

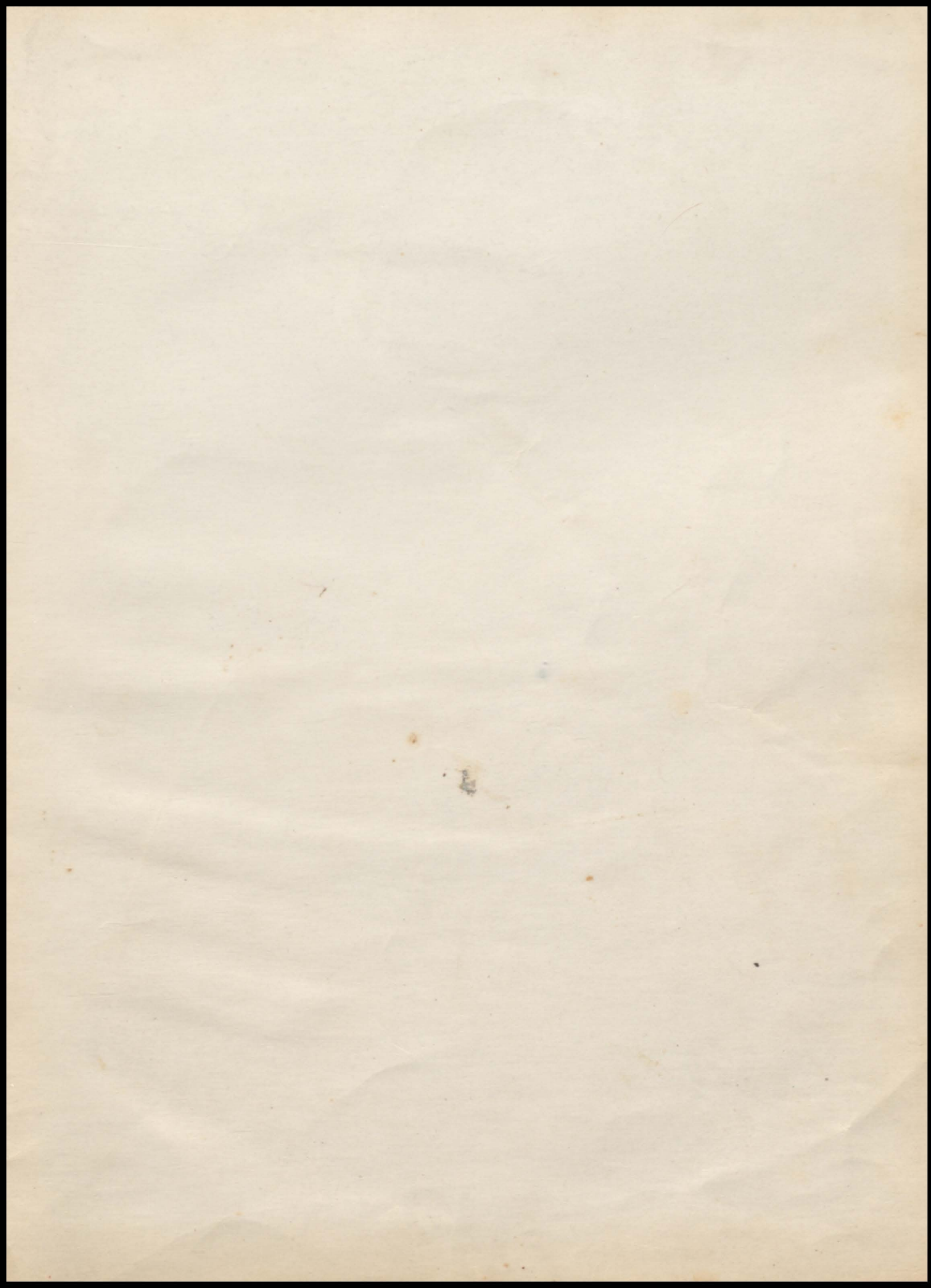
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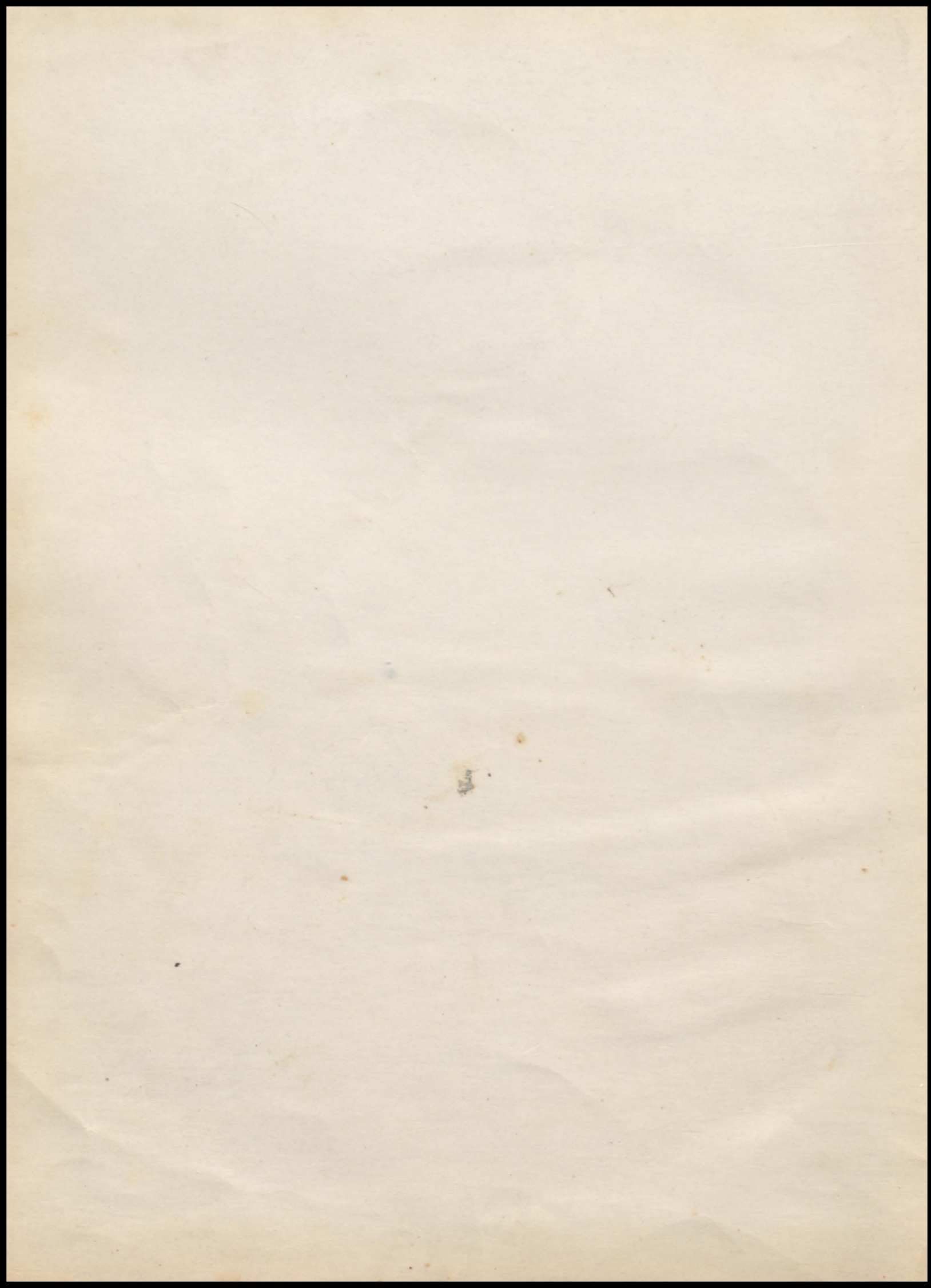


