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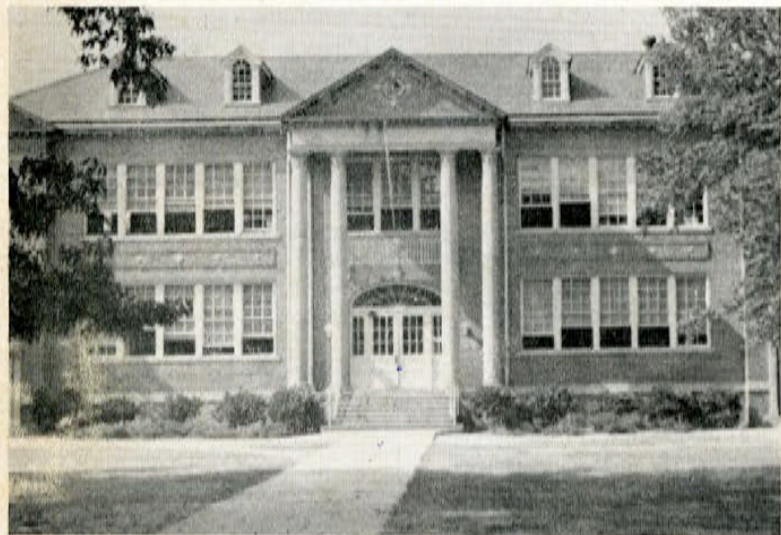
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NEW BERN HIGH SCHOOL 190 YEARS OLD



FROM THIS . . .

By GEORGE SHRIVER

Thomas Tomlinson came to New Bern from Cumberland County, England, in 1763. When the colonial legislature, meeting in Wilmington in 1764, passed an act for the erection of a school and a school master's house at New Bern, it was to this man from England that they turned as teacher. Royal Governor Tryon wrote of him and school teaching: "The only person of repute of that profession in the country."

Tomlinson opened his school in January 1764. It is said that this school was located on what is now the corner of Pollock and Hancock Street. Plans were immediately made for the construction of a real schoolhouse.

After three years work of planning and collecting funds from donors who were slow in paying their pledges, the first real school house in New Bern was completed on the corner of the present Central School green in July 1767. This building

measured forty-five feet in length and thirty feet in width.

Reverend James Reid, the first rector of Christ Episcopal Church, was largely responsible for the erection of the school and for its incorporation. Without his help it is doubtful that the building would have been finished by 1767, as he personally raised the money neces-

sary to lay the floors and erect the chimneys.

In 1766 the legislature incorporated the school. The first trustees were appointed with endorsement of the king of England, King George III, and Royal Governor William Tryon. The board of trustees consisted of nine members, three of whom later became governors of North Carolina and one the Governor of Tennessee. The original board of trustees were: Richard Caswell, William Dobbs Spaight, Abner Nash, William Blount, John Wright Stanley, John Sitgreaves, Spyres Singleton, William McClure and William Bryan. This board of trustees was given the power to dismiss the school masters without the consent of the Royal Governor. This power was given the board of trustees over the objection of the Royal Governor. All were members of the Church of England, since under the charter of the New Bern Academy, this was required.

Teachers' salaries in the early days were no less a problem than today. Although the annual sum received by teachers then amounted to

twenty pounds, only approximately \$100, it might well be said that \$100 at that time could not be compared with the same amount today. The major portion of revenues for school teachers' salaries came from a tax on spiritous liquors imported through Neuse River. This tax was four pence per gallon. Any sums that might be left over after paying the school teacher's salary was available for the salary of an assistant and also for assistance in educating poor children unable to pay the small fees generally charged. In 1768 Mr. Tomlinson had two assistants by the name of MacKartney and James McCartray.

Tuition fee in the school was twenty shillings a quarter, but there was great difficulty in collecting the amounts due. It was some years later that a free school, the first in North Carolina, was opened here by Dr. Alias Hawes.

With the pupils heavily in debt to him and with a dissatisfied school board accusing him of committing various misdemeanors, Tomlinson gave up the school in 1772. Reverend Reid wrote of Tomlinson: "The

first person, I verily believe, that ever taught school in New Bern for any consecutive time without complaining of bad pay and very loudly: such complaints I have seen nailed up at the church doors." From this it is to be presumed that other teachers preceded Tomlinson in New Bern on a less organized and defined school program.

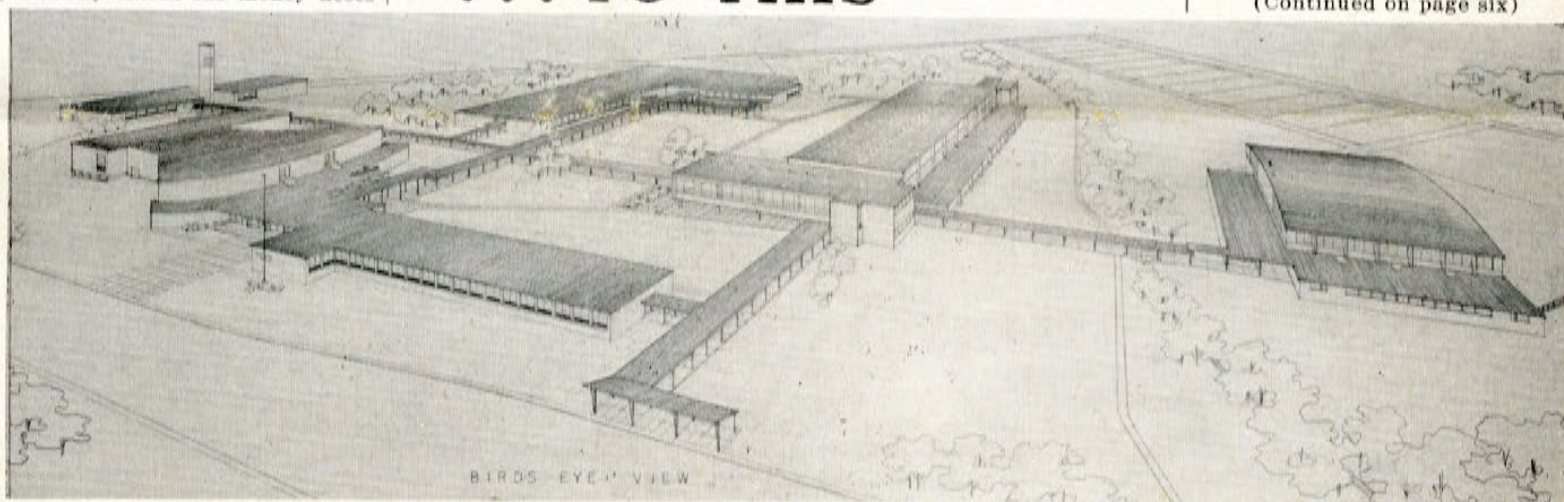
Governor Tryon interceded for Tomlinson and praised him highly. It is certain that the governor's appraisal of Tomlinson was sincere as he had obtained a salary supplement for him from The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, a missionary organization in England.

