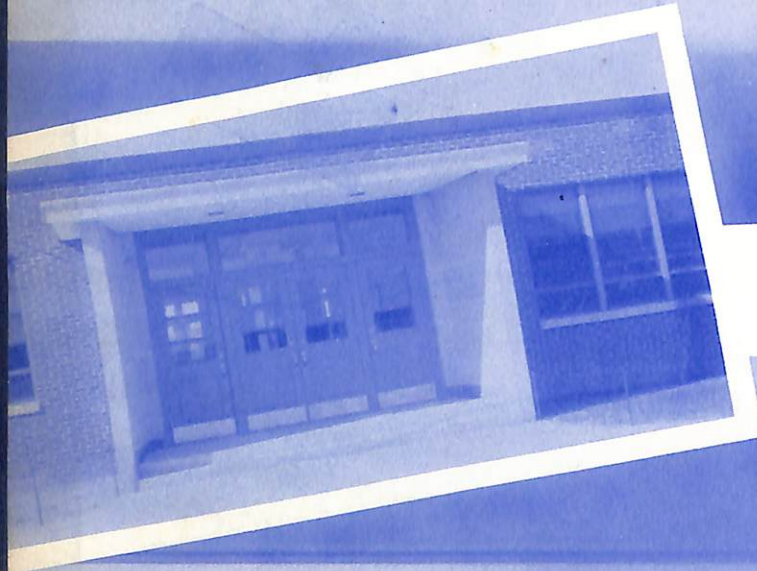




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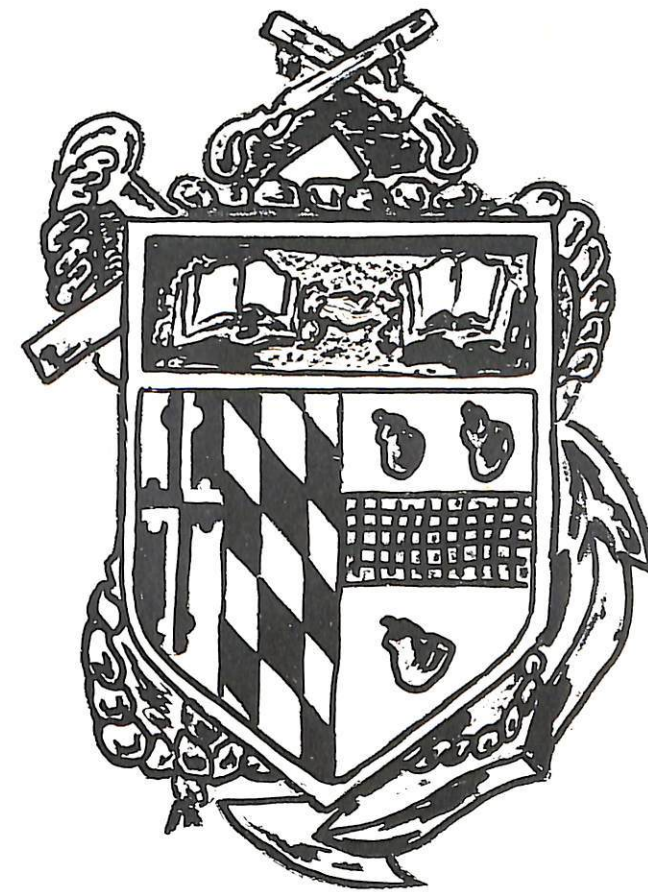


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DEDICATION

Our senior year, in simple simile, has been like the painting of a portrait. As an artist begins with the necessary materials, so we began our senior year at Stephen Decatur.

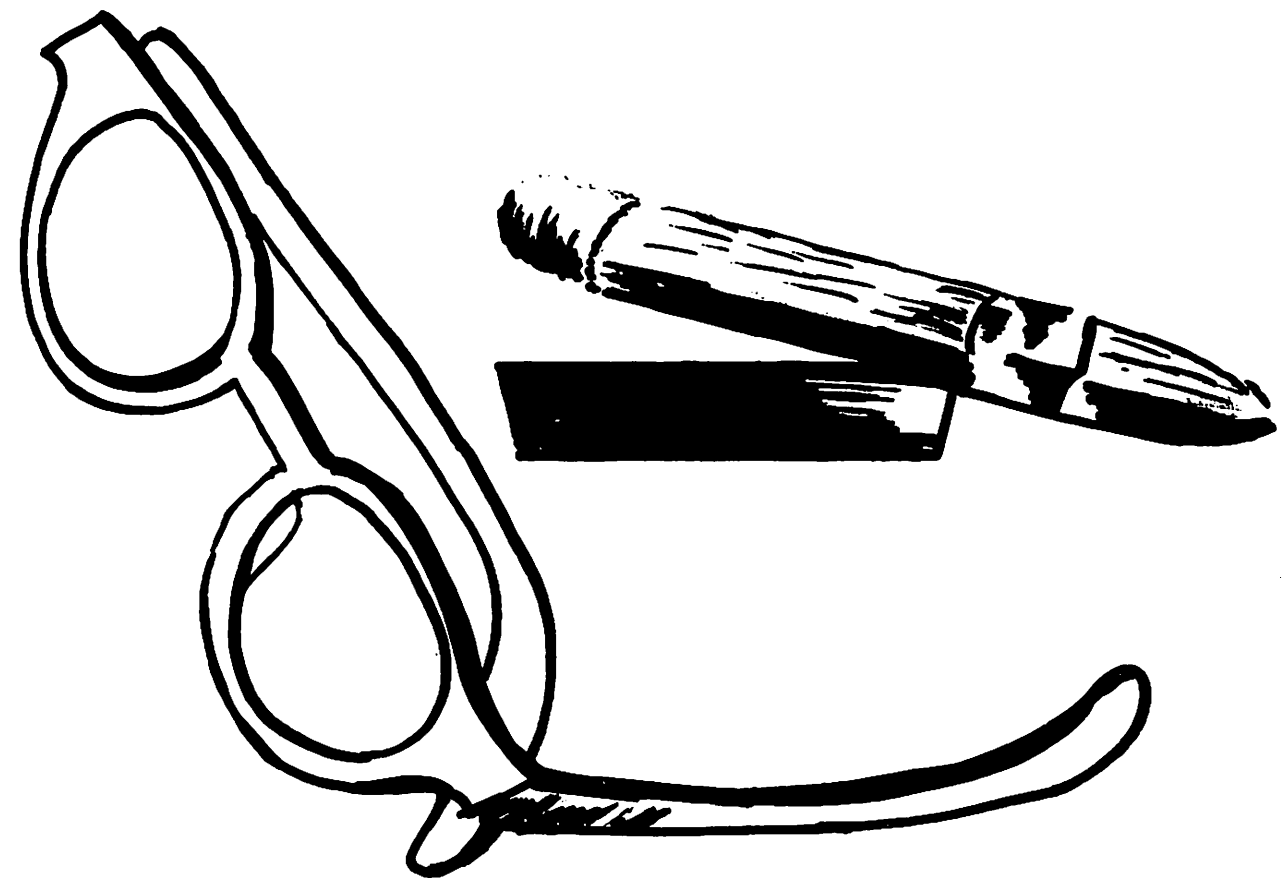
We remember the first day we entered the portals of Stephen Decatur High School into a new environment so changed from all that has previously been familiar to us. No doubt there was a touch of homesickness in our hearts. But, gradually, the sketch of our portrait began to grow with new friendships.

Surveying our new alma mater, we could not refrain from revelling in its beauty and friendliness. We admired the ample facilities provided for preparing us to meet the rude shocks of life, building our attitudes and characters, and broadening our minds.

In our hearts we felt a warm glow of gratitude to those parents, teachers, and friends in Worcester County whose exceptional enthusiasm, whole-hearted services, and unfeigned interests alone afforded us the undreamed of privilege of being here.

It is with these heart-felt sentiments that we, the first graduating class of this school, add the final touch of color to this portrait of our high school days. We dedicate this, the first yearbook of Stephen Decatur High School, to the people of Worcester County.

In this small way we have tried to compensate for their never-to-be-forgotten efforts and sacrifices in giving us Stephen Decatur High School; thus we have completed, on this canvas, our high school portrait.





