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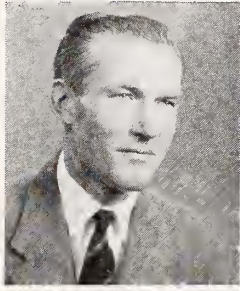
Foreword

Looking back over the past four years, we realize that some of our happiest moments and valued experiences have come to pass in the Elkin High School. Through these pages of the first edition of *The Elk*, we strive to paint a picture of our school life, so in the future we will be able to look on our many treasured memories.

Dedication

It is with great respect and admiration that we, the Senior Class of 1947, as a token of our appreciation, dedicate this, the first edition of *The Elk*, to Mr. N. H. Carpenter, our principal and superintendent, who has aided us in the development of intellectual ideas and cultural grace.





MR. R. H. ABERNATHY
Science Coach



MISS CORNELIA AYERS
Social Sciences



MISS ADELAIDE BUNKER
Music



MR. N. H. CARPENTER
Principal



MISS EMMA COOKE
English - Latin

FACULTY

MRS. J. REECE GILLIAM
English

MISS ETHEL J. WHITLEY
Mathematics

MISS MARY E. HOLLAND
Home Economics

MRS. ADRIAN NIXON
Commercial





CLASS OFFICERS

Ruth Masten, *Secretary*; Claude Eldridge, *President*; Jack Shore, *Treasurer*; Ketchel Adams, *Vice President*.

Seniors

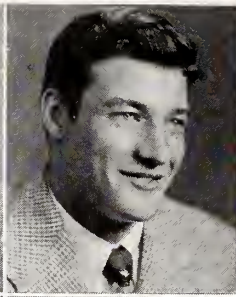
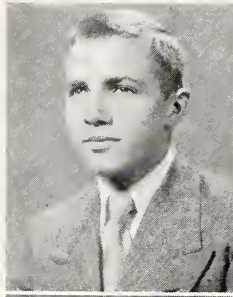


MASCOTS

LARRY MASTEN
CAROLYN HAMPTON

KETCHEL ADAMS

Leaders' Club 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Baseball 4, 5; Student Council Representative 2; Hi-Y Club 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Vice President, Student Government 3; President of Student Government 4; President of Leaders' Club 4; President of Hi-Y Club 4; Senior Play 4; Vice President of Senior Class 5; Monogram Club 5; Advertising Manager, *The Elk* 5.

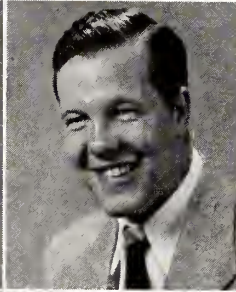


SAM ADAMS

Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Hi-Y 3, 4; Glee Club 4; *Elk Antler Staff* 4; *The Elk Staff* 4; Monogram Club 4.

VERNA ALEXANDER

Elk Antler Staff 4; *The Elk Staff* 4; Glee Club 4.



PAUL BLACKBURN

Football 1, 2, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 4; Navy 2 years, 4 months.

BOB BROWNING

Glee Club 1, 5; Baseball 4; *Elk Antler Staff* 5; 4-H Club 1; *The Elk Staff* 5; Class Poet 5.

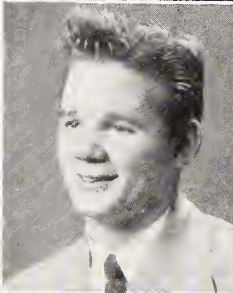


CAROLYN BYRD

Beta Club 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y 3; Basketball 1; Office Assistant 4; Chief Marshal 3.

EDWARD CHAPPELL

Hi-Y Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President of Hi-Y 1; Secretary of Hi-Y 2; Treasurer of Hi-Y 3; Leaders' Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President of Leaders' Club 1; Treasurer of Leaders' Club 2; Secretary of Leaders' Club 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Business Manager of *The Elk Antler* 4; Vice President 2; Treasurer 1; 4-H Club 2.

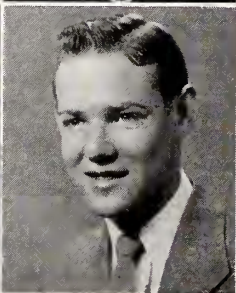


GENE GWYN CLICK

Glee Club 1; Basketball 1, 3, 4; *The Elk Staff* 4; Tri-Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4; Leaders' Club 1, 4; Secretary of Tri-Hi-Y 4.

BETTY JEAN COLLINS

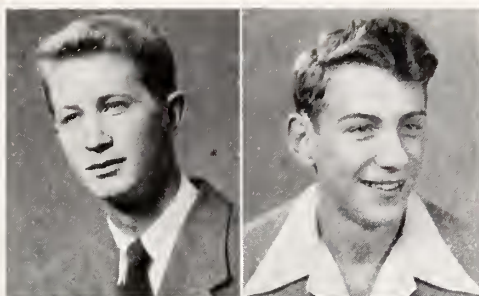
Tri-Hi-Y 4; Home Economics Club 2, 3; Glee Club 2; Vice President Home Economics Club 3; 4-H Club 2.



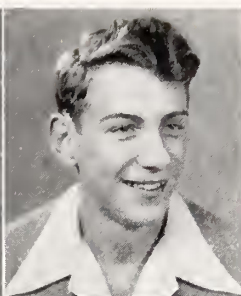
EUGENE WILLIE COLLINS

4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Football 4; *Elk Antler Staff* 4; Publicity Manager of *The Elk* 4.

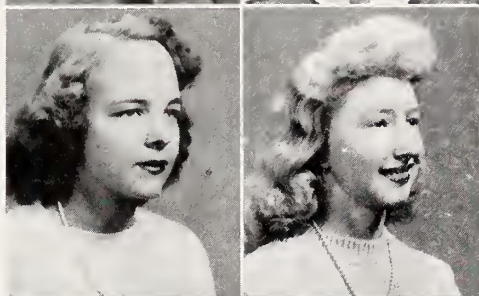
HERBERT MONROE COLLINS
Glee Club 4; *Elk Antler* Staff
4; *The Elk Staff* 4.



JIMMIE LEE CROWE
Basketball 2, 3; Football 3, 4;
Baseball 3; Monogram Club 4.



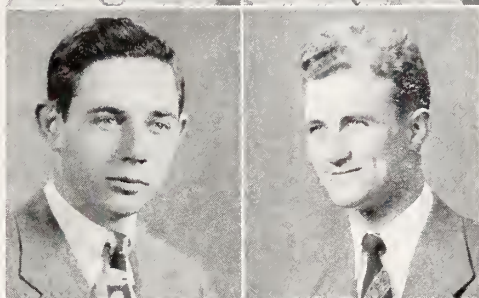
BETTY JEAN DARNELL
Post Graduate; Glee Club 1,
5; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3; Home
Economics Club 3, 4, 5; Vice
President of Home Economics
Club 3; President of Home
Economics Club 4; *Elk Antler*
Staff 4; Tri-Hi-Y 4; Senior
Play 4; Cheer Leader 5.



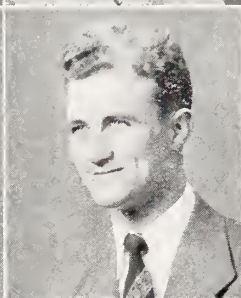
FRANCES JEAN DAYE
Post Graduate; Glee Club 3,
4; 4-H Club 2, 3; Beta Club 3,
4; President of Beta Club 4;
Jonesville Hi Bugle Staff 4;
Class Reporter 3, 4; Tri-Hi-Y
Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Senior Play 4;
Marshal 3; Valedictorian 4.



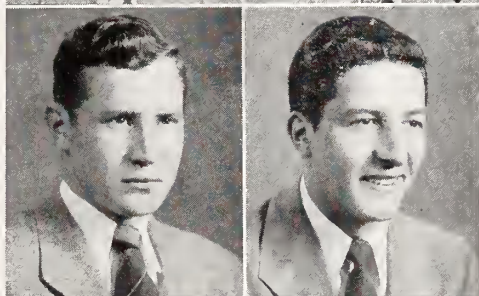
DALLAS DeBORDE
Business Manager, *Elk Antler*
4; 4-H Club 1; *The Elk Staff* 4.



