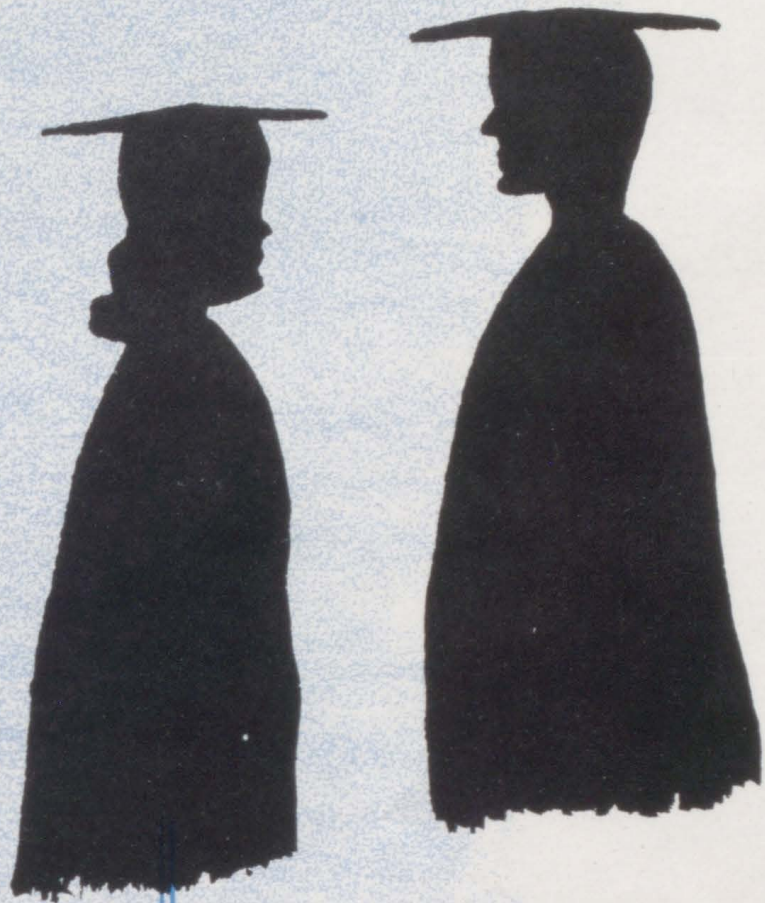


# THE ECHO



Published By  
The Senior Class of  
Bland High School

1956



In Affectionate Memory  
of  
Joseph Hounshell Muncy  
A friend and classmate

The senior class of  
Bland High School  
dedicates this eleventh  
edition of "The Echo"

For some are born to do great deeds,  
and live,  
As some are born to be obscured, and  
die,  
Do thou the deed I die too young to  
do,---

-Arnold



Helen P. Hardy



Mary Greever



James O. Morehead

Victor R. Gilly

# ADMINISTRATION

Virginia Brown  
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Dorothy Wadsworth



Annie Dunn  
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Marie Groseclose  
Lena Burton  
Virginia Stafford

Mozelle Peery  
Georgie Mustard  
Myrtle Stuart  
Ethel Billips



# LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We, the members of the graduating class of Bland High School, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-six, do hereby bequeath the following items to those who are less fortunate than us, in this, our last will.

Collectively, the Senior Class wills the following:

To the school, we leave our impression on the sand of time with the hope that the class of 1956 will never be forgotten in the annuals of Bland High School.

To the faculty, we leave all the startling information and amazing knowledge with which we have supplied them on our examination papers from time to time. We know that much which we have imparted to them in this way has been entirely new to them and would throw much new light on many familiar line of thought throughout the entire world, even outside the halls and walls of B. H. S.

To the Juniors, we leave all the old chewing gum stuck on the bottom of the desks in the Senior room.

To the Sophomores, we give our abundant store of knowledge, pounded into our thick skulls by the poor old faculty.

To the Freshmen, we will the privileges and hardship it takes to become Seniors.

Individually, we make the following personal bequests of the things we have held most dear throughout our high school days:

I, Jean Melvin, will my love for Hollybrook to Yvonne Durham.

I, Billy Muncy, will my ability to ring the outside bell to Billy Strook.

I, Gary Walker, will my ability to use flashlights to Jimbo Muncy.

I, Margaret Tickle, will my giggling ways to Thelma Wilson.

I, Doug Sarver, will my ability to get out on Saturday night to Billy Dehart.

I, Jimmy Dehart, will my ability to drive and Dallas Midkiff to Dewey Conley.

We, Mildred Wolfe and Shelby Ramsey, will our seats in the Senior room to Nancy Tate and Mona Scott.

We, Ruby Wilson and Phyllis Melvin, will our ability to catch boy-friends to Joyce Puckett and Sue Muncy.

I, Danny Bird, will my never failing ability to have "good luck" with the family car on date night to anybody that wants to and pity the person that gets it.





I, Steward Stafford, will my flashy shirts to Dan Wiley.  
We, Barbara Wright and Dona Wright, will our good times on the bus to Bobby Newberry and Edwin Beamer.

I, Eula Hooker, will my ability to have fun to Carty Shannon.  
I, Billy Atkinson, will my aggravating ways to Jackie Wayne Mustard.  
I, Lewis Tickle, will "Rosy" to anyone who wants her.  
I, Carolyn Morehead, will my ability to pick on people without being detected to Vera Lene Tickle.

