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This year members of the Franklin High School Alumni Association will meet for the fiftieth time to reminisce about bygone school days, to renew acquaintances and to enjoy the presence of former classmates. Love of the school, fond memories of what happened during those school years and the unique warmth of special Franklin people keep drawing graduates and former students back year after year to the annual banquet. The last class was graduated from Franklin High School in 1959, yet the Franklin spirit still lives on burning brightly in the hearts of all who entered her doors and partook of the "ambrosia of learning" which existed for all. There will be a Franklin Alumni Association and an annual banquet as long as there are Franklin "sons and daughters".

The Alumni Association authorized the compilation of this *Addendum* to the *Franklin Maroon and Grey 1929-1959*, Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Edition, at its 1987 annual meeting as a means of commemorating its fiftieth anniversary in May, 1987. Hampton Beamer '54, President, appointed Robert Holder '48, Advisor, to assemble a staff and compile the *Addendum*.

Nearly a year of work has produced this *Addendum*. It will add to the information that is known about Franklin School; it will not complete the history of Franklin School because that task will never be accomplished. A complete history cannot be written because all of the evidence that is necessary to write about events of the past is not available and, also, because the influence of the school will continue to live through the lives of students and their decendents. While school organizations may change, buildings may burn or decay and new buildings may be erected, Franklin High School, the school students knew and loved, will live on. The Franklin spirit will never be extinguished!

The *Addendum* is submitted to the members of the Alumni Association with the hope that it will fan the flame of the Franklin spirit and love for the school which burns within the hearts of her students. This is our way of saying "thank you" for the influence which this school has had upon all our lives.

To quote Miss Louise Kendall, who served this association as advisor for many years, "From the doors of Franklin School have gone men and women to all walks of life carrying in their hearts the Franklin Spirit. Established long ago and nurtured through the years, this spirit helped them learn to do a job well, to give of themselves unselfishly, and to deal fairly with others."

Yes, Franklin left its imprint on the lives of hundreds of boys and girls. Years afterward they look back with pride and joy and say, "This was Franklin, this was my school!"



1987-1988 Officers

Front: Mildred Leonard Overby, Secretary; Faye Hiatt Seal, Treasurer.
Back: Ray Scott, President, R.C. Lambert, Vice-President, Robert Holder, Advisor.

Miss Louise Kendall 1908-1984

Miss Louise Kendall is dead at 75.

The well-known retired educator who founded the Franklin School Alumni Association, died Thursday at Medical Park Nursing Center in Mount Olive following a lengthy illness.

Miss Kendall had been a teacher-guidance counselor for 45 years when she retired in June, 1974. A charter member of the faculty of North Surry High School, she had been a member of its staff for 15 years, 11 of them in the Guidance Department.

A graduate of Guilford College, she received her Masters degree from Appalachian State University.

Her first teaching assignment was in Randolph County, where she taught for three years. She next taught in Guilford County for five years and then began her 22-year stay at Franklin Elementary School.

At Franklin and North Surry, she taught Spanish as well as English, served as counselor, librarian, newspaper advisor, yearbook advisor, drama director and girls's basketball coach. She also helped organize the North Surry Alumni Association.

Miss Kendall was the guiding light behind the formation of the Franklin Alumni Association, which began in 1939 and is believed to be the oldest in the state.

She loved travel and toured extensively in South America, Europe, the Caribbean Islands and Canada. On numerous occasions, she became an unofficial travel editor for the TIMES, writing articles for the newspaper while on her travels.

She had been an active member of Central United Methodist Church and was a past president of the United Methodist in the Winston-Salem Northeast District. She had also been a member of the administrative board of the local church and was a member of the Ross Francisco Sunday School Class.



Robert O. Poplin, Jr., retired principal of North Surry High School, said this week, "Miss Kendall loved young people, and she loved school work. She encouraged worthy students to go on to college, or to seek other advanced training. She was active in helping students obtain scholarships. Her encouragement made a big difference to a host of boys and girls who have gone on to become fine men and women.

"Miss Kendall had an understanding heart, and she had a way of getting boys and girls to work hard with enthusiasm," he continued. "She helped many students, not just because this was her job but rather because she wanted to help them.

"She was loved and respected by students and fellow faculty members. Her passing saddens all those whose lives she enriched."

Dennis W. (Bud) Cameron, Surry County Register of Deeds, who taught with Miss Kendall at North Surry, said, "Louise Kendall was a teacher's teacher. During her long career, she had taught almost every subject. Young teachers found her a great help and her varied experience gave her great insight.

"She was one of the first people I met when I came to North Surry as a teacher. Her help and friendship have always meant a lot to me.

"Louise cared about young people," Cameron declared. "Whether it was in the classroom, working on a yearbook, coaching a basketball team, or trying to obtain financial aid for deserving students, she cared.

"Many people have benefitted from their association with this great lady and I am one of them."

Born July 1, 1908 in Guilford College, she was the daughter of Milton L. and Ila Mae Kendall.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Sunday at New Garden Cemetery in Greensboro. A memorial service was held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Central United Methodist Church, conducted by Dr. Julian Aldridge, Jr.

Surviving are a long-time companion and friend, Miss Virginia Coltrane; two sisters, Mrs. Edith Miller of Greensboro and Mrs. Marianne Williams of Columbia, Md.; one niece; and four nephews.

Miss Louise Kendall was the force behind the Franklin Alumni Association. It was her idea; she formalized the concept of what the Alumni Association should be. She provided the inspiration and leadership that caused people to realize that an Alumni Association could serve to unify the school community and to keep the Franklin spirit alive!

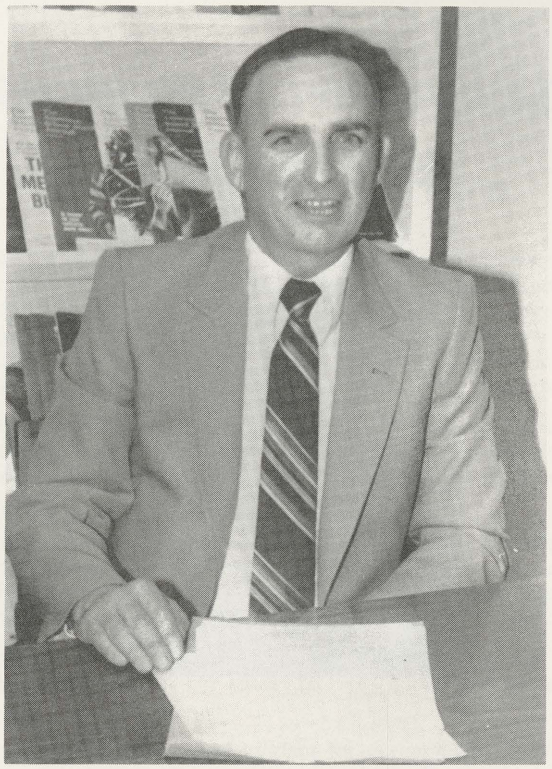
Until her death in 1984, the flame of her love for Franklin School and her students never dimmed. She dedicated her life to the singular task of promoting the Alumni Association of Franklin School. The highlight of her year was the annual banquet and the renewal of friendships with those in attendance. After an annual banquet, she would begin to plan the one for the next year.

If there had not been a Louise Kendall, there would not have been a Franklin Alumni Association. If there had not existed her devotion to the promotion of the Alumni Association, it may have died an untimely death many years ago.

This year the Alumni Association celebrates its fiftieth Anniversary. It is proper that we remember the matriarch of this group because it is she who gave birth to it. One of her favorite quotes and one which she insisted be printed on the "necrology" page of the annual banquet is "To live in the hearts of those we leave behind it not to die". Louise Kendall, these words are true of you also!

Printed above is the obituary of Miss Kendall from the Mount Airy Times Weekly, January 19, 1984.

Dedicated to



Robert B. Holder

The Franklin Alumni Association Fiftieth Anniversary Committee has been honored to have as its chairperson, Robert B. Holder.

Robert is a native of Surry County, a graduate of Franklin High School and is married to the former Frances Marion. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Following two years of duty in the Korean War, Robert enrolled at Gardner-Webb College and transferred to Wake Forest University where he received B.S. and M.A. Degrees in History. He also has a Master's of Education Degree and an Educational Specialists Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has done post-graduate study at Appalachian State University, North Carolina State University, Lenior-Rhyne College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He is a member of Highland Park Baptist Church, serving as Deacon and Sunday School Director, and a member of the Day Care Committee. He also teaches Sunday School on the radio each Sunday morning

Robert is a former member of the Mount Airy Community Development Commission; former member of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College; past president of the Alumni Association. He was selected Teacher of the Year in 1973 while teaching at Mount Airy Senior High School. He served as chairman of the School Study Committee in 1976; Committee Chairman on the Englehardt and Englehardt School Study. He is a past member of NCAE and is a charter member of North Carolina Association of School Administrators.

In 1984 Robert was selected "Administrator of the Year" for District 4, by the North Carolina Association of Educational Office Personnel.

Robert is presently serving as Assistant Superintendent of Mount Airy City Schools, a position he had held for thirteen years.

The Superintendent of Mount Airy City Schools, Robert E. Chilton, has written: "Mr. Holder is a top-notch professional and always tends to his duties in the manner of a professional. He is intelligent, cooperative and a loyal colleague. He is a reserved individual who brings out confidence in those with whom he works. He is soft-spoken and patient, yet is not hesitant to use his authority when the situation demands. He is a tireless worker in both his chosen occupation and his church work."

His interest in students and in educational programs to help provide the best education possible is evident as he is recognized as an outstanding educator in Surry County and in North Carolina.

When the twenty-fifth Anniversary Book of the Franklin Alumni Association was completed, Miss Louise Kendall assigned Robert the task of compiling the fiftieth Anniversary Book. He has done a superb job with this task.

The Franklin Alumni Fiftieth Anniversary Committee is pleased to dedicate this Addendum to Robert B. Holder.

FRANKLIN ALUMNI FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE 1988



Robert B. Holder



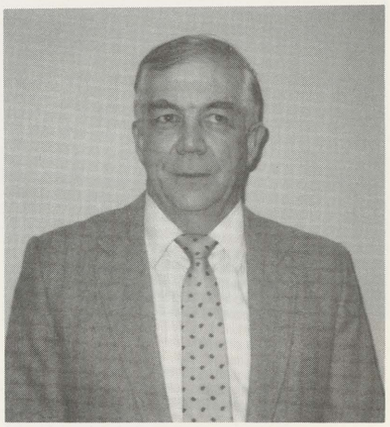
Mildred Beamer Matthews



Carlos Surratt



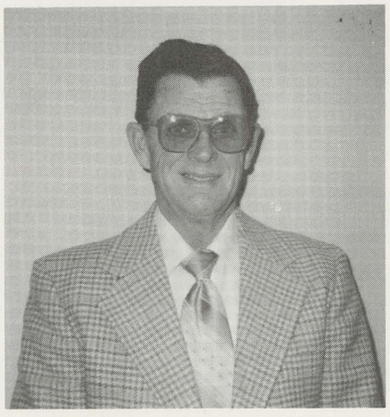
Mildred Leonard Overby



Ray Scott



Faye Hiatt Seal



Arless McCraw



Lillian Badgett Kirkman

Discouragement, elation, dismay, ecstasy, fear and satisfaction were experienced by the staff of this *Addendum*. The unknowns, such as sources of pictures, funds of printing, and time to put the material together in an appealing and logical manner, exerted constant pressure upon each staff member. Innumerable meetings, continuing appeals for pictures and a constant awareness of deadlines were ever present. The staff met the challenge in triumphant style. This *Addendum* is presented to the Franklin Alumni Association for its fiftieth anniversary celebration as a work of love. Our greatest hope is that it will meet your expectations and provide all with a deeper appreciation and love for our heritage.

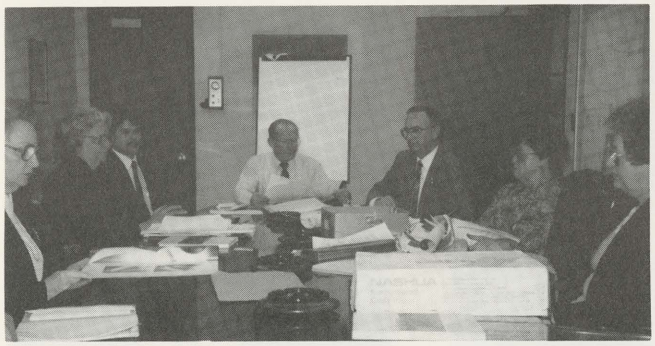
The *Addendum* tells the history of Franklin School, expanding on the information contained in the *Franklin Maroon and Grey 1929-1959*, twenty-fifth Anniversary edition, published in 1963. The staff strives to present an accurate history based on the information available. Pictures used before in some publication were used in the *Addendum* only when it was necessary in order to present the complete story of Franklin School. Please forgive any errors; any made were unintentional.