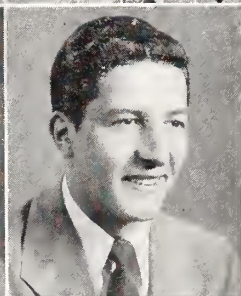
CLAUDE FRANKLIN ELDRIDGE
Vice President 2; Football 2,
3, 4, 5; Basketball 2, 3, 4, 5;
Baseball 3, 5; President Stu-
dent Government 3; President
of Senior Class 5; Monogram
Club 5; U. S. Navy 3½ years.



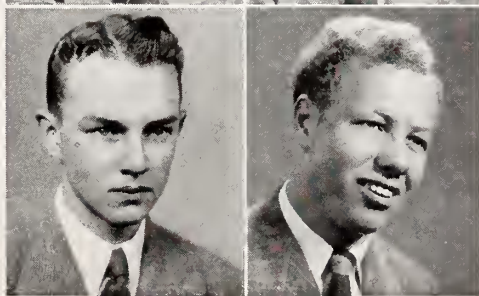
T. M. ELDRIDGE, JR.
Marines 37 months; Football
2, 4; Basketball 1, 4; Mono-
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Monogram Club 4; President
of Class 1.



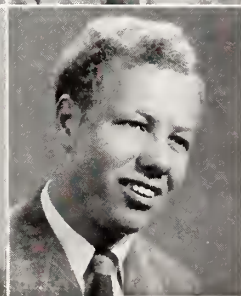
BENNY D. GROSS
Football 1, 4; Art Editor of
the *Elk Antler* 4; *The Elk*
Staff 4; Hi-Y 4; Monogram
Club 4; U. S. Navy 2 years.



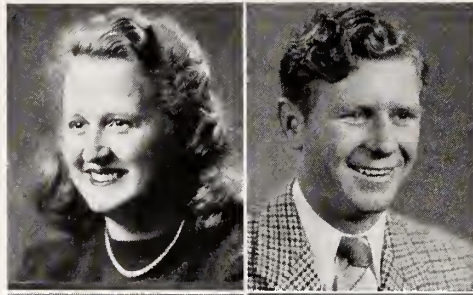
JOE BLAINE GUYER
Vice President 1; Vice Presi-
dent 4-H 3; President 4-H 4;
Elk Antler Staff 4; *The Elk*
Staff 4; 4-H Club 1, 2, 3, 4.



BOB "COTTON" HARRIS
Secretary of Leaders' Club 4;
Secretary of Student Council
5; Secretary of Hi-Y Club 4, 5;
Football 2, 3, 4, 5; Basketball
2, 3, 4, 5; Baseball 4, 5; Cap-
tain 4; Monogram Club 5;
Exchange Editor of *The Elk*
Antler 5; Cheer Leader 1;
Glee Club 5.



CHRISTINE HAYES
 Post Graduate; Beta Club 3, 4;
 Vice President Beta Club 4;
 Marshal 3; *Elk Antler* Staff 5;
The Elk Staff 5.



FRED HEMRIC
 Football 1, 2, 4; Monogram
 Club 4; Vice President 1;
 President 2, 3; Vice President
 of Student Council 3; Navy 2
 years, 8 months.

RALPH E. JENNINGS
 4-H Club 1, 2; *Elk Antler*
 Staff 4; *The Elk Staff* 4.



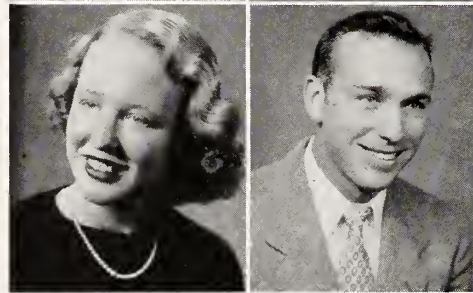
CRAHAM JOHNSON
 Football 1, 3, 4; Hi-Y Club 3,
 4; Monogram Club 4; Basket-
 ball 3; Feature Editor, *Elk*
Antler 4; Secretary, Glee Club
 2; Class Prophet 4; Navy 2
 years, 2 months.

IRENE JOHNSON
 4-H 1.



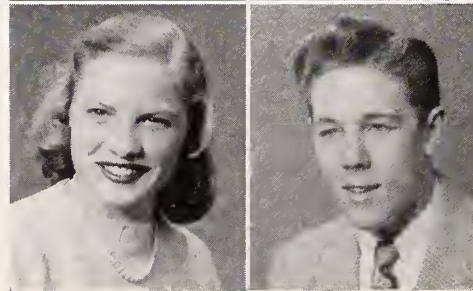
MARY BELLE JOHNSON
 Beta Club 3, 4; Marshal 3.

RUTH MARIE MASTEN
 Editor of *The Elk Antler* 4;
 Beta Club 4; Vice President of
 Beta Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y 2, 3, 4;
 Basketball 1, 3, 4; Secretary 2,
 4; Secretary-Treasurer 3; Mon-
 ogram Club 4; Office Assist-
 ant 4.



ROBERT MCCANN
 U. S. Navy 2 years, 3 months;
 Leaders' Club 4, 5; Football
 2, 3, 4, 5; Basketball 2, 3, 4, 5;
 Baseball 4, 5; Monogram Club
 5; Glee Club 5.

BETTY MITCHELL
 Home Economics Club 1, 2, 3;
 Secretary of Home Economics
 Club 3; *Elk Antler* Staff 4;
The Elk Staff 4; Clee Club 2,
 4; 4-H Club 1; Tri-Hi-Y 4.



BRADIE "SPECK" OSBORNE
 Football 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2,
 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Repre-
 sentative Student Council 3;
 Treasurer Student Council 4;
 Hi-Y 3, 4; Treasurer Hi-Y 4;
 Leaders' Club 3, 4; Beta Club
 3, 4; Treasurer Beta Club 4;
 Monogram Club 4; President
 1; Marshal 3; 4-H Club 2;
The Elk Staff 4; *Elk Antler*
 Staff 4.

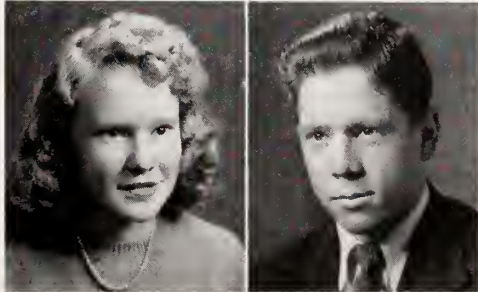
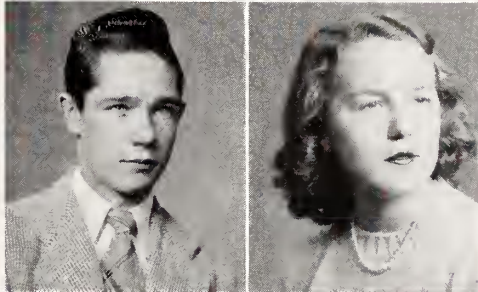
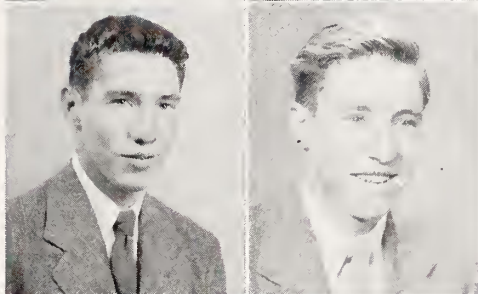
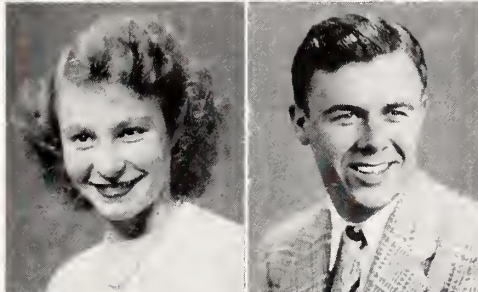
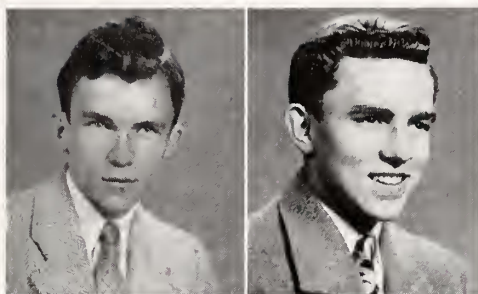
CHARLES ROBERT PARK
Cub Reporter 3, 4; Hi-Y 2, 3,
4; Sports Editor of *The Elk
Antler* 4; *The Elk Staff* 4.

