

Four Freshmen Give First Impressions Of W. H. S.

BERNIE EPHLAND

Bernie's opinion of Williams High School is typical of most freshmen. He thinks it's big, big, big and he is looking forward to the day he can get around the building without getting "turned around", as you might say. Bernie commented especially on the teachers being able to understand freshmen when they don't know what to do or where to go. When asked what was the best thing he had seen at the school, he quickly replied, "The cheerleaders!"

JENNY BIVENS

Jenny commented about the school

and all the many extra privileges you have at Williams that you don't have at Jr. High, especially during lunch. This opinion might be different from most seniors, but at least it's a freshman's opinion. The classes that Jenny enjoys most around the school are: study hall, lunch period, physical ed., and the between class breaks. She's an all around student, you know!

JERRY THOMAS

The next freshman interviewed by The Barker was Jerry Thomas, the younger brother of Ronnie Thomas, the phenomenal Junior golfer from

Burlington. When Jerry was asked what he thought of the school he quickly replied, "The best part of the whole school is the girls." He went on to say that Williams was a great improvement over the schools he has been attending, and the cafeteria was the nicest and had the best food of any he had seen. However, his last sentence was, and it was mainly about the golf team, "The seniors are too rough on freshmen."

NINA STANFIELD

Nina's main opinion of the school corresponded with the other freshmen in that it was big and "wonderful". However, in general, she does not think that upperclassmen dislike freshmen as much as everyone thinks they do. She said that going to high school makes you feel "bigger", whether you are or not.



Freshman pictured above are left to right: Bernie Ephland, Jenny Bivens, Jerry Thomas, Nina Stanfield.

Spanish Teacher Observes Customs Of Old Mexico

Six weeks South of the Border were spent by Mrs. Luther N. Byrd this summer, observing at first hand the life and customs of the Mexican people.

Mrs. Byrd was a student at the summer session of the Saltillo State Teachers College where she heard and used the Spanish language constantly, both in the classrooms and in her daily life.

The city of Saltillo is the capital of the Mexican state of Coahuila. The city's elevation of 5,000 feet had much to do with Mrs. Byrd having a pleasant summer, for it provided a delightful climate that was neither too hot nor too cool, and the rugged mountains presented interesting scenery.

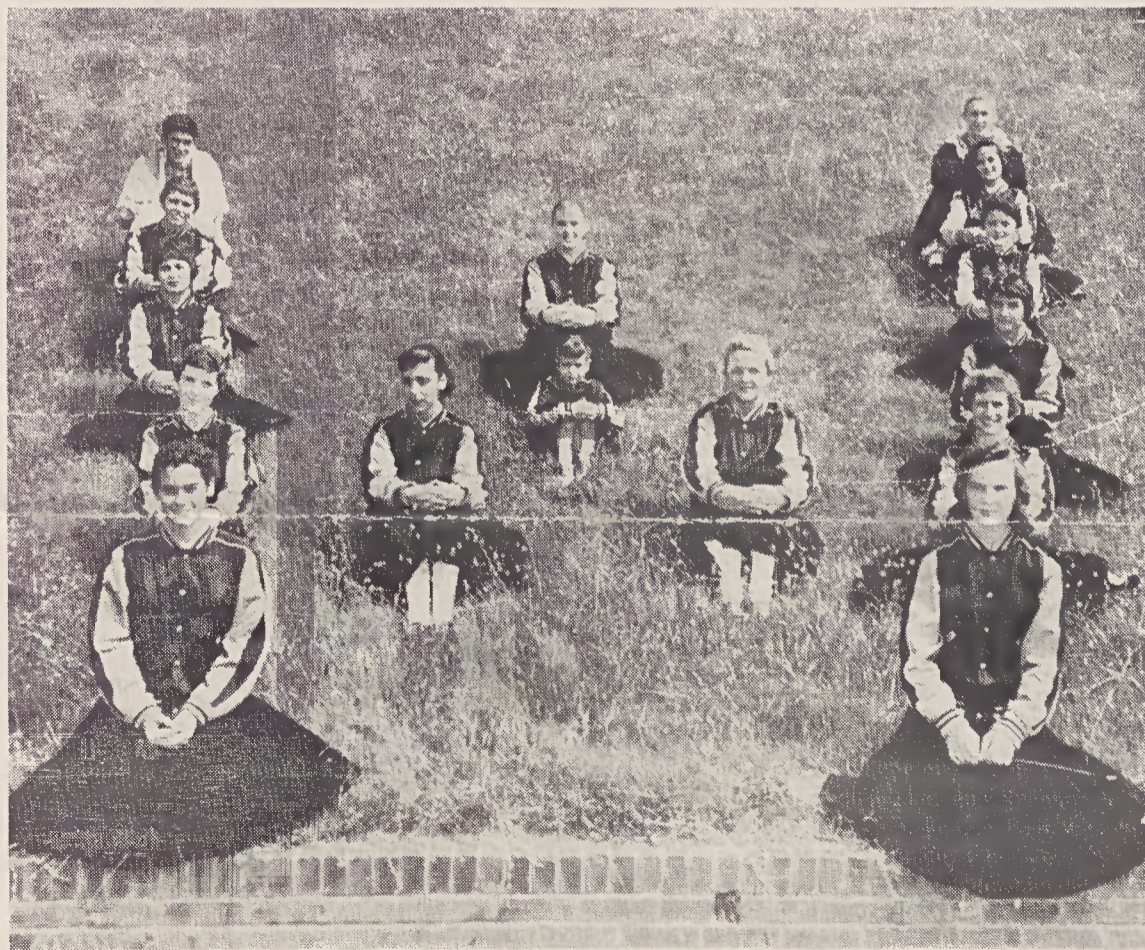
In making her trip, Mrs. Byrd was fortunate enough to miss direct contact with both Hurricane Audrey and the Mexican earthquake. When the earthquake struck Mexico City and the surrounding area, there were no tremors felt nearer than 50 miles to Saltillo.

