

○ Photo Rec'd by mail by RPH from Joe Grissom on
15 JUN 2015



- △ 1 DAVID MARTIN
- △ 2 WILTON WILLIAMS
- △ 3 FLOYD MCCONNELL
- △ 4 JOE GRISSOM
- △ 5 MURKIE TAYLOR DIXON
- △ 6 DOROTHY LAWRENCE MINN
- △ 7 EVA (WARNER) JONES
- △ 8 MARY FRANCES CONYERS LEWIS
- △ 9 DORIS (KINE) CARROLL
- △ 10 IRIS WOODALL MORRIS
- △ 11 EDNA MAE MAYNARD GRUBBS
- △ 12. FIFI KIRBY RICHARDS - PRESENT 2014 NOT 2015

Photo of 9 of 11 attending
members of the 1945
Class of Cary High,
Cary NC - 70th
Held in D & S Capetown
in Cary, NC on
1 MAY 2015

original photo
with Joe's letter
of 27 MAY 2015

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To: phil@upchurchstory.com

Dear Mr. Upchurch,

Thank you so much for your kind words about the reunion. We had a turnout of about 35 CHS graduates and had a great time. As I said in the letter, the ever everyone know that we were thinking of them even if they couldn't attend. Mr Grissom and Mr Martin were both there. I have known them both my entire life,

I'm totally fascinated by your extensive research. My ancestors include (direct lines) Yates, Barbee, Beasley, and Jordan. There are many associated lines, inc Crowder, etc. My ancestors were all over Wake County and into Chatham County! I have done a cursory review of the Upchurch indices and have found a great It's a small world.

Here is a link that contains many CHS yearbooks. Unfortunately, the years 1930 to 1944 did not have yearbooks. The years 1945, (no graduating class in 194 UNC will only digitize yearbooks that are in a collection which is accessible to the public. The two sources for the digitization project are the Olivia Raney Library contains the above years, although there are copies in private hands. One day, if someone donates any of those yearbooks to the Page-Walker, they will take getting the ones from the Page-Walker collection digitized recently. Here is the link:
<http://library.digitalnc.org/cdm/search/collection/yearbooks/searchterm/Cary%20High%20School!North%20Carolina%20High%20School%20Yearbooks/field/st>

I would love to meet with you if/when you come to the area. And I'm always searching for photos and memorabilia regarding Cary and Cary High School. I re Walker, and this organization is working hard to preserve Cary's history. They are always looking for pictures, etc. that capture a slice of life in "old Cary." TI quality scan. With some photos and memorabilia from my father (CY Jordan) and mother (Dollie Morris Jordan), pictures donated to the FoPW, CHS archives, I put together a slide show of the 1940s that the alumni seemed to enjoy.

Please keep in touch. I'd love to meet you!

Blessings,

Carla Jordan Michaels

On Sat, Nov 8, 2014 at 1:25 PM, <phil@upchurchstory.com> wrote:

Hi Carla---

This is a belated response to your invitation Re the Cary High Reunion for the 1940's. Sorry I did not get back to you sooner. Even in retirement one stays live in Missouri I could not be there. I'll offer a few comments in case you or others may be interested. My broader family has a connection to CHS as do I b for 40 years I have pursued Upchurch and related family histories. My Upchurch and Mills ancestors settled at Green Level in the 1800-1815 era and I am bl is shown on my websites www.upchurchstory.com and www.alliedfamilies.com.

I was born and raised in the Inwood Church/Yates Mill area where my GF settled in 1870. My twin sisters graduated from CHS about 1937. I finished at Sv Raleigh for two years but then transferred to CHS for the 1943-1944 school year. I quit high school after only three years but went on to get three more degrees keep me on their rolls and I have attended several of the CHS 1915 reunions. My best friend was Joe Grissom and I knew several of the 1945 group well included to the student council in the spring of 1944 and have the excerpt from Eco showing my picture with others elected. I fondly remember Dad Dunham a I would be curious to know where your copies of the CHS yearbook are to be archived.

Should you or any others like to exchange information on anything I have written I will be glad to do so. There is a lot more I know and have in my records I try to come to Wake County once or twice a year and will be happy to make appointments to see any one who would like to chat about local or family history. Please note that my current address since last May is 51 Village View Drive, Apt 3207, Chesterfield, MO 63017. Phone [\(636\) 898-8516](tel:636-898-8516).

Thank you for organizing the CHS event and I send all best wishes~

Robert Phillip "Phil" Upchurch

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April 17, 2013

REC'D
21 APR
2013

Dear Classmates:

At last year's class reunion, the decision was made to meet again in 2013 at the D&S Cafeteria (Banquet Room) in Cary's South Hills Mall.

The date for the reunion is Friday, May 3, 2013. Because some of our classmates prefer daytime activities, this will be lunch at 12:00 noon. Please meet in the Banquet Room at 11:45 AM for a blessing, then we will proceed through the line at 12:00. Payment for the meal will be made individually upon leaving the cafeteria; therefore, no reservations or advance payment will be needed.

If you cannot attend, please take a few minutes to drop Joe Grissom a note, or call him, to bring your classmates up to date on what's happening in your life.

1945-2013 – It's Been 68 Years Since Our Graduation!

I am assisting Joe Grissom in planning the reunion by sending letters. Any questions, letters, comments or a need for directions should be directed to:

Joe Grissom
251 Marilyn Circle
Cary, NC 27513
Telephone: (919) 467-9185

Sincerely,
Zelita Smith

Zelita N. Smith
1633 Pineview Drive
Raleigh, NC 27606

REC'D
19 APR 2010

April 15, 2010

Dr. Philip Upchurch
351 Sheppard Valley Court
Chesterfield, Mo.

Dear Classmates:

63005-4804

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Josephine Jeffreys continues to receive treatment at HeartFields Assisted Living of Cary, 1050 Crescent Green Drive, Cary, NC 27518.

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Zelita Smith

○ Partial Extract of "The Echo" for 1945- Annual for the Cary High School Class of 1945. Cary, NC. See [△]Cary High School File for copy [RPU would have been in this class had he continued his high school participation]

Pg 3 shows a picture of the 11 member Faculty including

[△] Joseph Randolph Jappert; [△] Earl R. Franklin;

[△] Sibyl P. Beddingfield [[△]SYBIL PENNY - a Ray lesson of RPU]

[△] THAD N. FRYE, Principal

Other Pictures - [△] Peggy Strother

THE ECHO

1945

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ON 5 AUG 2009
FROM EVA
(WARNER) JONES

Published By
THE STUDENTS
of
CARY HIGH SCHOOL

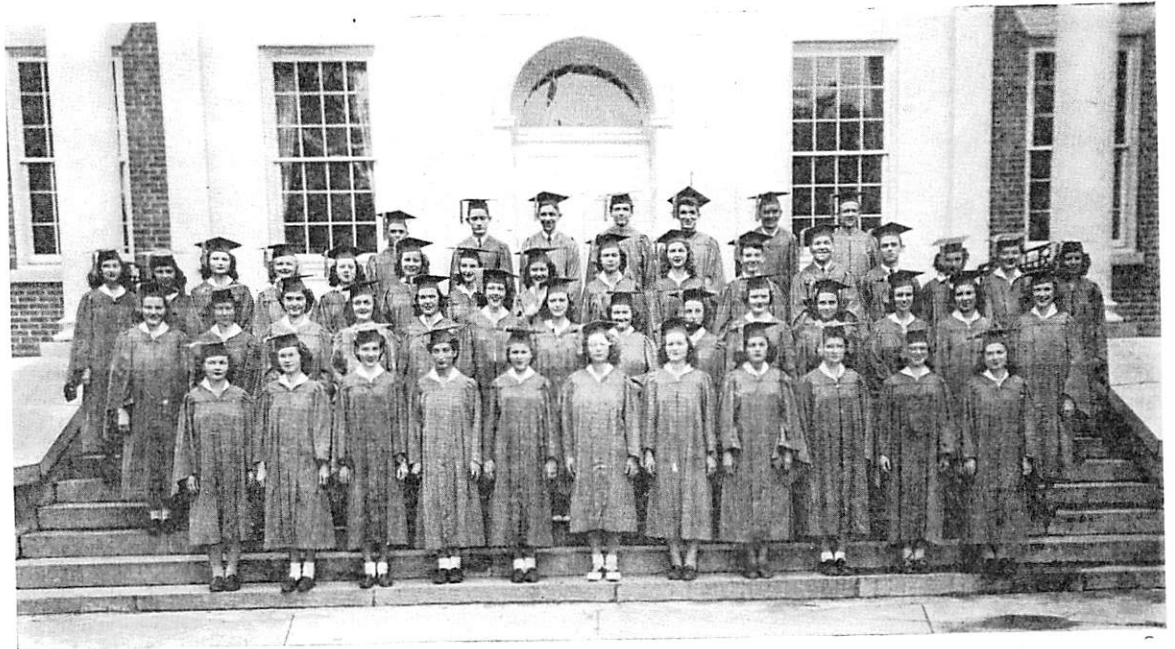
The Echo

of 1945

PUBLISHED BY THE SENIOR CLASS OF
CARY HIGH SCHOOL
CARY, NORTH CAROLINA

Dedication

*To the students of our high school who
have entered the armed forces of this
country, we the staff of the Echo, ded-
icate this Senior Year Book, May 31, 1945.*



THE 1945 CLASS AND THE PORTALS SO FAMILIAR



RANDOLPH BENTON

County Superintendent of Public Instruction

Local School Board

M. T. JONES, *Chairman*

DR. F. R. YARBOROUGH

REV. MR. J. GRAY MURRAY

HAROLD WILSON

C. F. PARRISH

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1945

By The Senior Class

Cary High School

Cary, N. C.