LAURA MARIE PARK
Beta Club 3, 4; Secretary of
Beta Club 4; Secretary 1; Sec-
retary of Home Economics
Club 1, 2; Treasurer of Home
Economics Club 3; Associate
Editor of *Elk Antler* 4; *The
Elk Staff* 4.

BOB RATLEDGE
Football 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Basket-
ball 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Beta Club 3,
4, 5; Editor-in-Chief of *Elk
Antler* 4; Treasurer of Beta
Club 4; Secretary of Senior
Class 4; Senior Play 4; Hi-Y 1,
2, 3, 4, 5; Vice President of
Hi-Y 5; Leaders' Club 4, 5;
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 5; Mono-
gram Club 5; 4-H Club 2;
Sports Editor of *Elk Antler* 4;
Captain of Football Team 3,
4; Captain of Basketball Team
3, 4.

JACK SHORE
President 2; Vice President 3;
Treasurer 4; *Elk Antler Staff* 4;
Business Manager of *The Elk*
4.

JOSEPHINE STEELE
Home Economics Club 3, 4;
Glee Club 4.



JACK EDWARDS PARK
President of Student Council
4; President Hi-Y 4; Vice Pres-
ident of Hi-Y 3; Treasurer of
Hi-Y 2; President of Mono-
gram Club 4; Vice President
of Leaders' Club 3; Football
1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4
Baseball 2, 3, 4; *Elk Antler
Staff* 4; *The Elk Staff* 4; Pres-
ident 3.

GILMER PHILLIPS
Football 4; Vice President of
Student Government 3; Navy
2½ years.

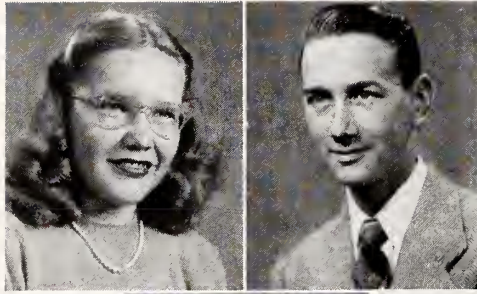
FRED "CHOO-CHOO" RATLEDGE
Football 2, 3, 4, 5; Basketball
2, 3, 4, 5; Monogram Club 5;
Glee Club 2, 3, 5; Student
Council Representative 5; Ad-
vertising Manager of *The Elk
Antler* 5; Hi-Y 3; *The Elk
Staff* 5.

MABEL ANN STANLEY
Elk Antler Staff 4; *The Elk
Staff* 4.

JACK WALKER
Glee Club 4; Baseball 3;
Football 2; *Elk Antler Staff* 4;
The Elk Staff 4.

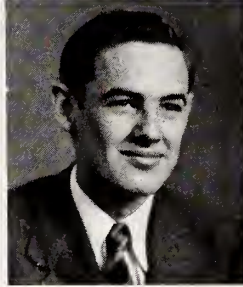
CATHERINE WALLS

Beta Club 3, 4; President of Beta Club 4; Tri-Hi-Y Club 3, 4; Treasurer of the Tri-Hi-Y 4; Social Editor of the *Elk Antler* 4; Marshal 3; Literary Editor of *The Elk* 4; Leaders' Club 4.



CHARLES C. WALLS

Editor-in-Chief of *The Elk* 4; Marshal 3; *Elk Antler* Staff 4.



JOE WHITTINGTON

Vice President Student Council 3; News Editor of *The Elk Antler* 4; *The Elk* Staff 4. Statistician 4.

CLASS HISTORY

Our entrance into Elkin high school in 1943 was not as dramatic a freshman entrance as others have been. This was really our "second" high school year, because we were the first class that would have twelve years of school. At this time the eighth grade was in the high school building but was still considered one of the grammar grades.

Most of us had become accustomed to the changing of classes, which we liked very much, and also had become familiar with the faculty members and their "unique" methods of teaching. The upper classmen couldn't really call us "green-horns", because we were well adjusted to the high school routine of activities at that time.

During our freshman year under the capable direction of Mr. Thomas Graybeal thirty-five of us made a brave attempt to develop ourselves intellectually and to maintain high ideals and standards for Elkin high school. We felt that a beginning like this would aid us in meeting the duties, opportunities, and obstacles of life which we would encounter on commencement day.

Miss Mary Holland was our sophomore teacher and was fully aware of our needs during that year. Under her keen guidance we toiled to cooperate wholeheartedly with every school function. The year ran very smoothly with the development of no special classroom events.

As our junior year approached, we began to realize that our duties in Elkin high school were numerous and that each of us had a responsible place. During this year Jack Park was elected president of our class; Jack Shore, vice president; and Ruth Masten, secretary and treasurer. We received our class rings during mid-term examinations and felt that we were the proudest juniors who had ever roamed the halls of our school.

After deciding on the theme, "*April Showers*", for our Junior-Senior banquet, we entertained the seniors in April at the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A. Our year was climaxed on class night when we juniors carried the daisy chain for the graduating class. Mrs. Gilliam was our junior class sponsor, and it was because of her perseverance and ingenuity that we were successful in accomplishing our year's work.

Mr. N. H. Carpenter assumed his duty as superintendent of the Elkin schools in the fall of 1945 as we assumed our places as juniors in Elkin high school. We learned to appreciate Mr. Carpenter as an efficient, industrious, and capable principal and also as our friend.

Finally, we emerged as seniors under the direction of Mrs. Nixon and Miss Whitley. The enrollment during our senior year was enlarged because of many veterans who returned to earn their diplomas. Class officers during this year were Claude Eldridge, president; Kethel Adams, vice president; Ruth Masten, secretary; and Jack Shore, treasurer.

The seniors chartered a bus in September to attend Senior Day at the University of North Carolina. On that day we saw Carolina play V. P. I. in Carolina's first football game of the season.

The class of 1947 is very proud of *The Elk*, the Elkin high school annual, because we were the founders of it. We shall cherish through the years the memories that have been recorded in this book.

Now, as our class history ends, let us remember to uphold our class motto, "*It matters not how long we live, but how*".

— RUTH MASTEN, *Historian*.

CLASS PROPHECY

At the end of our high school career and with the commencement of a new life for Elkin high school seniors of 1947 thoughts must be directed now toward the unveiling and foretelling of their future lives. The following information has been obtained and compiled about these very distinguished citizens through an imaginary tour of the states.

A group of seniors met in Miami, Florida, in 1967 for a cross-country flight in a "Lockheed Constellation" to discover the whereabouts of their classmates of Elkin high school. At this time Charles Walls was making a very successful business manager of Burdine's, the largest department store in Miami. Our first stop after leaving Florida was Savannah, Georgia, where we discovered that Christine Hayes was an English teacher in the Savannah city schools. According to schedule on its next flight "Connie", the airliner in which we traveled, landed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a visit with Claude Eldridge, Henry Ford's most noted automobile dealer. Then our party took off for a non-stop flight to Raleigh, North Carolina and learned upon landing that Jack Shore was professor of geology at State College. As we left Raleigh, a unanimous decision of the group guided us to Durham where Dr. Ketchel Adams, head surgeon in the Duke Hospital, directed us over the Duke University campus. In the university Catherine Walls was head of the business administration. We were soon on our way again with Chapel Hill in sight. At the University of North Carolina our visit with little Fred (Choo-Choo) Ratledge, head coach in Carl Snavelly's place, was greatly enjoyed. Greensboro was our next destination, and here Mabel Stanley was in charge of a nurse's course in the home economics department of the Woman's College. Finally, as we approached our home territory, a stop was necessary in Winston-Salem in order to transfer to a *Piper Cub* for our journey to Elkin. In Winston-Salem Mary Johnson was serving as Dean of Women at Salem College, so after a brief visit with Mary, our plane ascended into the air again for a flight to the Swan Creek airport in the foothills of our home town, Elkin.

By automobile our party toured toward the Yadkin river but found upon reaching the old familiar bridge that many changes had taken place. Frances Dave was operating it as a toll bridge between Jonesville and Elkin, and after submitting to a toll of fifty cents, we were taxied into the famous Chatham blanket town. The following discoveries were found about our former classmates: Jack Park, secretary of the Gilvin Roth Y. M. C. A.; Bob Park, manager of the Reeves' theaters; Fred Hemric, owner of the Basketeria with Eugene Collins as assistant manager; Joe Whittington in complete charge of the Home Furniture Store; Coney Couch, postmaster; Jim Crowe, a "big shot" at Chatham University; Bob Harris, coach of all sports at Elkin high school; Dallas DeBorde, owner of his own electrical shop on West Main Street; and Josephine Steele, head nurse at the Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital. As our journey continued into North Elkin, Betty Jean Collins was found to be living a happily married life with Thomas Q. Thumb. Into Poplar Springs we toured and met the newly elected mayor, Joe Guyer. Our time was limited, so a snappy trip to Boiling Springs was made in order to visit Ruth Masten, teacher of Bible at Gardner-Webb College.