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THE SENIOR CLASS  
OF

BLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
Bland, Virginia



## IN APPRECIATION

For her faithfulness and kindness shown to us during our intellectual growth thus far - for giving her time and energy so willingly to each one of us - for the unselfish way in which she gave every moment she could spare to help with the publication of this annual, for her many efforts these passed years to make our class outstanding - we, the Senior Class of 1954 dedicate this ninth edition of, "The Echo," to our class sponsor, Mrs. Helen P. Hardy.







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Mrs. Jane A. Stafford



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Mrs. Minor Muncy  
Miss Joan Thompson

*Loads of love  
and best  
wishes always.  
Joan T.*



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Miss Myrtle Stuart  
Miss Ethel Billips

Miss Lucy B. Litton  
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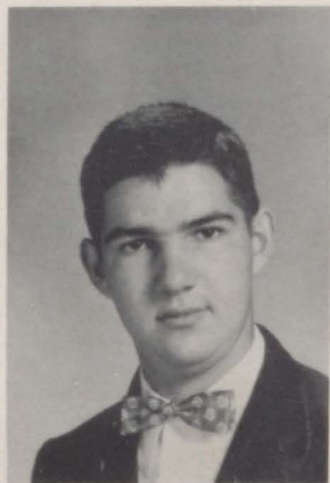
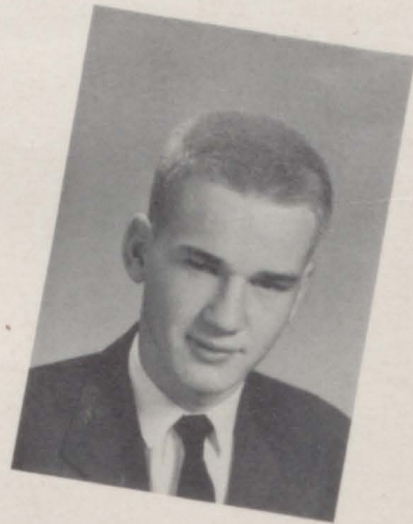
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Motto: Work Conquers Everything.  
 Flowers: White Chrysanthemum  
 Colors: Red and White

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VALEDICTORIAN



*I know you'll be a real smart girl in high school although I won't be then. Love of Love Betty*

