

Senior Class History

We, the Seniors, of 1955 began our formal education in 1943 as the thirty-two members of the first grade at Smoaks School: Rebecca Bennett, Betty Goodwin, Sally and Sara Griffin, Joyce Gohagan, Sandra Karinen, Betty Ruth Mixon, Dot Nobles, Dorothy Smoak, Valree Shelly, Patricia Smith, Betty Smith, Pat Spell, Vernelle Spell, Martha Strickland, Eva Thomas, Mary Thomas, Dorothy Bell, Patsy Huffstetler, Idell Hughes, James Bunton, "B" Carter, Joe Carroll, Harry Harrell, Marshall Kinsey, Barney Kinsey, George Kinard, Howard Lyons, Jack Padgett, James Smoak, Franklin Herndon, and Junior Reynolds. Miss Gertrude Campbell was our teacher.

Mrs. Jennie Taylor taught us in our second year and we lost Valree Shelly, James Smoak, Franklin Herndon and Barney Kinsey. The new members of our class were Rachel DuBois, Mary Nobles, LaDelle Strickland, Ernest Myers, Billy Strickland, Joseph Strickland and Elaine Hucks.

When we began our third year we said good-bye to Betty Ruth Mixon, Patsy Huffstetler and greeted Lula Mae Douglas, Annie Mae Kinard, Charlotte Polk, Frank Atkinson, McKeskar Lyons and Grover Reynolds. Our teacher was Mrs. Terrell Parker.

In the fourth grade we gained a few new classmates; Luther Bennett, Franklin Crosby, Dale DuBois, Douglas Ferguson, Barbara and Billy Gillion, Dora Smith, McLellan Smith and Violet Stanly. Mrs. Evelyn Peters was our teacher.

Mrs. J. M. Hiers helped us through our fifth year. Douglas Ferguson, Patricia Smith, Barbara and Billy Gillion, Billy Strickland, Grover Reynolds, Elaine Hucks and Syble Wethington dropped from our class. Our new friends were Ronnie Fletcher, Ronald Kinard, Syble Wethington and Barney Kinsey.

When we reached the sixth grade we missed the familiar faces of Barney Kinsey, I. J. Kinsey, Dale DuBois and Raymond Lackey. Our new classmates were David Smith, Joseph Myers, Jimmie Strickland and Vernon Strickland.

We gained J. M. Benton, Pattie Mae DeWitt, Pauline DeWitt, Nadine Humphries, Harris Ryan, Ralph Tuten and Marshall Wilson. We lost Ronnie Fletcher, Nadine Humphries, Howard Lyons, Joe Myers, Charlotte Polk, David Smith, Dora Smith, Jimmie Strickland, Harris Ryan and Mary Thomas. This decreased our class considerably. Our teachers in the seventh grade were Miss Barbara Hackney, Mrs. Helen Farrell, Mr. Edward Strickland and Mrs. J. M. Hiers.

We were considered high school students in the eighth grade. We were glad to welcome Syble Wethington, Sara Alsing, J. B. Ferguson and C. D. DeLong. We lost David Smith and Frank Atkinson moved away. Our teachers this year were Mrs. Mildred Smith, Mr. T. W. Copeland and Mrs. Roy Parker.

As Freshmen in high school we lost Pernelle Neal, Ellen Carson, Lula Mae Douglas, Ernest Myers, Ronald Kinard and J. B. Ferguson. Members we gained this year were Richard Smith, Buddy Crosby, Pernelle Neal and Ellen Carson. We had four instructors who were Mr. Roberts, Miss Rosemary Varn and Mr. Floyd Beach.