An awareness of many more miles to go hastened us on to Winston-Salem to catch our plane for a northern flight. Stopping in Washington, D. C., Sammie Adams, who had taken his seat in the Senate Chamber and was trying to do away with unnecessary laws, greeted us at the National Airport to show us over the city. Verna Alexander, a famous soloist, was performing in the National Theater at that time, and Irene Johnson was kept busy as religious secretary at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Our next stop after departing from Washington was New York City. Many of the former students were here and were employed in various enterprises. Bob Ratledge with his main office in this city was owner of a chain of service stations throughout the United States, Betty Mitchell was starring in the Metropolitan Opera House, Marie Park had settled down quietly as secretary to the governor of New York, Robert McCann was operating with a very serene tone a subway out of New York City, Gilmer Phillips was captain in the Navy and had been stationed in New York since his re-enlistment twenty years ago, and Edward Chappell was vice president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Our plans directed us next to Cincinnati, Ohio, via Washington, and there the gay party discovered that several of their classmates were maintaining a comfortable livelihood. Bob Browning had purchased a country home several miles from the city and had become famous over his volume of Poetry. Paul Blackburn was head manager of a Kaiser and Frazer automobile firm and had

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LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the members of the class of 1947, have reached the end of our high school career, and although somewhat fatigued by constant mental and physical toil, we are still of sound mind, memory, and understanding, and being respected and loyal citizens of the United States, do hereby make and publish this our last will and testament, hereby revoking and voiding all former wills by us at any time heretofore made.

We have tried to be just, as well as generous, impartial, and democratic, and to distribute wisely unto those who will make the best use of such gifts as we have in our power to bestow — especially the superior talents and characteristics that have served us so faithfully these four years. We hereby give into your possession the following itemized articles and ask that you will accept them as sacred trusts from us who have gone on before.

I, Charles Walls, bequeath my position as Editor-in-Chief of the annual to Ann Harris.
I, Eugene Collins, bequeath my position on the midget football team to Jim King.
I, Ketchel Adams, bequeath my desire to become a doctor to Hal Stewart.
I, Brady Osborne, bequeath my ability to keep my mouth shut to Sam Shugart.
I, Verna Alexander, bequeath my desire to become an old maid to Kathleen Burcham.
I, Sammie Adams, bequeath my girl in South Boston to anyone who can afford a round trip ticket once a week.

We, Jack Walker and Bobby Browning, bequeath our companionship to Jim Cockerham and Bobby Johnson.

I, Joe Guyer, bequeath school bus No. 8 to Herbert Adams.

We, Benny Gross and Graham Johnson, bequeath our limousine to Gene Nicks and Floyd Brendle to take the place of their "popsicles"

I, Catherine Walls, bequeath my popularity to Ruby Alexander.

I, Marie Park, bequeath my ability to keep quiet in class to Margaret Click.

I, Ralph Jennings, bequeath my bookkeeping practice set to John Cockerham.

We, Jack Shore and Joe Whittington, bequeath our desire to become bachelors to any junior who is looking forward to a bright future.

I, Betty Mitchell, bequeath my success in music to Doswell Gentry.

I, Ed Chappell, bequeath my A's in math to Jim Parker.

I, Gene Click, bequeath my quiet disposition to Sara Holcomb.

I, Coney Couch, bequeath my popularity with the girls to Jim Chipman.

I, Carolyn Byrd, bequeath my ability as a housewife to Opal Holcomb.

We, Bob and Jack Park, bequeath our brotherly love to John and Jim Cockerham.

I, Mabel Stanley, bequeath my nickname, "Baby Ann", to Wilma Lou Nichols.

I, Christine Hayes, bequeath some of my weight to Frankie Long.

We, Bob Harris and Claude Eldridge, bequeath our curly hair to Sam Shugart.

I, Fred Ratledge, bequeath my notebook, paper and pencil to Bill Journey.

I, T. M. Eldridge, bequeath my spirit of service to Rufus Sneed.

I, Paul Blackburn, bequeath my millionaire walk to Betsy Richardson.

I, Betty Jean Collins, bequeath my inquisitiveness to Arnella Carter.

I, Gilmer Phillips, bequeath my bashfulness to Evon Ray.

We, Dallas DeBorde and Robert McCann, bequeath our ability to get to class on time to Martha Hayes.

I, Josephine Steele, bequeath my ability to make five minute talks in English to Jo Young.

I, Bob Ratledge, bequeath my love of sports to Alvin Eldridge.

I, Ruth Masten, bequeath my position as Editor-in-Chief of *The Elk Antler* to Alicc Blake Dobson.

I, Mary Johnson, bequeath my typewriter to anyone who had rather be a mechanic than a typist.

I, Irene Johnson, bequeath my seat in shorthand to Lynn Oliver.

I, Fred Hemric, bequeath the happiness of single life to Riley Mickel.

I, Jim Crowe, bequeath my grades in English to Libby Royall.

I, Herbert Collins, bequeath my honor of having never missed a day in school to Johnny Wagoner.

I, Frances Daye, bequeath my straight "A" report card to Howard Freeman.

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Jack Park

MOST POPULAR BOY
MOST ORIGINAL
BEST-LOOKING
BEST PERSONALITY

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BEST-DRESSED GIRL

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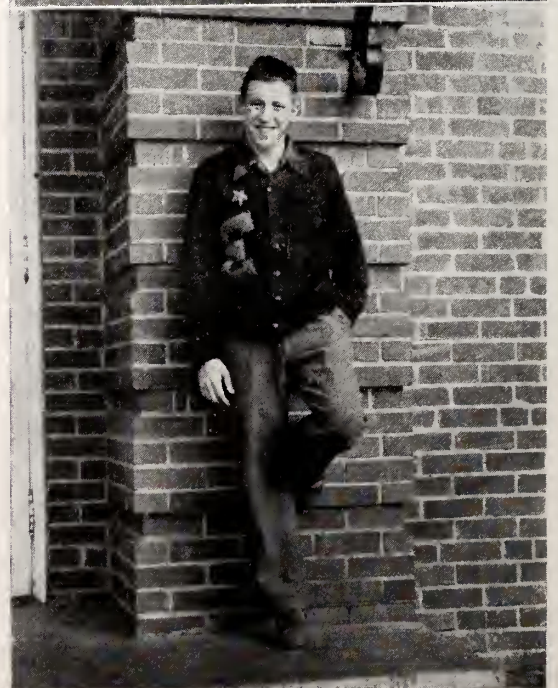
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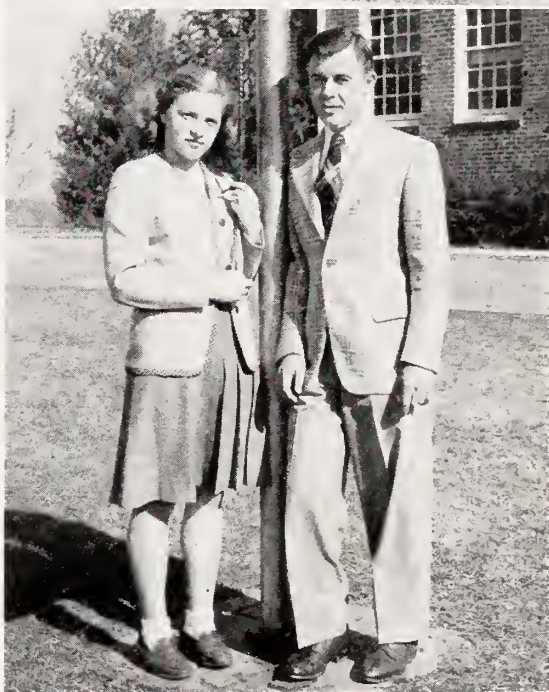
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"Cotton Harris