Thanks to the scores of people who contributed in some way to the success of this *Addendum*. Your contribution, coming from that special love for Franklin School, made this book possible.

ADDENDUM STAFF AT WORK









Franklin Alumni Service Award

The Franklin Alumni Service Award was established by the Alumni Association in 1963 for the purpose of recognizing former students who have made outstanding contributions to their communities and who have achieved personal success in their careers.

Factors that are considered by the awards committee in selection of recipients are service through their churches, participation in community activities, leadership for the common good and personal success in a career.

Nominations may be made by any member of the Alumni Association. A committee comprised of the three immediate past presidents of the Alumni Association examine written recommendations and select the award recipient. The Alumni Service Award is presented at the annual banquet held in May.

Listed below are the Alumni Service Award recipients through 1987.

FRANKLIN ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1964	Lillian Badgett Kirkman	'39	1976	Wade Macey	'54
1965	Gerald Collins	'36	1977	Glenn Macey	'50
1966	Lillian O'Dell Hiatt	'33	1978	Carlos P. Surratt	'50
1967	Rosa Marion Clifton	'31	1979	Glen Hatcher	'29
1968	Henry Harris	'46	1980	Wade Lawrence	'36
1969	John R. Creed	'47	1981	Rex O'Neal	'55
1970	Harold L. Stone	'40	1982	Dorothy Beasley Brannock	'54
1971	Ruth Morris Blackburn	'38	1983	Mildred Beamer Matthews	'48
1972	Russell Parsons	'55	1984	Rawley Amburn	'45
1973	Ruby Wagoner	'31	1985	Annie Laurie Smith	'53
1974	Carl Snow	'29	1986	Mildred Overby	'51
1975	Robert B. Holder	'48	1987	Claude Beasley	'42

Early Days . . .

Just how many years a school has existed at the present site of Franklin School cannot be determined by current evidence. Older members of the community say that their parents told of schools that operated north of the present school site, in Toast, approximately one-third mile south of the present site, on the west side of Franklin Road and at "Old Hollow".

Apparently a school operated at the present site of Franklin School for a number of years before it was named "Franklin School".

The picture below, provided by Mr. Joseph Folger, shows a group of approximately fifty-six (56) students of all ages which comprised the student body of a school in the year 1905-06. Mr. Folger's mother, Mrs. Emma Welch Folger, was a teacher in that school. On the back of the picture below, in Mrs. Folger's handwriting, is the notation "Pleasant Grove School, Mount Airy, N.C. January 19, 1906". The other teacher in the picture is Nell Clark. It is apparent that the students in the picture are Franklin School students. Also, Mrs. Folger taught for a number of years at Franklin School.

The building in the background is of white wooden clapboard construction. It may have been a two-story building. Apparently this same building is seen in the background of other early pictures in this *Addendum.*

Mr. Joseph M. Folger became principal of the school in 1909 and served three years. There he met Miss Emma Welch and they were married at the Quaker Parsonage in June 1913.

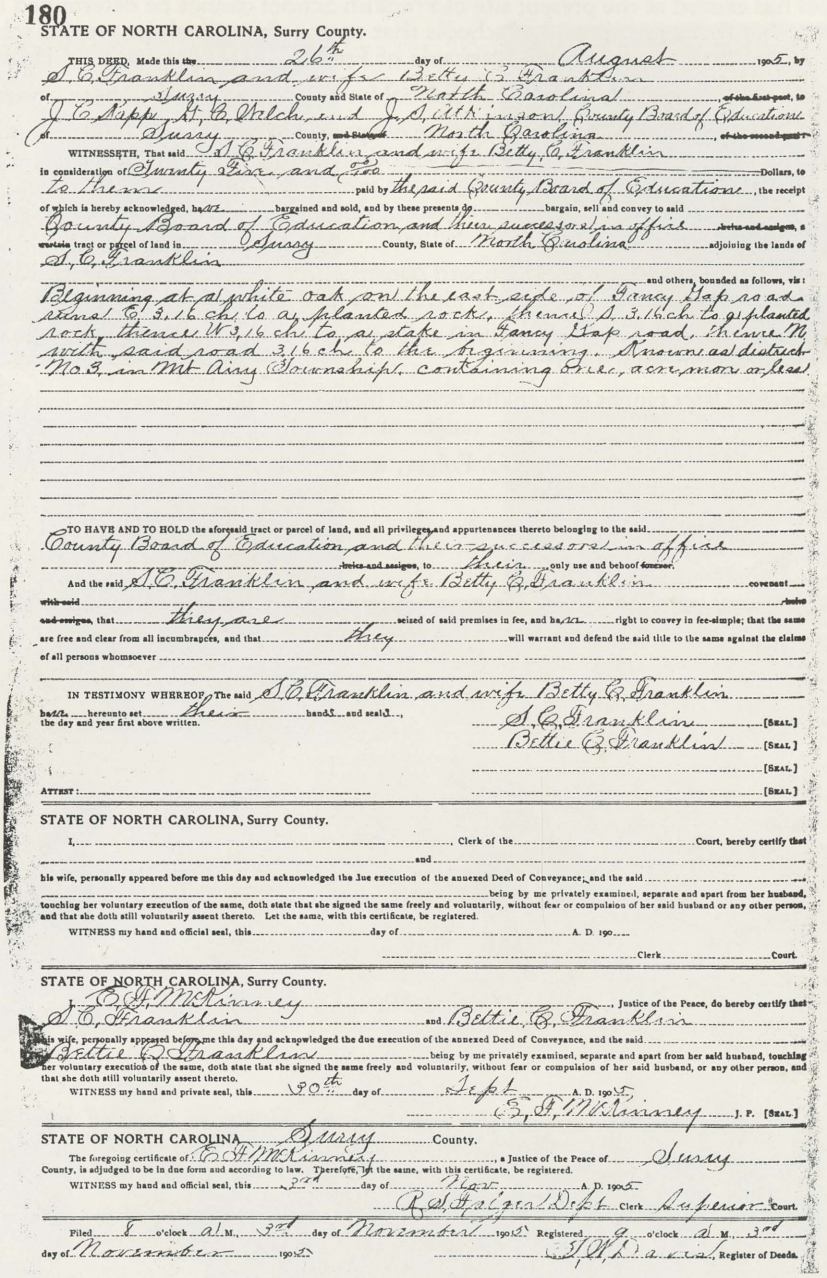
Cousins of Mr. and Mrs. Folger who later taught at Franklin School include Lee Anna Hutchins, Lula Davenport, Thomas Houck, and Jack Folger. Mrs. Folger's sister, Mrs. Alice Dunman, taught at Franklin School for more than twenty (20) years.

The son of Joseph M. and Emma Welch Folger, Joseph C. Folger, was graduated from Franklin School in 1934 and in 1942 was married to Miss Margaret Ray, a teacher at the school.



Franklin School – 1905-06

Front row, left to right: Grady Nichols, Jasper Lawrence, Wade McGee, Hasten Creasy, John Clare, Jo Bill Caudle, Johnny Critz, unknown, Rachel Critz, unknown, Mozelle Caudle Childress, Alice Haynes, Martha Clare; Second row, left to right: Agnes Jones Boyles, Maude McGee McKinney, Irene Bunker Harris, Lois McGee Welch, Lillian Reeves, Nettie Nichols Stone, Myrtle Key Marion, Minnie Nichols Marion, Ola Ward; Third row, left to right: Walter McGee, Franklin Edwin Haynes, unknown, Rachel Creasy, Myrtle Yow, Nellie Nichols Collins, Ora Ward, Hunter Critz, Edd Nichols; Fourth row, left to right: Joe Nichols, unknown, unknown, Reeves, Burton Bunker, Tom Critz; Fifth row, left to right: Birch Hutchens, Fred Bunker, Byron Nichols, Frank McGee, Bishop Nichols, Earle Ward, unknown, Roy Nichols, and Muncey Nichols. The teacher at left is Emma Welch Folger, and the teacher at the right is Della Reeves.



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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Surry County.

THIS DEED, Made this the 26th day of August 1905, by
S. G. Franklin and wife Betty G. Franklin
of Surry County and State of North Carolina, of the first part, to
J. C. Sapp, R. B. Welch, and J. S. Lark Surry County Board of Education
of Surry County, and State of North Carolina, of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said S. G. Franklin and wife Betty G. Franklin
in consideration of Twenty Five and 00 Dollars, to
to them paid by the said County Board of Education, the receipt
of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey to said
County Board of Education and their successors in office heirs and assigns, a
certain tract or parcel of land in Surry County, State of North Carolina adjoining the lands of
S. G. Franklin
and others, bounded as follows, viz:
Beginning at a white oak on the east side of Fancy Gap road and
runs E. 3.16 chs to a planted rock, thence S. 3.16 ch. to a planted
rock, thence W. 3.16 chs. to a stake in Fancy Gap road, thence N.
with said road 3.16 chs. to the beginning. Known as District
No. 3, in Mt. Airy Township, containing three acres, more or less

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land, and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging to the said
County Board of Education and their successors in office
heirs and assigns, to their only use and behoof forever.
And the said S. G. Franklin and wife Betty G. Franklin covenant
with said heirs and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee, and have right to convey in fee-simple; that the same
are free and clear from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims
of all persons whomsoever

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said S. G. Franklin and wife Betty G. Franklin
have hereunto set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

S. G. Franklin [SEAL]
Bettie G. Franklin [SEAL]
[SEAL]
ATTEST: [SEAL]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Surry County.

I, ... Clerk of the ..... Court, hereby certify that
..... and
his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance; and the said
..... being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her husband,
touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person,
and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.
WITNESS my hand and official seal, this ..... day of ..... A. D. 190....
..... Clerk ..... Court.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Surry County.

I, E. H. McKinney, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that
S. G. Franklin and Bettie G. Franklin
his wife, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed Deed of Conveyance, and the said
Bettie G. Franklin being by me privately examined, separate and apart from her said husband, touching
her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband, or any other person, and
that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto.
WITNESS my hand and private seal, this 30th day of Sept A. D. 1905
E. H. McKinney J. P. [SEAL]

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Surry County.

The foregoing certificate of E. H. McKinney, a Justice of the Peace of Surry
County, is adjudged to be in due form and according to law. Therefore, let the same, with this certificate, be registered.
WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 2nd day of Nov. A. D. 1905
R. D. Hall Asst Dep't Clerk Superior Court.

Filed 8 o'clock a. M., 2nd day of November 1905 Registered 9 o'clock a. M. 3rd
day of November 1905 J. M. Dalton Register of Deeds.

In August, 1905 the Shadrach (Shade) Franklin family sold one acre of its farmland to the County Board of Education at the Franklin School site for $25.00. Tradition in the community is that the Franklin family also donated some land to the school but there is no known evidence to support that tradition.

Above is a facsimile of a deed conveying one acre of land from the Franklin family to the Surry County Board of Education in 1905. This was taken from Book 45, P. 180, in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dobson, North Carolina.

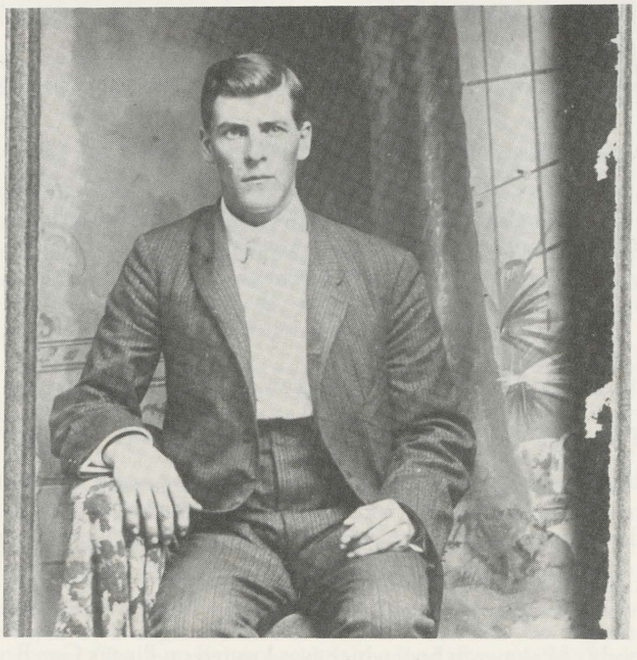
It is believed that as a result of the acquisition of this land from the Franklin family, the name of the school was changed from "Pleasant Grove School" to "Franklin School" sometime after the 1905-06 school year. The road in front of the school at that time was called "Fancy Gap Road".

