

History of Class of '39—By Margie Wooten

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plunged into our second year of high school with a much calmer, safer feeling than the one of the preceding year. Choosing Randolph Middleton as pilot of our ship, his co-pilots were as follows: Vice president, Lorraine Taylor; secretary, Ann Morgan; treasurer, Charles Liles; cheer leader, Mary Best.

We were again represented by Carolyn Langston and Ernest Glisson in debating. The freshmen defeated them on the query: Resolved that GHS should initiate a student activity ticket. This time we upheld the affirmative.

During our second year of high school the first Student Association in the history of GHS was organized. We had five students serving on the first committees of this new organization. They were Olivia Ferguson, Ernest Glisson, Ruth Hinson, who served on the temporary Council which worked out the Constitution for the Association; Addison Hawley, who served on the Board of Elections; and Billy McClure, who was a member of the Nominating Committee. Olivia Ferguson also served on the committee which drafted the Constitution.

In sports that year we had six sophomore boys on the swimming team: Ed Shumate, Randy Middleton, Billy Hood, Lewis Tilghman, Tinker Heyward, and Wilton Hollowell. We had two boys, James Kannon and Marvin Daughtry, on the football squad. Plus these we had four sophomore girls, Doris Flowers, Virginia Parrish, Ann Johnson, and Margie Wooten, on the girls' basketball squad. In interclass basketball the sophomore boys played the juniors for the championship. The juniors, proving to be best, overcame us.

By becoming members of the Girls' Glee Club, 20 sophomores proved to be song birds. But other musical talent was evident in our class; for 24 sophomores were members of the largest band in the history of GHS. From the 77 members of the band, Mrs. Lee formed a jazz band composed of 16 players, nine of whom were sophomores.

It was in our second year that we had two students elected and one appointed to offices of the Student Association. These were Olivia Ferguson, corresponding secretary; Sidney Gordon, treasurer, and Ernest Glisson, parliamentarian.

In the Aycock episode of the educational pageant at Duke Stadium in Durham on April 23, 1937, Addison Hawley, a sophomore at that time, played the lead, Charles B. Aycock. Mary Best was Mrs. Aycock; Randy Middleton, J. Y. Joyner; Frances Yelverton, Mrs. Joyner.

In an essay contest sponsored by the Building and Loan Association Olivia Ferguson won a total of \$90 in a series of eliminations—local, district and state.

At the annual Junior-Senior banquet, nine sophomore girls danced in the floor show. These were Ann Morgan, Frances Yelverton, Edith Jones, Mary Horton,

Dot Turlington, Evelyn Colie, Berta Parks and Carolyn Langston.

The following were members of the sophomore journalism class who acted as advertising solicitors on the *Hi News* staff: Addison Hawley, R. T. Cozart, Hartwell Graham, Evelyn Colie, Ann Morgan, Billy McClure, Hugh Dortch, Grace Hollingsworth, Evelyn Dillon, Berta Parks, Mary Frances Barnes, Mary Best, Carolyn Langston, Frances O'Steen, Juanita Hunt, Virginia Modlin, Jack Smith, Dot Crow, Gabe Holmes, Dorothy Odom, and Frances Yelverton. On May 24, 1937, guided by these experienced workers, the Sophomore Class published the *Hi News, Jr.*, with Mary Best as editor-in-chief.

We enjoyed this year very much for many reasons. We were becoming more familiar with the upper-classmen and the teachers and were getting used to the routine. Nevertheless, we were glad to be through with exams and to be free for four months of summer vacation.

We began our third year by running true to form. We were happy-go-lucky, jolly juniors. Presiding this year were Sidney Gordon, as president; Carolyn Langston, vice president; Lorraine Taylor, secretary; Olivia Ferguson, treasurer; Berta Parks, cheer leader.