The Graphic Press, Inc.



Faculty

R. S. Dunham, Vocational Agriculture; Mary A. Underwood, Commercial; Sibyl P. Beddingfield, English and Eighth Grade; Earl R. Franklin, Assistant Principal and Social Science; Margaret Wooten, English; Inez S. Stephenson, Home Economics; J. R. Jeffreys, Science; Eliza Matthews, English and Social Studies; Esther Kell Mitchell, Math and French; Effie Meekins, Librarian; Thad N. Frye, Principal.



MR. FRYE

MRS. MATTHEWS



MRS. WOOTEN

MISS UNDERWOOD



An

Appreciation



We have all come to know and respect Mr. T. N. FRYE who came to us in the fall of 1942 as Principal of Cary High School.

To Mr. FRYE we express our deepest appreciation and wish him the "best of luck" in the years to come.

With appreciation and love to Mrs. ELIZA MATTHEWS whose kind and soft voiced counsel as senior sponsor has helped us over many rough spots.

To Mrs. MARGARET WOOTEN who joined us in our Senior year as our English teacher and Dramatic coach, we express our many thanks.

To Miss UNDERWOOD who so faithfully helped us to get out this Year Book we express our deepest appreciation.

The Staff

Senior Officers

JOSEPH GRISSOM.....President
WILBUR JONES.....Vice President
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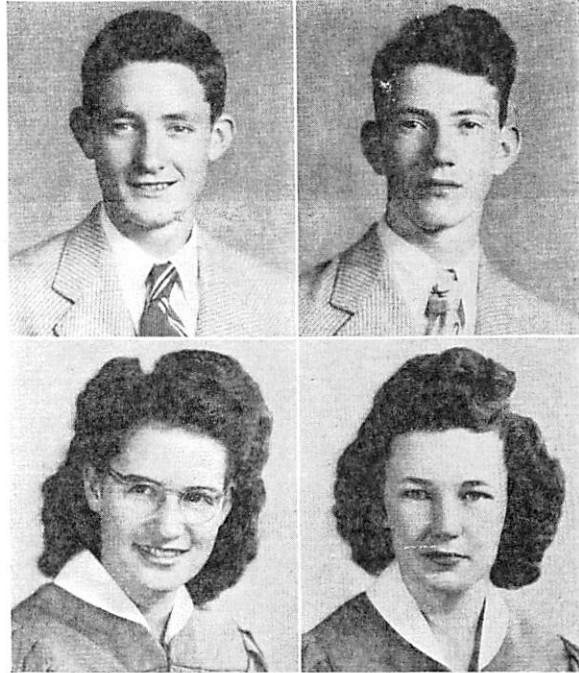


FLOWER:
Red Rose

COLORS:
Red and White

MOTTO:
"Our aim: success, our hope: to win"

MASCOTS:
Judy Ann Jones and George Crook



JOSEPH GRISSOM
"Bashful?" - "Lone French wolf"
"Haircut" - studious
Student Council, 2, 3; President of Home Room, 2; Secretary and Treasurer of Student Council, 3; President of Student Council, 4; President of Class, 3, 4; Library, 4; Dramatics, 4; Football, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

WILBUR JONES
"Short and sweet" - "Best all-round"
"courtous"
Science Club, 1; Physical Ed., 1, 3, 4; Spanish Club, 2; Vice President of Senior Class, 4; Journalism, 4; Co-Advertising Editor of "Echo", 4; Motto Committee of Year Book, 4; Student Council, 4; Stunt Night, 4.

DOROTHY LAWRENCE
"Sweet" - "Likable" - "My country!"
"intellectual"
Secretary of Junior class; Valedictorian; Secretary of Senior Class; Student Council, 2, 3; President of English Club, 2; Chief Marshal, 3; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Editor of Year Book, 4; D.A.R. Representative.

MABEL WYNN
"Short-Stuff" - "Infantry" - "sweet"
"Baby"
Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; First Aid Club, 2; Decoration Committee of Junior-Senior, 3; Treasurer of Dramatics Club, 4; Treasurer of Senior Class; Stunt Night, 4.

'PARTING'

Our high school life has ended,
'Tis sad that we must part,
The happiest years of all our lives
Remain closest to our hearts.

To our teachers who have helped us
On our journeys way,
We leave to them good wishes
On this our graduation day.

Oh, Cary High how we love you,
Our home for the past four years,
After we part we will miss you
As we embark on our many careers.

We say our last farewells to you
With a sad but happy heart,
To Cary High we will be true
Till from this earth we part.

Marie Taylor



CECIL ALLEN
"The Brain" - "tubby" - sincere
 Crafts, 1; F.F.A. Club, 2, 3; Glee Club, 3; Basketball, 4; Journalism, 4; Business Manager of "Echo", 4.

D. C. CASH
"Flat Top" - "bashful type" - "rabbit chaser" - popular - dignified
 Agriculture Club, 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President of F.F.A., 2; President of F.F.A., 3; Marshal, 3; Library Club, 4; Vice President of Student Council, 4.

MARY FRANCES CONYERS
"Better late than never" - sincere
 Home Ec. Club, 2; Stunt Night, 2; Glee Club, 4; Music, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

RAY COX
"That laugh" - "boisterous" - "mischievous"
 Football, 1, 2; Baseball, 1, 2; Aeronautics Club, 3; F.F.A. Club, 4.

HELEN CROWDER
"Cheerleader!" - Personality Plus" - "love 'dat man!" - popular
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 2; Library, 1, 2; Monogram Club, 2; Entertainment Committee for Junior-Senior, 3; Stunt Night, 3; Cheerleader, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4.

JOANNE EAKLEY
"Absence makes the heart grow fonder"
 Dramatics, 1, 4; Stunt Night, 2; Refreshment Committee for Junior-Senior, 3.

MARIANNE GOODWIN
"Silent type"
 Home Ec. Club, 1, 2, 4; Treasurer of Home Ec. Club, 4; Library, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

GLORIA GOODWIN
"Goody" - "fingernails" - "USO dances" - flirt
 Needham Broughton, 1, 2; Glee Club, 1; Girl Reserve, 1, 2; Treasurer of Girl Reserve, 1; Office, 2, 3; Junior-Senior Refreshment Committee, 3; Dramatics, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

JOSEPHINE GUPTON
"Here comes the Navy"
 Home Ec. Club, 2; Stunt Night, 2; Music, 4; Glee Club, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

ISOLINE HOPKINS
"Navy minded" - beautiful hair
 Glee Club, 1, 4; Journalism, 3; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

DOROTHY IVEY
"That chewing-gum"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

FRANCES JONES
"Typing Whiz" - "ASTP" - timid
 Glee Club, 1, 4; President of Girls' Home Room, 2; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

HAROLD JONES
"Tall and Handsome" - "Smart Remarks" - "Casanova"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; Editor of "Echo" (resigned), 4; Journalism, 4.

ADELE KAHDY
"Artist No. 1" - "Friendly"
 Lanier Jr. High, 1, 2; Miller Sr. High, 3; Glee Club, 1, 4; Home Ec. Club, 3; Art Editor Committee for Year Book, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

DORIS KING
"Half-Pint" - "Kingfish" - "Giggles" - "Blush"
 Hugh Morson, 1; Glee Club, 1; Girl Reserve, 1; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; First Aid Club, 2; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Invitation Committee for Junior-Senior, 3; Chairman of Motto Committee, 4.



SARAH KING
"King of them all" - "Best all-round"
 Four Oaks High, 1; Basketball, 1; Science Club, 1; Chairman of Junior-Senior Decoration Committee, 4; Journalism, 2, 3, 4; Associate Editor of newspaper, 3; Assistant Business Manager of newspaper, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

OLIVE LLOYD
"Speedy" - "attractive" - "sweet"
 Glee Club, 1; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Secretary of Home Room, 2; Decoration Committee for Junior-Senior, 3; Dramatics, 4; Year Book Committee, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

DAVID MARTIN
"Slow but sure" - "Rambler"
"Ad Hunter"
 Crafts, 1; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A., 1, 2, 4; Football, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; Public Speaking, 4; Basketball Manager, 4; Year Book Staff, 4.

EDNA MAE MAYNARD
"Johmie" - "Smiles" - "friendly"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; First Aid, 2; Glee Club, 4; Library, 4.

FLOYD McCONNELL
"Woman-Hater" - sincere
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Aeronautics Club, 2; Journalism Club, 4; Library, 4.

DOLLIE MORRIS
"Basketball" - "Athletic" - "that Makes you great!" - "lemonades"
 Crafts, 1; Physical Ed., 1, 3, 4; Junior-Senior Decoration Committee, 3; Basketball, 3, 4; Co-Captain of team, 4; Vice-President of English Club, 4; President of Dramatic Club, 4; Year Book Staff, 4; Stunt Night, 4; Ways and Means Committee of Senior Class, 4.

