer.



MAGAZINE SALES

This year's magazine sale was sponsored by Mr. Champ Clark. Pictured with him are the high salesmen -- Frankie Mash, Brenda Martin, Rob Kyle.



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Wanda White



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Vice-President



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Juanita Southern



Freshmen

John Akers
Shirley Akers
Gean Albert
Betty Alvis
Jackie Alvis



Deloris Bailey
Neil Bauguess
Richard Bolen
Ned Bowling
Barbara Bragg



Roxie Bragg
David Brown
Joyce Caldwell
Stella Carter
Billy Caruth



Charles Casey
Jimmy Coburn
Jimmy Cook
Jerry Crews
Faye Crouse



Freddie Danieleley
Allen Doyle
June Eades
Jolene Esque
Patty Farmer



Joyce Fletcher
Danny Ford
Luther Ford
Joe Friedl
Patricia Gillespie



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Carol Hazelwood
Marion Hazelwood
James Hercey

Freshmen



James Hicks
Vernon Hicks
Phyllis Hill
Elaine Keaton
Grady Lamb



Loretta Lamb
Carol Lilly
Michael Lyons
Luanne Mays
Rosa McClung



Lake McKenzie
Mary Meadows
Shirley Meadows
Francas Mutter
June Neely

Betty Pettrey
Gaylon Pettrey
Mildred Phillips
Gloria Powell
Glenna Sexton



Eddie Sisson
Peggy Smith
Marion Stover
Carl Taylor
Eddie Via



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Geraldine Webb
Anna Lee White
Helen White
James White



Louise White
Tanny Whitt
Jimmy Wyrick



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Secretary
David White



Roger White
(Not Pictured)

Eighth Grade



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Lacy Alvis
Patricia Ayers
Ray Banks



Ruby Bauguess
Sarah Bolen
Susan Bolen
Judy Bowles



Carol Caldwell
Juanita Collins
Janet Compton
Walter Cook



Donald Copen
Eugene Copen
Elaine Cox
Jeanne Cunningham



Ann Eades
Charles Goodall
Thomas Grose
Martha Hedrick



Mary Jane Hercey
Glen Hill
Charles Knowles
Robert Kyle



Mary Law
Johnny Loggins
Blanch Martin
Brenda Martin

Eighth Grade

Donald Matherly
Garland Mawalls
Linda Mays
Betty Meador



Wanda Meadows
Lena Mutter
Barry Pennington
Larry Pennington



Olen Phillips
Donald Redden
Joyce Roseberry
Francas Shorter



Helen Shumate
Perry Snider
Frank Staller
Danny Taylor



Eunice Taylor
Robert Thompson
Ronald Turner
Dorothy Turnes



Juanita Walter
Junior Walters
Bobby White
Walter White



Arlus Wiley
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Ruth Wiley
Harold Wood



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 Ann Casey
 Shirley Coburn
 George Combs
 Fred Cook



Eddie Cruse
 Shirley Dillard
 Eugene Dobbins
 Irene Duncan
 Eloise Durr

Margaret Eades
 Wilma Farmer
 Jimmy Ferguson
 Jimmy Hash
 Frances Hight



Lora May Hill
 Junior Hodge
 Carol Keaton
 Ann Kyle
 David Lamb



Lorine Lamb
 Louise Lamb
 Paula Sue Lamb
 Donald Law
 Loretta Law



Tom Law
 Margaruite Lilly



Seventh Grade

Carol Ann Lockhart
 Charlie Mann
 Dianne Martin
 Lessie Martin
 Thomas Martin



Betty Meadows
 Gene Neely
 Roy Neely
 Mary Etta Oxley
 Anna Ruth Perry



Billy Poff
 Linda Powell
 Billy Robertson
 Roy Sarver
 Margaret Saunder



Johnny Shorter
 Eslie Shrewsbury
 Mary Frances Shumate
 Elizabeth Six
 Bonnie Smith



Stephen Stevenson
 Dennis Taylor
 Joyce Walker
 Bonnie Walter
 Jimmy Webb



Fairley White
 Douglas Wiley
 Forest Gay Wiley
 Elizabeth Williams
 Gay Lew Wooddell



Kenneth Woods
 Sue Wyatt

Cheerleaders



SENIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS: Emma Dean Hill, Suellen Ferrell, Peggy Pennington.



JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS: Brenda Anderson, Leta Gay Warren, Betty Meador.



Basketball



Perry Hill, Coach, center; Jerry Williams, Captain, No. 77; Stanley Gunter, No. 76



Senior Basketball



Gale White, Jim Ball, Daniel Graham, Sheldon Pennington, Jimmy Jack Jennings, Jerry Williams, Stanley Gunter, Curtis Snider, Phillip Robertson, Jerry Coburn, Ivan Rice, Jerry Pettrey, Coach Perry Hill.

