

The Builder's Union of 1954

The "dream" house of the Senior Class has, at last, reached it's completion. Into it have gone the ideals, ambitions, and goals of every girl who helped to construct it. It's history reflects much effort, hard work, and often discouragement; but as it stands a finished product, it is an achievement in which each builder may well take pride.

This undertaking had its beginning in the fall of 1950 when a group of laborers assembled at the Ward-Belmont Company to erect their "dream" house. This group consisted of only the most skillful workers, sent for the most part, from the Robertson, Parmer, Stokes, and Woodmont Construction Companies. Before recommending these builders to new firms the companies had given B.T. tests (builder's technique) to determine which class of workers were the most proficient. Since the results of these tests favored women to men ten to one, around fifty young enthusiasts met to discuss the prospects of the undertaking. Upon their arrival at the new headquarters they received a blueprint outlining the plan of construction from the skilled architect, Mrs. Souby, who encouraged them to begin work right away. And so it was that this group purchased the tools for their task. The majority of the workers were equipped with Latin, English, History and Algebra, while a few hammered out the foundation with General Science. During this period with the Ward-Belmont Company, the group organized their plan of work and received all necessary instruction,