W. A. JONES
Principal



PAUL A. TIMMONS
Vice-Principal



PEG FAGAN
Secretary



LOUISE S. ADKINS
7th Core



MYRA POWELL
7th Core



MARGARET McCABE
English



ELEANOR P. KELLY
9th Core



IRMA J. JESTER
8th Core



NELLIE C. POST
Music



ALICE R. MARSHALL
English



EDMOND LLOYD LOUGHNAN
Spanish



EVELYN H. BUNTING
Commercial



JOHN T. BRUEHL
Industrial Arts



JACK DOLBY
Industrial Arts



LOUIS S. PECORA
Commercial



MARGERY LLOYD
Commercial



P. L. VOSBURGH
Mathematics



ELIZABETH LAWS
Home Economics



MARILYN STUBER
Home Economics



JOHN M. LeCATO
Agriculture



PATRICIA P. THOMPSON
Physical Education



DAVID KNAPP
Physical Education



JAMES J. HADAWAY
History



CHARLES A. DONDERO
9th Core



LUTHER A. SHULTZ
History



ROBERT F. FAGAN
Science



BYRON L. BEAVER
Science



SUE POWELL
Music



VERNON HIESTER
Band Instructor

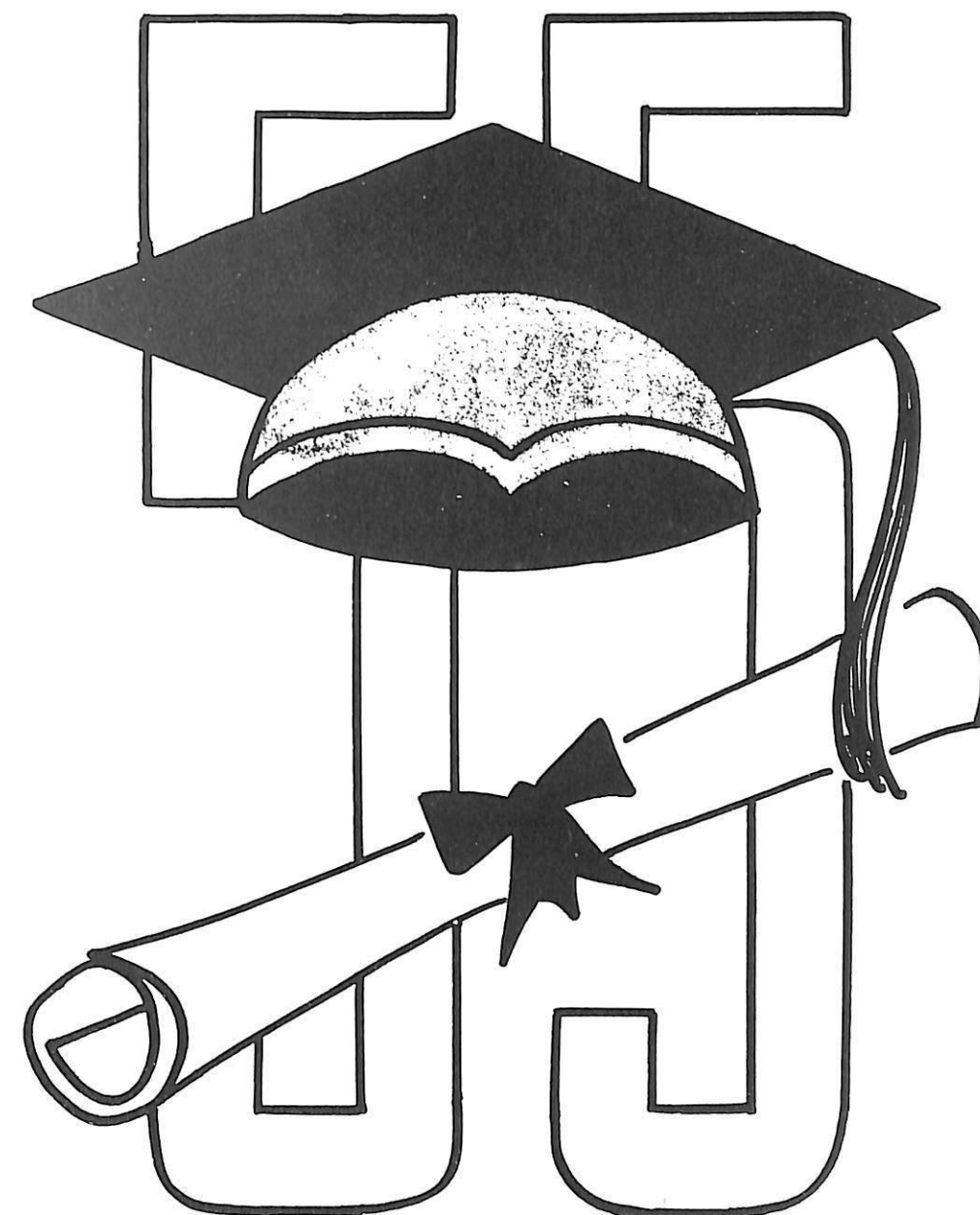


ALMA T. PRUITT
Guidance Instructor



ANNA COOPER
Librarian

Not pictured is HILDA TOPFER, 9th Core





Charlon Moore, Helen Gray, Nancy Kline, Janice Marvel

CLASS OFFICERS

President: Charlon Moore
 Vice-President: Nancy Kline
 Secretary: Janice Marvel
 Treasurer: Helen Gray

ACTIVITIES SPONSORED

Kristmas Kapers

Senior Play

MOTTO

"No man shall ever rise above that at which he aims."

COLORS

Red and White

FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

ELLA L. AYDELOTTE

F. H. A. 4; Intramural Sports 1.

JAMES B. BAKER

Baseball 1-4; Soccer 1-4; May Day 3; Glee Club 4; Basketball Manager 4; Class Secretary 2; Safety Patrol 2; Student Council 3.



GLENN J. BALLENTINE

Track Team 1, 2; Basketball J. V. 1, 2; Projector and Sound System Operator 2-4; Class President 3; Hall Patrol 3; President of the National Honor Society 4; Band 4; Glee Club 4; Proctor 4.

ELIZABETH J. BARRETT

Glee Club 1-4; Proctor 4; Yearbook 4; F. T. A. 4; Librarian 4.



MARGARET L. BIRCH

Glee Club 1-4; F. H. A. 4; Intramural Sports 1, 2; Duchess of May Day 2.

JOHN T. BRADFORD

Soccer 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Track 2, 3; Glee Club 3.





POLLY E. BRITTINGHAM

Glee Club 4; Secretary to Guidance Counselor 1; Hall Patrol 1; National Honor Society 4; F. T. A. 4; Librarian 4; Library Club 2; Senior Class Play 4.



GORDON O. BROWN

Band 4; Hall Patrol 3; Glee Club 1, 2.

CHARLES H. DAVIS

Baseball 2-4.

JOYCE E. DAVIS

Glee Club 1-4; Intramural Sports 1-3.



RICHARD W. BUNTING

Safety Patrol 1, 2; Glee Club 1-4; Maryland State Chorus 3; P. T. A. Play 1.

DALE R. CATHELL

Glee Club 1; Basketball 2-4; Soccer Manager 2; Newspaper Staff 2; Soccer Team 3, 4.



VIRGINIA R. DAVIS

Glee Club 1-4; F. T. A. 4; Yearbook Staff 4; Athletic Association 2.

MARY T. DEAN

F. H. A. 1, 2; Hall Patrol 2, 3; Class Treasurer 2, 3; Queen of Christmas Dance 3; Student Council 4; Student Secretary 4; Proctor 4; Basketball Team 2; Yearbook Staff 4; May Day 3; S. D. H. S. Court 4.



MILTON J. CATHELL

Soccer 2-4; Baseball 2, 3; Track 1; Cheerleader 3; National Honor Society 4; F. T. A. President 4; Proctor 4; Junior Class Vice President 3; May Day Court 3; Basketball Manager 2; Senior Class Play 4.

CAROLE A. CROPPER

Glee Club 1-4; F. H. A. 2, 4; F. T. A. 4; Senior Class Play 4.

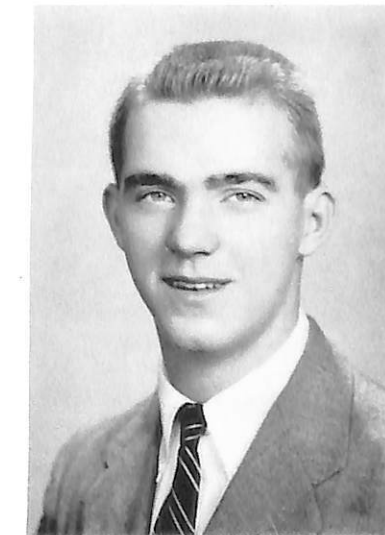


ARLENE F. DOSE

Class Treasurer 2, 3; Honor Society 4; Treasurer of National Honor Society 4; Glee Club 4; F. T. A. 4.

EARL L. DOUGHTY

Basketball Team 1-4; Soccer 1-4; Newspaper Staff 1; Class Vice President 2; Athletic Association 3; Safety Patrol 1, 2; Glee Club 1-3; King of Stephen Decatur High School 4.





CLIFFORD C. DYPISKY

Chess Club 1; Rifle Club 2; Manager of Varsity Football Team 2; Projector and Sound System Operator 3; Glee Club 3; Class Vice President 3; Proctor 4.



HELEN M. ELLIS

Basketball 1-4; Field Hockey 2, 3; Softball 1-3; Glee Club 1-4; Class President 1; Proctor 4; Honor Society 4; F. T. A. 4; Editor in Chief of Yearbook 4; May Day Court 2; Queen of Stephen Decatur High School 4.

MARTHA F. HALL

Vice President of the Honor Society 4; Proctor 4; Glee Club 1-4; Yearbook 4; Class President 3; Vice President of Class 1; Basketball 1-3; Field Hockey 1-3; Softball 1-3; F. T. A. 4.



KATHLEEN J. HALL

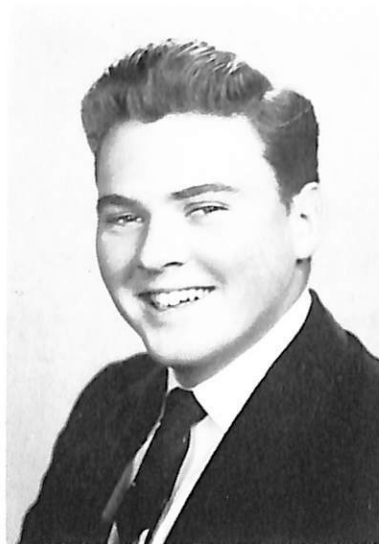
Softball 1; Glee Club 1-3; May Day 1, 2; Library 4; Intramural Sports 1, 2.

WILLIAM N. GARTON

Soccer 1-3; Basketball 2; Baseball 2; Glee Club 3; Athletic Association 2.

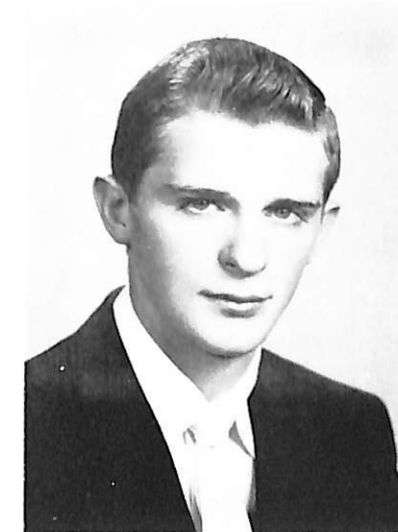
HELEN B. GRAY

Glee Club 4; Softball Team 3; Basketball Team 1, 2; Class Vice President 2; Class Treasurer 4; Hall Patrol 1-3.



LOLITA G. HALL

Student Council 2-4; Yearbook Staff 4; Christmas Queen 4; Proctor 4; Varsity Basketball 2, 3; Varsity Softball 1-3; Glee Club 1-3; Cheerleader 1; Girls' State Representative 3.



RONALD C. HALL

Class Vice President 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Track Team 2; May Day 1, 2; Safety Patrol 1, 2.



ROBERT T. GRAY

F. F. A. 1-4; 4 H Club 1.



HARRY W. HAMMOND

F. F. A. 1, 2; 4 H Club 1, 2.

WILLIAM H. HASTINGS

Glee Club 1-4.

THOMAS L. HASTINGS

Glee Club 1; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-3; Soccer 1-3; Track 1; Newspaper 2.





CLARENCE E. HUDSON
4 H Club 1, 2; F. F. A. 1, 2.



LUCILLE M. HUDSON
Glee Club 1-4; Yearbook Staff 4; F. T. A. 4.

MARY L. LIPSETT

Cheerleader 1, 2; Varsity Basketball 1; Glee Club 1-4; Student Council 1; Acorn Staff 1.



JANICE E. MARVEL

Basketball 4; Class Secretary 4; F. T. A. 4; F. N. A. 3; Yearbook 4; Newspaper Staff 3; Glee Club 4; Class Play 3.

