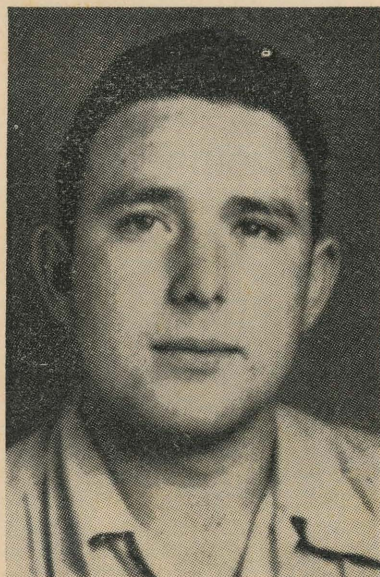


# Tom Slate's Death Saddens Senior Ranks



THOMAS E. SLATE

## Tribute Paid To Popular Athlete; Passes May 12

The death of Thomas Edward Slate, 17-year old room no. 16 senior, on May 12 sounded the saddest note of the 1940-41 term at Mount Airy high.

Tom, as he was known, died following a brief illness, during which time hundreds of high schoolers visited him, sent flowers, and cheered him on. His death was attributed to leukemia.

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## Even Hundred To Receive Diplomas

### Final Flashes

Unlike other years, seniors will march down the aisles only one time this graduation series, that being the final night. Students will take up the first few rows in the center of the audience for the night of the Baccalaureate service and will be seated on the stage class night when activities begin.

It has been especially requested that all the BOYS in the graduation groups PLEASE HAVE HAIRCUTS for the final night.

Mount Airy high jumped the rest of the south Monday morning, May 26 by adopting its own Daylight Saving Time system. On that sunny morning, school opened at 8 p. m., 45 minutes ahead of the regular schedule. First four periods were held in the morning, and the final period that afternoon. The move was made because of the mid-summer weather. Apparently students liked what Mr. Finch termed the "sunrise services."

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## Greatest Need Is Recreation Center -- Seniors

### Jimmie Miller Wins Out In Essay Contest

For the second straight year a room no. 11 junior, this time Jimmie Miller, was proclaimed winner in the Lions club essay contest, Edward Jackson having won last year.

Jimmie turned in the theme that was tops in a field of 500, according to English teachers who judged the contest. Subject for the third annual competition was "Improvements Needed In Our City."

While the limit was placed at 500 words, Jimmie scribbled off nearly a thousand words in describing the need for a chamber of commerce.

He will receive a medal and will be permitted to keep the giant Lions club trophy through the summer, after having his name engraved upon the cup. Peggy Eaton won the first contest in 1939, writing a prize winning essay on "School Spirit."

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### Final Exercises Are Carded For June 4

By PAT ROTHROCK (Assistant Editor)

When one hundred seniors, a skeleton class when compared with last year's 112, get their hard-earned diplomas commencement night, June 4, five honor graduates will deliver speeches, special music will be rendered, and numerous awards to outstanding MAHSers will be made.

Six debaters, four Lions club essay victors, the best all-round senior, two graduates with the highest average for the year, the winner of the year's subscription to the READER'S DIGEST, and the winners of the Leonard's, Steele's, and Jewel Box watches—all these will be given their justice on the senior night of triumph.

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Rierson, tied for second; Anne Inman, third. Jimmie will also be awarded the Lions club trophy on graduation night.

The Glee club; a chorus of senior girls; and the trio, Freda Kingsbury, Christine Webb, and Ruth Poore, will contribute their bit in the way of music.

Five finals speakers will deliver orations on various topics of national defense. They are: Ann Booker, "What Shall We Defend?"; Odell Money, "What Is Defense?"; Ellen Macon, "We Also Serve;"; Edward Jackson, "Education And Defense;"; and Patricia Rothrock, "The Citizen And Defense."

The senior attaining the highest scholastic average for the current year will receive the customary one-year subscription to THE READER'S DIGEST, while the boy and girl gaining the best average will be awarded medals.

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Of one of his greatest football linemen, Coach Shelton said this: "Tom was one of the three best linemen prospects at our school in the last eight years."

One student said, "You never saw Tom Slate do anything dirty in a football game. He was one of the most sportsmanlike players I have ever seen."

Just before his death Tom was presented with the letters he won

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## Superlatives, Six More Of Them, Are Selected

(Exclusive)

In a HIGH SPOTS election, six more senior superlatives were chosen last week, as Odell Money, senior president spearheaded further honors

The towering senior leader was selected as the senior most likely to succeed in later life and was voted the most typical senior.

Ben Williamson, employee of the Blue Ridge clothing shop, was voted the seniors' best dressed boy, while Mildred Eckenrod, though she is not taking a diploma, was accorded the same honor for the girls.

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Thirty-four of those to be graduated stated that what this city should have before anything else is a "place to play." They contend that present recreation facilities are entirely inadequate.

While more high schoolers as a whole had favored a better main street, the group of seniors arguing that the main street problem should be solved first were outnumbered decisively.

How the polling went: Better recreation center (34), better main street (11), municipal swimming pool (10), high school gymnasium (12), YMCA (7), better city spirit (6), juvenile court (5), city parking lot (4), cleaner streets (4), better traffic regulation (3), and a new high school building, more stop lights, airport, better fire department, better school system, and civic auditorium (1 each).

### THANKS, SODA SHOP

As a graduation gift, Bill Patterson is giving all regular senior HIGH SPOTS subscribers one of his giant Jumbo milk shakes with ice cream for half-price, five cents. All regular senior subscribers and staff members were presented with mimeographed slips entitling them to the special bargain.

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## 'Spring Fever', 1941 Senior Play, To Be Reeled Off Friday Night

After the usual rounds of trouble that are encountered in the production of those nationally-known headaches — senior plays —, the Coach Shelton-directed Mount Airy high senior drama will be presented at Rockford Auditorium, Friday night, May 30, at 8 p. m.

As last minute preparation the cast of twelve will give performances at Stuart, North Main, Rockford, and Bannertown, and the colored high school.

Asked how "Spring Fever" was coming, Shelton said, "They've all got it!"

Miss Jones has been helping in the direction of the play, practice sessions for which have been held day and night.

Jack Folger, first junior ever to have a romantic lead in the senior play, and Ellen Macon head the cast.

The setting of "Spring Fever" is Mrs. Spangler's rooming house at Brookfield college, a small coed school in the East, the day prior to commencement. In addition to her regular college-boy roomers, their girls keep popping in and out, a few parents and an aunt show up, and Prof. Bean finds occasion to call several times. And things happen! Spring fever has hit Brookfield! It's all fast and furious and funny—with

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The history will come in the form of "Information Please" with contestants from the junior and senior class taking part in the rehearsal quiz program. Harrison's prophecy will be delivered in Winchell fashion.

Another feature is a piano solo by Margaret Nichols.

## 1941-'42 Officers

President student body—Joe Fowler.

Editor HIGH SPOTS—Barbara Wrenn; assistant—Bill Hollingsworth.

President Sigma Delta—Jimmie Miller.

Senior officers—Jack Folger, president; Charles Davis, vice president; Sarah Merritt, secretary; Wayne Campbell, treasurer.

Junior officers—John Woltz, president; Mary Phillips, vice president; Calvin Hull, secretary; Billy Ashby, treasurer.

Sophomore officers—Barbara Folger, president; Betty Jean Wyrick, vice prexy; Bobby Reddick, secretary; Betsy Sparger, treasurer.

Senior student councilors—Nancy Lou Bunker, Ruth Poore, Lucy Jane Poore, Howard Woltz, Billy Craddock.

Junior student councilors—John Browne, Mary Phillips, Rachel Dollar, Ann Clarke, Fred Folger, Jr.

Sophomore student councilors—Billie Marie Hennis, Billy Sumner, Rebecca Beasley, and Paul Spain.

### SENIOR PLAY CAST

Jack Folger, as Howard Brant, a senior at Brookfield college;

Carl Clark, as Ed Burns, a chemistry student;

Eddie Fowler, as Vic Lewis, an art student;

Pauline Jones, as Lou Herron, a journalism student;

Edith Midkiff, as Mrs. Spangler, the landlady;

Ellen Macon, as Anne Purcell, Howard's heart interest;

Betty Lou Britt, as Vivian George, Vic's heart interest;

Oval Jarrell, as Henry Purcell, Anne's father, a rich manufacturer;

Mary Jacobs, as Phoebe Purcell, Anne's mother;

Eleanor Smith, as Maude Corey, Howard's spinster aunt from California;

Sydney Samet, as Prof. Virgil Bean, of the zoology dept.;

Francis Terry, as Dr. Dixon, president of Brookfield college.

## Tom Slate... Spirit Still Lives . . . . .

A seat in room no. 16; a place on the baseball and football bus; a desk in the chemistry laboratory; a place on the baseball bench; a hole in the line on the football field—they're all empty now, in reality.

