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Dedication

We, the staff of "The Owl," dedicate this, the commencement issue of our school newspaper, to our principal, Mr. D. N. Hix, who for the past five years has worked tirelessly in the interest of the Oxford High School. We do so in the hope that this issue of "The Owl" will serve as a reminder of happy days spent with the Oxford students; that in the years to come these pages will serve as a link in the chain of memories which bind him to the students of our school.

Farewell, Seniors!

By JEAN YEARGIN

Junior-Senior Proms are over! No more staying in for chewing gum or day-dreaming on class. The time has come when you, our Seniors, must depart. You, Seniors, enter a new life in which you will continue to gain knowledge and understanding. But we shall always remember you as the swell mates who were always just a little above us at dear ole Oxford Hi. The good old school spirit which we all shared so enthusiastically can not dwindle so quickly! The halls of Oxford Hi will be bare for many a day without you!

We, the undergraduates of O. H. S., express our heartfelt gratitude to you, our beloved friends and schoolmates, for the important part which you have played in the history of Oxford High School and we shall forever hold dear the pleasant memories which you leave behind!

The Seniors Say Farewell

By CAROLINE CREWS

As the parting bells of '49 toll the Seniors' last farewell, those of us who are leaving have a deep feeling of regret in our hearts as we bid "Adieu" to Oxford High.

We, the Seniors of '49, have in the past often ridiculed other graduates' regret in leaving; but now that the time has come for us to make our own farewell, we know well what they meant.

Nothing in the future can possibly mean as much to us as the happy hours which we have spent in O. H. S. The friendships which we have made will never be forgotten. No future friendships can possibly mean any more to us than those which we have made here. The only joy which we express in leaving is that we may go out into the world and put into practice the teachings which have been imparted to us here.

We now realize that one important milestone in our lives has been passed—one which will never mark our way again.

In saying our last goodbyes, we wish for those who yet have to reach this goal as much happiness as we have had during our past twelve years!

A Word Of Advice

Students in O. H. S. seem to have lost interest in affairs of the school! Everyone wants improvements, but no one will go out of his way to advance ideas and to materialize them. If you have any good ideas tell them to your council representatives! They will do something about your suggestions.

You who take part in extra curricular should support your organization. If you don't have time to attend meetings or rehearsals, and if you aren't interested, then don't join!! Your name on the roll means nothing.

So remember when you begin anew next year, join only clubs in which you are interested, and do *your* share in helping to keep the school rolling!

Class History

By JOHN PARHAM

The time was a bright fall day in September, the place was Oxford High School, and the people involved were the members of the graduating class of 1949. It was on that day that we, the class of '49, began our high school career.

At our first class meeting we elected the following officers: President, Ferebee Patterson; Vice-President, William Ragland; Secretary and Treasurer, Charles Brooks. Our Freshman sponsors were Mrs. Clifton Bradford and Miss Sarah Yarborough.

The following September we entered O. H. S. with a feeling that we were really climbing up the ladder of success, for we were no longer "rookies" in high school. In early October we met and elected the following as our class officers: Arch Fort, President; George Moore, Vice-President; Caroline Crews, Secretary; and Ben Wells, Treasurer. At this meeting also was chosen the class historian, John Parham. The outstanding events of our Sophomore year were the Spring and Fall socials which were sponsored by the Student Council. Then to top it all off, the class had a very delightful picnic at Gooch's Mill on the last day of school. Our Sophomore sponsors were Miss Lorena Averett and Mr. Robert Culton.

The next time we began school we were jolly Juniors, for then we had climbed almost to the top of the ladder. We could hardly wait until March rolled around and the time to order our class rings. A committee with the help of a representative from the ring company designed a new crest for the O. H. S. class rings. The crest was the school seal.

Our Junior officers were: Arch Fort, President; John Parham, Vice-President; Joe Pruitt, Secretary; and Charles Brooks, Treasurer. Our Junior sponsors were Miss Bess Noble, now Mrs. E. L. Clay, and Miss Edna Reams. The marshals chosen from our class were Arch Fort, chief, Jackie Wheeler, Talbot Tippet, Joe Pruitt, Charles Brooks, Helen Hall, Jean Crews, Caroline Crews, and George Moore.

Then in the Spring came our unforgettable Junior-Senior banquet. The theme was an "Old Fashioned Garden" and was carried out very well.

In the fall of '48 we came back to Oxford High for our last year. We had reached the top and were sophisticated Seniors at last. We had a class meeting and elected the following officers: Jimmy Steagall, President; John Parham, Vice-President; Joe Pruitt, Secretary and Charles Brooks, Treasurer. Our Senior sponsors were Miss Eugenia Boyd and Miss Helen Wilkin.

The first big event of our senior year was the play which the class presented on March 18. The play was entitled "Out on a Limb" and was directed by Miss Lorena Averett. Then we again had the pleasure of attending the Junior-Senior which was held on April 22 at the Woman's Club. Next came the Baccalaureate sermon on May 29 at the First Baptist Church. Following that came the Class Night and last, but far from least, the graduating exercises at which we received our diplomas.

Yes, we had reached the top of the ladder and could see a bright and glorious future unfolding before us.

Personalities

ELOISE GILL



Paging Miss Gill! This is a popular expression around the school store early every morning. Everyone is waiting for our most capable, assistant-manager to

open-up! Eloise Gill is a very striking figure in Miss Averett's sophomore class and a very popular one especially when it comes to "A Guy From Texas!"

A member of the Girl's Glee Club, Eloise loves to sing but her favorite pastime is bowling.

Collecting match covers (bet we know what kind!) is a favorite hobby and Eloise also loves to read.

Like everyone else, Eloise dislikes conceited people and snoopers (of course, there are none at O. H. S.)! Her ambition is to be a stenographer. We know you'll make a good one (maybe for Crutcher's Incorporated!), Eloise!

JESSE HINNANT SUITT



J—Joyous
 E—Energetic
 S—Sensational
 S—Sincere
 E—Excellent company!

H—Happy-go-lucky
 I—Independent
 N—Neat
 N—Nice
 A—Adorable
 N—Noticeable
 T—Tall, dark, and handsome!
 S—Sentimental
 U—Undecided vocation
 I—Industrious (on the farm)
 T—Tired always
 T—Thankful for passing!

MARIANNE MAY



No doubt, everyone around Oxford Hi has noticed that cute little brunette with flashing brown eyes—Marianne May. Some of the numerous drawings

in the hall were done by Marianne, who hates to study but likes to take art under Mrs. Clay. This cute junior also likes to get up at 6:30 A.M. Energetic, isn't she?? She likes to spend Sunday afternoons in Henderson (Traitor), and chew gum in Miss Reams' class, and she detests girls who smoke. After attending college, Marianne wants to be a housewife. In addition to all be-bop music, this hep-cat's favorite song is "You, You, You are the One." Her favorite pastime is daydreaming in Herrings (About Rial Jones, no doubt!) Marianne plans to spend part of the summer at Daytona Beach, Fla. This gal's personality really deserves a superior rating, so good luck to a cute girl.