Among the early teachers was one Professor Attmore, who taught by the so-called Lancasterian System. Under this system everything had to be done by order and in order. Every slate had to be fastened by a string to the front of the desk. At a command from the teacher all slates were unstrung at the same time and all other routine of the pupils was as strictly ordered.

The most frequent form of punishment was the switch. If a girl disobeyed rules, she was called to

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Marshals of '54 Named

Each year, the Junior boys and girls having the highest averages for their three years of high school are selected as marshals to usher at the Baccalaureate Service. This year's marshals are Ann Adams, Chief Marshal, Sarah Kline, Sue Wayne, Linda Gible, Helen Swan, Adelaide Hart, Irene Collins, Freddie Honrine, Norman Lee, Bill Benninghoff, and Bob Clement.

Jimmy Hughes and Gail Colvard had grades that were equal to these but had not attended school here long enough to serve as marshals.

Quill and Scroll Honor Society Organized

The New Bern High School chapter of the National Journalistic Honor Society, the Quill and Scroll, took in its charter members Wednesday morning, June 2nd. The society has four requirements for membership. They are that the student must be in the upper third of his class, the student must have done outstanding work in some phase of journalism, the student must be recommended by the advisor of the club, and must be approved by the executive secretary of the national organization.

The students who were accepted for membership from our high

SWAN GETS D.A.R. CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Helen Swan was chosen by the Junior Class and the faculty as the outstanding girl to receive the D. A. R. Citizenship Award. Sue Wayne, Martha Jane Hammond, and Nell Hobby were runners-up.

What is the D.A.R. Citizenship Award? It is an award given to a girl in the rising Senior Class who is outstanding in her school work, who gets along well with both teachers and classmates, and who works for improvements in all she does. The award is a gold pin and a certificate.

The girl selected for this award makes a scrapbook on her life in the church, school, and community. This book is made along one theme. The girl's scrapbook must be sent to the State D. A. R. by Jan. 1.

This award will be presented to Helen Swan at the end of next year by a member of the local chapter of the D.A.R.

school were Jimmy Hughes, Olivia Armstrong, Judy Chapman, Jan Lutz, and Gatesy Matthews. Pat Simonds and Adrienne Prevost met all of the requirements and were recommended for membership, but failed to send in their work to be approved by the executive secretary.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR '54-'55

The final elections were held on Friday, May 14, and new officers for the Student Council, the Sophomore class, the Junior class, and the Senior class were elected. They are as follows:

SENIOR CLASS

President..... Jimmy Hughes
Vice-president..... George Shriver
Secretary..... Kay Ridgeway
Treasurer..... Arthur Anderson

JUNIOR CLASS

President..... A. D. Sawyer
Vice-president..... Pete Baches
Secretary..... Koleta Shaw
Treasurer..... Billy Edwards

SOPHOMORE CLASS

President..... Blackie Stith
Vice-president..... Ann Boggess
Secretary..... Donna Zacks
Treasurer..... Gordon Clark

STUDENT COUNCIL

President..... Norman Kellum
Vice-president..... Chris Bremer
Secretary..... Terry Munford
Treasurer..... Beth Lansche

Bud Bledsoe was elected associate editor of the Bruin and Nell Hobby was chosen Bear Cub editor.

The student body voted 345 to 50 for the proposed constitutional change. Next year, therefore, the Student Government will return to the Student Council form in that there will be only one house, that being composed of homeroom representatives.

F. T. A. CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS 1954-1955

The officers for the H. B. Smith Future Teachers of America Club for the coming school year of 1954-1955 were elected on May 20 at the regular meeting.

Elected President was Frances Morton. To assist her was Jo Kafer, Vice President. Koleta Shaw was elected Secretary and Lynette Mann, Treasurer.

These officers replace Ellen Brinson, former President, Jo Kafer, re-elected to the office of Vice-President, Olivia Armstrong, former Secretary, and Barbara Blandford, Treasurer, respectively.

BETA CLUB ASSUMES FLAG RAISING

How many of you have noticed the new "Star Spangled Banner" that has been so proudly waving in front of old New Bern High? This flag was donated by the Beta Club and they requested that the students who are on the campus when the flag is raised, show respect for our nation's flag.

Helen Kafer was appointed to get the Valedictorian and Salutatorian pins. These pins are given to the two students who head their graduating class in scholastic averages.

Junior Boys' Hi-Y Accepts New Members

On Monday night, May 10, the Junior Boys' Hi-Y accepted five boys to fill the places of the boys that will move up to the Senior Boys' Hi-Y. Letters of application were received through the week May 3-7. Through various members and officers 12 letters were received. Vice-President Bud Bledsoe read each letter before the group while President A. D. Sawyer counted the votes. Secretary Chris Bremer wrote letters to each of the 12 boys informing them whether they were accepted or not. President A. D. Sawyer stated that he hoped the boys that were not accepted wouldn't give up but try again next year.

The boys who were accepted are: Earl Riddick, Paul Daniels, Edward Tyndall, Eddie Stallings, and Shelton Williams.

SENIOR BOYS' HI-Y ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Senior Boys' Hi-Y held on May 18 in Mr. Jimmy Smith's homeroom, officers were elected for the coming year. These officers were announced at a semi-formal dance held by the club at the Woman's Club the following Saturday night. Norman Kellum was elected president, George Shriver was elected vice-president, Billy Hendren was elected secretary, and Bob Clement was elected treasurer.

THE BEAR CUB STAFF

Editor-in-chief.....	GATESE MATTHEWS
Associate Editor.....	PAT SIMONDS
Business Manager.....	NELSON QUINN
Financial Manager.....	JAN LUTZ
News Editor.....	BUD BLEDSOE
Feature Editor.....	SHIRLEY CAYTON
Sports Editor.....	FREDDIE CARMICHAEL
Advertising Manager.....	LARRY BLYTHE
Circulation Manager.....	ADRIENNE PREVOST

WHAT THEY WANT

If you're wondering what to get your best friend for graduation just look at this list and you'll find the answer somewhere in these lines.