JOSEPHINE MORRIS
"Miss CHS" - "Pretty" - "brains"
"James"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; First Aid Club, 2; Vice-President of Home Room, 2; Glee Club, 2, 3, 4; Junior-Senior Invitation Committee, 3; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Marshal, 3; Art Editor Committee of Year Book, 4; Class color and flower committee, 4; Cary Queen, 3, 4.

DOROTHY MURRAY
"Shorty" - "12th Grader"
"designer"
 Glee Club, 1; Basketball, 2, 3, 4, 5; Dramatics, 5.

FRANCES NEVILLE
"Man Hater" - "blush, blush"
 Music, 1, 2, 3; Home Ec. Club, 2; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 4; Library, 4.

ANNE NEWMAN
"Influential" - "dreamer" - "Sh. H. Time-Keeper"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Journalism Club, 3; Glee Club, 4.

ZELITA NEWMAN
"Quietness and in confidence"
"ideal senior"
 Science Club, 1; First Aid Club, 2; Secretary of Home Room, 2; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Student Council, 3; Music, 3; Journalism, 4; Editor-in-Chief of school paper.

JEWEL RIDGE
"Judy" - "Photogenic"
"Personality"
 Glee Club, 1, 2; Journalism, 1, 2; Basketball, 2; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4.

MILDRED SAULS
"Neat not gaudy" - "ribbons"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President of Home Room, 2; Glee Club, 4.

BETTY LOU SMITH
"Cheerleader" - "cute 'n Sweet"
"small and mighty"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; First Aid Club, 2; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Marshal, 3; Decoration Committee for Junior-Senior, 3; Cheerleader, 3, 4; Dramatics, 4; Art Editor Committee for Year Book, 4.

JOYCE SMITH
"Blondie" - "P. G." - "smiles"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club, 1, 4; Senior Play, 4.



KAY SMITH
"The Wit" - "ambitious" - "nut college" - "photogenic" - "YMCA"
 Sophomore Play, 2; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Invitation Committee of Junior-Senior, 3; Dramatics, 4; Staff of Year Book, 4.

RACHEL ANNE SMITH
"Chatterbox" - "friendly"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatics, 1, 4; Library, 2, 3, 4; Chairman of Junior-Senior Refreshment Committee, 3; Vice President of Dramatic Club, 4; Staff of Year Book, 4; Ways and Means Committee of Year Book, 4.

PEGGY JEAN STROTHER
"State" - "best dressed" - "Navy"
 Crafts, 1; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Music, 1, 2, 3, 4; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Journalism, 3; Entertainment Committee of Junior-Senior, 3; Dramatics, 4; Last Will and Testament Committee of Year Book, 4; Motto Committee of Class, 4.

MARIE TAYLOR
"Those eyes" - "poetess" - "courteous"
 Music, 1, 2, 3, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; President of Home Ec. Club, 2; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Junior-Senior Refreshment Committee, 3; Ways and Means Committee for Year Book, 4; Dramatics, 4; Class poet, 4.

ETHEL MAE TYSON
"Studios" - "typist" - "sweet 'n friendly"
 Salutatorian Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Marshal, 3; Glee Club, 4; Library, 4.

EVA WARNER
"Silence is of Eternity" - "Merchant Marines" - "original senior"
 Glee Club, 1; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

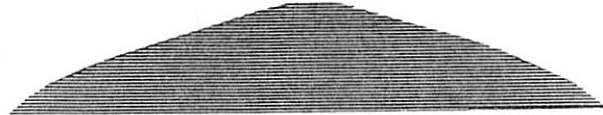
JEAN WILL
"Nice, too" - "personality"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Safety Club, 2; Dramatics, 3, 4; Journalism, 4.

MARY ELIZABETH WILLIAMS
"Dear" - "sweet Smile" - "CAPC"
 Music, 1, 3, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Stunt Night, 1, 4; First Aid Club, 1; Aeronautics, 4.

IRIS WOODALL
"Judy's aunt" - "teapot" - "sweet 'n friendly"
 Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; First Aid Club, 2; Stunt Night, 2, 4; Decoration Committee for Junior-Senior, 3; Glee Club, 4.

GWENDOLYN WOODARD
"dignity" - "long hair" - "singer" - "Tenny"
 Glee Club, 1, 2, 3; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4; Music, 3, 4; Junior-Senior Invitation Committee, 3; Dramatics, 4.

ANNIE LAURIE WRENN
"Friendliness more than common" - "reverse gear"
 Glee Club, 1, 2, 4; Physical Ed., 1, 2, 3, 4.

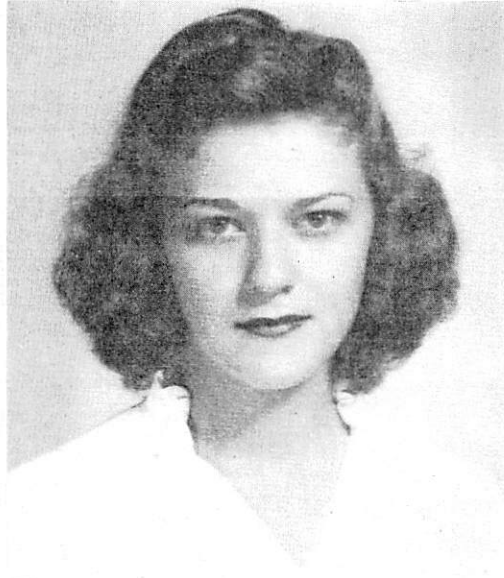


CLASS RAMBLER.....David Martin
 MOST STUDIOUS BOY.....Joseph Grissom
 MOST STUDIOUS GIRL.....Ethel Mae Tyson
 MOST ORIGINAL SENIOR.....Eva Warner
 MOST POPULAR GIRL.....Helen Crowder
 MOST POPULAR BOY.....D. C. Cash
 MOST MISCHIEVOUS BOY.....Ray Cox
 MOST SINCERE.....Cecil Allen
 MOST INTELLECTUAL GIRL.....Dorothy Lawrence
 MOST MUSICAL.....Marie Taylor
 NEATEST.....Mildred Sauls
 PRETTIEST.....Josephine Morris
 WOMAN HATER.....Floyd McConnell
 MAN HATER.....Frances Neville
 FLIRT.....Gloria Goodwin
 POET.....Marie Taylor
 ARTIST.....Fifi Kahdy
 BEST GIRL ATHLETE.....Dolly Morris
 MOST INFLUENTIAL.....Anne Newman
 MOST COURTEOUS GIRL.....Marie Taylor
 MOST COURTEOUS BOY.....Wilbur Jones
 MOST DIGNIFIED GIRL.....Gwendolyn Woodard
 MOST HANDSOME.....Wilton Williams
 QUIETEST GIRL.....Ethel Mae Tyson
 QUIETEST BOY.....James Jones
 MOST DIGNIFIED BOY.....D. C. Cash
 MOST MISCHIEVOUS GIRL.....Kay Smith
 MOST SINCERE GIRL.....Mary Frances Conyers
 MOST TIMID GIRL.....Frances Jones
 MOST TIMID BOY.....Bobby Perry
 MOST ATTRACTIVE GIRL.....Olive Lloyd
 BEST ALL-ROUND GIRL.....Sarah King
 BEST ALL-ROUND BOY.....Wilbur Jones
 FRIENDLIEST.....Edna Mae Maynard
 WITTIEST.....Kay Smith
 BEST DRESSED GIRL.....Peggy Strother
 IDEAL SENIOR.....Zelita Newman

