

HISTORY OF CLASS OF '29

In September of 1925 a new class came into being. There were in it many of the same pupils of Walterboro Grammar School besides newcomers from the surrounding country, and neighboring towns. History repeats itself, it is said, but we are inclined to believe that in the birth of the class of '29 history made a step forward.

The first comment of the Sophs when we made our debut into high school life was "'Greener'n green apples.'" But we intended to show them that we were made of that material which is needed to make a high school grow. After a year of hard (?) work we were rewarded by having our pictures put in the first and last edition of the High School Annual, the Cedar Chest. We were much elated over this and our spirits were not dampened very much when we were informed sarcastically that freshmen's pictures were usually put in annuals to fill up space.

During our second year we commenced with renewed zeal the work began in our freshman year. This year our compensation for hard work was in counseling the freshmen, but, alas, it seems that that advice came to naught. One of the chief events of that year was the May Way program, in which many of our girls participated.

With our junior year came new duties and new responsibilities. There were many new members from our class on the Wild-Cat staff, for in the next year the chief responsibility of editing this paper would be in the hands of the Senior class of '29. Students from our grade took active parts in the debate and reading contests. They even went to our state capital and it was not for the purpose of visiting a well-known resort there, either. No good play, to our way of thinking could be given without four or five juniors in it.

Next came our senior year with a class of fifty-four members. The Senior class sponsored the honor society which is national in scope, and the Student Participation plan. The main event of the year was the presentation of the class play, "Seventeen." This was one of the best and most heartily enjoyed plays ever given by the Walterboro High School. On account of not having an annual the Senior class decided to put out a booklet of about forty-eight pages.

All this year we have looked forward to our graduation with a feeling of pleasure and regret. At last we have reached the goal of our high school career. All the joys and sorrows of W. H. S. life are in the past. We realize that we have wasted many hours and many golden opportunities, but with our futures before us we shall ever strive to "uphold our standard" until the end. The memory of our superintendent, principal, and teachers will always be with us and their influence will ever remain a guiding factor in our lives.

PROPHECY

Listen, aye, the class of 1929 what your diploma holds for you, for as it is written, your president, Miles Beach, has in all his dignity and stately bearing profited by his leadership of this class. See him, not leading the affairs of a high school class, but the affairs of our state. The governor of South Carolina in 1952, on the day of his inauguration.

Again, it is written your Vice President, Durrel Beach, felt the call to go further into the education world and he is now president of a large university. On this day he is presenting diplomas to his graduating class.

As I unroll further I see a member of your class who caught the vision of saving the world from sin. Harriet Howell has become a missionary in Japan. See her with the little Japanese children.

It is written that one member of the class of 1929 is accomplishing great good in this