New Watches are wanted by Judy Fisher, Pat Williams, Richard Benninghoff, Sharon Bolin, Jean Acree, James Gaskins, Herbert Rawls, Sylvia Jenks, Barbara Braddy, Ila Gray McIwean, and Clifford Harris.

Tickets to the "Baseball World Series" are wanted by Nellie Quinn.

Exemptions from the draft board are what Kenneth Brown, Murray Smith, and Jimmy Thompson want for graduation.

Cedar Chests are wanted by Susan Dickens, Jean Freeman, Betty Gray, Joan Gardner, and Wanda Rhodes.

Bettie Bland, Barbara Watson, and Annette Warner want some of their Silver.

Charlie Smith, Jim Mitchell, and Barbara Williams will be satisfied with Record Players.

All PeeWee Lewis wants is A Successful Life.

Financial Help for College is wanted by Lorraine Gooding.

Barbara Blandford wants a camera set.

Clothes are the wishes of Janice Phillips, Sula Baches, Robert Purifoy, and Patty Wetherington.

Mary Alice Wetherington is hoping for a Ring, and so is Rosa Gardner.

It seems a trip to Florida is important to Betty Wells and a trip to California for Carol Gryb.

Frank Rawls and Shirley Cayton will settle for a Diploma.

Many of these Seniors must be planning to do a lot of traveling for they all want Luggage. They are Mary White, Barbara Edwards, Besie Burroughs, Barbara Riggs, Doris Gray, Sybil Harrison, Gail Hamilton, Sylvia Perkins, Ellen Brinson, Alton Johnson, Olivia Armstrong, Sybil Kellum, and Marie Alligood.

Graham Williams wants a red Cadillac, Frank Croft a '54 Ford, and Tommy Caldwell a purple Cadillac. Jean Hargett, Robert Kennel, and Ray Moore will take a car (period). That Lucky Jerry Cole has already gotten his graduation present which came in the form of a black Mercury.

A College Scholarship will do nicely for Cecil Parker.

Walter Smith says he'd just love to have a Contract with the New York Yankees.

Larry Blythe's heart is set on a New Set of Drums.

Electric Razors are the dreams of Sandy Tuten and Walter Spruill.

Harriette Hobby and Roddy Martin want Good-writing Fountain Pens.

A new Bedroom Suit is the thing Betty Jaques wants most.

Jean Wright says she just wants a Radio.

Pat Simonds is keeping her fingers crossed for good grades in Geometry.

Four years at E. C. C. will interest Jackie Rouse.

Joe Mac Harper is hoping for a Good Graduation and all Jimmy Nelson wants is to graduate.

Jackie Wetherington is putting in

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1. All the wonderful memories of our high school life.
2. Our days as green freshmen, awakening to a new adventure.
3. The day when we became sophomores, (really though we were coming up in the world).
4. How silly we thought the freshmen were when we were juniors.
5. All the work we did for the Jr.-Sr. of 1953, and the song "April in Paris".
6. The exciting day we received our report cards as juniors for the last time.
7. The day we came back to school to claim out title as seniors.
8. The Homecoming Parade, the Christmas holidays, and the Valentine Dance.
9. The Bears beating Kinston and winning the N.E.A.C.
10. Going to Raleigh and having an All-State End named on our team.
11. Senior Day, the picnic and ball.
12. The wonderful Jr.-Sr. Prom, Banquet and Houseparties.
13. The faculty and Mr. Brinkley, always willing to lend a helping hand.
14. But most of all "We Will Recall", our graduation and all the grand times that made those twelve years the happiest and most memorable years of our lives.

his order for a college education.

"Cash" will come in handy for Barbara Newsome.

Ronald Tibbets wants a real gone Bicycle.

Carol Davis just wants "Willis".

Boots Whitford says she will accept A Million Dollars if someone happens to twist her arm.

Emma R. Bennett would like to have Money for taking private piano in college.

A one-way ticket to Washington, N. C. will do for Helen Pipkin.

Lyllis Freeman says anything will do.

A month's supply of movie tickets is the sole thought of Edgar Gaskins.

Frances Brinson wants a Bible Necklace.

It seems that Joe Phillips, Kenneth Tyndall, Steve Mullen, Helen Kafer and Ivey Heath have what they want for they aren't asking for anything.

Last but not least, Bill Ferebee is asking for a beautiful woman. (Hope you aren't disappointed.)

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MELODY LANE

By PAT

The year has really flown by, and now it's literally Gone With the Wind. Since the pop concert (which was wonderful) we haven't been having too many happy songs in the halls of N.B.H.S. I guess it's because of exams (groan) But I Really Don't Want to Know.

On the Hit Parade the top tune and "still champion" is Wanted. This song is dedicated to Don, from a sad and lonely senior, and from Harry to a special junior (he told me to put that in to give them all a thrill).

Number two on the Bear Cub's Hit Parade is Sweet Love, which is for Carolyn Vinson and Doris Bland who are keeping their "loves" very secret, and for Nell Hobby, Martha Jane Hammond and Barbara Braddy who aren't.

I Get So Lonely is in third place and is dedicated to Peggy Hudson, Alison Verdery, and Jancie Phillips.

To Johnny Hren and Raymond Bayer (those crazy, mixed up kids) we've only one thing to say Cross Over the Bridge! Remember, the grass is always greener on the other side (straw, too).

One that's really coming up fast is Little Things Mean a Lot, and is requested by Joe Mac and Nancy, Ben and Ann, and Rosa and Richard.

To Larry Blythe, Norman Kellum, Eugene Huggins and George Shriver we dedicate Happy Wanderer.

We dedicate to Carl C. his theme song, A Girl, A Girl.

Make Love To Me is still one of the top ten and is dedicated to Vernon Bass, Ken Tyndall, Shirley Duell and Tody Thorne.

For our Hit Parade Extra, Mr. Brinkley and Summer School dedicate to all you unfortunate failing students, You'll Come.

The rest of this article is dedicated to the Senior Class of '54.

Well, kids! This is it! Stop! No tears, don't "Cry," this is the time to be gay, and Congratulations to Someone are in order (mainly us). It really is difficult saying Farewell, After Graduation Day, especially when you're leaving so many friends and faculty members behind. Even though we still are Young at Heart, we have to each go our individual ways. Once In A While, think of those wonderful high school days. There are Three Coins in the Fountain, marked "Love", "Happiness", and "Success", and we're hoping all three wishes come true. But whether it's heads or tails you make your own life what it is.

I would like to express on behalf of the Bear Cub Staff our sincere best wishes for your future happiness.

Now, once again, it's time to walk down "Melody Lane" for the last time. We linger a moment to hear all the music you have brought to life during the past years. As the music grows faint we can still hear a haunting melody in the background, You'll Never Walk Alone.