But Tom Slate . . . Tom Slate isn't dead really. His personality still fills those places. He's still there. He still plugs the gaps he always plugged. He still plays the game fair and square. He still lives with the seniors. He's still a senior himself. For a personlity, particularly a personality like Tom Slate's, never dies.

Tom wasn't a scholastic beaver. But he was no failure. Tom wasn't all-american footballer, but he was better than that—for no one ever played in a fairer and cleaner way. He was just the baseball batboy, . . . but, unlike so many of us, he did even this task to the best of his ability. He never held any offices, nor won many honors—yet he outshone all the seniors in his own simple way—he was modest, honest, loyal; he was brave, fair, and he dared to do right. He was popular—was Tom Slate—because of himself, his own temperament and behavior, not because of something he might have pretended to be and wasn't. Tom Slate was liked by everybody; but most of all, HE LIKED EVERYBODY.

He once told his father, "Daddy, I'll never drink or do anything you don't want me too." And Tom Slate, always the true Tom Slate, never broke that promise.

We all kidded Tom Slate a lot. He used to go to sleep in home room every morning. We joked with him about everything. His friend, Sam Owens, used to kid him about whether he or Tom was the dumber in history. I worked at the same chemistry desk with Tom Slate. We often laughed at some of the things Tom did. Tom wasn't perfect, for no one is. But, we all liked him from the bottom of our hearts, because he was always TOM SLATE regardless.

And then, all our joking and teasing stopped. Then we all felt one of our greatest losses. Tom Slate was dead. He was always himself, who was simple and honest—who meant so much to the school without being the most outstanding student in it—he was gone . . . we thought.

While 99 of us will graduate, Tom, like the one sheep, will be revered by the other 99. But unlike the one sheep . . . he didn't go astray. He played the game, played it wonderfully well, and spiritually he's still playing it.

I don't think Tom Slate would mind; I don't think Tom Slate would think it sissy if I said he was a "sweet" boy. For he loved everyone. And we loved him back.

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# Year Here Loaded With Events

## Clubs Should Meet More

Passing through its crisis year, the third, Mount Airy high's club program survived the last nine-months period, but only after some twanging criticism from nearly every quarter.

Statements that the club program was accomplishing nothing rang time and again in authorities' ears.

Although seniors in a HIGH SPOTS poll were almost unanimous in betrothing the blame to faculty directors of the gigantic movement, a glance into some statistics show that the real trouble probably lay in lack of student interest.

Study hall packed all available space, and programs and other portions requiring student work were neglected. Summing up these points, it would seem only logical that the school heads adopt a propaganda system for whipping up student interest in this extra-curricular activity.

Departing seniors helped bang the trouble keynote also. Voting disclosed that 27 seniors believe clubs meet more often. They contend, logically too, that no real good can be derived from meeting that amount to about 30 minutes working time once every three or four weeks.

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with Miss Lassiter conducting the meetings. Bob Hines served as chairman. Writing "30" to the year, the club toured the TIMES office, after a year spent in training writers, copyreaders, and reporters for the 1942 HIGH SPOTS.

**Public Speaking**—Under Mrs. Baringer and Mrs. Sydnor, this club trained the debating team.

**Home Ec for Boys**—Juniors' and seniors' club under Miss Swanson turned in a very successful "season." Cooked meal for faculty members, and Mr. Finch says he didn't get indigestion from it. Learned to dance. One of school's best groups.

Mrs. Mackie and Mrs. Shuford directed the freshman-sophomore boys' home ec club. One sponsor said they "hadn't done one thing." Actually the club has studied etiquette.

**Latin**—Under Miss Haymore studied Rome, mythology, the language, had Latin picnic of Roman foods only.

**Art**—Most American mag contest posters came from club members. Made complete study of art field under Mrs. Barber.

**Library**—Heard talk by W. E. Woodruff, sold Christmas cards, cooperated with public library; bought curtains for library with Tom Haymore as pres.

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## Gym Drive, Awakening Of Interest Lead

### REVIEW OF THE YEAR

While other years were just "years," the term 1940-41 will go down in history here as the year of the "great awakening."

For a change, the school, all of it, became interested in improving not only the school, but also the town.

A gymnasium drive, that still is in its elementary start, after its first year, helped awaken the town and the school to the fact all was not well here, that plenty of changes could be made. As a result, plenty will.

Month-by-month review:

### OCTOBER—

Chautauqua underway . . . Glee club changed to Choral class . . . Miss Anderson returns to MAHS as English teacher . . . New frosh like MAHS . . .

### NOVEMBER—

HIGH SPOTS gym drive inaugurated . . . Sigma Deltas start, but late . . . Clubs get underway, but late . . . Entire year was to be featured by everything running behind schedule . . . Open Forum to start again . . . New feature is Boys' Home Ec club . . . Shelton chosen to coach N. C. all-stars . . . Chautauqua bell-ringing success, as Glen Well's comedy voted most popular . . . Students think Spanish should replace French, that MAHS should have physical ed course . . .

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3. Select Carolyn Jacobs as senior mascot. Although nothing definite has been done by officials to obtain a mascot, eight seniors said their preference was the young sister of Mary Jacobs, room no. 16 senior. Barbara Fowler, sister of the student body prexy, and Linda George, polled second.

4. Keep the draft age at 21, rather than lowering it to eighteen. Totals were: Lower to eighteen, 36; keep at 21 years of age, 56.

5. Have clubs meet more often and for longer meeting-periods, and enrich student interest in the extra-curricular program.

6. Pursue the gym drive until MAHS gets something out of it. Sixty-nine contended that the gym was the high school's greatest need, while a group of eighteen said it wasn't. Of the losing bunch, five said a new high school building was our greatest need here, and four said it should be a vocational guidance course.

7. Install a course in physical education. More seniors felt the need for a physical ed class than any other change they would like to see in school life here. Also-rans were: Better commercial dept.; a Bible course; better cooperation between students and teachers; a better shop; seven periods a day instead of five, better lighting condition, and a h. s. band.

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# Austrian Refugee Tells The Girl Reserves Of Her Flight

By PAT ROTHROCK

Yes, MAHS has been visited by a real honest-to-goodness refugee!

The Girl Reserve club was hostess to Miss Annemarie Lehndorff, a native Austrian who has fled from Vienna and is now majoring in psychology at WCUNC.

Full of life, possessor of a rippling voice that pronounces 't's' as "z's" and twinkling brown eyes sparkling with life, Annemarie was born just after World War I.

Asked to tell of her life, she said: "I didn't want to come to America. All the movies I had seen had given me the impression I couldn't make myself like it. I am glad the impression was wrong.

"But after Hitler's invasion in March, 1938, I couldn't stay any longer! The night Hitler came, when I turned on my radio and German voices grated on my ears, I resolved to leave.

"It took me two months to get a passport, and every day, as I stood

in line in front of the English Embassy, I was in danger of being taken to a concentration camp.

"In England, I lived happily for eighteen months, in spite of impending war clouds. The English were carefree, as we in Austria had been. It couldn't happen to them. But it did.

"When I left England, the small boat was crowded and the first night of our voyage, we rammed against two small ships and had to turn back to Liverpool for repairs. Our second try was more successful, and we encountered little bad weather and sighted few enemy boats.

"We arrived in New York in a fog, and my first memory is of hearing that funny Pepsi-Cola song. That song is the most characteristic American thing I have heard. In Austria, there were no advertisements at all.

"I live living here quite a lot, although everyone hurries all the

time. In Vienna, to sit and sip coffee with whipped cream and to talk lazily about friends was fun. But I like it here, too.

"School life in Vienna was different from school life here. The school system was divided differently, but subjects were taught much the same, although we had oral exams instead of written ones.

"We had gym twice a week.

"Dates? Of course we had them. However, we went to the theater, concerts, and lectures instead of dances.

"I have never seen Hitler, although I could have if I had wanted to. I didn't care to.

"Are the books 'Escape and Out of the Night' possible? The story of 'Escape' could be true, but its ever happening is very doubtful. I dislike 'Out of the Night' very much, since the author is little better than those of whom he writes. America? It is a wonderful place to live in with its free press and speech and other privileges."

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### JANUARY—

Faculty leaders announce they favor journalism course for Mount Airy high . . . Sigma Deltas disband because of lack of interest . . . National defense mechanics course, open to high schoolers, begun . . . First Open Forum postponed, setting Forum series off on wrong foot . . . Debate chiefs can't narrow team down to four men . . . Mid-term exams postponed because of influenza epidemic as we lose seven school days because of epidemic here . . . Students still favor exemptions but, favor or not, all students take exams now . . .

### FEBRUARY—

George Sparger and Nancy Lou Bunker elected Mr. and Miss Mount Airy high school respectively in HIGH SPOTS voting . . . Mrs. A. B. Carter replaces Miss Huddleston on teaching staff . . . Minnie Ruth Hutchens, popular junior, dies here . . . Debaters' lone worry is noise about them . . . Reserve cage tourney temporarily postponed . . . Close of cage season, after Bears were beaten by King in first round of district tourney . . . Jimmie Miller selected as all-group cager . . . Gym drive perks up, with support from Lions and D. A. R. . . . Cotton Clark is Boy Scout mayor . . . School spirit on wane, and lighting system pointed out as very poor one . . .