I, Eleanor Bird, will my height to Henry Howard Newberry.  
I, Jimmy Strouse, will my ability to study to David Morehead.  
I, L. B. Townley, will my letter-writing ability to Kenneth Hall.  
I, Doug Gordon, will my love for Bland to Sherman Townley.  
I, Tommy Harden, will my white hair, to Douglas Ramsey.  
I, Wilmer Havens, will my dignified ways to Phillip Stowers.  
I, Dexter Townley, will my independent ways to D. B. Waddle.  
I, Wayne McPeak, will my name "Dumpy" to Joyce Six.  
I, Elwood Cash, will my temper to Pauline King.

I, Faye Davis, will my title "yellow rose of Little Creek" to Eleanor Hamblin.

I, Maxine Conley, will my curly hair to Barbara Elizabeth Wright.  
I, Arthur Wright, will my title "do less" to David Strader.  
I, Pauline Melvin, will all my nicknames to Janie Chewning.  
I, Charles Kirby, will the remainder of my two weeks to L. S. Lambert.

We, Carolyn Bird and Nancy Kitts, will our athletic ways to Nancy Tate and Ann Hardy.

I, Johnny Atwell, will my ignorance to Barry McPeak.  
I, Nancy Francis, will my artistic ability to Billy Ramsey.  
I, Barbara McPeak, will my ability to stick bobby pins in a receptacle to Margaret Miller.

Anything else that the Senior Class has had possession of, will be left for the use of Principal, teachers, and students in future years.

Eleanor Louise Bird

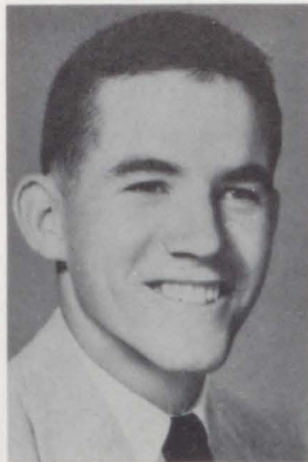
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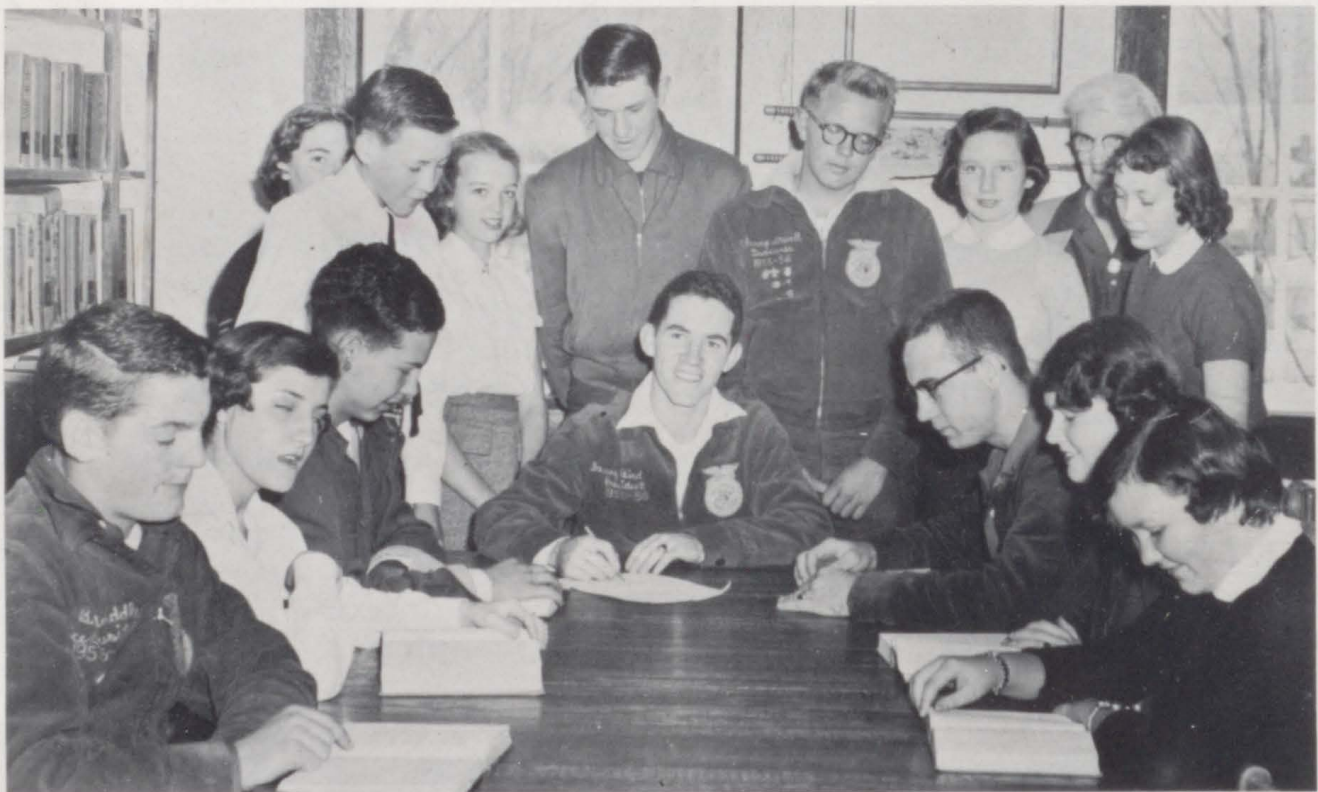
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# CLASSES

# SENIORS

LUTHUR BROWN TOWNLEY  
L. B.