MOST ATHLETIC BOY

Ruth Masten

**MOST ATHLETIC GIRL
BEST SPORT GIRL**

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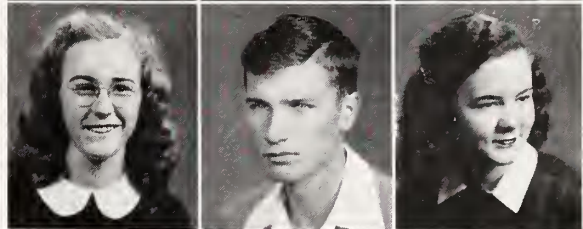
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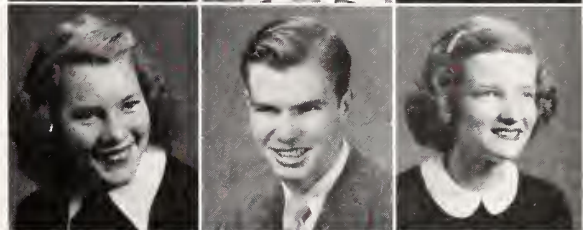
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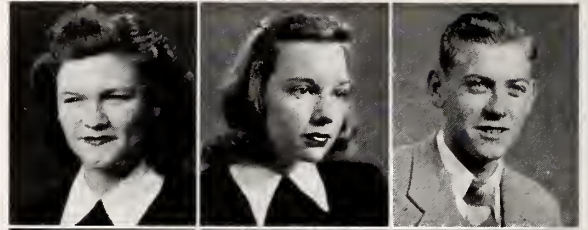
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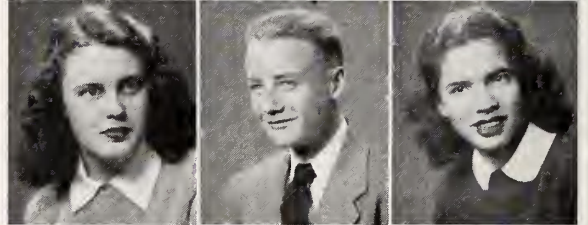
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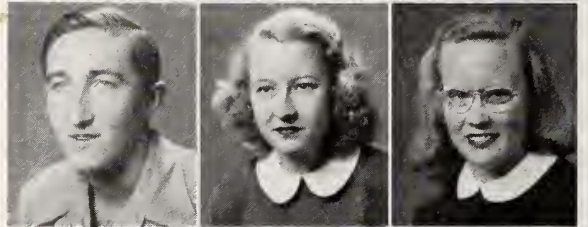
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 Betty Newman



Wilma Lou Nichols
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Louise Smith
 Myrtle Lou Smoot
 Betty Jane Sparks



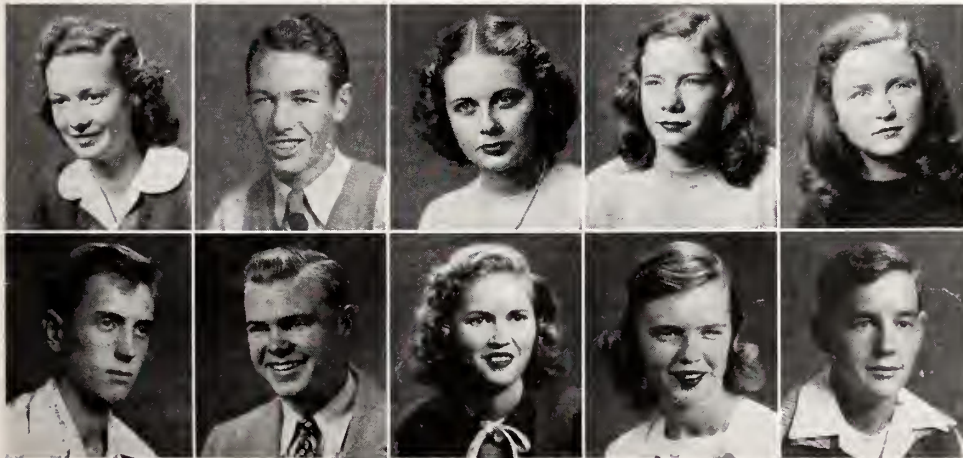
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 Peggy Walters
 Jo Young



Sophomore Class

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Bottom Row: James Cockerham, John Cockerham, Eva Lou Couch, Colleen Darnell, Jim DeBorde.



Jean Eidson
 Henry "Tip" Freeman
 Josephine Gentry

Sophomore Class

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Jake Guyer
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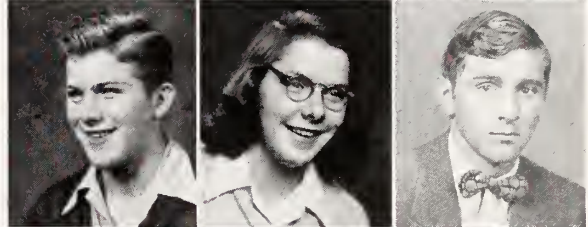
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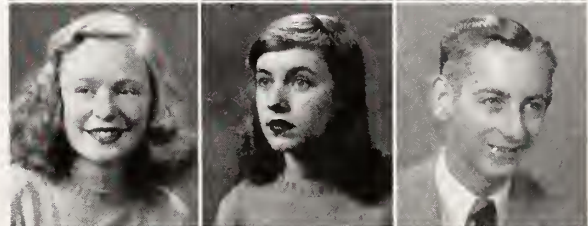
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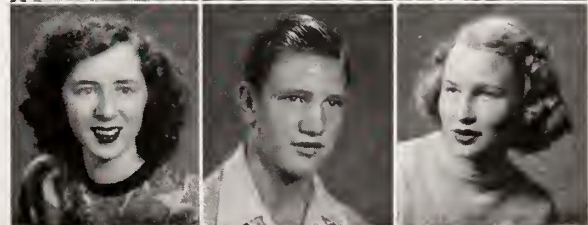
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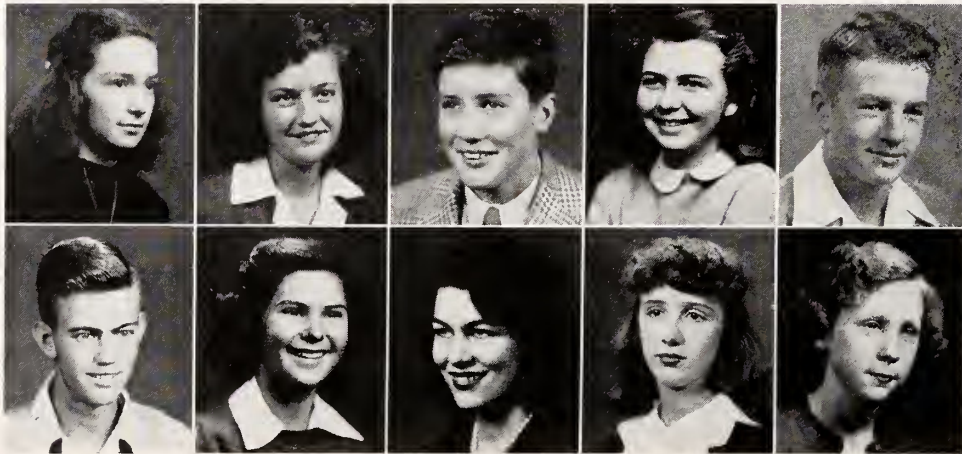
Sophomore Class



Freshman Class

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Top Row: Bennie Absher, Polly Adams, Dale Aldridge, Jo Barnette, John Edward Beeson.
Bottom Row: Richard Blackburn, Virginia Blackburn, Mary Lou Blevins, Ola Mae Bostic, Eva Brinegar.

