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HIGHEST HEIGHTS ATTAINED BY CLASS OF '40

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CHAPTER ONE

"They came, they saw, they conquered."

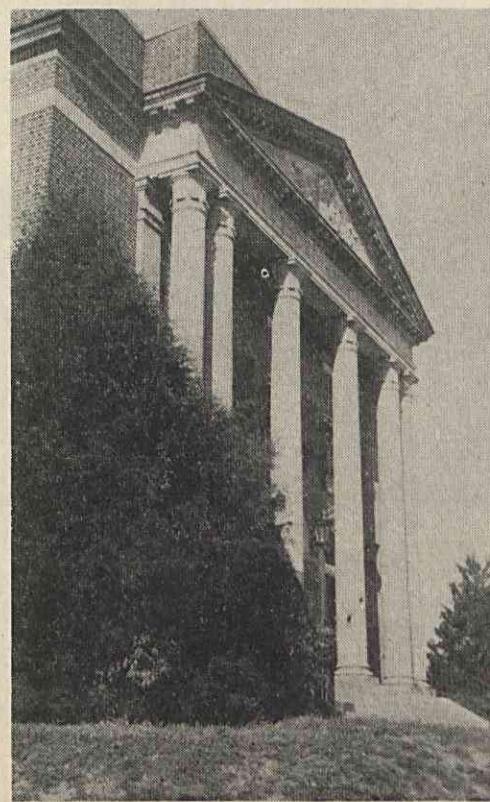
"Unknown enthusiasm and spirit has burst forth from ranks heretofore almost unheard-of."

In this way the *Hi News* acclaimed the 220 members of the Class of '40 after they had worked more, achieved more, and talked more in a mere one-half year than any foregoing green class.

They elected Horace Potter, president; Ike Manly, vice president; Martha Best, secretary; Harold Montague, treasurer; and Shirley Pearsall, cheerleader, and, pledging their support to the *Hi News* campaign, scored their first goal by trouncing the sophs and bettering all previous eighth grade subscription records.

The Giddens debating cup, having been won four times by both the Sophomore and Senior Classes and once by the Junior Class, was looked at but never touched by freshmen. Not so with this class. It was out to break all records, to gain what others had let pass by. The debaters, Martha Best and Bill Cobb, coached by the class sponsor, Mrs. Marcellus McBride (she was Miss Sarah Chaffin then), not only came out of the preliminary against Carolyn Langston and Ernest Glisson, sophomores, with flying colors but even out-battled the junior representatives, James Heyward and James Crone, to win the coveted trophy! The freshmen supported the negative side of both queries: "Resolved: That GHS should initiate a student activity fee" in the preliminary contest and "Resolved: That North Carolina should furnish free textbooks for all school children" in the final controversy.

Perhaps the most significant experience of the Class of '40 while in GHS was the organization of the Student Association, and let it be said they played no minor part in this. When the temporary Council was formed, the freshmen were well represented by Ike Manly, Bill Nufer, Martha Best, Helen Cox, Toni Lupton, and Virginia Lee. The great problem facing this Council, drawing up a constitution, was assigned to a committee among whose members were Toni and Ike. Chase Johnson and Ray Rouse helped make arrangements for the election of SA officers to serve the remainder of the '36-'37 year by serving on the nominating committee and board of elections, respectively. After new officers were elected, members of the first regular student Council in GHS were chosen, the freshmen being Toni Lupton, Kala Rosenthal, Martha Best, Ike Manly, Virginia Lee, Bill Nufer, and Victor Hess.



*"We Go Forward; Yes We Do,
And The Cause is Due to You."*

Neither was the musical side of the school without their support. These seventeen girls were members of the Glee Club during their initial stay in GHS: Jean Arment, Marina Andrews, Evelyn Best, Carrie Helen Best, Mary Ann Bordeaux, Virginia Byrum, Louise Byrum, Louise Culbreth, Jackie Campen, Leah Daughtry, Annie Deans, Jean Denmark, Marie Davis, Carolyn Evans, Ruth Herring, Louise McDowell, and Doris Ward. The band welcomed Tom Parker and Billy Smith, trumpeters, Gertrude Sanford and Charles Magill, clarinetists, and Mack Worrell, drummer, among its number four years ago.

When the call was heard for sports' participants, the freshmen did not fail to respond. The six first-year boys reporting for track practice were Horace Potter, Raeford Carter, Charlie Boyette, Noah Bass, Edward Hollingsworth, and Bill Kemp. Cliff Spruill, Bill Nufer, and James Kennedy were candidates for the swimming team and Bill and James gained letters.

It was unusual for a freshman to make the varsity football team, but Horace Potter was a letterman after that first year's service.

Fate Sasser, Billy Hollowell, Floyd Morse, Arthur Boykin, John Schmidlapp, Roland Edwards, David McCleary, Ray Rouse, Warren Hood, Victor Hess, and John Grant were probably encouraged by Horace's example, as they reported for football practice in the spring. The one freshman candidate for baseball in 1937 was James Kennedy.

While taking a large part in the political, musical, and sports life of the school, the members of this energetic class were not absent from scholastic or social limelight. A large number of freshmen made the honor roll continuously, and Harold Montague topped the whole school with an average of 97.5 during one quarter. Eight girls and five boys took part in the floor show at the Junior-Senior Banquet in the spring. Ann Daniels was elected Miss GHS at a dance-frolic sponsored by three school groups. Those dancing at the Junior-Senior were: Eleanor Smith, Ann Daniels, Carolyn Evans, Rena Graham, Sara Jeffreys, Chase Johnson, Harriet Kelly, Mildred Lee, Sonny Boney, Ike Manly, Harold Montague, Bill Cobb, and Faison Thomson.

On April 23, 1937, the Aycock episode in the North Carolina Educational Pageant was presented at Duke Stadium in Durham. Sonny Boney, Sarah Dees, Sara Jeffreys, Chase Johnson, Mildred Lee, Charles Magill, Ike Manly, Marina Andrews, Shirley Pearsall, Cliff Spruill, Doris Davis, Bill Cobb, and Cora Jane MacMillan took part in this presentation.

Another act by members of the Class of '40 which shall long be remembered and stand as a memorial to them was the organization of a Latin museum. Having made money in diverse ways, the students taking Latin I bought a number of ancient Roman relics and placed them in a cabinet in the Latin room. They continued this project during their second year of high school life.

Near the close of their first year in GHS, the time came to elect SA officers for the following year. Horace Potter served on the board of elections that controlled this vote, and Rena Graham was a member of the nominating committee. Kala Rosenthal became SA recording secretary at this period of her career. Having gained this last morsel of distinction, the Class of '40 retired for the summer.

CHAPTER TWO

After a hilarious vacation, the Class of '40 returned to their books and the varying round of school activities with renewed vim, vigor, and vitality.

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