

# Class History

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The great ship "Albemarle Hi" has laid anchor for the last time after five unforgettable years of voyaging. We have journeyed over rough seas and through terrific winds, but we have always managed to weather the storms and come out smiling.

Our crew consisted of 105 capable boys and girls who have done much to make our ship the very best. We have lost a few of our fellow crewmen who have traveled to other ports to set sail from there. We have also gained others who have sailed with us.

When we first climbed aboard in September of 1947 to leave for the open sea in search of treasure, we were just a little green and even more scared. But we soon caught on to the tricks of the trade and before a year had passed we were beginning to call ourselves "able seamen."

That first year in the eighth grade was a hectic one. We were always running around poking our noses into things and just generally bothering upperclassmen. Many of our girls had terrific crushes on senior boys and always managed to be in the halls when classes changed or when some good-looking senior boy was seen strolling down the hall.

Then when we came back after summer vacations, we were proud as peacocks—no longer were we little eighth graders. We were Freshmen! We were at long last officially in high school, and that year we began our duties with renewed vim and vigor.

We were proud, too, because Joe Clayton and Leslie Swanner made the varsity football team. We knew that they would help lead us on to victory.

In our freshman year we learned the school routines and became thoroughly familiar with the school songs and yells. We felt that we really belonged at AHS.

This was the year we outgrew ribbons, pigtails, and freckles, and when lipstick came to its own. The boys finally realized that there were such things as girls.

Then vacation time rolled around again, and long before September came we were ready and eager for school to begin. This year we would be sophomores—our joy could scarcely be contained.

The fall days were filled with football, and each Friday night found us huddling together on the

bleachers cheering our team to bright victory. Then during the winter months basketball filled our nights. We were awfully proud of the AHS team because several of our classmates were out there. This made the games doubly exciting.

By this time we had fully decided and announced to the world that there was nothing like high school life. It wasn't all work and no play. The various school functions and extra-curricular activities were tops with us, and already we were beginning to be a little sad when we thought of graduating.

The Sophomore Hop was one of our first big dances, and we really felt important because our class was the first in AHS to give a Sophomore Hop.

Another summer, another September, and the year when we were Juniors came. Our biggest year so far with the hard work on the junior play and the days spent in preparation for the Jr.-Sr. Prom. This was the year, too, when we received our class rings. We were so proud of them that we sat during class and stared at them—not to mention showing them to all underclassmen.

After a summer of "duck tails," peroxidized hair, hard-fought-for tans and freckled faces, we returned to AHS with our heads held high. We were the leaders—the captains. We were Seniors now—no more kid stuff—we were looking ahead into the future.

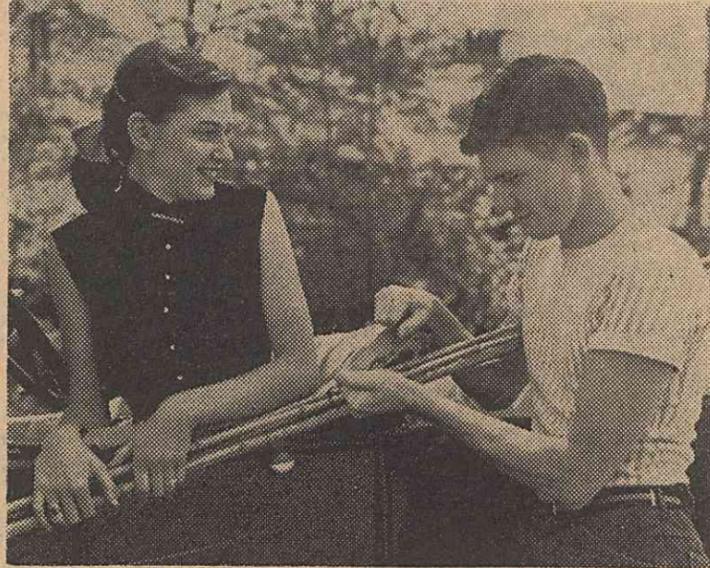
The Senior Play "Men Are Like Streetcars" and the Jr.-Sr. Prom highlighted our last year at AHS.

Our days were filled with classes, meetings and preparations for graduation.

Now, after five very short years, we have at last reached our goal—we have found our treasure. Ours is more than silver and gold—we have fulfilled our prime ambition. It is just a roll of parchment, tied with ribbon, but it is a stepping stone to our future and success. We also have a treasure chest of golden memories to carry with us into the world throughout the years.

As we leave the ship and bid farewell to our friends and fellow crewmen, our hearts are saddened, but we turn toward land—our faces lighted with inspiration and higher ambitions. We give one backward glance. Against the horizon we see the good ship "Albemarle Hi" slowly fading from sight, but the memory will be ours—always.

# WHO'S WHO



SYLVIA MORROW

KEITH BYRD

Beep, Beep! There goes Sylvia Morrow, one of the friendliest girls in AHS. Sylvia has more friends than you can count. This attractive, green eyed senior is sure to have a flock of friends wherever she goes.

During her high school career, Sylvia has taken part in almost every activity you can name. She was a member of the eighth grade chorus. She has been a member of the Mixed Chorus for two years and is on the scrapbook committee for the chorus.

Sylvia has taken a definitely active part in the field of dramatics. This year she has been the president of the Black Masque. As a freshman, she had the leading role in *Pilgrims on the Way*, a Bible play, and was also cast in *Finders Keepers*. This year she had a major part in *Men Are Like Streetcars*. Besides being a fine actress, Sylvia was a prompter for several plays.

Sylvia is active in sports also. She was a member of the Varsity basketball team for one year and has taken part in both Field Day and Intramural sports. She has been a member of the Booster's club during her entire stay at AHS.

A born leader, Sylvia has been a homeroom officer several different years and has also been on many different committees.

Sylvia is a member of the news staff of the Full Moon and of the Crossroads literary staff. She has been a member of the Tri-Hi-Y for two years. Aside from all of these activities, Sylvia has

found time to be an honor student. She was tapped into the Honor Society last fall and became one of its outstanding members.

Next year Peace college will be the lucky school getting Sylvia. She is undecided what she will major in but is planning to transfer to Carolina her Junior year. Wherever she goes and whatever she does, you can bet your life that Sylvia will make a success of life.

over from the start. Keith has been a very diligent worker during his high school career, and every activity that came along, you can bet, he was right in the middle of it.

He has been one of AHS's star athletes, for he has not only played varsity football two years, but has played varsity basketball for two years, as well. Keith has also taken an active part in Field Day for five years and has won many first places for his class. His talents, however, are not limited to sports. He was a member of the Ninth Grade Chorus and has been a member of the Monogram Club, Dramatics Club, Boosters' Club, and Hi-Y Club.

As a senior, he has been as busy as a bee, being vice-president of the senior class, sports editor of the annual, a member of the Inter-Club Council, and Student Lion.

He is active in church work as well as school work, being a member of the choir of the First Presbyterian church, of which he is a member.

This likeable senior is no different from any other boy in that he could sit down to his favorites, steak, French fries, and strawberry shortcake, anytime.

Keith plans to enter the University of North Carolina this coming September, and we are sure that he will find his way into their hearts the way he has into ours.

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