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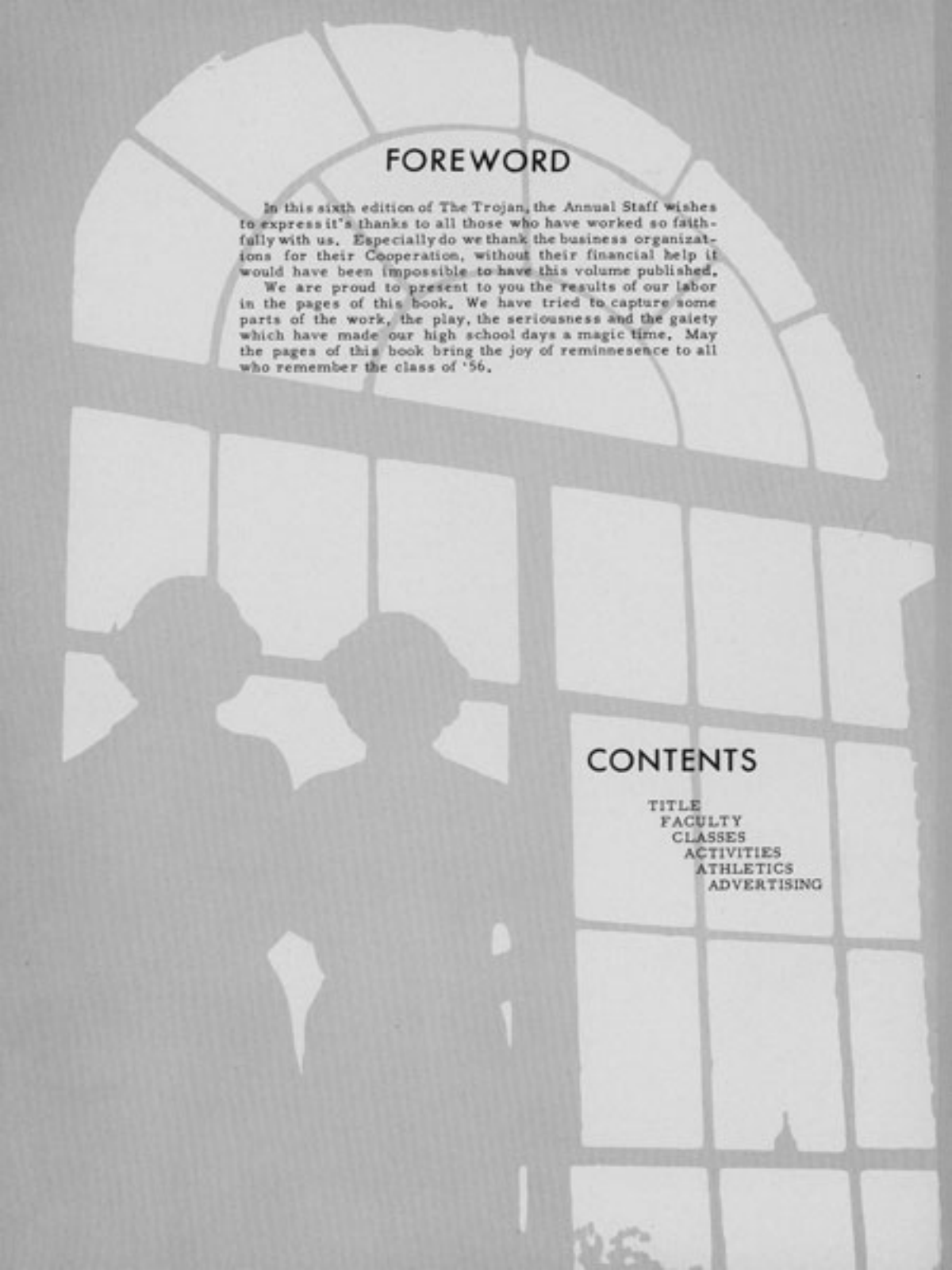
1956

**THE
ATHENS
TROJAN**



PUBLISHED BY
THE CLASS OF '56

ATHENS HIGH SCHOOL
Athens, West Virginia



FOREWORD

In this sixth edition of The Trojan, the Annual Staff wishes to express its thanks to all those who have worked so faithfully with us. Especially do we thank the business organizations for their Cooperation, without their financial help it would have been impossible to have this volume published.