Not only was the name of the school changed to Franklin School, but the community which grew up around the school came to be called the Franklin Community. The name of the road in front of the school came to be called Franklin Road. It stretched for a number of miles, from highway 601 on the south to highway 52 on the north; it was paved during the 1936-37 school year. (Occasionally today you will hear older members of the community refer to North Franklin Road as "Old Fancy Gap Road").



Franklin School Students
(Either 1915, 1916 or 1917)

Row 1: _____, Joe Johnson, _____, Ed Johnson, Carl Edwards, Ed Gardner, Bernie Hollingsworth, Buster Gant
Row 2: Annie Hodge, Lucy Simmons, Beatrice Creed, Effie Bowman, Sadie Odell, Thelma Atkins, Nina Alderman, Maude Davenport, _____ Atkins
Row 3: Lorena Creed, Ethel Caudle, Rachel Nichols, Gretchen Cassidy, _____, Betty Simmons, Belle Johnson, Ethel Moody
Row 4: Lee Anne Hutchens, Teacher, _____, _____, _____, _____, Noah Cassidy, Roy Mauldin, _____, _____, Glen Davenport, Roy Boyles, Principal
1914-15 – Roy Boyles, Principal
1915-16 – Lee Anna Hutchens, Principal
The information concerning Roy Boyles and Lee Anna Hutchens and their years of principalship has not been verified but this information was given to us by Clara Cox.



Joseph Mather Folger, principal of the three-teacher
Franklin School about 1909-1912.



1917 Beamer School before consolidation with Franklin School

1st Row: Quinton Leonard, Pansy Miller, Bobby Young, Thelma Blackburn, Margaret Booker, Hazel Miller

2nd Row: Guy Blackburn, Ray Blackburn, Garnet Blackburn, Ford Miller, Charlie Booker, Wayne Vernon, Jesse Cassady, Clarence Whitaker, Rupart Whitaker, Ray Snow, Monella Snow, Ernestine Blackburn, Edith Slate, Lola Slate, Mary Lambert, Anise Slate, Virginia Cassady

3rd Row: George Shelton, Chester Vernon, Kermit Leonard, Sally Blackburn, Una Hall, Morton Blackburn, Jennette Cassady, Nell Leonard, Margie Shelton, Lois Slate, Mary Beamer, May Easter

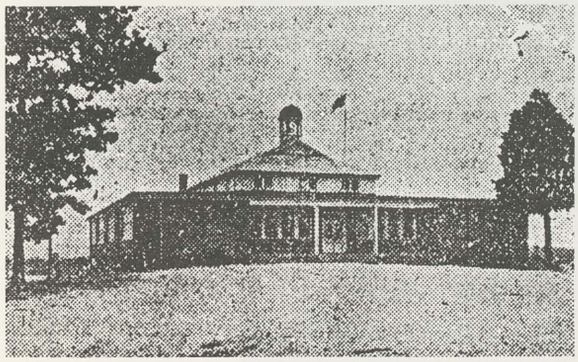
4th Row: Mary Lee, Alton Leonard, Roy Whitaker, Lona Whitaker, WIllie Sue Blackburn, _____, Ethel Booker, Pearl Monday, Willie Lee, Ethel Daniels, Grace Leonard

Surry County, traditionally, has been a rural county with many small communities. Before modern times and the hundreds of miles of paved roads, each of these small communities had its own school, similar to the one that operated at the Franklin School site. Reportedly, over one hundred of these small rural community schools existed in Surry County as late as 1920.

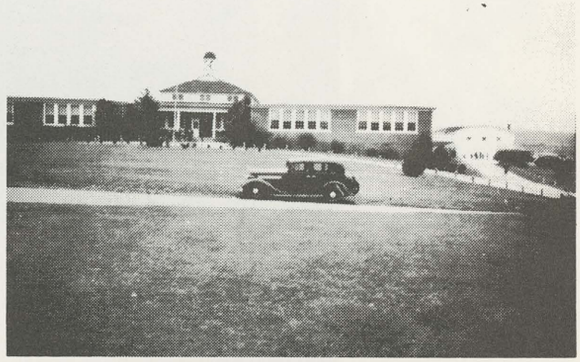
These community schools, many times, operated on an irregular basis. The January 30, 1908, edition of the Mount Airy *News* carried a news item with this sentence - "The school at the Edmonds schoolhouse will close Thursday the 30th after a four month term." It was not until 1933 that the state assumed financial responsibility for an eight-month school term state-wide.

Within the current Franklin School district, other schools operated in the early part of this century. Greenhill, Beamer and Imogene schools operated and later, when roads were paved, consolidated with Franklin School.

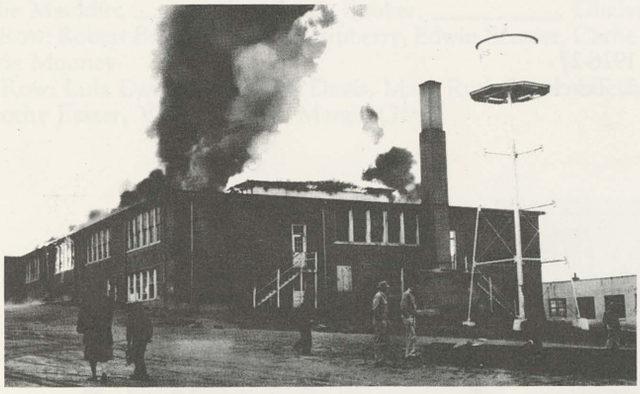
Above is a picture of the student body of Beamer School which was located on Piper's Gap Road. Beamer School was consolidated with Franklin School and many of the students in the picture were later graduates of Franklin High School.



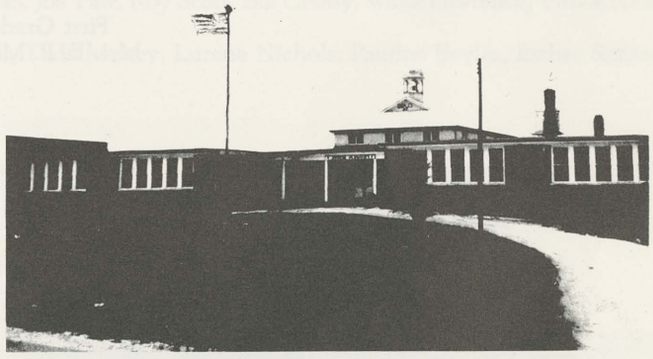
Original Building 1926-27.



1938-39 School Year.



Franklin School
Destroyed by fire on February 6, 1957.



Front of Building 1932-57.

Historic High School Building

The evidence that is available currently does not indicate how many school buildings have existed at the present site of Franklin School. Commnity tradition is that school buildings were located on this site in the last century.

The 1905-06, the 1915 and the 1920 student body pictures in this *Addendum* show a white clapboard school building in the background. Evidence does not exist to indicate when that building was constructed. The white clapboard building was used until the new brick building was placed in use in 1927. The white building was moved to the southwest corner of the school property, near present Franklin Road, approximately where the front portion of the former high school building is located.

In 1924 the contract for construction of a new brick building was let. The building contained eleven classrooms built around a central auditorium. The cost of the building was $19,000. A picture of that original building, taken from a newspaper, is shown above.

The new building could not house all students when it was occupied in 1927; therefore, two or three classes continued to use the white clapboard building until additions could be built to the brick building. The additions consisted of wings built on each side at the front and rooms in the basement (see picture above.) Evidence indicated that, upon completion of the additions, classes moved out of the white clapboard building in 1932. That building was razed at some point in the early 1930's.

The other additions to the original brick building consisted of a lunchroom built underneath the south wing (C. 1938-39), a classroom underneath the north wing (usually for an eighth grade) and classrooms underneath the main building on the north side, used by the agriculture classes.

The original brick building was destroyed by a tragic fire on February 6, 1957. The fire originated before many students had arrived for school and, therefore, no one was injured. The loss of that building touched the souls of all who attended Franklin because so many fond memories of the pleasant experiences which occurred within its walls.



First Grade – 1926-27
Mrs. E. P. McLeod, Teacher



First Grade – 1926
Unable to identify the students
Christina Robertson Christian - Teacher



Franklin School Student Body – 1920

First row, left to right:_____, B. Caudle, C. Hollingsworth, R. Hodge, B. Mauldin, J. Patterson, J. D. Alderman, L. Ball, W. Branscomb, J. Johnson, L. Bobbitt, W. McCraw, A. McCraw, J. Taylor, C. Holt, W. Creed, T. Hodge, S. Bobbitt, L. Branscomb, M. Watson, J. Brown, H. Johnson. Second row: C. Anderson, H. Mauldin, F. Payne, S. O'Dell, T. Oakley, M. N. Tickle, A. Montgomery, D. Taylor, M. Phillips, N. Johnson, L. O'Dell, E. Payne, E. Hall, L. Simmons, M. C. Harbour, N. A. Hatcher, M. Sawyers, _____, L. Martin, R. Marion, B. Terry, P. Gardner, T. Horton. Third row: C. Anderson, _____, _____, G. McCraw, T. Johnson, A. Phillips, L. Cox, L. Haynes, J. Edwards, L. Livingood, R. Gardner, M. Bobbitt, A. Creed, _____, _____. Fourth row: R. Mauldin, C. Edwards, J. Poore, E. Edwards, B. Watson, E. Hall, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____. Fifth row: D. Watson, J. Gardner, S. Holt, W. Hodge, L. Cox, E. Gardner, C. Snow, K. Nichols, L. D. Allred, M. Branscomb, I. M. Doss, L. Livingood, E. S. Venable, E. Bowman, E. Bobbitt, H. Phillips, C. Alderman. Sixth row: O. M. Wood, E. Marion, K. C. Samuels, N. Bowman, C. C. Frye, L. Poore, D. Bunker, E. C. Norman, J. D. Hall, B. Creed, E. O'Dell, G. Alderman, M. D. Hodge, C. Terry. Seventh row: Teachers: Mr. George Burrus, Miss Leanna Hutchens, Mrs. Pearl H. Chilton, Mrs. Ida R. Fulk. Eighth row: W. Simmons, G. Davenport, R. Nichols, O. Shelton, B. Simmons, L. Nichols, E. Moody, Z. Critz, A. T. Moore, F. Creed, T. Tilley, L. Creed, R. Shelton, L. Poore, S. Senter.



Third Grade 1927-1928

1st Row: Fred Lambert, Clarence Woodruff, Leo Mays, Gerald Collins, Elmer Dunbar, Howard Payne, Elmer Wagoner, Ralph Fain, Raymond Holder, Porter Phillips, Jesse Willard, Woodrow McCraw, Hurley Holder
2nd Row: Foye Cooke, Mary Edith Snow, Maxine Easter, Blanche Key, Mary Harbour, Ruth Estes, Lettie Gardner, Betty Pauline Nichols, Hallie Mauldin, _____, Louis Booker, _____, Gladys Jones, Alma Nixon
3rd Row: Robert Brown, Cody Quesinberry, Edwin Beamer, Carlie Hawks, Joe Tate, Roy Scott, Bill Creasy, Wade Lawrence, Vance Nichols, Clyde Mooney
4th Row: Lula Davenport, Mary Davis, Mary Ruth Jones, Lucille Ball, Tilda Money, Lurena Nichols, Pauline Boyles, Esther Simmons, Dorothy Easter, Virginia Rose, Margie Gwyn



Franklin High School
Ninth Grade – 1933-1934
Homeroom Teacher: Miss Pearl Hatcher

Front row left to right: Foye Cooke, Grace Beamer, Mary Harbour, Paul Brown, Elmer Wagoner, Elmer Dunbar, Roger Shaw, Fred Lambert, Roy Smith.
Second row left to right: Hazel Miller, Opal Venable, Ester Simmons.
Third row left to right: Lois Booker, Mary Edith Snow, Blanche Key, Eva Harrison, Mary Ruth Jones, Howard Morris, Gerald Collins.
Fourth row left to right: Leola Slate, Pauline Boyles, Wade Lawrence, Ila Summers, Pauline Nichols, Claude Lawrence, George Shelton, Clyde Lawrence.



Fiftieth Reunion
First Graduating Class of
Franklin High School
1929-1979

Left to right: Glenn Hatcher, Dorothy Vernon Simpson, Lettie Tate, Carl Snow, Lennis Stewart Snow, Mary Miller McGee, Clara Cox Fyre.