"Unfailing courtesy and kindness on the part of the Mexican people influences one's growing fondness for Mexico," Mrs. Byrd said. She told of an incident in which she and a friend had sought shelter from a heavy rain in one of the deeply recessed doorways of a Mexican home, and the lady of the house quickly invited them into her living room to await the end of the shower. It was one of those typical Mexican homes, which in most cases front directly on the sidewalks, with the patios hidden within the inner portions of the house. Only the more luxurious homes have yards, and they would be behind walls or fences.

Mrs. Byrd and other summer students at the Teachers' College were living at a hotel in the heart of the city, and music and noise continued throughout the night. It was ironic that the visitors should have gone to Mexico to hear traditionally tranquil Spanish and Mexican music, only to

be bombarded through almost every night by Elvis Presley records from night-spots juke boxes near their hotel.

There was always entertainment for the students, provided by the college authorities, including a visit to Monterrey for a bull fight. Asked about the bull fight, Mrs. Byrd said that there were several men and only one bull in the ring, so she decided to "cheer for the bull."



Above are pictured the Varsity Cheerleaders and clowns in the shape of a W. Reading from left to right they are: Sammy Pickard, clown; Becky Carlyle, Dennie Harvey, Joan Holt, Dee Brown, Susan Hartis, Beth Harvey, mascot; Melinda Messer, head; Michael Holt, assistant head; Linda Gilliam, Pollyanna White, Virginia Hagood, Billy Gray Thomas, Jo Ann Moff, Alan Long, clown.



Pictured above is a scene from the Platter Chatter Party.

Platter Chatter Party Opens Social Season For Students

By BECKY CARLYLE

Man, the cool cafeteria was really rocking Saturday night, September 14 to the music of the Down Beats. The Platter Chatter Party was a real crazy rock and roll dance sponsored by the Student Council.

The party dolls and their escorts were decked out in their new fall fashions. The cats were a little warm, but they couldn't wait any longer to put on their new fall clothes.

On the tables there were odd shaped bottles covered with multi-colored drops of tallow. A big record with the name of the dance supplied the backdrop for the band. Red and black record mobiles were suspended from the light fixtures. A curtain of red and black crepe paper with balloons added the finishing touches to the decorations.

Alan Long and Sally Wright were in charge of the publicity for the dance and the decoration committee was headed by Martha Curtis. Refreshments were prepared by Nancy Carr, Don Newlin and Trip May were responsible for the band.

Varsity Cheerleaders Adopt New Policies For School Year

W. H. S. Varsity Cheerleaders are starting the year with many additions and changes being made. Many new cheers and songs will be heard along with the traditional ones.

Instead of the regular sweater and skirts, they will wear monogrammed jumpers during basketball season. Crew-neck sweaters and skirts will be worn during the football season.

For homecoming they plan to have last year's cheerleaders return. Raleigh will be opponents of W. H. S. for homecoming and their cheerleaders will be served supper at a local restaurant by the Varsity Squad.

Williams cheerleaders are now in the process of instructing sophomore and freshmen girls how to cheer. Ten of these girls will be selected to compose the Jr. Varsity Squad.

The clowns, Alan Long and Sammy Pickard, will be seen at all the games along with Bozo, the mascot. Beth Harvey, Dennie Harvey's sister, is another addition.

After many hours of practice the cheerleaders are prepared to cheer the Bulldogs on to victory.

Wedding Bells Ring For Four WHS Faculty Members

Many students were surprised the first day of school to find old faculty members with new last names. Among those who acquired MRS. degrees this summer are:

Mrs. W. Norman Booker

Miss Ella Cashwell and W. Norman Booker were married August 17 in Saxapahaw, N. C. Mrs. Booker teaches English and journalism at Williams High School and Mr. Booker is a textile interviewer at the local Employment Office. They are now at home at Moore Apartments after a wedding trip to Cypress Gardens, Florida.

Mrs. Edward L. Adams

Also married on August 17 were Miss Carol Jean King and Edward L. Adams in Clinton, N. C. Mrs. Adams teaches biology and general science and Mr. Adams is a student at the University of North Carolina. After the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Adams left for Ocean Drive, S.

C. They now reside at Fountain Place in Burlington.

Mrs. Stanley Huffman

Sunday, June 23, Miss Shirley Lassiter and Stanley Huffman were married in Smithfield, N. C. They are now at home at Brookwood Garden Apartments after a wedding trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee. Mrs. Huffman teaches personal and business typing and Mr. Huffman, former Williams High football coach and teacher, is now connected with Lowe and Campbell Sporting Goods.

Mrs. Kenneth Steele

Miss Mary Dean Hedrick and Kenneth Steele were married June 16 in Lexington, N. C. Mrs. Steele teaches typing and bookkeeping and Mr. Steele is an accountant in Greensboro, N. C. They now reside at 509 Jones Street after spending their honeymoon in New York and New England.