VIRGINIA L. HUDSON

Glee Club 3, 4; F. H. A. 4; Assembly Committee 4; Intramural Sports 1.

WILLIAM P. JARMAN

4 H Club 1-4; F. F. A. 1-4; Library 4.



CHARLON E. MOORE

Senior Class President 4; Business Manager of Yearbook 4; National Honor Society 4; F. T. A. 4; Proctor 4; Cheerleader 1, 2; Athletic Association 1; May Court 1; Play 4.



FREDDIE F. MOORE

4 H Club 1-4; F. F. A. 1-4; Glee Club 2-4; Librarian 4.

HAZEL M. JOHNSON

Softball 1-3; Glee Club 1; May Day 1, 2; Assembly Committee 4; Library 4; Whittier Club 1; Intramural Basketball 2.

NANCY L. KLINE

Honor Society 4; Glee Club 2, 3; F. H. A. 2-4; Student Council 2; Student Patrol 1-3; Proctor 4; Basketball Team 2; Manager of Basketball Team 3; Class Vice President 4; Girls' State Representative 3.



ALLEN R. MUMFORD

Basketball 1, 2; Soccer 1-3; Baseball 3; Class President 2; Glee Club 3, 4; May Day 2; Ring Committee 4.

VAUGHN R. MURRAY

All Maryland Chorus 3, 4; Glee Club 1-4; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 1-4; Soccer 1-4.





DARRELL T. NOTTINGHAM

Safety Patrol 1; Soccer 1; Baseball 1, 2; Cafeteria 4; Library 4.



VIRGINIA E. PARSONS

Glee Club 2-4; F. H. A. 4; Proctor 4; Intramural Sports 1, 2.

JO A. QUILLEN

Student Council 2; Glee Club 1, 2, 4; Honor Society 4; F. T. A. 4.



JOAN L. QUILLEN

Honor Society 4; Glee Club 2-4; F. H. A. 2-4; Student Council 1; Cheerleader 1; Student Patrol 1-3; School Paper Staff 1-3; May Day 2.



PATRICIA RICHARDSON

Glee Club and Accompanist 1-4; National Honor Society 4; Basketball 4; Field Hockey 1, 2; F. T. A. 4; Proctor 4; Yearbook Staff 1, 4; Senior Class Play 4.

GEORGE R. PHILLIPS

Soccer 1-4; Basketball 3; May Day 3; Class President 3; Athletic Association 3; Student Council 4; Yearbook Staff 4.



GLORIA R. PRUITT

Softball 1-3; Field Hockey 3; Proctor 4; Basketball Manager 3.



CHARLES D. PURNELL

Class President 2; Student Council 2; Baseball 1-4; Basketball 3, 4; Soccer 2-4; May Day 1, 3.



HELEN J. ROUNDS

Glee Club 1-4; Hockey 1-3; Basketball 1-4; Softball 1-4; Cheerleading 2; F. T. A. 4; Yearbook Staff 1-4.



STUART J. SCOTT

Student Council 4; Proctor 4; Glee Club 1-4; Yearbook 4; Soccer 2-4; Basketball 2, 3; Senior Class Play 4; S. D. H. S. Court 4; Basketball Manager 1; Class Treasurer 3; Basketball Scorekeeper 4.



MICHAEL PYLYPCZUK

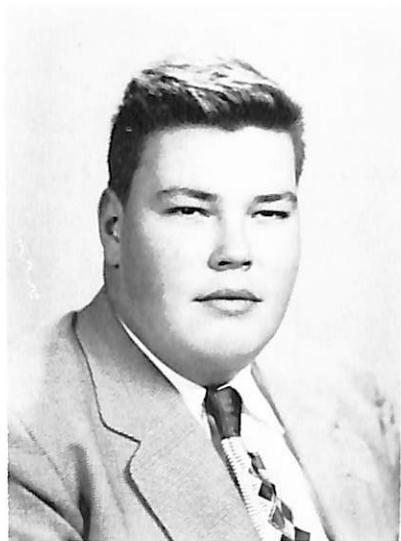
Student Council President 4; Class President 3; Captain Hall Patrol 3; Proctor 2-4; S. D. H. S. Court 4; Boys' State & Boys' Nation 3; Glee Club 1-4; Soccer 3; Play 4.



DIANA D. ROGERS

Softball 1, 2; Basketball 1-4; Student Council 1, 3; Glee Club 1-4; Proctor 4; Honor Society 4; F. T. A. 4; Library Staff; F. H. A. 1, 2; Yearbook Staff 4; Safety Patrol 1-3; Newspaper Staff 1-3; Play 4.





WILLIAM E. SEEBODE
F. F. A. 1-4; 4 H Club 1.



ALBERT W. SIMPSON
Basketball 2, 3; Soccer 1, 2.

HOWARD P. TETER

Baseball 1-3; Soccer 1-4; F. F. A. 1.

EARL L. TIMMONS

Basketball 1, 2; Student Council 1; Baseball Manager 1; Safety Patrol 1; Soccer 2, 3; Class Vice President 2; May Court 2; Band 4; Assembly Committee 4; Senior Class Play 4.



GEORGE H. TIMMONS

Soccer 2-4; Baseball 1-3; F. F. A. 1-4; 4 H Club 1.

BOBBIE J. STEPHENSON

Glee Club 2-4; F. H. A. 4; F. T. A. 4; Intramural Sports 1, 2.

LILA A. TAYLOR

F. H. A. 4; Glee Club 2-4; National Honor Society 4.



WINSTON M. TRADER

Athletic Association 1; Basketball 2, 3; Student Council 3, 4; Captain of Safety Patrol 3; May Day Court 3; National Honor Society 4; Proctor 4; Glee Club 4.

ALFRED R. TAYLOR

Soccer 1, 2; Baseball 2; Basketball 1, 2; F. F. A. 1-4; Glee Club 1-3; A. A. A. Patrolman 2.

RUSSELL A. TAYLOR

Soccer 1, 2; 4 H Club 1, 2; F. F. A. 1-4; President of the F. F. A. 4; Glee Club 1-3.

BONNIE TRUITT

Glee Club 3, 4; Honor Society 4; Secretary of Honor Society 4; Class Secretary 2; Hall Patrol 1-3; Basketball 2, 3; F. T. A. 4.

LEE M. TYNDALL

Glee Club 1-3; Soccer Team 3, 4; Basketball 3; Class Treasurer 2; Intramural Sports 1, 2; Operetta 1.





BARBARA K. WARREN

Assistant Editor of Yearbook 4; Basketball 1-4; F. T. A. 4; Honor Society 4; Hall Patrol 1-4; Class President 2; Student Council 3; Softball 3, 4; Field Hockey, 3, 4; Co-Captain of Basketball Team 4.



EVELYN E. WHITMAN

F. T. A. 4; Glee Club 1-4; Hockey 1-3; Basketball 3; Softball 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Athletic Association 2; Yearbook Staff 1-4.

DANIEL F. WILLIAMS

F. F. A. 1-4; Sentinel of F. F. A. 3, 4; 4 H Club 1.

FAYE W. WOOTTEN

Glee Club 2-4; F. H. A. 4; Class Secretary 1; Fieldball Team 1; Volleyball Team 1.



CLASS WILL

With the reading of this will, the Seniors do hereby bequeath to the following

The Faculty The Seniors leave all the discarded wads of gum, spit balls, candy wrappers and the homework they didn't do.

The Principal, Mr. Jones They leave the hope that his future years at Stephen Decatur will be pleasant and will have only the most pleasant memories of the first Class of 1955.

The Freshmen They leave their uncanny ability to get in lunch line before anyone else.

The Sophomores They leave their sly ability to hang around the halls without getting caught.

The Juniors They leave the thrill of finally being called "The Wheels."

Patsy Richardson Leaves Albert Rayne to no one.

Faye Hall to Ginny Jarman Leaves her graceful height.

Evelyn Whitman to Martha Rayne Leaves her ability to peroxide her hair without difficulty.

Helen Rounds to Jeanette Selby Leaves her ability to work hard and get nothing done.

Betsy Barrett Leaves now as she couldn't leave sooner.

Glenn Ballentine to Kenny Baker Leaves his two-tone ton of top-heavy tin and tells him to watch out for the troopers.

Charlon Moore to Elaine Hall Leaves her beautiful voice.

Earl Timmons to George Purnell Leaves his ability to raise Cain in front of school with his duals.

Ruth Davis Leaves her cosmetic equipment to all the girls in room 12.

Lucille Hudson to Mary Ann Davis Leaves her quiet and gentle manner.

Janice Marvel to Roberta Baker Leaves her ability to get the most out of a stick of chewing gum.

Charles Davis to Edgar Rayne Leaves his bachelorhood.

Earl Doughty to Tommy Davis Leaves his love for all the Junior girls.

Richard Bunting to Tommy Williams Leaves his affection for Marilyn Monroe.

Barbara Warren to Kay Parsons Leaves her natural curly hair.

Lolita Hall to Gail Tingle Leaves her dancing shoes and wishes her a bright tapping future.

Nancy Kline to Barbara Taylor and Janet Tole Leaves her little "Black Book" with the names and phone numbers of her many, many boy friends.

Helen Mae Ellis to Joy Wilkerson Leaves her petit gracious ways.

Mary Dean Leaves with a pony tail for reasons 32 miles away.

Clarence Hudson Just leaves.

Michael Pylypczuk to Jack Barrett Leaves his wonderful way with the teachers and classmates.

Bonnie Truitt to Clara Cropper Leaves her long beautiful hair.

Margaret Birch to Peggy Birch Leaves a telephone on which no one will listen in.

Joanne Quillen to Janice Hastings Leaves her coquetting ways and her get-around ability with Mr. Pecora.

Joan Quillin to Peggy Layne Leaves her path of dust on route 50 (VIA) Salisbury.

Helen Gray to Ellin Davis Leaves her natural blonde hair and refined ways in short-hand class.

Bobby Murray to Glenn Bunting Leaves his ability to hook school to go hunting.

Charles Purnell to Elbridge Cropper Leaves his well written book on how to blush.

Carole Cropper to Dolly Hemphill Leaves her ability to skip class.

Diana Rogers to Patsy Bunting Bestows her expressive eyebrow movement.

Robert Mumford to Jimmy Baker Leaves all he has forgotten.

Lee Tyndall to Curtis Birch Leaves his highly cultivated vocabulary.

Bobby Gray to Wilson Lecates Leaves his dignified character.

Mary Lou Lipsett to Norma Wainwright Leaves her ability to hook school.

Ronald Hall to Warren Williams Leaves his bashful ways.

Polly Brittingham to Sara Davis Leaves all her vitamin pills and her troubles.