Bride: The two best things I prepare are meat loaf and peach cobbler.

Groom: Well, which is this?

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NICKNAMES

Many of our class mates have nicknames we don't know about. Here are some of the Seniors' nicknames.

Pat Williams—Pinky
Betty M. Jaques—Betsy
Judith Fisher—Judy
Jean Freeman—Little Bit
Susan Dickens—Susie
Betty Gray—Bet
Jackie Wetherington—Quincy
Jimmy Nelson—Fish
Bill Ferebee—Dozier
Mary E. White—Mary Lib
Harriet Hobby—Gertie
Doris Gray—Fatty
Joan Gardner—Jo
Patricia Wetherington—Pattisue
Sharon Bolin—Sherry
Nelson Quinn—Nellie
Joseph Phillips—Joe
Jerry Cole—Spade
Walter Smith—Hook
Cecil Parker—Curly
Larry Blythe—Tuffy
Barbara Edwards—Babs
Sybil Harrison—Tootsie
Sylvia Perkins—Perky
Ellen Brinson—El
Alton Johnson—Al
Olivia Armstrong—Libby
Wanda Rhodes—Bebe
Jimmy Thompson—Burt
Kenneth Brown—Brownie
Murray Smith—Monk
James A. Gaskins—Bert
Sylvia Jenks—Kitten
Charles Smith—Hammer
Frank Rawls—Frankie
Janice Phillips—Jan
Robert Purifoy—Purifoy
Ila G. McIwean—Little Mac
Barbara Watson—Jennie
Walter Spruill—Walt
Alexander Tuten—Sandy
Brinkley Lewis—Pee Wee
Ray Moore—Dagwood
Barbara Blandford—Babs
Roderick Martin—Roddy
Frances Brinson—Half-pint
Robert Kennel—Duck
Edgar Gaskins—Muzzy
Jean Hargett—Ignant
Sula Baches—Grace
Barbara Newsome—Bobbie
Marie Alligood—Ree
Ronald Tibbets—Butch
Richard Benninghoff—Bobo
Barbara Williams—Goofy
Helen Pipkin—Princess
Shirley Cayton—Squirrel
Pat Simonds—Muffy
Clifford Harris—Fang Shang
Elizabeth Whitford—Boots
Tommy Caldwell—Caldwelly
Frank Croft—Bubbles
Jim Mitchell—Mitch

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Teachers Are Human

By JUDY CHAPMAN

Flash! News has just been announced from the laboratories at New Bern High that a startling new discovery has been made: "Teachers are human!"

A survey was made concerning the teachers at the high school and all were under observation. First, the teachers were found to be genuinely interested in the progress and welfare of their students. Second, it was uncovered that those failing marks do not give them pleasure as believed in the past. Third, proof has been given that teachers are really friends to the students and are willing to give advice and assistance whenever they are asked. Fourth, it was found that teachers devote more time and energy to their work than any other profession. In actual cases it has been shown that teachers spent hours preparing work and grading papers. In conclusion, the surveyors found that a teacher's greatest joy is seeing a former student attain success in life. Yes, science has again come up with a new, acceptable theory. "Teachers are human!"

TO THE POINT

Down Cherry Point way the newly organized club of the Marines has been named "Neptune's Daughters" and plans are well underway for the club's first project, teaching the members how to swim. There has been much interest and enthusiasm shown by all the members and the attendance has been excellent.

At the last meeting of the Marines an idea was presented by the club by Mrs. Jane Dunlop. She suggested that a new organization be formed, where the teen-agers could meet and discuss problems that face the average teen-ager in boy and girl relations. This group would be led by the Reverend George Williams, the minister of the Presbyterian Church here at Cherry Point. He has had much experience in working with young people in the past and is well suited for this undertaking. This was met by instant approval of the club and a name was chosen, this being "Teen Town Hall." The first meeting was held on the Thursday following the Jr. and Sr. Prom at Mrs. Dunlop's home.

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WORDS OF WISDOM FOR THE SENIORS

The faculty of New Bern High wishes to give a few words of wisdom to the 1954 Graduates, in hopes that it will help them some in the future:

Mrs. Lois Fentress (Senior Class Advisor)

To the Seniors—a tip!
"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you can."

Mrs. Ila Roebuck (Senior Class Advisor)

The thing that goes the farthest toward making life worth-while, That cost the least and does the most, is just a pleasant smile!

Miss Rosa Asbell (Senior Class Advisor)

Good luck and much success in all that you do.
May your future be bright and happy.

Mrs. Barbara Brock

To the Class of '54
1. Best wishes
2. Much happiness
3. A useful life

Remember: What we are to be, we are now becoming.

Mrs. Margaret Brinson

I wish for each of you a happy and useful life.

Miss Louise Anderson

"Adieu, dear amiable youth!
Your heart can ne'er be wanting!
May prudence, fortitude and truth
Erect your brow undaunting!
In ploughman's phrase, God send you speed!
Still daily to grow wiser;
Any may ye better reck the rede
Than ever did the adviser!"

Mrs. Margaret C. Willis

Three wishes for the 1954 Graduates.
First: A pure heart
Second: A level head
Third: A real dream for success

Mary B. Sexton

Best wishes and Good Luck to the '54 Graduates.

Mr. Will B. Pittman

Good luck and I hope your success is even greater than what you have had.

Mrs. Carol McSorley

The best of everything to the class of '54.

Mrs. Ivy Chadwick

God of Grace,
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days—
Only one life we live
May we live it well.

Mr. Jimmy Smith

Plans For Next Year's Bear Cub Made

Nell Hobby, editor of next year's Bear Cub, and Mrs. Jim Lancaster, advisor, called a meeting of next year's class on Wednesday, May 20. Plans for the class were discussed. Linda Gible was chosen business manager along with Ann Grady as financial manager, Nancy Lilly as art editor, and Jo Ann Huff as advertising editor. Other staff members will be chosen by the class next fall. All members of the class are eligible for a key position on the staff.

Proverbs 22-1.

Mrs. Laura Rhodes

When you find your special place in the world, may you strive to do your best, and may happiness go with you.

Mrs. Marguerite Johnson

May the dreams and hopes of each become a reality.

Mrs. Lila Smallwood

"No man can produce great things who is not thoroughly sincere in dealing with himself."

Mrs. Helen Smith

"May the wind beat your back,
May the road rise to meet you,
And may God always hold you in the palm of His hand."

Mr. Joe Caruso

"Always keep smiling and the world will smile with you."