Elizabeth Waye Hardy

SALUTATORIAN



Jane Barger Bird



SENIORS



1954



Alfred Smith



Shirley Iretta Kidd



Jamie Lorryne Muncy



Lee Bodmer Tate



Emory Randolph Waddle



Dane Clifton Havens



Lois Rosetta Pruett



*Lots of Luck  
from  
Ann*

Jean Ann Morehead



Robert Randolph Davis



SENIORS



1954



Kenneth Raymond Walker



Dolly Mae Neal



Margaret Ruth Bruce



James Kelly Thompson



Donald Ray Chewning



Robert Pierce Kegley



Janet Pauline Francis



Ned Irene Hounshell



Lewis Wagner Dillow



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Willard Francis Peck



Dorothy Mae Gusler



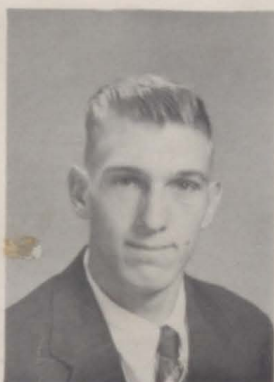
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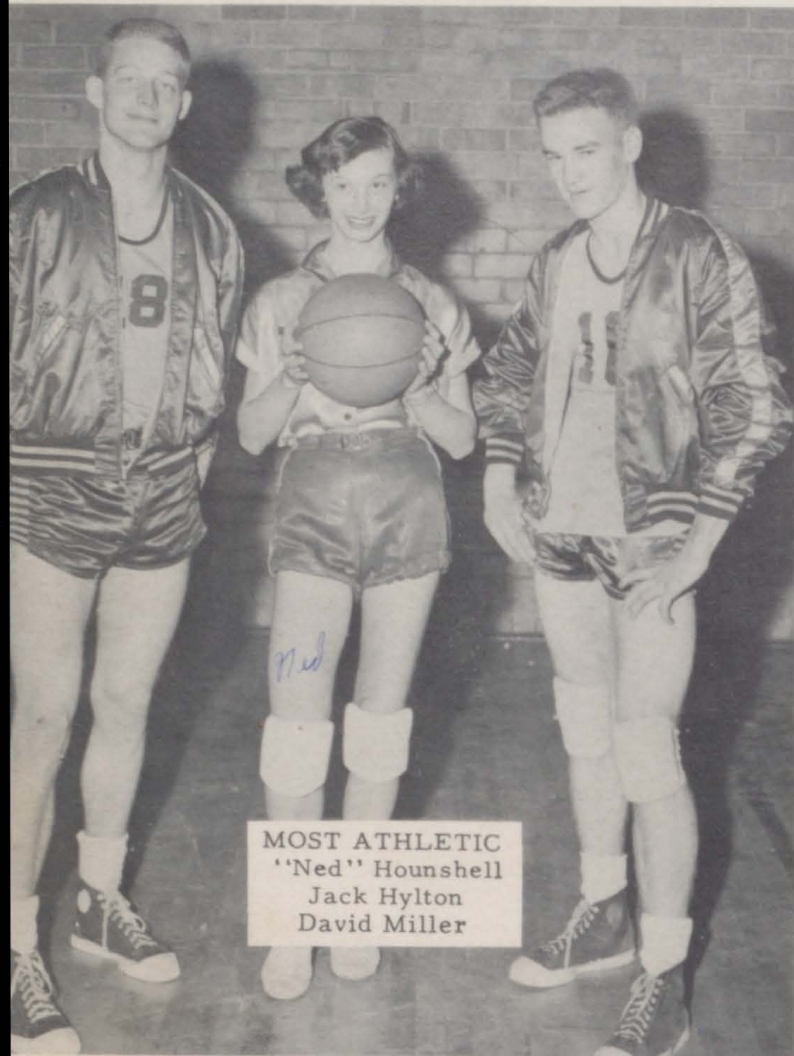
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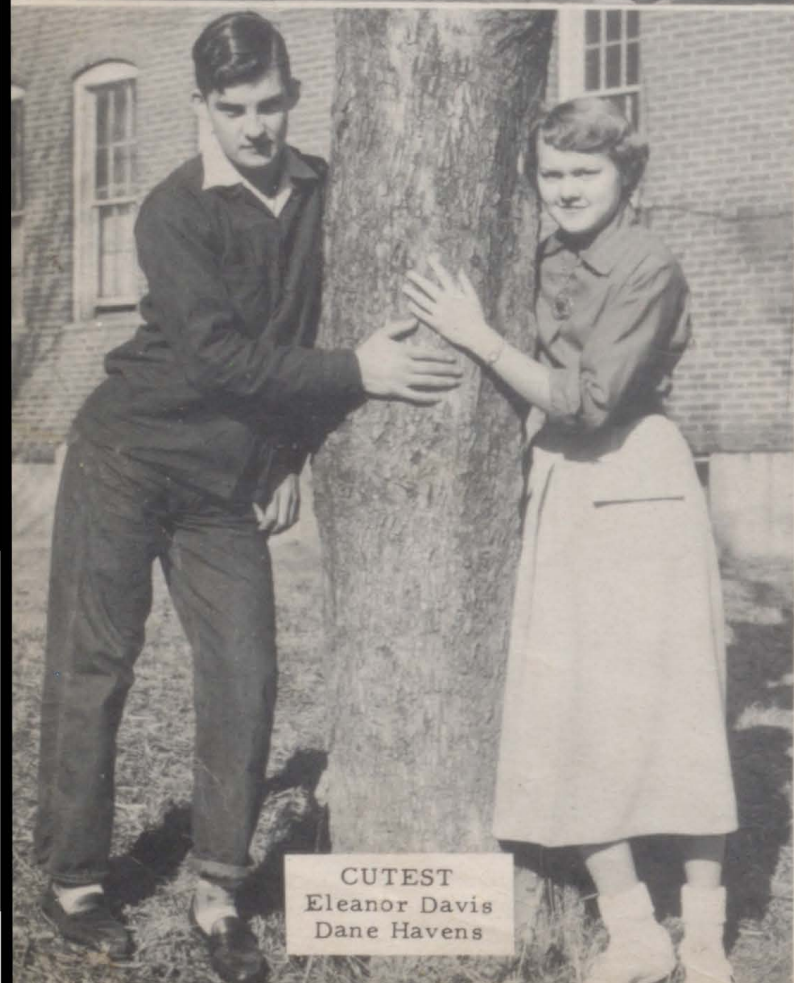
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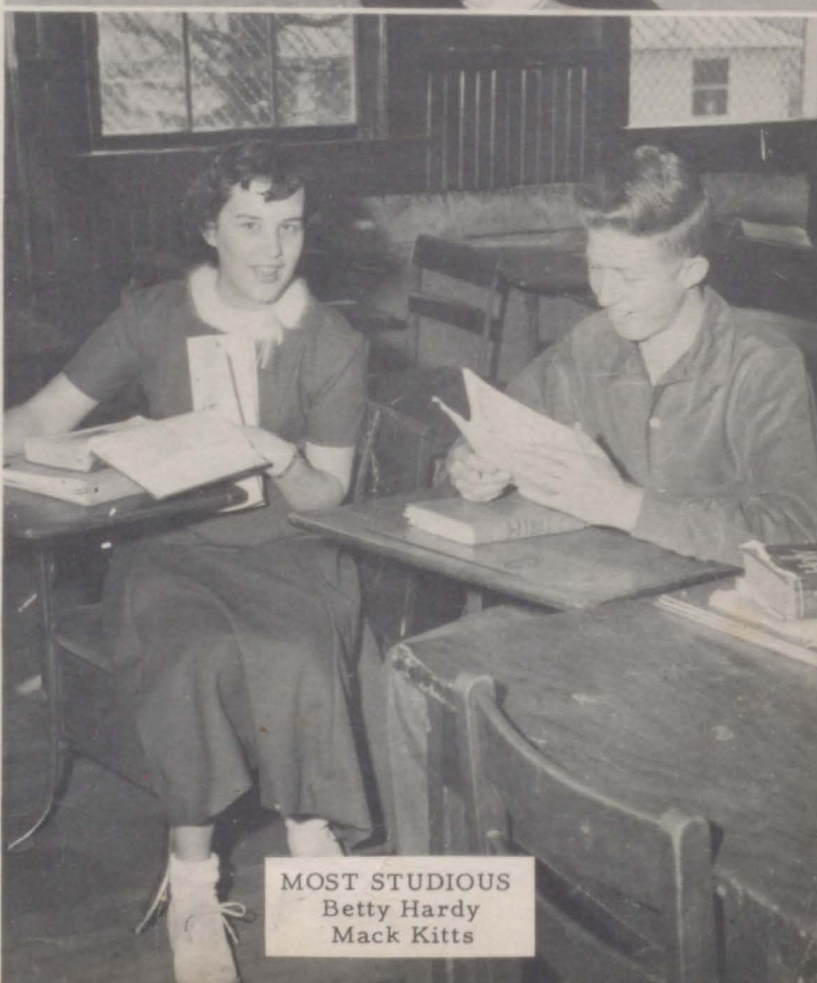
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"Ned" Hounshell  
Jack Hylton  
David Miller



**BEST ALL AROUND**  
Margaret Bruce  
Regena Dykes



**CUTEST**  
Eleanor Davis  
Dane Havens



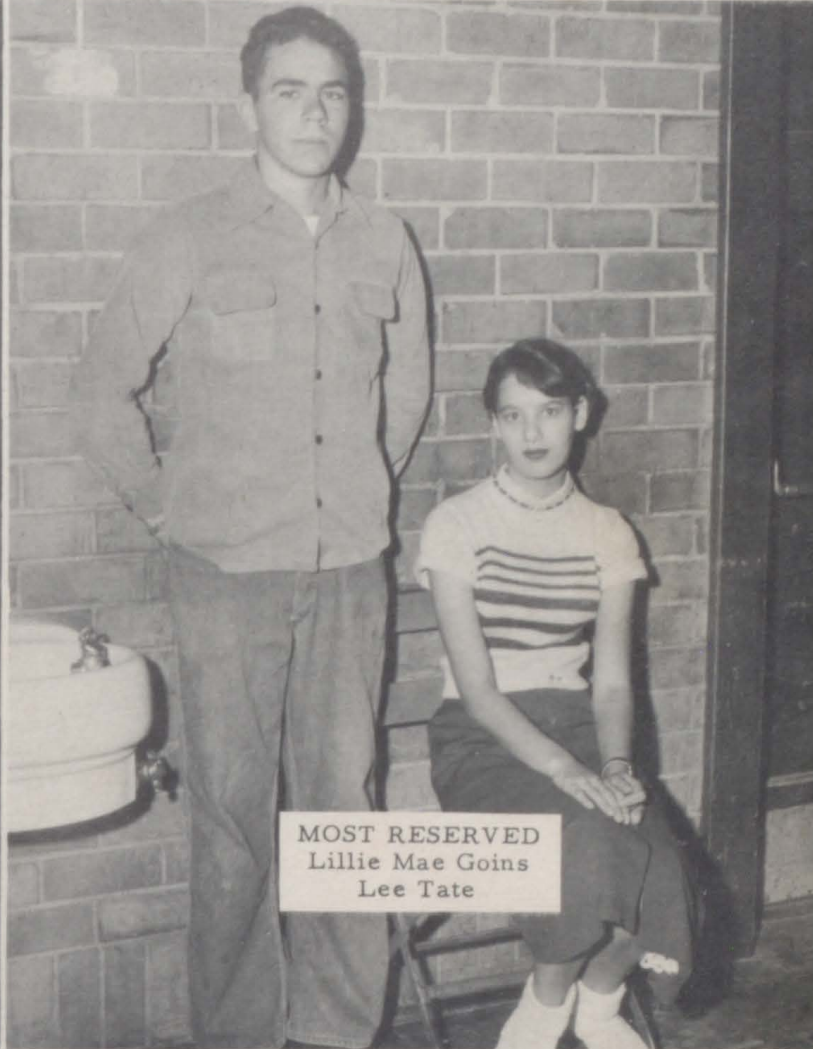
**MOST STUDIOUS**  
Betty Hardy  
Mack Kitts