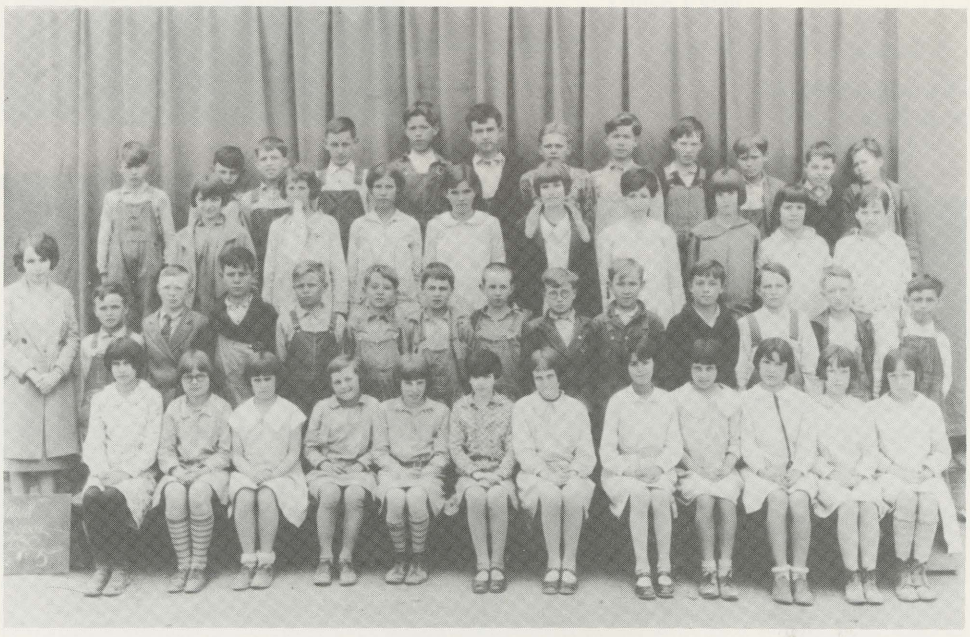
1930 Grade 7 – Miss Eula Steelman, teacher

Reading left to right: Row 1 - Ethel Nichols, Bessie Bowman, Marie Butcher, Fannie Odell, Thelma Blackburn, Mary Lambert, Belle Nichols, Elizabeth Scales, Alice Macey,
Row 2 - Pauline York, Margaret Barker, Loraine Johnson, Ella Scott, Ruby Gardner, Ola Dunbar, Ruby Jarrell, Virginia Sutphin, Mary Norman.
Row 3 - Russell Simmons, Louise Nichols, Carrie Booker, Margaret York, Opal Stanley, Erma Gant, Eugene Lambert, Walter Creed.
Row 4 - Harry Estes, Tommy Angel, Manly Tate, Clarence Jones, Arthur Norman, Joseph Folger, Anthom Snow.
Out of 33 in 7th Grade, 21 graduated from the 11th grade in 1934.



Franklin School
Grade 3, 1930

1st Row: F. Wagoner, J. Nichols, N. Jones, D. Folger, M.L. Keye, I. Sutphin, R. Akers, R. Davenport, J. Nixon, M.L. Lineback
2nd Row: O. Gwyn, C. Barker, O. Gwyn, B. Edwards, _____, R. Wilson, C. S. Tate, N. Smith, _____, L. Marion
3rd Row: R. Gardner, T. Martin, G. Beasley, H. Jessup, B. Alderman, J. Nichols, P. Vernon, W. Chapman, L. G. Goforth
4th Row: H. Rumley, G. Hodges, S. Cooke, J. E. Morrison, _____, _____, _____, N. Tate



Franklin Elementary School
Fifth Grade 1929-1930

First row left to right: Mary Harbour, Lettie Gardner, Blanche Key, Hazel Miller, Marie Bennet, Mary Edith Snow, Mary Ruth Jones, Esther Simmons, Alma Nixon, Foy Cooke, Pauline Boyles, Lois Booker.
Second row left to right: Walter Chaffman, Elmer Wagoner, Vance Nichols, Fred Lambert, Elmer Dunbar, Howard Payne, Raymond Holder, Gerald Collins, Ralph Fain, Archie Barker, Leo Mays, Paul Carpenter, Eugene Frye.
Third row left to right: Mrs. Aleene Terry Moore, Teacher, Lillie Beasley, Dora Reece, Alice Long, Carrie O'Dell, Loren Nichols, Leola Slate, Virginia Rose, Jane Tate.
Fourth row left to right: Floyd Reese, George Loften, Bruce Flemming, Stanley Chaffman, Joy Phillips, Wade Lawrence, Edwin Beamer, Robert Brown, Carl Wilson, Porter Phillips, Philip Allred, Roy Cruise.

Franklin High School

Class Nineteen Hundred Thirty-one

Commencement Exercises

Monday evening, May eleventh

at eight o'clock

Auditorium

CLASS MOTTO:

No Victories Without Labor

CLASS COLORS:

Pink and Green

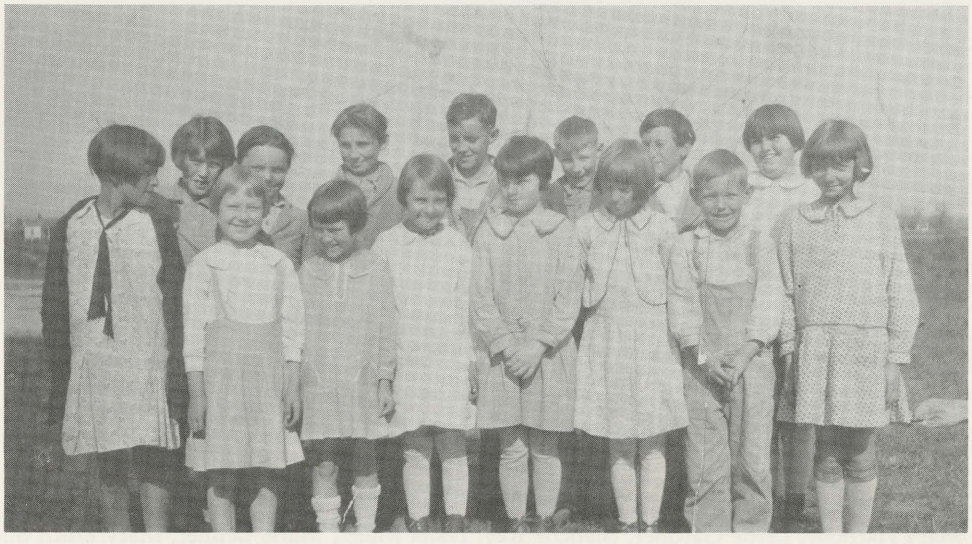
CLASS FLOWER:

Pink Rose

CLASS ROLL:

Rosa E. Marion
Lucy Frances Simmons
Ruby Opal Wagoner
Virginia Hatcher
Kathleen Simmons
Willie Sue Blackburn
Ethel Gretchen Booker
Alice L. Boyles
Irene Gentry
Vera Virginia Allred
Nancy Ila Beamer
Ethel Daniel Beamer
Clara Una Hall
Kermit L. Wood

Principal, E. P. McLeod



Group of students, c. 1930

1st Row: Ruby Akers, Florence Wagoner, Forrest Stone, Della Welch Folger, Teacher, Josephine Nichols, Nina V. Jones, Bob Gardner, Ruby Davenport
2nd Row: Mary L. Lineback, Junior Nichols, Kyle Jones, J. T. Gant, Buford Aldeman, Catherine Barker







Fiftieth Anniversity Celebration

The Class of 1932 celebrated the 50th anniversary of their graduation at the Franklin Alumni Banquet on May 8, 1982. There were six members present out of the original seven that graduated. Jettie Edwards Estes was absent. They made some pictures, call the roll, and Ernestine Chappel, shown above, read the class poem. Everyone enjoyed being together and remembering their school days of fifty years ago.

SENIOR CLASS DAY EXERCISES

Thursday, May 5th 7:45 P.M.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Part I

INTRODUCTION
Song of Juniors to Seniors
Response Senior Class
Welcome Song - Senior Class
President's Address - Fannie L. Leonard

Part II

The Last Class Meeting
Fannie L. Leonard, President, presiding

Presentation of Gift to School	Cecil Brown
Acceptance	Prof. McLeod
Class History	Bill Terry
Giftorian	Carl Faries
Class Poem	Ernestine Blackburn
Class Song	Senior Class
Last Will and Testament	Leo Boyles

Part III

The Magic Fountain

Prophetess	Jettie Edwards
Farewell Song	Senior Class

Commencement Ushers
Woodrow McMillian, Head Usher

Mabel Wood	Jesse Wagoner
Lillian Odell	Alice Creed

Commencement Dates
Day 5, 6, 8 & 9th
7:45 P.M.

High School Plays Friday Night
Adm. 10 & 15

GRADUATION EXERCISE

May 8, 1932

Invocation	
Salutatory	Ernestine Blackburn
Chorus "In Spring"	High School
Valedictory	Fannie L. Leonard
Address	Hon. J.H. Fogler
Awarding of Diplomas	Prof. E.P. McLeod
Awarding of Certificates	

SENIOR CLASS ROLL

Fannie L. Leonard

Jettie Edwards	Carl Faries
Leo Boyles	Ernestine Blackburn
Willie Terry	Cecil Brown

MARSHALLS
Woodrow McMilliam

Mabel Wood	Lillian Odell
Jesse Wagoner	Alice Creed



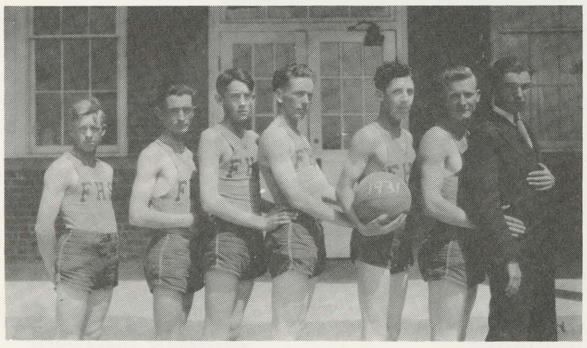
The gymnasium was built in 1932 by WPA workers.

From the beginning, team sports were much a part of Franklin School. Many young people spent hours of practice in this gymnasium. Because of the dedication to the cause, the insistence on practice from their coaches, Franklin School had many winning teams, especially basketball teams.

Everyone probably remembers the pot-bellied stoves that heated only the side sections of the gym.

For many years Franklin was recognized as not only having winning teams in sports but also for showing the best sportsmanship on the home court and when playing other teams on their courts.

Another bit of nostalgia, Halloween Carnivals were held in this gymnasium. These carnivals were to raise needed money for special projects, equipment and operational costs.



Boy's Basketball Team – 1930-31
Left to right: Jesse Wagoner, Cecil Brown, Troy Gant, Leo Boyles, Moore Booker, Kermit Wood, Woodrow McMillian



Girl's Basketball Team – 1930-31
Left to right: Lucy Simmons, Vera Allred, Bill Terry, Rosa Marion, Virginia Hatcher, Mabel Wood, Kathleen Simmons, Jettie Edwards

Franklin School Personnel Directory

To the best of our knowledge and through efforts of research, this is a complete listing of Principals, Teachers, Lunchroom Supervisors, and Custodians of Franklin School.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Mr. Joseph Folger
Mr. Frank Martin
Mr. Henry Wolfe
Miss Lee Anna Hutchens
Mr. E. P. McLeod
Mr. Herman Gaddy
Mr. H. S. Broome
Mr. J. C. Hiatt

FRANKLIN SCHOOL TEACHERS

Miss Letitia Ashby
Mrs. Ruth Atkins

Mrs. Carl Baber
Mrs. Christine Webb Beamer
Mrs. Louise Beasley Beamer
Mr. Bill Booker
Mrs. Fred Bradford
Mr. Samuel T. Briggs
Mrs. J. C. Bowman
Mrs. Ethel Parks Broome
Mr. Hoyle S. Broome
Miss Myrtle Burgess
Mrs. J. Marion Burke

Mrs. Mary C. Carroll
Miss Annie Caudle
Mrs. Anna Clark
Mrs. Anna Chilton Cockerham
Mr. George Collins, Jr.
Miss Muriel Coltrane
Miss Virginia Coltrane
Mr. Edd Comer
Mrs. Helen Conty
Mrs. Nell Cooke
Miss Myrtie S. Cooper
Mrs. Helen S. Cox
Mr. "Coon" Creed
Mrs. Elsie Critz
Mrs. Juanita Daber
Miss Lula Davenport