UPERLATIVES



JOSEPHINE MORRIS
Prettiest Girl



KAY SMITH
Wittiest Girl



PEGGY JEAN STROTHER
Best Dressed Girl

CECIL ALLEN
Most Sincere Boy



RAY COX
Most Mischievous Boy

SARAH KING
Best All-round Girl



WILBUR JONES
Best All-round Boy



HELEN CROWDER
Most Popular Girl



D. C. CASH
Most Popular Boy

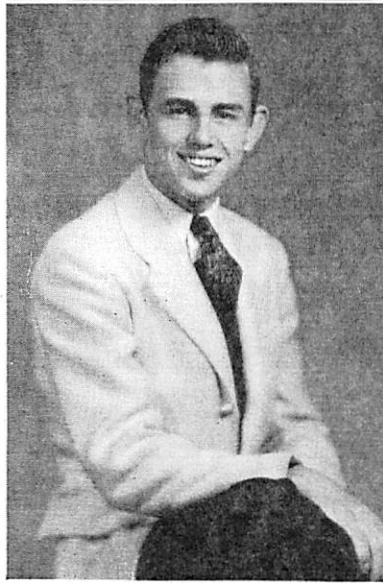


DOLLY MORRIS
Most Athletic Girl

Most Studious Girl
ETHEL MAE TYSON



Most Studious Boy
JOSEPH GRISSOM



Class Rambler
DAVID MARTIN



Ideal Senior
ZELITA NEWMAN

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Class Prophecy Committee

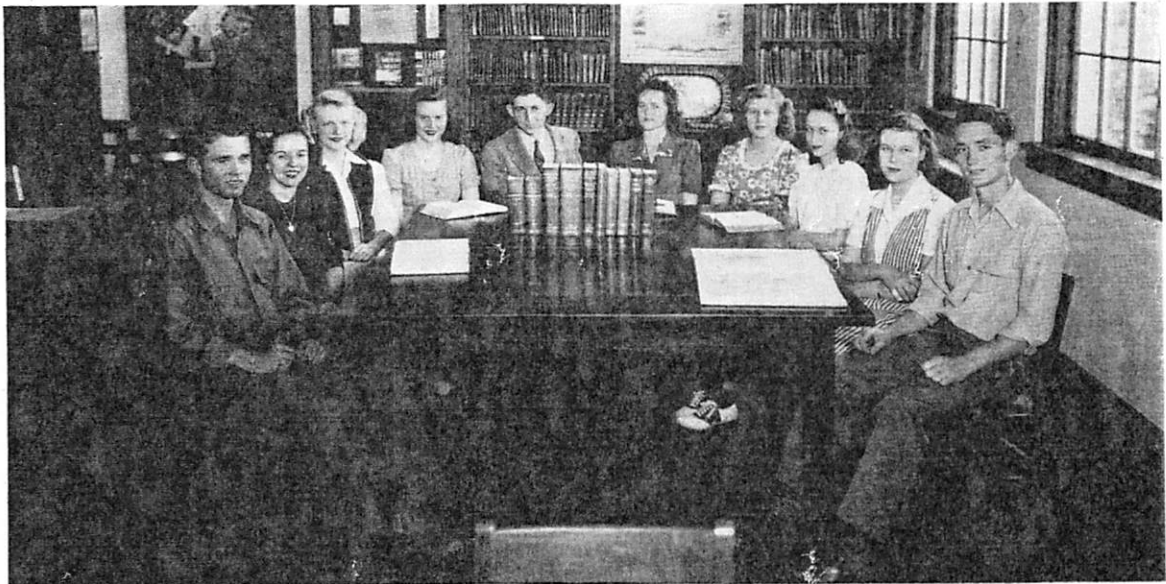
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Class Poet

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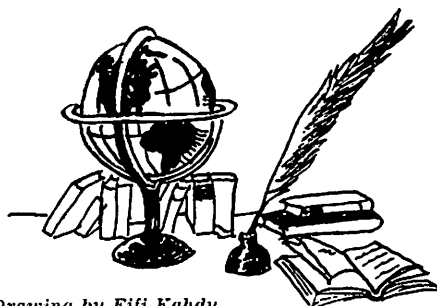
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Drawing by Fifi Kahdy

Class History

Chapter 1

My, what a dusty old attic! Cobwebs and trunks, and look at those pictures. Hey! Wait a minute, those faces look familiar to me, that one on the end for instance, looks like David Martin, why that's who it is!

This must be those photographs of the Class of 1944-1945. Remember back in the fall of '41 when 91 boys and 70 girls gathered in the Halls of Cary High School to begin their High School careers as Freshmen?

How about that group of girls who went to Agriculture Department in search of the Study Hall. After climbing mountains of stairs and walking down miles of halls, they finally reached the Study Hall just in time to receive their schedules for those four required subjects — English, Civics, Math, and Science or Home Economics, or for the boys, Agriculture. The second day was not so bad although everything was still very new. Students had finally found out who their Home Room teachers were and Rachel Anne Smith learned how to open her locker. Everything ran smoothly, or at least we got by. Many thanks to Miss Murray, Mr. Dunham, and Mr. Howard, especially to Miss Overby who taught us how to conjugate verbs backwards and forwards.

Chapter 2

Then came our Sophomore year—silly Sophomores. Miss Black, Miss Cox, and Mr. Dunham were our Home Room teachers. This was the year Miss Cox's home room won the prize at Stunt Night. Health and biology were the most popular subjects, and Catherine Stedman won the medal for the best all-round Sophomore.

Chapter 3

Our Junior year was a lot of fun, remember? That was in 1943-1944, wasn't it? You know, everyone had a good time at the Junior-Senior Prom, April 7, 1944, and they played "Easter Parade" over and over. The Juniors realized that they would be the last class to graduate from Cary High under the eleven-year plan.

Chapter 4

SCHOOL OPENS—School opens September 18th, three weeks late because of polio.

ELECTION DAY—Senior class elects officers.

STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZED—Officers and representatives elected by student body.

C.A.P.C. ORGANIZED—This organization introduced to school by Mrs. Shearon. Many students join.

BOYS LEAVE FOR SERVICE—James Griffin, Wyatt Maynard and W. B. Seymour enter service.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL—P.T.A. sponsors annual carnival with great success.

SENIOR STUNT NIGHT—Stunt Night presented by seniors as a means for raising money to finance Yearbook.

FOOTBALL—Seniors support football team.

CARY HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE TO D.A.R.—Dorothy Lawrence selected by seniors for D.A.R.

CRAZE!!!—"Overalls" worn by all girls, especially by Anne Newman and Kathleen Pierce.

CLUBS ORGANIZED—Various clubs organized and doing excellent work.

CROONERS—Agriculture club presents varied and very talented program.

DECLAMATIONS—Mr. Franklin sponsors Declamation Contest. Joseph Grissom and Dollie Morris winners.

Class History (Continued)

- FASHION SHOW—Future designers on review. Program presented by Home Economics Club.
CHAMPIONSHIP—Cary Basketball Girls win Wake County Championship.
MEDAL OFFERED—Cary Woman's Club offers a medal to the students for citizenship award.
BASKETBALL BANQUET—Basketball Teams honored by Exchange Club.
BASKETBALL PICTURES—Mr. Coggin takes pictures of teams.
CRIME DOES NOT PAY—Mr. Jeffreys chloroforms frog and Sophomores watch experiment.
INTRAMURAL SPORT—The senior girls win Intramural Basketball Tournament.
TREASURER—Wilton Williams resigns as treasurer of senior class, to offer his services to Uncle Sam; Mabel Wynn elected to vacancy.
JUDGES—Three boys, D. C. Cash, James Atkins, and Alonzo Nipper, win cattle and swine judging contest.
CARY RECREATION CLUB—The Cary Recreation Club again organized with the hope of complete cooperation from all.
BOOKS—New Books were obtained by Mrs. Meekins.
RECESS—A ten minute recess was given to the hungry High School.
PROGRESSIVE—The progressive eighth grades present program to raise funds for Dictionary for library.
EXAMS—The unlucky, below-90-average students take exams.

Last Will and Testament

WE, THE SENIOR CLASS OF 1945, being in undisputed possession of intellect and sound character, realizing our deficiencies but fully aware of the superb relief from excessive brain work, and conscious of the uncertainty of future careers, upon leaving Cary High School our present realm of activity do make and declare this our Last Will and Testament.

SECTION I

- ITEM 1—To our Alma Mater we bequeath the unfailling love and loyalty due her name. The happy hours which she gave us we cherish as our most valued treasures, and commit them to the safekeeping of each member.
ITEM 2—To the faculty, who have untiringly guided us in the paths of knowledge, we give our highest praise and esteem.
ITEM 3—To the faculty, we leave such valuable information as they may have gathered from our tests and examinations to impart to the succeeding classes.

SECTION II

- ITEM 1—To the class of 1947, which will be the first twelfth grade in the history of Cary High School, we leave our dignity and sophistication and our annual "Kid Day" to be celebrated on All Fools Day, April 1, so long as this date falls on a school day. *May this responsibility rest heavily upon you, and never be flippantly cast aside. Whosoever violates this section of our will, we commit to the discretion of the executors to be dealt with accordingly.*
ITEM 2—To the class of 1948 we offer our faith and love. To them we entrust the noble standards of the school, and we make their lawful possessions all heirlooms, traditions, and song.
ITEM 3—To the class of 1949, we bequeath the surplus dignity of Senior-hood.
ITEM 4—To the class of 1949, we leave a hearty welcome with the wish for long life and happiness.

SECTION III

- ITEM 1—D. C. Cash in desperation wills his G.I. hair cut to Bobby Crook.
ITEM 2—Dollie Morris leaves her ability to play basketball to Jane Coggin.
ITEM 3—Joyce Smith wills her blond hair to "anyone," hoping they won't be called "proxy" as much as she.
ITEM 4—Joseph Grissom leaves his unusual intelligence to Douglas Cooper.
ITEM 5—Ray Cox bequeaths his laugh to that boisterous Sophomore, Raymond Morgan.
ITEM 6—Gloria Goodwin leaves her ability for flirting to Rene Sox.