# SUPERLATIVES



**MOST DEPENDABLE**  
Dorothy Gusler  
Kenneth Walker



**MOST RESERVED**  
Lillie Mae Goins  
Lee Tate



**MOST TALKATIVE**  
Rayella Terry  
Patsy Baker



**MOST COURTEOUS**  
Jane Bird  
Lewis Dillow



# SUPERLATIVES



**MOST TALENTED**  
Jamie Muncy  
Darnell Miller (not pictured)



**BIGGEST FLIRT**  
Janet Francis  
Ronald Kidd



**MOST CAREFREE**  
Randolph Davis  
Dan Tickle



**QUIETEST**  
Lois Pruett



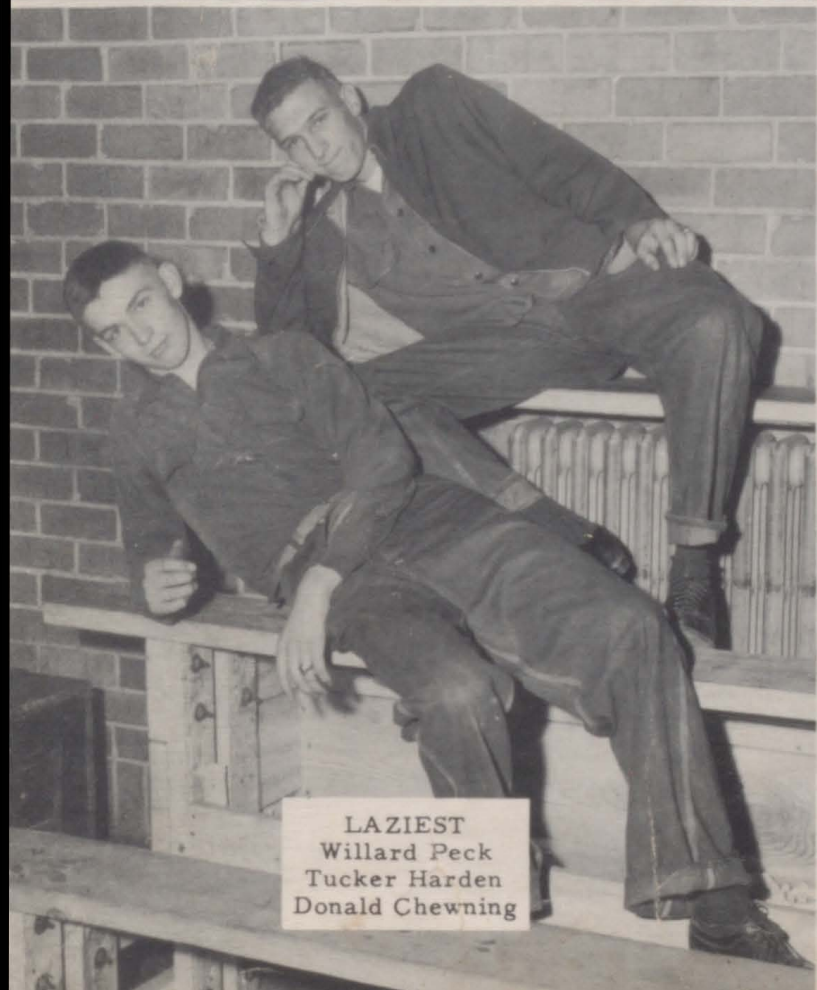
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**MOST ORIGINAL**  
Dolly Neal  
Jean Ann Morehead



**MOST SARCASTIC**  
Iretta Kidd  
Randolph Waddle



**LAZIEST**  
Willard Peck  
Tucker Harden  
Donald Chewning



**MOST AGGRAVATING**  
Bobby Kegley  
Alfred Smith  
James Thompson



# CLASS HISTORY

Only four short years ago a class of Fifty-five wide-eyed freshmen entered the doors of Bland High School for a journey through English, Science, Mathematics, History, Agriculture, Home Economics, and many other interesting books. Mrs. Ruth B. Kegley was our home room sponsor during our freshman year. In spite of our dumbness we passed into our Sophomore year with a greater desire to learn.

We began our Sophomore year with forty-five students under the leadership of Mr. Harry Tuell, our homeroom sponsor. This year was very quiet with the exception of constant lectures from the teachers and principal.


Our Junior Year was very exciting. We received our class rings, enjoyed a delightful Junior-Senior Banquet, had a Junior Class Dance, and gave a thrilling class play entitled "I'm a Family Crisis." We numbered 41 this year having gained 5 students from Hollybrook. Our sponsor this year was Miss Majorie Blankenship. We, also acquired a new principal this year Mr. Victor R. Gilly whom we liked very much. We were sorry however to lose our principal Mr. Eugene Smith who had been with us since the beginning of our high school career.

We began our senior year with thirty-four students under the leadership of Mrs. Helen P. Hardy. We thought we were dignified seniors but the teachers didn't classify us as such. We gained Miss Mary Greever as our English Teacher. Miss Joan Thompson came to us as Fourth Grade Teacher. Mrs. Lucy B. Litton became our Home Economics teacher. We regretted losing Mrs. Jane Stafford.


The time will soon roll around for us to leave dear B. H. S. but as all Seniors we are anxious for the adventures.

Historians: Lillie Mae Goins  
Dolly Mae Neal


# CLASS SONG



Bland High School  
Bland High School  
We bid adieu to you  
We'll cherish you, our whole life through  
Though we'll be gone away  
To other fields, for higher goals  
To profit more some day  
That we may live and others sad  
With time and thoughts for you.



We leave our school  
Farewell to you  
We know we'll miss you so.  
As years go past, our memories last  
Of times we've spent with you  
Of classmates dear, and teachers true  
And longing parents, too.  
Though years may go  
We'll love you so  
Bland High School, Good bye'





# CLASS PROPHECY

1953 - 54

We, the prophets of the class of '54 can not give a true report of what each person will do in life, but we shall attempt to predict the future, ten years, hence:

Mack Kitts is now a driver for the Greyhound Lines. He just received the award, "The Safest Driver of the year."

