

to 431, the number of buses to 6, and the teachers to 14.

The school's first paper, the ECHO, came into existence soon after McNeely became principal, but it was not to remain for long, for in 1928 the last issue was printed, leaving Bailey without a paper until 1940 when the school began publishing the BAILEY BUGLE.

The home economics subjects that had their beginning under Miss Ida Brooks grew under Miss Alma Clay, the first official home economics instructor, into a real organized department, set up in the room now transformed into the science laboratory.

That same year the Home Demonstration Club was organized in Bailey with Mrs. A.B. Bissette as president. The club worked co-operatively with Miss Clay in equipping the Home Economics Department, in purchasing the first stage curtains, and in landscaping the school grounds.

Working together, the Home Economics Department and the Home Demonstration Club got a representative from Van Lindley's Nurseries, of Greensboro, for \$20 to landscape the school grounds. Following his plan, the clubs purchased shrubbery and set it out around the school building. The men of the town, working with the two departments, went into the woods and got the trees that are now growing in the school yard.

Athletics came into prominence in 1926, with basketball the first organized sport; then came baseball, tennis, and volley ball. Of these four sports, basketball has been the most successful. Teams have won the county tournament, county championships, and the runner-up place several times. A trophy case, gift of the class of '51, is filled with 14 trophies and awards brought home by the various teams throughout the years.

#### September, 1928

Succeeding Principal McNeely was James N. Grant, who served Bailey for seven years.

In the fall of 1931, Bailey adopted its last school, Mannings.

While Grant was here, the school passed the 500 enrollment mark for the first time. The present enrollment of 641 shows that over the past twenty-five years the enrollment of the school has increased but little, yet the average daily attendance has steadily improved as evidenced by the fact that there were but thirteen teachers, twenty seniors and five buses in 1932 compared with twenty-three teachers, forty-two seniors, and nine buses in 1957. According to the records available, the year 1932 featured, for the first time, every senior graduating.

One of the "Believe-it-or-nots" of Bailey is the fact that right in the middle of the depression she added the first agricultural department, located in the basement under the stage, with John Wolfe as adviser, and built the present gymnasium.

When Grant left the school, the faculty had grown from 13 to 15, and the graduates, from eight to twenty.

#### September, 1935

The school began its twenty-second term with C. U. Williams serving as principal. This year, also, saw R.W. Jones leading the P.T.A. No records can be found of the work of this organization prior to that date, but since then it has been a constantly growing association, endeavoring to meet the needs of Bailey High School.

As one reads the minutes kept of the PTA, he finds that this organization has sponsored many of the school's activities and helped to finance many of its projects. Over the years it has purchased library books, basketball suits, various school equipment, band instruments, an activity bus, and pianos. It has promoted, and partly financed, the first-aid room, the installation of new plumbing works for the building and gym, canning of food for the lunchroom, rewiring of building, teen-age parties, and Halloween Carnivals. The latter is the annual fund-raising project of the organization. Although organization presidents and school principals have come and gone, the PTA remains a vital part of the life of Bailey High School up to this hour, with Mrs. Raymond Finch now serving as president.

#### September, 1939

As Bailey School began its second quarter of a century, Carl H. Walker became its