

Class History

Twelve years ago, twenty-two scared little sailors climbed aboard the "Cottageville Special" and headed for the open seas. Mrs. Irene Ackerman went along with us on our first voyage.

Some of the teachers who traveled with us on our voyages while we were in grammar school were Mrs. Jennie Williams, Mrs. Vineta Johnson, Mrs. Carrie Lou Ackerman, Mrs. Lucille Griffith, and Mrs. Mabel Pierce.

As time went by some of our sailors dropped out and others came to join us. In the fifth grade Barbara Sweatman came from Ridgeville to become a member of our crew. In the seventh grade we lost two of our sailors, Betty and Leona Ackerman, but two others, Catherine Reeves and Dorothy Burke came from other schools to take their places with us.

When we entered the ninth grade, we had ten members, five girls and five boys.

In the ninth and tenth grades some of our girls served at the Junior-Senior Receptions; this was indeed an event for those who served.

At the end of the tenth grade Catherine Reeves left us to go to Orangeburg, where she began to work.

Our Junior year is one that we will long remember! One of the most outstanding events of this year was the Junior-Senior Banquet. Each one of us enjoyed working to make it a success.

During our Junior year Dorothy Burke left us to become a homemaker.

At last our Senior year was here--the one for which we had all waited and worked so long. We set out in September with only eight members in our crew. We thought the day would never come when we were to receive our rings, but when Mr. Ferguson told us that they were in the post office we could hardly believe it.

There were quite a number of things to occupy our time during this year. There were invitations to order, caps and gowns to be obtained, and numerous other things to be looked after.

We will long remember the banquet that was given in our honor by the Junior class.

Our leaders and teachers through our high school days were Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Griffith, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Davis, Mr. Willis, Mrs. Crosby, and Mrs. Tuten.

These years of sailing were not all easy. There were hardships and difficulties to overcome; however now as our ship draws near the harbor, we sit thinking of the good time we have had together as classmates.

As the class history of 1950 draws to a close, graduation will separate us into many ways of life.

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