Iretta Kidd is now happily married. Her last name by the way is "Tickle."

Patsy Baker grew tired of her nursing career early and now is happily married. By the way she is now playing nursemaid to her triplets.

Romantic Alfred Smith has gotten his divorce from Rita Hayworth and the court also granted him custody of their small daughter, "Radaress."

Jamie Muncy's talent has at last been discovered. She is in Hollywood starring in "How To Be a Safe Driver."

Margaret Bruce, who we thought would settle down with a clerk at Bland Market, has her eyes now on a boy with a black Chevrolet. "Looks as if this might be it."

Donald Chewning is raising corn in partnership with his brother Larry on the former Blankenship estate near Mechanicsburg.

Janet Francis, now Mrs. Earl C. Faulkner, is very proud of her second set of twins.

Mr. and Mrs. David Hubble and their four small sons are now living in South America. Mrs. Hubble is the former Miss Betty Hardy.

Just read in a Baltimore paper of the approaching marriage of Dolly Neal to Eugene. Barbara Sexton, a former student of Bland High School is to be Maid of Honor.

After serving in the Army for ten years, Pvt. James Thompson has finally finished serving on K. P. for talking back to his Sergeant.

Willard Peck who was always loud, is now selling papers on the street corner. Dorothy Gusler is now Dean of Radford College. It is rumored that she has her eye on a certain history professor.

Irene Hounshell has given up her Business career and settled down somewhere in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg with a certain Reverend.

Randolph Davis is now Ambassador to China.

David Miller has just been elected to serve the counties of Bland and Giles in the House of Delegates.

"Wild Danny "Tickle" is expected to win the World's championship from Gorgeous George in next week's Madison Square Garden Wrestling Bout.

Jean Ann Morehead has just returned from New York City bringing with her the latest fashions from "Saks Fifth Ave."

Rayella Terry is now a stock car driver and Lewis Dillow is her mechanic. Lewis took plenty of time from school to learn his trade.

Ronald Kidd, now a private eye, is still a ladies man. He is now working on a case for the ladies of America, Why Gentlemen prefer Marilyn.

Jane Bird is now Home Demonstration Agent for Bland County. She is conducting a program on Child Care. She must be experienced because I heard she is now the mother of six children.

Lois Pruett has just completed her nurse's training. Could there be a doctor in her future?

Jack Hylton, state trooper in Bland, caught Lee Tate speeding through Ceres. No Wonder! Lee had just become a father for the first time.

Randolph Waddle has finally dragged that girl from Ceres to the altar. They will make their home in the city of Waddletown.

Lillie Mae Goins has finally hooked the guy named "Bill." They are now living at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Tucker Harden is really breaking the gal's hearts, especially after he bought his new convertible.

Dane Havens is now the star player of the New York Yankees. Dane's batting average last year was .800.

Darnell Miller's latest recording of, "Jeanie with the light brown hair," looks like a real hit.

Robert Kegley is now judge of the district court. Of all the trials he has attended his hat hasn't missed a one.

Regena Dykes is now the owner of a swank new beauty shop in Abingdon, Va. where a former student of Bland High School, Gayle Lambert, now Mrs. Vandall Thomas is her favorite customer.

Kenneth Walker has expanded The Brushy Mt. Drive Inn. It is now one of the largest restaurants in the world.

Eleanor Davis is now the wife of one of the best farmers in Bland County. Believe me Eleanor sure has done her part to make it a good farm.

Signed

Class Prophets

Margaret Bruce

Regena Dykes



# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the Seniors of Bland High School being of unsound mind and realizing that the parting day is nigh, do hereby declare this our last will and testament. All former wills are thus declared null and void.

- I, Lewis Dillow, will my alarm clock, which enables me to be tardy every morning to Tommy Mallory.
  - I, Betty Waye Hardy, will my fondness for the name "David" to Janet Bird.
  - I, Alfred Smith, will my ability to sing in English and argue with Miss Brown, to Kenneth Carter.
  - I, Rayella Terry, will my toothpaste smile and my driving ability to Ellen Faye Faulkner.
  - I, Dan Tickle, will my height to Shirley Lester.
  - I, Ned Hounshell, leave my love for Eddie Shawver and my ability to play basketball, to Nora King.
  - I, Darnell Miller, will my well-groomed hair to Billy Atkinson.
  - I, Patsy Baker, leave Paul Wiley and my ability to have a good time to Opal Morehead.
  - I, Mack Kitts, will my position as President of the Senior Class to Jack King.
  - I, Kenneth Walker, will my ability to play baseball, to Buddy Taylor.
  - I, Jean Ann Morehead, leave my "Pull" with Miss Blankenship to Rita Hagy.
  - I, David Miller, leave my way with the girls, to Jake Repass.
  - I, Iretta Kidd, will my friendly disposition, to Eleanor Bird.
  - I, Jack Hylton, leave my Chemistry headaches, to Danny Bird.
  - I, Margaret Bruce, will my ability to collect boy friends, to Ethel Gusler.
  - I, Bobby Kegley, will my cap to "Cowboy" Muncy so Miss Blankenship won't miss it in Government Class.
  - I, Eleanor Davis, leave my silly giggles, to Mary Ann Pauley.
  - I, Willard Peck, will my ability to fight in the hall, to Billy Bowen.
  - I, Jamie Muncy, leave my cheerleaders uniform, to Richard Kidd.
  - I, Tucker Harden, leave my good nature and my seat in the senior room, to Tommy Sarver.
  - I, Janet Francis, will my perfect figure, to Annette May.
  - I, Ronald Kidd, will my good grades and studious ways, to Carl Cox.
  - I, Lois Pruett, will my beautiful curls, to Nancy Wolfe.
  - I, Donald Chewning, will my broad-shoulders and enlarged muscles, to Charles Chandler.
  - I, Regena Dykes, will my bashful ways with the boys, to Juanita Childress.
  - I, Randolph Waddle, leave my ability to tease the girls, to Stewart Stafford.
  - I, Dorothy Gusler, leave my blond curls, and tiny waistline, to Barbara Sedovnik.
  - I, Dane Havens, will my ability to play softball, to L. B. Townley.
  - I, Dolly Neal, will my ability to hold hands in the movies, to Betty Goins.
  - I, James Thompson, will everything except my nickname "Tomcat," to Miss Brown.
  - I, Lillie Mae Goins, leave my lipstick to Bobby Joyce Wyatt, hoping she won't share it with any boys.
  - I, Randolph Davis, will my chemistry book and all my other chemistry possessions to Keith Kitts for safe keeping.
  - I, Jane Bird, will my title "Mrs.," to Geraldine Walker.
  - I, Lee Tate, will all my good times at Ceres, Va., to A. P. Morehead.
- To Mr. Gilly and the Faculty, we leave our sincere thanks and deepest gratitude, also we leave our studious habits, good grades and our best behavior.
- To the Juniors, we leave our ability to keep the school exciting for another year.
- To the Sophomores, we leave our lack of knowledge and ability to loaf in the halls.
- To the Freshmen, we leave "Old Bland High" and the long rocky road we had to travel to become "Dignified Seniors."
- To our Alma Mater, we leave our memories of "Bland High."
- To the Future Students of Bland High we leave all chalk, erasers, bubble gum under the seats and anything they can find that belonged to the "Seniors" of '54."