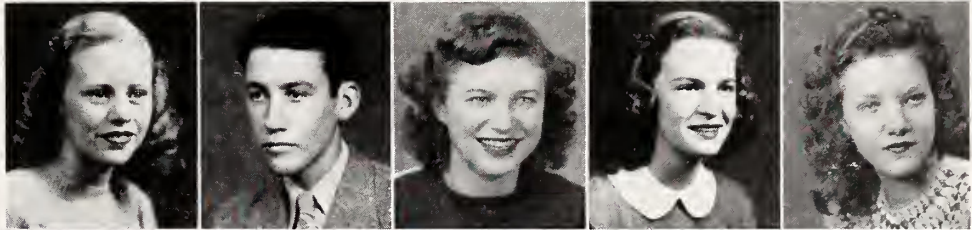
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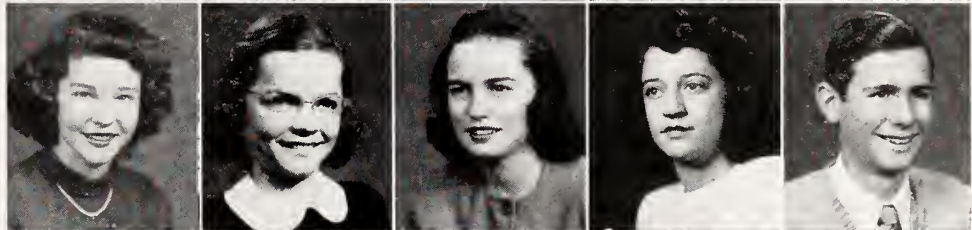
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 John M. Collins
 Loretta Collins
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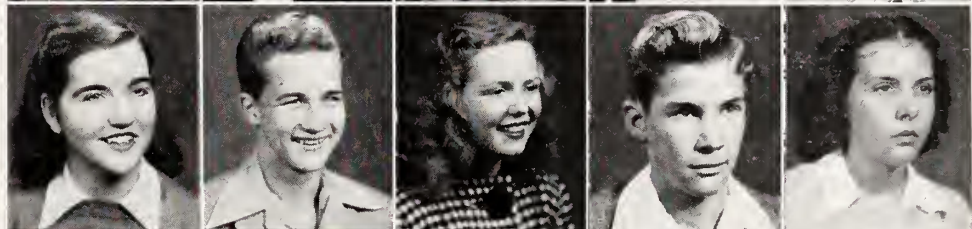
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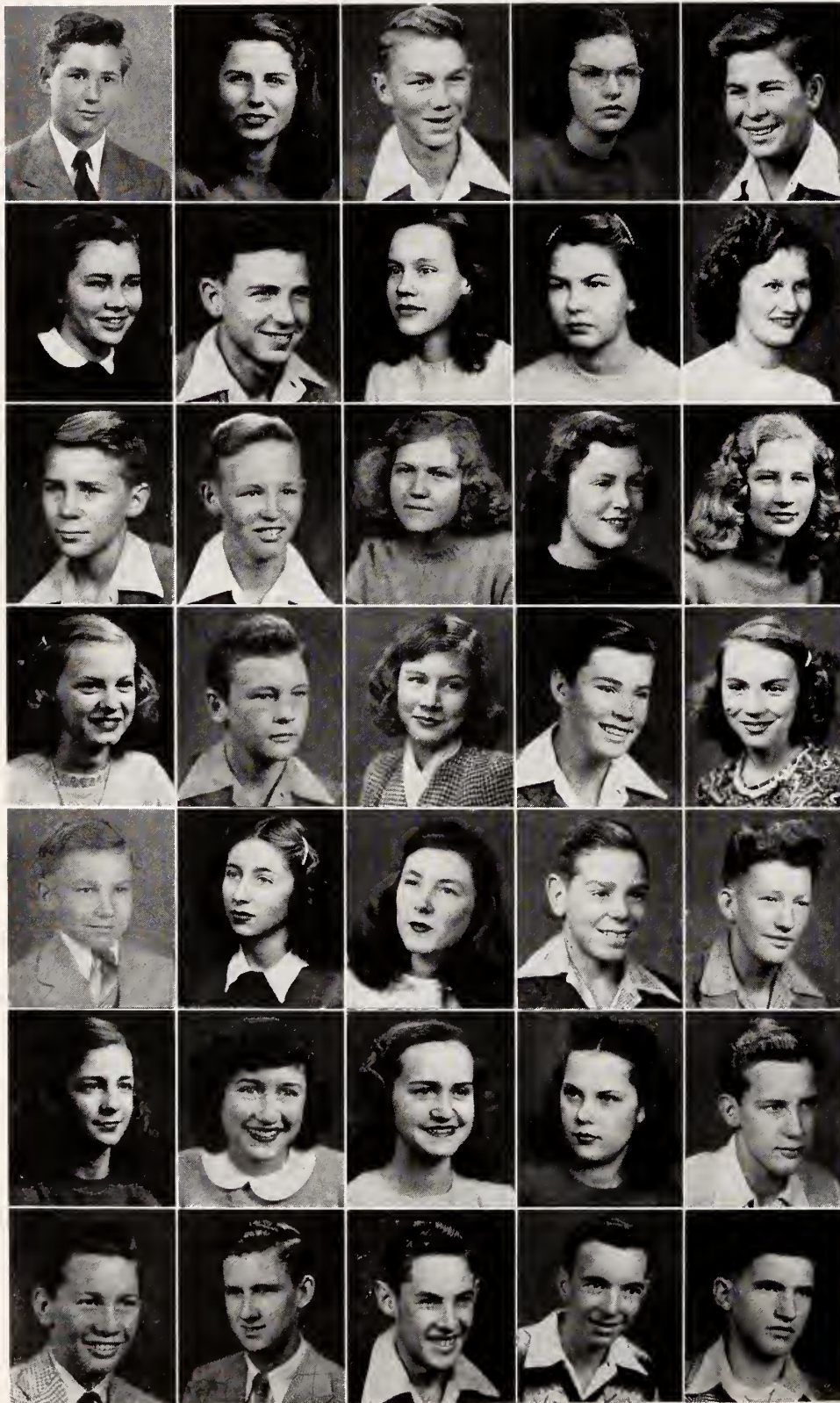


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 Mary Ruth Golden
 Charles C. Graham
 Charles Hanks
 Bobby Hayes



Blenda Hinson
 Anna Jean Holbrook
 Frederick Holbrook
 Helen Hutchins
 Bernard Jackson





Robert James
 Dorlis Kennedy
 Donald Lashmit
 Lou Beth Layell
 Delon Cornelius Layne

Betty Lineberry
 Bobby L. Luffman
 Jean Luffman
 Nadene Luffman
 Katherine Lyon

Roger Maines
 Earl Masten
 Nancy Mickel
 Edith Miller
 Mary Lou Miller

Mary Mitchell
 Bobby Nance
 Clara Mae Nixon
 Murphy Owen
 Viola Park

Roger Park
 Sara C. Parker
 Peggy Petree
 Wilburn Richardson
 Parks Roberts

Edna Smoot
 Frances Sprinkle
 Myzelle Stanley
 Clara Transou
 Sam Transou

Daniel Arson Travis
 Junior Tulbert
 David Whittington
 R. D. Wilmoth
 Tommy Yarboro





Miss Elkin High

TOMMY JO DARNELL, *Freshman*



Marshalls

Chosen on the
basis of scholarship

Libby Royall, *Chief*; Margaret Click,
Doswell Gentry, Alice Blake Dobson,
Ruby Alexander.



First Row: Betsy Richardson, Alice Blake Dobson, Ann Harris, Catherine Walls, Ruby Alexander, Bob Ratledge, Carolyn Byrd. *Second Row:* Bradie Osborne, Libby Royall, Margaret Click, Mary Johnson. *Third Row:* Miss Cornelia Ayers, *Advisor;* Doswell Gentry, Marie Park, Ruth Masten, Sara Holcomb.

Beta Club

Monogram Club

First Row: Margaret Click, Louise Smith, Ruth Masten, June Miller, Bob Lawrence, Libby Royall, Ann Harris, Sara Holcomb. *Second Row:* Sam Shugart, Jack Park, Fred Hemric, Fred Ratledge, Bob Ratledge, Benny Gross, Ketchel Adams. *Third Row:* Bill Price, Sam Adams, T. M. Eldridge, Bradie Osborne, Robert McCann, Claude Eldridge.



Student Council

Seated: Jack Park, *President*; "Cotton" Harris, *Secretary*. *Standing:* Juanita Steele, Ralph Couch, Louise Smith, Bob Lawrence, Libby Royall, *Vice President*; Graham Johnson, Dale Aldridge, Fred Ratledge, Bradie Osborne, *Treasurer*; Mr. N. H. Carpenter, *Adviser*.

First Row: Gene Click, Ruth Masten, Gene Nicks, Libby Royall, Bob Lawrence, Ruby Alexander, Bill Price, Sara Holcomb. *Second Row:* Ketchel Adams, Ed Chappell, Betsy Richardson, Barbara Phillips, Kathleen Burcham, Bradie Osborne, Catherine Walls, Margaret Click, Sally Transou, Jack Park. *Third Row:* Robert McCann, Doswell Gentry, Bob Ratledge, Ann Harris, Henry Freeman, Jean Brown.

