

## Class History

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*Cross of Light* was our Easter pageant, and with its presentation our class started the tradition that sophomore classes sponsor this program each year. The student director for this pageant was Peggy Roberts. Jean Massengill, chairman of the Costume and Make-up committee, did excellent work. Those in the cast were: Marian Ballard, Lucille Baker, Hilda Blalock, Martha Belle Edgerton, A. W. Griffin, Gloria Gurganus, Jo Hallow, Sallie Lee, Jean Massengill, Sarah Montague, Janet Nufer, Harriett Riley, Jackie Saunders, Joyce Waters, Bobbie White, and Mildred Witherington.

Again this year we were largely represented in sports. They say that sophs are just an in-between class, but I think they are wrong because just look on page 15, and see the names of our members that participated in sports.

The SA again sponsored a free lunch fund drive, and our class was right in there working.

As sophomores we were well represented in the Glee Club and Band. In the Glee Club were: Evelyn Crews, Ethel Davis, Tommy Davis, Mary Epps, Dan Hall, Lois Harrell, Eula Holowell, Mary Frances Jones, Shirley King, Mary Frances Lewis, Lola Nichols, Bruce Parish, Nathalian Potter, Grace Quinn, Elizabeth Radford, Carolyn Robbins, Naomi Rose, Jewel Sauls, Mary Lamb Tucker, and Shirley Winders.

Participating in the Band were: Ed Best, Billy Burwell, Sidney Gardner, Marcus Jones, Olive Odum, Bruce Parish, Eugene Russell, and Dot Shumate.

March 9, 1942, was a red letter day for Peggy Pate, as well as for her classmates. On this day Peggy broke an American Short Course 40-yard breaststroke record. This was thrilling news to everyone in Goldsboro, and our class is very proud to have Peggy as one of its members.

As the plan to elect both class and SA officers in the spring had been successful in 1941, it was decided to try it again.

We cast our ballots for our Junior leaders, and the Board of Elections announced Luther Britt as president; Joyce Bridgers, vice president; Peggy Pate, secretary; Martha Belle Edgerton, treasurer; Theresa Kannan and Betty Reaves as cheerleaders.

In the SA elections Ila Mae West was elected corresponding secretary for the next year.

As this year came to its close we were made more aware of the reality of the war when the *Hi News* carried the story of the resignation of Coach Norris Jeffrey to accept work in the chemical division of the Carolina Aluminum Company at Baden, N. C. Early in the summer our principal, Mr. Gaddy, resigned to accept work in the same company.

Waiting for almost a year, we finally had the thing that we loved most—EXAMS!! We had been denied that privilege(?) at mid-term. Well, naturally everyone passed and with good grades too!(!).

This last day of school was saddened by the death of one of our fellow classmates, Nelson Edwards. We shall remember his friendliness, his mischievousness, and his delight in his motor scooter during the last spring of his life.

Another year of work and fun had flown by for the Class of '44, but we had really enjoyed being silly sophs. And so ended on June 4, 1942, the second part of our life in GHS. Next year we would return to school as upper classmen—jolly juniors!

### Chapter III: 1942-1943

As time marched on, so did the Class of '44. We were now entering the Junior Class of GHS. Our officers had been elected last spring, so we were ready to get down to work under the supervision of Miss Janie Ipock. Mr. C. W. Twiford was our new principal.

As our president, Luther Britt, had moved away during the summer, the class chose Pearl Privette to succeed him. Later on in the year, Joyce Bridgers moved to Suffolk, Virginia, and we elected Robert Sullivan as vice president to take her place.

Were the Juniors patriotic? I should say we were. Just look what we did in helping the war effort. On a hot, September afternoon, twenty-eight juniors, with Miss Ipock, went to Dr. D. J. Rose's farm and helped his tenants pick cotton. My, but were they sun-burned and sore for several days!

The Juniors had a major part in the Bonds and Stamp Drives. Yes, we helped win that U. S. Treasury flag—the one that is flying with Old Glory on our front campus.

Our class did its share in the County-Wide Scrap Metal Drive. Remember the morning we assembled in the park, each carrying a piece of scrap metal and paraded in the rain to a booth at the back of the school where we exchanged our metal for a blue ticket?

A number of Juniors were members of the Victory Corps, organized in the spring to provide opportunity for pre-induction work in the following fields: Air, Home, Land, Production, and Sea Service.

Our greatest loss this year to the war effort was Mr. Marshall Helms, science teacher in GHS since 1927, who resigned to accept a commission as an instructor in the Army Air Corps.

Early in the fall we thought we would like to have more money in our Treasury, so we got busy selling magazine subscriptions to local residents. Our profit from this drive was approximately \$150, which together with the profit of *Double*

*Door* established for us, the record of being the wealthiest Senior Class in the history of GHS.

Dickens' *Christmas Carol*, our Christmas pageant, brought many new faces to the stage. Among these were: Hilda Blalock, Ralph Bland, K. Borden, Jack Carrere, Evelyn Crews, Sidney Gardner, A. W. Griffin, Harriet Gurley, Agnes Hendricks, Elizabeth Jeffreys, Neal Pat MacArthur, Janet Nufer, Nona Pate, Talbot Parker, Marguerite Pennington, Harriett Riley, Ora Savage, Zeno Spence, Robert Sullivan, Lois Taylor, Ann Thompson, and Donald Ward. We shall never forget how much time and effort Miss Janie Ipock, our adviser, gave toward making this pageant a success.

On Thursday, February 25, 1943, Rose Mary Nassif, a junior, lost her life when her bicycle skidded under a moving truck. Rose Mary always had the ability to look on the bright side of things when the going was tough. She always made her classes a little jollier, and there remains in every class of which she was a member a feeling of emptiness. In the heart of every student that knew Rose Mary, there will always be a place for her. (*Hi News*—March 19, 1943.)

The beginning of this year brought us a person who has won recognition all over the State for his spectacular work in dramatics. Our school has been very fortunate in having Mr. Clifton J. Britton, for our director in Dramatic Arts. His untiring effort and enthusiasm will always be remembered.

Mr. Britton directed our Junior class play, *Double Door*, which was presented on April 16, 1943. "To be as good as *Double Door*" remained an ideal until the presentation of *Children of the Moon* in our senior year. We made a good profit and had an overflowing house.

The eight-member cast and the parts they portrayed were: Janet Nufer as Victoria VanBret (Can't you just see her now holding those pearls at the end of the play?); Joyce Waters as Caroline VanBret (Remember how she screamed and held the audience spell-bound when she was going to tell where the trap door was?); Lois Taylor as Anne Darrow, and Ralph Bland, as Rip VanBret (Remember those love scenes these two played?); Nona Pate as Avery, and Marian Ballard as Louise (wonderful maids, weren't they?); Bruce Parrish as William, and Sidney Gardner as Telson (the two men servants); Donald Ward as Mr. Chase, and Ira Montague as Dr. John Sulley (gosh, but they really surprised us with their dramatic ability); Johnnie James as Lambert, (surprised the audience by presenting the facts of the case.)

It was for this play that we had such a swell souvenir program. Remember? Mr. Britton gave the idea to his Junior English class; it was the first time in GHS that such a program had been printed.