

HAD A NEW SUPERINTENDENT, MR. RALPH E. GASKINS, WHO ALSO PROVED TO BE A VERY ACTIVE AND EFFICIENT MAN. SEVERAL MORE MEMBERS OF OUR CLASS HAD DROPPED BY THE WAYSIDE. FAIRY HILL HAD MARRIED DURING THE SUMMER, FEELING THAT SHE COULD NO LONGER GO ON IN LIFE AS A SINGLE GIRL. A RATHER IMPORTANT EVENT (AT LEAST, WE THINK SO!) WAS THAT THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH GRADES PLAYED "HOOKEY" ON APRIL 1, "APRIL FOOL'S DAY." WE HAD A CAPITAL TIME, BUT THE TEACHERS HAD THEIR DAY THE NEXT DAY, MUCH TO OUR CHAGRIN. THE OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE YEAR WAS THE JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION. WE STROVE TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS AND GIVE THE DEPARTING SENIORS A GOOD TIME. ABOUT THIS TIME, PREPARATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING AND A GYMNASIUM WAS BEGUN, AND WERE WE PROUD! WE ENDED THE SCHOOL YEAR AT THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING, RATHER CROWDED, BUT NOT IN THE LEAST DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE WE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TIME WHEN WE COULD EXPAND A LITTLE.

WHEN WE ENTERED OUR SENIOR YEAR IN THE FALL OF '38 REALIZING THAT OUR HIGH SCHOOL LIFE WAS RAPIDLY DRAWING TO A CLOSE, THERE WAS, MINGLED WITH OUR JOYS ALSO A DEEP FEELING OF SADNESS. OUR CLASS HAD FINALLY DWINDLED DOWN TO THIRTEEN WHO WERE: ALSTON ACKERMAN, HILLIE ACKERMAN, JOE BEN ACKERMAN, MIRIAM ACKERMAN, PERRY ACKERMAN, REMSON ACKERMAN, MAGGIE ADAMS, RUTH ADDISON, GLADYS BRIDGE, NORMAN DAVIS, HERBERT HILL, THOMAS HOFF, AND JIMMIE RHODE. WE WERE STILL IN THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING AND ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO TO SCHOOL IN THE NEW BUILDING, WE WERE GLAD THAT THE OTHERS WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE IT. WE WHO LOVE COTTAGEVILLE SCHOOL KNEW WHAT THIS BUILDING WOULD MEAN TO THE ON-COMING PUPILS.

THEN CAME OUR RINGS. HOW PROUD WE WERE OF THEM AND HOW PROUDLY WE DISPLAYED THEM! ANOTHER PLEASANT EVENT WAS THE JUNIOR-SENIOR RECEPTION. WE HAD A VERY PLEASANT AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR WITH OUR ABLE SUPERINTENDENT MR. GASKINS. AS WE LEAVE SCHOOL WE LOOK OVER OUR HIGH SCHOOL LIFE LONGINGLY AND MEMORIES OF HAPPY DAYS GREET US AND OUR HEARTS SADDEN TO THINK THAT WE ARE HAVING TO LEAVE ALL THERE. BUT THE SUN HAS SET ON OUR HIGH SCHOOL LIFE AND WE MUST GO AND SEE WHAT FATE HAS IN STORE FOR US.

---JOE BEN ACKERMAN,
CLASS HISTORIAN.