

CLASS MIRROR

On the morning of September 6, 1944 our class entered high school. A little shaky at the prospect of our new teacher, and thrilled at being with the "grown-ups" we walked into the new year with abnormally swelled heads. We found, to our surprise, Mr. Clayton was a "regular fellow" whom we respected and liked, and also that our heads were rapidly deflated because we weren't the only class in high school.

In the ninth grade we picked up Lenora Warren, Mary Warren, Marie Robinson, Thelma Martin and Jack O'Quinn from Ruffin Schools and also traded Mr. Clayton for Mrs. Mae Anderson. Oh, how we hated to give up Mr. Clayton, but we soon learned to love Mrs. Anderson, too. Instead of the 3 Musketeers our class doubled that. The 6 musketeers included Mary Polk, Violet Gibson, Kathryn Kicklighter, Rosa Lee Martin, Bobby Berry and Margaret Sauls.

This year we thought we were "jolly juniors" but were suddenly awakened to the fact that the 12th Grade had been added to high school and naturally, we were "nothings". Miss Sauls was added to the Home Economics Department--and Mrs. Anderson moved to Smoaks. Joyce Bunton became the first housewife of our class and Pete Johns traded Lodge Schools for Carlisle Military Academy in Bamberg.

Maybe this year we're "jolly juniors"! That we must be for we're in the 11th Grade. Miss Power left us this year and Miss Louise Pontious from Walterboro took over to try her hand at teaching us English. Miss Lucretia Brabham traded Lodge for Orangeburg and we inherited Mrs. Wildred Willis of Denmark in our Commerce Department. She was also our home-room teacher.... Shortly after school started, Thelma Carson decided housekeeping for the man she loved was much nicer than coming to school every day, so she left us.... Our 6 Musketeers divided into two companies--Rosa Lee, Violet and Kathryn in one and Mary, Bobby and Margaret in the other. Romances really blossomed but soon faded out as the weather grew warmer.

At last---We are dignified Seniors! What few of us that are left, I mean. Mrs. Willis is again our home-room teacher, but Miss Pontious turned her duties over to Mrs. Lavenia Stahl. Bobby Berry became the third housewife, followed by Grace Barnes and Jessie Lee Polk. Mary Polk is attending Columbia College and the remaining few of us are here at Lodge trying feebly to make our fare to Washington in the Spring. Mrs. Willis firmly believes we'll make the grade and with her pulling for us we're bound to get there...

Yes, we are graduating--and with us, one of the finest leaders a class could possibly have. A person who has been a friend, an excellent teacher, a good sport along with us, and the best Superintendent any school ever had, Mr. Padgett. We are so glad he waited until we finished to graduate from the teaching profession. Thanks so much, Mr. Padgett, for all you've done to guide us in the right way during these five years..

Honie Proveaux
Charter Member Senior Class