

SENIOR  
CLASS  
HISTORY



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We did what we could to show the school that we were trying to "Build the ladder of success, step by step."

As seniors we organized with 47 regular members who now look forward to May 17. The Senior Class Play, "Silas Marner" is now being rehearsed under the supervision of our sponsor, Mrs. H. C. Adams. Officers of the class are:

In September, 1938, 142 students hailed from Central Graded School and other elementary schools of the county to form the class of 1943. This was one of the largest classes entering Henderson Institute. We were all very green, going to the wrong rooms at the wrong times. We soon adjusted ourselves to the new surrounding. A number of the girls joined the Girls Choral Club and were faithful members in the music activities for three years. This year the Choral Club made a very good showing at the musical contest in Durham. By the next year, we were really becoming a part of the school. This sophomore class took over the Algebra Club that the class before us had, under the sponsorship of Mr. Jesse J. Mayes. Officers were:

- President.....Wilbert Knight  
Secretary.....Doris Poole  
Treasurer.....Melvyn Burt

The club gave a radio carnival which the public enjoyed. During this same year in most of the activities of the May Day Exercises and a few first places. They were defeated by a few points under the Juniors. Several sophomores were honored to serve at the first Junior-Senior Prom given by the Juniors. We found ourselves decreasing year after year, as some fell by the way side.

We sprang up as Juniors in 1941-'42 with 55 members. We worked hard with our splendid advisor, Mrs. M. Simon Bullock, to entertain the honorable seniors with the annual Junior-Senior Prom, which was one to long be remembered. We did our best to make it pleasant for them Baccalaureate Sunday and Commencement Day. Officers of the class were:

- President.....David Wills  
Vice President....Dorothy Johnson  
Secretary.....Doris Poole  
Asst. Secretary...Ethel Alexander  
Treasurer.....Annie Belle Brame

The characters of the Dramatic Play "Under Current", which won first place in Rocky Mount, were all Juniors. Namely; Charlie Jiggetts, Henry Moore, Melvyn Burt, and Delia Scott.

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| Vice President  | Melvyn Burt      |
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| Asst. Secretary | Annie B. Brame   |
| Treasurer       | Charlie Jiggetts |
| Asst. Treasurer | Urian Shields    |

The Seniors are to be entertained by the Juniors with the annual Junior-Senior Prom and with a party from the thoughtful faculty.

Over one half of the members of the Athletic teams are members of the Senior Class. Most of the officers of the organizations and clubs are seniors. The editor and a part of the staff of the school paper are seniors.

NOTE OF GRATITUDE TO THE TEACHERS

I, as representative of the senior class, write this note of gratitude to the teachers for what they have done for us during our years here:

First, we wish to thank Mr. O. T. Robinson, our principal, for the many things he has done for our benefit.

We thank Miss C. A. Terrell for supporting us and for helping the Youth Council in its struggle for existence, also for her guidance of our school paper.

Mrs. Adams, our Senior Class sponsor, is due thanks for sponsoring the senior play. To Mesdames Bryant and Bullock go our thanks for their work in making the Dramatic Club a success.

We are grateful to Mr. J. H. McDougale for his guidance in sports.

To all of our teachers, we are sincerely grateful for their patience with us in the classroom.  
Doris Thorpe.

Mrs. H. C. Adams regrets to announce that because of the lack of transportation, the trip to Fort Bragg for the seniors will be cancelled.

The Senior play was also to have been presented at Fort Bragg.

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