Mrs. DeHaven
Mrs. Mary Douglas
Mrs. Elsie Duncan
Mrs. Alice Dunman

Miss Ila Lila Edwards
Mrs. Farmer
Mrs. Virginia Lawrence Fleming
Mrs. Emma Welch Folger
Mr. Jack Folger
Mr. Charles Foster
Mrs. Ruth Fourqurean

Mrs. Herman Gaddy
Mrs. Willa Moore Gentry
Mrs. Mary Lou Goad

Miss Virginia Hauser
Mr. Don Hiatt
Mr. John D. Hiatt
Mr. J. C. Hiatt
Miss Lena Boyd Hiatt
Mr. Hoffer
Mrs. Helen George Hollingsworth
Mrs. Myrtle Scholls Hopson
Mr. Thomas Houck
Mrs. Thomas Houck
Miss Catherine Huddleston
Miss Lee Anna Hutchens
Mrs. Marjorie Jarvis
Mr. Bobby Johnson

Mrs. Posey Jones
Mrs. Madge Johnson
Mrs. Mary Jones
Mrs. Louisa Johnson Jordan

Mr. George Kelly
Miss Margaret Kelly
Miss Louise Kendall

Mrs. Grace Laughridge
Mrs. Mary Herring Locklear

Miss Lena Mays
Mrs. Bernice McLeod
Mr. E. P. McLeod
Mrs. Alene Terry Moore
Mrs. F. D. Moore

Mr. Charles Nelson
Mr. J. C. Newsome
Mrs. Lena Noble
Miss Mary Sue Norman

Mr. John Owen

Mr. Charles Pruitt

Mr. E. R. Ray
Miss Margaret Ray
Mr. Ted Reece
Miss Rink
Mr. Charles Robertson
Miss Christina Robertson

Mrs. J. C. Samuels
Mrs. Thelma Schumaker
Mrs. Almarie Inman Simms
Mrs. Roy Simmons, Jr.
Mrs. Irene Simmons
Miss Jeanette Smith
Mrs. Adelaide Bunker Sink
Mrs. Georgia Stanley
Mr. M. G. Stanley
Miss Frances Staton
Mrs. Pearl Hatcher Starling
Dr. Robert Waterman Stevens
Miss Sarah Stephenson
Mr. Carlos P. Surratt
Eulala Steelman

Miss Irene Taylor
Mr. Robert Taylor
Mr. Ralph Thompson
Miss Ruby Trollinger

Mrs. Richard Wagoner
Mr. John Walker
Mrs. Margaret Steelman Walker
Miss Martha Way
Miss JoAnn Weir
Mr. R. C. Wiggins
Mrs. Evelyn Wilson
Mrs. R. S. Wimbish
Mrs. Pauline Wimbish
Miss Della Welch

CAFETERIA MANAGERS

Mrs. Betty White
Mrs. Rosa Marion Clifton

CUSTODIANS

Mr. and Mrs. Wilcher (Pa) Simmons
Mr. and Mrs. Bill O'Dell
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niston
Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Critz

MEMORIES

BY MARY LOU HOOKER

The night was hot and sultry
As I sat there on the floor
And a-knocking and a-bumping
Seemed to come upon the door.

Suddenly a shining figure
Larger than an average man.
Crossed the room and then in silence
Took me quickly by the hand.

"Your High School days are nearly over".
Said this person from above;
We will travel back in memory
And see again those days you love.

Then I saw a flash of lightning,
And I heard an awful roar
Then the wall that was before me
Lay down flat, just like a floor.

Then the floor did seem to lengthen
It stretched out to meet the sky.
It looked like a huge highway
Leading into Franklin High.

Then I saw my dear old classmates
As they started on their way
Their days were full of fun and laughter
Everyone was bright and gay.

And the colors I saw gleaming
As they came into the light
Were colors chosen by our class
The dear old blue and white.

I could see that there were roses
Blooming out beside the gate
'Tis the flower that was chosen
By the class of forty-eight.

All too soon came the finale
For my class is soon to go
We are very sad at parting
Leaving old friends that we know.

Then at last I saw my classmates
Starting on their way to fame
Now, I thought, I'll see the future
Of each classmate by his name.

Then I saw that all was darkness
And the vision began to fade
"Memory takes us back, not forward
So this figure with me said.

I was then back in my room
And it was no longer hot
For a storm had spent its fury
While I slept besid e my cot.

CLASS OF 1935
YESTERDAY AND TODAY . . .



Kathryn S. Creed



Ernestine Moser Tilley
Husband - Jiles Tilley
Three Children



Pauline Wagoner Mosley
Husband - Wilbur Mosley
Two Children



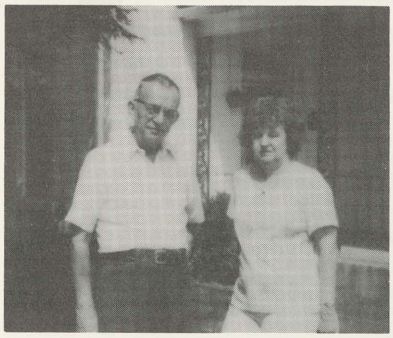
Lenora Simpson Frye
Husband - Edison Frye (deceased)
Two Children



Melba Hampton Rosen
Husband - Irvin Rosen
Two Children



Bobbie Young Regan
Husband - George Regan
One Child



Faye Ashburn Webb
Husband - Paul C. Webb
Two Children

DECEASED

Loraine D. Johnson
May 10, 1917 - Dec. 8, 1947

Margaret Pardue Sweatman
October 30, 1915 - May 31, 1950

Jack Caudle
June 13, 1916 - March 28, 1974

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Paul H. Terry
Wife - Ruth F. Terry
One Child



Mr. E. P. McLeod
Principal

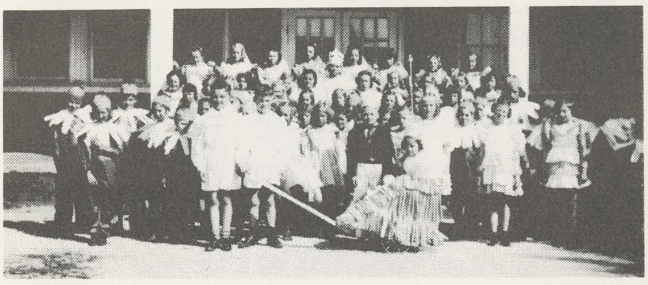


Miss Catherine Huddleston
Teacher

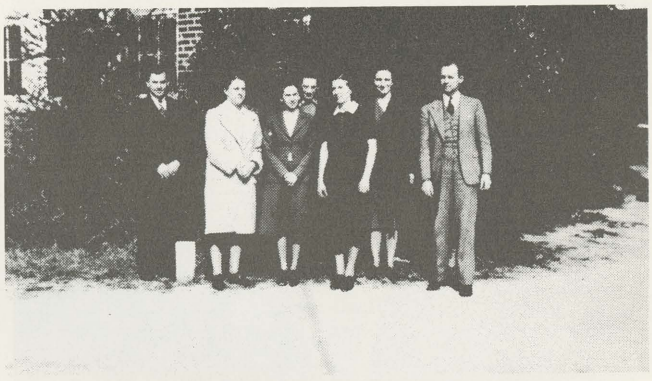


Mrs. Myrtle Scholl Hopson
Teacher
Husband - Newton Hopson

1938–39



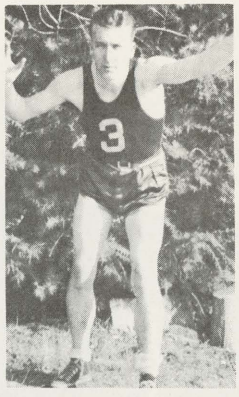
May Day Program
1938-1939



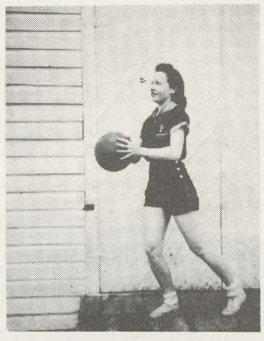
FACULTY - 1938-39
Left to right: J.C. Hiatt, Louise Kendall, Myrtie S. Cooper, Helen George, Virginia Coltrane, Margaret Ray, Principal E. P. McLeod



Group of Students 1938-39



Roy Kirkman



Lillian Badgett Kirkman



Left to right: Louise Kendall, Virginia Coltrane, J. C. Hiatt

ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL BOARD

MR. ROBERT JONES
MR. E. L. PATTERSON
MR. GUY SPARGER

PRINCIPAL

MR. E. P. McLEOD

FACULTY

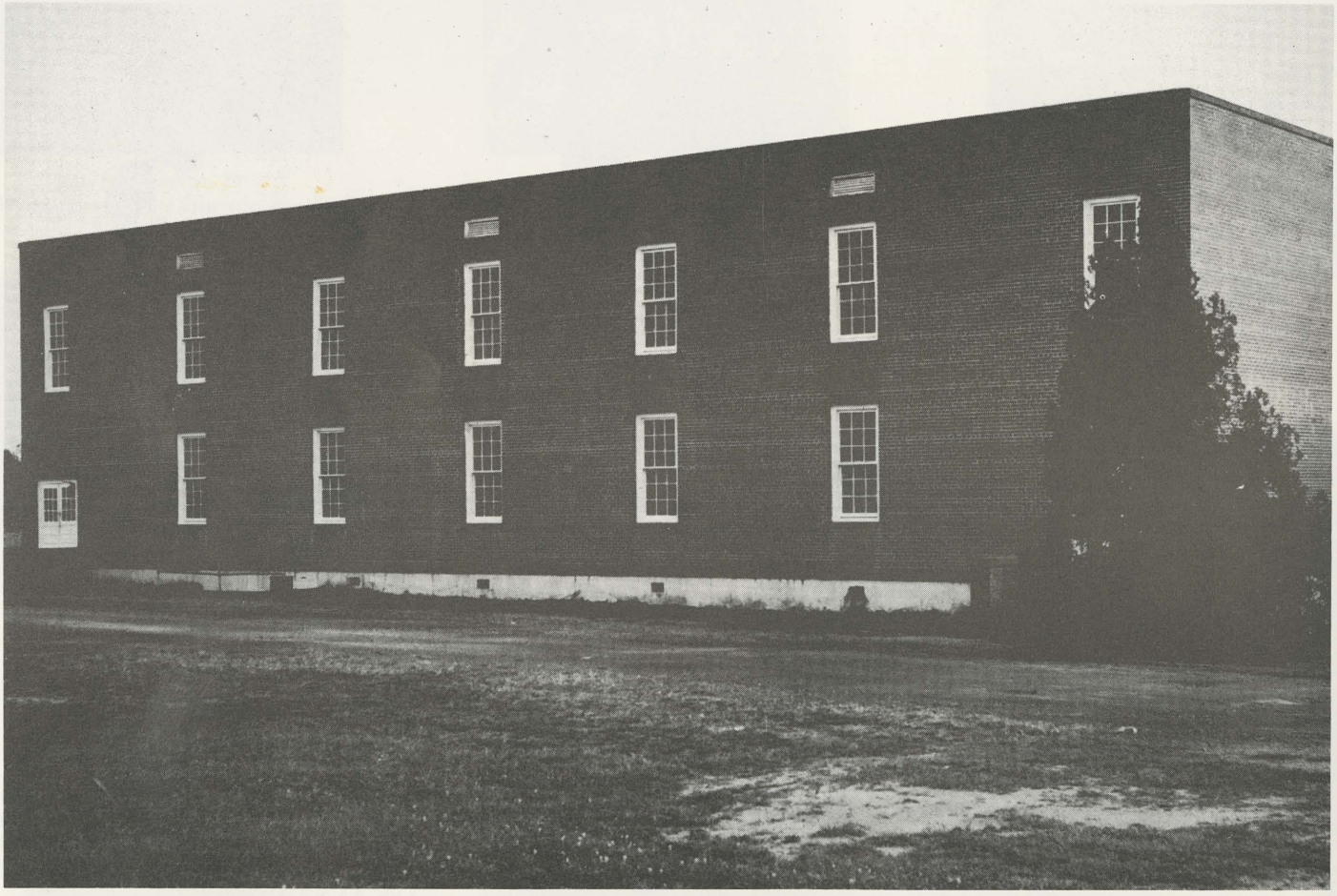
MRS. W. L. DUNMAN
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MRS. R. S. WIMBISH
MRS. J. O. WIMBISH
LENA MAYS
MRS. O. F. MOORE
MRS. J. C. SAMUEL
LEE ANNA HUTCHENS
LULA DAVENPORT
MRS. J. MARION BURKE
MYRTLE BURGESS
MRS. J. SANFORD CHILTON
J.C. HIATT
MARGARET RAY
MYRTIE S. COOPER
VIRGINIA COLTRANE
LOUISE KENDALL
MRS. M. G. STANLEY



Miss Muriel Coltrane (sister to Virginia Coltrane) was a seventh grade teacher at Franklin School. Later she became a missionary to India, where she contracted meningitis and died.