Leader's Club



First Row: Nathan Lovelace, Howard Blevins, Delon Layne, Jake Guyer, Roger Maines, Howard Freeman, Billy Gentry, Frederick Holbrook and Joe Guyer. *Second Row:* Arlene Collins, Melrose Cooper, Loretta Collins, Blenda Hinson, Anna Jean Holbrook, Eva Mae Brinegar, Edith Miller, Mary Lou Blevins, Benny Absher, Lynn Oliver and Patty Devine. *Third Row:* Clara Mae Nixon, Betty Jane Sparks, Wilma Lou Nichols, Jean Luffman, Pansy Durham, Sam Transou, Sara Parker, Jimmy Crater, Betty Ruth Cockerham and Irvin Guyer. *Fouth Row:* J. A. Hayes, Jr., and Herbert Adams.

4-H Club

Home Economics Club

First Row: Sterling Browning, Juanita Steele, Gilda Money, Dixie Carter, Louise Smith. *Second Row:* Martha Hayes, Arnella Carter, Joan Olsen, Peggy Walters, Clara Mae Nixon, Sadie Park, Iris Hayes.

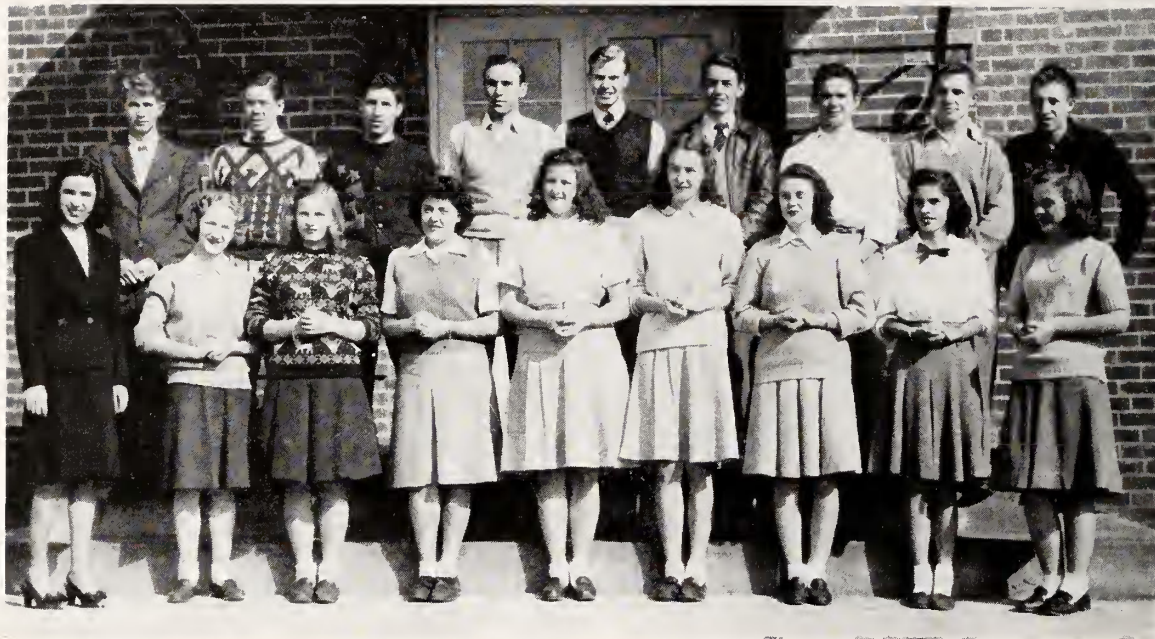


H-Y Club

Front Row: John Edward Beeson, Bob Park, Henry Freeman, Bob Ratledge, Ketchel Adams, Jack Park, Bobby James, Ed Chappell, Dale Aldridge, Charles Hanks, and Mr. R. H. Abernathy, *Advisor*. *Second Row:* David Whittington, Alvin Eldridge, Benny Gross, Graham Johnson, Jim Cockerham, Sam Adams, Bradie Osborne, Bob Lawrence, Bill Price, Hal Stuart, and Jack Pardue.

First Row: Ruby Alexander, Libby Royall, Ann Harris, Gene Click, Catherine Walls, Betsy Richardson, Betty Mitchell. *Second Row:* Anna Katherine Dobson, Jean Brown, Clara Nixon, Margaret Click, Kathleen Burcham, Sally Transou, Peggy Walters, Ruth Masten. *Third Row:* Frances Crowe, Betty Collins, Clara Transou, Barbara Phillips, Alice Blake Dobson, Sara Holcomb, Miss Ethel Whitley, *Advisor*.

Tri-Hi-Y Club



GLEE CLUB

First Row: Miss Adelaide Bunker, *Director*; Verna Alexander, Betty Mitchell, Joan Gross, Kathryn Gross, June Miller, Wilma Lou Nichols, Lynn Oliver, Peggy Walters. *Second Row:* Herbert Collins, Jack Walker, Bob Ratledge, Robert McCann, Jim Cockerham, Bob Browning, Ed Chappell, Ketchel Adams, Fred Ratledge.

"THE ELK ANTLER" STAFF



First Row: Joe Guyer, Catherine Walls, Ralph Jennings, Herbert Collins, Sam Adams. Second Row: Jack Walker, Marie Park, Dallas DeBorde, Jack Park, Fred Ratledge. Third Row: Bradie Osborne, Bob Browning, Coney Couch, Eugene Collins. Fourth Row: Christine Hayes, Graham Johnson, Charles Walls, Jack Shore, Bob Park. Fifth Row: Benny Gross, Betty Mitchell, Mabel Stanley, Verna Alexander, Ruth Masten.



THE ELK STAFF

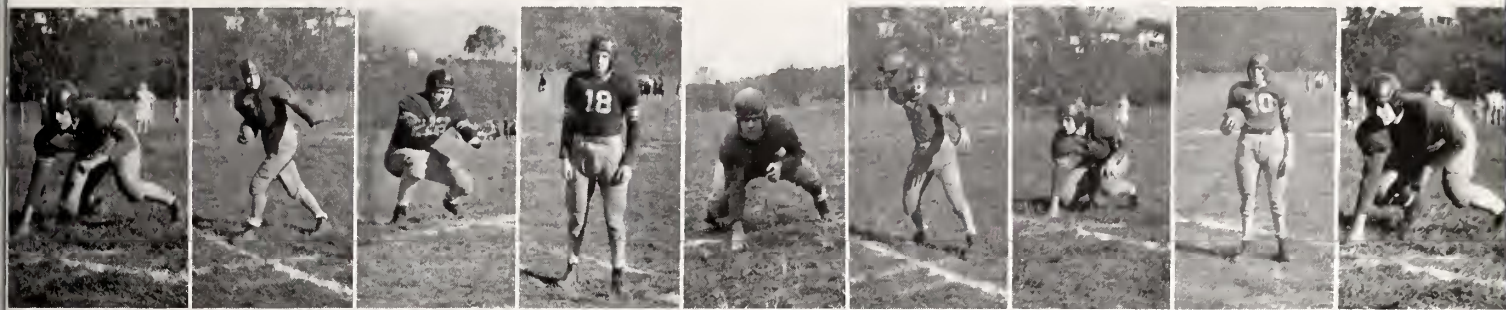
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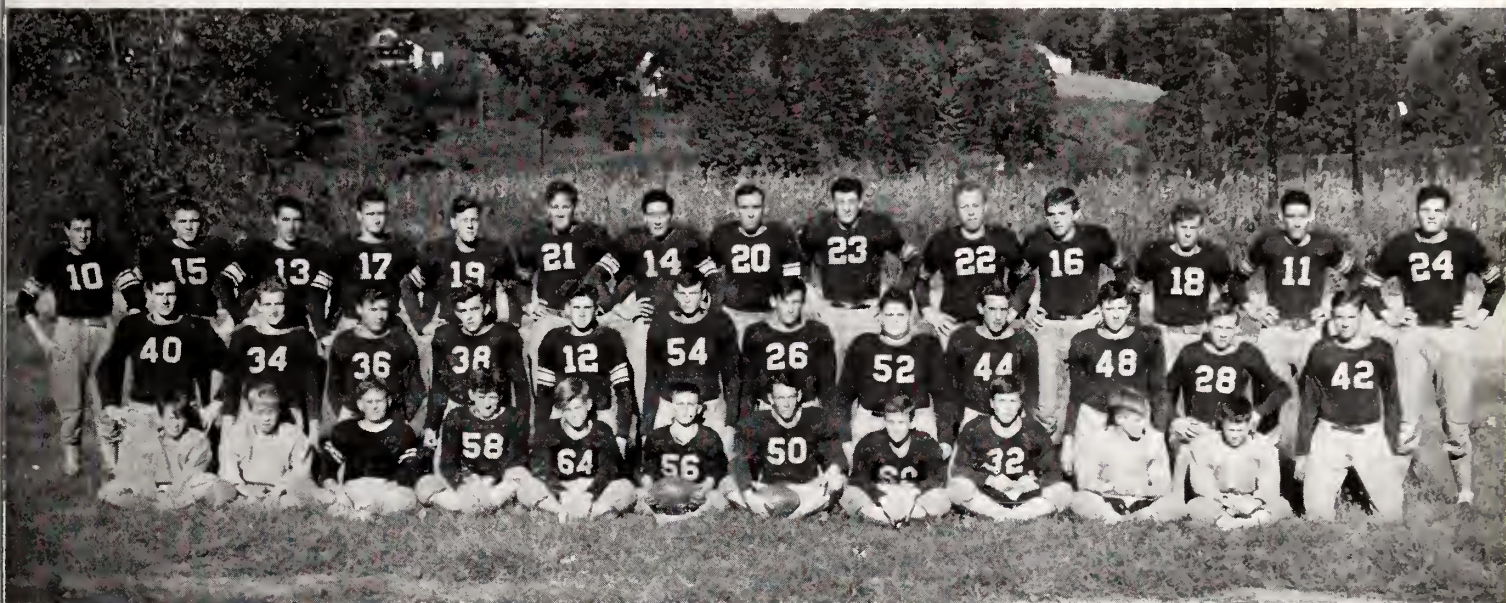
CHEERLEADERS