Harry Hammond Leaves exactly what he came with---nothing!

Freddy Moore Leaves anything he didn't want.

Albert Simpson to Joe Downs Leaves all the good looking Harrison girls.

Stuart Scott to Bobby Smallwood Leaves his seat in Glee Club and his fine bass voice.

Winston Trader to Charles Johnson Leaves his book on how to make love.

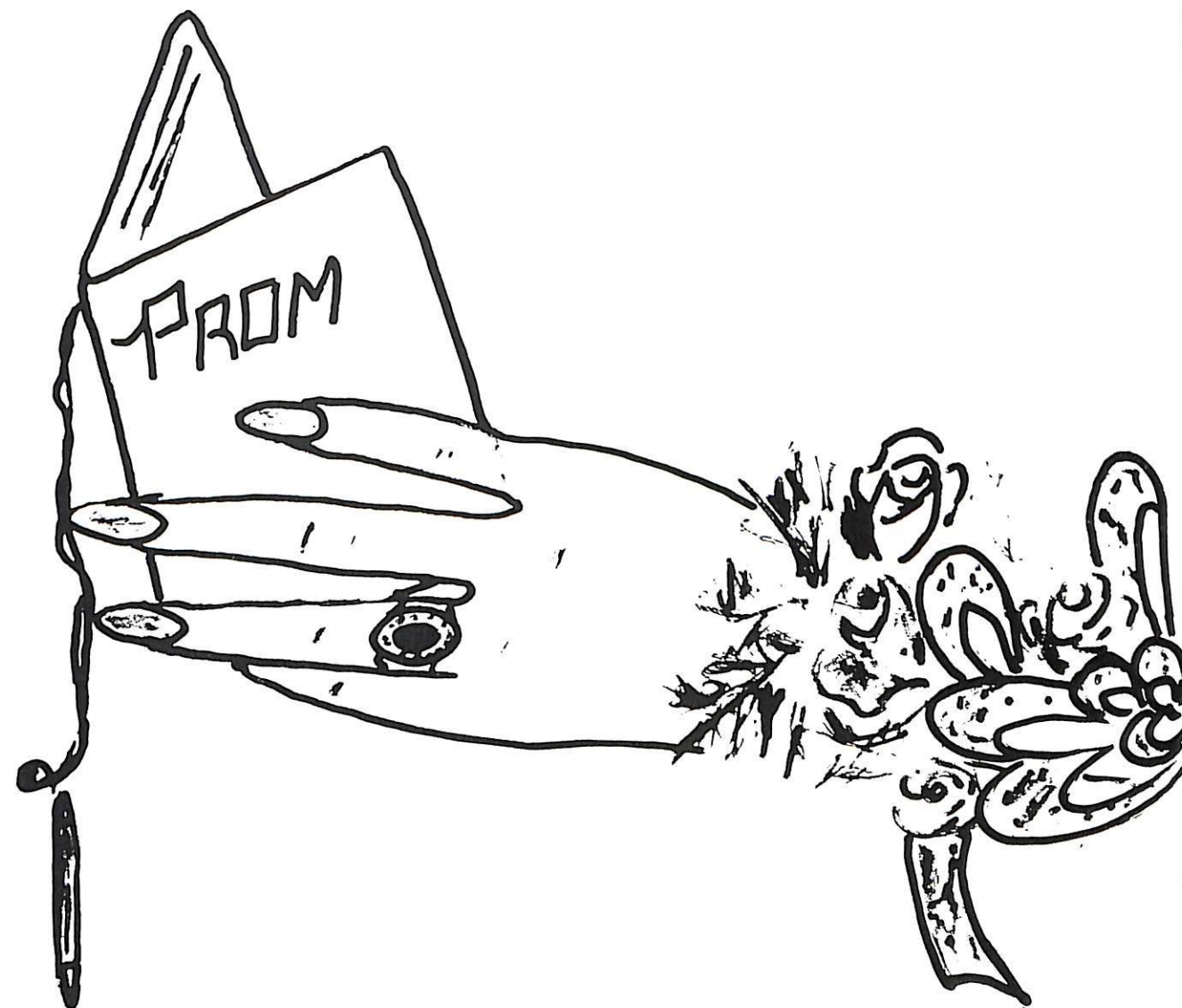
Milton Cathell to Paul Bowden Leaves his ability to have his own way with the teachers.

Dale Cathell to Wayne Quillen Leaves his "OH SO SHAPELY LEGS."

George Phillips to Randolph Hudson Leaves his ability to attract all the girls in under classes.

Hubert Hastings to Albert Lekites Leaves his knack of getting into trouble.

Robert Taylor Leaves the whole school to all the kids that follow after him.
 Virginia Hudson to Louise Adkins Leaves all her wonderful teachers.
 Ella Lee Aydelette to Phyllis Davis and Mary Lou Hudson Leaves her excess weight if she has any.
 Faye Wooten to Gloria Hudson and Nancy Hudson Leaves her last year's memories of S. D. H. S.
 Jean Hall to Florence Joseph Leaves her frequent absence from school.
 Joyce Davis to Addie Bell Jones and Barbara Mariner Leaves her seat on the bus.
 Bobbie Jean Stephenson to Geraldine Wooten and Janet Wooten Leaves her love of having fun throughout her senior year.
 Arlene Dose to Sandy Mumford Leaves all her extra money to buy gas for that red Mercury.
 Lila Taylor to June Taylor and Betty Stephenson Leaves her beautiful smile and the quotation, "Smile and the world smiles with you."
 William Seebode to Milton Hammond Leaves his Agriculture jacket and hopes that it won't be too large for him.
 George Timmons and Howard Teter to Wilson Lecates Leave their ability to hit home runs.
 Darrell Nottingham to Patrick O'Neill Leaves his PINK sweater and matching socks.
 James Baker to Paul Evans and Ray Russell Leaves all his good marks.
 Bill Garton to Richard Jones Leaves his seat in P. O. D. class.
 Thomas Hastings to Edward Lee Scott and Robert Hastings Leaves all his love for S. D. H. S.
 John Bradford to Fred Tyndall Leaves his good basketball playing.
 Bill Jarman to Gerald Vickers Leaves all he couldn't take with him.
 Russell Taylor and Daniel Williams to Roland Vickers. . . . Leave their ability to be the last to arrive in class after the bell rings.
 Gordon Brown to Norman Adkins Leaves his homework and his deepest sympathy.
 Hazel Johnson to Ann Riddle Leaves her ability to become engaged.
 Gloria Pruitt to Maryleen Jones Leaves her chartreuse car to hot rod around in.
 Virginia Parsons to Jean Parsons and Julia Parsons Leaves her Parsons name in all the books.
 Clifford Dypsky to Herbert Hastings Leaves his ability to run the movie projector so he can get out of class.
 And to Sally Tilghman. . . . The Seniors leave the job of keeping the new Seniors straight.





Glenn Bunting, Janet Tole, Sandy Mumford, Warren Williams

CLASS OFFICERS

President: Warren Williams
 Vice-President: Glenn Bunting
 Secretary: Janet Tole
 Treasurer: Sandy Mumford

ACTIVITIES SPONSORED

Junior-Senior Prom

Junior Hop

MOTTO

"Through hardships to the stars."

COLORS

Lavender and White

FLOWER

Orchid



Kenny Baker



Roberta Baker



Jack Barrett



Sara Davis



Milton Hammond



Janice Hastings



Virginia Jarmon



Charles Johnson



Maryleen Jones



Richard Jones



Wilson Lecates



Carroll Littleton



Linda Lynch



Sandra Mumford



Jean Parsons



Julia Parsons



Kay Parsons



George Purnell



Wayne Quillen



Albert Rayne



Martha Rayne



Anna Riddle



June Taylor



Sally Tilghman



Janet Tole



Gerald Vickers



Roland Vickers



Milton West



Warren Williams



Tommy Williams



Hazel Adkins



Louise Adkins



James Baker



Shirley Benston



Curtis Birch



Peggy Birch



Glenn Bunting



Patsy Bunting



Clara Cropper



Elbridge Cropper



Ellin Davis



Mary Ann Davis



Phyllis Davis



Paul Evans



Elaine Hall



Robert Hastings



Dolly Hemphill



Gloria Hudson



Mary Lou Hudson



Nancy Hudson



Addie Belle Jones



Florence Joseph



Peggy Layne



Barbara Mariner



Ray Russell



Edward Lee Scott



Gail Tingle



Fred Tyndall



Geraldine Wooten



Norman Adkins



Paul Bowden



Joe Downs



Robert Ewell



Herbert Hastings



Randolph Hudson



Albert Lekites



Pat O'Neill



Edgar Rayne



Jeanette Selby



Bobby Smallwood



Joy Wilkerson

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Tommy Davis, Betty Stephenson, Barbara Taylor, Norma Wainright
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JUNIORS AT WORK