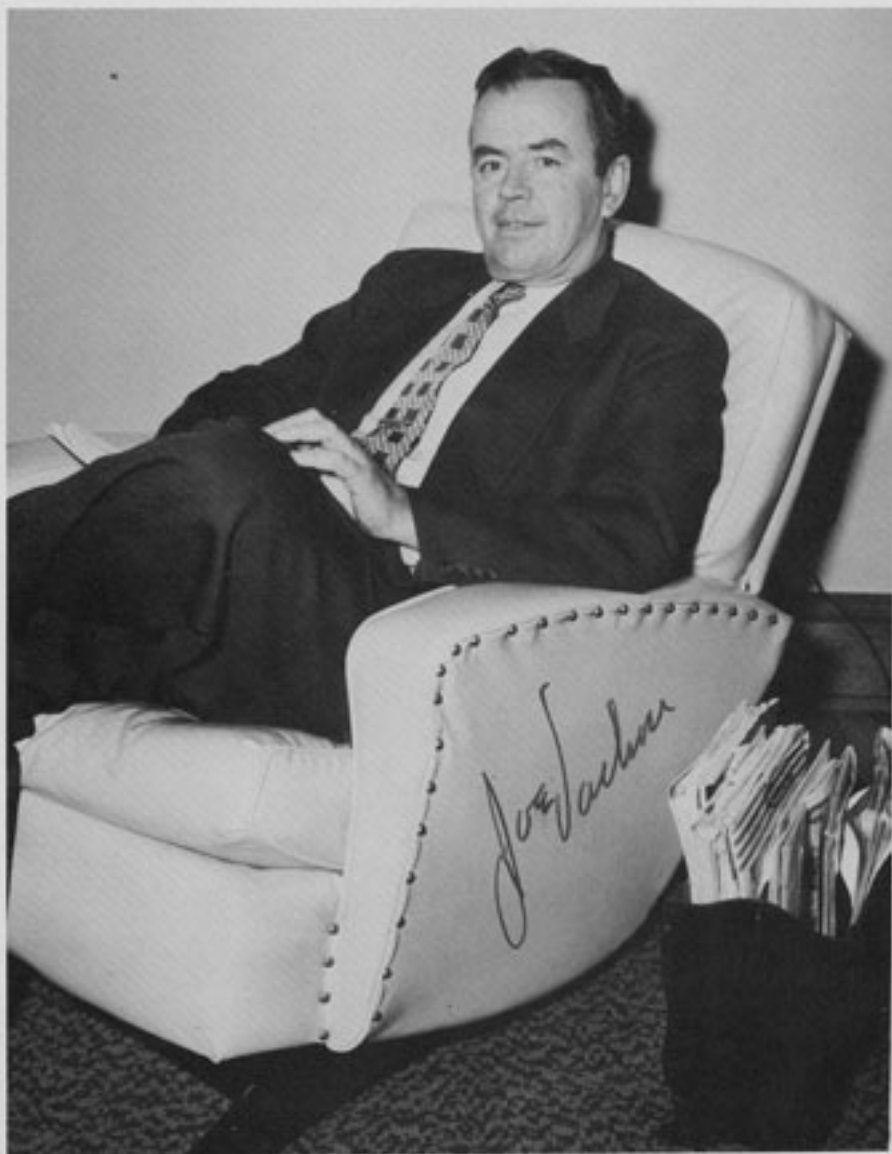
We are proud to present to you the results of our labor in the pages of this book. We have tried to capture some parts of the work, the play, the seriousness and the gaiety which have made our high school days a magic time. May the pages of this book bring the joy of reminiscence to all who remember the class of '56.