Sally Transou, Sara Holcomb, Betty Mitchell, Ann Harris, *Chief*; Clara Mae Nixon, Betsy Richardson, Peggy Walters.

Athletics



Left to Right: BENNY GROSS, Guard; SAM ADAMS, Back; BOB HARRIS, End; FRED HENRIC, End; GILMER PHILLIPS, Tackle; CLAUDE ELDRIDGE, Back; KETCHEL ADAMS, Guard; FRED RATLEDGE, Back; HAL STUART, Guard.



Front Row: Bill Roth, Jimmy Lashmit, Johnny Atwell, Mickey Wagoner, Charles Lackey, Danny Park, Howard Blevins, Bobby Nance, Dale Aldridge, David Causey, and Abbie Harris. Second Row: T. M. Eldridge, Alvin Eldridge, Gilmer Phillips, Jack Park, Bobby James, Jim Chipman, Jimmy King, Tommy James, Sam Transou, Hal Stuart, Danny Travis, and Eugene Collins. Third Row: Fred Ratledge, Ketchel Adams, Bob Ratledge, Claude Eldridge, Paul Blackburn, Bradie Osborn, Benny Gross, Robert McCann, Sam Adams, Bob Harris, Sam Shugart, Fred Hemric, Jimmy Crater, and Bob Lawrence.



Left to Right: ROBERT MCCANN, Tackle; BRADIE OSBORNE, Back; JACK PARK, End; BOB RATLEDGE, Back; PAUL BLACKBURN, Center; BOB LAWRENCE, Back; T. M. ELDRIDGE, End; SAM SHUGART, Tackle; GRAHAM JOHNSON, Guard.



Baseball Squad

First Row: Dick Mayberry, Jack Park, Jim Erwin, Jim Parker, Ketchel Adams, and Dewey York. *Second Row:* Richard Blackburn, Jim Chipman, Bill Jurney, Bob Harris, Sam Adams, Bob Lawrence, and Robert McCann. *Third Row:* Bill Price, *Manager*, and Mr. R. H. Abernathy, *Coach*.



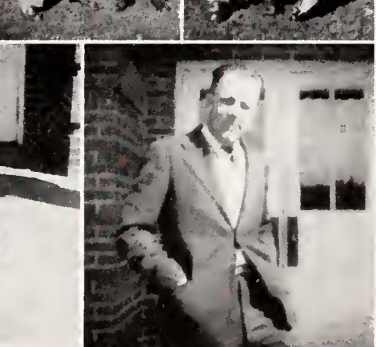
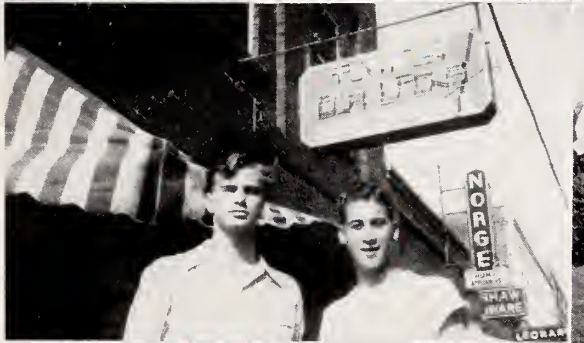
Basketball Squad (Boys)

First Row: Johnny Durham, John Edward Beeson, Ray Ratledge, Bobby Nance, Danny Travis, Charlie Hanks. *Second Row:* Bob Lawrence, T. M. Eldridge, Bob Ratledge, Sam Shugart, Bill Jurney, Ketchel Adams, Fred Ratledge, Robert McCann, Bob Harris. *Third Row:* Jack Park, Claude Eldridge, Paul Blackburn, Alvin Eldridge, Sam Adams, Mr. R. H. Abernathy, *Coach*; Jim Crowe, Donald Lashmit, Sam Transou.



Basketball Squad (Girls)

First Row: June Miller, Peggy Kennedy, Oma Haynes, Sara Parker, Margaret Click, Mary Lee Daye, Josephine Laffoon. *Second Row:* Gene Click, Libby Royall, Frances Crowe, Betty Lineberry, Virginia Blackburn, Jean Eidson, Sara Holcomb. *Third Row:* Mr. R. H. Abernathy, *Coach*, Ruth Masten, Pansy Durham, Iris Hayes, Sterling Browning, Louise Smith.



DOWN MEMORIES' LANE

*School days roll by, and at last
We reach the open door
To look ahead into future's realm,
To try our wings, to soar.*

*But though we face with heads held high
The challenge flung by life,
Our thoughts go back to happy days
Untouched by worldly strife.*

*We remember, and with sadness, too,
That high school days so gay
Must always end, and we must part
To go our separate way.*

*What faces us we do not know;
We cannot pierce the veil,
Yet surely in God's scheme of things
He would not have us fail.*

*But before we part and doff our gowns,
We stroll down memories' lane,
Reluctant to be on our way
And dreading the parting's pain.*

*But though we go with high resolve
And with hearts which hold no fear,
We admit, and without shame,
That we've left one thing, a tear.*

— BOBBY BROWNING, Poet.

CLASS PROPHECY

(Continued from Page 12)

hired Ralph Jennings as bookkeeper of the Blackburn enterprise. After leaving Ohio, the state of Kentucky welcomed our super airliner, "Connie". In Louisville, our group discovered that Gene Click had fulfilled her lifetime desire of training horses on a Kentucky farm. Herbert Collins had graduated from the Louisville Seminary and was retained as a Greek instructor. "Connie" left this section of the country for a journey into the mid-west to visit T. M. Eldridge at Wichita, Kansas. T. M. was owner of the Eldridge automobile supply stores that were recognized because honest principles of business were observed at all times. Our plane then took off to Denver, Colorado, the largest metropolis between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast. There Graham Johnson had perfected the best doughnut machine of the west and was making millions on the new invention. In the Rocky Mountains seventy miles away Carolyn Byrd was leading a peaceful, wholesome life as a housewife. Our traveling was not complete until we reached California. In Hollywood Benny Gross had become renowned as an artist, Bradie Osborne as an actor, and Jack Walker as a crooner. Our next stop found us in Oakland, California, where Betty Jean Darnell was serving as a private secretary in the Navy Department.

The journey's end left us in Oakland to refuel "Connie" for our return trip back to the east coast.

GRAHAM JOHNSON, *Prophet.*

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

(Continued from Page 13)

We, the seniors of 1947, bequeath all the startling information that we have given from time to time on our examination papers to our faculty who have worked and worried, not altogether in vain, that we might be exposed to those things of an intellectual nature.

We, the seniors of 1947, bequeath to our principal, Mr. N. H. Carpenter, our ingenious acts on trying to get by in spite of our failures in succeeding.

The class of 1947 have to this instrument subscribed our name and affixed our seal this the 30th day of May, 1947 A. D.

Signed: JACK SHORE, *Testator.*

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