Miss Lucie Hodges

"... keep yourself clean and bright; you are the window through which you must see the world."

Mrs. Mary Bullock

"When you are in doubt whether an action is good or bad, abstain from it."

Mr. W. E. Brinkley

Best wishes for a long and successful, happy life.

Miss Pat Bundy

"Climb High;
Climb Far.
Your goal the sky;
Your aim a star."

Mrs. Martha Gardner

"Work while you work and play while you play, for that is the way to be happy and gay." These words I learned as a child; and now I try to do just that. There is no limit to what life exacts of the individual; therefore, in my opinion hard play is essential to a person's balance. Yes, this is a part of my philosophy that has paid big dividends.

Miss Sarah Greene

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp
Or what's heaven for?"

Mr. Donald Smith

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you."

SPECULATIN' SPORTS

By FREDDIE CARMICHAEL

Well, sports fans, we know that all things, good or bad, must come to an end. It seems only a few short months ago that I was sitting at this same desk, struggling with this same column, and now here we are writing it for the last time. I'll try to make this one short so as not to bore too many readers with the last issue.

New Bern High School has made an outstanding showing on the athletic field this year, especially in football. We advanced to the semifinals for the state championship and then lost out in a very hard fought bitter battle. And then again maybe the success wasn't so obvious in the other sports we have taken part in this year but I'm sure that all things have some good in them, and maybe if we analyze our defeats we can find something besides bitterness in them.

This all leads up to what I'm trying to say about a certain group of players that deserve special recognition—the seniors. Some of the seniors that have taken part in the sports activities this year haven't received as much publicity as they ought to have, and then we have the possibility that some of them have received entirely too many headlines than were necessary for their own good. But whatever the case is they have received one thing that no headline or radio broadcast could have given them—the satisfaction of serving their school in any way they could, the all important element of team work, and I sincerely hope that they have received the appreciation of their classmates.

Getting right down to the facts, we know the seniors that have played on the teams this year and it seems that a friendly pat on the back and a wish for success in the future would be appropriate at this time of the year. It hurts nobody and it surely gives the person involved a great feeling of inner satisfaction.

We know of the brilliant efforts put forth by Carl Coley on the basketball courts and the baseball diamond this year. Carl played his last game for the school a little while back and did an outstanding job of it. I would also like to take this opportunity to express my personal thanks to Carl for his effort and cooperation with the sports staff of the paper this year, he has really been a great help.

Roddy Martin has also been out there in all three sports for the school this year, and I doubt that any person on the field enjoyed the games more than he did, for this boy gives it all he's got, and gives it for the love of the game itself.

Robert Kennel, captain of the three teams, surely needs no introduction in this column, for there is probably no athlete who is better known in this part of the state. Besides being an all around good ball player and an asset to the teams, Robbie also has the personality of a great ball player. Many things are expected of this boy in the future, so keep an eye on him.

Walter Smith has shown up brilliantly on the basketball court this year, so from the staff of the paper we all wish this fellow much success in the future.

William Wells and "Fish" Nelson have been stars on the slate this season as well as Doug Nelson. Besides being close friends, these boys

AWARDS PRESENTED

At the Annual Awards Day program held at Kafer Park on Thursday, May 27, Robert Kennel was named Valedictorian and Joe Phillips was named Salutatorian of the class of '54.

Music awards were presented to the Seniors who have been in the Music department for four years. Those people were Susan Dickens, Sybil Harrison, Patty Wetherington, Jean Hargett, Anne Jordan, Sylvia Perkins, Barbara Williams, Emma Ruth Bennett, Gatesy Matthews, Barbara Braddy, Carol Davis, Ivey Heath, John Mason, Charles Stokes, Sharon Bolin, Larry Blythe, Jimmy Thompson, Jackie Wetherington, and Jerry Cole.

Those receiving bus driver safety awards were Richard Rice who received a three-year pin, and Dellon Holt, Charles Hargett, Ben Epps, and Charles Watson, who each received one-year pins.

Office assistants Christine Joseph, Barbara Riggs, Sula Baches, Sylvia Styron, and Helen Swan received service-loyalty keys, as well as bell-ringers Bettie Bland and Jackie Wetherington.

The Science award for his outstanding work went to Joe Phillips.

Robert Kennel received the Burke H. Taylor "Most Valuable Player" award.

The Danforth "I Dare You" awards for all-round development were presented to John Mason and Sula Baches.

Mary Ann Allen received the Home Economics award.

Ginger Ale: A drink that tastes like your foot feels when it goes to sleep.

form a great trio on the pages of our sports annual, and the whole school should be proud of their achievements.

We also wish to express our thanks on behalf of the entire student body to Oscar Kafer for the outstanding work he has done as captain of New Bern High School's first golf team.

Girls have also played a part in the schedule this year, for how could we forget the games played by the girls' basketball team and the brilliant record compiled by them (even though they didn't beat Washington).

Ila Grey Mellwean, Boots Whitford and Sybil Kellum are the seniors on the team, so best wishes to you girls for all the happiness that the future may hold in store for you.

You people who know me also know that I can't do anything without leaving out something, so if there are any seniors who have been left out in this, the dedication to the seniors, I extend by strongest apologies.

I have tremendously enjoyed writing a column for the paper and it is to the next sports editor that I extend my heartiest good wishes for a sports page that will outdo this one with every issue.

With this, my last column, I wish to thank everybody for the generous cooperation given me this year. So long, see you next year!



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The Bear Cub staff would like to thank the Presbyterian church, Rev. Murphy Smith, and his secretary, Mrs. Brinson, for their kind cooperation and assistance during the year. They have allowed us the use of the typewriter, telephone, and any other item we needed. Thank you so much. Without your help we could not have had such a successful school year.

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Superlatives Chosen For Each Class

In a recent Bear Cub poll each class elected Superlatives. In the Junior class:

Most Popular: Norman Kellum and Nell Hobby.

Most Studious: Norman Lee nad Ann Adams.

Best Looking: Freddie Carmichael and Martha Jane Hommond.

Best Dressed: Billy Hendren nad Doris Bland.

Wittiest: John Whitty and Ann Grady.

Best Dancers: David Earl Smith and Claire Mitchell.

Most Likely to Succeed: Jimmy Hughes and Sue Wayne.

Most Athletic: Doug Sasser and Jo Kafer.

In the Sophomore class:

Most Popular: A. D. Sawyer and Mary C. Shields.

Most Studious: Bobby Stokes and Frances Hussey.

Best Looking: Billy Edwards and Celia Hahn.

Best Dressed: Bobby Pate and Dorothy Taylor.