Last Will and Testament (Continued)

- ITEM 7—To Barbara Lee Matthews we leave Josephine Morris' good looks.
ITEM 8—Peggy Jean Strother leaves her good looking clothes to Peggy Phillips.
ITEM 9—To Evelyn Wilson, we leave Marie Taylor's musical ability.
ITEM 10—Dorothy Lawrence leaves her ability to think to Alameta Clark.
ITEM 11—To Mary Phelps, we leave Betty Lou Smith's cuteness.
ITEM 12—Jewel Ridge bequeaths her ability to get by "chomping" gum in class to that likable Sophomore, Elizabeth Hamilton.
ITEM 13—Dorothy Murray leaves her dimples to anyone who smiles a lot.
ITEM 14—Joanne Eakley leaves her sweet disposition to Patricia Sanderford.
ITEM 15—Cecil Allen leaves his heart to that certain Sophomore Rene Cox.
ITEM 16—Bobby Perry leaves his desperado character to someone who deserves it.
ITEM 17—Olive Lloyd bequeaths her attractiveness to Hilda Spence.
ITEM 18—Gwendolyn Woodard leaves her great dignity to whoever is truly dignified.
ITEM 19—Helen Crowder with best wishes leaves her popularity to Sue Ford.
ITEM 20—Harold Jones bequeaths his well groomed hair to Dixon Jackson.
ITEM 21—James Jones leaves his quietness to Billy Henderson.
ITEM 22—Wilbur Jones leaves his good all-round character to Benny Crowder.
ITEM 23—Our woman-hater, Floyd McConnell, bequeaths his hate for women to Cecil Cannady.
ITEM 24—"Fifi" Kahdy leaves her artistic ability to Charles Harrell.
ITEM 25—Kay Smith leaves her wit to Peggy Baughan.
ITEM 26—Rachel Ann Smith leaves her ability to talk to Rachel Dillard.
ITEM 27—Lucille Tant leaves her half-pint size to Marguerite Shaw.
ITEM 28—Mabel Wynn leaves her height to Peggy Baughan.
ITEM 29—To "everybody" Annie Laurie Wrenn leaves her sweet disposition.
ITEM 30—Mary Elizabeth Williams leaves her "air-mindedness" to Mildred Watkins.
ITEM 31—Zelita Newman leaves her journalism ability to Jane Coggin.
ITEM 32—David Martin leaves his rambling ability to Bob Heater.
ITEM 33—Mary Frances Conyers bequeaths her tardy notes to Catherine Champion.
ITEM 34—Marianne Goodwin wills her sweet disposition to Bobbie Ross.
ITEM 35—Josephine Gupton leaves her love for the Navy to Emma Jean Jones.
ITEM 36—Dorothy Ivey wills her love for outdoor life to Sarah Beck Woodard.
ITEM 37—Frances Jones bequeaths her "timidness" to Mary Frances Riggan.
ITEM 38—Sarah King says she's not leaving James Olive to anybody.
ITEM 39—Eva Warner leaves her modesty to Rachel Dillard.
ITEM 40—Iris Woodall leaves her wise cracks to Shirley Nunnery.
ITEM 41—Jean Will leaves her will-power to Inez Pierce.
ITEM 42—Frances Neville leaves her "small waist" to Mary Phelps.
ITEM 43—Ann Newman leaves her influence to Sadie Marie Frye.
ITEM 44—Doris Newsome leaves her natural wavy hair to Dorothy Jackson.
ITEM 45—Isolene Hopkins leaves her keen adaptation to shorthand to whoever has mastered the Chinese language.
ITEM 46—Mildred Sauls leaves her mouse-like tendencies to Ruth Pierce.
ITEM 47—Edna Mae Maynard leaves her friendly disposition to Mary Florence Hailey.
ITEM 48—Doris King leaves her jolly ways to Betty Ann Johnson.
ITEM 49—Mary Jo Hellen leaves her "red" hair to Helen Marshburn.
ITEM 50—Herbert Young leaves his popularity to Billy Henderson.
ITEM 51—THE SENIORS LEAVE SCHOOL, PERIOD.

Prophecy



Aloma, greatest of all Gypsy fortune-tellers, I am concerned about the future of the Class of 1945 . . . Can you see them in 1955? . . . What will happen to them?

I can see that class dimly, now the film is lifting and I can see it as one of the most intelligent classes ever to graduate from Cary High School.

Helen Crowder is modeling nylons for Marshall Field in Chicago.

Olive Lloyd is a happy housewife living in the country and coming to market in her station wagon each Saturday.

Cecil Allen exploring Siberia is more dependable than Frank Buck to "bring them back alive!"

Joseph Grissom is now a typical college Professor with a big bay window and horned-rimmed glasses. He is teaching law and is sometimes subject to hay fever.

Jo Anne Eakley is modeling her own exclusive creations in her hat shop at the corner of Templeton and Academy in Cary, N. C.

Josephine Gupton is the toast of Broadway as the featured dancer in the Blue Beard Night Club.

Mary Frances Conyers is teaching the seventh grade in Cary Public School and she is having in-law trouble.

Dorothy Murray is teaching a class of boys to crochet in the Cary Home Ec. department where she holds a responsible job as a teacher of Home Ec.

Bob Perry is a handsome band leader with a dozen heart throbs with a maroon and cream limousine.

Dorothy Lawrence is a famous children's dentist tempting them with peppermint sticks while she pulls out handfuls of teeth.

Gwendolyn Woodard is swooning over a new opera just written "The Irritated Flea."

Dollie Morris, the world's champion tennis player, is taking a much needed rest in Brazil.

Zelita Newman is a famous men's doctor. She guarantees a cure to alcoholics, smokers and love-sick males.

Jean Will is devoting her life to holding the hands of handsome sick men as a nurse.

Joyce Smith is a barnyard imitator on the air and can beat the cackle sisters cackling.

Rachel Ann Smith, a beautiful, brilliant criminal lawyer now defending handsome Bob Perry in his third breach-of-promise suit.

Betty Lou Smith is a bathing beauty who has already won several contests even though she can't swim.

Ray Cox is a great explorer having traveled the Arctic and the South Pole discovering several tribes of people and choosing a wife from one.

Isoline Hopkins is happily married to a Lt. Commander in the Navy. She has several little sailors.

Doris Newsome is the Ambassador to Swift Creek.

Kay Smith is a cowgirl in a show out west, which is on ten weeks run.

Ethel Mae Tyson is a Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina.

Annie Laurie Wrenn is known as Madame Laurie the most brilliant of all Metropolitan Stars.

Gloria Goodwin is the best cosmetic sales lady Tailors', in Raleigh, has ever had.

Mabel Wynn is making a huge salary as a secretary, and has a big house.

Harold Jones, insurance executive, flirts with all blondes and now has iron gray hair.

Wilton Williams makes girls swoon over N.B.C. each evening at seven and spends his spare time drinking rum and coca-cola and smoking big black cigars.

Dorothy Ivey is driving a tractor over her thousand acre farm and putting her chickens to bed before dark.

Mary Elizabeth Williams is not yet married but is engaged to a handsome Spanish rancher who is her dancing partner.

Marie Taylor is a concert pianist now touring West Rhamkatte, she refuses to play on anything but her Baby Grand Piano which goes everywhere she goes.

Eva Warner is the owner of a cattle ranch in Southwest Massachusetts.

Mary Jo Hellen is a blues singer in a hot spot in France. This is her third year.

Herbert Young is a Matinee Idol. When he appears on stage everybody swoons.

D. C. Cash is the best farmer in Wake County and is still making a policy of speaking politely and dignified to his mules, "Fuse" and "Plug."

Peggy Jean Strother is a radio technician employed by National Broadcasting Station.

Josephine Morris is a recent beauty winner in a Southern Belle Contest.

Wilbur Jones is a second hand bubble-gum salesman on the side walks of New York.

Marianne Goodwin is a huge success as a florist.

Adele "Fifi" Kahdy is Hollywood's most famous costume designer.

Oh! I now see *Doris King* in her beautiful art gallery showing her exhibition to elementary children.

Lucille Tant, Hollywood star entertained inhabitants of the "Old Folks Home."

Floyd McConnell is now living in Iowa, where he has won a recent hog calling contest.

Francis Neville is enjoying great success as director of Tobacco Road on Broadway.

Anne Newman is a trapeze artist now playing in N. C. State Fair under the name of Ann Devine.

Iris Woodall is the placid mother of triplets now living on her estate in Asbury, N. C.

Edna Mae Maynard is pilot of a Helicopter in the new country discovered five years ago by Ray Cox and Herbert Young.

David Martin is an organ grinder, his monkey, Teep, has been presented a new red cap by the S.P.C.A. (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to animals.)

Jewel Ridge is chief stewardess for Eastern Airlines, now flying from New York to Florida.

Mildred Saul is a successful secretary for Universal Studio.

Frances Jones is the private secretary of the new Mayor of Chicago.

Sarah King is the world's greatest Lion Tamer now appearing in Madison Square Garden.

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CARY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
CLASS OF 1945

1 MAY 2008 - KAS Cafeteria - South Hills
(53 in class - 19 deceased) Cary, NC.

R.P.U. Attended - but did not speak. Notes taken

People Present

1. D. C. CASH
2. ^{2nd} wife Maggie ~~Mary~~ ^{MATTHEW}
3. Joe (Mamie) Jeffrey
4. Iris (Woodall) Mauer
Hus - ~~W.T.~~ BOB MORRIS
5. Joe Gussons
7. ^{2nd} wife Martha
8. Floyd McConnell
9. ^{2nd} wife Edythe
10. Edna Mae Maynard
Hus - ? W.T. GRUBBS
11. Dora (King) Carroll
12. Eva (Warner) Jamer
Hus - Russell Jamer
13. Mary Frances (Coyner) Lerner
and Bill Lerner
14. Mary Elizabeth (Hulburt) Wagner
15. Fern Wagner (2nd Mar)
16. Wilbur Jamer
and ^{2nd} wife -- JEAN (SUICIDE) ^{1ST WIFE}
16. David Martin - Cousin Late
17. R.P.U.