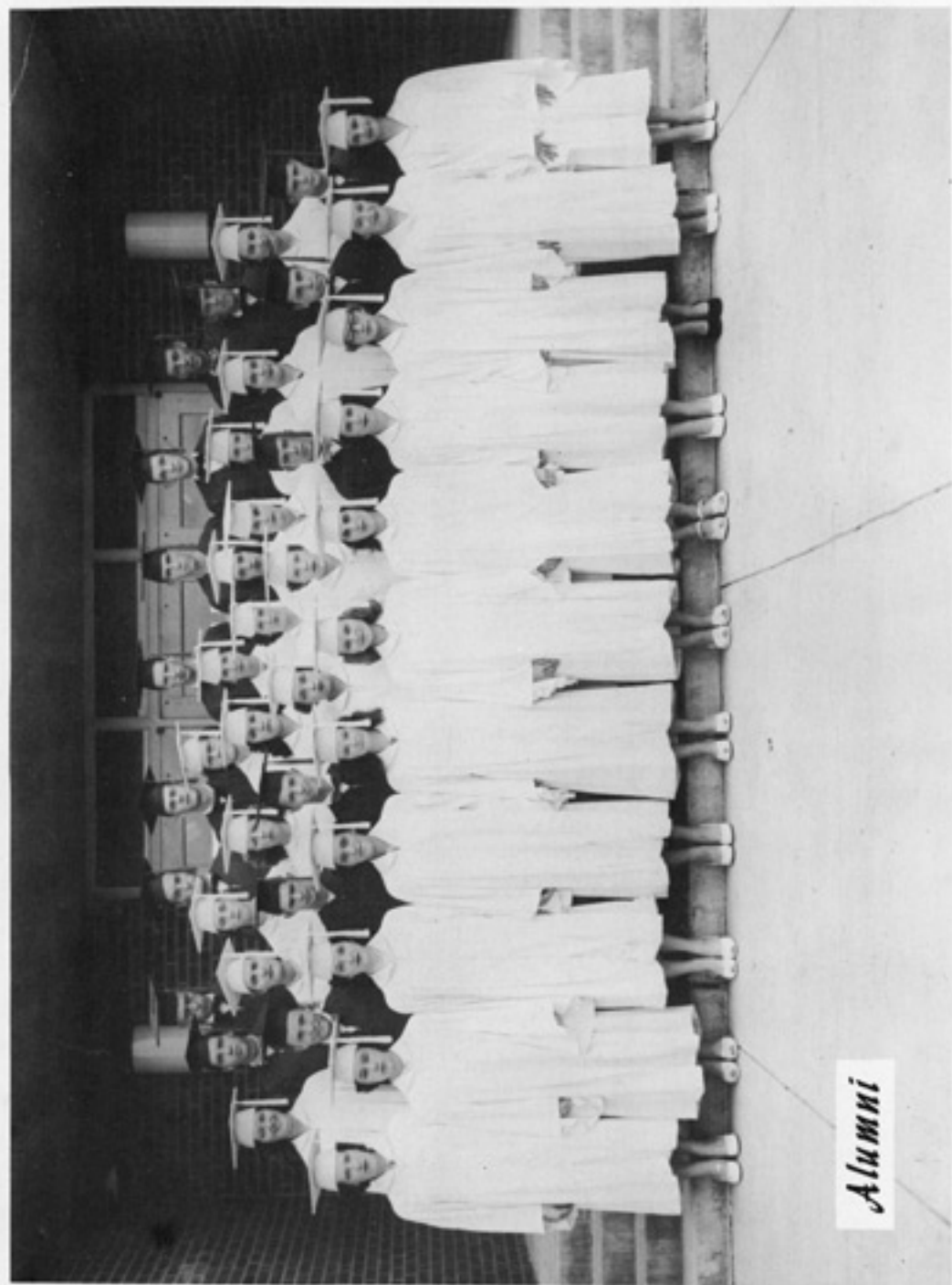
Junior Basketball



First Row: Charles Goodall, Wayne Gunter, Jimmy Coburn, Roger Graham, Donald Redden, Jackie Law. Second Row: Bill Robertson, Freddie Danieleley, Eddie Sisson, Billy Caruth, George Combs, Fred Cook, Jimmy Hash, David White, Freddie Gunter, Coach Perry Hill.







Алumni

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 Ruth Keaton
 Hanken Barbakow
 Charlotte Winkley
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 Edith Pauer
 Toanah C. Tia
 Chas Foster
 Barbara Jennings
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 Perry W. Hill
 Peggy Mann
 Suellyn Ford
 Joan Martin
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