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**Farewell O. H. S.**

As the end of the school year draws nearer, we seniors of the class of 1954 realize what O. H. S. has meant to us. We think of each of the members of the faculty whom we are leaving and how they have diligently worked to teach us, prepare us for graduation, and help us with our problems, both as individuals and as groups. We also think of how we are indebted to the students of O. H. S. and how much they have meant to us; sometimes without knowing it.

As we seniors part from you, we shall always remember our Alma Mater and the people who made it what it has been to us.

In our own small ways; by what we will make of our lives after graduation, perhaps we can show our gratitude to you for teaching us, not only from textbooks, but also in living.

Perhaps it's best expressed in this way:  
 "Proudly we're singing, praise and honor bringing.

Our lives have finer grown, who thy dear halls have known.

Friendship and loyalty ever bind our hearts to thee.

Oxford, dear Oxford High."

**Class Poem of 1954**

By Nick Bragg

Farewell, old friends, and class mates too,  
 Farewell these scenes so dear;  
 It grieves us now to say good bye  
 As parting time draws near.

The years have brought us many joys,  
 Rich blessings every day,  
 And memories that will long remain,  
 When we are far away.

Our years of toil are now complete,  
 We shall miss your kind and smiling faces  
 As we strive to progress in future years,  
 In new and challenging places.

So here's a fond farewell  
 As tear drops dim our eyes,  
 We face the future confidently,  
 We rejoice in tomorrow's exultant sunrise.

**These We Shall Remember**

Lunch Room Rush  
 Non-studying Study Halls  
 Practicing for Jr. and Sr. Plays  
 G. A. A. and B. A. A. initiations  
 Last minute rush for book reports  
 The night before exams  
 Those welcomed Christmas holidays  
 Cheering section at basketball games  
 Jrs. receiving class ring  
 3:10 rush  
 Jr.-Sr. Banquet  
 Field Day  
 Loafing at lunch time  
 First day at high school  
 Monday morning blues  
 Beating Henderson?????  
 Changing classes  
 Bunny Hop and Hokey-Pokey  
 Teen-Age Club  
 Waiting for exemptions  
 "Twirp Week"

**"Uncensored"**

Hooray! The swimming season is here at last!!! Yours truly spied a gang headed toward the swimming pool on Jimmy Crawford's cadillac. I jumped on the running board and away we crawled!! Peeping through the window, I saw Joanne H. and "Woody" T., Marilyn S. and Dan N., Mary Ann McS. and George J., and Sarah Ann W. and Jimmy C. all squashed together!

On the way, we passed Taylor J., Blanche B., Jane H. and Billy S. hitch-hiking. We made room for them in the trunk and away we crawled again. Riding merrily along on a bicycle built for three were Billy K., Haywood M., and Janet D?????!!!!!! Martha McF. was riding on the handlebars of a bike pedaled by Bobby C. Next, we saw more hitch-hikers which turned out to be Shirley W. and Richard M. and Helen A. and Tommy C. We made room for them on the fenders and away we rode once more.

As we turned in at the pool, we were greeted by the soothing sound of "I Didn't Wanna Do It" being danced to by Archie D. and Candace T. Keeping time to the music with their chewing gum were Nancy C., Jan P. and Julia B. Buying tickets just ahead of us from Mr. Bob Culton were Barbara H. and Maynard A., Sally W. and Hoke H.

Sitting on the steps, whistling to all the girls—pretty girls that is—were Frank B., Phillip H., Sam R., and Leonard D. Upon entering the pool, the first thing yours truly saw was Nellie Holmes B. and Dick T. doing the Dog Paddle together. Showing his strength on the diving board was the sensational, colossal, mighty Ben A. while Joy B. stood by admiring him dreamily. Sitting in the Lifeguard seat with Billy J. was Jane W. while Frances J. stood a safe distance away with Bruce D. Sunbathing were Patsy M. and Donald L. and Shelba W. and Thomas B. Leisurely strolling around the pool were Julia H. and Stephen D. Coming from the opposite direction were Judy D. and Francis H. while trailing close behind were Dorothy W. and Donald K. Swimming along close together were Yvonne O. and J. P. Jones, while about middle way, Ferryl G. and Gwen S. were having a riotous good time ducking each other. Suddenly, we heard a cry for help coming from the pool and what should we see but Mary Ann D. carrying Charlie E. out of the water. We decided to leave after this close call because yours truly might have been next. Overflowing Jimmy C's. cadillac and Richard H's. limousine, off we went to the Dairy Treat. Saw Ann C. and Ronald S., Jean W. and Bob S., and Martha G. and David B. having a picnic on the Experiment farm premises.

Playing golf was the Bachelor's Club consisting of Walter B., Roland M., Curtis T., Sam C., and Johnny W. They were all attired in Bermuda shorts, of course.