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TITLE
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DEDICATION

Enter our office at any hour during the school day and you will be greeted by a warm and sincere "What can I do for you?" spoken by our principal, Mr. Joe Vachon. Mr. Vachon is always willing to aid us in any way possible--his abilities are limitless. Because of his 28 years of devoted efforts and his interest in the youth of our school and community, we the annual staff of 1956, are happy to dedicate this edition of the "Trojan" to our friend and principal, Mr. Joe Vachon.





Mr. Joe Vachon
Principal

Mrs. Wilma Judd
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Mrs. Ruth Thompson
M. A. 1951
West Virginia University
Social Studies and Library

Mrs. Madeline Shorter
M. S. 1947
West Virginia University
Elem. and Voc. Home Economics

Mr. William Houshins
M. A. 1949
West Virginia University
Algebra and Man. Training



A Message To The Seniors

By hard work and concentrated effort, your day of days has arrived. Be ever grateful to your immediate families whose many sacrifices and moral support have aided you in attaining your goal. Be ever mindful of the guidance of your teachers and become a loyal alumnus of your alma mater.

We wish you to carry on with our best wishes.

Joe Vachon

*Good
to get his
name in the
book*

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West Virginia University
Biology and Driver Training

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Concord College
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M. A. 1953
West Virginia University
Coach and Mathematics

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M. A. 1940
West Virginia University
Elementary Science and Chemistry

Miss Jane Wells
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Commerce

Mrs. Janet Ciarlo
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Concord College
English and Speech

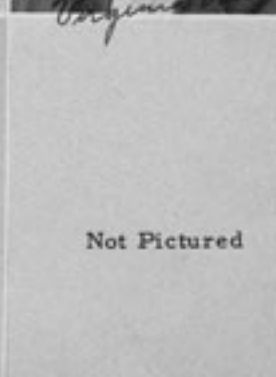
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A. B. 1934
Concord College
English and Social Studies

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B. S. 1952
Concord College
Mathematics and Science

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M. A. 1940
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Social Studies

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M. A. 1948
Columbia University
Music and High School Choir

Mr. R. D. Hamden (Not Pictured)
A. B. 1950
Concord College
Band



*I pleased to have
you aboard.
Mr. Darr*

*Best wishes to go good
wishes to you.
Virginia White*

Not Pictured



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 Treasurer Laura Jean Rogers

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 Class Song "Stars Are The Windows Of Heaven"
 Class Colors Pink and Silver



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JEAN AKERS

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PERRY WILEY



SHIRLEY ROSE WILEY



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Senior Class of 1956, 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 they might realize the deep feeling and love we have for them.

Article I

- Section I To the Seniors of '57 we leave our best wishes for a successful and enjoyable year.
Section II To the Seniors of '58 we leave our warm personalities and smiling faces.
Section III To the Seniors of '59 we leave our love for Athens High School.