BARBARA JANE WRIGHT  
Barbara



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Strouse



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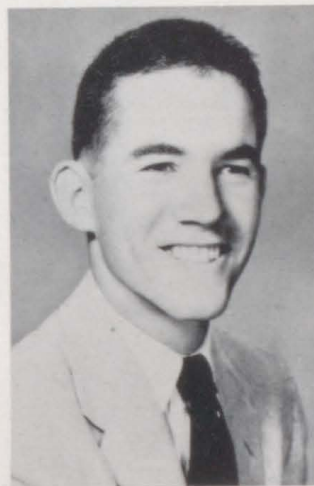


JOHN STUART ATWELL  
Johnny

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Eleanor

DANIEL WOODROW BIRD  
Danny

LOUISE MAXINE CONLEY  
Maxine



LEWIS ELWOOD CASH  
Elwood

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Fay

JAMES MARSHALL DeHARL  
Jimmy

NANCY SHARON FRANCIS  
Nancy



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Doug

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Eula

HENRY DAVID HARDEN  
Tommy

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Nancy



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Barbara



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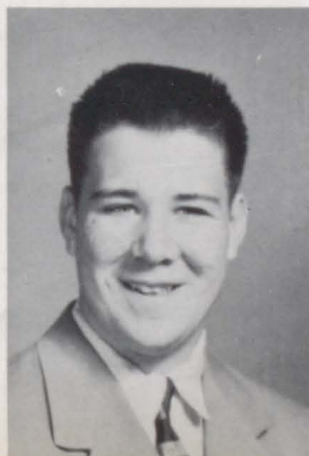


WILLIAM MOORE MUNCY  
Billy

VERTA PAULINE MELVIN  
Pauline

LEWIS DOUGLAS SARVER  
Doug

NANCY CAROLYN MOREHEAD  
Carolyn



CHARLES STUART STAFFORD  
Stuart

HELBY KAREN RAMSEY  
Shelby

JAMES EDWARD STROUSE  
Jimmy

MARGARET ELIZABETH TICKLE  
Margaret



LEWIS NASH TICKLE  
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Mildred





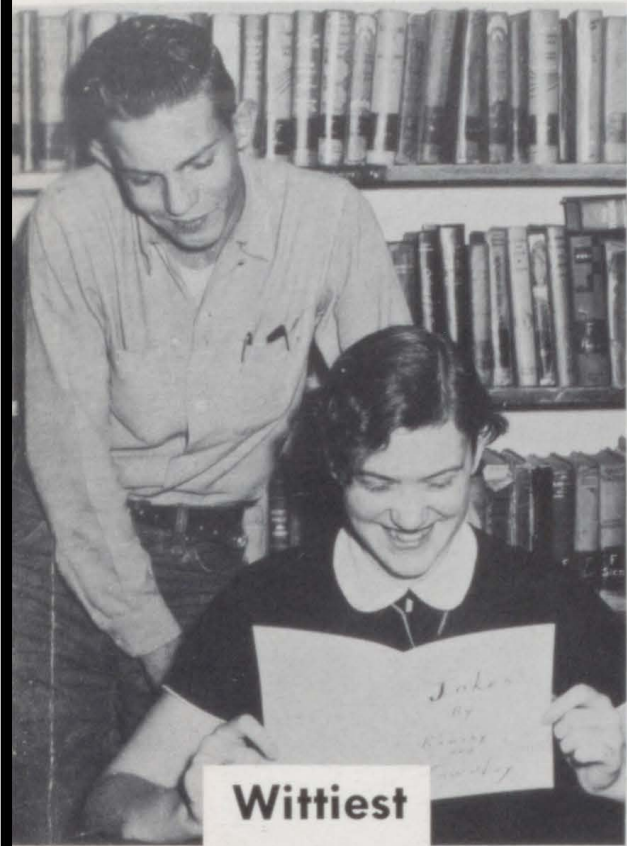
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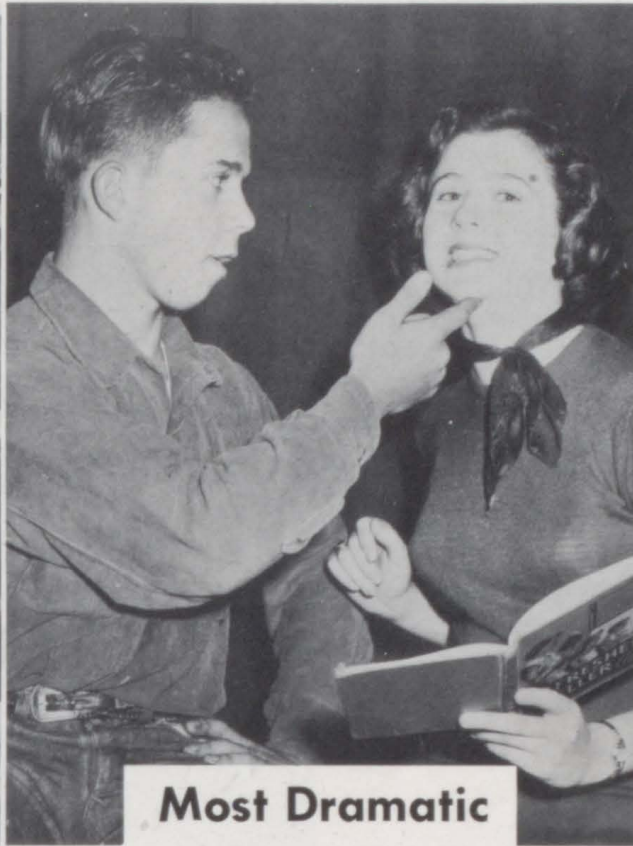
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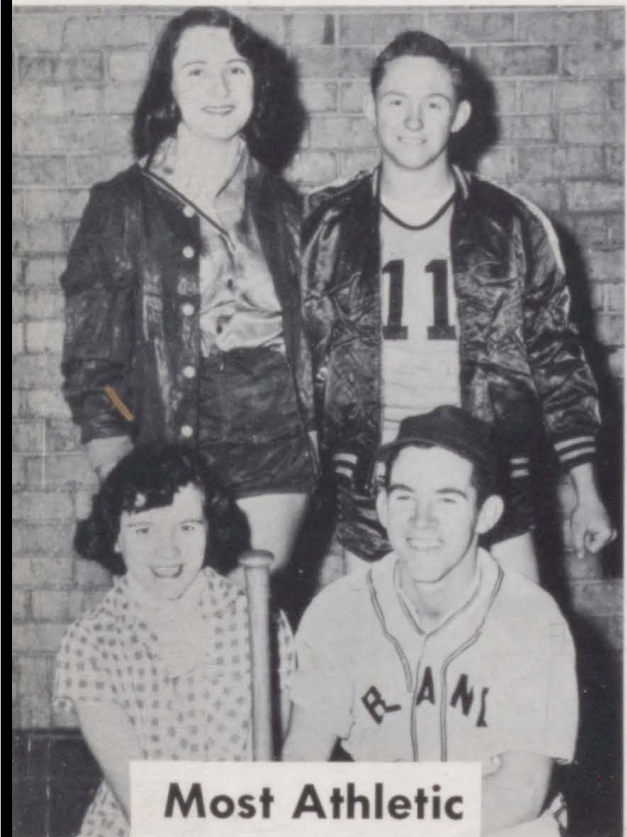
**Wittiest**

