

## Class History

We, the Seniors of 1953, began our formal education in 1941 as the 26 members of the first grade at Smoaks School: Mabel Craven, Geraldine Coleman, Audrey Jenkins, Mary Myers, Virginia Nix, Mary Sue Sauls, Maxey Grey Smoak, Ladelle Strickland, Lennie Ann Thompson, Bobby Bunton, Jimmy Carter, David Griffin, Eugene Herndon, T. J. Kinsey, Carroll Miles, Keith Miles, Ernest Myers, Junior Reynolds, David Smith, Marshall Smith, Gene Smoak, Campbell Strickland, Billy Varnadoe, Marshall Murdaugh. Miss Elizabeth Black was our teacher.

Miss Quirk taught us in our second year and we lost Virginia Nix. The new members of our class were: Lottie Mixon, Chris Hucks, Norman Linder, Jackie Padgett, Grover Reynolds, Jimmy Strickland, and Vernon Strickland.

When we began our third year we said goodbye to Lennie Ann Thompson and greeted Janet Maxey, Wyman Kinsey, and Lonnie Shelly. Our teachers were Miss Margaret Hiers and Mrs. Jeanette Van Sant.

In the fourth grade we gained a few new classmates: Luther Bennett, Margaret Griffin, and William Thomas. Mrs. Terrell Parker was our teacher.

Mrs. Ernest Van Sant helped us through our fifth year. Margaret Griffin, Lottie Mixon, and Holland Smith moved away. Our new friends were: Shirley Kinard, Elise Linder Shirley Robinson, Tommy Linder, and Lehman Lyons.

When we reached the sixth grade we missed the familiar faces of Lottie Mixon, Mary Bell Myers, Shirley Robinson, Norman Linder, Tommy Linder, and Vernon Strickland. Our new classmates were: Loretta Pellum, McPeer Black, George Kinsey, Roy McAlhaney, and Franklin Rickman. Our teacher was Mrs. Mildred Smith.

We gained Dorothey Mae Spell in our seventh year. Mrs. T. M. Beeson taught us.

In the eight grade we were joined by a large number of new students: Carroll Bennett, Effie Breland, L. C. Breland, Mildred Breland, ~~Thelma Dewitt~~, Bud Scoggins, Jake Williams, Mitchell Garris, and ~~Patty Ruth Wilson~~. Our new teachers were Miss Vernell Herndon, Miss Jean Sanders, and Mrs. Helen Farrell.

As Freshman in high school Carroll Bennett left us and we had five instructors: Mr. C. B. Polk, Mrs. C. B. Polk, Mrs. Helen Farrell, Miss Rose Mary Varn, and Mr. Edward Strickland.

In the Sophomore class we lost Elise Linder, Janet Maxey, and Marshall Smith. Our teachers were: Mr. E. H. Roberts, Mrs. Doris Willis, Mr. T. W. Copeland, and Miss Rose Mary Varn.

Carroll Bennett rejoined us in the Junior class but Thelma Dewitt, Mabel Craven, and Roy McAlhaney left us. Mrs. Helen Farrell, Mrs. Audrey Berry, Mrs. Doris Willis, Mr. Ernest Reeves, and Mr. E. H. Roberts taught us.

As a Senior Maxey Grey Murdaugh dropped out and Ocie Kinard joined us. Mrs. Audrey Berry, Mrs. T. J. Hayden, Miss Rose Mary Varn, Mr. W. P. Brandenburg, Mr. Charles Stoudemire, and Mrs. Mildred

Smith were our instructors. Eighteen of us will graduate on May 28, 1953.