# Highsmith Suggests High School's Rear Wing Be Torn Down

## Building Out Of Date, Reports Here Now State

After a state-sponsored inspection of the pros and cons of Mount Airy high, Dr. Highsmith, state inspector of public schools, has suggested that the wing containing the science and commercial departments be replaced by a newer structure.

His report also stated that the present high school building is inadequate and outdated but favored no changes until it is ascertained just how much the citizens of the city are willing to delegate to the school system. It was this he had in mind when he suggested tearing out the rear wing, the oldest part of the MAHS building.

"The school has reached its approximate maximum in enrollment and average daily attendance for a school under its circumstances," the report continued.

However, the present high school building is not modern and is inadequate for carrying on the type of education a town this size should have, he reported.

Any program should have the following features to be classed as a modern educational system, he said: Study hall, science room, commercial room, shop room, auditorium, and physical education building.

The science and commercial rooms are outdated and poorly equipped, the school has no physical ed building, and too much space is going to waste in the study hall each day, he continued.

One suggestion was moving the library to one half the study hall

## Athletic Record of Blue and White Is Blue One

### S. S. Sigma Delta Ran Aground; Is Now Drydocked For Repairs



After treading on some rocky shores three-fourths of the year, the Sigma Delta club finally salvaged itself late in the year, and under president Jimmie Miller and Mrs. Jackson again plans to really "go to town" in 1941-42. Lack of student interest caused the club to disband in January, but finally active members, under president Ben Williamson, came to the club's rescue. A new series of meetings, with a talk by James Boyd, attache to the American embassy in Nicaragua, as a featured attraction, helped set the club off on the right foot again in March. Those eligible for Sigma Delta membership next year were given badges, singling them out as possible members of the honor society. A platform next year calls for a project to help improve the school and to foster better relationship between the club and the remainder of MAHS. A picnic last week started the new calendar, with both new and outgoing members attending the event at Cumberland Knob.

### Inquiring Reporter

What have you to say about your four years in high school and your graduation?

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### No State Titles But Spirit Excellent.

The year 1941 was everything but a bright year for Mount Airy high athletics.

While the victory columns in all activities were lean indeed, coaches pointed out that spirit during the athletic seasons was tops for all time.

The football team had a break-even season, winning five, losing five, and tying one. However, the club lost its crucial battle to Reidsville, by a 15-7 count, thus knocking the Bears out of the state race. Mount Airy did gain a state race victory over Burlington, 20-0, the one night when the Granite Bears were biting their hardest.

Highlight of the year was the 19-14 victory over Harding high, of Charlotte, but the biggest thrill for the boys came when a two-day trip to Elizabeth City was made. Reynolds, per usual, registered a crushing victory over the club, this time, 28-0, with Phil Brewer again setting the pace.

The season was opened with a 33-0 loss to the powerful Durham club there. The tie game was a hard-fought 7-7 battle with Galax here.

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### Golf Record Is Improved

Closing their season just as they began it, in the loss column, the Mount Airy high golf team rounded out its second season with four wins, seven losses, and a tie with Reynolds.

Two players will depart, Eddie Fowler, two-time captain, and no. one man, and Jimmie Harrison, of the no. four slot. Other letter winners in the first year that golfers were given letters were: Bill Ashby, Bill Glancy, and Jimmie Miller.

After dropping their first five matches in a row, the club awoke to shine very brightly in the middle section of the season, but settled down to losing its last two matches.

Bill Glancy fired the hottest medal round for the club, a 74 at Lexington's short "rock garden" course. Jimmie Miller had a 75 at Martinsville. Chip Clark's and Carroll Wall's 71's against the club were best, these two coming at Lexington.

Glancy and Miller registered eagles in the final Lexington meet, after the year had begun with a case of "eagleitis" and holes-in-one.

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quate for carrying on the type of education a town this size should have, he reported.

Any program should have the following features to be classed as a modern educational system, he said: Study hall, science room, commercial room, shop room, auditorium, and physical education building.

The science and commercial rooms are outdated and poorly equipped, the school has no physical ed building, and too much space is going to waste in the study hall each day, he continued.

One suggestion was moving the library to one-half the study hall and using the library for some other purpose. His inspection committee has submitted rough plans for a vocational guidance and physical education building incorporated as one.

go to town" in 1941-42. Lack of student interest caused the club to disband in January, but finally active members, under president Ben Williamson, came to the club's rescue. A new series of meetings, with a talk by James Boyd, attache to the American embassy in Nica-

calls for a project to help improve the school and to foster better relationship between the club and the remainder of MAHS. A picnic last week started the new calendar, with both new and outgoing members attending the event at Cumberland Knob.

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Ben Williamson: "Most pleasant four years of my life up to the time of final exams."

Jimmy Harrison: "I have seen some of the most colorful events that have passed in the history of

the whole high school, and I have worked pretty hard and enjoyed it a lot."

Velma Nelson; "I think everyone of them were grand except the senior year."

Betty Lou Britt: "Well, senior year has been the best year of all. I'd kinda like to come back.."

Mary Jacobs: "I like my senior

## These Did Lion's Share of HIGH SPOTS Work



Although you can see but ten of them, the eleven seniors supposedly pictured above have been the main force behind the publishing of the HIGH SPOTS this year. The paper faces an uncertain future for next year, after serious financial troubles forced the school to come to the rescue the last issue. One suggestion is giving the HIGH SPOTS a page in one of the town papers each week. Nothing definite has been settled about this. The paper won a second honor rating in the National Scholastic Press Association ratings this year and won an honor rating in the Southern Interscholastic contest, both of which are improvements over last year. In front, left to right: Francis Terry, business manager; Henry Badgett, art manager; Edward Jackson, editor; Patricia Rothrock, associat editor; Sarah Smith, feature writer. Standing are: Odell Money, assistant art manager; Ellen Macon, feature writer; Betty Lou Britt, news editor; Mary Jacobs, circulation manager; Christine Webb, assistant feature editor; and E. K. Chappell, sports writer. Margaret Hennis, feature writer, and Eddie Fowler, advertising manager, were missing when the photo was made.

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Hanes and King scored victories over the Bears that knocked the team out of the state title race, and Sherill's Ford put the Bears out of the Journal-Sentinel tourney when the year ended with the Bears in the quarterfinals of the mammoth event. Clint Childress received all-northwest honors, and George Sparger and Marion Jones had received all-state honors in football.

Coach Shelton blamed inexperience for the mediocre showing of his clubs, having ten of eleven football starters who had never before played varsity football. Only one cager belonged to the front string the year before. Jimmie Miller set the pace in point-scoring in basketball, with 223 markers. The year was marked by repeated quit-

### INQUIRING-REPORTER—Cont'd.

year the best, of course. I hate to leave."

Christine Webb: "I wouldn't trade grammar grades for it again. It is different—you feel free. I like my senior year the best."

Mrs. Mackie, who has been here these last four years also, says: "I think the high school has made a great deal of progress in the last four years. We've seen changes made, one of which is the way the campaigns for student president are conducted. There have also been a number of courses added to the high school curriculum, including the Spanish, journalism, and programs for vocational guidance. In all, I think it's been a very successful four years for the school."

Ellen Macon: "I think it's been very enjoyable, but I wouldn't want to come back because I couldn't hold any offices. I don't think there will ever be any school I would rather go to than to MAHS."

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tings of the team, and internal friction flared several times.

The girls' cagers played pitifully poor, winning but a few games over inferior teams. Lanky Lucille Gruble set the scoring pace for a green, short club coached by Miss Lassiter. The club sustained the worst licking given any girls' team in the Journal-Sentinel tourney, when it was bopped 45-8 by Sedge Garden.

As for baseball, the club blew its chances in one big seventh inning in a district play-off with Gray, when eight runs tied the game at 9-9 after MAHS had a commanding 9-1 lead, and then Fesperman's homer sent the Bears out of the state race. The remaining games were to give the young club experience for next year. Clarence Goad, Frank Toler, Freddie Folger, Clint Childress led the hitting assault, while James Cox featured afield, and Walker and Fleming worked the lion's share of the mound time.

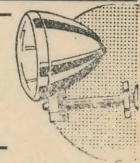
No intramural sports were introduced during the year, although the threat was made time and again, and a schoolwide tennis tourney was nearly organized.

Sixty block 'M's" were presented to 37 different boys and seven girls, with three three-lettermen and eight two-lettermen.

Jimmie Miller, basketball, football, and golf; George Sparger basketball, football, and baseball; and Clinton Childress, the same, won three letters each to add to their already long collections.

But don't mark the sports year down as a sad one—the spirit, the thing that really counts, made up for it—every bit of it. This was truly, in reality, the greatest year of them all.