L. B. Townley  
Shelby Ramsey



**Most Dramatic**

Elwood Cash  
Dona Wright



**Most Athletic**

Carolyn Bird  
Gary Walker  
Pauline Melvin  
Danny Bird



**Most Studious**

Eleanor Bird  
Jimmy Strouse

# HALL OF FAME



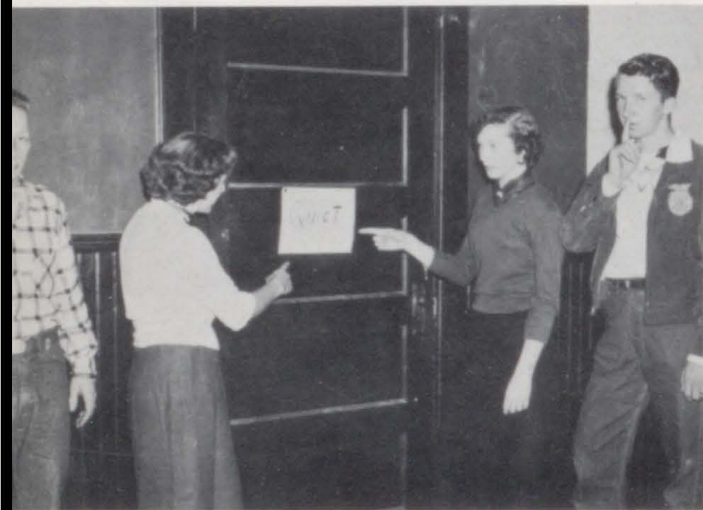
## Most Sarcastic

Barbara McPeak  
Douglas Sarver



## Most Talented

Nancy Francis  
Charles Kirby  
Eula Hooker



## Quietest

Lewis Tickle  
Jean Melvin  
Barbara Wright  
Douglas Gordon



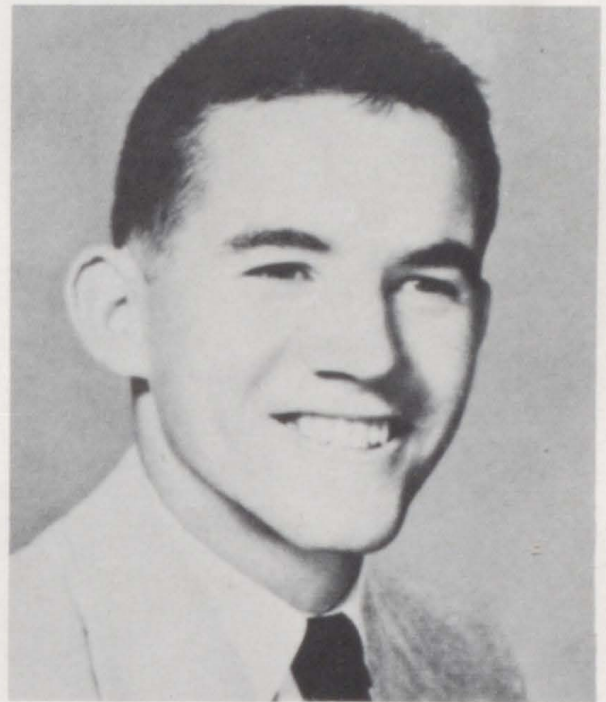
## Best Looking

Maxine Conley  
Stewart Stafford

## WHO'S WHO



Eleanor Louise Bird



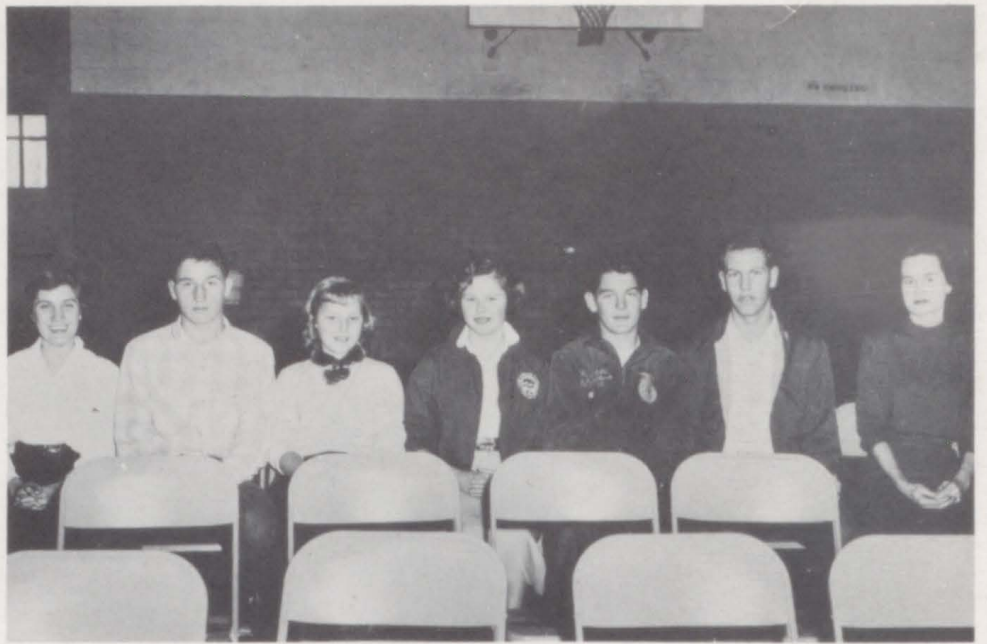
Daniel Woodrow Bird

### Valedictorians

## SENIOR CLASS SONG (TUNE: HALLS OF IVY)

Old School, we pay you honor,  
this graduation day, and we will  
not forget though we are far, far away.  
To the school where we've been learning  
All the lessons for our lives,  
Bland High, we praise you ever,  
You've been our guiding light.  
Bland High, we pay you homage,  
This graduation day, and we will not  