Mrs. Mary Herring Locklear
(Late 1940's)



Franklin High School
Built in 1940

This two-story building was the Franklin High School Building from 1940 to 1953.

Many people remember Miss Kendall teaching English classes in the room that was also the library. The science laboratory and Miss Hatcher's room were located on the first floor. The Home Economics department, Miss Coltrane's room and Mrs. Locklear's room were on the second floor.

As the enrollment grew, new courses were added to the curriculum. Typing, bookkeeping and shorthand were taught by Mrs. Fourqurean on the second floor in the hallway. Miss Helen Cox also taught business courses.

Franklin Hi-Life Staff - 1941

Editor-in-Chief - Lela Lawrence
Assoc. Editor - Harvey Wagoner
Assoc. Editor - Dorothy Morris
Literary Editor - Mable Tickle
Art Editor - Junior Tickle
Humor Editor - Jack Johnson
Exchange Editor - Josephine Hudson
General News Editor - Clara Belle Allred
Alumni Editor - Christine Jones
Class Reporters:
Senior - Ola Faye Boyles
Junior - Claude Beasley
Sophomore - Ray McGee
Freshman - Hugh Hemmings
Freshman - Mable Robertson
Girl's Sports - Faye Jones
Boy's Sports - Haywood Weddle
Business Manager - Harry Lambert
Circulation Manager - Henry Allred





Chorus, 1942
(Not in order as in picture)

Nannie Mae Booker, Betty Jean Carter, Pauline Slate, Hazel Payne, Carrie McCormick, Elvie Hawks, Alice Leonard, Katherine Venable, Rachel Lawrence, Betty Jo Jarrell, Ida Golding, Frances Booker, Mary Sue Hall, Betty Lou Shelton, Cleo Brinkley, Mary Towe, Syvellon Belton, Ninevah Noonkester, Margie Graveley, Beulah Martin, Dorothy Hauser, Edith Jones, Faye Davenport, Polly McCraw, Runelle Payne, Mary Mills Overby, Clorine Humphreys, Love Nixon, Vera Mae Collins, Edna Gough, Ruth Hill, Rachel Beamer, Gertrude Martin, Ida Mae Edwards, Cleo Mauldin, Betty Lou Key, Lillie Mae Lewis, Frances Beamer



Annual Staff of 1942

Reading Left to Right: Row 1 - Christine Jones, Johnny Gwyn, Kathleen Lewis.
Row 2 - Helen Payne, Carroll Wagoner, Lois Brinkley, Walker Shelton, Betty Golding, Claude Beasley.
Row 3 - Elizabeth Cox, Roland Nichols, Rena Leonard, Helen George, Teacher, James Lewis, Josie Willard, Hugh Hemmings, Dorothy Nichols.

Rites Are Held For E. P. McLeod, Former Principal

The funeral for Edward Phillips McLeod of Sanford was conducted Saturday afternoon at Lemmon Springs Methodist Church. Graveside services were held at 4 p. m. at Evergreen Cemetery in Charlotte.

Mr. McLeod was born in Lemmon Springs to John K. and Addie Garner McLeod. He was a former principal in Surry County's school system for about 14 years and made his home in Mount Airy.

He was principal of Franklin School from 1928 until 1942 and was described as a very well liked person and school official.

Surviving is his wife, the former Bernice Hartman.

Mr. E. P. McLeod, first principal of Franklin High School, passed away November 24, 1961.

Above is the clipping that appeared in the newspaper at the time of his death.

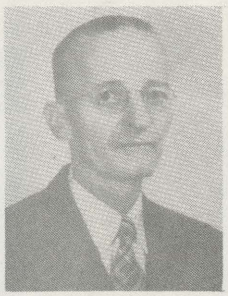
1947 FACULTY



MISS COLTRANE
Vocational Home Economics



MR. WIGGINS
Vocational Agriculture



MR. BROOME
Principal



MR. HIATT
Director of Athletics



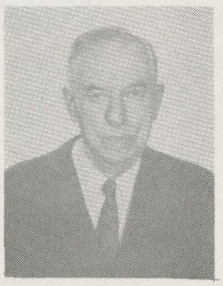
MRS. LOCKLEAR
Social Sciences



MISS. KENDALL
English



MISS. EDWARDS
Science and Mathematics



DR. STEVENS
Director of Music



MR. NEWSOME
Girl's Coach, Phys. Ed.



MRS. STARLING
English and Foreign Languages



MRS. FOURQUREAN
Commercial



MRS. WALKER
Eighth grade



MISS. BOYD
Eighth grade



MRS. SCHUMAKER
Seventh grade



MRS. RINK
Seventh Grade



MRS. CHILTON
Sixth grade



MRS. CLARK
Sixth grade



MRS. SIMMONS
Fifth grade



MRS. DUNCAN
Fifth grade



MRS. CRITZ
Fourth grade



MRS. FLEMING
Fourth grade



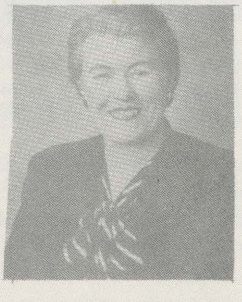
MISS DAVENPORT
Third grade



MRS. COOKE
Third grade



MRS. JARVIS
Third grade



MISS. HUTCHENS
Second grade



MRS. GENTRY
Second grade



MRS. LAUGHRIDGE
First grade



MRS. BROOME
First grade



MRS. DUNMAN
First grade



Group of students who sold ads for yearbook – 1946-47

1st Row: (l to r) Adele Caudle, Gladys Gravley, Mary Nichols, Lucille Leftwich.
2nd Row: Betty Smith, John Ralph Creed, Betty Lou Smith, Albert Lawrence, Mildred Beamer, Virginia Surratt, Wayne Jarrell.



Business Club – 1947

1st Row: L to R: Lucretia Thomas, Hester Quesinberry, Pauline Hall, Margaret Blackburn, Loretta Phillips, Alice Frances Webb, Bernelle Nichols, Myrtle Alderman, Wilma Frances Broome, Katherine Blackburn, Gladys Graveley, Birchelle Johnson
2nd Row: Betty Smith, Mary Lou Hooker, Bernice Noonkester, Betty Lou Lawrence, Parthene Slate, Betty Hutchens, Mavis Martin, Nancy Reynolds, Mildred Beamer, Betty Lou Smith, June McCraw
3rd Row: Albert Lawrence, Owen Stone, Arless Smith, Wade Frye, Mrs. Fourgurean, Helen Galyean, Adele Caudle, Norris Hall, Clellan Ramey, Conrad Haynes, Lucille Leftwich



Class of 1954 Fifth Grade
1946-1947

1st Row: Shirley Lowe, Nora Brewer, _____, Frances Honeycutt, Wanda France, Mrs. Duncan, teacher, Christine Angel, Emma Gwyn, Frances _____, Norma McHone, James Easter, _____ Marshall, 2nd Row: Barbara Morton, Shelby Holder, Iris Nichols, Pat Jones, Mary Alice Huff, _____, Joy Mae Thomas, Max Hiatt, Burley Edwards. 3rd Row: Louie Hampton, _____, Fred Wilson, _____, Dwayne Angel, _____ Edwards, Hazel Davis, Nancy Hooker, Albert Nichols, Donald Frye, Wilbur Blackburn, James Shelton, Paul Gentry, Leroy Hawks, Roger Shelton, Elsie Hodges, Donald Harrell.



1944-1945 Boy's Basketball Team

1st Row: Osler Martin, Wayne Frye, Calvin King, Captain, Cecil Hill and Owen Stone.
2nd Row: Billy Gray Belton, Arless Hodges, Paul Beasley, Arthur Byrd and Herman Nichols.
3rd Row: Baxter Smith, Wade Frye, Jimmy Shelton, Wayne Jarrell. Howard Nichols, Billy White. Norris Jarrell was not present.



FHA Group at State College. L to R: Mildred Beamer, Betty Lou Lawrence, Mary Felts, Patricia Gordon, Iris Miller, Nancy Beamer



FHA Group at State Capital Building, Raleigh. L to R: Mary Felts, Patricia Gordon, Nancy Beamer, Mildred Beamer, Iris Miller, Standing, Betty Lou Lawrence.



Honor Students - 1947-48

Front Row: Left to Right: Betty Lou Lawrence, Jimmie Shelton, Wilma Frances Broome, Edgar Hodge.
Second Row: Bernice Noonkester, Frances Quesinberry, Lucille Leftwich, Nat Jones, Pauline Thomas.



1949

Herman Nichols and Benton (Jug) Wagoner.



FHA Club 1947-48

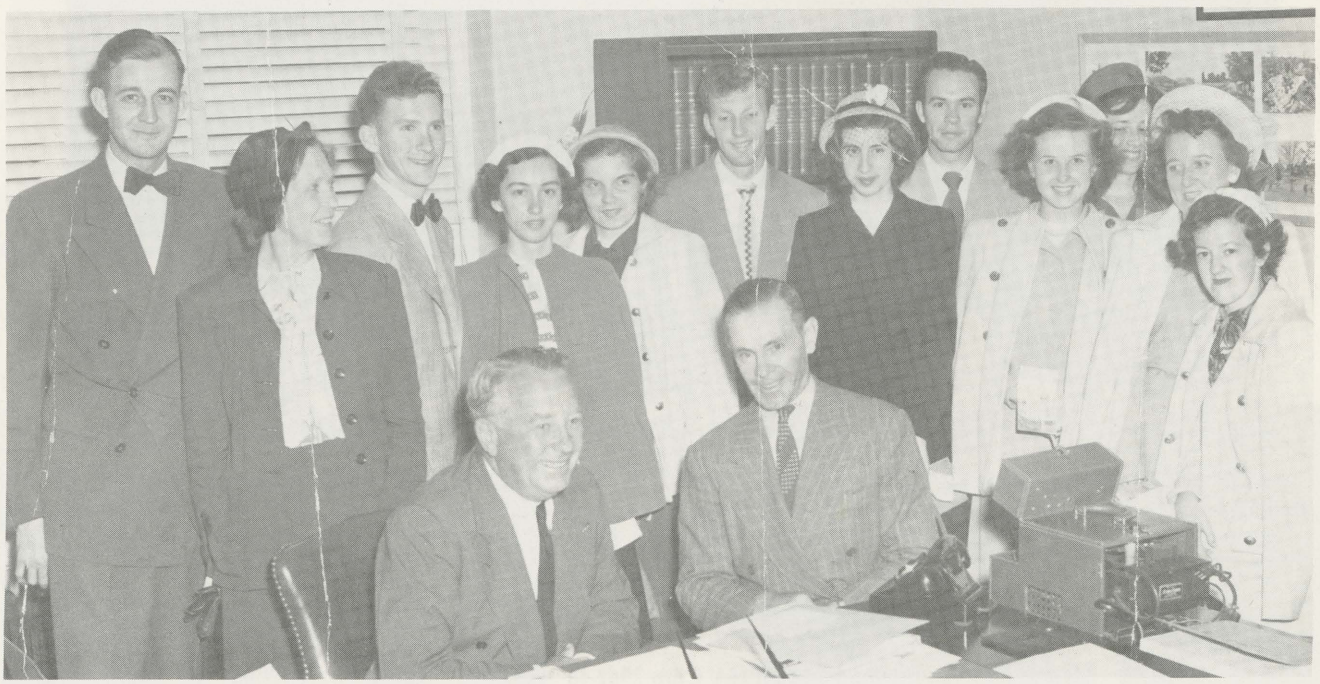
Seated L to R: Ruth Miller, Mildred Beamer, Nancy Beamer, Frances Quesinberry, Betty Lou Lawrence, Adele Caudle, Katherine Blackburn, Helen Stone, Mary Ann Nichols, Dorothy Key.
Standing L to R: Virginia Coltrane, FHA Advisor, Mary Ruth Hooker, Doris Nichols, Pauline Thomas, Mary Lou Hooker, Mahala Horton, Alyene Goins, Betty Smith, Verna Thornburg, Bernell Tate, Nancy Edwards, Lucille Parker, Myrtle Phillips.



Trip to Washington, DC - Graduating Class of 1950

Reading Left to Right: Row 1 - Howard Shelton, Jr., Roger Thomas, Buster Gordon, Carlos Surratt, Bill Nowlin, Alfred Gardner, Glenn Macey, Kester Jarrell, Bill Scott, Rodger Lowe, Bob McHone, Jay Atkins, Ralph Evans.

