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Speaking as an old grad (Class of '28) who considers such sentimental gatherings worth the time and trouble, we extend best wishes to New Bern High School's Class of 1936 on the eve of its well planned Reunion here.

These youngsters--at least they were youngsters then--may have been born 30 years too soon, although it is doubtful that they follow this line of reasoning. Because they graduated in the midst of the Great Depression, they had to forego the joy of a yearbook, or even a class picture.

They had to do without a lot of other things too during their teens, but in their hearts, when they walked out of the Moses Griffin building at Central School to face a threadbare world, were memories to cherish for a lifetime. Except for hope and faith, that's about all they had.

To their everlasting credit, they didn't become embittered and lash out against their nation and their elders. It was the end of the educational trail for many who wanted desperately to go to college, but they got jobs, the ones who could find a job and grew up to be good citizens.

Not the least of what they learned, before and after graduation, was how to make the best of a bad situation. It was a lesson, we feel sure, that served them well when they parted and scattered over a wide area. And now the ones who can make it are getting together again.

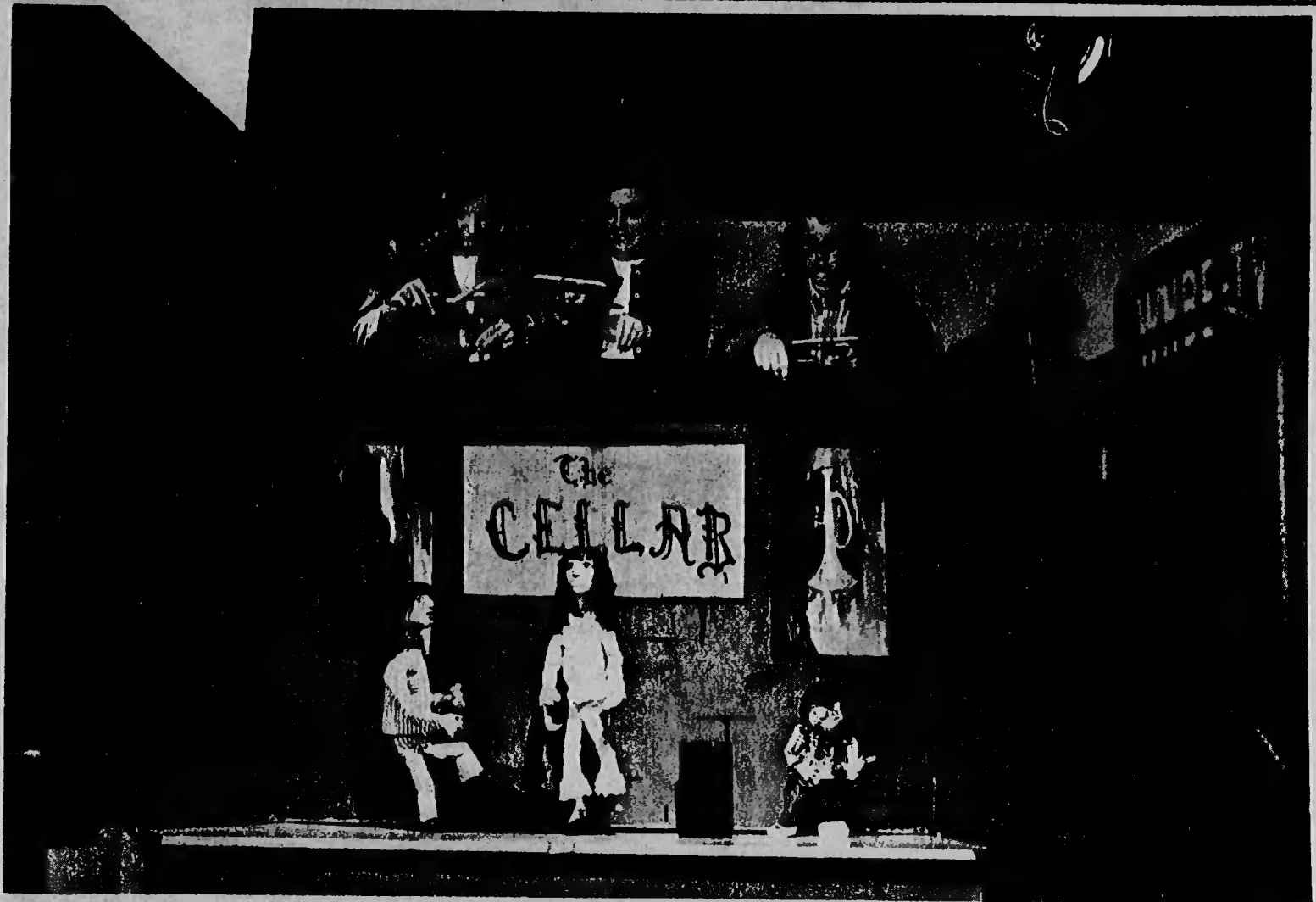
Jimmie Smith, now a member of the New Bern High school faculty, is chairman of the reunion committee. Serving with him are Catherine Latta, executive secretary; Eddie Russell (now City Clerk and Treasurer) treasurer; Evelyn Hancock McCutcheon, telephoning; Elizabeth Gaskins Chagaris, hospitality; MacRay Lancaster, reservations; and Teddy Shapou, registrations.

As high school students, members of the class were generously tendered the use of the Woman's Clubhouse at Union Point for the dances and other social gatherings. That's why registration will be there, Saturday morning, followed by a noon picnic on the clubhouse lawn.

During the afternoon, those attending the reunion will have a choice of touring New Bern, touring Tryon Palace, golf at the New Bern Country Club, or swimming at the same spot. Then, at 7 p. m., a banquet and informal dance are tap at the New Bern Shrine club.

Among the out of towners expected for the occasion are James E. Civils of College Park, Ga.; Sam H. Coward of Sarasota, Fla.; Mrs. L. O. Dennis (Susie Adams) of Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. R. L. Green (Dare Harrison) of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Frank Lindsay (Audrey Peterson) of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. John H. Critcher (Mary Elizabeth Gaskins) of Boone; Worthington J. Harris of Charlotte; Mrs. Richard Johnston (Elicia Caroon) of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. W. J. Murphy (Catherine Lamb) of West Asheville; Mrs. Don Perry (Ruth Chadwick) of Hamlet; and Morrison Barwick of Washington; Mrs. George

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PULLING STRINGS—New Bern High school's talented puppeteers, Becky Williams, Duffy Beasley and Jay Jones, provided Fun House viewers tuned to WNBE-TV with delightful entertainment when they appeared recently on the local station. The trio, under the

guidance of Mrs. Dacia King of the NBHS art department, worked with marionettes this year as a class project. On stage you see Sonny and Cher, pop singer favorites, accompanied by guitarist Buddy Wiser.—Photo by Ted Carey.



THE JONES BOYS—Milton D. (Buck) Jones of Arapahoe, wasn't successful in his bid for the State House of Representatives, but with a wonderful family like this he still has good reason to smile. Left to right are Earl, 11; Lee, 15; Buck (that's his real name) 14; Ken,

4; their mother, Iris; Alan, 6, and Pop. If you have a house full of girls, make a note of these eligible bachelors for future prospecting.—Photo by Wootten-Moulton Studio.