forget though we are far, far away.

# JUNIORS



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Ralph Beamer



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Billy Bowen  
Yvonne Durham  
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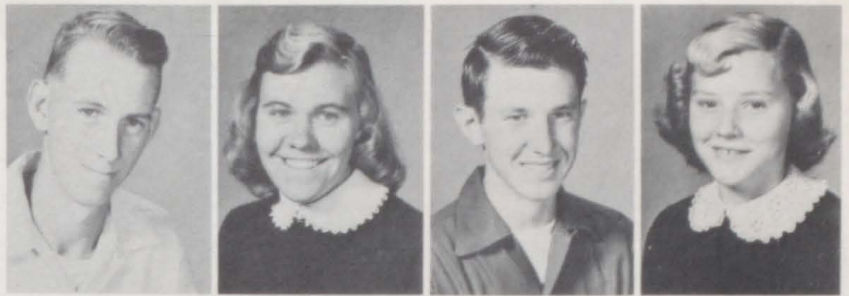


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Ann Hardy  
Woodrow Dillow



Pauline King  
Sonny Goins  
Elizabeth Lambert  
Kenneth Hall

Louis Hamblin  
Sally Lambert  
Kenneth May  
Sue Muncy



David Morehead  
Rosa Pauley  
Jimbo Muncy  
Joyce Puckett



Lanny McPeak  
Linda Ross  
Henry Newberry  
Mona Scott



Larry Pauley  
Doris Shockley  
McCarty Shannon  
Nancy Tate



Sue Davis  
Vera Lene Tickle  
Phillip Stowers  
Bonnie Tolbert



Billy Strock  
Thelma Wilson  
Sherman Townley  
Ruby Wright

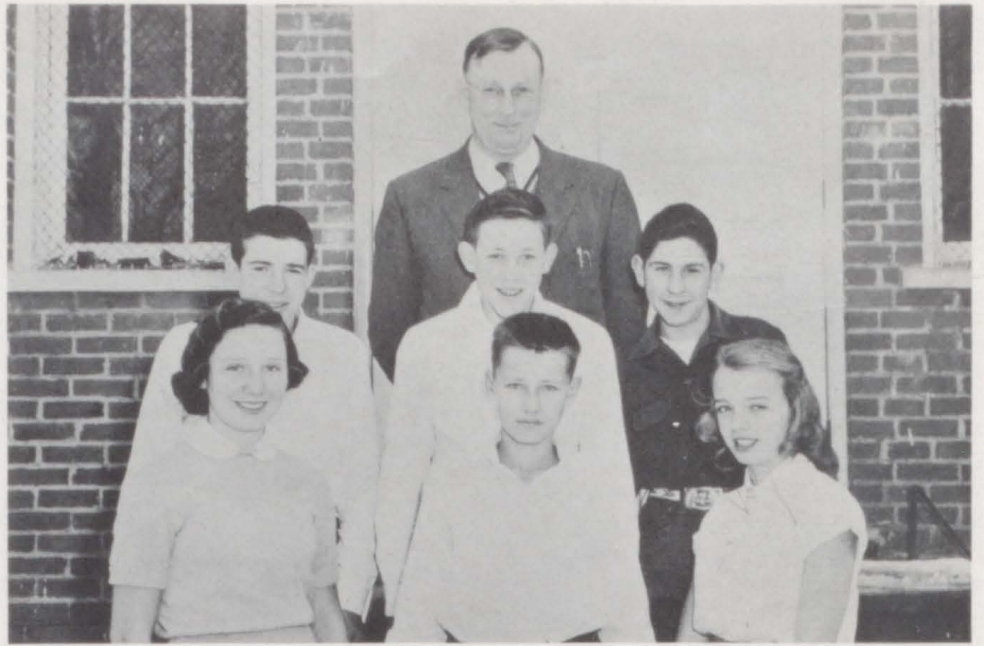


Elmer Townley  
D. B. Waddle  
Dan Wiley  
Paul Wiley



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Leslie Agee  
Thomas Asbury  
James Blankenship  
Kenneth Breedlove