Row 2 - Bus Driver, Peggy Hall, Ann Hodge, Doris Nichols, Thelma Hanks, Berlene Tate, Dorothy Key, Teacher-Pearl Hatcher Starling, Her brother, Wade Hatcher, Nancy Beamer, Maxine Tickle, Barbara Shelton, Dorothy Hill, Flora Hemmings, Ruby Harrell, Mildred Jarrell.

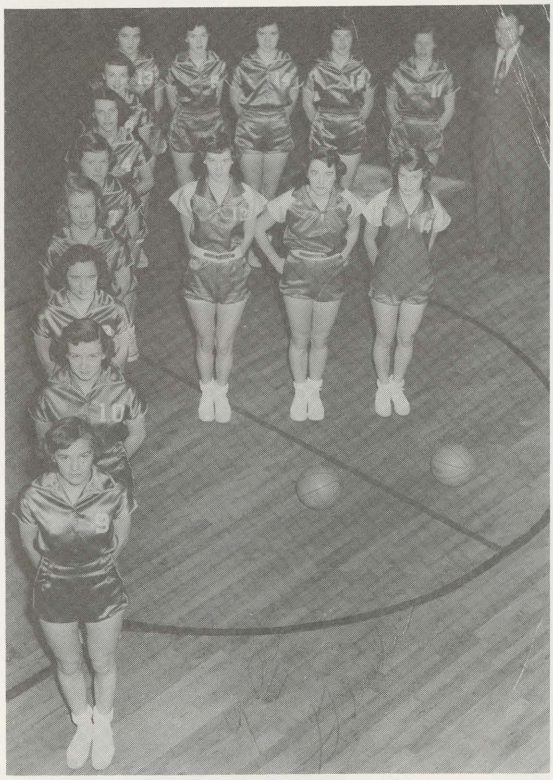


Group from Graduating Class of 1950 in Washington, DC - Senior Trip

Reading Left to Right: Standing: Mr. Chatham's Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Pearl Hatcher Starling-Teacher, Carlos Surratt, Nancy Beamer, Maxine Tickle, Roger Thomas, Ann Hodge, Glenn Macey, Berlene Tate, Barbara Shelton, Dorothy Key, Dorothy Hill.
Seated: Representative Thurmond Chatham and Wade Hatcher.



Junior-Senior Banquet – April 25, 1950
Held in the Elkin YMCA.



Girl's Basketball Team 1950-51

L to R: Virginia Chandler, Faye Key, Shirley Draughn, Annie Belle Webb, Patricia Gordon, Elmira Loflen, Carlene Tickle, Nancy Hooker, Jill Laughridge, Nancy Nichols, Jean Platt, Mildred L. Overby, Mr. Hiatt, Esther Nichols, Kay Nichols, Annie Laura Marion.



Class of 1949 students on Washington trip.

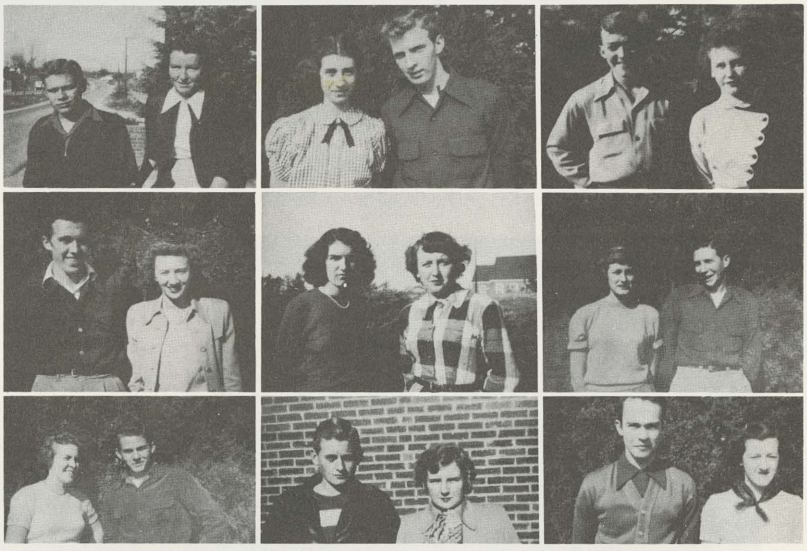
Seated, Charles Sykes.
Standing, left to right, Curtis Lewis, Don Venable, Wallace Leonard.

Senior Superlatives - 1950



1. HAPPIEST . . .
   Billy Ray Nichols, Berlene Tate
2. MOST POPULAR . . .
   Mildred Jarrell, Kester Jarrell
3. MOST LIKEABLE . . .
   J. C. Atkins, Doris Nichols
4. BEST SPORTS . . .
   Peggy Hall, Smith Hardy
5. MOST POLITE . . .
   Maxine Tickle, Helen Carter
6. CUTEST . . .
   Edd Southern, Peggy Venable
7. MOST ATTRACTIVE . . .
   Rodger Lowe, Geraldene Renegar
8. MOST LIKELY TO SUCCEED . . .
   Nancy Beamer, Carlos Surratt
9. MOST DIGNIFIED . . .
   Barbara Shelton, Ralph Evans

1. MOST CONGENIAL . . .
   Bobby McHone, Rachel Creed
2. BEST DRESSED . . .
   Anne Hodge, Roger Thomas
3. FRIENDLIEST . . .
   Buster Gordon, Anna Belle Beasley
4. BEST ALL AROUND . . .
   Howard Shelton, Thelma Hanks
5. QUIETEST . . .
   Flora Hemmings, Dorothy Keye
6. BIGGEST FLIRT . . .
   Ruby Harold, Bill Scott
7. MOST ATHLETIC . . .
   Mary Felts, Alfred Gardner
8. MOST ORIGINAL . . .
   Kenneth White, Verna Thornburg
9. MOST DEPENDABLE . . .
   Glenn Macy, Dorothy Hill





Faye Key, on steps at high school building. Elementary building and lunchroom in background.



FHA Group at Memorial Tower, State College, Raleigh. L to R: Mildred Beamer, Patricia Gordon, Iris Miller, Betty Lou Lawrence, Mary Felts, Nancy Beamer.



Virginia Coltrane, FHA Advisor, Memorial Tower, State College, Raleigh.



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1951 Charles B. Aycock Chapter
OFFICERS

Bill Venable.....President
Arthur Beamer.....Vice-President
Patricia Gordon.....Secretary
.....Treasurer

Realizing the need for greater recognition of those students who have outstanding records in scholarship, leadership, service, and character, the faculty of Franklin High School organized a chapter of the National Honor Society to be known as the Charles B. Aycock Chapter, recognizing the high standards which the former governor of North Carolina had for education. Twelve seniors and four juniors met the requirements to become charter members and they were tapped for membership in an impressive installation ceremony conducted by the Lenoir High School Chapter of the National Honor Society in March of 1951.



4-H Club – 1951

President - Arthur Beamer, Vice- President, Iris Nichols, Secretary - Patricia Gordon, Program Chairman - Iris Miller.
Advisors - John D. Hiatt and Helen Cox.



Glee Club – 1951

Director - Mrs. Georgia Stanley.
Pianist - Miss Virginia Coltrane.



Pat Jones and Vance King
on Ball Trip to Raleigh.



Mrs. Locklear and Carlos Surratt
Teachers, 1957.

Class of 1952 - Eighth Grades (1947-48)



Eighth Grade 1. Billy Caudle, Jack Renegar, Barbara Jean Puckett, Charles Shelton, Carrie Mae Hawks, Coy Wilson, Helen Hawks, Bobby Norman, Ruth Poore. 2. Elvin Marshall, Sylvia Speas, Clyde Cox, Betty Lee Nichols, Bertha Nichols, Margie Farris, Mary Jo Booker, Jo Ann Hall, Agnes Moseley. 3. Mrs. Walker, Guy Money, Rachel Fulk, Ray Easter, Opal Bryant, Leon Niston, Joan Culbreth, Burley Edwards, Nellie Ruth Gentry, Fred Marshall. 4. James Utt, Melza France, Belva Jo Phillips, Arliss Galyean, Lettie Mae Underwood, Hazel Mays, Ray Hill, Donald Holder, Mildred Alderman, Elvis Johnson, Frank Farrell, Myrtle Tilley (absent).



Eighth Grade 1. Nancy Hall, Edna Bond, Franklin Gentry, Elmira Loften, Billy Doss, Georgie Jones, George Holder, Lola Mays, Opal Johnson. 2. Barbara Haymore, Kelly McHone, Latrice Vernon, Bobby Easter, Juanita Leonard, Arnold Blackburn, Lillian Arrington, Osler Smith, Shirley Lowe, Pauline Gravley. 3. Bernie Spencer, Peggy Kingsberry, Richard Nichols, Callie Leftwich, Buddy Sutphin, Fannie Lou Simmons, Roy Hiatt, Mrs. Hiatt. 4. Ray Carter, Roger Clifton, Graham Robertson, Bobby Harrell, Merle McKinney.

Franklin Scholar



MISS MILDRED LEONARD

Miss Mildred Leonard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aiton Leonard, will be valedictorian for the senior class of Franklin High School, near Mount Airy, May 30, Arthur Beamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beamer, wil be the salutatorian.

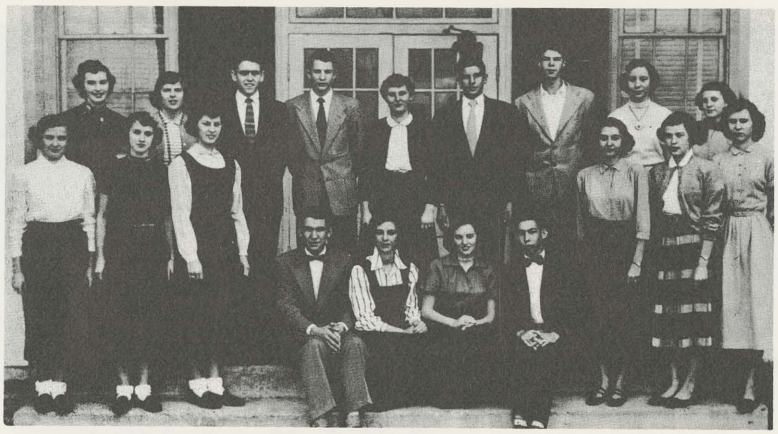


FHA Convention, Raleigh, NC 1952
Nelda Chappel, Louis Beasley, Iris Nichols, Fannie L. Simmons, Nancy Hooker, Juanita Leonard.



OUTSTANDING SENIORS - 1953

Front Row, left to right: Charles Shelton, Bobby Cole, Nancy Watson, Jean Edwards, Bobby Bunker, and Roy Clifton; Second Row: Nancy Miller, Rachel Shelton, Annie Laurie Marion, Dee Meadows, Rachel Critz, Faye Key, and Richard Wagoner.



CHARLES B. AYCOCK CHAPTER - NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY - 1953

President.....Fred Wilson
Vice-President.....Nancy Miller
Secretary.....Shirley Draughn
Treasurer.....Rachel Shelton

Front Row, left to right: Faye Key, Annie Laurie Marion, Iris Nichols, Fred Wilson, Rachel Shelton, Shirley Draughn, Bobby Bunker, Mrs. Juanita Baber, Advisor; Rachel Critz, Catherine Westmoreland; Second Row: Jill Laughridge, Jean Edwards, Roy Clifton, Donald Frye, Nancy Miller, Bobby Cole, Dee Watson, Nancy Watson, and Nirelle Willard.



Tacky Hacky Day - 1952 L to R: Kay Nichols, Opal Bryant, Elmira Loflen, Jill Laughridge, and Nancy Hooker.



HOMECOMING QUEEN AND COURT - 1954

L to R Front: Peggy Sechriest, Dot Odell, Pat Estes, Nancy Marshall, Jackie Coe, Iris Nichols, Elaine Bunker, Mildred Tolbert, Ernestine Collins.
L to R Back: Ralph Clifton, Wayne Tolbert, Hampton Beamer, Doug Nichols, Donald Frye, Wilbur Blackburn, Paul Shelton.



HONOR SOCIETY - 1954

Seated L to R: Faye Hiatt, Nancy Hooker, Selben Snow, Pat Jones, Pat Estes, Nelda Jean Chappell, Jewel Holder, Robert Ward, Louise Beasley, Pat Hall.
Standing L to R: Elsie Hodges, Joyce Hill, Max Hiatt, Dot Beasley, Shirley Draughn, C. W. Faulkner, Donald Frye, Iris Nichols, Sarah Jones, Fred Wilson, Jill Laughridge, Mary Lou Bowman.