There were 22 ~~Edna Mae Maynard~~
18 Wilbur Wilbur ~~W.T.~~

Responded but did not come

1. Ci Ci - OR
2. Marie (Taylor) Dixon
3. Oline (Lloyd)
4. Frances (Jamer) Mabry
(bro Bob line died)
5. Dorothy (Murray) Housh
6. Gwendolen (Woodard)
Pugh
7. Sarah () King
8. Billy Gosh - A hard
year - ~~to~~ macular
degeneration
bro Bobby died

QUE where is Jewel Ridge

Annice Janine Wrenn - Beaufort

Jean will

Mary Wend

Joyanne Boikanner Gypson

Lost GUY MOORE 2008

David Martin

Cory High Reunion

where is :

where is

Small Ridge

Anne Louise Wrenn

in Beaufort

Jean Mill

Mary Neal

Josephine Buchanan Eyster

Text by C. MOORE 2000

53 original

19 Dec 2000

One lady approached my table & I said
 "I am Phil Lyndhurst" she said
 "of course you are" on 6 MAY 09
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 Eva, his wife, told me the
 Lady was Mary Elizabeth (Wulham)
 Wagner - her 2nd mtn calls
 Tom Wagner

DC Cash - Maggie
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 Ina Woolall
 Edward McConnell
 Edgell

Edna Mae Maynard
 and Emell

Doris K. Canal

Emma Waver

Russell Jones

Mary Frances Canyon
 and Bill Lewis

Mary Elizabeth's mother

and ---

(2nd
 Tom Wagner)

Wulham Jones

and

Responded

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N. R. C. Goody F. W. (Jones) Mabry

Emory (Wooden) Bro - BOB - April

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Dorothy (Mary)

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Billy Crook
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REC'D
18 APR 2009

April 12, 2009

Dear Classmates:

At last year's class reunion, the decision was made to meet again in 2009 at the K&S Cafeteria (Banquet Room) in Cary's South Hills Mall.

The date for the reunion is Friday, May 1, 2009. Because some of our classmates prefer daytime activities, this will be lunch at 12:00 noon. Please meet in the Banquet Room at 11:45 AM for a blessing, then we will proceed through the line at 12:00. Payment for the meal will be made individually upon leaving the cafeteria; therefore no reservations or advance payment will be needed.

If you cannot attend, please take a few minutes to drop Jo a note to bring your classmates up to date on what's happening in your life.

1945-2009 – It's Been 64 Years Since Our Graduation!

Once again, I'm assisting Jo in planning the reunion by sending letters. Any questions, letters, comments or a need for directions should be directed to:

Josephine Jeffreys
5504 Yates Mill Pond Road
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606
Telephone (919)854-2006

Sincerely,


Zelita Smith

REC'D
27 MAR 2001

On May 4, 2001, Cary High School class of 1945, will have their 56th reunion. It will be held at 6:30 pm at Swift Creek Community Center, 6221 Yates Mill Pond Rd., for a catered meal. Cost is \$11.00 per person. Hope you can attend, if so, send your check by April 20th

to: Josephine M. Jeffreys
2703 Lake Wheeler Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27603-2662
919-834-5729

If you cannot attend, let us hear from you, about what's going on in your life.

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April 2, 2001

Josephine M. Jeffreys
2703 Lake Wheeler Road
Raleigh, NC 27603-2662

Dear Josephine:

Thank you for the announcement about the Cary High School Class Reunion to be held on Mary 4, 2001. It just so happens that Sallaine and I were planning a trip to NC about this time and with a slight change in plans we can attend the reunion. Enclosed is our check for \$22.00. Please reserve spots for us. I really enjoyed the 50th Reunion and am looking forward to this one with pleasure.

On the trip I will be spending about two weeks in the Raleigh area working on Upchurch family history. Lois Upchurch Jeffreys has agreed to spend part of a day riding around the Inwood Church area visiting sites that were significant for our ancestors. This family history bug can be very difficult to overcome.

With appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Upchurch

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29 JUL 2001

JOSEPHINE M. JEFFREYS
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Dear Josephine,

This is just a note to explain why we did not come to the Cary High Reunion on 4 MAY 2001 as we had planned. The story is told in the enclosed copy of our "SPRING 2001 SAGA". We were really enjoying our extended stay in NC when the bad news about our water damage came. We are now back to 100% and I am trying to catch up on things put aside earlier.

We were very sorry to miss the Reunion and trust it was a great success.

Sincerely yours

(i)

Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH]

7 JUN 1995

JOSEPH GRISSOM
251 MARILYN CIRCLE
CART, NC 27513-5312

Dear Joe,

This is just a note to thank you for helping to organize the 50th Reunion for the 1944 Cary High School Class. Congratulations also on a fine job of MC'ing the event. Sallaine and I thoroughly enjoyed the event. The evening certainly brought back memories from long ago. It was a great pleasure to see classmates from years gone by. It was a special treat to see you again and to meet Martha. Given that you and I were such close friends in the 1940's we need more time to compare notes. In the brief time we had to visit after the reunion you mentioned several items that had escaped my mind, who knows what we will come up with if we put our heads together. At present we do not have any definite plans to be in Raleigh but given the family connections we have there and the other interests we have another trip will no doubt come about within the next year or so. I'll

get in touch and ^{2.} hope we can visit again.

Enclosed is a copy of our "freedom" document. Perhaps I sent this to Zelita and she referred it on to you. In any case this sort of "escape" a few decades for us.

The big push for me now is to juggle our farming and genealogy interests while trying to get into the real estate business. It is fascinating to me for a variety of reasons. Only time will tell how it works out.

If you and Martha are in a traveling mood these days, we would be happy to have you visit us in Lake St Louis. This part of Missouri has a lot to offer and it would be our pleasure to show you some of the local sites.

With All Best Wishes,

☺ Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

REC'D
19 APR 1994

April 15, 1995

Zelita Newman Smith
1633 Pineview Dr.
Raleigh, NC 27606

Dear Classmates:

Your response to the letter of 3/1/95 was great! Forty-four cards were returned with indications that thirty eight of our class of fifty are interested in attending a reunion. Some additional contacts have been made by phone calls in an effort to have as many of our class together as possible.

Six replied that they will be unable to be with us. Anne Newman Harrison states that her health problems will not permit her to attend. "Fifi" Kahdy Richards, Kay Smith Zachary and Annie Laurie Wrenn Campbell wrote that their husbands are quite ill. Dorothy Ivey Branton and Dorothy Murray Culbreath will not be with us. For those unable to attend, please drop us a letter telling us about yourself these past years. The letters will be shared at the reunion.

THE FINAL PLANS FOR THE REUNION ARE:

WHEN: Saturday evening, May 27th at 7:00 pm.

WHERE: Balentine's Restaurant in Cameron Village in Raleigh. We will meet and be served dinner in a banquet room - The Cooper Room - on the lower level of Balentine's.

COST: \$20.00 per person

The cost of the meal is \$14.27 per person which includes tax and gratuity. In addition to the cost of the meal we plan to have a photographer present to make a group picture and furnish copies for each of us. Cost of later mailing each class member a copy of the group picture will be approximately \$1.00 per picture. Also, we hope to have former teachers and their spouses to attend as our guests. Postage and correspondence fees have been approximately \$60.00. If there is money left, it will be mentioned at the reunion and an appropriate designation can be chosen. An account has been established at Wachovia Bank to process checks and pay the bills.

DEADLINE FOR CHECKS: May 15, 1995. We must give Balentine's an exact count several days before the reunion.

GENERAL INFORMATION: Balentine's has parking on both levels. As previously stated, our banquet room is on the lower level. We will probably easily recognize each other but just in case, look for some one wearing a green and white ribbon. If you need information or directions to Balentine's, please call one of the committee.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHS CLASS REUNION/1945.

Sincerely,

Joe (919) 467-9185
Dan (919) 467-8226
Wilton (919)226-9395
Zelita (919)851-2873

March 1, 1995

REC'D
6 MAR 95

Dear Classmates,

May 30, 1945. Incredible as it seems, on that date nearly fifty years ago, we became graduates of Cary High School!

The purpose of this letter is to learn of the interest we have in getting together for a 50th class reunion. A volunteer committee of Joe Grissom, Dan (Wilbur) Jones, Wilton Williams, and Zelita Smith have met to discuss this possibility. At this point, we need to know your opinion of a reunion and if you would likely attend.

We have tentatively contacted Balentine's Restaurant in Raleigh (Cameron Village) as a meeting site. They can accommodate our group on May 27th at 7:00 PM. At a later date, we would have to give Balentine's an exact count, but all of that information will follow in a future letter. Of course, spouses and guests are welcome.

Please complete the enclosed card and return it by March 20th. As you can see, we are not asking for a firm commitment at this time, primarily we want to know of your interest.

We hope this letter finds you well and enjoying this time in your life. Any of the volunteer committee would be happy to hear from you and to have your assistance in planning this event.

Remember, please send the card back by March 20th. Zelita has volunteered to maintain the correspondence.

Sincerely,
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Zelita (919) 851-2873

R. PHILLIP UPCHURCH
6 EAGLES WAY LAKE
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Zelita Newman Smith
1633 Pineview Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27606

Zelita - In December 1994 after 12 MAR 1995
19 1/2 years with the University of Arizona I
retired and moved to Massachusetts. We will
be visiting NC in late MAY and can attend.
I am looking forward to the reunion Phillip Upchurch

Yes, I am interested in the reunion and
will likely attend.

No, I will be unable to attend.