Minnie Burton  
Jane Chandler  
Janie Chewning  
Dewey Conley



Mary Conley  
James Dalton  
Alvin Dillow  
Lois Dillow  
John Durham



Linda Fanning  
Louise Gusler  
Eleanor Hamblin  
Olena Hooker  
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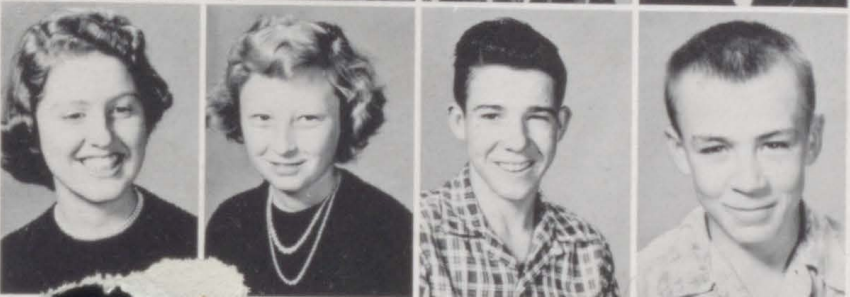
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Robert E. Newberry



Etta Mae Patterson  
Josephine Patton  
William Pauley  
Martha Penely



Douglas Ramsey  
Paul Ramsey  
Danial Richardson  
Gratt Shawver



Diana Sifford  
Joyce Six  
David Strader  
David Tate



Bobby Thompson  
Jackie Thompson  
Carolyn Tickle  
John Wolfe



James Woodey  
Barbara Wright  
Stanford Wright (no picture)  
Leonard Wyrick



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 Motto: Work conquers all.  
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 Class Flower-Red Rose



## FRESHMAN



Margaret Buchanan  
 Mary Ann Chandler  
 Elmer Chewning  
 Martha Chewning  
 Willie Chewning

Phyllis Corder  
 Katherine DeHart  
 Eileen Dillow  
 Thedosa Dudlson  
 Gerald Fanning

Ronnie  
 Joe F  
 Judy  
 Billy  
 Robert

Paul Gusler  
 Wanda Gusler  
 Jack Hall  
 Dorothy Harrell  
 Sue Harrell  
 Edward Beamer

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Gladys Hudson  
 Danny King  
 Geraldine Lambert  
 Barry McPeak  
 Russell Meadows



Donald Melvin  
 Larry Melvin  
 Margaret Miller  
 Helen Munsey  
 John Wayne Mustard



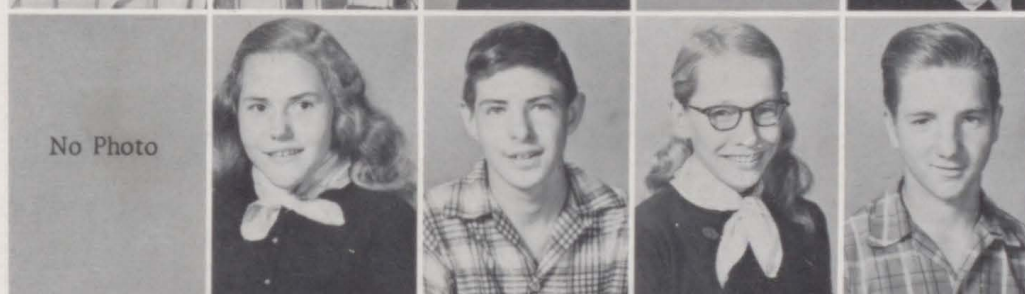
Clinton Nelson  
 Stephen Newberry  
 Tommy Parker  
 Edgar Patton  
 Morris Patton



Tommy Pauley  
~~Billy Pauley~~  
 Emmett Robertson  
 Emory Sarver  
 Wythe Sexton



Larry Spangler  
 William Stafford  
 Sandra Stowers  
 Dallas Midkiff  
 (Picture not shown)  
 Linda Strouse



Roger Taylor  
 (Picture not shown)  
 Dorothy Tickle  
 Larry Tickle  
 Lois Tickle  
 Elwood Waddle



Linda Walker  
 Roy Wiley  
 Elizabeth Wimmer  
 Carl East  
 Nancy Wright  
 Richard Wyrick  
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# BEAUTIES

## Miss Bland County

Martha Penley



Miss Bland County  
and  
Runners-up  
Ruby Wilson-Second  
Nancy Kitts-Third

Halloween Queen and King  
Mary Ann Miller  
and  
Bobby Gene Newberry



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Chaplin



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Elwood Cash



Nancy Francis



Barbara McPeak

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Mrs. Dorothy  
Wadsworth



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Nancy Kitts, Eleanor Bird, Eula Hooker, Linda Ross

Thelma Wilson, Janeth Bogle, Joyce Six

Sally Mallory, Dorothy Harrell, Carol Hudson

# GIRLS' BASKETBALL



Ann Hardy



Mona Scott



Pauline Melvin



Nancy Tate



Sue Muncy



Carolyn Bird



Mr. Gilly



Eleanor Bird

Carolyn Bird, Ann Hardy, Joyce Puckett, Mona Scott, Faye Davis, Nancy Faulkner, Nancy Kitts, Pauline King, Nancy Tate, Linda Ross, Pauline Melvin, Mary Ann Miller, Rosa Pauley, Thelma Wilson, Sue Muncy, Mr. Gilly, Coach.