Witnesses by:  
Victor R. Gilly

Signed by  
Patsy Louise Baker  
Ned Irene Hounshell





WHO'S WHO





# JUNIORS



## OFFICERS

President . . . . . Betty Kidd  
 Vice-President . . . . . Richard Kidd  
 Sec. Treas. . . . . Janet Bird  
 Reporter . . . . . Jake Repass  
 Class Sponsor . . . . . Majorie Blankenship

Motto . . . . . "Never do to-day what you can put off until tomorrow."

B. C. Atwell  
 Marlene Blankenship  
 Kenneth Carter  
 Nadean Blankenship



June Burton  
 Charles Chandler  
 Juanita Childress  
 Larry Chewning







Carl Cox, Mildred Davis, David Fanning, Nancy Dunn, Jack King, Ellen Faye Faulkner, Keith Kitts, Betty Goins, Tommy Mallory, Ethel Gusler, Winston McPeak, Nora King, Charles Muncy, Shirley Lester, A. P. Morehead, Inez Morehead, James Ramsey, Opal Morehead, Tommy Sarver, Annette May, Bobby Strock, Phyllis Newberry, Buddy Wagner, Mary Ann Pauley, Henry Wyrick, Barbara Ramsey, Barbara Sadovnik, Trovia Townley, Jane Tickle, Jeraldine Walker, Nancy Wolfe, Mary Ella Wolfe, Betty Wilson, Bobby Joyce Wyatt, Charleen Perkinson.



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 Wayne McPeak  
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Billy Muncy  
 Phyllis Melvin  
 Earnest Pauley  
 Pauline Melvin  
 Douglas Sarver

Carolyn Morehead  
 Stewart Stafford  
 Mary Short  
 Jimmy Strouse  
 Margaret Tickle

Buddy Taylor  
 Ruby Wilson  
 Lewis Tickle  
 Barbara Wright  
 Dexter Townley  
 Dona Wright

Gary Walker  
 Paul Wiley  
 Bo Allen Burton  
 Charles Kirby

Not Pictured:  
 Eula Hooker  
 Edna Kimberling





# FRESHMEN

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 Maybell Dillow  
 Carl Beamer  
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 Elizabeth Lambert

Woodrow Dillow  
 Rosa Pauley  
 "Sonny" Goins  
 Betty Jo Thomas  
 Kenneth Hall  
 Jackie Ann Thompson

Lewis Hamblin  
 Vera Lene Tickle  
 Kenneth May  
 Thelma Wilson  
 Jackie Mustard  
 Robert Newberry

Robert Pauley  
 Douglas Ramsey  
 Bennett Simmons  
 McCarty Shannon  
 Edward Shawver  
 Gratton Shawver

Phillip Stowers  
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 Elmer Townley  
 D. B. Waddle  
 Dan Wiley  
 Gardner Tickle

Larry Dean Pauley  
 Leslie Agee  
 Miss Mary Greever, Sponsor  
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Ann Hardy  
 Edward Shockley  
 Sue Muncy  
 Sherman Townley  
 Connie Phillips  
 Joyce Puckett

Doris Shockley  
 Mona Scott  
 Nancy Tate  
 Evelyn Taylor  
 Treva Tolbert  
 Olena Hooker











# ACTIVITIES



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Yvonne Durham  
Treasurer







Ned Hounshell  
Reporter



Jane Tickle  
Song Leader



Mildred Davis  
Chaplin



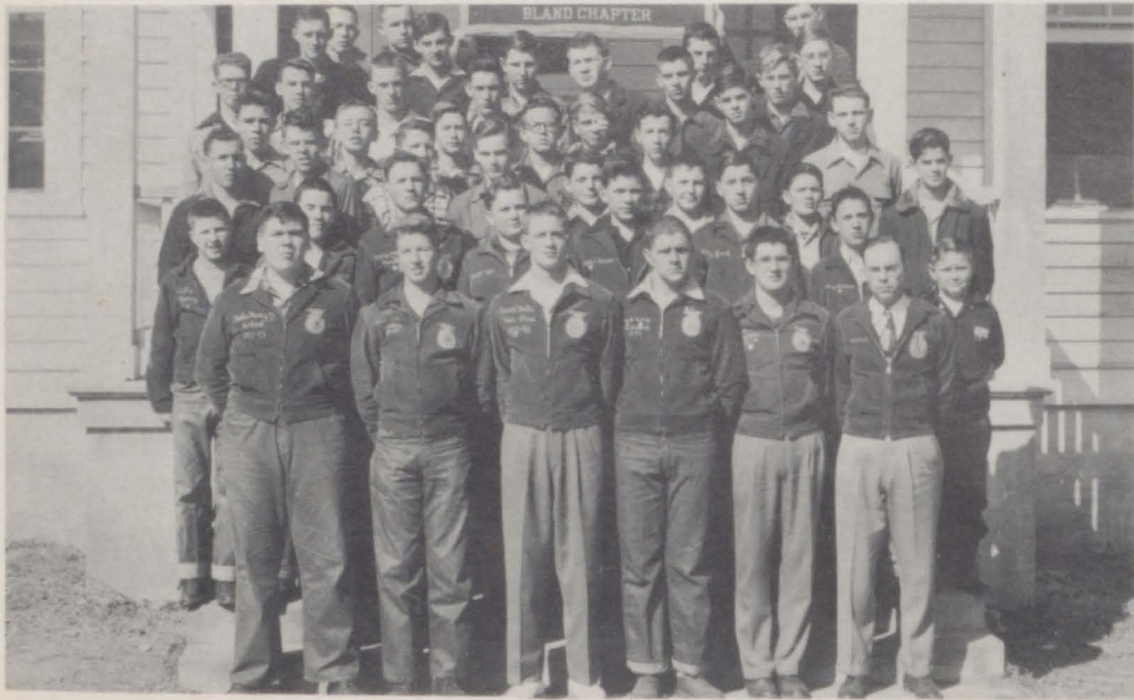
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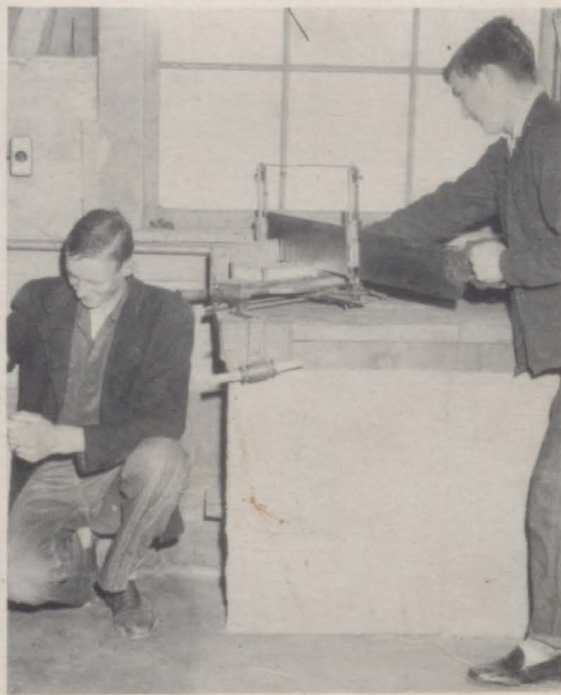


*"Cowboy"*



Ralph R. Reynolds   David Miller   Jack King   Mack Kitts   Ronald Kidd   Charles Muncy   Doug Sarver  
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"The Blue Teapot" won distinguished rating in One-Act District Play Festival. On to Charlottesville for State Festival.