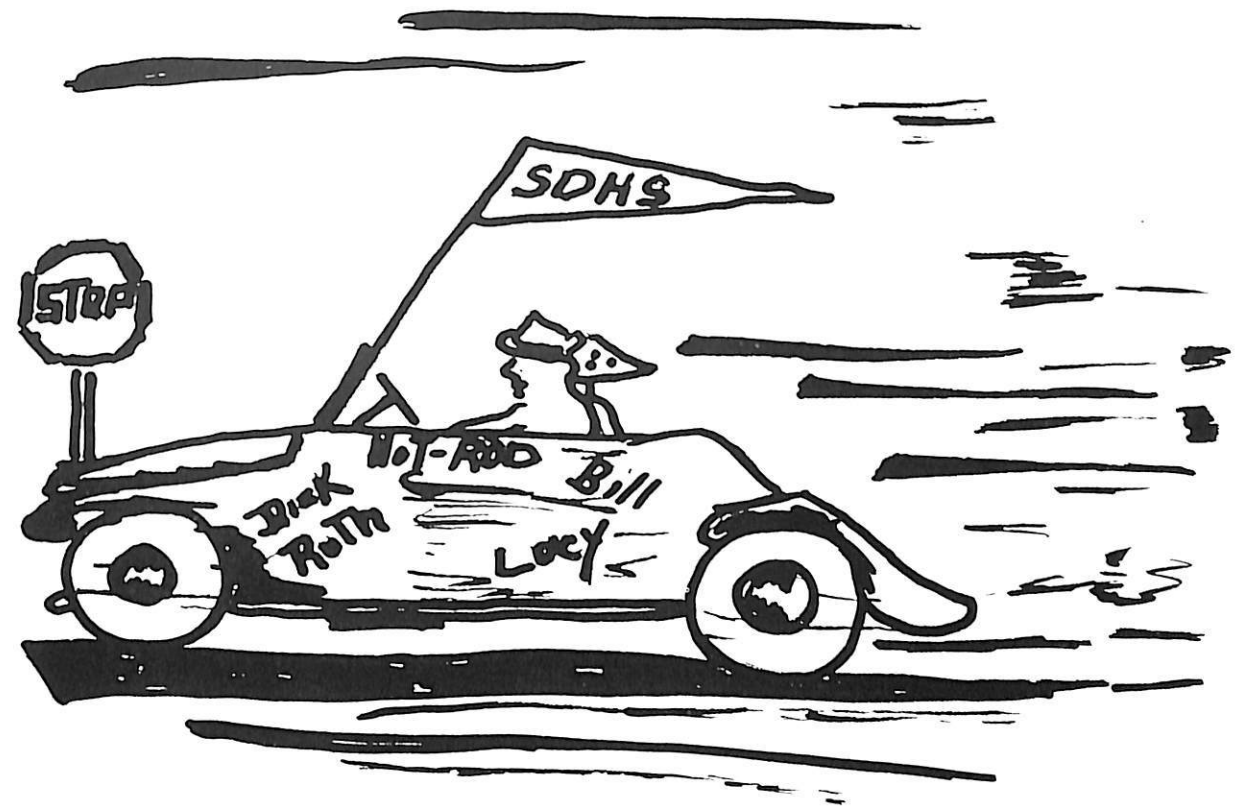


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Bill Adkins



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Bertha Baker



Myrna Baker



Judy Bassett



Dewey Belcher



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Berverly Bireley



Charles Bireley



Orlando Bishop



Ruby Bryant



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Dora Ann Davis



Richard Davis



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Estel Johnson



Maude Lekites



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Howard Lewis



Hilda Dennis



Patsy Dennis



Shirley Dennis



Joanne Lewis



Calvin Lilliston



Melva Littleton



Elinor Downs



Katie Gaskins



Rosalie Gault



Billy Lynch



Maria Macuk



Mitchell Maiorana



Lanny Gilbert



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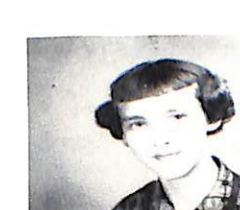
Larry Hastings



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Rita Hickman



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Katherine Holowka



James Hudson



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Gene Parker



Connie Phillips



Paul Phillips



Carolyn Powell



Dickie Purnell



Gail Richardson



Sampy Selby



Tommy Shenton



Ceon Simcox



Mary Simpson



Oliver Smith



Joyce Taylor



Mary Lou Taylor



Teddy Taylor



Jackie Tingle



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Bobby Tull



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Madeline West



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Freddy Whitman



Robert Wilkerson



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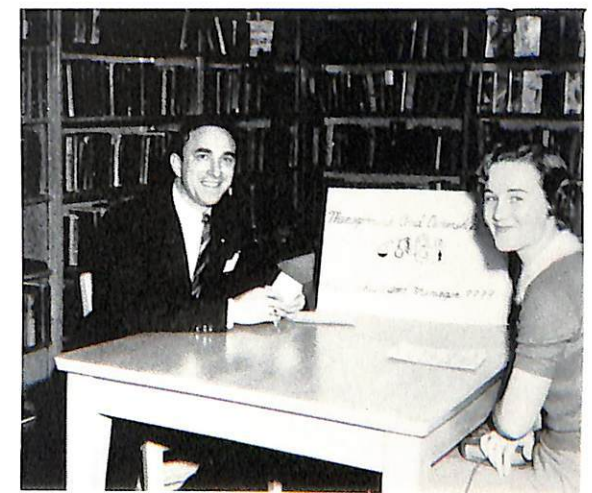
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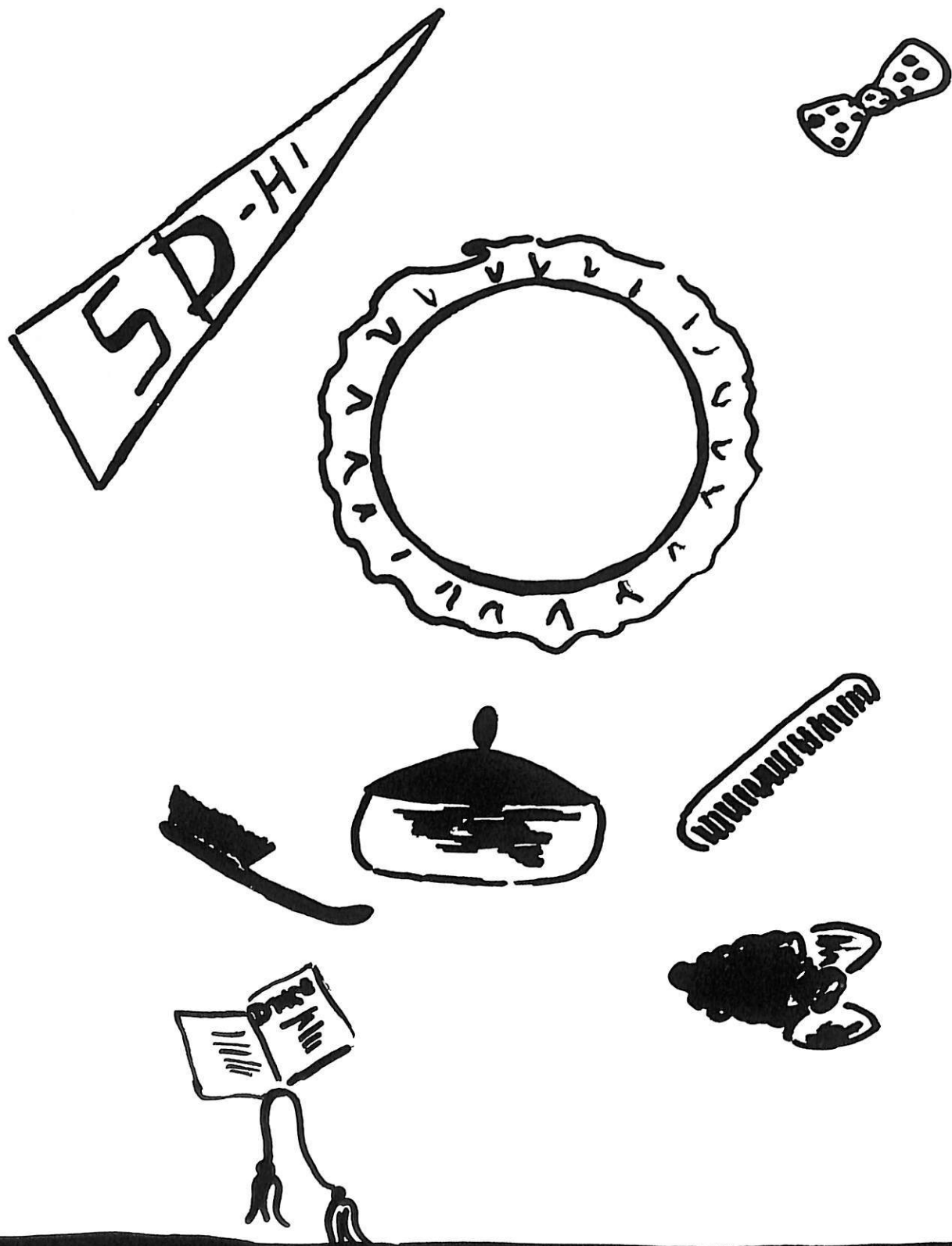