Arriving at the Dairy Treat, we saw Patsy H., Alice C., Lessie Pearl S., Naomi O., Stella Q., Kathryn R., Elizabeth F., and Barbara B., on Ann W's. chrysler. Their chauffeur was none other than the great, ever-popular Taylor J. who drives "36."

In the long line ahead of us, we saw Hetty C. and Johnny M. and Billy B. and Martha H. Drinking gallon jars of milk, one right after the other was Betty Lou B. trying to gain a few pounds. We expected to see it coming out of her ears, nose, and eyes every minute!! Sipping the same milk shake but through separate straws were Ella Jean A. and Sam W. "Pete" Hobgood and Nancy Jo F. were not eating anything. Pete seems to think Nancy Jo is sweet enough as she is!!

I haven't told you all the news, but simply must stop with this—tongue fatigue. Be seeing you next year.

"THE OWL"

**Personalities**



Jean Wheeler, Jimmy Crawford, Mary Ann Dean and Earl Saye

**JEAN WHEELER**

- J—just imagine being elected "Most Dependable" by
- E—everybody in the Senior Class!
- A—always being willing to do your share and
- N—never shirking a task!
- W—while at the same time being witty and clever
- H—helpful in every way; and being
- E—everything the doctor ordered
- E—especially in all you do and say!
- L—lest you wonder if this is really true
- E—every word is true, I assure you; for Jean
- R—really is the "pick" of the Senior Class.

**JIMMY CRAWFORD**

- J—just the kind of guy you all want to know.
- I—intelligent? He has brains galore
- M—merely one of the most popular boys in the Sophomore Class
- M—makes the girls stare as he goes by.
- Y—your friend and mine in time of need.
- C—carefree and gay; energetic, too.
- R—riding in his fine Sedan is where he is usually found.
- A—always willing to do his share.
- W—witty! And at the right time, too.
- F—friendly? You never pass him when he does not speak.
- O—Oxford is his home town, of course.
- R—respected by his fellow classmates.
- D—dependent on someone else for homework? Never!!

**MARY ANN DEAN**

- M—mostly smiles
- A—Always friendly
- R—real gone gal
- Y—yes, that's our Mary Ann!

- A—attractive and sweet
- N—nice as can be
- N—neat as a whistle

- D—dances well (especially with Charlie)
- E—everything she does, she does well
- A—always willing to do the best
- N—no stuff!!! Mary Ann's swell!

**EARL SAYE**

- E—excels in school work
- A—athletic Association member
- R—really is an asset to O. H. S.
- L—liked by his fellow students

- S—student Council member
- A—athletic minded—played football and basketball
- Y—you know he is a popular guy, for he was
- E—elected vice-president of the Freshman Class.

**Snooping Around**

The students of Jr. High wish to thank all the people who made Field Day possible and such a big success.

First place winners of the girls individual events were: Mary Ann Jernigan—50 yard dash, Becky Baird—standing broad jump, Annie Self—running broad jump.

First place winners of the boy's individual events were: Neil Yeargin—50 yard dash, Charles Dickerson—running broad jump.

The grades were divided into gray and maroon teams. At the close of Field Day the Maroon team had 37 points and the Gray team had 67 points.

Judy Dean is really happy these days. She is going steady with Francis Hughes better known as "Mosquito."

David Currin is a real cute boy!! I wonder who else thinks so????

Polly Daniel and James Dickerson make a real cute couple!!!!

We hear that William Perry likes Anne Morton!!! Is that true???

Seen walking home from school in the afternoon are Slade Ballou and Delores Johnson!!!!

Sam Whitt and Ella Jean Averett are always seen together around school.

Zack Mitchell and Sam Currin had a wonderful time at the Girl Scout dance from all reports we have heard.

The teen-age club has been very successful this year!!! We certainly do thank the Jr. Woman's Club for all the hard work they have put into it!!

Seen at the teen-age club most every Friday and Saturday nights are Jo Anna Watkins and Ronald Bullock, Mae Reynolds and Charles Gibbs and many others.

Callie Frazier blushes every time anyone mentions Jack Talbert's name!

Has anyone noticed the pretty football around Linda Knott's neck???

Dorothy Dickerson has everybody guessing again!! Who can it be Dorothy???

Anne White must really like someone to stop playing the piano when the Hi-School bell rang to see if "he" was going by!!! Who is "he", Anne???

Madge Daniel and Joe Wheeler seem to be our newest couple around school!!!!

Arch Crawford is the latest addition to the "Bop Club."

Marvin Briggs has been seen making eyes at Frances Oakes!!!

Fielding Walker and Charlotte Easton have been seen riding double on Fielding's bicycle! Watch out that's dangerous!!!!

William L. has taken a real interest in golf lately!!! Is it really golf, William???

We believe the reason so many people's papers are late is because Billy Adcock has to stop along the way and talk to his many girl admirers!!!!