Comments/Suggestions My wife

SALLAINE SLEDGE UPCHURCH

WILL BE WITH ME

"PHIL" Name ROBERT PHILLIP UPCHURCH

5
7 JUN 1995

ZELITA NEWMAN SMITH
1633 PINEVIEW DRIVE
RALEIGH, NC 27606

6 EAGLES WAY LAKE
LAKE ST LOUIS, MO
63367

Dear Zelita,

Day before yesterday we returned to our home in Lake St Louis, MO after a 15 day family history trip through TN and NC. We felt most fortunate that this allowed us to attend the 50th reunion of the Class of 1944 - Cary High School. Both Gallaine and I want to thank you for the effort you and your colleagues expended in putting on this splendid event. I was surprised to remember so many individuals after so long a time and considering I was with the class only one year. The class is blessed with good spirits and it is fortunate that most are in good health.

I do hope you will continue to meet yearly and that we can again join you at some future date - perhaps 5 years hence.

We are looking forward to the photos.
With All Best Wishes

Sincerely yours
Phil Dykeman

[ROBERT PHILLIP WPCURCH]

19 APR 1995

6 EAGLES WAY LANE
LAKE ST, LOUIS,
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ZELITA NEWMAN SMITH
1633 PINEVIEW DR.
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Dear Zelita,

Many thanks for your letter of 15 APR
1995. Mrs Upchurch (nee Sallaine Sledge) and
I are looking forward to participating
in the Cary High reunion on 27 MAY 1995.
A check for \$40.⁰⁰ is enclosed.

We can be reached by phone at our
residence in Missouri (314-561-6158) up to
22 MAY 95 at which time we will head for
Raleigh, NC with several stops along the
way. We will spend the nights of 26 &
27 MAY 95 in Cary, NC with Sallaine's sister
Mrs William J. Brown and messenger can be
left for us there at 919-467-2068.

We are looking forward to a joyful
reunion.

Sincerely yours

Phil Upchurch
[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

CARY HIGH SCHOOL, CARY, WAKE CO, NC

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MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1996

Stories of pride, and sometimes pain, at heart of Cary centennial



Hamlet resident Lucille Batts Craddock, 76, went to Cary High School, as did her eight brothers and sisters.

STAFF PHOTOS BY JOHN ROTTET

School to echo tales of 100 years

By ELIZABETH WELLINGTON
STAFF WRITER

CARY

When the nine Batts children went to Cary High School, it was a boarding school, the town was one square mile surrounded by farmland and Preston was a pasture.

Now nearly 300 people move each month from across the state and country to Cary, which has grown to 34 square miles of cozy cul-de-sacs, glass office buildings and bustling shopping centers.

Most newcomers drive right by the old Cary High School building on Academy Street, one of North Carolina's oldest public schools, without a second glance.

But not the Batts sisters. "Our town has changed," said Pauline Batts Yarbor-

ough, 78, from her home on Pond Street, "but the direction of our schooling hasn't, and Cary High School is a



Pauline Batts Yarborough says her family came to Cary for the school.

...ece of history that is there to remind us of that.”

In its first century, Cary High withstood the Great Depression when the school could not print its yearbook, *The Chsite*, for 15 years or buy new library books. It

left behind the Jim Crow era, changing the name of its sports teams from the Cary White Imps to simply the Cary Imps.

The Batts sisters, along with hundreds of other Cary High graduates, are preparing to celebrate their alma mater’s 100th birthday.

At 9 a.m. Saturday, residents will parade down Academy Street in a celebration of Cary High School. The event will take place in conjunction with the town’s Spring Daze Festival.

After the parade, the heavy wooden doors of the old building with its classic columns — now Cary Elementary School — will open, to feature dozens of pieces of Cary High memorabilia in a “Walk Through History” collection. And in July, former students are invited to an all-class reunion.

For the celebration, former students have been searching attics, rummaging through boxes and checking every corner of their basements to gather memorabilia.

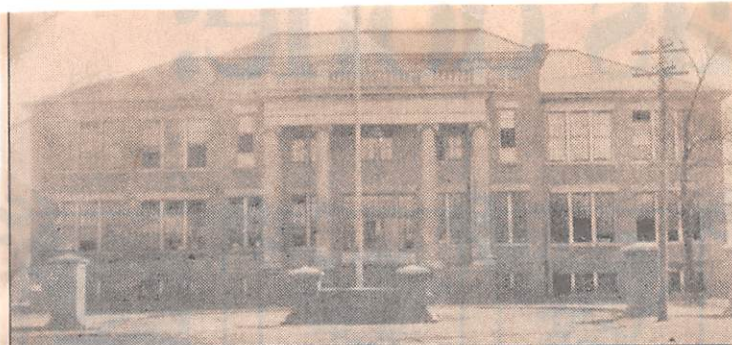
Old-timers, like the Battses, have pulled copies of *The Echo*, Cary High School’s student paper that started in 1919 and won several best student newspaper awards.

They have found a 1927 edition of the catalog for Cary High School, giving a list of classes offered and behavioral policies in what were then the boys’ and girls’ dorms.

There are photos of the high school band, the same band that won the school national attention at President Nixon’s 1973 inauguration.

There are newspaper stories about sad events, such as the suicides of three students in 1993. And there are the stories that often aren’t told, such as the struggles surrounding desegregation efforts in the early 1960s.

Times were simpler in 1919, when John Fitzhugh Batts moved his family of 11 to Cary from a farm in Johnston Coun-



The Cary High School administration building in 1927.

Cary High School: a history

- 1870** Cary Academy is started by Frances Page, one of the town’s founders, as a private boarding school for children in grades 1-11.
- 1873** Page sells Cary Academy to Rufus Jones and his daughters.
- 1896** Sixteen residents buy the academy from the Joneses, making it a public school, and name it Cary High School.
- 1907** March 26 — N.C. General Assembly agrees to assist a statewide system of public schools.
April 3 — The Board of Education purchases Cary High School for \$2,750 from the 16 residents.
- 1913** Original school building is replaced by a bigger facility designed for its Farm Life and Agriculture Program.
- 1915** The *Chsite*, Cary High School’s yearbook, debuts.
- 1919** The *Echo*, Cary High School’s newspaper, debuts.
- 1921** The Cary High School Band debuts.
- 1930** The *Chsite* is suspended for lack of funds because of the Great Depression.
- 1933** Dormitories are converted into living quarters for teachers.
- 1938** After only 25 years, the county demolishes the original administration building and begins construction on a new building for Cary High School.
- 1960** Cary High School building on Walnut Street is completed. Sophomores, juniors and seniors are relocated there.
- 1963** The first six black students enroll.
- 1969** The sports teams’ name is changed from the Cary White Imps to the Cary Imps at the request of black students.
- 1973** The Cary High School band plays at President Nixon’s inauguration.
- 1993** Two students commit suicide, and a third follows soon after.
- 1996** The school celebrates its centennial with parades and a class reunion.

Compiled by ELIZABETH WELLINGTON

Source: “Around and About Cary,” Thomas M. Byrd



As a high school student, Ethel Adams voted for a mascot she’d later teach.

ty. At that time, farmland surrounded the school.

In fact, the Batts farmhouse stood where the Cary Library sits today, in the shadow of the school, and the family farm occupied all the land within a two-block radius.

"Everything was farmland," Yarborough said. "Daddy used to sell things like corn and butter beans out of the garden at the grocery store downtown. He would trade with the grocer with the stuff he grew. ... He sold milk to Pond State Creamery in Raleigh for a while."

Their father owned another farm, most of which now is the site of the Cary Towne Center.

Although farming spanned four generations of the Batts family, the father wanted his children to finish high school.

"The reason my daddy moved us here was because of the school," Yarborough said. "I hated education, but Daddy wanted all of us to get a good education so we wouldn't have to work so hard farming."

Her earliest memory of school is her role as the mascot for the senior class of 1924. She was chosen over a parrot. One of the seniors who voted for her would later become her sixth-grade teacher, Ethel Adams. At 93, Adams still lives in Cary.

With nine children making their way through Cary High, the Battses would attend all-day commencement exercises every couple of years starting in 1925. They particularly enjoyed the nine graduation dinners they attended.

Like the Battses, many families were drawn to Cary because of the reputation of the school, said historian Jim Leloudis of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"A high school like Cary was pioneering in their effort to remake the countryside into the commercial image of the city," Leloudis said, referring to the high school's farm life program that taught farming as a business.

Many students who graduat-

ed from Cary High didn't go into farming, choosing factory work that required reading and writing skills.

Not one of the Batts children became a farmer.

The past

Cary High School was founded by Frances Page in 1870 as a private school called Cary Academy. Shortly afterward, Page sold the school to the Jones family. In 1896, the town bought the school from the Joneses.

That same year, Cary High School became chartered as a public school, eight days after the General Assembly voted in favor of state funding for schools.

Town folklore has it that Cary High was the state's first public school. But state historians cannot be sure, because 156 high schools in 81 counties began receiving state funding that year and there is no record of the order in which the checks arrived.

Still, a plaque hangs in the Cary Elementary School building proclaiming Cary High as the first to receive state funding.

Several members of the Batts family hope to participate in the celebration. Lucille, 76, said she and her husband may drive up from Hamlet for the event. Yarborough, who lives near the school, would like to attend if she can find help for her ailing sister Florence, 89, who is also a Cary High grad.

But it is a feeling of being unwanted that will keep Brenda Teal from the reunion.

Teal, then Brenda Hill, attended Berry O'Kelly High School in Method until 1963, but her mother, a civil rights worker, fought for her daughter's right to attend Cary High. She wanted her daughter to read from the newer books and use the better equipment the state sent to the all-white school.

When the day of desegregation arrived for Cary High School, "there were white students that we grew up with who wouldn't

even acknowledge us when we got on the bus," Teal said.