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# Spotlight Now Focused On These 100 Seniors

## TOM SLATE

Though Tom Slate, one of MAHS' most popular boys, is in reality dead, he still holds a dear spot in the hearts of all persons.

Tom, popularly nicknamed "Osmosis" and "Slug," was gray eyed, curly-haired, weighed 190 lbs., stood 5'11". Likes: Movies, playing pool, boat riding, swimming, fishing, football. His greatest love was doing chemistry experiments. He planned to go to college and later coach football. Activities: Scintillating football player, excellent sport, and manager baseball club. Other than cheapness and dirt, Tom had no dislikes. He was as fine as any boy could hope to be.

## WELDON ADAMS

Lives a life of always having to be called upon first. Blushes easily. Friendly, always speaking to everyone. Summer Plans: Factory or farming. Next Year: Army via draft. Sparetime Work This Year: Farming. Likes: Outdoor sports, auto driving. Best Experience: Trip to Engineers' Fair.

## BETTE SUE ALLRED

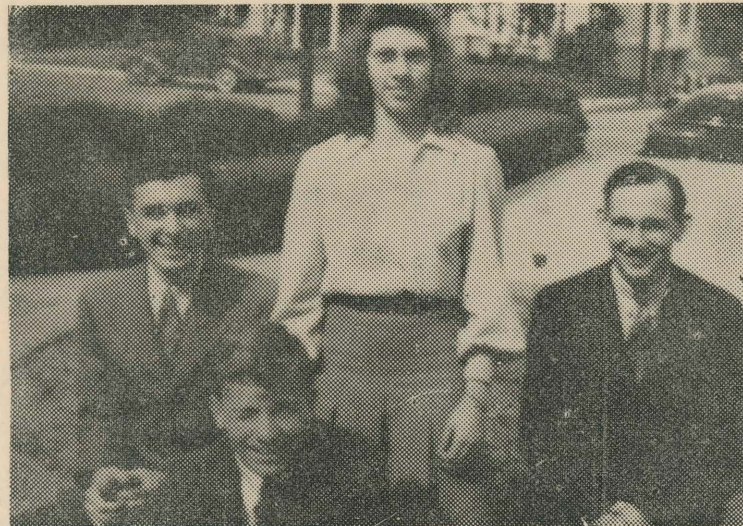
Hard worker, and one of unsung heroes. Uses her mouth more for smiling than talking. Much of her high school life composed of girl scouting. Summer Plans: Camp. Next Year: Undecided. Likes: Tennis, swimming, pictures, olives, shrimp. Dislikes: Smoking and drinking by young people, "cokes." Activities: Dramatic club (2,3,4). Best Experience: First day here.

## JOE ARMFIELD

One of those precious few who possesses an auto. Often piles it with boys. Well-liked. Doesn't waste any words on class. Summer: Service Station job. Next Year: Undecided. Likes: Ball games, movies, outdoor sports. Activities: Football (1,2), Baseball (1).

## VIRGINIA ARRINGTON

## Senior Class Rulers



Supreme, exalted rulers of the Class of 1941 has the above four-some been. Their chief duty was the all-important choice of a black senior ring, the fingerwear for four more years. Kneeling in front is Edward Fowler, vice president. Behind him are: Odell Money, president, who defeated Edward after three elections for the presidency; Christine Webb, secretary; and Francis Terry, treasurer.

fourth period bell student. Summer Plans: Roanoke visit, clerking. Likes outdoor sports and dislikes dyed hair, sweet milk, and conceitedness. Sparetime Work This Year: Rose's clerk. Next Year: MAHS, or training.

## HARRY BEASLEY

"Fuzzy" has two loves—baseball and "billiards." He has outgrown batboying for Bi-Staters, but still a pool shark. Being such a diamond fan, he loathes basketball. Plans to enter accounting field.

## ANN BOOKER

Auburn-haired student president. Versatile. Loves commercial work she's engaged in. One of most popular MAHSers. Summer Plans: Office work and Richmond visit. Sparetime This Year: Charles store office. Likes include woods tramping. Dislikes stubbornness. Activities include Sigma Deltas, commencement.

St. Mary's. Summer: Buffalo and camp.

## SHASTA BRYANT

His hair and eyes the envy of all. Always involved in something about the shop. His best experience was trip to Engineers' Fair. Likes: Outdoor sports, driving. Dislikes: Classical music, people who "put on." Belongs to Aero club. Summer: Hosiery mill work. Sparetime: cafe, service station, meat market.

## DOROTHY SUE CAMPBELL

Freckles don't detract from her beauty. You hear her name mentioned as much as any senior's. Her pet love in her little dog. A strong blusher. Dislikes: Some boys, washing dishes, history. Plans include Georgia, stenography.

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sports make up his life. Summer Plans: Furniture factory in Bassett or aircraft plant in Calif. Next Year: Appalachian. Imagine it!—no dislikes. Best Experience: basketball playing. Activities: Basketball (1,3,-4). Journalism club and HIGH SPOTS sports staff (4). Student council (4).

## C. S. CHILDRESS

Another sports and shop fan who has an auto that's the envy of everyone. Summer Plans: Washington, Fla., or state highway comm. work. Next Year: MAHS. Dislikes: English, study hall. Sparetime work this year at service station. Baseballer (4).

## CLINTON CHILDRESS

Witty cage star who keeps room no. 16 in an uproar. Won all-north-west basketball award. Likes: Sports, food, swing, money, hot weather. Dislikes: Being broke, rain and cold, losing a game. Summer Plans: Furniture factory work. Next Year: Appalachian. Best Experience: industrial arts course. Activities: Seniors' wittiest. Basketball (Captain, 4), "super" president of Athletic club. Baseballer.

## PAULINE CHILDRESS

Likes horse back riding, baseball, bicycle riding, but can't stand basketball, football, and tennis. Plans are made up mostly of work and a trip to Greensboro.

## PHOEBE CHILDRESS

Blonde as can be. Undecided future. Likes the traditional: Reading, radio, movies. Dislikes (with apologies to Mrs. Barringer) giving current topics. Has belonged to Dramatic, Girls' Crafts, and Glee clubs.

## HAZEL CHANDLER

A Dramatic club member who takes part in a real drama—keeping house for her sister. Likes reading, movies, and skating. Plans to help around the house this summer and go to work next fall.

## CARL CLARK

Cotton-topped "glamour boy." Smallest varsity footballer. Boy scout mayor. Has weakness for Cotton Clark's jokes. Summer Plans: Work and beach. Next Year: Carolina. Likes: Football, tennis, and science. Best Experience: Starting first football game. Activities: Latin club (1,2). Dramatic club (4), and senior play (4) Varsity football (3,-4), and student councillor (4).

## HAZEL COOK

Another of NYA stars who has an intense dislike for politics. She prefers reading, music, meeting people, movies, new towns. Her theme, might be "There'll Be Some Changes Made," for that's just what she likes. Plans to work this summer and next year.

## MORGAN COMBS

Noted for his wisecracks and helping his father in "janiting." Sleeping is his greatest pastime, but he likes also eating, working, and crowds. Dislikes having nothing to do. Pink-headed, he's a math and Miller fan who suggests that they stop keeping people in. Plans to work this summer in either textile or farming industry.

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Has peculiar habit of spelling her name "Va." Another one of those who has to recite first, but she doesn't mind. Summer: Work. Next Year: Work. Likes: Basketball. Dislikes: Homework. Activities: Dramatic club (4). Best Experience: First day in high school.

#### LORAIN ASHBURN

Hard worker, who plans to attend West Va. school. Likes outdoor sports. Dislikes golf. Best Experience was getting senior ring. Activities: Glee club (2), basketball (2). Plans include visiting and work.

#### HENRY BADGETT

Popularly known as "Goon," H. Alfred is always full of ideas and other people's business. Good-hearted, such a good mathematician he can go to sleep in Trig classes. Summer Plans: Work until trip to Danville. Next Year: Carolina. Sparetime work this year: Earle theater. Likes: Carolina, vegetable salad, vanilla with chocolate syrup. Dislikes: Duke, flirts. Best Experience: MAHS-Reidsville game in mud last fall. Activities: Stamp club prexy (2), treasurer, marshal, Public Speaking club (3), Sigma Delta, debating team (3,4), Journalism club, class historian, art manager HIGH SPOTS (4).

#### RUBY BARNES

Another one of those ace commercial students. Likes church work, movies, stenography, visiting, and dogs. Hates loquacious people. Plans to work or come back to MAHS next year after beach vacation.

#### OPALEENE BEAMER

Star cager, she has one of those first names that everyone spells differently. Member Dramatic, Glee, and Sigma Delta clubs. Red-headed

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#### MARIAN BOOKER

Auburn-haired commercialer who came here in mid-term. Speaks in clipped, nasal tones. Hob-nobs mainly with Mildred Eckenrod. Actually likes to clean up. Sporty dresser and good dancer, just like friend Mildred. Dislikes going to dentist (don't we all?), but her sister works for one. Plans to enter stenographic field. May go to Reynolds for post gradding. Will visit in Washington, D. C.