From the journalism class came 12 members of the Junior Class who joined the *Hi News* staff. They were Mary Best, assistant editor; Addison Hawley, managing editor; Grace Hollingsworth and Evelyn Dillon, advertising managers; Billy McClure, Gabe Holmes, Charles Liles, Jack Smith, Evelyn Colie, Carolyn Langston, and Frances Yelverton, staff members.

It was at that stage in her life that Carolyn Langston became cheer leader. The *Hi News* was represented at Lexington by the following juniors: Mary Best, R. T. Cozart, Carolyn Langston, Jack Smith, and Evelyn Colie. Again the *Hi News* received an honor rating.

It was during this year that the students were added to the P.T.A., changing the name to the P.T.-S.A.

This year we had four boys on the swimming team: Tinker Heyward, Randy Middleton, Ed Shumate and Lewis Tilghman; and three boys, Buck Gardner, Jimmy Dillworth and R. T. Cozart, on the track team. There were 13 girls on the basketball squad. They were Sarah Thompson, Dot Creech, Ann Johnson, Peggy Simmons, Carolyn Langston, Virginia Parrish, Doris Flowers, Mary Best, Evelyn Colie, Edith Jones, Evelyn Head, Marjorie Sutton, and Margie Wooten. Frances Yelverton was chosen to manage the girls. We also had three boys—Gorman Lawrence, J. R. Nickens, John Watson—on the boys' basketball squad.

A high spot in our junior year, and one looked forward to by everyone, was our Junior Play. We chose "Huck Finn," with Legh Scott leading the cast as "Huck." His very capable co-actors were

James Vinson as Fred Raymond; Glen Johnson as John Finn; Ruth Hinson as Aunt Polly; Berta Parks as Mary Jane; Evelyn Head as Ruth Watson; Evelyn Colie as Clara Woppinger; Carolyn Langston as Jenny Lend White, and Clarence Gudger as Tom Sawyer. The play was a huge success directed by Miss Mary Bell.

At the musical festival in Greensboro we were represented by seven juniors among the group who went. Six of these were girls in the Glee Club. They were Phillipa Best, Alma Ball, Edna Cole, Louise Kannon and Ercelle Allen, accompanied by Rosette Farfour. Virginia Modlin represented the school in piano.

Next in line in exciting events came the announcement of junior marshals. This list was headed by Dot Creech, appointed chief marshal because of her high scholastic average. Her assistants were Margaret Bryan, Mary Bryan, Lillie Burns, R. T. Cozart, Olivia Ferguson, Ruby Lee Gibson, Annette Handley, Addison Hawley, Edith Jones, Earl Montague, Frances O'Steen, Elvin Sholar, Dot Turlington, and Frances Yelverton.

Another high spot in our third year was the annual Junior-Senior reception. We worked long and hard decorating the gym for the entertainment, which carried out the May Day theme. It was one of the most successful events ever conducted by our class.

At the second annual meeting of the North Carolina High School Press Institute in April at Chapel Hill, two juniors were among the group representing GHS, Grace Hollingsworth official and Gabe Holmes unofficial.

As a special feature the junior members of the staff published a mimeographed April fool paper entitled "Wunsa Yeer Stuf," that sold out immediately.

It was in this year that the GHS track team won the Duke invitational meet at Durham and became the state champions.

This year we had 11 in the high school band, though it was not very successful. Olivia Ferguson received the honor of being tapped into the National Honor Society. Among others, two juniors, Grace Hollingsworth and Evelyn Dillon, were accepted into the Quill and Scroll Society for excellence in high school journalism.

In the latter part of our junior year, Sidney Gordon was elected president of the Student Association; Legh Scott, vice president; Gabe Holmes, treasurer; Frances O'Steen, recording secretary.

The closing of the last week of our third year was marked by the distribution of our first high school Handbook, compiled by a SA committee headed by Harry Hollingsworth, a 1938 senior.

With the beginning of our senior year, most of us, realizing our responsibility as leaders of the school, settled down fairly well.

The leaders of our class were James Kannon, president; Willie Boykin, vice president; Marjorie Stenhouse, secretary; (Please turn to page twelve)