Wittiest: Olney Bersch and Carolyn Arnold.

Best Dancers: Bill Boyd and Kitty Ferebee.

Most Athletic: Bud Parker, Billy Atkinson, and Helen Mullen.

Most Likely to Succeed: Pete Baches, Chris Bremer, and Susan McCotter.

And in the Freshman class:

Most Popular: Blackie Stith and Connie Hobby.

Most Studious: Billy Bynum and Jackie Grady.

Best Looking: Frankie Sawyer and Frances Smith.

Best Dressed—Gordon Clark and Donna Zacks.

Wittiest: Ronnie Fochler and Dolores Stephenson.

Best Dancers: Mary E. Gardner and Kenneth Morris.

Most Athletic: Richard Verrone and Mary Lou Price.

Most Likely to Succeed: Russell Hoke and Martha Bledsoe.

Miss Innocent: I want a young man who is good, handsome, and intelligent.

Mrs. Wise: You don't want one—you want three.

Jack: Have any of your childhood dreams been realized?

Tim: One of them. When my mother combed my hair I used to wish I didn't have any.

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6. Congratulations to Someone—Seniors.
7. What It Was Was Football—NBHS Football Team.
8. Spring Will Be A Little Late This Year—Weather.
9. I'll Get By (I hope)—Exams.
10. Somebody Else is Taking My Place—Seniors.
11. Why Don't You Believe Me?—School skippers to Mr. Brinkley.
TO THE SENIORS (Who won't attend College):
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No more obeying traffic rules (In the halls, that is)
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YOU ARE THE FUTURE

By JUDY CHAPMAN

The seniors who are nearing graduation are probably looking back on their four years of high school and hearing a great sigh of relief for their job is nearly done and their responsibility and worries are at an end. "No homework, no teachers to answer to, no worries whatsoever" is probably running through their minds. But how wrong they are! Their worries and responsibilities have just begun. Their years of schooling have been merely paving the way for this first step into a new life.
"No homework?" There is always extra work whether in the office, home, military service, or in college. "No teachers to answer to." In every walk of life there is a superior of some kind, and a mature person must always answer to one particular person, himself. "No worries or responsibilities?" The world is filled with responsibilities that cannot be escaped or evaded. Each must raise families, vote, support and protect their country. And yes, even decide whether the earth will survive in this atomic age. This generation holds the power to destroy the very world itself!
It is up to each and everyone to realize his importance. Hold your head high when you receive your diploma, keep your mind free from doubt, and in your heart remember that the world is in the palm of your hand! You are the beginning of a new generation. You are the future!

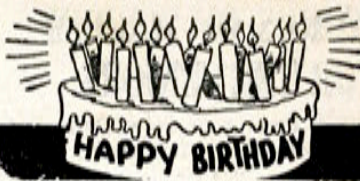
GOING STEADY

In discussions and forums the question of teenage dating and going steady are often brought up. Different opinions have been expressed, some for and some against it. Most people, you might be surprised to know, do not approve of going steady while you are a teenager. This is my view. I consider it a matter to be left entirely to the individual. It is my personal opinion that the average person does not have to date a variety of boys or girls to discover which he or she likes best, for most of the students have been together long enough to know each other very well. Perhaps it is not a wise choice but if it is not you will be the first to know it. Keep in mind that going steady does not have to be for a lifetime, but is merely a decision that you prefer dating one person rather than several, if you are fortunate enough to date several boys. Maybe you enjoy the other person's companionship or maybe you are really serious about him or her. Nevertheless if teenagers are old enough to want to go steady then they are old enough to make the decision. Perhaps someone is likely to get hurt, but do you expect to go all through life without ever being hurt? Consider this question and do what you feel is right, not what someone else feels is right.
Difference between death and taxes . . . death doesn't get worse every time congress meets.

SENIOR MEMORIES

By BETTY KELLUM

"Once In A While" really expresses the sentiment of the Senior class at this point. Even though we are saddened by having to graduate, our spirit is lifted by the memory of all the fun of our last year in high school.
Football season was highlighted by the Homecoming game with Elizabeth City. Bettie Bland was crowned Homecoming Queen, while the stage was further brightened by her court. New Bern, who was not to be outplayed this season, won the N.E.A.C. championship only to be defeated by Hamlet in the semi-finals.
Parties saw no lag as the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays brought a festive mood. Everyone outdid themselves with Christmas dances and open houses. A few of these were the Country Club dance, the New Year's Eve dance, and the open houses of Mary Catherine Shields, Barbara Blandford, Mary Dunn McCotter, Pat Simonds, and Jo Kafer.
This gay spirit lingered through the year. The Seniors began to realize "the" forthcoming event . . . graduation . . . when Senior Day arrived. The girls in their jeans, dress shirts, and red bows were not outdone by the boys in their levis, dress shirts, and red bow ties, who were equally recognizable as Seniors. The picnic, dance, and open house at Gatesy Matthews' highlighted the week-end.
Our Senior year was clinched by the Junior-Senior banquet and prom. It was indeed a memorable event and one which better enables us to remember our high school days. The Junior class deserves credit for the best Junior-Senior ever . . . (next to ours). The late show and house parties will never be forgotten. New Bern high will always be close to our hearts, wherever we may go. To quote a famous poet who, I hope, is familiar to all Seniors . . . "a frantic feeling when we know, that what we love shall ne'er be so."



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1 Bill White
2 James Jarvis
2 Marie Eubanks
2 Herbert Rawls
3 Eddie Collins
4 Edward Tyndall
5 Jeanette Ward
7 Mary Saulter
8 Larry Blythe
9 Carolyn Vinson
10 Jimmy Fulcher
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11 Louis Avery
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13 Richard Hines
13 Joe Bryan
14 June Benninghoff
14 Dorothy Simmons
14 Barbara Sutton
14 John Willis
15 Shirley Moberly
17 Mercer Tyndall
18 Nellie Purifoy
20 Chris Bremer
21 Martha Jane Hammond
21 Charles Fales
22 Joetta Hopkins
24 Charlie Hart
25 Woodward Hill
26 Betty Garis
26 Harvey Edwards
26 Marie Allgood
26 Garland Ballew
26 Ruth Stille
27 William Lamm
27 Helen Mullen
27 Anna Owens
27 Ola Cuthrell
28 A. D. Sawyer
28 Donna Zacks
29 Frances Cahoon
June 1 Mary White
1 Arleen Hall
1 Frances Brinson
2 Ray Bond
2 Sue Allen
2 William Lee
3 Bobby Burroughs
3 Hester Hogan
4 Eleanor Seamster
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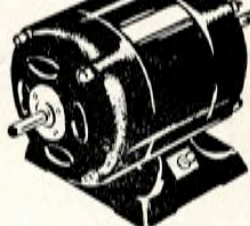
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SPRING LETDOWN

By JIMMY HUGHES

Symptoms: Feel lazy! Hate to study! Grades dropping! Love-sick blues! Diagnosis: Spring fever.