#### BETTY LOU BRITT

Always into some kind of job. Her next door neighbor reports she is one of "smartest girls I have ever seen." Basketball fiend. Activities speak for her: Basketball (2,3,4), Latin, Sigma Delta, Dramatic, Monogram clubs. HIGH SPOTS, (3, news editor 4). Cheerleader, senior play, most athletic girl, Latin medal winner (4). Likes: steak, Duke, black hair and brown eyes, reading, music. Dislikes: Conceitedness, "cat-tiness," "lines," spinach. Next Year:

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#### E. K. CHAPPELL, JR.

Popularly known as "Short Duck," he makes a habit of staying 30 or 40 pages behind in chemistry, sticking his head out the window. Has two girls in every port. Females and

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### RAYMOND COX

Renowned as a baseball slugger who can "wallop the horsehide." Has no dislikes and is tremendous sports fan. Also a math, Miller fan. He plans to work in shipyard, cashing in on national defense program. During current term has been rather active outside school: Grocery store, service station, and carpentering.

### FRANCES EDWARDS

Almost a platinum blonde who wows them all in her sailor suits. Commercial student who plans to follow on into the business world. Likes: Music, radio, clothes. Dislikes: "Must eat" foods, windy days, blood tests. Best experience was her senior year. Summer: Business College and Lake Junaluska. Next year: Draughan's business college. Planning to enter business school right after June 4, her schooling won't stop for quite a while.

### RICHARD EDWARDS

Curly-haired, intelligent footballer who makes a specialty of working 10 or 12 extra Trig problems daily. Expert in the shop too. Like Carl Clark, he says his biggest h. s. thrill was playing in his first football game. Member Hi-Y and Monogram clubs. Likes: Woodwork, fishing, football, and blondes (especially the one in South Carolina). Dislikes: Homework, those who copy. Summer Plans: Shipyards, beach. Next Year: Naval Apprentice, Newport News, or State.

### WENDELL ELDRIDGE

Mount Airy high's first draftee, has been singing "I'm Going To Be In The Army In July, But I'm Not About To Cry" for a long time. Born one day too soon, barely in draft act. Oldest graduate. Has been working at cafe and theater. A former Hi-Yer, he thinks football furnished him greatest thrill here. Already a man of world, he likes eating, sleeping, pretty girls, hunting, swimming, and dancing. Army life won't help

a Social club member. Will come back to MAHS after summer spent as saleslady in Greensboro and at beach. Works in sparetime at Belk's.

### EARL GRUBLE

His weakness is sporty hats. Greet everyone with a smile. His studies in typing, science, and biology gave him the biggest thrill here. Vacation plans include Winston-Salem and a CCC camp. Will work in some office next year.

### JAMES HARRISON

Synonomous with golf. He eats, sleeps, drinks, and chews it. Tallest boy in gradding group, he lists his likes as: Golf, sleeping, steaks, dances, chemistry. Dislikes: Unpleasant people. Activities: Golf team (3,4). Dramatic club (3, president 4). Sigma Delta club, senior class phophet, best boy dancer among seniors. Studying chemistry, English, and French were most interesting experiences for him. Will continue work as paper boy this summer and visit Charlotte and Greensboro. Next Year: Citadel.

### MARGARET HENNIS

Short, cute, blonde. Summer plans include: "Washing car" and housework, and camp. Next Year: MAHS again. Likes to read, ride, prefers outdoor sports and music. Doesn't like to cut off radio when "I go to bed," sarcasm, or cursing. Biology gave her the biggest thrill here. Sophomore treasurer and Latin club (2). Student council, Sigma Delta, and Dramatic clubs (3,4). Feature staff HIGH SPOTS (4).

### ROBERT HODGIN

Rumoredly, a married man. Head soda jerker at Holly no. 2. Likes outdoor sports but prefers to play them at some late hour, rather than get up early. Has greatly enjoyed the Home Ec club for boys of which he is one of key members. Plans to work next year and this summer in hosiery mill. Vacation would carry him to Delta Country, New Orleans, and Meridian. Has belonged to Journalism club.

year has carried him about his farm.

### EDWARD JACKSON

Rightly claiming he's mostly skin and bones, he's the HIGH SPOTS editor. "Piggy" is hog-wild about journalism. Has been working as newspaper correspondent this winter. Likes: Newspapers, bananas, golf, strawberry pie, sports, blondes. Dislikes: Flirts, party gals, Hitler, liver. Claims working on paper has been best experience here. Next year: Washington and Lee. Activities: HIGH SPOTS (reporter 1,2, news editor 3, editor 4). Student council (2,3). Journalism club (2,3,4). Golf squad (3,4). Bell student, junior marshal, Lions essay winner, (3), most school spirited senior, commencement speaker (4). Sigma Del-tas (Secretary 3,4).

### MARY JACOBS

Her favorite expression is "My gosh!" She likes Biology best, regrets she waited until last year to take it. Plans to be lab technician. Her summer itinerary covers four Gulf states. She has been engaged in sunday school teaching, enjoyed senior banquet more than anything else, but still wonders who sent the corsage. Likes: Flowers, books, sports, dancing, home ec, football. Doesn't care for: Cockroaches, cabbage, washing dishes, make up. Activities: senior play, Dramatic and Sigma Delta clubs, circulation manager HIGH SPOTS.

### OVAL JARRELL

Member of senior play cast, lives near White Sulphur, very retiring, gets into mischief occasionally, laughs more than his share. Likes

## NABS HONORS



This has been an honor-crammed year for somebody else besides the seniors. Jimmie Miller, above, a junior, was named captain of the basketball team for 1941-42, president of the Sigma Delta club,—the honor society—for the same term, and was proclaimed first prize winner in the third annual Lions club essay contest.

hunting and fishing and works in a grocery store. He laments that he can't get a vacation from his laboring. Member Boys' Home Ec group.

### MARY EVELYN JESSUP

Jolly as they come, but has habit of sharing everyone's worries and joys. She will post grad at MAHS next year. She likes: Swimming, movies, driving, and picnics. Dislikes: Working on farm, which she must do this summer, and doesn't love to wash dishes (does any-

body?). What is your best h. s. experience?: "This year, because we seniors feel BIG, when we are in our caps and gowns." Glee club (1,2) and Dramatic club (3,4).

### BETTY JEAN JOHNSON

Has a big summer ahead—California trip. Voted grouchiest girl. Plans to post grad here. Her greatest h. s. thrill came when she helped people at Thanksgiving. Her likes are: Red clothes, skating, tennis, homec, shoes, cars, and plays, her dislikes being spinach, funerals, glasses, silly movies.

### JUANITA JOHNSON

An active churchworker, she isn't overly enthusiastic about homec, nor does she care for inconsiderate people in general. But how she goes in for ice cream, brunettes, movies, skating, dances, hikes, and picnics! Like most high schoolers, boys play a big part in her life. Her greatest experience came her first year when the Glee club won first in the district music contest. Staunch member of Glee club, she plans to enter the business field after some higher education at High Point business college. Her vacation will find her in Pennsylvania.

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**GILBERT FLINCHUM**

Good-looking room sixteen. For a change, he prefers brunettes and the run-of-mill outdoor sports. Dislikes: Blondes (hard to believe), rain, hot school days. Plans are filled with the word "work." First day was greatest experience for him. Outstanding shop student.

**EDWARD FOWLER**

Very popular, dark-skinned, blond-crowned two-time golf captain. Has set record for burning self in chem-lab. Has habit of disagreeing for fun of it. He and Ben Willamson have daily boxing bout with guess-who the winner. Plans: Piggy-Wiggly and golf, then college, maybe Davidson with Ben. Likes: Golf, eating, pretty girls, sleeping. Dislikes: "Drug-store-made women sitting drowsily in classrooms." Best experience came at Jr.-Srs. and trip to W. & L. press conference last fall. Activities: Golf, advertising manager HIGH SPOTS, vice-prexy of seniors, senior play.

**CLARENCE GOAD**

Unpublicized baseball star. Unobtrusive, secretly witty. Popular, he likes baseball, softball, and fishing, and dislikes shopwork and golf. His whole life has been wrapped up in baseball. Member Monogram club, three-year letterman in baseball, member Athletic club. Plans to work in some sort of industrial work.

**ESTELLE GREENWOOD**

A commercial student who likes Miller (Glenn), Home Ec, and salesmanship. An excellent song-bird, she has belonged to Miss Coleman's Glee club for four years. Also

here. Sophomore treasurer and Latin club (2). Student council, Sigma Delta, and Dramatic clubs (3,4). Feature staff HIGH SPOTS (4).

**ROBERT HODGIN**

Rumoredly, a married man. Head soda jerker at Holly no. 2. Likes outdoor sports but prefers to play them at some late hour, rather than get up early. Has greatly enjoyed the Home Ec club for boys of which he is one of key members. Plans to work next year and this summer in hosiery mill. Vacation would carry him to Delta Country, New Orleans, and Meridian. Has belonged to Journalism club.