Play Cast  
 Jamie Muncy as Ma Brown  
 Mack Kitts as Pa Brown  
 Betty Hardy as Cynthia  
 Bobby Kegley as Jimmy McNabe  
 Director Helen P. Hardy, Assistant Director Jane B. Bird, Stage Manager, Ronald Kidd.

## WHO'S WHO

Mack Kitts  
 American Legion Contest  
 Winner of School  
 County and District  
 Competing in Regional Contest  
 Subject: Our Living Constitution

## 'Twas The Night Before Christmas

Play Cast: Mack Kitts, Patsy Baker, Rayella Terry, Dan Tickle, Ned Hounshell Ronald Kidd, Margaret Bruce, Bobby Kegley. Director, Regena Dykes. Class Members: Lee Tate, Tucker Harden, James Thompson, Kenneth Walker, Randolph Waddle, Darnell Miller.







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WE'VE GOT THE GO, GET, GAME, PEP!

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FIRST YOU GET THE BASKETBALL

TEAM'S IN A HUDDLE

Fight Bland, Fight, Fight, Fight!

Win Bland, You're all right

Get together, step together,

pep it up and go,

We can beat (opponents) 'cause they're too slow . . . .

So fight 1, 2, 3, fight 1, 2, 3,

fight 1, 2, 3, Fight! Fight! Fight!

WE'RE FROM BLAND, NOBODY PROUDER

WE'VE GOT A TEAM THAT'S . . . . RED HOT!!!

CRANK OLE LIZZA, LET'S GET STARTED

HEY BLAND . .

DRIBBLE TO THE LEFT AND

DRIBBLE TO THE RIGHT!

DRIBBLE DOWN THE CENTER AND

FIGHT! FIGHT! FIGHT!

RAH, RAH, RAH, SIS! BOOM! BAH

VICTORY, VICTORY, THAT'S OUR CRY



WE'RE FROM BLAND, WE SIT ON WAX

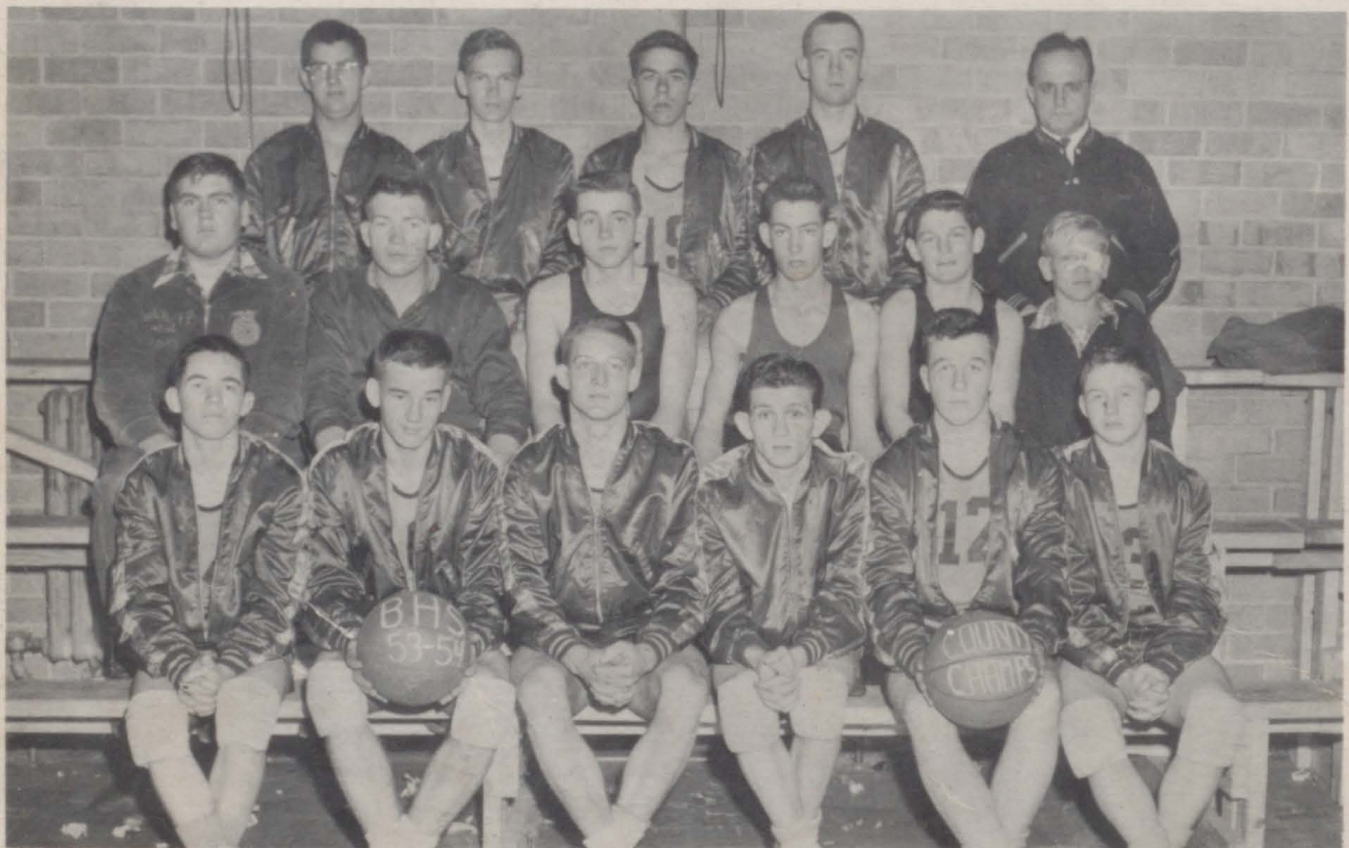
WE'VE GOTTA FIGHT 'EM ONCE



# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



# BOYS' BASKETBALL







"PUNCH"



"PEG"



"NORIE"



"ANDHOW"