"They went around calling us niggers and coons, and we couldn't say anything back because we were trained not to. But it was good that we had the six of us together so we can be supportive of each other."

Teal went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Shaw University and a master's from East Carolina University. Today, she is a social worker in Greenville, and that's where she'll stay during the Cary High centennial.

The future

Today's Cary High School, which opened in the fall of 1960, covers nearly a block of Walnut Street near the sprawling Cary Towne Center.

At lunch time, many students sit in the cafeteria, usually separated by race as a matter of choice. Some shiny new cars can be found in the parking lot.

And while Cary High prepares to construct a \$3.4 million addition to its one-story building, other plans call for a new Cary Academy, the town's first modern private high school. Ground-breaking is planned later this year for the new school, primarily funded by the computer software company SAS Institute.

Plans also are being drafted for a second public high school on the west side of town, the new part of Cary that gives the town its reputation as home for the rich.

Here, where half-million-dollar homes are set on manicured lawns, some residents rarely have the occasion to cross the dividing line of Harrison Avenue into the old Cary — just as Pauline Batts Yarborough rarely goes west of Harrison.

She says she looks at her years at Cary High from a much different perspective now than when she graduated with the class of 1937.

"I realize how important Cary High was to us," she said. "It was the only thing in town."



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CARY HIGH SCHOOL REUNION - 2014

Some graduates of Cary High School in the 1970s recently realized that their parents graduated from Cary High 70 years ago this year! We want to help them celebrate this anniversary of their graduation by inviting all the graduates from the 1940s to celebrate along with the Class of 1944.

We realize that it may not be possible for you to attend on short notice, especially if you live out of town. We are sending this invitation to you to let you know that we honor all of you on this occasion and will be thinking of you as we celebrate.

If you plan to attend and have any memorabilia or pictures of your time at Cary Elementary and High School, bring them along! We would like to make copies and would return the originals to you. Because there were no yearbooks in the early 1940s, we are eager to gather as much material as possible to commemorate those years. School newspapers and pictures would be most helpful. We are fortunate to already have yearbooks from 1945, 1947, 1948, and 1949.

You may RSVP to Carla (see the invitation), and we hope to see you soon!

Annie Walton Wyatt CHS 1971
(daughter of Emma Stella Green Walton CHS 1944)
Carla Jordan Michaels CHS 1973
(daughter of CY Jordan CHS 1944)
Jeanna Benoy CHS 1972
Pam Jones White CHS 1976

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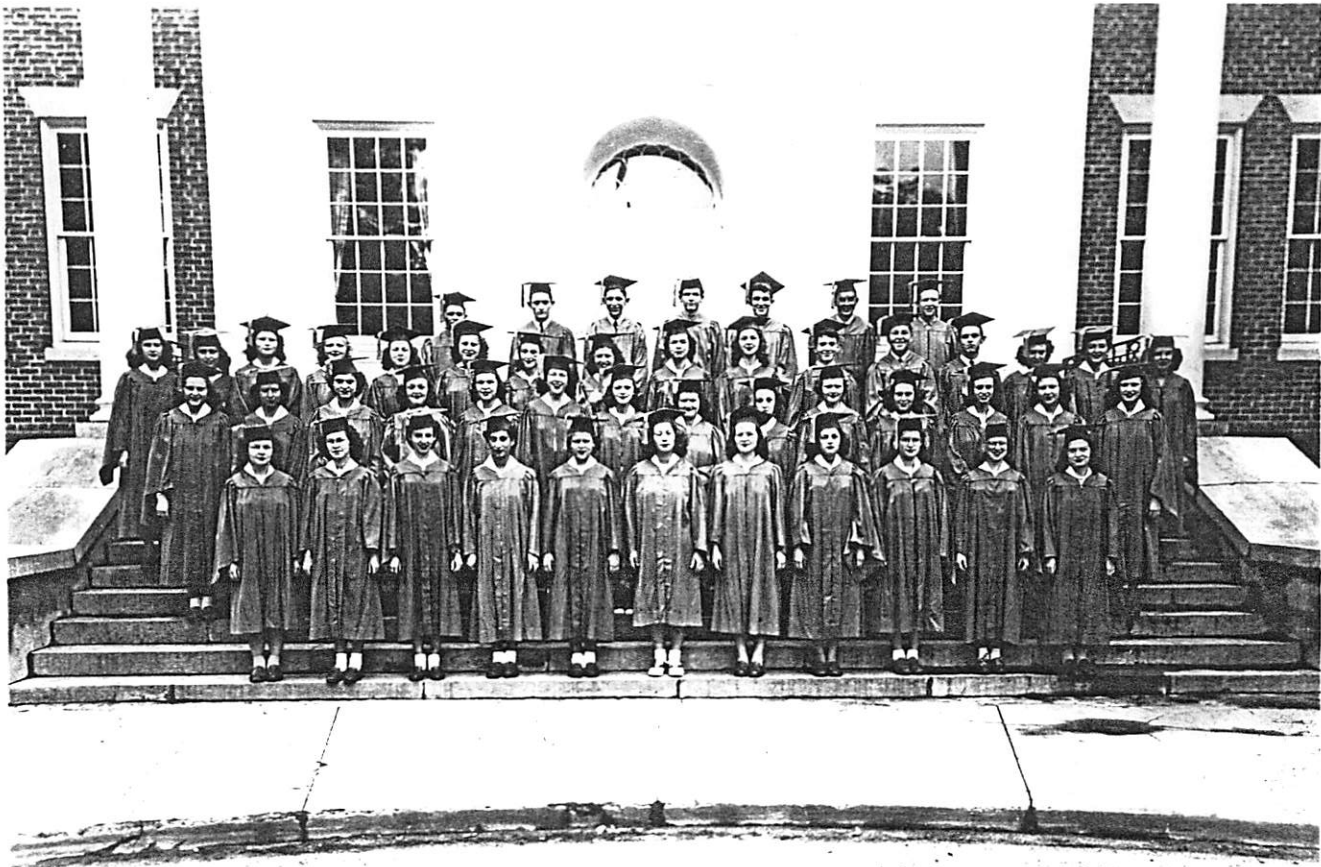
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RSVP - by Oct 20, please.

Carla Jordon: 919-465-2451 email cjm400@gmail.com

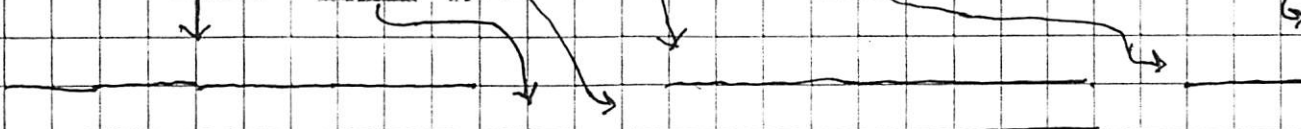
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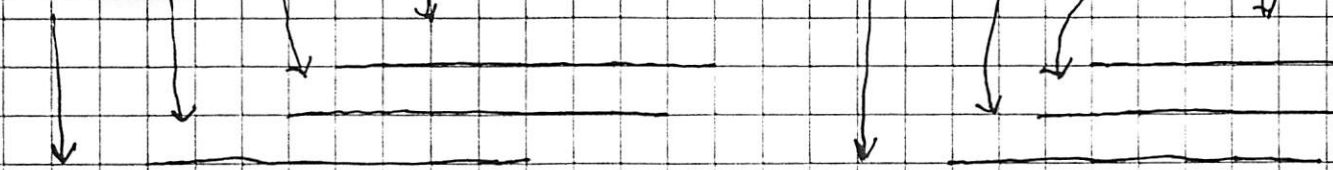
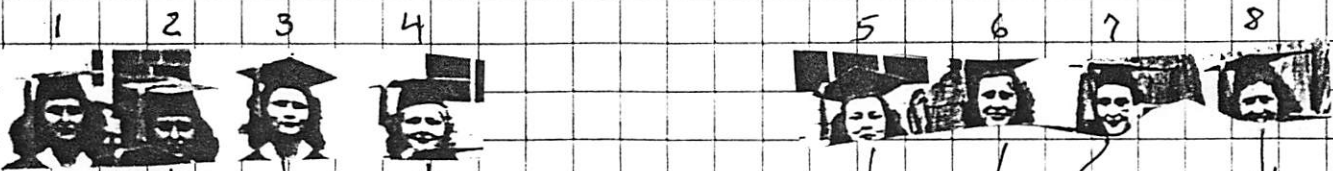
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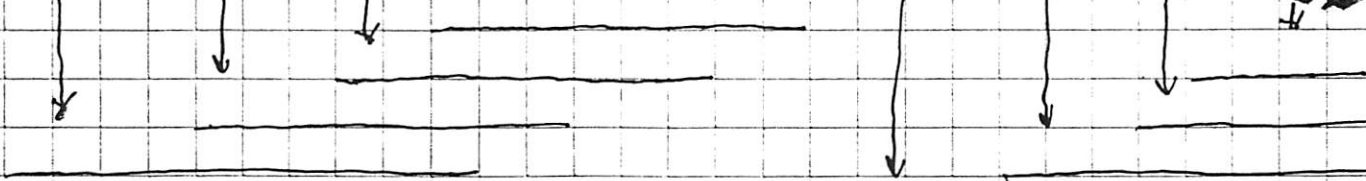
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