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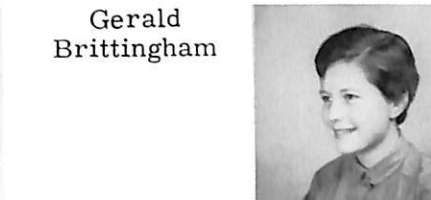
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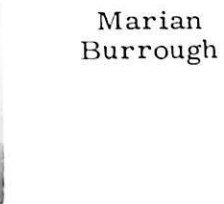
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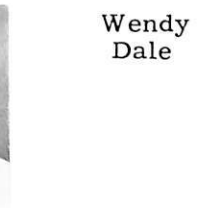
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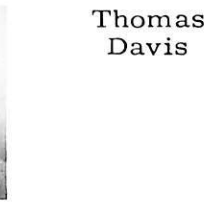
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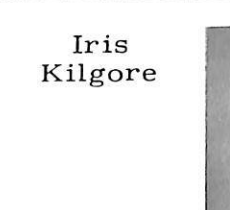
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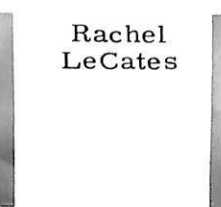
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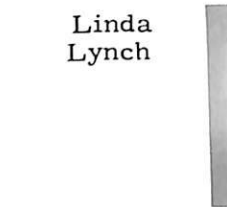
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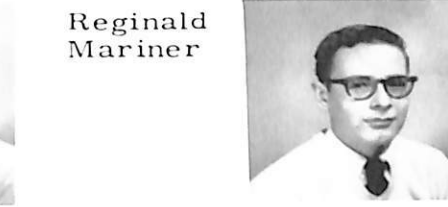
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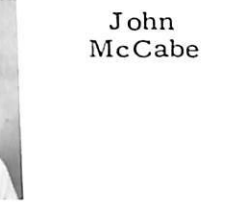
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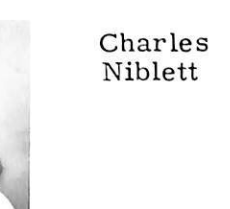
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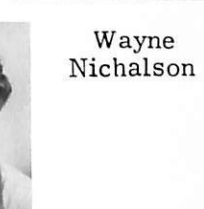
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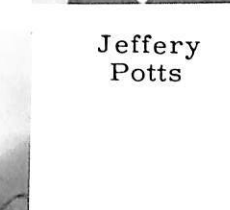
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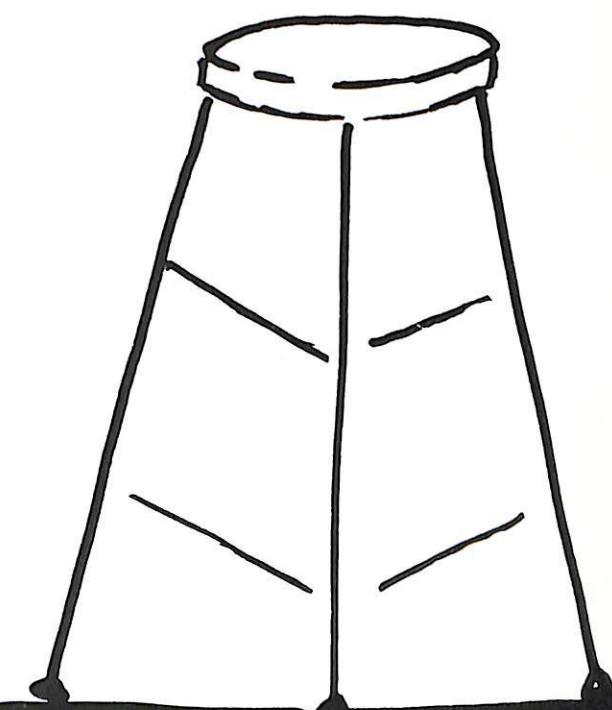
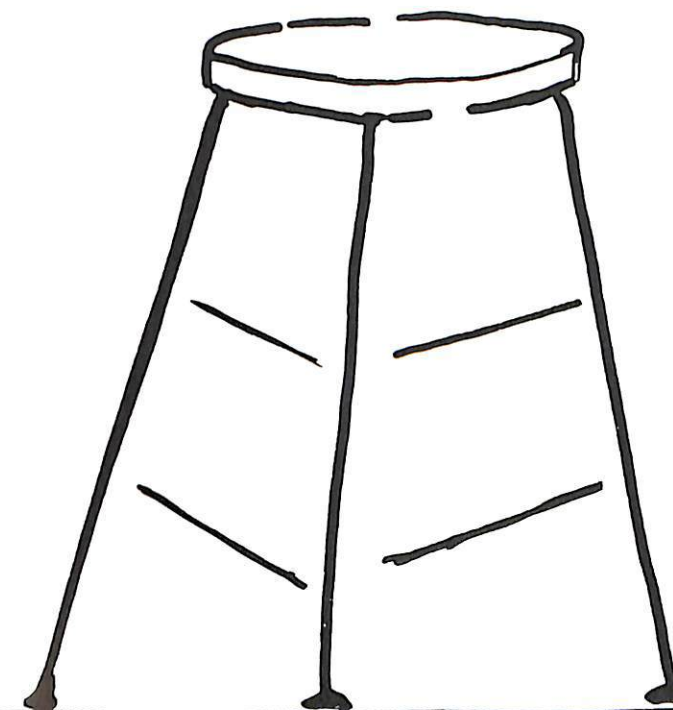
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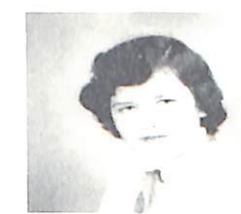
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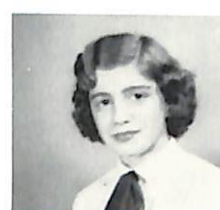
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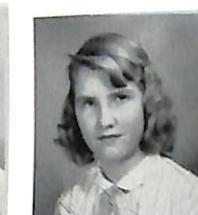
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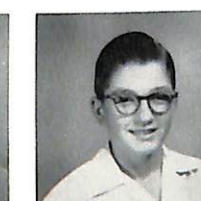
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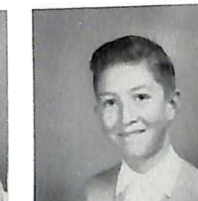
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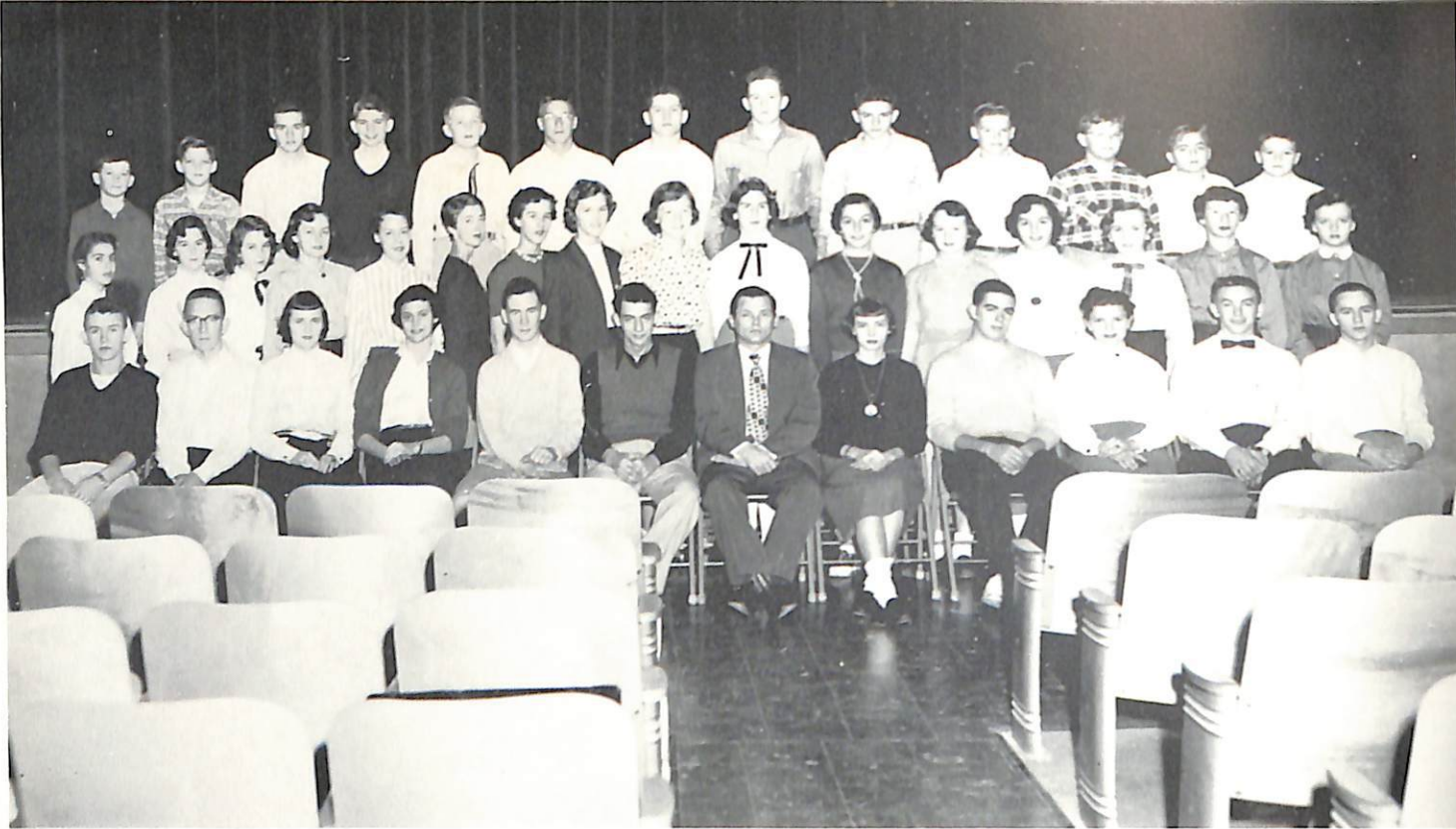
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The first Student Government of Stephen Decatur High School was formed in September of 1954. The following officers were elected: Michael Pylypczuk, President; Jack Barrett, Vice-President; Peggy Layne, Secretary-Treasurer. The work started immediately after the formation of the Council. Within the next few months the Constitution of Stephen Decatur and the official motto of the school were written.

This year the former Athletic Association became a subcommittee of the Council. The unification shouldered many more responsibilities upon its members. Admission to the games, selling cokes, Activity Tickets, raising of the flag, Pep Rallies, All Stephen Decatur Night, the Point and Award System as well as others were eagerly and well done.

The Student Council sponsored many successful activities which helped to increase the school spirit as well as making the school more enjoyable. A Christmas Party was given on the last day of school before the Christmas Holidays. The following dances were given: October 8, 1954, "The S. D. Mixer," the school's first. January 28, 1955, the "T. W. I. R. P. Dance," when girls invited boys and paid the admission.

The activities of our Student Council were not limited to the school alone. Stephen Decatur was represented at the Maryland Association of Student Councils Convention in Bladensburg, November 4-6, 1954, and various Lower Shore Student Council meetings. Stephen Decatur played host to one of these meetings on March 22, 1955. The highlight of the year was the election of our school to Vice-Presidency of the Lower Shore Student Council Association for the year 1955-56.