Yes, since spring has come again, winter activity has ceased. No longer do you see the students scampering across the campus. Now they just manage to drowsily creep around by propping on other sleepy classmates. When one finally manages to get into his classroom and drops into his seat, the twirl of a cute little bird literally drives him to dreaming. The bell rings, but with no avail. He's sound asleep. Then when that dream is in the best part the teacher has to come in and spoil it all. The moral of this story is: Spring fever affects everyone but a teacher.

"HAVE YOU NOTICED?"

- 1. That Johnny A. is the only boy that will graduate with Band units.
- 2. Larry Blythe's "baggy" corduroys.
- 3. Ray Bond's hair!
- 4. Mary E. Powell's imitation of Eartha Kitt.
- 5. George Shriver's pink coat.
- 6. That Mary Austin still talks with her eyes.
- 7. Dick Kent's turtle neck sweater.
- 8. Freddie Carmichael's Army coat.
- 9. The lipstick smears on all Joe Mac's shirts.
- 10. That Allen J. might pass this year.
- 11. Morris Bank and Joe Pat's hairdo.
- 12. Ted Carey has his driver's license.
- 13. This is the last Bear Cub.

HINT TO THE SENIORS

By NELL HOBBS

With graduation time here, all of the seniors will be getting those nice graduation presents. Of course, they will have to write "bread-n-butter" letters to all their friends thanking them for their gifts.

Just what is a "bread-n-butter" letter? It is a sincere letter of thanks for a gift. You should write this thank-you as soon as possible. Putting off writing it indicates a lack of training or appreciation.

Here is an example of a bread-n-butter letter:

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June 11, 1954

Dear Reba,
Since I am going to college next fall there are so many things I need. The beautiful stationery you sent me will certainly come in handy. Writing to all my friends and hearing from them will keep me busy and using a lot of writing paper, too.

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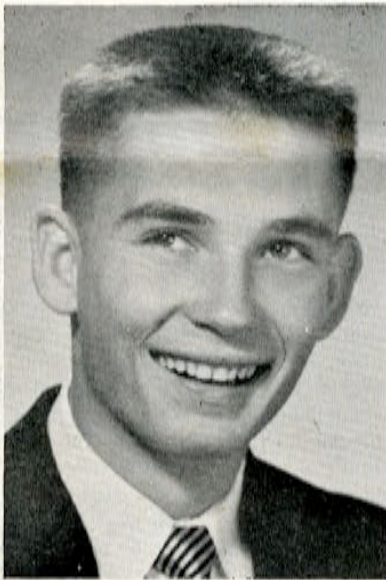


JEAN HARGETT

Five foot, one and a half inch, Jean Hargett is in our Spotlight for this last issue. Jean has green eyes and brown hair and Irish ancestors. She likes basketball, football, and chicken.

Jean is an Honor Roll student and belongs to the Beta Club. She has been a member of the Hi-Y for three years, secretary and treasurer of her homeroom, and is a Bruin tyrist. As a Freshman Jean was in the Glee Club, but she then moved up to the Choir which she is president of this year.

East Carolina College will be Jean's home next year where she will take a secretarial course.



NELSON QUINN

Nelson Quinn, who hails from Williamston, N. C., is one of our masculine personalities for the month of June. Nellie is 5'7", weighs 160, has hazel eyes, and brown fuzz. He likes sports of all kinds... specially baseball and he is a hamburger fiend.

Nellie has done a grand job as business manager of this year's Cub. He is also the male radio announcer for the high school program this semester. While he was in Williamston, Nelson was in the Science Club, played football and basketball, and was advertising manager for the high school paper.

Nellie wants to be a coach or mechanic in the future.

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JOE PHILLIPS

Joseph Roy Phillips, Salutatorian of the class of '54, is our male personality. Joe is 5' 11.5" tall and weighs 150 pounds. He likes football, basketball, and tennis.

Joe is a fascinating person who will give you an opinion on just about anything... and you usually agree with him!

Joe has been a member of the Latin club and vice-president of his Freshman and Senior homerooms. He is now a member of the French Club and the Beta Club, of which he is president, and of the Senate. Joe was chosen to attend Boys' State.

Joe plans to enter State College next fall.



BETTY CAROL KELLUM

Into our last limelight of the year steps a petite brunette. She was dubbed "capable" by the Bruin, and the word really describes our Senior personality. She has taken an active part in school activities, starting way back as a Freshman when she was installed in the Hi-Y. She has taken part in this organization all four years in high school. She was elected class treasurer in her Sophomore year, and has been on both the Bruin and Bear Cub staffs. She was chairman of the '53 Junior-Senior Prom decorating committee and was a waitress for the '52 Junior-Senior. Although she has been awfully busy, she has kept her scholastic average high.

Whether you see her in the halls reciting Hamlet, cheering the team on, or just riding around, you can be sure she's not sitting around waiting for things to happen... she goes out and makes them happen!

After graduation she will enter Meredith where she will study business administration.

As you can plainly see by the photo above, this personality is none other than Miss Betty Carol Kellum.

Teacher: If your mother gave you a large apple and a small one and told you to share with your brother which apple would you give him?
Boy: You mean my little brother or my big one?



Here's the old vacuum here again to dig all the dirt out of these dusty corners and pass it on to you fellow gossip lovers. Since this is the last cleaning of the year, it has to be a good one, so watch out, the dirt is going to fly and it may be the skeleton in your closet we're dusting out.

Oh, what the Jr.-Sr. did to our couples around school! The pretty girls must have been quite a temptation to Donald, 'cause he and Bettie B. are no longer on our steady list. The handsome boys must have had near the same effect on Peggy H. She and Taft have called it quits and Peggy is a free girl from now on.

Annette and Sandy left for the Jr.-Sr. week-end a happy couple, but when they came back—boy, they weren't even on speaking terms!

Nancy Lilly went to the Jr.-Sr. with Norman Kellum, but when the rain cleared on the house party, she was going steady with Joe Mac H.

Bud Parker, we hear you really had the girls looking for you Jr.-Sr. week-end. What about that Mary Anna? What's the scoop?

Harry "Cassanova" Torrence seems to be giving Roddy "Lover Boy" Martin competition for his title! Harry seems to have his eyes on all the girls. Better watch out boys, your girls may be next!