**RONELLA HOLMES**

Another songstress, being a three-year Glee clubber. She plans to attend Peace college after vacation period in Philadelphia and Wisconsin. Likes: Reading, music, badminton, and skating. Dislikes: Work when it interferes with sleep and play, using so many "uhs." Also a Dramatic club member.

**JACK INMAN**

One of most popular seniors, "Black Jack" was voted the laziest senior boy. He's a free man in two ways soon—he stops work as a Holly no. 2 soda jerker June 8. Plans to have a big time this summer after "working so hard" during the school year. Will enter State next fall. Likes sports, his red Chevy, and gals, lists no dislikes. Enjoyed his playing on first string football team most. Also a basketballer. Recommended as "copy boy" for newspaper.

**CARROLL JACKSON**

Retiring, lover of shopwork. He will someday be a carpenter or farmer he says. His vacation may carry him to Washington, his school

activities. Senior play, Dramatic and Sigma Delta clubs, circulation manager HIGH SPOTS.

**OVAL JARRELL**

Member of senior play cast, lives near White Sulphur, very retiring, gets into mischief occasionally, laughs more than his share. Likes

only as they come, but has habit of sharing everyone's worries and joys. She will post grad at MAHS next year. She likes: Swimming, movies, driving, and picnics. Dislikes: Working on farm, which she must do this summer, and doesn't love to wash dishes (does any-

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### Senior Student Councilors



Handling the student presidential election was only one of their jobs, for the senior members of the student council, naturally the leaders, have labored hard this year in the interests of a better school. Standing behind the group is Ben Williamson. Sitting, left to right, are Margaret Hennis, Ann Booker, retiring student president; E. K. Chappell, Jr., Carl Clark, and Sarah Smith, elections committee chairman.

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### SENIOR PARAGRAPHS

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#### BETTY JONES

Has won highest commercial dept. honor, a shorthand instructress' post. Retiring, intelligent, she has been doing some shorthand teaching privately during school term. Next year: Secretarial work, as might be expected. Enjoyed senior banquet more than anything else, but likes are: Pink, soft music, movies, friends, books, chicken salad. Cream cheese, "smarty" people head her "loathe list." She is a Sigma Delta and Dramatic club member.

#### MARION JONES

Elephantine football star, bus driver, best looking senior male, and general all-round hero. Believe it or not, here is one fellow who hates "funny" books. Weighing over 200 accounts for his love of eating steaks, enjoying sitting down and reading books and seeing shows. Vacation time means Florida whence he came, but work will find him in the lumber yard of furniture factory here. His choice to play football

#### FREDA KINGSBURY

Singer and man-killer, commercial expert and lover of neatness—that is Freda Kingsbury, one of the queens of the senior class. She is a member of the trio, has belonged to the Glee club all the way. Her likes are: Music, clothes, interior decoration, flowers. Dislikes: Math, speeches, untidy appearances. Her singing for MAHS has given her the greatest pleasure during the four years. Having worked at McCellan's during the school term, she plans to enter the stenographic field immediately.

#### MARIE LEWIS

She of the scrapbook with everybody's picture in it. One of those smiling commercial misses who plan to do office work as a post mortem to graduation. She's already been doing sales work at McCellan's. She likes reading, collecting pictures, (hence her scrapbook). Dislikes: Too much talking. Her greatest experience came in her commercial work. She's belonged to the Girl Reserves,

### Spotlight

Class president (1,3). Student council (2). Member Journalism, Dramatic, Sigma Delta clubs. Cheerleader (3,4). Commencement speaker, prettiest girl, most popular girl, best all-round girl, HIGH SPOTS (4). Likes: Skating, tennis, walking, driving, apples, J. H. Dislikes: Washing dishes, spinach, "stringy hair." Best Experience: Being cheerleader twice. Summer Plans: Lake Junaluska and Indiana. Next Year: Brevard.

#### GASTON MARTIN

Usually affiliated with the printing industry, he plans to get a post at a govt. printing office after graduating. His other likes are: Baseball, football, swing, history, math, machinery. He dislikes conceited people, because he's just the opposite of conceited. He's also been working in a grocery store. Active member of Boys' Home Ec.

#### BOB MASTEN

Mother's little angel! Never done anything wrong or mean in his life! He likes music, girls (mainly the Dobson princess Eugenia), saddle shoes, and food. His summer work includes textiles. His school choice is Carolina. A football letterman, he thinks football playing gave him biggest thrill at MAHS. Also former member of Life Saving club.

#### NINA McCREARY

Summer plans: Work, then nursing training. Likes: Baseball, skating, writing letters (in school), clothes. Like most girls, she hates washing dishes, writing themes, Monday morning.

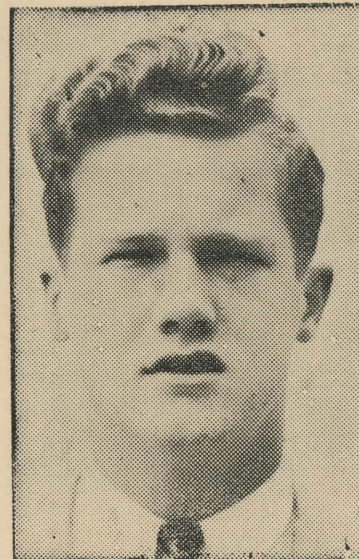
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### NEW PREXY



Joe Fowler, Jr., 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Fowler, who will serve as president of the student body at Mount Airy high in 1941-42. He has been a student council member each of his three high school years.

### NEXT EDITOR



Barbara Wrenn, 15-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Wrenn, who will serve as editor of the HIGH SPOTS in 1941-42. She was feature editor in this her first year on the paper.

### STILL MORE!

Dislikes: School, bossy people, and washing dishes. Home Ec was her most interesting experience.

#### MARGARET NICHOLS

Can answer the call of "Is there a musician in the house?" Bangs the piano any way to a bar. Her most interesting experience was meeting new people and "cooperating with faculty in every way possible." Likes: Music, roller skating, driving, dancing. Dislikes: Red heads, brag-garts. Gave dancing exhibition at Junior-Senior.

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#### ZEO PACK

She likes sports of all kinds and has enjoyed her commercial work more than anything else. Will come back to MAHS next fall. Played basketball her first two years.

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### BELTON'S LAUNDRY AND DRY

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**OPAL JONES**

Her Fords and personality collaborate to make her a popular woman indeed. A three-time Dramatic club member, she goes in for cars, clothes, Duke, and especially her beloved typing. On other side of the fence, she can't stand French, school, or getting out of bed. Her first day in high school was her best, she says. Undecided about her vacation, she plans to enter Roanoke business college next fall.

**PAULINE JONES**

Tending to her own business all the way, she plans to go to camp this summer and Salem College next fall. She particularly likes: "Star-dust," Duke, ice cream, and Richard Greene. A senior play cast member, she has taken part in Glee club and Dramatic club work at MAHS.

**LOIS KEY**

Once she started a fad of sitting in library with her shoes off. Now she likes the high school favorites: Pepsi-Colas, chemistry, and movies. Don't mention Latin, washing dishes, or cooking around her if you don't want a swat on the jaw. She's as affable as any other senior. Tide-water Virginia will be seeing her this summer, or vice versa. She's enjoyed her chemistry experiments more than anything else in high school.

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**MARY ELLEN LEWIS**

Industrious member of Glee and Dramatic clubs. She claims being a senior was her most interesting experience. This summer: Atlanta. Next year: Mount Airy high. Spare-time Work: Rose's. Likes: Tennis, reading, dancing. Dislikes: Loud girls, loafing.

**WALTER LOVILL**

"Proxy" spends the winters in Florida's sun shine. Lately victimized by appendicitis. A radio man through and through, he practices in the bell room. Radio being his main love, he also goes in for football with the neighborhood kids and the tough eggs down here. Another easy blusher, he likes to drive his car, to swim, and explain the radio business.

**LOUISE LYONS**

Buttered pecan ice cream, cars, clothes, canoes, cleanliness—those are her likes. She doesn't like history, dirt, and conceitedness. She's very undecided about her future, although it involves some school or other. Not having spent all her years in Mount Airy, she was once princess of a May Day festival, won a scholarship medal, and was a member of Literary club. She has belonged to Dramatic club here.

**ELLEN MACON**

She's the girl who runs away with everybody's honors. Pretty, popular, versatile, active, she was elected Miss Senior Class. Other honors:

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Her ability commercial dept. plus twinkling brown eyes will certainly help her get job next year in a business office. Having no dislikes has helped her get many friends, boys and girls. She likes reading, movies, and horse backing. Member of Dramatic club.