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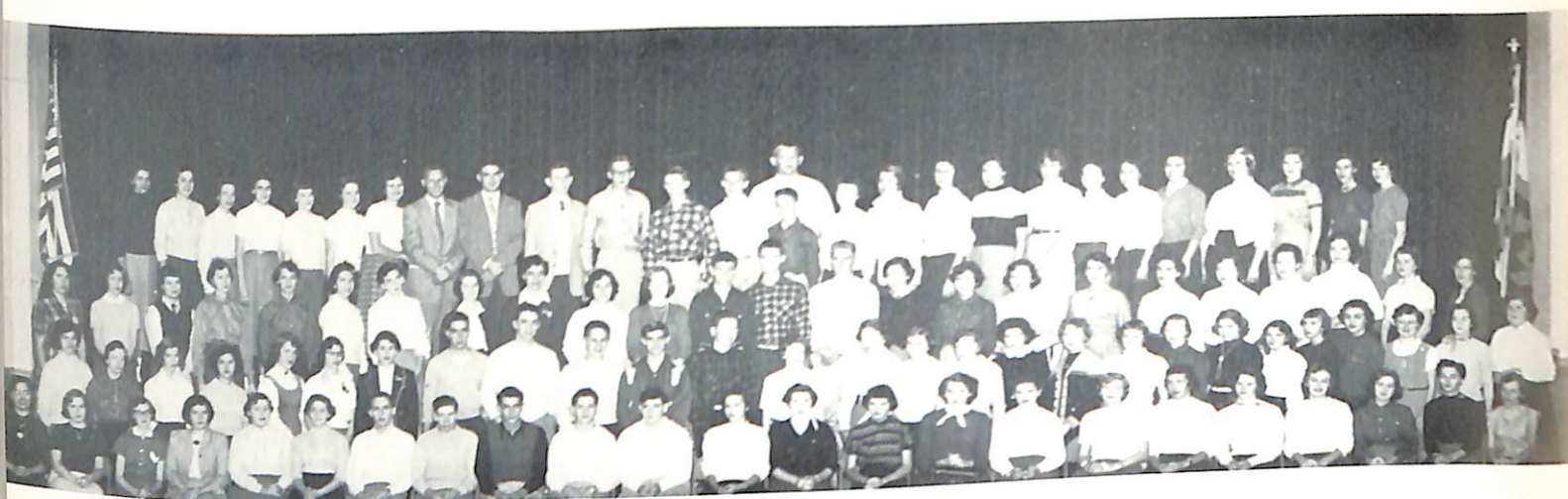
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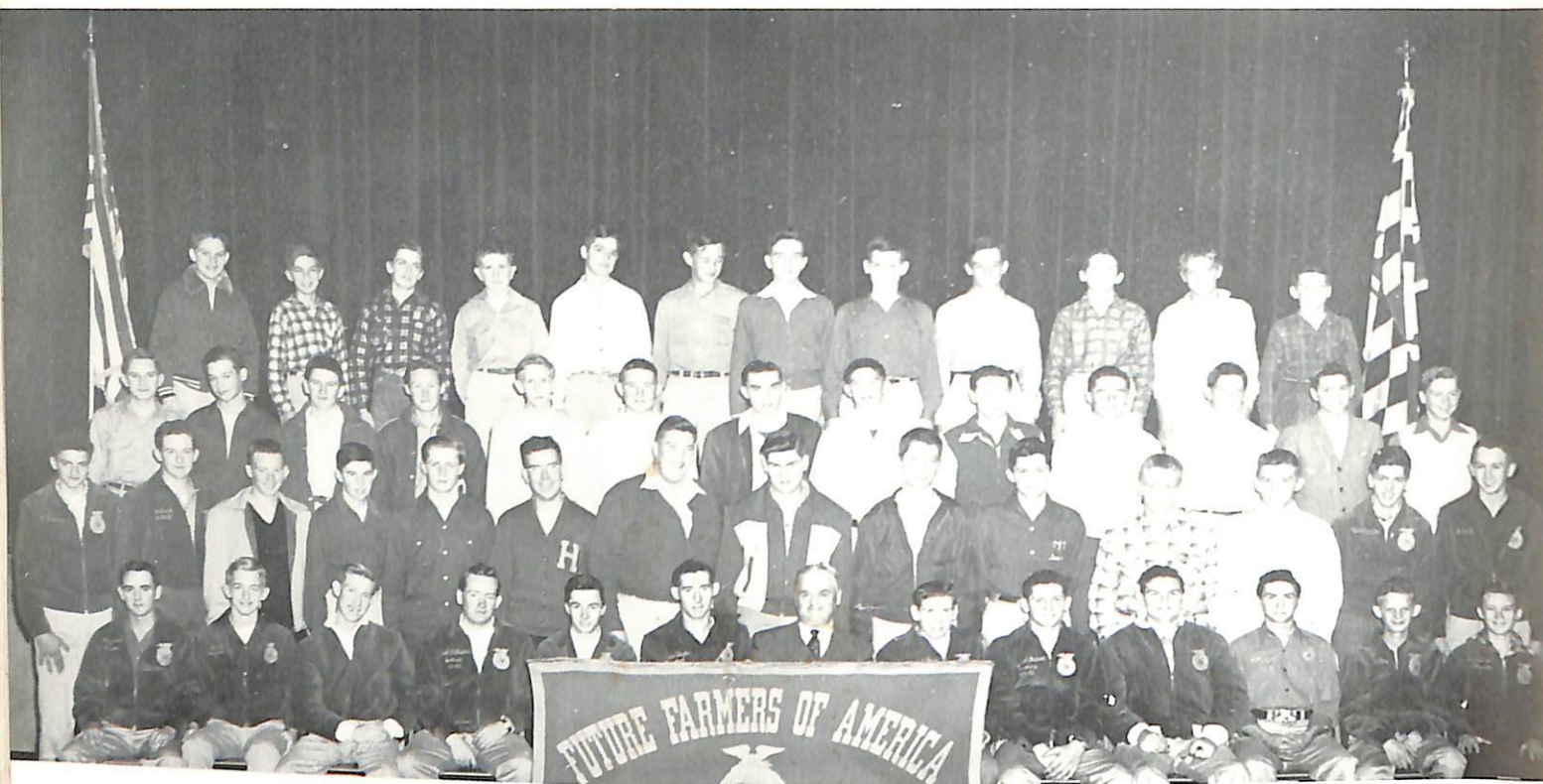
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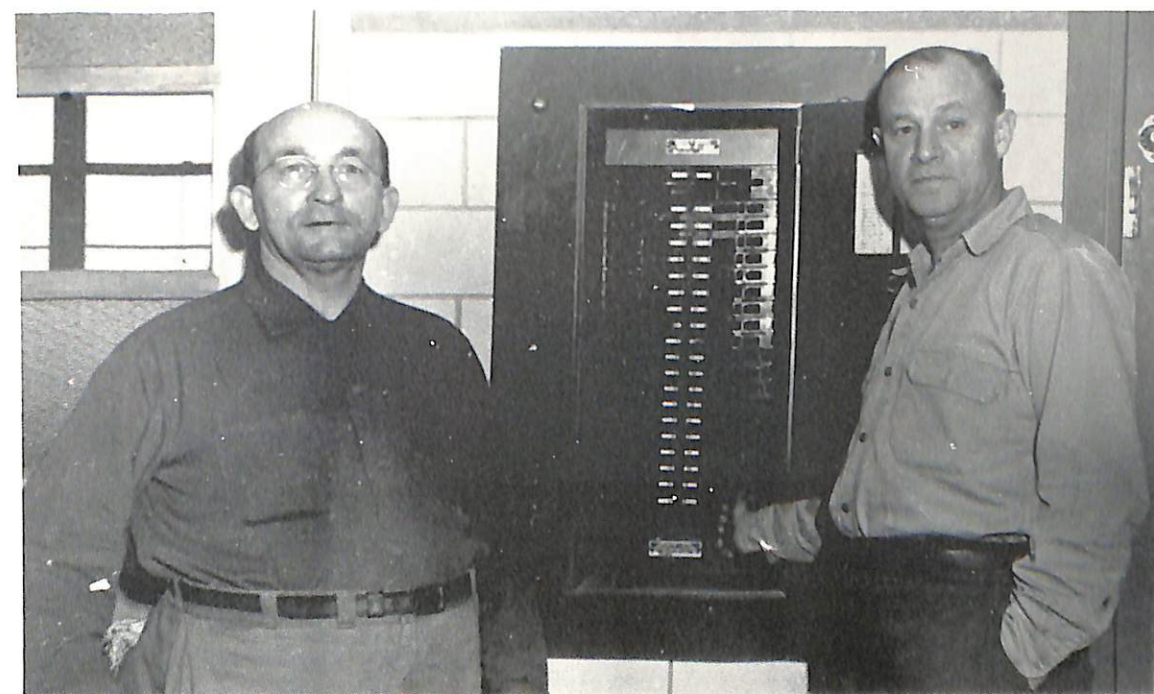
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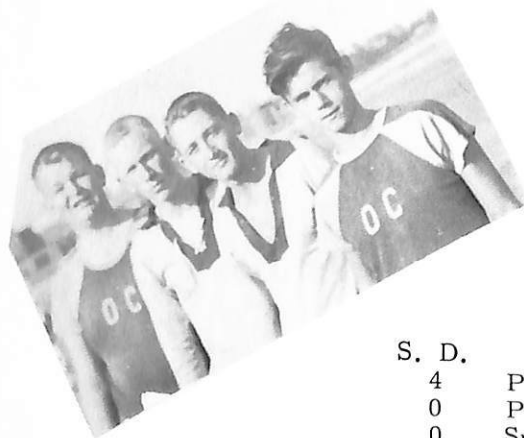
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WORCESTER COUNTY CHAMPIONS OF 1955

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SDHS		Opp.
39	Selbyville	38
36	Wi-Hi	37
47	Snow Hill	28
47	Pocomoke	35
45	Washington High	31
47	Snow Hill	23
41	Pocomoke	34
41	Wi Hi	43
42	Selbyville	37
41	Pocomoke	31
42	Alumni	31
46	Snow Hill	34
45	Rehoboth	42
45	Red Shield	37
34	Cambridge	41

The boys finished with a marvelous 12 win, 2 loss record season. They rated 4th on the entire Eastern Shore, with Delaware taking the top 3 positions, making S. D. H. S. the top team on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

The Seahawks lost to Cambridge in the regional tournament playoffs.





BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

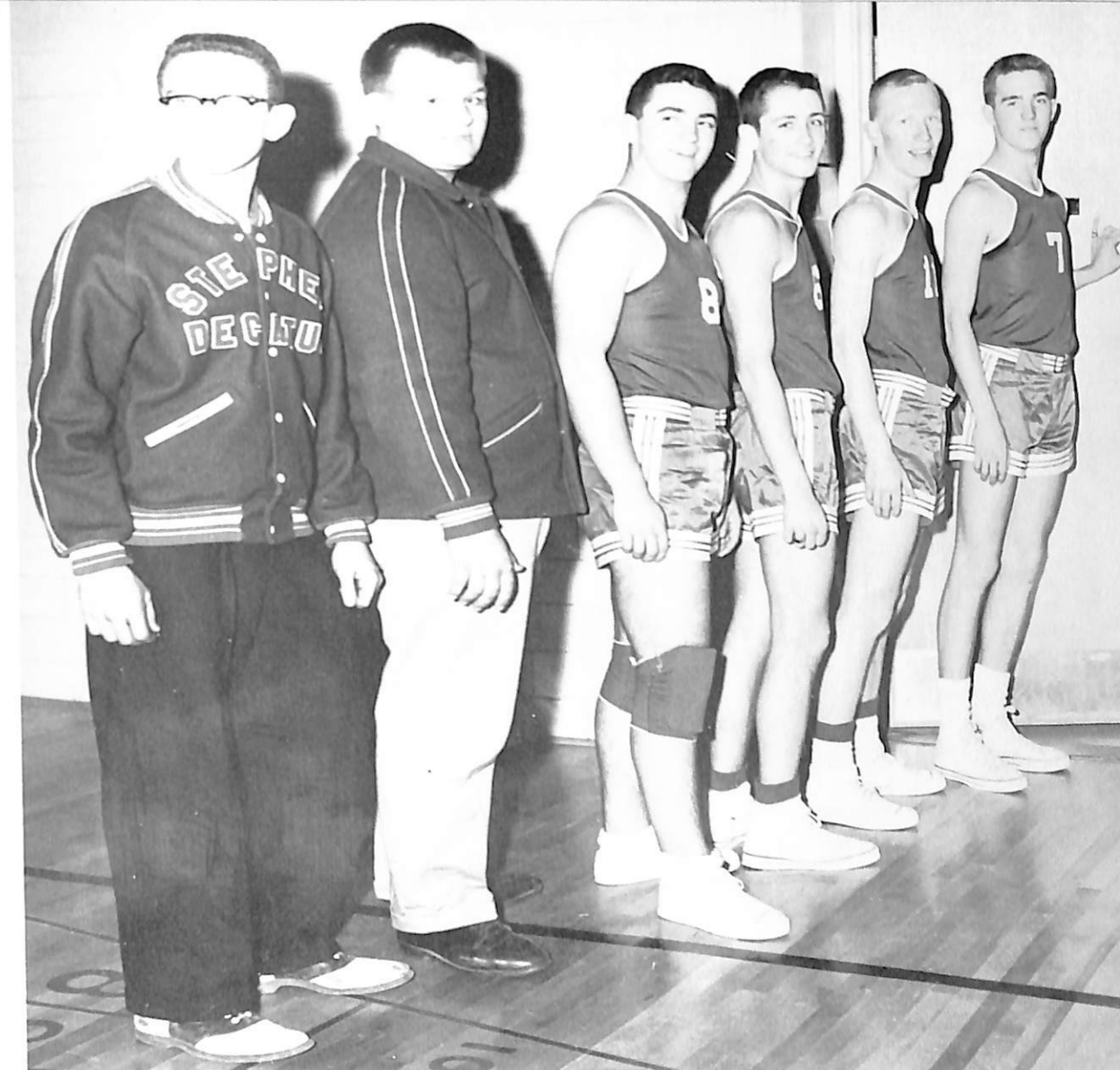
STANDING, Left to Right: Donald Carey, Johnny Bradford, Donald Bunting. SECOND ROW: Coach, David Knapp; William Bishop; Bobby Palmer, Captain; Bob White, Mitchell Mariana, Warren Williams.

