

History of the Class of 1941 of White Oak High School

In September, 1930 we started on our journey to begin school in the first grade. Our teacher was Miss Clyde Kinlaw. *Pitman Nieve*

In September, 1931 we began our second year and we were taught by Mrs. Inez Melvin. *Children + G. Childrow Barden*
Depression us

In September, 1932 we began our third year and we were taught by Miss Hilda Wolfe (who later became Mrs. Porter Cain)

In September, 1933 we began our fourth year and we were taught by Mrs. Era Ashley. *Thompson*
Roosevelt Francis Perkins Labor

In September, 1934 we began our fifth year and we were taught by Mrs. Leola Downing. *Stern Disciplinarian*
From what cometh. our penance

In September, 1935 we began our sixth year and we were taught by Miss Mildred Tatum. *Local Girl*
Home Sister 35 S.S. ACT PASSED Aug 14

In September, 1936 we begin our seventh year and we were taught by Miss Lina Melvin. *Pleasant memories. G. on W. Wind*

On September 9, 1937 we returned to school and walked timidly as "Greenhorn Freshman" *She Could make a job interesting - Life Long love of books. strict & fair*
into Miss Alice Morgans room. This would be our first experience in have to change classes. We were about thirty five in number. We had to learn our way around and find out who our teachers would be. *Confusion*

On September 10, 1937 we became acquainted with our teachers: Mr. C. P. Ashley (he was also principal), Mr. W. H. Hurdle, Agriculture, Miss Elizabeth Thomas, and Mr. Mayo Bundy (who is with us tonight). On October 18, 1937 we elected class officers: President Marjorie Dunham, Secretary Thomas Dailey. We chose as our class colors Gold and White and our Motto "Onward and Upward". *Cit +*
Organized
Elected class officers first time

As our entertainment we had our christmas tree and Valentine Party.

At last we had accomplished our first year of High School so we were not as "green" as we were eight months before, so on May 3, 1937 we closed our Freshman year. *about sch*
But

On September 8, 1938 we began our sophomore year, this year we knew a little more of what to expect. *more sophisticated*
us
World wide score
war of the world
adidese w/ upon

Our home room teacher was Mr. James Wilburn, a new teacher, but all our teachers were back, Miss Thomas, Miss Morgan, Mr. Ashley and Mr. Hurdle. *Nice fellow*
Flow College
Looking for a challenge
Canadian w/ students. Teachers a lot
This year we had a tragic thing to happen. This was the year Reba Kinlaw was in a car accident which caused her death. This was a sad time for all of us as Reba was liked by all.

There were some enjoyable activities this year, such as the play (The Womanless Wedding) and we had a weiner roast on a cold cold night in December.

May 3rd, 1939 was commencement again. There was a play in the auditorium "Beads on A String" which several of our class participated in and this closed our Sophomore Year.

On September 6, 1939 we began our Junior year. This year we had two new teachers from South Carolina, Mr. H. H. Crosby and Miss Helen Moore. Our home room teacher was Mr. C. P. Ashley. *A True Gentleman in every sense*

Time came to start planning our Junior Senior Banquet. We decided on February, 14, 1940. The day finally came and we dressed up for the occasion and our banquet was a real success.

First Vacation draft SEPT 14 - 1940

Our Junior year was completed on April 26, 1940. Now we were looking forward to becoming dignified seniors. *Lord it over underclassman. Revogation*

On September 5, 1940 we began our Senior year. This year we had another new teacher, Miss Elizabeth Morgan. Our goal this year was to be able to graduate. *? Com i make it*

On September 21st eleven of our class went to Chapel Hill for Senior Day. Those that went had a great time. We could not let our Senior year pass without our usual Weiner Roast, so on October 31st. we had a Weiner Roast and since it was close to Mr. Ashley's birthday, we surprised him with a birthday cake. *14 ships sunk*

Our Last social event for our Senior year, The Junior-Senior Banquet on February 21, 1941. The banquet was great and enjoyed by all. *Little did w/know impact*

On March 25, 1941 we started planning our Graduation Exercises. The Mascots were Homer Levern Tatum and Mary Willis Cain (who are with us tonight). Our play was "Let Youth Speak" and our speaker for the Baccalaureate Sermon Dr. Joel Snyder, pastor of First Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N. C.

This graduation was an unusual day for everyone. We had our exercises in White Oak Baptist Church since the Gymnasium was not completed in time for us to use it.

There were eight students in our class recognized for outstanding work in our four years. Valedictorian, Marjorie Dunham, Salutatorium, Annie Lou Bryant
Athletics: Sue Dunham, Nelva Tatum, Kenneth Council, Harry McMillan
Perfect Attendance: Clara Cole
Citizenship: Naomi Bedsole

*Virginia never bullies - missed opportunities
cant say enough about him*

Our Annual was dedicated to Mr. C. P. Ashley. Mr. Ashley came to White Oak school as we began our first grade as a teacher and later became principal and he was there all of our eleven years. He watched us grow into young men and women. He was a person liked by all. We are sorry (due to health reasons) he could not be with us tonight. *U. Chicago Chem Reaction Physicist*

*42 foot nuclear exp. A computer
to Fermi*

*Stone Age
Iron Age
Renaissance
Modern Age*

I hope this has brought back some memories of our school years.

*Now what have you been doing. The 4840s. No one could foresee + No superlatives
can explain the progress since. ~~total~~ An explosion of Knowledge, Technology
No 50 yrs in History of man seen more progress OX + Armstrong. How have
you fared. Lets get reacquaint. Some familiar. Start ~~stopped~~ - Hilde Stone
Dec 43 entered sev served in ~~Europe~~ Eto. Aircrewman on
B 24 & B 17. Heavy Bombers. Married Dec 29 46 - ~~3 children~~. Worked a/c Coast
as Mason contractor. 2 Chil. 2 Heat Attacks Ret Feb 83. Advic to retirees*

*None intervening yrs
Shipyard*

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