# BOYS' BASKETBALL



Gary Walker



Danny Bird



Billy Muncy



Billy Atkinson



James Woody



Jimmy Melvin



Kenneth May



L. B. Townley



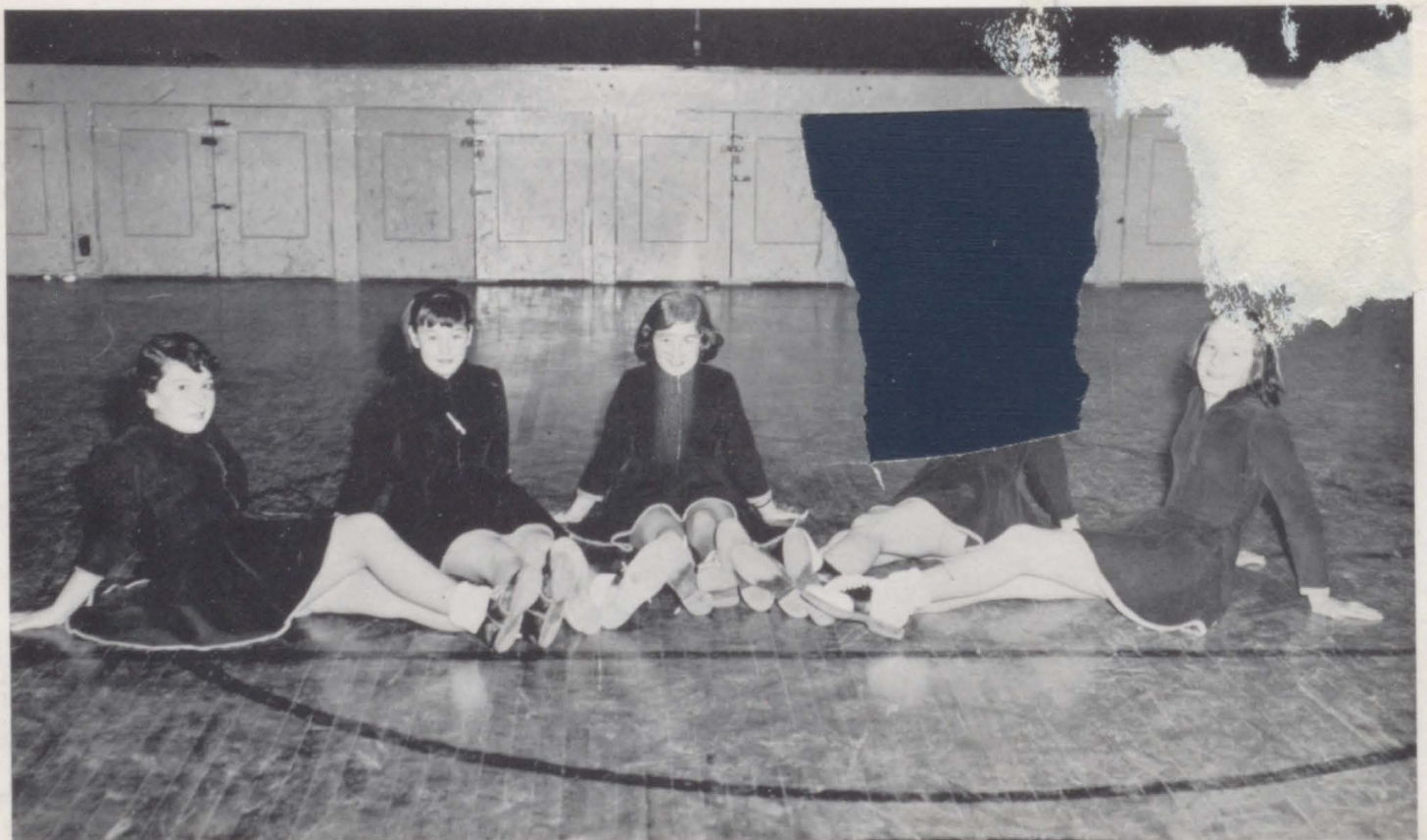
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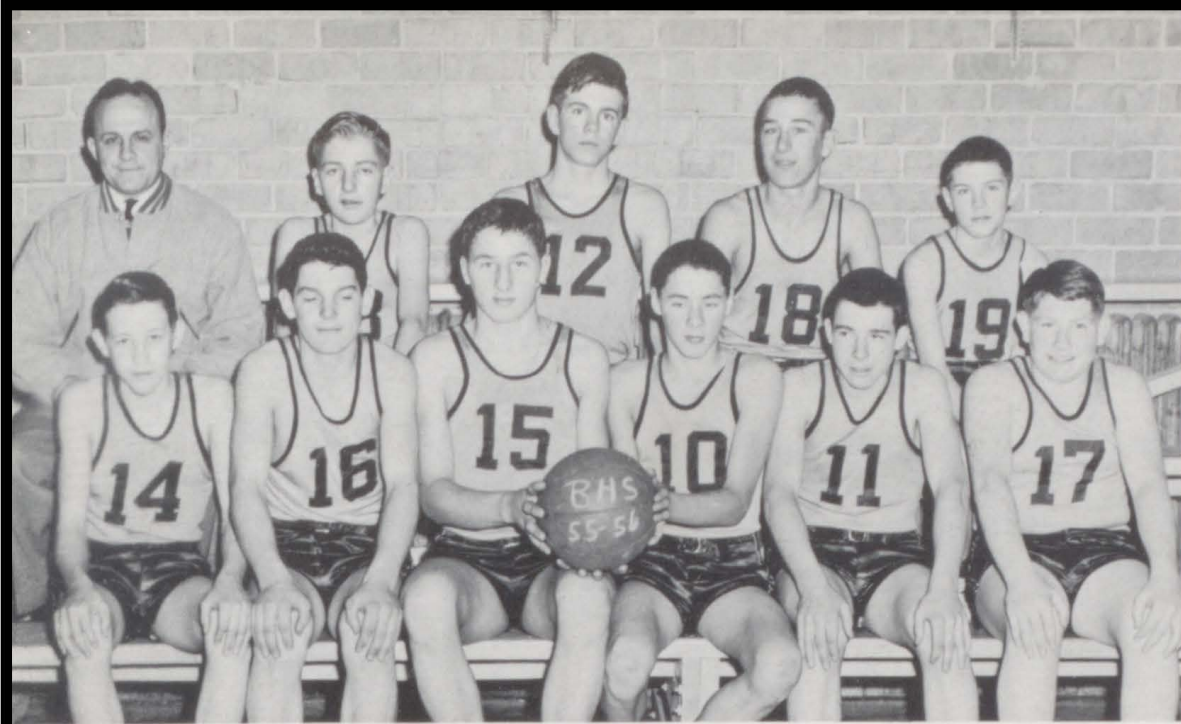
L. to R.: Jimbo Muncy, Gary Walker, James Woody, Danny Bird, Billy Muncy, Billy Atkinson, Mr. Gilly, Coach, Billy DeHart, Billy Strock, Ralph Beamer, Jimmy Melvin.





