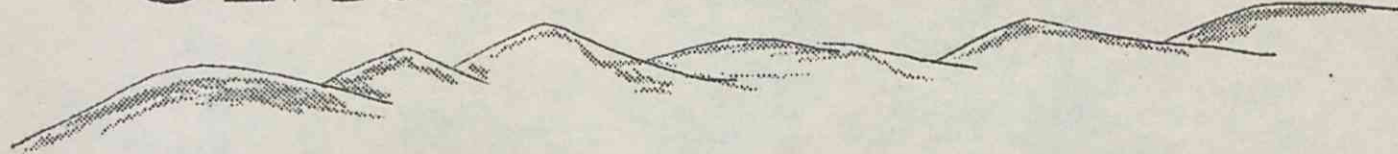


# CLASS HISTORY --



Twelve years ago, about forty-five youngsters entered the first grade. As years went by, several of the students, for some reason or other, have left Highlands and thus left the present senior class with only seventeen graduating members.

The first eight years were filled with excitement and eagerness to explore the coming years. Most of us had the Misses Howards for our first- and second-grade teachers; we divided into two different groups in the third grade, with Miss Edwards and Mrs. James as teachers. Mrs. James was again the teacher of some of us in the fourth grade. Miss Calloway taught most of us in the fifth grade. Again, in the sixth grade, several of us were divided into a group taught by Mrs. Schiffli, and the other group taught by Mrs. Shearouse. Mrs. Grist taught most of us in the seventh grade, and in the eighth grade, we were awarded our diplomas by our teacher, Mr. Ralph Angel.

We entered the ninth grade, silly but happy, and we began to find out just what high school was. Mr. Newton was our homeroom teacher and there were about thirty of us students in the class. Several students participated in basketball and several were selected to represent their selected class at Cullowhee on Field Day.

We entered the tenth grade as sophisticated sophomores with Mrs. Frank Watson as our homeroom teacher. Again this year, several participated in basketball, and some were chosen for the annual Field Day at Cullowhee. A trip through the Smokies and on to Fort Weare, Tenn., highlighted the climax of our tenth year.

As jolly juniors we once again had Mr. Newton as homeroom teacher. Our class number had dropped, leaving us with about twenty students. As in the two previous years the basketball and Field Day activities engaged many of the boys and girls. In our junior year, we were privileged to present to our upper classmates, the seniors, a banquet which proved to be a success in every way. We also received our

class rings as juniors.

And now, as dignified seniors, all of the seventeen of us are looking forward to graduation. Our caps and gowns have been ordered and our graduation invitations have already arrived. Several seniors took a trip to Raleigh the week of April 3. It was a vacation from the school work, but at the same time it was a very educational trip. All of us are looking forward to the Jr.-Sr. Banquet which will be held April 28.

So, as the curtain falls on these twelve years of history, let's look ahead and see what the future holds for all of us seniors who will graduate June 5, 1961.

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BANQUET

We, as juniors in 1960, presented the Senior Class of 1960 with a banquet on May 5, 1960, in the Highlands School cafeteria. The theme was "Fairyland Romance," with green, white, and pink as decoration colors. A variety of wild flowers were used for table decorations, as well as various arrangements throughout the room.

The invocation was given by Rev. Henry Propst. The Junior Class president Betty Jean Crawford, welcomed everyone to the banquet and the Senior Class president, Judy Chastain, gave the response to the welcome. Guest speaker for the evening was Mr. Ed Steele. Mrs. John Vernon provided entertainment by presenting a humorous reading entitled "Foolish Questions." Misses Betty Holt and Brenda Cleaveland presented a musical number and Carolyn Prince sang a song.

After dinner everyone joined in the autographing of each other's booklets.

Eight sophomores assisted in serving the food for the evening.