SDHS

33	Selbyville
25	Wi Hi
40	Washington High
35	Selbyville
51	Church Team
27	Red Shield

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FAREWELL TO THEIR LAST BASKETBALL SEASON

These Senior boys leave behind them a TERRIFIC record of a basketball career, each helping in their own way to make the team one of the TOPS.

They are left to right: Stuart Scott, the Team's statistical expert, James Baker, the official clock watcher, Bob Murray, long-range ace, Dale Cathell, the sub with the broken glasses, Charles Purnell, the red faced forward, and Earl Doughty, the high-jumping center.





GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

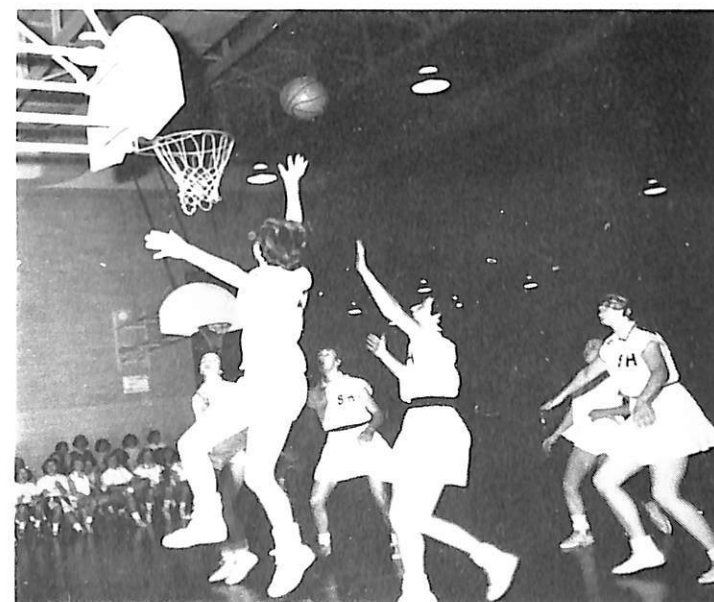
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THE SENIOR BASKETEERS SAY FAREWELL

These Senior girls played a double season this year. They played for the team's first year and their own last year. They say farewell to the team and wish them the best of luck in the coming years. It's really been GREAT to play with such a swell bunch of girls and to work with Mrs. Thompson, a wonderful coach. We'll always cherish the memories of bruised knees, fouling out, Elaine's broken nose, warming the bench, popping buttons at the wrong time and all the other things that made it great. Not to be forgotten are the two managers, Julia Parsons and Hazel Adkins, who through it all survived the year.

These girls are, left to right: Helen Mae Ellis, the charging forward; Helen Rounds, the hot-rod forward; Barbara Warren, the rough and ready guard; Diana Rogers, the fancy passing guard; Janice Marvel, the fouling guard; Mary Lou Lipsett, the versatile forward that guarded the water bucket; and Patsy Richardson, the team's best bench warmer.



SDHS		OPP.
47	Wi Hi	53
28	Snow Hill	27
62	Pocomoke	56
51	Snow Hill	27
54	Pocomoke	55
42	Wi Hi	51
38	Atlantic	29
47	Pocomoke	42
44	Snow Hill	24
64	Selbyville	54



CHEERLEADERS



TOP ROW: Nancy Burroughs, Janet Tole, Barbara Hastings, Rosalie Gault, Beverly Bireley, Sue Bailey, Nancy Purnell. BOTTOM ROW: Janice Hastings.



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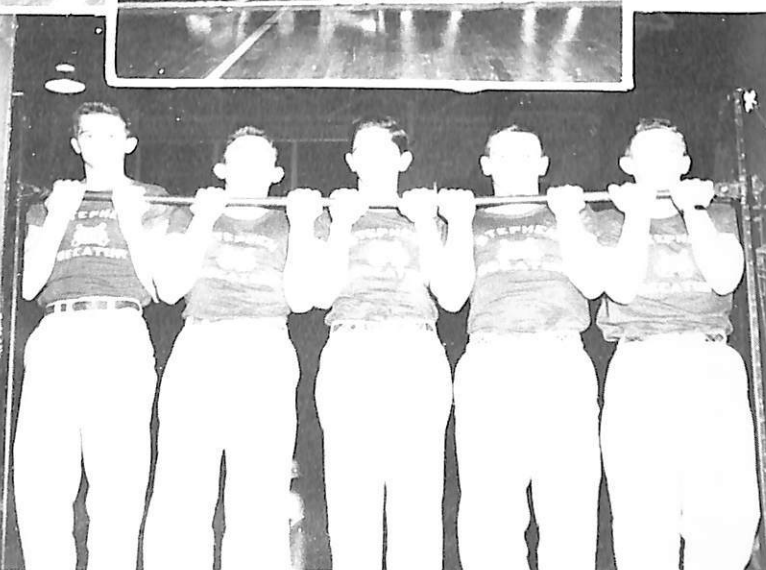
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The King and Queen and their court were entertained by the members of the physical education classes and a special talent show. The winner of the talent show was Judy Cutright.



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"Tell her off, Ed.
Tell her off."

Caught! "I'm so embarassed I could die!"



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"I guess I showed him!"



"And in the future, don't come around
trying to see her."

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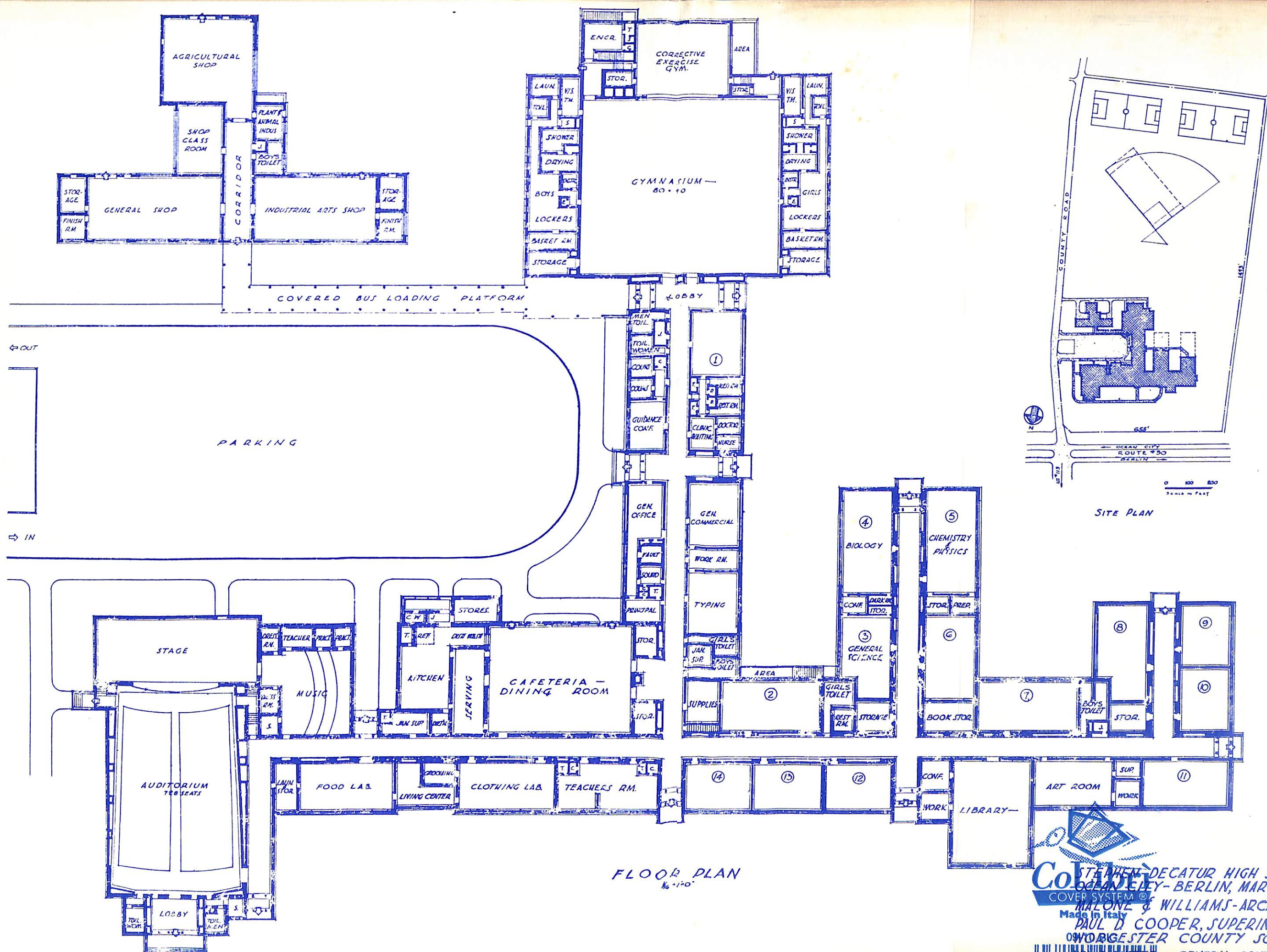
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