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 Prompters  
 Barbara Mc Peak  
 Carolyn Morehead  
 Faye Davis  
 Director  
 Miss Mary Greever





**"MISS ECHO OF 1956"**

# CLASS PROPHECY

As the prophet of the Senior Class I would like to prophesy what the Senior Class of 1956 will be doing 10 years from now.

Nancy Kitts has given up a college education to become the wife of Bland's own Davy Crockett.

Phyllis Melvin has just finished her second book on, HOW TO COLLECT DIAMONDS.

Ruby Wilson recently divorced her 3rd husband and is now happily married to her 4th.

Stewart Stafford has taken Perry Como's place and his theme song is "Every Little Breeze Whispers Louise".

Billy Muncy has taken the role of Francis on the Milton Berle Show.

Gary Walker, "the pie face kid" is now operating Speedy's Pie Shop.

Eleanor Bird, has given up cheerleading to take George's place on the Liberace Show.

Carolyn Morehead is starring on the Martha Raye Show, we knew her mouth would get her somewhere.

Lewis Tickle owns Lewis' Beauty Salon, we wondered where he got those curls.

Danny Bird has retired from farming to become our 40th President.

Jimmy Strouse operates a farm near Hollybrook.

Barbara McPeak is in stiff competition with Marilyn Monroe at the "Park Drive-in Theater".

Billy Atkinson is now a minister in Tennessee.

Douglas Gordon is operating Gordon's store and is happily married to Ned.

Carolyn Bird can't say she has changed her initials. They are still the same. Oh, by the way, the B now stands for Bane.

L. B. Townley has taken Johnny Podres' place with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jean Melvin who was always conscious of her figure, is now living in Hollybrook as Mrs. J. P. Ramsey.

Faye Davis has just sold her millionth record "The Yellow Rose of Little Creek".

Wilmer Havens owns his own furniture store at "The Slide".

Dexter Townley won the trophy of the year for being the most daring driver with Harry's Hell Drivers.

Elwood Cash has just defeated Carmen Basilo for the welter-weight championship of the world.

Eula Hooker has just returned from New York where she appeared on the Eddie Fisher Show.

Arthur Wright is the newly elected Supervisor from Mechanicsburg District.

Johnny Atwell has been hired by Walt Disney to play Mickey Mouse in the movies.

Maxine Conley, now Mrs. Chester Wright, is living at Hollybrook.

Nancy Francis has become head fashion designer for Seventeen.

Pauline Melvin, who is Mrs. Clinton Taylor is playing nursemaid to her second set of twins.

Charles Kirby is starring as the Kid From Kingdom Come in MGM's "The Rude Piece of Humanity".

Margaret Tickle is head cheerleader at UCLA. We saw her on television when they played in the Rose Bowl.

Barbara and Dona Wright are still together as usual, they are the publishers of a weekly newspaper--"The Red Headed Cousin".

Shelby Ramsey is living in Pulaski trying to teach the little Shelbies how to be funny.

Mildred Wolfe moved to Florida recently for the purpose of getting a sun tan.

Wayne McPeak owns and operates an art gallery at Crandon.

Douglas Sarver now owns Sarver Bus Lines. His Most reliable driver is Jimmy DeHart.

Tommy Harden has finally discovered a bomb more powerful than the hydrogen and atomic bombs combined. We knew he had a chemical brain.

Barbara Mc Peak

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