**ODELL MONEY**

Skyscraper who raked in hoards of honors thruout high school. Activities show: City spelling champ (1), Latin club (2), Student council (3), Debater (3,4), City junior tennis titlist (3), Most studious boy, typical senior, most likely to succeed of all seniors (4), Dramatic club (4). Odell dislikes "heavy application of make up," "cute" boys, and baseball. Likes tennis, movies (Owl Shows), books, oversleeping on Sunday. He'll take his six feet three of brains to State next fall after vacation. He favors complete student govt., likes Glenn Miller. President of senior class and commencement speaker, he has plenty to do from now on, has had plenty to do before. Modest and studious, he is very popular because of that.

**ETHEL MORRISON**

Will do textile work in Washington this summer and next year. Has been working in mill and at Rose's. Likes: Dancing, going places, meeting people, skating, and ball games.

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**SAMUEL P. OWENS**

Often called the lazy man. Imagine it: He says school is o. k. just as it is now. His first football game was his best experience. Likes: Sleeping, eating, shows, airplane flying, women. Dislikes: Having to get up early. May get to Dallas Air school next fall. His friend, Lucien Wrenn, went there. Sam, airplane mechanic and flyer, likes, the "air" way up thar. He's been driving trucks to Norfolk and working at the grocery store this winter.

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## Spotlight

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### TUTTLE PARDUE

He's seen as much as any senior by his fellow seniors. He's been playing delivery boy and soda jerker at Holly no. one. Likes hunting and fishing. Doesn't care for: Rain, cold weather. Shop student who's turned out some excellent work. Practical joker.

### KATHERINE PALMER

Boating, tennis, camping, potato salad vs. messy looking hair—those are Katherine's like and dislikes. She's very friendly, plans to go to work soon. Member Dramatic and Girl Reserve clubs. Being a senior was the most fun.

### MARTHA ROBERTS

Another commercial star, Martha plans to summer in Gastonia and work at Penny's. Likes popular music, movies, books, horses, work, cars. Dislikes: Bugs, cats, responsibility. Her first day was her most interesting one here. Latin, Dramatic, and Crafts clubs.

### PATRICIA ROTHROCK

Industrious, active, Girl Scout, writer, debater, Patricia Rothrock had make a deep mark on school's history with her many activities. Eternally utters French instead of English. Likes: Reading, writing, Mickey Rooney, Dorothy Parker. Hates: Dishwashing, house cleaning, shrimps. Enjoyed debating more than anything else. Activities: Latin, Photo, Dramatic, Sigma Delta, Journalism clubs off and on. Commencement speaker, assistant editor HIGH SPOTS. Most studious girl (4). Debater (3,4), junior marshal (3).

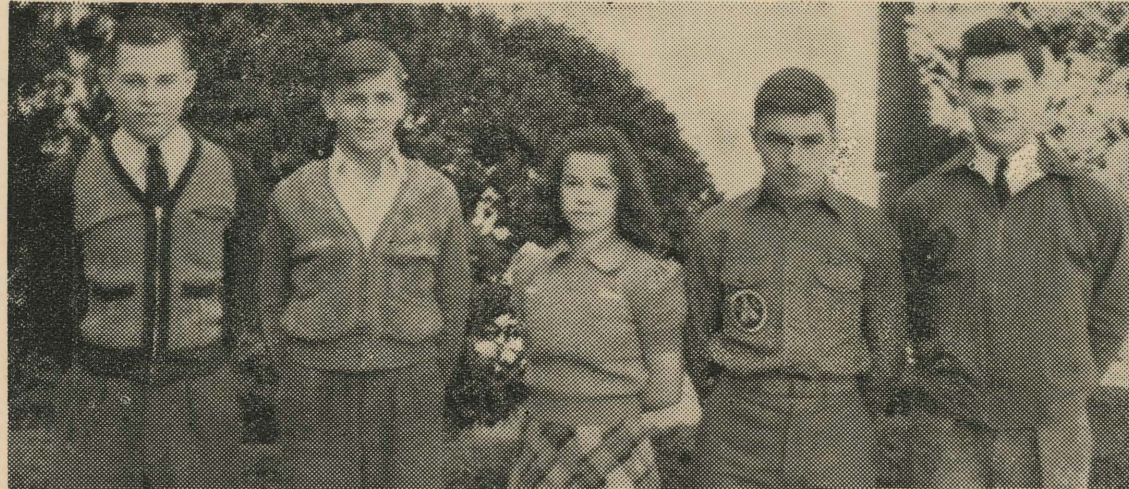
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Plans to work in a mill, although she has been working in a store this past winter. She plans with the rest

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ball team, two football letters, two basketball letters, one baseball letter, Center theater award ('39,'40), Lions club award ('40), Life Saving club, Athletic club, Hi-Y club, most athletic, most popular, and best all-round senior boy. Summer plans: Work. Carolina next fall.

### WAYLAND STEVENS

Usually seen with Pauline Harrison. He likes basketball, baseball, swimming, dating, and shows. Dislikes: English, study hall. This winter he worked in drug store, carried papers. Plans to work in the mill next year. Summer plans: Work and beach.

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### FRANCIS TERRY

Has great love for people named Francis Terry. Collects match covers

reports, sewing, and answering letters. Like Stella, she's headed for Berry School, Ga., next fall, after a summer in the "serenity of the American countryside." Another Latin whiz, she's also a Girl Reserve and Library clubber.

### JOSEPHINE TILLEY

Often seen with boys, she has one of those meek voices. Undecided about her voyage on the sea of life (unquote), she prefers bicycle riding, weiner roasts, and movies to basketball, tennis, and horse backing. Homec furnished her biggest MAHS thrill. Member of Dramatic and Glee clubs.

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Works as hard as anyone here. Anyone who hangs around Miss

weather. West Virginia here she comes this summer. Then to Meredith. Probably will take up teaching art. Activities: Latin, Dramatic, Sigma Delta clubs. Junior marshal, class poet, HIGH SPOTS feature editor, secretary (4).

### DORA WELBORN

Quiet type, tends to own business. Black-locked, she's a hawg about school (how did that get in here?), shorthand, driving, and music. Has been working in the Renfro. Hates to take orders, so someday she'll probably be an entrepreneur. New Jersey in June and work in January. Member Dramatic club.

### ELBERT WILLIAMS

All mixed up in the photo bizness now, he also likes movies and radios. Doesn't care for silly people. (Do any of us?) Member Photo and Stamp clubs, he plans to make a summer of it by visiting in Petersburg, Va. Leave time will find him back at MAHS again.

### BEN WILLIAMSON

"I'm a bad boy"—that's what Ben Williamson has to say for himself. It should be changed to "I'm a sleepy boy." Renowned as photographer. Best dressed senior, he works at the Blue Ridge clothing shop. A vacation of tennis, swimming and fishing hunting sleeping.

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over made-up gals. Her biggest h. s. thrill came her second year when she placed third in a Surry county fashion show contest.

### COLEY WHITLOCK

"Star" first baseman who "ruined" baseball team by stopping school. He's been working in furniture factory since mid-year, but takes his diploma with other forty-oners. Carolina next fall with beach and factory as prelude this summer. Excellent dancer, he likes sports, blondes, brunettes, redheads, and loathes cooked tomatoes and stuffed shirts. "Playing" football and baseball were his best MAHS experience, he contends. Activities: Football, baseball, prophet of Class of '40, Hi-Y, Dramatic, Sigma Delta clubs, junior marshal, wrestling, tumbling, HIGH SPOTS ad staff.

### PAULINE WRAY

Smiles quite frequently. She likes Dramatic and Glee clubs of which she is a member. Will come back to MAHS next year, after three months spent keeping house and working on Saturdays, which she has been doing during current term.

### ALEX WHITMAN

"Reynolds was too good for me, not me too good for Reynolds"—that's what Alex told Mr. Finch upon returning to MAHS about mid-term. After his diploma-taking, Alex plans to visit old New Orleans, then drop in on Uncle Sam in army. Prefers music, travel, swimming, gambling, and shooting to jitter-bugs, long-winded speakers, and youth-improvement talks. He's been working at Times Square, helping feed humanity. Thinks high school could have better lighting system. Best Experience: The expected graduation.

### MARGARET FULCHER

"My biggest experience was wondering whether or not I was going to be graduated." Well, Margaret is going to be graduated, after which she will work as telephone operator. She's been laboring in Charles store this term. Her likes are: Football, baseball, note-writing (she's often caught), high school baseball (she's one in a million about that), cokes,

hansin clubs on and on. Commencement speaker, assistant editor HIGH SPOTS. Most studious girl (4). Debater (3,4), junior marshal (3).

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#### EDDIS SIMMONS

Interested in beauty work. Likes blue eyes and black hair. Dislikes work, tall people, blond boys. Thinks there are too many clubs here and wants more people in school activities.

#### ELEANOR SMITH

A number of honors has this skinny, funny senior who won the senior Lions essay award. Honors: Student council (1,3), v. p. of jr. class, Latin club (2), Dramatic club (3,4). Senior play, Sigma Delta club, most talkative (4). Summer plans: Work. MAHS next year.

