

# Piney Creek High School Has Eight In The Graduating Class This Year

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### MAKE GOOD RECORDS

The class of 1945 of Piney Creek high school is smaller than usual, because of the wartime drains on students, but the eight who are to graduate, have made outstanding records in many phases of activities as well as their school work. There are five girls and three boys in the group that will graduate June 8.

Many of the seniors have planned their careers. Some of these will be associated with winning the war and the establishment of world peace. Others plan to pursue their scholastic careers. Presented here are brief sketches of the graduates, together with their aims and ambitions:

#### SUE BROWN

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Brown, Sue was born December 29, 1927. Hobbies: Dancing, skating and reading. Ambition: To become a navy nurse. Voted the silliest and cutest. Motto: "Take it easy."

#### LAURENE N. LANDRETH

Laurene is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Landreth and was born August 1, 1927. Hobbies: Dancing, music and art. Voted the best dressed and biggest flirt. Ambition: To become a modern designer. Motto: "To be rather than seem."

#### FRED ALLISON PUGH

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Pugh, Fred was born April 2, 1927. Hobbies: Hunting and fishing. Voted the most handsome boy, best athlete and best dressed. Played on basketball and baseball teams. Ambition:

## Piney Creek Graduates And Faculty Members



Fred Allison Pugh

Sue Brown

Laurene N. Landreth

Edna Marie Sturgill

Bytha Nora Sturgill

Edward Woodie

Edwin Wyatt

Mr. Van Hoy

Mrs. Gertrude G. Blevins

Mrs. G. W. Miller, Jr.

Mrs. Dick Doughton

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Bytha Nora Sturgill

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Mrs. Gertrude G. Blevins, a graduate of ASTC, teaches French and English. With seven years teaching experience, this is her second year at Piney Creek. During the various drives in the war effort, Mrs. Blevins has done a splendid job in furnishing entertainment. She also aids in all entertainment programs given by the school.

Mrs. G. W. Miller, Jr., who is substituting for Mr. Van Hoy, is a graduate of ASTC. This is her fourth year as a teacher and her first year at Piney Creek. Mrs. Miller is a graduate of Piney Creek high school and a native of the community.

Mrs. Dick Doughton graduated from Berea College, Berea, Ky., June, 1944, with a B. S. degree in home economics. She not only teaches home economics and science, but is director of physical education.

E. C. Minnich, head of the agricultural department, is a graduate of VPI, Blacksburg, Va. He has had five years teaching experience, three of them at Piney Creek.

Mrs. Ruth Halsey, the first grade teacher, is a graduate of ASTC. She has had eighteen years of teaching experience, seven of them at Piney Creek.

Mrs. Blanche Osborne, the second grade teacher, attended ASTC. This is her second year of teaching at Piney Creek. She has had fifteen years of teaching experience.

Mr. J. B. Reed, the third grade teacher, attended ASTC. This is her eleventh year as a teacher and her first year at Piney Creek.

Miss Rachel Halsey, the fourth grade teacher, is a graduate of ASTC. She has a grammar grade certificate A. This is her eighth

year of service for Piney Creek. Miss Jean McMillan, the fifth grade teacher, is teaching her ninth year for Piney Creek.

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like showing good response. A total of \$10,000.00 in bonds was sold during the sixth war loan drive with \$6,500.00 sold in the present seventh war loan drive. In the Red Cross campaign, \$348.93 was raised by the students and teachers, and more than \$250.00 was donated in the United War Fund Campaign. Donations to the Infantile Paralysis campaign, the Junior Red Cross, and the United National Clothing Drive, bear witness to the fact that Piney Creek is all out for victory.

The home economics class has aided the war effort by sewing for the Junior American Red Cross, and dramatics classes have been particularly cooperative by presenting skits and plays at various entertainments.

In addition, there are more than 180 former Piney Creek students serving on the world battlefronts. Of this number, several have given their lives in the service of their country and many have been wounded in action. Their part in the world struggle has been a special inspiration to the girls and boys in school to take a vigorous part in all drives relative to the war effort.

Along with other wartime activities, the importance of keeping well and building strong bodies from proper diet have been stressed. The lunchroom, opened for the first time this year, has served a record number of meals, all of which have been well planned and balanced.

ing. Voted the dumbest, wittiest and best actress of the class. Ambition: To be an interior decorator. Motto: "To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

BYTHA NORA STURGILL  
Bytha is also the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sturgill, and was born February 28, 1928. Hobbies: Collecting post cards, pictures and taking part in athletics. Voted the most versatile, most likely to succeed and the most studious. Ambition: To be a co-worker in Christian service. Motto: "Honest unyielding effort."

EDWARD WOODIE  
Edward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Woodie and was born November 21, 1927. Hobbies: Fishing, hunting and working crossword puzzles. Voted the best actor and best sport in class. Played on baseball team. Ambition: To become a chemist. Motto: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

EDWIN WYATT  
Edwin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wyatt and was born June 7, 1923. Hobbies: Hunting and fishing. Voted the most studious and most likely to succeed. Played on basketball and baseball teams. Ambition: To become a chemist. Motto: "Never give up."

There is a possibility of developing surgical sponges made of starch that can safely be sewed up in wounds because the sponge material can be absorbed by the body.

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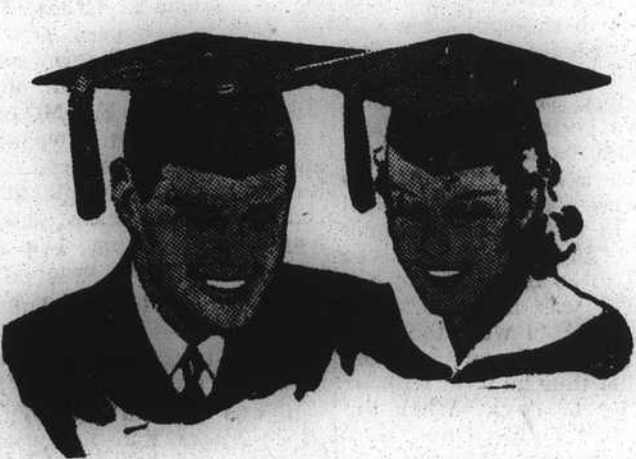
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