FHA Tacky Day

Seated front: Dot Beasley, _____ Chappell, _____. Standing L. to R: _____, Sarah Jones, Jean Williamson, Melza France, Elmira Loflen, Opal Bryant, Audrey Carter, _____, Kay Nichols, Nancy Hooker, Iris Nichols, Lillian Arrington, Frances Nichols, Elsie Hodges, Wanda France, Sue McKinney.



GIRLS TRACK – 1954

L-R: Iris Nichols, Elaine Bunker, Shirley Draughn, Rita Coe, Jill Laughridge.



Miss Virginia Coltrane, beloved teacher and friend of students at Franklin School.

She taught Vocational Home Economics at Franklin for many years.

The first Future Homemakers of America Chapter at Franklin was organized in 1945 by Miss Coltrane, who was also the Advisor.

Her students knew her as a teacher who knew something about everything. They could always go to her for advice.

Presently Miss Coltrane is living with her brother, Bill Coltrane, in Emory, Virginia.



(1954)

The new Franklin High School Building was built in 1954. In addition to more office space, there were more modern classrooms, science laboratories, home economics department, business classrooms, and an adequate cafeteria.

Franklin High School was the largest county school in Surry County for a number of years.

With this additional classroom space, it was possible to provide a broader course curriculum for Franklin students.

The Alumni Association has met once each year in the cafeteria of this building since 1954.

Class of 1955



Senior Class of 1955 - Officers

Left to right: Tommy Nichols, Louise Beasley Beamer, Pat Estes Hamlin, Gray Morrison, Faye Hiatt Seal.

Class Poem

MEMORY

Our high school days we see again
And sadden as we review;
But still as memory crows our brain
There's pleasure in it, too.

"Success is found in trying"
This motto we have chosen.
Our colors green and white
Nature has cleverly woven.

The lovely white carnation
Symbolid of our happiness
We've experienced here at Franklin High
So great --- words can's express.

As our happy school days come to an end
There's a tear in every eye.
We'll never forget the hours we spent
at dear old Franklin High

By. Jewell Gwyn, Class Poet

"The Way We Were"....(fourth grade)



Left to Right Kneeling: First Row: Raymond Holder, Reid Simmons, Chrisie Butcher, Lester Vernon, Second Row: Betty Jean Woodruff, Norma Woodruff, Betty Lind Sweatman, Billie Faye Hooker, Shelby Dean Badgett, Mrs. Fleming, Elaine Bunker, Gaynelle Phillips, Faye Hiatt, Jewel Gwyn, Rex O'neal, Third Row: J. W. Belton, Wilbur Hawks, James Marion, Wallace Norman, Betty Lou Slate, Alton Fulk, Thomas Nichols, Cecil Hall, Leonard Thomas, Roosevelt Robertson, Fourth Row: Mary Cantrell, Joan Gentry, Robert Clifton, Helen Tate, Edward Jackson, Jimmy France, Gray Morrison, Fifth Row: Robert Lee Hiatt, Curtis Reynolds, Josephine Carter, Alton Mooneyhan, Senator Golding, Bobby Lee Slate, Benson Golden, Hugh Simmons, Bobby Ray Wilson.



Football Queen and her Court - 1956

L to R: Joyce Hooker, Beadie Handy, Evelyn Bowman, Linda Marion, Barbara King, Peggy Sechrest, Queen, Judy Beamer, Arretta Lyons, Jackie Shelton, Wilma Joy Golding, and Peggy Webb.

1956 Cheerleaders

Front: Louise Wagoner, 1st Row; Barbara King, Evelyn Caudle, Loretta Mosley, Frances Edwards, 2nd Row: Judy Beamer, Shelba Hill, Maggie Wilson and Glenda Nixon.



MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1977

Former Editor Of TIMES Reminisces

About Athletes Hiatt

[Ed. Note: Two of this section's top rated athletes during what has been termed the grand era of sports here died recently. Luther Byrd of Elon College, former editor of the TIMES, remembered well the careers of Jimmy Hiatt and Coon Creed and authored the following article.

Byrd founded the sports publicity program for UNC-Chapel Hill while a student there and he did the publicity for the first football game and dedication in Kenan Stadium there in 1927. Upon graduation, he returned to Mount Airy and joined the TIMES. He taught and coached at Westfield High School for 19 years and worked with the city softball program and county baseball league operated under the sponsorship of the TIMES.]

By LUTHER N. BYRD

When Jimmie Hiatt and Coon Creed died within the past two weeks, there came to an end two of the truly brilliant chapters in the early story of sports in Mount Airy and Surry County, for both Hiatt and Creed were among the greatest athletes to perform in this area in that period that embraced the late 1920's and the 1930's, and the deeds which they performed on athletic field and court half a century ago will live forever in the memory of those who knew them.

Jimmie Hiatt played his high school sports at Flat Rock High School, starring in both basketball and baseball, and he later went on to Appalachian to win his letter as a very fine baseball pitcher. After completing his education he became teacher and coach, and for many years he directed the Franklin High School athletes to brilliant records in basketball, baseball and track.

In addition to his high school and college sports play, Hiatt also ranked as one of the most outstanding performers in the old Surry County Baseball League, which operated for about ten years under the sponsorship of the Mount Airy TIMES. He pitched and played infield for the Westfield baseball team and the writer of this article, who managed that Westfield team of other years, still remembers Jimmie Hiatt pitching and winning a twelve-inning 1 to 0 victory over Level Cross in a game that decided the league championship one season.



JIMMY HIATT

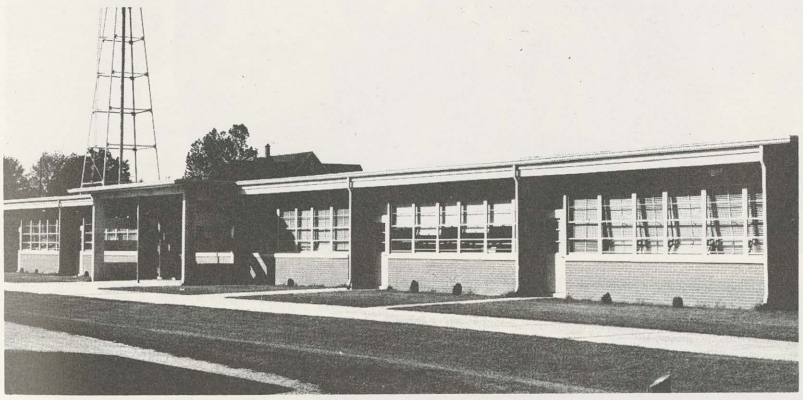
Because Jimmy Hiatt spent all of his educational career in his native area, his exploits are well known to many present day sports fans, but the older generation of sports enthusiasts remember equally well the athletic feats of Coon Creed, who played all three major sports of football, basketball and baseball in both high school and college nearly half a century ago.



JUNIOR PLAY CAST – Class of 1957

Seated: Mary Lou Tate, Raeburn Nichols, Ruth Dunbar, Frank Culler, Peggy Sechrest, Maggie Wilson, Beadie Handy.
Standing: Mrs. Carroll, Director, Barbara Flippin, Arista Snow, Jimmy Quesinberry, Bill Riggs, Miss Kendall, Director.

A New Elementary School 1957



(1957)

On February 6, 1957, the original Franklin Elementary School building was destroyed by fire.

To quote from The Franklin Maroon and Grey (1929-1959), "The Franklin High School and community rallied to build a better and bigger school. Within days plans were put into operation to finish the school year. Churches and other groups in the community volunteered the use of their facilities.

The Franklin spirit carried us through hard days.

The dedication ceremonies of the new elementary school building at left were held on November 14, 1957.

Mr. J. Sam Gentry, Superintendent of Surry County Schools, presented the new building to the community and Mr. James C. Hiatt, principal, accepted the building for the school.

Franklin High School students began attending North Surry High School when the county high schools were consolidated in the fall of 1959.



Cheerleaders - 1957



Mrs. E. P. (Bernice) McLeod, wife of former principal - 1977



Class of 1959 Reunion at Franklin Alumni Banquet in 1984

1st Row: (l to r) Brenda Golding, Barbara King, 2nd Row: Wayne Sykes, Mildred Payne, Gracie Easter, Leon Hiatt, Stonie Dunbar, Dennis Easter, 3rd Row: Eunice Blackburn, Greta Moser, Annie Kay Hall, Jane Watson, 4th Row; Paul Vernon, Norwood Easter, Ray Clifton and James Everett.



1984 Banquet

Wayne Sykes.



1984 Banquet

Annie Kay Hall.



Class of 1959 Reunion at Franklin Alumni Banquet in 1984

L to R: Greta Moser, Brenda Golding, Jo Ann Surratt (1951 assisting), Gracie Easter, Jane Watson, Dennis Easter, Annie Kay Hall, Barbara King.



1959 Franklin High School Faculty

Front Row: Thomas H. Houck, Miss Virginia Coltrane, Roy E. Simmons, Jr., James C. Hiatt, Miss Louise Kendall.
Back Row: Mrs. W. R. Locklear, Mrs. Richard Wagoner, Carlos P. Surratt, Mrs. Fred Bradford, Mrs. T. F. Reece, Bobby G. Johnson. (Mrs. C. C. Carroll, absent).

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April 17, 1970

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I have known Mr. J. C. (Jimmy) Hiatt for 33 years. I taught and coached with him in FHS and shared with him many concerns and joys in the development of boys and girls. He then became principal and for three years I found him to be a fine administrator and a wonderful persons to work with. Now he is considered by many people to be a top rated administrator. This is shown in the outstanding progress of his school.

Mr. Hiatt has a quiet manner, friendly and understanding. In his dealings with students, teachers, and parents he shows his desire to do whatever is best for all concerned. He is a deeply devout Christian man and gives generously of his time, service and money to his church. He is a good family man, having four fine sons and two daughters - all accomplished, educated good citizens.

I know of no man who is more respected in North Carolina. His influence on countless boys and girls and his confidence in them have helped them to become fine men and women. I personally feel he is a most deserving person for an award in education.

Sincerely,

Louise Kendall

(Miss) Louise Kendall
Counselor

LK:cc

MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA,
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1977

Hiatt, Retired Principal Of Franklin School, Dies

James Callis (Jimmy) Hiatt of Route 1, Mount Airy, whose career in education spanned more than four decades, died early Sunday morning in Salt Lake City, Utah, after suffering a heart attack.

He was 65.

The retired principal of Franklin Elementary School and his wife had been visiting a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Nancy Tame, in Salt Lake City when he suffered the fatal attack. They had planned to tour the Holy Land when they left Utah.

Funeral services will be held at 4 p.m. today (Thursday) in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, conducted by Bishop Eldon Cluff and Elder David Hiatt. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

The body will remain at Moody Funeral Home until taken to the church.

Born December 19, 1911 in Surry County , he was the son of James Monroe and Nancy Inman Hiatt.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

He was a member of the Franklin Ruritan Club.

A graduate of Appalachian State Teacher's College, now Appalachian State University, he retired in June as principal of Franklin School, ending 42 years in the education profession.

During his lengthy service to the education profession and this area, he had been a teacher, coach and principal. He was principal of Sheltontown School during 1932-33 before going to Franklin School.

He was one of this area's better-known coaches, heading Franklin School's basketball, baseball and track programs. His teams won numerous county and conference titles.

Franklin Elementary School underwent several face-liftings during his career. Originally a school housing grades one through 12, when he retired the school, housing grades from kindergarten through eight had an enrollment of 1,150 students.

When he retired as principal of the school in June, several civic, fraternal and business organizations paid him honor . Included in these was a 15-day trip to the Holy Land.

In his letter of resignation to the Surry County Board of Education, Hiatt stated, "I have counted my blessings many times and I have concluded that I have been the most fortunate principal in the state."

He was praised by Charles Graham, superintendent of the Surry County Schools, for his "out-standing performance" at Franklin School.

Mr. Hiatt is survived by his wife , Mrs. Margaret Ann Sutphin Hiatt; two daughters, Mrs. Sarah Nancy Tame of Salt Lake City and Miss Lois Ann Hiatt of the home; four sons, Dr. Max Roe Hiatt, Leon Grant Hiatt and Dr. Monty Dean Hiatt, all of Mount Airy, and James Kay Hiatt of Stuart, Va.; 11 grandchildren three sisters, Mrs. F Stevens of Mount Airy, Mrs. Ellen Holmes of High Point and Mrs. Eva Ball of Kannapolis; and three brothers, David L. Hiatt, Albert Hiatt and Vestal Hiatt.