Speaking of lovers! Bill F. seems to be quite the boy, too! One night he dates Nell and the next Doris Bland. They tell me the girls aren't too pleased with the situation, Bill.

Jean Hargett has caught the eye of a very prominent senior boy, I've been told. This senior just happens to be the president of the Student Council.

Speaking of presidents, our president of the Senior class and the treasurer of the Senior class made a cute couple for the Jr.-Sr.

Ronald Tibbetts seems to be sneaking in on our list of lovers, too. That's a cute little girl we've been seeing you around with, Ronald.

Ila Gray, who's that cute blond boy who's teaching you to play tennis? Nothing like a good game of tennis, I always say.

Somehow we always get back to the lover angle this time of year, and speaking of Carl C.; he just seems to go with the title. Carl has been giving Rosalie L. the old line, but from the way he's been seen in the halls with Donna Zacks, I'd say there was a change coming.

We've heard it whispered in the hall that Harriet's heart still belongs to her old flame, Frank. Still interested in that blond senior boy, Harriet?

Now that Brayan's home, Carol

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The Future Homemakers of America gave their annual open house for the teachers and mothers in the Home Economics cottage on the evening of May 12. Those in the receiving line were Sandra Ball, Patricia Allen, Elizabeth Barnhardt, Joette Hopkins, and Mrs. John Green, Jr. Refreshments of punch, sandwiches, and mints were served. Approximately one hundred guests were present.

G., what's happened to Oscar K?

We hear Ivy's going to music camp this summer. What will you do while he's gone, Helen K?

Congratulations on your coming wedding, Janice Phillips, which is in August; Rosa Gardner's, July; Carol Davis, June 9. I know you'll all be very happy.

Could it be that George Slaughter is interested in Libby? The snooper thinks so!

Betty K—what happens when he goes into the Army? We understand that B. F. and B. S. are interested.

Is it "the end" for you and James Allen, Mary Dunn. We've been hearing rumors about you two.

Seems like Martha Jane and Bob C. are about to get up a case. Anyway, it sounds that way from the whispers coming from their corner in Mrs. Brock's room.

We hear Bobby was home recently, Ann J. Is he still the one, or isn't he?

N.B.H. boys generally go to Cherry Point, but this time the tables are turned. I've heard that there are two Cherry Point boys coming to New Bern. What about it, Johnnie and Raymond?

Pat L. and Foster B. are still a steady couple. Maybe you two should tell us how you do it!

We've been seeing Lorraine G. and Kenneth around the halls together, but at the Jr.-Sr. she was with Billy S. What's with this couple, anyway?

The Vacuum has picked up hint of a future party to pass along. There will be a dance at the Woman's Club after the graduation for all the Seniors and their dates. It's semi-formal.

We heard that Gaile Hamilton has been dating Jimmy Hughes, but we hear she also has an interest at Duke. What about it, Gaile?

Well, this is your old snooper signing off for the last time. I'd like to thank all you naughty people who have furnished the material for this column all year. Be good over the summer holiday, or you'll be seeing your name in the Vacuum again next year.

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190 YEARS OLD

(Continued from page 1)

the front of the room to receive her punishment. Were she unpopular she had to take her punishment the same as the boys, but if she were popular a boy could volunteer to take her switching.

Advertisements in the newspaper of the time proved that not even during the Revolutionary War was education neglected in New Bern. The colonial records indicate payment of sixty pounds on occasion to the trustees of the New Bern Academy for use of the building for the General Assembly to meet.

The frame building erected on the corner of New and Hancock Street stood until 1795 when it burned. School was then conducted in Tryon Palace until 1798 when that magnificent edifice likewise burned. After the Palace fire, the remaining stable wing of the Palace was fitted for school purposes.

The present old brick building located on New Street was erected in 1806. While legend has it that the bricks for this building were shipped all the way from England, it is more probable that these bricks were made from clay dug right in the vicinity of New Bern. As in other buildings of that period, the bricks show an individuality obtained by their being made from the mold employed for this particular construction. The building consists of four classrooms, each of which was fitted with its own fireplace for heating. These fireplaces were each surmounted by a decorative mantel.

The original portico protecting the front door was restored some years ago. The hand carved woodwork around the cornices of this building is considered unusually attractive.

For a short period after the War Between the States, Northerners ran a school in the academy. During

the war the building was used temporarily as a hospital. This old academy building, the oldest school building in use in North Carolina, is the standing symbol of the educational heritage of the New Bern Schools.

In 1884 a new building was constructed on the same site with the original building. This building, consisting of eight classrooms and head master's room, was considered a part of the New Bern Academy and is thus titled on the cornerstone. This building is now known as the Central Building and being surmounted by a bell, which in daily ringing has become an integral part of New Bern, it is quite often referred to as the "Bell Building."

In 1904 expanding school population brought about construction of a first unit of what is now the High School Building. Addition to the structure followed almost immediately in 1907 and it reached its present size with a new front constructed in 1930, which was named Moses Griffin High School, after Moses Griffin, who gave large sums of money toward the building.

New Bern grew and more students began coming to school, and the Bell Building was used as part of the High School.

Cherry Point sprang up and numerous students began coming to New Bern High School. In 1952 the

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PAST AND FUTURE

By RODDY MARTIN

"When spring brings back blue days of fair, I shall not fail my rendezvous." Yes, we seniors have a rendezvous with graduation. For the past four years, we have worked and prepared for that day. It's nice to be a senior, but it's hard for us to look into the future and see the things out there we want.

The world looks mighty big, and from now on we will have to make our own way. We will have to make our own way. We will no longer be a group that studies, works, plays, wins, or loses together.

High School Auditorium was torn down and four class rooms were built from this Auditorium.

In 1953 the consolidation of New Bern and Bridgeton High School came about and more school rooms were needed for the pupils to attend High School. This problem was solved when the High School received the use of the Scottish Rite Temple, the Masonic Theatre, and the Presbyterian Educational Building.

Next year we will take another step in the history of New Bern High School as we move to our modern school plant in Tryon Village.

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er. From now on we must make decisions for ourselves. We must fight our battles without teachers and friends to help us out.

Remember the dances and ball games? Remember the class plays, the concerts, and all the other functions that gave us a well-rounded school life? It's going to be difficult for us to realize that we're no longer a part of all this. We are moving on to something higher... yet regretfully... because our high school days will never be forgotten.

We, the Senior class of '54, will give the world and country great leaders, statesmen, scholars and soldiers. The world is a hard place. To get anywhere you must put your best foot forward.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

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