- I, Barbara McClung, will my name to my sister Rosalie.
I, Mary Walter, will my giggles to Thelma Cooper. "Don't let it get you in trouble, Red."
I, Carol Pennington, will my ability to smile and make friends to Joyce Brunk. "Smile gal."
I, Myra Lou Perry, will my 5 feet 2 inches to my sociology teacher, Mrs. Wynne.
I, Laura Jean Rogers, will my F. H. A. experience to Peggy Mann. "Good luck, Peggy."
I, Ellis Danielley, will my "smoke grinder" to Jack Coburn for use at Glenwood. "Take care of it, Jack."
I, Arnold Pennington, will my pilot's license to Sherman Horton. "Watch out for the clouds, Buddy."
I, Joan Lee Martin, will my ability to be quiet in Sub Debs to Leeta Gaye Warren and Mary Lou Hedrick.
I, Nancy Hardman, will my winning smile to anyone needing it.
I, Peggy Thompson, will my perfect attendance record to Ivan Rice.
I, Dennis Craghead, will my hours at Glenwood to Dale White. "Keep on time, Yankee."
I, Suellen Ferrell, will my presidency of the Senior Class to Daniel Graham. "Speeches aren't so hard to make, Daniel."
I, Stuart J. Stewart, will my ability to understand Tolstoy's War and Peace to Mrs. Carlo. "Some people just don't fathom difficult literature."
I, Shirley Parker, will my ability to get fat to Elaine Martin. "Let's grow a little, Elaine."
I, Louise Caldwell, will my pretty teeth to Judy Austin.
I, Gayle Duncan, will my job in the Athenian to Wanda White. "Be sure to have that 'sunny smile', Wanda."
I, Elenora Ayers, will my ability to play a guitar to David Taylor.
I, Gearldine Lamb, will my sweet personality to Roxie Bragg. "Smile, Roxie."
I, Donna Peck, will my ability to stand up on skates to Daniel Graham. "Practice makes perfect."
I, Mona Keaton, will my ability to drive to Nancy Hedrick. "Wrecks don't count, Nancy."
I, Betti Sue Hedrick, will my ability to debate to Joyce Oxley. "I hope you like to argue, Joyce."
I, Faye Meadows, will my neatness to anyone needing it. "Neatness will do a lot for you."
I, Janice Smith, will--on second thought I need everything I have. "Sorry kids."
I, Perry Wiley, will my ability to read shorthand to Emma Dean Hill.
I, Philip Robertson, will my books to Joe Friedl. "Make good use of them boy."
I, Robert Scott, will my ability to ask questions in sociology to anyone that needs it.
I, Curtis Snider, will my ability to play basketball to Fred Cook. "Grow a little more, 'Cookie', and then you can drop them in."
I, Jean Pettrey, will my ability to smile to Carol Caldwell. "Smile once in a while, Carol."
I, Wade Hash, will my mustache to Frankie Mash. "Put down that razor, Frankie."
I, Shirley Wiley, will my 20-20 vision (with glasses) to Joe Parker. "Now you can borrow mine when you break yours, Joe."
I, Gean Akers, will my driving ability to Frances Gore. "All you need is a pretty yellow and white Dodge."
I, Grace Farmer, will my "bounce" to Norma Jean Hedrick.
I, Sheldon Pennington, will nothing to nobody.
I, James Akers, will my sheet metal ability to J. W. Akers. "Work hard, John."

Article II

- Section I We do hereby appoint and constitute our Senior sponsor, Mrs. Ruth Thompson and our Principal, Mr. Joe Vachon, as sole executors of this last will and testament of the Senior Class of 1956.

Attest: Senior Class of 1956
Athens High School

Nancy Hardman



Faye Meadows



Wade Hash

SENIOR

Shirley Wiley



Joan Lee Martin



Phil Robertson



Myra Lou Perry



Suellen Ferrell



Stuart Stewart



Laura Jean Rogers



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- 2 Suzy Ferrell
- 3 Shirley Wiley
- 4 Gearldine Lamb
- 5 Joan Martin
- 6 Nancy Hardman
- 7 Janice Smith
- 8 Betti Hedrick



SNAPSHOTS



- | | | |
|---|-------|------------------|
| 1 | | Louise Caldwell |
| 2 | | Barbara McClung |
| 3 | | Ellis Daniele |
| 4 | | Perry Wiley |
| 5 | | Faye Meadows |
| 6 | | Myra Perry |
| 7 | | Carol Pennington |
| 8 | | Gearldine Bower |

SNAPSHOTS





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Vice President	Nancy Hedrick
Secretary	Emma Dean Hill
Treasurer	Joyce Oxley

Class Motto . . . "With the Light of today, we'll explore
the path of tomorrow."