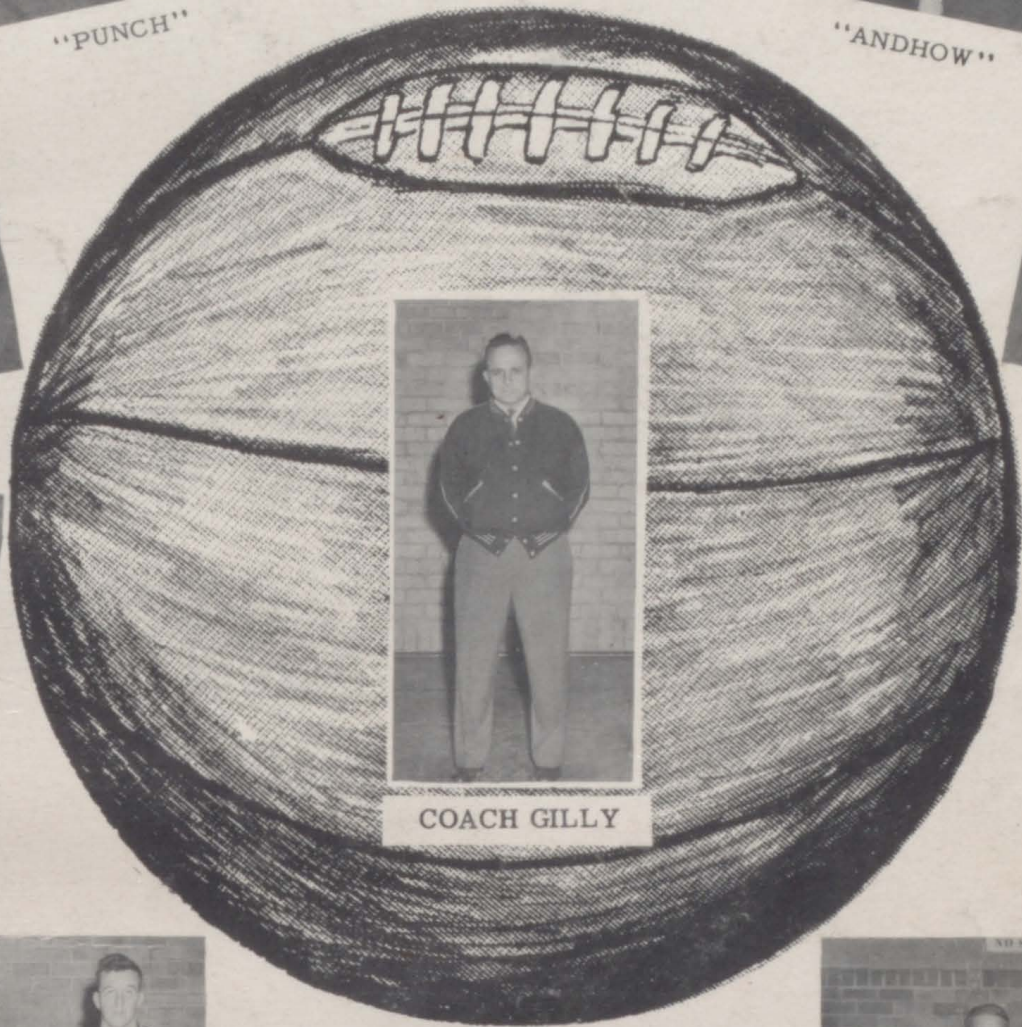
*Good luck  
Janet*



"CHANET"



"PIG"



COACH GILLY



"DOODLE"



"JACKIE"



"KENNY"



"JAMIE"



"RADAR"



"MILLER"

*Cowboy*



"RICHIE"



"COWBOY"







# HALLOWEEN KING AND QUEEN

Queen  
Ethel Lee Gusler



King  
Kenneth Walker

## BEAUTIES

Annette May



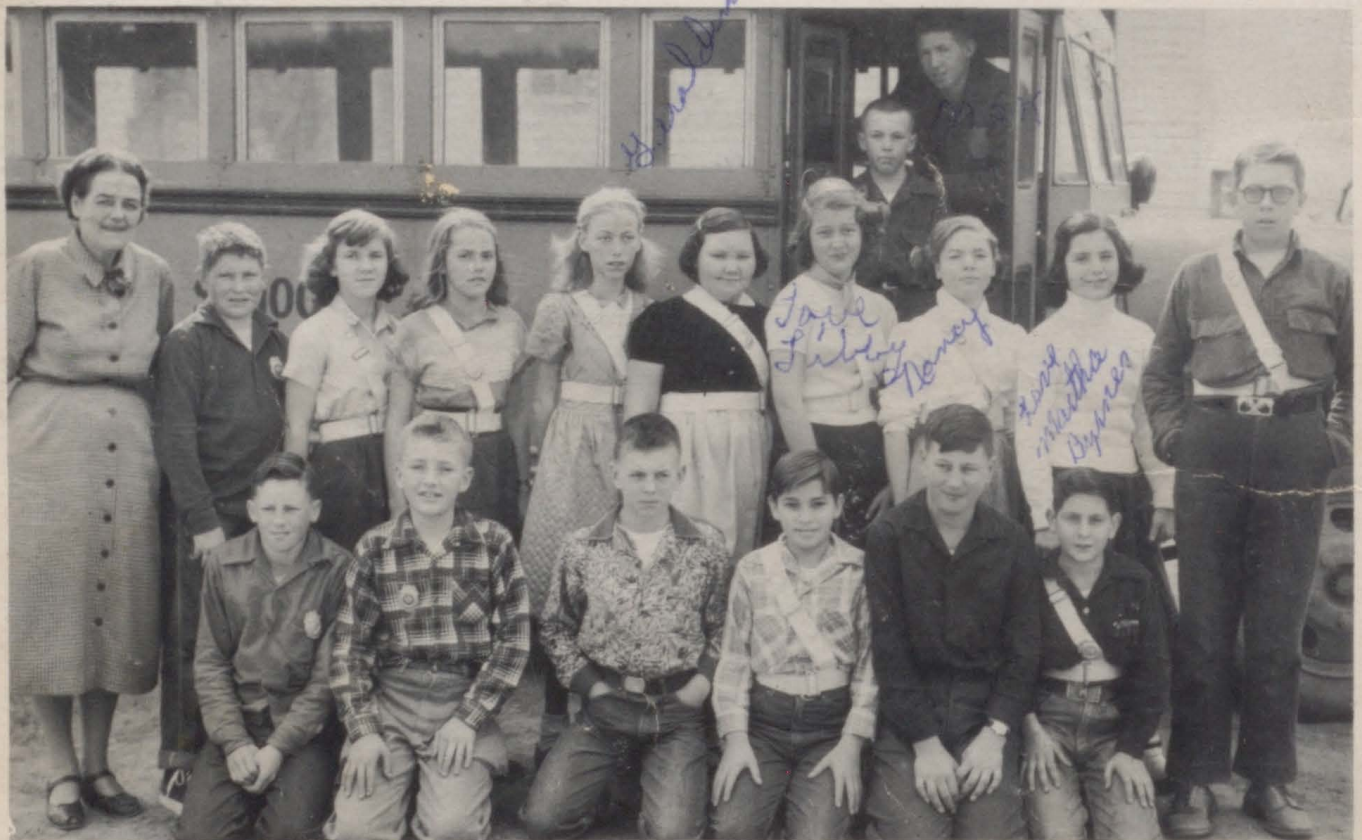
Carolyn Bird



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