#### JANICE SMITH

Jovial and fun is this senior who thinks gym is greatest need. Her chief joy is commercial course. Plans to work next year. Glee club member. Dramatic, and Girls' Craft.

#### SARAH SMITH

This pretty, modest senior is very interested in music, being able to play the piano very well. Her school activities have been many: Student Council (1,4), Journalism club (2,4), HIGH SPOTS (3,4). Summer plans: Beach and visiting aunts. WCUNC next year.

#### LIZZIE SNOW

She'll make a pretty nurse with her blonde curls and cute figure. Played basketball and girls' baseball for her first two years, Glee club (3), Dramatic club (4). Home Ec has been her favorite subject.

#### GEORGE SPARGER

The Romeo of MAHS, (He's Mr. MAHS.) his most outstanding accomplishments have been in the field of athletics—captain of foot-

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#### JAMES THACKER

Like most people, he hates hair-cuts. Unlike most people, he rarely ever gets one. Very well-dressed, Thacker works in a jewelry store and plans to attend N. C. State next fall. His likes are: Odell Money, swimming, dancing, and tennis: Dislikes: Some movies (he once worked in the show), Francis Terry's jokes. Photo, Dramatic, Public Speaking clubs.

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Works as hard as anyone here. Anyone who hangs around Miss Hale as she does would be a hard worker though. She likes to collect ballads and play the piano, doesn't go in for sports. Her biggest thrills have been her NYA activities. Also a Dramatic club member, she plans to return to MAHS next fall after a vacation in Newcastle, Indiana.

#### VIRGINIA WALL

Short and black-headed commercial. Her experience in Homec has been her most interesting. Book-keeping proved a stumbling block. She's been working in a five and ten. Her vacation will take her to Junaluska.

#### CHRISTINE WEBB

Trig ace who lives in the country and likes it. Loves horses, flowers, churchwork, butterscotch pie, and music, being a member of the trio. Doesn't care for braggarts or cold

#### ELBERT WILLIAMS

All mixed up in the photo bizness now, he also likes movies and radios. Doesn't care for silly people. (Do any of us?) Member Photo and Stamp clubs, he plans to make a summer of it by visiting in Petersburg, Va. Leaftime will find him back at MAHS again.

#### BEN WILLIAMSON

"I'm a bad boy"—that's what Ben Williamson has to say for himself. It should be changed to "I'm a sleepy boy." Renowned as photographer. Best dressed senior, he works at the Blue Ridge clothing shop. A vacation of tennis, swimming, and fishing, hunting, sleeping, and eating will be followed by Davidson college on his calendar. He doesn't like to get up in the morning and isn't particularly in love with reading poetry. He says he enjoyed working on the HIGH SPOTS more than any other h. s. experience. Strong for his size, his ox-like fists pound Eddie Fowler most of the time when he isn't playing "Doubting Thomas" around Miss Johnson. Activities: Student council (2,3,4). Bell student, class testator, prexy of Photo club, photo editor of HIGH SPOTS (4). Marshal (3), and vice-prexy of class (1).

#### FRANCES WOODRUFF

Plans to go to work at Woodruff's Flowers soon. Next fall will see her back at MAHS. Likes: Candy, movies, riding, dancing, Homec. Dislikes: English, rain, dirty hair,

bugs, long-winded speakers, and youth-improvement talks. He's been working at Times Square, helping feed humanity. Thinks high school could have better lighting system. Best Experience: The expected graduation.

#### MARGARET FULCHER

"My biggest experience was wondering whether or not I was going to be graduated." Well, Margaret is going to be graduated, after which she will work as telephone operator. She's been laboring in Charles store this term. Her likes are: Football, baseball, note-writing (she's often caught), high school baseball (she's one in a million about that), cokes, and driving. Isn't enthusiastic "a tall" about crowds, silly girls, teasing. Popular with the unfair sex also.

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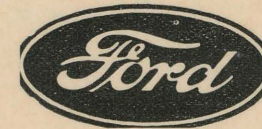
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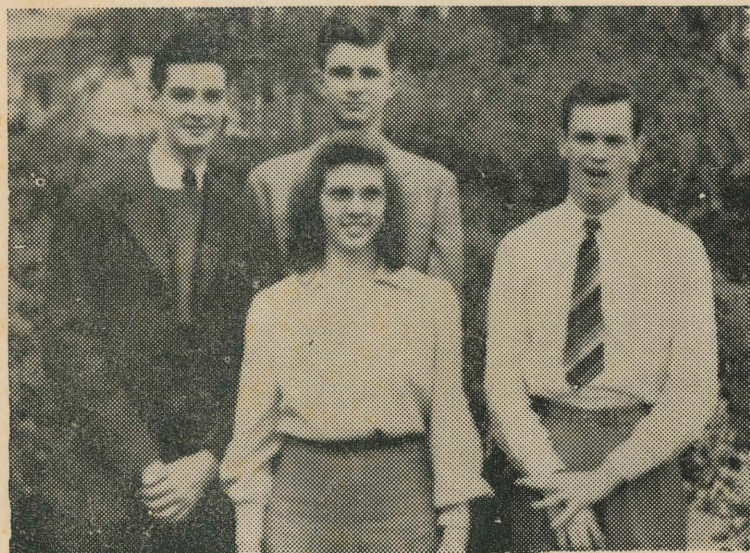
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### Class Night Speakers



The seniors' last big time together, class night, June 3, will find the above quartet spitting and sputtering about the seniors' pasts, presents, and futures. In front are Christine Webb, class poet, and Ben Williamson, testator. Standing behind are Henry Badgett, historian, and James Harrison, prophet. The program will take the form of a radio jamboree.

### Final Flashes

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are: Mrs. Bivens, who has this year been substituting for Mrs. Jackson, and Mrs. Carter, who filled out the last half for Miss Huddleston. It is not yet known who will take Mrs. Carter's place, but Mrs. Jackson will return to her room no. 11 post. It is generally believed that some man teacher will serve as assistant football coach, will take Mrs. Carter's science teaching post over. The rumor that the city system would lose four teachers apparently will not affect MAHS.

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#### THE BACCALAUREATE SER-

members of the graduating group. **FINAL EXAMINATIONS WILL BEGIN** at the high school, Thursday morning, May 29, with all times and rooms following the order set when mid-terms were held early last February. Exams will also be conducted on Friday morning and afternoon, with the final of final exams coming Monday, June 1.

No senior state exams were given to Mount Airy high because the state this year forgot to send out the exams until it was too far into the year. Seniors last year were given state exams in February.

### Tom Slate

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Though she isn't taking a sheep-skin, Mildred Eckenrod, pictured above, clipped off two high honors in senior class superlative voting. She was selected as the best dancer and in a HIGH SPOTS poll was named the best dressed girl among the seniors.

### Fowler Predicts A Great Year

By BARBARA FOLGER

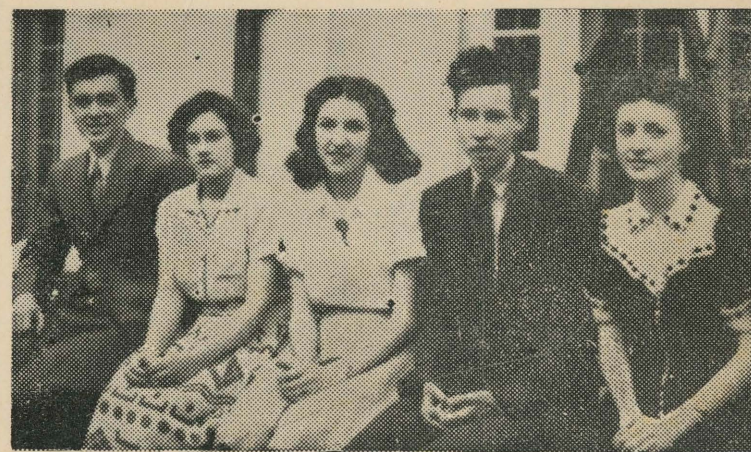
"What do you think of our incoming president of the student body?" This question was put very bluntly to Ann Booker, out-going president. "He has really been on the student council longer than I have, he has been secretary this year, and he was the council's own nominee. He should really do a lot for it."

Next this question was shot at Joe—"What improvements do you want to make in the student council next year?"

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### Commencement Speakers



The last high school speeches any senior will make fall to the above quintet of honor graduates. Left to right the commencement speakers are: Odell Money, Patricia Rothrock, Ellen Macon, Edward Jackson, and Ann Booker. These will speak on various phases of national defense on the final night, June 4.

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Dates for practice sessions for graduating exercises have not been set as yet.

Edith Midkiff, room no. 16 senior, was the lucky senior upon whose name the giant eight-day clock in Leonard's jewelry store window stopped. She will receive a watch as a graduation gift from the store.

Emery Stafford, manager of the Center theater, has invited all seniors to be his guests some time soon, and has mailed out passes to the 100

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A moment of silence will be observed class night in respect to him.

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