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Class Song "Moonlight and Rose"

Class Colors Red and White



Judy Austin



Lucille Bauguess



Joyce Brunk



Jack Coburn

JUNIOR CLASS

William Coburn
Sylvia Craghead



Carl Crews
Robert Crews



Darrell Crouse
Audris Dorsey



Clarence Fulcher
Daniel Graham





Joyce Grimm



Osby Hazelwood



Nancy Hedrick



Walter Hight

JUNIOR CLASS

Emma Dean Hill
John Hill

Margaret Hill
Esteen Jarrell

Charles Keaton
Robert Kinzer

Eddie Kessinger
Freddy Lamb





Billy Joe Lambert



Phyllis Lambert



Mary Lilly



Ruth McKenzie

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Peggy Mann
Elaine Martin

Frankie Mash
Joyce Oxley

Joe Parker
Milton Pennington

Nancy Perry
Jack Phillips





Lucille Phillips



Bobby Powell

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John Price
Preston Reed

Ivan Rice
Mary Jane Scott

David Taylor
Patricia Taylor

Alvin White
Edward White





BAND INSTRUCTOR
Mr. R. D. Hamden

*Best wishes,
Mr. Hamden*

BAND



SENIOR HIGH CHOIR

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR





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SOPHOMORE



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Shirley Akers
Jean Albert
Betty Alvis
Jackie Alvis



Larry Alvis
Delores Bailey
Neil Bauguess
Richard Bolen
Ned Bowling



Barbara Bragg
David Brown
Joyce Caldwell
Charles Casey
Stella Carter

Bill Caruth
Jimmy Coburn
Lois Cooper
Lynwood Craddock
Jerry Crews



Faye Crouse
Fred Danielely
Keith Danielely
Junie Eades
Jolene Eskew



Patty Farmer
Joyce Fletcher
Danny Ford
Luther Ford
Joe Friedl



Pat Gillespie
Frances Gore
Freddie Gunter
Carol Hazelwood
Marion Hazelwood



CLASS

Mary Lou Hedrick
Norma Hedrick
James Hercey
Jack Hickok
Vernon Hicks



Phyllis Hill
Billy Hodges
Elaine Keaton
Ray Keaton
Gradie Lamb



Loretta Lamb
Michael Lyons
Lake McKenzie
Luann Mays
Mary Jo Meadows



Frances Mutter
June Neeley
Betty Pettrey
Gaylon Pettrey
Gloria Sue Powell



Glenna Sexton
Eddie Sisson
Juanita Southern
Carl Taylor
Eddie Via



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Gerry Webb
Kathleen Weiss
Anna White
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Louise White
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Good luck with you in the future.

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Vice President Jackie Law
Secretary Brenda Martin
Treasurer Charles Knowles

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 Lacy Alvis
 Peggy Anderson
 Patricia Ayers
 Ray Banks
 Ruby Bauguess

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 Susan Bolen
 Judy Bowles
 Johnny Blevins
 Carol Caldwell
 Juanita Collins
 Alberta Comer

Danna Comer
 Janet Compton
 Louise Conner
 Walter Cook
 Donald Copen
 Gene Copen
 Thelma Cooper

Margaret Crawford
 Moody Crews
 Jeanne Cunningham
 Sue Ella Cunningham
 Faith Doyle
 Ann Eades
 Benny Eades

Mack Easter
 Jean Goosman
 Roger Graham
 Shirley Hazelwood
 Martha Hedrick
 Mary Hercey
 Glenn Hill



Sherell Horton
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 Robert Kyle
 Linda Lambert
 Jackie Law



Mary Law
 Marietta Lester
 Johnnie Loggins
 Blanche Martin
 Brenda Martin
 Linda Mays



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 Mildred Meadows
 Riley Meadows
 Wanda Meadows
 Garland Mawells
 Lena Mutter



Nina Nelson
 Barry Pennington
 Larry Pennington
 Mildred Phillips
 Donald Redden
 Joyce Rosebury



Francis Shorter
 Eunice Taylor
 Dorothy Turnes
 Juanita Walter
 Junior Walters
 Carolyn White



David White
 Jack White
 Sylva Whittaker
 Arlus Wiley
 Jesse Wiley
 Ruth Wiley



Freya Witten
 Harold Wood





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A portion of the class inspecting the 1956 Dodge courtesy of Cline Motors, Princeton, W. Virginia.







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Vice President..... Bobby Young
Secretary..... Dianne Martin
Treasurer..... Chester Friedl


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Frank Alvis
Sarah Belcher
Jerry Blankenship




Drema Bragg
Kathleen Brunk
Virgil Caldwell
Carlos Caldwell
Ann Casey




Bill Chatting
Shirley Coburn
George Combs
Fred Cook
Graham Cooper




Philip Craghead
Eddie Crews
Shirley Dillard
Eugene Dobbins
Irene Duncan



Eloise Durr
Margaret Eades
Wilma Farmer
Jimmy Ferguson
Chester Friedl



Wayne Gunter
Jimmy Hash
Frances Hight
Lora Mae Hill
Junior Hodges



Barbara Jennings
Carol Keaton
Ann Kyle
David Lamb
Lorena Lamb

GRADE

Louise Lamb
Paula Sue Lamb
Loretta Law
Margeurite Lilly
Carol Lockhart



Charles Mann
Dianne Martin
Lessie Martin
Betty Meadows
Gail Newman



Larry Gene Neely
Mary Etta Oxley
Anna Ruth Perry
Larry Phillips
Elizabeth Phillips



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Linda Powell
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Goldie Martin
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Kenneth White



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Nicky White
Peggy Faye White
Rosa Lee White
Ruth Ann White
Rita Wiley





SENIOR CHEERLEADERS

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*"The best of
Luck"
Freya Witten*

JUNIOR HIGH CHEERLEADERS

Gay Lew Wooddell, Freya Witten, Ruth Hedrick

*I wish
you all the
luck in the
future. I hope
you get cheer-
leader next
year.
Love
Gayle*



*I wish
you all the
best
in the
future.
Love
Ruth*



JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

First Row: Jimmy Pettrey, Wayne Gunter, Bobby White, Roger Graham, Bobby Young, Frankie Alvis, Chester Friedl. Second Row: Coach Perry Hill, Donald Redden, David White, Jimmy Hash, Fred Cook, George Combs, Mack Easter, Jimmy Caruth, Jackie Law.

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

CAPTAIN
Roger Graham

COACH
Perry Hill





Eddie Sisson
Forward



Alvin White
Guard



Ellis Danieleley
Guard

BASKETBALL SCORES FOR 1954-55

Athens 73	Alumni	72	Athens 49	Williamson	81
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Athens 68	Matoaka	51	Athens 46	Big Creek	60
Athens 63	Matoaka	44	Athens 65	Hinton	67
Athens 86	Tazewell	54	Athens 47	Greenbrier	58
Athens 65	Shady Springs	46	Athens 74	Princeton	70
Athens 55	Big Creek	75	Athens 51	Gary	60
Athens 68	Bluefield	58	Athens 56	Greenbrier	65
Athens 73	Hinton	52	Athens 78	Princeton	79
Athens 66	Tazewell	52	Athens 60	Welch	53
Athens 70	Gary	58			

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BASKETBALL
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Sheldon Pennington
Center



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Guard-Co-Captain



Ivan Rice
Guard-Co-Captain





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Forward



Wade Hash
Center



Paul Hill
Forward

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ey, Eddie Sisson, Ivan
Rice, Philip Robertson,
Larry Alvis, Alvin White,
Jimmy Coburn, Back
Row: Coach Perry Hill,
Ellis Danieleley, Billy Car-
uth, Sheldon Pennington,
Jimmy Jennings, Wade
Hash, Daniel Graham,
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